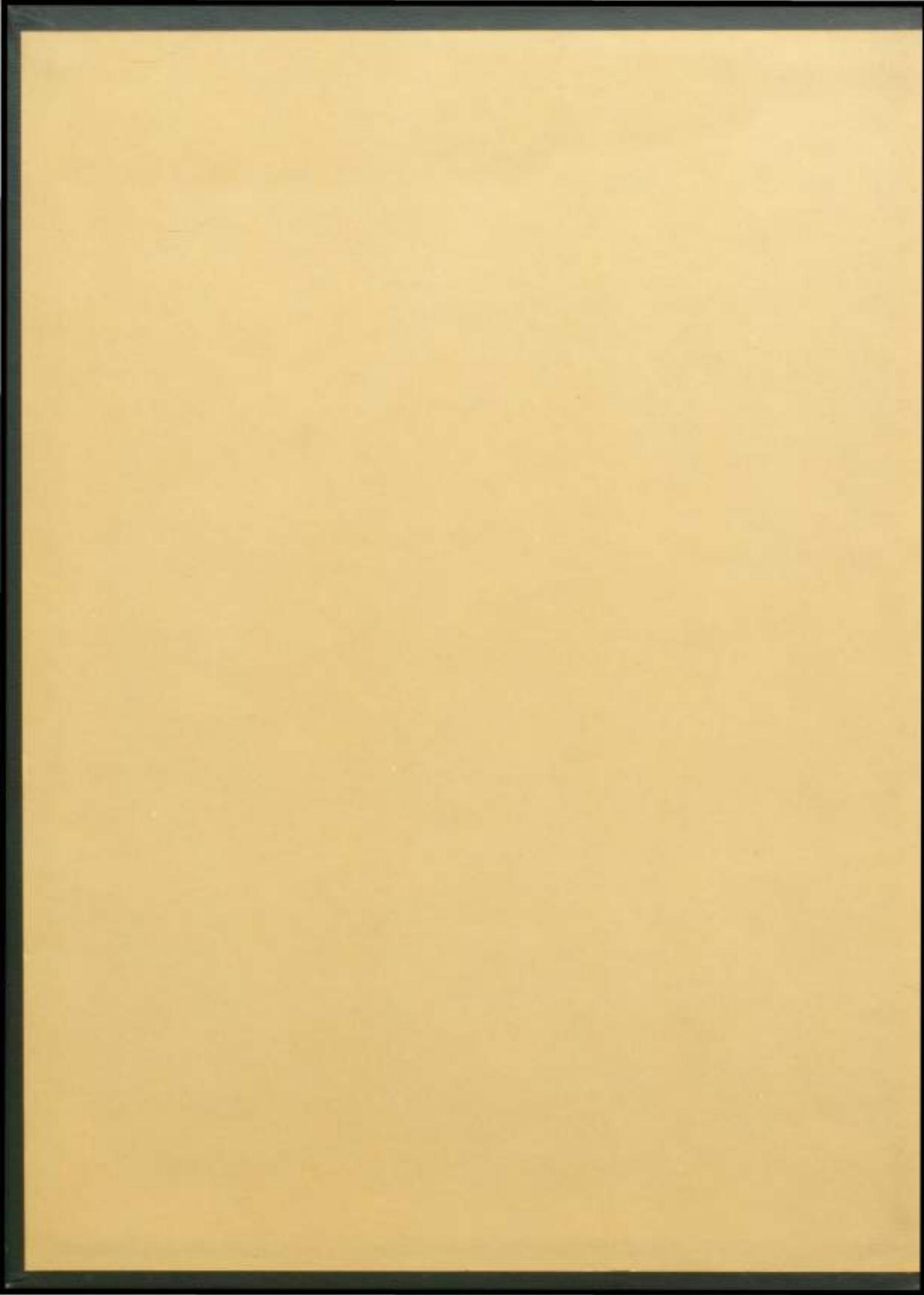




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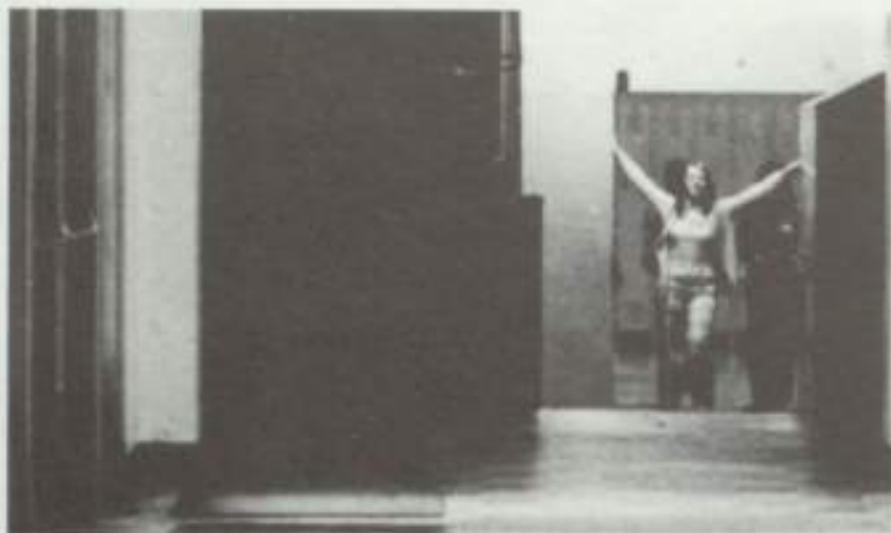




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*Mendon, Michigan*  
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# *New Beginning.*



*A  
Dreamer  
Lives  
Forever*





Do not follow where the path leads,  
rather go where there is no path  
and leave a trail.



University of Northern Iowa



# Distinction



# Class of 76 Finds



Arthur Anawate



Al Avery



Carol Ballman



Sandy Barter



Dan Batten



Alan Beebe



Michele Huff Sec., Pat Springer Treas., Connie Heath S.C., Jon Cook S.C., Pat Rogge P., Betty Wilds V. P.

The spirit of '76 was alive and well and living in the senior class at Mendon High School. It seems like it took forever to reach the end of high school days, and now they've come to a close.

This year's seniors worked and slaved in order to get money for the big senior trip to Florida. Seeing a senior bog-

ged down with sponges, and raffle tickets, light bulbs and paper subscriptions was not an unusual sight. The work paid off and the memories of the trip will last forever.

But the senior year was more than just work and trip; it was a time for growing and living. It was

# Independence and Freedom



Mike Boggio



Geoff Burke



Kim Clark



Bob Cole



Lance Conrad



Jon Cook



Mary Lou Cook



Deb Cooper

