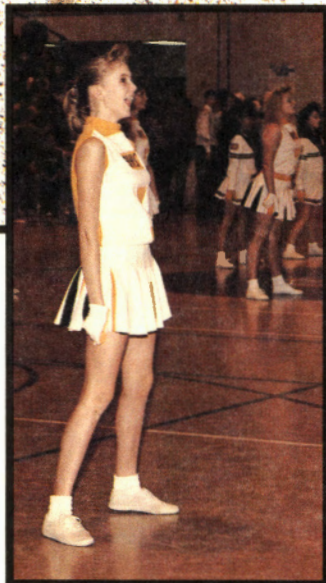


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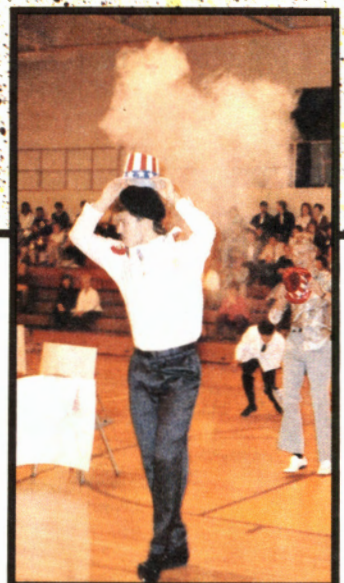
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STEALING THE SCENE ... takes the right combination of spirit and timing for sophomore Angie Duling and Rocky Ram, alias senior Jeff Bachman. Their sideline antics fired up crowd enthusiasm at the Homecoming game, October 14, topping off a traditional week of rivalry.

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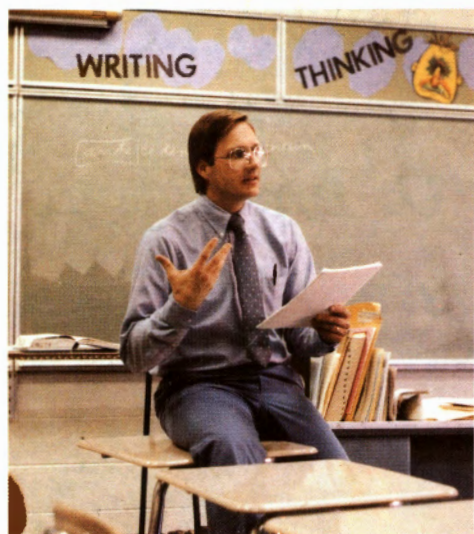
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The Right **COMBINATION**

*Of Innovation
And Tradition*

INSIDE THE RAM. Taking part in the Homecoming experience, senior Jeff Bachman transforms Josie Dunham into Rocky Ram before parade time. Portraying Rocky for the second year, Jeff carried on the tradition of sparking spirit and excitement in the crowds during the parade, assemblies and sporting events.

THE SPICE OF LIFE. Adding variety to the lunchroom, sophomores Scott Mohler and Nicole Kistler munch on pizza and french fries, two traditionally popular lunch items. The short lunch time encouraged more students to eat in the cafeteria rather than off-campus.



A HANDS ON EXPERIENCE. Redefining the term antecedent for his fourth hour Fundamental Skills III class, Mr. Kutney emphasized the meaning of the word to students by using hand gestures. Many teachers developed their own styles of teaching ranging from detailed handouts to sayings and hand signals.

MARCHING IN STYLE. The band displays their new uniforms while marching down Sycamore Street in the Homecoming parade. Selling pop at the Michigan State football games, M & M's, booster buttons and an area trivia game were only a few of the activities that band members and the band boosters used to raise money to cover one half of the cost of their new uniforms.





The Gold Standard

It was about tradition ... It was about brown and gold ... It was about Jeff Bachman and Julie Beswick alias Rocky Ram ... It was about a year in which students and staff relaxed a bit and enjoyed what had always worked well.

Forging a strong link in the traditional chain of school pride, an exemplary report named the school as one of the ten best in the state.

Getting more than they bargained for, students staged a Homecoming week in which traditional school spirit hit record highs.

Making the pieces fit, students were matched with their host families for the traditional exchange with the Elsa-Brandstrom Gymnasium in Munich, West Germany. Meanwhile, Kira Ihrcke, Kaye Kerekes and Robin Kotajarvi won spots on the Mid American Pom Pon team, performing in the Citrus Bowl parade and half-time show.

Making it all count, the band boosters raised funds to pay off one half of the district debt for new band uniforms, underlying the tradition of community support of the school.

ANTICIPATING A VICTORY. The JV and Varsity cheerleaders prepare to cheer on the Varsity Football Team against the Eastern Quakers during the Homecoming game, October 14. The cheerleaders traditionally decorate the hoop every year for Homecoming and the result was a boost for a winning score of 35-13.

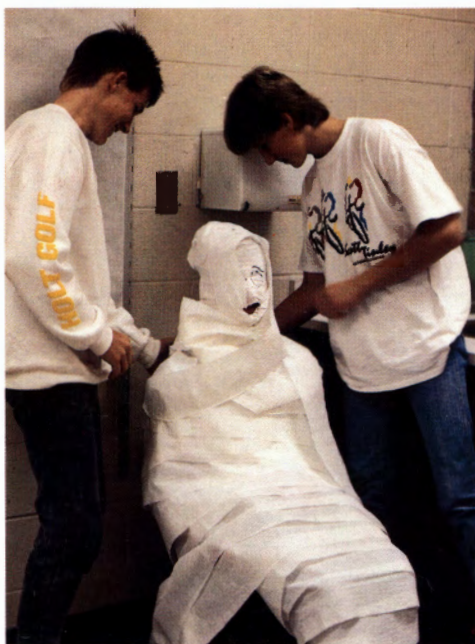
CHECKING THE STANDARDS. Conducting an interview to narrow down the schools for the exemplary school selection, the representative from the Department of Education, discusses different aspects of school life with Mrs. Neureither and Mr. Burgess. Faculty were asked about their self-improvement plans and their extra-curricular activities with students. The school was named one of the ten best in the state.



ASSORTMENT OF SPIRIT. Pom Pon members combine forces and keep spirits high after performing at the Homecoming halftime with the band. The squad completed a second year of performances with the band and competed for spots on the Mid American Pom Pon Team.

ULTIMATE NERDS. The real qualities of a nerd are innovatively displayed during spirit week by seniors Dan McLean and Justin Judge, who overcame the school on Nerd Day with their plaid and polyester transformation. "Dressing as a nerd has been a personal tradition for me since our Halloween Dance in ninth grade," commented Dan McLean.

ARTISTIC COVER-UP. Creating some fun on the first half day of the year, sophomores Jeremy Gipe and Aaron Houser toilet paper senior Derek DeMarco during Mrs. Anderson's Drawing class. Groups of four students set out to completely cover their partner as neatly and as quickly as possible for the innovative lesson.



MONEY MAKING ADVENTURE. Raising money for the Band Boosters is a dedicated parent. Band students and boosters sold pop at the Michigan State Football games to pay for one half of the cost of new band uniforms.



Polishing the Gold

However, it was apparent that at times, more than the customary was needed. For a school which prided itself on tradition, it may come as a surprise that the innovations of the year provided nearly as much satisfaction.

Cracking the code of foreign language literacy, students extended their fluency skills in a new language lab.

Meeting the challenge, the Varsity Football Team pushed down the field for a winning score of 35-13 over the Eastern Quakers at the Homecoming game and a second place title in the Capital Area Conference.

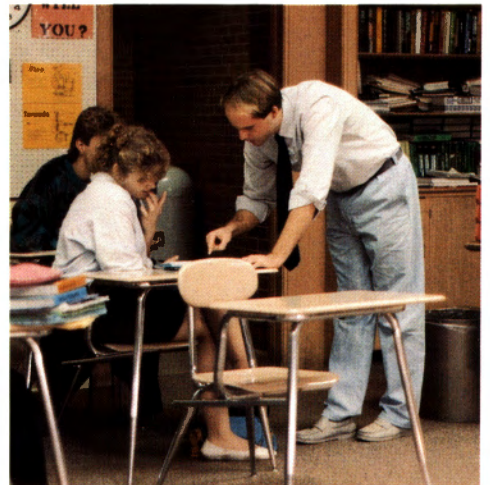
Breaking away from the local scene, students from the dance group, In-Motion, beat the heat in New York City experiencing the world of professional dance culture during the summer.

Putting it all together, the choir presented an encore performance of their winter concert for the faculty at their Christmas social.

But there was more ... There was the New Students' Club ... There was the addition of A+ credit in Honors and Advanced Placement classes ... There was a new district logo and high school crest ... There was the right combination of innovation and tradition.

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE. Explaining a complicated formula during Trigonometry class to junior Amber Fletcher is student teacher, Travis Bertnew. He spent one term student teaching with Mr. Lehman to complete his training for graduation in June from Michigan State University.

PLAYING THE PART. Participating in a debate during Mr. Templin's Botany class, seniors Becky Wisch and Steve Cairns act as representatives for the Beatrice Company. They were being charged with producing chemicals that could destroy the ozone layer, against a concerned citizens group represented by senior Sarah Henry.



TEAM DETERMINATION. Handing the ball off to senior Dan McLean, junior Rick Resio remains in control. The determination and spirit of the team lifted them to a 28-26 overtime victory. "Everett was my first game as quarterback that went into overtime. This was the best game I have ever played and I will always remember it," noted Rick Resio.

Getting More Than You Bargained For

FRINGE BENEFIT.

The trip to Cedar Point in June was one of the fringe benefits of student life for Spanish Club members. Seniors Craig Simmons and Renee Langston relax during the bus trip which was not without incident. Renee revealed, "Cedar Point was a fun trip until the journey home when one of the buses had a flat tire. The situation was quickly rectified though as the students split up and rode home in the other buses, arriving safely."

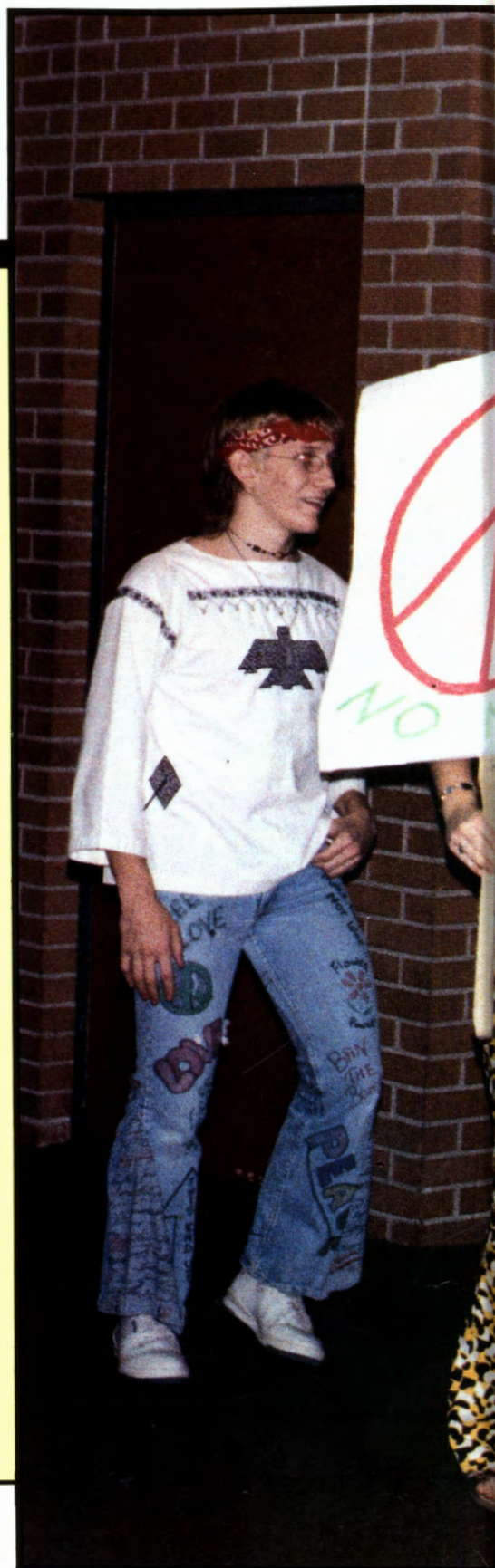
The blitz of heat waves and summer activity cooled to a warm fall. With batteries recharged by summer vacations, camp and athletic practices, students greeted the reality of opening day with high expectations and the traditional mixed emotions. Bewildered sophomores, juniors dreading the academic pressure cooker and sentimental, self-assured seniors created the customary traffic jam in front of the library.

Spirit Week provided the first relief of the new school year as student involvement rose with the fringe benefit of three half days to take the traditional floats, hall decorations and skits to more creative heights.

Armed with part-time jobs, students paid for the onslaught of expenses for cars, dates, entertainment and the necessities of student life. Coping with the demands on their time, as well as, parent and peer relationships proved challenging.

Along the way students took time out to enjoy and improve on tradition. They took new pride in winning the loud mouth jug contest and the Powderpuff football game. Innovative touches were added with a new school crest and a candy machine.

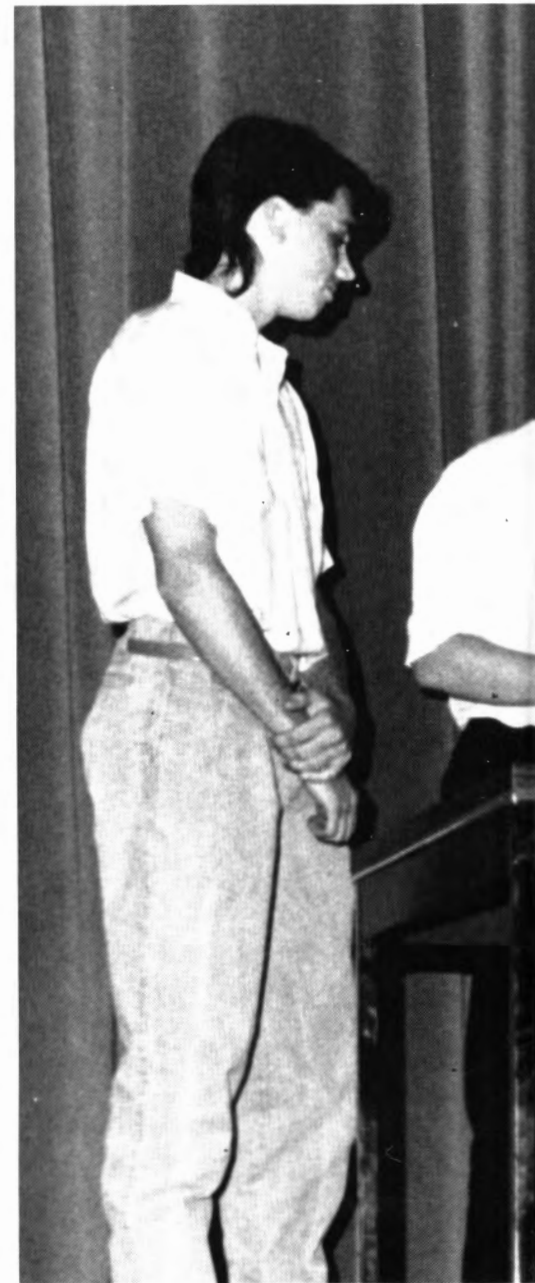
In the end, students were pleasantly surprised to find that with the right combination of spirit and involvement, they were getting more than they bargained for.



COFFEE ANYONE? Enjoying coffee and conversation at the reception following the awards presentation are senior Jennifer Mattila, teacher Mrs. Withey and a parent, Mr. Beha. The refreshments were provided by Student Government in the relaxed atmosphere of the Library.



BASKING IN THE LIMELIGHT. Relishing the honor of being recognized for outstanding Industrial Arts performance in drafting are junior John Killips and senior Kevin Burns. Kevin won a Citation of Merit and \$1000 savings bond in the state design competition.



Night is for Honoring Achievement

The stage was set, the audience hummed with excitement. The annual awards night was about to begin. "The anticipation of waiting to know what award I was to receive almost killed me. I like to know things right away," said sophomore Liz VanDyke.

Receiving a Citation of Merit and a \$1000 savings bond in the Michigan High School Architectural Design Competition was very exciting for senior Kevin Burns. "I never really thought I would do so well, considering the entire first day I had a complete mind block; I just could not think of anything. Another frustrating point was the competition itself. Many of the drawings were very intimidating, but when you consider that many of these schools have 3 or 4 year architectural programs to our one, I feel I did very well."

Although excitement was the usual reaction to winning an award a feeling of relief also swept through senior Steven Cairns when he was announced winner of the Holt Education Association Scholarship award. "When I heard that I'd won the scholarship, I was elated and relieved. I'm eager to start teaching, so I can sort of repay the school for everything they have done."

The American Legion Auxiliary Girl's State Award was presented to junior Amanda Fisher. "I would like to go into law and politics, and I feel Girls' State will be beneficial to my future," she explained.

As the night drew to a close the smiles of parents and students showed the pride that was felt from receiving an award.

Following, the presentation was the finale of Honor's Night, every teenager's best friend — FOOD! Sitting still for an hour and a half was hard on some students, but the promise of refreshments helped them get through the ceremony. "It was hard to be patient for so long. I quickly got tired of listening to names and watching people walk across the stage. The thought of snacks made it better though. It seemed to take 327 hours instead of 534," explained sophomore Jennifer Rennirt.

The treats were provided by Student Government. "It seems that the food was enjoyed by both parents and students. The library provided a place for all of the honored students to be seen and congratulated in a relaxed atmosphere," concluded junior Julie Crane.



POST CEREMONY TREATS. Discussing the night's ceremonies with Superintendent Dr. Mark Maksimowicz, are proud parents Denny and Denise Fulk. Mr. Fulk also found the time to sneak in a donut or two.



PROTESTING FOR FUN. Student response to the staged protest demonstration was more than these spirited senior hippies bargained for when they planned the early morning sit-in during Spirit Week. Singing the lyrics of the Beatles' tune, "Give Peace a Chance," are Chad Patrick, Becky Wisch, Kaye Kerekes, Ben Donley, Mark Baldwin, Jenny Riebow, Kelly Dickman and Darrah Allen.



Vacations Sizzle As Students *feel the Heat*

Hits such as "Hot, Hot, Hot" blared from the radio and the forecast showed no sign of relief from the blistering heat. Whether students stayed home and relaxed or took off for exciting sandy beaches, they 'felt the heat' from coast to coast.

While the temperatures hit record highs across the country, local talent heated up too. The dance group, In-Motion, from Karyn's Dance Place ventured off to New York where they gained an understanding of New York's dance culture. Junior Mindy Richards said, "My trip to New York was fun and exciting. I saw the sites, shows, went shopping, and took dance classes. We went by train, which was a first. I would definitely want to go again."

Returning to a vacation spot was exactly what junior Chris Emmerth did. It

'I went on an Alaskan cruise during the summer and the scenery was beautiful. It was an experience of a lifetime that I will never forget.' — Senior Lee Van Dyke

became a quest for fun on his annual journey to Bar Harbor, Maine by way of motorhome. "It was your typical sightseeing, scenery vacation until the last night when we made our own video tape." Chris and his two brothers 'took the heat' for using their uncle's cam-corder without permission.

On the local scene, students felt the heat with friends, whether it was playing softball or vaca-

tioning together around the state. Sophomores Chrysty Kelly and Linda LeGrand vacationed in Traverse City. Being with friends for a long period of time lead to trouble once in a while. Chrysty confessed, "We fought a lot, but we were too busy having fun to hate each other."

Local fairs also provided entertainment, as well as jobs. "I worked at a Mexican food booth at the Ionia Free Fair. I met David Lee Roth's drummer and saw concerts from the top of the booth. The only drawbacks were the ten-hour workdays and the weather. It was so HOT! Other than that, I had a lot of fun," related junior Kathy Binder.

While their batteries recharged, students watched the summer melt away. Yet, the days brought them more than they anticipated from a vacation.



INSTANT SHADE . . . and instant friendship occurred on a visit to Western Michigan University. Juniors Nikki Miller and Nancy Pike took time to pose with their newly found friend.



TIME OUT. During a break in the action, members of "The Assault," basketball team had a few moments to go over plays. Sophomore Mike VanFossen, Jeremy Norris, Dave Crater and Brian Houser participated in the Gus Macker 3 on 3 tournament in Belding, MI.

TAKING OFF. A wobbly rock sends junior Chris Emmerth towards the safety of dry land off a lake in Acadia National Park. This was one of many stops his family made on their vacation to Bar Harbor, Maine in July.



LAY BACK AND RELAX. An extremely hot day gives junior Darren Craig good reason to lay back in the cool grass while waiting for his softball game to start. Summer was a good time for many students to just take it easy.



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Summer Athletic Practices

Groaning to the first rays of sunshine streaming in the bedroom windows, dreading to face the blistering heat of the practice fields or another day of summer camp, vacationers burrowed deeper beneath the sheets. However, giving up sleep and free time became routine for many dedicated students.

"Getting up early for 9:00 a.m. tennis practice with the knowledge that court temperatures would be in the upper 90's was always a chore," complained junior Jenny Loudon.

Having to deal with extreme heat also required some adjustment. "The heat was hard for me to get used to. I got very dizzy the first couple days of football practice," explained senior Mike Croy.

Along with the heat came parched playing fields and greens. "The summer drought was especially hard for this season's golf team. It made playing conditions more difficult and playing time very warm," noted senior Jeff Rule.

According to senior Jim Wright, "Summer practices were not always of the 'all

work and no play' variety. They were a lot of fun! We got to play together without worrying about winning or losing. I wouldn't trade summer basketball for anything!"

A few athletes experienced a change of heart as new workouts began. "Summer practices were usually fun, however, after I started swimming with the Spartans, my only goal was to survive! It was rough," stated senior Brent Pohlonski.

Hot strenuous practices were relieved somewhat by summer camp experiences which provided the fringe benefits of a change of scene, plus the hope that the season's performance would somehow be improved for the effort.

"Tennis camp at Ferris State helped me to improved my form and I learned strategies that helped me later in the season," remarked junior Heather Valencic.

As summer lingered on, there was one thing to look forward to and that was putting all the new found knowledge to practice as the school year unfolded.



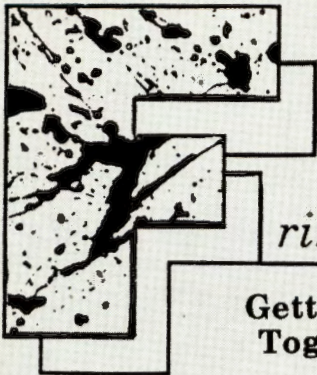
COURT SIZZLERS. Summer practice paid off for many of the girls on the tennis team as they faced the match against Pickney open-

ing week. Juniors Kim Hannig, Kathy Binder and Kathy Nelson relax in the heat while catching up on their homework prior to the match.



HOLD ON! Ascending the first hill on the mine ride at Cedar Point are seniors Amy Lindgren, Scott Bigelow,

Matt Robson and Jeff Placer. Getting together with friends was the most common activity during summer vacation.



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Getting Your Act Together Again

Even though the day ran pretty smoothly for most students, there were a few who had some difficulties. The fringe benefit of opening day was the awareness that they had to get their act together.

"I set my alarm for 5:50 am but it didn't go off and my mom woke me up at 6:45! I had to rush to get ready and arrived at school with only 10 minutes until the first bell. Then I discovered that I not only forgot my emergency cards, but I also brilliantly forgot my unmemorized schedule sitting on the kitchen table!"

— Sophomore Jenny Rennirt

"The first day was a bit frantic. Everyone could tell

who the sophomores were by the lost look on their faces. But after a few days, everything seemed to come together and I could tell this would be a year I would never forget."

— Sophomore Michelle Killian

"On the first day of school it seemed like I didn't even have a summer vacation!"

— Senior Renee Langston

"I heard a lot of students had trouble getting their lockers open. They all seemed to be painted shut. Also, there was a long list of students who didn't have their emergency cards turned in."

— Senior Chris Esler



A MAD DASH. Sprinting down the Library hall in hopes of making it to class before the bell on the first day

of school is sophomore Nikki Kramer. 'Lost' students could be seen throughout the day running to find their classes.



CONFUSION AND ANTICIPATION. As the first bell rings, students anxiously weave their way through congested hallways during the first week of school while pausing to talk to friends.

A NEW ARRIVAL. Overwhelmed with the thought of seeing many new people and being in a new school as he steps off the bus on the first day is sophomore Marc Cope. Marc commented, "I got two hours sleep the night before because I was thrilled that the next day was my first day of high school."





Mixed Emotions Led Students *back to the* **Books**

Opening day — a day novice sophomores anticipated with excitement, wary juniors looked upon as the beginning of that tough middle year, and confident seniors relished as their countdown began. It was a day that reflected the right combination of attitude, spirit and motivation.

Most students returned expecting the same old routine of lectures on classroom rules and expectations, but some students got more than they bargained for. "It's already hard! I had homework in four classes on the very first day," noted senior Robin Kotajarvi.

A certain excitement in the air grew as the day progressed. "The first day was simply great! I found that as I walked down the hall a smile never left my face!," exclaimed sophomore Angie Duling.

But, there were also many students who

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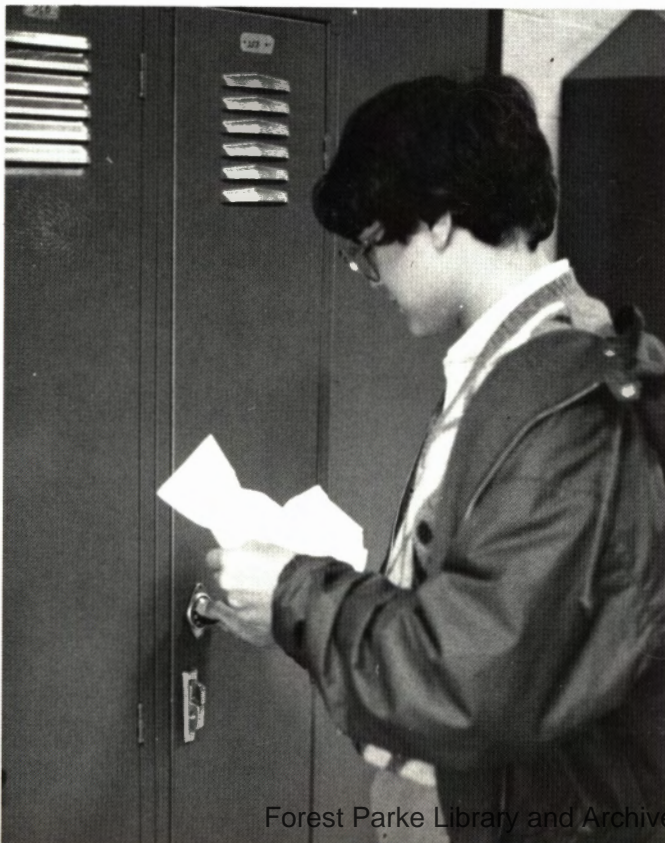
flected, "It was my last-first day of high school. It was scary knowing I'm never coming back, but it was exciting too!"

Sophomores seemed to attract the most attention as they tried not to look lost. This got quite a reaction from upperclassmen. "It's funny looking at all the new sophomores and remembering being in their shoes — lost in a big new school. I feel kind of sorry for them, but they get their turn to be seniors," expressed senior Darrah Allen.

Even though the first day seemed to speed by, senior Jenny Calvert had the right idea when she said, "It's going to be a long year!"

weren't quite that enthusiastic. "I was scared. I didn't even know my room numbers and all the rooms looked the same, all the teachers did too! It was weird seeing all these people I didn't know," remembered sophomore Andrea Bird.

Seniors seemed to be quite sentimental about opening day as they looked towards the future. Senior Renee Langston re-



THE RIGHT COMBINATION. Opening lockers can be tricky on the first day as junior Nathan Bahn finds out. There were many problems with sticky lockers and wrong combinations during opening week.

END OF THE LINE! Waiting for what seems like a lifetime to get their parking permits with the help of Mrs. Eberly are juniors Kris Defoe, Kassie Stephens, Kathy Binder and Anissa Stubig.

OPENING WEEK
Edited by Fulk/Lu



Anything But Normal Weather Is *the big* Tease

Who could blame Willard Scott for his misleading forecasts on the elements? No weatherman or student alike could have predicted that Autumn would turn out to be a completely upside down season.

Fall started out to be normal. Pumpkins were being carved for Halloween, band students were selling soft drinks at Spartan Stadium, and the colorful leaves began to fall softly to the earth. The raked piles of leaves created the perfect ski slope. "I'd take a piece of cardboard, find a large leaf pile, and ski the perfect ten," stated sophomore K.C. Howard.

All was to change in early November when the first flakes of snow fell. The flurries brought blistering cold weather, send-

"I couldn't believe we had hot weather in the middle of fall. Autumn had to be our weirdest season ever!"

— Junior Mike Newman

ing many students to the shelter of shopping malls. The unusual cold provided ample opportunity to finish some much needed Christmas shopping. "I was going to wait until the last minute, but being it was so cold, I decided to get it over with," commented junior Eric Royston.

However, the 'freeze'

did not last long. From out of the frost came a heat wave in mid November.

"I couldn't believe we had hot weather in the middle of fall!" exclaimed junior Mike Newman. The unnatural occurrence led many students to car washes to rid their vehicles of unwanted dirt and a resurgence of summer sports.

With temperatures below 0 degrees to those in the high 50's, Autumn proved to be a sea-saw season. With such abnormal weather, one could only hope for the seasonly traditional, white Christmas.

SHOPPING BY PHONE. Taking refuge from the blistering cold in the Lansing Mall, junior Jim Lopez calls MC Sporting to try to find a pair of Bug-A-Boo

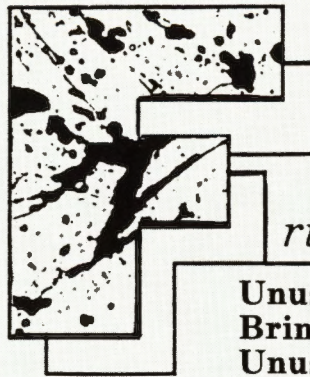
gloves, while juniors Jenny Westgate and Kim Hannig wait. The store didn't have his size so he settled for a pair of CB ski pants.

POP ANYONE? Enjoying the brisk fall day at the MSU-Indiana football game, eighth grader Mark Malone sells pop at Spartan Stadium to help pay for the new high school band uniforms.



IN THE BRANCHES. Taking advantage of the warm November weather, junior Chris Emmerth builds a deer blind for the

upcoming deer season. The blind, built in senior Brooke Barrett's backyard, was not for hunting, but for target practice.



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Unusual Weather Brings Unusual Fall Activity

From snow to mud and rainbows to heat waves, fall brought unusually hot and cold days as well as unusual reactions and activities from students.

It started out with normal Indian summer days and became interspersed with cold and warm rains, producing beautiful rainbows. Junior Stacie Clark remembered, "I was laying out in the sun at the beginning of fall and I was getting really hot. Just as I was about to go inside to cool off, it started to rain. The rain was warm so I decided to lay out in it. It was an unusual way to cool down, but it worked!"

Too soon, however, the rains turned cold and produced 'frozen' mud. The field conditions made the Varsity Football Team go a little crazy. Junior Kory Foote recalled, "One nasty day at practice it started to rain and hail. Everyone got soaked and started to dive in the mud. You could barely tell who was who. The only problem was

the 30 temperatures — everyone froze."

Temperatures fluctuated in mid-November from warm to freezing in a 12 hour period. It started out as a warm day but by late afternoon the ground started turning white. The wet snow produced bad driving conditions. Junior Jason Dillingham explained, "The roads weren't that bad when I left home. However, by the end of the evening the roads were terrible. I had an accident when I slid off the road. I hit a curb, flattened out a road sign, hit a fire hydrant and put a big hole in the side of my Dad's car. My Dad wasn't too happy about the damage, but I survived!"

By the end of November, temperatures warmed up to a heat wave and students exchanged Christmas shopping for one last football game. The typical fall day proved unusual whether one went rain bathing or became an icicle. Nature continued to tease students well into winter.



RAIN TO RAINBOWS. The warm rain that fell in early fall brought this colorful rainbow to viewers. Frequent warm days throughout

the season brought temperatures in the 80's prolonging summer. The rainbow was photographed in Stacie Richter's backyard.



MIRROR MIRROR. Inside is her style at Hudson's. She occasionally window shops for Christmas presents at the Meridian Mall.

FALL ACTIVITY
Edited by Resio/Richter



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Twists Of Tradition To The Homecoming Experience

Making their way through the years, Homecoming traditions have been upheld. Senior Darrah Allen observed, "I think traditions have made Homecoming what it is today. Each year, classes have the opportunity to take old traditions and add their individual touches, making the occasion a little different year after year." As a result, innovations have occurred as traditions evolved.

Homecoming has always served the cause of recruiting alumni. This was a responsibility held by the seniors. Science teacher, Lowell Rudd, noted, "The seniors have always been given the leadership role. They show up, set examples and kind of keep the school alive."

Though senior leadership remained a constant, changes occurred as each class added new variations. In previous years, floats were made by such organizations as NHS and Varsity Club. The important thing was that the organization was represented. Today the classes concentrated their efforts on their representative theme floats. Senior Becky Wisch commented, "The floats seem to get better

each year, becoming more elaborate and showy. The parade has become more colorful as a result."

Homecoming Queen of 1968, teacher Pat Somers, reflected on changes since her high school years. She explained, "Theme days used to be quite different. We had a dress code and could not wear costumes. Instead, we had color days. We also had slack day because girls were required to wear dresses and skirts. So one day out of the year we were allowed to wear pants, but no jeans."

Homecoming night was also a different story. Today the winners of the Spirit Week games and the king and queen are announced at the game. In the past they were announced a week before the game and the royal couple had more than one night to enjoy their reign. 1988 Court member, Nikki Keep noted, "I think it may have been fun to know ahead of time but I think the way we do it now allows for more suspense to build."

Whatever the custom, each class added its own variation to traditions that have been renewed each year with spirit.



REVAMPING TRADITION. Senior Class President, Tracy Harrison, congratulates Homecoming

King, Dan McLean and Queen, Tiffany Blackie, as they are crowned at halftime for a new twist of tradition.



ARTISTIC TOUCHES. Putting the finishing touches on the artwork for the winning Homecoming float are seniors Tracy Harrison and Angie Moffitt. The float was constructed at Renee Langston's house during Spirit Week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? Milling about the crowd, sophomore court member, Heather Golden, socializes with fellow students, Dave Crater, Angie Duling, Alys Abdo and Mike Scott before parade time.

STUDENT LIFE

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SENIOR SPIRIT SOARS!
Taking a spirited lead in the senior parade truck are Matt Phelps, Ben Donley and Jeff Bachman.

Homecoming Traditions Create A *fairy tale* HIGH

Shouts of hopeful victory rang through the gym as the traditional Homecoming Pep Assembly got under way. The charged atmosphere reflected the class spirit which had been building all week to October 9th. Senior Nikki Keep noted, "Homecoming is always a fun week. It brings the classes closer because the competition makes classmates work as a team."

Between cheers and the competitive class games, seniors danced to the center of the gym to the musical comedy, 'Monster Mash,' preceded by the patriotic juniors performance of 'Coming to America.' The difficulty of choosing the winning skit was eased by the last-minute cancellation of the sophomore skit during the assembly. Mrs. Klimenko confirmed the difficult decision. "This year the senior and junior classes created good skits. They both used neat costuming and sound tracks and generated spirit from all their participants. It was a tough decision."

However, the seniors prevailed with a first place and dashed out of the gym to complete last-minute float preparations for judging. Senior Renee

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— Senior Darrah Allen

Langston revealed, "After the assembly, we all rushed back to my house to put the final touches on the float. We still had a lot to do, but we finished in time to get toilet paper, confetti and other necessities to show our spirit at the game."

As the parade line-up began, students, staff and families were on hand with their annual enthusiasm. The parade twisted its way down the traditional route led by the band and court.

Afterward, the focus of the week's activity was at hand as the fans filled the stadium. As the team warmed up on the field, excitement mounted. The offensive line gave their all as the Varsity Football

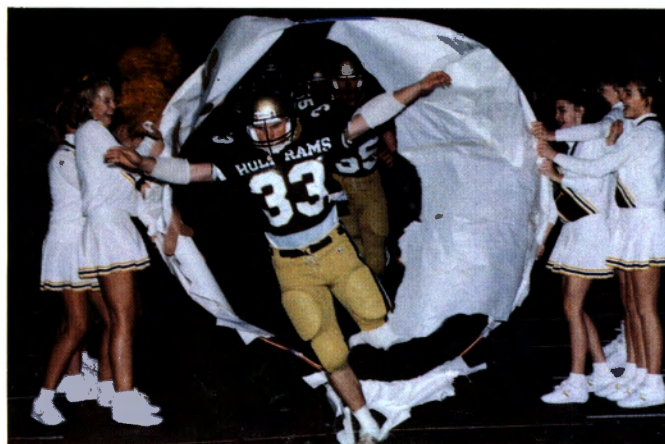
Team pushed down the field to score touchdown after touchdown for a final score of 35-13 over the Eastern Quakers.

Revamping tradition at half time the royal couple were crowned on the field on a perfect night of warm weather. Pride in being selected for court was evident. Senior Amy Lindgren reflected, "Being on court reinstalled personal confidence in myself, and it was a real honor to be chosen by our student body."

As the final minutes of the game ran out on the clock, students made a mad dash out of the stands to a celebration of victory at the Homecoming Dance.

Students were greeted in the gym by a magical world of light displays. Helium balloons rose from the floor where students danced their socks off to the current hits.

As the clock neared the midnight hour, the celebration came to an end. As each student exited, they left behind a fairy tale ending to the experience. "Homecoming was like a story. We worked our way to the climax and topped the book off with a happy ending, chalking one up in the win column."



BURSTING THROUGH!
With pride, senior Justin Judge shows his determination to win at the traditional Homecoming pre-game entrance to the field, October 9.

In Disguise Student *spirit* SOARS

Throwing off their everyday image students donned disguises to create an army of spirited actors fighting for the traditional Homecoming cause. Ransacking nearly every closet in the house and every trunk in the attic, students dug up costumes for theme days. "It was great that students could express their school spirit, ignore the embarrassment of dressing up and show their school pride during Spirit Week," commented sophomore Debbie Thomas. Students explored a different personality each day, whether it was nerd, hippie, or a Roman god dressed in the bedding of choice.

Spirits were high on Monday as students arrived in Roman garb. Regardless of their appearance — flowered, red or full of holes, the last sheet in the closet was drafted for Toga Day. "The funniest thing I saw was a student wearing a purple sheet!" revealed sophomore Becky Bengry.

Holiday fever caught the crowd by surprise on Tuesday. The right combination of Halloween, the Fourth of July and St. Patrick's Day created Theme Day. "I liked Theme Day the best because there was a lot of

It is important to maintain tradition so that future classes can enjoy Spirit Week the same way we did. Competition among the classes was the most important as we maintained tradition this year."

— Senior Mark Zink

class participation," explained junior Stacie Clark.

The Beatles promoting peace in the 60's returned to life Wednesday for Hippie Day. Seniors held a sit-in before school to promote peace. Sophomore Kelly Boss exclaimed, Hippie Day was the greatest! When I saw all the flower children, I just had to say PEACE!"

Tuck in your shirt! You have toilet paper stuck on the bottom of your shoe! Such shouts of enthusiasm could be heard in the halls on Thursday as Nerd Day proved to be full of excitement. The football players pumped themselves up through their traditional participation

on this day. Explaining the appeal of Nerd Day senior Mark Zink revealed, "The anticipation of fun raised school spirit and motivated students. I enjoyed Nerd Day the best because it created a real change in appearance and personality." Senior Shannon Elliott added, "I liked Nerd Day because it brought a lot of laughter to people's faces and created a lot of memories I will keep in my heart."

To top off the week, Friday was designated as Dress-Up Day. Students came donned in their best clothes to show pride for their school. The appeal of the festivities was captured by junior Jill Souza as she reflected, "Spirit Week is the most exciting week during the school year. It provides a change of pace from the day-to-day routine of school." In the name of tradition, students turned actors, staged an innovative week of disguise, fun and games.

ALL LATHERED UP! Working as a team to shave the balloon as quickly as possible, are juniors Jeremy Kienitz and Bridget Elliott during the Homecoming pep assembly. The class games boosted spirit and participation.

CLOWNING AROUND. Theme Day aroused many different personalities as seniors got dressed up in their favorite Halloween costumes. Senior Amy Harrington arrived in Graphic Design class donned as Bozo.



ON GUARD! Seniors protect their turf against enemy underclassmen during conferences on the evening of October 8, to insure the safety of their hall decorations before judging.





Spiral Benefits

Half Days Bonus Builds Spirit!

Half days, those cherished bonuses for students and staff alike coincided conveniently with Spirit Week. The unplanned gain was due to parent-teacher conferences and it seemed to provide an advantage for everyone.

The bonus met the needs of more planning and work time for costumes, skits, hall decorations and floats. Costumes appeared more original as students spent more time putting together outfits. Senior Tracy Harrison revealed, "On the first half day, I went to Dwight Rich Middle School and borrowed costumes from KIHO for the whole week."

Student participation was also boosted by the time benefit which helped raise the level of spirit during the week. Many students had their favorite days and explanations for the involvement. "What motivated students to dress up was the fun and laughter involved," noted senior Shannon Elliott. Junior Cindy Mason added, "I saw a lot of creative minds being put to work. I think stu-

dents this year were excited and full of school spirit and this is what motivated us."

QUESTION:

What was your favorite theme day during Spirit Week?

ANSWER:

Hippie Day 30%

Nerd Day 23%

Dress-Up Day 22.5%

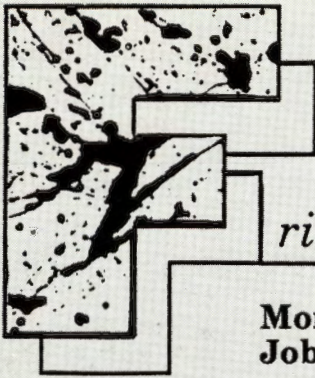
Theme Day 13.5%

Toga Day 11%



NERDS! NERDS!
Straight from the house of Tri Lam Fraternity,

seniors Jeff Etelmaki and Mike Bowler exploit their genius during Spirit Week.



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Money, Friends And Job Experience

Money — the main reason students worked, was spent as fast as it was earned. Students had responsibilities with assets and liabilities. Future career experiences and meeting new friends went in the assets column while a multitude of expenses were recorded as liabilities. "I work in a part-time job because I have to pay for my car and everything else that I want," stated junior Paul Carr.

Some students worked to help gain knowledge of their future career goals. Junior Craig Parry revealed, "I work with my dad in the masonry business. My brother and I intend to take over the family business someday and we can benefit from the experience."

The work place also pro-

vided the opportunity to meet new friends including those from different schools. "I like working at Bonanza because it's a good place to make money and meet new friends from all over Lansing," noted junior Jodi Canfield.

Job references were another bonus and a definite must to get the preferred job. "Working small jobs will help me in the future because it will build up references that I really need," stated junior Matt Schnepf.

Students faced the work force with the drive to make money and a knowledge of their personal career needs in order to get a jump on the job market and gain experience for a future occupation.



UP ONE! Leading the Swim Club's mini-team through a series of stretches, senior Pete Webster spends his Monday,

Wednesday and Friday nights helping to teach younger swimmers during the fall season.





After Hours Students Are Getting *down to* BUSINESS

From flipping pizza to babysitting, from big city businesses to small, home-town establishments, employers kept students busy in part-time jobs. After school and on weekends most students could be found at work.

Fast-food restaurants employed a great number of students. Junior Tami Fox, who worked at MacDonald's stated, "I do a variety of tasks. I make french fries and burgers, operate the cash register and clean up." Besides the more standard establishments, small home-town businesses relied on student talent too. Pizzas were prepared at J.B.'s Party Store in Dimondale by senior Rob Marciniak. He noted, "Flipping pizzas requires good concentration and hand-eye co-

"I work part-time in order to save money for college and to have some extra spending money. Working at TCBY is a lot of fun and I've met many people. Plus, the free samples are great!"

— Senior Brooke Reinke

ordination. It can be lots of fun."

Once school was out, a large number of students found temporary employment for the summer. While many students were relaxing and enjoying the summer heat, junior John Killip was hard at work

watching children. He noted, "Being a Y.M.C.A. counselor at Mystic Lake is a fun job because you get to work with kids. Besides, its a place to relax and have a good time."

Junior Brian Woods spent the summer helping with building and electrical work and cleaning up after construction workers. Brian recalled, "The pay was good and the hours were steady. I don't think I'll go into construction as a career, but it's good experience and I made a lot of friends."

Many students protested that employment didn't end when the school year was over. Instead the action usually increased. Whether or not the job remained the same throughout the year, teenagers remained busy.



HEAVY WORK. Restocking shelves in their job at a local grocery store are senior Dennis

Kreis and a friend. Making new friends was a welcome benefit of most part-time jobs.



SUMMER MONEY. Hopeful juniors and seniors fill out job applications for summer employment in the cafeteria during an activity period in late May in a cooperative school-local business program.

WANT THAT WITH EVERYTHING? With a twist of the wrist senior Rob Marciniak displays a flair for flipping pizza crust while earning money at JB's Party Store in Dimondale.

I'M WATCHING YOU! The words are often repeated by junior John Killips as counselor at Mystic Lake Camp. He is in charge of campers during the summer and enjoys the camp setting as a benefit.

PART-TIME JOBS
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Birds Of A Feather

flock TOGETHER

Chum, companion, buddy, pal, confidant, anyway it was written, it spelled **BEST FRIEND**.

Friendship was an important part of life for many students. "Shelli Dubay is my best friend in the whole world! We have a super understanding of each other and get along great," commented senior Jennifer Whitehill.

Often people put together by chance, became very close by choice. "Jenny Riebow and I were in the same fourth grade class. We became friends because we both loved to act crazy and do unusual things," remembered senior Darrah Allen.

Basically, the qualities students looked for in friends were similar, but the friends sometimes turned out to be very different. "I look for people who don't try to be anyone else but themselves. They also have to be trusted," stated senior Shantell Coats. "I like people who don't see the need to conform to the 'norm' of society. You must be able to accept the

"Having George Haidamous and Jenny VanAlstine for best friends is something I treasure greatly because they are two people I can trust with anything. I love them both!"

— Senior Marvin Freed

differences between the two of you, but you must be similar enough to get along, added junior Darell Webster.

Some students enjoyed being with many people all of the time, while others preferred the security that a few close friends brought. "A few close friends are more important to me because I don't really think it is necessary to be 'everybody's friend.' I think that if you spread your friendships too thin, you can't really be relied on and people don't really need you," expressed junior Laura Dickenson. Junior Heather Bannick agreed, "It's much more

important to have close friends because you can talk to them about anything. When you have many 'just friends' you can be very lonely."

Although most students could explain the meaning of friendship there was no universal definition. "Friendship is having someone there for you whenever you need them, no matter what the circumstances," stated senior Tamara Keyes. Senior Scott Ball added "A friend is someone you don't have to be special around. You can be yourself and they won't think any less of you."

Summing it all up, senior Tracy Tupper noted, "A friend is that special person that you can rely on to share good times, special feelings, or even bad times with. Friends will always be around to comfort you or give you strong words of encouragement. It is a refreshing feeling to know that someone out there cares about you."

TWO OF A KIND. While attending the MIPA camp at MSU, junior Kara Kreiner met someone who operated on the same wavelength, sophomore Kara Kurtz from Farmington. When the two found out that they had more in common than names, they became fast friends. Kara recalled, "We just kept talking and finding more similarities. We discovered we brought the same dress and bedsheets to camp, and each of us had a boyfriend whose name began with 'J'. We were both cheerleaders and we had one little sister. We also had the same height and hair color. After a few hours, I felt as if I had known Kara all my life."



OOH LA LA! A perfect vacation in Martinique includes two cute natives who are experts on rescuing drowning American girls, according to juniors Karen Baker and Kathy Nelson. They described their 'trip' during a skit in Mr. Garnett's French III class.



TRICK OR TREAT. Following the seniors' Homecoming theme were Amy Lindgren, Nikki Keep and Dawn Dye. The three friends awaited their turn to practice their skit in Miss Grew's room after school during Spirit Week.

POLLY WANT A CRACKER? Sam the parrot, of Aardvark in East Lansing, carries on a conversation with senior friends Jenny Riebow and Becky Wisch. The pet store provides a fun place to go on an afternoon off from school.





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It Seems Like ... Only Yesterday

Riding bikes, building snowmen, going to the zoo, watching cartoons, and eating cookies with milk were all childhood memories of having fun. Enjoying the simple pleasures of childhood from time to time still seemed to be important to students. "My friends and I still go to parks and swing on the swings, talking for hours. It helps us become closer and it is relaxing," remarked sophomore Jodi Daggett.

Participating in sports was the thing to do when one was younger and it remained popular among students. "My friends and I still play basketball and other sports together. It helps keep us close because we can remember and talk about fun times we've had in the past," commented senior Dain Ryckman.

Many students took their favorite elementary pastimes very seriously. "We still play cards and games because the

challenge is like a life and death situation, especially when we *really* get into it!" exclaimed junior Annette Becker.

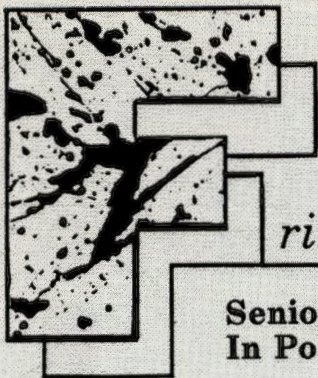
Keeping fit while having fun was still important and was reflected by the after hours activities students chose. "My friends and I always rode our bicycles when we were younger. A couple of us still did until about a year ago. We liked riding bikes because it was relaxing and also a great way of getting some exercise," stated senior Mike Croy. Junior Sue Boyd agreed, "Riding bikes is great for getting together with friends, and its good for your health too!"

Students enjoyed being able to spend time with friends, doing things they enjoyed when younger. Those things provided them with a break from a hectic schedule, plus some GREAT times.



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS. The wishes get bigger but the joy of seeing Santa is always the same.

Juniors Debi Freye and Kristin Wilcox take time out from shopping to visit Santa at Meridian Mall.



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Seniors Crush Juniors In Powder Puff Game

What could be more important than the annual powder puff game where the senior and junior girls don the brown and white jerseys and square off in a traditional but brutal game at Troost Field? The MSU Homecoming game, that's what! Since both games were scheduled on the same day. Something had to give. The powder puff game was it and had to be bumped up a week costing the girls six days of practice.

The lost time didn't seem to affect the seniors who rushed for a total of 175 yards. Their defense stumped the juniors and forced quarterback Stacie Richter to throw 3 incompletions and one interception. It soon became apparent that the juniors had a long game ahead of them. Junior Stacie Richter revealed, "When the game first started I was real ner-

vous, but as the game progressed I felt more comfortable being quarterback."

As the game continued seniors kept control of the field dominating the juniors every attempt to score. The seniors made touchdown after touchdown destroying any hopes of a junior victory.

Junior Nikki Kingsley commented, "I think we did a good job as a team. We stuck together and never gave up even though the score was against us." The game ended with the seniors winning 20 to 0 upholding a tradition of class victory over the years. The juniors were left with memories and hopes for a victory next year. Junior Renee Gamet explained, "It was a real learning experience for all of us. Hopefully the loss will help us play better next year when we crush the sophomores!"



ON THE MOVE. Running the distance, senior Amy Butterfield goes for a touchdown. The seniors beat the juniors

20-0 in the traditional annual Powder Puff football game in October.





Students Explore Every Avenue To

uphold TRADITION

Early aspirations characterized a new year as students were ready to renew, as well as, break with tradition. Seniors and juniors led the way while sophomores went along for the ride savoring their first taste of tradition. Senior Chris Esler stated, "I feel that traditions need to be kept alive while new ones are being made at the same time."

Students experienced many different aspects of life and realized, as a result, that the traditions were meaningful to many students. Junior Heather Valencic stated, "The tennis and gymnastics team have underclassmen week. During the week, seniors on the team devise various duties ranging from singing the fight song in the middle of the cafeteria, to wearing a garbage bag for a day. These traditions are important and meaningful to both the devisors and the performers of the task."

Bringing an age old tradition alive, students' whispers could be heard throughout the school in the early morning as the birthday monster secretly

"Everything from decorated hall lockers to Mr. Ernst's loud mouth jug contest at the Homecoming assembly made their traditional appearances again this year. As the saying goes, if it happens once, it will happen again and this year it usually did. Traditions need to be kept alive while new ones are being made at the same time."

— Senior Chris Esler

community alike, and it often became the highlight of the year. Spirit Week and class competitions annually accompanied Homecoming and remained a test of creativity among students. Mr. Ernst traditionally brought his little brown jug to conduct the loud mouth contest. "Spirit Week and Homecoming are traditions that can be spiced up and enjoyed by everyone. The seniors winning the majority of Spirit Week competitions was also a tradition that has yet to be broken," revealed senior Kaye Ker-ekes.

There seemed to be traditions that everyone could be involved with whether they were male swimmers shaving their heads before CAC's or spirited seniors bouncing a beach ball from grad to grad at commencement. Old traditions took the stage while new traditions waiting in the wings of students' imaginations also came to be performed.

decorated lockers with wrapping paper, bows, ribbons and balloons aiming to surprise the birthday girl or guy. Echoes of 'Happy Birthday' rang throughout the halls as students discovered their awaiting present. "Decorating lockers allows you to show your friends how much you care," commented senior Shelli Dubay.

Another tradition was Homecoming. The Homecoming season could be enjoyed by students and

YEAHHH! Juniors let out their loudest yell as teacher, Mr. Dan Ernst, pulls the cork from his brown jug in the traditional loud mouth jug class competition at the Homecoming pep assembly, October 9. The spirit-raising contest pits underclassmen against seniors for the loudest yells.

BE MY VALENTINE. Tying carnations to be delivered on Valentine's Day are student government members, Jenny Rennirt, Kira Ircke, Mark Baldwin, Darrah Allen and Jill Souza. The carnation sale is a traditional fund-raiser for Student Council each year.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! Friends Michelle DeRoover and Patti May congratulate senior Shelli Dubay as she celebrates her birthday at school. The cake was given to her by best friend, senior Jennifer Whitehill at lunch.

Cruisin' Through The Weekend

students CUT LOOSE

The car doors opened. Eight people pushed their way in, trying to get as comfortable as possible. The key was placed in the ignition and the engine was started. The brake was applied and the car was shifted into drive. It was another Friday night to cruise the streets with the radio on and look for some fun. "I like to go to East Lansing with my friends, cruise the streets, maybe whistle at a few guys, and go to Pinball Pete's to get our pictures taken in the picture booth," junior Julie Crane confessed.

Students found many ways to burn some energy or relax on the weekends. Many thought that bowling was a fun and inexpensive way to spend a Saturday night. Often the mall and a movie were popular ways to relax. "I go to the mall because it's something to do and when I go with a lot of my friends we find ways to make it fun. We always eat, then later go to a movie. That's if we can get Andy Mogg out of Aladin's Castle!" stated junior Chris Emmerth.

READY TO CRUISE. Anticipating a fun weekend, junior Rindy Cottom and sophomore Andrea Willett chat with graduate Dave Metts in the parking lot. Cars were the prerequisite for a fun weekend for many students.

"I like to go to East Lansing with my friends, cruise the streets, maybe whistle at a few guys, and go to Pinball Pete's to get our pictures taken in the picture booth."

— Junior Julie Crane

For quick tension relievers, sporting and outdoor activities proved winners. Football and softball were often the answers for sunny days. For more peaceful recreation, some resorted to canoeing, horseback riding or biking.

Music and dancing were also popular ways for students to spend their time. They often would go to either Bazaar's or Sensations on teen nights to dance away an evening with friends. Others enjoyed sitting at home listening to the stereo or tapes with the headphones on and the volume

up all the way. Then there were some students who really loved music and put their talents to work to form a rock band.

Many students were always looking for a fun time on weekend nights. Senior Jenny Riebow recalled one such night, "We were at Elliott parking lot after the football game with East Lansing. We were wrapping two friends in toilet paper, laughing and having fun when a police car pulled up and flashed a spotlight on us. The policeman said we had to leave because the janitor was trying to clean up, so we packed our mess into grocery bags as he watched. The policeman was in dismay as we led our Egyptian friends still wrapped as mummies to the car and drove away to show off our artistic abilities."

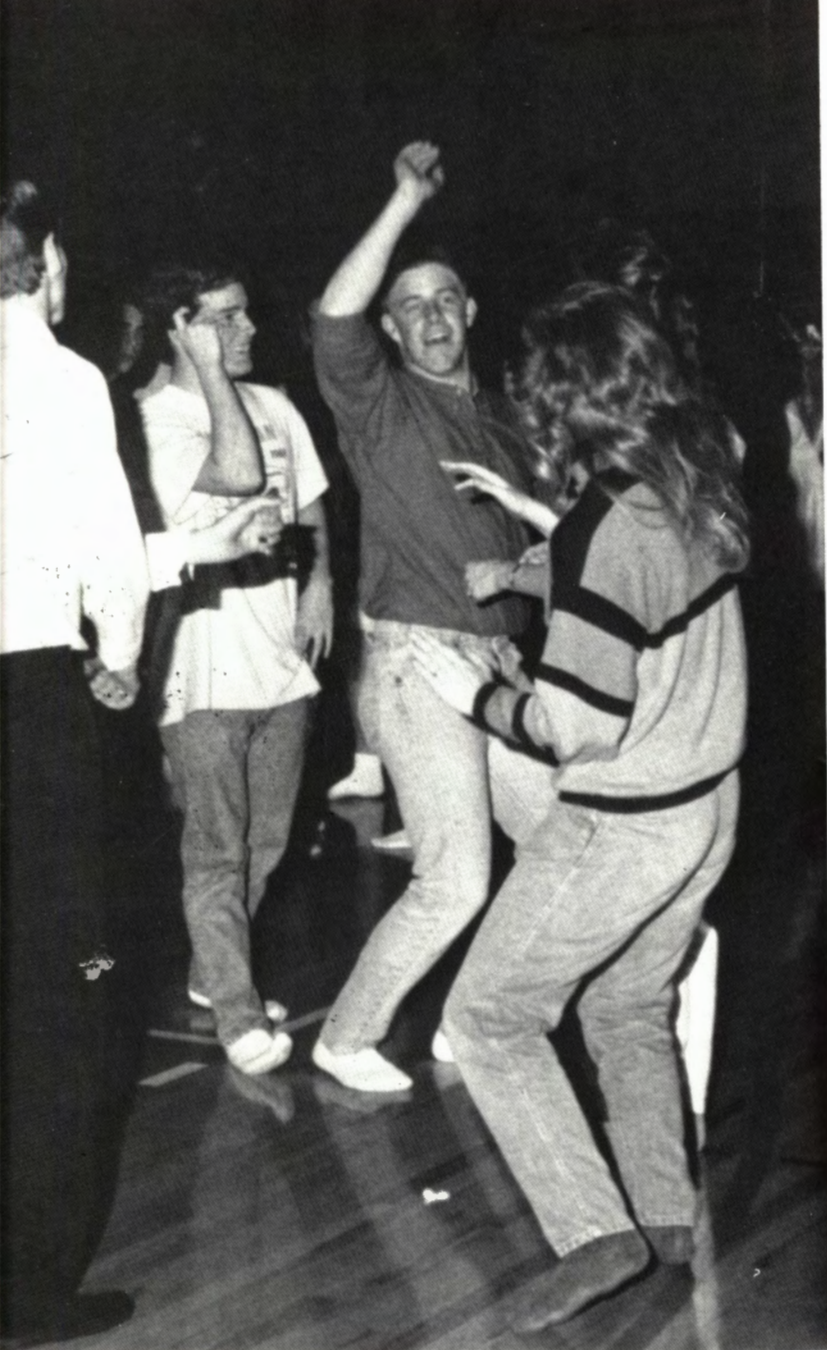
Students were always in search of something to do. Whether it was a football game, dancing, driving around, a party or a quiet night at home, the right combination of friends and fun created many fond memories.



DANCE FEVER. Demonstrating their dancing ability, junior Darrell Webster and senior Brent Pohlonski enjoy the fun at the Homecoming Dance, October 9 with friends.

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT. Celebrating a great shot, junior Jim Lopez gets together with friends for a round of miniature golf at Putt Putt Golf in Lansing.





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Taking Center Stage ... Rock Bands

Spending time with friends was almost as much fun as eating a giant banana split with hot fudge, caramel and strawberry toppings, whipped cream and a handful of cheeries on top! When friends with the same talents and interests got together, the rewards were countless.

A hot topic of interest was music and forming a rock band. Senior Jeff Canfield, a member of the band, 'Ambush,' which included seniors Todd Graham, Steve Vandyke, and Derek Fulton, explained how the band was formed. He commented, "It started with Todd and myself playing our drums and guitars during our free time. Then we met Steve and Derek and practiced until we got better. We opened for the group, 'Dead Engine' at the Civic Center this spring and

plan to record in a studio this summer." Senior Todd Graham added, "We go out and play our music and don't try to put on a fancy show. We've worked hard and went through many changes over the years, but it was worth it."

Another student who loved music and put his talent to work to form a different band was junior Chris Doerr. He explained his attraction to music, "I really enjoy playing my drums in our band, 'Tough Guys,' because I like to hang out with my friends."

Although many students were not actually involved in a band, listening to music was still enjoyed via stereo and walkmans. They provided students with a get away from school work and teen pressures.



"TOUGH GUYS." Singing their views about drugs, the straight-edge band members, juniors Chris Doerr and Jim Valentine, practice for a live

show in the basement of Chris' house. The group emerged this year better known as 'skinheads.'



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Gifts — Added Tokens Of Affection

From roses to rings, students gave and received gifts to please their sweethearts. Presents were given for a variety of reasons from sentimentality to special occasions. "The best present I ever got was a self-portrait drawn by my boyfriend at Christmas," sophomore Michelle Killian joyfully remembered.

The old saying, 'treat others as you want to be treated,' could be applied to the gift-giving tradition after substitution a few new words — 'Give others what you want to be given.' Sophomore Audie Winsett stated, "I gave my girlfriend a fourteen karat gold chain for Christmas and she gave me the same."

Many students felt giving a present on a special occasion added a sentimental touch. "It makes them feel special and it shows you care," explained junior Mike Heiser.

The special occasion could be quite different as it was for sophomore Liz VanDyke. She revealed, "I had to go in for surgery in November and my boyfriend got me a special gift. It was a ring of black and white pearls and a gold chain. They were the best gifts I've ever gotten."

Other gifts had special meanings attached to them. Junior Nikki Kingsley remembered, "When I was a freshman I used to tease Jeff Bachman about monkeys. He gave me a cute stuffed monkey with the special message, 'Bananas over you,' on it."

On the other hand, sophomore Jeanna Packer noted, "Although it's nice, it's not always necessary to give a gift." But, no matter what kind of romantic trinket students decided to buy their 'loved ones,' each was an added bonus of steady dating.



OPEN WIDE. Junior Kristin Wilcox feeds M & M's to sophomore Mike VanFossen

in the gym at the basketball game against Everett, as a small token of affection.



DECISIONS, DECISIONS. Skimming the menu at Country Parlor are sophomores David Crater and Michelle Killian. The Parlor was a popular place for couples to be alone and talk.

HAND IN HAND. Joining the annual parade of entering Prom couples, junior Jean Chase and senior Jim Wright along with sophomore Leslie Fulk and senior Joel Rinkel prepare for the good times awaiting them inside Chelsea's Restaurant the evening of May 28.



Dating Rumors Are Heard Through

the GRAPEVINE

"Rumor has it that Sally likes John, but don't tell anyone else!" Throughout the year, phrases like that were recited by students time and time again. They just didn't expect that the word would spread.

The first 'mistake' students made was telling someone who they liked. "When you like someone and you don't want them to know, you definitely don't tell anyone because somehow that person will find out," stated sophomore Angie Hinds. After that crucial error occurred, the 'grapevine effect' went into motion instantly and circulated from group to group. Finally, it reached 'the' person.

Some brave students didn't take the risk of being humiliated if the feelings weren't mutual. Instead they took the initiative and told the person face to face. "for me it's a lot easier to tell the person myself. It saves me the embarrassment if the guy doesn't like me," admitted junior Kristin Wilcox.

Another alternative was revealed by junior Scott

"When you like someone and you don't want them to know, you definitely don't tell anyone because somehow that person will find out."

— Sophomore Angie Hinds

Lamb, "You should drop subtle hints to find out how they feel about you. If the outlook is good then ask them out." For some students, the technique didn't go quite so smooth. Instead they would do little dumb things to try to attract their beloved's attention. "I sent roses to the mother of a girl I like," revealed senior Justin Judge. Junior Kory Foote added, "I change the route I take in the hall so I can accidentally bump into her."

Those first overtures soon progressed to a more serious level if the person was really interested. "You could always tell when a guy was interested in you because he would start waiting at your lock-

er and walk you to class," stated senior Nikki Trimmer. Before they knew it, talking to each other in school wasn't enough and they turned to the phone for more private time. "The first few times you talk to a girl you like on the phone, there are a lot of silent spots when neither of you quite know what to say. After awhile they fade away and it's pure conversation," claimed sophomore Aaron Houser.

After getting to know someone better, students had two choices — they could either become a couple or just stay friends. But what if students didn't like someone who had been admiring them? Sophomore Greg Toth confessed, "I just let it go and don't say anything to them. After awhile they lose interest." Junior Chris Henry felt differently, "I think something should be said to them so I usually say I just want to be friends."

