

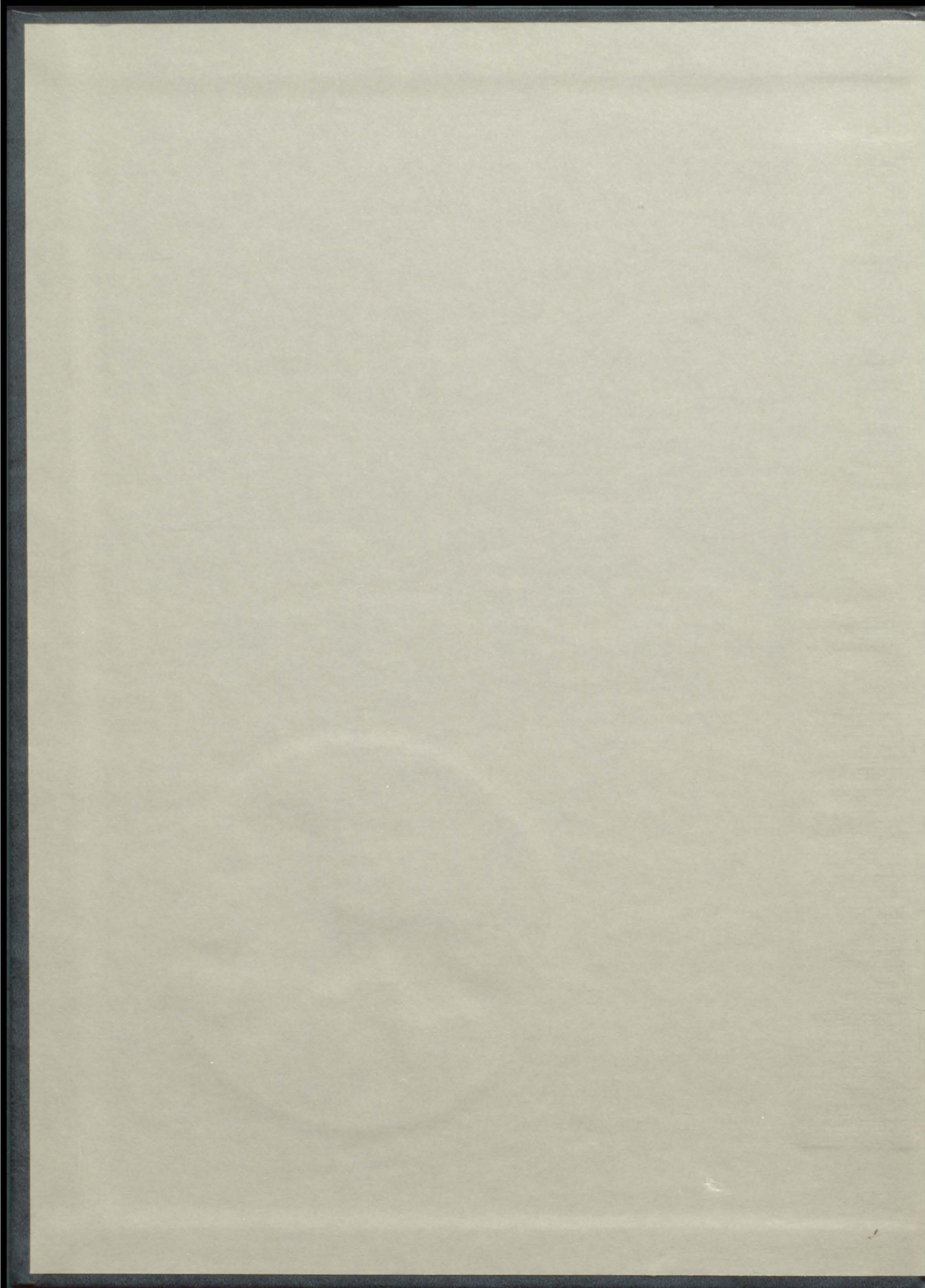
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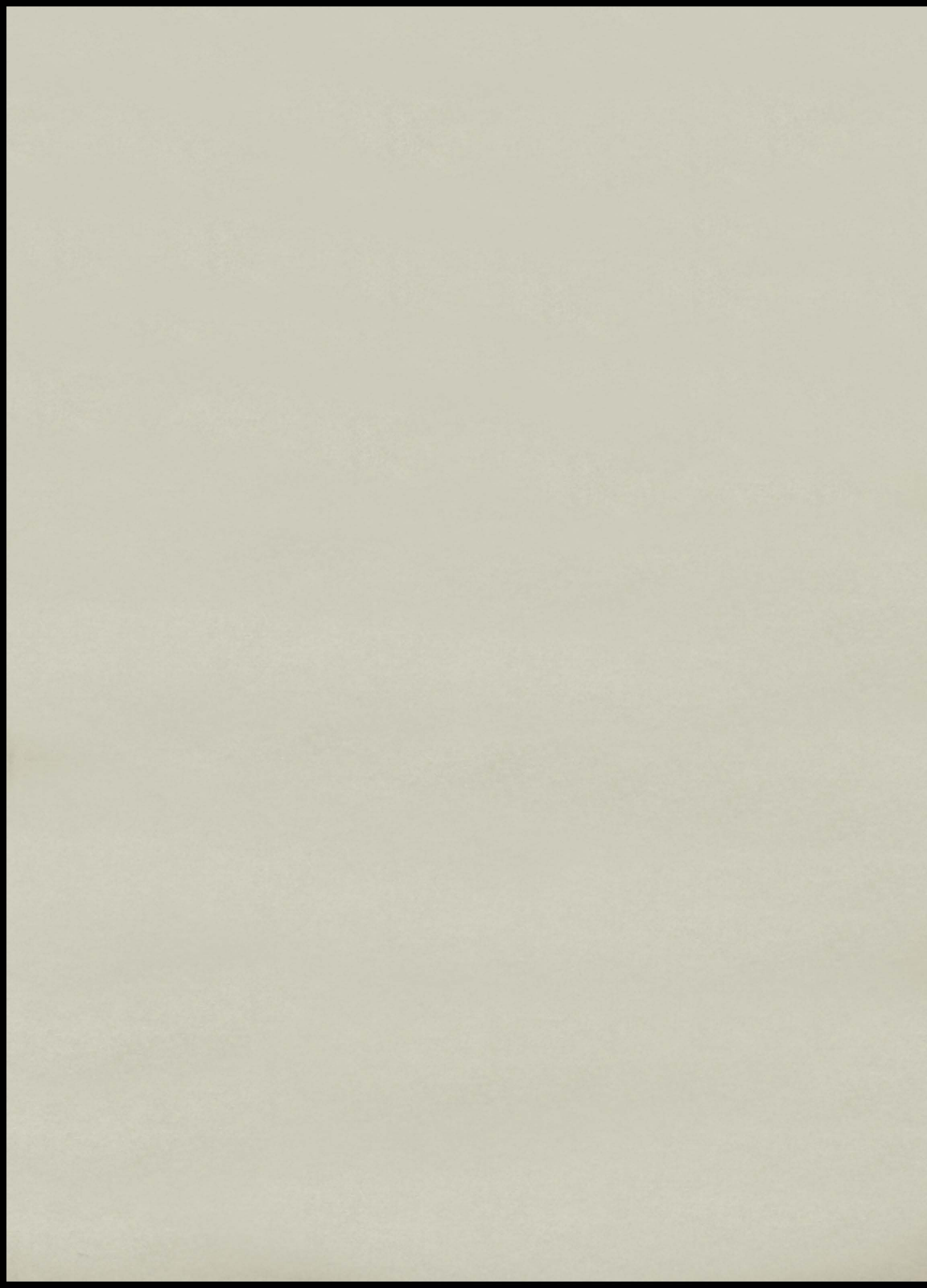
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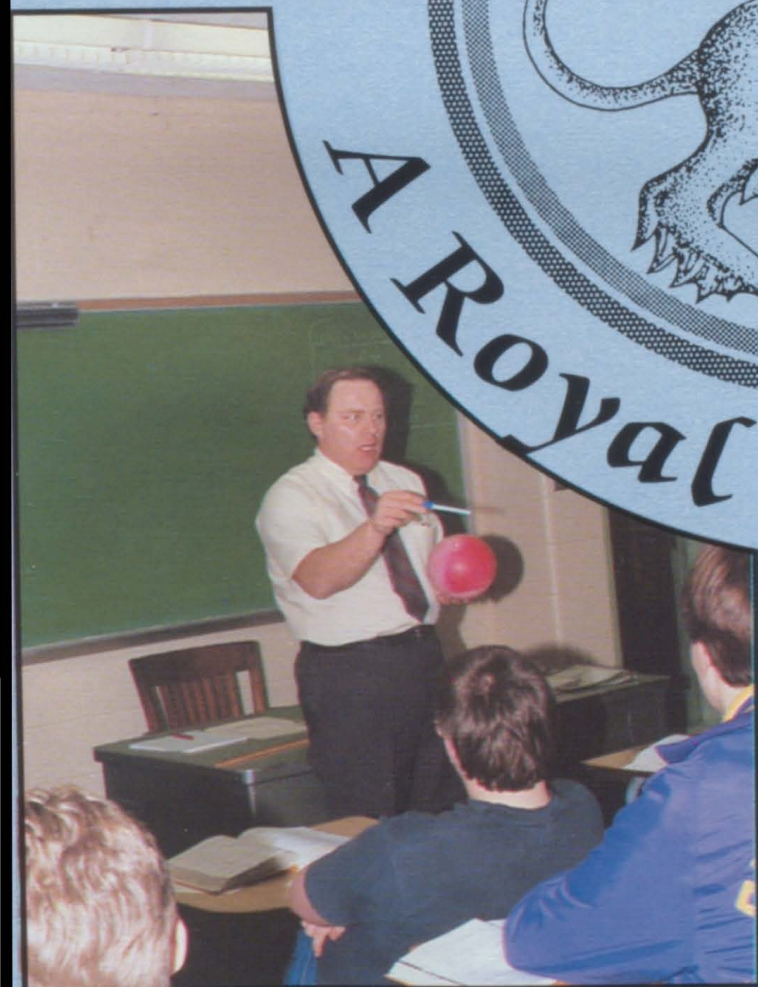
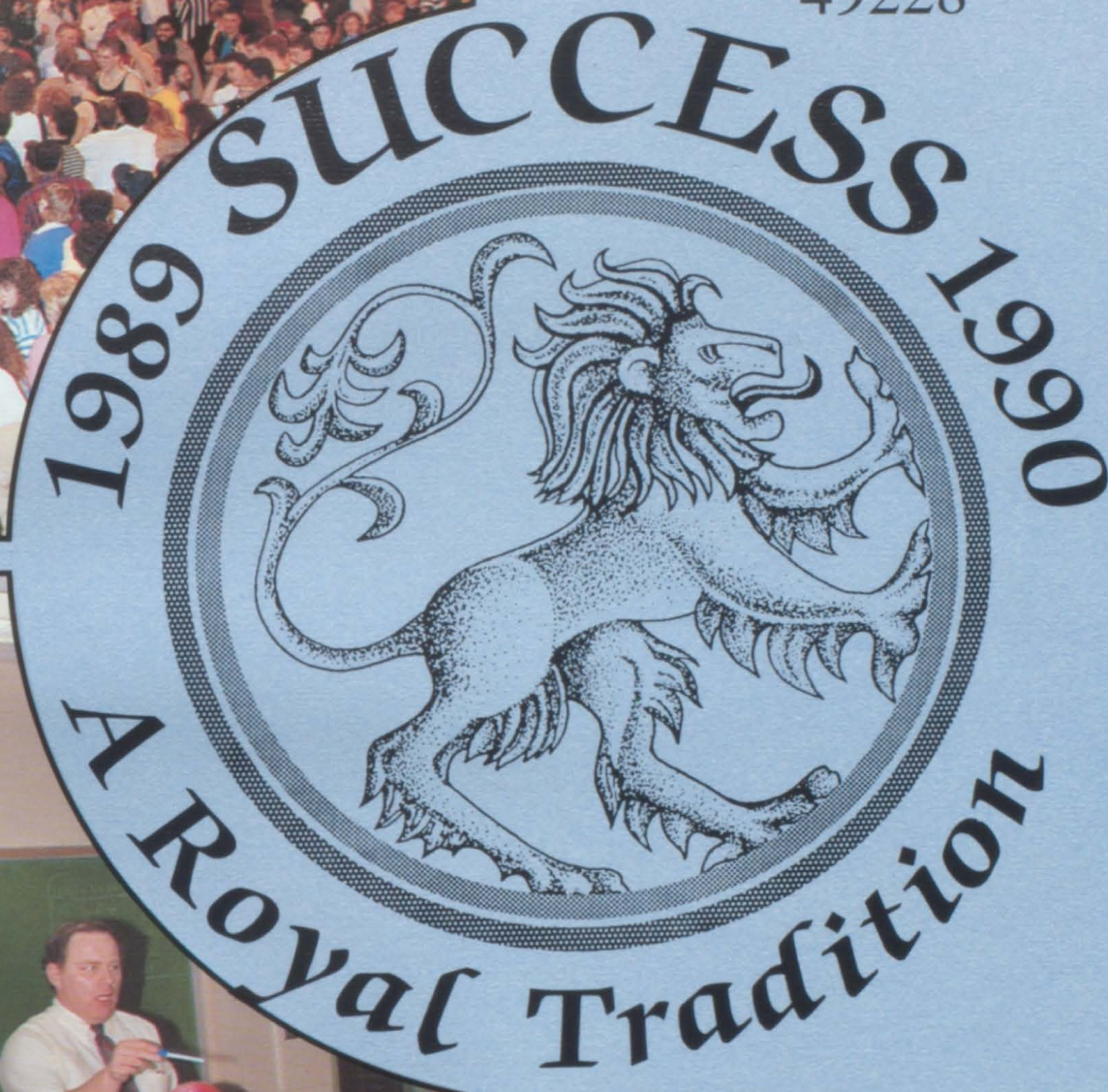


A Royal Tradition





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A YEAR OF SUCCESS

Success. It could be seen everywhere--it was everywhere. Whether in the classroom, on the field, court or stage, personal and professional successes were happening nonstop throughout the school year.

The varsity girls' basketball team achieved success with their high rank of seventh in the state. Both the boys' JV and Varsity basketball teams were successful in their seasons. Junior varsity tied for league champs and varsity won the league title, were ranked third in state, won districts and went on to regionals. Greg Denecker broke the long-standing county scoring record and on the same night was crowned Coming Home King. Golf, cross country and wrestling all had athletes qualify for state.

For the first time in many years, Blissfield had a National Merit finalist in Mike Warner. The first female Junior Rotarian, Theresa Flynn, was selected, breaking the tradition of "males only." Three students sang in State Honors Choir and several band members participated in the county honors band.

The citizens of Blissfield banded together to fight a vicious battle against the harmful nuclear waste dump threatened to be placed in Riga.

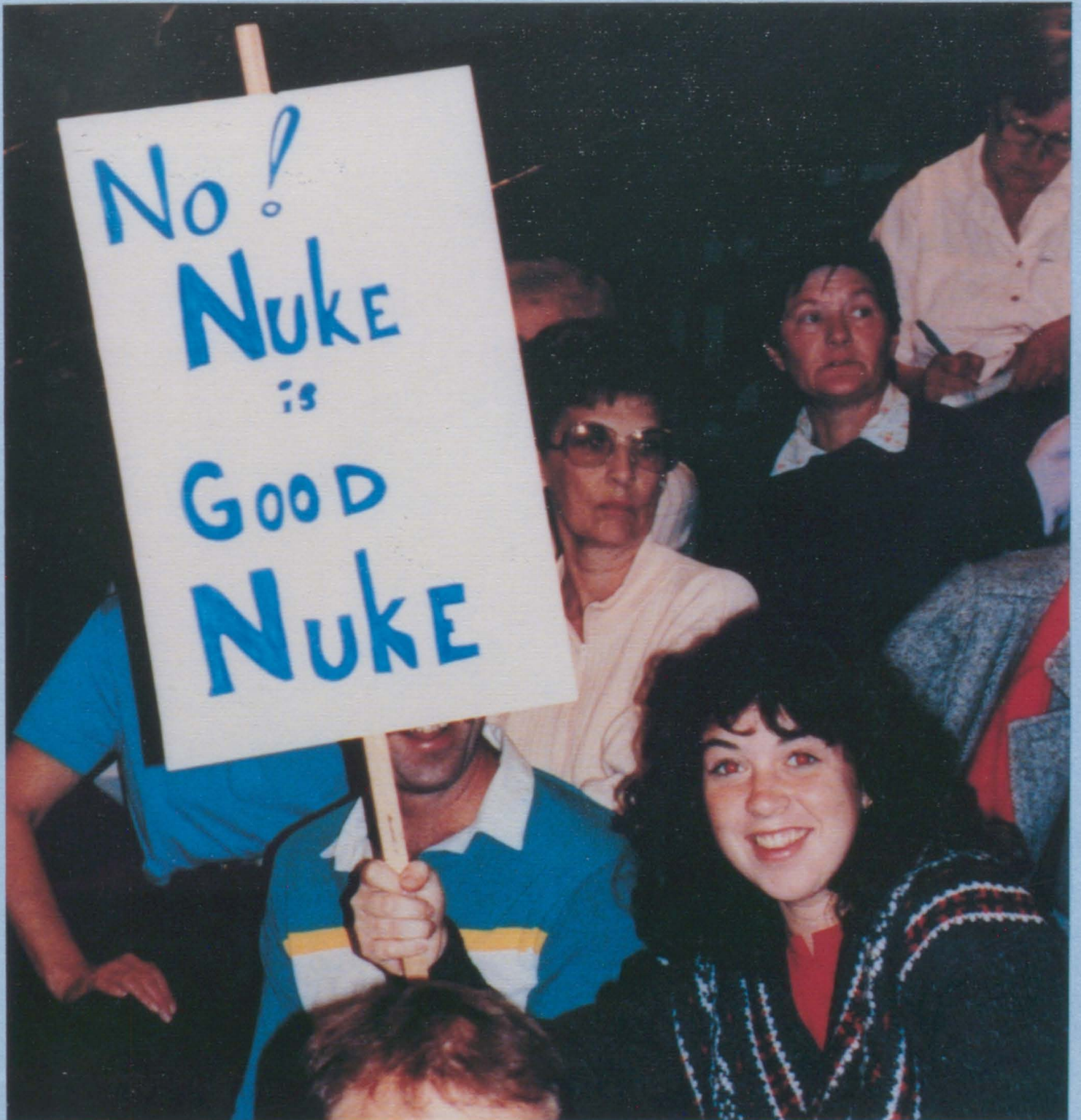
Although everything was not a success, students, adults and entire community learned to turn the negative into positive. This was the core of what made Blissfield High School successful.

When the World Came to Blissfield



Reporters and cameramen from seven television stations and five newspapers and six radio stations' reporters covered the overflow crowd in the gym in October when the world came to Blissfield to find out about the low-level nuclear waste storage facility proposed for Riga Township.







Above: Homecoming court members, Kelly Tonneberger, Susie Isley, Vicky Beagle, Wendy Neuroth. Float Riders from left, Shana Case, Michelle Mowery, Stephanie Lombard, Stephanie Miller, Shannon Waigle, Shari Sellick, Jennie Charlefour and Alissa Karg.



Middle right: Freshmen flower fluffing party.
Lower right: Cafeteria displays the Homecoming spirit with this massive sign.



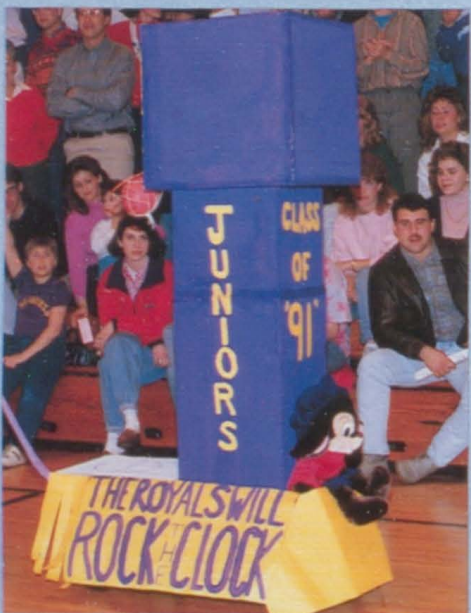


Homecoming Queen Kelly Tonneberger and her court; Wendy Neuroth, Susie Isley and Vicky Beagle.



Coming Home was a royal victory for the juniors, the basketball teams and Greg Denecker.

The juniors ran off with the nur-



sery rhyme float competition award.

Both the varsity and junior varsity teams won. The varsity game was stopped after three minutes to honor Greg Denecker who had just broken a 26 year old county scoring record.

Later in the evening Greg was crowned Coming Home King at the dance.





Activities such as the Honor Society and the annual fall play were good representations of how student-organized programs were successful.

At left: Mira Colman seated with Steve Pollick. Mr. Pollick, who is an outdoors writer, was the guest speaker at the Honor Society banquet. He addressed the issue of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska.

Below: "Death by Chocolate", a satire of the weight loss industry, was produced by B.H.S. this fall. In this scene Mira Colman's character has just eaten a poisoned chocolate. Surrounding her are, Ken St. Clair, Theresa Flynn, Jon Colman and Jeff Schoonover.



Throughout the year, group effort and togetherness were apparent. For some it was the last time to work with those they knew so well, for others a chance to work with new people. New friendships were made, while older ties were made stronger.

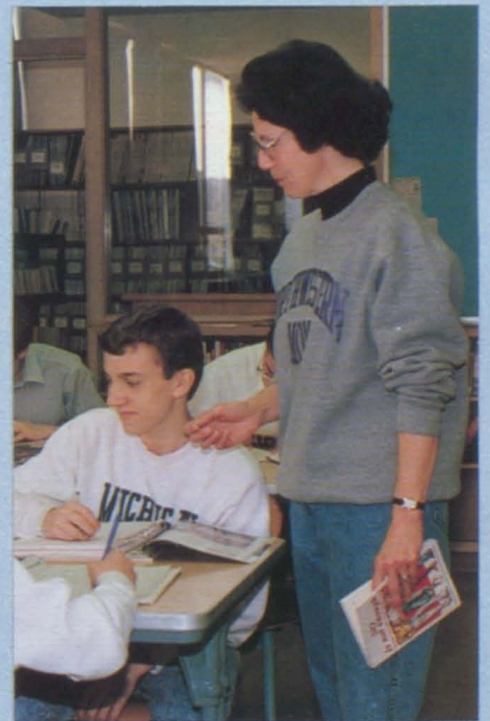




BHS students discovered that being together in groups made tasks seem like play. Although it may have looked like all fun and games, work did get accomplished and goals were achieved.

At left: sophmores work together to build their Coming Home float.

Below: Mrs. Mershon gives a few pointers to these gentlemen who are in her freshmen speech class. Mrs. Mershon was in the spirit of Coming Home week as is apparent by her sweatshirt on "College Sweatshirt Day".



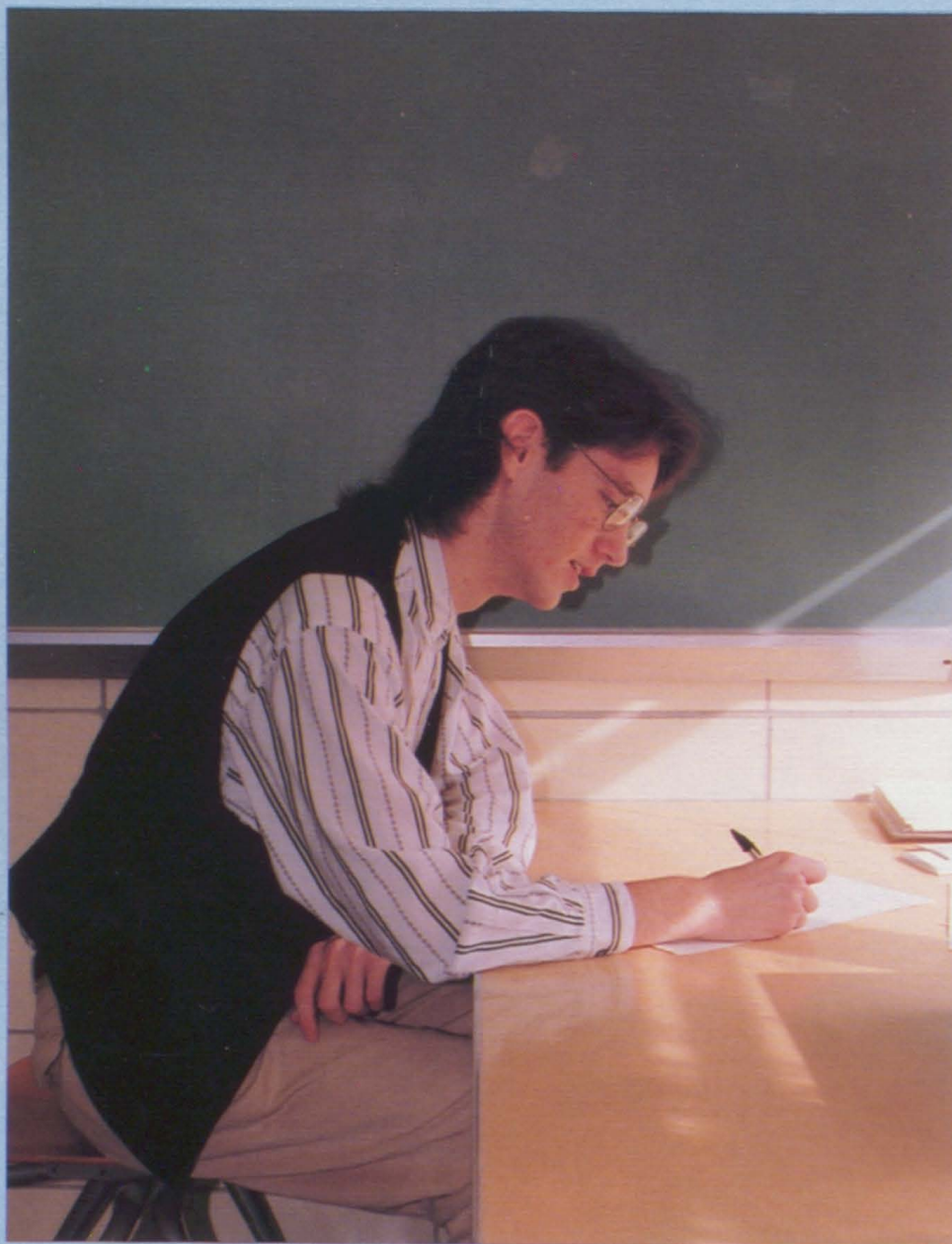


We had our moments of relief - Al Diver roared not at students but with them at the last pep assembly of basketball season. Even grandma came to class to check on her young. Dancing and fruit inventory showed both sides of high school life.





Right: Theresa Flynn
attending a Rotary
meeting.
Below: National Merit
Finalist Mike Warner.



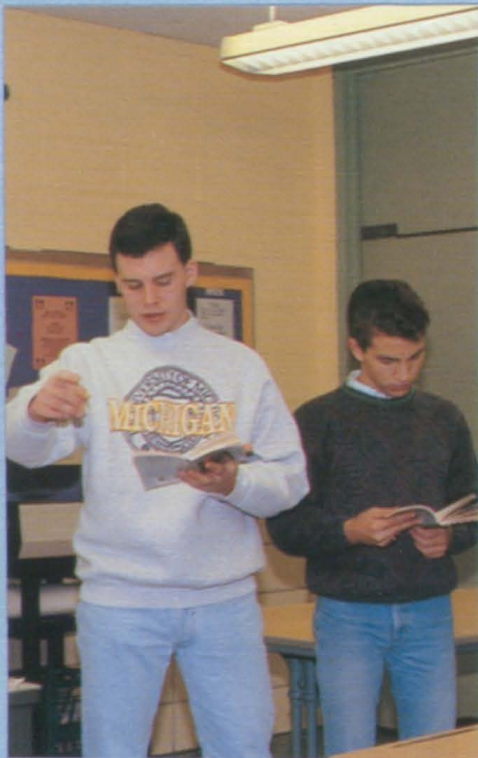


Lisa Dusseau, Aaron Seiser, Jeff Schoonover, Leigh Ann Winchel, Brent Koester, Susie Isley.

A venerable quartet, of women and voices. Singing are from left; Niki DeGroff, Marci Beyer, Mira Colman and Pam Howell.



