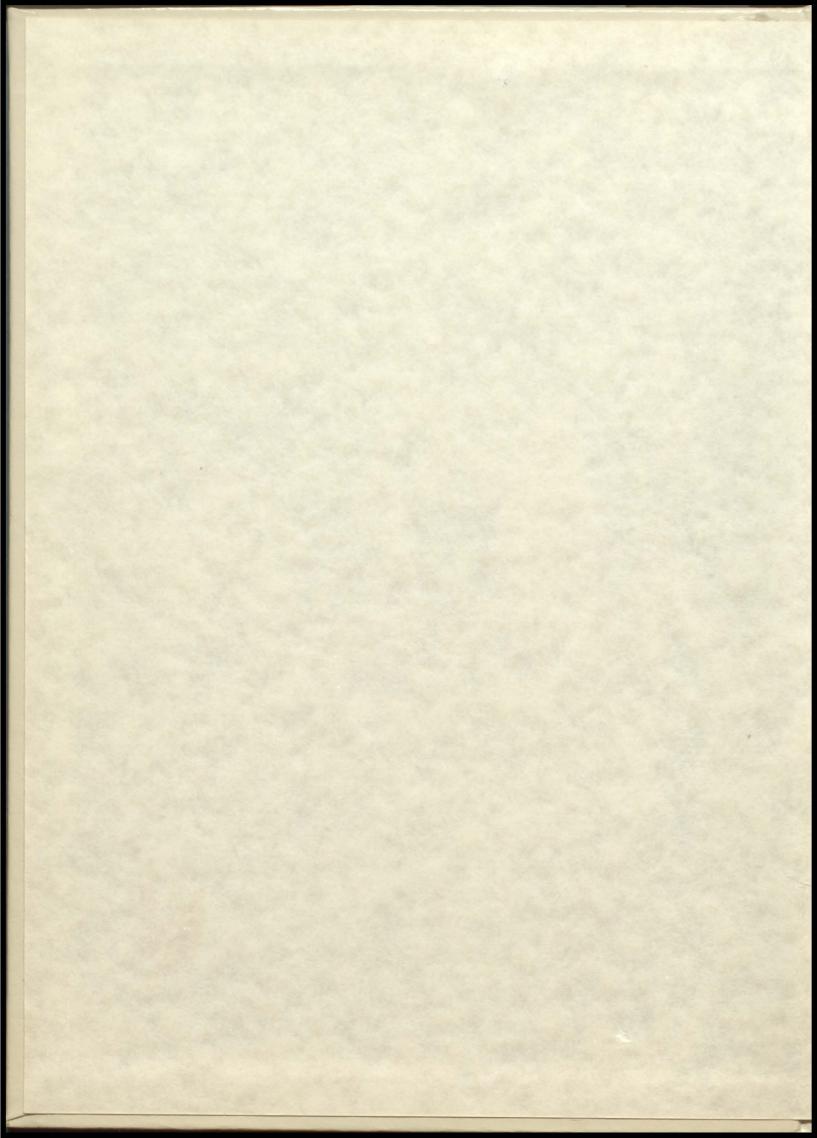
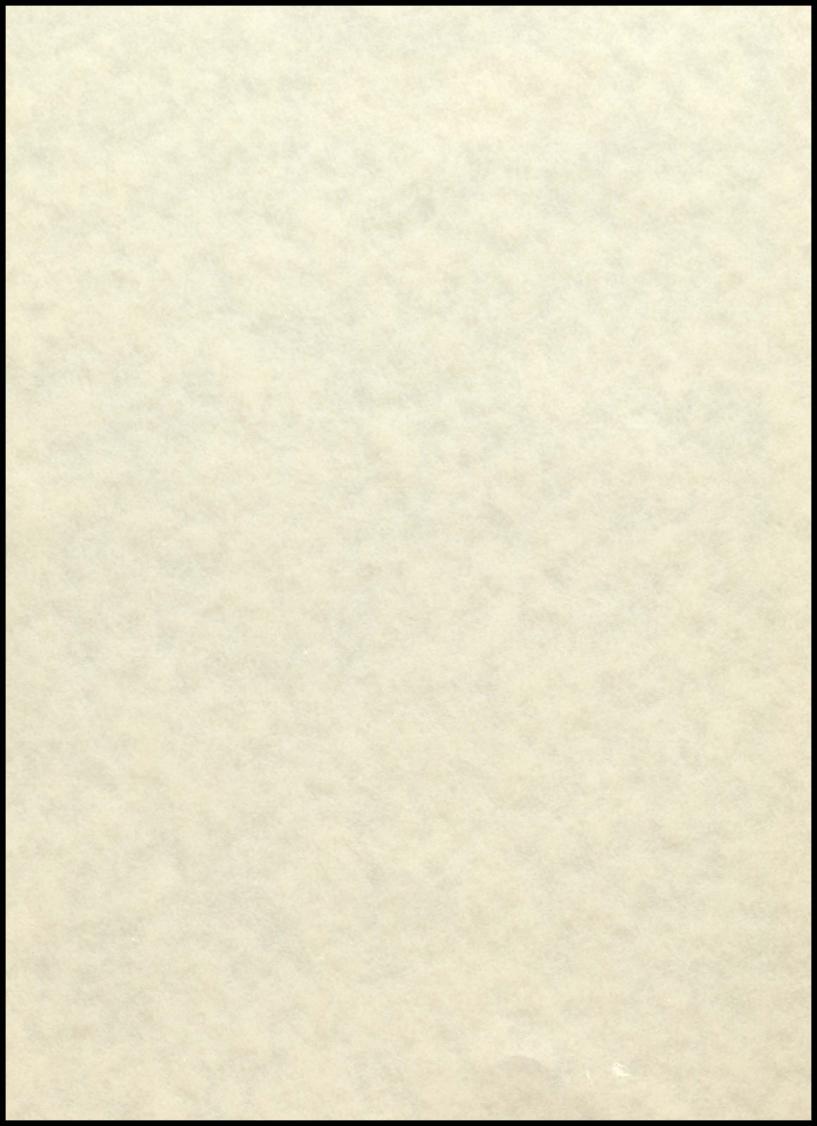
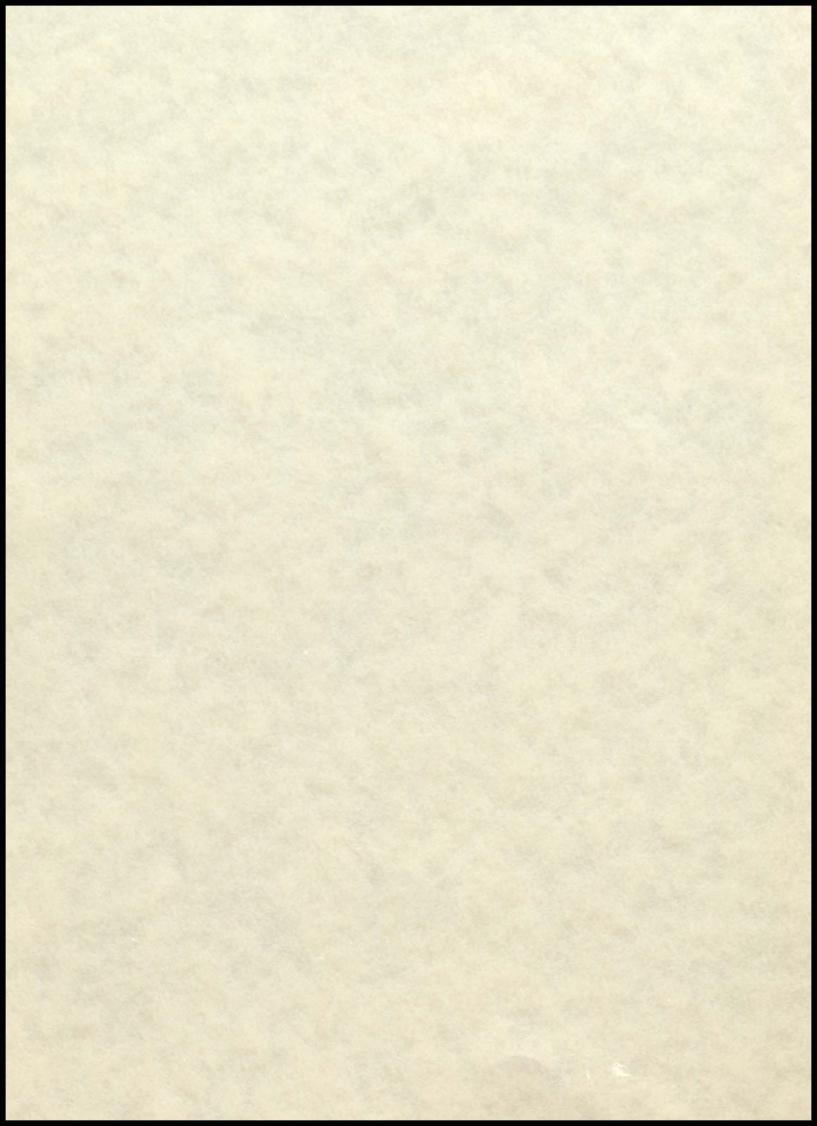
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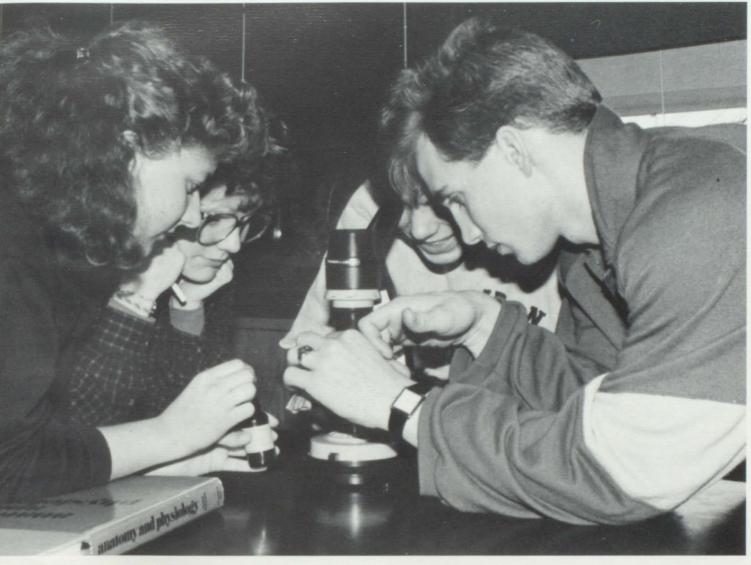
The Elysium 1988







Would You Look At That



The disection of goldfish is one activity that students of the advanced biology class were involved in. Angle Rupp, Stacy Illiott, Matt MacRitchie, and Mike Bilan examine the tail of a fish under a microscope.

> The 1988 Elysium Blissfield High School 630 South Lane Blissfield, Michigan 49228

Adding some spice to the Clinton game Coming Home night are junior Josh Seiser and senior Matt Fojtik. The pep band worked at keeping the spirit jumping during lulls in the game.



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Working as an aide in the new IIc word processing lab is Angie Rupp. Here first hour second semester she helped English writers work out glitches with their paper production.

Averaging 21.1 points a game, here sophomore Greg Denecker puts one in against Clinton. This was Greg's second year on varsity as a starter.



Would You Look at That !

Winners! Winners with medals, winners with grades, winners with smiles and tears, winners because when they lost they rose above defeat.

The excellence of being a winner is not always winning, but in the ability to place defeat as a step to success, growth and living.

To live is to change. A new counseling center was constructed. Mr. Diver had a new office with windows.

First place in the Coming Home float contest were the freshmen.

Then came the crowd of freshmen, the largest class in the school. When a teacher resigned and a replacement could not be found, the program was changed. And we found we could live well with changes. We grew.

A word processing lab with Apple IIc's was installed.

We Tried. We may have failed. But we never lost. In the end we all were aboard the train of success.

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Prepping a goldfish for surgery,Mr. Willson hands Aaron Boyd a fish for the advanced biology class to work on.

Beeping their skills up for the county programming competition are two team members, Don Dangler and Mark Southward.





Learning

Trial and Error

Change. If one word ever summed up a year, it is the word CHANGE. What was a normal opening for school turned into a lesson in living for everyone. The freshmen class was the largest class in years. This coupled with a much larger enrollment of new students taxed the limit of some classes.

In October shop and psych teacher, John McEwan, moved to Britton as principal. Because a permanent shop teacher could not be found, woods shop was closed and a geography class started.

By second semester class sizes were back to normal. Miss Kathy Kunk was hired to teach English and geography for the semester.

North Central accreditation self-study was begun under the leadership of Richard Clark.

Because a grant was obtained by Mr. Clark, an Apple Ilc word processing lab was installed at the end of first semester in the old conference room and student book store. Student aides were placed in charge of helping writing students with the mechanics of producing professional looking writings.

Another new feature was the greatly enlarged counselling facility in the old sewing lab. Not only were offices built and carpeting added, but a conference area was added for working with colleges and other guest speakers. Computers were added for finding information regarding careers and decision making.

And the last area of major change was in the new weight room. Not only was it used by the athletic teams, but it was also used by both girls and boys phys. ed. classes as part of their physical fitness program.

The year was one of the best. It became the lesson of how to adapt to life, to survive, and to enjoy it while it is happening.

Hey! Look at us! We've succeeded!

Look It Up

Research Begins with the Card Catalog and Friends

"How do you spell...?" always seems to be met with someone's answer of "Look it up."

Spelling is the easiest of research tasks. But what to do about in depth work?

Friends helped at the card catalog and in the periodical room.

The best help came after the basic reading was finished and friends at table listened to material and sentences tried on them for effect.

Sources. Sources were found everywhere. So were the good times.

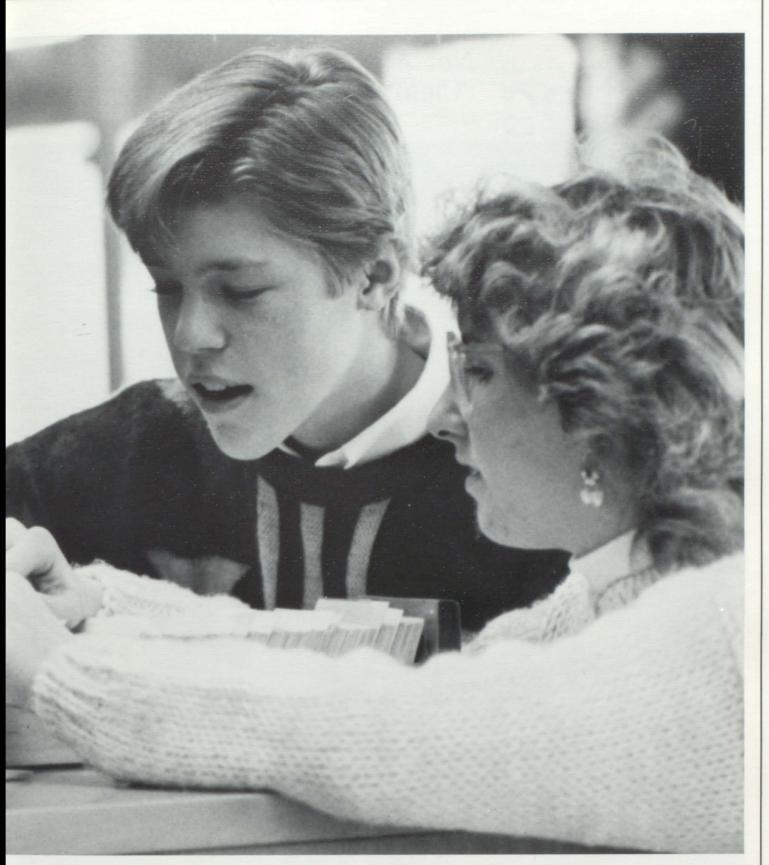


While the girls poured over pages of source notes and a rough draft, Chad Horky read another magazine article.

Dori Dvorsky checks through periodicals that she had requested the librarian to place on reserve.







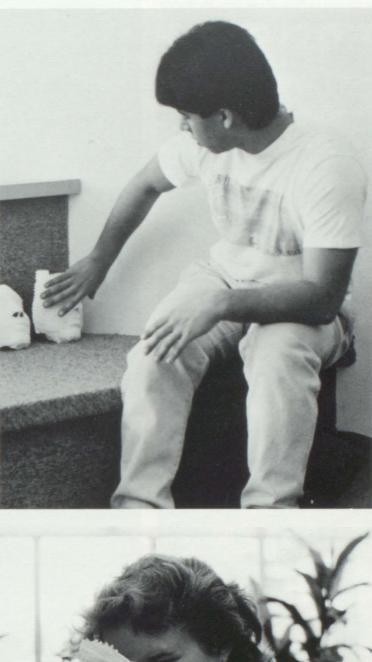
Pouring through the cards from one drawer of the card catalog were Andy Reed and Lisa Schmidt. Lisa was one of the student aids who could be found in the library three of the hours of the day.

Testing Not Always Was It "Clear Your Desks."



A test that isn't a test is a writing for class. Putting the finishing touches on their papers are Ron Smith, Hui Chi Chung, Carrie Saxton, and Wendy Neuroth. They were tests of thoughts, organization and originality. One of Peer Listening's projects was making life masks. Below Randy Mirelez lines up the drying masks.







Removing her life mask is Jodi Jackson. This proved a test of trust not only in the parnter who lead but in believing that the plaster would come off.

Laura Fisher and her good friend April Handley spent hours helping each other study over each other's writings. Meanwhile Chris Reau silently ponders the next step.

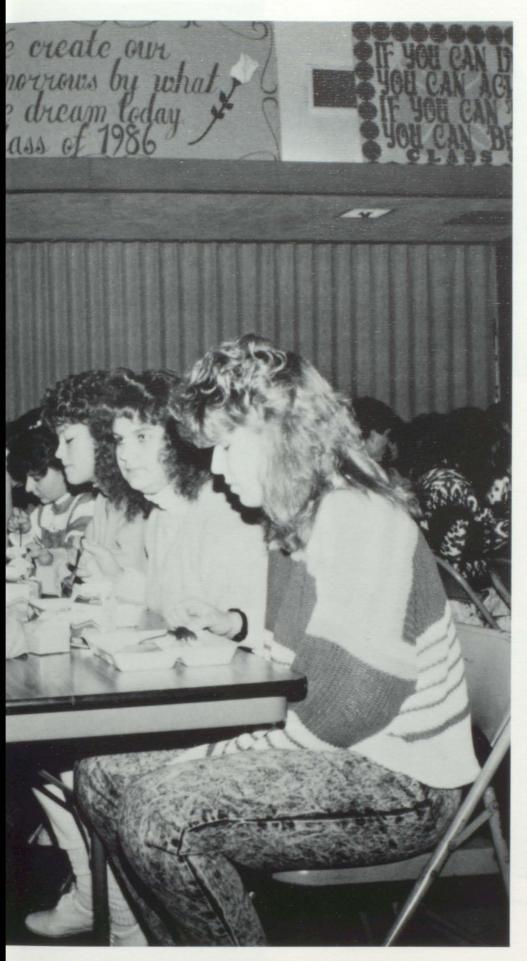




Laura Haefner leads Hillarie Klempner, and Jennifer Bohlka in rehearsal for spring festival.



10 Studying



The Buddy Buddy System The Best Study Tools Were Each Other

Mention studying and the majority of people envision a desk, a lamp, a book, notes and one teenager. But that's not the way it is.

Band rehearsals every day first hour were in reality the study of music appreciation and the intricacies of tone blending.

When writing essays, students were taught that a major part in any composition assignment was the step where someone else proof read and made suggestions. Naturally, there were always other tidbits slipping into the study.

Perhaps one of the biggest study periods of the day was lunch for some did not go to lunch to eat. Even there, there were signs pushing students "...to create tomorrow by dreaming today."

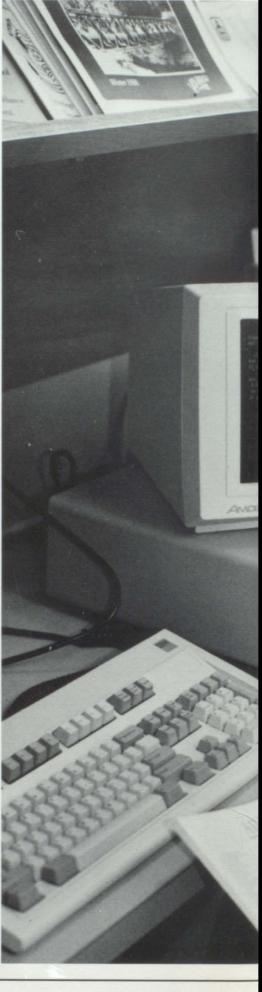
Lynette Howland, Cindy Steih, Melinda Mershon discuss classes, tests, and their own after school lives at the senior table.

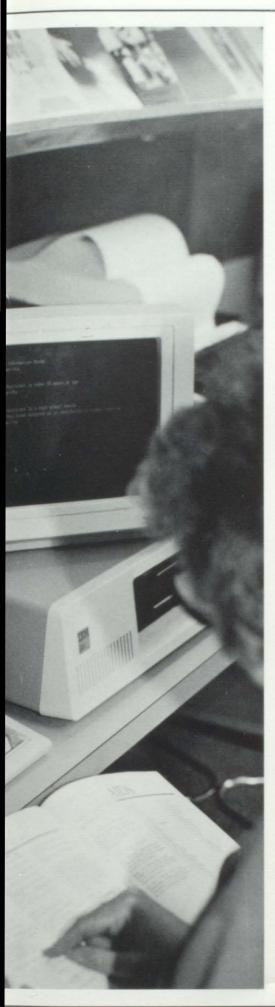


Focusing in on fish fins, Rani Navarro, Joel Streby, and Andrea Hood hurry to finish their lab.

After using three different substances sliding down a slide for a Physics friction lab, Mr. Larson's sixth hour class rests on the Elementary playground.

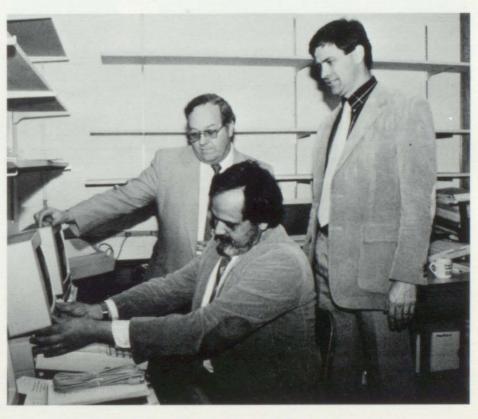






Touch and Go Labs Provide Hands-on Learning Experience

Various labs offered throughout the school allow each student to apply what they have learned through hands-on experience. Senior Rani Navarro said "labs are a Operating a new Apple IIc computer, Mrs. Mills uses the latest data in her research on AIDS. better means of learning in that you experience the activity rather than see it being done." Labs are offered in physics, chemistry, biology, and computers.



Experimenting in the newly installed word processing room, Mr. Reaume and Mr. Diver watch Mr. Clark make the first trial run.

Taking a Break Students Break up the Monotony

As the school year progressed, normal school day activities became monotonous. Students, as well as teachers, worked around their schedules to find time for playing around. Dozens of new and unique

excuses were presented by students to delay class or temporarily depart. One senior said, "I just sit in the back of a class and pretend to read while I'm really sleeping or just doing nothing."



The cafeteria is not only a place for eating but also for socializing as sophomores Jeff Schoonover and Mike Warner and junior Brent Sweeney discuss their weekend plans.





Sharing Friday night's sports section in the library, Coach Babbitt and senior Craig Fisher check the county's football scores.





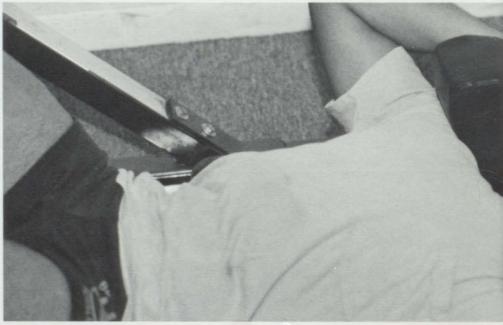
All the staff gathers in the office at one time or another. Here Mr. Reaume, Mrs. Frye, and Mrs. Soley gather near the mailboxes for the latest school news.

Reading in the library during lunch, senior Robbie Henning relaxes after returning from morning Vo-Tech.



The new weight room and equipment was used to the advantage by all the sports teams and gym classes. Working with handweights, Bruce Fetzer is helped out by his spotter Brett Street.

