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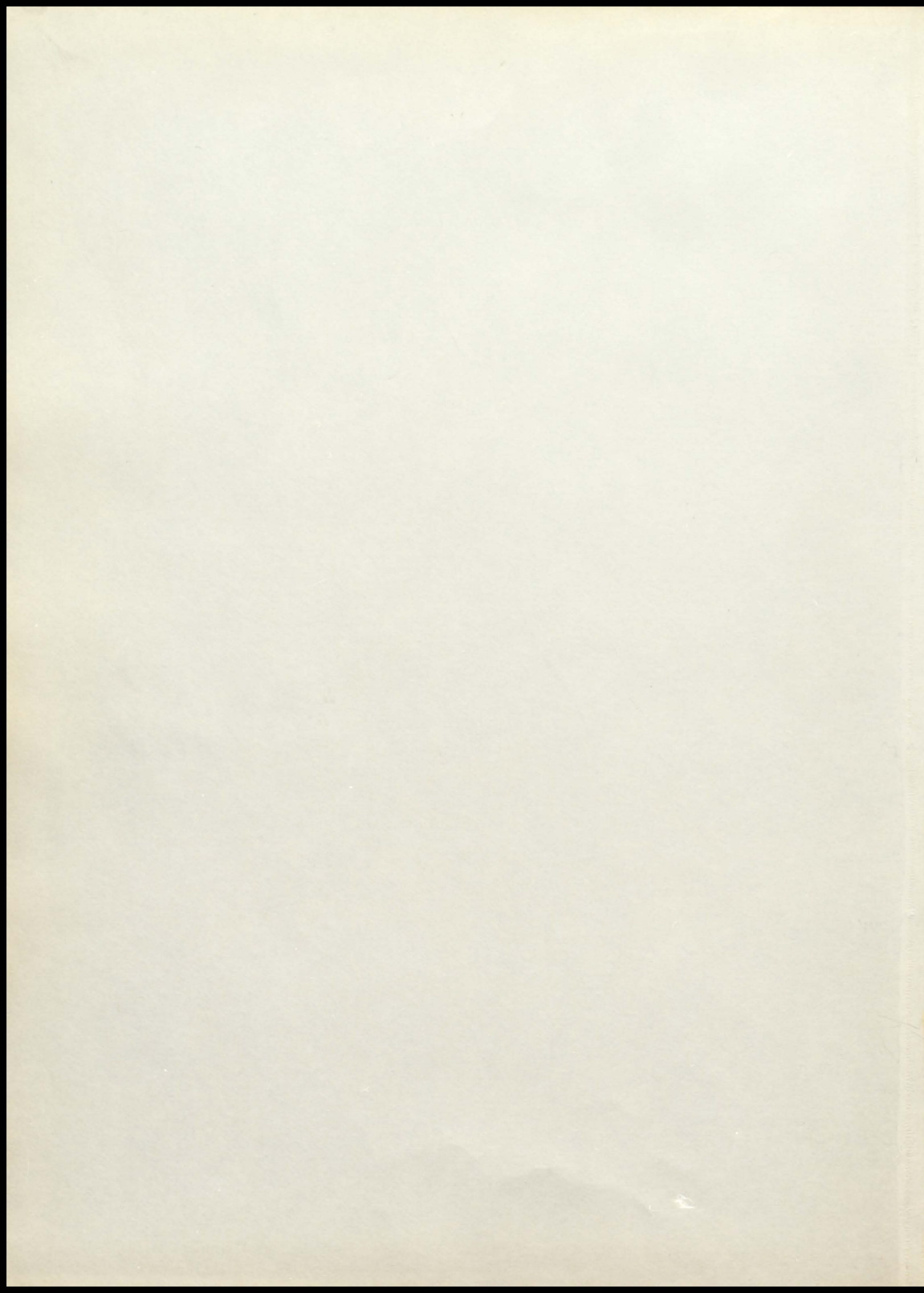
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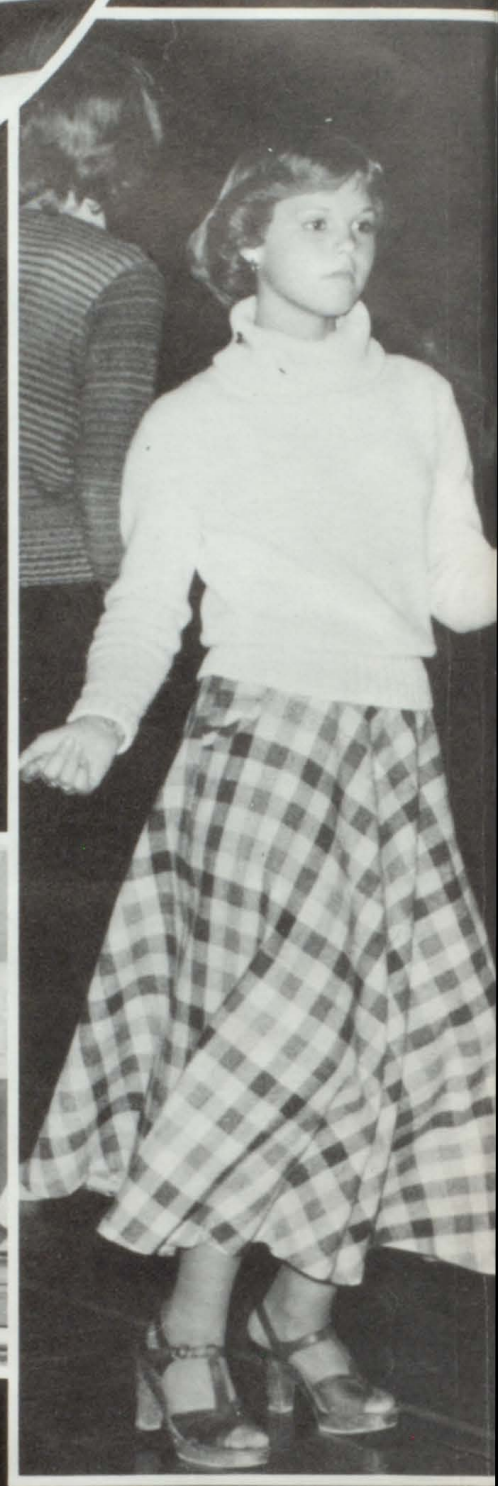
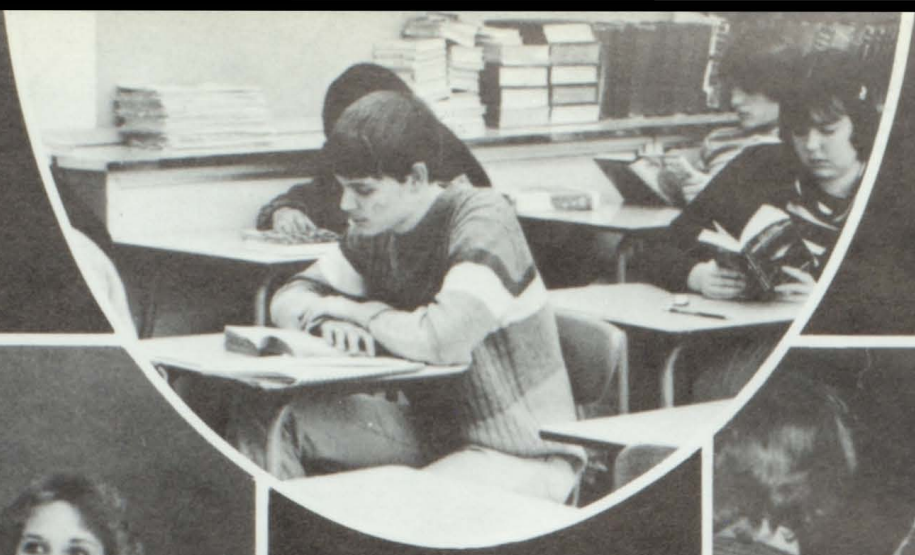
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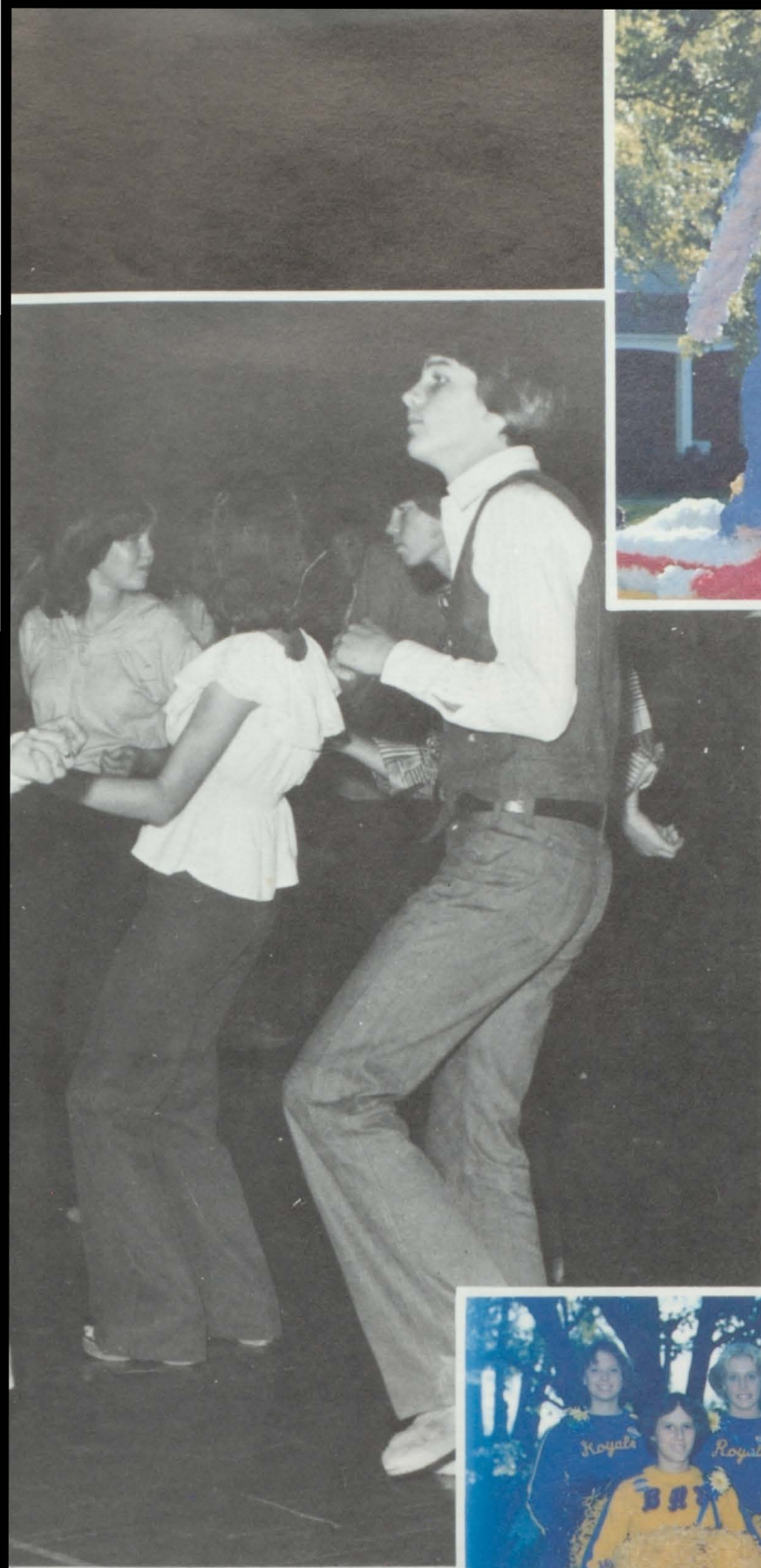
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'79, the end of a decade, finds Blissfield much changed, yet much the same as it was in '71. School dances, homecoming and cheering are still favorite pastimes.







Teresa Barrera and Gail Gritzmaker are developing a household budget.



Working in the resource room are Dan Beckey and Doug Walters.

Mr. Jack Barger, Principal

works hard at many jobs which range from helping students in their many problems, to attending county and local education meetings. He also plans curricular coordination, assists when Supt. Wilson is not here and helps with normal office procedures.

Starting far left, Mr. Barger checks with teachers and students as they arrive.

In the middle, he explains some work to his secretary, Mrs. Farnsel.

Quite often (at near left) he can be heard giving special announcements to the entire school.



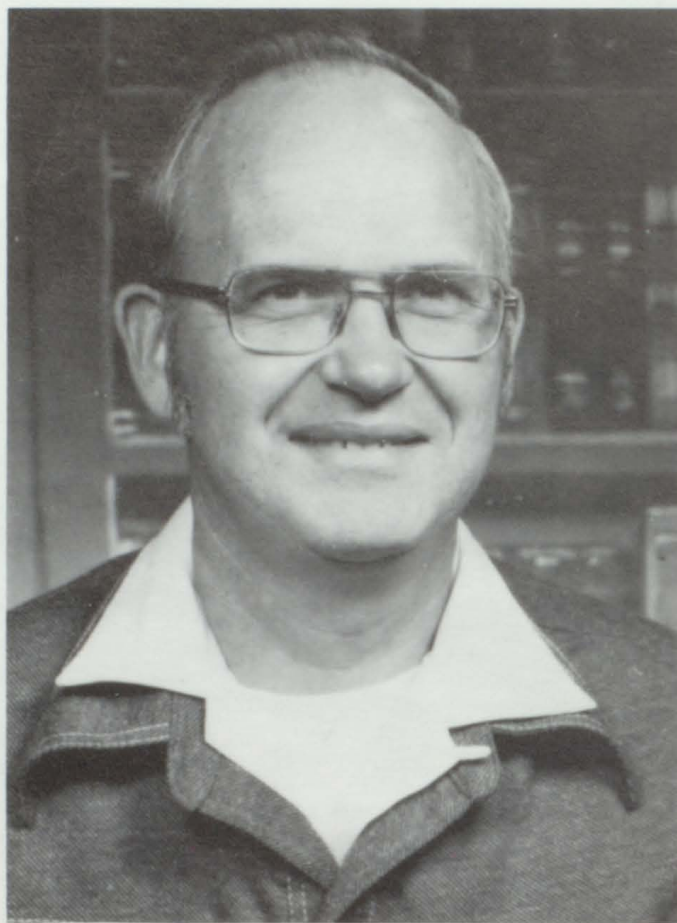
Mrs. Christine Wendt who teaches in the resource room offers an opportunity to take classes such as Math, English, History, Civics and Consumer Education on an individualized basis. Whenever possible, these classes are geared to practical daily living skills to involve students in real world experiences.

Education at Blissfield Uses Specialists in Many Areas

Far right: M. Denecker and J. Handy took first place gold on cattle housing demonstration.

Near right: M. Cooper took gold first in job interview.

Below left: Parliamentary procedure team won a first place gold. Team members are (standing) P. Hodgins, R. Cambal, T. MacBeth, T. Peterson, (seated) Z. Eisenmann, K. Nichols, and M. Schmidt.



C. Soneff checks FFA corn test plots.



Mr. Jacob Venema taught agriculture and biology.

Far left: common crowd scene at the national FFA convention in Kansas City.

Below: The farm forum team discussed problems of parity to win a first place gold in district competition. Standing are: C. Soneff, N. Love, R. Bierman, and G. Sheldon.

Seated are: B. Mills, T. Sell, and T. Salisbury.



A Tribute for Thirty-two Years to Blissfield's School's Agricultural Program

Jacob Venema

Jake Venema has been the agriculture and FFA advisor at Blissfield for 32 years. He graduated with B.A. and M.S. degrees from MSU. He has attended several seminars and was a government grant recipient for study for three summers in Wisconsin.

With his help thirteen former BHS students have obtained the American Farmer degree, the highest FFA national award: Dave Derish, Jim Darish, Paul Vergote, Richard Beagle, Mike Wilczynski, Jeff Ehlert, Ron Thompson, Keith Eisenmann, Todd Goetz, Mike Knisel, Bruce Porter, Bill Kasefang, and Bill Porter.

More than 40 students have earned the State Farm Degree.

During the last ten years, the following awards have been won by Blissfield at FFA contests:

1974: District and Regional Winner of Agricultural Forum and State Finalists in Agricultural Forum District Winner and Regional Silver in Parliamentary Procedure. District and Regional Winner in Public Speaking.

1975: District Winner and Regional Silver in Public Speaking District Winner and Regional Silver in Greenland Public Speaking District Winner and Regional Gold Demonstration.

1976: District Winner and Regional Winner Demonstration District Winner and Regional Silver Parliamentary Procedure. District Winner and Regional Gold Public Speaking District Winner and Regional Gold Job Interview.

1977: District Winner and Blissfield Regional Gold Agricultural; Forum District Winner and Regional Silver Public Speaking District Winner and Regional Gold Greenland Public Speaking District Winner and Regional Winner Agricultural Forum.

1978: District Winner and Regional Winner and State Honorable Mention Agricultural Forum District Winner and Regional Winner and State Final Silver Award-Demonstration District Winner and Regional Winner Demonstrator.

1979: District Winner and Regional Winner Demonstration.



Sitting: R. Bierman, N. Love, M. Golembiewski, R. Mills, T. Salsbury, T. Sell
Second Row: P. Lemley, G. Sheldon, M. Cooper, C. Soneff, R. Faust, M. Ostrander, P. Hodges
Third Row: L. Mills, M. Reno, Z. Eisenmann, C. Bierman, M. Frohnappfel, B. Uckele, K. Nichols
Back Row: R. Cambal, B. Kastel, M. Schmidt, M. Denecker, J. Handy, C. Lievens, T. MacBeth, S. Whiteman

ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

1974: Outstanding Michigan Chapter, National Chapter Award,
1975: Gold Land Conservation, Gold Ag Mechanics, National awards for conservation and mechanics
1976: Outstanding Michigan Chapter Award
1977: State award for building demonstration, Silver in Livestock
1978: Silver Dairy Cattle, Gold Livestock



Above: Sitting: Roger Bierman,
Norman Love, Mark Golembiewski,
Robert Mills, Tom Salsbury, Tom
Sell

Second Row: Paul Lamley, Gary
Sheldon, Mike Cooper, Chuck
Soneff, Rodney Faust, Mark
Ostrander, Paul Hodges

Third Row: Loy Mills, Mike Reno,
Zell Eisenmann, Chuck Bierman,
Marty Frohnappfel, Bolton Uckele,
Kevin Nichols

Back Row: Ron Cambal, Bill Kastel,
Mike Schmidt, Maurie Denecker,
Jeff Handy, Chuck Lievens, Troy
MacBeth, Steve Whiteman

Right: Substitute teacher Don
Neuroth watches another
substitute, Mrs. Karen Blessing
check Dan Loar's notebook title
while Zell Eisenmann gets
pages ready for help.





F.F.A.



Above: Steve Whiteman lounges after working on his project book.
Left: Freshman Brian Love and Domingo Valdez begin the paperwork that plagues all farmers.

Mrs. Boldt demonstrates a form of measurements to the tailoring class.

Mrs. DeVantier teaches Home Ec. I, and General Business. Mrs. Boldt teaches foods, General Business, Consumers' Ed., Interior Design, Self Awareness, Tailoring and Clothing.



Mrs. Boldt



Mrs. DeVantier



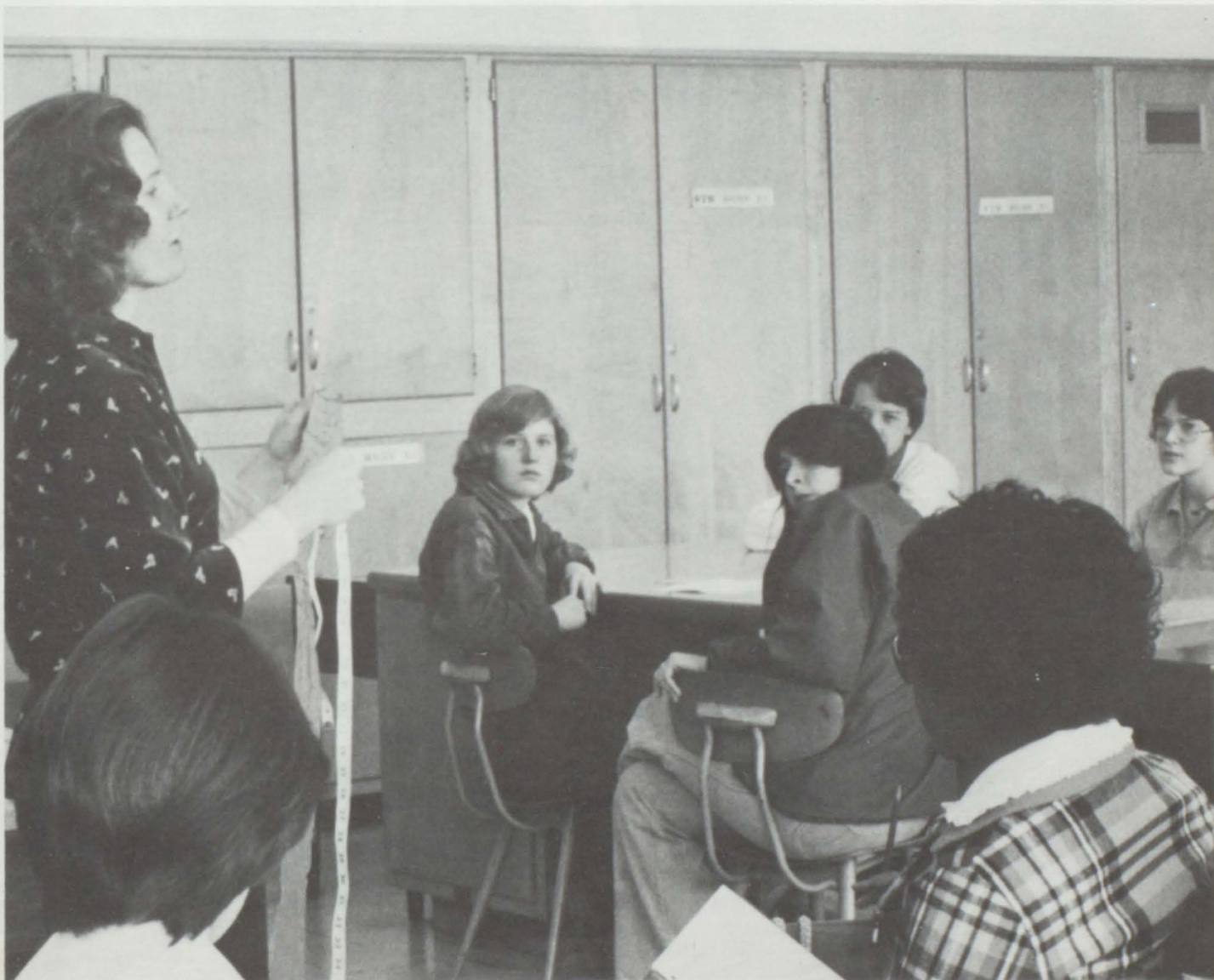


Home Economics

The home economics classes were very successful this year teaching boys and girls the several areas of nutrition and disease, meal planning, clothing construction, child development, and helping the individual understand himself and his family.

Left: Mrs. Cathy Case, substitute, gives her freshmen instructions before putting out the absence slip.

Below: Mrs. Boldt demonstrates to her tailoring class the correct way to measure a pattern piece.





Business

The business department teaches courses that prepare a student for office jobs and management. Some of the courses offered are: shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, and business practice.

The Business Club meets every last Monday of the month. They show movies about business and talk about ways to improve the school store. Some of the things involved with the school store are making posters and setting up the display case, ordering merchandise, selling every morning, proofing cash, taking inventory, and keeping the books. They also had a Christmas party.

Business Club left:

Top to Bottom: C. Bachman secretary, G. Clements, L. Matusack, L. Smith, D. Goodson, N. Perez, C. Burgermister advisor, S. McAlpine, T. Tietz president, L. Smith, K. Dillie advisor
Absent from Picture: L. Orner treasurer



Mrs. Carol Burgermister teaches Business Practice, Personal Typing, Typing II, Shorthand, Note-hand, and Job Placement.



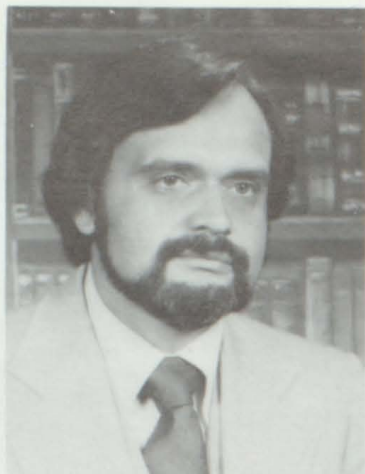
Mrs. Karen Dillie teaches Typing I, Accounting, Business English, and Personal Typing.



Miss Kay Williamsen, student teacher from Siena Heights College, adjusts typewriter in Personal Typing for student Kenna Soneff.



Mr. Robert Biglin taught variety of reading skill levels.



Mr. Richard Clark taught the advanced college prep.



Mr. Peter Durbin taught English 9 and Journalism.



Mrs. Margaret Gould taught English 9 and Family Living.



To some, Crit class discussions were amusing, especially on journal days. Barb Johnson looks rather bored, but Mr. Clark and Shawn Peters seem to be enjoying themselves.

English

The English department offered 21 courses this year. In each of them the teachers pushed for better grammar usage, reading comprehension and composition.

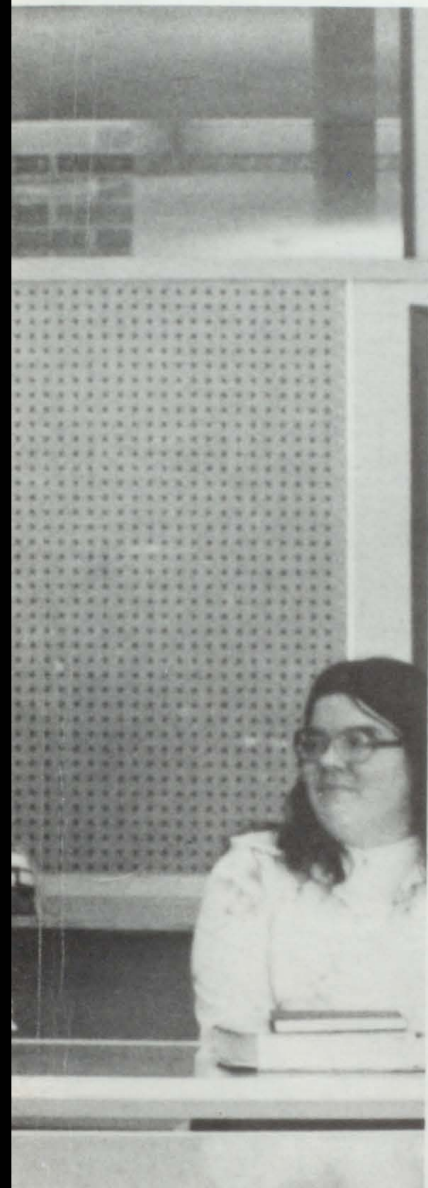


Mrs. Judy Mershon taught public speaking, drama, writing and debate.



In Reading On Your Own Brian Leary and John Krix silently read in the course for those with not enough time to read books.

Left: Doug Heidbreder was chosen as the BHS nominee for the National Council Teachers of English writing contest for juniors.





Sitting: Advisor, Mrs. Hawley, President, L. Salenbien, Vice-President, P. Johnson, Secretary, L. Smith, Treasurer, N. LaFollette, C. Berk

Standing: B. Marks, A. Tipton, C. Mlcek, H. Rower, M. Ehlert, L. Mlcek, J. Tattersall, C. Cosme

Second: E. Lundquist, M. Spiegel, L. Barrett, L. Handy, T. Hoag, J. Smith, S. Armstrong, J. Sheldon, A. Short

Third: B. Peterson, J. Liewart, T. Thompson, J. Sitterly, B. Iffland, T. Carrico, R. Garro, B. Renner

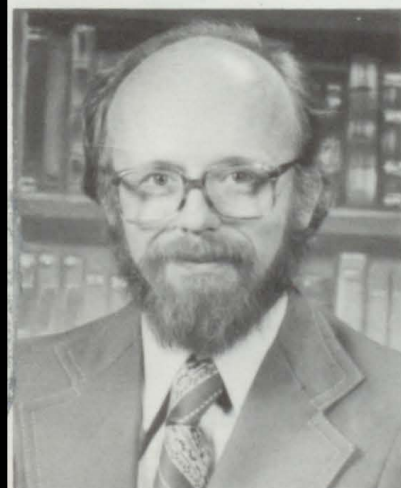


Sitting: Advisor, Mr. Nino, President, T. Tietz, Vice-President, B. Thompson, Secretary, O. Olivarez, Treasurer, T. Mallory
 Standing: S. Roback, K. Kennedy, L. Snyder, S. Thompson, D. Bussing, D. Hauser, L. Martinez, D. Fischer, M. Mirelez, S. Adkins
 Second: K. Klump, A. Topolski, B. Mallory, P. Lazenby, L. Klocke, K. Berry
 Third: R. Miller, M. Hutton, J. Studnicka, D. Luce, J. Tagsold, P. Liewart, L. Hoag, D. Heidbreder

The Arts

The language clubs are an informal way of using the language learned in school. French Club held a bonfire and hayride in the fall and a Christmas party. Spanish Club had a Spanish Mod at Loma Linda's and a skating party.

