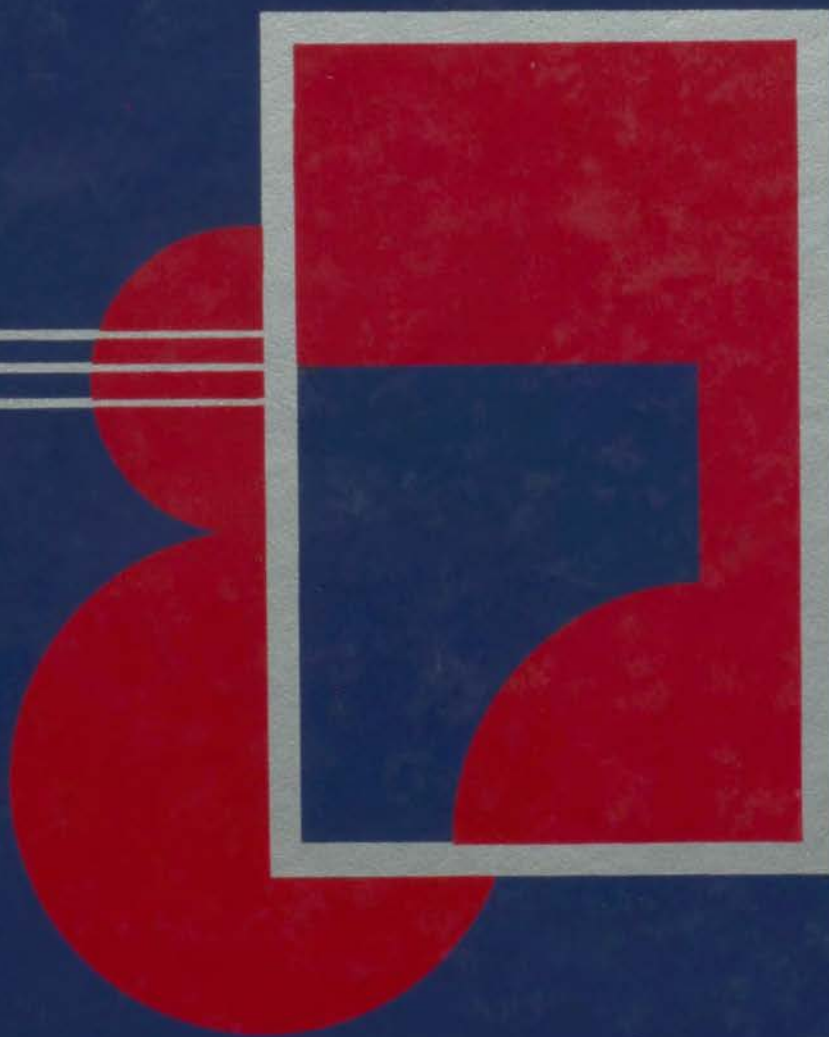


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WHERE'S THE ACTION?



Lee Ann

It was great having you in third hour and a real blast having you as a friend. Hope I see you this summer. If I don't have a great summer

Kevin
(252-6298)

See Ann,
I glad I got to know you this year, having you in Spanish. It's a American sit. a comp. you're a really nice girl & maybe we can have a couple of classes together next year. Well have a nice summer & ill guess ill see ya next year. Bye for now.

Love,
Eric Sledzky

Lee Ann

I really glad I got to met you this year in Espanol II. You are a really sweet person. Hope you have a great Senior year next year. It's the best year of your life. Hope you achieve all your dreams in life you deserve the best!

Friends
Forever
John
8/7

Lee Ann,

Another year gone by! I would say that having you in 3rd hour was fun, but I would be lying because, the class was the worst! It was nice having you in there though! You're a really sweet person & thanks for all the worksheet answers! I'm sure I'll see you over the summer. Have a fun one!

Love,
Jenny Davis

It's been nice to you at lunch (listening to your troubles) you are such a funny person to shoot the breeze with. Have a treat of summer & all of your adventures!

P.S. I still think you and Mike look cute together!

Lee Ann,
I had fun having you in 6th hour. It wouldn't have been the same without you. You made it more fun but what can I say? You are that kind of a person. Good luck!
Brian

Lee Ann,
It's been great having you in another class this year. It will be great to finally be able to all be "Seniors". I hope I have you in some classes next year. Have a great summer and I'll see you later.
Alex C.

I hope you have a fun summer in a class that I take care of. Take care!
Lee Ann



Truman High School bursts with action. (Artwork by Jaye Wiley)

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Sophomore Jason Friend finds an empty spot in the halls to hold a short conversation with sophomore Jason Schell. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

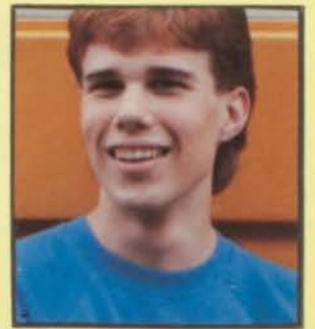
... At Truman. With friends, throughout sports, within the clubs, among the people, in the crowd, throughout the day, between hours, at a locker, through the halls, over the speed-bumps, behind the wheel, between the lanes, beside the driver, behind the scenes, on a bus, in the morning, before school, at McDonald's (sometimes at noon) . . .

The action is here, just look around:



S STUDENTS FIND ACTION IN SCHOOL

Where's the action at school?



"The action for me at school is my classes. I have friends in some classes so they're pretty fun." — Junior Brian Schmidt



"Just being crazy with friends in and between classes. Friends help break up the monotony of the basic school day." — Senior Julie Graybill

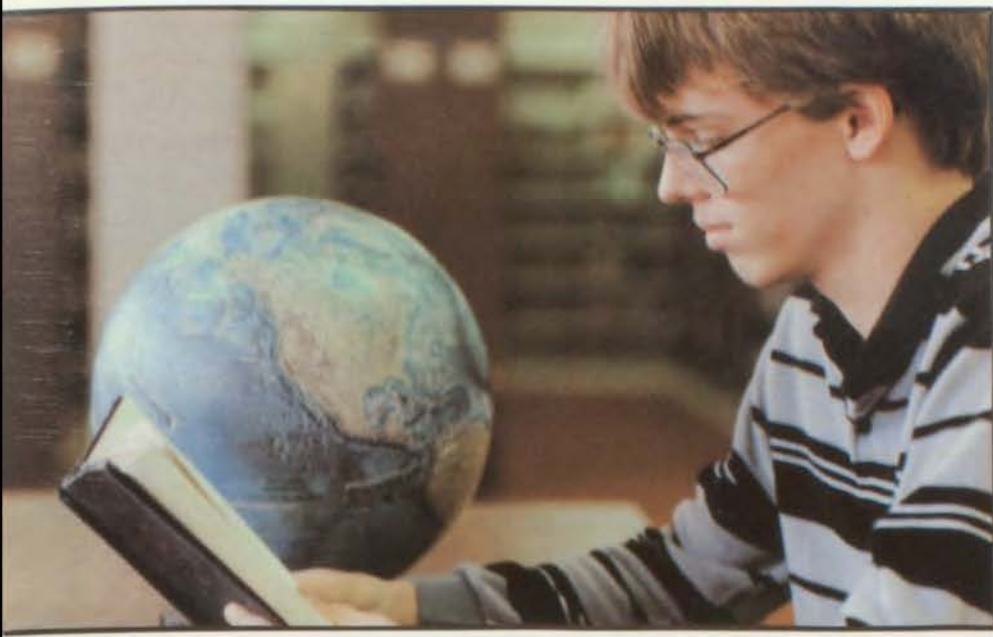
"I liked the fuzzies that were given out in Family Relations because it gave me a reason to talk to people that I hadn't talked to in awhile," senior Kim Rogers said. "It really got a lot of students involved."

English teacher Jane Bergner said, "Frankly, I think my classroom is where it's at. This is the reason I'm here."

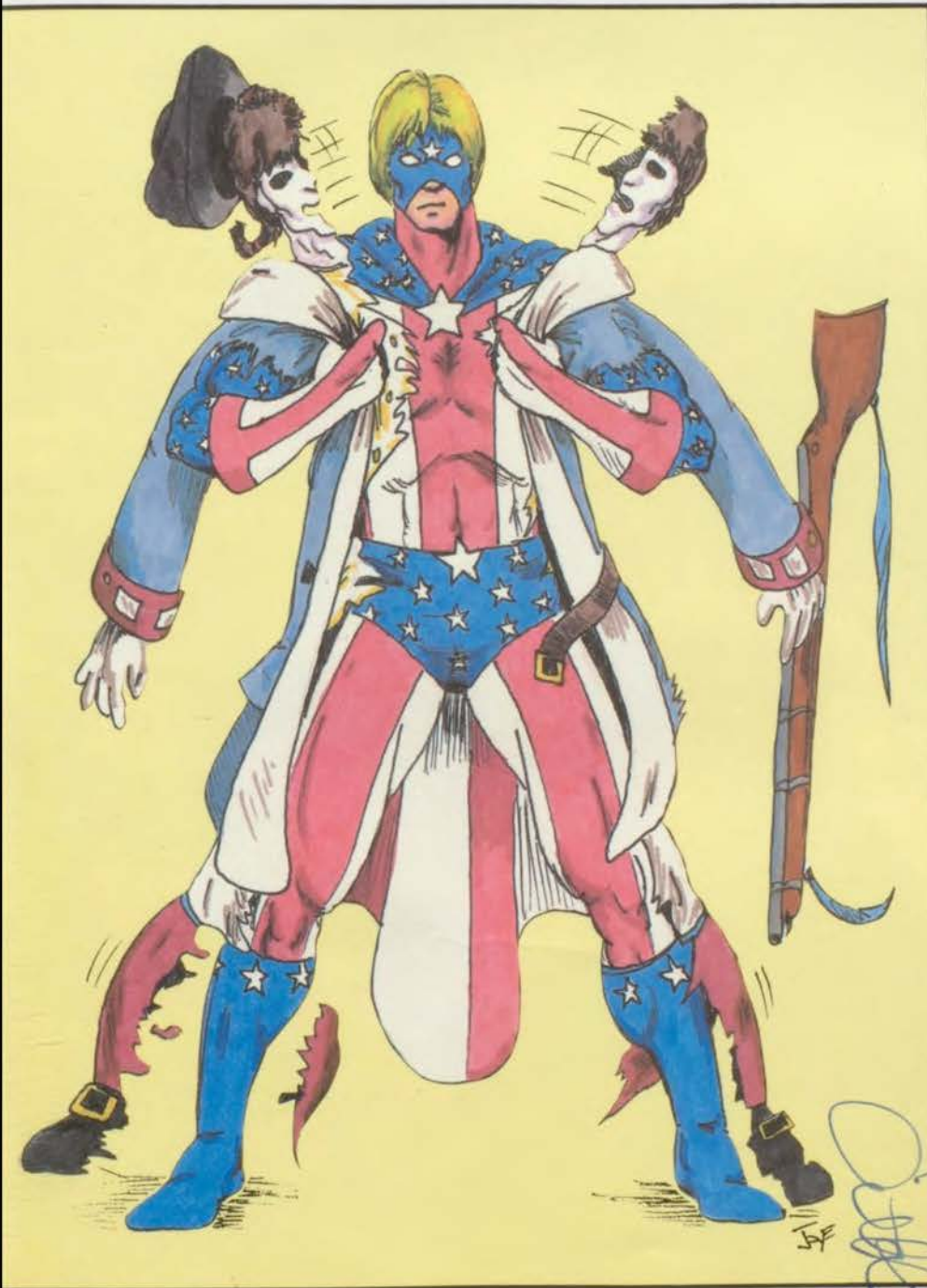
by David Burrus

De Anne,
It's been really
great knowing you
this year - I just
wish we could've
talked a little
earlier in the
year - instead
of at the very
end like we
did. You a real
sweetie - have a great
summer!
Love ya,
Dana

Hi Ann,
 Well to almost time
 to consider ourselves seniors,
 to have a great summer and
 stay out of trouble. See ya
 next year.
 "8/8" Todd Howard



The library provides solitude for senior John Winkler to expand his knowledge. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

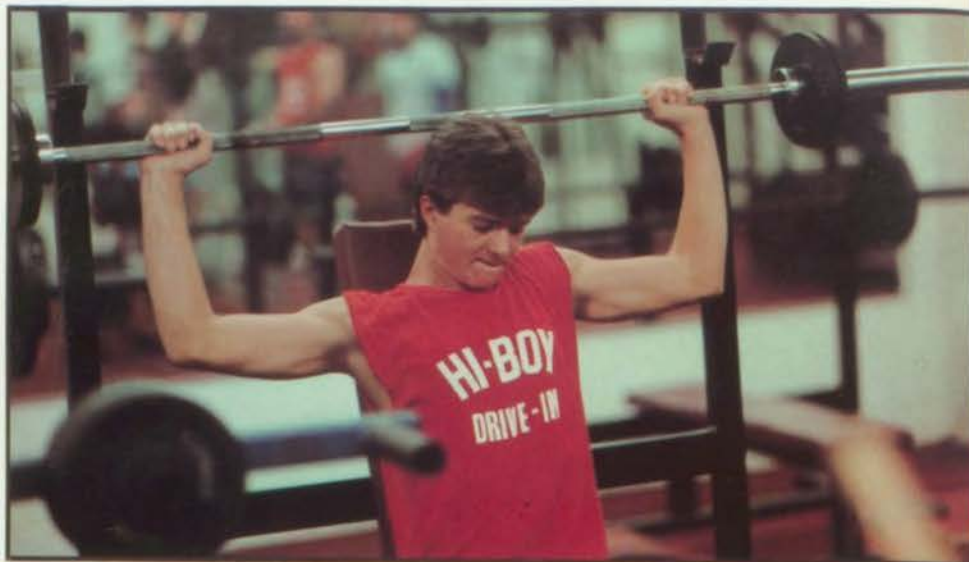


Senior Tom Demark camouflages his dark hair by participating in Student Council's "Wig Day." (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Junior Jaye Wiley's interpretation of today's Patriot takes on a super-human image.

He Ann,
 Its been fun
 getting to know
 you. Cooper's have
 been quite interesting
 I hope Bob takes
 care himself
 this summer.
 Good luck next
 year & this summer
 love you
 Jaye Wiley

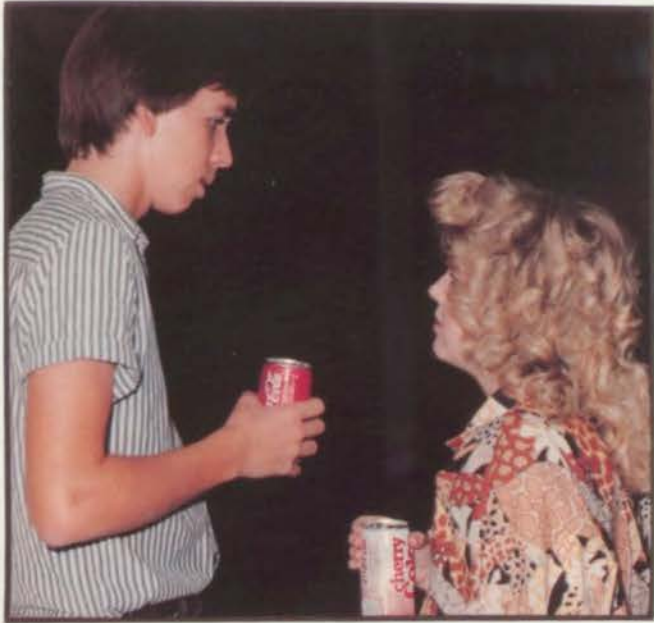
One of the new military bench presses in the weight room gives junior Rob Appleberry an opportunity for a more extensive workout after school. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Cars streaking the streets, bright lights and fast action are familiar sights to many students on a weekend night. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



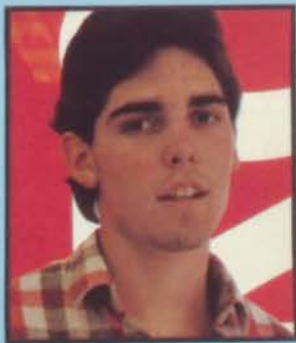
When the soda machines come on at 2:30 p.m. each day, Randy Lady and Angela Hedding are among the many students who start after-school activities with a soft drink. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Where's the action out of school?



"When some of our parents go out of town, we stay out all night and go to the 'Rocky Horror Show.'" — Sophomore Laura Smith



"Where you go and your friends care to go. You don't really have to be anywhere special, just with your friends." — Junior Rob Jarvis

S STUDENTS FIND ACTION OUT OF SCHOOL

... After classes, out the door, in a car, on a bus, over the weekend, away from teachers, with friends, under the sun, in the rain, through the slush, in the mud, to a house, at a party, during a movie, on a date, around town, on the dance floor, at a game, in the stands, to the field, in gear, on a couch, in front of a television, on a Saturday until midnight, in a bed, up at 6 a.m., at work, or at play, the action is around, but must be found.

To some, action is rigorous, hard-hitting excitement. To some it may be the finding, meeting and involvement with friends. To others it may be the fight for good grades. Action can be any and everything you want it to be, but where is it?

"It's there, but you have to make it," senior Lisa Lierman said.

Although students' activities may vary, the one thing that most can turn to for action is the weekend. For many it is a release, a time to let go and forget about school for awhile.

by Nathan Freeman

Lee Ann,

it was a real pleasure having you in 5th hour. You probably got some good laughs at me watching me fall asleep every day. I hope I have you in class or two next year. Stay out of trouble this summer & have fun, but not too much fun. Best of luck in the future.

Love
Rob Ashberry

Satisfaction. It's that feeling of pleasure we get when we fulfill our wants or needs. It can be obtained by winning an important award or by simply sleeping in late one morning.

Not everyone has the same definition of satisfaction, but at least a hint of it exists in our everyday lives.

For some it takes only a little to satisfy them. Maybe a smile from a friend walking by, taking time out to talk in the front hall, or possibly skipping out to lunch without getting caught.

"I like just talking with a couple of good friends," senior John Solito said.

Junior Donna Sultzbaugh commented, "Just being able to understand and do good on my homework makes my day."

It may not seem like much, but to some students that's all it takes.

For others, it may take a little more to satisfy them. Like practicing for weeks and having it all pay off in the big game. Maybe studying hard to pass an

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important test or fulfilling that one dream they've had for so long.

"On the weekends I like to get away, maybe go to our farm to fish and ride horses. I like to relax and be alone for awhile," junior Kim Nelson said.

Satisfaction doesn't always just come from friends. It may be material things like food, cars or money that satisfy people. Some enjoy making themselves better by working out and exercising.

Satisfaction means different things to different people. Some say it may not always seem easy to find, but contend if one looks closely, he will see it's there.

"Satisfaction to me right now means making good grades and spending time with my friends, but in the future it will be reaching my goals," junior Jon Couzens said.

by Ral Howerton

Satisfaction radiates from freshman Terri Ince while she watches the cast rehearse "Foxfire," the fall play. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



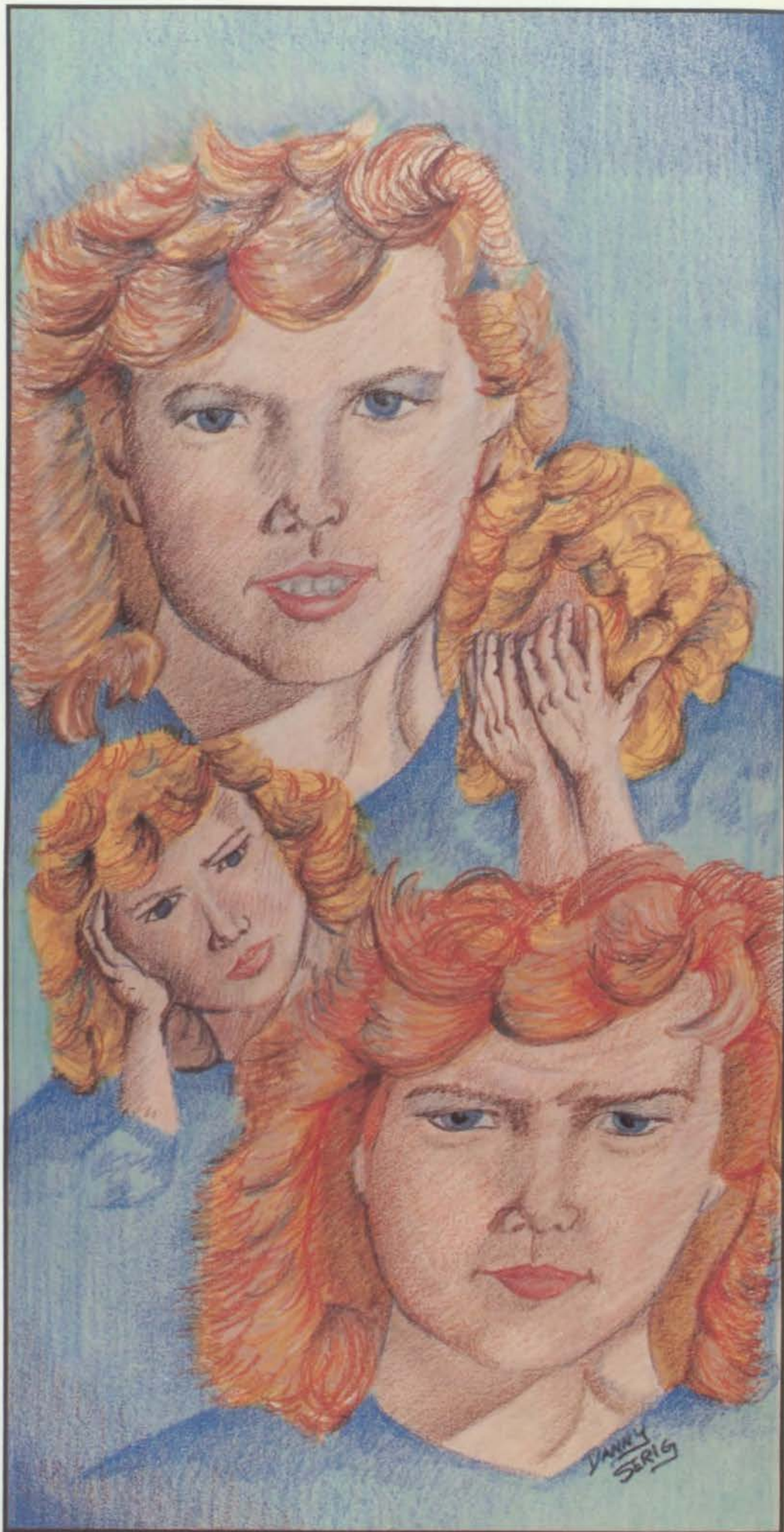
With his painting, junior Danny Serig captures the everyday smiles and tears of attending high school.

Junior Sarah Fancher glances up from her studies to join in a classroom conversation. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Pressures

“After-school activities are great if that’s what you want to do, but it seems like freshmen and sophomores who can’t drive have a disadvantage if their parents work.” —
Senior Susan Summers



"Being around some of your friends at school gives you something to do during the winter."

Those School Days

Even though students hated getting up early, most found the days went well if they survived the morning mishaps.

"Having to wake up early and trying to get out of bed is hard to do," freshman Jennie McGrath said.

Most students related to those feelings, considering the early start of school.

"Getting up early is a drag, but you get used to it," junior Denise VanWormer said.

Pushing the snooze button and getting those few extra minutes of sleep often made the difference between having a good or bad day.

"When my alarm goes off, I know I have to get up soon, but every minute counts when you need sleep," senior Lori Springer said. "I cherish my sleep."

To add to the early morning tribula-

tions such as getting up and rushing to school, many students arrived to find there was nowhere to park.

"There's not enough parking space. People have to park on the grass and in aisles which makes it hard to get in and out of the lot," junior Lisa Bonadonna said.

Senior Mike Manade had his own opinion. "I don't think I should have to park a mile away to go to school when undergrounds are parked by the doors."

Despite the problems faced every morning, the tone sounded at 8 a.m., beginning the school day for most students.

What's good about school?

According to junior Jim Bishop, friends made school more bearable: "I like being able to stay in touch with friends through school."

"Being around some of your friends

at school gives you something to do during the winter," senior Susan Summers said.

Junior Mark Gregston said, "I like seeing all my friends I don't see in the summer and it's fun when everyone gets together for activities."

A good way to spend time with friends was through extracurricular activities, which also provided a break in the monotonous routine of classes.

"Extracurricular activities are fun and can be a learning experience," freshman Jennifer Miles said.

"Football practice takes up a lot of time every day after school, but when you

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The front hall is a popular meeting place for students before school and between classes. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



'It's a drag to get up in the morning'

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get to the game Friday night and are ready to go, it's all worth it," junior Danny Turner said.

Extracurricular activities may have broken the monotony of school, however, the pressures of homework and jobs brought out negative attitudes.

"Some of the hours you have to keep if you work are bad," Mark said.

Long hours spent working made it difficult for some students to complete homework assignments.

"I never have enough time," Jim said. "I go home, do my homework, go to work; then when I get home, I go straight to bed."

"Going to school, working and trying to get homework done is really hard," senior Marcie Ryan said.

Sometimes homework alone added pressure to an already busy schedule.

"Excessive homework, like a really big project bothers me," Denise said. "And, of course, all the tests are usually on the same day."

"There is too much homework and way too many tests," Jennie said.

Lunch shift for some was an ideal time to study; for others it provided a needed break to recharge.

"Everyone makes jokes about the food, but it's not as bad as it could be," Mark said. "It would be neat if they would

let us go out to eat once in awhile."

"Lunches really don't bother me," Mike said. "If they aren't having anything good, most people buy junk food."

Sneaking out to lunch provided relief from the school's food, while also offering a change of pace. Of course, there was the risk of getting caught, which could have resulted in sacrificing time after school serving seventh hours.

Strict policies made it easy to end up "doing time" after school.

"Everything has rules; you have to learn to live with them," Jennifer said.

"I think the rules are too strict and there are too many of them," Jennie said.

Lisa thought the rules were getting more strict. "There's a lot of things you can't get away with this year that you could in the past."

Although the rules may have been stiff during school, the weekend was a welcome break for most students.

"I can kind of recuperate on the weekend," Danny said. "During the week, there are so many pressures and on those two days, I can take a break and relax."

Some kids got frustrated when teachers assigned work on weekends.

"The weekends are a time off from school. There is nothing that makes me more angry than when a teacher gives a big project or assignment to do over the weekend," Lisa said. "There should be a

rule against it. If we were supposed to do school work on weekends, then we should go to school seven days a week."

"I love weekends. I just work on Saturdays and save Sundays for things I like to do, like shopping," Susan Summers said.

Seniors may have enjoyed weekends, but that wasn't all they had to look forward to.

"It's a nice feeling to be top dog for a year," Mike said.

"I'm glad this is my last year of high school. I can't wait to get to college," Susan said.

While seniors may have had a positive attitude toward their last year, freshmen sometimes seemed to get the short end of the deal.

"We get picked on by older students," Jennie said.

"We get made fun of a lot," freshman Jimmy Fields said.

The action is in school. The smiles and tears of life can be found here; from getting up each morning to the sound of the final tone on a Friday afternoon.

"I really like school," sophomore Shauna Francis said. "It's a lot of hard work, but I usually get twice as much out of it as I put into it."

by Leslie Kuske
Cheryl Richardson



While most students take a lunch break, junior Danny Ingram uses his time to catch up on an assignment. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



The expression on junior Tracy Beaver's face shows that every day at school is not a bad one. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Fighting near-exhaustion and running against the wind, junior Chad Caldwell tries to stay ahead of a Blue Springs runner. (Photo by Keith Lindhardt)



Pressures

“Truman has many different opportunities for people who want to be involved with sports, clubs or academic activities.”
— *Sophomore Shauna Francis*



As the clock strikes 12:35 a.m., junior Brent Zerk dozes off while studying for a test. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

"I don't think music influences people that much. They just use it as a cover-up. Things that happen to people, they let happen to themselves . . ."

That Powerful Influence

From classical to country-western to rock, music affects people in different ways.

"Classical music is nice to listen to when you are in a solemn mood and rock is good when you're hyper," senior Mindy Matthews said.

Music has a lot of impact on people's moods and the way they feel about different things.

"It can change my moods; a song I like can put me in a good mood," junior Katie Connors said.

"It can change how I'm feeling about different things. While some songs depress me, others put me in a great mood," senior Chris Peters said.

Some people are not only affected emotionally, but also physically.

"Music can make you want to drive faster and it can also make you want to drink; it makes you feel your emotions," senior Chad Rieke said.

"Real loud music, like at concerts, makes me feel high without drugs," junior Kim Corley said.

Wardrobes can also be changed by music. Some like to dress according to their music tastes.

"When I was into New Wave, I would dress New Wave and then I changed to Punk and I started dressing Punk, but now I listen to about everything so I don't dress like anything in particular," Kim explained.

"I like to wear concert and regular rock and roll t-shirts of the bands I like," sophomore Ted May said.

But others felt differently about mixing music and fashion.

"You don't necessarily have to stick safety pins in your nose to listen to the Sex Pistols. Jimi Hendrix is my favorite musician but I don't dress like him," sophomore Mike Glover said.

Music has been blamed for a lot of bad things that happen in society, such as drug abuse, suicide and murder. Most



Music is an influential factor of the appearances of sophomores Becky Fulton, Susan Campbell, Kim

Queen and Angela Hutchens. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

students feel that although music may affect them in some way, it wouldn't be the main cause of these problems.

"It affects some people to a certain extent but not to kill yourself," sophomore Shelley Hatt said.

"The music has no power to make people commit suicide or murder or use drugs," senior Steve Pool said.

"I don't think music influences people that much. They just use it as a cover-up. Things that happen to people, they let happen to themselves. Nobody is going to go out and do drugs just because of a song," senior Chris Peters said.

A lot of musicians have been blamed for what others did "because of their song lyrics."

"I think that music can be a powerful influence, but I don't think it causes people to commit suicide, or to murder people like Charles Manson and the Beatles' White Album. I think you have to be crazy in the first place," Mike said.

Though music has different effects on different people, most people agreed with Steve when he said: "Music is music."

by Wendy Pickel

Juniors Jeff Klukow, Ron Rogers, Bryan Kibler and Bryan Steward, members of The Vengeance, enjoy jamming in their spare time. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Music

"Music affects me constantly, every day. There's always a song on the radio that reminds me of things that have happened." — Senior Kevin Howery

Promoters hope students will buy more albums after seeing the live performances of groups such as Tri-

umph. Students can attend concerts almost any week in the Kansas City area. (Photo by Wendy Pickel)

“A lot of people think that religion is always serious and never fun, but religion could be important to some of these people.”

The Spiritual Connection



Seniors Rob Howard and Ronda Schuler spend extra hours practicing music for the First Baptist Church's youth choir. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle Club allows senior Marc Walker and junior Chad Caldwell to share their thoughts once a week. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Whether they sang, played the piano, partook in youth activities, or found some other way of fulfilling their spiritual needs, students got involved in religious activities.

“Teens have a need to get together for fellowship,” senior Nancy Eischen said. “A lot of times, teens get left out of activities.”

“Practically all of the teens at my church go to our youth group,” sophomore Sven Slade said. “Our youth director tries to keep the fun things and the religious things we do equal.”

Youth groups were not the only way teens got involved in their churches.

“This year we’re going to make our youth group more like FCA,” Nancy said. “We mainly want a place to just get together and sing, pray, watch films, or do some other activity.”

“We don’t have a youth group at our church; we just have Seminary. Every morning the teenagers in my church go to Seminary for 45 minutes to study,” junior Dee Williams said.

“I used to read the Gospels at church, but now I’m too busy to do much of any-

thing like that,” senior Mike Hamilton said.

“I play the piano at my church,” senior Shelly Harper said.

Some students not only participated in their own church’s functions, but also in those outside of church. Senior Marcia Schwartz has been involved in YFC for four years.

“I sing solos sometimes at YFC on the rallies on Saturday nights. I also sing in a group, and we give concerts in the spring. We also go to Circle-C [a church camp] in the summer,” Marcia said.

No matter how teens got involved with religion, many said the experiences were important to them.

“A lot of people think that religion is always serious and never fun,” Nancy said. “But religion could be important to some of these people.”

“When I don’t go to church on Sunday, I feel like something is missing,” Dee said.

“To me, religion is important because God is important,” Mike said. “After all, what happens happens because God wants it to.”

by Renae Price



Finding a quiet moment alone for meditation is important to sophomore Becky Goerz. Many students

are involved in church youth and music activities. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



Religion

"Religion is very important. A lot of times teens get left out, but youth groups can be important to them." — *Senior Nancy Eischen*



Performing in the Youth for Christ musical, "Friends Apart," is just one way senior Marcia Schwartz participates in TV-50 productions. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

"I get scared when I think about what I'm going to do with my future. I'm afraid about what I'll do if I don't succeed."

Those Scary Moments

He sat alone in his car on the dark, desolate highway, frightened by the occasional car that roared by. Several times he tried to start the car, but to no avail. He was stuck. As the minutes ticked by, his fear began to grow. He wondered if he were ever going to be safe; if he were ever going to be rescued . . .

Fears — everyone has them. From the real fears to the imagined, everyone at one time or another has been afraid.

"I'm scared of nightmares. I always have this same one where (these people in a) blue Camaro come and try to kidnap me," senior Shelley Lauber said. "I try to scream, but nothing comes out and I try to run but I keep falling down. They get out of the car and my dream always ends."

"What scares me is walking to your car after work when it's dark and you're

by yourself," senior Lisa Donahue said.

Some people are scared of things that crawl; in the dark, in your house, all over you in your sleep.

"I hate spiders more than anything in the world," senior Julie Graybill said. "They have too many legs. I hate them big or small. I am not a squeamish person, but that just gets to me."

"I'm scared of birds," sophomore Karen Manade said. "They scare me when they swoop over my head."

The first thing that comes to mind for most people when they think about being scared are bugs, scary movies and even needles. However, for some it's what lies

ahead that gives them cause to be afraid.

"I get scared when I think about what I'm going to do with my future," Julie said. "I'm afraid about what I'll do if I don't succeed."

Sophomore Susan Campbell said, "I'm scared of death, about what's going to happen to me. I'm scared of having my friends and family dying."

"I'm afraid of having a party and having stuff stolen from my house," senior Spencer Palmer said.

"My worst fear is not having a date for prom," senior Lisa Lierman said.

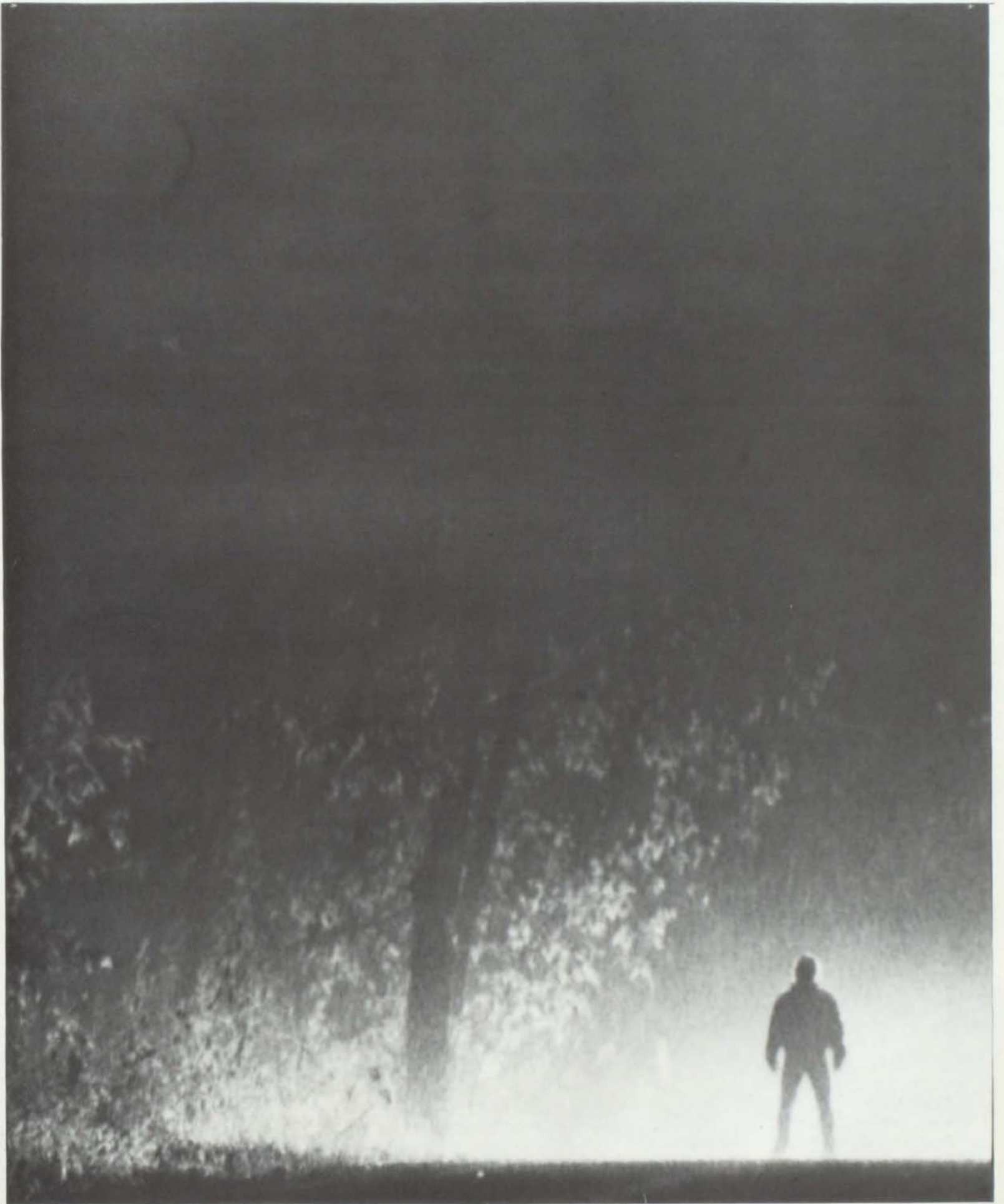
by Jennie Lawler

Fears

"This guy got out of his car and grabbed for my sister. I just barely got her and pulled her in the house." — Senior Shelley Lauber



Overcoming his fear of needles, senior Brian Burnett takes a daily antibiotic shot at the Independence Regional Health Center. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Many students say that a fearful time for them is being on a lonely road alone at night. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

"I've tried to follow in my father's footsteps, things that he's done. Then I've tried to go beyond that and accomplish more."

Achieving high goals

Leadership, citizenship, school spirit and scholastic ability were the criteria Who's Who nominees had to meet to be recognized by their classes. This year's winners were senior Tom Demark, junior Lance Miller, sophomore Rex Stephens and freshman Chris Hess.

"When I first heard about it I was sitting in my journalism class and I overheard Mr. Clemons say who the winners were," Tom said. "I didn't do anything or say anything to anybody, but inside I was saying 'Oh yea, that's cool.' I was really happy."

Although Tom was excited, he didn't exactly know what he had received.

"I didn't really realize what I had won," Tom said. "I went home and looked through old yearbooks to find out exactly what it (Who's Who) was."

When he finally did realize what he had accomplished, he was amazed.

"I was looking through all my old yearbooks and when I saw the people from years back, I was really glad to be in their company," Tom said. "There are some real quality people and to think that I'm in the same line, well, it's a real honor."

Tom credits his academic progress to a private school.

"I went to a private school from kindergarten through eighth grade and there you just did the work," Tom said. "You just didn't think of putting it off or not doing it. The discipline helped me be a little better prepared and set my priorities straight, but it wasn't that big of a change going from a private to a public school."

Tom's activities have ranged from Student Council where he was an officer two years and a representative for two years also. He earned a varsity letter three of the four years he played tennis and earned another letter in soccer while also playing JV for two years.

"It was really pretty neat," Tom said.

"I was sort of surprised I won especially with all the competition."

Surprised, junior Lance "Pooh" Miller took the Who's Who position for his class. As a junior, he was active in sports. Playing fullback, he took home a varsity letter in football and also ran hurdles for the track team.

During the football season with a painted face and full of spirit, he and his teammates would cheer each other on, at times to victory, other times not.

The spirit didn't end with football. Many, Lance included, gave "Rex's Raiders" a new beginning. Instrumental in its rebirth, Lance hoped it would rekindle some lost spirit.

"We were sick of hearing people saying we don't have any spirit and we wanted to do something about it," he said.

"It all started when we were at a game yelling and having a good time. But, they didn't like it. In school, they called us down to the principals office but after we talked about it they let us do it. So, we got a bunch of guys together and started Rex's Raiders up again," he said.

Rex credits his father for his success.

"I've tried to follow in my father's footsteps, things that he's done," Rex said. "Then I've tried to go beyond that and accomplish more."

Rex was active during the school year. He was the sophomore class president, played JV basketball and golf, was a member of FCA and Interact, and he was on the A honor roll.

"I enjoy basketball. I spend most of my time playing basketball. It's everybody's high school dream, you know, to play basketball in college. But it's a long way away.

Rex was also chosen to attend the Hugh O'Brien seminar.

"It's a three-day event; people are chosen on their leadership and community activities."

Chris was busy during the year. He was on the freshman football team and he made the B honor roll.

"I work hard to keep my grades up; I hope to get a college scholarship when I'm a senior," Chris said.

"I admire the way the seniors didn't let a losing season get them down. It was really cool the way they handled it. Our team had a great season. We were 7-1, but we really had to work for it."

Chris also likes to play sports in his spare time.

"I like to play football, basketball, baseball; anything that's going on I like to play."

by David Burrus
and Jennie Lawler

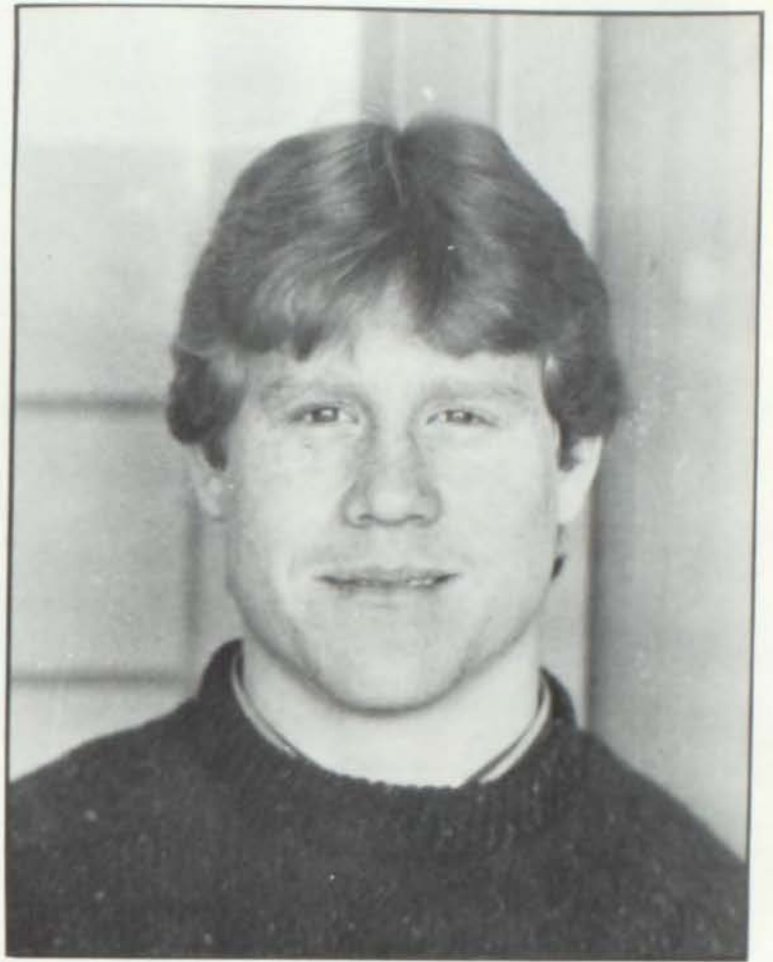
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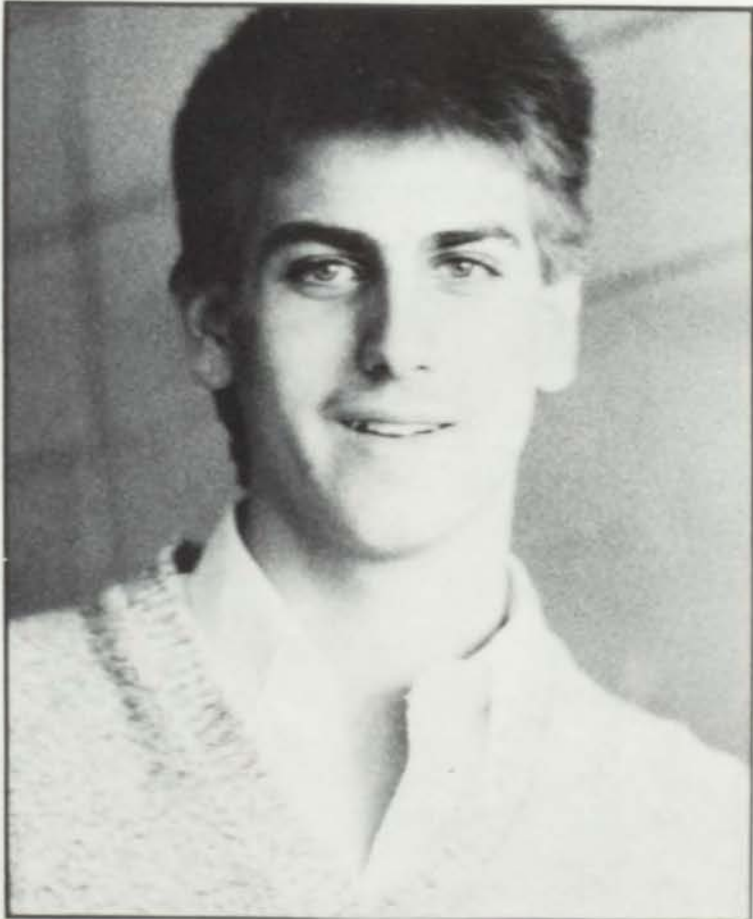
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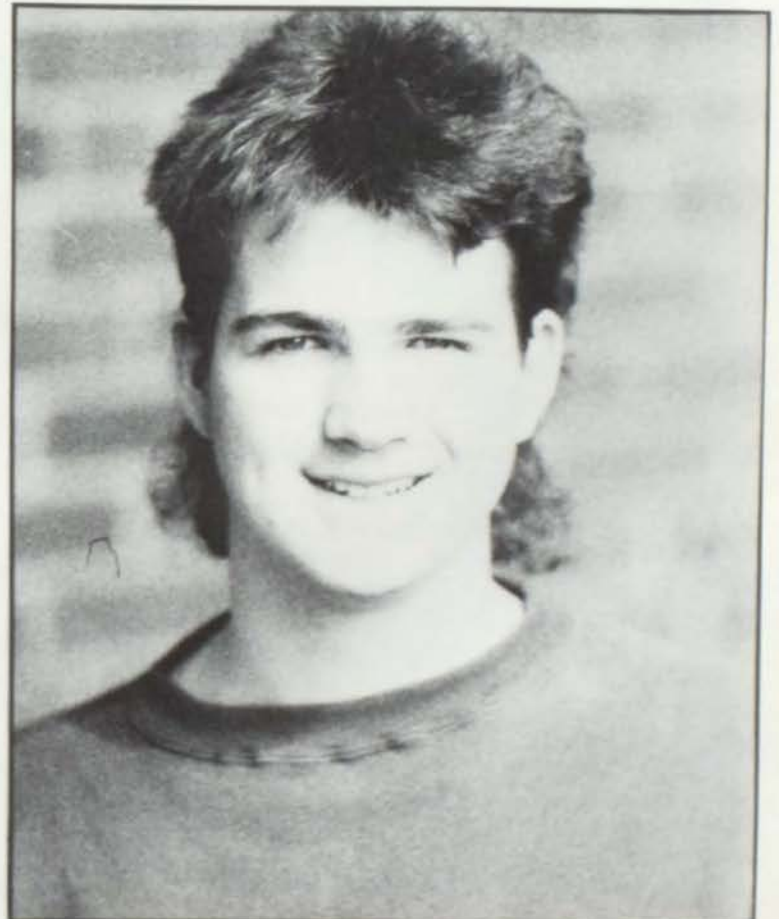
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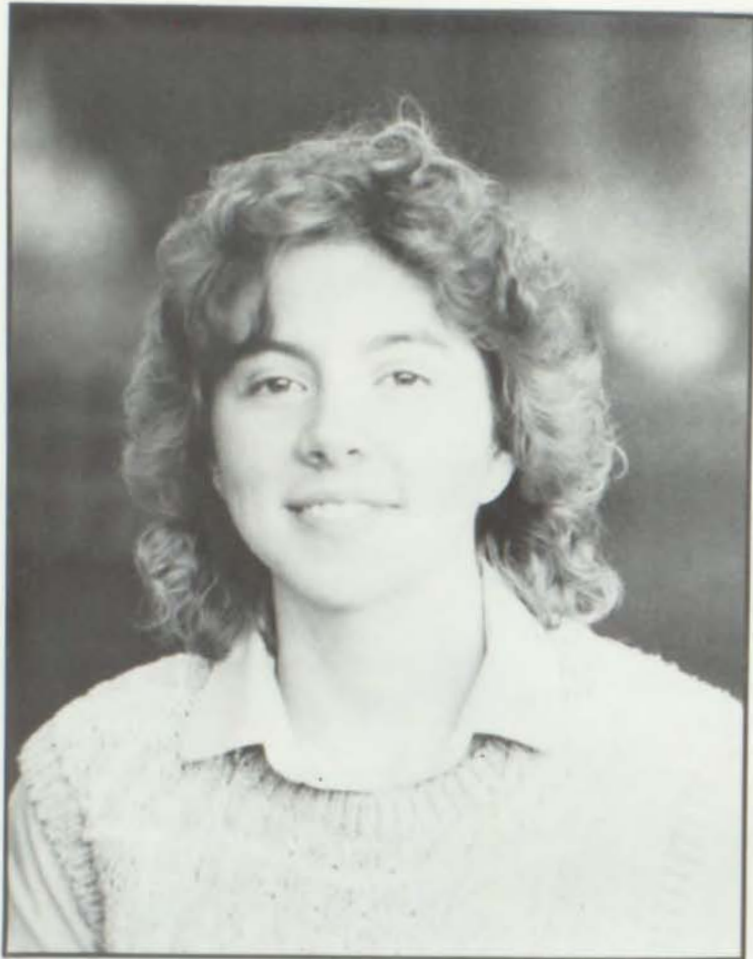
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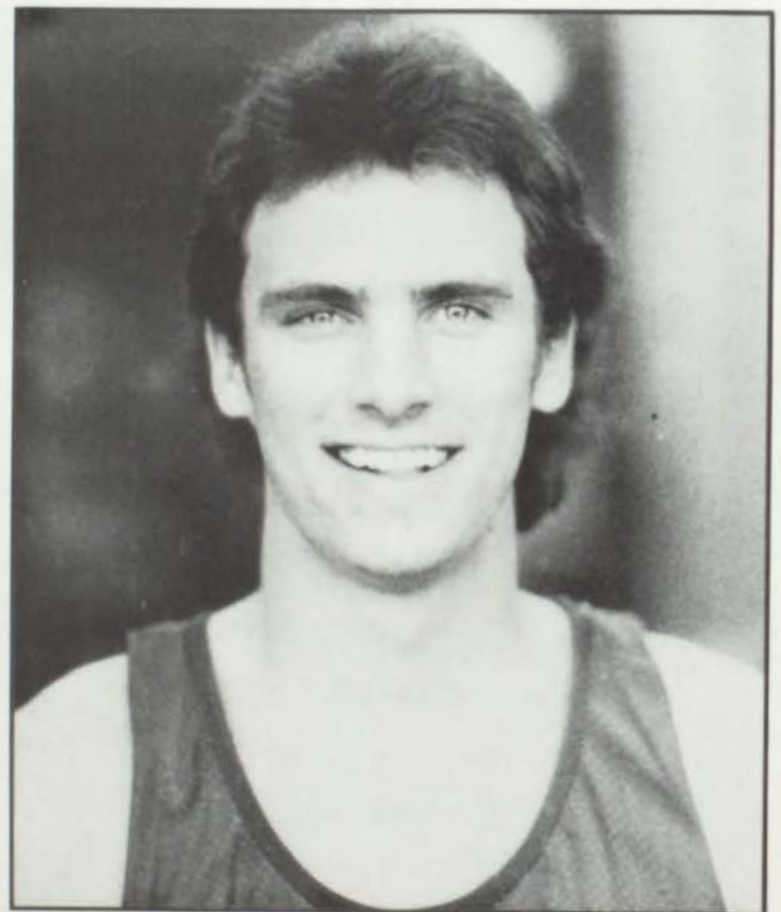
Jodi Austin — *Academics*



Donna Stephens — *Activities*



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Striving to be better

Teachers, club sponsors and coaches chose this year's Who's Who winners on the basis of academic and athletic abilities and participation in school. The winners were Jodi Austin, academics; Donna Stephens, activities; Jan Grotenhuis and Luke Helms, athletics.

Jodi Austin was selected on the basis of her high academic abilities.

"Studying comes easy for me, but if I need to study, I do."

Jodi has been active throughout high school. She was a drum major in concert

band, student director of concert choir, a member of women's choir, Trutones, publicity chairman for Student Council, a member of National Honor Society, vice president of Tri-M and a member of the A honor roll.

"My parents have had a big influence on my life, and I've had a lot of encouragement from my teachers."

Although Jodi maintained her high grades, she managed to branch out her interests.

"I'm not under as much pressure this year. I'm hoping to major in music at college, so I took all the music classes I could."

"Other kids going to college took all the courses they could in the field they are going into, so why can't I? There's a lot of rehearsal; that's the same as homework, I think."

Donna Stephens' parents being involved at Truman also encouraged her to be active.

"My parents influenced my activities at school. I was involved in the same things they were."

Donna was Student Council secretary this year, as well as a member of Debate, NHS, Spanish Club and NSHS. She was also co-president of FCA and a member of the A honor roll.

With all the activities, Donna kept her schedule full.

"Between school and the clubs after school, I don't have time to do anything but be involved," she joked.

But she does make time for other things.

"I really like being with my friends and having a good time."

Jan Grotenhuis is no stranger to sports, especially on the varsity level. She lettered three of her four volleyball seasons. She also lettered all four years in basketball as well as in track.

Not only earning a letter but perform-

ing well and showing leadership were trademarks of Jan's.

She was a captain two years in volleyball, received all-conference and all-regional recognition. In basketball Jan has been honored as all-conference, all-area, all-metro honorable mention, all-district and captain for three years.

Jan had many different motives for playing.

"It's a love of having fun with the sport itself," she said smiling. "The competition helps, too."

Help and encouragement from home were a factor also.

"My parents got me started," she said. "They go to all my games every season in every sport."

"I like the competition and having the desire to be the best I can be in sports. After a hard workout I hate it, but when it's finished I can always say I did accomplish something."

According to Luke Helms, playing three sports is difficult.

"It's hard to keep your interest at a high level in three sports for four years, but each sport takes a different kind of involvement and that makes it exciting."

Luke played varsity football two years as well as basketball and ran varsity track four years. He earned second team all-conference and all-area honorable mention in football.

Schoolwork seems to be more strenuous to those who compete.

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Summing up many athletes' views, Luke said, "My main goal in all my sports is to win."

**by Jennie Lawler
and David Burrus**

Who's Who

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— senior Jan Grotenhuis

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Those high achievers

Six seniors were honored for leadership abilities by the Optimist Club and Daughters of the American Revolution.

"Nominations were made by teachers who felt students had qualities of leadership, dependability and excelled scholastically. Then the senior class made the final vote on the nominees," Student Council co-sponsor William Drinkwater, said.

Marc Walker and Jan Grotenhuis were chosen to represent their class at an Optimist Club dinner.

"There are so many people that deserve it. I don't know how I was chosen for it, but it was a real honor," Jan said.

"It feels good to know that your teachers and friends recognize what you're doing and that makes it all worthwhile," Marc said.

Other seniors who were recognized included Rob Howard, Sarah Conyers, Tom Demark and Jodi Austin.

In addition to the nomination of outstanding senior, Jodi received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship award.

It was awarded to a senior in the same manner as the Optimist Club for the qualities of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism in school, at home and in the community.

"It really feels neat that my teachers appreciate what I'm doing and the fact that my peers and my classmates recognize me makes me feel good about what I've done," Jodi said.

Marc was active in soccer, choir and FCA. He was senior class president and

the school mascot.

Jan was involved in basketball, volleyball, track, Student Council and NHS.

Jodi was president of Concert Band and a member of Show Band, Concert Choir (student director), Women's Choir, Trutones and Tri-M (vice-president). She was a drum major and accompanied Men's Choir. She was also an executive officer on Student Council and was in NHS. She has been a member of the All-District Choir and a member of the All-State Choir.

Tom summed it up by saying, "It is great to know we are appreciated. It would have been an honor to win, but two very good, worthwhile candidates got it and we are all happy for them."

by Rai Howerton



In recognition for her involvement, senior Jodi Austin received the Daughters of the American Revolution award. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Honors

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— Senior Jodi Austin



Second-place winners were Rob Howard and Sarah Conyers. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Tom Demark and Jodi Austin came in third-place. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

First-place winners for the Optimist Club Outstanding seniors award were Marc Walker and Jan Grotenhuis. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Keith Clark gives congratulations to his daughter, Kelly Clark. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Kelly takes her seat after being crowned queen at the Homecoming dance. (Photo by David Burrus)



Homecoming candidates Amy Miller, Sherry Danzo, Kelly Clark, Stephanie Main, Cyndi Gregston, Amy Ruhling and Leslie Kuske nervously await their entrance at the dance. (Photo by Greg Clark)

"I think even with all the rain it worked out fine, but I did miss not riding in the cars . . ."

A rain-soaked ceremony

Homecoming! Long dresses, convertibles, return of the alumni and crowds of people. The excitement just before the announcement of who will be crowned queen. It is all "For Just a Moment," this year's theme.

"It is really exciting, all your friends out watching you and just the suspense of who will be the winner," senior attendant Cyndi Gregston said.

Senior Kelly Clark was crowned during the dance and led attendants Sherry Danzo, Cyndi Gregston, Leslie Kuske, Stephanie Main, Amy Miller and Amy Ruhling to their seats where friends and family joined for congratulations.

Traditions, however, are changed and after being rained out for the second year in a row, "things just are not the same."

This year instead of riding around the field in convertibles, the candidates were escorted through the gym.

"It was a big letdown, because the rain put a damper on everything," Amy (Ruhling) said.

"I think even with all the rain it worked out fine, but I did miss not riding in the cars and it didn't seem to relate to the game as much," Stephanie said.

The low attendance at the game didn't help attitudes much, either.

"Because of the rain and Homecoming not being announced at halftime, not as many people came. We wanted to win, but maybe we didn't have all the support we could have," senior Luke Helms said.

Some felt that "not having attendants for the freshman, sophomore or junior classes made it harder for the underclassmen to get involved."

"I wish we could have had attendants from all the classes. It is nice to make it possible for more seniors to be up for it, but I think it is hard for the others to get

as involved," Kelly said.

Even though the candidates felt like "it wasn't the best Homecoming ever," they still had a lot of fun.

"We are all good friends, but while we were getting ready, we just smiled a lot. We were too nervous to talk very much," Leslie said.

Nervous?

"I kept thinking what if I trip or lose my shoe," Amy (Ruhling) said.

"It seemed like we were standing there a lifetime," Kelly said.

"The time when we were to walk out was changed over and over and our nerves kept getting worse," she said.

"I am friends with all of the girls and I would have been happy for any one of them. It was all just a lot of fun," Kelly said.

by Rai Howerton

Homecoming

"It is really exciting, all your friends out watching you and just the suspense of who will be the winner." — Senior Cyndi Gregston



Friends join in the front hall to "rap" and show their enthusiasm during spirit week. (Photo by Kim Calfas)

"The majority of the cast were underclassmen, but they all learned fast and worked great together . . ."

Reflections of the past

The audience settled, the lights were dimmed and the actors nervously awaited the rise of the curtain when the fall play "Foxfire," a drama by Susan Cooper and Hume Cronyn, was performed on Nov. 20-22.

The story is about a 79-year-old lady named Annie (junior Bonnie Poole). She has lived all alone on the top of a mountain ever since her husband, Hector (junior Charles Sloan), died five years ago. Her son Dillard (sophomore Mike Glover), wants her to come live with him, but she doesn't want to leave her home or her husband who has risen from his grave to be with her.

The play is written with flashbacks into the past and originally the characters played themselves when they were younger, but in order to cast more people Tucker had to find students who looked a little alike.

"It really turned out well. I wish the

writers could have seen it performed like this because it was really wonderful," Tucker said.

"The majority of the cast were underclassmen, but they all learned fast and worked great together so it was hard to

tell they have never worked on a play before," student-director Kim Calfas said.

Cast members besides Bonnie included junior Charles Sloan (Hector Nations age 79), junior Dee Allgaier (Annie age 25), senior Brian Zelk (Hector age 25), sophomore Mike Glover (Dillard Nations age 30), sophomore Grant Lightle (Dillard age 16), junior Krista Linn (Holly Burrell), senior Greg Carrender (Prince Carpenter) and senior Greg Deterding (The Doctor).

The only problem was ticket sales, but it was worked out even before opening night.

"It is really funny how stubborn stu-

dents are if they don't know the name of a play," Tucker said.

To let the students learn what the play was about, the cast acted out a few scenes for some of the English classes.

"We explained the scenes and did the skit and it really promoted the sales after students found out a little about the play," Kim said.

Even though nerves were high, the actors all had a lot of fun.

"Annie is hard to play because you have to move, walk and talk like an old lady, but it was a lot of fun learning and performing," Bonnie said.

"I look forward to the reception from the audience because when they clap, I know I've done my job," Bonnie said.

"I regret not performing any sooner. I'll try out for anything that comes up. I love it," Charles said.

by Rai Howerton



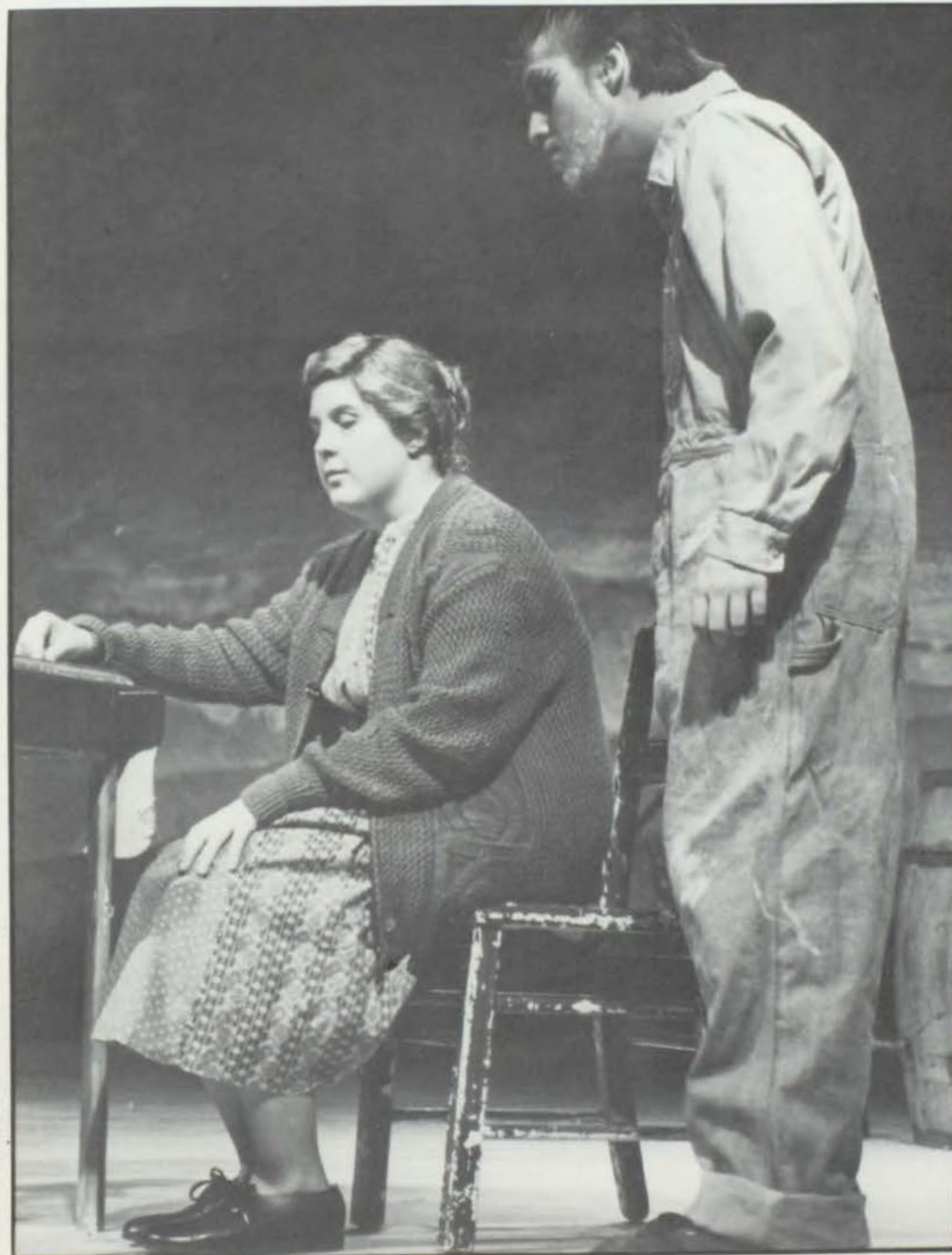
Dillard desperately tries to convince his mother it is not safe to be living all alone in Stony Lonesome. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

'Foxfire'

"It really turned out well. I wish the writers could have seen it performed like this, because it was really wonderful." — Kat Tucker



During a flashback, young Hector talks with his son. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



While convincing Annie that it would be profitable for her to sell her land, Prince helps with some chores. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

Annie talks with her husband, Hector, who has been dead for five years. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

"The two events are equal and they should be carried out the same way. Differently, but without more emphasis on one or the other."

A change in tradition

Amy Miller was crowned this year's Courtwarming queen with tears and excitement as she took her throne along with attendants Stacey Anderson, Sarah Conyers, Leslie Kuske and Stephanie Main.

The theme, Cameos of Memory, titled the event sponsored by Pep Club which was held at half-time of the basketball game against Fort Osage.

"It all seemed to run very smooth and it was organized well," Stephanie said.

In the past, more emphasis had been put on Homecoming, but that was changed a little this year.

"We tried to change the difference between the two events by playing it up a little more," Stacey said. "Mrs. Morley decided to change Homecoming to suits and Courtwarming to formals because it makes more sense with Homecoming being outside, but we got a late start with the plans so we will just have to see how it

turns out," she said.

"I liked the idea. It's much more practical to wear formals indoors rather than out in the rain and it seems to build up Courtwarming a little too," Sarah said.

"The two events are equal and they should be carried out the same way," Leslie said. "Differently, but without more emphasis on one or the other."

All agreed that changes need to be made to boost Courtwarming a little.

"Many people don't even realize when or where Courtwarming is held," Amy said. "It is embarrassing to say, but I had someone ask me what Courtwarming is."

Even with tension rising and everyone being nervous no problems arose.

"Everything went well, but I was terribly nervous and afraid that I would forget what I was supposed to do," Leslie said.

"All of the other girls are used to being in front of a crowd and smiling while

they are cheering, but I play sports and I was a little uncomfortable and felt just a little out of place," Sarah said. "It was the first time I have ever been up for anything like this before."

Every one of the candidates admitted that it was a great experience to be remembered for a long while.

"I wish everyone could have a chance to be up for it and experience it all," Stephanie said.

"I never expected to win or even be nominated again, but I feel it is an honor to know that all of my friends voted for me and I will always remember that," Amy said.

by Rai Howerton



Senior Stacey England points out a Varsity teammate and friend, Sarah Conyers, as she lines up on the court. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Courtwarming

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— Senior Amy Miller



Amy's nervous hands cling to the arm of her father, Duane Miller, as she walks to her court. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

After being crowned during half-time, Amy gladly takes her throne. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Courtwarding candidates Stacey Anderson, Sarah Conyers, Amy Miller, Stephanie Main and Leslie Kuske are seated to watch the rest of the game. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

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in too little time."*

An event-filled concert

This year's Pat Revue had its ups and downs, but as they say, "the show must go on."

"The Pat Revue was the way it had always been with popular music instead of songs that only had to do with one subject like 'Animals,' last year's theme," Bruce Dickerson, vocal music director, said.

Students agreed returning to the original way was best.

"I liked it better this year than two years ago when 'Animals' was the theme," junior Craig Cook said. "I liked singing the pop songs."

"It involved something that everyone was familiar with and enjoyed," senior Marcia Thomas said. "It wasn't as embarrassing as 'Animals.'"

"We were rushed because concert choir only had about three weeks to learn the music and choreography for Pat Revue after performing at Tan-Tar-A," Dickerson explained.

Other commitments led to rushed rehearsals for concert choir.

Women's choir takes time out from singing to learn choreography for Pat Revue. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

"We tried to get too much done in too little time," Marcia said.

Freshman choir also ran into an obstacle on the Friday of the performance during rehearsal. A few of the members were injured when the access staircase at the back of the platform collapsed.

"The students were supposed to wait on the floor for their cue, but instead they waited on the steps; one girl slipped causing everyone to jump and because of the jolt and all the weight the stairs collapsed," Dickerson said.

"It wasn't a fault in construction because the fire marshal said the stairs in his home were built the same way."

Dickerson concluded that the accident happened because "freshmen are eager and this was their first Pat Revue, so they were excited and thought that they could get on stage faster if they waited on the stairs."

"It was just a freak accident," senior Lisa Lierman said.

Though there were obstacles the show went on.

"Everyone was really enthusiastic and the popular music was easier to learn. It was more enjoyable than I thought it would be," Dickerson said.

"Though it was rushed we had a good time," Lisa said.

An added performance by the North Kansas City Harmonaires was enjoyed by some, but others were against it.

"They're a show choir and since Pat Revue is a singing and dancing show, we featured them on Friday night," Dickerson said.

"I don't think it was right for them to be at Pat Revue because we are the Patriots, not them," Marcia said.

"They were good; in fact, they made us look bad," Lisa said.

Though it was worth the work put into it, Craig was satisfied with the show being biannual.

"I'm just glad I don't have to do it again."

by Wendy Pickel



Performing for a large audience, freshman choir shows off their talent. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Practice makes perfect. Singers rehearse before their spring concert, "One Voice." (Photo by Scott Bridges)



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Superintendent leads innovations Henley named in top 100

by Julie Riddle

Honoring him for his innovations and contributions to the Independence School District, "Executive Educator" named Superintendent Dr. Robert Henley as one of the nation's top 100 administrators.

The magazine, published by the National School Board Association, releases this annual listing of administrators, ranging from

grade school to college educators, to recognize them for their accomplishments. One of approximately 800 nominees, Henley was chosen by a 10-member panel of administrators from across the nation. They selected each of the 100 by a majority vote on the basis of 11 "hallmarks of excellence."

According to "Executive Educator," the administrator must exhibit responsibility in fulfilling administrative assignments. Also, he must be able to maintain and im-

prove students' academic success, particularly under adverse conditions.

Henley said the school district is running on a budget 20 percent lower than the national average.

"Whatever we've accomplished, we've accomplished with a lot fewer resources," he said. "We've had to watch our nickels and dimes."

A third requirement dealt with implementing innovative programs toward the benefit of the school district. The magazine cited Henley for programs such as the Student Exchange with Buckinghamshire, England, and the parents-as-teachers concept.

He says the continual change of his job is part of its excitement.

"Things never get old and never get boring," Henley said, "and they never get dull."

Another quality the panel regards highly is an administrator's ability to utilize foresight. Dr. Robert Watkins, Deputy Superintendent, credits Henley with this sense.

"He has the ability to look, I think, farther ahead and anticipate what things might be happening farther down the road," he said.

Principal LeRoy Brown supported this idea:

"He has a good insight into what needs to be done, and he has a good record for getting it accomplished."

Human relations is also a factor in the panel's decision about

an administrator, and whether he has earned the respect of his peers.

Watkins credits Henley with a sharp wit and a good sense of humor.

"I think his personality makes him an outstanding leader. He has a tremendous amount of energy and he has a terrific sense of humor," Watkins said. "He keeps things alive, and that makes it a lot more interesting."

Cliff Mohn, director of secondary curriculum, says Henley's ability to delegate lends skill to his position.

"He's very easy to work for; he gives people responsibility, and it's their job to follow through with what he gives them," he said.

And Henley says he is quite willing to share credit for the school district's success.

"I really do feel that all the things we have done are to the credit of a lot of individuals," he said.

More requirements for the "Executive Educator 100" include developing staff members' potential, maintaining positive relationships with other administrators, intermixing with the community's political system and constructing strong ties with the community itself. This would include Henley's success at guiding four levies past voters since his start in 1975.

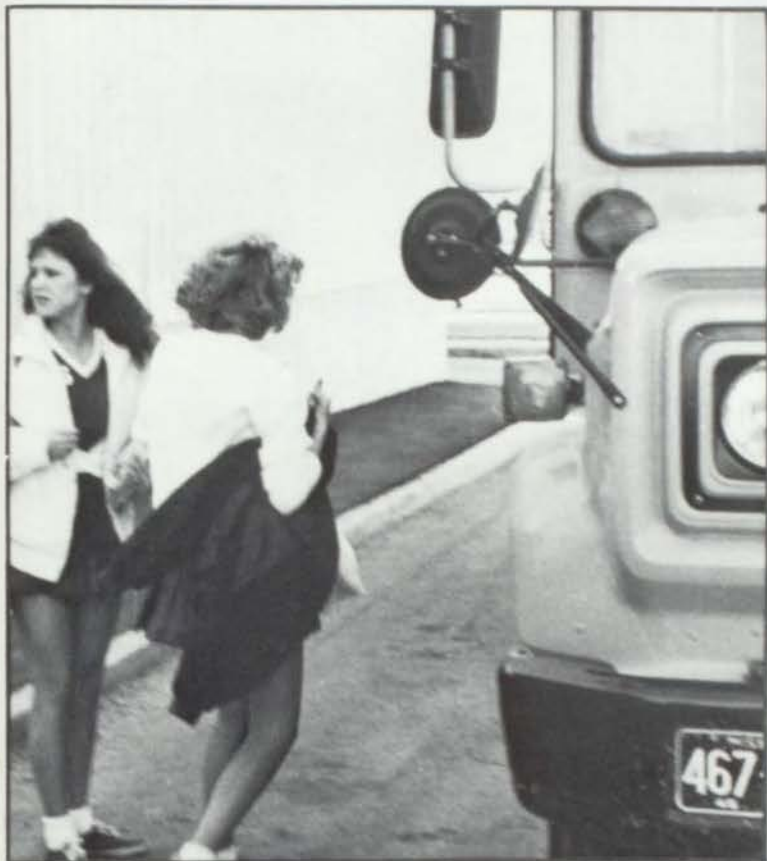
"One of his strengths," Mohn said, "lies in the fact that he has a great mind for school finance — he brought the Independence school district back to a very stable condition."



Dr. Robert Henley, superintendent for Independence public schools, was named as one of the nation's top administrators in "Executive Educator." (Photo by Scott Bridges)

"We're trying to evaluate our situation. We want to comply with the law, certainly."

Required bussing inconvenient



by *Todd Carter*

District administrators have been forced to implement a previously unnoticed state law regarding transportation of students.

According to Assistant Superintendent David Rock, the law deals with transporting students to all school-sponsored activities.

"We received some information saying we were to take school buses, not commercial carriers, to any school function. It's not legal to use any type of commercial carrier. It's been called to our attention. We've been advised to follow these procedures," Cliff Mohn, director of secondary education said.

The law states that if more than four students are transported, they must go by school bus and the driver must have a chauffeur's license. If there are four students or less, a teacher may drive. If a student or his parents drive,

they may not take another student.

Even though the law speaks specifically according to Rock, Mohn believes "Different people are interpreting it different ways."

"If we're going to an athletic event or school function," Mohn continued, "what it's saying is we need to take a school bus."

Implementing the law could cause difficulties for the district.

"None of us really like the way it is," Rock confessed. "It's set up for protection of students. We're just trying to protect in case there was an accident. We don't want to place teachers or administrators in that position."

Effort has been put into pushing a bill through the General Assembly that would amend the law.

Mohn expressed, "We're trying to evaluate our situation. We want to comply with the law, certainly."

Cheerleaders are one of the many groups who dislike the hassle of having to ride a bus to every school function. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

by *Tom Demark*

During the Student Council Candidate Forum last spring, one student raised an interesting question: "Why can't the boys have stalls in their restrooms?"

An editorial in the May 19 issue of the school newspaper soon appeared, hoping to reach someone who could help influence the reinstatement of the stalls.

There were no immediate results.

The following school year, the newspaper once again set out to get the attention and hopeful action of someone influential. This

time, in the Oct. 20 issue of the "Spirit of '87," an editorial was printed with a picture. The picture helped trigger the reaction that would hopefully give the option of privacy in the male restrooms.

Michael Barnett, school board member, saw the picture and immediately took an interest in the plea of the editorial.

"I was really curious why there weren't any stalls," he explained.

The topic was brought up at the school board meeting and installing stalls was on its way to becoming a reality.

But the hype didn't stop with the school board, stories con-

cerning "reinstalling" were receiving attention from the Kansas City "Star," Independence "Examiner" and other local publications.

The stalls were received by Truman High School over Thanksgiving vacation, but were not in place until mid-February.

"It was really unfair," senior Sean Titus said. "I don't want going to the bathroom to be a public scene."

"A person deserves the right to privacy when they use the restroom," senior Paul Neal explained.

Now that the stalls are in, the general consensus of the male student body is relief.

"Hooray!" Sean said. "Now I don't have to wait until I get home."

**Flushing
woes
for
boys**

Flashback



Flotsam and jetsam litter the shores of the Missouri River after heavy September rains. The storms were so strong a large section of Interstate 70 east of Kansas City had to be closed. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Fall floods wreak havoc in K.C.

by **Laura Hartley**

Scores of Kansas City area residents were evacuated from their apartments and homes and were rescued from their cars flooded by an overnight downpour in Sept. 1986.

The storm, which began in the middle of the night on Wednesday, Sept. 17, was just the beginning. On the morning of Sept. 18, officials urged residents of the Leeds area and Heart Mobile Village, 7000 East U.S. 40, to prepare to evacuate because of

flooding on the Blue River and its tributaries.

The heavy drenching rain that fell for nearly eight hours across Kansas City on Wednesday night, swelled streams and revived memories of the Sept. 12, 1977, flood.

Thursday, early morning drivers found intersections barricaded because of high water. By the time the floods had receded late Thursday, mud and debris had cluttered the city's streets and left many homes without power.

While damage levels varied, one of the hardest-hit areas in Kansas City was near the Country Club Plaza. Water from Brush Creek covered Ward Parkway and rose as high as a foot against the shops facing southward. Some cars floated through apartment's parking lots and drifted into the main thoroughfares.

By Thursday evening, the waters were gone, but a fine brown slime coated the streets and several cars. Leaves and debris were draped over antennas and splattered along buildings inside and out. For some businessmen on the Plaza, the night brought back memories of the flood of 1977.

by **Rena Price**

Suicide on live T.V.

Pennsylvania Treasurer R. Budd Dwyer called a press conference on Jan. 22 and killed himself on national TV.

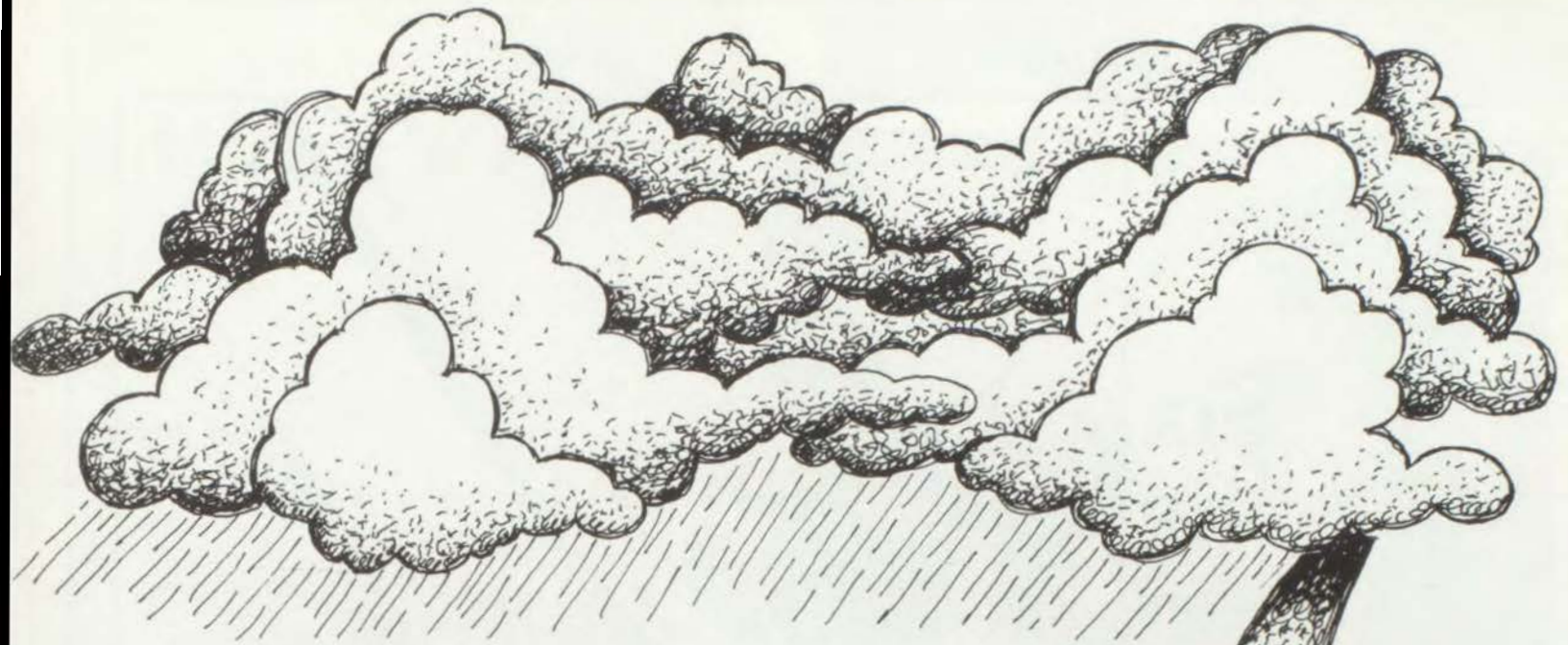
The politician was expected to announce his resignation brought about by his conviction on charges of bribery. He faced up to 55 years in prison.

