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Jenny Lent and Matt Smiley are both wondering if St. Nicholas left them any goodies. Upper right — Trina Richardson finds her goodies!! Lower left — St. Nicholas doesn't overlook that Matt Smiley was a good boy this year!
A Night Of Royalty

On the evening of October thirteenth, the Homecoming game of the 1989 football season took place between the White Pigeon Chiefs and the Colon Maji. The Chiefs had their minds set on the big game and the fans were also anxiously awaiting the naming of the 1989 Homecoming King and Queen.

During the week of the game nominations took place. The freshman attendant was Darla Wolkins. She was escorted by Zach Finch. Erika Tobin was the sophomore attendant escorted by Todd Boyer. "Oh, my gosh! I was so surprised. It's nice to know that your classmates think that much of you," said Tiffany Strawser, who was the junior class attendant. Her escort was Nino Porpiglia. The young ladies nominated for queen were seniors Lisa Armstrong, Aimee Rodwick, Jill Stout, and Nikki Strawser. They were escorted by their fathers or boyfriend. The gentlemen nominated for king were seniors Bill Gilbert, Jason Hurst, Brad Schneider, and Doug Souter.

Early in the evening it was quite warm but as the night grew it became chilly. "By halftime you could see your breath in the air," said team manager and devoted fan, Tim Sassaman.

At the half, the girls rode out in Corvettes from the local Corvette club and the attendants were announced. The 1988 Homecoming Queen, Julie Miller, then crowned Nikki Strawser as the 1989 Homecoming Queen. Bill Gilbert was pronounced King. The Chiefs walked on the Maji and defeated them 54-14.

Later a good time was had by all at the Homecoming Dance, as feet pounded on the dance floor.

— Doug Souter
Opposite — Queen candidates Jill Stout, Nikki Strawser, Aimee Rodwick, Lisa Armstrong, and 1988 Homecoming Queen Julie Miller are all escorted onto the field. Left — A collage of candidates Darla Wolkins, Zach Finch, Jill and Dan Stout, Ericka Tobin, Nikki Strawser, Todd Boyer, Lisa Armstrong, Tiffany Strawser, Gorden Armstrong, and Nino Porpiglia smile before going to the dance. Below — Jill Stout and her family smile pretty for the camera. Bottom — King candidates, Bill Gilbert, Brad Schneider, Doug Souter, and Jason Hurst are introduced at the pep assembly.
New Lessons At W.P.

Something new in the corners of every high school room was Channel One, a news program made especially for students. It informed students about what was going on in the world. Channel One was first introduced right after Spring Break and was turned on once a day, every day, at the same time. Mr. Steve Lorenz said, "By next year Channel One will be on right after lunch each day." Channel One representatives came to school and asked Mr. Gordie Dahlgren if they could broadcast their show at no cost to the school. Mr. Lorenz also said, "My only objection to the program is the commercials, but they need the commercials to pay for the school's televisions and satellite dish, and to pay for the program, camera crew, etc." Each week Channel One has a special report about a certain topic, for example, learning disabilities. Freshman Jenny Hill said, "I think it is a good idea to have this, because we normally do not watch news at home."

Towards the end of the program there is a "Pop Quiz," which is a question asked just for fun right before a commercial. After the break students could see if they got the right answer. Many students and teachers thought that Channel One was a good learning experience.

— Doug Souter

Upper — Mr. Dahlgren puts in the tape for Channel One which plays throughout the school.

Lower — The Channel One television sets are located in the corner of every room.
Small School Wins Big

Much like the sports Olympics, the Science Olympiad is a nationwide competition for high school and junior high science teams. After receiving second in the regional competition, White Pigeon High School was among the five class C schools which made it to the state competition. They were also the third smallest school to get that far. They finished twenty-seventh overall in the team standings. (Only one Class C or D team finished higher.) At the state level Eric Betts, Alex Morehouse, Raelynn Houghton, and Todd Boyer all received tenth in the Science Bowl, an educated quiz bowl, with purely science questions. Brenda Melville received eighth place in tree identification. Eric Betts got eighth place in metric estimation. Tim Suszko and Richard Wordelman received third in chemistry lab.

Eric Betts said, “The competition was tough but it made for a fun weekend.”

Individuals receiving medals at regionals were Tim Suszko and Richard Wordelman for chemistry lab, which consisted of titrations and pH’s. Chris Kahila got second place in qualitative analysis.

“Your heart about drops to the floor when you’re watching that egg grow closer to that brick wall,” Bill Ott said after he received third place in Scrambler.

Scrambler is a vehicle with an egg on the front. The vehicle that travels closest to ten feet wins. At eleven feet is a brick wall, so you must be a good thinker.

Brenda Melville received second in tree identification. Eric Betts, Todd Boyer, Raelynn Houghton, and Alex Morehouse all received second in Science Bowl.

Mr. Dan Kohler, the team coach, said, “Thumbs up! I was extremely pleased with the team’s performance at both competitions.”

This year’s Science Olympiad team proved themselves to be successful.

— Doug Souter

Above — The Science Olympiad team of Rodney Elkins, Shari Grove, Ed Dickenson, Brenda Melville, Beth Erlacher, Eric Betts, Bill Ott, Crystal Ford, Coach Kohler, Alex Morehouse, Chris Kahila, Todd Boyer, Rex Davis, Raelynn Houghton, Sam Peachy, Rich Wordelman, and Tim Suszko smiles after their five performances. Left — Bill Ott shows off the awards he received for bridge building. This bridge has supported 165 lbs. and still hasn’t broken.
This year's prom had an extraordinary ballroom look. Several juniors, like Corey Hagen, Ryan Grant, and Chris Nash, worked hard on decorating the gym from 3:00 Friday afternoon to 2:30 the next morning. All week long juniors made huge black vases with white palm leaves, tall black and white pillars and a long black and white chandelier. They also made a ceiling with fish net and filled it with balloons. The decorations were all topped off with a checkered ballroom floor and a silver disco ball.

Before prom, couples went out to eat. Two popular places were Dantini's in Elkhart and the Olive Garden in Kalamazoo. After prom most everyone went to Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH. Couples danced from 8:30 to midnight to the sounds of a D.J. and watched the music videos on a big screen T.V. Seniors Doug Souter and Nikki Strawser both agreed, "Out of the three proms we've been to, this one was the best."

A cake, made by junior class member Bob Burkey, and punch was served all night long. It really was the "Best of Times."

— Michele Modert
— Doug Souter
Upper — Brian Rudloff and Rob Rogers show off their threads.

Middle — Six juniors are exhausted after blowing up all of the balloons.

Lower Left — Doug Souter and Vicki Moyer await their turn at the grand march.

Lower Middle — Greg Hillard and Jenny Lent listen for their name before they walk in.

Lower Right — Brad Proctor escorts Stacey Floyd into the gym.
Martin Directs Success

Shane Strawser giggled a comment about the high school play, "It was the funniest thing in a long time when Bill Gilbert walked out with a three-foot hat on and then Rodney Elkins ran across the stage in his underwear." This hilarious comedy got the laughter it deserved.

See How They Run was a comedy about a Russian chased by the authorities. He escaped to a vicarage. The spy was many times confused with the vicar and the vicar's wife's boyfriend. The cast prepared for six weeks. Even when classmates saw them in the hall during this time, they had a script in their hand. "I hope it turns out well. I think it will go great if everyone relaxes and does what they are supposed to," said Spy Jason Simpson.

Bill Gilbert said, "It must have been a decent show. When I walked on stage, Shane's horrendous cackle rang throughout the gym. The actors stopped until he stopped laughing."

All of the hard work put forth by the cast made the show seem like a Broadway success.

— Doug Souter

Left — Bill Gilbert (Sargeant) is surprised that Tina Hawkinson (Bishop) is a bishop.

Lower Left — Beth Erlacher (Maid) puts the moves on Steve Nowak (Service Man).

Below — Shari Grove (Miss Gillian) is appalled that Rodney Elkins (The Vicar)'s wife wears pants.
Above — Director Bill Martin explains different stage positions to the cast, Bill Gilbert, Tina Hawkinson, Sharli Grove, Steve Nowak, Crystal Ford, Rodney Elkins, Beth Erlacher, Jason Simpson, and Jeff Riley.

Left — Sharli Grove learns the meaning of "being in the wrong place at the wrong time."
Togetherness is one word that could be used to describe the graduating class of 1990. Together they won spirit week four years running. Together they were always at one another's side at sporting events, personal events and many other things.

Two things that this year's graduating class did together at the end of the year were attend the Senior Breakfast and the Senior Dinner.

On the evening of May 31, 1990, the senior class arrived at CJ's in White Pigeon at 7:30 P.M. for a prepaid prime rib dinner. The class was seated and orders for beverages were taken. Then they chose what kind of potato they wanted and helped themselves to the salad bar. Minutes later the juicy prime rib was served. Many seniors hung around for after dinner conversation, then went home. “Senior Dinner gave us one last chance to sit with all of our friends and we didn’t have to pay a dime for the meal,” said Michelle Burnham.

The next morning at approximately 6:00 A.M. high school teachers began preparing the Senior Breakfast.

At 7:00 seniors began arriving for the piping hot meal cooked by the faculty.

On the menu for the morning was french toast, sausage, danish, and beverages like orange juice, milk or coffee.

“It was cool. I usually don’t eat breakfast but since we worked so hard for the teachers, it was nice having them wait on us,” said Michelle Modert.

After breakfast the class filed into the gym for graduation rehearsal. This practice was essential to make the real thing look smooth.

Many things occurred during these events including laughing and crying because this togetherness was soon coming to an end.

— Doug Souter
Upper — Brad Schneider, Bill Ott, Wade Snyder, Tim Suszko, and Matt Stabler patiently wait for someone to take their drink orders at the Senior Dinner.

Lower — Anissa Leeth, Cassie Lego, Rob Whiting, Chelcee Lego, Brad Proctor, and Tristan Severns all watch the kitchen for the arrival of their salad.
Graduation arrived and the class of '90 closed the doors to their high school careers. To some it sounded so much like an ending point in their lives. But graduation isn't an end; it's a step, a step into the real world. Through their thirteen years of school they prepared themselves for this step. Ever since they were little kids they had dreams of what their lives would be like. They changed their views on their career ideas and what they wanted out of life. In their junior and senior years they started to build on their ideas; many applied to colleges. "I'm going to Central; I want to major in News Reporting," said Trina Richardson. Melanie Stevens wanted to attend Central Michigan University in the fall, too. "I'd like to get into broadcasting, politics or law." Jenny Lent planned to attend Kalamazoo Valley in the fall. "I'm going to major in para-legal; after I get out of college maybe I'll be a cop or a lawyer," she said. The graduates worked hard and made their plans for life after W.P.H.S.

