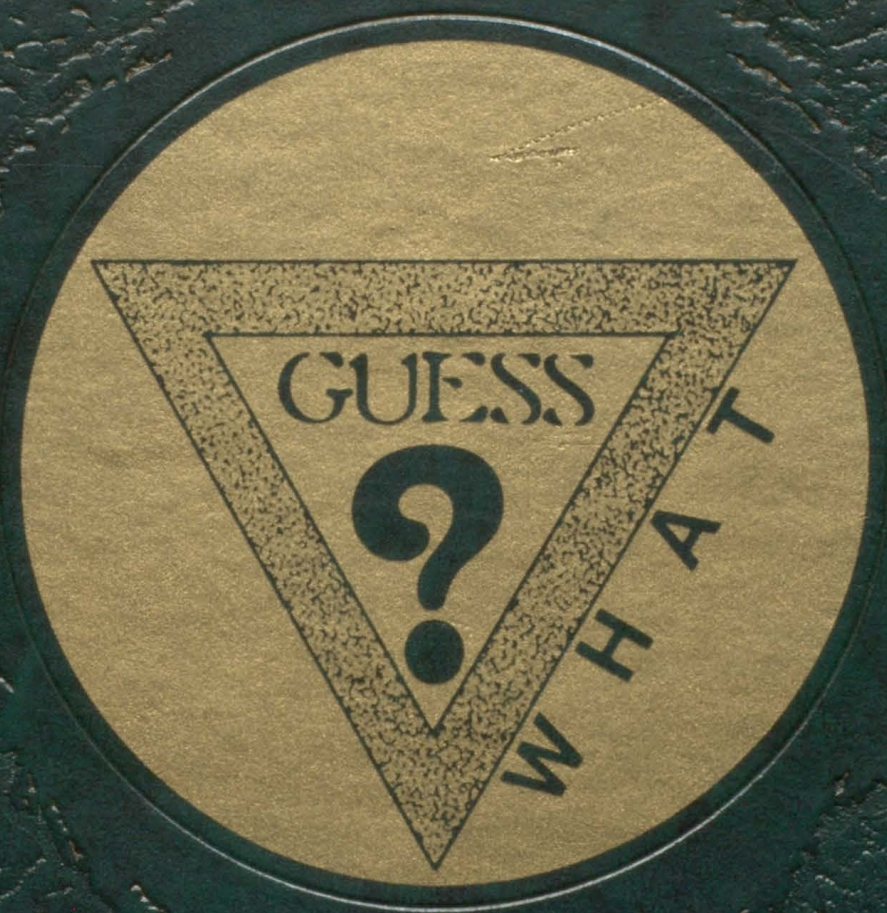


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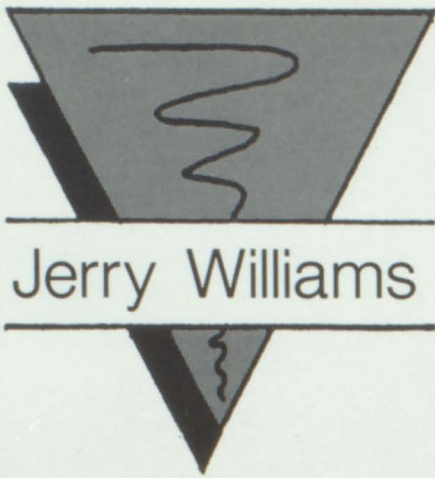
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Jerry Williams

IS SPECIAL FRIEND

traveled "to and fro" to take "his kids" to their special event and to show his support even when he didn't drive the bus. "He's a great guy who is just 'one of the kids,'" was Stephanie Nicaise's, 12, comment.

Students had made Jerry a major part of their everyday life, and the day didn't seem complete without seeing his loving and caring smile as he walked down the hall. "I love his personality and he's like a member of the family," stated Stephanie Lyons, 12.

Neosho High School was very fortunate to have a caring person like Jerry Williams working for its students and staff.

The NEOHIMO yearbook staff proudly dedicated the 1989-90 yearbook to Jerry Williams for his caring and sparkling personality.

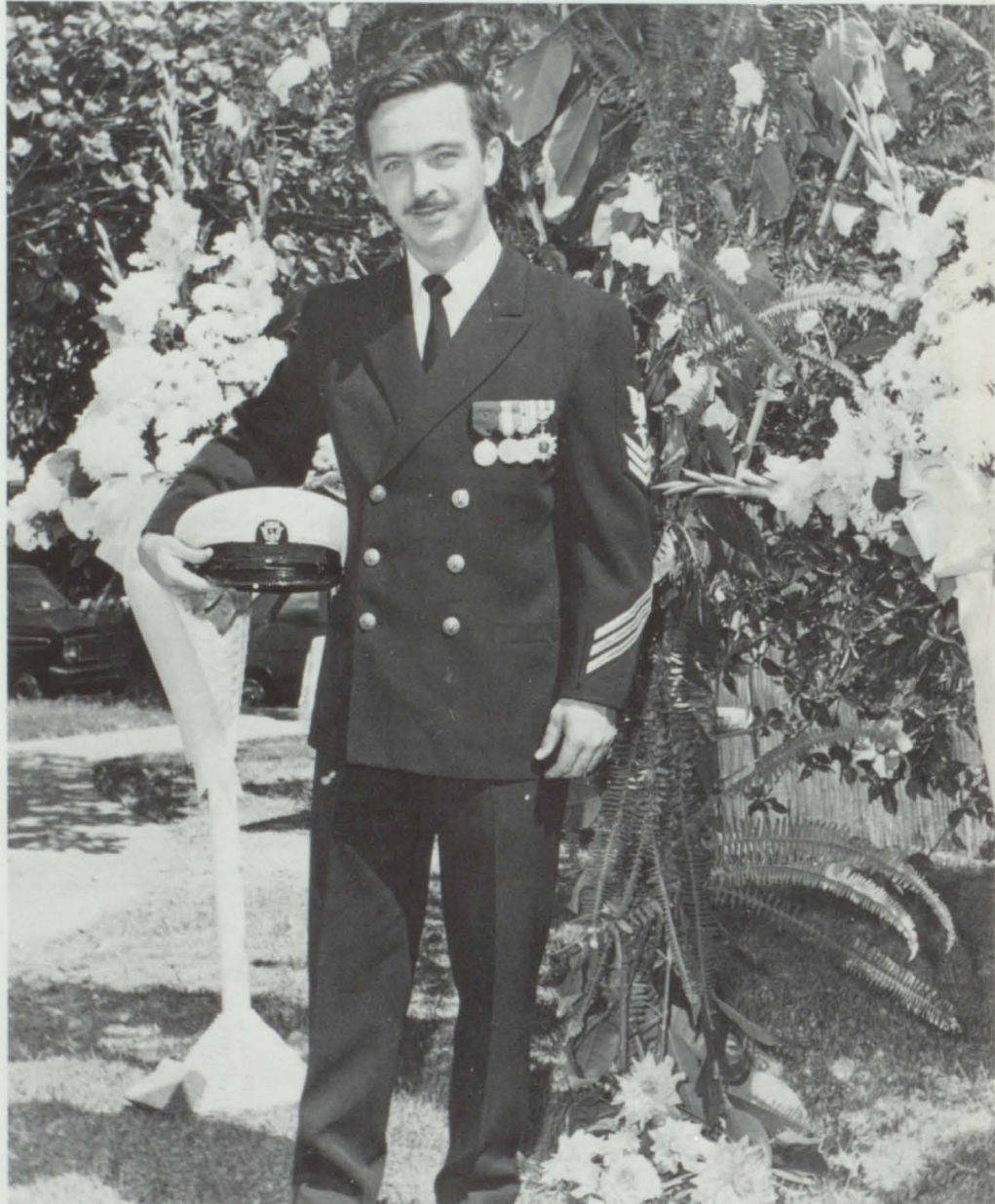
Jerry rarely refused to help someone with a problem. He always seemed to have a smile for everyone that walked by, making each person feel special in his own way.

Jerry had many different jobs at the high school. People could find him sweeping halls between classes or cleaning up the messes left by students. He would fix the broken doors found throughout the school, but to him his main job was to make the students happy.

Jerry not only worked at the high school, but he was also a volunteer policeman for the city. He helped patrol on exciting nights like Halloween, not to mention patrolling the Fall Festival and Christmas parades.

Jerry has made many friends the last five years. "He was concerned, compassionate, and dedicated to students. He always had a smile and a joke," commented Miss Cindy Titus, teacher. Mr. Dale Slagle, principal, commented, "His jokes were worse than mine."

Driving students to sports activities was one of Jerry's favorite assignments. Each year Jerry



Jerry spent 21 years in the United States Navy before coming to Neosho. Dedicating his previous years to serving his country was just one of his valuable traits.



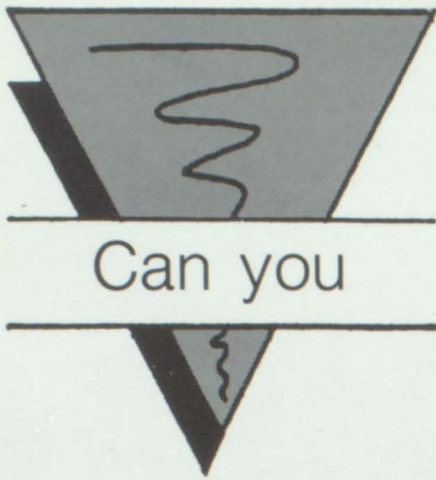
Left, Jerry has a personality that shines and is anything but predictable. Birthday parties are just one place that his cheerful personality is accounted for. Above, family portraits are an important part of a family's relationship. Pictured are Jerry, wife Janie, and son Brad.



Once in awhile Jerry can be seen inside or outside with his morning cup of coffee. He not only comes to school to work and keep the school in order, but he also brings fun times to the school each day. Having someone to bring a smile everyday can make a student's day that much better.



Having many disguises is one of Jerry's specialities. He is a volunteer policeman, a member of support staff, or even Santa Claus.



GUESS WHAT?

The theme of the 1990 NEOHIMO was **Guess What?** A person could translate that into many activities that go on at NHS.

There were eighteen clubs that one could get involved in. Those clubs ranged from special interest groups and service organizations to academic and spirit groups.

Key Club was one of the largest service organizations at NHS. Each year it helped with the Special Olympics and could be seen many times working at the basketball concession stand.

If students weren't interested in clubs, but were sports-minded, NHS had ten different sports going on during the year.

The volleyball team had a great year. It placed first in conference. Those involved worked hard and it paid off.

The girls tennis team started practicing before school began. The girls played many tough teams and had an overall good season.

For those who weren't too sports-minded, there were still activities that students could join. Band, drama, and Student Council were activi-

ties that students could get involved in, but they were time-consuming and one had to be dedicated to get things accomplished. **Guess What?** fitted NHS because there was always something going on. Walking through the halls, people saw many personalities and faces. The students could **Guess What?** happened over the weekend or **Guess What?** she heard, but no one could **Guess What?** would happen next at NHS.



Left, this group of students play four-square, but with a tennis ball to pass the time afterlunch. Tony Horne, 9, Jerry Humphrey, 9, Jerry Burris, 11, Sam Haas, 9, Max Walker, 9, and Justin Branham, 9, all enjoy the use of the patio. Above, NHS students have many things to do after school. Cindy Rasmussen, 12, takes a break to smile while she works at Har-dee's.

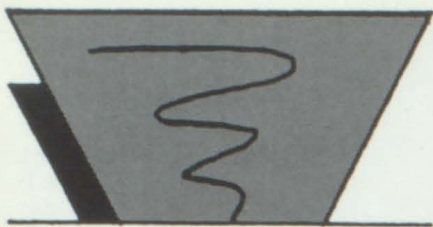


Walking through the halls of NHS, one could see many different fashion statements. The popular apparel for the guys was Levi's and a t-shirt. In colder weather, the guys could be seen in sweaters or cardigans. The girls' wardrobe consisted of an assortment of outfits ranging from knit pants and sweaters to jeans and sweatshirts. One of the hottest brands advertised was Guess? There were many styles that one could choose from. Shown are Dawn Slinkard, 12, Leslie Stout, 10, Julie Green, 12, Shelly Johnson, 11, Jennifer Charles, 10, and Jana Green, 9.



Above left, Spirit Club brings a lot of color to the halls of NHS. Members are Teresa Watts, 11, Michelle Arnce, 11, Kim Hund, 11, Laura Wheelan, 11, Devon Bramblett, 11, Ann Moser, 11, and Mandi Corsbie, 9. The sponsor of Spirit Club is Ms. Anne Nicolas. Left, one of the things students learn in Mrs. Carolyn Hulsey's home ec class is how to sew. Cheryl Reynolds, 11, works to finish her jumper.

"Batman" was the theme for Band Night. Drum major Aaron Rugh, 12, as the Joker, and Ashley Sexton, 8, junior high drum major lead the band.



Tradition

CAN IT BE BROKEN?

Everyone values tradition in a different way. Tradition means everything to some people and to others means little or nothing. The dictionary states that tradition is "a long-established custom or practice that has the effect of an unwritten law; handed down through the generations."

To Mr. Dale Slagle, principal, tradition was "custom, a link with the past which enriches and gives meaning to the present. By observing a tradition we honor those who have gone before us and are largely responsible for what we are. The best traditions are those inspire us to reach our highest goals." From this arises the question of whether students truly were inspired by all the traditional activities which they followed year after year by some unwritten law handed down by the generation before them.

Mr. Charles Goade, social studies teacher, said that tradition must be "something that is worth repeating year after year." There were many traditions of the school that definitely were worth keeping because graduating from Neosho High School would not be as memorable without them.

One such tradition overwhelmingly mentioned was the painting of Senior Hill. Not only did it make Neosho unique, but it also gave seniors an acceptable place to leave their mark. On that special hill, they reigned as kings and queens for a year over the students following in their paths. Class benches were another Neosho stand out. Becky Brannock, counselor who was new to NHS last year, said that NHS was the first school she had seen with "territorial benches." Tradition was an important part of NHS.

Many traditions such as Senior Assembly and pep assemblies seem to

mean as much to the person as he tries to make of them. To some people life would not have meaning without them, but to more detached people who don't "get into" school spirit, these traditions seem pointless.

NHS also had many traditions that a great number of people felt were screaming to be thrown out or at least revised and updated a little bit. Yearbook Royalty seemed to be a waste to many people because the Yearbook Queen didn't really do anything.

There also had been a lot of talk about revision of homecoming. Scott Copeland, 12, mentioned the bi-annual homecoming parade. "No one seems interested anymore. The floats have reduced themselves to pickups wearing banners. It needs some changes in order to make the parade appealing to today's high school students." Mr. Charles Goade, teacher, thought that the homecoming queen should be chosen at the beginning of the week and reign all week long. Maybe this would show a purpose to students and faculty who think students could live without one. Many people said that we shouldn't do hall decorations anymore, that they had lost their meaning. Mrs. Nancy Rugh, English teacher, suggested that maybe some people could be satisfied with only one homecoming instead of two. Then perhaps the activities wouldn't seem so generic.

Senior personalities have become boring to many people because it

was an old-fashioned concept. Becky Briggs, 11, suggested that "maybe senior personalities could be changed to rhyme with the times a little bit more." Some people thought a few of the categories should be added or updated.

Perhaps all of those traditions were things that had great meaning to a few people so that everyone else should endure them so as not to "spoil" it for the sentimental ones. But then again, perhaps this school was being limited by the bonds of the unwritten laws of tradition. Scott Copeland expressed it very accurately. "It (tradition) must mean something to somebody, to everybody. It stands for what people before us believed in, but if it becomes meaningless and boring to us, it is time to 'revise' it. If we completely do away with it, nothing bad has happened. We may have destroyed a 'tradition' to the eye, but it is still in our hearts, and that's where a tradition truly belongs. If we start a new tradition it will be strongly influenced by the old, thus not destroying old traditions but making them mean more to us, making them more heartfelt."

Perhaps these traditions are all that some people had to hold on to. "Traditions bring a warm glow of stability to a less than stable world," Mrs. Rugh pointed out. With or without our comfortable little rituals, life must go on.



Do you see any tradition in this picture? Kerri Pruitt, 10, and Nori Farber, 10, model their traditional black sweat pants or shorts and gold tee-shirts while concentrating on volleyball.



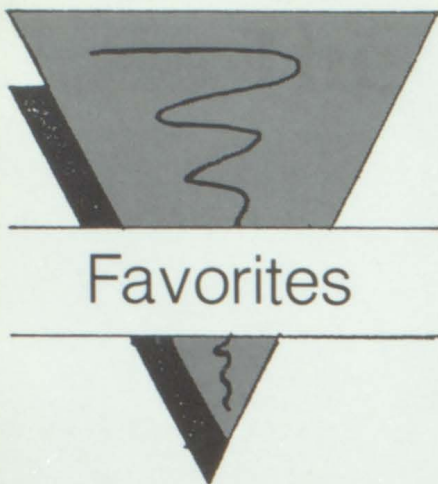
As far back as most people can remember, this part of Hill Street has been known as "Senior Hill." The paintings of it at the end of each year by the NHS graduates is a unique long-awaited and exciting experience that no one wants to miss. According to a recent survey, it is a widely favored tradition at NHS.



In a familiar Monday morning scene, seniors Dawn Slinkard, Paul Versluis, Cris Laytham, and Stephanie Nicaise say the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag as reverently as every class does.



Territory is very important at NHS, and has remained so throughout the years. Just this year, Art Club marked the "territorial benches" with the names of the classes. Tracy Bowers and Stephanie Virgin exercise their right as seniors to claim the senior benches.



Favorites

With a school as large as Neosho, opinions were almost as numerous as the students themselves. When asked about their "favorites" this year, NHS students were quick to respond.

One of the most important parts of school for any student was the weekend. What do students like to do on the weekends?

Teri Tignor, 12, said, "What do I like to do, or what do I do? I go out with my friends and waste my youth." Most people liked being with friends or catching up on sleep.

"After classes, football games, and work on the weekdays, I need my sleep on weekends," commented Kim Marion, 11.

A true high school student was a professional at "hanging out." Jenny Spicer, 9, explained, "I like to hang out at the mall because you can see the strangest people there." The square, Northpark Mall, and "anywhere besides Neosho!" were popular.

Dawn Slinkard, 12, said, "I just want to go where my friends go!"

A person says a lot about himself by the way he dresses. Comfort was definitely the deciding factor for most NHS students. Jamie Daugherty, 12,

WHAT DO WE LIKE?

stated, "I like to wear sweats and jeans. They are comfortable and you can go anywhere in them."

Classy is another feeling that people are trying to express. The most frequent answer was leather and suede. "Leather looks good and feels good; it makes me feel sophisticated," commented Lisa Ducommun, 11.

On any given day someone, somewhere will be at a movie, or want to see a movie. NHS students had varied movie interests. "My favorite movie would be **Less Than Zero** because it really makes me stop and think. I can relate to the characters," remarked Stephanie Virgin, 12.

Another popular inspirational film was **Dead Poets Society**. While most people thought it

was "just great", Patti Wylie, 11, summed it up best, "**Dead Poets Society** was a very symbolic movie. I liked the teaching methods that Robin Williams presented as John Keating."

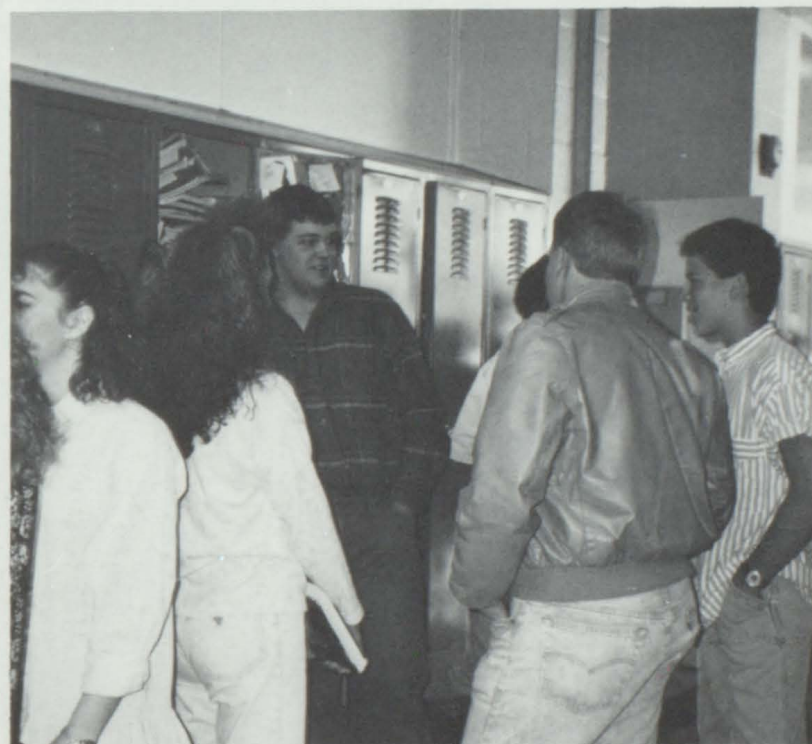
Music tastes ran from classical to heavy metal, rap to country. Bon Jovi, Paula Abdul, and Aerosmith were popular, but the variety was what stuck out. Scott Copeland, 12, said, "My favorite LP is **Lincoln** by They Might Be Giants. The music actually has a meaning behind it; it may be a demented meaning, but it's there."

The most popular group was New Kids on the Block. Beth Kendall, 10, explained, "They have good music, great style, and their fabulous looks don't hurt either."

Dead Poets Society was a popular and influential movie this year. Robin Williams played the inspirational teacher, John Keating. Left is a highlight from the movie, Prof. Keating with his students. Many students use their free time to talk with friends on the benches. Below, Ben Rigdon, 11, Jason Woods, 11, David Pollick, 11, Daric Garren, 11, Micki Lankford, 12, Jeff Barnett, 11, Chad Epperson, 11, and Cody Johnson, 11, catch up on what happened over the weekend.



Everyone's favorite mode of dress is different. Below, Wes Bertch, 12, Rami Schultz, 12, and Chad Mabrey, 12, show what makes them look and feel good. The leather jacket had a renewed popularity this year. Right, as Aimee Schumaker, 12, and Lauren Cope, 12, talk at their lockers, they also demonstrate their love for leather.



On any given morning, groups of students will be talking at lockers. Above, Karen Brodie, 10, Chad Spencer, 10, Aaron Miller, 10, and Jason Dickinson, 10, touch base before classes. One way to express personality is through music. Left, Beth Kendall, 10, decorates her locker to reflect her music tastes.



WHO'S GOT IT?

Who were they? Where would they go? How would they use the special talent or gift they possessed? Several NHS students stood out in a particular field or area of study.

In mathematics, Ron Cole, 11, showed excellent problem-solving ability. Mr. Steve Haupt, teacher, said, "Ron thoroughly thinks through every problem . . . His goal is learning, more so than making good grades or finishing his tasks quickly."

Brent Massey, 12, demonstrated his technological skills by constructing a wind tunnel which can be used for testing aero-dynamics. He enjoyed helping the younger students with their experiments. Brent planned to go into aero-space engineering and Mr. Glynn Sanders, teacher, believed he had quite a future ahead of him.

Mr. David Elliott, science teacher, described Sheila Goade, 12, as an "outstanding science student who does ex-

cellent work." She was in the Science Research class working on an experiment which Mr. Elliot believed would place very high in the regional science fair. Sheila planned to major in biology and eventually become a teacher.

Wesley Bertch, 12, and Cris Laytham, 12, were thought of highly by Mr. Charles Goade, teacher. He believed that they possessed special abilities in the fields of social studies judging from their excellent participation in his world history and American government classes.

Mr. Roger Sides, science teacher, said about Billy Gates, 12, "He has an extraordinary ability to analyze, organize, and rationalize information which seems unrelated, into accurate, concise, and logical relation-

ships, both associational and mathematical."

Mrs. Aleta Platner, business teacher, stated Carmen Rowlan, 12, is the "most conscientious student I have known. Her work is always thorough and neat. She has a great future in the business world."

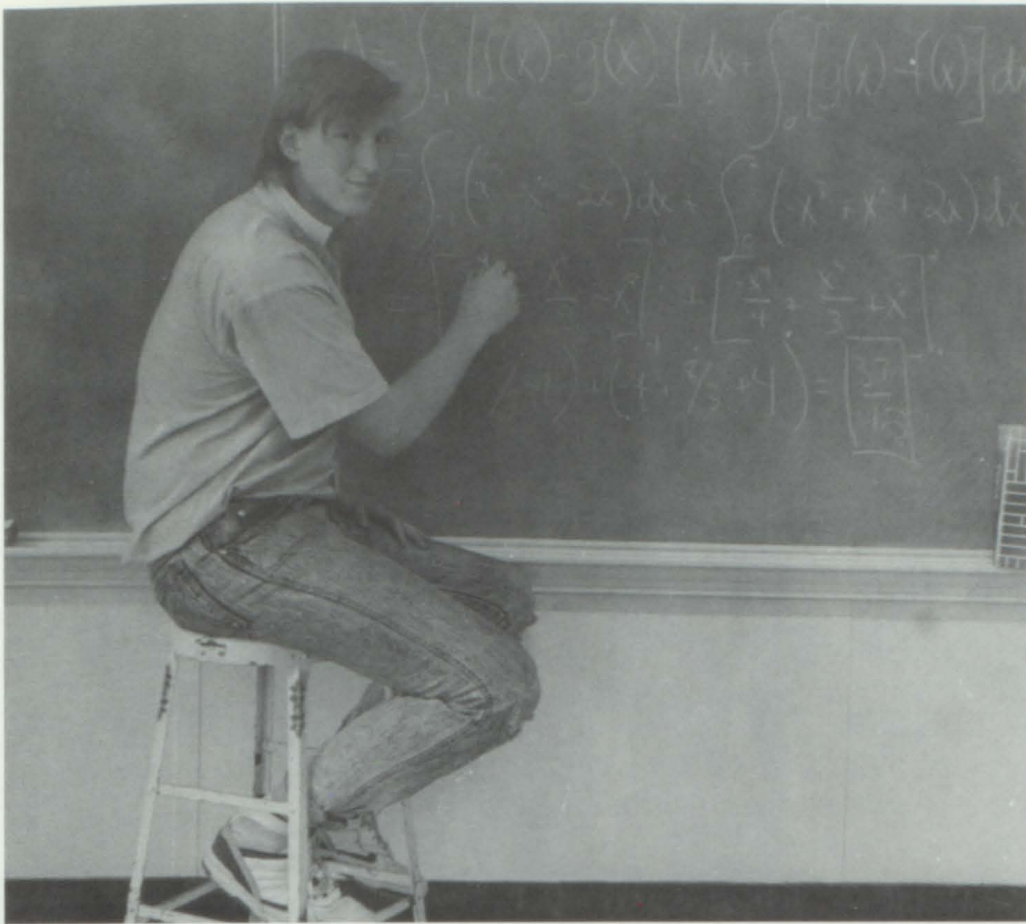
From the field of English, Teri Tignor, 12, was commended by Mrs. Shirley Cummins, teacher. "Teri has real potential as a writer and plans to use that talent to pursue a career in journalism."

Brandy Renfro, 11, showed exceptional talent as a "model JROTC cadet." Chief Schultz stated, "Her dedication and drive are evident in everything she does."

NEOHIMO commends these special students.

Carmen Rowlan, 12, will probably be doing a lot of this in her future work experiences. With all of the hard work and efficient skills she is acquiring now, she has a seemingly short, easy path to the top of the field of business.

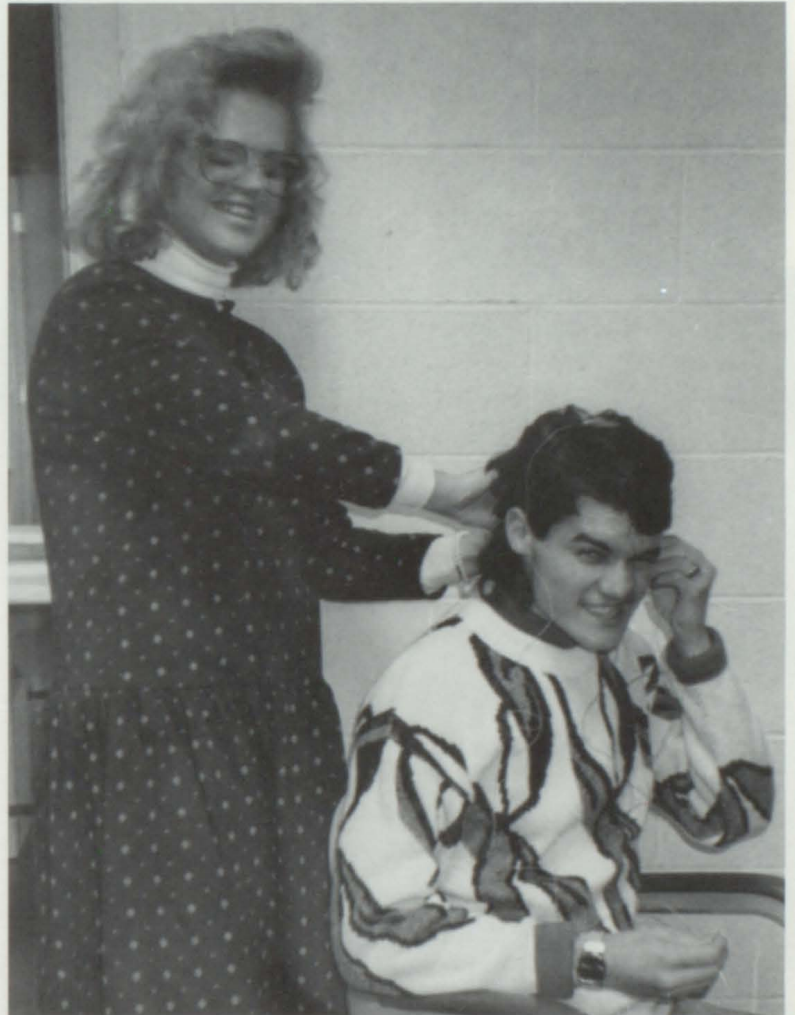




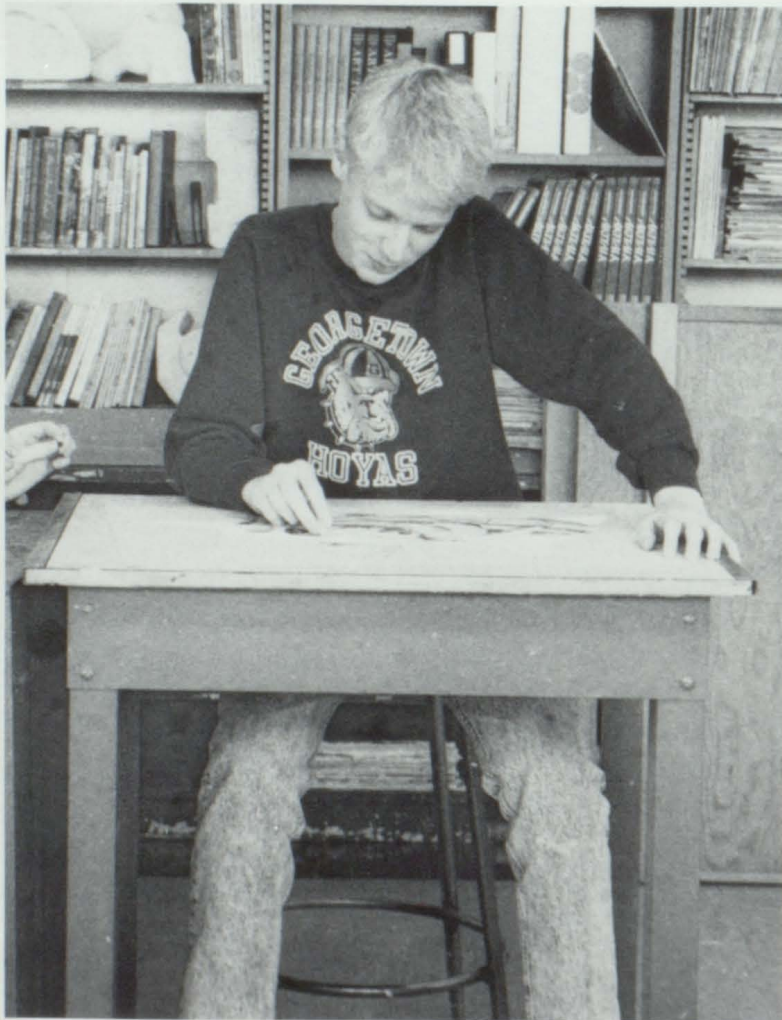
Top, Whoops! Sorry to interrupt Billy Gates, 12, while demonstrating his intricate problem-solving technique on Mrs. Rugh's chalkboard. Billy possesses the true ability to work with facts and figures. Below, Sheila Goade, 12, uses Jeremy Pietrzak, 12, as a guinea pig for her brain-wave experiments. Her tough work and research is expected to pay off grandly at the regional science fair. Maybe someday Jeremy's children will be students of Sheila's if things go as planned and she becomes a biology teacher.



Brent Massey, 12, and his wind tunnel research display his fine aptitude for technology. This model which Brent constructed can be used for testing the aero-dynamic properties of automotive, aircraft, and aerospace vehicles. This wind tunnel might come in handy for Brent if he becomes an aero-space engineer as he plans.



Right, from left Nick Hays, 11, Aaron Rugh, 12, Eric Slagle, 12, Curt Gilstrap, 11, and in front Andrea Hunter, 11, strike a dramatic pose in front of the auditorium where they spend hours practicing and perfecting pieces to take the speech contests at area schools. They each might see their name in lights if they further develop their acting and oral interpretation talent with which they have been endowed. Below, Aaron Coleman, 11, draws with high concentration and accuracy in the art room of Mr. Gary Warren. His gift in the art field might make him famous someday.



Practicing after school one day, David Swift, 12, displays his jazz saxophone talent to younger spectators. Dave is well-known and well-respected by most of the music students at NHS for an extremely evident reason. They are benefitted greatly by being able to have a "jam session" with Dave occasionally.

THEY'VE GOT THE GIFT

They are regular students. They attend this school. They are headed for success. Each one of these students has a special gift unmatched in the eyes of the expert who chose them.

Mr. Gary Warren sees a spark in Aaron Coleman, 11, due to his "natural talent in his artistic awareness . . . he can relate to a drawing in its completion before he has begun to draw . . ."

NHS has several students gifted in drama. According to Mrs. Linda Nielson, Aaron Rugh, 12, is "a serious young man who has enough self-esteem, creativity, and courage to be hilariously funny." Nick Hays, 11, has "a creative sense of humor and a flexible

talent for characterization." Curt Gilstrap, 11, has "a quick wit, a clever mind, and he works hard to achieve." Andrea Hunter, 11, has a "sensitive talent and enthusiasm" in oral interpretation. A "wonderful" voice and the ability to do exciting characters is Eric Slagle's, 12, gift.

Musicians Benny Johnson and Sarah Finch, 12, are highly esteemed by Mrs. Debbie Creel, the music teacher. Aside from sight reading music and helping Mrs. Creel, they have won high honors at many vocal and piano contests. Mrs. Creel states, "they both have a natural talent and a gift of the love of music."

In the field of instrumental music, Mr. James Kelso has

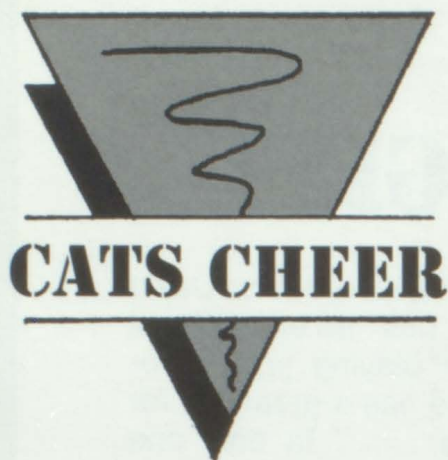
several gifted students. David Swift, 12, has "an exceptional talent for playing jazz saxophone. He has a great ear for jazz style" In only one year of being drum major, Aaron Rugh, 12, "has been consistent and enthusiastic in being able to coax the most from the players and the music."

Patti Wylie, 11, has "a never-ending positive attitude and a cheerfulness that radiates," according to Mr. Kelso.

Tracy Bowers, 12, "is representative of the many students that don't seek recognition or glory, but make every program succeed." Dave Tartar, 9, has exhibited to Mr. Kelso an "unusual talent for jazz style and performance."



Left, Tracy Bowers, 12, the shy, quiet type is described by Mr. Kelso as dependable, reliable, and responsible. Her gift is being used to benefit Wildcat Band this year, but it is transformable to be used in any career she may choose. Above, Sarah Finch, 12, and Benny Johnson, 12, help each other out even though each one is separately exceptionally talented in the art of music.



OUTSIDE

History was made on September 15, 1989. No, George Bush didn't set foot on the NHS campus and no, gold was not discovered. But Neosho High School was significant in its own way.

It held its first outdoor pep assembly. Everything was new to everyone. The weather was great and the activities were creative and fun.

As the bell sounded for the academic day to end, the entire student body filed into the remodeled stadium. On entering, the students noticed many things had changed. There was a new press box and a new scoreboard. The field had all new grass and there is now an all-weather track. Mr. Gary Warren was responsible for the bright new paintings on the storage buildings and the press box. It gave the field a new look that showed the modernization of the times.

People began settling and waiting to see what this new assembly would bring. Everyone was ready for the traditional things to start but waiting in anticipation to see what was in store for them.

The cheerleaders hosted the assembly. They doused Mr. Dale Slagle, principal, with water all in the spirit of fun. They had to use a couple of buckets instead of the dunk tank everyone was expecting. The dunk tank had been ordered and was picked up, but when the cheerleaders went to get it, it was gone. So Mr. Slagle got off the easy way (if you call getting wet with a couple buckets of water the easy way).

There was a relay between the classes where the contestants had to run from one side of the field to the other. At the other side, they had to bend down and place their foreheads on a bat and go around in a circle ten times. As is obvious, this caused many to stagger back to the opposite side of the field. Some even found it hard to stand up straight again. It was a battle of the classes, juniors being victorious. The team consisted of Wylie Sims, Angie Norris, Jana Fry, and Robbie Troxel.

The outdoor assembly was a breath of fresh air for everyone. Some things, like the battle cry, remained the same, but a lot of things were new and exciting. Senior Angie Patterson stated, "It got the student body more involved in the assembly. It gave us more versatility in doing activities than the hot gym. Overall, it was a good experience for everyone, including Mr. Slagle."

"I'm stuck, I'm stuck!" Actually Wylie Sims, 11, isn't stuck to the bat, he is a participant in one of the activities planned by the cheerleaders called Izzy Dizzy. Wylie was a member of the winning team. His team staggered all the way back to their sides of the field. They just did it a little faster.

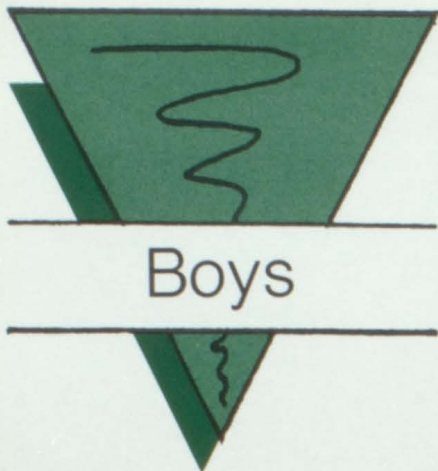




Cyndi Dahl, 12, attempts to remain standing after she has whirled herself around the bat. Cyndi shows the true spirit of sportsmanship by kicking her shoes off and letting loose. Although Cyndi's team didn't win, everyone had a good time. Above left, Mr. Dale Slagle, principal, gets a refreshing bucket of water tossed at him at the outdoor assembly since the dunk tank was supposedly stolen.



The varsity cheerleaders are shown doing their dance routine while the band plays on. The cheerleaders planned the fun-filled, outdoor assembly, starting a new tradition.



Boys

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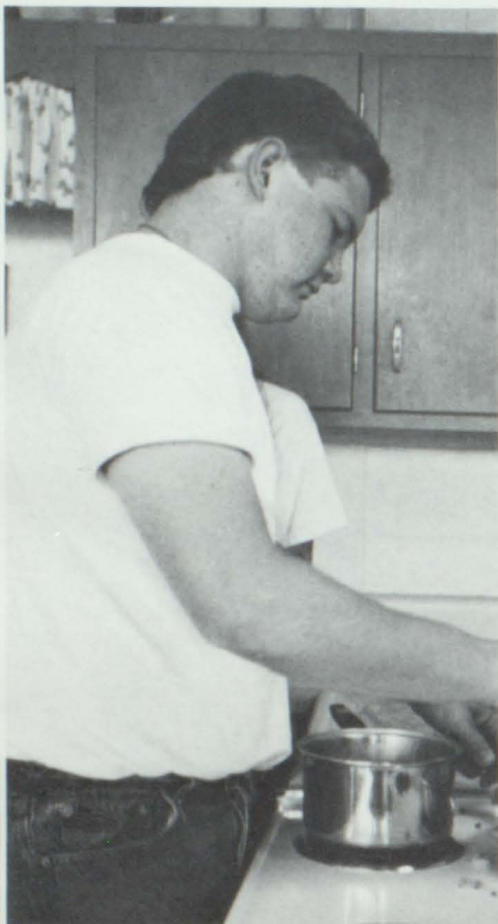
How many times did you see your father fix supper? If he did, it was usually a bologna sandwich, a bag of chips and a can of pop. The solution to this problem was Foods Class at NHS.

The class taught the "realization of time spent to plan, prepare, and clean-up a meal. The class also included cost and nutrition information," stated Miss Karen Kleiboeker, teacher. Not all of the boys took the class with these goals in mind. Some such as Paul Versluis, 12, were there "for consumption." Curt Lewis, 12, took it so he "won't

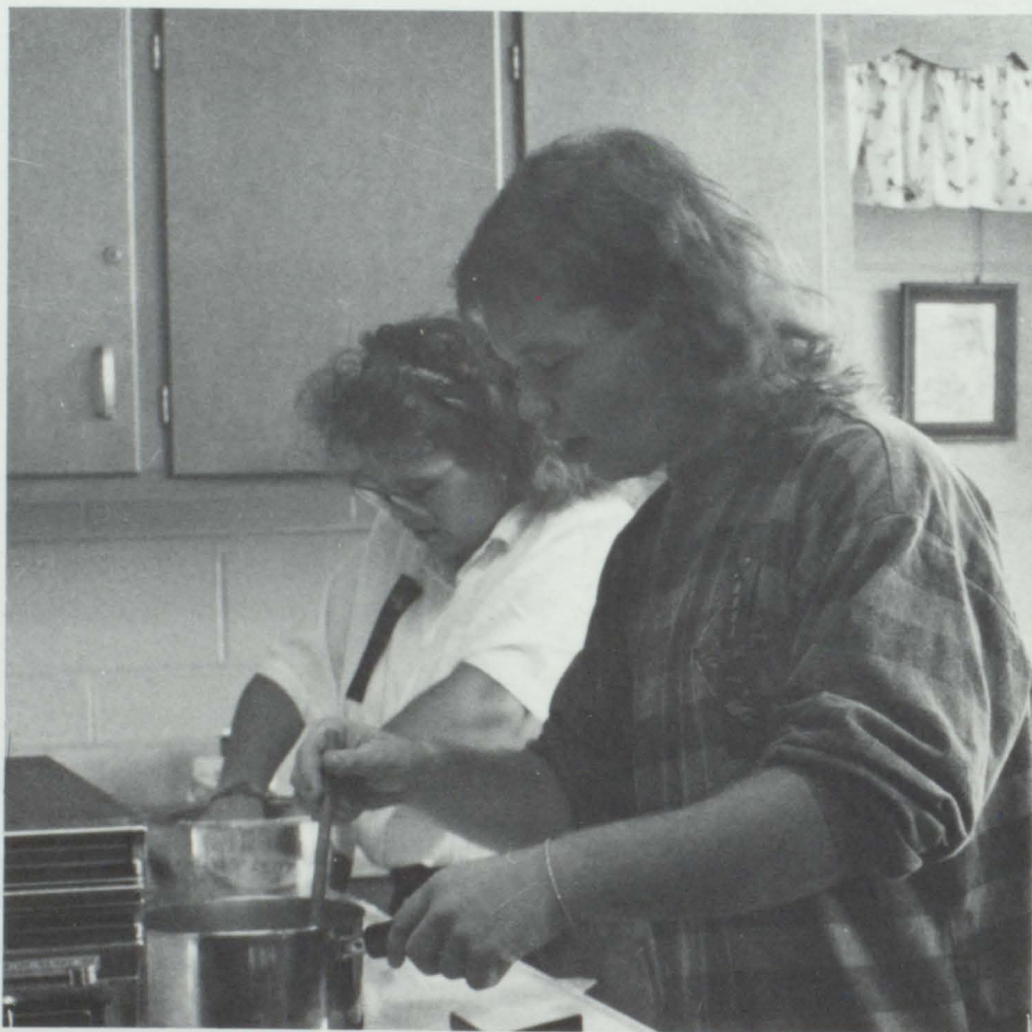
have to eat microwave food when I'm on my own."

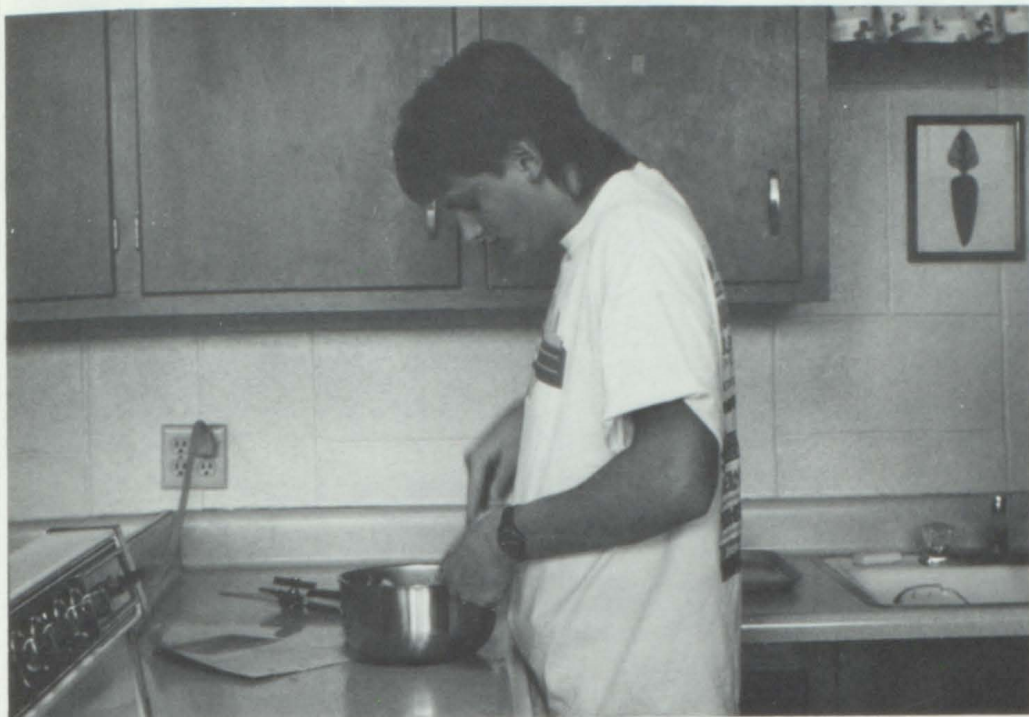
There were twenty-three boys in comparison to forty-six girls enrolled in Foods Class. The girls all agreed with Angie Patterson, 12, when she said, "I think it's great!" Sherry Beaver, 11, felt that the "guys think they know everything!" Paul Versluis, 12, proved this statement wrong when "he burnt a pie," added Kenny Puckett, 12.

To sum it all up, Nelson Price, 11, exclaimed, "It's the greatest; it's the class of the century!"