Taking a break before his last attempt, Randy Mirelez works to the point of failure with his reps.







Pumping Up Shop Rooms were Turned into New Construction Areas

metals shop. It was used during the football season for woods shop was dismantled muscle conditioning.

only used by athletes, but also used extensively by both boys and girls phys. ed. classes.

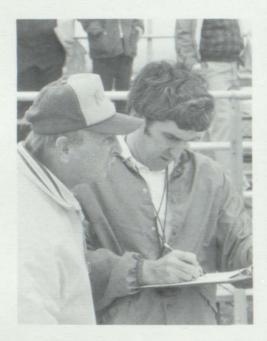
Metals shop was not the

The new weight room is loc- only room changed during ated in the north side of the the last year. After Mr. McEwan left in the fall, the and the space used for geo-The weight room was not graphy, wrestling practice and as an extra meeting area.

> In spring the space was used for early spring sports conditioning.



The old shop room was converted into a geography class when Mr. Meszaros replaced the position left by John McEwan. Sophomore Stewart Isley gets direction from Mr. Meszaros on a map of Southeast Asia.



Fall sport coaches Larry Tuttle, football, and Gary Brink, cross country discuss the 38 to 23 win over Tecumseh. Right, guard Tracy Miller, number 11, yelled at Marcum and caused another turn-over in the Royals' favor.



Going

for the Gold

Like the American team in the Calgary Olympics, Royals had hopes and the medals came in, but they weren't all the gold. And there wasn't the gold the beginning of the seasons had promised.

A new weight room was built early in '87 in the north half of the old metals shop. It was not built for the athletic teams alone, but was used constantly by both boys and girls phys. ed. and by adults during open use some evenings during the week. Both conditioning and enthusiasm for fitness grew from its use.

Larry Tuttle took over the head football coaching position. Senior Craig Fisher walked away with county honors. For the first time in years a freshmen squad was added.

Strong runners Jennifer Stokes and Steve O'Neill brought in their share of the gold everywhere they ran.

Freshmen boys gave a glimpse of winning seasons to come with two players moved up to junior varsity basketball and with a ninth grade team that had the best winter season record. For the first time Royals won their own Ninth Grade Invitational. Mark Willson had a successful first season as the coach of his own team.

Royals were bitten with losses.

Royals bounded back. They showed Olympic spirit.

Starting off with a nice lead, the boys race for a hopeful win.



Finishing strong after a tough race is senior Brian Koester.



"We Always Tried Our Hardest"

Harriers Finished the 7-2 Season by Taking Second in LCAA



"We always tried our hardest to win, but when we didn't we knew we had been beaten by the best." said captain Brian Koester.

After losing four of last year's top five runners to graduation, it took a lot of dedication and hard work to rebuild and it paid off. The harriers finished the season with a record of 7-2 in dual meets and took second in the LCAA behind regional winning Onsted.

Season highlights included one point victories over Addison and Morenci and a victory over league rival Hudson. Steve O'Neill, who placed twenty-first at State meet, received first team all league honors while Brian Koester and Tony Knight received second team honors.

Eagerly awaiting the teams final results are junior Matt Gitersonke and sophomore Tony Knight.

Boys' Cross Country BHS Opponent

Mason I	nvitational 8	Bth
	Frie-Mason	30
27	Ida	29
38 7	Tecumseh	23
25	Hudson	30
18 E	Evergreen	41
23	Dundee	
Chelsea	Invitational	4th
41	Onsted	20
Hudson	Invitational	5th
21	Clinton	34
28	Morenci	29
Onsted	Invitational	7th
	Addison	
LCAA		3rd
Regiona	ls	7th



Front row: Tony Knight, Mike Warner, Brian Koester, Erik Wilson, Trevor Hale and Jason Smith. Back row: Coach Gary Brink, Matt Gitersonke, Eric Sprinkle, Jason Kelto, Joel Streby, Andrew Gitersonke, Todd Niles.



This year's MVP, Steve O'Neill, was awarded First Team All-League. Steve was twelfth in the region and finished twenty-first in the State Finals.

Jennifer Stokes Sets Medal Record

Fighting for a position the Royal harriers await the shot of the starting mark.





Girl's Cross Country BHS Opponent

Mason Invitational-6th				
27	Erie-Mason	30		
4	Ida	31		
26	Tecumseh	29		
19	Hudson	44		
19	Evergreen	42		
26	Dundee	32		
Chelsea Invitational 4th				
19	Clinton	39		
26	Morenci	29		
Onsted Invitational 6th				
41	Addison	20		
LCAA		3rd		
Region	nal	4th		



Kristy Warner, Jennifer Stokes, Dena Rohroback, Lori Brink, Rachel Jacob, Dori Grau, Coach Gary Brink. Missing were Andrea Hood, Rachel Lamley, and Monika Brauner



Team captain Jennifer Stokes was voted most valuable player for the season. She placed first in every dual meet this year. The last two years Jennifer medaled in every invitational she was involved with. She qualified for state the last three years, where she placed sixteenth this year.

Practice Paves the Way

Jen Stokes Steps Up for Medals



The countless miles, the "gut busters" on the filteration plant hill, and all of those mile intervals paid off for the girls' cross country team. They ended the season with a 7-2 record, placed sixth at the Erie-Mason, Chelsea, and Onsted Invitationals, and fourth at the Hudson Invitational

State qualifier Dena Rohroback races past coach Brink as he reads off her time at the mile mark.

Stretching out before the race, Rachel Jacob, Lori Brink, and Andrea Hood psych themselves up for the competition. the Regionals.

The team took third place in the LCAA, but Jen Stokes took not only a first but also received First Team honors. Jen medaled at every invitational, took a second at Regionals, and took sixteenth at State.

Dena Rohroback earned second team All-League honors and placed eighteenth at Regionals. This qualified her for the State meet.

The team's effort both as a team and as individuals earned much praise. First year runner Rachel Lamley said, "I enjoyed running with the team because they were very supportive. We were a team."



All-league offensive and defensive back, Mike Bilan, led the team with 492 yards, 22 receives, and 26 points.

Crunching the opponent's half-backs turned into a season hobby for senior Eric Pavelka.



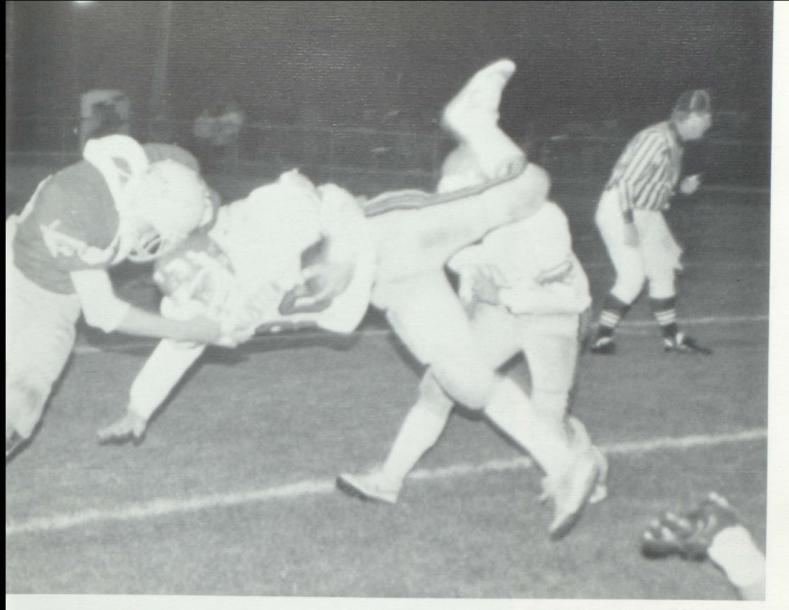




Varsity Football BHS Opponent

06	Whiteford 28 Morenci 21
6	Hudson 9 OT
7	Dundee 0
14	Clinton 26
10	Ida 720T
17	Onsted 16
14	Addison 8 OT
19	Erie-Mason 35

Front row:Brett McEwan, Josh Seiser, Ray Pratt, Matt MacRitchie, Steve Papenhagen, Aaron Seiser, Dave Sanchez, Kurt Forche, Roger Bowman, Randy Mirelez, Mike Seegert; second row: Jason Vollers, Daryl Lombard, Dave Mitchell, Brian Beekel, Scott Sayler, Carl Slomski, Ron Smith, Aaron Dvorsky, Mike Bilan, Brian Gentz, Rob Sydow; third row: Brian Goetz, Robert Charland, Mark Drefke, Steve Winzler, Dave Diem, Craig Fischer, Rob Henning, Eric Pavelka, Troy Knapp, Chris Nevins.





Sophomore quarterback Aaron Seiser picks up a few yards on the quarterback sneak.

Varsity Turns It Around

New Staff Brings New Ideas to Winning

"Hut One. Hut two," were the familiar sounds of football camp at Spring Arbor College as the players spent one week at camp drilling and preparing themselves for the start of the new season. The biggest change was the new coach, Larry Tuttle. Positive attitudes were pushed and the team spent more time in the classroom learning new offensive and defensive plays before getting on the field. Coach Tuttle said this dedicated team worked hard. Four victories showed that the hard work was paying off. Overtime games played a major role in the season with wins over Addison and Ida.

Daryl Lombard summarized the season this way: "Although we had a losing record, I felt we had a WIN-NING season."

The team also showed many individual wins as eight players were given All-League honors with First Team slots going to Craig Fisher, Rob Henning, and Mike Bilan.

They Build a Future

Good Attitudes and Poise were built by JV Squad

Good attitudes and poise helped the JV squad achieve a strong record. As Coach Willson said," Even though the record may not always show it, there were many positive things about this season."

The team gained knowledge from the help given at football camp. By believing in the goal setting process, good plays and good team work showed on the game field.

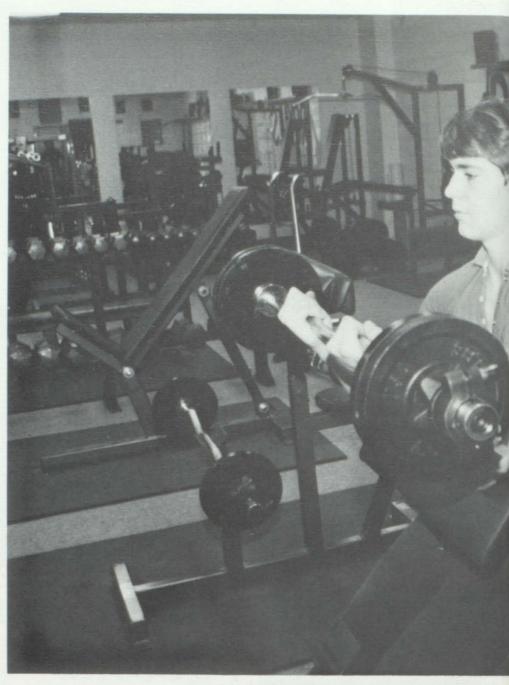
"The kids worked extremely hard this year as new changes proved to be very positive and productive," continued Willson.

Experience was found on this team as there were a surplus of juniors on the varsity. They gained playing time and experience by also playing on the jv's. This experience is what the new coaching program is planning on using to improve the entire program.

New Freshmen Program Builds Depth for the Future

Another positive change to the program was the freshmen team. They made up for their lack of experience with pride and hard work.

Under the direction of new coaches, Pat Hinde and Neil Heiden, the team gained experience. For the

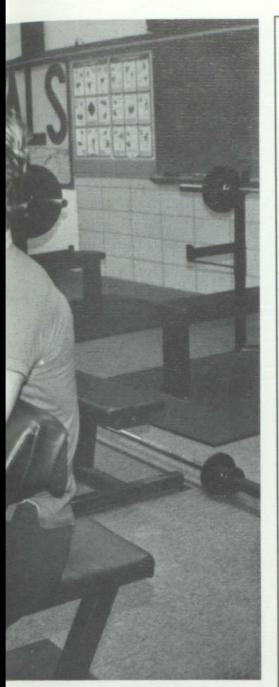


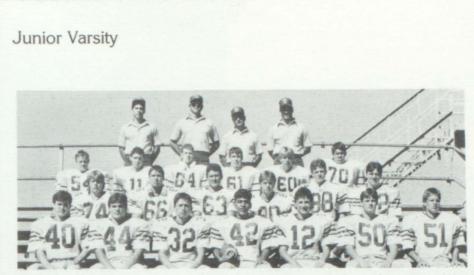
Freshman Boots Butler uses the weight room for doing arm strengthening curls. To the right, assistant coach Brian Barrus works with Mark Lozano. Throughout the football season the weight room played a key role in toning muscles and preparing bodies for grueling games.

first time in several years they were not combined with the sophomores on a jv team. More experience came with the improved playing times.

"I enjoyed watching the team mature throughout the season as they showed many positive improvements," said Coach Hinde.







Jason Jagelka, Brent Koester, Chad Abbott, Anthony Martinez, Aron Cremeans, Derek Sanders, Mike Warner; Second Row: Chad Bocskay, Tim Sinerson, Todd Zimmerman, Terry Slusher, Jeff Honn, David Dangler; Third Row: Mike Seegert, Jason Vollers, David Diem, Steve Winzeler, Chris Nevins; Fourth Row: Coaches Mark Willson, Denny Thompson, Larry Tuttle, Steven Babbitt.

JV Fo	ootball		Frosh	n Football	
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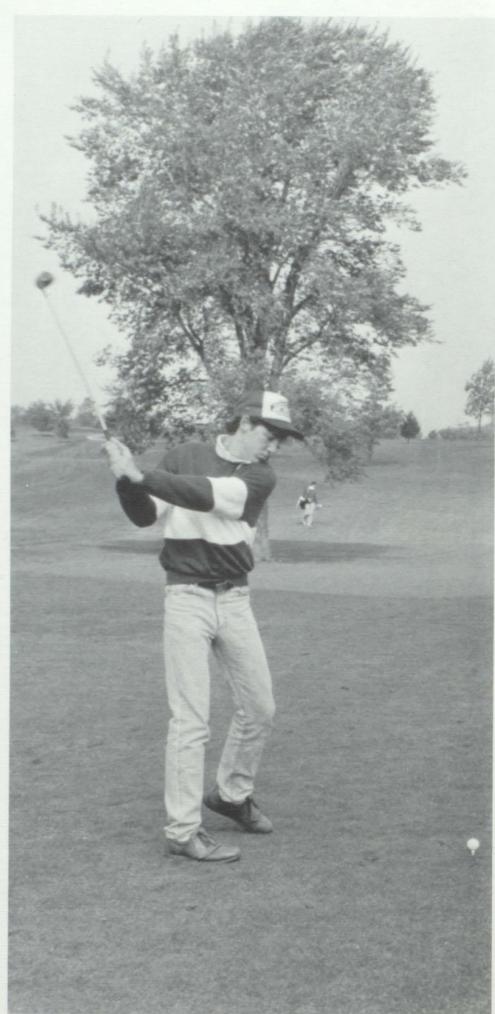
Dan Tuckerman, Mark Lozano, Keith Keller, Jeff Corie, Randy Kendall, Matt Betz, Charlie Andrix, Brian Betz; Second Row: Rick Tetreau, Ray Burt, Jay Nieman, Jim Gilson, Jeff Street, Brian Cairo, Dwayne Lewis; Third Row: Matt Hinde, Ben Brown, Boots Butler, Oliver Chesher, Marco Celestino, Jason Brant, Adam Seeburger, Troy Wood; Fourth Row: Steve Wegner, Mike Vanderlaan, Chad Austin, Lance Soss, Jason Hayes, Nathan Meyers, Andy Fetzer, Chris DeBacker.





After a long day of practice, the golfers head for the front of the course at Whiteford Valley.

Preparing to drive in a birdie, MVP Eric Anderson hands freshman Chad McHenry his jacket on the 17th hole.



Par for the Course

Golfers Strive to be the Best, Using Skill and Mental Concentration



Expectations of a good season were set high. There were many moments which showed the team's spirit and potential. Even though the seasons record of 8 wins and 8 losses wasn't a sure indication of the teams desire to win, they did have their moments of glory. "A fine 4th place at Morenci's Invitational" was one of the many highlights noted by Coach Camron. Other accomplishments were Eric Anderson's score of 76 on a difficult par 72 course and a one under par for Bruce Fetzer with a score of 34.

During LCAA Regionals, junior Bruce Fetzer marks his ball to make room for an opponents putt.

Golf BHS

179	Morenci	159
179	Dundee	152
162	Onsted	174
171	Addison	173
189	Clinton	176
170	Addison	151
174	Clinton	168
184	Dundee	162
190	Onsted	169
Tri-mee	ts	
Blissfield		173
Ida		176
Summerfield		177
Hudson		172
Blissfield		174
Sand Creek		181
Blissfield		168
Summerfield		173
Hudson		186



First row: James Mason, Chad McHenry, Derrick Libstaff, Mike Mulligan, Matt Shirley, Tom Durbin, Mark Iffland. Second row: Gregg Wilkes, Bruce Fetzer, Greg Piorkowski, Eric Anderson, Tim Mulligan, Eric Kohler, Greg Garno. Third row: John Davis, Todd Treloar, Jeff Iffland, Jeff Benz, Doug Libstaff, Eric Haynes, and Coach Lyle Camron.



Chosen most valuable player of the season by his team, Eric Anderson led the team with the lowest score of the season with a 76 on a 72 par course. Helping the team keep possession of the ball, Kris Camron jumps for the rebound. Senior Stacy Elliott shows part of the technique she learned during her three years as a varsity player.





Girls'

Varsity Basketball			
BHS Oponent		nent	
36 54 57 56 47 51 45 57 64 58 62 58 52 52 62 70	Tecumseh Summerfield Hudson Dundee Ida Tecumseh Onsted Clinton Ida Addison Summerfield Dundee Madison Onsted Erie-Mason Clinton	39 43 52 53 61 49 50 30 59 52 37 52 40 63 40 22	



Leigh Ann Winchel, Lynette Howland, Jill Bartholomew, Karla Pontier, Kris Camron, Deb Vereecke, Chris Ricker, Becky Martinez, Tracy Miller, Stacy Elliot, and Coach Bette Kohler



Selected by her team as most valuable player, Jill Bartholomew was also chosen for the Telegram's All County team.

The Tough Got Going



Team Played a Fast Paced Season

"The biggest disadvantage between girls' and guys' basketball is that people think the win isn't as important to girls as it is to guys," quipped senior Stacy Elliott.

Proving the critics wrong, these girls fought hard for their 14-6 season record and their 8-2 league record for a tight second place in the league behind undefeated Onsted.

"This team is different from ones in the past because there were no individual stars, a true team concept," said coach Bette Kohler.

The team had a tough schedule with two games and three practices a week. Coach Kohler expects her girls to be serious about the game and about what they are doing.

When asked about what quality basketball has brought out in her, junior Chris Ricker said, "Physically and academically it has taught me how to get organized because I was very active. I had to use my time wisely to survive."



Pulling down another rebound, Deb Vereecke was quick to pass this off to Karla Pontier. Huddling after starting introductions, the cagers receive one last reminder about the game strategy.

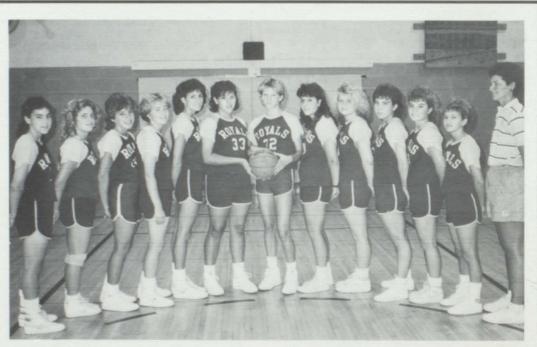
Tie for the Top Co-Champs of League...

A first place tie for league, with rival Onsted, was a great accomplishment for this year's squad. Although they played without some key players that were moved to Varsity, they still managed to win as they boasted an impressive 16-4 record. "There seems to be a bit of tradition forming in girls' basketball, and is sure to be kept up in the approaching seasons.", stated Coach Wells. "The girls were a real joy to work with as many positive things came out of this season, the most notable being our success."



A bright prospect for the future, Becky Waite attempts a game-winning free throw.

BHS		Opp.
33	Tecumseh	41 OT
26	Summerfield	13
41	Hudson	23
42	Ida	40
38	Dundee	19
47	Morenci	28
22	Tecumseh	37
28	Onsted	37
45	Clinton	29
54	Ida	28
36	Addison	34
62	Summerfield	30
41	Hudson	23
49	Whiteford	44
41	Dundee	21



Allison Novak, Kendra Warner, Debi Brink, Jennifer Bohlka, Brigette Freer, Anissa Ricker, Lori Crist, Jeanine O' Brien, Becky Waite, Tammy Campbell, Stephanee Lombard, Kris Gentz and Coach Kay Wells.



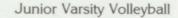
Spikers Kill Losing Streak New Blood Adds Life

After breaking a year and a half drought, the junior varsity squad came up with some wins, including a third place finish at the Madison Tournament.

The team with little experience depended on the freshmen for support. Lack of height was another disadvantage to the girls but they used good serving and strong defense to counteract the weakness.

The J.V. netters had a lot of spirit and determination, never giving up even when things looked bleak. When the worst did happen the girls handled it with pride and dignity.

Watching the ball closely Kelly Tonneberger gets ready to set a play with Monica Mattox ready to assist.



Madison	12-15/11-15
Ida	13-15/15-10/7-15
Hudson	7-15/9-15
Dundee	2-15/15-13/7-15
Erie-Mason	15-9/15-6
Onsted	6-15/15-5/7-15
Ida	15-5/15-10
Clinton	5-15/8-15
Addison	8-15/6-15
Hudson	9-15/5-15
Clinton	6-15/2-15
Onsted	15-9/15-9
Addison	7-15/6-15
Dundee	15-7/2-15/15-4

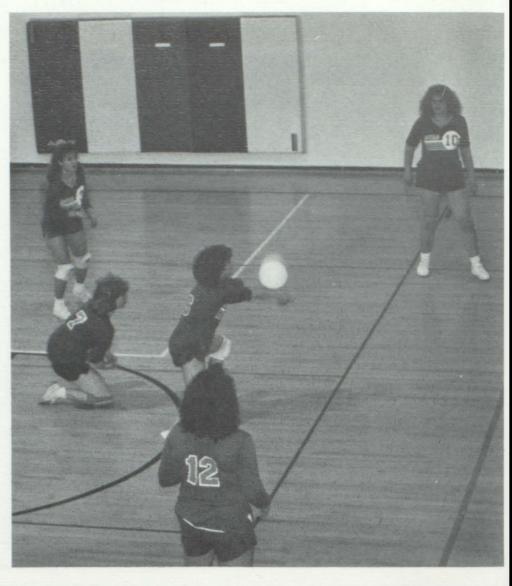
First row:Monica Mattox, Steph Lombard and Kelly Tonneberger. Second row:Steph Miller, Ellie Sharp, Renee Ruhl and Dawn Johnson. Third row:Coach Kay Wells, Charlene Clelland, Michelle Sanderson and Shannon Flanigan.



Receiving the serve, Angie Miller bumps the ball to the setter.

Tossing the ball high, Angie Papenhagen gets ready to strike another ace.





Volleyball

15-5/15-3
15-0/15-6
15-8/15-2
15-4/15-9
15-3/17-15
15-9/15-9
17-15/15-10
15-4/15-10
15-2/15-5
15-10/15-3
15-11
15-1
15-8/15-4
15-13/15-5
15-5/19-17
15-0
15-4/15-0
5-15/9-15
6-15/12-15
4-15/6-15



First row: Leigh Ann Winchel and Jana Street. Second row: Angie Miller, Becky Martinez, Stacy Neuman and Anissa Ricker. Third row: Becky Waite, Angie Papenhagen, Cindy Steih and Coach Hazel Brown. Missing: Kris Camron.