In Art, Art I learns basic techniques in drawing, Art II works with clay and water colors, Art III works with paints and batik, and Art IV works on portfolios containing a wide variety of works in different media.



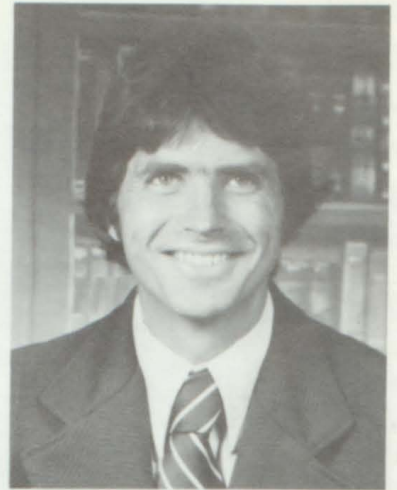
Mr. James Boldt taught four levels of art.

Mrs. Irene Hawley taught French, English 9, research, and writing.

Mr. Philip Nino taught five classes of Spanish.

Student Council — A Study of Government Practice

This year's members kept busy running the popcorn machine at the basketball games, and holding dances. They also sponsored a student council student exchange day with the other schools in the LCAA.



Mr. Alan Diver taught phys. ed., current events, and world history.

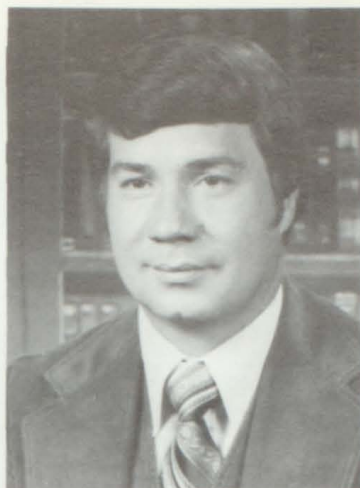


Mr. Thompson, our athletic director, speaks with another school about next year's schedule.





Mrs. Carol Greenwald taught civics, economics and American history



Mr. David Thompson taught three classes of American history.

History and Government

The American History classes got to use their artistic talents on Civil War projects during the classroom civil war unit. The projects ranged from maps and flags to soap carvings and pillows. Civics class traveled to district court in Adrian for a view of law-enforcement.

Below:

Top Row: J. Sheldon, T. Monroe, K. Russell, S. Burns, B. Reau, B. Veldhoff

Row 3: (L to R) D. Rupp, W. Shannon, R. Robach, P. Piotter, S. Siering, G. Hamilton

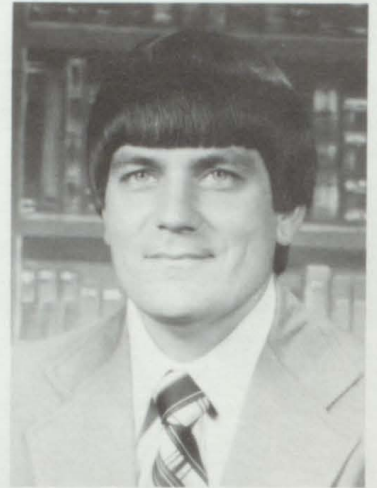
Row 2: (L to R) J. Coomer, K. Granzow, D. Warner, L. Mlcek, D. Goetz

Bottom Row: (L to R) Mr. Diver (advisor), B. Siering, President; B. Klump, S. Kreutzfeld, S. Monroe





Mr. Gary Brink taught advanced algebra, geometry, and general math.

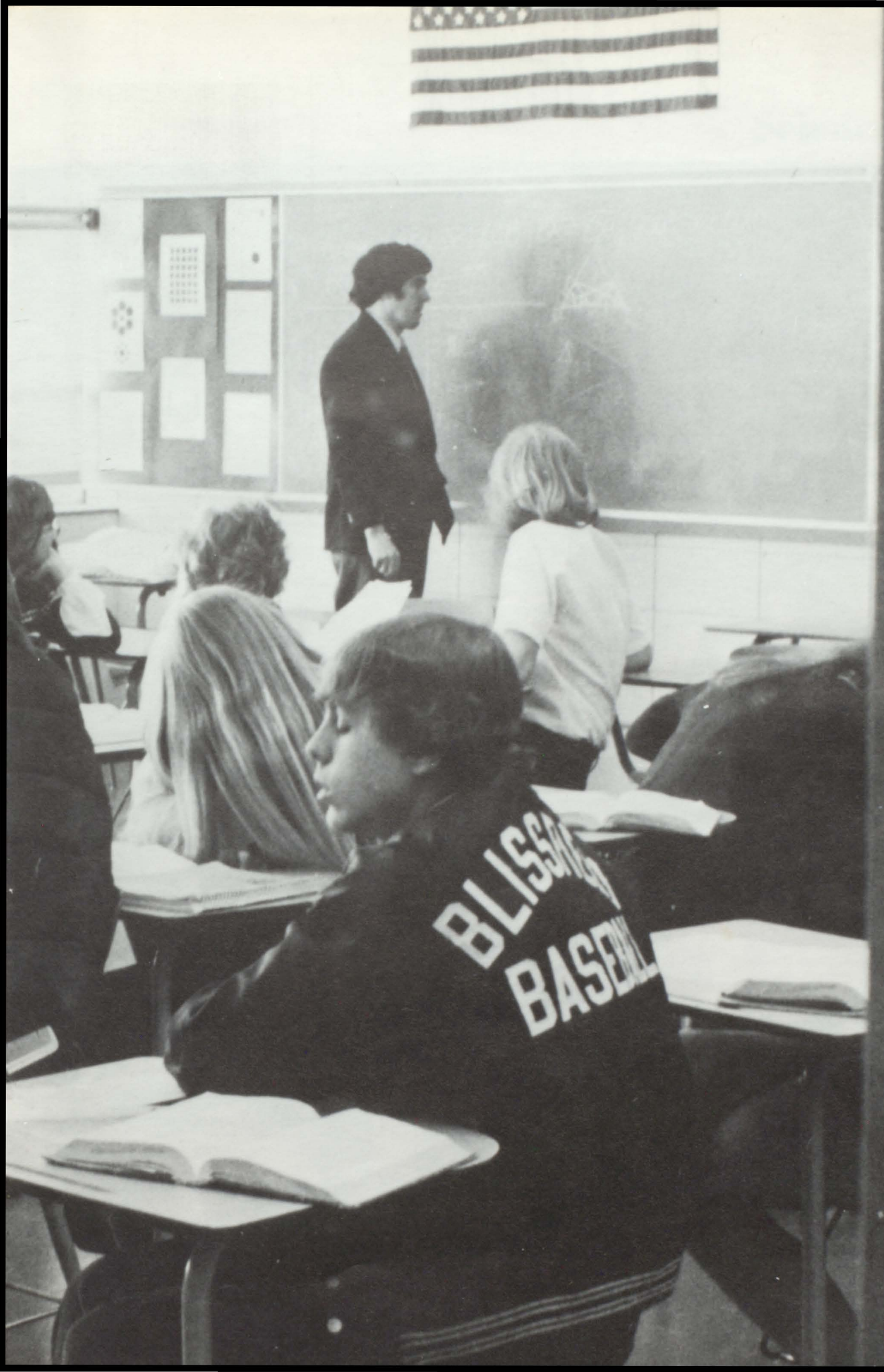


Mr. Ronald Merillat taught algebra, general math, and advanced algebra.



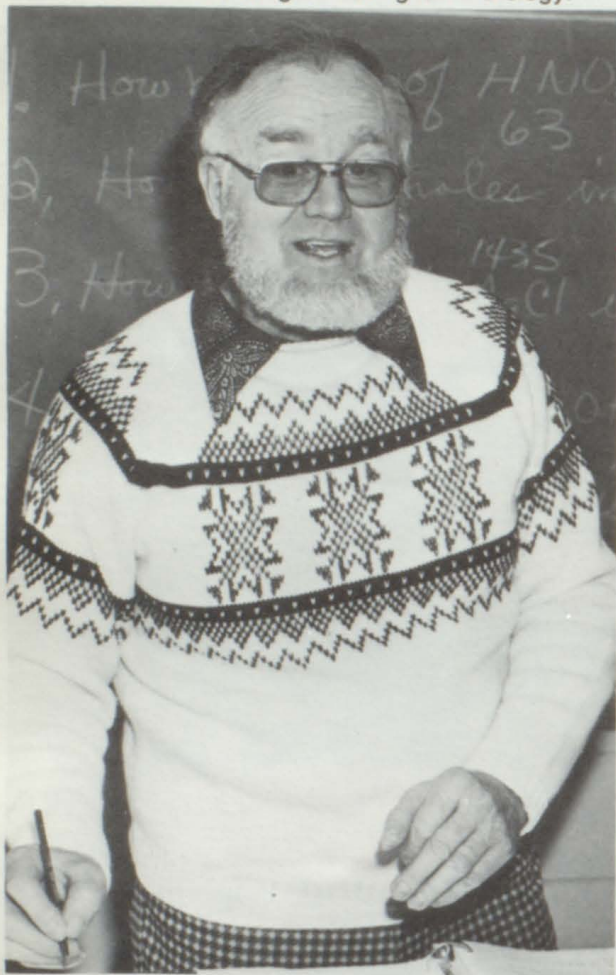
Mr. John Smith taught algebra, general math, advanced math, and trigonometry.

Math





K. Bruce and D. Wingard having fun in Biology.



Mr. Bruce explains aerial photographs to R. Slusher and E. Ganun.

What would a chemistry class be without Mr. Bruce's surprise Wednesday Quizzes? Probably "as easy as eating lettuce". A Friday wouldn't be a Friday if, as Physics, Chemistry and Earth Science students left, a deep, cheery voice didn't call after them "Have a safe and sane weekend!"

Mr. Brewer's biology classes were kept busy as usual. In the fall, each student collected and mounted tree or leaf specimens as a major project.

Sciences



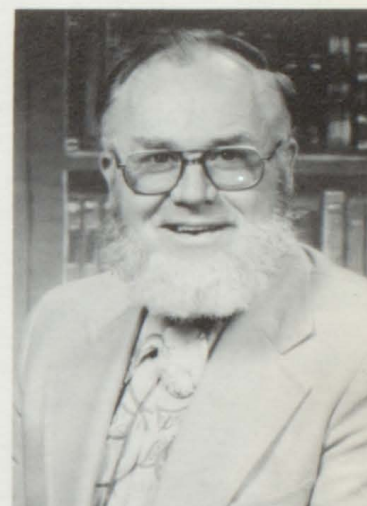
What happened to your slide rule, Mr. Bruce?



G. Sinclair and T. Loar observe fish in fish tank in the biology room.



Mr. Don Bruce

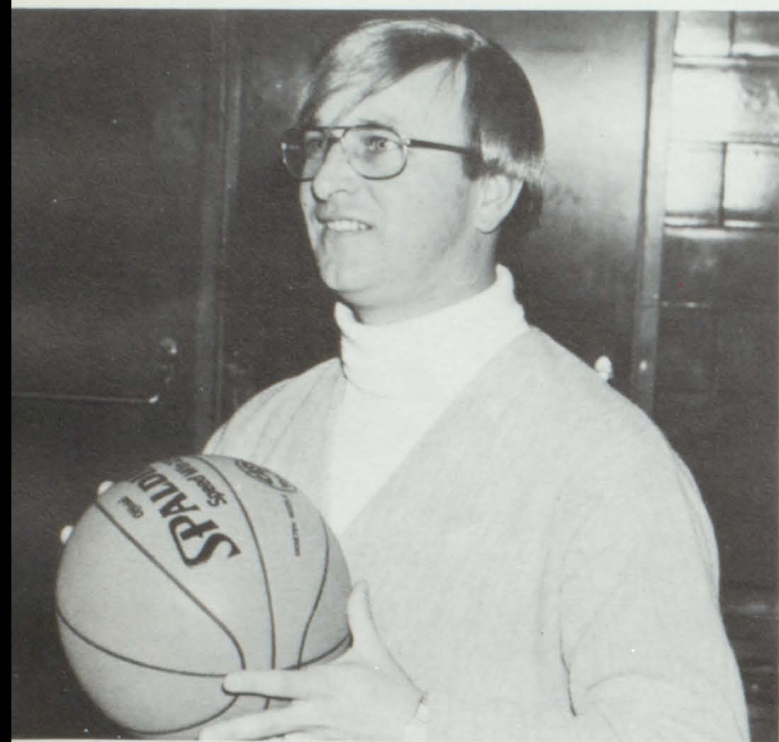


Mr. Art Brewer



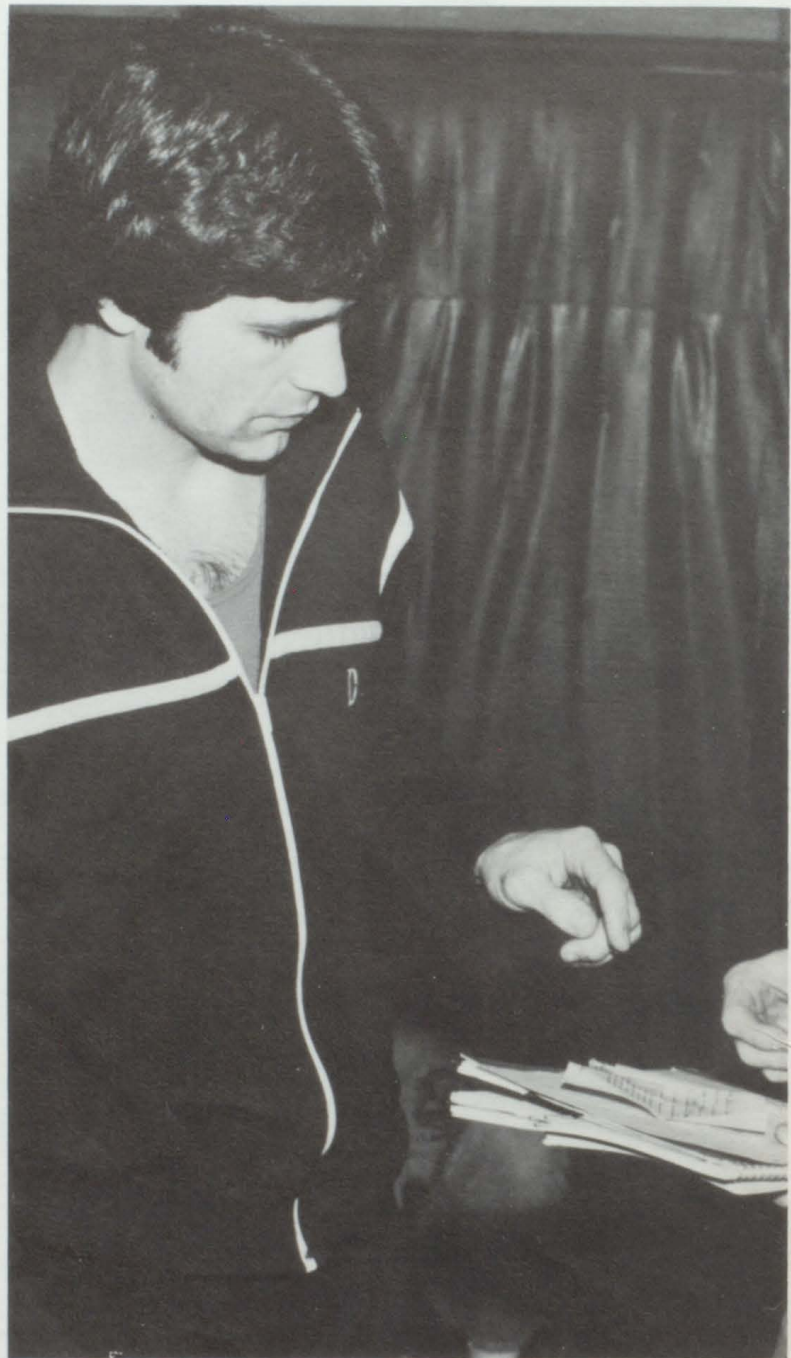


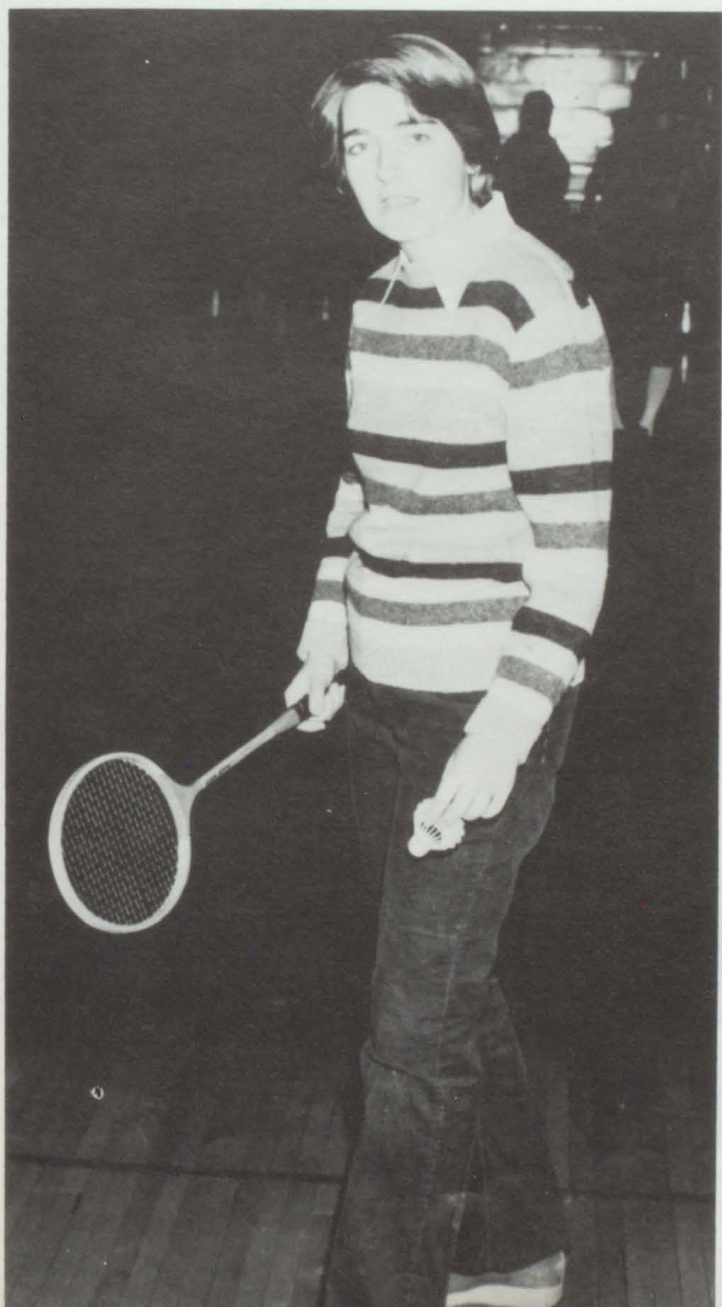
Mr. Diver demonstrates to Terry Butler how to serve a shuttlecock.



Above: A photogenic Mr. Tuttle explains the basics of basketball.
Right: Mr. Diver had the daily task of taking attendance.

Phys. Ed.





Top: An unbeaten team.
 Left: Miss Kohler takes a break after a tough game.
 Right: Student Aide C. MacBeth gives Mrs. Brown a helping hand.

Mrs. Betsy Graham teaches Chorus and is director of the Royal Singers.



First Row: R. Rinehart, S. Duncil, S. Klocke, L. Snyder, K. Noll, B. Brubaker, B. Brubaker, B. Ikle
 Second Row: Director, Mrs. Graham, H. Rower, R. Filipek, F. Davis, J. Griffeth, M. Salesbury, C. Iffland, O. Oliverez, S. Mitchell, B. Iffland, A. Tipton, N. Perez, C. Gritzmeyer, B. Shirley
 Third Row: D. Demille, L. Bierman, T. Shepherd, R. Emerson, M. Hutton, B. Staup, R. Morgan, D. Gray, D. Demille, E. Clingaman, A. Topolski, J. Smith, G. Garbo, J. Sitterly, T. Combs



The Chorus this year sang at the Adrian Mall Dec. 14, participated in the District 8 Solo and Ensemble, the Choir Festival, and the All County Choir Festival.

Choral Music

M. Hutton, T. Tietz, R. Emerson, J. Smith, J. Griffith, B. Brubaker, B. Brubaker, T. Combs, B. Ikle, Mrs. Graham

First Row: B. Brubaker, E. Clingaman, B. Ikle, Mrs. B. Graham

Second Row: G. Garno, M. Hutton, T. Combs, R. Emerson, R. Rinehart

Third Row: B. Staup, D. Gray, J. Griffith, B. Brubaker





Above: The band generates the energy and excitement that helped the Royals to a Homecoming victory over Morenci.

Right: Band Council —
Top to Bottom: P. Case, Pres.; L. Delzeith, Vice Pres.; G. Clements, Sec.-Treas.; Mr. McCormick

Band





Top: Mr. Bruce A. McCormick is director of the band.
Center: The marching band awaits the start of a parade.
Bottom: The marching band's field director is Lisa Delzeith.



The Band had an eventful and fulfilling year. Marching band, several concert performances, magazine subscription sales, parade appearances, and serving at numerous banquets all contributed to a busy and productive year.

Individuals put forth an encouraging effort with a good turn-out at All-County Band, in which C. MacBeth, L. Topolski, S. Nine, S. McCormick, R. Reau, M. Reau, and J. Studnicka won chairs.

First Division ratings were received at the District 8 Solo and Ensemble Competition by M. J. Gigax, N. LaFollette, and D. DeVantier with a flute trio. C. Lidster and K. Granzow with a cornet duet, G. Davis, G. Clements, C. MacBeth with a Clarinet trio. L. Topolski with a Tenor Sax Solo, R. Garno, S. Roback, and J. Coomer with a Clarinet Trio, M. Mirelez with a Clarinet Solo, G. Davis, S. Martinez, B. Marks, and M. Mirelez with a Clarinet quartet, K. Waigle with a Flute Solo, L. Topolski and S. Nine with a Tenor Sax Duet, L. Delzeith with a Flute Solo, and J. Walters and M. Clements with a Snare Drum Duet.

The band received an "I" rating at District Band Festival held in Onsted this year. L. Topolski received a first division proficiency rating on his tenor sax solo at State while the clarinet trio of G. Davis, G. Clements, and C. MacBeth also received an "I".





First Row: G. Davis, G. Clement, C. MacBeth, S. Martinez, B. Marks, M. Mirelez, R. Garno, P. Allen, K. Smith, C. Mallory
 Second Row: S. Snyder, S. Roback, C. Loar, J. Coomer, D. Doyle, J. Sell, C. Sheldon, C. Miller, B. Flores
 Third Row: D. Strouse, M. Spiegel, D. Goetz, S. Thompson, J. Phillips, S. Bragg, C. Schwartzwalder, J. Brieschke, L. Rosas, C. Frayer, J. Shirley

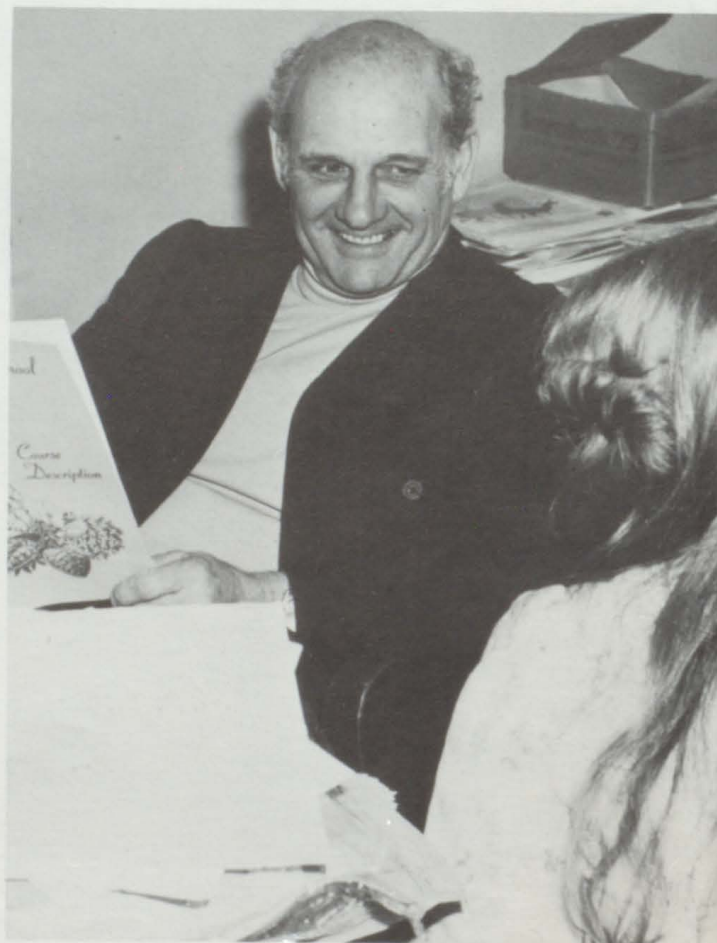


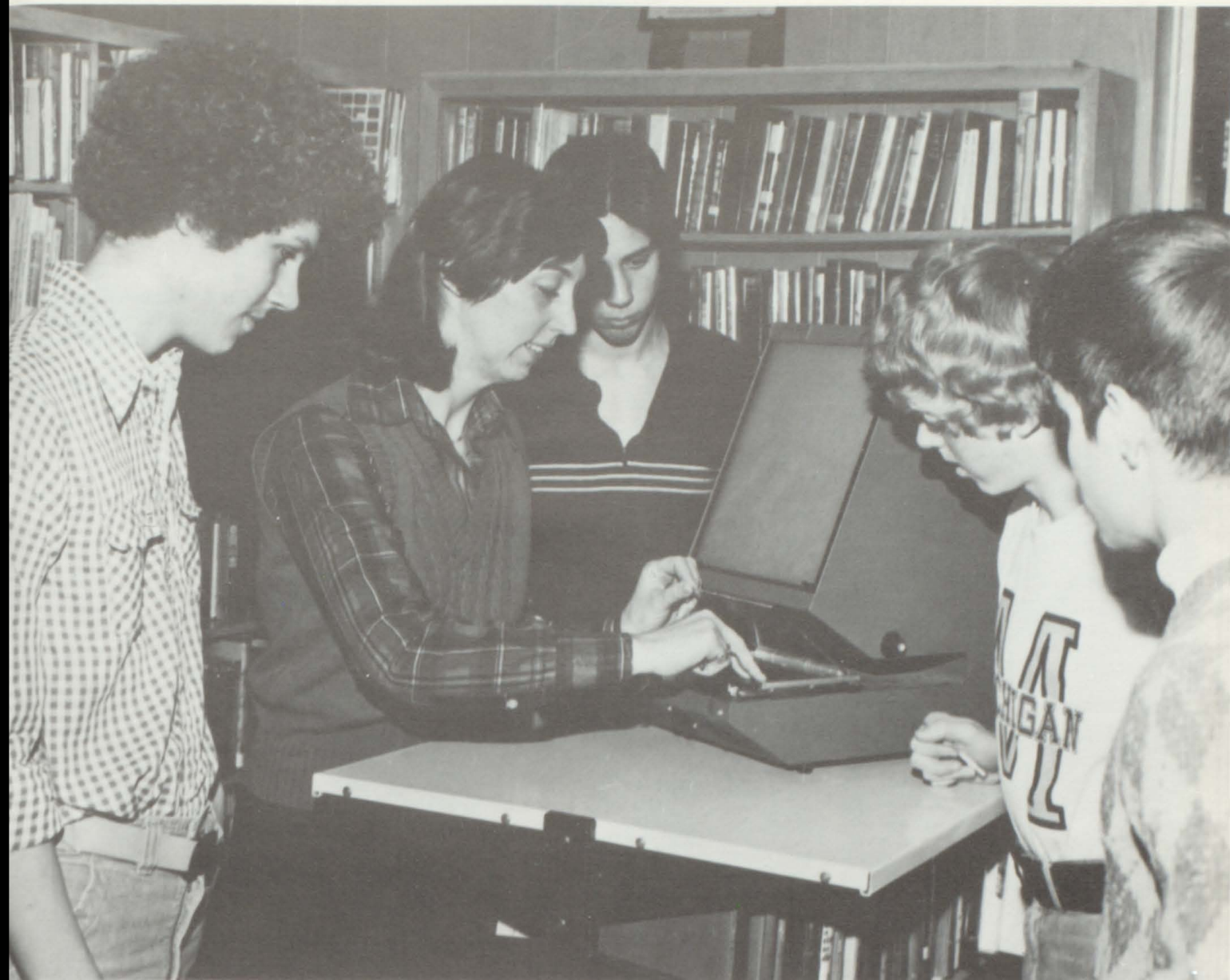
First Row: L. Delzeith, P. Case, M. Gigax, K. Waigle, N. LaFollette, T. Combs, D. DeVantier, M. Carter, M. Ehlert, D. Bliesner, C. Fargus
 Second Row: C. Ehlert, D. Hauser, L. S. Hoag, L. Barrett, M. Bastian, L. Rielly, D. Hodges, B. DeVantier, M. Reau, C. Berk, J. Mitchell
 Third Row: T. Hoag, J. Schmitt, S. Whiteman, L. Topolski, S. Nine, M. Cooper, C. Wahl, M. Reno, D. Warner, J. Sheldon, S. Fisher



First Row: T. Thompson, T. Granzow, D. Thompson, Z. Eisemann, B. Renner, D. Goetz, K. Granzow, C. Lidster, S. McCormick, B. Sell, K. Lemley, K. Pontier
 Second Row: T. Fischer, R. Rhinehardt, B. Delzeith, K. Nichols, L. Crots, J. Studnicka, M. MacBeth, S. Crider, A. Topolski, L. Matuscak, R. Reau, S. Peters, K. Retter, P. Allen
 Third Row: R. Faust, R. Miller, C. Howland, M. Clements, S. Snow, S. Walters, T. Harrison, G. Bussing, J. McAlpine, R. Campbell, M. Mallory, R. Bierman, Mr. McCormick

The
counselor's life
is a busy one,
helping seniors
apply to
college,
scheduling
underclassmen
and being
cheerful, ready
at a moment
with a smile.