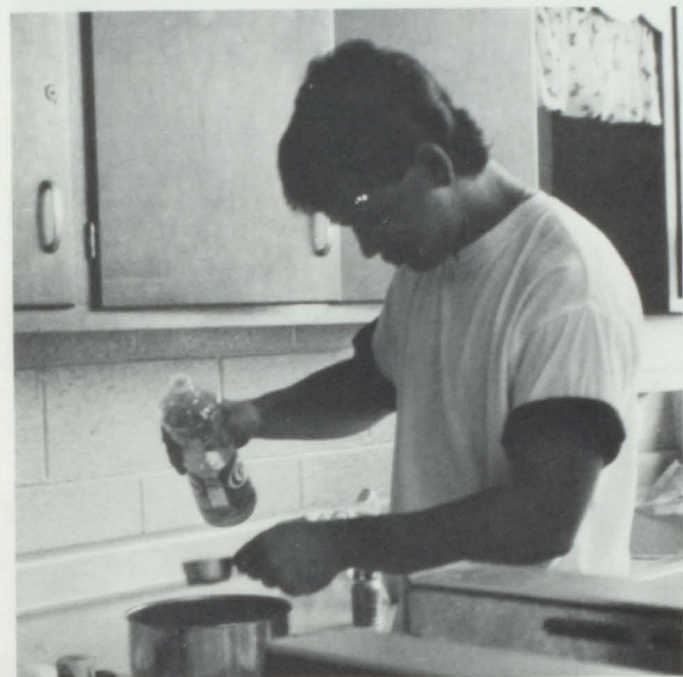


Above, Jason Burns, 12, prepares a hamburger-macaroni casserole, but not without creating a mess for his partners to clean up. Left, this is a possible conversation between Tracy Clines, 12, and Kenny Matters, 12. "Gee Tracy you look like you are having more fun. Let me play in that!"





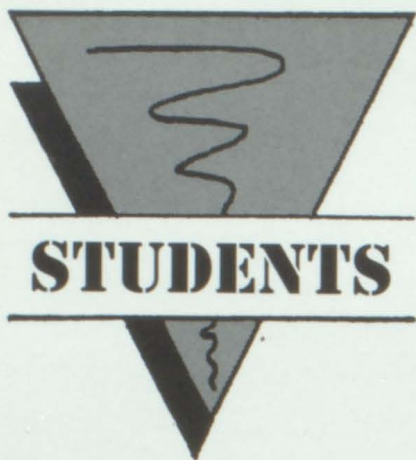
Making cheese balls takes concentration according to the look on Kevin Forkner's, 12, face. Kevin commented that "when I was making the cheese balls I was having fun. I enjoy cooking with everyone in the class because the class is fun." His concentration pays off when he gets to sink his teeth into these scrumptious cheese delights. Parents were treated to these "delicacies" at a special brunch called a Grazing Party which was held by each of the foods classes.



Part of learning to cook for the students was learning to measure ingredients carefully and neatly. In deep concentration, Shane Reeves, 12, attempts to pour Crisco oil into a measuring cup without spilling a drop. Shane remarked, "I was making Terriaki Steak. Well, the terriaki sauce anyway." At right, Stephanie Nicaise, 12, shows Curt Lewis, 12, how to carefully prepare the delicacy, sprout salad. Some of the things that the students prepared consisted of unusual ingredient giving them an opportunity to experiment with new ideas in cooking. A variety of foods were served at the brunch from dips to pies providing something for everyone. When asked to comment on the party, most "grazers" were heard to say that they would be happy to come again.



Scott King and Shannon Moon, seniors, find that it doesn't take a serious face to prepare an apple pie. It does take numerous apples and a steady hand to peel all of those apples.



SPEAK MINDS

In this extremely political age, conflicting opinions often arise. From Washington D.C. to the halls of NHS, people can be heard giving their opinion on any subject.

Class discussions often become heated when discussing politics. Andy Corkery, 11, stated, "Class discussions give students a chance to express themselves through knowledge gained." Inside the classroom or out, a lot is said, but few opinions changed.

Explain why the death penalty might be an effective deterrent to murder.

Scott Jenkins, 11: Many people receive the death penalty, but if everyone was killed that was on death row, the death penalty would be a deterrent. However, even if it weren't, it is a lot cheaper for the taxpayer if we kill them.

Terri Gillispie, 11: If it were an effective deterrent, then there would be no need for a death penalty because there would be no murders. Obviously, it doesn't work.

Shawn Lasiter, 12: An eye for an eye serves for most cases, but conflicts in morals and ethics have caused it to lose some of its effectiveness.

Brent Mailes, 11: The death penalty is an effective deterrent to crime and I think it helps the victim's family in dealing with their loss, because they know justice prevailed.

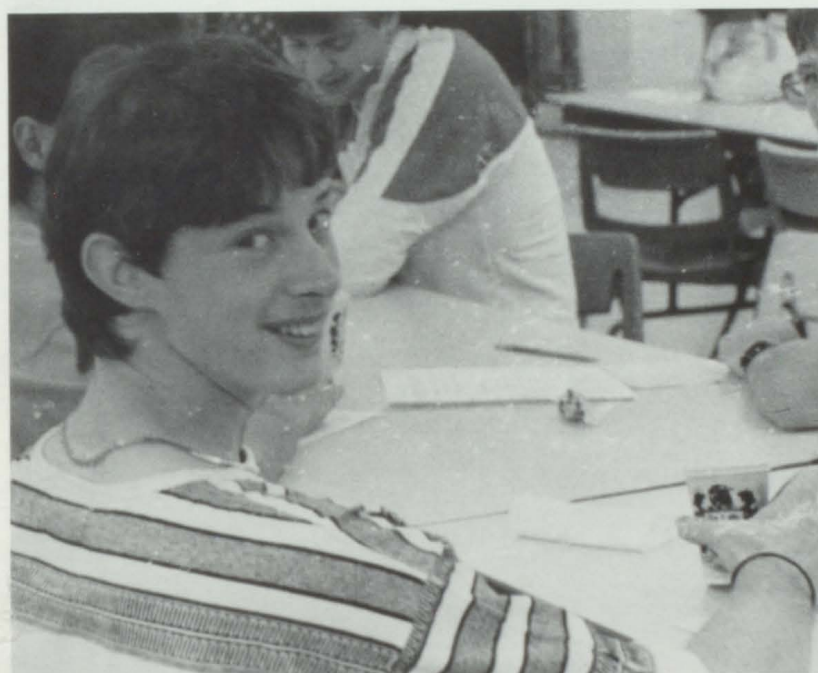
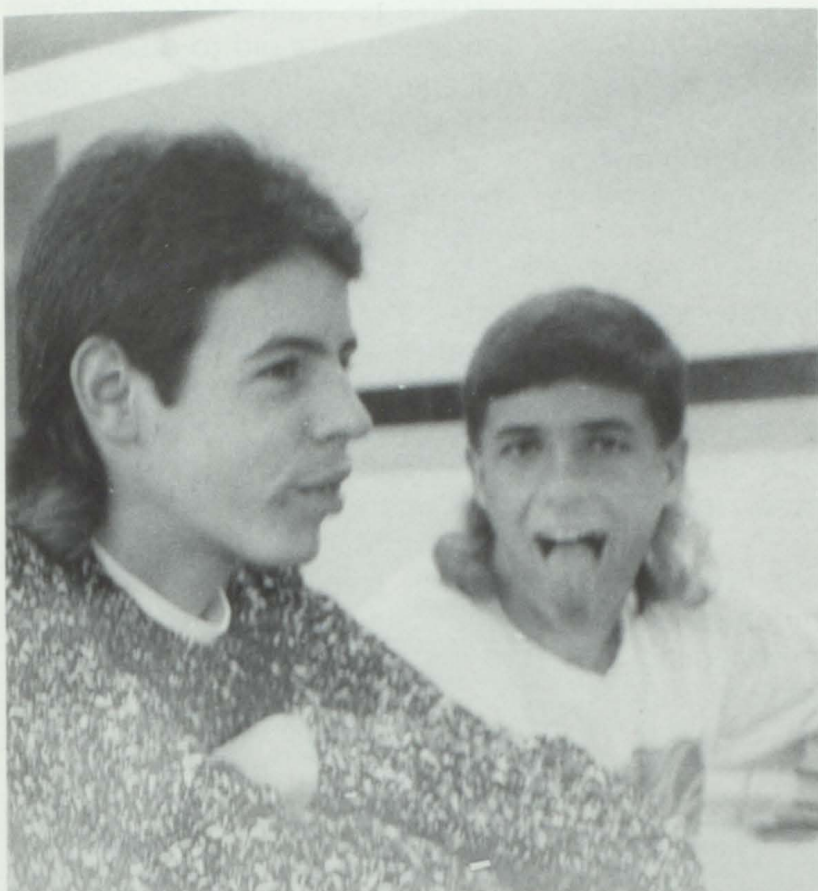
Becky Briggs, 11: The death penalty isn't an effective deterrent from crime because crimes are still being committed. To kill a person rather than put them in prison, is putting a price on life.

Aaron Farber, 12: The prisons are overcrowded anyway because they are giving too many soft penalties. The death penalty, if used on a more regular basis, would make people think before they acted.



Above, Amy Rader, 11, and Lisa Ducommun, 11, use their oral interpretation skills as Matt Tignor, 10, and Thomas Roles, 12, look on. Bottom left, Jason Jensen, 9, discusses his opinion with Kane Quentin, 11.

Students use the cafeteria for more than a place to eat lunch. In the mornings it is constantly filled with people studying or talking over a variety of subjects. During the day it is used by students who have study hall. No matter what it is being used for, a variety of personalities are shown. Left, Nick Hayes, 11, is in deep thought as Jason Oxford, 11, shows the lighter side.



Top, taking a break from his discussion during the new student assembly, William Schofield, 12, takes a moment to share a friendly smile with the camera. Right, Friday usually means news quiz in Mr. Charles Goade's social studies classes. During a competitive round, seniors Rami Schultz, left, and Wes Bertch, right, realize that Ramie's answer wasn't quite right. Through the ups and downs of the round, their team ends up victorious.

Discuss how changing from a 4 to 3-year high school might effect students.

Travis Mc Gruder, 9: I think moving the freshman to the junior high is a big mistake. Like the old saying goes, "If it works, don't fix it."

Aaron Miller, 10: I don't think it would bother the upperclassmen any, but the underclassmen might be in disagreement because they will be underclassmen for an extra year.

Jack Skym, 11: More people will probably finish high school knowing it's only three years long.

Karen Brodie, 10: Having three classes in the high school wouldn't be so crowded because there would be less people. This would also leave a lot more space in the halls, eating in the cafeteria, and locker space.

Jason Oxford, 11: I don't think that it will help us very much. The only major change will be in our inter-scholastic participation in athletic contests.

Tige Henson, 9: I think moving the freshman down is a mistake. They need to get used to high school early. It's also because I will be the youngest . . . TWICE!

Laura Knight, 11: The benches would change, for one thing. Also, the freshmen might not get a chance to take as many accelerated classes as they might have liked to.





First Date

Do you remember that first big date? The jitters in your stomach and hours of preparation eventually paid off. "I felt kind of nervous because I didn't want to do or say anything wrong, but I was also very excited because I wanted to be with the guy very much," said Rhonda Haslip, 11. That seemed to be the overall feeling of all students at Neosho High

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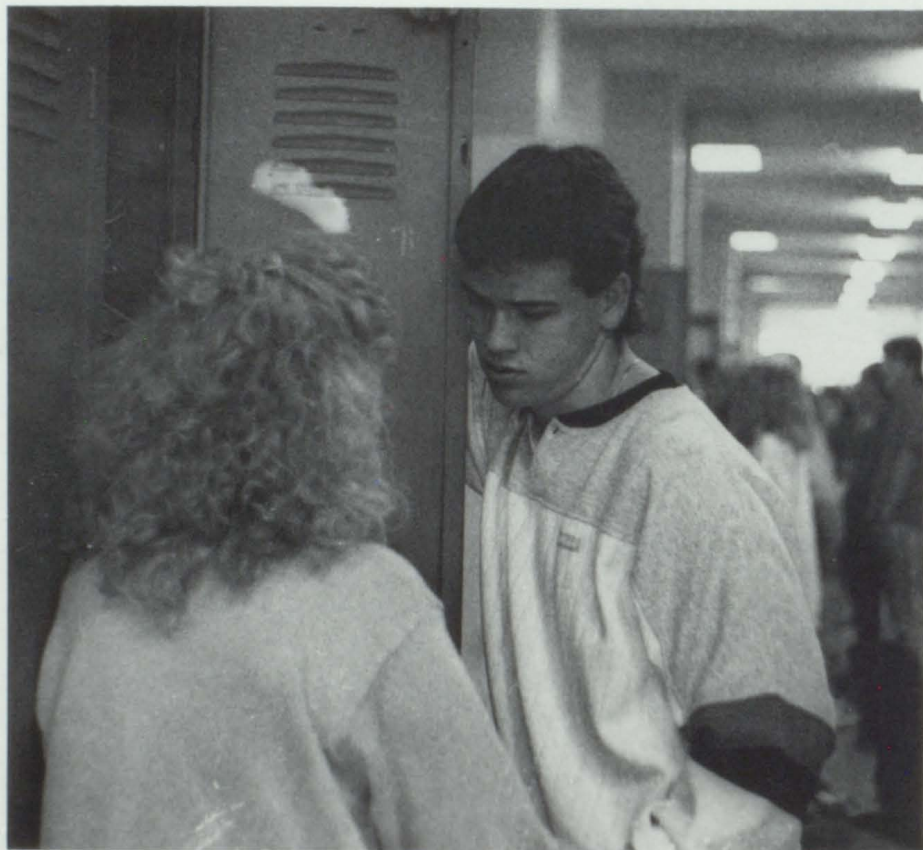
Junior high students had their own expectations. "I expect the guy to pick me up. I'd really like to go to Red Lobster and maybe a movie," commented Annette Hailey, 7.

The most popular place to go on a first date was to a football or basketball game and then to the dance. "There's not as much pressure on you when you're in a group situation like that," commented Heather Casey, 9.

Believe it or not, teachers' first dates weren't much different. "I went to the homecoming football game and dance," said Mrs. Judy Manhattan, computer science teacher.

The ages seemed to vary from fourteen years old to a senior in college. "I never really officially got asked out on a date until I was a senior in college," Mrs. Deborah Creel, vocal music teacher, stated.

Overall, a first date is both a time of nervousness and excitement. It is a big step in to the unknown. "Dating is like driving. Sometimes you can't find the on ramp, you speed, or you can crash and burn," Rami Schultz, 12, summed it up. Dating, like driving, is a big part of one's high school life and will never be forgotten.



Trying to find a quiet place in the hectic halls of Neosho High School can become quite an ordeal. However, many couples manage to find a little privacy before school at their lockers. Above, Shane Reeves 12, and Lora Brodie, 11, find time to spend alone while Scott Copeland, 12, and Jenny Stiger, 11, right, take time out to smile for the camera.

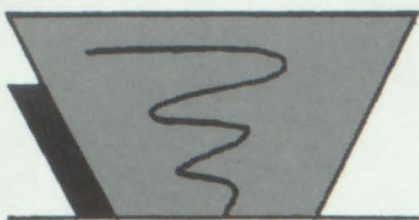
Friends like to gather together before and after school on the benches to hear the latest goings-on and gossip. It's easy to find out who went out with who and where the party is just by stopping by a group and listening in on a conversation. Stephanie Nicaise and Jennifer Lentz, seniors, are caught in a moment of excitement as they talk with friends before school on the senior benches.



"It was really no big deal," is how Stephanie Virgin, 12, described her first date. Although that is the minority opinion, some people are more comfortable around people of the opposite sex. Tracy Martin, 11, and Brandon King, 12, demonstrate this as they have a friendly conversation before school.



Many couples take time out between classes to sit on the benches and talk while others take this opportunity to get acquainted with those they would like to date. Kevin Forkner, Tammy Werries, and Robbie Wright, seniors, take a break from a hectic day.



FAMILY TIES



These are both good examples of sisterly love. Is it sincere or does it just look good for the camera? Although Tracy Bowers, 12, and Heather Bowers, 10, act totally opposite, they both say, "We may not look alike or dress alike, or even talk alike, but we still get along real well and do everything together!" Stephanie Virgin, 12, and Allyson Virgin, 10, also say they do a lot of things together, like going shopping, going to school events, and just going out to have a good time with each other, but Allyson remarks, "I'm just glad that I got the brains!"

SIBLINGS IN SCHOOL

Guess how many people who are related to each other are going to this school at this very time? A lot! Have you ever been sitting on the benches and someone says, "Did you know that what's her name's sister fell flat on her face right in front of the senior benches the other day?" Then you say, "What? What's her name has a sister?" You had no idea, but you sat there and listened to the story about her falling on her face anyway. We asked some siblings in this school to tell a funny story about growing up with their brother or sister.

Teri Tignor, 12, remembered when her brother Matt, 10, had trouble knowing which shoe went on which foot. "One time my brother put his shoe on the wrong foot, so mom told him it was the wrong foot, and Matt said 'Well, which foot does it go on then?'"

Jennifer Branham, 12, remembered coming home from Joplin with a friend and her brother Justin, 9, was silently sleeping in his room. "I went in and scared the living daylights out of him. The look on his face was hilarious!"

Stephanie Virgin, 12, remembered going to a petting zoo with her sister Allyson, 10, and a goat ate half of Allyson's dress. "She just cried and screamed 'My dress, my dress!'" But, Allyson also remembered a funny tale about Stephanie. "One time a little birdie had a little accident on top of my sissy's head!"

Memories, memories. We all had memories of childhood, some good, some bad, and some just absolutely embarrassing! But regardless, the memories of sharing high school years with brothers and sisters were special, and those memories will never be forgotten.





Does Teri Tignor, 12, really need her younger brother, Matt, 10, to help her with her homework, or is she trying to boost Matt's ego? She looks pretty confused, but Matt doesn't look as if he's being much help. Teri comments, "I may be smarter grade-wise, but Matt's a pretty sharp guy, too. (As long as his older sister tells him what to do!)"



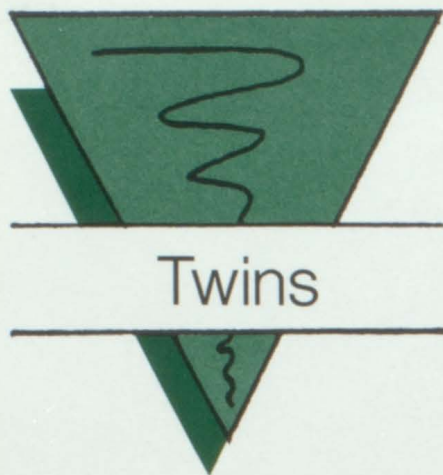
Sometimes younger brothers can be a real pain in the neck. Jennifer Branham, 12, seems to be giving Justin, 9, a little pain in the neck!



Nori Farber, 10, grins with contentment as she stands above her "big" brother, Aaron, 12, and for the first time rests on his shoulder.



"Some people think having a little brother in high school is terrible, but I'm glad Jeremy, 9, and I are friends!" said Jennifer Davis, 12.



SEE DOUBLE?

Some people say that everyone in the world has a look alike. For some people that person lives at home. Neosho High School claimed several sets of twins. Among these were Karen and Eric Brodie, 10; Mike and Brent Mailes, 11; Richard and Ronald James, 7; Dianna and Preston McNett, 12; Abe and Shane Banks, 9; and Vic and Vance Johnson,

11. However, the relationship between twins varied from family to family.

Dianna McNett, 12, stated, "Preston and I are very close. If one of us starts a sentence, the other can usually finish it. We can tell how the other is feeling without saying anything."

Being a twin had its share of ups and downs. Some of the benefits were the sharing of a unique closeness and being emotionally linked. "Sometimes we can tell what the other is feeling and at times we're very close," commented Brent Mailes, 11. A disadvantage was getting mixed up. When Brent and Mike Mailes, 11,

were sophomores, they switched places on purpose. "We had a student teacher in a class together and switched places for a few days. The teacher never knew, but it was fun anyway."

Identical clothes and facial features didn't necessarily mean that twins thought alike. In fact, most twins were almost completely different in hobbies, goals, and interests. Richard James hoped to be a pro basketball star while his brother Ronald wanted to be a scientist. The diversity of twins was one of those special factors that made NHS a special place.



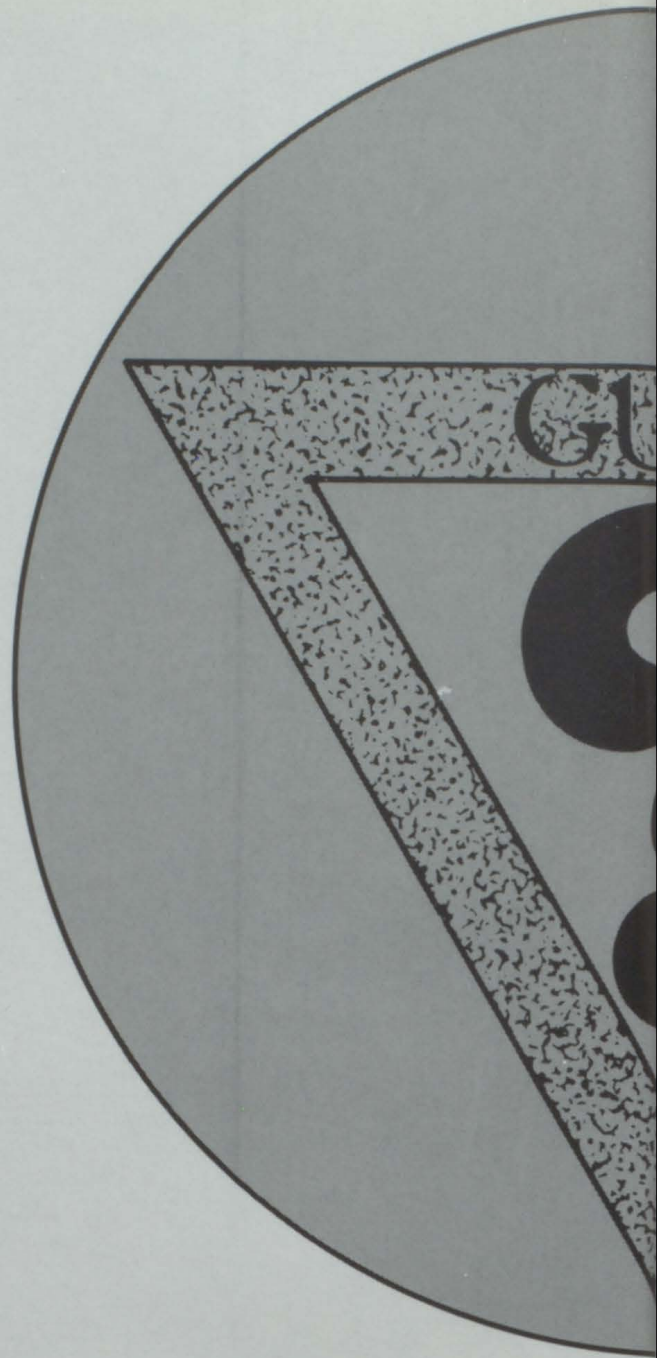
Being mixed up is no fun. Even though twins may look alike, they are still individuals with their own characteristics. Being a twin is a unique experience. At left, l-r, are Karen Brodie, 10, Brent Mailes, 11, Eric Brodie, 10, Abe Banks, 9, Mike Mailes, 11, Shane Banks, 9. Above, Richard James, and Ronald James, 7.



Most twins were dressed alike by their parents. "Ronald and I dressed identically except he wore red clothes and I wore blue clothes," quoted Richard James, 7. Mike and Brent Mailes, 11, also dressed alike until age five as demonstrated in this picture.

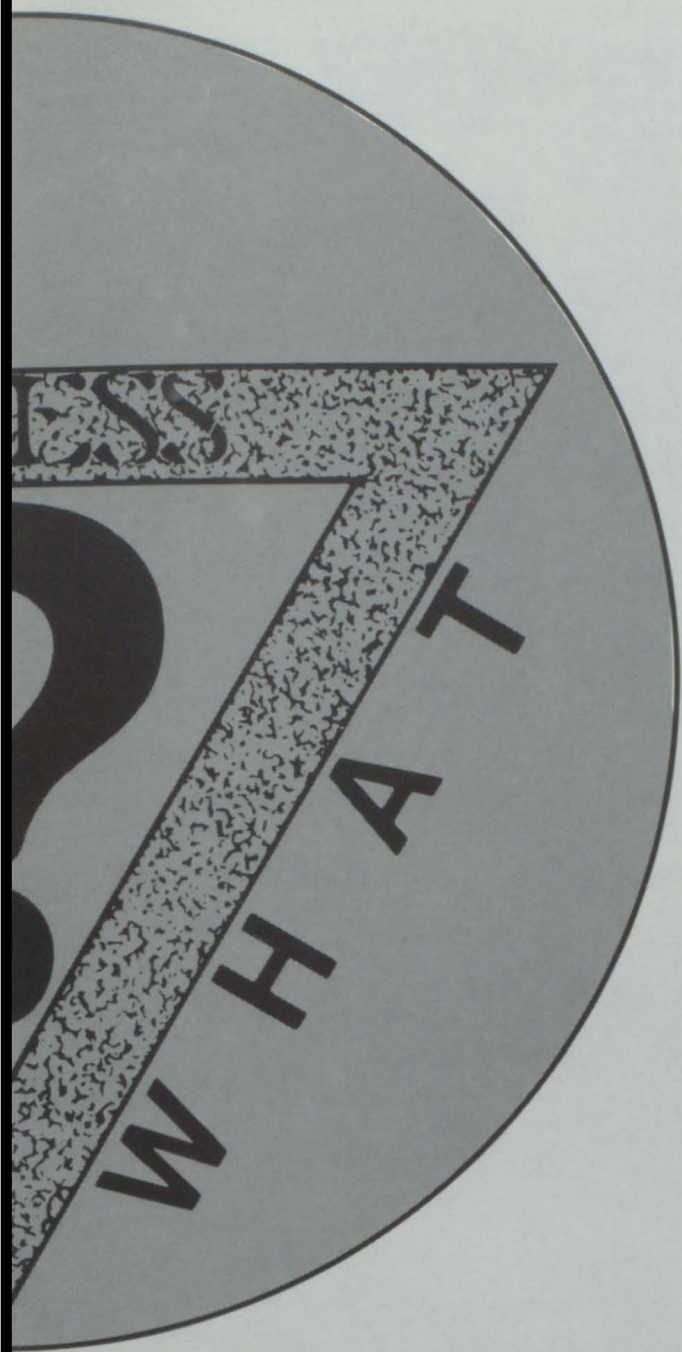


Twins occur once in every eighty-nine births. They may be the same sex or the opposite sex depending on their genetic make-up. However, identical twins are the least common since they occur only once in every one thousand births. Dianna and Preston Mc Nett, 12, are fraternal twins. Even though they may not look alike, they still share a special "twin" closeness. They are still very emotionally linked and are extremely close. Karen and Eric Brodie, 10, are also fraternal twins, but unlike the others they don't feel any special "twin" ties other than those of brother and sister. The diversity of twins shows that Neosho High School is a unique place to be.



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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

leads Council projects

The main project for the council was involvement in the Adopt-A-Highway program, set up by the Missouri Highway Department in order to clean up Missouri's highways. Student Council was one among many high school and community organizations to participate in the program.

The council contacted the Highway Department and received two stretches of land to be adopted, eventually accepting the half mile between business 60 and U.S. 71 highways.

The area was cleaned four times during the year. Karen Brodie, sophomore, stated, "Student Council has become much more community oriented and does more for students."

Serving as the link between students and administration, Student Council advised on many different subjects. Changing the honor roll to allow "B-" and dealing with drop-outs were only a sample.

The purchase of a moving sign which displays the announcements was also made by

the council with funds accumulated from various projects during the year.

Lauri Mills, who attended the SCOPE program (Student Congress on Policies in Education) with Mrs. Shirley Cummins commented, "I met different students from around the state and heard their views and solutions to problems and situations we deal with on our own Student Council." Topics such as honor rolls, weighted grades, and school choices are dealt with throughout the state and nation.



Left, Mr. Dale Slagle seeks input from the council as Student Body President, Angie Patterson listens intently. Above, dressed and ready for highway cleanup are, front row, l-r, Karen Brodie, 10; Becky Young, 12; Angie Patterson, 12; Lauri Mills, 11; Aaron Rugh, 12; second row, Branden Smith, 10; Kim Jones, 11; Tige Henson, 9; Chrystal Acton, 9; Jenny Boylan, 11. Members are assigned areas along the highway which is cleaned four times during the year.

Early morning meetings keep Student Council members on their toes. However, senior Nicki Randen doesn't seem alert as Becky takes attendance, one of the duties of the council's secretary/treasurer.



Front, l-r, Becky Young, 12, sec/tres; Angie Patterson, 12, pres; Becky Douglas, 12, vice-pres; second row, Mrs. Shirley Cummins, advisor; Missy Phelps, 11; Heather Cholka, 11; Jenny Boylan, 11; Lauri Mills, 11; Karen Brodie, 10; Aaron Fowler, 11; Holly Hammett, 9; Susan Brown, 9; Chrystal Acton, 9; Kari Charter, 9; Ellen Poor, 9; back row, Nicki Randen, 12; Scott King, 12; Kim Marion, 11; Tige Henson, 9; Kim Jensen, 12; Aaron Rugb, 12; Erica Wimsett, 12; Kim Jones, 11; Branden Smith, 10; Nori Farber, 10; Kerry Pruitt, 10; Chad Spencer, 10; and Greg Brown, 10.



Student Council President is normally responsible for reading the announcements each day. Many times, though, students don't hear them. This year the council decided to purchase a programmable sign to display the announcements daily. The sign was purchased with funds accumulated by the council from computer matching sales and from general funds the council received at the beginning of the year. Council members voted to buy the sign as something to work for the student body. The sign will be programmed daily and be viewed by students in the cafeteria. L-r, Angie Patterson, 12; Kim Marion, 11; and Tige Henson, 9; watch the functions the sign displays.

FTA BUILDS FUTURES

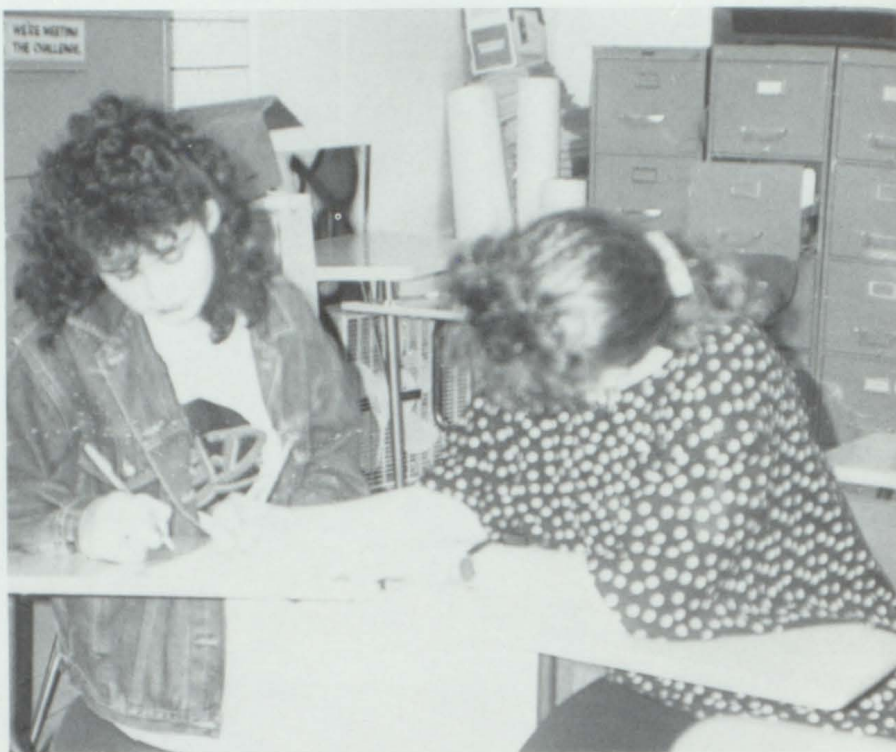
Teachers tell all

Teachers are often thought of as serious people with little or no humor, but teachers have embarrassing moments, too.

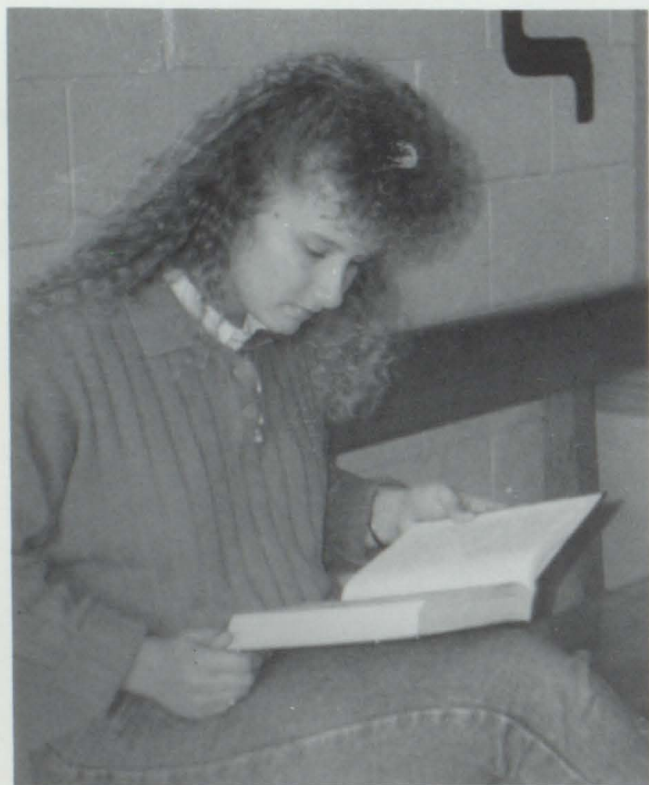
Mr. Robin Montz said, "I was speaking to over 150 ninth graders in the auditorium. I dropped one of my transparencies and bent over to pick it up. As I did this, the seat of my pants ripped out."

As a first year teacher, Mrs. Mildred Stover laughingly recalled, "I was supervising a study hall class when I got a phone call. I went to the office to take the phone call and when I returned my classroom was backwards! The desks were turned around, my file cabinet was backwards, even my desk was turned around."

Mrs. Clione Hatfield ran into a glass wall and all the kids laughed at her.



A teacher's main goal is to teach her students what she knows, but also instill in the students the ability to think for themselves and decipher fact from opinion. As Jennifer Lewis, 9, stated, "A teacher is an educator, an influence, a role-model and a friend." In describing her favorite teacher, Veronica Ainsworth, 10, said she likes his "ability to communicate on our level as a teenager. He doesn't expect us to know everything, but helps us to increase our knowledge." Above, Lisa Ducommun, 11, and Becky Briggs, 11, assist each other in completing their homework. Cooperation and helping others is a key part of being a teacher.



Above, Michelle Arnice, 11, is catching up on some literature for English class. Those students in FTA aren't necessarily going into a career of education; they may be there "to support the educational system," as with Shelia Goade, 12.



Members of FTA are, top, l-r, Brandon King, 12; Michelle Arnice, 11; Lucinda Oxford, 12; Darleen Shinkle, 11; Shelia Goade, 12; Karen Naylor, 12; Amy Rader, 11; bottom, Velma Puckett, 9; Bonnie Puckett, 10; Rami Schultz, 12; Tina Williams, 11; Lisa Ducommun, 11; and Becky Briggs, 11.

SADD STRIKES BACK



SADD Club participated in various other activities such as pizza parties, where members gathered at Mazzio's and "pigged-out." They also had monthly meetings, sometimes with guest speakers including Greif the drug dog, and Mr. Schnackenberg speaking for Freeman Drug Rehabilitation Center. Above, Rami Schultz, 12, is getting some assistance from Eric Dicharry, 12, with pinning his ribbon on. Others such as Mrs. Brannock, counselor, Bethany Schnackenberg, 10, and Richelle Sink, 12, pin their ribbons on with no trouble.

What does it mean?

Students Against Drunk Driving, or SADD, has a different meaning to everyone. The meaning is quite clear and intense to SADD Club.

Gina Hopper, 11, said that SADD Club, "stands for kids that won't sit still and let people keep killing or injuring innocent people." As Kendra Andrews, 10, stated, "I think SADD stands for all of the people in NHS that do want to cut down the drinking and alcohol abuse in Neosho."

Members of SADD handed out red ribbons to students and teachers to wear. They gave the students the choice to wear them and fight against drunk driving, or not to wear them. As Kendra Andrews, 10, stated, "The people that do not drink saw a lot more people were wearing them than those not wearing the ribbons, and that made an impression."

As for Monica Brown, 10, "The red ribbons symbolize our choice to fight against drunk drivers. A person driving drunk can kill himself, someone they don't know, their best friend or even you! Don't drink and drive!"



SADD members are, l-r, first row, Jennifer Sexton, 11, Shelly Johnson, 11, Tracy Goins, 11, Amy Rader, 11, Eric Slagle, 12, Rami Schultz, 12, Kelly Sink, 10, Bethany Schnackenberg, 10, Richelle Sink, 12, Rhett Wellington, 11, Chris Morrow, 10, Laura Wheelan, 11, Mrs. Brannock, counselor; second, Tracy Bowers, 12, Mindy Vance, 12, Tammy Henry, 11, Tammy Farley, 11, Gina Hopper, 11, Sandy Hughes, 12, Angie Jones, 11, Tina Williams, 11, Kerry Prater, 11, Julie James, 12, Ann Moser, 11; third, Allyson Virgin, 10, Monica Brown, 10, Mandy Vance, 10, Tonna Condict, 10, Amy Merrill, 10, Kristen Smith, 10, Dee Dee Houghton, 11, Teresa Watts, 11, Barbara Rasmussen, 11, Devon Bramblett, 11, Velma Puckett, 9, Kim Hund, 11; fourth, Sarah Hansen, 9, Krista Mc Gruder, 10, Barbara Tallon, 10, Courtney Kimbley, 10, Mindy Marble, 10, Trey Sandoval, 10, Joetta Powers, 11, Leah Babbitt, 12, Sheila Childers, 9, Matt Yarrington, 12; fifth, Lisa Ducommun, 11, Melissa Crumbliss, 10, Dawn Clay, 10, Jennifer Lasswell, 10, Hayley Blevens, 10, Veronica Ainsworth, 10, Angie Patterson, 12, Curt Lewis, 12, Long Dang, 10, Keli Beaver, 10; sixth, Samantha Stallcup, 10, Mike Johnson, 12, Lucinda Oxford, 12, Tracy Mc Vey, 10, Tabetha Davis, 10, Stephanie Theas, 10, Billy Burtis, 11, and Leeann Walker, 10.

THINK LITERARILY

Read, research, analyze

Literary Club, whose purpose was to encourage interest in literature and the related arts by viewing movies and plays, had a busy year with several activities.

This year the Literary Club watched the classic movie *Cyrano de Bergerac* during a pizza party. Literary Club also sponsored a writing contest for high school students. The club researched Leo Tolstoy, and painstakingly constructed a cardboard model of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

When asked what Literary Club's goal was this year, senior Teri Tignor, president, exclaimed, "Our goal was to encourage interest in literature by making activities fun and social."



Members Paula Mahaffey, 11, Alex Inman, 11, and Spring Mc Graw, 11, listen intently to a discussion led by Mrs. Mildred Stover.



Angie Patterson, 12, describes Mrs. Stover as being "a creative person with a wonderful personality!"



This year's Literary Club members are, back, l-r, Matt Tignor, 10; Curt Gilstrap, 11; Nick Hays, 11; Rami Schultz, 12; Wes Bertch, 12; Angie Patterson, 12; Billy Gates, 12; middle, Jana Plant, 12; Becky Briggs, 11; Patti Wylie, 11; Marcy Abercrombie, 12; Alex Inman, 11; Nicki Randen, 12; Mrs. Mildred Stover, sponsor; front, Teri Tignor, 12; Paula Mahaffey, 11; Joita Dubey, 11; and Spring Mc Graw, 11.

JUST BOOK IT

Without the help of Mrs. Peggy Payne and Mrs. Sharon Meredith, the library would be confusing. The NHS library is filled with many different items of interest to everyone. Once you decide what you need, they can tell you where any book or magazine can be found. The library contains many sources of research information. One of the newest sources of information is the computer-based on-line search. Below, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Meredith discuss the on-line search information by punching in the search guide.



Read on and on!

This year the Library Club sponsored the first "Cutest Baby Contest." The teachers were asked to turn in a baby picture. The students could then cast their vote for the "cutest baby" and try to identify as many teachers as they could.

The cutest baby ended up being Mr. Bill Henton. He won a fifteen dollar gift certificate to Walden Bookstore. Julie Dickinson won first place, and Julie James and Chad Clapp tied for second by naming the most teachers from their baby picture. They also won a fifteen dollar gift certificate.



The Library Club members are, back, l-r, Stephanie Nicaise, 12; Leah Babbitt, 12; Rami Schultz, 12; Jennifer Lentz, 12; Jamie Daugherty, 12; middle, Julie James, 12; Allen Ludiker, 12; Kristen Smith, 11; Whitney Wright, 11; bottom, Tina Wilson, 12; Richelle Sink, 12; Tracy Wright, 12, and Tracy Bowers, 12.



One of the various jobs done by members of Library Club is shelving books. Above, Chad Clapp, senior, shows how it is done.

TECHNIQUES



Above, Jeanne Ralston, 12, paints her sculpture with flourescent colors. As a painter gives color to an object, they can show their own personality. She feels Art Club "gives us a chance to do things that we normally don't do in class."

Richelle Sink has several reasons for being in Art Club. She says, "Being in Art Club gives us a chance to 'paint the school.' It improves the atmosphere and makes drab walls more interesting." The members of Art Club are, Jim Kittrell, 12, holding a charcoal drawing he did in class; Richelle Sink, 12, holding a portrait of her father as a younger man; Stephanie Nicaise, 12, showing her sculpture made from plaster of paris; Mr. Gary Warren, sponsor; Darren Whitman, 11, holding up his stipple drawing; and Ryan Lauderdale, 12, showing off some wood sculptures. Not pictured is Jeanne Ralston, 12.



What is a mural?

Painting murals is a product of much planning. The painter needs to put his ideas on paper and then transfer these ideas onto roll paper to make a pounce pattern. Pounce is a wheel that makes holes to form a pattern. The paper is taped on the wall and a sock full of powdered charcoal is taped where the holes are. Following the charcoal patterns, the artist creates his mural.



The newest mural, painted by Jim Kittrell, is a Wildcat breaking through the wall. Jim said, "I had a fun time standing sixteen feet in the air with a paint brush."

PEP IS IN



Spirit Club is always busy. They have painted posters for band, choir, school plays, and all sports to bring more spirit to NHS. The club entered a float, "the Dating Game", in the Basketball Homecoming parade. They also run the concession stand during home track meets. Spirit Club members are, l-r, Jenny Testerman, 11; Kim Hund, 11; Teresa Watts, 11; Ms. Ann Nicolas, sponsor; Devin Bramblett, 11, vice-president; Laura Wheelan, 11, 2-sem-pres.; not pictured, Michelle Arnce, 11, 1-sem-pres.; and Angie Jones, 11, treasurer.

Working hard!

Spirit Club is a great way for people to get involved in the school's activities. Spirit Club is responsible for decorating the halls with things that are happening in school. Laura Wheelan, 11, commented, "Spirit Club is a lot of fun, especially getting to paint the stuff to put on the walls in the halls." Devin Bramblett, 11, said, "I think people in Spirit Club take their spirit more seriously than other people."



Above, Kim Hund, 11, spends her time after school making posters to encourage more school spirit.



Devin Bramblett, 11, is concentrating hard to think of something for her "perfect poster."

COMPUTER IS KEY!

Future of computer

The school saw many changes in the use of computer systems for attendance and scheduling.

"It compiles the number of absences for each student; therefore, eliminating keeping records by hand for attendance letters and state reports," commented Mrs. Janice Farrell, attendance secretary.

During the past, scheduling of classes was sent off to be prepared, but with the computer system, scheduling was completed at NHS.

"By doing the scheduling at school, we can make changes in the schedule so more students can get the classes they request," commented Mrs. Judy Manhatton, computer teacher.



Below, members of Computer Club are, l-r, front, Brent Mailes, 11; Julie Dickinson, 11; Jennifer Davis, 12; Jennifer Haas, 12; middle, Missy Phelps, 11; Lauri Mills, 11; Becky Douglas, 12; Lisa Ducommun, 11; Richelle Sink, 12; Emily Blackwell, 11; Marcy Abercrombie, 12; Suzi Davis, 12; Mrs. Judy Manhatton, sponsor; back, Heather Cholka, 11; Rami Schultz, 12; David Owens, 12; Billy Gates, 12; Ben Rigdon, 11; Michael Mailes, 11; and Jennifer Tracy, 12.



"On our trip to Cardinal Scales, we learned that an entire business can be run by computers," according to Jennifer Davis, 12. Above, right, Jennifer Haas, 12, and Suzi Davis, 12, watch a computer process. Above, Teri Tignor, 12, protects her eyes in the shop at Cardinal Scales.

MATH ADDS UP

Members of Math Club are, l-r, below; Rupal Bhakta, 11; Valerie Bertch, 9; Long Dang, 10; Ester Reid, 10; middle, Adrian Beck, 9; Joshua Gary, 9; Alex Inman, 11; David Owens, 12; Lori Mugg, 11; Rachel Stevens, 11; Rumpa Dubey, 10; back, Richard Williamson, 9; Doug Wilson, 11; Andy Hansen, 11; Aaron Rugh, 12; Wes Bertch, 12; Suzi Davis, 12; Marcy Ambercrombie, 12; Brenda Bond, 11; and Sherry Davis, 11.



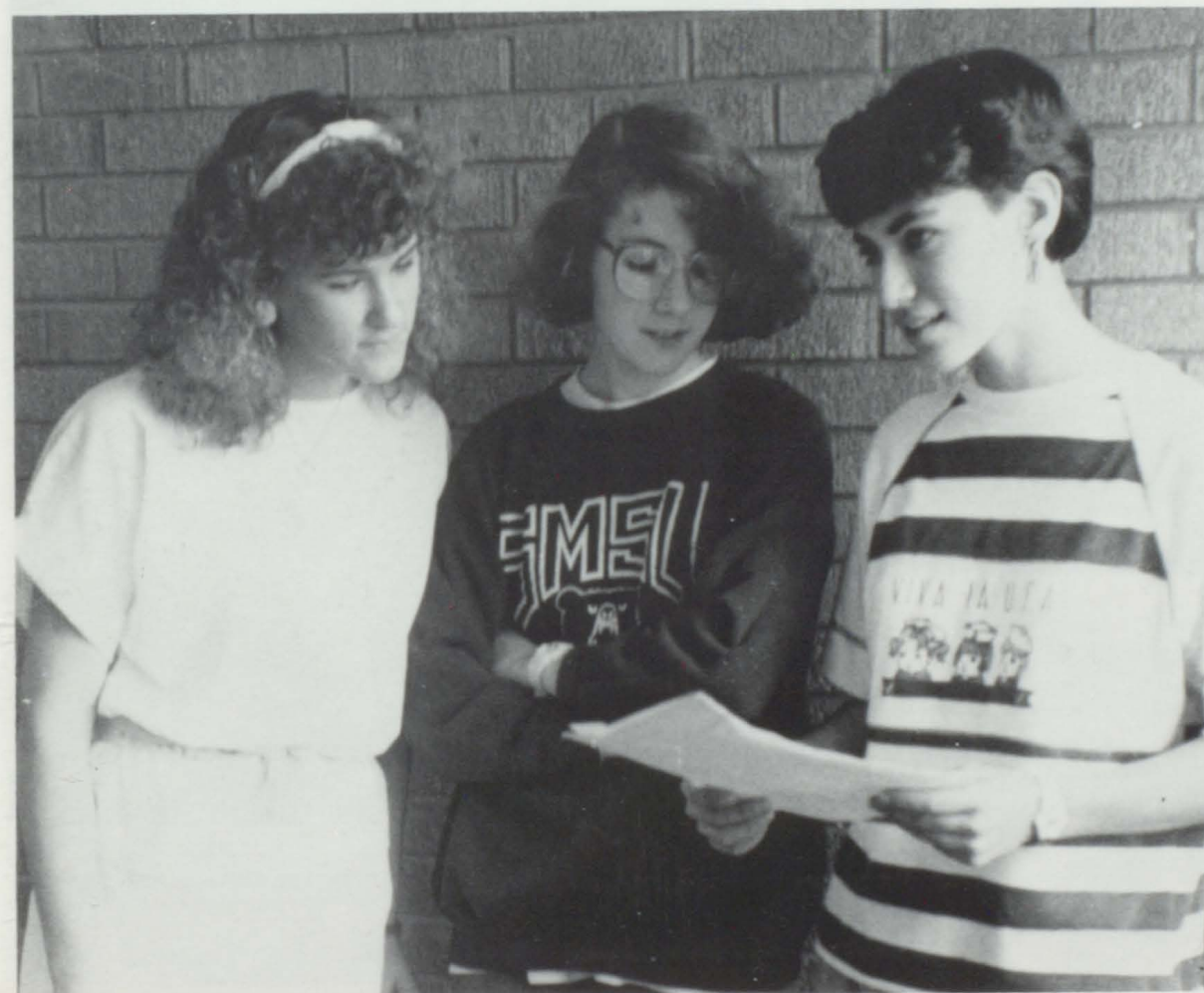
Math is competition

Sports were not the only school activities that involved competition. Math Club competed once a month at MSSC against two or three schools. The contest included a problem-solving test consisting of two problems worth 10 points, followed by a group problem.