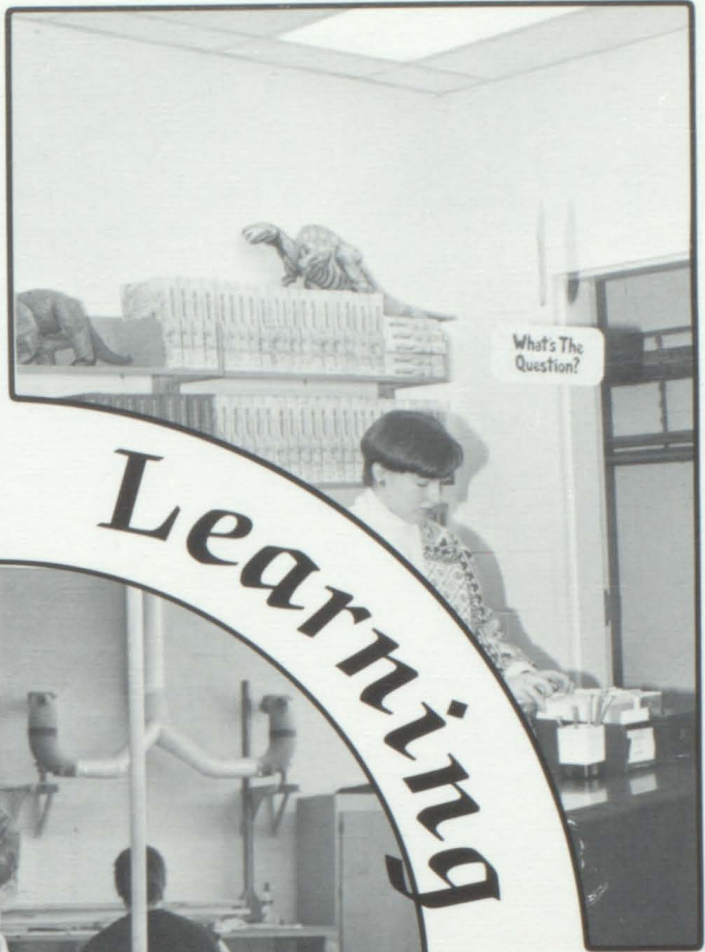
Success. It was everywhere this year, and came in many different ways. Sometimes it came only after failure, or when it seemed that it was impossible to achieve. But one way or another, students and faculty of Blissfield High School, were able to make this year a success, not only for themselves but for the whole community.



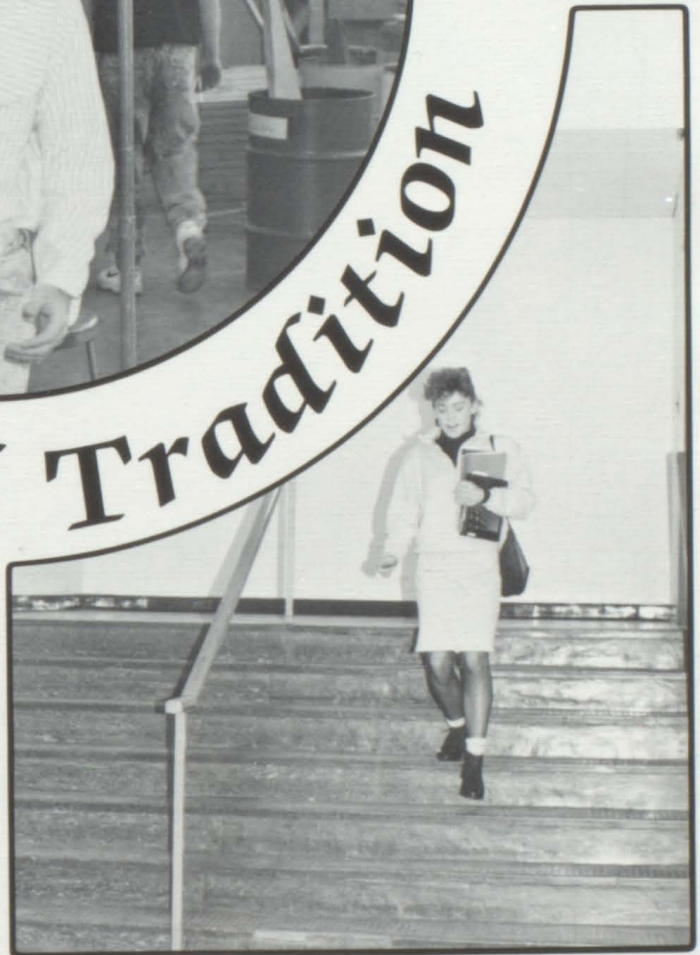
Sometimes the best way to understand something, such as literature is simply act it out. Here Trevor Hale and Chris Reau act out a scene from Shakespeare's Othello in A.P. english.



Being in Band meant getting there early enough to get your instrument assembled before class started. Wendy Neuroth, Amy VanSlambrook, Lisa Barger, Dave Heijl and Mike Warner get their instruments out of the storage room.



Successful Learning
A Blissfield Tradition





Left: President Theresa Flynn and French Club Member Cheryl Beagle enjoy pizza at the final meeting of the year.

Right: French students in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris.



First row: T. Flynn, K. Saxton, M. Brauner, L. Barger, J. Rothfuss, Mrs. Hawley
 Second row: C. Pieper, J. Stutzman, K. DeRemer, B. Reaume, J. Diver, J. Colman
 Third row: A. Lahaur, A. Eisenmann, M. Ganun, A. Blackburn, C. Isley, M. Dull, W. Ricker
 Fourth row: A. Young, A. Topolski, E. Strong, A. Hartman, G. Case, S. Berry, C. Beagle

Vive la France

The French Club engaged in a variety of activities besides the regular meetings, which were held every second Monday of each month.

In November the club went to the very famous musical "Les Miserables" at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. During Easter vacation 13 French students traveled overseas with Mrs. Hawley to tour parts of England and France. Instead of going out to eat a French meal, the French club held a progressive dinner in April. This

involved members preparing French dishes at their homes for the club to progressively sample.



Students Speak Out

The Blissfield Forensics league began with a huge turnout at the Lenawee County workshop. Soon the true competitors were preparing their speeches and rehearsing their lines. The sections were dramatic interpretation, impromptu speaking, sales and duo/multiple interpretation.

The year's national debate topic was Resolved: That the Federal Government should implement a plan to reduce overcrowding in Federal prisons and jails.



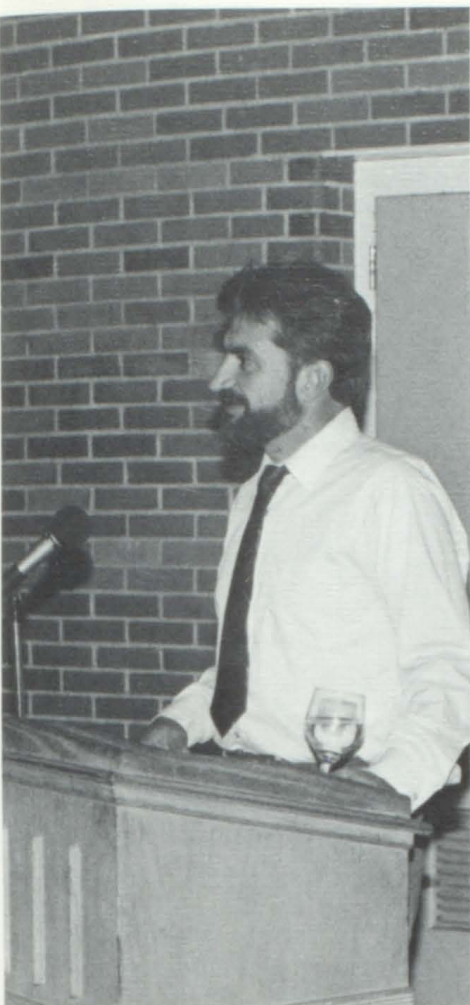
First row: E. Clement, C. Rogers, N. LaJiness, J. Marcus, D. Hale
Second row: J. Lubinski, J. Ball, S. Case, N. DeGroff, K. St. Clair
Third row: T. Flynn, T. Hale, J. Schoonover, D. Nichols, A. Topolski, K. Solvik-Olsen



Advisor Judy Mershon and debate Theresa Flynn discuss strategies for the upcoming workshop.

The World Outside

The Honor Society had an outstanding number of 59 members, each with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. In the fall they put on the annual banquet with guest speaker Steve Pollick discussing his travels to Alaska. Master of Ceremonies was Jeff Schoonover and the candle lighting ceremony was led by Theresa Flynn, with Wendy Neuroth toasting parents. The Royal Women's Quartet provided sweet harmony which added to the enjoyment of the evening.



First row: J. Chapman, A. Novak, J. Cosme, S. Lombard, K. Warner, S. Isley, K. Tonneberger, K. Warner, S. Miller, K. Nesbit, M. Colman Second row: E. Carrico, R. Fisher, L. Winchel, W. Ricker, M. Mowery, R. Clement, J. Bohlka, M. Beyer, N. Dewey, J. Charlefour, H. Klempner, T. Fillipi Third row: B. Osenko, J. Forche, C. Goetz, M. Harmes, K. Gunter, B. Koester, S. Boyd, L. Barger, J. Ball, R. Schweitzer, K. Saxton, J. Stutzman, S. Smith, D. Brink Fourth row: A. Schmidt, L. Crist, S. Midura, T. Hale, T. Aldrich, A. Karg, T. Durbin, C. Debacker, E. Yape, G. Denecker, J. Burkholder, M. Shirley, J. Schoonover, T. Flynn, M. Warner

Above: Steve Pollick tells of his adventures in Alaska after Wendy Neuroth gives a toast to the parents.

A Note of Accomplishment

The Blissfield High School Band once again obtained many honors. Several members participated in solo and ensemble and honors band. They received a superior rating at the District Band Festival. Officers were: President Wendy Neuroth, Vice President Vicky Beagle, and Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Barger.

The band's success concluded with a spring pops concert and ice cream social during which coronet and trumpet soloist Carter Eggers was featured. The annual band banquet was held in May and all members were presented with an award. Special recognition was given to Mike Warner and Amy VanSlambrook.

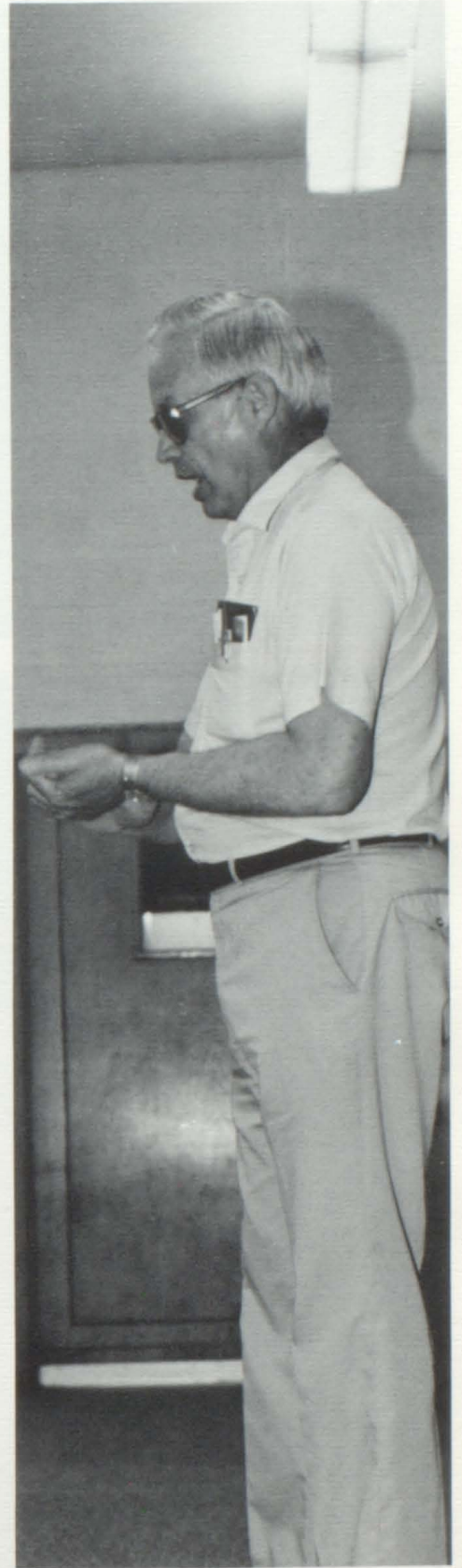
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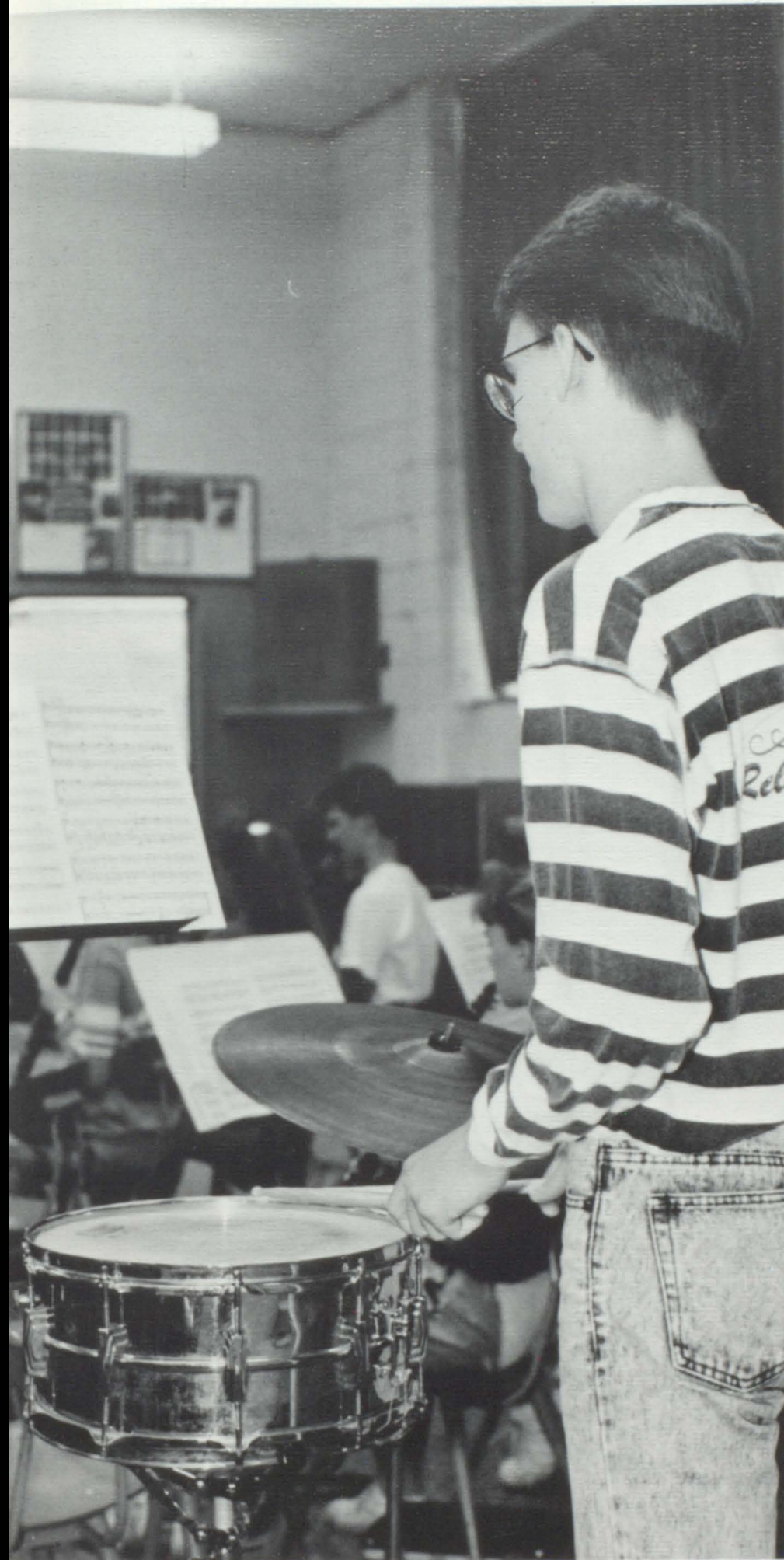
Above: Despite the poor weather marching band members still had a great time. Right: Clarinets concentrate as they prepare for the pops concert.



Below: Mr. McCormick led the band to success through his strict devotion.



Left: Percussionist Alan Topolski studies his music intently.



First row: B. Finnegan, J. Piotter, W. Kerns, M. Colman, C. Kerns, M. Grodi, T. Monobe, Ms. S. Frye Second row: N. DeGroff, A. Handley, N. Bussing, K. Paus, A. Young, E. Martinez, S. Peterham, S. Gintack, R. Thompson, T. Carrico Third row: C. Pieper, D. Paus, L. Fisher, M. Spiegel, J. Lubinski, C. Austin, A. Patterson, T. Houttiker, R. Schweitzer, A. Dillon, M. Beyer, C. Gebert, C. Becky, T. Andrews, S. Pederson, J. Strong, S. Marquis, T. Bowers, P. Howell





A Scale of Success

The doors to success were wide open for choir. The music department boasted six regional honors choir students and three state finalists. The Royal Women's Quartet and Royalaires were very involved, both in and out of school. The halls were filled with sweet melodies during holidays, birthdays and other special occasions.

Bottom left: Choir students share a song with Mrs. Frye
Below: State Honors Choir members Pam Howell, Mira Colman and Marci Beyer.
Left: Teenagers cuddle up to Conrad.



AHHH! We Love You Conrad...

Screaming girls, poodle skirts and the hip action of a teenage heartthrob brought to the present the long-forgotten lifestyle of the 50's. With a lead cast composed of Trevor Hale, Niki DeGroff, Dave Nichols and Mira Colman "Bye Bye Birdie" made audiences double over with laughter. The cast and crew joined forces to put on a successful production and had fun all the while.

Right: Kim (Mira Colman) looks starry eyed at Conrad Birdie (David Nichols) as he sings "One Last Kiss".

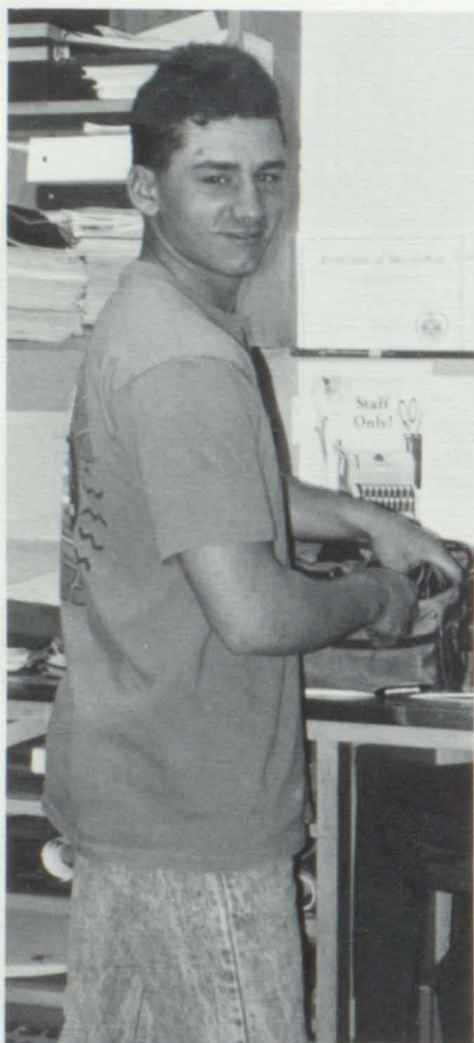
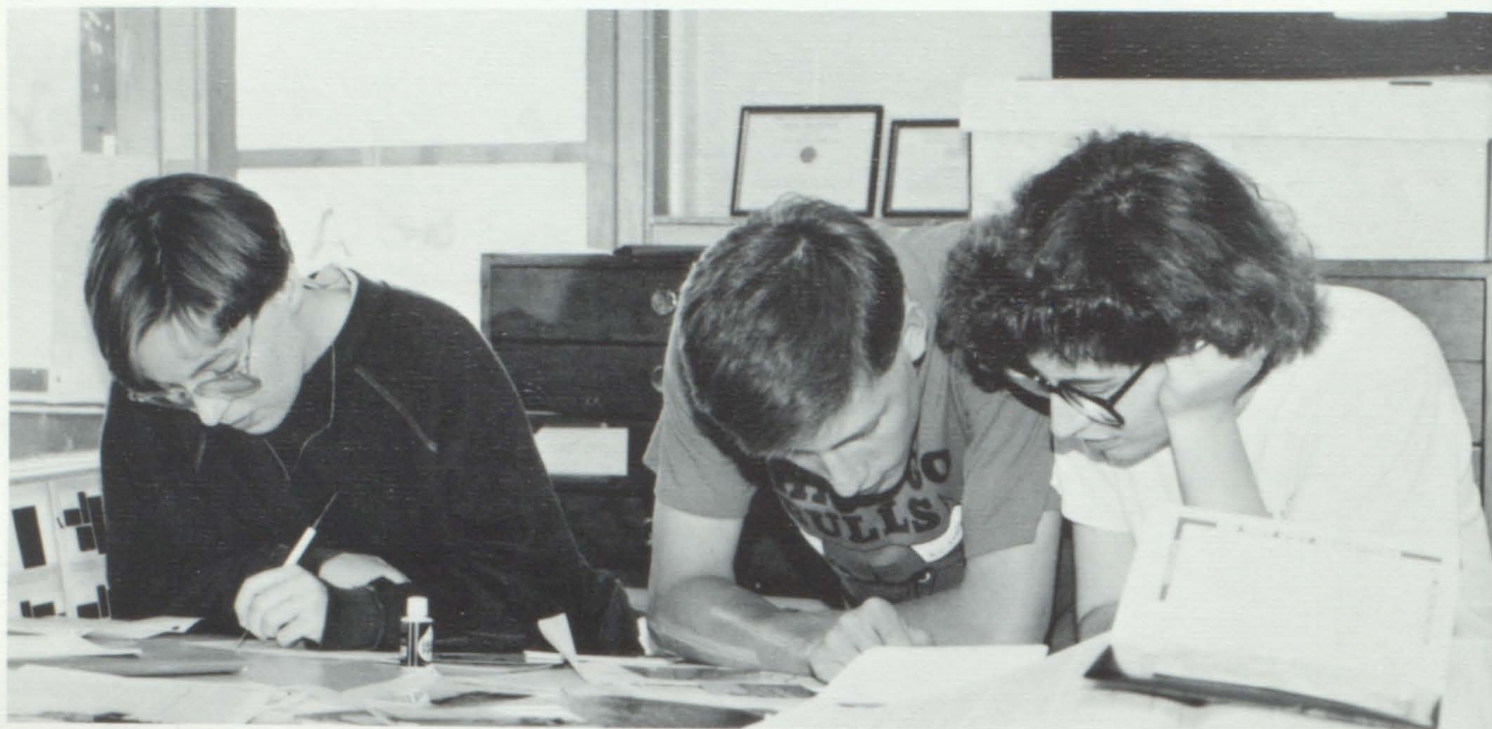
Below: Albert Peterson (Trevor Hale) denies rumors of Conrad's "innocent past."



Left: Mr. and Mrs. MacAfee (Kirk Neuroth, Theresa Flynn) declare their love for Ed Sullivan. Right: Telephone Kids catch up on the latest gossip. Below: Entire cast and crew of "Bye Bye Birdie" gather before final performance.



Time Consuming, Yet Rewarding



Chad Abbott could always be found with camera in hand. Above: Staffers finish up spring sports layouts.

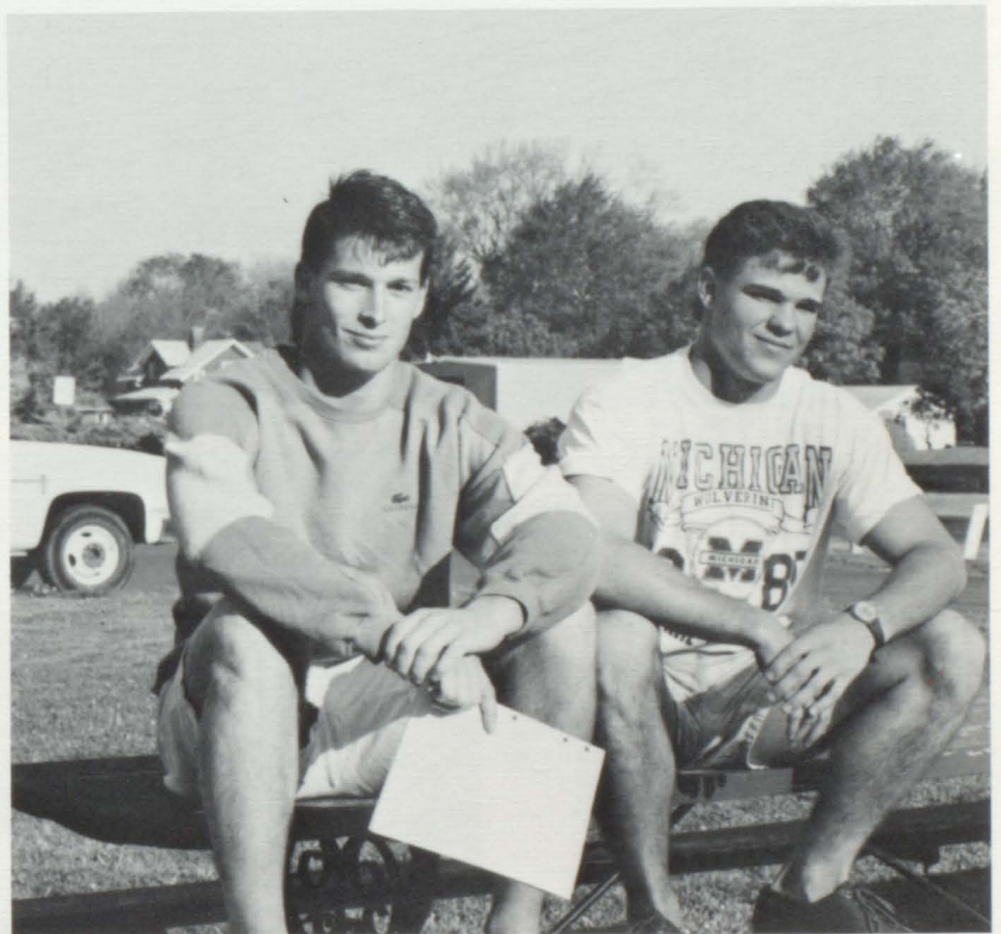
Yearbook duties could not always be completed at school so "homework" was usually assigned.



Yearbook was an organization that required time, responsibility and conscious effort. An editorial board was established which divided up the various sections. This proved to be helpful as all the pressure was not placed on a single person. All deadlines were met with time to spare and the staffers discovered how rewarding the hard work could be.

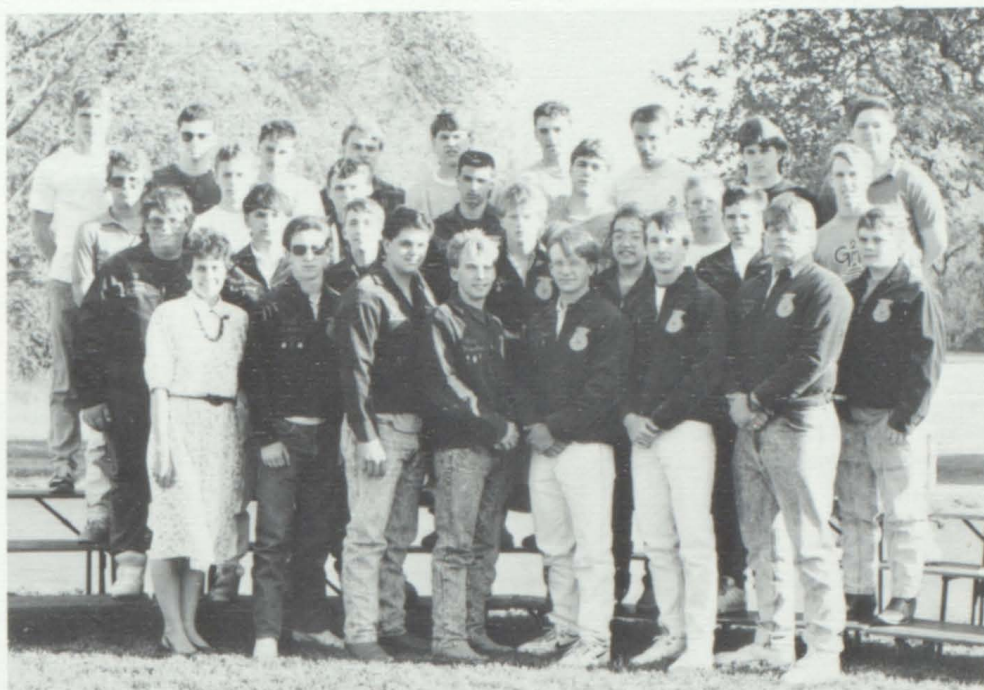
Bottom left: Advisor Peter Durbin helped immensely with the production of the book.