— Candi Rauguth
Upper left — Eric Betts gives his valedictory speech and bids his final farewell to the class of 1990.

Upper middle — Marcy O'Rourke and Doug Souter sing the class song during the ceremony.

Upper right — Jason Wheeler and Paul Wolkins meet outside to accept congratulations from family and friends.

Lower left — To signify that they are now graduates, the Class of 1990 moves their tassels from left to right.

Lower right — Four of the six top scholars rise to be applauded.
Going through high school is something we all have to do. As seniors we may have said we hated it and couldn’t wait to get out but there was a part of the seniors that said that wasn’t true. It’s a strange feeling because you’re happy and sad at the same time. The last few days of their senior year this graduating class was flooded with memories. They had always stuck together. Jenny Lent said, “I remember our class getting together to decorate the halls during Spirit Week.”

They cried together. Melanie Stevens said, “I’ll never forget the special friends we’ve lost, Angela Turrille and Ken Williams.”

As a class they were leaders, they had spirit. “I’ll remember the class togetherness,” said Trina Richardson.

Graduation arrived and it was time to say good-bye. Good-bye to their school books and on to their separate ways. No matter what they do or where they go, the Seniors will always remember the times they had at W.P.H.S.

— Candi Rauguth

Upper — Brad Schneider, Eric Hackman, Richard Wordelman, and David Takace congratulate each other for getting their diplomas.

Middle — Lisa Armstrong, Anissa Leeth, and Chelccee Lego wait in line to get their actual diplomas.

Lower — Melanie Stevens is happy that she made it through twelve years of school and is getting her diploma.
Unusual But Odd Jobs

Jobs? What kind of jobs are there to do when you are still in high school? There is no way that a high school student can hold down a full time job and still go to school.

Yet many students do work after school and on weekends. They work in department stores, in hotels, as cooks, as waiters in fast food restaurants — any place they can find a job.

Many students have to work. Holly Pankey said she had to work to pay for things she really wanted. Many parents let their kids work, but some don't. Sabra Hill's parents won't let her get a job because they don't think it's right for a high school student to work. Sabra said, "I would rather work and have some money to spend; it bothers me that my parents won't let me work."

Eric Betts plays piano professionally and gets paid for his playing. He plays at weddings and at church. "I like playing piano, and it's more fun to earn money at something you like to do," said Eric.

"The only time I can work is during the summer, because I play sports all year. I enjoy working in the fields, it's fun, plus it's money," said Todd Burnham.

— Michelle Burnham

Lisa Armstrong  Michele Avery  Misty Bagshaw

Joann Baldwin  Dawn Bear  Eric Betts

Karmen Boyer  Jennifer Broadworth  Michelle Burnham
Left - Jenny Carter brings in a bottle of aspirin from Hook's for one of her school mates.

Middle - Eric Betts practices for an upcoming celebration.

Right - Tina Walls helps customers select their video cassettes at Village Video.
First Craft Fair Succeeds

The snow was falling very hard on Saturday, December 2. That worried the seniors about the turnout for their event, but as soon as the participants started setting up their displays, the seniors’ apprehension disappeared. It was the first time a class had tried to do this. It was the senior class sponsor, Mrs. Theresa Hackman, who came up with the idea. She had a crew of eight who helped her get the senior class all worked up about raising money for their senior trip. Tina Walls, Carrie Kehr, Sharli Grove, Denise Holm, Missy Lego, Rhonda Byler, JoAnn Baldwin, and Jen Myers were the ones who got the seniors to help with the set up and clean up. The people who put the tables up and took them down were Tina Walls, Denise Holm, and Mrs. Hackman. Snacks were sold at the craft fair by Jennifer Broadworth, Greg Johnson, Jeff Riley, Missy Lego, Rhonda Byler, Vallerie Solice, Trina Richardson and JoAnn Balswin. Dawn Taylor and Tina Walls babysat for the little Chiefs whose parents wanted to shop. There was also giftwrap sold by Michelle Burnham, Trina Richardson, Carrie Kehr, Tim Kozelka, Missy Lego, Melanie Stevens, Matt Stabler, Shane Strawser, and Rich Wordelman. The seniors did all right. They made $1100 for a senior train trip.

— Carrie Kehr

Upper right — Jamie Lego sells popcorn for the Boy Scouts.
Lower left — Mrs. Sue Outman looks for Christmas presents for her family.
Lower right — Trina Richardson wraps presents for a customer.
Upper left — Sharli Grove straightens the door prize table.
Upper right — Senior class sponsor Mrs. Hackman checks to see how Mrs. Pam Sassaman is doing.
Lower left — The White Pigeon Band tries to sell all their sweets.
Mock Elections Are Out

Opposite — Jamie Hayes gets help from Mrs. Hackman so she can get an "A" on her homework.
Left — Jenny Carter and Rhonda Byler show why they would be picked as friendliest.
Right — Trina Richardson shows her friends how big her mouth really is.

Denise Holm
Jason Hurst
Greg Johnson

Carrie Kehr
Tim Kozelka
Anissa Leeth
Why aren’t mock elections in our yearbook and other yearbooks? There is a simple reason. Mr. Mike Rowe, Jostens yearbook representative, at the beginning of the year, told the yearbook class why. He said, “Some people when they become important can get some bad publicity from mock elections. A girl’s father saw a picture in her college yearbook and sued the school and the yearbook publisher — in this case, Jostens. We don’t want that to happen here.”

Jostens said that mock elections were in bad taste and they didn’t want mock elections in yearbooks anymore so they didn’t get sued. This idea was not a big hit with the seniors. Many complained that it wasn’t fair and many were upset. Mrs. Theresa Hackman, senior class advisor, had an idea about putting mock elections in a newsletter. “We would put it in the graduation booklet you get at the graduation ceremony,” she explained.

The yearbook class tried everything possible to talk Mr. Rowe and Jostens Publishing to let the class put mock elections in the yearbook. There was no changing their minds.

— Michelle Burnham
The Seniors and the spirit jug have been inseparable throughout the past four years. They have shown their spirit in many ways during the past eight semesters, such as dressing up each day of Spirit Week. They also cheered at pep assemblies, smashed a car with a sledge hammer, and won most of the events set up by Student Council and the cheerleaders during pep assemblies. The class of 1990 was never embarrassed when asked to do one of these tasks. When asked, Bill Gilbert said, “I do my best at whatever I do and these things are a lot of laughs, so when I go out there on the gym floor, I just try to have fun. Seniors show their spirit with pride!”


Eric Betts, senior class Vice-President, spoke for the class as he said, “Good luck to other classes in future “Spirit Week” activities.”

— Doug Souter
Opposite middle — Greg Baker and Greg Hillard help decorate the halls. Opposite lower left — Matt Smiley dresses up as G.I. Joe for Spirit Week. Opposite lower middle — "Jason" greets students as they enter the library. Opposite lower right — Beldar and Gumby visit the school during Spirit Week. Upper left — Jason Hurst demonstrates the art of fly-catching with his bare hands. Left — Bill Ott gets down at a pep assembly. Below — Sam Peachey, Bill Ott, Rich Wordelman, Greg Johnson, Chris Kahla, Greg Hillard, and Eric Hackman conquer the car.
Left — Marilyn Warner waits to see if she graduates early.
Maddie — Niki Gingerich tries to finish her last exam before the end of the day.
Right — Joann Baldwin looks deep in thought as she tries to figure out how to do her work in class.
Students Give Reasons For Early Grad

Reasons for graduating early are as varied as the people who "graduate early." Many seniors graduate early because they want to. Many other students want to go to college or get a job. Then there are some students at White Pigeon who just want to get out of school and goof around. For Marilyn Warner, "I just want to get away from here and start college and begin a family."

Seniors graduate early by getting a sheet to fill out and asking for recommendations from either three adults or three teachers. On the sheet, they had to fill out where they received their education and at least two majors they had in their high school career. The students also had to figure out their grade point average.

The school board either approves or disapproves early graduation. If approved, the students take their exams at the same time as everybody else and then they don't come back to school until graduation. If it is not approved then they have to finish out the rest of the year like everybody else.

When asked who she would miss the most, Niki Gingerich said, "I really won't miss anybody that much, I'm just happy I'm getting out of here."

Nobody knows for sure whether or not early graduation will continue; it all depends on whether or not people sign up for it or not.

— Michelle Burnham

Aimee Rodwick
Brad Schneider
Tristan Sevrens

Connie Shoulders
Jason Simpson
Karen Slusher

Matthew Smiley
Wade Snyder
Doug Souter
Students Go For Taste

Hot lunch was moved out and a la carte moved in. Students like the fact that they can choose their own food. Sophomore Peggy Kehr, commented, "I enjoy a la carte because I get a better variety and I don't have to eat things I don't like." But then again there are also students who prefer hot lunch. They may not be able to eat all those sweets or it could just be because it is cheaper.

When do we eat snacks and sweets? For some, that's an all day thing. But, the most common times are at parties, watching something like movies or television, while playing nintendo, or doing homework. Tabatha Wright said that she almost always stops at the McDonald's drive-thru for a quick bag of fries and a small soft drink before going to her boyfriend's house.

What we eat for a snack is a wide-range, also. It can be anything from a candy bar to a celery stick to pizza. The one things that everybody likes is chocolate. The a la carte line offers many different chocolatey snacks. There are Ho Ho's, Suzie Q's, nutty bars, star crunches, chocolate cream pies, brownies, chocolate chip granola bars, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate shakes, and chocolate milk. Everyone has the taste for something different, but a la carte has the most taste.

— Carrie Kehr

Above — Trina Richardson eats a semi-healthy snack of a ham sandwich, potato chips and a coke at the craft fair.
Upper — During the last five minutes of lunch Carrie Kehr slams down a chocolate cream pie.
Lower Right — Jenny Lent enjoys pizza so much, she needs two forks.
Lower Left — Because her sandwich didn’t fill her up, Dawn Bear needs a dessert.
What are friends for? Are they there for you? Do they give you advice?

Friendships are very important to have in school. You need friends to do things with like go to games, dances, and hang out with.

Jenny Lent and Jennifer Broadworth have been friends for almost five years. They do everything together. They go to games, Pizza Hut, and the mall together all the time. “Jenny is always there when I need her; when I’m depressed, she’s there and when I’m happy, she’s there,” said Jennifer Broadworth. Friendship goes even further in this case: not only do they have the same first names — their boyfriends have the same first names, too.

