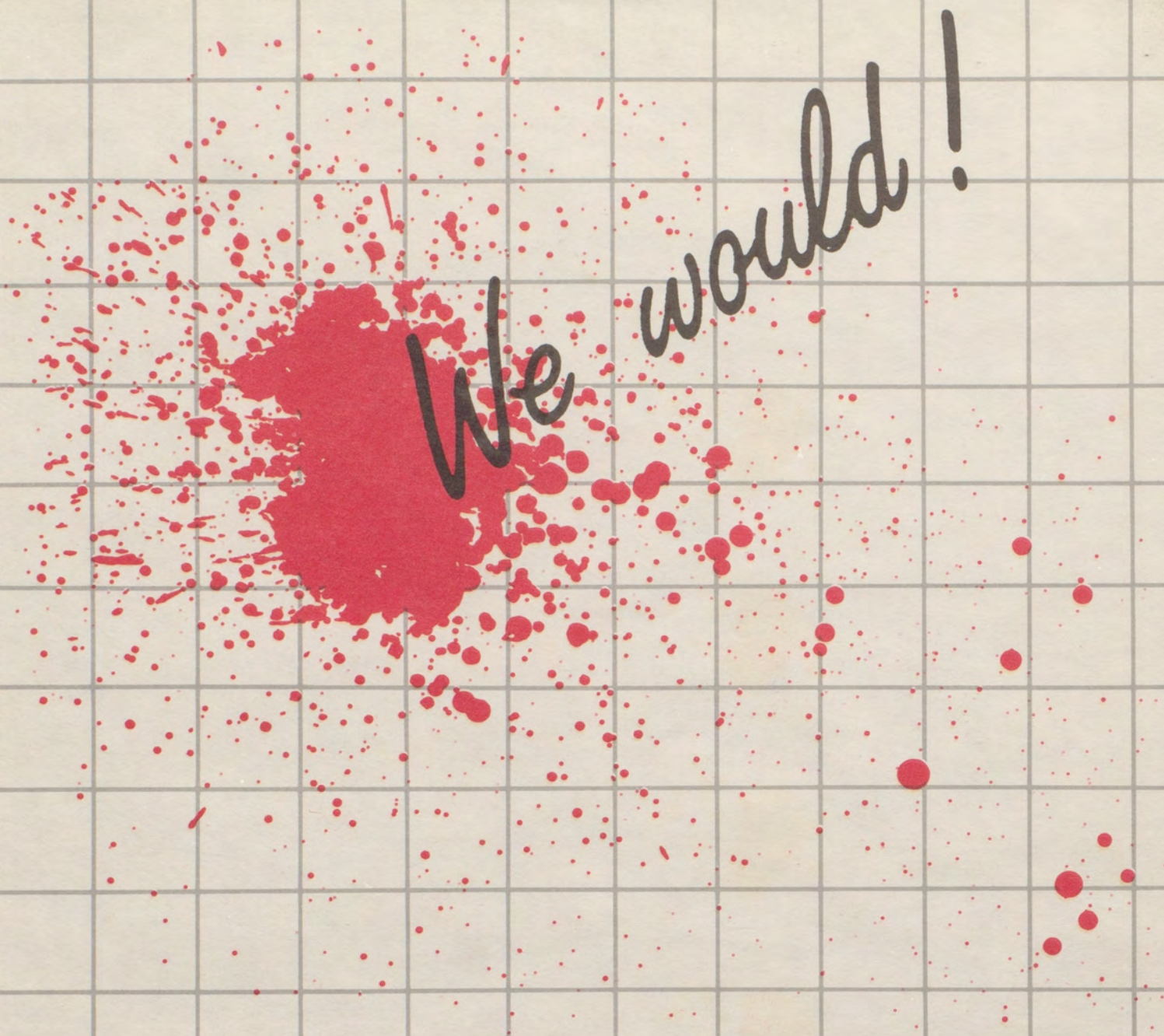
A page of graph paper with a grid pattern. The text "Who would do such a thing?" is written in black cursive. There are three large paint splatters: a red one at the top center, a blue one at the bottom left, and a yellow one at the bottom right. Numerous smaller splatters of these colors are scattered across the page.

Who would do
such a thing?

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We would!

Where to look!

Q Where could you look to see what you do on weekends, where you spend your money and who won Miss Houghton Lake?

A. *Student Life* page 4

Q Where could you find scores for every sport plus what athletes do on the bus, their devotion and how they maintain grades?

A. *Sports* page 44

Q Where could you see all your friends and teachers along with articles on spring break, where you'll be in 20 years and what you think of other schools?

A. *People* page 74

Q Where can you find out about how people study, why they reverse roles and what they use for excuses?

A. *Academics* page 108

Q Where can you read about all the businesses that support your book and see how times have changed in the community?

A. *Ads* page 126

Q Where can you look to find everyone and everything in the next 176 pages?

A. *Index* page 168

"She looked so young when I first met her that it looked like someone you'd meet at the Rock House. It was a good thing she came because we needed direction. We needed a leader. I figured any change would be good. When we played at games we got compliments and we sounded like a big band even though we only had a few people," junior trumpeteer and band president Craig Stouffer said of new band director Sandy Slesinski. As a result, the 22 member band formed its first marching football band in three years, performed at varsity boys basketball games and competed at a band festival in Alpena. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



"I liked it but I couldn't handle the animals because I can only use one arm and I'd be afraid of dropping them. It would be like holding a newborn baby. They squirm all over," King's Nursing Home resident Sue Baker explained in reference to National Honor Society's "pet day" held at the home. Senior member Kelly Straight visited Sue and the other residents with a two week old goat. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



Who Would Do Such A Thing?

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*C*ross! I couldn't believe Ted actually made me enter that competition because I absolutely HATE bananas!" senior slave Stacy Eckstorm said. Stacy, along with freshman sister Shari and fellow classmate Beth Wills, was forced to compete in the Spirit Week banana eating contest by her owner, senior Ted Schuneman. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



*"*It's a senior tradition to paint the rock and I don't think the underclassmen should have the right to mess with it. But I also think the seniors should be allowed to paint it during school like during study hall instead of sneaking around at midnight to do it," senior Maria Smith said. Although it wasn't officially recognized by the administration, "the rock" served as unofficial senior territory on the school's front lawn. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

Who would...

- * Photograph the University of Michigan's football team from the sidelines with the Wolverine's official photographer.
- * Attend a press conference with Gregory Hines, star of "White Nights."
- * Dress for school in a black silk dress, jewelry, makeup and tennis shoes and also earn honors as an all-conference linebacker.
- * Chalk up their first undefeated season in team history.
- * Juggle careers between school administrator and golf teaching professional.

Who would do such a thing? Why we would, of course! But that's not all we did.

We traveled abroad, attended national conventions, competed in state competitions and lived within the confines of tighter restrictions at school.

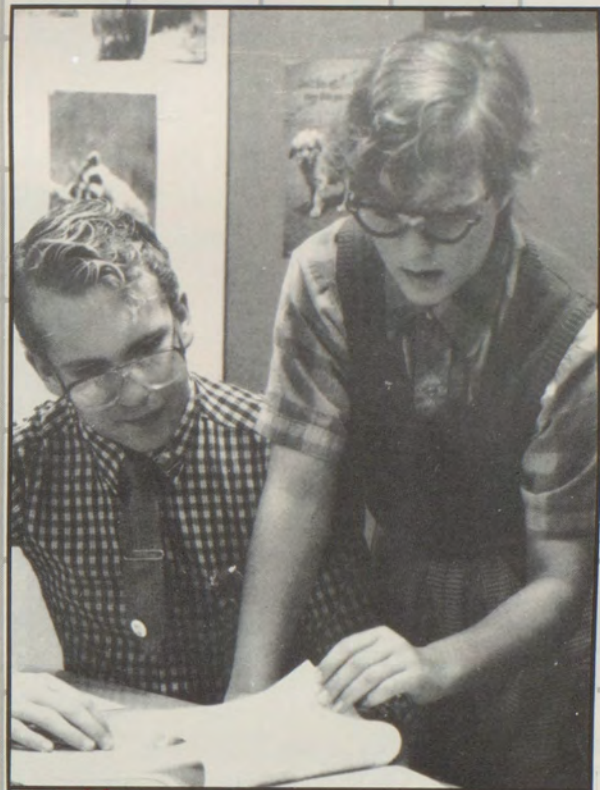
And this list just touches the surface of what we did. Want to find out more? Keep reading. We'll show you exactly who would do such a thing. YOU!

"I was sitting on the players bench trying to get a picture of a Wolverine helmet when one of the officials yelled 'Hey get off there. You're over the boundary line. But then he saw Barry with us and said it was okay to stay there," junior Carrie Mieske explained. Carrie, along with junior Karen Cronin, photographed the University of Michigan's football team from the sidelines as guests of the Wolverine's official team photographer, Barry Rankin. Photo by Barry Rankin.





"I'm not leery of giving blood, but in the future, I'm going to sign a release to store my own blood for members of my family. I will store it for five months and in the final month, I will let anyone who needs it have it," Rod Martin, drama and English teacher, said. Through student senate efforts, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile brought its blood drive to the school twice and a representative sampling of 120 students showed that 46 percent of those old enough donated a pint of blood. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



"I wore white sandals with brown socks and blue and white checkered polyester pants. If I came to school on a normal day dressed like that, people would look at me and say, 'Oh my gosh, she's lost it!'" said junior Jammie Pielak. Jammie, along with junior Gary Bourdow, exemplified the perfect image of a nerd to qualify for Spirit Week dress-up points. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

Student Life

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My worst fear was that I'd screw up my routine

”

*Birgitt Oehler
senior
Snoball contestant*



How do you approach a girl? What do you say when you do? For freshman Dan Smith it seems easier to casually approach classmate Christen Moore while she takes a break from cheering. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



As balloons float into the air, the varsity football team makes its way onto the field for the homecoming game against Coleman. They defeated the Comets, 19-18. At the halftime ceremonies, senior Stacy Eckstorm received the title of Homecoming Queen 1985. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



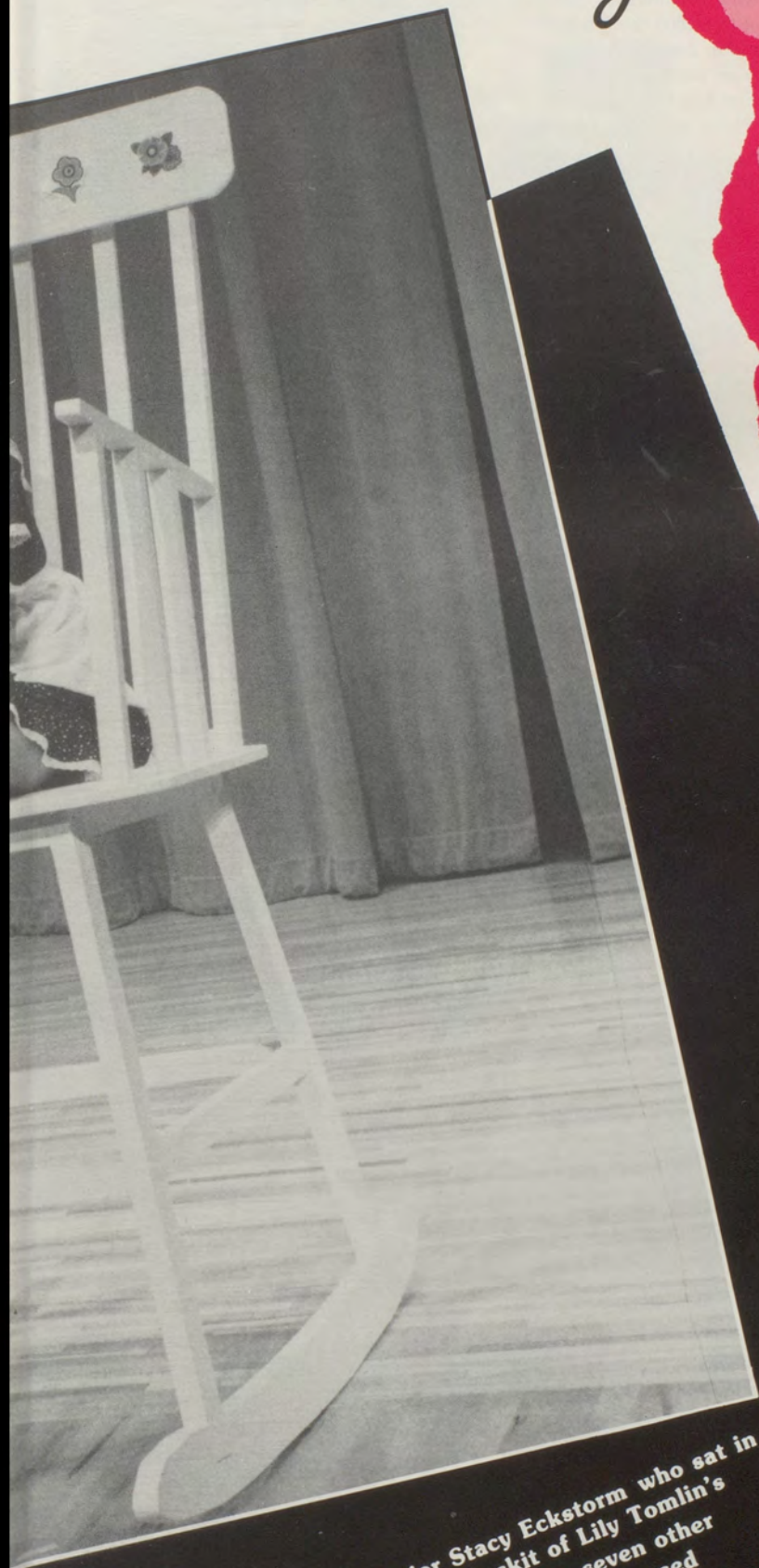
What do you think you're doing?

You're putting the life into student life!

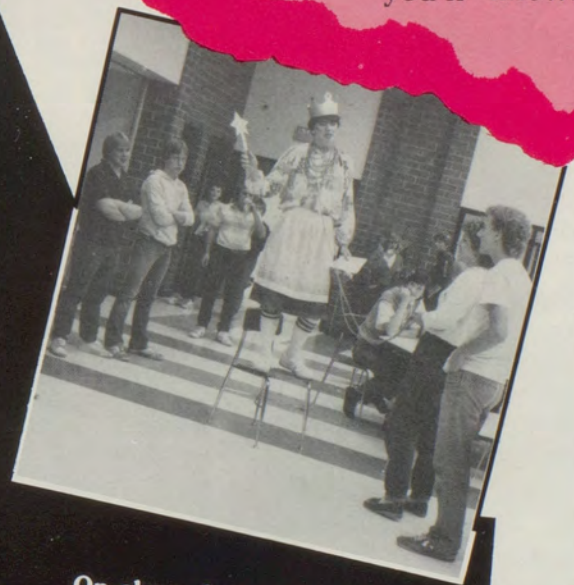
We've watched you spend an average of \$23.39 weekly, manage to hold down a job and still find time to think about the things you'd like to do within your lifetime.

You've also lived with fears and insecurities, whether it be the fear of the dentist or the insecurity of dating. You've questioned tradition. Should "Slave Day" be cancelled? Should we have a Snoball dance or a prom? Take a look at what you said. As if that weren't enough to think about, events outside school influenced your views and ideas. Our new mini-magazine section shows how.

Take a look at your student life so that the next time someone asks you, "What do you think you're doing?" you'll know!



Heights posed no problem for senior Stacy Eckstorm who sat in a seven foot tall rocker for her Snoball skit of Lily Tomlin's Edith Ann. But what did bother Stacy and the seven other Miss Houghton Lake candidates were fears experienced backstage as they waited their turn to perform. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



On slave day reciting nursery rhymes and singing songs fills up 4B lunch hour for junior Charlie Calkins as a crowd gathers in the lunchroom to listen. The cheerleaders eliminated future slave days from Spirit Week due to the improper treatment of slaves by owners. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

AMBITIONS

IS YOUR DREAM to be on stage? During the concert performed by the Christian rock group Legacy, junior Maria Ignat gets serenaded by the group's lead singer, Brett Paul. The group performed a wide variety of songs from spiritual to Top 40 during the hour-long show for the student body. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



EVER WONDERED what it would be like to parachute from a plane at 10,000 feet? When the Army Reserves came to demonstrate parachuting to the phys-ed classes, freshman Kris Deeley got some first-hand experience preparing for a jump. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



STATUS CYMBALS

Imagine... scoring the winning touchdown in the Superbowl... driving to school in a red Mercedes 380SL convertible... playing guitar in front of 50,000 people screaming your name... riding down the Colorado River rapids... having a chance to refuse Don Johnson a date...

If you could do anything in your lifetime, what would it be? "If I had all the money in the world, I would do so many outrageous things, maybe skydiving or scuba diving," junior Keri Stiles said.

On the more professional side of things, sophomore Mike Burgis commented, "I would like to become a millionaire by playing professional baseball." Although becoming a professional baseball player seems

Q WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? GOT ANY SPECIAL PLANS?

A When asked what three things they wanted to do most in their lives, the majority of students listed winning the lotto as number one. Other popular replies included raising a family and travelling.

A More imaginative answers included being an astronaut, stunt man, president or race car driver, living in space and buying out Bloomingdales.



like a handful, sophomore Jason Mandley felt that he would like to be the President of the United States for a week.

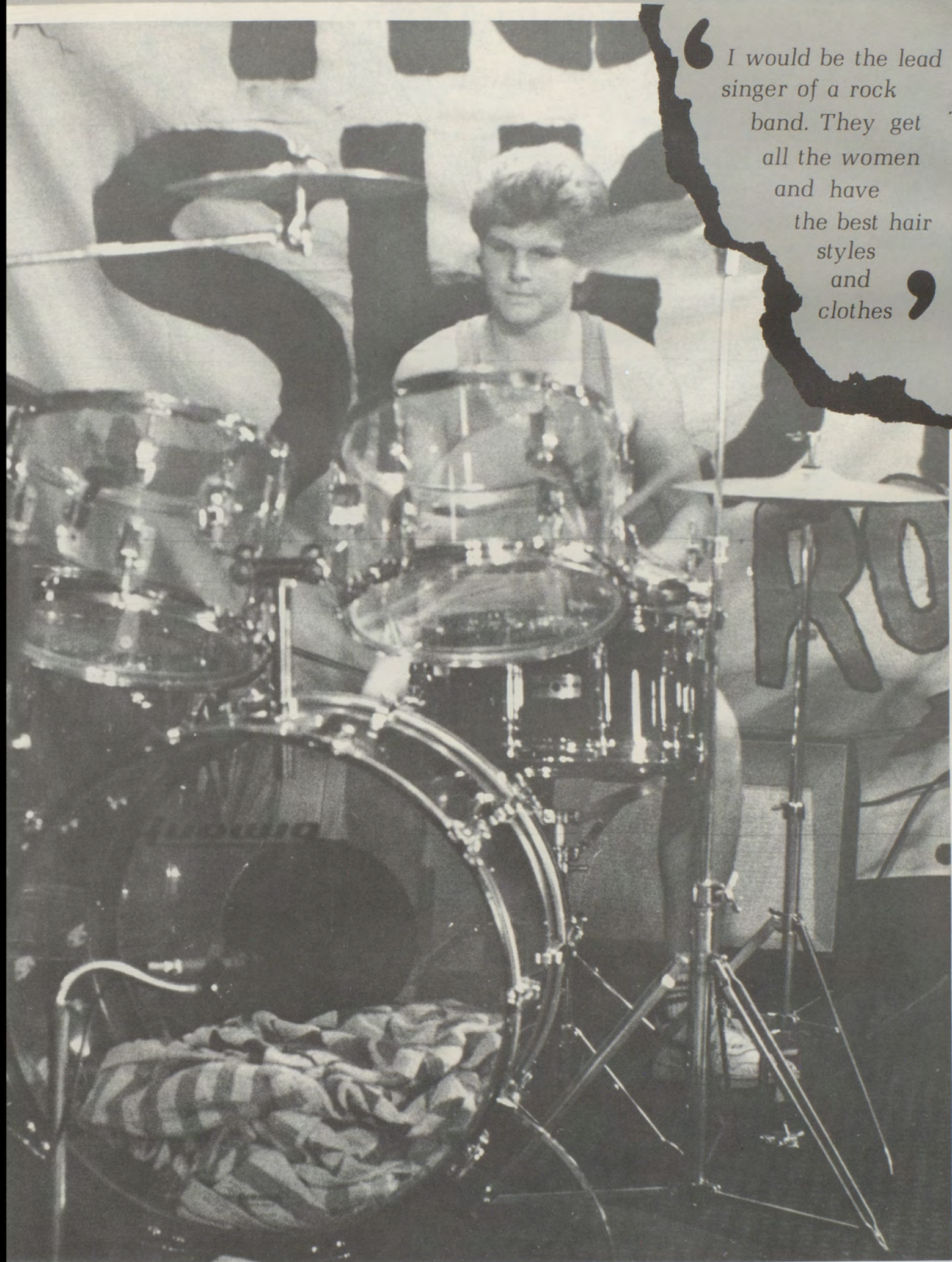
When asked who he would most like to be like, senior Ted Quiney replied, "I would be the lead singer of a rock band." Why? "They get all the women and have the best hair styles and clothes."

Have you ever really thought about what you would do with unlimited funds and time? Just imagine...

Kristin Dery

"I GOT MY first drum set when I was eight years old and I've been playing ever since," senior Matt McClellan said. Matt, the drummer for the five-member band Hot Shot, loves to play and had the opportunity when they performed at the Airport Bar in Harrison over Memorial Day weekend. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

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AT HIGGINS LAKE South Shore State Park, juniors Kristin Dery and Mike Aho lazily joke around as they lie in the sun after their last day of school on June 9. Many students preferred driving longer distances and paying the \$2.00 fee to use Higgins Lake rather than Houghton Lake because of the sandy beaches and cleaner facilities. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

WAITING FOR THE BIG ONE to bite, sophomores Cory Czada and Larry Leszczynski cast their lines at Wackolodge, a secret fishing spot they share with a handful of students. With many nearby lakes and rivers, fishing grew in popularity among students as they sought varieties ranging from pike to trout and pan fish. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



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SUMMER FUN

COME OUT AND PLAY

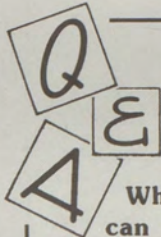
Ahh, summer. A time for rest and relaxation. Or is it?

"I work most of the time because I need the money, but I find some time to play," sophomore Karin Akin said.

Time to play was tough to come by for some, though. Since Houghton Lake is a resort town, many students were busy spending their summers catering to the tourists.

"It can be a real pain because my parents' resort gets so busy in the summer. I don't have that much time for myself," sophomore Mark Williams complained.

But all work and no play can make Jack a dull boy, according to the old adage. So in their extra hours students chose from a wide variety of activities ranging from horseback riding to



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR SUMMER?

When school ends, where can you be found?

Working	69%
Laying in sun	23%
Sleeping	9%

Do you think tanning is harmful to your skin?

Yes	24%
No	76%

What's your favorite tanning product?

Hawaiian Tropic



waterskiing.

"I like to ski, work on my car or just hang around with friends at Funland," sophomore George Cook said.

When the days grew shorter and businesses finally slowed down, students found more time for themselves. But this only meant one thing: the beginning of fall and, unfortunately, the beginning of yet another school year.

Vince Brown

FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS offered students many opportunities for summer employment. Senior Jeff Stewart and Nancy Rutterbush prepare the special recipe chicken in the kitchen at Kentucky Fried Chicken in order to earn money during the summer months. Photo by Terry Howell.



WATER SPORTS rank number one in summer months because of the availability of lakes in the area. Senior Shawn Sensor skims across Houghton Lake on a ski jet, one of the newer forms of water sport, especially suited for Houghton Lake because it is so shallow. Photo by Gary Bourdow.

CAMPS & WORKSHOPS

ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?

From the first day in September, students look forward to one thing: the last day. Ah, summer! No homework, no schedule, no tests.

But for a number of students, 180 days of learning isn't enough. These students use summer months to travel to such places as Central Michigan for cheerleading camp, Michigan State for basketball camp or Michigan Tech for a summer youth seminar.

Some even go to extremes for additional knowledge. Last summer sophomore Cindy Pacini and junior David Deamud both traveled to Europe for four weeks. They attended the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Bavaria, a camp set up for choir and band students. "You try weird food, meet new people and the drinking age is only 16," sophomore Cindy Pacini recalled.

Back in the states, many students attended sports-oriented camps. The junior varsity and varsity football teams attended Camp Living Waters for four days in August.

Besides sports camps, students chose to attend camps specializing in academic areas. Ball State Journalism Camp offered four students the chance to work with top rated yearbook instructors and take classes to improve their publications. "I went because it was my first year of photography and I didn't know a lot about it. It not only helped me, but it saved Carrie a lot of time

"OUR JAZZ BAND played everywhere from street corners to concert halls and we even played at Tivoli Gardens in Denmark," junior David Deamud said of his month-long concert tour of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark with the Blue Lakes International Concert Band. David, along with fellow band member Amy Jo Deckinga, performed a concert a day, on the average, leaving free time to visit Scandinavian museums, castles, and even sunken Viking ships. Photo by Glen Tuomaala.

Q & A WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? HOW ABOUT CAMPING?

Of the 250 students who responded, 107 attended some kind of summer camp. Thirty-seven percent attended sports-oriented camps. The other 63 percent attended everything from music to computer to church camps.

Less than ten percent of those who attended admitted to homesickness. Those who got homesick combatted it by phoning home, keeping busy and counting down days.



in explaining yearbook photography to me," commented junior Karen Cronin.

Camps ranged in price from \$115 to \$300. This price went up when the

cost of food, transportation and spending money was added on. Because of the rising cost of camps, and the obligation of summer jobs, 57 percent of the student body did not have the chance to go to a summer camp. Of the 43 percent who did attend, over a third went to sports related camps.

Those who did attend showed their dedication to their area of study. "I can't believe I actually suffered through the hot summer with a cast on my leg just so I could go to Ball State. I could have had my cast off one month earlier but the doctor ordered the cast to stay on while I went to camp just so I wouldn't damage my foot any more. The camp was terrific except for the fact that my room in the dorm was on the eighth floor and the elevator only went up to the sixth!" senior Janey Kronner said.

Now that's devotion.

Kristin Dery

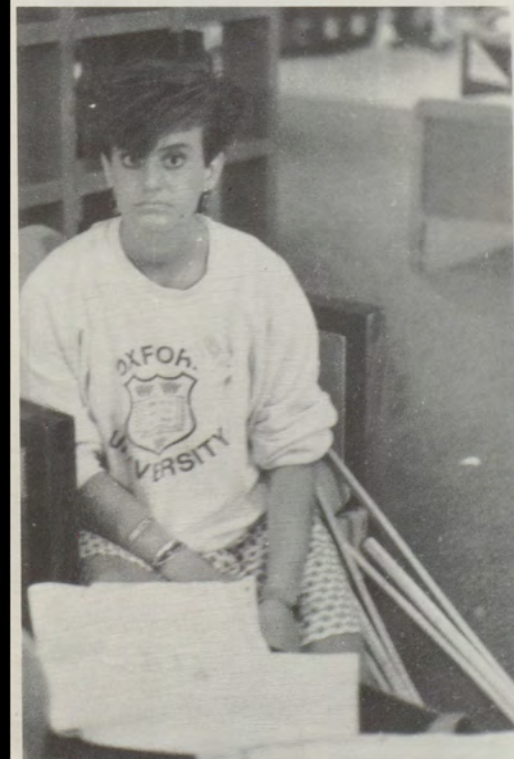




'THE HILL,' a one and a half mile trail through the woods and swamps, challenged football players at Camp Living Waters. Each morning at 7:15 the players got up, did calisthenics, took on the hill and then went off to the playing field for drills. Photo by Ken Warner.

BALL STATE'S SUMMER journalism camp can wear anyone out, but senior Jane Kronner carried the extra burden of a cast. Jane and fellow senior Jodi Miller, plus juniors Karen Cronin and Kristin Dery, attended the week-long camp at Muncie, Indiana in July. Homework often required the girls to stay up past the 1:00 A.M. curfew working in the closet to escape detection by counselors. Photo by Karen Cronin.

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE school to go shopping. Senior Kelin Muma fits some Houghton Lake apparel from the Bobcat Den on classmate Tina Balley. Run by Mrs. Thompson's retailing class, the den sold school-oriented sportswear along with candy, chips and school supplies. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

STUDENTS PAID A LOT to McDonald's for fast food, since it was the only fast food restaurant within 25 miles. But McDonald's also employed 19 students, including junior Margaret Frappier who practices running the drive-thru with junior Randi Chidester. Photo by Karen Cronin.



PUMPING GAS into his '72 Chevelle, junior Brent Barkway hurries to get to work on time after school. Brent has worked at the Limberlost as a cook since August. Making \$3.50 an hour helped him pay off the loan on his car and buy gas to run it which cost \$1.12 a gallon. Photo by Karen Cronin.





GROCERY STORES provided 23 students with part-time jobs. Making \$3.35 an hour, senior Troy Winchel and junior Steve Brimmer load groceries during work hours at Carters IGA. Students working at Carters worked a 40 hour week during summer and a 20 hour week during school. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

BILLS! BILLS! BILLS! With insurance on cars ranging from \$116 to \$500 every six months, students were forced to work after school even though it interfered with school activities and summer fun. Clothes, loans and even traffic tickets played a key role in determining the economic status of the working student. Photo by Karen Cronin.



SCHOOL SHOPPING

With only a 24 hour day, students must go to school, do their homework, have time for practices plus a social life and still try to get nine hours of sleep each night. Add a job to that list and you've got scheduling problems.

Working students spent up to six hours a day after school and up to nine hours a day on the weekends on the job. Like most things, this had advantages and disadvantages. "It gets in the way of doing things with my friends, but I'm the one who has more money," said junior Steve Brimmer who worked at Carters IGA as a carry-out boy.

Sixty-four percent of the student body worked and that figure doesn't include such jobs as babysitting and shoveling roofs or walkways. "Jeff and I can make about \$70 each on a Saturday afternoon," junior Gary Bourdow said. Gary, along with junior Jeff Thompson, made an average of

\$40 for each roof he shoveled during the winter months.

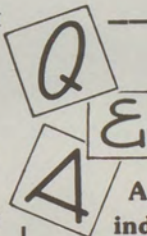
Employers had to pay minimum

wage which stood at \$3.35 an hour, unless the employee was less than 16 years of age. Because of this, students made anywhere from \$2.50 an hour up to \$5.00 an hour

With the opening of the Big Wheel store, the only discount chain in the area, students had yet another place to spend their hard-earned money. Other than places in town, the popular places to shop required a drive of two hours or more to Saginaw's Fashion Square Mall, Detroit area malls or Friars. Some students found the shopping solution in mail order catalogs.

With the ever-growing inflation, students were forced to give up some of their social life to make extra money for their expenditures. Although they complained, they kept right on working so they could keep right on spending.

Mike Aho



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? ARE YOU AT WORK?

A survey of 250 students indicated that 166, or 66 percent, held jobs. When did they work?

After school	3%
Weekends	25%
Both	72%

The average student spent \$23.39 each week. What was most of the money spent on?

Guys: 34% spent most on cars
Girls: 76% spent most on clothes





McDONALDS, packed after the first day of school, provided the most popular local hot spot for students. After classes on September 3, freshman Nanette Terschluse discusses her first day as a high schooler with junior Nicole Gross. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



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TWISTED SITTER

Toss those books! Well, at least for a couple of days anyway.

With the 3:15 bell Friday afternoon, the weekend began. Saturday and Sunday constituted the two days out of the week when students could do what they wanted. "Sometimes the only thing that gets me through the week is thinking about the upcoming weekend," sophomore Bobbi Ostrom said.

The period between the close of one school week and the beginning of the next was when students came alive. "During the week I'm so tired, but when the weekend arrives I'm ready to party," commented junior Kellie Stevens.

During the mini-vacation from the five day grind of school work,

INSTEAD OF SPENDING MONEY, some students use the weekend as a chance to earn some extra cash. On one such babysitting weekend, junior Mike Aho gets caught up with Jennifer and Debbie Szewczyk in a game of Twister. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

students took the opportunity to do what they enjoyed most. They occupied McDonald's, the Rock House, Pines Theater and other local hot spots.

Outdoor sports also provided a diversion from everyday activities. "I

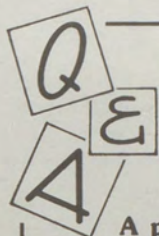
like going skiing with my friends because it gives us a chance to do something together," said junior Kim McEvers.

At the close of every weekend, however, came the dreaded Monday. Mondays marked the beginning of homework, studying and pop quizzes. "The worst day of the entire week is Monday because you are so worn out from the weekend and you have to get up so early," commented junior Paula Catlin.

Although it meant back to the drawing board, there was one good thing about Mondays--only four more days until the weekend!

Heidi French

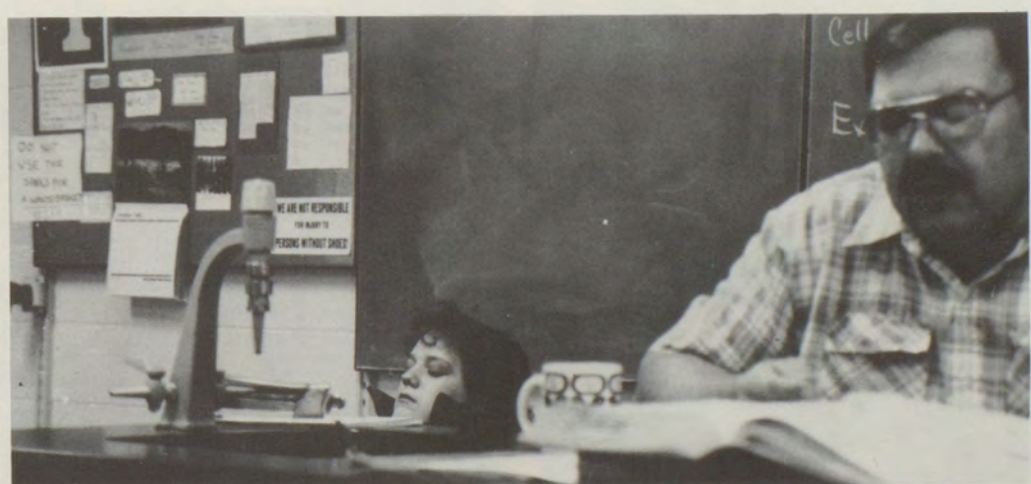
WILD WEEKEND? That can make Monday a difficult day to stay awake for the entire seven hour school day. Being an assistant for Mr. Johnson's fourth hour advanced biology class gives junior Toni Palm an opportunity to catch a few zzz's after a long Monday morning. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? HAVE YOU BEEN OUT LATELY?

A poll of half our student body indicated what they liked to do during their weekly mini-vacation.

- Stay home 21%**
- Go to dinner 2%**
- Go to a movie 6%**
- Party with friends 71%**



"IT SEEMS LIKE you can never find anything to do on the weekends, so I usually end up at the Rock House," explained sophomore Michelle Welch. Since the Rock House is the only local spot for teen dancing, many students listed it as one of their regular weekend activities. Photo by Karen Cronin.



THANKING THE ELEMENTARY CHILDREN for attending the drama performance of Professor Zucchini's Traveling Tales, senior exchange student Birgitt Oehler and sophomore Karen Akin shake hands. Drama provided one way for Birgitt, here for a year from Germany, to fit in with her American classmates. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

GOING FOR A LAYUP, sophomore Jason Brown (15) rises above his opponent during the game against Harrison. Jason felt that basketball helped him be "one of the guys" after his move here from Morris. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



“ People judge a person quite a bit from their appearances, so I try to dress trendy and look nice when I come to school ”

FITTING IN

A FAIR SHAKE

Look around you! With 550 students filling our halls, you see a real variety of types. They all strive to fit in and they do--somewhere.

Some students fit in by joining sports and other groups where they could meet people that enjoy the same things. But how do students go about being accepted into the group they like?

"People judge a person quite a bit from their appearances, so I try to dress trendy and look nice when I come to school," freshman Tina Sawyer said.

While some saw fashions as a way to fit in, others tried the socializing theory. "I go to parties, play sports and do things that everyone else does so that people will think I'm like them," admitted sophomore Lisa Pawlica.

Fitting in can be difficult when you're new in school. Now imagine fitting in when you're from a foreign country. Senior exchange student

Birgitt Oehler from Germany faced problems most of us couldn't imagine.

"I was very nervous about starting school here because everything was so different than in Germany," said Birgitt. "I was also scared about finding my way around, but everyone

was very helpful and friendly to me. I also enjoy the small classes and the wide variety of school activities available."

But Birgitt encountered challenges and adjustments away from school as well, namely fitting into an American family. She stayed with the Cowdrey family of Merritt. "I have a very good relationship with my American family. I am comfortable here," said Birgitt.

"I miss my family at home, but I know I will see them in June so it isn't too bad. It will be my family at Houghton Lake and my new friends here that will be hard to leave because I don't know when I will see them again, if ever," concluded Birgitt.

Amy Jenkins

LUNCH HOURS GIVE STUDENTS time to socialize with friends, and groups form by lockers throughout the hall. These seniors, who usually congregate by the cheerleading lockers, watch classmate Stacy Eckstorm get a bear hug from Shawn Sensor and Chad Turner. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

Q **WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? ARE YOU TRYING TO FIT IN?**

A **Given a choice, 56 percent of students labeled themselves as "normal." What about the other 44 percent?**

Nerd	.5%
Geek	1%
Burnout	9%
Jock	26%
Other	7.5%

For more about labels, see the story on pg. 92

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IN THE MORNING students who arrive early gather to wait for friends arriving on busses. Juniors Toni Palm, Theresa Jammer, Judy LaRoque and Stacy McClue pass the time by the front doors waiting for one of the 19 busses that deliver students as early as 7:45 A.M. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

FEARS

BRACE YOURSELF

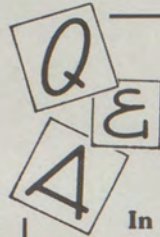
Afraid! Who me? It's not like I'm two years old!

Have these words ever come from your mouth?

Monsters, the boogie man and ghosts seemed to occupy the majority of childhood fears. Even though those days are behind us, we still have fears. They have just changed with age.

Reaching the teen years meant taking on new challenges and experiences. With these came a new set of fears, like those involved in competition, both athletic and non-athletic. "I hate going to festivals and singing in front of judges. I get really nervous and all I can think about is receiving the lowest score possible. They scare me to death!" stated junior Amber Smith, a choir member.

For 44 percent of students, tests ranked at the top of their list of fears. "Whenever a test is put in front of me, I'm afraid I'll forget everything I ever knew," commented sophomore Penny Hamilton.



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? DO YOU WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING?

In general, while guys feared death and war, girls worried more about failing or being without friends. Here is what you feared most:

Tests	44%
Dentist	26%
Dark	9%
Driving	6%
Being Alone	6%



drive. I can't help thinking it might happen again and now I absolutely hate driving," commented Junior Kar Caster.

The dentist, another common fear, ranked second on the lists of fears. People have been visiting the dentist ever since they got their first teeth. However, that doesn't mean it gets easier. "I didn't mind going to the dentist until I had to have a tooth capped and the Novocain didn't work at all. I was in so much pain that now I can't stand going," commented junior Ellen Gifford.

Just as every person differs, so do his or her fears. What's silly to one person may be another's biggest fear.