Bottom right: Future and present sports editors, Keith Keller and Brent Koester.





Mrs. Isley, P. Whiteman, J. Moore, E. Mapstone, J. Fisher, C. Fisher, T. Vergote
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 mann, D. Stubli Fourth row: R. Sedlacek, E. Salisbury, R. Pitts, R. Wielfart, A.
 Potts, C. Beagle, G. Piorkowski, K. Kastle, L. Rose



Teamwork Spells Success

FFA offers many opportunities for teamwork, cooperation, pride and leadership. The members involved themselves in many worthwhile projects. Paul Whiteman and Jeff Street attended the Washington D.C. conference in July and the national convention in Kansas City, Missouri last November.

Eric Mapstone, President, was awarded a State FFA Degree in Production Agriculture.

Below: Key Club Officers.

Bottom: Kiwanians and Key Club members celebrate after the induction ceremony.





Experience Brings Success

Key Club was composed of Junior Kiwanians who helped in public service and gained leadership experience. Key Club was headed by president Jeff Schoonover, vice president Dawn Johnson, secretary Becky Reaume and treasurer Shane Waigle. Jeff Schoonover stated, "Our organization has the potential of becoming one of the best organizations in the state, because of our determination and dedication to the up and coming underclassmen members."



First row: Becky Reaume, Jeff Schoonover, Dawn Johnson, Shane Waigle
Second row: Shannon Waigle, Judy Marcus, Christy Rogers, Jasmine Ball, Mira Colman, Jon Colman
Third row: Andy Reed, Emmadean Martinez, Dani Hale, Ryan Clement, Ernie Hough

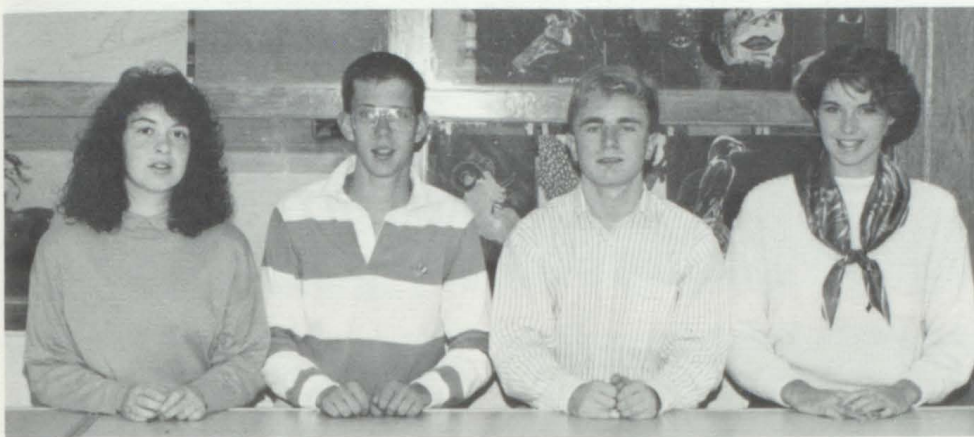


Brandon Osenko assists Freedom Jam members in setting up for the concert.

Raising Standards and Achieving Goals

In September, the student council set some goals that they hoped to achieve before the end of the year. Some of these goals included raising school spirit, serving the student body, and helping the school and community become a better place.

They reached these goals with everybody working together. School spirit was raised with such events as Homecoming, the Christmas dance, Cominghome, and the Freedom Jam assembly. The student council also bought six new flags for the classrooms, had a drug and alcohol assembly, and sold popcorn at football and basketball games.



Left: Student Council Officers: president Mike Novak, vice-president Theresa Flynn, secretary Vicky Beagle, treasurer Tom Durbin.



First row: T. Flynn, M. Novak, V. Beagle, T. Durbin Second row: R. Pitts, D. Johnson, T. Manobe, A. VanSlambrook, V. Silva, M. Rothfuss, B. Osenko, S. Diebel, N. Dewey Third row: S. Case, I. Brito, S. Lombard, A. Kastle, S. Sellick, S. Waigle, J. Rothfuss, E. Allshouse, M. Yeager, M. Hensche Fourth row: K. Solvik-Olsen, S. Pederson, R. Rank, C. Debacker, J. Jackson, G. Denecker, T. Flores, J. Schoonover, M. Warner, H. Winkler, M. Tusveld

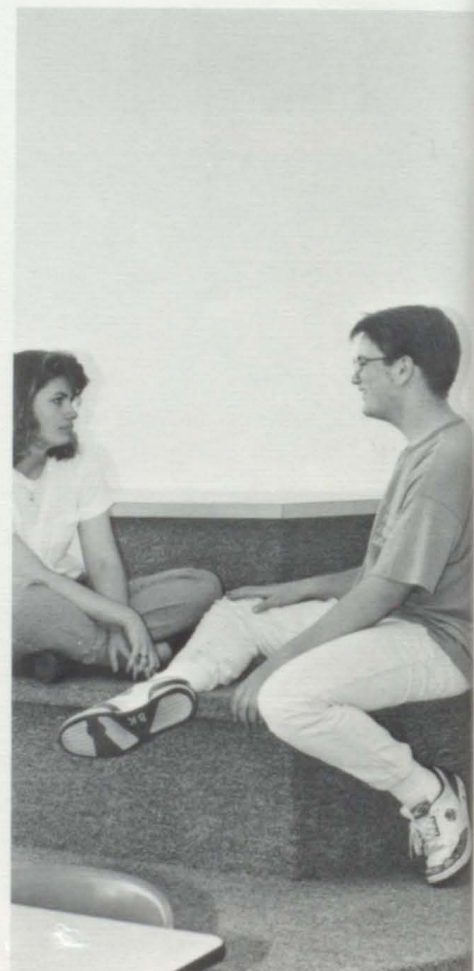
You Talk They Listen

The peer listeners notched another win in the success column. Peer Day was held in the spring as schools from all four counties got together to exchange ideas. A variety of in-services were held, including the "Parent Panel." Members of the community openly discussed topics ranging from curfews, inter-racial relationships, drinking, dating to many other subjects which involve teens today.

Right: Listeners eat and talk with Barbara Van Heuter, the regional trainer. Bottom right: Faith Liewert listens as Jason Lubinski tells of some recent happenings.



First row: K. Warner, A. VanSlambrook, K. Nesbit, K. Warner, J. Diver Second row: C. Gomez, B. Reaume, M. Mowery, E. Martinez, J. Charlefour, W. Ricker, S. Peterham Third row: F. Liewert, S. Case, S. Boyd, J. Olivarez, M. Yeager, J. Stutzman, M. Ganun Fourth row: Mrs. Mills, J. Schoonover, K. Neuroth, T. Flores, K. Jackson, D. Nichols, Mr. Fear



Success on the Slopes

Over twenty-five people participated in the ski club, making it a great success. They traveled to Mt. Brighton twice. The advisors were Rev. Jamie Schultz and Keith Beveridge. Jasmine Ball stated "The crashes we all took together were the best parts of the trip!" Matthias Hensche said, "Compared to the mountains in Germany, Mt. Brighton is very small, but it was still a lot of fun."

Below: Ski Club members dress for the slopes.



First row: K. Hill, C. DeRemer, C. Isley, V. Silva, J. Colman, E. Martinez Second Row: D. Tuckerman, M. Mowery, A. Uckele, R. Ruhl, W. Goetz, J. Goetz, T. Filippi, I. Brito Third Row: N. Dewey, K. Ball, J. O'Brien, S. Waigle, W. Ricker, S. Diebel, A. Miller, J. Ball, M. Hensche Fourth Row: J. Rothfuss, K. Richer, S. Waigle, J. Redlinger, S. Boyd, S. Case, M. Tuseveld





Royals Reach State

Fifty students participated in the Vo-Tech program.

With the hands-on experience gained from these classes, students were able to discover different career options. Lance Soss, who enrolled in the Medical Services Technology program, felt that

it gave him a significant boost in the health field. "From first-aid to CPR to transferring patients from beds to wheelchairs, this class had it all!" Lance and Mark Iffland made state finals in HOSA - Health Occupations Students of America - and competed in nationals.

Far left: Jason Fisher goes over his plans with the instructor.

Left: Adam Seeburger takes time out from his work to smile at the camera.

Bottom left: Busy at work are Troy Wood and Mike Vanderlaan.

Below: James Mason works at a drafting table.



Below: Prom nominees anxiously await the crowning of the King and Queen.



Queen Dawn Johnson and King Mike Novak enjoy their first dance as the Royal Couple.



The junior girls show some leg and some smiles. Above: Allison Novak and her escort dance to the Sounds of Music.



“Simply Elegant”

Dusseau's Reception Hall in Temperance set the scene for the 1990 Junior/Senior prom and banquet. Music was provided by a D.J. from Sounds of Music and the dance floor was continuously active. Jennie Charlefour, prom committee member, stated “We couldn't have done it without the help of Miss Cory.” She felt it was worth the work to see everything fall into place at the end.

Top left: Kristen Powell and “Queen” Matt Yeager enjoy a ballad.

Above: Dusseau's lived up to its “Simply Elegant” theme.



Seniors take time out from dancing to talk with friends.

Honors Awarded

The fourth annual academic honors convocation was held Tuesday, May 29. Awards were presented to students from all grade levels in various divisions: from perfect attendance to specific departmental areas.



1990
Together
we built our lives;
Apart
we begin our futures.



Senior choir members join in their final song, "That's What Friends Are For"



Senior class president Jason Redlinger gives the scripture reading.

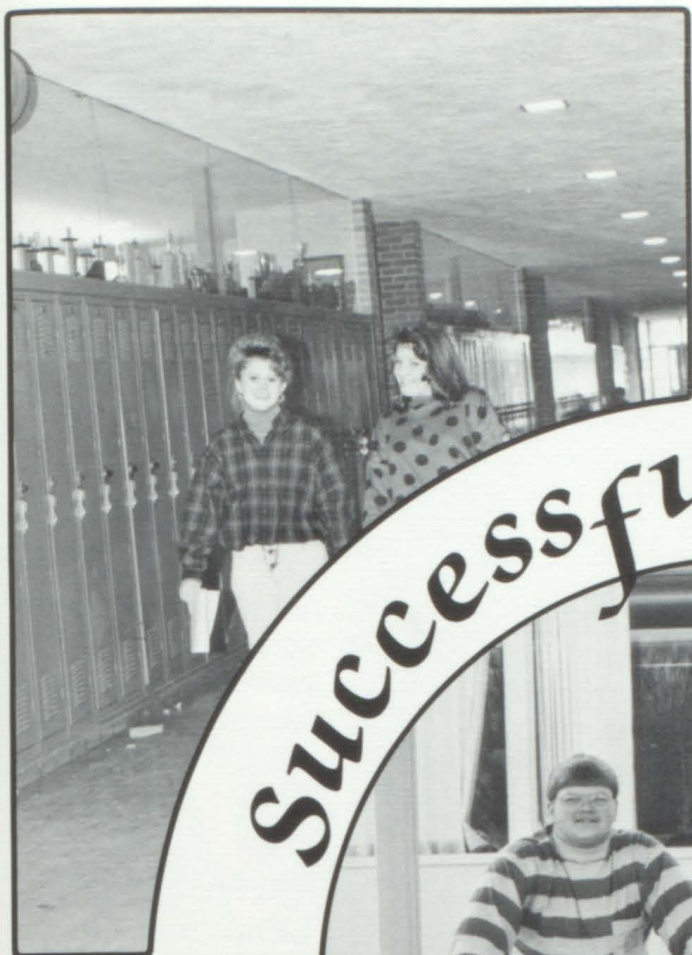
Shaped by the Future

A mixture of emotions could be seen on the faces of the seniors as they gathered for what would be their next-to-last class activity.

The speaker for the evening was the Rev. Larry VanSlambrook from the Emmanuel United Methodist Church. He spoke to the graduates on how to be "Shaped by the Future".

Music selections were presented by Wendy Neuroth and Amy VanSlambrook, Mira Colman and Trevor Hale, as well as various groups within the choir.





Successful People
A Blissfield Tradition





Dr. Larry Wilson

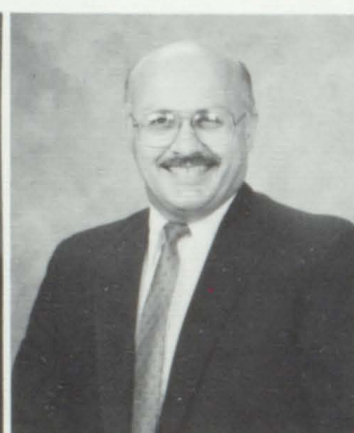
Dr. Wilson, and others, concentrate at a board meeting while contemplating a proposal.



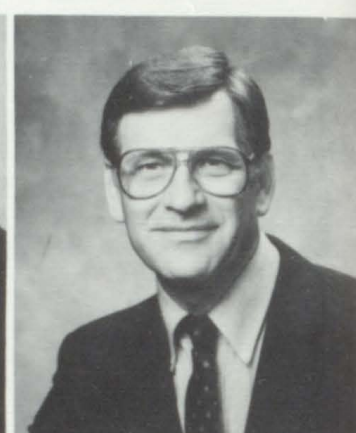
Mr. Dean Porter



Dr. Harold Berk



Mr. Victor Hogue



Dr. Dwight Klump



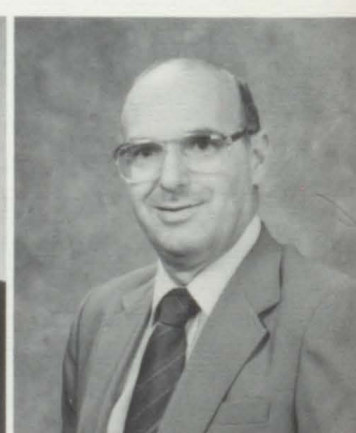
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Mr. Donald Neuroth



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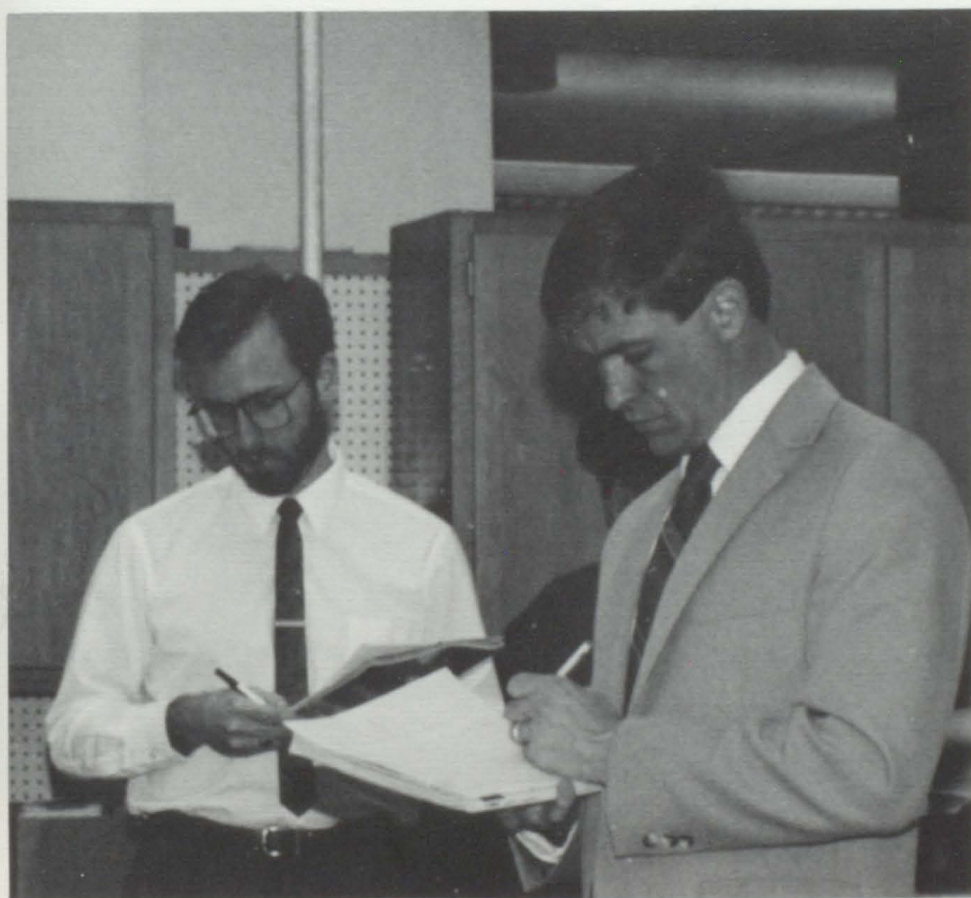


Mr. Richard Iott



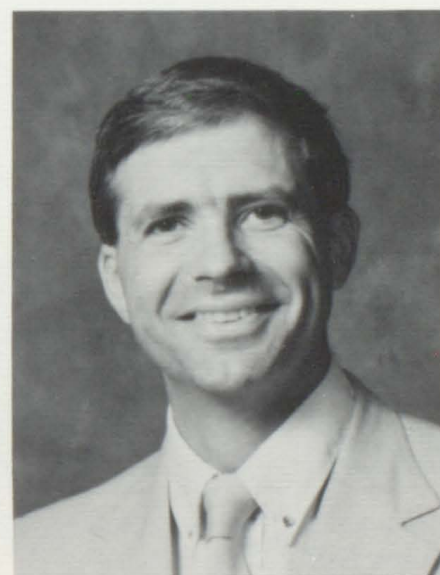
Mr. Richard Reaume

Mr. Reaume enjoys a home Basketball game with other loyal royal fans.



Mr. Driver is assisted by Mr. Harsh in judging Small Business Ownership advertising projects.

Mr. Allan Diver



Support People are OK

Support people are those who kept us moving smoothly. Because of them our school lives were less frustrating. They cleaned up after us. They listened to us. They kept us in line. And even after all this, they found a hundred different ways to let us know we were okay.

Custodians are: Dave Lewandowski, Jim Sharp, Todd Shepard, and Jesse Cruz.



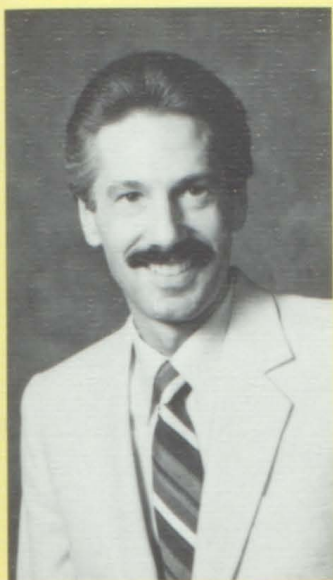
Lunch room staff: Wilma Konieczny, Carol Hejl, Mary Dusseau, Barbara Heine-man and Elsie Demey.

Cathy Horky was a lunch room and study hall monitor.



Wilma Konieczny was a lunch room cashier.

Wendall Goetz was a lunch room monitor.



Mr. Ronald Fear



Mrs. Rhea Mills



Mrs. Joan Soley



Mr. Steven Babbitt



Mr. James Boldt



Mr. Gary Brink



Mrs. Hazel Brown



Mrs. Carol
Burgermeister



Mr. Richard
Clark



Mrs. Karen
Dillie



Mr. Peter
Durbin



Mrs. Sandra
Frye



Mrs. Carol
Greenwald



Mrs. Irene
Hawley



Mrs. Laurie
Isley



Mr. Stan
Masters



Mr. Bruce
McCormick



Mrs. Judy
Mershon



Mrs. Colleen
Miller-Ayers



Mr. Phil
Nino



Mr. Michael
Parcha



Mr. Gerald
Sampson



Mr. John
Smith



Mr. David
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Mr. Larry
Tuttle



Ms. Kay
Wells



Mr. Mark
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*From Bell
to Bell, through
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They Were Our*

TEACHERS

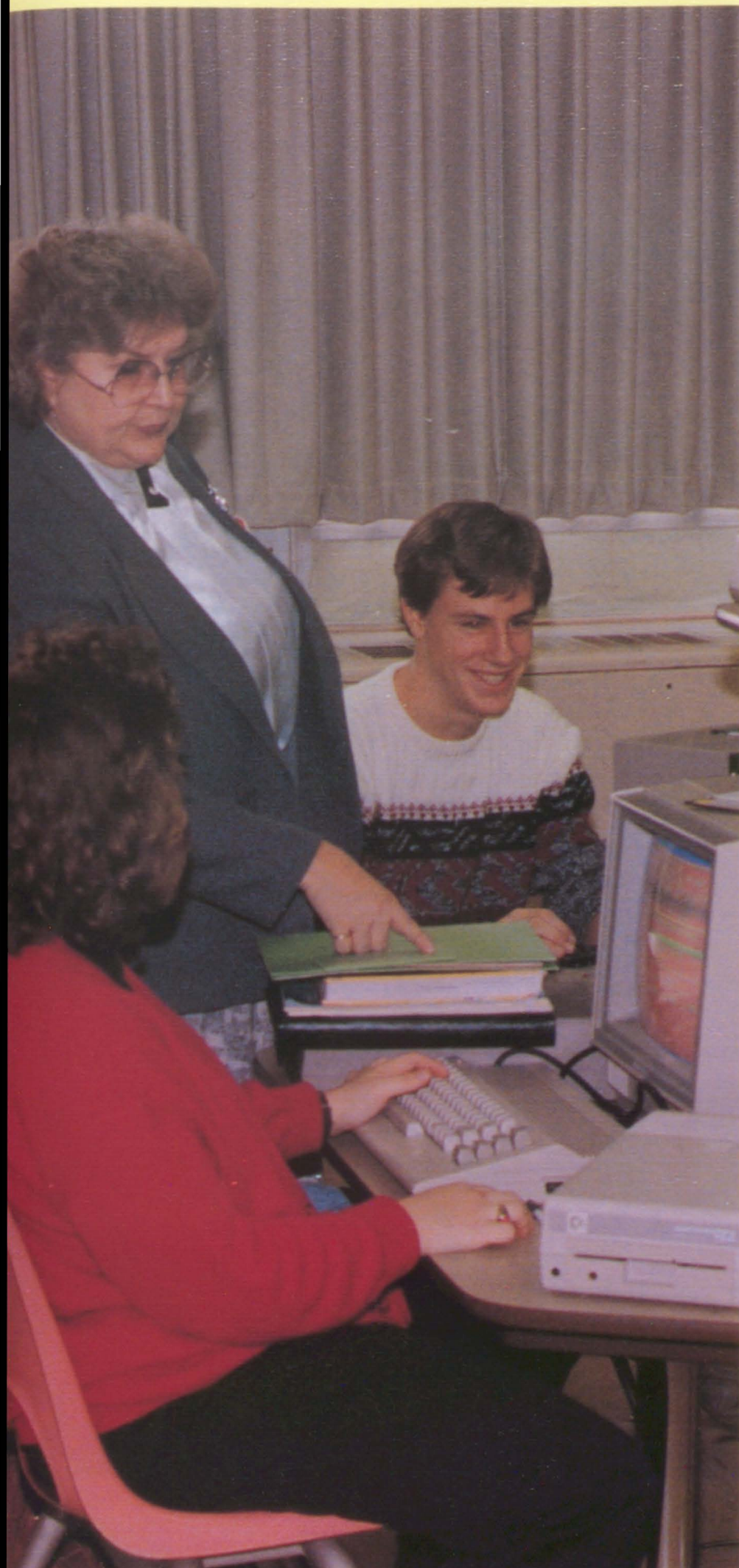


Mr. David Thompson taught world history and U.S. history.

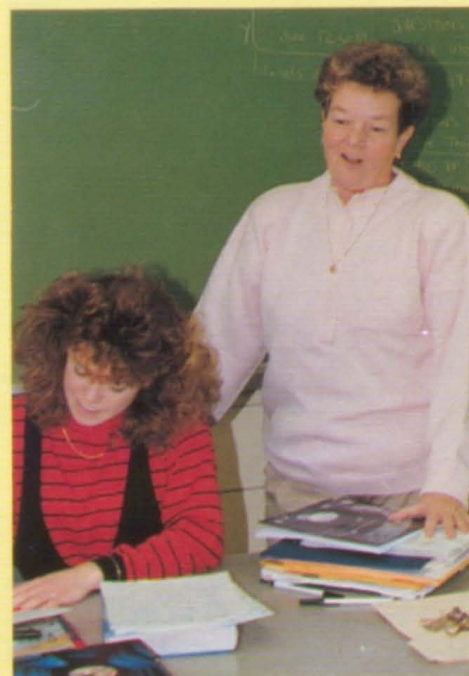
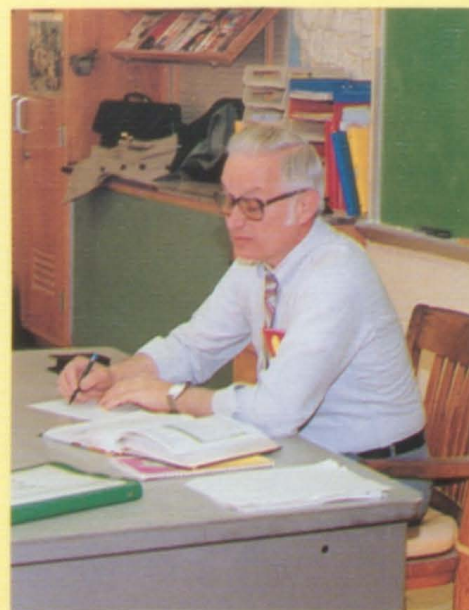
Mrs. Irene Hawley taught French 1,2,3 & 4 along with English 9. Here Alan Topolski questions her about French 4.

Mrs. Carol Burgermeister taught computer literacy, computer programming 1&2, office procedures, small business ownership and English 9. Here she shows Matt Shirley, Aaron Schmidt and Cindy how to operate the computers.



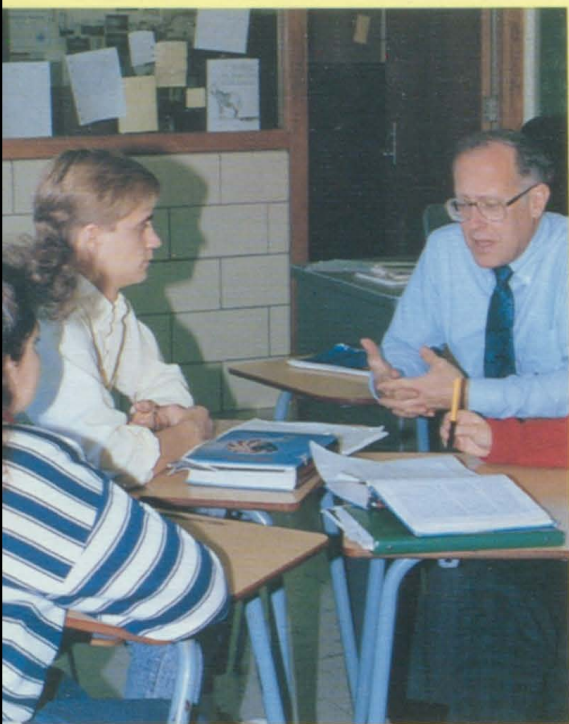


Mr. Bruce McCormick taught band



Mrs. Hazel Brown taught phase 3

Mr. Peter Durbin taught English 11. Trevor Klempner and Jennifer Stutzman listen while he speaks.