— Michelle Burnham
Seniors Just Try To Have Fun

Upper Left — Chad McKole waits patiently as he gets his head measured for cap and gown orders.
Upper Middle — Jenny Lent and Greg Johnson enjoy eating their lunch in the cafeteria.
Upper Right — Jennifer Broadworth measures Jenny Lent to find out how long her gown has to be for graduation.
Opposite Left — Marilyn Warner and Niki Gingerich wait patiently to find out what grades they got in their computer class.
Opposite Right — Jennifer Broadworth and Jenny Lent look back at all the fun times they've had.

Not pictured are Nicole Gingerich, Brad Proctor, Steven Schmidt, Valerie Soice, Matt Stabler, David Takace, Marilyn Warner, and Jason Wheeler.
What do I want? What do I need? How much is gonna cost? Being a student is very costly. The expresses you have are overwhelming. If you are active you’re gonna need equipment for that sport, like shoes, practice clothes, pads, and a physical. When you’re a senior you have added expenses. You must pay for pictures, announcements, cap and gown, your party, plus preparing for college. When you’re a freshman, a sophomore, or a junior all you really have to worry about, money-wise, is gas for your car, money to get your school pictures taken and money for any sport you participate in. Your lunch at school can become pretty costly if you get a la carte but you can get what you want, like potato chips, string cheese, Hostess cakes, and Slim Jim’s. But on the other hand, if you buy the hot lunch plus some of the extras, it still is as much money as getting the a la carte; even if you bring your lunch from home, your parents are gonna pay. If your parents give you $5 a week for lunch, for a whole year they spend $180, if they give you $10 a week they will spend $360; that could all add up pretty fast. If you buy a yearbook every year it would come to $64 after four years of high school. Parents probably never planned on school being so expensive!

— Carrie Kehr

Upper — While relaxing Tiffany Strawser decided what picture she wants of Michelle Burnham. Lower — Bill Ott looks at this year’s flyer for wrestling shoes.
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UNDERCLASSMEN
Juniors Succeed At Fundraising

Tom Anglemyer  
Greg Baker  
Brent Barnhart  
Yolanda Bender  
Jeff Bennett

Rick Binney  
Jeff Black  
Shannon Bontrager  
Mike Bright  
Bob Burkey

David Claxton  
Dale Cloud  
Rex Davis  
Jennifer Derr  
Matt Dexter

Ed Dickenson  
Debbie Dimos  
Candie Duncan  
Craig Emerick  
Beth Erlacher

Lower left — Nino Porpiglia is recording Angie Swett's and Ryan Grant's sales. Lower right — Nino Porpiglia, class president, is distributing magazines to Ryan Grant and Angie Swett, top sellers in the junior class.
The juniors had big success in selling magazines in October of 1989. The class worked together to sell $3,600 and made $1,450 in profit. "The money," said Mrs. Karen Jarrad, junior class advisor, "is going towards prom, which will be held May 5th, 1990."

Mrs. Jarrod has been a sponsor for five years, but it was her first year with the class of '91. She commented, "I'm really proud of them because they don't usually make an effort as a whole. Not everyone sold but 35 out of 73 participated and, in fact, did very well."

Angie Swett, with 24 sales, sold the most magazines. In second place was Ryan Grant with 19 sales. Nino Porpiglia, class president, helped by encouraging people to go out and sell.

When Dawn Bear asked some of the students which magazines sold faster, they said, "Sports Illustrated and T.V. Guide, but there was a wide range."

If someone ever needs to make money fast for a school activity, magazines are definitely the way to go.

— Dawn Bear
Below — Tina Walls is waiting impatiently for Miss Kurtz to take attendance.
Stepping Up From Student To Teacher

Student teachers are becoming a big part of the White Pigeon school system.

To start out the '89 school year, students had Miss Kelly Kurtz from Kalamazoo to teach Girls P.E. with Mrs. Karen Jarrad. She attended college at Western Michigan University for four years, then graduated December 16th. She said, "Studying physical education wasn't all about playing sports and being physically fit. It also meant a lot of time in the classroom doing work."

When Dawn Bear asked how having an aid, Tiffany Strawser, was, she replied "Good," with a chuckle. She added, "Being at White Pigeon was a great experience. Mrs. Jarrad taught me a lot and is a super person. In fact, I think I learned more from her than in my whole four years of college."

Miss Kurtz said that her favorite sport was basketball without a doubt. As much as she talked about it and made her P.E. classes play it, it was sort of obvious.

When Miss Kurtz's job was over, she had to depart. The 5th hour P.E. class chipped in to buy a going-away present. Mrs. Jarrard had mentioned that she wanted an electronic hoop game. Miss Kurtz's last day was a little depressing. The 5th hour class didn't dress out so that students could talk to her and give her the going away present. When Miss Kurtz opened it, she was so amazed, he almost cried. She said she had no idea the class thought that much of her.

— Dawn Bear

Above — Student teacher, Miss Kelly Kurtz, answers questions asked by Dawn Bear for yearbook class.
Fads! What are they? What is the meaning of them? How are they started?

Fads are what teens make them; if one person wears something and everyone else likes it and they start wearing it, it becomes a fad!

Teens aren't the only ones who start fads. Advertising plays a big role in it also. Commercials, billboards, radio and magazines flash new fads at us everyday.

Some examples of clothing fads are Palmettos and Guess jeans; actually, anything by Guess is cool. British Knights, Reebok and Nikes are cool for athletic shoes.

Many of these things are rather costly because of their names.

Another thing that is really "in" is to wear shirts or sweat shirts with your favorite team's name or symbol on them along with the pants for a total look. One thing that became really popular in the spring was wearing sweat shirts, shorts, and T-shirts inside out.

— Carrie Kehr

Upper right — Rings are a very common thing to wear.
There are many different brands of shoes that are popular when teamed with rolled up pants.

Bugle Boy and Lee jeans are a popular fad at school.
As this year's sophomores stepped into the 1989-90 school year some of them were doing something that has been done at White Pigeon High School for a great many years. They were doing leaf and insect collections. Heather S. Williams said, "Doing my bug collection was harder, because I had to go out and catch each individual bug." Traci Black said, "The catching of the bugs and identifying the leaves was the hardest part of my collection." Traci also said, "It was nice to be able to work on the collections during class, because you can ask other students about the kind of leaf or bug that they have so you can identify your own." After catching each insect and finding each leaf the students had to look up each one in a leaf or insect book. The sophomores said that they could not do their collections overnight. "It took me about a month to do my leaf collections and even longer to do my bug collection," said Heather.

— Corey Hagen

Above — Stacie Gushwa helps Traci Black with her leaf collection.
Paul Canen
Joe Chandler
Jodi Chupp
Mike Clemens
Frances Cox

Paul Derr
Kerrie Dodson
Brian Dressier
David Eells
Chad Elkins

Irene Elkins
Ian Esarey
Mary Eymer
Eric Fair
Steve Freeho

Michelle Fyock
Stacie Gushwa
Melissa Hakes
Scott Hall
Chris Harker

Jason Harman
James Harris
Bo Haugestad
Betsy Hersha
Stephanie Hite

Loren Hull
Robert Hunn
David Johnson
Jesse Johnson
Missy Joseph

George Kauffman
Peggy Kehr
Keith Kemp
Myra King
Erica Lawson
It’s Show Time!

Television, as well as its shows, has changed a great deal since we were kids. Programs have come and gone and some have even come back again such as "Cagney and Lacey." Some shows have always been on T.V. since they came on the air such as "Cheers." Cartoons have changed a great deal, also; they have gone from the basic "Bugs Bunny" to a more complex cartoon such as "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

So when some kids were asked what was their all-time favorite show to watch, Ryan Grant said, "'Different Strokes' used to be my all-time favorite" but the new show "Baywatch" is his favorite now. Others like Jenny Carter said, "My all-time preferred show was "Lady Blue" but "Wiseguy" is my favorite now, because of the action of the actors." Ryan Grant said, "I like shows such as 'Baywatch' and 'McGyver' because of the action that takes place." Most kids like to spend hours watching television shows like these because they have nothing better to do but some like Craig Emerick said, "I only spend about a half hour to an hour a day watching television because I am usually doing something else like having basketball practice or working on my car."

People do not care for commercials interrupting their favorite program. When the program just starts to get good, commercials interrupt, and cause people to get very upset. Ryan Grant said "The Isuzu commercials upset me because the guy who does the commercial has a squeaky voice." Also people get upset when some big news item hits the air and they have to interrupt the show in progress to take you to the event that most kids don’t even care about, even though it’s important. The most disappointing thing is long commercials and news interruptions. So remember to just record the show you like to watch on videotape and fast forward through all those long commercials.

— Corey Hagen
Left — While watching T.V. Ryan Grant reads the T.V. Guide to see what else is on.

Right — Ryan Grant watches the Detroit Pistons on his television.

Corey Lutz
Michele Marks
Kevin Mast
June McClure
Shannon McKee

Amy Mead
Cassie Miller
Sally Needham
Patrick Niswander
Sharon Overstreet
The Mustang 5.0 is one of the fastest built cars on the road today.

Opposite — Ryan Grant's Ford Ranger is capable of going many places.
Most students would like to have a foreign car than an American car because of the design and the speed of the vehicle. Jeff Bennett said, “I prefer the Lamborghini because of how fast the car will go and the looks of it.” Others like Ryan Grant said, “I prefer the Porsche because it looks neater and it is not as expensive.” But most students can’t afford such cars so they drive what their parents buy for them or what they buy themselves. Most students spend enough money on their car to keep it running so they can drive back and forth to school or wherever they decide to go.

Some kids would rather have a truck than a car. Ryan Grant, “I can go more places, such as down muddy trails or on unplowed roads in my Ford Ranger than I could go in, say, a Lincoln or a big car like that. Also, some trucks look better than some cars.”