Netters Fall a Little Short

Underclassmen Show Great Promise



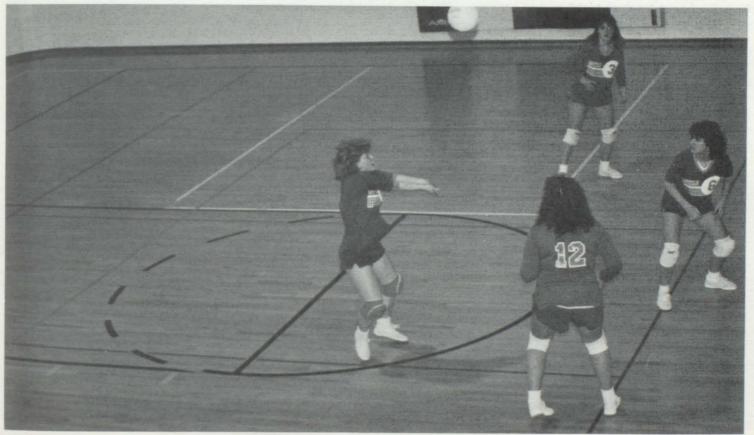
The young, inexperienced volleyball team took quite a few hard knocks this year. As the season went on the team seemed to get smaller, and ended with nine members, which consisted of five underclassmen and four upperclassmen. Co-captains Jana Street and Cindy Steih helped lead the team to a 5-20 record.

The Royals improved a lot from the beginning of the season, finishing third at the Morenci Invitational and fifth at the Lenawee County Invitational. The highlight of the season was beating Hudson at the Morenci Invitational. The team finished last in the league, with its only win coming against Onsted. There were many close matches against LCAA opponents, but the girls fell a little short.

A major change this year for the netters was moving from the elementary school and into the middle school gym. The facilities gave many advantages to the team, such as better lighting, a safer floor, and more room.

The netters have a long way to go, but with a lot of hard work and dedication the young team can become a major force in the league.

(Left)Getting ready to set the ball to senior Cindy Steih, Leigh Ann Winchel moves to get into position. (Below)Keeping the volley going, Jana Street passes the ball to the net.



(Left) Listening earnestly as head coach Al Diver points out a new stadegy is junior Brett McEwan. (Below) Going up for another two points is Greg Denecker, as M.V.P. Eric Pavelka looks to rip down another rebound. Greg set a school record of 61% for field goals.



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BHS		Opp.
67	Summerfield	50
56	Morenci	57
63	Hudson	49
75	Erie Mason	43
57	Summerfield	40
59	Dundee	67
69	Ida	79
50	Onsted	56
73	Clinton	62
63	Erie Mason	52
65	Addison	57
72	Tecumseh	63
64	Hudson	59
70	Dundee	68
73	Morenci	80
67	Onsted	63
76	Ida	66
59	Clinton	56
60	Tecumseh	71
73	Addison	51
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75	Manchester	62
56	Morenci	70



Front row:Aaron Seiser, Brian Ford, Mike Bilan, Brett McEwan, Steve McCashen and Bruce Fetzer. Second row:Chad Winchel, Rob Henning, Eric Pavelka, Greg Denecker, Aaron Boyd, Mike Fisher and Coach Diver.

Worth a Second Look

Varsity is Second in League, Second Best Record in County



The varsity basketball team ended the season with an impressive record of 15-7, the second best record in the county. The team had excellent senior leadership with co-captains Eric Pavelka and Rob Henning receiving all-league honors with Eric also receiving all-county as well as being this year's M.V.P.

After starting the season with a record of 4-4, the Royals won eleven of their thirteen remaining games, placing second in league. "We showed greater improvement than anyone we played," stated Coach Diver.

Greg Denecker was unanimous first team all-league as well as allcounty, and a noting of honorable mention all-state. He also set a school record of 61% for field goals.

Extra support was given by seniors Mike Bilan and Aaron Boyd, as well as juniors Steve McCashen, who led the team in assists, Brett McEwan and sophomore guard Aaron Seiser.

(Left)Fighting for a rebound are Co-captains Eric Pavelka and Robbie Henning, along with Steve McCashen, as Greg Denecker puts up another shot. (Below) Looking to make another steal is junior guard Steve McCashen, as Aaron Seiser gets into his defensive area.



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Class Act

Self-discipline and Hard Work are Displayed on and off the Court

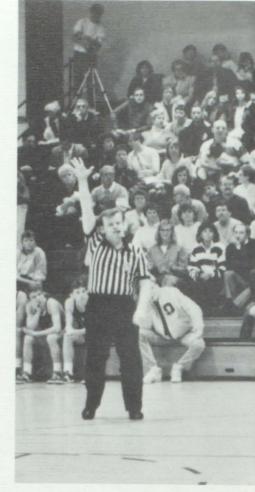
The junior varsity team "showed drastic improvement the second time they played an opponent as compared to the first time", said new coach Denny Thompson.

Their season ended with a record of 8-12, with a 4-6 record in the LCAA, tying them for the third spot in the league. The team out rebounded their opponents by over one hundred rebounds.

Highlights included a strong game against Dundee and a victory over Addison to wrap up the season. The freshmen team started the season with a seven game winning streak led by their new coach, Mr. Willson. The team set up a list of goals with education at the very top. The team's success showed in their ability to achieve three of their five major goals.

Their record of 12-5 included victories over Summerfield and Dundee, leaving them the champions of the Blissfield Freshman Tournament.

The leading scorers were Jason Hayes, Keith Keller and Eric Sherman, each surpassing one hundred points.





Front row:Ron Smith, Aaron Cremeans, Greg Piorkowski, David Nichols, Ray Pitts and Chad Abbott. Back row:Derek Sanders, Jerry Bates, Chris DeBacker, Troy Fetzer, Andrew Gitersonke, Jeff Honn and Terry Slusher. Missing:Coach Thompson.

Front row:Jeff Burgess, Chris Bell, Jeff Corie, Dan Tuckerman, Randy Weeber, Matt Hinde and Andy Fetzer. Back row:Coach Willson, Tom Durbin, Jason Hayes, Charlie Andrix, Ben Brown, Eric Sherman and Keith Keller.





(Above) Showing great defensive efforts are sophomores Dave Nichols and Terry Slusher. As they well know, "Defense" is the name of the game. (Left) Shooting over an outstretched defender is freshman Jeff Corie, as Ben Brown gets in position to pull down a rebound.

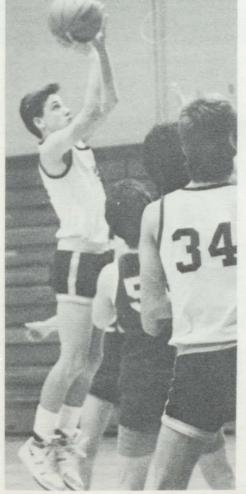
Fighting for a rebound are sophomores Derek Sanders and Jerry Bates, along with freshman Chris DeBacker.

JV Basketball

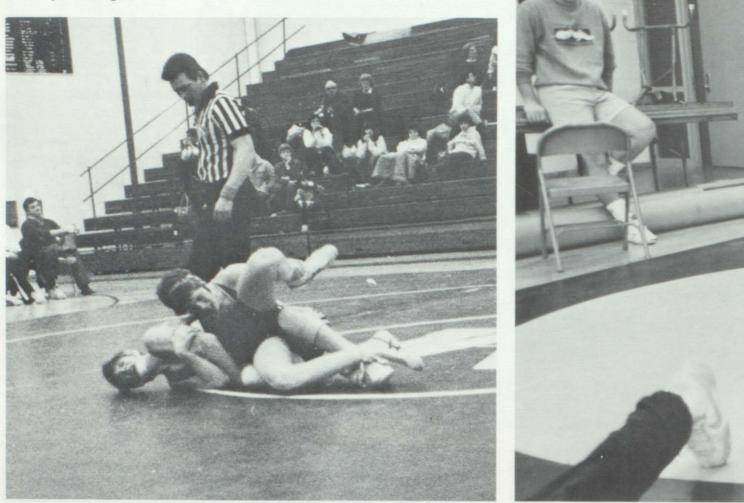
BHS		Opp.
12	Summerfield	57
52	Morenci	48
19	Hudson	41
55	Erie Mason	39
37	Summerfield	40
1	Dundee	66
64	Ida	78
36	Onsted	64
50	Clinton	49
57	Erie Mason	40
8	Addison	50
52	Tecumseh	71
i0	Hudson	62
8	Dundee	51
68	Morenci	45
88	Onsted	73
9	Ida	55
57	Clinton	46
10	Tecumseh	47
8	Addison	46

Frosh Basketball

DUC		0
BHS		Opp.
77	Milan	49
59	Summerfield	41
64	Dundee	54
65	Sand Creek	26
57	Erie-Mason	30
40	Summerfield	26
68	Clinton	29
26	Evergreen	35
52	Dundee	54
39	Adrian	52
52	Hillsdale	43
42	Milan	53
57	Sand Creek	26
39	Clinton	35
28	Tecumseh	31
60	Summerfield	30
52	Dundee	41



(Right)While practicing with a fellow wrestler, Steve Papenhagen shows exactly what practice is: sweat and victory. (Below)To be able to cause severe pain is just one benefit of being a wrestler, as shown by Tim Mulligan.





First row: Matt Nieman, Jason Vollers, Dave Diem, Matt MacRitchie, Chad Henning, and Matt Fojtik; Second row: Aaron Dvorsky, Brian Cairo, Tito Flores, Brian Betz, Brent Koester, and Mike Mulligan; Third row: Erik Wilson, Jay Nieman, Mike Novak, Anthony Martinez, and Coach Babbitt; Fourth row: Eric Yape, Chad Austin, David Dangler, Matt Betz, and Chad McHenry.

Varsity Wrestling

BHS	6 (Dpp.
42	Tecumseh	33
24	Hillsdale	49
31	Ida	39
63	Morenci	10
47	Van. Lake	28
51	Olivet	18
27	Jackson LC	48
42	Bath	28
291	Aichigan Cente	r 30
41	Hudson	30
20	Dundee	40
57	Onsted	17
30	Clinton	39
42	Erie-Mason	27
24	Addison	45
34	Clinton	36





Student Support Adds Strength

Three Pluses Make Season Tops

"The best pep assembly ever" was one comment made by a wrestler. Along with this assembly, Coach Babbitt's return and a separate room used specifically for wrestling practice, participation from the students and the community greatly increased. One wrestler commented,"Our record doesn't show how good this team actually was. The region we are in is considered the toughest in the state. If this team were in a different area, we might have done much better." After a winning tournament in Stockbridge, the team was ranked tenth in the state. This in itself proved that the team could compete and win in tournament action.

Seniors Steve Papenhagan and Matt MacRitchie, both being experienced wrestlers of four years, were voted in as the co-captains. Together they pushed the team to do their best, and the team listened.

Eighth Consecutive Year

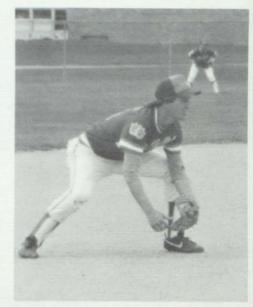
Royals Bring Home League Trophy

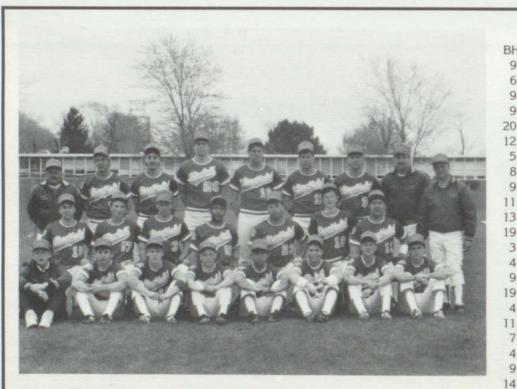
For the eighth consecutive year, Coach Tuttle's boys brought home the league championship with a 19-7 season record.

The season began with seven returning players: Brett McEwan, Mike Bilan, Dave Sanchez, Carl Slomski, Scott Rodesiler, Eric Pavelka and Rob Henning. What was to have been only a "good" season, ended better than imagined.

These players learned. They are what Coach Tuttle called a "comeback team...they won closecalls." Mike Bilan said, "We never said "Die"."

Third baseman, Carl Slomski, was highlighted in Coach Tuttle's article "The Technique of Bunting." His team stats were 25 hits, 22 runs, 14 R.B.I.'s and a batting average of .352.





Manager Jonathan Strong, Chad Abbott, Brett McEwan, Aaron Seiser, Randy Mirelez, Mike Bilan, Brian Ford and Steve McCashen. Second row: Brian Gentz, Gregg Wilkes, Josh Seiser, Anthony Martinez, Ron Smith, Bruce Fetzer and Dave Sanchez. Third row: Coach Heineman, Carl Slomski, Scott Rodesiler, Greg Denecker, Eric Pavelka, Rob Henning, Ed Kovach, Coach Babbitt and Coach Tuttle.

IS		Opp.
	Gibraltar Carlson	2
-	Gibraltar Carlson	16
	Tecumseh	5
	Tecumseh	6
	Dundee	19
	Monroe Jefferson	0
	Milan	3
	Monroe CC	6
	Clinton	7
	Airport	14
	Airport	11
	Addison	12
	Monroe CC	4
	Monroe CC	14
	Hudson	10
	Dundee	10
	Gibraltar Carlson	10
	Onsted	2
	Clinton	3
	Monroe Jefferson	2
	Monroe CC	13
	Monroe HS	10
	Addison	0
	Hudson	3
	Onsted	0
	Tecumseh	6
	Vandercook Lake	0

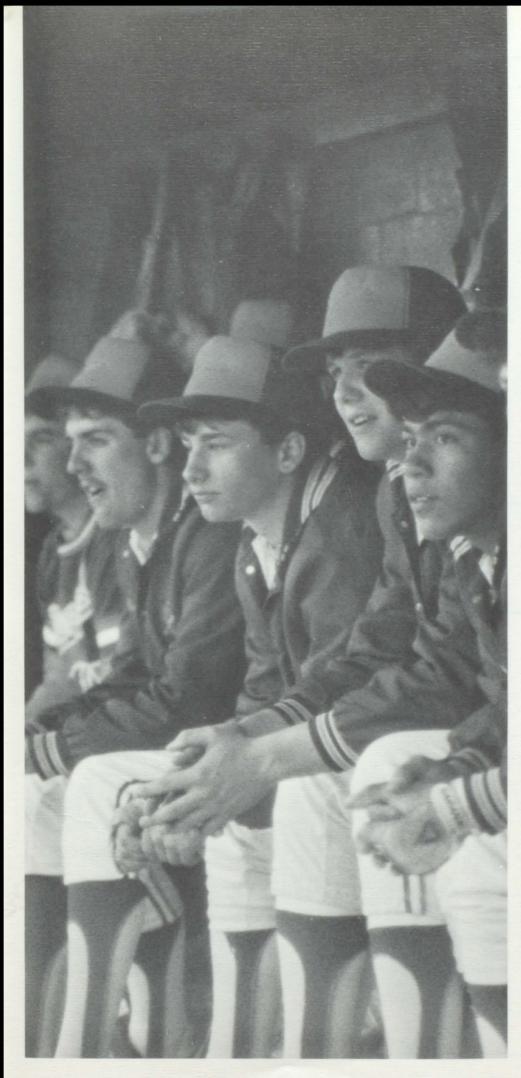
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(Left) Watching the game intently, the players wait for their turn at bat. (Below) Junior, Steve McCashen, and senior, Mike Bilan, warm up for the game.





Gearing up for the next batter, junior Brett McEwan has been a catcher on every team that he's played on since fifth grade.

Future Full of Promise

The 1988 junior varsity season is said to be one of "many injuries." Among the list of casualties were broken hands, a broken elbow, and a broken finger. Not only were bodies broken, but also, the team was broken apart when players were moved up to the varsity team.

With a record of 10-12, or 6-4 in league, "the future of baseball at Blissfield gives us high hopes" says Coach Clark. He goes on to say that the team had a "good, solid, sound defense" and that the players "developed a lot throughout the year."

The freshman team was under new direction this spring, that being new Coach Pat Hinde. He led the young Royals to a 7-12-2 season. He said, "the ball players worked hard and had a lot of fun. All in all it was a good season full of positive events."

Freshman Randy Kendall hurls another strike to starting catcher Greg Megale.

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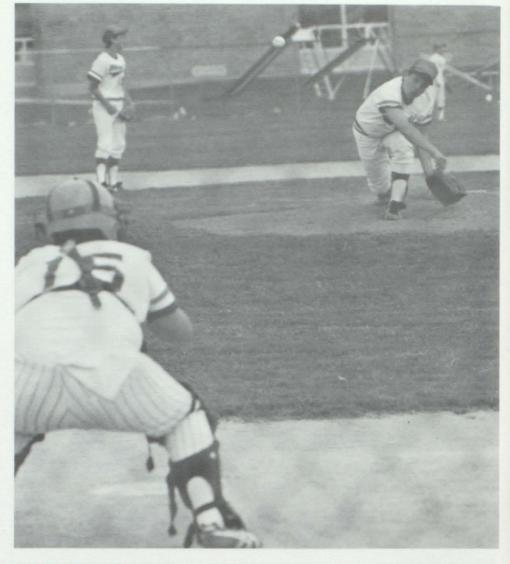
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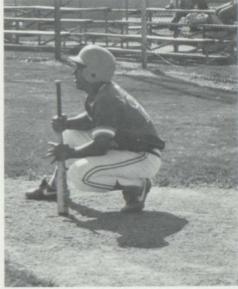
Doug Vore, Jeff Street, Andy Fetzer and Greg Megale. Second row: Dan Tuckerman, Lance Soss, Brian Cairo, Scott Mullins, Randy Weeber and Derrick Libstaff. Third row: Eric Yape, Randy Kendall, Mark Iffland, Ben Brown, Scott Staup and Troy Wood.



John VanSteenkiste, Chad Abbott, Ray Pitts, Aaron Cremeans, Anthony Martinez, Greg Braun and Brent Koester. Back row: Coach Clark, David Dangler, Keith Keller, Greg Denecker, Derek Sanders, Terry Slusher, Ron Smith, Gregg Wilkes.

BHS		Opp.
4	Carlson	6
9	Carlson	14
2	Adrian	13
17	Tecumseh	10
4	Tecumseh	1
4	Dundee	14
6	Monroe CC	16
11	Monroe HS	1
11	Onsted	0
16	Clinton	5
6	Mason	5
3	Hudson	4
12	Addison	2
1	Dundee	9
23	Onsted	1
7	Clinton	1
3	Monroe CC	15
0	Adrian	5
4	Adrian	5
6	Addison	16
12	Hudson	2
4	Monroe CC	7





(Above) Psyching up for an at bat, Anthony Martinez studies the opposing pitcher. (Left) Cautiously watching Coach Clark for the suicide squeeze sign is Ray Pitts.

New Obstacles Young Team Experiences Hard Times

"It was good to see so many new people go out," said junior Steve O'Neill regarding the majority of the track team. A lot of dedication and talented underclassmen helped to fill in for the lack of experience as only six of last years' team members returned.

"It was a great year. Everybody gave it their best shot and that's all you can ask for," said first year coach Lyle Camron. Looking back on the season that ended with a record of 4-4. Although some close meets were

lost, they defeated some tough teams and gave 7-0 Clinton their first loss. The team finished at Manchester and almost won the Flat Rock Invitational.

At regionals the team took sixth, as Brian Koester and Steve O'Neill qualified for state. Koester's four wins at the league meet helped the team to a fourth place finish.

Sophomore Tony Knight hands off to anchor runner Steve O'Neill in the two mile relay. Both runners were valuable to the team in the distance events.

Discus thrower Chris Nevins shows the technique that gave him a third place at the regional track meet. His disc soared 131'11".





Boys' Track

BHS		Opp.
64	Mason	73
70	Ida	65
48	Summerfield	89
67	Addison	70
74	Clinton	63
81	Dundee	55
82	Hudson	55
58 Onsted		79
Manchester Inv.		3rd
Flat R	2nd	
Clinton Relays		6th
Regionals		6th
L.C.A.	A.	4th



Brian Betz, Jason Redlinger, Jason Smith, Steve O'Neill, Tom Durbin, Esteban Lopez Morato, Chad Winchel and Matt Nieman. Second row: Charlie Andrix, Matt Gitersonke, Chris Nevins, Jay Nieman, Mike Vanderlaan, Tony Knight, Greg Piorkowski, John Cosme and Boots Butler. Third row: Chad Horky, Dino Celestino, Mike Warner, Chris DeBacker, Aaron Boyd, Cullen Brown, Jerry Bates, Brian Koester and Coach Lyle Camron.



Senior co-captain Brian Koester led the season in individual scoring and qualified for state. He took second in the 110m high hurdles at regionals with a time of 14.39 seconds, shattering the old B.H.S. record of 15.0. He also set the record in the 300m hurdles with a winning time of 40.02. At league he won the 110m and 300m hurdles, high jump and 440m dash.



Taking a handoff from Cullen Brown in the 440 relay is Chad Winchel, hoping to pull ahead of the Clinton team. The Royals gave the Redskins their first loss.



(Above) Adding power in the shot put and discus events is junior Matt Nieman. Placing well in the field events was helpful in getting the team closer to victory. (Right) Freshman Andrew Gitersonke, the team's leading long jumper, shows his winning form. He placed third in the league with a leap of 19'8.5".

Good Showing Four Qualify for State

The varsity track team had a very successful season with a third place finish in the L.C.A.A. with a 4-1 record. The girls also took second at the Grass Lake Invitational and the Redskin Relays. They finished third at the Manchester Relays, the Flat Rock Invitational and at the Regionals. The team finished the season with an overall record of 6-2.

The group was led by many talented runners and which qualified the for state were Debbie Brink, Jennifer Stokes, Sarah Cotrill and Darcie Holbrook. Brink won the 200 meter dash and stokes won the mile and two mile run at the league meet also.

(Above Right) Arching over the bar is senior Amy Isley clearing it at 4'6". (Right) State qualifier Sarah Cotrill tosses the shot put for another winning performance.



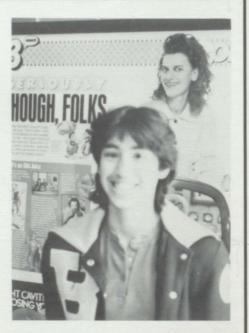


Girls' Track

BHS		Орр
56	Erie Mason	72
77	Dundee	50
92	Summerfield	36
63	Onsted	65
Grass Lake In	IV.	2nd
66	Clinton	62
Redskin Relay	75	tied 2nd
68	Addison	60
Flat Rock Inv.		3rd
72	Hudson	56
90	Ida	38
Manchester In	nv.	3rd
Regional		tied 2nd
LCAA		41



Jennifer Stokes, Amy VanSlambrook, Lori Brink, Amy Isley, Tracy Fillipi, Bonnie Stock, Debbie Brink, Kristy Warner and Amy Klauda. Second row: Andrea Hood, Amy Miller, Hillarie Klempener, Jessica Rothfuss, Michelle Geib, Monika Brauner, Cyndee Adrian, Julie Amstutz, Kelly Tonneberger, Carrie Saxton, Tracy Miller, Angie Miller and Dena Rohroback. Third row: Coach Hazel Brown, Darcie Holbrook, Birgit Shoefer, Ellie Sharp, Melissa Brown, Misty Burnett, Jeanine O'Brien, Lisa Schmidt, Lisa Dussea, Shelly Yape, Sarah Cotrill and Coach Sue Camron.



Jennifer Stokes took first in the mile and two mile at Regionals, league, and DTII, later qualifying her for state.





(Above) Lori Brink wins the 100 meter in the meet against Clinton. (Left) Handing off to Lori Brink in the relay, Angie Miller finishes her run.

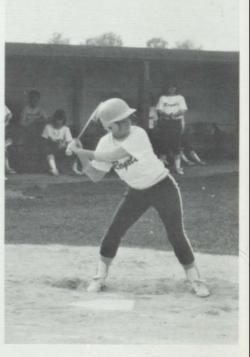
(Right) Congratulating Becky Martinez after scoring a run, senior Shannon Nesbit pats her on the back. (Below) Three time MVP winner Jill Bartholomew gets ready to bat, as she attempts to add to her .492 batting average.







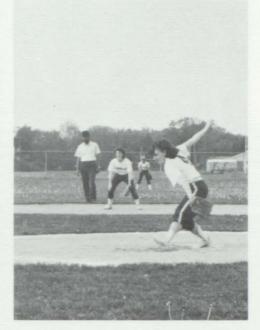
Fielding the ball, Anissa Ricker gets ready to throw the batter out.



Waiting for the perfect pitch, senior Paula Mueller stands at the plate.

Varsity Places Third in League

After Beating a Seven Game Losing Streak



After starting the season with a seven game losing streak, the team pulled together to finish 11-12 overall, and third in the league with a 6-4 record. The team was led by Jill Bartholomew, Becky Martinez, and Shannon Nesbit who gained all-league honors.

The brightest spot for the Royals was senior Jill Bartholomew. A four year letter winner and three time MVP, she had a batting average of .492, with 24 RBI's, a .819 fielding average, and stole 23 bases. Bartholomew was also a captain along with Shannon.