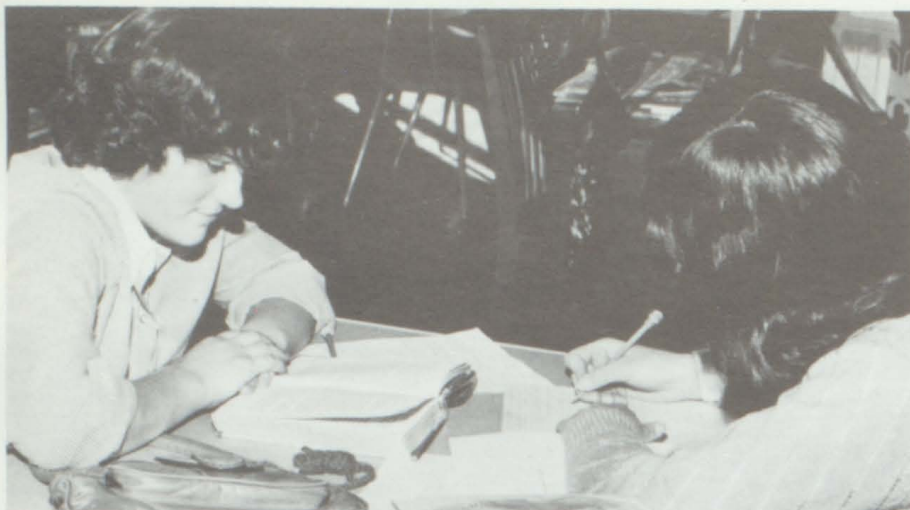


Above: Mrs. Mills demonstrates the microfiche, used for researching careers to a freshman orientation class.
Left: Springtime signals scheduling, an especially busy time of the year.



Counseling

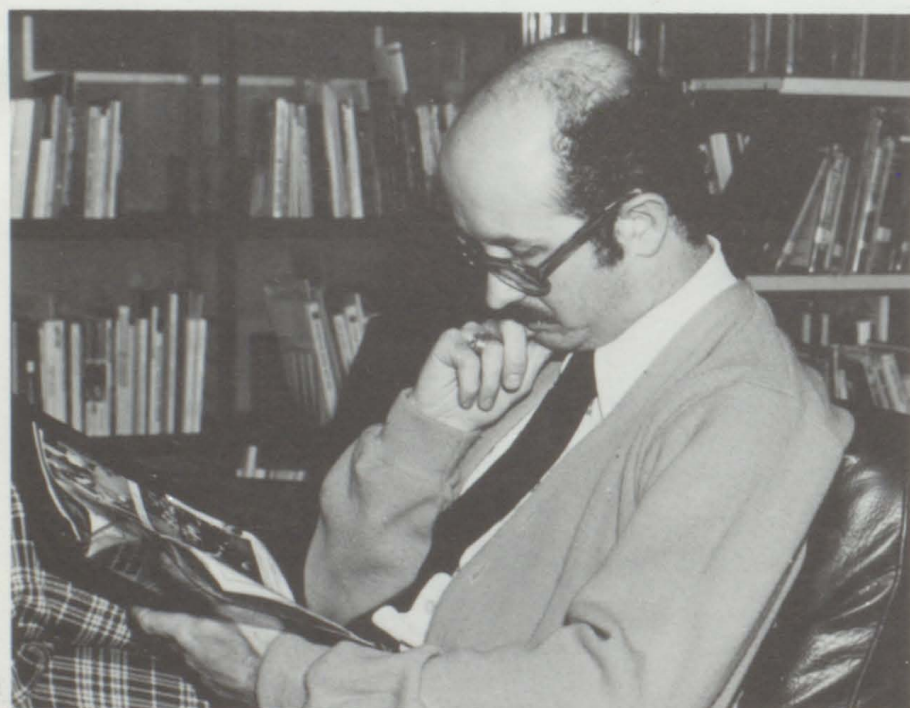
Library



Left: Barb DeVantier and Renee Garno put on their good student acts for the camera.
Right: Miss Terri Kovach shuffles through the card catalogue.
Far right: Miss Kovach shows Mrs. Walters how to adjust the projector.



Far left: John Nocolai binds periodicals before putting them in the stacks.
Left: Mrs. Ruth Walters snips articles to put in the vertical file.
Right: Miss Kovach sets up another classic bulletin board.
Middle: Miss Kovach struggles to clean out (update) the verticle file.
Far right: Joe Wingerd receives help from Miss Kovach.



Left: Mr. Steve Gorman, substitute teacher, ponders over an interesting magazine article.
Right: "Can I help you?" asks Miss Kovach.



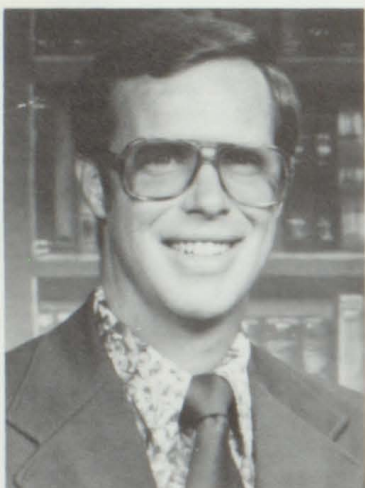
Industrial Arts

The Industrial Arts classes range from basic techniques in metalworking and woodworking to much more advanced skills.

The Mechanical Drawing course is not vocational, but will give the students a strong understanding of the drafting techniques used in industry.

Far right: B. Teel assists S. Valdez in their Industrial Arts class.

Near right: D. Cannon gives C. Bierman and C. Lievens some friendly advice on their mechanical drawing projects.



Mr. McEwan teaches Mechanical Drawing and Industrial Arts 1.



Mr. Sampson teaches Industrial Arts 2 and 3.





Mr. Richard Reaume



Mr. Richard Reaume, assistant principal was also the Key Club advisor.

Key Club

Next page top sitting: Advisor Mr. Reaume, Pres. B. Reau, V-Pres. B. Siering, Sect. P. Piotter, Treas. S. Monroe.

Standing: S. Roback, R. Reau, L. Mleck, M. Reau, R. Roback, S. Siering, K. Granzow, Cheryl Mleck, D. Bliesner
Row 2: D. Rupp, P. Gallamore, C. Mallory, C. Diver, T. Monroe, C. Berk, T. Thompson, D. Varner, K. Klump
Row 3: S. Kreutzfield, L. Veldhoff, J. Tagsold, M. Denecker, J. Wyman, J. McCormick, S. Burns, B. Veldhoff, S. Ambs.

National Honor Society

Next page bottom Sitting: L. Menchaca, J. Tattersall, L. Mleck, D. Thompson, B. Russel, B. Ikle, B. Johnson, D. Warner

Standing: E. Lundquist, M. Reau, J. Bowman, M. Hoag, P. Hodgins, P. Johnson, L. Salenbien, L. Matuscak, L. Adrian, K. Bachman
Row 2: Advisor Mr. Durbin, D. Heidbreder, C. Sheldon, C. Mleck, J. Sheldon, G. Clements, C. MacBeth, S. Peters, P. Gallamore, L. Barret
Row 3: K. Smith, L. Hoag, B. Veldhoff, B. Reau, S. Gentz, T. Monroe, R. Bierman, M. Checkley, S. Thompson, L. Delzieth

Top Row: D. Alexander, F. Ambs, J. McCormick, M. VanNieuwenhze, T. Harrison, B. Klump, P. Case



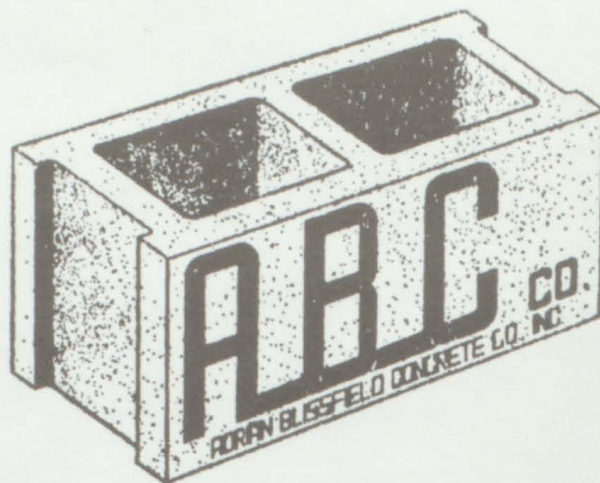


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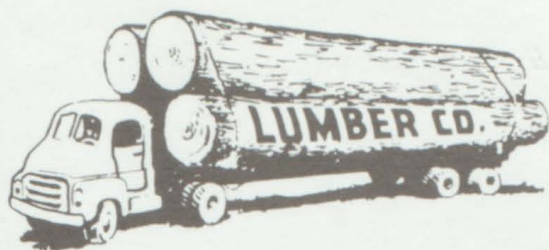
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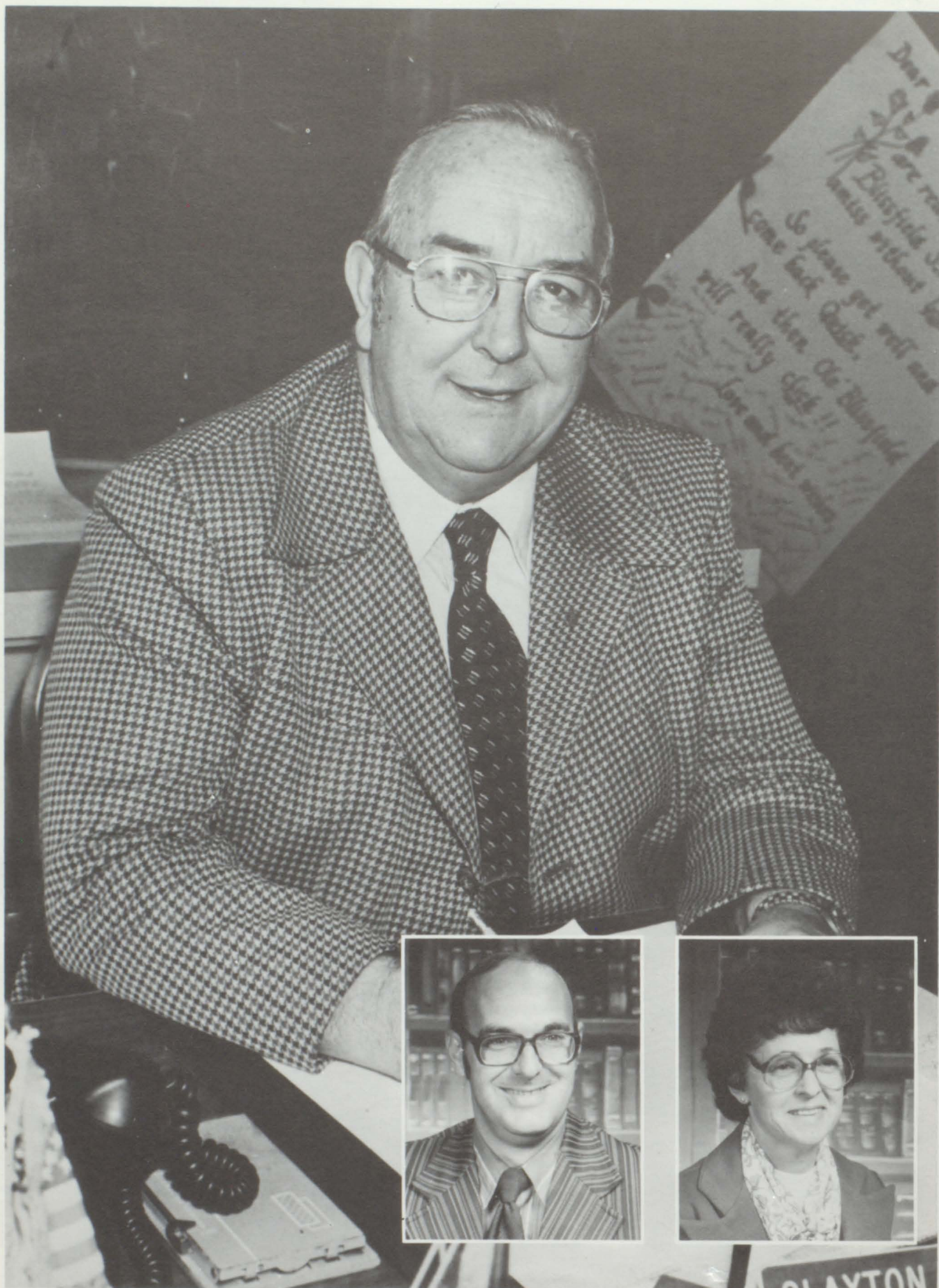
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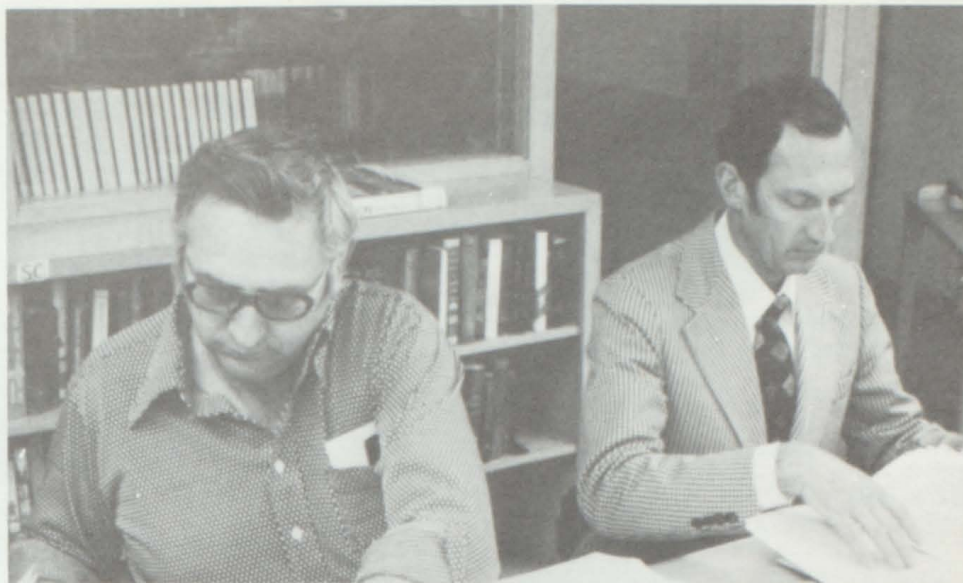
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H o m e c o m i n g



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Top far left: (1) Renee Slomski, 1978 homecoming queen anxiously awaits the announcement of the '79 queen. (2) A proud dad congratulates the new queen. (3) The thrill of victory and welcome to a select group. (4) Bruce Klump, ch. of the judging, instructs the float judges.



Far left: Student Council president, Bill Siering, puts a great deal of spirit into crowning Susie Seeger.

Near left: Aaaa — TEN — tion!!!



Far left: Bill Siering believes in sharing the taste of victory. Brian Reau and the new Queen.

Near left: Queen candidates C. Bachman, C. Burroughs, L. Delzeith, and S. Seeger pose in the priest's garden before the parade.



Far left: The court and their dates line up like any thieves of joy. Burroughs and Keeler, Delzeith and Siering, Queen Seeger and Estes, and Bachman and Monroe.

Near left: There even was some hardnose combat going on against Morenci during homecoming.



Once Upon



Above: Queen Aggraviane awards Princess Number 12 the Chicken Award.

Top: Queen Aggraviane listens intently as Sir Harry tells of his long journey.

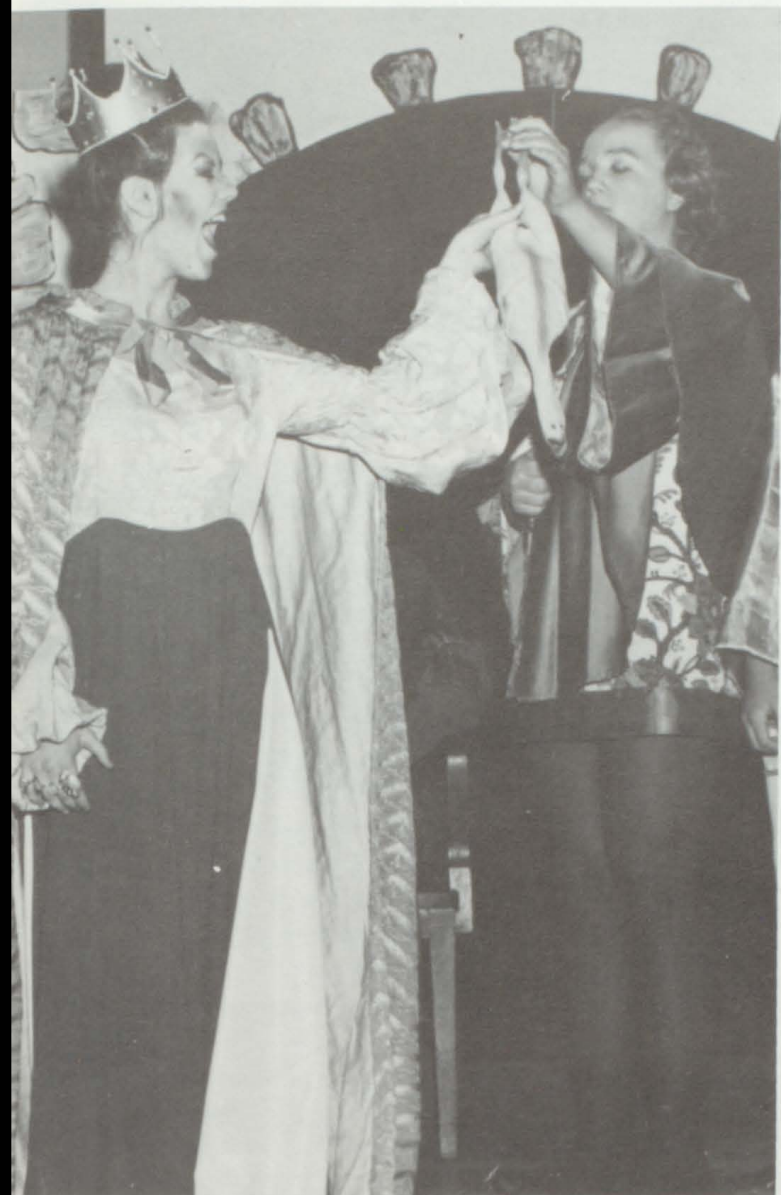
Next: Princess Winifred tells her version of the story, which the Queen does not seem to agree with.

Above: Lady Larken and Sir Harry in a touching scene of the play.

Cast, right: Kneeling: D. Gray, R. Emerson, K. Smith, B. Ikle, J. Smith, B. Brubaker, B. Brubaker, M. Reau, D. Warner. Standing: E. Clingamen, T. Fischer, B. Siering, J. Sheldon, D. DeMille, M. Slomski, D. DeMille, B. Staup, J. Mitchell, A. Topolski, J. Griffith, T. Monroe, M. Hutton, S. Nine, S. Earl, R. Rinehart.



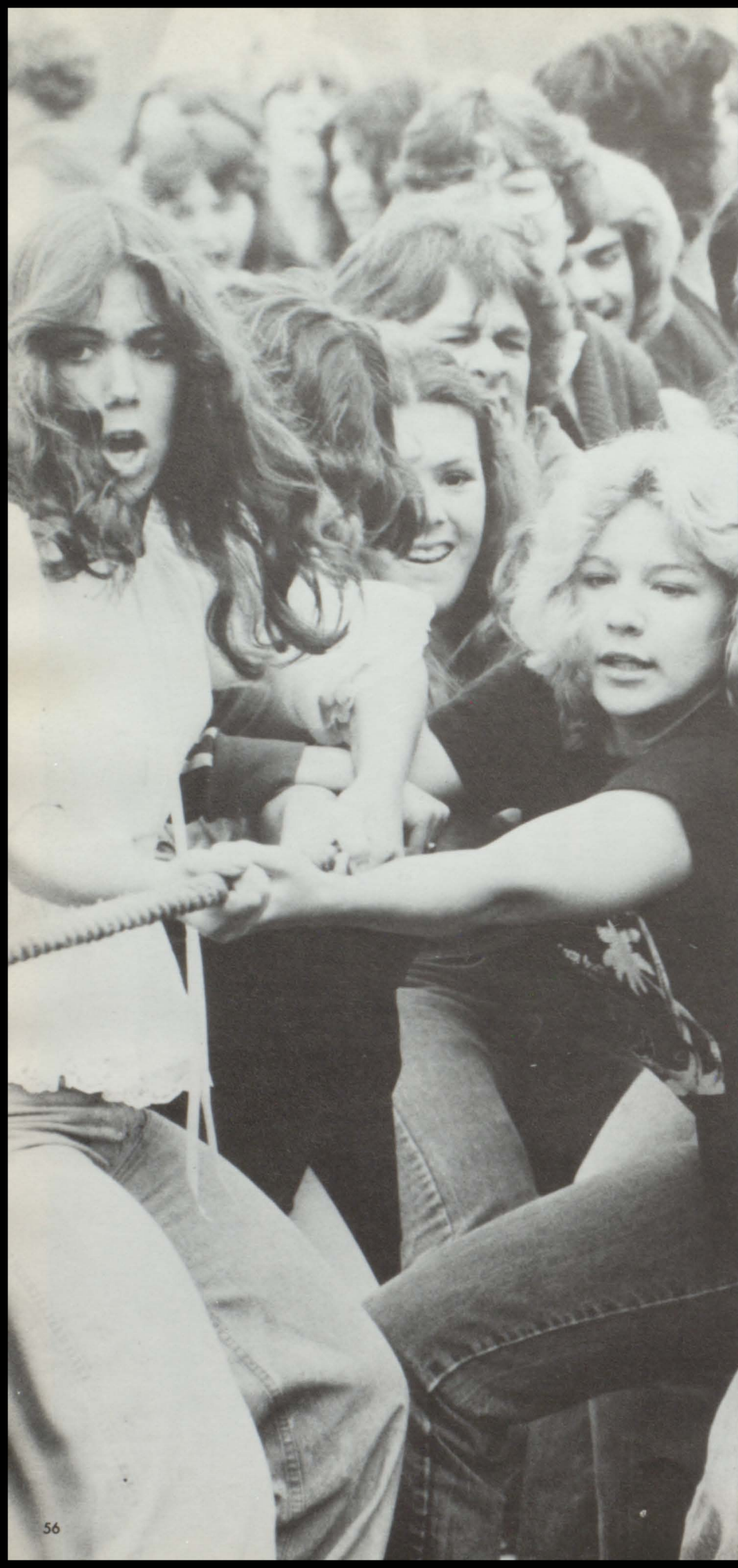
a Mattress



Above: Princess Winifred sings to her heart's content.

Below: The Minstrel and Jester song and dance.





Fun Week

Fun Week kicked off with the annual clothing drive on Monday and continued through Thursday.

Many different contests and activities were going on including a baby picture contest, a breakfast sponsored by student council, and a showing of the movie, *Oh, God*. Friday concluded the Fun Week activities with events of the bicycle race, Volkswagon stuffing, obstacle course, the Gong Show, and a cake toss. The seniors won the overall competition and remained the champions for another year.

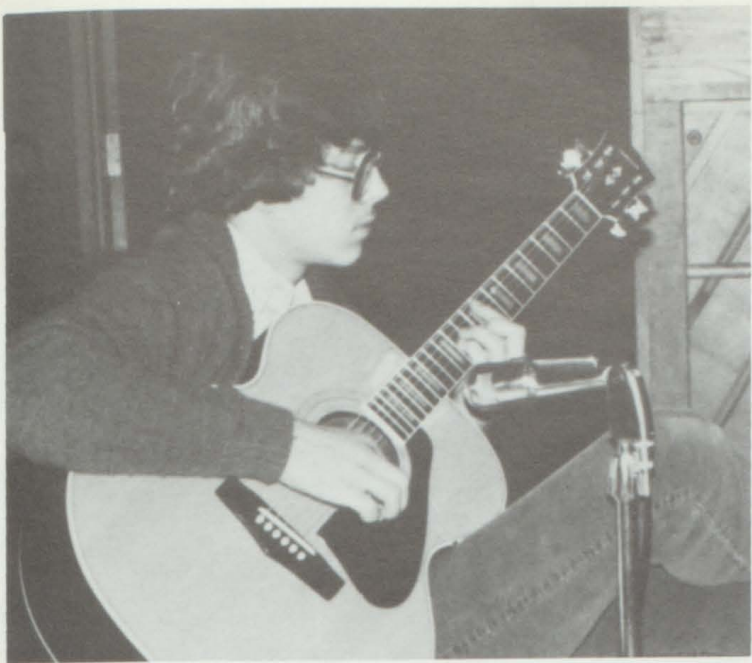
Far right: Bill Siering entertained the audience at the Gong Show by doing an unusual disco dance.

Top right: Gerry Garno gives his winning performance in the Gong Show.

Middle right: Ron Miller will do just about anything for his class!

Bottom right: Gary Wolfe makes his way through a section of the obstacle course.

Left: Looks of determination are shown on the faces of these junior tug-o-war participants, Lynn Bellner, Chris Checkley, and Joni Tattersall.



Sea Shore

After many days of planning and hard work, prom night had finally arrived. The theme for that evening was set in a New England coastal atmosphere. Where music was provided by the Dimensionals.

Refreshments were served and decorations of streamers, palm trees for centerpieces and pilings surrounding the dance floor added that extra needed touch for setting the atmosphere. But prom night wouldn't be the same without the crowning of the new prom king and queen. This year, Bill Siering and Cathy Bachman were chosen by their senior classmates as prom king and queen.



Far right: 1979 Prom King and Queen, Bill Siering and Cathy Bachman.

Near right, top: Tami Knierim and Doug Stucker show typical expressions of those that attended the prom.

Near right, bottom: Junior advisor Mr. Boldt, and Senior advisor Mr. Merillat and his wife, discuss the success of the prom.



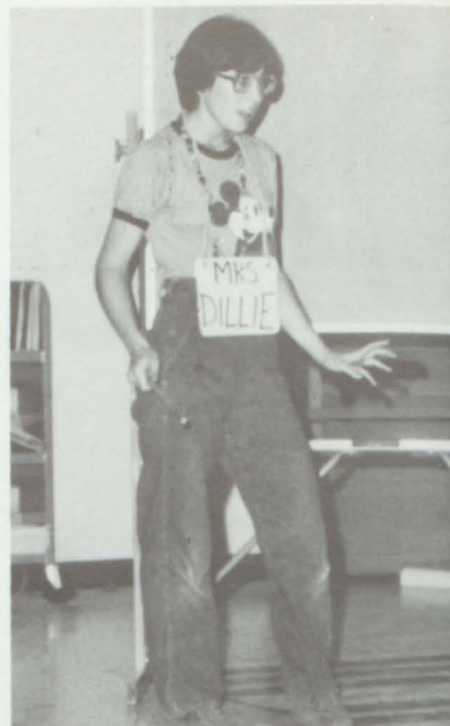
Junior — Senior Banquet Ends With a Faculty Roast

The theme for this year's combined Jr.-Sr. banquet-Class Night was "Seashores" and included a meal of pork chops, baked potatoes, and other delicious foods. There were many entertaining skits, recalling the more humorous moments of the seniors' high school careers. Taking part in and compiling the skits were the top twenty seniors.

The Class Night program started off with Shawn Peters and Jeanne Studnicka posing as themselves years from now, remembering highlights from their high school lives.

These memories included those early morning band practices (All right band, sweep the field!); "important" before school conferences between Mr. Brink, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Merilatt; "quizzle" time in Mr. Clark's class ("In the immediate proximity you will find a half sheet of paper . . ."); the crazy antics of Mrs. Dillie's accounting class; and of course, the old dilemma of trying to get the office secretaries' attention, and even more difficult, convincing them to issue you a pass.