So whether students fell victim to the 'grapevine' or took the responsibility upon themselves, inescapably the word was spread.



TOGETHERNESS. Taking a shortcut through North Cemetery are senior Brooke Barrett and junior Chris Emmerth. They made a quick stop for a slurpee on their way to her sister's house during their time together.



TAKING IT EASY. Relaxing at home on a Saturday night are seniors Dawn Dye and Mike Croy. They feel watching a rented movie on a big screen is better than going to the theatre.

The Thrills, Chills And Spills Of *off campus* SPORTS

What did leaping bikes, pucks in flight and dancing tights have in common? They represented just a few of the many off-campus sports leading to thrills, chills and spills.

Flying on his bike in motocross, sophomore Frank Croley explained his attraction for the sport, "I've trained and practiced very hard for the fun of competing. I have been doing this for years and love every minute of it."

When a puck was in flight, one had to watch out for Tom Maki. Tom played ice hockey for Eastern High School because Holt didn't have a team. "It is a tough sport, but it is worth the effort and endurance," stated Tom. He has been playing for six years and competed first on the Glaha Ice Hockey Team. As in motocross, Tom got bumped, bounced and thrown on the ice. At the same time he was expected to balance on thin blades much

"When I first started skiing I was really nervous, but now it's a breeze. I like skiing because I can do it whenever I want and I don't have to devote all my time to it like regular school sports."

— Junior Jim Lopez

like the poise and balance demanded of a dancer.

Dancing took as much skill and concentration as motocross and ice hockey. It was also popular with students who formed dance groups and took lessons at local dance studios. "Dancing clears my mind of everything and also it makes me feel important," explained sophomore Angie Duling. Junior Anissa Stubig added, "the excitement of being part of the team and competing was what got me going. Unfortunately, the

worst part was getting up early on Saturday mornings!"

Balance and endurance were also necessary for bicycling enthusiasts. Whether it was touring for fun or racing in competition, many students took off on their bikes. senior Mark Martin was attracted to the competitive side of the sport. He explained, "My brother and father introduced me to cycling and I began mountain bike racing in the summer of 1988. My best race has been the Addison Oaks Challenge, placing 5th out of about 50 people. In the fall of 1988 I also raced the Dalmac, a 400 mile bicycle tour to the Mackinac Bridge."

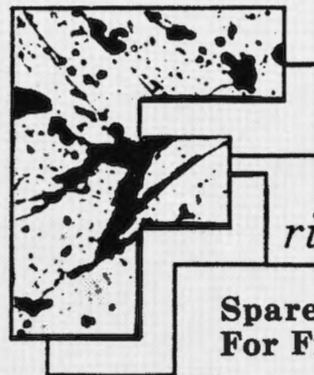
Excelling in an off-campus sport brought pride and satisfaction to many students, whether it was cycling, motocross, hockey dancing or another of the many choices available.

KEEPING BALANCE. Concentrating on every move, Dancelectric sophomores Angie Duling and Michelle Killian team with juniors Anissa Stubig and Nikki Miller, trying to keep their pose for the next beat of "Smooth Criminal" by Michael Jackson. They practiced at a local dance studio.



FLYING. Piloting his Suzuki RM 125 is sophomore Frank Croley at a track near his home. Mastering the table top jump, Frank practices to compete in motocross races around the state.

EYES ON THE PUCK. Junior Tom Maki realizes an opportunity to gain possession for Eastern's Hockey Team at the Lansing Ice Arena. Tom played on Eastern's team because Holt didn't have a hockey program.



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Spare Time Fillers For Fitness And Fun

The benefits they could gain from an off-campus sport were what attracted many students. Though many reasons could be found the ones most often cited were to keep in shape, to prepare for competitive sports or just plain enjoyment. Junior Jason Dillingham, who played tennis commented, "I play to stay competitive. It also keeps me in good mental and physical condition."

Some students felt it was a necessity to play a competitive sport off campus. Junior soccer player, Matt Schnepf explained, "There's no way you can keep in shape for soccer if you don't do anything until the season arrives. I

play spring soccer and run during the summer to stay in condition to play."

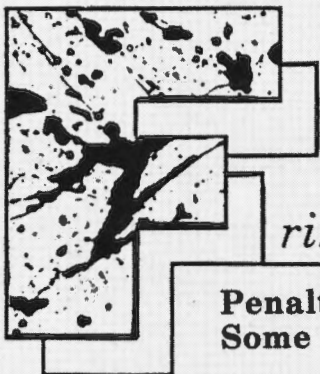
For keeping one in shape, but more often for sheer enjoyment, skiing was popular. Junior Jim Lopez has enjoyed downhill skiing every winter for the past three years. He admitted, "When I first started out I was really nervous, but now it's a breeze. I like skiing because I can do it whenever I want and I don't have to devote all my time to it like regular school sports."

Regardless of the season or reason, many students enthusiastically turned to off-campus sports to fill their spare time.



IMPROVING SKILLS. Junior Kris Schuette waits to see if her volley is in while taking lessons at the Racket Club in Okemos on Saturday

afternoon. She and other members of the Girls' Tennis Team took lessons there in hopes of improving their skills for next season.



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Penalties Provide Some Benefits

You're grounded! From a teen's point of view those are the two words that could destroy their social life. But that wasn't always the whole truth. In fact, it was actually beneficial to students in some situations.

Junior Kristen Wilcox explained, "When I got grounded I often found myself doing more homework because there was nothing else to do. As a result my grades were usually higher during the time I was grounded."

Not only could being pun-

ished by parents prove to be advantageous, so could being busted by the law after the 'lead-foot syndrome' struck.

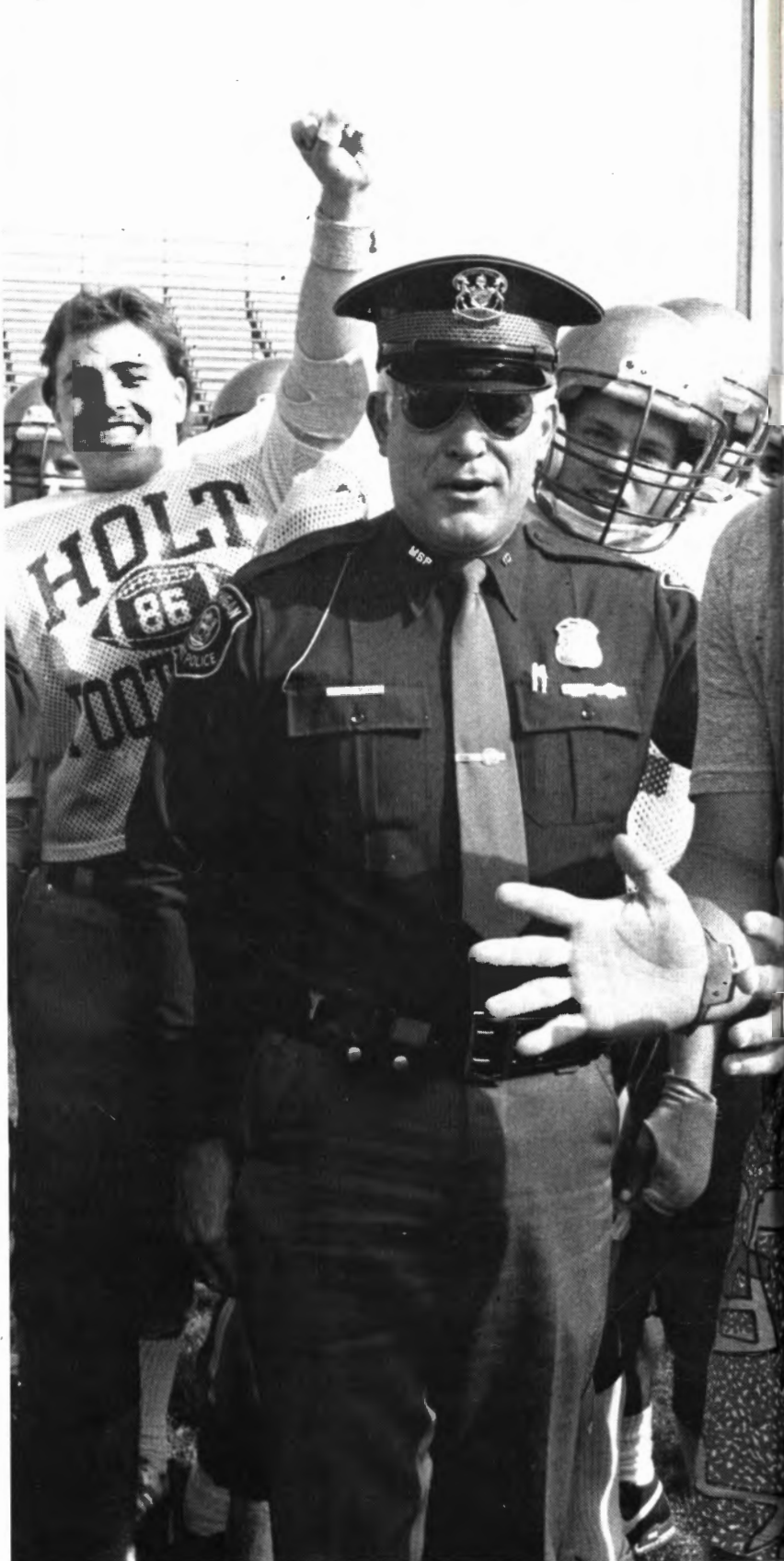
Ever since I was issued a ticket for speeding, I've closely watched my speedometer to make sure I'm not too far over the speed limit," admitted senior Amy Nearing.

Students not only found it was impossible to be 100% punishment free, they also realized some of the benefits penalties brought along.



DOUBLE TROUBLE. To sophomore Todd Williams being caught by a hall monitor is bad enough, but being caught by one who is also his

mother, Kay Bengé, is even worse. Hall monitors kept stray students on the straight and narrow path to class.



CHARGED FOR CHARITY.

Varsity Assistant Football Coach, Mike Smith, is arrested for trying to impersonate a coach. The Varsity team had Smith arrested for the Cancer Society fundraiser at the end of the football season.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Catching his zzz's in Mrs. Anderson's Drawing class is senior Ryan Ammon. Ryan finished his project early and claimed he had a few extra days to rest!





Sooner Or Later Excuses Fail And *you're* **BUSTED**

'Oh, please get me out of this and I promise I'll never do it again!' This was a popular plea for mercy that raced through teenagers' minds right before the moment of truth. Although students tried to avoid troublesome situations, most found that it was almost impossible. Excuses, fibs and alibis were often made up by students as a last attempt to free themselves from any punishment.

"One night when I arrived home late, I told my parents that the clocks hadn't been set forward yet at the place where I was," admitted senior Kristie Woodworth. Junior Beth Ware confessed, "When I was late getting home once, I told my parents it was because we found my friend's cat dead and I had to stay and comfort her."

Some students weren't so lucky when dealing with the strong arm of the law or parents. "After skating at Edru one night, a couple of friends and I

"I was supposed to be home at 12:30 AM and at that exact time I was still ten minutes away from my house. So I started speeding and a policeman pulled me over for going over the speed limit and having only one headlight!"

— Senior Dawn Dye

were driving around. Some of us were yelling and hanging out of the car window. A policeman pulled us over and gave us a ticket for \$40," revealed sophomore Shawn Farr.

Unable to get off the hook with his parents, junior Dominic Perrone admitted, "I took the car out when I was supposed to be grounded from it. My parents had gone to dinner and a movie and weren't going to be home until about 12:00 PM. When I was on my way home, I ran out of gas. I

tried to call all my friends so they could help me, but no one was home. It ended up with me waiting until my parents got home and then calling them for help. Boy was I in trouble!"

Students, especially sophomores, were quick to realize that teachers at the High School accepted no alibis. "Once you entered the High School, you really had to straighten up or you wouldn't survive," stated sophomore Scott Trimmer. Sophomore Aaron Paterick agreed as he confessed, "For some reason last year I always missed my bus and was late for school. The high school does not accept oversleeping as a good enough excuse for being late and counts it as an unexcused absence."

Whether the excuses given to parents, teachers or the law passed or failed, students diligently tried to rid themselves of any discipline they had brought upon themselves.



DOING TIME. Tidying up the house after breaking curfew is sophomore Bryan McBrien. Housework is an age-old punishment for teens given down by parents.

NO EXCUSES. There is no excuse for junior Bridgett Elliott not to get it right with Mrs. Withey standing over her shoulder



der explaining a portion of the novel, *Catcher in the Rye* in English class.

Coaches And Students Mix The Best Of *both* WORLDS

Students agreed that between coaching and classroom behavior there was a definite personality switch that affected their attitude towards their coach and teacher. Some students felt their coaches were more relaxed during practice but when they got into the classroom, it was business as usual. Junior Christy Goff explained, "During practice Mr. Foy is relaxed, easy going, and a lot of fun. However, in the classroom he takes a different approach. He's very serious and has a 'let's get to work' attitude."

The bonding that occurred between coaches and athletes strengthened their relationship and caused a bit of student favoritism for their coach. Senior Jim Wright explained, "I tend to favor Mr. Larner because I'm around him more than my other teachers. That makes me feel more com-

"I don't favor Mr. Larner, but we have a lot more than just a student-teacher relationship. He's not only my coach, but also my friend."

— Junior Jeremy Kienitz

fortable with him." The relationship between junior Jeremy Kienitz and Mr. Larner was also strengthened. Jeremy revealed, "I don't favor him but we have a lot more than just a student-teacher relationship. He's not only a coach, but also a friend."

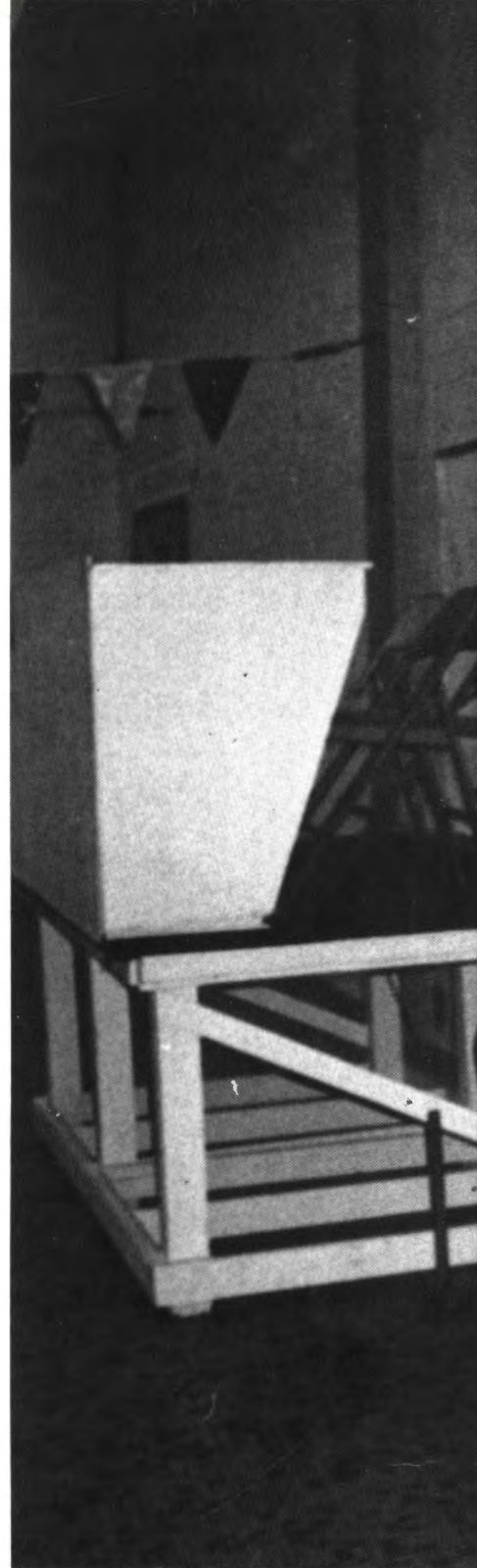
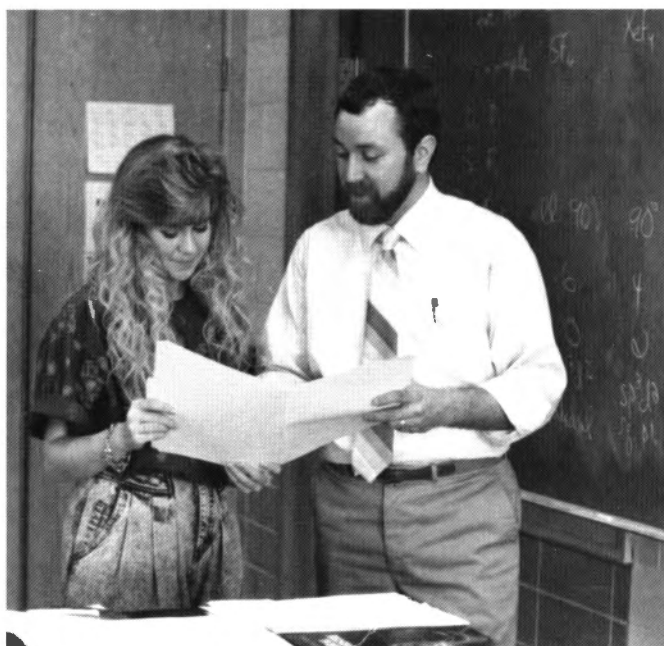
While some students recognized a special relationship towards their teacher, others felt the coach-teacher expecta-

tions were higher. Junior Triaha Lennox revealed, "I feel that because Mr. Kressler is my coach he expects more of me than he usually would. When I get a bad grade I feel that I let him down."

On the other hand some felt practice was practice and school was school. Christy Goff explained, "I know Mr. Foy only cares about whether or not I can run, not whether or not I get A's in his class. If I'm running in a race, I'm sure Mr. Foy is not going to stop and think, Oh Christy's not going to win because she only gets B's in Chemistry."

Whether students favored their coach or experienced a little performance anxiety in class, they generally enjoyed the special relationship of having their coaches as classroom teachers.

KEEPING ON TRACK. Getting help from teacher and Cross Country Coach, Mr. Dave Foy is junior Christy Goff. She stated, "There is a special relationship between Mr. Foy and myself. If I run in a race, then I can talk to him in class about it. But the main thing that carried over to the classroom is my special understanding of Mr. Foy."



STRIKING A POSE. Before swim practice senior Brent Pohlonki and coach Dave Shipman share a common interest, horsing around. Brent was the Co-Captain and also one of two most valuable players for the swim team this season.

ON GUARD! Watching over his team member during math class is Varsity Basketball Coach, Mr. Bruce Larner, in an effort to keep junior Jeremy Kienitz in line. On and off the court, many coaches enjoyed good relationships with their athletes.





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Raising The GPA Through Sports

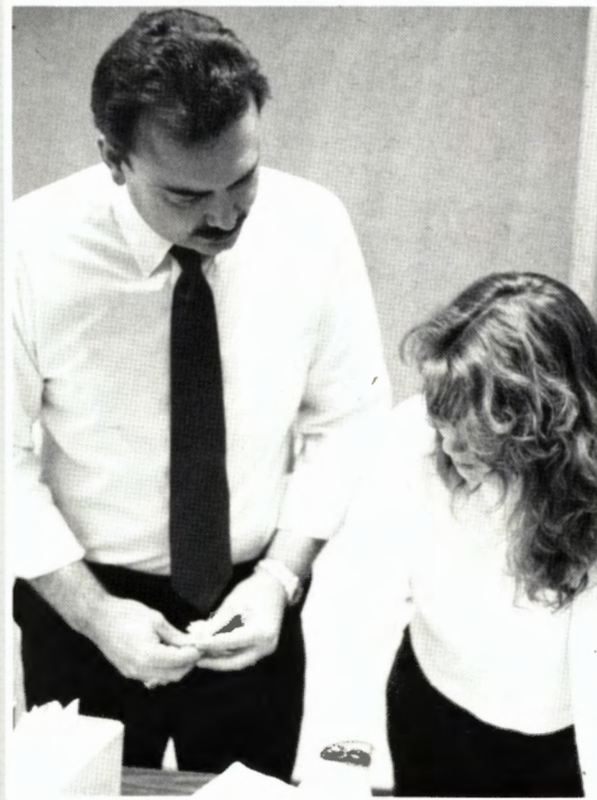
Raising a B to an A was a common occurrence for many students involved in sports. Senior Dawn Dye explained, "When I'm in a sport, I budget my time very well. During swim season, I tend to study harder because I'm afraid that with all the swim meets, my grades will drop. Generally, my grades over the last four years have been higher during swim season."

As time schedules for school and sports tightened, students found themselves working harder to keep their GPA up. Sophomore Johanna Young explained, "I have to work a lot harder during sport season because I'm busier. To make sure my

grades don't drop, I have to plan out a schedule and stick to it."

Other students pointed to the limitations on their social life that sports impose as another reason for better grades. Junior Jeremy Kienitz stated, "My grades were worse once basketball season ended because I was always hanging out with the guys. During the season, I didn't have as much time to socialize. Instead, I stayed home and did homework."

The difference in grades was noticed by many students. They discovered that getting in shape physically also got one in shape mentally and improved one's GPA.



KEEPING IN THE SWING. Getting some extra help from her Honors History teacher, Mr. Peter Kressler, is

junior Nikki Kingsley. Mr. Kressler was also the coach of the Girls Tennis Team.

Making the Pieces Fit

STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE. Getting first hand information about American history and culture Greenfield Village is German exchange student Sandra Bauman from Munich. Participating as an American for three weeks, Sandra pegs up her pants just like any other American teenager.



Serving the needs of the school and the community, planning extra-curricular activities and projects and competing in meets and contests filled the schedules of many clubs and organizations. Keeping academic and student life alive called for much leadership and participation to make the organizational pieces fit.

Student Council sparked the initiation of an organized year with a late summer meeting to begin planning Spirit Week and Homecoming. Science Olympiad's suspenseful success — a first at Regionals and then a first place rank in the state took the team to Colorado to place thirteenth in the nation. The French and Spanish Clubs, as well as the foreign exchange groups received straight from the source information about international relations and cultural exchange on trips to Germany, Cancun and Paris. Continuing a tradition of community service, yet adding unique touches, were the activities of NHS as they staged their traditional blood drive collecting a record 147 pints. Getting their message across, SADD members placed a coffin in the hallway to dramatize the importance of not mixing drinking and driving during end of year activities such as Prom and Graduation.

The right combination of leadership and participation enabled the organizational pieces to fit creating a successful and involved year.



ORGANIZING SPIRIT. Combining the Pom Pons' talent with that of Grand Ledge, the two groups performed together at the half-time during the Varsity Basketball game against the Comets. The girls spent the first half of the game perfecting their routine for the performance and got to know one another better.



STRAIGHT From The Source

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— Senior Bart Schoemaker
Exchange Student,
Netherlands

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— Junior Jody Pierce

"Christian and I became best friends and it was like we had known each other forever. We plan to keep in touch and see each other in the future."

— Senior Kyle Kepler

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS. Bottom Row: Ville Hietalahti, Finland; Fabiana Zapata, Bolivia. Middle Row: Lars Toft, Denmark; Aki Hiro Togo, Japan. Top: Pablo Perez, Mexico.

A TASTE OF AMERICAN HISTORY. German Exchange students, Petra Krautbauer and Miriam Heussen are led by junior Brad Brookens as they tour Greenfield Village, where they flashback to witness the industrialization of the U.S.



ZZZ ... Taking time out to dream a little is German Exchange student, Alexandra Boesch. Whether it was about her new found exchange family or her home country, only she knows!





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assport to Holt High School

And they're off! Twenty German students packed their bags, said good-bye to friends and family, and boarded the plane that would transport them nearly halfway round the world to destination — USA!

The preparations for student assignments began early in January when the exchange students were paired with host students. Letters and photos were sent back and forth to become acquainted before the actual face-to-face introductions.

While the nervousness was eased a bit by the letters, anxiety still struck heavily when the long awaited date arrived. Junior Jody Pierce revealed, "I was really nervous at the airport. I kept thinking, what if she doesn't like me? or, what if she gets bored? Luckily, we ended up getting along great!"

The next three weeks held many surprises and activities designed to familiarize them with the culture. they toured the Capitol and the GM Oldsmobile plant. They also visited Greenfield Village for a taste of American history.

Although the events were exciting, often times the best experiences came from spending the day with their American families and going on spring vacation together. "During spring break, I took Metka to Florida. We went to Disney World and I've never seen someone so happy," commented junior Jody Pierce.

It seemed just as the friendships developed and the bonds grew, it neared the dreaded departure date. Senior Kyle Kepler revealed, "Christian and I became best friends and it was like we had known each other forever. We plan to keep in touch and see each other in the future.

Differences were explored through the exchange, but what stood out in the minds of many students were the similarities of teenagers. The bottom line became simply that people were people no matter where they came from.

New friends, new families, a new school and many new experiences were on the way for

this year's foreign exchange students as they arrived for their one year stay. Traveling from the Netherlands, senior Bart Shoemaker commented, "I think it is a great experience to attend an American high school and experience culture in the U.S." Bart crossed the cultural gap well to earn a 3.5 GPA and honors as a senior.

The exchange students lived with host families who enjoyed the rewarding and educational experience of having a foreign student stay with them.

The school experiences here was often times quite different for them than back home. Senior Fabiana Zapata from Bolivia, explained, "From first grade to 12th grade we go to the same school. Also, we do not choose our subjects, we have all required ones."

The exchange students got the 'hang' of what it took to be an everyday student in the U.S. while enjoying many different and exciting experiences with the culture.



FIRST STOP — McDONALD'S! Enjoying the American way is Ville Hietalahti from Finland, as he tastes the 'Big Mac' hamburger at Holt's McDonald's Restaurant.

WILLKOMEN! Junior Jennifer Loudon gives her German sister, Anette Talsky, a friendly welcome and makes her feel a little more at ease in her home-away-from-home. The German Exchange students were greeted and introduced during a reception in the Library.

THE LAST LAUGH. Relaxing before Commencement practice and the trip home to Bolivia is exchange student, Fabiana Zapata as she talks to friend Kendrick Slaughter at Senior Breakfast, June 3.

GERMAN EXCHANGE
FOREIGN EXCHANGE
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ecrets to Seniors' uccess

Determination, hard work and dedication were behind seniors who developed their own strategies to maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

Tackling a heavy course load packed with honors and advanced placement courses was a challenge that many students took on themselves even though some sacrifices had to be made. "Hard courses like CPS and Calculus kept me on my toes; and remaining active with NHS, student government and sports, was quite the challenge," noted class president, Shannon Marko.

Keeping up on homework and study time were obvious initiators of academic success, but the presence of goals also inspired students. "Keeping a 3.5 GPA along with the goal to be valedictorian have been within me since ninth grade. I never would have reached either of these goals without the support and encouragement from my family," explained Kelly Little.

For some, students, their academic achievement didn't take a great deal of brain searching. "Luckily, I didn't

really have to work for my GPA. School seemed to come naturally," admitted Rachelle DeMunck.

Stretching their determination, 3.5 students consistently remained on good terms with their report cards and found enjoyment in academic achievement.

Taking their study habits one step further, a select few seniors were named as the top ten students of their class. Behind these achievers, there was someone or something that inspired them to succeed. Whether that inspiration was competition, support, or a deep feeling of conviction, the Top Ten Seniors found the encouragement one way or another.

Working hard to finish in the top of his class, salutatorian, Kevin Wolverton, had a grasp on where his motivation came from. "The inspiration came from within myself; from my friends for the competition; and most of all, from my parents for their support," he explained.

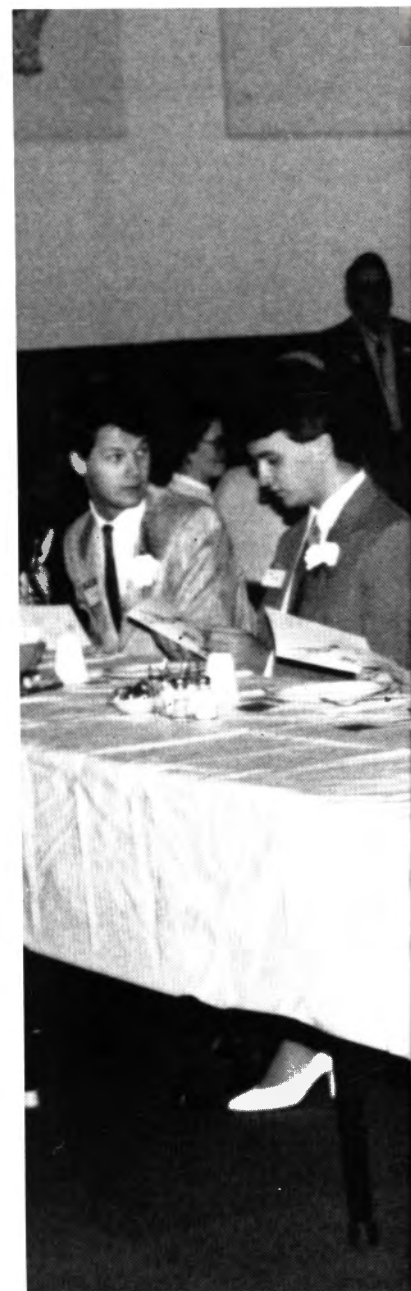
Students also reported mysterious inside secrets' kept them striving for excel-

lence. "I guess the main secret was to be competitive. Studying definitely helped me fight for my position," noted Becky Wisch. "Will power helps me get through just about anything!" added Shelli Dubay.

In achieving their success, piles of homework seemed to be permanent guests in their homes. "Some nights I didn't have any homework, but most of the time, I was up until all hours of the night putting the finishing touches on an assignment," revealed Jeni Mattila.

As the piles of homework dwindled away toward the end of the year, students reflected on their success with satisfaction. "I felt that all of the years of hard work had finally paid off," commented Steve Cairns.

When gathered together at the Top Ten Dinner, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, the seniors' commitment was honored by parents, faculty and community members. The administration and their parents all stood to recognize their achievement.



GOOD TIMES PROVIDED. Sharing a few laughs before being served dinner, Top Ten Seniors Brent Pohlonski, Kelly Little, Becky Wisch and Carole Leighty relax before the Kiwanis members serve them dinner at the Jr. High in May.



TOP TEN SENIORS, Bottom Row: Becky Wisch, Rachelle DeMunck, Carole Laighty, Shelli Dubay, Brent Pohlonski. **Top Row:**

Steve Cairns, Kelly Little, Mark Si-
bert, Kevin Wolverton, Jeni Mat-
tila.



NIGHT OF HONOR. Admiring the corsage that her Kiwanis host provided at the Top Ten Dinner,

senior Jeni Mattila prepares to enjoy her evening with her mom and friends.



STRAIGHT From The *Source*

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3.5 Senior



SUNSTROKE. After bargaining with vendors at the Mexican market in Cancun on spring break, Top Ten seniors, Kevin Wolverton and Mark Sibert join Spanish Club members Annette Becker, Angie Lake and Anissa Woodworth in getting a little crazy, while adviser, Juanita Grew shares in the jokes. Many Top Ten seniors found the time to be involved in clubs and activities and still keep up with academics.

THE LINE-UP. Gathering together at the Junior High, the 3.5 seniors stand with their awards received from the Board of Education President, Mrs. Jacqueline Wood, for a final congratulations for their accomplishments from parents, administration and the community.

STRAIGHT From The Source

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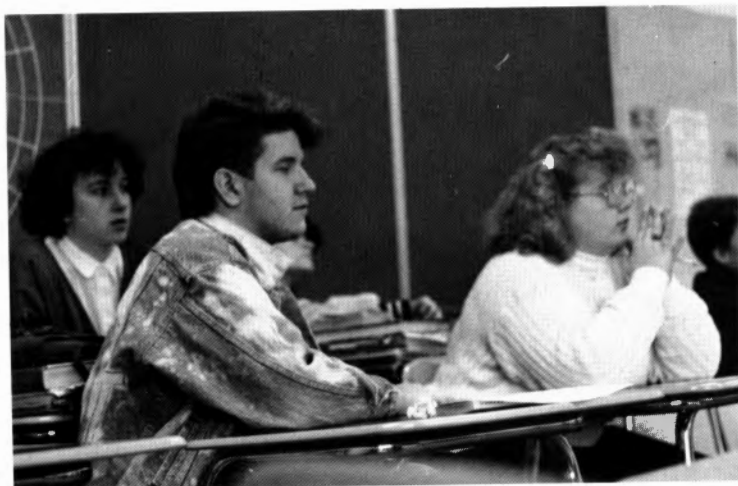
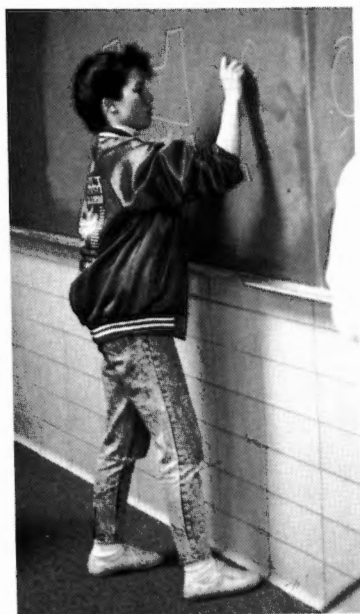
"The team knew we couldn't do it with just a few members doing well in their events. They had to help each other."

— Coach Barbara Neureither

CHALKING UP A VICTORY. Practicing in Mr. Lehman's room for the Picture This event, is junior Melinda Smith. She and teammates, Jean McNease and Amanda Fisher finished third in the event.

CALCULATIONS FIRST. Senior Thanh Tran gets ready for the Bridge Building event in a practice session after school. Thanh became state champion and placed second at the nationals in the event. She revealed that it took approximately eight hours to build each bridge.

TEAM SPIRIT. Keeping the team entertained during an activity period meeting is junior John Killips. Melinda Smith revealed that John also gave the team a laugh when he walked into a glass door during the trip to Colorado.



PREP TIME. Listening to the coaches during an activity hour are Science Olympiad members, Gillian Pollom, John Levandowski and



Amanda Fisher. Practice became intense the months preceding the state and national competitions.

THE PRICE OF FAME. Before leaving for the national competition in Colorado, senior Gillian Pollom is filmed for a spot on the WLNS news. She placed eighth in the nationals in Topographic Maps.





MAKING IT SHINE. Before starting practice for her Qualitative Analysis Event, junior Jennifer Jewett cleans some of the equipment in Mr. Foy's room after school. Chemistry teacher, Mr. Dave Foy, was one of the coaches for the team.

Way to go! winners

It began with 560 Michigan junior and senior high schools and it ended with one team being crowned State Champion. This year the Science Olympiad Team won the State Championship and received the honor of representing the state at the National competition held in Boulder, Colorado on May 20.

The team began practicing for their events around Christmas. The students realized it was going to take more than just talent to be successful, it was going to take teamwork. Mrs. Neureither, one of the team's coaches, noted, "The team knew we couldn't do it with just a few members doing well in their events. They had to help each other."

To get ready for competition, they practiced many hours after school. Besides hard work, the team had another strength — experience. Junior Darren Craig revealed, "We have a well rounded team. This year we had a lot of people coming back. We had a lot of experience."

The talented students put their hard work and experience to good use at the regional competition held at Lansing Community College.

The team placed first and then set their sights on the state meet.

The state meet was held at Jackson Community College on April 15. The 23 events they competed in dealt with Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, and Computer Technology. When it was over, their goal was achieved — they were first in the state.

The students turned in many fine performances including Thanh Tran's first place in Bridge Building. It was a highlight for everyone involved. Melinda Smith noted, "For three years we had won the regionals, and we were always close but never won the state title." Junior Amanda Fisher was also happy with the meet. She said, "Winning the title was great because the coaches have been working really hard and it's exciting to be the top team in the state."

After a few more weeks of practicing, it was off to Boulder, Colorado to compete for the national championship. Many of the students, once again turned in excellent performances. Melinda Smith, Amy Lounds, Mark Sibert, and John Killips placed third in the Pentathlon, while Jean McNease and

Mike Kyer placed third in Mousetrap Car. Gillian Pollom finished eighth in Topographic Maps, and Amy Lounds placed eighth in Bio Process. In Computer Programming, Darren Craig and Mark Sibert placed ninth, while in Bridge Building, state champion, Thanh Tran, finished second. When the competition was over, the Science Olympiad Team had placed 13th.

Although the competition was intense, the team still found time to enjoy themselves. They were able to see Denver, and take a trip into the Rockies. The students also made their own fun. After the meet, Mr. and Mrs. Neureither were thrown into the hotel swimming pool, and about five students attempted to fit into a telephone booth.

Overall, the season was a huge success with many highpoints. Darren Craig summed it up when he said, "The whole thing is a highpoint. It's about having fun and learning something."

Out of approximately 3000 schools nationwide, the Science Olympiad Team placed 13th. It was an accomplishment that the team, the coaches, and the entire school could be proud of.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM:
Top Row: A. Fisher, D. Craig, J. McNease, J. Levandowski, M. Sibert, J. Jewett, J. Killips. **Bottom Row:** M. Kyer, G. Pollom, M. Smith, A. Lounds, S. Henry, R. DeMunck, T. Tran.

etting in the roove

Chick. Chick-a Chick-a. Mmmmmmm Baump Baump." The crowd cheered as the song "Oh Yeah" by Yellow streamed through the loud speaker. The Varsity Pom-Pon squad was fired up to dance another year away with school pride and spirit. Besides the home football and basketball game performances, the squad attended summer camp, performed at the Run For Peace at Vahalla Park and attended a regional competition. "I like being on the Pom Pon squad because it's fun and challenging and I love to go to the competitions and meet other squads," explained sophomore Chrysty Kelly.

The year started with summer practices which prepared the squad for camp and competition. The routine, choreographed by captains Michele Dickerson and Kaye Kerekes, won a first place trophy on the day of final competition. "Camp is always the 'Big Deal' during the summer. I never thought four days away from home

could be so exhausting! Yet, I love camp and always look forward to it. It brings our squad closer, we learn new routines and have a lot of fun!" exclaimed sophomore Becky Gasch. At camp, sophomore Kira Ihrcke and seniors Robbin Kotajarvi and Kaye Kerekes made the 100-meter All-Star Pom-Pon Team. They performed in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit and in the Citrus Bowl Parade and half-time performance. "The biggest thrill of being on the team was meeting Lee Greenwood and performing in front of thousands of fans," commented sophomore Kira Ihrcke. Senior Kaye Kerekes went on to become a staff member at Mid-American.

The Pom-Pon squad represented spirit and energy through dance and created many traditions to be renewed each year.

As new students entered the building, unsure of classes, teachers or friends, they felt

the need to orient themselves. The New Students Group was created this year to do exactly that. "We saw a need in the school for helping new students get used to surroundings, not just the academic ones, but also social situations as well," explained the adviser, Mrs. Ann Kast.

The goals ranged from helping new students find and form friendships to listening to each others' problems. Group activities designed to break the ice were the key accomplishments. The students met during activity periods to discuss similar situations of being new. Mrs. Gray displayed and explained the unfamiliar library while guidance counselor, Mr. Stevenson discussed scheduling. "I think the goals were accomplished. Many new students left the group without the word "new" attached to them," stated junior Kris Postle. The support group was very much appreciated for making the transitions to an unfamiliar school as smooth as possible.



VARSITY POM PON SQUAD.
Bottom Row: M. Dickerson, H. Valencic, C. Petrovich, L. Kneiper, K. Kerekes, L. Fulk. Top Row: B.

Gasch, A. Benge, C. Kelly, L. LeGrand, K. Ihrcke, S. Kendrick, J. Crane.



SIT STILL. Posing to be sketched are junior Scott Lamb and new student, Darrin Lennon. They volunteered for the job and then tried their hardest to keep a straight face as students completed their art work in Graphic Design class.

SPARKLE AND SHINE. The Varsity Pom Pon team members, Robbin Kotajarvi, Sakia Kendrick, Chrysty Kelly, Julie Crane and Linda LeGrand, replace their poms

with hula hoops. Their routine, "Heard it Through the Grapevine," was performed at the Special Olympics and football halftime.



STRAIGHT From The *Source*

"Trying out for the All-Star team was a blast! Even though it was hard work, it was one of the best times of my life and I wouldn't trade the experience for anything."

— Senior Robbin Kotajarvi,
Pom Pon Squad

"The thing I enjoyed most about the group was making new friends and knowing that people cared."

Senior Mike Hunter,
New Students' Group



SMILE PRETTY. Strolling on the high school grounds during the fall are new student, junior Maria Gubry and friend, Tammy Dubay.

ALL TOGETHER NOW. Tending her group of mini "pommers" is junior squad member, Laura Kneiper. By halftime, the routine was perfected and ready to perform as the finale to a workshop.

POM PON/NEW STUDENTS
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STRAIGHT From The *Source*

"Quiz Bowl questions can be about anything and everything. So the game is like playing 'Trivial Pursuit' in teams."

— Junior Jennifer Jewett, Quiz Bowl Team

"I had the chance to gain much more confidence in my own abilities since I've been put to the test of debates. I realized I can pass with flying colors."

— Senior Sherisa Miller, Debate Team

BRING IT OUT. Frustratingly searching for the answer to a question, senior Rachelle DeMunck tries to grasp one buried deep in a revenge match against NHS.

BEEP! Buzzing in to give an answer, junior Jennifer Jewett shows that she has researched the topic by responding with a quick answer.



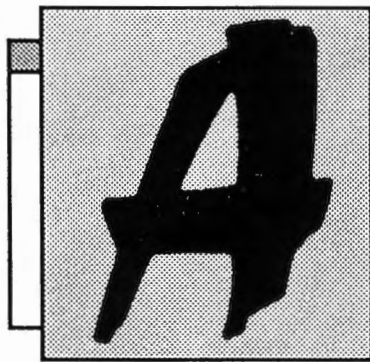
DEBATE TEAM: Bottom Row: D. Shimnoski, S. Miller, J. Killips.

Row 2: R. Beha, J. McNease, D. Craig, Top: Adviser G. Northrup.



FRIENDLY COMPETITION. Providing some tough competition for the Quiz Bowl team are teachers, Mr. Foy, Mr. York, Mr. Kressler,

Mr. Savage and Mr. Garnett. The team worked hard to defeat the teachers.



All the right answers

The 'Trivial Pursuit' experts of the academic world put together a team with all the answers and competed in Quiz Bowl. How did they get so good? Through practice tournaments and more practice.

Practices included meeting once a week after school and independent assignments at home such as watching "Jeopardy" or the evening news. "Quiz Bowl questions can be about anything and everything. So the game is like playing 'Trivial Pursuit' in teams except that most questions are related to school subjects and current events," explained junior Jennifer Jewett.

There were limited opportunities to play against other schools. "We competed against teams such as Holland, Everett, and Sexton. All of them were difficult, but hopefully we can come back next year and do better," stated junior John Killips. The team also competed

in both the Alma Invitational Tournament in February and the Capital Area Invitational Tournament at Lansing Community College in March.

In addition to tournaments, Quiz Bowl had fun in challenge matches with National Honor Society and the faculty. The teams had a chance to test their wits and occasionally beat the teachers to the answers!

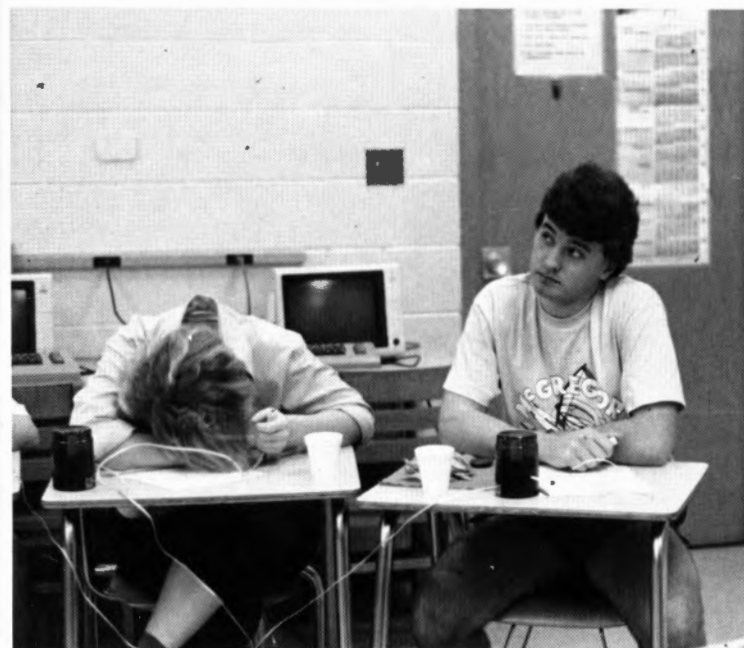
Combining the ability to research topics, and convincingly present a position, the Debate Team put together a winning year. Even though the team was young and inexperienced, that did not stop them from competing successfully. Besides competing in local tournaments, the Debate Team traveled to Mackinaw Island to attend a meet. "It was a lot of fun because we stayed in the Grand Hotel and got to enjoy the island," commented junior

John Killips.

For the first time they qualified for state competition which was held in Novi. "When we went to the state meet, we had a great time. We never really thought at first, that we could make it so it was a nice surprise," revealed junior Jean McNease.

Not only did the team have fun, they also improved their communication skills. "I had the chance to gain much more confidence in my own abilities since I've been put to the test of debates. I realized I can pass with flying colors," stated senior Sherisa Miller.

Dedication, research and practice combined with natural talent helped the team to accomplish many goals.



A TOUGH ONE. After being asked a hard question during their practice run senior Mark Sibert reflects on possible answers while junior Shannon VanSchoik displays her frustration. NHS members skillfully defeated the Quiz Bowl Team who called for a rematch.

QUIZ BOWL TEAM: BOTTOM ROW: J. Killips, R. DeMunck, J. Jewett, M. Rocha. **TOP ROW:** Adviser M. Gray, S. Ogden.

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yes and ears on everything

Reality struck for beginning publications students as classes turned into weekends and details couldn't be forgotten. The creators of the yearbook were the behind-the-scenes reporters with eyes and ears on everything: They captured the memories of the year and recorded them on complex layouts and copy sheets. Creating the *Rampages* was a 12-month process which involved more than meets the eye.

Production of the book demanded time, ideas and commitment. "There was always a deadline to meet, quotes to get, headlines to write and copy to edit. There was always something to do," declared junior Rick Resio.

The journalism camps during the summer helped out tremendously as students gained new ideas, began to devise new formats for the book, and took photo-journalism classes. "I learned many different and creative ways to take pictures and how to work in the darkroom which will be useful next

year when we have one of our own," stated junior Kara Kreiner.

Another aid was the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association conferences where publications and journalism classes from around the state attend sessions for yearbooks or newspapers and compete in contests. "It was interesting to see how many other students were interested in publications and I'm looking forward to the MIPA conference next year," noted junior David Simmons.

The motivating payback for all the work occurred the day the books arrived back from the publisher. "The best part of the class was when we got the yearbooks back and saw the results of our hard work in class, at camps and during vacation!" exclaimed junior Missy Bliesener.

Indeed the hard work did pay off as staff members proudly read their names in print in a book designed to last forever.

The atmosphere was more like a family than a class and Mr. Kutney was more of a father than a teacher, as the fifth-hour journalism class learned the meaning of working together to produce the *Profile*.

A closeness spread through the class as the fourteen students shaped themselves into journalists patrolling the halls looking for that first big scoop. "We all shared in the satisfaction of seeing our work in print," remarked senior Ben Donley.

Each student reporter was part of a department — a group of reporters working on a common topic such as straight news, editorials, features, or puzzles and games. "The class taught us a lot about ourselves and the process of reportive journalism. But perhaps, more importantly, it taught us that our peers' opinions can be both helpful and exciting," stated sophomore Jenny Rennirt.

Mr. Kutney's journalism class was rewarding, entertaining and fun, as students experienced a taste of real-life journalism.



MAYBE THIS WOULD FIT.

Working on a layout during the Michigan Interscholastic Press Assoc.'s summer journalism workshop is junior Paige Hunter. She and six other staff members attended the six days of classes to learn more advanced techniques to produce a better book. The workshop was held at MSU in July.

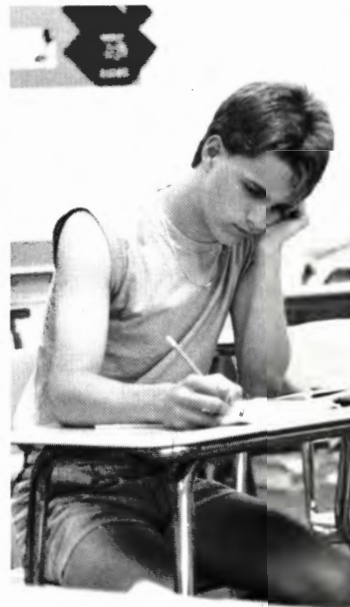
WORDS DON'T COME EASY.

Nothing can disturb senior Bill Kangas deep in thought as he works on an article for the *Profile*. The paper was produced by Mr. Kutney's fifth-hour Journalism class.



PROFILE STAFF: Bottom Row: M. Marko, T. Goulding, A. Sinclair, J. Davidson, M. Ramseyer, D. Freye,

J. Rennirt. Top Row: D. Hudson, R. Beha, B. Donley, L. Imel, B. Kangas, G. Living, Adviser B. Kutney.





DEEP IN THOUGHT, Editing copy and deciding how to make the '89 *Rampages* the best book ever is senior Editor-in-Chief, Kelly Little. After three years on staff, the high-stress, highly rewarding job of Editor was hers.

RAMPAGES STAFF: Bottom Row: M. Bliesener, B. Pohlonski, B. Reinke, D. McLean, S. Granger, J. Rennirt, Adviser, A. Paul. Middle Row: K. Kreiner, P. Hunter, N. Kingsley, L. Fulk, B. Lu, A. Stubig, S. Richter. Top Row: H. Valencic, R. Resio, N. Martz, L. VanDyke, S. Miller, K. Kerekes, K. Stewart.



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SHARPSHOOTER. Attempting to get the perfect photo is junior Kara Kreiner at the MIPA conference on October 10, 1988. The sessions provided the yearbook staff with a lot of information, as well as fun, and an ideal place for pictures.

DYNAMIC DUO. Working on 'Best Friends' copy during third hour Publications class are sophomore Leslie Fulk and junior Heather Valencic. They had come up with the topic and copy to meet the Student Life section deadline.

STRAIGHT From The Source

"Since I was on Student Council, I got the chance to speak out for student concerns and problems. I also saw first hand how much Student Government does for the school."

— Senior Tracy Harrison
Secretary, Student Government, NHS member

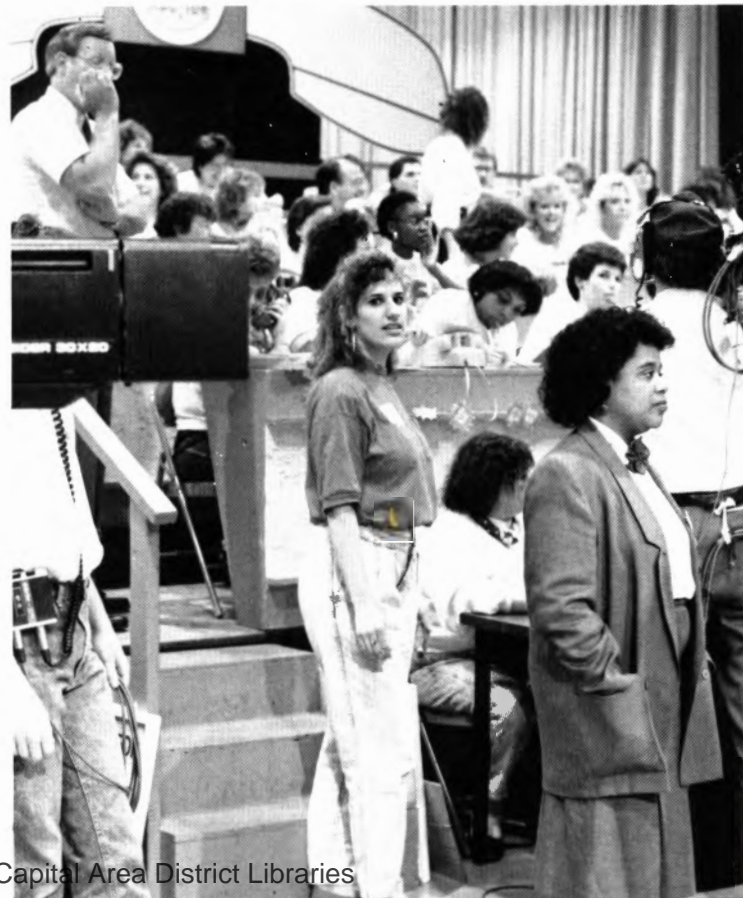
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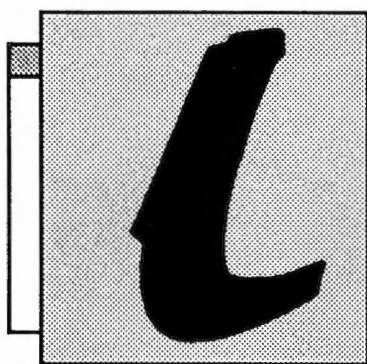
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Vice President, Student Government, NHS member



STUDENT GOVERNMENT:
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nirt, N. Keep, S. Dubay, K. Belcher, R. Gamet, J. Riebow, B. Wisch, B. Reinke. **Bottom Row:** R. Resio, K. Kerekes, A. Lounds, A. Sterenberg, J. Crane, A. Abdo.





ast word on eadership

Leadership and service, the goals of Student Council, were strived for by class officers and senior student government officers. The group was appointed by their peers to represent the other 980 students in the school.

Student Council went on a spending spree this year, purchasing new pop and candy machines for the student body. Student Council Secretary, senior Tracy Harrison commented, "Student Government is one of the backbones of our school and accounts for many of the benefits students have."

The organization was also responsible for the planning of the student life activities for the year. They began with hectic preparations for Homecoming, choosing themes and organizing competitions and assemblies for Spirit Week.

Homecoming was followed by many discussions about the length of the lunch period. Many students were asking for a longer lunch time, so the student officers took the request under their wing. Vice President, Kevin Wolverton noted, "We have a direct connection with the

Principal, Mr. Davis, and the School Board, so we can consult with the right people on the issues."

The Talent Show came next on the year's calendar. The Student Council chose the acts and supplied the emcees.

Student Council was a service-oriented group, willing to go the extra mile for their classmates.

Scholarship, service, character and leadership were also the characteristics found in each National Honor Society member. The organization allowed students excelling not only in academics, but also in their extra-curricular activities, to join in on service activities.

Working hard to make a lasting impression on the community, NHS was always willing to lend a helping hand. One outstanding activity was the annual blood drive, coordinated with the Red Cross. A record 147 pints of blood were collected. Almost every member worked some task to carry off the project. "It was great to see the teamwork in action," commented junior Brian

Woods.

Keeping in the spirit of community service, members were involved in cleaning apartments for the elderly at Tamarack, helping at the food kitchens at Christmas, and working with WKAR public television station to stage their fundraising auction.

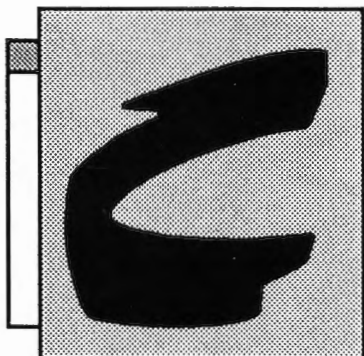
The forces behind the club were advisers, Janet Wilson and Pam Klimenko, and the officers. The Society kept up with traditions of past years. The Thanksgiving holiday was made special as students collected food for needy families and delivered a full-turkey dinner to an area family.

The Christmas season was swiftly handled as members tied and delivered the annual candy canes to friends and staff for a fundraiser.

As spring brought another induction ceremony, proud parents gathered in the auditorium to congratulate their sons' and daughters' accomplishments. Aiming to serve the school and the community, NHS developed into a committed organization.



PEN IN HAND. Working diligently to help create a new logo for the school is Student Government President, Mark Sibert. The logo was developed from student committee ideas with the help of Herf Jones Publishing Co. and adopted this year.



losing the culture Gap

From dangling pinatas and souvenirs from Cancun, to experiencing the new Magnum XL at Cedar Point, Spanish Club members combined forces to make the year entertaining, as well as, educational.

The club activities were organized by the officers and adviser, Miss Juanita Grew to offer students a chance to get together outside of school for fun.

This was the goal of the traditional night out at Chi Chi's Mexican Restaurant in Okemos. Junior Erika Faulds commented, "I love the food and it was nice to spend time with friends I usually do not see outside of school."

There was, however, one tradition that occurred in school before Christmas. It was the making of pinatas by the Spanish classes for the children in local hospitals. This project left students with a feeling of satisfaction and helped get them into the spirit of Christmas.

When given the chance to experience first hand the culture, food and traditions of Mexico, 17 students jumped at the opportunity to spend

spring break in Cancun, Mexico. The students and chaperones stayed at the luxurious resort, the Oasis Cancun for six beautiful days. The students checked out the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza in the Yucatan. Senior Todd Graham stated, "The ruins were cool. It was neat to see really old Mayan cities." Spanish teacher, Miss Grew added, "The abandoned Mayan cities were really eerie, but full of stories and legends."

Renewing the last annual tradition, the Spanish Club members gathered up their nerves and spent a day at Cedar Point on June 13. They loaded buses at 5:45 AM and did not return until 1:00 AM. This allowed them approximately 10 hours of wild rides, fun and food to end the year on an exciting note.

A crepe dinner, replete with a variety of fillings and fun opened the French Club season. For members it was a year of exploration into French culture and socialization in a relaxed atmosphere. Junior Julie Crane noted, "The

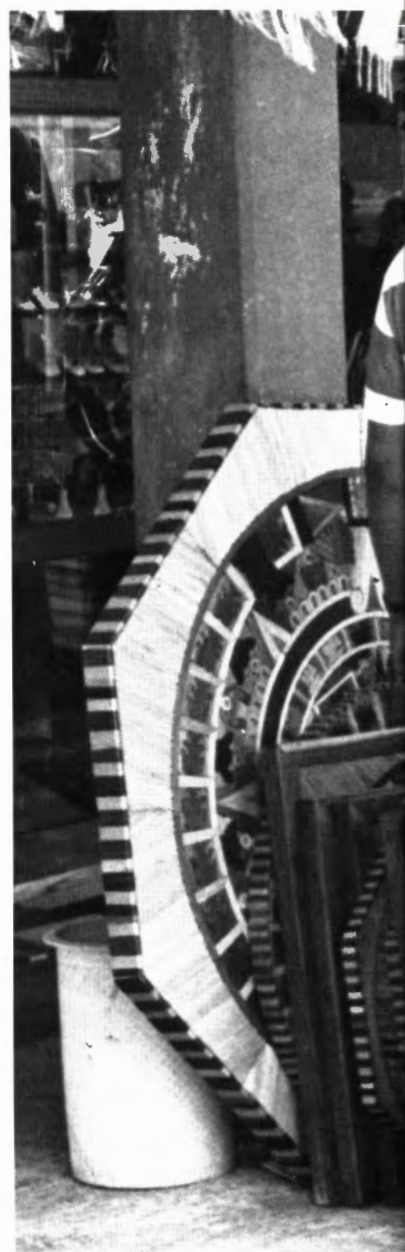
crepe dinners are always a fun time to try French food and enjoy it with your friends."

The trip to France over spring break in April was the highlight of the year. Those students who couldn't go were informed of the events and experiences encountered by those who went.

The experience that left the greatest impression on most students was trying new foods. Junior Jean Chase revealed, "the croissants and French bread with jam were the best and to wash it down we enjoyed cafe-au-lait and Perrier."

Other students favored the sites of Paris over the food. Junior Karen Baker recalled, "My favorite site was the Eiffel Tower which we went up at night for a breath-taking view of Paris. The City of Lights was one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen, and I will never forget it."

The year was full of tradition with just a touch of innovation to make it unique and complete for French Club members.



IT JUST LOOKS EASY. Putting a pinata in place in Spanish class are juniors Darren Craig and Rick Resio with the help of classmates. The pinatas are a traditional project done for local hospitals at Christmas by all Spanish classes.



THRILLS AND CHILLS. Enjoying the new Magnum XL at Cedar Point are a group of Spanish Club members on their end of year trip, June 13.



GET THE PRICE DOWN! Bargaining with a Mexican vendor at the market in Cancun are seniors Kevin Wolverton, Tracy Harrison and Angie Lake. The students be-

came accustomed to the expected haggling over prices as they loaded up on souvenirs on their spring break get-away.



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DESSERT ALA CREPE. While making her desert crepe, junior Amy Heiser laughs and points at her friend's antics using a can of cherries as her guide. There was a variety of crepe desserts at the French Club dinners.

DEJA-VU DANS LE METRO. Waiting for their next trip on the Paris subways are juniors Amy Heiser, Karen Crawford, Kelli Marsh and Gwenneth Lamb.

SPANISH CLUB/FRENCH CLUB
Edited by Kreiner/Kingsley/Resio

STRAIGHT From The Source

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— Junior Wendy Whitlock, SADD

"Because of my involvement in Minority Awareness, I had the opportunity to explore how I feel about racism and I've learned more about how others view the problem."

— Junior Corey Hake
Minority Awareness

TAKING A STAND. A SADD member ties an arm band on senior Cindy Choban to represent a stand against drunk driving. During the

end of year campaign, many students wore the bands to remind friends of the dangers of drinking and driving.



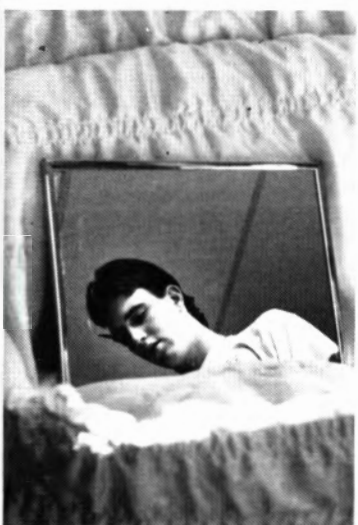
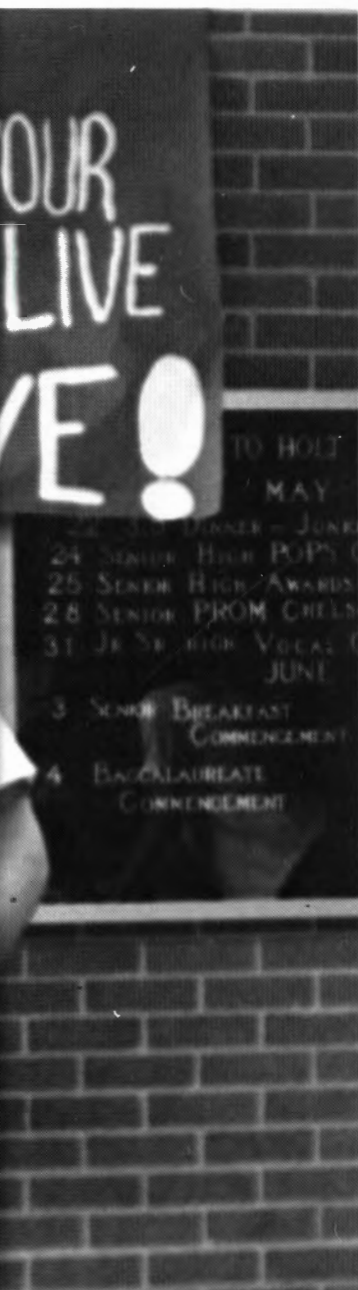
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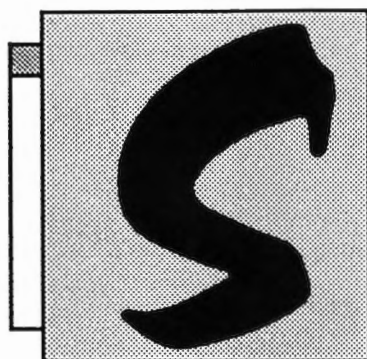


THE RESULTS. Observing a car involved in a teenage drinking and driving accident provided by Shroyers of Lansing, are a group of students and young children. As an awareness campaign, SADD mem-

bers arranged to have the car displayed on the school grounds during end of year activities when the incidence of drinking and driving often increases.



ATTENTION GETTER. Senior Jim Wright notes his reflection in a coffin placed by SADD members near the entrance to the Library in a staged awareness campaign of the dangers of drinking and driving.



hedding some light on ocial Issues

Come on, just one drink isn't going to effect my driving: ... Statements like this were often heard by students when alcohol was present. Without the help of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) and Peer Resistance organizations many would have continued to believe that it was okay to drink and drive. Luckily, there was a group of students who took time out of their schedule to make sure their high school years were the best of times.

The students involved in SADD had specific reasons for joining. Junior Wendy Whitlock revealed, "I joined SADD because there is a growing number of accidents involving drunk driving. I wanted to make a difference, and show people that teens care about more than just clothes and talking on the telephone."

An inner organization of SADD, called Peer Resistance, concentrated on educating elementary students about the pressures they would have to face as they grew older. Senior Bill Kangas revealed, "I enjoyed going to the schools and teach-

ing kids that when they get older they will have to deal with peer pressure." Throughout the year, Peer Resistance accomplished many tasks. Junior Jody Grant noted, "I think the main accomplishment of the group was getting the message across to the kids and hopefully, helping them."

The discussion of issues and teen concerns was expanded upon in the Fifth Biennial Student Forum hosted by SADD on February 28. The event allowed students the chance to discuss their concerns about major social issues. "I learned a lot at the Forum. It was fun to be able to say whatever was on your mind, stated sophomore Jenny Rennirt. All the results of the discussions were recorded and sent as a report to the Board of Education.