"I have really enjoyed Math Club this year. It has given me the opportunity and incentive to explore and review certain math concepts that were rushed through in the classroom. I hope the experience will benefit my college career," commented senior Teri Tignor.

"Math Club is challenging and fun. It is rewarding when we work together to solve problems and when we get points," stated senior Marcy Abercrombie.

"Math Club is one of the strangest clubs in school. We aren't a group of pocket protectors; we're a very diverse group with people from all areas," commented senior Aaron Rugh.



Math competition can be difficult, requiring studying by members. The members are given practice worksheets at their meeting before the competition. Crystal Acton, 9; Adrian Beck, 9; and Valerie Bertch, 9; study before taking the test.

SCIENCE IS FUN

A fun tradition

Science Club is a fun and interesting club. In the past, Science Club has gone on a hiking and canoeing trip to Arkansas or to the Mark Twain Forest.

Throughout the year the club had many exciting adventures. Unfortunately, the Crime Lab trip and hiking around Missouri were cancelled due to weather. However, students find the activities of the club are enjoyable regardless of whether they plan a career in science.

Angie Patterson, 12, stated her feelings about Science Club. "It's really fun! It's a great way to learn about the different fields and aspects of science."



Officers are important in meetings. Science club officers are Angie Patterson, treasurer; Shawn Lasiter, president; Richelle Sink, vice-president; and Julie Dickinson, secretary.



Science Club members for the 1989-90 year are front, l-r, Julie Dickinson, Richelle Sink, Shawn Lasiter, Jason Landsdown, Javelin Johnson, Chad Hodkins, Steve Ruddick, Chris Farrell, Bill Allen, Clark Rhoades, Jason Reynolds, Micheal Abercrombie, Dave Nichoalds; 2nd, Jeff Deneffrio, Jo Biggs, Randy Hobart, Tim Hobbs, Jeremy Weis, Ben Neunswander, Danny Bell, Crystal Acton, April Burr, Teresa Hutchins; 3rd, Justin Branham, Jason Norman, Kim Jensen, Michelle Harms, Barbie Owens, Kelly Sink, Mandy Vance, Tracie Werries, Misty Moon, Holly Hammett, Susan Brown, Kerri Pruitt, Cortney Kimbley; 4th, Kristi Browning, Jennifer Lentz, Jennifer Branham, Stephanie Nicaise, Beth Schnackenberg, Krista Mc Gruder, Sandy Hughes, Tina Williams, Angie Jones; 5th, Darlene Shinkle, Laura Wheelan, Tammy Farley, Emily Blackwell, Aaron Fowler, Sheila Childers, Tona Condict, Sarah Hansen, Melissa Crumbliss, Jenny Stiger, Joita Dubey; 6th, Jana Plant, Aimee Schumaker, Jennifer Haas, Lisa Ducommun, Matt Riener; 7th, Tommy Reynolds, Andy Corkery, Michael Mailes, Jeff Werneke, Scott Jenkins, Curt Lewis, Mindy Vance, and Rami Shultz.



Plans for future club trips are discussed as Jason Norman, freshman, wonders whether the Science Club float trip will become reality.

TECH BUILDS

FIA & T was well represented. Members and officers are as following, back, l-r, Mr. Dave Hammett, Robert Andrews, Chris Mc Gilvery, Billy Carter, Richard Williamson, Eddie Livingston, president; Mr. Glynn Sanders; front, Josh Gary, Danny Williams, vice-president; Stephen Farrell, Brian Mc Ilvaine. Secretary/treasurer Michelle Mc Laughlin not present for photo.



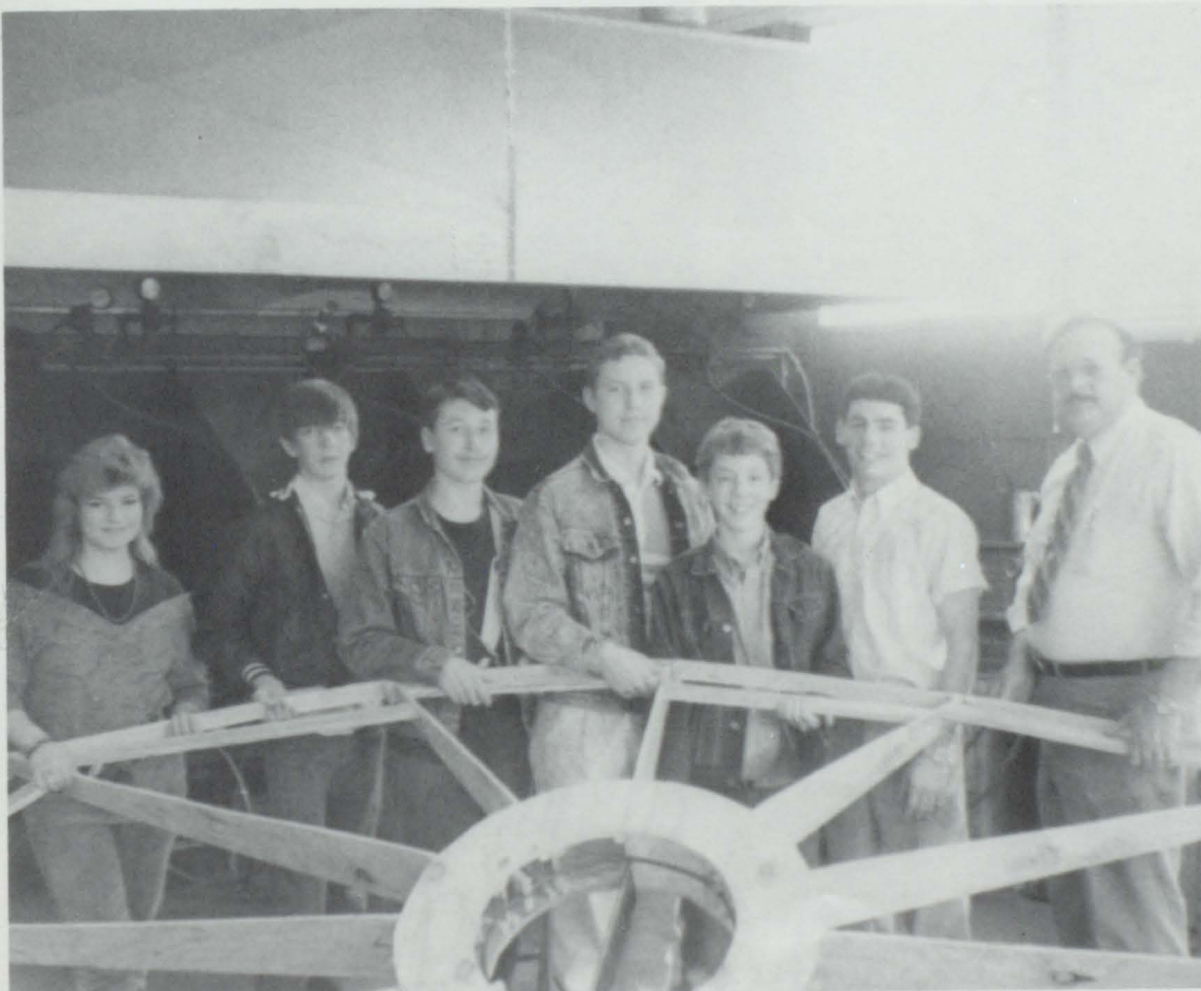
FIA&T builds craft

Guess what FIA & T has been doing? FIA & T has been working on a project which will turn out to be a hover craft. A hover craft is a car/air craft that stays mobilized by air pressure. Mr. Glynn Sanders, FIA & T sponsor, thought of the hover craft project and technology club members are the only people working on the project.

Some people may not know that FIA & T does community and school projects. The school projects are required while community projects help to improve the community. Brian McIlvaine made a basketball goal for Field School and other members contributed.

One goal Mr. Sanders had was to have other schools join together on working community projects and to compete in contests. The hover craft is one such project being able to compete. As you can see FIA & T had a busy year and learned a lot while using their skills.

The hover craft project involved many hard-working hours. R-l, Brent Massey, 12, Josh Gary, 9, Richard Williamson, 9, Steve Farrell, 9, Brian Mc Ilvaine, 10, and Becky Rice, 9, have been one of the many dedicated people working on the craft project and other projects.



DECA IS WORK

DECA, DECA

DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America, students work half a day at a job of their choice and get paid for it. It is a great start for someone who wants to further his education in business management or experience the world of work.

After being involved with DECA/COE, some students were asked what was an advantage of this program.

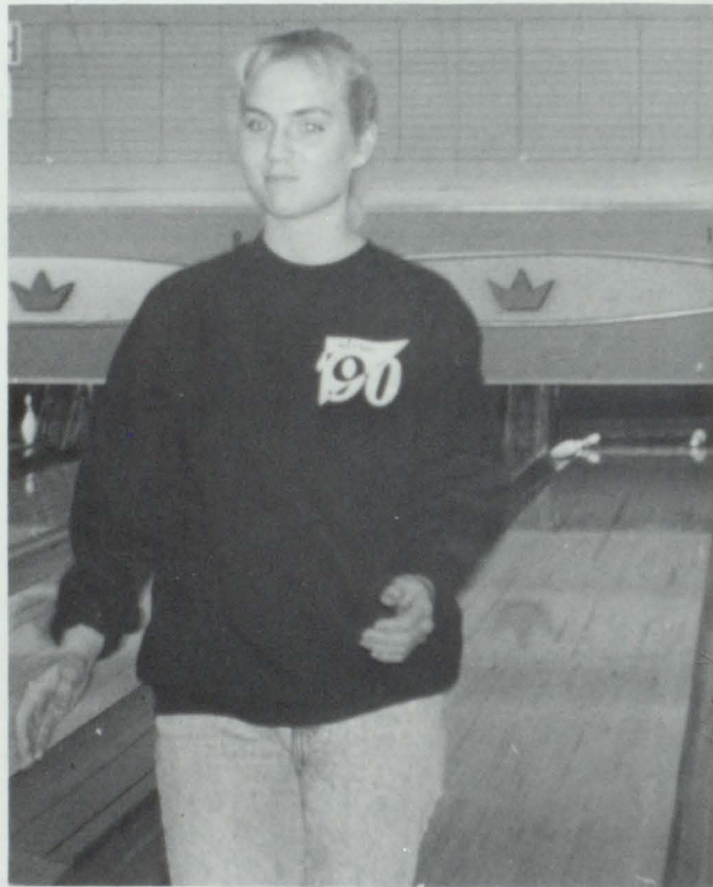
Teresa Fausett enjoyed "the business and marketing skills, competition, meeting people and making new friends."

Dawn Slinkard remarked, "You learn about entrepreneurship and the challenge of competing in the market world."

DECA members are: front, l-r, Julie Ambrose, 12; Stacy Dickenson, 12; Elizabeth Hill, 12; Melinda Tyler, 11; Erica Wimsett, 12; Sabrina Bollman, 12; Teresa Fausett, 12; middle, Kristy Whittington, 12; Lisa Testerman, 12; Carol Beauchamp, 12; Sylvia Smith, 12; Mysti Yust, 12; Rachel Stevens, 11; Wendy Williamson, 11; back, Shelly Wolfe, 12; Scottie Woodrum, 12; Charles Collingsworth, 12; Gary Hansen, 12; Pat Horine, 12; Jeff Williams, 12; Mike Johnson, 12. DECA has provided a realistic experience for those students wishing to enter the job market either immediately after school or following specialized training.



DECA has done many things to help the community. One activity that has been very popular among high school clubs has been the M.D. Bowl-a-thon. Krisi Stephens, 11, finishes lending her support to the cause. DECA helps the community through many such events.



DECA was one of the many clubs that sponsored the M. D. Bowl-a-thon. Erica Wimsett just bowled a strike and she knew she could do it.

FBLA IS FUTURE

Future is business!

Future Business Leaders of America members for 1989-90 are, front, l-r, Brian Evans, 11; David Gustaveson, 11; middle, Mrs. Aleta Platner, sponsor; Sherry Beaver, 11; Heather Cholka, 11; Jennifer Branham, 12; Jennifer Davis, 12; Carmen Rowlan, 12; back, Jennifer Haas, 12; Billy Gates, 12; Pat Harrell, 12; Krista Fortenbaugh, 12; and Leah Babbitt, 12.



FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America, travel to business contests and learn about the future and present business world. Some members of FBLA were asked what they expected in the future business world. Jennifer Branham described the future as, "very fast paced, with lots of new technology and I am looking forward to becoming a part of it."

Heather Cholka, remarked, "Our society depends on business more and more each year. We need to get involved in it."

Sherry Beaver, commented, "We all need to be a part of it because of computers and business will be a major influence in the 1990's."

Mrs. Platner, sponsor was asked the difference between FBLA of today and when she was in high school. She replied, "It tended to be all girls; now there are boys. We did not have district or state contest to enter and we have more fun activities now."



FBLA prepares for an upcoming contest. Billy Gates, 12, standing; Sherry Beaver, 11, left; and Heather Cholka, 11, right; discuss the events.

FHA SEWS IT UP

Future homemaker

Some members of Future Homemakers of America have distinguished themselves over the years and have become successful. Julie James, senior, a member for four years, has been interested in FHA since childhood.

At the district S.T.A.R., Students Taking Action for Recognition, events for FHA Julie gave an illustrated talk on teenage pregnancy and won the opportunity to take her program to Nationals in Cincinnati, Ohio. A regional officer for two years, she was also a finalist for a state scholarship. Julie commented, "I had a great time meeting all the finalists, and I felt very honored to win the scholarship."

The members of the Future Homemakers of America are, sponsor Karen Kliebocker, Joyce Hutchins, 12; Jenny Gilstrap, 12; Amy Jordan, 10; and Julie James, 12.



Learning the special skills it takes to make bread is a difficult task. Julie James, 12, has gotten a little messy.



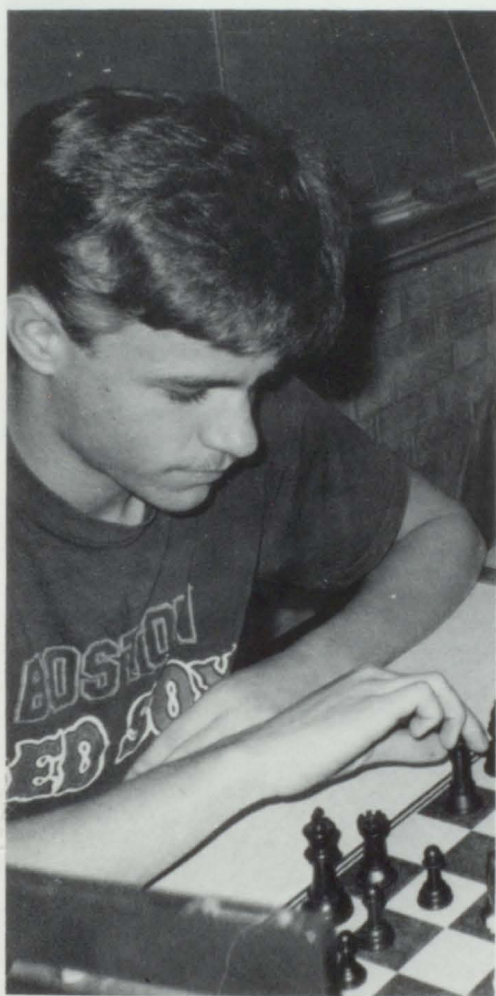
FHA members take a short break from cooking and mix business with pleasure as they discuss upcoming plans over a pizza.

CLUB CAPTURES KING

Checkmate

The Chess Club is a fairly new club at NHS. Where did the game of chess originate? There is general evidence that chess had a common origin with backgammon, parcheesi, and even cribbage; but there is no specific evidence of chess before about A.D. 500, when a form of it was known in India as chaturanga. "Checkmate" derives from, the Persian word, shah mat, meaning "the king is dead." The Arabs adopted the game with little or no change and spread it rapidly to North Africa and into Europe.

Chess club members are, l-r, Justin Crawford, 11, Spring McGraw, 11, Dan Bell, 12, Bruce Caouette, 10, Eddie Livingston, 12; front, David Owens, 12, and Jason Lansdown, 9.



Chess can be a mind-boggling sport. Bruce Caouette, 10, seems to be very involved in the game.

What could these two competitors be scheming? An important part of chess is not only understanding the rules, but also strategy. Jason Lansdown, 9, and David Owens, 12, enjoy a match.

FFA COMPETES

A growing future

In recent years the United States has seen the plight of the American farmer go from bad to worse. In a time where farming has become a series of constant loans for the small farmer, it is encouraging to see the number of today's students involved in the Future Farmer's of America.

One element in maintaining interest in the FFA program was the number of contests participated in. FFA members competed in contests around the area and worked to qualify for the state and national FFA convention.

On April 9 and 10, eight teams from the FFA chapter qualified for the state convention. Those qualifying were: Agriculture Mechanics, Field Crops, Floriculture, FFA Knowledge, Livestock, Nursery/Landscape, Poultry, and Soil teams. Also competing at District competition were Dairy Cattle, Dairy Foods, Meats, and Intomology teams.

The success in contests showed FFA's growth through the year.



Above, juniors Brandon Burris, Gina Hopper, and Missy Landreth work on fruit sales. Below, Kerry Prater, junior, shows off a baby pig while Brandon Burris reaches for another. They are participating in the Food For America day held at Intermediate. It allows FFA members to share some of their knowledge about agriculture with others.

How many cherries are there in a mini cherry pie? This might be a question that Mrs. Faye Phillips, secretary, has for Tim Jones, FFA president, as he presents her with the pie made by FFA members to thank the high school staff.



The FFA creed states the beliefs of FFA members in five basic paragraphs. Creed speakers this year are, l-r, Chris Hardy, 9, Amy Jordan, 9, and Amy Elhard, 9. They speak at various contests and state the creed in their own manner.



Officers are, front, l-r, Joyce Hutchins, 12, reporter; Joetta Powers, 11, parliamentarian; second, Jason Hyder, 11, 2nd v. pres.; Jenny Gilstrap, 12, tres.; Gina Hopper, 12, sec.; Missy Landreth, 11, historian; back, Chris Willet, 11, assis. sentinal; Tim Jones, 12, pres.; David Freund, 11, 1st v. pres.; and Jerry Burris, 11, sentinal.



Barnwarming is a special night for FFA members. The evening centers around the announcement of the new Barnwarming Queen. This year's queen is Dawnett Haase, junior.

THE SPIANS PLAY

Scene 1990

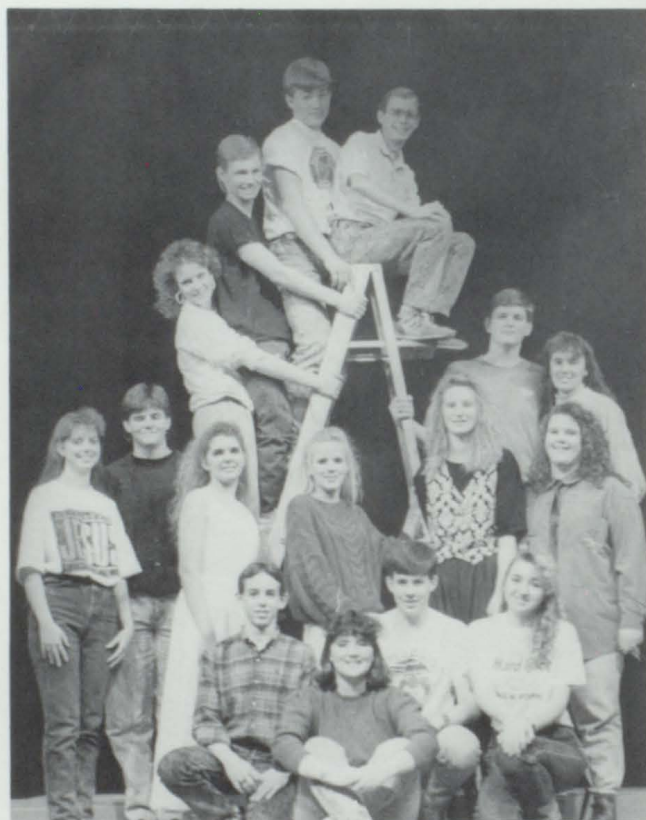
When a person thinks of Thespians, he usually thinks of the actors or actresses in a play. Thespians are not just actors or actresses though. Many people will not see the Thespians that are the backbone of the productions, namely, the stage crew, the unseen heroes. Without these people, productions would have no lighting, prop changes, or technical assistance whatsoever.

Many Thespians begin their high school years as a part of the stage crew. They paint scenes, build props, or design posters. They may end up in the stage spotlight later on. Others get bitten by the production "bug" and stay behind the scenes to assist in the best production possible.

Thespians in Mrs. Nielson's class performed "The Brick and the Rose." Back row, l-r, Ben Rigdon, 11; Aimee Schumaker, 12; Matt Tignor, 10; Pam Gates, 10; Beth Kendall, 10; David Owens, 12; Richelle Sink, 12; front, Tracy Martin, 11; and Alex Inman, 11.



Preparing for a play can be tiring. Sarah Hansen, 9, takes time out to relax while her hair is being done for the opening night of "Stage Door."



Thespian members for 1989-90 are: bottom, l-r, Jason Trenary, Sandy Hughes, Chris Umlauf, Melissa Crumbliss, Melissa Miller, Matt Tignor, Stephanie Huddelson, Andrea Hunter, Pam Gates, Beth Kendall; on ladder, Tracy Martin, David Owens, Andy Hansen, Alex Inman, Aaron Rugh, and Michelle Harms.

NFL TACKLES

Front, Jason Reynolds, 9; Jason Norman, 9; Jenny Spicer, 9; Valerie Bertch, 9; Sarah Hansen, 9; Joanna Owens, 9; Amber Lasiter, 9; Nathan Allen, 10; second, Joita Dubey, 11; Sarah Finch, 12; Sandy Hughes, 12; Beth Kendall, 10; Tracy Martin, 11; Andrea Hunter, 11; Stephanie Theas, 10; Tim Hobbs, 11; Tom Roles, 12; third, Laura Wheelan, 11; Jason Trenary, 11; Richelle Sink, 12; Melissa Crumbliss, 10; Ginger Mc Garrah, 11; Krista Mc Gruder, 10; Michelle Bunch, 10; Kim Greer, 11; Kelly Sink, 10; fourth, Melissa Miller, 12; Pam Gates, 10; Lisa Ducommun, 11; Katie Scott, 11; Amy Merrill, 10; Curt Gilstrap, 11; Nick Hays, 11; Ben Rigdon, 11; Jeremy Weis, 10; Jason Oxford, 11; David Owens, 12; fifth, Alex Inman, 11; Stephanie Hudelson, 10; Aaron Rugh, 12; Wes Bertch, 12; Shawn Lasiter, 12; Andy Hansen, 11; Andy Nimmo, 11; Craig Butler, 10. Not shown, Mindy Marble and Eric Dicharry.



The opponents

At every speech and debate tournament Neosho NFL members compete against at least twenty different schools from Missouri. When asked who their toughest competitors were Andy Hansen, 11, stated, "Hillcrest is probably our toughest competitor. They spend more time preparing and they are smooth in their presentation." Krista McGruder, 10, said they were more "confident."

"Southwest Missouri is the strongest district in individual events," commented Stephanie Hudelson, 10. "Neosho is really strong, but we have a young squad. I'd say Nevada is our toughest competition."

Despite everything Don Jordan and Linda Nielson, sponsors, pull everything together. At the recent National Forensic League tournament Neosho took third place in sweepstakes. With those results, the hard work pays off.



To become a finalist at an NFL tournament takes dedication and determination. Finalists are, I-r, Eric Dicharry, 12, Nick Hays, 11, Krista McGruder, 10, Pam Gates, 10.

All NFL members get the chance to work at the annual Neosho Speech and Debate Tournament. Even though it can be a grueling day, Aaron Rugh and Melissa Crumbliss find time to talk to friends.

FCA IS CARING

Caring friends

Fellowship of Christian Athletes allows athletes and non-athletes to join in fellowship. FCA members are brought together by their belief in God and compassion for others.

FCA was busy with early morning devotion at McDonalds restaurant and in Mr. Gary Dickinson's room. It had a lock-in where many people grew and gained new friends. The year ended with a cold, cloudy day at World's of Fun.

Karen Brodie, sophomore, said, "I met a lot of new people and enjoyed being around other athletes."

FCA is more than an organization. It's friends sharing and caring without the everyday peer pressure.



FCA members include front, l-r, Curt Lewis, secretary; Kim Jensen, vice-president; Brent Massey, president; middle, Gary Dickinson, Jason Norman, Beth Schnackenberg, Julie Dickinson, Stephanie Nicaise, Richelle Sink, Jack Skym, Willie Howard, Joe Fowler, Jason Trenary; back, Travis Mc Gruder, Trey Sandoval, Kirk Harryman, and Aaron Fowler. Not pictured are Emily Blackwell, Jeff Werneke, Scott Jenkins, Greg Brown, Krista Mc Gruder, Tige Henson.



FCA members, l-r, Greg Brown, 10, Travis Mc Gruder, 9, Brent Massey, 12, Tige Henson, 9, Curt Lewis, 12, and Jason Norman, 9, like to have fun on the patio before an FCA meeting.



Many people know Mr. Joe Fowler as a teacher and a coach, but he is also sponsor of FCA. Coach Fowler helps in planning activities and leading meetings. Sponsors often support clubs which fulfill a special interest they have.

NHS WANTS BLOOD

NHS members are front, l-r, seniors Billy Gates, Angie Tarter, Carmen Rowlan, Tracy Bowers, Toni Atkinson, Becky Douglas, Eric Dicharry, Becky Young, Allen Ludiker, Joel Hood, Mr. Charles Goade, sponsor; back, Marcy Abercrombie, Curt Lewis, Suzi Davis, Aaron Rugh, Melissa Miller, Michelle Harms, Sarah Finch, Angie Patterson, Jennifer Branham, Shawn Lasiter, secretary/treasurer; and Brent Massey, vice-president. Members not present are Wes Bertch, president; Joyce Hutchins, Ryan Lauderdale, and Teri Tignor. Honary members are Aaron Farber, Jennifer Haas, Julie James, Kim Jensen, Benny Johnson, Valerie Osborn, David Owens, Nicki Randen, Aimee Schumaker, Tammy Werries, Chris Williams.



Go for blood cats

National Honor Society's blood drive theme was "Wildcat's Go For Blood." At the first blood drive NHS collected 131 pints of blood. The second blood drive was even a bigger success with a collection of a record 169 pints!

National Honor Society does more than help the community with the blood drive. NHS provides club members to tutor students in the morning and after school.

Curt Lewis, 12, summed up why he wanted to be in this prestigious organization requiring a GPA of 3.5 or higher. "I wanted in NHS as a reward for all my hard work and achievements through high school. It's a good way to be involved in the community."



Not everyone gets that "special privilege" to see blood all day. NHS member Carmen Rowlan, senior, shows she has what it takes when working with blood and breakable vials. Allen Ludiker, senior, concentrates on labeling.

SERVICES RENDERED

Convention

When people think of Key Club, they naturally think of community service. What the average person doesn't know is what happens in April of every year.

With the coming of spring comes the annual Missouri-Arkansas District Convention. This a time when Key Clubbers from all over the district come together to celebrate a great year of achievement. Trophies and plaques are awarded to the clubs that have excelled in each area of service. One of the main attractions for the teenagers is the Governor's Dance. This is a time when conventioners can let loose and really "get down." After the convention is dismissed on Sunday afternoon, the key Clubbers return home to start serving their community all refreshed and dedicated.

Becky Briggs said, "I hope to learn more about Key Club, meet interesting people, and most of all have fun," with her first convention experience.

Kim Jensen and Curt Lewis attended the International Convention in Florida. Kim describes her experiences like this. "My experiences at International will last a lifetime. International is so neat. The caucuses, dancing, and new friends... it's just indescribable. You have to go to get the real feeling."

Meeting new friends and spending time with them is always exciting. This year Curt Lewis and Kim Jensen attended the Key Club International Convention in Orlando, Florida and spent a week on Daytona Beach with their newly found friends.



One of the many highlights of Key Club is the annual district convention. Some of the many highlights are the opening session, Play Fair, awards night, and the Governor's Dance. As the convention ends, tears of joy and sadness are shed. Here, several Key Clubbers pose for a picture outside the Excelsior Hotel after convention in Little Rock, Arkansas.

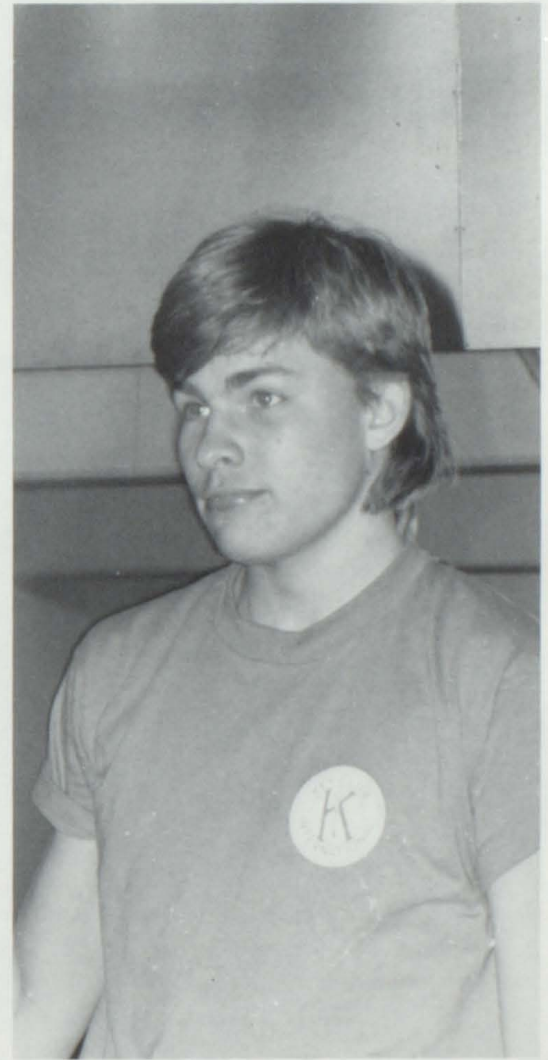




Members of Key Club for the 1989-90 year are, front, l-r, Barbara Tallon, 10; Mindy Marble, 10; Stacy Phillips, 10; second, Jenny Spicer, 9; Wendy Williamson, 11; Kristi Browning, 9; Trey Sandoval, 10, sophomore class rep.; Sarah Hansen, 9; Melissa Crumbliss, 10; Patti Wylie, 11, secretary; Terri Gillispie, 11; third, Brent Mailes, 11; Becky Briggs, 11; Beth Schnackenberg, 10; Barbara Webster, 11; Chad Young, 10; Curt Lewis, 12, president; fourth, Krista Mc Gruder, 10; Jason Oxford, 11, vice-president; Ben Rigdon, 11; Andy Hansen, 11, junior class rep.; and Michael Mailes, 11. Not pictured are Lisa Ducommun, 11, treasurer; Stephanie Virgin, 12; Kim Jensen, 12, senior class rep.; Doug Dahnke, 10; Mandy Vance, 10; Tonna Condict, 10; Stephanie Hudelson, 10; Phillip Gray, 11; Branden Smith, 10; Travis Smith, 11; Joey Adams, 10; Mike Rice, 11; Wade Hulsey, 11; Aaron Farber, 12.



Above top, many people wouldn't think that Cross-Country and Key Club go together, but they're wrong. Each year Key Club sponsors the Key Club Cross-County Invitational. Helping out at the table registering people is Curt Lewis, Beth Schnackenberg, and Mike Rice. Above bottom, one of Key Clubs newest projects is the Adopt-A-Highway. One of the many ways the club serves the community is by keeping highway 86 clean.



Key Club assists other clubs with their fundraisers. This year the club helped DECA raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. Andy Hansen gives an interesting expression after throwing the bowling ball.

COME FLY WITH

Higher!!

Each year the ROTC has the pleasure of riding in C-130 airplanes and UH-1H helicopters. During the fall of the year, cadets fly in C-130's.

"I experienced a feeling of really being on top of the world," commented Preston Mc Nett, 12.

"It was an experience! I loved it!" stated Ed Delancey, 12.

In the spring, cadets got the chance to fly in UH-1H helicopters. When Rodney Rearrick, 12, was asked about the helicopters, he said, "It's like being in a moving elevator."

Though many of the cadets will never join the Air Force, flying in these aircraft provide a lasting memory for them. This year Dianna Mc Nett, 12, represented the yearbook staff on the flight.

Each year the ROTC holds a Military Ball which is similar to Prom. While having a good time dancing, Toni Atkinson, 12, and her date pose for a picture. JFROTC gives opportunities for cadets to enjoy many social occasions. In addition to the Military Ball, cadets attend a Dining-In in the fall and a Halloween party also where they have the opportunity to socialize with each other.

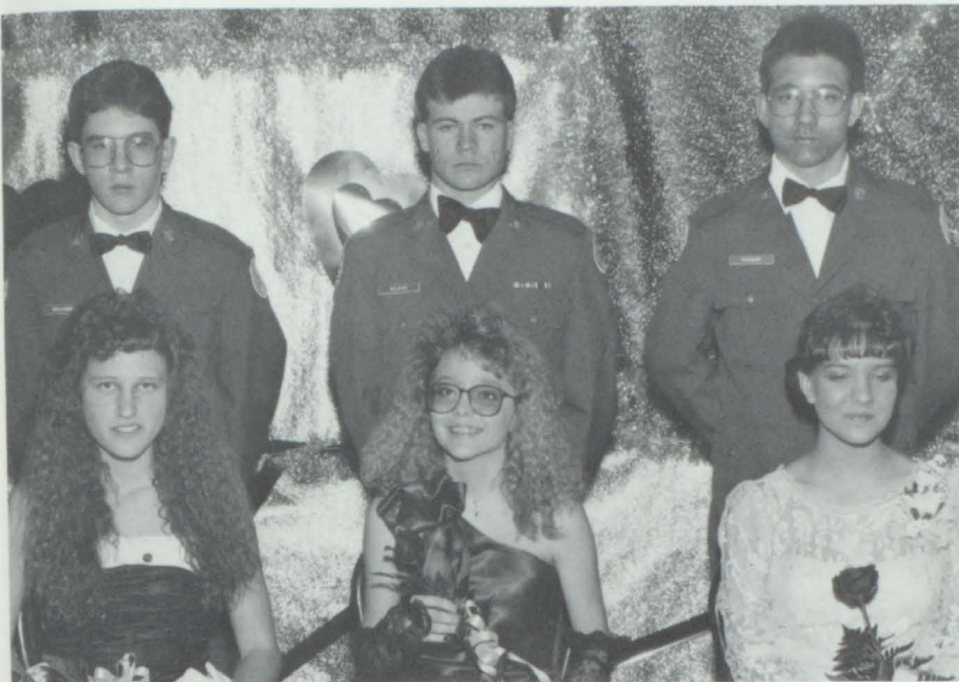


The candidates for the Military Ball included, bottom, Tina Williams, 9; Pam Guy, 12; Michelle Slawter, 10; top, Joe Caouette, 9; Preston Mc Nett, 12; and Robert Andrews, 11.



Figuring distances, amounts of speed, and velocity is very important when it comes to flying an airplane. A special tool which calculates these numbers is used by cadets Preston Mc Nett, 12, and Ed

Additional candidates for the Military Ball are, bottom, Lydia Caouette, 9; Stephanie Theas, 10; Angie Jones, 11; top, Jeff Williams, 9, Ray Wilson, 11; Andy Hobson, 10. Right, while enjoying the C-130 airplane ride, Pam Guy, 12 and Toni Atkinson, 12, pose for a picture. Not everyone enjoys the plane ride, though. For some of the cadets the up-and-down motion of the plane does "things" to their stomachs. However, everyone comes back with stories to tell of their adventure in the air. Bottom left, an important part about ROTC is respecting the American flag, as shown by a salute. As part of their training, cadets learn the proper protocol for displaying and caring for the American flag.



Delancey, 12. Senior cadets learn advanced skills as part of their classwork. Both Ed and Preston have joined the United States Army and will be working in the airborne division.



A handful of people join together to decorate for the Military Ball by hanging streamers, blowing up balloons, and decorating the lights. One decorator is Bryane Smith, 12.



CHOIRS BRING MUSIC

Sing!!!

The Neosho High School Choraleers were a select group of individuals that served an old tradition of hard work. Members performed for groups and clubs including Kiwanis, Widows Club, and community concerts.

"Choraleers is totally fun and I encourage anyone who has singing and dancing qualities to try out," said Stephanie Lyons, senior.



The Choraleers pose in a song from the fall concert. The Choraleers performed "Vandeville" with the usual flair.



The second Choraleer Talent Show was a huge a success. There were twelve groups including the Jazz Band and the Choraleers. Community talent ranged from clown acts to dancing to singing and a large crowd was on hand for the event. Chauna Stump, 10, sings "The Wind Beneath My Wings."



Seniors Sarah Finch and Benny Johnson were voted Mr. and Mrs. Cecilian by their class at the end of the year. Runners-up were seniors Valerie Osborn and Gary Hill. These students worked especially hard to support the choral department and to help it strive for perfection. Congratulations to all those who worked hard to make choir a success.



Tough music

The Neosho High School Vocal Music Department has enjoyed excellence for many years. Membership was highly competitive. Students learned sightreading and other musical skills. Cecilian Choir was the highest level of vocal music. Choir members had the opportunity to sing solos or ensembles at the NEO contest and on the district and state levels. This respected program continues to grow.

The Fall Choir Concert was a big success with the choir singing under the direction of Debbi Creel for the first time.

PRIDE OF THE

Majestic

For a number of years, the Wildcat Band has been nicknamed the "Pride of the Ozarks."

During football season, the band opened the game with a full, majestic sound and marching movements. Flags flared in the air and drums kept the beat. Halftime was especially important for the 120-piece band performed a twelve minute show. After the football game the band performed a post-game show.

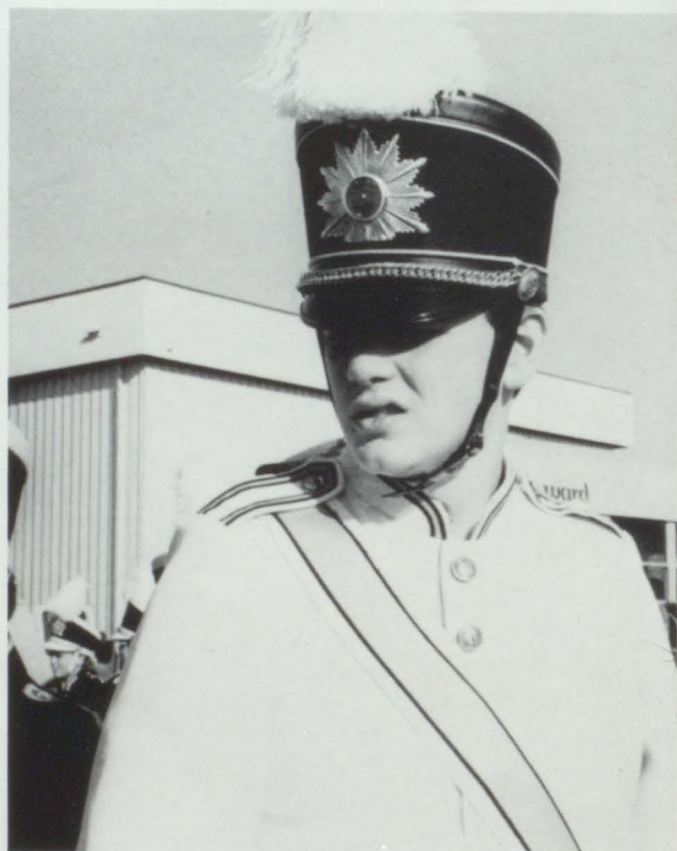
After marching season, concert season began. The band performed a concert in the spring and one at graduation.

With a yearlong schedule, the Wildcat Band was the soundtrack of NHS.

Before a parade performance in Tulsa, Jason Beier, 11, a drummer, catnaps before marching in front of hundreds of spectators which is not unusual for the Wildcat Band. Catnaps aren't unusual for band members before parade performances that are far away.



The Flag Corps, or color guard, has a special feature in the band. It keeps the music colorful and active. Cyndi Rasmussen, 12; Ann Moser, 11; Dianna Mc Nett, 12; and Jennifer Charles, 10, stand attentively during a halftime show.



This year's drum major is Aaron Rugh, senior. He sets the tempo for the band and leads them into a musical surrounding.

OZARKS



Left, one of the new band members is Dave Tartar, 9, a drum player. His music is very exciting to hear and has been featured in front of a large crowd at the Choraleers Talent Show and Jazz Band. Below, members of the flag corps are, l-r, Michelle Head, 10; Callie Morris, 11; Rebecca Wentworth, 11; Ann Moser, 10; Kelly Roberts, 12; Laura Wheelan, 10; Shelly Johnson, 11; Wendy Williamson, 11; Tracy Goins, 11; Cyndi Rasmussen, 12; Crystal Patterson, 10; Leslie Stout, 10; Karen Naylor, 12; Shelia Goade, 12; and Dorann Davidson, 12. Two of the flag corps members expressed their feelings toward the corps. Senior Shelia Goade commented, "The flag corps is a really prestigious organization to belong to." Senior Cyndi Rasmussen recommended belonging to the corps to other girls in the band because it was enjoyable to work with a group of people to make the show come together. Bottom, during a half-time show, the band plays a rhythmic fanfare for the crowd.



Senior Ed Delancey concentrates on his music as he warms up for a parade in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of the largest parades the band was in.

THEY'VE GOT THE CLASSICAL FEELING

Widder travels world

Mr. Stephen Widder is a very fascinating man and had an exciting background that few people knew about. Mr. Widder had been with Neosho High School for 17 years and produced a talented orchestra every year. As a person, he was knowledgeable from all of his travels. In 1989-90, alone, he went to Mexico for his Christmas vacation. He had visited six continents and over 60 countries.

Besides being well-cultured he is highly respected and appreciated among his students and fellow teachers. Teresa Hutchins, freshman, stated, "Mr. Widder is the nicest teacher I've had since 7th grade and I respect him dearly."



Mr. Widder sits at his desk leisurely enjoying his morning coffee and newspaper before facing a hectic day with flat notes.



This year's talented orchestra was very successful at contests; receiving no scores below a 1. This year's members are back, l-r Billy Sallee, 11; Jim Crawford, 10; Wes Bertch, 12; Chris Lay, 9; Curt Gilstrip, 11; Ronald Cole, 11; middle, Jody Diggs, 12; Monica Brown, 10; Rhonda Haslip, 11; Sarah Finch, 12; Debbie Bressie, 11; Melanie Whiteside, 10; Valerie Bertch, 9; Amy Jordan, 10; Teresa Hutchins, 9; front, Pat Wylie, 11; Joshua Gary, 9; Katie Scott, 9; Bridget Macy, 11; Jennifer Quick, 10; and Amy Merrill, 10.

THEY'VE GOT THE BEAT

Jazz Band plays blues



David Swift, 12; Patti Wylie, 11; Jennifer Charles, 10; and Chris Farrell, 10; are blowing sweet sounding music out of their saxophones at a basketball game.

Their music flows like rich honey; that's the only way to describe the music that the Jazz Band plays. At other times it can be described as funky and foot-tapping.

This year they performed for elementary schools and at the assemblies.

It takes many hours to make the sensuous sound. As Karen Naylor, 12, says, "Jazz Band is a lot of fun, but it's also a lot of work. Each time we play has its own style and you have to adjust to each of these styles. But after playing at the basketball games and for the kids at the elementary schools it's definitely worth all of the hard work and hours of practice that it involves."

Jazz Band competes many times during the year. It has earned a 1 at all competitions for the last eight years. .



The members of the Jazz Band are seniors Danny Bell, Jim Kittrell, Karen Naylor, Eric Slagle, Dawn Slinkard, and David Swift; juniors Kevin Bartley, Justin Crawford, Rhett Wellington, Tim Williams, James Wylie, Patrick Wylie, and Patti Wylie; sophomores Jennifer Charles, John Clanton, Chris Farrell, Jonathon Gray, Chris Meredith, Brian Schibi, and Richard Shadwick; and freshmen Seth Berry, Chris Morrow, Steve Ramsey, Dave Tarter, and Jeremy Willman.

CAREERS INSPIRED

Several hobbies, interests form from yearbook

Going to college without any plans, interests, or long-term goals could be a scary and fruitless effort. That's the reason high school electives, classes that were fun and could help students gain talents helpful in finding a career, were taken.

Yearbook staff was a class that not only produced the yearbook, but gave experience in designing pages and writing for the enjoyment of others. This meant the staff member was in

charge of getting her/his own work done on time, something a person would find in real world employment.

Teri Tignor, 12, said her two years spent on the yearbook staff helped decide what kind of field she wanted to major in. "Yearbook was my favorite class. Not only has it helped me get involved and know people I otherwise would not have, but I believe it will also prove to be a good background in my future

career in journalism."

Photography was another interest that could be developed in yearbook. As Dianna McNett, 12, learned, it was a little more difficult than just knowing how to press a button. "Only a very few people get a chance to develop film and print pictures. I'm not for sure if I'll make it a career, but it'll definitely be a major hobby."



Above, the yearbook staff took time off to enjoy reading a product of its past works. Top row, l-r, are Tammy Werries, 12; Jody Diggs, 12; Angie Patterson, 12; Michelle Harms, 12; Kim Jensen, 12; Stephanie Virgin, 12; Dianna Mc Nett, 12; Becky Briggs, 11; Shannon Fulkerson, 11; middle row, Melissa Miller, 12; Jamie Daughtery, 12; Jennifer Davis, 12; Laura Knight, 11; Teri Tignor, 12; Kim Marion, 11; bottom row, Cuft Lewis, 12; Benny Johnson, 12; Jennifer Branham, 12; Stephanie Lyons, 12. Right, Teri Tignor, left, and Melissa Miller help serve cake during a surprise birthday party for Becky Briggs.

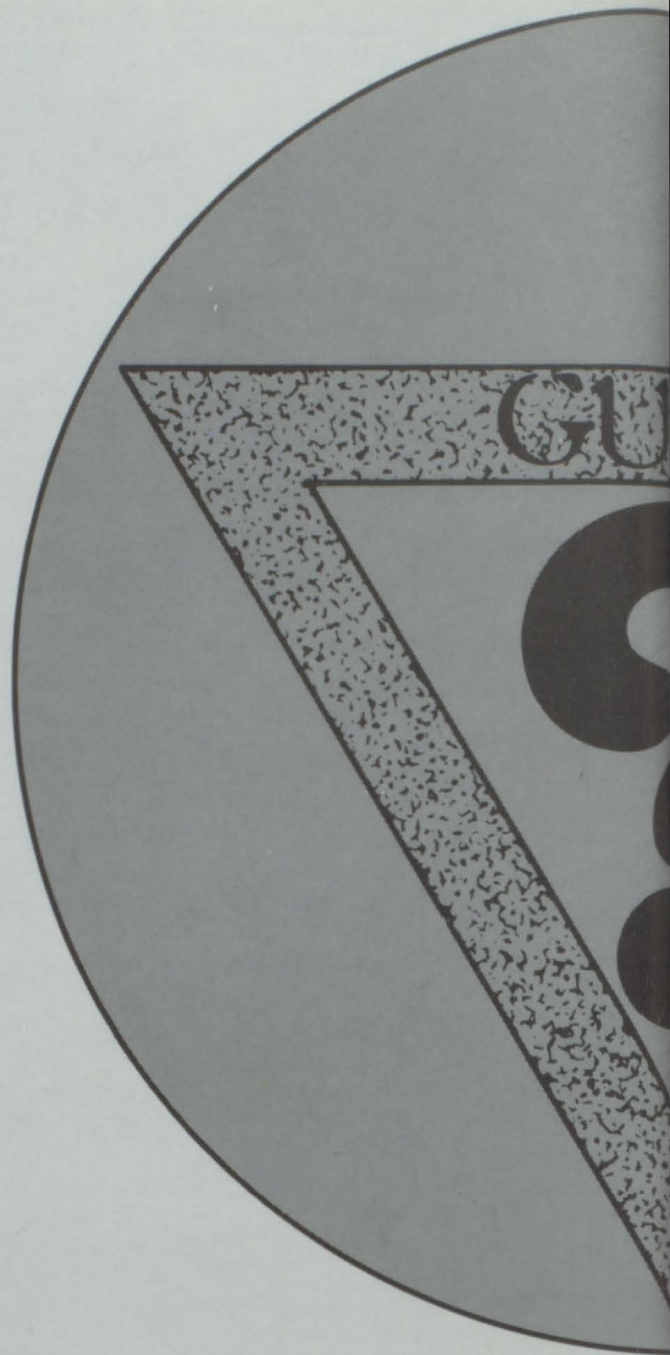




Other things have to be done by the yearbook staff than just producing the book. The staff organizes the sales and distribution of the yearbook. Left, Jody Diggs helps students receive their yearbook. The yearbook staff is also in charge of the school pictures. Middle left, Michelle Harms contemplates what to include on her page.