Two Pennsylvania TV stations showed the entire suicide immediately, but others either cut the film or stopped taping before the shot was fired.

Of the stations that did not show the whole event, Cable News Network's Ted Turner was the most against running it. In his opinion the film would only be enjoyed by those "whose values are distorted."

Others said that the footage "was just too graphic," or that seeing the suicide might trigger additional violent acts or suicides.

According to Bobbie Gish, Assignment Editor at WDAF-TV, "We did not show the film because it was inappropriate viewing matter for most of our viewers."



Iranian arms deal rains on Reagan's parade

by Bill Ham

Political stormclouds began gathering in late 1986 as politicians braced themselves for a Presidential scandal reminiscent of the Watergate crisis of the 1970's.

The seemingly invincible popularity of Ronald Reagan was dealt a near death blow with the revelation of covert arms sales to Iran. The weapons transactions seemingly represented an attempt to gain the release of American hostages held in the Middle East.

Israeli arms dealers acting as intermediaries delivered the high-tech weapons to the Khomeni regime in the face of a bloody seven-year war between Iran and Iraq.

But perhaps the most scandalous aspect of the arms deal arose when Col. Oliver North, the American link in the dealings, was accused of taking profits from the arms sales, depositing and laundering the money in Swiss bank accounts and ultimately using it illegally to finance the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

Skepticism has surfaced as to President Reagan's involvement in the covert dealings and the extent of his knowledge in the affair.

"The President claims that he went into the deal with no intentions of bargaining for the release of the hostages in Lebanon, but I feel that he did," senior Tom Moss said.

"The evidence has shown that it was an arms-for-hostages deal, but I think that Admiral Poindexter (of the National Security Council) and some of the President's other top advisers kept the illegal funding for the Contras going behind the President's back," he explained.

The possibility that Reagan was unaware of the dealings of his closest advisers has led to concern, however.

"If the President of the United States doesn't have any idea what is going on right under his nose, that raises serious questions about his competence for the position he's in," senior Neil Reichel said.

But many Americans feel that the opening of ties with Iran would have been acceptable if the public were only informed.

"Just because the forms of government in the United States and Iran are different does not mean that our government should fail to recognize them. Iran is a country of strategic and economic importance," Roy Keeland, chairman of the History Department, explained.

Some, however, see great political disadvantages to dealing with Iran.

"Many people see Iran as a vital oil source for America, but our economic dependency on Iran has been blown out of proportion. We have no real oil shortage like the one Europe is presently expe-

riencing. Having either Iran or Iraq win the Persian Gulf war would not be disadvantageous for the United States," Mark Scherer, history teacher, said.

"Many Reagan supporters have said that contacts with Iran and the Khomeni regime would be productive because it would prevent the Soviets from exploiting the situation, but that is mere Communist expansion paranoia. The Russians couldn't handle the Iranians any better than the United States could.

"We will pay a heavy price for negotiating with terrorist factions. Incidents of terrorism against Americans have the real potential of skyrocketing out of control now that terrorists realize that they might be able to strike a favorable bargain with the United States," Scherer said.

With the demise of Reagan's public popularity as a result of the scandal, the Democrats, heretofore silenced by the Reagan administration's political dominance, have experienced a revival in popularity.

"The only way that the President can rectify the situation at hand is to come clean on all aspects of the deal," Keeland said. "But as a result of the new Democratic mistrust in Congress, plus the mistrust stemming from the covert arms deal, the remainder of the Reagan administration will be characterized by political stagnation."

Six die in local plane crash

by Nathan Freeman

Independence made national news when two planes collided over the Lake City Ammunitions Plant on Jan. 21. All six persons involved in the crash, involving both military and civilian planes, died. The military U-21 aircraft and the civilian Piper Navajo plane had almost a perfect head-on collision. Further investigation revealed that the two planes were only 20 degrees off a completely parallel collision course.

Investigations also concluded that the two pilots probably only had about 18 seconds from the time they could have seen each other to the point at which they could have made maneuver to avoid the crash.

It was said that the pilots could have been fiddling with instruments or talking and not watching during the critical time when the crash occurred.

The radio controllers reportedly never saw the civilian aircraft of radar. If so, the tower would not have been able to warn the military plane of the oncoming civilian aircraft.

None of the dead was from the Independence area.



What's Hot

The following percentages of students said they enjoy or listen to:

Pop	75%
Rock	64%
New wave	35%
Punk	17%
Heavy Metal	55%
Country	45%
Classical	23%

Music students listened to the most:

1	Pop
2	Rock
3	Country

Favorite place students went on the weekend

With friends:

1	To parties
2	To a movie
3	To Plaza/Westport

On a date:

1	To a movie
2	To Plaza/Westport
3	Out to eat

Favorite place students ate

With friends:

1	McDonald's
2	Pizza Hut
3	Taco Bell

On a date:

1	Red Lobster
2	Annie's Sante Fe
3	Magic Wok

Student's favorite movie

1	Top Gun
2	Platoon
3	Stand by Me

Student's favorite fast-food restaurant:

1	McDonald's
2	Taco Bell
3	Burger King

Student's favorite TV show:

1	The Cosby Show
2	Growing Pains
3	Moonlighting

Student's comic strip:

1	Garfield
2	Peanuts
3	The Far Side

Results found through a random survey



Ron Finke, a 1970 graduate, is the first alumnus of Truman to be elected to the Independence Board of Education. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Truman graduate serves on Board

by Jennie Lawler

In 1970, Ron Finke never even thought about the Board of Education.

But now Finke is the first Truman graduate to be a director on the Board.

"I thought a friend of mine was going to run for it, but he decided not to and I knew a lot of people on the Board, so I decided to run," Finke said.

When Finke joined the Board, he didn't come in with any major changes in mind.

"There weren't any great problems that demanded attention. Mainly the Board was working on setting up policies and procedures," Finke said.

"I don't expect miracles from the Board. Its job is to provide students with the resources and opportunities to pursue and become excellent in their goals."

In 1986, the Independence School District was one of the districts chosen to implement new programs in the schools.

"Independence was already doing creative things before this," Finke said. "We had the Parents as Teachers program, which taught first-time parents to understand how important interaction and stimulation are prior to school."

"Also, there was the Math/Physics Institute. I was really impressed with that and I think the students were, too."

Flashback

Resort satisfies local ski bums

by Lynette Kempfe

Instead of driving to Colorado to ski, Kansas Citians now have a ski resort in their own area, Snow Creek.

Snow Creek, located about 45 minutes northeast of Independence, offers conditions and facilities similar to those found in Colorado.

"We offer the challenge of Colorado," Snow Creek's general manager Dave Grenier said, "except our runs aren't as long. We have a first-class lodge and we furnish ski lessons. We have four skiing sessions, two of which are night skiing."

The ski area, which opened Jan. 1, 1987, is comprised of nine intermediate and two beginner slopes, two chairlifts and two ropetows. Ski equipment rental is available at the lodge. A ski shop, restaurant and bar complete the lodge.

"For being about an hour away, it's great," junior Darin Tracy said.

"I was a lot of fun," senior Wade Hachinsky commented. "I'm going back!"

Snow Creek is not dependent on Mother Nature for their snow, they make their own.

"We rely on man-made snow. We have 15 snow guns that use



Only 30 minutes from downtown Kansas City, Snow Creek provides a little relief for avid skiers not able to go to Colorado. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

water and compressed air to make snow," Grenier said. "We can make 100 percent of our snow."

Prices at Snow Creek are moderate. Grenier says that the costs are "approximately 30 percent less than in Colorado."

"I thought it was reasonable," Darin said. "It was about \$20 for students."

"Snow Creek is unique to Kansas City because it is the only ongoing ski resort in this area. We'll be here a long time."

"It was kind of fun," junior Brock Doubledee said. "The runs are really short."

"I don't think it's a good place to learn because the hills are too steep for beginners," Brock explained.

Students who have not ventured to Snow Creek seem to think it is good for Kansas City.

"I think it sounds pretty good," freshman Mike Byars said.

"It's the closest thing to what we have to Colorado," Brock said, "and I like to ski, so I'll go back."

"Probably a lot of Missourians would go because they wouldn't have to drive to Colorado."

"I would go because I like to ski," senior Jennifer Jones said. "I think it's cool that they put a ski resort close to where we live."

"It would be fun to go night skiing," senior Tricia Eckman exclaimed. "I haven't done that before."

"It's a fun sport with a workout that is not detrimental," Grenier said.

Chiefs finally make the playoffs

by David Vest

Until now, 15 long years had passed since the Chiefs last made the playoffs.

It was a long afternoon, Christmas, 1971. Len Dawson was quarterback. The Chiefs lost to the Dolphins 27-24 in the NFL's longest game in history. That began the losing era.

Since then, the Chiefs have struggled through over a dozen disappointing seasons. More than a couple coaches have arrived and

departed with little progress achieved. Until this year.

Under coach John Mackovic (now former coach), the Chiefs finished what some called an "easy schedule" with a record of 10 wins and 6 losses, good enough to clinch a Wild-Card Playoff berth.

For once, Kansas City fans could root for our team in the playoffs instead of an envied successful organization.

Did it change the football attitude of Kansas City?

"It changed a little," Kevin Harlan, a Chiefs broadcaster, said. "The most surprising thing was

there wasn't more emotion, which was because the offense was the worst in football, people felt the Chiefs were lucky and the Chiefs had one of the easiest schedules."

Any excitement before the playoffs was quickly silenced when the New York Jets stomped the Chiefs 35-15 in the Wild-Card

Around school the attitude was mixed.

"It's great they made the playoffs but I don't really care that much," senior Ken Shipley said.

"They did a lot better than they usually do," junior Carrie Lierman said.

game. Again, criticism and speculation filled the air. Mackovic was fired and the job was filled by special-team's coach Frank Gansz.

"They could have done a lot better if they would've gotten rid of Mackovic sooner," junior Scott Wilson said.

Some people see another rebuilding era while others predict even quicker progress.

"A lot of people are excited about Gansz and the upcoming year," Harlan said. "It's a very young team. I think the key is the draft (NFL college draft). They can't afford to have another bad draft choice."

'Spirit' staff donates yule gift

by Nellie Park

None frown, and a hint of a returned friendship sets them into an easy grin. They all smile.

Carrie and her friend Sandy are playing a game of Memory on the floor. Sandy picks the wrong card.

"Aw. Say 'aw' Carrie. Carrie go," Sandy urges.

Sandy and Carrie are 16 and 15; they are retarded. With many others like them, they attend Lakeview Woods State School for the Mentally Retarded and Severely Handicapped. The \$616.38 collected by the Spirit staff during a two-day period in December will eventually buy necessary equipment for the students at Lakeview.

"So many want to learn that everything is exciting," teacher Kathy Nash said. "We take so much for granted. We forget how many little steps it takes to go to McDonald's. How do I open the door? How will I pay for it? Will they understand me? Where are the napkins?"

"They realize something is different. These kids can't put their finger on it," Nash continued. "If they're that high to question it, we try to be as honest as we can."

Some sing along with "You Light Up My Life," oblivious of their off-tune imitation. Sandy is busy talking about her brother, who is sick at home with the flu. And Carrie talks about her future.

"I'll be a mother," she says

slowly, "and children and have a husband."

"Me, too," Sandy adds quickly.

"One time Mom took me to the Jackson's. They sing so good," Carrie says, her eyes magnified by her thick glasses.

"They constantly need someone to tell them what to do," Nash said. "It's okay to say 'I forgot' or 'I don't know.' It's a two-way street where people have to say, 'I don't understand you.'"

Wendy, 16, while managing the record player, says she comes to school to work and to see her teacher.

"Teacher is very great," Wendy says nodding. She continually asks, "Guess what?" and talks about the many things that are on her mind. Wrapped up in the conversation, she announces, "No more records. Let's talk," and insists in dictating a 12-digit phone number of her sister.

"I want them to do their best. I won't push their limit. I will push them to it, not over it. They've never been pushed. They've been pampered and babied. Just poor retarded kids," Nash said.

"I like to work. I like to do math. I like friends," Tracy said smiling. "Can you read?" she enviously asked. Yes. "I can't. We're working on it," she says, looking at her teacher for approval.

"When they don't try, it gets to a point of total frustration. All of a sudden they act like they've never heard you talking about it,"

Nash explained. "They cry when they're frustrated. More than anything, the frustration. Why can't I do this? Why can't I do that?"

They faithfully do their special chores at the end of the day. Wendy waters the plants; Carrie changes the calendar; Amanda salutes the flag; Tracy passes out the papers. Then they do their exercises.

"They need people to be honest with them. Some parents don't agree with me; they want to shelter them. We went to Burger King, and this lady gave them crowns. The public is not aware of what we're trying to do. People feel

"There's no jealousies between them. They're happy for each other."

sorry. They're scared," Nash explained. "A lot of people don't know how to do that [talk to them]. They're so uncomfortable themselves that they don't know how to overlook the handicap.

"Give 'em a chance. They're just people," Nash urged.

"There's no jealousies between them. They're happy for each other. They're trying to do the best they can. That should be with everyone else."

Lawsuits fund asbestos removal

by Hayley Stewart

This year marked the start of a campaign against asbestos at Truman.

According to Norman Humphrey, attorney for the Independence School District; the idea for this crusade originated when Superintendent Robert Henley attended a seminar on asbestos.

At the seminar, Henley discovered the dangers of asbestos and began planning for its removal from the Independence schools. To restrain it, the asbestos was first painted, and the removal began later.

When asbestos was determined detrimental, the school board filed a lawsuit against the company associated with the asbestos.

"The school district filed in March of 1984 because they wanted to find out who put the asbestos in the schools and make



The auditorium was temporarily out of use due to asbestos removal. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

them responsible for removing it," Robert Watkins, Deputy Superintendent, said.

Two companies were at fault. According to Humphrey, the W.R. Grace Co. settled with the district

out of court, while the U.S. Gypsum Co. went to trial on Nov. 3.

"The trial lasted two weeks, and the school district received \$650,000 to cover the cost of removal and \$400,000 in punitive damages," Watson explained.

The school board does not have the money as of yet.

"We expect the company to repeal the decision," Humphrey said, "but if the district wins again we'll get the money."

The cost of the removal was actually paid for by the citizens. A levy will be lowered, according to Humphrey.

The asbestos problem, however, has not been finalized.

"We still have pipe and boiler asbestos which is called thermal wrap," Humphrey explained. "There will be another lawsuit against a different company, probably next year."

Business construction rockets

by Shannon Miller

Over the last few months a number of changes have been made in the Independence area. Construction is the major cause of these changes.

Noland Road has always been a popular location for shops, restaurants and teenagers. Now 40 Highway has joined the act.

"Retail and service businesses locate in response to demand," Larry Mlnarik, city director of planning, said. "I think it's going to have a positive influence to the quality of development along 40 Highway. The last few years has started that trend of development."

The intersection at Noland Road and 40 Highway has been experiencing a building boom lately. New stores and restaurants, including Builder's Square and Noland Fashion Square, are being opened.

"It obviously will cause some problems," Mlnarik said. The biggest problem concerns traffic. "Builder's Square and Noland

Road Fashion Square have both added additional moving lanes on 40 Highway. That will definitely help because of the volume of traffic moving in that area."

A traffic signal is also being added west of Noland Road at Washington Street.

But Mlnarik could not say whether the new shops and movie theaters (at Noland Fashion Square) would affect the cruising problem on Noland Road.

"It might change one of the terminating points for the cruising," he said. "We'll just have to watch and see."

He did say that teens would have a large impact on the new stores, especially the movie theaters.

The area east of the Blue Ridge Mall has undergone the most changes. Construction has helped improve the overall area, but, Mlnarik said, "Really the improvement of 40 Highway happened before all the activity at Noland Road and 40 Highway. I think it's going to have a positive influence to the quality of development along 40 Highway."



Cinema 6 is only a small part of the construction boom at 40 Highway and Noland Road, located in Noland Fashion Square. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Boss sells out

Five-album set makes waves

by Wendy Pickel

Just in time for Christmas, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band released their first album, covering their entire career, on Nov. 10, 1986.

"Rolling Stone" magazine predicted in the Dec. 4, 1986 issue that the "Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band Live/1975-1985" album would be "the biggest holiday gift of 1986, as well as the major release throughout 1987," and so far this has proved true.

"It was the biggest selling album over Christmas," Eric Brantetter, an employee of Streetside Records said. "It also had the biggest notoriety with the press."

The five-album, three-cassette or three-compact disc set includes a 36-page color book-let of photographs and song lyrics, and three hours and 20 minutes of music.

"It was a Christmas present from my brother," senior Debbie Dauer said. "I really like it a lot because it has all the songs he's done in one set; his old songs and new songs together."

"It's really good if I hadn't got it for Christmas I would have eventually bought it myself," senior Todd Schooler said.

The sound on the album isn't like most live albums where only the crowd can be heard.

"It's a really good live album. You would be surprised, it really has good sound," Todd said. "If you didn't go to the concert this is the closest thing."



GM layoff hurts

by Renae Price

On Jan. 12 General Motors Corp. announced the Feb. 16 layoff of 2,000 workers at its Leeds plant in Kansas City.

The company decided last fall to close nine assembly plants and two stamping operations by 1990, but assured employees that the Leeds plant would remain in operation.

About 1,875 hourly workers and 125 salaried workers will be affected by the layoff which will completely shut down one of the two shifts.

According to economists, the reason for the layoff could be the new tax laws. Strong car sales at the end of 1986 due to the new tax laws have decreased sales thus far in 1987.

While all companies have felt first quarter figures falling, GM seems to be hit the hardest.

As of Dec. 31, GM had a 73-day surplus supply of cars compared to Chrysler Corp. with 62, and Ford Motor Co. with only 40. The industry's average is 60 to 70.

Student reactions to certain courses depended on the teacher, a student survey revealed.

Students said they liked a relaxed, casual atmosphere and liked the instructor who made the class interesting and fun. In contrast, they rated poor communication between teacher and student as a reason they did not like the course.

As senior Mindy Matthews said about Concert Choir, "It's so casual. It's more fun when you get into it."

More than 1,000 students took music-related courses, with Band and Concert Choir having the largest numbers. Ken Shipley said that he liked band because instead of having tests in class, his tests were at performances.

Another area with a lot of interest was foreign language, which boasted nearly 600 students. "French," junior David Kim said, "can increase your vocabulary as well as make you more aware of sentence structure."

REACTION IN ACADEMICS

Other classes drew students because of personal wants. "Debate is where the action is in my schedule," junior George Bowers said. "It gives me an opportunity to show people who I am." Senior Katherine Plake said she took Accounting because "it's what I want to make of my life."

Other students, though, said they did not like many of the required courses because they were so routine.

"History is boring. All we do is read and take tests," junior Beth Goebel said. And, senior Susan Summers said about math, "How can you enjoy something you don't understand?"

Variety, rather than note-taking and tests, brought the most positive response.

"Playing games and having fun assignments make learning a lot more fun," sophomore Billy Ruhling said.

by Star McMahon

On a Student Council Spirit Day, Tom Billington, Physical Science teacher, provides a more-relaxed atmosphere by playing chess with a student during a break in class. (photo by Keith Linhardt)



Expressions promote learning

by Debbie Dauer

Students in Lori Withers' Creative Expressions class learned to write their own plays, while Eleanor Richardson's English I students wrote ballads.

"It's a three-week project. They work on it three days a week," Withers explained. "They have to come up with their own costumes, props and sound effects."

Short stories, drama and poetry comprised the units in Creative Expressions.

"This isn't like an acting class," junior Kim Corley said. "Acting isn't expressing yourself creatively as well as writing is."

"By writing their own plays, they learn how to develop dialogue, setting, characterization and plot," Withers said.

"We're divided into groups and we have to make up our own play," junior Jason Pickel said.

"It was hard to decide on who was going to write it in our group since we all had different ideas," junior Kathy Lynch said.

"It's not all that exciting trying to come up with an idea," Jason said. "But once you think of a really good idea, it gets a lot better."

"I had (Eleanor) Richardson for English my freshman year," Kathy said. "I think the way she taught things by getting up in front of the class and acting things out inspired me to go on to Creative Expressions."

Students in Richardson's English I classes learned to write their own ballads as well as to read the classics.

"I have them start with ballads so they will recognize them in literature they will be reading later on," Richardson said.

"We have to write our own ballad and then get up in front of the class to share it," freshman Missy Fischer said.

"I feel it gives the students an opportunity and an experience in listening, creative writing and speaking before the class," Richardson said. "It's a good way to break the ice."

Richardson stood in front of the class and read ballads to the students.

"I never have them just sit and read to themselves," Richardson said. "I try to make everything come alive when I read aloud to them."

"It's like she acts it out," freshman Tina Melsh said. "I think that makes it a lot more

interesting."

Vice-Principal Charles Price, who evaluated Richardson, said, "It gives the students the ability to create and present, building their self-confidence and creativeness."

"I think it's fun and also a good experience," freshman Briana Tally said. "It's especially fun listening to everyone else's ballads."

"There's never a dull moment in the class," Tina said.

Students also made notebooks for their ballads.

"They showed a lot of creative talent in assembling the notebooks," Richardson said. "It's a sense of pride in their work and something they can be really proud of."

"I like doing things like this in class because I get a lot more out of it and pay more attention," Briana said.



Eleanor Richardson reads to her students, hoping to bring alive a little creativity in all of them. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Freshman John Townley takes the first step towards breaking the ice by recording his ballad in front of the class. (Photo by Keith Lindhart)



Elephant Story

Junior Kathy Lynch reminisces on a notebook she had to do for her Creative Expressions class.

"We had to write children's stories and then read them to the kids at Sycamore Hills," Kathy said. "My story was about an elephant.

"I had to sit in this little chair with all the kids sitting on the floor surrounding me. Some of the kids kept trying to climb up on the chair and crawl all over me. They kept grabbing at my legs, too.

"When it came time to leave, some were even calling me by my name.

"The kids wrote us back here at school and one tried to draw an elephant at the bottom of his letter for me.

"It was weird, because I expected them to be a little wild, being third graders, but there wasn't a 'class clown' in the whole group."



Junior Kim Corley is only acting to be a vampire in the play she helped to write. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

Writing their own plays is one of the many tasks students in Creative Expressions accomplish. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

Collapsing Desk

Getting to class safely and on time is not always an easy task to accomplish, according to junior Chris Warrenbrock.

"The tardy bell was about ready to ring and this girl came running into class with an armload of books, trying to beat the bell. She walked over to her desk, but some of the screws must have been missing, because when she sat down with all her books, the desk collapsed. The desk top fell off, her books were scattered all over the floor where she almost landed with the rest of her things.

"Well, she about freaked out. She was really embarrassed. But it added some excitement to the day and gave everyone a good laugh."

Doing homework from the textbook is not one of sophomore Victoria Briseno's favorite things to do. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Ann Sunderland, French teacher, uses intense expressions and movement to encourage her class to participate. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



S tudents sparked to participate

by Amy Ruhling

Truman's Foreign Language teachers used many different ways to promote participation of all the students in the classroom.

"It takes a lot of involvement. You have to move around constantly and try to keep the students on their toes," Ann Sunderland, French teacher, said.

Patricia Simmons, another French teacher, agreed:

"Enthusiasm is an important part of learning. Getting the students involved and keeping them involved is sometimes difficult, but the more

the kids participate, the more they get accomplished."

"Getting involved in class is what makes it more interesting," senior Mike Manade, French student, said. "You never know what to expect next."

"To participate in class, you have to use your vocabulary, and that helps your capacity to learn," senior Dennis Lewis, German student, said.

The different classes had different ways of promoting enthusiasm. Speaking, singing and performing dialogues in front of the class were just a few examples.

"It is difficult to get oral

involvement from the kids," Pete Hile, German teacher, explained. "We try to play games, do skits, and I try to put the kids in situations that they must talk themselves out of."

"My teacher uses unique ways to involve everyone. We sing, see slides and play games. Of course, we still do work from the textbook, but it is not like history or something, where all you do is work from a book," sophomore Michelle Rogers, French student, explained.

"We sometimes play German scrabble or monopoly to help us learn the words," Dennis said.

Casilda Rice, Spanish teacher, also had different ways to involve the kids.

"I will not let the kids leave the class, to go to the office, the bathroom or the telephone, without asking for permission in Spanish," Rice said.

"Password and Jeopardy are just a couple of the games we play to help us learn the vocabulary," freshman Chris Hess, Spanish student, said. "It is a lot more fun than just writing sentences or something."

"Participation is not only an active part of learning," Rice said, "but is also a part of their grade."



Constant movement helps Casilda Rice, Spanish teacher, keep her class alert. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Junior Amanda Larson admires the French Christmas ornaments that her French I class made. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

Deadlines met by larger staff

by *Stephanie Main*

The yearbook staff had a quality that set it apart from other staff's in recent years: large size.

"When there are more people, you can help each other more," Jennie Lawler, managing editor said. "We have more than one editor in the major sections of the yearbook. The work is divided among them so that not one person has to do all of it."

"Having more people means that each person can concentrate on a particular assignment rather than rushing with a whole bunch," Nathan Freeman, associate editor, said.

"It's supposed to be smoother but there's still prob-

lems," Renae Price, copy editor, said. "Having a lot of people confuses the issue sometimes."

"With a larger staff some people just assume that the work will get done automatically," Nathan said. "There's still the same amount of work to do but sometimes they just don't realize it."

Even with such a large staff deadlines came around very quickly.

"Mr. Clemons always talks of losing sleep because of our deadlines," Leslie Kuske, sports editor, said.

"It seems like I never go home," David Burrus, editor-in-chief, said. "You can never really edit too much 'cause there are always mistakes somewhere."



Cheryl Richardson satisfies her hunger while she finishes her layout. (Photo by Jennie Lawler)

"With a lot of people you get a wide variety of ideas," Renae said.

Design ideas were thought out a little differently this year than from years past. A less conservative design was envisioned for the book.

"I wanted the yearbook to look more like a magazine," David said.

Artwork was an added feature that enhanced the book.

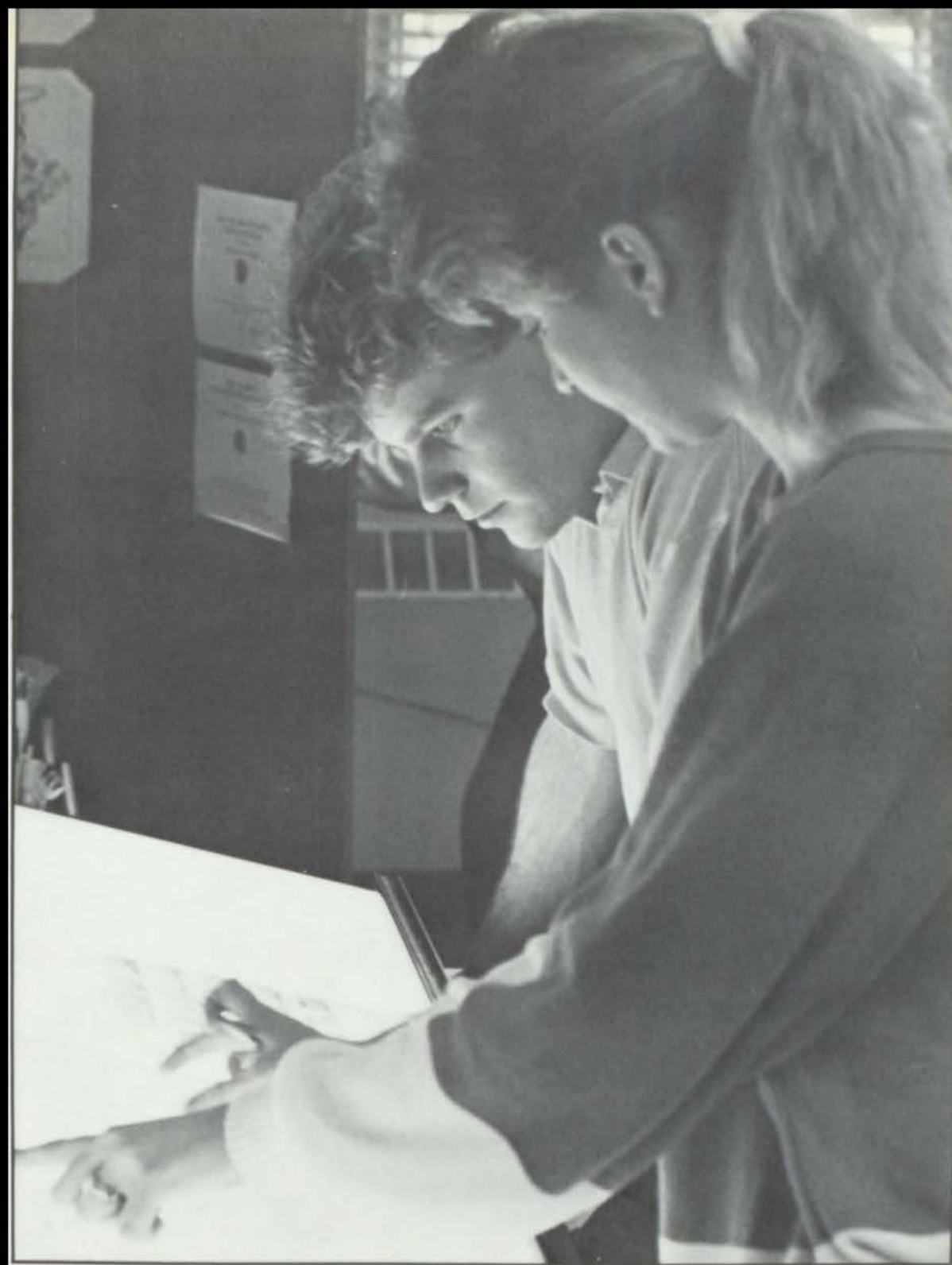
"I missed having artwork in last year's book," Tiffany Cipolla, clubs editor, said. "I thought it was neat that Danny Serig and Jaye Wiley did some for us because nobody on the staff could draw very well."

"Ten years from now anybody that went to Truman should be able to take their yearbook off the shelf and be reminded of their high school days," Nathan concluded.



Heritage '87 staff: Front Row: Star MacMahon, copy editor; Laura Hartley, business manager; Carla Diaz, portraits editor; Cheryl Richardson, clubs editor; Leslie Kuske, sports editor; Amy Ruhling, academics editor; Debbie Dauer, portraits editor; Tiffany Cipolla, clubs editor. Second Row: David Burrus, editor-in-chief; Renae Price, copy editor; Linda Tonga, index editor; Kelly Eaton, portraits editor; Kim Calfas, index editor; Amy Hutton, academics editor; Keith Linhardt,

photographer. Third Row: Max Hawley, sports editor; Robyn Griffin, photographer; Dean Bullock, photographer; Scott Bridges, photographer; Nathan Freeman, associate editor; Shawn Floyd, photographer; Bill Weir, photographer. Back Row: Krista Kanies, photography editor; Jennie Lawler, managing editor; Wendy Pickel, copy editor; Jenny Luetkemeyer, sports editor; Stephanie Main, graphics editor. Not Pictured: Rai Howerton, student life editor; Cindy Quarti, index editor; Kurt Branstetter, photographer.



Editor in Debt

Deadline time means extra work on Saturdays, but it also means bringing a little extra money for editor-in-chief David Burrus. The editor of the *Heritage* is known for his famous line, "I'll pay you back later," by all on the publications staff.

The staff shows up early Saturday morning to make sure that there is enough time to get everything done. They straighten copy and cutlines, paste down pictures and lay tape. When all the tedious work is done, they go over each spread to make sure there aren't any mistakes.

"I know I'm going to be up at Truman on Saturdays working to get everything ready to go to the printer, but I like to go out on Friday nights with my friends and spend money," David said. "I get to Truman about 8:30 a.m.; by noon I am usually hungry so I borrow money from Dean Bullock or Renae Price for pizza."

The students in the class do not really mind if David borrows money.

"I don't mind having him borrow money from me and I don't care if I get the money back; everyone has to eat," Dean said.

"I honestly don't remember David owing me \$5, but, of course, that was on a Saturday," Renae said.

"I don't like to be in debt if I can help it, but if this keeps up I will have to get a job," David said laughingly. "I always thought dating was expensive, but being on the staff is running a close second."



Looking at negatives, Rai Howerton and David Burrus decide what picture they would use for the Fall Play spread. (Photo by Robin Griffin)

Seniors David Burrus, Jennie Lawler, Rai Howerton and Scott Bridges discuss the pictures that were taken for the Student Life section of the yearbook. (Photo by Robin Griffin)

'Let's Do 911'

Thinking of story ideas sometimes provided a little comic relief for the "Spirit" staff.

"At the beginning of the year we had a story idea for 911. But we decided not to do it because it was not that big of a story," senior David Vest said. "Then it got to be a big joke. Everyone decided to put 911 down for their story idea for a while. Then Peter Goebel filled in 911 on everything. Such as:

Sports: 911 — How it affects our athletes.

Feature: 911 — The people behind the number.

News: How is 911 coming along?

Editorial: Is 911 good or bad?

Depth: An in depth look at 911."

Reviewing copy is an important job of editorial editor Todd Carter and copy editor Bill Ham. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



Editor Julie Riddle and news editor Lynette Kempfe choose ads which will go in the next issue of the newspaper. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



N^{ewspaper} staff tests abilities

by Jennie Lawler

To the staff members of the "Spirit of '87," it was more than just a newspaper; it was a responsibility.

"The commitment required is tremendous. You have to stay after school almost every night, sometimes until 7 or 8 o'clock, sometimes later," editor-in-chief Julie Riddle said.

As a result of one of their editorials, the school board is installing stalls in the boys' restroom.

"That was really neat," Julie said. "The idea came up last

year. Tom Demark wrote an editorial and they printed it, but nothing happened. This year, we decided to keep writing editorials until something happened. Then all of a sudden it showed up in the Independence "Examiner" and the school board said it definitely needed to be taken care of.

"You feel like you're accomplishing something and that it's more than just a class."

This year's staff was more than double the size of last year's. Expectations were high from the beginning.

"I knew we had really good potential, that we had really good writers," David Vest, managing editor, said.

"I knew it would be work and it was," Lynette Kempfe, news editor, said. "You get out of it what you put into it."

"I thought I'd be out on the road at night with pen and notebook looking for stories to write," Susan Weir, reviews editor, said. "It's a lot of hard work, but not as tedious as I thought. If I've learned one thing, it's not to procrastinate."

A lot of time was spent planning and producing each issue of the paper.

"We have to think of story ideas and assign them; we have to write the stories and copy edit them; then we take them

to the printer and paste them up," Julie said.

"We covered more important things; things that make a difference," David said. "We're a little more serious than past staffs have been."

"A lot of discussion goes into our story ideas. We argue a lot," Susan said.

"It's hard. Gosh it's hard," Julie said. "There are so many things to keep track of and I don't keep track of half of them," she said laughingly.

However, the paper was not all serious.

"Our paper's fun. It's fun sitting in here debating about things," Susan said. "All in all, we got along."



"Spirit of '87" staff: Front Row: Shannon Miller, copy editor; Julie Riddle, editor-in-chief; Susan Weir, reviews editor; Shelley Temple, editorial columnist and advertising manager; Laura Hartley, business manager; Nellie Park, features editor; Lynette Kempfe, news editor; Ronda Schuler, photography editor; Chris Major, copy editor; Stacey Anderson, features columnist. Back Row: David

Vest, managing editor; Todd Carter, editorial editor; Rob Howard, depth editor; Tom Demark, sports editor; Kurt Branstetter, photographer; Peter Goebel, sports editor; Bill Ham, copy editor; Drake Lightle, design editor; Steve Pool, associate editor. Not Pictured: Dayna Fulton, circulation manager; Hayley Stewart, copy editor. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

New lesson in self-confidence

by Wendy Pickel

Some students considered it a "blow-off" class; others said it was for nerds, but the students involved in Forensics and Debate knew they had it made.

"It gives us a chance to show off our talents and have a good time while we learn," junior Marci Campbell said.

These classes gave students a chance to learn skills that will be helpful in the future.

"Debate definitely improves speech and research abilities. It really helps people learn important skills they will need in life," junior John Burke said.

"You have to look at both sides of everything and that's what life is all about," senior Shelley Temple said.

For some, these classes not only improved their practical skill, but also helped them cope with life.

"It helps people grow up because they have to learn to

Senior Stacey Stratton searches for plays that she can cut a scene out of to perform in a tournament. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

All judges must report to senior Ronda Schuler, who makes sure that juniors Chris Apple and Jill Martin have everything ready for the judges. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

deal with pressures," Shelley said.

"Forensics helps me get rid of my fears," junior Brett Phipps said. "It's scary talking or acting in front of a big group of people."

"It's given me a great deal

more confidence and a feeling of achievement," John added.

With increased enrollment the squad was larger than it had been in four years and this has proved beneficial to the team.

"We are the eighth largest

team in the nation and other schools give us more recognition," John said.

"There is more possibilities for winning," junior Pat

Kenney said. "The more people there are the more talent there will be."

Forensics and debate not only gave students a chance to compete but also a chance to socialize.

"People you don't know will come up to you after a performance to tell you they liked it. I have made a lot of new friends from different schools," John said.

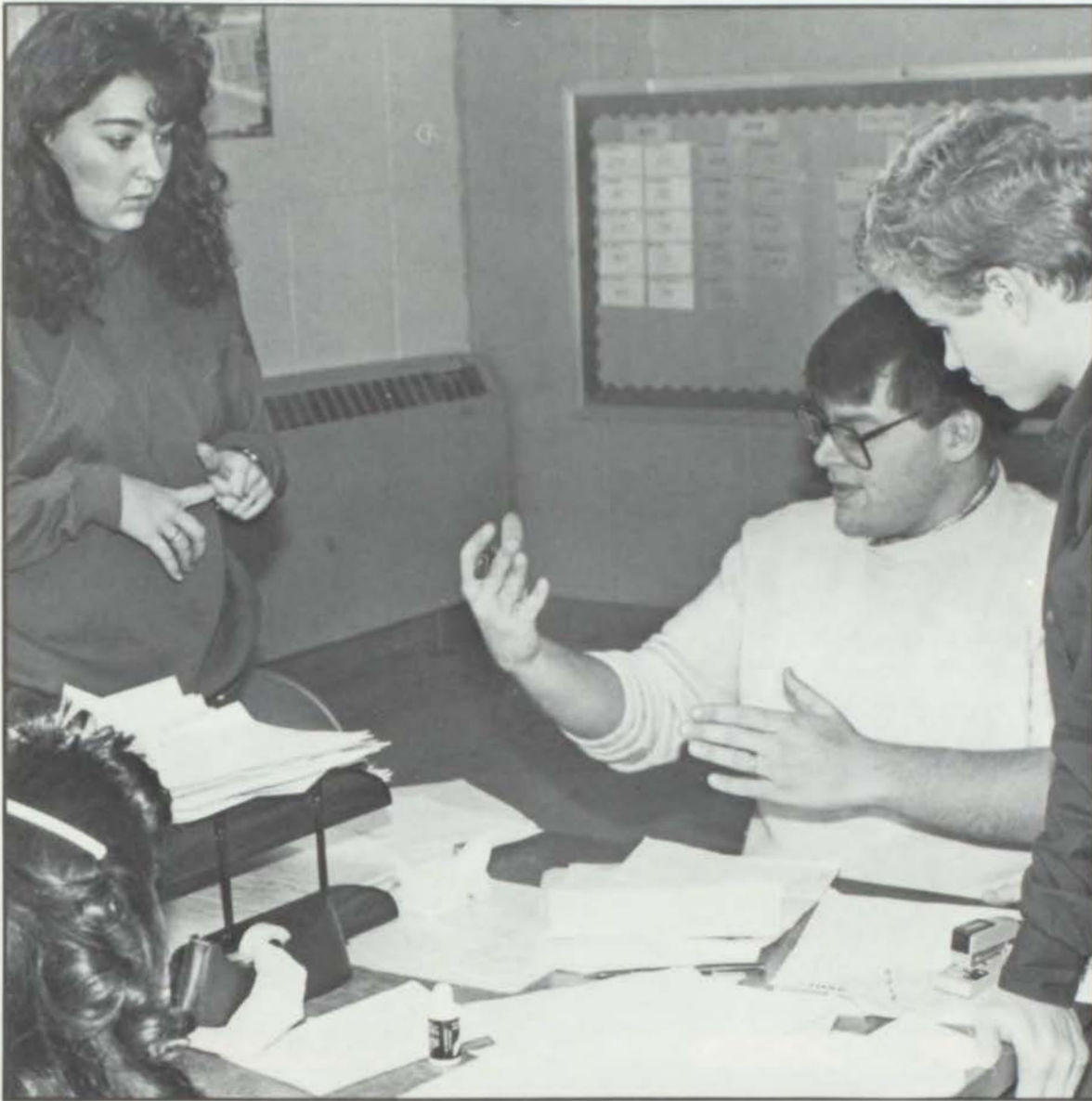
Though the classes are time-consuming, students agreed that they were worthwhile.

"It is a sacrifice because you have to give things up and make choices to be good, but that's all part of the success," Shelley said.

"It is a good act to get into," Jim said. "It gives you a chance to express yourself and learn to think clearly."



Helping students improve their arguments for debate, coach Mike Jeffers gives advice to Ronda Schuler (left) and Billy Ruhling. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



Junior Marci Campbell, senior Jonathan Fields, junior Brett Phipps and senior Paige Brown discuss how they will perform an upcoming scene in Forensics. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

'Break a Leg'?

For most people the phrase "break a leg" means good luck, but people working with senior Matt Haas fear this saying. "We had done this scene for duet acting many times. It was from 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail.' We had done very well with this particular scene. But one time we were doing it on stage about five feet off the ground. I was supposed to be extremely angry at my son because he disobeyed my commands.

"Well, I was angry with him, anyway, because he got some lines mixed up and I was supposed to slap him so he would fall down on the stage. I guess I didn't know my own strength, because we were standing about three feet away from the edge of the stage and when I hit him, I knocked him off onto the floor of the spectators.

"He screamed and yelled and looked up at me. He was in pain. Then he scampered back up on the stage in fear of my reprisal.

"It went well and everybody loved it," Matt said.

Pain!

Pain will make senior Carla Carr remember the Drama Department's removal of the stage curtains because of asbestos.

"It all started from hanging up orchestra curtains. They had been in storage because of the removal of asbestos. I had just completed hanging up the last one. Not being very lady-like, I jumped off the stage. I intended to land safely, but found out that was not possible at the speed I was going.

"BOOM! I crashed, hitting my elbow (funny bone) right on the edge of the stage. The pain was unbearable.

"Slowly, the pain went away. I needed to sit down though. I started to walk towards the auditorium seat. Something was blocking my vision though. SPOTS! I thought I was going senile. I began to sway, as if I was a drunk person. Before I knew it, BOOM again! This time it was my knee. Before I knew it I was gone.

"'Carla, Carla,' they called. Where was I? I had passed out. It was so embarrassing. I was teased about it so much and still am. It's one thing, though, that I will always remember, in this department," Carla said.

Decisions are left on the shoulders of senior Stacy Falco (left) and Carla Carr as they determine what costume will look appropriate on the performers. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



The auditorium after its renovation because of asbestos. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

In order to give the set a smooth look, junior Kevin Weiss mixes a can of paint before painting. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Asbestos hampers productions

by Lynda Tonga

Asbestos removal from the auditorium earlier this year brought several pieces of new equipment for the Drama Department, but it also caused loss of equipment and costumes.

"We lost \$17,000 worth of costumes and \$13,000 worth of scenery and furniture," department director and drama teacher, Kathleen Tucker estimated.

Everything that was exposed had to be thrown away because of the chemicals which are in asbestos.

"I didn't think it was fair at

all," senior Carla Carr complained. "All the furniture and props which were given to us or that we had made earlier were disposed of."

As for the costumes, though, another route could have been taken.

"They could've been dry-cleaned, but because of the expenses it was impossible," senior Stacy Falco, costume chairman, said. "But in a way, it's good that we have to start all over again. It will give whoever is going to become more organized and feel more responsible for the costumes. If you think about it, though, if it

wasn't for costumes, actors wouldn't be on stage."

The only thing left for the department to do now is to start all over again. "The fall play wasn't that complicated, so costumes just weren't a problem," Stacy said.

Did props cause some problems?

"Props weren't that hard either," senior Chris Wooten said. "The fall play wasn't that hard so we were kind of lucky. Now we just have to keep adding on. Some of the stuff can be used for more than one play so that's kind of a relief. This will also be something to help bring our class together.

We can get to know each other better and be able to work with one another, just like a big family."

One advantage of this department is that they considered everyone one big family.

"We like to work together," Carla said with a smile on her face. "This is the main reason that we were able to go through all these changes without that much complaining from everyone."

"It's not going to be that easy replacing everything that we've lost," Tucker explained. "But if we all work together it won't be that bad."



The stagecraft committee members discuss the final preparations before they complete the set for the fall play "Foxfire." (Photo by Kat Tucker)

Gift for teacher

Sometimes students never realize just how much their teacher goes through and all the hard work they put in.

The Women's Glee Club took time out and thought about everything Bruce Dickerson, their vocal music teacher, had done for them.

"Mr. Dickerson helps us a great deal in learning about music. He makes us feel comfortable and relaxed," senior Rachelle Mortallaro said.

The entire Women's Glee Club chipped in and bought Dickerson a piano telephone.

"We wanted him to know that we appreciated his hard work and the time he put in for our class," senior Joely Link said.

Dickerson was touched because he had never received something of that stature from Women's Glee Club.

"After Mr. Dickerson composed himself, he admitted he was a bear at times, but he loved us dearly," Joely said. "We just wanted him to know that we enjoyed his class and appreciated him."



Front Row: Jim Brewer, Eric Melton, Steve Martin, David Haggerty, Karl Keller, Bill Ruhling, Chris Resch, Johnny Culbertson, Tom Willis, Richard Gallup. **Second Row:** Dwane Goodwin, Scott Johnson, Terry Howard, Mike Miller, Clint Walker, John Hurd, Greg Arthur, Evan Carpenter, Tony

Weber, Olaf Ulberg. Third Row: Grant Springer, Ron Baxter, Jim Burgess, Steve Crew, Greg Deterding, Rick Grove, Kevin Hill, Bruce Fangmann, David Barton, Jodi Austin. **Back Row:** Danny Bradford, Jason Noelker, Jim Tormena, Spencer Palmer, Chris Wahrenbrock, Steven Hardie, Gary Allison, Tony Williams, Jason Platt, Phil Dunham.



Front Row: Lasi Mulumulu, Christie Jones, Brenda May, Donovan Day, Scott Wolgeher, Ray Wilson, Stephanie Resch, Tammy Jennings, Michele VanNimwegen, Elizabeth Luther. **Second Row:** Marcy Uhl, Stacey Hedrick, Wendy Bass, Lisa Choat, Stacey Thomas, Jim Butcher, Stephanie Smith, Jennifer Miles, Robin Kirkham, Michelle Swanson, Valarie Elmy, Vikki Free. **Third Row:** Shelly Street, Dana

Peterson, Danny Lawson, Michelle Kleyh, Tracy Moore, Denise Evans, Sheri Clark, Jessica Betts, Barbie Schnell, Carmen Hewitt, Kristen Agnew, Jenny Watts. **Back Row:** Gina Bareto, Alex West, Keith Bachand, John McKinney, Andrea Weathers, Amy Cooper, Lisa Fawver, Kelly Macklin, Sondra Vandenbos, Becky Boyd, Melissa Hon, Jennifer Maitland.



Members of Women's Glee Club have a good time while practicing during class. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Members enjoy friends' company

by Kelly Eaton

Having a good time and earning a fine-art credit were a couple reasons why students took the non-audition choirs: Men's Choir, Women's Glee Club and Freshman Choir.

But singing with a bunch of guys wasn't all fun; hard work was involved.

"It's a blast singing with a bunch of guys. We work hard during class because we try to

outdo the other classes, it really is fun," senior Pace Brown said about Men's Choir.

"The students have to learn how to read the music," Phillip Dunham, director and supervisor of music, said. "Once a song is decided upon, we practice it in class and prepare for an upcoming performance. I enjoy working with the young men and I feel they enjoy the class."

The school district supported the music program and wanted to make sure every

student had the opportunity to experience and perform in the vocal music program.

"We want the students to have a brief idea and understanding of music," Bruce Dickerson, vocal music teacher, said, "hoping they will see the time, work and effort that is put into music and appreciate it."

"I had to get the credit so I took Women's Glee Club. At first I didn't think I would like it, but I really do! Performing for the first time was scary, but

the feeling soon went away. It's been an enjoyable class," junior Kim Nelson said.

The strong vocal music program was because of the large number of students who participated. Among the three classes were approximately 170 students and their reasons varied for taking the three choirs.

"I wanted to get experience in vocal music and at the same time have a lot of fun with my friends," senior Kelly Clark said.



Front Row: Lori Springer, Joely Link, Rachele Mortallaro, Lisa Bohanon, Jennifer Allen, Tandy Devine, Debbie Boyd, Julie Savlin, Lynnette Finnell, Gina Burasco, Michelle Lalla, Angie Maddox. Second Row: Vacquie Sandage, Christe Buro, Traci Long, Laura Pagel, Joey Fox, Lori Royle, Ann Zuber, Ami Schooler, Toni Chapman, Tammy Hoskins, Stephanie Levens, Catherine Bosseen, Keli Jeskie. Third Row: Kellie R. Clark, Shelley Hatt, Jennifer Gibson, Debbie Beacham, Mere Dietrich, Kelly Clark, Kelly Coughlin, Donna Sultzbaugh, Kim Nelson, Pam

Estill, Michelle Smith, Denise Cline. Fourth Row: Ronda Church, Dana Turner, Sundi Hugill, DiAnn Kavanaugh, Julie Gregovich, Karla Pressley, Lisa James, Melissa Gammill, Leigh Hodges, April Yount, Christine Reed. Back Row: Sondra Mawhiney, Amy Shipman, Robin Holderness, Tracey Morris, Denise Street, Tonya Birdsong, Nicole Wilson, Jennifer Wishon, Pam Bishop, Becky Rulford, Larea Graham, Barbara Knoche, Melody Gentry.



Steve Crew and Eric Melton watch for their cues during Men's Choir. (Photo by Keith Lindhardt)

Passing out

Standing and singing at the same time is not always the easiest thing to do, according to senior Brian Smith.

"When we sing, we are supposed to keep our knees slightly bent in order to keep the blood circulating," Brian said.

"When we sang in the pre-Tan-Tar-A concert at the First Baptist Church, we were in the middle of our performance, and I looked over when I heard this noise, just in time to see one of the guys in the choir pass out, falling backwards into the plants."

"Well, we had to go on singing, but a couple of us were laughing so hard that it was difficult. There was also a reaction in the audience, but it quieted down once the kid got back up and started to sing again.

It was definitely our most memorable concert."

Front Row: Mindy Matthews, Jodi Austin, Tami Jenkins, Townley, Shelley Williams, Cassie Robinson, Mike Manade, Amy Neal, Diane Butterworth, Shelly Harper. Second Row: Marcia Schwartz, Lisa Chinn, Brian Smith. Back Row: Paul Davidson, Darren Bradley, Kiers Downing, Tom Safley.



Mr. Dickerson leads the class in rehearsal until the song is performed right, which sometimes means singing the song several times. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)

C choir gains experience on trip

by Amy Ruhling

Enthusiasm, leadership, and talent all seemed to help set the tempo for Concert Choir's success this year.

"Besides demonstrating good musical skills, pitch, tonal memory, sight singing and having a nice voice, the kids must be enthusiastic," director Bruce Dickerson explained. "The kids finally got enthusiastic this year. They were all friends so they all got along and were comfortable making music together."

"Everyone in the class really got along well. There wasn't competition among everyone to see who had the 'better voice' so we were all able to work well together," junior Tom Safley said.

"Everyone worked really hard together and got along great," senior Brian Smith said.

"Everyone had the attitude to try their best."

The choir leaders were also a contributing help in the choir's success, according to Dickerson, who described it as being like "having our own Student Council in class."

"These leaders were elected by the kids. They chose people who not only have the ability to sing, but also have leadership qualities," Dickerson said.

"Mr. Dickerson gets everyone to work hard, but the choir leaders help get everyone enthusiastic," sophomore Jennifer Jones said. "Since the class elected them, everyone looks up to them and follows their lead."

"The choir leaders would also bring me the feedback from the kids on the ideas I'd bounce around in class. If the kids didn't like something or

had suggestions, the choir leader would bring the ideas to me," Dickerson said.

"Everything was very positive with the officers," senior Amy Miller said. "They were really in touch with Mr. Dickerson and they kept us all working hard."

The choir's hard work seemed to pay off for them when they were chosen to perform at the music festival at Tan-Tar-A in January.

"We sent an audition tape in to be judged by several music professionals," Brian said. "We were then chosen as one of the top seven high school choirs that were invited to perform."

"The festival was like a clinic for music directors to get different ideas for their choirs," Dickerson explained. "It was a great honor because only the finest choirs in the state were invited to perform."

The choir members' reactions were also ones of pride and satisfaction.

"Tan-Tar-A was by far our best performance, we were all very proud of ourselves," Tom said.

"Sometimes we didn't realize how well we were capable of doing until after we'd performed," Jennifer said. "It was really neat to realize how well we did. It felt great to know we were capable of that."

Because of their performance at Tan-Tar-A, the Concert Choir was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City in the spring of 1988.

"Ultimately, the kids wanted to do well and work towards making just some black notes on some paper into something meaningful," Dickerson said. "The kids did a really good job of that this year."



Front Row: Lisa Lierman, Tami Jenkins, Lisa Chinn, Amy Neal, Jennifer Jones, Jodi Austin (*Student Director*), Jennifer Nevils, Shelly Harper, Julie Graybill, Stephanie Woodruff, Alycia Miller, Laura Hartley, Allyson Stokes, Mr. Dickerson. Second Row: Chris Marks, Michelle Hutchins, Marc Walker (*Vice-Pres.*), Steve Martin, Mike Manade (*Pres.*), Star McMahan, Stacy Sindt, Patty Anderson, Marcia Thomas (*Alto Section Leader*), Cheryl Crain, Stacy Fickling, Carol Hamby, Cassie Robinson, Mindy Quick. Third Row: Steve Morse, Sherry

Danzo, Erika Lukens, Renita Wilcox, Kiern Downing (*Sec.*), Diane Butterworth, Brian Smith, Mindy Matthews (*Saph. Section Leader*), Amy Miller, Marsha Lutes, Marcia Schwartz, Erik Henson, Rhonda Conner, Shawn Gondran, John McRoberts, Jim Cady. Back Row: Rhonda Schuler, Sarah Conyers, Jonathon Fields, Rob Howard (*Tenor Section Leader*), Rodney Schwartz, Paul McCormick, Tom Safley, Darren Bradley (*Bass Section Leader*), Derrick Hartley, Craig Cook, Dennis Kleyh, Spencer Palmer, David DeWalt, Joseph AhMu, Tim Townley (*Librarian*).

Performances build confidence

by Carla Diaz

Women's Choir was not only a group aiming for perfection, but also a family aiming for closeness.

Although many members had a great talent for singing, some joined choir for other reasons.

"I like it when we're all practicing before a concert because everyone is working together to do their best. Everyone finally starts to take things seriously," sophomore Jill Hotson said.

"Another reason why people join Women's Choir is because it gets recognition and it's one of the best in the Kansas City District," president Lisa Lierman said.

Junior Cindy Spratt agreed.

"I like it when we get a little bit of free time because we can meet more people and talk with our friends. Also, we get to rest after a performance," she said.

"The concerts are the highlights because you work so hard for many weeks and then finally people can acknowledge what you've done," Lisa said.

Besides singing and socializing a lot of preparation continue throughout the year, ranging from group singing to computer drills.

"The computer drills help even if they seem kind of useless. You can't see the change until you've done a lot of repetition in class," Lisa said.

Rehearsing and learning to

sing were rewarding, most singers said.

"What's frustrating to others and to myself are those people who sit and only move their mouths without any sound, because they're not accomplishing anything," director Bruce Dickerson said.

But if anything could change, manners took first priority.

"If I could change anything within the choir, it would be to have students show more respect for each other's opinions, tastes, talents and courage," Dickerson said.

Students said they owed their talents to their director.

"Mr. Dickerson has a lot of impact on the choir. He motivates us to want to learn instead of making us feel like we have to learn," Lisa said.

Dickerson replied positively to his choir.

"Women's Choir has a lot of enthusiasm. They respond to suggestions and corrections well because they (the choir) want to do well," Dickerson said.

"It seems that success comes from a group effort and the fact that everyone likes the class for one reason or another," Lisa said.

"We practice hard and we want to sound good. We want to impress fellow students so they don't think we're just a weird group of girls trying to sing," Cindy said.

"The greatest satisfaction comes when everyone pulls together not only to sing well, but also to express something meaningful through singing," Dickerson said.



Front Row: Vikkie Barnes, Lisa Bohanon, Lisa Lierman, Joy Holling, Tamera Jenkins, Laura Hartley, Shauna Mead, Rachelle Mortallaro, Joely Link, Jodi Austin, Lisa McCulley, Jill Hotson, Stephanie Gapes, Angie Ahrens, Laura Garcia. Second Row: Shayla Collins, Regina Dillee, Sarah Fancher, Lori Johnson, Tina Cary, Shirlene Flory, Tracy Schofield, Carla Diaz, Tricia Eckman, Tiffany Cipolla, Christi Buro, Angelina Balistreri, Dana Beebe, Julia Johnson, Amberlee Wolgamott, Sharon Cotrill, Belinda Rankin, Metta Childress, Teri Bolton. Third Row: Rossana Colli, Ann Thomas, Debra Ket-

chum, Diane Dietrich, Kristina Sandifer, Sherri Upp, Linda Brewer, Jennifer Jenkins, Shelley Williams, Jennifer Jones, Lynette Kempfe, Jo Anne Savlin, Vonceil Allen, Kathleen Ragan, Karrie Reeder, Stacy Jennings, Michelle Dailley, Shelly Harper, Deanna Collins, Sherry Danzo. Back Row: Candace Brayton, Wendy Smith, Angela Daniel, Karen Holm, Jodi Haines, Julie Kelsey, Tracy Skoch, Marcia Schwartz, Sherri Glentzer, Shannon Hurla, Kathy Plake, Cindy Spratt, Mere Dietrich, Tanya Stark, Julie Quigg, Tara Pescetto, Dina Karas, Rhonda Conner, Tracy Hall, Stacey Andrews. (Photo by Ben Simmons)

See Ann,
Jo's sweetheart, who
always had a
smile on her face,
I hope you have
a cool summer and
a fun one.
Take care and
stay out of trouble.
See you next year
Español III.
Love,
Michelle
Daley
819



Sophomores Regina Dillee and Teri Bolten work on choreography in Women's Choir for Pat Revue. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Selling candy was one way girls raised money for choir activities. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Ticket for teacher

Ever think a teacher of all people would get himself involved with the police?

"A group of choir members and I were going to a recital at William Jewell for a graduate. It was a Friday afternoon and we were late for the performance, so we took any parking spot available.

"I did not realize the no parking zones had an hour left before time was up, so we took the space.

"Sometime later students were coming up to me yelling something about a ticket.

"The spot I had parked in just happened to belong to the dean of the Music Department.

"After talking with the police, they decided to tear up the ticket and let me off the hook," director Bruce Dickerson said.

Front Row: Debra Ketchum, Sharon Cottrill, Star McMahon, Karrie Reeder. Second Row: Marcia Thomas, Vikkie Barnes. Back Row: Mindy Quick, Allison Stokes, Linda

Brewer, Jennifer Jones, Jennifer Nevils, Michelle Hutchins. (Photo by Ben Simmons)

Laughter in class

Getting to class and seeing that a substitute has taken the place of your everyday teacher who is home sick, is simply an invitation to an hour of jokes, tricks and laughs says senior Dean Bullock.

Traditionally, this was the case in concert band.

"In most of my classes I don't like to have a substitute teacher because they don't know how to explain information as well, but in concert band seeing a substitute usually fore-shadowed a chaotic and very fun-filled hour," senior Kirstin Kramer said.

"There were so many times when the sub just expected us to start playing when the bell rang. One even got up enough nerve to stand on the podium and yell 'ready, set, go' as though we were preparing to run a race. We sat for a minute and then everyone broke up in laughter. It was great."

Dean recalled another hilarious experience.

"This one guy fell off the back of the podium. It's really not funny when someone falls, but there are exceptions. This guy was carrying on and then he went down."

Front Row: Gary Love, Jason Schell, Rob Howard, Dave Willard, Todd Jones, Dana Brewer, Jack Williams, Jeff Liang, Greg Daldus. **Second Row:** Ken Shipley, Dennis Lewis, Mark Goldsmith, Paul Binnicker, Amy Agee, Julie Clothier, Jason Friend, Thad Clark. **Third Row:** Tim Williams, Emmett Romine (Vice-Pres.), Shaun Horner (Vice-Pres.), Chris Nielson, Brent Zelk, Vic Juliano, Anita Reed. **Fourth Row:** Steve Bowers, Jay Kacheroski, Michael Lutes, Debbie Goerz, Jennifer Jones, Marsha Lachel, Bevin Romans, Jodi Austin (Pres.). **Fifth Row:** Will Ross,

Steve Morse, Marcia Johnson, Stephanie Woodruff, Kristen Welch, Mindy Schlueter, Jennifer Stevenson, Becky Goerz. **Sixth Row:** Adam Skinner, Jennifer Smith, Sherry Teague, Candy Brayton, Carol Hamby, Misse Larson, Pam Mac-Grayne, Jane Aslakson. **Seventh Row:** Dean Bullock, Kirstin Kramer, Susan Hulett, Kathy Lynch, Jeremy White, Renita Wilcox, Marla Schemmer, Nicole Basinger. **Back Row:** Sean Murray, Phillip Epple, David Bennett, David Jarman, Kevin Howery, Dean Larson, Chad John, Brian Burnett.



Front Row: David Jarman, Kevin Howery. **Back Row:** Sean Murray, Phillip Epple, Dean Larson, Chad John.

Determination asset for success

by Jenny Luetkemeyer

Hard work, determination and sacrifice. To a member of the concert band, these words are the way to success.

Being in concert band is more than reading notes and playing music, it involves many hours, most of which are spent outside of school, learning marching routines, practicing the music and preparing for contest.

"We work hard and spend tremendous amounts of time at the beginning of the year marching. We have our class zero hour, so that means we

start marching at 7 a.m. and sometimes before that," sophomore Becky Goerz said. "Most of the music we play when we march has to be memorized and that means even more practice."

Besides marching during half-times at the football games with members of symphonic band, the concert band plays alone at the boys' basketball games.

"We play while the Starsteppers perform," junior-Carol Hamby said. "This gives us a variety of music and more experience with the different kinds."

Concert band differs from

symphonic band in that students must try out for a position, besides the initial act of just signing up for the class. Director Gary Love says there are many people each year who try out; there are many others who should, but don't.

"We always have a significant number who try out, but there are always the ones who are scared, unprepared and just lack confidence."

Along with the time and effort put into making the band better, goes a lot of determination and pride.

Senior Jodi Austin said, "I have pride in our school, just like any athlete or cheerleader.

When we perform at a football game, basketball game, concert or for a contest, we represent our school. It's great when people jump up and cheer for us while we play."

Love says pride is important in many aspects of the band.

"If you don't have pride in what you do you let yourself get by with mistakes. Music is a perfectionist art. I feel the band is one of the best I've seen here, if not the best. The talent is in them and those who choose to make concert band are the ones who take the extra push and strive for success."



Front Row: Shaun Horner, Jodi Austin, Emmett Romine.

Senior Marla Schemmer concentrates as she practices her music. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)

Music becomes wake-up call

by Stephanie Main

Students have different reasons for waking up to the sound of music. The opportunity to take symphonic band was limited. It was only offered zero hour, so only those who were really dedicated and enjoy music took the class.

"I don't mind waking up for it. Everyone is kind of dead at first, but once we start playing we come alive," sophomore Rachael Barnes said.

"I like music and have a great time in band," junior Cameron Sutt said. "I wouldn't get up that early for any other class."

Many students said they took symphonic band so they could try out for concert band.

"I tried out for concert

band my freshman and sophomore years and will probably try out until I make it," Rachael said. "If I don't make it, I will still be in symphonic band because it is so much fun."

Members said they had fun while being given the opportunity to be with their friends and to make new ones.

"Because of the loose environment, it gives you a chance to meet other students," Cameron said. "I have

quite a few friends because of being in band."

Getting ready for District music contest also provided a chance to make new friends.

"It takes a lot of time and practice to get ready for contest," Cameron said. "One advantage, though, is that you get to form your own groups, and when you're with your friends, it's a lot of fun practicing."

Truman alumnus David

Ralston ('69) directed the band.

"He's a really nice teacher, and a good band director," Rachael said. Mr. Ralston usually hands out the music that he wants us to play. They go through and pick out the ones they can do best, since they only have about a month to practice and perfect them before their concert.

"None of the songs are on my top 40 list, but on the whole they are fun to play," Cameron said.

"I enjoy playing the music that he picks out. Some are more challenging than others, but that is the fun of it," Cameron added.

Sophomore David Starr dances around to the percussion routine. (Photo by Lea Kanies)



Front Row: Debbie Gallamore, Pam Conner, Lisa Bohanon, April Neill, Traci Long, John McGuire, Greg Burnett, Brad Zelk, John Tillman. Second Row: Rita Romo, Brandy Kimsey, Neil Crocker, Deborah Bodenstab, Rochelle Baldwin, Jeff Michael, Randy Fikki, David Kempfe, Tony Patterson. Third Row: Shauna Francis, Kelly Edinger, B.J. Partlow, Alycia Miller, Rachael Barnes, Dawn May, Cassie Robinson, Danny Roberts, Brian Knowles, Dave Ralston. Fourth Row: Ameer

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Kramer, Susan Hulett, Marsha Lutes, Jason Schell, Greg Dabbs, Thad Clark, Carol Hamby. **Back Row:** Paul Binnicker, Steve Bowers, Shawn Horner, Brent Zelk, Julie Clothier, Jack Williams, David Willard, Rob Howard.



Muddy marching

A muddy football field didn't stop the band from marching. It was a frequent occurrence of losing a shoe here and there, so many band members bring extra shoes and socks to change after zero-hour practice.

"Sometimes people make fun of us while we are practicing, but when we perform on the field they sure don't make fun of us," sophomore Rachael Barnes said.

"One time when we were practicing before going to Carrollton, the percussions had a solo feature, and when it was their time to play, David Starr started dancing around with his bass drum to the percussion routine. Suddenly David's foot slipped in the mud and down he went. He quickly got to his feet in time to begin playing the song 'Wipe Out.'"



A strong saxophone line is necessary for the performance of "Odyssey" in the spring concert (Photo by Kurt Branstetter).

Warming up before practice is important to improving sophomore Shauna Francis' playing skills. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)

Southern accent

Senior Melody Gentry remembers one rehearsal for the fall play "Foxfire" when the orchestra had more fun than the leading man.

"Mike Glover (who was playing Dillard) was getting frustrated because he couldn't get his southern accent down for the part. One day the entire orchestra, including Mr. Love, started singing with a southern accent. He couldn't do it, so we were trying to teach him."

"It was great," Mike, a junior, said. "I knew when they did it that they were really into the play."

But, it did not end with the rehearsal:

"For two months after that we all talked with a southern accent," Melody said.



Front Row: Gary Love, Michael Ruff, Janet McGinness, Melanie McKinney, Vonceil Allen. Back Row: Tracy Jeaner, Ivan Bird, Dan Fleming, Shara Meier, Elissa Sciara, Melody Gentry, Stacy Jennings.



Throughout the year, junior Stacy Jennings was called upon to play the piano for performances. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Freshman Ivan Bird, one of only two basses, glances at the music in an effort to perfect his part. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Group struggles to make music

by *Rena Price*

Once again, the orchestra experienced hardships because of its unbalanced membership, consisting of two basses and ten violins.

As senior Melody Gentry said, "What can you put together with that kind of group?"

"There is no music written for just violins and basses, so I've had to find pieces written for four violins and have the basses play the lowest part," director Gary Love said.

"I get frustrated because I

can't find things to do with them. I haven't written anything original for them yet, but I've had to do a lot of 'Creative Orchestra Conducting' this year."

The thing junior Dan Fleming disliked the most about being one of only two bass players was the pressure placed on him.

"There are only two basses so when a mistake is made, it has to be one of the two of us. There's no getting around it."

The orchestra only performs a maximum of two concerts a year, Melody said.

According to Love, the problem starts with recruiting in the elementary schools.

"We may start out with 30 to 40 strings, but after people drop out, we don't have nearly as many. If the recruiters don't start with younger kids, we can't make up for the losses by the time they get to the senior high level," he said.

On top of that, for the past couple of years, almost all of the violinists and celloists that have been recruited have lived on the Chrisman side of the high school dividing line.

Not only this, but the

group also felt itself take a backseat to band.

"We need more participation," Dan said. "Orchestra is not pushed as much as band and there's not as much advertising for it."

Orchestra tried some new things this year along with state contest and spring concert:

"We played background for a play ('Foxfire') for the first time," Love said.

"To tell you how well we're thought of," Melody added, "when we played at the Christmas concert, we were the intermission music while people went to get drinks!"



Even though he is surrounded by violinists Melanie McKinney, Shara Meier and Elissa Sciara, junior Dan Fleming's bass is heard. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

C olleges critique art portfolios

by Kim Calfas

Junior and senior art students put together their individual portfolios to have them critiqued by college recruiters.

Recruiters from 15 different schools met at Sumner Academy of Arts and Science to discuss what is expected of new art students.

"It's a good idea to attend the reviews if you're thinking seriously about art in the future," junior David Winslow said.

Of course determining which pieces of art should be submitted is something the students find difficult doing.

"Mrs. Malott has a big influence on suggesting what I should put in it, but I'm the one that gets stuck with making the final choice," senior Rebecca Friend said.

"I just put a variety of pieces that I think is my best work," David said.

Different pointers on what is good or bad or what needs to be improved help students

know what colleges are expecting.

"Being able to talk with many recruiters gives a little advantage of knowing what they like or dislike in a portfolio," Rebecca said.

Even though some think that having more is better than not having enough is not always true.

"Putting too many pieces of art in can hurt your portfolio as much as not having enough," senior Bryan Weyrauch said. "On the average there is 10 to 12 pieces."

Waiting until the last minute to attend a review before college can cause problems.

"I wish I would have gone to a review sooner than this year. Now that I'm a senior I have less time and have to rush around to get things ready," Bryan said.

After these reviews are over students return to begin touch-up work on their portfolios for their next presentation.

"We take in the information given and apply it to our work to make it better than before," Bryan said.



Seniors Jeff Nix and Vanessa Tucker do touch up work to bring their projects closer to perfection. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

Art IV students work busily on their entry for the Halloween parade. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)





Looking to see if he has captured his own self-image, junior David Savage works in his Art II class. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

Spilled Ink

Rebecca Friend, Art IV student, says spilled ink really brought chuckles to her and other Art students.

"One day in class Kim Rogers and another girl went into the center room that separates the two art classes to work on some of their assignments. Kim was working busily on a project and the other girl was getting things ready to do some airbrushing. She filled her container with ink, turned around and dumped ink all over Kim's sweater.

If only you could have seen Kim covered in ink and the look on her face. Her face showed nothing but disgust and she had a few choice words to add that fit her look perfectly.

She stormed out of the room and went to the restroom to see if she could get the ink out before it stained her sweater permanently."

Just another guy?

Being the only girl in Computer Drafting provided senior Kris Brasfield with an interesting year.

"I was in kind of a bad mood one day and when I walked back to the back of the room to get a paper towel to wash off my desk all the guys got out of my way and they really, really made a big deal of it," Kris said. "Ever since then they tease me and give me a hard time."

"I light the fire," senior Kenny Boone said lightly. "I insult her for about two hours straight. I give her a hard time 'cause she gets so worked up about us teasing her. I like to watch her reaction."

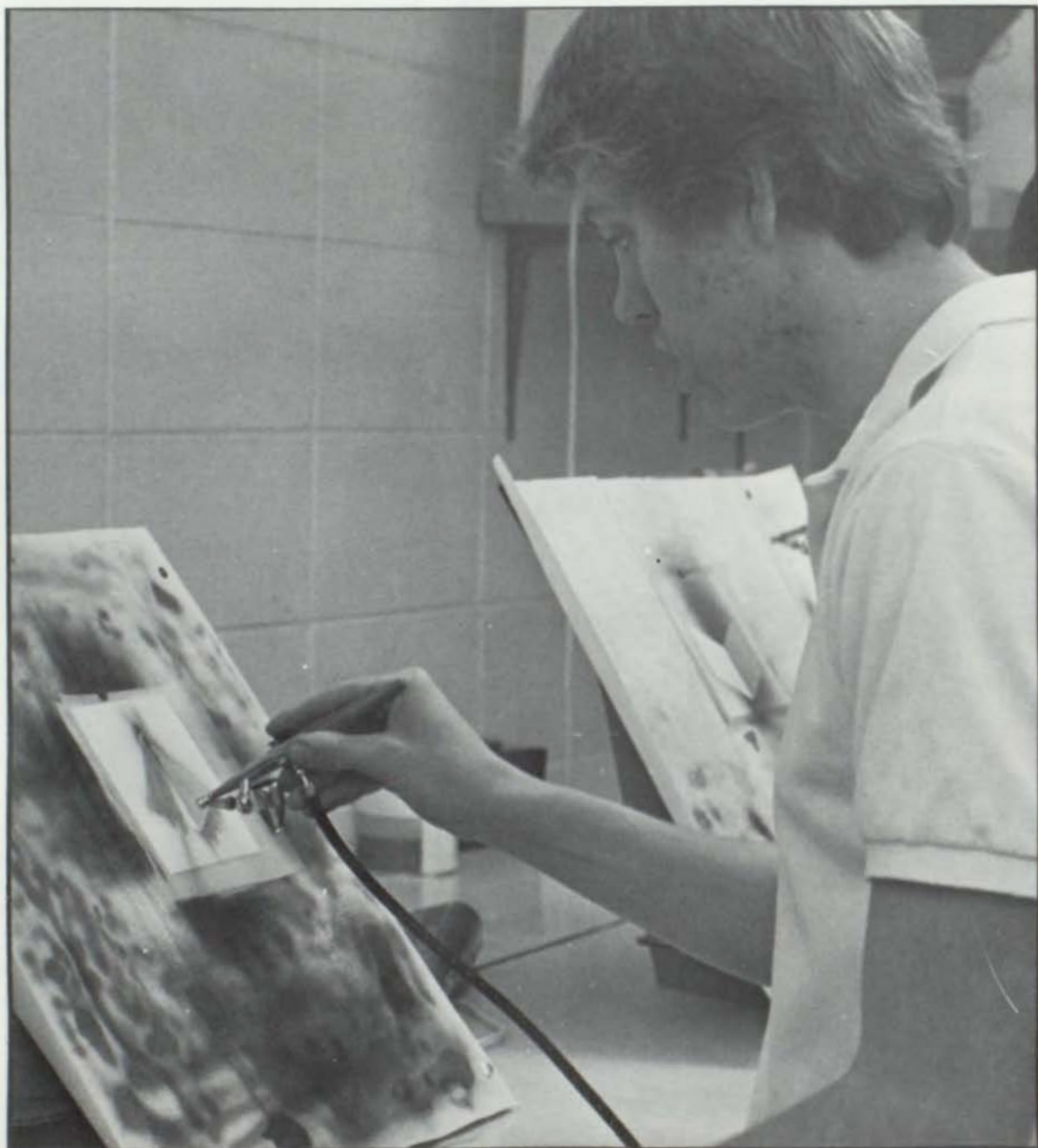
"I'm serious, but there's a time to play," Kris said. "Since then they sort of treat me like 'one of the guys.'"

Being treated like one of the guys means hearing quite a bit about girls, also.

"It's fun listening to all the girl problems they talk about and hearing them say how girls act funny. That's fun," Kris said. "Guys get the wrong impressions a lot."

Advice from teacher Jack DeSelms helps senior Kenny Boone perfect a drawing. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

Senior David Phelps uses an airbrush to practice shading geometrical shapes. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



C omputer aids young drafters

by *Renae Price*

Modern technology invaded Truman's Vocational Drafting class in the form of a computerized drafting machine, which students said made their work much easier and their education more complete.

"The computer can do a drawing in five minutes that would take me from 45 minutes to an hour and a half to do," senior Tim Williams said.

"It makes it a lot easier than drawing out the drawing and it saves time," senior Kenny Boone said. "I'd rather draw on paper. I don't like compu-

ters. It's easier for me to put my ideas on paper than on computer."

"We got the computers because that's what the industry is going to," drafting teacher Jack DeSelms, drafting teacher, said. "You'll still need to know basic drafting skills though."

"At K.U. it's 40 percent on the drawing board and 60 percent on the computer," Kenny said. "I took this class to get experience on the computer. Businesses now days require experience on computers."

According to DeSelms,

the computer, plotter and all the software cost over \$11,000 with the state picking up half the bill. One of the biggest problems was finding time for all the students to use the machine.

"With projects that are done on paper, you can take them home. The work done on computer has to be done at school. You can't take the computer home. They have to come back after school," DeSelms said.

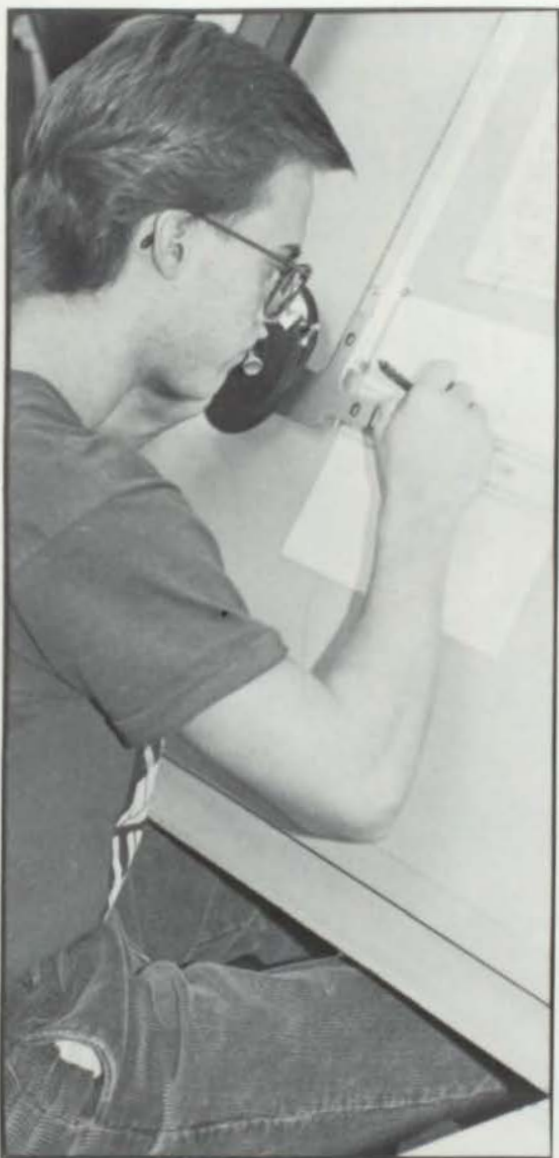
"Normally after school we go and get pop and come back to the room at 2:45 'til 10 p.m.," Kenny said.

"It's a lot easier to do if you can master the computer," Tim said. "Still, there's a lot of stuff there [with the computer] I haven't found out what to do with yet."

"All the buildings we designed this and last year have to be solar," Kenny said.

Some of the students said experience they gained from the class will help them in the future.

"It takes a lot of dedication to do this, but I figure I'll be doing this for 40 more years so I might as well get used to it," Kenny said.



A computer-printed drawing allows senior Kris Brasfield to gain experience with computer-aided drafting. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

Hovering over a drawing, senior Jim Paulson pays close attention to detail. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

I n-class study turns into jobs

by Nathan Freeman

The school district spent \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year per student for courses ranging from auto mechanics to cosmetology and health specialization. Many of these classes lead students directly to a job or career.

For about 60 juniors and seniors part of their everyday routine was leaving school and getting on a bus headed for the Joe Herndon Vocational Technical School. Instead of taking the usual high school subjects, they spent from three to seven and a half hours working in one major field.

To take a course that will lead directly into the job world

and to spend time learning useful career skills, many students took Vo-Tech courses.

"You have a career right off instead of having to look around for one. If you can't go to college, you've got a career right there," Mike Welch, a senior taking his second year of printing said.

In addition to career skills, Vo-Tech gave students on-the-job training.

"[In Advertising Art] we have clients; we work with them and do it the way they want it, just like you would in

an art studio," senior Jerry Culbertson said.

One of the most involved courses Vo-Tech offered that led directly into the job market was cosmetology.