— Corey Hagen

Shawn Strawser
Kristine Swett
Erika Tobin
Alissa Townsend
Amy Vogel

April Wheeler
Shannon Whitaker
Heather S. Williams
Phillip Wolf
Rebecca Wolf

Kelli Wright
Tim Yeomans
Keri Yoder
Bagshaw, Robin
Bartley, Pamela
Bedell, Cori
Bennett, Dustin
Biggs, Angie

Blough, Jason
Bontrager, Heather
Boyer, Dion
Bradford, Amy
Bralick, Dawn

Broach, Jeannie
Canen, Jenny
Carper, Jeff
Christman, Nikki
Collins, Britton

Cox, Chris
Crocker, Melissa
Currier, Anthony
Dowley, Kerri
Emerick, Tracey

Lower Left — Other juniors encourage Heather Salisbury while she tries to blow a bubble to win points for her class.
Memories Of 89/90

Parties, games, friends, and fun are what makes the world go round. The memories created in high school will last forever. Life was more than the 8:30 to 3:00, Monday through Friday, routine. It was more than listening to one of Mr. William Martin's government lectures or taking one of Mr. Pat West's history tests. Life was exciting, life was invigorating. There was so much to do and so little time to do it. Nobody can forget the rapping contest at our Christmas assembly when seniors Tim Suszko, Eric Betts, Greg Johnson, Bill Ott, and Richard Wordelman sang "Santa Ate His Reindeer". Were you one that went to see the faculty and administration play "Donkey Basketball"? Seniors Michele Modert and Missy Lego said, "Our favorite times were gossiping with our friends between classes and going to parties with them on weekends." Students' lives were filled with exciting adventures and some heartaches. High school was a time for part time jobs, constant schoolwork, and fulltime fun.

— Sabra Hill

Upper — Five rhyming seniors Tim Suszko, Eric Betts, Greg Johnson, and Richard Wordelman rap for the Christmas assembly; unfortunately, they came in second. Middle — Mr. Mike Kendall is looking for a little help from Mr. Gene Schroll after a fall from his donkey.

Feister, Michelle
Finch, Zachary
Floyd, Stacey
Ford, Angela

Gingerich, Ryan
Graber, Steve
Gracey, Kari
Green, Charity

Hargett, Ronda
Harris, George
Havens, Holly
Hayes, Julie
Hayes, Sarah
Heminger, Alan
Hilgendorf, Chris
Hill, Jennifer
Hoffer, Kari

Haugestad, Linn
Kauffman, Matt
Kefler, Michelle
Killian, Lonnie
King, Craig

King, Donald
Kinsman, Donna
Kramer, Ann
Lammers, Charles
Landrus, Cheri

Lower Left — Craig Emerick tries to turn Amy Baker around so the whole school can see her smiling face.
Lower Right — Ryan Grant and Melissa Hakes share a moment together between classes.
First Steps To Romance

When you first start dating you dream of having that special person. After dating that one person for a while, you understand and learn more about how special that person is. Sophomore Stephanie Hite, who has been active in dating since the age of fourteen said, “I believe that high school romances could turn into something more.” Most people hope that their first love in high school would turn out to be their love forever, but out of all the couples in high school, only about three ever go on together after high school. Sophomore Dale Cloud said, “I don’t think they could last, because you don’t give yourself time to date other people.” Well, maybe everyone's high school sweetheart will turn out to be more in the future. Remember, that first date at Pizza Hut may turn into a long, lasting relationship.

— Sabra Hill
The Final Steps

Lower Left — Rodney Elkins is filling out the papers for his cap and gown, while Denise Holm watches and waits.
Lower Right — Brad Proctor checks his height for his gown size.
In September graduation seemed as if it would never come for most seniors. Remember when the seniors met as a class in the cafeteria and ordered graduation announcements and memory books. Graduation seemed just a little bit closer, but still pretty far away. Many seniors like Jamie Hayes and Michele Modert said, "It really hasn't sunk in yet, it doesn't seem like it is our last year here." Then, as the memory books arrived and we filled them with pictures and had all our friends sign them, it all became a reality. But, even in February seniors were more interested in where to go for spring break than where to have their graduation party. As the year moved on and drew to a close, more and more seniors realized that this was it, the end of their high school career. Next year everyone will be off at college, working, or even married. But at least, they'll all have memories of life and friends at WPHS.

— Sabra Hill

Upper left — Mr. Jim Bell measures Nikki Strawser's head for her cap.

Takase, Aaron
Trine, Keith
Trosper, Jason
Turpin, Brian
Whiteman, Kregg

Wilber, Shane
Williams, Casey
Williams, Sherry
Wolkins, Darla

Wooster, Elizabeth
Wortinger, Laura
Wright, Ben
Yoder, Casey
Reaching For A Better Future

With the last decade of the 20th century starting, White Pigeon students began striving for a better future for themselves. That involved studying harder and longer than ever before. Learning took on a new form from when parents were in school. Now students can do much more in less time, with the application of computers. The new Tandy computers installed this year have helped students learn everything from basic computer techniques to word processing and database. Students were doing more in school because of computers, such as creating a simulated business for six weeks.

Striving for a better future also included going on to college after graduation. As the year progressed, more seniors decided to go on to college. Three of the more popular colleges this year were Michigan State, Ferris State, and Davenport Business College.

The reason most seniors gave for going on to college was summed up best by Missy Lego when she said, “So I can get a better job and have a better future.”

The underclassmen were also working harder towards their future. They had one more year than the graduating seniors to learn the more difficult aspects of the computers.

Hopefully, more students will go on to college after high school and help not only their future, but everyone else’s, too.

— Michele Modert
The new computers have helped students strive for a better future.

Lower right — Students like Phil Wolf are participating more in class discussions like this one in Mr. Jerry Heckleman’s class.
Miller, John
Miller, Mindy
Miller, Shannon
Miller, Stacy
Moore, Jay

Morris, Sally
Mullins, Jason
Odom, Eric
Owens, Misty
Oxender, Matthew

Personette, Brian
Pfenning, Carissa
Picker, Amber
Plank, Dustin
Platz, James

Presock, Jeff
Schmidt, Sandra
Slusher, Lisa
Staggs, Sonya
Stevens, Jason

Lower left —
Scott Swett goes over his material in music appreciation class.

Lower right —
Julie Loyer takes a quick break to relax her hands in typing class.
Exploring High School Electives

What is 8th grade exploratory? Well, it's a group of classes that give the middle school students a chance to try some high school electives. The students are offered a short course as a seventh hour class in typing taught by Mrs. Pam Gates, drafting taught by Mr. George Morse, and music appreciation with Mr. Kevin Matthews, plus a semester of physical education with Mr. Ned Bale or Mrs. Karen Jarrad. But, what do the students think of these classes? Most think they are a pretty good idea. Each student has a favorite and a least favorite, depending on likes and dislikes. When asked what was his favorite class, Mike Stiles replied, "Drafting, because I like to make things with wood and draw things." Amanda Burch said, "I like music appreciation because it's easier and I like music." Most students do agree, though, that all the classes offered are a good chance for them to try new things.

— Michele Modert

Stiles, Michael
Swett, Scott
Takace, Adam
Troyer, Shannon
Verow, Scott

Wall, Jennifer
Walls, Dawn
Webster, Erin
Welker, Robert
Whitaker, Terri

Whiteman, Janelle
Wiley, Olivia
Wordelman, Mark
Wrisley, Garner
New Experiences Excite Seventh Graders

Different experiences meant change to seventh graders. While they were sixth graders they didn’t get to change classes, have different sports, use a locker, see new faces, choose what they wanted at lunch, or get five minutes between classes. David Schieber said, “I like the idea of changing classes because I get tired of one teacher all the time.” Other students said that they liked changing classes because the class didn’t seem so long. David liked all the sports but he thought the school needed more. Bill Derringer said that he liked all the choices of sports because it’s more fun. Jeremy Strong said, “I like having a locker because I have a place to put up posters.” Other students said that they liked having lockers because they could organize stuff in them. Some of the students liked having new faces because they were more social. David thought that it was all right not having recess because of five minutes between classes. He liked getting five minutes because he could walk around and talk to his friends. Some other students said that they liked to play around in the five minutes between classes. Both David and Bill thought having more subjects was okay but they didn’t like the extra homework. Jeremy said that he didn’t mind having more subjects because he could expand his knowledge. Everybody in the 7th grade said that they liked all the choices at lunch because there were more munchies. Bill, David and Jeremy said that they had to be grown up in the middle school more than in the elementary school because there were more teachers watching you.

Mrs. Theresa Hackman, a seventh grade teacher, said that she thought it was great to change classes. She thought that the school should have more sports programs. She also thought that having lockers was a big adjustment for the students to get organized. She enjoyed the new students every year. She thought that the students should have physical education every day. Like the seventh graders that she taught, Mrs. Hackman thought they needed to be more mature in middle school because of more personalities to deal with more responsibilities, more peer pressure and more choices to make.

— Tim Kozelka
DeMoss, John
Derringer, William
Draper, Angel
Elkins, Franklin
Elkins, Julie

Ernis, Mark
Fair, Clint
Finch, Sara
Foody, Yolanda
Gails, James

George, Jody
George, Jerry
Gingerich, Stacy
Grames, Adrienne
Greer, Summer

Hackman, Bridget
Hatt, Mark
Hines, Pat
Holmes, Chastity
Houghton, Kelly

Hufford, Robert
Hughes, Jason
Hulse, Amberlin
Humphrey, Douglas
Kemp, Neil

Lower Left — Pat Hines, David Schieber and Doug Irons are sitting in the lunch room eating munchies while Adam Takace goes back for a Hostess fruit pie. Lower Right — Mr. Gene Schroll is giving a lecture about different chemicals before class ends.
Seventh graders eat in Home Ec., paint in art, exercise in P.E., and speak a different language in French class. The students are in three different exploratories in one semester and P.E. for the other semester.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar said, “My exploratory class learns the basics of vocabulary, culture, and how to make posters.” Mrs. Sue Outman said, “My class learns the basics of how to measure, read recipes, work in groups, and prepare simple recipes.” Mrs. Martha Starmann taught the seventh graders about the basics of drawing technique, beginning painting techniques, clay sculptures, paper mâché, and weaving.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar felt her class doesn’t have any special projects to do although they do make a French breakfast. Mrs. Outman said her class does a display case, and a sewing project for something special. Mrs. Starmann said, “They don’t do any special projects because they don’t have enough time.”

Dennis Zimmerman said that he likes the exploratories that he has been in so far. He said that he has had P.E. and French class. In P.E. they ran and played all kinds of games. In French class he learned how to speak French and is being taught how to make a French breakfast. French class is his favorite exploratory class because he is learning how to count in French. He doesn’t think that the exploratories should be changed because he thinks the classes are fun and doesn’t want them change.