Winding up to throw another strike is junior pitcher Julie Garno.



Leigh Ann Winchel, Kendra Warner, Becky Martinez, Julie Garno, Tammy Campbell and Trudi Sinerson. Back row: Assistant Rick Niemi, Coach Bette Kohler, Becky Waite, Shannon Nesbit, Paula Mueller, Anissa Ricker and Jill Bartholomew.

Varsity Softball			
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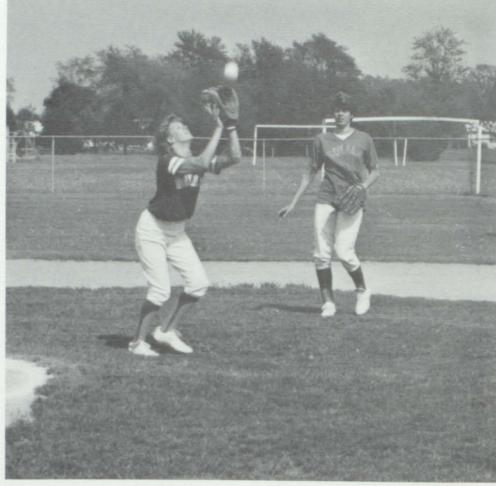
The Batters Mercy Many Finish Season With Only Three Defeats

The JV team had much success this year. They finished with a 14-3 overall record under the direction of Coach Thielen.

The group mercied many of the teams they beat, but found themselves down by eight runs going into the last inning and pulled out a victory over Ida.

(Right) Catching a routine fly ball is Lori Crist. (Below) Freshman catcher; Allison Novak, warms up the pitcher.





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Dawn Johnson, Allison Novak, Kris Gentz and Renee Ruhl. Second row: Jennifer Bohlka, Nikki Dewey, Stephanie Miller, Stephanee Lombard, and Dori Dvorsky. Third row: Faith Liewart, Lori Crist, Charlene Clelland, Deb Vereecke and Brigette Freer.



Cheerleaders Work for JV and Varsity Football and Basketball

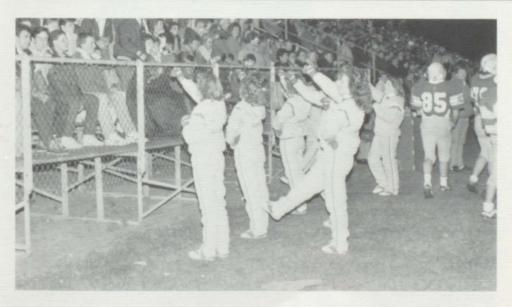
One of the traditions of the American high school is the use of pretty girls to yell chants for the basketball and football teams.

With the help of student council, cheerleaders tried new skits and

JV squad: Amy Miller, Jenni Payne, Kelly Nesbit. Top row: Cyndee Adrian, Darlene MacBeth, and Dori Dvorsky. student competitors at pep assemblies. For the first time in several years, there were more than two per sports season.

Advisor for this year was Joanie Smith, a former BHS cheerleader.





(Above) Varsity squad: Leslie McHenry, Susie Isley, Amy Gschwind. Top row: Aimee Weeber, Paula Mueller, Rachel Jacob, and Kelley Goetz. Missing: Amy Isley. (Left) Not all cheering is under the best conditions. At football games it is not uncommon to be both drenched and frozen. Here the squad tries to build student support.



Pictured at the Coming Home dance are homecoming queen Amy Isley and the night's king, Ryan Waggoner. Through the trellis entrance for the Christmas dance, workers are silhouetted by the bright early Saturday morn-



Winners

Make Life Work

If there is one thing those behind the scenes will remember about the year's activities, it will be the great amount of effort it took to make the event work as everyone hoped it would.

Choosing natural disasters as a homecoming theme turned out to be almost prophetic. Cold weather and a miserable rain tried, but even that didn't ruin the night's fun for the band, float riders, court and spectators. But then the float builders had learned by then to roll with the changes.

DON'T COUNT ON FOR-EVER, the fall play, gave us Melinda Mershon starring as the yearbook editor who had everything including parents married to each other until...

And like most activities connected with school, it didn't last forever. Rehearsals were hardly over before we were into the holiday rush and the second semi-formal dance of the year, the student council sponsored "Christmas Silver Celebration."

While there was much preplanning, decorating couldn't actually be called work when kids willingly came into school on a Saturday at 8:30 a.m. But never ask student council advisor Mr. Boldt about early mornings and late nights.

Work can be drudgery, but it is also the necessary element of any activity that is well planned and produced so that so many can enjoy a good time. The spoof on homecoming, coming home, as well as the FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, benefit concerts, prom and graduation, all of these activities taught students to be winners.

And being winners, we made life work for us.

Nature Couldn't Wash Out Our Homecoming

Despite the cold winds and the threat of rain doing their best to cause a "natural disaster" (float theme), the show rolled on, delighting the crowd.

After parading through town, the floats and queen candidates circled the football field at halftime. The winners were then announced: "Catch the Royal Wave", the senior class float, and Amy Isley, homecoming queen.

After the floats and queen candidates were paraded around the football field, football alumni were introduced adding more enthusiasm to the atmosphere.

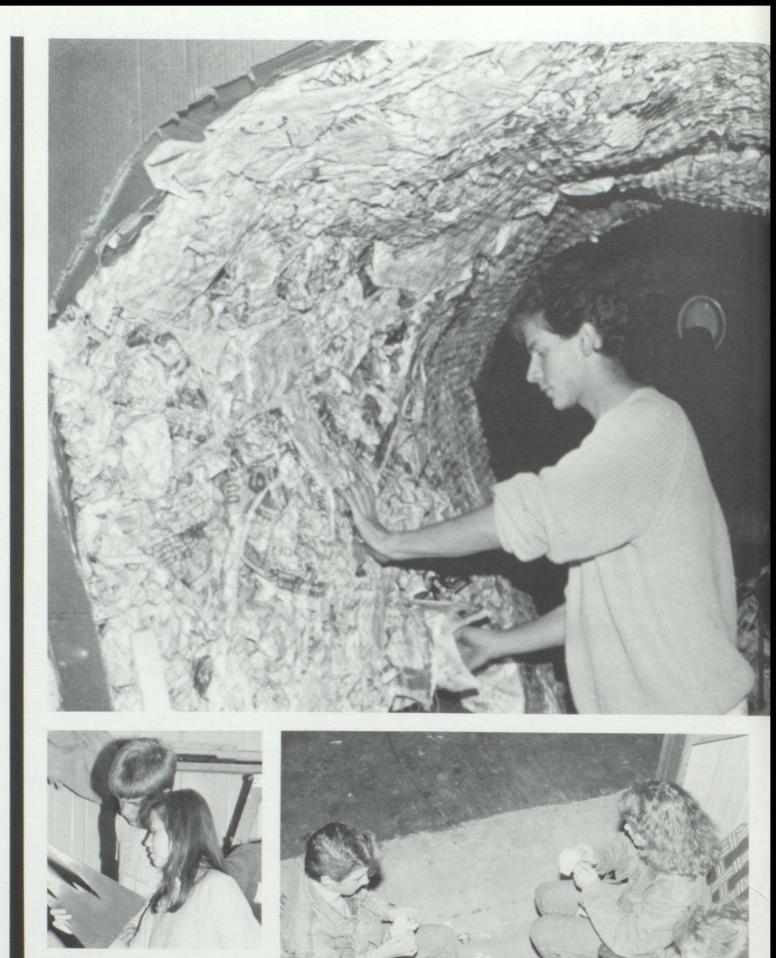
Crowning the queen, Amy Isley, are football captains, Daryl Lombard and Steve Papenhagen.





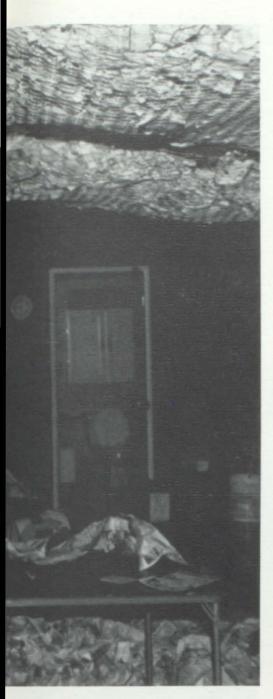
Lack of sleep from last minute float preparation didn't show up on these smiling faces as Paula Mueller and Stacy Elliott rode the winning senior float.





Inspecting the crown for the freshman float are Ben Brown and Monica Mattox. (Right) Behind every tissue box are fluffers like Kim DeRemer, Tracy Miller and Jodi Jackson.

58 Homecoming





Float Building Comes First

From the time that the theme was announced until the time the floats were required to be at the library, each class had only four and a half days to create a design and complete their float.

Hammering, pasting, fluffing, and discovering new ways to form chicken wire into objects were tasks performed nightly during the hectic week. It was never too late to incorporate a last minute idea into the design of the float if it meant a possible first place. The competition always ignited friendly rivalry between the classes with students running back and forth trying to illegally spy on the other class's floats to see whose was the best.

By the time Friday rolled around everyone was anxious to hear the outcome of their hard work. For the second year in a row the class of '88 walked away at half-time with the winning float.

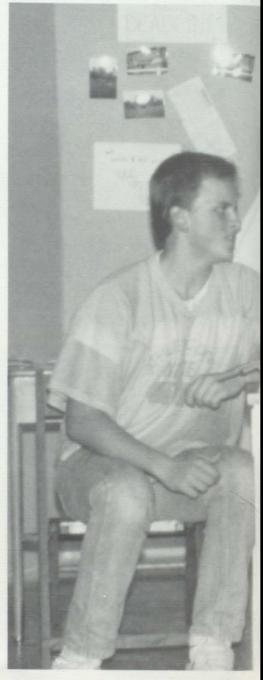
Stuffing the royal wave is Rob Sydow. Late nights at the float building site were not uncommon for the senior class.



Testing the stability of the chicken wire on the sophomore float is Stacy Neuman.

Seniors chosen for the queens court and float riding were Amy Isley, Karla Pontier, Amy Gschwind, Lori Brink, Paula Mueller, and Stacy Elliott.





Trying to cope with married life were husband and wife, Frank (Don Dangler) and Joan (Kathy Seeburger). (Right) Dealing with deadlines, layouts, and eccentric photographers, differences of opinions often come into play. Here are Jeff Schoonover, Mira Coleman, Melinda Mershon, Trevor Hale, and Laura Haefner.



Don't Count on Forever

Divorce is a very common problem in today's society, as shown in the dramatic presentation, DON'T COUNT ON FOR-EVER.

Lisa(Melinda Mershon) was a senior who seemed to have it all: yearbook editor, a great family life and the prospect of a new boyfriend. But, unfortunately, her parents, Joan(Kathy Seeburger) and Frank(Don Dangler) were on the verge of divorce. This turns Lisa's world upside down.

With the help of her new boyfriend Teddy(Trevor Hale), she realizes that she must be strong and provide support for herself and her parents.

Adding humor to the plot were members of the Sentinel yearbook staff: Jeff Schoonover, Mira Coleman and Laura Haefner.



Everything Comes up Silver

It was 8:25 a.m. and twenty five: students were wandering around the cafeteria in a sleepy daze. Unusual? For a Saturday morning in the middle of winter it was.

The colors blue and silver developed into the theme "Cyristmas Silver Celebration" and publicity immediately began for the second semi-formal dance of the year. As a result of four and a half hours of tree decorating, stringing lights and hanging silver stars on the back wall, the cafeteria took on a completely different look. "The trellis was my favorite because it was really unique compared to our other dances." said junior Julie Amstutz.

Middle school students volunteered as elves for the evening helping out with tickets, punch, passing out candy canes and the coatcheck.

The three hour dance attracted over two hundred students who were entertained by QUEST productions who not only played the latest in music, but also had a complete light show.







Student Council President Marcy Goble untangled the eye-catching silver and blue bows which added to the mood of the evening.

Precariously perched on the top of a ladder, Rick Mlcek discovered new ways to hang tin foil over the dance floor from a string without losing his balance.





Adding to the formality of the occassion Elke Kravatzky and Jason Elliott transform library tables.

What can you do with a roll of tin foil? Just ask Dawn Loar and Vicky Silva who created the sparkling bows on the Christmas trees.



Ryan Waggoner was crowned by Jana Street and Cindy Steih. Other members were Daryl Lombard, Eric Pavelka, and Carl Slomski.





"Don't you love Mr. Boldt's art work?" chuckled Stephanie Miller who posted this sign in the cafeteria.

Gunning down spectators with their squirt guns are the royal gangsters, Stacy Elliott, Ryan Waggoner, Matt Fojtik, and Bob Friedley. Leading the procession in his allterrain vehicle is Carl Slomski.

Fun is Sign of Times



A carload of gangsters and a railroad conducter greeted spectators during the half-time show of the victorious basketball game vs. Clinton.

Sharing the theme of "road signs," freshmen had the prize winning float.

After the floats were paraded around the gym floor, basketball alumni were introduced adding more enthusiasm to the atmosphere. Loud music and laughter drifted from the gymnasium to the cafeteria, where the Sadie Hawkins dance began. Tee shirts and jeans set the mood for the crowning of the king, Ryan Waggoner.

‡"I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..." and the Freshmen class did with their winning float entitled, "Royal Express."



Musical Shows World Views Fiddler's Changing Society

In the early 1900's Russia underwent great changes. The country underwent a revolution which uprooted many of the established towns and societies. One of these societies is the topic of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" which was performed this past spring on the stage.

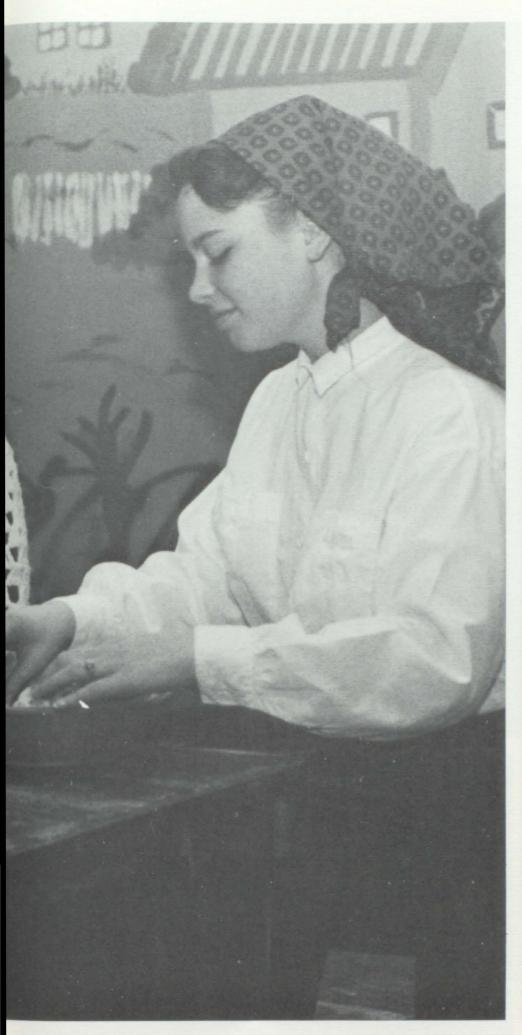
The story centered around a family headed by Tevye (Trevor Hale) and his wife Golde (Lynette Howland). Their five daughters included Julie Smith, Dori Grau, and Niki DeGraph from the high school. Many of the townspeople had a large influence on the happenings of these persons lives. These people were played by Mira Coleman, Jason Elliott, Brent Sweeney, Don Dangler, Jeff Schoonover, Kevin Berry, Dave Haefner, Rob Sydow, Colleen Miller and Wendi Ricker.

Although the play may not have been on the brightest of topics, the cast and crew had a wonderful time working on and performing it. As one student said, "We may not have always gotten along, and practices may have been rough but we did have good times and it came off great!"



The women of the village demonstrate their feelings on the topic of tradition through song at the beginning of the production.





(Left) Marriage is the topic of discussion as Golde (Lynette Howland) and Yente (Mira Coleman) prepare for the Sabbath. (Below) After he has gained permission of Tevye to marry his daughter, Lozar Wolfe (Don Dangler) celebrates through song and dance.



Reality of Life The Russian Changes





(Above) Tevye (Trevor Hale) leads his family and the town of Anatevka in the expression of their views about tradition. (Right) An engagement is something the entire town of Anatevka celebrated along with Avram (Rob Sydow), Mendel (Dave Haefner), and the Innkeeper (Jeff Schoonover).







(Above) Celebrating the Jewish Sabbath during Russian upheval are Jason Elliott, Dena Rohrback, Diana Wilkie, Julie Smith, and Trevor Hale. (Left) Practicing the many various songs and tunes to which the cast performed is Elke Kravatzky, Birgit Schoeffer, and Mrs. Frye.

Lights, Camera, Action...

"Black and White" Evening Filled With Color

Once again, the Junior class has lived up to the reputation of hosting a well-organized prom. The prom site was at Mainstream in Adrian. The juniors chose the theme "Old Black and White Movies"; the colors that were used for decoration were black and white with red accent.

The buffet Dinner was catered by Norm's Catering Service, who sculptured a large ice swan, which was the center piece for the buffet table. The Lazy River Band provided a variety of music, and Mainstream provided a deejay for intermission.

Daryl Lombard and Marcy Goble were crowned king and queen during the festivities. All in all, the Junior class hosted a night filled with fun and excitement.

One of the many highlights of the evening was the crowning of the king, Daryl Lombard and queen, Marcy Goble.

(Right) Not only did students relax and enjoy the evening but also many of the staff including Mrs. Hawley. (Far Right) The buffet provided energizing food and a beautiful atmosphere via the ice swan. Enjoying it here are Cathy Elliott, Corinne Handy, and Mike Uckele. (Below) Watching and discussing the festivities of the evening are Rani Navarro and Estaben Lopez.





70 Prom



Olympiads Taking Time Out for Fun

Sweats and shorts were being worn by the entire school the day the Student Council put on the Olympics the last two hours of the day on May 6th. It was a friendly battling between the students in events such as a leap-frog race, a water-fill, an obstacle course and a tug-of-war between students and multi-colored Jello.

Class loyalty was evident in all on this 80 degree day as each group tried to be the loudest and the best possible olympiads. Matt Fojtik was chairman of this project and said of its outcome: "At first I was worried we wouldn't have enough participation, but in the end I was really pleased."

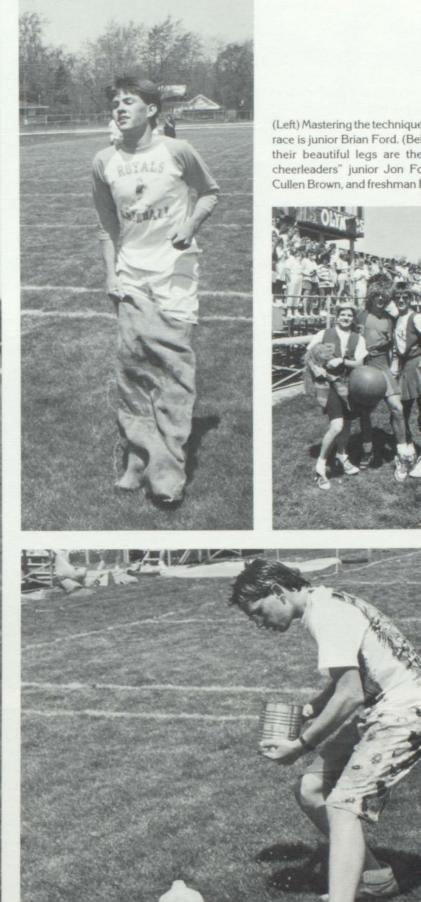
The final standings come after much work by all and rather epic fight between the juniors and seniors as to who would take first place. In the end, the seniors did win while, not surprisingly, the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen finished after them. As a whole, the day was fun for teachers and students alike, and a break from the regularities of student life was well returned.



(Above) Sweet defeat--literally! Sophomores Tim Sinerson, Brent Koester, Todd Zimmerman, and Rob Wielfaert slide into a tarp full of jello as the juniors dominated in the tug-of-war. (Right) "We won!" exclaims Stacy Elliott as she piggybacks on top of Matt MacRitchie. The seniors dominated Olympic festivities this spring.



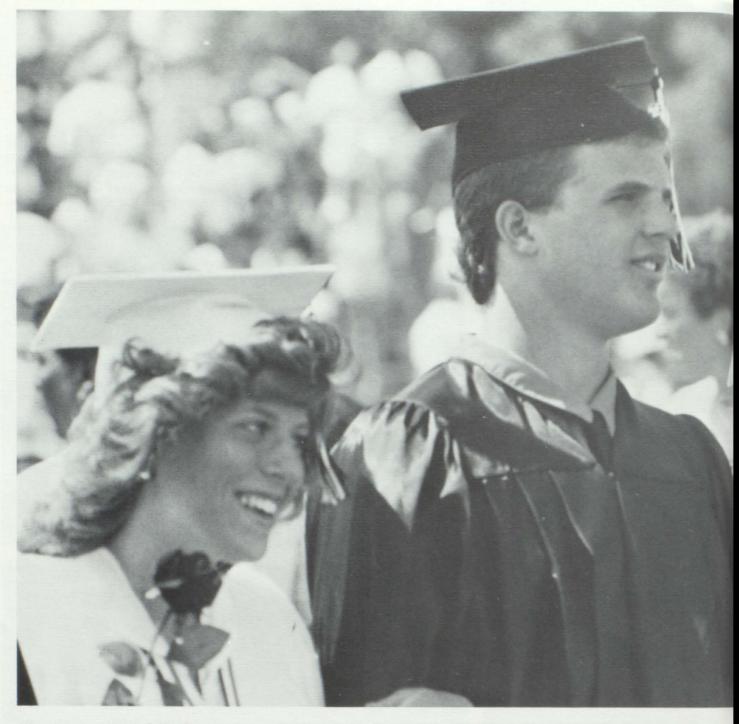




Freshman Tom Andrews takes a shower in the waterfill relay.

(Left) Mastering the technique of the sack race is junior Brian Ford. (Below) Baring their beautiful legs are the "Olympic cheerleaders" junior Jon Fojtik, senior Cullen Brown, and freshman Ben Brown.





(Above) Andrea Hood, Cullen Brown and Rachel Jacob leave the field after graduation. The day truly was for youth and all its promise.

(Right) Seniors were met with a large crowd of both still and VCR cameras in the platform area.



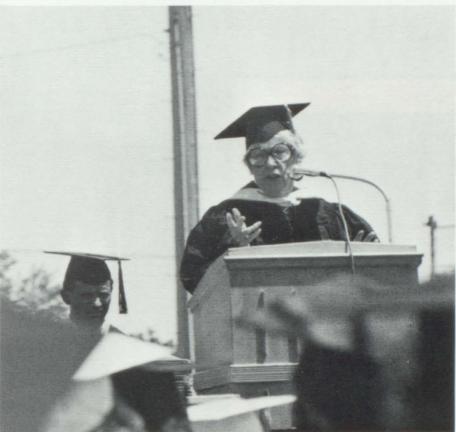


"You're on Your Own"

In one of the shortest, but most highly praised graduation ceremonies in the school's history spoke the Honorable Martha Griffiths, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Michigan.

"You're on your own" she told seniors. When you return home, it is now as a guest. If you haven't done the dishes, start. If you haven't mowed the lawn, start.

Each generation passes on to the next the gift of freedom in many areas. She urged all to enjoy it and use it wisely. The ceremonies, concluding with the giving of diplomas, took about forty minutes.





(Above) Commencement address by the Honorable Martha Griffiths, Lieutenant Governor, State of Michigan. (Left) Obviously happy to end school and to begin the life of an adult, seniors wait for the academic procession to file in before sitting.



In an article published in a national high school coaches' magazine, Larry Tuttle highlighted the bunting style of Carl Slomski.





Winners

Make Life Work

With more than 500 different personalities working to make this school the best, much work was needed.

Along the way, problems came up that had to be solved, and certain needs had to be met. There was fun. There were tears. There were risks. There was success with everyone working to better the whole.

Originality was called for and used, but the desire to slack off was there also. Pushing oneself and helping others to stay in the game came to be a theme for all involved. "Hey! We did it!" and "Look at this!" were heard many times during the year.

Life changed. Familiar faces like John McEwan's were replaced with new ones like Kathy Kunk and John Meszaros.

The larger freshman class romped in with a bang, to make themselves known throughout the year. They made friends with upperclassmen and took winning parts in school functions such as Coming Home.