Upon successful completion of the course, each student was issued an official cosmetology license by the state of Missouri. To qualify for this, they must have completed 1,220 hours of instruction; that's seven and a half hours a day, all year.

"Everyone is placed. By the end of the year, you can

even choose where you want to work. Our teacher is very well-known and people are looking for well-trained hairdressers," senior Teresa Miller said.

Being given the opportunity to learn a skill and having a lot of money spent on them gave many of the Vo-Tech students a feeling of accomplishment.

"It makes you feel a little special. They have faith in you to learn the stuff and that you're not just going to waste all their money," Mike said.

"I'm really glad they have this program. I wouldn't have been able to take cosmetology without it," Teresa said. "It has given me a career."



While learning the skills of cosmetology, seniors Teresa Miller and Karen Schmidt practice their hairdressing skills on senior Lisa Schnakenberg. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Senior Mark Boeker is enrolled in the air-conditioning, heating and refrigeration course at Vo-tech, where students learn various skills from electronics to laying ductwork. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Seniors Kim Peterson and John Snell work with a battery while repairing a motorcycle. Students in the small engine class at Vo-tech also learn and work with marine engines, lawnmowers, and anything with a small engine in it. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Laying down paper to protect unpainted surfaces, seniors Mike Eades and Gary Wilcox prepare a car for painting in the auto body and fender course at Vo-tech. The training stu-

dents receive in this course prepares them for entry-level jobs in the auto body industry. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Those Curlers!

Senior Teresa Miller remembers a fire drill coming while she was learning to put in perming rods.

"We had to drop everything and run outside with all those curlers in our hair. All the guys from the other classes were looking at us. It was really funny."

While learning how to cut hair, cosmetology students made few mistakes but Teresa said they weren't immune to them.

"We've only messed up once so far. The girl who did it is left-handed so she cut the person's hair with her left hand instead of her right hand like she was supposed to. Because she did it with the wrong hand, everything was backwards and she (the person) got a strange haircut."

The student paid the price, though:

"The teacher made her cut out tiny letters from newspapers for hours with her right hand," Teresa said.

Working on a rotation schedule, senior Stephanie Lindley practices using the 10-key adding machine to complete her assignment. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Falling Out

One obstacle for Cindy Thornton's Office Tech class this year was being able to stay in their seats.

"You have to be pretty mature to take Office Tech because some people can't handle sitting in the chairs," senior Cyndi Gregston jokingly remarked.

"We need new chairs because two of us have fallen out. The wheels keep coming off when you sit down," senior Marcie Ryan said.

Marcie began the show by playing around in class.

"It was quite humorous when I landed on the floor. I was leaning back and fell out. I felt pretty stupid. I am 17 and I can't even sit in my chair," Marcie said.

"She tried to catch herself and she ended up making more noise," senior Jennifer Jones said.

Jennifer thought the situation was hilarious, especially after she did the same thing.

"I thought it was funny and I rolled on the floor, laughing with Cyndi. I did it twice in one day. I'm so dumb," Jennifer said.

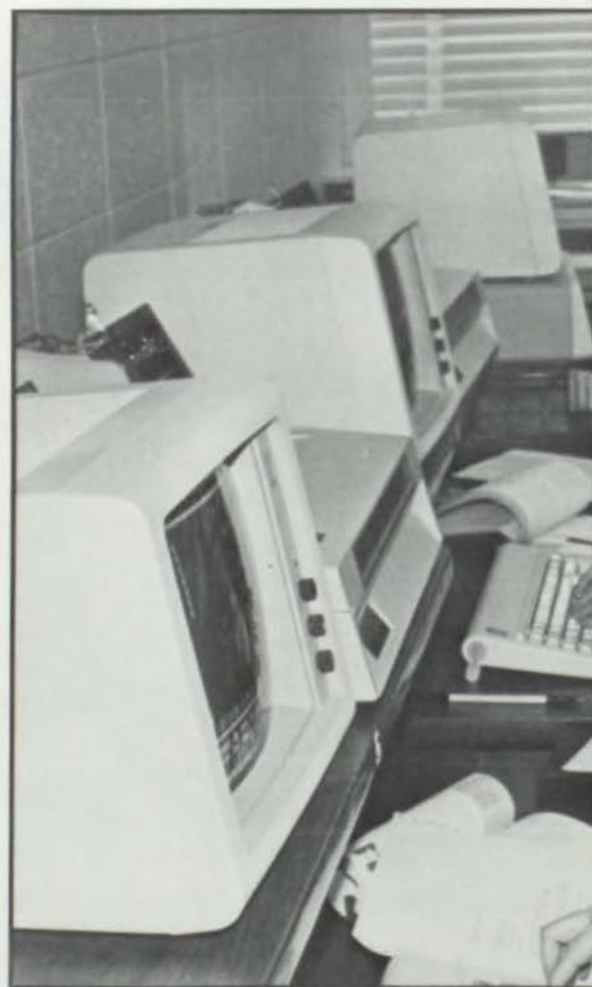
Although Marcie had an excuse to fall because the wheels fell off, Jennifer did not, according to classmates. Jennifer stuck to her story and refused to admit that she had just fallen off.

Along with other small incidents such as tripping over outlets in the middle of the floor, Marcie and Jennifer provided the class with a memorable experience.

"It was the highlight of our hour," senior Jill Caton said.



Senior Amy Redford concentrates on improving her typing speed and accuracy as she takes a timed writing. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Office Tech offers future skills

by Cheryl Richardson

Business courses at Truman, such as Office Technology, offered on-the-job experience for students who wanted to go into office-oriented fields.

"It prepares students so that they are ready for an entry level job after they graduate. After college they can earn a living with these skills," Virginia Miller, Office Technology teacher, said.

"The students get the opportunity to work on real modern equipment like that used in offices. The students learn the same things that they would learn in a business college, but here their education is free," Cindy Thornton, Office Technology teacher, said.

"This class gives me a chance to find out what type of

office jobs I would like as a career. If I go to college, it will give me an idea of what office courses to take," senior Glenda Hawley said.

Students learned skills like word-processing, payroll, advanced typing, filing, and transcribing, along with a few others," Thornton said.

"In this class, you learn what is expected in a professional job," senior Kelly Atkinson said. "The class is like a job. If you are absent, it's like you miss a day of work. It is really important not to miss a day."

Miller's class had rotations to help students get a chance to do everything at their own pace, providing an office atmosphere.

"I like the rotation schedules," Glenda said. "They give

us a chance to have experience in different types of jobs."

"We could get a job anywhere," senior Cyndi Gregston said. "We learn all the skills you need for a job."

Some students in Office Technology gained experience throughout the year by leaving school after fourth hour to go to work.

"I think working during the day prepares you for what you will be doing in the future," senior Monica Kincaid said.

Glenda agreed: "I like getting paid and getting a school credit for working. I decided to get out to work in an office to see if I would enjoy it. I like my particular job because I don't work evenings or weekends."

There weren't many improvements in the class this year, but according to Miller, enrollment increased from last year.

"We added another class for Office Technology students this year," she said. "I guess more students are aware of the fact that they are going to need to earn money after high school, even if they are going to college."

Experience is one thing most students will leave with, even if they don't pursue a career in business.

"Students should have a skill which they can use in the future," Thornton said. "There is no reason why they can't take this class along with college preparatory classes."

"I would recommend this course to anyone interested in going into the business field as a career," Glenda said. "It gives you a good idea what to expect in an office atmosphere and provides you with the basic knowledge of office techniques."



Senior Cyndi Gregston takes a break from class to retrieve a file requested by her teacher. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Teacher Cindy Thornton offers help to senior Jill Caton as she works on a computer. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

S tudents learn parenting skills

by *Cindy Quarti*

Shopping for cute clothes, fluffy blankets, cuddly teddies, and tasty binkies plays just a minor part in preparing for a baby — and Child Development class helped students realize this.

"I took the class pretty much knowing what to expect. I'm learning to care and handle a baby, from birth to five years old," junior Denise Cline said. "We have a lot of babies in our family. I think it will help me to learn more so I can be a bigger help," junior Lisa Bohanon declared.

"I plan on having my own

daycare center when I'm older. I think I will learn the minor details in the class," junior Theresa Daniels added.

"We teach parenting, reproduction, the birth process, aspects of feeding, training, toys, changing, and the safety in the home," teacher Vicki Hood stated. "We try to stress that not everything is fun and games. It takes a lot of responsibility and maturity in raising a child," Hood added.

"I really didn't know it would take all of my personal time, caring for a baby. Now I would think twice about having my own. The pain and re-

sponsibility scares me," junior Pam Estill said.

The class was not only for girls, as stressed by the teachers. "I enjoy having guys in the class; they are the captive audience," Hood stressed.

"They really seem curious. They get into the discussions; they don't just blow it off," Theresa explained.

Using dolls to practice first was a technique used in the class. "I think it's a good idea to use the dolls first. Then we pretty much know what we are doing when the real babies are brought in," Denise said.

"When we were giving the baths to the real babies, they

(the guys) seemed almost afraid to touch it, as if it were going to break," Pam giggled.

"Some guys seem to be the best 'hands on help.' When we work in groups, they try to hover over and want to take control if anything goes wrong," Hood said.

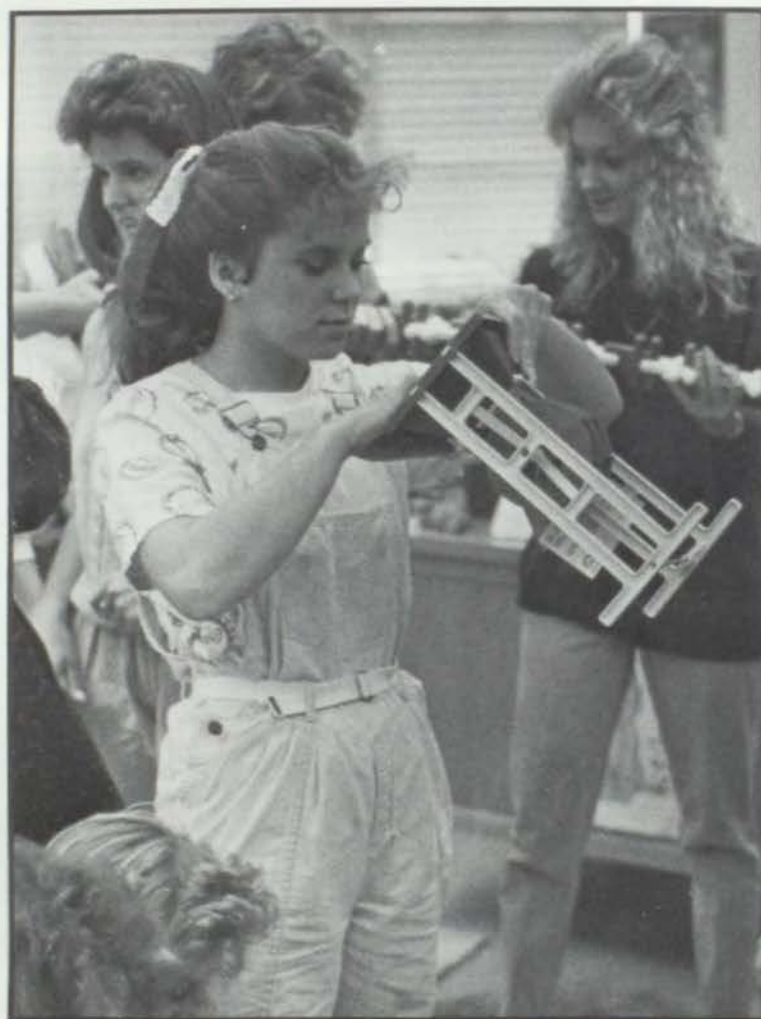
"I love having guys in my class; they are neat to work with. I really wish more of them would enroll, the few that do, seem to enjoy it," she added.

"I may be the only guy in my class, but I love the experience I'm getting from it," senior Grant Springer said.



Guest speaker **Kathy Kiser** explains the importance of safety in the home and childproof toys. (Photo by *Robyn Griffin*)

Examining the children's toys is an enjoyable time for **Lori Springer** and **Denise Street**. (Photo by *Robyn Griffin*)





Teacher Vicki Hood brings ingredients from home to create her own Play-doh. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

Supporting the head and neck, Amy Miller assists Theresa Daniels in bathing the baby. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Bathing a Baby

Lisa Bohanon's experience with learning to bathe a baby is one she won't forget, she said.

"The water was just right, not too cold nor too hot. The procedure was about to begin.

"Judy, our baby, was going to receive a bath. We will first wash her ears, hair and face. Next, we were going to put Judy in the tub. I made sure her back had plenty of support.

"I handled her with ease. I must be sure I am gentle enough. I heard a snap! I shrieked in terror. What had I done?"

"My teacher came over to see what had caused such a disturbance. We tried all we could. It was no use, Judy's leg was broken.

"I'm really glad we practice with dolls," Lisa Bohanon giggled.

Torn Pants

Nothing is more embarrassing for most people than drawing attention by the seat of their pants — and this was especially true for senior Tony Williams.

"It was at the beginning of the hour and everyone was just getting busy lifting weights," senior Kris Earhart said. "Tony was getting the free weights adjusted to do some squats.

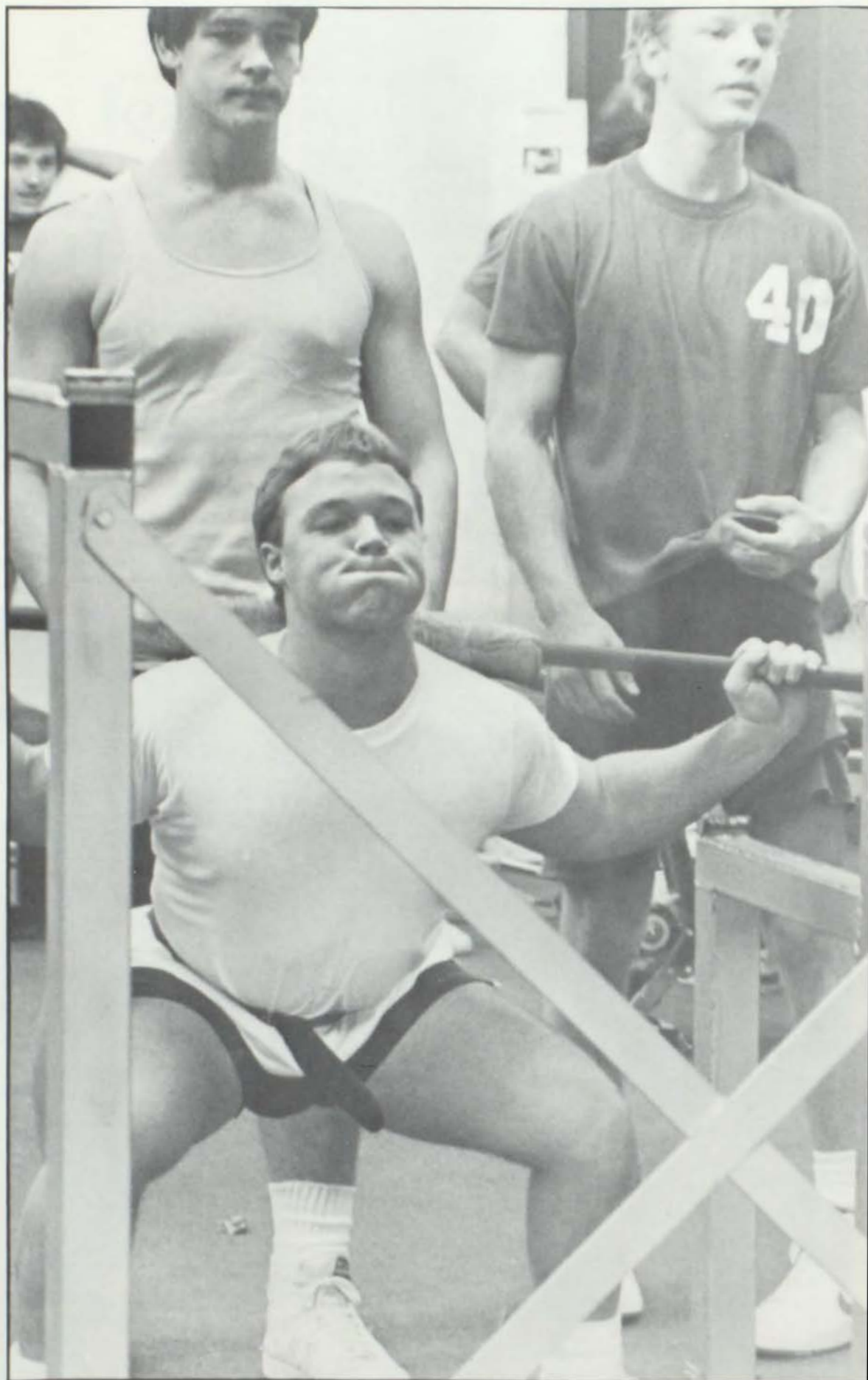
After he was finished with getting the right amount on each end, he did his first squat and ripped the seam of his shorts all the way down.

Everyone noticed it before I did. I couldn't figure out what they were laughing at and they wouldn't tell me until about five minutes after it happened.

Once I saw what had happened, I burst out laughing. I don't know why I thought it was so funny. Maybe it was because I thought how it would have been, me being the only girl in the class, if it would have happened to me.

He just stood there for about 10 minutes before he did anything about it. Then he went to the locker room to change his shorts. When he came back everyone was still laughing.

Everytime someone tried to lift weights, he would start cracking up. No one finished doing the weights the rest of the hour because everyone was laughing too hard."



Using the squat rack, senior Jeff Roudebush works on strengthening his legs.
(Photo by Dean Bullock)

A dvanced P.E. improves game

by Kim Calfas

Students took advanced P.E. class to improve physical condition and to build endurance for their game.

The majority of the classes were occupied by athletes wanting to work on becoming better in a particular area.

"It's a conditioning class to get me in shape for basketball. I'm probably in the best pre-season condition I've been in because of this class," sophomore Rex Stephens said.

"It improves my over-all performance in sports and gets me in shape for them," senior Kris Earhart said.

Although only three hours of this class are offered, students found it demanded more

work than required P.E.

"I push myself to get in better shape not like the other gym classes who play ping pong," senior Mike Sommers said.

"It gives me a chance to get in better physical condition and to further develop my skills instead of brushing over the

basics. It's not just learning how to play offense or defense or how to handle a ball, but learning plays and moves and then being able to use them in a game," Kris said.

Of course physical conditioning was not the only aspect students found in their advantage.

"Now that I have the class, it cuts down on the amount of time and hassle I have to spend after school to work out," junior Marcus Macias said.

"Being the only girl in the class and working with the guys makes me quicker on my feet and more aware of what is going on," Kris said.

Also many found that working with others wanting the same thing helped individuals strive harder for what they wanted.

"With the majority of the class being athletes, it makes me want to work even harder because of competition and the challenge," Kris said.



Reaching for the rebound, P.E. teams struggle for the ball. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Blocking the spike, freshman Brian Dunnaway prevents the opposing team from scoring the winning point. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Seeing that the coast is clear, freshman Joe Johnson has easy access to the basket. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Math seen as future necessity

by Kelly Eaton

The reason students took Math this year varied. Some needed the credit, others enjoyed the subject and some wanted to get an early jump on a career.

Sheri Adams, head of the Math Department, described the different levels, "as freshmen there are Functional Math

and Algebra I. If the student is somewhere in between the two, he would take Pre-Algebra. Next is Applied Math, Geometry and Algebra II. And

for the students who are wanting to go further, we have Trigonometry, Calculus and the Math Institution, which is at UMKC.

Adams said she felt more students are interested in math than in past years.

"There's a greater emphasis on academics. Requirements are getting tougher and students need more math. They know they're going to need it for college," Adams said.

"I'm taking math because I enjoy it. I think you need math and I would take it even if

it wasn't required," freshman Stacey Bragg said.

Junior Melissa Sherman said, "I have to have the credits. But I really don't mind taking

math. I want to be a naval pilot, so I know there's a lot more ahead of me."

Sophomore Jeremy White took steps last summer to get ahead: "During the summer I took a Geometry course, then

I took a test for Algebra II which allowed me to go into Trigonometry my freshman year. I'm not in Analytic Geo-

metry, but I plan on going farther."

"I've taken as many courses as possible because I don't want to take much math in college. Algebra II is hard and frustrating, but there's a feeling of reward when you finally understand some part of it," senior Carla Diaz said.

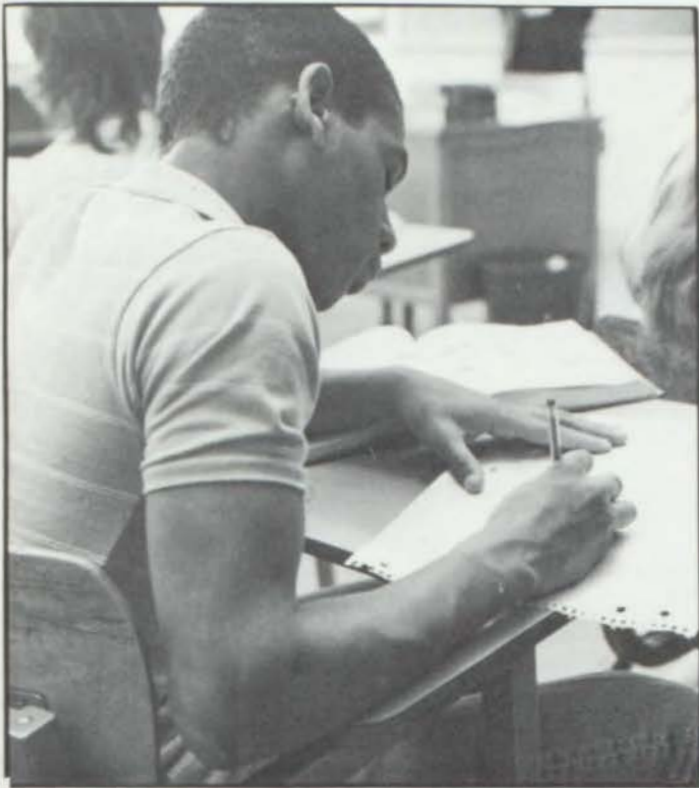
Senior Sean Titus summed things up: "I want to make big bucks someday! I plan on pursuing a career in Aerospace Engineering. I'm in Trigonometry now, but I'll have to take much more. It's not a hassle because I enjoy it."

Teacher Sheri Adams discusses information about an upcoming test with her Analytic Geometry class. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



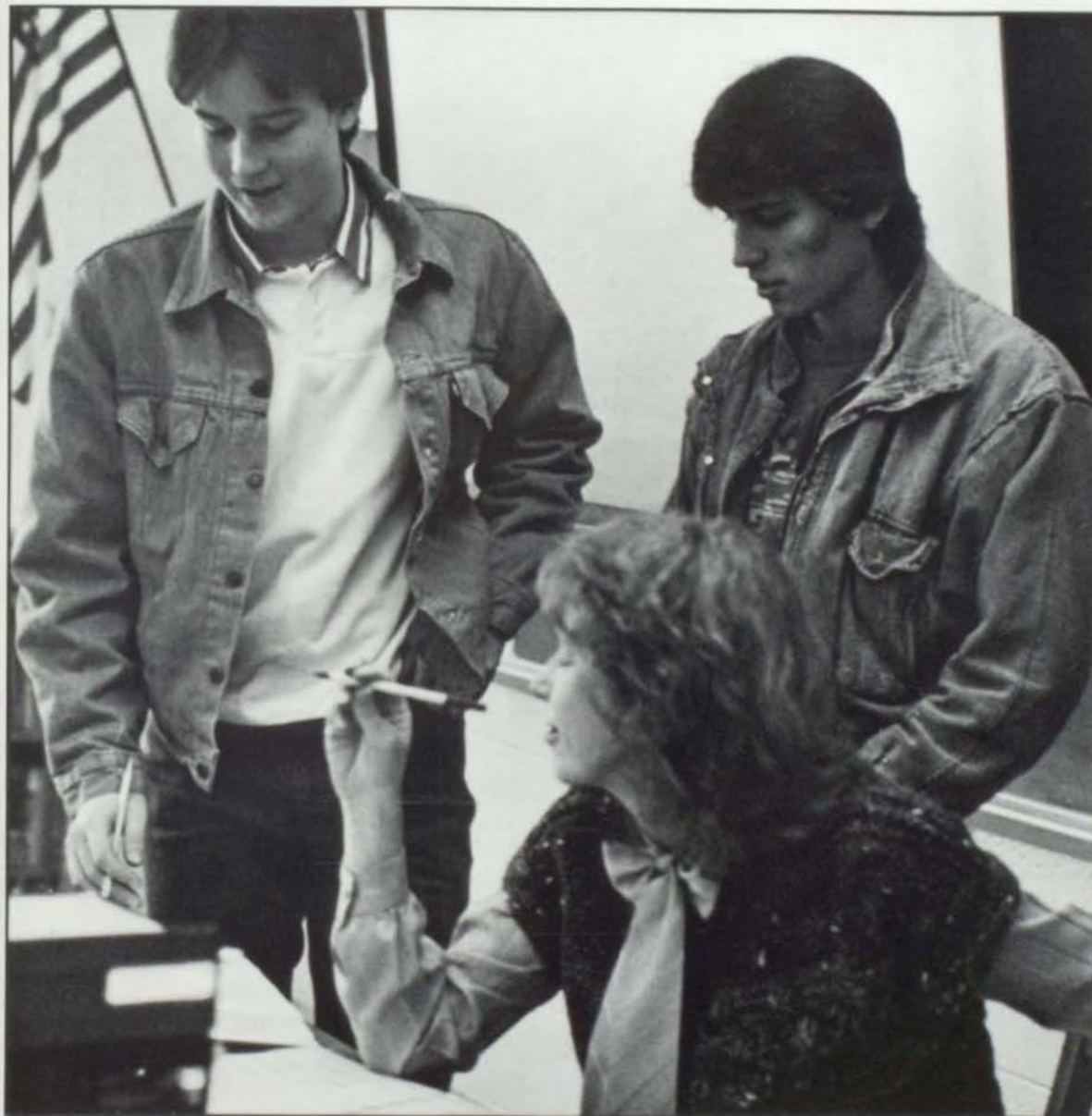
Complete concentration is required for Roxanne Wood to complete a Geometry assignment. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)





Anthony Clemons takes notes to help himself with his next assignment. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

Teacher Iris Gerhardt takes time out to help Greg Dabbs (left) and Mike Gammill with their Geometry questions. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



The Water Gun

On Halloween Suzanne Breshears felt onery and wanted a bit of excitement.

Suzanne was attending the Math-Physics Institution at UMKC. She plotted a way to interrupt and end Dr. Richard Delaware's lecture on calculus.

"I had to find a way to stop the lecture. It was Halloween and the class was ready for some excitement," Suzanne said.

She walked into class like all was normal and watched for the perfect time. The time came.

Suzanne pulled out a loaded water gun and nailed Delaware.

"It was so funny, Dr. Delaware turned around and calmly asked who shot him. Finally I admitted my crime. He promised me he would get revenge. I'm still waiting," Suzanne said.

'Hot' Subject

Physical Science is a "hot" subject for senior Troy Smith. He literally set the class on fire.

Although Troy can laugh about it now, the events leading up to his experience of the hour were really quite frightening.

"We were heating chemicals in test tubes in class that day. I had my burner up too high, causing my test tube to break when I held it too close to the flame. The chemicals spilled out all over the table and I got excited and hit the burner with my hand causing it to turn over and catch the chemicals on fire. I quickly ran to the wall and grabbed the fire extinguisher and put out the fire."

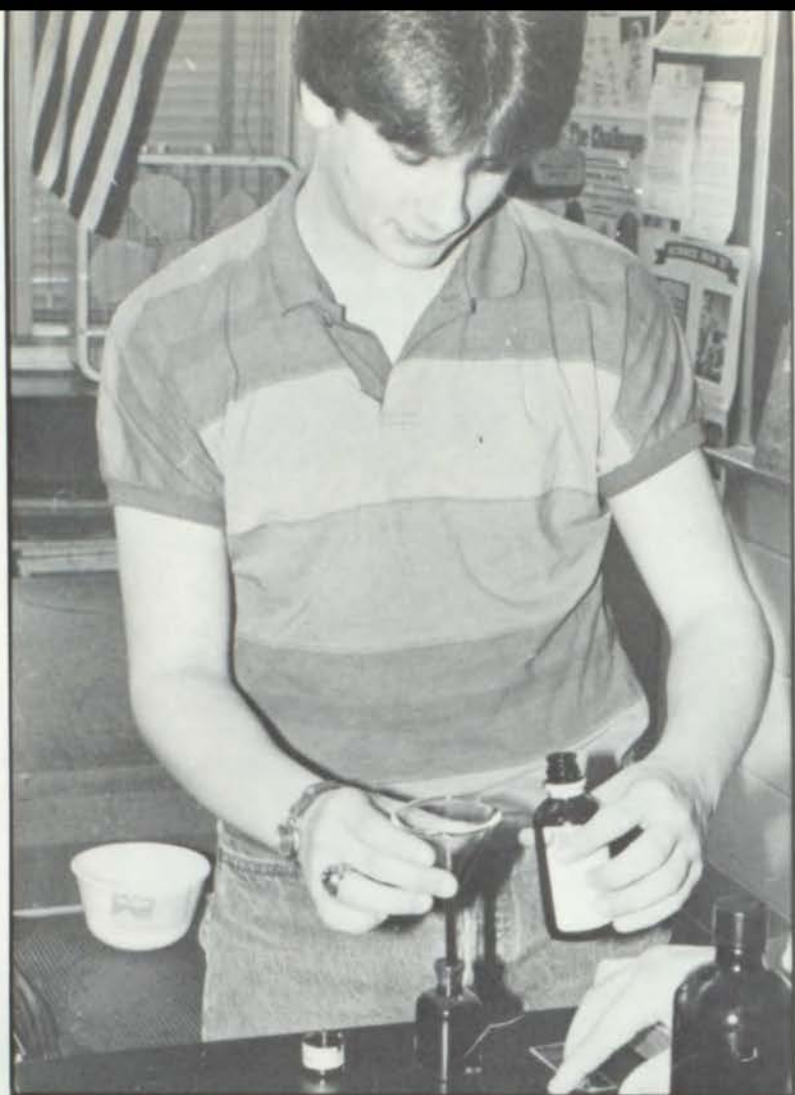
It caused a lot of commotion with all the kids in the class and even though Troy knew it was an accident, many teachers would have reacted the way his teacher did.

"Mr. Billington had a cow," Troy said. "I had to go to the office for negligence."

Accidents of this nature could cause serious problems such as severe burns, eye damage and damage to school property. "But everything blew over," Troy said. "Better than everything blowing up."

Before starting his experiment, senior Pat Rigby measures the necessary solutions. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

Teamwork proves helpful for junior Julie Savlin and senior Kevin Hill while dyeing slides. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



T echnology alters requirements

by Tiffany Cipolla

For most students, one year of science was enough, but now the choice is not there.

In previous years the graduation requirement for science was one credit, but after this year's seniors leave, all students must have two credits before graduating.

"There has always been a lack of interest in science. We are trying to provide a better background and give students the best education possible before graduating," counselor Lynne Barnes said.

"Technology has become more complicated and advanced and science is basic to technology," Bill Morris, Principles of Science teacher, said.

"We are moving to a more technical society."

"Technology with computers, satellites and space travel will require more out of science," vice-principle Clay Snowden said.

Although the science credits were raised, many people believe science will not have the overall impact as the liberal arts courses do.

"How can you really say which will have greater impact overall? They are all very important to producing capable

people that are well rounded problem solvers in the work place," Morris said.

"Something has been needed to provide a better background in science. It makes science more equal with other subjects," sophomore Metta Childress said.

Will having more science credits better the chances for students getting into college?

"I feel it will give them a better foundation. About one-half of the students are stopping their education after high

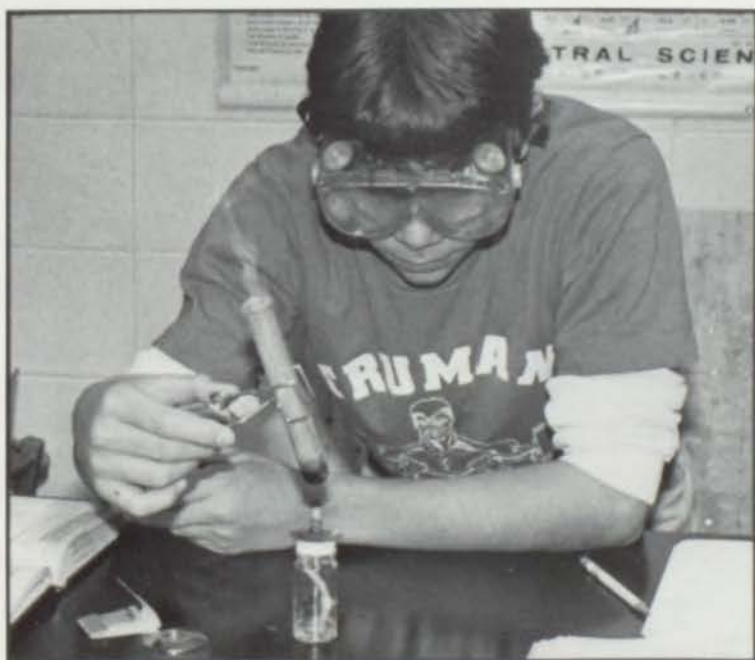
school. I feel it will help them in the working world as well," Barnes said.

This new mandatory additional credit may enhance graduating students to have a better knowledge of science than has been sought by students in the past.

"Students will be better equipped to go into a science field where others in the past did not get enough science education," Tim said. "I think the key to life is to know as much as you can."



Juniors Kelly Jeskie and Jill Barry use the squash technique for observing mitosis. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



Freshman John Hooper prepares for his experiment by heating chemicals. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



N ewsletter is not an easy task

by Star McMahon

Remember the days in grade school when a newsletter was printed every month to keep parents and students up-to-date on what was happening? Some students in J. C. Waters' computer classes might be reminded of this when they read their class newsletters.

"I compare it to my little sister's," senior Tim Townley said.

Actually, the newsletter printed in computers was different than the ones children received in grade school because it was shorter and was put together by students, not just the teacher.

"Although students may write anything pertaining to our computer-science class, fellow students or the instructor, they are asked to be objectively mature about their decisions," Waters said.

Students wrote about why the TRS-80's were slow, how the printer was always locked up, that they wish the school could buy some more modern computers to work on and that there was too much typing for the class.

"For those that have taken typing, this should be a breeze; for those that have not taken or do not plan to take it, this should be a learning experience," Waters said.

The letter was not designed to be a task; it was supposed to be fun. It consisted of a series of short articles written by the student-editor, Waters and a selected four or five students per issue.

"I didn't mean for it to be more work. I thought it would be a pleasant switch from the daily routine," Waters commented.

Teacher J. C. Waters gets a chance to reflect on his classes' past and future actions when he submits a paragraph for the letter. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Since there were six newsletters printed, it was only necessary for each student to contribute one article to the letter. But some people did not think that was enough.

"I'm trying to find someone that doesn't care to write, so I can write another article in place of theirs," junior John Creager announced with enthusiasm.

The exceptions to this, (only writing once) were Waters and the student-editors for each class. They wrote a commentary or short note on each letter printed.

Can it become a pain?

"Yes," Waters said with no hesitation. "I always think it is when my contribution is due. As I formulate my paragraph,

though, it gives me a chance to reflect on what we've done in the past and on our actions in the future."

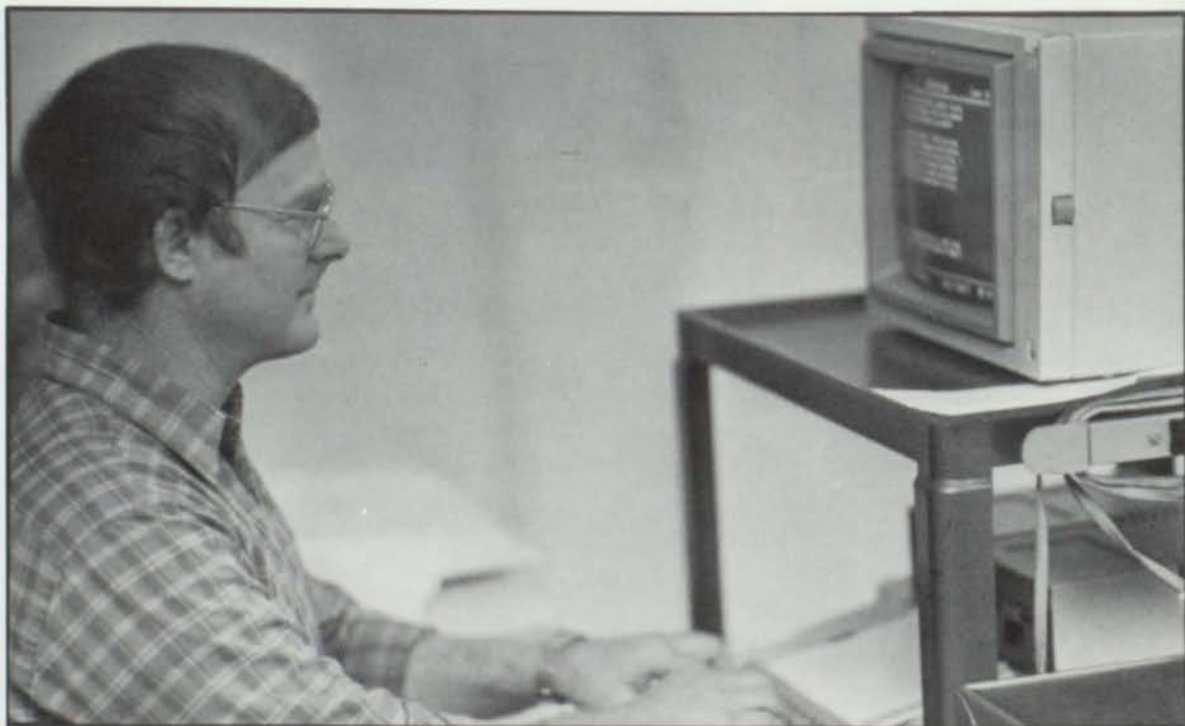
Besides submitting a paragraph or two, it is the student-editor's responsibility to remind the students that they have articles due, to collect them on the due-date and to proofread the work for any grammatical or spelling errors. They also must type everyone's work into the word processor, format the letter, and print it.

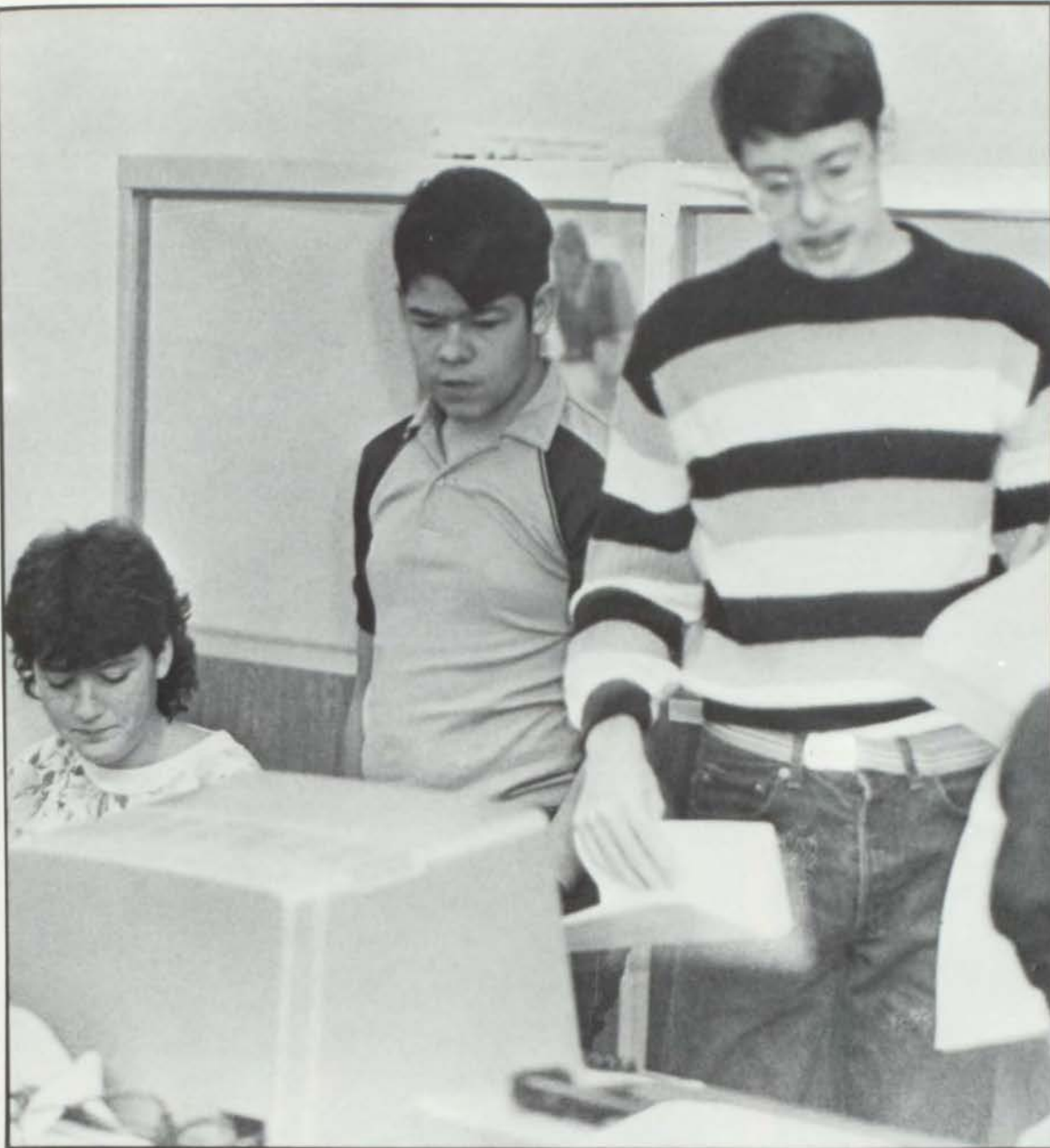
"It takes about four hours to publish," Waters approximated. "Estimating 38 minutes per student per semester, plus a couple hours in class to type all the articles. I'd say the editor has a handful."

When an extra project is experimented with, there will always be some extra time and effort involved.

"I think it has been a good experience and I would feel inclined to do it again," Waters said.

Concentration and adequate typing skills help junior Philip Epple finish his story for the computer newsletter. (Photo by Scott Bridges)





Broken Hard Drive

Unhappy wasn't exactly the word many students used when the hard drive quit working.

"I really got mad when the hard drive broke down. A lot of activity slowed down and we had to do a lot of the stuff over in class. That made me mad," senior John Buckley said.

It also took a few days to get the computers working again.

"They should have given us time to compensate for their mistake, but they didn't. It wasn't our fault; why should we have to pay?"

John also said he wasn't faking Intro to learn how to type.

"I want to learn how to use the word processor. The things we do in word-processing are not really to learn how to use the word processor.

I might add, it's really not important, since there are so many computers with word processors, that the word-processing we're learning now, will be of no use to us later."



Patience becomes a necessity in computer class. While the terminal can hold a lot of information in its memory, it can only print one student's work at a time. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

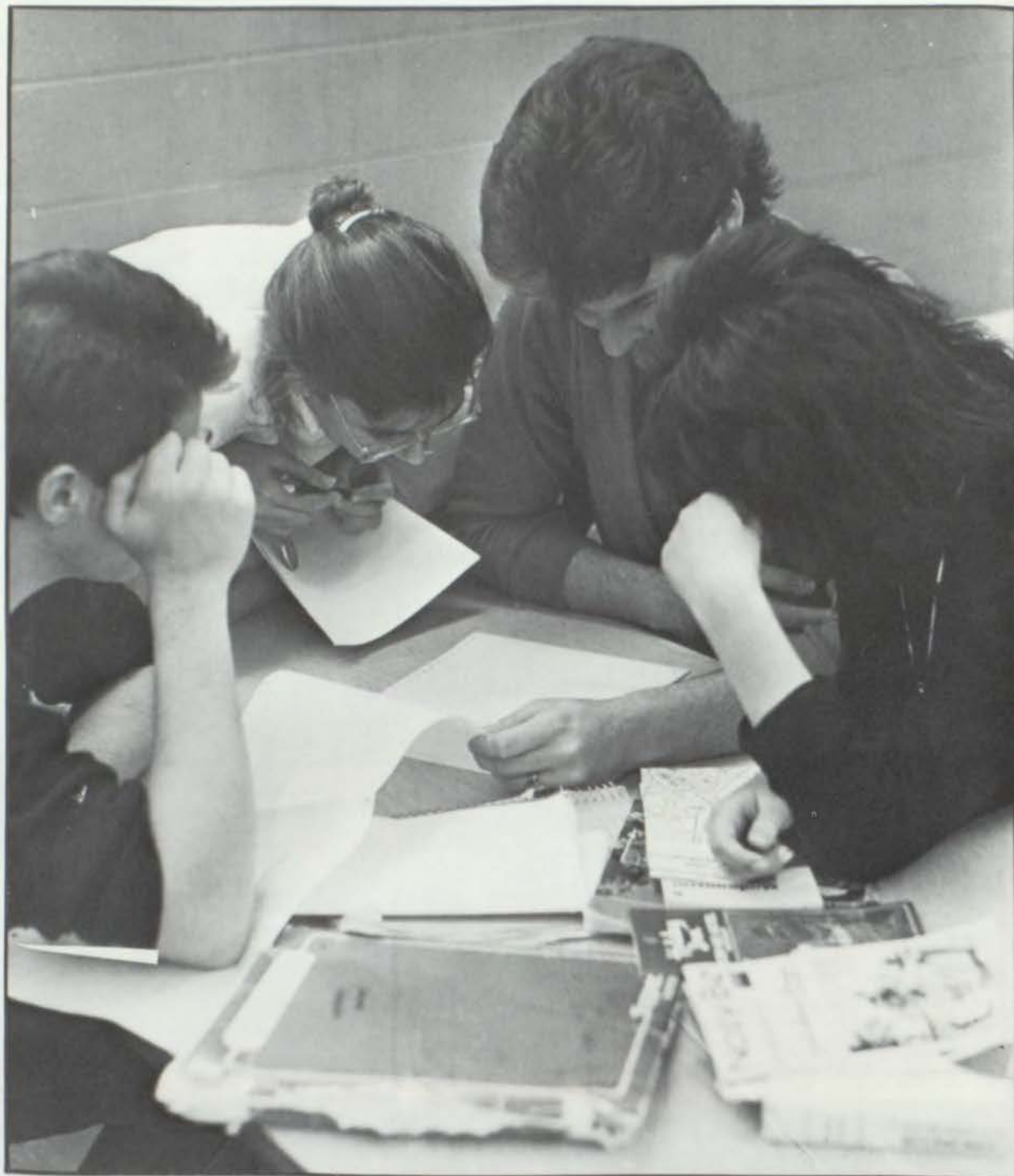
Senior Katherine Plake laughs when she reads an article explaining why she and her classmates should get a free day to mess around on the computers. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Revolution?

Senior Jane Aslakson proved that Economics class can have its times of humor.

"One day we were just sitting in class studying Marxism as a form of economic revolution. Then all of a sudden outside our classroom window a hail storm of algebra books landed in the bushes outside our window and it was obvious a revolution had begun to take place upstairs!"

When the noise and confusion subsided and no Russians with red-starred berets and rifles showed up, Jane said, "The whole class enjoyed a good laugh."



Making big decisions for computer game corporations takes a lot of discussion among junior Rob Alumbaugh, senior Suzanne Bre-shears, senior Jeff Chandler and junior Christina Miller. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



G

ames simplify learning skills

by Amy Hutton

A new method for making the subject of economics more easily understood was utilizing computer technology in game form. Economics students played more of an adult game.

The game consisted of the students dividing into three or four groups and making their own corporation. They filled out weekly computer sheets. Their sheets were put into a computer and based on the corporation's decisions the computer printed out the corporation's financial state and

gave the corporation advice on what they should do for the next fiscal period to expand their corporation and its profits.

Students said playing the game made learning economics not only more fun, but also a lot easier.

"The course and the computer game go amazingly well together, because the vocabulary, principles and theories of economics are a vital part of the game," Randy Doyle, economics teacher, said.

"It's helped me a lot on tests because it gives me a more realistic view on how to

run a corporation and on economics in general," junior Pat Kenney said.

The game involved each company in dealing with many aspects that go into a company such as its purchases, products, research and development.

Winning seemed important to the students. Each week there was a new leader in the game.

"It's a lot of fun to see the results and see if your estimates put your corporation on top or bottom," senior Doug Howey said.

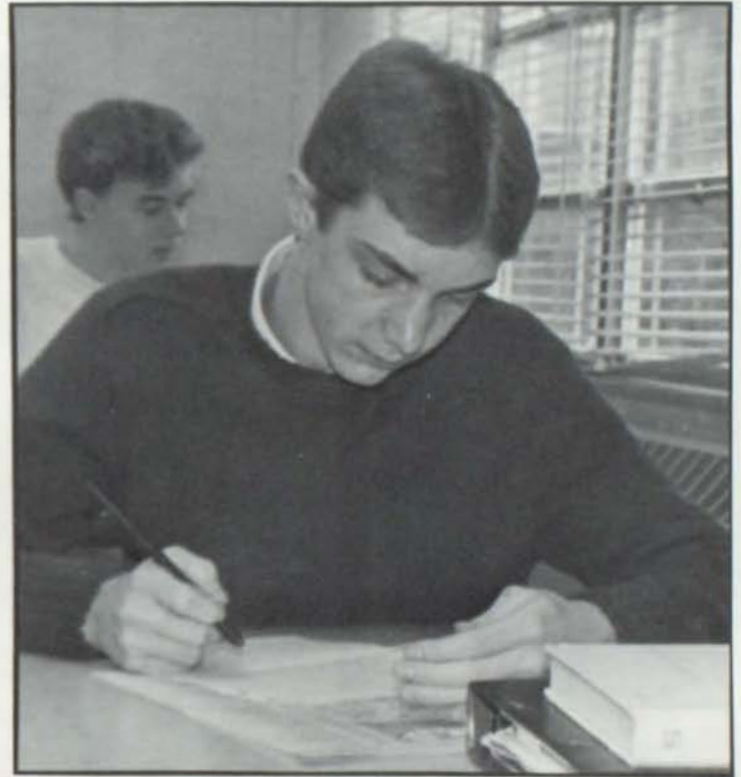
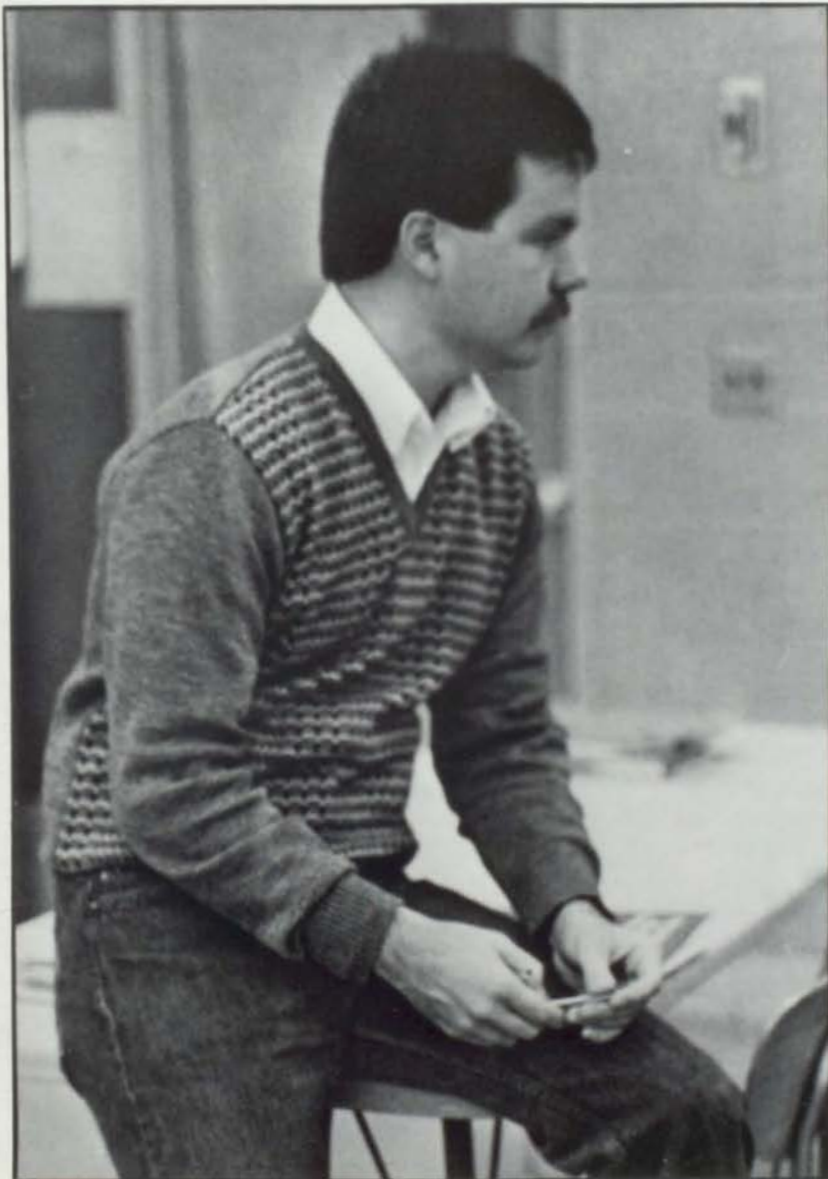
"I think the students enjoy

it because of its competitive nature. Everyone wants to be number one," Doyle said.

"I like the competition. It adds a little excitement to the classroom, as well as economics," junior David Kim said.

The game may also be an advantage to students in the near future.

"I think the game and economics is important to students because very soon many of them will be dealing with making their own way in a competitive world and being able to handle and make money becomes important in one's life," Doyle said.



Junior Andy Roster studies the stock market to see how his favorite corporations are doing. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Giving lectures to the class is something teacher Randy Doyle sees as fun. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Participation brought coaction for many students who spent hours each week in extracurricular club activities in four areas: service, honor, departmental and social.

Regardless of the club's purpose, some students found just being with friends and doing something they enjoy was time well-spent.

"You get to work with the different people in your club. When you do it for fun, it doesn't seem like a burden," senior Lisa Donahue, president of French Club, said.

Apathetic feelings towards clubs have existed at Truman in the past. Jobs, sports and non-interest caused a decline in membership, but students who remained active said clubs added variety to their activities.

"It gives you a chance to meet people who aren't in one of your six or seven hours," sophomore Todd Anderson, Forensics and Debate Club member, said.

COACTION IN CLUBS

"You can spend more time with friends because of the activities the clubs do," sophomore Shirlene Flory, Interact Club member, said.

While some students joined clubs for the fun and friends, many said they wanted to help others.

"We do things for the community such as painting houses and having trash-a-thons," sophomore Melissa Cupp, Interact member, said.

Other students, however, joined to support sport teams.

"The benefits for me are having team members know someone cares and is supporting them," junior Cindy McCaughey, Pep Club member, said.

This coaction brought not only a feeling of working together, but also a feeling of belonging.

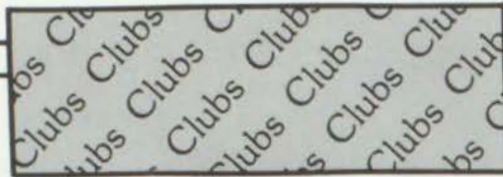
"Clubs get you active with the school and they are a good way to keep you busy," Melissa said. "They give school a better aspect and make it more fun."

by Tiffany Cipolla

Scrambling to pick up candy from a broken pinata, sophomore Carmon Day and junior Dana Wear enjoy a little Spanish culture at the combined French-Spanish club meeting. (photo by Robyn Griffin)

*See you,
I'm really glad that we
got to meet each other in
French I this year. I hope we have
some classes together next year too!
your real sweet and have a great
dose of humor. Stay that way
Okay.
Bye
Alycia Miller
(Spanish)
Class of '89*





Enthusiasm proves contagious

Halloween parade success

by David Burrus

Violent reverberations resounded from all directions inside Truman just before 8 a.m. on Oct. 31. Mobs of people lined the corridors and filled the front hall waiting in anticipation of what was about to march by on that cool, sunny morning. The low, earth-shaking rumble soon translated into crisp, precise rhythms pounded out by the drum majors who led the first "Halloween Parade" in many years.

Enthusiasm in the parade reflected more than just excitement at a chance for a morning of dress-up fun, according to sponsor Nancy Ziegenhorn.

"The students had a chance to behave and they did," Ziegenhorn said. "Most of the teachers were surprised that they (the students) didn't

go wild and would finally settle down. There was a little apprehension with the band and the costumes and everything, but they handled it pretty well."

"We accomplished a lot as far as assemblies," senior Brett Gordon, Student and Community Concerns, said. "I think there's a little more trust from the administration which gives next year an even better chance (to have assemblies)."

"Mr. Brown scheduled assemblies he planned on his own that we didn't even have to beg for," secretary Donna Stephens said. "For the most part when we've gone to him, he's either said yes or suggested an alternative."

"It was Friday; it was Halloween Day; it didn't cost anybody anything; it was just meant to be," president Tom Demark said (about the pa-

rade). "We couldn't have asked for anything better."

The idea to have the parade stemmed from a summer camp sponsored by the Missouri Association of Student Councils which was attended by all of this year's Executive Council.

"This was the second year I went to the camp," vice-president Julie Clothier said. "We split up into councils and met each day with people from all over the state. We talked about fundraisers, school spirit, parliamentary procedures and other stuff but what it really taught me is that there will always be a leader no matter where you are or what you're doing."

"Every year's Student Council would like to seem more dynamic and do something really different and spec-

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Front Row: Julie Clothier (Vice-Pres.), Tom Demark (Pres.), Donna Stephens (Sec.). Back Row: Brian Zerk (Treas.), Jay Kacheroski (Entertainment Chairman), Jodi Austin (Publicity Chairman), Brett Gordon (Student and Community Concerns Chairman).



Juniors Sarah Graves and Jeanine Morehouse make a trek through the halls in the Halloween parade. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

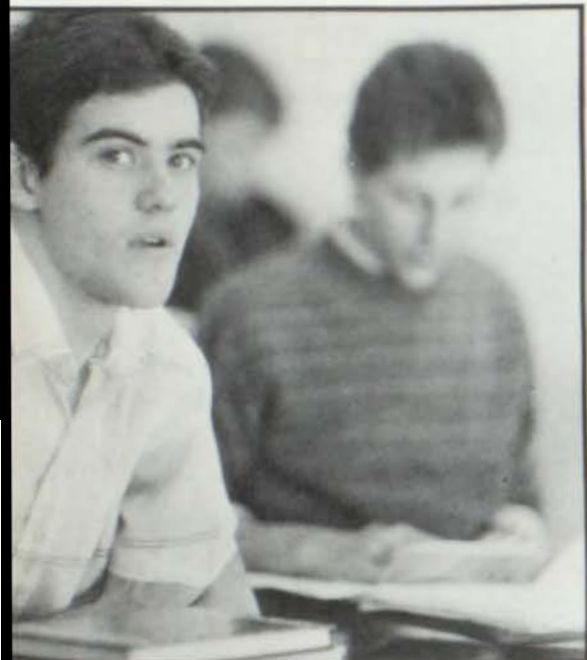


Brett Gordon, student and community concerns and Donna Stephens, secretary, tally food collected for the Harvesters food drive. Over 3,000 canned goods were collected. (Photo by David Burrus)

Haunting the front hall, senior Drake Lightle and a ghastly-looking friend lumber along in the Halloween parade. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Sponsors Nancy Ziegenhorn (far right) and Bill Drinkwater go over constitution provisions with the executive council. Eight members were dismissed at semester for failure to earn the mandatory 40 points. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Senior Brett Gordon pauses for a minute of relief during a high-pressure Executive Council meeting. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Front Row: Joe Burke, Dennis Lewis, Brent Zelk, Rhonda Conner, Donna Sultzbaugh, Kim Nelson. Second Row: Steve Bowers, Sheila Noel, Michele Baker, Denise VanWormer, Stephanie Main, Jan Grotenhuis, Jane Aslakson, Sherrie Fann. Third

Row: Adam Skinner, Rex Stephens, Laura Lancaster, Kristina Brasfield, Brad Huhmann, Lynette Kempfe, Jamie Harvey. Back Row: Jaye Wiley, Jennifer Azbill, Karen Manade, Janee' Daniels, Renee' Richie, Kristen Welch, Michelle Hutchins, Becky Goerz.

Senior Pat Liang shows off his glittering wig during Student Council's Spirit Week. (Photo by Scott Bridges)





Changes make difference



tacular, but that's hard to do," Tom said. "We just concentrated on little things that make a difference and hope they evolve into bigger changes later on."

Adding new, glass-enclosed billboards in the front hall, adopting two children through World Vision, helping decorate the trees in front of school with lights at Christmas-time, collecting and distributing canned goods to local families in need, posting anti-drinking and driving posters all around school and sponsoring a Christmas assembly were only a few of the "little" accomplishments of this year's Student Council.

Making a path for change

as well as making room for these additions to Truman was easier due to a more responsive and responsible group of council members.

"Different people have different reasons for being on the council," junior Brian Gamble said. "Some do it for show but some really want to help out and get things done."

Many students will believe that Student Council can change the rules and dictate what goes on every day at school according to Tom.

Donna agreed. "We try to find ways to get more students involved in more school activities and get the administration to be a little more receptive. We can't change the school."

"All we can do is petition the administrators and write letters, but beyond that we're helpless," Tom said.

Of all the elements that were involved in Student Council this year, apathy stayed in the shadows.

"We had a pretty successful year," Donna said about the representatives. "Some of the members got involved and some didn't, but as a whole, they really worked hard."

"The officers were awfully good this year. There weren't any duds," Ziegenhorn said. "Usually there are one or two who don't do much but I never had to worry. I'd say do it and they'd do it. They always followed through."

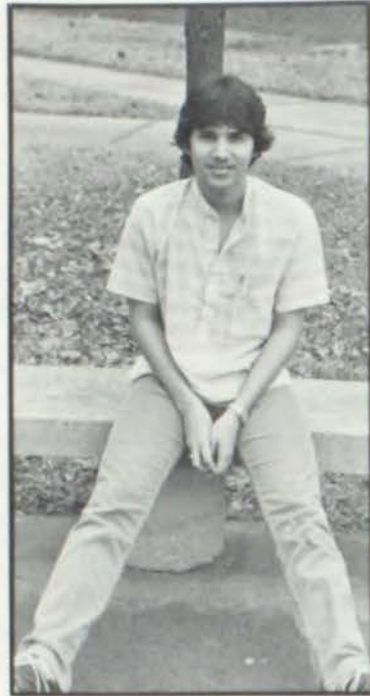


"Hey, dude!" senior Kevin Hill gives a peace sign during the Halloween Parade. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Edgar Steenvoorden

— Netherlands



Valentine Moreno

— Panama



Tokuhiko Otsuki

— Japan



Rossana Colli

— Italy



Math teacher Marjorie Morley's black Corvette catches the attention of this year's AFS students. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

The four AFS students monkey around on the filming tower. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)





Seniors Darren Bradley, Brian Smith, Spencer Palmer and Marc Walker of the Silhouettes perform their 50's number in the AFS Talent Show. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Front Row: Heather McIntosh (Sec., Treas.), Laura Hartley (Pres.), Tokuhiko Olsuki, Dayna Fulton (Executive Council), Tony Patterson (Publicity Chairman), Susan Smith (Executive Council), Tracy Schofield (Entertainment Chairman), Sherri Upp (Historian). Second Row: Shauna Francis, Chris Nielson, Jenny Jo Allen, Melissa Salazar, Julina Steele, Sherrie Fann, Krysta Linn, Dena Byrd. Third Row: Michael Ruff, Stacy Sindt,

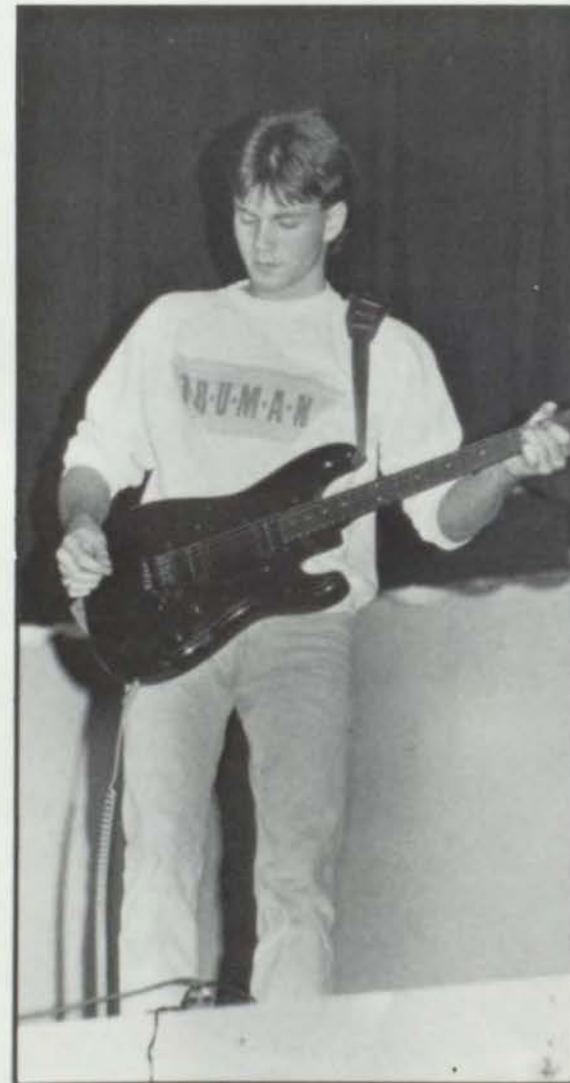
Denise VanWormer, LeeAnn Kimball, Cindy Spratt, Deanna Collins, Angie Ahrens, Lea Carney, Robin Holderness. Fourth Row: Dorothy Salisbury, Windy Kellogg, Dawn May, Marcia Johnson, Rachael Barnes, Lynette Kempfe, Lisa Donahue, Denise Boone, Laura Orr. Back Row: Tammy Glover, Karen Folsom, Pam MacGrayne, Missy Larsen, Julie Clothier, Dave Dewalt, Todd Carter, Bill Ham.



Front Row: Nick Stompoly (Vice-Pres.), Kirstin Kramer (Pres.), Julie Clothier, David Dewalt, Mike McCartney. Second Row: Marsha Lutes, Jennifer Jones, Joe Burke, Dennis Lewis, Pat Liang, Lisa Donahue, Todd Carter, Rex Stephens, Mike Krawczyk. Third Row: Erika Lukens, Todd Jones,

Jane Aslakson, Vonceil Allen, Lynette Kempfe, Nellie Park, Denise VanWormer, Mark Gregston, Chad John (Sec., Treas.). Back Row: Rayna Steen, Shirlene Flory, Brian Zelk, Tom Demark, David Anderson, Steve Pool, Tim McElligott, Penny Carder, Sarah Graves.

The auditorium is filled with sound as senior Rich Cummings picks at his guitar in the talent show. (Photo by Keith Lindhart)





Participation vital for success

Togetherness

by *Tiffany Cipolla*

“Walk Together, Talk Together Oh Ye People of the Earth. Then, and Only Then Shall Ye Have Peace.” This motto has proven consistent for the American Field Service since Truman opened in 1964.

“There has been an increase in the number of students participating in AFS throughout the last 10 years,” sponsor Ann Sunderland said. “For the past few years we have reached our maximum of four AFS students going to Truman.”

At Truman AFS is supported by the AFS Club whose purpose is to create fellowship and to raise money to support various club projects. Candy, balloons and shares for Street-side Record certificates were sold by the club members. A major money-making project was their talent show, which they have had for the past two years.

Junior Tracy Schofield said, “We use the money we have raised to provide our AFS students with their class rings, yearbooks, senior pictures and prom.”

Service projects

by *Laura Hartley*

Interact’s main goal this year was not based on fundraisers, unlike most clubs, but the student’s involvement in service projects for the elderly and poor.

“At Christmas we bought hams for the needy families and we shoveled snow for the older people,” secretary/treasurer Chad John said.

“Last year we had three members at the end of the year, so we had to start from scratch. Our major goal was to get as many students involved

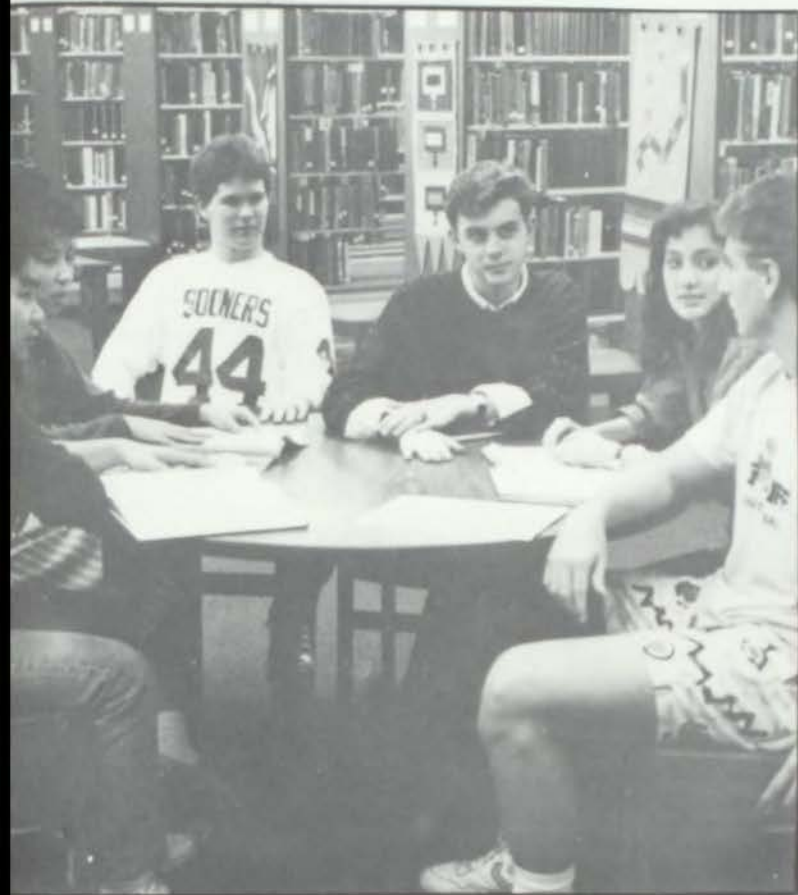
in the club and to do as many service projects for the community and the school,” president Kirstin Kramer said.

“We are not in competition with other clubs to raise money, so it gives them more time for their fundraisers,” Kirstin said.

“We raise our money by working at the Travelogues. We bring refreshments and the people attending will give us donations for them,” Chad said. “Even though we do not raise a lot of money, we take pride in what we do.”

After spending his summer in New Zealand, senior David Vest tells of experiences he had. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Interact officers discuss plans for “We Are the City.” (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



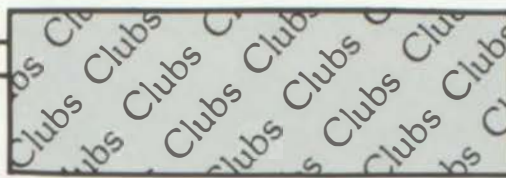


Front Row: Star McMahon, Cheryl Richardson, Krista Kanies (*Vice-Pres.*), Stephanie Main, Wendy Pickel, Lynette Kempfe (*Sec., Treas.*). Second Row: Nellie Demark, Bill Ham, Rob Howard. Back Row: David Vest, Steve Pool, David Burrus, Tom Nathan Freeman. Not pictured: Laura Hartley, Leslie Kuske.



Front Row: Shannon Miller, Marla Schemmer, Jane Aslakson (*Sec.*), Dana Brewer (*Treas.*), Pat Liang (*Vice-Pres.*), Suzanne Breshears (*Pres.*), Rob Appleberry (*Parliamentarian*), Matt McNett, Chad John, Mark Gregston, Kevin Carl, David Kim, Julie Savlin, Ryan Baker, Star McMahon, Tammy Davis. Second Row: Amy Redford, Vonceil Allen, Victoria Briseno, Bill Ham, Todd Carter, Carie Averill, Christine Apple, Denise VanWormer, Marcia Chadwick, Lorraine Amadio, Michelle Bingaman, Dennis Lewis, Jodi Austin, Marcia Schwartz. Third Row: Angie Ahrens, Sherrie Fann, Renae Price, Lisa Donahue, Julie Riddle, Rebecca Friend, Julie Clothier, Stephanie Grapes, Donna Stephens, Nellie Park, Hayley Stewart, Nick Stompoly, Jennifer Kruse.

Fourth Row: Mindy Matthews, Marcia Thomas, Chris Nielson, Michael Ruff, David Anderson, Brian Zelk, Sarah Conyers, Julie Graybill, Jenny Luetkemeyer, Jan Grotenhis, Beth Braby, Gery Tolle, Becky Temming, Stacy Sindt, Ann Hoang, Donna Francis. Fifth Row: Carrie Lierman, Bryan Gamble, Suzzie Hulett, Kirstin Kramer, Brent Zelk, Emmett Romine, Rob Alumbaugh, Todd Leabo, Jason McLarik, Tom Safley, David Goodwin, Wade Hachinsky, John Winkler, Steve Pool, David Vest. Back Row: Brian Burnett, Jennie Lawler, Krista Kanies, Dean Bullock, Jim Cady, Lance Schamberger, Cameron Sutt, Danella Hatfield, Ginny Shellhorn, Barbara Jones, Rayna Steen.



Clubs set priorities differently

Scholar award

by **Nathan Freeman**

National Honor Society had and will continue to have its own scholarship fund which made money available to members who excelled in high school.

"We have \$2,000 in the bank and the possibility of adding another \$1,000 to it," sponsor Sheila Pool explained.

The money was taken from the interest the account drew over a one-year period and then divided into different scholarships of \$100 each.

A scholarship committee comprised of several senior and junior club members helped to decide which students should receive the scholarships. They did this by scoring each individual according to specific categories of achievement.

"From this committee,"

Pool said, "the applications go to a faculty scholarship committee where the individuals are scored again. Mr. Stewart and I then add up the scores and the two highest scores receive the scholarship."

The decision-making weight was evenly distributed among students and faculty. It was the fairest way to make a decision, Pool said.

"It's nice to have the fund and make it available," president Suzanne Breshears said.

"It gives people something else to work for, grade wise," senior member Marcia Thomas said.

Other members felt differently about the fund and said that the money should be used differently.

"The \$100 or \$200 in scholarship money could be put to better use, maybe into projects or activities in the club itself," senior Dennis Lewis said.



Quill and Scroll members Lynette Kempfe, Julie Riddle, Krista Kanies, Todd Carter and David Burrus discuss plans for the year-end banquet. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Inactive honors

by **Jennie Lawler**

Inactivity is common for members of Quill and Scroll.

An honor society, Quill and Scroll is made up of members of the "Spirit of '87" and "Heritage" staffs. Members must be in the upper 25 percent of their class and be approved by the International Quill and Scroll.

"We don't have meetings," president Todd Carter said. "It's more of an honor for journalism and publications students."

"Mainly Quill and Scroll is too busy with the newspaper and yearbook. There's not any time for meetings," vice-president Krista Kanies said.

They do, however, earn money for the department and the banquet at the end of the year.

"We worked in booths at Royals games. We earned about \$800," Krista said.

"Quill and Scroll paid for all the Board of Education members and guests at the banquet," Todd said.

At a NHS fundraising committee meeting, president Suzanne Breshears decides on what to sell during the year. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Front Row: David Jarman, Dean Larson, Darren Bradley (*Pres.*), David Willard (*Treas.*), Susan Hulett (*Sec.*), Dennis Lewis (*Historian*), Jodi Austin (*Vice-pres.*), Marsha Lutes. **Second Row:** Kirstin Kramer, Cassandra Robinson, Vikkie Barnes, Ken Shipley, Carol Hamby, Anita Reed, Marcia Schwartz, Mindy Matthews, Kiers Downing. **Back Row:** Jane Aslaksen, Dana Brewer, Steve Martin, Rob Howard, Mike Manade, Pat Liang, Steve Pool, Dave Dewalt, Tim Townley, Becky Goerz.



Finding the right note to lead the group, seniors Darren Bradley and Mike Manade peck at the piano. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Front Row: Carol Hamby, Victoria Briseno (*Sec.*), Lea Carney (*Pres.*), Rebecca Friend (*Historian*), Dana Wear, Tammy Glover. **Back Row:** Jaye Wiley (*Treas.*), David Goodwin, Wade Hachinsky, Damon Carrasco, Jack Rosenberg, Bryan Weyrauch. **Not pictured:** Danny Serig.



Honor clubs praised for talent

Banquet plans

by *Cindy Quarti*

Tri-M demanded musical talent for membership eligibility. To become a member of Modern Music Masters, students must go to district musical competition, advance to state and receive a "1" or "2" rating.

"Tri-M is designed to praise those who have great musical ability," senior member Mike Manade said.

"The meetings are usually short and informal, but with a lot of meaning. We try to meet at least once a month to plan

different community activities," senior Ken Shipley said.

At the end of the year a banquet was planned to initiate new members. The evening began with a formal ceremony consisting of the new members performing the solo or ensemble they received their high rating on.

"To raise money for the banquet, we sell candy in the spring," Mike said. "We are trying to raise enough this year to pay for the new members' banquet dinner," Jodi said. "We are looking for new money raisers, just like everyone else," she added.

NAHS reunites

by *Rai Howerton*

Many art students agreed that being a part of the National Art Honor Society was an exciting way to work on some extra projects.

"It gives the above average art students a chance to do some bigger projects that we choose ourselves," junior Danny Serig said.

This was the first year that the Art Honor Society has gotten back together.

"There has always been one except for last year when students lost interest and the club was not active," president Lea Carney said. "Several of us were interested in some

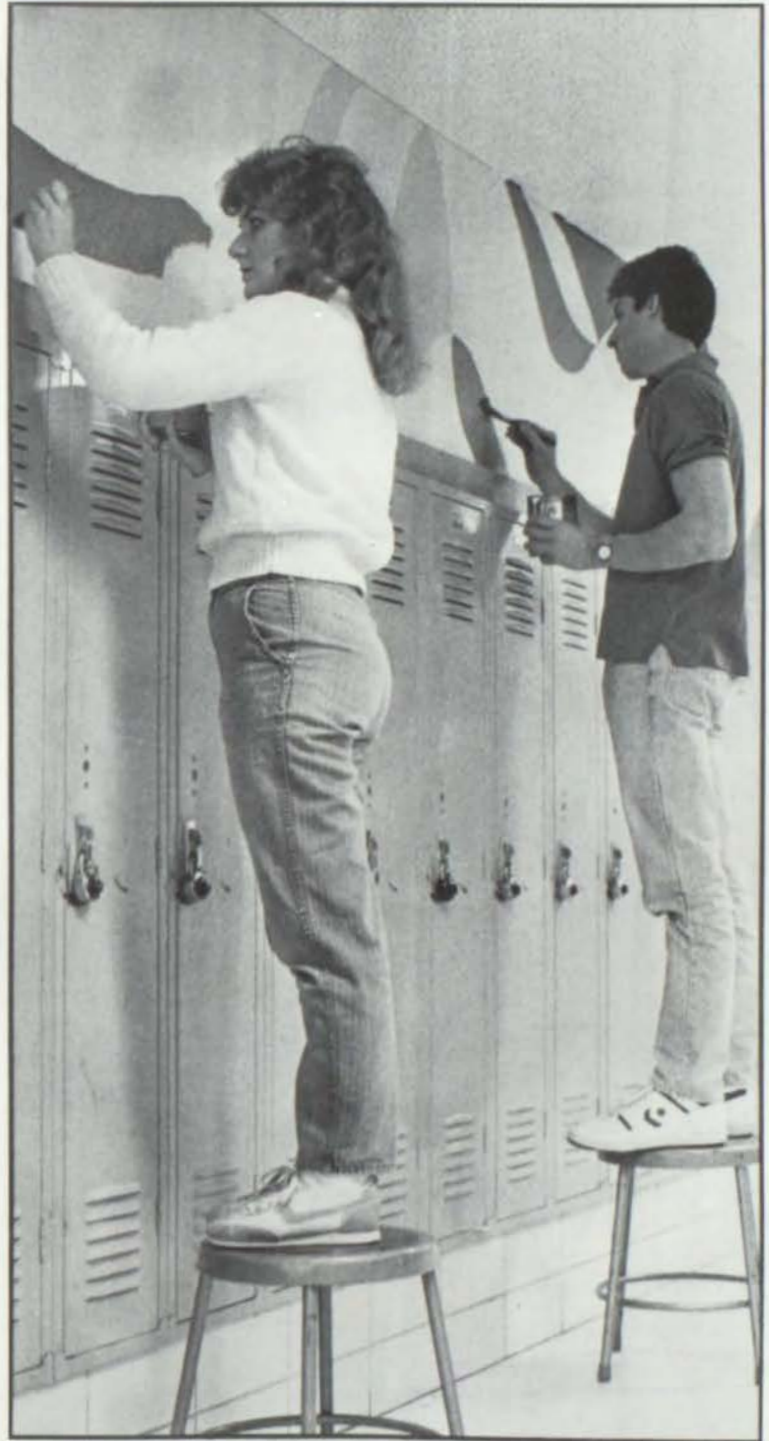
extra work so we started it back up."

"Mrs. Mallot recommended it to some of us so we decided to get together," Danny said.