Among several presentations, Mr. Barger was awarded a hard hat and hammer for use on the middle school, so maybe it will be finished by the fall of 1979!







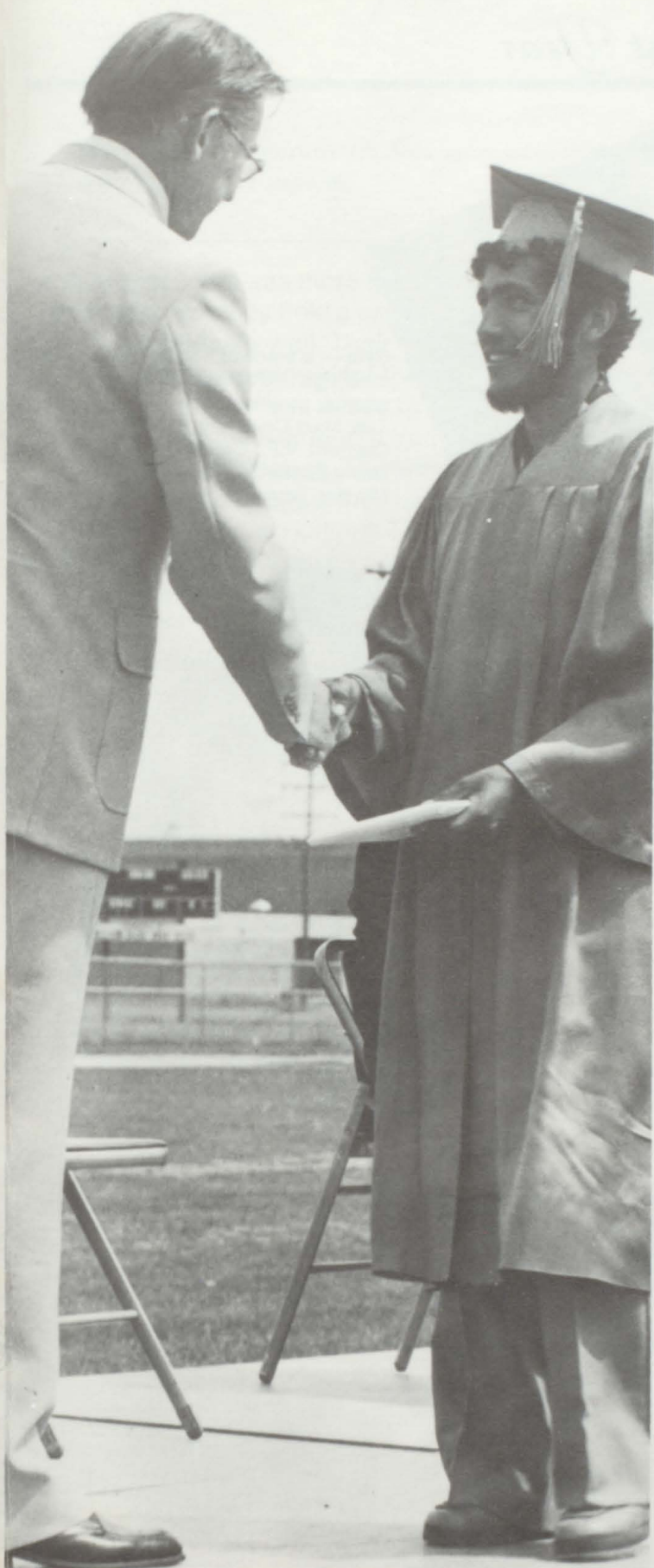
The reward for all of the work, struggle and heartache of 12 years was a beautiful, but brief ceremony.



Scott Whiteman was one of 111 seniors graduated.



Cindy Burroughs receives her scholastic award from Mr. Barger.



Dirio Ybarra receives his diploma with a smile.



Tom Salsbury rides his way back to turn in his cap and gown after the ceremony. Mr. Merillat fulfills yet another advisor's job.

Graduation — June 3, 1979

Baccalaureate took place on May 31 with Rev. Joseph Immel as the speaker.

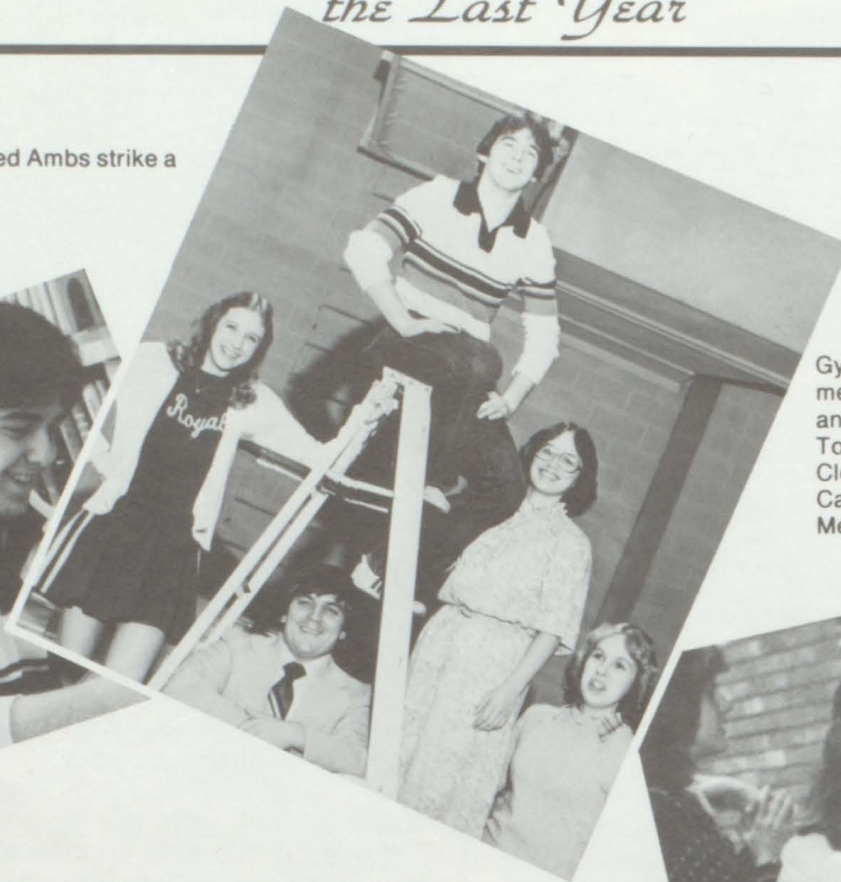
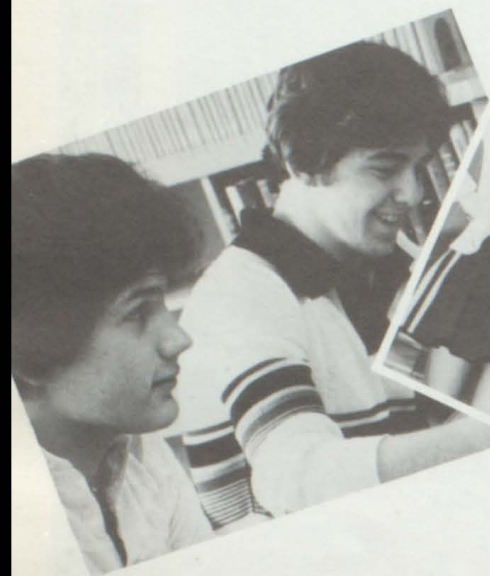
Dr. Glen Driscoll gave the graduation address and spoke on "What is an Education Worth?". One hundred and eleven graduated.



Dr. Glen Driscoll, president of University of Toledo gave the address.

Collection of Memories the Last Year

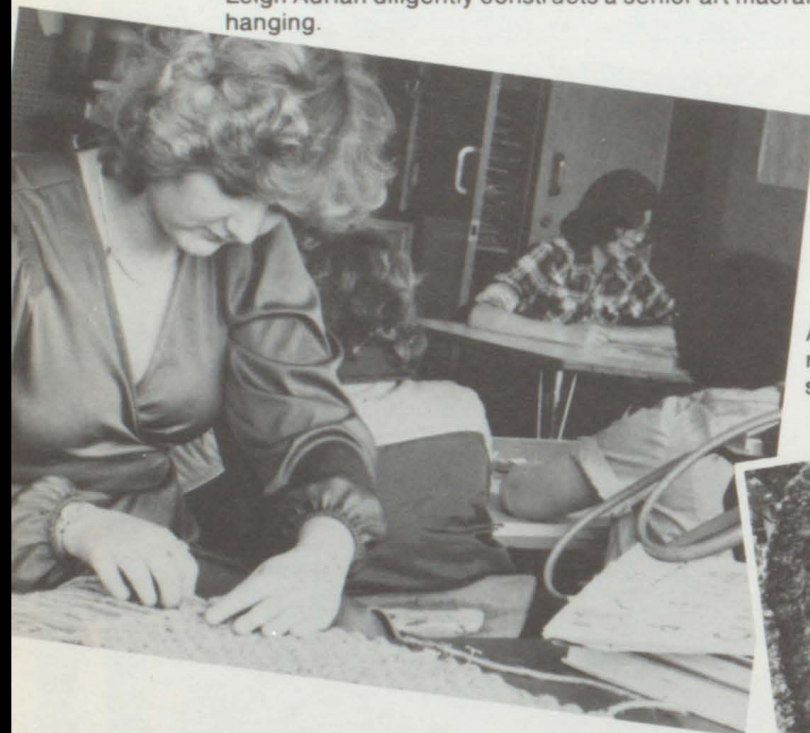
Mark Checkley and Fred Ambs strike a common library pose.



Gym — a place of beginning class meetings finds class officers climbing another project.

Top: Mark Checkley, pres.; Joan Clement, V.P.; Barb Brubaker, Sec.; Cathy Bachman, treas.; Mr. Ron Merillat, advisor.

Leigh Adrian diligently constructs a senior art macrame hanging.



Annette Stull, like all seniors, remembers the dark hall shuffle.



Floats, homecoming, and pretty girls — Joan Clement and Rae Roback — bring back memories of a great year.



Class of '79

*We search for tomorrow, for hope gives us reason
and faith gives us strength.*

The senior class was more than just active. Their freshman year they held a car wash that went over exceptionally well. Their Sophomore year probably held the record for the most money made. The money was raised by various activities such as a spaghetti dinner, a fruit sale, and the selling of glitter plaques. The junior year was the most active. Once again they had a fruit sale and sold Advance subscriptions. The highlight was the Junior-Senior prom and banquet. And at the Prom the band showed up two hours late. We won the Homecoming Float our Sophomore Year and took second place the other years.

Seniors not pictured
Mark Anderson
Fred Amb
Douglas DeMille
Terri Hogue
Luisa Marin
Donna Nowak
Randy Pelton
Vicky Robertson
Timothy Smoke
Dirio Ybarra
Graciela Rodriguez



Leigh Ann Adrian



Catherine Bachman



Teresa Barrera



Christopher Bateson



Diane Berry



Roger Bierman



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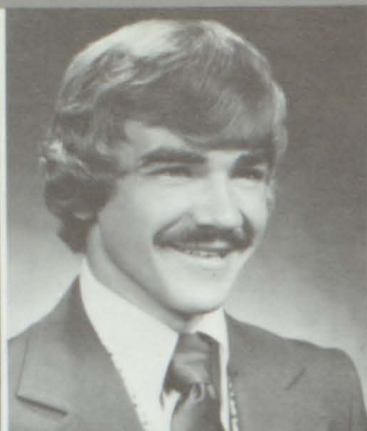
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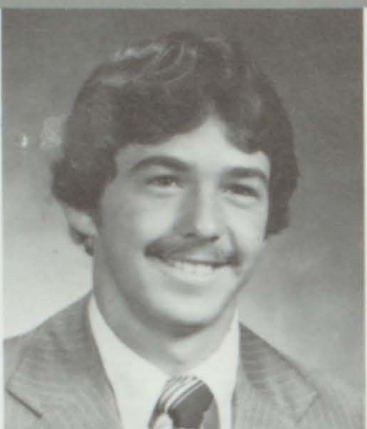
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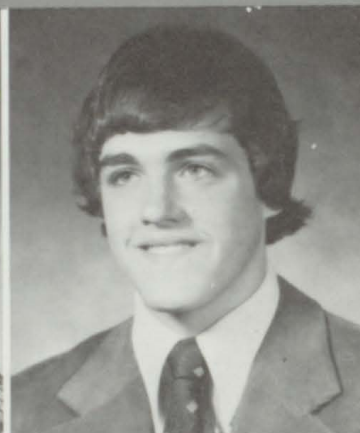
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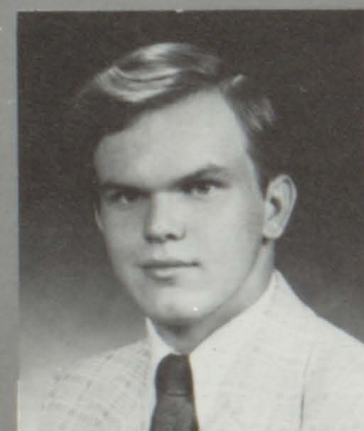
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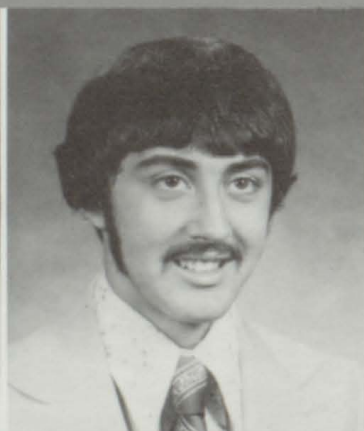
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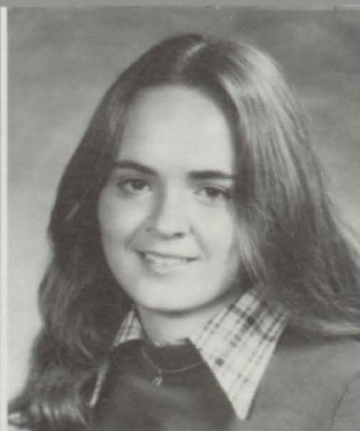
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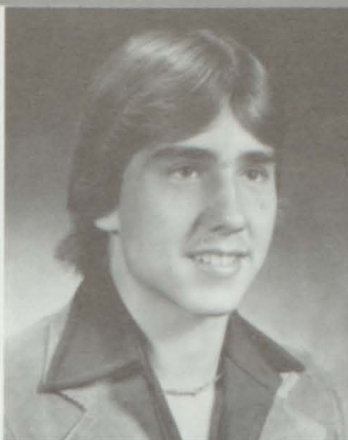
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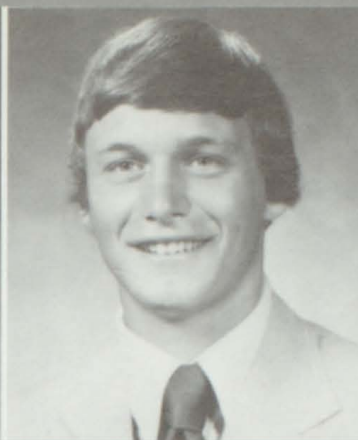
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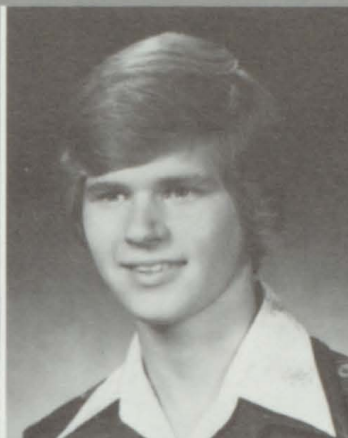
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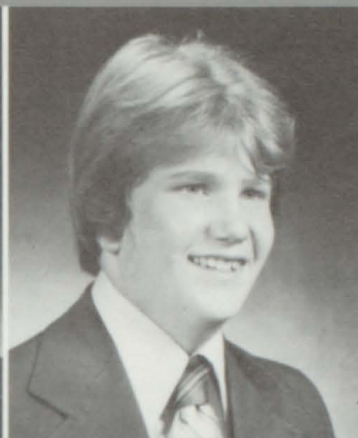
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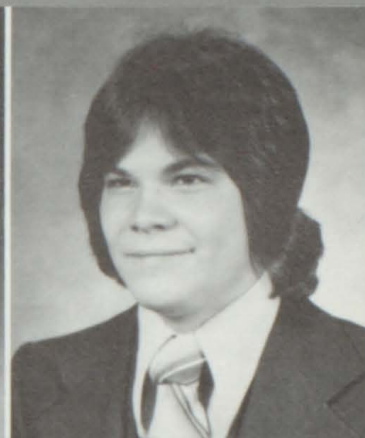
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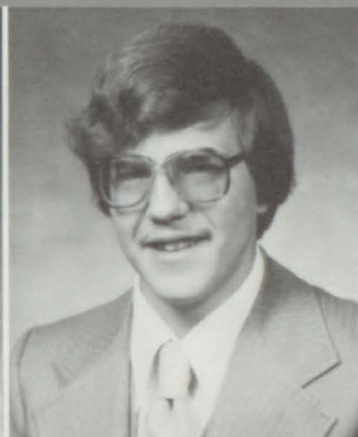
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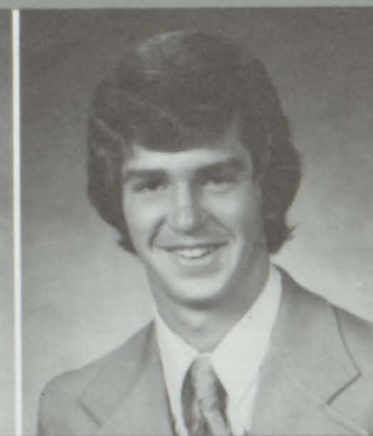
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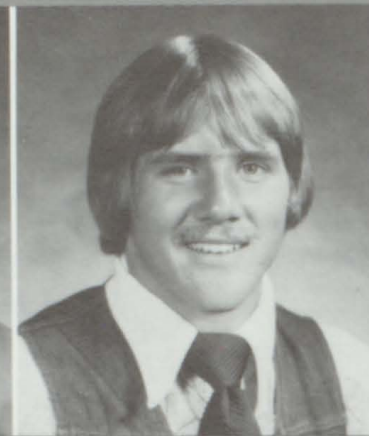
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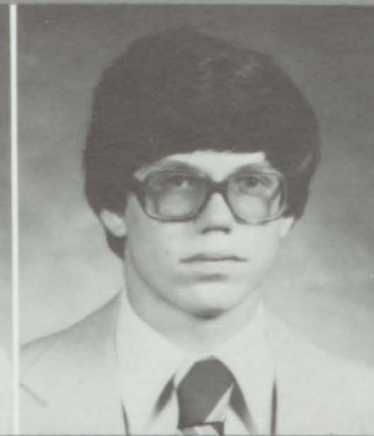
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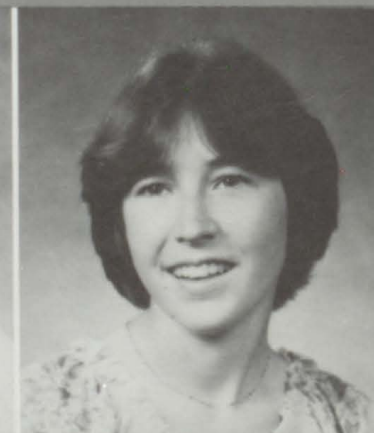
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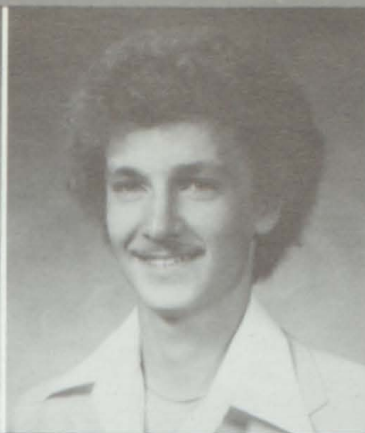
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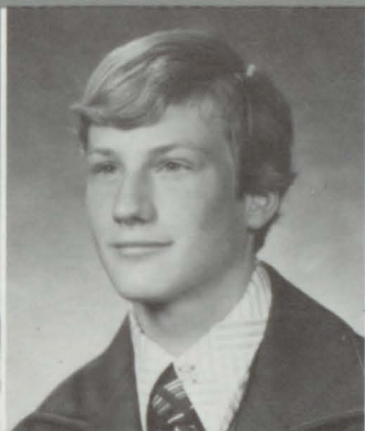
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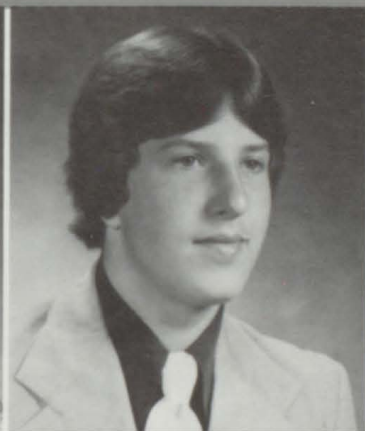
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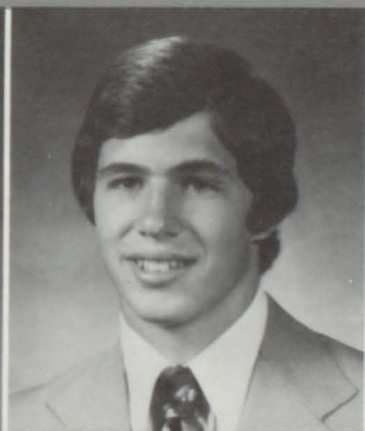
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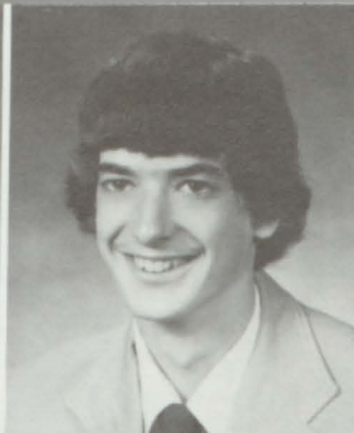
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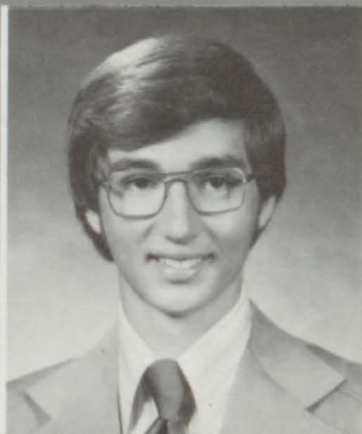
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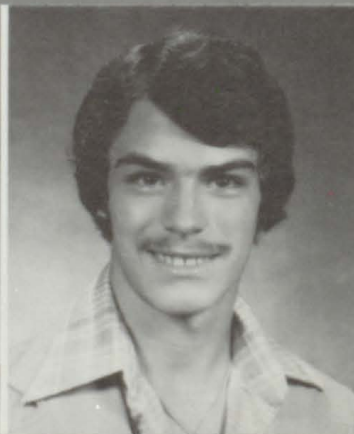
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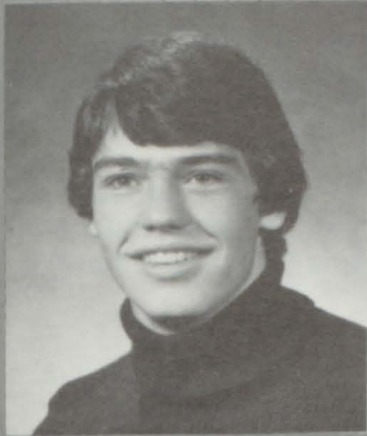
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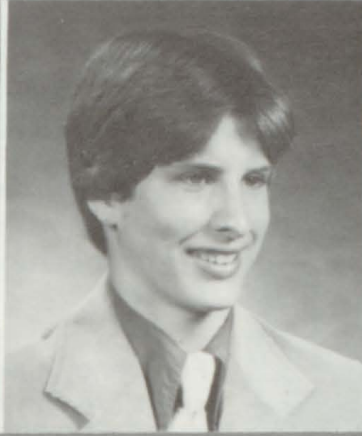
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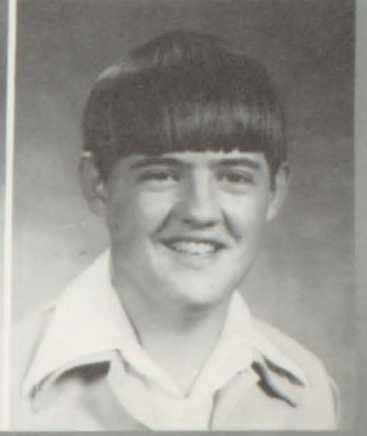
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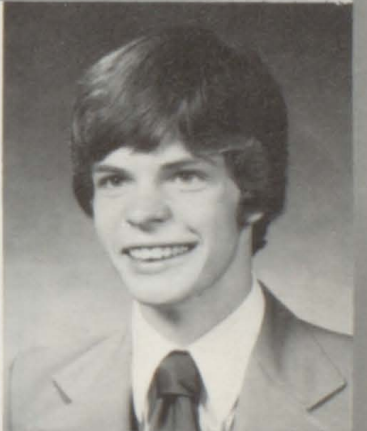
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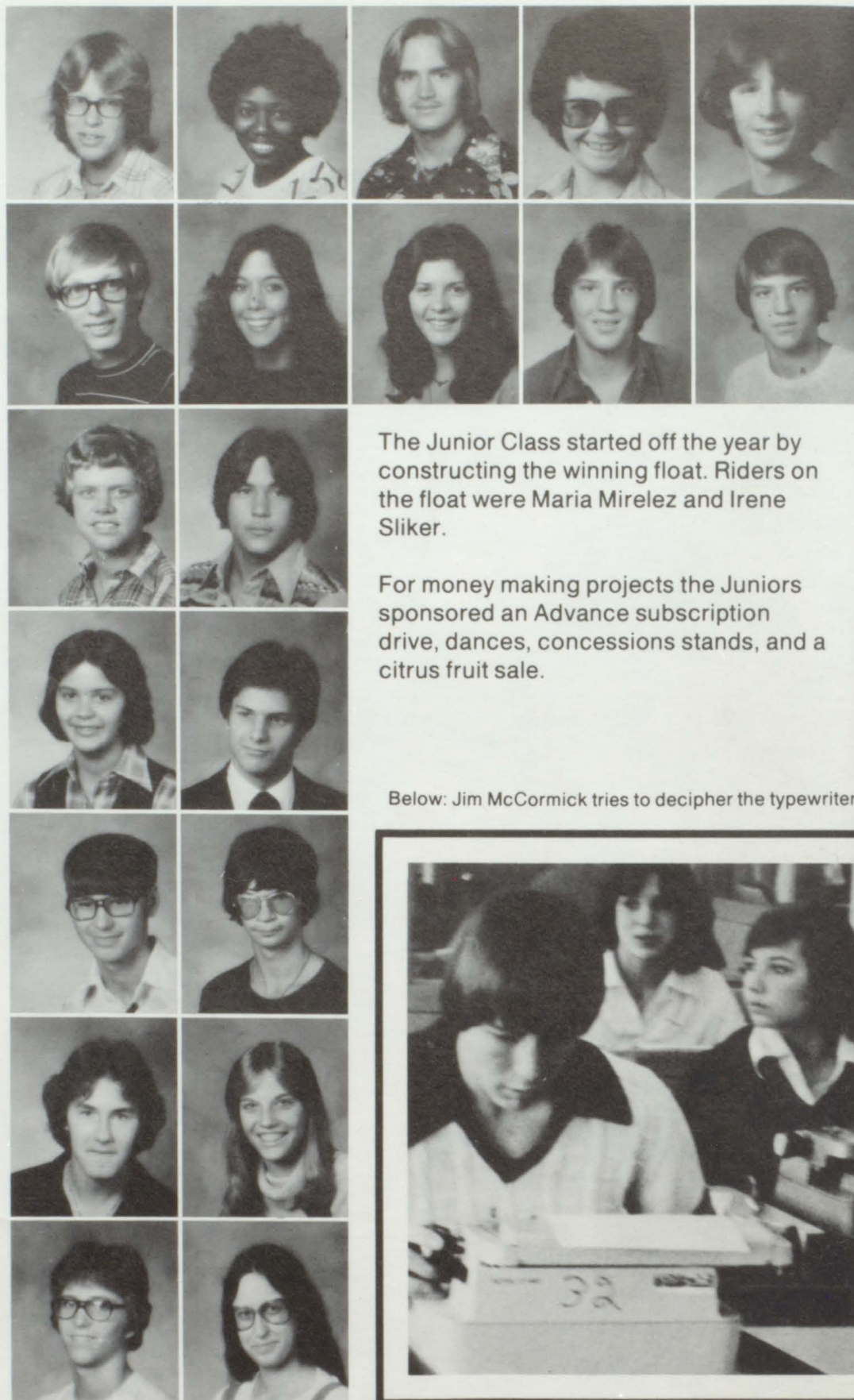
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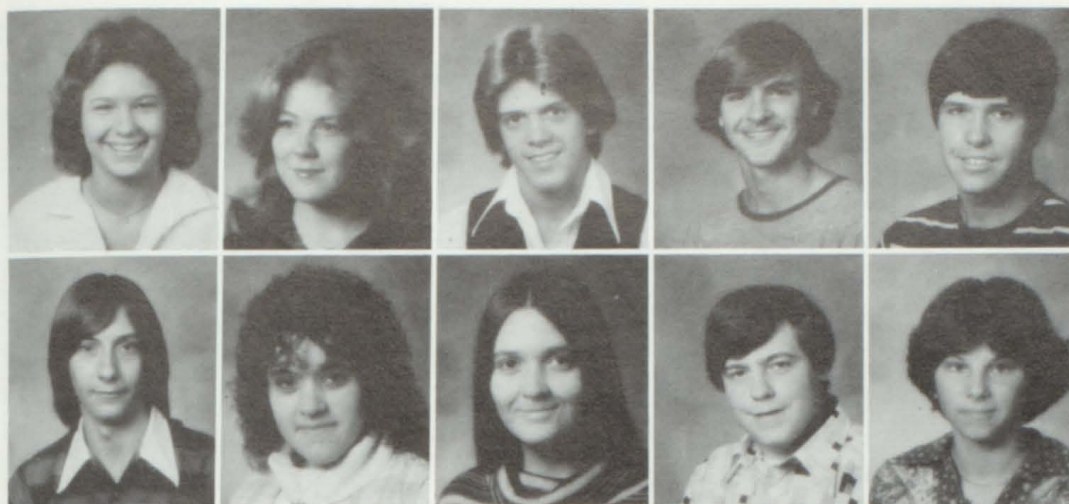


The Junior Class started off the year by constructing the winning float. Riders on the float were Maria Mirelez and Irene Sliker.