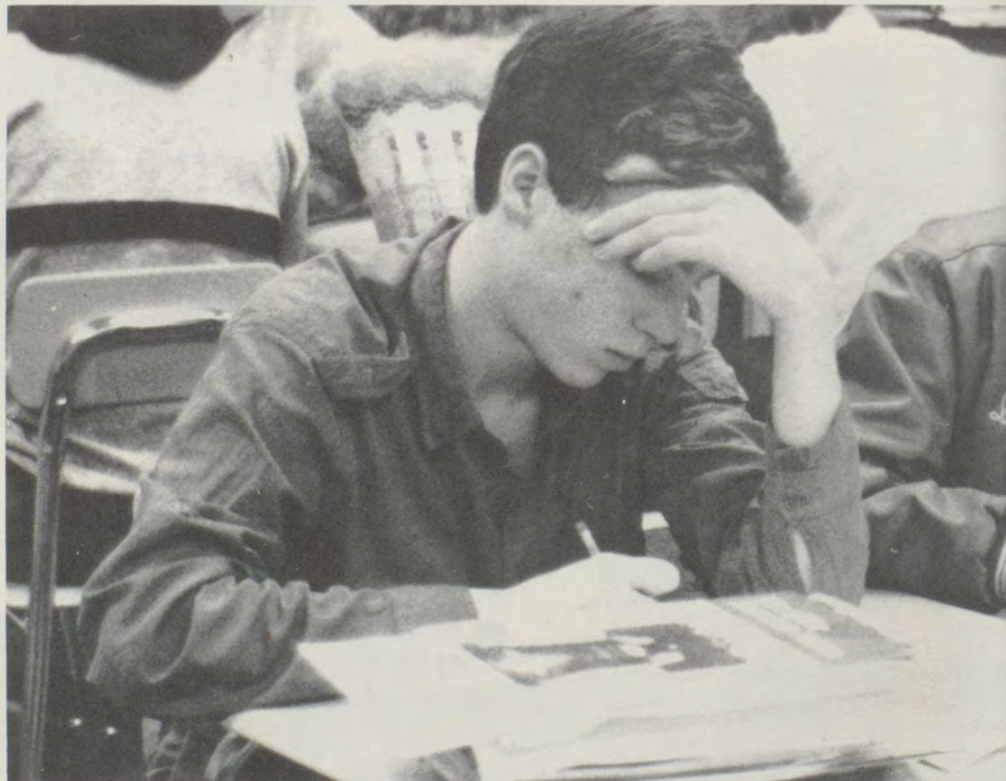
Heidi French

Even something as second-nature as driving can be taken for granted by one person while for another it could be the last thing he wanted to do. "Ever since I got in an accident when my car stalled, I have been scared to

READING THE QUESTION one more time, junior Chris Walsh tries to come up with the answer on Mrs. Strause's College Prep Literature test. Tests ranked as the number one fear among high school students and students liked essay tests like this one least of all. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

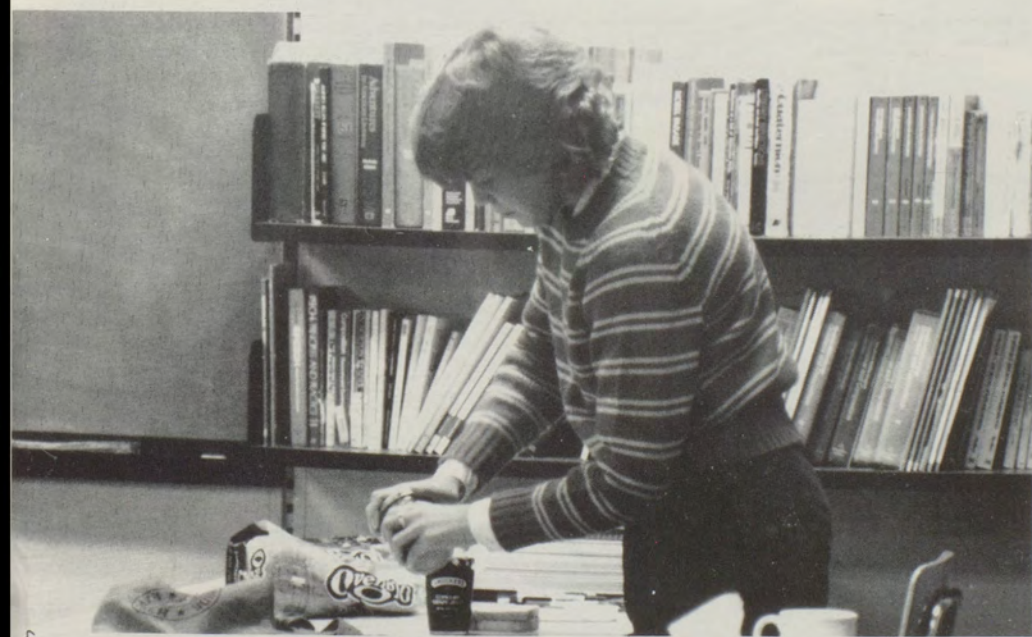


BUTTERFLIES IN FULL FLIGHT, Miss Houghton Lake contestants prepare for their opening number in the March 1 competition. Seniors Marie Miller and Janice Harrison receive backstage help from Pageant Director Mrs. Judy Winter and Mrs. Milly Thompson. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





NOT EVERYONE has conquered their fear of the dentist. Twenty-six percent of the students replied that they were still leery about visiting the dentist. To his relief, junior Tim Suzor faces only one more visit after this one before his braces come off. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



TRYING TO HIDE her nervousness, sophomore Lisa Pawlica explains the steps in making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich to her sixth hour creative writing class. The assignment required students to demonstrate

accurate descriptive directions in front of the class. The fear of standing alone in front of a group of people caused students to dread such assignments and avoid classes such as speech. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

‘Whenever
a test is put in
front of me,
I’m afraid I’ll
forget everything
I ever
knew’

BELIEVING

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A BUNCH OF LITTLE KIDS and dozens of eggs mark a sure sign of Easter. Junior Carrie Mieske helped in the preparation of Easter by coloring eggs with her cousins from Bay City. Photo by Frank Bosco.

TOO SHORT to reach the top of the family Christmas tree, junior Karen Cronin stands on a chair to apply the finishing touches. Fifty percent of the students labeled Christmas as their favorite holiday. Photo by Bob Cronin.



No Ho Ho!

To: Howard, From: Santa.

Does a label similar to this appear on your Christmas gift year after year?

Even though most people stopped believing in Santa around the age of eight, presents from jolly ole Saint Nick continued to appear under the tree every year. "I know he's make believe, but I still like to get presents from him. I think it's because when I was little, I used to look out my window and wait for him," junior Tammy Winchel said.

Kriss Kringle may be the one person that people would always like to believe in. "I stopped believing

when I was nine," recalled freshman De De Johnson. "A friend told me Santa wasn't real and, to tell the

truth, I was pretty disappointed."

However, finding out the truth about Santa didn't completely ruin Christmas forever. Fifty percent of the students labeled Christmas as their favorite holiday.

Santa wasn't the only legend that students still enjoyed believing in. The Easter Bunny provided another eagerly anticipated visitor. "It might be because I love candy so much, but I really enjoy Easter," junior Diane Archer said.

Even though people stopped believing, the fun didn't have to stop. "My parents still hide my Easter basket, and it's been a long time since I've believed in the Easter Bunny," sophomore Karin Akin admitted.

When people reach a certain age they may stop believing, but they never stop celebrating.

Heidi French

Q WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? WHEN DID YOU STOP BELIEVING?

A By far, Santa proved the most popular fantasy character:

Santa	50%
Cupid	24%
Easter Bunny	16%
Leprechaun	10%

The majority of people stopped believing at the age of eight, with the tender age of six listed next most often. All those polled had stopped believing by the age of 13.



"IT'S REALLY HARD to keep the truth about Santa a secret around Christmas. We have certain paper that Santa uses and other paper that we use, and it gets confusing," commented junior Carrie Mieske. Carrie took pictures of her sister, Janelle, visiting Santa Mr. Charles Brown at the annual Parish Christmas party at the Prudenville K of C Hall. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



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BUILDING ON SPIRIT, the senior class attempts to erect an original pyramid, one of Friday's assembly competitions. In spite of the first place finish during the pep assembly, they could not rise above third place, behind the sophomores and freshmen in the competition for the spirit award. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

SENIORS CAPTURED first place in the spirit week pep assembly games thanks in part to Todd Suzor and Beth Wills who devoured the six foot piece of licorice the fastest. The game one of several class competitions, required one contestant to start eating at each end, meeting in the middle. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

SPIRIT WEEK

BALANCING

ACT

Some things never change, like day following night, McDonald's hamburgers and the traditions of Spirit Week.

But wait a minute! Someone tampered with tradition.

Take, for instance, the annual powderpuff game which traditionally featured an upperclassmen vs. underclassmen contest. Instead, on Tuesday, October 8, the powderpuff game took a new approach with a match-up of a senior-freshman vs. a junior-sophomore squad. Despite argument by the players, the game took place, ending in a 21-18 victory for the junior-sophomore team.

"It was great beating the seniors because they always think they are going to win and that they are better than everyone else," commented junior Kim Dinsmoore who caught the

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WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? ARE YOU STUCK IN THE TRADITIONAL RUT?

With the changes in Spirit Week traditions, how did you feel about them?

How should classes be matched for powderpuff?

Jr.-Sr. vs. Fr.-Soph.	48%
Jr.-Soph. vs. Fr.-Sr.	52%

Should Slave Day be cancelled?
Yes 29% No 71%

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winning touchdown on a last second pass from sophomore Missy Shipp.

Another Spirit Week tradition,

"Slave Day," took place on Wednesday.

"Slave Day" was a great time to get even with your friends," sophomore George Cook explained.

This 'getting even' approach cost the students "Slave Day" itself. Treatment of slaves prompted organizers of Spirit Week to cancel future "Slave Days."

Aside from these changes, Spirit Week traditions remained relatively untouched. Dress-up days included "Inside-Out Day," "Surfin' USA Day," "Revenge of the Nerd Day," "Go Bananas Day" and "Green and White Day." But spirit was hard to come by.

Overall, only 16 percent of the student body participated in the week's activities. This trend continued as only 110 people attended the homecoming dance.

Another tradition broken.

Vince Brown



SIDELINE STRATEGY by Coach Mr. Ron Szewczyk, instructing sophomore Lylenne Canfield and junior Kari Caster, finally turned the tables for him. He, along with Assistant Coach Mr. Dick Brown, celebrated his first powderpuff victory in his six years of coaching, defeating the senior-freshman team, 21-18. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



AS RETIRING HOMECOMING HONEY Jim McEvers prepares to announce his successor, seniors Bubba "Never Say Never" Nasser, escorted by senior Tami Jo Bowman, Shawn "Senuous Shawna" Sensor with escort senior Stacy Eckstorm and Spencer "Spicy Lips" Soderman and escort sophomore Renee Bradley anticipate the outcome of the student body vote. "Never Say Never" Nasser captured the laurels during halftime of the powderpuff game. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

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DURING HER VICTORY PARTY senior Stacy Eckstorm received a surprise phone call from her grandfather in Florida. “He called to ask how I did in the competition. I could barely hear him because everyone was screaming and yelling,” Stacy explained. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



HOMECOMING COMMITTEE MEMBERS built the float which provided transportation for the queen candidates during halftime. Senior candidates Michelle Miller, Janice Harrison, Stacy Eckstorm, Tami Jo Bowman and Mary Bakara make their way around the field as halftime ceremonies begin. Photo by Jeff Raymond.

HOME COMING

AS THE QUEEN'S COURT prepares for the halftime ceremonies, senior Mary Bakara pins the boutonniere on her escort, 1985 graduate Kurt Boals. The girls arrived at the school at 5:30, about two hours before halftime, to share their nervousness. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

SMILING YET ANOTHER SMILE for homecoming spectators and flashing cameras, underclassmen representatives junior Jeneen Piche, sophomore Karin Akin and freshman Rosemary Servas circle the field after halftime ceremonies. Each class chose its representative through popular vote. Photo by Jeff Raymond.



DELAYED REACTION

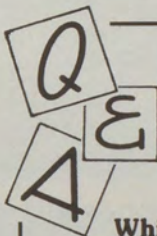
It was a year, it seemed, for broken traditions. Even homecoming, one of the longest standing traditions, felt an unexpected change. Everything seemed normal enough, right up until about eight hours before the traditional halftime ceremonies.

That was when officials discovered that a couple students had placed extra ballots in the ballot box during the school-wide voting for homecoming queen. So the week marked yet another first--a second vote for queen.

"It was lucky they caught it so soon," junior Jeneen Piche said. "It would have raised a lot of doubts if it hadn't been discovered."

Officials conducted an immediate revote and talk of the incident soon

'MY MOM WENT NUTS! She was really tickled! My dad got a weird look on his face and I thought he was going to pass out!" senior Stacy Eckstorm said of her parents' reactions when she was named Homecoming queen. Stacy, escorted by 1985 graduate Mark Souder, won the title by a popular vote of the student body. Photo by Jeff Raymond.



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? DO YOU LIKE A CHANGE NOW AND THEN?

Which Homecoming traditions should remain?

Classes haven't had floats in seven years. Should they?

Yes	80%
No	20%

With only 110 attending the homecoming dance, should it still be held?

Freshmen	80% Yes	20% No
Sophomore	79% Yes	21% No
Junior	71% Yes	29% No
Senior	50% Yes	50% No



gave way to pep assembly hysteria and post-game plans.

Even the traditional tension had returned as the five senior queen

candidates rode onto and around the field at the beginning of halftime.

Stacy Eckstorm received the honor of queen, crowned by 1984 Queen Denise Brown. "I was so cold and nervous that when they announced my name, I didn't realize it was me," Stacy said. "It wasn't until Mom, Dad and Mark started hugging me that I could move."

With the ceremonies concluded, Stacy and her court did a quick change to warmer clothes so they could watch the game. The Bobcats provided continuing suspense, defeating Coleman in the last two minutes and 46 seconds by a score of 19-18.

"The game was great! It was the third year in a row we won our homecoming by one point," junior Steve Fagerlie said.

The official festivities ended with a dance featuring the theme "Cherish the Night." For some, that was just the evening's beginning. But that's a different tradition.

Kelley Coberley

DATING ANOTHER WORLD

Your first date!

You're so excited as you pull every single outfit you own out of the closet and decide you haven't got a thing to wear, your hair won't curl and there's a big pimple appearing on the tip of your nose. And worst of all, Mom and Dad are downstairs with the camera waiting for your date to get there!

It's the worst day of your life, right? Wrong! Most teens agree, although first dates are nerve-racking, they're worth it in the long run. "I had a lot of fun on my first date but I'm sure I would have enjoyed it a lot more if I hadn't been so nervous," junior Kari Caster said.

All teens agree first dates involve nervousness, whether it's a guy worried about asking a girl out or a girl worried about what to wear or how to act. "The worst thing about a date is having my date meet my parents. I'm always afraid my dad will say something stupid," senior

Nancy Rutterbush said.

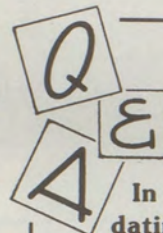
But just about all couples agree that the nervousness goes away after a few

dates. "Since Glen and I have been dating so long, I'm comfortable around him, so I don't really feel nervous when we go out," junior Jeneen Piche said.

Just what is there for couples to do on a date? Because Houghton Lake is a small town, couples found the entertainment opportunities limited. "Sara and I don't go to the Rock House, we usually end up renting a movie or just staying home," senior Tim Raymond said.

So whether it's the trouble of finding something to do or having a stomach full of butterflies, just about all teenagers will admit that dating is worth it. "Dating puts a little excitement into Houghton Lake. Without it there would be nothing to look forward to on the weekends," junior Regina Sussex said.

Janice Harris



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? HOW'S YOUR SOCIAL LIFE?

In general, boys began dating at a younger age than

	Boys	Girls
Before 13	28%	13%
13	22%	22%
14	24%	30%
15	23%	29%
After 15	3%	7%

As for a curfew, 51% of boys had one while 66% of girls did.



WITH A LITTLE HELP from boyfriend and classmate Glen Lillie, junior Jeneen Piche finishes her computer assignment. Computers is just one of the three classes they have together. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

"I EXPECTED to get class couple but I didn't expect Chad to kiss me," senior Michele McLain said. Since Chad and Michele were the only senior couple, they automatically acquired the distinction. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





"SINCE TODD AND I don't have any of the same classes, the only time we have together during school is lunch period," junior Jodie Ostrom said. Todd Fisher, a senior, and Jodie have been going out for two years. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

DURING THE SCHOOL WEEK dating time can be hard to come by because of sports, work and homework. One solution shared by sophomore Tom Blanchard and junior Karen Cronin became the players' bus. Karen rode the bus so she could take pictures of the conference track meet in Meridian and watch Tom run. On the ride home, they take a look at the medals he won. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

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SNOBALL

AFTER THE TALENT SEGMENT of the competition each contestant changed into her evening gown for the final portion of the Miss Houghton Lake competition. Her piano solo behind her, senior Janice Harrison receives help on her gown from backstage helper Mrs. Anne Hasty. Photo by Karen Cronin.

IN PREPARATION for the evening gown competition, senior Stacy Eckstorm gets attention from backstage workers Mrs. Vicky Barber, Mrs. Mary Hacker and Kristy Carrick. Stacy, performing a comedy monologue for her talent, captured first runner-up honors. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



MEMORABLE MEETING

It should have been a typical Snoball. After all, it was the 40th anniversary and all of the Miss Houghton Lake winners had been invited back to observe another competition.

But it wasn't.

A change in format took place when the usual Snoball dance following the competition was switched to a junior-senior prom to be held after the junior-senior banquet in May. With this decision, escorts were no longer needed and a queen's reception replaced the dance as the post-competition activity.

"It worked out real well. Everything was organized, and without the dance it made our day shorter because we started at 10 o'clock in the morning," senior Janice Harrison said.

Contestants began the day at the Holiday Inn for interviews with judges followed by a dinner for judges and contestants. This new

location marked another change in routine. The competition continued into the evening as eight senior girls competed for points in the March 1 competition. The four judges scored on the basis of interviews, talent and evening gown competition, the final two segments held for the public in

the high school auditorium.

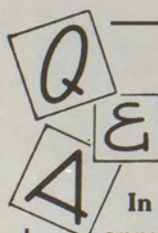
"You learn a lot about yourself and you become aware of your own capabilities," remarked senior Kim Ryzcki on the value of her experience.

Senior Marie Miller won the title of Miss Houghton Lake 1986, followed by first runner-up Stacy Eckstorm and second runner-up Michelle Miller. Miss Congeniality went to foreign exchange student Birgitt Oehler. Other contestants included Tami Jo Bowman, Janice Harrison, Kim Ryzcki and Kelly Straight.

"Winning Snoball gave me a chance to show everyone that I am not the quiet, shy person they've marked me to be. I have changed and I need a chance to prove myself," Marie said.

So an evening that began so untypically ended rather typically with another queen added to the list of winners.

Vince Brown



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? DO YOU FEEL LIKE DANCIN'?

In past years, the school's annual formal dance followed the Miss Houghton Lake competition. This year, the dance was dropped in favor of a prom following the Jr.-Sr. Banquet in May. Did you agree?

Yes	55%
No	45%



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SNOBALL CONTESTANTS required three clothes changes between segments of the program. Senior Michelle Miller receives a touch up on her hairstyle from the Hairitage's Kristy Carrick, herself a contestant in 1982. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

TALENT COUNTED for 25 percent of the total competition. Senior Kim Rzycki, one of three contestants to dance, performed a routine she choreographed to the song "Manhunt." Photo by Carrie Mieske.



AFTER WORKING TOGETHER for nearly three months, the eight senior contestants share the final moments of Snoball with congratulations for winner Marie Miller. "After that much time together, you got to know each other better than in school. You found out little things like how some people are picky about things and want everything perfect," senior contestant Tami Jo Bowman recalled. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

STILL SURPRISED by the announcement, Miss Houghton Lake 1986 senior Marie Miller meets Principal Ron Szewczyk to receive her sash and crown. Four judges chose the winner on the basis of talent, poise and appearance, personality and interviews. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

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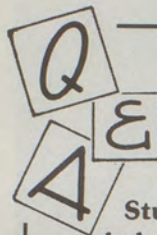
What's this? Teachers shooting baskets in an assembly, students taking pets to a nursing home, and both teachers and students competing against another high school in a bloodmobile contest!

Who could be responsible for events such as these? None other than our service organizations, the National Honor Society and the student senate.

The National Honor Society was not a new club in the high school but one that increased its involvement in the community. That involvement centered around King's Nursing Home.

In addition to its renewed activities, the group had a new adviser, Rod Martin. "Since everything was so new we did what we could. Although we didn't do quite as much as we'd hoped to, hopefully we paved the way for other years," NHS president Marie Miller said.

Unlike the National Honor Society, the student senate had always been involved in both school and community activities. Their members and adviser Jack Kramer didn't lack



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? ARE YOU SERVICE ORIENTED?

Student senate, acting on behalf of the student body for years, had trouble drumming up support. How supportive were you?

Do you think the senate helps the school?

Yes	66%
No	34%

Would you join a SADD chapter and sign a SADD contract?

Yes	68%
No	32%



created," Student Senate President Tami Bowman said.

The Homecoming Dance, attended by only 110 people, and March's "Pride Week" proved to be the best two examples of this lack of participation. "'Pride Week' was a real bummer. Hardly anyone dressed up, even fewer people participated in the lunch games, and let's not discuss the class floats," senior Kelly Straight said.

But even without the student body support, student senate continued to get involved in other community activities such as the Muscular Dystrophy Shoot-A-thon held in April, two bloodmobiles held in October and April, and a local chapter of SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk).

"I guess student senate is quite involved. They just don't seem to get as much recognition as they used to, especially compared to how much I've heard about the National Honor Society this year," junior Randi Chidester said.

Janice Harrison

TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION of the faculty, National Honor Society and student senate joined to give teachers and administrators a breakfast prepared by members on May 30. National Honor Society Adviser Mr. Rod Martin offers donuts to teacher Mr. Tom Rachilla and administrators Mr. Dick Brown and Mr. Ron Szewczyk at the breakfast which started at 7:45 in the morning. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





SERVING HER REQUIRED twenty hours at King's Nursing Home, senior Marie Miller helps resident Mrs. Agnus Fuller with a needlepoint project. "I can't say I was extremely happy about the time we had to serve at the nursing home when we first heard about it, but it wasn't so bad after we got used to being there," Marie said. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

"I WAS SCARED TO DEATH, but when I found out we beat Rosco by only two pints I was glad I gave blood," senior Denice Doepker admitted. After giving blood Denice and classmates Spencer Soderman, Brian Trader, Andy Sussex and David Foulkes regain their strength by eating cookies and punch provided by the student senate. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



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AN OVERHEATED RADIATOR in junior Karen Cronin's car demands attention from both Karen and junior Gary Bourdow. Car trouble was only half of Karen's problems. She found more trouble at home because she didn't call her parents to let them know she had to leave it on the side of the road overnight. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



IN TROUBLE AGAIN

DOUBLE TROUBLE

What, you didn't bring homework? That's no problem as Mr. Rod Martin, the detention hall teacher, would say. "You have a choice of washing desks or doing homework in detention," Mr. Martin assured students.

Friday after school or Saturday morning students usually take time to rest or plan out the rest of the weekend. But those who got caught doing something against school rules paid the price with a detention period either three hours after school Friday or from 9:00 A.M. to noon on Saturday. "You get cramps in the back of your legs because the desks are so uncomfortable. I'd rather eat before a football game instead of sitting there," junior Brent Barkway said.

At least the students in detention had a choice of what to do. Punishment at home was a different story. "When I got caught for speeding and didn't tell my dad, there were no

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WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? GOTTEN INTO ANY TROUBLE LATELY?

Sixty-two percent of students have been to the office for trouble. What about you?

Are school rules too strict?

	FR.	SOPH	JR	SR
Yes	40%	62%	58%	63%
No	60%	38%	42%	37%

Have you ever been grounded?

Yes	79%	67%	66%	73%
No	21%	33%	34%	27%

Why?

- 1 Drinking
- 2 Being Late
- 3 Talking Back

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if's, and's or but's about it. I got my car taken away," sophomore Josh Martin said.

Of course, taking something away wasn't the only form of punishment. "When I get in trouble at home I have to do my homework, rake the lawn, wash the car or whatever else needs to be done at home. I don't get a choice like in detention hall," senior Eric Newcomb said.

Which is the lesser of the two evils? "I'd rather have a Saturday than punishment at home," junior Frank Wild said. "Detention only lasts three hours."

Mike Aho

MOST SENIORS CELEBRATED their last minutes in high school at 3:15 on May 29, but four seniors had to wait an extra two hours because of detention hall. His penalty for not having any homework, senior Kris Gawthrop has to wash desks in Mr. Martin's room. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



WHILE SOME STUDENTS use odd jobs as their summer employment, others don't have a choice. After doing \$400 in damage on the front end of his father's truck, junior Kenny Meigs does odd jobs and works with his father to pay for the damages. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

AS SHE ADDS ANOTHER flower to the vine, senior Kim Rzycki puts the finishing touch on the prom's entrance gates in the Houghton-Higgins Room. Seniors spent \$250 on a decorating kit which took hours of extra preparation and required some of them to take off school Friday to finish. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

IN HIS ROLE AS master-of-ceremonies, senior Ted Schuneman addresses the juniors and seniors after the banquet. Ted, with the help of classmate Stacy Eckstorm, handed out wills and the results of the mock elections. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



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BANQUET & PROM

VINING AND DINING

Another year, another banquet... but that's not all. For the first time the junior-senior banquet added another activity: a prom. "I think the prom was an excellent idea. It was a blast and it also kept a lot of people from going out to Reedsburg or Emery just for something to do," senior Jodi Miller said.

In past years, students attended the Snoball dance after the Miss Houghton Lake competition in lieu of a prom. The Snoball dance was held in the school cafeteria, decorated by the art students. Students felt just moving the dance to the Holiday Inn made it more special. "Since the prom wasn't held at school, I think it was more special and people wanted to come and see what it was like," junior Georgina Cabay said.

Before the prom began, upperclassmen gathered together in

the Holiday Inn's Holidome for an evening's buffet as well as the reading of wills and mock elections. "I never heard exactly what my wills were

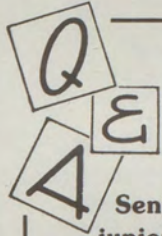
going to be, but I knew the seniors would come up with something," junior Gary Bourdow said.

Seniors not only willed the juniors, but they also poked fun at fellow classmates in the annual mock elections. Senior Shawn Sensor found out what his fellow classmates thought of him when he walked away with class clown, big mouth, flirt and BS'er.

Following the mock elections and wills students, in their formal attire, assembled in the Houghton-Higgins room for the first junior-senior prom. "I think the fact that you had to be with a junior or senior to attend is what made the whole thing so special," junior LeAnne Littlejohn said.

It might have been just another year but a prom made the banquet not just another night.

Heidi French



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? HEARD ANY GOOD WILLS LATELY?

Senior wills handed down to juniors have always been part of the Jr.-Sr. Banquet. In recent years, however, many have used them as a pay back. Since only seniors can will items, juniors make special prey.

Should wills be continued?

Yes	67%
No	33%

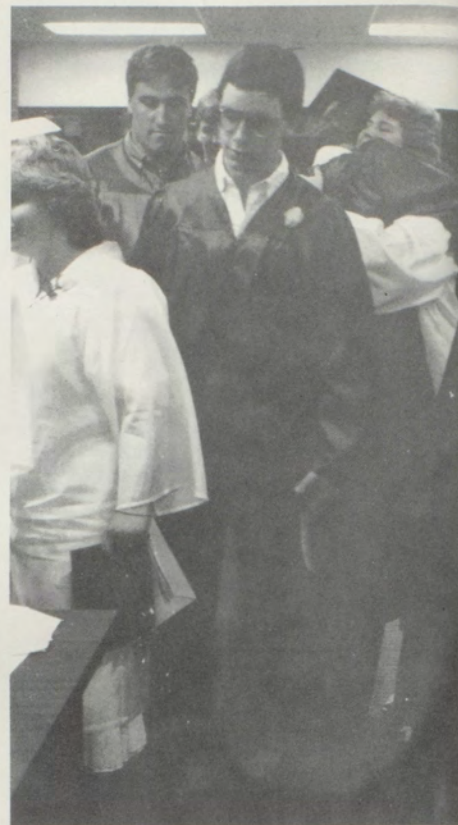


ONE OF 160 JUNIORS and seniors to attend the May 2 banquet, junior Eric Bisballe serves himself from Holiday Inn's buffet. Students were given the choice of roast beef, fish or chicken as their main course. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

LAUGHING IN EMBARRASSMENT senior Tina Balley listens to the will given to her by the senior girls. Class officers Ted Schuneman and Stacy Eckstorm read thirty-three wills at the junior-senior banquet which lasted an hour and forty-five minutes. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

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SENIORS RECEIVED their diplomas in the office after the graduation ceremony, receiving only the cover during the ceremony. Senior Debbie Head along with seniors Dave Foulkes, Rod Elliott and Caraly Foreman wait their turn to receive their diplomas from Mrs. Benjamin in the office. Photo by Karen Cronin.



GRADUATION



AT THE DIRECTION of Class President Ted Schuneman, senior Todd Suzor, along with seniors Janice Harrison, Rob Mason, Jane Kronner, Todd Fisher and the rest of the senior class, change their tassels to signify that they had graduated. The seniors broke tradition by not tossing their hats in the air after the changing of tassels. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

GATHERED IN THE AUDITORIUM an hour before graduation, seniors receive their final instructions from Mr. Jim Johnson, senior adviser. During the pre-graduation meeting, seniors put their names on notecards to be announced at graduation and received their programs and yellow rose boutonnieres. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



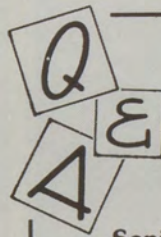
HOLDING ON

They had waited and anticipated for as long as 13 years for this day--June 2, graduation. Yet many seniors found a new emotion mixing with their eagerness to end high school: reluctance. "I couldn't believe that I was a senior about to graduate. It seems like only last year I was a freshman," senior Ann Walsh said.

Those feelings of reluctance revolved around leaving old friends and facing rather uncertain futures. "When I put on my gown, I realized that from now on the decisions I make affect the rest of my life," senior Ted Schuneman said.

Fifty-four percent of the graduating

BEFORE RECEIVING their diplomas, seniors Stacy Eckstorm and Mary Bakara embrace to celebrate the end of their high school careers. Mary and Stacy will each be attending Central Michigan University majoring in elementary education. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? DO YOU THINK SENIORS DESERVE SPECIAL TREATMENT?

Seniors are exempt from exams unless the grade is needed to pass. Do you agree?

Yes	60%
No	40%

Seniors get out of school one week before everyone else. Is that fair?

Yes	77%
No	23%



class of 105 made the decision to further their education. Central Michigan University continued to lead the list of popular college choices. Some seniors looked forward to rooming together in the fall, making the new experience less scary.

Other seniors weren't as sure of their future desires. "I'm not sure what I want to do yet, so I'm joining the National Guard to give me time to decide what I want to do," senior Mark Wierzbicki said. Mark and nine other seniors elected to join the armed services after graduation.

So, full of mixed emotions and diverse plans, the seniors assembled before relatives and friends to spend a final two hours together before moving on to parties, celebrations and the future.

Mike Aho

SCHOOLS

WHAT ? DO
YOU ? THINK
YOU'RE DOING

ROUTINE MISSION?

Routine mission number 25, or was it?

On January 28, the scheduled launch of the space shuttle Challenger drew attention only because its crew included the first teacher-astronaut, Christa McAuliffe. Officials described the launch as "a very routine mission besides that." So routine, in fact that it wasn't even on live television; that is, until the "major malfunction": the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

At 11:38 A.M. the shuttle began its mission. Just after one minute and 51 seconds into the mission, the shuttle blew apart and pieces fell into the ocean. "I couldn't believe that it could be true. The launches were so routine," sophomore Evie Breedlove said.

Having a teacher on board when it happened caused the disaster to hit closer to kids in school. "I could never imagine having one of my teachers go into space, let alone having something like this happen," sophomore Lylenette Canfield said.

With the launches being so routine, an extensive investigation began immediately. The investigation brought many different theories as to the origin of the disaster, but the final conclusion was made through the use of film footage and confirmed by the recovery of the solid rocket booster which was the culprit. "It's amazing that they could pinpoint the cause and then find evidence to back it up," freshman Bud Meier said. The investigation ended with the recovery of the crew compartment and the burial of the remains of the seven crew members.

With everything being so routine, so normal, what effect will the disaster have on further space flights? "I think that they should continue exploring, but in doing so, do it under the safest conditions possible," junior Rod Stender said.

Articles by
Mark Williams

STORMY TRIAL

Snow days: a fact the majority of Northern Michigan schools must face and make up according to a new state law. But Houghton Lake felt differently about it. So when Houghton Lake announced they would not make up the six days missed, the state took them to court.

When the law passed, the state announced that schools refusing to make up snow days would be penalized by having a portion of their state aid withheld. However, for Houghton Lake that fine would amount to less than \$500.

But Houghton Lake based its case on another aspect of the new law. Every school is required to be in class a minimum of 900 hours and 180 days. With snow days that put some schools below, but Houghton Lake exceeds the hourly limit by 42 hours. So why should we make up the days?

The only fact that the state had against Houghton Lake was that they did not meet the required 180 days. "Why should we have to meet 180 days if we already exceed the number of hours?" freshman Jon Cohee said.

The case went to court on May 5. Pending an outcome, school officials remained optimistic. "I don't think that it will go through, and we won't have to make the days up," stated Superintendent John Walkley.

After hearing arguments from both sides, the court decided in favor of Houghton Lake. However, the State Board of Education is appealing the court ruling.

With the expansion of the school store, junior Georgina Cabay and Tracy Sweet look over the new merchandise. The expansion added sweats and other sportswear, cards and school-oriented items. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



SWEETS AND MORE

Students always look forward to lunch time, a time to refuel and prepare for the rest of the day. For some, this meant eating at the cafeteria or sneaking out to McDonald's, but those that didn't have enough money turned to the school store. "Without the school store, I wouldn't be able to eat half the time," freshman Richie Browning said.

Because so many relied on the school store, the retailing students opened a second mini-store by the cafeteria.

"The reason we opened that store was to take the crowd that wanted candy down away from the old store so that we could turn it into more of a clothing and school-spirited store," senior retailing student Missy Cohee said.

The new store contained a selection of school clothes from sweatshirts and pants to jackets and shorts, along with everyday school needs. "We wanted the students to be able to buy clothes that had the school colors and logo so they could show their school spirit," senior retailing student Bob Dilts said.

"The changes in the store made it really seem like a school store," concluded sophomore Darla St. Louis.

TRADING PLACES

New faces. Every year the high school receives a new set of faces with the freshman class, but the teachers usually stay the same. However, along with the next freshman class comes a whole physical education department.

Physical education teachers Mr. John Bifoss and Mrs. Jane Gruenberg retired in June. Mrs. Gruenberg's position has been filled by Mrs. Brenda Collins, a graduate of Houghton Lake who has been a substitute teacher in the district for 10 years. Mr. Bifoss has been replaced by Mark Prisk who will move up from Farmington Hills.

Mr. John Milburn, teacher and former band director, also retired but no replacement will be hired for him. Instead, his study hall classes will be absorbed in the high school by the rest of the faculty.

LEADERS OF THE PACK

Straight A's. For some students just one marking period of them would be terrific, but to lead the class of 1986 it took four years of straight A's. This honor went to senior Marie Miller who won the honor over her twin, Michelle, by just five one-hundredths of a point.

This close cluster of grades at the top of the senior class may decline with the '89 seniors, however. The system for figuring grade points has been simple. You disregard the pluses and minuses and just count it as a flat grade. But for the '89 seniors the pluses and minuses will be figured in. "I think that they should be figured in because a B+ is certainly higher than a B- and could really make a difference," freshman Jon Cohee said.

Members of the top ten didn't get there the easy way. Every senior in the top ten had Advanced Math IV, the highest math course Houghton Lake has to offer. The top ten included Denice Doepker, Doug Swartz, Rose Taylor, Jane Kronner, Marie Miller in the first row and Stacy Eckstorm, Ted Schuneman, Todd Suzor, Janice Harrison and Michelle Miller in the second row. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



OUTSTANDING!

Seniors weren't the only ones who received honors during the year. Sophomore Vince Brown received an award from the Princeton Book Club for academic excellence.

One hundred sixty schools were invited to submit names of junior and sophomore students for selection. Statewide, Vince was one of four sophomores to receive recognition. He received this award at a dinner at the Pontiac Silverdome put on by the Princeton alumni. "I was really shocked that they would even recognize something like this. I was really honored," Vince said.

Junior Jeneen Piche had another type of honor. She took part in Operation Bentley, a project developed to give juniors a better view and understanding of government. Jeneen served as a lawyer during the week-long experience at the end of May.

"I wish that everyone could experience something like this because it really gives you a better understanding of how our government runs," said Jeneen.

TASTES

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE DOING

MAD DOG TAMED

In an attempt to discourage worldwide terrorism, on April 15, 1986, President Reagan ordered an air attack on Libya. President Reagan had gained specific evidence holding Libya and its "mad-dog of the Middle East," leader Muammar Khaddafi, responsible for terrorist acts including the bombing of a West Berlin night club that killed two American soldiers. The act brought mixed emotions from Americans.

"We had to take action because sanctions were not being followed. We had to show them we were against their policies and make them pay for taking innocent lives," junior Charlie Calkins said.

The effect of the bombing even hit Houghton Lake. A Blue Lake tour of Western Europe for fine arts students had to be cancelled because of the fear of terrorism.

"I was disappointed when I heard we couldn't go. I was really looking forward to seeing Europe. Now we'll have to wait until next year," junior choir member Terry Howell said.

A Newsweek poll showed 71 percent of Americans felt that bombing Libya was the right thing to do. The feeling was echoed by students here in Houghton Lake.

"Bombing Libya was our only choice and if we had to do it again I think we should. We can't let Khaddafi push us around anymore," sophomore Dave Melloh said.

Articles by
Vince Brown

ARE YOU PUTTING ME ON?

On July 1, 1985, the Michigan legislature made it mandatory that all drivers and front seat passengers must wear a seat belt. This seat belt law met with much controversy.

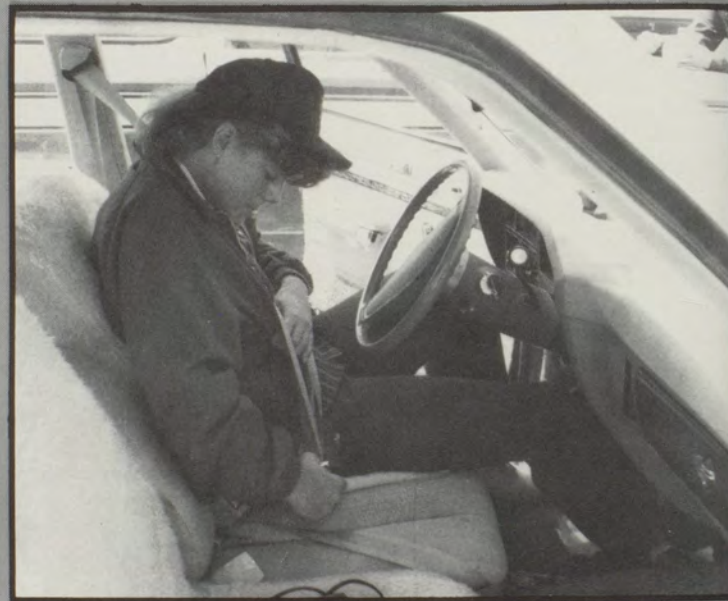
"I think the law is ridiculous. Wearing a seat belt is a good idea but someone shouldn't be able to tell you that you have to wear one," senior Kelly Straight said. Other students agreed. "Wearing a seat belt is a good habit, but I don't think you should be forced into wearing it," sophomore Rob Goodnow concurred.

Even though it was a law, some people still didn't buckle up. "I forget once in awhile and they are really uncomfortable," sophomore Shellie Yennior said.

As uncomfortable as they may be, the seat belt will reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries an estimated 35 to 50 percent, according to a Newsweek study. "I wear mine because I feel safer with it on," remarked junior Jammie Pielak.

Besides safety, another factor forced many to buckle up. Although you can't be pulled over for not wearing the safety belt, a \$25.00 fine will be assessed if you are stopped and the belt is not buckled.

So it seems the seat belt law's adversaries will have to understand the intended bottom line: it saves lives.



Up and over her shoulder, junior Kim Dinsmoore buckles her seatbelt as she leaves for work at McDonald's. The new seatbelt law went into effect on July 1, 1985. Photo by Karen Cronin.