— Danny Zimmerman, Tim Kozelka

King, Duane
Keogima, Rebecca
Klingler, Steven
Kramer, Michele
Lawson, Melody

Leers, Jessica
Lego, Vicky
Lock, Samuel
Losik, Dutch
Marshall, Kendra

McDonough, David
Mead, William
Miller, Brandon
Myers, Jeremy
Pettitt, Kelly

Plank, Jamie
Pletcher, Jason
Pletcher, Rhonda
Porpiglio, Dominic
Reed, Gregory

Rentfrow, Todd
Rexford, Jamie
Roberts, Donie
Rogers, Sharrisa
Rohrer, Nicole

Below — Jerry George, Michele Boyer, and Scarlet Wright are admiring each other’s art work.
Upper — Jennifer Anderson and Charity Schaefer are in the art room making clay sculptures.
Lower — David Schieber is making surprise muffins in the home ec room.
In the year '89-90 the staff had many new faces at White Pigeon High School. Despite all the new faces, we were sad to see the others go. Among the faces that left were Mr. Marvin Schneider, Miss Mary Weston, Mr. Curt Meek, and Mr. Steve Kershner. Among the new faces was Miss Kimberly Rolph, who taught English and coached Girls Varsity Basketball. Mr. Steve Lorenz replaced Mr. Meek as assistant principal and athletic director. Mr. Brent VanderSchaaf replaced Mr. Schneider as math teacher and Miss Kelli Kurtz replaced Miss Weston as the seventh grade English teacher for three weeks.

— Mike Parker

Middle left — Mr. Dan Kohler shares a few thoughts at a pep assembly.
Middle right — Mrs. Sue Outman goes over a few things with her class.
Top — Part of the Senior class sits together for an assembly.

Karen Jarrad
Dianne Kanouse
Laura Kershner
Betty Nihart
Sue Outman

Gary Reish
Donna Rodwick
Ruth Schrock
Gene Schroll
Gary Shoppell

David Snook
John Starmann
Dan White
Brent VanderSchaaf
Upper left — Mr. Mike Kendall helps a student with a computer problem.

Upper right — Ms. Jacque Anderson hides behind a stack of papers.

Lower left — Doug Souter lets himself get wrapped up during a SADD assembly while Mr. Ned Bale watches the other contestants participate.

Lower right — Mrs. Sue Watson does the afternoon announcements.
There are many people who do different things to keep the White Pigeon Schools running smoothly and keep things organized. People like Mrs. Sandy Lewis and Mrs. Betty Andersohn have a very busy day.

Mrs. Lewis has worked here for one and a half years. She starts her day at 8:00 A.M. In the mornings she works on filling out absence and tardy slips. During her day she has a variety of things to do. She has to make calls to make sure there will be officials for the upcoming scheduled games. This helpful office organizer aids Mr. Steve Lorenz, the assistant principal. She handles money from football, basketball, volleyball and wrestling games. This important person has to make sure that all bills are paid for things like entry fees, sports equipment and trophies which are handed out after each sports season at the Sports Banquet.

Mrs. Andersohn is also a very important lady. She not only works in the high school, she also handles the other three White Pigeon school libraries. She opens the library at 8:00 A.M. and closes it at 3:15 that afternoon. She selects the new books for the libraries. When the books and magazines arrive she checks them to see if they match the invoices to be certain everything is there. Once she has them all checked in, she puts an identity number on the book and fills out a card for the card catalog. This makes it easier to look up information on the subject and be able to find the book on the shelf. When a teacher or student walks into the library looking for a certain book, she can refer them to the card catalog.

She has been here at White Pigeon for 18 years and wants to stay for another 12. When asked if she enjoyed this type of work, she said, "I couldn't imagine anything better than this".

-Mike Parker
Another New Face

Although Mr. Steve Lorenz's address is in Bangor, Michigan, he still spent most of his day at White Pigeon High School as the assistant principal and athletic director. Since Mr. Lorenz came here in mid-November he didn't have a chance to move his family.

People change jobs for different reasons; Mr. Lorenz came here because, "This job offered a chance for advancement and work in areas I'm most interested in." He considered White Pigeon a fine school.

Mr. Lorenz's job as assistant principal kept him busy. He had to make sure students didn't get too many tardies or absences. He also had to make sure that all rules in the student handbook were obeyed.

Mr. Lorenz was also very active as athletic director. He scheduled games for different seasons and had to be there to make sure all went as planned with no problems. He had experience in coaching basketball and football so he knew problems that could occur. He made sure all funds were kept in order. He also had to decide what referees to hire. "Mrs. Lewis and the coaching staff have done a lot of their own work and I appreciate their dedication," he said. This made his job easier.

— Mike Paige

Upper left — Mr. Gorden Dahlgren writes up the weekly bulletin. Upper middle — Mrs. Phyllis Giera schedules students for their following semester.

Upper Right — Mr. Dale Kimball fixes Mr. Steven Lorenz's tie before the May school board meeting.

Lower — Glenn Morris, Ted Krull, Pam Sassa-man, Susan Cline, Jerry Lintz and Sue Bontrager are the 1989-90 School Board members. (Not Pictured is Charles Carpenter.)
"Being a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) is a pleasure as well as an honor." This is how Brad Schneider, a member of NHS, described what it was like to be a part of it all. NHS inducted three new members in the fall of 1989. The new members, Ed Dickenson, Beth Erlander and Brenda Melville, met the 3.5 grade point average and filled out an application. Rich Wordelman said, "Being a member for two years will be memorable". Until the end of the first semester one of the activities of the NHS included a Penny Pitch to aid Jim Harris's medical expenses. Members also helped elementary students at Central with their literature skills by reading to them.

Upper — NHS students meet in the library to discuss helping with the Penny Pitch. In the back row are Bill Ott, Ed Dickenson, Beth Erlander, and Brenda Melville. In the front row are Rich Wordelman, Brad Schneider, Eric Betts and Chris Parker. Middle right — Eric Betts is proud to be a NHS member. Middle left — Bill Ott is reading the information for the Penny Pitch to the other members. Bottom left — Brad Schneider shares his opinion on what activities NHS should do.

— Nikki Strawser
Being in French Club doesn’t mean you have to know anything about French. A popular thing that the club does every year is attend hockey games. One such game was held on March 17, St. Patrick’s Day. The teams competing were the Kalamazoo Wings who were dressed in their green away uniforms and the Indianapolis Ice. There were many traditional items to celebrate the Irish holiday like green ice, green popcorn, party horns, and all the ladies received green carnations. After the game the kids got to skate on the ice and also were able to get autographs. Heather S. Williams said, “I like being in French Club because of the hockey games we go to.” French Club is said to be one of the most exciting clubs in the school.

— Nikki Strawser

Middle left — Danielle Parker carefully glides across the green ice after the big game. Top right — Laura Baber makes it look easy, while Stacey Floyd watches every step she takes. Bottom right — Some of the fans blew St. Patrick’s Day horns after each goal was scored.
Where's the Ski Club five Wednesday's out of the winter season? The place? Swiss Valley. Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar, the club leader, has run the Ski Club for the last three years. When asked if it's hard to learn how to ski, she replied, "If you can hold yourself up, no." The skiers are always in luck, because if it's cold enough and there's no natural snow on the ground, Swiss Valley makes their own. And that was very helpful, because due to the weather, skiing wasn't very good this year.

Doug Souter said, "It was a lot of ice, instead of the snow needed to spray people with." For those of you who are just learning, going out and buying all the equipment isn't necessary. All you have to do is rent it from the resort.

For a final trip, all interested members went to Bittersweet on February 20th. They left at 10:00 a.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.

Aimee Rodwick said, "This trip was a fun way to end my first season of skiing."

— Nikki Strawser

Upper — The Ski Club members meet inside, while waiting for more snow, Greg Johnson, Matt Stabler, Rich Wordelman, Bill Ott, Chad McIsaac, Doug Souter, Trina Richardson, Stacey Floyd, Darla Watkins, Tim Yeomans, Jeff Caldwell, Peggy Kehr and Alex Moorehouse. Middle — Tim Suszko, Aimee Rodwick, Mrs. Hocevar and Trina Richardson, are showing off their skis at Swiss Valley. Lower left — Tim Suszko, Aimee Rodwick and Trina Richardson have successfully landed on their skis after getting off the ski-lift.
Where else can you get discount cards, pens, pins, key chains, balloons, a free raffle ticket, 3:01 party, assemblies, shirts with the theme, "Dare To Be Different", and Grim Reaper Day? The answer? SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving).

Mrs. Karen Jarrad, the organizer of SADD, mixed up latex paint for the Hands Off Drugs event, and President Tiffany Strawser painted the students' hands with a brush full of paint. Then they pressed their hands against the wall of the cafeteria and initialed them. Vice President Carrie Ginerich sold SADD pins during the school day. Treasurer Heather Salisbury said, "It's a great feeling knowing I'm a member of an organization like SADD."

— Nikki Strawser
Council Steps Into The 90’s With Spirit

What’s it like to be a Student Council member? “Rewarding,” said Bill Ott. Student Council members are chosen by their classmates; that way everyone gets a fair shot. Student Council sponsored dances as well as helped out with the Penny Pinch for Jim Harris. One of the biggest activities of the year that Student Council puts on is Spirit Week. Spirit Week was to promote school spirit for the victory over Colon during the homecoming game. Student Council Advisor, Mr. Mike Kendall, and his four officers chose a different costume idea for each day of the week. Each student who dressed up received a point for his or her class. Classes were also awarded points for the best decorated hall. The seniors’ hall was called “Senior Cemetery”, the juniors’ hall was “Friday the 13th”, the sophomore hall was “Imaginative”, and the freshmen, “Colorful.”

— Nikki Strawser

Upper left — Treasurer Eric Betts, President Bill Ott, Secretary Tim Suszko and Vice President Chris Kahila, are meeting in the band room to discuss Student Council business. Middle left — Student Council officers are preparing to start the meeting as Mr. Kendall, and other members are looking on. Lower — Members in 1989-90 are Eric Betts, Bill Ott, Tim Suszko, Chris Kahila, Nino Porpiglia, Ronda Hargett, Laura Worthinger, Angie Hobbs, Ann Kramer, Shannon McKee, Cara Roe, Erika Tobin, Rae Lynn Houghton, Shannon Bontrager, Jim Airgood, Jason McDonough, Jamie Alber and Mr. Kendall.
What do people say when they hear the phrase “Youth In Government”? “I’ve never heard of it until this year.” “It’s a class or it’s some sort of club!” Actually Youth In Government is an organization to help students better understand government and how bills are passed. Mr. Gayle Brokaw has been the leader of this club for the last 14 years. This year there were two trial law teams, one moot court and 10 other jobs. The winning law team of Jennifer Broadworth, Donna Lewis, Nino Poppigia and Aimee Rodwick went undefeated through the trials along with another team. In the tie breaker between these two, the White Pigeon team lost and therefore, didn’t go to the finals. The students left for Lansing on April 10th, the day after they came back from spring break and returned April 14th, the following Saturday. Aimee Rodwick said, “Being on the winning law team was a lot of fun.”