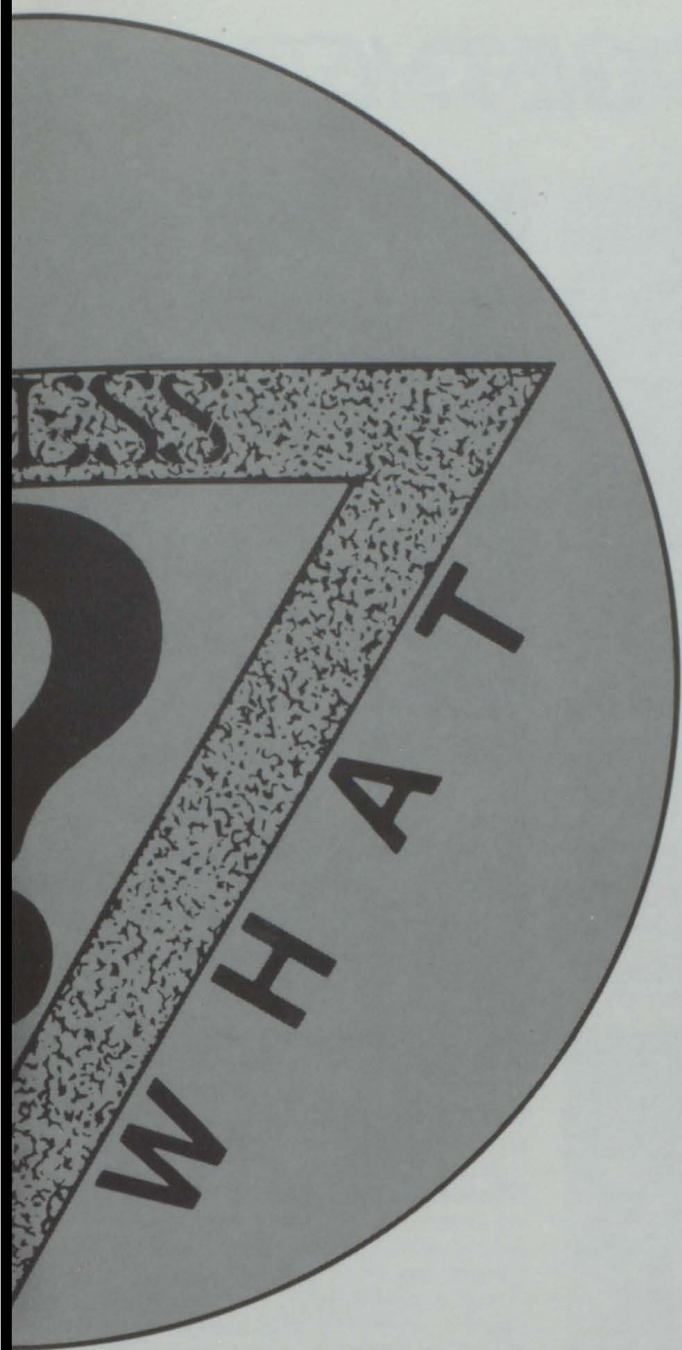


Being in yearbook can put strain on a "future reporter" when a deadline comes. Left, Stephanie Virgin, 12, works hard on her layout for her upcoming deadline while above, Angie Patterson, 12, and Benny Johnson, 12, have plenty of spare time before their next deadline. Taking photos and writing copy have to be considered all year long until the yearbook is completed.



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PLAYERS STICK TOGETHER

With 21 graduating seniors from the previous year, Wildcat football was young. "The season as a whole was disappointing," replied Brent Massey, senior quarterback. "We struggled a lot. I still love football, but none of us liked losing."

As the season progressed, the players never gave up. Mr. Bill Patterson, head coach, remarked, "All our players never quit. Our seniors provided positive leadership throughout the year."

Many members received All-District awards; second team All-Conference, Kenny Puckett, 12; Paul Versluis, 12; Tremaine Clark, 11; and Nelson Price, 11. Honorable mention All-Confer-

ence were Doug Dahnke, 10; Trey Sandoval, 10; Derek Woods, 10; Thad Ramsey, 11; Shawn Lasiter, 12; and Aaron Fowler, 11.

In practices and games, the players learned about themselves and their teammates. William Watson, 12, put what he had learned into one sentence. "I have the utmost respect for the coaches and players who stuck it out till the very end."

Not only does respect come from working with other people but also a sense of family. Eric Dicharry, 12, felt that the season "brought the whole team together and by the end of the season we were a family with Coach Patterson as our dad."



Above, Trey Sandoval, sophomore, and Coach Bill Patterson seem to be having an intense conversation about the next play. Trey is one of the underclassmen receiving an All-District award which is voted on by the coaches in the district. "The future looks promising as twenty players who saw starting experience return for the 1990 season," comments Coach Patterson. Left, Kenny Puckett, senior, keeps the field open for kicker Aaron Fowler, junior, and Willie Howard, junior. The Wildcats kicking game turned out to be one of the strengths of the team.



Scoreboard

| OPP | SCORE |
|------------------|-------|
| Central | 7-35 |
| Monett | 0-25 |
| Parkview | 17-44 |
| Nevada | 6-17 |
| Raymore-Peculiar | 20-43 |
| Waynesville | 0-48 |
| Lebanon | 7-27 |
| McDonald County | 2-7 |
| Carthage | 3-42 |
| Webb City | 14-48 |



Top, l to r, P. Versluis, K. Puckett, E. Dicharry, S. Moon, S. Lasiter, B. Massey, W. Sandoval, S. McCullough, B. Keller, D. Dunham, J. Burns, T. Clark, C. Lee, W. Watson, R. House, D. Clouse, D. Garren, M. Walker, Middle, M. Lankford, mgr., J. Harvel, W. Sims, C. Rhoades, D. Woods, K. Harryman, T. Walthal, D. Dahnke, T. Howard, N. Price, T. Ramsey, A. Nimmo, A. Fowler, C. Spencer, M. Lee, A. Miller, Bottom, M. McQuire, S. Kelso, J. Reynolds, N. Bussey, C. Butler, L. Winkler, J. Winkler, R. Troxel, W. Howard, K. Kruse, T. Sandoval, J. Neuswander, B. Reiboldt, J. Davis, T. Henson, R. Roark, C. Mitchell, K. Hickman. Not pictured, D. Gustaveson, S. Dudolski, both mgrs.

VARSITY CHEER AT NATIONALS

As the varsity cheerleaders headed for the campus of PSU for the UCA cheerleading camp, they dreamed of winning, but had no idea what lay ahead. For four days they learned cheers, perfected them, and performed for competition. When the results were in, it all paid off. Lauri Beth Mills, 11, agreed, "At the end it was all worth it; the sore muscles, the hoarse voices, the sun burns, everything." They won 1st place for their routine, giving them the honor of Camp Champion in Dance. In addition, they received superior ribbons in every event except one, Spirit Stick, Camp Champion in Sideline, and Master Key to Spirit plague, a reward voted on by every squad attending the camp. Two members of the Varsity squad, Becky Douglas, 12, and Angie Patterson, 12, were named "All-Stars" and were invited to attend a New Years Day

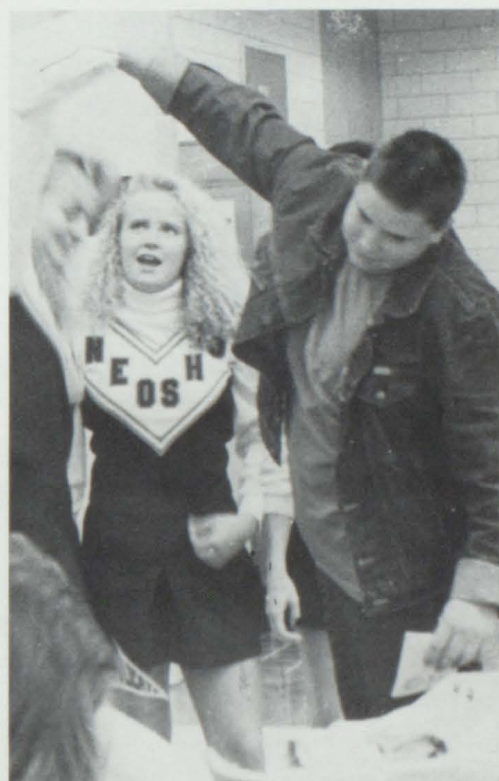
parade in London, England. They received invitations to try out to be UCA camp instructors for the following year.

Due to these accomplishments, the varsity squad was able to attend the Mid-West Regional Competition in Stillwater, Okla., only the second time NHS has been able to participate. They tied for 4th and received a bid to enter the National competition held in Orlando, Florida on February 9-13. They raised money to go through various fundraisers. "Almost ever minute was filled with either a fundraiser, a game, or practice," described Wendy Byrum, 11.

Cheerleading was also a lot of fun. Becky Douglas, 12, mentioned, "Throughout the year we help each other with any problems we might have, but we also do many things that are fun."



Above, Willie the Wildcat, Lauren Cope, 12, plays around with enthusiasm at a home game.



Cheerleading is a full time job not only in school, but out of school," says Miss Titus, sponsor. Above, they are shown handing out prizes at a new student assembly. Left, back row, l-r, Wendy Byrum, Jennifer Davis, Becky Douglas, Becky Young, Angie Patterson, Nicki Randen. Front, Stephanie Wince, Kim Marion, Missy Phelps, Lauri Mills, Jenny Boylan, Laura Knight, and Lauren Cope, Willie, pose with their 4th place trophy.



CHAMPS!

The Lady Cats had an exciting volleyball season. The Cats beat the Carthage Tigers at the end of the season to tie for the conference championship. The Cats started the season out very slowly, but as the season progressed, the players improved and it all came together paying off in the end. This was the fourth year the Cats were Conference Champs and it was a victory well deserved. Three of the players were named All-Conference Players. Senior Tonya Butts was named to the first team All-Conference while senior Mary Jane Taylor and sophomore Nichole Wicks were named to the second team All-Conference.

Playing on a team requires that all players communicate and get along well with each other. The varsity girls went on a canoe trip to really get to know each other and learn to work together. At the end of the season the team held a party to celebrate a terrific year. The girls ate and played games and talked about the many memories created while out on the court. To show their appreciation to the senior players, Tammy Werries, Mary Jane Taylor, Tonya Butts, and Lisa Testerman, the team presented each player with a charm. It was an exciting season for the Lady Cats.



Passing the ball is the most important step in playing volleyball. If the pass is not done correctly then the ball can not be set for the spike. All passers try to get the ball to the setter and this is best accomplished when the player is low and always moving her feet. Senior Tammy Werries shows that sometimes it is necessary to bring the feet off the ground for those high, hard to reach balls. Jerry Christian watches closely to make sure the ball does not go out of bounds or any illegal techniques are used.



Scoreboard

| OPP | Score | W or L |
|---------------|-------------------|--------|
| Wheaton | 10-15, 7-15 | L |
| Carthage | 11-15, 2-15 | L |
| Webb City | 15-11, 15-9 | W |
| Nevada | 15-3, 15-3 | W |
| Diamond | 11-15, 2-15 | L |
| Mc Donald Co. | 15-13, 15-10 | W |
| Webb City | 15-13, 15-11 | W |
| Sarcozie | 7-15, 10-15 | L |
| Purdy | 9-15, 13-15 | L |
| Carthage | 15-6, 4-15, 15-12 | W |
| Joplin | 13-15, 5-15 | L |
| Baxter-Caney | 15-0, 15-4; | W;W |
| | 15-7, 15-10 | |
| Nevada | 15-5, 13-15, | W |
| | 15-11 | |
| Mc Donald Co. | 15-10, 15-9 | W |



L-r, ft., A. Lasiter, 9; M. Stephens, 9; H. Casey, 9; G. Jobe, 9; J. Arnce, 9; A. Wilfong, 9; S. Clemons, 9; J. Manhattan, 9. Mid., S. Buttram; B. Owens, 10; J. Marvin, 11; A. Virgin, 10; S. Jones, 10; S. Hansen, 9; Tr. Werries, 9; K. Brodie, 10; A. Beck, 9; S. Haupt, B., K. Cleaver, 11; J. Nelson, 11; L. Testerman, 12; T. Butts, 12; T. Werries, 12; B. Schnackenberg, 10; T. Gillispie, 11; M. Taylor, 12; N. Wicks, 10.

Sometimes "getting down" is the only way to receive a ball. Junior Kim Cleaver (25) gets on one knee as she attempts to make that important pass. Seniors Tammy Werries (15) and Mary Jane Taylor (45) watch carefully to see if any assistance may be needed as junior Jaymey Nelson (35) and sophomores Bethany Schnackenberg and Karen Brodie watch with anticipation from the bench.

OUTRAGEOUS!

The junior varsity team faired well this year as it remained undefeated in conference play. The team accumulated a record of 4-2-1 for a successful season.

For the first time the junior varsity team had members who were freshmen because of shortage of people for an individual freshman team. This helped give the freshmen some playing experience.

By starting the younger players on the junior varsity team, they gained more confidence that they could play junior varsity or even varsity football. Allowing players to begin at an earlier age provides more practice and more instruction from coaches helping in the endurance of the game.



Scoreboard

| OPP | Score | W/L/T |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| Parkview | 8-26 | L |
| Monett | 0-0 | T |
| Nevada | 40-6 | W |
| Pittsburg | 6-28 | L |
| Mc Donald County | 36-6 | W |
| Webb City | 13-6 | W |
| Miami | 17-16 | W |



Front row, left to right, Barbara Tallon, Chyna Henson, Mindy Marble, Mindy Pace. Back row, left to right, Krista McGruder, Nori Farber, Stacey Philips, Leslie Stout.

Above left, football is a rough, vigorous sport. Sometimes the athlete must show some pretty aggressive moves in order to catch the ball. Sophomore Randy House (40) makes a sliding catch as he goes down. Above right, kicking or punting the ball is one of the most important parts of the game. A kick starts the game and is usually tried after a touchdown to gain an extra point. Junior Willie Howard (24) holds the ball as junior Aaron Fowler (11) tries for the extra point. With team work like this, many extra points can be scored by a team.

FASTER!

The cross country course is 3.1 miles. Runners must practice hard to build up strength to run this distance. "We had a struggling year because of all the injuries, but we'll be better next year because we have potential," comments junior Jason Hyder.

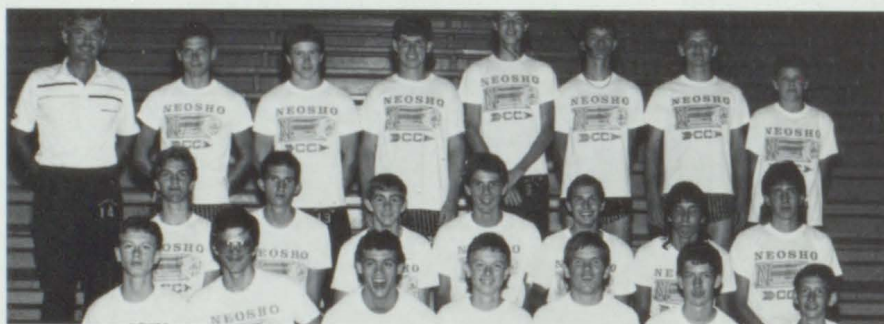
Barbara Webster, 11, Tina Williams, 10, and Erica Wimsett, 12, qualified for the sectional meet this year. The boys number one runner for the year was Preston Mc Nett. The girls number one runner was Barbara Webster, who will return next year to spark the team to victory.

Every year a sports banquet is held at the end of fall sports. Many awards are presented to athletes and sometimes to even the coaches. The cross country team presented Coach Lineberry with a plaque to show their appreciation for all his help and support. Receiving the Kim Mailes award is Preston Mc Nett, 12, the number one runner for the boys team.



Scoreboard

| OPP | BOYS/GIRLS | |
|-----------------|------------|-----|
| Pryor Inv. | 7th | NS |
| Monett Inv. | 6th | 3rd |
| MSSC Inv. | 3rd | 3rd |
| Kickapoo | 11th | NS |
| Fort Scott Inv. | 2nd | 3rd |
| Neosho Key | | |
| Club Inv. | 4th | 3rd |
| Diamond (J.V.) | 5th | NS |
| Districts | 10th | NS |



Above, waiting for a race to begin can be the most nerve racking time of all. Barbara Webster, 11, Erica Wimsett, 12, and Tina Williams, 10, wait as Coach Lineberry explains the route they are about to encounter. Upper left, left to right, front, **Abe Banks**, 9, **Mike Williams**, 12, Jack Skym, 11, Shane Banks, 9, Dan Harmon, 9, Nathan Allen, 10, Terry Gooch, 10. Middle, Jason Beier, 11, Jim Bogle, 12, Steve Long, 9, **Jeff Werneke**, 11, **Alex Inman**, 11, **Shane Carry**, 11, Jonathan Kirk, 10. Back, Coach Harry Lineberry, **Preston Mc Nett**, 12, **Wade Wood**, 12, Brian Divine, 12, **Scott Jenkins**, 11, **David Britten**, 12, **David Moore**, 10, **Jason Hyder**, 11. Lower left, left to right, **Kristen Smith**, 10, **Mandi Corsbie**, 9, **Erica Wimsett**, 12, **Barbara Webster**, 11, **Tina Williams**, 10, **Laura Snyder**, 10, Coach Harry Lineberry.

KICKIN'

Soccer is a sport which requires fancy foot-work. "Dribbling" the ball between one's feet can be a very difficult task when someone is trying to take it away. One must be in good shape to endure the running up and down the field which is required to make that goal.

The Cats played their games on a new field this year. The field is known as Lion's Field and is located near Highway 71. The players also played this year with the advantage of a new scoreboard which was designed by Coach Moore. With all the new features given to them this year the Cats couldn't help but have a terrific year!



Moving the ball down the field takes aggressive work. Players must concentrate on the ball and not let the opponent take it away at any time. Once he gets it down the field, he has one last task- getting it past the goalie. Left, Chris Crane, 9, replied about the season, "It was pretty fun playing even though we didn't win very many games." Here, Chris moves the ball down the field with little trouble. Soccer players devote much of their practice time learning the art of dribbling which is done with the inside and outside of the foot. Above, while waiting for the game to start or taking a break between games, players often discuss their tactics and opponents they are about to encounter. The J.V. team finished its year with 5 wins, 4 losses, and 2 ties. Although the team does not play as many games as the varsity team, it is good training for less experienced players. Playing soccer requires the player to be in good shape so he can easily run the ball down the field. Senior Dennis Horne (14) sits back and relaxes as sophomore Brian Schibi takes a cool drink to quench his thirst. Junior Bobby Warden relaxes while talking to teammates.



Scoreboard

| NEOSHO | OPP. | NEOSHO | OPP. |
|-------------|------|------------|------|
| 1 Central | 0 | 0 Joplin | 2 |
| 4 Hillcrest | 0 | 1 Carthage | 1 |
| 1 Joplin | 4 | 1 Mc Auley | 3 |
| 4 Hillcrest | 3 | 0 Carthage | 2 |
| 0 Kickapoo | 5 | 0 Joplin | 9 |
| 1 Joplin | 4 | 0 Glendale | 3 |
| 1 Parkview | 2 | 3 Mc Auley | 3 |
| 1 Glendale | 2 | 2 Carthage | 1 |
| 0 Kickapoo | 2 | 2 Belton | 3 |



Front, l-r, J. Reynolds, V. Johnson, **C. Granger**, M. Turpen, R. Housh, **K. Bartley**, **D. Hill**, **J. Oxford**, T. Horne, **D. Pollick**, A. Ernest, B. Allen, S. James, T. Humphrey, M. Whiteside, P. Miller. Back, l-r, Coach Mike Moore, **Kevin Turpen**, **C. Crane**, **D. Musgrove**, **C. Mabrey**, **D. Bowman**, **K. Larson**, D. Hafle, **D. Horne**, **R. Childers**, **B. Schibi**, **B. Warden**, T. Hobbes, T. Guppy, K. Hames, **J. Lankford**, T. Hughes, **Kent Turpen**, Coach Joe Schibi.

STUNG!

The Wildcat football team played host to the Lebanon Yellowjackets for 1989 football Homecoming. Although the football team fell 27-7, the evening created unique memories for many people.

Helping to promote the spirit, the cheerleaders decided on the theme, "Wildcats Win It All." Each class chose a TV game show and expressed that theme through floats and tags. The seniors parodied "Family Feud" with their version, "Football Feud." The juniors chose the game show "Press Your Luck." Scrabble was the choice of the sophomore class. The freshman class theme was "Wheel of Fortune." The freshmen were the winners of the tags. The best float and overall spirit was captured by the juniors.

Becky Young reigned over the game after she was crowned 1989 Homecoming Queen. Her court consisted of Tammy Werries and Erica Wimsett, both senior candidates; Melinda Tyler, junior attendant; Leslie Stout, sophomore attendant; and Kari Charter, freshman attendant.



Above, Deidra Adams, 1988 homecoming queen, crowned the 1989 queen, Becky Young. Below are the queen and her court. Top row, left to right, Kari Charter, freshman; Leslie Stout, sophomore; and Melinda Tyler, junior. Bottom row, left to right, Erica Wimsett, senior candidate; Becky Young, and Tammy Werries, senior candidate.



At the homecoming assembly, the cheerleaders held a Mr. Homecoming contest. Contestants were chosen from each of the fall sports and the band. Right, is the 1989 Mr. Homecoming, David Swift, 12, and one of his escorts, Ellen Poor, 9. A new feature of spirit week was clone day. Aaron Miller, 10 and Jason Dickinson, 10, express their school spirit as they dress as the Blues Brothers.



Each year during spirit week a parade is held the day before the football game. Classes and clubs enter floats that express the theme. Juniors Sherry Beaver, Jana Fry, Tina Williams, and Bridget Macy call to the crowd during the parade around the square. The juniors took first place. The second place freshmen, right, chose the game show Wheel of Fortune to express the theme. Representing the freshmen on their float are Katy Marble, 9, Wendy Johnson, 9, and Tige Henson, 9.



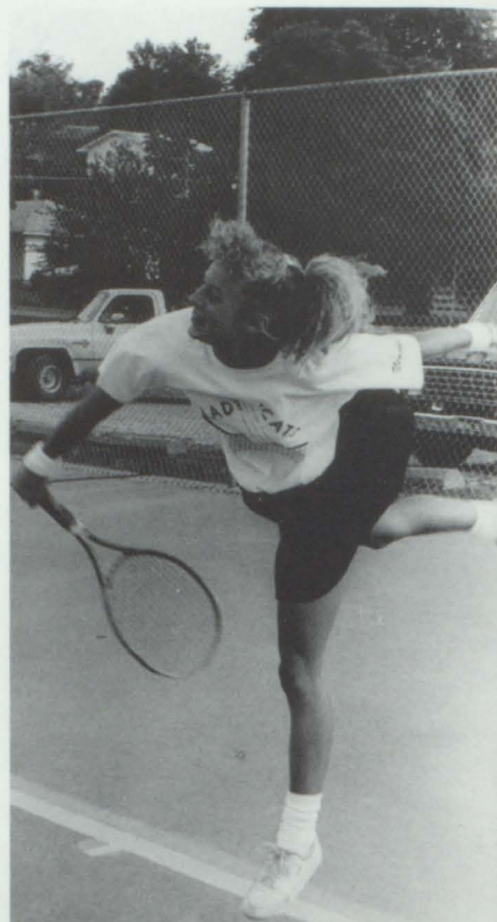
JUST DO IT

'Just do it' ... Where have you heard this from? Nike Air commercials with Andre Agassi and other famous professional athletes. But the Neosho Lady Cats tennis team put this into affect to help them strive for the best possible season. Coach Marsha 'mom' Harlan thought this theme best fit the tennis team. Before each match Coach Harlan gave the team a pep talk and finished with a confident 'just do it'.

When asked what 'just do it' meant to her, Susan Brown, 9, said, "'just do it' meant having fun no matter what happened."

One of the highlights of the year was the doubles team of junior Emily Blackwell and senior Kim Jensen placing 6th out of 18 teams at districts. Overall the Neosho Lady Cats placed 5th. Another highlight was senior Valerie Osborn receiving the Most Valuable Player award for her dedication and spirit.

Bottom left, Angela Kimbrough, 11, shows how she deals with pre-game "nerves". She likes to lie down and relax while mentally preparing for the game. Bottom right, is Emily Blackwell, 11, smiling especially for the camera or does she really smile while serving? Sometimes you just don't know with Emily. In a more serious moment Emily felt, "when we said 'just do it' it meant that no matter what happened we went out and did our best and whatever the results we knew we had tried."



SCOREBOARD

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|------------|---|-----|-----------|---|-----------|
| Nevada | L | 4-5 | Monett | W | 8-1 |
| Lamar | L | 4-5 | Joplin | L | 0-9 |
| Webb City | W | 6-0 | Kickapoo | L | 4-5 |
| Mt. Vernon | W | 7-2 | Parkview | W | 5-4 |
| Carthage | L | 4-5 | Webb City | W | 7-2 |
| Joplin | L | 1-8 | Carthage | L | 4-5 |
| Nevada | L | 2-7 | District | | 5th place |



Back row, Coach Marsha Harlan, Kim Jensen, 12, Valerie Osborn, 12, Stephanie Nicaise, 12, Kris Hailey, 12, Angela Kimbrough, 11, Holly Hammett, 9, and Susan Brown, 9. Next rows, top to bottom, left to right, Emily Blackwell, 11, Julie Prewitt, 10, Val Bertch, 9, Jean Ann Bruce, 10, Stacy Jackson, 9, Julie Dickinson, 11, and Karen Morris, 9.

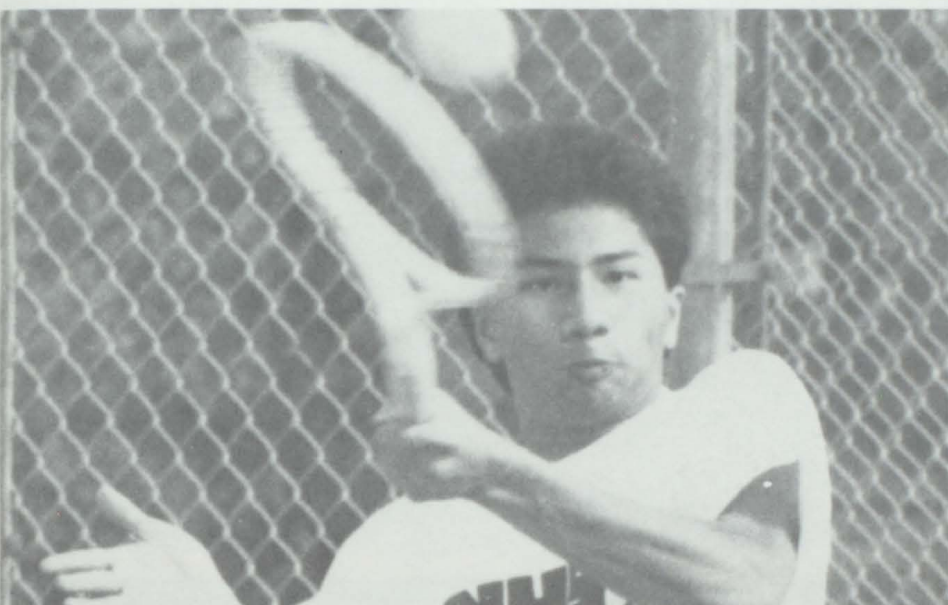
TOP SPIN

The boys tennis team used topspin to break its opponent's backhand. There are five keys to topspin like tennis great Ivan Lendl's. One, the player should turn his shoulder fully and control his racket head with opposite hand he swings with. Two, the player should lower the racket head, keep his head steady,

curl the wrist slightly and keep his grip solid while keeping it closed at impact. Four, he should drive with his legs for more power. Five, he should keep the angle between his racket and wrist fixed throughout the shot for spin and pace and follow through high. The use of these five keys can be formidable.

Long Dang, 10, has shown improvement since the 1989 tennis season. Long started out as #4 and then eased his way to #3. Jeremy Weiss and he tied for the Most Improved Player award. By the expression on Long's face, his determination led to his improvement. Practice seems to be the key to his improvement.

A tennis player must be agile and be prepared for the unexpected. Kenny Puckett, 12, shows a player sometimes has to bend low and get underneath the ball to beat his opponent. Kenny played #1 throughout the season and compiled a respectable doubles record as well.



SCOREBOARD

NHS

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| 1 | Joplin |
| 3 | Grove(JV) |
| 4 | Carthage |
| 7 | Aurora |
| 7 | Nevada |
| 6 | Grove |
| 6 | Mt. Vernon |
| 8 | Webb City |
| 8 | Nevada |
| 5 | McAuley |
| 1 | Joplin |
| 0 | Kickapoo |
| 4 | Parkview |
| 3 | Carthage |

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The 1990 boys tennis team members are **Kenny Puckett, 12; Andy Hansen, 11; Long Dang, 10; Curt Lewis, 12; Jeremy Weis, 10; Richard Shadwick, 10; Aaron Coleman, 11; Jacob Neuenswander, 11; Nick Hays, 11; Mark Turpen, 9; Sam Haas, 9; Jason Norman, 9; Jon Gatwood, 9; Justin Branham, 9; Jason Barnett, 9; James Medlock, 9; Tim Metscher, 9; Jonathon Gray, 11; Chris Morrow, 9; Joe Caouette, 9; and Ben Neuenswander, 9.**

HOOP IT

Basketball is one of the many extracurricular activities in which students may participate. It is a challenging sport and requires intense concentration from its players. However, a really enthusiastic crowd helps the players play their best and give them the support they need for a top performance.

This year many students showed their school spirit at both the girl's and boy's basket

ball games. Students taunted referees and opposing players by chanting, "We pay more!", a reference to paying off referees, and "Welcome to the barn", referring to Joplin's calling Neosho "the farm." The chants, however, inspired the Cats. A key signal that the Cats were going to win was the jangling of keys and the chant of "Go start the bus!"

Nicole Wicks jumps nearly half her height as she shoots the ball over the defenders. Terri Gillispie, 32, gets in position to receive a pass and Emily Blackwell, 14, looks on.



Blocking shots is a critical part of the game. Emily Blackwell shows her defensive skills.

Scoreboard

NHS

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| 61 | McDonald Co. |
| 31 | Joplin |
| 57 | Central |
| 48 | Webb City |
| 37 | Wheaton |
| 56 | Pittsburg |
| 44 | Webb City |
| 46 | Carthage |
| 37 | Monett |
| 38 | McDonald Co. |
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| 35 | Aurora |
| 49 | Fairland |
| 43 | Webb City |
| 29 | Joplin |
| 41 | Nevada |
| 24 | Carthage |

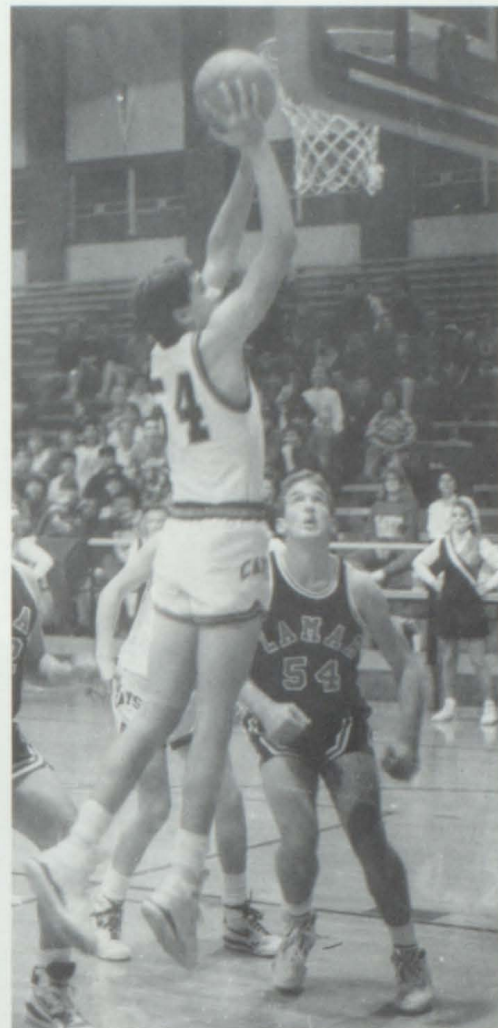
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Members of the girl's varsity basketball team are back, left to right, Coach Bob Gillispie, Terri Gillispie, 11, Bethany Schackenberg, 10, Barb Webster, 11, Shelly Wolfe, 12, Karen Naylor, 12, Julie Prewitt, 10, Tonya Butts, 12, Coach Sue Buttram; front, Jennifer Manhatton, 10, manager, Emily Blackwell, 11, Mysti Yust, 12, Nicole Wicks, 10, Kim Jensen, 12, Karen Brodie, 10.

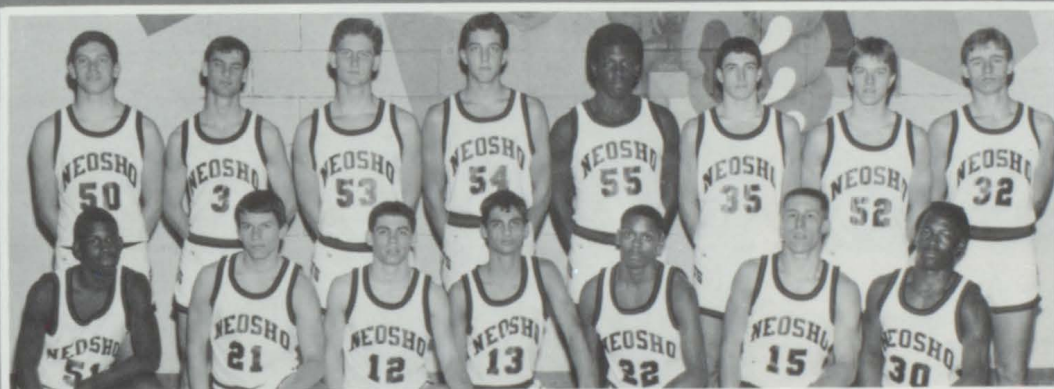
The job of center is often one when a lot of elbows are thrown and a lot of bruises are won. Nelson Price, 35, powers up a difficult shot as Greg Brown, 54, moves to help.



To win a spot on the varsity boys basketball team as a sophomore is a prestigious honor. Forward Greg Brown, above, seemed to accomplish this easily by converting passes into points. Left, no one likes to admit a foul. Neosho and Lamar players plead their cases with the referee.

Scoreboard

| Neosho | OPP |
|--------|-----------------|
| 56 | Aurora 43 |
| 49 | McDonald Co. 73 |
| 48 | Nevada 76 |
| 57 | Central 52 |
| 66 | Purdy 59 |
| 76 | Lamar 46 |
| 67 | Pittsburg 50 |
| 69 | Webb City 65 |
| 53 | Kickapoo 89 |
| 57 | Joplin 63 |
| 68 | McDonald Co. 78 |
| 69 | Carthage 57 |
| 84 | Nevada 95 |
| 71 | Joplin 81 |
| 53 | Ozark 61 |
| 54 | Hillcrest 77 |
| 64 | Webb City 83 |
| 68 | Carthage 84 |
| 62 | Monett 63 |



Members of the boys varsity basketball team are, back, left to right, Kirk Harryman, 11; Scott Woodrum, 12; Doug Dahnke, 10; Greg Brown, 10; Nelson Price, 11; Mike Sappington, 12; Ryan Lauderdale, 12; Aaron Fowler, 11; front, Derrick Woods, 10; Cris Laytham, 12; Brent Massey, 12; Matt Jarrett, 11; Chris Lee, 12; Nick Bussey, 11; and Tramaine Clark, 11.

CATS SHOOT FOR THE WIN

Basketball is a fast break sport. It draws many fans to the stadium. Neosho may not be in the Final Four or in the World Championships, but the teams are made up of hard-working, ambitious people. They love the sport, and love to get in a close game and play hard. Shown at right, Karen Morris, freshman, although outnumbered, gets the shot off in time.



Jeanne Arnce and Marty Rush are ready for the rebound. Their concentration on the ball and their opponents show that hard practice pays off.

Scoreboard

| NHS | | OPP |
|-----|---------------|-----|
| 19 | Joplin | 28 |
| 36 | Pittsburg | 35 |
| 29 | Nevada | 43 |
| 22 | Springdale | 36 |
| 18 | Fayetteville | 29 |
| 32 | Lamar | 31 |
| 26 | Joplin | 33 |
| 30 | Lamar | 24 |
| 26 | Webb City | 34 |
| 40 | Carl Junction | 37 |
| 23 | Nevada | 29 |
| 22 | Monett | 20 |
| 32 | Carthage | 15 |
| 28 | Monett | 23 |
| 12 | Nevada | 31 |
| 20 | Bentonville | 43 |
| 20 | Monett | 17 |
| 26 | Carthage | 23 |
| 29 | Webb City | 27 |



Members of the girls freshman team are, top, l to r, Coach Ray Godfrey, Amanda Wilfong, Holly Hammett, Gretchen Jobe, Susan Brown, Marty Rush, Jeanne Arnce; bottom, Kristi Browning, Mica Stephens, Paula Hendricks, Stacy Jackson, and Karen Morris.

Scoreboard

| NHS | | OPP |
|-----|--------------|-----|
| 28 | McDonald Co. | 38 |
| 38 | Joplin | 59 |
| 24 | Central | 8 |
| 33 | Pittsburg | 36 |
| 23 | Webb City | 44 |
| 27 | Carthage | 43 |
| 52 | Monett | 42 |
| 37 | McDonald Co. | 48 |
| 40 | Nevada | 62 |
| 44 | Aurora | 42 |
| 37 | Fairland | 33 |
| 29 | Webb City | 56 |
| 34 | Joplin | 48 |
| 32 | Nevada | 42 |
| 22 | Carthage | 43 |



The J.V. girls basketball team is top, l-r, Coach Gillespie, Jennifer Manhattan, Julie Prewitt, Beth Schnackenberg, Stephanie Jones, Allison Virgin, Amber Mc Bee, Coach Buttram, bot., Karen Brodie, Jean Ann Bruce, Tammy Epp, and Kendra Andrews.



The 1989-90 freshman cheerleaders were, left to right, Chrystal Acton, Christy Skelton, Rachel Forkner, Misty Moon, Amy Elhard, and Shawna Stump. The girls wait their turn to cheer at the outdoor assembly in September.

Scoreboard

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|-----|----|-----------------|----|
| NHS | 42 | Aurora | 43 |
| NHS | 36 | McDonald Co. | 31 |
| NHS | 48 | Pittsburg | 43 |
| NHS | 50 | Nevada | 26 |
| NHS | 23 | Fayetteville R. | 29 |
| NHS | 35 | Springdale Cen. | 34 |
| NHS | 52 | Tahlaquah | 56 |
| NHS | 50 | Lamar | 24 |
| NHS | 47 | Lamar | 18 |
| NHS | 43 | Webb City | 27 |
| NHS | 26 | Lamar | 11 |
| NHS | 49 | Pittsburg | 31 |
| NHS | 32 | Nevada | 34 |
| NHS | 31 | Carthage | 43 |
| NHS | 31 | Nevada | 41 |
| NHS | 36 | McDonald Co. | 39 |
| NHS | 45 | Bentonville | 56 |
| NHS | 49 | Aurora | 32 |
| NHS | 33 | Carthage | 62 |
| NHS | 48 | Webb City | 38 |



Freshman boys basketball team was, t-b, l-r, Chris Endicott, Dave Nichols, Travis Welch, Clark Rhoades, Torrius Fisher, Abe Banks, Sam Haas, Tige Henson, Travis Mc Gruder, Nacona Jordan, Wayne Sandoval, Kenny Hickman, Jason Norman, and Roger Newell.

Scoreboard

| NHS | | OPP |
|-----|--------------|-----|
| 43 | Aurora | 28 |
| 67 | McDonald Co. | 69 |
| 48 | Nevada | 40 |
| 63 | Central | 34 |
| 74 | Lamar | 44 |
| 50 | Pittsburg | 47 |
| 54 | Webb City | 75 |
| 56 | Kickapoo | 75 |
| 69 | Joplin | 42 |
| 82 | McDonald Co. | 63 |
| 44 | Carthage | 48 |
| 43 | Nevada | 48 |
| 55 | Joplin | 42 |
| 87 | Fairland | 40 |
| 65 | Ozark | 71 |
| 72 | Hillcrest | 57 |
| 66 | Webb City | 69 |
| 81 | Carthage | 65 |
| 76 | Monett | 63 |



The J.V. boys basketball team consisted of eleven very able players. They are t-b, l-r, Jeff Werneke, Doug Dahnke, Mark Johnson, Aaron Fowler, Ricky Crawford, Darren Whitman, Tramaine Clark, Matt Jarrett, Nick Bussey, Jason Hyder, and Chad Young.



Shooting for two is a tough job, but Torrius Fisher, freshman, makes it look easy as he uses his jumping ability along with his shooting ability to help lead the Cats to victory.

SHOWING SPIRIT IN 1990

The week of February 12-16 was a time for each class to show its spirit. The theme chosen for the 1990 Basketball Homecoming was Wildcats Praise Your Hero in the New Nine Zero. The seniors chose "Batman"; juniors, "Joker"; sophomores, "Mighty Mouse"; and freshmen, "Spiderman."

During homecoming week each class showed support by helping with decorations, tags, and banners. Each class also participated by dressing according to the daily spirit week

themes. Monday was "Cool Off with the Cats", winner-Elizabeth Hill; Tuesday, "Holding Out for Your Hero", winner-Tracy De-gonia; Wednesday, "We Love Our Team Day", winners-Kenny Puckett and Judy Reed; Thursday, "Wildcats Go Bird Hunting", winner-Matt Adams; and Friday, "Rest Up For the Big Game", winners-Jamie Daugherty, Dawn Slinkard, and John Parks. The overall winner was Shawn Lasiter.

On Friday afternoon, the pep assembly was held. Spirit was

running high as the boys basketball team challenged the girls team to a game of tug-of-war and the cheerleaders worked hard to get each class to show its spirit.

On homecoming night, the Wildcats played host to the Webb City Cardinals. Between games, the class winners were announced: Tags-juniors; Halls-juniors; Banner-juniors; Spirit-seniors; and Overall winner-juniors. Becky Douglas was then crowned the 1990 Basketball Homecoming Queen.



Working hard to look the best is always at the top of a woman's list. Dawn Slinkard, 12, and Jamie Daugherty, 12, show that it takes a lot of energy and effort to look beautiful.



Becky Douglas was crowned the 1990 Basketball Homecoming Queen. This special moment was commemorated with many gifts presented by the Varsity cheerleaders.

The queen and attendants are, front, l to r, seniors, Stephanie Lyons, Becky Douglas, and Tonya Butts; back, Karen Brodie, freshman; Wendy Byrum, junior; and Christy Skelton, sophomore.



Eric Dicharry, 12, and Jenny Boylan, 11, cuddle with their stuffed animal on Pajama Day.



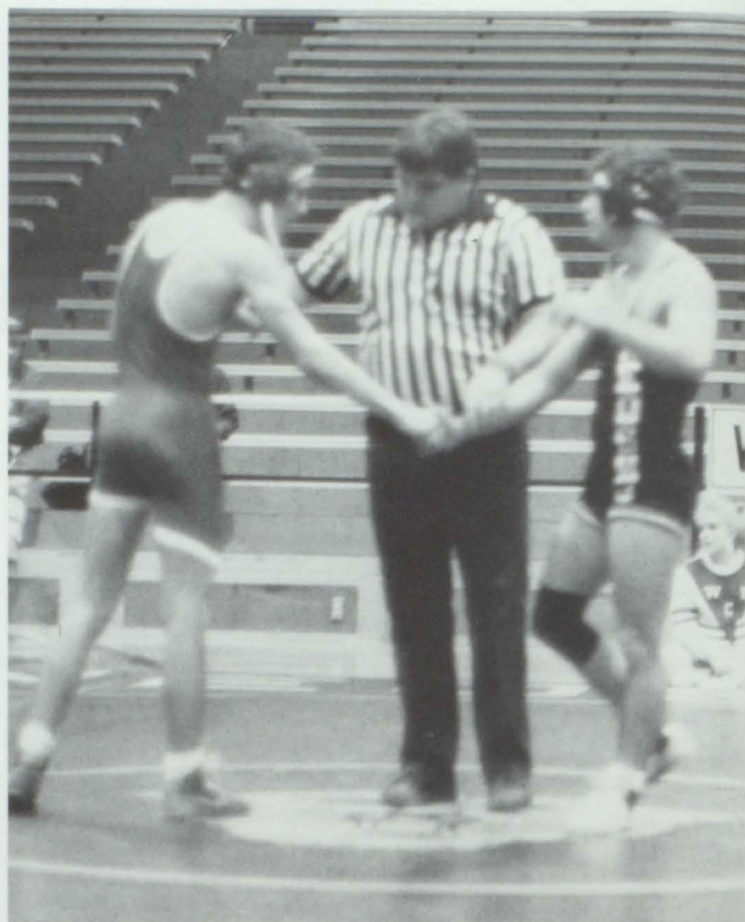
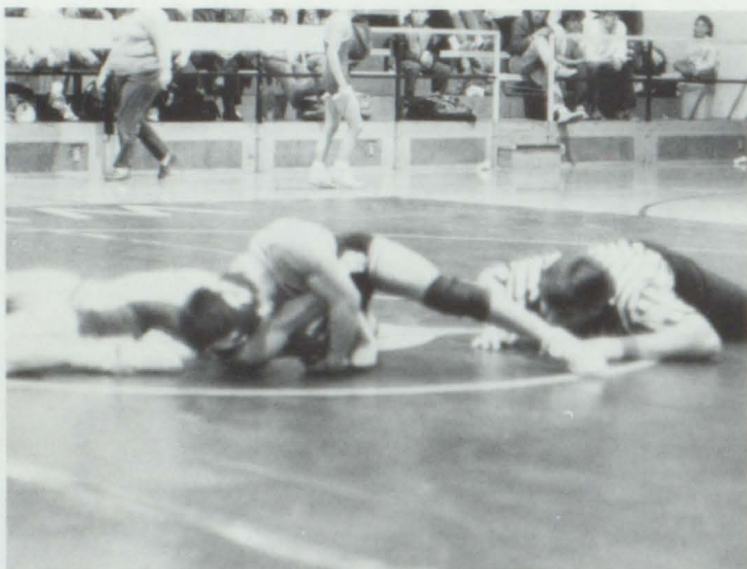
Above left, the boys basketball team challenges the girls to a game of tug-of-war. The girls are definitely excited as they defeat the boys. Above, the hunt is on for the Webb City Cardinal. Craig Butler, 10, and Tony Guppy, 10, dress for the occasion. Left, homecoming week wouldn't be complete without tags. Jeanne Ralston, Kim Jensen, and Tracy Bowers work together to glitter the senior tags.

WRESTLE MANIA ARRIVES

The 1990 wrestling team started off the new decade with a bang. There were seven wrestlers that went to districts, Kevin Turpen, 12; Scott King, 12; Jack Skym, 11; Wiley Sims, 11; Jed Willets, 11; Ryan Palmer, 10; and Russel Lewis, 10. These seven made it through districts and on to sectionals.

There were two wrestlers that made it to state, Jack Skym and Ryan Palmer. Jack was asked the what most rewarding part about going to state was to him. "There were people I had never seen. You must be willing to go all out in every round to win. Anything could happen; just remember what you are there for."

Left, agility, strength, and balance are main attributes of a wrestler. As the fans look on, a Neosho wrestler attempts to pin his opponent. Below the referee begins the bout with instructions to the wrestlers followed by the traditional shaking of hands. Jack Skym, junior, was successful in many such bouts, as he qualified for state at the end of the season.