SHADES OF THE 60'S

Remember those mod 60's? Flowered bermuda shorts, paisley prints, mini-skirts, black spandex stirrup pants and faded jeans constituted the hottest fashions. Well, those styles are back but with an 80's flair.

"Fashion runs in cycles. We are just reverting back to the styles of the 60's," junior Andy Hejka said.

The new fashions, actually the 60's styles in disguise, featured a new set of labels like Guess, Esprit, Jams, Reeboks and Swatch. For those who preferred more up-to-date style, they needed to look no further than the stars. The influence of rock start Madonna and "Miami Vice's" Don Johnson showed up in everything from casual wear to tuxedos and formals.

"The new fashions and fads give you a chance to show your individuality because of the varied styles," junior Terry Howell said.

When these styles fade, maybe you better just hang on to your wardrobe. Someday people may be remembering how the styles are just like those from way back in the 80's.



With fashion reverting to the 60's, even eyewear became a fashion statement. Senior Jodi Miller sports her wayfarer glasses, an imitation of the old-style horn-rimmed glasses, at a junior varsity girls basketball game. Sunglasses gained such popularity that students wore them even when they didn't need them. Photo by Karen Cronin.

Rock superstar Madonna greatly influenced fashion with her lace clothing and gaudy jewelry. Outside the candy store, junior Kim Dotson models her latest outfit styled after the singer's tastes. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



Catching a few rays, junior Tammy Winchel lies in the tanning booth at Dr. Winchel's Chiropractic Clinic. Dr. Winchel, Tammy's father, opened his booth in March. Photo by Karen Cronin.



FLORIDA IN A BOX

Wait a minute! A deep, dark, golden tan in the middle of January without leaving Houghton Lake? Of course, thanks to the tanning booths which have sprung up all over town.

"I think they are great. They keep you from looking sick during the winter," sophomore Josh Martin said.

Some fear the ultraviolet rays which doctors say are harmful. However, 77 percent of students polled overlooked the potential danger.

A winter tan became easier than ever since Houghton Lake had four tanning booths at different businesses for the public's use. The stand-up booths or lie-down beds cost \$5.00 for sessions ranging from 15 to 30 minutes.

"Prices are high but people will do anything to keep a tan," junior Kim Dinsmoore said.

When summer comes, though, the sun is free and, according to tanning booth owner Deb Schafer of the Sands Motel, business drops off when the weather gets nicer. "The only people that will use it are those that have to work and can't get into the sun," she explained.

But when the snow comes again, we will still see dark tans, thanks to the tanning booths.

LEISURE

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE DOING

LIVES IN THE BALANCE

Beginning what seemed to be the battle of the charity titans, a Live Aid concert took place in July 1985 to raise money for famine relief in Africa. "When Live Aid happened it was a really neat idea. Now it seems like people are overdoing it on the fund raisers," junior Dina Witfoth said.

For the Live Aid benefit volunteers of both country and rock musicians joined together to perform a concert that would raise money for the homeless and hungry in Africa. The concert was broadcast live simultaneously from New York and London with some performers taking the Concord from England to the U.S. so they could perform in both countries.

"Live Aid was probably such a success because it came first. To get support for the other charity events each one had to be different and better than the one before," junior Regina Sussex said.

U.S.A. for Africa and Live Aid became familiar causes during 1985. Their charity earnings raised millions for famine relief in foreign countries. But on September 22, Americans turned to help their own. Singer Willie Nelson and others organized Farm Aid, a benefit concert to aid American farmers. The live concert, held at the University of Illinois in Champaign, raised around \$9 million.

"Farm Aid was a good idea and the organizers of it probably had very good intentions but I think it's a shame that we are able to raise more money for people in other countries than we are for people in our own," junior Diane Archer said.

Farm Aid has distributed \$935,000 to food pantries in 37 states for farmers in economic distress and has established \$30,000 in agricultural scholarships for children of farm families.

Even though Farm Aid only raised one-fifth of the hoped for \$50 million, it accomplished its goal: to inform the American public about the plight of the family farmer. Because of its overall success, a Farm Aid II concert has been set for July 4, 1986.

Articles by
Amy Jenkins

HELPING HANDS

What stretched nearly 400 miles, had at least 12 million hands and raised more money than Live Aid and Farm Aid combined? Hands Across America, the latest USA for Africa charity project and, in the words of the organization's president, Ken Kragen, "the world's largest participatory event ever."

On May 25th, between six and ten million people formed a human chain from the Statue of Liberty in New York City to the Pacific Ocean shore in Los Angeles and at 3:00 P.M. sang "America the Beautiful" and "We Are the World."

"About two weeks before, my mom got the information I needed to register and get a place in line," junior Becky Burdine said. Both Becky and fellow classmate Amy Jenkins travelled to Indiana to join hands in the project.

"I was sick the entire week before and I was afraid I wouldn't be able to go but we made it. We were even on the local news," Amy said.



SENIOR RERUN

Cedar Point welcomed 28 seniors for their June 5 senior trip . . . again.

Seniors had tried to find a different destination for their trip. Class officers attempted to organize a three-day trip to Toronto but fell short of the 40 seniors needed to finalize plans. So it was back to Cedar Point for one more year.

A school bus carrying those seniors who went departed the school at 2:30 in the morning and delivered them back at 1:15 the next morning after a day at the park.

The only thing that hampered the trip was three hours of rain that closed rides and drenched students.



After giving her ticket to a Cedar Point employee, senior Pam Phillips walks ahead while seniors Lisa Anderson and Annette MacKenzie wait to go through the turnstiles. The seniors arrived in Sandusky, Ohio at 9:00 in the morning and stayed until 6:00 in the evening. Photo by Jodi Miller.

Around the final loop, people aboard Cedar Point's Corkscrew scream with excitement. The Corkscrew, one of the seniors' favorite rides, was periodically shut down during the day because of rain. "It was a bummer because we couldn't ride it as much as we wanted to," senior Jodi Miller complained. Photo by Jodi Miller.

MAKIN' MUSIC

They came from all over the United States to Columbus, Ohio, and joined to form Legacy, a Christian rock band. The group, one of four travelled from state to state and performed before both high school and junior high students.

Legacy appeared in Houghton Lake on March 4, 1986, providing high school students with their only outside entertainment assembly of the year. "I didn't think they would be so good. It surprised me when everyone sang and clapped along with their music," sophomore Lori Urbach said.

Legacy consisted of six men and three women performers. They played music by popular artists, both slow and fast songs. Often



Students got only one chance to see outside talent during the year when Legacy came to perform. The Christian rock group members went out into the audience to sing with students. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

they included the audience in their performance. "When they started to sing Huey Lewis I couldn't control it. I just started crying," junior Toni Palm said.

STUDENTS' CHOICE

Did it ever seem like everytime you turn around, there's another awards special on television? There are Emmys and Grammys and Tonys, just to name a few. Who would you pick as your winners? We conducted a poll to see just who you'd choose.

Musically, here's how you ranked the top male and female vocalists:

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| 1. Lionel Richie | Madonna |
| 2. Bruce Springsteen | Sheila E |
| 3. Prince | Whitney Houston |
| 4. Bryan Adams | Pat Benatar |
| 5. Phil Collins | Tina Turner |

In groups, there were no clear winners because individual tastes included everything from Motley Crue to Heart to Huey Lewis.

What about albums? Bruce Springsteen gathered more votes than all others put together:

1. Born in the USA (Bruce Springsteen)
2. Reckless (Bryan Adams)
3. No Jacket Required (Phil Collins)
4. We are the World (USA for Africa)

Most of you liked movies, too. Seventy percent of those polled rented more than three per week. Here's what you preferred to watch:

1. Rocky IV
2. Back to the Future
3. Rambo
4. Beverly Hills Cop
5. Friday the 13th-Part IV

The majority of students watched three to five hours of television each day. Here's what you listed as your favorites:

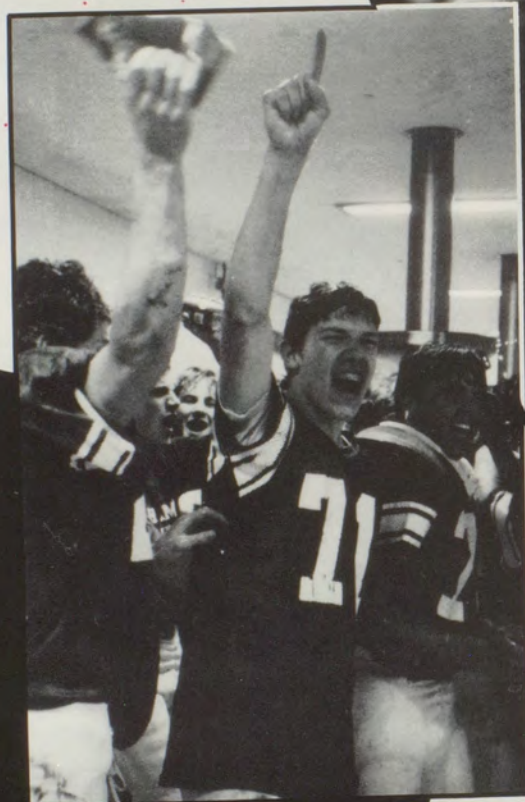
1. The Cosby Show
2. Miami Vice
3. Dallas/Dynasty
4. Family Ties
5. Scarecrow and Mrs. King

And that's your people's choice.

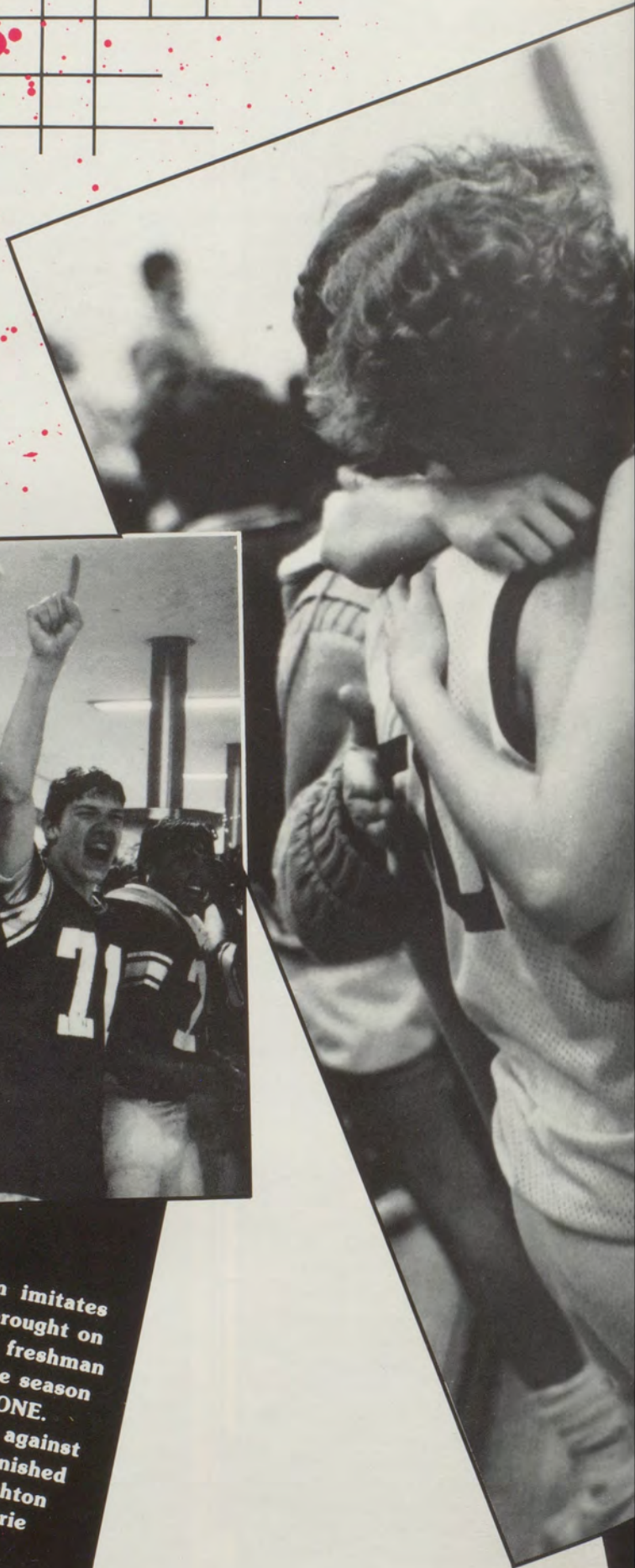
Sports

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*Becky Phelps
sophomore forward*



As the j.v. football team imitates the locker room mood brought on by a Super Bowl victory, freshman Calvin Caster sums up the season in one gesture--NUMBER ONE. With this final season win against Farwell, the j.v. Bobcats finished undefeated, a first in Houghton Lake history. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



Now look what you've done!

Yeah, look what you've done!

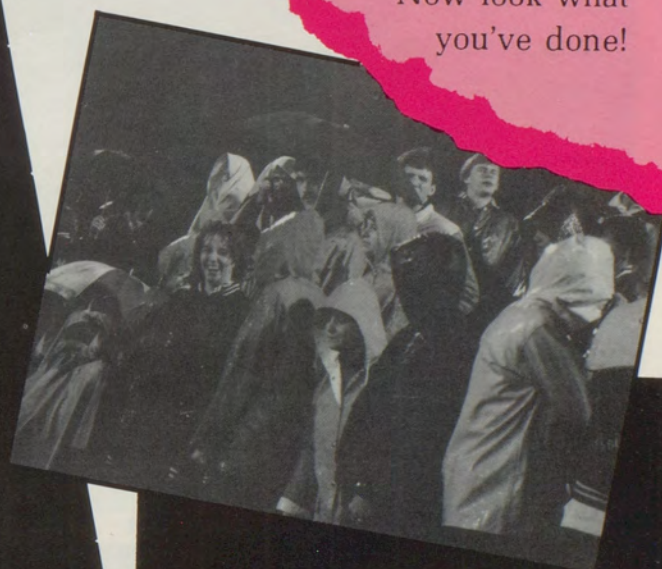
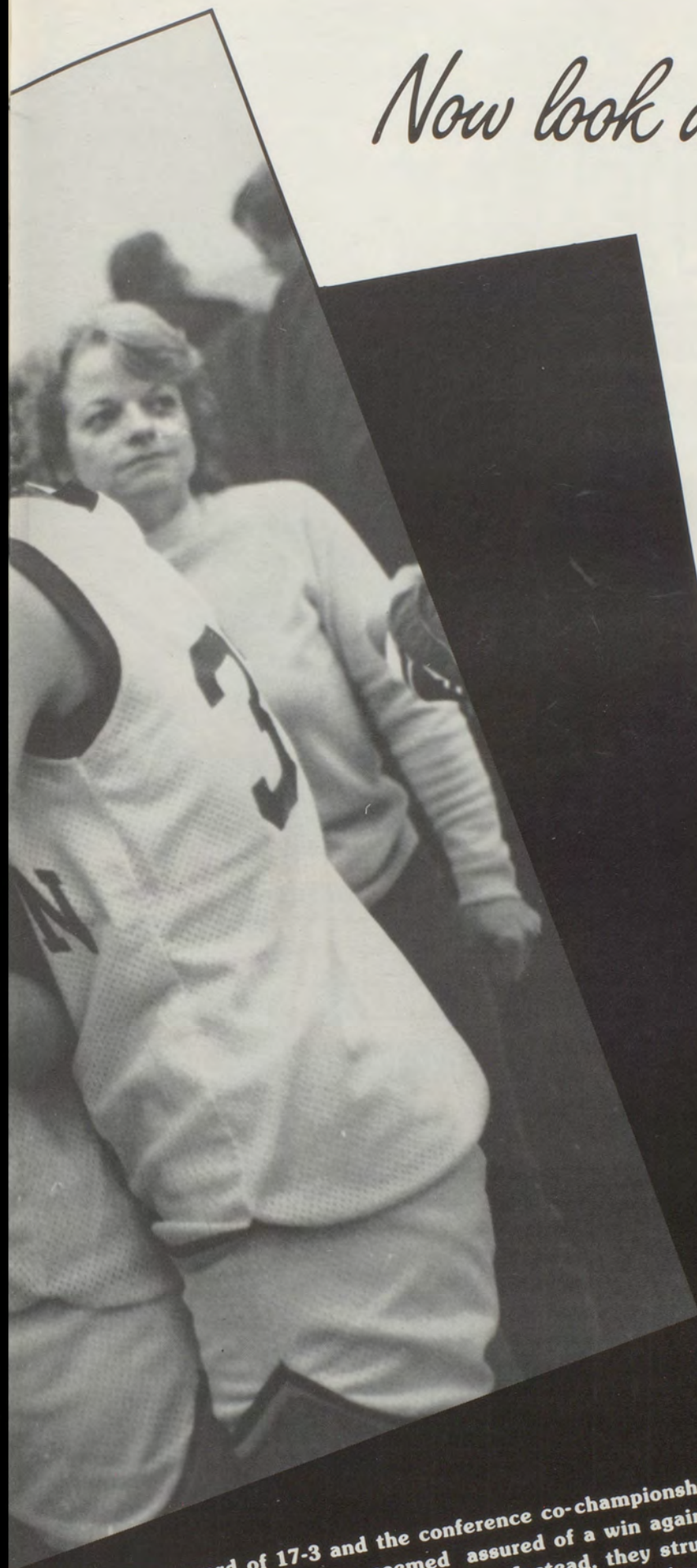
From the varsity girls basketball team capturing their first Jackpine Conference title since 1976 to loyal fans braving the elements to the j.v. football team whose undefeated season marked the first in Houghton Lake's history, you've done it all!

And as if that's not enough, you took time out from competition and classes to have fun.

You skied, jogged, rode horses, cycled and played games.

Just check out the next 28 pages and you'll see. Go ahead!

Now look what you've done!



Despite the pouring rain, loyal fans traveled to Beaverton with their umbrellas and raincoats to watch the varsity football team go up against the Beavers. The Bobcats defeated the Beavers 14-6, their second victory of the season. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

With a season record of 17-3 and the conference co-championship tied up, the varsity girls basketball team seemed assured of a win against the 9-9 Tawas Braves in their first district game. Instead, they struggled the whole game to catch the Braves, losing 64-69. Their high school careers at an end, seniors Beth Wills (50) and Jodi Miller (32) share the heartbreak of their disappointing loss. Photo by Karen Cronin.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

ON *the* LINE

THE PRICE OF A GOOD TEAM IS HIGH

THE COST — GRADUATION

Last year the varsity football team went undefeated, this year 5-4. What happened? Graduation, the fact every coach must face. Along with this goes the challenge of rebuilding for the next year. "We lost 22 players to graduation last year and all were at key positions on both offense and defense," Head Coach Mr. John Blankenship said.

The loss of players due to

graduation made for a young team with little experience playing together as a unit. "Both our offensive and defensive units hadn't played much together, but injuries throughout the year to key personnel also contributed to our 5-4 season," junior Eric Cowles said.

"We had more injuries in one game than we had all last year," explained junior Jim O'Toole. "Every game we had someone out with an

injury."

"One bright spot in our season was beating Roscommon," stated freshman player Jeff Roza. "That game we really came together offensively and defensively," junior Jon Wentworth added.

Besides beating Roscommon, their arch-rival, the team posted a third place conference finish.

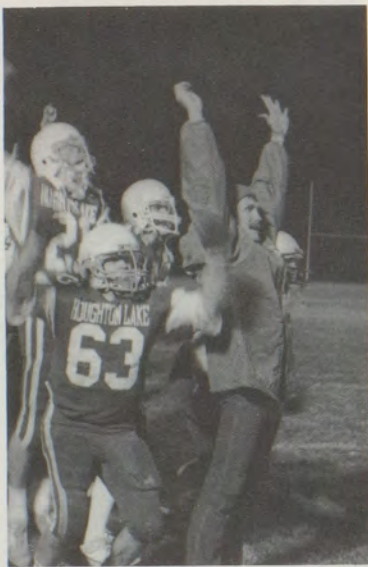
"Even though we didn't win very many games, I

think we did gain experience for next year which should be a better year," concluded junior Sheridan Cole.

Mark Williams

DIGGING IN.

The defensive line, composed of seniors Chad Turner, Frank Roza, Ted Quiney and junior Jim O'Toole, digs into the mud and rain of Beaverton's field. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, the defense held, giving up only six points. Houghton Lake captured the victory 14-6. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



SIDELINE APPROVAL.

The Bobcat sideline celebrates after senior Spencer Soderman blocks a punt. Teammate junior Jim O'Toole fell on the ball in the end zone for the score against Coleman and Houghton Lake converted on the extra point try, giving them a 19-18 victory. Photo by Jeff Raymond.



Setting
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VARSITY FOOTBALL

22	Lake City	0
13	Tawas	27
14	Beaverton	6
0	Meridian	6
6	Harrison	9
19	Coleman	18
0	Clare	30
7	Roscommon	0
32	Farwell	6

OVERALL RECORD: 5-4
CONFERENCE RECORD:
4-3
CONFERENCE STAND-
ING: 3

FRIEND OR FOE?

Coaches can't do everything. They can coach fundamentals and techniques, but motivation has to come from within. Part of that motivation comes with competing against friends.

"I feel that if you work out with your friends or compete against them, it makes you work harder," junior Maria Ignat said.

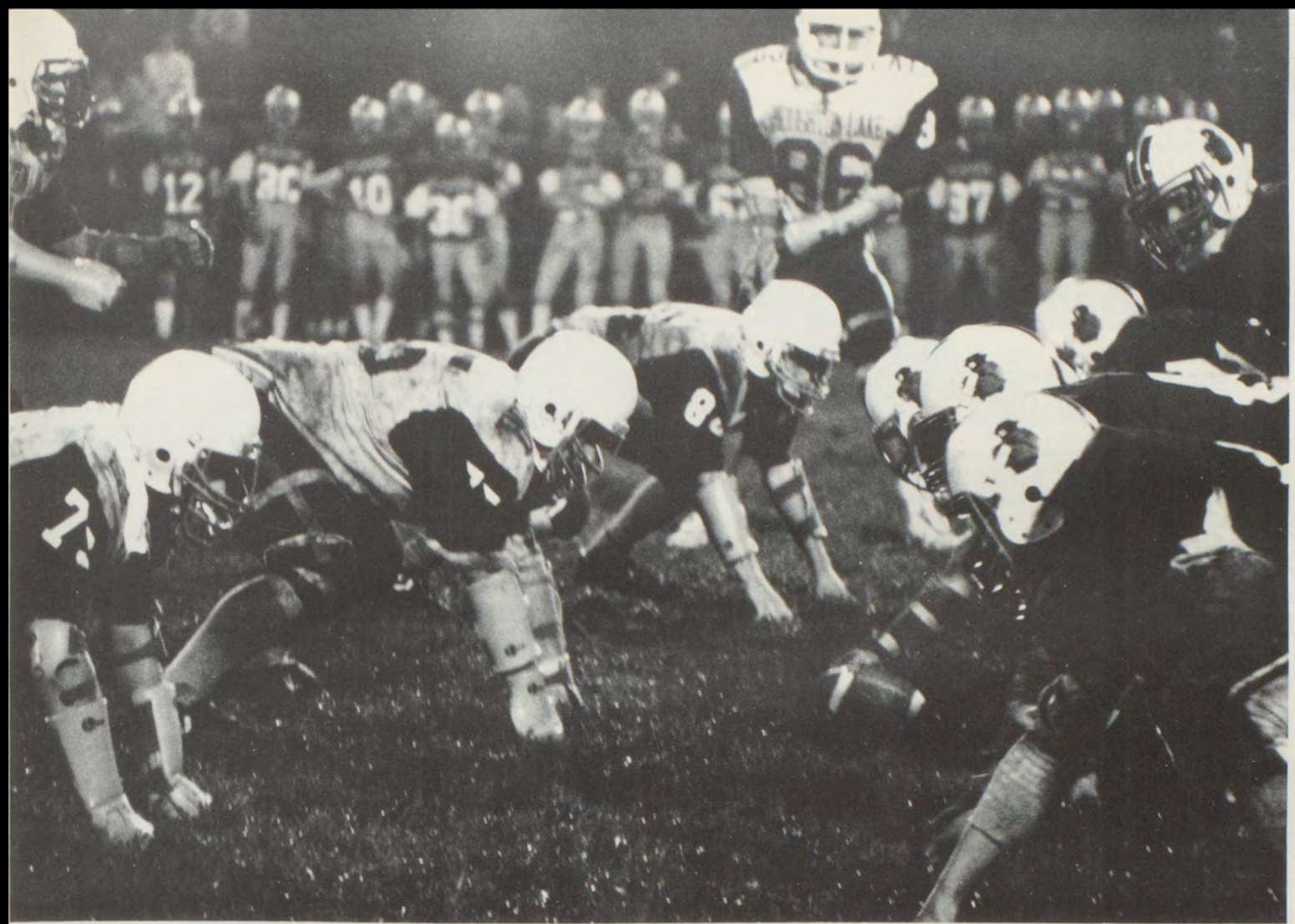
Not all students shared this opinion. "I feel that if you compete against your friends, you have a chance of losing them," said freshman Heather Gillette.

Competition among friends could be found in



After three scoreless quarters, the Bobcats scored a touchdown against arch-rival Roscommon, the only touchdown in the contest. Competition between friends is forgotten as juniors Gary Bourdow (10) and Glen Lillie (33) share the joy of victory. Photo by Karen Cronin.

any sport. "Everyone wants to be better than their friends," junior Bruce Bopp admitted.



Now look what you've done!



AROUND THE END.

On a sweep against Clare, sophomore running back Tony Muma (32) cuts behind junior teammate Jon Wentworth (62). Clare went on to win the contest, 30-0. Photo by Bob Guiliani, Guys and Dolls Photography, Clare.



INJURY PLAGUED.

Down on the field, senior Andy Sussex (9) receives attention from Coaches Dan Boals and John Blankenship. Although Andy's injury was minor, five other players sustained injuries which caused them to miss at least one game. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



VARSITY FOOTBALL:

Front Row: Spencer Soderman, Bob Nasser, Todd Fisher. **Second Row:** Pat O'Neil, Heath Roberts, Chad Turner, Shawn Sensor, Andy Sussex, Brian Trader, Todd Suzor, Kris Gawthrop, Frank Roza. **Third Row:** Jeff Roza, Chris Kingman, Ted Quiney, Terry Beaver, Andy Burns, Glen Lillie, Gary Bourdow,

Jeff Thompson, Tony Muma. **Fourth Row:** Steve Maass, Jon Wentworth, Rob Mason, Steve Fagerlie, Scott Maass, Eric Cowles, Rodney Stender, Brent Barkway. **Back Row:** Coach Dan Boals, Tyler Hasty (Mgr.), Sheridan Cole, Sean Bell, Jim O'Toole, Joel Noerr (Mgr.), Head Coach John Blankenship.

CHEERS!

UNITY AND LEADERSHIP TURN

INEXPERIENCED TEAM INTO CHAMPS

For the first time in the history of Bobcat football, the j.v. team went undefeated.

In 1984 the j.v. team started 14 sophomores. Consequently, the Bobcats began this season with an inexperienced team. "There was a lack of experience but the team still played as one. The leadership helped break in the freshman from day one," sophomore Charlie Foreman said.

According to the coaching staff, team unity held the team together. "The freshmen and sophomores supported one another. They had a tremendous amount of unity, which is not often found in a team so young," Head Coach Mr. Jack Kramer said.

The Bobcats held their seven conference opponents to a total of 67 points, while they accumulated over three

times that number, scoring 232 points.

"I think our most crucial game of the season was against Beaverton. We really thought we lost it until Jeff Majszak ran 82 yards for a touchdown with 42 seconds left on the clock. It was the most exciting game of the season for me," sophomore Dave Melloh said.

With the unity that held the team together, they brought home the conference championship and the first undefeated junior varsity season on record.

Denice Doepker

STOPPED COLD.

In an effort to halt the Lake City advance, sophomore Mark Williams (53) and freshman Jason Mooney (60) force down the Trojan offense. The Bobcats shut out the Trojans in this non-conference contest, 16-0. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

EYE TO EYE.

Sometimes your best just isn't good enough. Coach Warner instructs Mark Boals (64) on tackling with the shoulder instead of grabbing. At the close of the season, Mark lead the team with 121 tackles. Photo by Jeff Raymond.

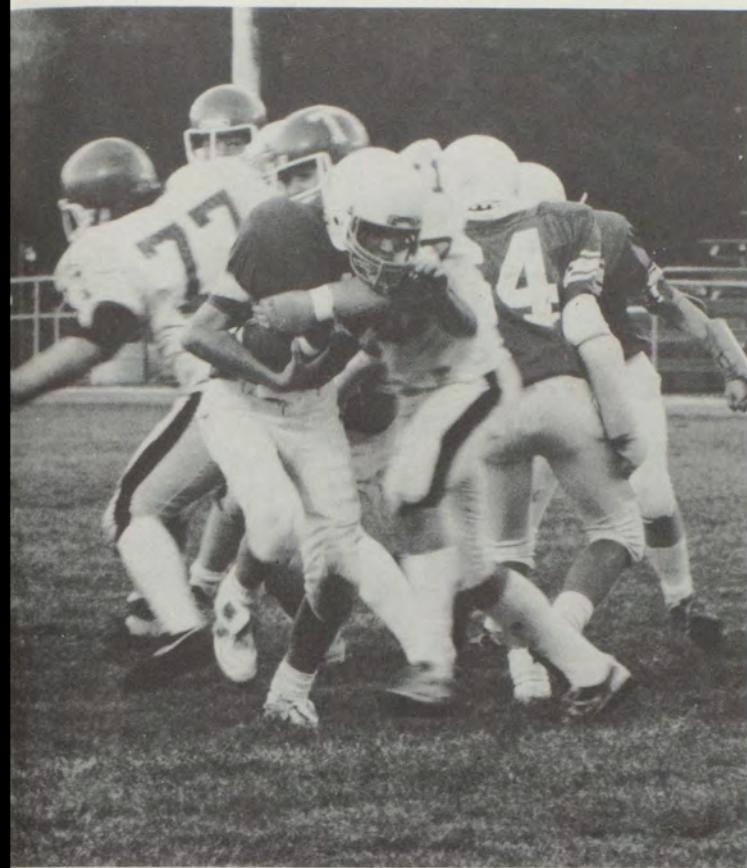
FINAL PAYOFF.

Popping the 'corks' on their Sprite bottles, the j.v. football team celebrates the close of the team's first undefeated season. The Bobcats' defeat of Farwell, 42-12, gave them the win that clinched their conference championship. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



PUSH FOR MORE.
 Breaking through the Tawas defensive line, Jon Cohee (10) pushes

for the extra yard. The Bobcats needed that extra yardage for their narrow win over the Braves, 20-18. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



Now look what you've done!



LEISURE TIME?

For coaches, there's not much of it.

Coaches used a new strategy of watching videotapes of games to study their opponents. However, the old strategy of scouting teams remained alive and well.

According to Assistant Coach Mr. Ken Warner, scouting occupied numerous hours when he wasn't teaching, at practice or at a game.

"We spend six hours a week just scouting, and that's not including going over the report," Mr. Warner said. "I would much rather be here watching our own team playing every Friday night!"

In the midst of play, Assistant Coach Mr. Ken Warner discusses strategies with Head Coach Mr. Jack Kramer during the contest with Tawas. The Bobcats held the Braves to 83 yards passing and 165 yards rushing, adding their second win to the season. Photo by Jeff Raymond.



J.V. FOOTBALL

Front Row: Vince Brown, Josh Martin, Mark Williams, Rod Henning, Mike Burgis, Tom Blanchard, Bob Miller, Jim Schneider, Ron Forbes, Dan Bischoff. **Second Row:** Charlie Foreman, Rick Forman, D.J. Sharrard, Brian Morgan, Greg Smith, Chris Pappas, Rick Ancel, Tom VanWormer, Jon Cohee, Bud Meier. **Third Row:** Greg Roberts, Dan Forman, Tim Greene, Jason Ripke, Matt Stevens, Brad Gruber, Brian Crystal, David Bowman, Scott Zimmerman. **Fourth Row:** Mark Boals, Cory Hacker, Peter O'Toole, Ron Wiggins, Shawn Sullivan, Dan Werner, Russ Sperry, John Bailey, Jeff Majszak. **Back Row:** Chad Pappas (Mgr.), Scott Sullivan, Darin Lillie, Dan Smith, Calvin Caster, Dave Melloh, Jason Mooney, Jason Bedell (Mgr.).

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A Matter of

ATTITUDE

SIT ON IT!

When a team can't get on the winning track and everything goes wrong, athletes have a hard time maintaining a good attitude about playing.

"At the beginning of the season when we were losing, we got kind of discouraged and didn't work too hard because we didn't think we could win," commented sophomore Larry Leszczynski, a player on the j.v. basketball team.

However, when things go right, feelings, along with attitude, change. When bad attitude causes a team to lose, the result becomes evident on the playing field.

"Everyone got frustrated and started blaming one

another for losing. We were looking for excuses instead of trying to get better," explained freshman Greta Soderman of the freshman girls basketball team.

A change in record, then, can bring on a change in attitude, as evidenced by sophomore j.v. football player Dave Melloh's comment. "After we beat Beaverton, we really started having fun. Even the guys that didn't play were enjoying our success because they were all part of our team. We knew we weren't going to lose."

Coaches agree that, overall, attitudes play a major part in the success of a team.

"At the high school level, attitude and determination is 75 percent while athletic ability and talent account for only 25 percent of an athlete's potential. Also, more games are won on attitude rather than talent," observed varsity boys basketball and football coach Mr. John Blankenship.

Vince Brown

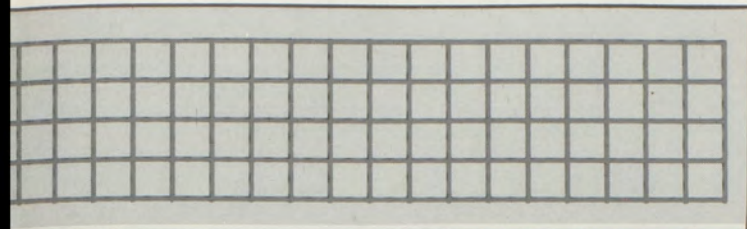
HAVE A SEAT.

While the battle is taking place on the field, senior Bobcat Ted Quiney sits on his helmet awaiting his chance to get back into the action. Ted didn't see too much time on the bench, as he played on both offense and defense for the varsity football team. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

SIDELINE CELEBRATION.

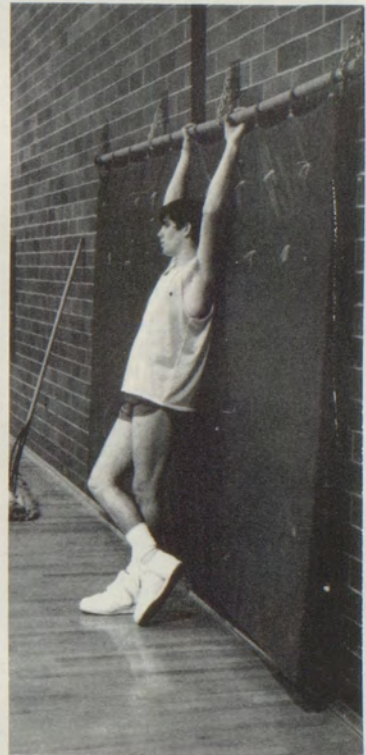
As he runs off the field after recovering a blocked punt in the end zone, sophomore Charlie Foreman (78) gets congratulated by freshman Chris Pappas (23). This was the first of two touchdowns for the first year defensive end. Photo by Karen Cronin.





JUST HANGIN' AROUND.

As the rest of the team practices, senior Brian Trader leans against the wall watching his teammates. His lack of playing time in practices as well as games led to his decision to quit the team early in the season. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



BLOWING IT OFF.

After fouling out of the game, freshman Shari Eckstorm watches the action from the bench. Shari, playing on the j.v. team, was promoted from the freshman team at the beginning of the year. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

WHO US?

NOT EVEN PLAYERS TRUSTED

EARLY-SEASON PREDICTIONS

OF SUCCESS

Contenders for the Jackpine Conference title? Are you kidding?

Even though the Bay City Times predicted it in early September, the varsity girls basketball players couldn't believe it. "I couldn't believe that we had a chance because of the season before," said sophomore Missy Shipp.

Since 1980, losing seasons had become somewhat of a tradition in girls basketball. Spectators as well as players took it for granted that this season would be like all the others.

But this season was different. With a 13-1 conference record, the team tied with Meridian for the Jackpine Conference championship, the first time since 1976.

The season's opener brought the Bobcats a victory against the Class B Gaylord Blue Devils, 48-27. The team continued its winning season, losing only to Cadillac, McBain and Meridian.

Going into the district tournaments, the Bobcats drew a bye for the first round of play. "Maybe we were too over-confident because we really screwed up when we got in there," commented senior Beth Wills on the first game against the 9-9 Tawas Braves. The Bobcats were knocked out of the districts,

CLEAR THE WAY.

Up for two points, sophomore Missy Shipp (31) drives past Clare defender Heidi Zeiter (22) as junior Maria Ignat (21) blocks out another Clare opponent, Karen Horwood (30). The Bobcats beat Clare in both of their contests, 47-45 and 41-31. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

losing to the Braves, 54-59.

Besides achieving the conference title, each member of the starting five received recognition from the Jackpine Conference league for her outstanding performance. Senior Jodi Miller and Beth Wills and sophomore Missy Shipp received all-conference first team honors. Senior Stacy Eckstorm and junior Maria Ignat were named all-conference honorable mention.

"If you had asked me at the beginning of the season if we even had a chance at the title, I would have said, 'You're crazy!' But as the season ended, I felt relief because we really did what they said we could," junior Maria Ignat said.

Stacy Eckstorm
Jodi Miller

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN.

At the sound of the whistle, the action stops and all eyes turn to the referee as seniors Jodi Miller (32) and Stacy Eckstorm (14) and junior Maria Ignat (22) question his call. New rules dictated that instead of having a jump ball, teams must alternate possession in an attempt to speed up game play. Photo by Karen Cronin.



Now look what you've done!

QUICK CHANGE

New rulings meant that, for perhaps the first time, coaches realized what it really meant to sit the bench.

This new conduct came

Forced to obey MHSAA rules, Coach Jerry Lane sits the bench while giving senior Stacy Eckstorm (14) instructions.



as a result of the MHSAA ruling that standing up during play would result in a technical foul for coaches as well as players.

As players and coaches contained themselves on the bench, players on the court had to contend with the exclusion of jump balls. In order to speed up the game, MHSAA ruled that alternate possession would take the place of jump balls except for the opening jump.

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL:

Front Row: Missy Shipp, Jodi Miller, Becky Phelps

Back Row: Maria Ignat, Beth Wills, Stacy Eckstorm, Kim Dinsmoore, Coach Mr. Jerry Lane



Setting the RECORD Straight

HL		
48	Gaylord	27
42	Grayling	36
33	Cadillac	49
53	Beaverton	29
61	Meridian	60
63	Harrison	48
57	Coleman	40
47	Clare	45
32	Roscommon	31
29	McBain	51
53	Farwell	36
57	Beaverton	36
49	Meridian	53
51	Harrison	37
41	McBain	37
44	Coleman	30
41	Clare	31
50	Grayling	42
60	Roscommon	33
75	Farwell	47

OVERALL RECORD: 17-3

CONFERENCE RECORD:

13-1

CONFERENCE STANDING:

1 (tie)



BENCH BREAK.

At 6'1", junior Maria Ignat (21) doesn't have much room between the bench and sidelines as she watches the game while taking a break from play. Maria, despite time spent on the bench, scored 13 points for the Bobcats during this game against Farwell. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



PULLING THROUGH.

Surrounded by Braves, senior Beth Wills (50) pulls down a rebound for the Bobcats in tournament play. The Bobcats lost their first tournament game to the Tawas Braves, 64-69. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

FRESHMAN & J.V. GIRLS BASKETBALL

JUGGLING ACT

COACHES AND PLAYERS WONDER WHO'S PLAYING WHERE

"Musical players" could describe the game freshman and j.v. girls basketball coaches played.