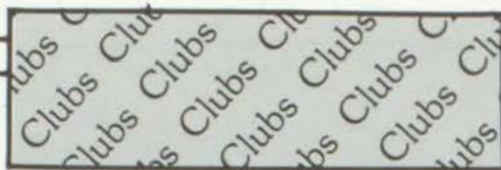
NAHS was involved in two projects this year. They entered a Halloween contest to paint a window in Snickerdoodles on the square and they came in first place, winning \$50.

"We are painting a mural above the lockers on first floor. NAHS gives us an opportunity to do things we wouldn't be able to do in class," Lea said.

"It is really just for fun," Jaye Wiley said. "We can all get together and do something we enjoy, but it is to get money for the art department, also."



NAHS students Carol Hamby and Damon Carasco, both juniors, work after painting a mural on the walls of the art hall. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)



Devoted groups find fulfillment

Acting interest

by *Carla Diaz*

Thespis, the first actor in the ancient Greek theater, gave drama groups the word Thespian.

"A Thespian is a person who has been in two or more productions. They could be in make up, lights, props or stage crew," junior Randy Fikki said.

Besides meeting to plan the month's activities, Thespians had a big part in theater productions.

"We meet once a month and we talk about fundraisers for trophies and the banquet," president Kim Calfas said.

"We give away trophies for the best actor, actress, best director and best one-act plays. There's also the Golden Hammer award for the hardest worker.

"We also give away a \$500 theater scholarship if certain

qualifications can be met," Kim said.

Besides having the common interest of drama, members had a circle of closeness.

"There's a bond between all of us. Performers have to get along with technicians, even if they don't like really like each other," Randy said.

Since Thespians is a national honor society, it is a group that extends outside of school.

"A lot of Thespians are involved in City Theater. You can learn something new every time you meet somebody different," Kim said.

"Being a Thespian, you get to meet a lot of performers. They're not typical people. They are artistically gifted," senior Cliff Lawson said.

"You have to be interested in drama to be interested in a group like Thespians," Kim said.

by *Lynda Tonga*

Giving up time and most of their weekends helped underclassmen gain higher achievement in National Forensic League.

"We have approximately 30 members [varsity] in our squad. Only eight are seniors and the remaining are under-

classmen," president Brett Gordon said. "They [underclassmen] are hard workers. They really want to hit the top."

"I really had to work hard to get where I am," sophomore Todd Anderson said. "In the past month and a half I had only one weekend to myself. The remainder of the time I was working on improving myself. I really sacrificed a lot of my time."

On the other hand, sophomore Jolee Harrell thought the opposite.

"It's not all just work though," Jolee said. "We have parties. It is a lot of fun. I plan to go into broadcasting and this has really helped me prepare for future opportunities that will be open for me." Jolee concluded.

"I enjoy the feeling of winning," Todd said with a grin. "Some people compete for the knowledge and understanding, but not me. I feel like I have accomplished something when I win."

Even though their time is mostly spent doing this, none of them regret it.

"I really didn't work that hard. I thought along the logical view," Jolee said sincerely. "I feel I am successful, but then there are others who are better than me," Jolee said.



Front Row: Julie Graybill, Tony Brownlee, Cliff Lawson, Carla Carr, Brian Zelk, Vikkie Barnes. Second Row: Jonathan Fields, Darren Bradley, Kiers Downing, Dean Bullock, Brett Phipps, Randy Fikki. Back Row: Drake Lightle, Stacey Falco, Chris Wooten.

Senior Drake Lightle works on the set for the spring play "Jabberwock." (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Front Row: John Easley, Rob Alumbaugh, Duane Wingate, Matthew Haas (*Vice-Pres.*), Chris Apple (*Sec., Treas.*), Brett Gordon (*Pres.*), Paul Davidson, Todd Leabo, Brett Phillips. **Second Row:** Mike Jeffers, Dean Larson, Jenny Jo Allen, Janet McGinness, Todd Anderson, Kiers Downing, Susan Campbell, Mike Camden, Bevin Romans, Bill Ruhling. **Third Row:** Jim Cady,

Brian Zelk, Mike Franciskato, Melissa Judd, Tony Brownlee, Carla Carr, Charles Sloan, Michelle Hutchins, Melissa Cupp. **Back Row:** Tom Safley, Lisa Chinn, George Bowser, Kristie Watts, Teresa Howey, Cindy McCaughey, Susan Smith, Donna Stephens, Shawn Shippers, Lance Sandage. **Not pictured:** Ronda Schuler (*Squad Capt.*), John Burke (*Active Chairman*).



Sophomore Todd Anderson practices his monologue before his actual performance. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Junior Dee Allgaier and senior Stacey Stratton rehearse their two-act play to improve their performance. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Active club arouses members

Plans shot down

by Wendy Pickel

More activities and better leadership improved Spanish club's involvement.

"This year Spanish Club is more active because the leadership is better. We have gone beyond what the club has done before," senior Marla Schemmer, secretary/treasurer, said.

"The leaders don't let things like how many members are in the club bother them, they just do what they can to have a good time," sponsor Casilda Rice said.

At the end of last year the club had begun planning a trip to Mexico, but legalities got in the way.

"We were going to go to Cancun and Mexico City for a week. I was really looking forward to it," vice-president Mike McCartney said. "I was really disappointed that we were shot

down by the school board."

"Because of legal difficulties Senora (Rice) would be solely responsible for what happened to the students," president Nick Stompoly said.

Disappointment was apparent when the members found out the trip was cancelled.

"It was a really big letdown because we spent a lot of time and made so many plans," Marla said.

But all in all Spanish Club had a good year.

"We had an international meeting with French Club and it was really successful. We had Spanish and French food and a pinata," Mike said.

Talking about the club Marla concluded: "It's come a long way."

Many students had the chance to sample food from two different cultures at the International Spanish and French Club meeting. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



Front Row: Kevin Carl, Julie Graybill, Kevin Alan Hill, Mike McCartney, Marla Schemmer, Nick Stompoly, Suzanne Breshears. Back Row: Steve Kimsey, David

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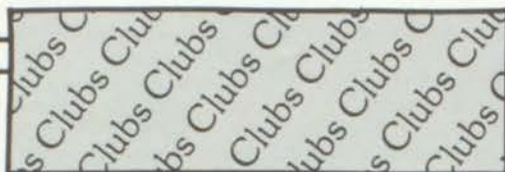
Spanish Club officers discuss plans for a future banquet and take care of other club business with members during a planning meeting. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



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Pres. - Keep these wanna be studs in line
I know you can - but I really want to thank
you - 9 times out of 10 I wouldnt of passed
without you! You must keep in touch -
will write from California - and you'll have to
come visit - I'll miss you and of course you miss
me! - Have a great...



Tradition holds strong in club

Culture traits

by Amy Hutton

Tradition may best describe French Club. Its annual activities seem to have become a part of the club as well as its members.

"It's really pretty much a traditional club. We have candy and flower sales the same time every year. The older kids almost expect it," Juli May, program director, said.

Eating French cuisine played an important part at the monthly meetings.

"Not very many people get to taste French food, so we like to give them the chance. They like it because it's new, different and good," president Lisa Donahue said.

The annual flower and candy sales were always a big success for French Club, and seemed to get a lot of support from members and the student body.

"We sell carnations at Valentine's Day because people tend to associate the French language with romance," Juli said.

"I think the flower sale is successful because everyone knows that French Club will be selling flowers around Valentine's Day. The students think it's neat when we deliver flowers to them in their classrooms," Lisa said.

"Our candy sales are so original that they always seem to go over well. No other club at Truman sells French candy." Juli said.

Juniors Heather McIntosh and Chris Wahrenbrock help get organized for French Club's annual flower sale. (Photo by David Burrus)

The French culture itself seemed to be a part of the tradition in French Club.

"A lot of the things we do are tied into the French culture, and the culture doesn't change that much. Usually if we have something the older members like we'll do it again," sponsor Ann Sunderland said.

Finding French culture in the Midwest also proved to be a challenge for French Club.

"We're limited in that we're trying to put the influence on the culture. We have a hard time finding places in Kansas City where we can get French products and food," Sunderland said.

Although tradition seemed to prevail in French Club's activities, it also left room for experimenting.

"There's always something new to try along with the traditional things we do," Lisa said.

Eating French cuisine gives sophomores Holly Zink and Michelle Rogers a taste of French culture. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)





Front Row: David Anderson, Renae Price, Lisa Donahue. Back Row: Leslie Kuske, Beth Braby, Susan Smith, Julie Riddle.



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Zink, Michelle Rogers, Jeff Meyer, Nick Headon, Milo Auderman, George Patton, Danelle Hatfield, Mindy Schlueter, Stacie Welsh, Tammie Burton, Dena Byrd, Susan Smith, Heather McIntosh, Victoria Briseno. Fifth Row: Hayley Stewart, Rai Howerton, Leslie Kuske, Stephanie Woodruff, Marsha Lutes, Jennifer Jones, Ameer Sanders, Bill Ruhling, Jason McNarik, Frank Bartles, Ed James, Julie Bailey, Chris Stroud, Michele Clemens, Melissa Cupp, Ginny Shellhorn, Tina Mitchell, Julie Riddle. Back Row: Lisa Lierman, Shelly Lauber, Amy Hutton, Amy Ruhling, Tandy Devine, Donna Sultzbaugh, Kim Nelson, Denise Boone, Chablis Resch, Laura Orr, Jamie Joseph, David Anderson, Audi O'Dell, Christi Kind, Stacy Downs, Shirlene Flory, Nicole Bassinger, Jenny Jo Allen, Janee' Daniels, Stephanie Detillier, Shannon Miller. Not pictured: Chris Wahrenbrock.



Small size doesn't hinder fun

Funds by candy

by *Stephanie Main*

Computers are the key to the future, but selling candy was the key for Computer Club to make money.

"Candy in itself is one of our major fundraisers, but in the past we lost a little money," sponsor Chuck Harris said.

This year they solved that problem by having the people who sold for them pay \$10 up front and then Computer Club

would give them \$11 worth of candy. Therefore, those who sold got a bonus of either a dollar per bag or two candy bars.

Computer Club sold candy throughout the school year in the classroom.

"Whenever there isn't any other club selling candy, you can always count on the computer room to be selling some," senior Karen Schroeder said.

The club raised money for some new IBM computers and printers.

"Our main objective in the club is to raise money for computer equipment and just have a good time," president Neil Reichel said.

Sponsor Chuck Harris helps raise money for computer equipment by selling candy. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Club takes trips

by *Debbie Dauer*

Science Club members had further interests than just working on science projects.

"The officers had a lot of ideas for field trips," president Star McMahon said. "We just didn't have the support of a big club behind us."

"We did less because the club was so small," sponsor Neal Standley said.

Getting new members was a problem.

"A lot of last year's members were seniors, so there weren't that many of us this year," senior Katherine Plake said.

"I feel that the reason the size of the club went down and we didn't do as much was due to lack of leadership," sophomore Marcia Johnson said.

Raising money for field trips was also a complication.

"It was hard to get people to volunteer and raise money when the club was so small," Standley said.

"I still feel we had a lot of fun, although we didn't get to go on as many field trips as we would have liked," sophomore Adam Skinner said. "Really we're just a group of students interested in science who enjoy working on science-related activities together."





Science Club member Leif Bahl participates in a field trip to Burr Oak Woods. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Front Row: Joe Burke III (Vice-Pres.), Lief Bahl (Treas.), Neil Reichel (Pres.), Jason Brown (Sec.). Back Row: Mary Malensek, Angela Hedding, Lorraine Amadio, Chris Stroud.



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Suzanne Breshears, Ken Shipley, Adam Singleton. Back Row: Chris Stroud, Scott Bridges, Dean Bullock, Dave Dewalt, Steve Pool. Not pictured: Joe Burke.

Computer Club members design programs for money-making projects and for contest. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)





Students get out after half day

Students feel change is needed

by Cheryl Richardson

While most students came to school every day for a full day, several DECA (Distributive Education) and SOO (Secretarial and Office Occupation) students left after 4th hour.

Many of these students felt that a change in their life was needed. Therefore, they decided to leave school early and go to work.

"I felt I needed something different to do," senior Jennifer Jones said. "After 12 years of school, I was getting bored and restless."

To get out after fourth hour, students had to maintain a C average and be enrolled in a DECA or SOO course. Also, they had to have accumulated the required amount of credits needed to graduate.

"I have enough credits to graduate," senior Monica Kincaid said. "I just like to stay around for the action. Besides, we get credit for working."

Experience encouraged some of these students to reach out and make a change in their normal routine.

"At my job, I answer phones, type and other var-

ious office duties," senior Kelly Atkinson said. "I'm getting experience so that in the future I can get a better job. The best part is that I get paid for it."

Another reason students felt that working was a big step away from school life was earning their own money. While some enjoyed making money, others believed it was a necessity.

"I have to make money," Jennifer said. "I have bills to pay like insurance, gas, credit card payments, not to mention college."

"I save most of my mon-

ey," Kelly said. "I'm going to need it for the future."

Students who were enrolled in the program agreed that getting out for one half of the day was an important change.

"It feels sort of strange to get out and leave my friends at school, but I like it," senior Delisa Lockhart said.

"I have set high goals that don't include school," Jennifer said. "By getting out and working on my own, I'm finally starting to reach those goals and make the most of my opportunities."



Front Row: Stephanie Bonabhan, Lori Shaw, Tammy Lierly, Kelly Atkinson. Back Row: Stacia Hessenflow, Brenda Chapman, Shelly Harper, Anita Reed, Glenda Hawley, Lesley Carnahan, Renita Wilcox. Not pictured: Dawn Borchert.



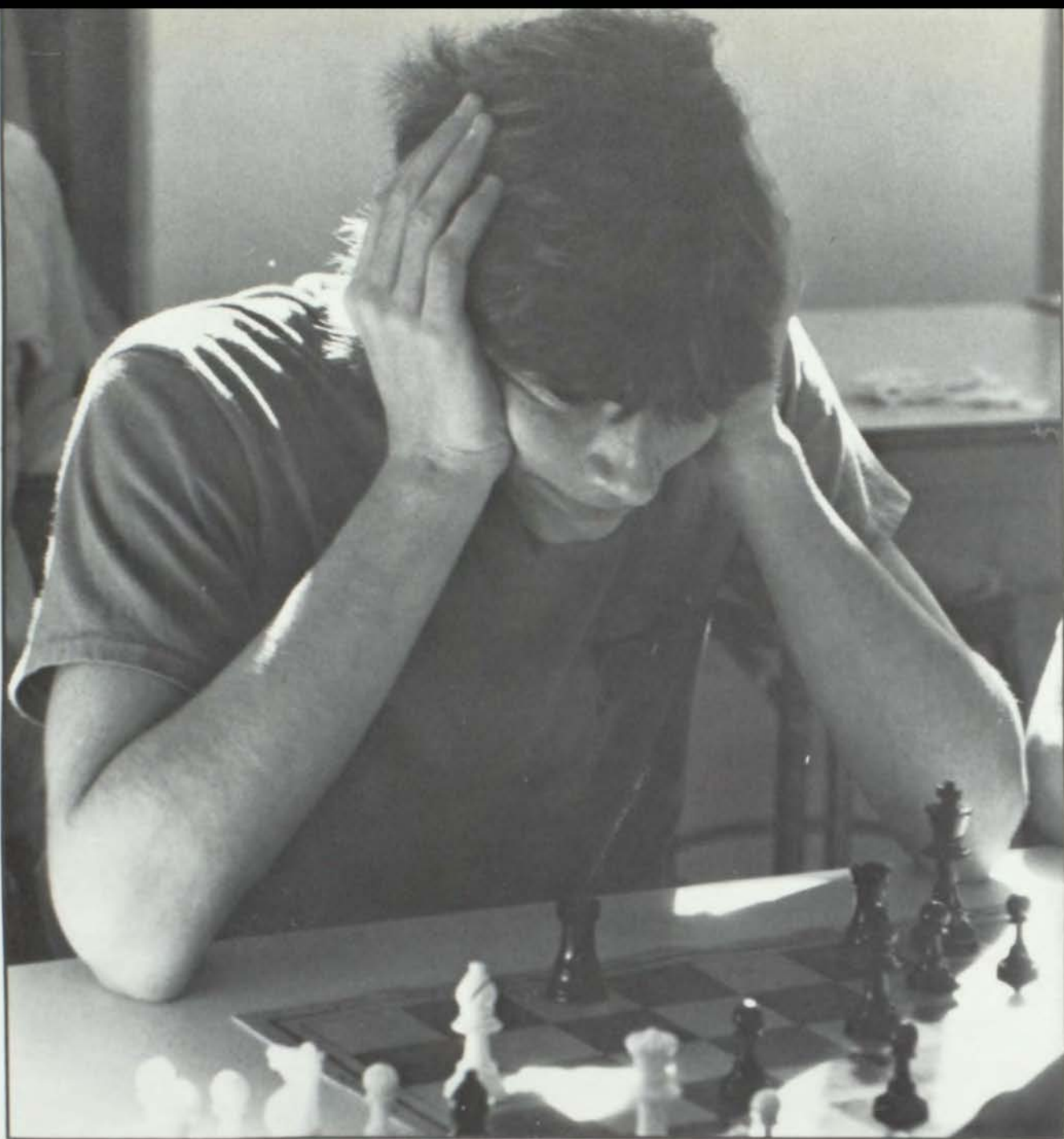
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Michelle Hill, Delisa Lockhart, Lynda McClellan, Chris Lauffer, Tony Weber, Tom Flippin, Terry Howard, Shawn Cot. **Fifth Row:** Kelly Butler, Carole Welsh, Staci Springer, Rhonda Free, Ellen Renfrow, Robin Blankenship, Becky Pulford, Melissa Cuezze, Wes Thornton, Michelle Cummins, Cliff Lawson, Tony Brownlee, Darren Jennings, Tiffany Smith, Tom Bajt. **Back Row:** Craig Sanders, Lisa Fischer, Mark Gelino, Richard Jones, Leonard Keller, Bonnie Hodges, Celeste Johnson, Larry James, Stacy Blandin, Chris Rogers, Ann Zuber, Kris Earhart, Monica Kincaid, Jill Caton, Rob Veach, Jennifer Jones, Brad Buckley, Mike Page.



After 4th hour, senior Monica Kincaid goes to work at Osco Drug where she performs various duties. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

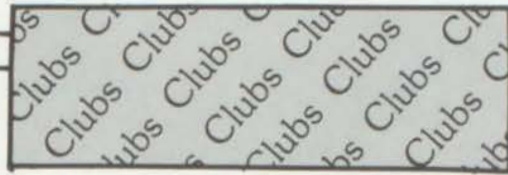
As part of the DECA program, senior Jennifer Jones works as a waitress at Tip-pin's Restaurant. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Junior Brian Barnum strains his thoughts for his next move. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Front Row: Dennis Lewis (*Tourn. Director*), Joe Burke III (*Vice-Pres.*), John Winkler (*Pres.*), Chris Stroud (*Treas.*), Neal Stanley (*Sponsor*). Back Row: Freddy Hiner, Tony Appleton, Mark Goldsmith, Leif Bahl, Jack Williams, John Buckley, Suzanne Breshears, Keith Smith (*Sec.*), Alan Bush.



Students take part in activities

Little practice

by *Kim Calfas*

Chess Club tournaments proved that practicing one-night-a-week was sufficient for doing well.

"So far it works out great. We've done well this year, taking first place at Shawnee Mission East and second at Washington High School," sophomore Jack Williams said.

Even though the club lacked area and time to practice, members said it was working out for the better.

"There are so many that are involved in other clubs or

after school activities that it suits everyone that we meet only one day a week," senior Joe Burke said.

In addition, many found one day was enough to have some fun and have the opportunity to play opponents from different schools.

"I don't have anyone around home that likes to play, so I joined the club to keep in touch with the game and further develop my skills," Leif said.

"Tournaments give me a chance to meet people from all over the area and have my strategies challenged to see how good I am."

Interest stayed

by *Star McMahon*

Lack of recognition did not hinder one of the smaller clubs at Truman.

"I realize that Nutrition Council is not so popular as some other clubs, but that doesn't bother me because we do good things," sponsor Mary Robinson said.

Even though there were only 12-15 members, they kept themselves busy with various projects.

"Helping serve lunch when there weren't enough ladies in the cafeteria and baking cookies for the Bingham-Wagonner Home at Christmas were a

couple activities the club did as a service for other people," Robinson continued.

To raise money for their field trip at the end of the year, they bought pre-mixed hot chocolate to sell before and during the earlier hours of school.

Some students might have thought that Nutrition Council didn't have a real purpose, but Robinson made it clear that they did.

"We want to promote nutrition, not only for our members, but also for the whole school."

Front Row: Brian Zelk, Carla Carr (*Pres.*), Krista Linn, Michele Clemens (*Treas.*). Back Row: Ms. Robinson (*Sponsor*), Terri Mitzner, Sherri Beiss,

Melissa Hon, Michelle Schowgerdt, Kristin Smelser, Mrs. Mary Ann McGovern (*Sponsor*).



Nutrition Council members tasted cheese samples on their field trip to Hickory Farms. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)

Interaction, a familiar feeling shared by athletes, brought both defeat and victory to Truman's teams.

Freshman Rusty Harpham said Truman's athletes were primed for action.

"We were always ready and set to sweat. We felt we had to give more than 100 percent to be victorious. Our wins made us more confident and our losses gave us a reason to try harder and beat the next team."

It was not only the actions and efforts of the players, but also that of the fans. The fans had an enormous impact on the athletes' performances.

"When people are watching and cheering it shows first, their pride in us and second, their need to root for teams which represent their own self-images. They are important to me because they give me confidence in myself. It helps to know people care enough to cheer for us," sophomore Holly Zink said.

INTERACTION IN SPORTS


Injuries and inconsistencies led to roller-coaster seasons, but fans showed their support for whatever action displayed. Interaction came from the root of rooting, the lib of the locker room, and the want of being faster and stronger.

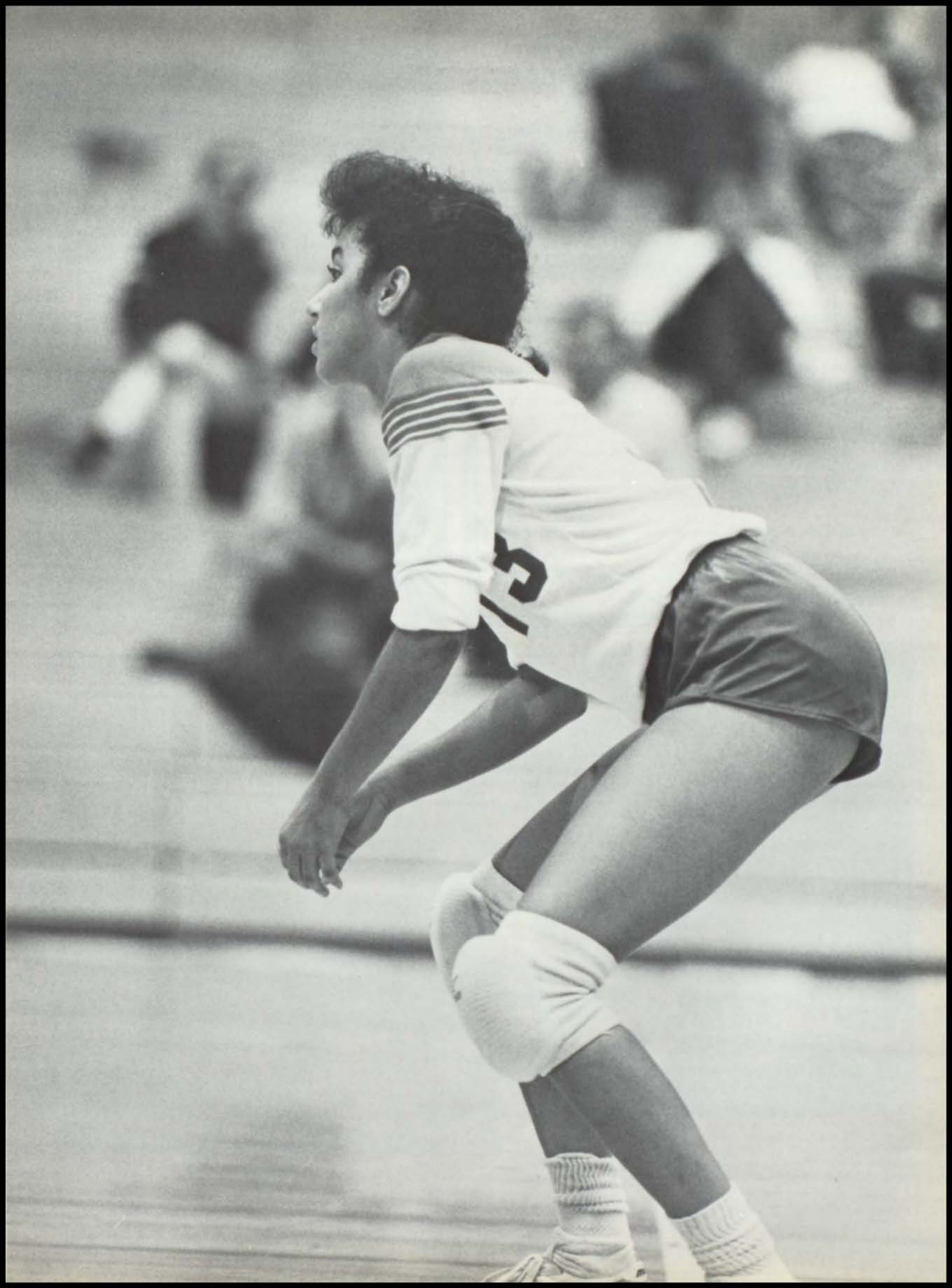
To Truman High School athletes, good wasn't good enough. Better was just another word for good. Athletes and spectators strived to excel — whether on the field, on the court or in the stands.

by Jenny Luetkemeyer

At the State Class 4A Volleyball Championships, senior Julie Graybill is ready for the serve from West Plains. (photo by Scott Bridges)

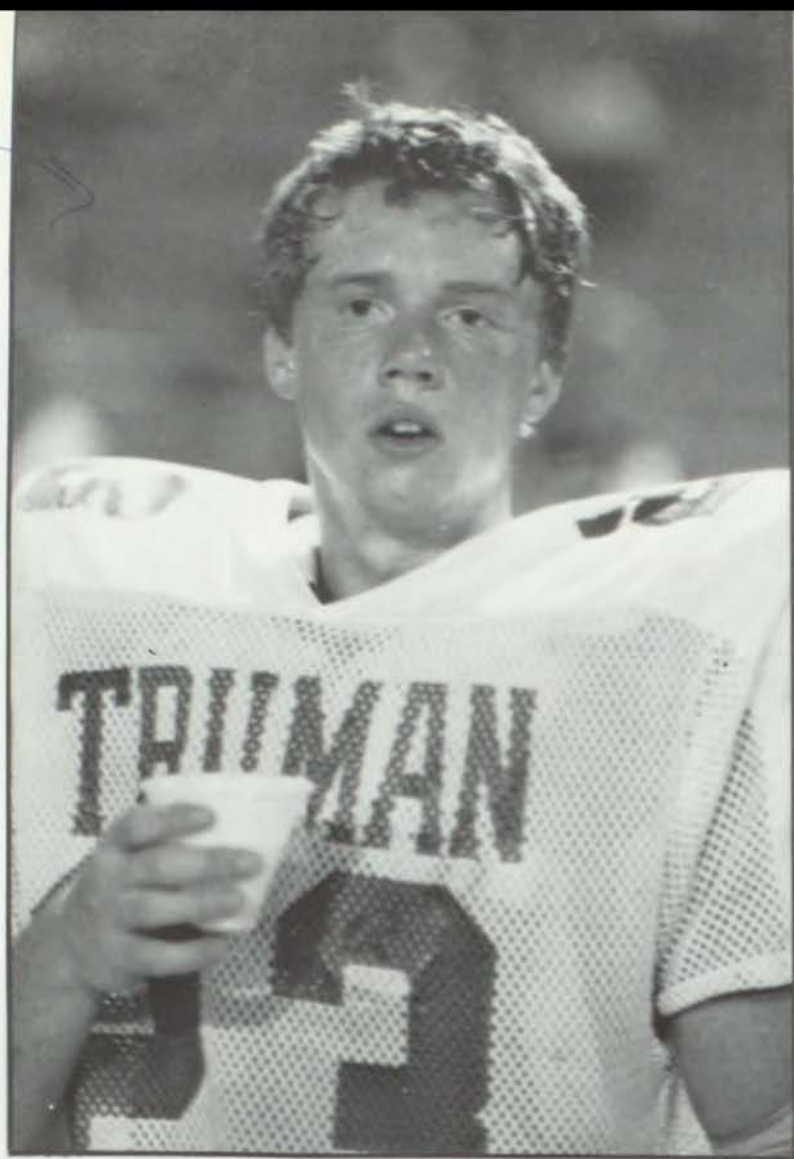
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Have fun this summer!
Wish Love,
Jenni
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Junior Mark Gregston takes a water break while standing on the sidelines during the Shawnee Mission South game. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Varsity Football		
	Pats	Opp.
Southwest	7	33
Raytown	12	28
Shawnee Mission South	6	21
Hickman Mills	20	15
William Chrisman	6	0
Lee's Summit	8	20
Blue Springs	20	21
Oak Park	6	21
Fort Osage	0	22
Park Hill	8	41
2 wins 8 losses		



Front Row: Craig Kincaid, Grant Springer, Pace Brown, Brian Rose, Jeff Roudebush, Larry Nichols, Mark Sibert, Rick Grove, Scott Wilson. Second Row: Kevin Carl, Scott Durst, Mark Mahaffey, David Mitchell, Tim Kistler, Lance Miller, Mark Gregston, Scott Leshar. Third Row: Brad Byers, Kevin Johnson, Donnie Chambers, Jerry

Vogel, Marcus Macias, Chris Lauffer, Eric Sclesky, Brock Doubledee, Blake Smith. Fourth Row: Rick McCluskey, Scott Gregg, Chad Chafa, Jared Fortman, Kevin Hill, Matt McNett, Danny Turner, Kenny Boone. Back Row: David Ostrander, Brad DiGiralamo, Luke Helms, Tony Williams, Brian Boyd, Todd Sword, Troy Pike, Tim Williams.

Winning season hindered by injuries

by Leslie Kuske

Numerous injuries, combined with a lack of size and experience, resulted in one of the worst seasons in the Patriot's history.

"We had a lot of inexperience and injuries just made things worse," junior Mark Gregston said. "I guess it was a combination of the two that made us bad."

A total of 12 player's seasons were cut short because of injuries and 26 players were taken out of games when they got hurt.

"We had good talent, but due to injuries we weren't able to utilize it," senior Troy Pike said.

The Patriots ended the season with two wins and eight losses, the worst record since 1973.

"I think injuries made it very difficult for us to have a good season," coach Jim Talbott said.

Because of these injuries it wasn't unusual to see players, who normally started, standing on the sidelines either on crutches or wearing a cast or a brace.

Junior Brian Rose was injured in the intersquad game which kept him out for most of the season.

"It was a little bit frustrating," he said. "Practicing and then not getting to play kind of defeats the purpose."

"I kind of felt helpless," senior Kevin Hill said when he was forced to sit out because of back injuries.

"I could see what everyone was doing wrong and I wanted to run out there and tell them, but I couldn't."

Junior Scott Gregg could also relate to these feelings after he was hurt at practice. "I felt I was treated like a manager instead of a player. Some of the coaches took advantage of my injury to set up the field."

Other factors that contributed to the unsuccessful season were "Lack of size and experience," according to Scott.

"We weren't very big and almost everyone we played out-weighted us by quite a bit," Kevin said.

"Our line wasn't that small but compared to other teams there was no way we could stack up to them in size," Mark said.

The opposition often dominated, in size as well as experience, partially due to the absence of returning players.

"There were only 11 players on the whole team," Kevin said.

"A lot of our lettermen graduated and some of the seniors this year didn't have much varsity experience," Mark said.

"You have to know what you're doing all the time," Kevin added.

Unavoidable circumstances forced

some players into positions that were unfamiliar to them, however this did not lessen their dedication.

"Coach Talbott was right when he said that everyone tried in the position they played," Kevin said. "It didn't matter where he put them, everyone gave 100 percent."

"Nobody gave up," Mark said. "They kept trying their hardest."

Although the odds were against them and continuous losses were disappointing, the Patriot's spirit never died.

"There was a good team feeling," Mark said.

Junior David Mitchell agreed: "Most people would quit during a losing season, but almost all of us stuck with it because we love to play."

"The guys that finished out the season what hard times are like," Brian said. "I wish I would have been able to play the whole time whether we won or lost."

The final games attracted few fans, but the players' enthusiasm was still evident.

"By the end of the season it was obvious that the team really wanted to play," David said. "Even some of the injured players were out there giving it their all."



Time outs provide time for the players and coach to huddle and discuss strategies for the game. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Players' talents receive recognition

by Leslie Kuske

Despite the Patriot's losing record, three varsity players stood out among "the Examiner's" All-Area selections.

Seniors Troy Pike and Jerry Vogel along with junior Danny Turner received All-Area first team honors.

Troy was picked as a linebacker on the defensive team and was also honored twice during the season as "Player of the Week."

"At the beginning of the season I set up some goals for myself and one of them was to win player of the week," he said.

"I thought he was an outstanding varsity player and I wasn't the only one," Coach Jim Talbott said. "Among the coaches of all the teams, Troy stood out as an outstanding player."

Troy was also honored by his teammates and coaches. He was named "Bad Pat" (Defensive player of the year), by the team and picked as the most inspirational

player by his coaches. He also shared the "Hog of the Year" award for the best lineman, with senior Pace Brown.

"Everyone likes to be recognized for their hard work, but it made me feel even better when my teammates and coaches recognized me because they actually saw how I acted and played the whole season, rather than just going by the stats," Troy said.

"There weren't many players in the metropolitan area that had as many tackles as Troy," Talbott said. "He was a terrific spirit. No matter how much we lost, he never gave up."

Jerry was picked as a wide receiver on the offensive team.

"I was excited that I got picked. It was kind of an accomplishment, something I've been working for all year," Jerry said. "I made second team last year, so it was like a goal for me to make honors this year," he added.

Jerry was also given the Pat award, for offensive player of the year, voted on

by his teammates.

Danny was chosen to the offensive team as punter.

"It was a pleasure for me to get chosen because I'm a junior," Danny said. "I wanted to get that at the beginning of the year and coach Pauk told me to keep working as hard as I could, so I did and it paid off."

"Troy, Jerry and Danny were named to first team because they deserved first team," Talbott said. "They're talented and skilled and they stand out."

Second-team honors went to seniors Luke Helms and Pace Brown and to junior Lance Miller, all in offensive positions.

Seniors Chris Austin, Jeff Roubush, Brian Boyd, Rick Grove, Tony Williams and junior David Mitchell received honorable mention.

"We all worked hard and even though our season didn't turn out how we would have liked it to, it was nice to receive some recognition," Troy said.



October's heavy rains produced terrible playing conditions in the game against Lee's Summit as well as most of the other games. Truman lost this mud-wallowing contest 20-8. (Photo by David Burrus)

Quarterback Kevin Hill passes off the ball before a Shawnee Mission South player makes the tackle. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

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THE YEARS ABOUT OVER.
I HAD A GREAT SENIOR
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BE THE SAME. SEE
YOU THIS SUMMER
BRYAN
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Varsity players show enthusiasm by encouraging their teammates in the Blue Springs game. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Stacey Anderson, senior Starstepper, shows disappointment as a sudden downpour postpones the football game against Hickman Mills in the second quarter. The following Monday Truman won the remainder of the match 20-15. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Coaches' spirit sparks enthusiasm

by Leslie Kuske

This year's junior varsity football team suffered from a lack of time spent practicing together.

"We really didn't have a lot of time practicing together," sophomore Blake Smith said. "We all practiced with varsity, but there weren't any J.V. practices."

The lack of organized practice time made it difficult to know exactly who would play each game.

"We'd try to get a team set up on the day of the game but that wasn't real easy," junior Mark Mahaffey said.

"Not practicing together hurt us the most," junior Mark Sibert said.

Although no set practice time hurt the team, most players seemed to agree that the coaching was one of their strongest points.

"Morris and Doyle really built us up a lot, they got us psyched up before the

games," sophomore Sean Coughlin said. "Morris knew what was going on, he boosted us up," Mark S. said. "He got excited during the games."

"The coaches helped a lot by encouraging us," junior Brad DiGirolamo said.

"The coaches' enthusiasm was the best thing about the team," Blake said.

The players' appreciation of the coaches' enthusiasm was evident by the dedication they showed on the field.

"When they got out there, everyone tried to play as hard as they could," Blake said.

Sean agreed. "I'd say we came out to play football. The special thing about our team was that when we got out to play, we played hard."

"When we sacked the quarterback, it got everyone excited and everyone wanted to play harder," Mark S. said.

According to Brad, players often showed their spirit by "helping others after a play, telling them they did good."

Even though the odds were against them, the J.V. team proved that they really wanted to play.

"The best thing about our team was our desire to win, even though we didn't get to practice together," Sean said.

"Everybody definitely wanted to play," Mark M. said. "The enthusiasm kind of wore off toward the end of the season but everybody stayed in there and played the best they could all year."

"I saw a lot of good things," coach Bill Morris said. "They had great attitudes."

Despite the problems they faced, the junior varsity team managed to hold on to a record of 3 wins and 4 losses.

"For the small amount of kids we had on the team and the short amount of time we had to practice together, I think we did pretty good," Brad said.

"I think the kids got the most out of it that was possible under the circumstances," Morris concluded.



Junior Danny Turner receives a quick hand off as member of the opposing team comes in for the tackle. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

Junior Varsity Football

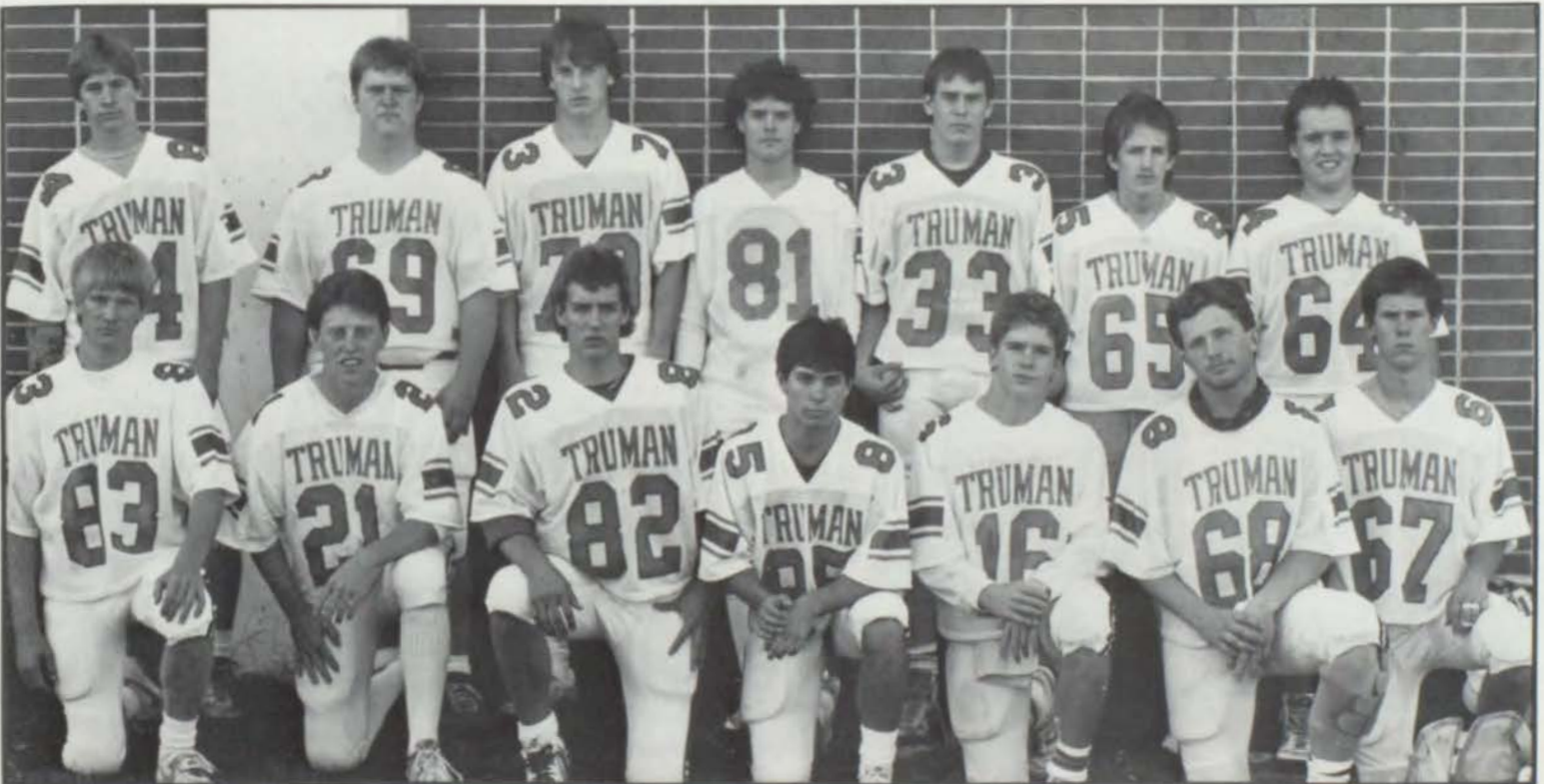
	Pats	Opp.
St. Joe Central	12	0
Raytown	6	26
Shawnee Mission South	0	35
William Chrisman	8	0
Lee's Summit	0	14
Blue Springs	6	12
Oak Park	6	0

3 wins 4 losses



Ahhh Boom! A junior varsity player prepares to kick-off. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Junior varsity players team up to make the tackle against a Fort Osage player. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Front Row: Scott Wilson, Eric McDonald, Brad DiGiralamo, Mark Sibert, Sean Coughlin, Brad Byers, Brock Doubleddee. Back Row: Blake Smith, Ricky McCluskey, David Ostrander, Jason Davis, Chad Chafa, Mark Mahaffey, Eric Sclesky. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Sophomore Football

Changing roster provides obstacles

by David Burrus

Despite a season plagued with rain and a constantly changing roster, the sophomore football team finished with a solid, 6-2-1 record.

"Between bad weather and personnel problems," Coach William Hopper said, "we never had a full group to practice with."

"Several key players were moved up to JV and varsity and that affected our practices on Mondays," Jeremy White said.

Players being moved up to JV and varsity created many openings for the second and third-string players.

"I didn't really care (about players being moved up) 'cause I needed the experience," Kenny Shinn said.

"Some of them (second and third string players) didn't look too good at the beginning of the season, but when some spots opened up, they really came along," Hopper said. "They worked hard and

improved quite a bit. Once they got a chance they did fine."

"I felt privileged and I felt little," Jeffrey Griffitt said about being moved up to varsity. "They hit so much harder."

Constant rain played a key roll mentally as well as physically in many of the games.

"It (the rain) kind of made us mad," Jeffrey said. "We had to peel our clothes off and wash them after practice. You didn't really want to wear them the next game. Plus, when you play in the rain the offense has the advantage. The defensive guy has to adjust to whoever is carrying the ball and that's hard to do."

"When it's muddy, it can go either way with people slipping and stuff," Jason said about a mud-soaked game with Blue Springs. "We could've beaten Blue Springs. They weren't that great, really."

The respectable record can be attributed, in part, to a tough defense that allowed an average of only seven points per game.

"Our offense started out slow and

eventually improved, which is normal, but our defense played tough all year," Hopper said. "They really went out there and got after 'em."

"It's harder to learn all the plays and blocking assignments on offense," Jason Davis said. "Against the run it seemed we were always good, but against the pass we really had to improve."

Hopper stressed team unity as an important factor for sophomores to experience before playing varsity.

"They have to learn to give and take and play as a team."

A feeling of team unity seemed apparent among the players in the last game of the season against Fort Osage.

"The Fort Osage game was our best," Kenny said. "Everybody was all fired up to win."

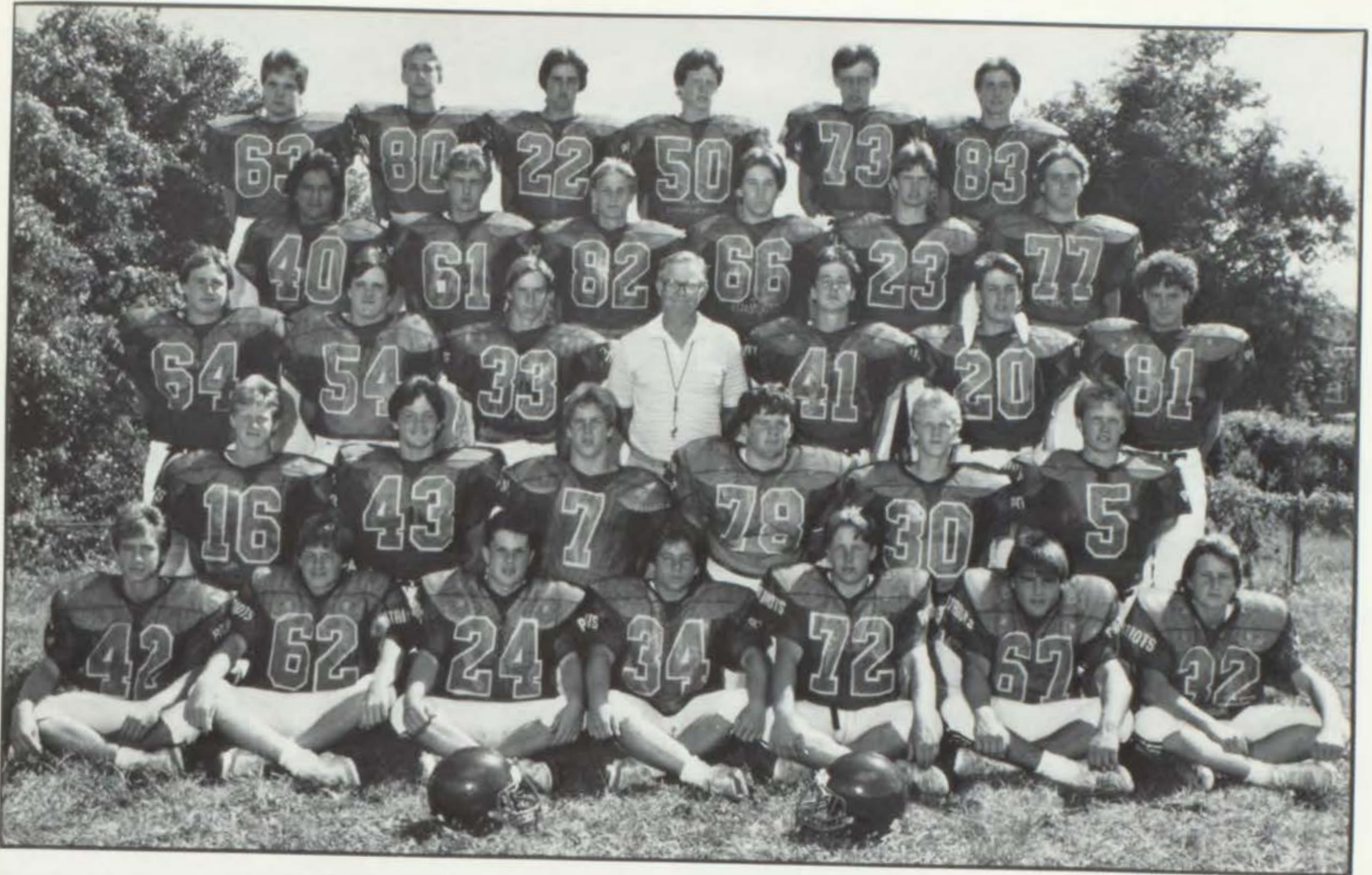
"When we played Fort Osage, it felt like we were playing a better team and everything came together that day," Jeremy said.



Displaying good sportsmanship, Truman congratulates Raytown after the game. (Photo by Nelson Shipp)

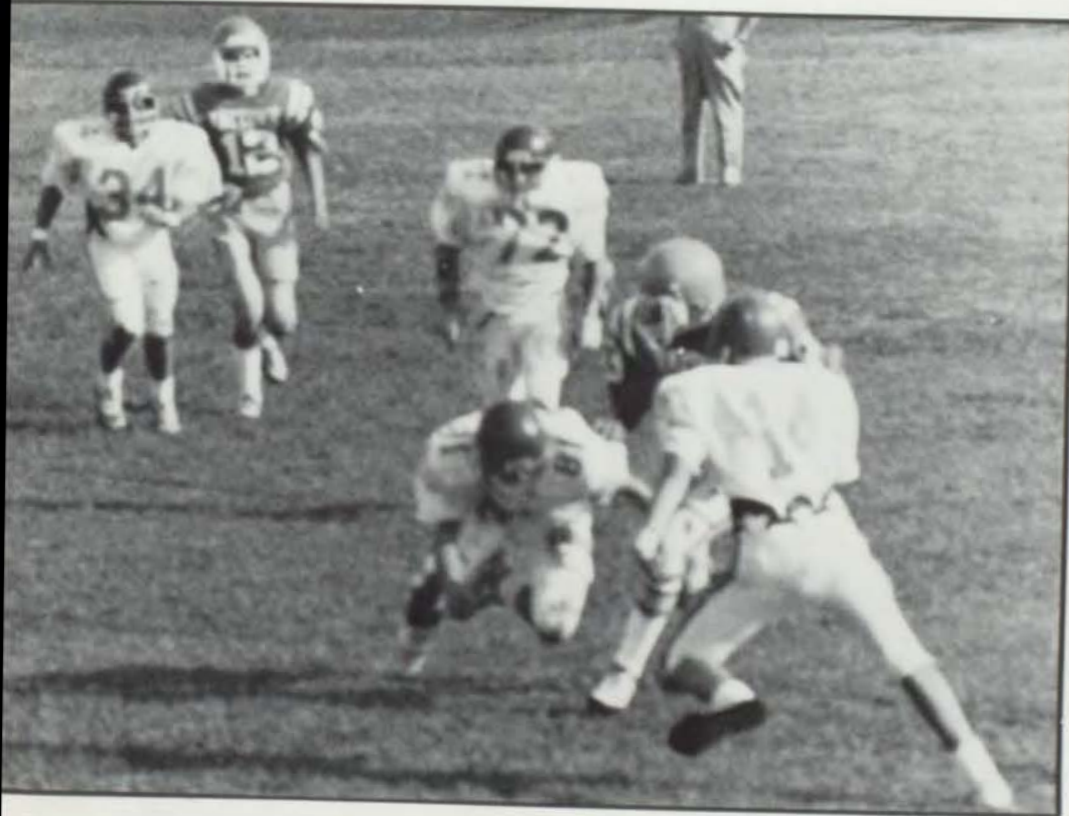
Violent contact with opponents is one reason the defense allowed an average of only seven points per game. (Photo by Nelson Shipp)





Front Row: Jeff Lupardus, Robert Brady, Mike Hughs, John Small, David Keeton, Mike Webb, Ryan Barnes. Second Row: Grahm Bray, Jeff Griffith, Shawn Coughlin, Marc Walker, John Dunham, Jeremy White. Third Row: Brian Kelsey, Damon Ricketts, Kevin Fletchel, William Hopper, Troy Hanenkratt, Steve

Shipp, Jason Davis. Fourth Row: Juan Mora, Shawn Craig, Norman Jones, David Roller, Ryan Hoffman, Kenny Shinn. Back Row: Brian Hess, Jason Gilbertson, Todd Greenwood, Kim Sword, Devlen Day, Lee Stauffer.



Two Patriots track down an opponent in open field. (Photo by Nelson Shipp)

Sophomore Football		
	Pats	Opp.
South West	13	0
Raytown	13	0
Shawnee Mission South	8	8
Hickman Mills	14	7
St. Joseph	15	8
Lee's Summit	7	22
Blue Springs	0	6
Oak Park	7	6
Fort Osage	14	6
6 wins	2 losses	1 tie

Freshman Football

Youthful team sets school record

by Jenny Luetkemeyer

The freshman football team used its enthusiasm, motivation and discipline as clinchers in having a positive season and setting a freshman record with seven victories and one loss.

"We had everything it takes to be successful," Coach Dave Magraw said. "We had the want, the will and the knowledge to work at being the best."

"Our goal was to go undefeated," Doug Carrow said. "We knew we had the ability and we took advantage of it. As the season progressed it looked as though we would attain that goal."

It wasn't until the second to the last game of the season that the team fell short of its goal.

Lee Barger explained, "We could've went undefeated. Our only loss (to Rus-

kin) was disappointing. It was just one of those games where we couldn't come back and we lost 13-6."

Ricky Atagi added, "We had five days off and then two practices before we played Ruskin. We weren't in it mentally and that's why we lost."

The major weakness of the team was its size. The majority of the team was small and the big players were inexperienced.

"A lot of kids were too big to play in leagues such as Pop Warner. To play then, you had to be under a weight limit. These guys were just lacking experience. They had the talent, however, and used it to overcome obstacles such as this," said Doug.

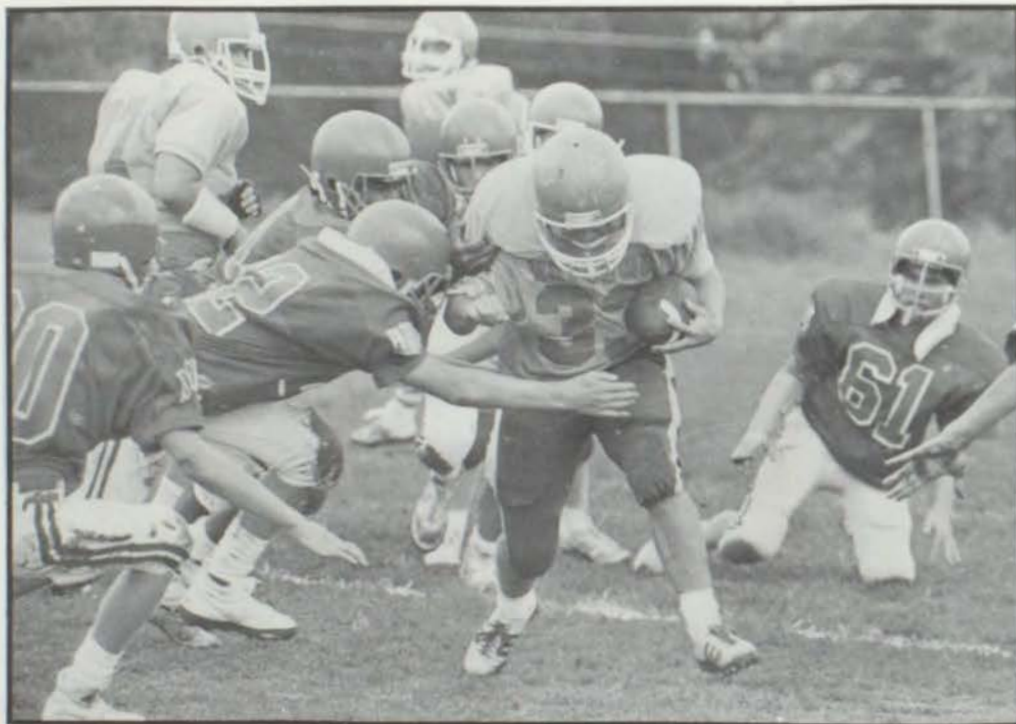
Magraw and Coach Keith Lehman both said this 1986 season was one of the best freshman teams in the past five years.

"The highlight of the season was beating Blue Springs 24-6. Our defense was up and they hit hard. The offense was fast and worked together," Lee said.

The team agreed it was a team effort, in the best sense of the word, that led to a great season.

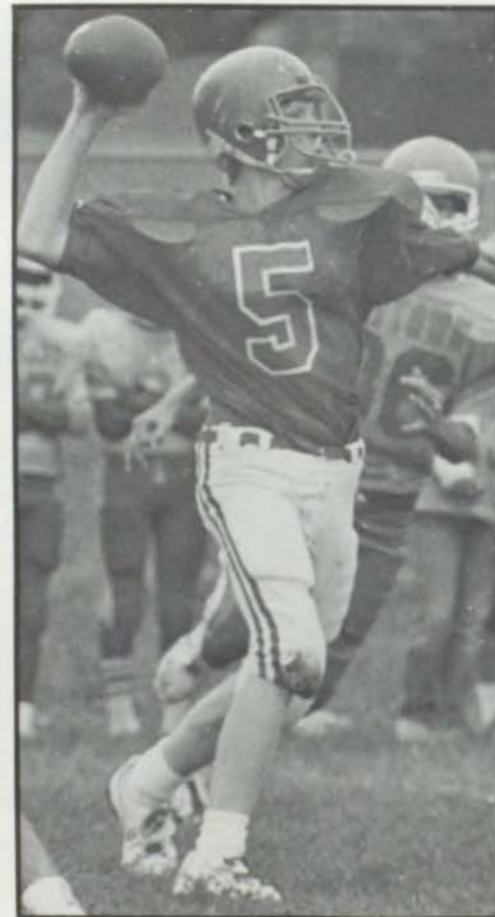
Doug said, "It helped that we all got along and didn't get jealous over things. We put each other on an equal basis. At the beginning of the season not everyone knew everyone else, but now we are all the best of friends. It's great!"

"We never got big-headed and took everything seriously. We played smart and worked very hard. Coach Magraw pushed us and proved to us that our record at the end of the season would reflect on our effort throughout the year. We just had it together in every aspect," Lee concluded.



Patriots' outstretched arms desperately strain to grab an opponent before losing any more yardage. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Quarterback Doug Carrow's passing helped in building the 7-1 record, the best in Truman's freshman history. (Photo by Dean Bullock)





Front Row: Chris Beltz, Bill Lieberknecht, Keith Bachand, Kevin Fisher, Grant Stoner, Scott Wolfgeher, Mack Steele, Rusty Harpham, Greg Weyrauch. Second Row: Jason Gordon, Dan Ragan, Mike Fansher, Lance Tryon, Robby Palmer, John Hooper, Joe Bullock, Brent Lilly. Third Row: Sammy Bishop, Chris Hamblin, Todd Coffey, Kyle Ritter, Jake Taylor, Robert Fisher, Jason Cundiff, Ricky

Atagi, Chad Fisher. Fourth Row: Jimmy Holtcamp, Jim Fields, Chris Hess, Alvin Howell, Greg Callahan, Brian Koehly, Jimmy Garrett, John Hurtline. Back Row: Dennis Yancey, Terry Dunlap, Lee Barger, Jeff Estill, Jimmy Jeske, Brian Knowles, Wayne Sclesky, Charlie Arnold, Doug Carrow.



Deep penetration into the backfield allows room for three Patriots to maul a Raytown running back. Truman won 34-6. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Freshman Football	
A Team	
Raytown	34-6
St. Joseph	38-6
North Kansas City	44-6
Blue Springs	24-6
St. Pius	44-0
Ruskin	13-6
Shawnee Mission West	52-46
Chrisman	12-0
7 wins	1 loss
B Team	
Raytown A Team	36-6
Hickman Mills B Team	12-12
Blue Springs B Team	20-0
Lee's Summit A Team	28-0
East High School	24-0
3 wins	2 losses 1 tie

Team achieves third in state

by Jenny Luetkemeyer

The varsity volleyball team through experience, hard work and determination attained its dream to go to the Class 4-A state tournament; not only will they leave with a third place state finish, but also having set a school record with 27 wins.

"Our initial goal was to go to state and I'm happy we made it that far. Of course once we made it to state we wanted to get first, so falling short of that goal brought some disappointment," senior Shelley Lauber explained.

Coach Chuck Harris said, "I was mostly disappointed in not getting to play for first (at state), I am sure the girls were too. I don't think we could have beaten West Plains, the first-place winner, so it was great to end the season by winning the last game, rather than ending with a loss.

Senior Sarah Conyers said she felt their best game of the season was the last game.

"We were going to make the best of it, since we knew we couldn't achieve first at this point. In our last game we all played together and couldn't do anything wrong. We wanted to end on a winning note and we came back the second day of the tournament and did just that. We won out of pride in ourselves."

Because of the senior-dominated lineup, junior Suzanne Conyers felt it hard to adjust at the beginning of the season.

"I didn't really feel like part of the team at first. We weren't really coming out strong and we didn't gel together. It was hard to adjust being around seniors. Once things started flowing, I didn't feel uncertain anymore. It helped me to play with such caring people. One of the best parts of this season was getting to play on the same team as my sister."

Senior Jan Grotenhuis, who has been team captain the past two years, called this year's team one of the best she has ever played on.

Shelley added, "We played like a team and never had any problems. We

are all friends on and off the court which helps a lot. Everybody always cared and encouraged when someone got down. Having a coach like ours with such a happy-go-lucky attitude also helped us smoothly gel as a team."

Junior Melissa Sherman agreed.

"Harris really taught us a lot and when there was a problem we talked and he helped us work everything out. He rarely gets mad, upset maybe, but he never yelled or screamed at us."

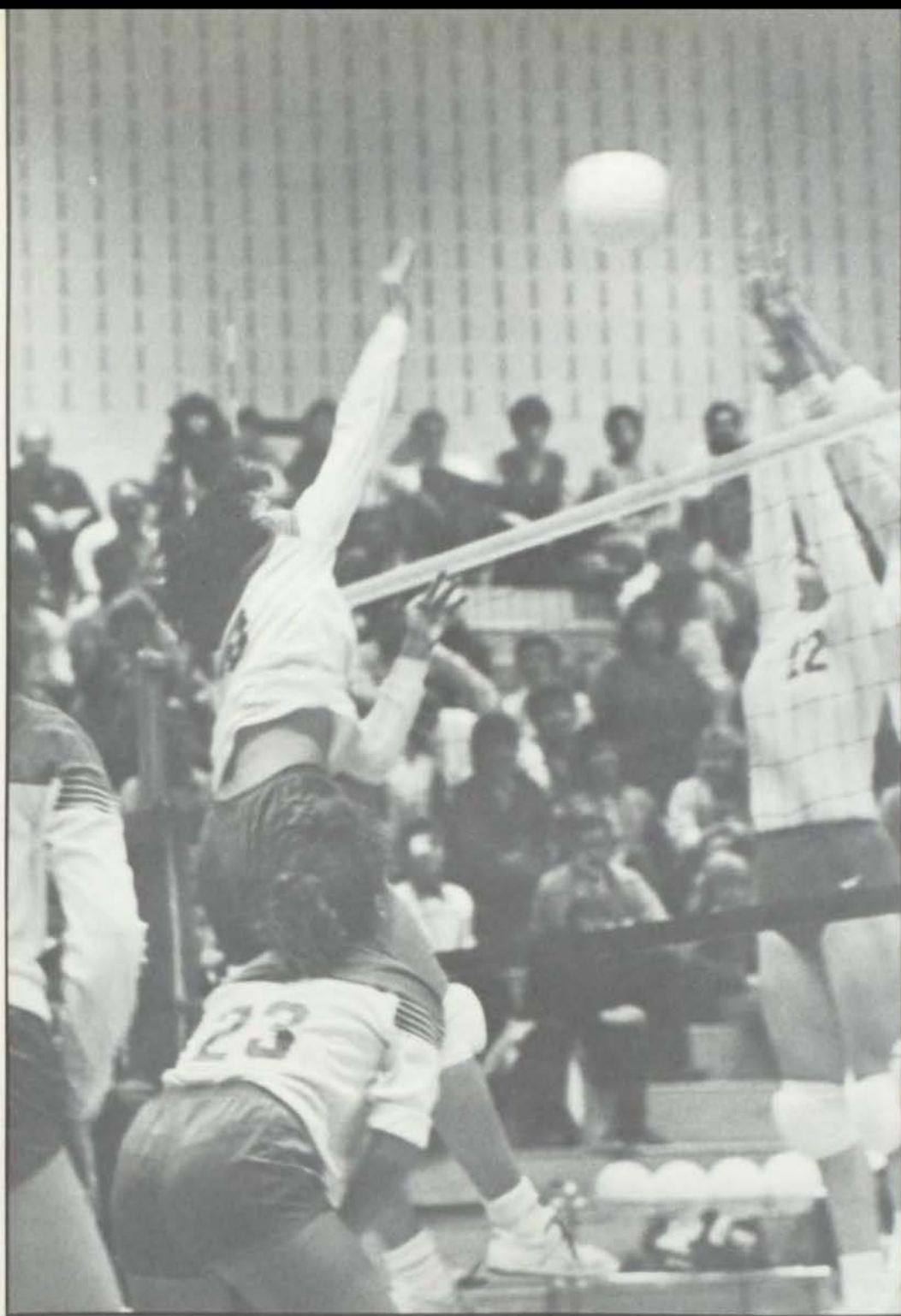
Jan said that Coach Donna Shuler tremendously contributed to the team's attitude and outlooks.

"We owe a special thanks to Coach Shuler for all the little gifts, spaghetti dinners and sentimental pep talks. We never would have done as well as we did without her constant smiles of support."

Sarah summed the season up by saying, "This season has made my senior year worthwhile. It couldn't have been a more positive impact in making these past four years satisfying."

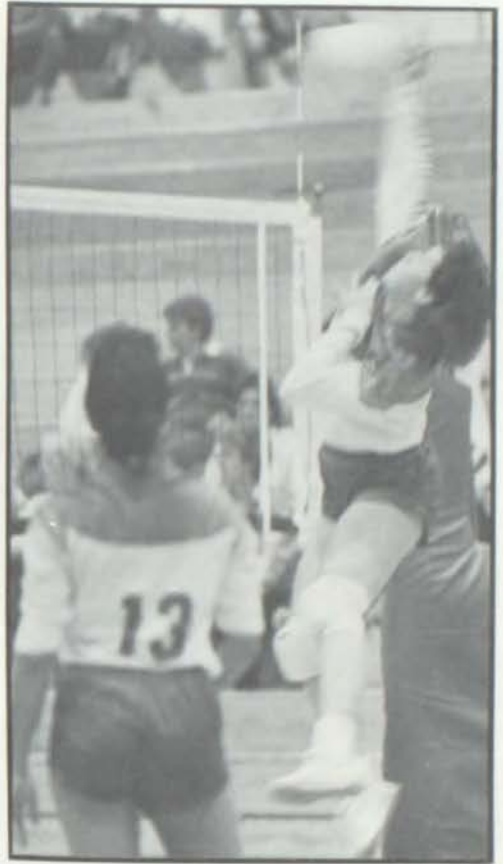


Front Row: Kelly Clark, Mary Biondo. Second Row: Melissa Sherman, Julie Graybill, Suzanne Conyers. Back Row: Kelly Eaton, Laura Pricer, Jan Grotenhuis, Sarah Conyers, Kris Earhart, Shelley Lauber, Amy Rold. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



At the State Class 4A Volleyball championships, senior Sarah Conyers uses her best judgment to hit the ball back at her opponents. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Flying high, junior Suzanne Conyers uses her strength to hit the ball as hard as she can in hopes of scoring a point. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Varsity Volleyball			
Raytown South	15-8	8-15	15-9
Excelsior Springs	15-7	6-15	15-11
Johnson County Tournament			2nd
Hickman Mills	15-6	15-6	
Wm. Chrisman	13-15	16-14	8-15
Oak Park	15-10	7-15	15-11
Park Hill	15-13	15-5	
Fort Osage	15-5	15-2	
Blue Springs	15-5	15-5	
Lee's Summit	15-0	10-15	15-6
Oak Park	15-7	15-8	
Park Hill	15-7	14-16	15-10
Fort Osage	15-6	15-7	
Truman Tournament			1st
Blue Springs	15-6	15-7	
Lee's Summit	15-13	16-14	
District Tournament			1st
Blue Springs	15-8	15-3	
Raytown	15-5	15-4	
Sectional Tournament			1st
Wm. Chrisman	14-16	15-10	17-15
Oak Park	15-10	15-7	
State Tournament			3rd
Washington	7-15	15-13	
St. Joseph's	15-4	11-15	
West Plains	9-15	6-15	
Washington	15-10	15-2	
27 wins		3 losses	4 ties

Members of the volleyball team celebrate after defeating Raytown in the finals of the district tournament 15-5, 15-4. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Just barely missing the ball, senior Jan Grotenhuis reaches to block a hit trying to keep the opponents from scoring. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

After a breath-taking win to capture the sectional title, support and affection are shown between seniors Kris Earhart and Jan Grotenhuis. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Varsity team members display their closeness by huddling together before the final game at sectionals. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Varsity Volleyball

A special bond gives team success

by Jenny Luetkemeyer

Many things contributed to the record-setting season of the varsity volleyball team, but the most outstanding was the closeness of the players through their friendships on and off the court.

"We are always together during school, after school and on the weekends. Our close relationships came from caring, even when it wasn't expected. We never tried to leave anyone out whether we were at practice or just going out on the weekends," senior Kris Earhart said.

With eight of its 12 players being seniors, one could expect a special bond within the team.

Senior Jan Grotenhuis said, "The reason we are special to each other comes from seeing each other in very exciting times as well as heartbreaking times. We each have been playing volleyball for four years and it wasn't until this season that we all were together. We all like to do the same kinds of activities so we can easily relate to each other and have fun."

"I think its great when a lot of people can get along and have such a good time being themselves. I know why we all get along and that's because we don't feel any pressure from each other. We care, help and encourage when its needed most and even when its not. That is true friendship," senior Shelley Lauber explained.

Senior Sarah Conyers agreed, "Being good friends helps the team because we seem to know what to expect from each other. We see each other grow and improve as the years go on and it seems to create an awesome bond for our volleyball team."

With any team there are going to be some conflicts or people feeling jealous; this year's was no exception.

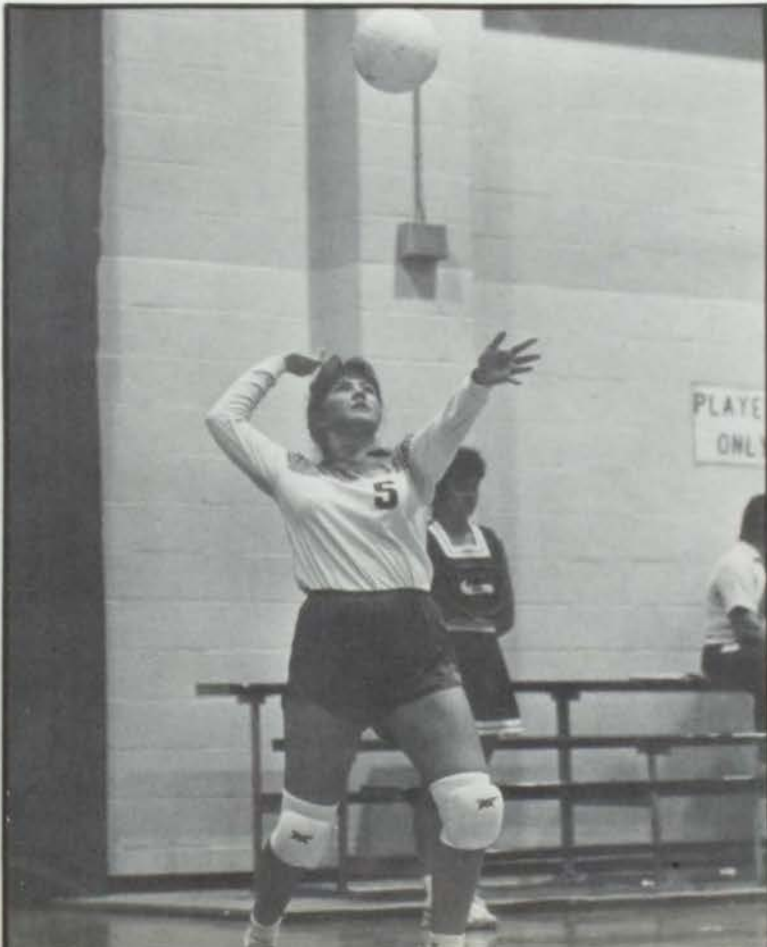
"We had problems with players feeling like Coach Harris was spending more time with some than others. He was helping Sarah a lot with middle hitting because he had played that position in college. Some teammates felt he was showing favoritism. As I see it, Harris would never favor any one individual — he liked us all as a group," senior Kelly Eaton said.

Senior Kelly Clark added, "There was jealousy, but it always had to do with volleyball, not our friendship. We get into a talk session and get everything worked out. Things come out better when you communicate."

Seniors Julie Graybill and Mary Biondo both agreed that the past four years have been a learning experience accompanied by a lot of fun.

"Looking back we see the best of times and the worst of times. We learned about playing volleyball, dealing appropriately with coaches and getting along as a team, not as individuals. It's a challenge we will remember forever."

Sarah ended, "Friendship made the season click and high school fun. I don't know what I would have done without the friends I've made through volleyball. Friendship seems to be the biggest factor in the success of our team. There are few teams that are a unit like we are. Friendship made it fun because you know each day of practice you'll be with your friends having fun and striving to become the best through their support and encouragement."



Getting close to the net, senior Sarah Conyers anticipates where the next serve will go. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Senior Kelly Eaton keeps her eye on the ball, hoping to score a point with her serve. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

J.V. Volleyball

Statistics show determination pays off

by Jenny Luetkemeyer

The junior varsity volleyball team's season was better than anticipated and with tremendous amounts of hard work they ended the season with a 12-2 record.

Coach Donna Shuler said, "At first I wasn't sure what to expect. The girls wanted to be successful and they helped each other push. They worked very hard and had determination, which showed especially during the Hickman Mills Tournament."

"I felt that the highlight of the season was the Hickman Mills Tournament," sophomore Dixie Datweiler said. "We couldn't do anything wrong that day."

Freshman Stacey Bragg agreed: "We were consistent all day. It was so much fun and it felt great winning and winning. We knew what we needed to do that day and we did it."

A solid family-like atmosphere added to the team's success.

"We are all friends on and off the court. It was almost like we were a family at times. The way we gelled together and helped each other proved we strived for the best," sophomore Becky Bacus said.

A caring attitude also brought closeness.

"The girls got along and helped each other out, even when they weren't playing. I feel it's important for the girls on the bench to feel as much a part of the team as the ones playing. I've always tried, as a coach, to keep everyone involved," Shuler said.

"We started out the season on a good note. Then we went through this down spell as a team. We were still winning, but for a couple of games I felt like we were mentally out of it," Dixie said.

Shuler added, "They really surprised me and continued to work hard throughout the season. They peaked at the Hickman Mills Tournament, which helped them to beat teams they had lost to earlier."

One major weakness was their lack of height.

"There's only one way to say it — we were short. We had to concentrate on our defense especially," Becky said.

"We needed to talk more on the court," Stacey commented. "We could have avoided some mistakes if we talked more."

Though conditioning takes a lot out of a person physically, the team appreciated the way Shuler pushed them to work hard and hustle.

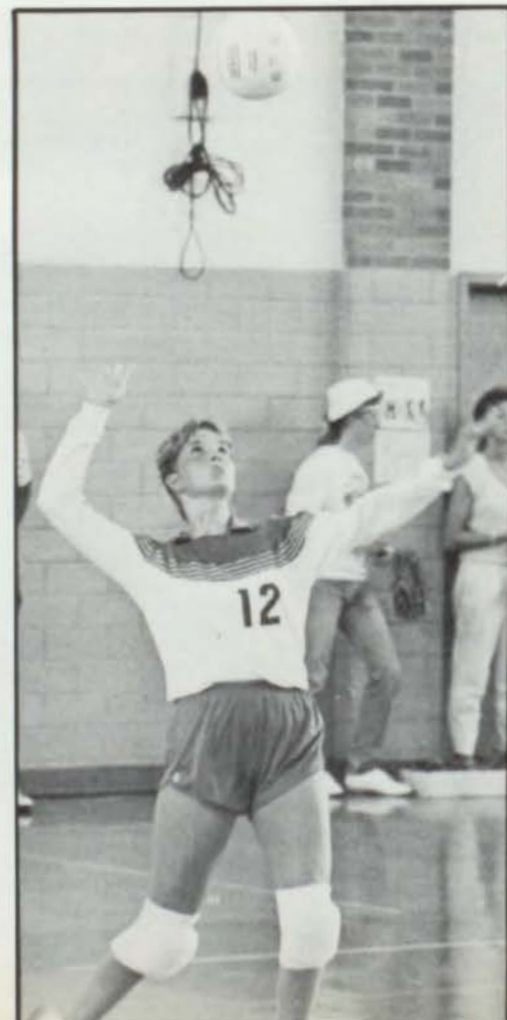
"Conditioning paid off, as our record shows, and we wanted to win more. When Shuler was upset, she told us what we did wrong and how to improve. She never yelled at us. We worked twice as hard when she got frustrated," Dixie said.

Stacey concluded, "Strong, successful and tough is the way our team should be described. We owe a lot to Shuler. Her attitude influenced us all the time. We had an exciting season!"

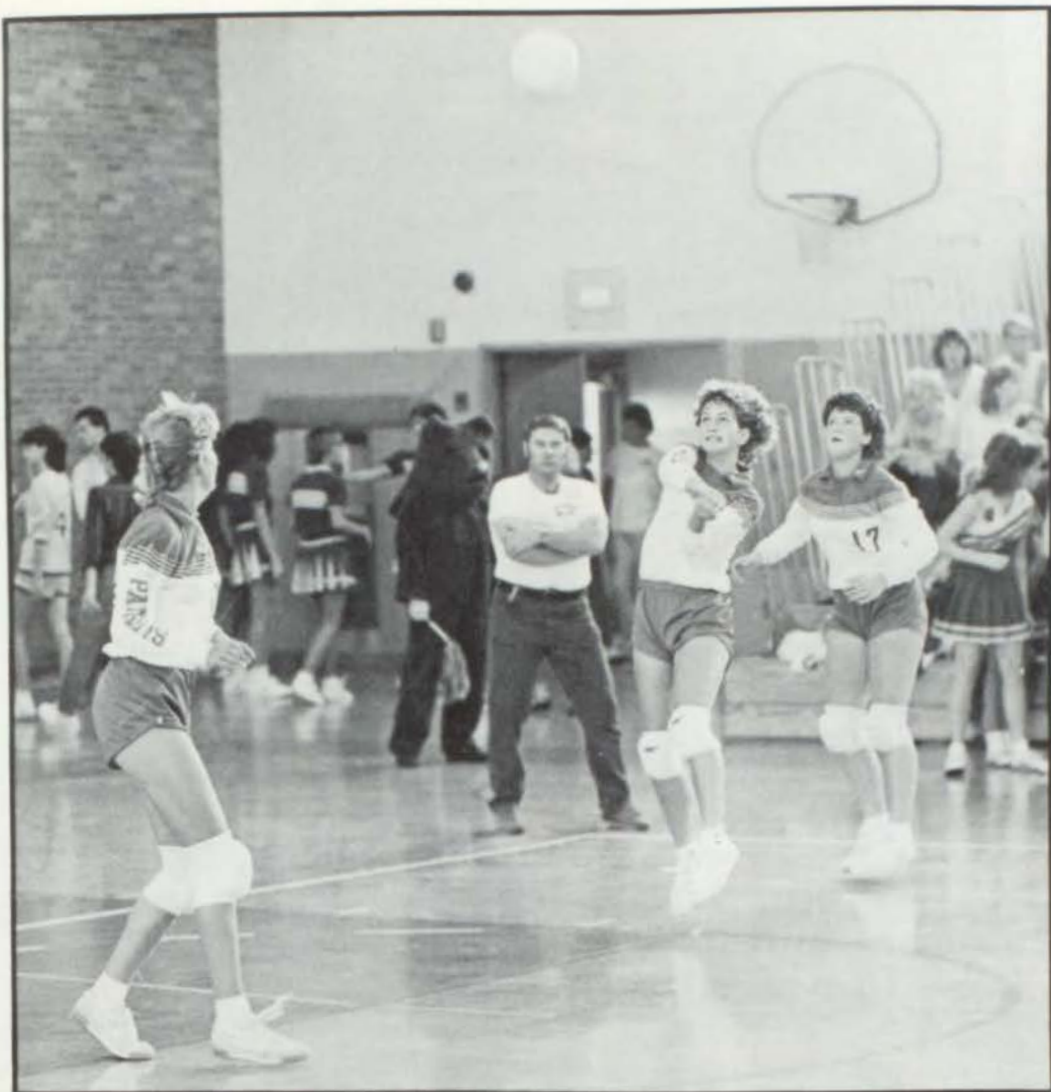
Junior Varsity Volleyball			
Raytown South	15-6	8-15	15-9
Excelsior Springs	15-9	15-8	
Hickman Mills	15-9	6-15	15-4
Wm. Chrisman	11-15	15-16	15-13
Oak Park	4-15	15-5	15-7
Park Hill	15-8	7-15	14-16
Fort Osage	15-3	16-14	
Blue Springs	8-15	14-16	
Lee's Summit	15-13	15-5	
Oak Park	15-11	15-5	
Park Hill	16-14	15-7	
Fort Osage	15-6	8-15	15-5
Blue Springs	15-12	15-12	
Lee's Summit	15-3	17-15	
Oak Park Tourney			3rd
Hickman Mills Tourney			1st
12 wins		2 losses	



Junior Amy Rold successfully sets the ball to junior Rayna Rold in a game against William Chrisman. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Freshman Stacey Bragg concentrates and uses her strength to get her serve over the net. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Sophomore **Becky Bacus** saves the ball and bumps it to freshman **Stacey Bragg**, who returns the ball successfully to the opponents. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Front Row: Erika Lukens, Sonja Zimmerman, Rayna Steen. Second Row: Amy Hauschel, Shauna Mead, Heather Harper, Stacey Bragg. Back Row: Becky Bacus, Liz Bowman, Dixie Datweiler, Angie Zuber, Amy Rold. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Freshman Volleyball

Mutual support gels teams together

by **Leslie Kuske**

Although the freshman team began the season not really knowing what to expect, the girls pulled together as a team and gave it their all.

In preparation for the season the girls attended tough summer practices.

"All the conditioning was hard," Cindy Porter said. "We had to do aerobics and sprints and they just got harder and harder."

Not only was physical endurance required, but knowledge of the fundamental skills was necessary to master the game.