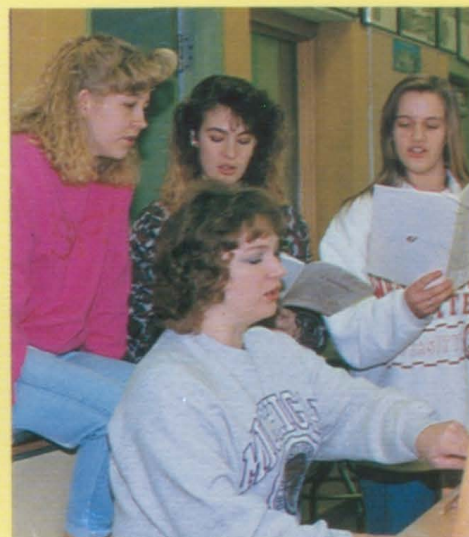
Mr. Gerald Sampson instructed economics, mechanical drawing and woods. Here he helps Greg Piorkowski and Terry Slusher

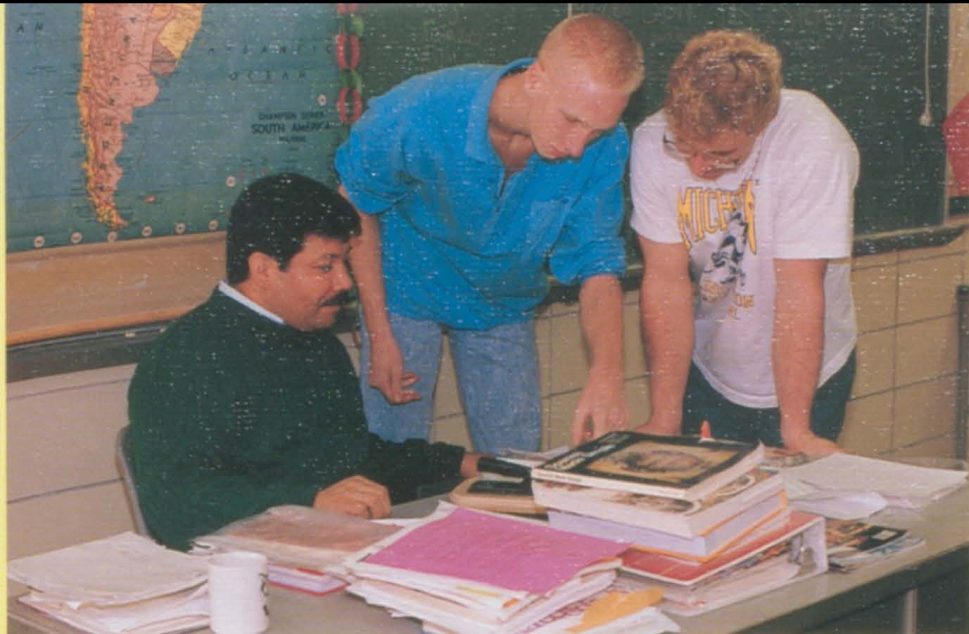


Miss Kay Wells made phys ed. fun and enjoyable. She also taught parenting & child, interior design, self awareness, eating for life, skills for living and consumer ed. Diann Cosme and Miss Wells stretch before running.



Mrs. Sandra Frye was the choir director. Niki DeGroff, Marci Beyer and Pam Howell warm up before rehearsal.

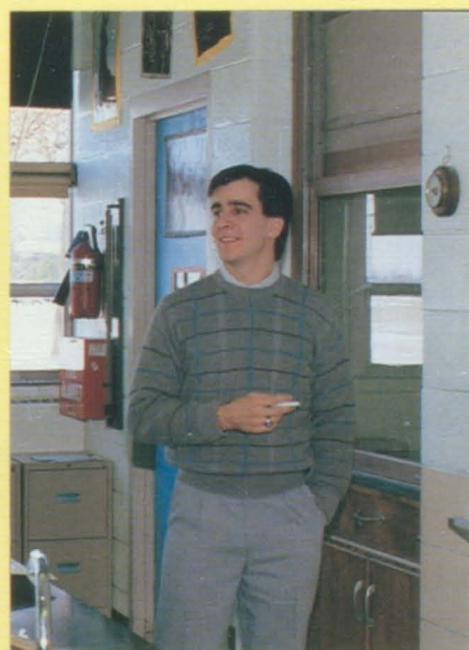




Mr. Phil Nino taught Spanish 1, 2, 3 & 4. Chris DeBacker and Jay Nieman listen intently to his instructions.



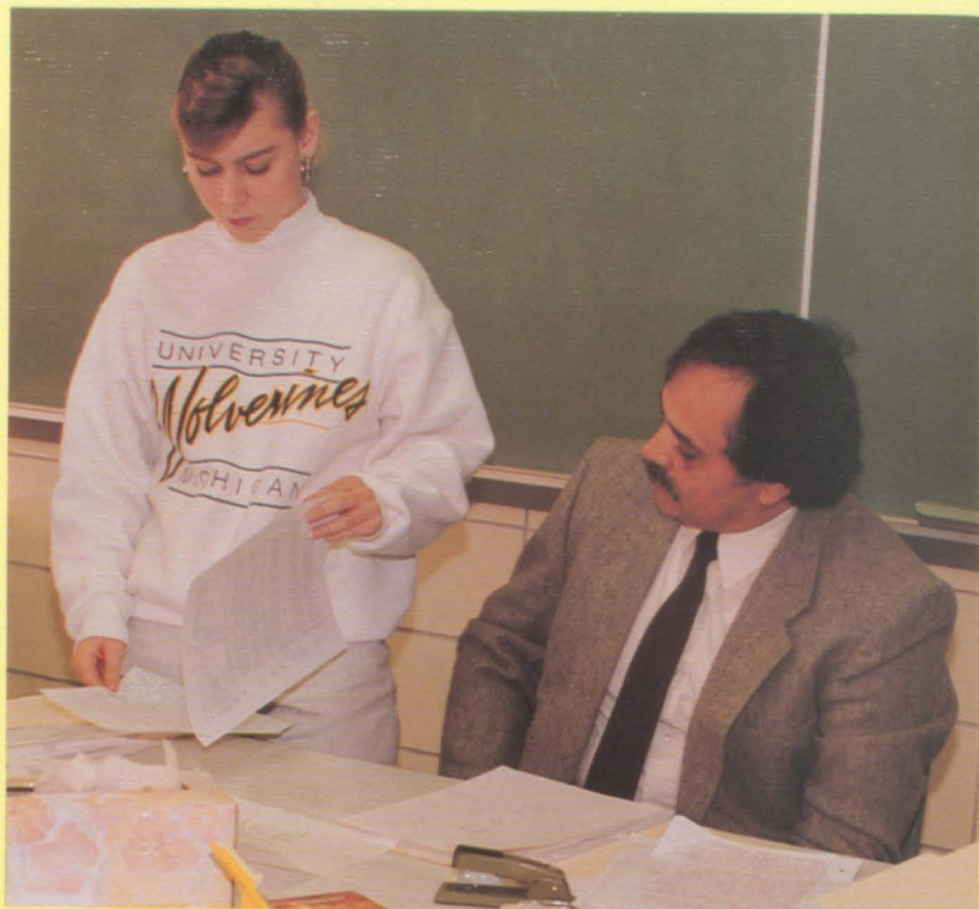
Mrs. Colleen Miller-Ayers taught special education. Here she assists Dustin DelaForet in his studies.



Mr. Mike Parcha, who taught chemistry and biology, was a new addition to the teaching staff last year.

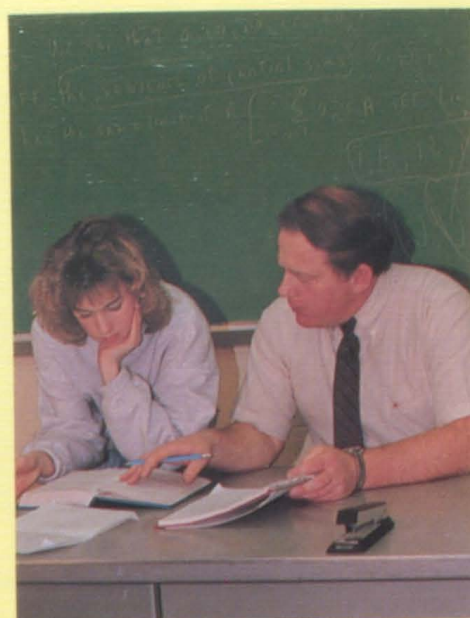


Mr. Richard Clark taught mythology, English 10, reading and writing for college, and AP English. During his lunch period he could be found in his usual spot. At right he answers Steph Miller's questions about a test.



Mr. James Boldt taught art 1, 2, 3 and 4 along with earth science. Shane Waigle, Randy Kendall, Dan Tuckerman and Troy Anger work intently on their projects.



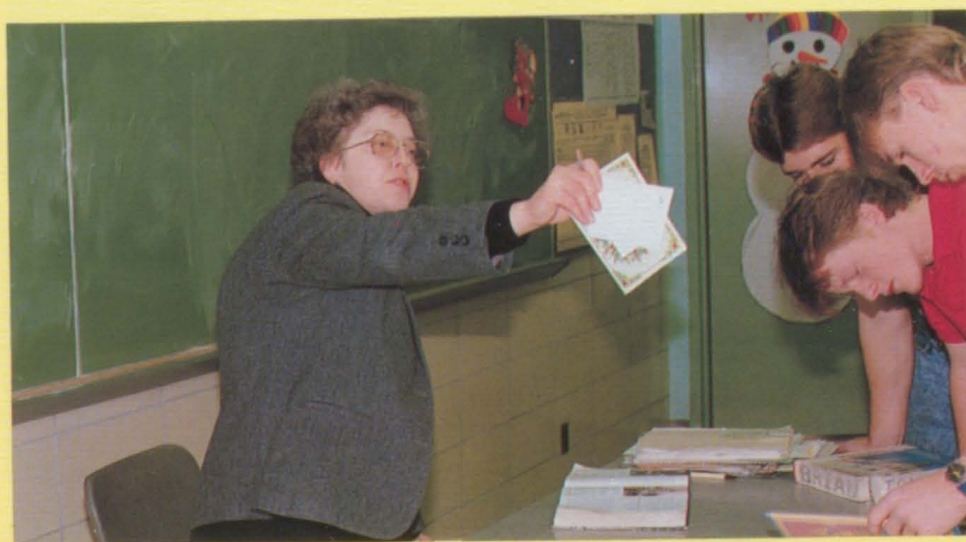


Mr. Gary Brink taught calculus, algebra 2 and algebra 1A. Mr. Brink and Dave Nichols swap warm feelings.

Mr. John Smith taught trigonometry, pre-calculus, algebra 2 and geometry. Hillarie Klempner is assisted here in trigonometry.

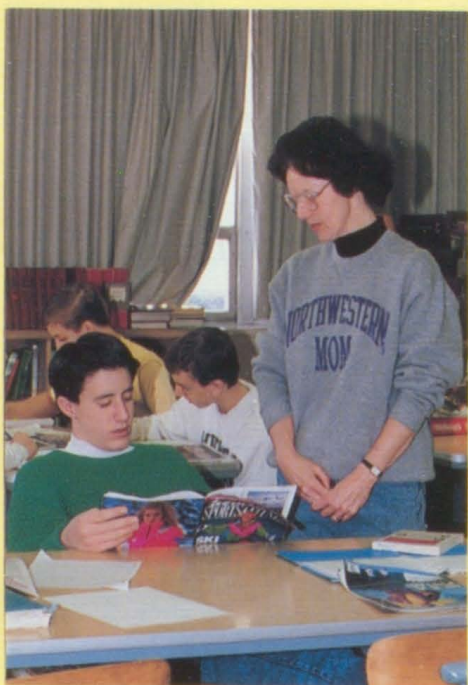
Mrs. Carol Greenwald taught civics and U.S. history. Dan Stubli, Jeff Street and Boots Butler wait for the results of their quiz.

Mr. Larry Tuttle taught pre-algebra, algebra 1B and intro to H.S. math.



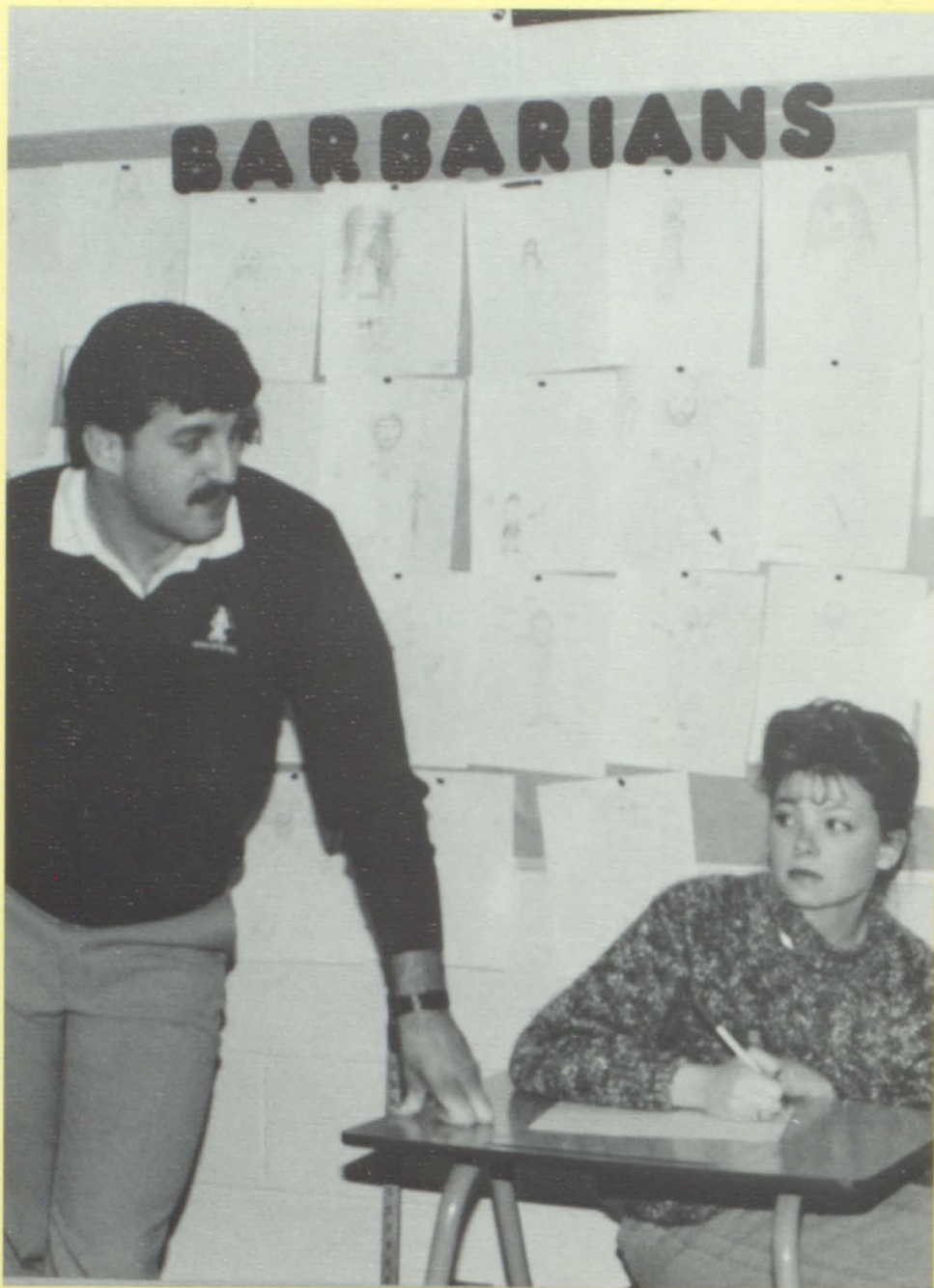
Mr. Steve Babbitt taught current events, health and physical education. Despite the heading, Mr. Babbitt and Amy Van-Slambrook were two of the tamest people in school.

Mr. Ron Fear and Mrs. Rhea Mills were the counselors. Here they strike a pose on college sweatshirt day.



Mrs. Judy Mershon taught speech, English 10, debate, research, drama and public speaking. Here her freshman speech class does research in the library.

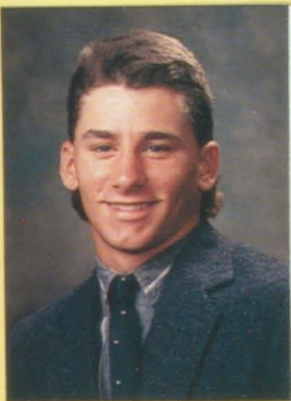
Mr. Mark Willson taught building success, biology and advanced biology. Jessica Joy and Sylvia Valdez listen as Mr. Willson explains a lab in biology.





Seniors Stephanie Miller and Stephanie Lombard ride upon the Homecoming Float.

Senior Class Officers: Jason Redlinger, President; Jeff Schoonover, Vice-President; Mira Colman, Secretary; Dawn Johnson, Treasurer. Student Council Reps.: Stephanie Lombard, Mike Warner, Susie Isley and Greg Denecker.



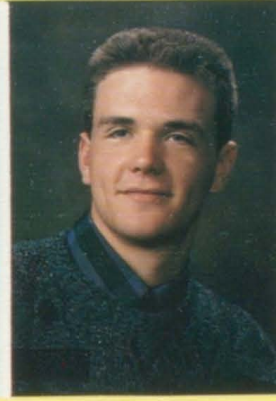
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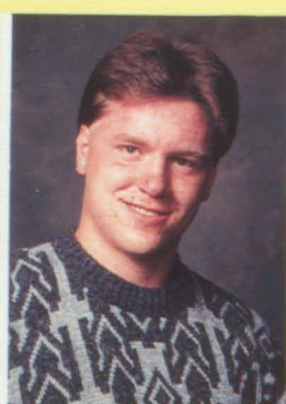
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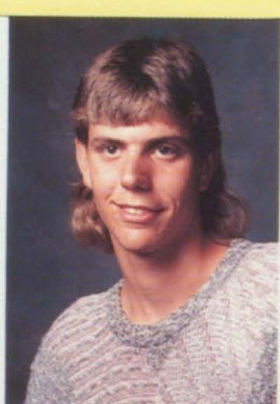
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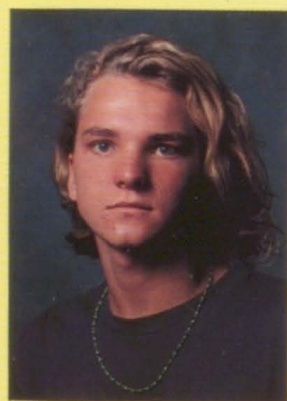
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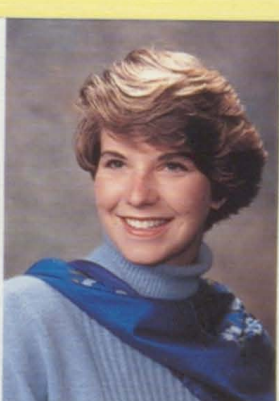
Chris Fisher



Jason Fisher



Laura Fisher



Theresa Flynn



Michelle Geib

Seniors who attended college classes were Michelle Geib, Cyndee Adrian, Stephanie Miller and Wendi Ricker.(not pictured)



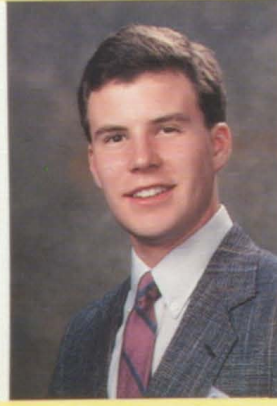
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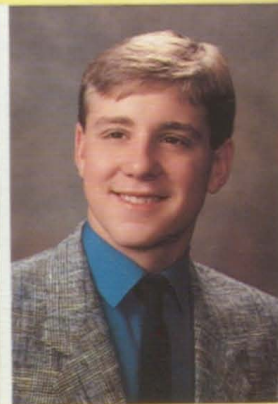
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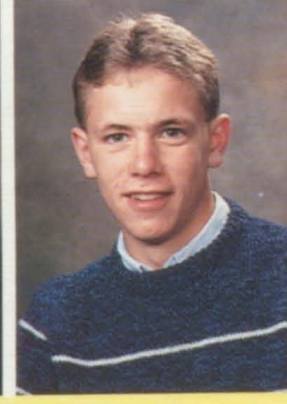
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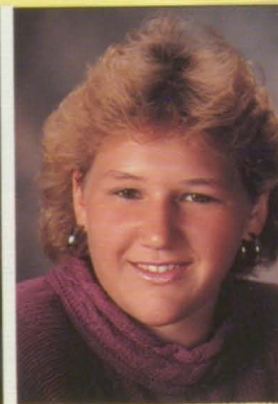
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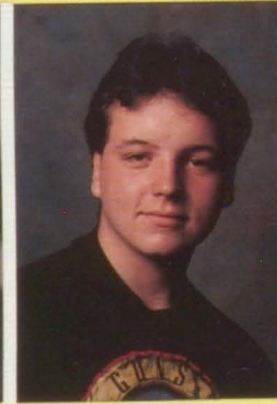
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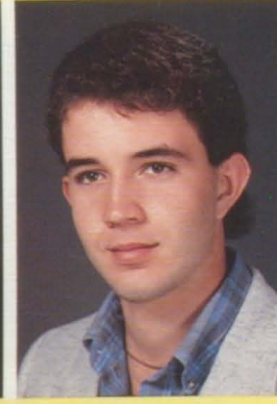
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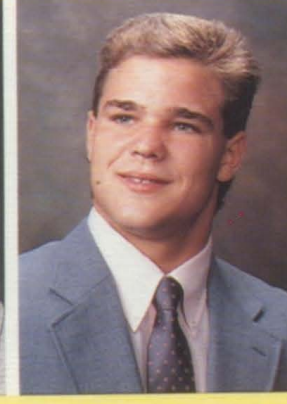
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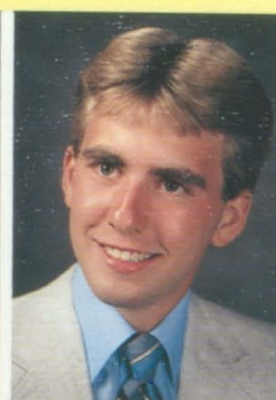
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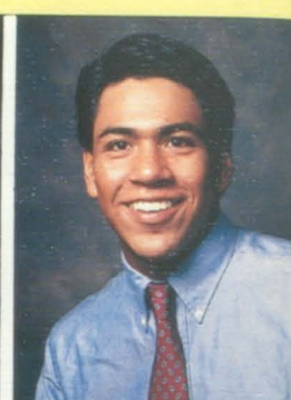
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Darlene Macbeth



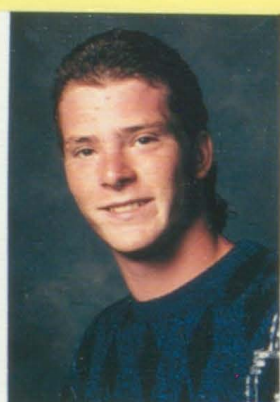
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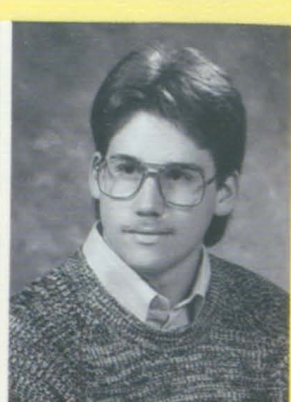
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William Miller



Mike Novak hammed it up at float building.



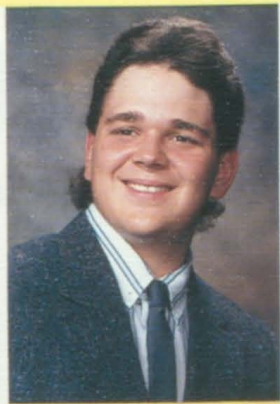
Theresa Santiago puts the finishing touches on her project.



Exchange students were: Irene Brito, Netherlands; Steen Pedersen, Denmark; Tomoko Monobe, Japan; Martin Tuseveld, Netherlands; Matthias Hensche, West Germany; Edo Smidtsroed, Norway; Ketil Slovik-Olsen, Norway.



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Jeffrey Moore



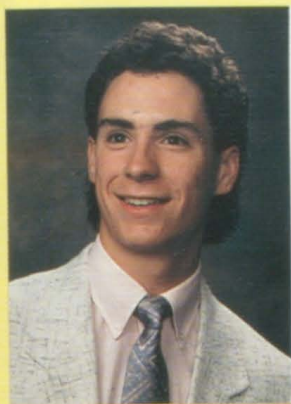
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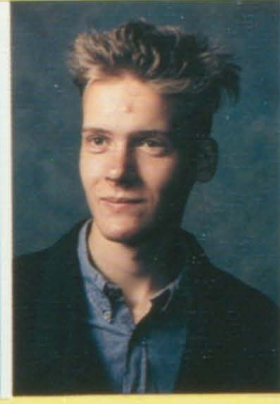
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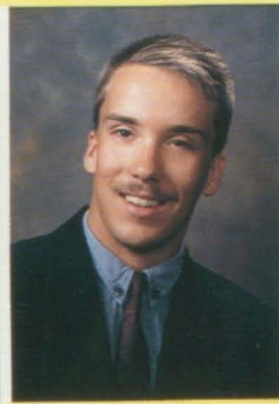
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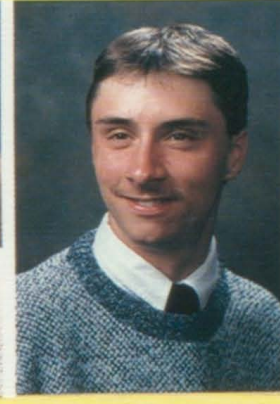
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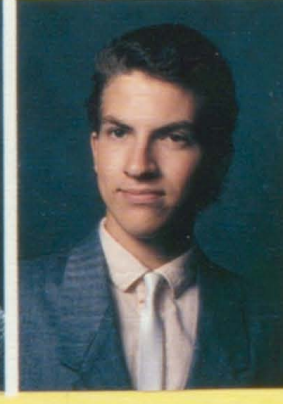
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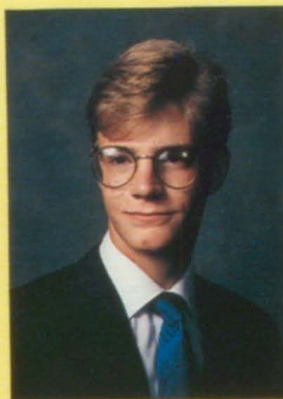
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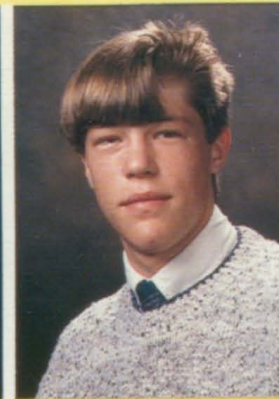
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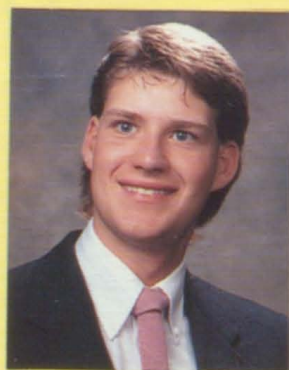
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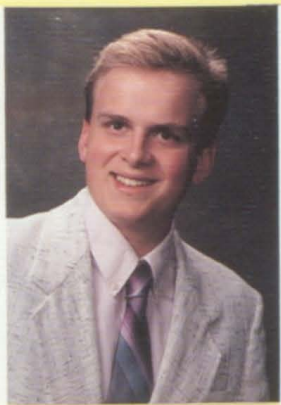
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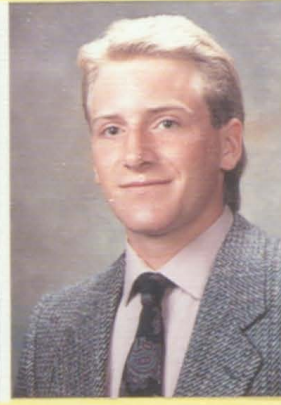
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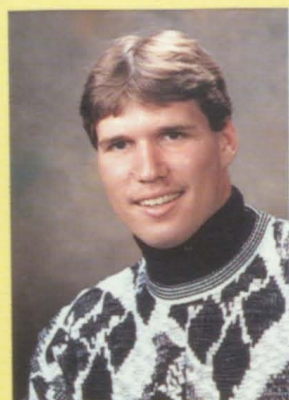
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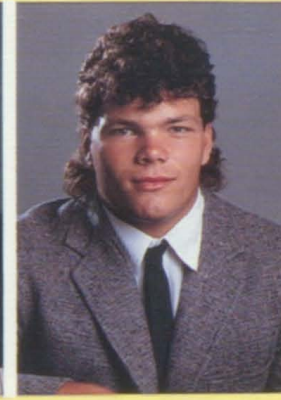
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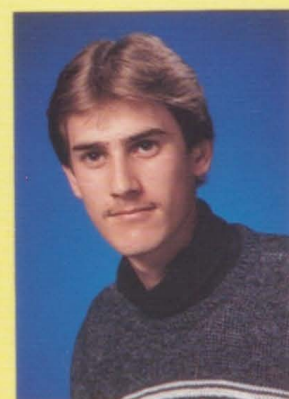
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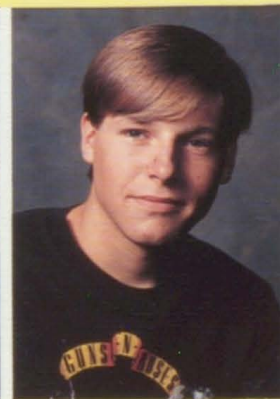
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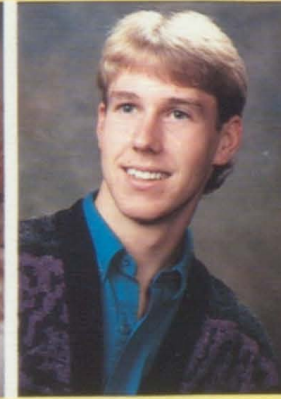
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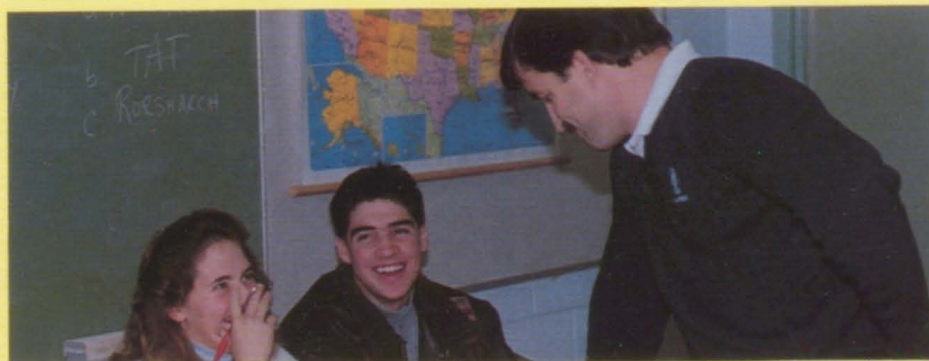
Jeromy Stites



Bonnie Stock



Daniel Stubli



Mr. Babbitt shares a laugh with students in his current events class.