Besides losing two potential starters to the varsity squad, the j.v. girls had players taken up each game to compensate for the lack of varsity players. Mrs. Linda Eckstorm, coach of the j.v. team, could not keep a consistent starting five on the floor. Each game featured a different lineup.

Freshman Coach Mr. Chuck Mercer encountered the same problem as he lost three players permanently to the junior varsity squad and others continued to move back and forth throughout the year.

"We lost a couple close games which we might have won if we had a set lineup," sophomore Lylenette Canfield said.

Both teams juggled their lineups in an attempt to put the best team possible on the

floor.

"It was frustrating because we tried so hard but we couldn't win any games," commented sophomore Shannon Blankenship.

The junior varsity record of five wins and 15 losses and the freshman record of one win and 12 losses spoke for themselves when the season ended for the young Bobcats.

"When the season was over, we were all tired and ready for a break. But now I see the guys playing and it makes me want to play again. I think we will be ready for next year," freshman Stephanie Parrot said.

Vince Brown

RUNNING THE OFFENSE.

While her teammates set up in the offense, sophomore Shannon Blankenship (13) waits for an open receiver. Shannon moved up to the varsity at various times throughout the season and that became her permanent position during the tournament games. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



Now look what you've done!

HEY, DAD... I MEAN COACH

Sports demand a lot of an athlete's time. Some students leave for school in the morning and don't get to see their families until late in the evening. Then there are the students who get to see their parents all day because they are coaches. "It's hard to think of my dad as a coach because he

is my dad," freshman guard Kathe Mercer said in reference to her father, Freshman Girls Basketball Coach Mr. Chuck Mercer. Some may think that the son or daughter gets special attention or easier treatment, but not according to freshman Shari Eckstorm who said, "My mom made it hard because she expected more out of me than anyone else." Mrs. Linda Eckstorm coached Shari on the j.v. girls basketball team.

In the absence of Head Coach Mr. Jerry Lane, coaches Mrs. Linda Eckstorm and Mr. Chuck Mercer take control of coaching duties for the varsity game.

J.V. GIRLS BASKETBALL:
Front Row: Gabby Calkins, Shari Eckstorm, Kathe Mercer. **Back Row:** Cindi Pacini, Lylenette Canfield, Anet Grant, Stephanie Parrott, Sara Woodwyk, Shannon Blankenship, Karla Dinsmoore, Coach Linda Eckstorm.

Setting the RECORD Straight

FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

HL	Team	Points
10	West Branch	35
13	Pine River	46
16	Standish	41
9	Tawas	41
20	Cadillac	50
27	Gladwin	20
27	Gaylord	44
23	Pine River	50
20	Cadillac	53
21	Gaylord	51
14	West Branch	35
18	Tawas	27
25	Gladwin	30
OVERALL RECORD:		1-12



Setting the RECORD Straight

J.V. GIRLS BASKETBALL

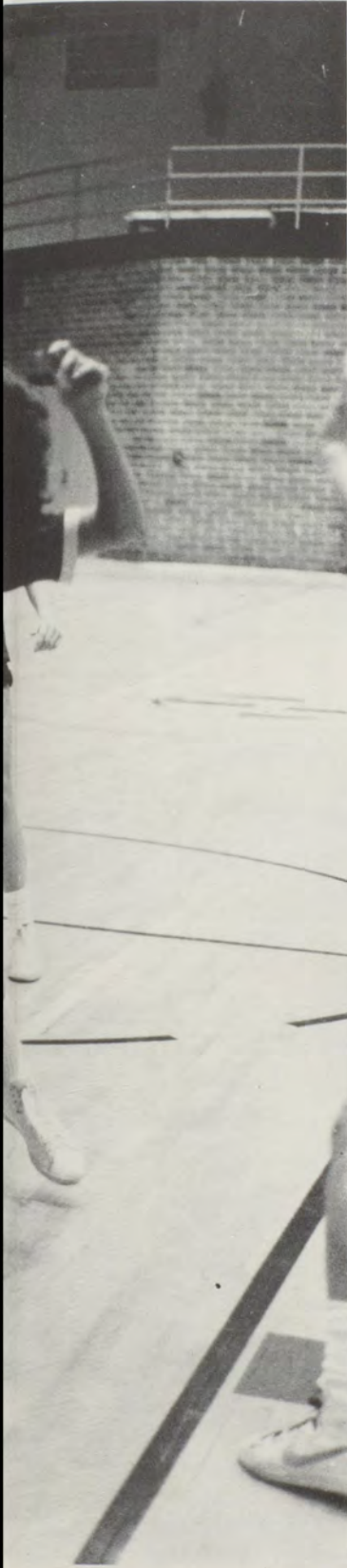
HL	Team	Points
11	Gaylord	51
31	Grayling	51
22	Cadillac	51
24	Meridian	38
22	Beaverton	24
36	Coleman	48
41	Harrison	52
48	Clare	28
26	McBain	32
23	Roscommon	31
32	Farwell	52
37	Meridian	24
22	Beaverton	24
38	McBain	23
25	Harrison	42
40	Clare	39
30	Coleman	36
11	Grayling	44
32	Roscommon	44
61	Farwell	30
OVERALL RECORD:		5-15
CONFERENCE RECORD:		4-10



FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL:
Front Row: Jennifer Porath, Deb Blodgett, Natalie Wedemeyer, Bernice Fischer. **Back Row:** Tina Sawyer, Kandi Markey, Greta Soderman, Dee Dee Johnson, Kathe Mercer. Not Pictured: Rosemary Servas.



TRAPPED.
 With arms reaching, freshmen Rosemary Servas (32) and Jennifer Porath (44) cage in freshman Beth Pretzlaff (23) of Gladwin. The freshman Bobcats lost this home contest, 30-25. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



GOLF & GYMNASTICS

UP^{to} PAR?

GOLFERS SHOOT FOR WINNING SEASON

WHILE GYMNASTS DWINDLE TO THREE

Fall. For sports fans in Michigan, that means one thing: football.

So once again everyone cheered on the football team while the golfers played in solitude. In spite of the sport's seeming lack of popularity, the team posted their best season in recent years.

Coach Peter Javoroski and his ten-man team practiced five days a week two to three hours a day at the White Deer Country Club. They competed in 17 meets and two invitationals. After capturing regionals, five players went to the state

competition. Senior Matt McClellan, juniors Ed Zarzyski and Ken Meigs, along with first-year letterman sophomore Cory Czada and freshman Stephen Mieske, comprised the five-man team that brought home a 15th place finish.

As the seasons change from fall to winter, the crowds gravitate from football to basketball, not gymnastics. Though they were plagued by the same lack of support, the team started on a positive note with optimism from team

members. "I feel this year would have been the best gymnastics season for the team. We worked hard and had positive attitudes. Our first goal was to beat Cadillac and we did," junior Randi Chidester said.

Unfortunately, the meet against Cadillac was the gymnasts' first and only meet of the season. Due to other commitments and activities, second-year Coach Janet Marra's ten-member team dwindled to only three. "I had to quit because I was taking driver's training and the coach told me that I

would have to make a choice between the two," sophomore Karin Akin said.

In fact, gymnastics lack of enthusiasm prompted the school board to replace it with volleyball for the 1986-87 season.

As far as the lack of popularity affecting these minority athletes, they say no. "We realize that golf is boring to watch," junior golfer Ed Zarzyski said. "We play because we like the game so it really doesn't matter if it's popular or not."

Kristin Dery

Now look what you've done!

NO SELL OUTS

Standing room only? Not very likely if you attended a gymnastics meet or a golf match. These two sports had one thing in common: a lack of spectators.

"I never went to a golf match or a gymnastics meet because they're just not as exciting as a football or basketball game," junior Heidi Peshick said.

Spectators go to athletic events to cheer on the participants. But how can fans show support for sports that need silence?



VARSITY GOLF TEAM:
Steve Mieske, Matt McClellan, Jason Brown, Coach Pete Javoroski, Cory Czada, Andy Hejka, Larry Leszczynski, Ed Zarzyski, Ken Meigs, Bob Marsh.

Athletes feel that just being there is all the support they need.

"I guess people don't think that golf is a very exciting sport to watch,



VARSITY GYMNASTICS:
Front Row: Tami Bowman. **Second Row:** Tina Chanda, Mitzie Guldner, Randi Chidester. **Back Row:** Coach Janet Marra, Christine Gawthrop, Michelle Miller, Birgitt Oehler, Marie Miller and Karen Akin.

but it would be nice if some people did come and watch," sophomore Jason Brown said.

Setting the RECORD Straight

VARSITY GOLF		
HL		
191	Clare	193
179	Ogemaw	176
350	Standish	410
174	Tawas	232
174	Clare	192
172	Kalkaska	184
172	TCSF	188
178	MPSH	178
172	MPSH	170
172	Fairview	171
172	Ogemaw	165
229	Tawas	229
159	Fairview	168
159	Standish	177
159	Roscommon	189
169	Roscommon	192
169	Clare	185

13-4

VARSITY GYMNASTICS

104.15	Cadillac	97.35
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THERE'S A TREE WHERE?

Unconcerned about the tree that lies in the middle of green number three, sophomore Stephen Mieske lines himself up for his final putt. Stephen was the only full time sophomore on the varsity team and had an average score of 44.6 to take fourth place honors on the team. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

SOLITARY PERFORMANCE.

With the beam as one of her best events, senior exchange student Birgitt Oehler performs her routine at the season's only meet against Cadillac. With only one meet the gymnasts did not have the chance to gain experience in competition. Photo by The Resorter.



FIRST-CLASS ACTION.

Practice pays off for junior Ed Zarzyski as he executes his final putt on the first hole. Ed practiced five days a week and took first place on the team with an average of 42.2 for the season. He was also the runner-up regional medalist. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

A Matter of

SPIRIT

SHAKE IT UP!

"Sell!" grew into one of the cheerleaders most popular chants for good reasons.

Fifty-one sets of uniforms to dress girls on six different cheerleading squads, plus 51 pairs of Reebok tennis shoes, 51 sets of pompons, cheerleading camp costs and cheerleading competition fees. Where did all the money come from?

For cheerleaders much of the money came out of their own pockets, but group efforts by all the cheerleaders helped to minimize their own personal costs.

In order to buy new varsity basketball uniforms,

cheerleaders held a hot dog sale and car wash last summer in Pinky's Plaza.

Selling Bobcat mugs, seat cushions, buttons, pompons, spirit flags and other souvenirs also contributed to the cheerleading fund.

"Oh, I hate selling stuff! I hate begging people for their money. But I know how much it helps the cheerleading fund and we couldn't do anything without the money it brings in," junior Nicole Gross said.

The bottom line was that, although some of the money came from the cheerleaders themselves, a lot of effort went into fund raising.

Purchasing new uniforms depended on it.

"I think there's more to cheerleading than some people realize. Cheering is the biggest part, but being willing to sell stuff is what takes dedication because it's the worst part," explained junior Heidi French.

Denice Doepker

WORKING FOR THE MONEY.

Even though they turned in their uniforms and pompons, fall and winter cheerleaders continued to work after the finish of their seasons to raise money. Junior Kari Caster takes her part in a summer hot dog sale to raise money for new varsity basketball uniforms. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



CAT NAP.

Up to one hour bus rides to opposing schools provides time for sleep for varsity basketball cheerleaders juniors Jammie Pielak and Kim McEvers. With school, homework, two games a week and two and a half hour practices three days a week, these long rides served as both rest and homework periods. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



ONE MORE TIME.

Games take up only a portion of cheerleaders' time. They practiced from 3:30 to 5:30 on Monday and Wednesday during season. For homecoming's dance routine, however, varsity football cheerleaders senior Michele McLain and juniors Kristin Dery and Nicole Gross, along with other squad members, practiced every night. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



GRITTING TEETH.

Tensions mount for junior varsity cheerleaders sophomore Renee Lewandowski and freshman Nancy Rigling as the end of the Grayling basketball game approaches. "I

love cheering when the games get close. It seems like there's at least one critical point in every game," Renee said. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

SPARKING UP SPIRIT.

To the accompaniment of the 22 member band, junior Sarah Woodwyk performs the school song during pre-game. With the

addition of new pompons and the band, the cheerleaders performed the school song and a number of spirit chants before each home game. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

HIGH HOPES

NEW COACH MAKES TURN-AROUND

SEASON SEEM POSSIBLE

What constitutes a losing season? Is it a losing 7-14 record or a losing attitude? According to players, the numbers that fill the win-loss columns don't always show the real success of a season.

"I don't think our season was a bad one because our attitudes were much better throughout the season than they were in the past years," senior Ted Schuneman said.

After last year's resignation of Mr. Mike Benz as head coach, this year Coach

SENIOR INSTRUCTION.

Giving support from the bench, senior Todd Suzor shouts instructions to his fellow teammates. Although Todd sat out the first four games, he still came in second in scoring for the season with 212 points. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

John Blankenship filled the void. Beginning the season with a new coach gave players inspiration, positive attitudes and new hopes for a turn-around winning season.

"In the beginning of the season we were all really enthusiastic, especially after we won our first two games. When we lost our next few the team started to lose enthusiasm. But Mr. Blankenship did a good job of giving us a positive attitude and making us believe we could win every game," senior Todd Fisher said.

This attitude lasted throughout the season. Although 14 games filled the loss column, the same spark that began the season ended it. The Bobcats won their last

three games and lost their second round district tournament against Tawas by only one point.

"I don't think our entire season was a loss because each game Mr. Blankenship motivated us to do our best. He gave us hope. I'm looking forward to next season," junior Jim O'Toole said.

Denice Doepker

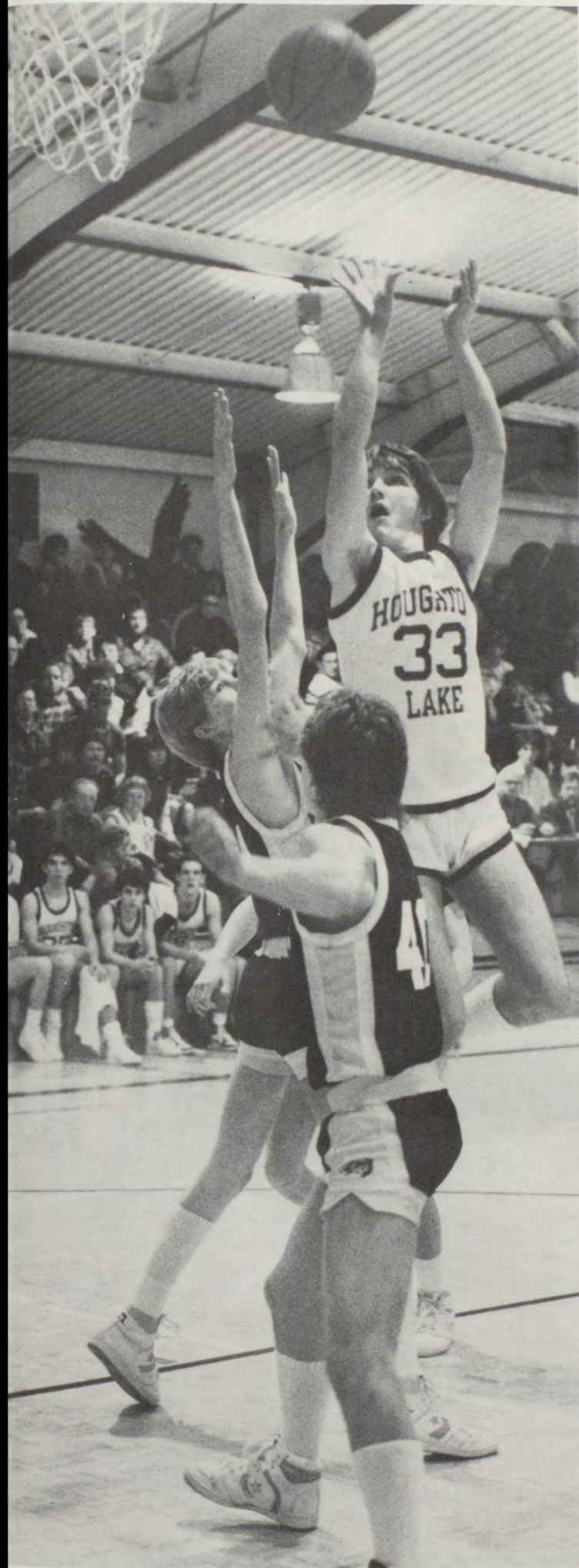
THROUGH THE PACK.

Reaching for an extra two, junior Tim Suzor, surrounded by Farwell players, lays up the ball. The Bobcats lost to the Eagles in this conference match, 51-6. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

FAST HANDS.

Adding to his rebounding record, senior Ted Schuneman snags the ball off the Roscommon backboard. Ted led the team in rebounds with 137 for the season. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





Now look what you've done!

*Setting
the*
RECORD
Straight

VARSITY BASKETBALL

HL					
66	Grayling	57	47	Beaverton	56
42	Clare	35	76	Meridian	42
48	Coleman	50	59	Standish	78
53	Roscommon	66	83	Grayling	48
57	Farwell	66	51	Harrison	48
45	Beaverton	54	53	Grayling	50
63	Lake City	79			
74	Meridian	59			
68	Standish	75			
51	Harrison	52			
56	Clare	63			
41	Coleman	61			
44	Roscommon	62			
64	Farwell	70			

OVERALL RECORD: 7-14

CONFERENCE
RECORD: 4-10

CONFERENCE
STANDING: 7

VARSITY BASKETBALL:

Front Row: David Melloh, Vince Brown, Chris Wiggins, Jeff Thompson. **Back Row:** Coach John Blankenship, Jim O'Toole, Todd Fisher, Tim Suzor, Ted Schuneman, Ron Elliott, Gary Bourdow, Todd Suzor, Chad Jobin, Brian Trader.



IF THE SHOE FITS...

When we think of fads and labels, we picture girls shopping for their Esprit sweaters and Guess jeans. We don't think of athletes. But name brand footwear has changed all that.

In a school poll, 59 percent of the student body preferred Nike brand tennis shoes. Seven out of ten varsity basketball players wore that same brand. Why? What causes such devotion to a certain brand shoe? Is it comfort, increased speed or better support? Those people questioned said no. It was habit.



Teammates wait while senior Ron Elliott pauses to tie his shoe before practice. Ron is also devoted to Nike brand tennis shoes. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

"I've worn Nike shoes since sixth grade. Shoes are just like anything else. Once you've found a product you like, you stick with it," senior Todd Suzor explained.

FRESHMAN & J.V. BOYS BASKETBALL

TRAPPED

FRESHMEN AND J.V.

FALL INTO FAMILIAR RUT

It's the same thing every year!" junior Danny Draper said. "The freshman have an outstanding season and when they become sophomores on j.v. they lose every game in the fourth period."

Losing their first three games, the j.v. basketball team seemed destined for another typical basketball season. "We must have lost at least five games with a minute or so left on the

clock," commented sophomore Bob Miller, who scored 141 points on the season.

Even though Coach Ken Warner had coached the same group of boys for three years, moving up as coach along with his team, they still struggled to play over .500 ball. "We knew our coach too well, so we joked around a lot," admitted sophomore Charlie

Foreman.

On the other hand, Freshman Coach Jim Schneider pulled his team together to win all but two games. "When someone made a mistake, we never got down on them. We were out there as a team, not individual hot shots," freshman Dan Smith said.

"We should be able to keep up the winning season as long as we don't get peo-

ple kicked off the team," freshman Corey Hacker said.

Mike Aho

GAME HIGH.

Even though triple-teamed at times, Larry Leszczynski (31) went on to score 23 points in a winning effort against Grayling. The Bobcats won this contest against the Vikings, 69-52. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



THINKING IT THROUGH.

Concentrating on the basket, sophomore Bob Miller (23) attempts the first of two freethrows in a winning effort against Beaverton. Bob hit 57 percent of his freethrows throughout the season. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

QUICK RECOVERY.

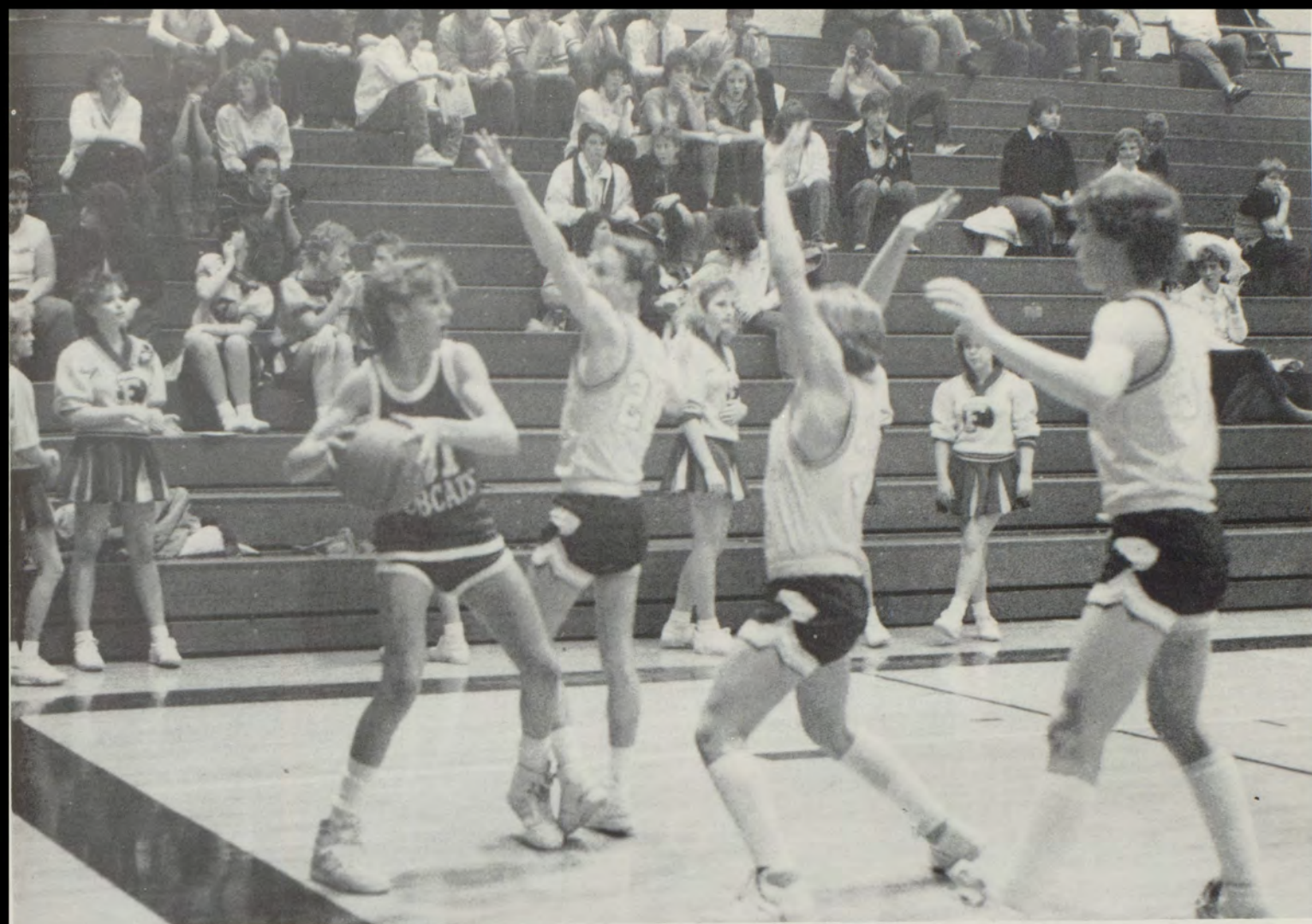
Frustrated by his performance, freshman Darin Lillie (43) wipes the sweat from his face as the rest of the team tries to pull together during a time out in the last minutes of the game against Farwell. Farwell pulled ahead at the last minute to beat the Bobcats, 54-58. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



CLOSE BUT NO PRIZE.

In the contest against Farwell, freshman Greg Smith (44) battles for an offensive rebound with the Eagle's Steve Laverty (34), but comes up short. The Bobcats lost their final game of the season to the Eagles, 54-58. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





Setting the
RECORD
Straight

FRESHMAN BALL

HL		
58	West Branch	51
55	Pine River	40
51	Standish	42
41	Roscommon	32
69	Manton	37
41	Kalkaska	31
60	Beaverton	55
58	Pine River	29
59	Roscommon	30
57	Standish	42
60	Manton	31
73	Kalkaska	54
56	Farwell	36
63	Beaverton	71
49	Ogemaw	44
54	Farwell	58

OVERALL RECORD: 14-2

CONFERENCE RECORD:

4-2

BEGINNER BUTTERFLIES

Competition. Prestige. Pressure. All these and more give both novice and varsity athletes first-game jitters.

Players' reputations go on the line during the opening game of the season. Decisions about first-string positions, undecided by coaches, put pressure on players to perform.

"By the end of the first game, I was nervous that I wouldn't start anymore. I couldn't concentrate,"

sophomore football player Rod Henning said.

"I always get nervous before every game but the first game is the worst." junior basketball player Maria Ignat said.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL:

Front Row: Randy Stevenson, Shawn Sullivan, Corey Hacker, Tom VanWormer, Chris Pappas, Bud Meier. **Back Row:** Jeff Schneider (Mgr.), Kris Schneider (Mgr.), Ron Wiggins, Brad Stuck, Kurt Bisballe, Jim Schneider, Dan Smith, Greg Smith, Darin Lillie, Coach Jim Schneider.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL:

Front Row: Dale Leatch, Bob Miller, Joe Loicano, Jason Brown, Mike Burgis. **Back Row:** Coach Ken Warner, Josh Martin, Tim Heine, Charlie Foreman, Cory Czada, Tom Blanchard, Larry Leszczynski.

Now look what you've done!

Setting the
RECORD
Straight

J.V. BASKETBALL

HL		
28	Grayling	40
40	Clare	42
52	Coleman	53
56	Roscommon	52
44	Farwell	50
34	Beaverton	71
53	Lake City	45
56	Meridian	30
71	Standish	56
51	Harrison	44
66	Clare	46
64	Coleman	60
28	Roscommon	28
61	Farwell	62
70	Beaverton	52
76	Meridian	25
52	Standish	64
69	Grayling	52
64	Harrison	61

OVERALL RECORD: 11-8

CONFERENCE RECORD:

8-6



A Matter of

DEVOTION

YELL TILL IT HURTS

Devotion.

From the rainy practices of football to the humid spring days of track, students devoted their time and abilities to school sports. The reasons for their devotion ranged from the challenge of competition to personal satisfaction.

Taking time off work for the long, hard hours of practice, athletes worked to fulfill their personal dreams which sometimes became their nightmares. "The reason I keep playing basketball was because sports makes high school complete," senior basketball player Ron Elliott said. Ron stayed with the team even though he saw little playing time.

UNIFORM WASH JOB.

Cheerleaders spend summer months raising funds for uniforms and camp. Junior Jammie Pielak and senior Denice Doepker try their hands at washing cars in the Pinky's Plaza parking lot. Along with car washes the cheerleaders also held a hot dog and Coke sale and sold pendants along with seat cushions, totaling \$1350.00. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

The basis for devotion could be as simple as chance. "I moved onto the golf course and took up golf and I've been playing every day I can ever since," commented senior Matt McClellan, a member of the golf team.

"I plan on going pro in a few years" was junior Mark Carrick's objective concerning tennis. Although the school didn't have a tennis team, Mark, along with his brother, senior Brian Carrick, still competed nationally. Neither played other sports in school because of the time they devoted to tennis. They practiced an average 40 hours per week, driving 85

miles to Bay Valley seven days a week.

No sport would be complete without the devotion of fans. From Booster Club members who took tickets and work concession to the parents and friends of athletes, they came out of their own love and devotion to the game.

Mike Aho

NEVERENDING STORY.

Basketball season doesn't finish at the end of the season for many players. They could be assigned to coach tournament games for the fourth, fifth and sixth graders in March. Freshman Dan Smith, along with assistant coach sophomore Jeff Majszak, couldn't produce a winning Our Lady of the Lakes team in double overtime against Mrs. Jacoby's fourth graders. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



THE EYES HAVE IT.

For a winning cause, junior Steve Fagerlie, complete with bug eyes, cheers on the basketball team in the tournament game against

Grayling. While loyal fans cheered, the team won by the score of 53-50 but lost the second tournament contest to Tawas. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



HELLO!

"When you do hello, everyone stops and looks at you," senior varsity basketball cheerleader Kim Rzycki said. Kim, along with juniors Jammie Pielak, Nicole Gross and Jodi Ostrom ignore the stares to execute a hello for Grayling. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



VARSITY TRACK

Too MUCH to HURDLE

INJURIES AND LACK OF RETURNING VETERANS

CREATE OBSTACLES FOR TRACK TEAMS

Defending a championship is tough for any team. For the boys track team, its sixth title defense proved too much as they settled for second behind the Clare Pioneers.

"We knew Clare would be tough. They had eleven returning senior-letter winners to our three. It was actually a fight for second place," sophomore Scott Sullivan said.

In the conference meet the boys took second place, again behind Clare. They placed first, second or third in twelve events with all-conference honors going to eleven of the track men.

The girls encountered difficulty also as youth and

injuries plagued them all season. "We had high hopes at the beginning of the year, but when we saw we were too inexperienced and injury prone to win it we started working for personal goals," freshman Nancy Rigling said.

Many of the goals were met as six lady Bobcats received all-conference recognition, winning a total of 13 medals at the conference meet.

"From an individual point we had many bright spots with a lot of outstanding performances. As for the team, we didn't do so well but we hope to do much better next year," sophomore Karla Dinsmoore said.

The track season ended with the state meet at Bangor John Glenn High School. Houghton Lake was represented by five boys and nine girls in the competition. Unfortunately, the outcome reflected the trend set throughout the year as the Bobcats came home empty handed.

Vince Brown

RECORD-SETTING FORM.

On her way to a record-breaking season, sophomore Shanon Blankenship flies over the hurdle in the 330 meter race. Shanon shattered her own record of 52.96 seconds with a time of 48.7 seconds in the 330 low hurdles. She also tied the high jump record of five feet. Photo by Karen Cronin.



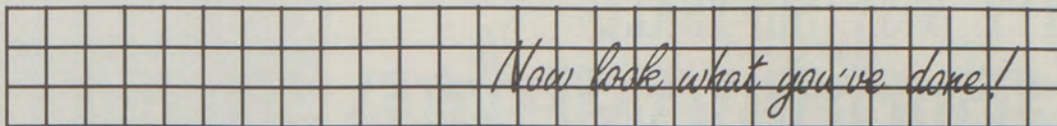
LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

With one giant leap, second-year long jumper sophomore Bob Miller gives the team his best effort. Bob's best jump was 17 feet six inches. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



SETTING THE PACE.

Finishing first in yet another 440 meter dash, senior Todd Fisher approaches the line in one of his three state qualifying events. The others were the 220 meter dash and 800 meter relay. Todd received all-conference status with his performance in the 220 and 440 competitions. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



CONDITION CRITICAL

The season is finally over. No more after-school practices. For some, the off-season is a time to rest and wait for the next season to begin. Others take advantage of this time and stay in shape so they are ready when the season starts again.

"I try to run and lift weights during the summer so I'll be ready for football, but it is hard when no one is pushing you," sophomore Josh

Martin said.

When the seasons do begin again, coaches agree the edge will go to those who use the time the best.

"The best teams are the ones that train all year. The advantage will definitely go to the teams that have off-season conditioning and weight-lifting programs," concluded j.v. football and varsity softball Coach Mr. Jack Kramer.



BOYS TRACK:

Front Row: Greg Smith, Roddy Henning, Tony Muma, Rick Forman, Eric Noonan, Corey Hacker, Bud Meier, Joe Gonzalez, Tim

Greene, Coach Byron Townsend.

Back Row: Mark Wierzbicki, Barry Phillips, John Hines, Ted Quiney, Todd Fisher, Tom Blanchard, Josh Martin, Calvin Caster.



GIRLS TRACK:

Front Row: DeDe Johnson, Deb Blodgett, Suprena Wilson, Shari Eckstorm, Nancy Rigling, Kathe Mercer, Karla Dinsmoore, Nanette Terschluse, Coach Jim

Johnson. **Back Row:** Carrie Mieske, Heidi French, Jodi Miller, Pam Phillips, Stacy Eckstorm, Maria Ignat, Jeneen Piche, Cindi Pacini, Shannon Blankenship.

Setting the
RECORD
Straight

GIRLS TRACK

HL		
71	Oscoda	75
71	Hale	18
28	Meridian	97
77	Clare	48
81	Farwell	44
63	Beaverton	65
81	Roscommon	47
60	Coleman	68
85	Harrison	42

Invitationals:

Kalkaska: 6th
Oscoda: 4th

Regionals: 6th

OVERALL RECORD: 5-4
CONFERENCE RECORD:
4-3
**CONFERENCE STAND-
ING: 4**

Setting the
RECORD
Straight

BOYS TRACK

HL		
73	Oscoda	57
73	Hale	45
105	Meridian	32
99	Farwell	37
47	Clare	90
70	Beaverton	67
74	Roscommon	63
93	Harrison	44
94	Coleman	43

Invitationals:

Kalkaska: 3rd

Regionals: 6th

Conference: 2nd

OVERALL RECORD: 8-1
CONFERENCE RECORD:
6-1
**CONFERENCE STAND-
ING: 2**

VARSITY & J.V. SOFTBALL

DOWN *the* MIDDLE

J.V. AND VARSITY SHARE SPLIT RECORDS

IN LATE-STARTING SEASON

Ready and waiting. And wait they did. When snow and rain postponed their first four games, the j.v. and varsity softball teams gained extra practice time. They seemed ready to start. But were they?

"We could use the practice. Even though the first few games were cancelled because of the cold weather, I don't think that it affected our season or attitude,"

freshman Rosemary Servas said.

The junior varsity started their delayed season by tying the first game against Cadillac but going on to win only three other games. The rest of the season resulted in consecutive losses until the final game against Harrison.

For the 13 girls on varsity, their first contest against West Branch resulted in one loss and one win. This set

the pattern for the season. Although they beat Beaverton both times in regular season play, in the pre-district contest the Bobcats lost to the Beavers, 10-11.

"Our attitudes were bad because we had beaten them the first time and it was toward the end of the season," junior Tammy Winchel said.

At season's close the Jackpine Conference

recognized junior Kim Dinsmoore and senior Leslie Brown as all-conference for their pitching as well as their outfield abilities.

Kristin Dery

STRIKE!

Firing right on down the middle, freshman Gabby Calkins (6) pitches to freshman catcher Christen Moore (11). Gabby and Christen composed two-thirds of the all-freshman pitching rotation for the j.v. team. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





STRUTTING HER STUFF.

On a predominantly freshman j.v. team, freshman Sherie Cole (12) proves she can play with the big girls as she rounds second base after a hit against Harrison. Sherie was one of 11 freshman on the 14-girl j.v. roster. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

STOP, THIEF!

Inching her way off first base, junior Theresa Jammer (10) gets an edge over her Beaverton opponents as she prepares to rob second during a varsity contest. A three-year softball veteran, Theresa played third base and shortstop throughout the season. Photo by Jodi Miller.



Setting the
RECORD
Straight

JV SOFTBALL

HL	Team	Record
8	West Branch	17
10	West Branch	15
27	Roscommon	10
18	Roscommon	12
0	Coleman	17
0	Coleman	16
19	Farwell	2
9	Farwell	8
2	Beaverton	11
5	Beaverton	7
4	Clare	16
2	Clare	16
9	Meridian	13
8	Meridian	29
4	Cadillac	17
6	Cadillac	28
13	Harrison	19
5	Harrison	13

OVERALL RECORD: 4-17
CONFERENCE RECORD:
4-10
CONFERENCE STAND-
ING: 4

VARSITY SOFTBALL

HL	Team	Record
2	West Branch	12
18	West Branch	2
16	Roscommon	14
6	Roscommon	23
1	Coleman	7
13	Coleman	21
1	Farwell	23
9	Farwell	11
11	Beaverton	1
11	Beaverton	8
6	Clare	10
0	Clare	9
11	Meridian	17
8	Meridian	4
10	Beaverton	11
3	Harrison	6
7	Harrison	9

OVERALL RECORD: 4-13
CONFERENCE RECORD:
4-10
CONFERENCE STAND-
ING: 5

Now look what you've done!

ARE WE THERE YET?

What's the worst part about playing sports? Some would say the practices, others would say the long bus rides.

In conference play the average bus ride lasted about 45 minutes. For tournament play, bus rides could take two hours.

Meridian proved the most unpopular destination because of the 70 mile, 90 minute bus ride. "I hate the ride to Meridian. It takes forever and the only thing to do is listen to my headphones," junior Kim Dinsmoore said.



J.V. SOFTBALL:

Front Row: Tricia Turner, Rosemary Servas, Michele Dusseau, Christen Moore, Gabby Calkins, Bernice Fischer, Kristy Ackley. **Back Row:** Greta Soderman, Stephanie Parrott, Sara Woodwyk, Tina Allen, Sherie Cole, Tina Sawyer, Amy Southwell.



VARSITY SOFTBALL:

Front Row: Tammy Winchel, Missy Boyersmith, Theresa Jammer, Karen Cronin, Jodie Ostrom. **Back Row:** Kim Dinsmoore, Tami Bowman, Leslie Brown, Kellie Stevens, Missy Shipp, Birgitt Oehler

VARSITY & J.V. BASEBALL

COMING *from the* TOP

PLAYER SHUFFLES CAUSE LACK

OF CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE

With the start of the 1986 season, the j.v. and varsity baseball teams took on a different look. Both teams received new coaches. Mr. Mike Blasky who had coached j.v. baseball previously took on the varsity team. Mr. Greg Waller, a softball umpire, became the j.v. coach.

"I liked Mr. Waller as a coach because he wanted everyone to play and have a good time," sophomore Brian

Morgan said.

Players felt the change in coaching helped the j.v. to a 13-7 season which was "an improvement over last year, to say the least," sophomore Paul Betz said.

The varsity team had the same attitude, but lack of pitching strength hampered their efforts. "Mr. Blasky wanted everyone to have a good time and play, but with injuries to our pitchers it just didn't work out," senior

Andy Sussex said.

In fact, both squads suffered from lack of pitchers, attempting to solve the problem by shuffling players. At mid-season starting sophomore pitchers Joe Loiacano and Nick Schleede moved to the varsity, but returned to j.v. towards the end of the season. "Without consistent pitching, no team can be a winner," junior Sheridan Cole said.

"I think that next year

should be a good year because then we will have a fairly large pitching staff," junior Dick Witfoth said.

Mark Williams

PITCHING FOR THE STRIKEOUT. Holding the team high in strikeouts at 13, sophomore Nick Schleede (16) winds up for one of his nine strikeouts against Harrison. One of several players who shifted positions, Nick moved up to varsity and then back down to junior varsity during the season. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Getting their signals straight, junior catcher Jim O'Toole (12) talks with senior pitcher Andy Sussex (9) about pitching signals. "Rosco picked up our signals and were letting their batters know what pitch was coming," Andy said. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

COSTLY MISTAKE.

After a single into right field, the Harrison opponent advances to second base on an error. Freshman second baseman Steve Mieske (13) covers second while also going three for three at the plate, contributing to Houghton Lake's 9-6 victory over Harrison. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



MAKING THE GRADE

Athletics present a physical challenge to every participant. They require the athlete to stay in shape to meet the challenge of the sport.

Although a lot of athletes meet and accomplish this task, the one they often neglect is academics.

Keeping up grades, whether in high school or college, is demanding in

J.V. BASEBALL:

Front Row: Mark Williams, Dave Melloh, Vince Brown, Jon Cohee, Dan Foreman, Steve Mieske, Paul Betz, Tom Winchel, Nick Schleede.

Back Row: Ron Wiggins, Kurt Bisballe, Brady Bigford, Brian Morgan, Pete O'Toole, Bill Jammarr, Jason Ripke, Shawn Sullivan, Rich Browning, Mark Head.



Now look what you've done!

itself. When you participate in sports, practice along with games can take quite a bit of time.

Keeping grades up during a sport season doesn't just mean passing. School eligibility rules require that athletes maintain at least a C+ average in five classes. "I think that it is a good idea to have to maintain a certain level in academics, because sports aren't forever," junior Kellie Stevens said.