"We had to learn everything at once before the first game," Laura Cummings added.

The beginning of the season entailed even more hard work for the girls.

The most difficult thing at first was "working together with people you didn't know," Jennie McGrath said.

"We had to really put forth an effort to try to win or sometimes just to get a

point," Karen Nelson said. "We had to work together."

Togetherness seemed to be the key to success for this freshman team.

"Everyone liked each other so there weren't many disagreements," Laura said. "We all got along so well well."

Mutual friendship and support provided a common bond between the A and B teams.

"Everyone stuck together. We were more like one team instead of two," Cindy said.

The main reason there were two teams is so more girls could obtain experience and eventually move up to varsity, according to Bonner. "If we only had one team there would be a lot of girls sitting on the bench," she said.

One of the best qualities of the team was their ability to show spirit and encouragement, both on and off the court.

"There was a lot of team spirit. We would always come together and cheer people on to boost their confidence," Karen said.

"We got really loud at games," Cindy said. "We tried not to get down on each other and we usually sang on the way home whether we won or lost." In addition to their endless enthusiasm, the girls constantly showed good sportsmanship.

"They were always ladies on the court," Bonner said.

"When one player came out and another went in, the person who came out cheered them on and kept up high spirits," Laura said.

The A team concluded their season with six wins and six losses. The B team finished with six wins and five losses.

There were almost an equal number of wins and losses, but the season ended on a positive note.

"After losing to Excelsior Springs at the first tournament and then coming back to beat them in the final match, it showed me how much stronger they had become," Bonner said. "Truman has always had female athletes who make us very proud, these girls are following the tradition."



B Team: Coach Becky Hollrah, Monica Mohart, Cummings, Karen Nelson, Marcy Uhl, Nicole Quint, Andrea Craig, Barbi Shumaker, Angela Lyons, Laura Sherrie Bennett. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Freshman A Team Volleyball

Excelsior Springs Tournament			2nd
Raytown South	15-17	15-3	15-11
Center	15-11	10-15	15-10
Hickman Mills		15-9	15-5
Wm. Chrisman	3-15	16-14	12-15
Winnetonka		15-1	15-3
Park Hill		12-15	6-15
Lee's Summit		16-14	12-15
Truman Tournament			4th
Blue Springs		17-19	13-15
Oak Park	14-16	16-14	3-15
Wm. Chrisman		9-15	10-15
Raytown	13-15	15-6	13-15
Excelsior Springs		16-14	15-6

6 wins 6 losses

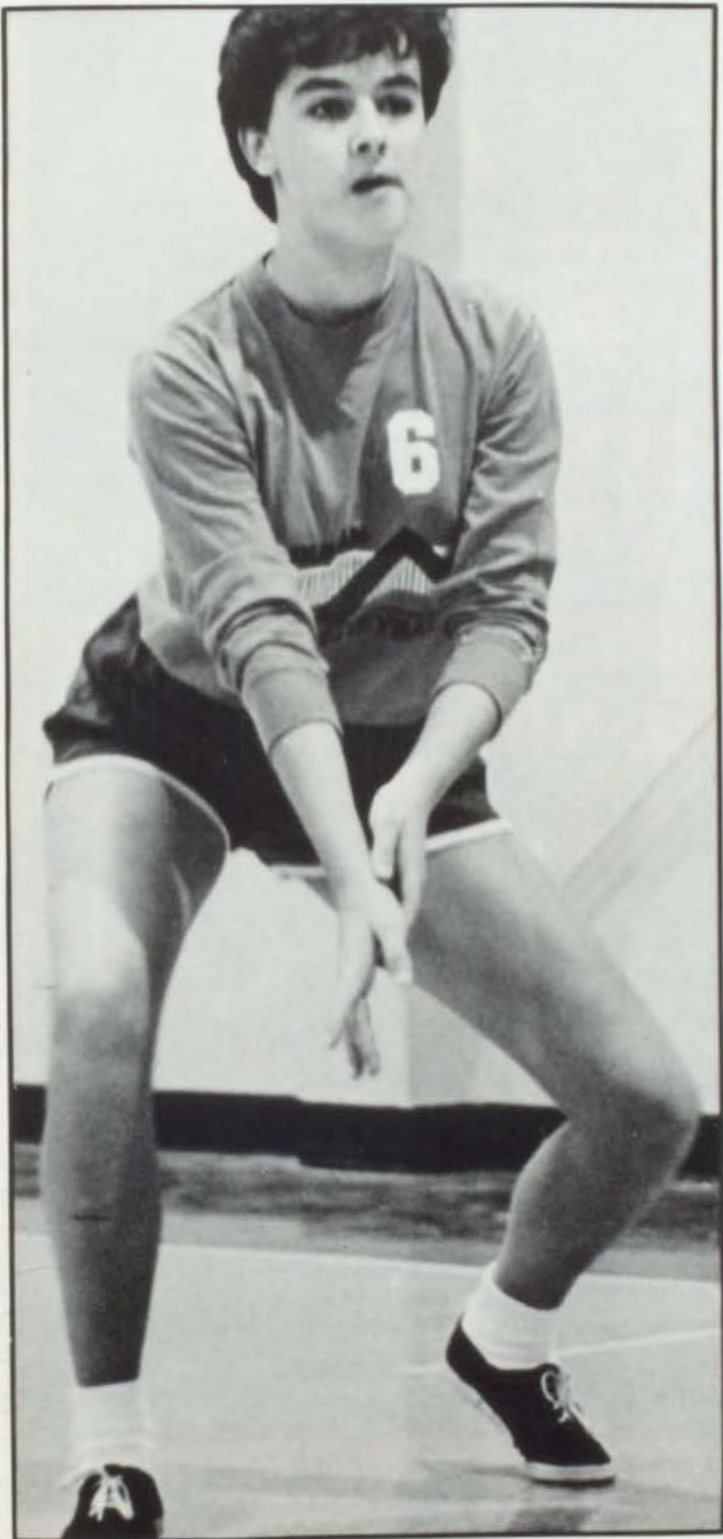
Freshman B Team Volleyball

Raytown South		15-5	15-0
Hickman Mills		15-5	15-11
Wm. Chrisman		7-15	14-16
Winnetonka		15-5	16-14
Park Hill	1-15	15-8	15-3
Lee's Summit	15-10	12-15	12-15
Truman Tournament			11th
Blue Springs	5-15	15-7	5-15
Oak Park	2-15	15-10	15-12
Wm. Chrisman	10-15	15-11	12-15
Raytown		15-6	5-15 15-5
Excelsior Springs	14-16	15-13	15-11

6 wins 5 losses



A Team: Jennie McGrath, Kathy Wiseman, Katrina Meek, Becky Niederschulte, Marci Nelson, Tina Mitchell, Heather Williamson, Amy Looper, Jennifer Gaudin, Coach Jan Bonner. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Tina Mitchell keeps her eyes on the ball as she prepares to bump it. Bumping is one of the many fundamental skills freshmen learned in volleyball. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

Andrea Craig assumes a strategic position to execute a play. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)

Varsity Soccer

Third time not always a charm

by Max Hawley

The saying, "Third time's a charm," did not hold true for this year's varsity soccer team, perhaps the most talented and experienced team in the short history of the soccer program.

This year's team was the last remnant of the founding club-team that started the soccer program here.

"This was the team that started it all. This was supposed to be our year. Most of us had been playing together since the seventh grade at BVAC (Blue Valley Activity Center)," senior Spencer Palmer said. "We had always played together as a team, but this year we set individual goals instead of playing as one."

"This was the last of the original team that founded soccer here. We thought we were going to have a great season, but we

fell on our faces," senior Marc Walker said.

Injuries to key players early in the season damaged the team's chances for a successful year.

"We lost Spencer (Palmer) with a bone chip in his leg in the first game, and (Brian) Drinkwater in the third game with a broken foot. We never got Brian back, and we lost Spencer for all but two weeks of the season," Coach Tom Demark said.

Lack of teamwork also hurt the team.

"There was none (no teamwork) at all. Everyone was shooting for individual goals," senior Jeff Glidewell said.

"We had the ability there, but we couldn't put it all together with everything going for the individual glory," senior Brian Smith said.

"We didn't have a lot of solid depth, so as a result we had to play people out of position," Demark added.

"Team spirit was very low, that's why we lost so much," Marc said.

An absence of the senior leadership was another factor according to several players.

"I was disappointed because of the fact that the senior leadership was lacking . . . there were no set captains," Spencer said.

According to Demark, the season could not be weighed on the won-lost record, because many of those games could have gone either way.

"It was a very fine line between a winning and a losing record. We had one of the toughest schedules in the area," Demark said. "Nine of our losses came to teams in the top 10. Pembroke Hill and Park Hill both went to the semi-finals in the state. They never came out down; they always thought they could win, and they always battled back."



The intensity is evident as senior Greg Martinez prepares himself for a professional career in soccer. (Photo by Tom Demark)



Senior Jeff Glidewell dribbles down field looking for an open teammate to pass the ball to. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Front Row: Marc Walker, Greg Martinez. Second Row: Coach Demark, Brian Drinkwater, Darren O'Dell, Pat Rigby, Edgar Steenwoorden, Dan Serig, Scott Snelson, Stuart Malhiot, Greg Kruei, Derk

Bedsworth, Coach Bill Drinkwater. Third Row: Tim Sutton, Scott Schumacher, Jeff Glidewell, Eric Melton, Troy Sterrett, Steve Martin, Spencer Palmer, Brian Smith, Tom Demark. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

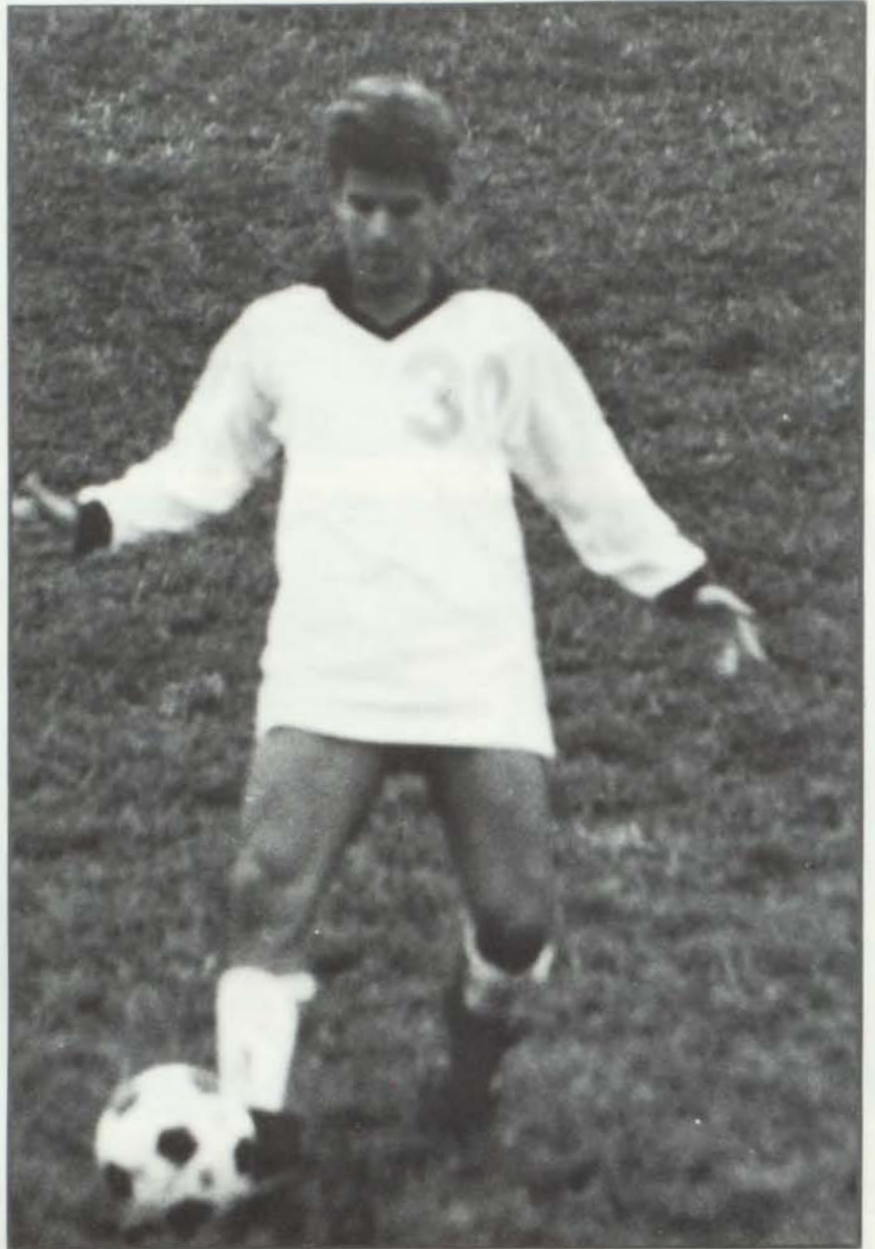


Senior Tom Demark, mid-fielder, one of the constants on this year's varsity soccer team, passes the ball to an open teammate. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Varsity Soccer		
	Pats	Opp.
Winnetonka	1	0
Grandview	1	5
Desoto	0	4
Sedalia Sac. Heart	3	2
Chrisman	3	2
Raytown	2	2
Fort Osage	1	1
Grandview	0	2
O'Hara	0	3
Winnetonka	4	1
Pembroke Hill	0	4
Englewood	4	0
Fort Osage	1	3
Park Hill	0	2
Liberty	0	0
Lee's Summit	1	2
North Kansas City	2	5
Oak Park	1	1
Blue Springs	0	4
Sedalia Smith Cotton	0	8
Barstow	0	3
Fort Osage	1	3
Winnetonka Tournament		2nd place
Kansas City Invitational		7th place
Independence Tournament		2nd place
5 wins	14 losses	4 ties

Hard work and dedication is what made sophomore David Starr one of the cornerstones of the soccer program. (Photo by Ben Haas)

Teamwork is the name of the game for the junior varsity soccer team this year. (Photo by Ben Haas)



Junior Glen Harder and sophomore David Starr exemplify the aggressive spirit of the junior varsity soccer team. (Photo by Ben Haas)

Junior Varsity Soccer

	Pats	Opp.
Chrisman	4	0
Raytown	1	0
Fort Osage	2	0
Grandview	2	2
Winnertonka	1	0
Pembroke Hill	1	4
Park Hill	1	6
O'Hara	0	1
Liberty	0	1
Lee's Summit	1	1
North Kansas City	3	1
Blue Springs	0	4
Sedalia	2	4
5 wins	6 losses	2 ties

'C' Team Soccer

	Pats	Opp.
Tri-City	9	2
Pembroke Hill	0	3
Independence Christian	3	2
Kansas City Lutheran	2	4
Pembroke Hill	2	2
Blue Ridge	2	3
2 wins	3 losses	1 tie

Young team prepares for future

by Max Hawley

A well-organized junior varsity soccer team survived in a tough conference winning four out of the first five games.

"We started out pretty good, but then we hit the tough opponents," junior Glen Harder said.

Even though they finished with a losing record there were several close matches that could have gone either way.

"We just weren't getting the breaks in the second half of the season," junior Scott Snelson said.

The potential is there for next year's varsity team.

"I had several players who could have played more on the varsity level, but I decided to keep them down so that they could play together another year," Coach Tom Demark said. "They're the team of the future."

One of the reasons for such a suc-

cessful year was the desire to win, the never-say-die attitude.

"Even though we couldn't go to State, we still wanted to win more than anything," Scott said. "It was really intense. I hope it stays with us for next year!"

"We are still in the 'embryo' stage of soccer here. I am pleased with the pro-

gress up-to-date," Demark said.

The "C" team this year provided a place for the freshmen to develop their talents. They had a six game schedule, finishing with a record of 2-3-1.

"The freshmen showed a lot of potential this year," Coach Demark said.

"If they keep at it and work on them (skills) in their own spare time, there is no place to go but up."

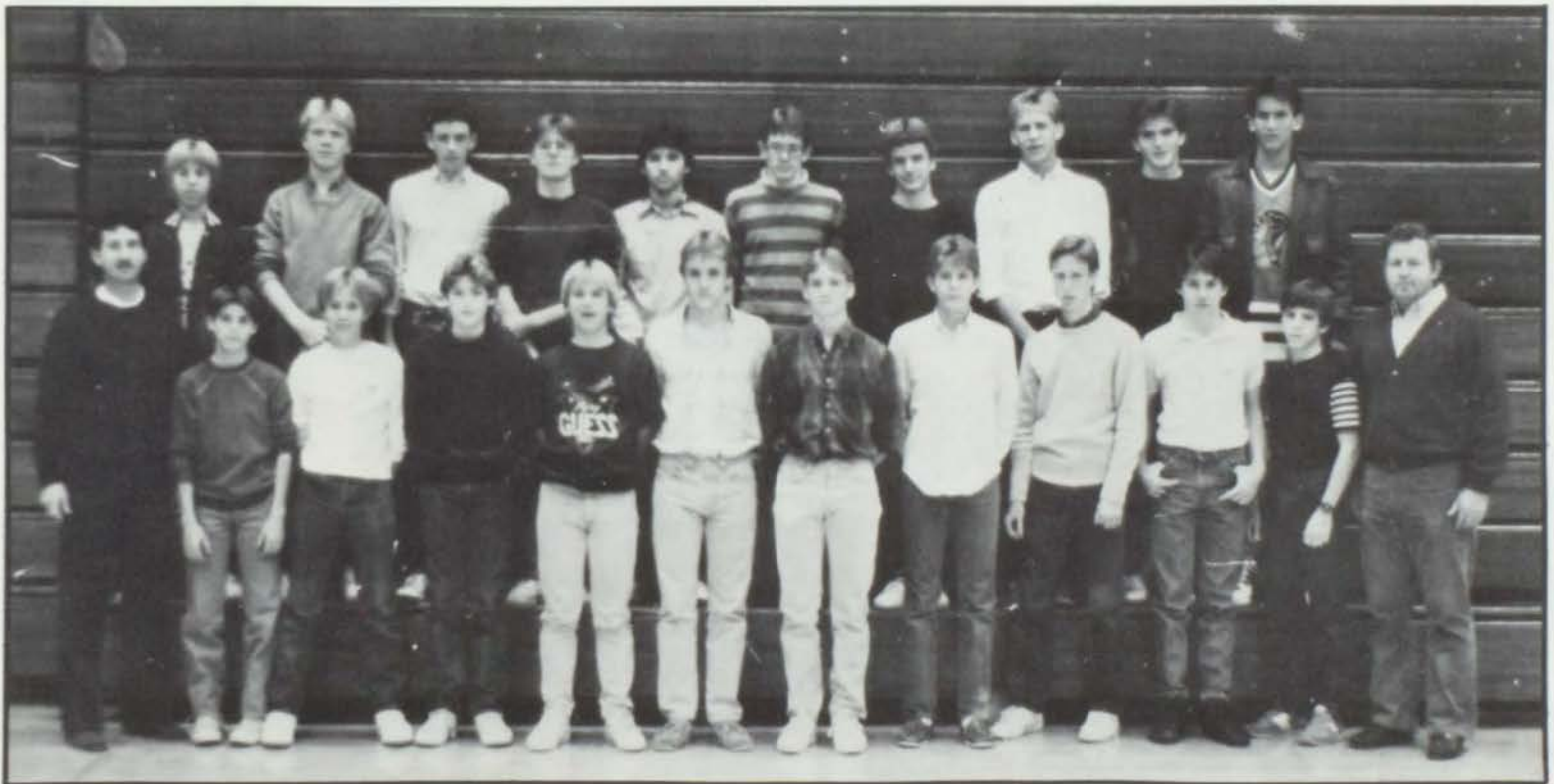
"They (J.V.) had a good season this year. We hope they can come back with the same intensity as this year," senior Marc Walker said.

Senior Spencer Palmer echoed his words:

"They had a good year. I hope they can come back next year. The coaching is good, so there is no reason they can't go all the way."



Coach Tom Demark looks on to pick out flaws in the team's game. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Front row: Coach Demark, Jamie Griffin, David Varalli, Chris Wilson, Jeff Peterson, John DeYoung, Jeff Coffman, Sean Blakemore, Stuart Malhiot, Damon Jeffers, Mark Lambras, Coach Drinkwater. Back row: Jim Dutcher, Aaron Schumaker, Devin Hart-

ley, Glen Harder, Valentin Moreno, Ivan Bird, David Starr, David Safley, Shaun Horner, Jason Campbell. Not pictured: Jay Meyer, Larry Brown. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Varsity Tennis

Inexperience takes toll on tennis

by Max Hawley

The varsity tennis team struggled throughout the season and ended up with a 5 and 10 record.

Even though they ended up with a losing record, the team said they didn't let it get them down.

"Everyone went out to have fun this year. If we lost a match, we would try not to let it get us down," senior Becky McFadden said.

"Even though we lost a lot we would still have a positive outlook. We wouldn't get depressed," junior Heather McIntosh added.

An inexperienced group also hurt the team this year. With only one returning letter-person and only six returning from last year's team, they did as well as could be expected.

"Everyone tried to do the best that

she could. I think that it was a good season," Heather said.

Bright aspects were pretty common for a team with a losing record.



"It really wasn't a disappointing season for me, because I had a winning record. I also improved on my game," Becky said.

"I thought I did okay. I did better than last year, but, there is always room for improvement," Heather said.

"Even though we lost a lot, we all stuck together."

With the good points came the bad ones.

"Katie (White) and I were disappointed about not being able to go to State as doubles partners since this was our senior year. This was it . . . for us, anyway," Becky said.

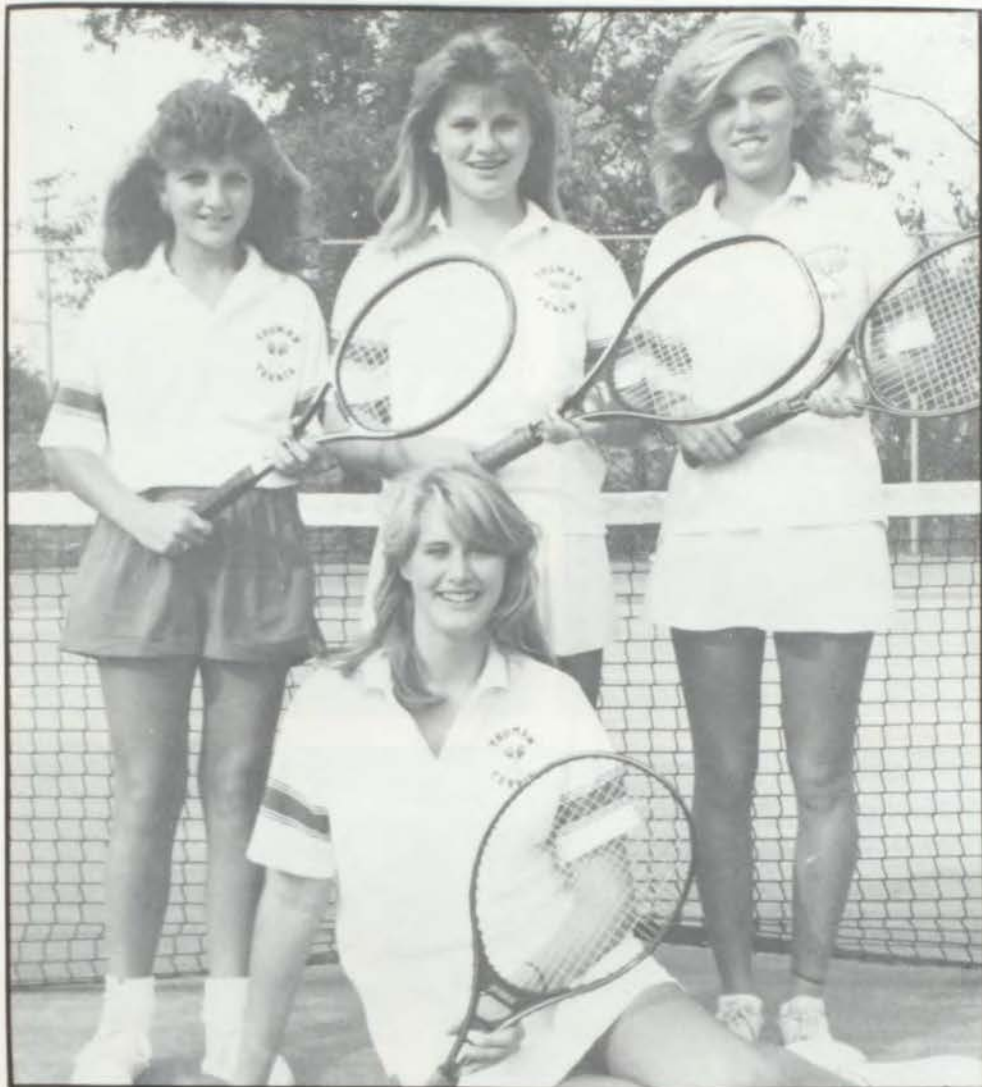
"I didn't win as many games as I would have liked to this year," Heather said.

Senior Becky McFadden watches the ball travel back to her opponent. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Doubles partners Heather McIntosh and Pam McGrayne prove practice makes perfect. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Front row: Heather McIntosh. Back row: Jennifer Miles, Katie White, Becky McFadden. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Jennifer Miles became the first freshman to play varsity tennis in two years. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Varsity Tennis

	Pats	Opp.
North Kansas City	1	4
Center	0	5
Oak Park	1	4
Blue Springs	0	5
Chrisman	5	0
Hickman Mills	1	4
Ruskin	5	0
Lee's Summit	2	3
Winnetonka	4	1
Barstow	3	2
Belton	5	0
Park Hill	0	5
Liberty	2	3
Pembroke Hill	1	4

5 wins 10 losses

Senior Katie White's intensity pushed her to become one of the cornerstones of this year's tennis team. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Sophomore Misse Larsen concentrates on the upcoming serve from her singles opponent. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Sophomore Pam McGrayne returns her opponent's serve across net. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Coach Bob Skelton instructs the junior varsity tennis team before an important match. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

J.V. Tennis

Young team prepares for future

by Laura Hartley

JV tennis team did not reach its goal of winning at least half of its matches; instead, the result proved to be frustrating, with only four wins for its young team members.

"We didn't reach the goal that I had hoped we would," junior Jenny McFadden said.

The team was made up of mostly underclassmen. The numbers of team members were great, but the inexperience

was evident in a losing season.

"It was most people's first year, and the majority of our team was underclassmen," freshman Terri Ince said.

Some members believe that if they would have had more organized practices, they would have come closer to reaching their goals.

"In the beginning our practices were based on skills, conditioning and getting in shape," sophomore Julina Steele said.

"In practices most of us fooled around, and didn't get a whole lot done; we didn't work on basic skills," Terri said.

"A lot of us went in and we didn't know what to expect, but we were expected to do most everything on our own."

"We had a lot more players this year. That helped our team, but I felt that we could have done much better," Jenny said.

Even though the team lost most of their matches, they did not let the losing streak depress them.

"We had team spirit; we didn't let losing get us down," Terri said.

Jenny agreed, "Everyone went out there to have fun. If we lost, we tried not to let it get us down."

"We all helped each other out while we were in the losing streak."

"We didn't let it bother us. We understood that we couldn't always win," Julina said.

"It didn't matter that we didn't have a winning season this year; it helped us improve for next season and the goal to win," Julina said.



Front row: Jenny McFadden, Julina Steel. Second row: Cindy Board, Amy Galpin, Carla Carr. Third row: Tracy Schofield, Terri Ince, Cheri Williams,

Dionne Williams. Fourth row: Sherri Upp, Susan Smith, Pam McGrayne, Misse Larsen, Jenny Smith. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Junior Varsity Tennis		
	Pats	Opp.
North Kansas City	0	5
Center	0	5
Oak Park	0	5
Blue Springs	2	3
Chrisman	5	0
Hickman Mills	2	3
Ruskin	5	0
Lee's Summit	1	4
Winnetonka	2	3
Barstow	2	3
Belton	4	3
Park Hill	2	3
Liberty	2	3
Pembroke Hill	3	4
3 wins 11 losses		



Front Row: Ryan Price, Darren Rowe, Jamie Medlin, Brett Tharp, Danny Hammond, Rickey Jones. Second Row: Brian Biondo, Cory Blystone, Eric Austin, Robert Countryman, Scotty Ray, Steve Ballard, Derrick Hartley, Rodney Schwartz, Mike Vargas. Third Row: Sven Slade, Doug Howey, Ray Shouse, Rich Cummings, James Sebastian, Chad Caldwell, Tim Morgan, Chad Puckett, Kevin Black, Kevin Mason. Not Pictured: Jon Butterworth, Erick Utterback, Kevin Utterback, Troy Wymer. (Photo by Stevan Nash)

Varsity Boys' Cross Country

Truman Invitational	6th
Park Hill	19th
Independence City Champs	1st
Liberty	5th
Springfield	6th
Ruskin	7th
Conference	4th
District	5th
Sectionals	7th



Mental strategies are discussed by senior Rich Cummings, freshman Scotty Ray and senior James Sebastian before the Liberty meet. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Boys' Cross Country

Varsity runners go back to basics

by Laura Hartley and Renae Price

Varsity boys' cross country put aside its fancy team slogans of the past such as "New Attitude" and "It's A Matter Of Pride" and went "Back To The Basics."

"In the past we've given the boys sweatshirts, stocking caps and t-shirts but this year we decided not to," Coach Tom Billington said.

The boys were taking advantage of this and they expected to be rewarded for just running.

"We're not out there to make a fashion statement, but to become better runners," Billington said.

Co-captain Rich Cummings agreed.

"At first I got mad because, being a senior, I'd worked a lot of [Chiefs] games, and when he took away the shirts this year it didn't seem quite fair. Then I understood in the middle of the season — there's more to running than the way you're dressed."

This motto brought about "a change for the better," Billington said. Some seniors lost interest and left the team.

"They [seniors] weren't really gung-

ho, and realized that their senior year."

However, a lack of upperclassmen did not necessarily hurt the team.

"Obviously we'd rather be more experienced, but experience can be a fickle thing. The underclassmen were just out there to run and didn't worry so much about winning," Billington said.

"I think the inexperience helped, especially in the freshmen's case," Rich said. "They didn't know who they were competing against or their limitations."

"I wasn't under any pressure because I was just a freshman and I didn't think I could keep up with varsity, so it didn't bother me," freshman Kevin Utterback said.

This indifference to pressure enabled both Kevin and Brett Tharp to letter varsity as freshmen. In fact, Kevin proved to be an all-conference runner.

According to Billington, the team ex-

perienced its greatest successes at the Liberty and District meets.

"Liberty was our best meet. Team effort was stressed and we all felt like we had achieved something," Rich said.

"I wanted to do well, but I wanted our team to do better," junior Tim Morgan said.

Team unity throughout the entire year resulted in a qualifying position at sectionals, and brought the runners seven points away from state.

Junior Chad Caldwell summed up the team's feelings:

"I wasn't happy that we didn't go to state, but I was happy with what we accomplished. We did a lot better than I thought we would."

"It was a bummer, but I was glad to have had a good year," Rich said. "I was glad to have a positive mental year as opposed to last year."

With determination and vigor, senior James Sebastian and junior Chad Puckett maintain a steady pace. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Junior Tim Morgan goes "Back to the Basics" and uses mental concentration to obtain a near qualifying finish at Conference. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Girls' Cross Country

While running, girls find advantages

by *Carla Diaz*

Tough varsity girls' cross country did not accomplish their goal of going to State, they appear content placing fourth in conference and seventh in sectionals.

This year the girls' main goal was going to State.

"Our goal was — we wanted to go to State and qualify as a team and as individuals," junior Sarah Graves said.

"One goal we had ever since the sectional meet last year was for the team to qualify for State. Last year we were only six points away from qualifying and we wanted it really bad this year," sophomore Holly Zink said.

One asset the team had was one another's support.

"We were always supportive of each other and we always tried to be there for someone who was down. There were times when we would argue, but then what team doesn't?" Holly said.

Some may wonder why someone would put themselves through all of that "pain" and "suffering." According to Coach Lou Lyons, it simply does the opposite.

"Running takes out stress and anxiety," Lyons said.

"I run because I know it is good for my health and I enjoy it. Obviously, I don't

run their speed and as a recreational runner I don't compete."

In a team every individual contributes their all, but every group needs a leader.

"Our strongest runners are Holly Zink and Sarah Graves because they have a lot of summer running under their belt," said Lyons.

"The two girls that went to State were Donna Lyle and Sarah Graves," she said.

Besides the runners' own determination, the girls said they could always count on Coach Lyons.

"She cares and worries about us as people and wants us to do the best we can do," said Sarah.

"Coach Lyons is always there to talk to about anything," Holly said. "She supports us no matter how we run. She's not just a coach — she's a friend."

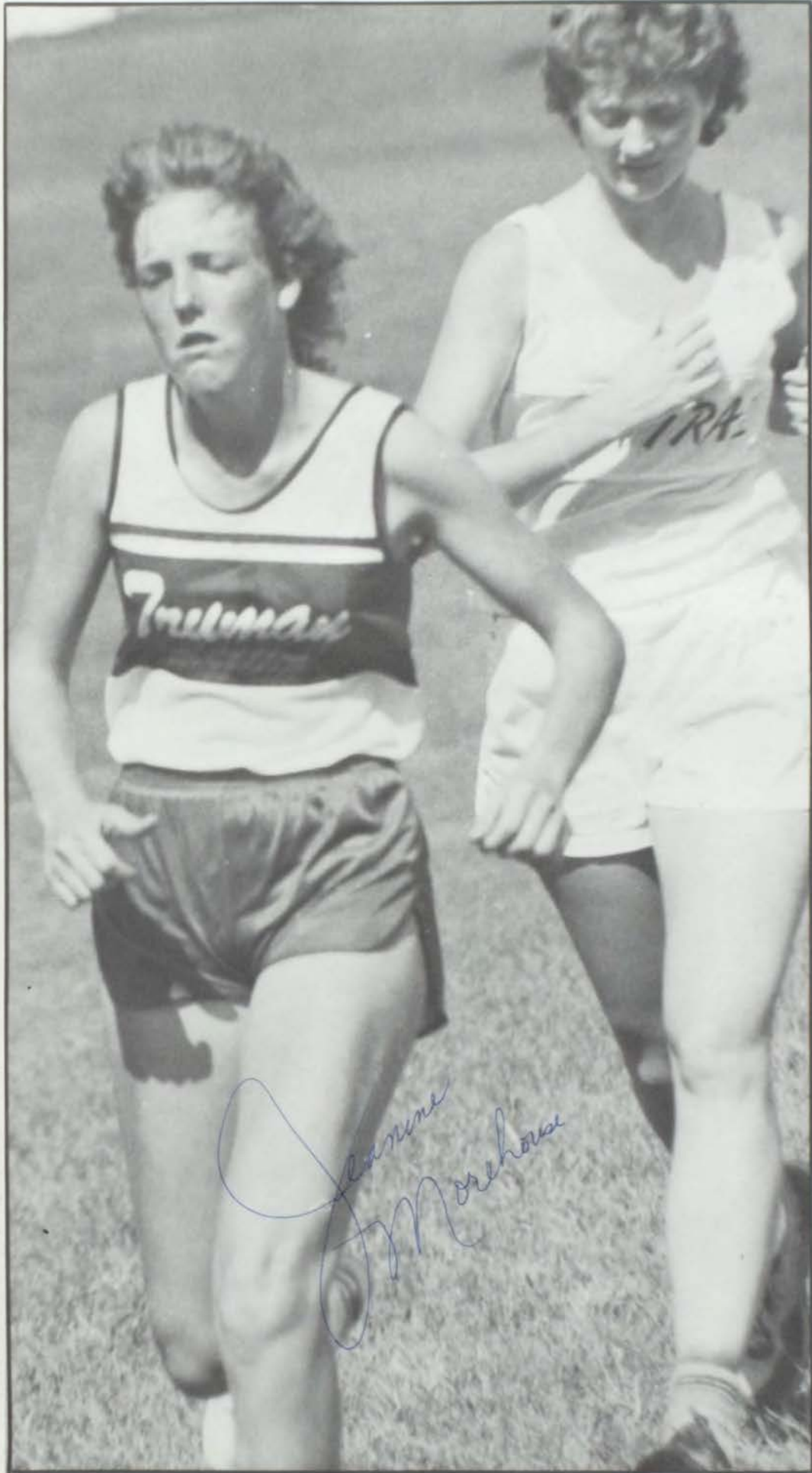


Front Row: Nicole Wilson, Lisa Bohanon, Ann Thomas, Teresa Howey, Wendy Smith, Susan Hulett, Lisa Lierman, Michelle Kleyh, Carol Fairbanks. Back Row: Michelle Rogers, Tanya Birdsong, Jeanine Morehouse, Dana Wear, Holly Zink, Donna Lyle, Susan Parker, Dorothy Salisbury, Sarah Graves. Not Pictured: Pam Conner and Amy Fisher. (Photo by Lou Lyons)

At the sound of the gun, the cross country team gets a fresh start. (Photo by Bill Birdsong)



Junior Jeanine Morehouse strives to stay ahead of an opponent at the William Jewell meet. (Photo by Bill Birdsong)



Varsity Girls' Cross Country	
Park Hill Invitational	6th
City Championship	2nd
Liberty Invitational	6th
Truman Invitational	2nd
Springfield Invitational	3rd
Ruskin Invitational	5th
Conference	4th

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While running alone, sophomore Holly Zink finds time to straighten her thoughts. (Photo by Bill Birdsong)

Boys' Cross Country	
Park Hill Invitational	1st
Independence City Championship	1st
Liberty Invitational	1st
Springfield Invitational	1st
Ruskin Invitational	5th
Conference Meet	5th



After a race junior Chad Puckett receives a hug from his mom, while sophomore Ryan Price takes a moment to catch his breath. (Photo by Bill Birdsong)

Support from junior Tanya Birdsong and Mrs. Rogers enables sophomore Michelle Rogers to tolerate the pain caused by a hip injury. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Young runners concentrate on form

by **Laura Hartley and Renae Price**

Although at times there were not enough runners to make up the junior varsity boys' cross country team, the underclassmen gained much experience as the majority of the team.

"Several meets we didn't run with a full J.V. team," Coach Tom Billington said.

Other times he pulled varsity runners down, and freshmen and sophomore runners up, to complete the team.

"By allowing the underclassmen to run, it enabled us to have a J.V. team," junior Derrick Hartley said.

In explaining why he pulled varsity runners down, Billington said, "I like to see them have some rewards during the year."

Rodney, referring to the mental aspect of running said, "It's all in a state of mind, and that's what we base our running on."

"You have to psyche yourself up so you don't let the other team take advantage of your weak points or intimidate you," Derrick said.

According to Billington, "Running is actually more mental than physical."

"Your body can always put out the effort to run, but it takes your mind to get you ready and motivate you," Derrick said.

Coach Lou Lyons took a different approach with her J.V. girls.

"I don't work as much with the mental aspect of running on the J.V. team as I do with the varsity. The J.V. runners are just finding out what they can and can't do. Each run is a new experience."

Instead, runners worked more on conditioning and form.

"I'm trying to get the kids to think while they run," Lyons said. "I show them how to use their arms right, what to do when they approach hills, and awareness of things during a race."

"They don't know much about themselves yet; they are just finding out what running is about," she said.

Like Billington, Lyons did not set goals for her J.V. team.

"I don't set goals for J.V. because J.V. runners are first year runners. Like I said, they don't know much about running, they're just learning."

Lyons believes her J.V. girls should work on improving their form and getting themselves in condition to run competitively.

Lyons expressed mixed emotions on the success of the year: "Some girls were extremely happy. Unfortunately, by conference a lot were out with injuries and some realized running wasn't as important to them."

Those who stayed "didn't want the season to end."

Girls' Cross Country

Park Hill Invitational	6th
Independence City Championship	1st
Liberty Invitational	2nd
Truman Invitational	2nd
Springfield Invitational	2nd
Ruskin Invitational	3rd
Conference Meet	3rd



Freshman Robert Countryman picks up his pace in an effort to out-distance a Liberty runner. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Varsity Basketball

Ups-n-downs alter boys' outcome

by Leslie Kuske

A mid-season winning streak made a difference in the final record of the boys' varsity team.

A slow start was marked by alternating wins and losses for the first 10 games. Few spectators attended games and the team seemed to lack the drive to win.

"We started off really bad, but improved toward the end," senior Luke Heims said. "We started playing harder and it made a difference."

"I think early in the season we were trying to find who could play well together to get a winning combination," coach Rex Stephens said.

Since there were no outstanding players, the team had to combine efforts in an attempt to complete a successful season.

"We didn't have a Brian Tann this year. There wasn't somebody you could rely on to score 20 points a game, so we

had to put forth a team effort rather than an individual one," senior Troy Pike said.

"Other than height, we lacked a good shooter," Stephens said. "It's hard to be consistent without a good shooter."

After the slow beginning, the season had its ups and downs as the team struggled to maintain a winning record. Increased crowd support acted as an extra push the team needed.

"When we were losing, there was no crowd," Luke said. "It makes you more emotionally high when you know you have support from the fans."

"Knowing there were people backing us up made us want to try harder," senior Mike Sommers said.

Once the team started winning it not only helped their record, but boosted their morale as well.

"The turning point of the year was when we beat Oak Park after losing to

them a few weeks before; things got better after that," Mike said.

"After we won a few consecutive games, it really lifted our self-confidence," Troy said.

Team togetherness did not present a problem since the guys got along well.

"We've all played together before so we were friends both on and off the court," Luke said.

"Every team gets tired by the end but this bunch meshed well together. For the most part they played as one, there weren't really any cliques," Stephens said.

In conclusion, the season went well even though the record was 10-14.

"It's been a fun year. They were a good group of kids that worked hard and were very enjoyable to work with," Stephens said.

"We played a lot of good games, and even though we started off weak, I think we ended up strong," Luke concluded.



Senior Kevin Hill congratulates a Blue Springs player on a good game. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



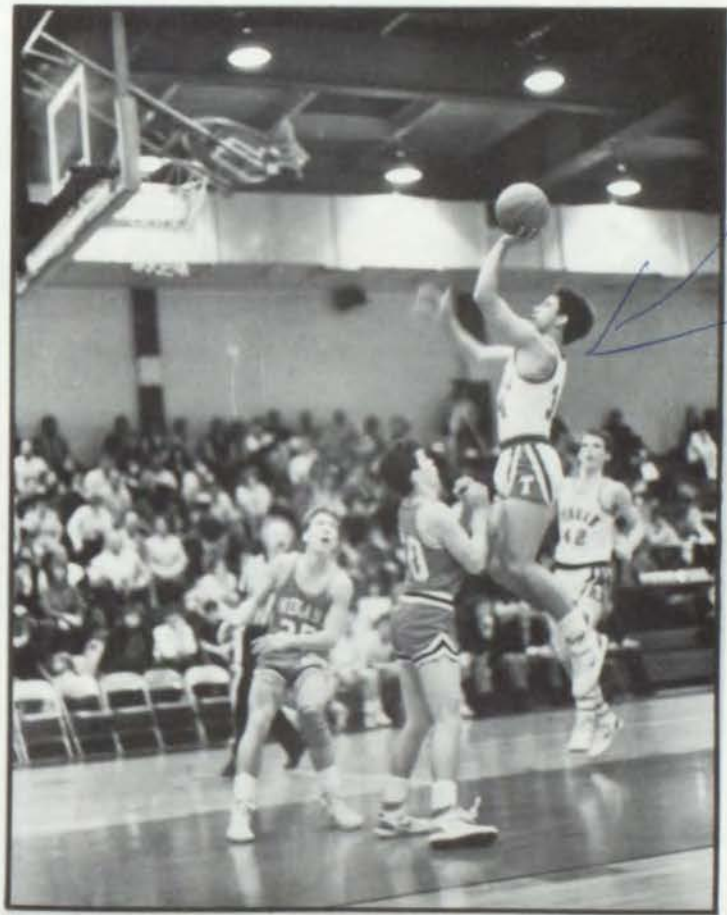
Senior Paul Neal reaches up to sink the ball in the game against the Indians. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Front row: Jim Tormena, Mike Moore, Kent Werremeyer, Troy Pike, Paul Neal. Back row: Matt Smith, Brian Burnett,

Luke Helms, Kevin Hill, Chris Johnson and Mike Sommers. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



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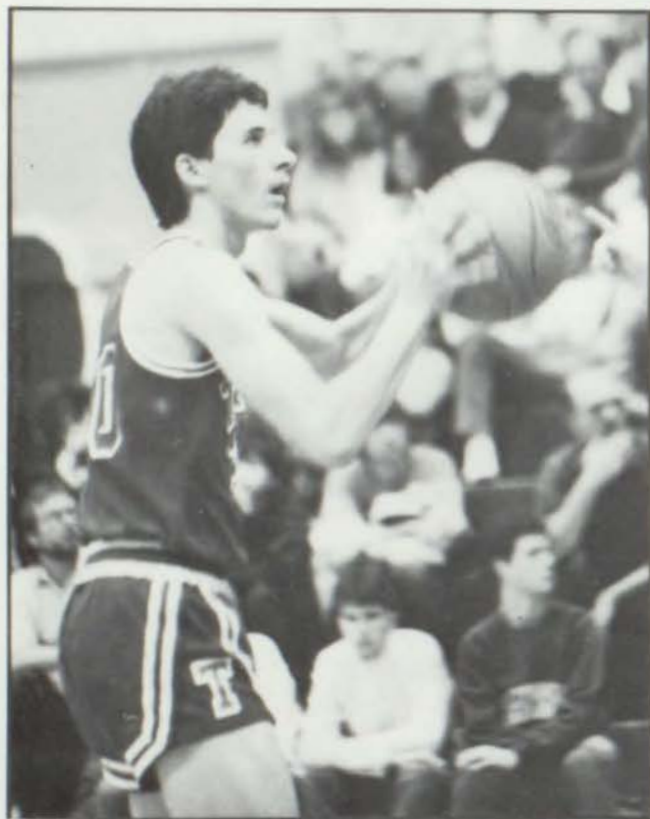


Senior Mike Sommers attempts to get two points for the Patriots by executing a one-handed shot against Fort Osage (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)

Jumping high off the basketball court, a player attempts to score in the Patriots contest against Oak Park. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Coach Rex Stephens takes advantage of a time-out to discuss strategic plays with his team. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Senior Kevin Hill shows intense concentration as he prepares to shoot a free-throw. (Photo by Kieth Linhardt)

After making his way through a crowd of opposing players, junior Mike Moore gets underneath the basket to shoot a lay-up. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Varsity Basketball

Schools' spirit revives in Raiders

by Leslie Kuske

Friday night, Jan. 30, marked the official return of a Truman tradition: Rex's Raiders.

This rowdy group of guys, who named themselves after varsity basketball coach Rex Stephens, decided to do something about the lack of school spirit.

"We had a meeting and everyone who wanted to be a Raider showed up," junior Scott Durst said.

The Patriots were victorious in the first game the Raiders attended and continued winning in the following games. The Raiders seemed to put the spunk back into the basketball team.

"There's no question in my mind that they (Rex's Raiders) had an effect on our five-game winning streak," coach Stephens said.

"I think it helped the players in the

stretch and made them feel better to come to the games knowing they weren't just playing for themselves," manager Pete Goebel said.

The Raiders showed their enthusiasm by dressing in wild outfits at games and yelling for the team. They also held up posters to show disagreement at referees' decisions.

"Some stuff we do like the old Raiders, but we also get new ideas and spread them around among the guys," Kenny said. "One time we dressed in togas and another time we wore battle fatigues; that was everyone's favorite."

The basketball team appreciated the much needed support and the Raiders felt they helped the team.

"Knowing we had support made us want to try harder," senior Mike Sommers said.

"I think the Raiders helped a lot,

before that we hardly had any crowd at our games," senior Brian Burnett said.

"I think we've helped them a lot. If we would have had something like this in football we might have done better," Kenny said.

There was no doubt that the Raiders attracted attention. Before the games started and a loud ruckus was heard, everyone knew the Raiders were there.

"Before we came along, no one ever did anything," Scott said.

"Everyone watches us instead of the game," junior Lance Miller added humorously.

Along with showing school spirit and adding excitement to games, Rex's Raiders said they provided the encouragement that the usual crowd was lacking.

"If you know someone's up there rooting for you, it helps a lot," Lance concluded.



Varsity Basketball		
	Pats	Opp.
Northeast	58	56
Winnetonka	56	66
Park Hill	39	44
North Kansas City	82	65
Blue Springs	64	69
Lee's Summit	49	61
Oak Park	45	36
St. Joe Central	55	52
Raytown	44	43
Wm. Chrisman	54	35
Fort Osage	56	47
Park Hill	44	49
Blue Springs	54	61
Lee's Summit	46	59
Oak Park	61	64
Fort Osage	39	49
Truman Tournament		3rd
Blue Springs Tournament		3rd
North Kansas City Tournament		6th
10 wins 14 losses		

Dressed in their formal attire, Rex's Raiders chanted and cheered to entice the other team. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)

J.V. Basketball

Togetherness helps team progress

by Lynda Tonga

A young team with lots of experience helped the J.V. boys' basketball team be a success this season with a record of 14 wins and 7 losses.

"We had one freshman, three sophomores, and six juniors on our team," coach Bob Tonnies said. "They were a little bit younger type of team, but worked well together," Tonnies added.

The team members felt the same way coach Tonnies did.

"When we played, it didn't matter what grade or rank you were," junior Erick Helmick said. "We just played as if we were all capable of the same abilities."

Sophomore Lee Stauffer agreed. "Everyone played their part in the

games, not just one person did everything," Lee said. "It was all fair playing."

Size also contributed to some of their success.

"We had big guys on our team and so the opposing teams couldn't sink on us from outside," sophomore Rex Stephens said. "Guys like Erick and Lee helped out a lot in shooting and rebounding," Rex added.

What really helped the most though, was the experienced players and the coaching.

"It really helped to have players that had some experience because they knew what was going on," Lee said.

"I didn't have much experience like everyone else did," freshman John Eglich said, "but they still treated me the same way. I got to play in almost half of each

game at the most. It was quite an honor to play with them," John said.

Coach Tonnies was a big influence on the team.

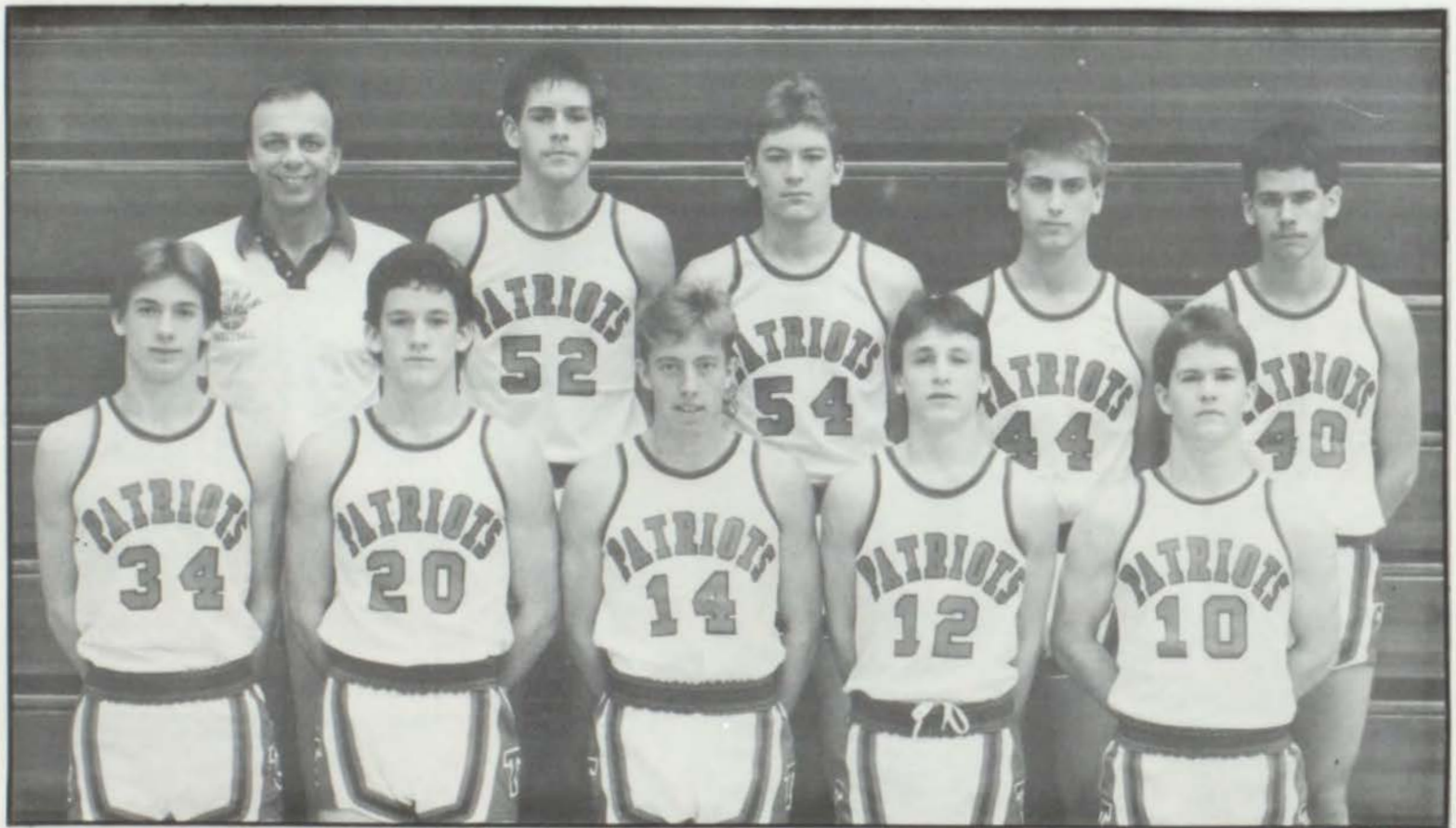
"I enjoyed playing for coach Tonnies," Rex said.

"He also gave us a pep talk at half time each game," Lee said with a smile. "It encouraged us to try harder."

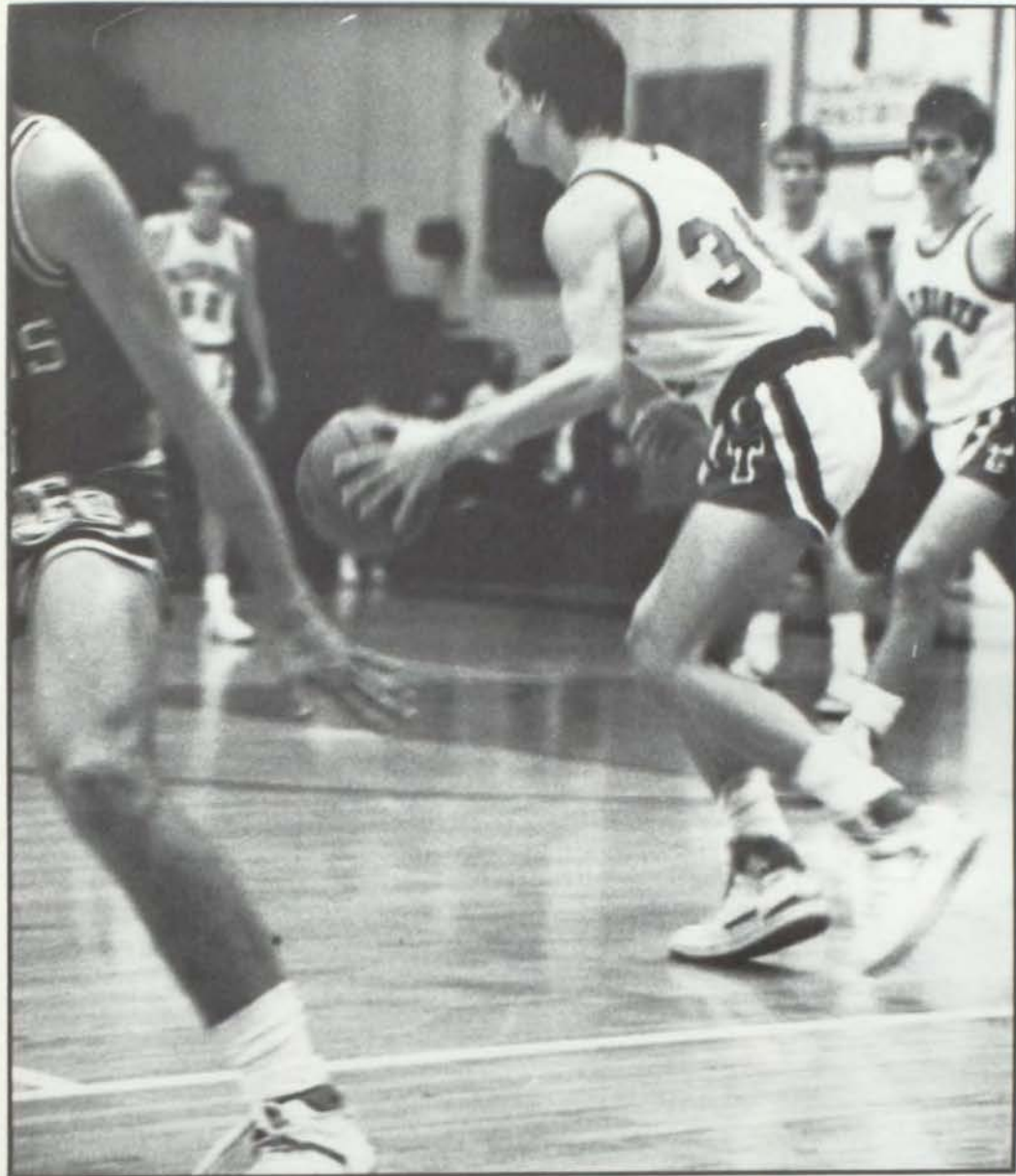
Not only was hard work involved, but there was also some fun and enjoyment in it.

"It was an enjoyable season," Rex said. "We could have won some of our earlier games in the season but we pulled together at the end."

"I think our friendship helped also," John said. "We were all able to understand each other well and playing together made it easy," John concluded.



Front Row: Lee Stauffer, Kirk Gutekunst, Tim Morgan, John Eglich, Chad John. Back Row: Coach Bob Tonnies, Erick Helmick, Curt Talcott, Rex Stephens, Matt McNett. Not pictured: Craig Cook. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Sophomore Lee Stauffer checks for open space before he dribbles the ball down the court. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

J. V. Basketball		
	Pats	Opp.
Northeast	55	60
O'Hara	51	49
Lee's Summit	44	45
Winnetonka	55	42
Park Hill	69	44
NKC	61	41
Blue Springs	44	47
Lee's Summit	48	62
Blue Springs	55	64
Winnetonka	53	41
Ft. Osage	47	52
Oak Park	60	47
St. Joe Central	45	40
Raytown	48	44
Wm. Chrisman	56	42
Ft. Osage	44	43
Park Hill	47	44
Blue Springs	56	51
Lee's Summit	56	62
Oak Park	63	51
Ft. Osage	53	48
14 wins		7 losses



Coach Tonnies and fellow team members watch the game with a look of anticipation. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Being tall makes going up for a rebound easy for junior Erick Helmich. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Sophomore Basketball

Coaching helps earn winning record

by Cheryl Richardson

The boys' sophomore basketball team ended its season with a 12-5 winning record.

Team players said they felt there were several reasons for this record, including coaching and experience.

"We all know each other well," Tim McElligot said. "We have played together before and we know what to expect."

Coaching also had an effect on the team. "We were definitely in shape," sophomore Jeff Griffit said. "If we did something wrong, we ran to make up for it."

"We were a relaxed team," Tim said.

"Coach Morris was fun. He acted like a kid most of the time and he did not put on a lot of pressure like many other coaches."

"He set a good defense for us and we played it well," Jeff said.

Although the team was small, it ended the year with a fine record.

"A lot of the taller players got moved up to J.V.," Tim said. "That took the height away from our team, but I don't think that hurt us a lot."

The players, as well as coach Bill Morris, agreed that there was not any one person who proved outstanding on the team.

"We had a couple of good jump shoot-

ers, but basically we are about equal in our ability to play," Jeff said.

"On our team, one guy was just as good as the next," Tim said.

"Each player has very good potential," Morris said. "I think five or six of them even may be able to help the varsity out as seniors or maybe even as juniors."

Morris was satisfied with the season, but he stressed hard work was needed to help develop every player.

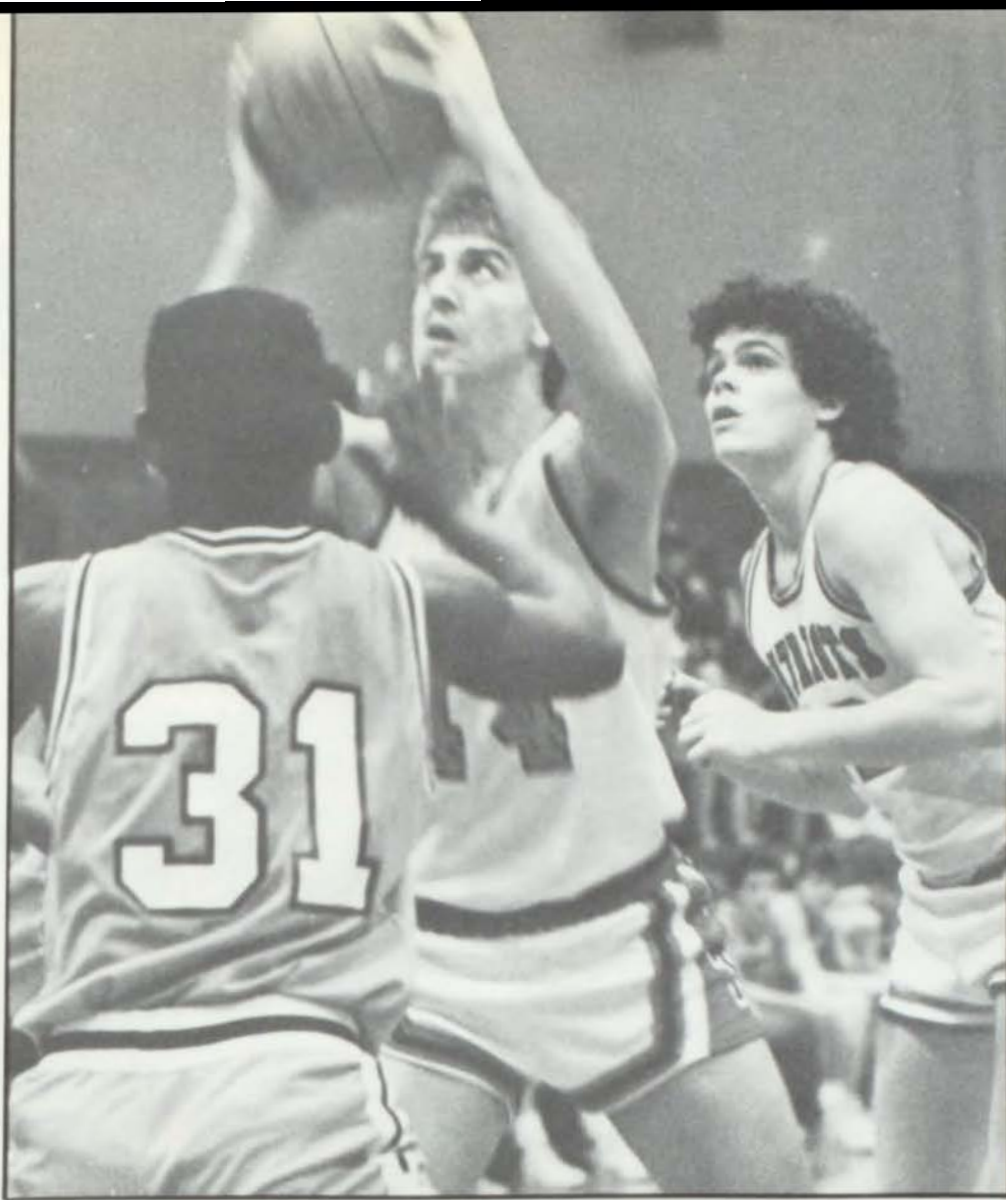
"The sophomore basketball players need to start setting goals and making a decision as to whether the hard work necessary to be the best is in their future plans," Morris said.



Sophomore Lee Stauffer looks up to see the decision of the referee after a call has been made. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Providing a strong defense, sophomore Chad Morley jumps high in front of an opposing player. (Photo by Kieth Linhardt)





Concentrating, sophomore Rex Stephens prepares to take a shot. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Sophomore Basketball		
	Pats	Opp.
Lee's Summit	63	75
Blue Springs	64	43
Raytown	33	51
Raytown South	44	39
Lee's Summit	59	58
Chrisman	43	47
North Kansas City	62	34
Oak Park	48	28
Blue Springs	92	68
Raytown	53	59
Raytown South	47	56
Chrisman	43	38
Park Hill	53	48
Grandview	57	52
Oak Park	46	36
North Kansas City	58	50
Hickman Mills	58	50
12 wins		5 losses



Front Row: Jason Davis, Wade Fernau, Luey Lasater, Darrin Shinabarger and Bryan Moore. Back Row: Jeff Griffit, Tim McElligott, Chad Morley, Mike Krochek and Steve Kuhn. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Pushing his way through O'Hara's defense, Doug Carrow attempts to score two more points. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

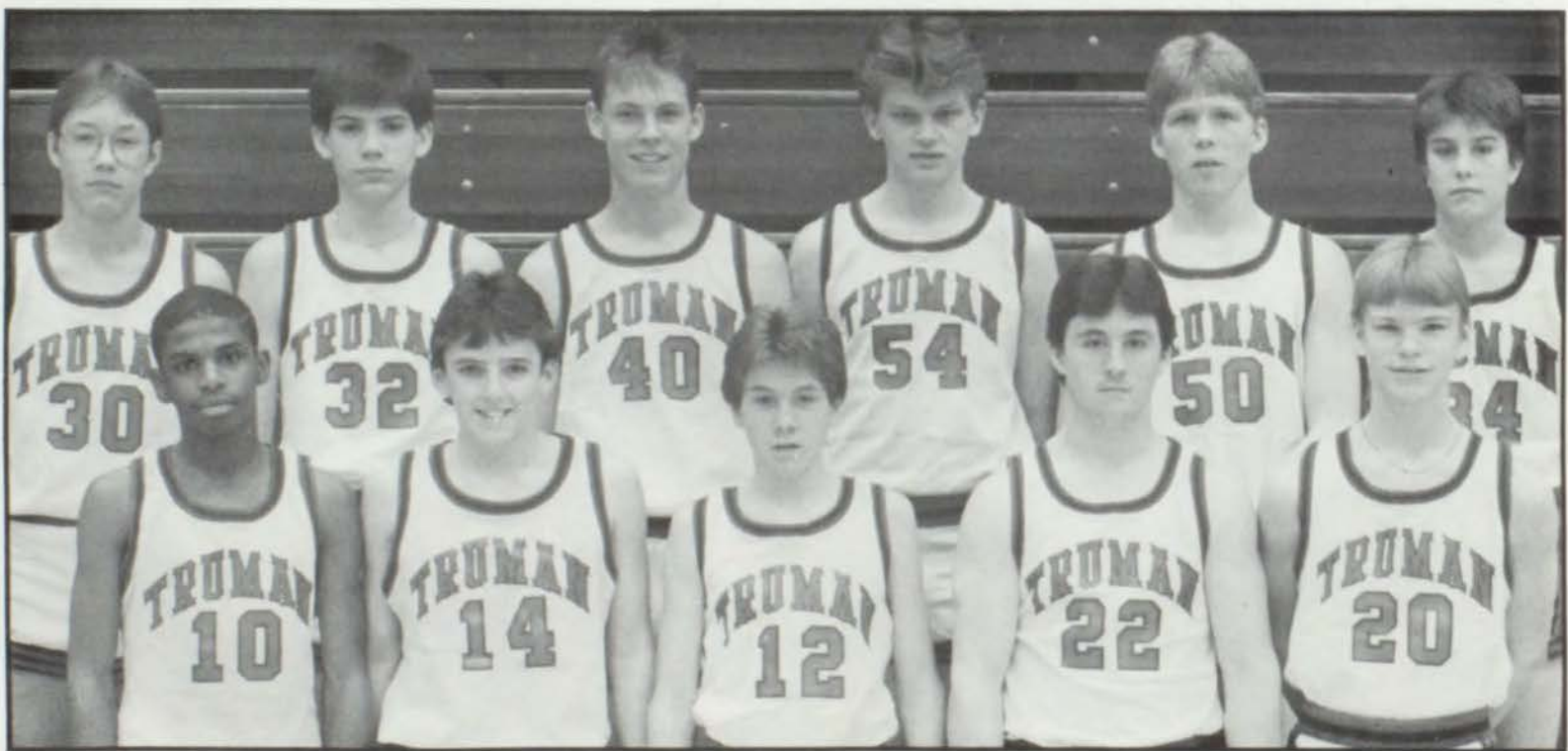


Freshman "A" Team Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
Ruskin	32	34
Bishop Miege	49	43
Lee's Summit	52	57
Raytown South	41	47
Wm. Chrisman	48	39
O'Hara	45	25
Raytown	44	38
Blue Springs	55	50
Fort Osage	52	31
Center	61	46
Hickman Mills	62	32
Shawnee Mission West	52	48
St. Mary's	67	52
Truman Tournament		2nd
12 wins	4 losses	

Freshman "B" Team Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
Lee's Summit	31	47
Wm. Chrisman	26	39
Blue Springs	32	43
Center	59	38
Raytown	35	71
Shawnee Mission West	35	32
2 wins	4 losses	



Front Row: Mack Steele, Rusty Haycham, Blaine Wilde, Jason Cundiff, Robbie Upp. Back Row: Mark Krawczyk, Brent Wilson, Lance Arnold, Brian Biondo, Doug Carrow, Jon Jennings. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Freshman Basketball

Old friendships spark winning team

by *Rena Price*

For the first time the freshman boys lost to William Chrisman, but the loss was one of only four during the season, which produced an 11-game winning streak, the longest in the school's history.

"We had the best record in awhile," Lance Arnold said, as is apparent in the team's 12-4 record.

"We had a real good year," teammate Brent Wilson added.

"The season went better than I thought it would," coach Steve Wilson said. "Several kids improved throughout the year."

Wilson saw unity as the team's major strength, and the players agreed.

"The first five or six players were even, and there was no great scorer. We just played well as a team," Wilson said.

"I think teamwork was the reason the season went so well. Everyone knew each other really well because we'd all played together before," Brent said.

The boys lost their first game to Ruskin by only two points.

"After that," Wilson said, "they knew they had to play hard if they wanted to win."

The boys said they won by margins of 15 to 20 points but, when they lost, the biggest spread was only five points.

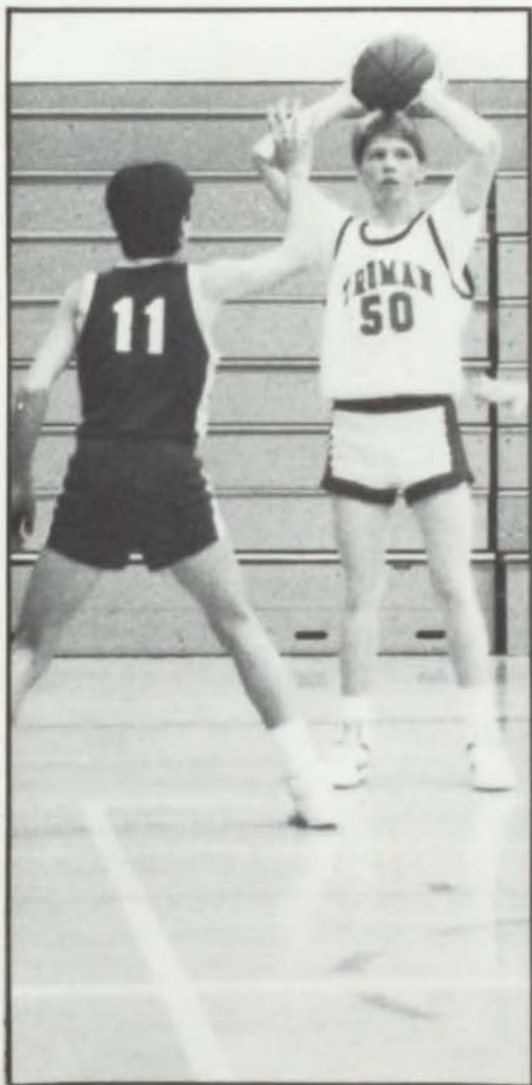
"After those games we were kind of bummed," Lance said. "We knew we should have beat the teams, but we just had to say, 'Forget that game,' and go on to the next one."

The players had a difficult time deciding which game was the best of the season. For Brent, it was the game against Shawnee Mission West.

"It was great," he said. "We were tied, but we hit a basket with one second left and won the game."

Lance had other ideas about the highlight of the season.

"Beating Chrisman toward the end of the season was the best," he said. "We were up for it and we wanted to beat 'em bad."



Mack Steele beats his man on his way to the basket to make a shot. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

While waiting for an open man, Doug Carrow holds the ball out of an opponent's reach. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Front Row: Jan Grotenhuis, Kris Earhart. Second Row: Amy Cooper (Statistician), Sarah Conyers, Shelley Lauber, Amy Hutton, Tanya Price, Jenny Luetkemeyer (Manager). Back Row: Amy Rold, Becky Bacus, Stacey England. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

Varsity Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
Truman Roving Tournament		1st
Hickman Mills	60	54
St. Mary's	78	40
St. Joe Central	60	38
Sedalia Smith Cotton	78	38
Park Hill	56	33
Blue Springs	59	43
Lee's Summit	60	32
William Chrisman	66	49
Fort Osage Tournament		1st
Oak Park	74	32
Fort Osage	75	55
Van Horn	74	22
Truman Tournament		2nd
Park Hill	58	27
Blue Springs	60	42
Lee's Summit	67	53
Oak Park	76	51
Fort Osage	74	46
Districts		1st
Blue Springs	56	38
Raytown	61	51
Sectionals		1st
Jefferson City	76	58
Quarterfinals		2nd
Kickapoo	57	61
25 wins 2 losses		



Successfully dribbling the ball around the defense, senior Shelley Lauber scores for Truman. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Varsity Basketball

Girls upset in quarterfinal game

by Jenny Luetkemeyer

As winter came to an end, so did the hopes and dreams of going to state for the girls' basketball team. But despite its disappointing loss to Kickapoo in the quarterfinals, the girls ended their season with a record of 25-2.

Senior Shelly Lauber explained, "Losing to Kickapoo was difficult for more than one reason. It was our goal to go to State and more than anything we wanted to win this game and knew we had to do it; we were prepared. They were ranked first in the state and we wanted to knock off a top seeded team. Also, they acted cocky and we would like to have shown them that they aren't unbeatable."

Senior Jan Grotenhuis added, "I know we could have won because we

were playing great in the first three quarters and had them down by 14 points. But then we fell in the fourth quarter which enabled them to win 61-57. I would give anything to play the fourth quarter over."

A positive view of the season was projected by senior Sarah Conyers, who dwelled on their outstanding overall record.

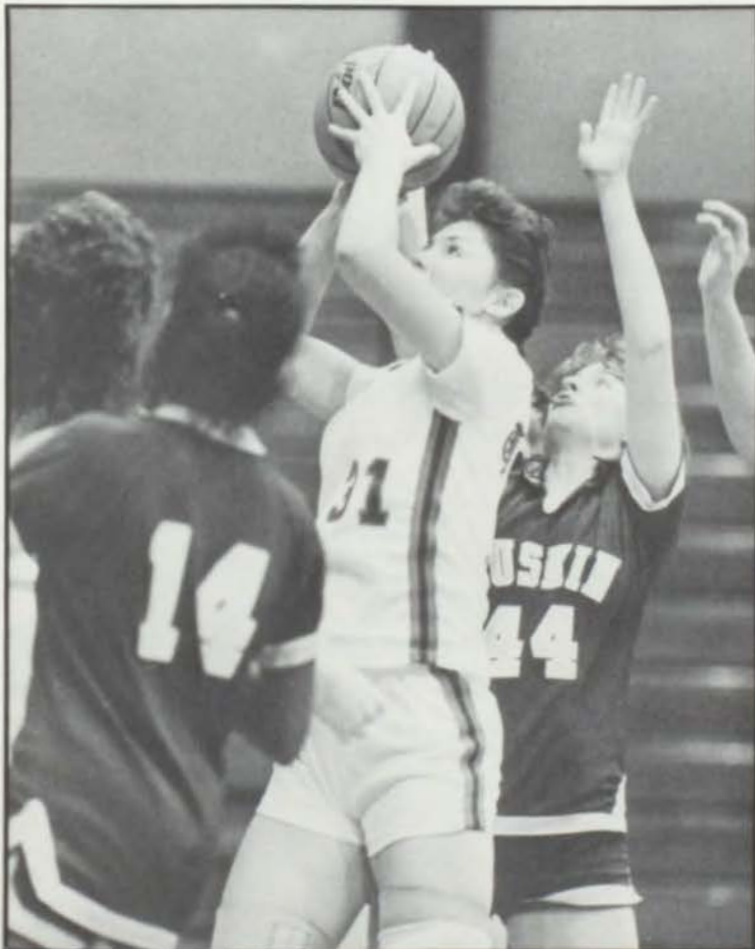
"I think we had an awesome season with a lot to be proud of. It ended unexpectedly not only for us, but for everyone who supported us. This one loss, however, shouldn't outweigh our 25 wins. We knew this season was our last chance to prove our season and by achieving a 25-2 record, we did just that."

Their strong points exceeded the weak points which enhanced their ability to play together as a team.

"Friendship was the strongest factor of our team," senior Kris Earhart said. "Without our closeness we wouldn't have been as good. Through our friendship we tried harder for each other as well as ourselves. We played together because this season meant everything to us."

Senior Amy Hutton said, "We were lucky to have very few weak points. Sometimes we would get into foul trouble and play inconsistently for a quarter or two. Our rebounding could have been better, but we just didn't have the height that most teams have."

Senior Stacey England concluded, "I feel the overall view of our season was almost perfect. We might be classified as selfish if we asked for much more than what we accomplished. It's sad, though, to fall one quarter short of our dream . . . State!"



During a time out, Pete Hile explains the strategy to be used to help improve the outcome of a game. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Junior Tanya Price uses her height advantage to shoot above the opponents and score for Truman. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Varsity Basketball

Girls achieve Conference title

by Jenny Luetkemeyer

Experience and hard work as a team, rather than as individuals, enabled the varsity girls' basketball team to remain undefeated in the Suburban Big Six Conference.

"We have played together for three years now and we have grown accustomed to each others style of play. We don't play as individuals, with one person scoring all the points, but as a team," senior Jan Grotenhuis said.

Senior Amy Hutton added, "It was our effort as a team rather than as individuals that brought the team success. We always support each other and that is what keeps us going. If one of us gets hurt or is having a bad game someone else pushes himself to pick up the slack."

Senior Kris Earhart said that having intense practices has helped the season

and their performance in conference play.

"We had the desire to make our senior year worthwhile and decided that's exactly what we were going to do. We pushed each other in practices as well as games and our wins reflected it."

Though having a winning season, senior Sarah Conyers recalled some weak points of the team.

"We had this problem with the third quarter. I felt like we were in a slump. We would be ahead at halftime and come out third quarter and either let the other team catch up or get ahead of us. Even though we recognized this at the beginning of the season, it wasn't until the end that we overcame this setback in our play."

Senior Stacey England said, "Our rebounding could have been better. We were getting beat at the boards a lot. We don't have the three big people which a lot of teams have to enhance our rebounding percentage. It hurt us."

Junior Amy Rold said though the team had weaknesses the strong points definitely had the majority.

"We are quick and get a lot of our baskets on fast breaks. Our team is balanced and we look for the pass. We would give the ball to a teammate instead of always taking the shot. It's great to have five players on the floor that can score and also handle the ball."

"It was an excellent feeling knowing we were one of the best teams in Truman's history. Not only were our parents supporting us, but also other students and even members of the community," junior Tanya Sprice said.

Sophomore Becky Bacus concluded, "Winning conference was one of our main goals and accomplishing that made us satisfied and proud with the ways in which we worked as a team. After all, teamwork is what the game is about."



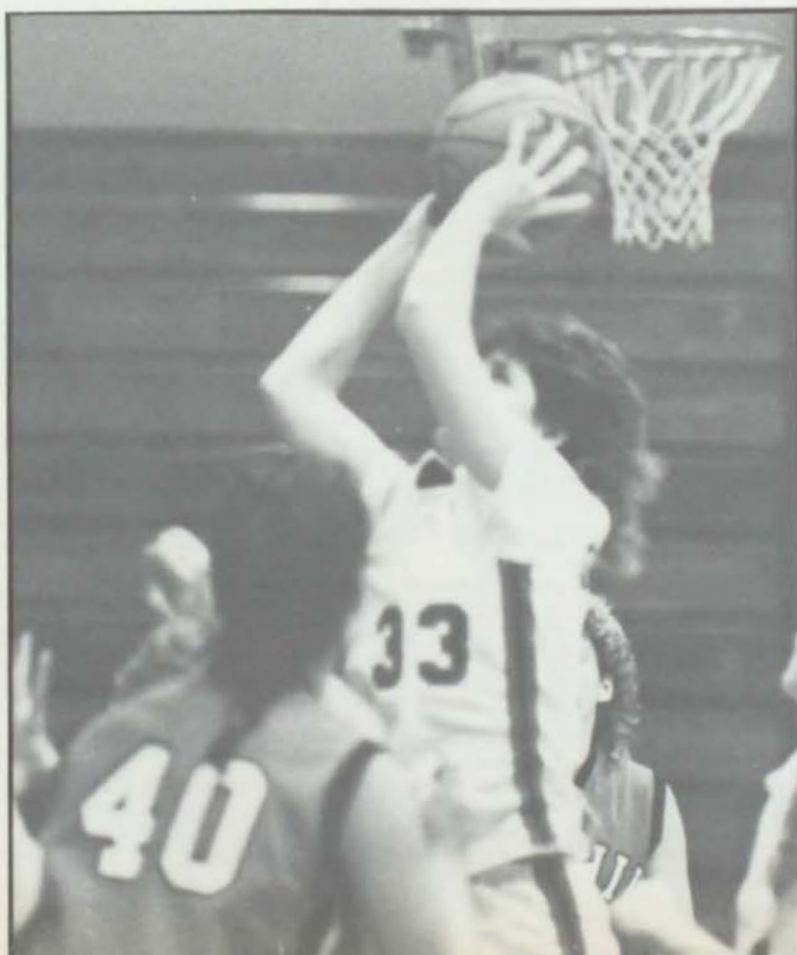
Quickness on defense proved successful for the girls this year. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Senior Shelley Lauber shows that concentration is important when shooting a free throw. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)





Senior Jan Grotenhuis uses her dribbling ability to bring the ball down the court and set up an offensive play. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Coach Pete Hile discusses strategy with the team during a time out. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Senior Kris Earhart, who didn't start the season until after Christmas because of a knee injury, boots high above the opponents to increase Truman's lead. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

J.V. Basketball

Team's unity triggers confidence

by Debbie Dauer

Teamwork led to the J.V. girls' basketball team's improvement and success, with an 11-5 record.