Scoreboard

| NHS | | OPP |
|------------|---------------|-----|
| 20 | Monett | 48 |
| 21 | Neveda | 43 |
| 21 | Seneca | 47 |
| 43 | Parsons | 30 |
| 27 | Webb City | 37 |
| 15 | Carl Junction | 69 |
| 31 | Carthage | 37 |
| 33 | Joplin | 26 |
| 44 | Ozark | 30 |
| 62 | Diamond | 12 |
| Record 4-6 | | |



The 89-90 wrestlers are, back, left to right, A. Albright, R. Tracy, R. Palmer, B. Hopper, B. Rigdon, J. Shaw, R. Lewis, B. Testerman, J. Barnett, G. Milhollon, C. Mitchell, J. Davis, K. Barker; middle, S. King, R. Wright, J. Neuenswander, J. Willett, D. Hembree, T. Smith, J. Pietrzak, M. Cashel, K. Wells; front, W. Sims, K. Turpen, M. Sappington, B. Keller, C. Mitchell, R. Roark, B. Millikin, J. Neil, J. Pietrzak. Not pictured J. Skym, W. Minta, W. Watson, M. Walker.

HISTORY LIVES ON



Golf traces back to a Roman game called "paganica." The Romans would play paganica in the streets with a bent stick and a leather ball stuffed with feathers.

Other historians have traced it to the Dutch who called it "Het Kolven." The French had "chole" and the English had "cambuca."

In 1754 St. Andrews was founded, a Royal Ancient Golf Club. It became the leader in establishing golf's regulations and standards. The first golf club established outside of Britain was the Royal Calcutta in India in 1829. The first North America golf club was the Royal Montreal in 1873. The USGA was founded in 1894.

In 1951, the USGA and Great Britain Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews agreed to join together the rules and standards that now govern golf throughout the world.



Above, rain or shine these golfers are on the putting clock practicing. Mike Sappington, 12; Scott King, 12; Clark Rhoades, 9; and Dan Dunham, 10, put in their practice time. Below, senior Scott King takes a warm up swing before taking what he hopes will be the final putt. Golfers soon learn that games are won or lost by a few putts.

SCOREBOARD

| NHS | | OPP |
|-----|---------------|-----|
| 184 | Joplin | 166 |
| 181 | Seneca | 207 |
| 183 | Cassville | 180 |
| 196 | Miami | 172 |
| 186 | Aurora | 176 |
| 182 | Joplin | 159 |
| 185 | Webb City | 193 |
| 178 | Mc Donald Co. | 168 |
| 164 | Carthage | 181 |
| 164 | Mc Cully | 165 |
| 346 | Miami | 341 |
| 162 | Webb City | 199 |
| 182 | Carthage | 173 |
| 171 | Mc Donald Co. | 170 |



Golf team members not in order is Mike Sappington, 12; Scott King, 12; Aaron Johnson, 12; Matt Sappington, 10; Joey Adams, 10; Allan Ludiker, 12; Terry Strong, 12; Justin Jones, 10; Chris Crane, 9; Stewart Munson, 10; Dan Dunham, 10; Clark Rhoades, 9; Travis Wathal, 11; Charles Collinsworth, 12; Wiley Sims, 11.

TRACKING TO

There are two different events in track, field events and running events. Field events include shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump, and pole vault. Running events include 100-yd. dash, 400 meter relay, 400 meter run, mile relay, mile run, etc. . . .

"The satisfying feeling from achieving my long-term goal of breaking 5 minutes in the mile," Shane Banks, 9, announced as his best achievement this year.

Is there any fun on track meets? Just ask senior Tonya Butts. "While at Rolla for Sectionals, Dianna McNett, 12, and I ended up rooming with Coach Buttram. So to have fun, we turned the air-conditioner on high and pulled the covers of Coach Buttram onto the floor after she went to sleep. The next morning, she awoke frozen, wondering how she may have kicked the covers off. We never told her the truth."

Top, one of the managers for the track team is Tonya Butts, 12. A manager helps the coach write down how fast a person runs, wraps ankles, and helps runners prepare for a race. Tonya has been part of the track team for four years serving as a manager this year because of a knee injury. Below, the head coach for the girls and boys track team is Harry Lineberry. Coach Lineberry helps runners achieve the goal they want to obtain in running, jumping, and throwing.

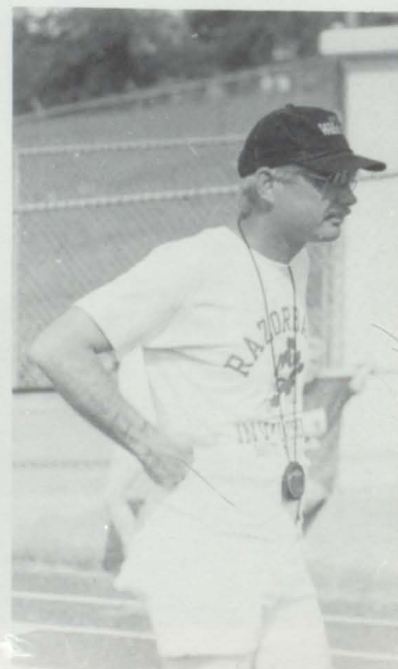


Scoreboard

| Relays | Girls |
|-----------|-------|
| E. Newton | 1st |
| Webb City | 1st |
| Pittsburg | |
| State | 1st |
| Neosho | 1st |
| SMSU | N.S. |
| Pryor | N.A. |
| Girard | R.O. |
| Conf. | 1st |
| District | 3rd |



Girls track team not in order is Terri Gillispie, Mari Taylor, Kim Cleaver, Krista Mc Gruder, Susan Brown, Brandi Hall, Laura Snyder, Leslie Stout, Barb Webster, Erica Wimsell, Beth Schnackenberg, Tina Williams, Kendra Andrews, Amber Mc Bee, Karen Morris, Emily Blackwell, Lura Hunt, Michelle Arnce, Jana Green, Heather Mc Conaghy, Michelle Clark, Barbie Owens, Holly Hammett, Christina George, Kristen Smith.



VICTORY

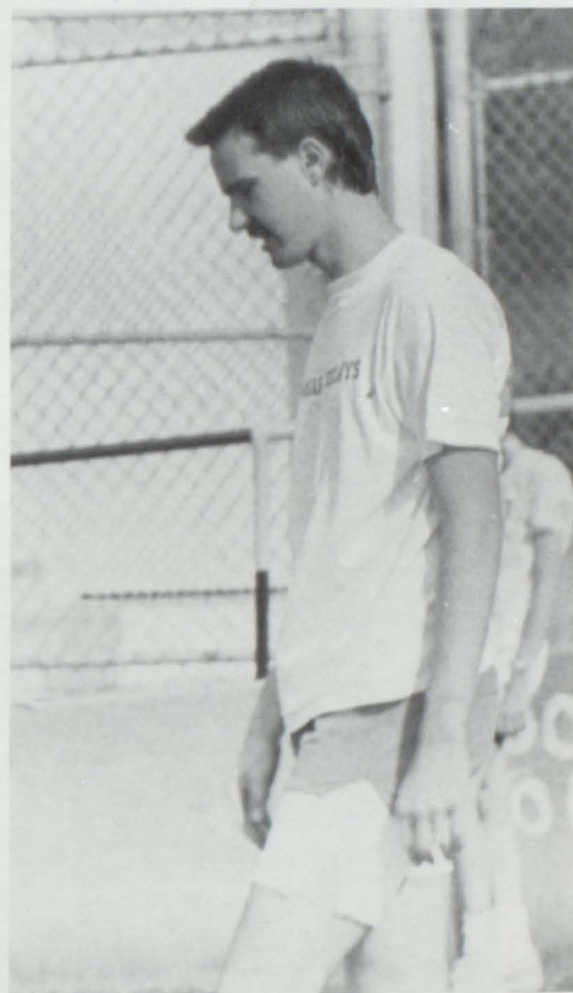


Scoreboard

| Relays | Boys |
|-------------------|------|
| E. Newton | 1st |
| Pittsburg | 6th |
| Neosho 9/10 | 3rd |
| Webb City | 3rd |
| Neosho | 1st |
| Pryor | 3rd |
| Carthage 9/10 | 3rd |
| Webb City 9/10 | N.S. |
| Conf. | 3rd |
| District | 8th |



Team members not in order are seniors, **M. Wilks, M. Williams, A. Farber, C. Lee**; juniors, **A. Inman, S. Jenkins, W. Howard, T. Clark, C. Gilstrap, N. Bussey**; sophomores, **M. Johnston, T. Sandvol, D. Woods, N. Allen, S. Carey, D. Moore, K. Lanson, R. House**; freshmen, **G. Keplar, M. Mc Guire, A. Banks, S. Banks, J. Lansdown, J. Franklin, D. Harmon, T. Fisher**.



Top, throwing an 8.6 pound ball is what a fan will find Michelle Arnce, 11, doing during track practice and track meets. Middle left, very tired and worn-out, Nick Bussey, 11, runs a lap around the track preparing for a meet. Middle left, senior Aaron Farber, concentrates on throwing the shot-put as far as he possibly can. Lower left, after reading a good time from her stop watch, Sue Buttram, girl's assistant coach, smiles in approval. Everybody works hard and together to make a strong team.

Mark Johnson, 10, has been a part of the track team for two years. He has been very successful in the high hurdles each year.

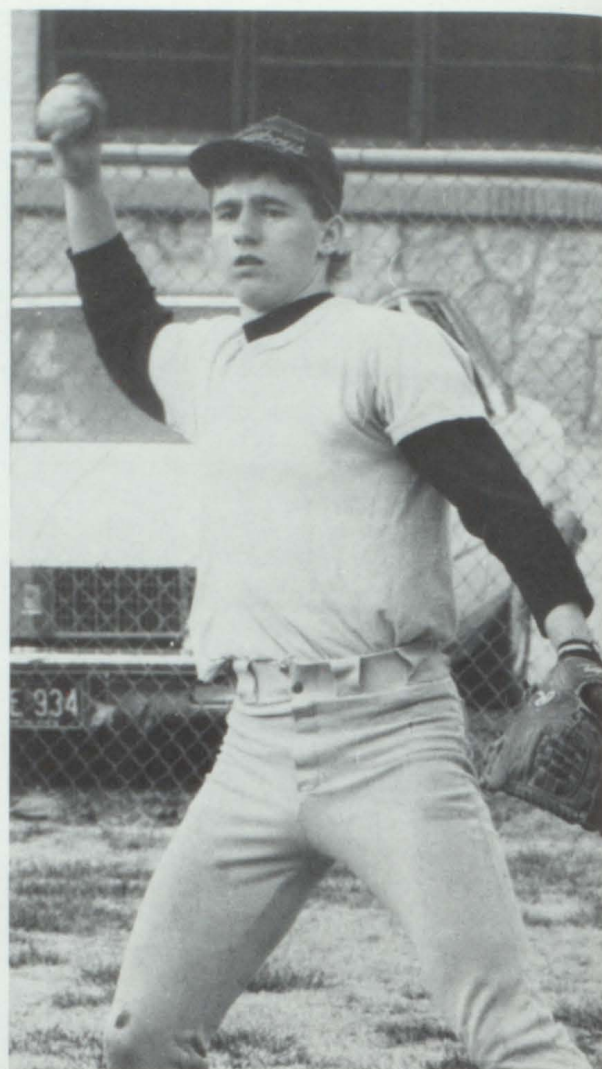
THE BABE OF BASEBALL

Babe Ruth was the first great home run hitter in baseball history. Ruth set many major league records, including 2,056 career bases and 72 games in which he hit two or more home runs. He had a .342 lifetime batting average.

Babe Ruth, whose real name was actually George Herman Ruth, was born in Baltimore. He began his baseball career in 1914 with the Baltimore Orioles. Later that year, he joined the Boston Red Sox. In 1920, the Red Sox sold Ruth to the New York Yankees. He attracted so many fans that Yankee Stadium was nicknamed "the house that Ruth built."



Brent Massey, 12, congratulates Todd Ebbinghaus, 10, for a good play. Team work was an "essential" for the baseball team. The team had to slosh through many rainy, cold, and windy days to complete its schedule; however, team spirit helped to keep everyone warm in spirit regardless of the weather outside. The schedule included several tournaments as well as district play.



With lots of enthusiasm, Aaron Fowler, 11, warms up his pitching arm before the game begins. Pitchers begin practice will the snow is still on the ground to prepare themselves for their job on the field.

SCOREBOARD

NHS

| | |
|----|-----------------|
| 5 | Nevada |
| 13 | McDonald Co. |
| 5 | Webb City |
| 7 | Nevada |
| 1 | Rogers |
| 11 | Parkview |
| 9 | Webb City |
| 8 | Pittsburg |
| 2 | Carthage |
| 5 | Joplin |
| 6 | U of A Claemore |
| 4 | Glendale |
| 10 | Pittsburg |
| 12 | McDonald Co. |
| 14 | Parkview |
| 2 | Hillcrest |
| 1 | Branson |

OPP

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| 12 |
| 8 |
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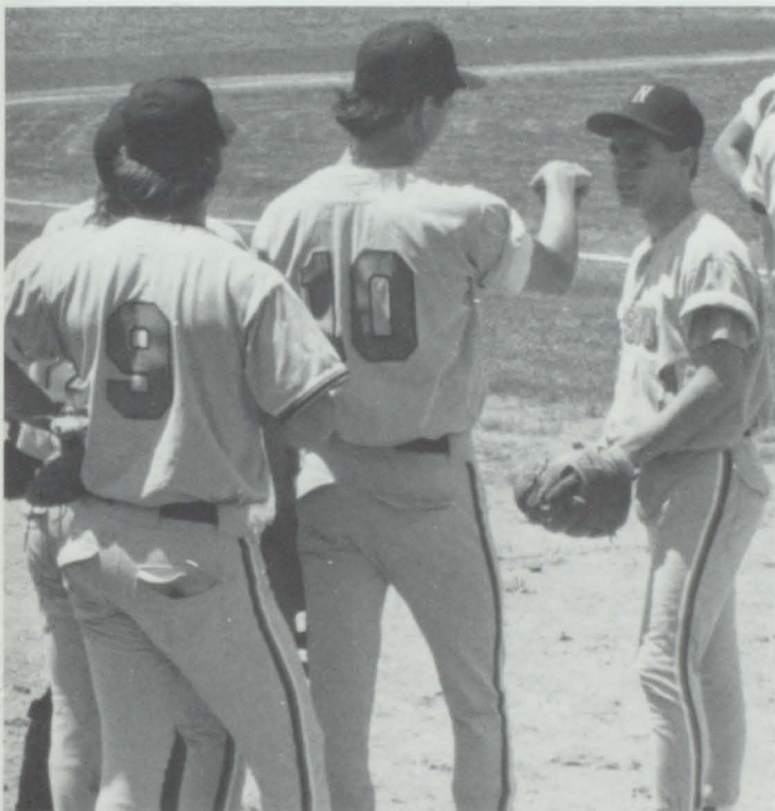


Varsity and J.V. team members not listed in order are seniors, D. Britten, S. Lasiter, R. Lauderdale, B. Massey, S. Moon, S. Reeves; juniors, A. Fowler, K. Harryman, M. Jarrett, D. Musgrove; sophomores, D. Bowman, G. Bond, T. Ebbinghaus, K. Hames, J. Keeler, B. Schibi, B. Smith, C. Butler; freshmen team, J. David, C. Endicott, J. Harvel, T. Henson, K. Hickman, N. Jordan, T. Mc Gruder, C. Mitchell, R. Roark, T. Welch.

Kirk Harryman, 11, puts all his body behind his swing as he hits one to left field. Kirk has been one of the leading hitters on the varsity team.



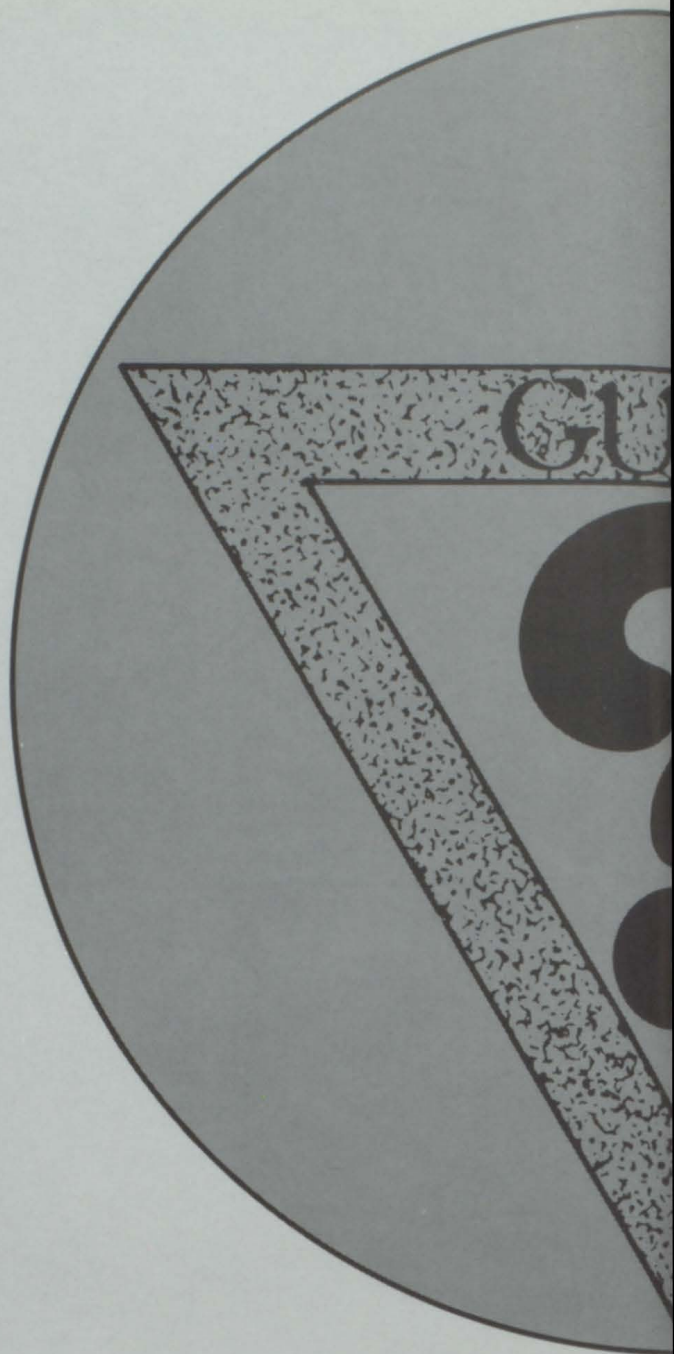
One of the few sunny, dry days welcomed the team as the players came to bat. Brent Massey, left, Matt Jarrett, with bat, and Kirk Harryman watch in concentration the progress of the game.



Coach Joe Fowler and track coach Harry Lineberry confer before a ballgame. Though each coach has his own area of expertise, each offers support and encouragement to the other. Neosho is known for the team spirit among all the coaches as well as among the teams.



Team members offer each other support in the form of suggestions on strategy as the team readies to take the field. Often the winner of the game is not only those who hit farthest but also who think fastest.



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LEADERS

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Dr. Gordon Warren has been superintendent of schools for 6 years. Under his leadership, many changes have occurred in the high school. In January Dr. Warren announced his resignation. Dr. Warren stated, "It has been my honor and pleasure to be associated with the R-5 School District. You have been loyal and supportive for which I will always be grateful."



Dr. Roy Shaver is assistant superintendent. He works with Dr. Warren, helping with business operations and finance. Dr. Shaver will be superintendent beginning in the 90-91 school year.

The superintendents and school board members made the 1989-1990 school year run smoothly.

The school board was made up of six members. They met on the third Thursday of every month. During the meetings, the members looked at certain issues and kept track of the happenings of all the Neosho schools. At the beginning of the year, the board reviewed the compilings of the students in each grade to see the increase

or decrease of students in the school system.

The 1989-1990 school board had only one new member. Mr. Richard Poore was elected before the start of school. The only other change in the board was the president. Mr. Mickey Poore retired and Mr. Stan Marion became the new president.

The school board was an important part of the school system and the 1989-1990 members did a great job.



The school board members worked together to accomplish their many tasks for the Neosho school system. The members of the 1989-1990 school board members are: Mrs. Marjorie Fausett, secretary; Mr. Stan Marion, president; Mr. Bill Lee, vice-president; back row, Dr. Gordon Warren, superintendent; Col. Sherman Foote, Mr. Richard Poore, and Mr. Walter Walker.



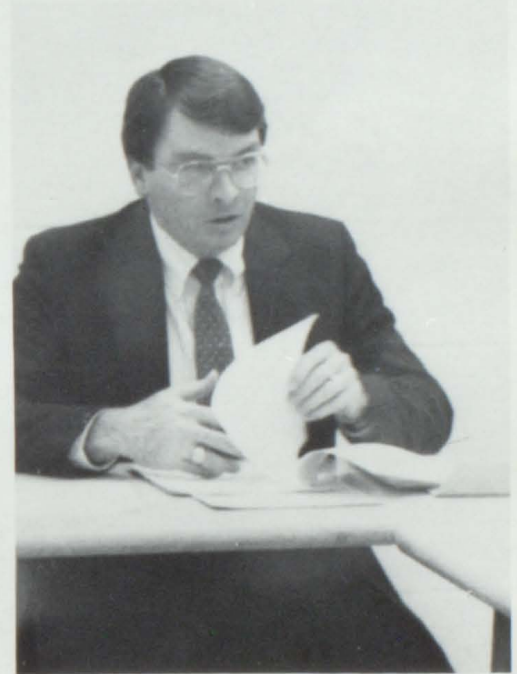
Members of the school board review information at each meeting during the year. Mr. Walter Walker and new board member Mr. Richard Poore look at the agenda.



Working together is an important part of the school board. Col. Sherman Foote discusses an issue with Mrs. Marjorie Fausett. Above, frequently there are new faces on the school board. At the beginning of the 1989-1990 year, Mr. Richard Poore was elected to a three-year term.



Mr. Stan Marion was the new president of the board this year. Mr. Marion is in his seventh year. Above, Mr. Marion and Dr. Gordon Warren confer about a topic before the start of the meeting.



Before the start of most school board meetings, there is a rustling of papers and an exchange of ideas. Right, Mr. Walter Walker talks with Mr. Gordon Warren about the meeting. Right, Mr. Bill Lee, who has been on the school board for four years, flips through his stack of papers before the meeting.



WHO'S

IN ADMINISTRATION

At Neosho High School there are many people that help keep the school in order. Mr. Dale Slagle is the high school principal. He is always looking for something new to help students. Mr. Bill Lewis is one of the assistant principals. He is the head of organizations and attendance. Mr. Bill Rogers, assistant principal and athletic director, is in charge of athletic activities and disciplining students. Mr. Dan Chapman, transportation director, is responsible for students having safe bus drivers and that the buses run at their top condition.

The lunch room serves hundreds of students each day. Mrs. Charlotte Nichols sets up the lunch menus, orders supplies, and supervises the lunch workers.

The junior high, an important part of the school, is headed by Mr. Rocky Macy. This is Mr. Macy's first year as junior high principal.

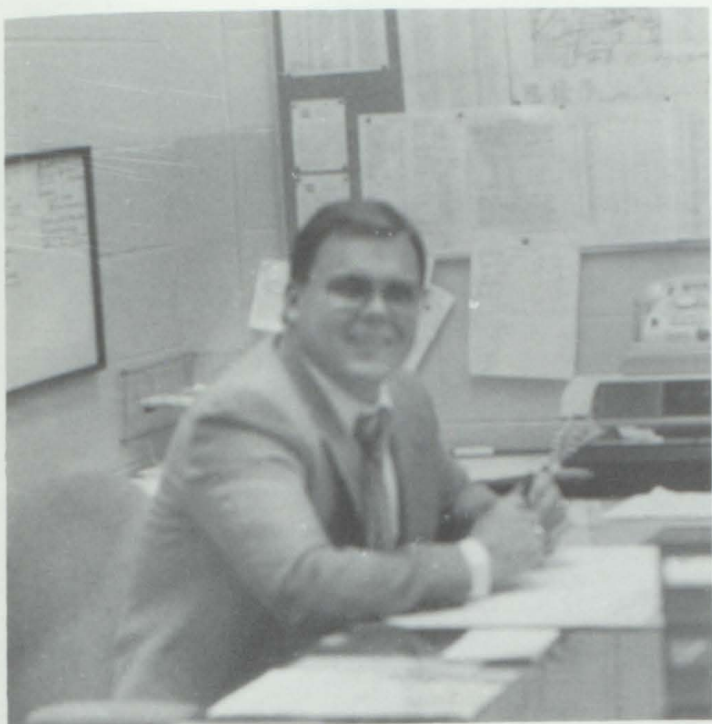
Dr. Bonnie Cox, Director of Elementary and Secondary Curriculum, is responsible for organizing and developing new educational concepts.



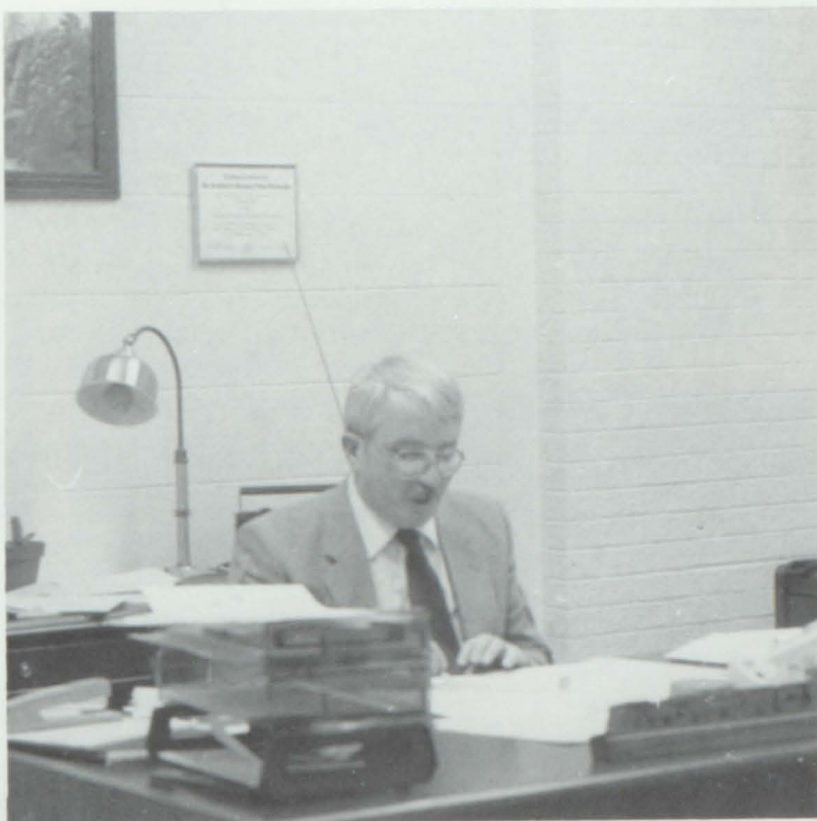
Above, Mr. Dale Slagle, principal, has been here for three years. Mr. Slagle is pictured with a hand made sailboat given to him by one of the Marshall Island students in appreciation of his work with the student. Mr. Slagle feels, "My most rewarding experience so far-graduating the class of 1990! The most rewarding aspect is the variety working with teenagers and their interests."



The Three Musketeers! Mr. Bill Lewis, Mr. Dale Slagle, and Mr. Bill Rogers provide an effective learning environment for high school students.



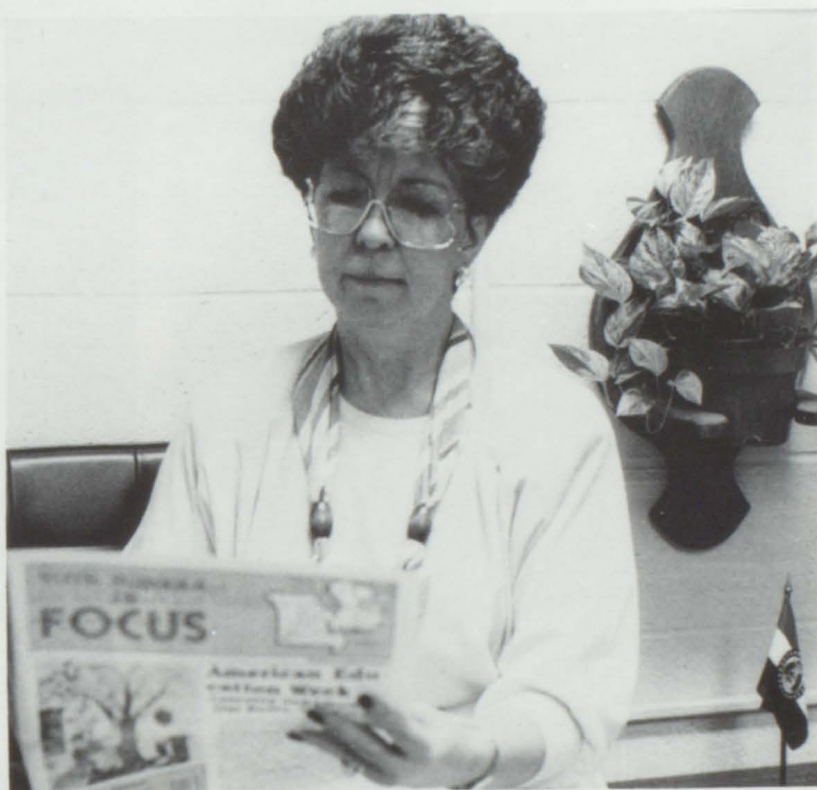
Above, Dan Chapman takes a few brief moments to smile in between making sure that all the transportation needs are taken care of.



Above, being the junior high principal is not an easy job. Rocky Macy is always busy working on something, but takes a moment to look at the camera.



Mrs. Charlotte Nichols takes a few minutes out of her busy lunch schedule. Dr. Bonnie Cox works hard to improve education in the district. Her job often takes her out of her office to visit all schools.



GUESS WHO'S

BEHIND THE SCENES

An important part of the support staff were the bus drivers. The drivers were required by the state of Missouri to have a Bus Operators Permit this year before they were able to drive a bus.

Mr. Dan Chapman, Director of Transportation, explained there were four parts in working toward

obtaining the permit. Each driver had to have his bus driver application and a physical. They were also required to take a written and driving test.

Obviously, there is a lot more to being a bus driver than sitting behind the wheel and driving it.



Bus drivers are busy people, but Doug Welch finds time for a picture.



Custodians Jerry Williams and Edith Parmley always find a moment to smile and chat with the students. "I really enjoy my job. I like the kids, but if I wasn't a janitor I'd like to win the lottery and travel."



Secretaries in the high school are, top, l to r, Carol Noah, Marge Jenkins, Faye Phillips, bottom, Jeanne Hailey, and Janice Farrell.



The secretaries in the Superintendent's office are, seated, Sarah Dahlstrom, (l-r) Christy Enloe, Eula Hill, Teri Burton, and Jody Sappington.



Thera Sanders is one of many cafeteria workers who provide wholesome meals for hungry students.



Printroom workers, Richard Tink and Lou Barnes, make sure every class has its tests printed on time. Right, Junior High secretaries are Judy Brown and Lisa Cole. They sometimes find themselves playing the roles of substitute mothers to the students who need a bit of sympathy or a firm hand.



GUESS

WHO'S PUSHING CARTS?

"Excuse me! Can I just slip through here?" These are familiar words that can be heard over loud voices in the halls of Neosho High School. The people saying these words probably aren't so happy about it, judging from the awkward, large, wheeled carts that transport their faculty belongings from classroom to classroom. Due to a lack of space, many teachers must be mobile units to travel to unutilized rooms to teach their classes. According to Mr. Dale Slagle, principal, there is 97-98% utilization of classroom space. Almost no teachers get to spend their conference hour in their own room.

The teachers have mixed feelings about the situation. Mrs. Linda Nielsen, teacher, calls the situation "hazardous . . . not a way to make friends and influence people." Ms. Anne Nicolas, teacher, simply hates it. Mr. Ray Godfrey, teacher, has a little more optimistic view of the situation. He describes pushing his cart through the

hall in the busy student traffic as "interesting. I get to see everybody." All of the teachers unite in anticipation of the correction of the problem.

One would think that the uncomfortable situation of pushing a cart is one that the teachers would think of as a curse they would not wish upon anyone, but this is not so. Mrs. Kym Wright, math teacher, said that if she could will her cart to anyone in the world, she would give it to Mr. Slagle because he always makes fun of her when she is pushing it. Mr. Godfrey would free himself of his burden by giving his cart to Coach Bill Patterson. He said, "I think he (Coach Patterson) would look good pushing a cart. It would enhance his authority figure."

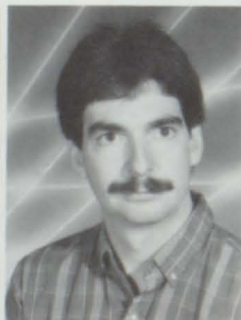
Mr. Dale Slagle, principal, says that with the expansion of the high school next year, from a four-year institution to the new standard three-year, this uncomfortable shortage of classroom space should be solved.

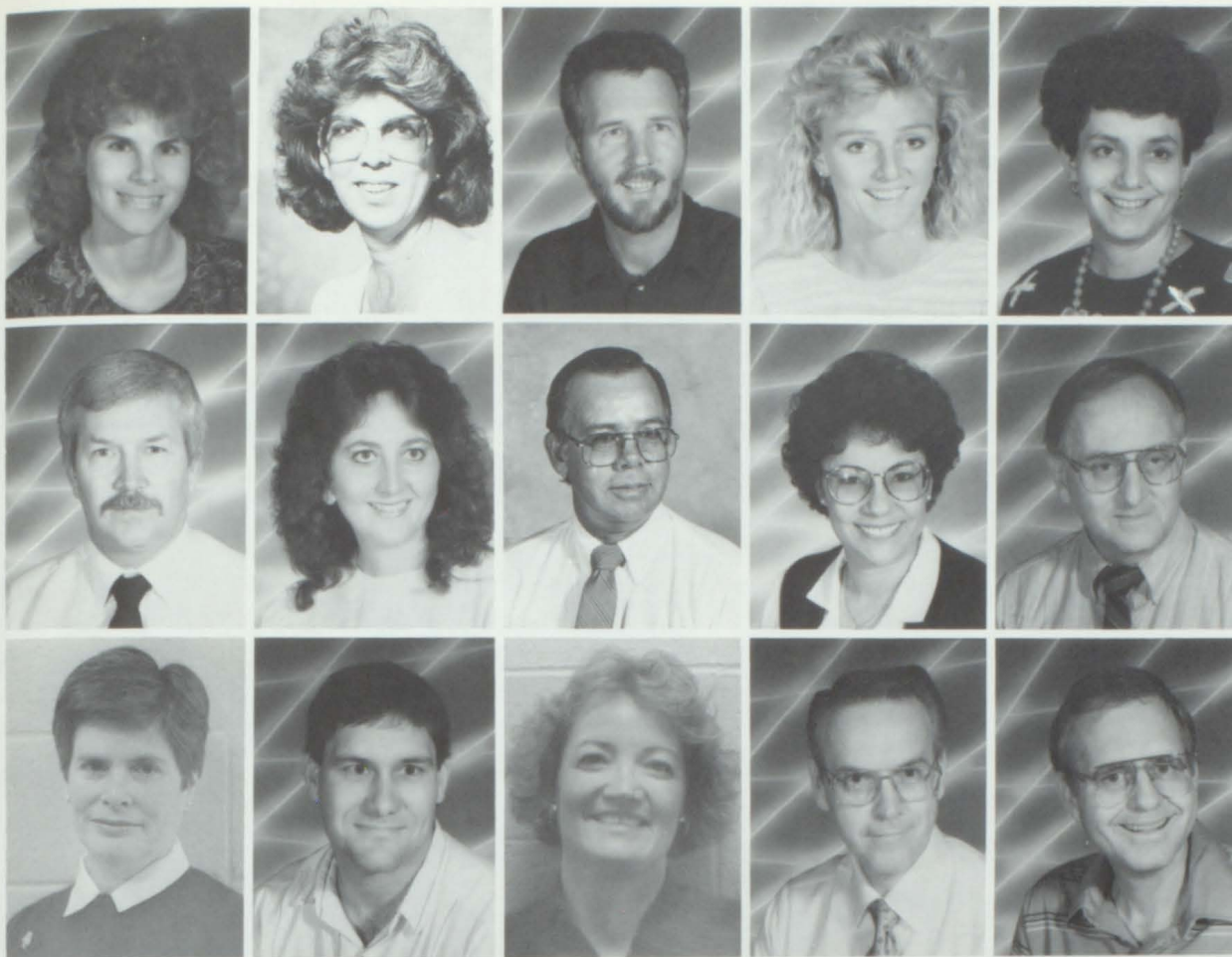
Theoretically, next year every teacher will have his or her own room. No more cart-pushing for the teachers!



Every day Mrs. Linda Nielsen faces the challenge of getting through the numerous crowds with her hallway companion, "the cart".

Clarence Acton, Language Arts
Mike Aldrich, Vocational Agriculture
Vali Beck, Special Education
James Blaes, Social Studies
Becky Brannock, Guidance Counselor





Cindy Branscum,
Business
Ruth Breashears,
Language Arts
Tony Bussey,
P.E./Health
Sue Buttram,
P.E./Health
Jane Caudell,
Special Education

Denny Chenoweth,
Drivers Education
Debbie Creel,
Vocal Music
Jerry Christian,
Science
Shirley Cummins,
Language Arts
Gary Dickinson,
Science

Judy Eighmey,
Special Education Aide
David Elliott,
Science
Soni Elrod,
Speech Therapist
Gene Ferguson,
A/V Librarian
Charles Goade,
Social Studies



Having "The Cutest Little Baby Face" isn't the easiest title to win. Mr. Bill Henton was chosen as the cutest baby, among the faculty by the students. Congratulations Mr. Henton!

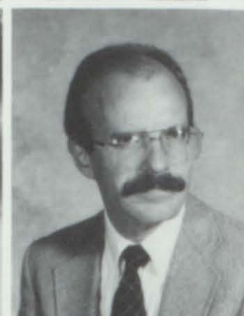
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Steve Haupt,
Math
Bill Henton,
Social Studies
Diane Hill,
Business
Russell Hively,
Language Arts
Carolyn Hulsey,
Home Economics



Paul Hunter,
Science/AFROTC
Rayma Ireland,
Special Education
Larry James,
Math
Don Jordan,
Speech and Debate
James Kelso,
Instrumental Music



Jacqueline Kenny,
Spanish/German
Karen Kleiboecker,
Home Economics



Beverly Lewis,
Special Education Aide
Judy Manhattan,
Computer Science



Selling tickets at a basketball game can be full of exciting moments. Sitting in front of the door feeling the cold air blow on your face is always anticipated. Mrs. Jacqueline Kenny and Mrs. Diane Hill 'work' the ticket desk at varsity basketball game.

Don Jordon tries to get across debate skills to students, but David Owens, 12, and Ginger Mc Garrah, 11, have skills of their own.



Mrs. Kenny and Mrs. Diane Hill seem to be doing nicely without having many complaints about the "rules and regulations" of the school. Who knows how many hoodlums have tried to get back in for nothing, but consider this, who would mess with the female race?



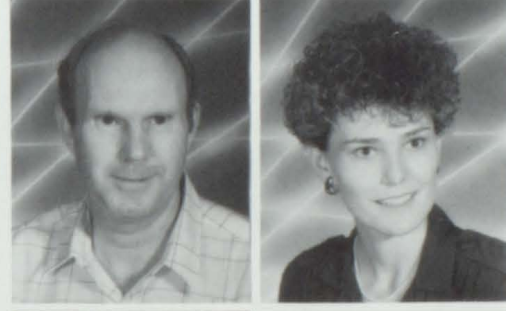
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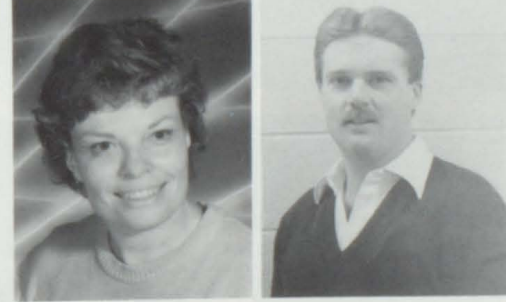
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Diana Messens,
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Anne Nicolas,
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Language Arts/Speech
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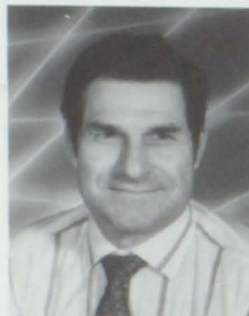
Peggy Payne
Librarian



Aleta Platner,
Business



Jim Rhoades,
COE



Linda Richardson,
Science



Nancy Rugh,
Language



Glynn Sanders,
Industrial Arts
Joe Schibi,
Foreign Language
Gerry Schnackenberg,
Nurse
Richard Shultz,
AFROTC/AASI
Roger Sides,
Science



Being a line judge at a football game can be a real challenge though the look on Coach Gary Dickinson's face doesn't give that impression. Just because coaching and being a referee in a football game is a stressful job, doesn't mean that being a line judge is too.

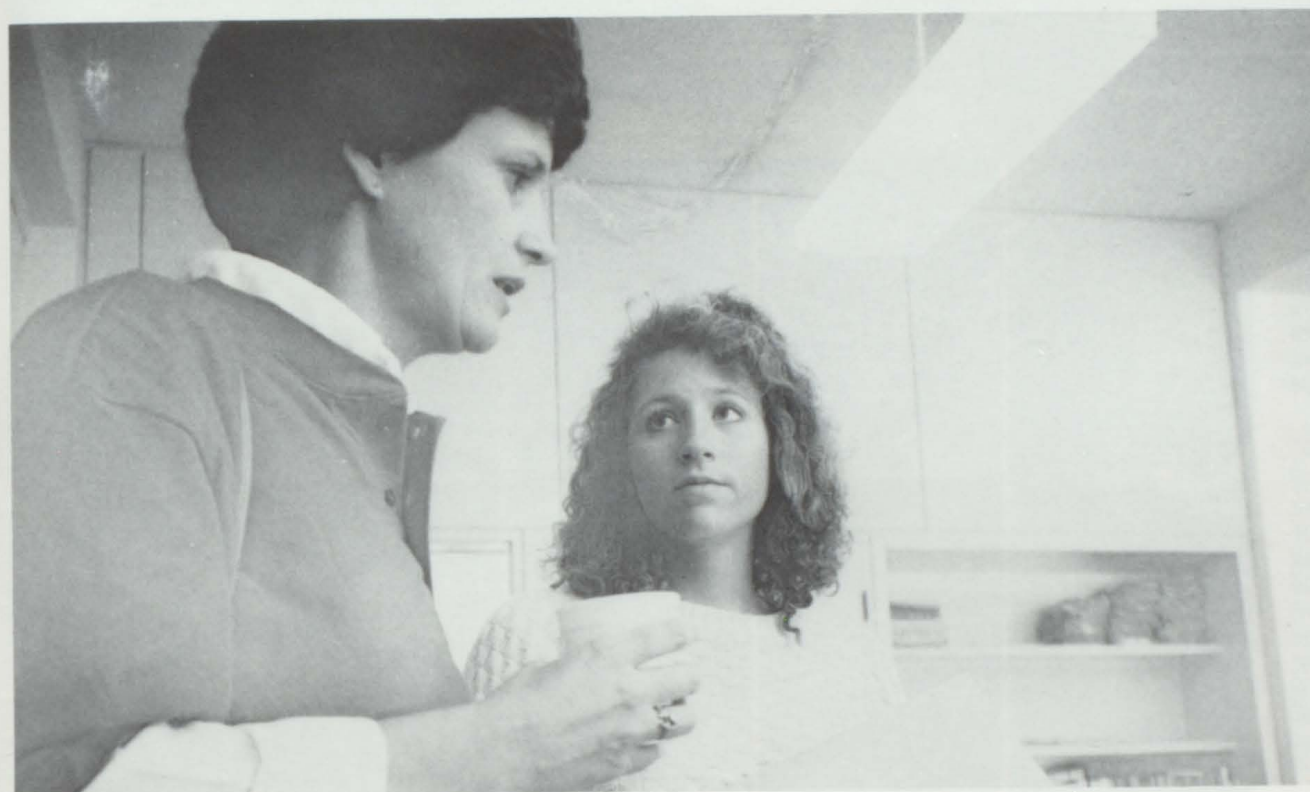




Eugene Smith,
Math
Mildred Stover,
Language Arts
Cindy Titus,
Social Studies
Don Ward,
Vocational Agriculture



Giving blood can be an interesting and fun experience, but whether Mr. Jerry Gorham is having a good time or not could be debateable. Not everyone looks mischievous like Mr. Gorham while giving blood. His being up to something could be a possibility. This blood drive brought in 131 pints.



Kim Jensen, 12, gives Mrs. Nancy Rugh a look of doubt when discussing a problem. Luckily Mrs. Rugh has her daily cup of coffee there to help her get through the situation. If only students could have their daily soda there to get them through the day. They would be much more tolerable.



Gary Warren,
Art
Stephen Widder,
Instrumental Music
Kym Wright,
Science/Math

WHO'S

IN JUNIOR HIGH?



Doing wood work can be a tricky experience. Here Mr. Kevin Johnson shows his students, Keith Tiner and Steven Moore, how to get a straight edge on the wood.

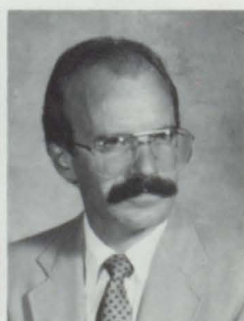
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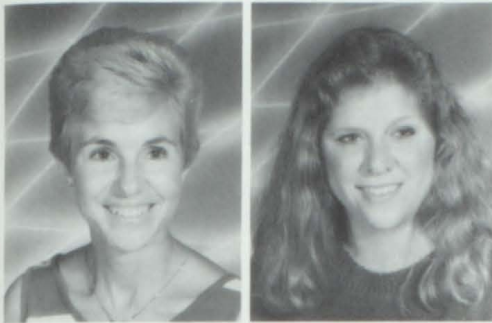
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Ray Godfrey,
Math
Christy Graham,
Language Arts
Shari Janss,
Computer



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James Kelso,
Instrumental Music



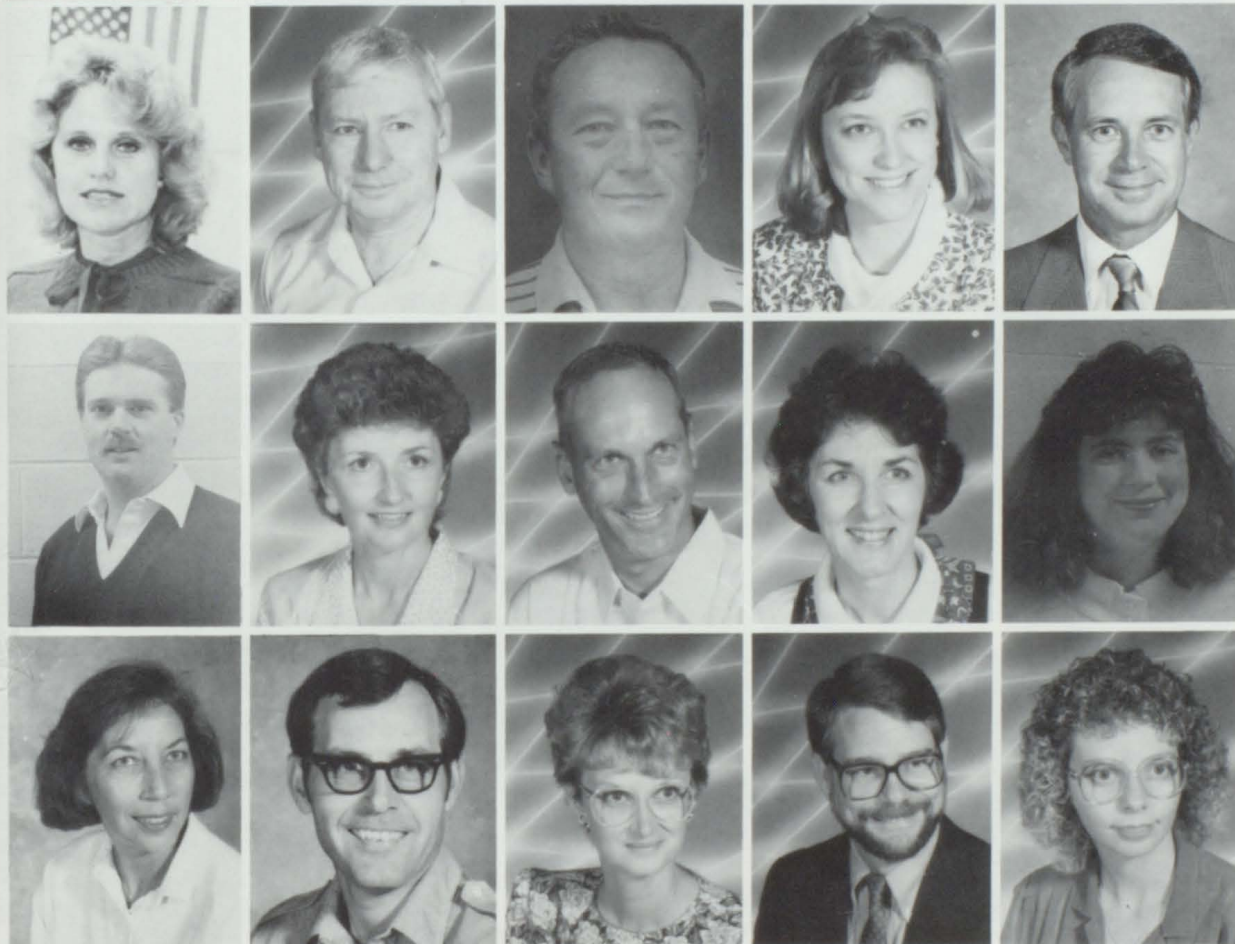
Working on a computer is a frustrating experience, shown by Brandi Richards, 8. But Mrs. Shari Janssis there to lend a helping hand.