— Nikki Strawser

Upper — Senator Sharli Grove is excited to be done debating the bill to legalize marijuana. Middle — The renovation of the House Chambers in Lansing, cost $50 million to give it the 1860’s look. Lower — Youth in Government members meet in the remodeled version of the Senate Chambers.
Upper — The winning law team, Jenny Broadworth, Donna Lewis, Nino Porpiglia, and Aimee Rodwick, takes a moment of praise after winning their case. Middle left — White Pigeon Youth in Government students enjoyed this view of the Capitol from their hotel windows. Middle right — Tina Hawkinson and Senator Ray Clemo discuss legalities of a bill. Lower — Freshman representatives Laura Wortinger, Reagan Newcomer, Lynn Haugestad, and Ann Kramer are in session at the Capitol.
The White Pigeon Varsity football team was picked to finish fifth in the St. Joe Valley League in 1989. With a small line, an under-rated back field, and a quarterback controversy, all the teams in the league didn't expect the Chiefs to do very well. The Chiefs, however with a lot of heart and team work finished the season with a record of seven wins and two losses. The losses were against the class C state champs, Schoolcraft, and class D state champs' Mendon.

"The best game of the year was for the Tomahawk," said senior Andy Yeomans. The mighty Chiefs kept the Tomahawk with a brilliant play selection on fourth down and ten yards to go; a quick pitch to Fred Shafer saved the prized Indian relic for another year by gaining thirteen yards. Right after getting the first down the excited Chiefs rammed the ball into the end zone to come from behind and crush all hopes of victory for the Falcons.

"The seniors in Constantine have never seen the Tomahawk at their high school. Let's keep it that way!" said senior Eric Betts. That put the Chiefs three games ahead of the Falcons in the annual battle for the Tomahawk.

Brad Schneider broke the record for yards rushing in a season and received Most Valuable Player for the St. Joe Valley League. He was also voted most valuable by the team.

— Bill Gilbert

White Pigeon 19 Clamx-Scotts 0
White Pigeon 0 Mendon 26
White Pigeon 22 Hopkins 6
White Pigeon 12 Centreville 0
White Pigeon 26 Schoolcraft 35
White Pigeon 54 Colon 14
White Pigeon 26 Constantine 23
White Pigeon 26 Edwardsburg 0

Upper right — Mr. Ned Bale proudly holds the Tomahawk, the prized Indian relic, battled over every fall by the Chiefs and the Falcons. Middle — Senior Billy Gilbert runs for a touch down against Edwardsburg.
Lower — Fred Shafer runs for a first down and leads the mighty Chiefs to victory against Constantine.
Upper — In the first row are Craig Hill, Billy Gilbert, Bryan Miller, Craig Emerick, Eric Betts, Brian Rudoff, Greg Hilliard, Fred Shafer, Corey Hagen, and Mark Wordelman. In the second row are Cory Lutz, Loren Wortinger, Chris Kahla, Brad Schneider, Wade Snyder, Chad McKale, Doug Souter, A.J. Wertenberger, Jeff Black, Curtis Mast, Bill Ott, and Rodney Ekins. In the back row are Tim Sassaman, Coach Marv Schneider, Shane Strawser, Brent Barnhart, Jeff Bennett, Sean Smedzuk, Ryan Grant, Chris Nash, David Takace, Greg Johnson, Andy Yeomans, Richard Wordelman, Jason Hurst, Coach Pat West, and Trainer Gary Shappell.

Middle — In the first row are Steve Graber, Jeff Carper, Randy Stevens, Jim Harris, Aaron Takace, and Loren Hull. In the second row are Eric Byler, Shawn Strawser, Dusty Bennett, Casey Yoder, Zach Finch, Dave Eells, Jason McDonough, Jamie Lego. In the third row are Coach Dan Kohler, Sean Wilber, Chris Cox, Al Heminger, Jason Rummier, Coach Tony Currier, Shawn Miller, Brian Turpin, Jamie Alber, Coach Mike Gropp. In the back row are Ben Wright, Tim Price, Todd Boyer, Dion Boyer, Britton Collins, Jason Trosper, Brian Dressler.

Lower — Steve Graber runs for a touchdown after recovering a fumble in the J.V. game against Hopkins.
Stepping To The Hole

The White Pigeon Golf team had an exciting season in 1989. The head coach Mr. Vern Sawyer showed the team new techniques at the Klinger Lake Golf Course, the team's home turf. Coach Sawyer showed the team which club was right for each situation. For instance, he gave the team pointers on the club to use on the fairway, the rough, and the sand traps. "Coach Sawyer really helped improve my game this season. He showed me several ways to improve my game," said Melanie Stevens. "The team this year just went out and had fun and improved their golfing skills. I am a firm believer that if you do not enjoy the sport you are involved in, you will not do well in it," said Coach Sawyer. Melanie Stevens' was the only senior on the team this season. "Melanie showed strong leadership by always encouraging others to do their best," said Mr. Sawyer at the Winter Sports Banquet.

— Bill Gilbert

Upper — Standing by the lockers are Mark Lane, Shannon Bontrager, Melanie Stevens, and Dave Claxton. Lower — Denise Holm is exhausted after running the three mile course in Galesburg.
The White Pigeon Cross-Country team ran very well in the season of 1989. The team did very well for not having many students out for the team. New head coach Gene Schroll said, "I am very impressed by the performance of this team." There was a lot of inexperience on the team, but Coach Schroll worked with the team and helped improve everyone's times. Brian Graber's best time was seventeen minutes and thirty-six seconds. Todd Burnham improved his time from twenty-two minutes and fifty seconds to eighteen minutes fifty-two seconds. Eric Hackman improved his time from thirty-three minutes to nineteen minutes and fifty seconds.

— Bill Gilbert

Upper — Standing at the front of the bus are Mrs. Schroll and Mr. Schroll. Sitting on the bus are Todd Burnham, Denise Holm, Brian Graber, and Eric Hackman.

Lower left — Todd Burnham pushes himself to the limit for the last mile of the race.

Lower right — Eric Hackman runs the three mile course while his father Mr. Cal Hackman cheers him on.
Stepping To The Hoop

Upper Left — Jill Stout prepares to inbound the ball as the crowd cheers the Lady Chiefs on. Upper Right — Jenny Lent and Stephanie Hite are looking for the rebound. Lower — In the first row Tiffany Stevens, Amy Baker, Melissa Hakes, Keri Yoder, and Reagan Newcomber kneel in their varsity uniforms. Mr. Brent VanderSchaaf, Nikki Christman, Diana Rank, Heather S. Williams, Kathy Betcke, and Candy Stevenson stand behind their teammates.
The White Pigeon Lady Chiefs had an excellent season this year with the guidance of their new coaches Miss Kim Rolph and Mr. Brent VanderSchaft. The Lady Chiefs played aggressive basketball by dominating the boards and working the ball inside with quick passes. The full court press worked well for them. With their quickness they pressed their opponents and forced many turnovers. "The style of basketball we play gave us an advantage over the other teams," said senior Jill Stout.

The Lady Chiefs made it to the second round of districts in late November. They played a very emotional game against Centreville. The Bulldogs squeezed by the Chiefs in a very close game.

Michele Avery broke the record for the most points scored in a game with thirty-six points. She also broke the record of most points scored in a season, with three hundred sixty-one.
Too Fast For The Court

The B-ball boys streaked up and down the court this season, under the leadership of Mr. Cal Hackman. The Chiefs had an explosive offense. They passed the ball up the court with a run and shoot attack. The team was very good at getting the ball inside with quick passes. They also had a few excellent three point shooters. With all that offensive power, the Chiefs, however, didn't do very well in the regular season. But at the district tournaments the Chiefs put it all together and came away with two victories. Coach Hackman was so impressed that he shaved a line in his hair for every game they won in the district tournaments. "I thought it was pretty cool," said Fred Shafer. "We really turned it up at districts, I was very pleased," said Coach Hackman.

— Bill Gilbert

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Upper — Chris Parker takes a 15 foot jumper and hits it. Middle — Coach Jeff Baechlor is giving his J.V. boys some plays he feels will work against Colon.

Lower — Curtis Mast, Bill Ott, Tim Suszko, Chris Parker, and Eric Betts are doing their special cheer at the Constantine game.
Upper — Coach Hackman gives his team a little last minute advice before the game against Colon.

Middle Left — Fred Shafer pounds the ball up the court looking for an open man.

Middle — Mike Parker shoots from the baseline and puts two more points on the board.

Middle Right — Chris Parker makes a strong move to the basket and lays the ball in the hoop.

Lower — Brian Graber streaks after the ball and gets it before the Colon player.
### Take Down

Upper — Sitting in the front row are John Bowers, Jeff Presock, Jodi George, Loren Hull, and Ian Esarey. Kneeling in the second row are Britton Collins, Craig Hill, and Bryon Miller. Standing are Mr. Dan White, Jason Stevens, Kregg Whiteman, David Eells, J. Wertenberger, Mr. Sean Moyer, Mr. Mike Kendall.

Lower — Bryon Miller's hand is raised by the referee after defeating his opponent at the Constantine Invitational.

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WL Draw
The White Pigeon Wrestling team achieved some important goals during a respectable season. Considering they only filled eight of the thirteen weight classes the Chiefs did well in team matches. "Everyone on my team is dedicated to achieving their goals in wrestling and life," said Mr. Mike Kendall.

The mighty Chiefs also did well in individual tournaments. This season at the Constantine Individual Tournament Loren Hull was wrestling in his third match of the day. Loren was extremely tired with thirty seconds left in the match. The score was tied when Loren escaped from the bottom position and took down his opponent, giving him three points to win the match. Loren Hull advanced to regionals and placed fifth. "Nothing will stop me from achieving my goals," said Loren Hull.