However, the teamwork wasn't there in the beginning of the season.

"It was a little hard for the juniors on the team, because a lot of sophomores moved up from the freshmen team, and we weren't used to playing all together," junior Tammy Davis said. "Towards the end of the season, though, we grew closer, and the teamwork really came together."

"I feel we improved a great deal from the beginning of the season," coach Donna Shuler said.

"We really got serious with working together towards the end of the season.

To add to our other wins, we won our last four games," sophomore Laura Pricer commented.

Although the support from school spirit was lower for the J.V. than the varsity, the team had the encouragement from parents and varsity team members.

"It would have been nicer if we could have had a bigger cheering section, but the support from our parents was really great," sophomore Sonja Zimmerman said. "Varsity was also there to encourage and give us help for improvement."

"The team members always cheered for each other," Shuler said. "They built up their confidence in themselves as individuals and as a team."

Height was a concern in the beginning, but with practice, the team was able to do without.

"We had to work harder on our jump-

ing skills," Laura said. "A couple of us would just gang up on the taller person of the opposing team."

With the seniors gone, J.V. looked ahead to their next season.

"Towards the end of the season, we felt the push and started working even harder for next year," Sonja said.

"We put in our share of hard work and got a lot of experience this year," Laura said. "However, we still have a lot ahead of us for our next season."

There weren't many problems later in the year for the J.V. team, especially in teamwork.

"I feel we had a good season, without any major problems," Shuler said. "Everyone always kept each other going."

"We all had a lot of fun, and grew closer together," Sonja said.

J.V. Girls' Basketball

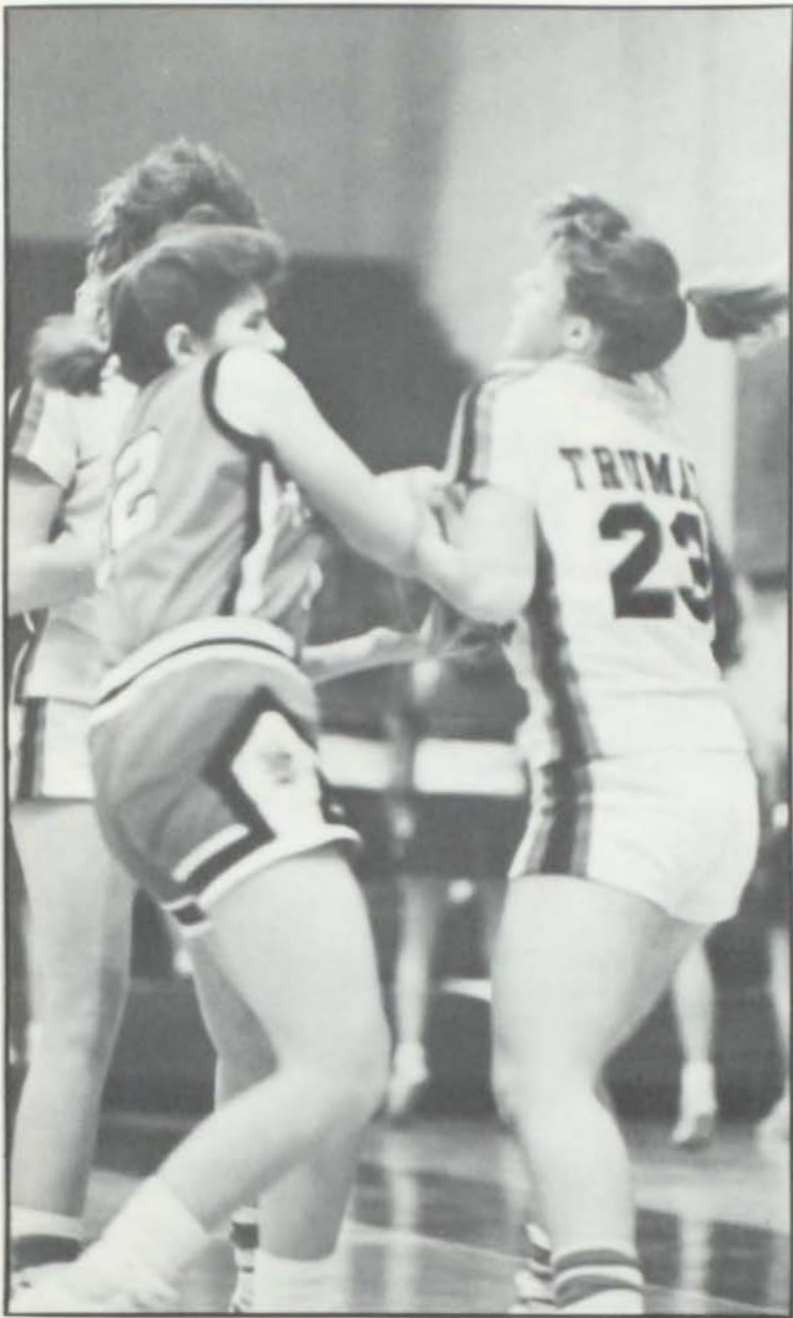
	Pts	Opp.
Hickman Mills	44	25
St. Mary's	33	45
St. Joe Central	32	30
Sedalia	44	27
Park Hill	36	24
Blue Springs	26	36
Lee's Summit	53	49
Wm. Chrisman	28	34
Oak Park	36	25
Fort Osage	49	53
Van Horn	67	6
Park Hill	36	37
Blue Springs	42	41
Lee's Summit	43	25
Oak Park	53	42
Fort Osage	54	47

11 wins 5 losses

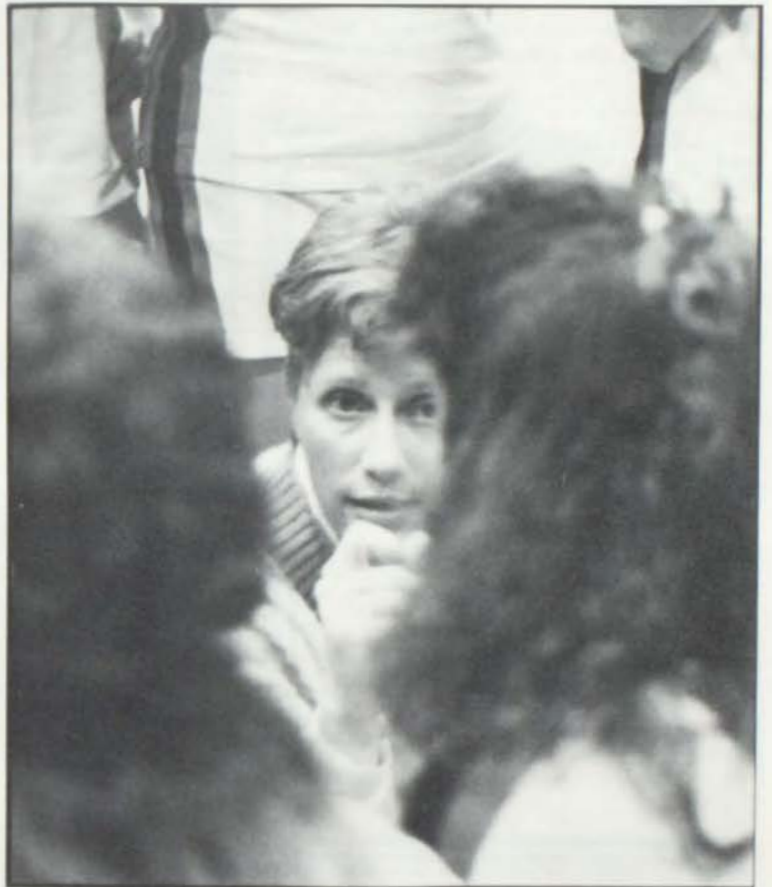


Front Row: Liz Bowman, Sonja Zimmerman, Roxanne Wood. Second Row: Amy Rold, Dixie Datweiler, Tammy Davis, Heather McCoy, Becky Bacus.

Third Row: Coach Donna Shuler. Back Row: Laura Pricer, Suzanne Conyers, Tanya Price, Shelly Carlson, Tina Schannuth. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



Sophomore Heather McCoy wrenches the ball away from a Park Hill opponent. Truman won 36-24. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Time-outs are important for Coach Donna Shuler to give advice to team members. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



Sophomore Dixie Datweiler leads team members down the court. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

Michelle Mineo keeps a strong hold on the ball as she aims for a shot. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Girls' Freshman Basketball

	Pats	Opp.
Ruskin	28	20
Bishop Miege	35	23
St. Mary's	39	30
Lee's Summit	22	37
Ray South	37	27
Wm. Chrisman	28	20
O'Hara	19	17
Raytown	35	25
Blue Springs	42	40
Ft. Osage	38	28
Oak Park	27	24
Hickman Mills	59	14
Lee's Summit	33	34
Blue Springs	34	36
13 wins		3 losses



By using an effective fake, Amy Hauschel is able to find an open teammate. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Freshman Basketball

Good attitude makes for success

by Carla Diaz

The records of the freshman girls' basketball season did not show any signs of lacking support or the inconvenient game times.

According to coach Ron Jones, a crowd is unimportant when determining the outcome of a good game.

"The fans aren't a necessity simply because the team doesn't play for them. Each player plays for themselves or for their teammates," Jones said.

"Most of our crowd consisted of parents, but that was okay because we didn't get so nervous," freshman Stacey Bragg said.

"A crowd is nice because they create enthusiasm," Jones said.

With years of experience players gained confidence and assurance of their abilities.

"I started playing in fourth grade and I've played ever since then. No one in my family has influenced me," freshman Katrina Meek said.

"I've played ever since fourth grade

also, and even though it is not as tough as high school it was still good experience," Stacey said.

One important part of any sport is teamwork. But behind all successes there is a need for motivation. Most girls agreed their motivation came from either coach Jones or themselves as a team.

"We did our best for the coach because basketball was important to him. That was our motivation," freshman Angie Zuber said.

"He made us want to work and that gave us a different outlook," Becky Niederschulte said.

"Also, no one was greedy and we all got along," she said.

Their attitude even gave the coach a lift at times.

"My motivation came from their own dedication," Jones said. "The girls knew what they needed and they put in the team effort. They all had great attitudes and therefore we had few problems."

Front Row: Amy Hauschel, Katrina Meek, Angie Shields, Stacey Bragg, Angie Zuber. Second Row: Michelle Mineo. Back Row: Karin Nelson, Kristine

Underwood, Marci Nelson, Sherrie Bennett, Becky Niederschulte. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



With her arm stretched high, Angie Zuber reaches the jump ball before her opponent. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Varsity Wrestling

Small turnout hurts team's record

by Nathan Freeman

Varsity wrestling was severely injured by decreased turnout, but still managed to pull a 4-win, 6-loss record.

"We were two wrestlers short of a winning season. We simply lacked a couple consistent wrestlers, ones you can pretty much count on to win for you all the time. It showed in our records; with three of our six losses, one match would have made the winning difference," coach Ed Gensler said.

The team started with great potential, but as the season got under way, it saw the loss of two returning varsity lettermen as well as several others, both experienced and not.

"We had guys check out gear one day and turn it in the next," captain Ray Shouse said. "When you don't have as many guys, it leaves positions open and you can't win with empty spots."

"People cutting out on us really hurt

the team; they were in certain spots where we really needed them," junior Jim Brewer said.

Coaches and wrestlers came up with many reasons for the lack of participation that limited the team's capabilities.

"I don't know why they don't come out. I guess at first they don't think it's a very tough sport and when they come out and really check it out, they see that it's a lot harder than they thought and some people just don't want to give the effort it takes to stick it out," junior Marcus Macias said.

The sheer difficulty of the sports may be another reason for quitting.

"Wrestling is a grueling sport," Gensler said. "When you're bumping and bruising for months, it takes a good kid to stay with it." Some wrestle their freshman and sophomore years, he said, and unless they really have dedication their junior and senior years, they don't come back.

Wrestlers and coaches both said that one answer to solve the turn-out problem would be to have people start wrestling before they reach high school competition. To start up a wrestling program for younger kids, Gensler said, would help

Truman just as it has many other high schools.

"When you come from younger programs like I did, you get an idea of what wrestling is all about and you know if you want to stay with it. By the time you get to high school you have experience and you know what to expect," Jim said.

Although the team suffered as a whole, individual players made tremendous progress as the team's attitude seemed to be geared towards individual success rather than the team's.

"We had too much individualism this year. We had some kids push each other but there really wasn't a strong feeling of unity," Gensler said.

"Everyone more or less pushed himself and did their own thing. For the most part it was everyone for themselves," junior Mike Whitelay said.

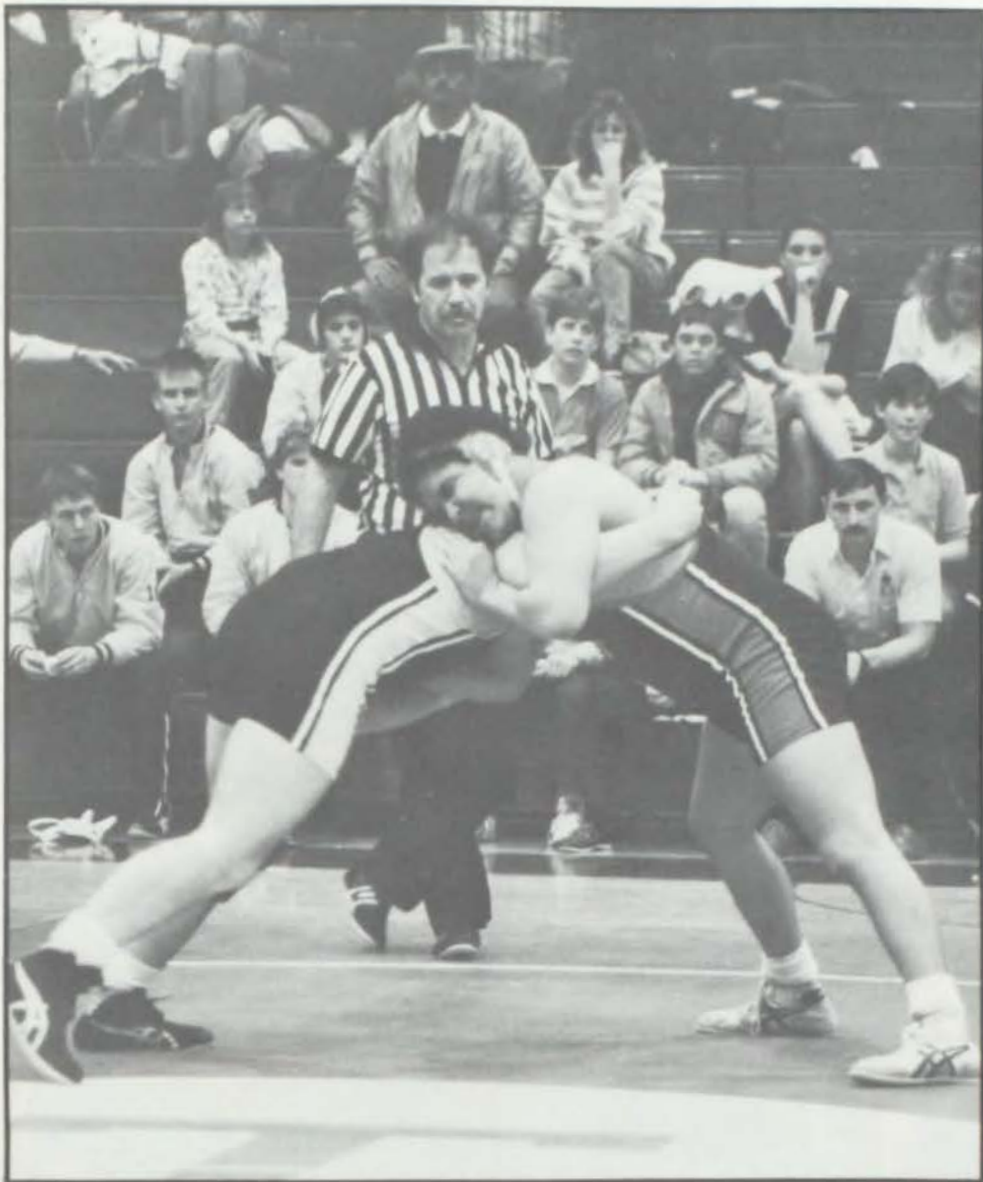
Whether working for the team or for individual success, to those who stuck with it to the end, wrestling had its rewards.

"I'm not glad it's over but I'm glad I stuck it through," Ray said. "It taught me discipline and how to cope with pressure; it made me a better person."

Varsity Wrestling		
	Pats	Opp.
Center	42	23
Oak Park	24	45
North K.C.	30	35
Park Hill	12	54
Raytown	31	30
Blue Springs	22	46
Raytown South	30	36
Fort Osage	45	24
Lee's Summit	30	32
Chrisman	42	20
Ruskin Quad		2nd
Truman Tourney		4th
Chrisman Quad		4th
Ruskin Tourney		6th
Oak Park Tourney		4th
Districts		4th
State:		
Jim Dutcher	98 lbs	
Jim Brewer	105 lbs	2nd
4 wins 6 losses		

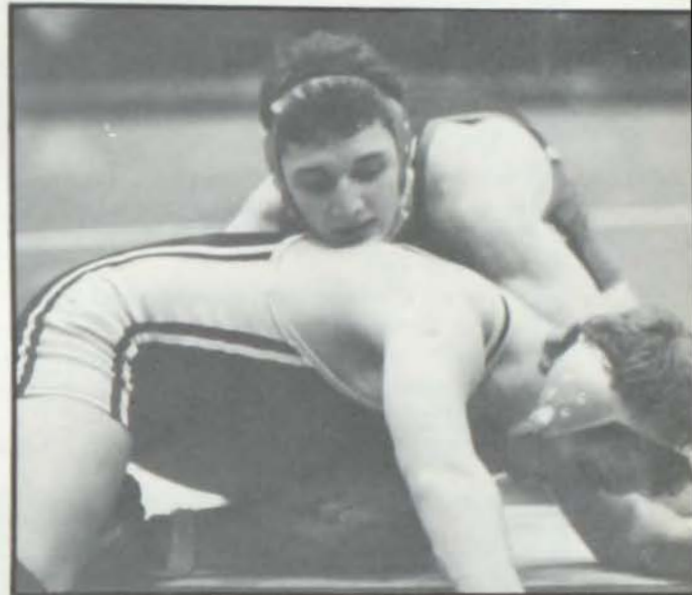


Junior Jim Brewer comes closer to pinning his Park Hill opponent in the District Tournament.



With their upper bodies locked up, junior Marcus Macias and an opposing wrestler fight for control in a close match with Lee's Summit. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

After scoring a takedown, junior Mike Whitelay tries to turn a Lee's Summit wrestler on his back. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Front Row: Jim Dutcher, Jim Brewer, Billy Sterling, Danny Hughes, Jeff Coffman, Ray Shouse (Captain). Back Row:

Scott Leshner, David Winslow, Mike Whitelay, Jeff McCown, Brad Byers, Marcus Macias.

J.V. Wrestling

Inexperience detrimental to season

by Tiffany Cipolla

Lack of members and initial losses during the season led to a discouraging year for junior varsity wrestlers.

"We had to forfeit each class that we didn't have a wrestler in. There were no heavyweights to fill the higher weight classes; therefore we gave up 18 points for each match," coach John Verberg said.

"We need more recognition to get more people interested in wrestling. Too many guys quit during the season or have to drop out because of injuries," freshman Ricky Jones said.

"Nearly all of the team members were first year wrestlers. We only had three return from last year," sophomore John Lambros said.

To acquire the necessary skills, junior varsity is used as a stepping stone for

the varsity level.

"We spend more time on learning different techniques and moves than actually wrestling during practice," sophomore Bruce Maples said.

"J.V. is operated to feed wrestlers into the varsity squad. We often practice with the varsity members," Verburg said.

Wrestling, an individual sport, requires year-round conditioning and weight control.

"Out-of-season wrestlers should try to stay at their same weight so you can wrestle the same guys as the year before," Ricky said.

"The best thing to do when not practicing is to jump rope, run and lift weights. Many who are very dedicated go to summer camps," Verberg said.

Many communities have "Kids Programs" sponsored by local YMCA's that

enable kids to start wrestling at a younger age.

"Community effort improves school's teams. In some schools wrestling is the main sport and everyone wants to wrestle," Verberg said.

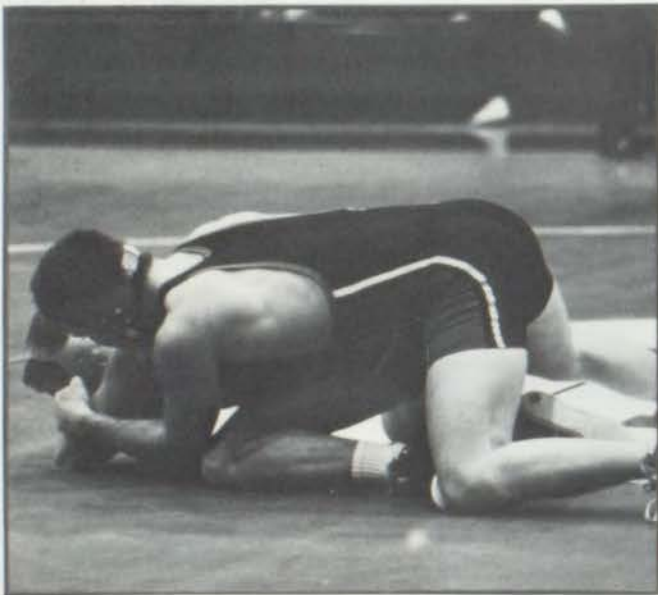
"We need more programs and our teams would gradually improve," John said.

Team members said the bad part of an individual sport is there is no one to blame but yourself for what happens.

"I try to correct moves and make them more smooth because I have to defend myself when I'm on the mat," Ricky said.

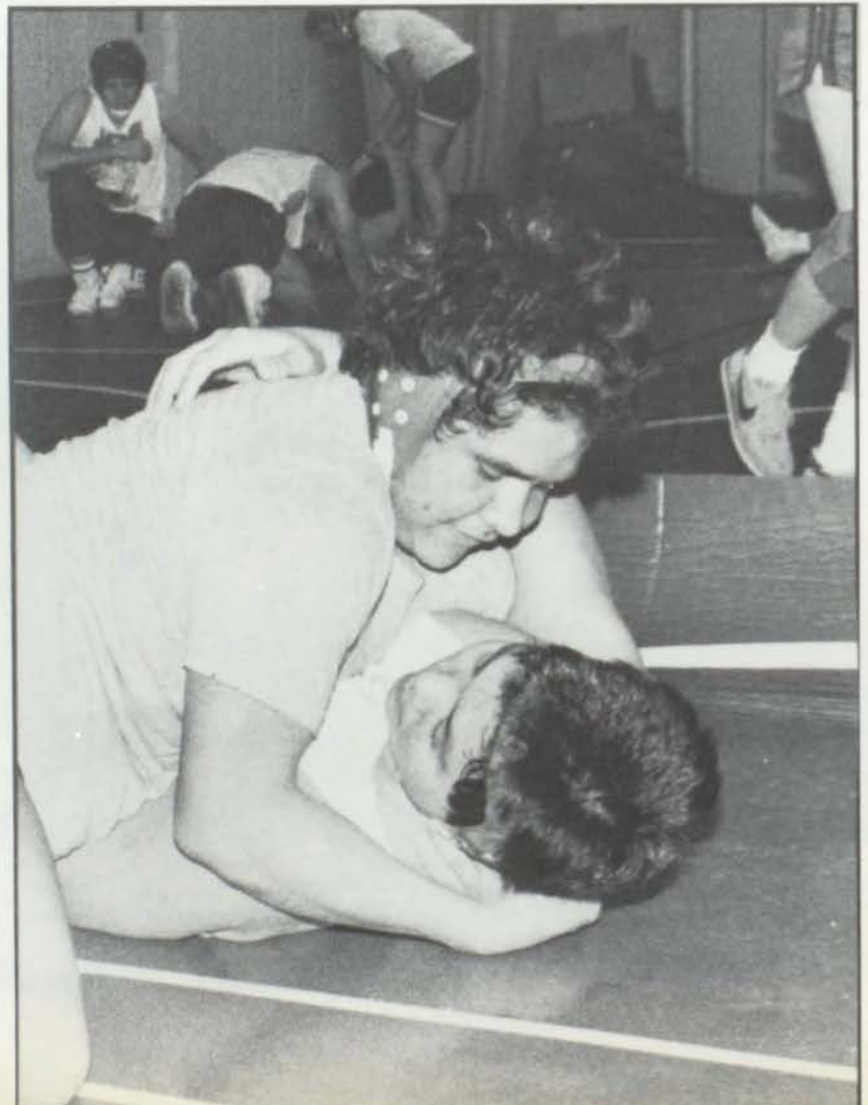
"Teammates are not there to be blamed for mistakes. Wrestlers must take credit for winning and accept defeat," Verberg said.

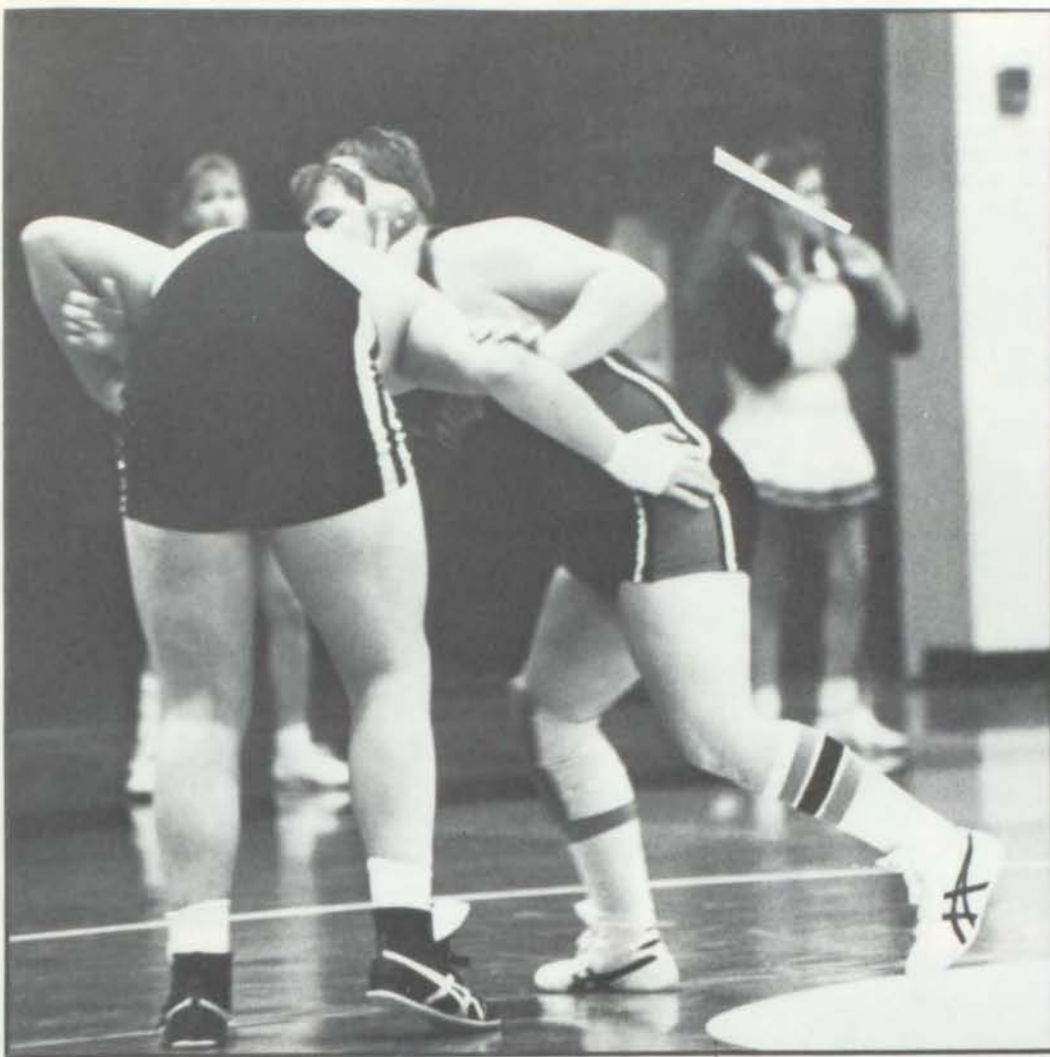
"Wrestling is not supposed to be a glamorous sport."



Sophomore Russ Pulliam attempts to pin an opponent during a match. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Juniors Marcus Macias and Phil Hung prepare for the upcoming match during practice. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)





In neutral position sophomore John Lambras tries to gain control over his Lee's Summit opponent. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

J. V. Wrestling		
	Pats	Opp.
Center	12	54
Oak Park	0	74
North KC	18	57
Park Hill	9	64
Raytown	15	53
Blue Springs	6	66
Raytown South	13	56
Fort Osage	25	48
Lee's Summit	9	64
William Chrisman	6	63
Ruskin Quad		4th
Wm. Chrisman Tournament		4th
Fort Osage Tournament		7th
Ruskin Tournament		8th
Oak Park Tournament		8th
0 wins		10 losses



Front Row: Mark Lambros, Chris Summers, Robert Thomas, Bruce Maples.
Back Row: Paul Roberts, Donovan Day, Tim Peters, Ron Eckhardt, John Lambros.

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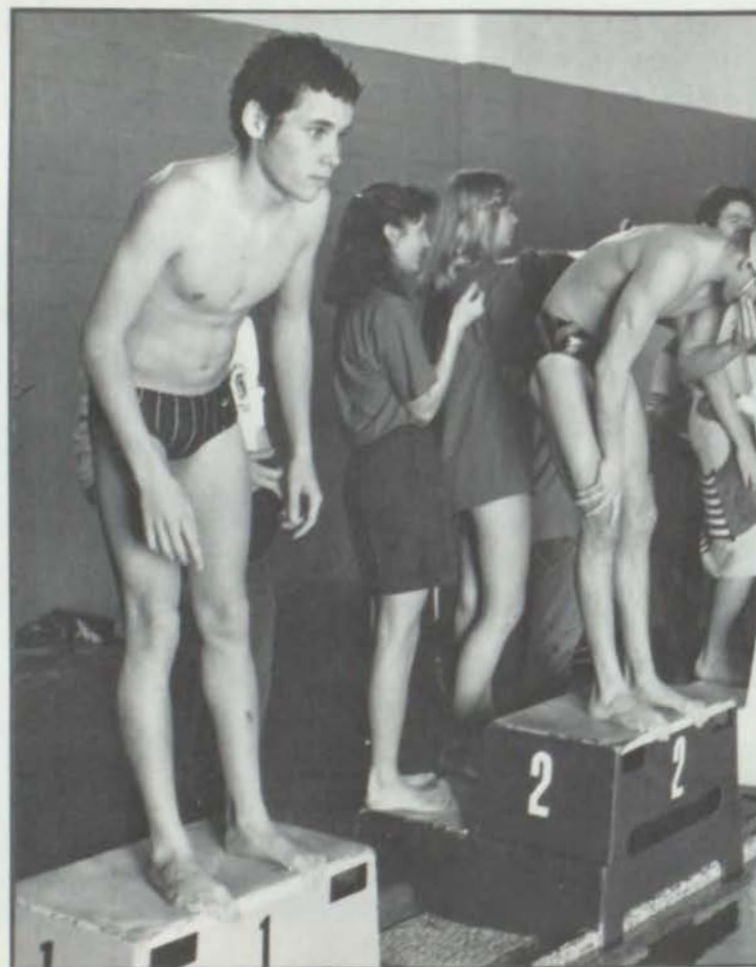
LeeAnn Kimball, Cindy Spratt, Misse Larsen, Pam Macbrayne, Anee Sanders, Cindy Porter.



The wrestling team appreciated the support and enthusiasm Wrestlerettes provided. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



As swimmers prepare for the start of a race, Tickers Kirsten Kramer and Susan Hulett stand by ready to clock the meet. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



Waiting for the next meet to begin, Susan Hulett checks the stopwatch to guarantee an accurate race time. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



Tickers/Wrestlerettes

Athletes feel girls assisted teams

by Max Hawley
and Leslie Kuske

Wrestlerettes and Tickers found action by showing their enthusiasm and support to the wrestling and swimming teams.

What made the Tickers decide to get involved? The answers varied.

"I thought it would be a lot of fun and a good way to meet new people," freshman Cindy Porter said.

"The reason I joined was because I was on the girls' swim team and I wanted to help the guys out," junior Natalie Peters said.

The Tickers not only helped the

meets run smoothly by keeping time for the swimmers, but they also provided moral support by cheering for the guys.

"We time them (the swimmers) and yell for them," Natalie said. "The guys look at us to see what place they came in." The team felt that the Tickers were a big help at the meets and appreciated their support.

"It's pretty neat having them come out and support us during the meets," swimmer Jared Petentler said.

"Without them we wouldn't be able to have a swim meet. You have to have someone there to tell you what place you came in," swimmer Bryan Gamble added.

Like the Tickers, the Wrestlerettes

were greatly appreciated by the team they supported, however, they found it difficult to maintain a big enough squad.

They started out with 15 girls and by mid-season there were only eight.

"Most of the people probably quit because they didn't get anything for it," captain Jennifer Allen said. "Those who stuck it out were the dedicated ones."

Although the Wrestlerettes wore matching outfits and chanted and cheered like the Pep Club, there was no point system or any requirements involved.

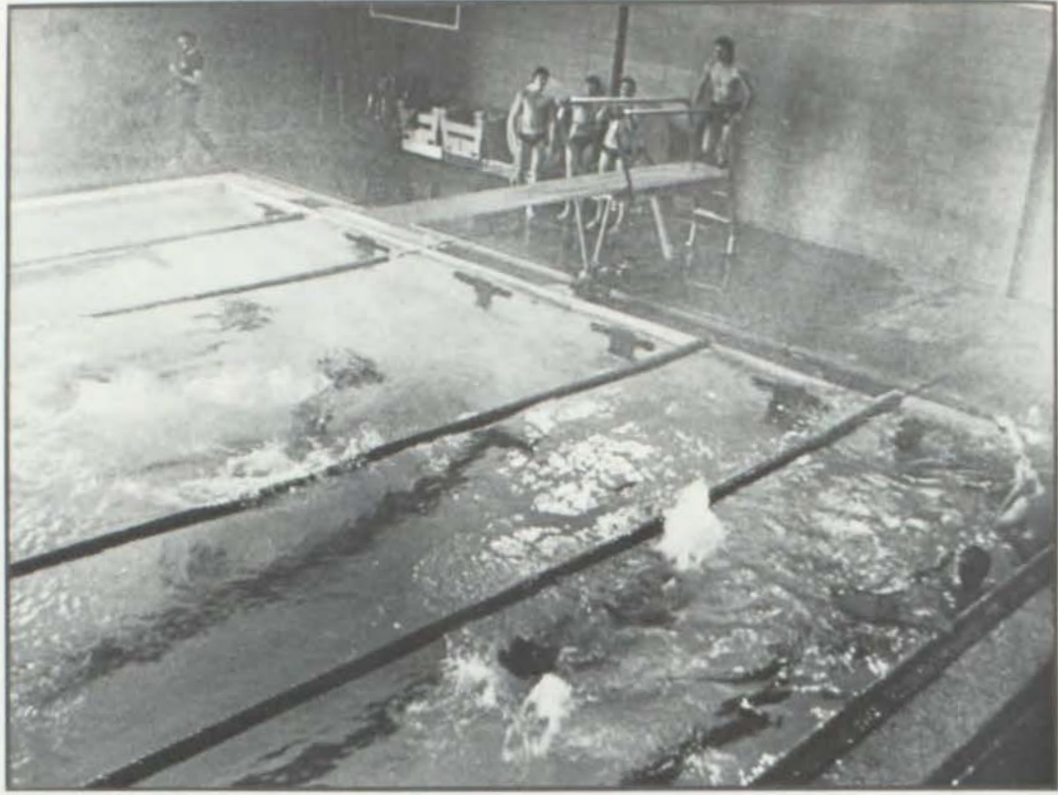
"Whoever wants to support them shows up," senior Penni Fortune said. "They need someone to care since not many people go to the matches."



Wrestlerette Jennifer Wishon claps along with the others in a chant to encourage the team. (Photo by Keith Lindhardt)



Front Row: Jennifer Allen (Captain), Penni Fortune, Briggett Bingham (Co-Captain). Back Row: Nicole Wilson, Jennifer Wishon, Denise Sciortino, Laura Garcia.



Hard work and dedication pay off for the varsity team members. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



Front Row: Jared Petentler, Wally Meierarend, Jerry Beck, Doug Howie, Kevin Utterback. Back Row: Bryan Gamble, Steve Elrick, Mike Boles, David Heins, Doug Yancey. Brent Zelk, Dean Bullock (Not pictured).
 Second Row: Eric Utterback, Toku Ohtshki, Danny Boles, Chris Marks,

Varsity Swimming

Young team improves on record

by Max Hawley

A young varsity swimming team made up for the loss of last year's graduating seniors by finishing with a record of 7-2.

"It hurt losing the guys from last year, but we worked hard and had a better record," senior co-captain David Heins said.

"Anytime you lose people, it's going to hurt you. The key is not to let it. You have to build the team up with the younger guys, find people to replace them," coach Doug Allen said.

With better record came the honors for some to compete in the state competi-

tion. The 400-freestyle relay team, consisting of senior co-captains Heins and Dean Bullock, sophomore Chris Marks and freshman Eric Utterback, along with two individual medley swimmers, Heins and freshman Kevin Utterback, all qualified for State.

"We worked really hard to get to State. I've swum for four years and that's what everyone works for," David said.

Along with an improved swimming team, the divers also matured and improved.

"We had three divers return from last year's team and we improved over the course of the year," junior Jerry Beck

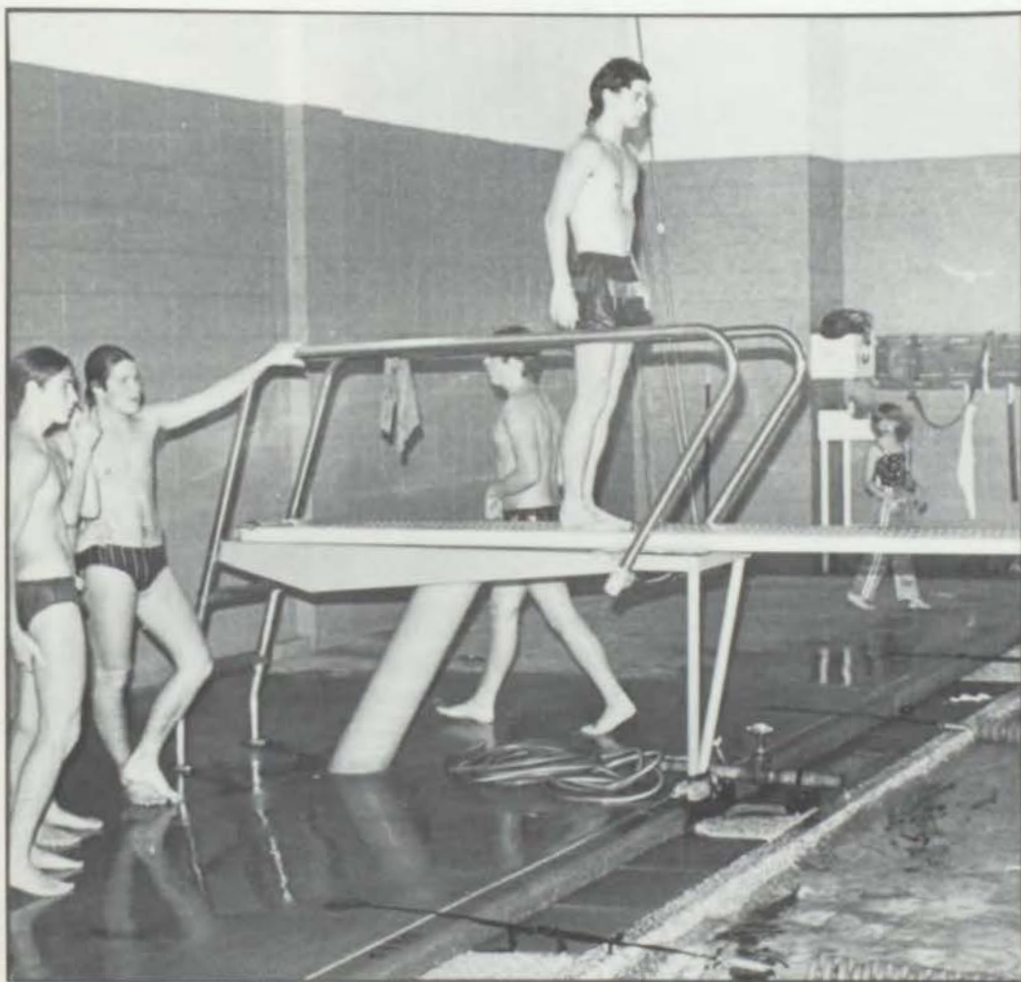
said.

"They've (divers) got their degree of difficulty down and now they just have to work on getting more consistent hitting them (dives)," Allen said.

"We'll have a lot of depth next year because we aren't losing anyone. Hopefully we'll all qualify for state," junior Jared Petentler said.

The future is bright for the varsity swimming team next year because of six returning lettermen.

"Next year we should have a strong team. We have four state qualifiers returning and some others that should help the team. We should also have the divers qualify for State because all of them are returning," Allen said optimistically.



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St. Joe Central	118	54
Raytown Invitational		5th
Raytown South Invitational		9th
Conference		6th
7 wins		2 losses

Concentration is evident as senior Doug Howie works on his diving skills. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

J.V. Swimming

Basics result in improved team

by Max Hawley

Hard-work ethic was the key for the J.V. swimming team this season. "The hard work paid off this year," junior Brian Barnum said.

Although the team consisted mainly of underclassmen, the boys felt that it would help build up the varsity program.

"Most of us were freshmen and sophomores. We'll be good if everyone sticks with the program and comes back next year," sophomore David Maxwell said.

"A lot of the guys were freshmen and

sophomores and were new to the program here," Brian said. "Next year we'll be good if everyone continues to work hard, especially in the off season."

The J.V. program usually sends its participants up to the varsity level. They achieve this in the dual meets to let the J.V. swimmers compete against some varsity level swimmers.

"The whole idea is to prepare them to swim varsity," Coach Doug Allen said.

"If we are needing to fill a varsity spot in the meet, then I would put a J.V. swimmer in," Allen said.

Picking up the pointers during the season proved helpful towards the improvement of the team.

"We started off kind of grim, but then the rookies and younger guys really came on towards the end," Brian said.

"Most of the time during practice we just worked on basics. That helped us as the year went on," David said.

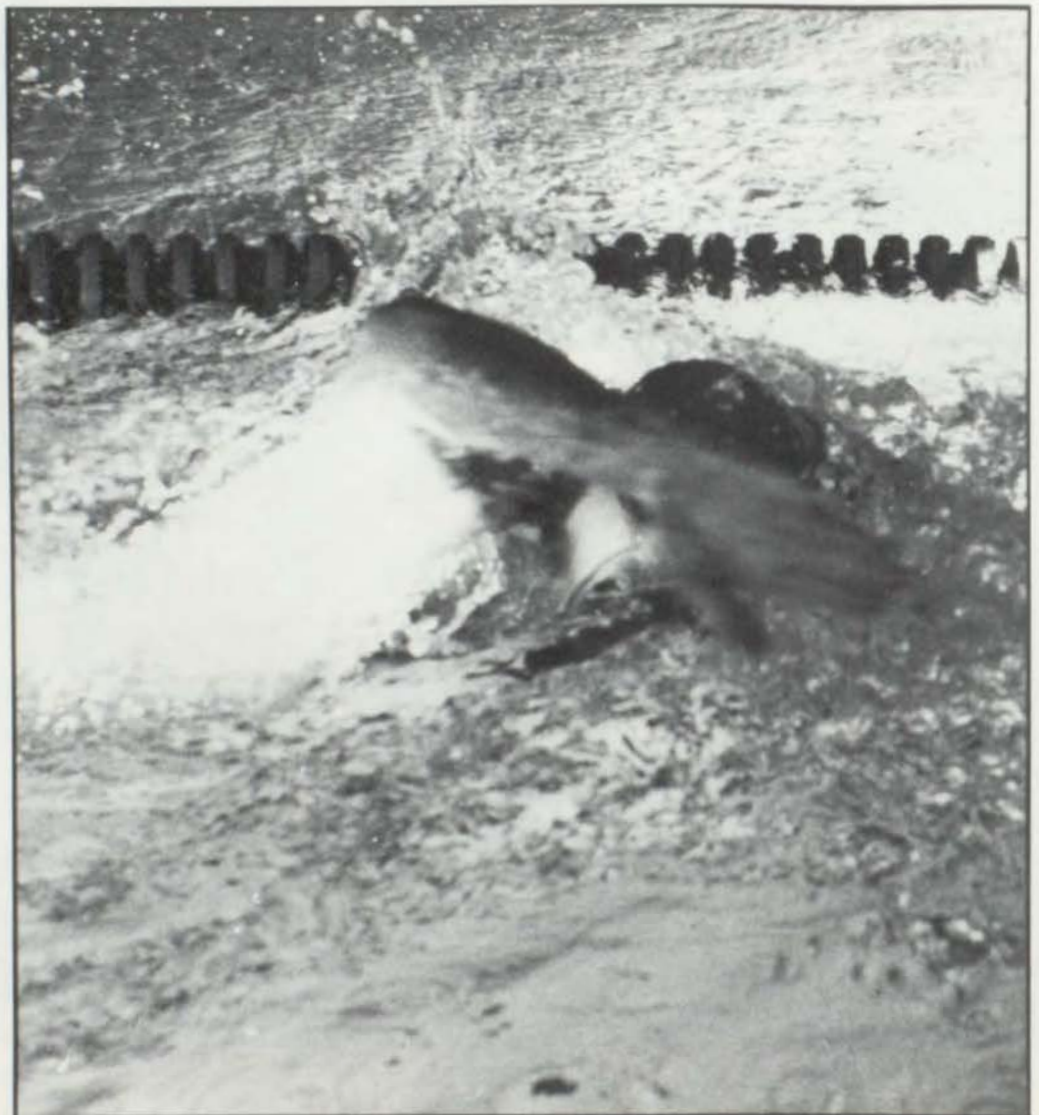
"As with anything you get out of it what you put into it. In this case it is swimming. All the hard work is worth the improvement," Brian said.

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One of the J.V. team members surges ahead during an important race. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

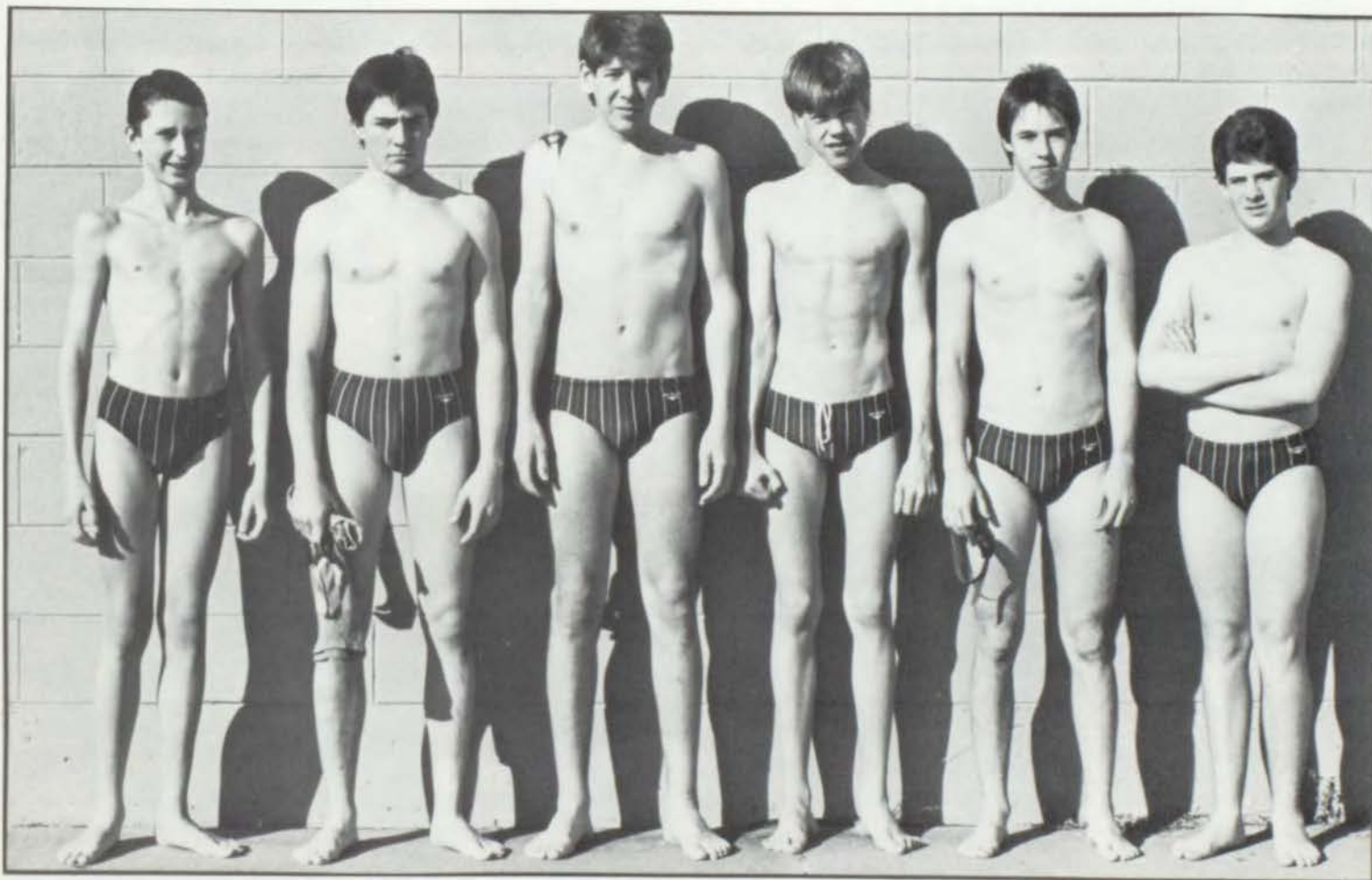




Coach Allen goes over times and results of the meet. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



Coach Allen instructs the J.V. team members during a practice session. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)



James Netherton, David Maxwell, Eric Austin, David Bennet, Mike Byars, Rusttin Dutcher. (Not pictured) Brian Barnum, Brad Zelk, Robert Countryman.

Fewer girls lessen enthusiasm

by Leslie Kuske

The usual student support Pep Club provided in the past diminished with a decreased interest in teams and low attendance at games.

Membership in the club wasn't what it used to be according to president Stacey Anderson. "At games it seems like it has gone down a lot but at the meetings it seems like there are more people."

The girls who were in Pep Club earned points for each game they attended and for participating in certain fundraisers. The girls weren't required to earn their points unless they intended on trying out for something.

"They need 75 points in each sport to be an officer or to try out for drill team or cheerleader," sponsor Marjorie Morley said. "It takes 100 points to earn a letter and go to the Pep Club banquet at the end of the year free of charge."

The majority of the girls who attended games consisted of cheerleaders, Starstoppers or those who planned to try out. Most girls who fit that description admitted that was their only reason for joining Pep Club.

"I'm in Pep Club to get enough points to try out for cheerleader," member Donna Sultzbah said. "In fact, most people I know who are in it are going to try out for something."

J.V. cheerleader Ginny Shellhorn said, "I like cheering. I don't like sitting in Pep Club; it's just not as exciting as cheerleading."

Despite the fact the biggest part of the club was made up of those fulfilling requirements, some felt it was an ideal way to get more involved in school activities.

"I'm in it because I wanted to get more involved and show school spirit," member Denise Evans said.

"I joined because I thought it would

be fun and I could meet more people," member Lori Baker said. "I wouldn't have met any of these people if I wasn't in it," she added enthusiastically as she looked around at some members sitting close by.

According to Morley, the club was involved in a lot more than just attending games. Fundraisers like selling Gold C coupon books and M&M's raised money to pay for events such as Homecoming and Courtwarming as well as provide treats for the athletes. The club also donated money to Starstepper Cheryl Crain for her trip to Hawaii and to the varsity cheerleaders for their trip to Nationals in Florida.

Although participation was down and spirit was enthusiasm scarce, a small amount of genuine enthusiasm did exist in the club.

"I personally like to sit in Pep Club to cheer on the teams," Stacey said.

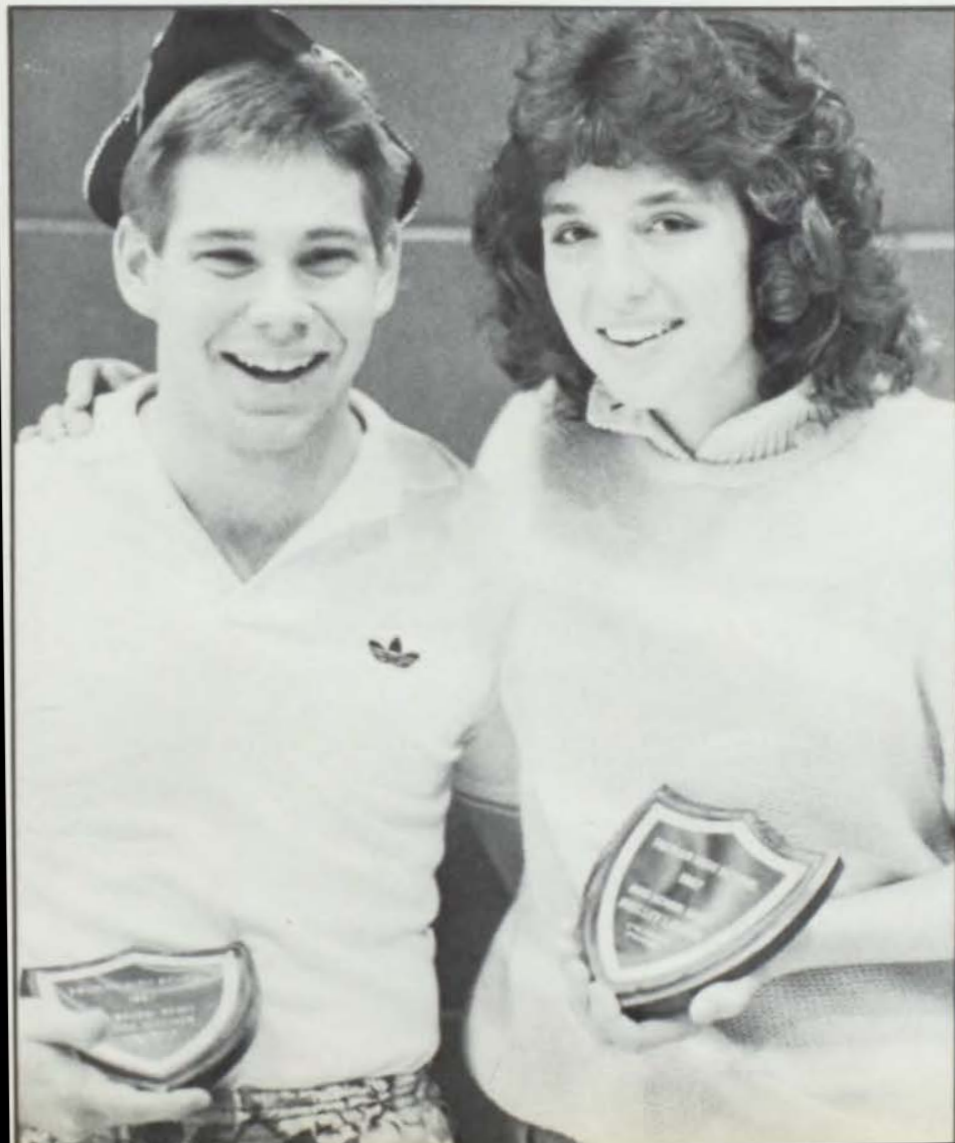
"Even if they don't win, it's fun to be involved," member Tracy Moore concluded.



A few Pep Club members, along with crowd support, cheer for the Patriots as they play against Blue Springs. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Front Row: Jennifer Jones (Sec.), Laura Pagel (Treas.), Annisa Jardak (Spirit Chairman), Tiffany Cipolla (Vice-Pres.), Stacey Anderson (Pres.). **Second Row:** Nicole Brown, Tracy Moore, Robin Blankenship, Lee Toms, Lori Baker, Kristen Agnew, Laura Garcia, Valarie Elmy, Robin Kirkham, Krista Proske, Julie Burris. **Third Row:** Denise Evans, Lisa Gard, Nikki Coligherour, Michele Clemens, Carrie O'Dell, Donna Sultzbaugh, Vicki Hatt, Kelly Edinger, Kelley Adkison, Jamie Joseph. **Fourth Row:** Lori Springer, Christi Buro, Christine Apple, Carie Averill, Jodi Karr, Jennifer Gauldin, Karen Manade, Janee' Daniels, Kathleen Ragan, Traci Eslinger, Laura Orr. **Fifth**

Row: Debbie Boyd, Amy Miller, Cindy McCaughey, Jodi Cook, Tina Melsh, Monica Leach, Christine Robinson, Lori Keithley, Valorie Brewer. **Sixth Row:** Tricia Horn, Ginny Shellhorn, Melissa Cupp, Shirlene Flory, Krista Abernathy, Page Gamble, Briana Tally, Elizabeth Jarman, Missy Fisher, Anissa Eridger. **Back Row:** Cyndi Gregston, Sherry Danzo, Denise Van-Wormer, Amy Ruhling, Leslie Kuske, Stephanie Main, Penny Carder, Tara Pescetto, Dina Karas, Gina Burasco, Nansi Rocha, Jennifer Jenkins, Lynnette Finnell.



Member Donna Sultzbah sells M & M's to help raise money for Pep Club sponsored events. (Photo by Leslie Kuske)

Seniors Marc Walker and Shelly Lauber are named Mr. and Miss School Spirit for their enthusiasm and involvement in numerous activities. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

The Girls' varsity squad cheers on the team as the starting players are introduced at a basketball game against Blue Springs. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



The junior varsity cheerleaders chant words of encouragement to the sophomore basketball team as they play against their arch rivals the Chrisman Bears. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Enthusiastic smiles are important as Gina Burasco and Dina Karas try to get the spectators to participate in a chant. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Front row: Boys' varsity squad: Leslie Kuske, Cheryl Richardson, Denise Van-Wormer, Joely Link, Captain Sherry Danzo, Stephanie Main and Co-captain Cyndi Gregston. Not pictured: Amy Ruhling. Second row: Varsity yell leaders: Chris Gooding, David Burrus, James Sebastian, Steve Martin, John Easley and Danny Pritchard. Not pictured: Mike Manade and Greg Martinez. Third row: Girls' varsity: Penny Carder, Jennifer Jenkins, Lynette Finnell, Dina Karas, Gina

Burasco, Captain Tara Pescetto, and Co-captain Nansi Rocha. Fourth row: Junior varsity: Page Gamble, Trisha Horn, Captain Ginny Shellhorn, Shirlene Flory, Co-captain Melissa Cupp and Krista Abernathy. Back row: Freshmen: Lora Kiethly, Briana Tally, Co-captain Stacey Ricketts, Monica Leach, Elizabeth Jarmin, Valorie Brewer, Christine Robinson, Captain Missy Fischer, Anissa Bridger and Tina Melsh. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Cheerleaders

Appreciation difficult to come by

by Leslie Kuske

Cheerleaders said they felt they did not always receive fair recognition, but that didn't stop them from working hard to cheer their teams on to victory.

Although the girls received small letters for their participation in Pep club, they thought they had earned a separate letter just for cheering.

"I think we should be recognized as more than just Pep club members," J.V. squad captain Ginny Shellhorn said.

"I think we do just as much or even more than other people that get letters. Cheerleading involves a lot of practice, memorization and a lot of spirit," J.V. squad member Page Gamble said.

Most of the girls agreed that it took more than just a cute smile or a bubbly personality to be a cheerleader.

"I consider cheerleading a sport; it takes a lot of time, responsibility and self-discipline," Page said.

"We have to be in shape to do jumps and we have to try out like the other sports," Freshman squad captain Missy Fischer said.

As in other sports, the cheerleaders put in long hours of practice, however their practices were spent memorizing and perfecting cheers.

The benefit of their dedication was evident when they received top honors at the NCA camp they attended last summer. The boys' varsity squad won the Award of Excellence which enabled them to compete nationally. They also

received four blue ribbons as well as the camp spirit award. The girls' varsity squad earned three blue ribbons and one red along with a chance to compete for the Award of Excellence. The junior varsity squad won two blue ribbons and two red. The freshman squad received four blue ribbons. Both the J.V. and freshman squads were nominated for the Award of Excellence.

Camp gave the girls a chance to receive the recognition they deserved but once the seasons started they found that a lack of crowd support was sometimes discouraging.

"We don't get much student support," Page said. "I go to different schools and I'm impressed at the way they show spirit and stand up and yell."

"It seems like no one appreciates us, it makes me feel like we work hard for nothing," varsity co-captain Cyndi Gregston said.

Despite the negative aspects of cheering, there seemed to be many reasons the girls stuck with it.

"It's fun and you get self-satisfaction from it," Cyndi said. "My favorite part is being together with all my friends."

"I cheer for the involvement, exercise and because you make a lot of friends," Page said. "I just like to do it."

"Even though we're not appreciated that much I think it's worth it," girls' varsity co-captain Nansi Rocha said. "I enjoy it enough to keep trying out."

Go, fight, win! The freshmen show their spirit by performing a cheer to entice the opposing team. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Melissa Cupp, Ginny Shellhorn and Page Gamble show that cheering can be humorous as well as exerting. (Photo by Dean Bullock)

Goals attained at camp, Nationals

by Jenny Luetkemeyer

After receiving the Award of Excellence this summer at camp, the varsity cheerleaders competed nationally on December 26-29 in Orlando, Florida. This was the first time in Truman's history for any squad to receive this honor.

"We won the National Cheerleaders Association's Award of Excellence this summer when we went to camp at SMSU and by doing so we got to compete at Nationals in Florida," senior co-captain Cyndi Gregston explained. The top squad

at camp, out of the six most outstanding, receives the Award of Excellence. The winners from each camp compete at Nationals."

Many different factors determined how the squad was chosen for this award.

"They chose us for our skills, techniques, uniquenesses, and our attitude during our week at camp," senior Joely Link said.

Though tremendous amounts of time was spent practicing, the squad fell short of its primary goal and did not make it to the finals at the national competition.

"We practiced once a week during October and November for three to four hours, just on our National routine," senior Cheryl Richardson said. In December we practiced everyday after school. Truman became our second home."

"Even though we didn't make it to the finals, we were definitely satisfied with our performance and that was our initial goal," senior Leslie Kuske said.

"We really didn't know what to expect when we got to Florida. It was nothing like camp. The only thing we had to worry about was our one routine. We had to do it perfect. At camp we were learning new things all the time," senior Stephanie Main said.

Amy Ruhling was honored to even be able to go.

"I couldn't even begin to say how much fun we had. It was great! We reached our goal of having fun and doing the best we could, even though it got intimidating watching the other squads who were exceptional in their performances. I felt honored."

The major strength of the squad came from their closeness and understanding for each other.

"We are all the best of friends and have been cheering together for at least three years. The only downfall was when

everyone was getting sick. We practiced to death and it seemed like someone was always sick," senior captain Sherry Danzo said.

Leslie said, "Mrs. Morley was a big help. She sacrificed everything for us. We couldn't have done as well without her and Mrs. Stephens' help and support."

Junior Denise VanWormer, the only underclassman on the squad, concluded, "It was an unforgettable trip. I never felt left out, even though I'm a junior, and I know that it was beneficial that we all got along and worked well together. It was a great season."



The varsity cheerleaders' patience and dedication show as they perform and lead spectators into another cheer. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



Yelling with enthusiasm, senior Stephanie Main cheers on the football team. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



Front Row: Stephanie Main, Amy Ruhling, Joely Link, Cheryl Richardson. **Back Row:** Denise VanWormer, Sherry Danzo (captain), Cyndi Gregston (co-captain). **Not pictured:** Leslie Kuske. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Varsity cheerleaders and yell leaders line up for a chant. Left to right: Chris Gooding, Leslie Kuske, James Sebastian, Denise VanWormer, Steve Martin, Joely Link, Cyndi Gregston, John Easley, Cheryl Richardson, Mike Manade, Sherry Danzo, Dominic Duchene, Stephanie Main, David Burrus, Amy Ruhling. (Photo by Shawn Floyd)



Holding a pyramid formation, the Varsity Cheerleaders practice their strenuous routine at Nationals in Orlando, Florida. (Photo by Marjorie Morley)

Starsteppers

Results show devotion, hard work

by Max Hawley

Hard work, dedication and unity paid off for this year's Starsteppers.

"I don't think that the people realized how hard we worked. During the summer we practiced everyday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and every other day after school until four," Lieutenant Stacey Anderson said.

All of the hard work paid off at the NCA (National Cheerleading Association) Pom Pon camp this summer at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. At the camp the squad was nominated for the Award of Excellence, received first- and second-place ribbons and a spirit stick for the second year in a row.

"It was great being nominated for the award of excellence. It proved that someone thought we were doing a good job," senior Tiffany Cippolla said.

"It felt good knowing we had done a good job," lieutenant Jodi Karr said.

An added honor was having captain Cheryl Crain chosen to perform at the Aloha Bowl.

"Being picked to perform at the Aloha Bowl was a surprise. I'm glad that I went. It was really fun," she said.

Performing their routines in front of the audiences at half-time was not the only activities where the Starsteppers were asked to perform.

"We were asked to perform at the Halloween parade and at various colleges. We will also get to do our routines at the

NAIA Basketball Tournament," Tiffany said.

Many of the seniors on the squad were sad because this was their last year to perform together.

"We were like a family. On and off the court we helped each other," Stacey said.

"We were always together, if all of us weren't together then at least one or two of us were. It's like having a lot of sisters," Tiffany said.

"We helped each other with personal problems as well as the problems of learning the new routines," Cheryl said.

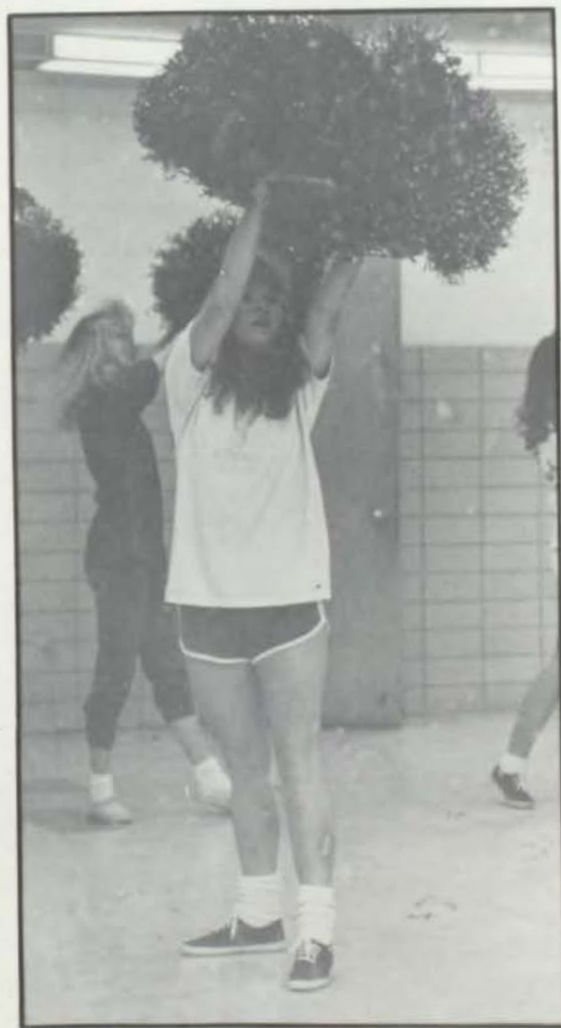
In summary Stacey said, "Being a Starstepper was a missed lot for the world. It was all worth it."



Precision helped make the Starsteppers one of the area's top drill teams this year. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



A prayer circle before each game helps the Starsteppers prepare for the upcoming performance. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Front Row: Cheryl Crain (Captain), Amy Miller (Lieut.), Stacey Anderson (Lieut.), Jodi Karr (Lieut.). **Second Row:** Tiffany Cipolla, Anissa Jardak, Christi Buro, Lori Springer, Tricia Eck-

man. **Back Row:** Carie Averill, Paula Ellis, Debbie Boyd, Theresa Daniels, Cindy McCaughey, Jodi Cook, Christine Apple.

Leading the squad in practice, captain Cheryl Crain shows the skills that helped her earn her a trip to perform in the Aloha Bowl. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Attraction to another person comes in diverse ways: one's personality, his philosophy or his appearance, with appearance taking dominance among teenagers.

"Personality matters, but I first notice if the guy is taller than me," senior Tanya Stark said.

"I notice the guys who have pretty eyes," sophomore Krista Abernathy said.

Not until that second look does personality begin to stand out.

"Friendliness attracts me most," junior Steve Elrick said. "Looks are nice, but personality is what counts if you're gonna get serious."

"I like it when a girl likes to do the same things I do," freshman G.L. Springer said.

Students also have their own ways to make themselves attractive.

"I just try to look my best," freshman Anissa Bridger said.

ATTRACTION IN PORTRAITS

"I always make sure my hair is curled before I go out," junior Nansi Rocha said.

"I just throw on anything," sophomore Larry Depue said. "It's the sense of self-satisfaction that stands out most."

Whether it be for the boy in the lunchroom or the girl in the hall, students see the need to be impressive.

"If I want a girl to notice me, I try to watch what I say so I don't sound stupid," junior Victor Juliana said.

Some diet, some work out and some primp to capture that certain attraction.

"There are qualities I look for in a guy, and there are qualifications I have for my own appearance," Nansi said. "I'm usually pickier with myself, though."

by Debbie Dauer

Senior Cyndi Gregston doesn't really need to shave; she is only showing her enthusiasm in Student Council's Halloween Day Parade. (photo by Scott Bridges)



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New reforms gain recognition

The Independence school district was chosen by the U.S. Department of Education as one of 16 districts nationwide to implement proposed reforms.

Many of these reforms developed as a result of the "Nation at Risk" report sent out by the Department stating problems in the schools.

"Out of the state there are only two or three districts that are doing innovative programs," director Ron Finke said.

Independence was the first large school district in Missouri to have the Career Ladder program that rewarded teachers with cash bonuses for doing things that benefitted the classroom

and students. These included going to seminars, lectures and extracurricular activities.

The Independence district also received more incentive grants than any other district in the area. These grants were based on what the teachers have done to help further students' learning.

"An exemplary pilot project was the Parents as Teachers program," president Helen French said. "It helps parents understand how important interaction is prior to school.

"All of these programs helped us gain this kind of recognition."

The district was one of the first to win a \$1 million lawsuit against U.S. Gypsum involving asbestos damages.

"Dr. Henley is a very good manager of our funds," French said.

This year he kept the district \$400 under cost per pupil in the state of Missouri.

"I've gone to awards where the cost per pupil is triple ours," French said.

The Kansas City "Star" quoted Henley as attributing the district's success to the work of a good staff.

"You can't be afraid of change and still thrive in education," Henley said.

*by Jennie Lawler
 and Stephanie Main*



Director Michael Barnett, Superintendent Dr. Robert Henley and President Helen French discuss the final plans for the asbestos removal in the

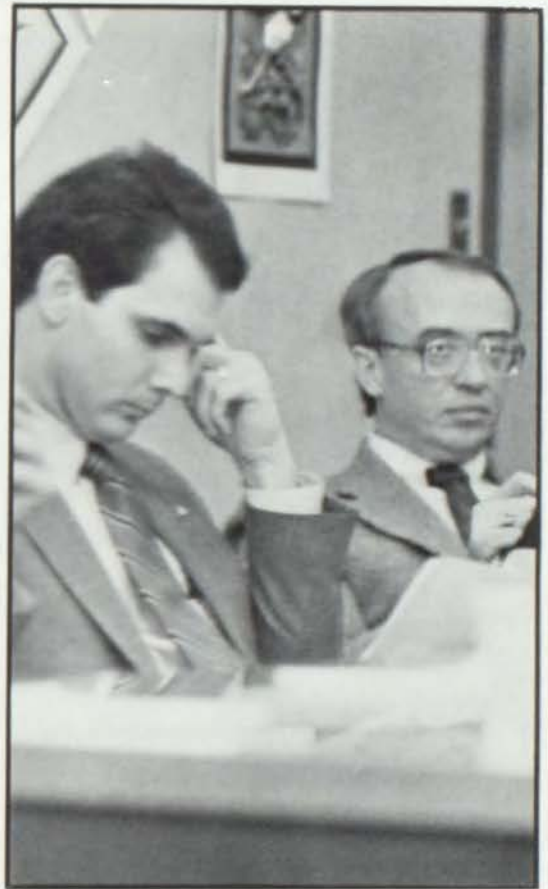
Independence school district. The plan would be the removal of asbestos in the boiler pipes. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Administration



Dr. Henley reviews plans for school district improvements. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Listening as a speaker gives his presentation Directors Ron Finke and Michael Barnett think over their vote. Finke, a 1970 Truman graduate, was appointed last year. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



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Principals

New handbook clarifies rules

"I didn't know I couldn't do that!" "Nobody ever told me that was against the rules!" "What do you mean I can't go out for lunch! . . ."

All common excuses used by students ever since there have been schools, but this year they didn't get too far at Truman, especially with administrators.

A new "Student Handbook" was handed out in homerooms where teachers made every student sign for the booklet to assure everyone received one. All transfer students are also given a copy when they arrived, according to Vice-Principal Charles Price.

"We (administrators) felt that we needed to be more explicit with the rules," Price said. "The point now is that the student has the rules in their hand. There's no excuses now and they can't say they 'didn't know.'"

The handbook was designed to put the rules into print and be more in line with making sure everything pertaining to rules and regulations is under-

stood according to Vice-Principal Frank Holwick.

"This lets the kids know what goes and what doesn't go," Holwick said. "It also lets them know what's enforced."

"It makes the rules more enforceable," Price said.

According to Principal LeRoy Brown, the discipline policy, adopted in April, 1986 by the Board of Education, is basically reprinted in the handbook.

"This (handbook) was motivated by the Missouri Reform in Education Act. We decided to address the issues of discipline and other various school procedures," Brown said. "We wanted to be more consistent. William Chrisman and the junior high schools have had a booklet similar to this for some time. The rules are basically the same for schools district-wide, so we printed them and made a few minor changes for things that applied to Truman especially."

The booklet served more as a rules book.

"It addresses the scheduling of assemblies, daily bells, lunch times, emergency procedures and announcements among other things," Brown said.

Vice-Principal Clay Snowden said that even though the booklet serves as an informative reference for students, problems have arisen.

"It helps keep the students informed but a lot depends on how many read it," Snowden said. "It's theirs to digest, but it's their problem if they don't read it. We're trying to put more responsibility on the students."

Besides spelling out rules and punishments prescribed for breaking them, the booklet has had other benefits.

"It takes away situations that used to be left to chance," Holwick said.

According to Brown, organization has been one of the greatest benefits. "It puts things in order and makes it all clear for the students."

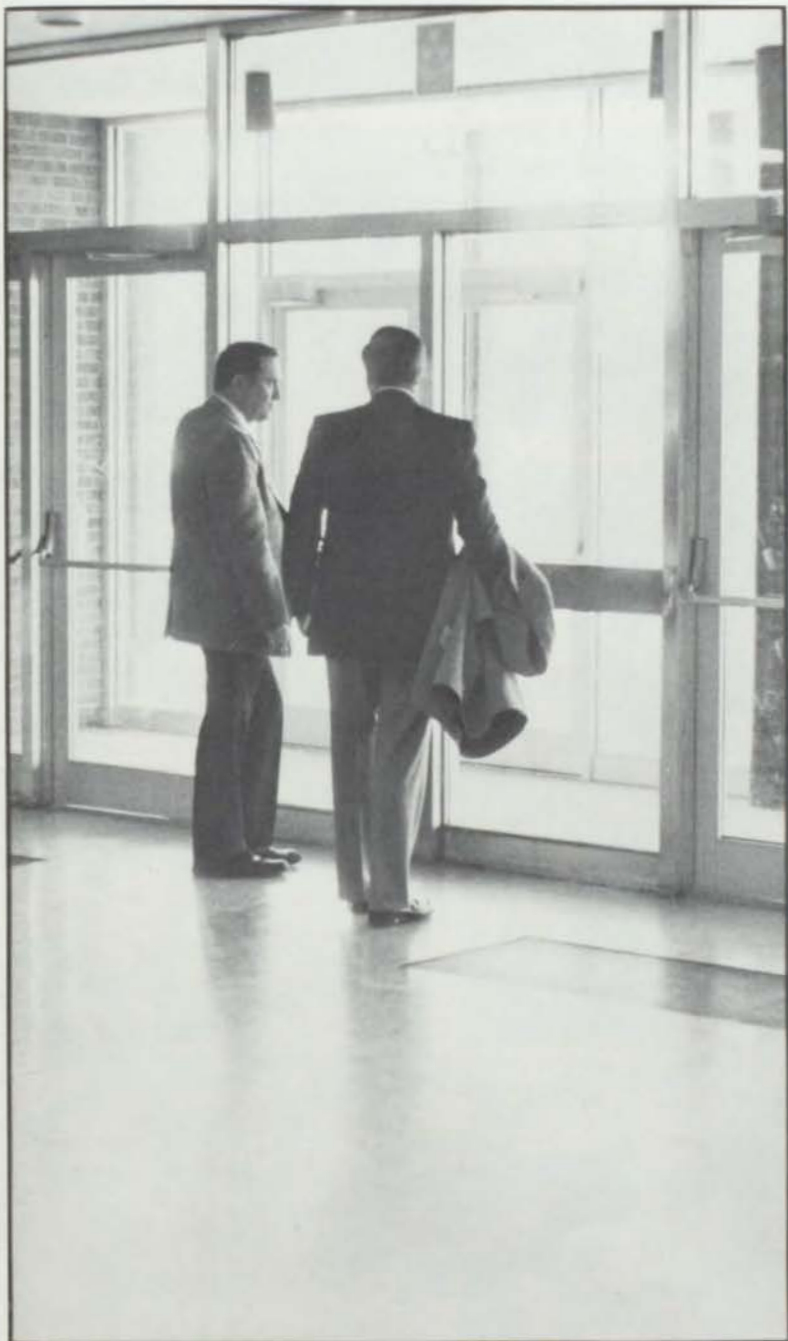
by David Burrus

Going through students schedules, Vice-Principal Clay Snowden is able to track down students during the day. (Photo by Scott Bridges)





Taking time to look through papers, Vice-Principal Charles Price assists freshman Brent Zelk. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Principal LeRoy Brown helps sort out a problem with a student. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Vice-Principal Frank Holwick (left) and Principal LeRoy Brown exchange a few words before heading home on treacherous roads following the first heavy snowfall on January 9. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

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Faye Alvested, M.A.
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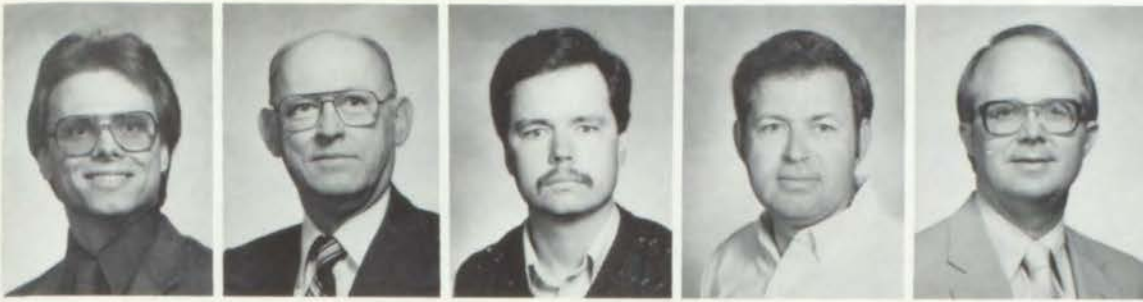


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Where did you 'hang out' when you were a teenager?