VARSITY BASEBALL:

Front Row: Ted Schuneman, Tom Sohn, Bubba Nasser, Ron Elliot, Sheridan Cole. **Back Row:** Matt Loos, Bob Dilts, Bob Marsh, Joe Loiacano, Richard Wiffoth.



Setting the
RECORD
Straight

JV BASEBALL

H.L.		
10	West Branch	5
8	West Branch	4
11	Roscommon	4
8	Roscommon	9
6	Coleman	1
0	Coleman	4
7	Farwell	5
2	Farwell	11
0	Beaverton	1
7	Beaverton	3
1	Clare	0
3	Clare	1
6	Meridian	12
2	Meridian	12
9	Cadillac	6
6	Cadillac	0
0	Harrison	3
3	Harrison	2

OVERALL RECORD 13-7
CONFERENCE RECORD:
11-7
CONFERENCE STAND-
ING: 3

VARSITY BASEBALL

H.L.		
7	West Branch	3
7	West Branch	6
1	Roscommon	3
5	Roscommon	1
3	Coleman	5
1	Coleman	14
11	Farwell	1
1	Farwell	9
9	Beaverton	2
4	Beaverton	6
1	Clare	18
7	Clare	6
7	Meridian	8
15	Meridian	8
10	Harrison	0
10	Harrison	0

OVERALL RECORD: 9-8
CONFERENCE RECORD:
7-7
CONFERENCE STAND-
ING: 6

A Matter of

COMPETING

GO FISH!

School-oriented sports don't suit all people. We call students participating in school sports "jocks." But what do we call students involved in sports outside of school?

Non-competitive sports provided just as much challenge as school's organized sports and many students considered them more enjoyable. "I love to bowl. You get the same type of competition and getting away from the school atmosphere is really relaxing," senior Ron Elliott said. "You're your own coach."

For many students, non-competitive sports offered another distinct advantage over high school athletics. Leisure sports continue after

high school and can be played throughout our lifetime, unlike high school competition.

Students didn't just participate in either non-competitive sports or high school sports. Many students played high school athletics and participated in non-competitive sports as a favorite pastime.

"Although I enjoy participating in high school sports such as cheerleading and gymnastics, I also enjoy

fishing. Ever since I can remember, fishing has been a way for me to compete against something besides other athletes. It's me and the fish all the way," junior Jammie Pielak said.

So do we call these students active in non-competitive sports "jocks"? "I don't think people involved in non-competitive sports should be called jocks. Jocks is just a term for high school athletics," sophomore Mike Burgis said.

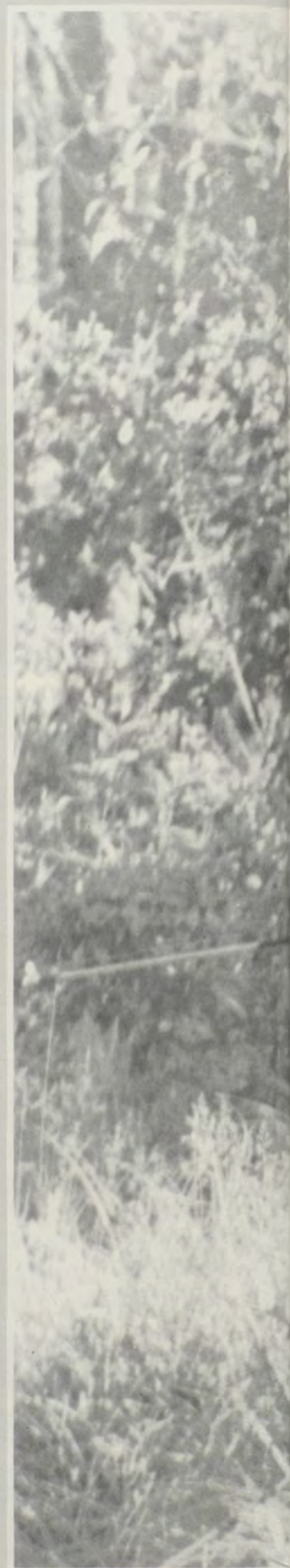
Jodi Miller

SERVING UP SOME FUN.

With three public tennis court locations in the area, students found it easy to find an unoccupied place to play. Sophomore Vince Brown, who began playing this spring, liked the sport because he found it relaxing. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

STRIKE!

After his release, senior Ron Elliott watches the ball curve down the lane. Ron bowled on Saturday bowling leagues at Northway Lounge and Lanes, averaging 146 per game. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



PLAYING HOOKY.

Getting away from the school-day routine, juniors Eddy Zarzyski and Keith Keller spend an evening at their favorite fishing spot. Unlike

some students who fish on Houghton Lake, Eddy and Keith go to Wackolodge to catch their trophies. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

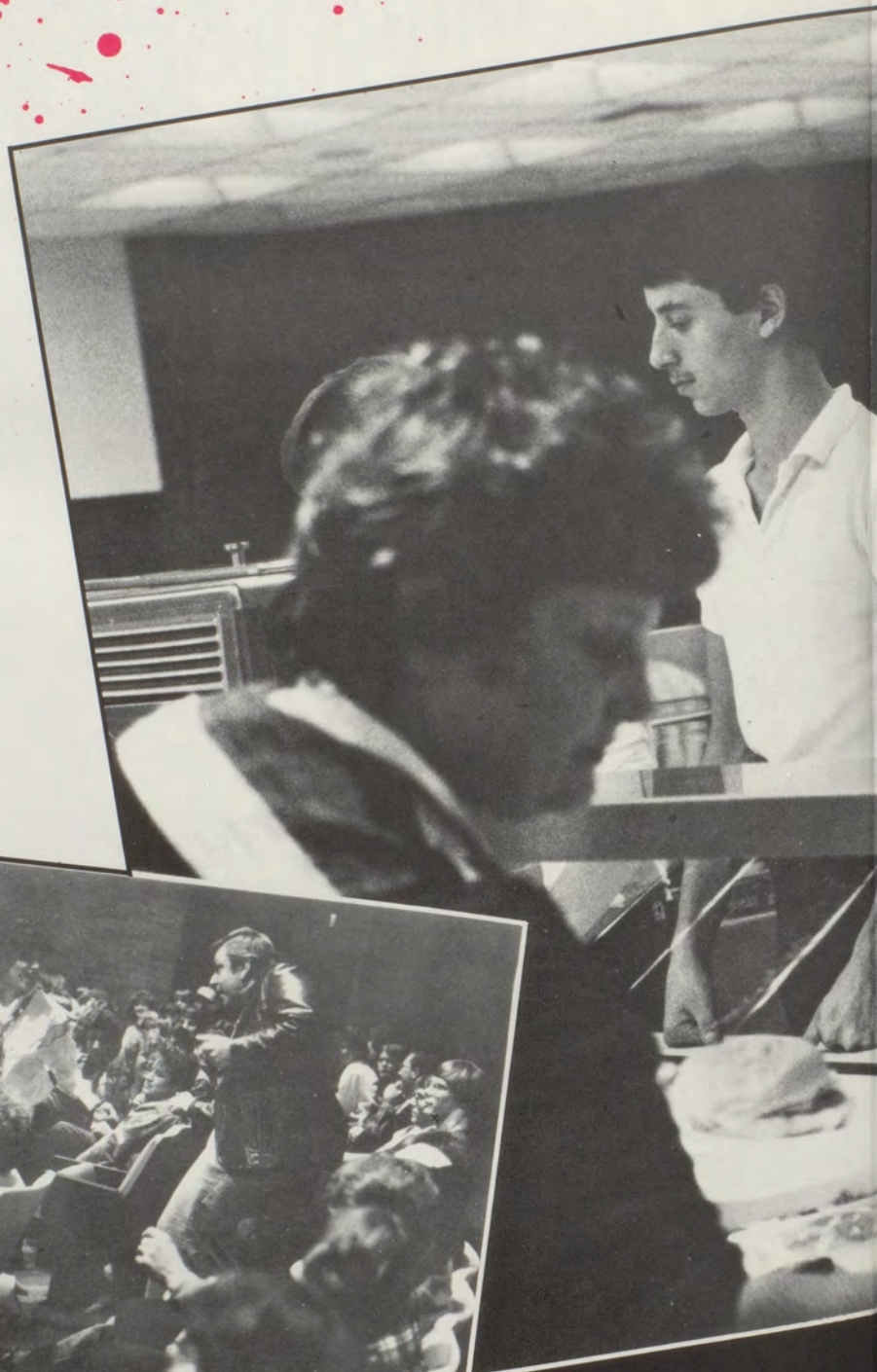


People

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”

Kim Rzycki
senior



Reminiscing old dance moves, math teacher Mr. Ralph Sedore struts his stuff during the assembly where "Legacy" played. The band, a Christian rock group from Columbus, Ohio, is getting their start by performing for high school students. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

Who do you think you are?

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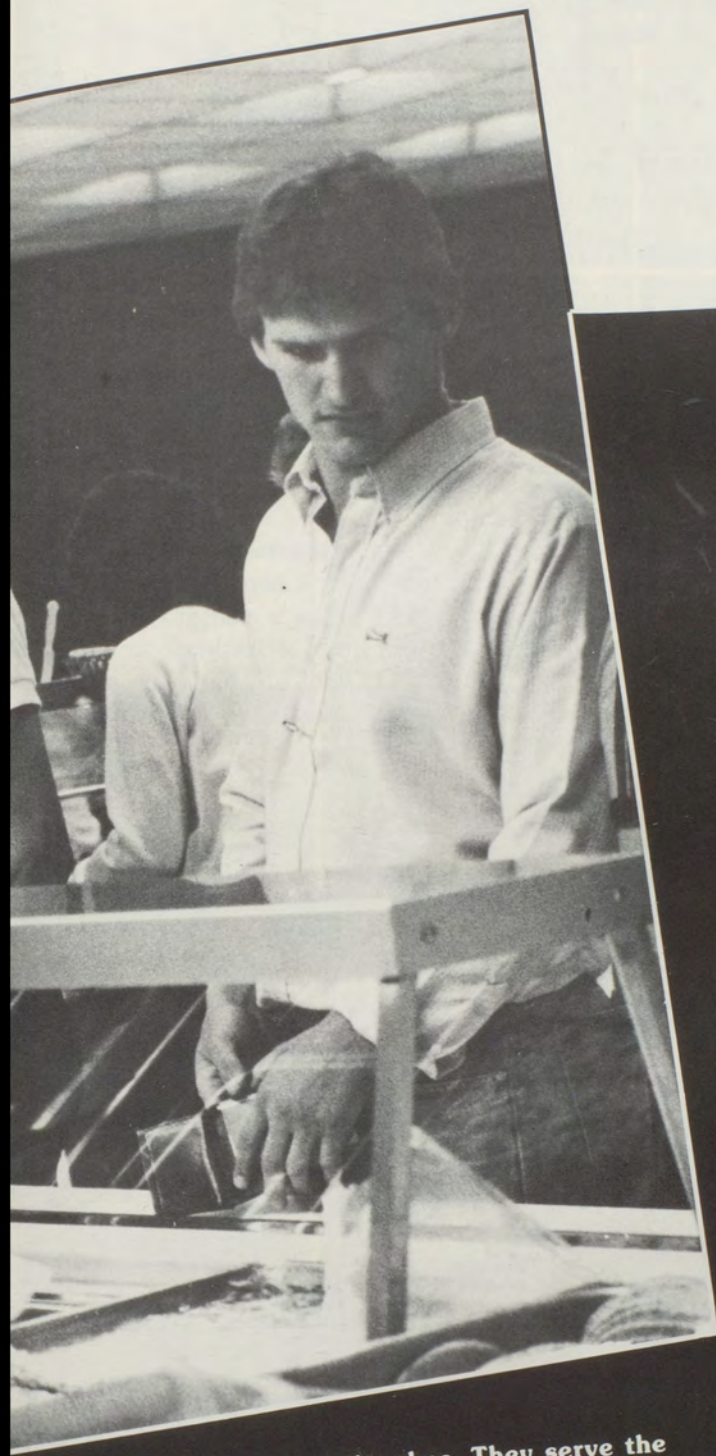
A quarter of you labeled yourselves as jocks, an eighth as a burnout, but over half of you considered yourselves normal. So where do you fit in?

Were you one of the students who went to Florida for spring break?

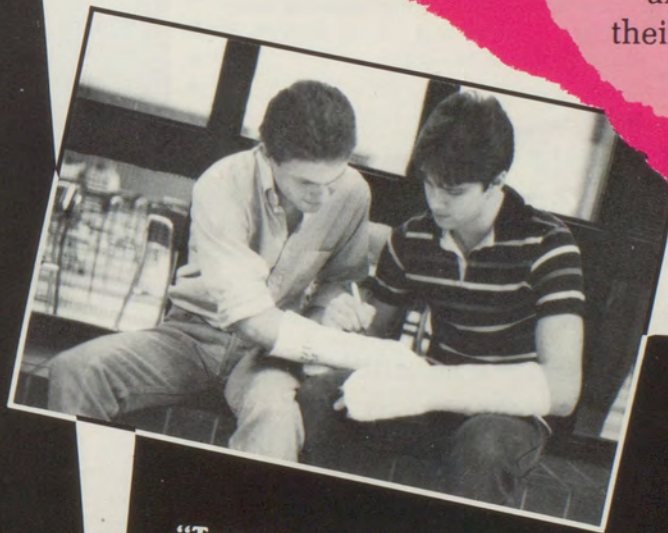
Were you one who arrived at school earlier than your friends?

Were you one of the 68 percent of students who bought a class ring?

Check out the next 32 pages to find out about you, your friends and your teachers. You'll see who you think you are from your viewpoint and theirs.



"I can't stand the school lunches. They serve the same greasy food everyday," complained senior Chad Turner. Sticking his nose up at the choice of four entrees served by cafeteria worker Sue Corner, Chad tries to find something to suit his tastes. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



"Tempers seem to always get you in trouble!" agreed seniors Chip Stead and Shawn Sensor. Both Chip and Shawn broke their hands in temper related incidents. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

RECRUIT PURSUIT

Colleges, specialty schools and armed service recruiters all bombard seniors to make up their minds, adding to pressures

It's finally here!

After waiting for four years to become seniors, students discovered that along with the territory came added pressures.

What are you going to do with your life? Will you go to college or begin a career? How will you make your money? Year after year, the same questions.

Some seniors already had those questions answered. "After high school I plan to live on my own. College is too far out of reach for me. My long term plan is to work at Consumers Power, but in the meantime I'll have to strug-

gle to support myself," senior Jeff Burns said.

Not all seniors planned on joining the work force right after graduation. For those not immediately beginning a career, there was the decision of whether or not to go to college. With college came an added pressure of deciding which to attend and what major to choose.

"There's a school in Florida that specializes in fashion merchandising that I was really interested in, but it's a matter of money and distance between school and home that makes the

difference to me when deciding on a college," senior Kim Rzycki said.

Financial problems pressured seniors to look for college funding. Many applied for the 55 available scholarships.

With the pressures came the realization that being a senior wasn't all fun. "It's tough being a senior. It's hard to keep your mind on school work when you want to goof off, have fun and party your last year in school," senior Tina Bailey said.

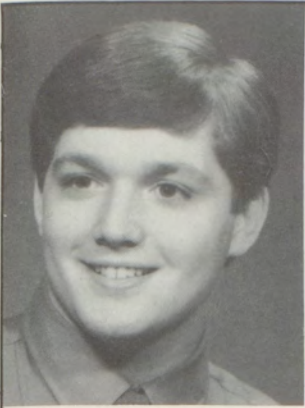
Denice Doepker

"I WASN'T REALLY INTERESTED in the Air Force. The recruiter actually approached me and I figured it wouldn't hurt to hear what he had to say," senior Lisa Anderson said. Recruiters from colleges, military academies and the armed services all tried their luck at gaining students' interest by visiting the school and calling students at home. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

"I was looking forward to being a senior. I had no idea college and financial aid would be such a hassle."

Senior Matt McClellan





Christopher Anderson: Football 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4

Lisa M. Anderson

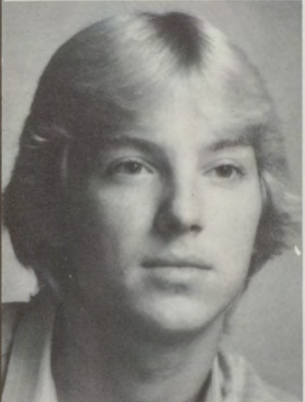
Mary A. Bakara: Track 1,2; Cheerleading 1,2,3; Varsity Club 1,2,3; Ski Club 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Class Secretary 3



Tina Marie Balley: Cheerleading 1,2; Varsity Club 1,2,3; Ski Club 1,2,3,4

Janee Frances Barclay: Gymnastics 1,2,3; Student Senate 2

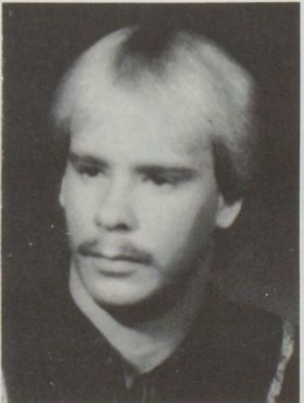
Kristina Renee Baughn: Choir 1,2,3,4



Eric Bauknecht

Terry Beaver: Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1; Track 1; Spanish Club 1; Ski Club 1,2,3,4

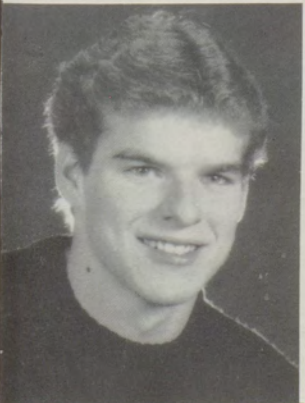
Tami Jo Bowman: Softball 1,2,3,4; (All-Conference Honorable Mention 3); Gymnastics 2,3,4; Cheerleader 1; Band 1,2; NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Class Vice-President 1; Class Treasurer 3; Student Senate Vice-President 3; Student Senate President 4



Leslie Ann Brown: Basketball 2,3; Softball 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading 1; Yearbook Staff 2; Choir 4; Ski Club 4; Class Treasurer 2

Jeff Burns: Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Ski Club 2,3,4

James Burnside: Football 1; Ski Club 1,2



Charles M. Cabay: Track 1; Band 1,2; Ski Club 1,2,3,4

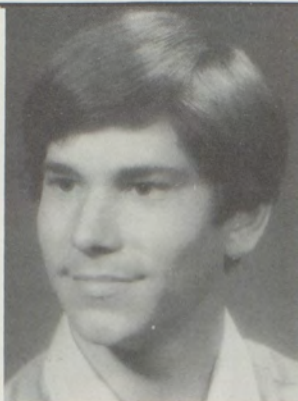
Brian Carrick

Missy Cohee

James D. Decker: Football 1; Ski Club 2,3

Jeffrey Steven Denboer

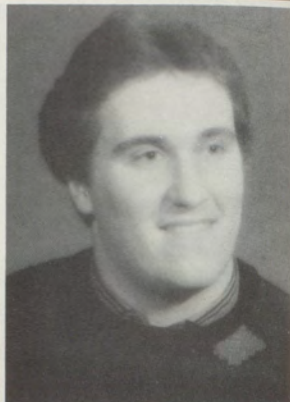
Robert J. Dilts: Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; (All-Conference First Team 3)



Denice Marie Doepker: Track 1; Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 2,3; Yearbook Staff 4; NHS 2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3; Homecoming Court 1; Class Treasurer 1

Stacy Ekstrom: Basketball 1,2,3,4; (All-Conference Honorable Mention 3,4); Track 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading 1,2; Varsity Club 1,2,3; Yearbook Staff 3,4 (Editor 4); NHS 2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4; Class President 1,3; Class Vice-President 4

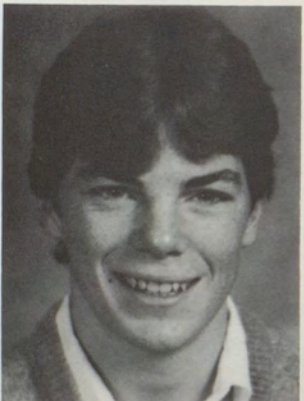
Ron L. Elliott: Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 3



Michael Deloss Farrier: Football 1,2; Track 3; Drama 2

Joseph C. Fick: Baseball 2,3; Track 1

Todd Fisher: Football 1,2,3,4; (All-Conference First Team 2,3,4); Basketball 1,2,3,4 (All-Conference First Team 3); Track 1,2,3,4 (All-Conference First Team 1,2,3; All-State 3); Varsity Club 2,3; NHS 2,3,4



Caraly Ann Foreman: Softball 3; Drama 3; Spanish Club 2,3,4

Kristopher E. Gawthrop: Football 4; Ski Club 4

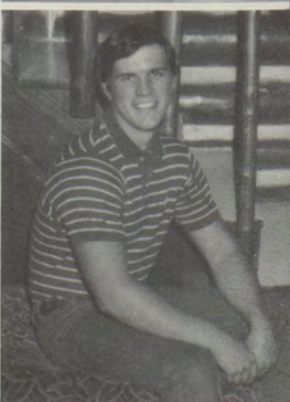
Wayne Hall



Janice Marie Harrison: Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading 1,2; Yearbook Staff 4; Band 1,2; NHS 2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4

Cheryl Hinds: Choir 4

Arthur J. Hunt



UNDERSTUDIES

Seniors preparing for college discover they have to study hard to assume the role of freshmen once again

Your senior year--"The best year of high school," according to senior Spencer Soderman. As students entered this "best year of high school," they also entered a new era: the college era.

"Most seniors already have the credits that they need, so they begin preparing for college by taking college courses at Kirtland or enroll in co-op to earn money for college," senior Mark Wierzbicki said. "You start just by making sure your grades are up," senior Stacy Eckstorm added.

This seemed to be the major concern among most seniors, whether they liked it or not. "During your senior year, people really don't feel like worrying about grades, but that is really the time when you should, because it could really

mess up the college plans," senior Troy Winchel said.

Besides keeping the grades up, seniors applied for scholarships and financial aid for college, along with taking college courses at community colleges like Kirtland.

But colleges provided only one alternative for graduates. Some choose the Armed Forces as another. "I think that the service is easier to prepare for because the main thing you have to do to get there is just get in shape and keep the grades up," commented senior Brian Trader.

Whatever the future had in store for seniors, they worked on keeping their final year the best one yet.

Mark Williams

"The most important thing to do to prepare for college is to make sure that you don't slack off during your senior year."

Senior Andy Sussex



KENDALL SCHOOL OF DESIGN in Grand Rapids offers another option for graduates. Kendall representative Michelle Branick gives a slide presentation to Mr. Tom Rachilla's art classes. During lunch and after school, she talked to interested juniors and seniors about tuition and financial aid. Photo by Karen Cronin.

SIBLING WEEKEND AT CMU, March 15-17, offered brothers, sisters and friends a chance to take a closer look at college life by visiting their siblings. Visiting 1985 graduate Mark Souder's room, senior Andy Sussex and junior Jeff Thompson make themselves at home in the dorm. Mark and Jeff's brother, 1985 graduate Steve Thompson, shared a room at Central. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

Chad Jobin

Pat Johnson: Spanish Club 3; Ski Club 1,2,3,4

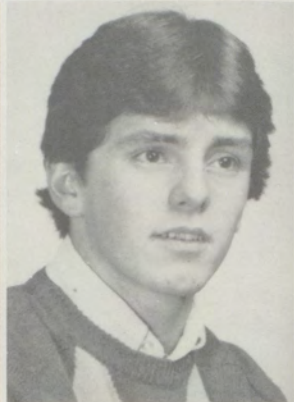
Chris Kauffman



Michelle Kilbourn: Spanish Club 1

Chris Kingman: Football 1,2,4

James Knapp



Edward Allen Korbinski III: Football 1; Ski Club 4

Jane Elizabeth Kronner: Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Yearbook Staff 2,3,4 (Editor 4); NHS 2,3,4 (Secretary 3,4); Spanish Club 1,2; Ski Club 1, 2,3,4; NHS Secretary 3,4; Yearbook Editor 4

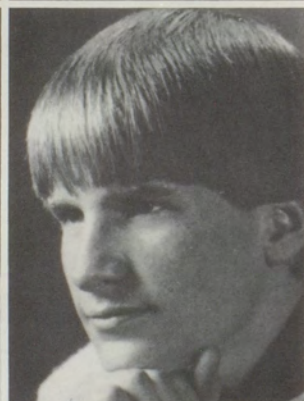
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Robert P. Lucus

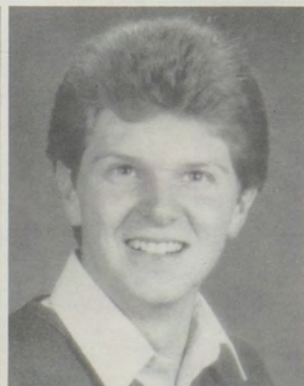
Annette MacKenzie: Basketball 1; Softball 1,2; Choir 1



Rob Mason: Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Varsity Club 1, 2,3; Spanish Club 2; Ski Club 1,2,3,4

Matthew W. McClellan: Golf 1,2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4

Mary Ann McGregor: Spanish Club 1; Ski Club 1,2,3,4



SPRING FLOOD

Thoughts of warm weather draw staggering numbers
to Florida for spring break

The first sign of spring: people from everywhere flooding to Florida for spring break to get a piece of the action and sun. According to newscasts, magazines and returning vacationers, Florida was the hotspot for Spring Break '86.

"Massive amounts of people! I couldn't believe all of the people in Florida. Even natives said it was the biggest rush of kids to Florida in years!" said senior Mary Bakara who went twice, once for the Daytona 500 and again for Easter.

Much of the nation's attention

focused on the deaths that occurred in Fort Lauderdale and Daytona during the weeks of college and high school breaks in March. A total of five deaths occurred just as a result of kids drinking and attempting to jump from balcony to balcony.

"I wasn't in Daytona or Fort Lauderdale. I was in Stuart with my parents but I still heard a lot about the deaths. Every night it was either on the local or national news. The news gave the stories a lot of coverage because there have never been this many deaths over spring break before," sen-

ior Janice Harrison said.

The deaths didn't slow down the steady stream of traffic and tourists going to Florida, however. "I didn't think it was as bad as everyone said it was. I only heard of one girl dying while I was down there. There were tons of people down there regardless of the publicity it got. I don't think it hurt the number of high school and college kids going down there at all. The place was swarming with people!" senior Andy Sussex said.

Denice Doepker

"THE CROWDS WERE RIDICULOUS! We had to wait in line for a half of an hour to get into Space Mountain!" junior Phil Spicer said. Phil, along with 13 other Spanish Club members took two days off school to go on a four day expedition to Florida's Disney World and Epcot Center at the end of April. Photo by Dolores Frever.

"The number of people down there was incredible. When we got there, it was all stop and go traffic down main street because of all the kids lining the roadside. It was all just one great party."

Senior Ted Schuneman



PICKY PEOPLE

With 12 years of experience behind them, seniors develop discriminating tastes concerning traditions exclusive to them

Senior year.

One hundred and twenty-two students had waited for it, prayed for it and finally it was here. This special year marked a time for special traditions reserved for seniors only.

These included buying senior announcements and getting senior pictures taken. With 12 previous years of posing behind them, senior pictures represented just one more thing that had to get done.

"Getting my senior pictures taken was just another thing that had to be done. It really wasn't something that I looked forward to," senior Ann Walsh said.

High school traditions like class rings

SENIORS SHARED senior picture proofs with each other early in the year to aid them in selecting poses to order. During girls basketball practice, Stacy Eckstorm shows her first set to classmate Ted Schuneman. Photo by Karen Cronin.

"I would rather have skip day because you could do anything you wanted instead of going somewhere we've been before and go by the school rules."

Senior Michele McLain

and yearbooks had been a part of life for years. But somehow senior traditions remained special.

"Even though these traditions seem boring, I think everyone looks forward to them because of the excitement of graduation," senior Bob Marsh said.

One senior tradition got seniors especially excited: skip day. On this day, traditionally a Friday in late May, teachers always threatened to hurt grades if a student skipped. Many paid no attention to this and skipped anyway. The major objection to the custom involved the fact that underclassmen felt justified to skip as well.

"I think only seniors should be allowed to skip because it is our day

and the others will eventually get their chance when they are seniors," senior Kris Gawthrop said.

In a survey, students were asked if they would rather have the traditional skip day or a newer custom, a one-day senior trip to Cedar Point. Sixty-one percent preferred the skip day.

"I would rather have skip day because it's not worth the money for a one-day senior trip," senior Sean Burney said.

As plans progressed for the Cedar Point trip, many seniors made plans of their own, choosing to chance skip day consequences.

Kelly Coberley





Michele Lynn McLain: Softball 1; Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Ski Club 1,3

Jodi Lynn Miller: Basketball 1,2,3,4 (All-Conference First Team 3,4); Track 1,3,4; Varsity Club 1,2,3; Yearbook Staff 2,3,4 (Editor 4); Varsity Club 1,2,3; NHS 3,4; Student Senate 3; Yearbook Editor 4

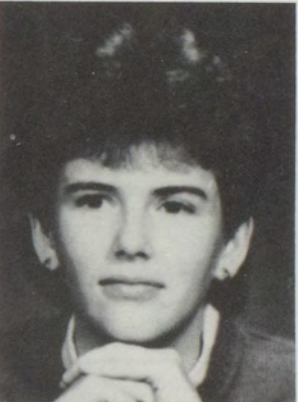
Marie C. Miller: Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; Spanish Club 1; Homecoming Court 2; Class Treasurer 2; NHS President 4



Michelle M. Miller: Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2,3; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; Spanish Club 1; Homecoming Court 4; Class Secretary 2,4

Kelin Muma: Choir 1,2; Ski Club 2

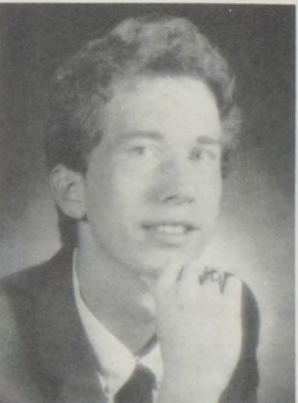
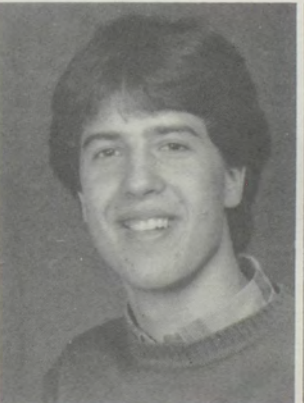
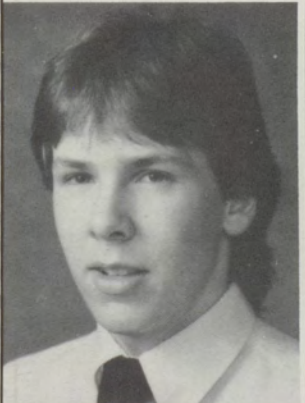
Robert C. Nasser: Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 3,4; Track 1,2; Choir 2



Birgitt B. Oehler: German Exchange Student 4; Softball 4; Gymnastics 4; Drama 4

Joseph G. Paille: Basketball 2,3; Track 2

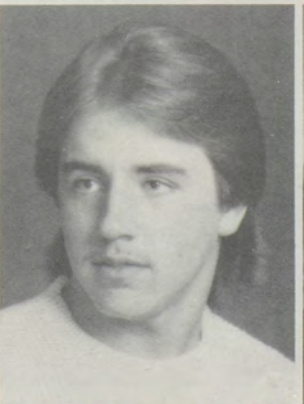
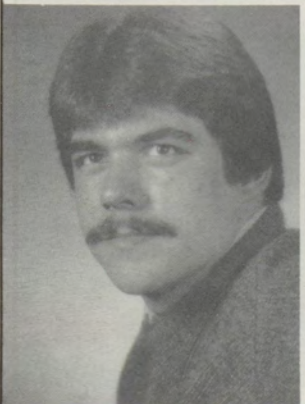
Pamela E. Phillips: Basketball 1; Track 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics 1



Tim Raymond: Track 1; Spanish Club 2; Ski Club 1,2,3

Dave Renaud: Ski Club 1,2,3

Greg Riedel: Basketball 2; Baseball 2



Heath Roberts

Andrew Robinson: Basketball 1,2

Nancy Rutterbush: Basketball 1; Softball 1; Choir 1,2

FROM THE HEART

A senior shares memories of his classmate and friend

Todd was the kind of person that nobody could hate. He would help you with any problem that you had. It didn't matter who it was either. He just enjoyed helping someone. Everyone that I knew called themselves Todd's friend. I never knew Todd to even have one enemy.

I remember when we were little, a group of us would get to feeling a little cocky so we would pick on people just to make them mad. Todd never did, though. He was there, but he never said much. He liked everyone and I know everyone liked him.

The thing I remember most about Todd and I is that we were always the

fiercest of competitors. Todd and I competed in everything that we did. We always wanted to out do the other. Todd and I would be playing a game and we would get mad at each other and try that much harder. The best thing about it, though, is afterwards we were best friends again and sometimes even closer. Todd and I were like a team you might say. We would take on any chore and have a great time doing it.

I remember the Friday night that he died. I was home getting ready to go out and I heard that Todd had been in an accident. At the time I was sure he was all right because I didn't think

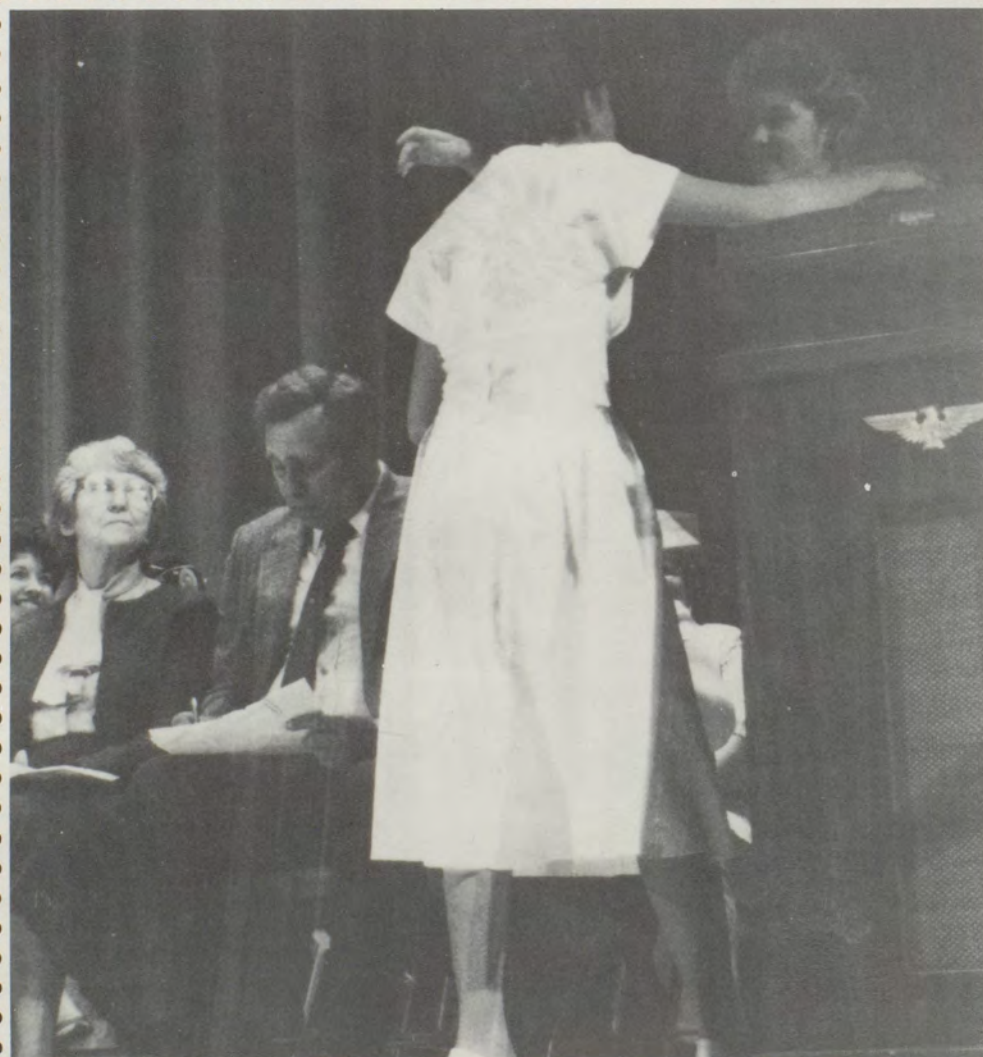
anything could hurt Todd. Then my stepbrother came over and told me that Todd was dead. I cried and I cried. I wanted to be there and I wanted to help. I kept saying, "I wanna help." My best friend was gone and I couldn't believe it. I just wanted to help.

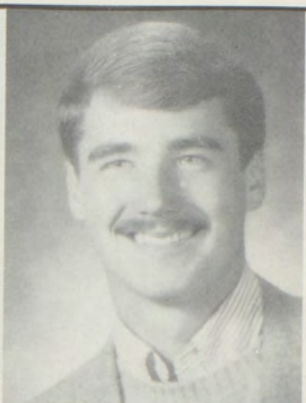
Todd Fisher

AFTER HIS death, Todd Carrick's family established a scholarship fund to be given one time only to the class with which Todd would have graduated. In receiving her scholarship, senior Stacy Eckstorm embraces 1984 graduate Kristy Carrick, Todd's sister, who presented the awards. Nine \$450 scholarships were given out to seniors who grew up with Todd at the May 22 awards assembly. Photo by Karen Cronin.

"Todd was one of those kids who had no enemies. He was friends with everyone.