Beverly Lewis,
Teachers Aide
Linda Lewis,
Special Education



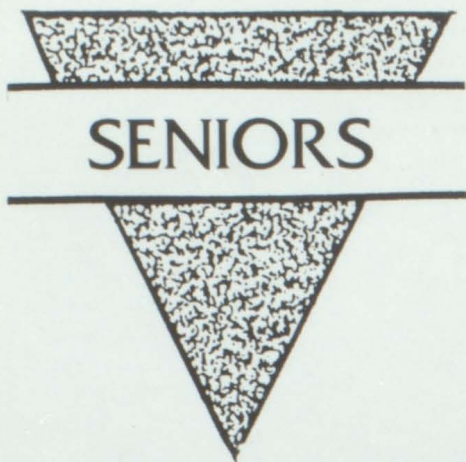
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Jack Morgan,
Science
Larry Newton,
Math
Linda Ochsenbein,
Special Education
Ron Paden,
Science

Bill Patterson,
Study Hall
Aleta Platner,
Study Hall
Al Potter,
Physical Education
Shirley Schnakenberg,
Home Economics
Susan Shively,
Vocal Music

Loretta Sims,
Physical Education
David Tarter,
Math
Janice Weis,
Reading
Stephen Widder,
Instrumental Music
Diane Wooters,
Enrichment



SENIORS

WHAT TO DO NOW?

Twelve years of the continuous routine seems like a long time when a child starts school, but as the end nears, time can fly by quicker than what seems possible.

One of the biggest decisions a senior had to make was what to do after graduation such as where to go to college, and how to spend those five days a week that were previously spent at school.

Some students set plans while others were still unsure. Benny Johnson planned on "studying music at the metropolis of Kansas City at UMKC in the fall. As

of now I plan on obtaining a Master's degree."

Stephanie Lyons wanted to relax during the much needed summer break. "I'm taking a seven day trip to Oahu, Hawaii then attending MSSC when I get back."

Lauren Cope said she wanted to travel around quite a bit and have a great time before settling down. She wanted to go back to Alabama or MSSC to further her education.

Teri Tignor, a promising journalist, was to attend MU and later move on "far, far away to be a big time writer."

Marcy Abercrombie
Shiloh Ackerson
Matt Adams
Sam Adams
Mike Adamson



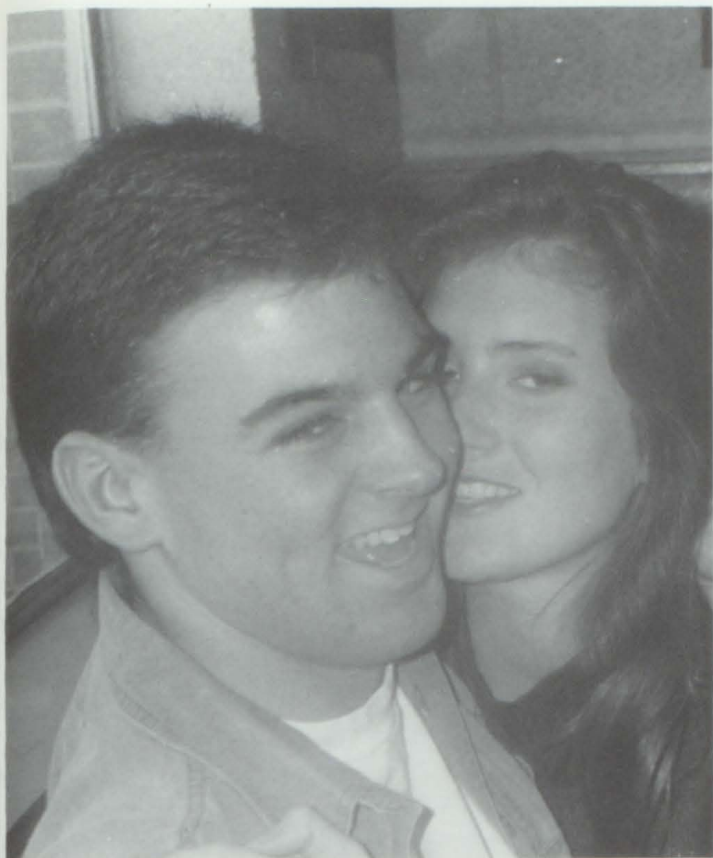
Jan Addington



Alan Albright



The senior student body elects members to represent them. The 1989-1990 senior leaders are Kim Jensen, secretary; Brent Massey, president; and Nicki Randen, vice-president.



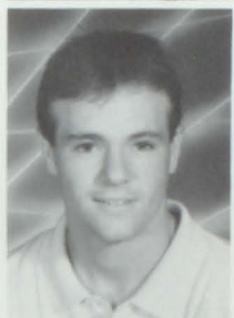
Many things happen while sitting on the senior benches. Shannon Moon doesn't mind the attention he's receiving from Jennifer Lentz.



Julie Ambrose
Antonette Atkinson



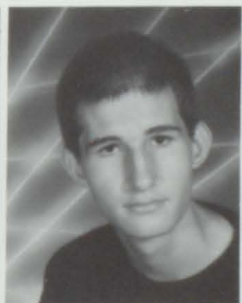
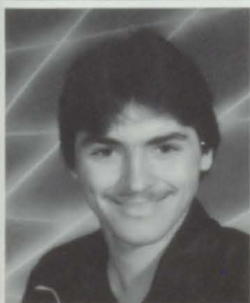
Jackie Atkinson
Leah Babbitt



Rod Barclay
Ken Barker



Angie Barrett
Carol Beauchamp
Janelle Beaver
Dan Bell
Wes Bertch



Matthew Bickford
Rachel Bickford
James Bogle
Sabreana Bollman
Tracy Bowers



Ted Box
Sabra Boyd
Jennifer Branham
David Britten
Angie Brodie

Robin Burch
Jason Burns



Corey Burton
Tonya Butts



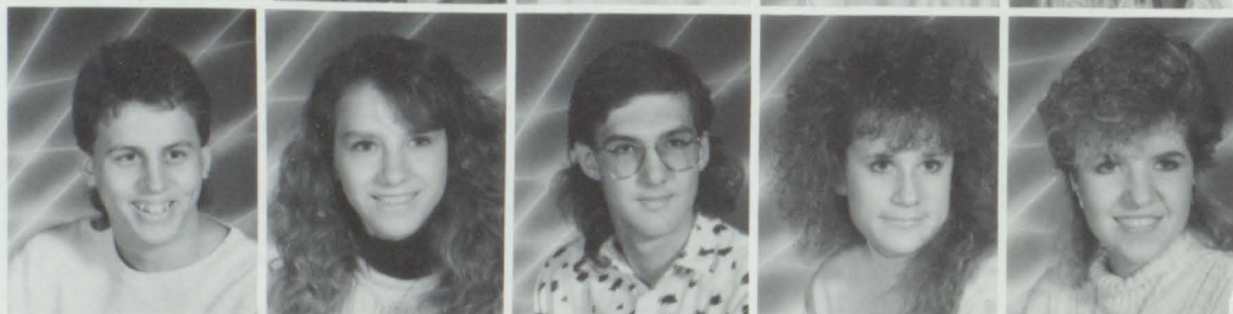
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Chad Clapp
Traci Clines
Kevin Collingsworth
Charles Collinsworth



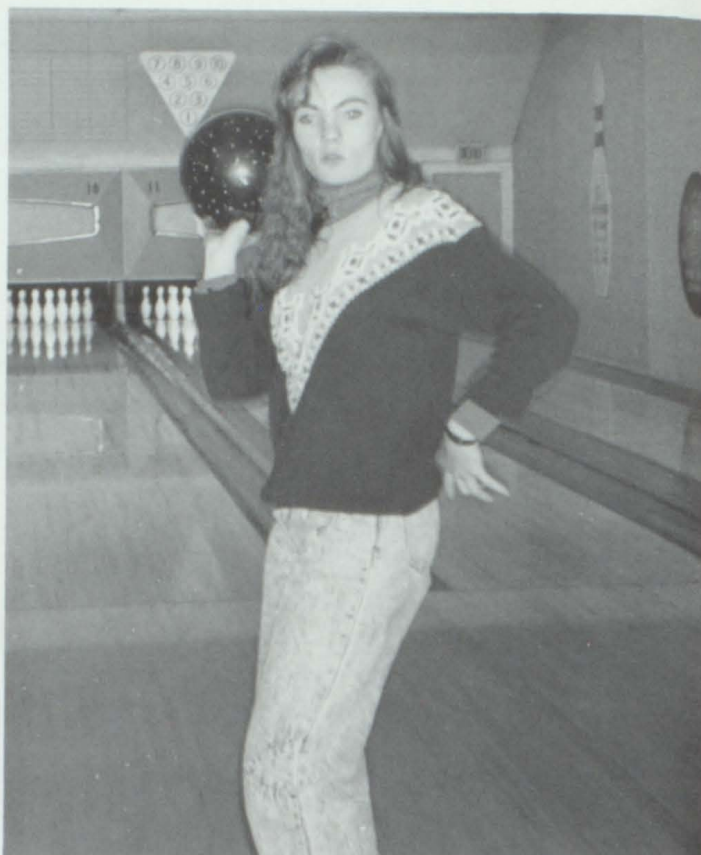
Charles Cooper
Lauren Cope
Scott Copeland
Cyndi Dahl
Jamie Daughtery



Dorann Davidson
Frank Davis
Jennifer Davis
Suzi Davis
Ed Delancey



DECA sponsors the MDA bowl-a-thon each year. Angie Patterson shows her bowling style while bowling with Student Council.

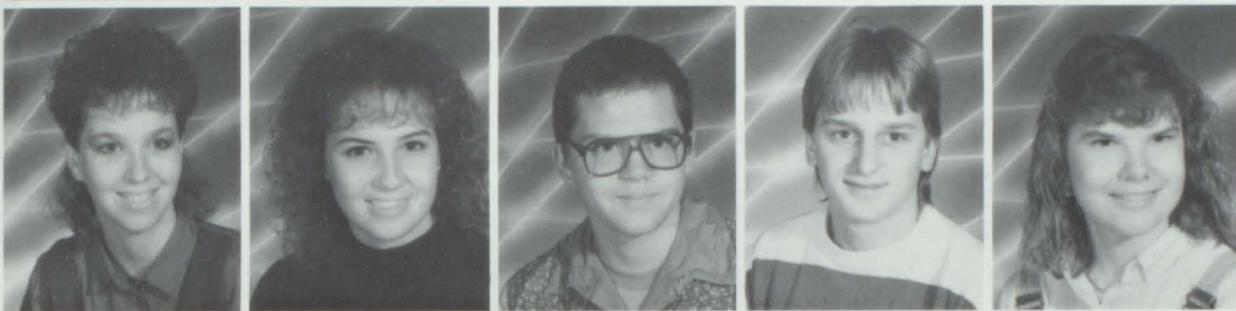




Eric Dicharry
Stacy Dickson
Jody Diggs
Becky Douglas
Sandy Duncan



Brian Edens
Angie Ernest
Jerry Fagan
Aaron Farber
Teresa Fausett



Robbin Ferguson
Sarah Finch
Christopher Ford
Kevin Forkner
Krista Fortenbaugh



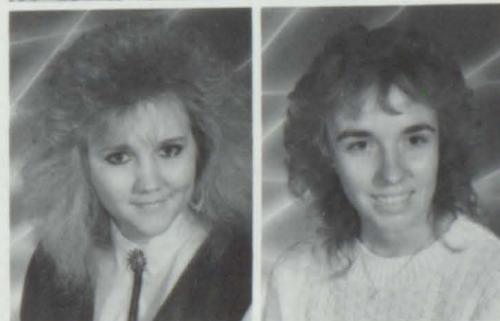
Seniors are known for their different and changing personalities. Dawn Slinkard shows enthusiasm for school before going to class.



Mark Friend
Tamara Garner



Billy Gates
Kristy German

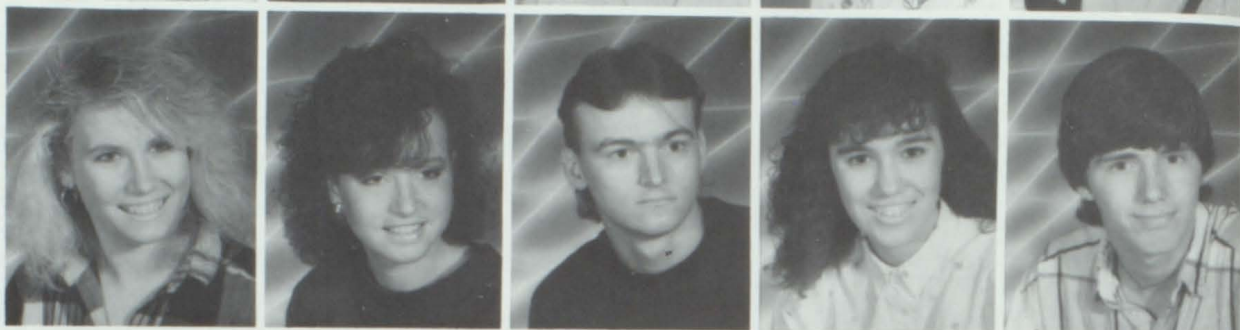


Monica German
Jenny Gilstrap

Shelia Goade
Justin Graue
Julie Green
Pam Guy
Jennifer Haas



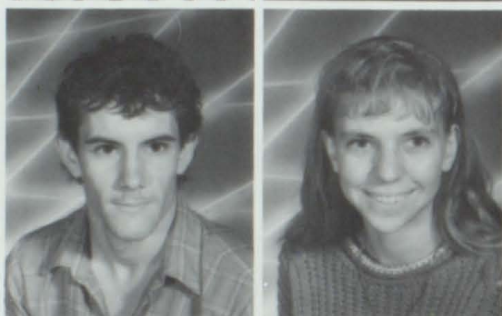
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Greg Hammon
Michelle Harms
Patrick Harrell



Mike Harris
Tom Harris



Cliff Hartgrave
Michelle Haver



David Hill
Elizabeth Hill

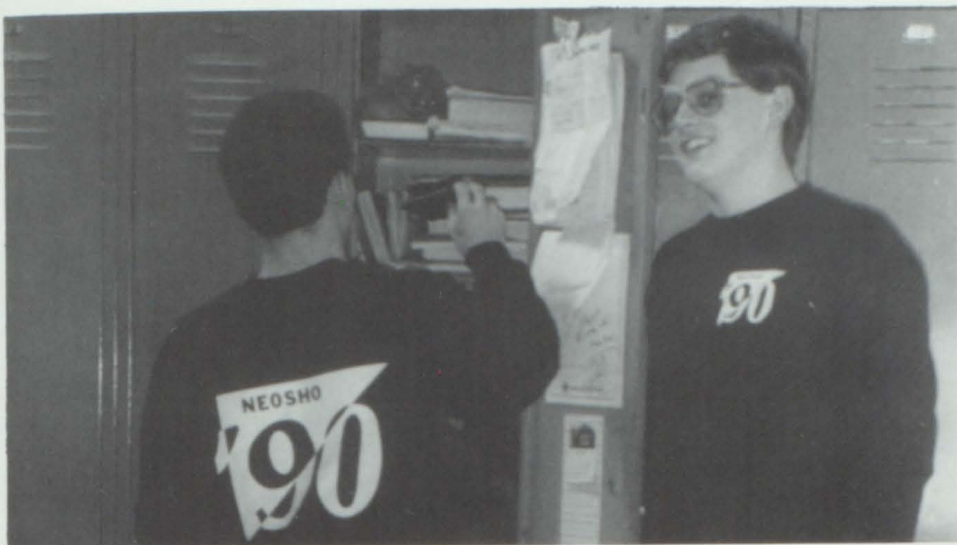


Gary Hill
James Hill



The art department added a little extra touch to each of the class sections. Cyndi Dahl seems excited about being a senior.

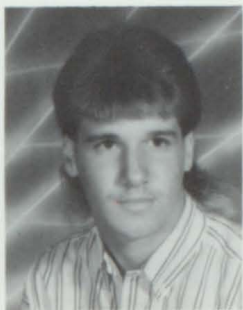
Ordering graduation memorabilia is an important part of the "Senior Year". Brent Massey and Aaron Rugh model both sides of the 1990 senior white on black sweatshirts.



Bobby Holland



Joel Hood



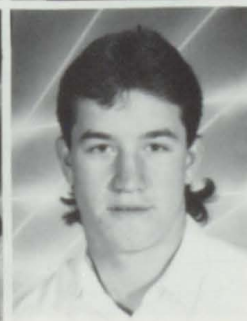
J.R. Hopper
Pat Horine
Dennis Horne
Tom Howard
Sandy Hughes



Joyce Hutchins
Julie James
Clyde Jeffery
Dick Jennings
Kim Jensen



Aaron Johnson
Benny Johnson
Mike Johnson
Rusty Jones
Tim Jones

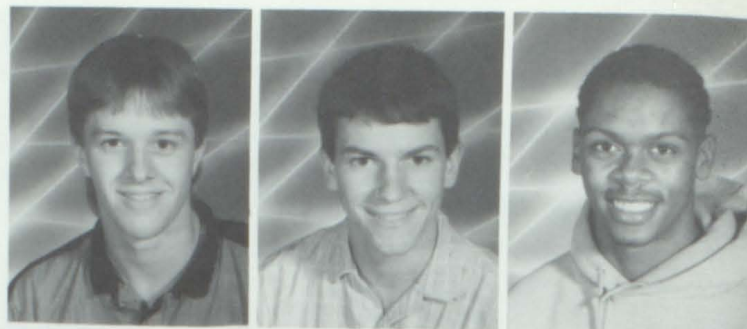


Brandon King
Scott King
Jim Kittrell
Mickie Lankford
Shawn Lasiter

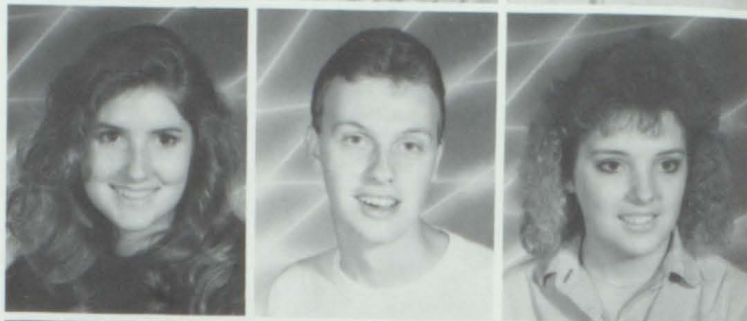
MEMORIES

As we reach out our hands
 The diploma we grasp.
 While we think of the memories
 Of the years in the past,
 Tears fill our eyes
 Because it's all gone.
 We're starting a new life.
 We have to move on.
 We hope friends will keep in touch
 As the years pass us by.
 Although it hurts inside,
 We'll try not to cry.
 We think of kindergarten
 And our first day.
 Now we've reached the end.
 We are going away.
 How do you say goodbye
 To friends who mean so much?
 Will there be time
 To sincerely keep in touch?
 You'll always have the memories
 Of your school years from day
 one.
 Don't think of school as ending
 Think a new life has begun.

Ryan Lauderdale
 Cris Laytham
 Chris Lee



Jennifer Lentz
 Curt Lewis
 Paula Lindley



Charles Livingston
 Greg Lodrup
 Stephannie Lowe



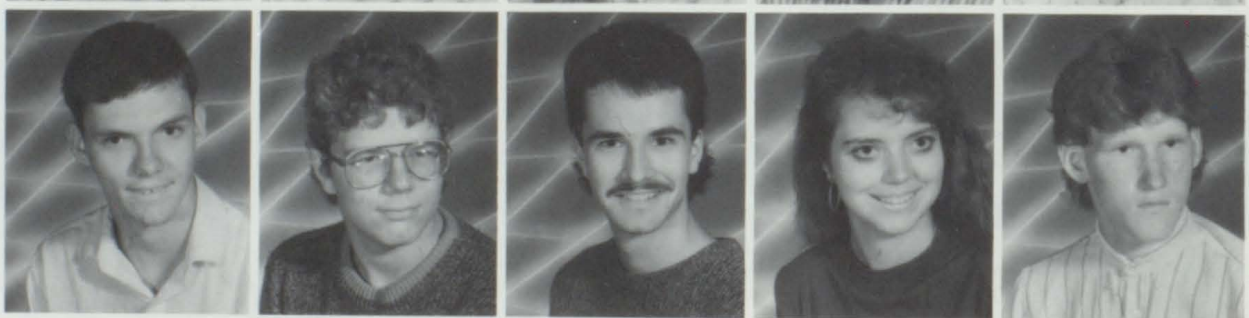
Allan Ludiker
 Angela Lyons
 Stephanie Lyons
 Chad Mabrey
 Lisa Maness



Brent Massey
 Kenney Matters
 Angi Mc Cann
 Shelly Mc Dowell
 Dianna Mc Nett



Preston Mc Nett
 T.J. Merrell
 Roy Michael
 Melissa Miller
 Willy Mintz





Bobbi Mitts
Shannon Moon
Shannon Morris
Karen Naylor
Angela Newswander



Stephanie Nicaise
Michael Oneill
Krisi Ortega
Valerie Osborn
Buddy Owens



David Owens
Lucinda Oxford
Elena Parra
Angie Patterson
Vonda Patterson



Pep assemblies are a way of showing wild-n-crazy class spirit. Each class has to go through the agony of being underclassmen. These seniors easily show their Wildcat pride.



Jeremy Pietrzak

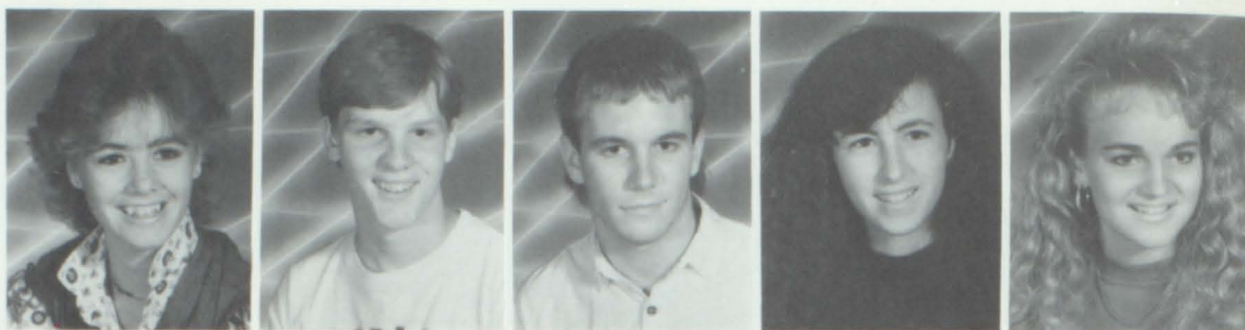


Jana Plant



Diane Pogue

Rhonda Pollick
Dereck Price
Kenny Puckett
Jeanne Ralston
Nicki Randen



Cindy Rasmussen



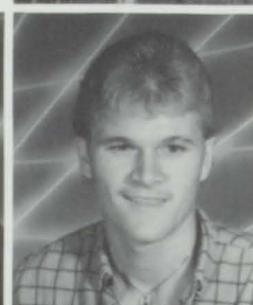
Dusty Raulston



Rodney Rearrick

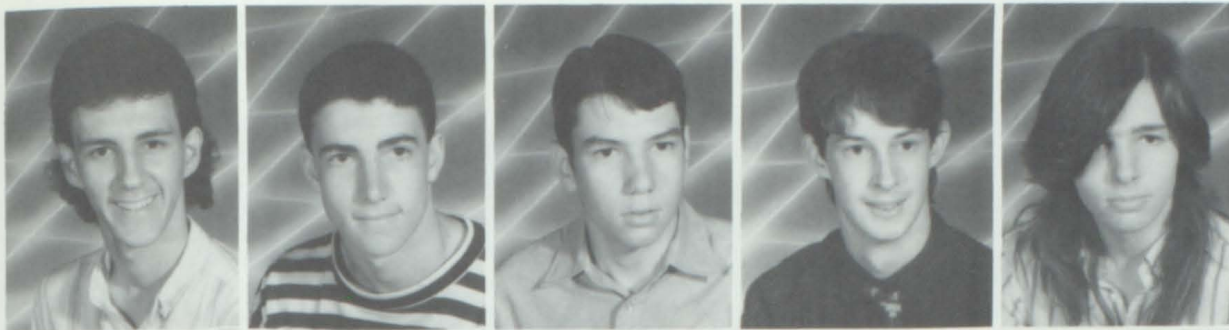
National Honor Society holds blood drives every year. Many people anticipate this activity with fear. Becky Young, Kevin Turpen, Paul Versluis and Kenny Puckett wait their turn.

Deanna Reed
Shane Reeves
John Renfro
Mark Renfro
Ronnie Rickman

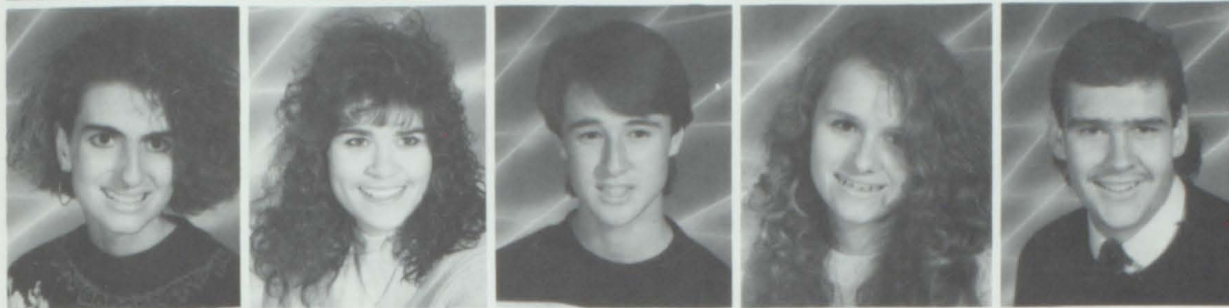


Kelli Roberts
Thomas Roles
Carmen Rowlan
Gene Ruark
Aaron Rugh





Jose Sainz
Mike Sappington
Duston Sarratt
William Schofield
John Schuler



Aimee Schumaker
Rhonda Shadwick
Rami Shultz
Richelle Sink
Eric Slagle



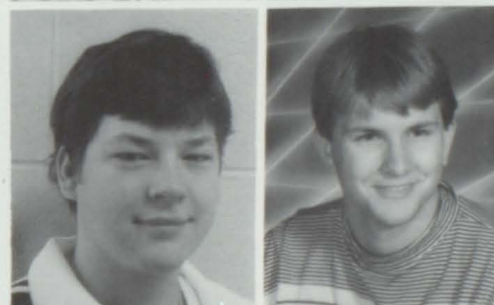
Darren Slaughter
Dawn Slinkard
Bryane Smith
Sylvia Smith
Scott Sonnabend



Finding surprise snapshots from earlier years bring back good memories. Tammy Werries (age 13) is definitely taken by surprise.



Becky Starr
Rashele Stevens



Terry Strong
David Swift



Angela Tartar
Mary Taylor

Lisa Testerman



Dayla Thurman



Teri Tignor



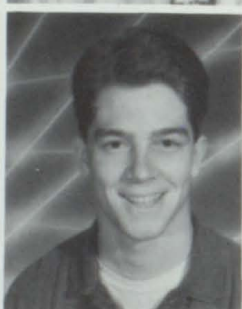
"When friends get together they have memorable times", commented Stephanie Lyons. These friends are J. Lentz, M. Taylor, S. Virgin, T. Topham, J. Branham, S. Lyons, & T. Fausett.



Marina Tomeing
Tabitha Topham
Tony Torres
Jennifer Tracy
Kevin Turpen



Kim Vadakin
Mindy Vance
Paul Versluis
Stephanie Virgin
Lou Watson



William Watson
Cathy Welch
Sharon Welch
Tammy Werries
Kristy Whittington





Mike Wilks
Chris Willet
Chris D. Williams
Chris N. Williams
Jeff Williams



Mike Williams
Stoni Williams
Tina Wilson
Erica Wimsett
Shelley Wolfe



Wade Wood
Scott Woodrum
Robbie Wright
Tracey Wright
Byron Wylie



Best friends all through high school, Stephanie Virgin and Cathy Welch smile big and look cool with their matching shades.



Matt Yarrington
Becky Young



Mysti Yust

Also in the senior class are:
Eugenia Beaver, Melissa Booth, George Davis, Carrie DeNaya, Lyman Garrison,
Gary Hansen, William Johnson, Chris Kinslow, Erin Robbins, Marty Robbins,
Brian Ruark, Greg Tuggle, and Becky White.

SENIORS

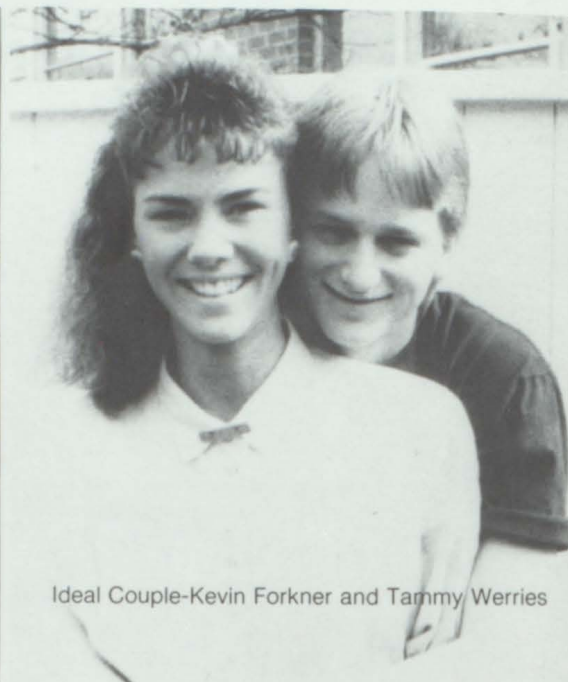
HAVE PERSONALITIES!



Best Dressed-Aaron Farber and Angie Patterson



Class Clowns-Willy Mintz and Cyndi Dahl



Ideal Couple-Kevin Forkner and Tammy Werries



Best Legs-Kenny Puckett and Stephanie Lyons



Best Looking-Scott King and Mari Taylor



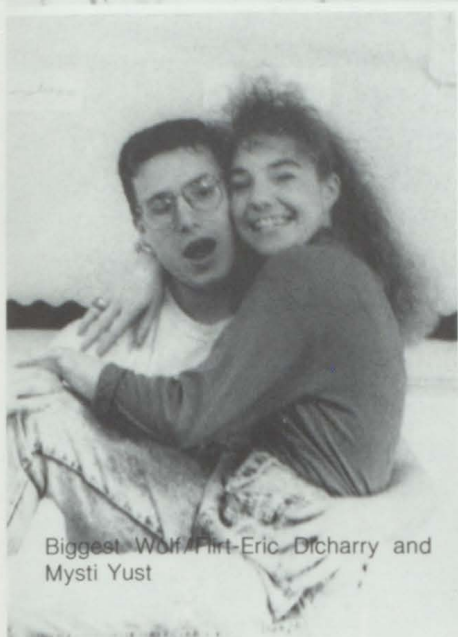
Personality Plus-Aaron Rugh and Stephanie Virgin



Most Athletic-Brent Massey and Tonya Pitts



Best Eyes-Shannon Moon and Jennifer Branham



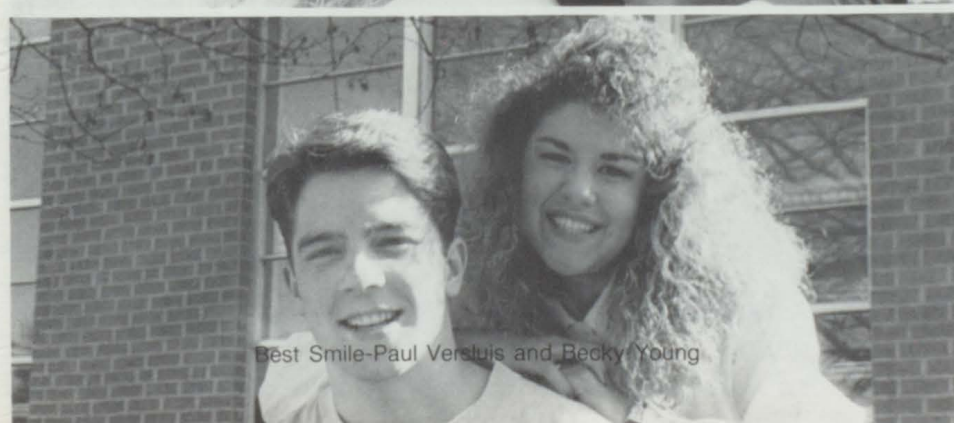
Biggest Wolf/Flirt-Eric Dicharry and Mysti Yust



Shyest-Jim Bogle and Jana Plant



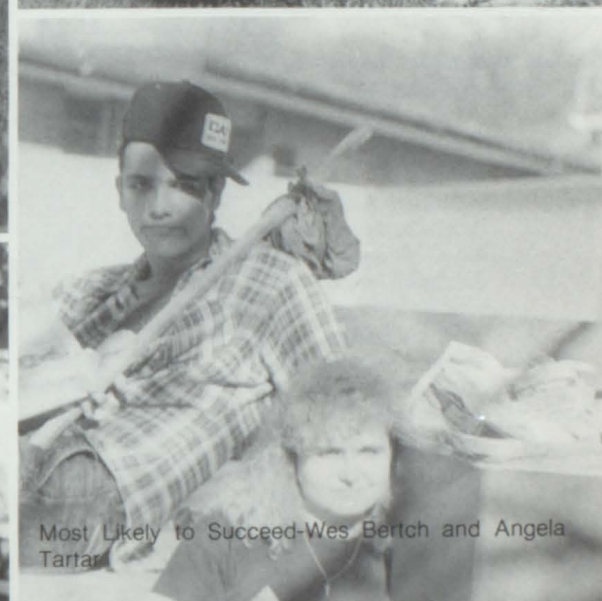
Best Hair-Kenny Matters and Melissa Miller



Best Smile-Paul Versluis and Becky Young



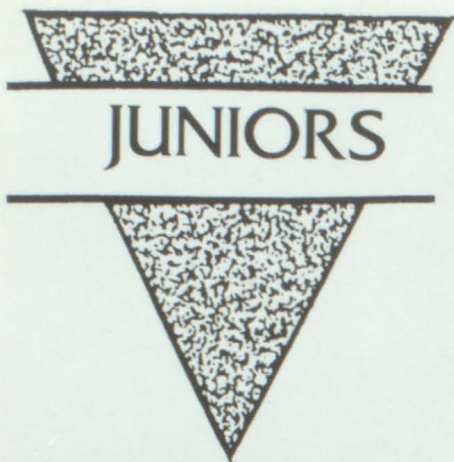
Body-William Watson and Becky Douglas



Most Likely to Succeed-Wes Bertch and Angela Tartar



Most Talented-Benny Johnson and Sarah Finch



CLIMB THE LADDER



Rushing to class can be hectic, but Lauri Mills always has time for a smile.

What is it that made juniors special? Not quite seniors, but much older than freshmen, juniors sometimes had a hard time finding their niche.

Amy Rader, junior, said, "I feel I'm not an underclassman any more. I feel like I'm finally reaching the top of the ladder."

The prom, the ACT, and National Honor Society were all new experiences for juniors. "By their junior year the kids have reached a certain maturity level academically, emotionally, and socially. They see the end of their high school years,

and they become distinct individuals. They realize there is more to life than their driver's license," stated Mrs. Shirley Cummins, English teacher.

Mostly on the minds of the juniors was becoming a senior and finishing school. After the Senior Assembly, Baccalaureate, and Commencement the juniors officially claimed to be seniors. And why were the juniors so eager to become seniors? Explains Curt Gilstrap, junior, "I'm one year closer to graduation and achieving my goals."

Christie Allen
Michelle Amos
Robert Andrews
Michelle Arnce
Kimi Bachmann
Brian Barker
Troy Banks



Christy Barker
Lisa Barker
Jeff Barnett
Kevin Bartley
Sherry Beaver
Caroline Bebie
Mike Beeler



Jason Beier
Rupal Bhakta
Emily Blackwell
Brenda Bond
Jenny Boylan
Devin Bramblett
Teresa Brannschweiger



Debbie Bressie
Becky Briggs
Tona Broady
Lora Brodie
Phillip Bronson
Kristine Brooks
Brandon Burris



Working in the Biology II lab can be pretty sticky business. Andy Corkery, left, and Jeff Werneke seem to have a hard time concentrating on fruit flies.



Jerry Burris
Sheba Burris



Billy Burtis
Adonna Burton



Nick Bussey
Wendy Byrum



Justin Callaway
Bruce Caouette



Steve Cash
Harold Castleberry
Heather Cholka
Heather Clapp
Tramaine Clark
Kim Cleaver
Steven Clines



Dawn Clouse
Ronald Cole
Aaron Coleman
Brandi Cook
Rowdy Cooper
Andy Corkery
Justin Crawford



Melody Dalton
Sherry Davis
Joey Degonia
Tracy Degonia
Julie Dickinson



Mike Doughty
Joita Dubey
Lisa Ducommun
Keith Duncan
Brian Elliot

Michelle Emery
Rachelle England



Chad Epperson
Brian Evans



Tammy Farley
Tammy Faulkner



Jack Finley
Mick Finley



Aaron Fowler
Tim Fox



The week of homecoming is always busy and exciting. Juniors, Heather Cholka, left, and Jenny Boylan, right, work after school on the float.



Tracey Fretz
David Freund
Stephanie Friend
Jana Fry
Shannon Fulkerson
Chad Galbraith
Darc Garren



William Gates
Terri Gillispie
Curt Gilstrap
Kory Gilstrap
Chris Girdner
Tracy Goins
Darren Goodman



Deana Gourley
Jerry Graffis
Chad Granger





Phillip Gray
Shana Griffin
David Gustaveson
Dawnett Haase
Brandie Hall
Sheri Hall
Andy Hansen



Kirk Harryman
Rhonda Haslip
Nick Hays
Delores Hembree
Shirley Hempel
Tammie Henry
Frank Herrin



Tim Hobbs
Jenny Hood
Brent Hopper
Gina Hopper
Julie Horton
DeeDee Houghton
Willie Howard



Wade Hulsey
Kim Hund
Andrea Hunter
Jason Hyder
Alex Inman
Matt Jarrett
Scott Jenkins



Lori Johnson
Michael Johnson
Shelly Johnson
Tammy Johnson
Van Johnson
Vic Johnson
Aaron Jones

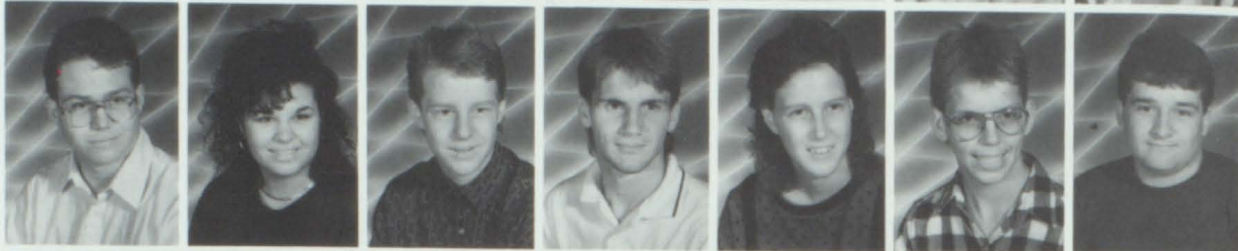


Is anyone ever quite ready for a test? You can find students in the cafeteria, on benches, and in the library studying for tests. Juniors, Brian Evans, left, and Jason Trenary, right, take a couple of minutes by their lockers to cram a few facts in their heads.

Angie Jones
Kim Jones
Tricia Jones
Stephanie Keller
Paula Kercheval
Angela Kimbrough
Laura Knight



Kendall Kruse
Missi Landreth
Jason Langlands
Jason Lankford
Brenda Lee
Bud Lewis
Heith Lewis



Dennis Livingston
Mary Ann Livingston
Lynette Lucas
Amy Lund
Bridget Macy
Nick Macy
Paula Mahaffey



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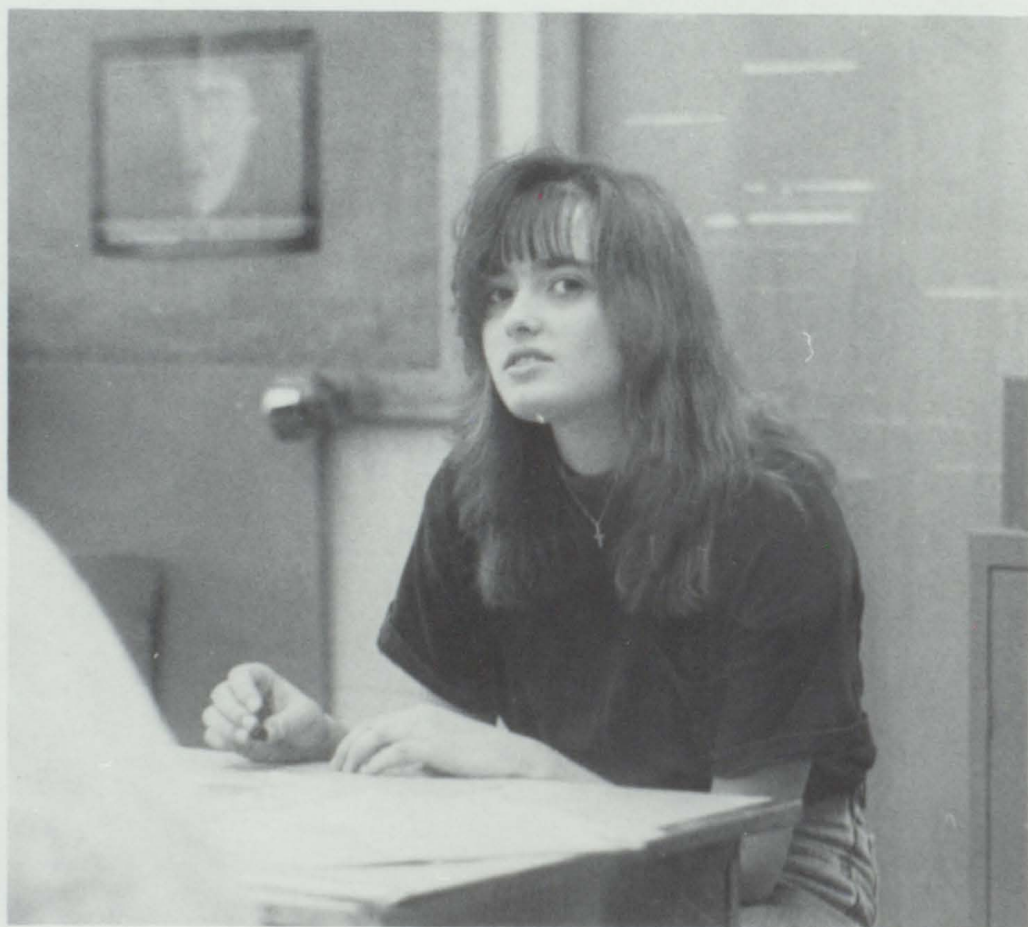
Jill Mayfield



Christina Mc Camish



Sometimes, working in class can get tedious. Rachel Stephens, junior, seems to think that art class is a little long today.



Several qualities exemplify a good leader. Among these are charisma, dedication, and responsibility. The junior class officers have strived to obtain these qualities. They are, top to bottom, Missy Phelps, Lauri Mills, and Kim Jones.



Anna Mc Cool
Ginger Mc Garrah
Spring Mc Graw



Mischel Mc Laughlin
Chris Mc Reynolds
David Miller



Lauri Mills
Brandy Moore
Marci Morris



Angela Morrison
Callie Morse
Ann Moser



Hesa Motlok
Lori Mugg
Danny Musgrove



Jaymey Nelson
Jacob Neuenswander
Andy Nimmo
Angie Norris
Jennifer Ogle
Jason Oxford
Trudy Parker



Karen Patterson
Paula Patterson
Kim Pearish
Missy Phelps
Tawnia Pogue
David Pollick
Joetta Powers



Kerry Prater
Nelson Price
Debby Prier

Kane Quentin
Amy Rader
Jennifer Ralston
Thad Ramsey
Barbara Rasmussen
Brandy Renfro
Jo Anne Renfro



Mike Rice
Jennifer Riener
Ben Rigdon
Leslie Roy
Deanna Rush
Billy Sallee
Chris Sampson



Terra Sanders
Jeff Sarratt
Katie Scott
Tom Scroggins
Missy Seigel
Jennifer Sexton
Jason Shaw



Russell Sherman
Ed Sheilds
Darleen Shinkle
Wiley Sims
Jack Skym
Michele Slawter
Robyn Smith



Travis Smith
Samantha Stallcup
Khristi Stephens



Rachel Stephens
Jenny Stiger
Robbie Stotts



Jeremy Sturtevant
Shih-Pei Sung
Brian Testerman



Many hours of hard work and dedication are put into oral interpretation. Andrea Hunter recites her piece to herself in preparation for her next event.



By Friday, most students lose patience with homework. Melinda Tyler seems to be tired of school and is ready for the weekend.



Jenny Testerman
Laurie Thomas
Thomas Ting



Allen Tosh
Jason Trenary
Stephanie Trenary



Robbie Troxel
Melinda Tyler
Martha Wagner



Charlotte Walker
Robert Wallis
Travis Walthall
Bobby Warden
Christina Warren
Frances Waters
Teresa Watts



Barb Webster
Rhett Wellington
Rebecca Wentworth
Jeff Werneke
Laura Wheelan
Darren Whitman
Jed Willets



Jason Williams
Tim Williams
Tina Williams
Wendy Williamson
Doug Wilson
Jennifer Wilson
Ray Wilson



Stephanie Wince
Jason Woods
Whitney Wright



James Wylie
Pat Wylie
Patti Wylie

Junior class members not pictured are: Dan Hembree, Kim Hefner, Eric Kruse, Ray Mitchell, John Pierce, Josh Peitzak, Darren Prater, Cheryl Reynolds, Chris Roberts, Gary Robinson, Greg Skinner, Josh Slade, John Stuart, Trent Taylor, Tony Torres, Samantha Williamson, and Chris Weis.

SOPHOMORES

WISHFUL THINKING

You are basking peacefully on a tropical island, being serenaded by gentle, soothing music. An incredibly good looking personal servant is at your side, ready to serve your every wish and command, and a call on your private hotline has just confirmed that you have won the lottery. You have got it made with all of this money and attention and you feel as though you could stay here forever and ever, never moving. Peacefully sighing, you reach for a pina colada and realize that your "favorite" math teacher is calling you to do a problem on the board. AGHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!

But don't worry; these few moments of happy daydreaming were not wasted. Scientific studies show that daydreaming can relieve the boredom of a dull day, help solve problems, and in general, improve a person's life. Even geniuses such as Albert Einstein and Mozart were frequently struck with thoughts that led to wonderful discoveries while daydreaming.

Daydreaming provides an escape for students during long tests, boring lectures, or just all around dull days.

The next time you're caught daydreaming in class, just laugh — who knows what wonderful discoveries you could be making.



Trey Sandoval escapes the humdrum of classes by retreating into his own world.

