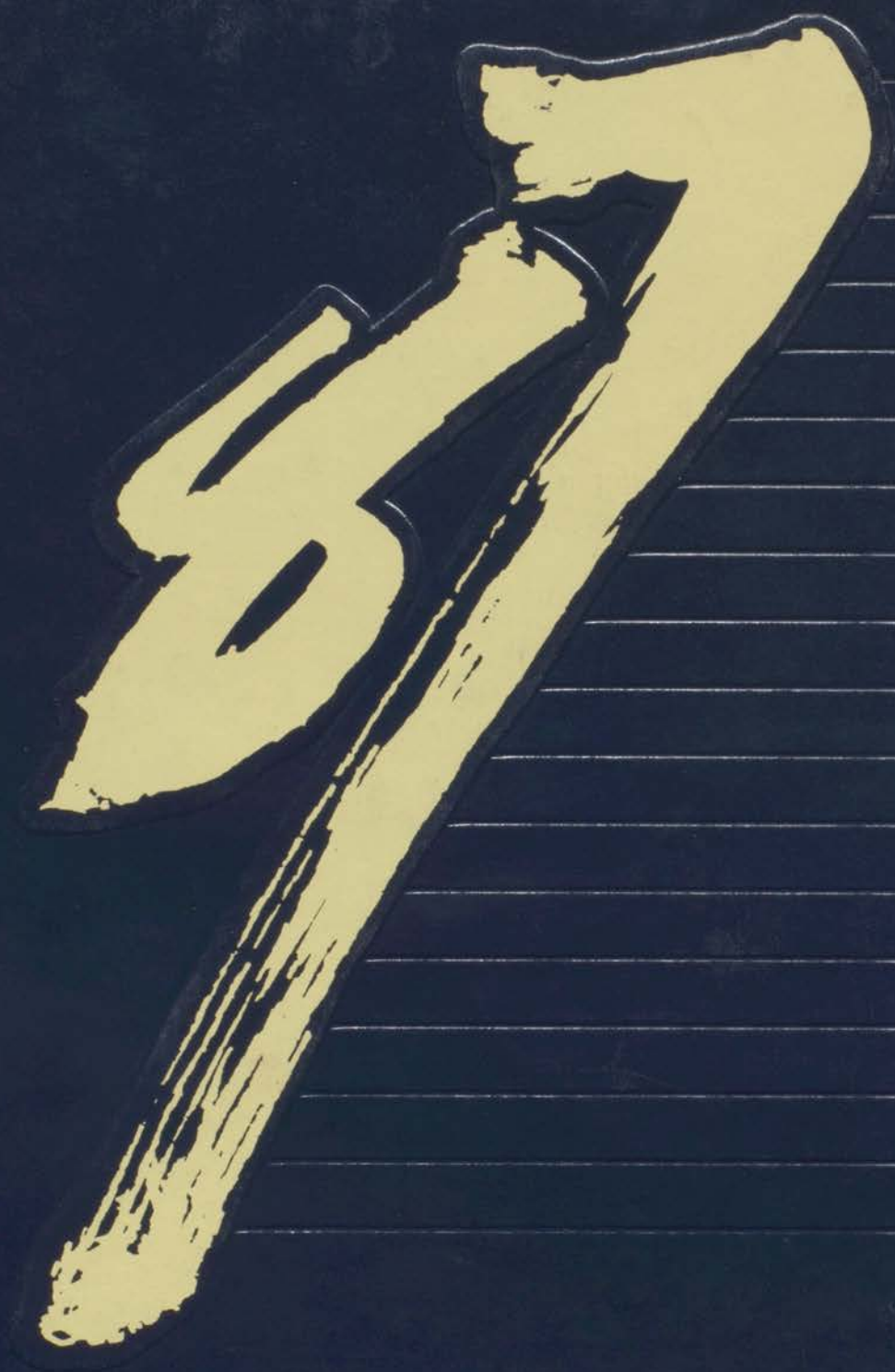


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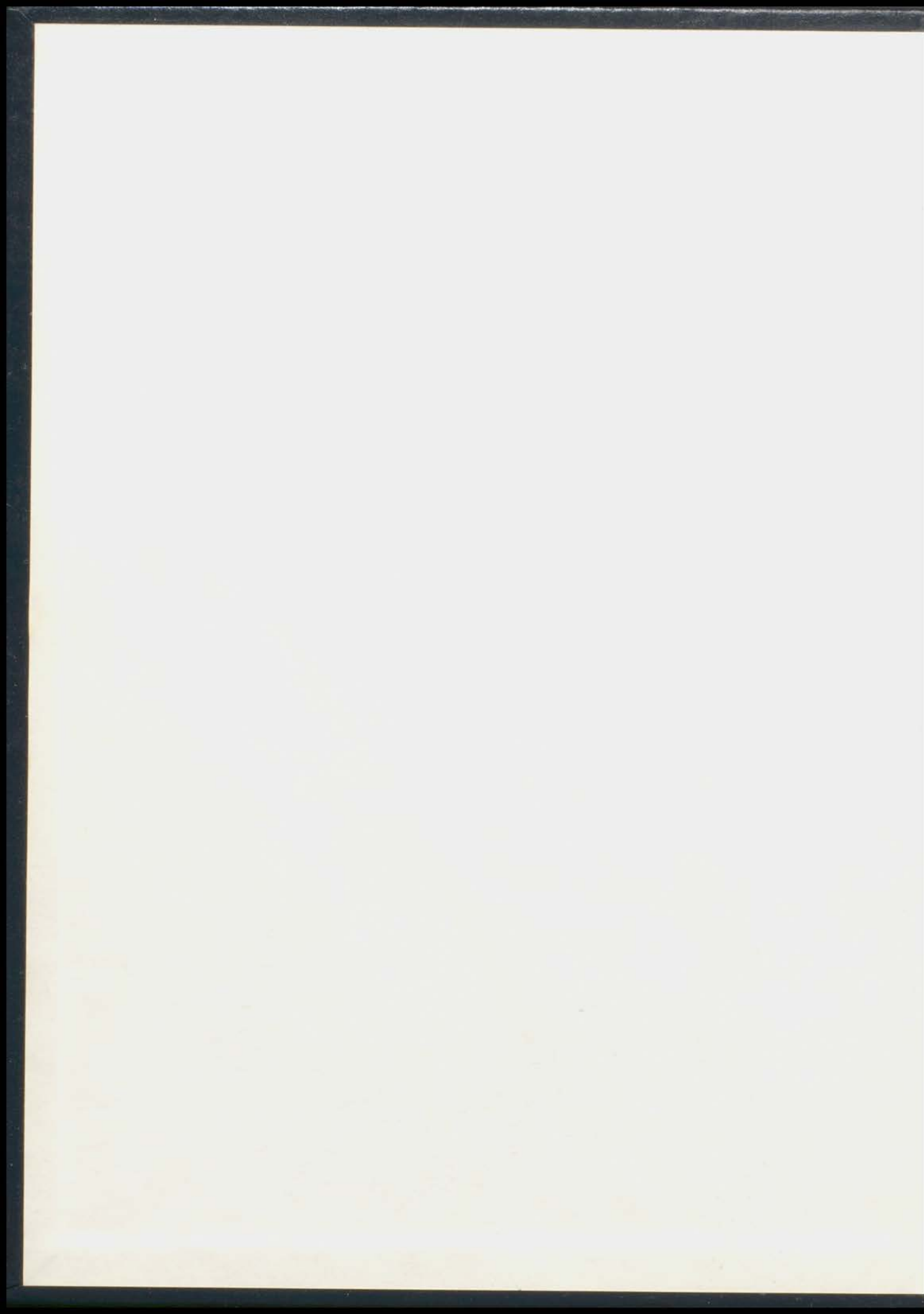




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... More Than Just ...



Upper left — "Caution: May bite!" These little rats are an experiment used by the Biology II class. Each student receives his/her own rat to experiment with.

Upper right — Corey Richardson, White Pigeon Band Drum Major, stands proud over his band.

Middle — Randy Stump and Kerry Vickers are required to dissect their own pigs for Biology II class.

Lower left — Bob Price passes on the latest gossip to Kevin Kahila during American History class.

Lower right — These students may look strangely dressed for school but not on Costume Day. Dressed up for Costume Day at White Pigeon are Bill Gilbert, Betsy Dettmar, Stacy Kilburn, and Amy Rauguth.



School ... more than just ... four years of reading, writing and arithmetic. Students ... more than just ... everyday faces. Teachers ... more than just ... drill sargents. Reports ... more than just ... headaches. School ... more than just ... exams that bring raw nerves. Lunchtime ... more than just ... eating food. Sports ... more than just ... winning. Studying ... more than just ... understanding. School ... more than just ... hard work. Graduation ... more than just ... freedom.



8th grade ... more than just ... newcomers. Freshman ... more than just ... squirmy. Sophomores ... more than just ... bug and leaf collectors. Juniors ... more than just ... athletes. Seniors ... more than just ... graduates. School ... more than just ... an education.





Football ... more than just ... a touchdown. Basketball ... more than just ... swoosh. Wrestling ... more than just ... pinned. Softball ... more than just ... a run batted in. Baseball ... more than just ... a home run. Volleyball ... more than just ... bump-set-kill. Cheerleading ... more than just ... the splits. Track ... more than just ... a jump, toss, run.

Cross Country ... more than just ... a hike. Golf ... more than just ... putt-putt. Band ... more than just ... giving a toot. English ... more than just ... see Spot run. Math ... more than just ... $2+2=4$. Science ... more than just ... "the difference between an orange." History ... more than just ... the life of President Kennedy.

Left — After a performance at the Mendon game, Beth Betcke, flag captain, stands at ease.
Right — Jaime Sanderson experiences frustration at the lockers.



Upper — White Pigeon High School teachers Mr. Gale Brokaw, Mr. Dave Snook, Mr. George Morse, Mr. Bill Miller and Mr. Jim Stambaugh may look strange but they show their

pride in White Pigeon by dressing up on Costume Day.
Lower right — Varsity cheerleaders perform a cheer during a time out.



Not Just A Staff — More Of A Team

Upper right — Members of the yearbook staff are Heather McKee — Activities and Clubs; Beth Betcke — Co-editor, 8th-11th, Theme, Staff; Stacy Armstrong — Activities and Clubs; Greg Swank — Sports; Arthur Forbes — Faculty and Academics; Gloria Bontrager — Faculty and Academics; Terry Hagen — 9th-11th; Kim Lethiot — 8th-11th and Nicole Lucas — Sports.

Middle left — Rachel McLaughlin is responsible for the ad pages.

Middle — Scott Hagerstrom drew the 8th grade layouts.

Middle right — Kassie Wolf and Shari Pettit finish up their section of senior pages.

Lower left — Barb Wolf helped with the 8th-11th grade pages.

Lower right — Brad Medich and Debbie Landrum think of many pictures they can take while Terry Hagen and Lori West (co-editor) help Susan Diehl finish ad pages.




ATHLETICS

A Fairytale Season

Once upon a time, as all fairy tales start, the White Pigeon Chiefs had a 5-0 record. The two wicked step sisters in this Cinderella story were Schoolcraft, which was the Class D quarter finalist, and Berrien Springs, which was the Class C semifinalist. The Prince Charming was the offensive backfield, made up of Mark Bedell, Dave Gowen, Paul Pierson, and Tony D'Haese. Together, they with the

team, crushed the Constantine Falcons 67-20. The combined scores of the two teams in that game was the largest sum of points scored in the history of the rivalry.

The Grand Ball or final game was the most important one of the season. The opposing team was Berrien Springs and the victor of the match was play-off bound. "That game was the hardest hitting game played by both teams," said

Marv Schneider, head coach of the Chiefs, just as they fell short of their first chance at play-offs since 1980. When asked about the season, defensive wide-half, Jason Wells replied, "It was a great one and next year we hope to have another chance at the play-offs and this time we will make it." With that final thought the Chiefs hope for a happier ending next year when the fairy tale comes true. 



Upper left — Junior Derek Snook gets set to throw a touchdown pass.

Upper right — Derek Snook kicks off the second half, while Tony D'Haese, Clint Stambaugh, and Paul Fowler pursue the ball.

Lower — The White Pigeon Chiefs get psyched up for the Berrien Springs game.





Upper — In the back row stands Coach Marvin Schneider, Gret Swank, Coach Pat West, Evan Anderson, Rollie Flowers, Dan Carr, Danny Berchiatti, Derek Snook, Brian Byler, Jim Elkins, Ron Cassity, Spence Lutz, Ted Boyer, Chris Schumacher, Clint Stambaugh, Trainer Gary Shopell, and Assistant Coach Ron Aldrich. Kneeling in the middle row are Mark Bedell, Dave Lorenz, Greg Evilsizor, Paul Fowler, Jason Wells, Tony D'Haese, Kerry Vickers, Kevin Kahila, Steve Lent, and Manager Troy Mineger. Sitting in the front row are Herman Priddy, David Graber, Dave Gowan, Doug Rossman, Rob Jonker, Paul Pierson, Brent Haifley, and Manager Carl Flowers.



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30	White Pigeon	Mendon	14
36	White Pigeon	Hopkins	20
32	White Pigeon	Centreville	8
12	White Pigeon	Schoolcraft	23
30	White Pigeon	Colon	0
67	White Pigeon	Constantine	20
6	White Pigeon	Berrien Springs	7



Middle left — A White Pigeon player single handedly tries to tackle a Berrien Springs Shamrock, while receiving down line help from Jim Elkins, Ron Cassity, and Rob Jonker.

Middle right — Senior Dave Gowen takes a break on the sideline.

Lower — Mark Bedell looks for a hole, as the offensive line tries to hold back Hopkins.


Making Champions



The 1986 J.V. Football team surprised everyone this year as they showed no mercy by obliterating every team in the league. It was a phenomenal season for the mighty Chiefs. Using a combination of determination, teamwork and all-around ability, the team captured the league title and finished the season with an outstanding 8-1 record. There hasn't been a record this good for a J.V. Football team for at least twenty years. What accounts for the success of this year's



team? "First we improved as a team, and last as individuals," commented Coach Tony Cholometes. The players were unselfish in their playing and knew their roles on the team.

"The best game of the season was the Constantine game because we played with a lot of heart," said sophomore Chad Salisbury. The result of being close as a team and a lot of teamwork was a season that made champions out of an underestimated team. 



Upper left — Sophomore Matt Bedell scrambles to look for an open receiver while under defensive pressure.

Upper right — Quarterback Matt Bedell barks the signals at the line of scrimmage at the J.V. battle between the Chiefs and the Falcons.

Middle — Brad Schneider runs to the open side of the field while being chased by a Constantine Falcon.

Lower — Sitting in the front row are Bill Hall, Andy Yeomans, James Bond, Billy Gilbert, Kevin Atherton, John Sassaman, Richard Wordelman, Paul Wolkins, and Jason Stambaugh. Kneeling in the middle row are Scott Nichols, Doug Souter, Wade Snyder, Eric Betts, Todd Haifley, Matt Derr, Chris Heroy, Brian Bagshaw, Matt Bedell, and Corey Presock. Standing in the back row are Coach Cholometes, Jason Hurst, Mark Hendricks, Matt Ruple, Brad Schneider, Chad Salisbury, Brent Kulp, Robin Schumacher, Martin Gillette, Brian Alber, Greg Johnson, and Coach Kendall.





White Pigeon

16	Edwardsburg	8
33	Climax-Scotts	0
14	Mendon	0
16	Hopkins	14
26	Centreville	8
10	Schoolcraft	0
52	Colon	0
35	Constantine	0
6	Berrien Springs	20



Upper — The J.V. Chiefs shake hands with the Constantine Falcons after shutting them out 35-0.

Middle left — Sophomore Brad Schneider tries to hold on to the ball while running from the defense.

Middle right — Sophomore Robin Schumacher fights for a touchdown as Brad Schneider blocks and Richard Wordelman comes in to help.

Lower — Robin Schumacher kicks off the second half as John Sassaman, Andy Yeomans, and Chris Heroy go to attack the opposing team.

Diamonds In The Rough

Let's say the girl's basketball team was a diamond ring. The team had a few flaws in it, such as do or die situations. The band of this ring was the way they worked together as a team. The setting was the three juniors and one sophomore, who seemed to bring out the best of the main gem or the seniors.

Leading in rebounds for the Chiefs was senior Heather Phelps, who had a sparkling 141 rebounds. Senior Michelle Magill led in scoring with a dazzling 177 points. The game to stay in the minds of players and fans was the game against

Bridgeman, when senior Stacie Schneider made a last second shot to win the game by one point. Junior Stacy Armstrong said, "Towards the end of the game we could have lost but we didn't give up hope, we pulled together as a team."

Everyone knows that the hardest substance on the earth is a diamond and with the up-coming J.V. players, the lady Chiefs should live up to the expectations of being the ultimate basketball team or in the jewelry world, the Hope Diamond.



Upper right — Junior Nicole Hart takes a baseline shot against the tough centreville defense.

Middle — From left to right stand Tammy O'Rourke, Stacie Schneider, Michelle Magill, Nicole Hart, Coach Phyllis Reinelt, Heather Phelps, Peggy Lewis, Brenda Wagner, Stacy Armstrong, and Nicole Lucas.

Lower left — Junior Stacy Armstrong shows good freethrow form as she hits a one on one.

Lower right — Junior Nicole Lucas hits an outside jumper to help the Chiefs defeat the Centreville Bulldogs.





Upper — Heather Phelps, Michelle Magill, Stacy Armstrong, Nicole Hart, and Stacie Schneider set up in a zone defense to stop the Colon Magi.

Middle left — Senior Michelle Magill shoots a short jumper, as Heather Phelps holds back the defense.

Middle right — Senior Tammy O'Rourke gets the break away and Stacy Armstrong gets position for the rebound.

Lower — Senior Heather Phelps goes up for two, while Michelle Magill waits for the rebound.



Chiefs	Opponent
28	Sturgis 48
58	Athens 62
53	Cassopolis 36
52	Burr Oak 35
45	Schoolcraft 40
60	Mendon 37
34	Constantine 43
54	Colon 63
34	Centreville 31
33	Climax-Scotts 61
50	Burr Oak 19
41	Decatur 19
37	Constantine 51
53	Mendon 40
35	Colon 49
39	Centreville 34
44	Climax-Scotts 52
39	Bridgman 38
46	Schoolcraft 51
34	Kalamazoo Christian 42

More Than Just J.V.'s

"Oh! They're just the J.V. team," is a common phrase that many people say about the junior varsity team. But for two years in a row now the girls junior varsity basketball team has showed a lot of talent. They are repeating J.V. league champs. The girls had a record of 14-0 in the league and 17-2 overall. "Hard work and determination brought us to this success," replied Coach Jarrad.