Thanks to Student Forum and the activities of SADD and Peer Resistance, students enjoyed a timely and aware year.

Discrimination among youth — how did one cope with it in our community? The Minority Awareness Club, founded

by Ms. Valerie Smith, volunteered to answer the questions and help cope with the problems teenagers face because of their race or different ethnic styles.

Approximately 30 students were members of the club and many agreed that they learned more about other races and ethnic cultures during the year. "Because of my involvement in Minority Awareness, I had the opportunity to explore how I feel about racism and I've learned more about how other view the problem," commented junior Corey Hake.

The problems teenagers faced ranged from subtle comments in school hallways, to an actual feeling of isolation and discrimination on the streets. "It is too bad everyone can't live life without negative remarks about color or lifestyle. I hope someday through organizations like Minority Awareness, we all will become educated on the issue," noted junior Joel Simon.



MINI-FORUM. Providing students a chance to explore their views and problems that racial and ethnic minorities experience, Ms. Valerie Smith leads a discussion during a Minority Awareness meeting in the cafeteria during an activity hour. The club has grown in membership over the past two years as students seek the opportunity to discuss the issues.

Cracking the Code

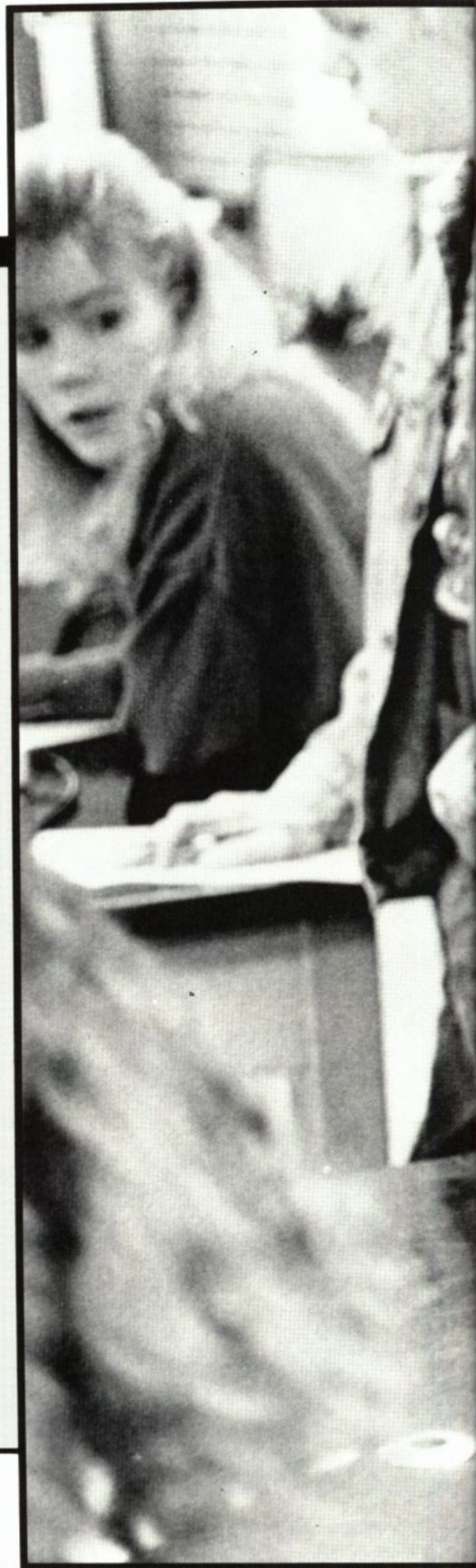
READY FOR ACTION.

Understanding an assignment depends greatly on listening to the instructions. Sophomore Gary Forbis and senior Leslie Koelzer discipline themselves to listen carefully to the directions for a typing assignment.



Stumbling through the never-ending world of algebraic formulas onto the causes of World War I and picking up the meaning of dangling modifiers along the way gave students a crack at solving the education combination.

As the pressure of heavy workloads, tests and cramming sessions got to students, they learned to take a break by taking advantage of the opportunities the system offered. Class interruptions and teachers getting side-tracked allowed for breaks in the academic day. While a variety of schedules and personalities led to a close relationship between students and faculty, many teachers unusual habits and traditions allowed for a rejuvenated classroom atmosphere. Many students tackled the challenges offered by dissection labs while some students ventured to the elementary schools to experience the teaching profession through tutoring. "Watching the kids grow and learn through my guidance was exciting," revealed junior Davina Ayers. Putting in hours of homework didn't appeal to some students who resorted to methods such as brown-nosing, shortcuts and cliff notes in hopes of raising their grade points. The methods of study differed greatly as students hit the books using the right combination of motivation and discipline for cracking the code.



EYE CATCHER. Motivated to do well on a lab experiment, sophomore Chris Conn records the data that his partner, sophomore Bridget Little observes under the microscope in their Biology class. Participating in labs allows students to experience the preciseness of science.



CAUGHT IN THE ACT! Leaning on his podium, Mr. Woolston tries to explain the importance of reading to his history class. He is known for his expressive antics during class and has established a tradition in his Western Civilization classes by always portraying the ideal Egyptian male and stressing their emphasis on contour by showing off his own surgery-sewn legs.

Crutches

Lean On Me

It's a car! It's a bumper! It's Mr. Kressler's podium! The spot just behind the sticker-clad pedestal became common ground for Mr. Kressler's lectures. Like many teachers, Mr. Kressler's style was characterized by the traditional use of this educational crutch. "I always know when we're in for a lecture because he heads for the podium," junior Nikki Kingsley commented.

There was also the infamous cup of coffee that made the room smell like a Colombian bean factory. Oftentimes, the coffee sat on the desk for numerous days without ever being touched. Could this so called cup of coffee just be a prop? A scam making students think that teachers stay up late doing the unimaginable teacher-stuff and that their only mercy was this cup of coffee?

Mr. Gillett proved one day that it really was coffee. After taking a refreshing sip, he tried to place it on his desk when, to his dismay, it slipped and spilled over the entire desk. The CPS students watched in awe as their term papers drowned in the pool of caffeine. In haste, he knocked over his pencils and threw the rest of his supplies across the room. Through this he taught a valuable lesson, that haste makes waste. "It was one of my lesser moments!" Mr. Gillett chuckled as he recalled the situation.

Mr. Kutney resorted to comedy on occasion using funny stories and body language to get his point across. He told stories of students, people off the street and even his family. Students were rarely caught snoozing in his class. "I remember one

day when Mr. Kutney had the class in hysterics. He was describing the way his daughter eats and was using so many facial expressions the students' eyes were watering. His hair got messed up in the process of telling it and he was standing in front of the class with his hair standing straight up. No one wanted to tell him so he went the entire hour with messed up hair!" exclaimed senior Kevin Wolverton.

With the use of different crutches and aids, teachers were able to achieve their educational goals. The right combination of styles and resources developed a successful classroom atmosphere and also an entertaining escape from the hum drum routine.

OLD RELIABLES

Whether they were comical, ridiculous, annoying or peculiar, certain teacher traditions enlivened classroom life.

Sitting in French class, students prompted Mr. Garnett into making his animal noises. Not only did Mr. Garnett's animal noises appeal to student's funny bones, but they helped them learn French. "Any class needs some diversion and it is a way to reinforce vocabulary," said Mr. Garnett.

In another part of the building, the test was on the desk and the work was about to begin. A tradition was quickly established as

students prepared for their math test. Mr. Lehman's voice penetrated their train of thought. "Remember, life is short and sweet so relax and enjoy." The groans rang out loudly. "I don't mind the phrase, but I do mind the time at which he chooses to say it," explained junior Jenny Loudon. The class easily recited the phrase with Mr. Lehman by mid-October while reacting with the appropriate sneers and jeers for the situation.

Hitting a bright note with students, Mr. Plunkett developed his extra credit having students

guess what the title of a song was from different phrases. The idea allowed the students to see the 'human side' of their teacher. "It kind of got the class going. Even when you were in a bad mood, Mr. Plunkett's singing made you feel better," stated junior Randi Foster.

Whether they were comical or annoying, for learning or just for fun, unusual traditions of some sort found their way into the lives of students and teachers alike.



ROLE REVERSAL. Taking over the class for the day, junior Kira Ihrcke and sophomore Jenny Rennirt replace Mrs. Neur- either at the blackboard when she is absent. Teaching the class for the day is an interesting challenge for students seeking to learn more.



PRIMED FOR ATTACK.

While participating in an Honors Chemistry experiment in Mr. Foy's first hour class, juniors Kris Schuette and Kymm Burch protect their eyes from dangerous chemicals by wearing their safety goggles. The threat of having to sing 'The Goggle Song' with Mr. Foy is a big enough incentive for most students to wear their goggles.

CUSTOM DECORATED.

The podium proved to be used as more than a crutch when Mr. Kressler's bumpersticker-clad pedestal enters the picture. The bumper stickers keep students aware of the different proposals and groups campaigning for office.



'The Goggle Song' (Punishment for not Wearing Goggles)

First Offense
Sing A Duet
with Mr. Foy

Second Offense
Sing a Solo

Third Offense
Sing a Solo and
Do a Dance

RULES REIGN

Ever since Adam and Eve were put on the earth, there have been rules to follow. Along with these rules, there were punishments for breaking them. Why then, do people make rules if they know some people will ignore them? "Without rules, the world would be a mess," junior Kymm Burch

answered.

Rule-makers tried to avoid such a catastrophe. Why else did Chemistry teacher, Dave Foy, have such a weird punishment for students who didn't wear their safety goggles during lab? If a student was found guilty of this offense, he was automatically sentenced to sing the Goggle Song. Mr. Foy explained, "Some of the chemicals we use during

lab are sometimes dangerous and may explode unsuspectingly in your face. I use this rule to encourage students to wear their safety glasses to protect them if such accidents do occur."

Rules and punishments go hand in hand. They are inseparable since the creation of earth and we must abide by them.

TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE. Combining ideas for a drafting project, senior Scott Black and junior Robert Saxton work together to create a new plan in Mr. Neureither's drafting class.

CALLING FOR CONCENTRATION. Diligently working on her drawing project in Mrs. Anderson's class, sophomore Holly Andrus is also satisfying her fine arts requirement for graduation. Most students find the fine arts classes to be interesting and a change of pace.



Shedding a Little Light on the Subject

The expectations and time behind the scheduling process brought frustration, compromise, as well as, some satisfaction in the end. Picking classes was not always easy. It caused many problems for some. "I was put into a Phase III English class and now I'm having a few regrets," remarked junior Amy Parkhouse.

Along with the regrets and problems, the selection process was difficult. "I think it is difficult to

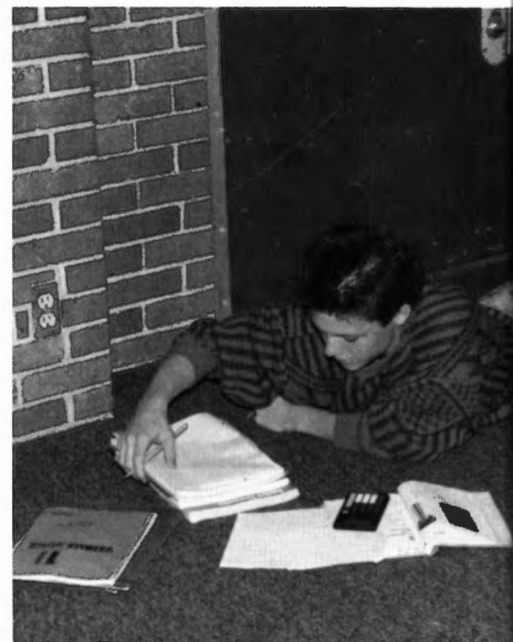
pick classes because it seems that the ones you don't know very much about are risky choices," stated junior Randi Foster.

Waiting for the arrival of schedules brought anxiety. "I felt really curious and I made sure that some of my classes were what I wanted," remembered sophomore Kathy Hampton.

Tough schedules meeting graduation requirements were balanced by

taking some courses which offered a change of pace. Some of these met business and fine arts credits required to receive a diploma and provided an awareness of the world outside of a demanding college prep schedule.

Scheduling was a process that brought pain and anguish but also the satisfaction of a job well planned as students prepared for the year ahead.



TIME OUT. Finishing up a last minute assignment, senior Tony Abbruzzese finds a quiet place to work in the lobby during lunch. With graduation and other activities fast approaching, seniors have to make the best use of their time to nab the senioritis bug.

Interruptions

A Part Of The Plan

Bells, passes and announcements — the necessities of a high school schedule relieved some hectic days filled with tests, homework and lectures. These interruptions allowed for a moment to relax.

Morning announcements were meant to inform students, but in reality, provided the late-to-bed and early-to-rise students a chance to wake up and face the day. "The morning announcements give me a little extra time to catch up on my forty winks!" stated sophomore Mickey Morgan.

As the passes for first hour were delivered, students dreaded the yellow ones from the attendance office, but usually looked forward to the blue ones from the counseling center. Senior Jeni Mattila admitted, "Whenever they come to hand out the

passes, I always want a blue one so I can get out of class, but if I see a yellow one I think, Oh no! Not me, please! because I don't want to get into any more trouble."

All the passes didn't come from the office, however. Teachers developed their own individual passes using originality. Breaking away from pieces of paper, Mr. Alaire gave a very large wooden pass labeled BATHROOM PASS. Mr. Plunkett also used an interesting pass. "With Mr. Plunkett's wooden word pass, there's hardly any room left for you after you put the pass down in the restroom," admitted junior Missy Bliesener. However, carrying the passes proved worth the embarrassment rather than being caught without one by the hall monitors.

When the lunch bells

rang, hungry students welcomed the sound as they leaped out of classrooms. To some students the lunch bell was almost as important as the 2:35 dismissal bell. "By the end of third hour, I'm dying to get out of class and go to lunch. So the sound of the lunch bell is very welcome!" revealed sophomore Joanne Taylor. While some welcomed the bell, those remaining in class, hated the noise. "The ring of the lunch bell makes my hair hurt. It's worse than sleeping on a bed of nails," stated Mr. Garnett.

Whether they were positive or negative, some interruptions were necessary and informative. They told students what was happening and guided them to their destinations.

THE DREADED YELLOW PASS.

Happily cooperating with the attendance office, Mr. Templin hands sophomore Stephanie Schneeberger her pass during fourth hour Genetics class to straighten out some confusion about her attendance.



SIDETRACKED

Everyday some students used their best talents and schemes to sidetrack their teachers hoping to postpone a dreaded test or assignment. Teachers, oftentimes unaware of intent, took the opportunity to provide their classes with instruction of the informal variety and off-the-cuff experiences.

In Mr. Garnett's French classes, a student's question about the French culture was the stimulus. "When Mr. Garnett started talking about the trip to France, he wasn't necessarily sidetracked because we learned about French culture but it did take most of the hour," commented junior Nikki Kingsley.

Similarly, Mr. Savage enjoyed discussing his old war guns. "He gets so excited and tells the whole history of them including the time period they were used" explained junior Stan Granger.

Taking time to stress the importance of Geometry, Mrs. Mooney was thrown off-track when a student asked about the subject. Junior Stan Granger again noted, "She spent half of the hour explaining the value of it."

Getting sidetracked had the benefits of learning about some topics that weren't in the text and cut down on the amount of class work. However, it sometimes provided the student with additional after hours homework to make up for the lost time and keep the teacher's daily plans on schedule.

But even the threat of homework couldn't hold back the urge to postpone a test or delay a term paper's due date as students bombarded the classrooms with ingenious questions designed to get the drawn out solutions they were looking for.

"The morning announcements give me a little extra time to catch up on my forty winks!"

— Sophomore Mickey Morgan



Making the grade. Participation in class discussions often leads to the formation of interesting ideas for papers in Mrs. Lynch's literature classes when they discuss poetry. To understand of poetry, Mrs. Lynch urges students to find a common link between themselves and the author's ideas.

Sugar Babies

No Experience Necessary

Learning the ropes of parents and the reality behind raising a child was a responsibility that many students enjoyed. Child development was a course designed to teach students the skills needed to care for a developing human being. The class also taught students how children learn and grow.

One way of teaching the responsibility was through the use of sugar babies. "The sugar babies really did show the reality of parenting. The project was hard to do as a teen," expressed Kim Stubig.

Each student had to carry a baby made from a five-pound bag of sugar. The baby received a name and all other necessities

from the parent. The baby was with the parent in every class and went everywhere they went after school. "I like the project because it was like taking care of a real child. You had to plan out daily schedules and everything," commented junior Jeni Legg. If the parent could not be with the child, a babysitter had to be hired. "I remember having to watch Jill Souza's kid during swim practice. She sat on the bench with me while Jill swam," revealed senior Brent Pohlonski.

Students received first hand experience in caring for young children when a nursery school was set up in the classroom. Children

were brought in by parents to spend the day playing with students. "It's not hard to think of things to play with the kids because Mrs. Lamphier has everything a kid would want to play with!" exclaimed sophomore Denya Shimnoski. Many students felt child development was a beneficial class. "We get real life problems to experience and it was fun," stated sophomore Brian Houser.

Child development taught students basic concepts through hands-on experience and class discussion. The projects caused one to conclude that actions speak louder than words.



IT TAKES THE RIGHT METHOD

Armed with their academic hammers, teachers attempted to tear down the walls traditionally built between themselves and students. The techniques varied from teacher to teacher, each using the methods they felt worked best.

Georganne Withey revealed, "I use a three step method. Starting with explanation, I then move to example and conclude with repetition."

Repetition was what senior Dawn Dye benefited from as she noted, "I like the individual approach. I really appreciate it when a teacher explains

things until I truly understand." The Teaching methods varied and so did class response. The proper techniques had to be manipulated and adapted to fit a particular class. There wasn't one single best way of teaching for everyone. Scotty Shimoski disclosed, "Students' needs dictate how a teacher responds." In agreement, Jerry Gillett said, "Depending upon the class, I have to change my approach. What works for second and fifth hours won't always work for first and sixth."

Learning was a two-way street. It took both a good

teacher and a willing student. "Without a proper attitude on both sides, the learning will never occur," stated Mr. Gillett. Supporting the same idea, senior Ben Donley revealed, "It all comes down to the fact that if you don't want to learn, you won't, regardless of the teacher."

Given the right combination of student and teacher cooperation, plus the right method, the result was an "A" for the day for both teacher and student alike.



ASSISTANCE PROVIDED. Remembering the specific steps in a lab can be difficult the first few times, but Mr. Burgess patiently leads sophomore Melissa Widman through the lab procedure during her fourth hour General Biology class.



LENDING A HELPING HAND. Mrs. Lamphier's Child Development classes experience a hands-on project of helping children in nursery school. Junior Stephanie Six assists her fourth hour nursery friend while making a project. The class also learned the time and effort it takes to raise a child after carrying around sugar babies made from five-pound bags of sugar.

SUITED UP. Ready to conquer the world of weightlifting, junior Nick Carpenter fastens his belt. The cutoff sweats worn in gym class even made an encore performance in the classroom as some students chose more casual wear as the weather grew warmer.



RUNNING IN STYLE

Clothing styles ran rampant everywhere, so why couldn't style be taken into the gym class? Many students opted for creative sportswear while the question of comfort was also an important factor. "For softball, I wear sweatpants and a shirt, but for weightlifting, I prefer something that is easy to stretch and to move in," stated junior Mike Newman.

Not all of the clothing was acceptable as Mr. Shipman explained, "I enforce kids to wear things

that are decent; no profanity or insinuating logos on the clothing." Although all students were to follow certain clothing guidelines, almost everyone tried to find a style of their own. Junior Shannon Ostrander explained, "The individual look in P.E. clothing can be achieved by iron-ons, rolled sweats and cut-off tops."

Another essential item in gym attire was footwear. Students selected the brand names wearing Nike, Reebok, Addidas or

Fila, while some opted for the traditional white sneaker. Shoes were not the only part of footwear, as junior Jeremy Kienitz stated, "When I play basketball, I have to wear at least two pairs of socks and something to support my ankles."

Athletic wear in the 80's was a statement of individual style and comfort. Boring clothing in gym class was banned as students created a style of their own.

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A SMELLY SITUATION.

Trying to keep the smell of formaldehyde away from her nose, sophomore Kira Ihrcke inches away from the fetal pig while sophomore Jason Harmon prepares to make the first incision. Many students agree that dissecting would be more enjoyable if the smell wasn't as nauseating.

PLANNED ATTACK.

Trying to get more than one pencil from Miss Grew's lending porcupine, senior Dain Ryckman uses his best antics such as treating her especially nice, to receive the benefits he desires. Miss Grew keeps extra pencils on her desk to help desperate students in time of need.



PAVING A PATH

Rewards came in a variety of ways. The satisfaction of helping others and setting goals of one's own were received through tutoring elementary students at Sycamore. Whether it was helping in the classroom as a teacher's assistant or being a reading tutor, high school students were in for an experience they would never forget.

Students chose tutoring as an elective and were trained for a two-three week period. They were taught the basic tutoring skills and most important, how to work under pressure. "It was tougher than most people think. Trying to get a child to read an assigned program can be very difficult, especially if they want

to play or they are tired," explained junior Brenda Spitzley.

Some students tutored to get experience for their future career goals. Others chose tutoring because they liked working with young children. Senior Jennifer McCarley confessed, "I love working with children. They are a lot of fun to be around. It's great when you feel that you have taught them to read because that is a gift they will have for the rest of their life."

Assisting teachers in the classroom involved a variety of tasks. Students helped teachers with class projects. "You can become very close to many kids in a short time. It's great to see them grow and learn each day," explained junior Davina Ayers.

For various reasons, students volunteered their services to the elementary teachers and each student benefited from the program in their own way.



A HELPFUL EXPERIENCE

Junior Brenda Spitzley tutors an elementary student while learning a difficult assignment at Sycamore for elective credit.



Dissecting

Take it in Stride

"Yuck ... How gross ... WOW, this is cool!" Sound familiar? Such expressions could often be heard when a biology room was entered and dissecting was taking place. While dissecting a frog, students voiced their opinion about the lab project. "I thought it was fun and a different experience," stated sophomore Holly Andrus. While some liked it, others were turned off. "I didn't really care for the smell too much," revealed sophomore Eric Nemeth.

Although many students didn't have a choice

about a class where they dissected animals, most tried to look at the positive aspect of the chore. "I guess the best part was removing the leg and shin and observing the muscle," stated sophomore Angie Ducsay. Others found the frog interesting in a different way. "I liked it because you can check out the inner parts and remove them," revealed sophomore Heather Brown.

Thinking ahead to future plans, students found their career goals required a knowledge of dissection. "I like it because I'll need

the experience when I become a doctor," stated sophomore Holly Andrus.

On the other hand, there were those who couldn't find anything good about dissecting. Many students agreed with sophomore Steve Miller as he complained, "The worst part was the smell; it was nauseating."

Students had mixed reactions to the experience of dissection, but whether they enjoyed it or not, they braved it out to get credit for graduation and perhaps some experience for future career goals.

TEACHER'S PET.

Thinking of new ways to be on the teacher's good side, senior Kevin Schafer gives Mrs. Mooney a break during his sixth hour by writing out the problems and solutions in his Trigonometry class. Creativity is a key in brown-nosing that involves more than bringing the teacher an apple.



BROWN-NOSING: The Art of It

Gestures like wiping the nose and sniffing loudly were ways of alerting the class that a crime was being committed. Who was the criminal? An average, everyday student. What was the crime? Brown-nosing.

What began this life of crime? Maybe it started as an innocent act of kindness — a special Valentine card or Christmas mug for their favorite teacher that developed into an irreversible obsession.

The jurors of the accused came to easily recognize characteristics of brown-nosers. Junior Kristie Woodworth noted, "It is a person who is always right by the teacher's side asking if they can help, or when the teacher asks someone to get a book or pass out papers, that person is always volunteering."

Another witness was sophomore Rachel Harley. She noted, "You can tell a brown-noser when they laugh at the teacher's jokes and when they act like angels."

There were others who liked witnessing the crime as innocent bystanders. "I kind of enjoy watching someone brown-nose. I think it gets really funny at times," commented junior Anissa Stubig.

Several reasons for brown-nosing were discovered in testimonies of the guilty. Senior Jeff Rule confessed, "I certainly do brown-nose. I have even developed my own style and strategy. I feel it helps a great deal. If it didn't, I wouldn't bother doing it."

On the receiving side, teachers viewed the criminals in a differ-

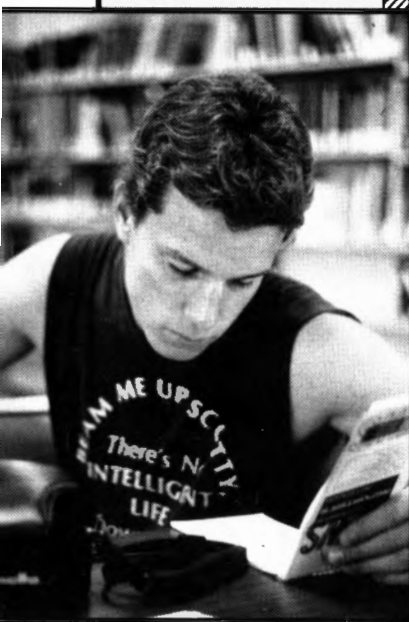
ent light. Counselor Jan Wilson identified with the situation. "It's pure entertainment to watch a student brown-nose, but it can also be a pain. If they were honest about it, I think they would get better results," she stated. Mr. Templin seemed amused by the attempts of brown-nosers. "I always say, That was nice of you to say, or You can tell me that anytime! That puts even the elite of the group into shock and it gets embarrassing," he admitted.

After hours of deliberation, the jurors brought in a guilty verdict. The punishment was not as severe as expected, but rather a simple thank you for providing the humor of the day.

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UNDER PRESSURE! Trying to manage the mangled mess of dates and times before him, photography editor, senior Brent Pohlonski, tries to make sense of his notes in the library during his fourth hour Publications class.



Pressure

The Name Of The Game

Quizzes! Tests! Exams! All students had to face a combination of these inevitable tasks at least eight times a week. They had to remember everything from punctuating sentences correctly to the formula for the area of a trapezoid. How did they do it? In a variety of ways ranging from rituals and gimmicks to the traditional study process.

Using a physical approach, sophomore Dawn Smith revealed, "On a night before a big test, I exercise by running up and down the stairs three times. This gets my adrenalin going and pumps me up!"

While some students relied upon fitness, others resorted to more unusual rituals to help get them in the mood. Junior Catherine Petrovick explained,

"I sit in my room and pray for help by candlelight before hitting the books."

Though rituals may have helped some, more students resorted to little tricks or gimmicks to get them through. "When I try to remember things for a test, I make a little song or acronym. For example, the life characteristics in biology become G.R.R.A.M." explained sophomore Alys Abdo.

The old fashioned method used most often by students was the strategy of cracking open the books. "I start studying alone in my room at least two days before a big test," noted junior Jenny Westgate.

Other students felt they didn't need that much study time as sophomore Andy Shepard commented, "I usually do just fine

on tests if I intensely cram the night before."

Even with the right amount and method of study, the unavoidable test anxiety struck helpless students making them prisoners. "Right before the test is handed out, I feel a little sick and can't remember anything I studied," admitted sophomore Nikki Martz.

Relieving some of the tension was crucial to receiving an 'A'. Being relaxed before a test is very important. "I relax by soaking in a long, hot bubble bath," stated sophomore Becky Gasch.

Whether preparing for a test included eccentric rituals, memorization gimmicks or straight study, most students found unique methods that worked for them.

Procrastination Attacks

Whether they were tackling a research paper or a test, the vicious enemy, procrastination, seemed to be lurking behind every encyclopedia and textbook. Putting projects and homework near the bottom of one's list of priorities resulted in last minute cram sessions for many students.

Senior Jeni Mattila admitted, "I have other things to do — work, socialize — the usual priorities. Afterward, I am up until one o'clock in the morning writing a paper for English Literature."

Some students felt they learned enough from listening in class and that studying would be a waste of time. They believed a quick review was adequate. "As soon as the bell rings, I get into my next class and look over only the text in bold print," noted sophomore Kira Ihrcke.

Some students have perfected cramming to a fine art by reducing study time to the span it took between eating a piece of toast and getting to school. The rationalization for the great put off was echoed by senior Becky Wisch as she declared, "It's strange, I figure if I haven't learned something when it was taught, then I'm not going to know it for a test. Despite this philosophy, I cram at 11:00 p.m., then sleep on it and wake up refreshed and knowledgeable."

So, when the due date arrived to turn in the big project that the teacher allowed three weeks to complete, and which, naturally hadn't been touched, students had to check behind every door and under every notebook. Perhaps, the procrastination beast was lurking there!



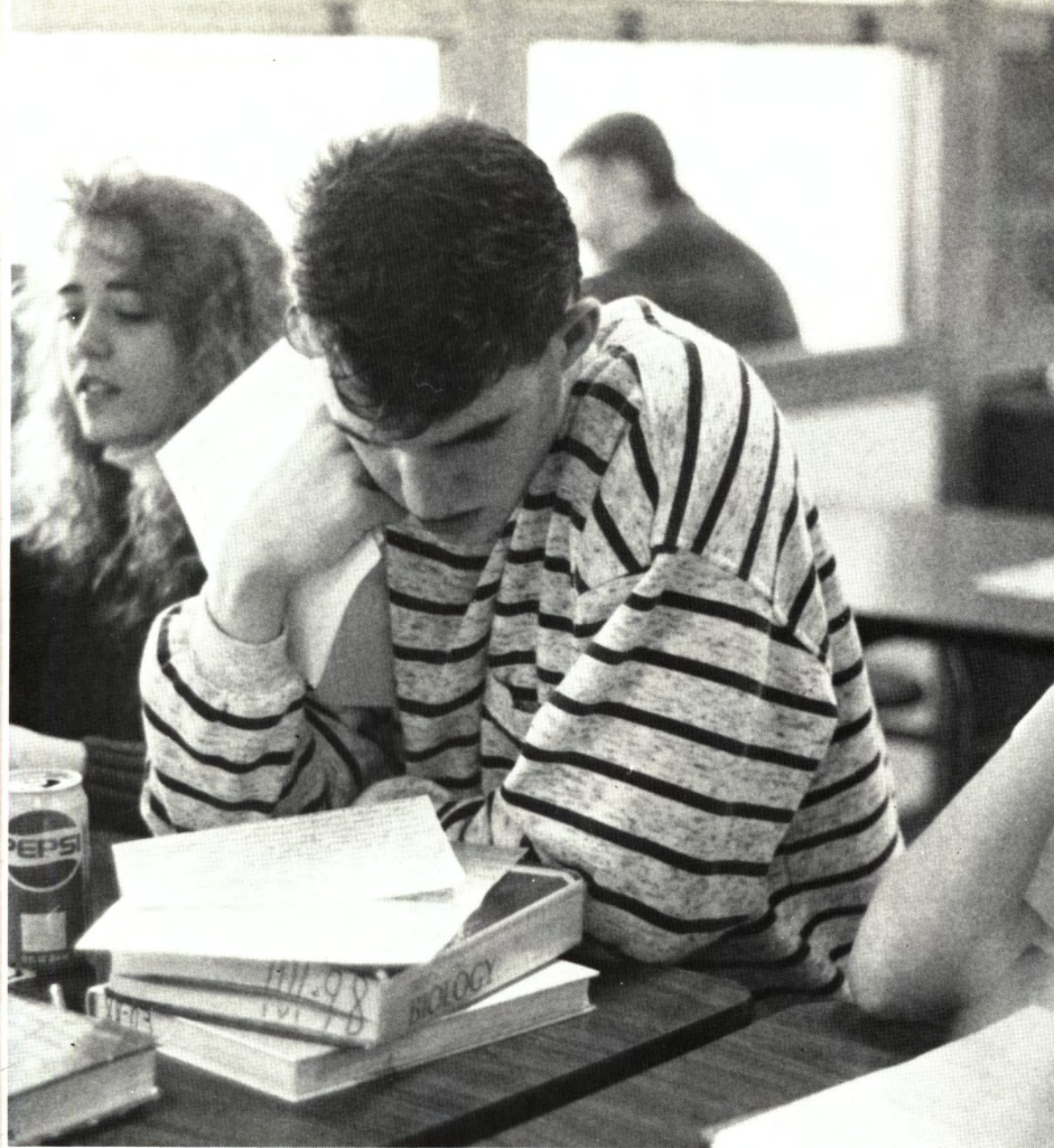
In order to handle the pressure, I work out a schedule so that I can manage everything I have to do, including having fun.

— Junior Jeff Schwartz

QUICK LUNCH BREAK.

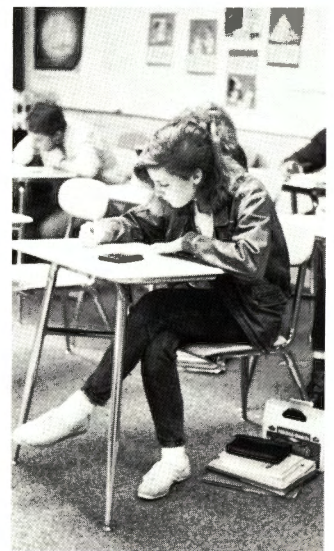
Taking advantage of the library during lunch, seniors Kym Dennis and Krista Holden use the SIRS to compile information for their topic. The library keeps up-to-date material on many topics for students to use with the on-line computer system, vertical files and microform.





LAST MINUTE CRAM SESSION. Using time to his best advantage, sophomore Dave Crater reviews his biology notes during lunch. The cafeteria is a common study hall for students who wish to satisfy their need for food and studying.

PACING THE TASK. During a pre-calculus test in Mr. Lehman's fourth hour math class, junior Rachel Hewitt uses the mathematical functions she has learned to master the test. Calculators have proven to be a student's best friend when it comes time to solve trigonometric functions.



Heavy Workloads . . .

It's A Matter Of Timing

"What extra time?," exclaimed junior John Killips, citing a common problem faced by his peers. Balancing a schedule that included school, part-time jobs, homework and sports was a difficult task. Coping strategies were as varied as the students themselves.

Junior Jeff Schwartz revealed, "In order to handle the pressure, I work out a very good time schedule so that I can manage everything I have to do including having fun." Junior Tricia Lennox added, "I have a very heavy load with honors classes, work and playing tennis almost every day. I have a hard time fitting it all in, but with my teddy bear and big bag of M & M's I am able

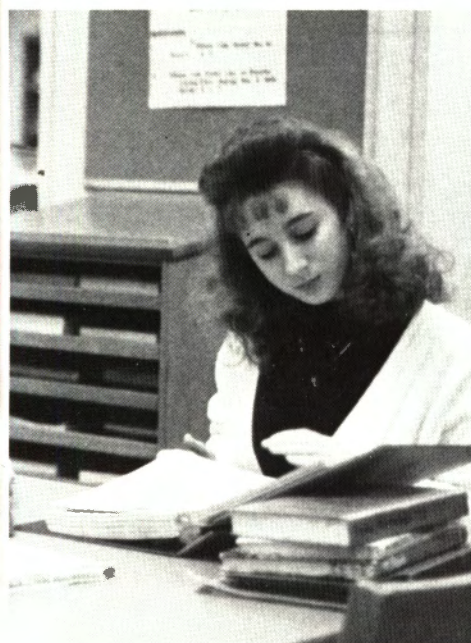
to survive!"

Another coping variation was revealed by senior Andi Kaiser who commented upon her simple approach, "I handle my workload by getting a lot of sleep and dealing with one thing at a time." Senior Matt Schnepf agreed, "I try to spread out my studying by doing one class at a time and taking lots of study breaks."

Some students had problems getting their plans off the ground. Senior Amanda Fisher stated, "I try to organize my time. I set goals to have my homework done by certain times. Although, even after I have done all my organizing, I usually end up watching TV and procrastinating!"

Good intentions were also shared by junior Jill Hartley. She noted, "I have a very heavy workload and ought to space things apart and get to work early. But, I always wait until the last minute and run around like a mad person trying to get everything done. I guess I'm lucky because everything works out well."

Whatever the strategy, for coping with heavy workloads, students aimed at cracking the code. For many the solution to the puzzle was difficult, but, junior Christy Goff put it into perspective, "I always carry aspirin with me wherever I go — including school!"



A Class Act

Individuality — separating oneself from the crowd was a feat that took the right combination of courage and originality. Seniors anxiously awaiting graduation, juniors managing heavy homework loads and social lives, and sophomores joining the ranks were common situations that possessed their own unique qualities.

Becoming a class act was the goal of seniors as they pulled through a successful homecoming and year of involvement and pride. "The thing that sets our class apart from past senior classes is our cunning ability to pull through at the last minute. We held a lack of spirit as a dominant trait the past few years but broke the gene this year during Homecoming," stated senior Brooke Barrett.

The future seemed to be lurking behind one more year of school as juniors entertained high hopes for what was to come. "My junior year has been good. My dreams are great and I'm waiting for them to be fulfilled!" revealed Jennifer Jewett.

Sophomores, breaking the ice, entered the new world of high school life. Taking the year in stride, class spirit was built upon new freedoms, responsibility and friends. "Playing Varsity football allowed me to get into the high school spirit by making friends with a lot of seniors," commented sophomore Robert Chingman.

Students faced the year ready to tackle their new responsibilities and built a dream for the future using their own courage and originality.

PICTURE PERFECT.

Forming a classic couple, seniors Hollie Taylor and Jeff Bachman collaborate their acts on Nerd Day during spirit Week in October.



MONSTER SPIRIT! Seniors dance their way to a first place in the skit competition during the pep assembly, October 14. Hollie Taylor, Melissa Ramseyer and Renee Langston show great flexibility and talent in performing their class act.



TRICK OR TREAT. Putting the Halloween Homecoming theme into action senior Becky Wisch dons a witch's costume to carry out the act while Renee Langston, Sherisa Miller and Jeff Bachman add the finishing touches to the float. Becky stated, "I was tickled green that the Homecoming parade turned out so well. It was really exciting being a part of it."

A CHANCE TO CHAT. Taking a break between classes seniors Mike Croy and Dawn Dye relax a moment to catch up on the events of the upcoming week.

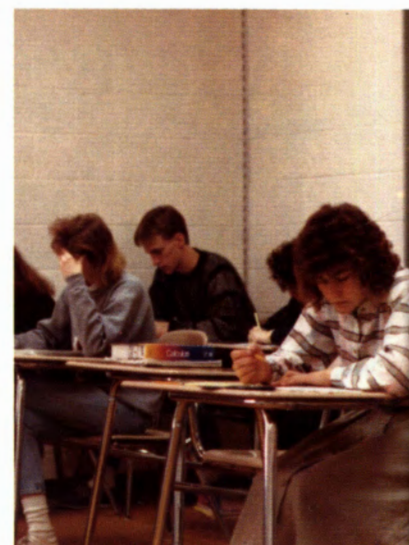


DEVELOPING AN ART. Adding her personal touch to the class hall decorations, senior Sherisa Miller finishes the design at Renee Langston's house.



THE LINE UP. Preparing for the Homecoming Parade, senior court members; C. Simmons, S. Dubay, D. McLean, T. Blackie, J. Rule, N. Keep, J. Judge and A. Lindgren pose while parents and friends take pictures.

CHECKING THE DETAILS. Completing an assignment in Math class are seniors Kelly Little, Jennifer Jewett, Thanh Tran and Pete Webster. Honors classes in Math were elected increasingly by seniors.



Going First Class

Seniors Stage The Year In Style

Seniors got their act together their final year to make certain they were leaving in first class style. It was a class of individuality. There were many groups where students could comfortably fit in based upon similar interests.

The class knew there were times when group organization was a must. When put to the test, the seniors passed with high marks as they won first place in class competitions for float and skit during Spirit Week. Senior Kaye Kerekes revealed, "The best class goal we achieved was staging Homecoming. When it came down to winning the class competitions, it didn't matter what group you belonged to. Everyone was welcome to take part in the fun and the hard work. We proved to everyone that the class had what it took to make it!"

Enthusiasm and determination characterized the class while the organization of the goals was often a little

lax. The potential was sometimes hidden and unrealized. Senior Angie Moffit commented, "Our class has a lot of potential and a lot of dependable people. We don't have much organization but we all get along fairly well and pull together when needed."

Citing one reason why class goals took more effort, senior Kaye Kerekes noted, "Our class is more individualized and has many students who worked harder to achieve personal goals rather than class goals."

One area in which personal goals ranked high was athletics. Seniors led in the disciplined world of sports as Varsity records were boosted throughout the season, particularly by the Wrestling Team which tied for first place and the Varsity Football Team and Girls' Tennis Team which finished second in the Capital Area Conference. Senior Bill Kangas echoed many students' pride as he stated, "Our class has led

the way for bringing excellence in athletics back to our school."

The qualities needed to attain these accomplishments were noted by teacher, Mr. Guil Northrup as he observed, "The class was a back to basics, orderly, goal-oriented group. It had an unusually high number of athletes, exhibited scholastic ability, a high degree of character and an exemplary attitude towards their community."

The seniors put together a first class operation their last year and had fun along the way. Friendships were built and the class' sense of humor emerged. Senior Greg Haas revealed, "The friends that I've made in my years here are the best I could have ever asked for. The memories I have retained will last forever. Without their individuality and humor, high school would not have been nearly as much fun."

Class Colors

Black & Silver

Class Song

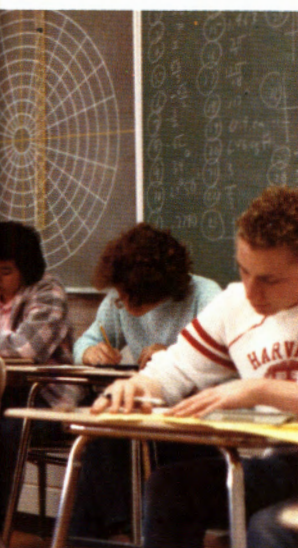
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Us Apart"*

Class Flower

Red Rose

Class Motto

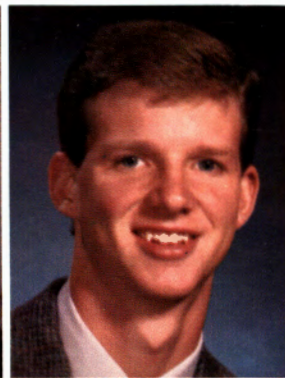
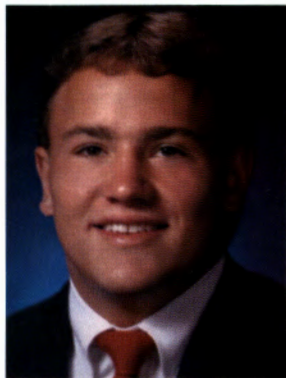
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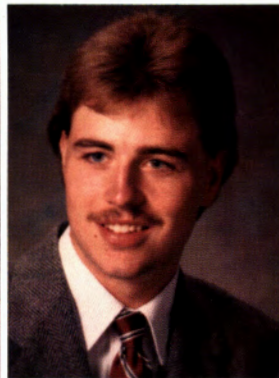
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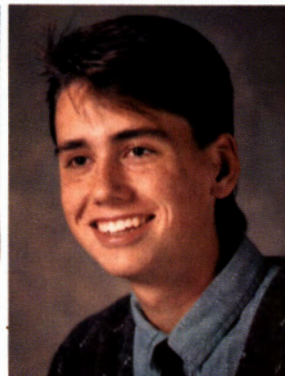
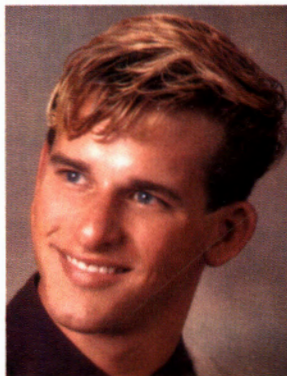
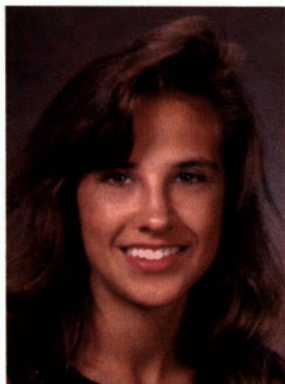


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College

Making The Right Choice

Decisions, decisions, but this time it had to be the right decision. Which college to attend and what to major in were questions asked almost daily by seniors. "I'm so confused, there are so many colleges, and I want to make the right choice," senior Jim Wright admitted.

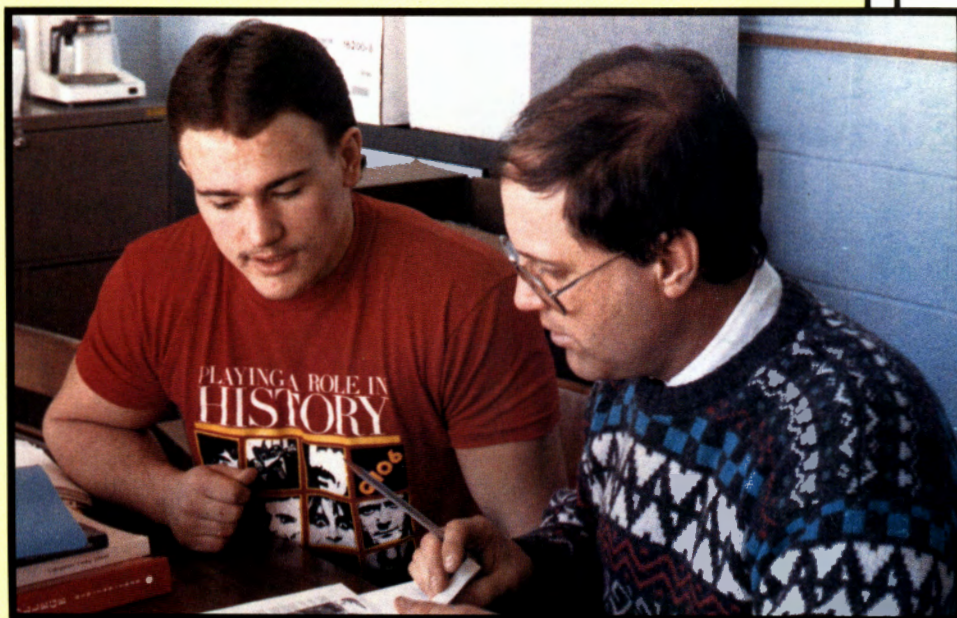
Some students liked the small atmosphere of high school and wanted to continue with that atmosphere in college. But other students wanted to break away. Senior Greg Haas commented, "It's time for me to get away and be on my own, time to really see if my friends and I are responsible. I chose M.S.U. because it has a large variety of departments."

According to guidance counselor, Ms. Jan Wilson, there were some negative points about attending a big college. She ex-

plained, "In big colleges you have a tendency to be taught by teaching assistants rather than the professors themselves. Also, more students tend to be intimidated when they have a question or problem and asking for help can be tough for them." Many students agreed with Ms. Wilson. Senior Ryan Ammon noted, "I want smaller classes in college so I can get more individual attention."

On the other hand, at a larger college the professor might be well known in his subject area and this could make a difference for references and recommendations.

Choosing the right college or university took much time and thought and was one of the biggest decisions students made at this point in their life.



DECISIONS. College planning requires an ample amount of thought and counseling from school staff and others who have had the same struggle. Senior Ryan

Ammon talks with counselor, Mr. Stevenson about large colleges versus small colleges, just before application deadlines in late January.

Benchwarmers

The Real Winners

Has a benchwarmer ever been congratulated after his team just won? Hardwork, desire and courage from the bench were seldom recognized by the fans, teammates and sometimes their coaches. However, their importance was noted by Coach Bruce Lerner as he observed, "The second string had to work hard everyday in practice to help the first string improve. A team is only as good as its second team."

Fans could spark enthusiasm and excitement into the game to encourage their teams. When things were not always going right, the fans often chanted for the player they wanted to see in the game. "The crowd gets me pumped up and ready to do my best," stated senior Dain Ryckman.

Not everyone on the team got his or her chance to play. But a

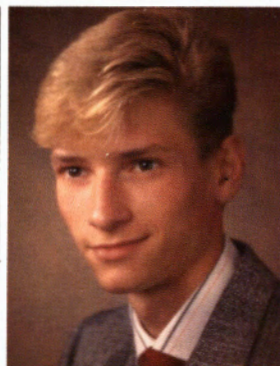
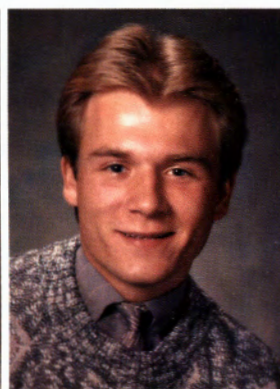
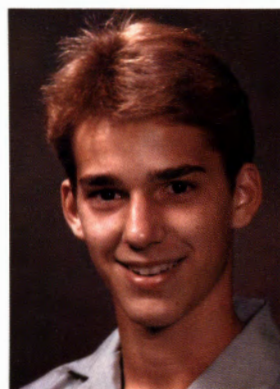
player that gave 100 percent everyday in practice and was able to handle getting very little playing time was a player with a lot of heart. "What motivates me is my love for the game," replied senior Rick Barrett.

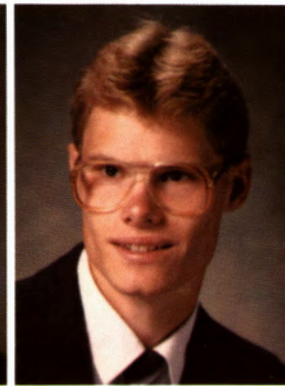
From the fans' perspective, the players that sat on the bench at times, did not get the respect they deserved. "Until recently, I never thought a benchwarmer was any more than a person that got to play the last couple of minutes. Now I feel they are an asset to every team that wants to improve," stated senior George Haidamous.

Although benchwarmers often received very little recognition, just by working hard everyday and keeping at it, they proved that they really were winners in their own special way.

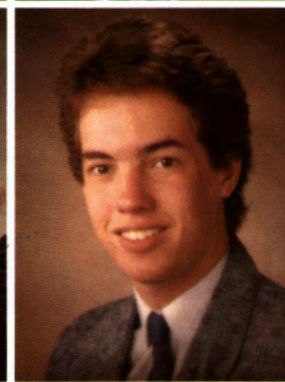
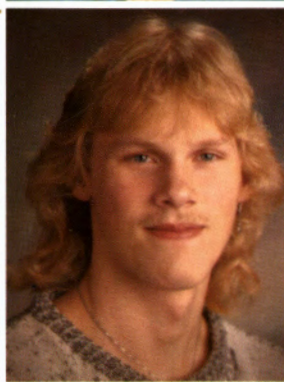
TAKING A STAND. Backing his team by cheering from the side lines is senior Dain Ryckman at the last home basketball game against Everett. Fellow team-

mates contributed much to the players on the floor by showing their enthusiasm from the bench.





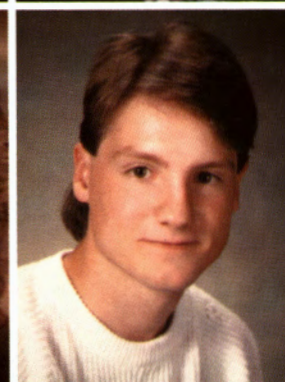
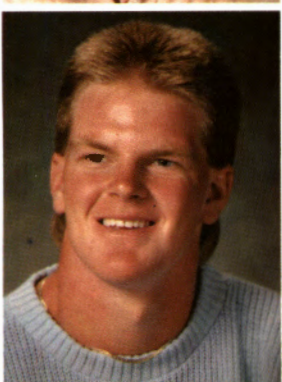
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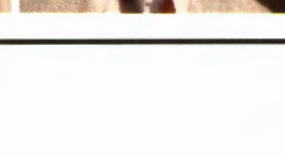
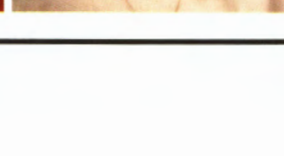
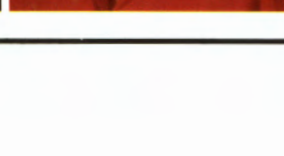
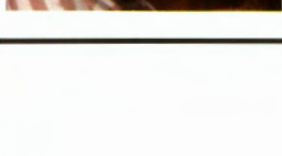
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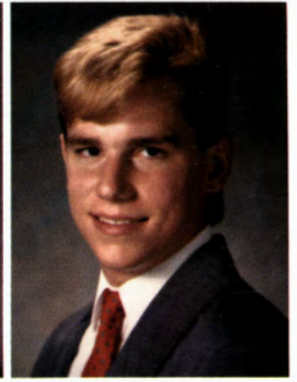
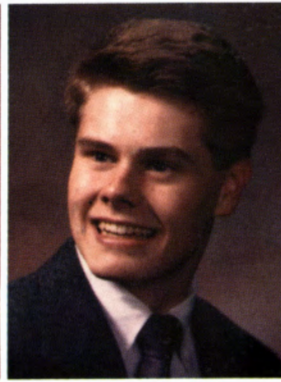
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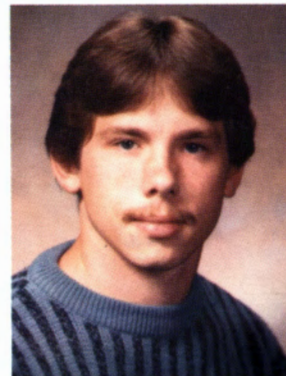
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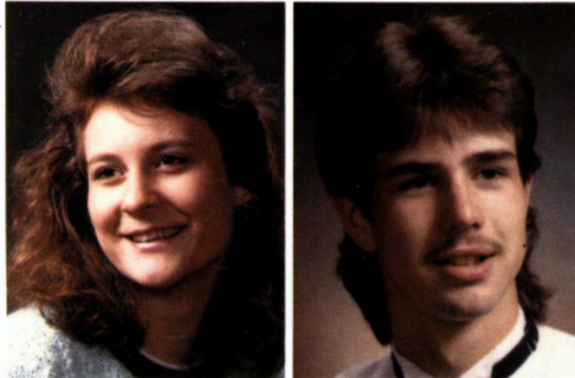
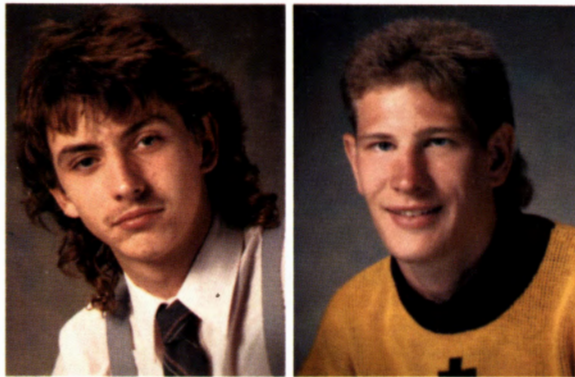
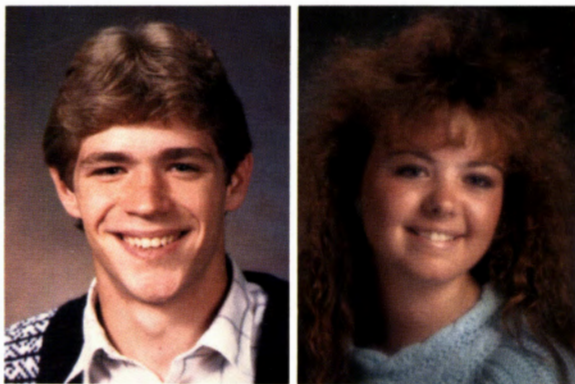


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Senioritis

Strikes Hard!

Senioritis, the disease which took hold in early March, had as its only known cure — graduation. Once into their final year, many seniors believed that nothing more should be expected of them. After all, they knew 'all there was to know' and definitely the 'right way' to do things.

Senioritis had many symptoms that were quite obvious. The lack of desire to study seemed most prominent, followed by increased partying. An apparent change in priorities took place with social life being number one. Senior Amy Nearing commented, "Homework is always the last thing on my mind; being with my friends and having fun is my top priority."

In the dead of winter seniors' thoughts of Spring Break occurred more than any other class overall. "I had been looking forward to my 'Senior Spring Break' at least since ninth grade. I actually started planning it in

early December. I didn't go to any exotic tropical climate, but I refused to stay home," stated senior Jennifer Peckham.

Seniors soon discovered that with their new attitudes about their social lives, that they were drained. In return, more attention was paid towards sleep especially during school hours. "Staying up late and getting up so early were usually to blame for my regular naps, but sometimes I fell asleep because I became bored with class," admitted senior Dain Ryckman.

The final months seemed to drag like none before as seniors watched the graduation clock. Senior Kyle Kepler added, "Each day presented a higher hurdle to jump. I longed for June 4, which seemed the unreachable finish line in mid-February." However, once across the commencement stage seniors were startled to see that the 'real' world was about to begin.



WATER SPORTS. Checking out the bathing suits at Tansy of South Lansing is senior Jennifer Peckham. Seniors were

struck with a feeling of 'Spring Fever' in early February as the winter began to melt away.

Advice

Seniors Tell It Better Than Ann Landers

Help was on the way! All those who needed assistance could contact any senior within earshot. There were many underclassmen in search of answers to questions about the future.

"Sometimes I am relieved and other times uptight about comments and advice from my friends who took AP history last year. I am relieved when I receive helpful hints on what to study and not so relieved then they tell me that a certain test is a killer," stated junior Julie Crane.

Sophomores, having little choice with electives, concerned themselves with preparing for the upcoming year. Many sophomores had senior brothers and sisters who provided advice. "In my sophomore year, my sister advised me to steer clear of the senior lunchroom. I'm glad I followed her advice because seniors can get pretty arrogant sometimes. I saw what they did to

other underclassmen and I didn't want to risk it!," recalled senior Becky Wisch.

By the middle of the year, juniors have a well-carved course. Yet, some questions still linger about college applications and tests. That's when the seniors strolled in with their reassuring advice. "I remember telling junior Laura Kneiper not to worry about the PSAT because it was basically a practice test. But the SAT and ACT were the ones to study for," commented senior Robbin Kotajarvi.

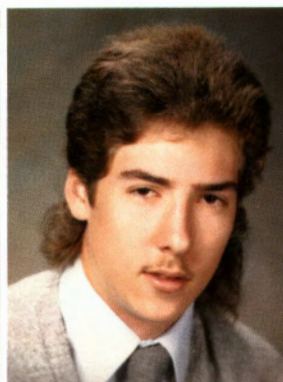
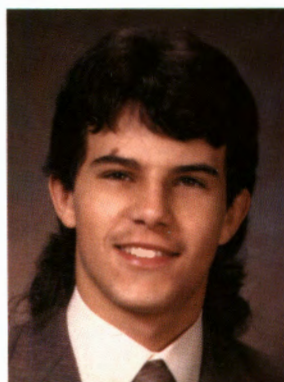
Ready to jump off the boat and leave the safety of high school, seniors prepared to sail their designated course. Having been through it all, they felt that sharing their experiences with underclassmen could be useful. Whether they were words to heed or ignore, underclassmen listened intently to their senior peers.



HELP! Senior Becky Wisch helps sophomore Jenny Rennirt who was struggling with class schedules in the library. Becky

advised, "A balance of classes is essential for a successful year."

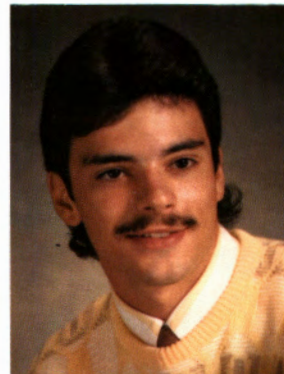




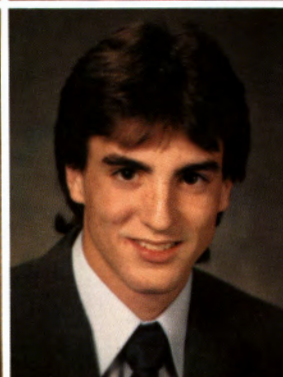
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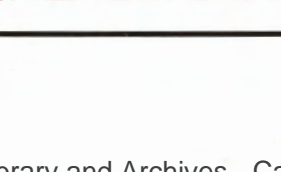
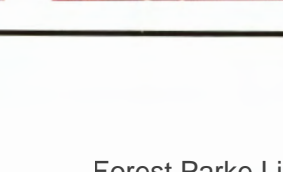
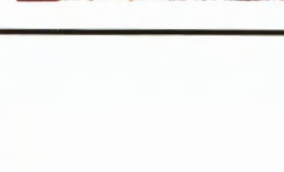
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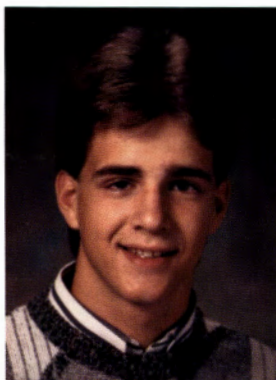
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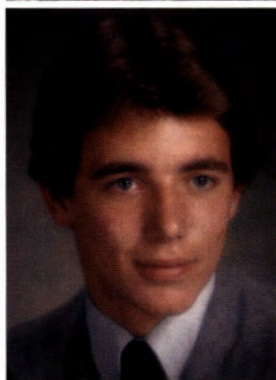
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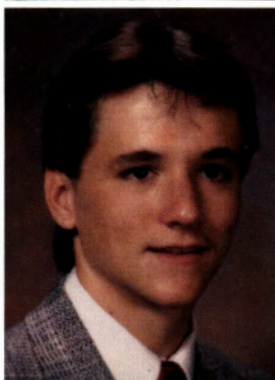
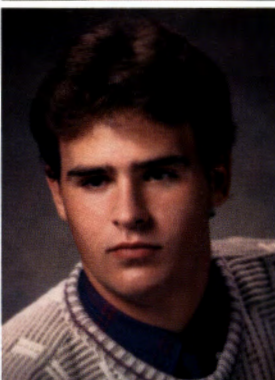
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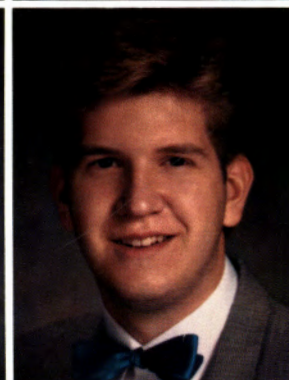
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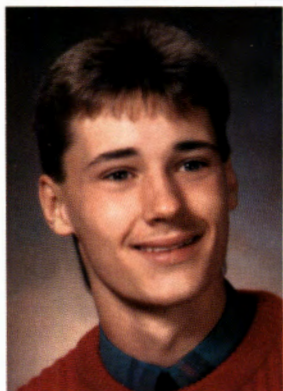
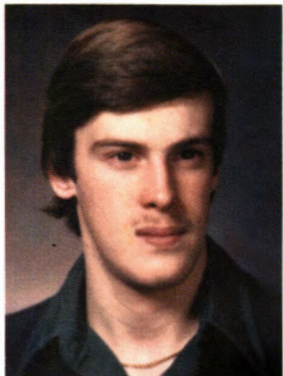
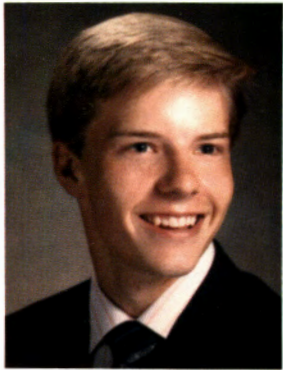


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Mottos

Words To Live Life By

Many students have a set of words they live their lives by. Their chosen phrases stand by their sides at all times as they eat, sleep and dream to the tune of their personal motto.

Junior Tina Archer noted, "My philosophy is to be all that I can be and never sell myself short. It affects my life when I'm in sports or doing anything."

Mottos often reflected personal values, beliefs and future goals. Senior Andi Kaiser commented, "Because I value life and being happy, I try to do as much as I can with my life because the more you do the better you feel."

Many ideas were included in a motto. Some students perfected their vision of a better world, while others simply included hopes for a happier day. Senior Shirley Wagner's recipe was, "Do the best that you can for yourself and others, and someday it will

SMILE! Bursting with enthusiasm, senior Kaye Kerekes demonstrates to young pommers one way she personally adds fun and excitement to her life. She re-

come back to you."

While some students chose simple mottos, others devised some fun-loving ideas to which they dedicated themselves. Senior Mark Baldwin revealed, "My motto is to live life to its fullest, to have fun and to party." More akin to creative and complex thought, senior Becky Wisch commented, "Dreaming is a higher plane through which one can decipher things foreign to waking life. Therefore, let me sleep until one!"

On a more practical level, junior Marni Dittenber noted, "My philosophy is to live for today because tomorrow may never come. I take it seriously, but only to a point because I think I've already accomplished a lot and I'm only 16."

Whatever the reason behind the philosophy, many students were dedicated to living life by their personal motto.

vealed, "I have many philosophies of life ranging from not taking it too seriously to setting high goals for myself. I try to live by my mottos because they work for me."



Regrets

The Future Never Seemed So 'Scary'

In order to be successful, seniors had to maintain a happy attitude and make their last year all it could be. A lot of things stood in the way of many seniors from making their dream year just that. Whether it was in sports, academics or extra-curricular activities, many seniors experienced regrets.

Senior Rick Barrett revealed, "I regret not keeping my grades up due to the lack of studying. On the other hand, senior Dean Stearns felt timid about the future. He reflected, "I regret having to graduate, lose contact with friends and face the reality of the world — SCARY!"