Kelly Tonneberger



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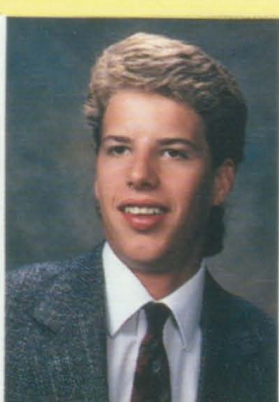
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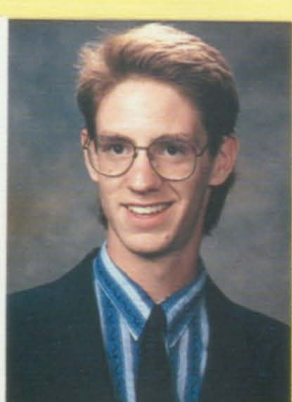
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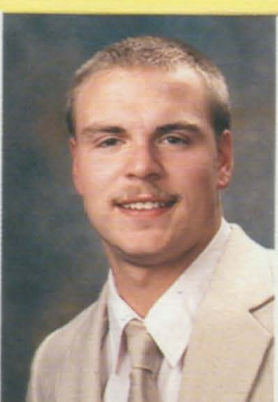
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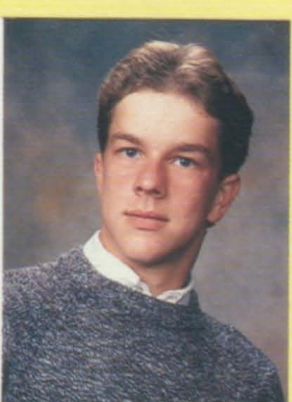
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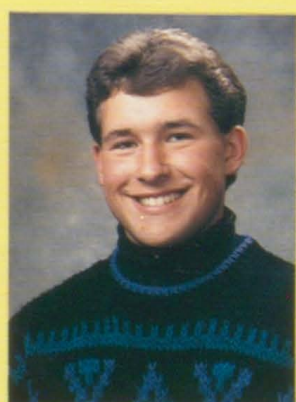
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Tom Durbin



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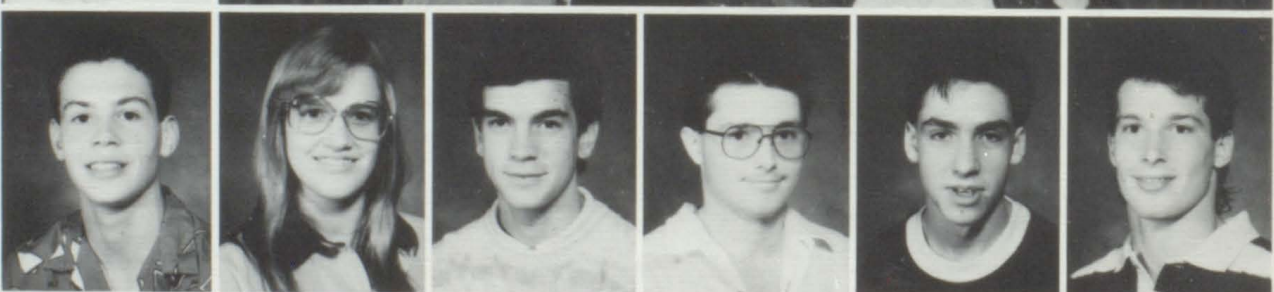
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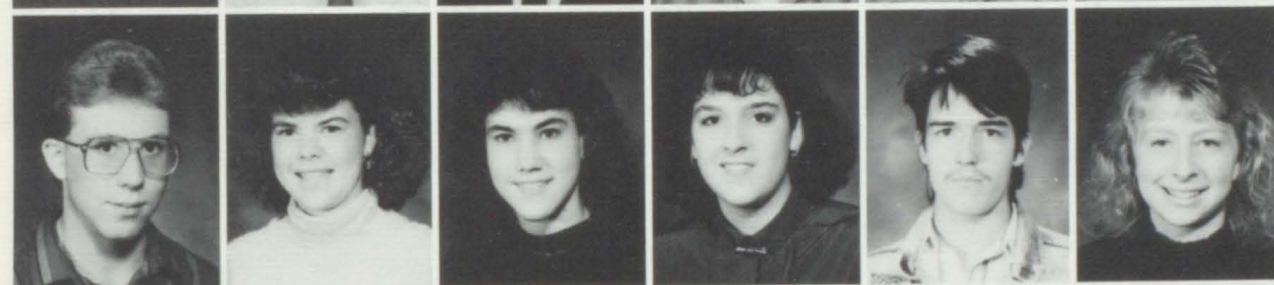
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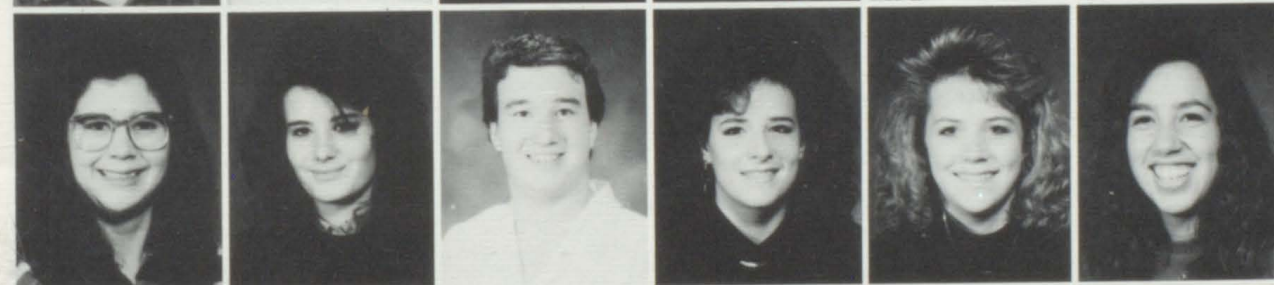
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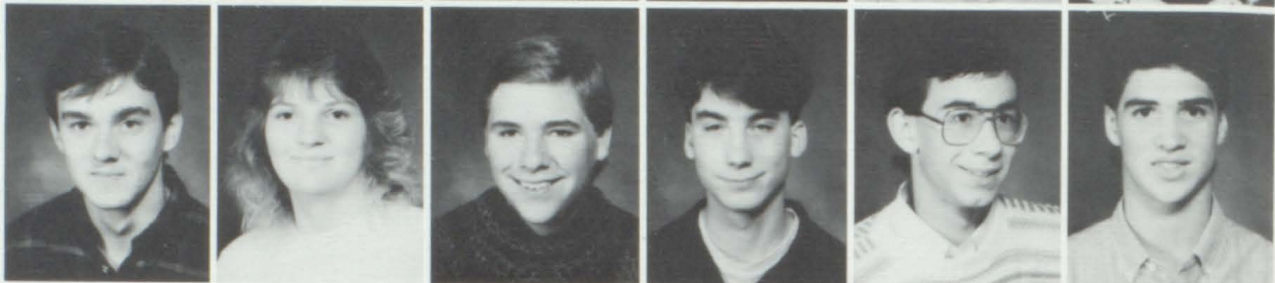
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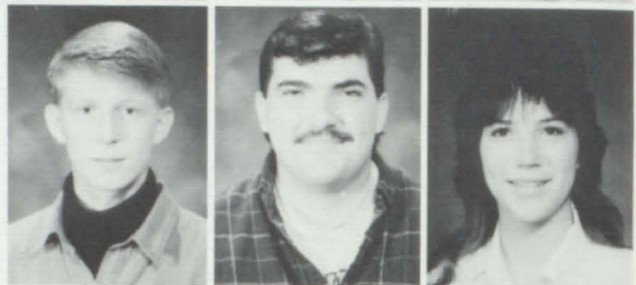
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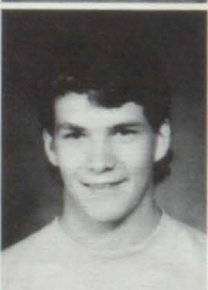
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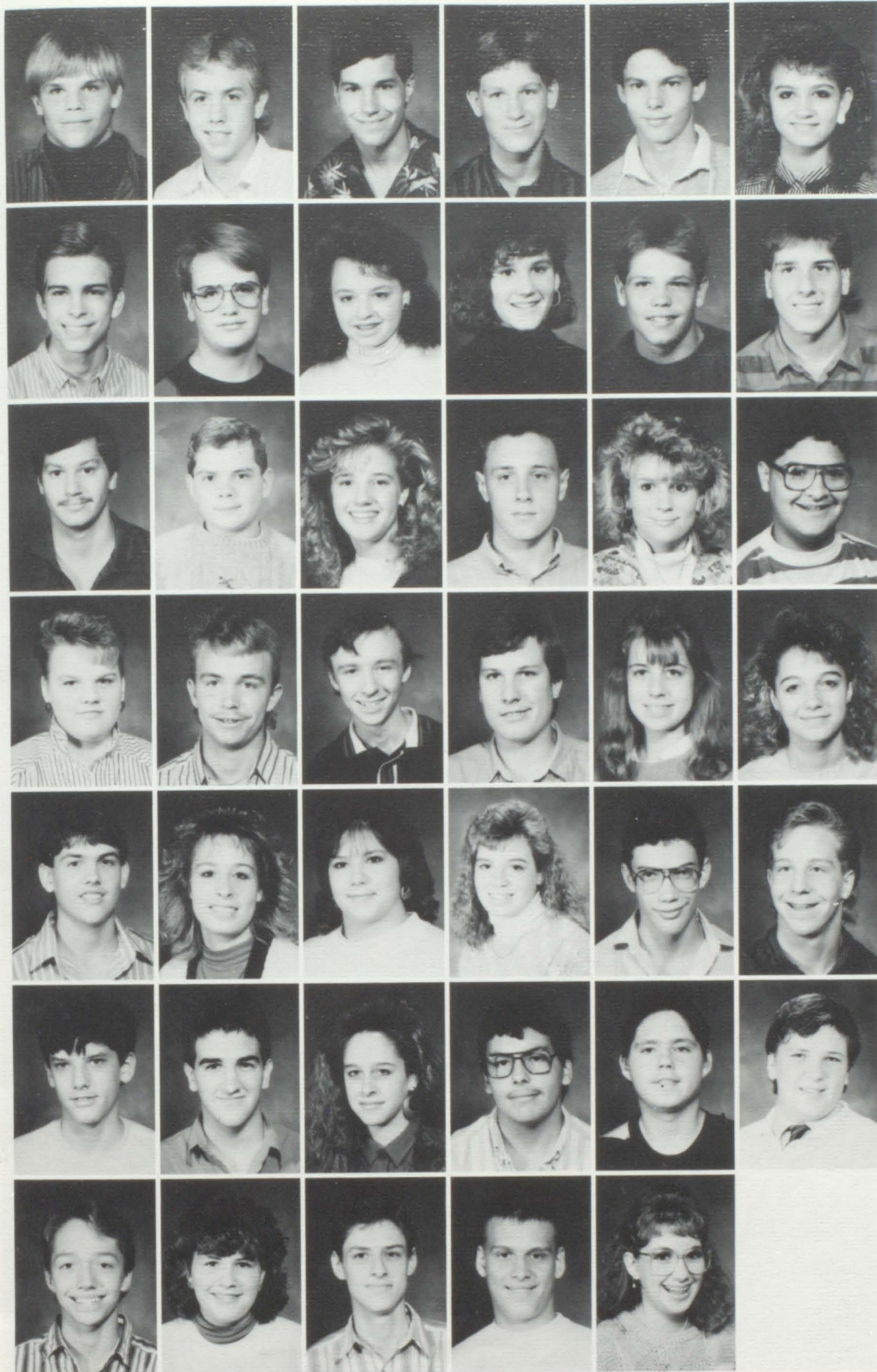


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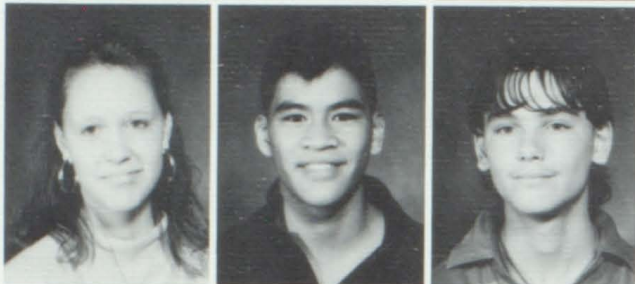
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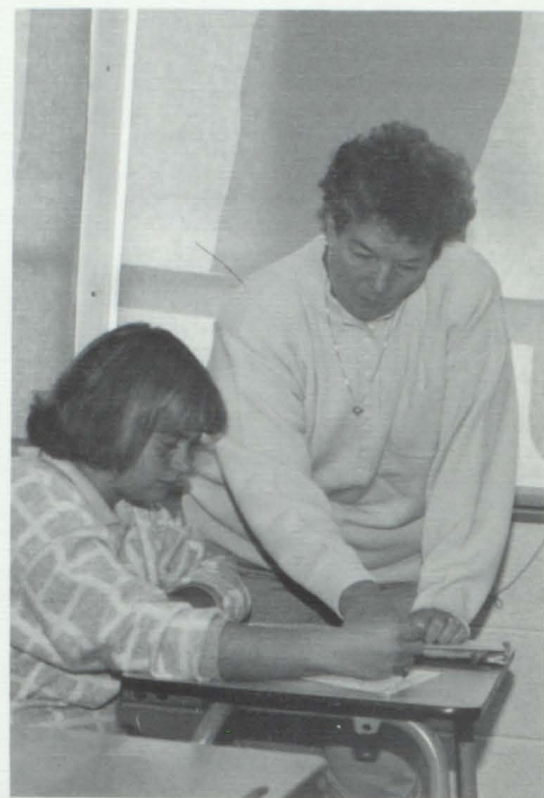
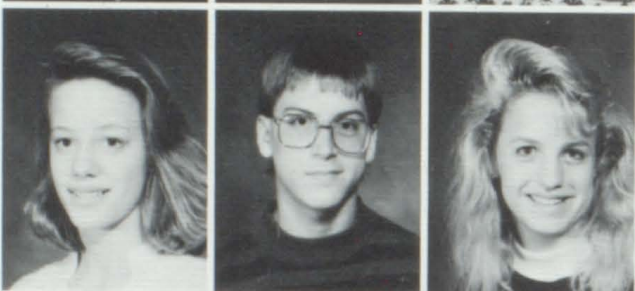
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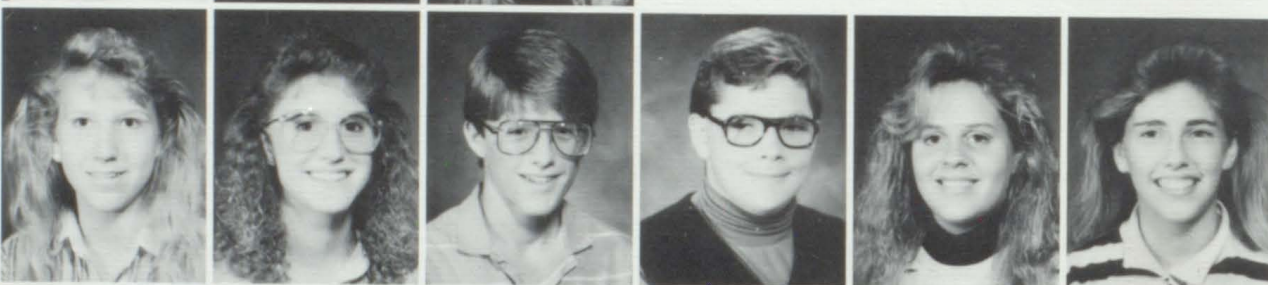
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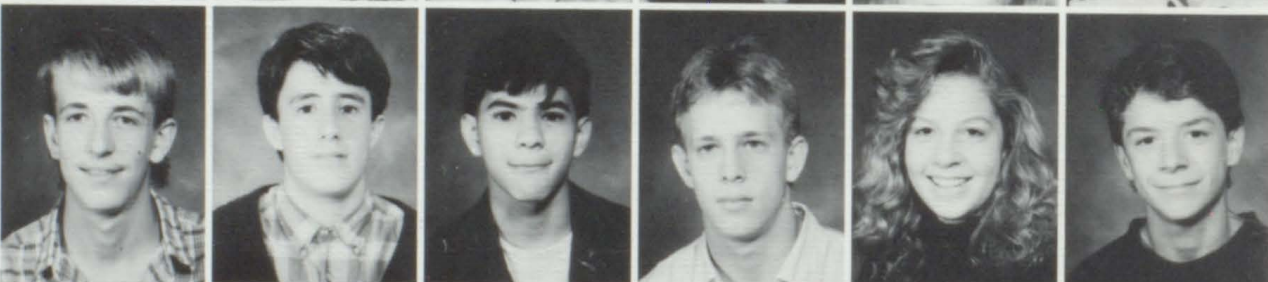
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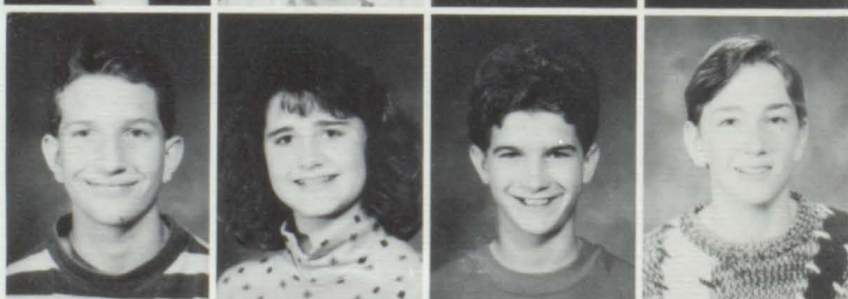
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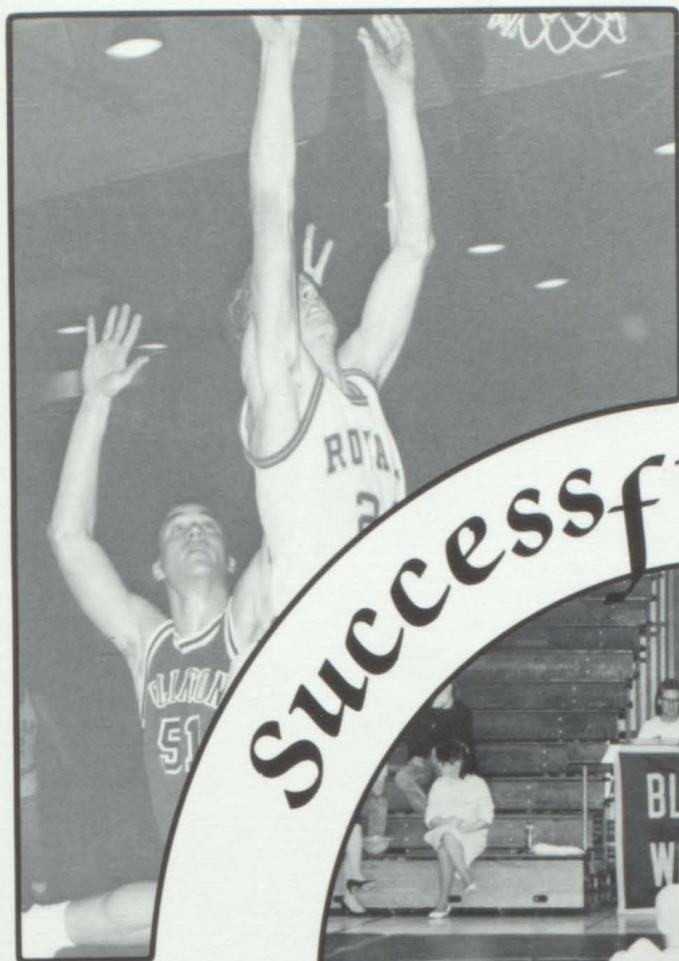


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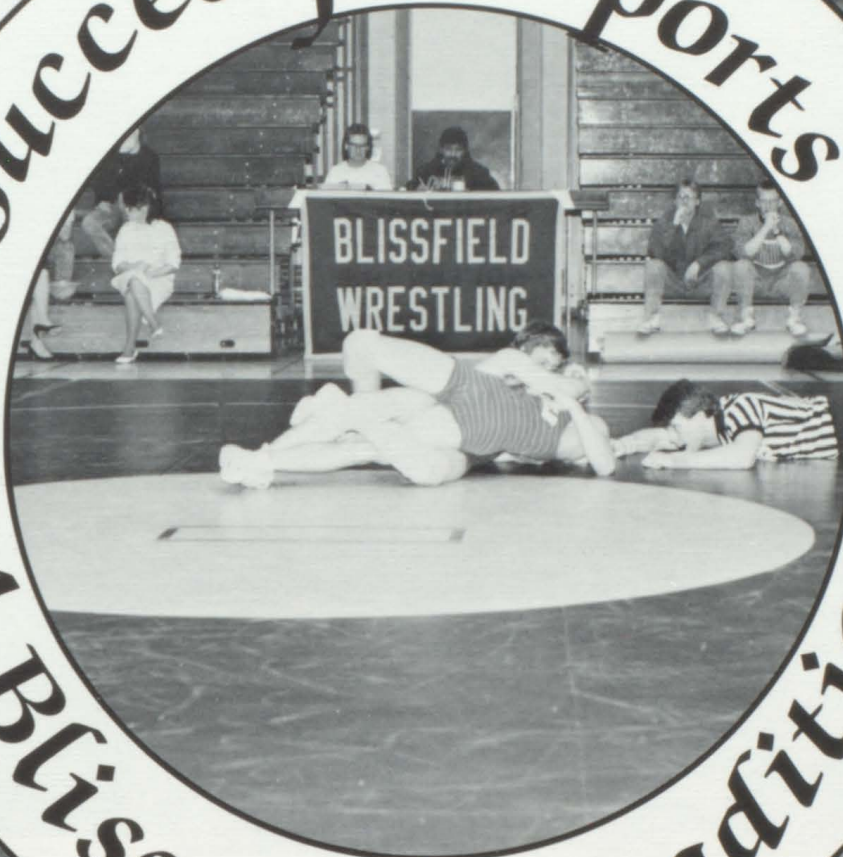


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Successful Sports



A Blissfield Tradition





Here the Royals show lateral pursuit towards a tough homecoming loss while Aaron Seiser puts on the hit.



Jeff Honn squares up for another Royal tackle.



Shown here is Coach Tuttle with the Royal captains; Aaron Seiser, Brent Koester, Ron Smith and Chad Abbott.

INTENSE EXPECTATIONS ENDED WITH INJURIES

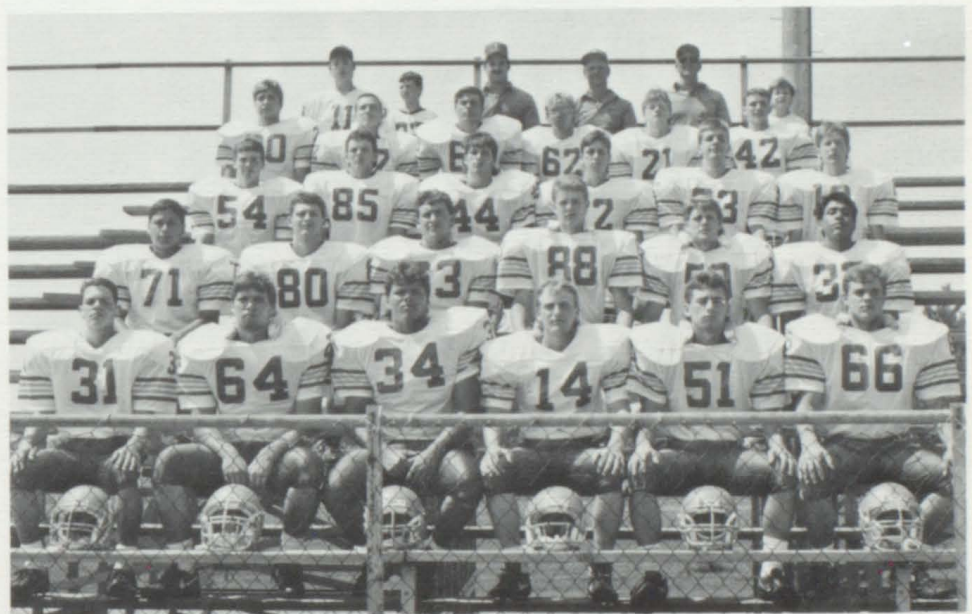
With all the Royals blocking for him, MVP Ron Smith gains some of his team leading rushing yardage.

The varsity football team ended their season with a 4-5 overall record and a 3-3 mark in the L.C.A.A.

High expectations might have been fulfilled if injuries hadn't plagued the Royals at the end of the season. After a slow start against Whiteford, at home, the Royals came storming back. Defensive intensity, a trademark of the Royals, stuffed a favored Morenci team and held them to a total of 62 yards offense. After two more wins against Hudson and Dundee the Royal trademark became injuries. In the last five games of the season, Blissfield managed only one win.

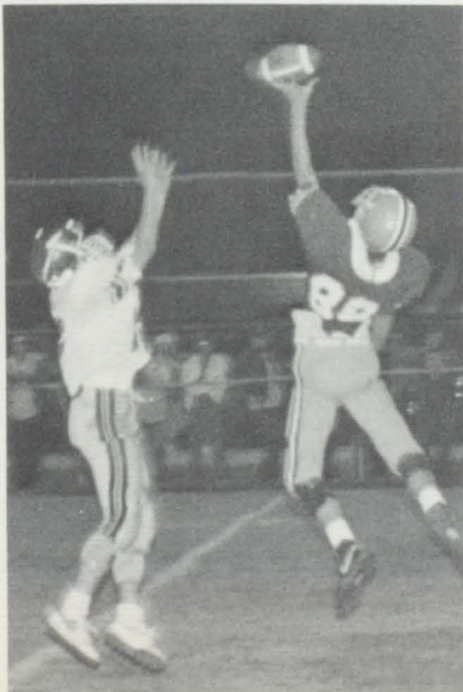
Captains for the 1989 season were Brent Koester, Chad Abbott, Aaron Seiser and Ron Smith. Ron Smith was also team MVP, all-league as a running back and linebacker, and all-county as a linebacker. Aaron Seiser was named all-league and all-county as a defensive back. Derek Sanders was named all-league and all-county as an offensive center. Brent Koester received all-league as an offensive tackle. Receiving honorable mention all-league were Keith Keller at linebacker, Jeff Honn at offensive end and Chad Abbott at defensive line.