Sophomore Carolyn Littlefield, who was co-captain of the team, led in rebounding by bringing down 157 rebounds. Littlefield also led the team in scoring with 197 points. Sophomores Mindy Boyer and Melanie Hoopes helped out at the guard positions.

Chiefs		Opponent
25	Sturgis	31
32	Athens	44
36	Cassopolis	33
58	Burr Oak	10
46	Schoolcraft	27
37	Constantine	36
58	Mendon	22
46	Colon	29
29	Centreville	28
54	Climax-Scotts	21
35	Burr Oak	13
38	Decatur	18
39	Constantine	29
37	Mendon	24
41	Colon	36
56	Centreville	48
55	Climax-Scotts	23
24	Bridgman	16
47	Schoolcraft	18



Upper right — Sophomore Carolyn Littlefield rips a rebound away from a Constantine Falcon.

Middle — Kneeling in the front row are Melanie Hoopes, Heather Magill, Jill Stout, Lisa Armstrong, and Aimee Rodwick. Standing in the back row are Mindy Boyer, Michelle Avery, Jenny Lent, Marcy Dexter, Coach Jarrad, Carolyn Littlefield, Jenny Carter, Penny Morey, and Nikki Strawser.

Lower left — Melanie Hoopes shoots a free throw while Mindy Boyer boxes out and tries for a rebound.

Lower right — Point guard Nikki Strawser sets up the offense as she calls out play number one.





Keep Clubbin' Away



Opponents	Chiefs
Centreville	L
JAMBOREE	
Constantine	L
Schoolcraft	L
Centreville	L
Edwardsburg	L
Constantine	L
Centreville	L
Constantine	L
Schoolcraft	L
Mattawan Inv.	16th
Schoolcraft	L
Centreville	L
Constantine	L

"They are extremely young," commented Coach Verne Sawyer. Dan Jones was the only senior on the team. The result of a young team was a frustrating season with 0-10 being their record. "We had a lack of experience," replied sophomore Nick Sward.

Even though the Chiefs had their

weaknesses, they were able to rise to the occasion and place sixth at regionals. Jim Sawyer went beyond regionals to finish 81st at State.

The Chiefs traveled to their home court, the Klinger Lake Country Club to practice and to hold their matches. $\frac{9}{10}$

Upper — Freshman Eric Hackman takes a few practice swings before a tough match. Middle left — State qualifier Jim Sawyer gets ready to pick out a club for his next putt.

Middle right — Sophomore Curt Barnhart shows excellent swinging techniques as he attempts a good drive.

More Than Just Running

"Let's go, you turkeys," shouted Coach Curt Meek. This was a common phrase that the runners heard during the season. Since the team had little depth they had to push their bodies to the limit.

After asking some of the runners whether cross country was just running, senior Scott Hagerstrom chuckled, "No, sometimes runners fall down." Actually cross country wasn't just running. There was a lot of climbing hills, dodging tree limbs, and jumping mud puddles.

Steve Carter was a three-time state qualifier, a school record holder in the 5000 meters, and all-conference runner. Scott Hagerstrom was a four year participant, and an all-conference runner this year. Sophomore Stacey Kilburn had an undefeated season until the state meet where she was this year's Class C State runner-up champ. Stacey now holds a new school record time of 18:20.



Upper — Seniors Steve Carter and Scott Hagerstrom battle it out with a St. Joseph runner as the finish line looms ahead.

Middle Left — Kneeling in the front row are Jason Williams, Scott Hagerstrom, Stacey Kilburn, and Tim Suszko. In the back row stands Coach Curt Meek, Steve Nicholson, Ken Williams, and Steve Carter.

Middle right — Sophomore Stacey Kilburn breathes a sigh of relief as she crosses the finish line with another first place win.

Lower — Mr. Richard Kilburn congratulates his daughter, Stacey Kilburn after her fine performance at the Sturgis Invitational.

Centreville Invitational	No
	Place
Centreville	L
Colon	L
Constantine	W
Parchment	W
Vicksburg	L
Union City Invitational	8th
Constantine	W
Schoolcraft	L
Union City Invitational	4th
Sturgis Invitational	20th
Schoolcraft	L
Colon	L
Brandywine Invitational	6th
St. Joseph Valley League	4th



Middle — Freshman Jill Stout bumps the ball back over for an easy return.

Lower left — Kneeling in the front row, left to right are Stacey Kilburn, Melanie Hoopes, Heather Magill, Lisa Armstrong, Jill Stout, Rene Reinelt, and Carolyn Littlefield. Standing in the back row left to right are Julie Miller, Michele Avery, Marcy Dexter, Peggy Lewis, Coach Erlandson, Penny Morey, Michelle Burnham, and Nikki Strawser.

Middle right — Sophomore Carolyn Littlefield stretches out before an important home game.

Lower right — Peggy Lewis kills the ball against some Mendon Hornets.

The J.V. Girls Volleyball team showed their stuff in a special kind of way this year. The girls won three straight tournaments the Lawton invitational, Galesburg-Augusta tourney, and the Edwardsburg J.V. tournament. The team had a lot of depth in every position which was a major key to their impressive record of 31-2-2. Leading the team in kills was sophomore Carolyn Littlefield; leading in assists was freshman Lisa Armstrong; and leading in aces was sophomore Peggy Lewis. The Varsity has a lot to look forward to from this J.V. team. The girls were league champs and beat even a couple of Class B schools.

Spikers Spunk Up



OPPONENT	
Three Rivers	W
Climax-Scotts	W
Burr Oak	W
Bridgeman	W
Niles	T
Edwardsburg	W
Dowagiac	W
Centreville	W
Bridgeman	W
Cassopolis	W
Schoolcraft	W
Cassopolis	W
Coldwater	W
Marcellus	W
Mattawan	W
Vicksburg	W
Comstock	W
Mendon	W
Colon	W
Constantine	L
Kalamazoo Christian	W
Climax-Scotts	W
Galesburg	W
Climax-Scotts	W
Kalamazoo Christian	W
Centreville	W
Edwardsburg	W
Vicksburg	W
Cassopolis	W
Brandywine	W
Dowagiac	W
Portage Central	L
L.M.C.	W
Lakeshore	T
Dowagiac	W



Coach Jarrad & The Ten Spikers

"Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho, it's off to League Title we go," said Coach Jarrad and the Ten Spikers. At the beginning of the season their goal was to be SJV Champions. "We have to communicate, work together as a team, and want it in order to get it," commented Coach Jarrad. The Chiefs started out the season by taking a small bite of the poisoned apple as they struggled to survive the Cereal City Tournament. The life-giving kiss was a lot

of support from the school, students, and parents. This brought the Ten Spikers a couple exciting victories, the SJV League Title and the District Title. "And on to Regionals we go," shouted Coach Jarrad and the Ten Spikers. But this time not only did the Chiefs bite the poisoned apple, but they also swallowed it and the life-giving kiss would not return until next year.

The Ten Spikers were Seniors

Stacie Schneider, Janet Higgins, Julie Higgins, Michelle Magill, Brenda Wagner, Heather Phelps, and Juniors Nicole Lucas, Stacy Armstrong, Nicole Hart, and Patty Bennett. The Chiefs had three all-conference players: Heather Phelps, who led the team in kills and blocks; Michelle Magill, who led in points; and Nicole Lucas, who led the offense with assists. Nicole Lucas was also named MVP of the SJV League. $\Phi\alpha\chi$



Middle Left — Seniors Stacie Schneider and Julie Higgins try to intimidate the opponents.

Middle Right — Junior setter Nicole Lucas sets the ball to an outside attacker.

Lower — Kneeling in the front row are Brenda Wagner, Julie Higgins, Janet Higgins, and Stacie Schneider. Standing in the back row are J.V. Coach Carrie Erlandson, Nicole Hart, Michelle Magill, Stacy Armstrong, Nicole Lucas, Heather Phelps, Patty Bennett, Coach Karen Jarrad, and Manager Mindy Boyer.





Upper Left — Attacker Stacie Schneider goes up to smash the ball against a Falcon.
 Upper Right — Senior Heather Phelps jumps and blocks an opponent's spike.
 Middle Left — Blockers Heather Phelps and Michelle Magill attempt to stop the ball, as setter Nicole Lucas covers.
 Middle Right — Senior Brenda Wagner serves another ace.
 Lower — The Lady Spikers take a time-out during the finals in Districts against Constantine.



Lady Chiefs

1st	Galesburg Augusta
W	Three Rivers
W	Climax-Scotts
W	Burr Oak
No place	Cereal City
W	Cassopolis
W	Schoolcraft
W	Mendon
3rd pool	Lake Michigan Catholic
W	Colon
W	Constantine
W	Centreville
3rd	Bronson Polish Classic
W	Edwardsburg
1st	St. Joe Valley League
W	Vicksburg
W	Cassopolis
3rd	Coldwater
W	Dowagiac
1st	Districts
L	Lake Michigan Catholic (Regionals)

More Than Just Making The Grade

The Varsity Basketball team started their season hoping to be at the top of the class, but finished the season not making the grade.

The team had a couple of court quizzes to see if it could finish in the top spot for the league, but failed. Leading the Chiefs in scoring, rebounds, assists and selected to the all-league team was junior Derek Snook. Derek received help in all these areas from junior Kevin Kahila, junior Spence Lutz, and se-

nior Mark Bedell.

The season ended with the final exam against Constantine. At districts the Chiefs defeated Cassopolis 60-53 to advance to the semi-finals against Constantine. It was the third confrontation between the two teams.

The team ended its season fifth in the league with a 7-7 record; over-all, a 9-14 record. The team is registering for next year's class.

Chiefs		Opponents
62	Cassopolis	68
51	Bronson	83
75	Burr Oak	35
41	Mendon	42
55	Colon	57
66	Centreville	77
58	Comstock	77
61	Schoolcraft	59
53	Constantine	61
47	Prairie Heights	58
85	Climax Scotts	45
94	Burr Oak	52
86	Mendon	61
59	Colon	49
64	Centreville	84
44	Schoolcraft	45
51	Bethany Christian	55
49	Constantine	62
62	Edwardsburg	42
68	Climax Scotts	50
60	Cassopolis	53
43	Constantine	53



Upper left — Senior Mark Bedell concentrates on a valuable free throw.



Upper Middle — Sophomore Steve Nicholson cranks in two from underneath the basket.



Upper right — Junior Kevin Kahila shows him jump shot from outside.



Lower left — Steve Nicholson "skys" for the tip against Constantine's Chris LaBarre.



Lower right — Derek Snook shoots from outside as Steve Nicholson streaks across the middle for position.



Upper — Standing in the back row are Evan Anderson, Brad Medich, Derek Snook, Ted Boyer, and Steve Nicholson. Standing in the second row is Vance Hooley, Spence Lutz, Kevin Kahila, Ted Needham, and Coach Curt Meek. In the front row are Steve Lent, Jason Wells, Mark Bedell, and Jim Sawyer.

Middle — Parents assemble for "Parents Night" before the Constantine game.

Lower left — Derek Snook tips off the game against Schoolcraft.

Lower right — Senior Vance Hooley shows free throw form from the line.



Empty Shoes To Fill

Late in the season Steve Nicholson was moved up to help the Varsity. This left Chad Salisbury and Nick Sward and newcomer Mike Kemp to replace Steve's empty shoes. With Steve leaving it meant the team had to work harder and together more, and they seemed to accomplish this by their record of 17-3. "This year was a lot of fun. I learned a lot of valuable lessons and I'm looking forward to next year," says Matt Bedell, a sophomore starter.

Two of the team's three losses were by less than two points. The attack of the Chiefs was led by sophomore Steve Nicholson and Chad Salisbury. The most exciting game of the season was the game at Schoolcraft when all five of the starters fouled out in a double over time situation. The team ended up losing by one point.

Middle — Seated left to right are Jon Reynolds, Todd Haifley, Matt Bedell, and Brian Alber. Standing are Coach David Snook, Brent Kulp, Mike Kemp, Brad Schneider, Chad Salisbury, Robert Sebelksi, Nick Sward, and Scott Nichols.

Lower left — Sophomore Chad Salisbury takes a base line shot over defenders.

Lower middle — Sophomore Mike Kemp squirms for the lay up against Bethany Christian.

Lower right — Brad Schneider shows free throw form while Brian Kemp gets position for the rebound.

Chiefs		Opponents
53	Cassopolis	43
49	Bronson	46
64	Burr Oak	21
54	Mendon	53
52	Colon	47
66	Centreville	53
56	Comstock	62
62	Schoolcraft	39
37	Constantine	32
65	Prairie Heights	48
61	Climax Scotts	46
73	Burr Oak	19
70	Mendon	60
47	Colon	45
61	Centreville	54
80	Schoolcraft	81
57	Bethany Christian	56
52	Constantine	46
66	Edwardsburg	54
62	Climax Scotts	51



Upsets Surprise All



Upper — Freshman Don Gloy takes a shot from inside the paint for an easy two.

Middle — Eric Hackman shoots foul shots with grace and finesse.

Lower left — Standing in the back row left to right are Coach Cal Hackman, Chris Parker, Tim Suszko and Mike Parker. Standing in the front row left to right are Doug Souter, Eric Hackman, Wade Snyder, and Jason Stambaugh. Not pictured are Jason Hurst and Don Gloy.

Lower right — Jason Stambaugh shoots free throws against the Constantine Falcons.



The Freshman Basketball team pulled off a couple unexpected victories in their season. The schools they beat were class A and B schools. The Class A school they defeated was Portage Northern, while they split games with Class B Coldwater. The game they lost was in overtime and by a basket. "The team pulled together and worked hard as a team," quoted player Eric Hackman. The team's record was 11-9 which doesn't show the actual potential of the team. Most of the games lost by the freshmen were by two or four point deficits. *SP*

Chiefs	Opponent
43	Sturgis 61
44	Cassopolis 42
37	Bronson 34
17	Mendon 41
30	Colon 27
27	Centreville 24
37	Comstock 57
29	Schoolcraft 27
56	Portage Northern 44
39	Constantine 37
47	Coldwater 49
30	Climax-Scotts 19
28	Mendon 68
38	Colon 36
39	Centreville 33
40	Coldwater 35
40	Constantine 44
38	Edwardburg 45
27	Climax-Scotts 31
36	Schoolcraft 39



Grapplers Gain Ground

"Don't lock your hands," yelled red-faced Coach Mike Kendall as a wrestler participated in a dual meet. These words were heard often by fans and players alike, for this was the first time in five years that White Pigeon had had a wrestling team. Another thing much talked about was having a female wrestler on the previously all male team. Senior Michelle Elore, after participating in her first match, held a news conference that brought T.V. cameras from as far as Grand Rapids and South Bend.

This publicity was a first for any

sport at White Pigeon. No one had ever seen news cameras covering a sports event in the gym before a female wrestler stirred up interest. Her story was even on nation ESPN, the sports network.

Heavyweight Jack Davis advanced as far as regionals where he was defeated; Jack's record was 29-8. This was Jack's first year out and some of his wins come from forfeits. Another good wrestler was Paul Fowler whose record was 20-10. This was also Paul's first year out and his record was due to the fact that he and other members of the team worked hard and didn't give up. The team's record was 4-18-1. *90 90*

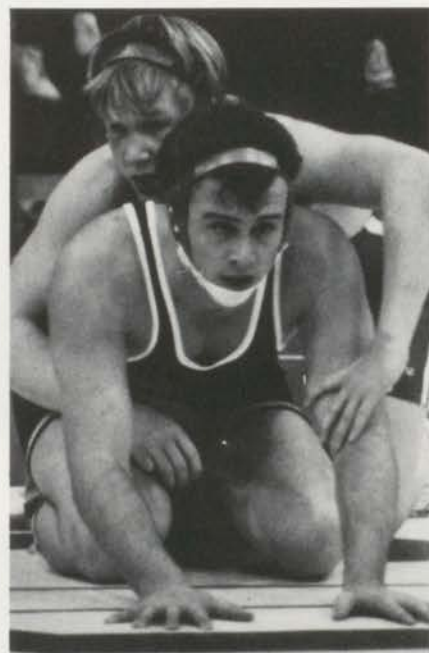


Upper right — Junior Greg Swank concentrates on his next move.

Middle — Seated left to right are Matt Buirely, Jack Davis, John Gilbert, and Corrie Presock; Second row Kenny Williams, Roger Hull, John Sassaman, and Mark Barczak; Third row Coach Dan White, Coach Mike Kendall, Loren Hull, Billy Gilbert and David Gushwa; Toprow Michelle Elore, Jeremy Thibos, Ron Cassity, Greg Swank and Paul Fowler.

Bottom left — Senior Michele Elore, answers questions at her press conference.

Bottom right — Junior Paul Fowler goes for a take down against Constantine.



Lakeshore	L
Niles	L
Galesburg/Augusta	L
Decatur	T
Howe Military	L
Freemont	L
Cassopolis	L
Bronson	L
Springfield	L
Climax Scotts	L
Constantine	L
Edwardsburg	L
Lansing Everett	L
Okemos	L
Comstock 9th & 10th tourney	L
Ann Arbor Pioneer	L
St. Johns	L
Watervliet tourney	7th
Cassopolis	L
Constantine tourney	9th
Mendon	L
Colon	W
Galesburg/Augusta	W
League tourney	5th
Climax Scotts	W
Centreville	L
Colon	W

Cheer Up



The cheerleading squads had a tough time with coaches this year. At the beginning of the year two of the coaches quit and left all the responsibility to Mrs. Cindy Coohon, who handled the job well. "The squads had hard times but Cindy kept us together," remarks sophomore Lisa Bumpus. Mrs. Coohon kept the team together enough to pull a fourth place from SJV competition. The J.V. squad finished with a respective fifth place, while the Freshmen finished second. The Varsity had only one senior, Serena Kershner who had cheered for three years and brought up three sophomores. *SK*



Upper — Standing at Parent's Night are left to right, Taya Bergerson, Lisa Bumpus, Jenny Coohon, Mrs. Cindy Coohon, Heidi West, Mrs. Laura Kershner, and Serena Kershner.

Middle — The Freshman cheerleaders doing the splits on the ground are Karen Rose and Trina Richardson. Standing are Melanie Stevens, Cathy Cekander, Marcy O'Rourke and Dawn Bear. Standing on top is Angie Turille.