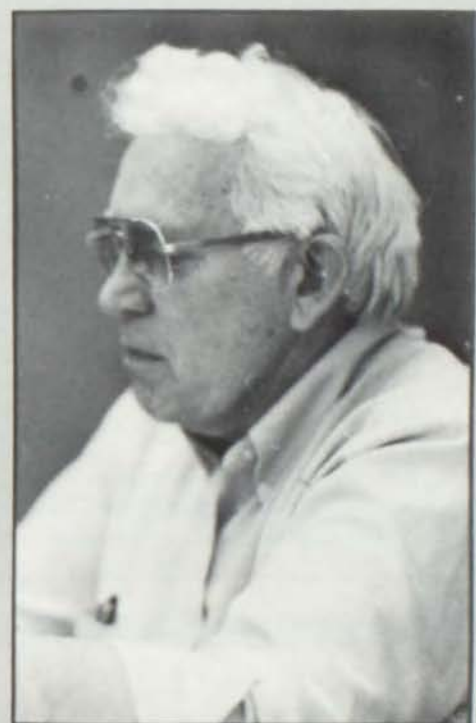
"I hung out at a teenage club. They had a jukebox, dance floor, snack bar and pool and ping pong tables. It was wonderful. Everyone would go there after school and on Friday nights after football games. It was a lot of fun."

— *Nancy Ziegenhorn, English, Sociology*



"I hung out at the corner drug-store. It was called 'Jelly Joints.' They had cherry coke and malted milks. They also had a jukebox and dancing."

— *Eleanor Richardson, English*



"I lived in a small town and we didn't really 'hang out' anywhere. We drove up and down Main Street instead. It was about four blocks long and to add some excitement, we would drag a cowbell behind us until the constable would yell at us."

— *Al Hunter, Photography*

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Award brings self-satisfaction

After 14 years of teaching, Sheri Adams received what she said was the biggest reward of her career: the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics.

The award, which was presented by the National Science Foundation and the White House, "serves to focus national attention on science and mathematics teaching and to give teachers in these areas a pat on the back," Adams said.

"One science and one mathematics teacher from each state won the award," she said. "We won a whole bunch of stuff."

Some of the things the recipients received were an Apple, computer subscriptions to journals, reference books such as dictionaries and thesauruses and a citation in a leather-bound book signed by President Reagan.

"The school district also received a \$5,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and the library received a World Book Science Encyclopedia set," she said. "The money may be used to purchase computers."

Adams went through many steps before she won the award.

"Dr. Gail Williams nominated me in 1985 and I finished one of three finalists in the state. I was automatically



Sheri Adams looks through a volume of the school's World Book Science Encyclopedia set she received from her award. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

nominated this year because of that," she said.

"If you are selected as a state finalist, notification will be sent to you. Then you must write information about yourself and your philosophy of teaching mathematics," she explained.

The nominees are also required to cite a problem in math education and write an essay stating what they would do with the \$5,000 grant.

"It's sort of strange," she commented, "that you have to write so much for an award in math."

All the writing paid off when Adams was notified by mail on September 6 that she had won.

A little over a month later, on Oct. 24, Adams and her husband flew all-expenses-paid to Washington, D.C., where she met some of the other 49 math winners at the awards ceremony.

While in Washington, she took part in several workshops. The teachers made recommendations for preparing future math teachers and curriculum changes. They also made plans to keep a network for future input and to meet at national meetings at least once a year.

"It's gratifying to know the job you have done has been appreciated. This made me feel that my job was much more important now."

A look of happiness and self-satisfaction crossed her face as she talked about the award.

"It was really a shock. I know the other two finalists (from Missouri) and my competition was really stiff. It was truly a surprise," Adams said.

"I believe I am a better teacher now. There are lots of good teachers around, but since I'm department chairman I have more attention focused on me. I feel I have a tradition to uphold; there's no way I can let down now.

"The award has made me focus on what I have to do in the future."

by Renae Price

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Gary Love, M.A.
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AV Librarian
John Shinn, M.A.
Business
Donna Shuler, B.S.
Physical Education
Ben Simmons, M.A.
English/Social Studies
James Simmons, M.S.
Industrial Arts



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Business
Karen Smith, B.S.
Mathematics
Dorothy Staley, M.S.
English
Neal Standley, M.A.
Science



Darlene Statz, M.S.
Mathematics
John Steele, B.S.
English
Rex Stephens, M.S.
Math/Physical Education
Buell Stewart, M.S.
Counselor
Ann Sunderland, B.A.
French



James Talbott, B.S.
Social Studies/Physical Education/Health
Sharon Thompson, M.A.
English
Harold Thomson, B.S.
Industrial Arts/Art
Cindy Thornton, B.S.
Business
Bob Tonnies, M.S.
Physical Education/Industrial Arts



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Drama
J.C. Waters, B.S.
Computer Science
Lucinda Wilkinson, M.A.
Science
Lori Withers, B.A.
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Library Secretary
Linda Howerly
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Secretaries

How has Truman changed since you started working here?



“The computer is the biggest change since I’ve been here. It’s a lot easier to type it up on computer than on a ditto. Almost everything is computerized now and the schedules are easier to do now than they were before. Another change is that the boys have shorter hair.”

— Beverly Kuzniakowski



“I don’t really see much of a change in students besides the way they dress. Also, they used to not like secretaries to wear pants but now it is a more casual atmosphere. The curriculum has changed too, giving students a lot more classes to choose from, and the grading system has changed from E, S, M, I, F to A, B, C, D, F. But the biggest change for me is the computer. It really eases the load.”

— Alice Miller



“One of the major changes is the computer. We no longer have to use attendance cards, and it is easier for us to find out if students have been skipping. It also gives us a more accurate attendance count. As for students, I think they dress better and are more confident in themselves than they used to be.”

— June Ahrens

Cooperation makes jobs easier

Cooperation helped the custodial and cafeteria staffs to be successful with their jobs.

This year, unlike many others, was a year of smooth sailing for the custodians. Vandalism and other extra problems were scarce and cooperation from everyone allowed them to maintain the building without complications.

"Cleaning the building is a full-time job. Vandalism only compounds the problem, but this year has been pretty good," Lee Austin, head custodian said.

Student and faculty attitudes and the way they cooperate in keeping the building free of unnecessary problems is what makes the job easier for custodians. Even the hall monitors help out by cutting out smoking in the bathrooms which keeps them cleaner.

"If everyone's cooperating, we can get the work done and enjoy doing it, and that's about what everyone is doing now," Austin said.

As far as the cafeteria trash problem was concerned, it was bad, Austin said, but not any worse than any other high school cafeteria. Keeping the cafeteria clean was just a part of keeping the whole building clean and it didn't



The first snow of the year gave custodians a chance to use their new John Deere tractor for clearing the parking lot. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

cause any real problems.

"When you've got 400 kids eating in one place coming and going every 20 minutes, you're bound to have a mess," Austin said.

Like the custodians, the cafeteria staff had a good year. The new equipment received last year which computerized all of the registers helped out a

great deal. Students not causing much trouble also helped.

"Everything has gone pretty well," manager Marilyn Honeyball says, "for the most part, the students have been courteous and things are running smoothly."

by Nathan Freeman



Cooks: Front Row: Marilyn Honeyball, Theresa Ragusa, Barbara Welsh, Dolores Ayers, Mary Sexton, Laura Knocke, Pat McCarty. Second Row: Helen Graves, Esther Harris, Pauline Gross, Paulene Mayo, Janet Mullins, Darlene Coop-

er, Amalie Schaefer. Back Row: Glenna West, Martha Richert, Elsie Lippa, Ann Pritchard, Nada Chernoweth, Linda Chadwick. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Senior Pace Brown gets his lunch as the cooks fill more plates during the lunch rush. This year vegetables were served separately instead of with the rest of the meal, giving students a choice of vegetables as well as cutting waste. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Night-shift custodians: Guy Zentz, Rich York, Gary King, John Millward, Arlan Grey, Jim Beck, Joe Burke. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)

Cooks/Custodians



Daytime custodians: Floyd Chapman, Mike Glidewell, Mike Alexander, Kenny Zumwalt, Lee Austin, Gladys Pack. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)

Amy Agee
 Kristen Agnew
 Jenny Allen
 Chris Ames
 Mike Anderson
 Mike Anderson
 Tony Appleton



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Charles Arnold
 Lance Arnold
 William Ashurst
 Ricky Atagi
 Eric Austin
 Keith Bachand
 Aimee Baird



Joanne Bajt
 Jimmy Baker
 John Baker
 Lori Baker
 Rochelle Baldwin
 Kyle Bales
 Lee Barger



Lisa Barlow
 Ferrel Barnhart
 Gina Barreto
 Michelle Baslow
 Shannon Bass
 Andrea Bauer
 Glenn Baughman



Chris Beltz
 Becky Bendure
 David Bennett
 Sherrie Bennett
 Carl Bergin
 Jessica Betts
 Roger Bevez



Paul Binnicker
 Brian Biondo
 Ivan Bird
 Anthony Bisacca
 Kathy Bishop
 Sam Bishop
 Steve Bishop



Tracy Blackann
 Jana Blake
 Sean Blakemore
 Justin Blevins
 Chris Blomquist
 Brett Bly
 Cory Blystone



Debbie Bodenstab
 Keli Bowman
 Becky Boyd
 Stacey Bragg
 Valorie Brewer
 Beth Brewster
 Anissa Bridger



Jeff Brooks
 Larry Brown
 Nicole Brown
 Robbie Brown
 Kris Bryan
 Shayna Buckley
 J.R. Buckner





Joseph Bullock
 Greg Burnett
 Julie Burris
 Jim Butcher
 Amy Butler
 Jon Butterworth
 Mike Byars

Experience makes no difference

Although most of the freshman class officers have previously held offices and had responsibilities on Student Council, this year they were unsure of their duties.

"We did not really set any goals. We were not organized and nobody told us what to do. We were not really prepared," vice-president Wayne Sclesky said.

The officers were Doug Carrow, president; Wayne Sclesky, vice-president; Theresa McDonald, secretary; and Christine Robinson, treasurer.

The class proved to be supportive on the candy sale and displayed unity on other Student Council fundraisers.

"Our candy sale has raised a lot of money for our senior class and prom. We have a lot of class unity and our

class gets involved. When we were selling candy, a lot of freshmen who were not on Student Council came out to sell. Our representatives have also been really active in the needy family and United Way campaigns," Christine said.

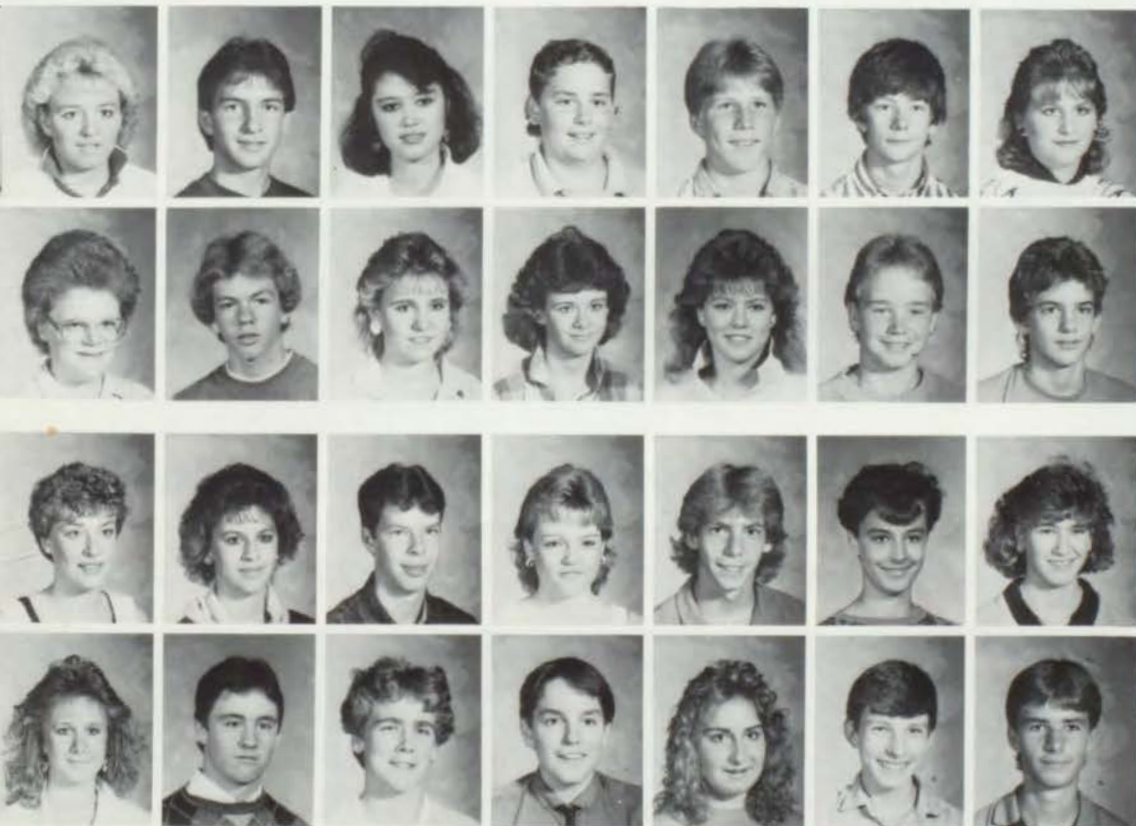
"We (officers) are friends and have gotten along well in the things we have done like candy sales, but we did not know what to do and were not prepared," Wayne said.

"The only thing I have done up to this point as president is I was in charge of the freshman class's candy sale and I led the freshmen caroling at the Christmas assembly," Doug said.



Freshman class officers: Wayne Sclesky, vice-president; Theresa McDonald, secretary; Doug Carrow, president; Christine Robinson, treasurer. (Photo by Robyn Griffin)

by Laura Hartley



Mary Byrd
 Greg Callahan
 Robin Cantrell
 Tom Carr
 Doug Carrow
 Bill Cash
 Lisa Choat

Sheri Clark
 Jason Clarke
 Michele Clemens
 Trisha Cloud
 Stacey Coburn
 Todd Coffey
 David Cole

Dawn Cook
 Amy Cooper
 Bruce Cottingham
 Nikke Coughenour
 Robert Countryman
 Andrea Craig
 Laura Cummings

Sherri Cummings
 Jason Cundiff
 Pat Danahy
 Bob Davidson
 Tara Davis
 Donovan Day
 Jeff Deal

Ronnie DeMoss
Jill Dennis
Michelle Denny
Lana Doty
Lora Draveling
Jackie Duncan
Terry Dunlap



Brian Dunnaway
David DuRee
Rustin Dutcher
William Edmisson
John Eglich
Valarie Elmy
Jeff Estill



Denise Evans
Carol Fairbanks
Mike Fansher
Lisa Fawver
Roy Fetters
Stacey Fidler
Jimmy Fields



Missy Fischer
Chad Fisher
Kevin Fisher
Melanie Fisher
Robert Fisher
Jamy Forpomes
Bobby Foster



John synthesizes on computer



Freshman John Townley uses his spare time to compose instrumental music through the use of his computer. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

While many are tuning into favorite songs on radio stations, freshman John Townley is programming instrumental sounds and voices into one of his three computers.

With age comes experience as in John's case.

"In the sixth grade I got my first taste of computers," John said. "I couldn't figure out what made things appear on the screen. I showed interest and my grandparents bought me a Texas Instruments Computer as a present, which at the moment happens to be collecting dust," John said smilingly.

"Each computer has four independent sounding voices. You can make the voice any pitch by entering numbers either high or low," John said.

Besides having the talent to pro-

gram voices to sing and talk, John can teach.

"Occasionally when my mom teaches at Randall she'll let me teach grade school students how to use computers," John said.

"Once I had to go to Dillards and teach employees how to use their new computers," John adds with a laugh.

Though computers are very popular these days, they may not always be the easiest way.

"It seems like everyone has a stereotype that a computer can do everything with the push of one key. And it's not really like that at all," John concluded.

by Carla Diaz

Cari Franks
Tracy Free
Vikki Free
Jacob Freemon
Shane Frisbey
Joe Galbraith
Amy Galpin





Bryan Galvan
 Lisa Gard
 Jimmy Garrett
 Tiffany Garrett
 Jennifer Gaudin
 Sherri Geiss
 Julie Gilland



Jennie Glasgow
 Matt Glidewell
 Debbie Goerz
 Mark Goldsmith
 Danielle Goodin
 Jason Gorden
 Scott Gordon



Joey Gosserand
 Matt Gray
 Carrie Greeley
 Jamie Griffin
 Robbie Hadley
 Chris Hamblin
 Danny Hammond



Russell Harpham
 Mike Harrison
 Jill Harter
 Landa Harter
 Amy Hauschel
 Stacey Hedrick
 Christy Herron



John Hertlein
 Chris Hess
 Carmen Hewitt
 Adam Hillen
 Freddie Hiner
 Tori Hodge
 Kimberly Holloway



Jim Holtcamp
 Melissa Hon
 John Hooper
 Chris Hoover
 Terri Ince
 Bobby James
 Elizabeth Jarman



Damon Jeffers
 Jonathan Jennings
 Tammy Jennings
 Jimmy Jeske
 Jeff Johnson
 Joe Johnson
 Christie Jones



Ricky Jones
 Sandra Jones
 Kent Jordan
 Lisa Keith
 Lori Keithley
 Nathan Kelton
 David Kempfe

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Tiffany Kershner
 Brandy Kimsey
 Laura King
 Angela Kirchhoff
 Robin Kirkham
 Sharon Kirkpatrick
 John Kirwin

Karen Kistler
Les Klamp
Michelle Kleyh
Brian Knowles
Brian Kochanski
Brian Koehly
Kent Kordes



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Michelle Kragel
Mark Krawczyk
Mark Lambros
Robb Lane
Andy Larsen
Jason Larsen
Monica Leach



Dana Lewis
Jeff Liang
Bill Lieberknecht
Michelle Lierly
Brent Lilly
Michelle Lovell
Jonathan Lowe



Shannon Lundy
Elizabeth Luther
Angel Lyons
Teresa MacDonald
Kelly Mackland
Jennifer Maitland
Vanessa Major



Scott Malott
James Martin
Allen Masoner
Nikki Matney
Brenda May
Seann McAnally
Matt McCann



John McCoy
Chad McFarland
Janet McGinness
Jennie McGrath
John McGuire
Donnie McKenna
John McKinney



Melanie McKinney
James Medlin
Katrina Meek
Pamela Meeker
Tina Melsh
Jeff Michael
Jennifer Miles



Donnie Miller
Michelle Mineo
Brian Mitchell
Tina Mitchell
Terri Mitzner
Monica Mohart
Shane Moore



Tracy Moore
Derek Morris
Garrett Mosiman
Amber Moss
Lasi Mulumulu
Sean Murray
Steve Naylor





Karin Nelson
 Marci Nelson
 James Netherton
 Becky Niederschulte
 Carrie O'Dell
 Maria Olvera
 Annette Ortega

How does it feel to be a freshman?



“At first it stinks. Freshmen don't know their way around and usually walk faster to get to class on time. Seniors and juniors look more relaxed.”

— Stacey Bragg



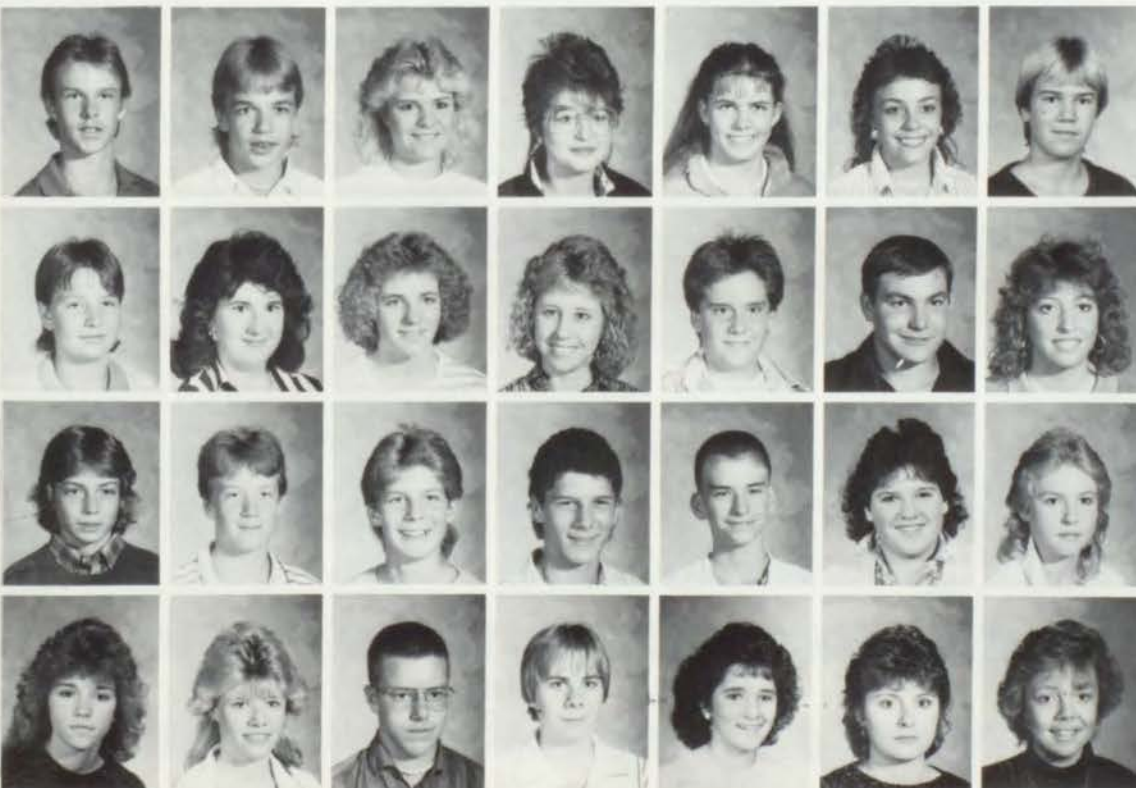
“Everyone has to be one at sometime in their life. It is not as bad as I thought it would be. I was worried about being offered drugs. Some seniors act worse than what we do.”

— Jon Jennings



“I think it is embarrassing because everyone teases the young. The seniors and juniors feel they have to be macho and that they never make any mistakes. When someone drops their books or a plate at lunch, it has to be a freshman.”

— Marci Nelson



Robert Palmer
 Dusty Parker
 Julie Pence
 Sheryl Perusich
 Melissa Peters
 Dana Peterson
 Jeff Peterson

Shawn Pilby
 Donna Ploeger
 Cindy Porter
 Krista Proske
 Bryson Pulley
 Brian Quigg
 Nicole Quint

Jason Rackley
 Dan Ragan
 Matt Raines
 Scotty Ray
 James Reid
 Julie Rellihan
 Stephanie Resch

Staci Ricketts
 Kim Ritter
 Kyle Ritter
 Paul Roberts
 Christine Robinson
 Bevie Romans
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 Andy Sanders
 Ron Schafer
 Vince Schafer
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 Barbie Schnell
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 Stephanie Sims
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 Heather Smith
 Jason F. Smith
 Shane Smith
 Stephanie Smith
 Stephanie Smith



Tony Smith
 Jason Snively
 G.L. Springer
 Garrick Stamey
 Mack Steele
 Jennifer Stevenson
 Jeff Stonehocker



Grant Stoner
 Melissa Storr
 Shelly Street
 Chris Summers
 George Summers
 LeAnn Summers
 Michelle Swanson



Briana Tally
 Darrell Taylor
 Jake Taylor
 Brett Tharp
 Kim Tharp
 Stacey Thomas
 John Townley



Chris Trentham
 Lance Tryon
 Marcy Uhl
 Kristi Underwood
 Robbie Upp
 Erick Utterback
 Kevin Utterback



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 Michele VanNimwegan
 Fred VanWinkle
 David Varalli
 Chris Vargas
 Mike Vargas



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Angel Wagner
Amie Wahrenbrock
Jenny Watts
Andrea Weathers
Rebecca Weddington
Vicky Welsh

Alex West
Gail Westgate
Greg Weyrauch
Clarence White
Curtis White
Jill Whiting
Blaine Wilde

Marshall Wilder
John Willett
Dionne Williams
Rick Williams
Heather Williamson
Breth Wilson
Chris Wilson

Dating dilemmas for freshmen

What is it like when your parents provide transportation for you and your date?

"It's not that much different except when I'm going somewhere, sometimes I'm late because my sister isn't ready yet," freshman Angel Lyons said. "I just tell her to get it together so I don't get embarrassed."

John Hertlein, on the other hand, doesn't allow his parents to meet his date. "When I go out, my cousin or some other friend takes me. I just can't imagine having my parents take me."

Some people might have thought that it got boring since they (freshman) were restricted in what they could do without a car. But, according to Alvin Howell, it didn't.

"Mostly we went to movies and

sometimes out to dinner, but it never got boring. How can you get bored if you're enjoying yourself?"

Many people have a curfew they believe is too early, and their age seems to affect the time they must be in.

"Everyone else gets to stay out until one or two in the morning, and I have to be in by twelve. If I'm going to be late and I don't call, I'm in big trouble because my dad is really strict," Angel said.

Transportation was a big pain for most freshmen, but Anissa Bridger solved that problem.

"I have never considered dating a freshman," she said. "I only go out with guys who drive."

by Star McMahon



Brad Zelk and Janet McGuinness have to wait for their ride since they can't drive themselves. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Jennifer Wilson
Ray Wilson
Kathy Wiseman
Scott Wolfgeher
Brook Wooderson
Elizabeth Wright
Troy Wymer

Dennis Yancey
Jodi Yocum
Sephie Young
Chris Yuille
Brad Zelk
Yvonne Zoyer
Angie Zuber

Krista Abernathey
Kelley Adkison
Christina Allen
Nancy Allen
Gary Allison
James Altom
Dana Anderson



Todd Anderson
Jennifer Azbill
Becky Bacus
Sarah Baggett
Angelina Balistreri
Steve Ballard
Leigh Ann Banks



Rachael Barnes
Ryan Barnes
Tony Barnes
Charity Barr
Nicole Basinger
Debbie Beacham
Jim Beard



Dereck Bedsworth
Danielle Beene
Brenda Bell
Sandra Beltz
Briggett Bingham
Alan Birks
Jeff Blackmon



Greg Blau
Cindy Board
Mike Boles
Teri Bolten
Liz Boman
Denise Boone
Sabrena Boulware



Amy Bourlier
Steve Bowers
George Bowser
Melvin Boyd
Bob Brady
Bob Brady
Mark Brasfield



Graham Bray
Debbie Brinkmeyer
Greg Broyles
Laura Buccero
Tiffany Burke
Melissa Busker
Diane Butterworth



Dena Byrd
Cindy Cain
Mike Camden
Frankie Campbell
Susan Campbell
Lori Cantrell
Penny Carder



Class of eighty-nine

Shelly Carlson
Lesla Carlton
Brian Carpenter
Evan Carpenter
Kenny Carson
Joe Caruso
Tina Cary





Christie Chamberlain
 Jim Chapman
 Metta Childress
 Lisa Chinn
 Brian Christy
 Ronda Church
 Carri Cichacki

Jennifer Clark
 Kellie Clark
 Susie Clymer
 Jeff Coffman
 Karen Collins
 Shayla Collins

Cooperation is key to success

Getting organized, sparking class participation and being enthusiastic themselves seemed to have been the key to success for sophomore class officers.

This year's officers were Rex Stephens, president; Jeremy White, vice-president; Penny Carder, secretary; and Melissa Cupp, treasurer.

Rex, the only returning officer, admitted this year he was more ready to take action and get some things done.

"I started out with a better attitude. I was encouraged by it all," Rex said.

"This year there's a lot more happening; more than last year," Jeremy said.

"We know more of what we have to do and what our goals are set for," Rex said.

At first class participation seemed as though it might be a problem, but with the officers' enthusiasm and the sophomore class spirit, the first fun-

draising project, a candy sale, proved a success.

"I don't think they (the sophomore class) knew what they're responsibilities were, and we worked on that and the first candy sale went pretty well," Jeremy said.

"The class was really cooperative with the candy sale. It seemed like eve-

rybody wanted to help," Penny said.

Planning, raising money and getting everyone involved wasn't an easy task for the officers.

"I'm happy with this year's officers and the sophomore class. They've really done a good job," Rex said.

by Amy Hutton



Sophomore class officers: Jeremy White, vice-president; Rex Stephens, president. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Rob Combs
 Pam Conner
 Steve Cook
 Guy Coonts
 Ed Cooper
 April Cottrell
 Sean Coughlin



Shawn Craig
 Janna Crawford
 John Creager
 Neil Crocker
 Melissa Cupp
 Greg Dabbs
 Michelle Daley

Angie Daniel
 Janee' Daniels
 Dixie Datweiler
 Paul Davidson
 Jason Davis
 Traci Davis
 Carmon Day



Drugs create stir in publicity

The campaign against drugs produced a lot of publicity and opinions both good and bad.

The students who were affected by the drugs and alcohol were divided on how well the war against drugs and alcohol worked in the past and will work in the future.

"It is about time that they started to do something about it (the drugs and

drinking). The youth of America are so bombarded by society and their peers to drink and to take drugs that they think it is all right. Something like this should have been started a long time ago," senior Tom Demark said.

Freshman Terri Ince agreed:

"If they save just one person's life then it is worth it."

Other students disagreed:

"The media has found an issue that will get the public stirred up. And getting the public stirred up gets them higher ratings. Drugs are not as much of a problem as our parents and teachers think they are. On the other hand the alcohol use and the abuse of alcohol is way up. Contrary to popular opinion, everyone is drinking," senior Tom Moss said.

"It has given a lot more publicity and created more curiosity than if they would have left it alone. It is your own choice if you are going to drink. If you are too intoxicated in any way you should have a designated driver and always know your limits," junior Jared Petentler said.

"It is good, but nothing will come of it; it's just a waste of money. People are going to keep driving drunk. One television commercial or poster is not going to stop anyone from driving drunk," junior Derrick Hartley said.

"It's helping a few, but on the whole it's not helping very many right now," Terri said.



This and many other graphic posters were displayed throughout the school by Student

Council in its campaign against alcohol and drug abuse. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

by Max Hawley

Devlen Day
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 Kim Delk
 Larry Depue
 Dana DeSuza
 Stephania Detillier
 Paul Dietrich



Regina Dillee
 Brian Dingeldein
 Bobby Dominguez
 Stacy Downs
 John Dunham
 Jimmy Dutcher
 Tina Dutzel





Shawn Early
Henry Edie
Kelly Edinger
Melissa Edwards
Dee Dee Erwin
Laci Eslinger
Kristina Estrada

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Travis Ewart
Wade Fernau
Lynnette Fennell
Cindy Fitzpatrick
April Fleming
Kevin Fletchall



Shawnda Flores
Shirlene Flory
Chad Forbes
Joey Fox
Shauna Francis
Mike Franciskato
Chris Freeman



Dianne Friend
Jason Friend
Becky Fulton
Ken Galbreath
Shaunna Gall
Debbie Gallamore
Page Gamble



Melissa Gammill
Ray Garcia
Karla Garr
Michelle Garrett
Jennifer Gibson
Jason Gilbertson
Vance Gladbach



Michael Glover
Becky Goerz
Shaun Gondran
Catherine Gosseen
Lanea Graham
Kelley Gray
Bryan Greble



Loyd Greene
Todd Greenwood
Jennifer Gregory
Julie Gregovich
Jeff Griffitt
Shannon Gross
Kirk Gutekunst



Jackie Guzman
Ben Haas
Michelle Haase
Tracy Hall
Troy Hanenkratt
Heather Harper
Jolee Harrell



Mark Harrington
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Amy Harrison
Doyle Harvey
Shelley Hatt
Vicki Hatt
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Sterling Hershey
Brian Hess
Marnee Higgins
Angela Hiner
Chris Hodson



Pam Hoepfner
Ryan Hoffmann
Leslie Holman
Derrick Hollom
Rachel Holt
Jennifer Hopper
Tricia Horn



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Jill Hotson
Teresa Howey
Michael Hughes
Sundi Hugill
Brad Huhmann
Angela Hutchens



Michelle Hutchins
Angie Jackson
Scott Jacobs
Lisa James
Michelle Jeanneret
Jennifer Jenkins
Suzanne Jimerson



Amy Johnson
Charlene Johnson
Julie Johnson
Marcia Johnson
Bill Jones
Jennifer Jones
Norman Jones



Shelley Jones
Jamie Joseph
Melissa Judd
Jay Kacheroski
Dina Karas
Jami Kauffman
D'Ann Kavanaugh



Chris Keeling
David Keeton
Windy Kellogg
Brian Kelsay
Mike Kern
Christi King
Tad Kioh



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Mike Krawczyk
Greg Krueel
Steve Kuhn
Kristen Lammers
Scott Lang
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Ed Leighton-Floyd
Stephanie Levens
Grant Lindley
Bill Lindley
Tina Loar



License brings responsibilities

Students found out that getting a driver's license meant not only self-reliance, but also responsibilities.

Keeping the gas tank full, being responsible for other people's lives and gaining parents' trust were just a few of the concerns students had when they received their licenses.

"My parents were a lot more protective of me," sophomore Laura Buc-

cero said. "They would always tell me to be careful whenever I went somewhere."

Sophomore Sean Coughlin said, "My parents pretty much treated me the same when I got my license. I guess they trusted me, but I know they still worried."

Another concern students had to consider after getting a driver's license was drinking and driving.

"When I got my license, I knew I couldn't drink and drive," Sean said. "I also wouldn't let any of my friends in the car with liquor. I was the one who was responsible for the lives of my friends, to me that's a big responsibility."

However, getting a driver's license also meant not having to rely on mom and dad anymore for rides.

"Before I got my license, I had to depend on my parents and older friends to take me everywhere," sophomore Debbie Brinkmeyer said. "After I got my license though, people started depending on me."

"I couldn't get a job until I got my license," sophomore Tim McElligott said. "I also needed it to have a way home from practices. Before, I had to rely on my parents and the parents of my friends, which was kind of hard because all of our parents worked."

"The main thing I liked after I got my license was the feeling of not having to depend on my parents and friends anymore," Laura said. "I also think that getting my license made me a more responsible person."



Learning the responsibilities of driving, sophomore Brian Hess takes the written part of his

driver's test in hopes of a passing grade. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

by Debbie Daurer



Tina Logan
Kerri Lunsford
Jeff Lupardus
Tracy Luther
Donna Lyle
Rachel Mack
Craig Main

Mary Malensek
Karen Manade
David Manspeaker
Bruce Maples
Angie Markley
Chris Marks
Scott Marshall



Jill Martin
Sondra Mawhiney
David Maxwell
Dawn May
Ted May

Bryon McCarty
 Paul McCormick
 Jeff McCown
 Heather McCoy
 Trevor McCracken
 Lisa McCulley
 Eric McDonald



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If you could do anything in the world, what would you do for entertainment?



I would like to participate in the World Olympics competing in wrestling. After I win, I would like to become a coach and pass on my skills to young Americans. As a part-time job I would do Wheaties commercials.”
 — Jeff Coffman



I would want to go to a celebrity party with everyone that you could possibly dream of being there. At this party I would meet Dweezil Zappa, we would both fall in love with each other and live happily ever after.”
 — Laura Orr



I want to go to Switzerland and become a famous ski instructor and own a world-famous resort. I would spend the money I make on houses, cars and myself.”

— Tim McElligott

Sara McDonald
 Tim McElligott
 Seth McMenemy
 Lee Ann McNulty
 John McRoberts
 Shauna Mead
 Mike Meador



Calvillo Megan
 Chuck Melsh
 Jay Meyer
 Alycia Miller
 Lisa Mills
 Audrey Minor
 Tina Mitchell





Jason Mittlestadt
 Bryan Moore
 Euorea Moore
 Jason Moore
 Lisa Moore
 Juan Mora
 Chad Morley



Shawn Morris
 Steve Morse
 Amy Neal
 Nick Nelms
 Scott Newman
 Mike Nichols
 Mike Norman



Wally Norris
 Audi O'Dell
 Chris Olvera
 Laura Orr
 Brad Outersky
 Pam Owsley
 Belinda Parker



Bobbie Partlow
 Tony Patterson
 John Payne
 Jeff Pendergraft
 Chris Pfannenstiel
 Richard Pleacher
 Karla Pressley



Ryan Price
 Laura Pricer
 Clay Pummill
 Kathleen Ragan
 Tony Rainey
 Chris Rapp
 Marty Redman



Chablis Resch
 Jason Reynolds
 Sam Reynolds
 Stacy Reynolds
 Eddie Rhoads
 David Richards
 Damon Ricketts



Danny Roberts
 Louis Roberts
 Cassie Robinson
 Richard Roedel
 Kelly Rogers
 Michelle Rogers
 Shawn Rogers



David Roller
 John Round
 Darren Rowe
 David Ruch
 Bill Ruhling
 Rebecca Russell
 David Safley



Melissa Salazar
 Scott Sales
 Kristina Sandifer
 Jason Schell
 Susan Schmidt
 Ami Schooler
 Brent Schubert

Aaron Schumaker
 Todd Schumaker
 Rodney Schwartz
 Denise Sciortino
 Jim Scott
 Kelly Seeger
 Tina Sexton



Greg Shackelford
 Robert Shaughnessy
 Kendall Shelor
 Rick Shepherd
 Darrin Shinabarger
 Kenny Shinn
 Shawn Shippers



Amy Shipman
 Steve Shipp
 Heather Shockley
 Susie Siron
 Adam Skinner
 Tracy Skoch
 Sven Slade



Audrey Sloane
 Jon Small
 Laura Smith
 Ron Smith
 Jim Snider
 Sam Soulis
 Anthony Spangler



Lynn Sparks
 Robin Srite
 David Starr
 Lee Stauffer
 Julina Steele
 Rex Stephens
 Amy Stevens



Melissa Stevens
 Chris Stewart
 Jami Steiles
 Michele Sturge
 Matt Sutton
 Matthew Swigert
 Kim Sword



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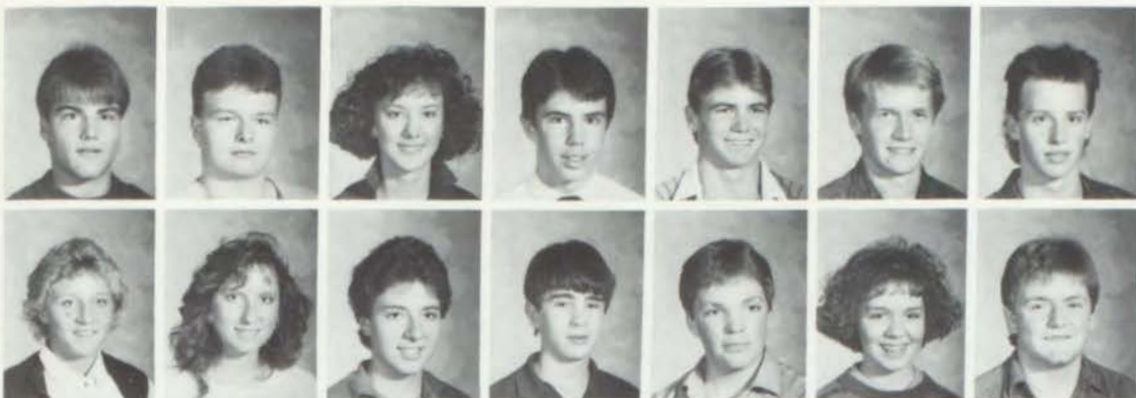
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 Carla Travis
 Jeff Travis
 Tracy Turner
 Jerry Turpin



Eric Volmer
 Mark Walker
 Shane Wall
 Melissa Waller
 Sheri Waltermate
 Jennifer Warner
 Kristen Watkins



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Mike Webb
Steve Webb
Kristen Welch
Jason Wells
David White
Jeremy White
Rick White

Sherry White
Cheri Williams
Dwayne Williams
John Williams
Wayne Williams
Brenda Williamson
Tom Willis

Confidence, the key for Susie

Writing stories, listening to music, reading, acting and participating in Forensics and Debate took most of sophomore Susie Siron's time.

"I like to write stories," Susie said. "Now I'm working on a play. I've never done much of anything with the stories or plays. They're just sitting in my room somewhere waiting to be discovered."

Books that Susie read varied about as much as the music she listened to.

"I like mostly science fiction or mysteries. I can't stand romance novels. I guess I'm not a romantic. My favorite authors are Agatha Christi and Piers Anthony," Susie said.

A huge smile came to Susie's face when she started to talk about acting.

"I probably started in grade school. I've always enjoyed acting! I like going to movies and watching how other actors perform in different situations. I want to keep acting in college, maybe something after that who knows?"

One reason Susie enjoyed acting is because it tied in with Forensics and Debate, which took a great amount of her time.

"Forensics and Debate is more than just a weekend tournament; it requires long hours of research and practicing after school," Susie said. "Speaking in front of large audiences becomes much easier. You're taught to organize your thoughts quickly and the classes help you better your public speaking abilities."

Susie plans to continue Forensics and Debate throughout high school and hopefully in college.

"Forensics and Debate haven't been a waste of time. It has made my speaking skills much better. Talking to large audiences isn't tough anymore. I've gained a confidence that will help me in high school, college and my chosen career," Susie said.

by Kelly Eaton



Sophomore Susie Siron practices after school for an upcoming Forensics and Debate Tournament. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)



Brian Wilson
Jon Wilson
Mark Wilson
Nicole Wilson
Matt Wilt
Jennifer Wishon
Howard Wolf

Amberlee Wolgamott
Stephanie Woodruff
Gary Wright
Nick Yach
April Yount
Sonja Zimmerman
Holly Zink

Joseph Ah Mu
Wayne Alderson
Dawn Allen
Jennifer Allen
Vonceil Allen



Dee Allgaier
Robert Alumbaugh
Lorraine Amadio
Kelly Anderson
Christine Apple
Rob Appleberry



Officers depend on experience

Experience and friendship helped junior class officers provide their class with fundraisers and a good time this year.

President Chad John and vice-president Kim Nelson served their third year as class officers and treasurer David Mitchell served his second. Secretary Lance Miller was a new officer.

"We know what we are doing and we know how to run things," Chad said.

"There are certain goals that we have wanted to reach since our freshman year and now we are finally starting to reach those goals. Our experience has been really helpful," Kim said.

The officers believed that being good friends as well as partners helped out a lot.

"We have all known each other for at least 10 years," Lance said.

"Although we are friends, each one of us is different and we have our own ideas," David said. "At our meetings we combine all our ideas and come up with a good solution."

"Our main goal is to come up with ideas and plans that everyone in our class will enjoy," Kim said.

"We try to make our meetings fun," Chad said. "Sometimes we get together and have pizza parties where we talk about everything and make decisions."

Although the officers thought up the ideas, they all agreed that the junior class was responsible for making the projects a success.

"We can't do it all by ourselves. I'm just glad that they all want and can help," Chad said.

The main reason for all the fundraisers was to raise money for their senior prom.

"Everything we have tried to do to raise money has worked so far," David said.

"We are planning on doing some different kinds of things in the future which have never been done before," Kim said. "We just want to make our senior year good."



Junior class officers: Front row: Lance Miller, secretary; Kim Nelson, vice-president. Back

row: Chad John, president; David Mitchell, treasurer. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

by Cheryl Richardson

Carie Averill
Leif Bahl
Chris Bailey
Tom Bajt
Michele Baker





Ryan Baker
 Scott Baker
 Dawn Banks
 Christy Barmore
 Vikkie Barnes
 Brian Barnum
 Jill Barry



Melissa Barton
 Ron Baxter
 Tracy Beaver
 Jerry Beck
 Dana Beebe
 Robin Bergschneider
 Eric Bermudez



Jeff Bezona
 Michelle Bingaman
 Tanya Birdsong
 Jim Bishop
 Pam Bishop
 Kevin Black
 Stacy Blandin



Robin Blankenship
 Nick Blue
 Lori Bogue
 Lisa Bohanon
 Alissa Bonadonna
 Darin Bonthius
 Shannon Bossaller



Debbie Boyd
 Debbie Boyd
 Danny Bradford
 Kurt Branstetter
 Candy Brayton
 Andrea Brehm
 Jim Brewer



Linda Brewer
 Scott Bridges
 Victoria Briseno
 Dawn Brown
 Jason Brown
 Kevin Buchanan
 Gina Burasco



Jim Burgess
 John Burke
 Tammie Burton
 Kelly Butler
 Jim Cady
 Chad Caldwell
 Jason Campbell



Marci Campbell
 Mark Campbell
 Kevin Carl
 Damon Carrasco
 Adam Carter
 Lee Caruthers
 Mitzi Case

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 Marcia Chadwick
 Chad Chafa
 Donnie Chambers
 Toni Chapman
 Scott Cheatham
 Corrina Christensen

Denise Cline
 Julie Clothier
 Michael Coats
 Misty Coleman
 Danny Collins
 Deanna Collins
 Katie Connors



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Suzanne Conyers
 Craig Cook
 Jodi Cook
 Siouxsie Corley
 John Cornwell
 Sharon Cottrill
 Jon Couzens



Shawn Cox
 Steve Crew
 Melissa Cuezze
 John Culbertson
 Michelle Cummins
 Troy Dailey
 Kelley Daniel



Theresa Daniels
 Mike Davis
 Tamara Davis
 Cynthia Day
 Ron Day
 Joe DeShazo
 Tandy Devine



John DeYoung
 Diane Dietrich
 Brad DiGirolamo
 Robert Dockins
 Frank Donnici
 Brock Doubledee
 Chris Dowdall



Guy Downey
 Brian Drinkwater
 Carmen Dunlap
 Lisa Dunnaway
 Scott Durst
 John Easley
 Daisy Ebeck



Ron Eckhardt
 Paula Ellis
 Shelley Engel
 Phillip Epple
 Chad Erk
 Pam Estill
 Marcy Etter



Beth Evans
 Sarah Fancher
 Jo Marie Ferrante
 Stacy Fickler
 Michelle Fields
 Randy Fikki
 Corey Finnell



Craig Finnell
 Daniel Fleming
 Tom Flippin
 Mike Fogliani
 Stacey Folkert
 Karen Folsom
 Donna Francis





Rhonda Free
Bryan Gamble
Mike Gammill
David Garcia
Laura Garcia

Comfort found in sweatshirts

A boom in sweatshirt popularity has produced an array of styles, messages and colors as well as increased sales in local stores.

Department stores are seeing an increased demand.

"More are being sold. In 1986 the dollar amount was 3,000 above the amount we made in 1985," Dillard's Department Manager Theresa Spellman said.

Although sweatshirts have been worn for years, many said they thought being more fashionable and attractive was why students were wearing more of them.

"There is a larger variety to choose from and the quality is much better. They have been updated a lot so you can wear them with about anything and look fine," senior Stacey Falco said.

Most students said they wore them because of the comfort and not the name brands.

"I don't think it's a big deal what the brand name is and I don't think it matters that much to people anymore, like it did with Jordache jeans. Shoot, people go to Payless to buy their shoes now; they all got smart," junior Toni Chapman said.

Even though the majority of the stores carry them, there was not a spe-

cific place where everyone went to buy one.

"It's easier for me to see the new styles coming in because I work at a clothing store. In fact, it makes it quite nice with my discount and I have the advantage of getting it off the rack before anyone knows they're out," Toni said.

"There isn't a store that I know of that just carries sweatshirts or that is where everyone would probably shop. If I see one that catches my eye while out shopping, no matter if it is at K-

Mart or Paul Harris I usually buy it," Stacey said.

In addition to the large number being worn, students do not see it as a fad.

"I think that it will last longer than a fad because people have been wearing them for a long time. It's the new designs and the improvements that is causing so many to be bought," Toni said.

by Kim Calfas



Comfort and different styles cause students like juniors Monica Sawyers and Toni Chapman to wear sweatshirts. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Mark Gelino
John Gilges
Brad Gillespie
Christine Gillmor



Sherri Glentzer
Tammy Glover
Beth Goebel
David Goodwin
Dwane Goodwin
Kevin Gore

Girls' hobby provides income

Turning their hobbies into jobs was exactly what juniors Carie Averill and Gina Burasco were able to do. Carie and Gina taught dancing at Jeanne's Dance Studio.

"We teach tap, jazz, ballet and acrobats two to three times a week," Carie explained.

"We usually teach kids ages five to sixteen who are in the beginning and intermediate class levels," Gina said. "Sometimes we have a younger student to help us, but usually we teach by ourselves."

Both Gina and Carie were offered jobs after taking dance and acrobat classes for several years.

"I took dancing for about seven years," Carie explained, "then one day after class, they offered me a job teaching. It was really a surprise."

"I really enjoy teaching because it is something I really like to do. You continue to learn all the time," Gina said. "They are also really good about working around my school activities."

"Dancing is my hobby. It is great

to be able to get paid for doing something that I enjoy so much," Carie said. "Sure, the kids can be real brats sometimes, but usually they are good."

Although neither Carie nor Gina have any definite plans to teach dancing in the future, they both would like to continue teaching for now.

"It is a great job for now," Gina said, "I do not know where else I could find a job I enjoy and get so much out of."

by Amy Ruhling



Young eyes follow Gina Burasco (left) and Carie Averill as they demonstrate a new routine to their class at Jeanne's Dance Studio. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Jeff Gouldsmith
Stephanie Grapes
Randy Graves
Sarah Graves
Andy Gray





Mike Greble
Cynthia Greenwood
Scott Gregg
Mark Gregston
Glen Gross
Jodie Haines
Doug Hamblen



Carol Hamby
Bill Hampshir
Cindy Hancock
Glen Harder
Steven Hardie
Craig Harding
Derrick Hartley



Devin Hartley
Jill Hartman
Danelle Hatfield
Angela Hedding
Julie Hedrick
Erick Helmich
Michele Henneman



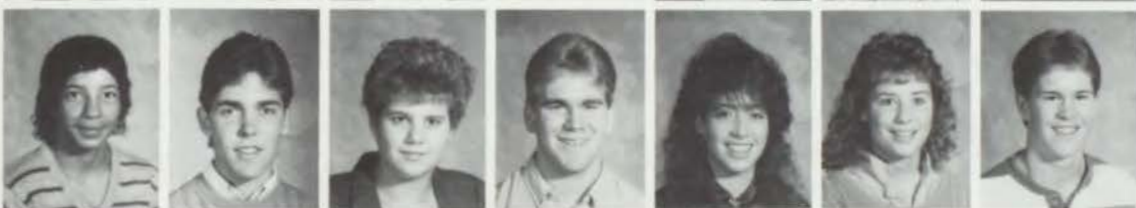
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Matthew Hess
Tracey Hill
Nikki Hines
Bonnie Hodges
Nick Hogan



Joy Holling
Karen Holm
Marla Hopper
Kenneth Horton
Tammy Hoskins
Holly Hosmann
Terry Howard



Tasha Howerton
Danny Hughes
Wendy Hugill
Phil Hung
Shannon Hurla
Daniel Imgram
Mike Immer



Larry James
Robert Jarvis
Tracy Jeanneret
Darren Jennings
Stacy Jennings
Kelly Jeskie
Chad John



Lori Johnson
Charlie Jones
Richard Jones
Todd Jones
Victor Juliana
Eric Justice
Leonard Keller

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Heather Kerns
Brian Kibler
David Kim
LeeAnn Kimball
Karen King

Connie Kiper
 Dan Kirkpatrick
 Michelle Kirkpatrick
 Mark Kisslinger
 Dennis Kleyh
 Derik Kriewitz
 Jennifer Kruse



Craig Kuzniakowski
 Joe Kytte
 Randy Lady
 Michelle Lalla
 Stephen Lamberta
 John Lambros
 Amanda Larsen



Bonni Larson
 Christopher Lauffer
 Todd Leabo
 Cathy Lehman
 Scott Leshar
 Heather Lewis
 Carrie Lierman



Krista Linn
 Michele Loges
 Traci Long
 Jamie Lucker
 Erika Lukens
 Kristine Lupardus
 Ronda Luther



Kathy Lynch
 Pam Macgrayne
 Marcus Macfias
 Mark Mahaffey
 Stuart Malhiot
 Stephanie Malloy
 Steve Mancini



Kevin Mason
 Phillip Masoner
 Karissa Massey
 Cecilia Mata
 Cindy McCaughey
 Lynda McClellan
 Jenny McFadden



Heather McIntosh
 Shannon McKee
 Matt McNett
 Nick Meadows
 Shara Meier
 Wally Meierarend
 Mike Middleton



Jill Milholland
 Jeff Miller
 Lance Miller
 Michael Miller
 David Mitchell
 Jason Mlnarik
 Lori Moore



Michael Moore
 Jeanine Moregan
 Tim Morgan
 Kathy Morris
 Tracey Morris
 Michelle Musteen
 Stevan Nash



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Kevin Naylor
Peggy Neidlinger
April Neill
Kim Nelson
Pam Nelson



Jennifer Nevils
Dana Newport
Allen Nickel
Don Niederschulte
Chris Nielson
Sheila Noel

Easley will follow in footsteps

Following in his family's footsteps, junior John Easley is pursuing a career in the military.

John's dad served a total of 28 years in the army and his brother Brian served eight before his fatal plane crash on Dec. 12, 1985. John plans to join the service before going on to a career as a corporate lawyer. "I want to go in for 20 years, which will pay for my college. I'll retire at 38, to be a corporate lawyer for another 20 years. I'll retire from that and enjoy my earnings, family and life," John said.

John doesn't see the army as just hard work, he also sees its advantages. "My brother traveled all over the world, and drank all the German beer he wanted. I realized I could do all that and get paid for it, too," John laughed.

Although John is living up to his brother's expectations, that isn't his only motivation for joining the army.

"I'll be striving twice as hard for him, headed right up the ranks like he

wanted me to, but also to prove to myself I'm capable of it too!" he said.

The death of his brother will always dwell in his mind, but has no effect on his plans.

"It was a freak accident; it could happen to anyone going anywhere, anytime. I do some of the stupidest things that could kill me, but it's the chance you have to take to enjoy life."

Support from his family is driving him stronger.

"They are all behind me 100 percent. The only dispute now is which college I'll go to and get my degree."

While most kids are thinking of all the fun they are going to have after graduation, John is thinking differently.

"I'll leave this June for eight weeks of basic training. I've done all my playing around. I want to get out and really make something worthwhile of my life and myself."

by **Cindy Quarti**



Filling out information sheets takes up a lot of John's time. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Russell Norcross
Mike Nutter
Kelly O'Brien
Darren O'Dell
David Ostrander
Mike Page



Laura Pagel
Steve Parker
Jim Partlow
Tara Pescetto
Jared Petentler
Brenda Peters

Natalie Peters
 Tim Peters
 Bryan Phillips
 Brett Phipps
 Jason Pickel
 John Pietzech
 Stephanie Pleacher



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 Linda Powell
 Tanya Price
 Kim Principe
 Chad Puckett
 Rebecca Pulford



Russell Pulliam
 Mindy Quick
 Joe Randallo
 Vimal Ranat
 Christine Reed
 Karrie Reeder
 Ellen Renfrow



Renee Richie
 Nansi Rocha
 Ron Rogers
 Amy Rold
 Emmet Romine
 Jack Rosenberg
 Andy Roster



Michael Ruff
 Tom Safley
 Dorothy Salisbury
 Jacquie Sandage
 Lance Sandage
 Amy Sanders
 Craig Sanders



David Savage
 Jo Ann Savlin
 Julie Savlin
 Monica Sawyers
 Lance Schamberger
 Tina Schannuth
 Mindy Schlueter



Julie Schmid
 Brian Schmidt
 Steve Schmitt
 Tracy Schofield
 Eric Sclesky
 Jenny Scott
 Kim Scott



Lance Seigfreid
 Danny Serig
 Rod Sheets
 Ginny Shellhorn
 Chris Shroyer
 Mark Sibert
 Stacy Sindt



Adam Singleton
 Charles Sloan
 April Smith
 Blake Smith
 Jason Smith
 Keith Smith
 Kim Smith





Linda Smith
 Matt Smith
 Michelle Smith
 Susan Smith
 Tiffany Smith

Overcoming those winter blahs

Summer is that perfect time of year when everything is bright and sunny and you can spend all day just working on that deep, dark tan. But what about when those cold winter days roll around and everything seems to change?

"I don't mind winter, but I hate it when I get the flu and the days are gray. It makes everything seem so dreary," junior Jon Couzens said.

"I like it if it is bright and sunny and there is lots of snow on the ground, but it's just the gray days that get me down," Jon said.

Winter seemed to mean different things to different people.

"I've always liked the winter because it reminds me of when I was little and I would spend all day out in the snow and when I came in, my mom would have hot chocolate ready for me on the stove," senior Lori Royle said.

For some it means a change in wardrobe and all new activities.

"I think winter time is great! It gives me a chance to wear all my sweaters and winter clothes and I love to get together with friends and go down to the Plaza and ice skate," junior Alissa Bonadonna said.

"I think the best thing about winter is the thought that Christmas is getting closer and that I can finally go skiing. I wait all year just to go," junior Kim Nelson said.

Winter, it's that time of year when the temperature drops, everyone gets sick more often and snow covers the ground, but not everyone feels that

winter is a time to feel bad. There are lots of ways to combat the winter blahs.

"I look forward to the change of seasons from fall to winter because it gives me a break in my normal routine and a change in sports and cheers," junior Gina Burasco said.

by Rai Howerton



Boys enjoy one of winter's pastimes — indulging in a friendly after-school snowball fight, which proves to be more fun than going straight home. (Photo by Dean Bullock)



Wendy Smith
 Scott Snelson
 Phillip Snider
 Sonia Sortore
 Cindy Spratt



Staci Springer
 Renee Stafford
 Melinda Stanley
 Jim Stark
 Rayna Steen
 Billy Sterling

Jobs bring cash; take up time

No matter what the arguments are, an ever increasing number of students took on part-time jobs during the school year.

These are a couple of student views to having or not having a job during school.

Having a job:

"I'd hate to quit my job; the money comes in handy. I hate mooching from my parents all the time," senior Lisa Donahue said.

Not having a job:

"It gives me the freedom to do things when I want to do them and not have to work around a schedule," junior Danny Serig said.

There were many pros and cons attached to what it all seemed to boil down to was the extra cash. Everybody wants it, but there is a price to pay for everything. The price could be anything sacrificed by time spent at a job. For many the price included grades.

"I can never get my homework done. My grades are suffering because of it," Lisa said.

To others, a part of their social life was cut out.

"I am scheduled to work on weekends and that's the only time when you can go out with your friends," junior Chris Wahrenbrock said.

To some people, money was more important than school, and to others, a large part of their social life revolved around the workplace. So, to those who fit these categories, perhaps the question of whether to work during school was answered.

Several people got jobs to save money for a specific purpose. Some saved money for a trip, for college and many save like Brian Gamble to fix up a car.

"I'm saving my money to get some body work done on my car," he said.



Putting in time at Salads-n-Such, working the salad bar is part of junior Jenny Scott's weekly

routine. She's among the many students who work after school. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Jobs can have positive effect many believe. Students can have experiences, have friend making opportunities, and pick up skills not available in school alone.

"Jobs help to develop human relations skills and provide an exploratory outlet for students," business teacher John Shinn says.

The pressures jobs create might even be helpful, Shinn says.

"I think students should work. Jobs cause them to budget their time; the less time you have, the better chance you have to utilize the time you have," he said.

by Nathan Freeman

Troy Sterrett
Carla Stinnett
Kathy Stobart
Tisha Stoffer
Allyson Stokes





Denise Street
Susan Stribling
Chris Stroud
Todd Stuck
Jason Subert
Donna Sultzbaugt
Richard Summers



Cameron Sutt
Stuart Sweetland
Todd Sword
Curt Talcott
Marcia Taylor
Rebeca Temping
Dennis Tharp



Ann Thomas
Michele Thurston
Gery Tolle
Jim Town
John Town
Darin Tracy
Jay Truelove



Paul Turley
Dana Turner
Danny Turner
Mark Tweedie
Suzi Twiehaus
Sherri Upp
Monte VanBibber



Chuck VanSwearingen
Denise VanWormer
Kim Vasquez
Crissy Vaughn
Robert Wagner
Chris Wahrenbrock
Clint Walker



Paul Walker
Dana Wear
Kevin Weiss
Carole Welsh
Stacie Welsh
Kent Werremeyer
Tim Wheeler



Dede White
Craig Whitehead
Mike Whiteley
Rachel Whitworth
Jaye Wiley
Tonya Wilkey
Matt Williams



Shelley Williams
Brian Wilson
Lisa Wilson
Scott Wilson
Duane Wingate
David Winslow
Diana Winter

Class of eighty-eight



Roxanne Wood
Shane Wood
Wib Woodson
Doug Yancey
Tricia Young
Brent Zelk
Ann Zuber

Steve Abernathey
David Adair
Brian Adams
Angela Ahrens
Eric Allen
Jodi Allen



Class of eighty-seven

Mike Allen
David Anderson
Patricia Anderson
Stacey Anderson
Stacey Andrews
William Antonielli



Jennifer Armstrong
Jane Aslakson
Kelly Atkinson
Chris Austin
Jodi Austin
Michael Bachmann



Julie Bailey
Jeff Ballew
Bill Bates
Lisa Baze
Gene Beck
Rachelle Beebe



Tina Beyers
Brian Bingham
Mary Biondo
Shawna Blandin
Mark Boecker
Heather Boggs



Danny Boles
Stephanie Bonabhan
Kenny Boone
Dawn Borchert
Bryan Boyd
Beth Braby



Darren Bradley
Shane Bradley
Doug Bragg
Kris Brasfield
Suzanne Breshears
Dana Brewer





Kimberly Brewer
 Jeff Brown
 Jeff Brown
 Pace Brown

What is the biggest problem today that seniors will face after graduation?



“I would probably say something about leaving your friends. True, you might come back on a weekend or something, but your friends might not come home on the same weekend. And when they do, things will have changed. It’s hard to stay close to someone when you don’t see them very often. You can be close, but you don’t have as much in common.”

— Mike Manade

“The biggest problem to face is the true realization of living on your own and having to pay for all your own expenses. Inflation seems to be hitting the future generations hard and a good job with a good income will be required just to survive. All of the people in our graduating class will go their separate ways in September of 1987 and all hope that they will be able to establish a life and identity for themselves.”

— Julie Quigg

“I think the major problem that seniors face is the fact that they are going away to start their lives. To decide what you want to do for the rest of your life is a big decision and a hard one. I’m personally very scared because I am going away to school. I’m paying for it and it is my responsibility to make it on my own.”

— Marcie Ryan



Paige Brown
 Tony Brownlee
 Brad Buckley
 John Buckley

Howery shows off his '57 Chevy

Kevin Howery knew since he was in fourth grade he would buy a '57 Chevy.

"I've always wanted to buy one and fix it up," Kevin said as he walked across the room to look at all the awards from the shows he's had it in.

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Kevin bought his car off a used car lot when he was 14.

"My dad and I built it up from being junk to what it is now. We worked on the paint job 16 hours a day for two weeks. I wash it once or twice a day. Usually I can just dust it off."

"It is completely my car because I

paid for all of it," Kevin said with a smile.

"It was expensive, but not that expensive. I had to go to junkyards to replace bent pieces of chrome."

Kevin's hard work becomes noticed at car shows. In the summer of '85 at the Super Chevy Weekend he placed second. In 1986, at the Classic Sun Run, he placed first in semi-modified classifications.

Although Kevin drives his car, the ones he competes against are never driven.

"Why fix something up nice and not take it out for everyone to see?"

"When I'm out driving, people will pull me over just so they can look at my car."

Kevin's car is seldom driven in the

rain. It usually doesn't go to the shopping centers, either.

"You can't have knicks in the paint for a car show."

"I'm always trying to make it better. There are just the little things I'm working on now."

"I've kept the original radio in, because a modified stereo just doesn't look nice."

Although Kevin has been offered quite a bit for his car, he says there is no way he will ever sell it.

"You can't just work on a car and put all that time in it and then turn around and sell it. It's become a part of me."

by *Debbie Dauer*



Many hours of hard work went into the restoration of senior Kevin Howery's '57 Chevy. He says he

enjoys showing off the car that has brought him many awards. (photo by Shaun Floyd)

Dean Bullock
Joe Burke
Brian Burnett
Stephen Burns





Christi Buro
David Burrus
Brent Burton
Allan Bush
Kelly Butler
Brad Byers



Karen Cable
Jerrod Caldwell
Kim Calfas
Bill Calvin
Lesley Carnahan
Lea Carney



Carla Carr
Greg Carrender
Todd Carter
Jill Caton
Chree Chambers
Jeff Chandler



Brenda Chapman
Jim Chapman
Linda Chow
Cathy Cristofano
Tiffany Cipolla
Kelly Clark



Thad Clark
James Clarke
Darin Claxton
Vivian Codilla
Gayle Coe
Rossana Colli



Greg Collins
Rhonda Conner
Sarah Conyers
Anita Cooper
Kelly Coughlin
Cheryl Crain

Class of eighty-seven



Jarold Culbertson
Richard Cummings
Sherry Dauley
Debbie Daurer
Tom Demark

Greg Deterding
David DeWalt
Carla Diaz
Meredith Dietrich
Lisa Donahue
Mary Dorsey



Ian Dowell
Kiers Downing
Lori Drake
Dominic Duchene
Cheryl Dutzel
Patti Dyson



Mike Eades
Kris Earhart
Kelly Eaton
Tricia Eckman
Paul Egleston
Wayne Egleston



Nancy Eischen
Stacey Falco
Bruce Sherrig
Sherrie Fann
Machelle Farley
Jonathan Fields



Lisa Marie Fischer
Amy Fisher
Shawn Floyd
Ray Flucke
Jarren Fortman
Penni Fortune



Steve Foster
Julie Free
Nathan Freeman
Darren Freerking
Rebecca Friend
April Frisbey



Dayna Fulton
Trawna Funk
Richard Gallup
Ron Gambell
Ricky Gardner
Melody Gentry



Class of eighty-seven



Marshall Gilworth
Joe Goddard
Peter Goebel
Chris Gooding



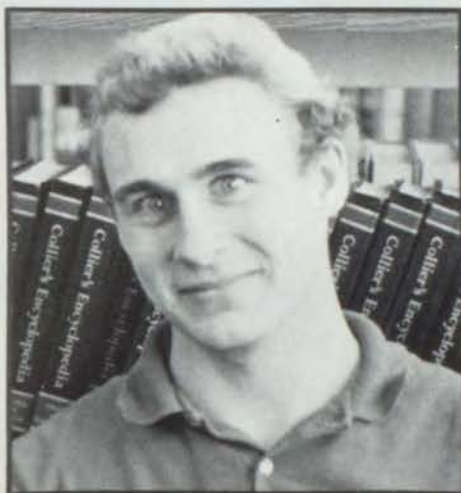
Brett Gordon
Brenetta Graham
Julie Graybill
Cyndi Gregston
Robyn Griffin

If you had it to do over, what would you do differently?



“I would have stuck with sports that I did my freshman year. Because your senior year you never realize 'til it's too late the lasting friendships and kinship that develop during the four years of practice and play.”

— Tom Moss



“I would start out in a big school. I would do more partying, no doubt about it. If I had it to do all over again, I would have paced myself so that I didn't take everything at once. I wanted all the fame my freshman year by playing on the varsity football team. But I worked up to it like everyone else.”

— Richard Mullin



Jan Grotenhuis
Rick Grove
Matthew Haas
Wade Hachinsky

Cynthia Hall
Cheryl Hallford
Bill Ham
Mike Hamilton
Shelly Harper
Laura Hartley



Jamie Harvey
Kimberly Hatfield
Glenda Hawley
Max Hawley
Larry Heatwole
Richard Hedeem



David Heins
Luke Helms
Steven Hernandez
Stacia Hessenflow
Carla Hewitt
Kevin Hill



Michelle Hill
Robin Holderness
Rob Howard
Rai Howert
Kevin Howery
Doug Howey



Susan Hulett
Natalie Humphrey
John Hurd
Amy Hutton
Melissa Jakobe
Anissa Jardak



David Jarman
Tami Jenkins
Chris Johnson
Kevin Johnson
Randal Johnson
Barbara Jones



Class of eighty-seven

Jennifer Jones
Todd Jones
Krista Kanies
Jodi Karr
Karl Keller
Rex Kelly



Grads to have non-liquor party

The Board of Education is bringing different meaning to the word "party" this year by sponsoring a non-alcoholic post-graduation party for seniors.

In the community, area schools have been successful in sponsoring senior parties, according to counselor Lynne Barnes.

"The idea was brought to us by Charlie Getty and Cliff Mohn," Marc Walker, senior class president, said.

Sponsors, seniors and senior class officers have many options to making the party a success.

"The party should appeal to everyone," Barnes said.

The senior class officers sent out surveys. Those will have a large effect on the ideas they (the sponsors) use," she said.

Senior class president Marc Walker agrees.

"The party will largely be what people put on the surveys."

Publicizing may be the easiest way to get seniors involved.

"Maybe they should mail out separate invitations," senior Larry Nichols said.

"All groups will go — it won't be split down the middle," senior Grant Springer commented.

The turnout is questionable at this point.

"I'll go if a lot of my friends go," senior Jill Caton said.

"It'd be hard to go if there were another party that night," one senior said.

"I think it's a good idea, everyone will want to be with their friends," Grant said.

"I think some will go because it's the last time people will see each other. Then everyone will go to the beer parties," one senior said.

"We hope to provide an alternative," Barnes said.

Senior Matt Haas agrees.

"It will provide an interesting alternative to going to a boozed-up party."

It seems the party is being sponsored for many different reasons.

"It is the last organized thing the seniors will do together," Marc said.

"I think our society as a whole is more concerned with alcohol and its effects on everyone," Barnes said.

"They are doing it to see how it works and so people will be safe. No one will be driving drunk," Grant commented.

"Statistics show more teenagers are killed in car accidents during graduation than any other month of the year," Marc said. "We want to give everyone a choice."

by Carla Diaz



Senior class officers, Marc Walker, president; Sarah Conyers, treasurer; Rob Howard, vice-president; and Julie Graybill, secretary; discuss plans for a

substance-free post-graduation party. Marc and Sarah attended a two-day conference on substance-free parties in Columbia in January. (photo by Scott Bridges)



Lisa Kelsey
Lynette Kempfle
Sherry Kendall
Russ Kerley

Debbie Ketchum
Steve Kimsey
Craig Kincaid
Monica Kincaid



The Jets are Tonga's cousins

Lynnda Tonga says she likes pop-music just as well as any - she has an advantage. The new pop group, The Jets, are her cousins.

Although Lynda lives in Independence and The Jets live in Minnesota,

she said both families are originally from Tonga, an island near New Zealand in the South Pacific.

When the family first moved to Minnesota, they didn't have much money.

"Their father told them that they had to choose between poverty and music, so they put everything into their music. They even quit school," Lynda said.

Lynda explained how The Jets got started in singing:

"Prince is their neighbor and I guess you could say he's who really got them started in show business," Lynda said.

"Also, Prince's drummer is their manager," Lynda added.

Eight out of a family of 14 children play in the band.

"The oldest in the band is 21 and the youngest is 13. The other six children in the family are too young to sing in the group," Lynda said.

Being young, and going from poverty to rich and famous in less than a year could cause a change in attitude for some people, and although Lynda says she admires her cousins she says, "The more famous they get, the more conceited they get."

When The Jets were in Independence a few weeks ago, performing at Blue Springs High School, they talked with Lynda about their future plans.

"LeRoy, who is the oldest member of the group, told me the thing they wanted most was to someday have all 14 family members in the band."

by Amy Hutton



Talking about her cousins, The Jets, senior Lynda Tonga reveals some background about her cousins' earlier days. (photo by Shawn Floyd)

Bobbie Kirchoff
John Kirkham
Tim Kistler
James Klein





Barbara Knoche
Kirstin Kramer
Andrea Kruel
Leslie Kuske
Laura Lancaster
Harvey Larson

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Shelley Lauber
Jennie Lawler
Cliff Lawson
Shelley Lester
Dennis Lewis
Patrick Liang



Tammy Lierly
Lisa Lierman
Drake Lightle
Stephanie Lindley
Keith Lindhardt
Joely Link



Christy Lopez
Todd Loyd
Jennifer Luetkemeyer
Darin Lyle
Angela Maddox
Stephanie Main



Christopher Major
Matt Malott
Mike Manade
Brian Mapes
Pat Marcks
Steve Martin



Greg Martinez
Andrew Mathiason
Mindy Matthews
Juli May
Curtis Mays
Michael McCartney



Melissa McCathie
Rick McCluskey
Becky McFadden
James McLaughlin
Star McMahon
Eric Melton

Amy Miller
Shannon Miller
Teresa Miller
Ward Miller
James Monk
Valentin Moreno



Rachelle Mortallaro
Thomas Moss
Vern Mulkey
Richard Mullin
Zack Munkirs
Paul Neal



Heidi Nicholson
Larry Nichols
Jason Noelker
Chris Novak
Brian Orell
Tokuhiko Otsuki



James Overturf
Kirk Owings
Spencer Palmer
Nellie Park
Diane Parker
Susan Parker



Brian Pattison
Jim Paulson
Patrick Pemberton
Lisa Penrod
Kindle Perkins
Mike Perusich



Chris Peters
Kim Peterson
Rhonda Peterson
David Phelps
Wendy Pickel
Jeff Pieratt



Troy Pike
Katherine Plake
Jason Platt
Stephen Pool
Tanya Preator
Dennis Price



Class of eighty-seven



Renae Price
Dan Pritchard
Paul Pryor
Cindy Quarti



Julie Quigg
Michael Ragan
Belinda Rankin
Amy Redford

What advice can you give to underclassmen?



“When you’re loud and they’re younger, it makes people think you’re an idiot. Be mellow and nice. It doesn’t make people think you’re cool to go screaming obscenities through the halls. It makes people think you’re immature.”

— Troy Pike



“Don’t blow off your high school years. Do your best because they are the best of times. Your friends and your memories will be with you forever. Make as many good friends as possible and keep up the good work all through your life. Good grades and good friends will make your school years enjoyable.”

— Jennifer Jones



“Get as much out of school as you can. If you have certain goals, do the things that let you reach for them. Then you can look back at high school and feel that you have accomplished something.”

— Chris Resch

Anita Reed
James Reed
Keith Reichel
Neil Reichel



Chris Resch
Mike Rhodes
Cheryl Richardson
Julie Riddle
Chad Rieke



Soccer Dome offers inside field

The Kansas City Soccer Dome enabled players to form teams and compete at different levels of indoor soccer. The Soccer Dome allowed players to learn from opponents and experience a new type of soccer.

Senior Steve Martin enjoys the level of competition:

"You're playing with people from different schools. The games get tougher and you can learn from experience."

There are two divisions: high school, which is 19 and younger, and the men's division, for players 20 or older.

Players were allowed to organize their own teams and find a sponsor. The sponsor bought uniforms, paid entry fees, and occasionally treated the team after a game.

Once the teams registered and the season began, they played once a week for two and a half to three months.

Senior Greg Martinez explained the indoor soccer league:

"It's a different game from outdoor. There's a faster pace and it's more exciting!"

Senior Spencer Palmer agreed:
"The pace of the game is much faster than outdoor soccer. Some advantages to playing indoor; the games are never cancelled due to bad weather, play is more

controlled and the walls can be used as another player."

by Kelly Eaton

In addition to playing on the varsity soccer team, seniors Jeff Glidewell, Scott Schumacher, Steve Martin, Greg Martinez, Spencer Palmer and Tim Sutton play indoor soccer after the regular season is over. (photo by Keith Linhardt)



Pat Rigby
Kevin Robinson
Chris Rogers
Kim Rogers





James Roller
 Jeff Roudebush
 Lori Royle
 David Ruch
 Amy Ruhling
 Marcie Ryan



Sean Sales
 Marla Schemmer
 Karen Schmidt
 Todd Schooler
 Henry Schornhorst
 Karen Schroeder



Ronda Schuler
 Scott Schumacher
 Marcia Schwartz
 James Sebastian
 Jeff Sellon
 Lori Shaw



Rhonda Shelton
 James Sherwood
 Ken Shipley
 Ray Shouse
 Robert Shroyer
 Brian Smith



Derald Smith
 Jason Smith
 Jeff Smith
 Jennifer Smith
 John Snell
 John Solito



Mike Sommers
 Grant Springer
 Lori Springer
 Tanya Stark
 Edgan Steenvoorden
 Donna Stephens



Hayley Stewart
 Nick Stompoly
 Stacey Stratton
 Charles Street
 Susan Summers
 Tim Sutton

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Michelle Teaque
 Susan Temple
 Danna Thomas
 Marcia Thomas
 Jeff Thompson
 Wes Thornton



Class of eighty-seven

Dawn Thrutchley
 Ryan Thurber
 Tracey Thurman
 Sean Titus
 Cindy Tomlin
 Lynda Tonga



Jim Tormena
 Tim Townley
 Joe Turnbow
 Maria Ubaldo
 Billy Vance
 Greg Vaughn



Marc Walker
 Robert Veach
 David Vest
 Steve Vickers
 Eric Vickery
 Jerry Vogel



Stephanie Wagner
 Jim Walls
 Jerry Warren
 Tony Weber
 Cindy Weddington
 Bill Weir



Susan Wier
 Mike Welch
 Bryan Weyrauch
 Brian Wharton
 Jeff White
 Sheila White



Gary Wilcox
 Renita Wilcox
 Tom Wildschuetz
 David Willard
 Carol Williams
 Tim Williams

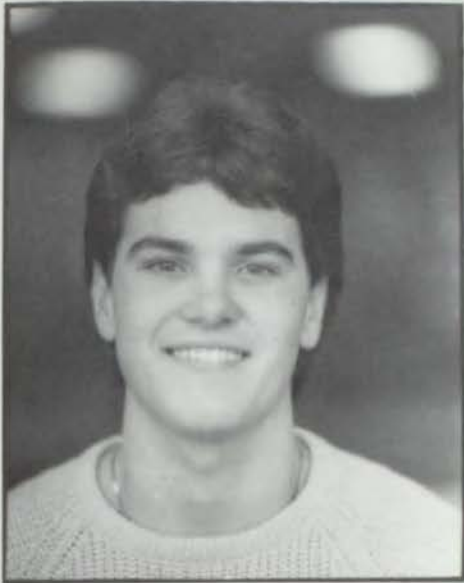




Tony Williams
Terri Wilp
Tony Wilson
John Winkler

*See Ann,
I can hardly
believe the you is
already over. But I'm
glad I got to know you
during it. You really made my
sweet and special. You're very
Any guy would be lucky to
end up with you. I hope we
can stay in touch this coming
summer. I really have
enjoyed our friendship.
Oh, thanks for coming
to when I
exciting me
when I
came to
Chuck
because I
really
out of
place. You
really
know
how to
make a
person
feel
wanted.
Good luck
next year.*

What do we place too much emphasis on in high school?



Too much emphasis is placed on little unimportant things, like complaining about lunches and pop machine rights. Not enough on real school spirit like dances. They don't take enough time on planning or setting things up."

— Bryan Weyrauch



Too much emphasis is placed on the way you dress and who you hang around with. If you don't dress well, or if you don't hang around with certain people, you're not noticed. We need to go past first impressions and get to know people for who they really are."

— Stacey Stratton



Too much emphasis is placed on making sure we're here, not tardy and in the right place at the right time (classes). Not enough on individual help, like if we're absent it's up to us to learn (on our own) what we missed."

— James Wood



Gerald Winter
David Wiss
Chris Wooten



Kevin Wyrick
Jeff Yocum
Brian Zelk
Tim Zimmermann

*K.I.T.
833-1570
John
Bryan
Weyrauch*

Most students already formed a mental list of what they will remember most about this year and have unconsciously redacted, or edited, this list, throwing out most of the unpleasant memories.

"After all, who wants to look back on high school and see a lot of bad memories?" senior Anissa Jardak asked. "Sure, there will always be a few bad times that will stick in your mind, but for the most part, it will be the really good things that you will remember."

"No one wants to remember all the homework, being late to class or getting up at the crack of dawn every morning. All these things seem unimportant now and it's the important things that you will want to remember," junior Mike Greble said.

Sophomore Shauna Francais explained it: "When you look back on the year you see things differently. The things that used to seem so horrible suddenly

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don't seem so bad after all. But then again, who wants to remember anything bad."