Many students also regretted not putting more effort into sports and would give anything to turn back the clock. "I would do anything to play the football game against Okemos again. Los-

ing that was like a nightmare. It brought our hopes down from entering the playoffs," senior Marvin Freed revealed.

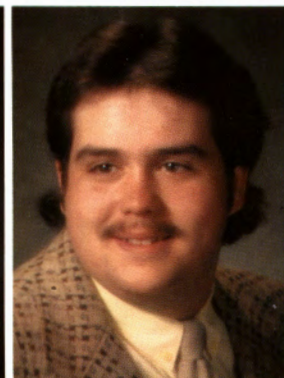
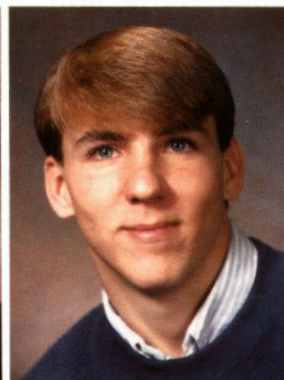
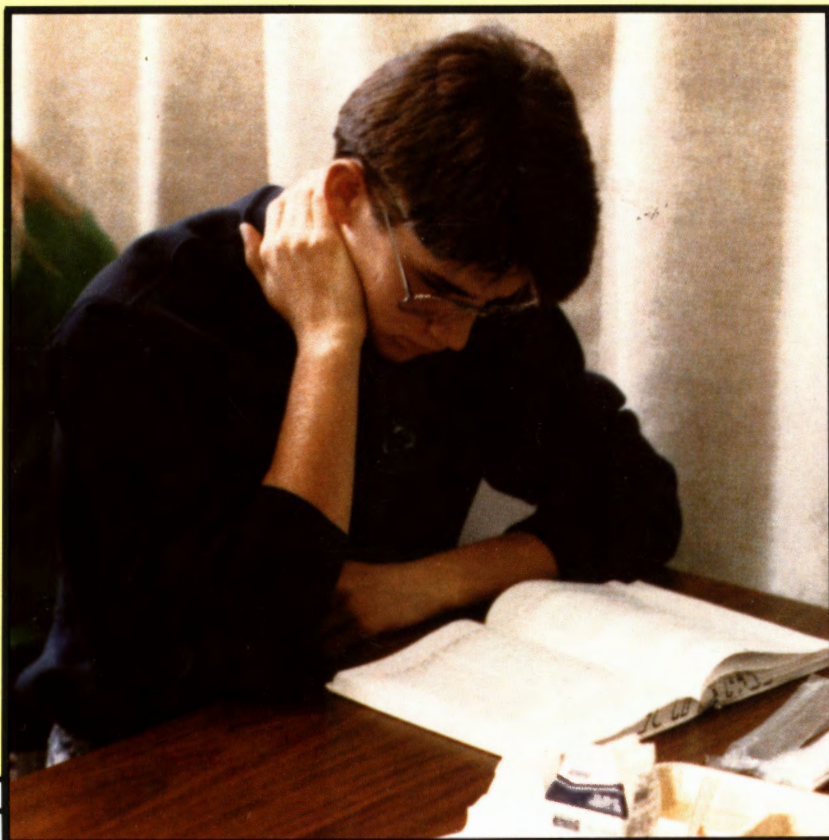
There were many other things throughout the year that could limit one's fun. According to Mrs. Jan Wilson, "Going to prom with the wrong person or not at all could become a regret. Fighting with parents was also detrimental. At this particular time a parent's love and understanding was really needed.

Little things could break a person down but when the future peeked from around the corner, seniors ran up to greet it. "It is very comforting to know you have plans all set after graduation," said senior Dan McLean.

After thorough calculations, seniors subtracted their regrets, added up their goals and divided on their separate ways.

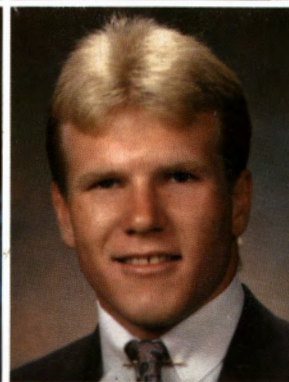
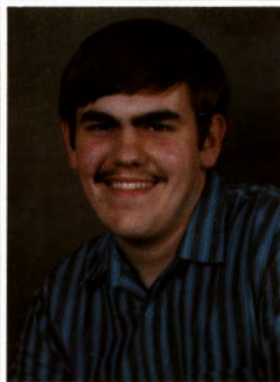
LUNCHWORK. Taking a break during lunch, senior Pat Neal catches an intense

moment of study for a test and regrets not studying the night before.

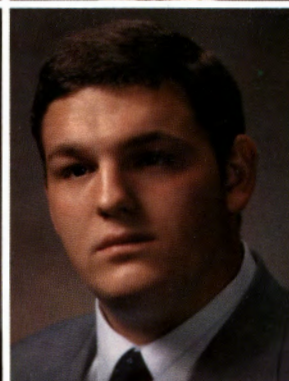
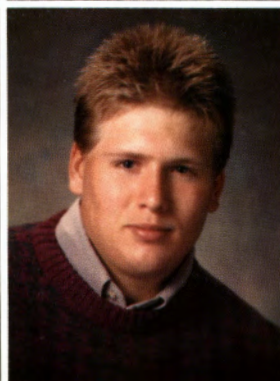




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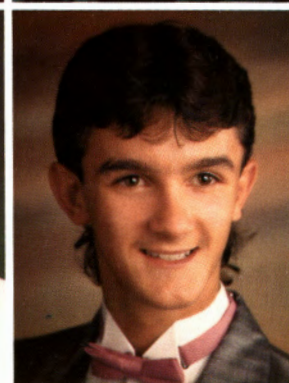
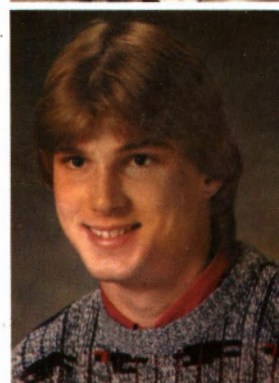
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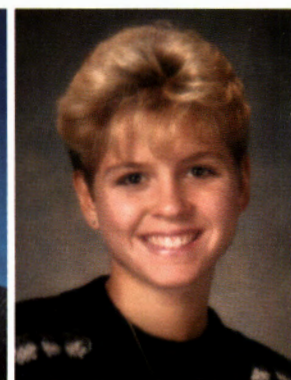


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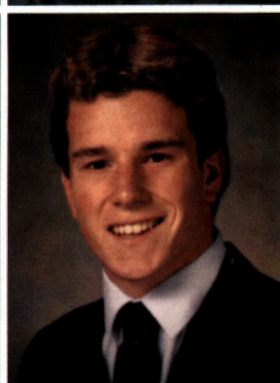
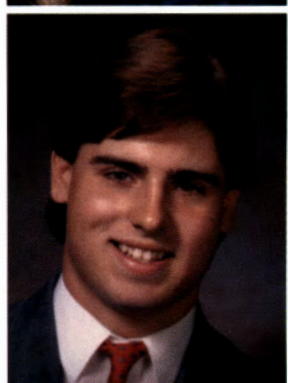


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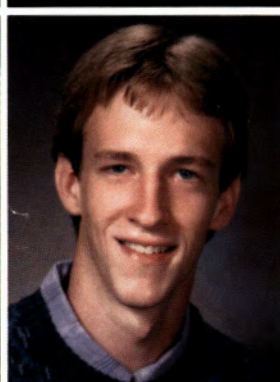
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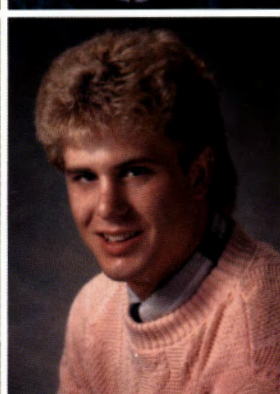
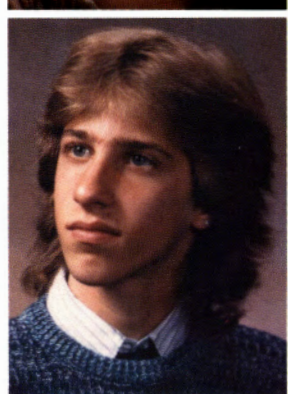
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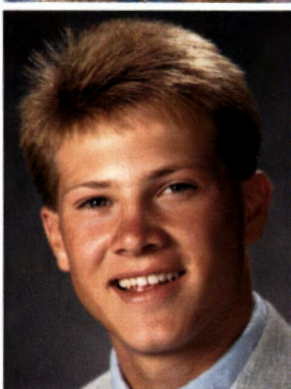
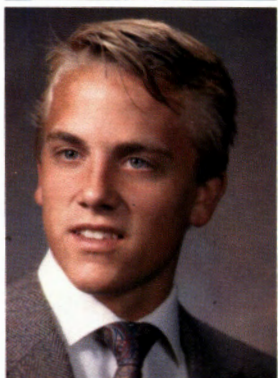


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Realities

Responsibility Takes Presidency

Reality, fun and fear came along with the title of senior as the class moved to the top of the ranks. New responsibilities and future plans fell high upon the seniors' list of top priorities. All of a sudden senior pictures had to be taken, college applications had to be mailed and graduation announcements, caps and gowns had to be ordered.

"The reality is knowing that this is it, and next is the real world. All of the responsibility and freedom is overwhelming," said senior Angie Peterson.

By midterm, the feeling of being a senior really kicked in. Seniors began to realize that there were consequences for their actions. Beginning second semester, seniors who accumulated three or fewer absences with none unexcused did not have to

take final exams.

"The feeling of being a senior really hits you in the middle of the year. You really don't realize it until it's almost over, and then it's too late to make a change," stated senior Dean Stearns. As the semester wore on, seniors knew who they were. They were the students who were counting down till the last day of school, setting dates for graduation open-houses, saving money for college and making career plans.

Senior Mark Zink commented, "You know you're a senior when every college in the United States sends you information and wants you to attend school there. On a lighter note, senior Heather Brainerd added, "You start counting down the days until school ends and it's not even Spring Break yet!"

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, CHOW! Taking advantage of their senior lunchroom privilege, Tiffany Blackie, Shelli

Shepard, Patty May, Abbey Aikman and Michele Dickerson stay on campus for lunch during the winter months.



Fantasies

Dreaming Of Success

In 1999, the graduating class will come together again for a reunion. What motivated students to consider attending their ten-year reunion. Senior Andrea Trujillo admitted, "I want to see who gets fat and who goes bald!"

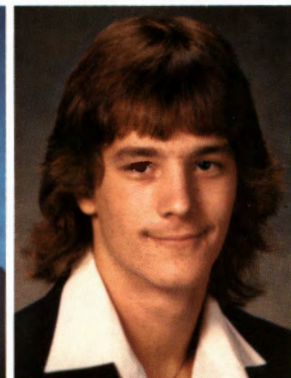
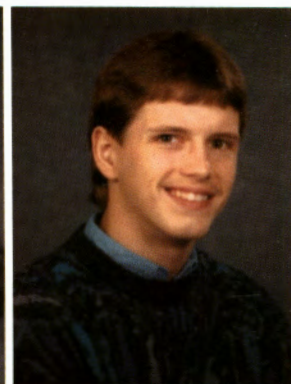
Gaining 50 pounds or losing their hair were not things the class dreamed of and hoped for. Wishes and fantasies lay more along the lines of wealth, fame and accomplishments. "I hope to be extremely wealthy," confessed senior Amy Houghtaling. She also predicted she would be a sign language interpreter at a well-known college.

Referring back to that list of dreams, success had a high ranking. Plans indicated the class to have a high number of entrepreneurs "I would like to own my own travel agency," declared senior Chris Esler, hoping to own it with good friend, Chris Hill.

Travel was another of the hoped for attainments, with many envisioning world travel. Senior Andrea Trujillo revealed, "I want to go to Australia, maybe even live there. Also, I want to travel to Alaska in the summer."

As the question of number attending was tossed around, seniors quickly fantasized about marriage and family goals. Senior Steve Cairns followed an average trend admitting, "I want only two children, preferably a girl and a boy."

Whether the class ended up finding the cure for some deadly disease or parenting children, seniors looked upon a bright and promising future. Steve Cairns went on to conclude, "With all of the varied talent our class has, I feel confident that many of us will make significant contributions to society."

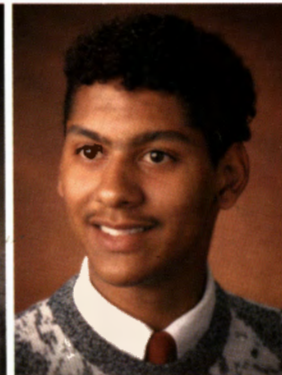
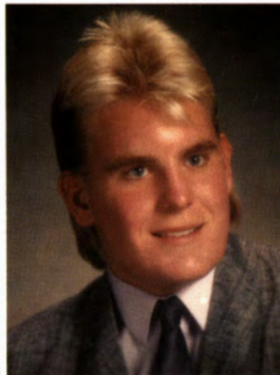


LAST MINUTE DETAILS. Preparing tissue flowers for a first place float are seniors Kevin Wolverton, Kelley Dickman, Angie Moffit and Kym Dennis.

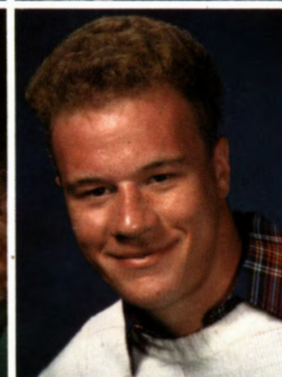
Many seniors indicated they would look back on these days with sentiment at their class reunions.



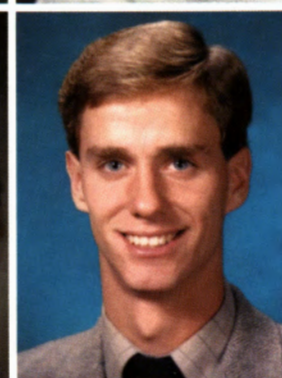
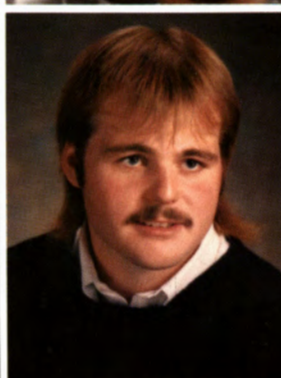
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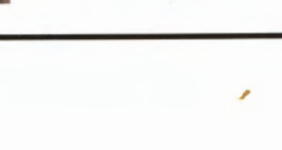
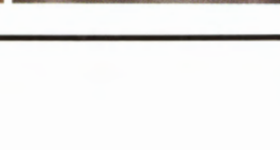
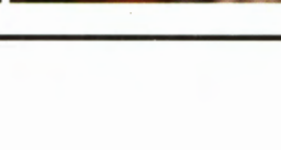
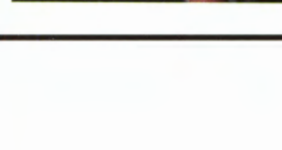
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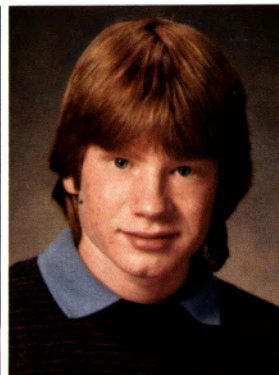
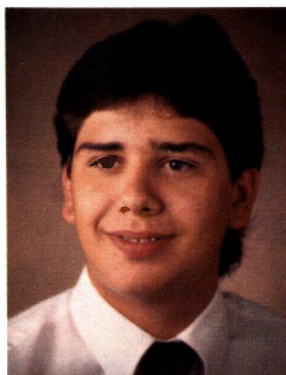
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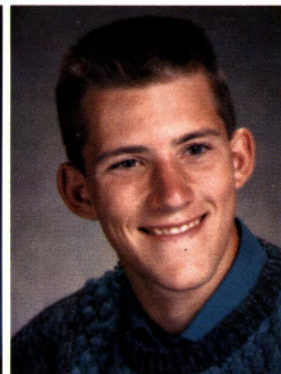
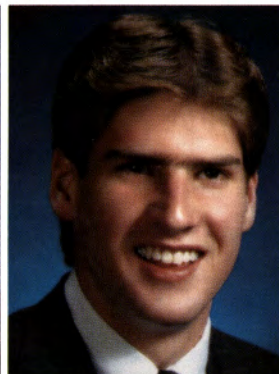
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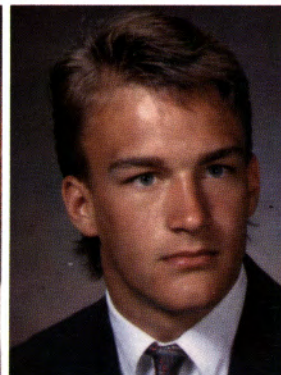
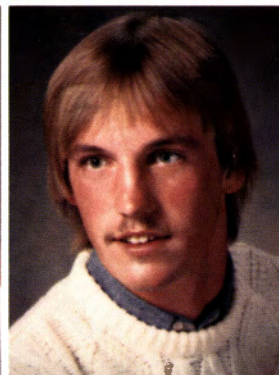
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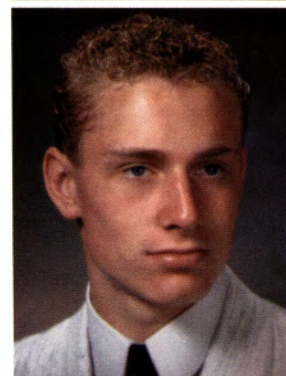
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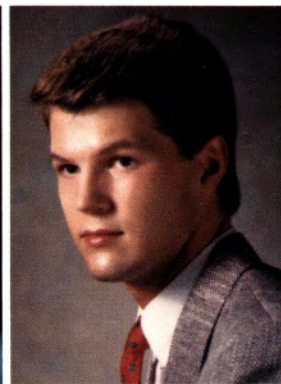
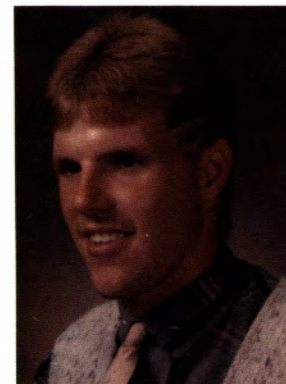
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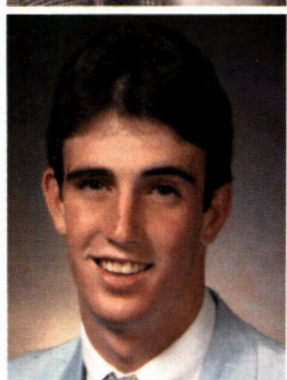
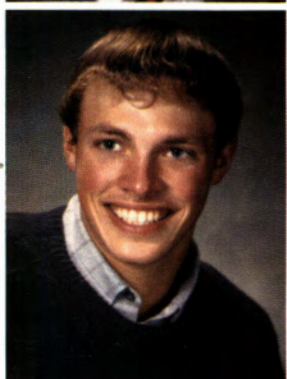


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Heroes

First And Foremost Personal Role Models

What did an actor, an athlete, a teacher or a parent have in common? They were all people that seniors looked up to as role models. Personal heroes tended to influence students' attitudes and actions and ranged from famous personalities to people in the community.

Celebrities were frequently admired by students. Senior John Levandowski revealed, "I admire Robert Preston and Brent Spiner because I think they are great actors."

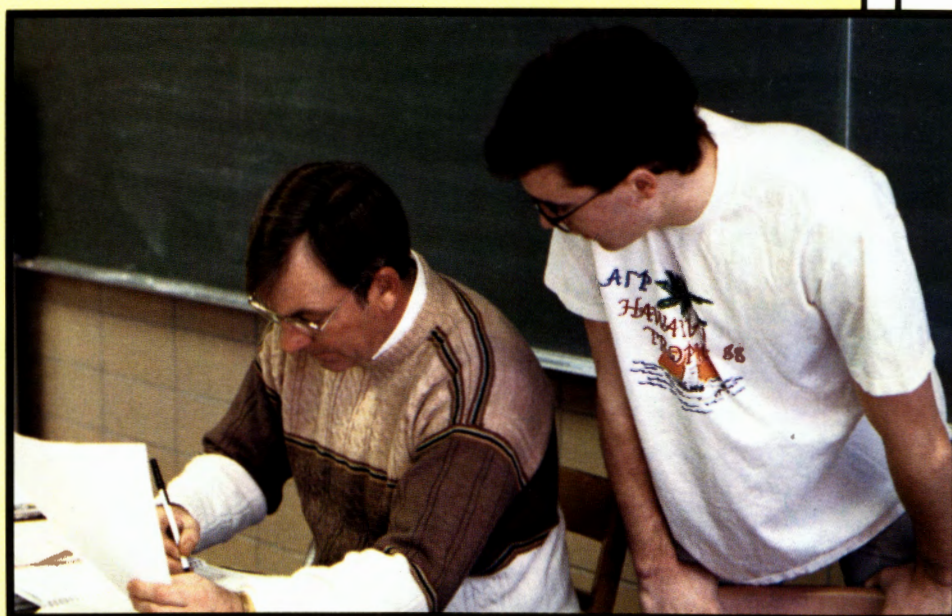
Professional athletes also had a big effect on teenagers. "I like basketball star, Michael Jordan, because I admire his sense of fair play. I think he is the best athlete that ever played the game," replied senior Chris Martin.

However, heroes weren't always celebrities. Many students looked up to people in the com-

munity. Senior Phil Young admired business teacher, Mr. Shimnoski because, "He taught me more than any other teacher. He knows how to make class exciting."

For many students, being a teenager meant being rebellious and independent. Yet, many students still looked up to their parents. "I admire my mom because she has always been there for me and she has accomplished more than any other person I know," said senior Angie Lake. Role-model parents even affected students' every day activities. Senior Jeanette Hart revealed, "My mom influences me to make my own decisions."

Heroes came in all different forms, but in the end, their importance was measured in their effect on the way seniors thought and lived.



SECRET ADMIRER. Taking time before school, senior Phil Young talks to Business Education teacher, Mr. Shim-

noski. Phil noted, "Mr. Shimnoski knows how to make class exciting and that is one of the reasons I admire him."

Graduation

Brings Dreams Of Ideal Gifts

Dreaming of the sandy beaches of Hawaii, driving the Porsche of their dreams, having all college expenses paid for the next four years, seniors were on an all out pursuit to relish thoughts of receiving the ideal graduation gift.

One thing was certain, the seniors ideas weren't boring. "The ideal graduation gift for me would be a forest green Mercedes Benz because it symbolizes fashion and wealth in a style that people will never forget," explained senior Laurie Swisk.

There were no limits in requesting gifts. "A studio apartment in Manhattan would satisfy me," confessed senior Mark Baldwin.

Senior ideals also included expensive foreign travel. "My ideal

graduation gift would be a two-week vacation in Switzerland during the summer because I love to travel. I like to explore new places, even if I went by myself. I love adventure," explained senior Kaye Kerekes. Senior Mark Martin also enjoyed novel places as he added, "I would love to go to Australia and see the wildlife. It is one of the few places that still has a natural environment."

Nevertheless, parents would be the first to know what the lucky grad wanted. "When I told my parents that I wanted flying lessons, they flipped!," admitted senior Chris Esler.

No matter how big or small, finding the ideal graduation gift was not a problem for the class of '89.



Phillip Young
Michael Zander
Fabiana Zapata
Dianna Zimmerman
Mark Zink



DREAM RIDE. Pondering her ideal graduation gift at the local Mercedes dealer in East Lansing is senior Michele

Dickerson. She was one of many seniors that dreamed of receiving expensive cars for graduation gifts.



EERIE WORK. Hours of labor went into the senior hall decorations, captured in late afternoon during Spirit Week. Senior memo-

ries piled up as the year unfolded to be reviewed at open houses and graduation parties.

THE LINE-UP. Finally arriving at the serving table, Rob Ward soaks his pancakes with syrup as Greg Haas looks on. Seniors were served the

breakfast from McDonald's by parents early Saturday morning, June 3, to kick off the graduation weekend.



Bright And Early Seniors Reach The TURNING POINT

Sleepy-eyed and hungry seniors wandered into the gym Saturday morning, June 3, as the graduation weekend began with the traditional senior breakfast. After being out of school for nearly a week, this was a last minute time to hand out open house invitations and collect autographs on the placemats that listed the names of the graduating class. Senior Mark Sibert took advantage of the occasion to distribute name cards. "I had so many name cards left over I had to get rid of them somehow!" he exclaimed holding an almost empty box of name cards.

Seniors had arrived early to consume

their breakfast of pancakes, sausage and orange juice from McDonald's which parents helped serve. Talk of open houses and plans for later that day followed the seniors to the football field for commencement practice. Senior Kelly Dickman shared many seniors dilemma as she exclaimed, "I haven't been able to sleep in yet! I've been so busy with preparing for my open house. Everything is happening in one weekend!" Filled from the conversation and food at senior breakfast, seniors embarked on the beginning of graduation weekend which brought to a close their senior year.

FRIENDLY CONVERSATIONS. Using time to their best advantage, Krista Holden and Naomi Doyle discuss their plans for the weekend and the summer with classmates over senior breakfast.

The Last Word On...

Hangouts

What do you want to do after the game? ... Slowly the image of music and food served up by cooks and waitresses known by name in a big room where everyone was talking, laughing and having fun came to mind. One wished the hangout of their dream — some vision from the late 50's was real. Finally, the answer came, "I don't know, where do you want to go?" When pressed to identify a spot, junior Jody Pierce stated, "Burger King is as close as it comes to a hangout because a lot of people go there after the games."

A gathering place would not only be ideal for weekends, but would also be a helpful place to relax during the week. "I think it would be great if there was a place for us to go when home life or studies become

overwhelming. The comforting thing would be the fact that there would be a friendly face," remarked junior Jenny Loudon.

Dancing was also a typical activity most teenagers liked. "During the summer going dancing at Sensations on teen nights is an absolute must," declared junior Missy Cool.

Hangouts were not easy to come by, but a variety of things to do could be found. If worse, came to worse, students could watch 'Happy Days' reruns and daydream about friends like Ritchie, Potsie, Ralph and the Fonz at Big Al's.

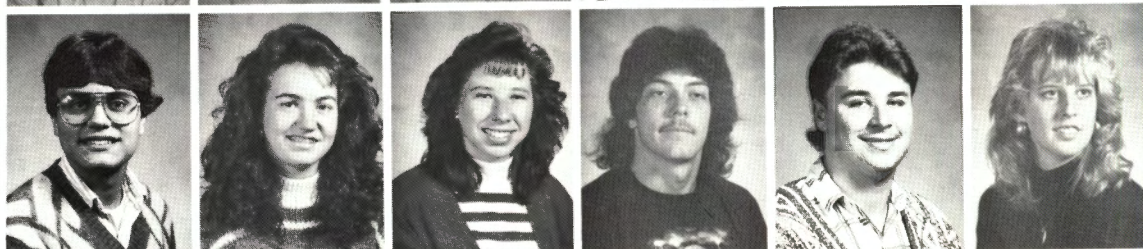
BURGER BURNOUT. A competing hangout, Taco Bell, provides a welcome change from the usual menu of burgers and fries. Sophomore Alys Abdo enjoys not only the varied choices, but also the company of her friend, junior Jenny Westgate.



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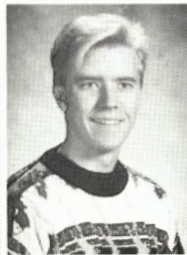
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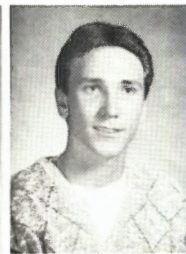
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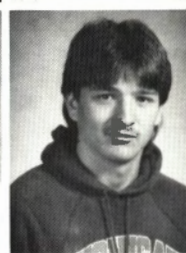
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Kelly Fox
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Deborah Freye
Renee Gamet
Michael Gangluff
Raymond Garcia



The Last Word On...

Winter Parking

When snow began to fall total chaos overtook the student parking lot and the yellow lines went seemingly unnoticed. "Lines? What lines?" the students asked. "It's obvious that Mr. Mutch didn't teach us how to park in the snow," joked junior Scott Lamb. Many different images came to students' minds as the 8:07

morning traffic began to pile up. Junior Tony Iribarren observed, "It reminds me of a parking lot for a school for the blind!"

Part of the humor was in seeing students' reactions when they ended up being blocked in. "I was so mad, I wrote a nasty comment in the snow on the windshield of another car," remem-

bered junior Kory Foote.

Besides plowing and spreading salt as the most obvious ways of getting rid of the snow, students provided more creative ones. Junior Rick Dubay suggested, "Issue shovels to all sophomores as an initiation to high school. On snowy days, have them report to school by 7:00 AM and have the lot shoveled out by 7:30."

The scientific approach was brought up by junior Andy Mogg who said, "Hire

a contractor to install thermal regulators under the surface of the blacktop so that when the ground reaches a certain temperature, an automatic device turns on which melts all the snow and ice."

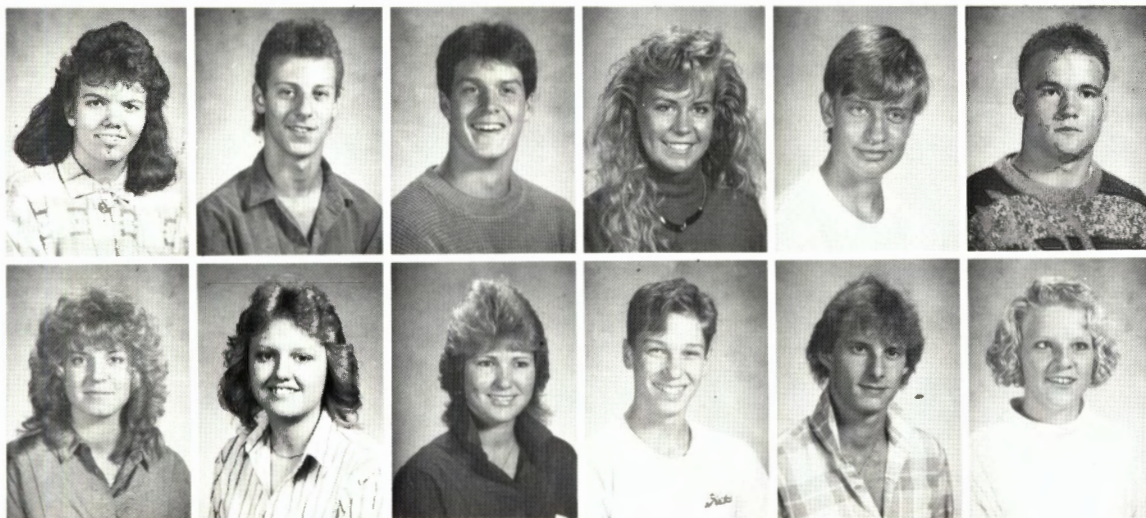
As the snow melted, order was soon regained. But memories remained, and students envisioned the next snow fall and the disaster that would again strike the student parking lot.



LINES? WHAT LINES?!!

The typical scene in the student parking lot on a February morning. Disaster overtakes the lot as students attempt to guess where and how to park.

IN A JAM. When he finds out that he is blocked in, senior Dean Stearns realizes that he can do nothing but laugh. Being trapped between cars was common in snow covered lots.



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Christopher Gilmore
Jeffrey Gleason
Christina Goff
Heath Goff
Stanley Granger

Jody Grant
Patricia Green
Tracy Green
Bradley Greene
Dennis Griffin
Maria Gubry

The Last Word On...

Slang

During the basketball season, some Varsity Basketball players thought of a way to throw off nosey conversation listeners. They devised a coded slang and the vocabulary grew not only in the number of terms but in the varied meanings attached to them.

They gathered around talking in a different tongue, before school, between classes and at lunch. Junior Jeremy Kienitz explained, "I talk in this slang because when teachers or other students are near, I don't want them to understand. They think that I'm practicing my German or something!"

As students listened to these conversations, they puzzlingly commented on the unique words. One might have heard terms like Stage, Hight, Thrasher, or Steak, all of which had

different meanings.

For those who never did understand the Varsity Basketball Team slang, terms were defined for the record.

Stage	Right
Hight	Right
Hodge	Right
Skin Doge	Dork
I Know	I'm not stupid
Thrasher	Stupid
Cracker	Jerk
Mallet	Big/Hard Hit
Sweet	Good Job
Yo	Hey You
Stick	You're Cool
Steak	You're Cool
Friendship rules	Friends are the best

JARGON MAKER. Responsible for helping to create the slang that the Varsity Basketball Team used is junior Jeremy Baragar. He demonstrates in a workshop for elementary students the thing he likes best — basketball.



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Corey Hake
Anthony Hall
Michael Hall
Michelle Halstead
Charles Hamilton



Daniel Hamilton
Russell Hancock
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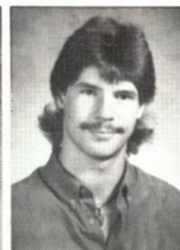
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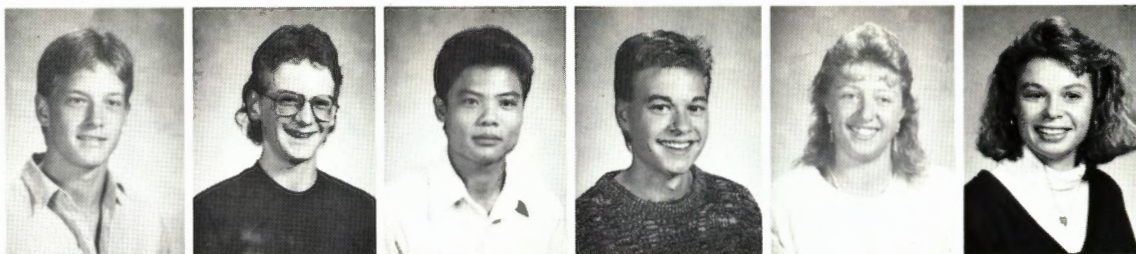


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Jennifer Legg
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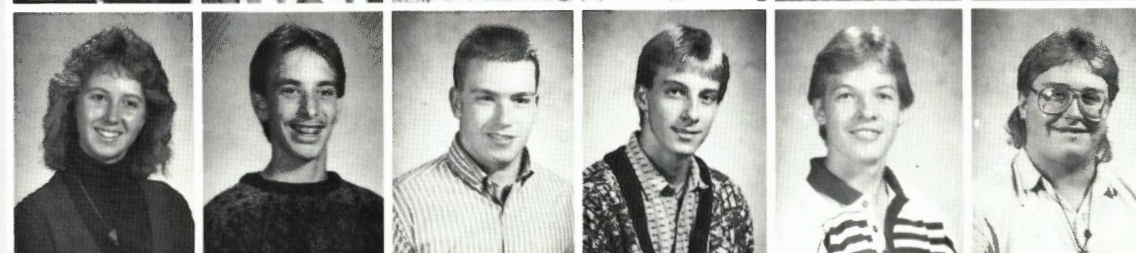
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Shawn Ogden



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Bad Days

A BAD DAY FOR SCIENCE. After dropping a rack of test tubes in Chemistry class, junior Jenny Westgate and her lab mates con-

clude it is a bad day. However, they picked up the pieces and went on to finish the experiment.



Startled, the sleepy-eyed student jumped from the bed realizing the alarm had not gone off. If that was not enough, his brother had beat him to the shower and he would definitely end up late for his first hour. This was the beginning of a bad day. Most students had a bad day now and then. Sometimes there were clues to tip one off to beware. You know you're going to have a bad day when ...

"It's only first hour and you already have notebook incidents on your face."

— Junior Mishal Mosley

"You drive to school on Saturday."

— Junior Mindi Richards

"You put both contacts in the same eye."

— Junior Jenny Loudon

"You're in chemistry lab and accidently spray a solution of hydrochloric acid in a friend's eyes."

— Junior Heidi Pitcher

"You come dressed in your Pom Pon uniform, and there isn't even a game."

— Junior Laura Knieper

"You come into chemistry and you are all tired out from studying for the chapter 10 test and you find out the test is on chapter 9."

— Junior Amy Parkhouse

"When you are driving down the road, you blow a tire. You look in the trunk and you don't have a jack."

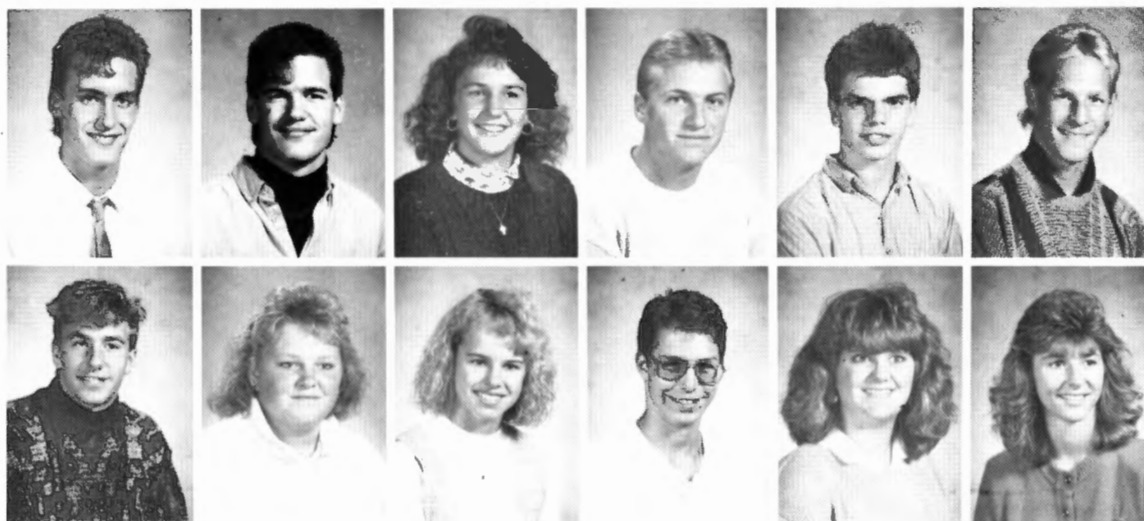
— Junior Dale Streeter

"You are rear-ended on the way to school, and the rookie police officer says it was your fault, leaving you with mama's car totalled."

— Junior Kory "Crash" Foote

"You drop about 12 test tubes when you're doing a Chemistry lab."

— Junior Jenny Westgate



Chad Ostrander
Shannon Ostrander
Amy Parkhouse
Craig Parry
Ryan Pennock
Chad Perleberg

Dominic Perrone
Jennifer Peters
Catherine Petrovich
Steven Pfeifer
Jody Pierce
Nancy Pike

The Last Word On...

Saturday Mornings

Many students simply lived for Saturday mornings. Diving back into bed to catch a few more ZZZ's was a luxury to enjoy. After lazily getting going, what did students look forward to? "Cartoons are a must. I love Alvin and the Chipmunks!" exclaimed junior Jill Souza. "I think Grumpy Smurf is the best. He reminds me of myself in the morning," revealed junior Scott Lamb.

Saturday morning snacks normally accompanied cartoons. "I usually eat cold pizza on Saturday," explained junior Jeni Legg. "Fruit Loops without milk tops off my morning of watching Ducktails," noted Shannon Ostrander.

Instead of sleeping in or catching the cartoons, many students were busy with work. "I usually do odd jobs for people whose

houses I take care of," stated junior Greg Living. "I have a paper route and I have to deliver them by 6:00 AM. Getting up that early takes determination," stated junior Brett Cremeans.

Other students took classes or played sports on Saturday morning. Junior Kristin Wilcox commented, "After much procrastination, I usually drag myself out of bed and go to my dance class at 7:00 AM. For those who did pull themselves out of bed, their mornings were productive. On the other hand, those students who laid in bed until noon did accomplish to catch up on some sleep!

WINNIE THE POOH AND FRIENDS. Catching her favorite cartoon is junior Jill Souza. "Winnie is one thing I wouldn't miss. He is always in trouble and he's cute and chubby," she explained.

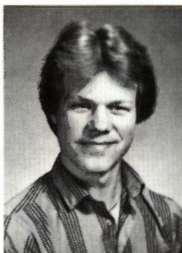
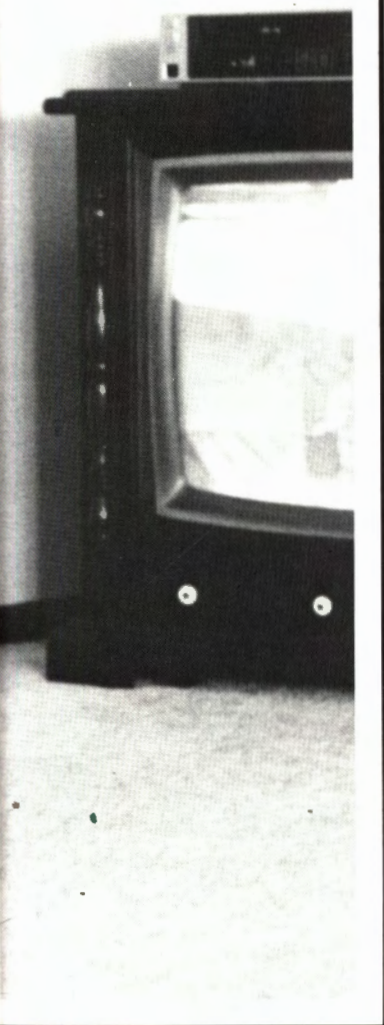


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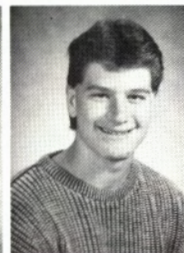
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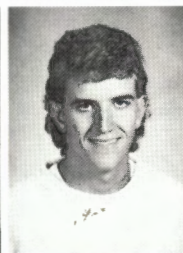




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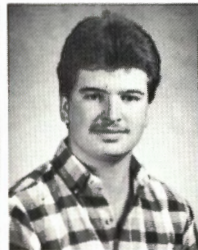
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Joel Simon
Michelle Sisler



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Joseph Thurman
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Shannon Van Schoik
Shannon Vawter
John Verlinde
Anthony Vinton
Tammy Wainright
Joanne Walker



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Jenny Westgate
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Wendy Whitmore
Allison Wilber
Kristin Wilcox



Jennifer Wilkins
Charlene Williams
Amey Wilson
Stephanie Woll
Brenda Wood
Bridgitt Wood



**EATEN BY A BOA CON-
STRICTOR!** Getting acquainted
with a deadly boa constrictor from
Aardvark in East Lansing is senior
Jenny Riebow as senior Darrah Al-

len and junior Julie Crane look on.
It often helped to confront the
fears that caused nightmares in or-
der to overcome them.



The Last Word On...

Nightmares

Slithering snakes, failing a class, breaking a leg or arriving at school nude? Sound familiar? It was for many students in their worst nightmares! Most dreams have something to do with real life and fears of not succeeding. "My worst nightmare occurs at a swim meet and all of a sudden everything goes totally blank. I have forgotten how to swim," admitted sophomore Liz VanDyke.

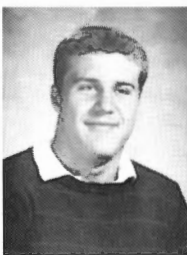
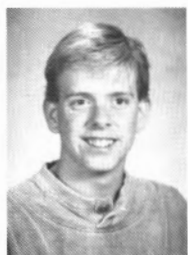
Heather Valencic's worst nightmare was a little more drastic and perhaps a little embarrassing. "When I was in elementary school, my mom used to make me wear turtle necks without sweaters, and I'd always feel like I wasn't wearing a shirt at all. So on the nights that I had worn a turtle neck to school, I'd have nightmares, that I had arrived at school without any clothes on. It was always so weird because in my dreams, none of the kids in the class noticed that I wasn't wearing any clothes."

Many other students had the fear of being injured during athletic events. Senior Mike Croy noted, "The worst nightmare I've had was breaking my leg in the last football game of the season."

Other students feared academic failure. Sophomore Dianne Allen stated, "My worst nightmare was not passing driver education. My parents had to drive me everywhere for the rest of my life."

As the weeks passed, some students had problems keeping up with their grades. As it neared the end of the semester, some students weren't sure whether they had passed or failed the class. "I am so afraid that when my final grade comes I'll end up flunking the class," said sophomore Brooke Brown.

Overall, a lot of nightmares tended to be very unrealistic and sometimes even humorous. It was such a relief to wake up and realize it was only a dream.



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Jeffrey Wright

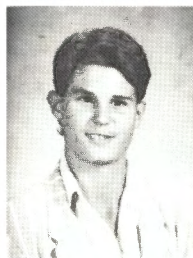


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Wendy Zieger
Jamie Zuidema

Teresa Abbruzzese
Alys Abdo
Jeffrey Acker
Nicholas Allen
Craig Anderson
Holly Andrus



Christopher Bailey
Charlotte Barker
Jason Barker
John Beach
Jennifer Beck
Rebecca Beeson



Donald Bellows
Reed Renedict
Rebecca Bengry
Victoria Bengry
Amy Bennett
Erik Berg



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Sophomores

From open campus lunch to mixed classes, sophomores were given new privileges with high school life. To some students, having off-campus lunch was very important. "I don't go out to lunch very often, but it's nice to know I can if I want to," explained sophomore Debbie Thomas.

Open campus lunch was only one of the many benefits offered. Little extras like the pop and candy machines were also appreciated. Craig Anderson noted, "The pop machine saves my life after practices." Sophomore Arlene Hill had mixed feelings about the candy machine. She explained, "I was glad when I heard there was a candy machine, but when I couldn't use it during lunch I was really disappointed."

When it came to the classroom, students were struck with the realities of

high school. Whether it was mixed classes, co-ed swimming, or not getting the requested courses, students had to accept and adapt to these new situations. Sophomore Mike Ettinger commented, "I wanted zoology but instead, I got human physiology. However, I like it because Mr. Templin makes what we study interesting."

The difference between teacher and student relationships was also observed. Sophomore Jason Williams noted, "The teachers treat us more like adults at high school. When assignments are given, they don't spoon feed us and check on us every day to make sure we have it done."

Some students accepted the changes, but couldn't seem to adapt to others. Sophomore Robbyn Hoffman expressed, "I love mixed classes. But I hate

A CHANGE OF SCENE. Enjoying a little free time at their lockers in the 300 hallway before classes start are sophomores Binh Lu, Keri Kutt, Arlene Hill and Russ Holbrook. By mid-semester many sophomores felt they had adjusted well to high school life.

co-ed swimming in gym. It's worse than the most horrible dream. I would rather be without a TV or a car, than have to go to swimming."

Many sophomores felt more confident by mid-semester. Sophomore Sakia Kendrick summed up her feelings, "After the first semester ended it was much better. I made new friends who are juniors and seniors. I joined the Pom Pon squad because I wanted to do something for myself and the school by becoming involved. I want some memories for when I graduate." Echoing many sophomores' feelings was Joanne Taylor who commented, "At the beginning of the year I was nervous about coming to a new school, but it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. High school is a lot of fun. I'm glad I'm here."





Andrea Bird
Guy Block
Michelle Bonilla
Kelly Boss
Kristina Branch
Robin Brown



Russell Brown
Kenneth Brundage
David Brunsting
Larissa Buckler
Heather Calahan
Tressa Carter



Scott Chamberlain
Robert Chingman
Shelly Clark
Christopher Conn
Leonard Convis
Jason Cook



Marcus Cope
Shane Cox
Melanie Craner
David Crater



Denise Croley
Frank Croley
Timothy Culp
Jamee Cushman



Jodi Daggett
Nick Daley
Eric Derosia
Todd Dickert



Daniel Dingwell
Scott Douglas
Hannah Doyle
Angela Ducsay



Jason Duncan
Robert Dunham
Steven Dyer
Brittany Dymond

Ryan Easterbrook
Robb Ellis
Michael Ettinger
Sherief Fadly
Travis Farnum
Shawn Farr



Dena Ferrebee
Gary Fish
Allan Flachs
Gary Forbis
Allen Foster
Leslie Fulk



Chad Fuller
Rebecca Gasch
Brian Gearhart
Karina Geller
Cherisee Gendreau
Angela Gibbs



Scott Gilmore
Jeremy Gipe
Heather Golden
Jose Gonzalez
Todd Goulding
Charles Grout



Jodi Gunn
Bradford Gunnison
Jeremy Guthrie
Jim Haines
Stacy Hale
Susan Hamilton



Casey Hammond
Dene Harbach
Rachel Harley
Jason Harmon
Mark Haskell
Joseph Hatt



Amanda Hayes
Sandy Hayes
Nichelle Heintzelman
Tammy Heintzelman
Melissa Heinz
Arlene Hill



Angelica Hinds
Robbyn Hoffman
Rebecca Hoisington
Russell Holbrook
Michelle Holey
Shannon Hoose





Chad Horvath
Aaron Houser
Brian Houser
Timothy Hughes
Kira Ihrcke
Elizabeth Jackson

James Johnson
Lori Johnson
Craig Johnston
Diarra Jolly
Henry Jones
Michael Kaiser

BONES FOR SHORT. Taking care where to rest her arms is senior Laura Dickinson as she tries out new headphones for language

lab in French class. She earned the nickname 'Bones' because of the trait of being thin.



The Last Word On...

Nicknames

Hey Nosred ... Hi Vera Wigwam ... What's Happening Beef? ... Sound familiar? Curious students have probably heard such names shouted across the halls and wondered how or why students got such nicknames.

Sophomore Robbyn Hoffman revealed her reasons for assigning labels, "I give everyone nicknames because it gives them another identity different from everyone else." It was true a nickname expressed a person's individuality, but why were they so bizarre? "It really sets you apart, especially the real weird ones," Robbyn further explained.

Some students did not enjoy their labels. In fact some nicknames were so bad a person would do anything to keep them a secret. Sophomore Melissa Widman noted, "The actual story about my nickname, Vera Wigwam was simple. I wiggle when I swim. That's where I get Wigwam, and I act like Vera on ALICE. Mr. Tempkin, my diving

coach gave it to me." Her friends had a different story. "My friends told everyone that my real name was Vera Wigwam and my mom named me after some girl on a soap opera," explained Melissa.

Some nicknames were given to make light of a clumsy act done by a friend. Sophomore Leslie Fulk was given the name Crip. Describing the act that earned it, Leslie revealed, "I broke my arm in four places while jumping out of a tree."

Physical traits often brought about humorous nicknames. Junior Kymm Burch was given the name Red. She explained, "My hair is strawberry blond and everybody mistook it as red." Kymm, like many people, did not like her nickname. "I don't like it. It offends me!" stated Kymm.

Whether it was physical traits or silly mistakes, nicknames of all sorts echoed through the halls leaving a buzz of curiosity in the ears of passing students; not to mention giggles.

Dino Katsiris
Jason Kelly
Kristina Kelly
Sakia Kendrick
Christopher Kennedy
Michelle Killian



Nicole Kistler
Christopher Knapp
Tina Knoop
Shannon Kost
Stephen Kragt
Nicole Kramer



Ryan Kratzer
Rose Kretzinger
Keri Kutt
Kevin Lane
John Lang
Christopher Laroue



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Mooching

The sound of the final bell rang in the ears of scheming sophomores, and signaled them to follow their daily routine of mooching a ride from independent car-owing upper classmen. Lifts home became a necessity for bus riders who wanted to get home in time to catch the opening scenes of their favorite soaps.

Sophomores often went to great lengths to get rides. Sophomore Dawn Smith recounted, "A friend and I were looking at our grades on our final exams in Spanish. We ran out of the building only to find that the busses had left. Panic stricken, we ran to the parking lot and jumped in front of a car. Luckily, we found willing friends to give us a lift."

Fortunately, sophomores with older siblings, may have had an easier time

finding a ride. Sophomore Kim Stubig commented, "When I ask my sister, she willingly gives me a ride — no problem." But those unfortunate enough to be the oldest, had to depend on a friend. Sophomore Teresa Sieloff said, "Sometimes I feel like I am being a pest asking friends, but usually they don't mind." On a similar note, sophomore Shannon Kost explained, "While asking the person, I feel like I'm a hassle to them. Most of the time I get my way, but not always."

Although many moochers were successful, there were times when their excuses were rejected. Sophomore Greg Toth explained, "I told a friend that I needed to get home as soon as possible to be there when a package arrived. He cold-heartedly turned me down, and I ended up walking home."



Nevertheless, to many, the feeling of freedom was just a driving test away. Sophomore Kelly Boss noted, "I sometimes ask for rides, but the day will come when the open road will be all mine." Most students were taking Driver Education and thinking of the day when the only mooching they would hear would come from next year's sophomores!



Linda LeGrand
Katrina Lehnert
Stacy Lent
Michael Leonard
Daun Leppien
Jeremy Letts



Quentin Leverich
Jason Lipp
Bridget Little
Shane Lounsberry
Binh Lu
Scott Lyon



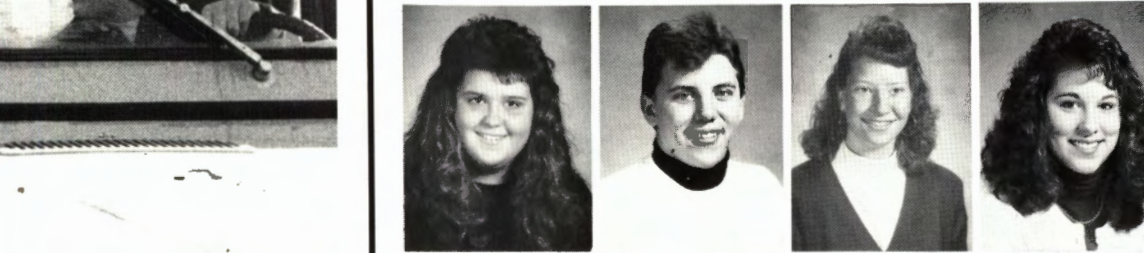
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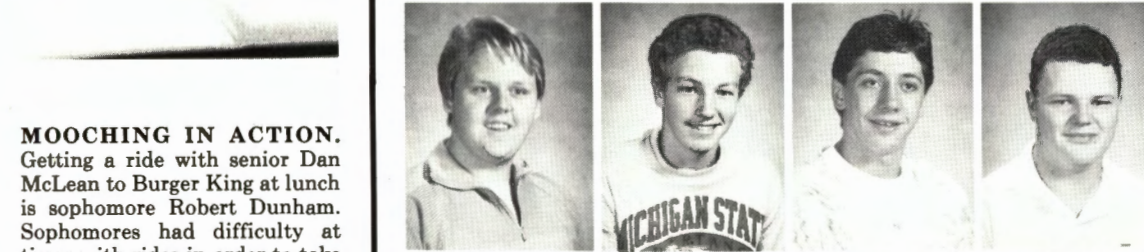
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Scott May
Bryan McBrien



Eric McCall
Amber Mccann
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Michael Mcgroarty



Erin Mckimmey
Braley McKouen
Keri Mcphall
Crystal Messer



Steven Miller
John Mills
Robert Mills
Philip Mitchell

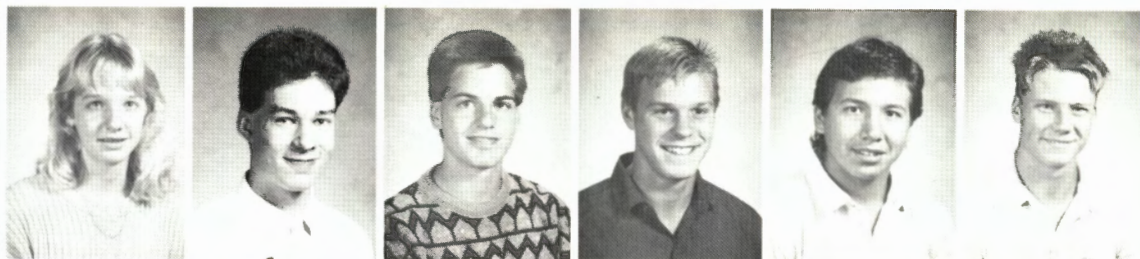


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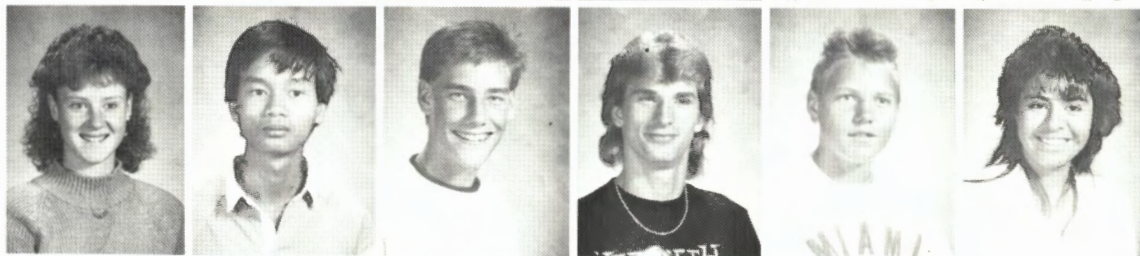


MOOCHING IN ACTION.
Getting a ride with senior Dan McLean to Burger King at lunch is sophomore Robert Dunham. Sophomores had difficulty at times with rides in order to take advantage of open-campus lunch.

Corinne Morse
Christopher Murphy
Jason Nelson
Eric Nemeth
Buck Neshkiwe
Ben Neumeister



Lisa Newberry
Duc Nguyen
Jeremy Norris
James Oertli
Shawn Oliver
Elicia Ortiz



Chad Osborn
Jeanna Packer
Patrick Paradise
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Charles Patterson



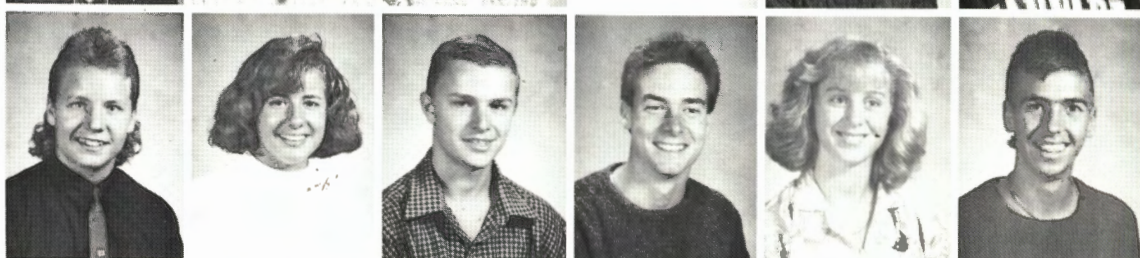
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Angela Perez
Thomas Peterson
Karin Pier
Jonathon Pierce
Nicholas Pierce



Kevin Placer
Brian Pratt
Mark Premer
Kristi Purchase
Misty Raatz
Jennifer Rees



Nick Reeser
Jennifer Rennirt
Terry Rhoads
Jamie Robards
Melissa Rohlman
Jason Ross



Chrissy Rouse
Richard Roush
Stephanie Schneeberger
Brett Schneider
Lisa Schultz
Patrick Schutte



Michael Scott
Tracey Scott
Tara Sheldon
Andrew Shepard
Patricia Sherman
Ranee Sherman





Roberta Sherman
Trisha Sherman
Tonyi Shihady
Denya Shimnoski
Teresia Sieloff
Kelly Simmons

Christopher Sims
David Skutt
Dawn Smith
Michelle Smith
Sara Smith
Kathy Soltynski

The Last Word On...

Big Kids

High School — home of the 'big kids,' homework, and fast times. It's like being let loose in a candy store to elementary kids; a regular seventh heaven. "When I'm in high school I want to have a pretty girlfriend. She will have blond hair and blue eyes. I'll take her to Prom and hang her picture in my locker. I'm definitely going to dress up

for Spirit Week because it is so cool! I want to drive a red Corvette and work after school in a car shop." fantasized Ben Lipp, from the class of 2001.

The thought of being able to play sports appealed to the majority of first graders interviewed. "I want to be a high school football player. I'm going to be the best on my team and we

will always beat the other teams bad!" exclaimed first grader Nathan Potts. Kara Davis, also a first grader, plans to be involved with athletics too. "I want to be a tennis player when I go to high school. I want to be a champion!"

However, after getting to high school some students found it was not quite what they expected. In fact, most teens would gladly trade a few days at the high school for a few days of recess, no homework, and 9:10 a.m. first bell. "Elementary kids have it so easy! I would gladly trade a few of my classes for some recess, extra sleep, and show-and-tell. Too bad we don't realize a good thing until it's

gone!" exclaimed sophomore Arleen Hill.

Although students would be willing to switch, many still remember how they looked forward to high school. "I always wondered if I'd ever be that old. The high school kids were so cool! I really looked forward to being on the football and wrestling teams. I also thought the kids must be so smart. I wanted to be just like them," remembered sophomore Scott Douglas.

Even though they still had nine more years to go, first graders dreamed of the day when they would roam the halls of that miraculous place — high school. However, after finally reaching it, students still reminisced about the good old days when they didn't have a care in the world.



PLANNING AHEAD. Mrs. Grant's first graders from Sycamore Elementary take a break from dragon making to talk about their futures. The kids were very excited about high school and most already knew what they wanted out of high school life.

Melanie Spillette
Matthew Spisak
Gerald Stine
Paul Stout
Nathan Stratton
Kimberly Stubig

Tessie Summers
Tricia Switzer
Jennifer Taylor
Joanne Taylor
Scott Taylor
Daniel Teed

David Thielen
Craig Thill
Jerred Thill
Brad Thomas
Candice Thomas
Debbie Thomas



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Shopping Malls

Hanging out with friends, shopping, enjoying a movie or a place to eat, were all common excuses students used to spend hours at a mall. Having two malls on opposite sides of town made the choice difficult as students considered their options.

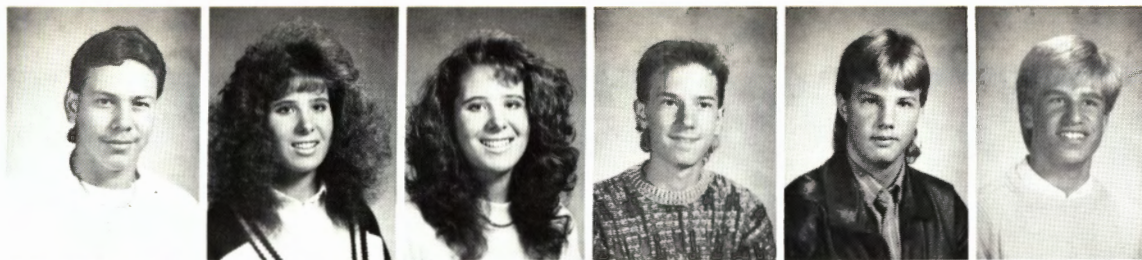
Shopping at one's favorite store often decided the issue. "I like the Meridian Mall better because the quality is better and the stores I like are there," commented sophomore Vicky Bengry. The ease of shopping also affected students' decisions. Sophomore Nikki Martz explained, "The Meridian Mall is crowded and the stores are too small. I like the Lansing Mall because the walkways are straight and they don't criss-cross as much as the Meridian Mall walkways do."

The main purpose of mall hopping was fashion shopping. Style-conscious teens searched for the perfect outfits to wear to school. "I like Paul Harris and the Limited at the Lansing Mall better because their selection is larger," commented junior Kym Little.

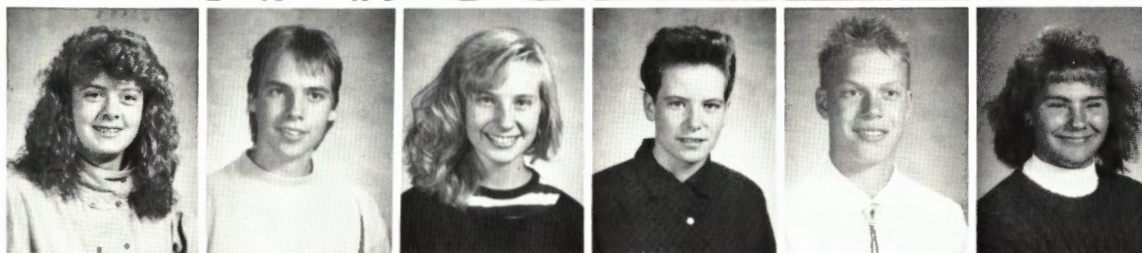
As with most everything, the ability to shop depended on transportation. Those without a car or driver's license depended upon others to arrive at their destination. "I go to any mall that I can get a ride to!" exclaimed sophomore Debbie Thomas.

As the choice of which mall to go to baffled some students and because the two malls remained about the same distance apart, students relied on their favorite stores to make the decision for them.

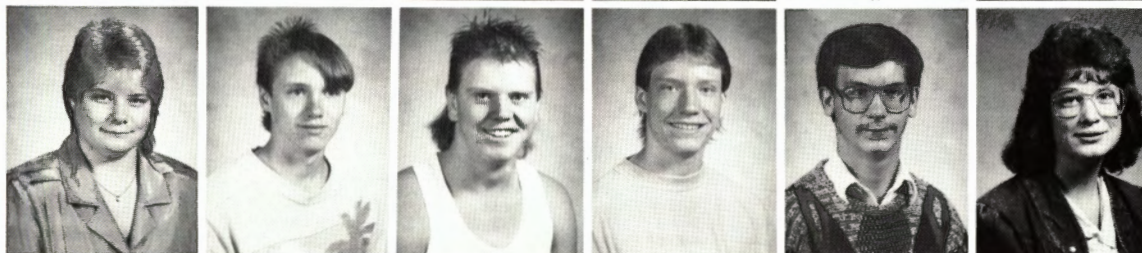




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Stacey Tompkins
Stefanie Tompkins
Gregory Toth
Jason Townsend
Scott Trimmer



Krista Tubbs
John Underwood
Gayle Utter
Elizabeth Vandyke
Michael VanFossen
Nicole VanPatten



Michelle Wagner
Jacob Waidelich
Matthew Warncke
David Washburn
Christopher Weaver
Tammy Wharton



TAKING A BREAK. During the Christmas rush season sophomore Chip Cleaver and a friend rest briefly at Meridian Mall from their shopping. Many students found the Malls offered a variety of entertainment from movies to places to eat and meet friends.