Lower left — The J.V. squad from top to bottom are Mary Miller, Amy Sommerlott, Paula Morey, Leslie Phillip, Laura Culveyhouse, and Jenny West.

Lower middle — Heather McKee and Heidi West are all dressed up for the Sweet Heart Dance sponsored by the cheerleaders.

Lower right — Sophomore Tracy Woods cheers at a pep assembly for the football team.



Chiefs Start Running Wild

"Congratulations," is what was heard most of the time from Coach Curt Meek. The girls' and boys' track teams specialized in their own individual areas as a team.

The boys seemed to dominate the field events with strong shows in the shot put, high jump, long jump, and occasionally the pole vault. While the girls were just the opposite with weak shows in field events, they made up for it in the running. With excellent speed and endurance, the girls' track team won the SJV league tournament and had four individuals qualify for state at regionals.



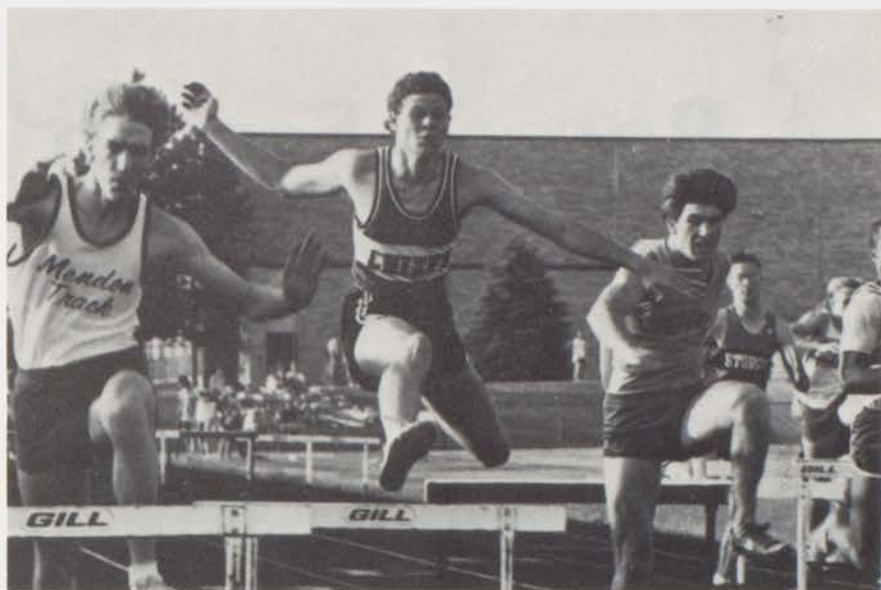
Upper — Junior Greg Swank tries to heave his best at the St. Joseph county meet.

Lower Left — Junior Ted Boyer looks forward to the finish line as he is in some stiff competition with a Mendon Hornet.

Lower Right — Junior Sean Troyer floats through the air with perfect form.

Boys' Track	
Sienna Heights	no team score
Bronson Invitational	4th place
Kalamazoo Hack-ett	WIN
Schoolcraft	LOSS
Brandywine Invitational	3rd place
Climax-Scotts	WIN
Mendon	LOSS
Athens Relays	11th place
Colon	WIN
Centreville	LOSS
Constantine	LOSS
Constantine Invitational	3rd place
White Pigeon Relays	4th place
Cassopolis	WIN
Regionals	15th place
League Meet	5th place
County Meet	no team score





Upper left — Freshman Heather Magill strides out an even further lead in the two mile relay.

Upper right — Junior Ted Boyer skies over hurdles and attempts to make up the stagger of the start.

Middle left — Senior Michelle Magill has tough competition in the All-Star County Meet at Sturgis.

Middle — Sophomore Mary Miller stretches for the first place finish in the 100 meter dash.

Middle right — Sophomore Stacey Kilburn develops an out of reach lead by the closest competitor.

Lower left — Junior Derek Snook clears this height with great ease.

Lower right — Junior Tim Ott shows great leaping form in the long jump.

A Record Season

The girls track team strutted their stuff by breaking five school records. The two mile run and the four hundred meter dash were both broken by Stacey Kilburn; the 300 hundred meter low hurdles by Melanie Hoopes; the 800 meter run by Michelle Magill; and the mile relay by Kilburn, Magill, Hoopes and

Mary Miller. The girls finished second at regionals with a stiff competition of eighteen teams. Congratulations were also in order for tying with Constantine and Colon for the League Title. Early in the season both teams defeated the girls, and this showed great team work to defeat them at the meet.



Upper right — St. Joseph County qualifiers are front, left to right, Mary Miller, Heather Magill, Melanie Hoopes, Michelle Magill, Stacey Kilburn, and Shireen Johnson. Middle left to right are Sean Troyer, Scott Hagerstrom, Paula Morey, Jenny Swank, and Terry Hagen. Standing, left to right are Bill Ott, Martin Gillette, Brent Haifley, Ted Boyer, Tim Ott, Derek Snook, and Greg Swank.

Upper left — Sophomore Stacey Kilburn crosses the finish line with a sigh of relief.

Lower left — Sophomore Jenny Swank arches over the high jump bar with a clear jump.

Lower right — Sophomore Melanie Hoopes hurdles her way to a first place finish.

Girls' track	
Sienna Heights	no team score
Bronson Invitational	3rd place
Kalamazoo Hackett	TIE
Brandywine Invitational	4th place
Climax Scotts	WIN
Mendon	WIN
Athens relays	8th place
Colon	LOSS
Centreville	WIN
Constantine	LOSS
Constantine Invitational	3rd place
White Pigeon relays	4th place
Cassopolis	LOSS
Regionals	2nd place
League	1st place (tie Colon & Constantine)
County meet	no team score



Stepping Up



Lady Chiefs	Opponent
L Bronson	W
W Sturgis	L
1st Constantine Inv.	
W Constantine	L
L Colon	W
L Schoolcraft	W
L Schoolcraft	W
L Centreville	W
W Burr Oak	L
L Burr Oak	W
L Constantine	W
L Colon	W
L Northwood	W
L Northwood	W
L Vicksburg	W

The J.V. Softball team started off the season with a new coach, Mrs. Jane Hall. Mrs. Hall was left with mostly freshman on the team, because five of the sophomores were moved up to the varsity. This was only the second year White Pigeon has had a J.V. Softball team, so Mrs. Hall had her work cut out for her. This year the girls won three games and also won the Constantine Invitational. This was a step up from last year, when they only won one game. Donna Lewis did a nice job for the team in pitching. Nikki Strawser and Lisa Bumpus were the big sluggers for the girls.



Upper Left — Jenny Lent waits anxiously for the throw to first that never quite gets there.

Middle Left — Kneeling in the front row are Michelle Moody, Missy Bagshaw, Lisa Armstrong, Lisa Bumpus, Marcy O'Rourke, Aimee Rodwick, and Jill Stout. Standing in the back row are Manager Beth Betcke, Nikki Strawser, Jenny Lent, Michelle Avery, Jenny Carter, Donna Lewis, Michelle Burnham, and Coach Jane Hall.

Middle Right — Donna Lewis throws a fiery pitch that totally stuns the Colon Magis.

Lower Left — Marcy O'Rourke rips the ball straight down the middle for a base hit.

Lower Right — Lisa Bumpus uses her lightning speed to catch a pop fly and Michelle Avery races to back her up.

Winning Season Just Runs Away

A winning season just ran away from the Varsity Softball team, as they lost many games by a few runs. The girls toughened up their season by traveling to the bigger cities for better competition. They also had more tournaments and double headers than ever before.

The team lacked experience as they had six first year Varsity play-

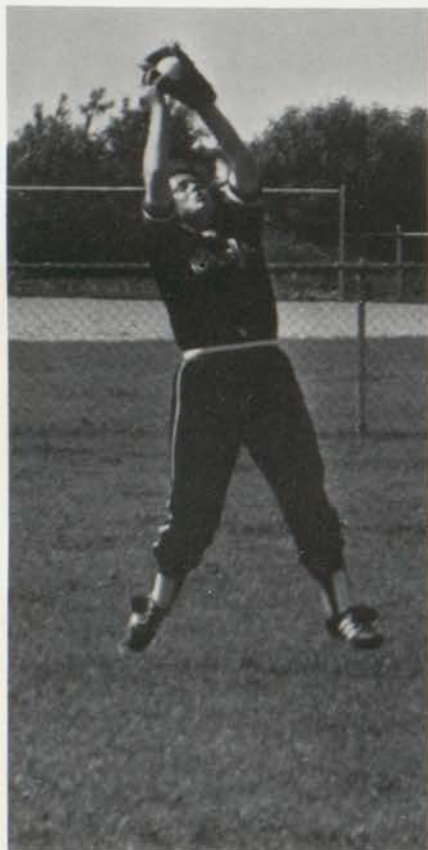
ers. But the girls did have a couple highlights of the season. One was a 4-2 victory over Class B Sturgis and another was a hard fought game with fourth-ranked Centreville. They only lost by a score of 1-2. Next year the girls hope to catch that runaway winning season by playing good, consistent softball.

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Lady Chiefs

Opponents

W	Mendon	L
L	Centreville	W
W	Kalamazoo Central	L
L	Kalamazoo Central	W
W	Sturgis	L
L	Edwardsburg	W
L	Edwardsburg	W
L	Constantine	W
L	Colon	W
W	Mendon	L
L	Centreville	W
L	Edwardsburg	W
L	Schoolcraft	W
L	Schoolcraft	W
L	Climax-Scotts	W
L	Climax-Scotts	W
W	Burr Oak	L
W	Burr Oak	L
L	Constantine	W
L	Colon	W
L	Union City	W
L	Vicksburg	W



Middle left — Left fielder Stacy Stewart makes a jumping catch to get the girls out of an inning.

Middle — Brenda Wagner connects with the ball to hit another home run.

Middle right — Stacy Armstrong outruns the catcher's throw for a stolen base.

Lower — Junior pitcher Nicole Lucas throws the ball to strike out another Falcon.





Upper — Kneeling in the front row are Rene Reinelt, Stacy Stewart, Brenda Wagner, Julie Higgins, and Nicole Lucas. Standing in the back row are Mindy Boyer, Stephanie Geering, Gloria Bontrager, Carolyn Littlefield, Stacie Schneider, Peggy Lewis, and Stacy Armstrong.

Middle Left — Senior Brenda Wagner rounds second base and heads for a triple.

Middle — Junior Stacy Armstrong makes good contact with the ball to hit in some runs.

Middle Right — Gloria Bontrager rips the ball into centerfield.

Lower Left — Shortstop Peggy Lewis tags the runner, while second baseman Carolyn Littlefield waits for the call.

Lower Right — Second baseman Carolyn Littlefield fields a line drive and throws to first for the out.




Struck Out!!

Summing up this year's Varsity Baseball season can be expressed in two words, "Struck Out!" Not being able to get hits and making fielding errors at key moments resulted in an 8-13 overall record. The team had the talent and experience, but could not get into the swing of things.

The team did have some good games. They beat Mendon, which was in first place at the time. They also beat Centreville, which was in

second place. Winning these important games showed everyone that the team did have the talent to win.

Junior Paul Fowler and Sophomore Brent Kulp were named CO-MVP of the team. Evan Anderson, who played first base, was named most-improved. Brent Kulp was also named to the All-Conference Team and Paul Fowler and Brad Schneider were named Honorable Mention. 

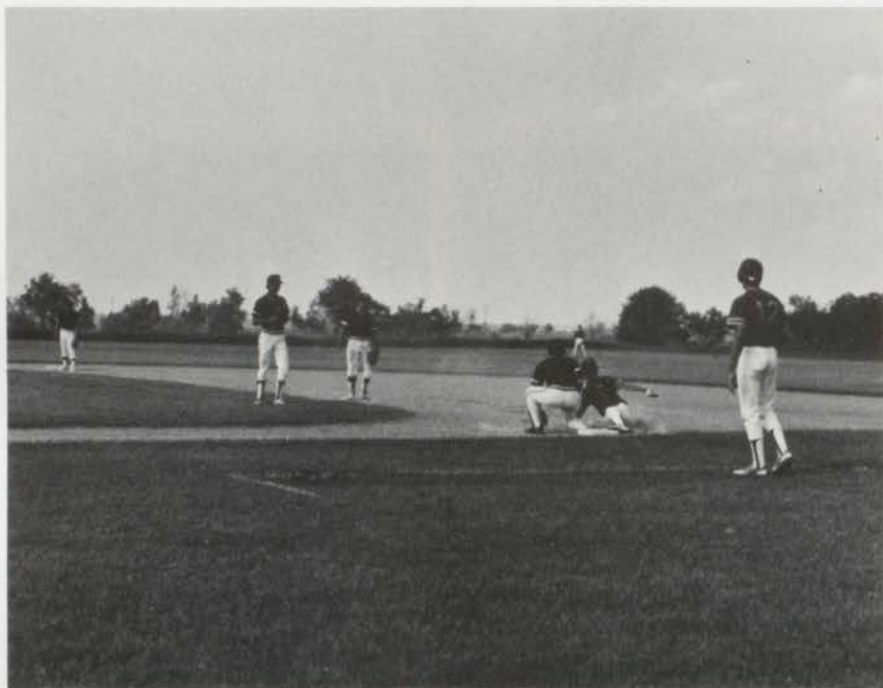


Middle left — First baseman Evan Anderson gets ready to pick off the lead runner.

Middle right — Pitcher Dan Carr tags a Schoolcraft runner out after a run down between first and second base.

Lower left — Coach Clipfell takes a time-out on the mound to settle the players.

Lower right — Third baseman Paul Fowler covers the base, while shortstop Steve Lent gets down to field the ball.





Upper — Brad Schneider, Paul Fowler, and Evan Anderson rest, while waiting for their turn to bat.

Middle Left — Junior Jason Wells pokes a line drive up the middle.

Middle Right — Coach Clipfell decides on a signal to give.

Lower Left — Junior Bob Price takes a break, while not on the field.

Lower Right — Catcher Brad Schneider throws down to second base trying to throw out the runner.



Chiefs		Opponents
W	Prairie Heights	L
L	Mendon	W
L	Centreville	W
L	Edwardsburg	W
L	Edwardsburg	W
W	Constantine	L
L	Galien	W
L	Galien	W
W	Colon	L
W	Mendon	L
L	Schoolcraft	W
L	Climax-Scotts	W
L	Climax-Scotts	W
W	Centreville	L
W	Burr Oak	L
W	Burr Oak	L
W	Constantine	L
L	Colon	W
L	Westview	W
L	Westview	W
L	Schoolcraft	W
L	Union City	W



All Struck Out

The 1986 J.V. Boys Baseball Team had a tough go of things in the mid-part of the season. The team started off with a great swing but as the season progressed the great swing slowed down and missed great chances to better their record. The team did pull off a couple unexpected wins against Centreville and Colon. The team also laid a lot of the pressure on the arms of Junior Todd Jiskra, and sophomores Nick Sward and Bill Hall. The pressure was also put on the arms of freshman Richard Wordelman and sophomore John Sassaman as power swingers with a bat. The experience gained from the losses the team suffered let them learn from their mistakes and develop as players.

Opponents

Prairie Heights	L
Mendon	L
Centreville	W
Colon	W
Climax-Scotts	L
Constantine	W
Schoolcraft	L
Burr Oak	W
Vicksburg	L
Westview	L
Mendon	L
Centreville	L
Colon	L
Climax-Scotts	L
Constantine	W
Schoolcraft	L
Burr Oak	W
Westview	L

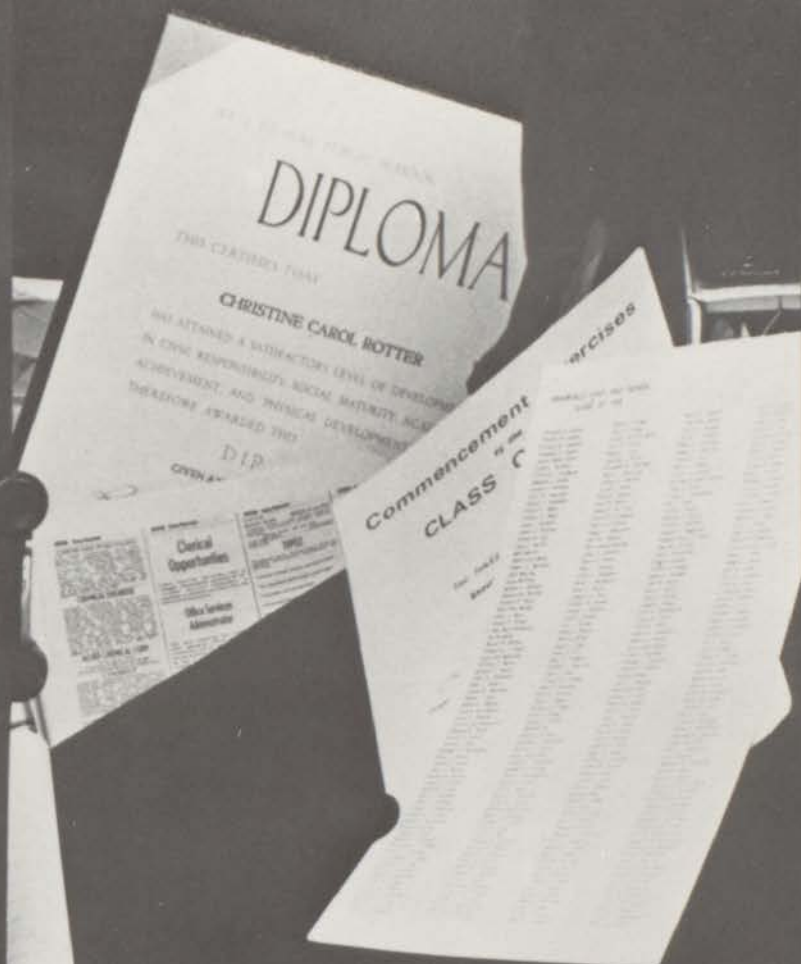
Upper — Kneeling in front row left to right are Britton Collins, Doug Souter, Paul Wolkins, Todd Haifley, Eric Hackman, and Jim Bennett. Standing in the back row are left to right Coach Gary Shoppell, Todd Jiskra, Nick Sward, Richard Wordelman, Bill Hall, Greg Johnson, and John Sassaman.

Middle — Sophomore Bill Hall prepares to release another strike.

Lower — Freshman Eric Hackman slides into second base at Colon.