Senior Ted Schuneman

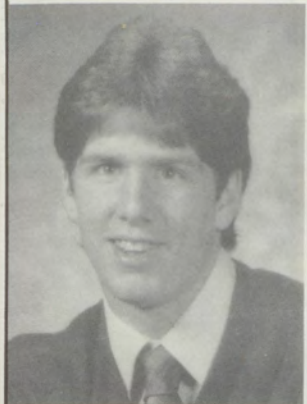




Kimberly A. Rzycki: Softball 1; Gymnastics 1; Cheer-leading 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 1,2,3; Student Senate 4

Linda Santy

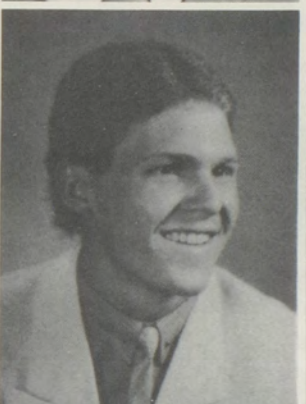
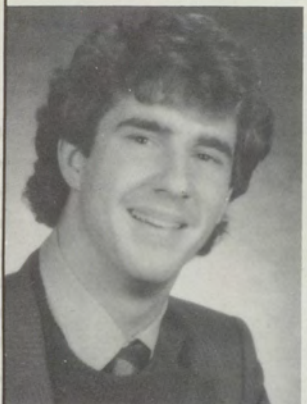
Theodore James Schuneman: Football 1; Basketball 1, 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Drama 2,3,4; Class President 2,4



Shawn Sensor

Maria Smith: Softball 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Ski Club 2

Spencer Michael Soderman: Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 1,2,3; Ski Club 1,2, 3,4



Tom Sohn: Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Ski Club 1, 2,3,4

Stacy Sue Southwell: Gymnastics 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,3; Newspaper Staff 2

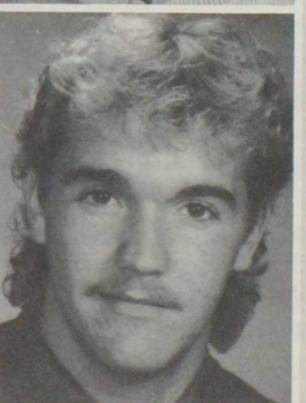
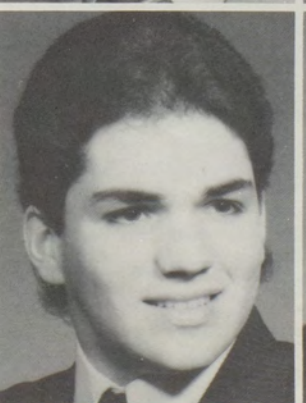
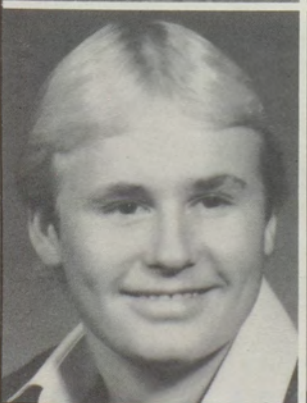
Ray Stead: Football 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2; Ski Club 1,2,3,4



Tim Steimlosk: Track 1

Jeff Stewart: Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3

Kelly Straight: Softball 1,2; Drama 4; Choir 1,2; NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4 (Vice-President 3; President 4); Student Senate 2,3,4



Kenneth Todd Streeter: Ski Club 3,4

Andrew Sussex: Football 1,2,3,4 (All Conference 4); Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 3; Ski Club 2,3

Todd Suzor: Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 1,2,3; Ski Club 2

Douglas A. Swartz: Golf 1,2; Basketball 1; NHS 3,4;
Class Vice-President 3; Class Treasurer 4

Rose Taylor: Track 1; Choir 1,2,4; Spanish Club 1

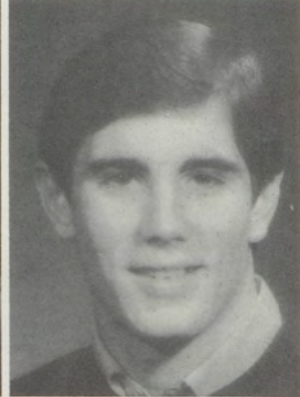
Diane Tilford



Kim Toms: Track 1

John Tornow

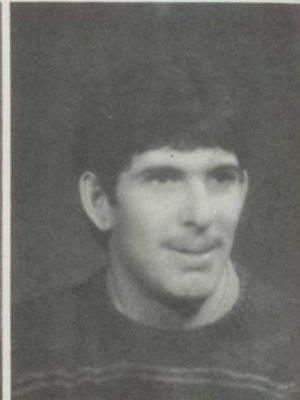
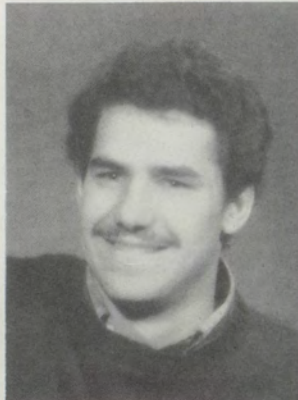
Brian Scott Trader: Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2



Chad E. Turner: Football 1,2,4; Basketball 1; Baseball
1,2,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4

Pete VandenBos: Football 2; Basketball 1

Brian K. Wallington: Track 2,3; Ski Club 2,3



Ann Walsh: Cheerleading 1

Mark Wierzbicki: Baseball 2; Track 4

Troy A. Winchel: Golf 2,3; Track 1; Ski Club 1,2,3,4



SENIORS NOT PICTURED:

Sean M. Bell: Football 2,4; Spanish Club 1,2;
Ski Club 2,3

Sean T. Burney: Ski Club 1,2,3,4

Andy Burns: Football 1,2,3,4; Track 2,4

Suellyn Delleree: Choir 3; Ski Club 2

Dean T. Farley: Choir 4; Band 1; Ski Club 4

David Foulkes: Football 1; Baseball 1

Debbie Head

Kurt Hill

John B. Hines: Track 1,2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4

Jim Hoover: Football 2; Baseball 2

Kim Kline: Choir 1,2

Matthew John Loos: Baseball 2,4

Bob Marsh: Football 1; Golf 2,3,4; Baseball
1,2,4

Matt Matthews: Choir 1; Ski Club 1,2,3

Rodney R. Nelson: Football 1; Ski Club 2

Eric Newcomb: Football 1,2

Ted Quiney: Football 2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 2,
3,4; Ski Club 3,4

Franklin Robert Roza: Football 1,2,4; Track 2,3,
4; Ski Club 4

Beth Silvola: Track 1

William L. Stead

Kevin Sypien: Football 1,2; Ski Club 1,2

Bob Tyo

Linda Ann Wollam

FINISHING TOUCHES

Seniors gain an extra day to make special preparations
for Sunday's graduation

Silence.

A hush fell over some ninety seniors during graduation practice Thursday afternoon as they waited for Principal Ron Szewczyk to make his last announcement. "There's been a rumor going around that seniors don't have school tomorrow. Well, it's true. Enjoy your day off!" Applause and cheers rang through the gymnasium as the final bell rang--the final high school bell

ever for these seniors.

"No one knew for sure whether Mr. Szewczyk was going to make us go Friday or not. I figure he was just holding it over our heads so everyone would be good Thursday," senior Ted Schuneman said.

Although all the senior welcomed Mr. Szewczyk's announcement, some felt it should have come earlier in the week. "No one knew whether to deco-

rate their cars for Thursday or Friday so the whole idea just went to pot," commented senior Ron Elliott.

Yet with all the excitement in the air Thursday afternoon, there came a certain hesitation. "I'm excited about finally graduating but I'm going to miss some of my friends and teachers I've had all these years," senior Kelin Muma said.

Janice Harrison



ONE TRADITION FOLLOWED by seniors on their last day of school is decorating cars. Crouched on top of his pick-up, senior Wayne Hall paints the hard-to-get places on his hood. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

“When you've been waiting for something for 13 years and it finally comes, it's bound to feel great!”

Senior Tina Balley

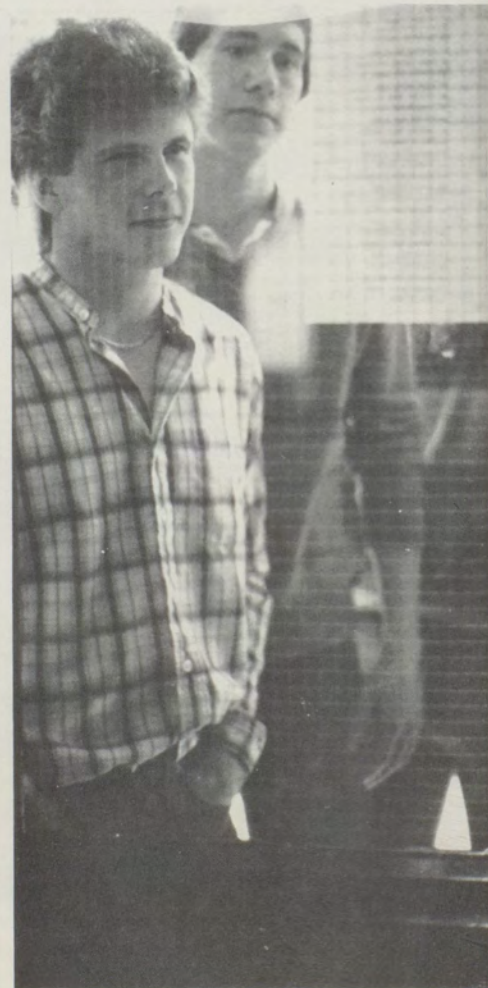
“The only thing worse than being seated alphabetically is having to eat liver.”

Junior Dina Witfoth

ACCORDING TO MR. MIKE BLASKY, helping freshman Nanette Terschluse in Freshman English, seating in alphabetical order helps maintain order and discipline. But 97 percent of students disliked this policy. Unfortunately, 55 percent of them sat that way in one or more classes. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



ONE OF THE MAIN places to socialize, the cafeteria boasts full tables on the first full day of school. “I wasn’t so eager to eat the school lunch again as I was to see my friends again,” said sophomore Lianne Bailey. Photo by Karen Cronin.



ONE OF THE FIRST questions when students return in September is “Where’s my homeroom?” Seniors Rob Mason and Greg Riedel check the homeroom list in the office window so they know where to report to pick up their class schedules. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

ROW WOES

Fitting in creates a challenge for everyone

.....
 from A to Z

Summer's over. Back to school.

Students showed up for the first day after a sleepless night, conversing about how they spent their summers and dressed in new socks, underwear, jeans and polo shirts.

Students crowded around the office windows to find out their homeroom. They strolled into classrooms and took a seat, trying to look cool while the same questions occupied most of their thoughts.

"What if I don't hear my name called, or worse, what if they don't call my name at all? What if no one I know is in any of my classes? What if I can't

get my locker open? What if I can't find the bathroom?"

"I sure do remember my first day," recalled freshman Dawn Beckwith. "I asked a senior how to get to my class and she sent me to the totally opposite side of the building."

Another fear associated with school came in the form of the dreaded alphabetical order used by teachers for everything from seating arrangements to giving oral reports. Students at the beginning and at the end of the alphabet held special opinions about this organizational system.

"It doesn't bother me that I'm usually

first," junior Becky Burdine said. "I like to get reports and stuff over with. Besides that, teachers usually grade easier on the first ones."

However, not everyone shared Becky's opinion. "I would rather be last than first," admitted freshman Jamey Yennior. "Being near the end of the list usually means I get to sit in the back of the room and get to do oral reports last, and that's great!"

Even the middle had its advantages. Junior Heidi Peshick pointed out one. "I'm never last and, even better, I'm never first."

Amy Jenkins

CROWD CONTROL

Who wants to get here early?

Students who do tell why

"I can't wait for the final bell of the day to ring, and I certainly could not stand getting here any earlier than I have to," sophomore Brad Gruber said.

This was the attitude of the majority of the students. So why do some students get here up to an hour before the first bell at 8:30 A.M.?

The consensus of the early birds was that they really had no choice. "I have to be here early because my bus is my only transportation here and it arrives at 8:00 A.M.," commented sophomore Brian Morgan.

Besides having to be here early due to the busses, some students that didn't

have a study hall elected to use the time before school to do homework or study for tests. "I have a full schedule which doesn't allow me any time during school to work on homework, so I use the time before school to my advantage," explained sophomore Missy Shipp.

Not all students that came early had things to get done. "I just come for the heck of it and to be with my friends," senior Jodi Miller said.

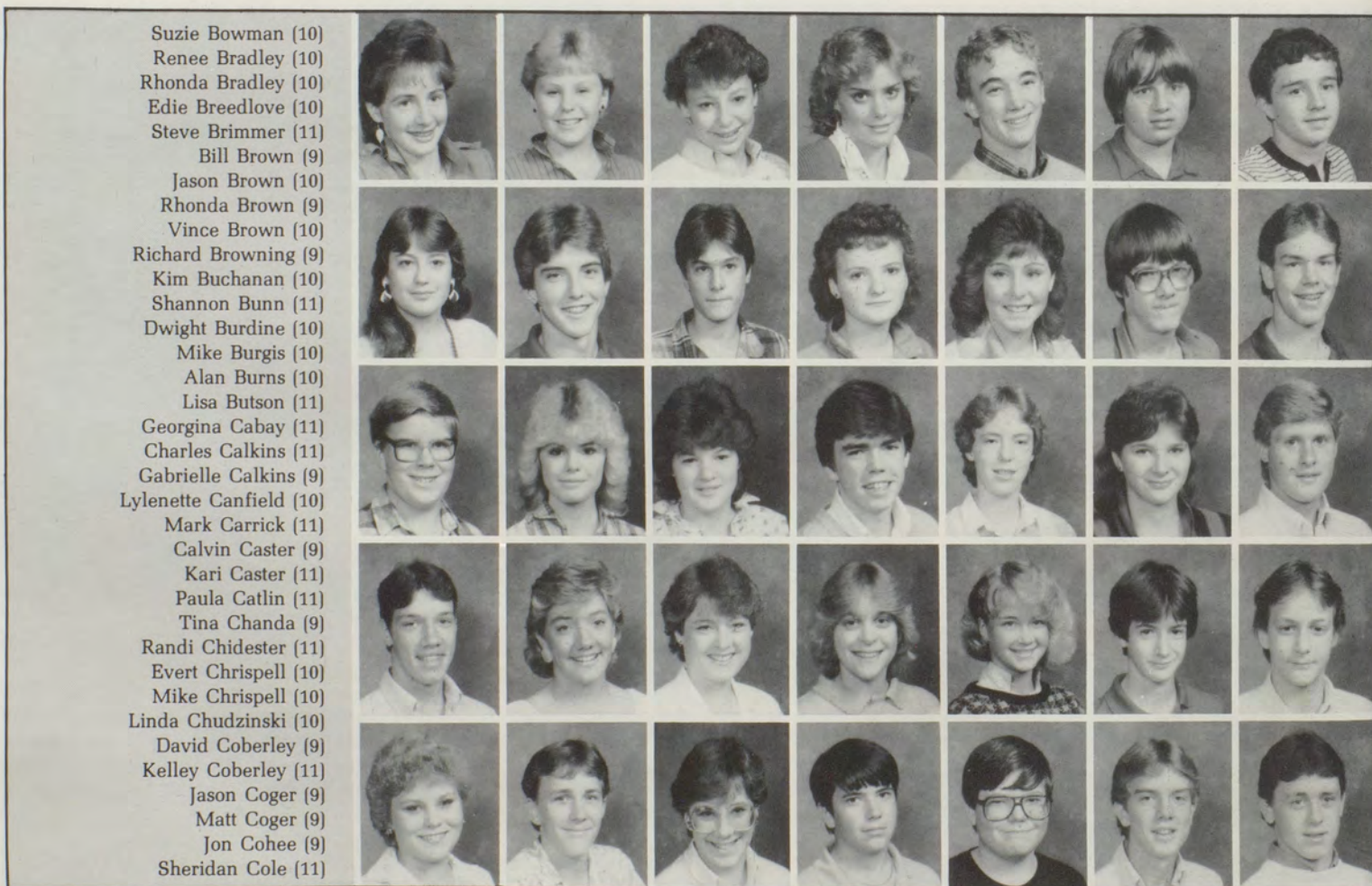
"I come just to see my friends, because during school there isn't any time to talk to them, and they don't live close to me," explained sophomore

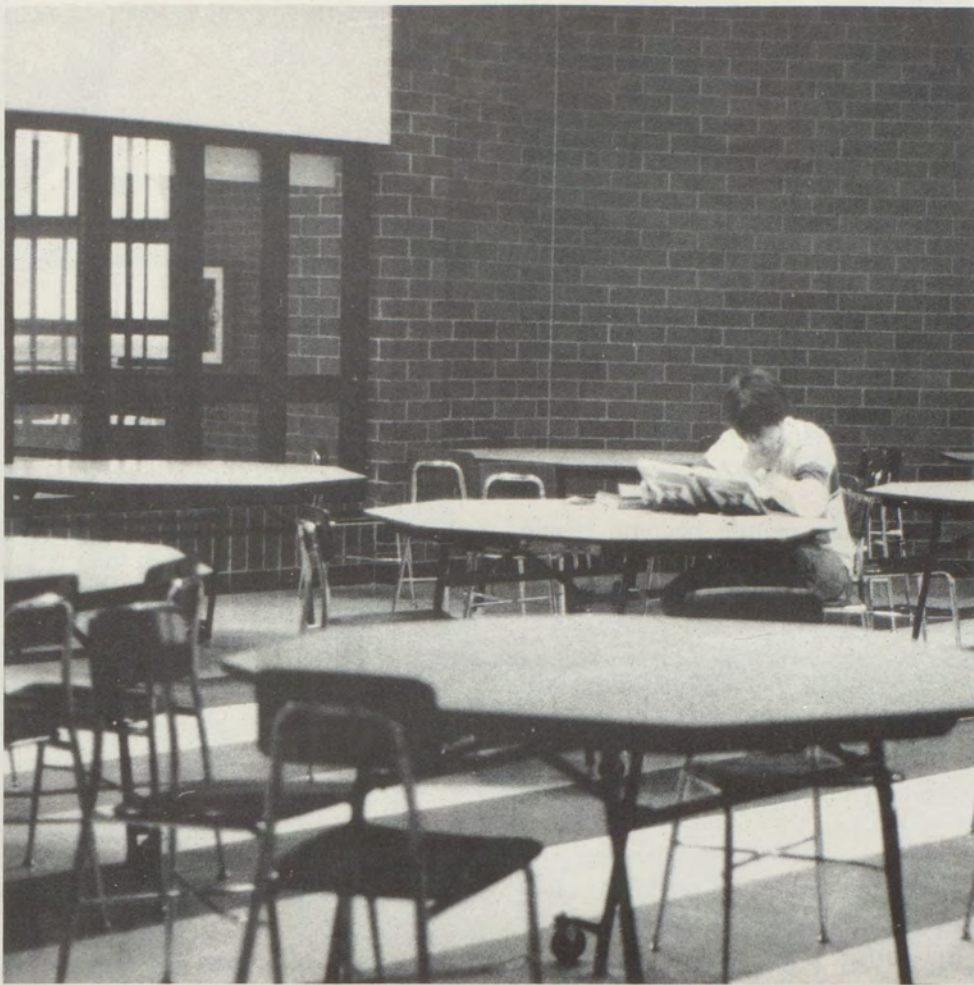
Paul Betz. "Besides, what else is there to do before school?" he asked.

Everyone seemed to have their own reasons for coming to school early. "I think it is just a good time to kind of get ready for the day," concluded sophomore Rhonda Bradley.

Mark Williams

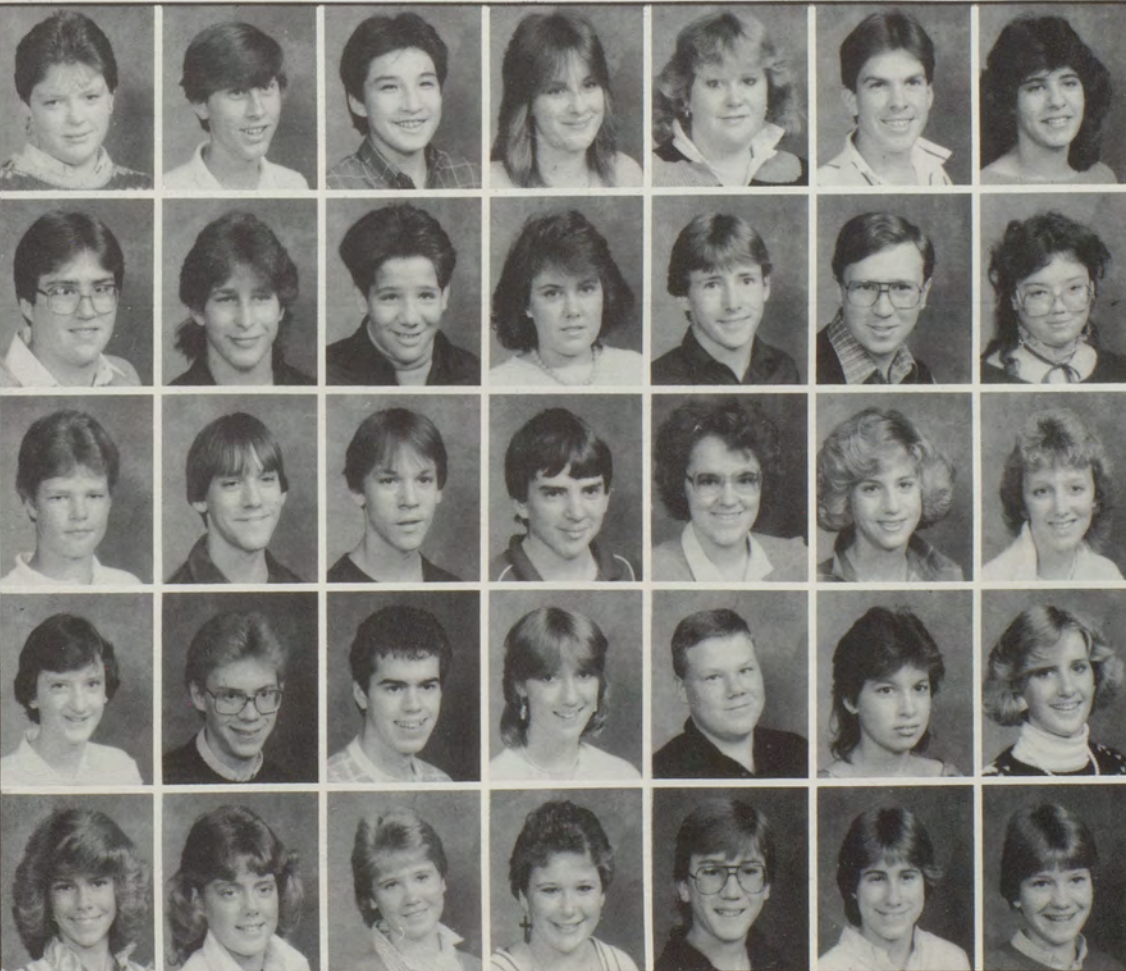
SURROUNDED BY EMPTY TABLES junior Frank Wild waits in the darkened cafeteria for the first busload of friends. Frank, who gets here by choice about 7:45 A.M., describes himself as a morning person. "I like to get here to socialize," he explained. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





“I come to school early so I can have my morning breakfast of doughnuts, because I don't have time at home.”

Sophomore Bob Miller



Sherie Cole (9)
 Andrew Colman (10)
 George Cook (9)
 Michelle Cooper (10)
 Lisa Coppernoll (10)
 Bill Couch (11)
 Jane Cowdrey (11)
 Eric Cowles (11)
 John Crambell (10)
 Daniel Crawford (EMI)
 Karen Cronin (11)
 Brian Crystal (9)
 Jeff Crystal (11)
 Dawn Curns (10)
 Cory Czada (10)
 Gerald Danes (10)
 Mike Danes (10)
 Gary Davidson (11)
 Jamie Davis (10)
 Karin Davis (10)
 Melissa Davis (11)
 Alice Dawson (9)
 David Deamud (11)
 Russell Decker (10)
 Kris Deeley (9)
 Elgin Dehoff (9)
 JoAnn Delisle (10)
 Kristin Dery (11)
 Karla Dinsmoore (10)
 Kim Dinsmoore (11)
 Stephanie Doane (9)
 Kim Dotson (11)
 Dan Draper (11)
 Michelle Dusseau (10)
 Shari Eckstorm (9)



ENTERTAINMENT PREFERENCES provided one way people got stereotyped. "I don't consider myself a 'brain' just because I like to play Dungeons and Dragons. It's really a fun and exciting game," said junior Jeff Crystal. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

LABELED THE AARDVARK Yearbook Adviser Lynn Strause's eyes open wide as she realizes her name has been called in the "animal game" played by the staff at their annual lasagne dinner. Because they spend a lot of time together, the yearbook staff itself has been dubbed a clique. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

“ I don't appreciate people putting labels on others. I don't think I'm a 'burnout' and I don't need others stereotyping me as something I'm not.”

Junior Bruce Bopp

Tom Griffin (9)
 Victor Griffith (EMI)
 Nicole Gross (11)
 Brad Gruber (10)
 Holly Guest (9)
 Greg Guilford (10)
 Mitzie Guldner (10)
 Cory Hacker (9)
 Ann Hackney (9)
 Penny Hamilton (10)
 Don Hancock (11)
 Becky Harrison (9)
 Mark Head (10)
 Tim Heine (10)
 Andrew Hejka (9)
 Dave Hendershot (9)
 Monica Hendrix (9)
 Roddy Henning (10)
 Peter Hern (10)
 Harold Hicks (EMI)
 Brett Hoover (10)
 Duane Hoover (9)
 Terry Howell (11)
 Heather Hunt (10)
 Lisa Ianitelli (11)
 Maria Ignat (11)
 Bill Jammer (10)
 Sue Jarvis (9)
 Adam Javoroski (9)
 Amy Jenkins (11)
 DeDe Johnson (9)
 Angel Kauffman (11)
 Keith Keller (11)
 Natalie Kelly (10)
 Sue Kern (9)



SCARY MOVIES require security in any form, even a Santa Bear. Senior Jodi Miller clutches her furry friend as she and junior Heidi French endure the horrors of "Texas Chain Saw Massacre." Photo by Karen Cronin.

“I’m never alone
 in my room because
 my stuffed animals
 are always there
 to talk to.”

Junior Paula Catlin



BEARY SCARY

Stuffed animal lovers come out of hiding

to tell why they cling to their childhood friends

When students reach the high school level, they like to consider themselves mature. They've put away their Barbie dolls and toy soldiers. But we've discovered a childhood remnant that many still cling to--stuffed animals.

"I like stuffed animals. Whenever I need someone to talk to, my stuffed animals are there to listen and if I'm alone, they keep me company," freshman Nicole Thompson explained.

This brings us to the question of whether or not stuffed animals are

childish.

"I don't think stuffed animals are childish. They are what your imagination lets them be," junior Tammy Winchel said.

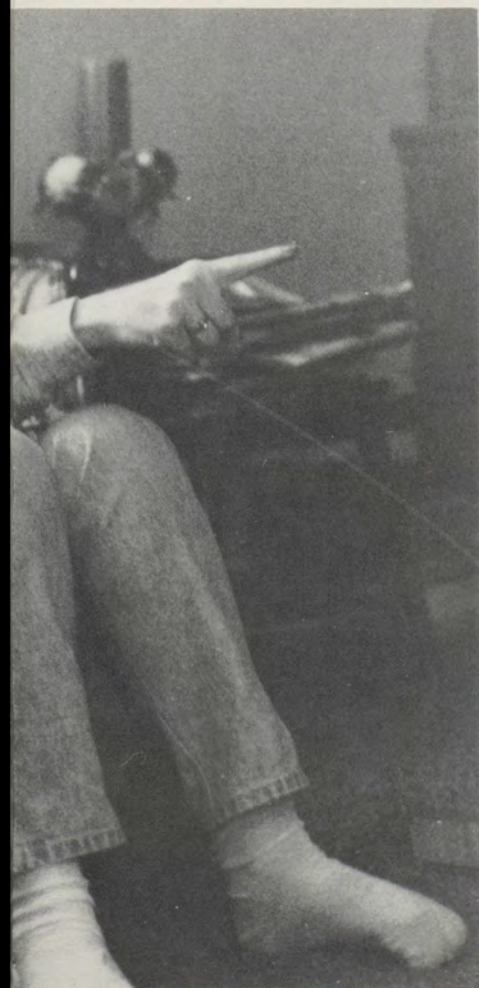
But not everyone had the same opinion. "Stuffed animals are about the stupidest things anyone could waste their money on!" said sophomore Steve Szach.

Still 56 percent of students confessed to owning everything from Care Bears to Muppet Babies. Like Linus' blanket,

they fulfilled a variety of needs ranging from security symbol to confidant to a reminder of a simpler time.

Kelley Coberley

CARE BEARS made a popular choice for Christmas presents for juniors Jane Cowdrey and Lisa Ianitelli. "I was really surprised when I opened my presents and saw it was a Care Bear. I didn't know Jane was even getting me one. She was just as surprised as I was!" said Lisa. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



"I KEPT GETTING MORE and more stuffed animals and I didn't know what to do with them," explained junior Carrie Mieske. "I put them in the basket to get them out of the way and to help liven up my room!" Photo by Carrie Mieske.

“It will be interesting to come back in 20 years and see if everyone has turned out like I think they will.”

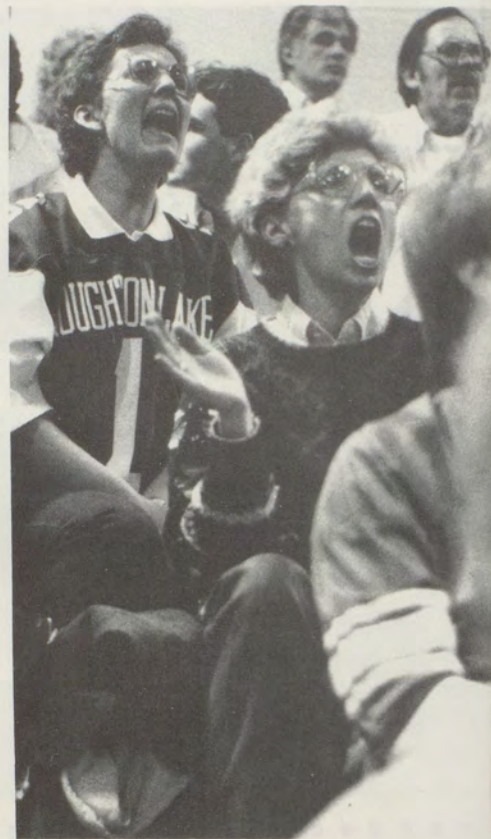
Junior Andy Hejka

AS PART OF HIS CAREER preparations, junior Alan Travelbee meets with the army recruiter. “I’m going into the army for just a couple of years, then college and by my 20th reunion, I’ll be a detective,” Alan predicted. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

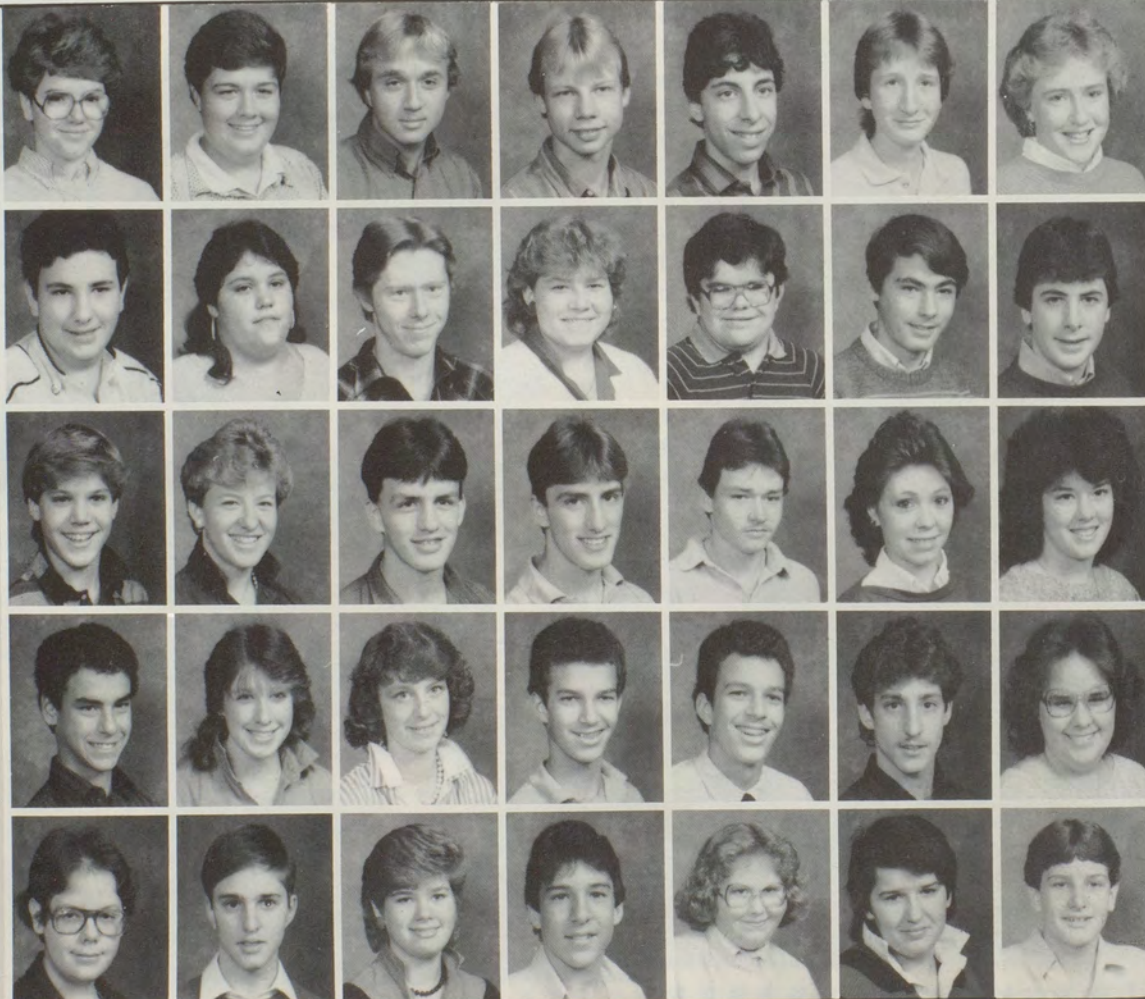
CHEERING ON THEIR TEAM Mrs. French and Mrs. Tremper, mother of starting forward Todd Fisher, watch the first contest of the districts against Grayling. Just think--in 20 years this could be you watching your children play. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



IN TRAINING for the future, junior Stacy McClue preps fellow cosmetology student junior Cara Wilson for a hair cut. “In twenty years I’ll be living in Florida and working in my own beauty salon,” said Stacy. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



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- Bryan Kilburn (9)
- Rodney Korbinski (11)
- Kevin Koscielecki (11)
- Kevin Kowalski (11)
- Scott LaBar (11)
- Laurie Laginess (10)
- Joe LaPrad (11)
- Judi LaRoque (11)
- Fred Lash (9)
- Keri Lashley (11)
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- Erihk Lawson (9)
- Dale Leach (10)
- Larry Leszczynski (10)
- Renee Lewandowski (10)
- Darin Lillie (9)
- Glen Lillie (11)
- Mike Lindsey (10)
- Shawn Lingane (12)
- LeAnn Littlejohn (11)
- Joe Loiacano (10)
- Ida Low (10)
- Marci Low (10)
- Scott Maass (11)
- Steve Maass (11)
- Jeff Majszak (10)
- Mary Maki (11)
- Tom Maki (10)
- Jason Mandley (10)
- Kandi Markey (9)
- Josh Martin (10)
- Angelia Matteson (EMI)
- Cindy Maurer (9)
- Jim McClellan (9)





GOIN' IN STYLE

M.D., Ph.D., ophthalmologist, cosmetologist, admiral or senator?

Which best fits your dream for 20 years from now?

"I wonder if I could rent a Mercedes for the night."

"Oh, no! I have to lose twenty pounds in a week!"

"I hope John is more bald than I am."

For most of us, these concerns do not occupy much of our time right now. But these and more might fill our minds 20 years from now as we face our reunion.

"Wow! Twenty years is a long time from now, but I bet people won't change that much," freshman Bernice

Fischer said.

However, no matter what we do to plan and prepare for the future, we cannot predict what it will be like twenty years from now. "I always thought I'd go to the city and open a salon, but I'm still here and now I'm married and have children. I wouldn't want to change anything, but my life is a lot different than what I had planned," admitted 1969 graduate Aldona Doll.

Coming back in twenty years to see the friends and enemies that we grew

up with could produce some surprises as well as hoped for results. "All those macho guys are going to be fat and bald, and those skinny little girls will be pregnant with their third or fourth child," predicted junior Diane Archer. "Actually I don't know how we'll turn out, but we'll all probably be completely different."

Like it or not, we're all going to get older. As for what we become, just wait and see.

Amy Jenkins



YOU! YOU! YOU!

School rivalries put students' loyalties

to the test

Want to stir up some strong opinions? Ask one of us about one of "them."

Who's "them"? People from another school like Clare or Beaverton or Meridian or Roscommon. Especially Roscommon. From sports to fights to friendships, no one remains neutral. Everyone has their own opinion, especially about arch-rival Roscommon.

"Roscommon is our rival and I guess we're supposed to dislike them for that. But once you get to know them, you find they're just like everyone else," said junior Maria Ignat.

This opinion raises the question of just who starts the fights and the trouble between opposing schools. "A

lot of the time I think we provoke fights. I guess I get along with most of the people from Roscommon," said senior Chip Stead.

Others believe, however, that people from other schools tend to be the instigators of conflicts. So when rival schools seem to provoke trouble, the result is hostility.

Opinions of Roscommon grew more unfavorable when they allegedly vandalized the brick on the outside school wall with spray paint. "They are very unsportsmanlike. They take it out on us by vandalizing the school!" said sophomore Mike Lindsay.

Some students living in Houghton

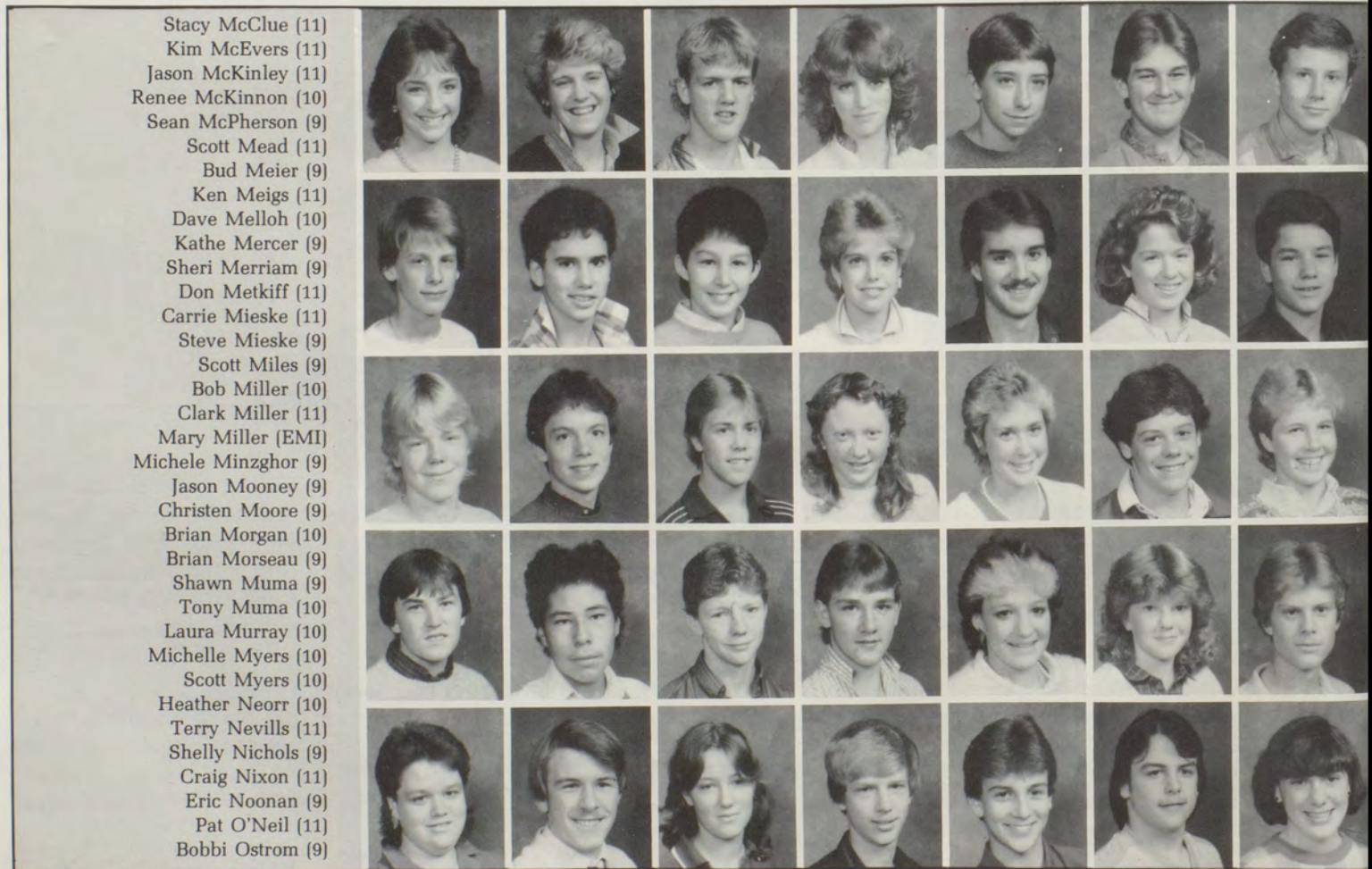
Lake have had the experience of living in another town and going to one of our rival schools.

"I hate Roscommon. I lived there. They slashed my tires and put snow in my gas tank. They ask for trouble!" said senior Shawn Sensor.

"When I lived in Roscommon the feeling they had towards Houghton Lake was somewhat like the one we have of them. It just depends on where you live, I guess," said senior Mike Farrier.

This proves a point. Being on the inside looking out can be a lot different from being on the outside looking in.