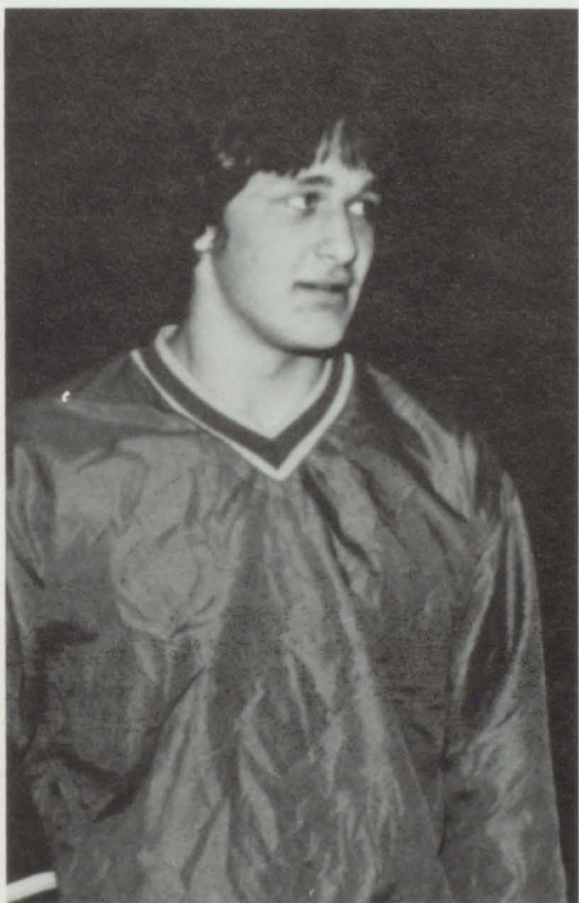
For money making projects the Juniors sponsored an Advance subscription drive, dances, concessions stands, and a citrus fruit sale.

Below: Jim McCormick tries to decipher the typewriter.





A little skeptical about something Eddy?



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Angela Crist
Rex Crist
Luke Davis
Maurice Denecker

Ronnie DeNudt
Sandy Duncil
Peggy Dunson
Brian Ebright
Judith Ehlert

Jeffrey Fouch
Martin Frohnepfel

Alan Fuhrman
Patrick Gallemore

Eddy Ganun
Adam Garcia

Gerard Garno
Joel Garza

Terry Gates
Doreen Goetz

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Jacqueline Grof

Marlene Haggard
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Jeff Handy
Doug Heidbreder

Linda Sue Hoag
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Paul Hodgins

Connie Iffland
Connie Jacobs
Tina Kit Jacobson
Peggy Johnson
Sherrie Kecke

Sheri Klocke
Patricia Knadler
Harvie Lazenby
Brian Leary
Paul Lemley



Bolton Uckele breaks the grasp of Manchester wrestler.



Juniors



Carol Lidster
Charles Lievens
Elaine Lundquist
Lisa Menchaca
Cheryl Miller

Maria Mirelez
Sharon Mitchell
Laurie Mlcek
Ralph Morgan
Susan McAlpine

James McCormick
Kevin Neuman
Scott Nine
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Olivia Olivarez

Vicky Olson
Richard Osborn
Mark Ostrander
Edna Parott
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Juniors

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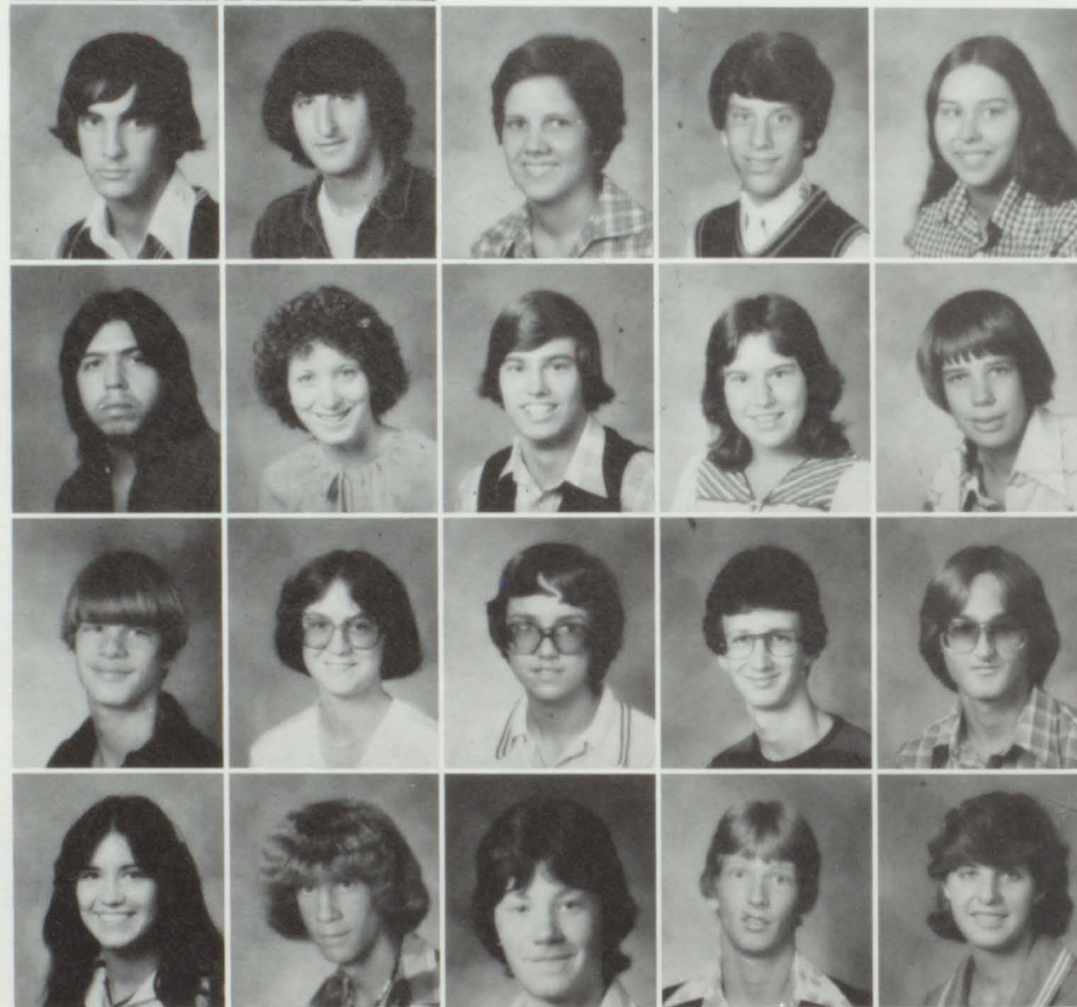
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Chris Sheldon
James Sheldon
Gary Simpson
Mark Sitterly

Irene Sliker
Mark Slomski
Wayne Slusarski
Robb Slusher
Karla Smith



The Juniors winning float, ridden by Maria Mirelez and Irene Sliker.



Troy Biddix advances to the mat for another win.



Kurt Smith
Lynette Smith



Charles Snyder
Timothy Spotts



Todd Stetten
Kara Street



Douglas Stucker
Joni Tattersall
William Teel
Brenda Thompson
Debra Thompson



Lynn Topolski
Kay Turk
Bolton Uckele
Steve Valdez
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Mark Vanderlaan
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Patricia Wilson
Amy Wolf
Jeff Young
Pam Morgan
Linda Shannon

Juniors

Class Officers in
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Devantier, V.P.S.
Siering
Kneeling: Secretary T.
Tietz
Standing: Advisor Mr.
Brewer, M. Hutton,
Advisor Miss Kovach

Sophomores

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Michael Alexander

Pamela Allen
Rebecca Averill

Scott Bateson
Keith Balanger

Cynthia Berk
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Lori Bierman
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Donna Bussing
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Robert Chittenden
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Jane Cosme
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Sophomores

Sophomore Class
Homecoming float,
ridden by Jill Hall and
Barb Mallory.



Brenda Davis
Ralph Delacruz



Joseph DeMille
Debora DeVantier



Jeffery Dunning
Mary Sue Ehlert



Zell Eisenmann
Joyce Fetzer
Mark Ford
Pat Garcia
Gabriel Garza



Velvet Gehring
Marilyn Gentz
Linda Gifford
Mary Jo Gigax
Debra Goetz



Leo Goll
James Goodfriend
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Sophomores

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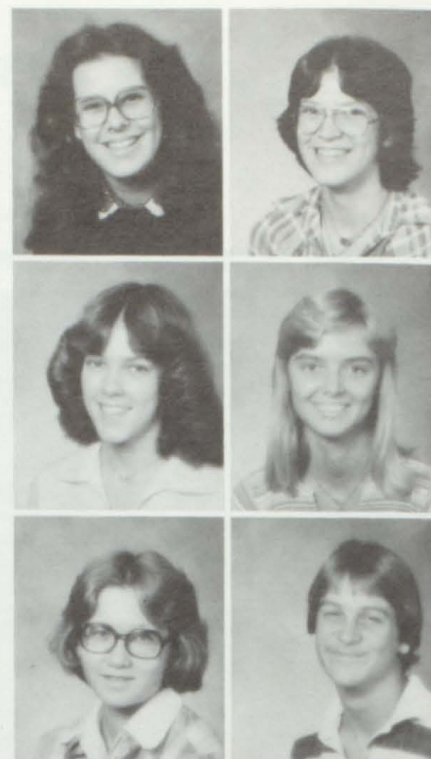
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Daydreaming again, Brenda?



Sophomores

Dennis LaTour
Punny Lazenby
Janet Liewert
Paul Liewert
Todd Loar

David Luce
Barbara Mallory
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Thomas Mallory
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Robert Menchaca
Ronald Miller
Ronald Mills
Sean Moran

Richard Morgan
Marcie MacBeth
Troy MacBeth
John McAlpine
Beth McCarberry

Lawrence McCormick
Kevin Nichols

Nick Nichols
Donald Nicolai

Mary Nighswander
Robert Nowak



Tony Turpening and Steve Reyome try a mechanical drawing problem.

Sophomores

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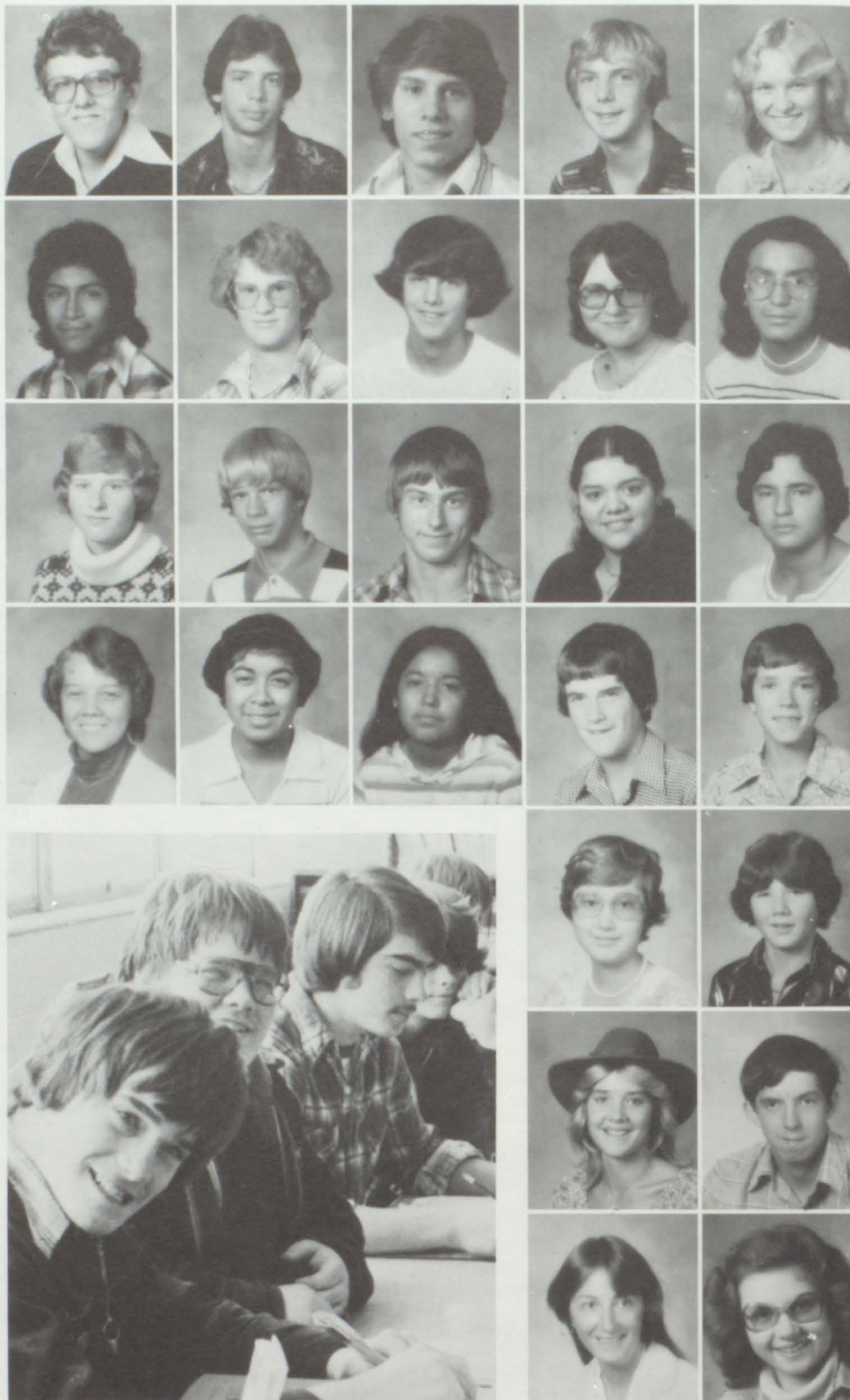
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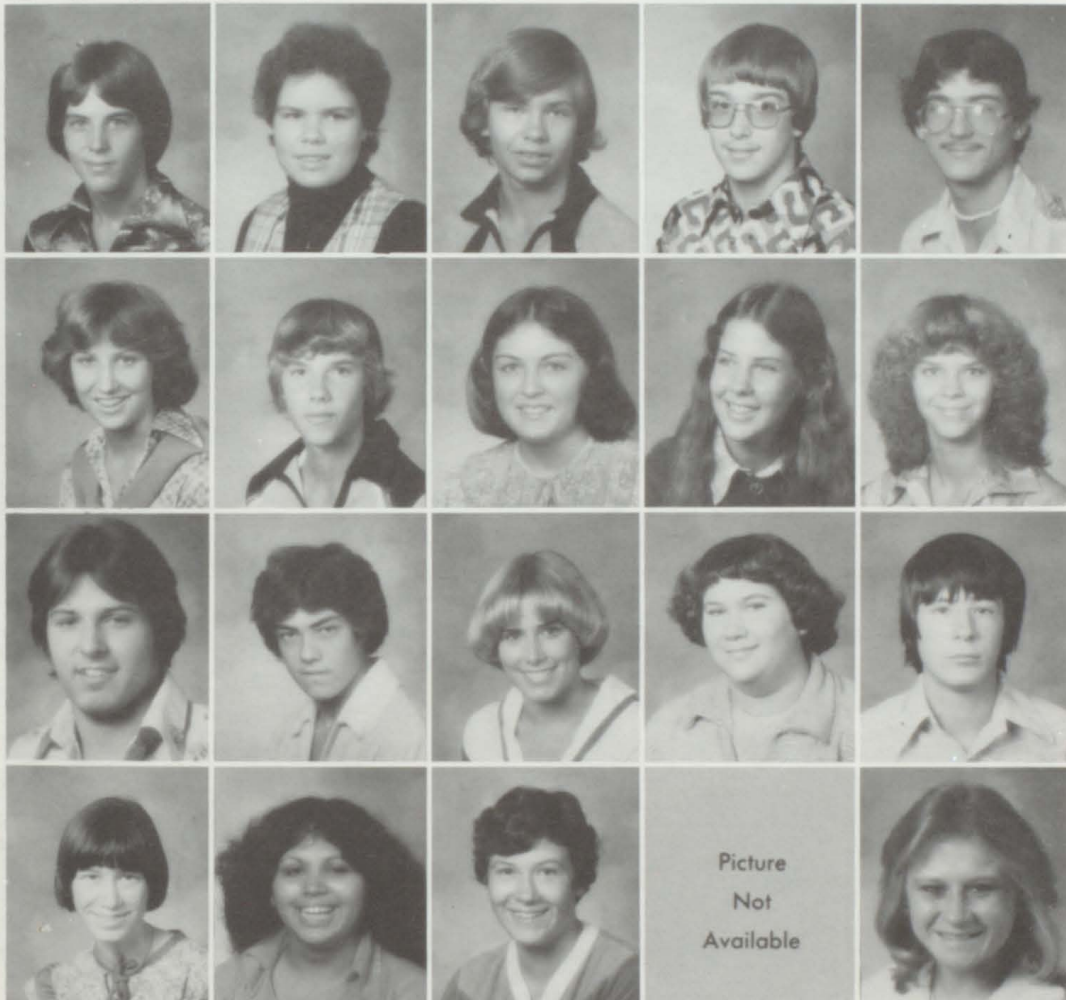
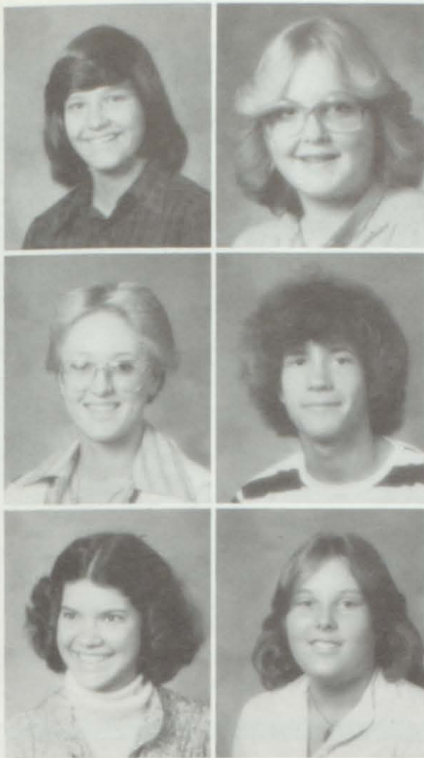
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William Shepard

Jacqueline Shirley
Annette Short



"What a line up of sophomores!"

Mrs. John McAlpine, Sr., on the arm of her son, John McAlpine at parents' night.



Sophomores

Sherry Siering
Gail Sinclair

Elizabeth Sitterly
Scott Slomski

Jody Smith
Lisa Smith

Jeffrey Snyder
Stacy Snyder
Theadore Snyder
Douglas Spiegel
Terry Stock

Denise Strouse
Jeffrey Tagsold
Tonya Tietz
Amy Tipton
Polly Todd

Tony Turpening
Troy VanDuzen
Lisa Veldhoff
Daphne Vescellius
Stephen Whiteman

Doris Wingerd
Rosemary Ybarra
Amy Zimmerman
Don Frayer
Christine Tripp

Freshmen

Stacy Adkins
Richard Allard



Suzanne Ambs
Shelley Armstrong



Vincent Bachman
Monica Bastian
Leah Beaver
Karen Berry
Kevin Blackburn



Sheila Bragg
Ann Braun
Janet Brieschke
Barton Brown
Frank Bundy



Terry Butler
Robert Butts
Todd Chencich
David Checkley
Jeanne Chesher



Mark Clements
Mark Cole
Jodi Coomer
Caroline Cosme
Cheri Crider



Jeanne Schmidt sports a cheerful smile characteristic of this year's freshman class.



Renee Garno enjoys a good chuckle in personal typing.



Steven Crist
Joel Daas



Faith Davis
Rebecca Delzeith



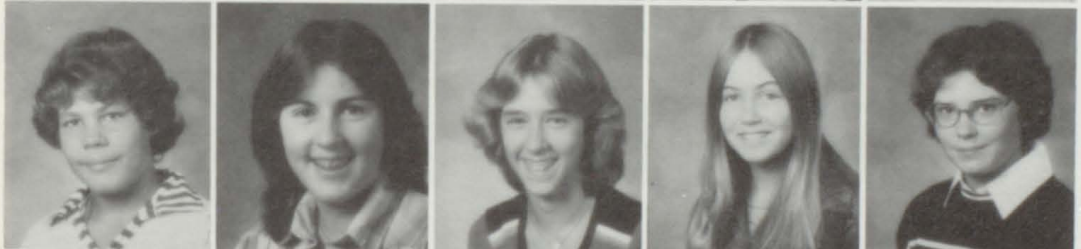
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Christopher Diver
Diane Doyle
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Scott Earl
Cindy Ehlert
Robin Emerson



Rodney Faust
Cynthia Fergus
Robin Filipek
Dawn Fischer
Sherrie Fisher



Timothy Fischer
Brenda Flores
Mark Fox
Charlotte Frayer
Robert Frohnapfel

Freshmen

Keith Fuhrman
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David Goetz
Tom Granzow

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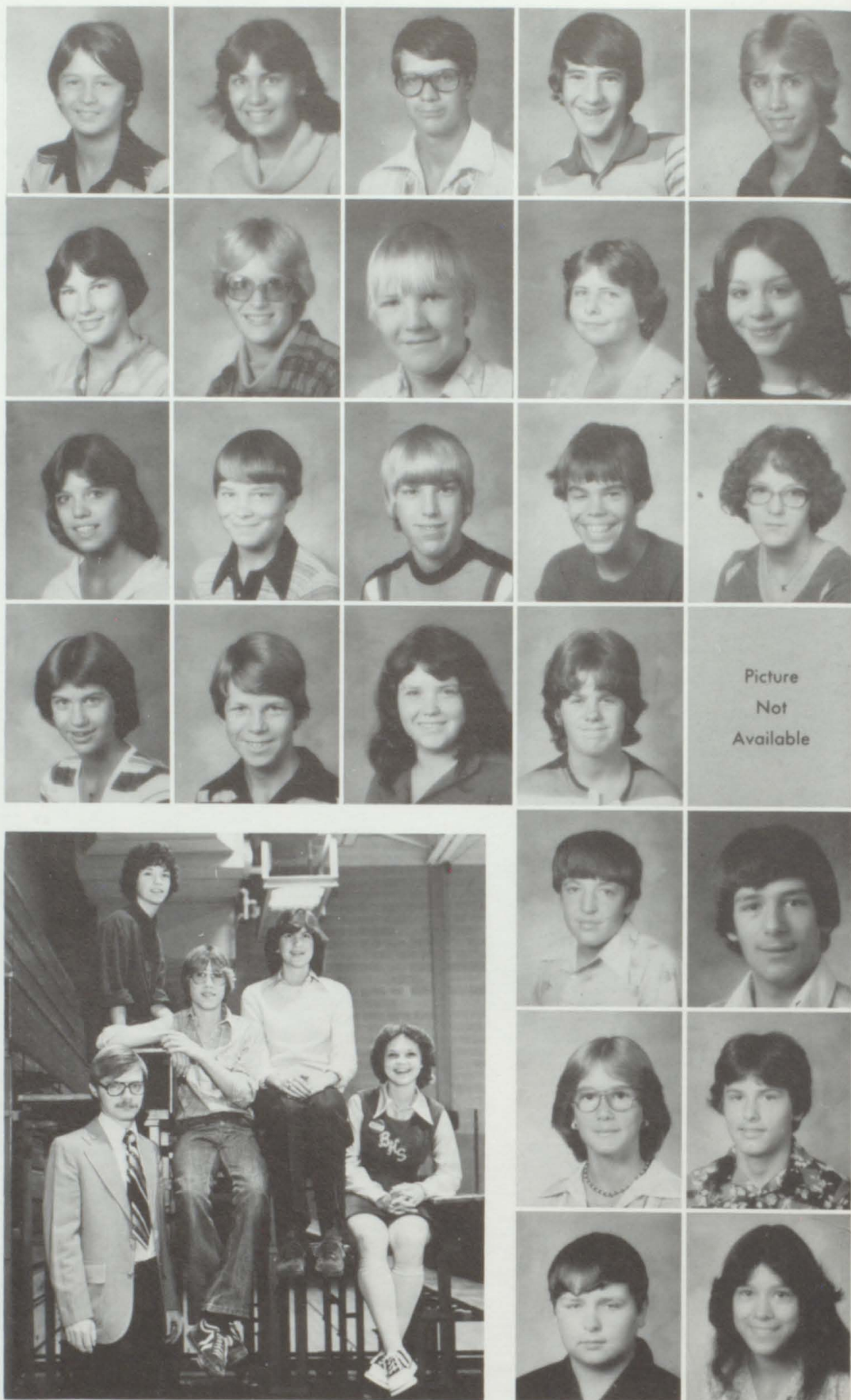
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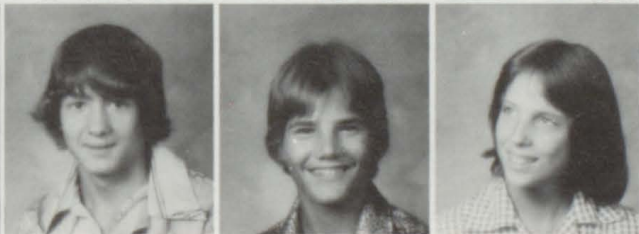
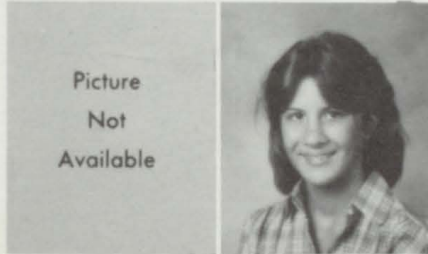
Cathy Loar
Daniel Loar

Brian Love
Beatriz Lozano



Class Officers: At the top: President Paige Pifer, Vice President Tom Granzow, Secretary Kirsten Klump, Treasurer Shelly Roback
Standing: Advisor Bob Biglin

Mr. Reaume checks with Paula Pavelka and Shelly Roback, riders on the freshman float, "The Three Little Pigs".



Freshmen

Eddie Maldonado
Connie Mallory

Teresa Mallory
Timothy Martin

Linda Martinez
James Mattis

Stacy Meyers
Kellie Miller
Walter Miller
Joyce Mitchell
Cheryl Micek

Dodd Mohr
Tim Moran
Scott McCormick
Tracy Nine
Mixke Nowak

Lisa Osborn
Jodee Papenhagen
Paula Pavelka
Dan Pelton
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Rita Reau

Freshmen

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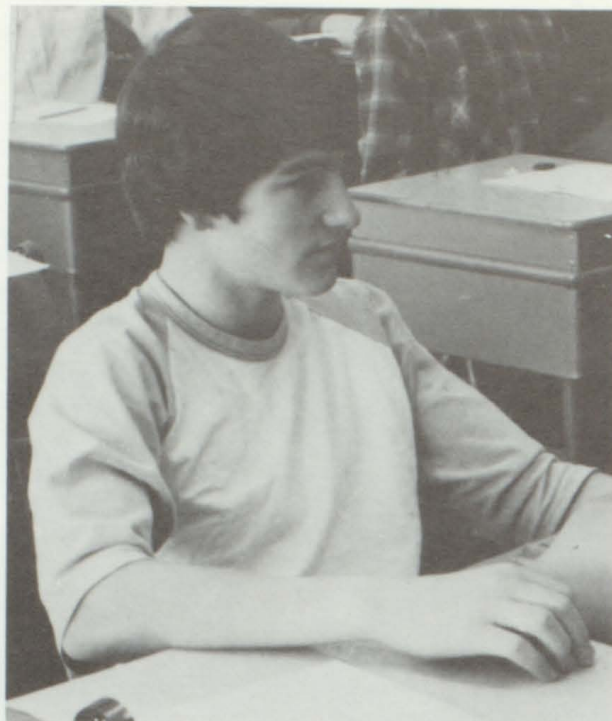
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Peggy Seegert
Wayne Shannon
Juleana Sheldon
Rebecca Shirley
Julia Sitterly

Scott Slusarski
Audie Smead
Janis Smith
Steven Snow
Lee Ellen Snyder



Mark Clements, at a loss for words?