SENIORS



Shelly Anderson
Leah Bedell
Mark Bedell



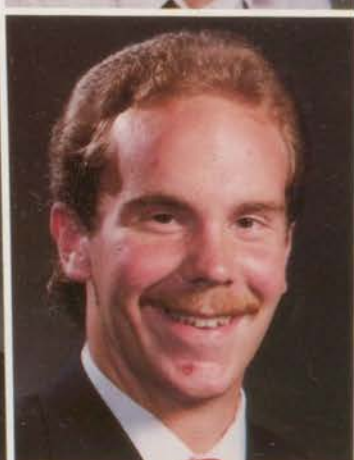
Clayton Bell
Cynthia Bell
Beth Betcke



Dawn Blaisdell
Mark Brock
Kathy Brown



Brian Byler
Dan Carr
Steve Carter





Heidi Crofoot
Jack Davis
John Delarye



Danny Dexter
Tony D'Haese
Susan Diehl

Early Graduation



Brian Byler, who is one of the early graduates, is handing in his early graduate application to Mrs. Sue Watson.

White Pigeon is one of only a few schools who let seniors graduate early. Those seniors who chose to do this had to have 24 required credits and 15 electives plus two majors. The seniors needed 3 recommendations from a teacher, a counselor, or an adult outside of the school system.

This year there were nine students who graduated early; Dawn Blaisdell, Brian Byler, Tony D'Haese, Jennifer Juday, Tom McWatters, Belinda Medford, Cristal Miller, Sandy Sicard, and Lori West. Some of the reasons for doing this were to go to college such as Jennifer Juday did. Lori West said, "I'm leaving to go to a business college in Wisconsin."

It is required that these students fill out an application telling their two majors and why they want to leave early. Although teachers discourage early graduation for our students, the applications are usually approved by the school board and the students can then go on with what they had planned.



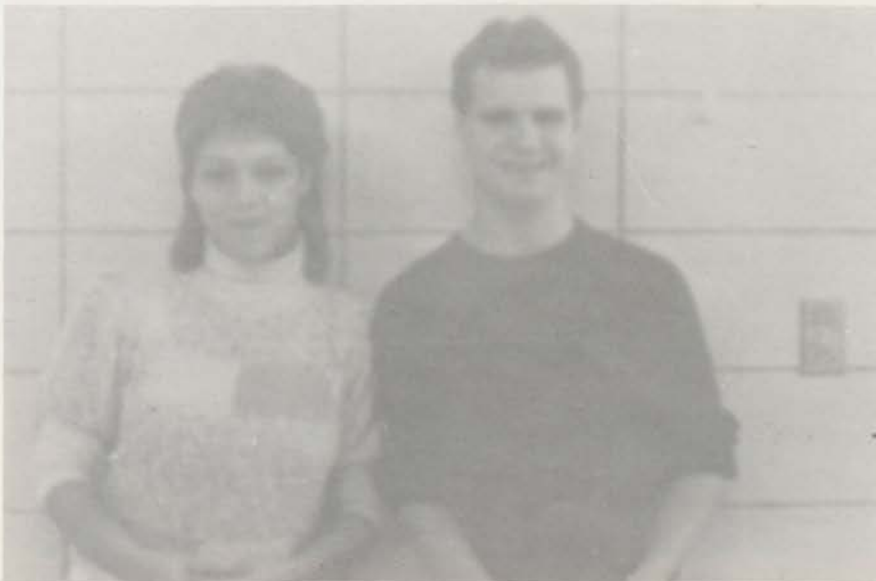
Mock elections of the class of '87 were done differently this year than in past years. The seniors voted on a piece of paper for whom they thought should receive the appropriate title or titles. The one item that was different this year than any other year was that a senior could only receive two titles at the most. Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar changed the procedure because in the past only a few seniors received a title. This way it gave more seniors an opportunity to earn an award. There was a great response from the seniors. Most of them didn't approve. Susan Diehl said, "It was unfair. You should receive every title you get a vote for." The seniors felt that doing it this way, it was not really who they voted for that won each individual title. To reduce problems for future classes, students will be allowed to vote for the same person only twice. Mrs. Hocevar said, "After the controversy, I realized that it was a good change because one senior who had not received a title gained one from the change. This person was thrilled." Even though some students were upset, others were pleased. ☺

Upper right — Tony D'Haese and Tammy O'Rourke receive the clown award because they are so "tacky".

Lower left — Because the teddy is so cuddly, loveable Tammy O'Rourke adopts it as her mascot.

Lower right — Just like the fuzzy bear, Mark Brock is considered the most loveable guy of '87.





Upper left — Terry Hagen, Gentleman, holds the door for Lori West, Lady, as they walk out to watch the snow storm. They treat their classmates with manners and respect.

Upper right — Talented in drawing, Brad Medich and Michelle Elore still draw on the board behind the teacher's back using their artistic abilities.

Middle left — Rachel McLaughlin, Class Flirt, uses the holes in her pants that go up her thighs to tease Wolf, Vance Hooley.

Lower left — The qualities of a good personality are hard to come by, but it seems to be very easy for Jon Harman when he wears his pigeon outfit and Cindy Bell with her ability to get along with others.

Jim Elkins
Michelle Elore
Michelle Ernsberger



Rollie Flowers
Cheryl Frye
David Graber



Clothes Then & Now

"Spontaneous" characterizes the ever changing fashion and fads worn by the students of White Pigeon High School.

In the early 80's Van slip ons and O.P. beach wear was the look. Then came the preppy look. The guys would wear plain button downs or Izods with faded blue jeans and boat shoes. The girls wore a sweater with a button down or a polo underneath with a bandanna around the neck.

But in 1987 the guys wore dress pants with their suspenders down and their hair cut short. The girls wore a button down that was short in front and very long in back with it buttoned up all the way to the top with a brooch pinned to the neck. Also popular were the long sweaters with the matching sweater skirts. Pre-washed jeans with holes in them were in, too.

Mr. Bob Blue said he thinks people used to care about what they wore. They had to have a pair of Levis or Lee's; now people don't look at the brand names as much, they just wear what they want.



Jennifer Wienberg is trying to look cool in her black coat with the black fringes, while Sarah McLaughlin shows her pearly whites in her big sweater with the jean jacket over it.



Nino Porpigla admires Shuree Wolf in her long sweater over her tight sweats.



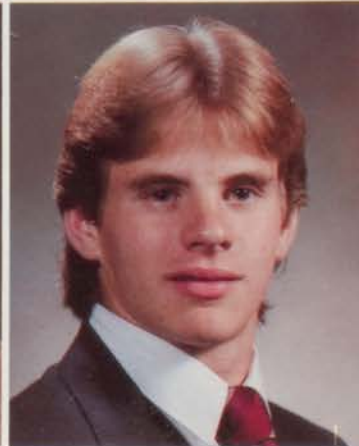
Terry Hagen
Scott Hagerstrom
Jon Harmon



Derrick Hayes
Janet Higgins
Julie Higgins



Vance Hooley
Eric Hurwick
Shannon Hutton



Shawn Jacobs
Dan Jones
Robert Jonker

Jammin', Chattin', Flexin', Dressin'



Upper left — Dressing for success is in the minds of Heather Phelps and Scott Hagerstrom.

Upper right — Class musician, Serena Kershner is trying to read the music while the other class musician, Andy O'Sullivan, is getting impatient because he doesn't need any music to play.

Lower right — Talented in football and basketball (in fact he gained 695 yards in 1986), Mark Bedell captures the best athletic award. Gifted in basketball, volleyball, and track (she was the highest scorer in basketball with 177 points this season), Michelle Magill also traps the best athletic award.





Upper left — Susan Diehl and Dan Stabler, who are late for everything, will learn to be on time, as the doors close at 8:30.

Upper right — Muscle-bound Mark Bedell flexes his bicep while best figure of '87 Janet Higgins tests the firmness.

Lower left — Cindy Bell and Rick Parker have so many friends because they hate fighting. Rick Parker is not shown because he is out looking for more friends. Cindy's (4th person from the left) friends are Michelle Magill, Tresa Sweitzer, Jon Harman, Serena Kershner, Jennifer Juday and Lori West.

Jennifer Juday
Tim Kantner
Serena Kershner



Debora Landrum
Gerald Lumadue
Michelle Magill



Rachel McLaughlin
Tom McWatters
Belinda Medford



Brad Medich
Cristal Miller
Jeffery Neal



Just Class Officers?



Many people have heard of class officers but do they truly know all that the class officers do? To give an idea of what they do, they simply advise the senior class. In more detail they help the senior class work to raise money for their graduation. To do this, the senior class sponsored a dance with a D.J. this year.

"The senior class officers call up Jostens to order the senior class caps and gowns. They also help plan the arrangements for graduation," said Mrs. Karen Jarrad, the advisor of the class.

This year's class officers representing the class of '87 were Jon Harmon — president, Tresa Swietzer — vice president, Michelle Magill — treasurer, and Stacie Schneider — secretary. Their hard work and good ideas have really helped the senior class this year.



Tresa Swietzer, Jon Harmon, and Michelle Magill are in the process of deciding if they should sell balloons or not for Valentine's Day as a fund raiser for graduation. Not pictured is Stacie Schneider.



Ted Needham
Jeff Nicholson
Tammy O'Rourke



Andy O'Sullivan
Rick Parker
Deanna Patterson

More Than Just Smiles, Legs, & Pats

On The Shoulder

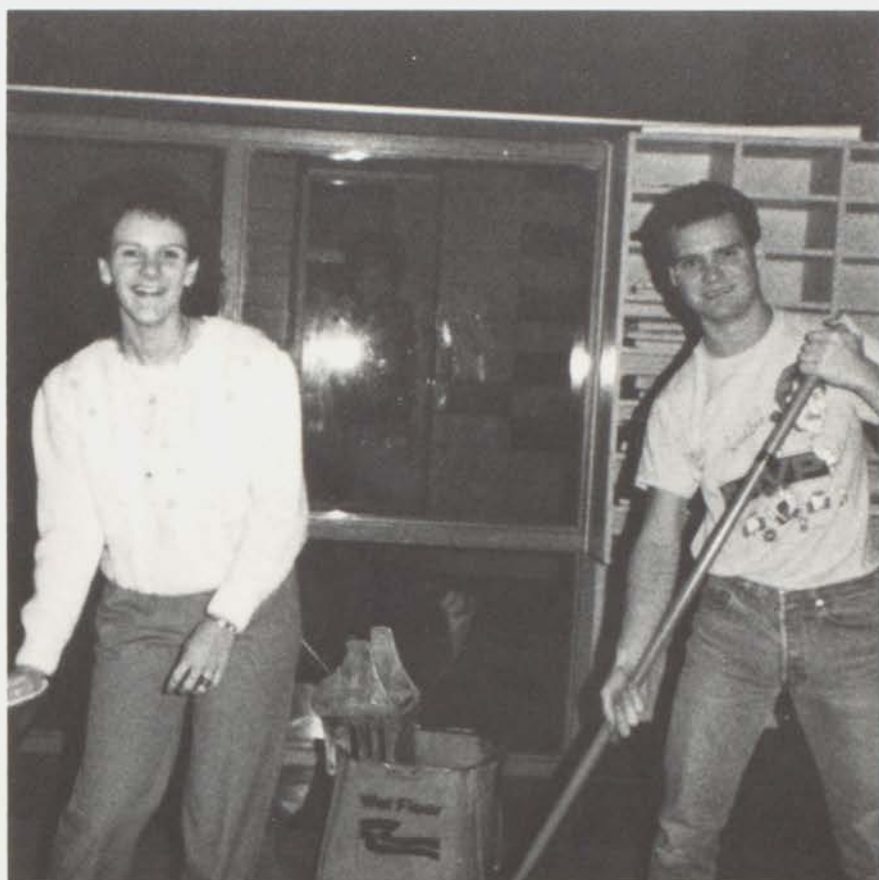


Upper right — Heather Phelps and Steve Carter receive good grades from Mr. Darryl Smith and know his soft spot such as rubbing his shoulder or taking his coffee. These earned them the brownie cookie.

Lower right — Michelle Magill and Steve Carter pause from running to show off the best legs.

Upper left — Every story has a bright side. Brenda Wagner and Dan Carr (not shown — he's out cheering up the public) can change a frown to a smile even during a crisis.





Upper left — Getting good grades, going to college and having a sensible answer for everything brought Stacie Schneider and Jon Harman the most likely to succeed award but as you can see even they have to start somewhere.



Lower left — Lori West and Vance Hooley seem to have a big smile for everyone. You never see them frown. Their smile can make you feel 100% better.

Lower right — Even though we lost last night's game, Serena Kershner and Dan Carr (not shown, he's out passing around more spirit) can cheer you up with a great big spirit smile.



Heather Phelps
Paul Pierson
Sherri Presock

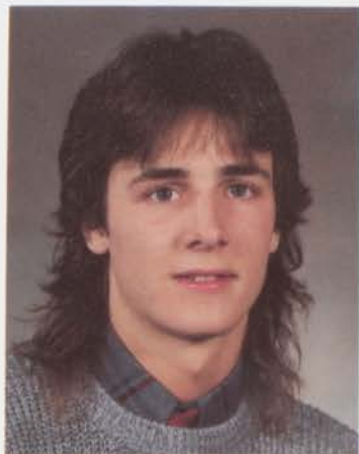


Leann Ritter
Bill Rodwick
Stacie Schneider



Sandy Sicard
Eric Smith
Jeffery Spooner





Dan Stabler
Tresa Sweitzer



Brenda Wagner
Lori West



Not Pictured
David Gowen
Karen Gushwa

Excuses, Excuses

The students of White Pigeon High School have been known to come up with all sorts of excuses for being absent, a lack of homework, and coming to class late.

"One of the most outrageous excuses for not coming to school," said Mrs. Sue Watson (a secretary in the high school office), "that was brought in by a student said that he had hurt his foot on the KITCHEN sink!" One excuse was even brought in for being absent signed "His Mom" but the funny part was, it actually was from his mother.

Some other crazy excuses such as "I dropped my ice cream on it and the words melted away" or "My cat ate it," were given for the absence of homework, or ones like "My mom threw it away" or "I lost it."

Now, being late to class happens to all of us at one time or another and usually for good reasons: you lost your way, or got up late, ordinary things like that. But have you ever been mugged and had your notebook stolen? This was one overheard from some students in the hallway.

There you are, some of the best excuses used here at White Pigeon High School, but don't forget, a good excuse is one you can use again, and again, and again . . .



Michelle Eternicka walks into Mr. Bill Miller's room slowly as she thinks of a good excuse for being late.



Tom McWatters gives Mrs. Ardell Bontrager a story for being absent while she writes him an excuse slip.

Hittin' The Books; Callin' Friends

Funniest Laugh — Cheryl Frye and Bill Rodwick can be found easily because their laugh can be heard throughout the high school.

Best Dancer — Knowing the steps to every song, Beth Betche and Andy O'Sullivan wiggle their way to the best dancer spot.

Most Talkative — Never stopping to take a breath, Tresa Sweitzer and Paul Pierson always have something to talk about whether it be gossip or Mr. Martin's speeches.

Most Dependable — When you don't have your government notes or the answers to your physics questions, Tresa Sweitzer and Eric Hurwick can help you because they are the most dependable seniors of '87.

Quietest — If you need some peace and quiet, being around Karen Gushwa and Jeff Nicholson is the solution. These two, voted quietest of this year's senior class, surprised us whenever they spoke.

Most Outgoing — Designing the personal directory cover and the homecoming button makes Brad Medich an outgoing guy. Being daring, such as dancing with a new guy in the school make him feel comfortable, makes Leann Ritter an outgoing girl.



Upper right — Stacie Schneider and Jeff Nicholson (not shown — he's probably working on Mr. Smith's English paper) never slack off on a history report or English paper which makes them the most studious seniors of '87.

Lower left — Being the most desirable male date of '87, Mark Brock is either on the telephone getting a date or he's on a date.

Lower right — Rachel McLaughlin never worries about not having a date for the weekend, in fact, the guys have to make an appointment.



ACTIVITIES



More Than Just A Win

"Which of the undefeated teams will win?" was the question asked by many anxious fans as they awaited the outcome of the White Pigeon-Hopkins Homecoming game. Also on their minds was who would become the 1986 Homecoming Queen.

Nominations took place two weeks before the game. "I felt really honored that my class elected me for one of the attendants," said Lisa Armstrong, who was the freshman attendant. The sophomore class elected Julie Miller, and the junior class chose Taya Bergerson. The three senior nominees for Queen were Michelle Magill, Tammy O'Rourke, and Stacie Schneider.

Earlier in the evening it was pouring rain, and many people worried that the Homecoming activities, and even possibly the game would be cancelled. Fortunately, the rain stopped just minutes before kickoff; and all events went as

planned. "I thought Homecoming went over pretty well, but I think we need to get more people involved with the planning of Homecoming," remarked Mr. Starmann, Student Council Advisor.

At halftime the girls and their escorts rode out on Corvettes from the Corvette Club and the attendants were announced. Then the 1985 Homecoming Queen, Joey Wentzel, crowned Tammy O'Rourke the 1986 Homecoming Queen. The Chiefs literally crushed the Vikings with a score of 36-20, making them 4-0, which tied them with Schoolcraft for first in the league. "There was no doubt in my mind whatsoever that the Chiefs would prevail over Hopkins," commented the proud fan, Bob Price. With the fourth straight victory from the Chiefs and the outcome of the halftime activities, it was a night for pride and excitement.

Upper right — Smiling victoriously, Tammy O'Rourke and her escort Jon Harmon ride off the field.

Middle right — Jon Harmon stands by proudly as the 1985-86 Homecoming queen, Joey Wentzel, crowns Tammy O'Rourke as the new queen.

Lower left — Michelle Magill and her escort Brian Atherton wait nervously before riding over the field for the Homecoming activities. Lower right — As their names are announced, Stacie Schneider and her escort Brad Medich get ready to take their positions on the field.





Upper left — Taya Bergerson is all smiles as she and her escort Mark Barczak ride onto the field.

Middle left — Standing arm in arm, Julie Miller and Matt Bedell get ready for the departure of the Corvettes to the field.

Middle center — Freshman attendant Lisa Armstrong and Andy Yeomans, her escort, are anxious to get started with the halftime activities.



Middle right — An ecstatic Tammy O'Rourke is congratulated by her mother, Susan Horn and Jon Harmon after being crowned as the new queen.

Lower left — Getting a couple of good blocks from the tough offensive line, Derek Snook sneaks a few yards.