The sophomores did their part to add spice also. The new drivers they brought forth were surely thrilling and the work that they showed in classes helped to change some of the old images others had had of an underclassman's capacity to make the grade.

Then came the upperclassmen. Both the juniors and the seniors felt they were the best, adding a level of competition heretofore unmatched. Both classes were a little stubborn at times, but this was overcome in the end giving them an even higher level of accomplishment.

Through good and bad weather, those who took part in the overall experience hung in there and worked together. They made the year exceptional.

Painting a spirit sign for Coming Home, Kari Lane stopped painting when Ken Coopshaw wanted her to look at the design being painted at the other end.

Comradery

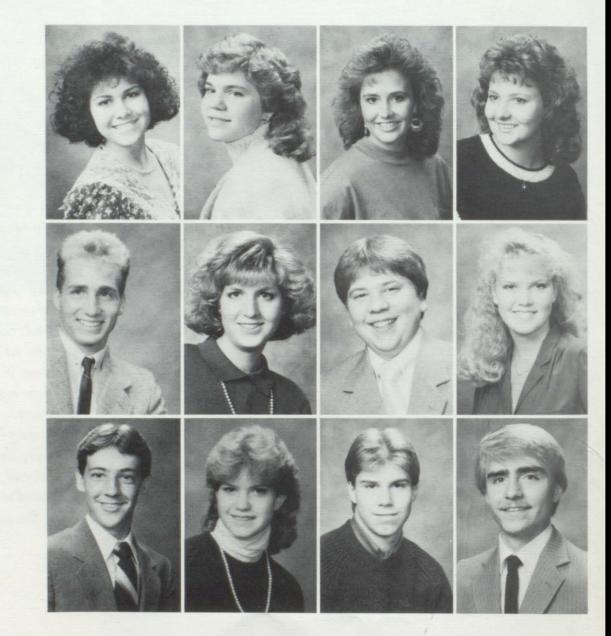
The Senior Accomplishment

Noted as the money makers, "These kids were a very cohesive group. Not only did they work well together in the classroom, they were well represented in all aspects of the school," stated Mr. Willson, class advisor.

The class had a history of doing things with a great amount of finesse. "We had a large amount of class pride. When we had to do something we did our best -- above and beyond what is normally expected." said class member Lynette Howland.

This was shown not only through the prom, but also by the class motto, "The Best is Yet to Come..." The class chose to return to the traditional black and white gowns for the graduation ceremonies in June and to have the red rose as the class flower.

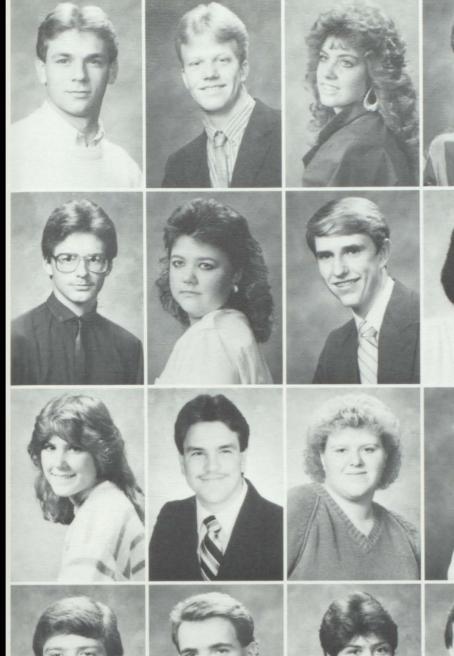
"Working together, if learned now, will help the students in their future endeavors," said Administrative Assistant D. Allan Diver. If this is true, the seniors, through their ability to work and function together during their high school careers, have learned how to make success in life.



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Seniors 79

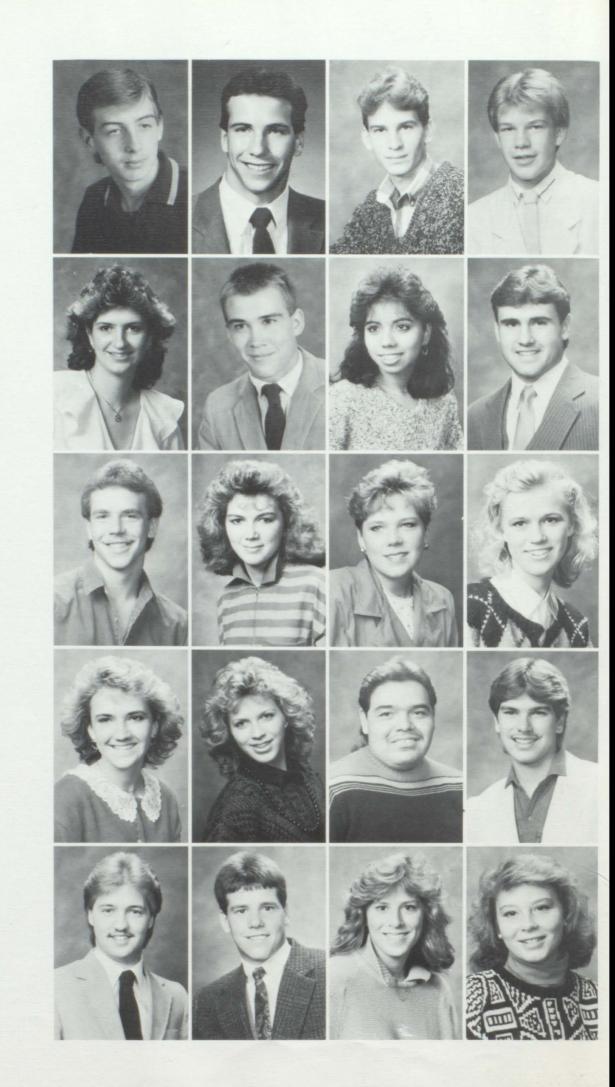
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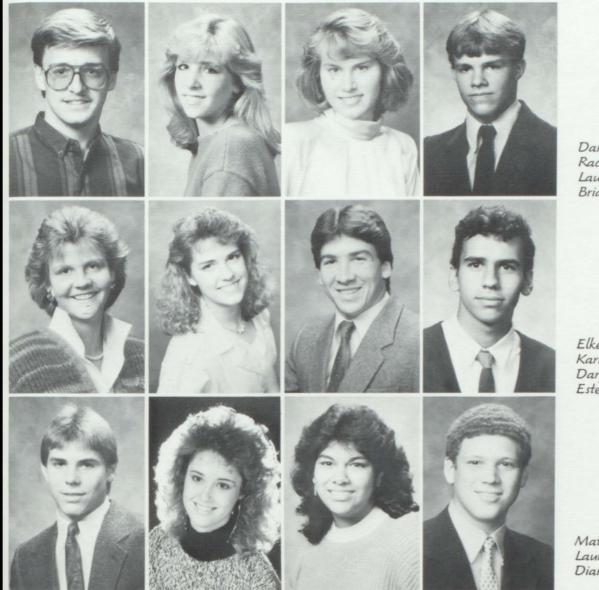
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Dan Hudson Rachel Jacob Laura Knisel Brian Koester

Elke Kravatzky Kari Lane Daryl Lombard Esteban Lopez

Matthew MacRitchie Laura Marine Diana Martinez



Kyle Goetz 1970-1988

Kyle considered himself a musician. In an essay, "Who Am I?", he wrote that he couldn't tolerate the impossibility of not understanding something. When faced with a challenge or a negative response, there was an in-born energy that made him work harder.

"I am judged by what I have and what I am doing...It's not fair but it doesn't bother me one bit...I have big dreams and my goals, but above all I just want to have fun."

The hands that made guitars are still. The music has ended all too soon.

Kyle was killed on May 7 by a driver who failed to stop at an intersection.

1970-1988

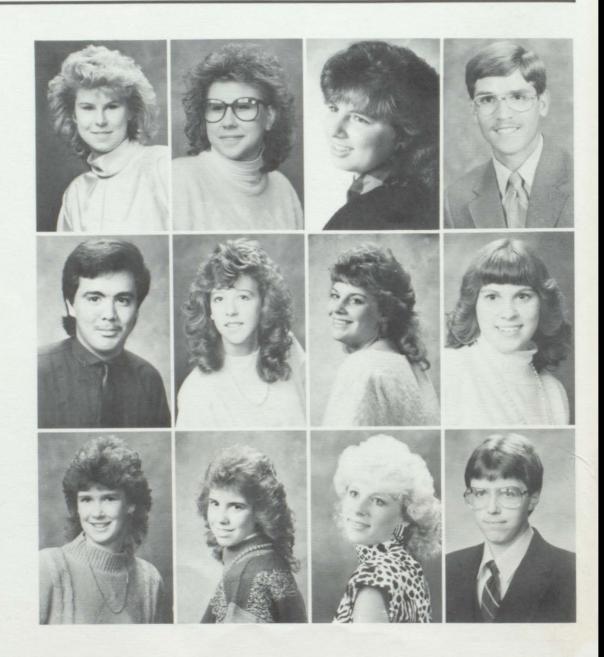
Young Life Means Friendship

Young Life means friendship, fun, laughing and times of discovery during a week night. It's for any high school student interested in learning more about himself, others and Jesus Christ, without pressure. Every other Wednesday night students met for a quick hour in Boyd's Barn or a designated home to relieve school pressure.

There were songs led by the guitar playing of Trish Resher and Ryan Waggoner. There were crazy skits followed by a ten minute creative talk about God's love. Then the students ate and talked. Leaders were Kevin and Trish Resher, Mike Fike, and Jack and Gretchen Boyd.

There were study groups for the more serious, two day weekend trips for the wild and searching, summer camp in New York or Colorado, and service trips in third world countries.

During the summer of '88, eighteen B.H.S. students went to the Dominican Republic to teach teenagers English and build a bridge. One trip the group might never forget was the "best week of their life" when they went to a Young Life resort in New York state.



Melinda Mershon Melissa Meyers Brenda Miller David Mitchell

Richard Moreno Paula Mueller Teri Mullins Tracy Napier

Shannon Nesbit Karen Norris Diane Nowak Gerald Oprsal





















Steve Papenhagen Eric Pavelka Mark Pirkle Robbyn Pitts

Tracy Ries Jeremy Riley Renee Roberts Scott Rodesiler

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Craig Fisher Herds Up Dollars

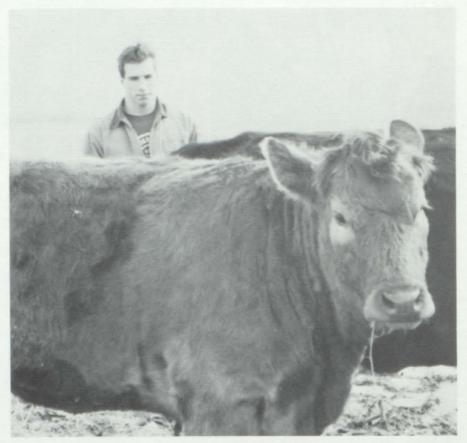
There are always those hidden talents within a community that surface at one time or another. One of these was found in the senior class in Craig Fisher and his adeptness at raising cattle.

Starting out with 4-H and then with FFA, Craig's interest grew. He had to over-come opposition within his own family to carry on full time with what originally was just a project of a few months' duration.

The fairs and preview shows have given him much experience. "I've met many people while showing cattle, and it has taught me a lot of responsibility."

One of his must frustrating trials was when the cows got out and dogs chased the prize cow for miles. The calf was lost, a fear of all herdsmen.

Craig Fisher has known what he wanted, and he knew how to work to have it.



Craig Fisher herds his beef cows back towards the barn and feed lot. A herdsman at heart, Craig plans to attend MSU for work in State's four year ag program.

Mark Southward Melanie Stawowy Cynthia Stieh Jennifer Stokes

Jana Street Troy Swanson Robert Sydow Todd Treloar



84 Seniors



Good Grades Give a Sense of Worth

"I love the atmosphere here (at BHS). Being smaller allows the student and teachers to become closer very easily, and this is a quality I wouldn't have missed," commented senior Lori Brink about her high school years.

She has maintained a cumulative 4.0 grade point while taking the hardest classes. She never dropped a class. While she felt that she could have been challenged more in some academic areas, the school gave her a wide variety of experiences and lessons.

"If I had had a ton more homework, I wouldn't have had

Lori Brink has been the marching band field director for the last four years.

the time to become involved in the tremendous amount of things I have.

"Math was my favorite area, but creative writing and essay were interesting because of the freedom of expression that they brought about. A person really has to dig deep to bring out this creative side."

Although she is not certain about a life profession, she feels that good grades can give a strong background to any path of life she chooses. "Good grades give a person a sense of self worth and discipline which both help in all areas of life."



Mike Uckele Ryan Waggoner Aimee Weeber Christopher Wilczynski

Seniors Not Pictured:

Angela Bowers Wendy Cook Virginia Garcia Eric Haynes Darcie Holbrook Jay Jagelka Christine Scro



Shelly Yape

Class of Individuals Reaching for Accomplishment

With becoming upperclassmen came many new freedoms and responsibilities. Worries of passing the driver's ed. course were replaced with worries of car payments and the higher goals of college preparatory courses, entrance exams, applications, and job hunting.

"An adventurous, challenging class with good qualities," said Mr. Larry Tuttle, one of the class advisors. Mrs. Miller-Ayers, also a class advisor, viewed the class as "creative individuals with several leaders. The class functions like a democracy, trying to consider as many individual ideas as possible."

Some of these ideas were applied to the plans for the prom held Friday, May 13 at Mainstream in Adrian.

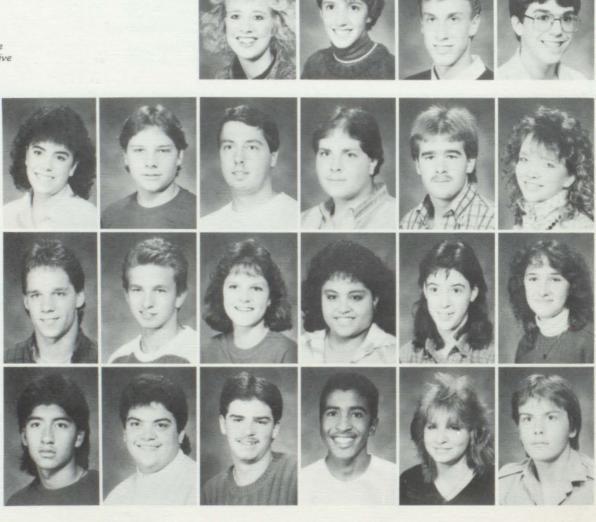
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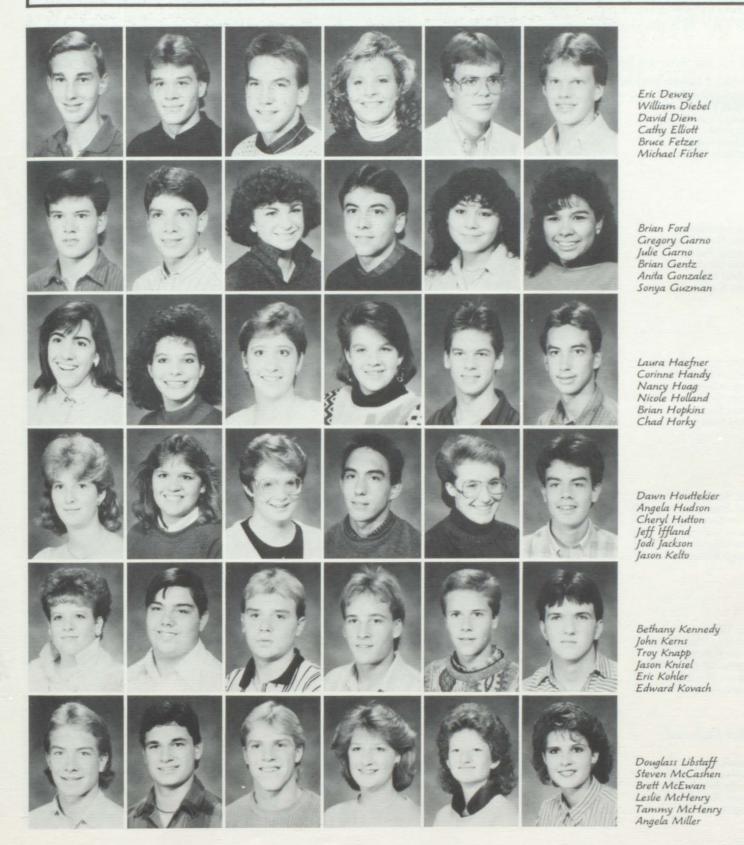
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To Be Down Under Now It's Summer

Greenfield Park,sixty-four miles from Sidney, Down Under in Austraila, was Kathy Seeburger's home for what was our winter term. Her host mother told her not to bring many clothes because she would probably want to go shopping. (What more does any daughter ever want to hear ?)



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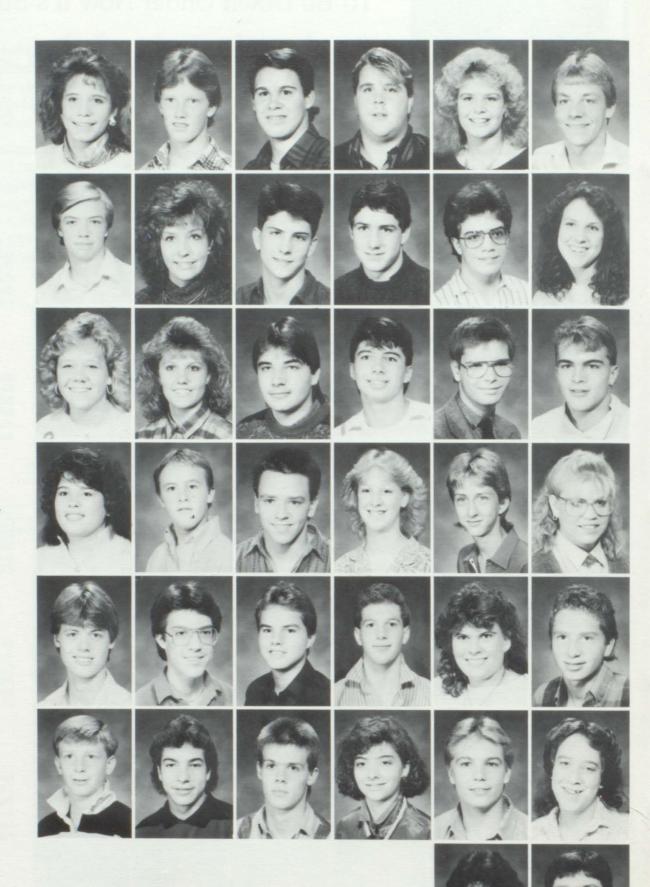
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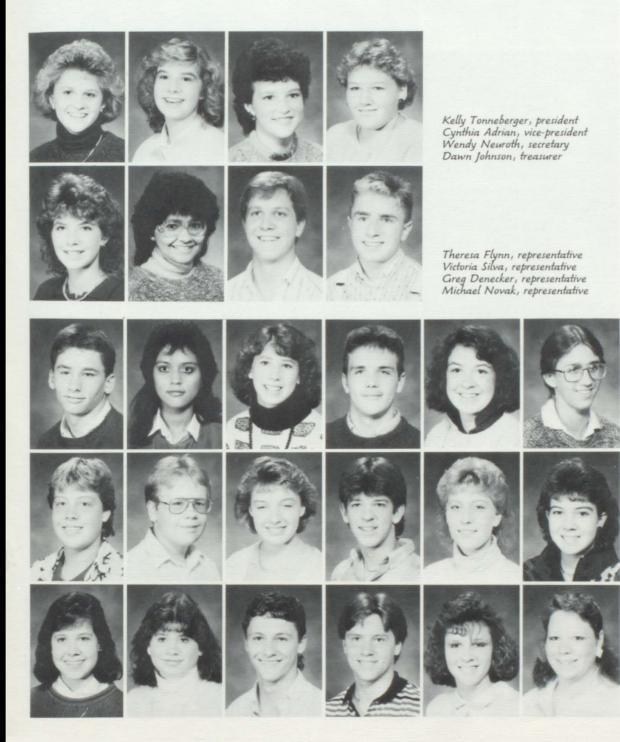
Sophomores Are Shakers

Class of '90 Is an Achiever

They had passed the ultimate test: living as freshmen. No more cries of "Freshmen!" following them through the halls nor the trials of being made to sit at the front of a bus or taking care of a senior's empty lunch tray. After all, they had achieved new status: sophomores.

Class advisor Irene Hawley helped them with their money making projects. All the work and all the sales are for the ultimate in nights, the junior prom. As a class they sold calendars and candy, had car washes, and sponsored a dance.

"We're really trying to earn money for the prom and banquet next year," clearly and simply stated Mrs. Hawley.



Chad Abbott Rosa Aldava Lisa Barger Jerry Bates Victoria Beagle Mark Beekel

Chad Bocskay Gregory Braun Monika Brauner Nathaniel Brown Nicki Bussing Tammy Campbell

Mira Colman Kimberly Cox Aaron Cremeans David Dangler Tracy Dew Andrea Dillon

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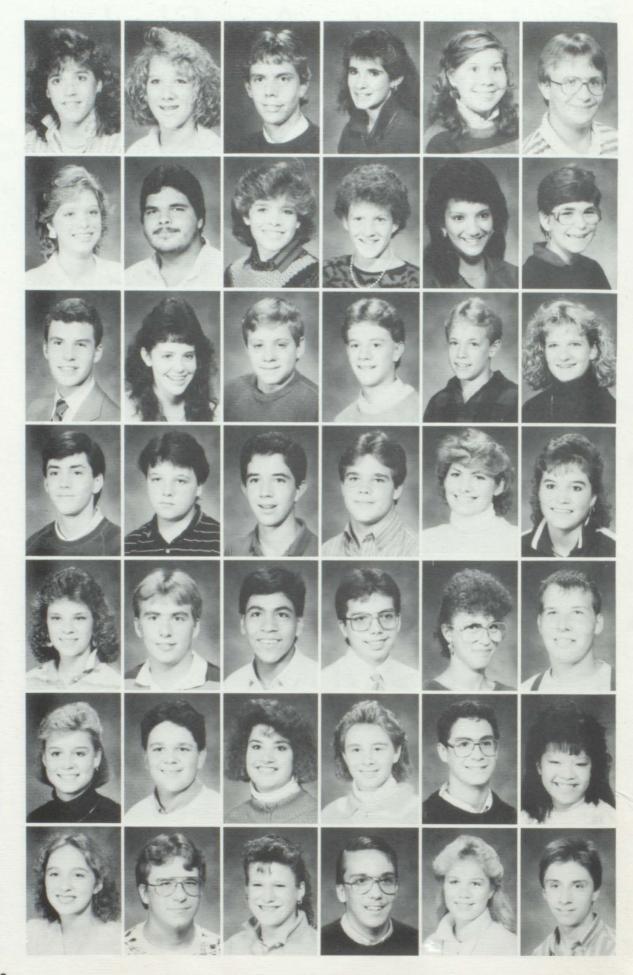
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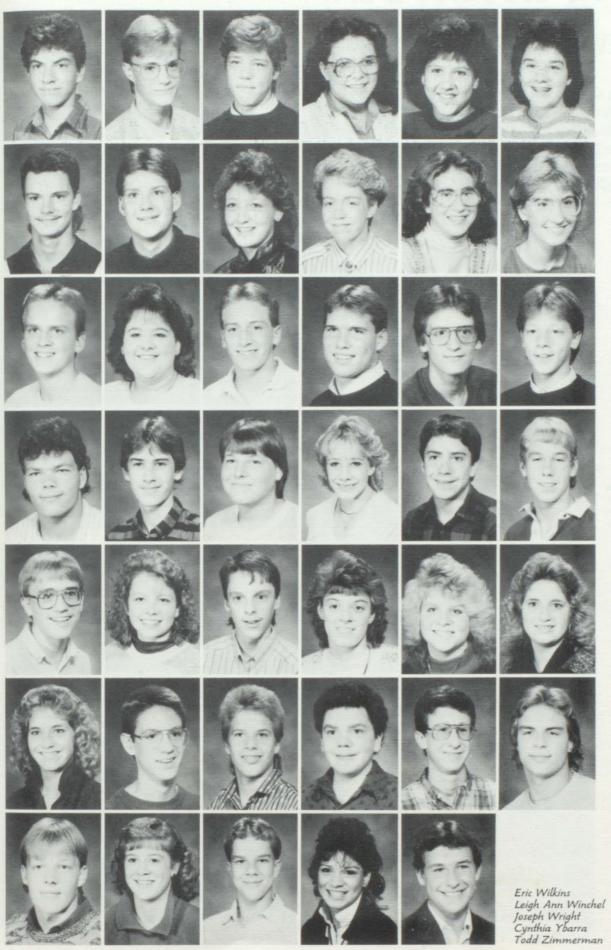
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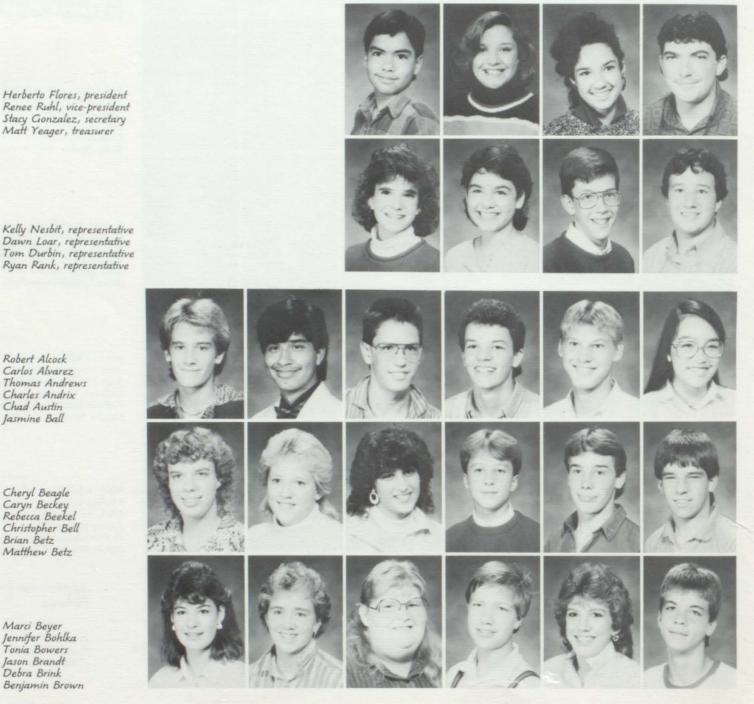
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Getting Involved

Freshmen Work Toward Their Goals

This class did not allow anyone or anything to intimidate it. They took on various projects such as selling apple cider throughout Blissfield, a particularly inventive fund raising technique. The students started this process by picking apples at Mike Weeber's orchard and then having them pressed into cider at a mill. This undertaking was done under the direction of class advisors Mrs. Isley and Miss Wells and a crew of parents with trucks and cars.