Freshmen



Kenna Soneff
Monica Spiegel
Todd Spotts
Diane Stubli
Anthony Suydam



Troy Sylvester
Casey Teel
Kaylyn Teel
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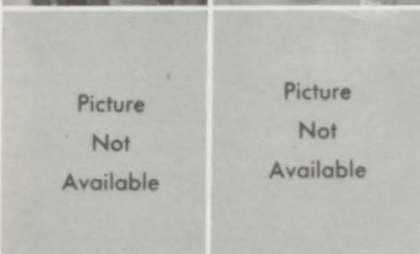


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Joann gives her future some thought.

B.H.S. Student

This survey was given to the student body of BHS in March, 1979. The Staff wishes to thank everyone for his cooperation. The results of the student poll are printed in the hope that they will bring back the fun and craziness of 1979 we all experienced.



A new group called "The Cars" won number one album with their debut album.

'UP IN SMOKE'

chosen as favorite movie

The new drinking age was felt to be too strict by many. "The 19 years age limit wasn't given enough of a chance" was the opinion of many students.

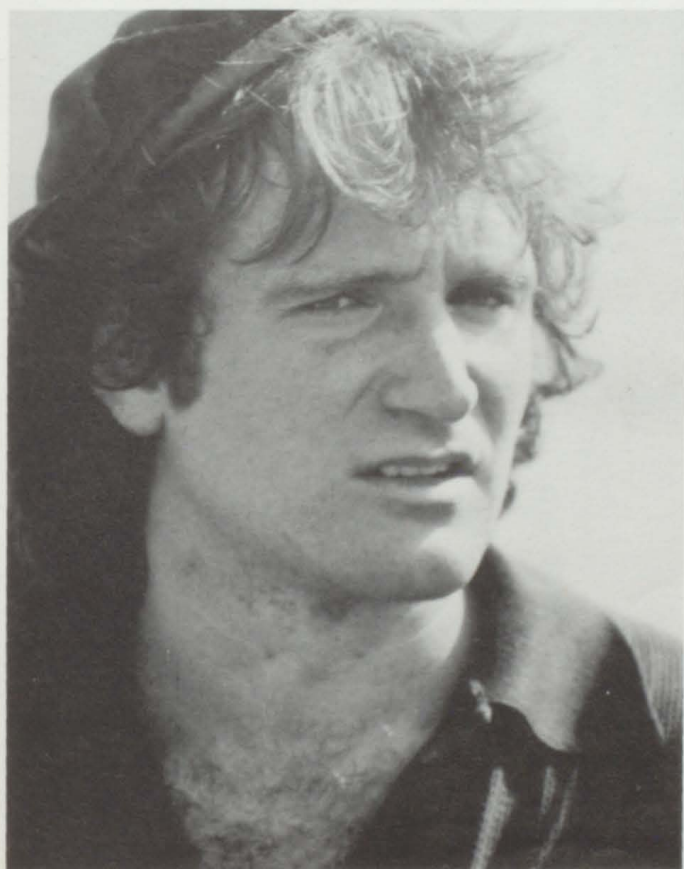
OKAY, FINE...

was chosen as the favorite saying. Some favorite sayings in the poll were unprintable.

Opinion Poll



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**Most students enjoyed split
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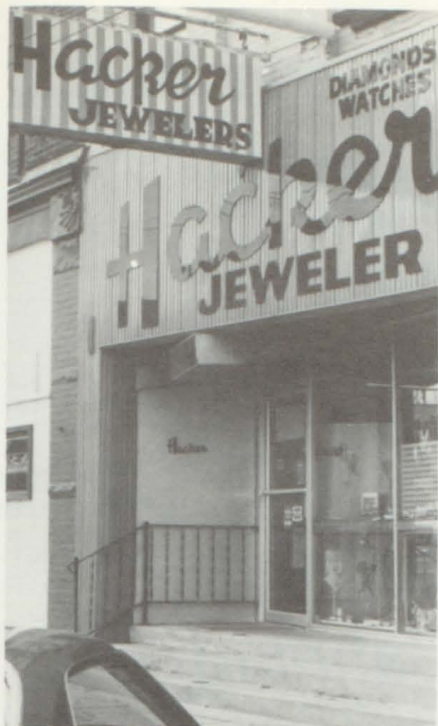
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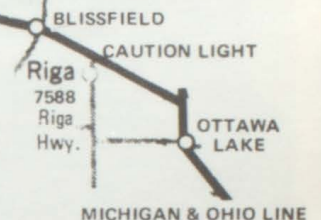


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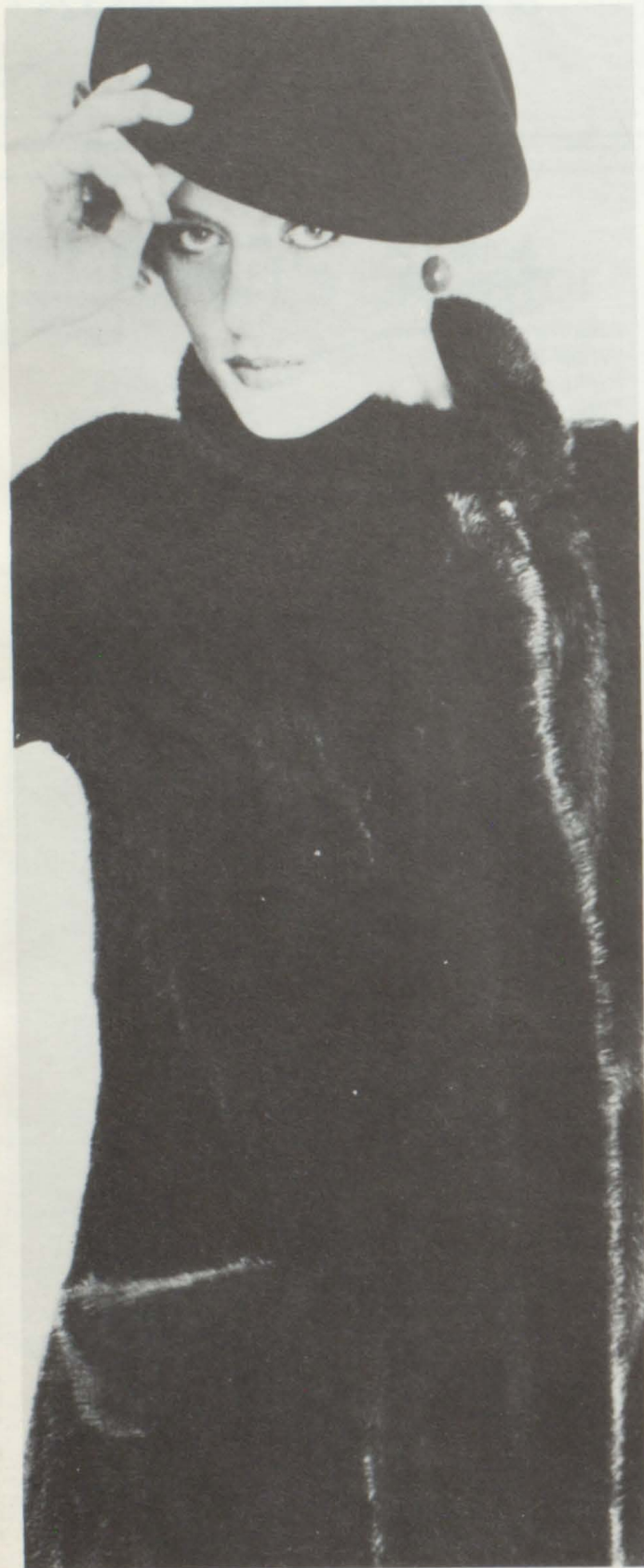
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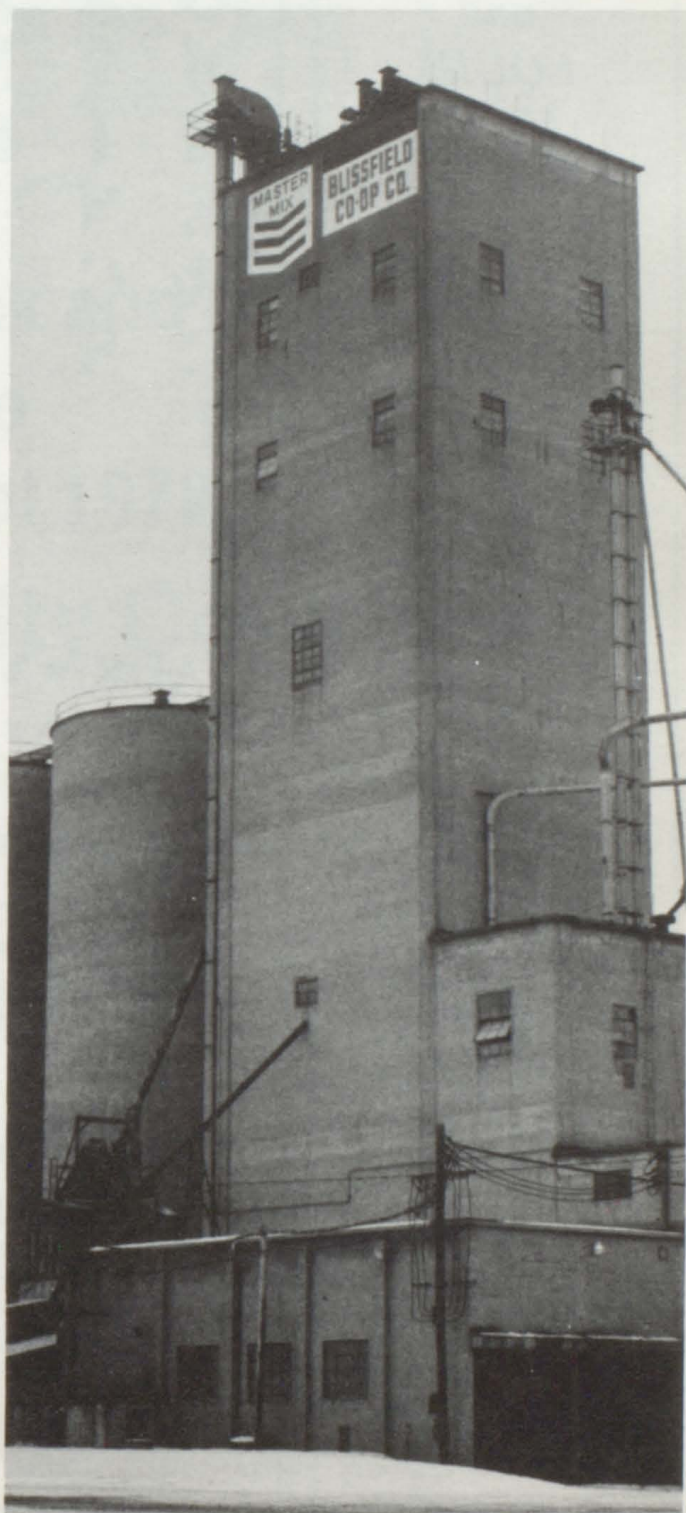
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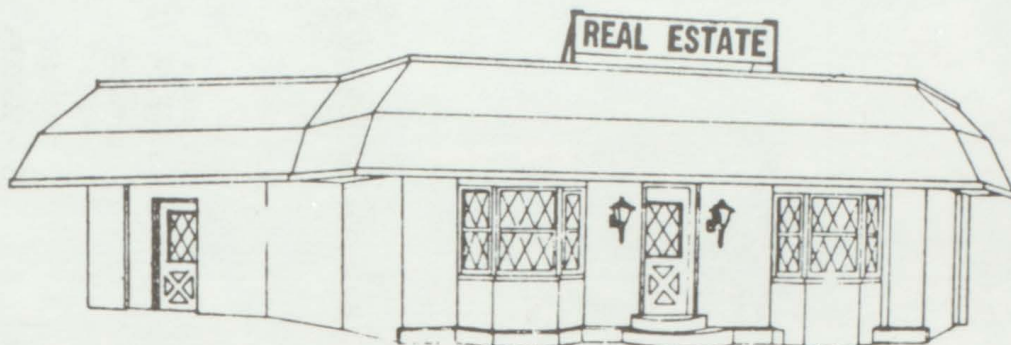


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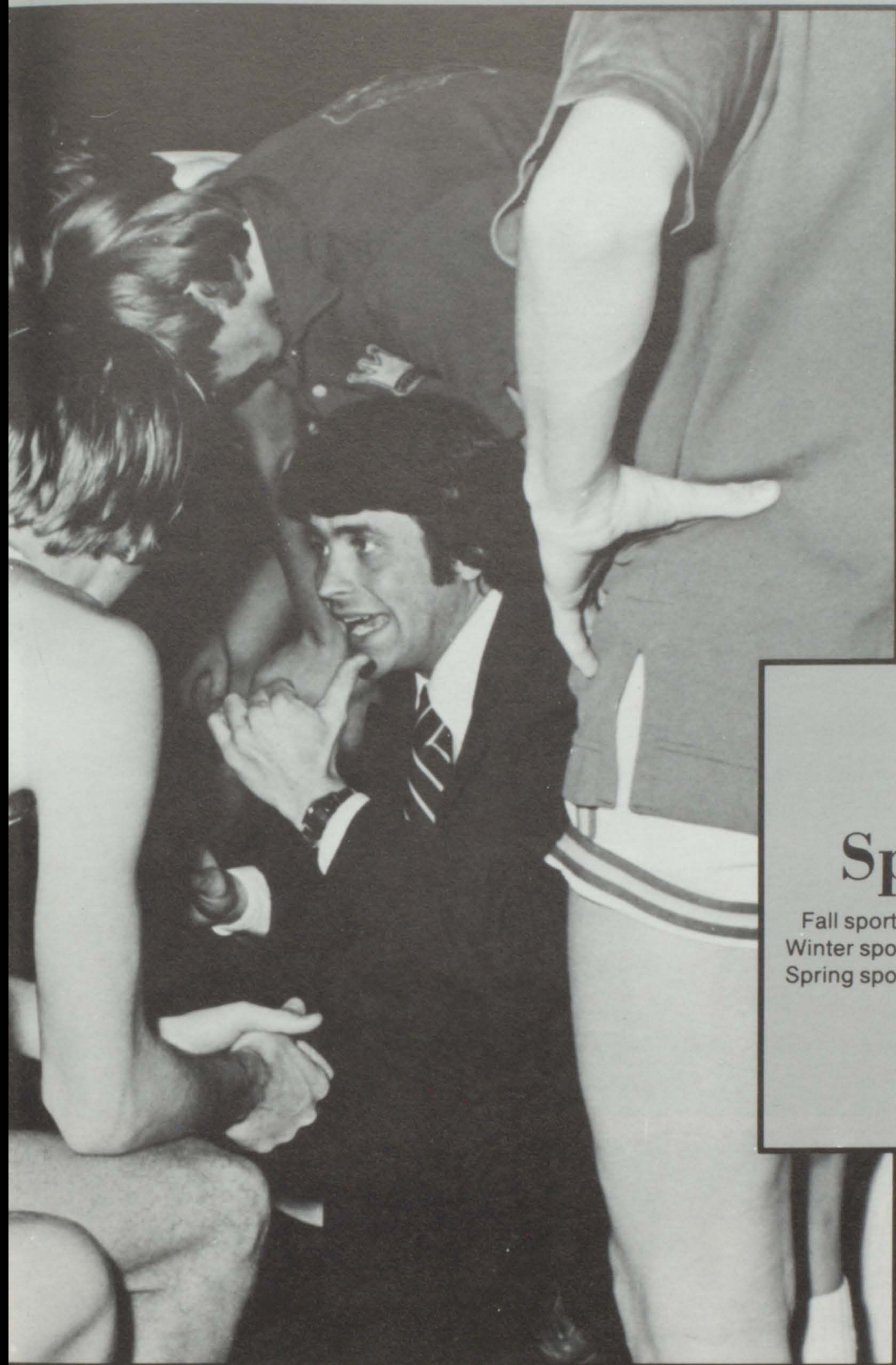


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Sports

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Brian Reau:
Honorable
Mention All League



Gary Coomer:
Honorable
Mention All League



Bill Siering:
MVP, All League, All
County, Hon. Men. All State



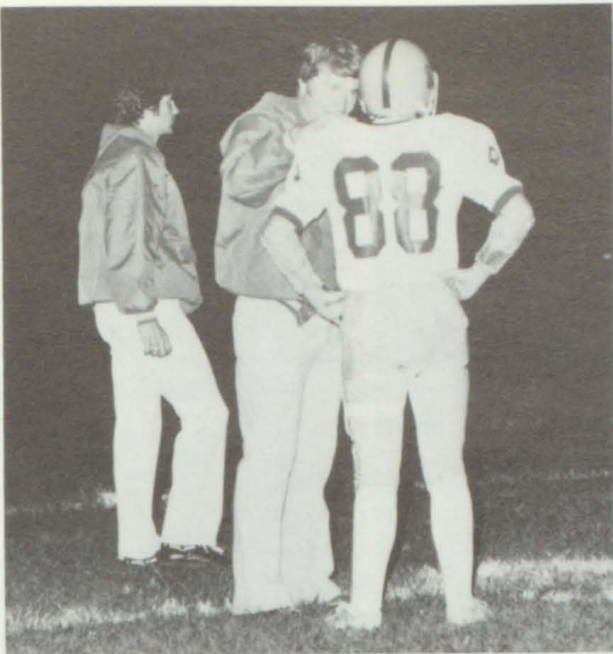
Fred Ambs:
All League,
All County



Sitting: S. Burns, M. Reno, P. Gallemore, R. Slusher, T. Spotts, B. Uckele, Mgr. A. "Woody" Pangburn
Second Row: R. Crist, B. Reau, B. Menchaca, M. Sitterly, M. Checkley, C. Snyder, Coach J. McEwan
Third Row: Coach D. Thompson, K. Neuman, D. McClenethen, B. Siering, R. Estes, G. Coomer, T. Monroe, Coach A. Diver
Back Row: J. Snyder, J. DeMille, J. Kapnick, F. Ambs, B. Reau, B. Leary, E. Ganun

Strong determination and the will to do well for producing a tremendous season were major goals of this year's Royal 4th quarter squad. This year the Royals had a considerably smaller team, compared to the previous year's size. But that did not stop them. They marked the season with a 5-4 overall record.

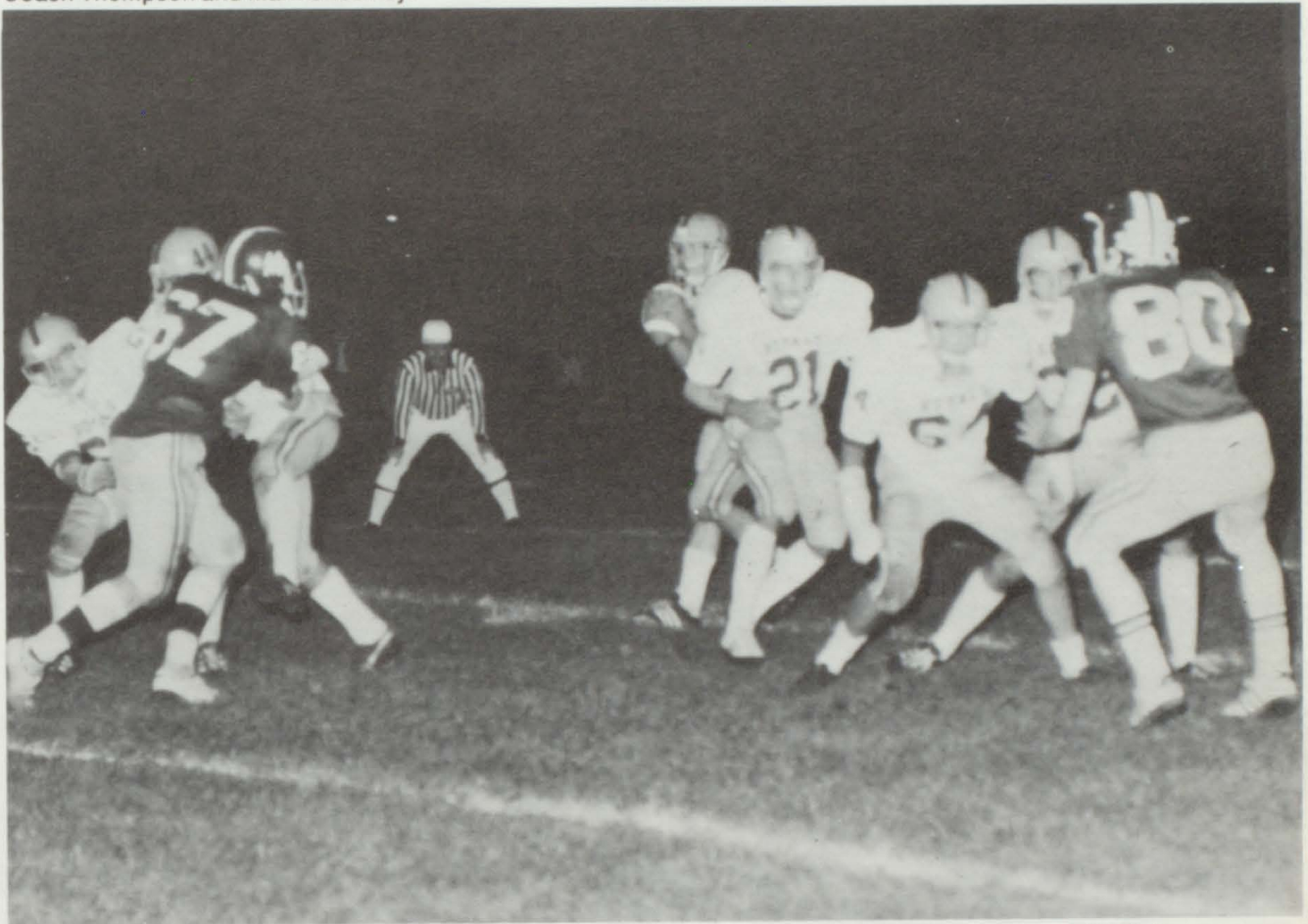
Four players received special honors awards: F. Ambs, C. Coomer, B. Reau, B. Siering



Coach Thompson and Mark Checkley.



Denise Warner



Patty Piotter

Royals	Opponent
9	Whiteford 6
10	Hudson 8
2	Dundee 22
20	Morenci 16
0	Clinton 29
0	Manchester 10
(OT) 27	Addison 26
16	Onsted 0
7	Saline 34



Beth Veldhoff



Players Make Hard Work Successful

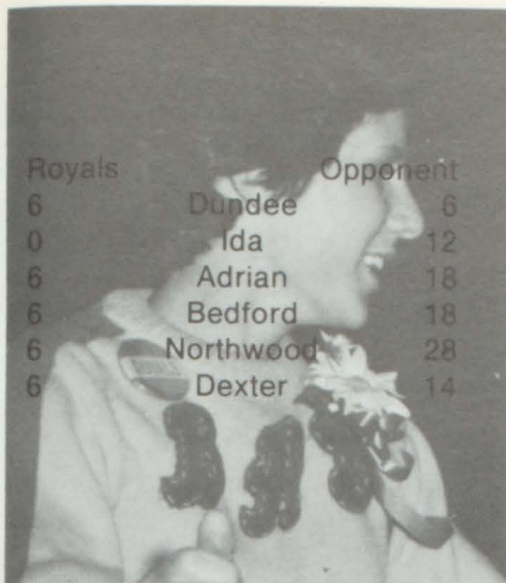
The J.V. football team completed a successful year with a 4-2-1 record. A second place tie in LCAA league standings was acquired through hard work, determination and teamwork which led the Royals to a championship game against Onsted. The game was lost, 20-18, but next year's varsity should look forward to gaining some hard-working players.

Sitting: T. Peterson, T. Perin, J. McAlpine, G. Wolf, T. Turpening
 2nd Row: Coach R. Clark, G. Bussing, Z. Eisenmann, R. Hejl, K. Nichols, Coach R. Merillat
 Back Row: M. Schmidt, A. Vince, D. Cluckey, K. Russell, T. Mallory, L. Davis, R. Holdridge, Coach D. Thompson

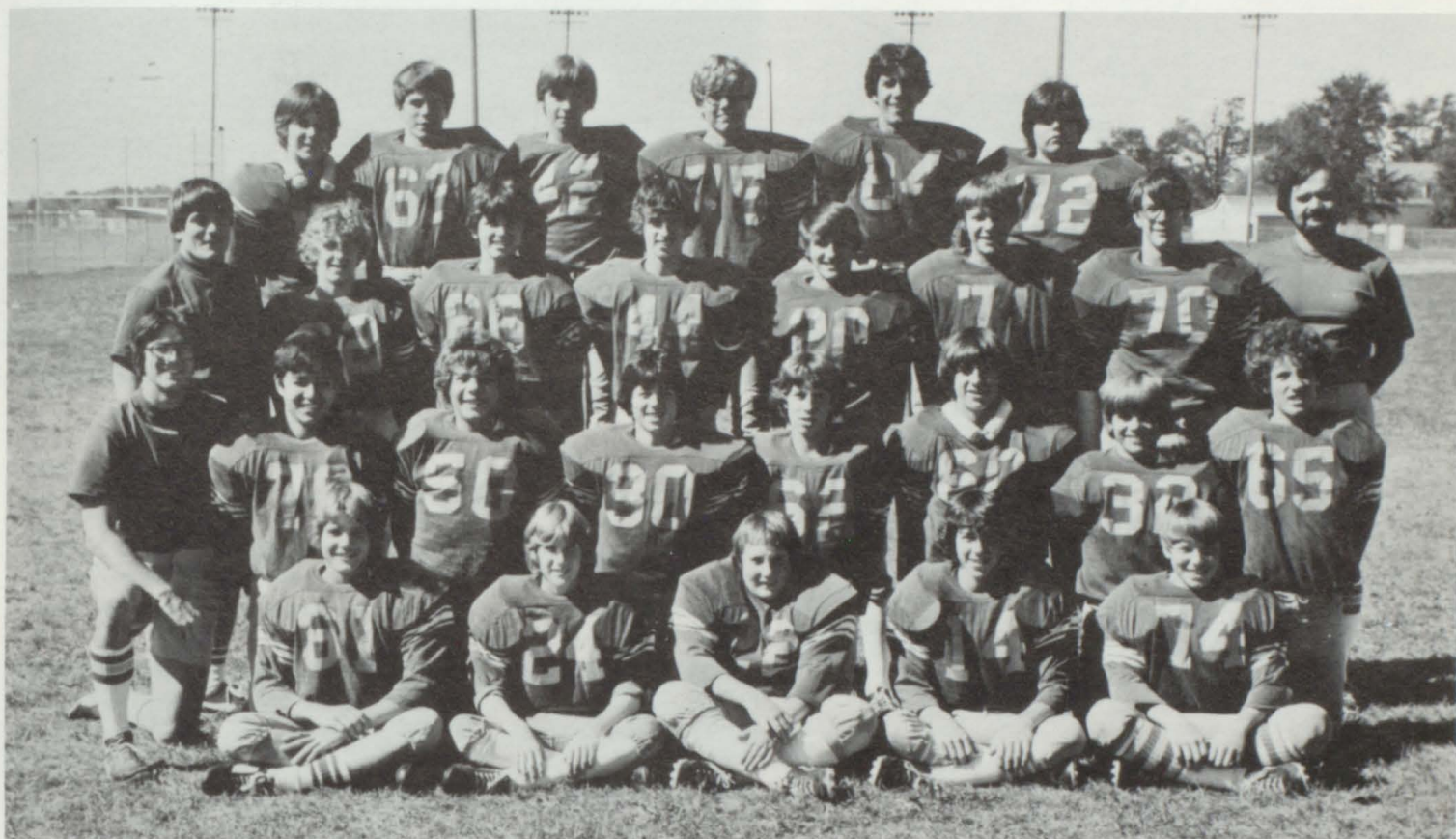


Lisa Veldhoff urges homecoming cheers.