BHS	game	Opp
9	Whiteford	12
12	Morenci	6
10	Hudson	6
13	Dundee	0
6	Clinton	21
6	Ida	0
0	Onsted	21
6	Byron	24
0	Erie Mason	18



1st M. Hinde, T. Sinerson, R. Smith, A. Seiser, C. Abbott, B. Koester
 2nd M. Lozano, A. Cremeans, T. Zimmerman, J. Honn, D. Sanders, A. Martinez
 3rd B. Betz, C. Andrix, K. Keller, J. Corie, B. Brown, J. Hayes
 4th B. Butler, M. Vanderlaan, R. Kendall, J. Nieman, J. Street, S. Miller
 5th J. Strong, C. Fetzer, Coach Babbitt, Coach Tuttle, Coach Thompson, S. Sellick

Jeff Honn reaches high for the catch. He was the Royals top receiver this year.



Royal Reserves Play Hard

The JV teams this year brought forth true sportsmanship and athletic promise, and even when not reflected in the final score, a marked improvement. For the first time in years the JV football team won a game. The freshmen won two games, and the girls JV basketball team finished with a fine 13-7 record. Fundamental skills were learned and individual ability honed. But above all, the groundwork was laid for strong, future varsity teams.

Girls JV Basketball

BHS	game	Opp
27	East Jackson	26
41	Summerfield	11
40	Erie Mason	20
21	Monroe Jefferson	32
24	Ida	38
35	Hudson	31
32	Dundee	15
28	Onsted	44
34	Morenci	29
32	Clinton	14
23	Summerfield	9
32	Erie Mason	24
33	Tecumseh	45
20	Ida	31
30	Madison	12
50	Hudson	38
35	Whiteford	38
41	Dundee	16
19	Onsted	38
48	Clinton	35

BHS	JV Football game	Opp
28	Camden Frontier	0
6	Morenci	44
6	Hudson	19
0	Dundee	6
6	Clinton	36
	Ida	
	Onsted	
6	Byron	21
13	Erie-Mason	26

front row: A. Hinde, Z. Seiser, M. Smith, R. Fisher and E. Bachman
second row: Coach Hinde, B. Koester, J. Eisenmann, B. Latour, M. Harmes, M. Iffland and Manager G. Barus
third row: Coach Barus, S. Rose, M. Tuttle, A. Smith, J. Diem, T. Miller and R. Robledo
back row: M. Ganun, S. Gintack, J. Schoonover, T. Niles, C. Reigle and M. Tusveld



front row: S. Sellick, C. Rohrobak, L. Taylor and G. Case
back row: Coach Wells, D. Slusher, C. VanCampen, A. Karg, R. Kalisek and T. Stutzman





Freshman Football

BHS	game	Opp
0	Delta	66
0	Sand Creek	64
0	Swanton	68
0	Wauseon	55
22	Tecumseh	8
14	Adrian	6

Freshman Matt Tuttle takes the ball for a big gain as his teammates block for him.

Tara Aldrich goes up for the shot as her fellow teammates look on.



DEDICATION, INTENSITY and TEAMWORK LEAD to a ROYAL SUCCESS

MVP and first team all-county pick, Deb Vereecke snatches the ball as teammates Debi Brink, Anissa Ricker and Leigh Winchel look on.

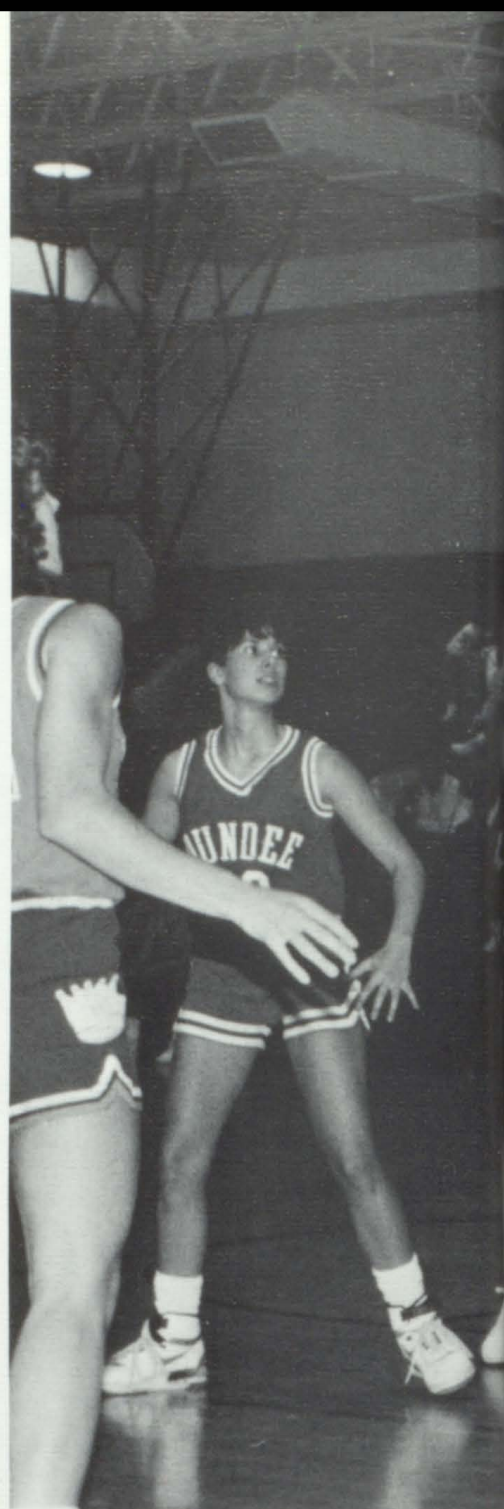
Hard work and determination boosted this year's girls Varsity Basketball team to a 21 and 3 record. Each member of the squad felt important and played a helpful role in gearing the team to a perfect record in league (12-0), and on their home court (10-0). When asked what the highlight of the season was, Coach Kohler replied, "Winning districts--definitely!" She also commented that "The season's success was based on the dedication, intensity and teamwork by members of the squad."

Senior co-captain and MVP Deb Vereecke led the team in points and rebounds during the season. She received first team all-league and all-county awards. Junior Becky Martinez, in her third year on the varsity squad, was another Royal on the first team all-league. She also earned an honorable mention on the county team. Senior co-captain Leigh Ann Winchel was chosen for the second team all-league with junior Debi Brink following behind with an honorable mention.

BHS	game	Opp
60	East Jackson	22
64	Summerfield	47
57	Erie Mason	38
51	Monroe Jefferson	25
52	Ida	38
45	Hudson	32
49	Dundee	21
37	Onsted	32
58	Morenci	26
55	Clinton	39
49	Summerfield	19
63	Erie Mason	28
50	Tecumseh	53
58	Ida	39
71	Madison	37
51	Hudson	24
44	Whiteford	24
39	Dundee	25
40	Onsted	37
38	Clinton	21
43	Morenci	24
59	Onsted	34
44	Ida	36
25	Detroit C.D.	46



Fighting their way toward the league and district crowns were these driven Royals. In the front row are from left: Shawn Midura, Allison Novak, Kris Gentz, Jennifer Bohlka, Leigh Ann Winchel. In back: Coach Kohler, Lori Crist, Tara Aldrich, Erin Jones, Anissa Ricker, Becky Martinez and Debi Brink.



Working the ball for a better shot, co-captain Leigh Ann Winchel led the team to many wins with her accuracy from three point range.



Becky Martinez squares up for a jump shot. Martinez will begin her 4th year on varsity next year.



Erin Jones, Lori Crist, Allison Novak, Kris Gentz and Jennifer Bohlka listen intently to Coach Bette Kohler's instructions, helping lead them to another win.

Top left: C. DeBacker Top right: A. Gitersonke Bottom left: J. Rothfuss Bottom right: K. Warner



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

BHS	OPPONENT	
15	Evergreen	50
21	East Jackson	35
	Erie-Mason Invitational	Third
	Perrysburg Invitational	Seventh
21	Erie-Mason	40
39	Adrian	20
32	Tecumseh	25
	Jackson County Invitational	Fourth
38	Onsted	18
25	Hudson	30
	Chelsea Invitational	First
	Hudson Invitational	Fifth
28	Ida	27
21	Morenci	39
	Onsted Invitational	Fifth
24	Clinton	31
19	Dundee	42
	LCAA Third Regionals	Sixth

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

BHS	OPPONENT	
26	Evergreen	30
16	East Jackson	46
	Erie-Mason Invitational	Second
	Perrysburg Invitational	Tenth
26	Erie-Mason	30
34	Adrian	23
42	Tecumseh	22
	Jackson County Invitational	Eighth
42	Onsted	19
15	Hudson	50
	Chelsea Invitational	Fifth
	Hudson Invitational	Sixth
39	Ida	19
21	Morenci	36
	Onsted Invitational	Seventh
21	Clinton	37
23	Dundee	36
	LCAA Third Regionals	Seventh



State qualifiers, Kristy Warner and Jessica Rothfuss, could always be seen running side by side during every meet.



Front row: Jessie Munoz, Corey Horky, Carrie Saxton and Angie Wilson
Back row: Coach Navaro, Tom Durbin, Andrew Gitersonke, Mike Warner and Mike Navaro

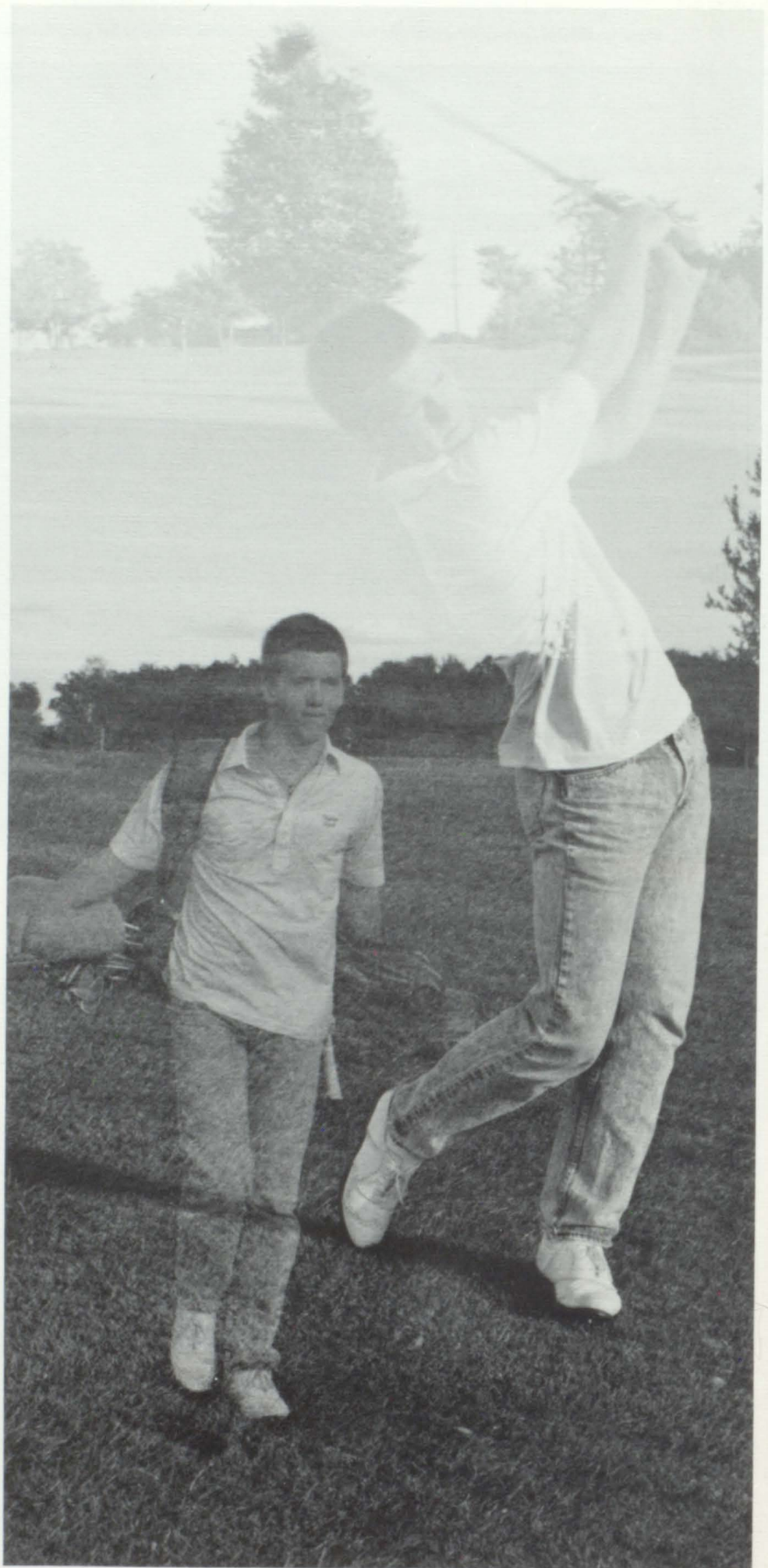
Not Pictured: Monica Brauner, Vicky Beagle, Wendy Neuroth, Jessica Rothfuss, Kristy Warner, Sara Boyd, Shannon Waigle, Chris Debacker, Shane Waigle, Dan Tuckerman, Mark Risch and Matthias Hensche.

State qualifier Mike Cameron uses his putting form to sink another one.



Andy Fetzer watches as his drive goes towards the green.

Captain Mike Mulligan also received second team all league honors from his excellent season.





Sophomore Ryan Miller thinks about his next shot.

front row: R. Miller, D. Libstaff, C. McHenry, J. Mullins, B. Reed, R. Pitts
back row: Coach Cameron, M. Shirley, T. Wood, M. Mulligan, M. Cameron, A. Potts



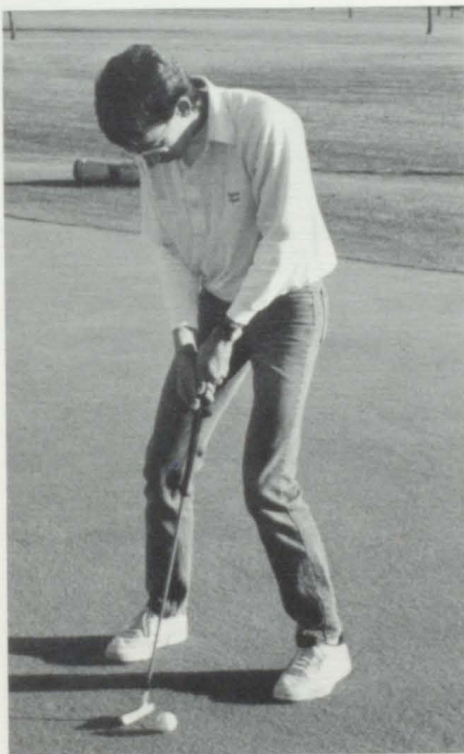
Golfers Play at High Level All Season Long

The golf team had a very successful 89 season. They finished with only four losses and third place in the L.C.A.A. standings.

Mike Cameron was selected to first team all-league. He tied for third at the regional meet, qualifying him for the state tourney, and was named MVP for the season. Mike Mulligan was chosen captain of the second all-league team.

The season started on a high note of expectation and stayed at that level until the end.

BHS	match	Opp
163	Morenci	196
187	Erie Mason	188
170	Onsted	168
170	Hudson	203
189	Ida	177
178	Dundee	173
178	Clinton	183
176	Erie Mason	189
171	Onsted	183
171	Hudson	203
159	Summerfield	157
159	Ida	161
159	Manchester	171
165	Summerfield	160
165	Ida	166
165	Morenci	189
177	Dundee	163
177	Clinton	188



Junior Troy Wood goes for another birdie to help the team onto another victory.



Derrick Libstaff tries to perfect his putting swing.

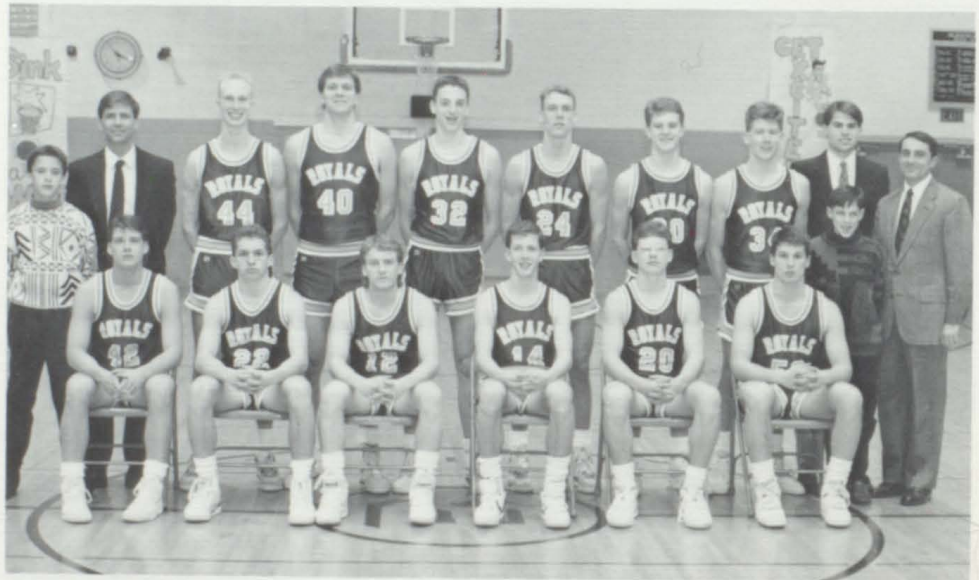


Junior Mark Ifland was an important part of this young team.



Juniors Chris Debacker, Andrew Giteronke and sophomore Howie Winkler contributed to the Royals success.

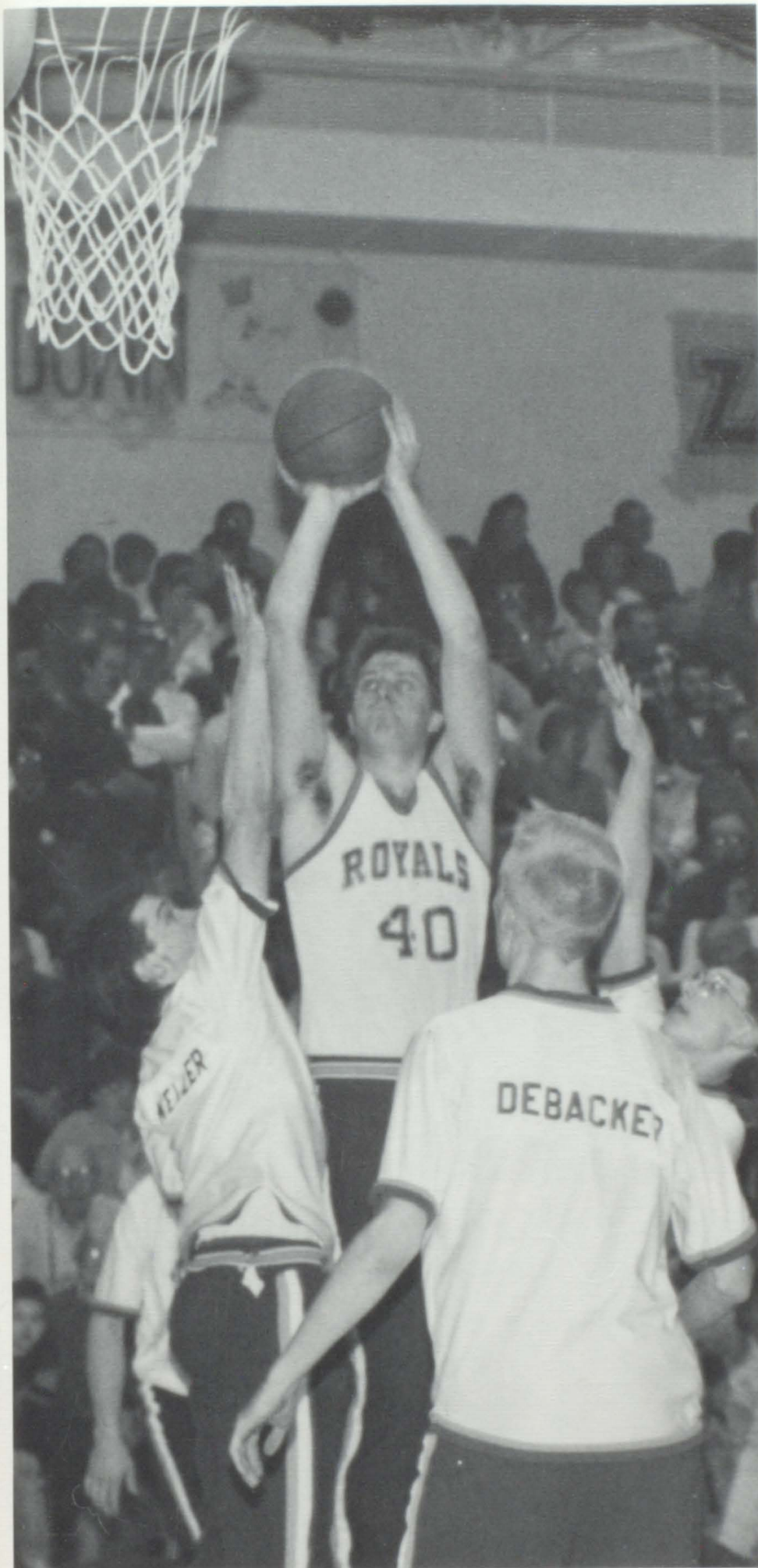
BHS	game	Opp
76	Dundee	66
115	Erie Mason	49
72	Summerfield	62
75	Jackson NW	76
96	Ida	93
69	Hudson	66
68	Tecumseh	66
69	Dundee	58
120	Morenci	75
59	Onsted	56
76	Columbia C.C.	51
80	Clinton	70
87	Erie Mason	59
94	Jackson NW	61
100	Ida	71
74	Hudson	67
94	Summerfield	62
77	Onsted	42
85	Morenci	59
73	Clinton	65
96	Onsted	73
66	Hudson	56
78	Orchard Lake	77
58	Bishop Gallagher	78



Seated: D. Sanders, H. Winkler, A. Seiser, T. Durbin, A. Fetzer and K. Keller
Standing: manager T. Horky, Coach Diver, C. Debacker, G. Denecker, J. Burkholder, A. Giteronke, J. Honn, Coach Vandeceyaye, manager K. VanSchoyck and Coach VanSchoyck

Record making individual effort and an incredibly deep and talented bench propelled the boys varsity basketball team to a 19-1 regular season record, and a tremendous 12-0 in the L.C.A.A.

The Royals captured another league title and went on to dominate in the Districts, beating Hudson for the District crown. The Royals made it as far as the Regional final against Harper Wood Bishop Gallagher where their impressive season came to an end with a 22-2 record.



DENECKER BROKE SCHOOL AND COUNTY RECORDS

During his four years at BHS, Senior co-captain Greg Denecker broke many records, some very long standing, at the school and county level. He shattered the county scoring record with his 1873 points and topped that with the rebounding record of 1006. For the second consecutive year he was named all-league, all-county and all-state, which made him obvious choice for MVP of the season.

Greg Denecker's inside game helped him break the county's scoring and rebounding records.



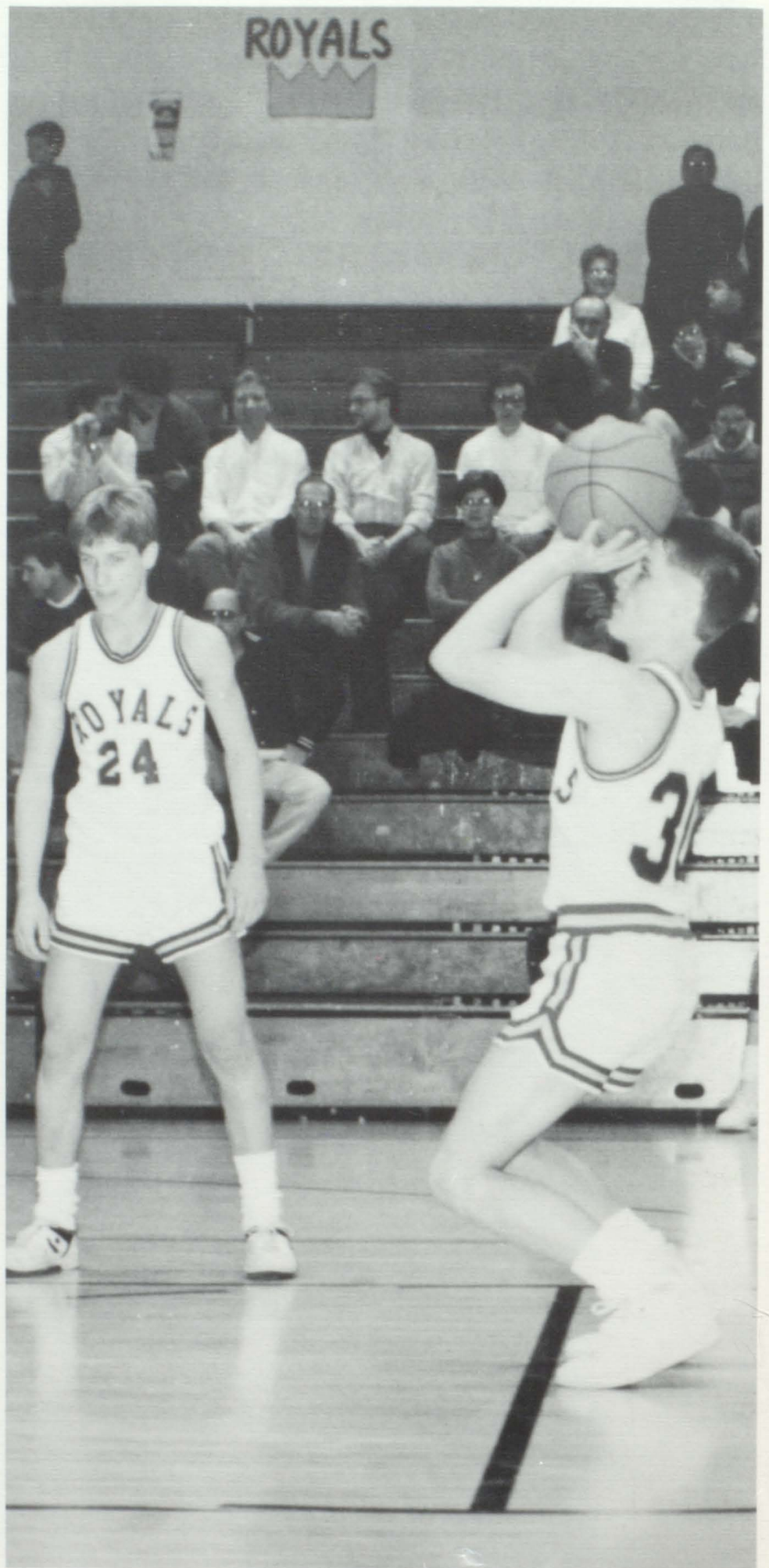
Co-captain Aaron Seiser's quickness made him a defensive threat in the backcourt. Greg Denecker powers up over a host of Royals during pre-game warm-ups.

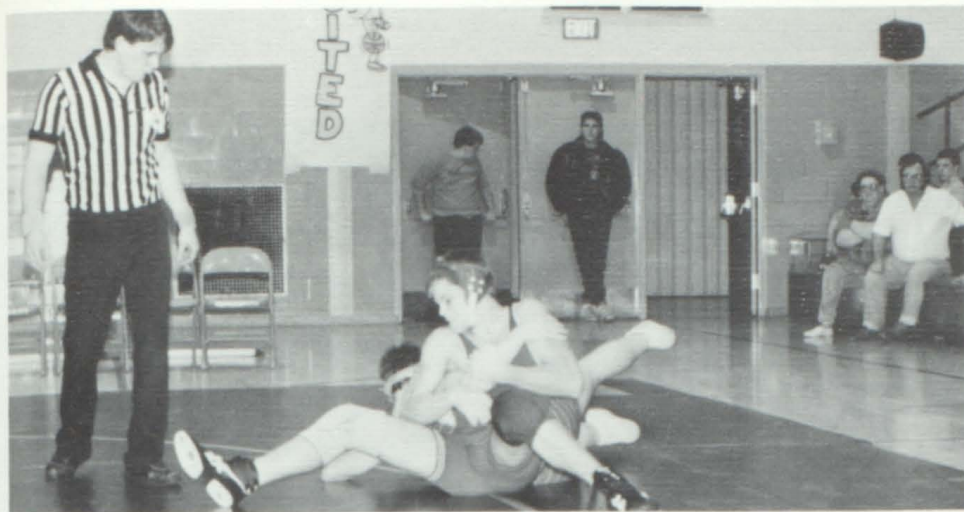


Point guard Ryan Miller eyes up for another three, as the Blissfield jayvees tied for a first place league title.