Freshmen took part in homecoming events with a float they built at Ellie Sharp's. They didn't win then, but they trained their sights well and won the Coming Home competition with their "Royals at Work" train engine with a caboose. This was the first time a float had ever had a trailor.





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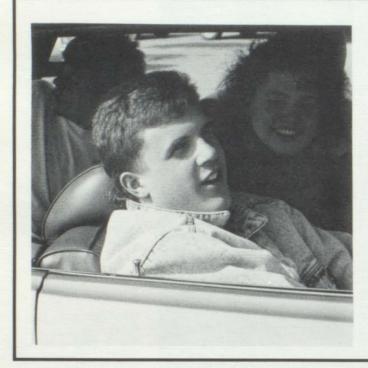
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Freshmen 93





"Can I have a ride home?"

"Can I have a ride home?" asks a desperate freshman at the end of the school day, but right before the busses pull out.

Anxious underclassmen will do anything to escape the monotony of an average bus ride. Some have the advantage of turning to older brothers or sisters. The rest must rely upon begging, much to the student drivers' dismay.

"My younger sister just bribes me with stuff that I don't want my parents to find out about," says junior Eric Dewey.

Jon Fojtik quipped, "What they basically do is hide in my car, and when I come out, I find them with my stereo on and they make me take them home."

Chad Mapstone Stacie Marquis Rebecca Martinez Veronica Martinez Monica Mattox Chad McHenry

Randall Kendall Amy Klauda Hillarie Klempner Angela Knoblauch Laura Kohlman Todd Leary

Charles Lewis Derrick Libstaff Josh Little Mark Lozano Darcie MacBeth Lisa Maldonado

Gregory Megale Nathan Meyers Amy Miller Colleen Miller Michael Mulligan Scott Mullins



94 Freshmen



Michael Navarro Jay Nieman Heather Nine Allison Novak Jeanine O'Brien Jennifer Payne

Dennis Pelton Stephanie Peterham April Pratt Diedra Roberts Christy Rogers Jessica Rothfuss

Eric Salsbury Kristen Saxton Adam Seeburger Elissa Sharp Kelly Sheldon Eric Sherman

Matthew Shirley Lance Snyder Lance Soss Scott Staup Jeffrey Street Johnathan Strong

Jennifer Stułzman Richard Tetreau Daniel Tuckerman Michael Vanderlaan Kelly Vansteenkiste Douglas Vore

Randall Weeber Steven Wegner Matthew Welsh Troy Whitman Corey Wilczynski Michelle Wilkins

Freshmen Not Pictured:

Tony Gomez Trevor Klempner Victor Tovar

Voters Return Board **Board Strongly Supports Superintendent**

For the first time in several elections, school board members whose terms were expiring ran uncontested for office.

planned with agendas supplied by

the superintendent. Not only did its meetings cover the normal business, but it also observed presentations of several new Their meetings were well programs in operation throughout the district.

Observations made in the high school were the new weight room and the new counseling-career center. Explanations were also given about the grant and purchasing of the word processing lab and its Apple IIc's.



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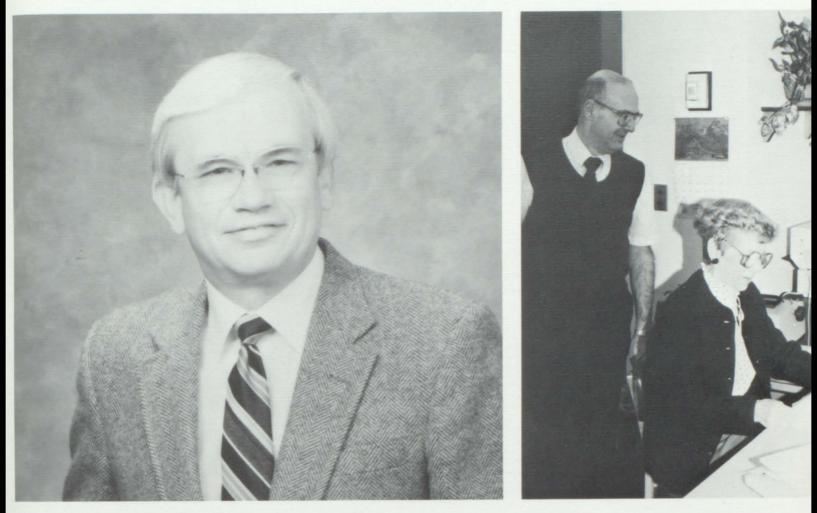
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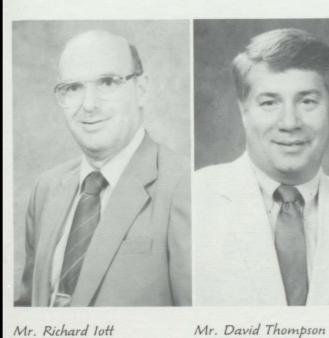
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Dr. Larry Wilson, Superintendent





Mr. Richard lott Comptroller



Athletic Director

Mrs. Mary Lou McAlpine Executive Secretary

Preparing the background data researched and written by Dr. Wilson for the Board, Mrs. McAlpine asked Mr. lott to check on the work done by her new computer.

Administration Takes the Challenge

Accomplishment Begins at the Top

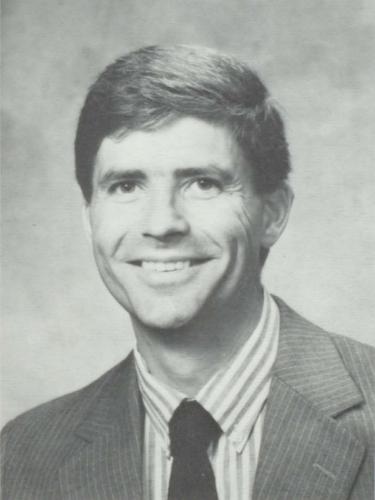
A normal morning before school found Mrs. Cambal working with both parents and returning students. Mrs. Farnsel worked with the phone and typed. In between calls, parents, students, and sales people, the office staff tallied absences, sent letters, counted money from organizations, mastered the busing, and received the blunt of everyone's frustrations. Dreams had become reality. There was a new office for Mr. Diver and the new counselling and career center for everyone.

It took dreams, fund raising, and like everything and everyone else in school, it took push.



Collecting a student's lunch from a mother, Mrs. Cambal prepares a note to be taken by the office aide to the student.





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Mrs. Sharon Cambal Secretary





Mrs. Pat Farnsel Secretary

Mr. D. Allan Diver Administrative Assistant Steven Babbitt James Boldt Gary Brink Hazel Brown

Carol Burgermeister Richard Clark Karen Dillie Peter Durbin

Sandra Frye Carol Greenwald Irene Hawley Laurie Isley

What did teachers do during work sessions when students didn't have school? They worked on the North Central evaluation forms in preparation for the Fall Of 1988 visitation. Dave Thompson and Carol Greenwald can be seen here working on the history department evaluation.



Teaching is Many Activities Teachers Begin Year Long North Central Evaluation



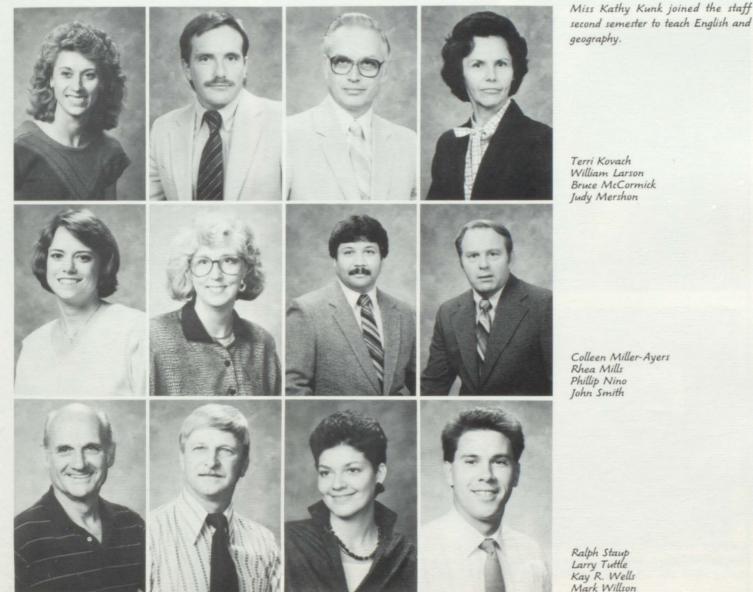
All years should be ones of growth and change, but the fall and winter of this year gave everyone more than they had anticipated. School had hardly begun when shop and psych teacher John McEwan was offered the position of principal at Britton. Thus started a series of changes no one had anticipated.

Curriculum was changed and it was second semester before Miss Kathy Kunk began her contract. (For more about these changes see the Academics Section, page 4.)

In the midst of change there was also

stability. The staff began the year long North Central evaluation under the guidance of Richard Clark and Principal Reaume. It culminates with a visitation team spending three days in the building the first of November of 1988.

While all of this has been happening, teachers had also been supervising several extra curricular activities like ski club, yearbook, French club and athletic teams. This with the academic load has qualified these people to be called TEACHERS.



(Below) Aiding athletic director Dave Thompson with many secretarial duties is Judy Beagle, a new secretary this year. (Right) Beginning with the French room, custodian Jesse Cruz tends to the south wing after school hours.









Calling in an order for supplies is supervisor of building and grounds, Jim Sharp. (Above) Debbie Beagle and Cathy Horky are lunchroom monitors for the three lunch periods. (Right) Cleaning up the art room after school is Todd Shepherd who is the custodian for the west wing.



Behind the Scenes

Where Would We be Without Them?



Without the janitors, cooks, and bus drivers the grass on the front lawn would be three feet high, wastebaskets would overflow, and there would be many racks of bikes due to lack of transportation.

Whether it means being here at 3:00 A.M. or cooking in a heated kitchen, these people work daily with little praise and recognition.

We have a well-qualified, caring staff that provides the much needed services.

Getting ready to repair a broken desk is Jim Shepherd who is in charge of the high school building.



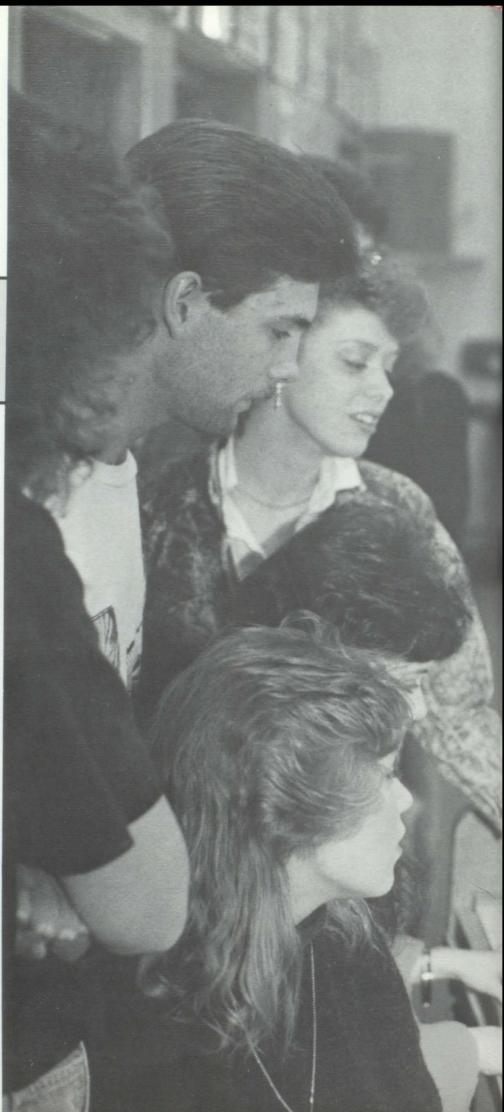
Bus Drivers: Dave Wood, Cass Schwamm, Elaine Winzler, Connie Means and Don Fritz. Second row:Phyllis Gentz, Debbie Beagle, Barb Goddyn and Mina Dunbar.



High school cooks: Elsie DeMey, Barb Eisenmann, Wilma Konieczny, Barb Heineman, Sharon Ehlert and Sue Ford.



Student council president Marcy Goble and secretary Vicky Beagle listen to discussion about the spring beach party dance. The advisor was Mr. Boldt. At the right while April Handley plays before class begins, choir members Jacki Piotter,(clockwise from pianist), Jay Jagelka, Laura Fisher and Dave Isley sing.



Time ? We Had Energy and Time

Time. Time. Who's got time for one more thing to do? Club and organizational members, that's who.

There was always time for the things that we wanted to do, but it was a tight squeeze and it meant many nights with only minimum zzzzz's. By the time athletic practices ended, there was not time to go home for supper, but there was time to ski, dance, be with friends.

Some groups were spin offs from classes with partial academic credit given. These were the groups like band and choir.

But the major organization of the school was student council. They were the only group elected from the student body, by the student body, and allowed to meet during the school day. While members were chosen by their peers for council, membership in honor society was earned purely through grade point averages. Changes were made in limiting membership to upper classmen and in having the recognition banquet in the fall rather than in the late spring.

Jumping in with individual interests was the equestrian club. Because their activities took place away from the school at Whiteford riding arena, few knew that they existed.

These plus groups like French Club added to not only our entertainment, but also to the well-roundedness of the individual. Who had time for just one more activity? Group and organizational members, that's who.

Early Birds get Results

Half-time Show Instead of Worms!

It is early morning, just about the time when many high school students are dragging themselves out of bed. Students are stumbling blindly into the flourescent lighting of the band room. It is a much dreaded ritual known as early band.

As the band prepares to face the inevitable sub-zero temperatures, there is a collective groan or dread. Mittens and gloves are slyly smuggled despite orders to the contrary and soon the band is pounding the pavement in ritualistic drills.

The voices of upperclassmen are heard as the freshmen rookies are chastized for stepping wrong. There are many sour notes and misplayed rhythms as members blindly attempt to read their music in the dark and unthaw frozen fingers that refuse to move.

The real purpose of this torture is to make band members actually appreciate, and yes, long for the simpler, less stressful concert band. But all the uncomfortable experiences are forgotten in the heat of summer and members are coaxed into yet another band season.

Mr. McCormick, director of the band, feels that early band helps the students because, "It enables them to have better performances for Friday night football games." Adding a tremendous burst of enthusiasm to basketball games is the voluntary pep band under the direction of Bruce McCormick.





Karla Pontier, Kari Lane, Lisa Barger, Angie Miller, Kari Saxton, Elke Kravatzky, Jennifer Stutzman, Cathy Elliott, Jeannet Greidanus and Tracy Filippi. Second row: Melinda Mershon, Wendy Neuroth, Kristin Saxton, Kelley Goetz, Heather Nine, Corinne Handy, Greg Garno, Lori Brink, Amy VanSlambrook, Joel Streby, Eric Haynes, Julie Smith, Cheryl Beagle and Kelly Nesbit. Third row: Laura Haefner, Hillarie Klempner, Jennifer Bohlka, Shannon Bussing, Vicky Silva, Veronica Martinez, Lisa Schmidt, Trevor Klempner, Kurt Jackson, Melissa Brown, Julie Garno, Brian Goetz, Jerry Hayes, Vicky Beagle and Nancy Hoag. Fourth row: Stacy Neuman, Marcy Goble, Kristin File, Stephanie Lombard, Mike Warner, Matt Fojtik, Matt Gitersonke, Ted Mason, Cindy Steih, Chris Reau, Jenni Payne, Kevin Berry, Eric Yape, Steve Winzeler, Tisha Carrico, Mike Fisher, Lynette Howland and Greg Piorkowski. Fifth row: Dave Diem, Al Topolski, Todd Treloar, David Yeager, Matt Yeager, Chad McHenry, Stacy Elliott, Aaron Dvorsky, Jason Vollers, David Hejl, Eric Mapstone, Andrew Gitersonke, Matt Shirley, David Haefner, David Isley, David Mitchell and Laura Knisel.



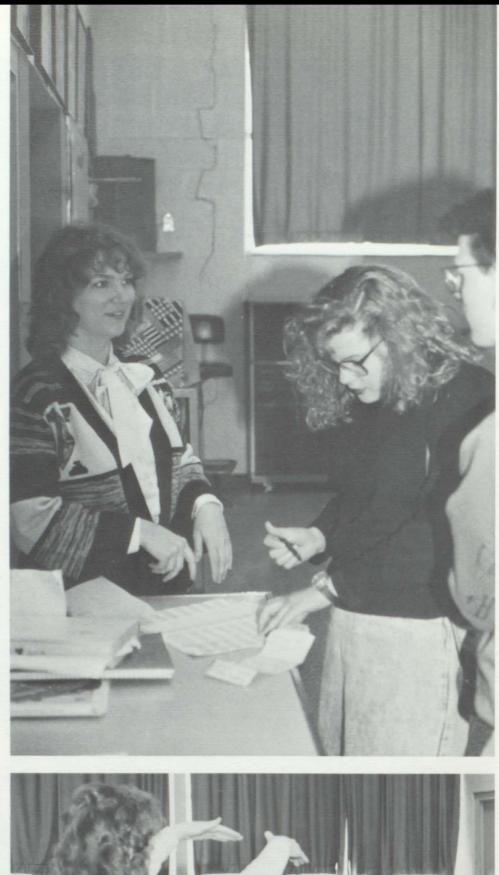


Rehearsing for their winter concert is the bass clarinet section of Stacy Neuman, Marcy Goble, Kristin File and Stephanie Lombard.

Clarinet quintet members Melinda Mershon, Lynette Howland, Kristin File, Laura Haefner, and Wendy Neuroth relax after the long practices required to get a l at Solo and Ensemble. (Right) Helping choir director Mrs. Frye check attendance is Julie Smith, one member of the Royal Singers. (Below) Contributing to the harmonious sounds during practice are Stephanie Peterham and Mira Coleman. These two also took part in the musical.



(Right) Leading the choir is director Sandra Frye. Mrs. Frye also directed the musical and Royal Singers.





Hitting a New Note

New Director and New Achievements

The choir hit a different note with a new director, Ms. Sandra Frye, taking Mrs. Graham's position. In November, the choir travelled to Jackson for choir festival and

received a rating of 1, the highest possible score. All members participated in the musical either on or off the stage. The Royal Singers sang at the Senior Citizens Center and for other groups. Either in the classroom or out singing at festivals, they always bring music to everyone.



Becky Finnegan, Beth Kennedy, Mary Beth Grodi, Laura Fischer, April Handley, Lisa Wilcox, Angie Young, Marci Beyer, Becky Beekel, Shana Gintack. Second row: Mira Coleman, Tisha Carrico, Christie Pieper, Rani Navarro, Jackie Piotter, April Pratt, Phil Guzman, Jason Elliott, Barb DeNudt, Dawn Houttekier, Shirley Wright. Third row: Birgit Schoeffer, Denise Paus, Christie Scott, Natalie Bussing, Caryn Becky, David Isley, Chad Austin, Don Dangler, Chris Ricker, Cheryl Hutton and Wendi Ricker. Fourth row: Nicki DeGroff, Colleen Miller, Stephanie Peterham, John Strong, Tom Andrews, Carlos Alvarez, Angie Carrico, Andrea Hood, Julie Smith, Dori Grau and Tonya Bowers.



Julie Smith, Jason Elliott, Rani Navarro, Ray Pratt, Birgit Schoeffer, Dave Isley, Cheryl Hutton, Don Dangler, Lynette Howland, Brent Sweeney and Wendi Ricker.

Small but Significant

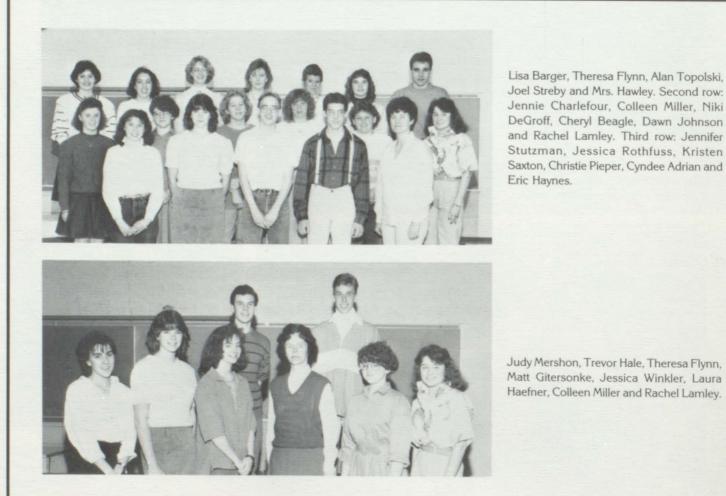
French and Debate Clubs Make Waves Without Numbers

This French Club was like no other. One reason was the fact that the bulk of the members were freshmen. Even though French Club got off to a slow start, there were many activities which helped give it momentum throughout the year.

Among the activities were: the annual French Club fondue party for Christmas, in which there was a gift exchange; the movie "American Dreamer"; the annual gummi bear candy sale; and the trip to the Hotel Sofitel, for lunch. Hotel Sofitel is looked forward to each year, because it gives everyone involved not only the chance to taste delicious french cuisine and shop around Portside, but kids can just be themselves and have a good time.

Continual trips to the Vo-Tech center were taken by the seven student members of the Debate team. This group was directed by Mrs. Judy Mershon and was made up of mostly inexperienced students.

Each member had to ponder the subject picked to debate upon, that the U.S. should adapt a policy for political stability in Latin America. Debaters had to spend long hours doing research on that subject, hoping to find a position that would give them a strong argument against a team from a different school. The team gained valuable experience. though they left the season with an 0-2 record.



Jennie Charlefour, Colleen Miller, Niki DeGroff, Cheryl Beagle, Dawn Johnson and Rachel Lamley. Third row: Jennifer Stutzman, Jessica Rothfuss, Kristen Saxton, Christie Pieper, Cyndee Adrian and

Judy Mershon, Trevor Hale, Theresa Flynn, Matt Gitersonke, Jessica Winkler, Laura Haefner, Colleen Miller and Rachel Lamley.