Royals		Opponents
6	Hudson	6
16	Dundee	18
40	Morenci	0
26	Clinton	12
6	Manchester	0
6	Addison	0
18	Onstead	20



Royals		Opponent
6	Dundee	6
0	Ida	12
6	Adrian	18
6	Bedford	18
6	Northwood	28
6	Dexter	14



Sitting: D. Pulvert, J. Daas, T. Sauter, D. Checkley, C. Howland

Row 2: Coach Thompson, D. Valdez, R. Faust, D. Nine, M. Wingard, M. Cole, R. Allaird, S. Snow

Row 3: Coach Merillat, J. Seeger, D. Loar, Tim Martin, Mark Clements, J. Matthis, K. George, Coach Clark

Back Row: S. Christ, B. Brown, S. Earl, H. Salenbiem, Chris Diver, E. Maldanodo

Freshman football is used mainly to teach Blissfield's young athletes the basic fundamentals of the game. The coaches believe it should be a learning experience in preparing these future Royal stars for junior varsity and varsity action, as well as for giving the players a chance to work together.

BHS freshman footballers finished their season with a 0-5-1 record, although many of these games were very close. They have learned the importance of using the fundamentals and should be well-prepared for football at higher levels.

Golf Chips the Season

Royal golfers finished in the cellar of LCAA competition this year. Although their 2-8 (4-12 overall) record was a disappointment, Blissfield's golfers enjoyed the fun of playing against league competition and of practicing among themselves.

Captain Lee Crots, one of five returning lettermen and the only Senior on this year's squad, provided the leadership for the young Royals. He placed 5th individually at the league meet with an 82, and also won recognition for being named to the All-League First team.

Junior Doug Heidbreder made the All-League second team selections.

Juniors Doug Cannon and Mike VanNieuwenhze earned their varsity letter for the third time this year, while Tom Brieschke and Doug Heidbreder got their second varsity letters in golf.

Others winning their varsity letter this season were: Chuck Bierman, Rich Osborn, and Doug Stucker, all juniors; Dave Luce and Jeff Tagsold, sophomores; and freshman Jeff Walters.



Chuck Bierman blasts out of a sand trap.

Below:

Front Row: Wayne Shannon, Doug Heidbreder, Jeff Walters, Chuck Bierman, and Tom Brieschke

Back Row: Coach Larry Tuttle, Doug Cannon, Jeff Tagsold, Mike VanNieuwenhze, Rich Osborn, and Dave Luce.





Above: Tom Brieschke buys another three balls from Whiteford Valley Golf Course owner, Harley Hodges, who supports the Royal golf team by allowing them to practice free of charge.

Right: Trick photography captures another miraculous putt by Tom Brieschke as Mike VanNieuwenhze tends to the flagstick.





Dirio Ybarra Leads Cross Country Team

The Cross Country team of 78-79 was very young and inexperienced, but steady improvement characterized the year. The record for the 78-79 season was 2-9.

Dirio Ybarra, Captain and the only Senior, led the team under strong leadership and guidance by making First team, with a fourth place at League, sixth at Regionals, third at the Fayette Invitational, and finally forty-sixth at State.

Three girls, the feminine touch on the team, were Mary Reau, Mary Lou Hoag, and Linda Sue Hoag, who showed great promise and hope for the following year. Coach Brink's looking forward to the 79-80 season and new horizons.

Royals	Opponent	
43	Ida	15
41	Hudson	17
34	Dundee	22
W	Mason	L
41	Hanover	
	Horton	18
44	Clinton	18
W	Sylvania	
	Southview	L
34	Manchester	21
42	Saline	20
38	Addison	20
44	Onsted	16

Sitting: K. Blackburn, D. Ybarra, M. Nowak, R. Proffitt
Second Row: R. Karl, M. Reau, M. L. Hoag, L. S. Hoag, G. Rogers, Coach Gary Brink
Back Row: T. Fischer, S. Hoag, J. Butts, T. Hoag, T. Goodman

Spunk and Determination Overcome



The season was a disappointing one — 18 losses, zero wins. But records can't indicate the fun, spirit and friendship of the '78 squad. They pounded the boards in their purple hi-tops from August to November with spunk and determination. To them, each game was a challenge to be met head on, with courage and teamwork. The girls voted Deb Thompson most valuable player



Sitting: L. Delzeith, S. Monroe, P. Case
Kneeling: G. Davis, D. Thompson, S. Siering, S. McAlpine, B. Russell, L. Barrett, D. Clingamen, Coach: Betty Kohler

Royals Opponent

19	Ida	53
22	Onsted	38
29	Whiteford	68
27	Hudson	41
26	Dundee	29
20	Ida	65
25	Morenci	49
27	Clinton	52
41	Whiteford	61
44	Manchester	58
27	Addison	73
30	Onsted	40
40	Hudson	42
26	Dundee	46
29	Morenci	57
23	Clinton	64
19	Manchester	60
38	Addison	60

Losing Season

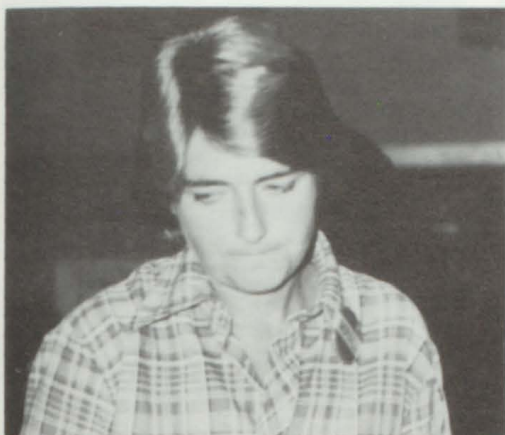
while Sue McAlpine was most improved. Lisa Delzeith, Patti Case, and Sabrina Monroe were tri-captains.

Below: "What did you say you're going to tell the refs?"

Right: This is my zone, understand?

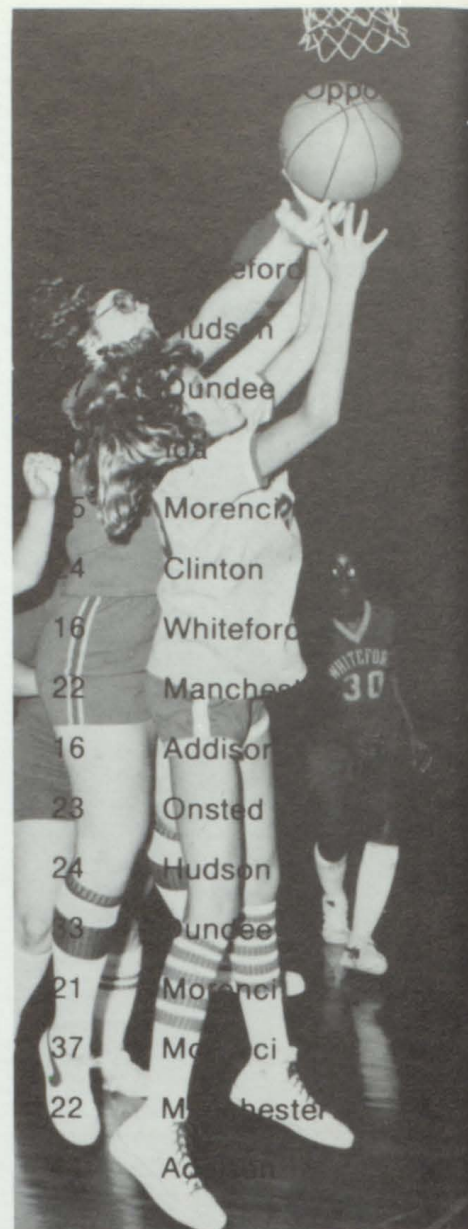
Far right: Put it in, Sabrina!

Bottom right corner: Let's get fired up!



J.V. Basketball

The J.V. team was a large one — twelve strong. They practiced long hours, manning play upon play, drill upon drill. Their training and hard work paid off one night against Morenci, when they won the game by 1 point. The bench exploded as the buzzer buzzed, fans and players alike hugged each other and heaved sighs of relief. The team voted Tonya Tietz most valuable player while JoAnn Dunning was most improved. Marcy MacBeth and Tonya Tietz were co-captains.



Sitting: M. MacBeth, T. Tietz
Kneeling: J. Papenhagen, K. Jacobson, A. Zimmerman, B. Delzeith, R. Reau, C. Mlcek
Standing: J. Mitchell, J. Liewert, P. Allen, J. Dunning, C. Mallory, P. Pavelka, Coach D. Mitchell



Royals	Opponent
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2	Sand Creek	0
2	Onsted	1
2	Dundee	0
0	Addison	2
2	Hudson	0
2	Morenci	1
2	Clinton	0
2	Manchester	0
0	Addison	2
2	Onsted	1
2	Hudson	0
2	Dundee	0
2	Morenci	0
1	Clinton	2
2	Manchester	1
2	Whiteford	1

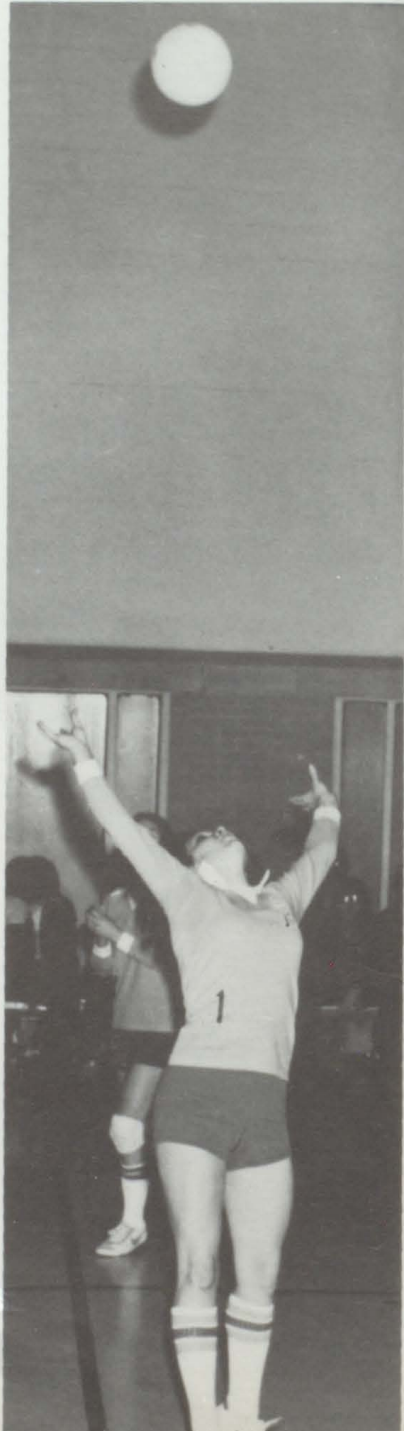
J.V.'s Tie With Addison for LCAA First Place

The J.V. volleyball team had a very good year, with a tie for first place with Addison. They ended the year with a 9-3 league record and a 13-3 season record. The team captains were Sherry Siering and Donna Bussing.

Far left: D. Clingaman helps the ball over the net.
Left: T. Hoag helps set the ball up with a bump.



Left to right: T. Thompson, T. Hoag, R. Garno, S. Bragg, D. Bussing, S. Siering, D. Doyle, K. Klump, S. Crider, L. Sampson, J. Papenhagen, D. Clingaman, C. Ehlert, Coach Hazel Brown, Linesman D. Hauser.
Left: Coach Brown intently listens to players comments, suggestions, and complaints in a pre-game huddle.



Girls' Varsity Volleyball

Royals Opponent

W	Sand Creek	L
W	Onsted	L
W	Dundee	L
W	Addison	L
W	Hudson	L
W	Morenci	L
W	Clinton	L
L	Manchester	W
W	Addison	L
L	Onsted	W
W	Hudson	L
W	Dundee	L
W	Morenci	L
W	Clinton	L
L	Manchester	W
W	Whiteford	L



Varsity Volleyball Sets Up an Outstanding Season

The varsity volleyball team enjoyed a very successful season placing second in LCAA competition. Lisa Delzeith was the captain of the team, and Becky Russell received the Most Valuable Player award.

Receiving League recognition were Lisa Delzeith who was chosen for the first league team, Sue Kreutzfeld, chosen for the second league team, and Becky Russell, who received honorable mention. There were five graduating seniors, they were S. Monroe, C. Bachman, L. Delzeith, B. Russell, and S. Kreutzfeld.

Kneeling: Coach B. Kohler, Mgr. S. McAlpine. Sitting: B. Peterson, M. Hoag, S. Monroe, S. Kreutzfeld, B. Russell, D. Thompson, C. Bachman, J. Fetzer, L. Delzeith.



Blissfield's Varsity basketball team finished second in the league with an 8-4 record this year, falling behind an undefeated Clinton team. Overall, the season was a bit disappointing as the Royals finished with a 9-11 record. Many of these losses were close games however, such as the final game of the season, when they lost to Dundee in the last seconds, 52-50. Highlighting this year's basketball season was a super offensive showing in the Morenci game, in which the Royals set a school scoring record of 114 points.

Fred Ambs received the Most Valuable Player award, and he also made the second team All-League selections. Leading scorer, Mike VanNieuwenhze, was named to the All-League second team, while Rich Osborn gained honorable mention.

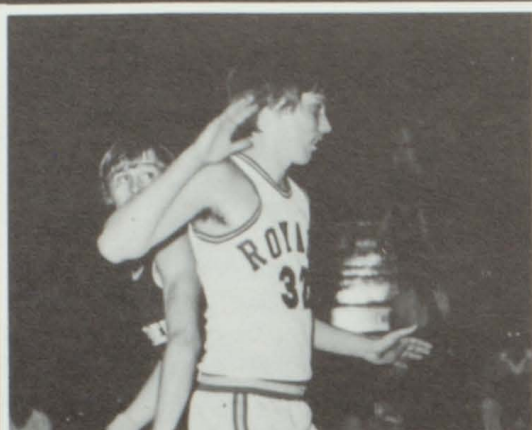
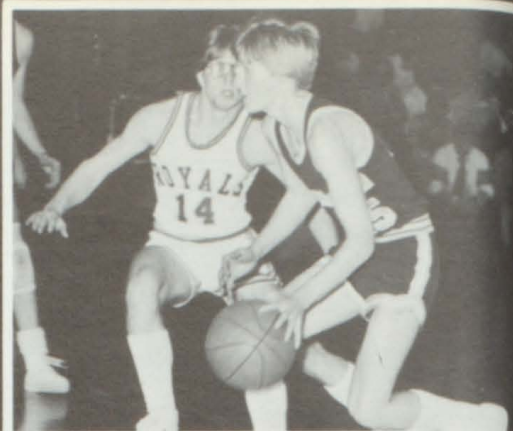
Heavy action for a rebound.

Below: M. VanNieuwenhze rolls to the basket.

Next: D. Luce gathers in a rebound.

Next: D. Cluckey goes high for a rebound.

Next: F. Ambs on a twisting drive.



Varsity

Royals	Opponent	
57	Addison	47
50	Tecumseh	83
74	Morenci	57
57	Ida	68
73	Hanover-Horton	45
52	Clinton	60
66	Hudson	80
53	Dundee	64
75	Onsted	57
59	Manchester	51
59	Addison	47
62	Evergreen	66
59	Napoleon	68
114	Morenci	93
64	Dundee	75
50	Clinton	58
85	Hudson	73
64	Onsted	72
55	Manchester	52
53	Dundee	55



Top: D. Heidbreder applies defensive pressure.
Next: Royal zone defense collapses on opponent.
Next: D. Cluckey leaping high.
Above: R. Estes shows a tough defense.

Top: G. Coomer keeps his man from driving to the basket.
 Next: T. Perin pulls down a rebound as B. Menchaca looks on.
 Next: P. Liewert prepares to drop in another easy lay-up.
 Next: G. Coomer eludes two defenders for a breakaway lay-up.

The '79 reserves finished with an 11 and 8 win-loss record and placed second in the league.

Highlights of the season: they came from behind to win over favored Tecumseh and to have an upset over Onsted. Onsted was 15 and 1 which made the JV's triumph more elative.

Top: R. Osborn hangs on to another one.
 Middle: E. Iffland up for two points.
 Bottom: D. Cluckey shoots over an Evergreen player.



Top: J. V. Cheerleaders: (from top to bottom) D. Goetz, C. Berk, D. Bliesner, S. Roback, J. Coomer, L. Veldhoff.
 Above: Varsity Cheerleaders: S. Seeger, L. Bellner, J. Clement, D. Warner, B. Veldhoff, P. Plotter.

J.V. Basketball

ROYALS

OPPONENT

63	Addison	57
71	Tecumseh	67
62	Morenci	58
53	Ida	63
54	Hanover-Horton	71
66	Clinton	59
71	Hudson	62
51	Dundee	38
57	Onsted	64
43	Manchester	39
54	Addison	49
60	Evergreen (OT)	62
51	Napoleon	55
58	Morenci	60
78	Dundee	60
53	Clinton	55
61	Hudson	70
56	Onsted	53
73	Manchester	63

Frosh Are Winners

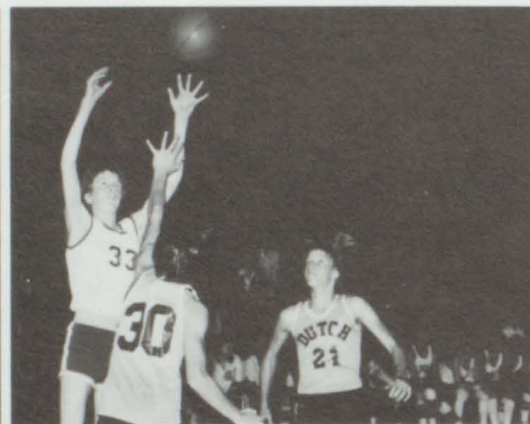
The Freshmen Basketball team of 78-79 had a 3-9 record.

Through the season, the team learned all the fundamentals, and improved on ball handling, turnovers, rebounding, and had a better percentage of free throws than their opponents.



FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

Royals	Opponent
46	Addison 44
25	Dundee 36
36	Onsted 44
24	Ida 67
32	Clinton 34
42	Hudson 77
36	Onsted 42
38	Manchester 60
44	Addison 43
26	Ida 60
47	Manchester 56
57	Clinton 46





Varsity: Standing: J. Butts, J. McCormick, J. Wyman, M. VanNieuwenhze, M. Denecker, R. Osborn, Coach G. Brink. Kneeling: D. Heidbreder, F. Ambs, R. Estes, G. Coomer, P. Gallemore, T. Sell.



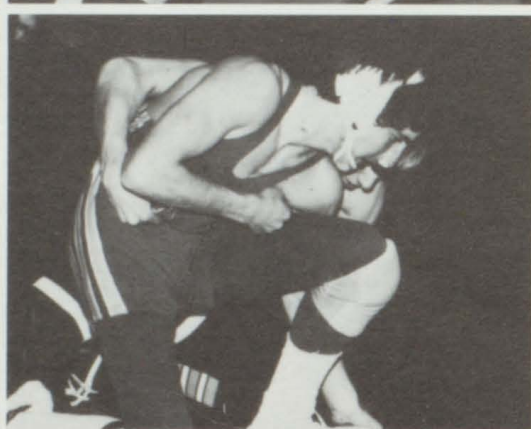
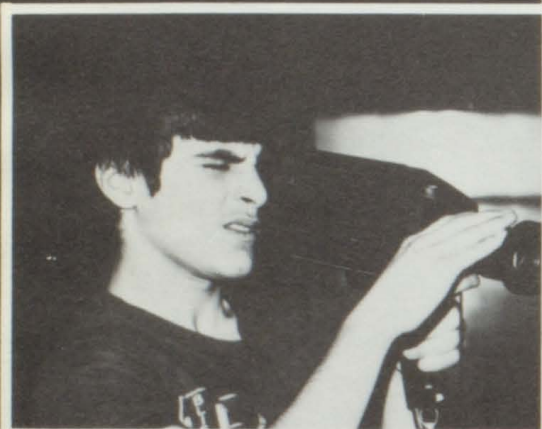
Junior Varsity: Standing: T. Brieschke, E. Iffland, B. Menchaca, P. Liewert, D. Luce, D. Cluckey, S. Hoag, R. Miller, J. Tagsold, D. Keller, T. Mallory, T. Perin, Coach A. Diver.



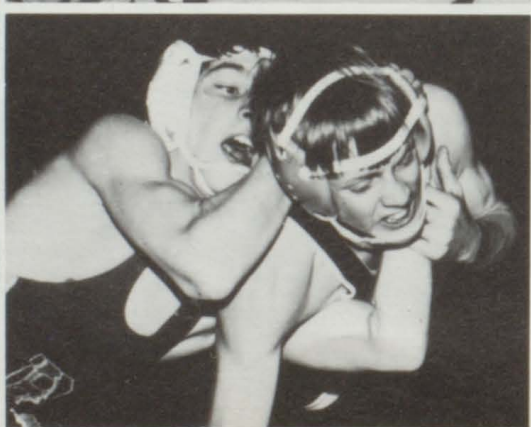
Freshmen: Standing: J. Walters, C. Diver, S. Earl, T. Knierim, D. Isley, S. Snow, Coach D. Thompson. Kneeling: M. Cole, M. Clements, T. Spotts, G. Rodgers, D. Pulver, R. Butts, J. Daas. Sitting: T. Sauter, W. Shannon, G. Wolf, R. Karl, R. Koons.

Wrestling had team of strong individual reversals

Top: T. Biddix
Next: B. Uckele
Next: B. Mallory, T. Tietz, J. Griffith
Bottom: D. Checkley

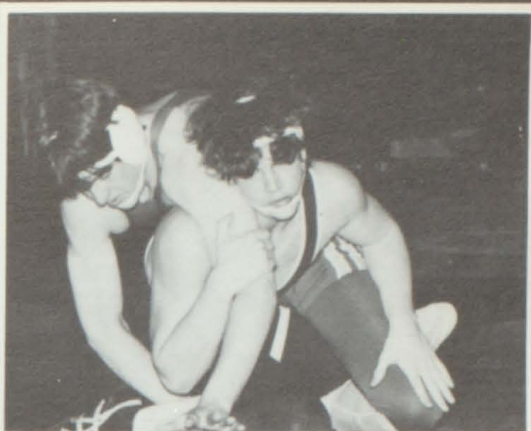


Above: H. Scott
Below: L. S. Hoag, K. Smith.



Top: D. Rupp
Next: K. Granzow, Mrs. D. Granzow
Next: Mr. Ganun, Mr. Lazenby, Mr. Checkley
Bottom: Mr. Howland

Top: T. Knierim
 Next: B. Uckele, T. Biddix
 Next: R. Proffitt
 Bottom: D. Rupp



Top: T. Biddix
 Next: B. Holdridge
 Bottom: D. Checkley



Top: Co-captain B. Reau
 Above: Co-captain M. Checkley



Above: Mrs. Phil Nino





Varsity: Front row: R. Proffitt, T. Biddix, D. Checkley, D. Rupp, J. McAlpine, T. Biddix, B. Uckele.
Back row: B. Love, R. Hejl, H. Lazenby, B. Reau, E. Ganun, M. Checkley, Coach Phil Nino.



J. V.: Front row: V. Bachman, D. Goetz, C. Howland, D. DeWees.
Back row: N. Retter, T. Goodman, M. Schmidt, K. George, Coach Phil Nino.

The Wrestling Team of 78-79 had a 5-7 record over all and was 2-3 in the league. Co-captains were B. Reau and M. Checkley.

Though their records didn't show it, the team had many individual accomplishments. Tony Biddix had the most takedowns — 11. There was a tie for most reversals between Ed Ganun and Ben Reau, both having 10.

Team accomplishments were placing third at the Libbey Invitational, and the high mark of the season for the Grapplers was defeating Dundee, with a 14-0 record at the time, by a score of 30-27.

Ben Reau, at 191, was selected by his teammates as Most Valuable and Most Improved Wrestler for the 78-79 season. Providing support for the Royal Grapplers were ten MatMaids. Those not pictured were Punney Lazenby and Beth McCarbery.

WRESTLING

ROYALS

OPPONENT

36	Whiteford	27
20	Addison	52
16	Jonesville	42
35	East Jackson	29
37	Morenci	31
20	Napoleon	44
23	Madison	43
9	Hudson	48
27	Vandercook Lake	31
29	Onsted	35
30	Dundee	27
45	Manchester	19



Kneeling: M. Bastian, B. Flores, C. Micek, S. Roback, B. Lazano.

Standing: A. Zimmerman, N. LaFollette, C. Mallory, J. Dunning, P. Pavelka, S. Ambs, Coach B. Barrus.

J.V. Softball Team Gains Experience

The J. V. softball team ended the season with a 4-5 record. A lot of gainful experience was earned by each player for next year's season.

Varsity Softball



The Varsity Softball team came out second in LCAA, won their districts and advanced to regional play. Four girls were chosen for the LCAA team. They were D. Thompson, L. Barrett, S. Siering, L. Delzieth. In June, the team won Regional Championship and advanced to State where they lost in the semi-final round.

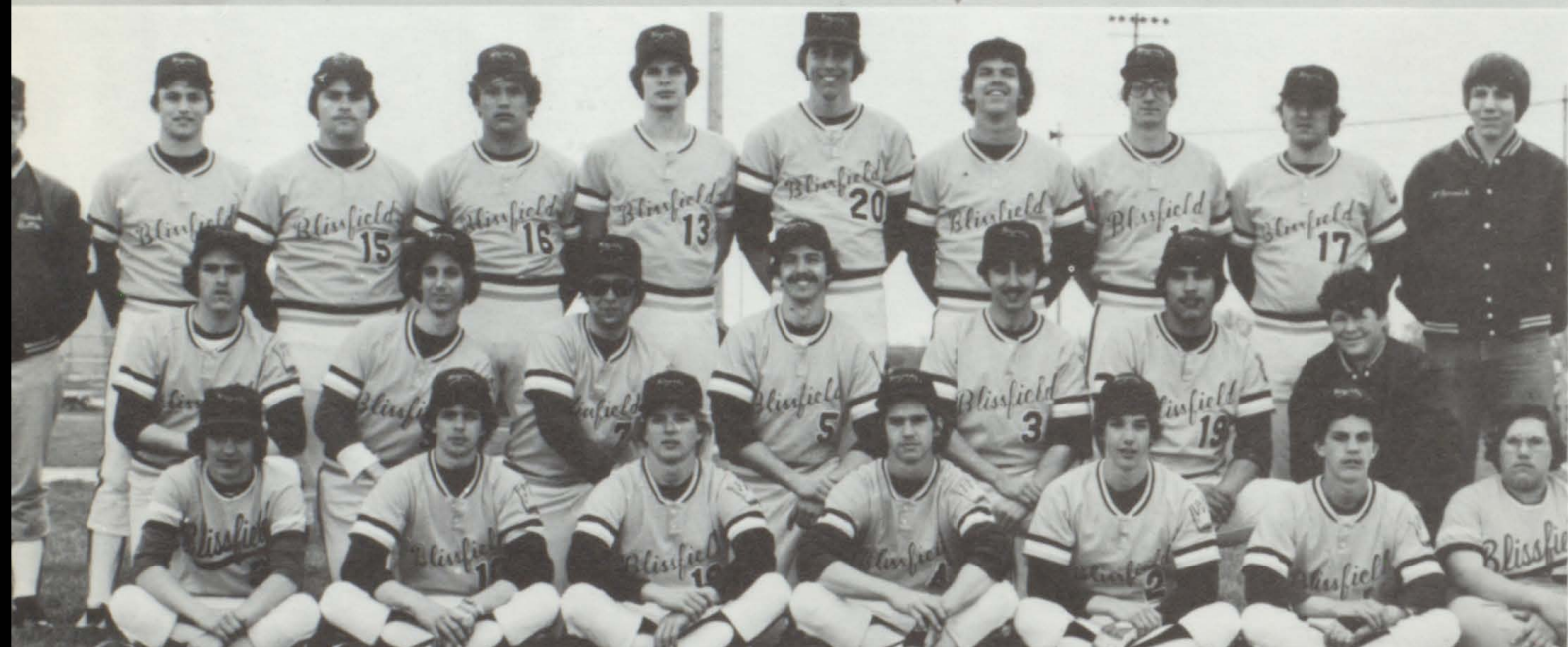
Top left: D. Thompson throws in another strike.
Center right: L. Delzeith crosses the plate for another Royal run.
Bottom left: D. Clingaman tags a runner out.

Below: Front Row: Statt Keeper, T. Miller, B. Davis, T. Sanchez, L. Delzeith, D. Thompson, L. Menchaca, D. Clingaman, Statt Keeper, K. Kohler.
Back row: Asst. Coach S. Niemi, J. Tattersall, J. Papenhagen, S. Siering, R. Vandenbusche, L. Barrett, T. Tietz, S. McAlpine, Coach B. Kohler.



Top center: D. Clingaman safe on third.
Middle center: First baseman, R. Vandenbusche anticipates the ball.
Middle left: And they said softball was easy —
Middle right: Hardworking Royal catcher, L. Barrett at home plate.
Bottom left: D. Clingaman scores another run for the Royal team.
Bottom middle: D. Clingaman pulls the bat back for a bad pitch.
Bottom: J. Papenhagen sacrifices for a run.