Crystal Adams
Joey Adams
Veronica Ainsworth
Nathan Allen
Kendra Andrews
Dusty Askins
Eric Atkinson



Matthew Babbitt
Brian Barker
Julie Barker
Tommy Barrett
Kimberly Baum
Brandon Beshears
Stephanie Bishop



Seth Bledsoe
Hayley Blevens
Donald Boman
Gary Bond
Heather Bowers
Justin Bowers
Uriah Boyd

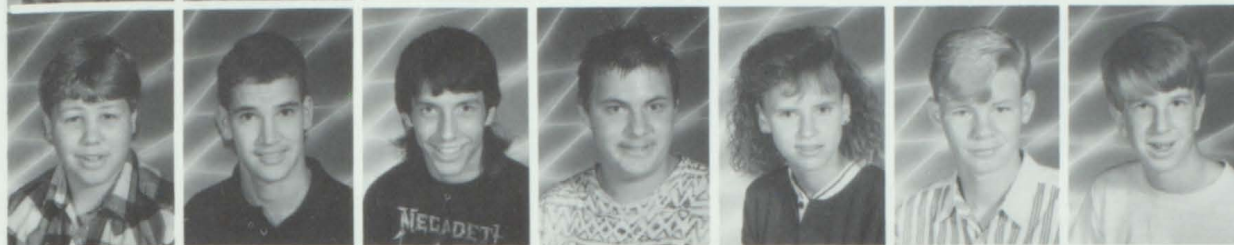


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Fred Branstetter
Bobby Britten
Jerry Brock
Eric Brodie
Karen Brodie
Chad Brooks





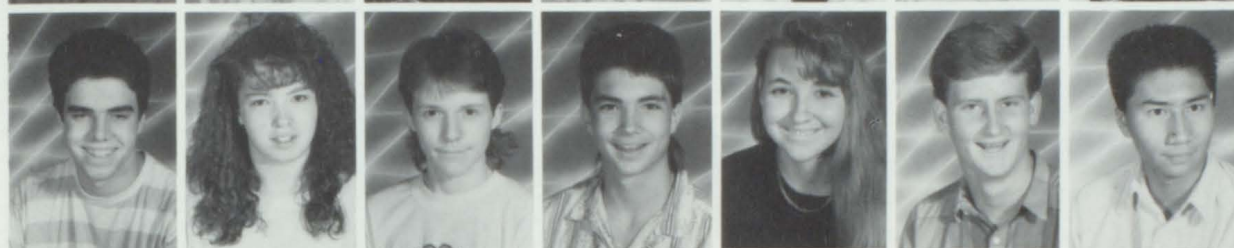
Danielle Brown
Greg Brown
Monica Brown
Jean Ann Bruce
Michelle Bunch
Janet Burkholder
Cecelia Burtis



Chad Butler
Craig Butler
Shane Carry
Billy Carter
Jennifer Charles
Ryan Childers
John Clanton



Jason Clark
Michelle Clark
Dawn Clay
Lisa Click
Dea Cohu
Tonna Condict
Michelle Cooper



Jeff Copeland
Becky Courtney
Jim Crawford
Ricky Crawford
Melissa Crumbliss
Doug Dahnke
Long Dang



Tabetha Davis
Jennifer Delancy
Jeff Denefrio



Jason Dickinson
Brian Divine
Kari Douglas



Rumpa Dubey
Scott Dudolski
Dan Dunham



Dianah Eaggleston
Todd Ebbinghaus



A favorite class among sophomores is geography. This fun-filled class is taught by Cindy Titus. After a day of grueling notetaking and map labeling, Miss Titus takes a much needed rest for her havoc-wreaked body.

Bill Edwards
Bobby Elliot
Tammie Epp
Nori Farber
Chris Farrell
Jason Faulkner
Dale Fletcher



David Frost
Pamela Gates
Shandrew George
Joel Goff
Terry Gooch
Jonathan Gray
Kim Greer



Tony Guppy
Frankie Haase
Don Hafler
Eloise Hager
Kent Hames
Sabrina Handel
Jason Hankins



Jennifer Hardage
Tim Hardy
Adam Harper



Nancy Harrison
Michele Head
Chyna Henson



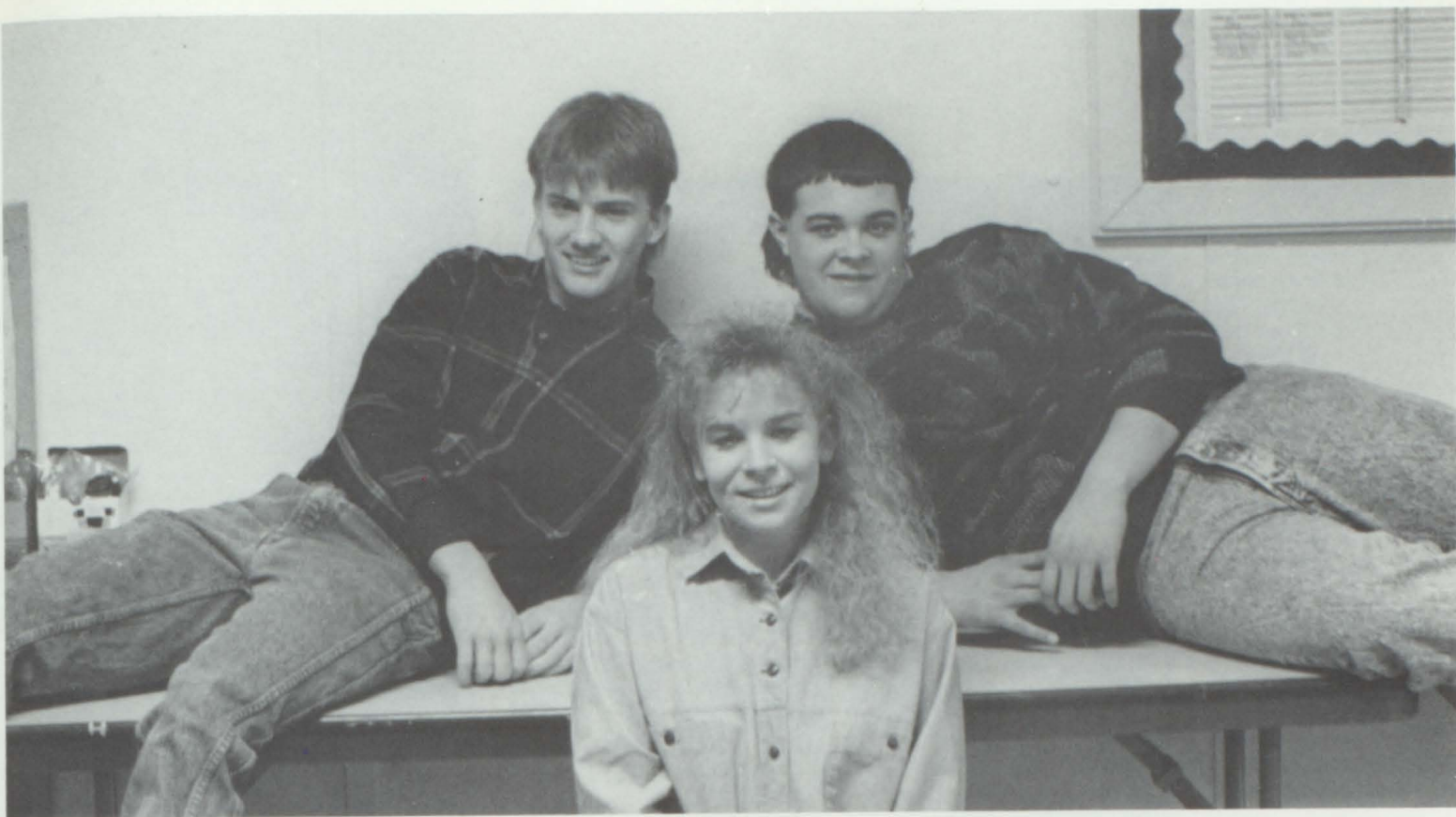
Scott Herrin
Hollie Hintz
Andy Hobson



Heather House
Randy House



Sophomores are all different shapes and sizes. They can be big or little, tall or short. Veronica Ainsworth, 5 ft. 2 in. and 2 quarters, and Greg Brown, 6 ft. 4 in., trade legs for the camera.



The sophomore class officers played a key part in the sophomore activities. Officers are, l-r, vice president, Branden Smith; secretary, Kerri Pruitt; and president, Chad Spencer.



Stephanie Hudelson
Travis Hughes
Joella Hurlburt
Stephen James
Dennis Johnson
Mark Johnson
Justin Jones

Stefanie Jones
Amy Jordan
Jeffery Keeler
Brian Keller
Edward Kelly
Cortney Kimbley
Jonathon Kirk

Jeremy Kolbe
Carol Lahman
Bill Lake
Shawn Landers
Kevin Larson
Jennifer Lasswell
Kerri Latshaw

Jimmy Ledford
Matt Lee
Tamara Leverton
Russell Lewis
Tera Linehan
Cynthia Lodrup
Kimberly Lowe

DON'T EAT THAT!

During the sophomore year many students received their drivers licenses. This was important time in sophomores' lives and even though they felt on top of the world, upperclassmen were ready to pass on driving wisdom.

This list of the worst things to eat in the car was compiled to protect unsuspecting sophomores.

A driver should never eat:

1. Corn-on-the-cob

2. watermelon
3. barbequed chicken
4. candy bars (note the consequences faced when forced to stop quickly while eating a candy bar. Picture at right.)
5. Maine lobster
6. chicken noodle soup-unless prepared to sip it through a straw
7. spaghetti
8. chocolate pudding pops (if temperature is above 60 degrees F)



Mindy Marble
Shawn Mc Affrey
Amber Mc Bee
Heather Mc Conaghy
Ryan Mc Cracken
Shane Mc Cullough
Melissa Mc Daniel



Helena Mc Elwain
Krista Mc Gruder
Brian Mc Ilvaine
Tracy Mc Vey
Chris Meredith
Amy Merrill
Aaron Miller



Ladon Miller
Patty Miller
Robert Miller
Billy Millikin
David Moore
Brian Morrison
Stacie Mosby





Stewart Munson
Randy Needham
Matt Neustel
Julianna Osborn

Jerry Otten
Barbie Owens
Mindy Pace
Ryan Palmer

John Parks
Nekia Parks
Chrystal Patterson
Sherry Patterson

Jason Payton
Robert Peters
Tammy Philliber
Debbie Phillips



Stacy Phillips
Julie Prewitt
Kerri Pruitt
Bonnie Puckett
Gene Putman
Thomas Putnam
Stacey Randan

Brian Reiboldt
Esther Reid
Brandy Rhuems
Dusty Richmond
Tom Riddle
Jason Rogers
Waylon Roles

Daniel Roper
Steve Ruddick
Mark Sanders
Patricia Sandlin
Trey Sandoval
Matt Sappington
Brian Schibi

Beth Schnackenberg
Kelli Schneider
Andy Schumaker
Kirby Scott
Richard Shadwick
Chris Shellenberger
Josh Shields



Sherry Shoenberger
Kelly Sink
Sandy Skelton
Melanie Skym
Aaron Smith
Branden Smith
Charlenia Smith



Eric Smith
Jimmy Smith
Kristen Smith
Lisa Smith
Mike Smith
Laura Snyder
Laura Sonnabend



Brian Sparks
Chad Spencer
Crystal Stockton
Shannon Stone
Tonya Stone
Leslie Stout
Bradley Sumter



Barbara Tallon
Stephanie Theas



Stacy Thurman
Matt Tignor



Laura Tippet
Rickie Tracy



Casey Troutman
Christopher Turney



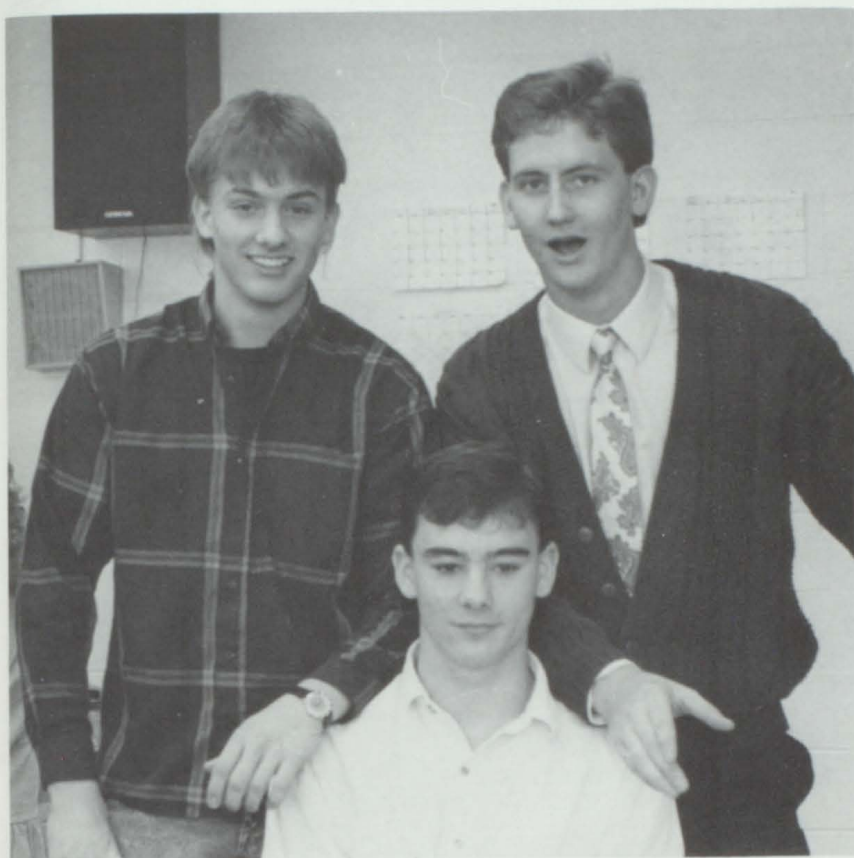
When school is just too much to handle, it's always nice to take a break. Stephanie Hudelson and Sherry Shoenberger, sophomores, take a relaxing pit stop for a quick game of cards to relieve the stress of a long, dull day. Please note the non-use of flash cards.



Kent Turpen
Jerel Twitchell
Chris Umlauf
Mandy Vance
Allyson Virgin
Kristen Wade
Leeann Walker



Adrian Warren
Rose Waters
Deborah Watson
Rik Watson
Jeremy Weis
Jason Welch
Stephen West



Always ready to get a little extra attention, Branden Smith, Randy House, and Doug Dahnke, truly outstanding examples of the sophomore class, take a few minutes out of a busy day in choir to pose for a picture. That's what friends are for.



Melanie Whiteside
Nichole Wicks



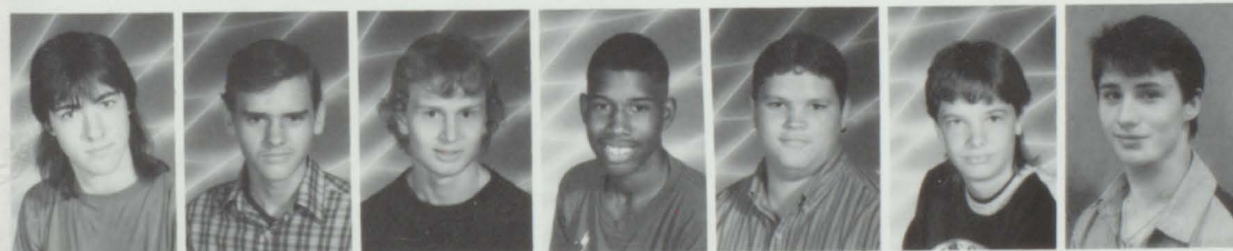
Michelle Wilder
Bobby Williams



Charlie Williams
Daniel Williams



Tina Williams
Tanya Wilson



Matt Winegardner
Jackie Winkler
Robert Wolfe
Derek Woods
Tommy Woods
Chris Wright
David Yeary



Samuel Yoder
Chad Young
Crystal Yust

Pictures not available: Christy Allen, Brandy Anderson, Sissy Anderson, Lynn Anglen, Kelly Beaver, Stephanie Beckett, Patrick Ellis, Scott Ely, Shawna Harris, Beth Kendall, Mike Mc Clendon, Jason Miller, Scott Mitchell, Nicki Pease, Carla Phillips, Samantha Stallcup, Sarah Waldroupe, and Lonnie Winkler.

FRESHMEN

GO BY BUS OR . . .

Remember the first day of school? Mom standing in the doorway holding your Sesame Street lunch box, and Big Chief pencils and writing pad? You can hear the rattling of the bus rumbling down your road. Your mom shoves you out the door with tears in her eyes and blowing kisses to you until the bus pulls out of sight. On the bus you begin to feel like a grown-up. You are on your way to school.

Riding the bus was a big thing for most children. But as they grew older, the feelings began to change. Now as freshmen, most agree that riding the bus is

"most humiliating," as Andy Fry stated. Those who disliked riding the bus went to great lengths to find other means of transportation. Chrystal Acton did her "brother's housework for a week to get a ride to school." More tactful students threatened their parents. Velma Puckett "told her mom to get in the car or I'll drive myself." Others just had to "start the car and they'll come running," responded Travis Mc Gruder.

When these people were younger, they felt riding the bus a big step; now most have mixed feelings.



Marty Rush, left, and Jeanne Arnce, right, take a break from talking to pose for a picture.

Micheal Abercrombie
Melissa Ackerson
Chrystal Acton
Erik Adams
Tosha Adkins
Bill Allen
Ira Allman



Jeanne Arnce
Mary Babbitt
Carl Baldwin
Chris Baldwin
Abe Banks
Charity Banks
Shane Banks



Jana Barker
Jason Barnett
Billy Barrett
Adrian Beck
Seth Berry
Valerie Bertch
Joe Biggs



Raymond Blackburn
Will Bollman
Stephanie Booth
Bryan Botello
Jennifer Bowling
Justin Boyer





Justin Branham
James Branum
Tonya Brock



Susan Brown
Kristi Browning
Christy Bryant



Harold Bumpus
Lagina Bunn
April Burr



Joe Caouette
Lydia Caouette
Jason Carnes



Heather Casey
Matt Cashel
Susan Cerini
Kari Charter
Kevin Cherry
Sheila Childers
Corby Clark



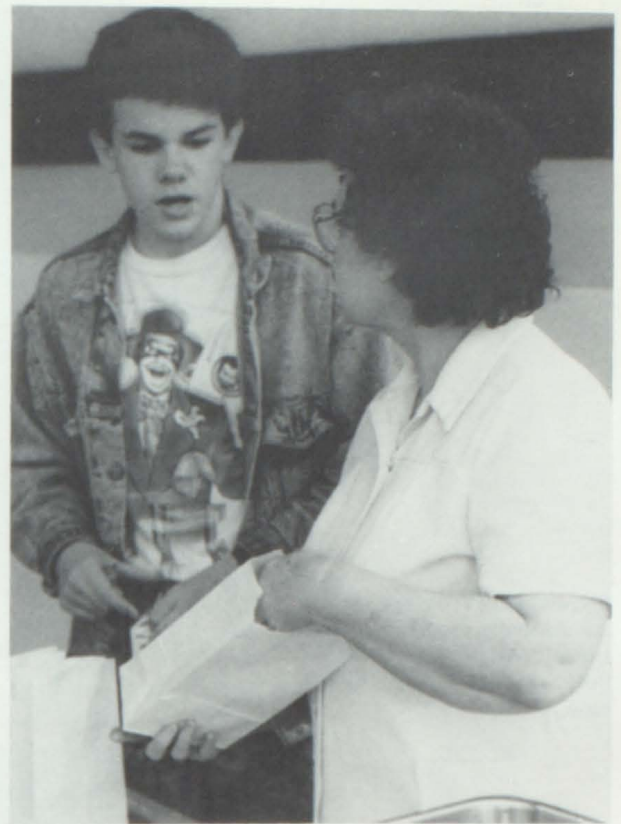
Stacey Clemans
Kerri Cleveland
Vernon Cook
Ginger Cornell
Mandi Corsbie
Jennifer Cory
Sasha Coyle



Chris Crane
Tronda Daniels
Jeremy Davis
Jonathan Davis
Craig Deacher
Sonya Dudley
Missy Duncan



Timothy Duncan
Amy Elhard
Donella Ellis
Chris Endicott
Justin Ernest
Stephen Farrell
John Ferraiz



Having three choices for lunch can be quite a trial. What does one do when he favors something from each line? The hot tray sounds good, but the items in the snack bar sound good, too. Matt Cashel chooses the sack lunch.



Showing spirit during football homecoming parade, Tige Henson and Jana Green ride on the freshman float "Wheel of Fortune."

Jason Flynn
Rachel Forkner
Jamie Franklin
Andy Fry
Stacey Fulkerson
Angela Gabriel



Misti Gardner
Joshua Gary
Jon Gatwood
Mike German
Jana Green
Sam Haase



Robert Hagood
Bobby Hamilton
Jody Hamilton
Holly Hammett
Sarah Hansen
Chris Hardy



Daniel Harmon
Julie Harmon
Melissa Harmon
Jennifer Harris
Susan Hartgrave
Justin Harvel



John Hathaway
Lona Heidrick
Rusty Heiskell
Paula Hendricks
Gabriel Henry
Staci Henslee





Tige Henson
Kenny Hickman
Randy Hobart
Chad Hodkin
Ricky Holland
Danissa Holt



Adrian Hopper
Tony Horne
Ronnie Housh
Matt Houston
Jeremy Huffman
Terry Humphrey



Samantha Hund
Candace Hunt
Lura Hunt
Teresa Hutchins
Eric Inman
Stacy Jackson



Stacie Jeffries
Jason Jensen
Gretchen Jobe
Javelin Johnson
Wendy Johnson
Robin Jones



Nacona Jordan
Michelle Jordan



George Keplar
Stephanie Kohler



At right, being a class officer means being a leader, a supporter, and loyal to the class. Each of the freshman officers showed these qualities. Left, right, Tige Henson, vice-president; Chrystal Acton, secretary; and Bill Allen, president. To the left, Holly Hammett is resting up from her trip to Kickapoo for tennis districts.



Tom Kopetzky
Jason Lansdown
Amber Lasiter
Melissa Lawson
Chris Lay
Josh Letts



Jennifer Lewis
Crystal Lindsey
Amber Little
Karen Livingston
Steve Long
Mandy Lund



Jennifer Manhattan
Katy Marble
Rebecca Mc Clendon
Meredith Mc Clonaghy
Kathy Mc Elwain
Brian Mc Gehee



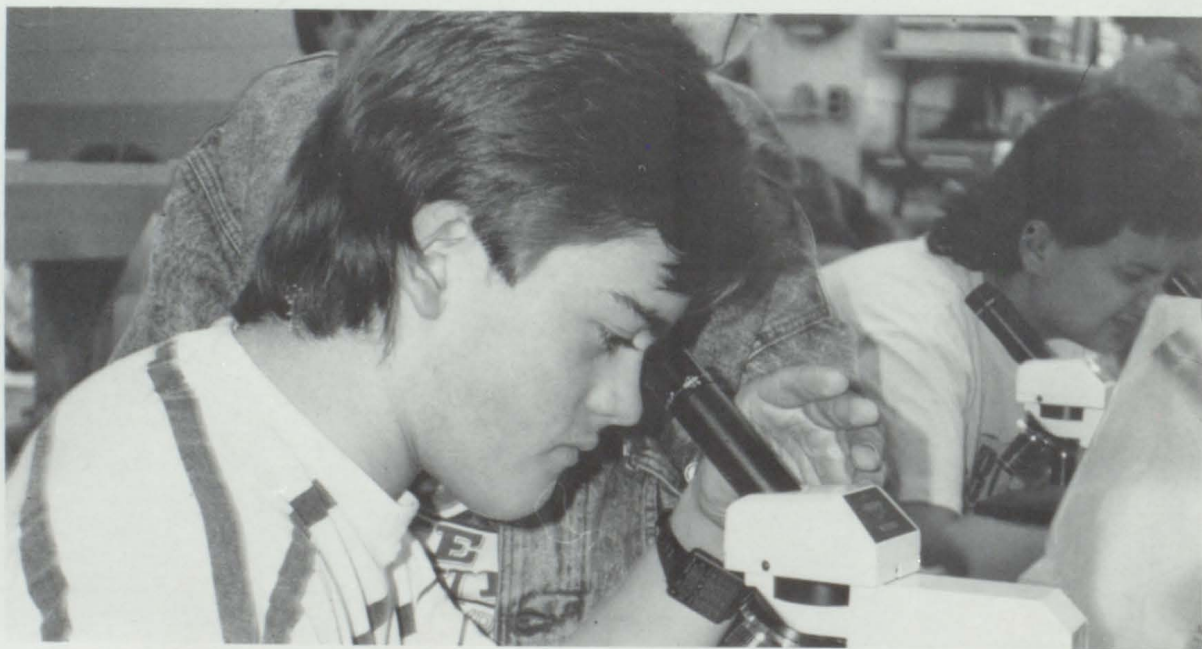
Chris Mc Gilvray
Michelle Mc Granahan
Travis Mc Gruder
Mike Mc Guire
James Medlock
Shawn Merrell



Tim Metscher
Elizabeth Miller
Stephanie Miller
Gerad Millhollon
Stephanie Millikin
Jason Minta



During biology lab, Chris Stevens concentrates on the object under the microscope. This is a big part of the biology grade for freshmen. For many scientists, the microscope is the third eye to them and learning how to achieve this is taught in Biology I.



LAUGH IT UP . . .

"Why was the Indian buried on the side of the hill? Because he was dead."

Jokes are told to make people laugh and have been around since the beginning of time. No one knows who told the first joke or what the first joke was. Perhaps it was a caveman trying to entertain a huge opponent. Jokes are told about almost everything including people, animals, religion, sex, race, degree of intelligence and many other things.

A joke is often varied slightly to get another laugh out of it. One such joke has been around for a very long time.

As Marti Rush told us, "Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the other side?"

Eric Inman submitted this version of the chicken joke. "Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off."

Another joke was told by Gretchen Jobe. "Why wouldn't the skeleton cross the road? He didn't have the guts to."

Other jokes such as knock-knock jokes are also changed to get more laughs. Chris Morrow told this one. "Knock knock. Who's there? Little old lady. Little old lady who? I didn't know you could yodel so well."

"Knock knock. Who's there?

Boo! Boo who? Why are you crying?" was told by Stacie Jeffries.

Chris Morgan gave this one, "How do you catch a squirrel? Crawl up a tree and act like a nut."

"Why do firemen wear red suspenders? To hold up their pants," said Sarah Hansen.

Valerie Bertch also told one about firemen. "What did the Spanish fireman name his kids? Hose A and Hose B."



Chris Mitchell
Clint Mitchell
Heather Mitchell



Christian Mitts
Misty Moon
Chris Morgan
Karen Morris
Chris Morrow
Rusti Mowery



Danetta Murphy
Tina Murry
Jeremy Neal
Chad Neece
Rondia Neff
Ben Neuenswander



Roger Newell
David Nichols
Chad Nixon
Jason Norman
Jamie Odell
Tammy Ogilvie



Joanna Owens
Kim Parker
Kirsten Parks
Sherren Phelan

Jennifer Phillips
Candy Pilkenton
Sonda Plant
Shayla Pogue
Ellen Poor
Kellie Powers



Velma Puckett
Steve Ramsey
Stephanie Rasmussen
Judy Reed
Tammy Reed
Eathiel Reynolds



Jason Reynolds
John Reynolds
Clark Rhoades
Rebecca Rice
Matt Riener



Rome Roark
Laronda Ruddick
Marti Rush
Sharla Sanders
Wayne Sandoval



Tanya Sarratt
Tracy Schneickert
Johnny Sidney
Christy Skelton
Joel Smith



Rachel Smith
Jenny Spicer
Samantha Spor



Above, decorating lockers is as much a part of school as the books and teachers are. Susan Brown demonstrates her locker which shows some of her favorite items. Right, getting prepared for the big night for the play Sarah Hansen is getting her hair rolled by Mrs. Neilson.





"Dog is man's best friend" is shown here as Mika Stephens demonstrates her dog to speech class.



Gerrod Sprenkle
Gary Standefer
Chris Stephens



Crystal Stephens
Mika Stephens
Travis Stephenson



Susan Stevens
Crystal Straughn
Chauna Stump



David Sumner
Scott Tanner
Dave Tartar
Kevin Thomas
Misty Thornberry
Mark Turpen



Matt Veith
Bill Walker
Max Walker
Rhonda Wallis
Tiffany Watson
Travis Welch



Kenny Wells
Tracie Werries
Shawn Widener
April Wilder
Mandy Wilfong
Trina Wilkins



Cheryl Willet
Jeff Williams
Richard Williamson
Jeremy Willman
Heath Winchester

Not pictured are: Jody Anderson, Uriah Boyd, Matt Boyer, Justin Brown, Jesse Collier, John Cook, Brenda Deweese, Jack Dickens, Steven Dickey, Torrius Fisher, Robert Fry, Kevin Glass, Jeremy Jensen, Lester Lee, Joshua Martin, Jason Mitchell, Michael Peacher, Mary Phillips, Kirby Scott, Steven Spencer, Tammy Tooley, Tina Warrick, Shelly Williams, and Michael Yarrington.

8TH GRADERS

STRETCH OUT

With the construction of Benton, the new grade school, the Neosho school system underwent many changes to better utilize classroom space.

The new plan kept fifth grade students in their respective grade schools. Intermediate held sixth and seventh grade students. The former jr. high/sr. high school was altered to include eighth and ninth in the junior high section of the building while the senior high section included tenth grade through the twelfth.

There were many advantages to this change in the system. Dr. Gordon Warren, superintendent, said that the shift allowed all high school teachers to have their own classroom, instead of the inconvenient, cart-pushing. Another advantage was that the schedul-

ing ran together for 8th through 12th grades and there were no changes in course offerings for any of the grades. Dr. Warren also stated that inter-scholastic athletes would not be affected by the shift.

Students viewed the situation in various ways. Jamie Hood stated, "I think it's great because you have more privileges." She represented nearly half of 8th grade students who were really excited about it. Naomi Jordan enthusiastically admitted, "I love the idea! I think it's about the coolest thing!" Tammy Foster was looking toward the change for other opportunities, "I think it's great we can harass the 7th graders again!" Then the other half, like Whitney Gilstrap felt, "I'd rather go to the high school."

Kyle Ainsworth



Stephanie Alexander



Chris Alvarado
David Ambrose
Clinton Amos
Vic Andrews
Laura Ansell
Lindsay Barnes
Miranda Barnett



Regina Bebie
Adam Becknell
Jason Begey
Steven Bishop
Becky Blackwell
Quentin Bogle
Jason Bond



Shane Booth
Stacy Boyd
Natalie Brattin
Nathan Bressie



Bob Briggs
Jennifer Brooks
Misty Brown
Richard Brown



Eighth grade boys enjoy some friendly competition on the basketball court. Intramurals provides an opportunity for students not in extra-curricular sports to participate. These boys practice in their gym class.



Jeff Bullington
Johan Bunch
Trent Burbach
Lorie Burch
Scott Burris
Heather Butler
Jason Butler



Richy Butler
Linda Campbell
Jeff Carney
Jeremy Carney
Valerie Carroll
Carrie Carter
Clint Carter



Michelle Casey
Kent Caudell
Charity Chesnut
Angel Chidester
Carrie Coffey
Paul Coe
Cheri Cope



Valerie Copeland
Heather Cornell
Jill Cowan
Twyla Crawford



Amanda Crammer
Audra Creamer
Aaron Crum
Cory Daspit



Brian Daugherty
Tearessa Davis
Sandra Day
Tommy Dean



Christy Dell
Robert Devore
Rebecca Dickey
Dereck Dickinson



Josh Dilbeck
Erin Dobbs
Bille Duncan
Erica Durham



Eighth graders are "old pros" at opening combination locks with a year of experience under their belts. Marty Yust demonstrates his skillful ability at cracking codes as he rushes to his next class.

Rusty Edens
Damon Edwards
Brenda Ellis
Eric Ellis
Jason Fields
Tammy Foster
Justin Fowler



Mike Francisco
Brandi Franks



Artie Garren
Christina Geddings



Jason Gibson
Roger Gilbert



Posing as a model of a sophisticated student, Eric Ellis "hangs out" in the commons area of the junior high. The commons area was added four years ago with the expansion of the junior high. It has remained a social "hot spot" for the seventh and eighth graders.

Jerry Gilstrap
Whitney Gilstrap
Frank Gold
Megan Granger
Heather Green
Lance Green
Ronda Griffin



Daniel Guthrie
Allen Gwatney
Jamie Haala
Mandy Hadley
Dana Hatle
Walter Hager
Aimee Hall



Connie Hall
Scotty Hall
Adam Hames
Chad Hamilton
Jeremy Hanna
Rick Harlen
Brad Harris





Ryan Harryman
Gabe Hays



Tim Henderson
Chris Hernandez



Chris Hieronymus
Don Hill



Ryan Hitt
Jim Holman



Making funny faces and horsing around is an essential part of exhibiting enthusiasm and cheering on the eighth grade basketball team. Jamie Hood, Valerie Copeland, Amie Wood, Frank Gold, Jennifer Thompson, Misty Brown, Becky Blackwell, and Adam Becknell are enjoying themselves during halftime.



Jamie Hood
Faith Horne
Mark Horne
Jake Hughes
Josh Hughes
John Hutchens
Mandy Hutchison



Latonya James
Cari Janss



Jared Jay
Christine Jeffries



Angela Jennings
Holly Jessen

Hard work and crucial decision-making are only a part of what student council is elected to accomplish. Eighth grade members are back row, Cristal Wolfe, Justin Fowler, John Hutchens, Erin Dobbs, Cari Janss; middle row, Dani Knight, Nathan Bressie (vice-president), Josh Hughes (president), Missy Norris (treasurer), Michelle Rodriguez; front row, Ashlea Sexton, Marty Yust, and Valerie Copeland.

Erica Jones
Naomi Jordon
Robert Jordon



Travis Kahanek
Dewayne Kelly
Wendy Kelly



Alex Kendrick
Kirk Kernell
Dustin Kerr



Builders Club is a community service organization for junior high students. Officers are, back row, Charity Chesnut, Cari

Melanie Kirk
Matt Kissel
Danni Knight
Aaron Koeppen
Crystal Kohler
Jill Krambeck
Josh Lampo



Dana Lankford
Shannon Lankford
Alan Larson
Monty Lauderdale
Brandon Leathers
Dustin Lee
Jason Letts



In junior high the arts become a more important part of education; these classes stress creativity and individuality. Eighth grader Travis Pannel demonstrates his artistic ability.

Kim Lewis
Chris Lindsey
Janet Livingston
Frankie Loncarich



Jenny Lucas
Serina Luker
Mary Ann Lyerla
Ryan Mabrey



Wayne Mahan
Robert Maile
Jeff Mayben
Ricky Michael





Janss, Becky Blackwell, Bob Briggs; front row,
Valerie Copeland, Nikki Blevens, Matt Kissel.



Amy Miller
Lisa Miller



Steven Moore
Joy Moreno



Chastity Mugg
Billy Mulholland
Evan Mc Bee
Robert Mc Camish



Mya Mc Clintock
Sandra Mc Coy
Ashley Mc Cullough
Jerome Mc Ilvaine



Huston Mc Millan
Missy Norris
Travis Pannell
Tami Parks



Travis Pendergraft
Tabi Perkins
Mike Phillips
Lucas Pierce



Missy Pincombe
Sheila Pogue
Michelle Powers
Timberly Rasmussen

Remember . . .

My eighth grade year
was a blast,
Sad to say
it's all in the past.
Homework all graded and
done
Which makes summer
a whole lot of fun.
Dances and parties
help the weekends go by.
Dance all night,
don't be shy.
The junior high
is where we'll be,
Rulers again,
don't you see?
Basketball games,
football too.
We won a lot
and lost a few.
Back next year,
like never before.
We're the class of '94!

by Natalie Brattin

Bryan Reed
Tanya Reed
Beth Reiboldt
Lena Reynolds
Brandi Richards
Seth Richardson



Jared Richmond
Lisa Roberts
Michelle Rodriguez
Teresa Rogers
Clay Sanger
Paul Scoggin



The five minutes between classes is hectic with students rushing from class to class. Students often complain about not having enough time to go to their lockers, but Christie Tessmer seems to be a little more relaxed about getting to her next class.

Anna Scott
Travis Scribner
Todd Seiber



Ashlea Sexton
Trina Shearer
Shawn Sherlock



Aimee Silence
Scott Simmons
Chad Sinclair



Stuart Skym
Brandi Slemp
Chad Sloan
Grant Smith
Ola Smith
Joe Sparks



Robert Stevens
Jessica Stipp
Shane Stout
Brandy Swain
Ryan Sweet
Christie Tessmer





Eighth grade mixed choir is the traditional chorus for students wishing to further develop their vocal ability and music theory skills. Singing is not the only thing eighth grade choir students think about in Mrs. Susan Shivley's classroom. Brad Ward obviously has many other things to ponder during seventh hour.



Jennifer Thompson
Jason Thorne



Keith Tiner
Monica Tomlin



Joel Topham
Ricky Torres



Tony Tosh
Brian Treadwell
Bill Vandorn
Dnese Vowell
Brian Waddie
Josh Wagner
Brad Ward



Rustin Weston
Marvin Whittington
Nathan Wicks
Darin Widener
Galen Wilkinson
James Willett



Adam Williams
Angela Williams
Bryan Williams
Rodney Wilson
Jennifer Winkler



Julie Winton
Crista Wolfe
Michael Wolfe
Amie Wood



Jennifer Wylie
Amy Wynn
Marty Yust

Students not pictured are: Wendy Clark, Chris Cook, Anshuman Dube, Tracy Ernberger, Sheila Hammon, Rick Harlen, Brian Harris, Warren Johnston, Jennifer Kern, Shannon Mitchell, Tonia Proctor, and Chad Richardson.

7TH GRADE

MAKES CHANGES



Nikki Blevins appears to be working hard while Corey Farrell sneaks a peek at the camera.

Starting with the 1990-91 school year, eighth and ninth graders will be in the junior high. With the changes taking place in the school system, there are happy and unhappy responses. In a survey the staff asked the seventh graders how they felt about being the underdogs again next year.

Michell Friend commented, "It's really not fair to us 7th graders because we were looking forward to being the oldest in junior high."

"I will feel like I am in the first grade again and everybody is older than me," was the re-

sponse by Michael Lauderdale.

"I think it's dumb because we've been waiting to be the top, but now we're still the bottom," commented Nathan Abernathy.

Teresa Paul said, "I guess it is all right, but being in junior high for three years bothers me a little bit, but not much."

"I guess I don't really care that much although, I am a little mad about the situation," commented Jamie Holloway.

Melinda Miller said, "It really doesn't bother me that much. I don't feel like I'm an underdog now."

Nathan Abernathy
Tim Adams
Doug Addy
Jamie Aldridge
Joe Avarado
Judy Ball
Boone Banks



Christina Barrett
Dustin Bartley
Charles Bates
Crystal Beaman
Angie Beaver
Jesse Beckett
James Bickford



Jeremy Blackburn
Mike Blackford
Lindsay Blankenship
Neil Bledsoe
Nikki Blevins
Beth Bond
Julie Bond



Susie Boyd
J.D. Bridges
Tanya Brock
Jennifer Brookman
Bill Brown
Daniel Bruce
Shane Bryant



Seventh grade Student Council is, front row, l-r, Josh Henson, Jessica Cales, Danhette Busch, Steven Friend; middle, Sabrena Charlton, Hanna Mitchell, Kim Marty, Daphne Slinkard, Mike Ferraz; top, Mandy Olsen, and Nikki Blevens.



Amy Burnett
Thomas Burton
Danette Busch



Andrew Byrd
Jessica Cales
Brian Campbell



Nathan Cargil
Ricky Carlson
Melanie Casey



Julie Chambers
Sabrina Charlton
Hailey Chenoweth



Christian Clark
Shelly Clark
Theresa Clark
Lindsay Cohu
Seth Collier
Michael Compton
Tarren Condict



Tyson Condict
Jamie Cooper
Angela Courtney
Shawna Coy
Sage Crane
Casey Crawford
Chris Crawford



Ryan Crawford
Lori Cryer
Greg Dalton
Sherry Danner
Jerah Darden
Jeremy David
Kara Davis



Karen Degonia
B.J. Demoss
Angela Devore
Sutapa Duke
Amanda Dugan
Justin Ebbinghaus
Chad Edens



Cally Hickman and Jennifer Palmer find conversation at the lockers very popular.

IF I WERE . . .

Seventh graders often have an enormous imagination. The staff asked some seventh graders if they could be the principal for a day what would they do. Here are some of the responses we received.

Cory Farrell stated, "Give all the secretaries a raise and give my favorite teacher the day off."

"Make sure that all the homework was done in school for the first six hours and then let everyone do what they want the last hour of the day," commented Sabrina Charlton.

"I would like to walk in all my original classes and sit and make the teacher mad because

I am not doing my work and they can't say nothing about it," commented Sage Crane.

Jennifer Reiboldt said, "Let people chew gum whenever they want to."

"It would be a fun day," commented Daphne Slinkard.

Heather Harris said, "Tell all of the seventh graders no homework. Punish no kids. Say on the intercom, 'You may chew gum in every class no matter what.' And let all teachers come into my office and PARTY!"

With all that imagination, who can doubt that the junior high would be an interest to be.

Christi Edwards
Melody Epperson
Sharmin Ethridge
Shelly Eytcheson
Cory Farrell
Mike Faulkner
Michael Ferraiz



Chris Fletcher
Jason Foster
Jennifer Frankey
Angel Franks
Dusty Franks
Michelle Friend
Steven Friend



Rachel George
Doug Gillispie
Joe Glover
Anna Goldsworthy
Amy Goodman
Billie Graham
Alan Gratton



Heather Gregory
Emily Griffith
James Grigsby
Heather Haier
Annett Hailey
Aric Halverson
Billy Hardage



Wes Rugh shows that bright eyes and a happy smile can sometimes make the day a little easier to get through as he learns to survive seventh grade.



Bryan Harmon
Christina Harrel



Heather Harris
Brian Heckart



Coleman Henson
Haden Henson



Josh Henson
Cally Hickman



David Hilgenberg
Jamie Holloway



Nathan Honeycutt
Kenneth Hopkins
Mareike Hornick
Daphne Howard
B.J. Hudelson
Mindy Hughes
Chrystalyn Hunt



Travis Hunter
Rex Inman
Angela Jacobs
Richard James
Ronald James
Barbara Johnson
Jocelyn Johnson



Jodi Johnson
Jeremiah Jones
Paula Jones
Jason Keeler
Cynthia Kinnear
Melany Koeppen
Rachel Kubicek

Joe Lamp
Matt Lampo



Josh Landers
Jason Lauderdale



Michael Lauderdale
Nena Lay



Mike Lazure
Dusty Ledford



Lyle Lehmann
Christy Lemaster
Amos Letts
Cassie Leutzinger
Brian Lewis
Tim Lewis
Ben Long



Latisha Lyttle
Molly Macy
Nikki Mahaffey
Beth Maile
Stacie Martin
Kim Marty
Jason Melton



Jeff Meredith
Matt Merrill
Michael Metcalf
Lisa Micheal
Melinda Miller
Brian Mitchell
Eric Mitchell



Hanna Mitchell
Nathan Mitchell
Doris Mitts
Angie Moore
Judy Moser
Stephanie Mulholland
Neal Murphy



Some assignments require a little help from a friend. Jason Roberts, left, and Daniel Bruce, right, work together to get the right answers.





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Adam Mc Camish
Shawn Mc Conaghy
Aaryn Mc Farland
Billy Mc Granahan
Steven Mc Laughin
Kara Mc Vey



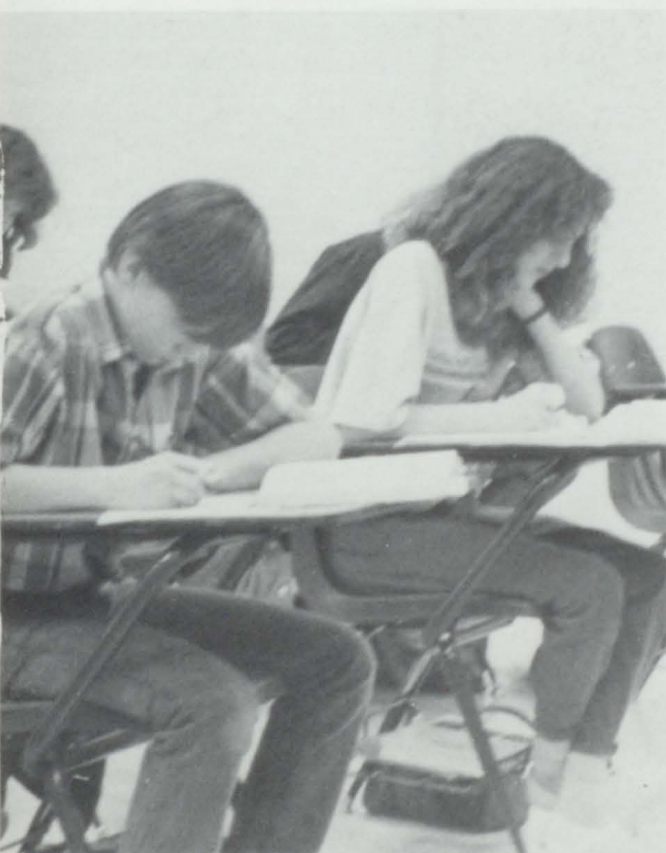
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Shellie Neece
Jeremy Nicholson
Nick Nickerson
Alicia Nielson
Tonya Nims



Michelle Nixon
Hailey Norman
Mandy Olson
Jennifer Palmer
Greg Parks
Jay Patterson
Trecia Paul



Jason Pendergraft
Amanda Pendley
Paul Percival
Jeremy Phillips
Anne Pierce
Tracie Poore
Julie Potter



Jason Powers
Angie Prater
Chester Puckett



Ronnie Quintana
Scott Rader
Mark Rasmussen



Jennifer Reiboldt
Mica Reynolds
Heather Richards



Stephanie Ringstaff
Jason Roberts
Kelley Roberts

Being in 7th grade requires studying and hard work. Shelly Clark and Shane Wade rush to finish their homework in class.

Erin Rogers
Levi Rogers



Jenny Ruark
Wes Rugh



Stephanie Rynders
Gene Russell



Amie Sammons
Kenny Sanders



Paul Schooler
Shelly Scroggins



Priscilla Self
Amy Sellars
Steven Shaver
David Sims
Daphne Slinkard
Amie Smith
David Smith



Kristie Smith
Phillip Snyder
Brenda Sparks
Draper Sparlin
Charlene Spicer
Mike Sprenger
Robbie Sprengle



Smantha Stanton
Ricky Stewart
Roy Stewart
Brian Stone
Richie Stotts
Michelle Strickland
Shelly Strong



Art class is a time to show artistic ability and learn some theory and technique. Jodi Johnson takes a break to get a mental picture of her next drawing.





Pam Summarell
Tina Talbert
Sandra Tallon
Jennifer Taylor



Lyndsay Terneus
Stacy Tierheimer
Mike Tooley
Melodie Troutman



Sheldon Turner
Goldie Vandorn
Andrea Van Name
Chris Vineyard



Shane Wade
April Walls
Sandra Walton
Jeremy Warren



Michael Wasson
John Weems
Jason Weissarr
Roxee Wells



Deanne Weston
Joshua Whiteside
Misty Wimpey
Travis Winchester



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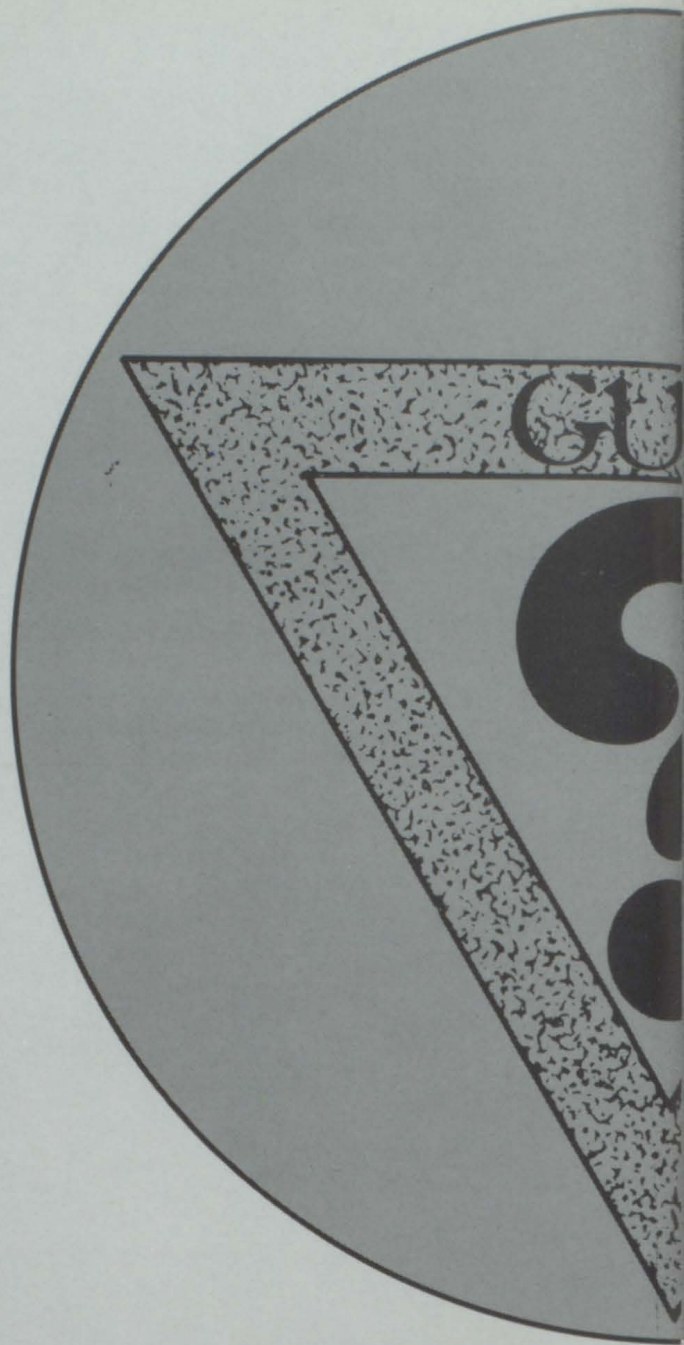


Audrey Yarrington
Pam Yarrington
Mandi Yust



Between classes is a great time to talk with friends. July Ball, left, and Melinda Miller, right, walk together to their next class. At the 8:10 bell, students leave the gym for homeroom.