— Bill Gilbert

Upper — Bryan Miller is about to pin his opponent using a move called the double chicken wing.
Lower left — Loren Hull is thinking of a move to use to escape from his opponent.
Lower right — A.J. Wertenberger is working hard for a take down at a dual meet with Constantine.
Spiker's Classic — win
Bronson Invitational — win
White Pigeon — Schoolcraft — win
Portage Northern Invitational — loss
White Pigeon — Three Rivers — win
Cereal City Classic — loss
White Pigeon — Centreville — win
White Pigeon — Colon — win
Lake Michigan Catholic — loss
White Pigeon — Cassopolis — win
White Pigeon — Climax-Scotts — win
White Pigeon — Mendon — win
Portage Central Invitational — loss
White Pigeon — Edwardsburg — win
St. Joseph Valley League Tournament — win
White Pigeon — Vicksburg — win
White Pigeon — Parchment — win
Districts — win
Regionals — loss
46-9-2

Upper left — Michelle Burnham and Jenny Lent block a spike back into their opponents' faces.
Upper right — Jill Stout serves up an ace.
Middle — Nikki Strawser gets up for the spike.
Lower — Michelle Burnham is going for a dig while the rest of the team stands poised for the set.
Under the leadership of Miss Carrie Erlandson and Mrs. Lori Shoppell the lady Chiefs defeated most of the teams they faced. "Our goal was to make it to state. But even if we didn't, in our hearts, we were winners," said senior Jill Stout. The lady Chiefs played well together with good attitudes and team work throughout the season." The whole team worked hard to be the best," said senior Michele Avery. This team work helped the girls to win districts. They also placed second in regionals. This is the farthest any White Pigeon volleyball team has ever gone. "I was very pleased with the team's effort in the big games," said head coach Miss Erlandson.

— Bill Gilbert

Upper — Kneeling are Debbie Dimos and Jill Stout. Standing are Lisa Armstrong, Tiffany Strawser, Nikki Strawser, Jenny Lent, Michelle Burnham, Carrie Gingerich, Michele Avery, Heather Salisbury, and their trophy from the S.J.V. League tournament.

Middle — Senior, Jenny Lent dinks the ball over the net against Centreville.

Lower — Senior Nikki Strawser blocks a spike put up by an opponent.
Breaking Records

What do field events, running events, practicing and breaking records have in common? They are all a part of track, a spring sport that is quite varied.

Bill Ott and Heather Salisbury specialized in several field events such as long jump, shot put and discus. Bill went out for long jump because, as he said, “I like it.” Heather said that she went out for shot and discus before she thinks they are a challenge.

Brian Graber specialized in the mile and Two mile run. Brian went out for the mile and two mile runs because he likes to go long distances.

The coach, Mr. Gene Schroll, told Bill that he needed to do power drills to practice for long jump. Heather said that she practiced by lifting weights and throwing a lot. Brian ran four or five miles a day for practice. He also said that he needed a lot of determination for his events.

Heather and Brian both broke two high school track records this season. Heather broke the shot put and discus records. Her record throw in shot put was 36'11”. She also broke the discus record. Her record throw was 117’. Brian broke the mile record by 11 seconds. His time in the mile was 4:34. He also broke the two mile run by dashing across the finish line in 10:10. They both said that it felt great to break two track records in the same season.

— Tim Kozelka
Upper — Heather Salisbury smiles after placing second at regionals and qualifying for state in the discus throw. Middle — Brian Graber gives it everything he’s got for the final lap of the two mile relay.

Middle right — Bill Ott breaks away from the pack to win his heat of the one-hundred yard dash.

Lower left — Loren Wortinger turns on the jets for his leg of the four-forty yard relay.

Lower right — Chris Cox burns up the track in the eight-eighty yard relay at Athens.
"Swing that bat, hit that ball, rip it, rip it, rip it!" The Lady Chiefs softball team yelled from their dug out at every game. "I don't remember who started the chant. We have been saying it since we were freshmen and it always gets us pumped up," said senior Jenny Lent. Head coach Mrs. Phyllis Giera always kept her girls enthused. She instructed the girls to run sprints between double headers to keep them warmed up for the next game. "The best game of the year was against Climax-Scotts," said senior Donna Lewis. The White Pigeon Chiefs and Climax-Scotts were tied for first place in the S.J.V. League. The Lady Chiefs went to Climax and blew them away. The score was seven to zero. The White Pigeon girls softball team finished in second place in the St. Joseph Valley Conference.

—Bill Gilbert

Upper Left — Jill Stout gets ready for a ground ball. Upper — The Varsity girls' recited the "chant" to cheer the batter on.

Middle — Jill Stout, Aimee Rodwick, and Donna Lewis smile after winning the first game of a double-header with Climax-Scotts.

Lower — Jenny Lent took a good cut at the ball and got a double.
Upper left — Marcy O'Rourke waits for a home run pitch.

Upper right — Missy Joseph crushes the ball and gets a triple.

Middle left — Donna Lewis thinks of a pitch to try next.

Middle right — Coach Giera watches her team make a double play.

Lower left — Aimee Rodwick makes a good catch but it was a little too late.
Swinging Into The 90s

Smack! There it goes! Going, going, it's gone! That is what baseball is all about.

"Baseball is a simple game. You hit the ball, you catch the ball and you throw the ball," explained Brad Scheinder. The White Pigeon Varsity Baseball team did very well this year under the guidance of head coach Mr. Cal Hackman. The Chiefs did well because of some great hitters, very good practicing, and exceptional fielding. "The best game of the year was against Colon because we were behind, but we kept on trying and fighting until we won," said Brian Rudloff. There were some exceptional plays this year; for example, Greg Hilliard made an incredible off-balance throw to first base as he was falling down and still got the runner out to lead the Chiefs to victory in the Schoolcraft game.

Bill Gilbert

Upper — Rick Binney hurls a curve ball to strike out another batter.

Lower — Greg Hilliard waits for the pitch as Eric Hackman heads for second base.
Upper left — Brad Schneider congratulates Rick Binney after another fine performance.
Upper right — Britton Collins crosses home plate to score a run.
Lower — Todd Boyer watches his pitch in anticipation that it will be a strike.
The spirit of the mighty Chiefs was alive this year, thanks to the White Pigeon cheerleaders. Contrary to common belief, the cheerleaders worked very hard. They worked on making new cheers and perfecting the old ones. The cheerleaders also spent a great deal of time drawing posters, and making little footballs and basketballs. "We put a lot of time and effort into everything we do," said Erika Tobin. The cheerleaders loved to get a large number of fans into the games. "One of the fans' favorite cheers was called 'Can You Wiggle'. When you get two hundred screaming fans doing a cheer, in my opinion, that is school spirit," said Shannon McKee.

— Bill Gilbert

Lower — Getting the crowd into the game before it starts are Sally Needham, Cara Roe, Erika Tobin, and Laura Fletcher.
Upper left — Cheering with authority are Laura Wortinger, Stacey Floyd, Linn Hau­gestad, Karie Hoffer, Ann Kramer, and Darla Watkins.
Upper right — The Junior Varsity cheerleaders want a three point play they got it!
Middle — Warming up before a big game are Raelynn Houghton, Sally Needham, Cara Roe, Tracy Black, Erika Tobin, Kris Swett, Shannon McKee, and Laura Fletcher.
Mr. Ted Bargwell’s pre-calculus class was made up of ten male students who had above-average grades. "But this does not mean the class is easy," said Mr. Bargwell, "these students study hard and work for the grades they get."

Now, in most fields that you go into, you need some pre-calculus. It is not only in the technical fields but now in business and nursing. Knowing a little of this before college will help you out in the long run.

Pre-calculus is an extension of algebra and trigonometry. These courses were the prerequisite for this class. In this class the students did a little graphing, some trigonometry and algebra and a few statistics.

The class was set up as an elective. The students did their work out of books but did not turn in the assignments, although they were ready for the next day’s quiz. "They do their work even though I don’t grade it so they know how to do it for a quiz that I might assign," said Mr. Bargwell. "Tests are a major part of the class along with quizzes because those are the only grades you get. This prepares you for college,” said Mr. Bargwell.

— Jenny Carter

Upper right — Mr. Gayle Brokaw teaches his algebra students how to do the assignment for the next day.
Lower — Todd Burnham glances back as Mr. Brokaw tries to teach.
Upper left — Charity Green studies while Todd Burnham, Jason McDonnough, Laura Baber and Alan Heminger socialize.
Upper right — One of the advantages to having Mr. Brokaw's class was the M&M sale as Greg Hilliard shows by collecting 50¢ from Steve Graber and Jason Ellis.
Middle — During study hall Tim Yeomans and Myra King get help from Mr. Brokaw.
Lower left — Tim Sassaman answers a difficult question in Mr. Brent VanderSchaaf's class.
Lower Right — Mr. VanderSchaaf explains the assignment for the next day.
A deer running through the woods steps on a branch and it makes a crack that startles other animals near by. A raccoon sitting in the tree starts to descend the trunk and all of a sudden in the calm, cool night, a chilling scream comes out. The raccoon came down the very tree where Jen Myers was sleeping. These and other bone chilling experiences occurred during Mr. Gary Reish’s ecology class survival trip. They learned many things about the environment. The students could identify approximately fifty fish and they knew many national parks. They also got to catch specimens from ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams so they could be identified.

“I had a lot of fun walking through the creek trying to find animal specimens and I found a salamander that the class kept as a pet for the rest of the year,” said Jen Meyers.

“I think one of the hardest things to overcome out in the wilderness was the silence,” said Steve Nowak, “because I am usually listening to a radio when I am alone and we were not allowed to take any kind of radios on the trip.”

On the survival trip the class had many rules to follow. They were not allowed to take any food, only two quarts of water, ten matches, one sleeping bag, and twenty-four hours alone in the wilderness. Some students were doubting their ability to handle it but they all pulled through.

— Jenny Carter

Upper — A.J. Wertenberger, Jen Meyers, Lisa Armstrong, Rodney Elkins, Jason Simpson, Steve Nowak, Aimee Rodwick, Matt Stabler, Jennifer Carter, Tina Hawkinson, and Misty Bagshaw are exhausted from the adventure of staying overnight in the woods and wait for the bus back to civilization.
Upper Left — Michelle Sicard, Michele Avery, Almee Rodwick, and Craig Hill surgically remove parts of their fetal pigs.

Middle Left — Mr. Dan Kohler's class practices the wave motion by using a long spring.

Middle Right — A.J. Wertenberger looks in astonishment as he sees how sharp his knife is.

Lower — Jason Simpson whittles a bowl for his ecology project.
Four Students Make Class

Four bright, witty young talented freshmen were in a class that very few people know about. This class consisted of Dawn Bralick, Elizabeth Wooster, Stacey Floyd, and Kari Gracey. They were the Gifted and Talented class which was an elective class for the first time in the high school schedule. Mr. Darryl Smith taught a form of this class since it has been at White Pigeon. "This is the smallest bunch of kids that I have had," said Mr. Smith.