Alive And Kicking

Enthusiasm, participation, and pride are the bare essentials that make up Spirit Week. Spirit Week is the result of the never ending rivalry between White Pigeon and Constantine. Every year the week before the big game, students support the team by dressing up according to a dress code chosen by the cheerleaders. "There is always more participation on the traditional days like Jersey Day and Red & Black Day, but I think Costume Day and Hawaiian Day are more

fun," commented varsity cheerleader, Heather McKee.

This year Spirit Week was alive and kicking in football season. However, Spirit Week for basketball didn't have quite as much spunk. The cheerleaders contributed by organizing a snake dance for the football Spirit Week; and for the basketball Spirit Week, they stayed the night in the gym to make signs and made breakfast for the team in the morning. ☺



Upper right — Mr. Gayle Brokaw demonstrates what Spirit Week is all about by dressing up for Costume Day.

Middle left — Freshman Eric Hackman camouflages his face for Red & Black Day.

Lower middle — Eighth grader Tony Cooper shows how feminine he can be on Opposite Day.

Lower right — Chief Denise Holm and arch-rival, the Falcon, provoke each other to get the crowd fired up during a time out.





Student Council

Mixed Feelings

Student Council is a beneficial organization that is used to the advantage of the students. However, this year they slacked off in their duties. Some suggestions heard in the halls of ole' W.P.H.S. were to fight for a more fair dress code concerning shorts vs. miniskirts, and hiring someone to paint a mural in the high school gym. "I think it's a useless organization and they should do more for the student body and invest more money in the school, like a sign in front of the school to announce school functions," stated Heidi West.

Student Council did organize some activities throughout the year that turned out very well. They held winter and spring activities nights with dances following, and they also did all the organizing for Homecoming. "The student council adds a sense of pride to White Pigeon High School and to the community," commented Todd Haifley and Robert Sebelksi.

Upper left — Student Council advisor, Mr. John Starmann discusses what's on the agenda for the meeting that day.

Upper middle — Tammy O'Rourke is a faithful Student Council member at White Pigeon.

Middle left — Student Council president, Rachel McLaughlin and vice-president Brent Kulp look over plans for Homecoming.

Middle center — Rachel McLaughlin and Michelle Magill run the discussions for planning activities night.

Lower left — Rene Reinelt, Student Council member, and Melanie Hoopes represent the sophomore class by being involved in Student Council activities.


Isn't That Special

Activities Night is a special tradition at White Pigeon High School. This ingenious idea was created by the Student Council nine years ago. The inception was to keep students in the swing of things during the lull between sports seasons. Every year students take part in the fun and games. This year at the Winter Activities Night, the faculty annihilated the junior-senior guys in a blood and guts game of basketball. Mike "Spud-Webb" Kendall, Curt "Crazy Legs" Meek, and "Wild" Bill Miller showed they still had some spunk as they moved all over the court with surprising agility. At halftime the classes strutted their stuff in the tricycle race, three-

legged race, and the lay-up relays. Immediately following, a hush fell over the crowd and the tension in the gymnasium could have been cut with a knife as the anticipated Tug O' War began. Shouts of "Pull, you measley weaklings!" could be heard from miles around. The class of '88' once again demonstrated its awesome muscle power by coming out on top for the third year in a row.

The Spring Activities Night had the Girls Varsity Volleyball team and the Boys Varsity Basketball team battling it out in a rowdy game of volleyball. There was some complaints about this because some people thought that Activities Night should just be for people

who aren't in sports. The guys came on strong to tie the girls with two games apiece. "I thought it was a lot of fun beating the girls," commented Derek Snook smugly. There was supposed to be a tie-breaking fifth game, but time wouldn't allow it. "I wish we could've played a fifth game, because we would've won it," said Steve Nicholson. "The guys were tougher than we thought they'd be, but we knew we'd beat them all along," laughed Stacy Armstrong.

The benefits of the Winter Activities Night went to Tim Fisher, and the money from the Spring Activities Night went to the Student Council and the weight room. 



Middle left — Coach Mark Bedell explains his well-planned strategy to his team during a time-out.

Middle right — "Spud Webb" and "Crazy Legs" get Jon Harmon in a deathtrap.

Lower right — Mike Kendall signals to his teammates as he gets ready to take it downtown.





Upper left — The boys varsity basketball team tries its luck in a heated game of volleyball with the girls.

Middle left — The "bad" Jason Wells gives his cool dude shuffle after the juniors crushed another opponent in the Tug O' War.



Middle right — The class of "88" celebrates after another victory, which made them top dogs.



Lower left — Derek Snook makes the girls eat the ball as Steve Lent and Kevin Kahila look on in awe.



Lower center — Steve Nicholson, Kevin Kahila, and Derek Snook tease Heather Phelps in between games.

A Night Under The Stars

Long before the Prom, the Prom committee, which was made up of juniors, met to discuss the plans for Prom. The new junior advisors, Mr. Mike Kendall, and Mrs. Deb Poley, brought with them a lot of fun, new ideas. The Prom committee decided to have the Prom in the gym, which hadn't been done in many years. The committee also

decided to transform the gym into a park scene.

The day before the Prom, the Prom committee and other juniors worked on the gym from 3:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. By the time the work was done the gym had become "a night under the stars." "I thought the decorations were nice," commented Michelle Magill. "I

thought the juniors did a really nice job on it," said Cheryl Frye.

The Prom itself was held from eight o'clock to midnight. Couples filled the dance floor as a D.J. played their favorite songs. A beautiful weather weekend and a night filled with fond memories made up a fun-filled prom weekend for all who attended. ☺



Middle left — Jason Wells pitches in by setting up chairs around the tables for the prom.

Upper right — Bob Price and Dan Berchiatti take a rest after setting up the plants; it's such a man's job!

Middle right — Eddie Marchant helps put the gazebo together.

Lower right — Heidi Jacobs gets hungry after helping out with decorations and tries to eat the ladder.





Upper left — Junior class sponsor Mr. Mike Kendall battles the stars to put his plant in just the right place. It's a jungle out there!

Upper middle — Heidi West and Mark Bedell joke around after the garter toss.

Middle left — Stacy Armstrong dances with her date Paul Fowler after being crowned Prom Queen.



Middle right — Mary Miller and Chris Schumacher walk through the grand march.

Lower right — Connie Kruse and Chris Heroy walk over the bridge in the grand march as their names are announced.



Lower left — Dan Berchiatti gives that well-known smirk as he gets ready to take Nicole Hart's garter off.

Upper middle — Carolyn Littlefield and Kevin Kahila come in to the gym after some fresh air.

Upper right — Serena Kershner and Kevin Hobbs walk out on the dance floor to talk to some friends.

Upper left — Paula Morey and Jack Davis pause at the top of the bridge before entering the gym.

Middle right — Stacie Schneider and Bruce Krebs have a great time at prom.



Middle left — Katrina Pedler and her date get ready for "A Night under the Stars."

Lower middle — Helen Scheiber and Robin Schumacher get their prom pictures taken by the gazebo.

Lower right — Taya Bergerson and Ronnie Hauss pause in front of the entry way before going in to take the dance floor.





Getting Involved

Youth In Government is an organization that gets students involved in the business of their government. Mr. Gayle Brokaw has been the sponsor for the Youth In Government program at White Pigeon for the past ten years. "In my opinion, Youth In Government is the finest extra-curricular activity that a student can become involved in. It gives a student a first hand learning experience of how our government works and how a bill becomes a law. In future years it would be beneficial to both organizations if Student Council would become involved in Youth In Government; in this way many local things could be done as well as at the state level of participation," commented Mr. Brokaw.

This year the students who went to Lansing got a special treat. They stayed at the Radison Hotel, which was a brand new hotel. The students got a chance to get involved in their government and they had a good time in the process.



Upper left — Tresa Sweitzer chows on Chinese food while Taya Bergerson gabs on the phone.

Middle left — Late for a meeting, Dan Berchiatti has trouble with his tie.

Middle right — Heather McKee wakes up for an early Senate meeting.

Lower left — Matt Bedell irritates everyone on the bus by snapping his straw from McDonald's.

Lower center — Tracy Woods and Helen Scheiber take off for a meeting.

Lower right — John Sassaman reviews his lawyer's case.

Not Just Saying "Good-bye"

Along with graduation often comes the connotation of "good-bye," but graduating is not just the end of something good but the beginning of something great. As Robert Frost once said "Ends and beginnings — there are no such things." Although high school is over for the seniors it's not an end but a start, or stepping stone, one pace closer toward the reaching of goals.

As the seniors came closer to that special day, there was a touch of sadness and a feeling of excitement surrounding everyone; some were happy to be graduating and some were nostalgic about their past years at White Pigeon. Senior Brenda Wagner said, "There's a lot I'm going to miss, like friends, but I'm glad to finally be a graduate." Another senior, not quite so reminiscent, Mark Brock said, "I have been waiting to graduate for a long time, and it's going to be sweet!"

Although this may have been one of the last times they would all be together, many would see each

other at graduation parties and reunions. The memories of graduation would last a life time. One thing that will be well remembered at graduation was senior Serena Kershner's solo, "The Way We Were." The commencement addresses were given by three of the top scholars. The first speaker Stacie Schneider talked of the parents, the teachers and the help and support they gave. Rachel McLaughlin talked next of the hard work and friends that one encounters in high school. Then Serena Kershner talked of the friends they would all miss so much. The class president Jon Harman used some of his wit and humor to lighten up the mood of the graduates, teachers and parents. The motto was a fitting one for the inquiring minds of the graduates. "I will not follow where the path may lead, but I will go where there is no path, and I will leave a trail." The trail they leave will be one that future classes may take because although it may have been long, it had a happy ending.



Upper right — Rachel McLaughlin brings back memories, as she fondly speaks of the senior's past years.

Lower left — The changing of the tassels is a happy ending for the graduation ceremony. Middle — Serena Kershner touches the hearts of the graduates as she sings "The Way We Were."



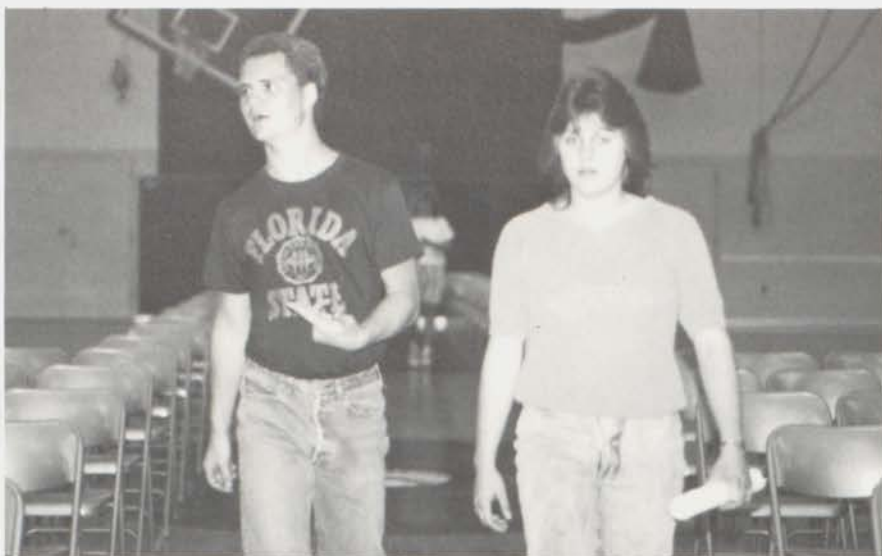


Upper left — The seven top scholars of 1987, proudly stand to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Upper right — The superintendent, Mr. Dave Annis, ends the ceremony on a cheerful note with a poem called "Everything You Need to Know, You Learn in Kindergarten."

Lower left — The Class of 1987 smiles as they think of what's ahead of them.

Lower right — Mrs. Karen Jarrad, sponsor of the senior class, reads awards won by the graduates.




Let The Good Times Commence

The last few weeks for the 1987 seniors were busy ones. On May 14 the class took a bus to Cedar Point. The senior trip day was a nice, hot, sunny one. They enjoyed rides and carnival games instead of school work.

A few days later on May 22, the seniors came to school at 7:00 AM to be served a breakfast of French toast, sausage links, orange juice, and milk or coffee, by teachers, who even made little fruit cups with bananas, peaches, and strawberries for their former students.

After eating, some of the seniors who had brought their graduation

booklets, had their friends sign them. A few even brought cameras to take pictures of the people they wanted to remember.

Instead of first hour that day the soon-to-be-graduates attended commencement practice. It took the seniors four tries to walk with the right person and to sit on the side of the gym that they were supposed to sit on, before they finally got it right. "It's been a lot of work and I'm glad to be getting out of here and going to college where I can be free," said Rachel McLaughlin. 



Middle right — Mrs. Jarrad, senior class sponsor, shows off her driving abilities on the trip to Cedar Point.

Lower right — Cheryl Frye, Janet Higgins, and Brenda Wagner wait for Cindy Bell to decide whether to take a boat ride or not.

Upper left — Vance Hooley heartily enjoys his senior breakfast.

Upper right — Jon Harmon looks a little confused while Terry Richardson knows her stuff, while they walk down the aisle at Commencement practice.



More Than Just A Title

Being selected to the National Honor Society is the highest honor that teachers can give students. National Honor Society is an association that recognizes students with outstanding academic records. It is true that students must have a 3.3 or higher grade average to be eligible for N.H.S., but grade point average isn't the only criteria that membership is based on. A group of teachers select members on the bases of scholastics, leadership abilities, and character. National Honor Society makes students eligible for certain scholarships. "I think it is a good organization, but there should be more recognition for people in it, like more opportunities for scholarships," commented Serena Kershner, N.H.S. treasurer.

The new inductees for this year were senior Jeff Nicholson, and juniors Stacy Armstrong, Patty Bennett, Steve Lent, Heather McKee, Corey Richardson, Helen Schieber, Derek Snook, and Heidi West. To help raise money for needy organizations the N.H.S. had a penny pitch and a licorice sale.

Upper left — The veteran N.H.S. members patiently wait to give their speeches and induct the new members.

Lower left — President Stacie Schneider discusses the importance of high academics.

Lower Center — Vice-President Heather Phelps giggles as she tries for the third time to light the candle.





Upper left — Nick Sward and Eric Betts charm the crowd with their duet performance during a football game.

Upper right — Serena Kershner, Heidi West, and Adrian Rush play their hearts out during the pregame activities.

Center Left — Bob Niswander and his tuba liven up the band's sound at the Christmas concert.

Center right — The White Pigeon High School Band demonstrates its expertise in marching and maneuvering.

Lower right — The band gives another fine performance at its annual spring concert.



A New Generation

This year started off on a new note for the White Pigeon High School Band. Last year after long-time band director Ms. Sue Norton resigned and most of the first chair players included the drum major graduated, the band seemed to be in a bit of a bind. But Mr. Kevin Matthews came to the band's rescue by becoming the new band director. Junior Corey Richardson became the newly appointed drum major at the beginning of this year. "This school has had many fine drum majors which later became college drum majors. I feel honored to have succeeded such great field commanders," reflected Corey. Domi-

nated by freshman and sophomores, the band is very young. But even with this inexperience the band managed to place second at the Rockford competition for the second consecutive year, and received the best marching and maneuvering trophy. They also captured a first division rating at the District Marching Band Festival. Concert season also had its rewards for the "up and coming" band. They received a second division rating at the District Symphonic Band Festival. They also got a second division rating at a Competition on their trip to King's Island; and marched in the Michigan Day

Parade in Sturgis.

The band had other activities besides concerts and marching shows. This year they went on an overnight trip to King's Island. And they put on their annual follies show which consisted of skits and musical performances from talented people in the band.

This group of talented and skilled people may lack experience but their performances show that the "new generation" is the "real thing".



Center left — Drum major Corey Richardson (center) is awarded the band's second place trophy at the Rockford competition.

Center right — Michelle Moody is deeply involved in the music while playing her French horn during the spring concert.

Lower left — The band sways to the beat of Taurus at the Rockford competition.

School Play Makes A Comeback

"Places, everybody, places," was a common barking command said many times by stage manager, Dan Berchiatti, at the hectic rehearsals for the school play. This year Mr. Bill Martin planned and organized a musical play performed by students in grades 8-12. Also, Mrs. Deb Poley, Miss Mary Weston, Mrs. Marty Starmann, and Mrs. Helen Luegge helped with the orga-

nizing and production. The play called "Ten Nights In a Barroom" was about a town's decay because of a tavern. This was the first school play done at White Pigeon in nine years. The excellent turnout for both nights proved that the play was welcomed back wholeheartedly after its long absence. "I liked it real well, and it was better than I thought it would be. I was

really surprised and hope they have more plays in the future," commented spectator Kevin Kahila. Some memorable performances were given by Jon Harmon as Sample Switchell, Serena Kershner as Goldie Hill, Nicole Hart as Willie Hamlin, Beth Betcke as Mrs. Slade, and Leslie Phillip as Joe Morgan.



Middle left — Leslie Phillip portrays drunkard Joe Morgan.



Middle center — Jon Harmon as Sample Switchell boasts after punching out Harvey Green played by Mrs. Helen Luegge.



Middle right — Harvey Green gets ready to swindle a few drunks during a poker game.

Lower right — The saloon girls rowdy up the place by flirting and dancing.





Upper left — Madame Romaine, played by Carroll Krueger, tells Sample Switchell about the terrible effects the tavern could have on the town.

Middle left — Serena Kershner as Goldie Hill helps Harvey Green cheat Willie Hamlin out of a few more dollars.

Middle right — Mr. Slade, played by Nick Earl, lies dead after his son, played by Jeff Riley, hits him over the head.

Lower left — Willie Hamlin admires the pretty Goldie Hill as she sings in the tavern.

Lower right — The tired actors take timeout and rest before starting the next act.



Just French?

"French Club is unique because all activities are optional and they aren't school-related," remarked Nicole Hart, secretary of the French Club. Many people think because of the name, "French" Club, they have to be able to speak French, or take French class. But, in fact, the club does a lot more than speak French. For instance, this year they went on an all day shopping trip to Fairlane Mall in Detroit around

Christmas time. Later in the year, they went to a Kalamazoo Wings Hockey game. "The best part of the hockey game was getting the autograph of the famous San Diego Chicken," commented sophomore member Mindy Boyer. The club also sold posters to help finance their activities. You may have to do a little work in French Club, but the fun makes up for it. *C'est la vie!*



Upper right — Crystal Leeth and Cassie Lego plant wheat during class as a French Christmas tradition.