Christopher Wheelock
Melissa Widman
Todd Wilcox
Trevor Wilcox



Andrea Willett
Thomas Williams
Todd Williams
Brett Wilmore



Lisa Wingo
Kosby Winne
Audie Winsett
Jason Wise



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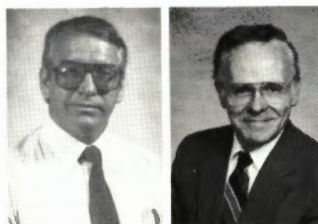
Johanna Young
Margaret Zimmerman

STILL DREAMING OF A VETTE. Mr. Neureither's dream car remains the same as it was in high school. Some things never go out of style! His hobbies of cars, repair work and woodworking expresses his love of the control of quality. He carries this over to the classroom as he helps seniors Aaron Harrison and Eric Ahlgrim on a drafting assignment.

SHADES OF THE FIFTIES. In Sha Na Na fashion, replete with rolled T-shirt sleeves and kazooos, seniors Jeff Rule, Kevin Williams, Joel Rinkel, Craig Simmons, Greg Haas, Dean Stearns and Dan McLean sing "You've Lost that Loving Feeling" to good-humored science teacher, Lowell Rudd, during the Talent Show.



Leo Allaire, Industrial Arts/Social Science
Ronald Allen, Fine Arts



Dorothy Anderson, Fine Arts
Sally Beauchine, Science



Sandra Bernier, Foreign Language
Lawrence Burgess, Science



Carmen Card, Business
Penelope Chapman, Human Ecology



Del Cory, Business
Vicky Engstrom, Special Services



SPORTY NEW STYLE CHOICE. Leaving school in her new Mercury Merkur is guidance counselor, Jan Wilson. She bought

the style to keep her on the young side of 40 as she approached her birthday month.



DROVE MY CHEVY TO THE LEVEE. Two of the 'in' cars of the late 50's and early 60's were the 55 Chevy and the 53 Ford convertible which were the pride of Don Bowker who bought them right after high school graduation. They are parked in the driveway of his Galena Michigan home where he grew up and attended Galena High School graduating in a class of 25 seniors.

AMERICAN GRAFFITI

Imagine the local drive-in and scenes from American Graffiti. These may seem like an old blast from the past, but to many teachers it was a way of life. There were no worries about gas mileage because gas cost only a quarter per gallon. Just fill it up and go!

When the staff went to school, some popular cars did stand out. Many teachers dreamed of finding a place to park the Pontiac GTO while others wanted to own a 1957 Chevrolet convertible. The real fact, however, was that a car that would start was the one they would settle for.

Besides transportation, early cars that teachers owned provided some funny and memorable experiences. Mr. Plunkett remembered, "On a date, we always had to push my car to get it started. We would roll it up a hill and jump in. The car would start to roll back down the hill and we would look at each other and say, Here we go again!"

According to Mr. Ernst, "Getting caught doing donuts by my dad and having my license taken away was disastrous at the time but I can look back on it now humorously."

Mrs. Kressler remem-

bered an experience she has not forgotten since she was sixteen. She recalled, "When we were leaving the local hangout, I backed up and the back door got stuck in the embankment behind me and it tore the door off!"

With growth and maturity came the development of different tastes. A Thunderbird or a Corvette that once dominated their thoughts was soon replaced by a new Porsch or a Mercedes. Revving up the motor was a part of high school life even as the generations and the styles changed.



Robert Erickson, Science
Dan Ernst, Business
David Foy,
Science/Mathematics
Norman Garnett, Foreign
Language
Jerry Gillett, Social Science



Mary Gray, Library
Juanita Grew, Foreign
Language
Lila Guenther, Mathematics
Jean Johnson, Physical
Education
Ann Kast, Communication Arts

WHIP IT UP! Making crepes has been a long-held tradition for the French Club as adviser, Norman Garnett, assists junior Ryan Pennock in the process. Mr. Garnett leads the French Club and arranged the trip to France this year over Spring Break.

INFORMATION PLEASE. Going over the process for registering students for the blood drive, National Honor Society Adviser, Jan Wilson, makes sure that junior Kris Schuette and senior Kyle Kepler's questions are answered.



AFTER HOURS

Are teachers normal? Yes! Believe it or not, staff members did have a life after class. Many participated in activities like coaching and personal hobbies in their spare time.

Teachers' hobbies varied as much as their classroom behavior did. Some teachers enjoyed physical activities in their spare time. One of the most popular sports was golf. "I hunt, play basketball, football and golf," stated Business teacher, Del Cory.

While the activities sped by outside, some teachers opted for a quieter way to relax at the end of a long day. "I read, play bridge and do the crosstics everyday," commented Math teacher, Bill York, who also coached the Girls' JV Basketball Team and the Boys' Tennis Team.

Most coaching and advising was done by the teachers, as 65% of the staff coached or advised an extra-curricular activity. "I coach Freshman football

and JV wrestling because I like working with the kids," revealed Social Studies teacher Dan Plunkett. "I head the French Club because I like sharing the experience with the students and it's good for them!" exclaimed 29-year French Club veteran, Norman Garnett.

The teaching staff's involvement with the school was very important as teachers did more than just teach.

Pam Klimenko, Communication Arts
Anne Kressler, Business
Peter Kressler, Social studies
Bruce Kutney, Communication Arts
Nancy Lamphier, Human Ecology



Bruce Lerner, Mathematics
Michael Lehman, Mathematics
Brenda Lynch, Communication Arts
Michael McMurtrey, Fine Arts
Pat Milbourn, Special Services





WORTHY ADVICE. Suggesting a way to tackle her next shot Girls' Golf Coach, Scotty Shimnoski, is ready to help senior Sherisa Miller in a time of need. Humor and good times dominated the season due to Coach Shimnoski's attitude.

TIME OUT. Quickly explaining a play during the short break in the game. Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach, Lila Guenther, creates a new plan to control the opponent's offensive game.



Jean Mooney, Mathematics
James Mutch, Driver Education



Barbara Neureither, Science
Steve Neureither, Industrial Arts



Guil Northrup, Social Studies
Ann Paul, Fine Arts/
Publications



Dan Plunkett, Social Studies
Lowell Rudd, Science



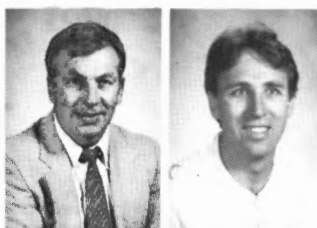
Michael Saules, Communication Arts
Williams Savage, Social Studies

BEST OF GAGS. Cutting the buzzing phone wires comes back to haunt principal Tom Davis when Leo Allaire presents him with a vase of cut wire as a gift. The repairman cited Mr. Davis' incident as "the biggest joke since someone cut the lines at Niagara Falls." Needless to say, the good-natured humor of the staff was a tradition that kept morale high.

SERVING IT UP. Taking advantage of the juniors' hospitality at the NHS afternoon ice cream social, senior Thanh Tran and Special Services teacher Valerie Smith enjoy their last chance to recall old memories together.



Scotty Shimnoski, Business
David Shipman,
Business/Physical Education



Valerie Smith, Special Services
Andrew Stevenson, Guidance



Margo Strong, Business
Brian Templin, Science



Jean Tomlinson, Special
Services
Janet Wilson, Guidance



Georganne Withey,
Communications Arts
Gerald Woolston, Social
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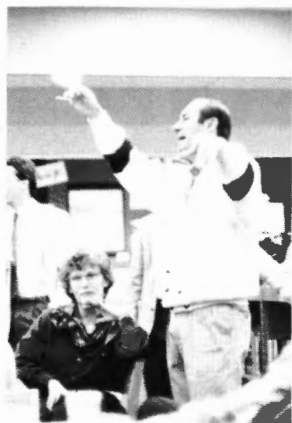


TEA TIME. Enjoying their time together during one of the Friday morning socials, teachers Pat Milbourn and Margo Strong relax and

catch up on the week's events. Each department took turns sponsoring the socials.

INDIVIDUALS
A Class Act

GIVE ME A PRICE. Keeping the bidding alive, auctioneer, Guil Northrup, plays on the teachers' emotions during the annual Christmas auction. The items ranged from handmade crafts to tickets to MSU basketball games. The money raised is donated to the Old Newsboy Charity to buy shoes for needy children.



TIME TO CHAT. Discussing grades midway through the first marking period with a parent is Physical Education teacher, Jean Johnson along with her student teacher. Parent Teacher conferences are held each semester to enable parents and teachers to identify and discuss a student's behavior and achievement in school and provide some feedback besides a report card.

TRADITIONS

Prom, graduation and Spirit Week were traditions held by students, but most students weren't aware of the traditions that teachers and staff looked forward to each year.

In school, there were many rituals that stood the test of time. The staff seemed to enjoy them and continued them year after year.

One example was the Friday morning breakfast social sponsored by the different departments. Every other Friday, teachers en-

joyed each other's company and socialized. There were also two luncheons that teachers enjoyed. One was held at Christmas and the other at the end of the year as a good-bye get together. "They give us time together and allow us to show we care about each other," commented Jean Johnson.

In addition to these, the staff held an annual Christmas social where gifts were exchanged and an auction was conducted to benefit the Old Newsboy Charity.

Not all traditions were

social, however. Most of the teachers agreed that the continuing excellence in education remained top priority in their minds. They believed that the most important aspect of an education was the caring and the excitement found in the classroom. With their own set of traditions, the teachers and staff joined together to generate a sense of school pride in a combined effort to enhance the daily atmosphere.



Susan York, Guidance
William York, Mathematics
George Zarka, Communication Arts
Delores Cornelius, Secretary
Camille Esch, Secretary

Barbara Warner, Secretary
Judith Woolston, Secretary
Rosann Wright, Secretary

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. Remaining an active administration by supporting as many extra-curricular activities as possible is a major goal of Principal Tom Davis and Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz as they attend a Varsity Football game.

POSITIVE DIRECTION. Completing his second year as Superintendent Dr. Mark Maksimowicz remains excited and energetic about improving the school district.

DETERMINED ADMINISTRATOR. Taking pride in the accomplishments of the many organizations and sports teams during the year, Principal Tom Davis enjoys the combination of students and staff working together to make the school a better place.



BEHAVIOR MODIFIER. Remaining fair but firm with students seems to be the best way for Assistant Principal, Don Bowker, to achieve his success. He also uses humor and understanding to remain open to students' problems.



BOARD OF EDUCATION. Ebersole, Alton Granger, and Richard Floyd Conklin, George Bird, Richard Allen, Jacqueline Wood, Robert Royston.

TREND SETTERS

Imagine walking into a room and seeing a ceramic Garfield sticking out of an apple. The setting was Superintendent, Dr. Mark Maksimowicz's office. For years, students looked at administrators in suits and the word conservative automatically came to mind. Whether or not it was believed by students, administrators were human too.

Remaining one hundred percent behind the desk didn't exist in Dr. Maksimowicz's world. "I like to get out as often as I can so I can get a feel for what's going on," he stated. Visiting the schools and getting to know the students helped to dissolve the stuffy image that school officials had gained over the years. Sophomore Joann Taylor explained, "I think it's nice that he cares about what is going on here and takes time out

to visit the schools."

Every year the administration sets goals in order to obtain rewarding accomplishments. The awards received by the Science Olympiad and Debate Teams only scratched the surface of the many achievements of the year. Internal testing and evaluation were key goals that launched the year. "I don't feel there was 'one' important accomplishment. The combination of the Science Olympiad and Debate Team awards, the Student Forum, the Art awards and also the Exemplary School Award, all made the year memorable," explained Principal Tom Davis.

Academic excellence wasn't the only tradition renewed, however. Many traditions involving the interaction of students with the staff were greeted with

enthusiasm. "The one tradition that stands out in my mind is the candy cane sale at Christmas sponsored by the National Honor Society. No other school in the area has this worthwhile sale," stated Assistant Principal, Don Bowker.

The availability and openness of the administration was also a big plus for making the system work. "As our involvement as teachers and administrators grows, I hope that students will approach the administration and together we can solve any problems," conveyed Dr. Maksimowicz.

With the combination of renewed traditions, and the encouragement of student achievement and school involvement, the administrators gave it their all to make the school year the best it could be.



LAST MINUTE EXPLANATION. Helping to make everything run smoothly for the state legislative visit, Mr. Davis reviews the day's plans for NHS members Kim Belcher, Robbin Kotajarvi, Amy

Sterenber and Matt Phelps. The visit was in conjunction with hosting the state gifted and talented delegation to the school.



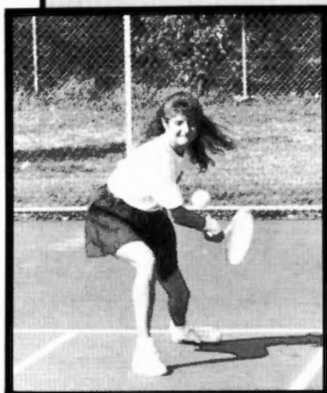
COUNTDOWN. Making sure all of the uniforms are turned in is only one of the many jobs of Athletic Director, Jack Crawford. He also schedules events and compiles lists and records for the newspaper and CAC conference.



NEXT! Ready to face another student attendance problem, is Attendance Officer, Jan Eberly, as she reviews the page in front of her. Keeping students in class and on time is handled daily by Mrs. Eberly.

INSTANT REPLAY.

Preparing to return the tough alley shot with her famous backhand is junior Laura Dickinson. With the help of her doubles partner, junior Jenny Westgate, the girls won the match against Mason. The Girls Tennis Team overcame previous losses to take second place in the CAC. Senior tennis player, Shelli Dubay explained, "The team used to lose so often and I think this gave us the determination to win. We all had the talent and our determination led us to a great season."



M

eeting the Challenge

The smacking of pads, the plunge into cold water at 6:00 AM, the cheer of the crowd — these thoughts and more motivated students to face dreaded practices and push themselves the extra effort it takes to meet the challenge.

Facing the competition was tough, but the Varsity gridgers built a winning season on teamwork, improved blocking techniques and conditioning to produce a statistic of 1729 to their opponents' 1301 rushing yards and a 6-3 season record. The JV and Varsity Wrestling Teams pushed one another to end the season tied for first place in the CAC with six teammates making it to States. The Girls' Tennis Team overcame a tradition of weakness in the conference through individual improvement and greater strength in their doubles game to win a second place rank in the CAC.

The intense moments that tough competition produced were often remembered as season highlights. The instant replay of the Boys' Varsity Basketball game against Grand Ledge generated much pride and spirit as players and fans recalled the emotional moments.

Each team's season story was built upon different strengths and adaptive strategies, as well as, needed areas of improvement. But as the year unfolded it was evident that many teams met the challenge with the right combination of determination and talent.

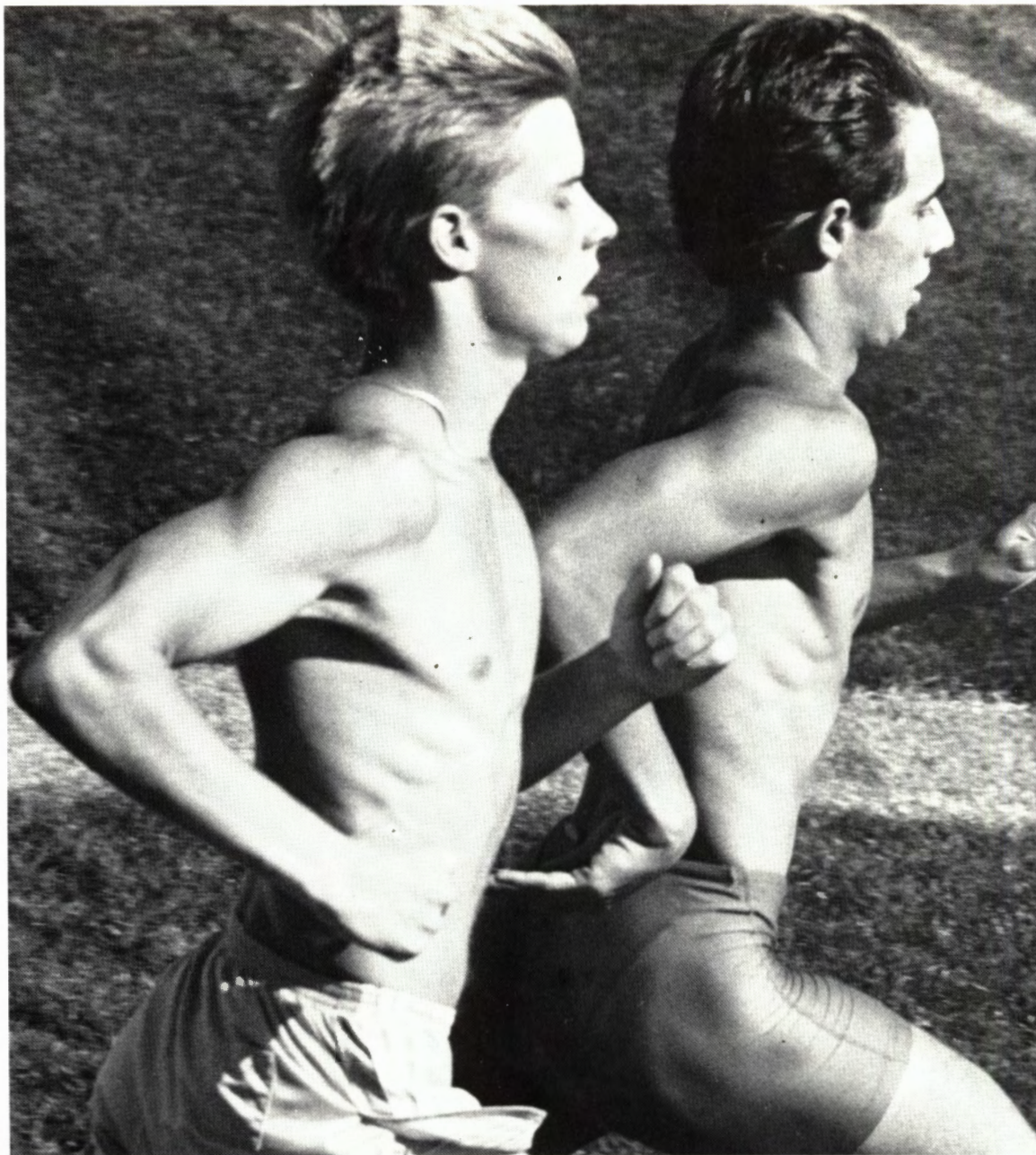


DETERMINATION PAYS OFF. The Varsity Football Team expresses their enthusiasm after their 35-13 Homecoming victory over Eastern. A strong defense combined with aggressive rushing yielded a 6-3 season record. Varsity football games were some of the many sports events at which students expressed their support.



STRIDE FOR STRIDE. During a long, hot practice on a Friday afternoon, seniors Kyle Kepler and Scott Ketchum pace each other as they do a set of quarter miles.

PREPARING FOR PRACTICE. Stretching out before a practice is senior Donella Hudson. Donella's hard work paid off as she placed 44th out of 94 runners at the state meet.



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM:
Top Row: Coach D. Foy, K. Kepler, J. Young, J. McNease, S. Woll, C. Goff, M. Malkin. Bottom Row: J. Jewett, D. Hudson, J. McCarley, S. Boyd.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM:
Top Row: R. Beha, S. Cairns, J. Workman, J. Barry, J. Acker, R. Douglas, Coach J. Gillett. Bottom Row: M. Cairns, S. Ketchum, K. Schafer, E. Berg, K. Kepler.





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Taking inexperience and injuries in

erfect Stride

For a Cross Country runner, stride is very important. This year, the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams managed to take everything in perfect stride.

Although their record may not have shown it, the Boys' team had a season to remember. Spirit ran high as the runners placed an emphasis on having fun. Senior Kyle Kepler noted, "We know how to NOT take things too seriously."

However, the season was not all fun and games. The team put in a lot of time and effort everyday after school to try to improve. The work paid off as senior Marcus Cairns revealed, "We got better as the season went

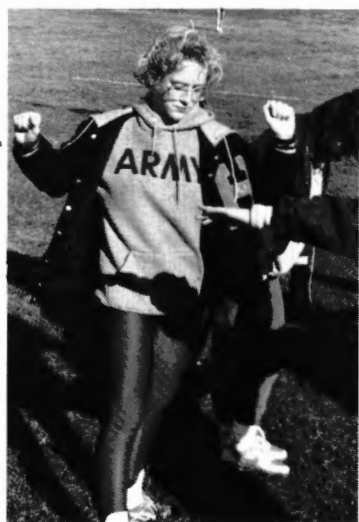
on." The team's determination and hard work continued throughout the whole season. Coach Jerry Gillett pointed out, "The team worked hard and never gave up. It's easy to give up when you lose and these kids didn't."

The Girl's Cross Country team also made long strides with a 5-2 record in the CAC. It was a difficult season for many, as injuries plagued the team. Senior Jen McCarley revealed, "A high point was any meet in which everybody ran!" Although injuries hurt the team, the season still offered a good learning opportunity. "It was a year-for experience, not so much for winning," noted junior

Christy Goff.

However, the team did win. The girls raced to a third place finish in the Capital Area Conference and placed two runners on the All-League Team for the second year in a row. Senior Donella Hudson represented the team at the state meet and placed 44th.

The key to the season was the team's hard work and unity. Donella Hudson explained, "We worked together as a team, and we knew what we wanted." Because of the team's depth and commitment to training, the Girls' Cross Country team overcame many setbacks to remain near the top of the CAC.



WARM UP. Exercising before a practice is junior Jean McNease. The girls' team was plagued by injuries, but they overcame them to place third in the CAC.

SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE. Before a home meet with Waverly, Coach Dave Foy has a talk with senior Marcus Cairns. Holt lost the meet 31-24.

Girls' Cross Country 5 wins, 5 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Jackson	32-25
Sexton	22-38
Eastern	17-44
East Lansing	25-32
Mason	28-27
Alma	35-23
St. Johns	31-25
Grand Ledge	39-18
Everett	22-37
Waverly	19-42
Bath Inv.	8th
Olivet	4th
Haslett	4th
Mason	7th
Lakewood	2nd
Regionals	8th

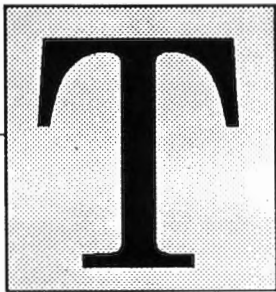
Instant Replay

"We finished third place in the league for the third year in a row. This is nice and consistent. However, the team sees its potential and want to improve."

— Senior Donella Hudson

Boys' Cross Country 1 win, 6 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Jackson	44-21
Sexton	39-18
Eastern	33-23
East Lansing	40-19
Grand Ledge	46-17
Everett 1	25-30
Waverly	31-24
Bath Inv.	12th
Olivet Inv.	9th
Alma/Mason	4th
St. Johns	
Haslett Inv.	17th
Mason Inv.	11th
Lakewood Inv.	5th



A Challenging year

akes its Toll

Through the intensity of the game, and the discouragement of defeat, the Girls' Varsity Basketball team never gave up. They possessed more talent than their 5-16 record displayed.

Going into the season they had high expectations. "I felt we could finish in the top half of the conference," remarked Coach Guenther.

They ended up 5-9 in the league which was disappointing considering their goals and talent. "Our team was physically strong and individually talented, however, we needed to improve mentally and pull together as a team more," remarked senior forward Cindy Choban.

The girls started out 0-5 before they captured their first victory against Sexton. The win helped build up

their confidence as they came back the next game and upset the Eastern Quakers. "The most exciting point of our season was when we beat Eastern at home and shut down All-State forward, Nikki Keyton," stated senior guard Lori Buwalda when they beat Eastern 47 to 43.

After the emotional victory over Eastern the team lost their next four games before gaining another win against Everett, 57-38. They won two out of their last eight game and ended the season with a respectful victory against Everett, 66-32.

Making it to the winners circle were, Kim Kistler and Cindy Choban. Senior Guard Kim Kistler was named honorable mention, All-CAC. She commented, "I was surprised I was given such an

honor because my season didn't go as well as I had hoped. I feel the reason I received this honor was because of my teammates support."

Senior forward Cindy Choban received the highest honor as she was named to the All-CAC First Team. This honor was shared by four other girls in the conference. Cindy revealed, "I was surprised because the team had talent everywhere. The players helped me and gave me a lot of encouragement. Without them, I would not have earned this honor."

Cindy's achievement was an example of the individual talent and spirit that the scoreboard did not express, but which the team possessed.



Girls' Varsity Basketball 5 wins, 16 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
LCC	40-81
Jackson NW	34-57, 42-47
Mason	46-50
Grand Ledge	42-69, 37-43
Sexton	55-43, 57-31
Eastern	47-43, 46-52
Waverly	43-74, 38-57
Jackson	39-52, 42-50
Eaton Rapids	50-54
East Lansing	49-58, 44-48
Everett	57-38, 66-32
Battle Creek	28-41

CAC 6th

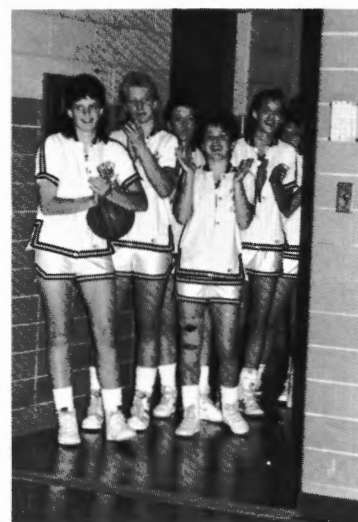
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"I was surprised to be named All-CAC First Team because the team had talent everywhere. The players helped me and gave me lots of encouragement. Without them, I would not have received this honor."

— Senior Cindy Choban

"The most exciting point of our season was when we beat Eastern at home and shut down All-State forward, Nikki Keyton."

— Senior Lori Buwalda

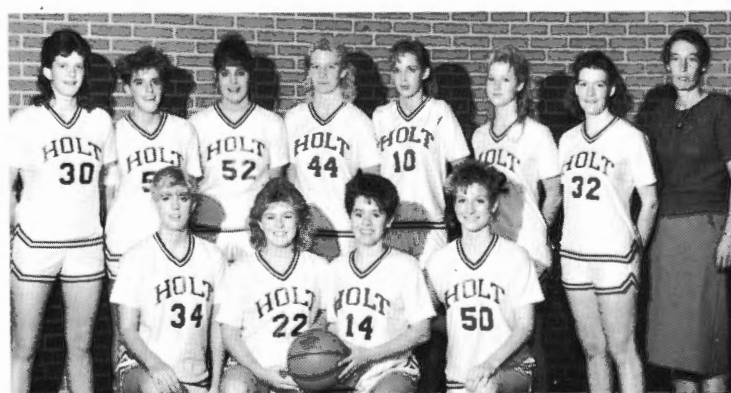
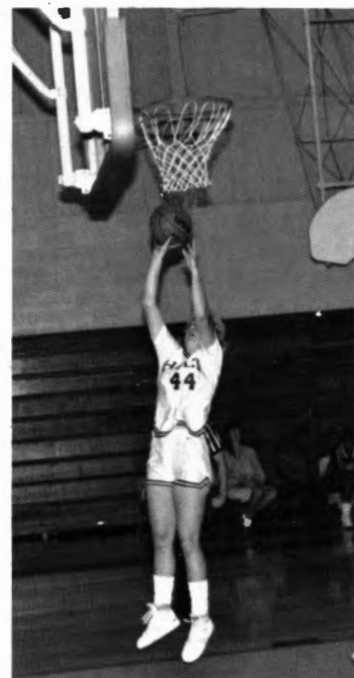


CALM AND COLLECTED. The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team is relaxed before they take the floor for their game against Everett. They beat the Vikings 66-32.



OVER THE TOP. Senior guard, Kim Kistler carefully examines her offensive options as she hits this jump shot over Eastern's All-State forward, Nikki Keyton. The team upset Eastern 47-43.

SOARING FOR TWO! Senior forward, Cindy Choban scores another two points against Sexton to help cinch a win of 57-31. Cindy went on to be named All-CAC First Team.

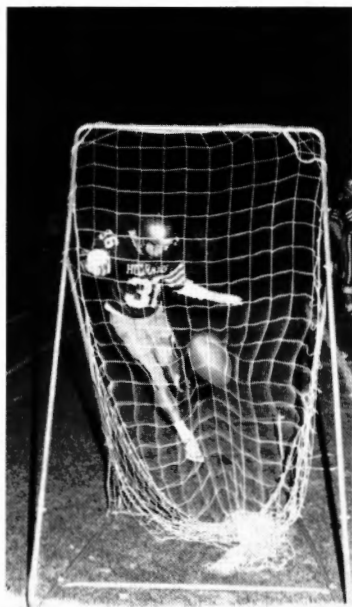


TAKING CONTROL. Senior point guard, Shannon Marko, sets up the offense for a quick two points in the game against the Quakers.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM: Bottom Row: B. Smith, N. Lillywhite, S. Marko, A. Heiser. Top Row: K. Kistler, K. Marsh, G. Ray, C. Choban, J. Chase, K. Crawford, L. Buwalda, Coach L. Guenther.

ANOTHER FIRST DOWN. Senior tailback, Dan McLean, gains another first down with the help of his line, in the game against Eastern. For the year, the team gained 1729 yards on the ground.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Senior kicker, Jim Wright, practices kicking during the Homecoming game against Eastern, during which he made five extra points. For the year, he made 25 extra points and kicked two field goals.



Varsity Football 6 wins, 3 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Okemos	7-21
Grand Ledge	21-14
East Lansing	15-22
Sexton	10-16
Everett	28-26
Jackson	21-18
Eastern	35-13
Waverly	37-0
Mason	31-0
CAC	2nd

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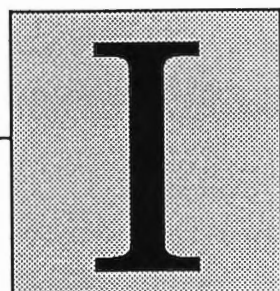
"At the end of the season, after winning our last five games, I was mad because it was over. I wanted to play more!"

— Senior Ryan Ammon

The last five winning games were the highlight of the season for the team. Two hard-earned victories over Everett and Jackson were followed by three shutouts, defeating Eastern, Waverly and Mason. Many of the players did not want the season to end. The wins brought out the true meaning of Ram football and the players proved that they were ready for anything.



A WORD OF ADVICE. Senior center, Greg Haas, get a word from Coach Mike Smith between plays of the Everett game. Greg was one of four All-CAC first team selections from the Rams.



Gridders place 2nd in CAC with mpressive Finish

Smashing their way through a five game winning streak, the Varsity gridders darted into second place in the CAC.

They started the year with an over-confident loss to Okemos, but bounced back to defeat Grand Ledge. The next two weeks were tough for the team, as senior Mike Croy admitted, "After being 1-1 and having East Lansing and Sexton coming up, it looked tough." The team lost both games and the season looked gloomy as the Rams stood at 1-3. Senior Kevin Williams revealed, "We knew we were better than our record showed, and the last five games proved it." The team defeated Everett in overtime and then squeaked past Jackson. The next three weeks the team outscored their opponents 103-13, defeating Eastern,

Waverly, and Mason.

During the year the team never made a win look easy until the last three games. Over the season attitudes changed from 'the best team in the world' to 'a good team that had to prove themselves on the field.' Spirits were high throughout the year especially the last five games. After getting it together many players felt the same way as senior Ryan Ammon did when he said, "At the end of the season, after winning our last five games, I was mad because it was over. I wanted to play more!"

Many players received post-season honors at the annual banquet. All-CAC first team were Ryan Ammon, Greg Haas, Dan McLean, and Jim Wright. Dan McLean also received All-State first team. The players that improved the most were

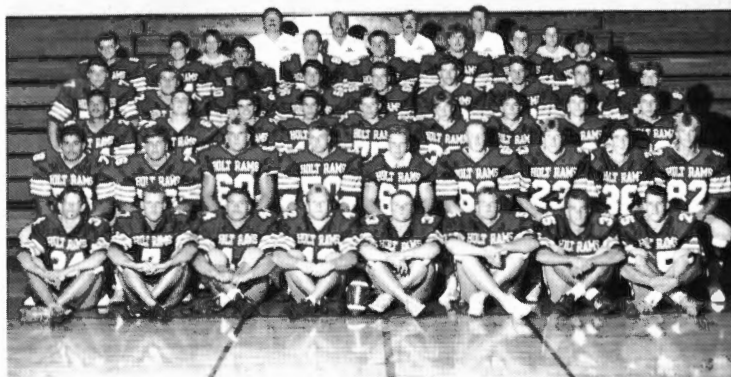
juniors Rick Resio and Stan Granger, while senior Dan McLean earned most valuable player award.

On a lighter note, the Rams Award, given to the player who got hit the most in practice, went to junior Charles McDowell. The Band-Aid award, given to the player who was in the training room the most, was awarded to Scott Adams. He responded "I really wasn't expecting it but now that I look back over the year I did have a pinched nerve in my shoulder, a sprained wrist, a broken nose, and stitches. The Coach's award was given to the player who never complained, namely Rob Marciniak. Finally, the Spark Plug award went to seniors Justin Judge and Marvin Freed for their continued enthusiasm and support for the team.



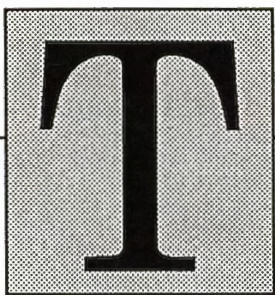
AT LAST A BREAK. The starting offensive backfield gets a break during the Mason game. Seniors Justin Judge and Ryan Ammon played a

big part in helping Dan McLean gain 1080 rushing yards to shutout Mason 31-0.



VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM: Bottom Row: P. Neal, P. Kosloski, R. Ammon, D. McLean, J. Judge, M. Croy, R. Ward, M. VanPatten. Row 2: G. Haidamous, K. Spencer, C. Simmons, G. Haas, M. Freed, S. Bigelow, K. Williams, J. Wright, R. Barrett. Row 3: R. Chingman, J. Verlinde, R. Pennock, R. Resio, P. Contompasis, S. Conn, C. VanBuren, R.

Marciniak, J. Etelamaki. Row 4: C. Baldwin, J. Wallace, J. Gleason, M. Newman, N. Carpenter, K. Walker, S. Granger, E. Royston. Row 5: M. Dunn, D. McDowell, K. Foote, D. Stearns, S. Adams, S. Black, H. Corey, J. Pierce. Top Row: Coach M. Smith, Coach R. Shaft, Coach D. Corey, Coach D. Ernst.



Rebuilding season highlights

Teamwork

Teamwork and determination led the soccer team to each game and kept them going through a rebuilding season. This trying process was a must for this year's team since it was young, consisting of many new players and only ten returning teammates.

Many players boasted of their ability to use teamwork as a major tool on the field. Junior Chad Perlberg noted, "This was probably the best year we worked together as a team, but we were missing something." The missing links were endurance to the end of the game and a strong defense.

The final season record of 5-12-1 was a disappointment to early hopefuls. However,

considering that trophies and ribbons did not mark the season, the team improved in the areas of skill building, teamwork and defense. Senior Kevin Burtovoy revealed, "We were strong offensively but weak defensively. We were a young team and needed to improve in all areas."

Practices were devoted to learning ball skill, feet control and building confidence. Much effort was also spent on reading the game. Team captain and most valuable player, senior Kevin Burns, explained, "The area I most improved in was being able to read what is happening and to anticipate during the game. You have to know where your own players are expected to be for blind

passes and that they're doing their job."

Their hard work took them into the second game of the district finals against Sexton. "The scoreboard didn't tell the whole story. It was the most awesome game. We hardly lost in the last five minutes of sudden death," professed Coach Henry Rojas.

In order to reach their desired goals and have a successful rebuilding season, team members combined their talent and cooperation. Senior Kevin Burtovoy concluded, "It was most important to have a lot of heart as it helped the team come out on top in the end."



ANOTHER RAINY DAY. The Varsity Soccer Team awaits the start of the game against Waverly. The rain did not stop the game which resulted in a loss for the team.

IN THE OPEN FIELD! Senior Paul Bursley heads into the open field after stealing the ball from an opponent. Paul went on to score on the play in the game against Waverly.





MAKING A MOVE! Junior half-back Brent Yarger makes a move on an Everett player in the cold weather. The team went on to win the game.

A HEADS UP PLAY. Freshman Reece Heinrich heads the ball to an open Robert Saxton in a game against Everett. Robert went on to score and Reece got the assist on this heads up play.



VARSITY SOCCER TEAM:
Bottom Row: D. Brunsting, D. Perrone, J. Lipp, J. Fuller, P. Perez.
Row 2: H. Luu, K. Burns, R. Heinrich, P. Stout, M. Sibert, P. Bursley.
Top Row: Asst. Coach J. Rojas, L. Toft, B. Yarger, K. Burtovoy, R. Saxton, C. Perleberg, Coach H. Rojas.



A FREE SHOT. Senior defensive player Paul Bursley attempts at a corner kick hoping that one of his teammates will knock the ball in for a goal in the game against Waverly.

Varsity Soccer 5 wins, 12 losses, 1 tie

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Mt. Pleasant	1-2
Grand Ledge	2-5, 3-1
Mason	2-2
Sexton	2-3, 0-1
Eastern	3-0, 2-3
Waverly	0-5, 0-4
Jackson	1-3, 3-0
East Lansing	1-3, 0-4
Everett	5-2, 7-0
Eaton Rapids	3-0
Jackson CTW	2-3
CAC	5th

Instant Replay

"This was probably the best year we worked together as a team, but we were missing something."

— Junior Chad Perleberg

"The second game of the district finals against Sexton was the highlight of the season. The scoreboard didn't tell the whole story. It was the most awesome game. We hardly lost in the last five minutes of sudden death."

— Coach Henry Rojas

THE BIG BANG. Anxiously awaiting the start of the 200 yard freestyle Andrea Bird and senior Brooke Reinke at a home meet against Jackson. Andrea captured first while Brooke finished third in the race.

DIVING INTO VICTORY. Performing a front dive is junior Chris Henry during a home meet versus Jackson. The team proved their strength by overpowering Jackson 117-55.



Girls' Swimming 7 wins, 5 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
St. Johns	98-73
Mason	99-71
Eastern	90-82
Grand Ledge	39-44
Waverly	79-93
Sexton	60-23
Jackson	117-53
Okemos	70-102
East Lansing	77-93
Haslett	110-60
Everett	59-24
Albion	65-109
CAC	4th

Instant Replay

"When the relay broke the record at the Okemos meet, I couldn't believe it. We had really pulled together and worked as a team that night."

— Sophomore Nikki Wright

The most memorable moment for the Girls' Swim Team was when they accidentally misplaced one of their valuable members at the Waverly Relays. Cold and tired, the team piled on the bus to leave. Manager Darrell Webster was to drive back with Coach Templin, but he had already left. Darrell went to look for the bus and it had gone. Upon arrival at the high school it was noticed that Darrell was missing. Lost: One Swim Team Manager, last seen in Waverly District.



OVER AN OPEN FIRE. Roasting marshmallows at the Lansing Boat-Club at a pre-season team picnic is most valuable player, sophomore Andrea Bird. Andrea was leading scorer and placed second in both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events at the CAC meet. She advanced to the state meet where she placed 22nd in the 50 freestyle.

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Practice and dedication yield Record-breaking Season



As the girls made their way to the pool deck, they nervously thought about all the time, hard work, and dedication it would take for their season to be a winning one. Senior Dawn Dye commented, "This being my last year on the team, I was willing to do whatever it took to make this my best season."

Practices began in mid-August and long workouts caused feelings of doubt. However, no one gave up. "I knew that every yard in practice would make me that much faster in meets," stated junior Jill Souza.

The season began with a new twist with the addition of assistant coach Sean Donegan. He confided, "I enjoyed coaching the team. It was a struggle at first, but once we all got to know each other, everything went fine."

Once into the season, the girls had many triumphs to

keep them in the pool. They beat Eastern for the first time in the history of the program. Coach Templin commented, "Conquering Eastern was a memorable moment shared by the whole team."

Two varsity records since Class B days were broken. The new record-holders in the 200 yard medley relay became Nikki Wright, Dawn Dye, Amy Lindgren and Andrea Bird. Andrea also set a new record in the 50 yard freestyle. "When the relay broke the record at the Okeanos meet, I couldn't believe it. We had really pulled together and worked as a team that night," remembered sophomore Nikki Wright.

Visions of victory carried over to the CAC meet as the team finished in fourth place. Continuing on to the state meet was Andrea Bird in the 50 yard freestyle. An-

drea commented, "When I qualified for state I felt very relieved. The pressure was off and I could start thinking of new things."

Compared to the revved up spirit of the swimmers, the divers got a slow start with only one veteran returning. Coach Templin had his work cut out for him with the arrival of three walk-on juniors, Christine Baker, Chris Henry and freshman Wendy Huss.

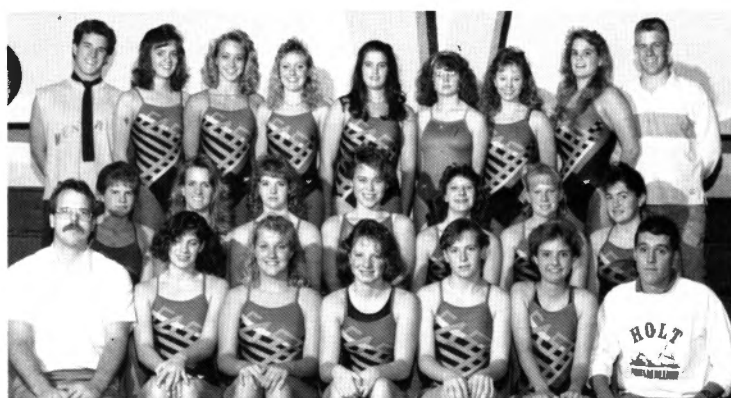
Going all out for a victory, senior Stephanie Trembath placed second at the CAC meet and competed in regionals. The divers showed much improvement over the season and hoped to carry their skill development into next year.

Hard work paid off for the Girls' Swim Team as they left the pool deck with feelings of satisfaction and pride.



LISTEN CLOSE. Coach Donegan and Coach Templin give some last minute advice to junior Suzanne Allman before her first varsity swim

meet which was a loss to Waverly 79-93. Suzanne was unable to finish the season due to a neck injury.



GIRLS' SWIM TEAM. TOP ROW: Mgr. B. Pohlonski, B. Reinke, A. Lindgren, D. Dye, J. Calvert, T. Finch, S. Trembath, J. Peckham, Mgr. D. Webster. **Row 2:** J. Clapp, J. Souza, J. Hunter, S. All-

man, A. Becker, C. Henry, C. Baker. **Bottom Row:** Coach B. Templin, N. Wright, A. Willett, A. Bird, L. VanDyke, W. Huss, Coach S. Donegan.

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Strong defense and talent build inning Records

Exciting but frustrating seasons yielded winning records for the JV Girls' Basketball and JV Football teams. Combined with the excitement of the close games and the frustrations of near wins, was the potential to be better than the record showed.

The JV Football team started off with a great win over Okemos, but in the CAC opener against Grand Ledge, they came back from a 12 point deficit only to fall 3 points short. Another disappointing loss to East Lansing followed. "I was discouraged after losing to East Lansing because we could have won if we hadn't made a couple of mistakes," admitted sophomore Mike Scott.

The team rebounded with three straight victories over Sexton, Everett, and Jackson. After a loss to Eastern they avenged two of last year's losses by beating Waverly and undefeated Mason to end the season. Summing up the team's assets, Coach Jack Rarick explained, "The JV's are a very talented group. They are as fine a group of hitters as we've had in quite a few years. However, they needed to work on their general physical strength."

On a similar note, the Girls' JV Basketball team finished with a winning season record of 14-6. The defense throughout the season left opponents' scores low, averaging 45 points or less

with the exception of four teams.

The girls were very spirited and enthusiastic during the season. Sophomore Denya Shimnoski commented, "I think this was an extremely good season for us. It was one in which a lot of learning took place. The main reason we did not win the CAC title was due to a lack of concentration."

However, at the conclusion of the season, the team had earned a second place standing in the CAC.

From the friendships and memories that were created to the excitement and challenges they faced, the JV teams made the season more victorious than the records showed.



Girls' JV Basketball 13 wins, 6 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
LCC	22-38
Jackson	
NW	32-31, 50-28
Mason	42-64
Grand	
Ledge	48-27, 56-18
Sexton	60-21, 49-17
Eastern	63-36, 52-30
Waverly	65-42, 54-52
Jackson	59-36
Eaton Rapids	45-43
East	
Lansing	36-61, 39-53
Everett	46-13, 62-21
Okemos	35-63
Jackson	Won by Forfeit

Instant Replay

"I think this was an extremely good season for us. It was one in which a lot of learning took place. The main reason we did not win the CAC title was due to a lack of concentration."

**— Sophomore Denya Shimnoski,
Girls' JV Basketball Team**

JV Football 6 wins, 3 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Okemos	28-14
Grand Ledge	15-18
East Lansing	12-20
Sexton	7-6
Everett	26-6
Jackson	34-8
Eastern	6-26
Waverly	30-16
Mason	14-7

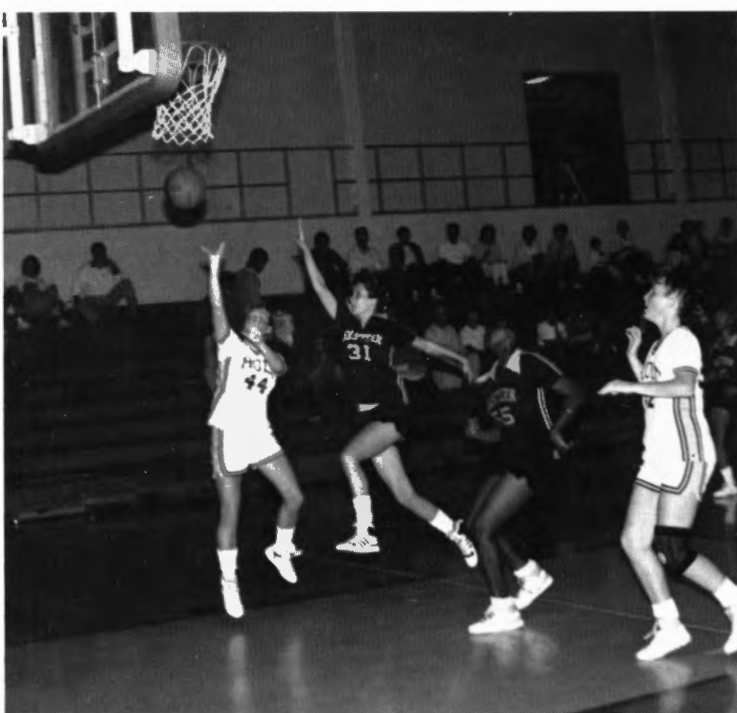


SIDELINE STRATEGY. Giving advice to the JV players is Coach Green during the game against Waverly. The team went on to overpower the Warriors 30-16.



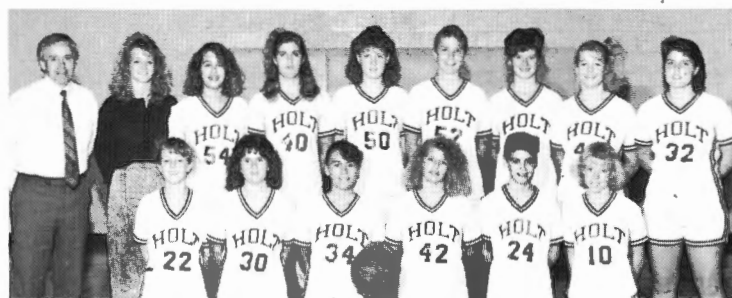
DROPPING BACK. Sophomore quarterback, Jeremy Norris, attempts to hand off the ball to sophomore powerback, Mike Scott as members of the offensive line provide protection in the game against Waverly. Mike got through the line and gained an important first down.

JV FOOTBALL TEAM: **Bottom Row:** A. Shepard, J. Norris, S. Trimmer, M. VanFossen, T. Williams, J. Pierce, T. Wilcox, B. Wilmore, M. Scott. **Row 2:** A. Flachs, C. Anderson, E. Nemeth, T. Wilcox, B. McBrien, C. Simms, H. Jones, S. Douglas. **Row 3:** B. McKouen, G. Tijerina, T. Culp, S. Chamberlain, J. Thill, B. Schneider, C. Conn, A. Winsett, R. Ellis, R. Dunham, J. Beach, J. Haines. **Row 4:** P. Schuette, R. Brown, C. Grout, K. Lane. **Top Row:** Coach Rarick, L. Fulk, J. Taylor, V. Bengry, B. Houser, D. Crater, M. Morgan, N. VanPatten, A. Willett, B. Bengry, Coach Green.



FINISHING OFF A FAST-BREAK. Sophomore Becky Hoisington scores a lay-up as sophomore

Kelly Boss gets ready to rebound in the first game against Eastern. Holt won the game 63-36.

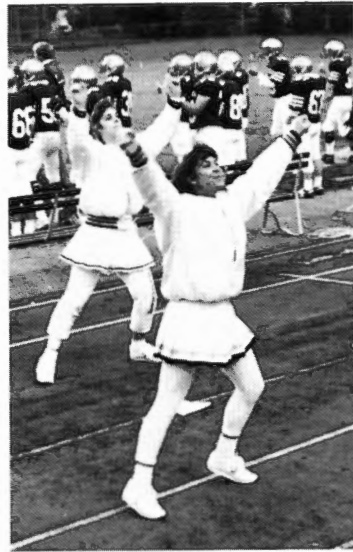


Girls' JV Basketball: **Bottom Row:** A. Hinds, J. Rees, M. Bonilla, D. Shimnoski, D. Harbach, C. Williams. **Top Row:** Coach W. York, A.

Gibbs, K. Winne, K. Purchasew, L. Newberry, K. Boss, M. Taylor, B. Hoisington, S. Pentecost.

JV FOOTBALL/GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL
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SMALL TALK. Taking a break at Homecoming halftime are Gayle Utter of the JV squad, senior Jeff Bachman as Rocky Ram and Heidi Pitcher of the Varsity squad. Traditionally, both squads cheer every Homecoming game together.



PUMP IT UP! Showing their spirit are sophomores Angie Duling and Heather Golden. In spite of the team's loss, they managed to fire up the crowds at the home game against East Lansing.

YELL WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT! JV Cheerleaders top off the evening with their traditional chant during the Homecoming game, October 9.



JV CHEERLEADERS. Bottom Row: R. Sherman, M. Raatz, J. Rennirt, A. Duling. Top Row: H. Golden, T. Abbruzzese, M. Killian, G. Utter, A. Abdo.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. Bottom Row: K. Kreiner, K. Fox, A. Stubig. Top Row: H. Pitcher, R. Gamet, B. Elliot, M. Sisler, Not pictured; M. Richards.



PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER. Varsity cheerleaders make the traditional hoop for the players to break through before game time, Homecoming night.



B

Spirit becomes the

ig Promotion

From satisfaction to spirit raising, practice and energy had its rewards for the JV and Varsity cheerleading squads. "Cheerleading gives me a sense of accomplishment. It's harder work than most people think, but it really pays off," explained Alys Abdo of the JV squad.

Cheerleaders were the promoters of school spirit and supporters of their teams. With this in mind, the Varsity and JV squads did their best to spark the crowds.

The season started off with summer practices in August. The JV squad consisted of sophomores and the Varsity of juniors. Graduated senior and former cheerleader, Theresa Dunham returned in the summer to help

the JV squad make the transition from junior high cheering to the collegiate style at the high school.

On and off the field, the Varsity and JV squads inspired the crowds and the teams.

Both squads made signs for the halls to get the team and fans fired up for each game. The Varsity squad bought cookies and put each player's number on them for one pep assembly. The JV squad brought Kool-aid to practice for the players and made them cakes. They also hosted two bake sales to raise money for jackets and shoes. Jennifer Rennirt of the JV squad commented, "Fundraising was a profitable way of raising money that was

needed very much. Both of our fundraisers this year were bake sales and all of our 'goodies' were given to the JV Football Team, who greatly appreciated them." The cheerleaders organized all of the pep assemblies and performed chants, cheers, and routines to the fight song.

Raising school spirit was the motive and intensity and hard work provided the pay off. Heidi Pitcher felt, "The best part of being a cheerleader was the honor of representing your school and being a part of the team." Her attitude was reflected by the squad and played a big part in supporting the football teams.



"As a tradition, the cheerleaders make a hoop for the Varsity Football Team to break through upon entering the field. It's really exciting to see the players burst through. It helps everyone get fired up for the game!"

— Junior Kelly Fox

SPRIT RAISER. Poised before game time, the Varsity squad displays the traditional hoop claiming the turf. The girls' effort paid off as the team captured a Homecoming victory over Eastern.

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M

Tennis Team's 2nd place finish in the CAC

akes a Racket

The rusty motion seemed familiar yet awkward. The forgotten scent of sweat and freshly opened tennis balls wafted through the air. Bright yellow balls whizzed by, often landing out of bounds or in the net. Raw expressions of anger, frustration and determination were reflected on everyone's faces. The first day of practice might not have exhibited all the Girls' Tennis Team's talent, but the stamina was building. Skills and strategies were practiced and eventually perfected providing the right combination for a winning season and a second place finish in the CAC.

First singles player Trisha Lennox exclaimed, "I am very proud to be a part of the best Girls' Tennis Team we have had for years." The shocking reality of meeting this goal for the first time in eight years made the girls

aware of their accomplishment. A fourth place at regionals added to their pride.

Beating East Lansing for the first time ever led the Junior Varsity team to an undefeated season. Junior Kathy Binder exclaimed with triumph, "I am thrilled that I helped my team reach this goal. It makes it all the better to know we were the first ones to accomplish this."

Losses to both Waverly and Jackson by a slight margin of 3-4 during the season were overturned when the team defeated them at the league finals. "Jackson was our most difficult opponent. They were the closest in ability and proved to be a good team," Coach Pat Somers noted.

The Eastern Invitational was another success. The doubles dominated the invitational by taking two firsts

and a second place rank. "The most exciting moment of the season was at the Eastern Invitational. Two of our doubles teams had to pull through some tough matches to take first place," noted junior Kris Schuette.

Talent did not materialize overnight. Hard work improved teammates' skills. Consistency was mastered and a variety of strategies were practiced. By speeding up strokes, learning to place the ball, and using spin, their games improved. A versatile serve was another skill that players worked on.

The doubles players also learned advanced strategies such as poaching, deep alley shots, and positioning themselves. As junior Stacey Johnson observed, "Tennis is a challenge that will never end unless you intend it to."



Girls' Tennis 6 wins, 6 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
St. Johns	2-5
Williamston	7-0
Everett	7-0
Sexton	5-2
Eastern	5-2
East Lansing	0-7
Grand Ledge	6-1
Haslett	1-6
Mason	2-5
Waverly	3-4
Jackson	3-4
Pickney	6-1
Eastern Inv.	2nd
CAC	2nd
Regionals	4th

Instant Replay

'The sun is my friend. The wind is my friend. The ground is my friend. I love my racket and be aggressive, because Mrs. Somers is the boss!'

SAY CHEESE. The Tennis Team's infamous mascot, Matt the Rat, poses with his favorite items — a tennis racket and balls, of course!





AIMING FOR THE BEST. Junior Kim Hannig, at third singles, uses her left hand to spot the ball and get into position to return her

opponent's shot in the Mason match. The team was defeated by a score of 5-2.

GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS TEAM: **Top Row:** Coach P. Kressler, K. Hannig, J. Loudon, K. Schuette, J. Whitehill, S. Dubay, Coach P. Somers. **Bottom Row:** L. Dickenson, T. Lennox, J. Westgate, D. Freye, N. Kingsley.



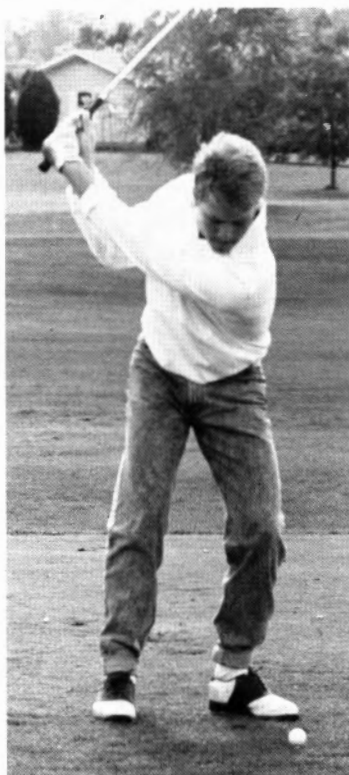
HELPING HAND. Senior first doubles player, Shelli Dubay, helps Coach Pat Somers record the team's

GIRLS' JV TENNIS TEAM: **Top Row:** Coach P. Kressler, K. Binder, K. Belcher, W. Whitmore, S. Johnson, K. Baker, K. Nelson, Coach P. Somers. **Row 2:** M. Wong, B. Gleason, K. Natt, H. Rief, J. McPeake, D. Esler, H. Valencic. **Bottom Row:** L. Dart, C. Fillion, J. Sibert, S. Scheeberger.

6-1 victory over Eastern. Coach Krauski from Eastern follows suit.

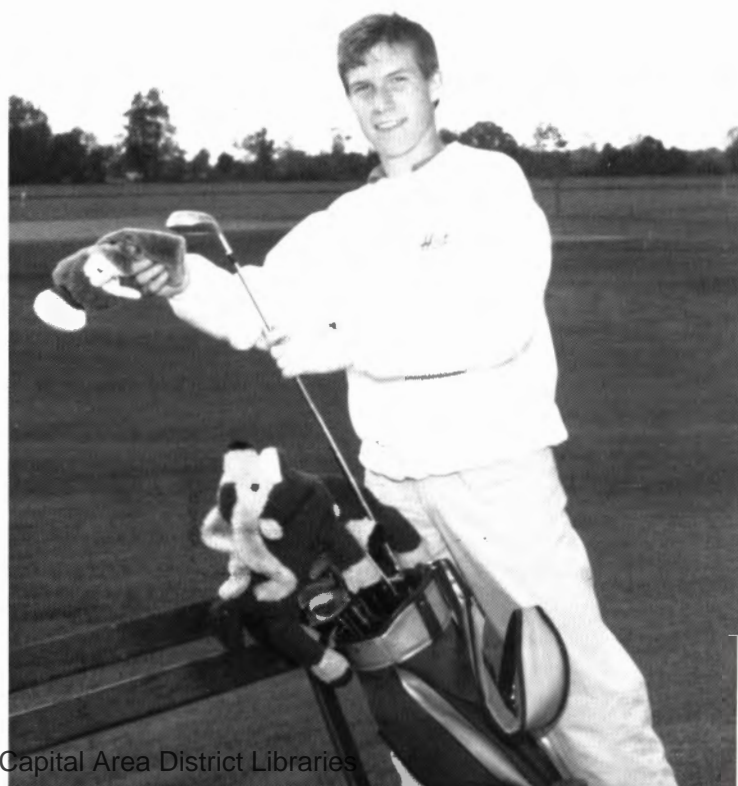
PREPARATION. Before a match at Eldorado Golf Course in Mason, Coach Bill Dowell gives team members, Jeremy Gipe, Mark Milbourn, John Killips, Scott Holden and Dean McDonald a pep talk.

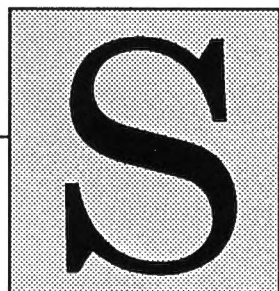
CONCENTRATION AND FOLLOW THROUGH. Senior Jeff Rule tees off with an 8-iron at Eldorado Golf Course's No. 3 Par 3 at 148 yards. It was a windy day for the match against Waverly and Everett.



BOYS' GOLF TEAM: Top Row: (Varsity), Coach B. Dowell, M. Milbourn, J. Rule, J. Fillion, J. Gipe, T. Scavarda. Bottom Row: (JV), Dean McDonald, J. Killips, S. Pfeifer, S. Holden, J. Schultz.

THE RIGHT ONE. Selecting a club at Eldorado Golf Course in a home match is Varsity team member sophomore Jeremy Gipe.





Golfers combine effort and enthusiasm in

Skill Building Season

Seniors took the course as underclassmen took notes. The golfers accomplished two very important goals. Not only did they put some marks in the win column, but a large number of underclassmen learned skills for next year.

Led by seniors Jeff Rule, who earned All-State honors and was All-CAC first team and John Fillion, an honorable mention, CAC candidate, the team placed fifth in the CAC. However, three other varsity members, Tom Scavarda, Mark Milbourn and Jeremy Gipe contributed greatly to the team's assets. Senior Jeff Rule noted, "This year's golf season was

a slight disappointment from last year. Though we gave a good effort, we didn't quite play to our potential."

The golfers started out with a loss to St. Johns though the score was a respectable 329. But, they went on to win seven meets during the season. At the Marshall Invitational, the team shot 332 and finished eighth out of twenty-three competing schools.

Aiming to improve, Brian Woods noted, "Receiving great instruction and playing golf every day without the expensive fees was great."

JV golfers also shot well. Led by the returning juniors and help from Coach Bill

Dowell, there was increased development of skills.

The golf team also had some humorous experiences as Joe Schultz explained, "On the way to a meet, JV golfer Steve Pfeifer was playing with junior Mark Milbourn's car keys. After a minute or two, Steve accidentally swung the keys out the bus window. This resulted in a brief search of busy Grand River Avenue. The keys were found and the team made it on time."

Between instruction, humor, and practice, the golf team won meets and ended with a 7-10 season record.



ACCURACY! Junior Joe Schultz eyes the green while teeing off during a meet at Eldorado Golf Course.

Boys' Golf 7 wins, 10 losses

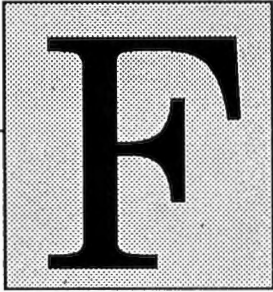
Opponent	Holt/Oppn
St. Johns	329-318
Eaton Rapids	170-181
Eastern/Jackson	322-334-311
Mason	149-160
Waverly/Everett	334-323-346
East Lansing/Sexton	331-326-347
Grand Ledge	135-133
East Lansing/Sexton	324-312-329
Everett/Waverly	312-334-320
Grand Ledge	329-319
Jackson/Eastern	352-340-342

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"This year's golf season was a slight disappointment from last year. Though we gave a good effort, we didn't quite play to our potential."

— Senior Jeff Rule

One of the most humorous times for the team occurred on the bus ride to a meet. Junior Joe Schultz explained, "On the way to a meet, JV golfer Steve Pfeifer was playing with Mark Milbourn's car keys. After a minute or two Steve accidentally swung the keys out of the bus window. This resulted in a brief search of busy Grand River Avenue. The keys were found and the team made it on time."



Bringing the downs up by ighting Back

Determination and humor were qualities that the Varsity Volleyball Team displayed throughout the season. The team started off on the down side, fought their way back and ended their season in third place in the CAC with a 7-7 record. Junior Kris Dafoe noted, "Our team got along great — better than many teams. This year everyone just happened to be good friends and I think that helped a lot with our team work." Junior Shannon Stone agreed, "I think it was great that our team was so close and worked together. It helped a lot, and makes me look forward to next year's season."

Losing to Waverly was a disappointment. But they

brought their downs up by beating Eastern twice. As junior Stacie Richter noted, "Our determination to win took over and brought out the best in all of us, along with the determination that Eastern could be beat!"

A new coach, Pam Badders brought new techniques along with new rules. As senior Cindy Choban commented, "It was hard to adjust to a new coach, but she also had to adjust to us." The team learned that talking out the problems with her helped them improve.

Though the final season record didn't chalk up as many wins, there was the team sense of humor and great times to always remember.

One of the new team members, junior Nikki Miller recalled a little prank that the team played on senior Jodi Penticost on her eighteenth birthday. She revealed, "The whole team decided Jodi should cool down a bit before starting a hot practice, so we threw her in the pool with the Boys' Swim Team. However, not only Jodi went in, Stacie Richter went along too. It was so funny, they looked like two drowned rats."

The disappointments were changed to good times and the good times brought experience. But it was the memories that made this team all around winners.



Varsity Volleyball 9 wins, 18 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Sexton	8-15, 4-15
	15-2, 15-11
Waverly	2-15, 6-15
	8-15, 4-15
Jackson	15-5, 15-13
	15-9, 15-11
Everett	11-15, 5-15
	16-14, 15-12
Grand Ledge	15-13, 15-12
	15-9, 16-14
Eastern	15-13, 15-8
	5-15, 15-11
	15-10
East Lansing	4-15, 15-13
	2-15, 6-15
	14-16
CAC	3rd

Instant Replay

"Our team got along great — better than most teams. This year everyone just happened to be good friends and I think that helped a lot with our team work."