(Left) Seen here in front of the Eiffel Tower, some of the French students along with Mrs. Hawley toured Paris, the south of France and Switzerland during Easter break.

(Below) Discussing new tactics for an upcoming Debate session are advisor Judy Mershon and members Laura Haefner and Theresa Flynn. Laura and Theresa made up a girls debate team.



Lending a Helping Hand

Key Club and FFA Contribute to the Community

Key Club, along with Circle K, is a branch of Kiwanis International. They are an active organization with several goals, primarily helping others.

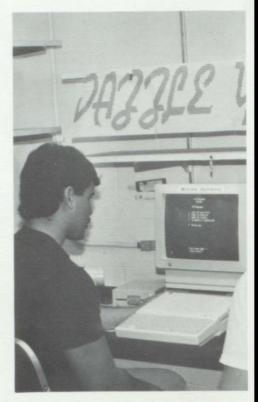
Some of the activities included visits to Mott's Children Hospital, participating in the Humane Society's Pets for People program, selling suckers, and assisting Kiwanis with both their soup and salad supper and pancake dinner.

An event that is anticipated each year is the convention where Key Clubbers from the same district meet and share new ideas. Fund-raisers were held to earn money to go.

Receiving State Farmer Degrees for the Future Farmers of America were Ted Mason, Brian Goetz and Craig Fisher. They were among only 2% of Michigan Future Farmers who received the award which was based on their leadership qualities and the success of their cash crop or livestock projects.

Eric Mapstone, Dan Stubli and Jason Fisher attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri and FFA State Delegates were Eric Salsbury, Steve Wegner and Nathan Meyers.

The FFA also participated in the Rotary-Kiwanis Farmer Days, a Crop-O-Rama at MSU, and a District Leadership Conference. Taking advantage of some FFA software in the new computer lab is member Brian Goetz. The FFA recently purchased these programs to give members plausible farm situations through which to gain experience.





Eric Mapstone, reporter, Brian Goetz, sentinel, Mike Fisher, secretary, Ted Mason, vice-president, Craig Fisher, president and Dave Mitchell, treasure. Second row: Eric Salsbury, Nathan Meyers, Mike Uckele, Jeff Moore and Jason Fisher. Third row: Dan Stubli, Terry Slusher, Ray Pitts and Paul Whiteman.



(Left) Reviewing a report done for class are FFA advisor Mrs. Isley and members Ted Mason, Craig Fisher and Brian Goetz. Brian and Craig also took part in a number one ranking livestock judging team. (Below) Discussing the upcoming Kiwanis pancake supper are Key Club advisor Richard Reaume and president Jason Elliott.





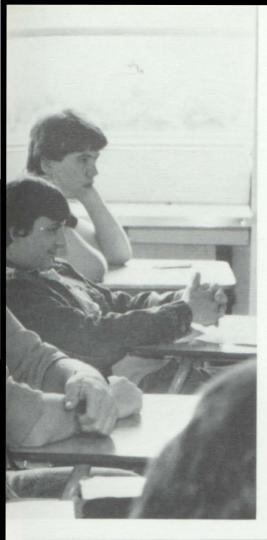
Leslie Sattler, treasure, Jason Elliott, president, Dawn Johnson, vice-president. Second row: Vicky Silva, Tanya Neuman, Monica Brauner, Julie Smith, Matt Fojtik and Rachel Lamley. Third row: Colleen Miller, Kristin Saxton, Barb DeNudt and Shelly Yape.







(Left) Giving peer listeners the facts about teen pregnancy is Cindy Phillips. Many such speakers have been invited to inform these students about delicate subjects facing young adults. (Above) Flaunting their skiing skills on the slopes are Jeannet Greidanus and Leslie McHenry. They were two of the seven girls who were members of the ski club.



New Organizations Grow

Membership on the Rise for Ski Club and Peer Listeners

Peer Listeners are available to help students who have problems. Whether school, peer, or parent related, students are able to let off steam in confidence.

Peer Listeners are in conjunction with the Counseling and Career Center. This room is a recent addition to B.H.S. Students are able to research information on colleges, to find out about drugs and alcohol related problems, and to work on the computers.

Listening intently, these peer listeners get information from Mr. Boldt concerning an upcoming training session. These students are available to their peers during all hours of the school day so that the needy student can discuss his or her problems. The Ski Club travelled to Mt. Brighton three times under the direction of their advisor, Mr. Larson. The skiers, glared up, sometimes took a short lesson before facing the snow and wind on their own.

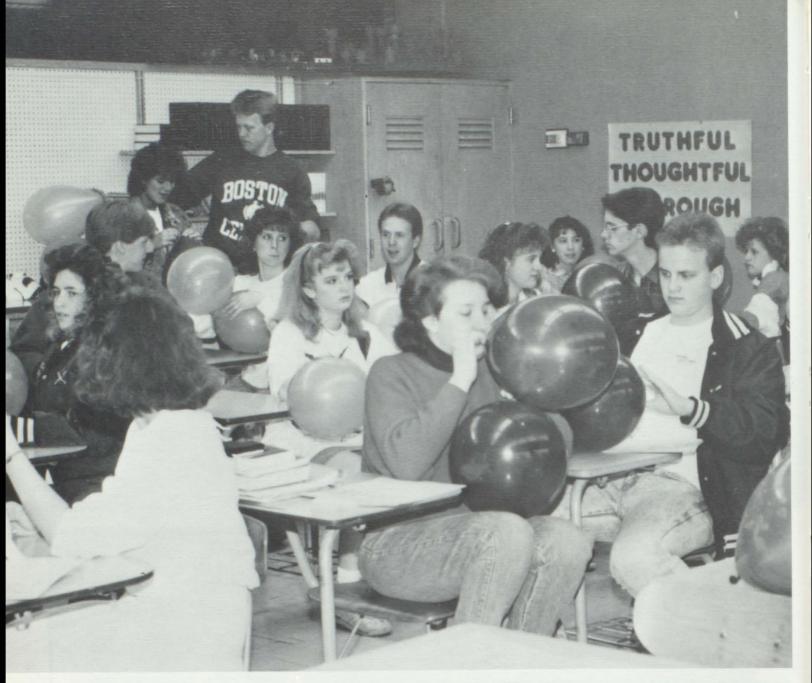
Some cautious skiers started with the bunny slopes, trying to master the rope tow. Others braved the chain lifts to the higher, steeper declines. Our more advanced skiers headed for the biggest mountain, concentrating on jumps and mogles.

In spite of the cold and the sore muscles, everyone had a super time and became disappointed when the snow started melting with the signs of spring.



Monica Mattox, Candy Gomez, Wendi Ricker, Tito Flores and Paula Mueller. Second row: Dave Bates, Susie Isley, Kendra Warner, Jodi Jackson, Kristie Warner, Rani Navarro, Faith Liewert and Mark Iffland. Third row: Mike Charlefour, Stephanie Peterham, Dave Diem, Daryl Lombard, Karla Pontier, Kelley Goetz, Rick Mlcek, Jason Elliott.

Jon Fojtik, Rachel Jacob, Jeannet Greidanus, Leslie McHenry, Julie Smith, Tim Mulligan and Stewart Isley. Second row: Eric Haynes, Eric Kohler, Jason Vollers, Jessica Rothfus, Kristin Saxton and Melissa Brown. Third row: John Davis, Dave Yeager, Greg Garno, Cullen Brown, Mike Charlefour, Chad Horky, Dave Haefner, Mark Southward and Ryan Waggoner. Advisor: Bill Larson.



Getting the most of their hot air before school, these members blow up balloons for the Sweet Adeleines concert to be put on later that evening.

Ticket sales were \$1,940 for the Sweet Adeleines benefit concert for Steve Piorkowski sponsored by the Honor Society in April. Aimee Weeber was one of the members helping out at the evening performance. Here she is pictured with her parents, Art and Mary Weeber, at the November banquet.



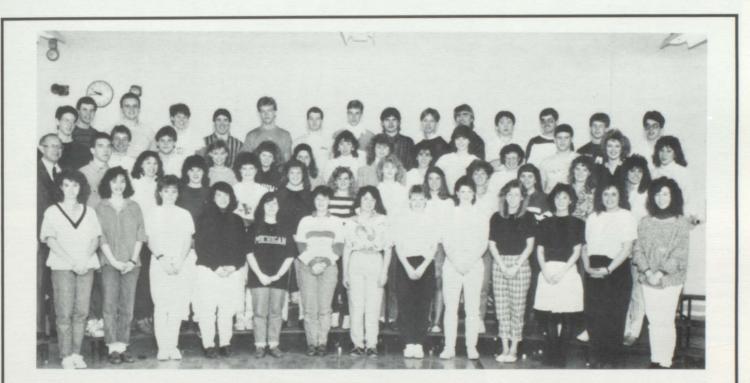
Diligence has its Rewards

Membership Growth Sparks New Activities



Qualification for membership into the Blissfield Honor Society consists of maintaining a 3.5 cumulative average. The Honor Society succeeded in innovating many activities. For the first time, names of the members were showcased in the hallways. Regular meetings were held to discuss upcoming endeavors. The annual banquet was held in the fall

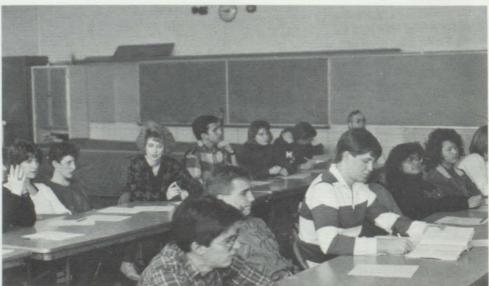
After finishing her meat at the Honor Society banquet, Rachel Jacob enjoys the atmosphere. All members and their families took part in the meal and later listened to Mr. John LaSota. and members were drafted to stay after school to help set up. The guest speaker was John LaSota, a former Blissfield student and superintendent of a Michigan school. The society also raised funds. They sponsored a concert held at the school of the Seaway Chapter of the Sweet Adeleines on April 22 to benefit the Steve Piorkowski fund.



Aimee Weeber, Jessica Winkler, Stephanie Lombard, Vicky Silva, Mira Coleman, Leslie McHenry, Rachel Lamley, Jana Street, Jill Bartholomew, Rachel Jacob, Stacy Elliott, Kelley Goetz and Paula Mueller. Second row: Dave Diem, Lisa Barger, Wendi Ricker, Wendy Neuroth, Leigh Ann Winchel, Susie Isley, Laura Shirley, Kari Lane, Amy Isley, Marcy Goble, Karla Pontier and Lori Brink. Third row: Mike Warner, Steve O'Neill, Brent Koester, Stephanie Miller, Kelly Tonneberger, Kendra Warner, Melanie Stawowy, Melinda Mershon, Laura Haefner, Theresa Flynn, Jodi Jackson, Ted Mason, Kris Camron, Andrea Hood. Fourth row: Trevor Hale, Jeff Schoonover, Deb Vereecke, Daryl Lombard, Aaron Boyd, Jason Vollers, Matt Gitersonke, Dave Haefner, Mark Southward, Kevin Berry, Rick Mlcek, Dave Mitchell, Kurt Forche and Dave Isley.



(Above) Teetering on a ladder to add flare to the hallway is Hector Sotomayer as Kelly Nesbit gives directions. (Right) Discussing the new coffee maker for the teacher's lounge are student council members David Isley, Mike Bilan, Vicky Silva and Hui Chih Chung. The council purchased the coffee maker for teacher appreciation day.



Motions Carried

Student Council Incorporates New Ideas



Petitions and nominations started the year off as incoming freshmen became established and upperclassmen settled into familiar roles. Standing committees formed by council representatives took charge of various activities for the school year round from popcorn sales at football and basketball games to assembly planning. Along with providing

Adding sparkle to the Christmas trees for the annual Christmas Dance are Kris Camron, president Marcy Goble, and Vicky Silva. services to the school such as dances and improving school spirit, the council also played a key role in the planning of two leadership conferences.

The first annual B.H.S. Olympics took place in May involving competition between all four classes with events from the piggy back race to the finale of the obstacle course.



Aimee Weeber, treasure, Marcy Goble, president, Matt Fojtik, vice-president and Vicky Silva, secretary. Second row: Birgit Schoeffer, Jeannet Greidanus, Kim DeRemer, Cyndee Adrian, Amy Isley, Karla Pontier, Rani Navarro and Mike Novak. Third row: Renee Ruhl, Kelly Nesbit, Hui Chih Chung, Theresa Flynn, Kris Camron, Jon Fojtik, Matt Gitersonke, David Isley, Dawn Loar. Fourth row: Esteban Lopez, Ryan Rank, Joel Streby, Tom Durbin, Rick Mlcek, Greg Denecker, Mr. Boldt (Advisor), Elke Kravatzky, Ryan Waggoner.

Pages Have Stories of Their Own

Yearbooking is not Glamorous

The typical high school student does not see much of the difficult work that goes on behind the one hundred-plus pages of each year's yearbook. Many hours are spent writing, editing, rewriting, cropping pictures, drawing layouts and finalizing pages.

The job is no where as easy as it

looks. The staff this year got things done... eventually. The deadlines seemed to just sort of appear out of nowhere. The kids did deal with them after much haggling and quite a bit of Mr. Durbin's inspiration.

The time spent on a yearbook was not glamorous by any means, but there were fun moments: the discovery of incredibly embarrassing pictures and the "snack breaks" which tended to occur quite frequently.

"When all is said and done, you are left with quite a feeling of accomplishment," stated a diligent working Daryl Lombard.



Amy Isley, Jessica Winkler, Aimee Weeber, Rachel Lamley and Charlotte Risch. Second row: Mr. Durbin, Kris Camron, Laura Haefner, Melinda Mershon, Dave Haefner and Rani Navarro. Third row: Daryl Lombard, Matt Gitersonke, Eric Dewey, Jon Fojtik, Nancy Hoag and Joel Streby.

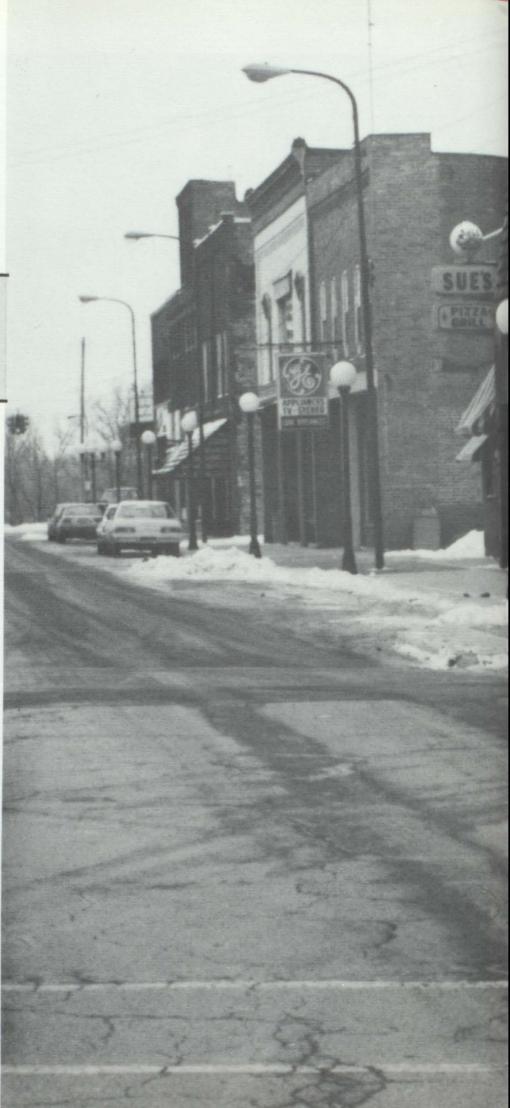




(Above) Working hard to meet one of many copy deadlines are Kris Camron, Jessica Winkler and Aimee Weeber. Often each staffer must put in extra time to give the book its finishing touches. (Right) Hurriedly grabbing her camera to catch a good photo is yearbook editor Amy Isley. Along with directing the staff, Amy had to cope with taking some of the pictures necessary for the book.



Making both experience and money, Makk Southward has worked at Blissfield Pharmacy during most of his high school years. Here he works on inventory in the pharmacy department. Right, this view looking north on Lane Street shows the new look of brick paving, new concrete walks and pavement, and the new street lights. Seeger's celebrates as one of the oldest businesses while across the street BillyBob's makes a beginning.



Where we go for This & That

"Hey! Look at this!"

"Where did you find that?"

Who hasn't heard these remarks from someone during the last year? And what a year it has been for the town. After much talking and many meetings, the Council passed the needed resolutions and funding was found for tearing out all the sidewalks in the old business district and replacing them with concrete with brick paving accents and crosswalks. New period style lighting was also added.

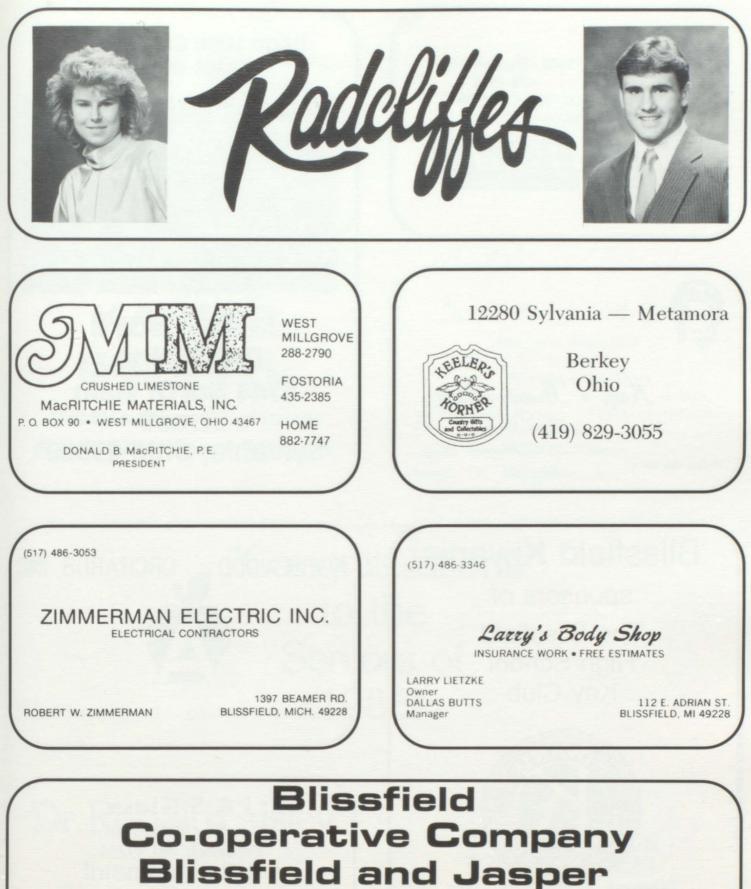
Lane Street is a mixture of the new and the old. Seegers celebrated an important milestone (see artwork below). Across the street BillyBob's opened as a turn of the century bar for adults. Up the street a copying store also opened with office supplies, copying machines. and a copying service at five cents a sheet.

On both ends of US 223 growth continued as Coachlight Estates added more streets and trailor sites and Knapp Motors doubled its service area.

All of these businesses support the youth directly with jobs and indirectly with support for services set up especially for young people. These are services such as Teen Town II, athletics, advertising in the yearbook and athletic calenders.

Growth and the new mixing with the old are strong signs that Blissfield is not a small town involved in the last throes of a death struggle. Blissfield is alive. It has pride. It cares. It takes care of its own and its youth. Hey! Look at this!

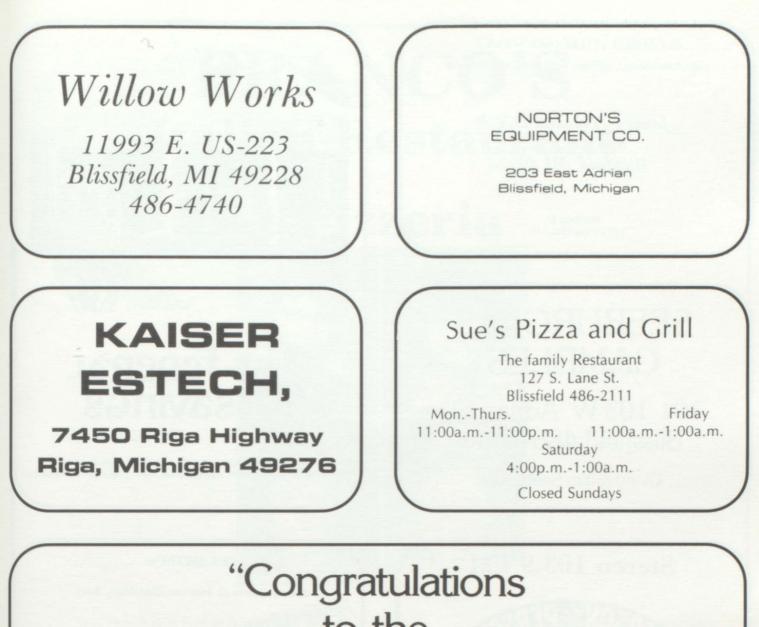




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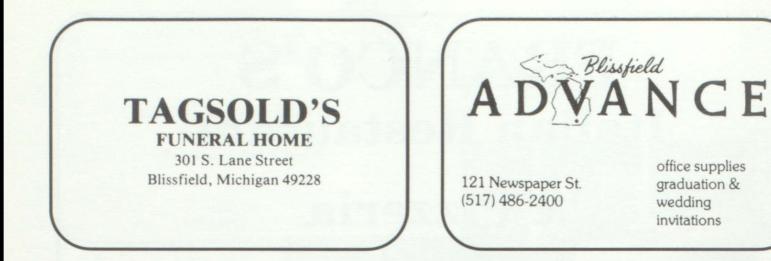


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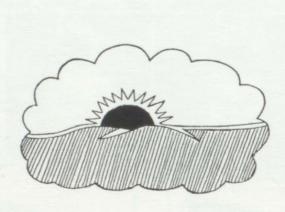
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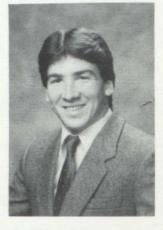


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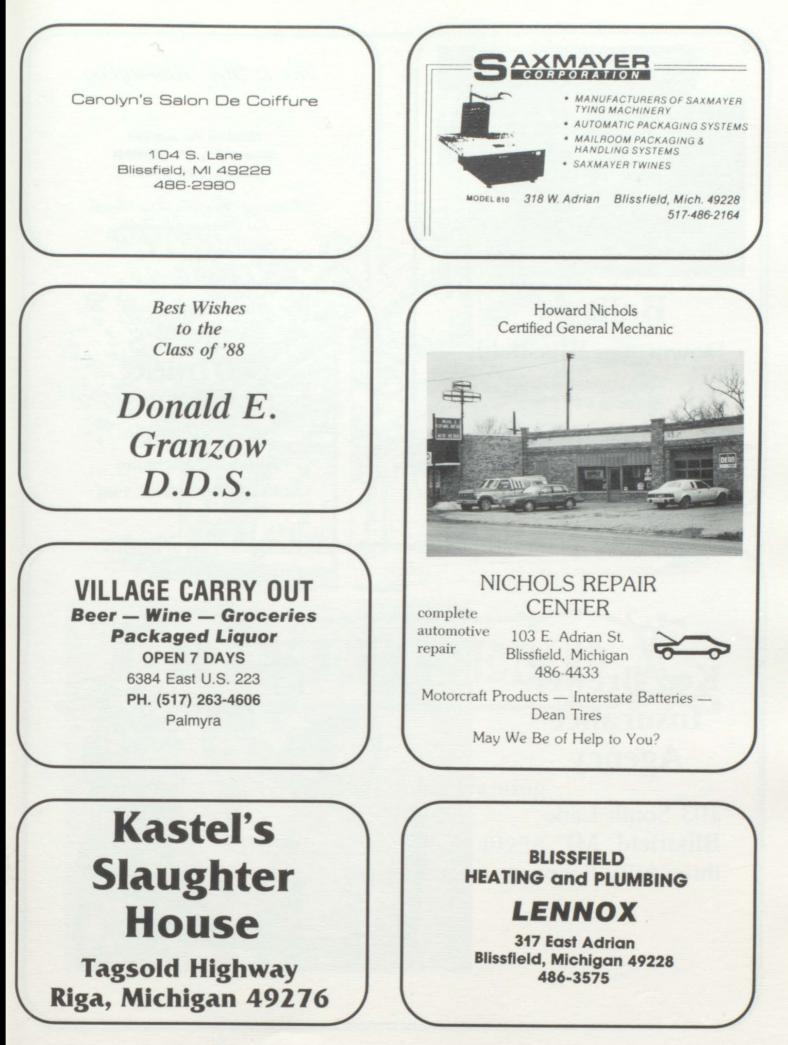
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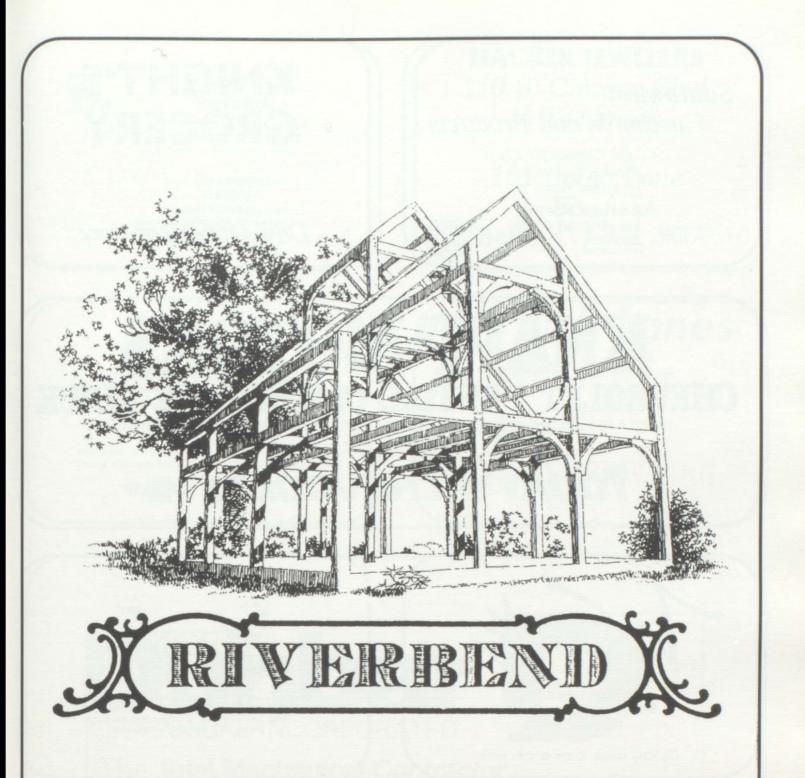