Champions



The Royal Varsity baseball team scored with a league record of 11-1. Overall standing was 19-4. Barry Kafer was selected the MVP of the MAECO tournament.

All County-Fred Ambs, Rich Osborn, and Doug Heidbreder.

Co-capt: Fred Ambs, Ron Estes

All-League Selections — 1st team: Fred Ambs, Gary Coomer, Ron Estes, Rich Osborn, and Doug Heidbreder.

Honorable Mention: Barry Kafer,

All State, 1st team: Fred Ambs.

Leading hitter: Fred Ambs — .380

MVP: Rich Osborn



All-County

Fred Ambs
Doug Heidbreder
Rich Osborn

First Team All-State
Fred Ambs



ROYALS	OPPONENT	SCORE
0	Tecumseh	4
3	Tecumseh	1
2	Addison	1
20	Gibraltar-Carlson	9
8	Gibraltar-Carlson	5
6	Clinton	2
2	Milan	3
8	Hudson	3
12	Onsted	7
7	Manchester	4
9	Addison	5
6	Morenci	0
10	Clinton	6
7	Hudson	1
3	Monroe-Catholic Central	1
9	Onsted	3
1	Manchester	12
2	Redford St. Mary	6
18	Monroe Jefferson	4
5	Milan	3
5	Gibraltar-Carlson	4
13	Adrian	4
8	Morenci	0

Champions

J.V.'s and Frosh Are Winners

The J. V. Baseball team finished their season with a 10-1 record. Their only loss of the year was at the hands of Gibraltar-Carlson, 4-0.

Hopefully, this is an indication of things to come for these players in the future.

Far right: Eric Iffland crosses the plate after another home run. Near right: Coach Deloria in deep concentration.



Above: Front row: K. Bellanger, R. Proffitt, E. Iffland, T. Perin, T. Brieschke, S. Bateson, C. Diver. Back row: D. Luce, R. Crider, S. McCormick, P. Liewert, B. Menchaca, A. Vince, Coach DeLoria.

Right: Bob Menchaca throws another strike.





ROYALS OPPONENT SCORE

15	Ida	6
2	Sand Creek (JV)	8
7	Monroe	4
7	Sand Creek (JV)	6
5	Ida	6
8	Tecumseh	3
6	Tecumseh	5
11	Adrian	7
3	Summerfield	6
14	Clinton (JV)	9
5	Adrian	6

ROYALS OPPONENT SCORE

5	Gibraltar-Carlson	4
0	Gibraltar-Carlson	4
14	Dundee	1
7	Hudson	0
18	Clinton	0
5	Manchester	3
11	Addison	1
13	Clinton	3
10	Hudson	0
18	Manchester	3
12	Dundee	7



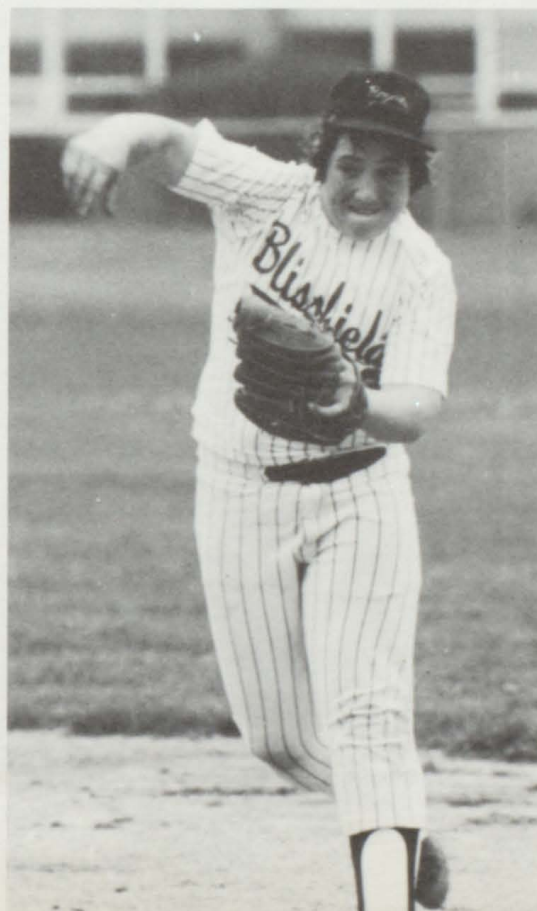
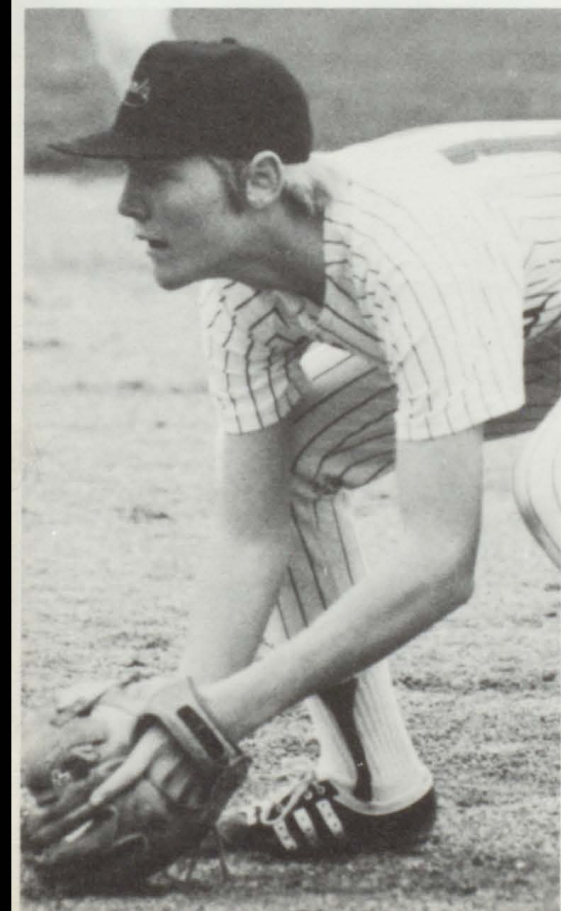
Above: Kneeling: R. Koons, M. Wingerd, J. Daas, G. Rogers, D. Checkley, T. Sauter, Rich Allard, J. Seegert, Bob Butts.
Standing: Coach Clark, R. Proffitt, T. Granzow, B. Brown, C. Diver, D. Hockin, A. Vince, T. Knierem, S. Snow, M. Clements, E. Maldonado.

Far left: Dan Hockin intensely awaits for the next play.

Near left: Tim Sauter gives all he's got in a throw to first.

The Freshman Baseball team compiled a record of seven wins and four losses. The team played a rigorous schedule against several class A and B teams and two junior varsity squads. The team improved steadily throughout the season. Their best games were a 7 to 4 win over Monroe's freshmen, and a ten inning victory at the expense of Sand Creek's J. V.

A 6 to 5 loss to Ida after beating them easily earlier in the season seemed to be the turning point for the team. After giving away that game, the boys played with a good deal of desire, poise and confidence. They went on to beat Tecumseh twice and Adrian once, only to end the season with a frustrating loss to Adrian in extra innings.



Champs — Three Years Running



Above: Coach Hazel E. Brown.



ROYALS	OPPONENT	SCORE
56	Addison	67
75	Dundee	48
95	Morenci	28
67	Ida	56
67	Clinton	56
99	Hudson	24
79	Onsted	44
89	Manchester	33
98	Hanover Horton	25

Above: L. Veldhoff set records in the 110 yard and 220 yard hurdles.



Above: "Oh, what a relief!"



Above: Give it a good putt, Lisa!



Above: L. Veldhoff anchors the winning mile relay.



Above: M. L. Hoag wins the two mile she set a new record in.

The girls finished third at the Grass Lake Invitational and Blade Relays, and second in the league. Highlights were winning Regionals for the third consecutive year, taking 8 firsts at the county meet with B. Veldhoff most valuable player, and sent 4 girls to State, K. Klump, C. MacBeth, and L. and B. Veldhoff. C. MacBeth, G. Davis and B. and L. Veldhoff set new county and school records in the mile relay. The team members chose MacBeth as most valuable player.



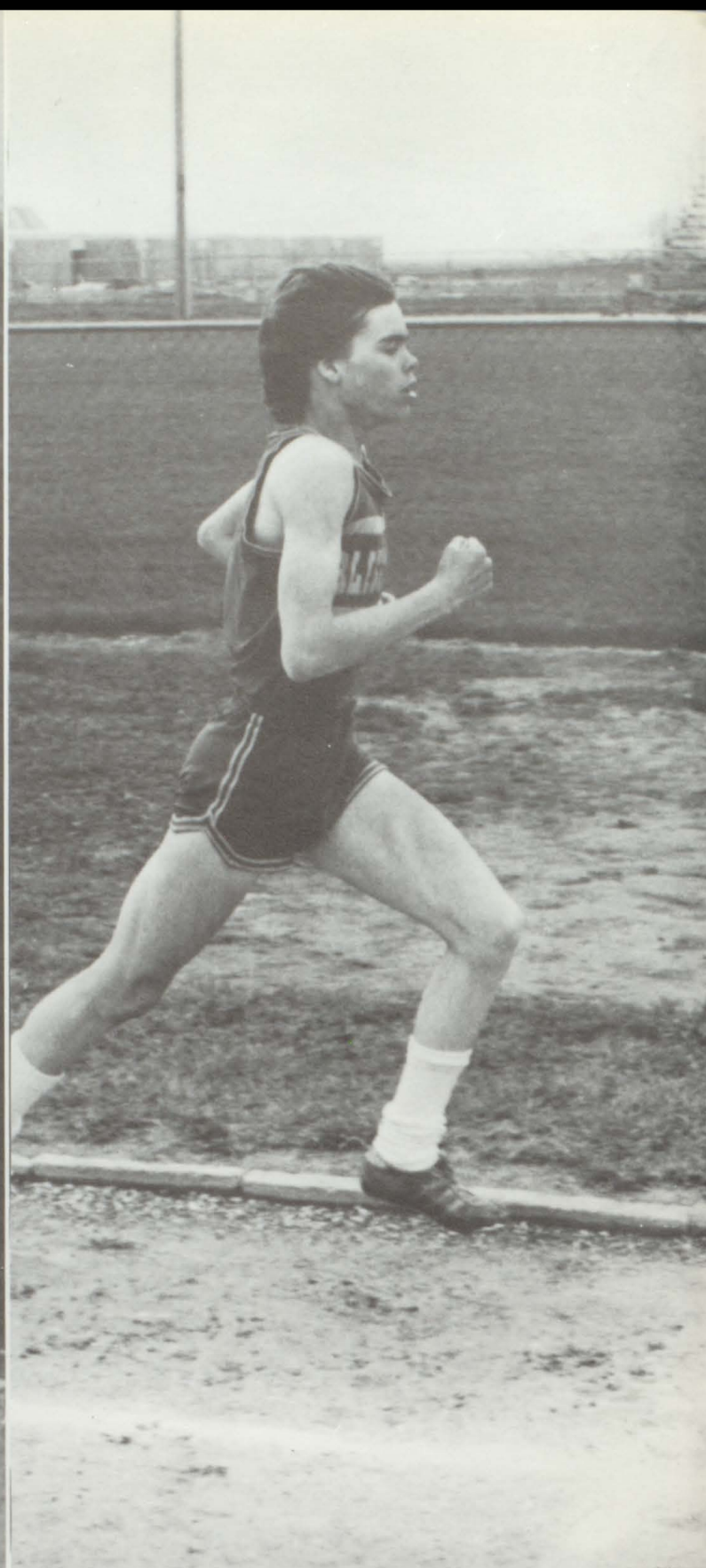
Above: The Sequences of a relay. The start, after the gun, and the hand off.



Above: B. Shephard really gets up there.
Left: D. Doyle concentrates on her form.



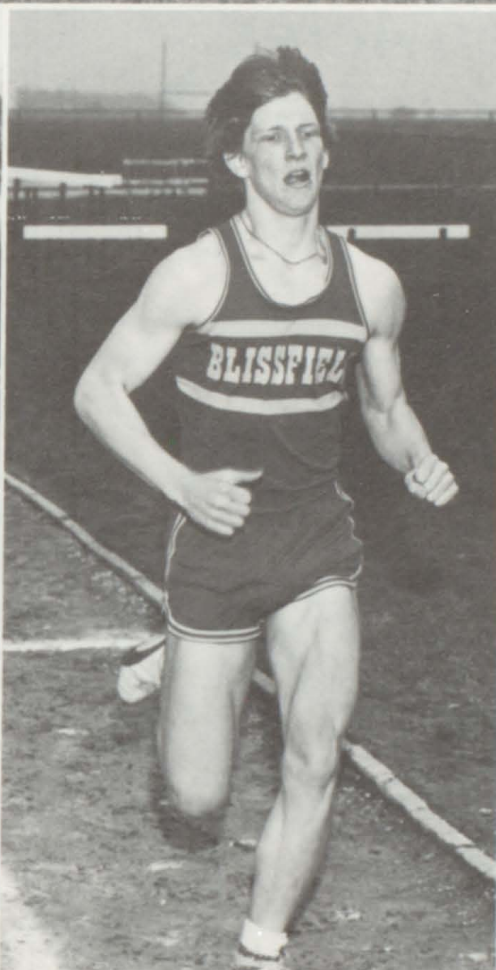
Sitting: K. Soneff, S. Crider, J. Mitchell, Tri-captains: G. Davis, M. L. Hoag, and C. MacBeth D. Bliesner.
Kneeling: D. Doyle, L. Sampson, R. Reau, D. Hause, K. Klump, B. Peterson, J. Coomer.
Standing: Asst. Coach: S. Camron, L. Handy, C. Berk, L. S. Hoag, Coach H. Brown, B. Shepherd, J. Fetzer, L. Veldhoff, B. Veldhoff.



This year's boy's track team was made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores, so 1979 was a time of building and learning for them. The only seniors were Brian Reau, Tom Sell, Ben Reau, and Bruce Klump. The highest scorer for the season was Tom Sell, who was also chosen as the MVP. Sell was the only member of the team to qualify for State competition.

Two freshmen, Robert Karl, a distance runner, and Gary Wolfe, a sprinter, did well and are expected to have very impressive track careers.

Karl and Sell were the only members of the team to place at the Blade Relays. At the Telegram Invitational Sell came in 5th in the low hurdles, and the 440 relay team of G. Wolfe, R. Hejl, B. Leary, and R. Slusher also placed 5th in the county.



Seated: H. Salenbien, T. Goodman, S. Crist, T. Martin, R. Karl, B. Reau, G. Wolfe, J. Walters, T. Nine, M. Lewis.
 Kneeling: T. Fischer, D. Keller, T. Peterson, B. Fronaphel, T. Mallory, B. Klump, P. Gallemore, M. Cole, T. Spotts, T. Sell
 Standing: Mr. Biglin, R. Hejl, R. Slusher, D. Clucke, S. Hoag, B. Reau, T. Stetten, J. Butts, B. Leary, Mr. McEwan, W. Shannon.
 Above left: Tom Sell makes a good hand off to Rob Slusher.
 Above middle: Rob Slusher puts forward his best effort for the team.
 Above right: Brian Reau used deep concentration on his pole vault approach.
 Bottom left: J. Walters gives it all he's got.

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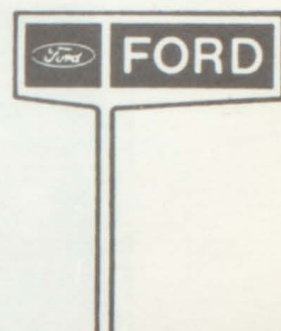
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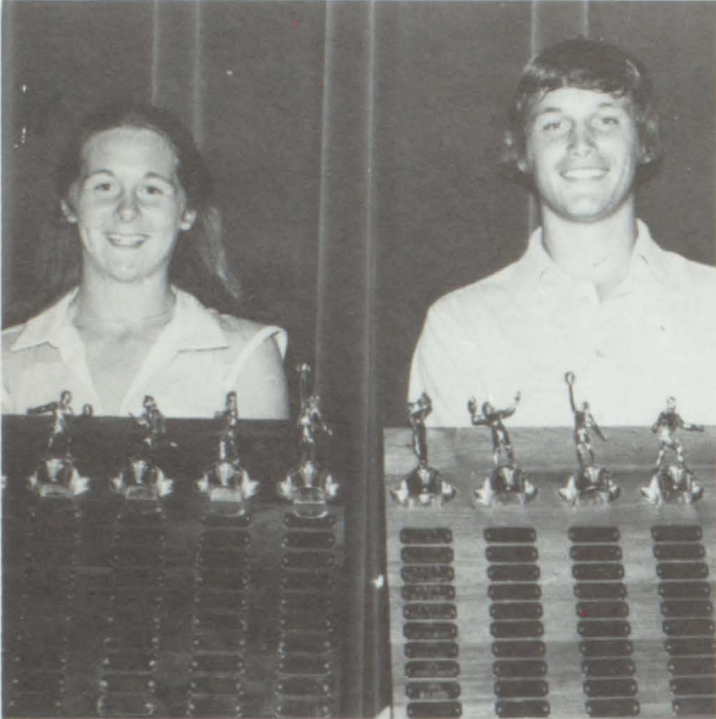
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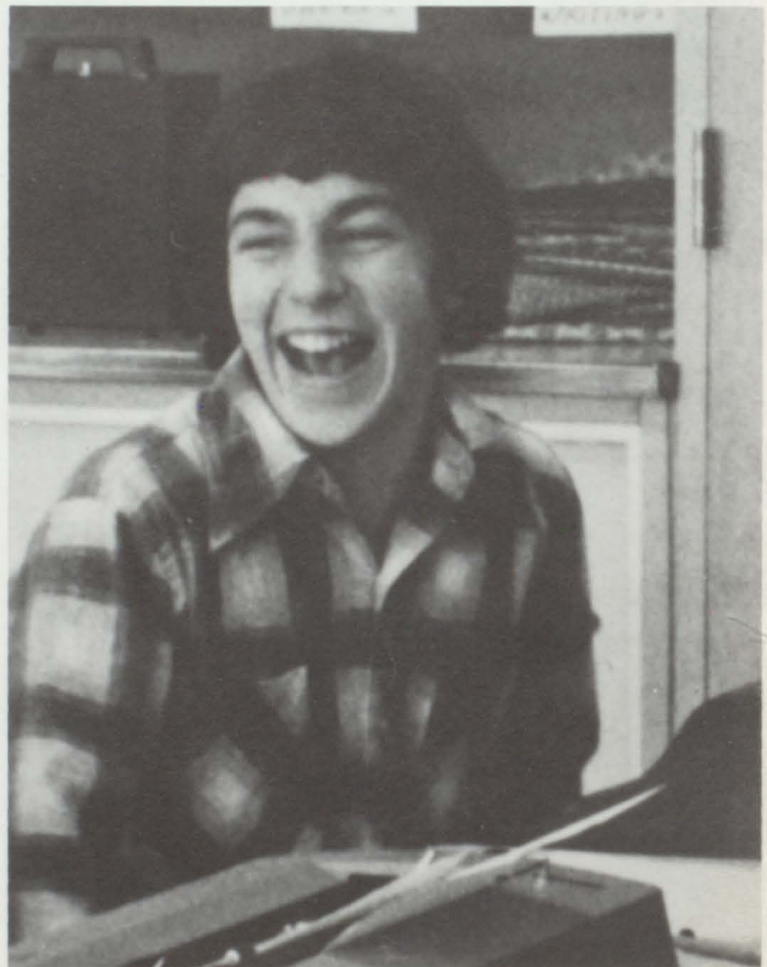
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After 12 years as superintendent as Blissfield, Mr. Clayton Wilson retires and plans to take the summer off before he makes any future plans.

1979 has finally arrived. The "70's" are almost over. The hopes and dreams of the beginning of this decade have taken new shapes, but as always the Seniors have set their goals for the future. The "80's" will come in with many changes for Blissfield. Our superintendent of 12 years, Mr. Wilson, will be gone and the split sessions of the past two years, will be brought to an end with the completion of the new middle school.

However, some things will never change, like senior pranks. During the class of "79's" last week someone ran a strange hurdle race on the roof, a campout took place on the front lawn and the school yard got toilet-papered. So long to 1979 and the "70's."



Marks the End of a Decade



Not much eating has been done in the high school cafeteria the past two years, except by the bookworms. 1979 didn't see the completion of the new middle school, but the reflections of the student body have been mixed about the split session situation. Welcome 1980, new schedules, new faces, new beginnings.

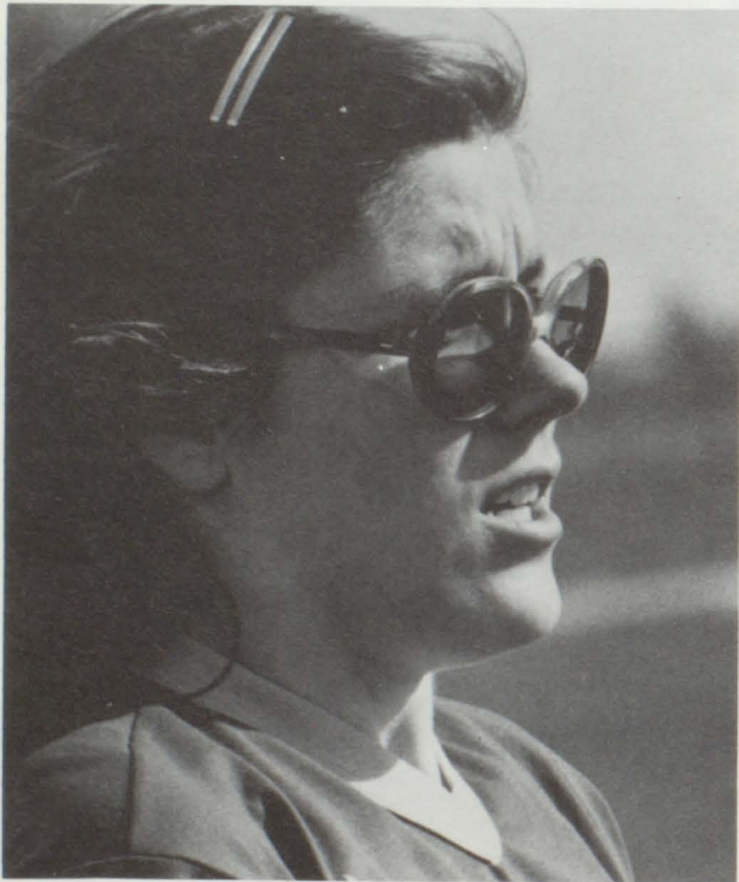
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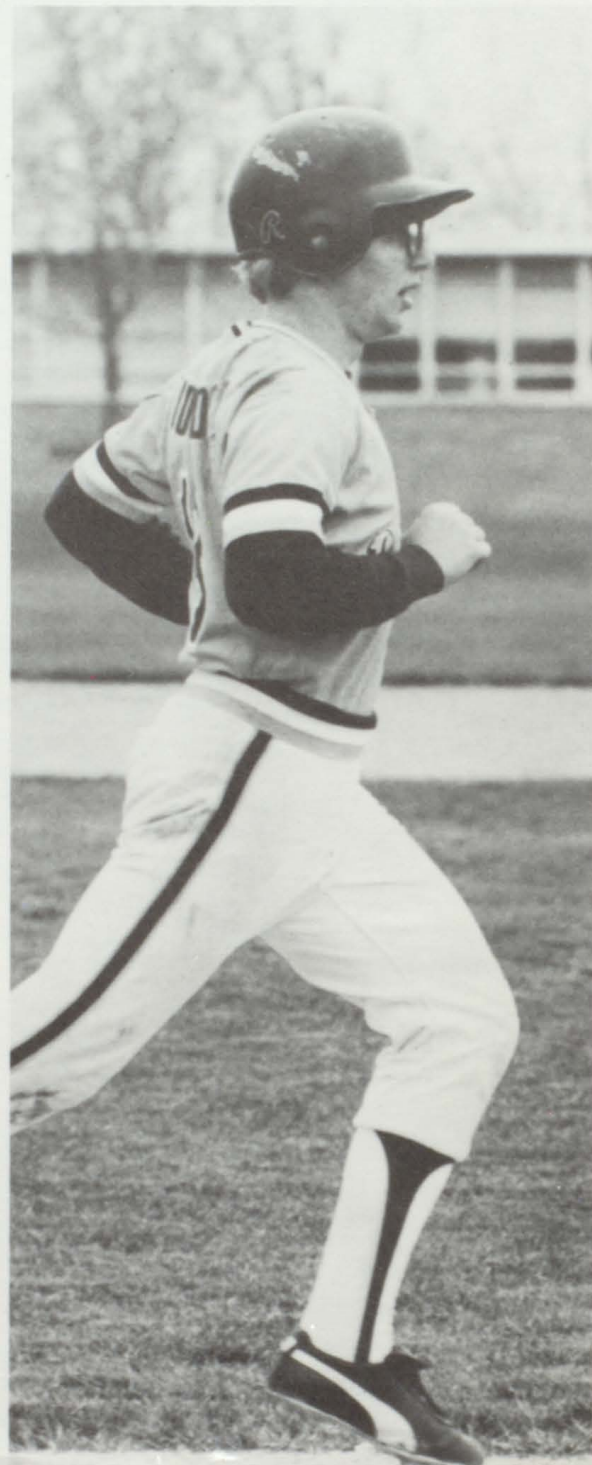
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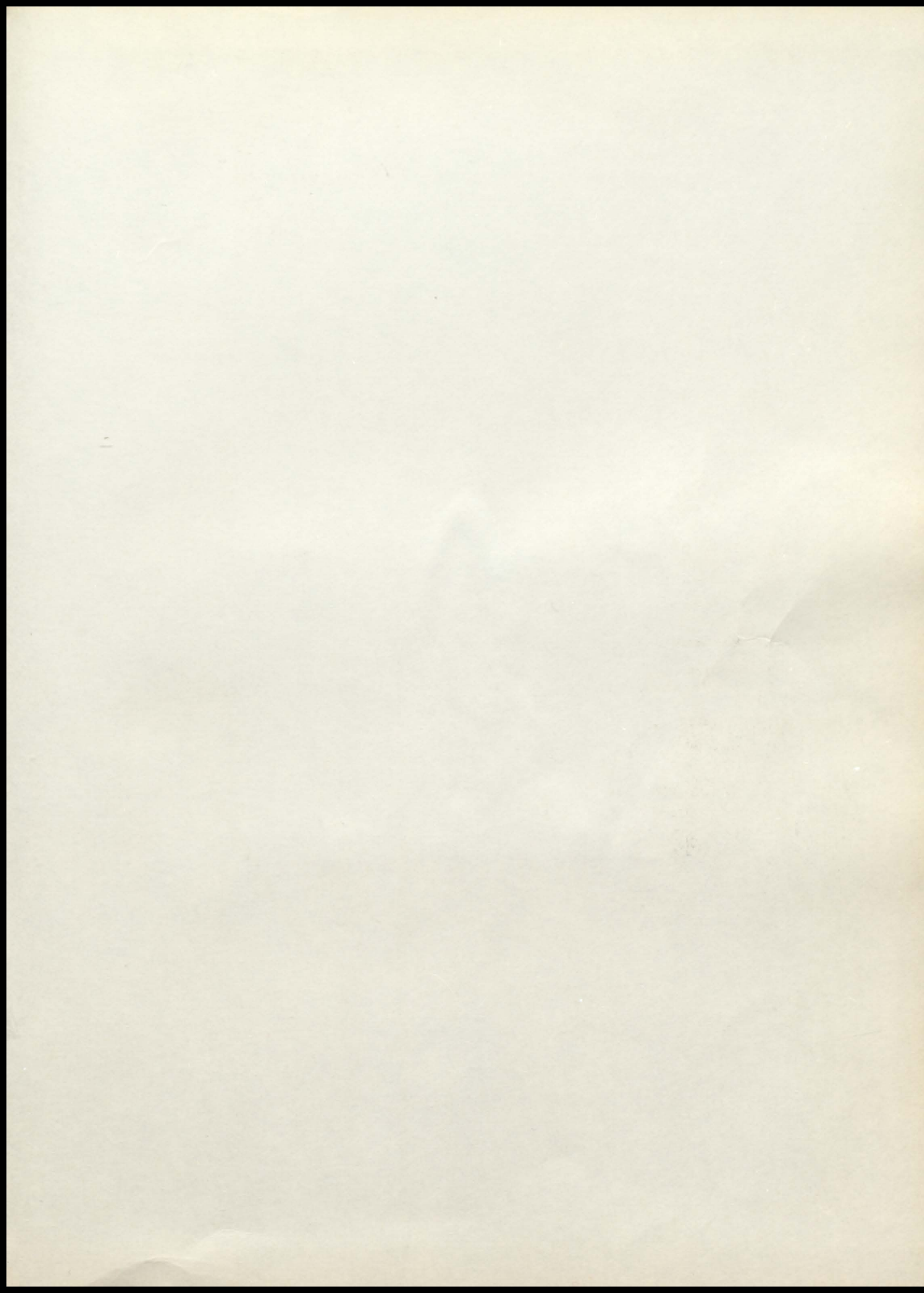


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