— Junior Kris Dafoe

The turning point that brought the down up for the team was beating Eastern twice. Junior Stacie Richter explained, "Our determination to win took over and brought out the best in all of us, along with the determination that Eastern could be beat!"



BUMP, Junior Shannon Stone keeps her eye on the ball while bumping in a warm-up before the game against Jackson.

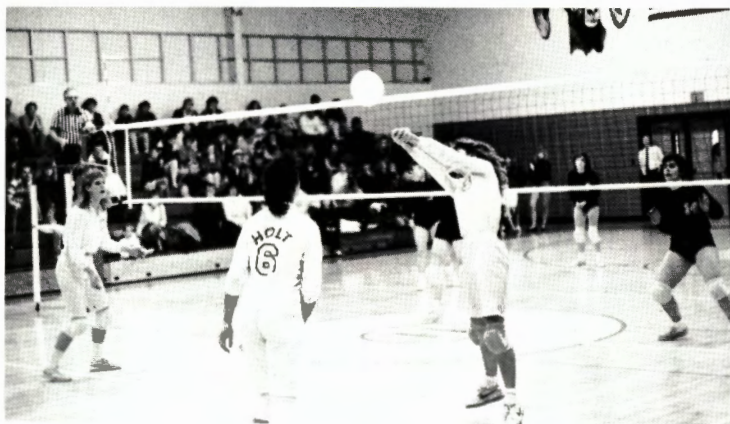


EYES ON THE BALL. Junior Stacie Clark concentrates as she bumps up the ball to a teammate during warm ups before an exciting win against Jackson.



CONCENTRATION. Watching the game against Jackson intently are managers, senior Mark Martin and freshman Alexandra Layman. The team went on to win the game.

AGGRESSIVENESS. Junior Nancy Pike displays determination during the Jackson game as she bumps the ball to teammate, Kris Dafoe, while junior Kim Belcher stands ready for anything. The team won two of the three games played.



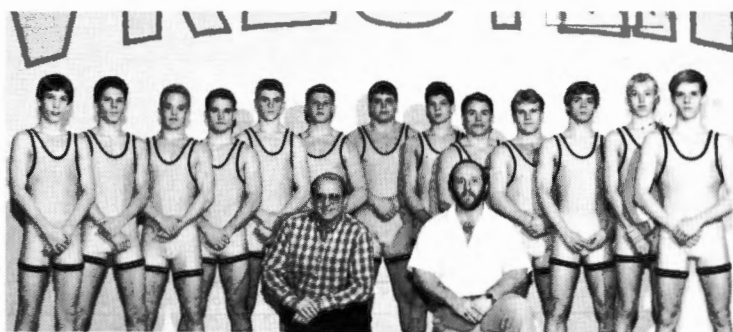
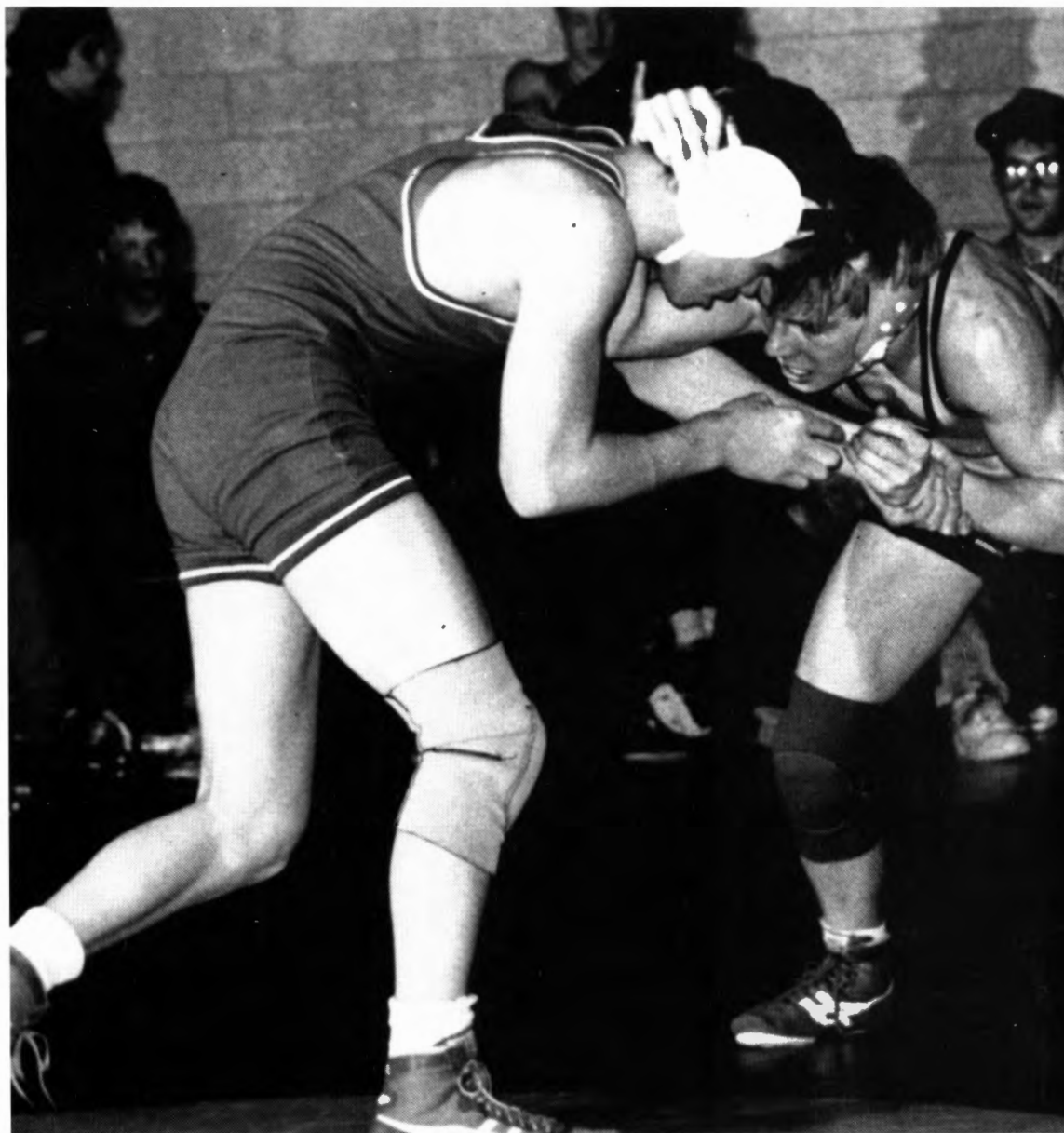
STRATEGY AND PEP TALK. Listening intently with teammates are senior Amy Butterfield and Stacie Clark during the winning game against Jackson.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM: Bottom Row: A. Sinclair, J. Pentecost. Middle Row: K. Belcher, S. Stone, S. Richter. Top Row: Coach P. Badders, N. Pike, K. Dafoe, C. Choban, S. Clark, Mgr. M. Malkin.

LOOKING FOR CONTROL. Senior 130-pounder, Kyle Kepler, looks to gain control of Sexton's Jamie Smythe, Kepler lost the match but finished the year a regional qualifier.

GOING DOWN FOR THE COUNT. Sophomore Jon Pierce finishes a lift leg step through on a Holly opponent. The team went on to defeat Holly 62-7.



VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM. Top Row: T. Hughes, K. Schafer, S. Shassburger, S. Granger, R. Dunham, M. Phelps, K. Spencer,

C. McDowell, R. Ammon, D. McLean, R. Douglas, T. Wilcox, K. Kepler. Front: Coach D. Plunkett, Coach R. Shaft.



A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT. Getting junior Scott Shassburger ready for a tough match against Eastern is Head Coach Rocky Shaft. Scott played a key role in filling in at 125 and 130 pound weight classes.



THE MINK HOLDS ON. Two time state placer Kevin Schafer holds on in the regional final against Everett's Jason Lopez. Schafer lost in overtime, but came back to place sixth at the state meet and finished with a 34-9 record.



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CAC Championship maintains inning Tradition

Living up to the expectation of a winning tradition, the Varsity Wrestling Team went into the year with a bang and came out smoking with their 23rd consecutive winning season. The team shared the CAC Championship after seven years of being a runner-up competitor.

All-CAC first team honors went to seniors Kevin Schafer, Dan McLean and Ryan Ammon. Eight players went on to regionals, and six qualified for state with one placer, senior Kevin Schafer, who took 6th at 119 pounds. Schafer had an injury, but that did not stop him. He explained, "It was simple. It was my last year, and I had to do it. I couldn't just watch! It's every wrestler's goal to make it to state."

The team started out defeating Everett and then

moved to the very competitive Eastern Invitational where three wrestlers placed in the top four spots.

During winter break almost every wrestler put on weight. After Christmas the real work started. Practices were intense as seniors pushed everyone to their limits.

The next meet was with reigning CAC champions, Eastern, and the team was ready. They defeated the Quakers 58-9 and went on to beat East Lansing, Waverly and Grand Ledge.

The season slowed down with a loss to Sexton. The team had one last hope at the CAC crown with the championship meet. The team captured the championship with a win over Sexton in the last match. After seven years of placing second or third, the

Varsity Wrestling Team was the champion. "It's been a long time since we've been co-champs. It was a great feeling!" exclaimed sophomore Trevor Wilcox.

After advancing to the state meet, the team defeated Sexton and Everett and then lost to Portage Central in the regionals. The team ranked sixth in the state, finishing with a 12-2 record.

Various team awards were given out at the end of the year. Seniors Dan McLean and Ryan Ammon were named Captains. Most Valuable Player was Dan McLean. The Coaches Award went to senior Kyle Kepler while sophomore Tim Hughs earned Most Improved Player. The Spark Plug Award went to junior Dave Arnold.



Varsity Wrestling 12 wins, 2 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Flint SW	67-0
Holly	62-7
Bridgeport	59-6
Portage Northern	45-20
Everett	41-25
Jackson	78-0
Sexton	16-37
Eastern	58-9
East Lansing	39-25
Waverly	48-15
Grand Ledge	46-16
Districts	
Sexton	34-23
Everett	48-17
Regionals	
Portage Central	28-31
CAC	1st
State	6th

Instant Replay

"It's been a long time since we've been co-champs. it was a great feeling!"
— Sophomore Trevor Wilcox

The most memorable part of the season was winning the CAC Championship. Everyone was so pumped up it ran in to next week of practice. Everyone was excited for Head Coach Rocky Shaft, for this was his first CAC title since becoming head coach. Senior Kyle Kepler admitted, "It was so exciting to see us win the meet, everybody went crazy when they announced the score."

P

JV Grapplers keep Varsity on their toes and

ush for the Gold

The JV Wrestling Team pushed the Varsity wrestlers to reach for the state title. "I feel that JV wrestlers are the most essential part of the wrestling team," commented Varsity wrestler and junior Charles McDowell.

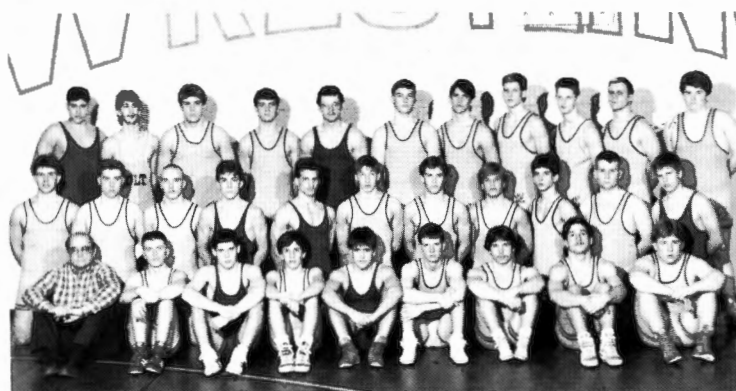
Many of the JV wrestlers were very determined that if they saw a spot at a lower weight where they might be able to beat the Varsity wrestler, they would cut the extra weight to challenge him. Sophomore Jon Pierce stated, "I realized that I was going to have a very slim chance of wrestling Varsity at 140 and 145 lbs. so my only hope was at 135 lbs. At the time I was wrestling 140 lbs. and I had already lost 10 lbs. I wanted a Varsity letter

so I pushed myself extra hard to lose the extra pounds. The extra work paid off, I made the weight class. The catch was that I could not beat the Varsity wrestler at the 135 lb. weight, but I think he realized that if he wanted the position he had to work harder to keep it, because I was right behind him."

Team members like Jon were what pushed the Varsity and made the weaker areas of the team better. The JV wrestlers were also great spirit raisers for the Varsity team, and the fans. They helped build the Varsity wrestler's spirits when they were low. "JV wrestlers were more powerful than many people thought. Many of

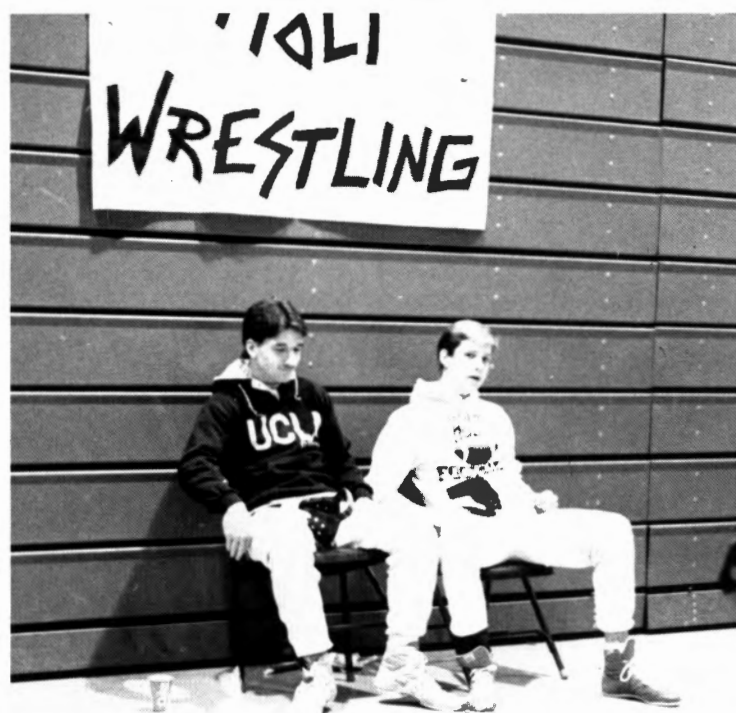
them had the potential of being on the Varsity if a second team was formed and sent to other Varsity tournaments. They were so good that at one of the tournaments they attended last year they were not invited back this year because the other school did not like the idea of our second team beating their first team." replied Coach Rocky Shaft. Sophomore Jason Mills commented, "I viewed this as a compliment and as a symbol of how strong the wrestling program was this year."

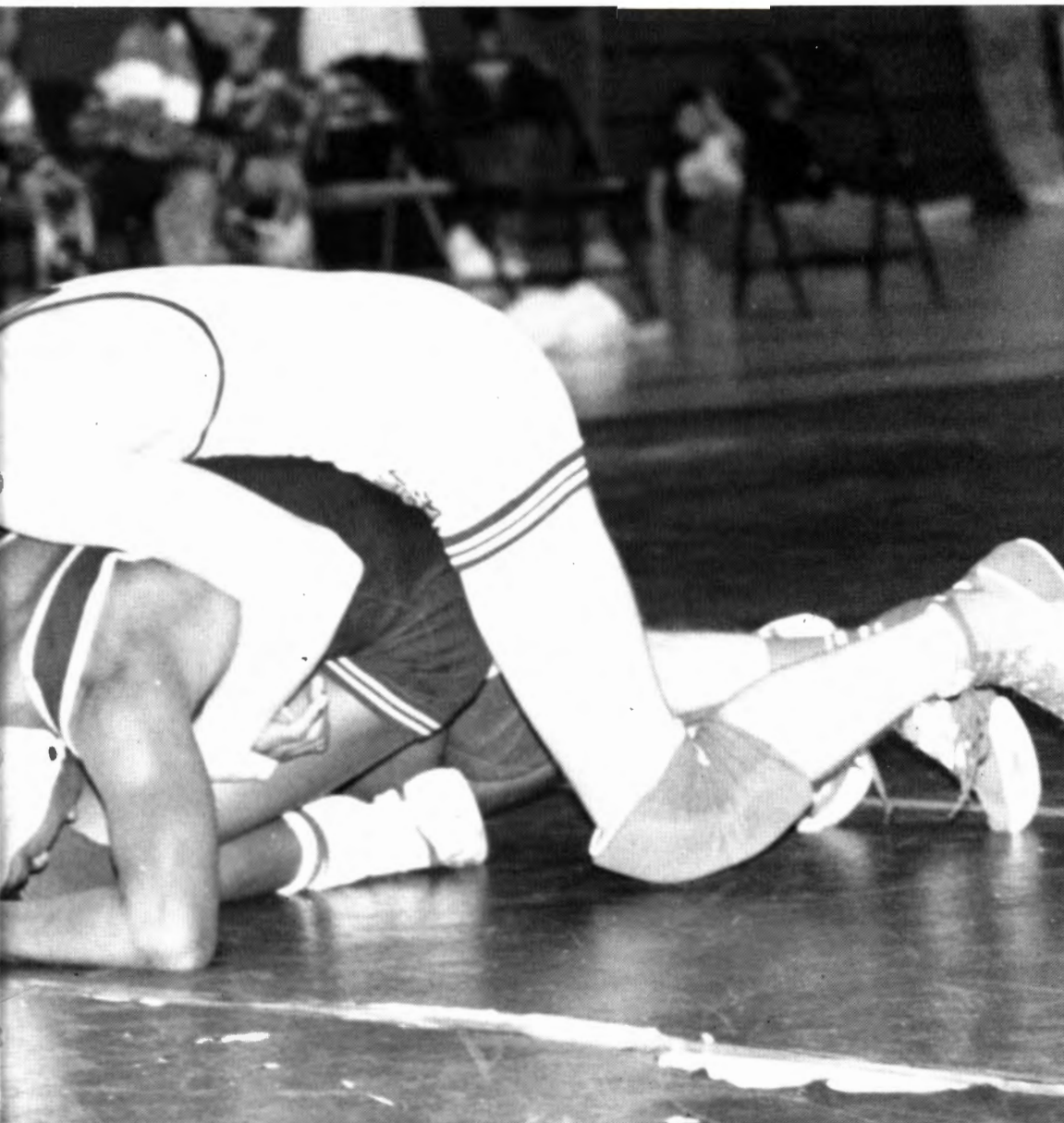
Pushing the Varsity wrestlers to remain in top shape sparked the JV wrestlers determination to improve.



JV WRESTLING TEAM: Top Row: S. Fadly, C. Anderson, G. Wriggelsworth, S. Douglas, M. Dunn, T. O'Conner, P. Neal, K. Lane, J. Thill, C. Grout, R. Holbrook. Middle Row: D. Fellows, J. Haines, C. Doerr, C. VanBuren, J. Pierce, T. Wilcox, B. McBrien, H. Jones, D. Arnold. Bottom Row: Coach D. Plunkett, E. Derosia, C. Harry, M. McGroarty, E. McCall, J. Bachman, D. Florian, N. Chambers, P. Schutte.

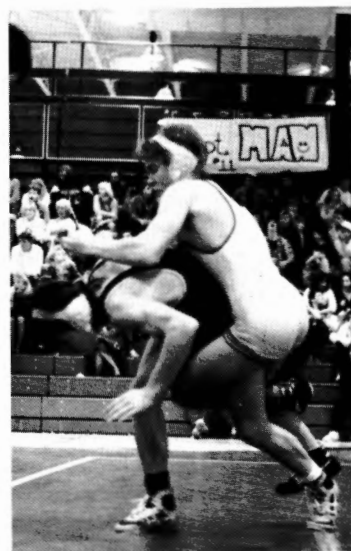
TIME OUT. Relaxing between matches at the Eastern/East Lansing meet are junior Nick Chambers and sophomore Kevin Lane.





TAKEDOWN! Freshman Terry Blundell receives two points for taking his Trojan opponent to the mat during the Eastern/East Lansing meet, winning with a pin. Terry commented, "it was great to win, but my main goal was perfecting new moves."

CLOSE ENOUGH! Sophomore Todd Wilcox's Eastern opponent comes close to escaping but Todd quickly counters and returns him to the mat, winning with a 1 point escape with 10 seconds left in the third period.



JUST IN TIME. Sophomore Bryan McBrien struggles to keep his East Lansing opponent on the mat. Going on to win with an escape, he makes it just in time of the buzzer.

JV WRESTLING

7 wins, 0 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Everett	103-40
Jackson	Forfeit
Sexton	49-23
East Lansing	36-8
Eastern	96-34
Grand Ledge	72-22
Waverly	33-6

Davison Inv.	3rd
Holt Inv. (A Team)	1st
Holt Inv. (B Team)	2nd
Charlotte Inv.	2nd

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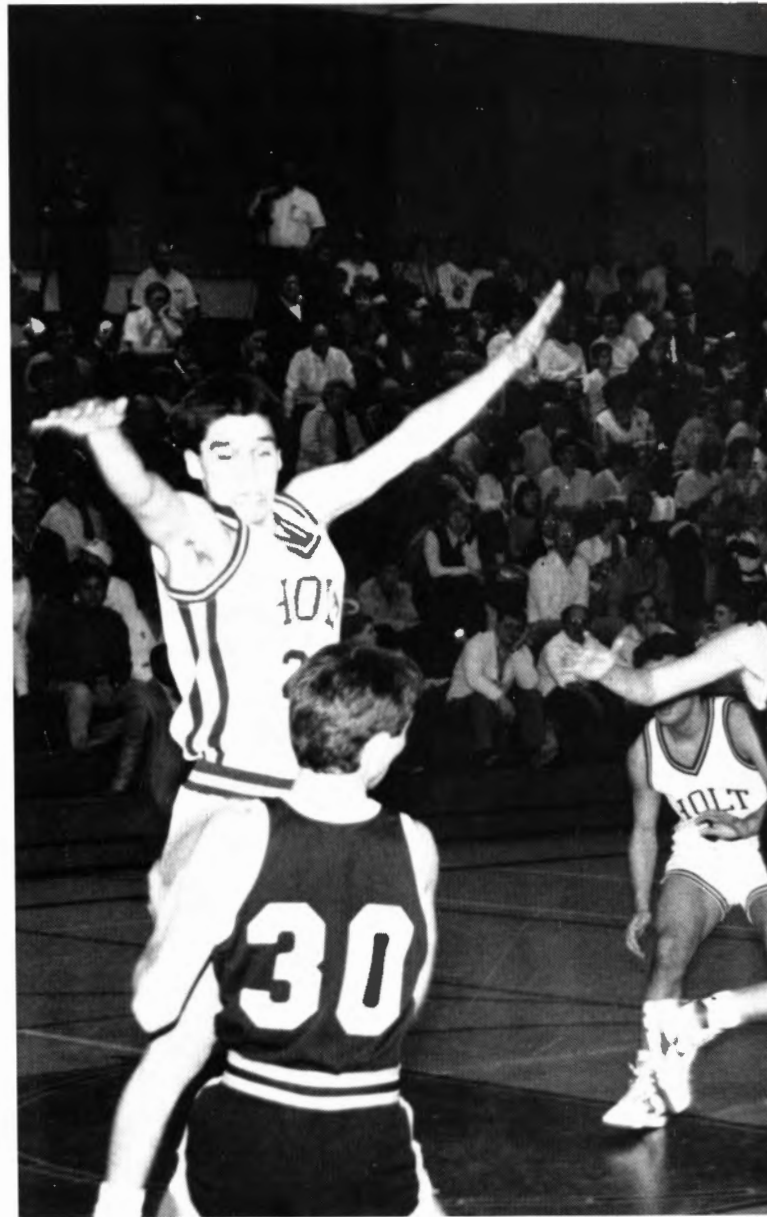
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— Coach Rocky Shaft

FULLCOURT PRESS. Applying second-half pressure to the Comets of Grand Ledge are junior Rick Resio and Sophomore Jason Nelson, as sophomore Robert Chingman waits to intercept the pass. The pressure allowed them to go on a ten point run and end with a 90-74 victory in a packed home gym.



TEAMWORK. Accepting the role of team setter, sophomore Dene Harbach bumps the ball to teammate sophomore Lisa Newberry who steadies herself for the spike. The team beat Jackson in the first game 15-11, but dropped the last two.



JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM: **Top Row:** Coach R. Ramsay, L. Newberry, B. Hoisington, T. Sherman, S. Pentecost, K. McPhall, D. Harbach. **Bottom Row:** A. Ortiz, B. Dymond, K. Branch, M. Rohlman, B. Little, K. Stubig.



Girls' JV Volleyball 19 wins, 23 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn.
Sexton	15-8, 15-13
	2-15, 15-11, 12-15
Eastern	15-7, 5-15, 15-4
	15-8, 16-18, 15-9
Waverly	3-15, 3-15
	9-15, 15-9, 6-15
Jackson	15-7, 9-15, 15-9
	15-11, 5-15, 11-15
Everett	9-15, 88-15
	15-12, 13-15, 15-13, 13-15
East Lansing	15-6, 15-2,
	15-3, 15-3
Grand Ledge	8-15, 15-12
	8-15, 10-15, 15-13, 15-9

CAC 3rd

Instant Replay

"The Eastern game was the highlight of our season. Scoring 99 points against such a tough team was incredible."

— Coach Dave Foy

"The Eastern match took forever; especially the second game, which was continuous volley after volley. It was a match I would have hated to lose!"

— Sophomore Bridget Little

Boys' JV Basketball 14 wins, 6 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Okemos	84-69
Charlotte	70-52
Grand Ledge	65-63, 90-74
Sexton	53-46, 49-65
Eastern	66-78, 99-80
St Johns	86-54
Waverly	50-53, 75-65
LCC	54-70
Jackson	64-58, 62-73
East Lansing	71-67, 91-72
Eaton Rapids	54-44
Everett	68-69, 80-78
Mason	71-55
CAC	3rd



INTENSE. All eyes including teammate Becki Hoisington are on sophomore Dene Harbach as she successfully bumps the ball over the net to complete the round against the Vikings.



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Motivation and teamwork keep JV's

ebounding to Success

Rebounding to success and keeping the winning spirit alive were the goals attained by the Junior Varsity Basketball and Volleyball teams. The JV Basketball team topped the season with a 14-6 record with nine wins in the Conference and only one non-conference loss to Lansing Catholic Central.

"The game against L.C.C. was a real disappointment because we played to our potential but came out on the losing end," stated sophomore Jason Lipp.

Rebounding from the defeat, the team won five of their next six games which included victories over Jackson, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge, and Mason.

"Mason was my best game, and it was my turning point of the season. 'I gained a lot of self-confidence from that

game,'" explained sophomore David Thielen.

With confidence in themselves, the JV team finished the season by winning four of the last six games — a season which Coach Dave Foy commented as being "highly satisfactory."

Keeping the winning spirit alive was the JV Volleyball team who finished the year with a 9-5 record in the CAC. Sophomore Dene Harbach reflected, "I am satisfied with this season because I compared it with last year when we came in last place." The victory over the Quakers of Eastern, a match that took three grueling games, added to the team's atonement. "The Eastern match took forever! Especially the second game, which was continuous volley after volley; it was a match I would have hated to lose!" exclaimed

sophomore Bridget Little.

Though there were some dark areas, the brighter ones were more frequent as sophomore Kim Stubig recalled, "I was serving in a match against Waverly and we were down 2-11 in the second game. When my service was broke we were tied at 11, and with teamwork, we went on to win that match."

Coach Robin Ramsey commented, "Teamwork was a factor, but our team's defense is what kept us in most of our games."

The team finished the season respectively with a victory over East Lansing and finished 3rd in the CAC.

Through the combination of motivation and teamwork, both the JV teams achieved their goals and finished the season with pride.



TAKING CONTROL. The JV players listen intently to fourth-year coach, Dave Foy as he stressed

the importance of team unity during a pause in the action in a home game against Grand Ledge.



BOYS' JV BASKETBALL TEAM. Top Row: Coach D. Foy, Mgr. K. Purchase, J. Lipp, A. Peterick, C. Horvath, D. Crater, B. Houser, Mgrs. A. Hinds, S. Boyd, Asst.

Coach I. Klauka. Bottom Row: J. Norris, R. Chingman, J. Nelson, R. Resio, D. Thielen, C. Knapp, M. VanFossen.

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Varsity cagers face frustration and

oments of Brilliance

It was a season filled with times of frustration and brilliance. The season started out on a down note for the Varsity team as they were 0-5 before capturing their first victory against St. Johns. "Starting out 0-5 was a big disappointment. We were better than that but we couldn't get our act together," stated senior center Scott Black.

After the victory over St. Johns they appeared to have all of their wheels rolling. Then they took another down turn, returning from winter break with back to back losses to Waverly and Lansing Catholic Central. The season began to develop a cause with the upset over Jackson, 59-56 and the victory over East Lansing, 86-56. "The season wasn't really that disappointing. It was just hard because we never

really got a long winning streak together," noted senior point guard Dain Ryckman.

It took the team two more games to rack up another victory over Mason. The biggest challenge of the season followed when they had to face the Comets of Grand Ledge who were ranked in the top 25 in the state. They rose to the occasion in a brilliant game to defeat Grand Ledge 70-56 in front of a packed gymnasium at the Junior High. "There was a great feeling in the gym that night. People were going crazy showing their school spirit. It made us want to win real bad. I have never experienced a feeling like that before, it was great!" noted senior center Joel Rinkel. Even the fans remembered the feeling the gym held that night. "It was the greatest

game I have ever seen. People were screaming and yelling, the gym was rocking!" exclaimed junior Bart Brinkerhuff.

With all of that momentum the Cagers came back the following Tuesday and defeated Sexton 78-70. They won two out of their last five games, then lost to Battle Creek Central in the District game. This put them at 8-13 for the season.

Although the season record wasn't as good as they had anticipated, or hoped for, some members of the team received All-League honors. Senior guard Jim Wright was named All-CAC second team. Senior center Joel Rinkel, senior point guard Kevin Williams and junior forward Jeremy Baragar all received Honorable Mention All-CAC.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

8 wins 13 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Okemos	71-73
Charlotte	87-88
Grand Ledge	62-83, 70-56
Sexton	64-72, 78-70
Eastern	64-82, 80-101
St. Johns	63-48
Waverly	51-69, 72-57
LCC	80-90
Jackson	59-56, 66-80
East Lansing	86-56, 86-77
Eaton Rapids	71-78
Everett	63-77, 73-87
Mason	72-70
Battle Creek CT	66-82
CAC	6th

Instant Replay

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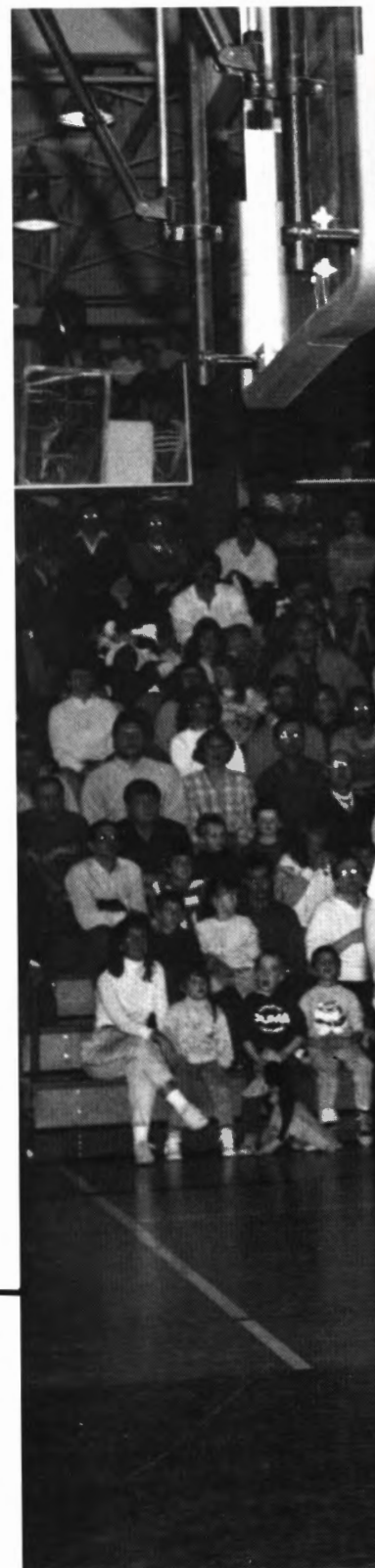
**— Senior Joel Rinkel
The Grand Ledge Game**

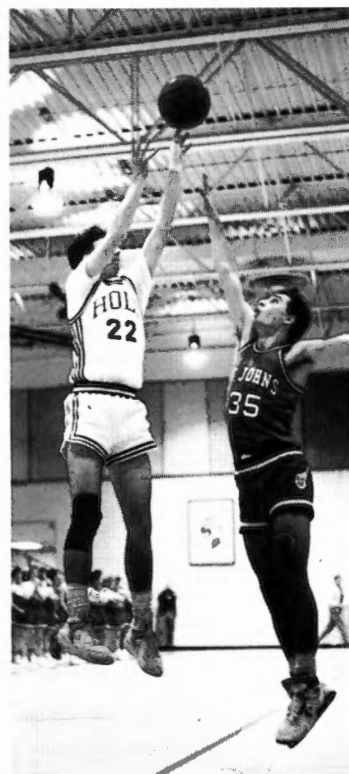
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DOMINATING THE BOARDS! Senior Center Joel Rinkel puts back an offensive rebound for two points against Grand Ledge. Holt won 70-56 in front of a packed gym.

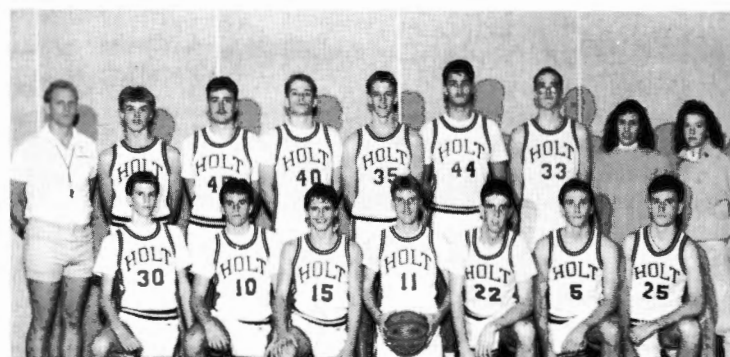
QUICK HANDS! Junior Tony Iribarren beats the Comet guard to recover the loose ball which set up a four on five advantage for the Rams. The team later went on to a 70-56 victory.





UNTOUCHABLE. Leading scorer and MVP, senior Jim Wright, shoots high above the St. Johns' opponent, as the team gets their first victory under their belt.

PREGAME STANCE. The Varsity Basketball Team stands for the opening ceremony in the Junior High gym before a home game against Grand Ledge.



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM: Top Row: Coach B. Larner, R. Barrett, S. Black, J. Baragar, J. Rinkel, J. Kienitz, G. Stine, Mgr. H. Keller, Mgr. L. Buwalda. Bottom Row: J. Wright, T. Iribarren, D. Ryckman, K. Williams, Jim Wright, B. Fournier, M. Taylor.



AN EASY TWO. After making the steal from the Grand Ledge offensive attack, senior Kevin Williams finishes it in style in front of the home crowd.



REACHING HIGH! Leaping heroically for the ball senior catcher Dan McLean attempts to put out Curt Hinterlinder at home while Okemos teammates Andy Wozniak and Chris High look on. Though Okemos is safe for the score, Holt's effort paid off as they went on to win game.

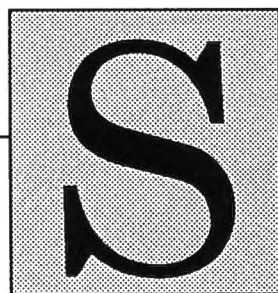
TALKING THINGS OVER. First year Coach Tim Currin, goes over the boundaries with the umpire and the Mason coach. The team swept Mason 10-0 and 11-1.



VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM:
Top Row: Coach T. Currin, M. VanPatten, J. Gasch, P. Kosloski, P. Contompasis, J. Baragar, B. Houser, H. Corey, B. Fournier, Coach C. Chadwell. **Bottom Row:** K. Williams, K. Foote, M. Zander, D. McLean, R. Resio, C. Lay, J. Lopez, Coach D. Buwalda.

TAKING A GOOD LOOK ... Senior Herb Corey gets ready to take a good cut against Mason. Powerful hitting gave the team the edge in producing a winning season record.





Powerful hitting and pitching lead to

trong Finish

Powerful hitting and a strong pitching staff led the Varsity Baseball Team through their second consecutive winning season. Brian Fournier, leading pitcher with a 7-2 record, observed, "We had good pitching and a lot of powerful hitting. These strengths produced the highlight of the year when we beat Grand Ledge, ranked second in the state, by a score of 11-3. Dan McLean also provided the power behind the team as leading hitter with a .472 batting average. Under the direction of new head coach, Tim Currin, the team finished at 18-10, placing third in the CAC.

The team raced to a 7-1 start in a double-header sweep over Mason, Charlotte, and Okemos along with a split with Lansing Catholic Central.

After the pre-season, the

team felt pretty confident going into the CAC games. Two losses to Jackson motivated a team comeback at the Mason Invitational. Senior Mike Zander admitted, "When we lost two games to Jackson we were down, but when we placed second in the Mason Invitational it brought our spirits up."

The team kept the positive attitude as they split with Grand Ledge and then went on a four-game winning streak, beating East Lansing, Forest Hills, and Rockford. When the team got back into the CAC race, they split with Everett and then swept Eastern 9-2 and 8-1.

Facing the challenge of Lansing Sexton, rated 17th in the nation, proved difficult. The team lost two heartbreakers 2-5 and 0-4, but recovered with two wins over Waverly to finish strong

in the CAC.

At districts, the team faced Owosso to lose 9-13. Senior Kevin Williams noted, "We played well except for one inning in which they scored 11 runs. That really crushed us."

Finishing with an 18-9 record overall, the team received an invitation to the prestigious Diamond Classic. Feeling confident, they faced Okemos whom they had beaten twice earlier in the season. The team jumped to a 9-0 lead and then began to coast. Okemos began hitting and the pitching faltered for the Rams, as they finished the season with a 13-11 loss to Okemos. However, many goals were reached that highlighted the team's strengths and underscored their strong finish in the CAC.



CLOSE CALL. Senior Mike Van-Patten dives safely back to the bag. The team stole over 40 bases this year and finished 18-10 for the season.

Varsity Baseball 18 wins, 10 losses

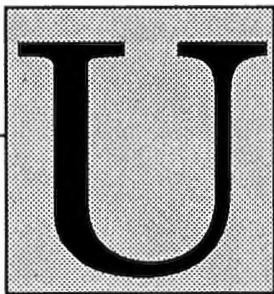
Opponent	Holt/Oppn
LCC	6-7, 2-1
Mason	10-0, 11-1
Charlotte	7-3, 8-5
Okemos	15-8, 7-2
Jackson	4-5, 2-10
St. Johns	7-3
Ovid-Elsie	2-9
Grand Ledge	11-3, 6-7
East Lansing	15-0, 9-6
Forest Hills	3-0
Rockford	11-9
Everett	2-4, 11-2
Eastern	9-2, 8-1
Sexton	2-5, 0-4
Waverly	9-8, 6-2
Owosso	9-13
Diamond Classic	11-13
CAC	3rd

Instant Replay

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Bringing the crowds to their feet with

Unlimited Spirit

Their aim — to bring the crowds to their feet. Their goal — ultimate crowd participation. With much effort and energy, the JV and Varsity basketball cheerleaders tried to raise the level of crowd involvement.

With the basketball season approaching, girls practiced cheers, chants and jumps for the upcoming cheerleading tryouts. "I had cheered at Charlotte before, but I wasn't sure what to expect here at Holt. I found that the cheering style is much more collegiate than at Charlotte," noted junior, Beth Ware. Others had previous experience and knew what to expect. "There isn't as much competition for basketball tryouts because not as many

people try out," explained sophomore Gayle Utter.

After making the squad, the next goal for the cheerleaders was improving school spirit and crowd participation. "It's hard to get the crowd involved in the game, especially at away games where there aren't as many fans," noted junior Michelle Sisler. The basketball cheering squads did their best to bring out school spirit and support for their team. "One of the ways we tried to show support was to make signs for the players at the home games," stated Michelle Killian. Some of these signs read 'TON'S DOIN THE WILD THING,' for number 10, Tony Iribarren and 'LEFT OR WRIGHT IT'S IN,' for

number 22, Jim Wright. They also made up new crowd chants along with other cheers.

Some students began noticing the effort the girls put forth. Junior Bridget Elliot commented, "I noticed the squads doing more crowd chants to get the students involved."

Parents were also more aware of the cheerleaders goal to increase fan participation. Cheerleading parent Diana Stubig responded, "The girl's energy was especially obvious the last game when they made a hoop and performed a dance at half-time." The effort invested in the name of spirit paid off for the squad in self-satisfaction.

SPIRIT LEADER

Cheering since eighth grade, senior Nikki Trimmer was the only senior to cheer this year at basketball games. She noted, "One of the things that I have learned cheering the past five years, is that it's a great way to raise spirit for your school. Also I learned to get along with the rest of the squad and to express my feelings by speaking up at practices."

LONG TIME SPIRIT RAISER. Building crowd spirit is senior Nikki Trimmer along with juniors Anissia Stubig and Michelle Killian at a home basketball game.

Instant Replay



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS
Top Row: N. Trimmer, M. Sisler
Middle Row: M. Killian, H. Pitcher.
Bottom Row: A. Stubig, E. Ware



TAKING A BREAK. Varsity cheerleaders, Beth Ware, Nikki Trimmer, Michelle Killian, and Michelle Sisler find a spare moment to chat at halftime during the home game against Everett on February 24.



3 POINT HEAVEN FOR #11 KEVIN! Cheering their team on to a victory over East Lansing at the home game on February 21, are sophomores Heather Golden, Misty Raatz and Jennifer Taylor of the JV squad. The signs were made for each Varsity basketball player by the Varsity Cheerleading squad.

SALUTE. Both the Varsity and the JV squads along with the players and fans stand for the National Anthem before game time against the Vikings.



JV CHEERLEADERS: Top Row: G. Utter, H. Golden, J. Taylor. Bottom Row: M. Ratz, J. Barker.



GO! FIGHT! WIN! Performing one of the Varsity squad's new crowd chants to involve the fans is junior Anissa Stubig who has been cheering for the past three years.



SWINGING! Following through and keeping an eye on the ball is junior Stacie Richter as she attempts a good hit against the Waverly defense. The team went on to win the game in a shut out.

ALERT! Waiting for the play and the chance to score from third is senior Rene Gamet in a home game against Waverly. She commented on the season, "Overall, I think we could have done better, but I'm satisfied that we took first in the CAC."

CONGRATULATIONS! Praising senior Karen Havens for her great pitching effort and the team for strong defense is Coach Pat Somers after winning both games against Waverly.



VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM:
Top Row: Coach P. Somers, J. Roberts, S. Richter, K. Kistler, C. Chohan, K. Havens, B. Smith. **Middle Row:** S. Stone, A. Parkhouse, M. Cool, N. Lillywhite. **Bottom Row:** T. Archer, N. Miller, A. Ramos, R. Gamet, K. Stephens.

PERFECT PITCH. Getting the ball to home plate, senior Karen Havens pitches one past a Waverly player in the first winning game with a shut out score of 11-1.



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Slow start gains momentum to in CAC Title

Muddy practices, an immense sense of humor and dedication led the Girls' Varsity Softball Team to a victorious season. The rain that fell didn't stop the team from practicing but actually brought fun times that made lasting memories. Junior Jamie Roberts recalled, "It had been raining hard and the field was all mud, but that didn't stop us. A regular practice turned into a sliding practice — head first into the mud. Our coach thought it was funny so we threw her into the mud. The look on her face will last forever in our minds."

Not just winning and mud will stay in their minds, but also the words to the team

song. Junior Amy Parkhouse explained, "We sang it at least twice before every game, and we won most of those games. It was like a good luck song."

A slow start in non-conference games led to a stronger ending. Junior Nikki Lillywhite observed, "When we started winning, our confidence rose. After the first game produced a conference loss, the team went on a winning streak." From then on, they did not lose a CAC game. The team's confidence was revealed by junior Tina Archer as she commented, "It turned out just as I thought it would. I knew our team had a lot of talent and we proved it."

The wins emerged as the high points of the season. They also provided many memories. The team's fun times kept them motivated to finish the season with a 16-16 record overall and a 12-2 conference record which gave them the CAC title.

Junior Amy Parkhouse noted two ingredients for the fun as she remembered, "Kim Kistler and Cindy Choban really added a sense of humor to the season. It won't be the same without them next year!" Junior Shannon Stone added in conclusion, "In general our team got along great which contributed to the winning season and will stay in my mind for a long time."



STRETCH FOR THE BALL. Straining to catch the ball from her defense is senior Brenda Smith, while going for the out in the game against Waverly.

Varsity Softball 16 wins, 16 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Mason	4-8, 8-9
St Johns	14-10, 8-9
Charlotte	13-3, 11-2
Grand Ledge	3-13, 7-10
East Lansing	13-0, 16-3
Okemos	2-5, 1-11
Everett	7-2, 6-5
Eastern	9-3, 5-2
Sexton	9-3, 23-1
Waverly	11-1, 18-4
Jackson	16-2, 7-4

CAC 1st

Instant Replay

"It took a little while before we were confident in each other as teammates. I think it made us work harder because there were new people working for the position you played."

— Junior Nikki Lillywhite

The highlight of the season was the game with St. Johns against a team everyone thought was unbeatable. The team played to the best of their ability and in eight innings pulled out a big win to help lift the confidence of players and fans alike.

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Spirited freshmen help create a ew Beginning

It was the Class A State Meet at Eastern Michigan University in March of 1988. The Medley Relay team placed eighth and two swimmers finished in the top six. The team felt as if they were on top of the world. That feeling was still in the hearts of many swimmers as they began the new season.

However, things gradually went down hill. The painful loss of last year's seniors and the lack of experience took its toll as the team lost their first two dual meets to St. Johns and Chelsea. The team got rolling with a win over Mason, and a close loss to Okemos. The Okemos meet was one of the high-points of the season as the team took the meet to the last relay against a team that finished tenth in the state. It was also a highpoint for many individuals as well.

Senior Dan Clark recalled, "I had a big drop in my 100 Breastroke time. It proved to me that anything could happen."

The remainder of the season saw the team record victories over Waverly, Everett, and Grand Ledge. On the other hand, despite some impressive swimming, the team suffered heartbreaking losses to Sexton, East Lansing and a fired up Eastern team. Overall, the team fell to a 5-6 record and fourth place finish in the CAC.

The CAC meet was a good way to end the season for some, and a disappointment for others. Eric Berg, Jason Townsend and Darrell Webster made large drops in their times. The Medley Relay team finished second, while Pete Webster took second place in the 100 Backstroke and third in the 100

Freestyle. Senior Dan Clark, in one of the most exciting races of the meet, took a second place in the 100 Breastroke. However, seniors Pete Webster, Dan Clark and Brent Pohlonski all failed to achieve their goal of making the state qualifying time.

Although the season, marked by ups and downs, did not live up to expectations, there was a bright side. A strong group of talented and enthusiastic freshmen handled the pressure put on them and were responsible for winning close meets. Coach Dave Shipman explained, "They were the most counted upon group of ninth graders ever. They stood and delivered. They were the best group of freshmen in the CAC." It will be a season the swimmers will never forget.



The Everett Vikings repeated a spirited cheer while they whirled a large stuffed kielbassa in the air as the traditional way to begin each swim meet. However, they had a little difficulty carrying it out this year when the Rams came to town.

Being in good spirits, Coach Shipman had a talk with Darrell Webster and Brent Pohlonski and asked them to carry out his plan. As Brent talked with the Everett Coach, Darrell cleverly hid the kielbassa in his towel. When the meet began, the team performed Everett's trademark cheer, complete with their kielbassa. Holt went on to win the meet, but they were especially proud, for they had stolen the sacred Everett Kielbassa.

Instant Replay

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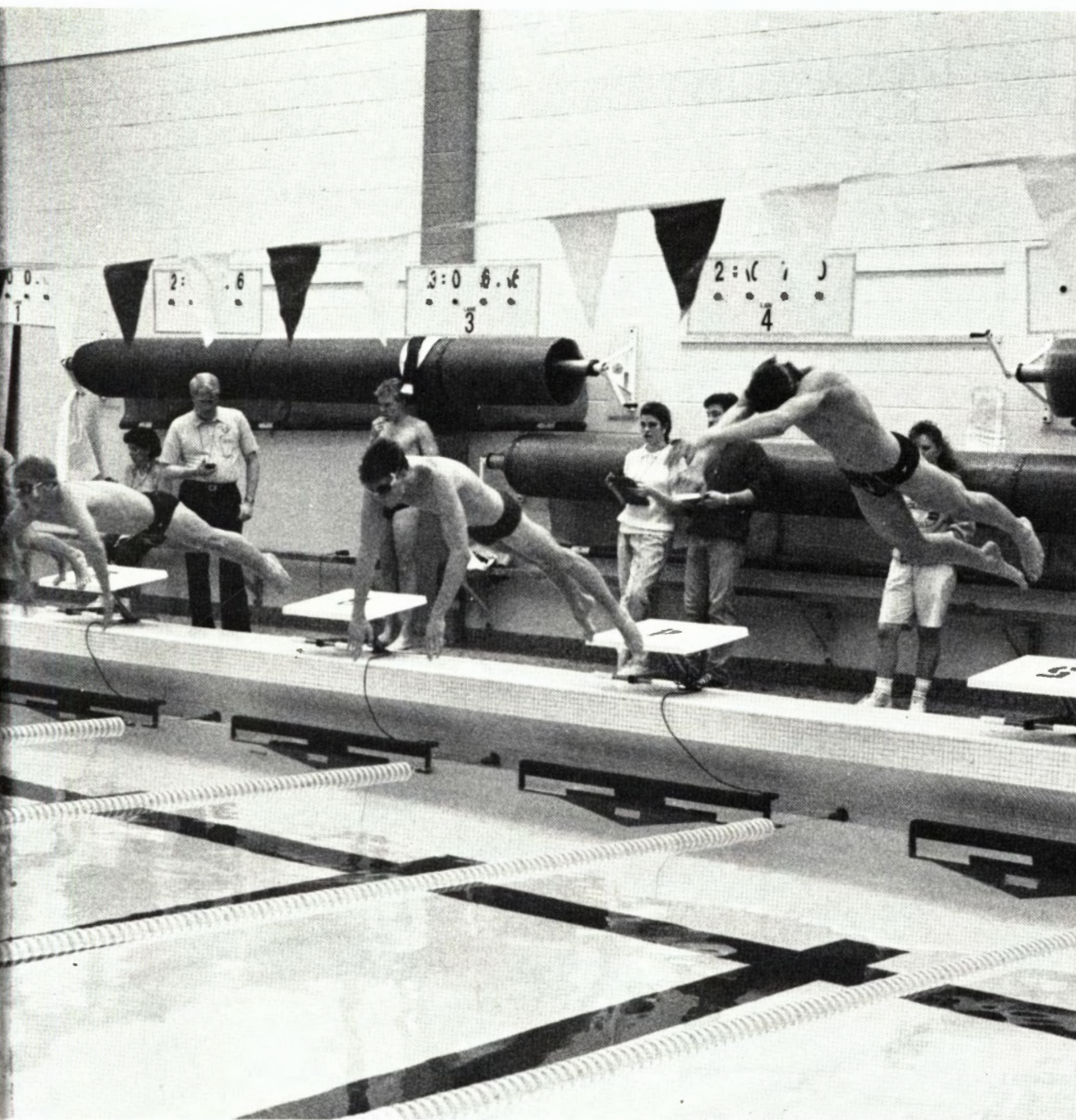
Boys' Swimming

5 wins, 6 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
St. Johns	69-97
Chelsea	69-96
Mason	88-82
Okemos	82-89
Waverly	111-53
Sexton	37-46
Jackson	110-59
East Lansing	73-99
Eastern	71-100
Everett	46-36
Grand Ledge	44-39
CAC	4th



STRAIGHT AHEAD. Giving his opponent a tough race in the 100 yard Breastroke is senior Dan Clark during the 88-82 victory over Mason. Dan went on to place second in the event at the CAC meet with a time of 1:04.16.



OFF THE WALL. Diving into the 200 yard Individual Medley is freshman Grant Pennell and seniors Brent Pohlonski and Dan Clark during the East Lansing meet. The team was defeated by a score of 79-99.

TEAM WORK. Senior Pete Webster counts laps for teammate senior Brent Pohlonski during the 500 yard Freestyle. Both Brent and Pete contributed greatly to the first victory of the season over the Mason Bulldogs.



A CLOSE SHAVE. Getting his mohawk reshaved for the Second Shave Meet is senior Brent Pohlonski with the help of his friend Scott Collett. It has become a tradition for the Boys' Swim Team to shave their heads for the CAC meet.

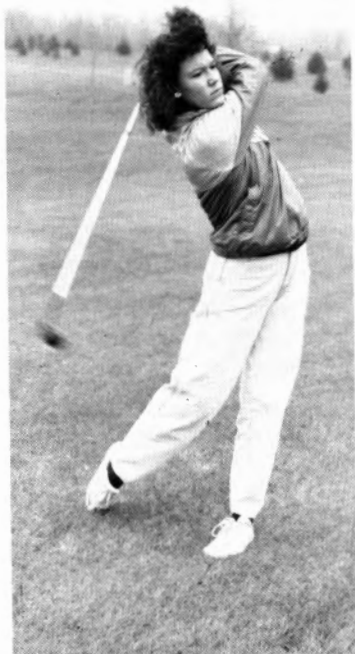
BOYS' SWIM TEAM: Top Row: Mgr. J. Peckham, Coach D. Shipman, Coach B. Templin, Coach R. Pohlonski, Mgr. B. Reinke. Row 2: J. Rouse, L. Imel, B. Pohlonski, D. Clark, K. Underwood, P. Webster. Row 3: D. Bell, C. Cleaver, S. Pfeifer, D. Webster, E. Berg, G. Forbis, D. Furlong. Bottom Row; D. Curry, J. Townsend, G. Pennell, C. Baisel, B. Anderson, T. Cruz, K. Hultberg, J. Pohlonski.

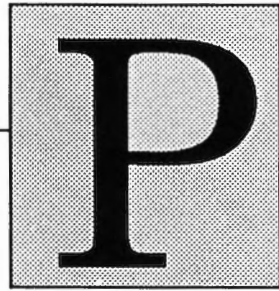
ON THE GREEN. Calculating to sink her putt is junior Karen Crawford. Holt lost the match against Grand Ledge with a score of 239-221.



HOW DO YOU SEE IT? Discussing the tee off of her opponent with Coach Shimnoski is freshman Maggie Taylor. The team went on to lose the tri-match between Jackson and Eastern.

FORE! Perfecting her fairway shot is senior Lori Buwalda. Lori has been a member of the Varsity team for two years, during which the courses have become her second home.





Girls' Golf gets into the swing

laying Up to Par

The golf season opened with a bang. Literally, a bang! Coach Shimnoski devised a demonstration to introduce the freshmen players to the art of making contact with the ball. He called upon his Varsity players to demonstrate. As luck would have it, the first three up to the tee failed to make any connection. Finally, Coach Shimnoski called upon senior Sherisa Miller to show how it was done. Sherisa had forgotten her left-handed clubs so Coach Shimnoski gave her a right-handed one along with the bet that she could not hit the ball. Sherisa approached the tee, went into her backswing, and hit the ball. The club went crashing through the lights. Shattered glass together with the club landed on freshman Maggie Taylor. Sherisa commented, "Coach Shimnoski didn't think I could do it but I showed him

using a right handed club backwards and upside down. I almost died though when it hit Maggie. I felt so bad and really embarrassed because the whole team was rolling around laughing on the floor." But once they got on the fairway, the team went to work and began their season.

The team worked hard and won five of their twelve matches. They finished tenth out of eighteen teams at the state tournament. Senior Lori Buwalda worked especially hard and was selected as second team All-CAC. Coach Shimnoski revealed, "Lori has made so much improvement. It has been a real pleasure working with her and watching her progress game after game." However the scores didn't always reflect the improvement which occurred in the team throughout the season.

The girls worked well together and that made meets

fun. Junior Jody Pierce commented, "I really enjoyed golf this year. With help from Coach Shimnoski, we laughed and joked, and were taught patience and determination. We had a very good time this year."

For many students, the motivation for the sport was more than the fun times. "I play golf because its a sport that I can play for the rest of my life. Golf requires a good sense of humor. You have to be able to laugh at yourself or you'll become so uptight that you will wrap your clubs around a tree," shared junior Heather Valencic.

Through the good and bad days, the golfers always maintained their smiles and remained dedicated to improvement. Though there were some injuries, by the end of the season the team was still holding strong.

Instant Replay

Girls' Golf 5 wins, 12 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Jackson/	241-209-240
Eastern	237-206-218
Eaton Rapids	245-252
East Lansing/	268-201-297
Sexton	206-187-245
Everett/	252-245-219
Waverly	211-190-203
Mason	234-198
LCC	232-233
Grand Ledge	223-233
	239-221

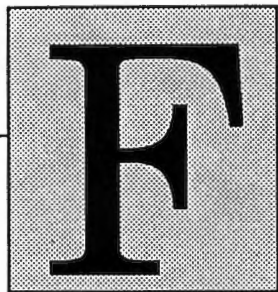
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— Junior Jody Pierce

The most memorable moment of the season occurred when senior Sherisa Miller was called upon to demonstrate her skill at making contact with the ball. She went into her backswing and the club went crashing through the lights, raining down, club and all, on freshman player, Maggie Taylor. The episode provided many laughs and a memory for the team.

A LAUGHING MATTER. Joking about one of senior Sherisa Miller's shots is junior Karen Crawford. Learning to laugh with others, as well as at yourself, helps to relieve some of the pressure playing golf creates.

GIRLS' VARSITY GOLF TEAM: D. Shimnoski, K. Winne, M. Taylor, K. Crawford, L. Buwalda, S. Miller.



Intramural teams and equestrians
enjoy life in the

Fast Lane

From three point shots to high feed layups each Intramural Basketball team demonstrated their abilities to work together. At the beginning of the season players talked their teams up, injecting motivation to be the best. But through the season certain teams gained the advantage and emerged on top.

Team membership consisted of a variety of players including football enthusiasts, wrestlers and those just out to have a good time. "It was great watching some of the wrestlers trying to shoot three pointers and playing defense without killing each other," stated junior Jeremy Baragar. The bottom line appeal was that those who could not make Varsity or JV teams and did not play other sports could play Intramural.

The games were very competitive. Not one team post-

ed a perfect record, but at the end of the season the Loaks Brothers stood above the rest with an 8-1 record. When it came to tournament time No Blood No Foul stole the show by beating the Loaks Brothers to win the championship. "It felt good beating them as bad as we did after they did all that talking up," remarked senior Pete Contompasis.

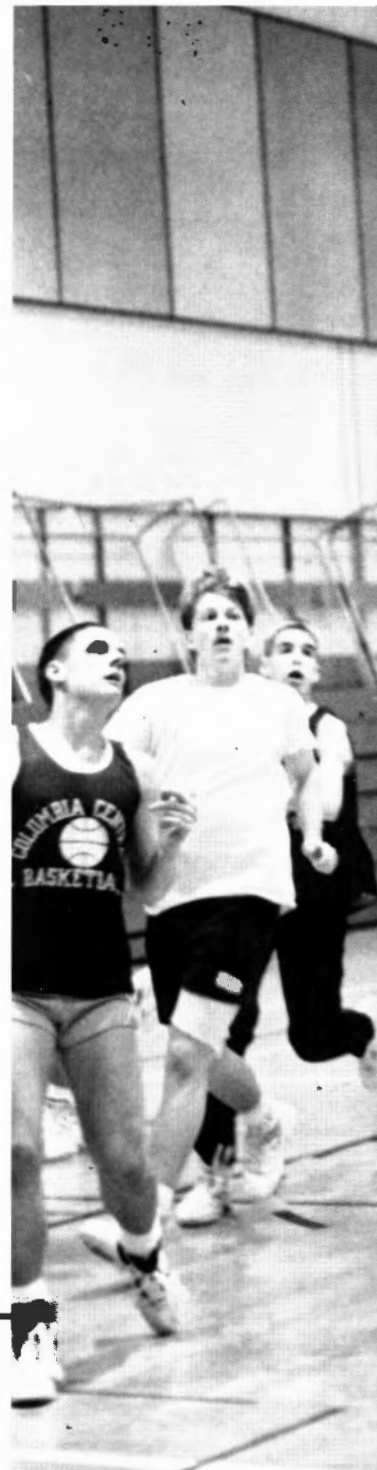
Intramural Basketball wasn't the only sport to enjoy life in the fast lane. Students who joined the Equestrian Team also enjoyed a fast paced sport as the team entered the Gymkhana speed events at their meets.

Moving at a faster pace the team created a challenge for themselves, since they had never competed in the new speed events before. "I thought I was going to lose my lunch before that first flag class. I knew my horse

could move but I never had let her completely out before. Once I knew how fast she could go we had a great time," explained senior Kris Helfer.

On the same note, senior Rachelle DeMunck commented, "I was completely surprised that my mother didn't faint, but all I could think was go, go, go!!" Although the girls were the ones on the horses, the understanding support of family members helped things move along smoothly, as the girls took on the challenge.

There were 11 teams in the Ingham County Association. The Equestrian Team ended the season tied with Williamston for sixth place. They concluded on a successful note, especially in view of trying something new like Gymkhana.



Equestrian Team Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association District 4 Ranking

Class A

1. Mason
2. St. Johns

Class B

1. Saranac
2. Dansville
3. Ionia
4. Grand Ledge
5. Okemos
6. Holt/Williamston
7. Haslett
8. Eaton Rapids

Instant Replay

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Gymkhana Speed Event

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MAKING A FAST BREAK.
Coming home after competing in the Two-Man Relay event is senior Shantell Coats and Sweet Surprise. The event was one of the Gymkhana speed events that the team entered for the first time this year.



CONTROL. Challenging each other for fun and the competition, two Intramural Basketball teams play a game at the Junior High gym. Intramural Basketball is a popular program organized by the Delhi Township Parks and Recreation Department.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS: NO BLOOD NO FOUL: D. Stearns, M. Zander, G. Haas. P. Comptopasis. **Not Pictured:** S. Bigelow, C. Simmons, S. Adams.

SEASON RECORD HOLDER AND TOURNAMENT RUNNER-UPS: LOAKS BROTHERS: **Top Row:** J. Rule, M. Van-Patten, M. Croy, J. Gasch, J. Fillion. **Middle Row:** D. McLean, P. Koskoski, R. Ammon. **Bottom Row:** J. Roberts.



SHOWING GREAT FORM. Senior Paul Kosloski of the Loaks Brothers sinks in hope for a comeback against NO Blood No Foul in the championship game. No Blood No Foul held on to the lead and took home the trophy in the tournament held at the Junior High school, March 20.



HOLT ROUGH RIDERS and Silver S. Coats and Sweet Surprise R. DeMunck and SN Zoloto
EQUESTRIAN TEAM: K. Helfer

CONCENTRATION. Attempting to raise the score by two points for the Loaks Brothers is senior Jeff Rule in an Intramural Basketball game at the Junior High School.

- INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL/EQUESTRIAN
Edited by Williams/Wright

ON TARGET! Letting it roll is sophomore Dene Harbach as she releases a strong pitch in the first of two games at home against Everett.



DOUBLE VISION. Sophomore Mike Scott times the pitcher while freshman Ross Phillips awaits the pitch. Phillips went on to get a single and Scott a double in the game.

EYE CONTACT. Connecting the bat with the ball for a solid hit in a double-header against Everett is sophomore Heather McDowell. The team went on to win both games.



JV Baseball 19 wins, 5 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn.
Webberville	25-0
LCC	15-5, 14-2
Mason	6-0, 6-5
Charlotte	4-3
Okemos	13-3, 11-2
Jackson	9-5, 5-4
Grand Ledge	4-3, 2-7
East Lansing	7-9, 15-0
Everett	7-4, 3-11
Sexton	7-2, 9-3
Waverly	5-6, 11-4

St. Johns Inv.	1st
CAC	2nd

Instant Replay

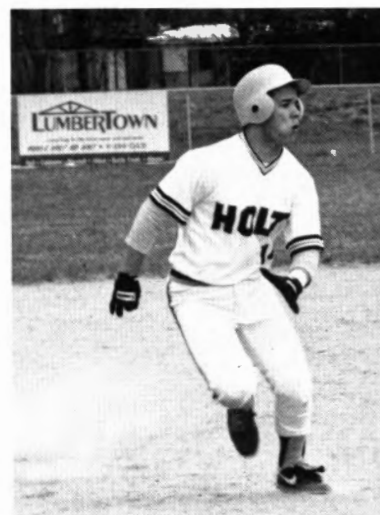
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**— Junior Sean Conn
JV Baseball**

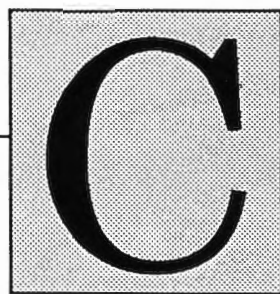
JV Softball

17 wins, 5 losses, 1 tie

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Mason	2-6, 13-11
St. Johns	7-17
Charlotte	16-6
Grand Ledge	6-9, 20-16
East Lansing	14-1, 20-1
Everett	13-11, 14-13
Eastern	19-5, 16-12
Sexton	48-8, 19-9
Waverly	19-9, 7-0
Jackson	15-14, 22-20



HIT AND RUN. Flashing quick to see if the ball has been hit, is two-year JV ball player, sophomore Mike Scott, as he attempts to take third in the first game of a double-header against Jackson. The team swept them, 9-5 and 5-4.