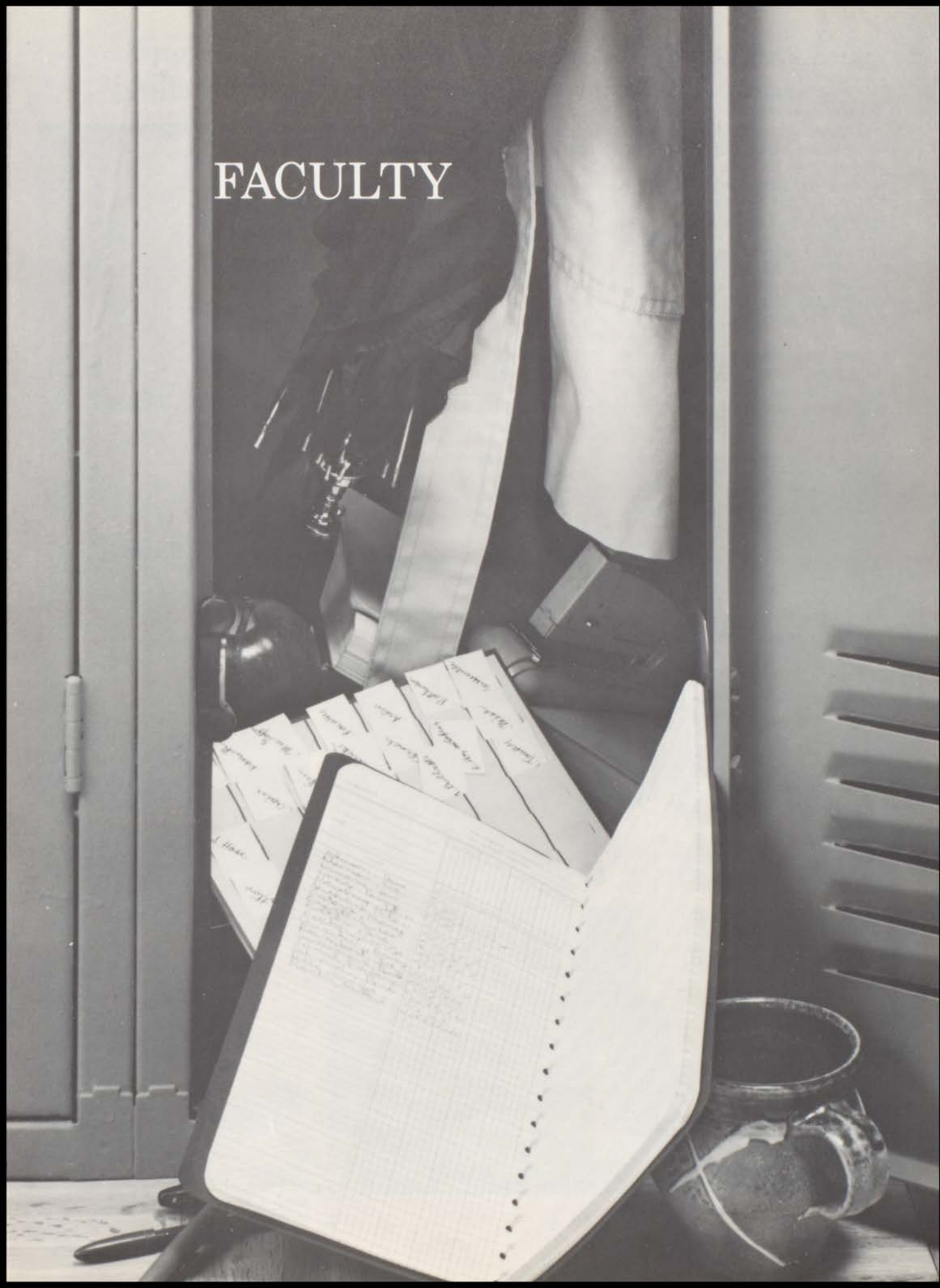
Middle left — French Club officers Nicole Lucas, Nicole Hart, Katrina Pedler, and Carolyn Littlefield meet in the library to discuss French activities.

Middle right — Katrina Pedler keeps busy by cutting out letters for Mrs. Hocevar during French class.

Lower right — Brian Alber, Jeff Ellis, and Mindy Boyer work on preparing a French dinner during French class.



FACULTY



Home-Ec Decorates Cakes; P.E. Goes Bowling

In Home Ec this year, the Creative Foods class had its annual cake contest. The title of most creative went to Brad Medich and Paul Pierson for their recreation of Eddie Van Halen's guitar. The nearest was Dawn Blaisdell's heart cake. The cutest cake, a Garfield reproduction, was made by Deanna Patterson. The best cake overall was Tom McWatters' Donald Duck. It had a little bit of each characteristic.


Students whose cakes did not make the list were still cheerful. "It was really fun even though my cake didn't win anything," Senior Leann Ritter explained.

Creative Foods also a foreign foods project in which students prepared dishes from far-away lands such as bratwursts from Germany and enchiladas from Mexico.

In P.E., students went bowling at

the White Pigeon Bowl. It wasn't much different from the other P.E. activities because students had to follow rules, participate, and be graded. Junior Todd Jiskra explained, "You've got to be just as physical in bowling as you do in the other P.E. activities."

Bowling is offered to only senior high P.E. students. Seventh and eighth grade P.E. classes do their regular activities like dodgeball, basketball, exercises, and other sports.

Mr. Ned Bale, the boys P.E. teacher, thinks that the bowling is a good idea for his students. "It's something that any student can do for the rest of his life; a sort of carry-over value. We appreciate the bowling alley putting up with us, too." 



Upper — Taking aim at the pins requires a lot of concentration for Troy Minegar in P.E. bowling.

Middle left — The contest was a piece of cake for Dawn Blaisdell and Tom McWatters who are preparing to devour their creations.

Middle right — Before Jim Kozelka plans to roll a strike, he first perfects his stance.

Lower — Mr. Ned Bale, P.E. teacher, Mrs. Laurie Fox and Mr. Lyle Smalley, special education teachers, Mrs. Sue Outman and Miss Jane Schumaker, home-ec teachers, gather after school to discuss the next in-service meeting.



Special Ed Gets New Aide; Branch Gets New Bus

Mrs. Diane Kanause joined the faculty as an aide for special education this year. The former teacher's aide from Baldwin in Prairie spent one half of the day in Mrs. Laurie Fox's room helping Mrs. Fox by correcting papers. She spent the remaining half with the students of Mr. Lyle Smalley's special education class helping students with reading, English, and math.


She enjoyed her work very much and planned to stay around. "I really like what I do," she said.

Students liked her, too. "She's nice," said eighth-grader Mike Mann.

Another part of the education offered is the Branch Area Career

Center in Branch County.

This year, the students received a brand new 1986 diesel bus. The new bus's nice, comfortable seats were much better than the damaged seats of the old one. Also, "it runs better," said junior Ed Marchant, who still thought it was a boring bus ride.

Branch students were on at 7:25 A.M. and some slept for the one hour ride to the career center where they studied courses in cosmetology, photography, auto mechanics, computers, health care, advertising, electronics, and child care. Then, students ate their lunches on their way back to school around 11:00. 



Upper — Mr. Lyle Smalley, the special education teacher is grading papers with one eye and watching his students with the other.

Middle left — Mrs. Diane Kanause, an aide helps freshman Steve Schmidt with his assignment.

Middle right — Senior Jack Davis grinds away at this jeep in auto body as he prepares to spot weld it.

Lower — Matt Perkins, a junior, eats his lunch, a bologna and cheese sandwich, on the bus ride back from Branch.

Business Classes Keep Up With The Pace; Math Classes Make A Switch



Business students got a little taste of what the real business world is about. In Mr. Curt Meek's bookkeeping class students did accounting simulations which gave the students the opportunity to play the role of a bookkeeper. Mr. Meek also taught typing, careers, business law, and business. The computer teacher Mr. Mike Kendall taught his classes the aspect of what computers can do in everyday life. Mrs. Pam Gates said, "There is never a dumb question." She taught typing, and pre-algebra. This year there was a slight change in the math department, for this was the first year sophomores took geometry before they took Algebra II. This put the junior class in a sticky situation because they didn't want to take geometry with sophomores but they didn't feel quite

ready to jump into trigonometry. So, for this year and for this year only, there was a new class offered to juniors, Geometry/Trigonometry. During the first semester Mr. Gayle Brokaw taught geometry to the class and then during the second semester the class switched over to trigonometry. Mr. Brokaw also taught Algebra I and Geometry I and said, "I like it when students finally learn something new." Mrs. Deb Poley taught 8th grade math & 9th grade math. Organized thinking is what Mr. Marv Schneider taught in his classes. Mr. Schneider taught 8th grade math, pre-algebra, and Algebra I. Mr. Ted Bargwell taught physics, Algebra I, and pre-calculus. Mr. Bargwell tried to teach ideas and concepts besides memory. ☺



Upper left — Business and math teachers of W.P.H.S. Mr. Mike Kendall, Mr. Marv Schneider, Mrs. Pam Gates, Mr. Ted Bargwell, Mrs. Deb Poley, Mr. Curt Meek, and Mr. Gayle Brokaw give new meanings to numbers in their classes.

Upper right — Chad Bowman breezes through a check writing problem in Mr. Meek's 8th grade business class.

Middle — Georgeanne Heitkamp thinks out a geometry problem during a test in Mr. Brokaw's room.

Lower — Working on a computer comes easy to Evan Anderson in Mr. Kendall's beginning programming class.



Driver's Ed Learns Braking; History Learns Freedom



Upper — Jennifer Cochon adjusts her mirror before driving while Mrs. Robin Bordner looks over her notes and Tracy Woods awaits her turn to drive.

Middle left — This year history, health and girls P.E., and government teachers were Mr. David Snook, Mr. Pat West, Mrs. Karen Jarrad, Mr. Don Mort, and Mr. Robert Blue.

Middle right — Lisa Bumpus looks over her term paper before she hands it back to Mr. West in political parties.



A bumper gun demonstration provided by the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department was one activity the driver's education class did this year. An officer from the department demonstrated braking by measuring reaction time and braking distance. The gun, which was mounted on the bumper of the patrol car, shot chalk onto the pavement and measured the reaction time (the time it took the officer to remove his foot from the gas pedal and apply it to the brakes) and how far it took him to come to a complete stop. This demonstration gave the students who observed, an idea of how long it takes to come to a complete stop when going different speeds.

Students were required by the driver's education program to have six hours of on-the-road driving and thirty classroom hours of dis-

cussion and reading. Before beginning a period of on-the-road instruction, students were required to check and adjust mirrors, wear seatbelts, make sure passengers were wearing their seatbelts, check gauges, and check around the vehicle for obstacles.

"Driving is a privilege that takes a lot of hard work to become good at. Good habits need to be developed and applied every time a person gets into a vehicle," said Mrs. Robin Bordner, the behind-the-wheel instructor.

After every 3,000 miles, the program received a new car from Dave Smith Pontiac in Sturgis. They have had cars for the program such as the Pontiac 6000 LE and Bonneville, but some students demanded better. "We should have had a Cadillac," said sophomore Jeremy Thibos.

Students experienced freedom when they were allowed to drive themselves to and from places and didn't have to wait for rides. American history students experienced freedom when they heard a woman who was in Hitler's Nazi Youth Corps speak at Sturgis High School.

She talked about her experiences in a Russian prison camp and her first meeting with American soldiers. She also talked about her first experience of freedom and how dear it was to her.

"I liked her and thought she was interesting," said junior Nichole Hart. At the end of the presentation, she received a well-deserved standing ovation from the crowd of four visiting schools and the Sturgis students.

English Classes Get Some Cultural Enrichment; Foreign Language Class Celebrates The Holidays

This year Mr. Darryl Smith and Mr. James Stambaugh took some of their students to see a Shakespeare play called "Taming of the Shrew" in Kalamazoo. Mr. Stambaugh said he thought the play was one the students should not have missed. But Mr. Stambaugh and Mr. Smith weren't the only teachers taking their students to cultural events. Ms. Jacquelyn Anderson and Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar took the developmental English classes to see "Double Billing," a collection of plays by Mark Twain and Edgar Allen Poe put on by the National Theatre of Performing Arts in Grand Rapids. Mr. Stambaugh taught 11th grade developmental English, 11th grade humanities, philosophy and literature, 11th and 10th grade English, and 9th grade advanced English. Mr. Stambaugh stated, "I enjoy literature and I get a

good feeling when I get students to enjoy literature, too." Mr. Smith taught 9th grade English, 10th grade advanced English, and this year Mr. Smith started the Gifted and Talented Program for students with a unique talent in writing stories or poems and for students with an artistic talent. "There is nothing I enjoy more than literature," stated Mr. Smith. Ms. Anderson taught English and reading. One of the special projects she did was the creative writing assignment for Young Authors. This was when a student composed a story of poem and sent it in with the chance of winning a prize. Mrs. Deb Poley's classes also participated in Young Authors; she also conducted the 8th grade spelling bee. Mrs. Poley taught 8th grade English. "I enjoy working with kids and the challenge," said Mr. Mike Kendall

when asked what he liked about his teaching job. Mr. Kendall taught 8th grade math, 8th grade English, and 8th grade general math. Mr. William Martin taught 9th grade and 11th grade English and Speech. Mr. Martin enjoyed teaching literature because it is closely related to theatre. Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar taught developmental English, and the yearbook class. Mrs. Hocevar found student responses to certain subjects very interesting. Mrs. Hocevar was also the French teacher. French is the only foreign language offered and it was also the first year Mrs. Hocevar has taught French III here at this high school. Mrs. Hocevar explained that her French students found the French holidays not only interesting but fun to celebrate.



Middle right — Mr. Darryl Smith, Mrs. Deb Poley, Ms. Jacquelyn Anderson, Mr. William Martin, Mr. James Stambaugh, Mr. Mike Kendall, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar open up a whole new world to students. Left — Jason Wheeler gets ready to try some French cake during a Christmas party. Lower left — Dave Lorenz captures the audience's attention as he gives his speech on the movie "The Fly".



Music Is An Art At WPHS



Upper — The Marching Band displays their talent by playing "Peter Gun" at the competition on the flooded field in Rockford, Michigan, hosted by Rockford High School.

Middle right — Displaying her creation of a free-standing statue of a bobcat is senior Julie Higgins. This is one of twelve sculptures required for ceramics class.

Middle left — Patty Bennett, Matt Smiley, Jenny Lent, Michelle Moody, and Erica Rolly get decked out to show their Halloween spirit while performing at half-time during the White Pigeon football game against Berrien Springs.

Lower — Mr. Kevin Matthews and Mrs. Martha Starmann are celebrating Christmas by decorating the bandroom.



This year the W.P.H.S. Marching Band received a new band director, Mr. Kevin Matthews. He directed the band to success at the marching festival in Rockford, Michigan, at which the band received an award for marching and maneuvering. They also competed in the MSBOA District Marching Festival at Three Rivers and received a first division rating for such as "Peter Gun", "Taurus", "Yes, We Have No Bananas", and "St. Elmo's Fire." They received \$200 and a trophy for marching at the Centreville Fair. The band did exceptionally well in these events as Mr. Matthews commented, "They performed above my expectations this year."

Band members, too, were pleased with their performance. "For having a new band director, we did

pretty good," said freshman Jenny Lent.

The Symphonic Band performed its traditional Christmas Concert, Spring Concert, and Folly Show under the direction of Mr. Matthews.

Music is an art, but so is making a pot out of clay or painting a picture, and this year, art students and their teacher Mrs. Martha Starmann received a new room.

"I'm enjoying the new art room. It's more like an art studio atmosphere. The students appreciate more room to create," commented Mrs. Starmann.

"The new art room is now better than it ever was. It has a lot more room and can hold a bigger class," said Senior Vance Hooley. ☺



Science Classes Don't Just Sit; Industrial Arts Classes Help Out The Community

Mr. Ted Bargwell's physical science class ended the school year with a bang. The students built and shot off their own rockets during the last week of school. Mr. Bargwell taught 9th grade physical science, earth science, and chemistry. Mr. Bruce Kidder taught chemistry, Biology I, and 9th grade physical science. His physical science class also shot off rockets at the end of the school year. Mr. Kidder said he chose to teach "to help people understand the science of the world around them". Mr. Dan White taught 8th grade science. His young scientists involved themselves in leaf collections, seed col-

lections, and the incubation of eggs. Kids in his class liked to experiment. Mr. Bill Miller who taught Biology I, Biology II, and ecology says "I like to be with youths". Mr. Miller's Biology I class did insect collections and leaf collections. Biology II classes got to do rat labs and plant labs. The ecology class took a trip at the end of the year, a survival trip that is. For 30 hrs. students in this class camped out in the wilderness with only the bare essentials. The industrial arts teacher Mr. George Morse taught drafting, woodshops, shop math, advanced woodshops, and advanced drafting. ☸



Upper right — John Morris and Tony D'Haese show their rather large project which they gave to pre-school children of the Presbyterian church.

Middle left — Doug Rossman moves carefully while dissecting the leg of a pig to examine its muscle structure in Mr. Miller's Biology II class.

Middle right — These toys produced by students of Mr. Morse's woodshop classes were given to the Village Pantry at Christmas time.

Lower — W.P.H.S. industrial arts teacher Mr. George Morse, and science teachers Mr. Dan White, Mr. Ted Bargwell, Mr. Bill Miller, and Mr. Bruce Kidder, work very hard to help students understand how things are constructed.



CLASSES



No Contest?

The juniors didn't vote for new class officers this year because the class was happy with the work they did last year. Nicole Lucas shared the same goals as Stacy Armstrong and Nicole Hart. Their goals were making money and getting the class involved.

When asked, "What does being an officer mean to you?" Nicole Lucas said, "Being president means being a leader." Stacy Armstrong said, "Being vice-president is a lot of hard work." Nicole Hart said, "As secretary, I have to be organized." Steve Lent said, "I feel that as treasurer they trust me to handle their money."

The class advisors were Mr. Mike Kendall and Mrs. Deb Poley.



Evan Anderson
Stacy Armstrong
Mary Astling
Julie Bartley



Diane Beck
Patty Bennett
Daniel Berchiatti
Taya Bergerson



Brad Black
Gloria Bontrager
Ted Boyer
Juli Broadworth



Jill Burd
Ron Cassity
Tamara Cassity
Susie Claxton



Upper right — The junior class officers Steve Lent, treasurer; Stacy Armstrong, vice-president; Nicole Hart, secretary; and Nicole Lucas, president, are proud to represent their class.