Sophomore Zac Seiser's prowess off the bench enabled them to come out on top of many close games.

Freshman Laythe Anderson rips down a rebound while bringing them back to a respectable .500 record.





Young Royals Work Hard for the Future

Sophomore Brad Koester wrestled at the varsity level part of the year. Here he is shown recording a pin for the JV team.

Quickness and Ability Run Show

The Junior Varsity Basketball team finished the season with a 17-3 overall record. Their court quickness and ability to run the floor gave them a first place tie in the L.C.A.A. with Hudson at the mark of 10-2. Along with this performance they broke school records in field goal percentage and points per game.

kneeling: R. Miller, B. Osenko, C. Horky, Z. Seiser, J. Olivarez and B. Latour standing: G. Cook, J. Jackson, M. Cameron, T. Niles, M. Ganun, C. Burgermeister and Coach Thompson



A Class Act Starts Young

The 1989-1990 freshmen boys basketball team always displayed a class act on and off the hardwood. Despite their somewhat slow start, the team's chemistry began to improve and a respectable 9-9 record was achieved. The Royal boys finished 2nd in the Blissfield tournament and maintained a dominance in the LCAA with an 8-2 record.

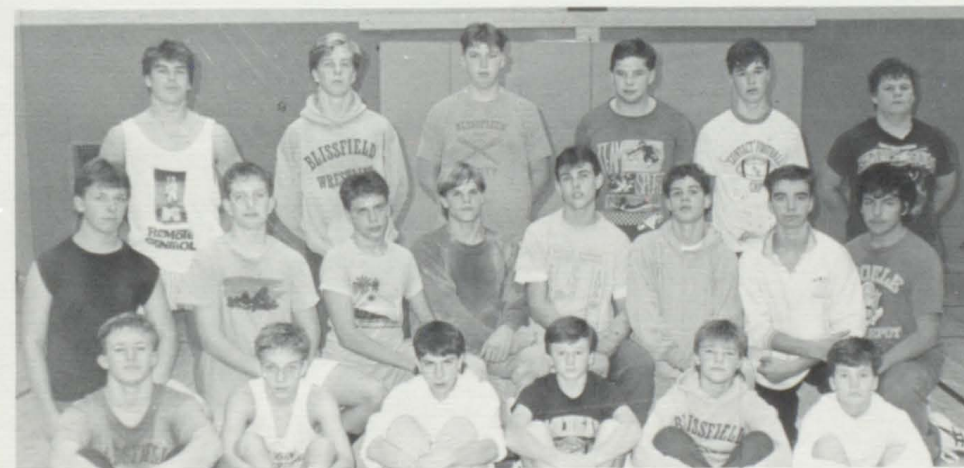
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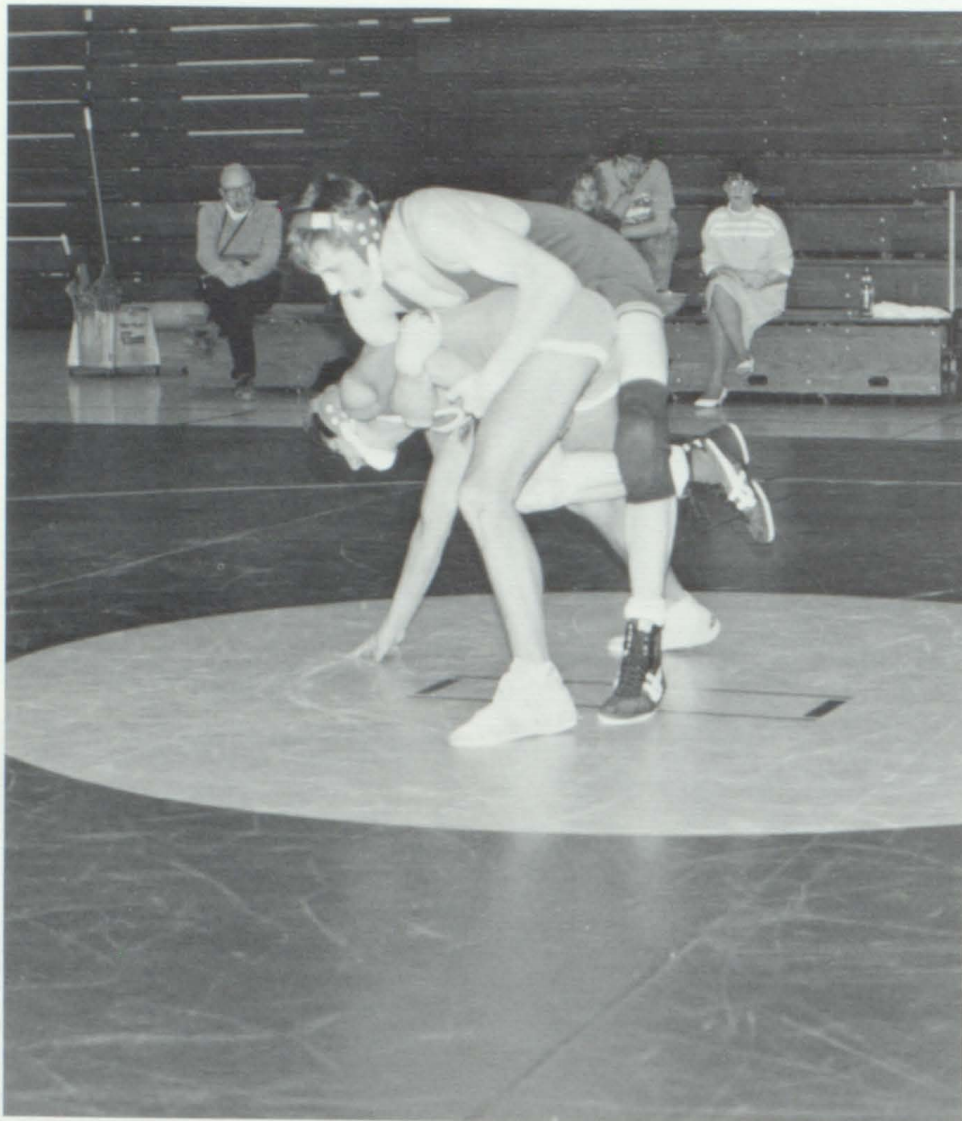
JV Wrestlers Work Towards High Goals

The JV wrestling team set high goals for themselves in the years to come. Dreams of wrestling at the varsity level pushed them to work their hardest at all times. This drive helped them place at every tournament they entered.

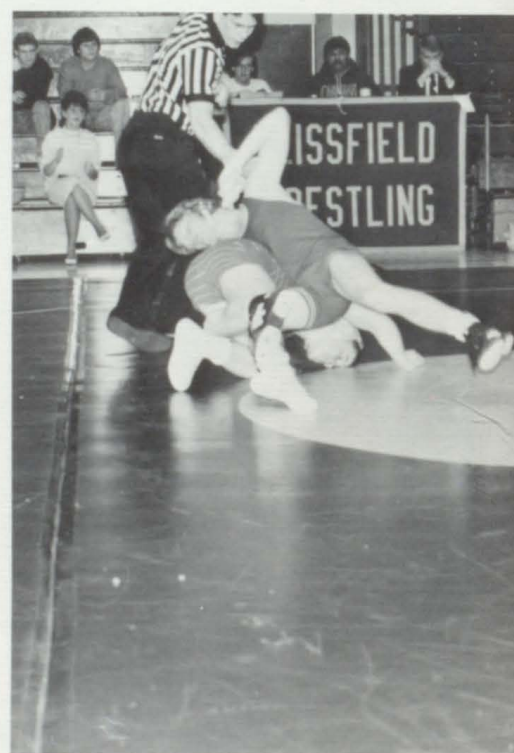
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2nd row: J. Griffith, J. Vollers, M. Harmes, B. Koester, A. Potts, M. Hinde, E. Smidtsroed, R. Robledo
back row: T. Anger, C. Reigle, J. Strong, E. Strong, R. Burt, D. Butler



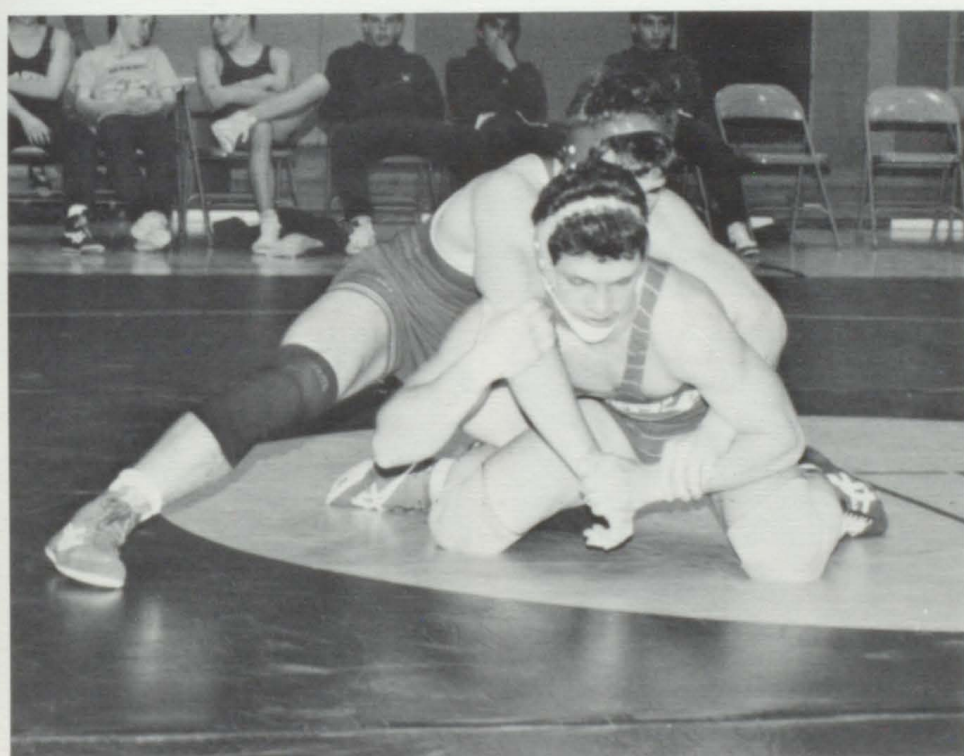
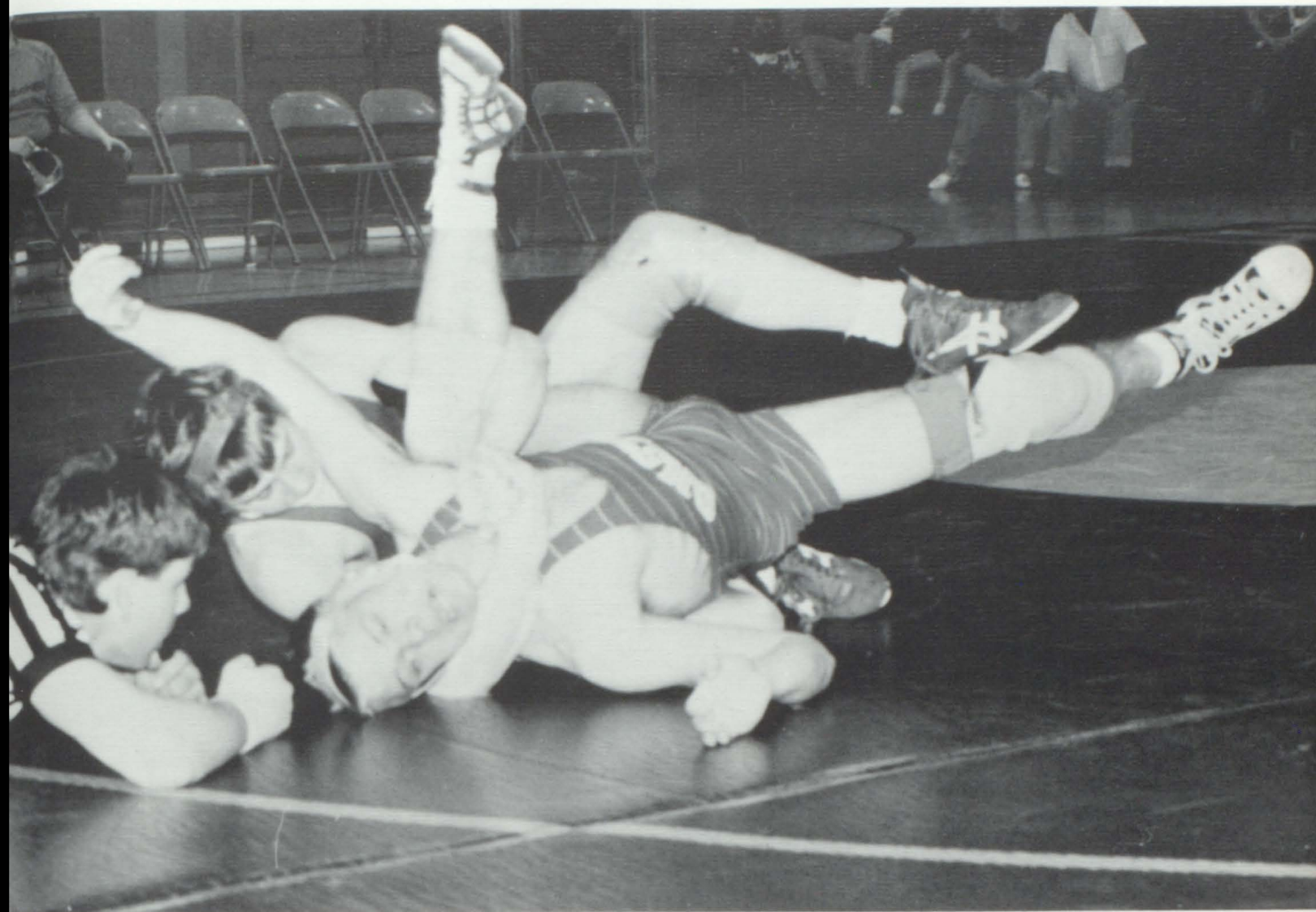
Returning state qualifier Ryan Fisher working one of his many moves.



front row: C. McHenry, B. Cairo, R. Fisher, R. Clement and C. Santiago
 2nd row: Coach Mowery, A. Martinez, J. Nieman, B. Koester, C. Henning and C. Abbott
 back row: Coach Babbitt, R. Smith, J. Schoonover, S. Rose, E. Yape and Coach Heiden



Junior Chad McHenry has his opponent in a most unenviable situation.



Senior tri-captain Chad Henning applies a cradle on his way to recording another of his 110 career victories.

Grapplers Pin for Records

The wrestling team continued its' improvement, finishing second in the L.C.A.A. and breaking the school record for wins.

Highlights of the season included winning the Napoleon Tournament and finishing undefeated in L.C.A.A. dual meets.

L.C.A.A. champs were Steve Rose, Brent Koester, Chad Abbott and Chad Henning.

State qualifiers included Chad Abbott, Jay Nieman and Chad Henning who finished with 110 career victories.

Senior tri-captain Brent Koester, a regional qualifier, works his man to the mat.



Above: Becky Martinez and Co-captain Leigh Ann Winchel attack the net in gaining another point for the Royals.

Bottom Left: Senior Co-captain Kelly Tonneberger and junior Shannon Flannigan anxiously await the serve.

Bottom Right: 3rd year letter winner Becky Martinez epitomizes the hustle that was displayed throughout the season.





Royal Netters Have a Year to Remember

"We had a lot of fun this year. We began playing as a team and it showed up in our record. It was definitely a year to remember", said Co-captain Leigh Ann Winchel.

After fighting for the league championship down to the last week of the season, the varsity volleyball team compiled a record of 18-9-3 and ended up third in the L.C.A.A.

Placing second at the Morenci Tournament and making it to the semifinals of the Lenawee County Tournament were two high points of the season.

Senior Stacy Neuman demonstrates the form that made her serve a strong point of the Royals game.



BHS	Match	Opp
15-15	(Morenci Tourney) Hudson	2-10
15-9	Morenci	8-15
15-15	Hudson	10-9
13-15-8	Morenci	15-7-15
15-6-15	Hudson	10-15-13
15-15	Ida	2-10
15-15	Onsted	5-7
7- 5	Clinton	15-15
15-15	(County Tourney) SandCreek	12-3
15-15	Deerfield	9-9
?	Adrian	15-15
15-15	Morenci	4-6
10-15	Lenawee Christian	15-12
2- 3	Tecumseh	15-15
2- 9	Districts-Dundee	15-15

BHS	Match	Opp
15-8-15	Morenci	10-15-7
10-9	(Hudson Tourney) Pittsford	15-15
15-16	Grass Lake	1-14
8-13	Vandercook Lake	15-15
15-15	Homer	4-10
15-2-15	Erie Mason	1-15-6
17-15	Madison	15-1
15-10-15	Ida	3-15-10
15-13-11	Hudson	11-15-15
10-15-3	Dundee	15-2-15
15-15	Onsted	4-5
6-15-15	Clinton	15-8-10
15-11-15	Erie Mason	9-15-4
12-15	(Morenci Tourney) Addison	15-12
15-15	Whiteford	5-6

Kneeling: K. Tonneberger, S. Lombard and L. Winchel

Standing: E. Sharp, S. Flannigan, T. Aldrich, C. Ludolph, B. Martinez and S. Neuman.

JV's Work Hard and Improve

The junior varsity volleyball team had a season of learning this year. The team was comprised of mainly freshmen save three sophomores. First year coach Mrs. Ruth Sines lead the team from the sidelines. The team worked extremely hard all season long and had improved their skills and level of play tremendously by the end of the season.

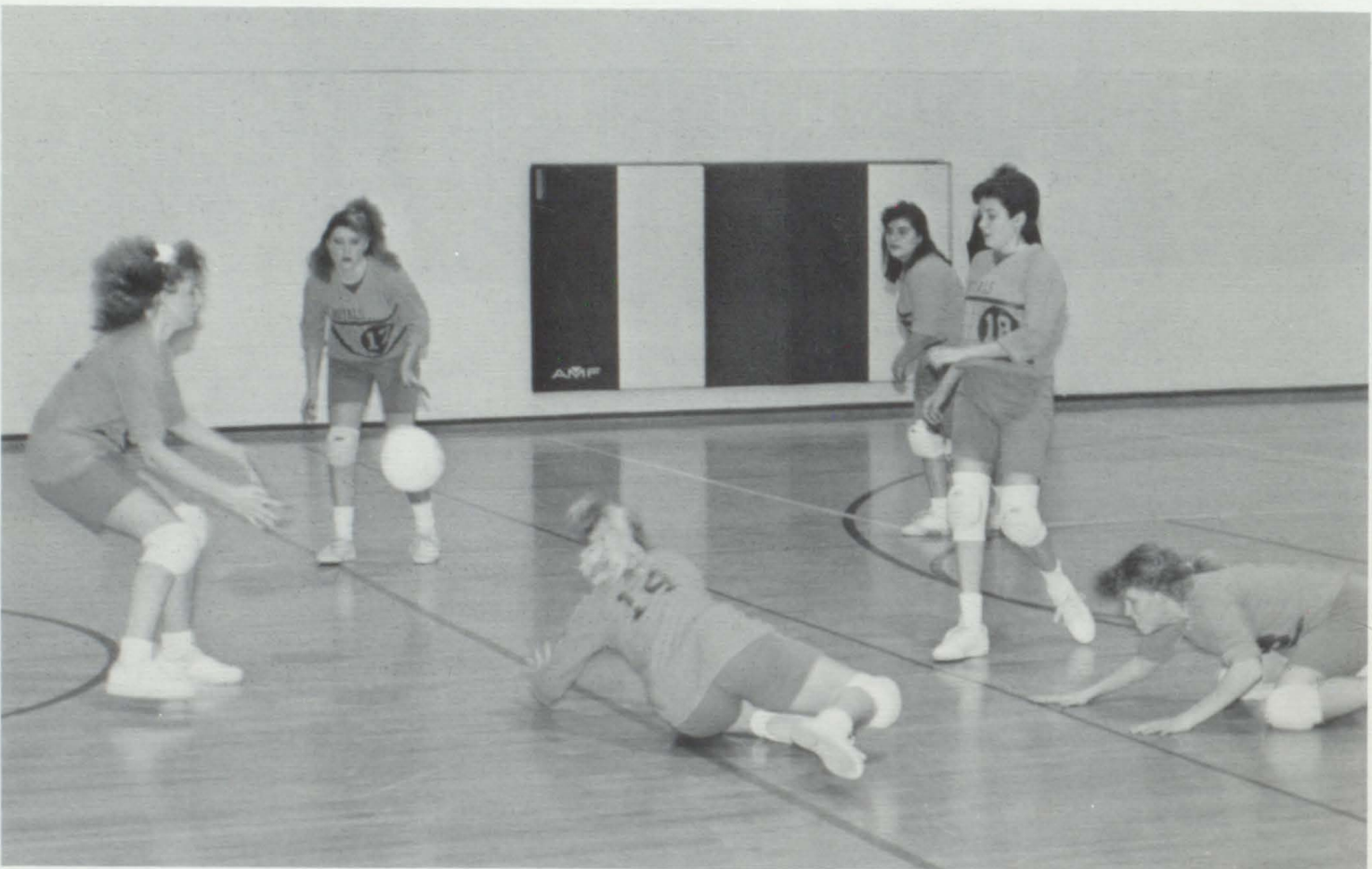
Below: Heidi Reed sets up for a pass.



Front row: Dawn Lemley, Audra Eisenmann, April Kastel, Jenny Spiegel, Heidi Reed
Back row: Lisa Taylor, Carrie Goetz, Lora Martinez, Michelle Ganun, Heather Reed



BHS	Match	Opp	BHS	Match	Opp
3- 8	Morenci	15-15	4- 1	Clinton	15-15
15-0-7	Erie Mason	8-15-15	14-13	Erie Mason	16-15
4- 3	Madison	15-15	4- 4	Hudson	15-15
8- 4	Ida	15-15	11- 9	Ida	15-15
12- 9	Hudson	15-15	7-15-9	Onsted	15-7-15
15-3-11	Dundee	5-15-15	1- 0	Clinton	15-15
15- 3- 6	Onsted	12-15-15	15-5-15	Dundee	9-15-1



Above: The team tries to rescue the ball.



Above: The JV cheerleaders perform a routine during a time out.

Left: varsity cheerleaders. front row: K. Nesbit, A. VanSlambrook, S. Isley
back row: Coach Squires, M. Burnett, J. Payne, M. Brown, D. Dvorsky

Cheering the Royals to Victory

The cheerleaders were at every game, win or lose and they were always encouraging the Royals to do their best. They worked nonstop making locker signs, holding pep assemblies and trying to raise the total spirit of the school.



JV cheerleaders. front row: S. Deibel, J. Goetz, D. Loar, K. Ford
back row: K. Amstutz, N. LaJiness, A. Lawhorn, T. Campbell

MAECO Highlights Year For League Champs

The varsity baseball team finished with a deceiving record of 17-13, in a very strong strong schedule. The Royals finished first in the L.C.A.A. with a record of 11-1. The team was well represented on the all-league team with five being named to the first team and two others achieving honorable mention. The senior leadership held the team together and was lead by MVP Aaron Seiser.

A highlight of the season was the MAECO Tournament where the Royals took second place and had three players named to the All-MAECO team.

Matt Ganun heads toward the plate for a close play as Coach Tuttle and Co-captain Chad Abbott watch.





BHS	game	Opp
4/7	Monroe CC	3/7
2	Erie Mason	1
9	Ida	5
2/5	Airport	11/9
12/12	Hudson	2/5
5	(Mason Tourney) Ida	2
6	Airport	11
4	Erie Mason	7
4/9	Dundee	2/5
8/1	Tecumseh	12/5
3	(Jefferson Tourney) Erie	
Mason		4
7	Bedford	3
7	Jefferson	8
20	Onsted	1
6	Clinton	0
11	(Blissfield Tourney) Jefferson	3
2	Monroe CC	4
5	Monroe High	6
13	Ida	4
9	(MAECO Tourney) Monroe	
CC		8
5	Carlson	4
6	Monroe High	7
14	Clinton	3
11	Onsted	1
7	Dundee	8
4	Erie Mason	5



Above left: Derek Sanders lays down a bunt to advance the runners on base.

Above: Co-captain and all-league selection Aaron Seiser slides into second for another of his many stolen bases.

Varsity Baseball Team - Front row: Zac Seiser, Anthony Martinez, Aaron Seiser, Chad Abbott, Brent Koester, Andy Fetzer and Randy Weeber

Middle row: Jason Burkholder, Chris Burgermeister, Derek Sanders, Keith Keller, Matt Hinde, Jeff Corie, Randy Kendall and Howie Winkler

Back row: Coach Duke, Ron Smith, Matt Ganun, Scott Staup, Jeff Honn, Greg Denecker, Ben Brown, Derrick Libstaff, Coach Babbitt and Coach Tuttle

Right: attempting to move the runners freshman Matt McHenry squares to bunt.

JV's Finish on Top

Throughout the season many JV players were asked to play varsity ball. However, even with their team rarely all together they had an excellent season. They finished the season with an overall record of 17-5 and won the League crown with a mark of 11-1. Many wins came against larger A and B schools such as Tecumseh, Adrian, Monroe and Monroe CC. Earlier in the season the JV's were able to win their own tournament, the Schwynn Invitational.

right: JV baseball - kneeling: C. Burgermeister, S. Campbell, M. Iffland, M. Ganun, B. Latour, Z. Seiser, M. Lewis
standing: J. Jackson, G. Cook, J. Olivarez, M. Camron, J. Hayes, H. Winkler, C. Sanderson, Coach Duke. missing: J. Burkholder and Coach Babbitt

Never Over

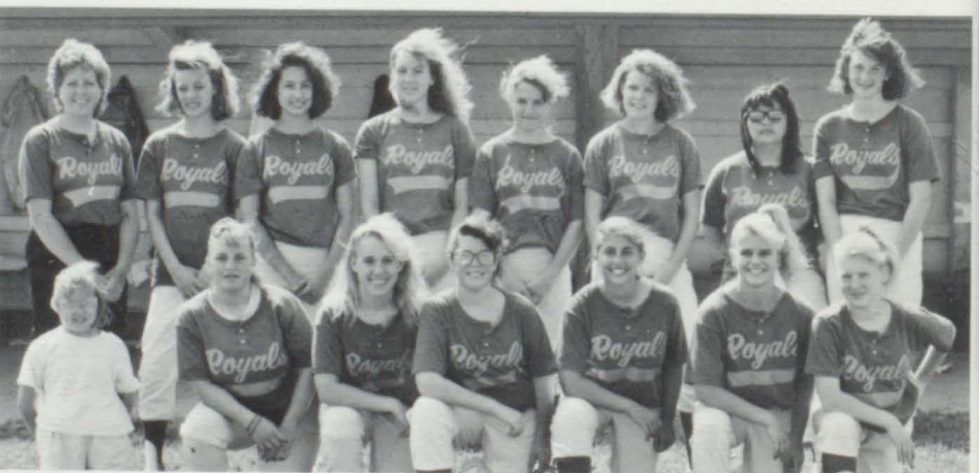
The freshmen baseball team coached by Stan Masters ended their season with a 6-10 record. "The most important lesson we learned this year was that the game is never over until the last out is made", stated Coach Masters.

right: freshmen baseball - kneeling: R. Amstutz, J. Eisenmann, B. Reed, C. Burgermeister, C. Hatch, M. McHenry, C. Bowen
standing: Coach Masters, J. Gentz, L. Anderson, J. Treloar, A. Hinde, T. Wegner

JV's Have Exciting Season

The JV softball squad, coached by Ruth Sines, had an exciting season although their record of 4-14 didn't always show it.

right: JV softball - first row: K. Sines, C. Sayler, A. Kastel, K. Ford, L. Taylor, J. Goetz, J. Marcus
second row: Coach Sines, D. Slusher, S. Sellick, M. Ganun, J. Spiegel, A. Blackburn, L. Martinez, R. Kalisek



Freshmen Baseball

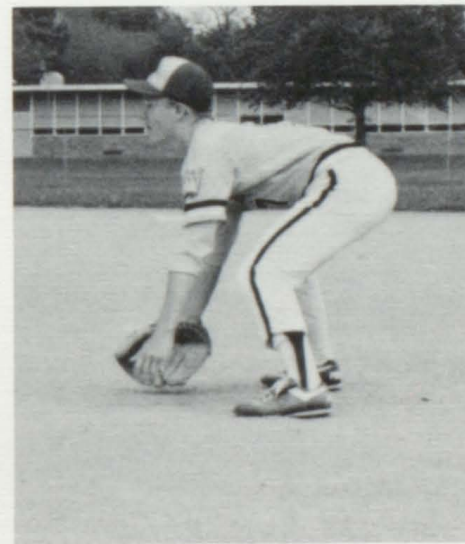
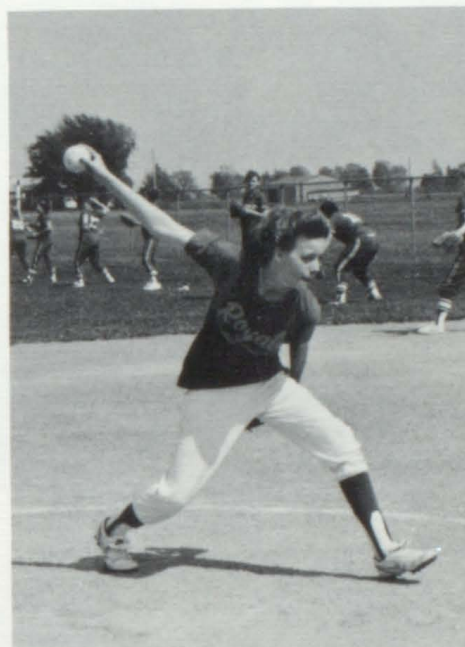
BHS	Game	Opp
2	Adrian	6
1	Jefferson	7
22	Sand Creek	12
4	Tecumseh	6
6	Tecumseh	0
3	St. Mary CC	4
0	Adrian	32
0	Adrian	2
10	Summerfield	8
0	Jefferson	10
6	Erie Mason	17
11	Tecumseh	8
5	Tecumseh	6
10	Summerfield	4
6	St. Mary CC	8
5	Erie Mason	2

Joey Olivarez works hard in practice as his teammates watch.