Concentration and unity wins JV

hampionships



Combining hard hitting, good fielding and smart thinking the JV Softball Team captured the conference title which they shared with Grand Ledge.

After splitting a double header with Grand Ledge the team pulled together to get revenge at the St. John's Invitational, where they merced the Comets, 13-3.

The level of team spirit and unity could make or break a game. "When everyone concentrated on the game, we could run out on the field and no one could beat us!" exclaimed Dene Harbach. Spirit and unity were also individual motivators as Trisha Sherman recalled, "When I got in a slump I really depended on the spirit and encouragement from all the other players to get me out of it."

Making the transition from the Freshmen to the JV level was more difficult this year because every conference game was a double-

header. Another difference was noted by Jenny Rees as she remarked, "We worked harder on fundamentals and strategies. Also we realized the importance of each play and game." The squad finished with a 17-5-1 overall record and a 13-1 conference record.

All wishing was put aside and determination took its place as the JV Baseball Team finished the season with a 19-5 record under first year coach, Mark Coscarella. Through the combination of experience and team unity, many goals were attained, as was a championship.

"Winning the St. John's Invitational was our highlight of the season. Not only did we bring home a trophy, but we beat our rival, Mason, to do it!" exclaimed junior Sean Conn.

The team won 12 out of their first 14 games with splits against Okemos and Grand Ledge. At the end, the team rallied by winning sev-

en out of their last eleven games with sweeps over Eastern and Sexton, ending with a win in the last game against Waverly.

However, the season did not end there for three JV players. David Carter, Mike Scott and Aaron Houser were brought up to Varsity for the district games against Owosso and Okemos in the Dimond Classic. "Starting against Owosso and pitching in the classic was a great honor. Even though we lost those games, I gained experience and know now what to expect," commented sophomore David Crater. For the first-year coach, the season proved rewarding. "I did set some goals of what I expected this team could do. But they surprised me by achieving much more. It's a season to be remembered and a good foundation was laid on which to build a winning program," concluded Coach Mark Coscarella.



JV SOFTBALL TEAM: Top Row: L. Newberry, M. Rohlman, J. Taylor, S. Pentecost, J. Dagget, Mgr. N. VanPatten. Middle Row: B. Hoisington, K. Simmons, H. McDowell, J. Rees, T. Sherman, Coach M. Clark. Bottom Row: L. Schultz, S. Mogyoros, B. Little, M. Bonilla, D. Harbach, J. Rennirt.



JV BASEBALL TEAM: Top Row: Coach M. Coscarella, Mgr. M. Williams, M. Scott, A. Houser, B. Foster, C. Horvath, D. Crater, R. Phillips, J. Meister, K. Schafer, Asst. Coach M. McCulluch. Bottom Row: S. Conn, A. Rashid, J. Lang, J. Sumerix, J. Kershner, N. Dodson, J. Hunter.

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A balancing act of mental and physical strength wins gymnasts a CAC

unner-up Finish

The pixie face, swinging ponytail, and petite body that seems to fly effortlessly through the air is the typical image of a gymnast. In spite of this impression, gymnasts are compacted with physical and mental strength which both assisted and resulted from their sport. The Girls' Gymnastics Team demonstrated these strengths throughout the year; ending second in the CAC.

Junior Kristin Wilcox explained the mental and physical difficulties of the sport, "When I attempt new tricks I try to convince myself that nothing too horrible will happen if I fall. Still, I'm afraid of falling and hurting myself, especially on bars. Bars are the hardest for me because I'm just not physically strong enough to do them."

The bars appeared to cause

difficulties for others also. Some injuries occurred during the season and earned the label of being the downfall of the team. "I think injuries were the disappointment of the season. We lost two people, Rachel Harley and Stacie Grant to injuries and it did hurt the team," confirmed Coach Joye Pier-son.

Despite the mishaps, the team exhibited their strengths especially in the Waverly meet. Sophomore Rachel Harley explained, "Our victory over Waverly was a wonderful moment for all of us. Everyone on the team wanted to beat them."

The team had a successful record with eight wins and two losses. Only one of those losses was to a league team, resulting in a second place finish in the CAC. Junior Debi Freye placed all-around

while sophomore Alys Abdo placed fifth. Alys' and Debi's CAC performances qualified them for regionals. Although a memorable and fun experience, the regional meet was, unfortunately, the end.

Not only a winning record was produced, but many friendships developed as well. "We were all very close. At times we got in arguments because we were so close, but mostly we loved to practice together and had a lot of fun," noted freshman Stacey Grant. Friendships were important to the teammates since fan support tended to be low. However, the girls appreciated the support of occasional visitors. "I loved the fans' support! It helped me to do better to know my mom, dad, and friends went to watch me," concluded sophomore Alys Abdo.

Gymnastics 7 wins, 2 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Jackson NW	106.7-66.25
Eastern	115.5-86.5
Perry	106.2-85.9
Waverly	114.5-98.15
St. Johns	112.45-131.8
Everett	103.25-87.1
Jackson	105.25-88.9
East Lansing	112-121.5
Sexton	109.8-71.05

St. Johns Inv.	3rd
Mason Inv.	3rd
CAC	2nd

Instant Replay

"Our victory over Waverly was a wonderful moment for all of us. Everyone on the team wanted to beat them!"

— Sophomore Rachel Harley

A demonstration of the Gymnastics Team's 'outrageousness' took place on sophomore Raneé Sherman's sixteenth birthday. Alys, Rachel and Kristin ran to Meijers, bought a birthday cake, and brought it to practice. The coach decided to give the birthday girl a personal gift — a handful of cake in the face! Soon enough, the whole team had cake in their mouth, nose, ears — simply all over! What a mess!





PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Coach Joye Pierson helps junior Debi Freye attempt a back lay-out for her floor routine at a practice

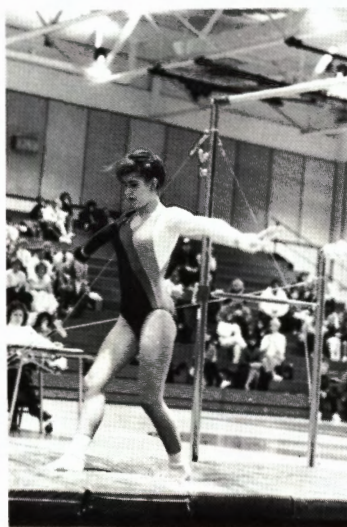
session. Once perfected, Debi received a first place all around in the CAC and a qualification for regional competition.

GYMNASTICS TEAM: Top Row: L. Schultz, J. Baldwin, L. Potter, J. Lennon, H. Golden, S. Grant, A. Duling, C. Jones. **Bottom**

Row: D. Beehler, R. Sherman, A. Abdo, C. Barker, T. Abbruzzese, R. Harley, D. Freye, K. Wilcox, **Front:** Coach Joye Pierson.

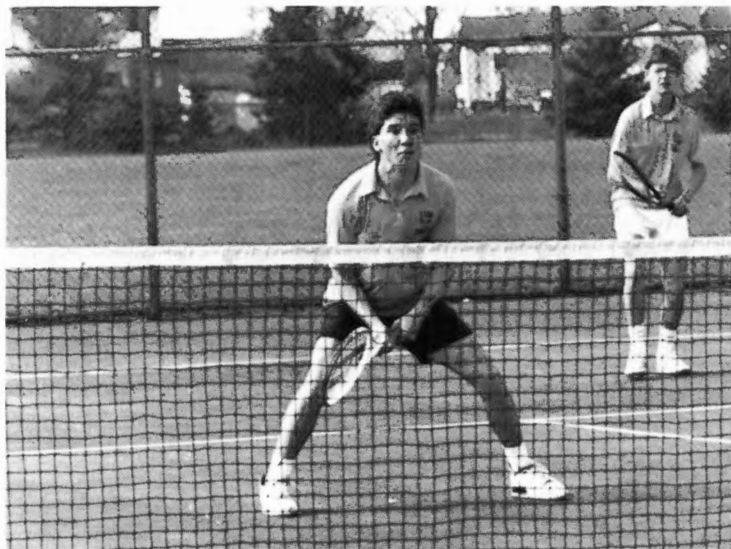


GRACEFUL DUO. Practicing her beam routine with a role model to her side is junior Kristin Wilcox. Although Kristin didn't place on the beam, her score in the event helped overall team scores, which resulted in a second place CAC finish.



STUDY STAMINA. After dismounting the bars in a meet versus Eastern, sophomore Rachel Harley takes a step to keep her balance. Unfortunately, this same action later resulted in an injured knee which put Rachel out for the season. Rachel's first on bars, assisted the team's defeat of Eastern.

NERVOUSLY WAITING. As he watches his opponent prepare to serve, junior third doubles player, Tom Maki, positions himself according to the ball. The team was defeated in the match by Mason 5-2.



LOST IN THOUGHT. After a tough match against Eastern, junior Brian Woods tries to figure out his overall mistakes. Brian's match was the last Varsity match off the courts due to split sets.



VARSIITY TENNIS TEAM:
Bottom Row: P. Stout, B. Schoemaker, D. Thielan, J. Dillingham, T. Maki, J. Rouse, B. Woods, S. Dillon.
Top Row: S. Adams, S. Black, J. Mackeller, M. VanFossen, C. Knapp, B. Kangas, J. Hinsdale, Coach B. York.

SHOWING STRENGTH. Placing the ball in the opponents' court on the serve is first doubles team player, senior Jake Hinsdale in a home match against Mason.



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Through season of disappointing scores

Positive Attitudes Prevail

The Boys' Tennis Team worked hard to keep spirits up and attitudes positive although defeat and disappointment struck hard score wise.

"I think the team had a really good attitude, and we all got along. We supported each other and had a lot of fun. I also feel the team played well, even though we didn't win a lot," recalled senior Bart Schoemaker.

Bart's positive thinking was just one example of the team's good attitude. The scores almost always reflected their efforts. Only twice out of twelve meets did they lose 0-7 and those losses were to state qualifiers. "It was hard to go into a match with East Lansing or Okemos and

have a positive attitude because they always place high in the league. Other matches weren't so bad, and I think our scores show our feelings," shared junior Jason Dillingham.

The Haslett Invitational appeared as the highlight of the season as the team placed third out of eight. "I think we played so well at Haslett because we wanted to prove that we were capable. The day before we placed fourth out of five at the Waverly Invitational and we wanted to make up for it," recalled junior Brian Woods.

Their goal was achieved with a high placement in both singles and doubles. Singles players, junior Brian

Woods and sophomore Josh MacKeller, placed second.

The first doubles team consisting of senior, Jake Hinsdale and sophomore Dave Thielen placed first while the second doubles team of seniors Bill Kangas, and Jason Rouse placed second.

The season ended on a positive note for the team as they won two of their last three meets. "Winning the matches against Grand Ledge and Haslett helped raise team morale and also gave us better confidence about going into the CAC's and Regionals," noted junior Tom Maki. It also demonstrated that nothing brought down team determination.

Boys Varsity Tennis 4 wins, 8 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Okemos	0-7
Everett	7-0
Sexton	3-4
Eastern	4-3
St. Johns	2-5
East Lansing	0-7
Jackson	1-6
LCC	2-5
Waverly	2-5
Grand Ledge	5-2
Mason	2-5
Haslett	6-1
CAC	5th

Instant Replay

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— Senior Bart Schoemaker

For many team members, the Haslett Invitational was considered the highlight of the season as the team placed third out of eight. Junior Brian Woods explained, "I think we played so well at Haslett because we wanted to prove that we were capable. The day before we placed fourth out of five at the Waverly Invitational and we wanted to make up for it."

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Individuality puts team performance on the

ight Track

Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than the average shot putter, able to jump high hurdles in a single stride ... It was a bird, It was a plane. It was the Girls' Track Team! This year was one of the most powerful and fastest seasons. "The girls were very determined to do well and it paid off. This was one of the finest teams in years," explained Coach Lila Guenther.

The team chalked up a season record to finish second in the CAC, losing only to Jackson. "We knew what we had to do against Jackson and we tried our hardest, but it just wasn't there," stated freshman Chloe Parker.

A first place was captured at the Mason Invitational and a sixth place at the Holt Invitational. Senior Shannon Marko explained, "We had done well at all of our dual meets and then we proved we could succeed in big meets too!"

At Regionals, the team finished eighth overall and four girls, freshman Chloe Parker, sophomore Alys Abdo, junior Regina Haynes and senior Donella Hudson, advanced to state competition. Donella commented, "I've been running track since ninth grade and this was the first time I made it past Regionals. I'm glad it finally happened in my senior year." Finishing a powerful season the girls left a memorable impression on everyone who saw their lightning power in action.

Sharing the track and field with the girls, the Boys' Track Team worked together to obtain outstanding individual performances. Although the season wasn't as competitive as many would have liked, individual performances gave it flavor.

Three athletes performed well in area competition and one qualified for States. Scott Ketchum, the team's

leading point man, gave it his all in every meet and was invited to the Lansing State Journal Honor Roll Meet where he faced tough competition. Senior George Haidamous, the team's strong shot putter, was also chosen to compete in the meet. Senior Dean Stearns received the highest honors, finishing first place in the pole vault at Regionals, and became the second leading scorer for the team. "Being Regional champ and qualifying for state was a big honor for me. It made me happy to know that all of the practice and hard work finally paid off for me and the team," he stated.

Many other athletes put forth competitive efforts and enjoyed being part of the team. "I believe the high light of the season was the amount of fun that the whole team enjoyed while working and competing together. It was a great experience," stated senior Jeff Fuller.



Girls' Track

9 wins, 1 loss

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Mason	65-63
Everett	90-37
Sexton	80-48
Grand Ledge	82-46
Eastern	69-59
East Lansing	82-46
Jackson	59-69
Waverly	87-44

Spartan Relays	18th
Mason Inv.	1st
Holt Inv.	6th
CAC	2nd

Instant Replay

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**— Senior Dean Stearns
First Place, Pole Vault
Regional Meet**

Boys' Track

3 wins, 6 losses

Opponent	Holt/Oppn
Mason	89-48
Everett	44-53
Sexton	38-38
Grand Ledge	47.5-89.5
Eastern	48-89
Jackson	56-81
Waverly	69-68

Mason Inv.	5th
Holt Inv.	4th
CAC	7th



DOMINANT FORCE. Using all his strength to put the shot where it belongs — very far away is senior George Haidamous at a home meet. George's season performance in the event earned him an invitation to the Lansing State Journal Honor Roll Meet.



BREAKING AWAY FROM THE PACK. Coming down the straight away, junior Regina Haynes opens a big lead on her opponents. Holt went on to defeat Sexton 80-48 in the dual meet at home.



DETERMINATION. Senior Rob Ward concentrates on all his moves to make it up and over the pole vaulting bar in a home meet.

BOYS' TRACK TEAM: **Top Row:** Coach Campbell, C. Baldwin, R. Roush, C. Murphy, D. Streeter, D. Bell, T. Cruz, S. Workman, G. Haidamous, S. Chamberlain, L. Toft, C. Simmons. **Middle Row:** D. Stearns, M. Dunn, J. Fuller, R. Benedict, R. Ward, Q. Leverich, M. Parry, C. Anderson, D. Williams, B. Eaton, J. Harmon, J. Fuller, Coach J. Gillett. **Bottom Row:** A. Haidamous, J. Myers, J. Acker, C. Hammond, S. Hadwin, S. Ketchum, J. Barry.



PREPARING FOR TAKE-OFF. The Girls' Varsity Track Team gets ready for a quick start at a rainy home meet. They finished the season 9-1 and second in the CAC.

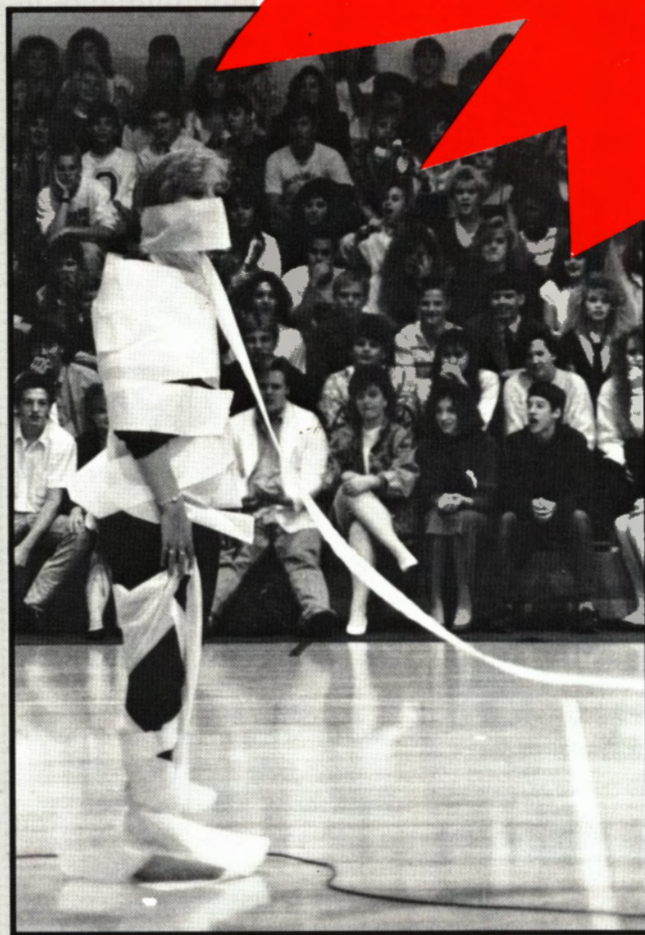


GIRLS' TRACK TEAM: **Top Row:** S. Cramer, C. Parker, A. Berg, L. Sawyer, R. Haynes, J. Gubry, K. Belcher, C. Maki, K. Marsh, K. Kepler. **Middle Row:** D. Imel, J. Lennon, E. Hake, J. Bush, M. Marko, A. Wright, J. Ketchum. **Bottom Row:** Coach D. Bongard, H. Golden, D. Hudson, K. Purchase, S. Marko, J. McCarley, M. Raatz, A. Hinds, Coach L. Guenther.

Breaking Away

Break away to glimpse a potpourri of what was hot and what was not ... A mixed bag of the unusual, as well as, the name brand biases ... The action and reaction to the issues of the year ... Most students had the need from time to time to express their individuality. Whether it was in the fashion scene, to exotic vacation spots or as far as one's bedroom for a moment of solitude, students attempts to break away took the right combination of courage and originality.

ALL WRAPPED UP IN FUN! Breaking away from the normality of every day school life, senior Amy Lindgren helps to raise spirit by participating in the Homecoming pep assembly games. Class rivalries were intensified throughout Spirit Week with numerous competitions from hall decorations to floats.



CUTTING LOOSE IN STYLE. After a week of pure rivalry and silliness, students enjoy the grand finale of Spirit Week, the Homecoming Dance on October 9. The gym setting was disguised by light displays and floating balloons to create a festive atmosphere in which to break away.



ON LOCATION IN

Cancun

"Extremely fun, interesting and eye-opening was our trip to Cancun, Mexico. Although I was ready to leave by the end of spring break, I'd love to go back again.

One great thing about Mexico was the food. I tried to eat Mexican food most of the time. Their food is quite different than the "tex-Mex" variation we eat here. Their tortillas are unprocessed corn flour, so they taste different. It is really good but after a while you need a break from it!

Of course we lazed out in the strong sun as much as we could. It felt great, coming from freezing temperatures and snow. When we needed to cool off we just jumped into the giantic pool near the turquoise ocean.

One very interesting side-trip we took was to the ruins of Chichen Itza. They were very amazing and we learned a lot about the Mayan and Toltecs who once lived there long ago. The four hour bus ride through the Yucatan Peninsula was eye-opening because we saw what I felt were dehumanizingly pitiful villages of rural Mexico.

The rest of our time was spent shopping. Of course, there were plenty of places to do this, but the most interesting was the Mexican handicraft market. Overall the trip was very tiring but well worth it. The Mexican culture was fascinating."

— Senior Kevin Wolverton

SPRING BREAK IS UNDERWAY. But, there's nothing to do! Juniors Jill Souza and Jenny Westgate and sophomores Gayle Utter and Andrea Bird, kick off their shoes and relax in the street. For those who stayed home, the weather did not cooperate in providing sun and warm temperatures except for this day.



STEPPING UP. Having a good time while getting first-hand historic facts about Mexico, senior Angie Lake, junior Annette Becker and sophomore Michelle Bonilla check out the 'Sacred Well' of the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza in the Yucatan Peninsula during spring break.

CHECK IT OUT. Looking at a group of ancient Mayan statues next to the open market in Cancun are sophomores Karen Peir, Nikki Kramer, Jodi Gunn and Michelle Bonilla.



Exotic

From Accupoco and Cancun, to the snowy slopes of Switzerland, students fantasized of exotic ways to spend their vacations. Whether it was a cruise to the Caribbean or a flight to Germany or Australia, students hoped some day their dreams would come true.

DREAM VACATION

A trip to Australia filled a lifelong desire for junior Jill Souza as she revealed, "I guess I have always wanted to go there because of my obsession with Koala Bears."

Jill wasn't alone. There were many dream seekers that filled the halls every morning. Those students destined to make the trip to Paris and Cancun over spring break or to Germany over the summer were luckier than others. With a glimmer in their eyes, these students waited

impatiently for the days to tick away till departure. Senior Sherisa Miller exclaimed, "I have looked forward to going to Germany for a long time. I have spent a lot of time planning it and can't wait!" The long treasured dream of a fabulous exotic vacation was just around the corner for some students, and a fantasy for others.

— Sophomore Liz VanDyke

COOL DOWN! Loving the sun and the freedom of Daytona Beach seniors Amy Lindgren, Dawn Dye and Nikki Keep take a dip after a day of working on their golden tans during spring break.



BIG *Breaking Away* in WAYS

The words "Spring Break" were posted, painted, plastered and spoken all over school. Those nine days of freedom were the most treasured days since Christmas vacation. Students scurried around school, double checking, triple checking and re-checking everyone's plans to make sure the arrangements hadn't changed during the last ten minutes since their last check.

Many students had their trip planned since fall. Then there were those who at the spur of the moment decided that they really needed a vacation. Whether it was the hot sun-bathed beaches in Florida, the Hard Rock Cafe in Cancun, the French Club trip to Paris, or a trip to anywhere, students were ready to go.

"Spring Break this year was the best yet! We had time to party, relax, lay out in the sun and spend time with friends on our own,"

noted senior Renee Langston. Senior George Haidamous added, "It was a lot of fun being with friends in Florida without anyone looking over us. Surfing in the ocean was the high point of the trip, and we really enjoyed the bikini contest!"

Others packed their bags and headed for places such as Chicago, Detroit, Northern Michigan and even the cool breezy atmosphere of the East Coast. The sights and shopping were added benefits but for seniors Mark Martin and Brooke Barrett, visiting colleges was the main attraction. "I flew to Boston to stay with one of my best friends who attends Harvard Business School. The most exciting experience was attending a business class of about 100 students which lasted about two hours. I met the professor afterwards. He was very impressive. It was very different from high school."

commented senior Mark Martin.

For those who didn't make plans, home wasn't the place to be. The weather was less than desirable — cold, cloudy and rainy. But students made the best of it, enjoying one of the malls, a movie or just catching up on things.

"I didn't have a chance to make plans for Spring Break. There was a lot of pressure to make it the best one since it was my last high school Spring Break, but I still had fun. I earned some money and spent time at home relaxing," stated senior, Darrah Allen.

The days disappeared fast but the memories still lingered of the fun times spent with friends and families. It didn't matter what students did with their nine days of freedom — many agreed that they enjoyed them and the company they were with.

— Senior Kaye Kerekes

NEW ENGLAND PREP. Visiting Harvard over spring break, senior Mark Martin enjoys the sights and good times with a friend who is a student there. "The most exciting experience was attending a business class of about 100 students which lasted nearly two hours. I met the Professor afterwards. He was very impressive. It was very different from high school," noted Mark.



BYLINE

Paris

Parisian street life adds to the spring break excitement. After visiting the modern art museum at the Georges Pompidou Center in Paris, juniors Kelli Marsch and Amy Heiser enjoy the street performances and musicians that congregate in the square to entertain the public. Members of the French Club toured Paris and the Ile de France over spring break.

FASHION Break

AHEAD OF TIME. When the German exchange students visited for three weeks, Holt got a taste of the incoming fashions. German Karin Zachmann's "do" received mixed opinions from American students. However, Karin didn't have a mixed opinion on Mexican food. She simply loved it as she enjoys lunch with friends at Taco Bell.



The fashion industry went on the prowl. Seizing control of the average student, they mass produced brand names and sewed the labels to any garment they could get their machines on. Labels appeared from head to toe. One could wear a hat, shirt, sweater, pants, and even socks all bearing the same brand name. The label set the standard for the fashion quo. Those pricey, one inch cloth labels revealed the most sought after brand names such as Liz Claiborne, Esprit, Polo, and Guess.

The battle of the brand names was intense. Students had their favorites for a variety of reasons. Senior Dana Frazier revealed, "I buy clothing mostly for their brand names. This is because I have been satisfied with

their fit and quality in the past." Senior Mark Baldwin added "Labels are very important. If you have to pay a lot for a name and reputation, then it stands to reason that it would be good quality. I believe you get what you pay for."

Whatever the motive for brand name buying, the result was a fashionable look. Senior Nikki Keep stated, "I buy clothing because I like the style. I don't buy it just because it has a certain name on it. I have to like the clothes."

The high prices of labels also helped many students make a decision. It is worth the price? Sacrifices would have to be made. Fashion-plate material didn't come cheap. Junior Suzanne Allman revealed, "I can't allow

the labels to influence me when I'm not dealing with a whole lot of money. Most of the labels aren't worth the price."

Style, price and fit were the main considerations cited most often when choosing a brand name. However, some students felt something was missing and insisted on adding the comfort factor to the list. Senior Mike Croy stated, "I could care less which label is on my clothes. I buy the brands that fit me most comfortably."

In the end the fashion factor prevailed and an individual's look was something to call one's own. Junior Jenny Westgate revealed, "Fashion is very important in my life because I don't want to be just like everyone else."

THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

Magazines, friends, idols, hairdressers and one's own creativity were all resources used for hairstyle ideas. Sophomore Liz VanDyke commented, "I create my own hairstyles and I usually like to be different."

Whether it was individuality or to make a statement, most students had motives for, or attached a meaning to their hairstyle. Senior Dan Clark explained, "My mohawk was a reaction to swimming to show hard work, accomplishment, and dedication to the sport."

Others may feel a certain pressure to keep their hairstyle. Senior Jennifer Gilkey revealed, "If I got my hair cut short, my boyfriend would not talk to

me!"

Junior Chris Doerr, a straight-edge, skin head, did not feel any pressure from friends or family, "My parents don't care and my friends all look like me."

Still others were simply content with their style. Sophomore Holly Andrus remarked, "I chose my hairstyle because it's easy and I like it. If no else does, then, oh well!"

Other students had the opposite dilemma. Their parents liked their hairstyle, but their friends questioned it. "My parents loved my hairstyle. It made their baby look so cute! But, my friends told me to shave my head!" sophomore Kristy Kelly jokingly added.

What friends liked was not al-

ways what a person liked on himself or herself. Sophomore Chas Grout seemed to think it was up to the person. "I think the hairstyle accents the individual's personality, so any style works if he or she is comfortable with it." Junior Amy Parkhouse agreed that hairstyles often reflect certain personality characteristics. "I think guys look best with hair parted to the side and a little spike on top because it makes them look sophisticated," she stated.

Whether it was a mohawk, a bob, a flat-top, or shaved, hairstyles developed meaning or importance to a person's life — until the next haircut.



FASHION BREAK. Expressing her own style, junior Angie Michalski enjoys her individuality. Her unique hair and clothing styles, along with her pierced nose play key roles in setting her apart from the crowd.

WILD THING. With the true spirit of swimming, junior Steve Pfeifer shows his team spirit on the day of CAC competition with the creative shaved look.



Dress for success, school success that is. That was the rule to follow if you wanted to make it in high school. Whether it was units for girls or jeans and Polos for guys, sophisticated relaxation was the key.

The new look in fashion this year was units. These interchangeable, one-size-fits-all, shirts, pants, skirts, and bandeaus could be arranged into a variety of unique styles. They provided comfort as well as casualness, but if dressed up they could be

very sophisticated.

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For completing the outfit there were a number of different styles of shoes. Bass loafers were the thing for both boys and girls. Brand name tennies also topped the list. For girls, Keds and Tre-torns were in. Nike and K-Swiss were some of the favorites among the guys. "I wear my loafers because they are so comfortable and they go with just about everything,"

remarked sophomore Nikki Martz.

The basic look in fashion

'89 was relaxed with a flair of dressiness. The fashion rule of thumb was, if its comfortable and looks good, wear it!

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DRESSY BUT RELAXED. Clad in fashion plaid, this student straightens out a problem in the attendance office. From head to toe her dress is for success.

PEACEFUL POSING. Demonstrating a recycled style in updated colors and style is junior Julie Crane. She along with the rest of the Pom Pon squad exhibited their fashion agreement with the 70's peace sign. The symbol was styled into everything from earrings to coats and T-shirts.

RECYCLED Looks

Bellbottoms, poodle shirts, letter sweaters, and peace signs were the remains of fads from days gone by. Many never return but there were those select few that recycled.

Students created new images as the fashion fads reappeared. The movie "Dirty Dancing" seemed to influence the summer and early fall fashion season. Cut-off jeans, bobby sox and white keds, transformed many girls into "baby wanna-be's."

The aviator look of the 40's returned for yet another season. Many students caught the bomber jacket fever, as leather coats again became a wardrobe necessity.

The peace sign was another fashion repeat. This symbol of the 60's made its new appearance in brighter colors, different styles, and more often on accessories. "When three friends and I bought our peace t-shirts, we



never expected such a reaction. I was amazed at the compliments we received from friends and teachers!" stated junior Julie Crane.

So don't throw out those zoot suits and wide ties just yet, they could become one of the many fashion re-runs.

FASHION

Edited by Paige Hunter



THE FRIZZIES. The permed look is worn by seniors Dawn Dye and Shannon Parker to keep pace with

hair fashion. The range of styles was great creating many looks to choose from.

What's Hot What's Not!

The Doctor's Office

Three little words that caused fear to rise in the pits of students' stomachs were 'The Doctor's Office.' I don't like going to the doctor's office because I hate the fact that certain metal objects will be forced into my body in places that don't really need to be touched,' expressed junior Jeremy Kienitz.

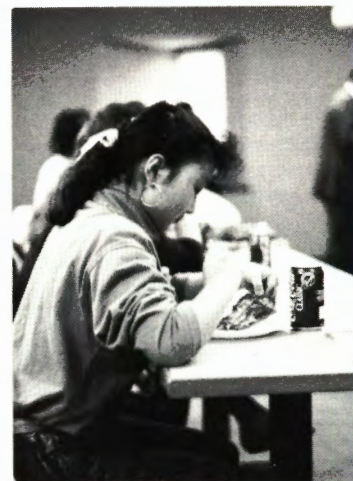
The sound of scraping and the dentists' frigid hands, sent chills up and down students' spines. "I don't like to go to the dentist because the dentist always asks you questions while he is working on your mouth and it's hard for you to give an an-

swer that is easily understood," remarked junior Jenny Kolonich.

Although the doctor's office was not a fun place to go, humorous things sometimes did happen. "The funniest thing that happened to me at the doctor's office was when my blood pressure reading came out all wrong and they thought I should be dead!" remembered junior Paul Carr.

Even though doctors appointments were useful for a two-hour break from school, the doctor's office still wasn't considered the coolest place to be.

FREE LUNCH. A slice of pizza and a coke is enjoyed by senior Tamra Keyes as she and the rest of Mrs. Chapman's first hour Applied Economics class take a break for lunch. They visited the Accident Fund of Michigan during first semester for a presentation.



Critics Choice

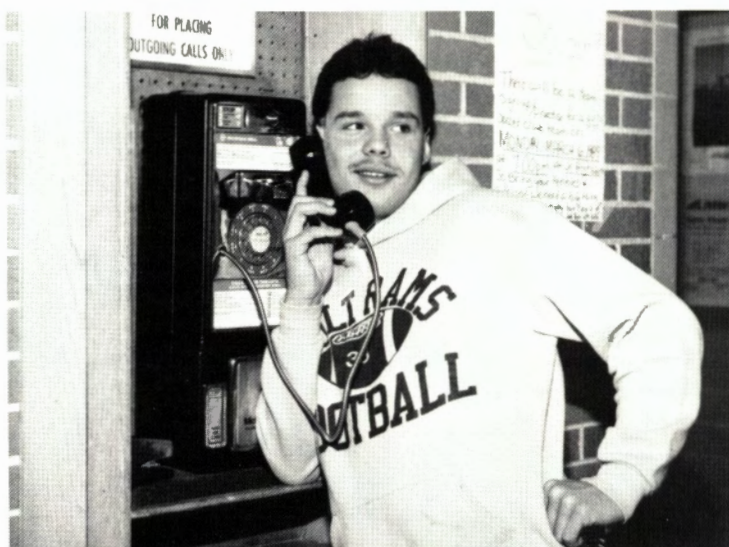
Thumbs up? Or was it thumbs down? The choice was completely up to the individual. Each person had their own opinions about the sounds coming from the radio, the written word, or the latest box office hit.

As students cleared the halls in the afternoon, many found themselves in search of a radio. Once discovered the choice of channels was settled on. "I think Z92 is the best radio station because of the variety of music; from slow love songs to up beat music," stated junior Mark Dunn.

While some fancied the sounds of rock and roll others selected music that set a different mood. Senior Marcus Cairns revealed, "My favorite station is WITL. I find country music to be very relaxing."

As many students tuned in to the radio, some found a quiet spot to enjoy a book. "I liked the non-fiction book **Windows** by Jennifer James," commented sophomore Andrea Willett. Others preferred more excitement. Sophomore Bruce Smeltzer revealed, "I like adventure novels. It's very exciting and you never know what's going to happen next."

As the week drew to an end movie goers escaped to the closest theatre to catch a flick. The drama "**RAIN MAN**" was number one with many students. Junior Scott Lamb commented, "It was a very touching



HO-HUM . . . Patiently waiting for the person on the other end of the line to stop talking to his friend is sophomore Robert Chingman. When students had the urge to tell earth-shattering news, it was annoying to listen to another conversation at the other end of the line.

movie that related to a real situation." Another hit was the comedy "**BILL and TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE.**"

Whether tranquilizing music, thrilling stories, or heart-rendering movies it was every man for himself.

Suds of Soaps

Who was the man holding Alexandra Spalding hostage on a deserted island? Who kidnapped Adrianna from Cruise and Eden? The answers to these questions kept soap addicts in suspense.

"Guiding Light" and "Santa Barbara" received the most votes from students making them the top two soaps viewed.

Students discovered certain qualities in soap characters which matched their own. Sophomore Nikki Wright described her favorite character on "Guiding Light," "I like the part of Harley. She is outgoing and laughs a lot and that reminds me of myself." Junior Randi Foster commented on a "Santa Barbara" character, "Gina Capwell is a lot like me; she is greedy and sneaky at times."

The daily suspense kept viewers tuned in while loyalty dictated their preferred afternoon drama.

Pet Peeves

Irritating . . . backstabbing . . . or funny, pet peeves were those little dilemmas that individualized people and made life a little more frustrating.

Many pet peeves were defined as down right annoying. Senior Eric Oudsema explained, "My pet peeve is a student who doesn't know how to park in the student parking lot. When there was an inch of snow some students had trouble finding the parking places."

Others found phone etiquette a problem. "I find it irritating when you're talking to someone on the phone and they start talking to someone else in the room," stated senior Kaye Kerekes.

Other pet peeves involved backstabbing. "I really hate it when people are two-faced and go around talking about others who are supposed to be their friends," related senior Renee Langston. Dan McLean added, "I really hate it when friends talk about one another, or tell a secret that you don't want anyone to know."

The most entertaining of pet peeves were the humorous ones that could drive people insane. "The sound of ice makes me twitch. I can't scrape it off my car windows or take it out of the ice trays without it driving me crazy," revealed senior Sherisa Miller.

Pet peeves bombarded students at every turn. The antidote ranged from avoidance to looking at them in a humorous light.

PIZZA pizzazz

One large pizza to go, with the works, was still the most popular Italian food of students. Some preferred homemade pizza, while others preferred ordering out. The restaurants which struck pizza-holics fancy most often were Pizza Hut and Westside Deli.

Once students ordered or made their pizza, a variety of places were sought out in which to enjoy it. Senior Amy Harrington revealed, "I like to eat my pizza curled up in front of the TV at 3:00 in the morning. Sophomore Nikki Martz believed that the atmosphere surrounding her snacking was important. "I like to eat my pizza at Little Caesar's in Okemos so I can ride the little cars and walk on the bridge," she admitted.

While the scene of snacking was important to some, others relied on bizarre items to spark their pizza-eating interest. Junior Missy Bliesener admitted, "I always eat sour cream on my pizza, and occasionally, when I'm in the mood, I'll eat pickles with it too." Sophomore Dena Ferrebee preferred a different taste. She commented, "I enjoy eating mustard on my pizza. It's special that way." There were also a number of students who enjoyed anchovies and the pineapple-ham combination toppings.

Whether students' preferences ranged from the ordinary to the bizarre, or whether they ordered out or ate homemade at 3:00 in the morning, pizza remained one of the all-time favorites of many students.



GET A SNICKERS! The candy machine brings a welcome snack after school for seniors Michelle Dickerson and Becky Wisch. The machine was installed to provide athletes and students who stayed after school some energy. It was quickly received with raving compliments.

PERSONAL PREFERENCE. Taking advantage of the popular pop machines is sophomore Jason Lipp who enjoys the treat of a cold Pepsi with his lunch. Many students got involved with the Pepsi versus Coke competition by simply drinking their preference.

'Health Food Nut' Vs 'Junk Food Junkies'

From crunchy carrots and milk to heavenly HoHo's and Pepsi, cafeteria lunches varied immensely. There were as many different types of diners as there were students in the school. But, the two most apparent were the 'health food nuts' and the 'junk food junkies.'

The label, 'health food nut' was described by sophomore Michelle Killian as, "A person who eats the right amount of each of the four basic food groups without ever splurging on fattening or greasy foods."

Where did these fanatics find their food? The salad bar was about the only place and for those who didn't find that fulfilling there was another alternative. "If you wanted a truly healthy lunch, you would pack your turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, apple, cheese slices, and carrots in a brown paper bag and buy milk at school," stated senior Becky Wisch.

Although students have had the importance of a balanced diet drilled into their heads since first

grade, most forgot when they reached high school. Some unknown force converted most unsuspecting students into 'junk food junkies.' Junior Jason Dillingham confirmed, "Junkies are people who devour all the sugary, good-tasting food they see."

It was a bit easier for the junkies to obtain their food. Sophomore Angie Duling remembered, "One trip through the snack bar and I could load up on HoHo's, ice cream, cookies, chips and then go to the pop machine for a Mountain Dew."

Not only did students eat different types of food but also at different rates and amounts. Junior Reza Beha felt, "I had to carry a light lunch and attempt to engulf it in one giant swallow. Thirty minutes wasn't long enough for a normal lunch."

Whether students' taste buds preferred alfalfa sprouts or Snickers, they devoured their food during conversational gaps and then went about the rest of their day.

Food Facts

The facts are out as students revealed their favorites:

Fast Food

1. Burger King
2. McDonalds
3. Taco Bell

Soft Drink

1. Diet Coke
2. Mountain Dew
3. Coke/Pepsi

Candy Bar

1. Snickers
2. Reeses
3. Butterfinger/Kit Kat

Potato Chips

1. Pringles
2. Doritos
3. Krunchers/Ruffles

ESCAPING THE

Boredom Bug

Whether it was a lazy afternoon or dreary weekend, the boredom bug seemed to crawl into everyone's life. The bug was often right around the corner eyeing its prey. Out of desperation, a quick call to a friend usually saved the victim. Junior Kevin Stewart recalled a close escape, "I was extremely bored when a few of my friends decided to get together. We devised a practical joke called 'the purse trick'. We took an old purse, filled it with the normal purse stuff, and tied a string to it. Next we threw it out on the street, making sure the contents were visible and strewn all over. Then we quickly took cover. When people tried to pick it up we pulled the string!" A sure way to get a few laughs, kill a few hours, and escape the bug!

While some resorted to practical jokes to relieve the blues, others decided to engage in physical activities. A few hours of basketball, a trip to the nearest gym or maybe a jog around the block seemed to squash the boredom bug.

Senior Jenny Riebow remembered a hysterical murder of the bug. "Some of my friends and I one summer Saturday afternoon decided to dig out the canoe. My dad helped us get it hooked to the top of the car. As we slowly traveled the short distance to where we were unloading, we screamed out the windows "CANOE! CANOE!" and pointed to the roof just to make sure everyone knew what we were doing. We finally got it in the water and were ready to go, along with our supplies — Coke, sugar waffers, Cheetoes, and

red hots — the usual treats for a nature outing. We swiftly flowed down the river singing, eating, get-



ting stuck in sandbars, and taking in all the natural beauty. Most of the trip was spent trying not to go down the dam at Dimondale, and then trying to get out of the rocks and rapids. It was a great way to spend the afternoon. As soon as we can, we're going to do it again."

Whatever plot students concocted to cure the blues it usually turned out crazy. With creativity those trying to escape the boredom bug were on their way to a first place, blues-beating time.

SWEETIE PIE. Getting into the spirit, senior Kyle Kepler dresses up for Nerd Day with the help of Naomi Doyle. Sitting at a National Honor Society meeting, Kyle flirts with the camera.

DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY!

Providing laughs and fun are the smiley masks donned by members of the Girls' Tennis Team, Laura Dickman, Jenny Westgate, Kim Hannig and Kristin Wilcox, after a party at Kim's house in late October.



JUST ONE OF THOSE DAYS. Supporting the JV Football Team on a cold fall day is Jenny Rennirt. Her team loyalty remains true-blue even though she has to face knee surgery and sits in a lonely perch.



BEDROOM Retreats

As students approached adolescence, they began to collect, hoard and build to create what parents often referred to as a pit, or a pig sty. But to teenagers, it was home — their bedroom.

It was a place where they could go after a long day at school to escape the pressures and perhaps little brothers and sisters.

Each bedroom was unique in its own way and expressed what was "truly you." Senior Becky Wisch exclaimed, "My room is an expression of every facet of my personality, from hippie stuff to cows." Though some students had parents with rules like, keep your room clean, Becky had no such rules. "My par-

ents figure it's my room, so if it gets piled high, I have to swim through it."

On the other hand, senior Laurie Swisk likes to bend the rules her parents have set. "I have to keep my floor picked up and things in some kind of order, but they never said anything about the walls." Laurie's walls were filled with crayon drawings, pictures of friends, posters, Christmas lights, a stop light and signs announcing carnivals and circuses.

Rules ranged from the typical "keep it clean" or as junior Heather Bannick noted, "I don't have any rules for my room. I don't have to keep it clean, even though I do."

Using walls as a way to collect and display items that reflected their personality seemed to be popular with students. Junior Ron Jon Esch commented, "Each wall in my room is decorated with a different subject of my liking. On one wall, I have rap posters, another has Ron Jon Surf Shop stuff, one has posters of MSU and San Francisco, and one wall is filled with Tae Kwon Do belts and gup certificates."

On the subject of individuality, junior Corey Hake declared, "My room is unique because I have flyers of bands and a flag with a skull and crossbones. My wallpaper is lined and beautiful. My mom picked it out."

Bedrooms are a place to go where you can be yourself, surrounded by your favorite things. Spending time in bedrooms was a way of escaping the things that were hard to deal

with as students, pressures from school, home, parents and friends. It was a place to relax and truly be you.

GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL. Escaping to the peaceful solitude of his bedroom to enjoy some music is junior Kevin Stewart. Bedrooms were many students quiet retreats to decorate and express their individuality.



Breaking Away in SMALL WAYS

No matter how hectic students' lives became, many took time out of their busy schedules just to be alone. Solitary moments proved to be the cure for some of life's little problems.

According to senior Kelley Dickman, "It is better to be by yourself than with someone you are tired of. I choose to be alone because sometimes people get on my nerves."

Being alone also meant getting away from stressful situations that a high school student encountered. "When I want to be alone, I'm usually getting away from everything; my family, school, work, and mainly anything that creates stress," stated junior Laura Knieper.

And just where did the typical teen go to be alone?

Senior Lori Buwalda revealed, "When I want to be alone, I will usually go to my room or into our small study because it's quiet and I can think better. Besides, my sister leaves me alone!"

Being alone wasn't necessarily lonely — not if the students were doing something that they really enjoyed. Junior Amanda Fisher said of her time spent alone, "I listen to music and read. This is very relaxing for me. I also enjoy watching tapes on my VCR and when I'm alone I can watch whatever I want."

Whatever reasons students had for being alone, solitude was a welcome time-out from busy schedules. For many students, quality time alone proved to be the answer to getting away from it all.

PEACEFUL

Hot Spots

This year's hot spots seemed a little less crowded as people searched for and found places that were unusually peaceful. Students and families turned away from the sound of waves to be found on the warm beaches of Florida and opted to discover new places for a vacation.

The Great Lake State became a popular get away spot for those who

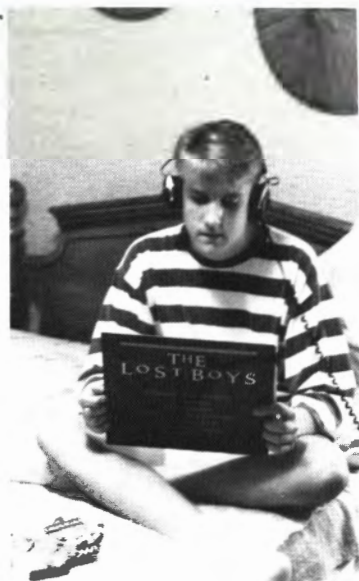
enjoyed the sense of nature. Junior Mindy Richards said, "When we want to get away, we pack up and rent a cabin on Drummand Island. It's a great place if you enjoy peaceful surroundings and a sense of nature."

What made a family vacation so different from an ordinary trip with friends? Sophomore Jo Anne Taylor

stated, "The best thing about a family trip is that everyone is together and you can relax. You don't have to be serious about anything, it's just fun!"

Many students had hang-ups about family trips. Senior Jennifer Calvert explained, "I guess the worst part of family vacations is having to put up with my little sister."

From relaxing together to baby sisters, students experienced the fun and the down falls of vacationing with the family.



NEW

Break

From the Lansing State Journal to the 6:00 o'clock news with Tom Brokaw, students kept informed of world-wide and local events.

First in the headlines for the year was the hard-hitting summer drought bringing tears to the eyes of farmers and joy to students on summer vacation. "The drought was bad for the crops, but the weather was great. Even though at times it was too hot, the summer heat created many fun days," noted senior Kaye Kerekes.

Entering school, the main topic of conversation was the presidential election. Covered extensively in social studies classes and current events, students had many opportunities to form rea-

soned opinions. The election in which George Bush captured 54% of the popular vote to defeat Michael Dukakis, brought varied reaction from students. "I was really glad that Bush was elected. I think he was the best man for the job," explained junior Jennifer Clapp. On the other

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"Keeping up with current events is important because a democracy requires people to make informed choices. We can't make those decisions correctly if we don't know about the issues."

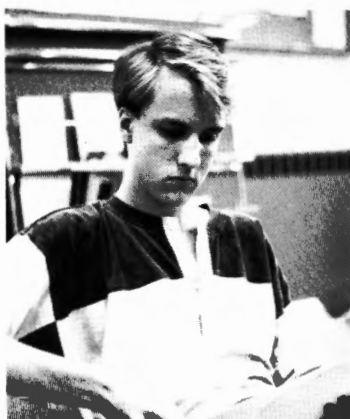
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NOTES IN FOCUS. Looking over his photography notes taken at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association summer journalism workshop is junior Kevin Stewart. Several yearbook staff members attended the July camp at MSU. Kevin was in the photojournalism class and earned the Outstanding Photographer Award.



lines centering on Theodore Bundy prompted discussions on capital punishment. After three stays of execution, Bundy was finally executed, after confessing to 20 murders. "Although I'm not strongly for the death penalty, I think Bundy got what he deserved," stated sophomore Chris Laroue.

Within the state, Bruce Kimball was convicted of murder after he killed two people and injured six others while driving intoxicated. Sophomore swim team member Andrea Bird reflected, "The tragedy not only brought down the people who knew him, but also the swimming-diving community. It's really sad that a great role model could let something like this happen."

On the upswing statewide, once again a Rose Bowl victory was brought back to the state when the University of Michigan defeated USC 22-17. "The Wolverines are a fantastic team and I'm a big fan. I wish I could have gone

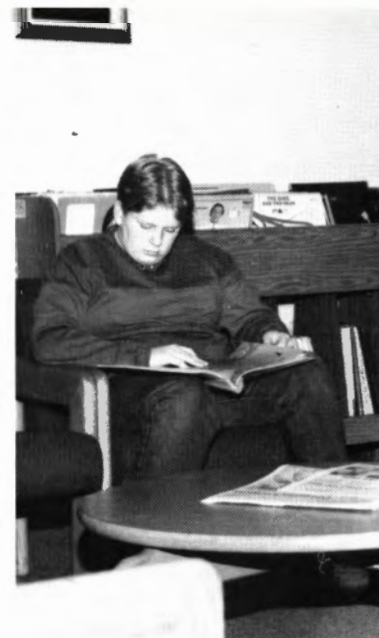
to California to the game instead of watching it on TV!" exclaimed sophomore Jeremy Norris.

On the high school campus, issues surrounding the emerging group called skin heads generated attention and discussion.

Student Forum held wide interest and attendance from students as they discussed issues and concerns that affected school and teenage life.

The naming of the high school as a state of Michigan Exemplary School and the Science Olympiad Team placing first in the State and 13th nationally generated much pride.

Whether students received the news from radio waves, TV screens, the morning announcements or classroom discussions, many attempted to keep up with the events and evaluate the effect they would have on their future.



JOURNALISM FIRST-HAND. Planning which sessions to attend of the Michigan Interscholastic Press Assoc. Fall workshop are yearbook staff members, sophomores Mike VanFossen, Nikki Martz and Jenny Rennirt. The staff was actively involved in MIPA attending newspaper and yearbook seminars, and summer camp.

INQUIRING MINDS. Catching up on current events are juniors David Bell, Kathy Binder and Brian Fournier in their fifth hour A.P. History class. Teacher, Mr. Pete Kressler, encourages students to read newspapers daily.



Searching For Answers At STUDENT FORUM

Expressing their ideas and concerns on major political and social issues were 182 students at the Fifth Biennial Student Forum on February 28. "The Forum was a great success! I believe many students gained a lot of information and discussion at the event, explained SADD President, junior Amy Lounds.

The topics and the seminar speakers at the Forum included: Arlene Brophy, How to Survive with Your Parents; Gary Cass, What Does it Take to Be a Winner; Kathleen Herrick, Suicide Prevention and Detection; Barb Hower, AIDS; Ken Krapohl, SADD; Mary LaPorte, Stress Management; Debbie Stabenow, Child Abuse; and Gene Wriggelsworth, Substance Abuse.

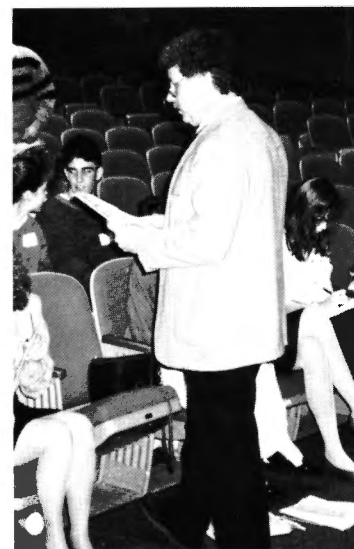
"The seminar on child abuse with Debbie Stabenow was very interesting. I learned a lot from her and from the other groups," commented sophomore Brian Houser.

Along with the seminar, each student attended two discussion groups, with no teachers or adults present. The students were allowed to talk freely and openly at these meetings. Each discussion group was led by a student leader.

The Forum lasted four hours and ended with a brief recap of events led by student moderator, senior Dan McLean. The Forum was sponsored

by SADD members, concerned students and SADD adviser, Mr. Jerry Wolston.

LAST MINUTE PREP. SADD adviser, Mr. Jerry Woolston goes over last minute details before breaking up into seminar and discussion groups at the Student Forum on February 28.



Reading To Relax

Entering a quiet corner of the library, students slid into comfortable chairs anticipating a relaxed time. Reading for personal interest or to catch up on current events was a luxury that was difficult to fit into many students' schedules. There were, however, some lucky or dedicated ones that found the time to put homework and sports aside to enter the quiet world.

Students who managed to find the time benefited greatly. Senior Ville Hietalahti, who often spent his spare time in the library reading stated, "I come to school very early in the morning. The library is so quiet and pleasant that I have no problem reading which I love to do."

For others, there was no time to

spare. Senior Thanh Tran explained, "I don't have time to go to the library to read because I have too much homework. I also have group meetings after school with Science Olympiad and NHS."

Even when there wasn't time to get away, students found that current events were covered by many teachers in class. Thanh Tran further explained, "In Mr. Savage's class we talk about topics in the current news. This way I don't feel like I'm missing out on what is going on."

Whether it was reading magazines, newspapers, or getting through as many pages as possible of a consuming novel, finding the time to read wasn't easy but the moments were treasured.



RELAXED READING. Catching up on the news and personal interest reading are juniors Scott Holden, Shawnda Allen, and Russ Hancock.

Taking advantage of the library's newspaper and magazine section is a good time filler before classes begin.

Putting it All Together

Emotions, performances and excitement anchored a year of memorable events that involved students, faculty and the community. Prepped for success, traditions from the past were combined with new twists to make each one unique and enjoyable.

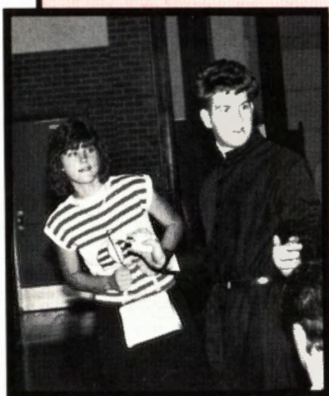
The fall and winter plays along with the spring musical formed a traditionally strong theatre season. While performing 'The Sound of Music' with the KIHG group at Dwight Rich Middle School in Lansing, students received first-hand experience with the complicated process of theatre. "Musicals involve so many theatrical elements that have to come together in a production," explained play director, Mr. Ron Allen.

Just as the plays were received enthusiastically by audiences so were the honors students earned during the year for their academic and extra-curricular activities. This year featured a number of achievers including two National Merit Finalists, seniors Rachelle DeMunck and Jennifer Mattila.

Innovative touches were added to an old tradition when the Prom was moved to a new location at Chelsea's Restaurant. It was replete with dinner, sophisticated decorations, dancing under a tent and even miniature golf for a change of pace.

Seniors embarked on a new tradition by holding Baccalaureate and Commencement together on the same Sunday wrapping up a week in which details fell together with precision. Putting it all together took the right combination of preparation and timing to create a successful events season.

SCENE 3, TAKE 2. Putting the finishing touches on a scene from the fall play, *Don't Drink the Water*, are junior Jennifer Jewett and senior John Levandowski during play practice.



MOVING TO THE BEAT. Dancing to the latest hits, Prom goers enjoy the patio dance floor under the decorated tent at Chelsea's. The Prom moved to a new location and a new concept which included everything from dinner and dancing to miniature golf. The event was held May 28.



STEP BY STEP. Bringing extra enthusiasm to the field in their new band uniforms at halftime are seniors Sara Henry, Pat Neal and Josh Roberts. The band performed during most home football games to keep energy levels and spirit high.

TESTING, ONE — TWO. Keeping the audience informed of what is coming next in the Winter Concert is Junior Michelle Halstead.



Scene 2
Take 3

"I love the closeness of the band. I've made a lot of good friends there. I also enjoy the feeling when a piece we've been working on finally comes together. I really enjoy music and playing it. It gives me a very different perspective."

— Junior
Jennifer Jewett



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Rehearsing backstage just before the Winter Concert are members of the brass section. This was the first year band director, Mr. McMurtrey, had fresh-

men in the high school band. He needed to balance instrumentation and have a big enough band for marching.



RAISING SPIRIT. Keeping fans entertained and spirits high is the Pep Band led by Band Director, Mr. McMurtrey. The band performed during pre-game warm-up and halftime at the

Boys' Varsity Basketball games at the Junior High School. The band helped lead a spirited audience and team on to a victory against Grand Ledge.



Fun and Tradition

Together with a New Look

Fun and tradition went hand in hand with the band. An involved year for band members left the music makers in new uniforms with a long list of achievements. The accomplishments ranged from rousing school spirit at pep assemblies to presenting senior band students with roses at the last home football game.

Starting off the year, band members worked hard to help raise funds to pay for their new look. The students had the support of parents in the Band Boosters to help pay for one half of the cost. The students sold soft drinks at MSU football games, participated in the American Cancer Society fundraiser and various other projects. At the end of the year, as a reward, the Boosters sponsored a trip to King's Island and presented band awards.

In the process of gaining a new look and performing in style, the band members didn't allow the traditions of having fun, raising spirits, and going on trips take a back seat. Senior Amy Harrington revealed, "Being with friends, learning about music and jamming to the sweet music we play makes band a fun class." Junior Rexa Beha added, "Sixth hour band class is unpredictable. Either something exciting is always happening or we're having a great time playing pop music."

Besides enjoying class and fundraising, band students put on entertainment at halftime performances, parades, concerts, pep assemblies and home basketball games. One of the most popular seasons was fall along with participation in Marching Band. Senior Trina Smith commented, "Marching is a lot of fun. It's exciting to march to drum cadences and perform at halftimes!" The audience reaction was a factor too as sophomore Stephanie Schneeberger revealed, "I like being able to entertain the audiences whether it's at football games, concerts or during a pep assembly."

For many students, however, the appeal of band remained their interest in music and the friendships they developed. Junior Jennifer Jewett explained, "I love the closeness of the band. I've made a lot of good friends there. I also enjoy the feeling when a piece we've been working on finally comes together. I really enjoy music and playing it. It gives me a very different perspective."

Whether it was at King's Island, MSU football games, concerts or other events, many new friends were brought together to enjoy music and the good times.

MARCHING BAND/CONCERT BAND
Edited by Binh Lu



GET YOUR POP! Selling soft drinks at Spartan Stadium to help pay for the cost of new band uniforms are sophomores Jeff Acker and Quentin Leverich. Band students volunteered to sell pop during the ball at MSU football games.

FINISHING TOUCHES. Fixing her make-up before curtain call, is sophomore Heather Golden for her role as Countess Bordonni in the Fall Play.

STEPPING ASIDE FOR SOME FUN. Father Drobney, played by senior John Levandowski, performs his magic trick. He gets tied up and Mrs. Hollander, Jennifer Jewett, tries to undo him. Trying hard to save him in a later scene, they fall to the floor laughing during rehearsal for the Fall Play.



IN THE LEAD. Talking to Axel Magee, Jason Rouse, is Mrs. Hollander, Jennifer Jewett, in a scene from the Fall Play, "Don't Drink the Water."



Characterization takes the lead in Playing the Part

Communists, spies, ambassadors — a bungled mess of misinterpretation surrounded the plot of the fall play, Woody Allen's "Don't Drink the Water."

Characterization played a large part in the appeal of the play. Each person had their own unique personality.

Narrating the play, Father Drobney, portrayed by senior John Levandowski, explained his predicament of being in a Communist country where he wasn't wanted. A great amount of thought went into playing the role. "I really enjoyed playing Father Drobney. There was a lot of freedom in the characterization and I could do a lot without Mr. Allen's influence. It made my character unpredictable," explained John.

As the play unfolded, rumors of a spy ring enveloped the Hollander family portrayed by Chris Baldwin and Jennifer Jewett. They soon found themselves

running from Krojak, the head of the Communist police. "Playing Krojak was the perfect part for me because I love to play mean, nasty and evil characters!" admitted sophomore Jennifer Rennirt.

Escaping the police and having their daughter marry well allowed the Hollanders to relax but left the audience thinking just whose character did they enjoy the most? Was it the compulsive Mrs. Hollander who cleaned constantly or the Ambassador's bungling son Axel? "Miss Kilroy, the Ambassador's bright-eyed assistant was my favorite character. She really made the play more enjoyable," commented junior Randi Foster.

The development and style of the individual characters created a night to remember as the cast of the fall play worked hard to demonstrate their character's qualities.



AN UNSURE MOMENT. Being afraid and mad, Ms. Kilroy, Amy Sterenberg, and Mr. Hollander, Chris Baldwin, manage to express their lines using extreme thought.



Scene 2
Take 3

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NERVOUS CHEF. Expressing her distressed feelings that won't allow her to cook effectively, the chef, Stacie Clark, complains to Axel Magee, Jason Rouse, about the men surrounding the building in a scene from the Fall Play.



FALL PLAY CAST: Top Row: Heather Golden, Wendy Whitlock, Stacie Clark, John Levandowski, Hollie Taylor, Amy Sterenberg, Sakia Kendrick, Jennifer Rennirt, Rick Sutton, Cheryl Hanel. Bottom Row: Chris Baldwin, Carole Leighty, Jason Rouse, Jennifer Jewett.

KEEPING IN TOUCH. Going over the sound equipment with Choir Director, Mr. Ron Allen is junior Chris Baldwin. Realizing the importance of the sound effects, Chris noted, "All the timing that went into the sound and the lighting was worth it for the effects that we tried to achieve."

RISE AND SING. Performing for the faculty during their Friday morning social, just before the holiday season are choir members accompanied by Choir Director, Ron Allen.

Scene 2 Take 3

"Different songs open my mind more and make me think about and feel the melody and lyrics instead of just singing them."

— Senior Kirk Spencer



SIGN IN. Holding back her nervousness, junior Kerri Morehouse signs in for cast attendance prior to a concert. Choir members, junior Davina Ayers and sophomore Margaret Zimmerman wait patiently.

BACKSTAGE CHAT. Talking and relaxing prior to taking the stage for the Spring Vocal Concert are junior Anne Linck and a friend in the choir room.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Concentrating on getting their moves right to the song, "All that Jazz," are senior Nikki Trimmer and juniors

Cheryl Hanel, Bridget Elliott, Missy West and Amy Parkhouse. The rehearsal was for the Spring Vocal Concert held on May 31.



RELAX TIME! At the conclusion of the Spring Vocal Concert, choir member, senior John Levandowski joins friends in the auditorium lobby. John was an involved member of the choir and performed many roles in the various plays and musical productions.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER. Dressing in formals and suits the full choir sings, laughs and cries their way through the Spring Vocal Concert. Choir robes are replaced with formal dress once a year at the spring concert in which graduating choir members are bid farewell.



Act of singing Lights Up Life

From opera to classical, from country to rock and roll, the choir sang a variety of songs for each concert. The varying types of music elicited different responses and emotions from students. "I really enjoy singing older songs because you tend to appreciate them more and pay more attention to the message they are trying to communicate," commented junior Chad Thill.

For some choir members, singing certain songs could be very emotional. "The hardest thing about choir is trying to hold tears back when you're singing certain songs, because you can relate them to your own life," revealed junior Chad Ostrander.

For others understanding the feeling of the song was very important. "Different songs open my mind more and make me think about and feel the melody and lyrics instead of just singing them," expressed senior Kirk Spencer.

Many choir students were well prepared for each concert and performances filled the year's slate of events. The group was invited to sing at the Capitol during the Christmas season. The choir also sang at the faculty morning social after performing a memorable Christmas concert. "As a former member of my high school choir, I really enjoyed the choir and their music. When the group sang for us at breakfast I found it very heart-warming, unselfish and it was nice to know that the students cared enough to sing for us," stated Social Science teacher Dan Plunkett.

The year concluded with the Spring concert where seniors were bid farewell. The night involved dances, singing, formals and suits for the occasion. Many tears and smiles went into saying goodbye to the departing choir members.



GETTING READY. Donning robes and relaxing backstage are choir members prior to the Winter Vocal Concert.

Scene 2 Take 3

Lights flicker. Lights go completely out. Lights come on. Hazel. Rick? Rick, what's the matter? She screams as she sees the handle of the steak knife jutting out of his chest. He's dead! Someone's killed him! Oh my darling!

Others rush toward the body. THUD! AAHHHHH! Laughter fills the stage as Amy Sterenberg slipped and crashed to the floor. "That was definitely one of life's most embarrassing moments! I can just imagine the show the audience must have gotten when I ran to the front of the stage in a short formal and heels and ended up on the floor. If there is one thing I learned; that's to put those traction things on the bottom of my shoes! admitted Amy.

BEFORE. Laughter fills the stage as junior Amy Sterenberg slips and crashes to the floor during the death scene at dress rehearsal.

... AND AFTER. The death scene is finally perfected after a second try. Senior Holly Talyor as Alex Ellis looks on in disgust as junior Heather Bannick helps her stage daughter sophomore Jennifer Rennirt as Hazel Carlian, after the death of her husband Rick Carlian played by senior Rob Ward.