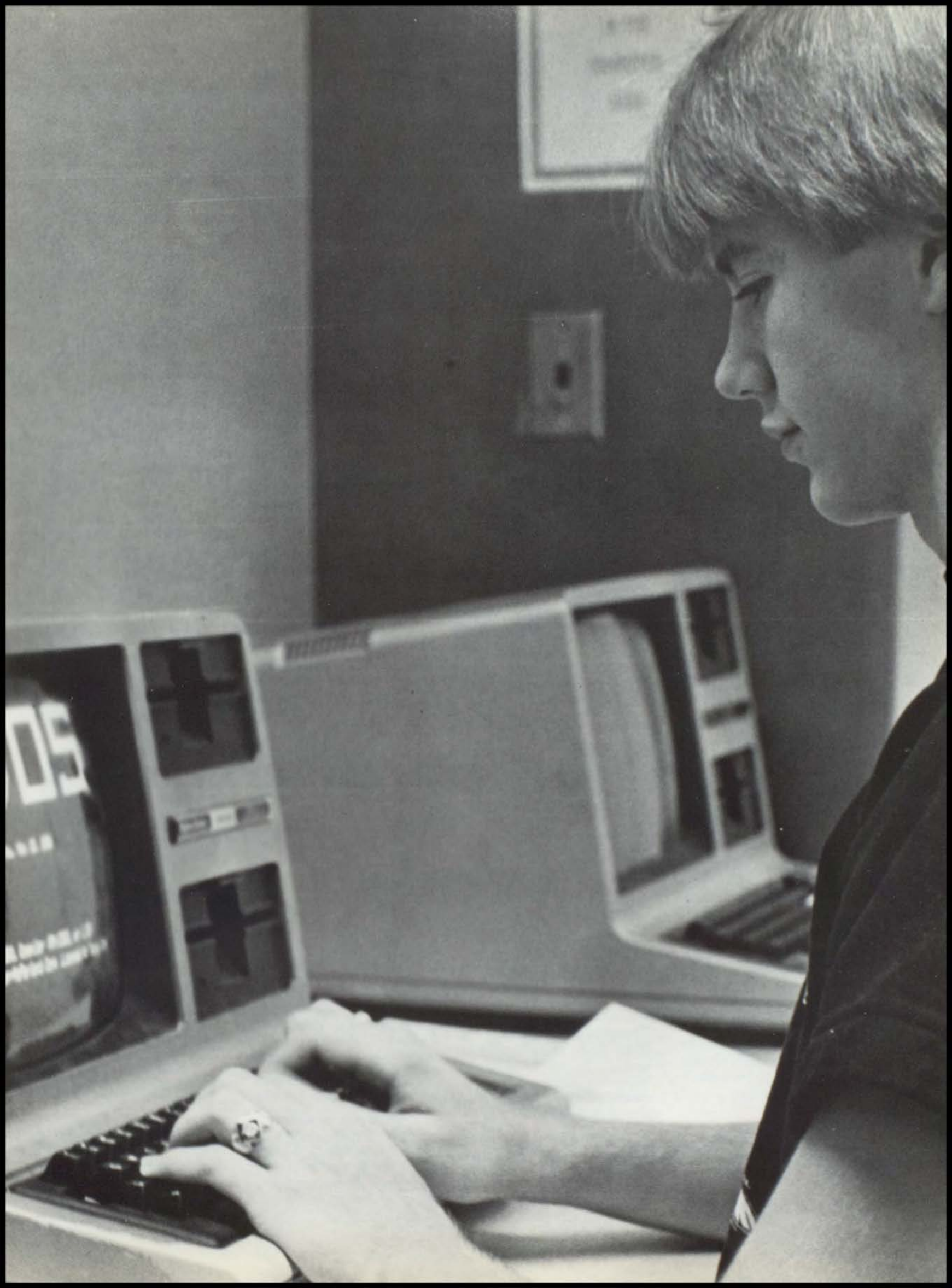
When asked what she'd remember most about this year, junior Katie Connors replied, "Your friends. Those are the people you spend all your time with, whom you confide in and who know you best. Those are the people who will make your year special."

"You're going to remember things like your favorite classes, getting involved in school sports or activities and most of all, just being with your friends," sophomore David Safley said.

Senior Cassi Rich may have explained it best: "When you glance back on everything that happened during the year, you think only of the good times and the satisfaction from these good memories, everything else just seems to fade away."

by Amy Ruhling

Senior Michael Bachmann can edit his English papers as well as write his own programs on the school's computers. (photo by Shawn Floyd)



We're finally seniors!! I'm not real sure why we aren't as close as we used to be. I guess we've both just changed. I'm just glad we were still friends, though. We've been through a lot of good times, and I'm sure there are many more in the future. I hope so anyway! If you want to, give me a call over the summer. I hope you're having fun summer. I'd say good luck whoever you're dating now, but I don't know who it is! HA HA Good luck anyway. (I personally think you and Rick made an excellent couple) Well, good luck with all you do. See ya over the summer - give me a call sometime.

Love,
 Cindy

Senior Directory

A

Abernathey, Steve: Fresh. Baseball, J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball, Fresh. Basketball, Soph. Basketball, "Foxfire," "Jabberwock."

Adair, David: Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Fresh. Choir, Honor Roll.

Ahrens, Angela: Fresh. Volleyball, NHS, FCA, Pep Club, AFS, Thespians, "King and I," "Foxfire," Pat Revue, Women's Choir, Entertainment Committee, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Allen, Eric: Fresh. Football, J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball (All-Area Honorable Mention).

Allen, Jodi: NHS, Science Club, French Club, AFS (Secretary/Treasurer), "Jabberwock."

Anderson, David: J.V. Tennis, Varsity Tennis, Interact, NHS, FCA, NAHS, French Honor Society, French Club, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Anderson, Patty: AFS (Historian), Pat Revue, Concert Choir, Show Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Office Aide.

Anderson, Stacey: Baseball Scorekeeper, Interact, Student Council, Presidents' Club, Pep Club (President), NFL (Secretary/Treasurer), French

Club, AFS, Bat Girl, "West Side Story," Debate, Forensics, Orchestra, Women's Glee, Office Aide, Counselor Aide, Basketball, Courtwarming Attendant, Entertainment Committee, Spirit Staff (Features Columnist), Starsteppers (Lieutenant), Junior Class Secretary, Soph. Class President, Fresh. Class President.

Andrews, Stacey: Women's Glee, Fresh. Choir.

Antoniello, Bill: Fresh. Basketball, DECA, "Jabberwock."

Arthur, Greg: Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

Aslakson, Jane: J.V. Track, Basketball Statistics,

Volleyball Statistics, Interact, Student Council, NHS (Secretary), FCA, Tri-M, French Club, AFS, Show Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, McCoy Medal.

Atkinson, Kelley: Fresh Basketball, J.V. Tennis, J.V. Track, Fresh. Volleyball, SOO, Spanish Honor Society, Computer Club.

Austin, Chris: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football (Second Team All-Area, All-Conference Honorable Mention), Varsity Track, Fresh. Basketball.

Austin, Jodi: Volleyball Statistics, Student Council (Publicity Chairman), NHS, Tri-M (Vice-President), "West Side Story," "Little Moon of Alban" (Composed music), "King and I," "Foxfire," Pat Revue, Men's Choir (Accompanist), Camarata, Trutones, Concert Choir (Student Director), Show Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Drum Major, Outstanding Senior (Nominee), Who's Who Academics, DAR Award, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

B

Bachmann, Michael: Science Club, Library Aide, Audio-Visual Aide, Honor Roll.

Ballew, Jeff: DECA.

Bailey, Julie: French Club, DECA (Secretary).

Bates, Bill: Counselor Aide.

Biondo, Mary: Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball (Second Team All-Conference), J.V. Track.

Bingham, Brian: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Fresh. Baseball, J.V. Baseball, NAHS.



Senior Sarah Conyers helps Shelly Lauber prepare for a game by French braiding her hair. (Photo by Scott Bridges)

Blandin, Shawna: J.V. Softball, Varsity Softball, DECA, French Honor Society, NAHS.

Boecker, Mark: "Ah Wilderness," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Office Aide.

Boggs, Heather: French Club, DECA.

Boles, Daniel: J.V. Swimming, Varsity Swimming.

Boone, Ken: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, Rex's Raiders.

Borchert, Dawn: SOO, Honor Roll.

Boyd, Bryan: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Baseball, NAHS.

Braby, Beth: J.V. Track, NHS, Tickers, AFS, French Honor Society, Honor Roll.

Bragg, Doug: J.V. Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country, J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Men's Choir.

Bradley, Darren: Thespians, Presidents' Club, Tri-M (President), "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Fresh. Choir, Office Aide, McCoy Medal.

Brasfield, Kristina: J.V. Cross Country, Student Council, Tickers, "King and I," Concert Band, Entertainment Committee.

Brewer, Dana: NHS (Treasurer), Tri-M, Show Band, Concert Band, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Brewer, Kim: French Club, Concert Choir, Starsteps.

Bronson, Rondall: J.V. Soccer, Varsity Soccer, DECA.

Brown, Jeff C.: J.V. Football, Fresh. Basketball, Spanish Honor Society, "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Pat Revue.

Brown, Jeff: Symphonic Band.

Brown, Pace: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football (First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-Area, Captain), Fresh. Baseball, Fresh. Basketball, Spanish Club, Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

Brown, Paige: Wrestlerettes, Pep Club, NFL, French Club, Spanish Club, Forensics.

Brownlee, Anthony: J.V. Cross Country, J.V. Track, Thespians, NFL, DECA (State), Computer Club (Secretary), "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Forensics.

Buckley, Brad: J.V. Cross Country, J.V. Track, Varsity Track, DECA, Office Aide.

Buckley, John: Varsity Golf, NHS, Chess Club, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Bullock, Dean: Varsity Swimming (Co-Captain), Thespians, Presidents' Club, NHS, Science Club, Chess Club, "King and I," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Show Band, Con-

Society, Computer Club, Honor Roll.

Burnett, Brian: Fresh. Basketball (Captain), Soph. Basketball (Captain), J.V. Basketball (Captain), Varsity Basketball, NHS, Concert Band, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Buro, Christi: Interact, Pep Club, French Club, Bat

Squad, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll, Project Graduation Steering Committee.

Bush, Allan: Science Club, Chess Club.

Butler, Kelly: DECA, Office Aide, Honor Roll.

Byers, Brad: J.V. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Wrestling, Varsity Wrestling, Show Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band.

Carter, Todd: J.V. Baseball, J.V. Golf, Interact, Presidents' Club, NHS, AFS, Quill and Scroll (President), Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Spirit Staff (Editorial Editor), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Caton, Jill: Basketball (Manager), Volleyball (Manager), Pep Club, DECA, Pat Revue, Women's Glee.

Chambers, Chree: J.V. Cross Country, AFS.

Chandler, Jeff: Office Aide.

Chapman, Brenda: Basketball Statistics, Football Statistics (Head Statistician), Pep Club, SOO, Nutrition Council, Fresh. Choir, Honor Roll.

Chapman, Jim: J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball.

Christafano, Cathy: DECA.

Cipolla, Tiffany: J.V. Swimming, Fresh. Volleyball, Interact, Pep Club (Vice-President), French Club, Pat Revue, Women's Choir, Entertainment Committee, Heritage Staff (Clubs Editor), Starstepper (Treasurer).

Clark, Kelly: Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track, J.V. Volleyball (Captain), Varsity Volleyball (First Team All-Conference), French Club, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Office Aide, Football Homecoming Queen, Honor Roll.

Clark, Thad: Spanish Club, Show Band, Concert Band (All-District), Symphonic Band, Honor Roll.

Clarke, Jim: Fresh. Basketball.

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— **David Burrus**
Editor-in-Chief

cert Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Heritage Staff (Photographer), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Burke, Joe III: Interact, Student Council, NAHS, Science Club, Spanish Club, Chess Club, Spanish Honor

Roll, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Women's Choir, Counselor Aide, Cheerleader (White Squad), Starsteppers.

Burrus, David: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football (Co-Captain), French Club, Quill and Scroll, Heritage Staff (Editor-in-Chief), Yell Leader, Bob

Collins, Greg: Basketball (Manager), DECA.

Codilla, Vivian: Office Aide.

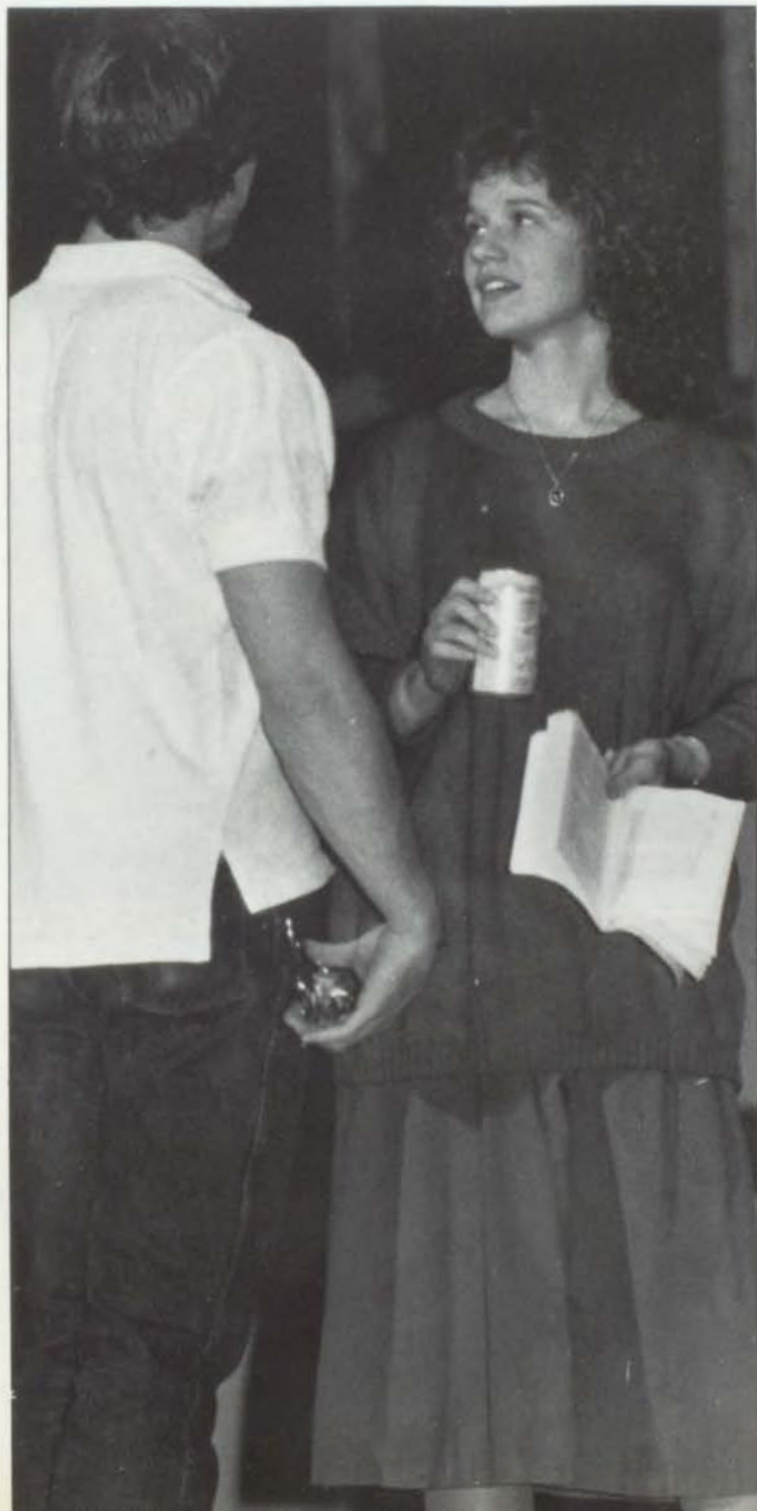
Colli, Rossana: NAHS, French Club, AFS, "Jabberwock," Pat Revue, Women's Choir, Honor Roll, AFS Student.

Conner, Rhonda: Varsity Track, Wrestling Scorekeeper, Student Council, Pep Club, Wrestlerettes, French Club, AFS, Pat Revue, Women's

Glee, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Entertainment Committee, Honor Roll.

Conyers, Sarah: Fresh. Basketball, Varsity Basketball (Co-Captain, All-Conference), Varsity Swimming, J.V. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball (All-Conference, All-Metro), Student Council, NHS, Spanish Club, Concert Choir, Symphonic Band, Courtwarming Attendant, Senior Class Treasurer, Soph. Class Vice-President, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Having the lead in the school play for the third time, senior Kiers Downing concentrates on rehearsing her lines in "Jabberwock." (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)



Coughlin, Kelly: J.V. Track, AFS, Spanish Club, "Ah Wilderness," "West Side Story," Pat Revue, Women's Glee.

Crain, Cheryl: NHS, Pep Club, Spanish Club, "West Side Story," Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Concert Choir, Fresh. Choir, Counselor Aide, Starsteppers (Captain), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Cummings, Richard: J.V. Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country (Captain), J.V. Track, Varsity Track, NFL, Spanish Club, Debate, Symphonic Band.

D

Danzo, Sherry: Pep Club, "King and I," Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Football Homecoming Attendant, Cheerleader (Fresh. Captain, Red Squad Captain, Varsity Captain).

Dauer, Debbie: J.V. Swimming, Pep Club, French Club, Quill and Scroll, Heritage Staff (Portraits Editor), Cheerleader (Fresh. Red Squad, White Squad Captain), Honor Roll.

Demark, Tom: J.V. Soccer, Varsity Soccer, J.V. Tennis, Varsity Tennis (All-Conference Honorable Mention), Interact, Student Council (Publicity Chairman, Senior President), Presidents' Club, NHS, FCA, Quill and Scroll, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Entertainment Committee, Spirit Staff (Sports Editor), Who's Who Senior, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Deterding, Greg: Thespians, French Club, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Symphonic Band.

DeWalt, Dave: Interact, FCA, Science Club, Tri-M, AFS, Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Show Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, McCoy Medal.

Diaz, Carla: Student Council, Tickers, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Women's Choir, Heritage Staff (Portraits Editor), Honor Roll.

Dietrich, Mere: Fresh. Volleyball, Volleyball (Manager), Volleyball Statistics, Interact, Women's Glee, Women's Choir.

Donahue, Lisa: Football Statistics, Interact, Presidents' Club, NHS, French Club (President), AFS, French Honor Society, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Dorsey, Mary: DECA, Fresh. Choir, Women's Choir.

Downing, Kiers: Thespians, NFL, Tri-M, French Club, AFS, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," "Jabberwock," Debate, Forensics, Pat Revue, Camarata, Trutones, Concert Choir (Secretary, All-District, All-State), Fresh. Choir, Who's Who Junior.

Duchene, Dominic: Fresh. Football, J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball (Second Team All-Conference, All-Area Honorable Mention), Yell Leader.

E

Earhart, Kris: J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball (First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-Area, All-Metro Honorable Mention), J.V. Softball, Varsity Softball, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, FCA, DECA, Spanish Club, Office

Changing a flat tire proved to be a frustrating task for senior Carla Diaz. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Aide, Counselor Aide.

Eaton, Kelly: Fresh. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Softball, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, Quill and Scroll, Office Aide, Heritage Staff (Portraits Editor).

Eischen, Nancy: J.V. Softball, J.V. Volleyball, Volleyball (Manager), Interact.

England, Stacey: Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity

Cross Country, J.V. Softball, Varsity Softball (First Team All-Conference, All-Metro Honorable Mention), DECA, Counselor Aide.

F

Falco, Stacey: Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball,

Thespians, "Ah Wilderness," "West Side Story," "Exit The Body," "Little Moon of Alban,"

"The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Pat Revue.

Fangmann, Bruce: J.V. Golf, Fresh. Basketball, Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

Fann, Sherrie: Student Council, NHS, NFL, Science Club, AFS, Spanish Club (Publicity Chairman), Spanish Honor Society, Debate, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Fetters, Bill: Men's Choir.

Fields, Jonathan: "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Concert Choir, Fresh. Choir.

Fischer, Lisa: DECA.

Fisher, Amy: Varsity Cross Country (Captain), Varsity Track, Spanish Club, Women's Choir, Women's Glee, Entertainment Committee, Student Council.

Floyd, Shawn: Forensics, Heritage Staff (Photographer), Spirit Staff (Photographer).

Fortman, Jared: J.V. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Track, Concert Band.

Fortune, Penni: DECA.

Freeman, Nathan: J.V. Wrestling, J.V. Golf, French Club, Quill and Scroll, "Jabberwock," Heritage Staff (Associate Editor), Honor Roll, Bob Squad.

Friend, Rebecca: NHS, NAHS, Science Club, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Frecking, Darren: Fresh. Basketball.

Fulton, Dayna: Pep Club, French Club, AFS (Publicity Chairman), "Jabberwock," Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Spirit Staff (Circulation Manager).

G

Gallup, Richard: DECA, Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

Gambell, Ron: DECA.

Gardner, Ricky: Fresh. Choir, Office Aide.

Glidewell, Jeff: J.V. Soccer, Varsity Soccer, NFL.

Goddard, Laura: Nutrition Council.

Goebel, Pete: J.V. Golf, Varsity Golf, Basketball (Manager), Spirit Staff (Sports Editor).

Gooding, Chris: Fresh. Football, J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball (Second Team All-Conference, All-Area Honorable Mention), Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball.

Gordon, Brett: J.V. Tennis, Student Council (Student and Community Concerns Chairman), Presidents' Club, NHS, NFL (President, Secretary and Treasurer), Science

Graham, Brenetta: DECA, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Orchestra, Honor Roll.

Graybill, Julie: Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, Student Council, Thespians, NHS, AFS, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," Pat Revue, Con-

cert Choir, Symphonic Band, Entertainment Committee, Senior Class Secretary, Soph. Class Secretary, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Gregston, Cyndi: J.V. Swimming, J.V. Softball, Bat Girl, Pep Club, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Homecoming Attendant, Cheerleader (Fresh. Co-Captain, Varsity Co-Captain, Red Squad), Who's Who Fresh.

Griffin, Robyn: Varsity Track, FCA (Officer), French Club, AFS, Pat Revue, Women's Choir, Fresh. Choir, Heritage Staff (Photographer).

Grotenhuis, Jan: J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball (First Team All-Area, First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-District, All-Metro Honorable Mention, Team Captain), Varsity Track, J.V. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball (First Team All-Conference, All-Regionals, Second Team All-Metro, Captain), Interact, Student Council, NHS, French Club, Outstanding Senior, Fresh. Class Vice-President, Who's Who Soph., Who's Who Sports, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Grove, Rick: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Baseball, Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

H

Haas, Mathew: Fresh. Football, J.V. Wrestling, Thespians, NFL (Vice-President), "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," Debate, Forensics.

Hachinsky, Wade: J.V. Tennis, J.V. Cross Country, NHS, NAHS, Spanish Honor Society, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll, Boys' State.

Haggerty, David: Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

Ham, Bill: NHS, Science Club, AFS, Quill and Scroll, Men's Choir, Spirit Staff (Copy Editor).

Hamilton, Michael: Honor Roll.

Harper, Shelly: SOO, Pat Revue, Camarata, Trutones, Concert Choir (District

Choir), Women's Choir, Honor Roll.

Hartley, Laura: Presidents' Club, FCA, Pep Club, French Club (Secretary), AFS (President), Quill and Scroll, YFC, Pat Revue, Women's Choir (Vice-President), Concert Choir, Heritage/Spirit Staff (Business Manager), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Harvey, Jamie: J.V. Track, French Club (Program Director and Vice-President), Majorette.

Hawley, Glenda: Track (Manager), Pep Club, French Club, AFS, SOO, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Honor Roll.

Hawley, Max: French Club, Heritage Staff (Sports Editor).

Heins, David: Varsity Swimming (Co-Captain), J.V. Cross Country, J.V. Track.

Helms, Luke: Soph. Football, Varsity Football, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track, French Club, NAHS, Who's Who Sports, Honor Roll.

Hessenflow, Stacia: SOO, Honor Roll.

Hewitt, Carla: DECA.

Hill, Kevin: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football (Co-Captain), Varsity Football, J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball, Fresh. Basketball, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Spanish Honor Society, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Yell Leader.

Hill, Michelle: DECA, Spanish Honor Society, Pat Revue, Women's Glee.

Holderness, Robin: AFS, Spanish Club, Pat Revue, Women's Glee.

Howard, Rob: Thespians, Tri-M, Quill and Scroll, "West Side Story," "King and I," "Foxfire," Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Show Band, Concert Band, Spirit Staff (Depth Editor), Senior Class Vice-President, Jr. Class Vice-President, Soph. Class Treasurer, Honor Roll.

Howerton, Rai: French Club, Women's Glee, Heritage Staff (Student Life Editor).

Howery, Kevin: J.V. Tennis, Interact, Tri-M, French Club, AFS, Pat Revue, Show

Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Rex's Raiders, Honor Roll.

Howey, Doug: Fresh. Football, Varsity Diving, J.V. Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country.

Hulett, Susan: J.V. Cross Country, Interact, NHS, Ticklers, Tri-M, AFS, Show Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Hurd, John: Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

Hutton, Amy: J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, Women's Glee, Heritage Staff (Curriculum Editor), Honor Roll.

J

Jardak, Anissa: Baseball Scorekeeper, Bat Girl, Student Council, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, "West Side Story," "King and I," Pat Revue, Orchestra, Women's Glee, Counselor Aide, Cheerleader (White Squad), Starsteppers.

Jarman, David: Tri-M, "Foxfire," Orchestra, Concert Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Office Aide.

Jenkins, Tamara: Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Fresh. Choir.

Johnson, Chris: J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball, Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball.

Johnson, Kevin: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, DECA.

Johnson, Scott: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Cross Country, DECA, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Counselor Aide.

Jones, Barbara: NHS, Show Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Jones, Jennifer: J.V. Track, Pep Club, DECA, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Women's Choir, Cheerleader (Fresh. Squad and Red Squad).

Jones, Paula: DECA.

Jones, Todd: Fresh. Football, DECA, Concert Band.

K

Kanies, Krista: Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Softball, Var-

Karr, Jodi: Pep Club, DECA, Spanish Club, "West Side Story," Women's Choir, Girls' Glee, Counselor Aide, Starstepper (Lieutenant).

sity Softball, Volleyball Statistics, Volleyball (Manager), NHS, FCA, Spanish Club, Quill and Scroll (Vice-President), Spanish Honor Society, Show Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Heritage Staff (Photography Editor), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Kelsey, Lisa: DECA, Women's Glee, Honor Roll.

Kempfe, Lynette: Interact, Student Council, Tickers, French Club (Executive Council), AFS, Quill and Scroll (Secretary/Treasurer), French Honor Society, "Exit the Body," Women's Choir, Pat Revue, Entertainment Committee, Spirit Staff (News Editor), Honor Roll.

Kendall, Sherry: Office Aide, Counselor Aide.

Ketchum, Debbie: Camarata.

Kincaid, Craig: J.V. Football, J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Rex's Raiders, Honor Roll.

Kincaid, Monica: Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, J.V. Softball, Varsity Softball, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, DECA, Honor Roll.

Kirchhoff, Bobbie: DECA.

Kistler, Tim: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Track, Varsity Track, FCA.

Knoche, Barbara: Spanish Club, Pat Revue, Women's Glee.

Kragel, Mark: J.V. Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country, "Jabberwock," Jr. Class President.

Kramer, Kirstin: J.V. Track, Volleyball (Manager), Interact (President), Presidents' Club, NHS, Tickers, Tri-M, AFS, Show Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, District Band, McCoy Medal, Presidential Classroom, Missouri Scholars Academy, Honor Roll.

Kuske, Leslie: Student Council, Pep Club, French Club, Quill and Scroll, Women's Glee, Homecoming Attendant, Courtwarming Attendant, Heritage Staff (Sports Editor), Cheerleader (Fresh., Red Squad Boys' Varsity, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll).

L

Lancaster, Laura: Student Council, Pep Club, Entertainment Committee.

Larson, Dean: Debate, Concert Band.

Lauber, Shelley: Fresh. Basketball, Varsity Basketball (First Team All-Conference, First Team All-District, First Team All-Area, Second Team All-Metro, All-State Honorable Mention), Varsity Softball (Second Team All-Conference), Fresh. Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball (First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-Area, Second Team All-Metro, All-State Honorable Mention), Interact, FCA, French Club, Women's Choir, Office Aide, Miss School Spirit.

Lawler, Jennie: NHS, FCA, AFS, Quill and Scroll, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Heritage Staff (Managing Editor), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Lawson, Cliff: Thespians, DECA, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock."

Lewis, Dennis: Interact, Student Council, NHS, Tri-M (Historian), Chess Club, "King and I," Orchestra, Show Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, McCoy Medal, Boys' State.

Liang, Patrick: Interact, NHS, Science Club, Tri-M, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Show Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll, Presidential Classroom, Boys' State, Camp Enterprise (Rotary Club).

Lierman, Lisa: Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track, Presidents' Club, Pep Club, French Club, "Jabberwock," Pat Revue, Camarata (Vice-President), Women's Choir (President), Concert Choir, Fresh. Choir, Honor Roll.

Lightle, Drake: J.V. Golf,



Senior Cindy Quarti gets a head start on choosing her dress for Senior Prom. (Photo by Keith Linhardt)

Varsity Golf, J.V. Cross Country, Student Council, Thespians (Vice-President), French Club, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Spirit Staff (Design Editor), Honor Roll.

Lindley, Stephanie: Pep Club

Linhardt, Keith: J.V. Tennis, Symphonic Band, Heritage Staff (Photographer).

Link, Joely: Student Council, Pep Club, Spanish Club, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Counselor Aide, Cheerleader (Fresh. Squad, Red Squad, White Squad, Boys' Varsity).

Lopez, Christy: J.V. Track, AFS, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Office Aide.

Loyd, Todd: DECA, Honor Roll.

Luetkemeyer, Jennifer: Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, J.V. Swimming, Varsity Swimming, J.V. Cross Country, Fresh. Volleyball, Basketball (Manager), NHS, FCA, Quill and Scroll, Varsity Track, "King and I," Heritage Staff (Sports Editor), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

M

Maddox, Angela: Pat Revue, Women's Glee.

Main, Stephanie: J.V. Track, Student Council, Pep Club, French Club, Quill and Scroll, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," Homecoming Attendant, Heritage Staff (Graphics Editor), Cheerleader (Fresh. Squad, White Squad, Varsity Squad), McCoy Medal.

Major, Chris: AFS, Quill and Scroll, Spirit Staff (Copy Editor).

Manade, Mike: FCA, Tri-M, "King and I," Pat Revue, Trutones, Concert Choir, Fresh. Chkoir, Yell Leader.

Malott, Matt: Soph. Football.

Martin, Steve: Varsity Soccer (Captain), Tri-M, French Club, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Trutones, Concert Choir, State Choir, Yell Leader.

Martinez, Greg: Varsity Soccer (All-Conference Honorable Mention, First Team All-District, Captain), Varsity Swimming, J.V. Track.

Mathiason, Andrew: J.V. Cross Country, J.V. Track.

Matthews, Mindy: Thespians, NHS, Pep Club, Tri-M, French Club, "Little Moon of Alban," "King and I," Pat Revue, Camarata, Trutones, Concert Choir, McCoy Medal.

May, Juli: French Club (Secretary/Treasurer, Program Director), Majorette.

Mays, Curtis: Men's Choir.

McCartney, Michael: Interact, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Honor Roll.

McCathie, Melissa: Pep Club, Wrestlerettes, DECA (Vice-President), Spanish Club, Office Aide.

McCluskey, Rick: J.V. Football, Varsity Football, DECA.

McFadden, Becky: J.V. Tennis, Varsity Tennis, FCA, Pep Club, AFS, Nutrition Council, Fresh. Choir, Counselor Aide.

McLaughlin, Jim: DECA.

McMahon, Star: J.V. Track, Presidents' Club, NHS, Pep Club, Science Club, Chess Club, French Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, French Club,

Pat Revue, Camarata (Secretary/Treasurer), Concert Choir, Fresh. Choir, Women's Choir, Heritage Staff (Copy Editor), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Melton, Eric: Varsity Soccer, Fresh. Basketball, Varsity Tennis (First Team All-Conference, All-Metro Honorable Mention, Third Place District), Interact, FCA, French Club, AFS, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Honor Roll.

Metcalfe, Kay: Pat Revue, Women's Choir.

Miller, Amy: Interact, Tickers, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Library Aide, Homecoming Attendant, Court-warming Queen, Starsteppers (Lieutenant), Honor Roll.

Miller, Shannon: J.V. Softball, Basketball Statistics, Football Statistics, NHS, French Club, Quill and Scroll, "West Side Story," Orchestra, Spirit Staff (Copy Editor), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Miller, Ward: J.V. Track, Varsity Track.

Moreno, Valentin: J.V. Soccer, AFS, Library Aide.

Mortallaro, Rachelle: Fresh. Volleyball, Pep Club, Pat Revue, Women's Choir, Women's Glee, Counselor Aide.

Moss, Tom: Debate
Mulkey, Vern: Fresh. Football, J.V. Cross Country, Men's Choir, Concert Choir, Fresh. Choir.

Mullin, Richard: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Wrestling, Office Aide.

Nichols, Larry: J.V. Football.

Nicholson, Heidi: DECA, SOO, Office Aide.

Noelker, Jason: DECA, Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

Ohtsuki, Tokuhiko: Varsity Tennis, Varsity Swimming, AFS.

Owings, Kirk: DECA.

Palmer, Spencer: J.V. Wrestling, Varsity Wrestling, Varsity Soccer (Captain), FCA, DECA, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Concert Choir, Library Aide.

Park, Nellie: Baseball Scorekeeper, Bat Girl, Interact, Student Council, NHS, FCA, Pep Club, Wrestlerettes, French Club, AFS, Quill and Scroll, French Honor Society, "Exit the Body," Trutones, Women's Choir, Spirit Staff (Features Editor), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Parker, Diane: J.V. Volleyball.

Parker, Susan: Varsity Cross Country, J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Spanish Club, Honor Roll.

Pemberton, Pat: Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

Penrod, Lisa: Thespians (Secretary), NFL, "Exit the Body," "Little Moon of Alban," "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," "Foxfire," Debate, Forensics.

Perkins, Kindle: Pep Club, AFS, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Nutrition Council.

Peters, Chris: J.V. Golf, Varsity Golf, Spanish Club.

Phelps, David: J.V. Swimming, Symphonic Band.

Pickel, Wendy: Track (Manager), Pep Club, AFS, Quill and Scroll, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Nutrition Council, Fresh. Choir, Heritage Staff (Copy Editor), Honor Roll.

Pieratt, Jeff: Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball.

Pike, Troy: Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football (First Team All-Conference, All-Area, All-District, Second Team All-Conference, All-Metro Honorable Mention, All-Conference, Captain), Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball, J.V. Track, Varsity Track, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Library Aide, Audio Visual Aide.

Plake, Katherine: Basketball (Manager), Presidents' Club, Pep Club, Science Club, AFS, Spanish Club, Nutrition Council, Pat Revue, Camara-

ta, Fresh. Choir, Women's Choir, Library Aide.

Pool, Steve: J.V. Tennis, Interact, NHS, Science Club, Tri-M, French Club, Quill and Scroll, "Jabberwock," Show Band, Symphonic Band (All-District), Spirit Staff (Associate Editor), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Preator, Tonya: DECA.
Price, Dennis: Fresh. Baseball, J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball.

Price, Renae: Fresh. Basketball, J.V. Track, Fresh. Volleyball, J.V. Volleyball, Student Council, NHS, FCA, French Club, Quill and Scroll, French Honor Society, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Women's Choir, Heritage Staff (Copy Editor), McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Pritchard, Dan: Yell Leader.

Quarti, Cindy: J.V. Track, Baseball Scorekeeper, Bat Girl, Student Council, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, "Ah Wilderness," Women's Glee, Entertainment Committee, Heritage Staff (Index Editor).

Quigg, Julie: Interact, Tickers, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, Spanish Club, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Women's Choir.

Ragan, Mike: J.V. Baseball, Fresh. Baseball, J.V. Golf, Varsity Golf, Basketball (Managers), Interact, FCA, Spanish Club, AFS.

Rankin, Belinda: DECA, Pat Revue.

Redford, Amy: NHS, Spanish Club.

Reed, Anita: Tri-M, SOO, "West Side Story," Show Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Honor Roll.

Reichel, Neil: Fresh. Football, Presidents' Club, Spanish Club, Chess Club, Spanish Honor Society, Computer Club, "King and I," McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Resch, Chris: Varsity Swimming, French Club, Pat Revue, Men's Choir.

Richardson, Cheryl: Baseball Scorekeeper, Tickers, Pep Club, AFS, Quill and Scroll, Bat Girl, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Women's Choir, Counselor Aide, Heritage Staff (Club Editor), Cheerleader (Fresh. Squad, White Squad, Red Squad, Varsity Squad), Honor Roll.

Riddle, Julie: Football Statistics, Wrestling Statistics, J.V. Softball, Interact, NHS, FCA, French Club, AFS, Quill and Scroll, French Honor Society, "West Side Story," Orchestra, Spirit Staff (Editor-in-Chief), McCoy Medal, Soph. Pilgrimage, Honor Roll.

Riechel, Keith: DECA.

Rieke, Chad: J.V. Wrestling, Varsity Wrestling, "Ah Wilderness," "Little Moon of Alban," Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Concert Choir.

Rigby, Pat: J.V. Soccer, Varsity Soccer.

Rogers, Chris: DECA.

Roller, James: Fresh. Football, DECA.

Roudebush, Jeff: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, Varsity Football, Fresh. Baseball, J.V. Baseball, Varsity Baseball

Royle, Lori: Pep Club, Women's Glee.

Ruhling, Amy: Pep Club, French Club, AFS, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Football

Homecoming Attendant, Heritage Staff (Curriculum Editor), Cheerleader (Fresh. Squad, Red Squad Co-Captain, Varsity), Honor Roll.

Ryan, Marcie: Student Council, Pep Club, French Club, SOO, "Exit the Body," Cheerleader (White Squad).

S

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Schnakenberg, Lisa: J.V. Swimming, Women's Glee.

Schooler, Todd: Basketball (Manager), DECA (President), Men's Choir.

Schroeder, Karen: Thespians, NFL, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," Debate.

Schuler, Ronda: Fresh. Basketball, Student Council, FCA, Pep Club, NFL (Squad Captain), French Club, Debate, Forensics, Pat Revue, Concert Choir, Spirit Staff (Photography Editor).

Schumacher, Scott: Varsity Soccer (Second Team Honorable Mention, Captain), Honor Roll.

Schwartz, Marcia: Pres-



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Shaw, Lori: Pep Club

Shelton, Rhonda: J.V. Track, DECA.

Sherwood, James: Fresh. Football, French Club.

Shipley, Ken: Science Club, Tri-M, Chess Club, "King and I," Show Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Honor Roll.

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Shroyer, Rob: J.V. Football, Fresh. Baseball, Fresh. Basketball.

Smith, Brian: Varsity Soccer, FCA, "King and I," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Trutones, Concert Choir, Symphonic Band.

Smith, Derald: J.V. Wrestling, Varsity Wrestling.

Smith, Jason: Soph. Basketball, J.V. Cross Country.

Smith, Jennifer: J.V. Tennis, Varsity Tennis, J.V. Swimming, Varsity Swimming, Fresh. Volleyball, Tickers, Pep Club, French Club, AFS, "King and I," Concert Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band.

Solito, John: NAHS, "Foxfire," Honor Roll.

Sommers, Michael: Soph. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, Varsity Basketball.

Springer, Grant: Fresh. Football, Soph. Football, J.V. Football, Varsity Football, J.V. Tennis, Varsity Tennis, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Office Aide, Rex's Raiders.

Springer, Lori: Pep Club, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Office Aide, Starsteppers.

Steele, Angela: DECA, Pat Revue, Women's Glee, Women's Choir.

Steenvoorden, Edgar: Varsity Soccer, AFS, "Jabberwock."

Stephens, Donna: Basketball Statistics, Interact, Student Council, NHS, FCA (Co-President), Pep Club, NFL, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Debate, Forensics, Fresh. Choir, Cheerleader (Fresh. Squad, Red Squad), Who's Who Club, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

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Stompoly, Nick: Interact, Presidents' Club, NHS, AFS, Spanish Club (President), Spanish Honor Society, Concert Choir, McCoy Medal, Honor Roll.

Stratton, Stacey: "King and I," "Jabberwock," Forensics.

Sutton, Tim: Varsity Soccer (Captain).

T

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Varsity Basketball, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Fresh. Choir, Honor Roll.

Townley, Tim: Tri-M, Trutones, Concert Choir, Fresh. Choir, Office Aide.

U

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V

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W

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Williams, Tony: Soph. Football, Varsity Football (All-Conference Honorable Mention, All-Area Honorable Mention), Rex's Raiders, Pat Revue, Men's Choir, Counselor Aide.

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Wiss, David: J.V. Swimming, Counselor Aide.

Wooten, Chris: Thespians, "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "King and I," "Foxfire," "Jabberwock," Library Aide, Audio Visual Aide, Honor Roll.

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Y

Yocum, Jeff: NAHS.

Z

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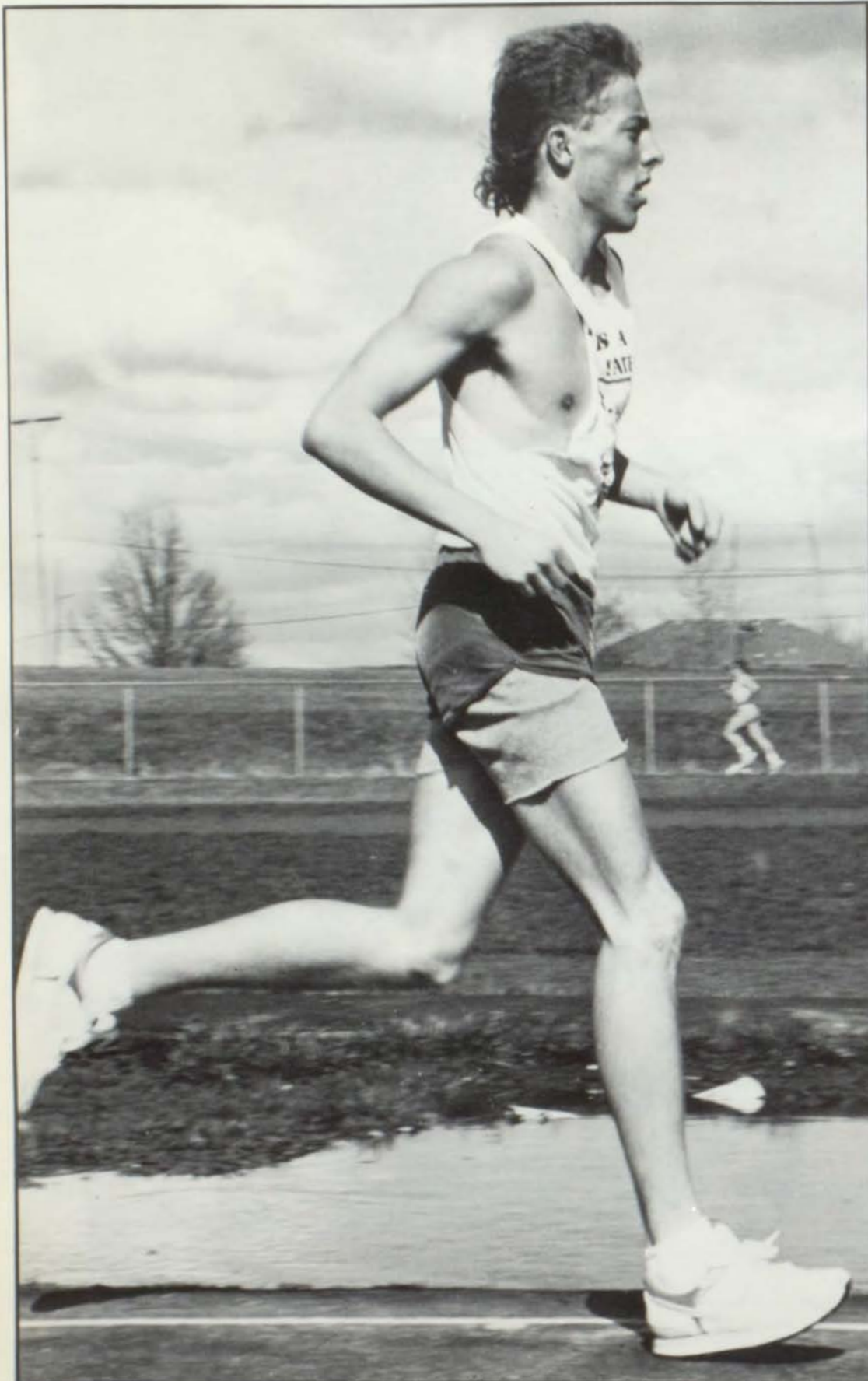
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Left and below left: Senior Tony Williams symbolically strangles a stuffed referee during a boys' basketball game after what he thought was a bad call. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Rex's Raiders demonstrate their loud mouths during the girls' basketball district game. Their boisterous antics all but hurt the girls when they defeated Raytown 61-51 for their third consecutive district title. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



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Principal LeRoy Brown wasn't on route to the fairway, instead, he was busy squeezing the golf cart through the choir hall doors. The cart was used as an electric car in the spring play, "Jabberwock." (Photo by Scott Bridges)



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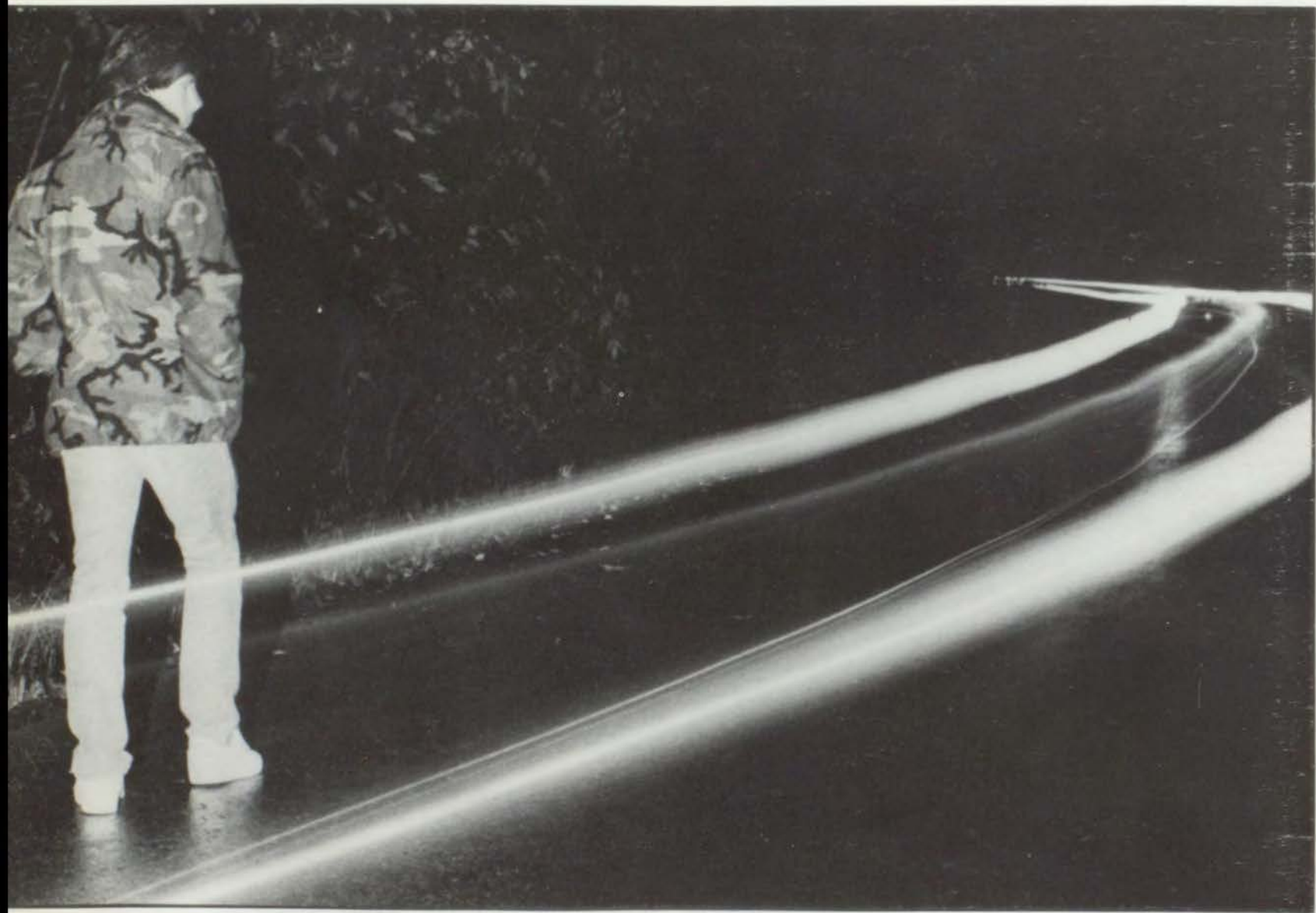
Hola
 LeAnn, I'm glad I met you last summer, and I got to know you even better during the school year. You are really a sweet person. I wish you wouldn't have broken up with the guy from Blue Springs he was pretty cool. Well since your the pres. of Spanish Club I'll join next y year. Well I hope I see you this summer. Have fun, you deserve it.
Love,
Mark

Lee Ann - It was fun in French I this year!
 Madame was very nice!
 Hope to see you next
 year. Have a great summer!
 You're a sweet person
 too!
 - Have fun!
 - Rachael

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Looking at her options, senior Tonya Stark reviews college information on the microfiche machine in the counseling center. (photo by Shawn Floyd)



A dark, lonely road reflects the apprehensive feeling some students have about the future. (photo by David Burrus)



Where is the action in the future?



"I would like to go on to college and major in journalism. After college, I want to go to New York to live. It's the best place to be. It's where the action is. New York is the limelight of the world."

— Junior Tammy Hoskins



"Having a name for myself is where the action will be. 'President Chapman,' wouldn't that be cool? Having a house with a white picket fence and lots of kids is also important."

— Senior Jim Chapman

S STUDENTS FIND ACTION IN THE FUTURE

After graduation. Away from home, at college, in the office, at a meeting, in the armed forces — getting married, raising a family, paying the bills, taking on bigger responsibilities. Only a few places students will find action after their high-school career.

"I think the action in the future will basically stay the same;

the places may change but the ideas will stay the same," junior John DeYoung said.

Some Patriots look for action in a career.

"The action in the future will probably be in business," senior Tami Jenkins said. "More and more women will be working instead of having families and staying home."

College is still the most popular place Truman students look to find action in the future.

"Most people will find action at college in the future. Some will party, some will study, some both," senior David Heins said, "but all will meet new and different people; all will be changed for life."

by David Burrus

*Lee Ann!
You're MADE
French fun!
You're a sweetheart &
don't forget it! I wish
you a lot of success with
the guys. Call me often this summer.
373-2761
Try to stay out of jail &
don't party too hard!
Mike Hughes*

I really don't know you very well but you seem like you should be over the top together! A great summer!

See Ann
I really don't know you very well but you seem like you should be over the top together! A great summer!



The Sectional volleyball win over William Chrisman shows the action's at Truman. (photo by Scott Bridges)

Sports events . . . plays . . . musicals . . . throughout the hall . . . or just with some friends. Wherever we go, we will always know the action is at the home of the Patriots.

TRUMAN

SPRING SPORTS

Spring Sports

Running around bases, leaping over hurdles, treading over nets, putting toward holes, and diving into water, our athletes competed. Always striving for victory, our teams practiced and played for their spring sports:

Girls' Track

The girls' track team fell short of expectations.

"We have a lot of potential and our seniors had the experience needed to be leaders and be successful," Coach Lou Lyons said.

Senior Jan Grotenhuis said, "I think we had a great season, although we didn't achieve first at every meet. The underclassmen gained experience, which will help them in the future."

Throughout the season the 1600 relay team, 400 relay team, and Sarah Graves proved to be standouts and later became State qualifiers.

The 1600 relay team consisting of Kelly Clark, Liz Bowman, Amy Hutton, and Grotenhuis finished the season with a fifth place at state with the time of 3:59.67.

Graves, who qualified individually for state in the 3200-meter run, ended with an eighth place finish at 11:34.26.

J. V. Baseball

J. V. baseball did the best it could this year despite the rain-out games.

"We were rained out too many games this year to accomplish a lot, but I wanted to hit a lot of homeruns," junior Rob Applebuns said. "I only had two.

Though there may have been many discouraging times, there were many times to laugh about.

"During one game Troy Sterrett was running backwards to catch a fly ball," sophomore Jay Meyers said. "And

his foot slipped under the fence and got caught."

"The ball bounced out of his glove and he was trying to get jout to get the ball but he couldn't so I ran back to help him and he twisted his ankle really bad," Rob said.

Varsity Baseball

Although predictions foresaw a losing season, varsity baseball ended with a winning record.

"We did a lot better than people expected," junior Chad John said. "We won districts but then lost to Oak Park in sectionals."

For the seniors, the winning season was a good way to end their high school careers.

"The seniors had a good note to end on," Chad said. "I think our coach was real happy with us."

Varsity Softball

Lack of pulling together as a team hurt this year's varsity softball season.

"Sometimes we played well, but we never reached our full potential as a team," Coach Carole Sapp said.

Either offense or defense, one was always dominant.

"It always seemed like a one-sided game. We never played both offense and defense well," junior Amy Rold said. "One game one person would play good and the next game someone else would be the standout."

Varsity Boys Track

"We didn't have a lot of experience. Lots of underclassmen filled key spots and that put us competitively behind other schools," Head Coach Roger Pauk said.

However, as far as effort was concerned, Pauk said that the team put out 100 percent.

"We lost some people," senior James Sebastian said, "and that hurt the team, but we still had fun."

James qualified for sectionals in the 800 meter run along with sophomore Ryan Harris in the Pole vault. Junior Chris Dowdall went on to take eighth place at State in the pole vault competition.

J. V. Softball

Inexperience was junior varsity softball's main enemy.

"Most of the players were freshmen and some had never played before this year," sophomore Lisa McCulley said.

Even though little experience, teammates said they learned by the end of the season.

"There were problems towards the beginning of the season with working together, but as time went by we worked better with one another and gave more support," Lisa said.

Golf

Fun and improvement, that summarizes this year's golf season. Last year's record was improved by two wins, which was much better than last year's. Golfers had a new coach this year, Coach Rex Stephens.

"We tried to do a few more things and I think we had a little more success," Stephens said. "They are a great bunch of guys to work with, always willing to spend the time out there practicing."

Tennis

With a ten win, five loss varsity season and a nine win, five loss JV season, this year's tennis team was quite pleased with the outcome.

"We felt like we played well as a team and we reached several goals. We were very happy to take third in our Conference," coach King Anderson said. "We played hard, enjoyed playing and just had fun."

At the conference tournament, senior Eric Melton and junior David Goodwin placed second in doubles; junior Rob Alumbaugh placed first in singles and Todd Stuck placed second in singles. Todd went on to qualify for state competition but did not advance.

Swimming

Experience was lacking in this year's swim team.

"Of the 35 girls, 28 were participating for the first year," Coach Doug Allen said. There were not very many seniors to begin with, and by the season's end, Sarah Conyers was the only graduate.

"It was difficult for us to get as close as we usually have," senior Jenny Smith said, "because half of the girls were rookies."

Many of the new girls who have this season behind them will be more familiar with the routine next year.

"Presently, we are one or two people short of a good varsity team," Allen concluded.

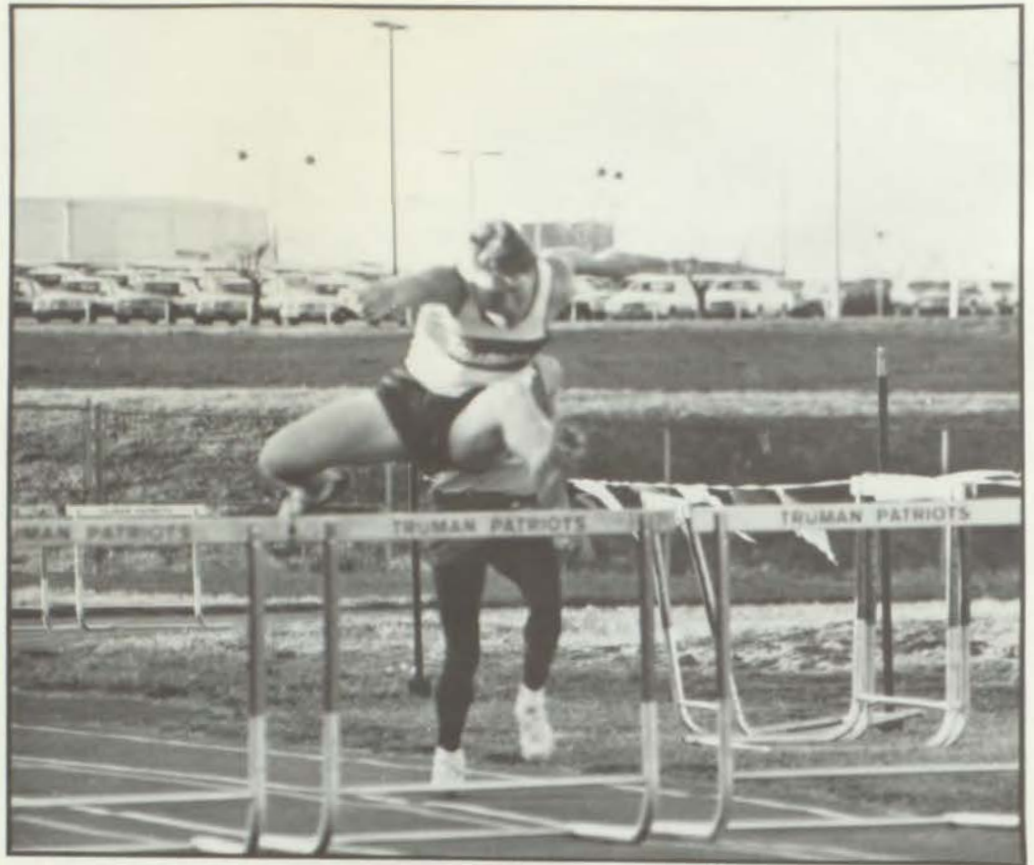


TRACK

A varsity hurdler takes the lead as he leaps one hurdle ahead of his opponent.

Boys Varsity Track

Wm. Chrisman Relays	8th
CMSU Relays	5th
Indep. City Relays	1st
Blue Springs Relays	9th
Liberty Relays	6th
Conference	4th
District	8th
Sectional Qualifiers:	James Sebastian Ryan Harris
State Qualifiers:	Chris Dowdall



Front Row: Juan Morr, Kenny Boone, Eric Sclesky, Brad Buckley, Edgar Steenvoorden, Tim Morgan, Danny Bradford, Jaye Wiley, Eric Austin. **Second Row:** James Sebastian, Luke Helms, uniden., Craig Kincaid, Mike Krawczyk, Ryan Harris, Chad Chafa, Robert Countryman, uniden. **Third Row:** Bryan Weyrauch, Damon Carrasco, Ward Miller, Tim Kistler, Jim Tormena, uniden., Rick White, John Dunham, Norman Jones. **Fourth Row:** Chad Caldwell, Chris Dowdall, Craig Harding, David White, Mark Sibert, Rich Cummings, Matt

McMillian, Todd Greenwood. **Fifth Row:** Devo Day, Matt McNett, Brian Rose, Lance Miller, Gary Wright, Troy Thomas, Jeff Liang, Danny Hammond, Kevin Black, Chad Puckett. **Sixth Row:** David Utterback, Sterling Hetter, Jim Jenke, Jeff Deal, uniden., Brett Tharp, Kevin Safferback, Kyle Ritter, David Bennett. **Seventh Row:** Dennis Yancey, Paul McCormick, Shawn Craig, David Keeton, Eric Utterback, uniden., Ryan Price, Sven Slade. **Eighth and Ninth Rows:** Unidentified.

Girls' Track: Front row: Heather Kerns, Liz Bowman, Jan Grotenhuis, Amy Hutton, Kelly Clark, Rhonda Conner, Amy Fisher, Susan Parker. Second row: Melinda Stanley, Michelle Mineo, Tracey Turner, Tina Melsh, Tanya Price, Sherry Glentzer, Tiffany Burke, Kelly Seeger. Third row: Michelle Rogers, Rebecca Russell, Laura Cummings, Liz Jarman, Cindy Fitzpatrick, Stephanie Grapes, Monica Mohart, Amy Harrison. Fourth row: Sarah Graves, Penny Carder,

Heather Harper, Stacey Downs, Julie Gregovich, Holly Zink, Donna Lyle, Teresa Howey, Dana Wear. Fifth row: Jeanine Morehouse, Angie Zuber, Tina Mitchell, Jennifer Gaudin, Heather Williamson, Terri Mitzner, Annette Schofield, Jenny McGrath. Back row: Missy Fisher, Michelle Schowengerdt, Tanya Birdsong, Shawna Francis, Tracey Beaver, Gayle Westgate.



Varsity Girls' Track

William Chrisman Relays	4th
Indep. City Championships	1st
Blue Springs Relays	5th
Liberty Relays	6th
Ruskin Relays	5th
Conference	4th
Districts	4th
Sectionals	Didn't Place
State	23rd



Close, but not close enough, a Patriot pole vaulter misses at an attempt to clear the bar.

BASEBALL



Senior Eric Allen prepares to bat in a game against Oak Park. Eric had an excellent batting average and led the team in home runs. (All photos by Greg Vaughn)

J. V. Baseball		
	Pats	Opp.
St. Joe Central	8	7
Wm. Chrisman	12	1
Blue Springs	9	5
Park Hill	10	3
Raytown	6	4
Oak Park	2	6
Fort Osage		Rainout
Lee's Summit		Rainout
Blue Springs	2	7
Wm. Chrisman	3	5
Park Hill	2	0
Oak Park	7	5
Fort Osage		Rainout
Lee's Summit		Rainout
7 wins		3 losses



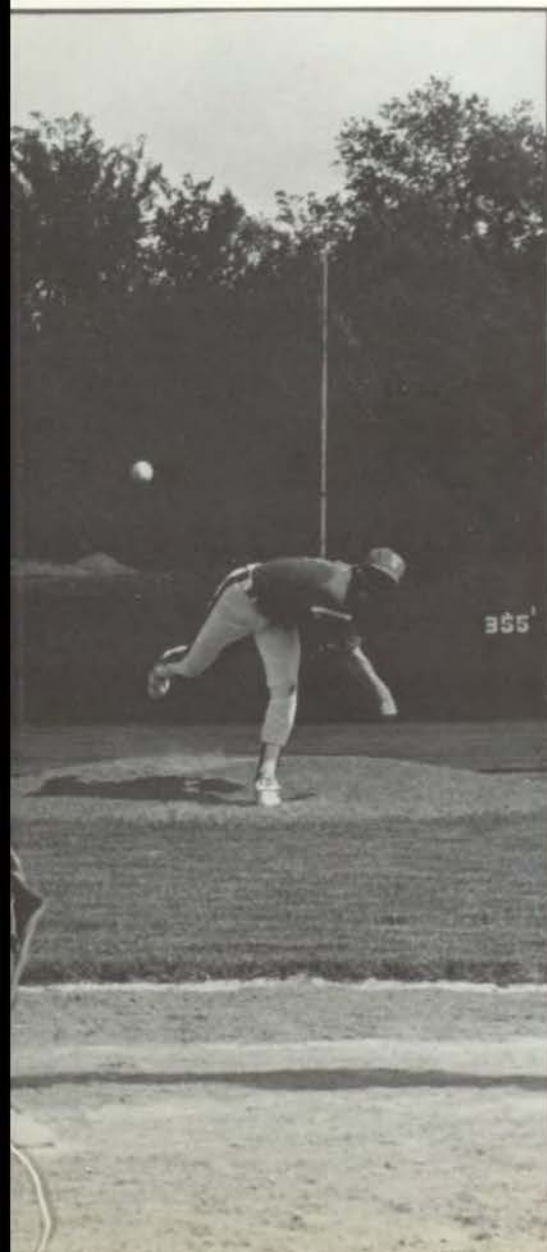
Not pictured J. V. Baseball: Coach Pete Hile, Blake Smith, Rob Appleberry, Jason Seubert, Jeff Griffitt, Jeff Coffman, Troy Sterrett, Troy Hanenkrafft, Ryan Hoffmann, Jeremy White, Greg Broyles, Greg Dabbs, Tim McElligott, Eric McDonald.

Varsity Baseball: Front row: Chad John, Cindy Quarti, Toni Chapman, Donna Sultzbaugh, Eric Allen. Second row: David Mitchell, Brian Drinkwater, Domi-

nic Duchene, Steve Abernathy, Mike Ruff, Jim Chapman. Back row: Kevin Hill, Matt Smith, Paul Neal, Randy Lady, Darren O'Dell, Chris Gooding.



Varsity Baseball		
	Pats	Opp.
St. Joe Central	4	3
Raytown	12	1
Grandview	6	2
Blue Springs	7	4
Park Hill	5	1
Wm. Chrisman	3	6
Oak Park	2	5
Fort Osage	10	0
Springfield Hillcrest & Glendale	7	10
Raytown South	15	5
Lee's Summit	6	1
Hickman Mills	5	6
Blue Springs	7	0
Park Hill	13	9
Oak Park	2	14
Fort Osage	8	6
Lee's Summit	3	2
Conference		1st
District Tournament		1st
12 wins		5 losses



Freshman baseball: front row: Shane Frisbey, Justin Blevins, Mack Steele, Rusty Harpham, Dan Ragan, John Eglich. Back row: Brent Lilly, Mark

Krawczyk, Dennis Yancey, Brent Wilson, Doug Carrow, Lee Barger, Bryan Galdin.

With senior Chris Gooding on the pitcher's mound, the team makes another attempt to defeat Oak Park. Losing this game along with future losses, prevented them from any chance at state qualification.

SOFTBALL



Varsity Softball: Front row: Monica Kincaid. Second row: Kim Calfas, Laura Pricer, Nancy Eischen. Third row: Becky Bacus, Amy Rold, Stacey England, Krista Kanies. Fourth row: Steve Schmitt, Dixie

Datweiler, Carri Cichaki. Back row: Janet Everhart, Rayna Steen, Coach Carole Sapp. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

J. V. Softball		
	Pats	Opp.
Oak Park	0	9
Lee's Summit	0	10
Hickman Mills	2	8
Blue Springs	0	16
Park Hill	0	17
Lee's Summit	14	15
Blue Springs	2	7
Raytown South	7	6
Fort Osage	1	11
1 win		8 losses



Junior Amy Rold reaches for a ball to tag out an approaching runner from the opposing team.



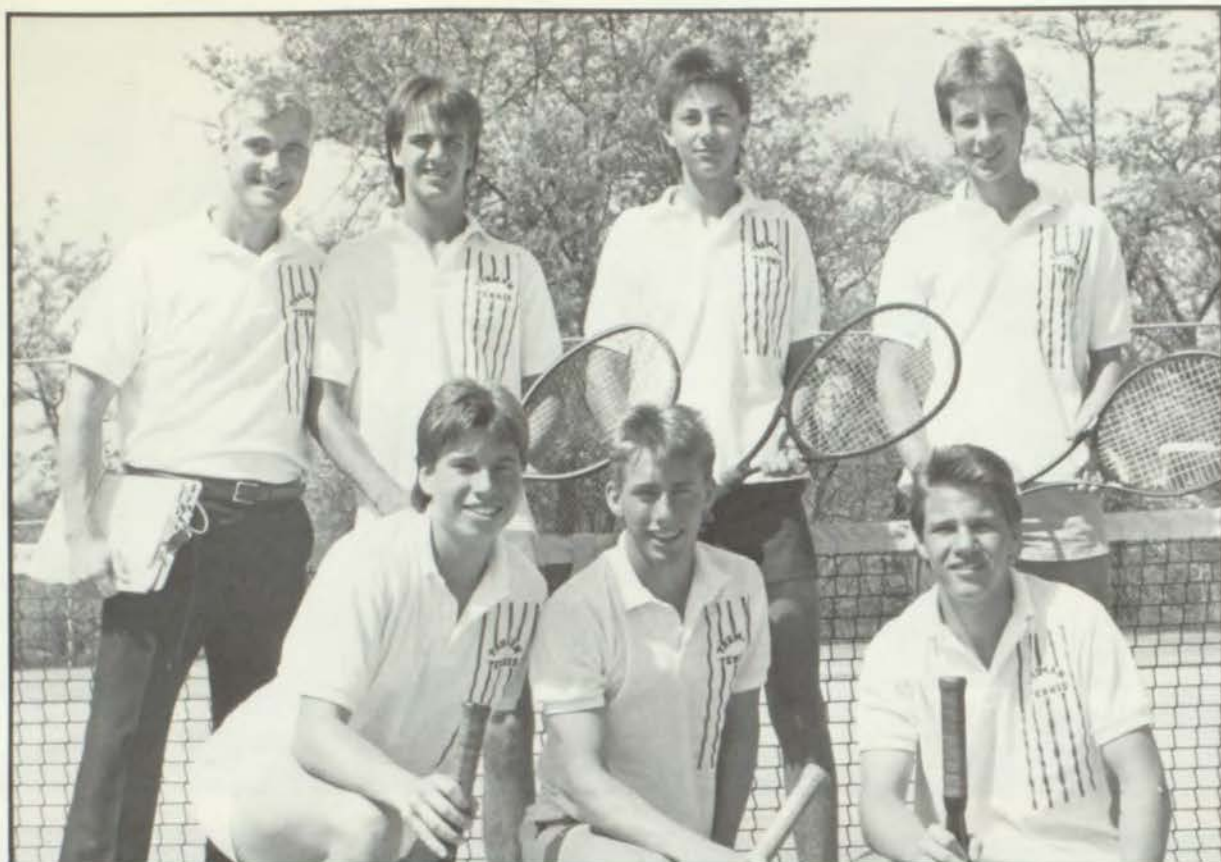
J. V. Softball: Front row: Vanessa Selsor, Elissa Sciara, Robin Kirkham, Kathy Wiseman, Coach Sherri Miller. Second row: Lisa McCulley, Sheri Bennett, Becky Neiderschulte, Angela Kirchhoff. Back row: Michelle Swanson, Barb Schnell, Amy Galpin, Sondra Vandenbos, Diana Friend. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Showing complete concentration on the infield, Vanessa Selsor waits for the ball to come her way.

Creating a cloud of dust, senior Monica Kincaid slides into home plate in an attempt to score.

TENNIS

Junior Ryan Baker concentrates as he makes a return shot. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Varsity Tennis: Front row: David Anderson, Eric Melton, Todd Stuck, Tom Demark, David Goodwin, Rob Allumbaugh. Back row: Coach Kingdon Anderson,



J.V. Tennis: Front row: Jack Williams, Brett Bly, G. L. Springer, Jason Gordon, Sean Blakemore, Greg Burnett, Hughes, Tim Wheeler, Robert Alumbaugh, Ryan Baker, Steve Lamberty. Back row: Kingdon Anderson, Robert Wagner, Mike





Varsity Tennis		
	Pats	Opp.
Grandview	5	0
Liberty	5	0
Rockhurst	4	5
Center	4	1
Oak Park	5	0
Blue Springs	2	3
Wm. Chrisman	5	0
Lee's Summit	4	1
Fort Osage	5	0
Oak Park	1	4
Park Hill	2	3
Blue Springs	4	1
Lee's Summit	4	1
Fort Osage	5	0
10 wins	5 losses	
Conference Tourn.		1st
Conference		3rd
District		4th

Stooping down, senior Eric Melton sets up for a low return shot. Eric led the team as the number one varsity player. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



J. V. Tennis		
	Pats	Opp.
Grandview	4	1
Liberty	3	2
Rockhurst	0	5
Center	3	2
Oak Park	1	4
Park Hill	3	2
Blue Springs	2	3
Wm. Chrisman		Default
Lee's Summit	3	2
Fort Osage	5	0
Oak Park	2	3
Park Hill	1	4
Blue Springs	3	2
Lee's Summit	5	0
Fort Osage	5	0
9 wins	5 losses	

Junior Steve Lamberty hits the ball to a teammate during practice. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Ticked off, senior Todd Carter shows his exasperation after missing a three-foot putt. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



Varsity Golf		
	Pats	Opp
Ruskin	177	202
Park Hill	192	182
Lee's Summit	188	182
Raytown	185	156
Oak Park	178	182
Blue Springs	171	153
Park Hill	198	170
Ft. Osage	177	202
Lee's Summit	169	151
Oak Park	187	177
Ft. Osage	176	174
Wm. Chrisman	179	186
Blue Springs	171	154
4 wins	9 losses	
Wm. Jewell tourney		15th
Raytown tourney		5th
Conference		4th
District		6th

GOLF



Front row: Brock Doubledee, David Vest, Chris Peters, Pete Gobel, Jason Minarik, Darrin Tracy, Tim Peters, Rex Stevens (Coach), Craig Kuzniakowski, Jon Jennings, Robert Palmer. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)
 Todd Carter, Drake Lightle, Rex Stevens. Back row: Jerry Beck,



Being careful not to sink his ball into the lake, senior Drake Lightle takes a shot at the green from the middle of the fairway. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

Carefully reading the green, senior Chris Peters checks out the possibilities for his next putt. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)



J. V. Golf		
	Pats	Opp
Ruskin	192	220
Park Hill	201	188
Lee's Summit	187	184
Raytown	183	179
Oak Park	188	209
Blue Springs	194	156
Park Hill	190	204
Ft. Osage	184	202
Lee's Summit	184	178
Oak Park	195	204
Ft. Osage	198	239
Wm. Chrisman	183	213
Blue Springs	197	160
7 wins		6 losses

Senior Pete Gobel is the first golfer to chip on to the tenth hole green. In this match, Truman took a commanding lead over Chrisman. (Photo by Greg Vaughn)

GIRLS SWIMMING



Girls' Swimming: Front row: Laura Garcia, Amy Harlow, Holly Hosmann, Amy Wahrenbrock. Second row: Sonya Zimmerman, Stacey Bragg, Amy Hauschel, Karen Manade, Cindy Porter, Rachael Barnes.

Back row: Alycia Miller, LeAnn Summers, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Kelly O'Brian, Kristy Underwood, Rebecca Weddington. (Photo by Keith Lindhardt)

Not pictured: Girls' Swimming: Katie Conners, Sarah Conyers, Joey Gosserand, Karen Harter, Pam McGrayne, Teresa MacDonald, Natalie Peters, Nicole Quint, Susan Schmidt, Terri Ince, Amy Sanders, Ginny Shellhorn, Laura Smith.

Girls' Swimming		
	Pats	Opp
Center	82	90
Blue Springs	63	109
Raytown Invitational		5th place
Liberty	64	105
Wm. Chrisman	106	65
Tri-Meet		1st place
Raytown	76	97
Raytown South	102	68
St. Joe Central	93	72
Park Hill	41	110
Sedalia Smith Cotton	99	73
Conference		J.V. 4th place Varsity 5th place

SENIORS

300 attend non-substance party

With tremendous community support, extensive planning, and much funding, Project Graduation lived up to the expectations of participants and planners alike.

As midnight approached, 300 graduates and guests boarded buses parked in front of Truman. Months of preparation were being put to the test.

"A high point was the large turnout," planning committee member Cliff Mohn said. "It was really great to see eight buses pull out of Truman at 11:00 at night."

"I knew it would be a success from the very beginning," finance committee member Sharon Floyd said. "There was too much interest from the very beginning for it not to be successful."

The objective of the whole thing was to provide a non-substance party for graduates where they could have fun, be together as a class one last time, and maybe cut down on graduation night death statistics. Students played a key part in the planning as well as adults in hopes to better accomplish this objective.

Some were skeptical, saying that nobody would come and that it would not work out. But, for whatever reasons, students did come. Many students went to keep themselves out of trouble. Others, when many of their friends expressed a desire to go, decided that maybe they should go, like a game of dominos.

"I wasn't sure about going until all my friends said they were going," graduate Gerald Winter said. "I thought, Oh well, it's a lot better than going out and getting trashed."

The party began as soon as the buses arrived at the CMSU fieldhouse in Warrensburg. Students had fun with a number of planned activities like mouse racing. Bets were placed and winners received prizes.

"It was just like betting on horses at a real track," one student said. "Except if you lost you don't have to worry about it because there wasn't any money involved and if you bet on the right mouse you win a prize."

In addition to mouse races, some students chose to bury their face in a pie pan filled with cream in a desperate and messy attempt to find a hidden jelly bean.

If a person wasn't too thrilled about the planned activities, he could swim, play racketball, play basketball, dance, or simply be around friends.

Prizes lured many students to the post graduation bash. There was only one eligibility requirement for prizes; the recipient had to stay the entire time. No prizes were given out until the end of the party.

Those who planned the party tried to make it possible for everyone to walk out with some sort of prize. Students walked home with albums, cash, appliances, clocks, gift certificates, several compact disc players, a complete stereo system and the grand prize — \$500 dollars cash.

Concert choir takes part in graduation by singing. One of their musical selections was "Sing a New Song" written by graduate Rob Howard.



Board of Education President Helen French congratulates students as she hands them their high school diplomas.



A local artist was present at the seniors' party to make portrait sketches.

Graduates line up with excitement during commencement which marked the end of their high school careers.

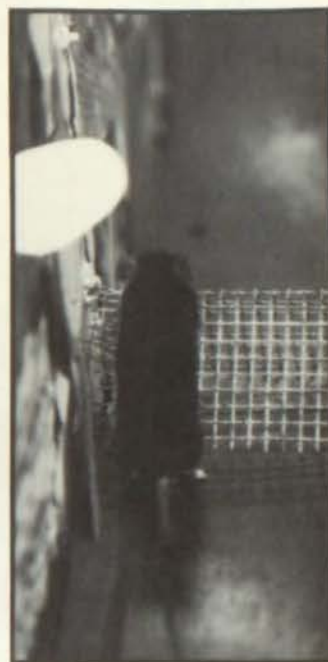


Some students decided to go to prom in style by renting a limousine.

Senior Becky McFadden and junior Diana Winter check out betting sheets and try to figure out which mouse to bet on at the mouse races during Project Graduation. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)



A mouse takes off — down the track and over obstacles while “gamblers” wait to see if their bets paid off. (Photo by Kurt Branstetter)



SENIORS



There was plenty of food available at Project Graduation as this senior enjoys a piece of pizza.

Spring Play

James Thurber's comedy "Jabberwock" filled the stage March 26-28.

The play, which was about the unusual life of young James Thurber, required a large cast, making the job of casting difficult.

"It was tough; we stayed up pretty late that night (tryouts) fitting all the characters with the right actors," student director Dean Bullock said, "especially when it came to the leads."

The large cast also required much behind-the-scene preparation. Make-up and costume crews were put to the test.

"It was a lot of work getting everyone made up; there were only 42 of them to do," make-up director Susie Siron said, "but we did it all somehow."

All the work paid off when the curtain finally went up and audiences were entertained and amused by Thurber's clever comedy.

"It was all worth it when those people were finally out there to laugh at lines we said that went virtually unnoticed at rehearsals, junior Charles Sloan, who played the part of Grandpa, said.

The set built for the play was one of the best, said Kat Tucker. Three stories high, it made an excellent spot for the cast to perform. While it took months to build, the entire set was removed in two weeks.

"It is really sad to strike a set after you've put months of hard work into it, just to turn around and tear it down is kind of depressing," technical director Darren Bradley said. "It is really strange looking at an empty stage and trying to picture the set that once filled the great big empty space."

James Thurber, played by senior Drake Lightle, and a salesman, played by senior Bill Antinello, discuss a plan to revive James's grandpa in the spring play "Jabberwock." (Photo by Scott Bridges)



SPRING PLAY



Grandpa, played by junior Charles Sloan, plans his next move in a game of checkers he plays with himself. (Photo by Scott Bridges)



Lee Ann,
 this been fun in
 science & French. I hope
 we can stay good friends
 and I want to wish you
 the best of luck in every
 thing. you're a real sweetie
 & deserve great things in
 life!
 Your jets,
 Andrea
 Craig!

LEE ANN
 IT'S BEEN ANOTHER
 WONDERFUL YEAR. IT'S
 ALL OVER FOR ME BUT GOD
 LUCK YOU IN 11TH GRADE HISTORY MY
 HIND YOU IN
 SENIOR YEAR
 8/7
 JEAN
 SALES

Lee,
 Hey Dabe, have a
 great summer. Thanks
 for the great time in
 French. I hope you
 have a awesome summer & success
 year.
 Love
 Lee Ann!

I am really glad that
 I was able to meet you this year.
 It has been fun in French and
 I hope we can get together
 in Math. Stay sweet and don't
 ever change. Good luck next
 year and in everything thing you
 do. See later.
 KIT 254-9719
 your friend always,
 Pam C
 D.B.I!!!

Lee Ann,
 I don't really
 know you really
 meet. You're
 like a really
 fun person, and you're
 always smiling.
 Keep it up.
 Rachel

Lee Ann,
 Well its another year that
 has gone by, I remember meeting
 you back at Bridgort. Since then
 I have been lucky enough to either
 see you or have you in class. There
 is just one more year and it will
 be over. Well I have really enjoyed
 these times. Hope we can do something
 sometime.
 Louisa
 Saurage

Lee Ann,
 I don't really
 know you really
 meet. You're
 like a really
 fun person, and you're
 always smiling.
 Keep it up.
 Rachel

Lee Ann,
It's been fun in French,
first quarter and second quarter
anyway. You're really a fun & person to
be with and you've got a great sense of
humor. English has been... English. Hope to have you
in more classes next year.

Erick
Heumich

Lee Ann,
Fifth hour has been
quite an experience. Hope
things work out for you in
the future. Don't get into
any trouble w/ adults or
guys. Have a great summer!
See you next year!
Feb

See Ann,
It has been real fun having
you in 6th hour. Had a great summer!
Bye Bye!

Lee Ann,
It's been fun in
Spanish II. I'm glad
we got to be friends
this year. I'll be back
for '88 Graduation.
I'll see you then.
Good luck in the
future - You deserve
the very best!

Lee Ann,
It's been a fun
year in Spanish. Thanks
for letting me use your
stuff for prom! I hope I have
you in Espanol III. Good-luck
w/ D.P. or D.T!
love,
Lindy
McCauley

Lee Ann, hasn't been
really fun in Am. Lit. but
we tried to make the
best of it. Have a
great summer.
Stay sweet & pretty
Love
Matt Smith

Lee Ann,
I'm glad we've become
friends in French class.
The drive ins were fun! (except
one). You've been a good friend.
Call me some time this summer.
Especially if you have a party!
373-555

David Kerton
"Muffin"

Lano,
Last year in gym we did not get
along, remember volleyball. Well,
at least I am proud that we
acknowledge one another now!
See you next year. Hey, if you
get hot, call 373-0111 and
come over to swim!
your friend,
Cindy

How,
Barbara Knoche
Senior 877

Lee Ann,
It was fun in
5th hr. Basically a
blast! Thanks for the
help with the vocabulary!
I hope I have you in some
classes next year. Have a
great summer!
Phil
Epple
Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!

Lee Ann,
I'm glad
we had each other in 1st
& 3rd hours. It gave us
a chance to become better
friends. You such
a sweet person.
I hope you never
change!
Good luck in the
future.
Love,
Brad Johnson
(373-0128)

It was fun in
5th hour. Basically a
blast! Thanks for the
help with the vocabulary!
I hope I have you in some
classes next year. Have a
great summer!
Phil
Epple
Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!