Below right: Dawn Slusher practices her pitching form as the opposition warms up.



BHS	JV Baseball Game	Opp
7	Erie Mason	8
19	Ida	1
7	St. Mary CC	6
4	Monroe	3
15	Hudson	1
13	Hudson	4
10	Dundee	2
13	Dundee	3
15	Tecumseh	12
2	Tecumseh	4
9	St. Mary CC	8
6	Adrian	7
6	Adrian	9
9	Onsted	2
8	Clinton	3
8	Ida	0
23	Clinton	0
4	Adrian	8
5	Adrian	2
14	Erie Mason	0
14	Onsted	0
9	St. Mary CC	6



Bottom left: Freshman Jody Goetz works on her swing, getting ready for the upcoming game.

Bottom middle: Sophomore Jeff Jackson throws down to second trying to pick off the runner.

Bottom right: Waiting to field the ball is Jason Eisenmann.

Gold Star Trackers Earn Awards

Boys' track saw several returning runners and events men. Those receiving varsity letters were Jerry Bates, Boots Butler, Chris DeBacker, Tom Durbin, Andrew Gitersonke, and Greg Piorkowski. Others earning a varsity letter were Corey Horky, Jay Nieman, Troy Niles, Mark Risch, Mark Rothfuss, Jeff Street, Dan Tuckerman, Martijn Tuseveld, Mike Vanderlaan, and Jon Vollers.

Boots Butler lengthens his strides widening a Royal lead.



Chris Debacker begins his lap of a relay with a look of aggression.



Above: Hard work led Jerry Bates and his relay team to many victories.

Right: Andrew Gitersonke concentrates on his next hurdle attempt.



Taking big strides is Dan Tuckerman who helped the Royals in long distance events.

front row: R. Cosme, D. Tuckerman, C. Thompson, M. Rothfuss, J. Griffith, R. Hennig second row: J. Bates, M. Hensche, J. Vollers, T. Durbin, M. Risch, M. Tusveld, J. Nieman, M. Vanderlaan third row: Coach Blue, G. Piorkowski, S. Rose, S. Waigle, J. Chapman, M. Navarro, J. Street, B. Koester, T. Niles, C. Horky, R. Mitchell, B. Butler, S. Gintack, C. Debacker, A. Gitersonke, M. Warner, E. Hall and Coach Camron



Shortened Season, Big Results

The 1990 girl's track team had a winning, but short season as the first two meets were cancelled. The girls went on to win all but one of their dual meets and finished respectably in all their big meets.

Highlights of the season included the two mile relay team of Mindy Stoddard, Heather Reed, Jessica Rothfuss and Heidi Reed breaking the school record with a time of 10:14.5, and Debi Brink qualifying for the state meet in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

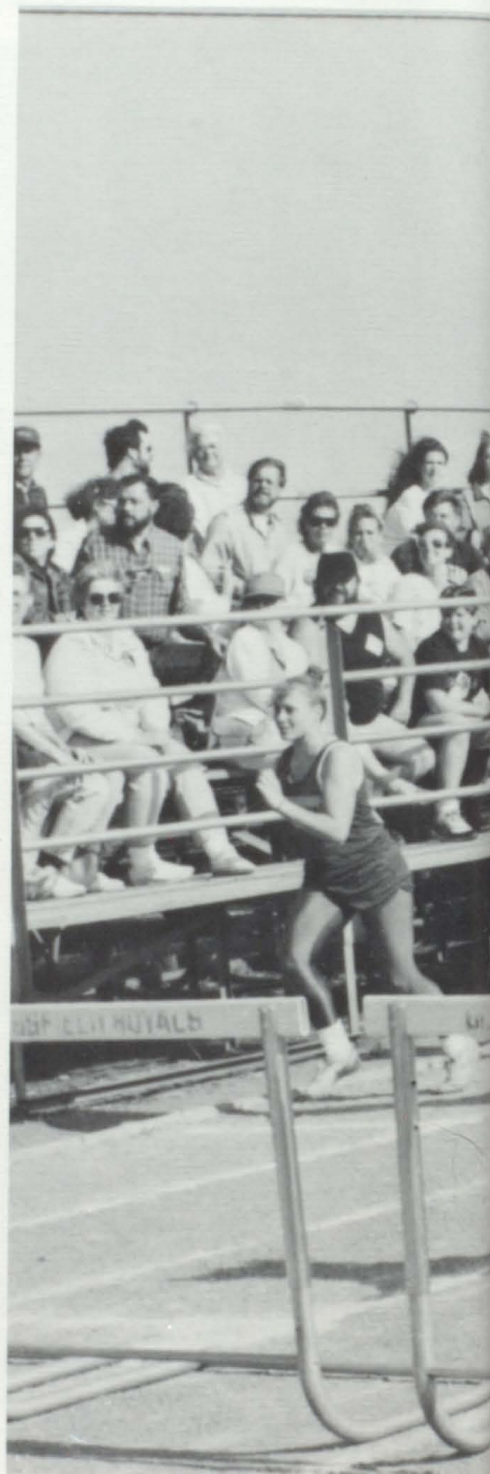
Below right: Kristy Warner begins her leg of the two mile relay which led the Royals to many victories.

Below: County champion, Heather Reed runs out in front of the pack to one of her many victories.

Sara Diebel, Hillarie Klempner and Tracy Fillipi use the hurdler stretch to prepare for a meet. Below right: The Royal hurdlers race to an excellent finish.



Grass Lake Inv. 2nd
BHS 82 - Summerfield 46
BHS 101 - Ida 27
Clinton Inv. 2nd
BHS 88 - Hudson 43
BHS 80 - Dundee 48
Flat Rock Inv. 3rd
BHS 52 - Onsted 76
BHS 86 - Clinton 42
Regionals 6th
L.C.A.A. 6th
D.T.I.I. 3rd



Lisa Dusseau receives a good hand-off and begins her sprint for the next exchange.



From bottom left: S. Waigle, J. Rothfuss, H. Klempler, T. Fillipi, A. Miller, K. Tonneberger, M. Stoddard, J. Wilson, B. Stock, S. Diebel kneeling: V. Beagle, M. Brauner, K. Warner, E. Sharp, M. Mowery, M. Geib, S. Bates, S. Risch, J. Gaines, T. Fuller standing: Coach Blue, D. Hale, H. Reed, H. Johnson, W. Neuroth, C. Karentoff, K. Ball, K. Amstutz, C. Rohroback, T. Stutzman, M. Brown, A. Karg, T. Aldrich, S. Boyd, K. Knoblauch, P. DeSoto, H. Reed, Coach Navarro, D. Brink, D. Lemley and Coach Brown.



Racing to many first place finishes is 880 relay anchor Debi Brink.



"I feel making it to the district finals was the highlight of the season. It had never been done before, we really played as a team, even though we lost."

Tammy Campbell works on her throwing form.



BHS	Game	Opp
4	Erie Mason	8
3	Ida	4
3/5	Tecumseh	14/19
2/19	Hudson	5/4
11	Manchester	7
7	Morenci	20
15	Erie Mason	5
16	Onsted	15
9	Clinton	10
18	Morenci	29
14	Ida	22
14	Dundee	11
10/9	Milan	5/13
15	Clinton	16
12	Dundee	16
15	Erie Mason	5
14	Onsted	2
13	Dundee	10
17	Westland	10
1	Ida	7

Left: Junior catcher Becky Martinez does one of the many things that made her an all-league selection.

Softball Has Many Phases

Below left: Shawn Midura concentrates on the pitcher waiting for her turn at the plate.
 Below middle: Pitcher Lori Crist zeros in on the plate to produce another out.
 Below right: Kendra Warner watches the ball come toward her as she waits to field it.



front row: S. Midura, L. Winchel, K. Gentz, B. Martinez, T. Campbell, K. Warner
 back row: Coach Underwood, A. Novak, L. Crist, R. Ruhl, A. Ricker, J. Bohlka, Coach Kohler

Experience Helps Royals

Each member of the 1990 softball squad was a returning varsity player. This experienced team reached a final record of 10-13 while facing good competition.

Those team members receiving first team all-league honors were Leigh Ann Winchel, Tammy Campbell and Becky Martinez, who also received the MVP award for the second year in a row. The lone sophomore on the team, Shawn Midura, received honorable mention all-league honors.

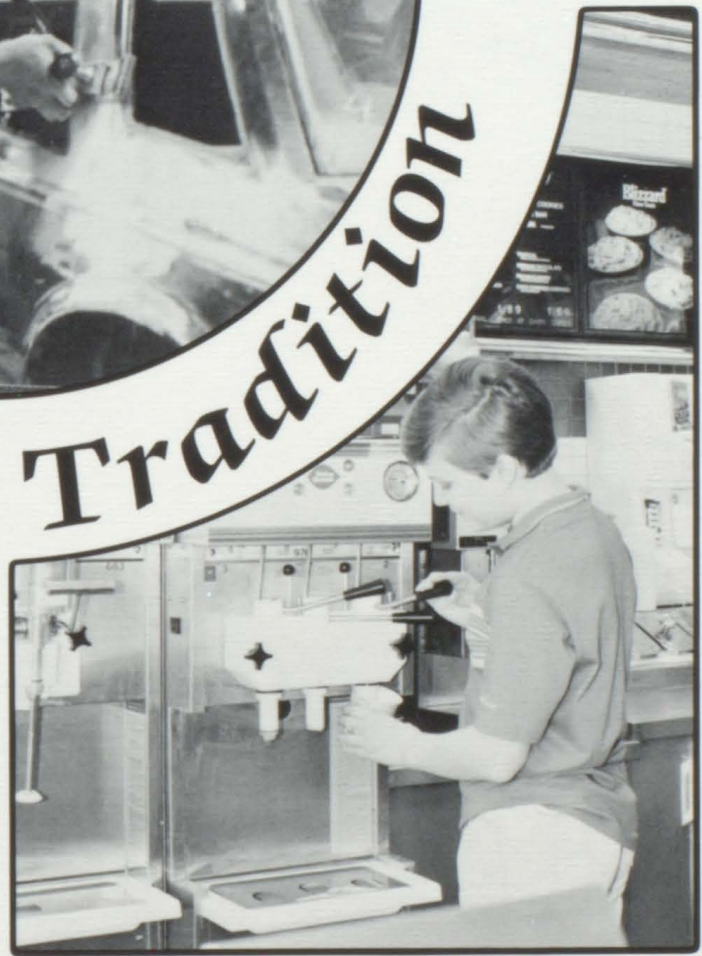
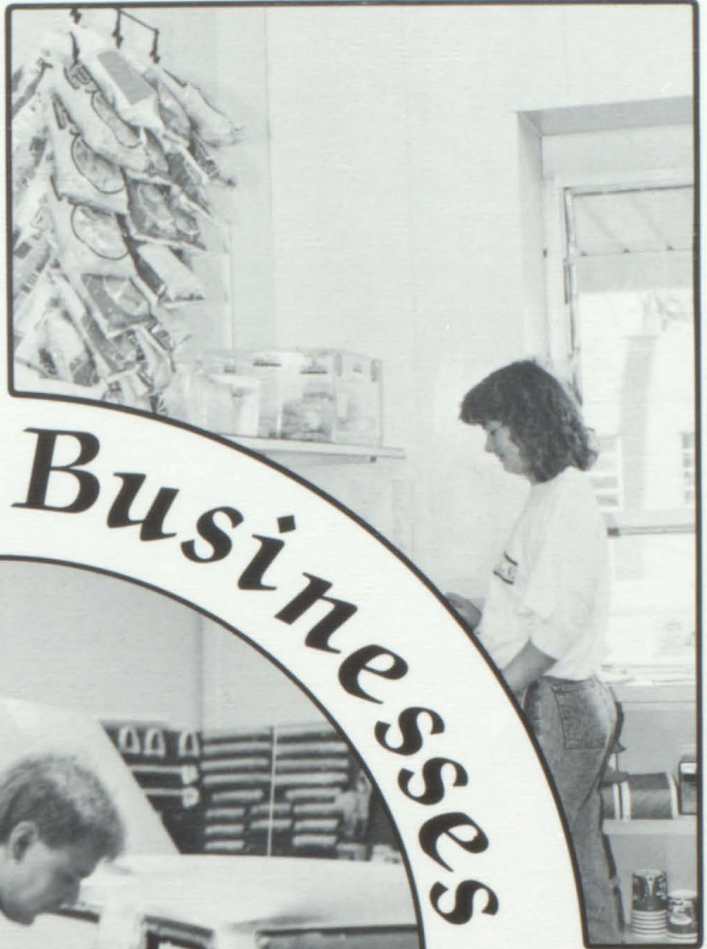
JUST MEMORIES OF SUCCESS

Right: Senior softball teammates pause for one last moment together.
Far right: Success was not evident as a smoke bomb was let off during the Coming Home basketball game.
Below: Senior football players pig-out on ice



All Randy Weeber had left were memories of playing after hurting his ankle during baseball season.
"Tracksters" hide out from the rainy weather during the league meet.





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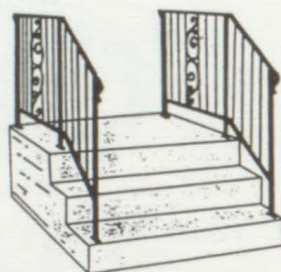
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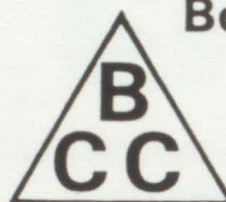
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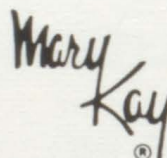


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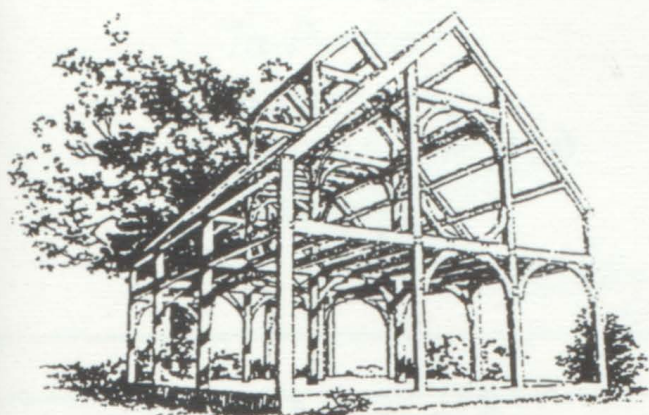


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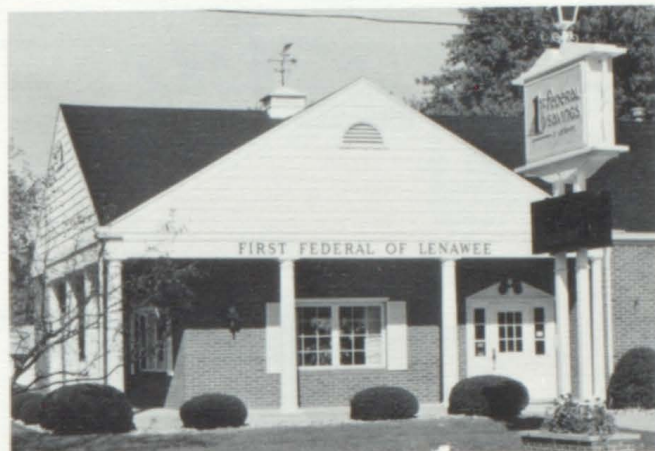
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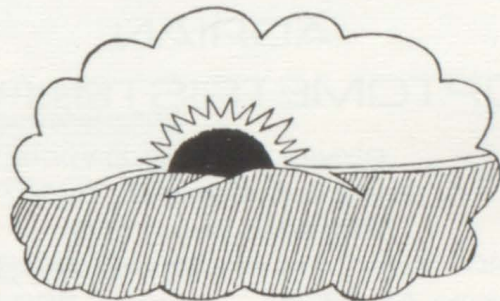
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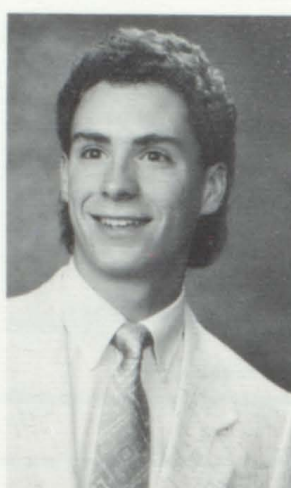
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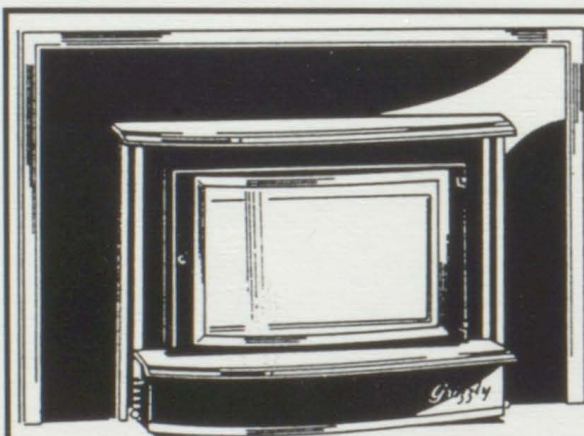


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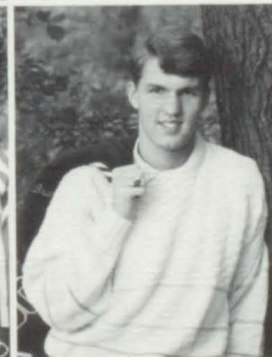
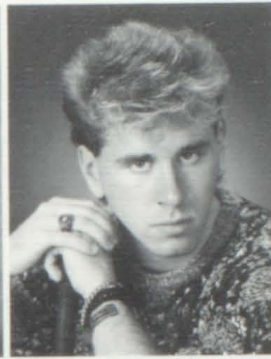
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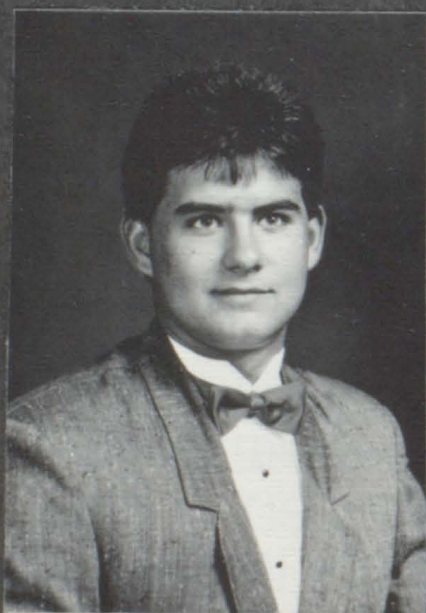
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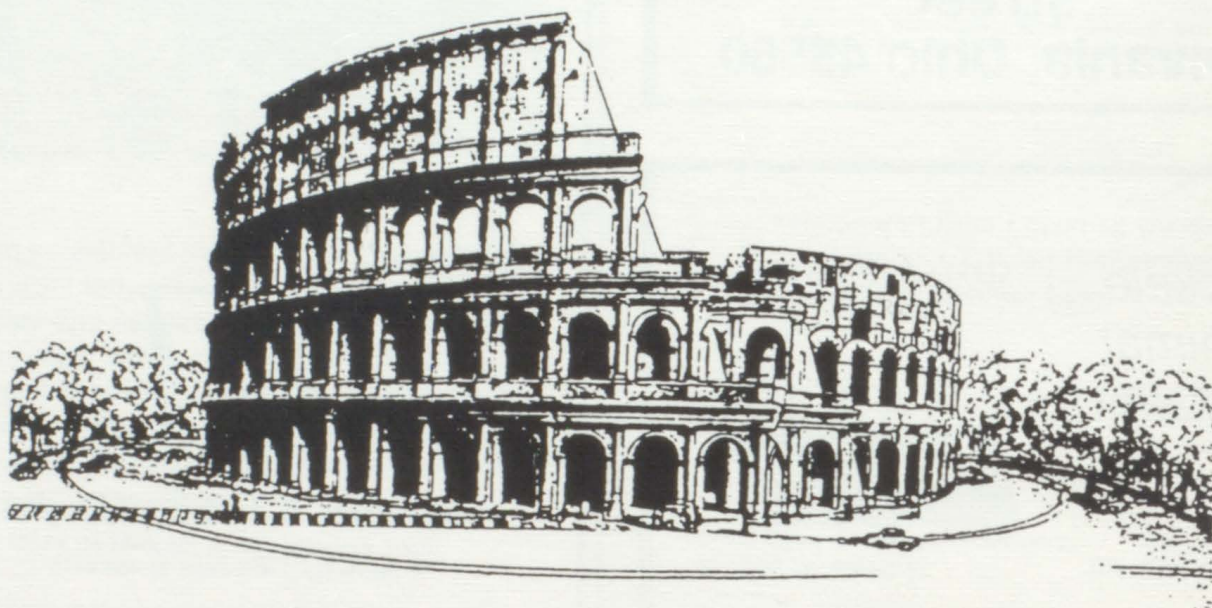
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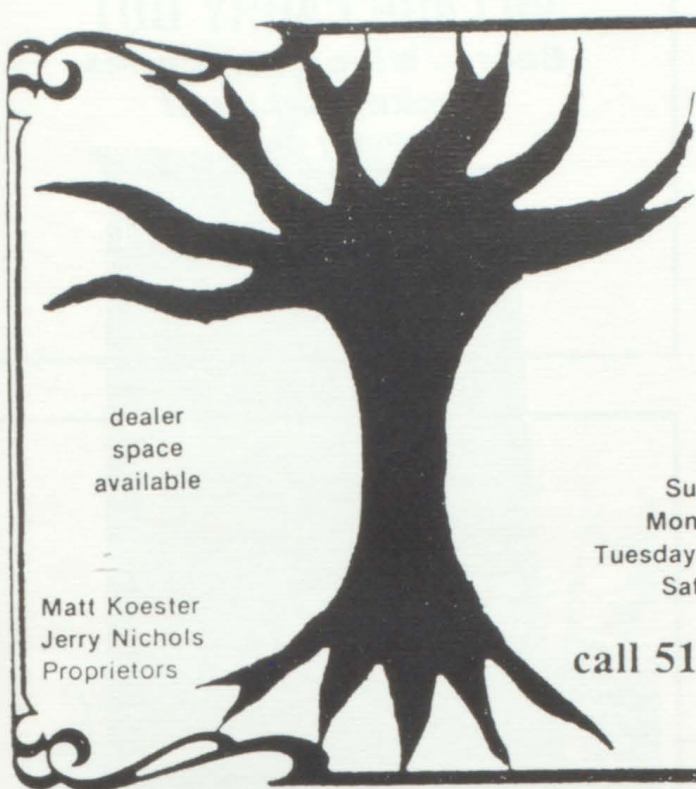
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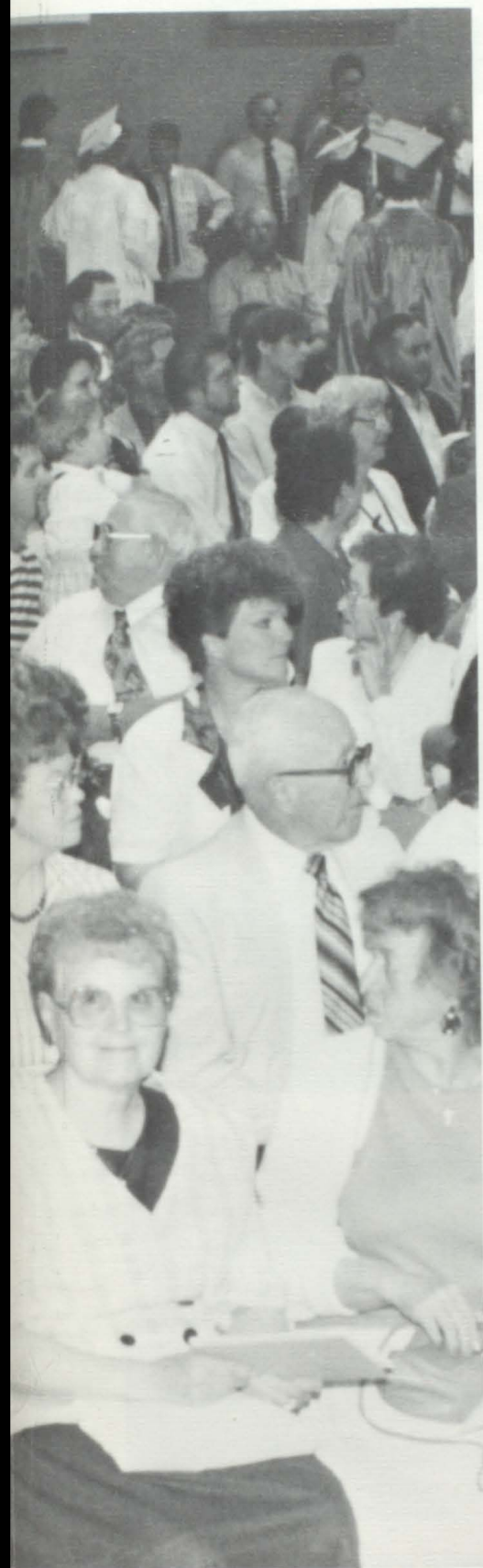
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Class Motto: Together we built our lives, apart we begin our futures.



The smiles on the graduates faces shows their readiness for the future.



Left: The Seniors turned their tassels to the left to signify that they had graduated.

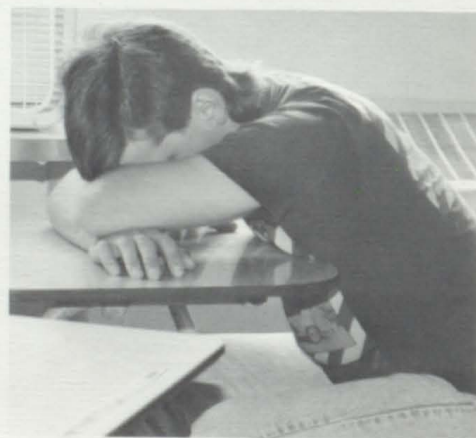
Below: Christie Lynn Pieper shakes hands with Dr. Wilson as she receives her diploma.



A successful year ended on a positive note when it was announced that Riga Township would not be the site of the nuclear waste dump, thanks to the community's teamwork and determination.

Also encouraging was the fact that 80% of the Senior class planned to further their education. The class merited over \$300,000 in scholarships and financial aid.

Riga won't be site for dump



Top: Seniors reminisce for one of the last times at the Senior breakfast. Above: Matt Betz takes an afternoon siesta. Left: Mr. Reaume assists Matt Welch and Veronica Martinez with scheduling.