This was the first time that this class had been a regular class. Before, students would be out of sixth hour once a week. Every other day this year, however, the students studied their own subjects like literature or art and on the other days they studied literary topics or read a play. "I grade on a pass or fail scale," said Mr. Smith.

The class had a Christmas project during December. They made their own giant Christmas card. It was about eight feet tall and made out of wood. The class worked as a team. Elizabeth Wooster did the drawing and the painting on the scenery. "I let them do this on their own with a little guidance," said Mr. Smith.

"It's a fun learning experience," said Dawn Bralick, who was studying equal rights. This was her first time in the class. She was recommended by Ms. Jacque Anderson, her eighth grade teacher. Dawn would like to see more students join up. She has read five to six books about equal rights by the end of the first semester; then she wrote a report about the books she had read explaining what they were about.

Elizabeth Wooster was also recommended by Ms. Anderson. She was the only student not studying the literature topics. She studied art. She got in to art when she was a child. Her sister used to draw horses and Elizabeth became interested after seeing her sister's drawings.

She mainly drew scenery and did not care to draw people much. The name of her curriculum was Art Cultures and she really enjoyed it. "Mr. Smith said that I have to prove myself first before I can paint and that is my favorite thing to do," said Elizabeth. "I first started with simple sketches, then colored pencils and after that I got to work with pastels and now painting," said Elizabeth. "The best part of the class is the painting," she said.

These four talented people who studied different topics all had something in common however. While Elizabeth was putting her ideas on paper without words, the others were painting pictures with words.

— Jenny Carter
Lower left — Reading a magazine is a popular item during study hall as shown by Nicole Gingerich.

Lower right — Fellow classmates of Matt Smiley listen to him as he gives a speech.

Upper — Sometimes literature topics need a little explanation as seen with Mr. Smith helping Stacey Floyd.
Students Visit Land Office

During a long, unusually cold day in October the Michigan History class took a brisk walk to the land office in White Pigeon. The purpose of this trip was to learn about the White Pigeon area, the lower southwestern section of the state and the historic building itself.

The land office was built in 1836 and was just recently restored because of the history that it brings to this area. "This is the oldest building of any kind in the St. Joseph area and possibly the entire southwestern half of the Great Lake State," said Mr. Dave Snook.

"Most and maybe all of the public land for sale was sold from this office," implied Mr. Snook. "We have history right here in this town and some students and parents don’t even know it and probably don’t care but I do," said Shelley Harget. "It is unbelievable that a relative in earlier years might have possibly used this very same building that we visited, and I find that to be interesting."

Depending on your interest in history this would be a fun walk as it was for Steve Nowak. "I enjoy history, and in this trip I learned about the land and the value of the property we have here and I also got to look at maps of the area," he said.

"To let this building go unknown and let it fall apart would be a shame because this is history and history can not be forgotten," added Steve. Mr. Snook found this building to be important enough to take his students there to learn more about the past of the area and to have a better understanding of Michigan history.

— Jenny Carter

Above — Mr. Snook explains the maps of the St. Joseph area to Steve Nowak.
Upper — RaeLynn Houghton and Heather S. Williams review for the quiz that was given the next day.
Middle left — Mr. Snook, Dale Cloud, Candie Duncan, Linda Wagner, Shelley Hargert, Ed Hunt, Tammy Kitch, Steve Nowak, and Robert Hunn stand outside of the land office.
Middle right — Ed Hunt looks at tools of the past.
Lower — Alex Morehouse, Rick Binney, Crystal Ford, Tina Hawkinson, and Ryan Grant study for Mr. West's weekly reward.
Band students are eager to march and play their music. Drivers Ed students are eager to get behind the wheel of a car and receive their driver's license. Special Ed students are eager to learn. Eagerness plays a role in all of these classes.

Band is an academic class directed by Mr. Kevin Matthews. The students in this class get to perform in parades, at special concerts, at football games, and in competitions against other schools. Elmer Rudloff enjoyed performing in front of an audience. "I tend to get nervous at times, but it hasn't killed me yet," he said.

Driver's Ed was taught by Mrs. Robin Bordner. She taught the students how to handle a car plus the laws of driving one. Since this is a step to growing older and a chance at getting their license, students were very eager to take and pass this class. Dan Zimmerman said, "I liked the class. It was interesting because I learned a lot more than I thought was possible."

Mrs. Laurie Fox taught Special Ed. This class helped the students who needed to learn at a slower pace than the rest of the student body. Students were eager to learn in this class because it taught them at their own pace and they weren't afraid to participate. One of the students said, "I like having this class because it helps me in the classes that I have trouble in."

All of these classes offered something special for students that made them anxious to learn the subject or subjects offered.

— Candi Rauguth

Upper — The seniors join the 1990-91 marching band for their last performance.
Upper Left — Mrs. Laurie Fox teaches Frances Cox and Jesse Johnson how to fill out applications for employment.

Middle Left — Mr. Kevin Mathews’ class practices for the band concert in Washington, D.C.

Upper Right — Ed Dickenson and Ryan Archer look at their music, waiting to play their trombone.

Lower — Mrs. Fox asks Frances Cox a question about her application in the "How to get a job booklet."
Technology Vs. Fitness

What two classes have something in common but are totally different in structure? For the past decade people have been so into technology and physical fitness that it only seems logical that P.E. and computers are two of the most popular classes in school.

This year the students who took computer classes got to work on all new computers. Mr. Mike Kendall, Mrs. Pamela Gates, and Mr. George Morse taught the classes that were offered. "Having the new computers opened up new classes for us like word processing and CADD," commented Trina Richardson. Aimee Rodwick added, "I like computers because there is one for every student in the class; working on my own computer makes it easier for me to learn that if I had to share with someone like I did last year."

Computers wasn't the only class that had a different twist this year; physical education also was different. The class was taught by Mr. Ned Bale. Instead of having the girls physical education separate from the guys, physical education went co-ed, because Mrs. Karen Jarrad had to teach 7th grade English. "I like it this way because there's more people and it's the funniest it had ever been," said Michele Avery. "I think it's kind of interesting," commented Andy Yeomans.

There's no doubt that computers and physical education were two of the classes that students found the most exciting this year.

— Jenny Carter
Upper Left — Ryan Grant asks A.J. Wertenberger how to do the assignment.
Middle Left — Dawn Walls is bumping the volleyball so Misty Owens can set it for the spike.
Middle Right — Connie Shoulders types in a few lines to see if the computer is working correctly.
Lower — Mr. Mike Kendall explains to his students how to use the computer.
Classes With Career Goal

In your junior and senior years of high school you worry about what you’re going to do after graduation. You want classes that will prepare you for college and Branch Area Career Center and Industrial Art class help you do just that. But yet another class that people don’t give much thought to is art, because they think that it is an easy credit. It’s not, though, because you have to learn to use your imagination which is something that many people have a hard time doing. Students that attend Branch are there the first half of the school day and then return to the high school for their regular classes. Renee Stiles is a senior studying in the secretarial field at Branch. Renee said, “I think taking classes at Branch really helps me, because it will prepare me for International Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Industrial Arts is a class taught by Mr. George Morse. In this class students learn to work with tools, build and create things. Jason Blough said, “The class is difficult sometimes, but I like it because I like to make things.”

Art is taught by Mrs. Martha Starmann. There are different types of art classes offered: Basic Art, Ceramics, and Painting. “One of the things I learned is that art is not easy,” said Jason, “I took the class because I enjoy art and it offers hand-on experience.”

These classes help you learn to develop your mind and skills. The classes may not be for everybody, but they are for those who enjoy them.

— Jenny Carter

Upper — Jason Simpson tests to see if his work is sturdy enough.
Upper Left — Jason Wheeler fixes a set of brake drums at Branch Area Career Center.
Upper Right — Jeff Ellis looks at the picture he had just painted.
Middle Left — Hooking up a light socket is not as easy as it looks as Craig Emerick displays.
Middle Right — Water color takes much patience as April Wheeler daubs paint to her efforts.
Lower — Chuck Horn and Ed Schmeling display their trucks for a local church’s Christmas gift projects.
Learning A Way Of Life

In today's society, it's necessary to learn how to get along in the world. Classes like Home Ec, Health, and French help students to learn this.

Health is a required class for all freshmen taught by Mrs. Sue Outman. The class teaches the students valuable topics they need to keep themselves healthy. "I think that it's a good idea for the school to offer this class to students because the class teaches us some valuable lessons," said Julie Hayes.

Mrs. Marcia Wittenburg and Mrs. Outman taught students how to prepare food and how to sew. You need to know how to do these things to be on your own. "I like creative foods," said Michele Avery, "I like the cooking labs we get to do!"

French is taught by Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar. This class teaches students about French culture and how to speak the French language. This is important because colleges require students to have a background in foreign language. "I think the class is fun; I have really learned a lot about the French culture," said Jenny Lent.

Culture is a way of life and all of these classes teach us a part of culture that we need to get along in today's world, whether it is in our own home or another part of the world.

— Candi Rauguth
Upper Left — Carrie Kehr wipes her hands on her apron so they will dry.
Middle Left — Melissa Hakes and Heather S. Williams enjoy a French feast.
Middle Right — Trina Richardson and Keri Yoder put their shoes out for Christmas candy from St. Nicolas.
Lower — Amy Bradford learns CPR on the Annie.
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Mrs. Elizabeth Hocevar taught the students how to take and crop pictures, set up layouts, and write articles that would catch the reader’s eye.

“The class is fun because we get to run it by ourselves,” Carrie Kehr said. Jenny Carter said, “The class is fun because I get to work with people I never worked with before. We get to work freely.” It gives its students a challenge and a chance to work together much like a team. It gives the yearbook staff a chance to preserve special high school memories.

— Candi Rauguth

Upper Right — Michelle Burnham is taking a break after finishing her section for yearbook.
Middle Right — The staff, Carrie Kehr, Tim Kozelka, Michele Modert, Sabra Hill, Doug Souter, Nikki Strawser, Jenny Carter, Candi Rauguth, Tina Walls, Mike Parker, Bill Gilbert, Corey Hagen, and Dan Zimmerman work together sixth hour everyday, to put the yearbook together.
Lower Right — Carrie Kehr, Sabra Hill, Doug Souter, Nikki Strawser, Dawn Bear, and Tim Kozelka decide after working hard all day, it’s time to kick back and relax.
Lower Left — Doug Souter is learning how to use the camera properly.