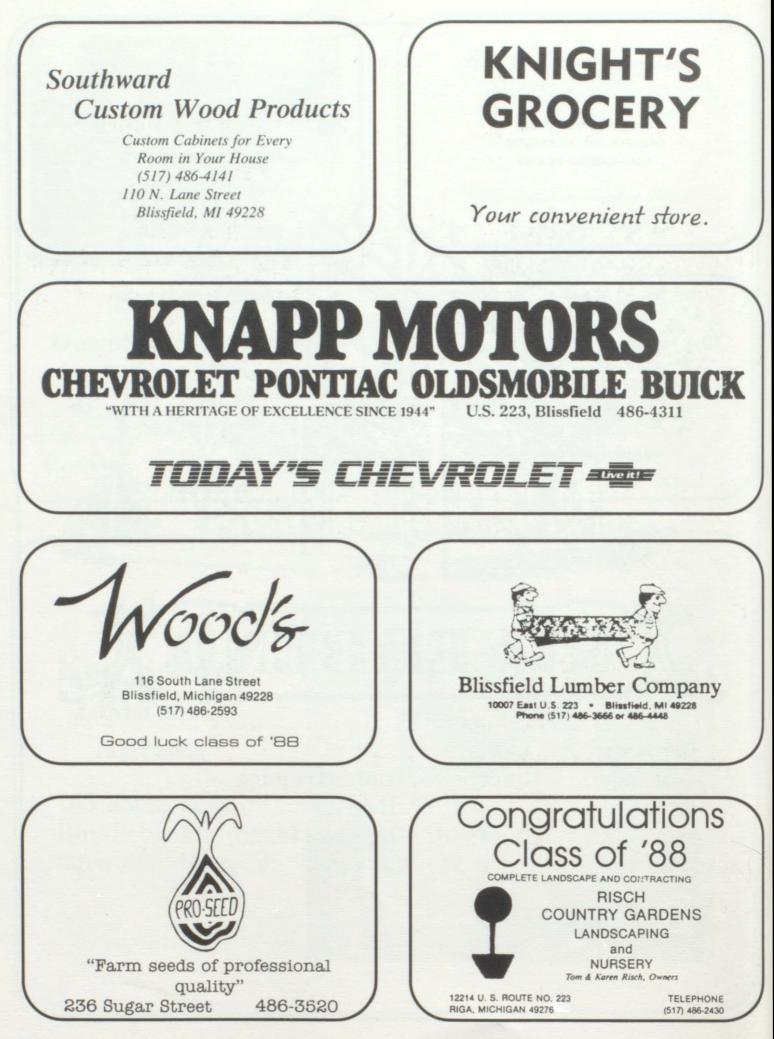
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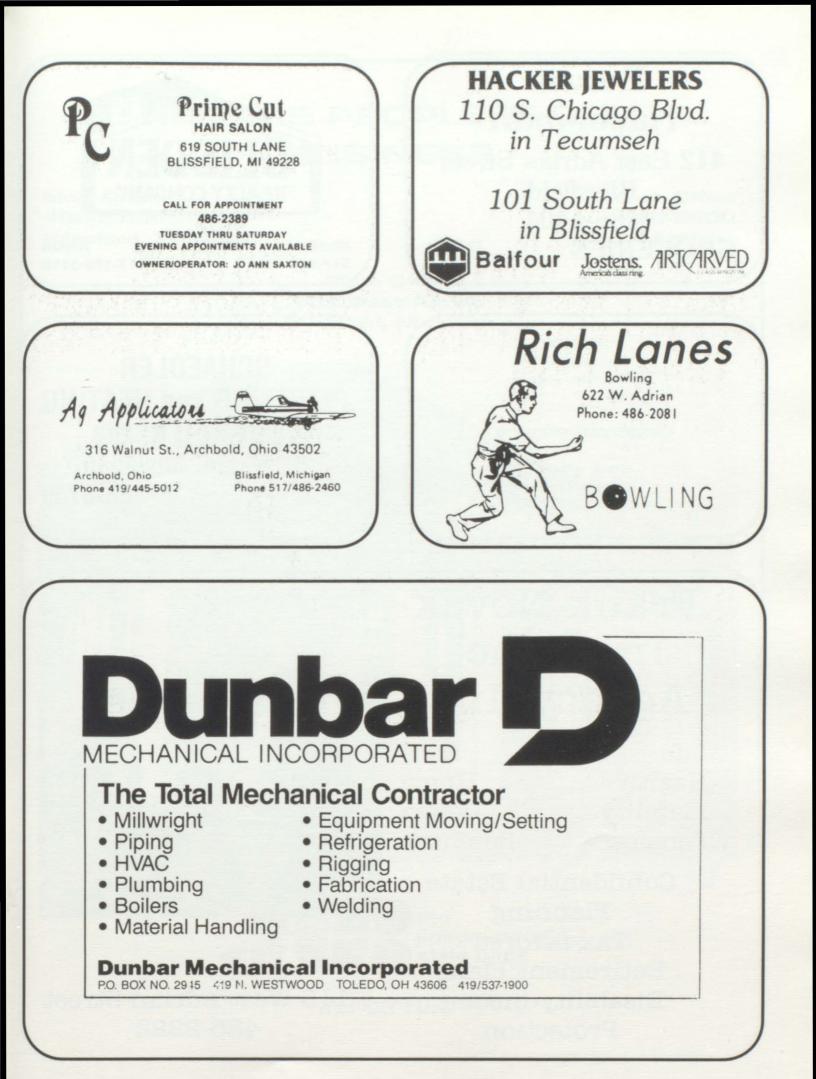
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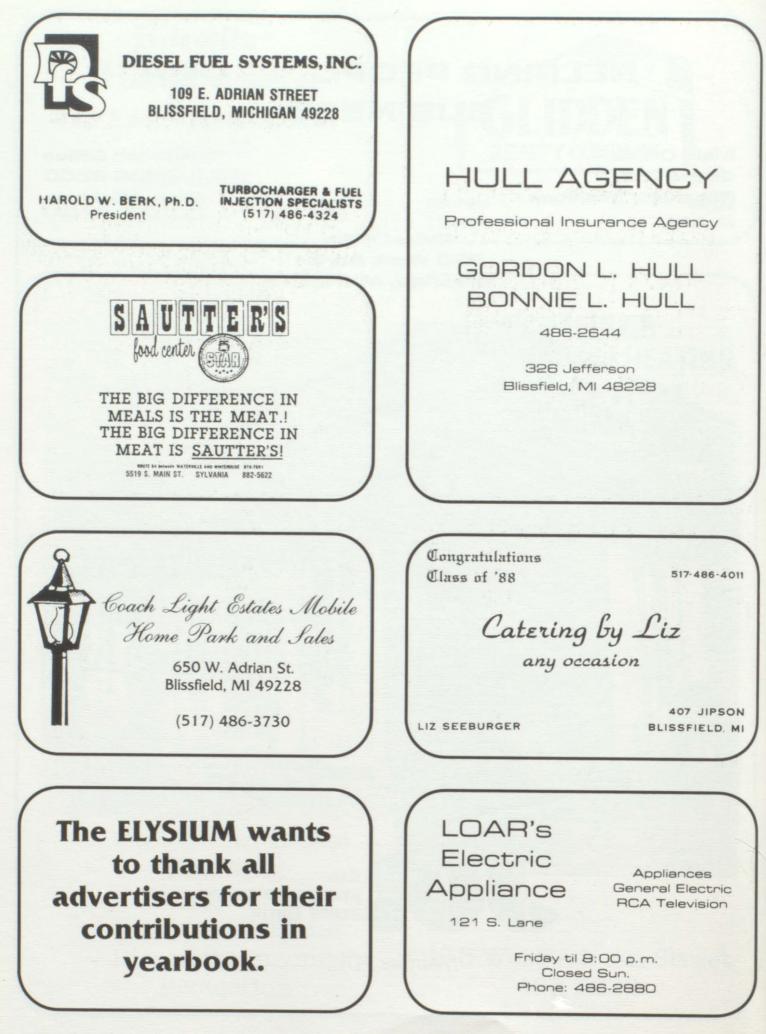
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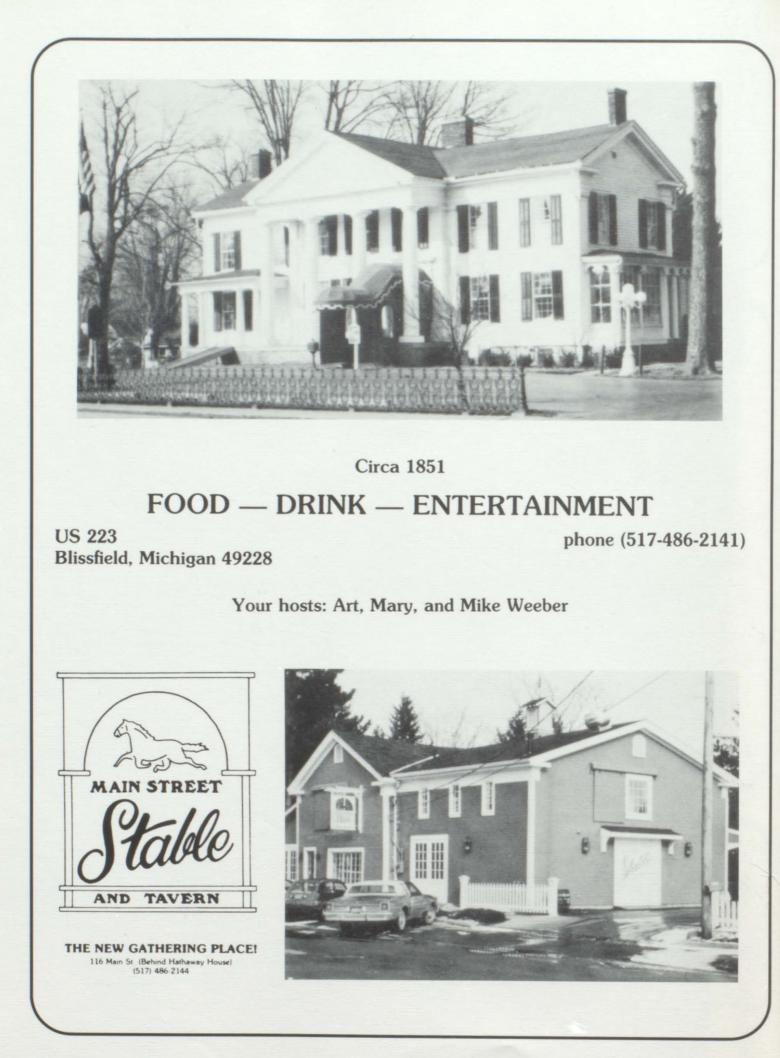
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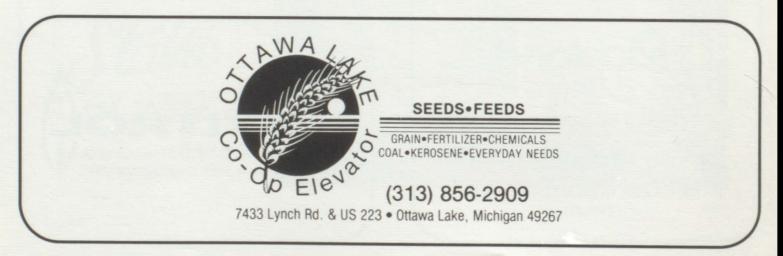
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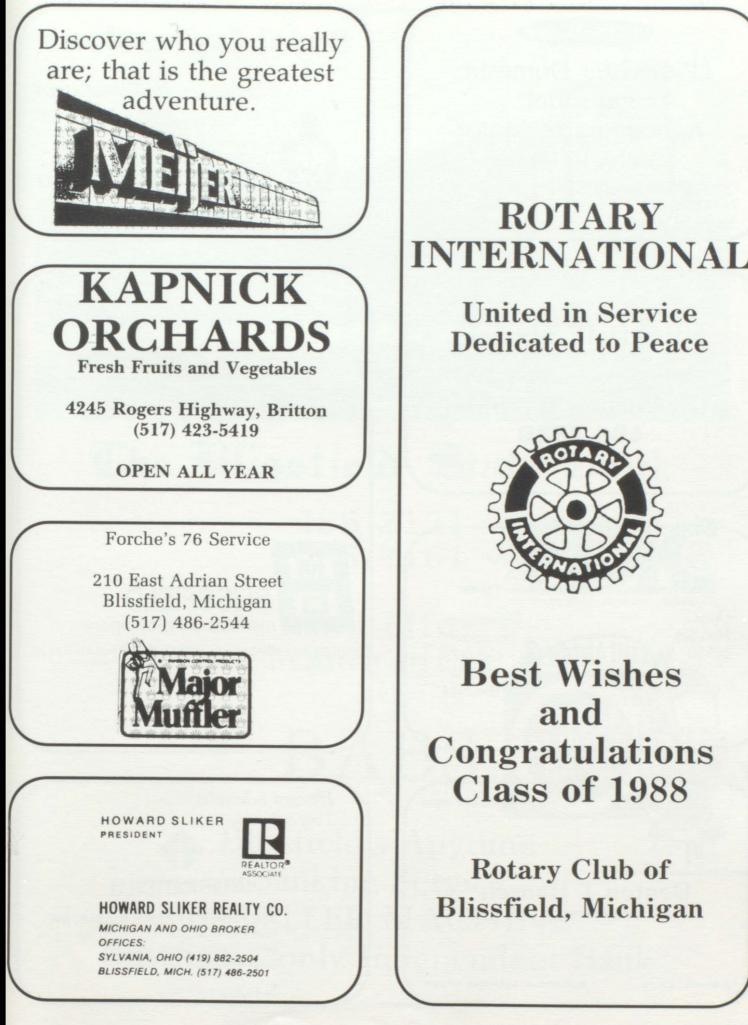
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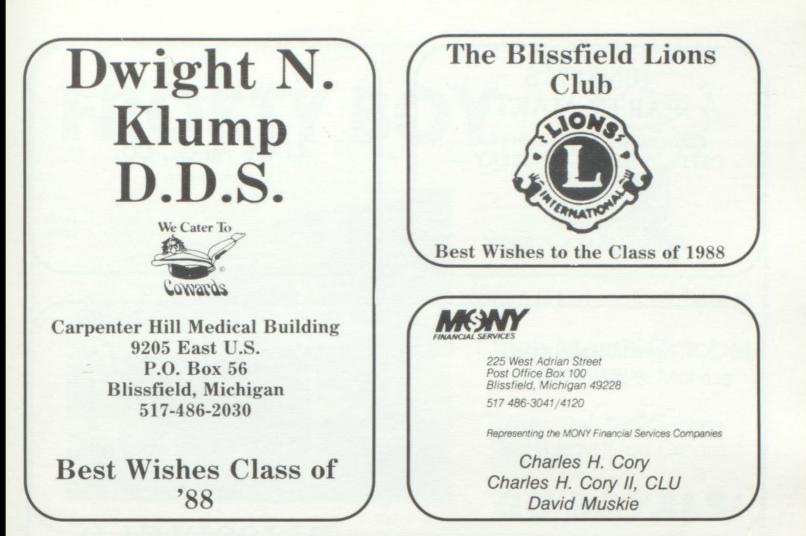
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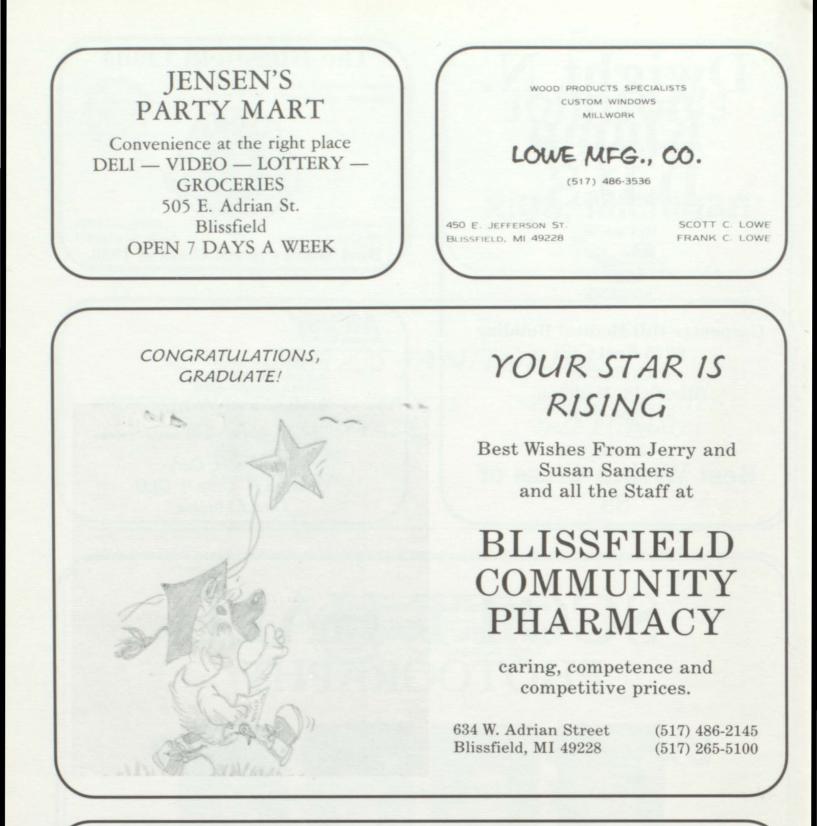
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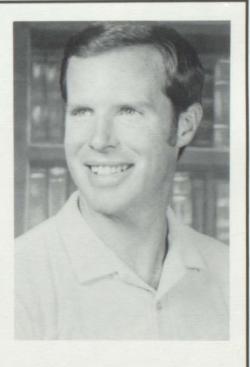
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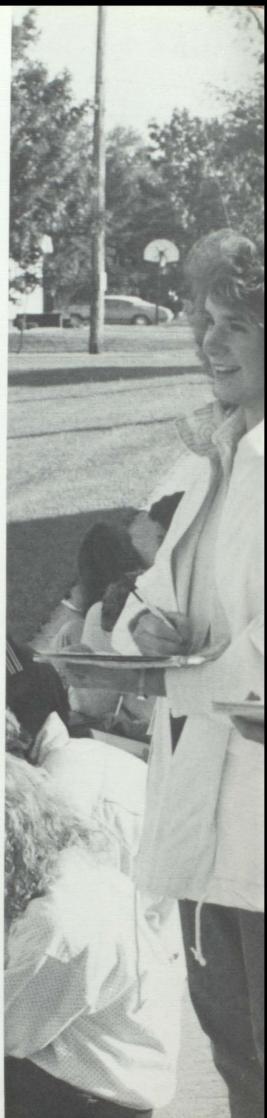
(Right) Rob Henning wins the sack race at Student Council Olympics day. (Below) Seniors Lynette Howland and Eric Haynes join the Memorial Day practice.



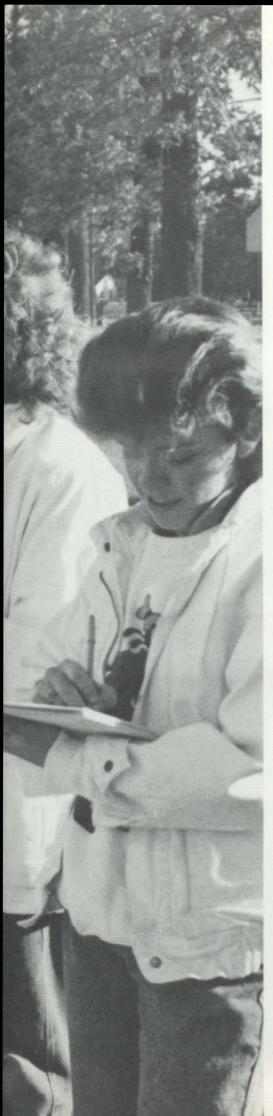




In the last practice of marching band are seniors Dave Haefner, Jerry Hayes behind Dave Mitchell and Brian Goetz just behind Laura Knisel. Freshman Andrew Gitersonke awaits his turn.



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Seeing the End But Looking Toward the Future

The final slamming of the lockers, handing in of worn textbooks, and bending over the year's final exams are all actions signaling the end of another school year.

1988 was filled with changes, challenges and heartache ranging from new administration to the loss of a fellow student.

(Right) Absorbing the spring atmosphere through writing is a task Mrs. Mershon's English 10 class members Cyndee Adrian, Susie Isley and Michelle Geib seem to be enjoying. Students were able to pull together and bring the year to a successful, event filled end. Seniors said goodbye, juniors looked toward the senior year. Sophomores were excited to be reaching upperclass level and the freshman were just stepping along as the last door closed.



(Left) Cleaning up from a long hour of work in art, Kendra Warner washes out the last paint brush of the year. (Below) The loss of friend and classmate Kyle Goetz deeply affected students, as some expressed their loss in the painting of the memorial rock.



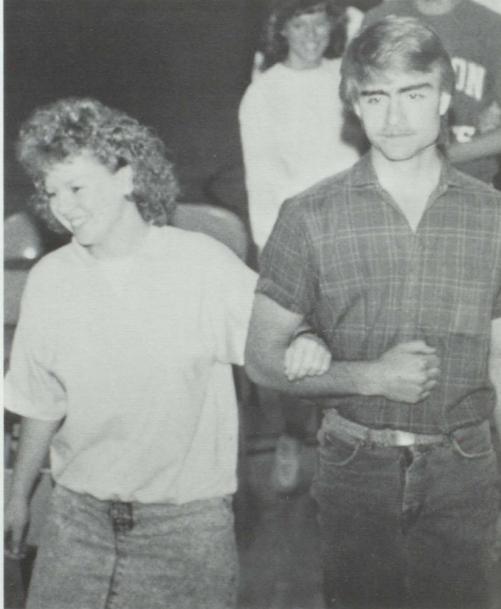
(Right) "We're Done!" is the cheer that many underclassmen, including Jessica Rothfuss, yell as the last bell rings. (Below Left) Relaxing before ball practices, Anthony Martinez hangs around and enjoys pop from the new Coke machine. (Below Corner) Feeling relief as the year draws to an end, senior Julie Smith lets out her tension through hearty laughter. (Below Right) Seniors Jana Street and Kevin Berry practice for Baccalaureate as they prepare for one of their final formal ceremonies before leaving BHS.











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