Cast spends long hours Getting It Right

Who did it? ... The butler? No! There wasn't a butler. But, there was a maid. Was she the culprit? No matter who committed the murders it would have taken them time, preparation and planning to do it right; just as it did to produce the mystery play, "Par for the Corpse".

The homicidal comedy took place in the charming, but modest home of the author Alexandra Ellis. Alex hosted a party that soon turned out to be fatal for some and shocking for others.

Not only learning the lines but also using the right expressions and emotions was a time-consuming top priority. Senior Derek Dombroski admitted, "I spent a great amount of time memorizing my lines outside of practice, but it never seemed to be enough."

Besides individual practices, the cast spent approximately thirty eight hours at organized rehearsals. "It was a good thing everyone got along with each other so well because we spent so much time together," stated senior Rob Ward!

Although learning the lines was a timely, yet important, factor the cos-

tumes, props and scenery also took lengthy planning. Junior Heather Bannick remembered, "I searched through my attic and finally found one of my mom's old dresses that was perfect for my part." The director, Mr. Allen added, "It took two to three weeks to paint and construct all the scenery. I did it during rehearsals and some weekends.

Even when it came down to the final moments before the play started, still more preparation was needed. "It took me ten to fifteen minutes just to get dressed and do my make-up. After that I had to put my hair in a bun and spray it with a gray coloring so I looked older," recalled junior Jennifer Jewett.

Finally, after weeks of hard practice, the big night arrived and the two hour play began. Senior Rick Sutton admitted, "To get over my nervousness I just pretended the performance was a rehearsal."

The hard work, preparation and persistence was well worth it and paid off in smooth performances and perfect timing.



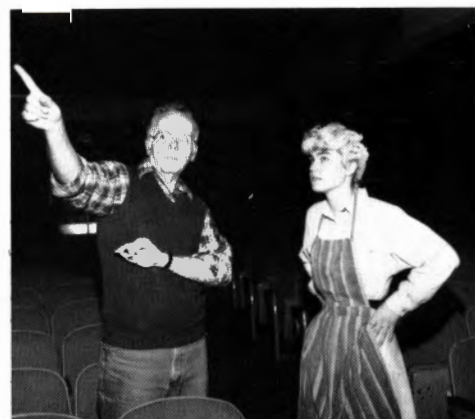


EMBRACED. The stage is heated by the passionate kiss and acting done by seniors Derek Dombroski as Mark Taggart and Holly Taylor as Alexandria Ellis in the Winter Play dress rehearsal. The play was performed on the evenings of November 4 and 5.



SHOCKED. Eyes bulge as junior Amy Sterenberg playing the role of Bettina Redmond, learns the devastating truth of what has happened to the body of her dead friend.

WINTER PLAY: "PAR FOR THE CORPSE"
CAST: Top Row: R. Sutton, C. Leighty, C. Baldwin, J. Rennirt, R. Ward. Bottom Row: H. Bannick, J. Jewett, D. Dombroski, H.-Taylor, A. Sterenberg.



GETTING IT RIGHT. Taking time out to give junior Jennifer Jewett added instructions before the performance is Choir Director, Mr. Ron Allen.

Scene 2 Take 3

"The Fine Arts Festival gave the students a chance to shine and show their creativity. The rock band 'Steel Toast,' was outstanding and brought a lot of attention."

— Junior Tina Kistler



READY TO ROLL. Getting the press operating is senior Art Seminar student, Brooke Barrett, to complete a printing project. Brooke won each of the past three years in the Lansing Art Gallery Scholarship Alert competition and received the senior Art Award on Honor's night.

A VISUAL TREAT. There is something for the young and old to enjoy at the pop art display. The spectators couldn't resist the temptation to touch, as well as view, the realistic ceramic edibles.



OVERSIZE FUN. Showing a friend her ceramic Hershey's Kiss displayed with the oversize papier mache pop art sculpture is junior Sherry Jonckheere prior to performing in the 'Pops' Concert, May 23.



PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER. Seniors John Levandowski and Thanh Tran assist juniors Mandi Fisher and Jennifer Jewett in their 'Pops' Concert performance on May 23. The concert is performed on an informal note in the gym while the audience enjoys refreshments.



FACE LIFT! Capturing senior Bruce Curtis' face in plaster is senior Sherisa Miller as she completes her plaster figure in Constructions class. The plaster cast of Bruce's face served for that of the drummer in the rock band 'Steel Toast.' The figure was created by Sherisa along with Angie Moffitt, Kellie Woodman and Chris Harry.

ACTION CAPTURED IN PLASTER OF PARIS. This is one of the many ways to describe the unique sculpture of the band 'Steel Toast,' created as group projects in Constructions classes.



Fine Arts Festival covers All the Senses



CREATIVE EXPRESSION. Admiration is shown by the community for the drawing and painting students' skills as evidenced in the two-dimensional art display, exhibited the evenings of the concert and the Honor's Award Program.

Imagine walking through the auditorium lobby and all of a sudden you are face to face with a rock band called 'Steel Toast!' Sound like a dream? No, it's the Fine Arts Festival! The annual spring event was an experience for the senses held on May 23 and 24. Whether it was music, drama, painting or pop art sculpture, the Fine Arts Festival had something for everyone. Junior Kelly Fox recalled, "The rock band, 'Steel Toast,' was the hit of the day. It really got people's attention." The four piece band was built of plaster by the Constructions classes.

In an effort to temp appetites, the Constructions classes also sculpted many delectable delights. From a lemon meringue pie to a Snickers candy bar, the classes were able to produce an array of goodies. "The food looked so real. After seeing it, I felt a craving for some good 'ole' junk food," stated soph-

omore Liz VanDyke.

For those who were not much for seven foot asparagus or a pop art enthusiast, plays and concerts may have captured their interest, as the Fine Arts Festival catered to all of one's senses. The drama classes staged performances for three days making the characters come to life. Senior Jason Sleight commented, "They were remarkably well done, especially if you consider the limited amount of preparation time available."

The Kiwanis Pops Concert rounded out the events for the festival. The music was performed in an informal atmosphere, providing warm entertainment for students and parents alike.

Whether one's fancy was a life-like plaster figure, ceramic edibles, drama or melodious sounds, the Fine Arts Festival offered enjoyable sights and performances for everyone.

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY. By opening his act with "Mary Had a Little Lamb," senior Bill Kangas stung the crowd with his drumming expertise.

YOU'VE LOST IT! As a farewell song, seniors Jeff Rule, Dan McLean and Dean Stearns lead their Kazoo buzzing buddies in singing "You've Lost that Loving Feeling" to Mrs. Withey during the Talent Show, March 19.



A Matter of Talent and Timing

With racing hearts and sweaty palms, students performing in this year's talent show staged their acts."

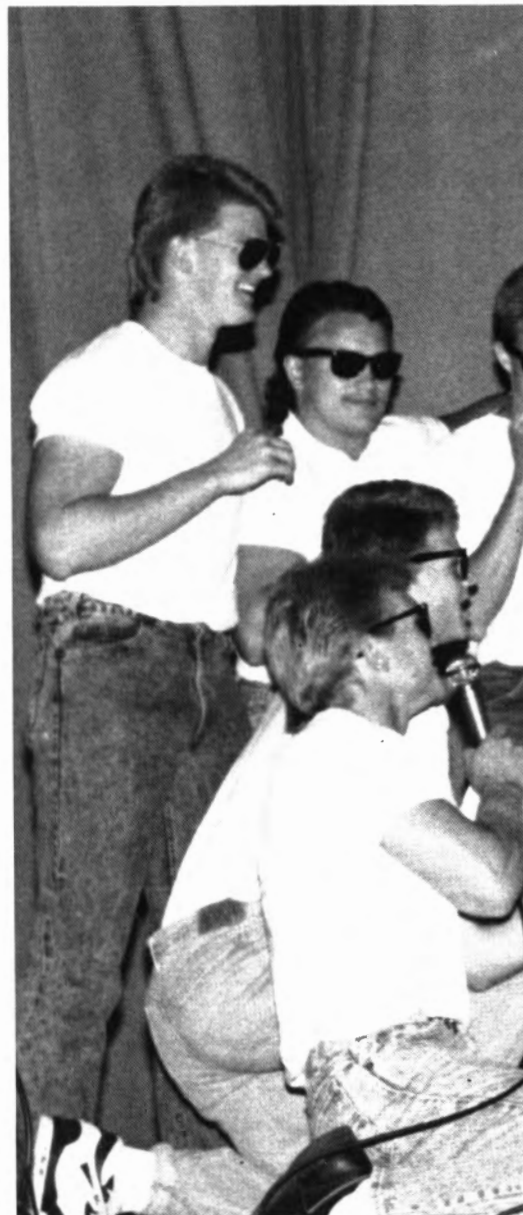
After hours of practice, students gave it their all and ended with memorable performances. The show was arranged with a variety of acts including dancing, comedy, singing, and instrumentals.

Those who displayed their talents took time out of their schedule to practice. Junior Shannon VanSchoik explained, "I bought the album with the song 'Desperado' so I could hear and learn the lyrics. Then I practiced up to six hours a day with Carol Leighty who played the song on the piano."

Although having performed in front of others before, stage fright still crept into the minds of some students. Junior Heidi Pitcher who danced with the group "In Motion" stated, "Before going on, I was pretty nervous. I was worried and afraid I might mess up."

Behind the curtains, bodies busily ran around trying to set up for the coming act. In charge of it all was Miss Grew who put a lot of time and effort into making sure things went as planned. "It takes a lot of initial prep time. Everything is timed to the minute. If there is any delay time, the show will run longer than allowed, and we would have to cut an act," she stated.

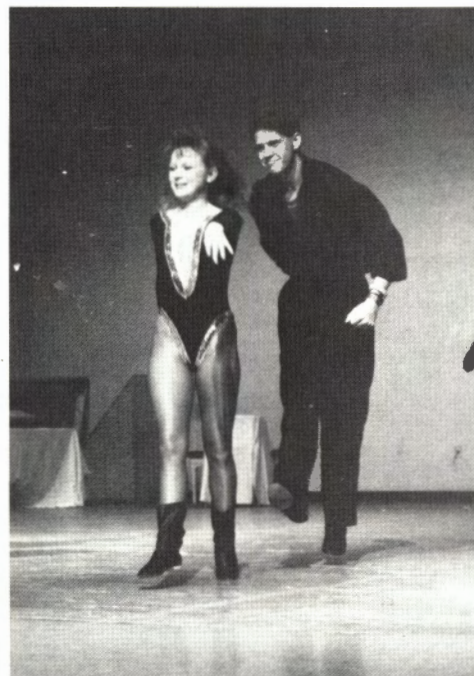
The show closed with the band "Feed Back" who brought the audience to a roar. Senior John Kennedy said, "I think the biggest success for the band in the talent show was the fact that the students and teachers alike enjoyed the song. A lot of thought went into versatile music, and the modern day Chuck Barry seemed to do the trick." The time, organization and preparation worked together to bring off a set of performances to be remembered.



TAKING CENTER STAGE. Performing in the Talent Show is senior Jeff Canfield and the band, "Ambush," which included seniors Todd Graham, Steve VanDyke and Derek Fulton.



TO THE BEAT. Performing in the Talent Show with the dance group, 'In Motion,' is junior Debbie Freye.



YO HOMES. Rapping to the beat, junior Jeremy Kienitz performs a rap he made up while being accompanied by junior Scott Lamb as the disc jockey.



JUST THE GOOD OLD TIMES. Singing a song about high school memories, senior Carole Leighty performs a piece she wrote while junior Shannon VanSchoik helps her by turning the pages. Shannon also performed "Desperado" in the Talent Show.

Scene 2
Take 3

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— Senior John Kennedy, "Feedback"

A ROMANTIC MOMENT IN THE SPOT-LIGHT. As the musical progressed, the moment had come where there was to be a wedding and Maria, Amy Sterenberg, and Captain VonTrapp, Rob Ward, sing "Something Good."



Scene 2
Take 3

"The end of the musical was so emotional when the VonTrapps had to leave. We were supposed to act sad, but the moment was so intense, it wasn't even like we were acting!"

— Junior Missy West



DISCUSSING THEIR PLANS. While Maria, junior Amy Sterenberg, describes to Admiral VonSchreiber, junior Chad Ostrander, her family's plans to sing in the talent show, Herr Zeller,

junior Chris Baldwin, Max, Senior John Levandowski, and Captain VonTrapp, senior Rob Ward, stand by listening.



DO-A-DEER. While the VonTrapp children played by Kristen Wilcox, Missy West, Todd Detering, Jenny Allen, Jeremy Allen, Josie Dunham, and Lori Brunsting listen to Maria, junior Amy Sterenberg, for the final note of the song, "Do A Deer," as they learn how fun singing can be.

PREP TIME. Choir members take time out from rehearsal of the musical in fifth hour Choir class, to relax and talk with friends. The students practiced approximately two months plus five additional night practices in order to put their roles and the production all together.



"The Sound of Music" ends on The Right Note

Church bells rang in the abbey, nuns scattered about to prepare for morning hymns, and one lonely soul was left to "Climb Every Mountain," as the spring musical began.

The musical received strong praise from the cast, as well as the audience. "I feel that this year's musical turned out great! We really pulled together to make it work; everyone played their parts perfectly," revealed junior Stacie Clark. Junior Amy Parkhouse agreed, "We started out a little shakey at the final rehearsal, but at the time of the first performance everything ran smoothly. The three nights of standing ovations from the audience proved to us just how well we did."

Much practice and dedication was put into the production. "We practiced during class for about 2 months, and then on the stage for about 3 weeks. We also came to five night practices, plus whatever students did on their own," explained senior Dianne Zimmerman.

Not much effort went into the sewing of the costumes, since the play had been

done in previous years. But students did need time to get used to putting on and changing out of the costumes fast. "Being a nun was more complicated because you couldn't let any of your hair show so you had to pull it all back before you could begin the long routine of putting on the costume," commented junior Jody Pierce.

According to the cast members, the highlight of the performance came at the end of the musical when the VonTrapp family departed. "The end was so emotional when the VonTrapps had to leave. We were supposed to act sad, but the moment was so intense, it wasn't even like we were acting," expressed junior Missy West.

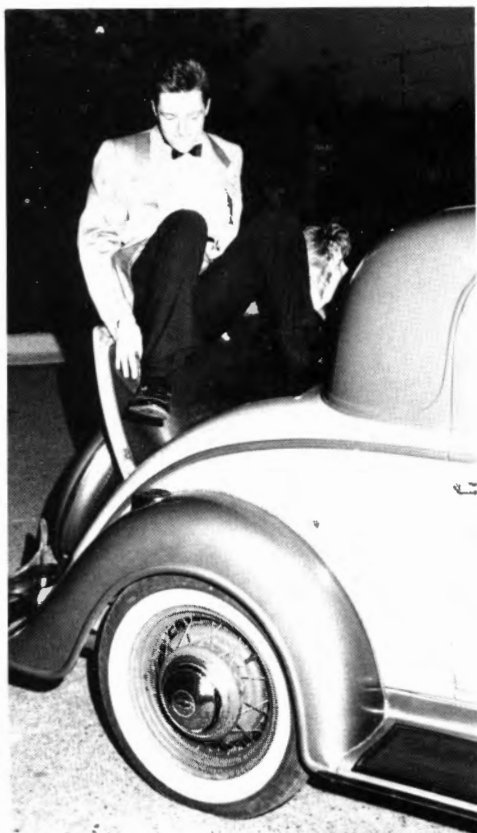
"Sound of Music," started and finished on the 'right note,' and according to sophomore Shelly Clark, "One of the most important things I learned from the experience was that even if you don't have a big part, you were still very important to the production of the musical."



"CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN." Attentively listening to Mother Abess, Carole Leighty, sing to her, Maria responds to the emotions the nun expresses through the song.

GOING FIRST CLASS! Dining in style at Chelsea's Restaurant are seniors Michelle Dickerson, Robert Saxton, Kevin Wolverton and Kaye Kerekes. Chelsea's offered a special menu and discount for those who chose to dine there on Prom night.

ARRIVING IN STYLE. Samm Coffman of St. Johns discovers the inconveniences of old-fashioned cars as he finds a way to exit the classic auto which belonged to the father of his date, junior Heather Bannick.



Scene	2
Take	3

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DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY. Moving to the beat of the night's music are Brad Gunnison, Anne Linck and Shantell Coats. The music was provided by Hollywood Hendricks from 95FM.



TAKING A BREATH. The boys stepping out for a breath of fresh air are Dan Clark, Jeremy Baragar and Rob Ward, while Dan McLean and Craig Simmons peek from behind.



CONGRATULATIONS. Accepting a senior scholarship award presented by Mr. Richard Royston of the Board of Education is senior Mark Sibert. The scholarship award honors the top six students of each class. Mark took home a total of five awards for the night in recognition of his effort and achievement.



FLOWERS? FOR ME? Presenting Publications Adviser, Ms. Ann Paul, with a bouquet of flowers is senior Editor-in-Chief, Kelly Little. The bouquet was a token of appreciation for a great year.

HAPPY HOMEMAKING. Receiving the Home Economics award is junior Tina Archer. The award was given for outstanding home economics achievement sponsored by Goff Food Store.

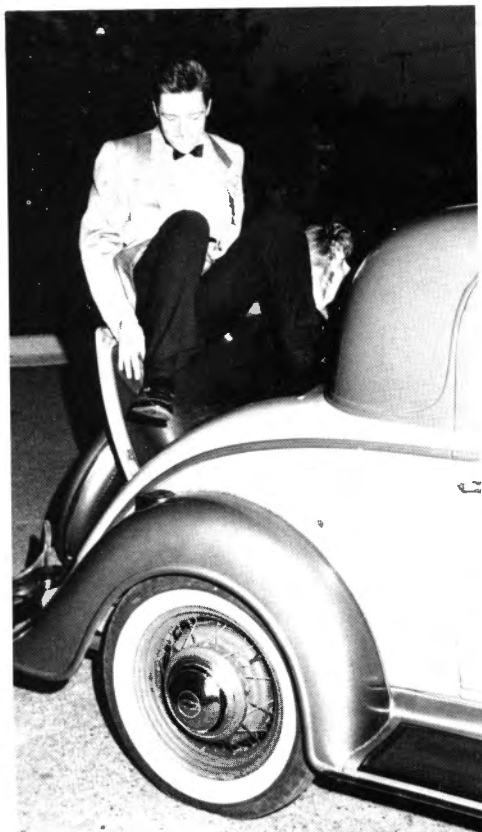
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"I felt proud when I got my awards because it recognized my accomplishments and hard work. I don't know if it will affect my future because you can't live on past accomplishments, but awards are an incentive to try to keep doing well."

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A HOLE IN ONE! Putting in is junior Mary Mogyoros as friend, senior Ginny Marchand and date cheer her on. Others, like Mary, enjoyed the change of pace and sporting their formals at everyday fun spots.

Prom Moved to a New Beat with a Touch of Dazzle

Revamping tradition, the Prom moved to a new location and a new beat. Creating a new approach, the dance and dinner were held in combination at Chelsea's Restaurant in East Lansing May 28. Senior Mike Croy commented, "In previous years, we wasted time driving around from home to dinner and then to Prom. But this year it was all in the same spot! It was a big convenience for everyone."

Prom brought a variety of excitement and many opportunities urged students to take advantage of the fun. From several elegantly decorated rooms to the canopied dance floor to miniature golf, the choices added extra spice to the night. Golf offered an alternative to those who didn't like to dance, and was just a short but romantic walk away. "Playing miniature golf at Prom may seem odd to most, but it offered a chance to get some fresh air, it looked fun and most of my friends played with us," revealed junior Eric Royston.

Having the dance floor outside was another change. The students danced under a canopy on the patio which was lit up with sophisticated decorations. "When you're on a small dance floor with three hundred people and you're wearing a tux, it usually gets too hot and muggy. Dancing on the patio this year really helped us keep cool," commented senior Craig Simmons.

The planning and preparations were expensive and involved the efforts of Junior Class sponsor and teacher Mi-

chael Saules, Junior Class President Amy Lounds and Treasurer, Julie Crane. Involvement grew as the year wore on. Mr. Saules noted, "I got involved because I liked working with the Junior Class and it sounded like fun. We wanted to do something special and different this year and the decision to change the concept and location was made. There were many details to work out for the tent, dinner arrangements and decorations. But with the enthusiasm of Amy and Julie and the other students who worked on it, the details fell into place successfully."

After the dance was over, the celebration of Prom lingered into the night and early morning. As curfews were extended for the special event, many Prom-goers went to parties, out for breakfast or just a cruise around town in a limo. "After Prom, we went to Daryl Webster's house and watched movies. Most of us ended up falling asleep we were so exhausted!" exclaimed sophomore Andrea Bird.

All-in-all, the country club style setting, the elegant decorations and tent, and the convenience of combining dinner and dancing in the same place created a nice change of pace. Prom offered common ground where all students were welcome to join in the fun. Students broke away from the average weekend and entered a world of glamour, fascinating lights and air that had just a touch of dazzle in it.



GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS! Dressed to kill are seniors Nikki Keep, Dana Frazier, Amy Lindgren, Dawn Dye and Shannon Parker. With all smiles they reflect the true spirit of Prom.

WALKING IN STYLE The graduated seniors exit Troost Field, their Commencement exercises and their high school life with confidence, determination and a sense of accomplishment.

A HUG THAT WILL LAST FOREVER. Jason Rouse and exchange student, Fabiana Zapata, share a hug that they'll never forget. For Fabiana the sadness of leaving friends, the excitement of graduation and her return to Bolivia are compacted into the day of memories.



Mixed Emotions

are Compacted into a Few Short Hours

Today we follow, tomorrow we lead. Commencement on June 4 marked the day when seniors left their position as leaders to the next graduating class to begin the real life test of their leadership skills that high school prepared them for. The message was stressed by Reverend Buwalda at the Baccalaureate Service where he challenged seniors to fly like eagles and soar high in this world rather than choose mindlessly to follow everyone else.

In a break with tradition, Baccalaureate preceded Commencement on the same Sunday as emotions were compacted into a few short hours. Feelings of excitement and sadness were stirred inside seniors as teacher, Mrs. Pamela Klimenko, sang a song, "Sail on Through," which she wrote and dedicated to the seniors. It seemed to bring magic to the service as senior Ryan Ammon reflected, "Mrs. Klimenko's voice was so beautiful and the lyrics were just right for the day."

Senior Carole Leighty added a touch of her own magic as she sang "Dedication," a song she had written for the occasion. "Carole's song was so sad that I almost cried. It was so personal and it made me realize that today I would be saying goodbye to a lot of my class-

mates for the last time," stated senior Chris Hill.

Emotions were still high when Commencement began at 4:00 o'clock on Troost Field. As seniors marched through the ceremony, many thoughts rushed through their minds. A calming one, felt by many seniors was revealed by Josh Roberts when he commented, "I'm not worried. I know I will see these people again."

As student speakers, Dan McLean, Carole Leighty and Tracy Harrison, faced their last stage of high school life, they expressed their feelings and recounted the many memories which highlighted their high school years. Tracy captured in a poem the happy, sad and not so funny moments from school. It was a time to say goodbye as Dan ended his speech with the title to the class song, "Never Tear Us Apart."

Some students also experienced emotional feelings as they anxiously awaited receiving their diplomas. As he approached the stage, senior Paul Kosloski revealed, "When my name was called, all my memories of the thirteen years of school flashed through my mind." As the ceremony ended it was apparent that the graduating class left some big footprints to follow.



WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. Tracy Harrison gives the Senior Class a few words of farewell and encouragement in a poem which she wrote for the occasion. Tracy joined Carole Leighty, and Dan McLean as one of three student speakers at Commencement exercises.



Scene 2 Take 3

"The greatest part about graduation was the realization that it was not an end to our friendships. Although we were leaving high school, we were always going to be there for each other."

— Senior Brooke Reinke



FITTING FOR THE FUTURE! Senior John Kennedy fits a future graduate with his cap at the conclusion of the Commencement exercises, June 4, at Troost Field.

STANDING AT ATTENTION ONE LAST TIME. The Class of 89 stands for the opening prayer at the Baccalaureate Service where Reverend Dennis Buwalda gave his blessing to the Senior Class. More than three quarters of the class attended Baccalaureate held in Pernert Auditorium on June 4.



BACCALAUREATE/COMMENCEMENT
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Making it All Count

FACES IN PLACES.

Parent volunteers are up bright and early Saturday morning, June 3 to serve seniors their traditional breakfast in the gym prior to Commencement practice. Parents and the community were very involved in the graduation weekend activities and open houses.



Joining forces, the school and the community built upon the tradition of support for school programs and activities. New leadership and ideas were combined with traditional sources of funding and volunteer help to meet new goals.

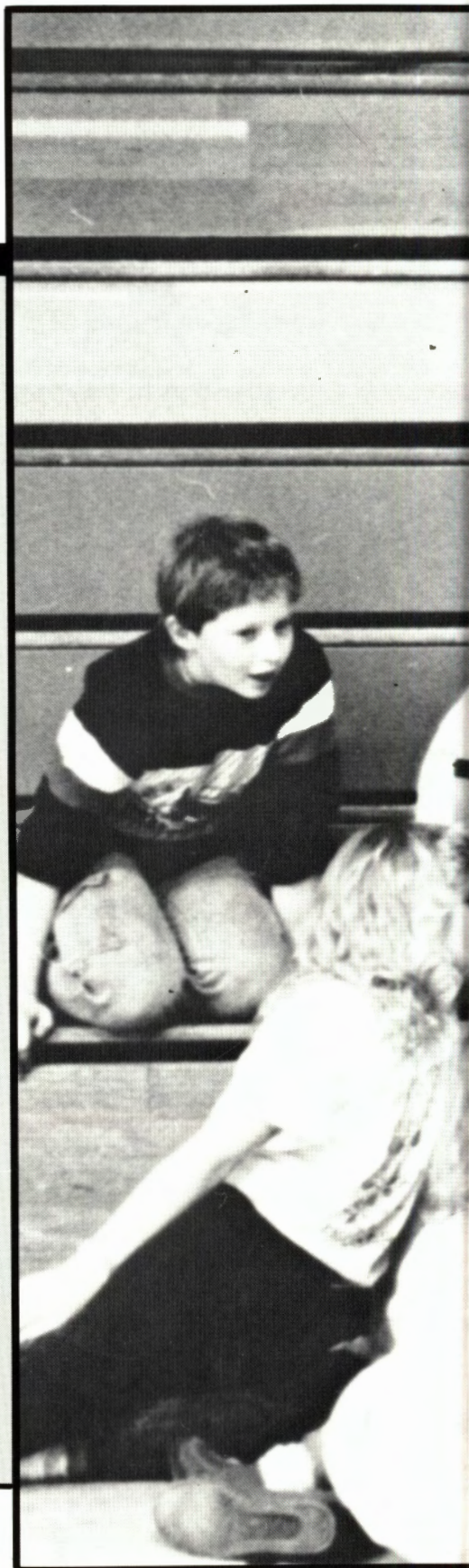
Dedicated booster clubs sold everything from soft drinks to cushions to fund various programs and improvements. In return for their support, the Pom Pon Squad and Boys' Varsity Basketball Team sponsored clinics for younger students to learn more about each activity.

Contributing to the support of the yearbook 70 area companies displayed their advertisements in the community section to develop a sense of pride and commitment to the high school.

Reviewing its service alliance with the community, NHS sponsored its annual blood drive, donating a record 147 pints and worked with WKAR public television station to stage their pledge drive and auction.

The community was rewarded in their strive for excellence with the recognition of their high school as a State of Michigan Exemplary School and as the site of the legislative visit with gifted and talented students from across the state.

Making it all count in the end took the right combination of commitment and alliance to create a successful journey through the year.



SHARING ENTHUSIASM. Communicating their talents and commitment to the sport of basketball to elementary students from Sycamore are Varsity Basketball player, senior Dain Ryckman and senior John Fillion. The Varsity Basketball Team sponsored the clinic as a service to the school and community during basketball season.



Striving to be the example wins an Exemplary Award

Innovative programs and emphasis on success for all students led the State Department of Education to select Holt High School as a State Exemplary School. Principal Tom Davis explained, "When choosing exemplary schools, they look for new, innovative ways of educating students. We have many such programs at all levels in Holt."

Some of the programs cited were Handicapped Education, Team Teaching, Advanced Placement classes and extra-curricular activities. Also noted were the efforts made on school improvement particularly in staff improvement, learning strategies and peer observation. These efforts were recognized statewide for excellence of instruction.

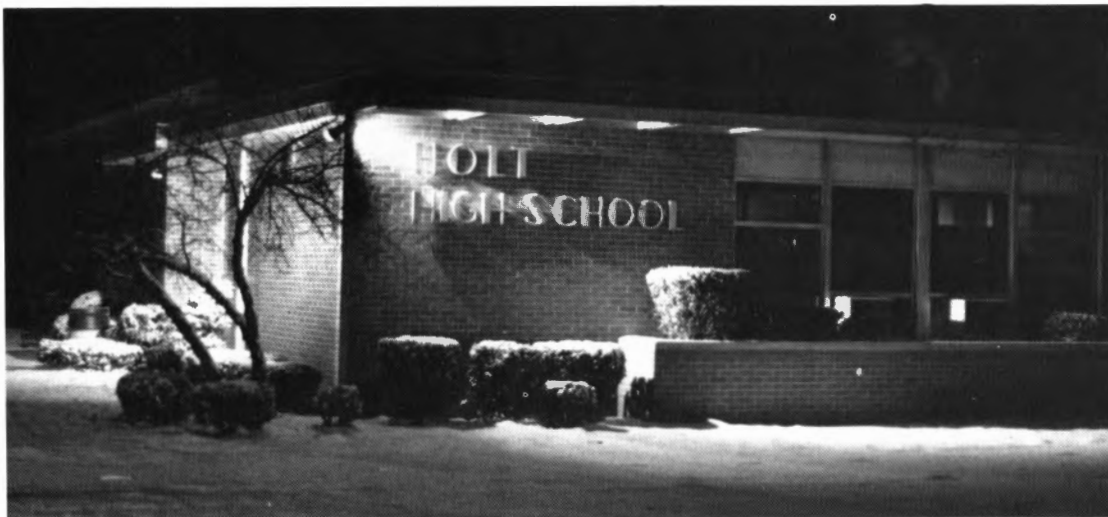
Students were also given credit for earning the award. Noted were their caring atti-

tude toward academics, toward each other personally, and their community service. The level of student participation in community projects was high with such activities as the blood drive, food drives, senior citizen services, and peer counseling.

Student reaction ranged from surprise to pride and more attention was focused on the school as a whole. Junior Paige Hunter commented, "I feel the Exemplary School Award boosted students' pride in their school. It made them more aware of themselves as a group rather than as individuals and more unified as a student body."

The recognition was proud news to the school, the district and the community which was rewarded for their tradition of support.

T-SHIRT MANIA. Sporting an exemplary T-shirt in his drafting class is Steve Neureither. In honor of being named an exemplary school, Dorothy Anderson designed the logo for the shirts and the staff wore them on designated days to celebrate.



ON DISPLAY. With an eye for the dramatic, junior Nikki Kingsley captures the northwest entrance to

Holt High School in a different light in her photo.



SERVICE PROVIDED. Keeping glasses filled and lunch served, is sophomore Kosby Winne during the legislative visit. NHS volunteered their services to lead tours, set up tables and serve luncheon to visitors.



AWARD-WINNING MOMENT. Conducting the ceremony, State Representative, Ms. Debbie Stabenow presents the State of Michigan Exemplary School Award to junior class president, Amy Lounds, as Student Council President, Mark Sibert looks on. Present at the ceremony are Senator Schwartz, Mr. Bruce Kutney, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Chandler Nauts, Superintendent Dr. Mark Maksimowicz, Principal Mr. Tom Davis, a member of the State Board of Education, State Superintendent of Education, Mr. Don Bemis, and Mr. Michael Saules. Communication Arts teachers, Mr. Bruce Kutney and Mr. Michael Saules, devoted long hours writing and editing the report on which the award was based along with an on-site visit. The award was presented at the State Department of Education.

"Holt High School was named an Exemplary School because our teachers and staff are second to none and fully committed to working as professionals and as a team, because the Holt/Diamondale communities have supported the school to the highest degree possible, and because our students are caring and responsible."

— Principal Tom Davis

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— Junior Paige Hunter

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WELCOME WORDS. On hand to greet guests at the Legislative visit are Superintendent Dr. Mark Maksimowicz and Board of Education member, Mr. Robert Ebersole as they take a few moments to chat during the event.



Legislative Visit

The school district hosted a celebration for members of the State Legislature, the State Board of Education and students and parents from around the state in honor of Michigan Gifted Child Week. Holt was selected as the site because its

educational programs have received exemplary status at all levels. A luncheon was provided to more than 400 visitors in the Chi Library and National Honor Society members volunteered to serve it on April 26.



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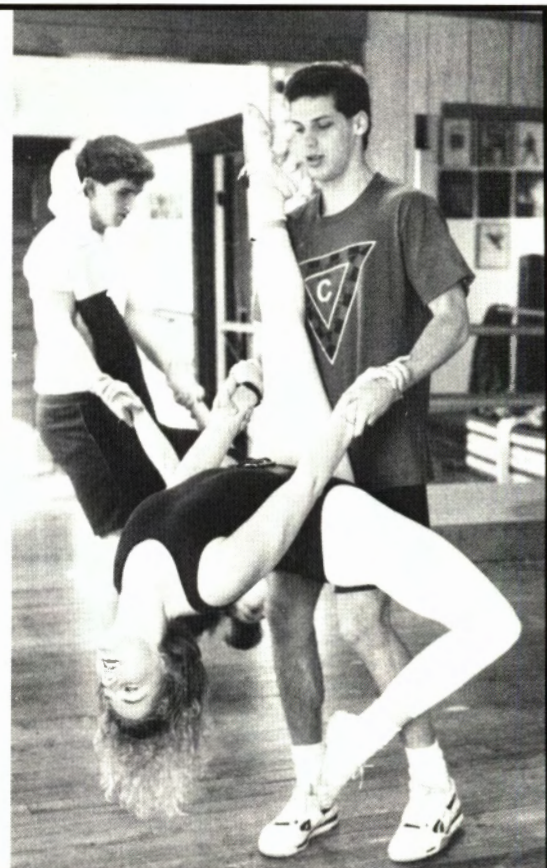
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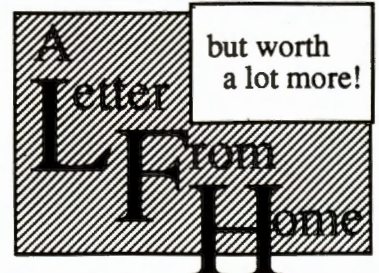


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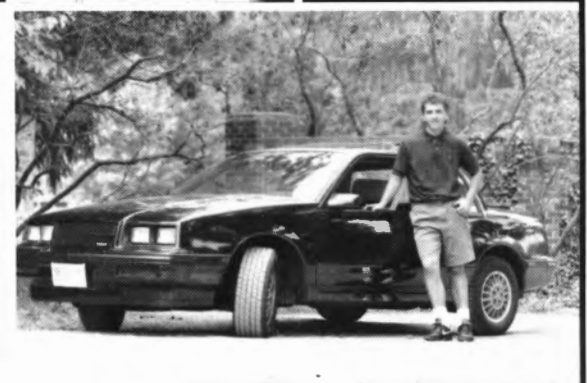
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the recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math teaching for 1988 and 1989. Than also achieved excellence as a member of the Science Olympiad Team as she won the State championship in the Bridge Building event and competed nationally placing second.



Exemplary Teachers

PREPARING WINNERS. Helping senior Rachelle DeMunck in a practice session for Science Olympiad is Mrs. Barbara Neureither who also won for two years in a row, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching. The award recognized her as one of the top three science teachers in the state for both years.

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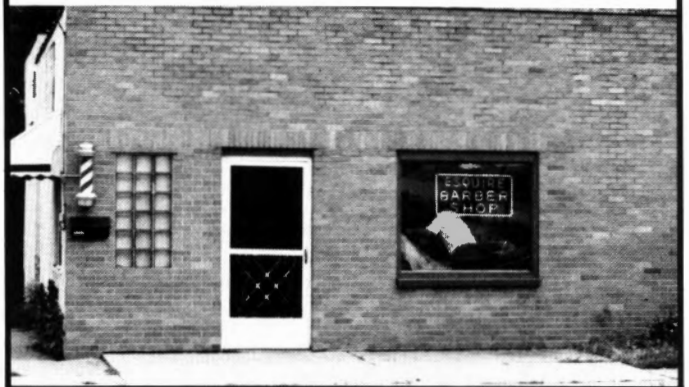
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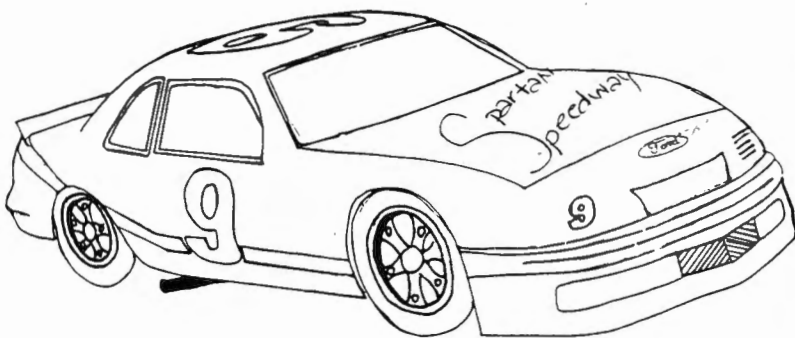


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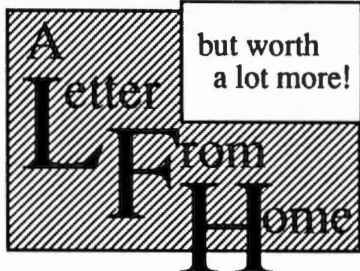
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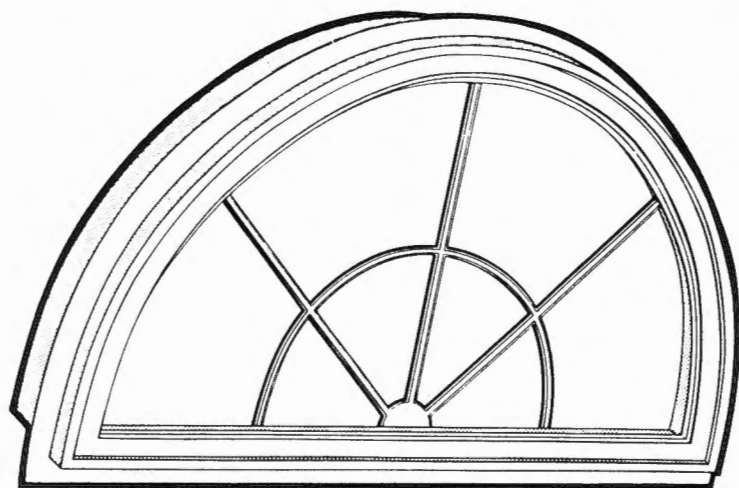


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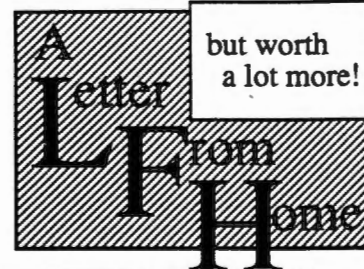
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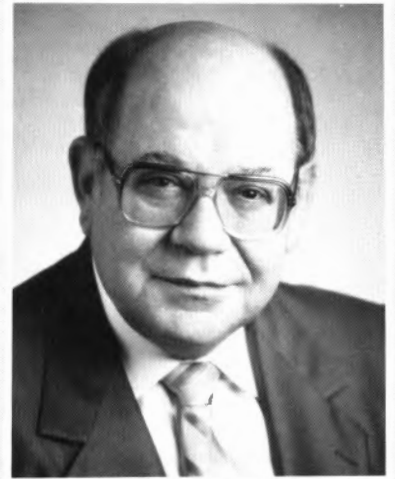
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NEW SCHOOL CREST COMMITTEE. This group of senior Student Government representatives worked to create a more innovative design for the school crest pictured at the right. **Bottom Row:** K. Wolverton, A. Lindgren, M. Sibert. **Top Row:** D. Allen, K. Kerekes, B. Wisch, S. Dubay, S. Marko, T. Harrison, Herf-Jones Representative, Joe Fox.



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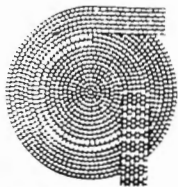
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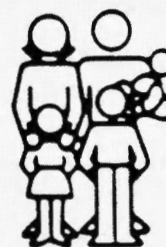
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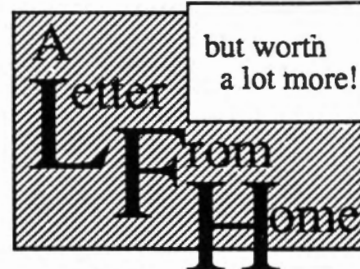
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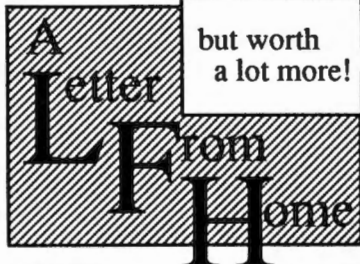
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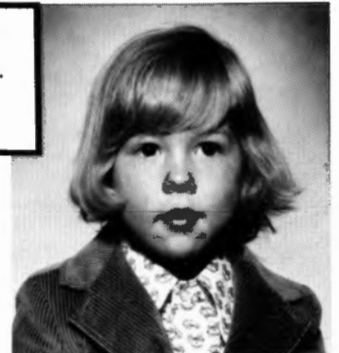
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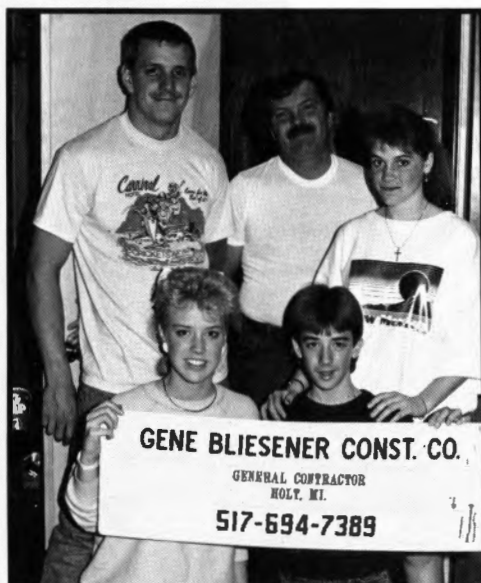
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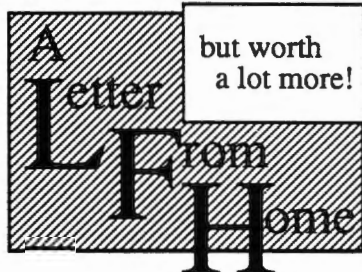
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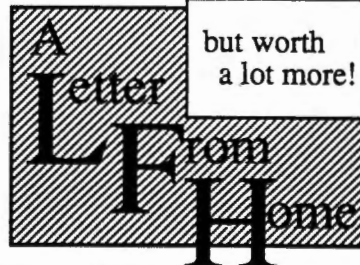
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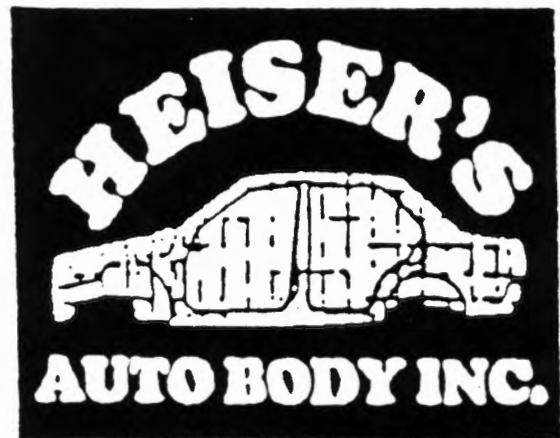


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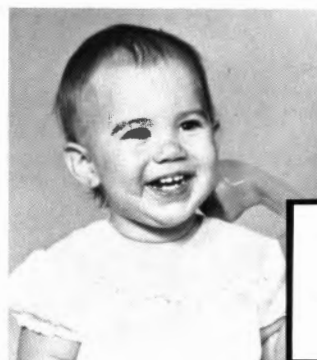
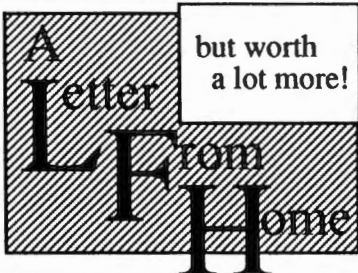
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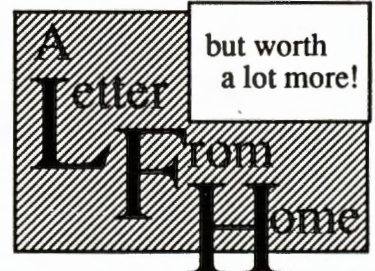
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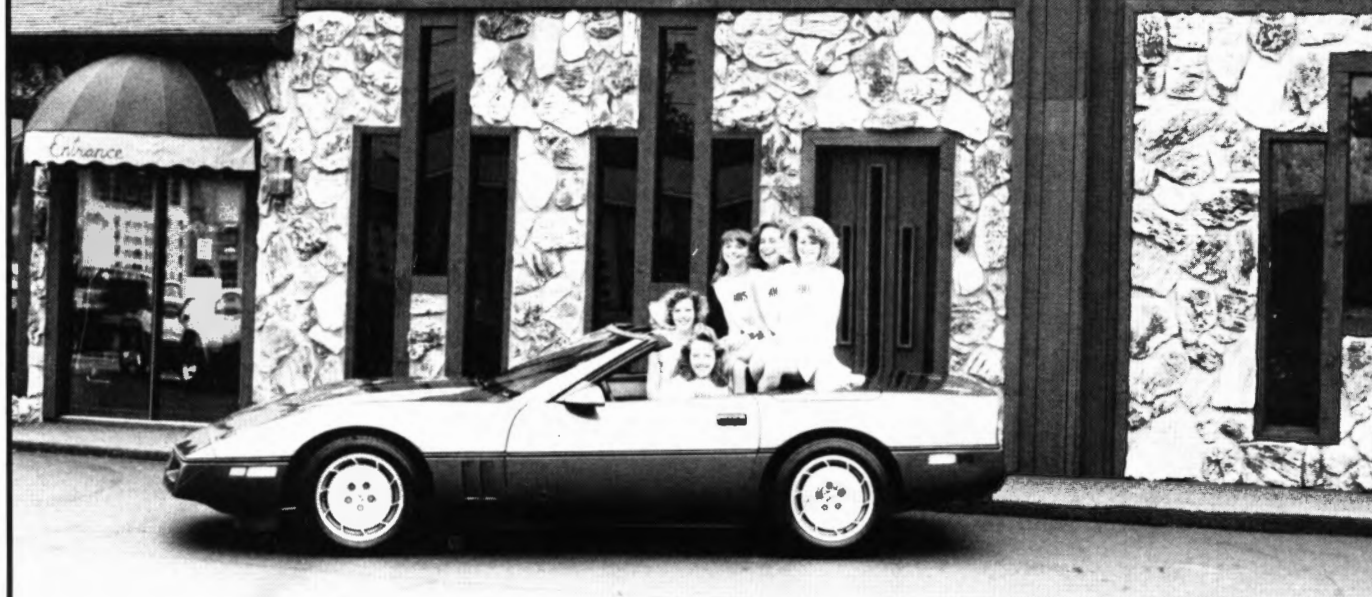
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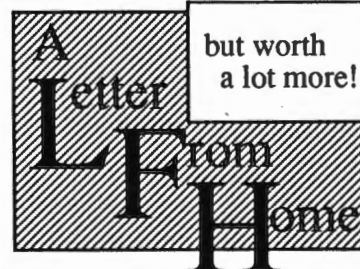
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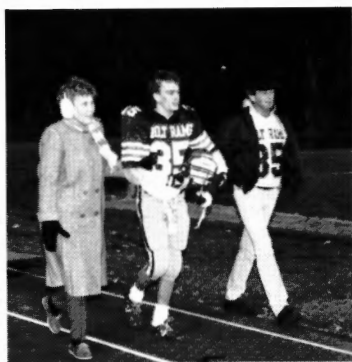
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STEPS OF PRIDE. As a tradition every year, the Varsity Football Team and many others have 'senior night.' On this night, the parents of every senior on the team walk with their son or daughter in front of the crowd as they are announced. Rob Ward and his parents participate in this tradition with pride. For a closer look at Varsity Football, see pages 118 and 119.



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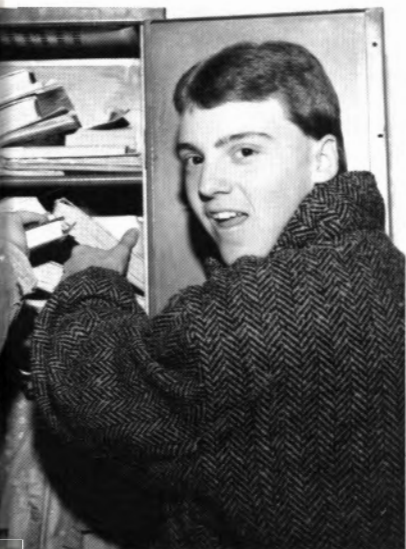
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SPIRIT RAISERS. Teaching elementary students the art of spirit raising routines are members of the Pom Pon squad, Linda LeGrand and Catherine Petrovich. They taught the students routines in a

community service, fundraiser workshop with a grand finale of a halftime performance at a home Varsity Basketball game. For a closer look at the Pom Pon Squad, **see pages 42 and 43.**



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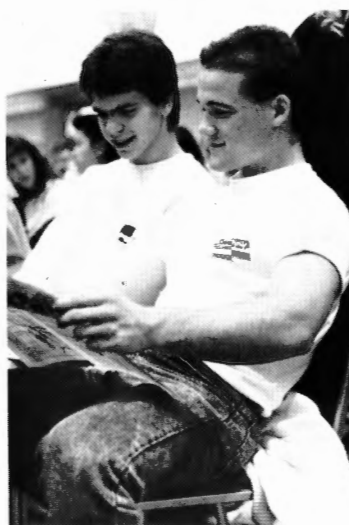
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PLAYFUL SCENE. Falling to the stage laughing during the dress rehearsal practice for the Fall Play, "Don't Drink the Water," are Jennifer Jewett as Mrs. Hollander and John Levandowski as Father Drobney. For a closer look at the Fall Play, see pages 178 and 179.



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One Step Closer...

COMMUNITY SERVICE. Donating blood at the annual NHS Blood Drive in February is Stacie Clark who is being helped by a Red Cross volunteer. The 147 pints donated broke last year's record for a successful NHS project. For a closer look at NHS activities, see pages 48 and 49.



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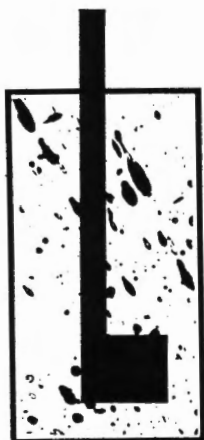
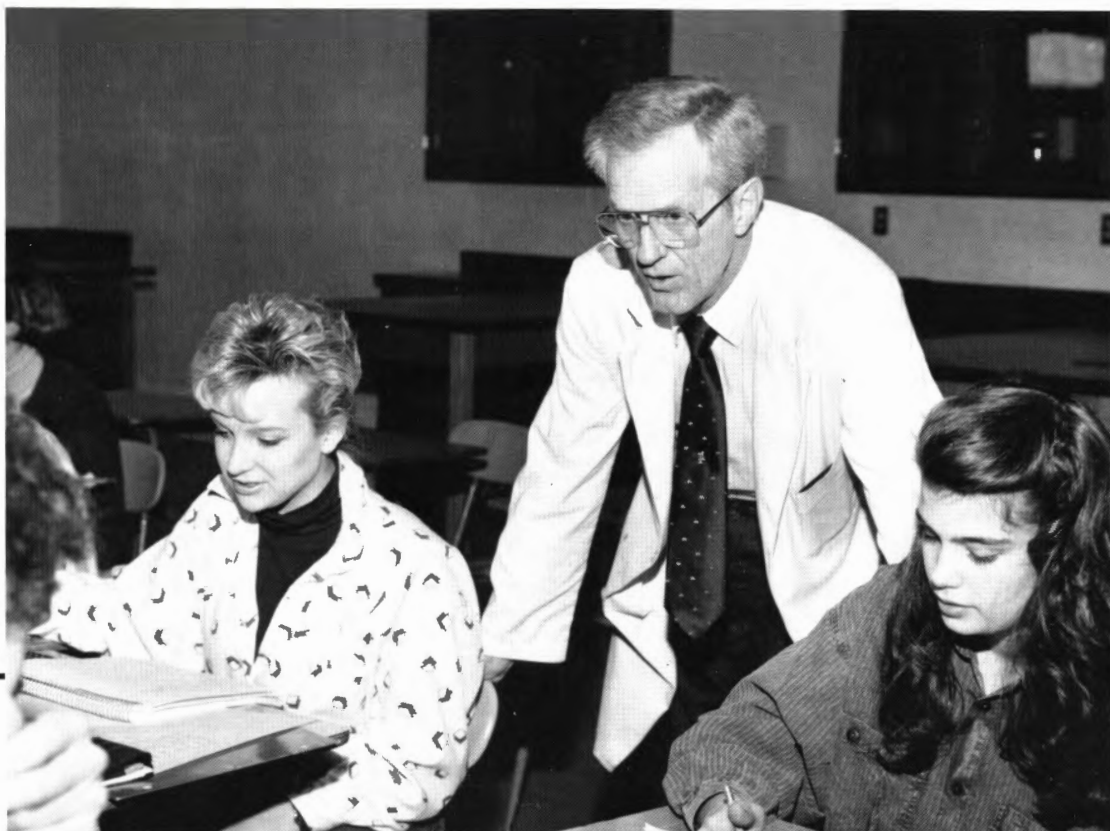
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FULL SERVICE. A chauffeur for the door, and a date for the Prom, Krystal Ellis steps out of her limo with the help of Jeff Etelamaki. The special occasion of Prom prompted many couples to rent a limo for a night on the town. For a closer look at Prom, **see pages 192 and 193.**



LISTEN! Giving an explanation of an assignment in Physics class to Steve Cairns is Mr. Rudd while Jennifer Gilkey and Jennifer Calvert

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STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER. The juniors chose the Fourth of July as their theme for Homecoming and picked up a patriotic tone to their hall. All sparked up before the competition, stars hung from the ceiling accompanied by balloons, posters and streamers. After one day of school, the second place hallway is torn to pieces as a tradition. Three culprits are heading toward the gym for the pep assembly. For a closer look at hall decorations and the boost of three half days to prepare them, see page 17.



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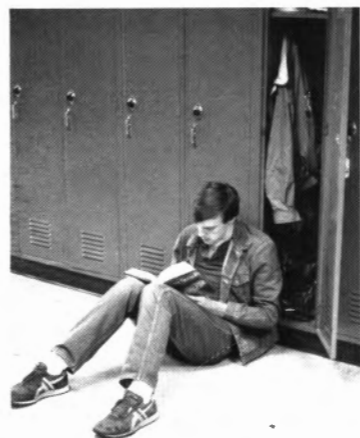


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SACRED SILENCE. Enjoying the rare occasion of a quiet, uncrowded hallway, Daree Lamb reads in peace. The normal congestion of the halls would not normally allow Daree to keep his locker open for a longer amount of time, but Daree knew when to find some quiet. For a closer look at spending time alone and relaxing reading, **see pages 171 and 173.**



O ne Step Closer...

SWITCHED ROLES. At a pep assembly, the Varsity Football team watches the show. At night the roles will reverse and everyone will have their eyes on the team as they perform a show on the field. Though pep assemblies are often optional, the majority of students attend to show their school spirit. For a closer look at more school traditions, **see pages 22 and 23.**



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INTERESTING JOB! Senior Darrah Allen joins a group of sophomores completing the dissection of a fetal pig in Biology lab. Dissection brought mixed reviews from students though they managed to get through the experience. For a closer look at dissection, see pages 62 and 63.



One Step Closer...

CHILDHOOD HEROS. Pouring over her Batman comic is junior Brooke Chappell. Batman and other characters became more popular with students as the year went on. For a closer look at what was hot and what was not during the year, see pages 168 and 169.



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WORK SPOOK WORK! Getting ready for competition, the seniors haunt their hallway with their Halloween theme. Jason Sleight assists Shelli Dubay in cutting out spooky bats that, once finished, hung from the rafters. The seniors upheld the tradition of taking first in the hallway competition. For a closer look at senior Homecoming competitions, see pages 16, 17, 64d and 64e.

DOUBLE DEVOTION. Enjoying watching their son-grandson play in a home Varsity Basketball game are Mrs. Baragar and Jeremy's grandmother. The team usually plays to a packed gym of loyal fans at every home game. For a closer look at Boys' Varsity Basketball, see pages 140 and 141.



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last events to be together as a class. Jeff Canfield and Todd Graham laugh together as they wait to be served.



CONCENTRATION. Assisting a student with an Industrial Arts project is teacher Leo Allaire. Industrial Arts offered students a change of pace with vocational application. For a closer look at scheduling, see pages 58 and 59.



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O ne Step Closer...



BREAKING FREE. With the help of his line, Robert Chingman finds an opening and rushes down the field in the Homecoming game against Eastern. For a closer look at Homecoming, see pages 14 and 15.

TAKING IT IN STRIDE. Making the high hurdles look easy is Kristi Purchase. The girls Track Team posted a winning season with a second place finish in the CAC. For a closer look at Girls' Track, see pages 160 and 161.



RAISING CROWD SPIRIT. Bringing the fans to their feet with spirit are the Varsity Cheerleaders as they achieve their goal of greater crowd participation at a home Varsi-

ty Basketball game at the Junior High School. For a closer look at Winter Cheerleaders, see pages 144 and 145.

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COMBINATION

CHILD'S PLAY? Learning that there is more to parenting than just play, junior Kassie Stephens entertains a toddler in Mrs. Lamphier's nursery in Child Development class. Students view movies and participate in class discussions to explain the responsibilities of parenthood.



STRONG FOLLOWTHROUGH. Putting power behind her hit is senior Kim Kistler in a home game against Waverly. The Varsity Softball Team overcame a slow start to finish strong and win the CAC title.

Going for the Gold

Taking the traditions of the past and making them fit the framework of the year called for unique interpretations of old customs.

Tackling the competitive nature of the CAC sports schedule was a tough challenge for the Girls' Varsity Softball team who had their eyes set on a championship. But, by working hard behind a strong pitching staff and a group of forceful hitters, the girls used their talent and determination to share the reign as Co-CAC champions with Grand Ledge.

Joining in the excitement, the student body became involved in many activities to raise the level of school spirit. After an energetic rivalry between classes during spirit week the competition evolved into an intense battle as the graduated seniors returned to attack underclassmen on their last day of school using the traditional water balloons and shaving cream weapons to ceremoniously bring an end to their rule.

In between the rivalries and competitions, academic achievement was evident as over ten percent of the senior class earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher by keeping themselves motivated and disciplined to reach their academic goals.

Keeping up with the traditions set before them was a challenge that most students were prepared to face throughout the year.





BEATING THE RECORD. NHS member junior Shannon VanSchoik signs in senior Jen McCarley as a donor in the February Blood Drive. National Honor Society raised the total number of pints of blood donated to a record 147 in the traditional annual blood drive. Joining forces with NHS in sponsoring the drive was the Red Cross underlining the tradition of community support for the school and club activities.



PATRIOTIC DECORATOR. The challenge to create winning hall decorations is taken up by junior Wendy Whitlock as she adds the finishing touches to Uncle Sam. The tradition of class competition during the October Spirit Week was renewed, reinterpreted and taken to new heights by this year's classes with the additional bonus of three half days.

DAILY RITUAL. Moving through the motions of the ritual day is junior Mike Newman as he heads for his locker during the passing period of a typical day.



USING THE RESOURCES. The library's many guides and collections of literature help senior Shirley Wagner write a research paper for her Psychology class. The tradition of support for the John W. Chi Library is provided yearly by the Chi family.

POLYESTER AND PLAID. The right combination for spirited fun are seniors Mike Bowler, Jeff Etelamaki and Mike Croy as they innovatively put together outfits for Nerd Day. Spirit Week provides students the chance to creatively adapt the traditions of the past into events which express their own ideas and styles.



LEARNING THE ROPES. Getting help with a Chemistry lab from student teacher, Mr. Tazzia, is junior Debbie Freye. Mr. Tazzia was also learning the ropes of teaching with Mr. Dave Foy in a traditional class for college bound seniors.

G Striking a Gold Mine

Despite the irony involved, one of the constant traditions of the past had been change. As students' ideas and abilities varied from year to year, traditional activities were innovated upon and adapted to fit the class and the year. Innovation also characterized the faculty and staff as they sought to improve their teaching and school functioning.

Building on the strong record that the Science Olympiad Team had created by winning the Regional championship for three consecutive years, the team, under the leadership of math and science teachers, and with the dedicated participation of 14 members, decided to capture the state title also. Then, they practiced some more and ventured to Colorado to place 13th in the nation out of 3000 competing schools.

Keeping in the spirit of the year, a more timely and memorable format was created for graduation with Baccalaureate and Commencement being held on the same day, just two hours apart. Managing the time between events took a great deal of preparation and timing on behalf of the students and families for fitting in the events of the day.



GETTING IT RIGHT. Running a food-testing experiment in Biology lab is sophomore Greg Toth while his lab partner, sophomore Aaron Croley, looks on. Science labs provide students with hands-on experience, as well as the more creative aspects of Science research.

REACHING HIGH. Up for the points is senior Jim Wright against his St. Johns opponent in a home game at the Junior High. The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team led a season marked by moments of brilliance, as well as frustration, in which the scoreboard didn't tell the whole story.



NEW APPROACH. Providing questions and help to students for small group discussion is Mr. Michael Saules in his Communication Arts class where he uses a variety of more innovative methods and activities including team teaching with Mrs. Pat Milbourn.

Good as Gold

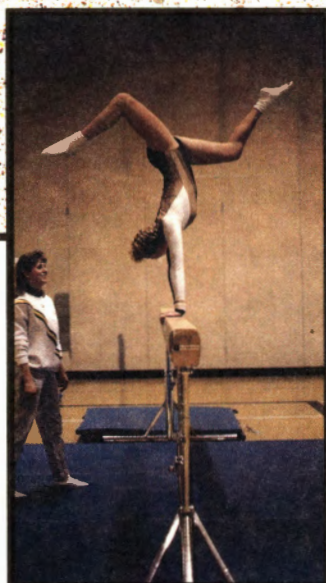
With tradition came change. Following the cycle of renewal, traditions were reinterpreted while new ones emerged during the year. The right combination of tradition and innovation kept the wheels turning and the excitement in the air, creating a year as good as gold.



AIRING THEIR SPIRIT! Creating spirit takes the right combination of tradition and innovation and is celebrated by senior coaches Craig Simmons and Dan McLean after leading the senior girls to a victory in the traditional October Powder Puff football game.



"If I had to do it all over again, I know I'd be in the band. It has always been fun and I've made many good friends." — Senior Ron Gubry



"What I enjoyed most about gymnastics was competing and the feeling up on the beam that you're all alone." — Sophomore Alys Abdo



"Playing Varsity Football was a great experience. Through strenuous practice I learned to discipline myself." — Senior Kirk Spencer



"Raising school spirit as Rocky Ram was fun. I particularly liked the reaction from the little kids and parents." — Senior Jeff Bachman



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The Right COMBINATION

of Committment And Effort

Bringing new ideas fresh from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Summer Journalism Workshop, the editors gathered early to transform the right combination of ideas, effort and committment into the '89 Rampages. The staff set new goals, tackling a larger 9" x 12" format book, trying to write better captions and body copy in Century Schoolbook type, and acquiring two Macintosh SE computers, an Apple scanner and a Laser Writer IINT printer to initiate desktop publishing with portions of the graphics and headlines in the 244 page book. The cover concept designed by senior Brooke Barrett and the typography by junior Paige Hunter, was embossed on brown leath-erette cover with a screened foil appli-cation on 180 point board, rounded and backed with headbands. The 700 copies of Volume 59 were printed by Jostens American Yearbook Company of Clarksville, Tennessee on 80# gloss enamel stock paper with two separate applications of process color in the Opening and Individuals sections. Two applications of spot color included Pro-

cess Yellow in the Opening and Fire Engine Red in the Mini-Magazine. Michael Lafferty, publishing representa-tive, assisted in various phases of pro-duction and lended much enthusiasm and support, while Valerie Ezel served as in-plant consultant.

Struggling through four major dead-lines, the Rampages staff put in over-time while veteran staff members kept spirits from lagging. The payoff was still months away until receipt of the book, yet, awards for the 1988 Ram-pages reinspired the staff. Earning a medalist rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association was re-ward for efforts made last year to up-grade the book. The volume also earned seven first place awards from the Mich-igan Interscholastic Press Association for Reader Aids, Graphics, Student Photography, Use of Photography, Stu-dent Life Coverage, Community Cover-age and Advertising. Second place awards were earned for Sports Cover-age, Body Copy (Reporting) and Aca-demic Coverage. Third place awards were given for Theme Development

and Layout Design, and an Honorable Mention for Clubs and Organizations Coverage.

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