Pictures not available for: Jenny Cash, Shawn Cooper, Danny Estep, Kenny Gates, Jeremy Hammonds, Cecil Johnson, Lee Johnson, Jason Jordan, Stephanie Miller, Justin Mosley, Kim Nicholas, Matt Pritchard, Dennis Ruddick, Brandy Siler, Larry Thompson, Lee Turner, Toby Welch, and Steven Welch.



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EVENTS

GUESS WHAT'S PLAYING

A houseful of struggling actresses and a small country defeating the United States were the subject of Neosho's fall and spring plays.

The fall play was *STAGE DOOR*. It centered around Terry Randall, a young actress who refuses to leave the stage for motion pictures even though she is not completely successful on stage. The spring play was *THE MOUSE THAT ROARED*. The small country of Grand Fenwick invades the United States by order of its ruler Glorianna the Twelfth. Imagine the surprise when the military leader, Tully Bascum, returns victorious.

During play practices friendships are often formed. Michelle Harms, 12, and Stephanie Hudleson, 10, give each other encouragement before opening night of *THE MOUSE THAT ROARED*.



Relaxing on the set of *STAGE DOOR* are Tonna Condict, 10; Stephanie Hudleson, 10; Pam Gates, 10; Bryane Smith, 12; Jenny Spicer, 10; Kim Baum, 10; Stephanie Theas, 10. Right, Aaron Rugh, 12, plays the suave David Kingsley.

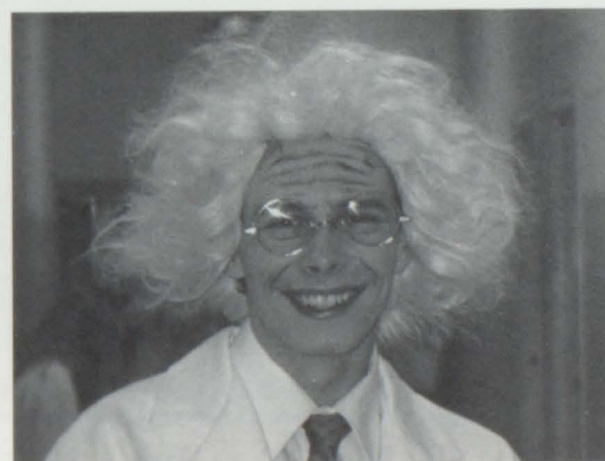




Aaron Rugh, 12, had the opportunity to work with many different leading women in different roles. Left, Aaron and Beth Kendall, 10, perform in a scene from STAGE DOOR. Below, Aaron and Melissa Miller, 12, are seen in a scene from THE MOUSE THAT ROARED.



Above, timing is important as Brian Sparks, 10, center, and Michelle Harms, 12, left, read a proclamation together while Andrea Hunter, 11, looks on. Right center, Nick Hayes, 11, is President for three days while, right bottom, Alex Inman, 11, is an absent-minded professor in THE MOUSE THAT ROARED.



MEMORIES

Wade Wood and Lauren Cope were crowned King and Queen at Junior /Senior Prom. The other nominees were seniors Gary Hill, Rashele Stevens, Aaron Farber, and Erica Wimsett.

The colors were blue and silver and the theme was "I Remember You." "The fun people have at prom depends greatly on the person they go with. "My prom was one of the best times I've ever had," commented Ben Rigdon, 11.

"Prom is exciting if you have the right date," said Kim Jensen.



Tonya Butts, 12, is really moving to the beat by showing everyone her fancy footwork.

When Aaron Rugh was asked what he and Stephanie Hudleson thought was so funny, he commented, "We couldn't figure out how to get the punch; we thought we were supposed to bob for it." Michelle Harms and David Swift wait their turn at the refreshment table. Top, Jeremy Pietrzak and date are enjoying doing "The Bird" and eyeing each other at the same time.

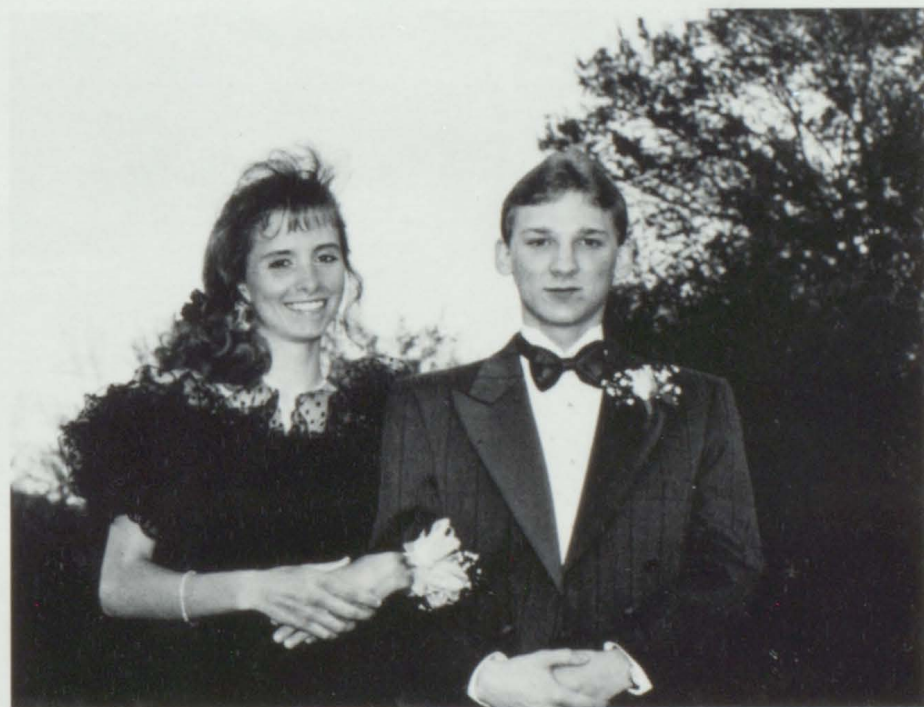


Each year the junior class decorates for Junior/Senior Prom. Heather Cholka, 11, and Angie Norris, 11, take a break from the tiresome work of prom decoration to

Should this be permitted? Willie Howard, 11, and Beth Schackenberg, 10, are making a treasured moment while dancing to a love song.



Wade Wood and Lauren Cope are crowned King and Queen. The saying "Like mother, like daughter" applies here. Lauren's mother was also crowned queen at her senior prom.



"Say Cheese!" Leslie Stout, 10, and Mike Mailes, 11, pose outside Leslie's house while her father takes a few traditional prom pictures before they leave for the evening.

relax. However, not everyone works hard all the time. There is time after hanging streamers to have fun.

QUEEN CROWNED



Senior Mari Taylor, was crowned the 1990 Yearbook Queen. Brent Massey, senior class president, presented the crown and flowers were given by Stephanie Lyons, 12.

Jamie Daugherty, 12, led students in the Pledge of Alle-

giance. Becky Briggs, 11, gave the welcome while the purpose was given by Jody Diggs, 12. Kim Marion, 11, announced queen candidates and attendants, and Melissa Miller, 12, introduced the Jazz Band.

This year's yearbook dedica-

tee was Jerry Williams, high school custodian. Seniors Jennifer Davis and Kim Jensen gave the dedication and presented flowers. Yearbook advisor, Mrs. Nancy Rugh was also presented flowers by Stephanie Virgin, 12.

Angie Patterson, Senior



Nicki Randen, Senior

Emily Blackwell, Junior



Missy Phelps, Junior



Nori Farber, Sophomore



Susan Brown, Nori Farber, Emily Blackwell, Angie Patterson, Mari Taylor, Nicki Randen, Missy Phelps, Chyna Hensen, Christy Skelton. Travis Mc Gruder, Greg Brown, Aaron Jones, Eric Dicharry, David Swift, Jerry Williams, Wes Bertch, Nick Hays, Chris Farrell, David Tartar.



Chyna Henson, Sophomore



Susan Brown, Freshman



Christy Skelton, Freshman

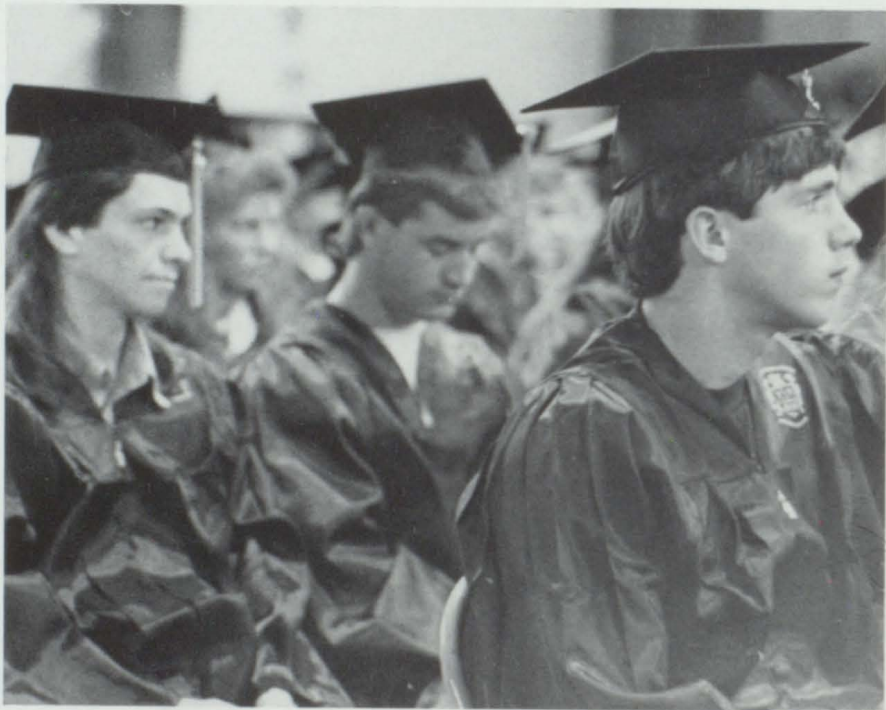
Start of a new beginning

The end of the high school years was here; it was time to face the "real world". As the seniors wore their caps and gowns for the first time at Senior Assembly, memories from the past flooded minds. Thoughts of the first date, pep rallies, winning the game of the season, getting that A in chemistry, prom with that special person or the standing ovation for a performance were just a few memories that made four years seem so wonderful. It was a time for friends to share together one last time with classmates.

Guest speaker Mr. James Kelso, instrumental music teacher and Wildcat Band director, spoke to the seniors and student body at Senior Assembly. He recalled the accomplishments of the class ending his presentation with the traditional "best class ever" farewell.



Speed was of the essences as underclassmen took part in one of their most favorite traditions of moving to their new seats in the gym. Before the big "move", Missy Phelps, newly elected senior class president, accepted the class chain promising to the graduates that the juniors would try to follow in the footsteps that seniors had left for them.



Brandon King, Scott King, and Patrick Harrell reflect on the messages given at Senior Assembly. It is at this assembly, the first of the senior graduation activities, that seniors begin to realize that their lives are entering a new phrase.

OSBORN SPEAKS

Though rain delayed, seniors finally were able to paint the Hill and themselves.



Emotions were seen as graduates were challenged by Rev. Rick Osborn, minister of Newtonia Baptist Church. "Before you make a decision consider the consequences of that decision." After the ceremony graduates could be found in the halls hugging friends they had acquired and bidding them a fond farewell as many of the graduates will not be seen again until the ten year reunion in the year 2000.



Baccalaureate, May 20, 1990, was one of the last times all of the seniors would be together. It was a time of great happiness and joy for friends, family, and most of all to the graduates. This was one of the moments in life that students look forward to from the first day of high school. The graduates sat in their caps and gowns knowing that they had not only survived, but they had actually succeeded. They had the ability to achieve anything they set their minds to.

Reverend Rick Osborn spoke to the graduates about life's many choices. "You can choose the things you want to do with your lives. You're still the same person, but your understanding will continue to grow."

HENRY ENCOURAGES SENIORS

"I won't tell you being rich is the most important thing in life, but I would say it is right up there with oxygen," Circuit Judge George A. Henry teased the graduates of the 101st graduating class of Neosho High School.

Judge Henry, a life-long resident of Newton County, was the guest speaker for Commencement exercises for the past year. The speech Judge Henry gave was both humorous and enlightening. He told the graduating seniors that a sense of humor was one of the most important assets they could possess as they travel through life. The importance of friendships being developed and maintained was another important factor of a successful life. And most of all, stressed the judge, they should not be afraid to stand up for what they believe in. He told the students, "Every minority opinion was the start of a majority opinion."



Due to rainy weather, Commencement was held in the high school gym. The graduates were addressed by Circuit Judge George Henry, above. Commencement is the culmination of 12 years of hard work for students. It's also the last time the entire class will gather together as a whole. The seniors of 1989-90 wear their caps and gowns proudly.



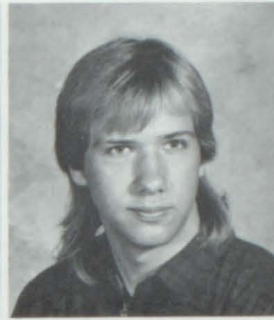
COMING OUT ON TOP



Wesley Bertch
Valedictorian



Angie Tartar
Salutatorian



Marcy Abercrombie
Tracy Bowers
Jennifer Branham
Corey Burton



Suzi Davis
Becky Douglas
Sarah Finch
Billy Gates



Michelle Harms
Joel Hood
Julie James
Curt Lewis



Brent Massey
Melissa Miller
David Owens
Aaron Rugh



Aimee Schumaker
Teri Tignor

Guess what happened in 1990!

This year's changes

Variety marked this year's current events. An old decade ended and a new one began. There were the deaths of special people like Bette Davis, Lucille Ball, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Jim Henson. These years brought surprises like the release of political prisoners Nelson Mandela, and the fall of the Berlin Wall.

1989 and 1990 had many new starts like the birth of the Duchess of York's second child, and the discovery of new talents like T.V. host Arsenio Hall, singing sensation Paula Abdul, and comedian Roseanne Barr. Familiar faces came out of retirement to return to the silver screen like Batman and Dick Tracy.

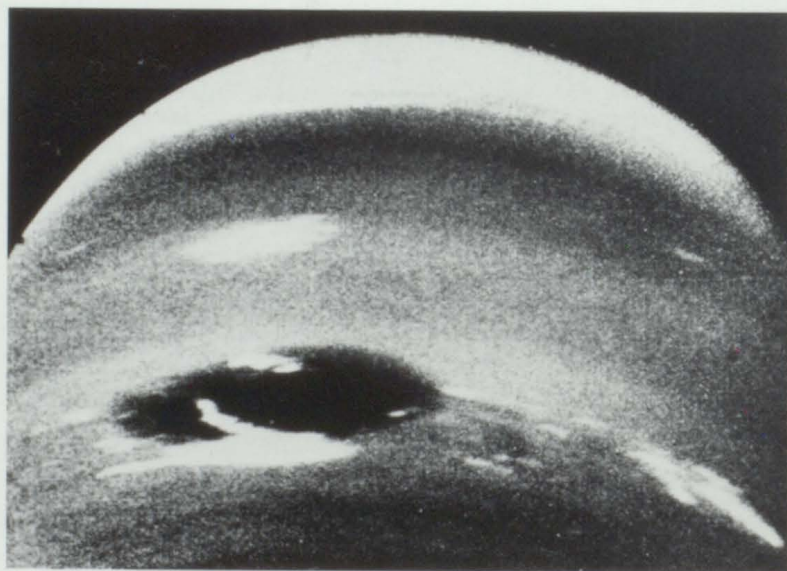
These years also brought tragedy. The peaceful rally at Tiananmen Square turned into a massacre of 250 Chinese students and the imprisonment of the leaders. The San Francisco earthquake caused extensive damage, and hurricane Hugo killed many people and left many homeless.



Batman is back and better than ever. He celebrated his 50th birthday in 1989 with a facelift and a record-breaking movie.



After 20 years of being a community dependent on itself, the Berlin Wall came down opening the door to democracy and freedoms for all Berliners.



This year set a record for space exploration. A space craft took the first pictures of Neptune and the Hubble telescope intrigued astronomers.

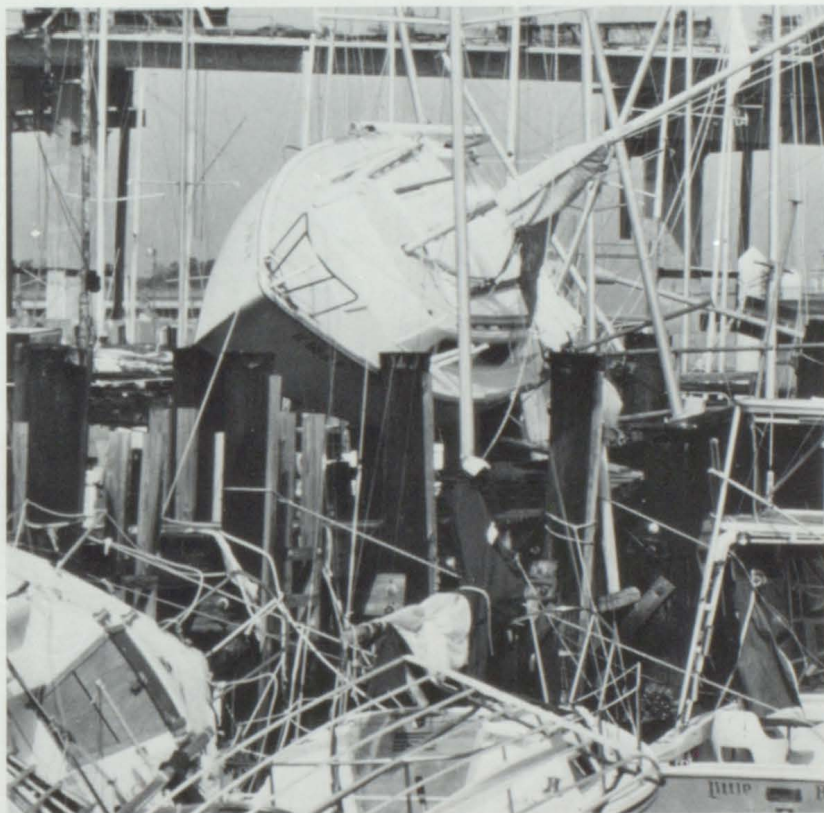
This year's tragedies



The San Francisco earthquake was reported as the biggest earthquake of the decade. It occurred on October 17, 1989. The tremors and aftershocks were felt for miles around. It killed over 150 people and caused millions of dollars in damage.



Birds and fish died, and the environment was permanently changed. That's the damage accomplished in the Exxon oil spill.



Hurricane Hugo caused people to be stranded, left without homes, their possessions lost forever. This hurricane caused heartache and tragedy through its path of destruction. The rebuilding will take place, but the people whose lives were affected will never forget the pain.

The spotlight is on . . .



"Hanging Tough" and "Cover Girl" are songs by New Kids on the Block. The group consists of 5 boys rocking the hearts of girls all over the world with their music.



This year's Miss America is Debbie Turner. She is the second black woman to be crowned and she's from Missouri.



Paula Abdul is the hottest female to hit the charts this year. Her popular songs are "Straight Up", "Cold Hearted", and "Opposites Attract."



Arsenio Hall is this year's top entertainer. His talents have opened doors in movies, comedy, and T.V. talk shows. He is well-known for his late-night show.

The mighty fell when Pete Rose was suspended from baseball for gambling. His baseball career came to a screeching halt and his fans were all disappointed. Pete Rose has also found himself in trouble with the IRS and is now paying the price.



Roseanne Barr is fat and loves it! Along with her partner John Goodman, they have one of the hottest shows on T.V.

Politically speaking



The Tiananmen Square rally in China was held on April 23, 1989. It started out as a peaceful rally until troops were called out. Over 150 students were killed as a show of power and in the end made enemies out of a lot of people.



The world's two major leaders meet and made outstanding reductions in nuclear weapons. The relations between countries is better than it has been in a long time.

After 27 years of imprisonment, Nelson Mandela was released. Black Africans finally see hope after political darkness.



The B-2 Stealth Bomber is worth 12 billion dollars. However, its spying capabilities have been replaced by satellites. Though retired from service, the Stealth has touched the imagination of young and old alike with its "other" world design.

JORDAN RETIRES

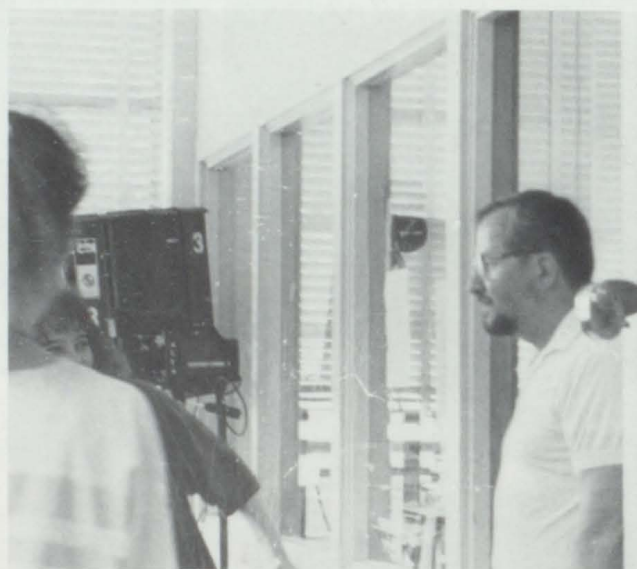
Mr. Don Jordan retired from his position as teacher, debate coach, play director, and mentor after 25 years of dedication to the Neosho School system.

Mr. Jordan attended Carthage High School for 2 1/2 years graduating in 1951 from Crane High School. He then went on to Ozark Bible College for 2 1/2 years, joined the Marines for 3 years, and graduated from Southwestern Missouri State College in 1960 with majors in speech, drama, social studies, and industrial arts, and a minor degree in English.

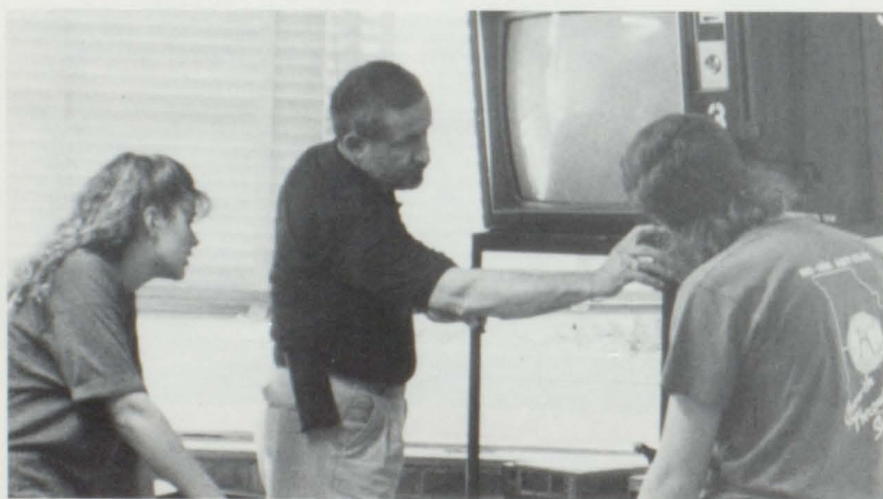
Mr. Jordan taught in El Dorado Springs, MO for 5 years, then came to Neosho with several goals in mind. He wanted to revive Neosho's debate squad and make it one of the best in the state. As a teacher he wanted to help develop his students' communication skills, and leaves satisfied with his accomplishments.

As debate coach and play director, Mr. Jordan has had the opportunity to influence the future of his students. Many of his closer students have gone on to become successful lawyers, preachers, businessmen, authors, and some have found prosperity in the fields of entertainment and communications.

Mountain Home, Arkansas, is the future home for Mr. Jordan. There he will be able to pursue whatever opportunities open up and in the mean time travel, hike, camp, canoe, and backpack to his heart's content.



Smiling, directing, explaining, and helping are a few of the duties that Mr. Jordan is responsible for. Not only does he lecture in the classroom and grade tests, he also sponsors and advises the Debate Squad on over-the-road tournaments at area high schools. He can also be seen directing plays. "We had our ups and downs, but I see a bright future with the new coach and upcoming freshmen and sophomores," speculates Eric Dicharry, 12.



Guess What! 1990 was a year of exciting events that will never be forgotten. Special friends and memories were made. Congratulations to those who survived four years of "guessing"; good luck to those who haven't finished yet. Those special friends and memories will always be cherished.



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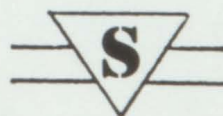


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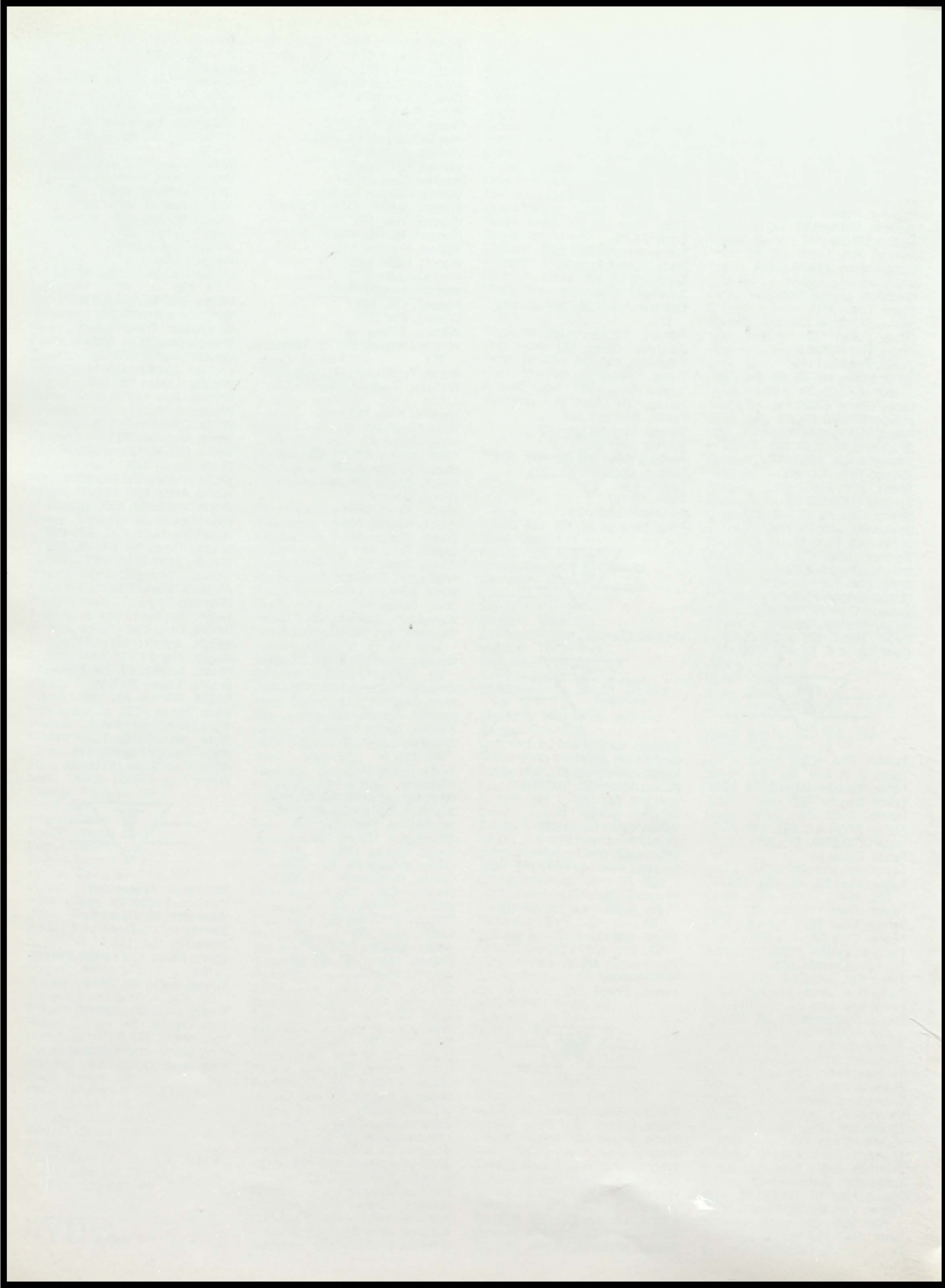
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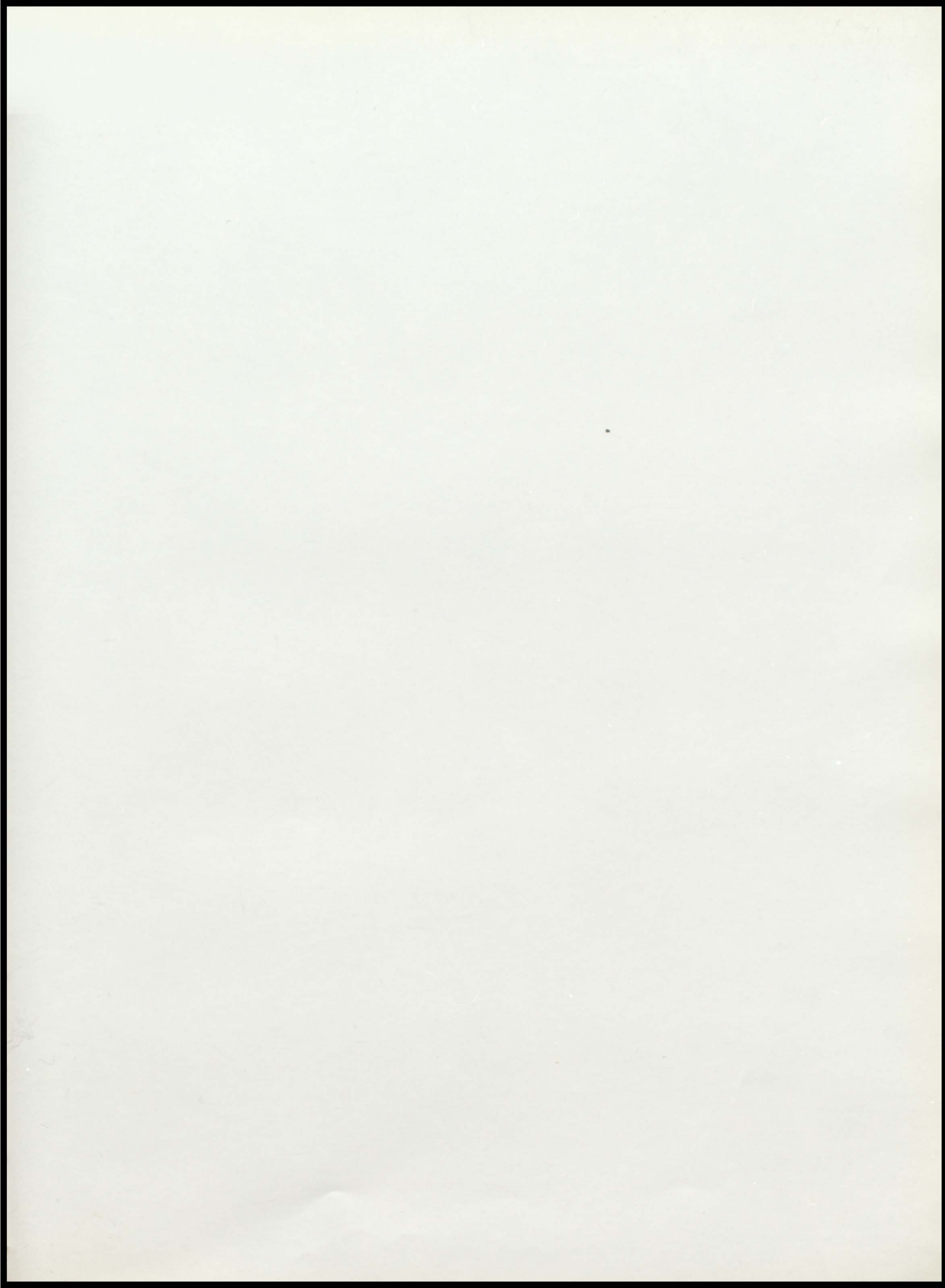
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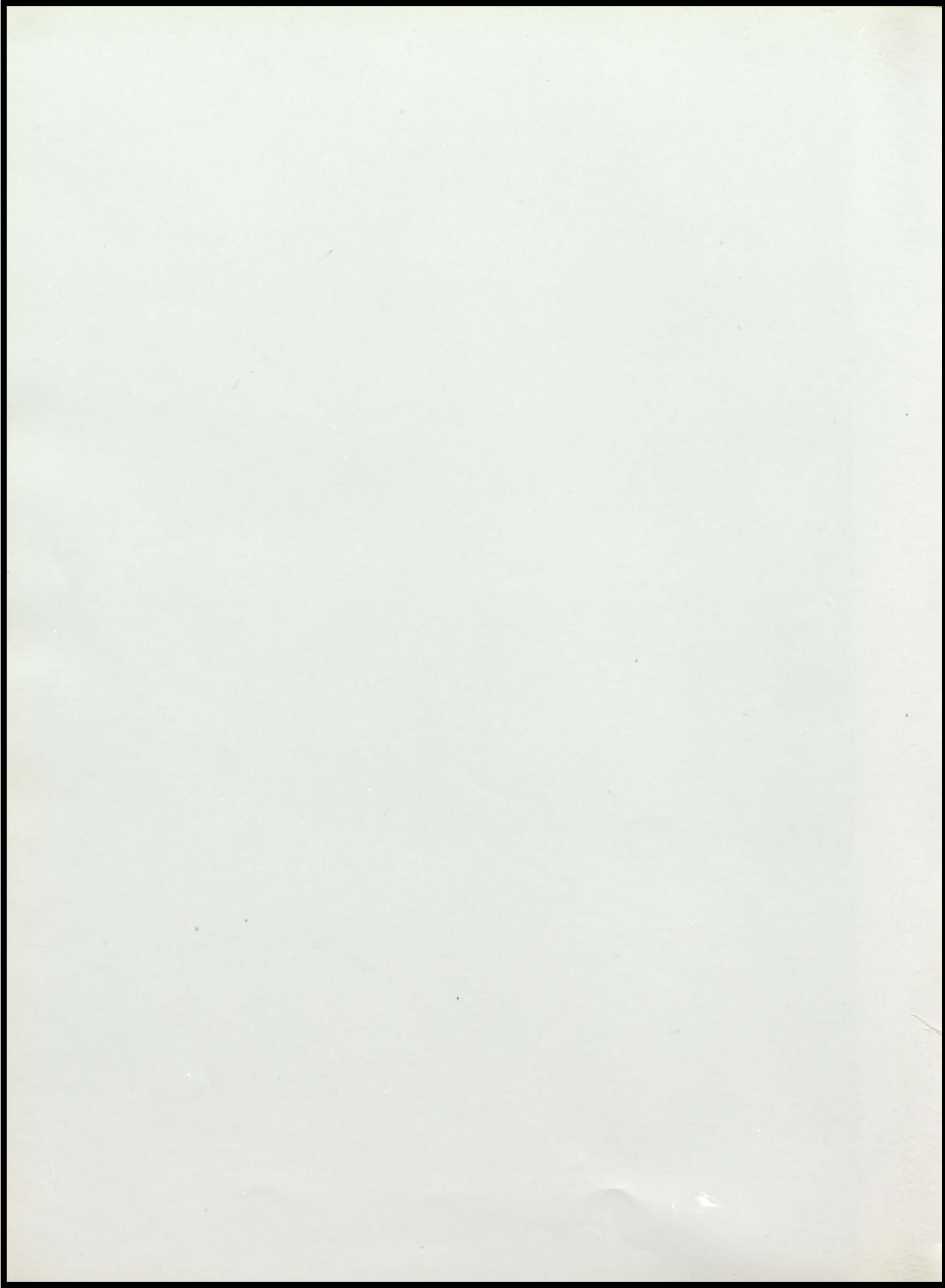
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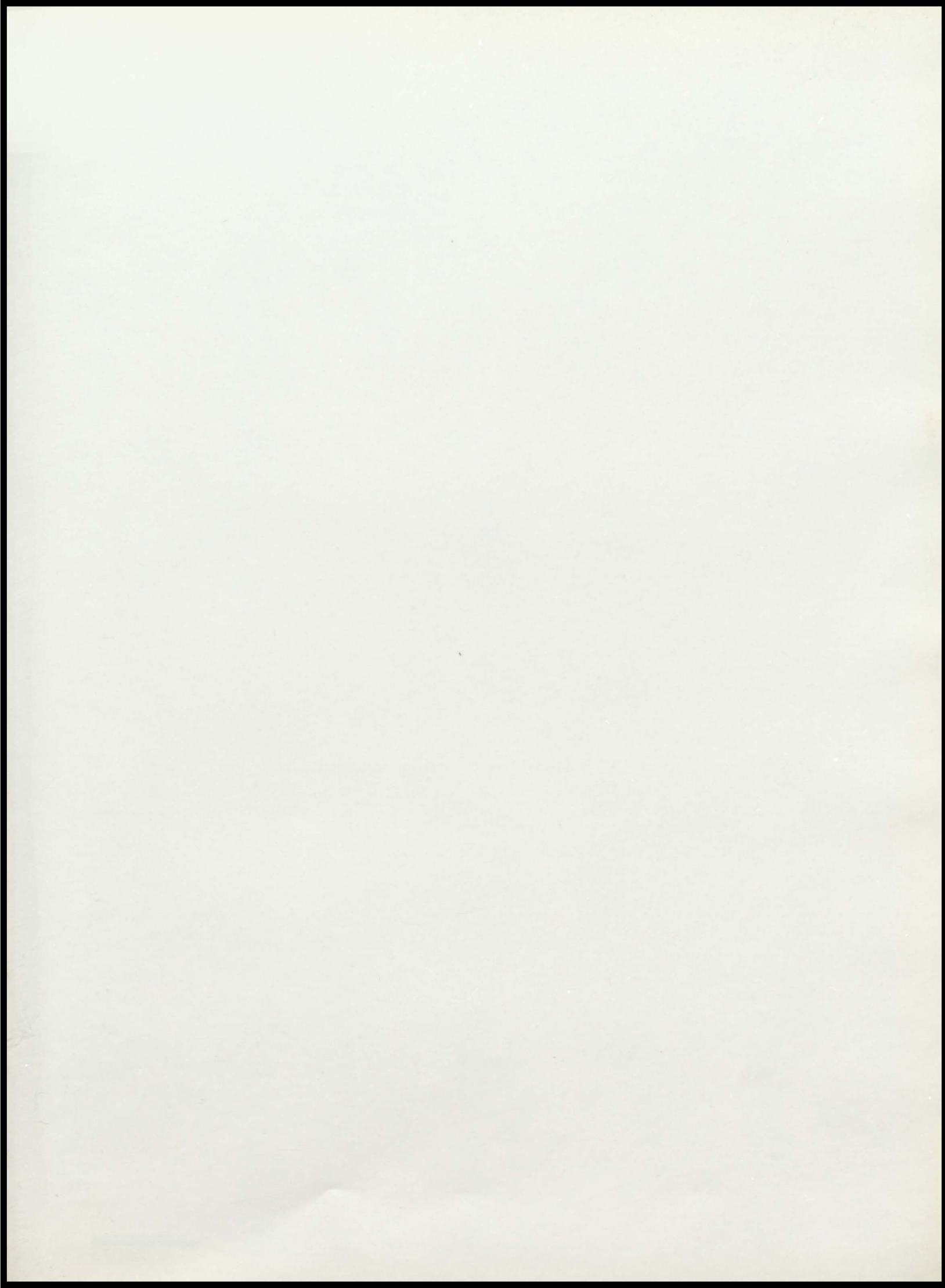


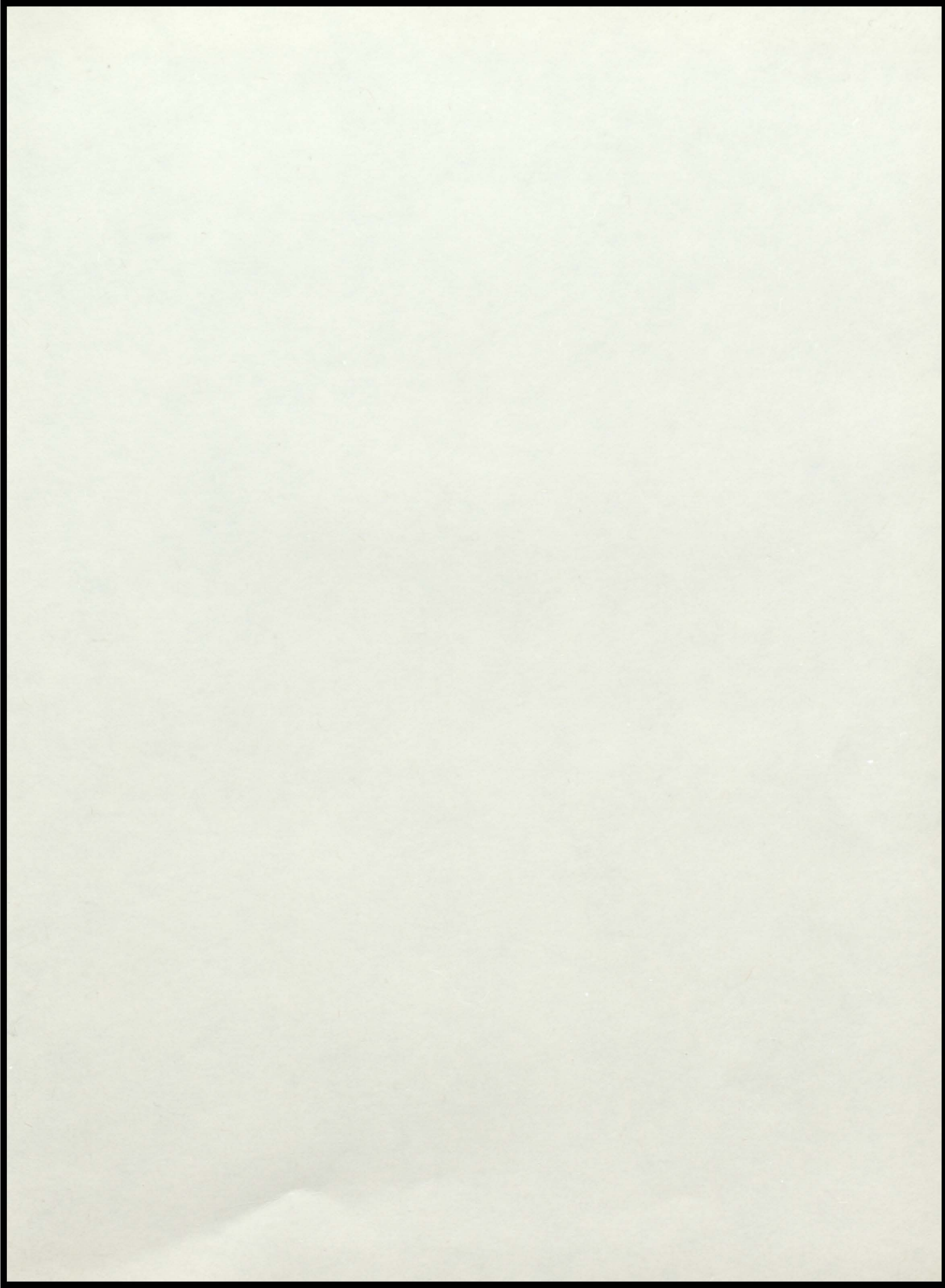
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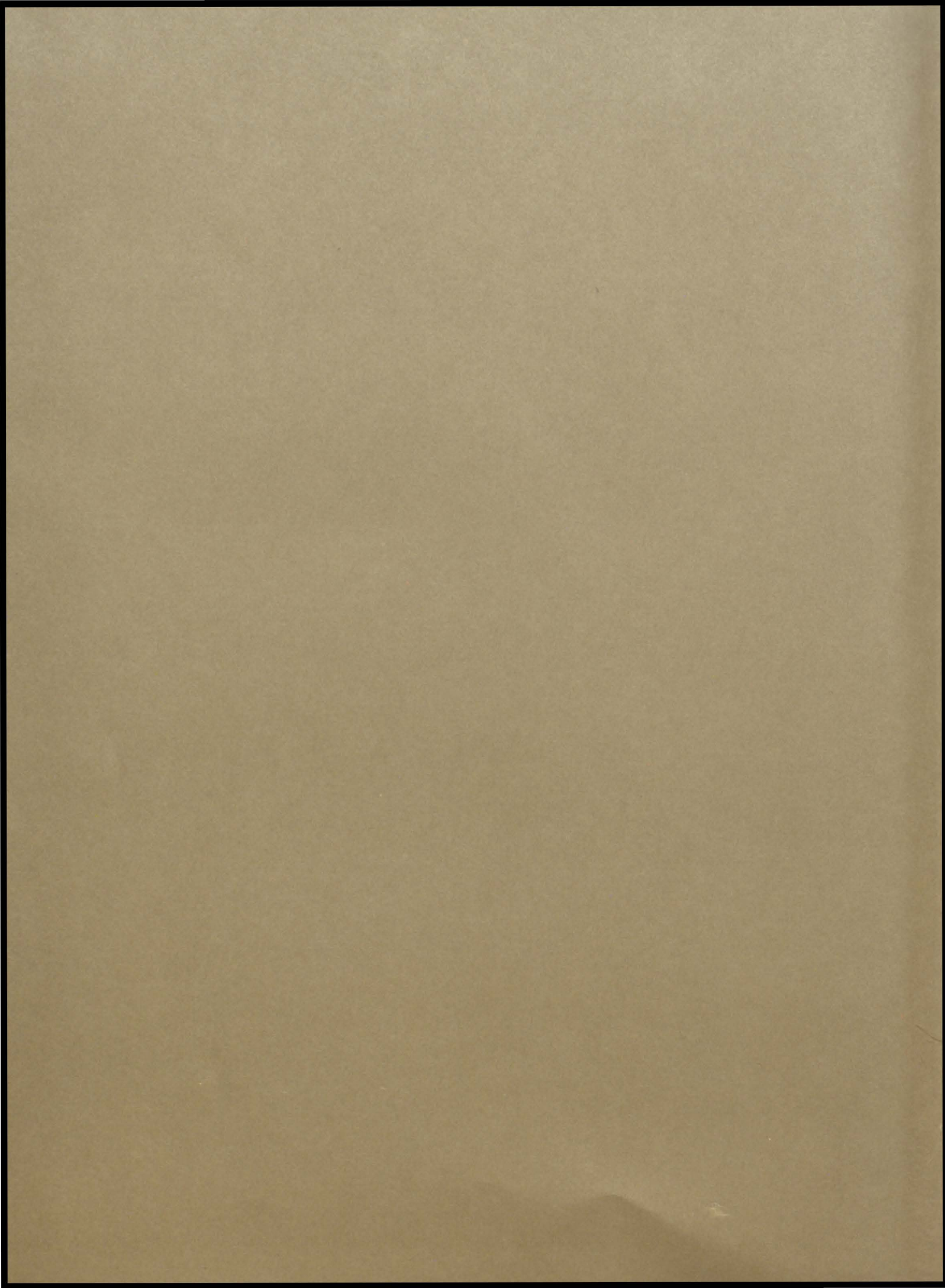














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