Scott Cox
Jill Danaher



Betsy Dettmar
Nick Earl



Michelle Eternicka
Greg Evilsizor



Steve Fair
Arthur Forbes



Paul Fowler
John Gilbert




Upper — Junior class advisors Mr. Mike Kendall and Mrs. Deb Poley take on the responsibility of the junior/senior prom.
Middle — Gloria Bontrager eats pizza during the Geometry Pizza Party to learn more about the circumference of a circle.
Lower left — Junior class officers Stacy Armstrong, Nicole Hart, and Steve Lent discuss ways to raise funds for the junior class.
Lower right — Senior Dan Carr and Junior Jim Sawyer sit to discuss the Josten poster about ordering senior announcements, caps, and gowns.

Whirlybird

On October 29 a U.S. Army helicopter landed on the football practice field at White Pigeon High. The students were let out of class sixth hour to enjoy a wonderful performance by the Army crew. The crew performed many army maneuvers and stunts including jumping out of the helicopter on a rope. After their stunts the crew told the amazed students safety rules about the helicopter and they didn't recommend doing any of their stunts at home.

After the helicopter was shut off and the students given safety rules, they had a chance to get a first hand look at the inside of the helicopter. Students rushed to the doors of the helicopter and climbed in with as-toundment. The captain of the crew explained to the students, inside the helicopter, the different controls.

By request, every year the Army sends a crew to visit many schools. The army agrees to do these demonstrations because it promotes the enrollment in the Army. 

Upper — This army crew lands at our school to promote enrollment in the army.

Lower — These students are getting a first hand look at the inside of an army helicopter.



Brent Haifley
Cathie Harrington
Nicole Hart
Chrystal Hedrington



Donald Hill
Kevin Hobbs
Dawson Hooley
Latisha Horn





Donna Horsley
Cathy Houghton
Karri Houghton
Charlie Huss



Upper left — Leann Ritter, Tamara Cassity, and Jill Danaher enjoy the time spent from sixth hour classes to learn more about the army through the demonstrations.

Lower left — After landing behind the school, the crew is getting ready to discuss the army with students from our school.

Lower right — After looking at the helicopter up close, Bob Niswander changed his mind about going into the army.



Thomas Jiskra
Todd Jiskra
Shireen Johnson
Lisa Jones

Kevin Kahila
Jada Keckler
Larry Kemp
Brenda Kline



Carroll Krueger
Connie Kruse
Chris Leeth
Steve Lent



Middle — Chris Hedrington shows an interest in macrame while in arts and craft class.



Kim Lethiot
David Lorenz
Nicole Lucas
Spence Lutz



Heather McKee
Sarah McLaughlin
Troy Minegar
Paula Morey





More Than Just A Fad!

In the fall of 1986 a new trend came to White Pigeon High. About three days after school started, Mark Bedell decided it was time for a change. The next day he came to school with his head shaved. People were stunned at first but soon they came to like it. In fact, day by day other football team members showed up for school with their heads shaved. Some students decided to be creative with their hair cuts. The football team members shaved their numbers into their hair. Other students shaved stripes down their head, yet others had ridges and a "V" shape shaved into their hair.

When questioned, "what do you think about the shaving of heads trend?", students had many different opinions. Some students like Chris Heroy thought that it showed pep, spirit, and loyalty toward the football team. Most of the students liked the hair cuts but, some like Terry Hagen said, "I think it's stupid because it makes it look like our school had an epidemic of cancer." Many girls basketball players agreed with Stacie Schneider when she said that it was a good idea and a symbol of the football team but if the girls basketball team did it, then she wouldn't get her hair shaved off. When a couple of the faculty members were asked the same question, Mrs. Karen Jarrad replied, "I think it's fine but late; other schools have already done it."

Overall the student body thought that the fad was extraordinary. ☘



Upper left — Brad Medich and Greg Swank both take part in the "Short haircut" fad, although Greg decided to be a little more creative and carve his football number in the back of his head.

Lower — Many of the brave football players like Robin Schumacher, Chris Heroy, James Bond, and Mark Hendricks decided to shave their hair to show their team spirit.



John Morris
Tim Ott
Juanita Noe
Katrina Pedler



Matt Perkins
Shari Pettit
Leslie Phillip
Lori Powers



Bob Price
Herman Priddy
Corey Richardson
Douglas Rossman



James Sawyer
Helen Schieber
Chris Schumacher
Tracy Slusher



Derek Snook
Randy Stump
Greg Swank
Jonathan Thibos



Upper — During an assembly at the end of sixth hour the student body cheers for the varsity football team in order to boost their morale before the game.



“Fun” — D Raising

Upper — When the seniors and juniors teamed up to play the teachers in a game of basketball, there were other activities, such as tug-of-war, during halftime. The juniors went undefeated in tug-of-war.

Lower — Connie Kruse enjoys learning about geometric shapes using pizza.



Sean Troyer
Kerry Vickers
Nan Waterman



Jennifer Weinberg
Jason Wells
Amy Wertenberger



Heidi West
Kassie Wolf
Vicki Wolf

Not Pictured — Mark Barczak, Alyssa Bradley, Bryan Duncan, Rick Hull, Roger Hull, Heidi Jacobs, Ed Marchant, Steve Rank, Clint Stambaugh, Barb Wolf, Jim Kozelka



“Raising money is hard work, but spending it is more fun,” said Nicole Lucas after returning from shopping with the French Club at Fairlane Mall in Dearborn, Michigan. This year the French Club sold posters to pay for their activities. The girl’s volleyball team sold buttons, sweat shirts, and T-shirts to raise enough money to get two new volleyball nets. They raised enough money to get their new nets for games and practices.

Every active group needs money including the band. This year, like every year, the band sold cheese and sausage to raise enough money to go to band camp.

In order to help pay for the

Prom, the juniors sold magazines as the juniors before them did.

Even the cheerleaders got into the act by selling Homecoming football pins. The baseball team started early in the fall by having a paper drive. Kids turned in all their old paper for recycling. Branch students sold candy bars and life savers to pay for trips to come.

The senior class sold Valentine balloons to raise money for the senior trip. The school even had a fund raiser for the White Pigeon Girl Scouts by selling carnations to White Pigeon students for St. Patrick’s Day. Even with all this buying and selling, students still found change in their pockets. *xy*

No Surprise

The class of '89 raced to the ballot box to see the results of this year's election, but were soon disappointed when they heard the news that the election results were not surprising. After the election, only one person was newly elected to an office.

Melanie Hoopes, president, Mary Miller, secretary, and Stacey Kilburn, treasurer, were still in the same positions as the previous year. Brian Kemp was the lucky one to take over as vice president for the class of '89.

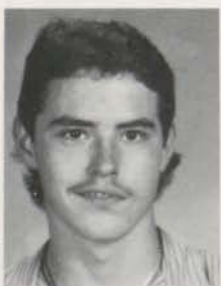
When asked what their goals were, they all agreed, "To raise a lot of money for their class." In an attempt to reach their goal, Mrs. Pattie Davidson and Mrs. Laurie Fox, who were sponsors of the class, helped the officers set up a seat cushion committee to earn money. Seat cushions are used mainly to help pad the bleacher seats. When people come to the football games or basketball games, they may soften their visit by supporting the sophomore class and buying a seat cushion.

Upper — Brian Kemp is surrounded by his fellow tenth grade class officers, Mary Miller, Stacie Kilburn, and Melanie Hoopes as they relax under a tree in the school yard.

Lower — Mary Gracy listens as Scott Cox wildly pounds at his drum at a pep assembly.



Brian Alber
Brian Bagshaw
Jim Barbour
Curt Barnhart
Jim Bennet



Stacy Black
James Bond
Tracy Bontrager
Chris Bowers
Mindy Boyer





Lisa Bumpus
Marcy Burkey
Laura Culveyhouse
Jennifer Coohon
Matt Derr



Mike Dersh
Marcy Dexter
Bryan DuFour
Jeff Ellis
Bob Elore



Ken Ernsberger
Niki Floor
Carl Flowers
Stephanie Geering
Jessica Geyer



Rodney Gout
Iva Graber
Mary Gracey
Mary Grandstaff
Diane Grimes

Lower — Brian Alber
and John Sassaman
discuss the matter of
football wins in the
French room.





David Gushwa
Todd Haifley
Bill Hall
Georgeanne Heitkamp
Mark Hendricks



Chris Heroy
Melanie Hoopes
Margaret Hilyard
Carla Humphries
Amy Keckler



Brian Kemp
Stacey Kilburn
Lee Kinsman
Tom Kopf
Brent Kulp



Upper right —
Although the seniors
spent little time in the
cafeteria for lunch,
they got together for
one last meal there.
Upper left — Tina
Richardson enjoys her
lunch at the White
Pigeon Freeze.

It's one hour until lunchtime; it's the longest hour of the day. Students get into class and watch the clock the whole hour. As the hour goes on, the clock seems to slow way down. Sometimes it might even seem to run backwards. A half hour seems like an hour. Forty-five minutes seems like an hour and a half. Fifty-five minutes seems like two hours. Finally, after what seems like three hours, the bell rings. The classroom doors open, and the students stampede into the lunchroom to get into line first. Now what causes this crazy lunch-

time madness? Maybe it's the food but that is highly doubtful. Whatever it is, lunchtime is something that all students look forward to.

When lunchtime finally arrives at the high school, students have many options to choose from but only a half hour to do it. They can go into the lunchroom and eat. They can go into the lunchroom and listen to the latest music on the new speakers while conversing with friends. The library is usually open for those who want to catch up on their studying. Different intramural sports are played in the

Lunch Mania

gym throughout the school year.

Students also have the luxury of an open campus lunch. This means that all students, except eighth graders, can go up town to eat lunch at the local food stores or if the student lives in town, he or she can just go home for lunch. Other schools may or may not have this privilege. William Nesvig, who just moved here from California, said, "Here at White Pigeon they serve a more square meal and you have the choice of on or off campus; while in California they have a closed lunch but you can eat outside on the school's grounds and they serve more junkfood." Most students say the food is bad but they still enjoy this crazy lunchtime madness because it gives everyone a break from the long school day. ☘

Upper — Tim Suszko, Lisa Armstrong, Robert Sebeliski, and Jill Stout show off their creation which they made in French class. Instead of going to lunch, they ate in class.



Shannon Lego
Peggy Lewis
Carolyn Littlefield
Cindy McCombs
Brent Miller



Dawn Miller
Julie Miller
Mary Miller
Michelle Moody
Steve Nicholson



Tricia Nicholson
Bob Niswander
Corrie Presock
Rene Reinelt
Jonathon Reynolds

When freshmen become sophomores they find that being a sophomore is a little more demanding than being a freshman. They get more recognition, and they do not get pushed around as much by the upperclassmen. With this new recognition comes more responsibilities and tougher classes. For example they have to do bug collections and leaf collections. Sophomores spend hours looking for bugs and leaves. After the students find the bugs and leaves they have to look up each individual leaf and bug in a book and write down the necessary information on a card. Then they have to organize their bugs and leaves into acceptable collections. All of this takes a lot of time and it's not as easy as it sounds. David Gushwa said, "The bug collection was harder to do than the leaf collection. The hardest part of the leaf collection was identifying the leaves from the leaf books." He also said that most of the students waited until the last minute to do their collections and that they didn't have time for other activities. Some teachers require these collections to graduate and if the students do not do them then they may never make it to graduation.

... Bug And Leaf Lookers



Upper — Brent Kulp,
Georgeanne Heitkamp,
Mr. Bill Miller, and
John Sassaman gather
around Lisa Bumpus
to see one of the bugs
for her insect
collection.

Heather Rosson
Matt Ruple
Adrian Rush
Chad Salisbury
Jamie Sanderson

John Sassaman
Robin Schumacher
Bob Sebelksi
Amy Sommerlott
Matt Stabler

Larry Stewart
Stacey Stewart
Jennifer Swank
Nicholas Sward
Richard Tracy





Jeremy Thibos
Ken Tinch
Mike Townsend
Serena Tropper
Craig Tyler

Wendy Welker
Tricia Wertz
Jenny West
Maurie Whiteman
Jason Williams



Middle — Doing bug collections is not as dull as it may seem because these students are learning about bugs with a smile on their faces.



Kenneth Williams
Lance Wisley
Tracy Woods

NOT PICTURED: Kevin Atherton, Matt Bedell, Tawana Frame, Sherri George, Kim Haas, Scott Nichols, Julie Ohmart, Marilyn Warner, Kris Carpenter

Time To Trim

Have you ever noticed the things that surround you? The little things are the ones that go unnoticed. In our school surroundings there's a place that has gone unnoticed for a while. The bushes are unkept; the grass has gone uncut, and the flowers are dead and brown; it's the courtyard.

A chief, who was given to the school by a member of the community, has been standing in the courtyard for eight years. One night in October of 1986, a few juniors decided the chief needed a

new look. So Michelle Clark, Tim Kantner, and Dan Carr climbed the walls of the school, took the chief home, and painted it. The next morning the chief was back in his place, newly painted.

Mr. Gayle Brokaw occupies one of the four rooms that face the courtyard. When asked what he thought should be done with the courtyard, he smiled and said, "I think the bushes need to be trimmed and spring flowers need to be planted by the lobby windows and it would look a lot better." Another teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Hocavar, whose room looks in on the courtyard said, "I think we should

be able to go out there at lunchtime and after school. It's an area that I think should be used." But Eric Hackman said, "I think they should leave it alone, because if people went out there at lunch the other classes would be distracted."

Beth Betcke said, "I feel that the courtyard would be a good project for Mr. Miller's ecology class." In reply Mr. Bill Miller said, "We'd love to be responsible for the courtyard," but he was not sure who was in charge of the courtyard and would soon research the matter. So, in future years the courtyard may become beautiful once more. *BY*



Lisa Armstrong
Michele Avery
Misty Bagshaw
Dawn Bear
Eric Betts
Karmen Boyer



Jennifer Broadworth
Matt Buirley
Michelle Burnham
Rhonda Byler
Jennifer Carter
Cathie Cekander



William Chandler
Shannon Demoss
Rick Duncan
Rodney Elkins
Billy Gilbert
Nicole Gingerich



Upper left — Not only does Mr. Gayle Brokaw dress up for Costume Day, but he decorated his windows that overlook the courtyard for Christmas.

Upper right — Beth Betcke ponders the idea of opening the courtyard for lunch.



Martin Gillette
Donny Gloy
Tammy Gregory
Sharli Grove
Eric Hackman
Tonya Hairell

Larry Halferty
Jamie Hayes
Barbara Hendricks
Tom Hollis
Denise Holm
Lisa Hull

Below — Donna
Lewis points out her
favorite person on
her family tree for
French class.



Upper — On activities night the brave freshmen challenge the juniors to a game of tug-of-war but they weren't strong enough to win.


Lower Left — Eric Hackman shows his spirit during spirit week by coloring his face to match the school colors.

Help Wanted

The disappointing point of the year for the freshmen class was the inability to raise any funds. The class of '90 had no class advisors and in effect no class officers. The class officers always initiate fund raising events for the class. Since the Frosh had no officers, they had no events and the result was no money.

In order to have an election for class officers there had to be a class advisor. Usually the class advisors are teachers or a counselor who help the class officers with fund raising events and spending the

money. Senior vice-president Stacie Schneider felt that having an advisor helped a lot on making the best decisions. Usually the money raised by the freshmen class is used during the junior and senior years for Prom decorations and Graduation. Since they missed out on raising money their freshmen year the class of '90 will have to work extra hard the next three years to make up for lost time. Other freshmen classes in the past have sponsored dances to raise money.

Even though the freshmen were behind in raising money they made up for it by excelling in sports. The freshmen boys had an almost undefeated season. 

Below — Carrie Kehr is thinking about what it would be like to be class president.



Tricia Hull
Jason Hurst
Kerry Irelan
Greg Johnson
Tim Kozelka
Anissa Leeth



Crystal Leeth
Cassie Lego
Chellcee Lego
Jenny Lent
Donna Lewis
Jeri Lucas



Heather Magill
Curtis Mast
Valerie Meringa
Jenny Myers
Michele Modert
Penny Morey



Marcy O'Rourke
Bill Ott
Chris Parker
Mike Parker
Lisa Patterson
Sam Peachey





Kelly Peters
Carrie Kehr
Michele Prichard
Brad Proctor
Candi Rauguth
Michelle
Ravencraft

Amii Reynolds
Trina Richardson
Jeff Riley
Aimee Rodwick
Karen Rose
Steven Schmidt

Brad Schneider
Tristan Severns
Eugene Sexton
Connie Shoulders
Jason Simpson
Karen Slusher



Lower left — Jenny Lent and Marcy O'Rourke
stumble through a step to figure out a cheer.
Lower right — Shelly Prichard and Cathy Moore
sit in the dugout and wait for their turn to bat.

Essex Advice

On November 11, 1986, an assembly was held in the gym on drug and alcohol abuse and prevention. The speaker was Bill Essex. He discussed how drugs affect us. He used to be an undercover detective from the Indiana State Police department. He is also a nationally recognized expert in drug abuse cases and has appeared on national TV shows like "The Johnny Carson Show."

When he first walked into the gym everyone expected to be lectured on drug and alcohol abuse, but he was different. He talked to the students on the same level as if he were talking to an adult. Karri Houghton thought he was very easy to cope with and funny, too.

By going from school to school he has met a lot of different people. He told the student body a story about one little boy who was smaller than all the other kids. It was caused by the mother because she used drugs during pregnancy. He also told of an experienced he had after giving a speech. A big football player came up to him and cried because one night when he was driving drunk he killed his best friend by driving over him. Even though Mr. Essex was amusing he was serious enough to get his point about drugs and alcohol abuse across to the students.

Upper Left — Mr. Bill Essex shows the student body how drinking is glamorized by the shape of the glass and the shade of the liquid.

Upper Right — After taking his break, Mr. Essex bounced back with a new idea.

Lower — Some of the student body respond to one of Mr. Essex's questions, "Who likes Alice Cooper's music?"