Denice Doepper

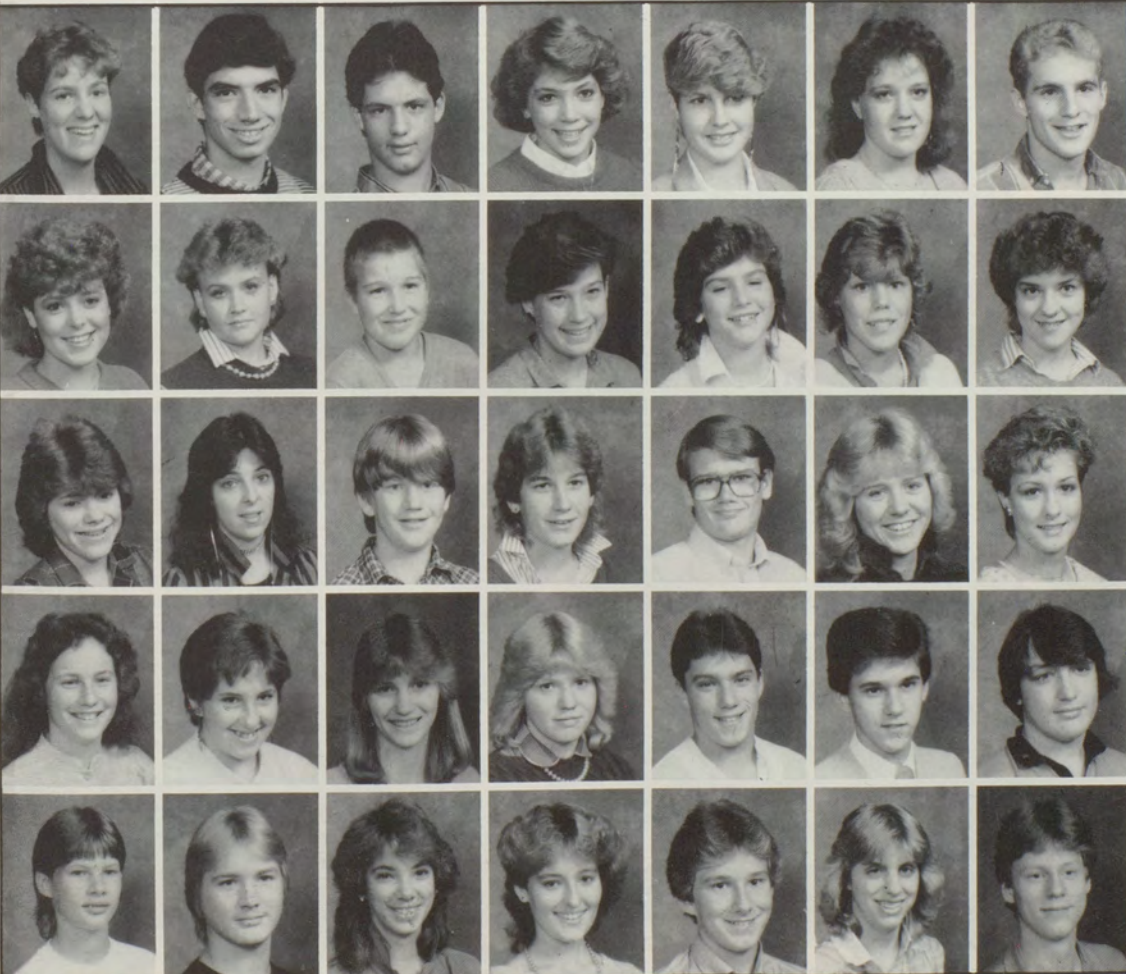




“A lot of people hate Roscommon. I guess it’s for a good reason. There’s no denying that we start trouble, but they’ve been known to start some fights too. I guess what comes around goes around.”

Senior Rob Mason

AT THE REFEREE'S WHISTLE seniors Shawn Sensor, Rob Mason and Kelly Straight applaud the penalty given to Tawas during the varsity girls basketball tournament game. Fans formed one of the most vocal groups when it came to opinions of other schools. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



Jodi Ostrom (11)
 Jim O'Toole (11)
 Peter O'Toole (9)
 Cheri Pace (9)
 Cindy Pacini (10)
 Toni Palm (11)
 Chris Pappas (9)
 Melissa Parker (11)
 Scott Parris (EMI)
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 Amy Patterson (10)
 Barbie Pawlica (9)
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 Julie Peters (11)
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 Barry Phillips (9)
 Jeneen Piche (11)
 Jammie Pielak (11)
 Angela Plackowski (9)
 Tracey Pooley (9)
 Jennifer Porath (9)
 Mary Ann Porath (10)
 Jay Proctor (9)
 Mark Pulcifer (10)
 Denny Ratliff (9)
 Paul Reinhart (9)
 Terry Rhoton (11)
 Nancy Rigling (9)
 Sharee Ringwald (9)
 Jason Ripke (9)
 Jenene Ritter (EMI)
 Greg Roberts (9)

LET'S EAT!

Students pass up nutrition in favor of junk food fare

One peanut butter and jelly sandwich, three chocolate chip cookies, one bag of buttered popcorn, one glazed doughnut and one carton of chocolate milk. Sound nutritious and well-balanced? No, but for junior Maria Ignat it constituted a typical brown bag lunch.

Maria did not dine alone on her junk food-oriented eating habits. Freshman Brian Kilbourn admitted to eating "a bag of barbequed chips and some chocolate milk" for lunch daily, while senior Jamie Knapp consumed "two cheesburgers and a medium Coke."

What possessed these students to abandon the nutritional value of school lunches for junk food? "It tastes 100% better," sophomore Lianne Bailey explained.

Junk food consumption at school

seemed to be just one symptom of overall eating habits. "I eat almost anything and everything. I'm what you call a human garbage can. If I see anything I can sink my teeth into, I eat it. My mom is trying to cut down on all the junk food I eat, but when I can I sneak in candy bars and chips. Counting snacks, I usually have about four or five meals a day," sophomore Dwight Burdine said.

"I usually get home from work around eleven, put in a movie, and eat one or two bags of Doritos, three or four pops and about six or seven of those ice cream sandwiches," senior Kurt Kuzimski explained.

Binges usually consisted of junk food. However, for the diet conscious, they took on a more low calorie flavor.

"One day after I was done running, I ate two heads of broccoli, one bag of frozen vegetables, one head of lettuce and one head of cauliflower," admitted junior Carrie Mieske.

Whether students feasted on enough Doritos and potato chips to keep Frito Lay in business or enough vegetables to keep the Jolly Green Giant happy, their eating quirks made interesting fare.

Jane Kronner

ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS agreed to outlaw classroom parties, but students still found ways to eat during class. "How to" speeches involving food provided an opportunity for seniors Lisa Anderson, Todd Fisher, Bubba Nasser and Greg Riedel to sample Mrs. Strause's Mexican dip. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





Pam Robinson (10)
 Tricia Rohlfs (10)
 Jeff Rouseau (10)
 Tom Ruff (11)
 Ann Sabatino (11)
 Darla St. Louis (10)
 Kim Sapp (9)
 Tina Sawyer (9)
 Nick Schleede (10)
 Jim Schneider (9)
 Tiffany Schwartz (9)
 Tina Self (10)
 Rosemary Servas (9)
 D.J. Sharrard (10)
 Paul Sherman (EMI)
 Missy Shipp (10)
 Dave Sluck (10)
 Amber Smith (11)
 Brian Smith (9)
 Dan Smith (10)
 Greg Smith (9)
 Trista Smith (9)
 Greta Soderman (9)
 Amy Southwell (9)
 Candi Spencer (10)
 Russell Sperry (9)
 Phillip Spicer (11)
 Chris Stead (11)
 Rodney Stender (11)
 Kellie Stevens (11)
 Marty Stevens (11)
 Matt Stevens (9)
 Randy Stevenson (9)
 Jeff Stiles (9)
 Keri Stiles (11)



WITH A CLOSED-CAMPUS POLICY in effect, students had to eat lunch on school grounds. The newly-opened Bobcat Den annex, located near the cafeteria, provided students like freshman Tricia Turner with an additional source for sweets. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

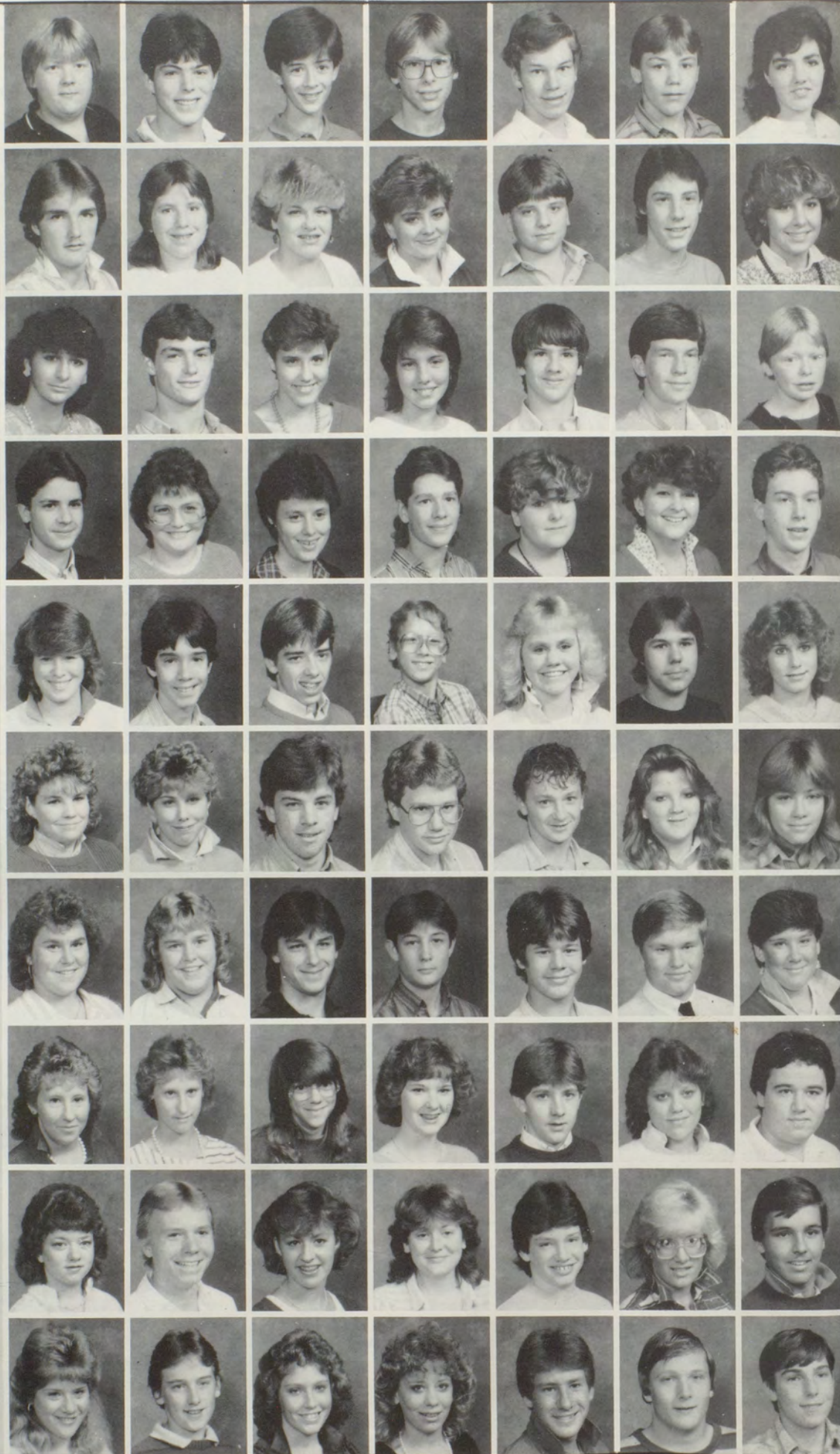
“I love junk food. It’s not good for you. Why eat something that’s good for you?”

Junior Ken Bates

WEST GERMAN FOOD, according to senior exchange student Birgitt Oehler, “is a lot the same, like hamburgers. Here at school I eat a lot of Mexican foods which they have in Germany but

they are new to me.” Birgitt and junior Tracy Sweet choose from cafeteria selections offered by kitchen worker Mrs. Sue Corner during their 30 minute lunch period. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

Tim Storey (10)
 Craig Stouffer (11)
 Brad Stuck (9)
 Dan Studebaker (10)
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 Regina Sussex (11)
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 Shellie Yennior (10)
 Cindy Young (10)
 Eddy Zarzyski (11)
 Todd Zielinski (9)
 Scott Zimmerman (9)



DOUBLE VISION

If you think getting along with siblings is hard at home,
try spending all day in school together

Brothers and sisters have a way of making life difficult at times. Have you ever looked forward to school just to get away for a while?

But what happens if they are in school with you--all day! The siblings we asked said it's sometimes good and sometimes bad.

"I liked having my sister (senior Mary Bakara) in the same school because then I didn't have to ride the bus," freshman Greg Smith said.

Some brothers and sisters had an easier time getting along than others did. "Marie and Michelle Miller seem to get along so well it's hard to tell they

are sisters," commented sophomore Cindy Lou Young. Marie and Michelle were just one of the three sets of identical twins in the school. Juniors Scott and Steve Maass and Terry and Gary Nevills also made students and teachers look twice.

Being in the same school for the first time in four years can make getting along even worse. "It's frustrating hav-

NO, IT'S NOT A REFLECTION. It's the Maass twins. Junior Scott and Steve Maass not only look alike. They have the same job, bagging groceries at Glen's Super Market. They were one of the three sets of identical twins at the high school. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

ing my little brother in the same school because people figure that we act the same when we don't," complained junior Bill Couch whose brother is a freshman.

All in all, brothers and sisters are just something we have to live with, sometimes 24 hours a day.

Christine Gawthrop

GETTING HELP from her older brother senior Kris Gawthrop, sophomore Christine Gawthrop looks for the answer to her biology homework. Kris often helps Christine with her homework when he's not doing his own. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



“It doesn't bother me having both my brother and sister in the same school as me because we get along so well.”

Freshman Bernice Fischer



MAKING A MARK

*All parents serve as teachers but take a closer look
at those who do it for a profession*

When most kids get up in the morning to go to school, they kiss their parents goodbye and don't see them until after school. But for a few, when they come to school, their parents some with them--as their teacher.

Nine students had a parent as a teacher in the high school. These students listed distinct advantages to the situation. "The best part is that if I need the car or some money, all I have to do is walk down the hall and ask," junior Mike Aho said. Mike's mother,

Mrs. Claudia Kiffner, served as the school's secretary.

But, like any situation, this one also had its disadvantages. "I don't like having my dad as a teacher because then the kids think that I get off easy in his class," said sophomore Adam Javoroski whose father teaches English.

Summing it up, freshman Nancy Rigling commented on her father, shop teacher Mr. Jim Rigling. "He gives me a ride to and from school if I miss the bus, but he hears what is going on.

Then I don't get to do a lot of things or go to a lot of places that I would like to go."

Kristin Dery

"THEY LOVE TO HELP me correct papers, and they do such a good job because they are so thorough," commented teacher Mrs. Liz Thompson about her daughter Erin and her friends, Heidi and Heather Benz. After school the girls come over to the high school once a week to wait for Mrs. Thompson to drive them to dance class. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

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<p>Mrs. Barb Blasky: Math III, Math IV, Introductory Geometry, Computer Literacy Mr. Mike Blasky: Michigan History, Psychology, Current Affairs, Reading Improvement, Independent Reading, Developmental Reading, Freshman English, Varsity Baseball Coach Mrs. Wanda Gee: Resource Room Aid Mrs. Jane Gruenberg: Physical Education, Life Time Sports, Health</p>	
<p>Mr. Pete Javoroski: American Literature and Writing, Survey of Literature and Composition, Varsity Golf Coach Mr. Jim Johnson: Biology, Advanced Biology, Girls Track Coach Mr. Jack Jury: Counselor Mrs. Claudia Kiffner: Secretary</p>	
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“It is very enjoyable to have Shannon as a student, but I think of her as just another student.”

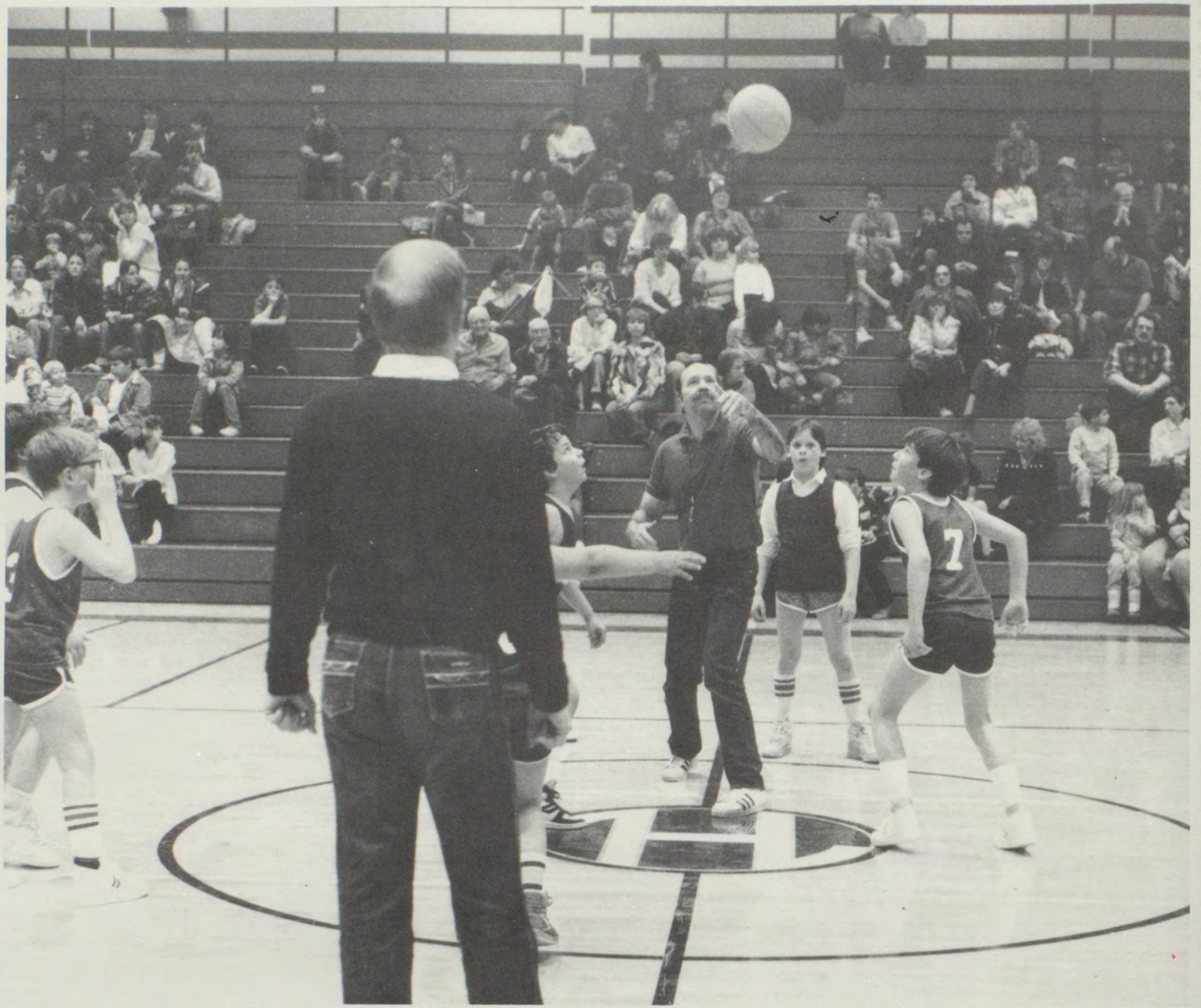
Math Teacher
Mr. John Blankenship



LENDING A HELPING HAND to his two younger children Sarah and Daniel, Mr. Charles Mercer helps them with their coats after the varsity basketball game at Roscommon. Mr. Mercer was one of the nine teachers who also had children attending the high school. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

WHEN TRACK SEASON draws near, new members and freshmen spend practice learning the basics. Girls track coach and father Mr. James Johnson along with daughter freshman De De Johnson work on throwing the shot-put in hopes that De De will follow in the footsteps of her older sister Sally who holds the record. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





“I don't like all the extra time I have to spend after school, but seeing the kids perform makes it all worth it.”

Track Coach
Mr. Jim Johnson

Mr. Jim Rigling: Metal I, Advanced Metal Shop, Drafting

Mr. Ralph Sedore: General Math, Computer Literacy, Pascal Programming

Mr. Ronald Szewczyk: Principal

Mrs. Liz Thompson: Accounting I, Accounting II, General Business, Retail Merchandising, Shorthand I



FACULTY NOT PICTURED:

Mr. John Bifoss: Physical Education, Advanced Sports

Mr. Richard Brown: Vice-principal

Mrs. Dolores Frever: Freshman English, General Junior English, Survival English, Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish Club Adviser

Mrs. Lynne Gellerman: Resource Room, Ski Club Adviser

Miss Brenda Hancock (replaced Mr. Dan Boals at semester): Career Ed., Michigan History

Mrs. Elaine Jansen: Early American History, World History, Sociology

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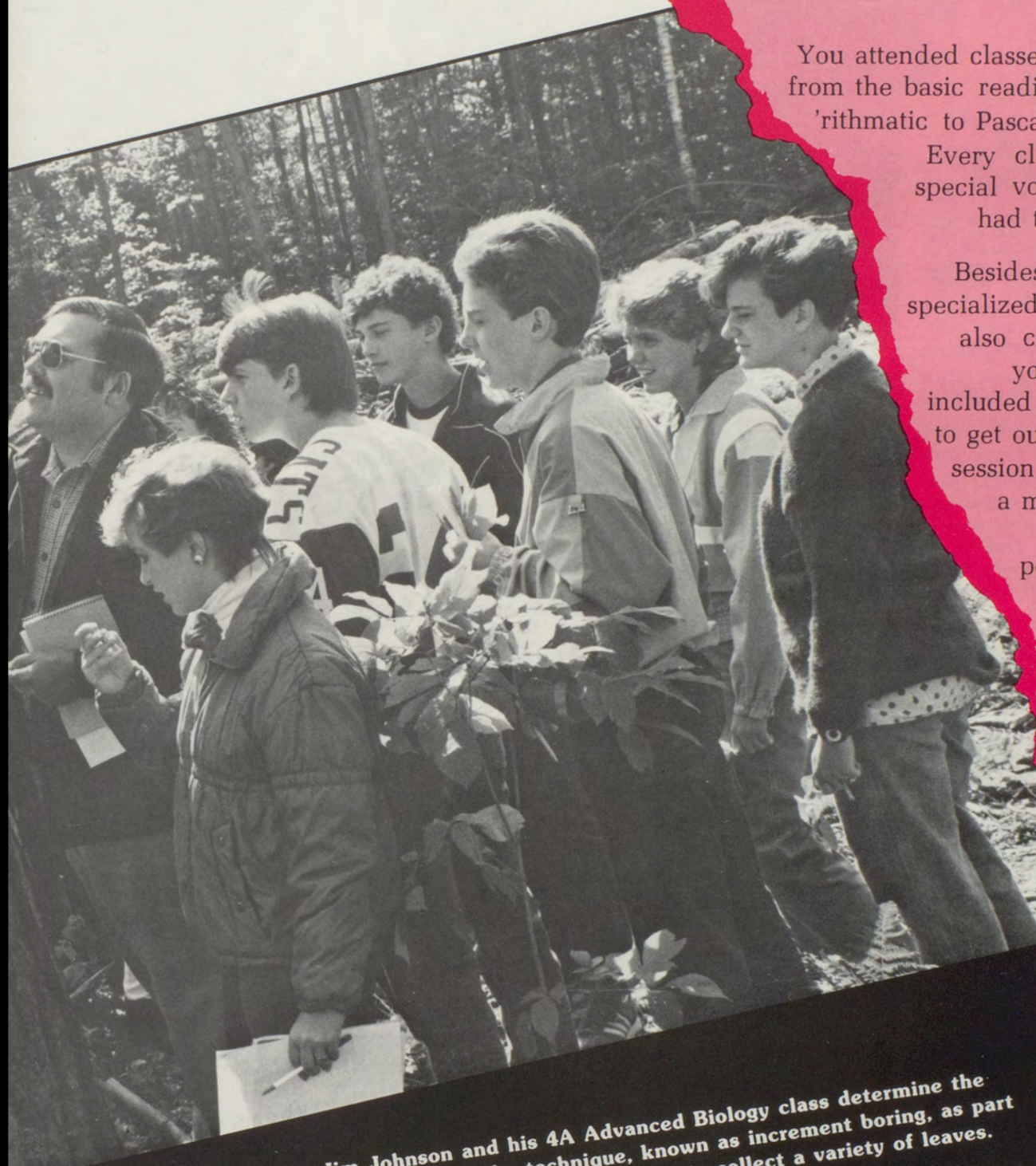
Such language!

How can you use such language?
Simple!

You attended classes in everything from the basic reading, writing and arithmetic to Pascal programming. Every class had its own special vocabulary which had to be mastered.

Besides learning these specialized languages, you also created a few of your own. These included devising a way to get out of a Saturday session or figuring out a method to con a teacher into postponing a test for the day.

For the next 16 pages, take a look at all the languages you've mastered. Bet you didn't think you knew such language!



Using a Swedish borer, Mr. Jim Johnson and his 4A Advanced Biology class determine the age of this pine tree. Mr. Johnson showed the technique, known as increment boring, as part of the class' study of plants. As part of the same unit, students collect a variety of leaves.
Photo by Carrie Mieske.

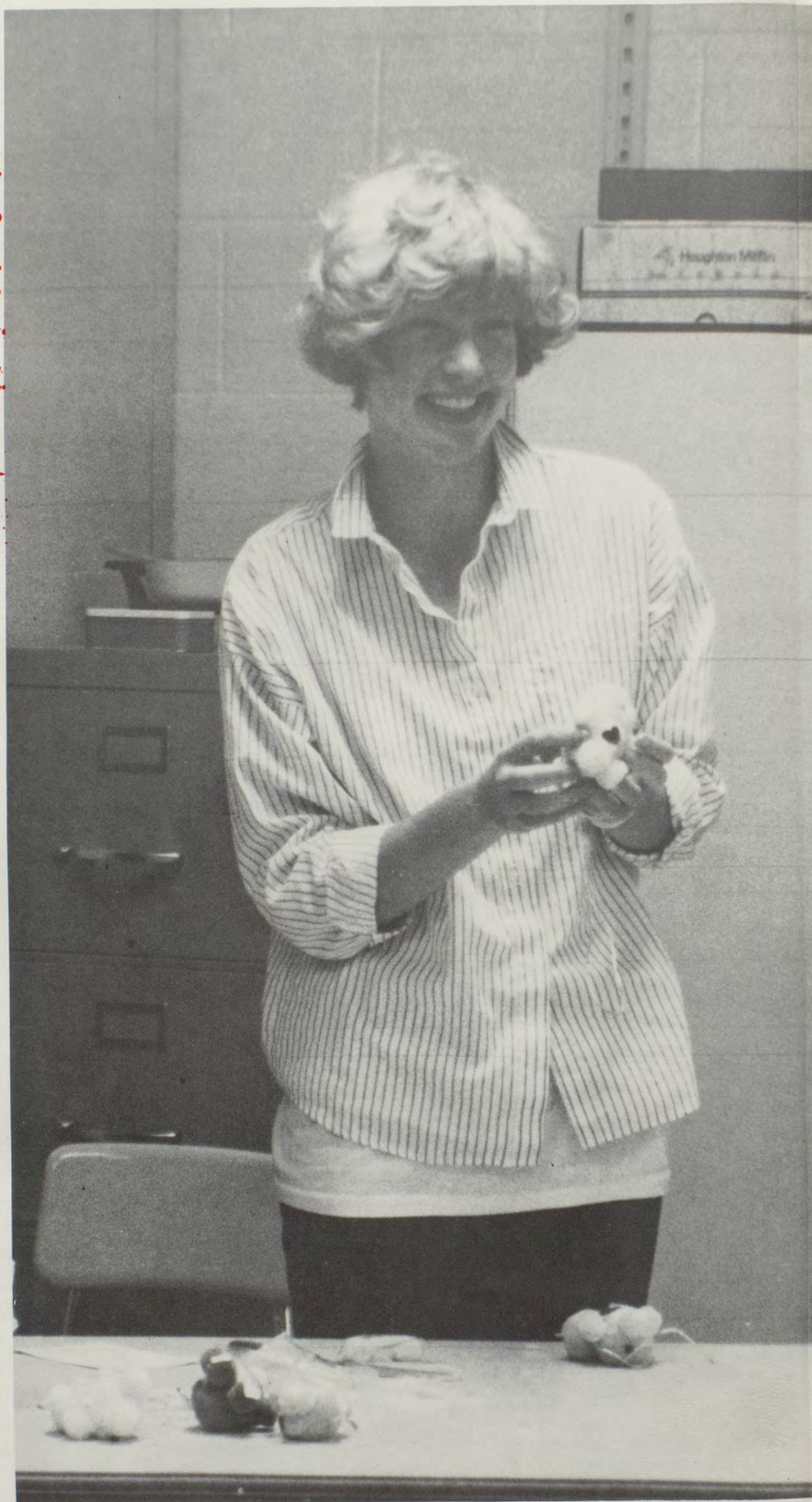
“Without reading, writing and arithmetic the foundation for the rest of education is gone.”

Sophomore
Cindi Pacini

STUDENTS LEARNED MORE than just public speaking in Mrs. Strause's speech class. For her "how to" speech presentation, sophomore Anet Care demonstrates how to make Care Bears out of pompons. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



MATH LANGUAGE presented a problem occasionally, especially when it involved story problems. Junior Charlie Calkins receives help from teacher Mrs. Barb Blasky during the study time given in class to complete work. Photo by Terry Howell.



~~REAR~~ Bare ESSENTIALS

Reading, writing and 'rithmetic.

These three basic tools, better known as the three R's, provided "the building blocks of education," according to sophomore Jason Mandley. They equipped students with the basic language needed to build an education.

Without these basic courses other subjects would be harder to learn. "If I didn't have algebra before I took chemistry, the class would have been impossible," sophomore Sara Woodwyk said.

Every class incorporated one



ALONE IN THE HALLWAY outside Mr. Martin's room, junior Terry Howell concentrates on memorizing his monologue in preparation for his drama exam. Drama teacher Mr. Martin required students to write their own two-minute monologues and then recite them for their final exam. Photo by Jodi Miller.

of the three R's, but the two most often used were reading and writing. Every class that you take requires the use of these two at sometime.

The English department handled the reading and writing part of the three R's and the importance of the subject was shown by the fact that it was required three out of four years in high school.

"I can really see why these three subjects are important. They are required so many years," junior Dina Witfoth said.

Mark Williams



TAKING ONE of their four tests over different novels in College Prep. Literature, juniors Jammie Pielak and Diane Archer begin their essays on The Great Gatsby. Most students finished during the hour, but it took some up to two hours to finish the tests which usually consisted of three essay questions. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

COMPUTERS, a branch of the math department, incorporates almost every aspect of algebra. Freshman Jon Cohee and senior Ron Elliott work on one of the many programs required in the basic computer literacy course. Photo by Karen Cronin.

WHILE SENIOR MARIA SMITH performs her "how to" speech for speech class, senior Janee Barclay goes under the blade. Maria explained the finer points of shaving to the second semester class of eight boys and ten girls. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

WITH A SPECIAL PENCIL in hand, junior Terry Howell applies his make-up lines before a performance of *She's at Sea*. To save time, the boys in drama class learned to put on their own make-up. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



BOYS WILL BE ~~GIRLS?~~ Boys!

Whatever happened to the days when girls acted like girls?

They learned to cook and clean and how to take care of children. But since the women's liberation movement, more and more women occupy masculine jobs, not to mention classes.

"I think that women are just joining shop classes because they want to be more like us men," sophomore Dan Bischoff remarked.

The girls offered a different opinion, though. "I took wood shop because I really enjoy working with wood. There is so much you can do with it," sophomore Cindy Lou Young said.



WHILE SOPHOMORE DAN BISCHOFF adds cheese to his burrito, seniors Andy Burns and Pat Johnson observe his technique. Once a week home-ec. students worked in groups of four cooking everything from full-course meals for teachers to cookies and cake for themselves. Photo by Karen Cronin.

On the other hand, what happened to the stereotyped macho image usually associated with the all-American male? An all-time high of 34 boys took what has typically been considered a female class: home economics.

"It is a good experience for them. They'll learn a lot of things they'll be able to use in the future," sophomore Heather Blanchard said.

Maybe someday, things will get back to normal and men will start acting like men and women will start acting like women again. But until then we will just have to put up with men in the kitchen and women in the garage.

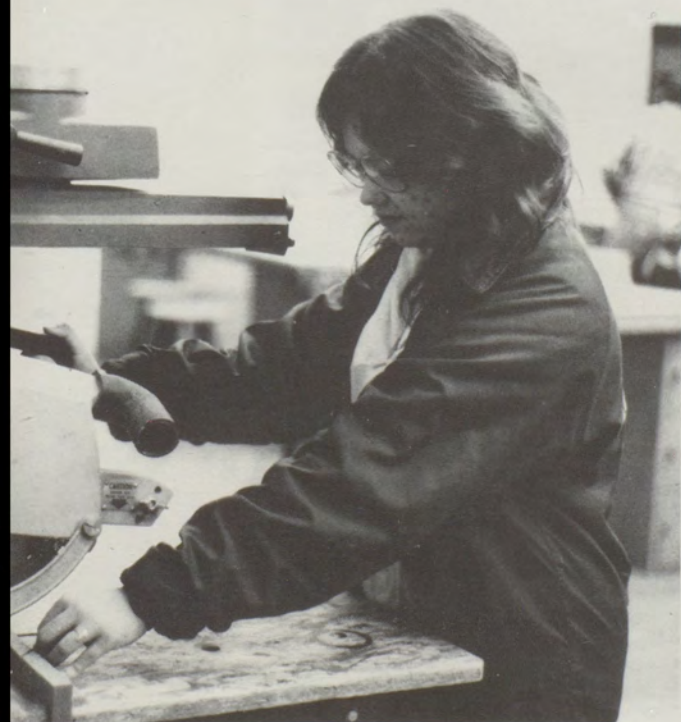
Vince Brown





USING AN ELECTRIC SAW, sophomore Dawn Curns works on one of her wood shop projects. Wood shop students paid for their own wood from which they made projects ranging from cutting blocks to silhouettes of the Playboy Bunny. Students got to choose the projects they made throughout the year. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

ONE OF A RECORD 34 boys in home ec., junior Brent Barkway works at sewing a pair of shorts. Boys in home ec. gained experience sewing as well as cooking. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



“Girls should be able to do whatever they want and so should guys.”

Bud Meier
freshman

~~NET RESULTS~~

A measurement of the average kinetic energy of the molecules in a uniform homogenous sample of matter.

What?

How about temperature? This sort of double talk was designed to "confuse people in the halls," according to science teacher Mr. Jim Bischoff.

"Science language isn't really all that hard to understand as long as you don't fall behind," sophomore Karin Akin said.

But specialized language constituted only one aspect of the science field, a class that sometimes took on the characteristics of other subjects. "I sometimes feel that I'm in math class instead of chemistry," sophomore Bob Miller said.

Just like science language crossed over into math, history got confused with English. "History uses so much English, I sometimes need to ask my English teacher for help on reports," senior Missy Cohee said.

Students agreed that the language of history involved simpler terminology, however. "Most of the time you can use word association, whereas in science it is a little more complicated," sophomore Cindy Pacini said.

"Science and social studies language doesn't even come close to the diversity of com-

WHEN MR. BOALS left for a new job in Reed City in January, Miss Brenda Hancock took over his position in the social studies department. Attending her first parent-teacher conference in March, Miss Hancock talks with freshman Eric Bisalle and his mother. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



MEASURING THEIR ACID for an experiment in Advanced Chemistry, juniors Glen Lillie, Gary Bourdow and Steve Brimmer weigh it to the nearest tenth of a gram. "Mr. Bischoff requires that we carry it out that far, because sometimes it can really make a difference," Glen explained. Photo by Karin Cronin.

puter language," sophomore Jason Mandley said.

With all the for-next and if-then statements that lay the groundwork for computer programming, an average person may "misunderstand or think we're crazy, but when you sit down and think it through, it all makes sense," junior Terry Howell said.

Though students may think that these languages sound strange, later in life when someone mentions temperature, contours or bytes you'll remember that crazy term that you thought was so stupid at the time.

Mark Williams





“ Sometimes
I feel that
chemistry class
really isn't chemistry.
It feels more
like algebra.”

Tim Hiene
sophomore

ADVANCED BIOLOGY'S final assignment involved collecting bugs, water life and other forms of outdoor specimens. Juniors Eric Bisballe and Tammy Winchel look for one of the 40 required specimens. "I can't believe that there are so many different kinds of bugs right around here," Eric said. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



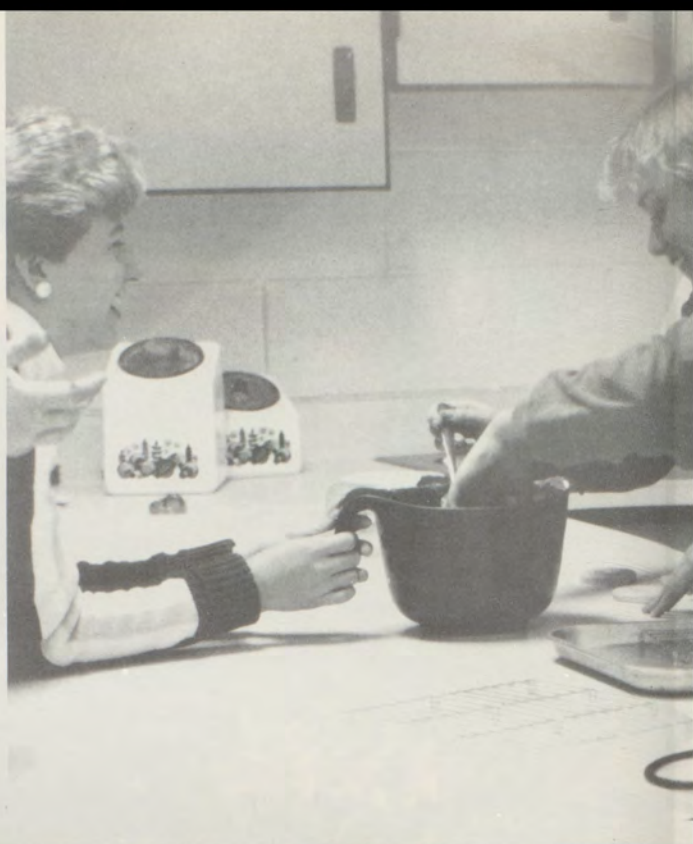
WITH COMPUTER LANGUAGE so complex, junior Jodie Ostrom seeks help from classmates John Wycoff and Scott Maass in their computer literacy class. "Sometimes it helps if you can see how other people program to give you an idea of where to get started," Jodie said. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

“I’ve always
wanted to be in
cosmetology ever since
I was little so it made
sense to take it as a
vocational course.”

Shannon Bunn
junior

SAMPLING THEIR FIRST cooking attempt in Home-ec. I, sophomores Renee Lewandowski and Evie Breedlove test their chocolate chip cookie dough. In addition to cookies, students' cooking lessons range from simple desserts to a full course meal. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

PRACTICE MAKE PERFECT and it takes 1500 hours of practice and classroom work to become a certified cosmetologist so junior Shannon Bunn practices on a wig before going to the real thing. Cosmetology students worked at the Houghton Lake Institute of Cosmetology on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





ON HIS KNEES in advanced wood shop junior Jared Ayres pounds the last few nails into his bench. Gun racks, cabinets and tables constituted some of the choices students selected for their projects. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

DRAFTING CLASS provides students with the skills to develop everything from dashboard to house plans. Junior David Taylor plans his ideal house as one of his assignments. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



Role ~~ROLL~~ REHEARSAL

For some seniors finding a job immediately after graduation seems next to impossible. Many find themselves without adequate preparation for what is known as the "real world."

Fortunately, with vocational classes, Kirtland programs and co-op, Houghton Lake students had an opportunity to learn important technical skills needed to perform well in selected occupations.

Every Tuesday and Thursday 52 students participated in 11 vocational classes offered through Kirtland Community College. These classes, offered to only juniors and seniors, demanded that students spend up to six hours a day in classes to earn three credits that make up the required twenty-one to graduate. "I took Kirtland because it will help me in my career and I get out of school early three days a week," said



BY JOINING CO-OP senior Michelle McLain obtained firsthand experience as a receptionist at Dr. Allen Methven's dentist office. This experience enabled her to obtain a full time job at M&M Installation. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

senior Sean Bell who took electronics. Other Kirtland offerings included automotive, building trades and cosmetology.

For the remaining juniors and seniors who did not attend Kirtland, there were hourly classes set up within the school.

Wood and metal shop, home-ec, art and drafting comprised the vocational curriculum available to students. "I like to sew and to make different things. I especially like to eat all the food we make," junior Kim McEvers commented. These courses attracted students not only because of their practical application but also because they provided an alternative to strictly academic classes.

Students who wished to earn a little extra money along with credits could participate in co-op. Co-op students worked at local businesses on regular schedules and attended school for only a half day.

All in all, no matter what their vocational choice, students found that this preparation made finding work after graduation not quite so impossible.

Kristin Dery

STUDYING CAN BE comfortable as shown by senior Charlie Cabay and sophomores Linda Chudzinski and Lisa Pawlica. The school library opens

at 8:00 A.M. providing a place for students to finish homework and study before first hour. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

FINDING IT HARD to get back into the swing of things after summer vacation, senior Jodi Miller takes a quick nap during her 4A study hall. Productive use of time after three months of vacation took a few weeks to work into. Photo by Karen Cronin.



HOMework

~~HASSLE~~

Hustle

Why do so many students act like homework is a foreign word, putting it off until the last minute?

The excuses you hear are sometimes so ridiculous you have to laugh and give credit for such an imagination, and yet some excuses seem to make sense. For example, "It's easier for me to wait until the day of my test to study because I usually remember more," reasoned junior Theresa Jammer.

When students received too much homework in more than one class, they used other classes in which to finish it. "Sometimes I have so much studying that I really don't have time to do it all. I do what I can and then try to get the rest done during my other classes," said



USING HIS EXTRA TIME in drama class, sophomore Dan Werner studies a monologue. Extra classtime provides a place to catch up on homework and give time for additional studying. Photo by Terry Howell.

junior Becky Burdine.

Putting homework off until the bus ride to school or home helped the ride seem shorter. "I study whenever I can but I do a lot of my homework on

the bus because the trip is so boring," said sophomore Marcy Low.

Getting homework done, one way or another, was the important thing. Some students got to school early and used that time. Others used what they felt were less important classes. Others didn't care when or how they got it done as long as they got good grades.

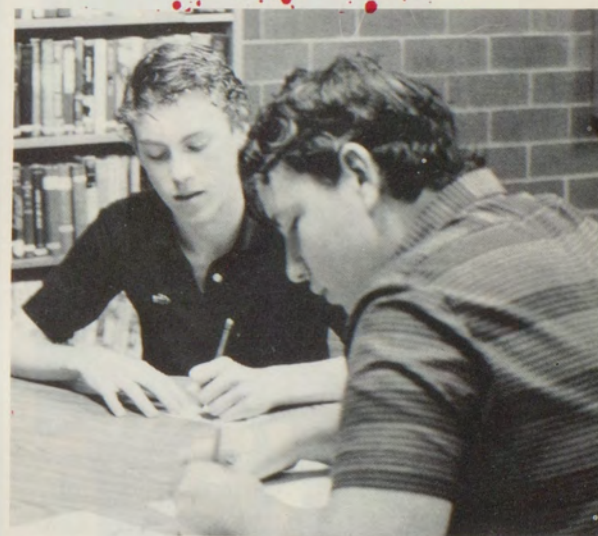
That leaves one last question: why don't students do their homework at home? "We spend seven hours a day at school working and I don't think we should have to bring it home. Home is a place where we should be able to relax and get away from the pressures of school," concluded junior Melissa Parker.

Kelley Coberley



“It's
hard to get
homework done
when you don't have
a study hall and you
work after school.”

Annette Fischer
junior



BEFORE SCHOOL in the library, junior Joe LaPrad and Chris Walsh hurry to finish forgotten homework. “I don't like to take homework home because I'd rather be doing other things,” Joe said. Photo by Karen Cronin.

HALLWORK, NOT HOMEWORK. Finishing up math and government assignments, senior Stacy Southwell and junior Amber Smith try to finish before the first bell. The school halls provided an additional place for students to finish homework before school. Photo by Terry Howell.

*The
hardest thing
about these classes is
getting everything
done on time*

*Vince Brown
sophomore*



MOVING CLOSER for one of the play's more intimate scenes, sophomore Karin Akin who played Mercedes Adams takes hold of classmate Vince Brown who had the part of Billy Budd Barton. For the musical She's at Sea, which the drama class performed four different times, these parts along with most others were double cast. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

ACTING THE PART of Goldnose, junior Charlie Calkins performs with Floriabunda played by senior Kelly Straight. Professor Zucchini's Traveling Tales combined three short stories into one performance. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



DRAMA STUDENTS chose She's at Sea for their major production in March. Junior Terry Howell, sophomore Dan Bischoff, junior Maria Ignat, senior Birgitt Oehler and sophomore Vince Brown perform a scene on the S.S. Gideon Wells, the setting for the musical. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



THE ~~RIGHT~~ Write STUFF

Editorialized, layout, pit, stage left, dominant, pica, stage right, offstage.

These terms and more helped to direct and identify in journalism and drama. Students new to these terms found some adjustments necessary. "The terms in journalism seemed strange at first but learning them was nothing compared to the work they're related to," said senior Janice Harrison.

Learning journalistic terms presented only one problem for staff members. They also had to learn to get along. "Each person does their own assignment but in order to make individual pages into a book we have to all work together," junior Mike Aho said.

USING EXAMPLES from other yearbooks, adviser Mrs. Lynn Strause teaches students right from wrong. "Sitting on the floor makes things more informal, and, being that close, I know they're listening," Mrs. Strause said. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



DEADLINES DRAW NEAR as sophomore Mark Williams puts the final touches on his copy. Approximately six spreads or 12 pages were assigned to each member of the 14 member staff. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

When 12 writers joined together, it became easier to go with the teamwork theory, according to sophomore Mark Williams. But with only two photographers, "deadlines seemed especially difficult," junior Carrie Mieske said. "Because we're both girls and in the same grade it's hard to cover all areas and I hardly

ever see my house. It seems like I live in the darkroom," Carrie added.

This theory of working separate but together became necessary in drama as well. "We put in many hours rehearsing together but most of our lines have to be learned outside the class," junior Terry Howell said.

During the year the drama class put on three plays and performed before a total of 4,500 people. "It's good for us to be able to get up in front of people and Mr. Martin has made it easier because he's more or less a coach," sophomore Robert Goodnow said.

For the 31 students involved in producing and performing, learning the language was the easy part. "It becomes part of everyday talk, but when you have to do the actual work, it's a lot harder than anyone realizes," senior editor Jane Kronner said.

Amy Jenkins



SINCE VEGETABLES provide the mainstay of junior photographer Carrie Mieske's diet, Mrs. Strause's gift of a bunch of carrots seems especially appropriate. The yearbook staff held their first-ever awards dinner on June 4 at the Surrey House in Harrison where they ate and then received humorous gifts from Mrs. Strause. Photo by Karen Cronin.



RENEWED INTEREST in the band brought larger audiences to the spring band concert where junior Craig Stouffer, sophomore Brad Gruber and junior Steve Tigard played a "New Orleans Jam Session." Three other bands besides the high school took part in the concert, playing a variety of songs, ranging from the classics to rock. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

LEARNING HOW TO MARCH in the school parking lot, members of the band listen to the directions given by their new band director, Miss Sandra Slesinski. Miss Slesinski revived the marching band in the fall and they marched in January's Tip-Up-Town parade for the first time. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



Being on stage performing for people and knowing that they enjoy it is the best feeling

Terry Howell
junior

~~PERFECT~~ Perfect HARMONY

Problems! Band and choir had them, but the greatest, the one that needed to be solved, involved the size of these groups or rather the lack of it. Unable to solve the problem, the groups found ways to work around it. "Working together means a lot, especially when the group is smaller," said freshman band member Nancy Rigling.

The 22 members of the band, unable to be judged in competition because of their size, performed instead for the public at pep assemblies and also at football and basketball games. Under the direction of MSU graduate, Miss Sandi Slesinski, the band renewed its marching activities and learned a variety of new music, including contemporary. "I had a lot of fun even though our band didn't



PERFORMANCES BY THE BARBERSHOP choir members during intermission marked something new for the Miss Houghton Lake pageant. Sophomores Dan Werner and Brady Bigford along with eighth-grader Ken Werner entertained the spectators while the judges deliberated. Barbershop members practice after school once a week usually for three hours. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

have the instrumentation that a band needs to make it sound full or complete," junior Paula Catlin said.

To overcome his size problem, choir director Rod Lewis recruited members from the middle school choir when he needed extra voices. "It's hard when people don't want to participate but we're lucky that members of the middle school choir are willing to help us out," sophomore Dan Studebaker said.

Unlike the band, choir participated in a district festival, receiving a division II rating with I being the highest.

The band and choir doubled forces by performing together at games and graduation. "Band and choir may seem like totally different areas of music but both are brought together by the dedication and commitment it takes to make music," freshman Gabby Calkins concluded.

Kelley Coberley



CRYSTAL GAYLE'S song "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" featured seventh grade band members Nick Methven and Rick Petter performing saxophone solos during the band's spring concert. The current rebuilding of the 22 member high school band depends on members of the middle school band enrolling in band as freshmen. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

REHEARSING A SONG for pops chorale, sophomore Brad Gruber and eighth-grader Joel Neorr sing their part as senior Stacey Southwell waits for her turn. Choir director Rod Lewis recruited voices from the middle school choir to help fill out his extra groups. Photo by Terry Howell.

A STUDENT SHOULD ALWAYS take time out for a healthy breakfast. At least junior Gary Bourdow thinks so even if it involves grabbing an Egg

McMuffin and V-8 during first hour College Prep Literature class. Gary says it's better than being tardy. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



NO

~~KNOW~~ EXCUSES

I couldn't believe it, my car wouldn't start.

Did you see the person who stole my paper come by here?

The office said I didn't need a pass.

These make up a small part of the ingenious excuses that a teacher receives from students every day.

With only five minutes between classes, students developed a variety of excuses to weasel their way out of a fourth tardy, the time when they were sent to the office. "Someone knocked me down. Being dazed and confused, I stood up and it was total anarchy," would be junior Frank Wild's creative approach to avoiding a Friday detention after school, the punishment for excessive tardies, the most



MANY STUDENTS wait until the last possible minute hoping for snow days or seeing if their mother will forget they didn't get up. With school starting at 8:35, student who ride the bus from Merritt or the north shore have to get up early enough to catch the bus before 7:00 A.M. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

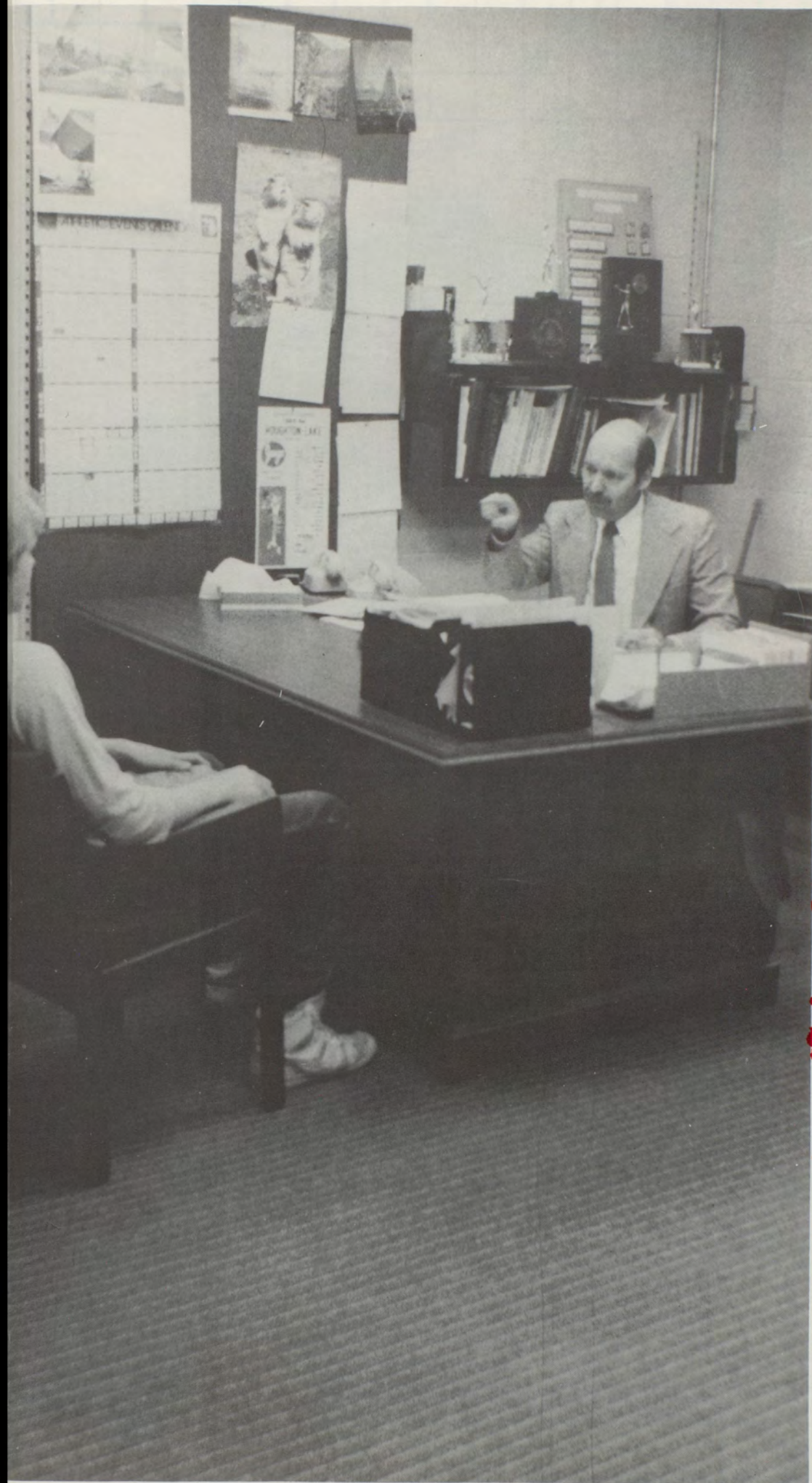
common offense.

But once a student made it to class, he needed a new set of excuses, this time to explain his grades. "All my classes are too hard. The teachers all hate me," junior Dan Draper explained.

From saying that their little brother ate their paper to "someone took my shoe on the bus," as junior Diane Archer put it, students continued to create the most imaginative reasons for behavior.

Mike Aho

BESIDES BEING the athletic director, Vice Principal Mr. Richard Brown takes charge of student discipline. Freshman Scott Miles hadn't dressed for gym class so Mr. Brown reprimanded him by giving him a warning. Students are given a warning for the first offense and a Friday session for the second. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



BEING ON TIME assumes importance in the real world, too. Junior Kelley Coberley hurries to punch in at McDonald's where she has worked for the past year. McDonald's gives their employees a 24 hour suspension for excessive tardies. Photo by Carrie Meiske.

“ I blame
things on my little
brother, Joe.
He never knows
what's
going on ”

Dan Bischoff
sophomore

Ads

“

*I'm
addicted to
chocolate
so every
lunch I'm
in the
Bobcat
Den*

”

*Missy Davis
junior consumer*



McDonald's not only provides a popular student hangout but also employs some 19 students. During the busy Christmas season, junior Lori Watts waits on customers at her after-school job. Photo by Karen Cronin

Where have you been?

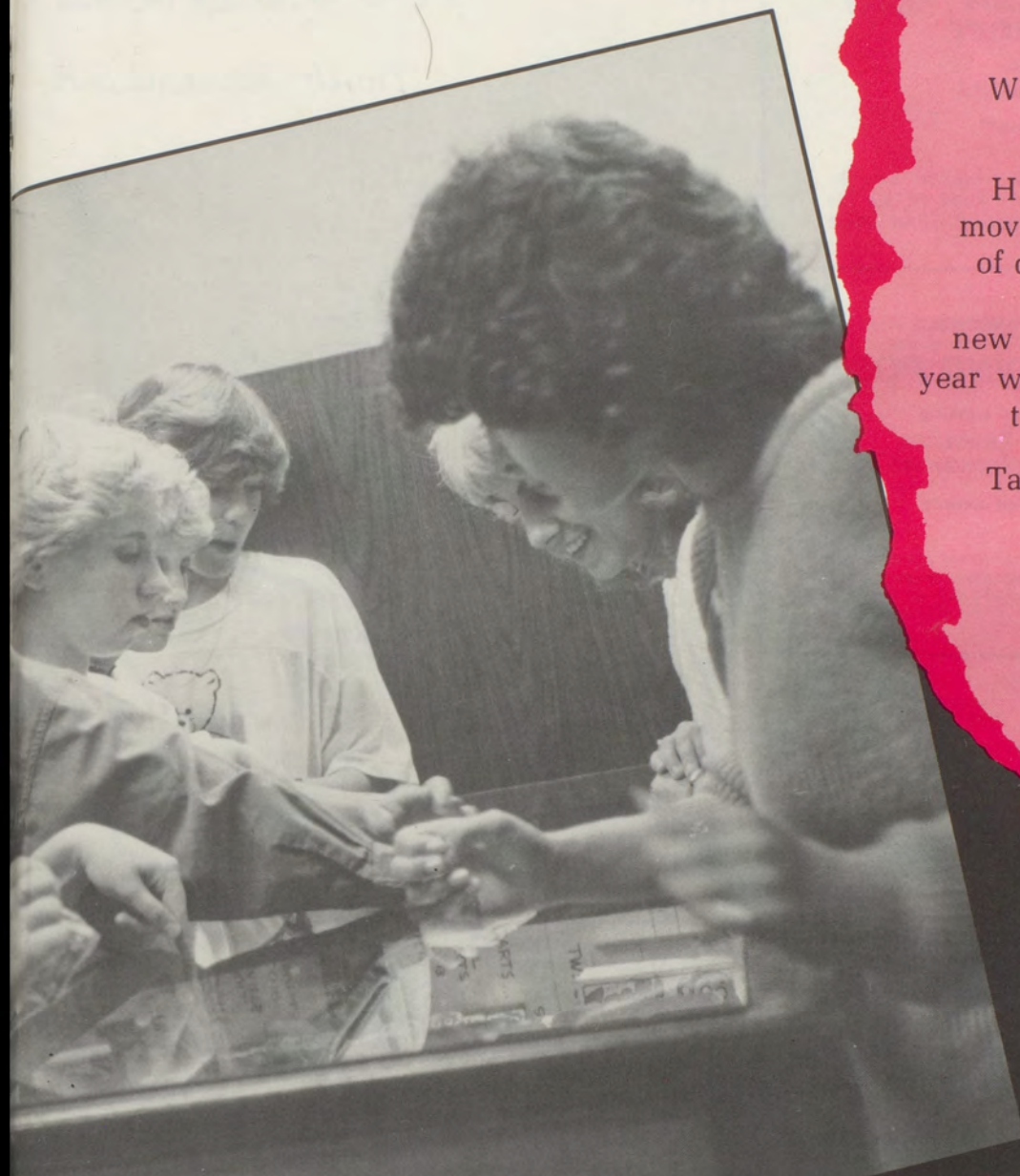
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What would winter in Houghton Lake be without Tip-Up-Town? The 36th annual carnival on the ice, hampered by sub-zero temperatures, still hosted an estimated 45,000 people. Photo by Carrie Mieske.

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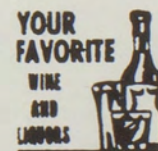
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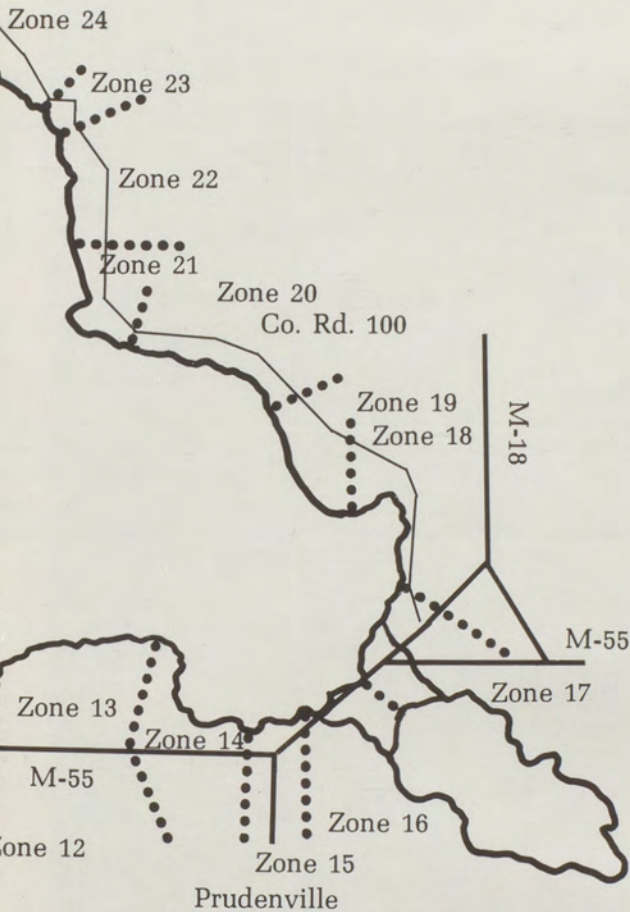
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But the next weekend was completely the opposite. "I couldn't believe that it was as cold as it was (0-10 degrees). The first weekend was so warm, which melted most of the snow, and when it froze again it really made the lake rough for riding with all of the ice chunks it made," sophomore Dale Leatch said.

This contrast of weather has plagued the carnival since the beginning. "In 1975 it was almost cancelled because of the ice being so thin, and in 1985 it was so cold that outside activities had to be cancelled," commented Mr. Mike Ignat of the Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce. "Also the temperate weather conditions have caused the attendance to decline from 25,000 people to around 20,000 over a ten year period of time," he added.

Because of the presence of warm weather, the appearance of the first-ever ferris wheel on ice became doubtful, but it made its appearance at the carnival anyway. "The ferris wheel really made Tip-Up-Town look and feel like a carnival," freshman Christen Moore said.

"Although there were warm temperatures, I still think that Tip-Up-Town was a success, just as it always has been," concluded sophomore Bob Miller.

Mark Williams

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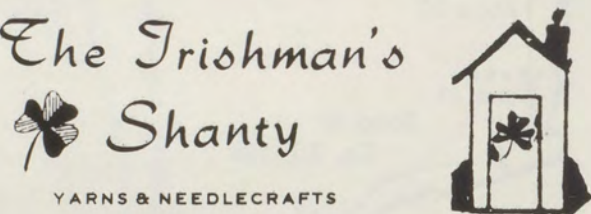
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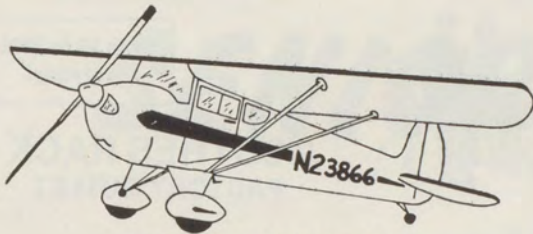
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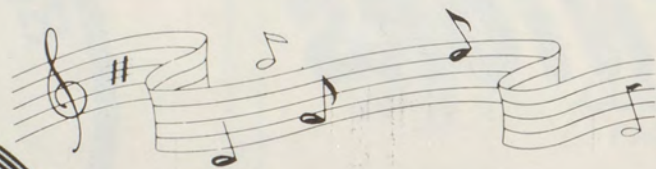
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School no longer teaches just reading, spelling and multiplication, but prepares a student for life, as well as future occupations. "I can barely stand going to school now! I can't imagine going when there were no courses like gym, shop, typing or even home-ec. to break the monotony," junior Lisa Ianatelli said. "Thank goodness for changes!"

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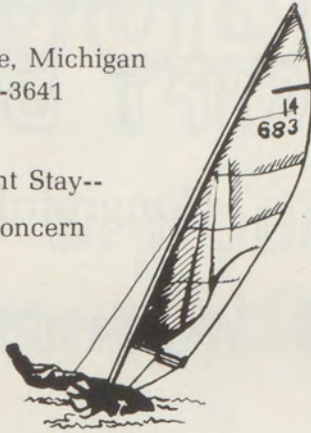
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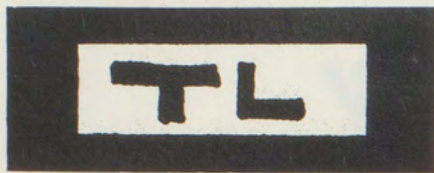
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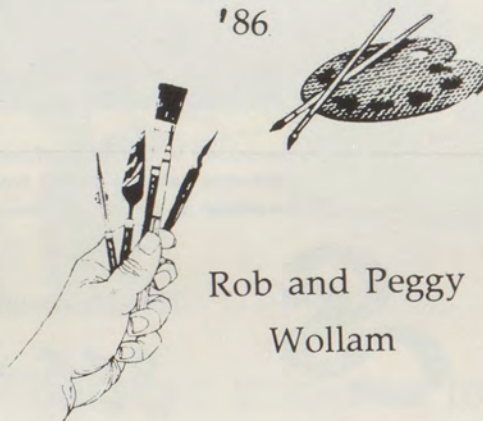
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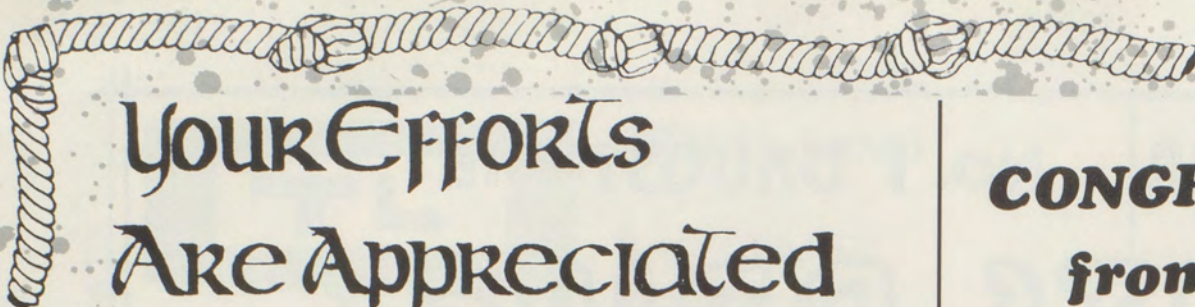
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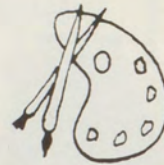


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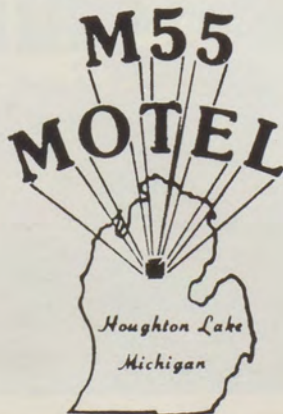
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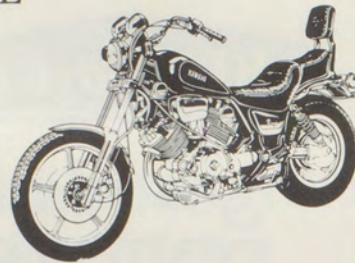
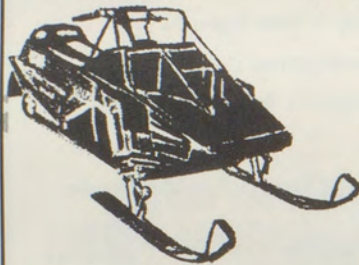
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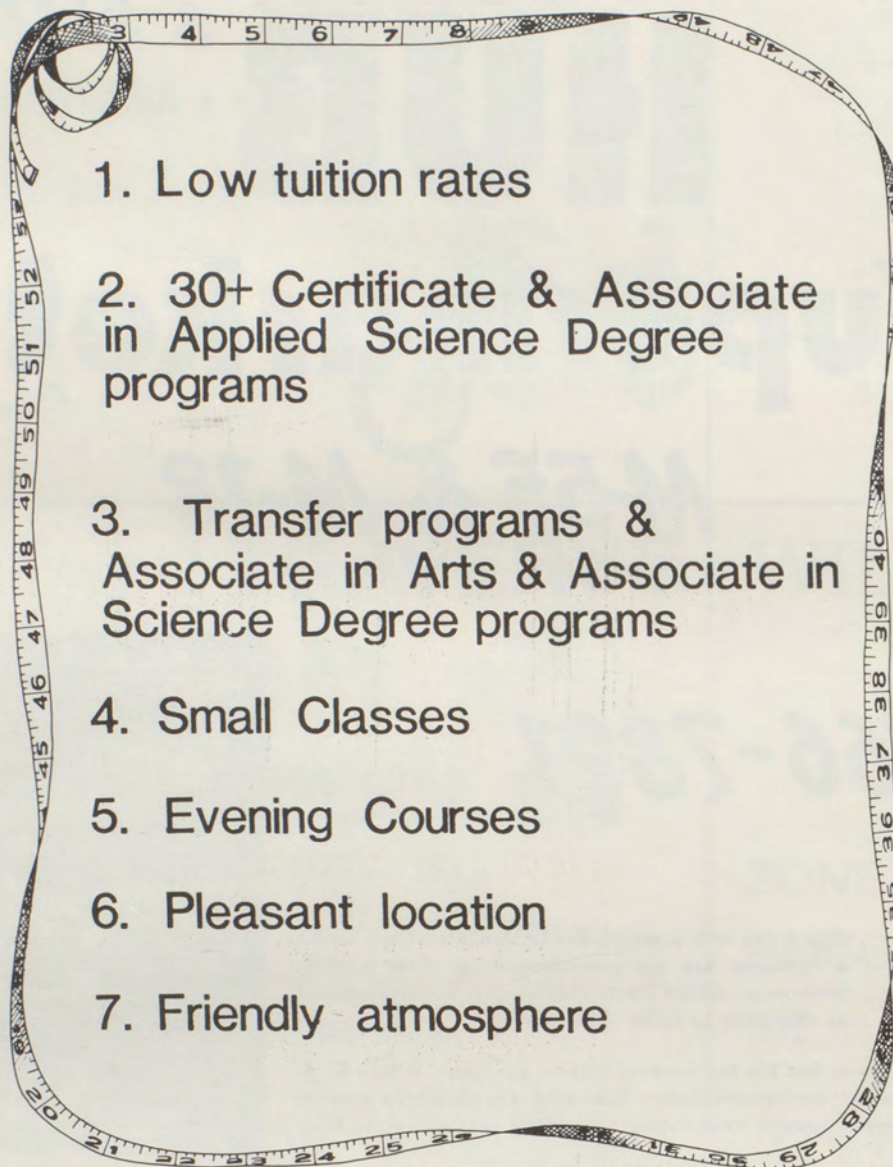
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"It's super busy during the summer, but it's fun because I know everyone. It also helps being related to the store owners," sophomore Karen Akin said. Karen, whose parents are part owners, works about eight hours a week during the school year and up to forty during the summer.



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It's time to get up to date! Yearbooks have been modified and revised in style and pattern through the years and Houghton Lake's is no exception.

"Looking through the yearbooks from around the 70's shows just how much our book has improved. It has a lot more and better articles and pictures," junior Regina Sussex said.

In order for the yearbook to be considered journalistically sound, it must follow standards set by scholastic press associations. Even though the journalism staff has produced a four-year string of first place awards, some students still are not satisfied.

"The yearbook never has enough pictures or color. They always put those long articles in, but who wants to read them?" junior Glen Lillie commented.

A plain black and white yearbook costs about \$9,000 to print 300 copies. Each page of color can cost as much as \$375. And as for the copy, "People may not want to read the copy now but in a few years they might forget what something was like and they'll be able to look back and read about it," freshman Sharee Ringwald said.

Everyone may not be pleased with the yearbooks, but considering the financial budget and journalistic standards which must be followed, "I think the changes in the yearbook have all been for the better," junior Kerry Lashley concluded.

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Checking out and bagging groceries, junior Carrie Mieske and senior Janey Kronner work in tandem at the front counter of Kronner's Pharmacy. Both Carrie and Jane work at the pharmacy as part-time summer employees. Photo by Karen Cronin.

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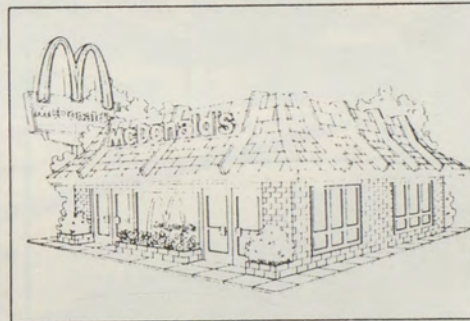
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Weekends have always been the one thing all teens look forward to. A favorite weekend spot for teenagers today is the Rock House. And after a night of dancing some teens stop in at McDonald's to get something to eat. But years ago teens danced at the Music Box, and, since McDonald's wasn't even established in Houghton Lake until five years ago, Big Boy was one of the more popular hangouts.

Another big change has been participation in school dances. The Homecoming dance, which was the only dance open to all four grades, had less than twenty percent participation last October. Years ago all students were interested in school dances. "I remember when I was in high school here in Houghton Lake that everyone went to dances. And besides that it was the work of the entire student body in decorating the gym," said business teacher Mrs. Liz Thompson, a 1971 graduate.

And talk about changes! With Elvis Presley being the teen idol, long side burns and bell-bottom, hip-hugger jeans were the "hippest" outfit. These days, the day of idols like Don Johnson, Michael J. Fox, and Rob Lowe, the styles have changed to Guess Jeans, Esprit and colored highlighted hair as "bad" or "excellent."

"At the time my brothers were going to school I thought they were really cool. But now bell-bottoms just don't cut it. Things have changed and when I look back to the days of hip-hugger jeans, I'm glad they have!" senior Kim Rzycki said.


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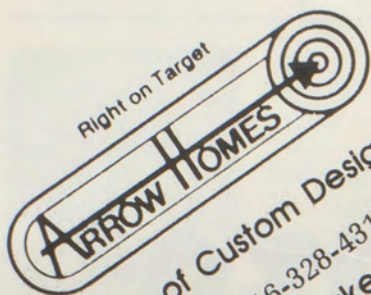
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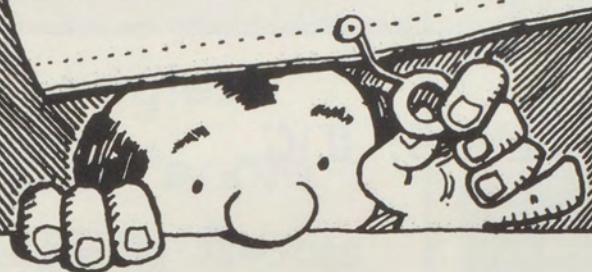
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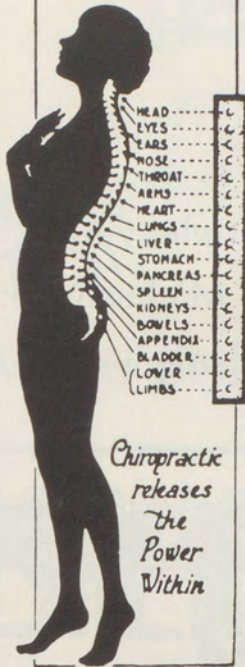
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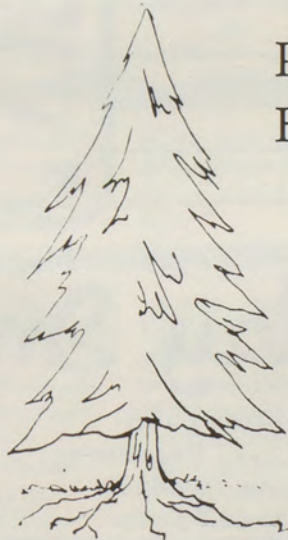
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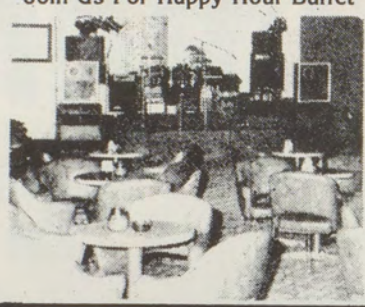

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- * Who joined a link of Hands Across America in Bremen, Indiana?
- * Who challenged the state of Michigan on a snow day law and won?
- * Who travelled to the Pontiac Silverdome to attend a banquet and receive an award from the Princeton Book Club?
- * Who received the Judge's Choice Award for the best Class C-D yearbook in the state of Michigan?


Who did all of this? We did, naturally. But wait, that wasn't all.

We aided national charity benefits, graduated a German exchange student, said goodbye to three former teachers and participated in state political seminars.

Now who accomplished all this?

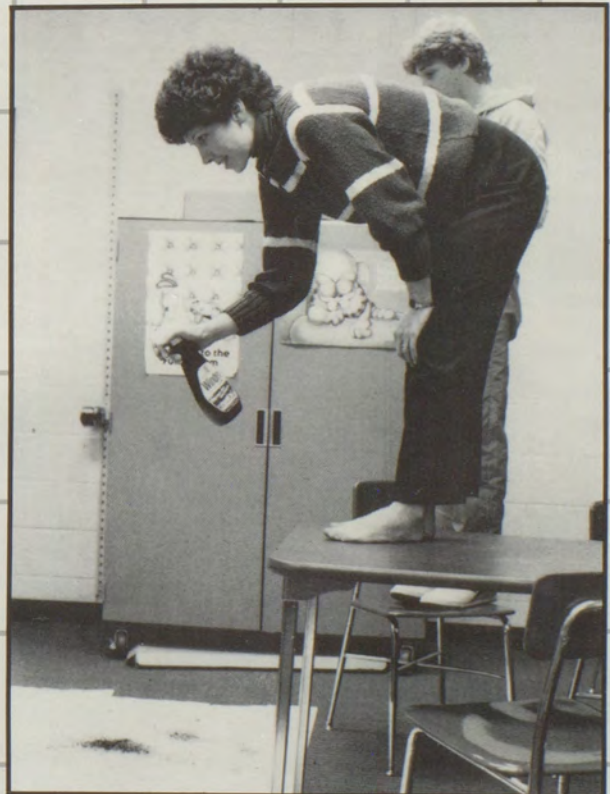
"We were so excited! I'd just get back with one award and they'd call Houghton Lake again. Kids were saying 'Why don't you just stay up there,'" senior editor Stacy Eckstorn said. Stacy represented Houghton Lake in receiving fourteen out of fifteen first place awards plus the Judge's Choice Award for 1985 Vital Signs yearbook at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association spring convention. Photo by Carrie Mieske.





Students come to school the last week to take exams, not to have shaving cream thrown in their face or water squirted in their eyes," teacher Mr. Rod Martin said. Mr. Martin searches freshman Tina Chanda's bag as part of the search conducted by him, counselor Mr. Jack Jury and vice-principal Mr. Dick Brown. Students were stopped as they got off the bus in the morning each day of the last week of school. Photo by Karen Cronin.

Few people realize what a difficult technique this is. First we tried spray paint, then we tried dripping it, then we tried flinging it with a paintbrush, then we used a squirt gun. That worked but the paint ran out of the trigger and onto my fingers. Finally we discovered a Windex bottle," Yearbook Adviser Mrs. Strause explained. In order to get a natural paint splotch, one of the main graphics throughout the yearbook, Mrs. Strause stood on a table and sprayed paint from a Windex bottle. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



We did!

Ted and I went down around 10:00 in the morning before graduation and repainted the rock because we didn't want all of our relatives to see a rock with obscenities on it senior Jodi Miller said. Near the end of the school year, the rock weathered several paint jobs as classes battled for dominance. Photo by Carrie Mieske.