Matt Smiley
Wade Snyder
Douglas Souter
Jason Stambaugh
Melanie Stevens
Scott Stewart



Jill Stout
Nicole Strawser
Tim Suszko
David Takace
Dawn Taylor
Randy Terry





Angela Turille
Kegina Vickers
Tina Walls
Jason Wheeler



Paul Wolkins
Richard Wordelman
Andrew Yeomans

NOT PICTURED: Keith Atherton, Darla Caldwell, Tim Knevels, Tim Lammers, Mike Maichen, Cathy Moore, Kim Rose, Renee Stiles, Nancy Wolf, Tammy Wanamaker



Upper Left — Jill Stout and Heather Magill, freshmen, are willing to share their umbrella with sophomore Peggy Lewis at a rainy football game.

Upper right — Cassie Lego points out the most important part of the French homework assignment.

Lower — Tim Kozelka is working hard to finish his definitions by the end of the hour.



Growing Up

By moving up in ranks it brings a new challenge. This is especially true for the eighth graders. The eighth graders have a class all to themselves. It's Exploratory.

Exploratory is made up of five different classes, Drafting with Mr. George Morse, Home Economics with Mrs. Sue Outman, Computers with Mr. Mike Kendall, Careers with Mrs. Patty Davidson, and Business with Mr. Curtis Meek.

Every student gets a chance to take each of these classes. Each class is seven weeks long. After the seven weeks were over the students, in groups, changed into a different class. Shelly Hargett said, "I have computers now and it's fun." Many of the students find it interesting like Tiffany Strawser. She said, "It's interesting, but it's also a lot of hard work and it's kinda fun in drafting."

Each student had different views on each class, but most of the students found Exploratory helpful in their high school career. ✂



Tom Anglemeyer
Greg Baker
Brent Barnhart
Yolanda Bender
Jeff Bennett



Rick Binney
Jeff Black
Shannon Bontrager
Yvonne Bowers
Paula Bryant



Robert Burkey
Annette Canen
David Chaffee
Ruth Chaffee
David Claxton



Upper — Elmer Rudloff, Chris Nash, and Chad Bowman discover their newly found talent in Mrs. Outman's exploratory sewing class.



Upper left — Bill Horn and Mark Lane find out what computer games are made of in Mr. Kendall's computer class.
Upper right — Learning how to fill out applications isn't as easy as Mr. Meek's eighth grade business class thought.
Lower middle — Kasey Zonker, Shuree Wolf, and Nino Porpiglia find out that drafting with Mr. Morse isn't all it's drawn up to be.



Tony Cooper
Tammy Craigo
Rhonda Craigo
Jeff Carihfield
Rex Davis



Jennifer Derr
Robert Dettmar
Matt Dexter
Ed Dickenson
Debbie Dimos



Candie Duncan
Tandra Duncan
Krista Elore
Craig Emerick
Beth Erlacher

War-Zone

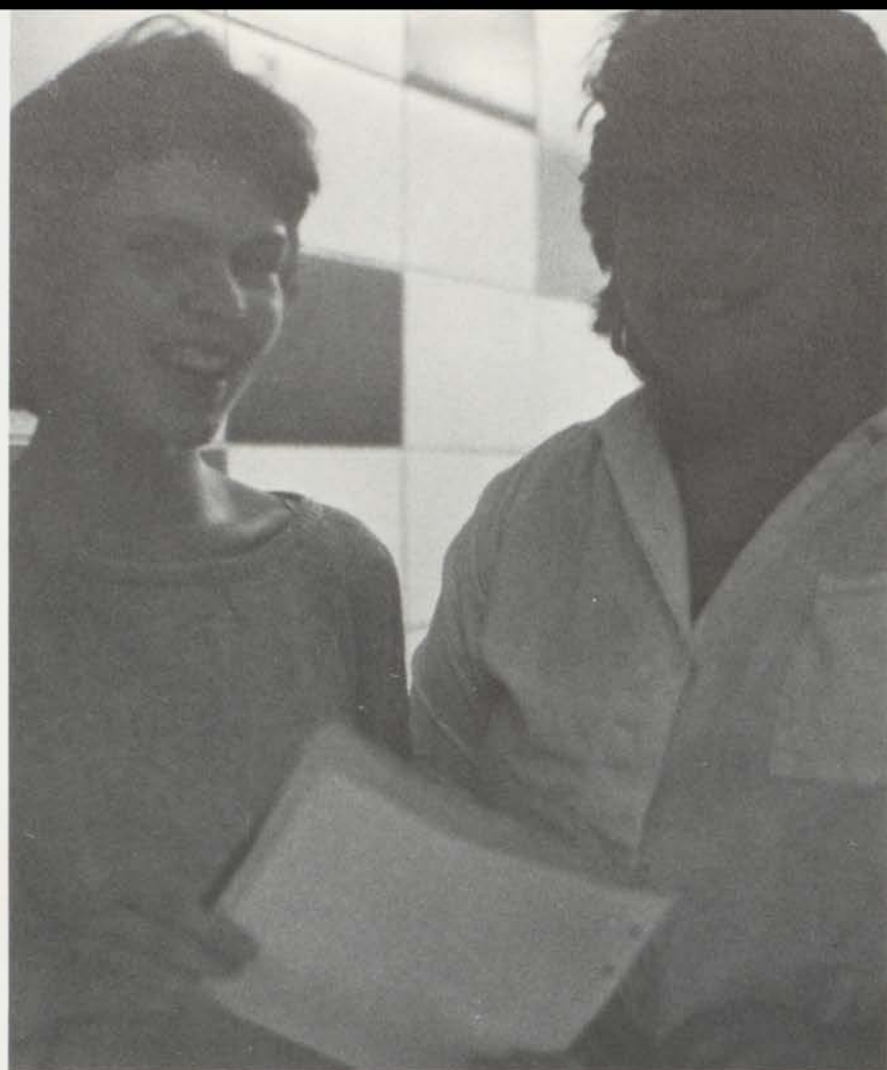
On February 27, 1987, a battle raged in White Pigeon High School. There were no sides to choose from. Each person, an out-cast, was on his own.

There would be only one winner. Although there was no violence or bloodshed, it was still tough and emotional. It was the 8th grade Spelling Bee.

Mr. Mike Kendall started the battle by first giving rules; then he started in by giving tough words that each eighth grader had to spell right to stay in the competition. It was down to the last two players. The fighting became more intense as Beth Erlacher and Brenda Melville showed off their spelling power. "Addressable" — Brenda got it right. "Accuracy" — Beth got it right. "Alkali" — Beth missed. Brenda got it right. She had to spell one more word right to officially defeat Beth.

She successfully spelled "allayment" and won.

Upper right — Beth Erlacher congratulates Brenda Melville on winning the Battle of the Spelling Bee.



Jennie Fish
Laura Fletcher
Crystal Ford
Christopher Freeto
Angela Gadomski



Bobbi Jo George
Robert Gowen
Ryan Grant
Melissa Haas
Corey Hagen



Shelley Hargett
Greg Hilliard
Angie Hobbs
Mike Hoopes
Chuck Horn





Connie Irons
Terri Johnson
Chris Kahila
Tammy Kitch



Sherry Konkle
Marla Lane
Lesla Lanway
Erica Lawson



Paul Loomis
Mike Mann
Brenda Melville
Bryan Miller



Upper — During the eighth grade spelling bee, Mr. Kendall calls off a word for Tabie Sassaman to spell.



Lower — In an attempt to spell a word in the eighth grade spelling bee, Missy Haas takes a minute to think.



Heidi Moyer
Chris Nash
Sheila Needham
Denver Nichols
Jerry Poarch



Nino Porpiglia
Aimee Rauguth
Roger Reed
Robert Rogers
Shane Rossman



Erica Rowley
Brian Rudloff
Elmer Rudloff
Heather Salisbury
Tabie Sassaman



Upper left — In order to build the wall to the new eighth grade English room, the construction workers must hoist the bricks up the scaffold.

Upper right — Working hard to get the building done by August, the construction crew puts in the final bricks.

Most of the high school students were excited about a new wing currently being built on the northeast section of the high school. Senior Brad Medich thought that it was a great idea because the eighth graders would no longer be in the high school area.

The addition enlarged the high school building by eight rooms. The project was to be finished so the seventh and eighth graders could move in by August of 1987 for the new school year. This addition replaced the old system of

eighth graders being in the main high school building, and seventh graders going to the Mottville school. Instead, the Mottville school will be used for the young 5's and kindergarten children.

As it stood the seventh and eighth graders would not be able to come into the main building except to use the library, gym, cafeteria and administrative offices. Even by gaining a place of their own they lose their privilege of mixing with the high schoolers. ☹

Spreading Their Wings



Fred Shafer
Andy Spicer
Jessica Stambaugh



Tiffany Strawser
Angela Sweet
Linda Wagner



A.J. Wertenberger
Jeremy Wesse
Mike Wilbur



Shuree Wolf
Brian Wortinger
Betsy Wright



Tabatha Wright
James Yoder
Kasey Zonker

Upper left — A contractor measures the length of a board which he is using as part of the awning for the new addition.
Lower left — One of the construction workers assists his fellow worker with the electrical wiring for the new addition.

Not Pictured — Mike Bright, Sarah Garl, William Horn, Tracy Kern, Mindy Kopf, Mark Lane, David McKee, Tina Swinehart, Ryan VonOlenhause, Barry Whitman, Kim Whitmer, Loren Wortinger, Danny Zimmerman

Area Restaurants
Do More Than Just
Buy Ad
Space

"Open campus lunch is really neat because there are so many different places to eat," comments senior Susan Diehl.

The area restaurants provide many services to the community as well as the school system. They do more than just support the yearbook. The students of White Pigeon High School are offered a variety of options when it comes to eating off campus at lunch, after school, after practice, and after athletic events. For instance, the White Pigeon Freeze is a popular hangout for a lot of students. White Pigeon students not only eat there but some even work there.

Students are not the only ones who get to take advantage of the selection of eateries in the area. Parents and other community members have the opportunity to eat at places like Carl's for casual but fine dining; the Country Table for friendly service and old-fashioned cooking; Barzack's for good food and a view of the river; Jimmy's Tavern located on Baldwin Lake in Union; and The Office which specializes in ribs and chicken. These area restaurants have provided support for the yearbook for years as well as providing fine dining to the community.

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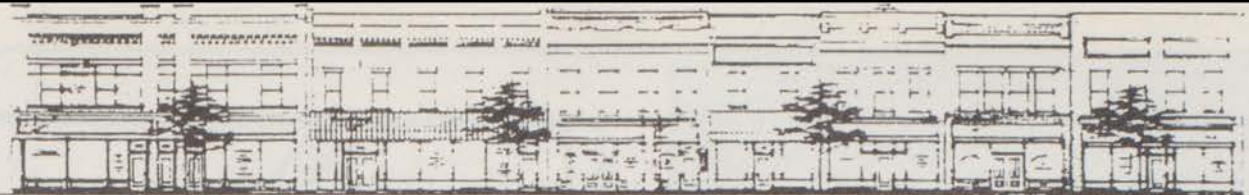
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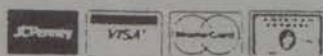


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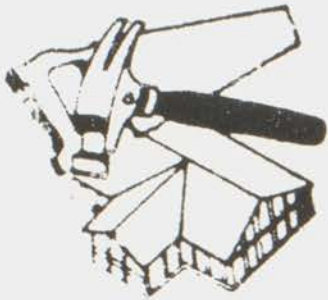
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
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One student who was recognized for her achievements in extemporaneous speaking was Cindy Bell, a cosmetology student at Branch County Career Center. She has been competing for two years and won a first place at the state level this year.

The president of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), Cindy was given 5 minutes to prepare a 4-minute speech before actually delivering it. She was graded on poise, grammar, and enthusiasm. As a result of her fine performance she will travel to Wichita, Kansas, in June as the Michigan representative. 



Above — Cindy Bell thinks of another way to present her topic about voc-ed before giving a speech.



Above — Seniors Jeff Nicholson and Stacie Schneider receive certificates from the State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program.

ADMINISTRATION



He's Tough On Not Closing School; Ebersole Becomes Principal; Library Changes

Upper — Mr. Dave Ebersole addresses the audience at the winter sports banquet with congratulations to all the players.

Middle left — The members of the school board, Mr. Ted Krull, President, Mr. Charlie Carpenter, Trustee, Mr. Glenn Morris, Trustee, Mr. Ed Snyder, Trustee, Mrs. Mary Airgood, Treasurer, Mrs. Susan Kline, Vice-President, and Mrs. Sue Bontrager, Secretary, vote on issues such as the new addition, the school lunch, school lunch, and new math curriculum. They've spent a lot of time talking about school goals.

Middle right — Mr. David Annis proposes a new plan to increase the bus fleet this year. His duties as superintendent include supervising bus drivers, cafeteria workers, maintenance crew, and secretaries, as well as teachers.



Mr. David Annis, a former elementary principal from Grand Rapids, is strict on not closing school during bad weather.

New to White Pigeon Schools last year, it was the first time he had authority on this. He has not closed school yet.

Mr. Annis said, "It costs around \$3.5 million to run the schools each year. That's about \$12,000 a day." If he closed school for just one day, the result would be "a total loss to our students for that day because nothing would be learned," he explained. Mr. Annis received some complaints from parents when he made the decision to keep school open. "I get more criticism by not closing school than I would if I

did," he said.

He also said that schools must be in session for 178 days or some state aid would be lost. Following the rules may not please everyone, but Mr. Annis cared about the students of White Pigeon Schools and wanted them to get the best education possible.

Meanwhile, next door in the principal's office, a major change took place. In February, Mr. Scott Peterson resigned as principal and Mr. Dave Ebersole took over. During that time, he held three jobs — assistant principal, principal, and athletic director, until the end of the year.

"I look at that as a chance for personal growth and a challenge

which has proven to be exciting and interesting," he said.

Across the hall in the library, some changes took place, too. For instance, the seventh grade books were added to the library's present collection. "We have 9,300 books," Mrs. Teresa Lutz, the library aide, proudly declared. Also this year, the library received about 500 new books which included Forty Presidents, How to Use Computers as a Resource, and The Star and the Laurel. Activities and meetings that were held in the library this year were S.A.D.D. meetings, industrial arts displays, CPR instruction, class scheduling, and school board meetings. ☺☺

White Pigeon Secretaries Keep The School Organized

Mrs. Betty Nihart, Mrs. Laura Kershner, and Mrs. Donna Rodwick kept White Pigeon Community Schools organized this past year.

Mrs. Betty Nihart's job includes processing the payroll, employee insurance, and hot lunch ledger books. She has worked for the school for the past 20 years. Mrs. Nihart says she likes her job because, "I enjoy doing math and being in contact with people." Mrs. Laura Kershner has worked for this school for the past 12 years. She started out as a study hall aide and is now financial secretary. She prepares all the bills and oversees all the athletic and student activities accounts. This is a challenge for her but Mrs. Kershner enjoys challenges and working with large figures; she also finds her job very rewarding. Mrs. Donna Rodwick started working at the high school in 1986 but has worked for the school system a total of 13 years.


She is receptionist and secretary to the superintendent. "I enjoy greeting people either by phone or in person, typing, office duties, and working on the computer," Mrs. Rodwick said enthusiastically about her job. Mrs. Rodwick was the only administrative secretary to use a computer this year. She explained that it added efficiency and convenience to the office.

Mrs. Sue Watson and Mrs. Ardell Bontrager may work in the same office but they have two totally different jobs.

Mrs. Watson was the athletic director secretary at W.P.H.S. "I think it's one of the greatest schools," reflected Mrs. Watson when asked what she thought of our school. She should know because she has been here for 19 years. She really has liked working with the kids this past year and the only thing she disliked about her job was having to cancel out ball-games at the last minute because of

the weather. Mrs. Watson has a lot to do with organizing sporting events such as getting referees for the games and keeping track of the athletic records. Mrs. Bontrager was the only new secretary this year at the school. She previously worked at Glen Oaks and started working here in May of 1986. "I enjoy being here; it is a well kept school," Mrs. Bontrager stated, "and I like the people I work with and the students."

The office secretaries received a new computer this year. Mrs. Watson's job doesn't require her to use it but Mrs. Bontrager says it is helpful to her and she hasn't had any problems with it at this point. She used it to keep the student data bases on.

This shows that all of our secretaries not only keep our school organized but they also keep it modern. 



Upper Left — Mrs. Betty Nihart conducts business on the phone daily just as Mrs. Donna Rodwick, the school receptionist, greets people on the phone everyday.

Upper Right — Mrs. Laura Kershner files receipts in order so that she can easily keep books for clubs.

Lower Left — Mrs. Ardell Bontrager works with confidence on the computer as Mrs. Sue Watson calls a referee for an athletic event.

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Above — Mr. John Starmann points out a student's name on the registration lists to Karri Houghton as Jenny Swank proofreads her own.

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Preparations for the 1987-88 school year began even before the end of the present one. Scheduling classes for next year was done the last week of school in the library. Mrs. Phyllis Reinelt and Mr. John Starmann registered every student from 7th to 11th grade amid fans and boxes of books from Mottville. "We're going to have to hold College English in the cafeteria," said Mr. Starmann. Because of a change in graduation requirements juniors were flocking to English classes. Before the first day of school these two valuable counselors would have the quirks worked out of the schedule and only Eating I, II, and III would be held in the lunchroom.

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Above — Diane Beck shows off her sunglasses on the way to Sturgis High School for a history field trip.



Upper left — Mrs. Elizabeth Hovevar is the advisor for the yearbook.

Upper right — Greg Swank relaxes at Mrs. Hovevar's desk while his section sits undone.

Middle left — Mr. Dave Annis talks to the yearbook staff about how to take great pictures like his.

Middle right — Beth Betcke, Kim Lethiot and Shari Pettit rush to get their sections done, as Arthur Forbes and Brad Medich help Greg Swank do research on the White Pigeon football team.

Lower right — Brad Medich, Mrs. Elizabeth Hovevar, Heather McKee, Stacy Armstrong, Arthur Forbes, Nicole Lucas and Greg Swank, members of the yearbook staff, wait anxiously after a fire drill for someone to unlock the doors.



We continually strive to build toward a better future while we preserve those things from the past. The times are changing and so are we. From the Iran Scandal ... Jim and Tammy Bakker ... Contra aid ... teen suicide ... drug abuse ... cruising outlawed ... 65 m.p.h. Bill passed ... to tanning beds ... flat tops ... hair color ... and the shuffling crowds in hallways. Yes, WPHS in 86-87 has laughed with, cried with, worked with ... and will ever remember.

I'd like to thank the W.P. yearbook staff and Mrs. Elizabeth Hovevar for helping me put together a successful yearbook, and may the memories in this book bring a smile to your face and a tear of joy to your eye. Beth Betcke

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