one last chance to make memories, and time to make plans for the future. Many seniors spent hours reading through college catalogues and filling out applications. At times it seemed that the final days were coming too soon.

The seniors of 1976 are a group of students, young adults, that finally reached that moment in their lives which

allowed them to spread their wings. On graduation day they put away the high school rules and reached out to touch their new independence.

It's a beginning and an ending both at the same time for everyone.



Linda Crocker



Jill Cupp



Mark Dentler



Ken DeWolff



Linda Fisher



Mark George



Gary Greider



Rob Haas



Steve Harden



Deb Hart



Ron Hayden



Connie Heath



Kevin Hemple



Terrie Hicks



Bev Hinchens



Bob Hoover



Mike Huff



Michelle Huff



Robin Johnston



Sosie Jones



Dan Kennedy



Larry Krull



Kert Large



Mike McClain





Wayne McGlothen



Warren Martin



Chuck Mays



Bruce Meyers



Doug Millard



Carol Miller



Steve Mitchell



Dave Motz





Doug Phelps



Norm Phelps



Eliane Piva



Karen Renfro



Pat Rogge



Elise Ross



Bernadette Sampson



Wanda Senkowski





Kevin Shaw



Rod Soule



Pat Springer



Kirk Spence



Gary Stiteler



Rod Taylor



Deb Tokarski



Gerry Truckey





Mark Truckey



Sandy Tyler



Gwenn Tyree



Mitch Ulrich



Pat Vaughn



Lisa Weaver





Betty Wilds



Molly Wisner



Bill Woods

The following Seniors did  
not get their pictures taken  
for the yearbook:  
Don Hayden  
Fred Hayden  
Steve Sowers

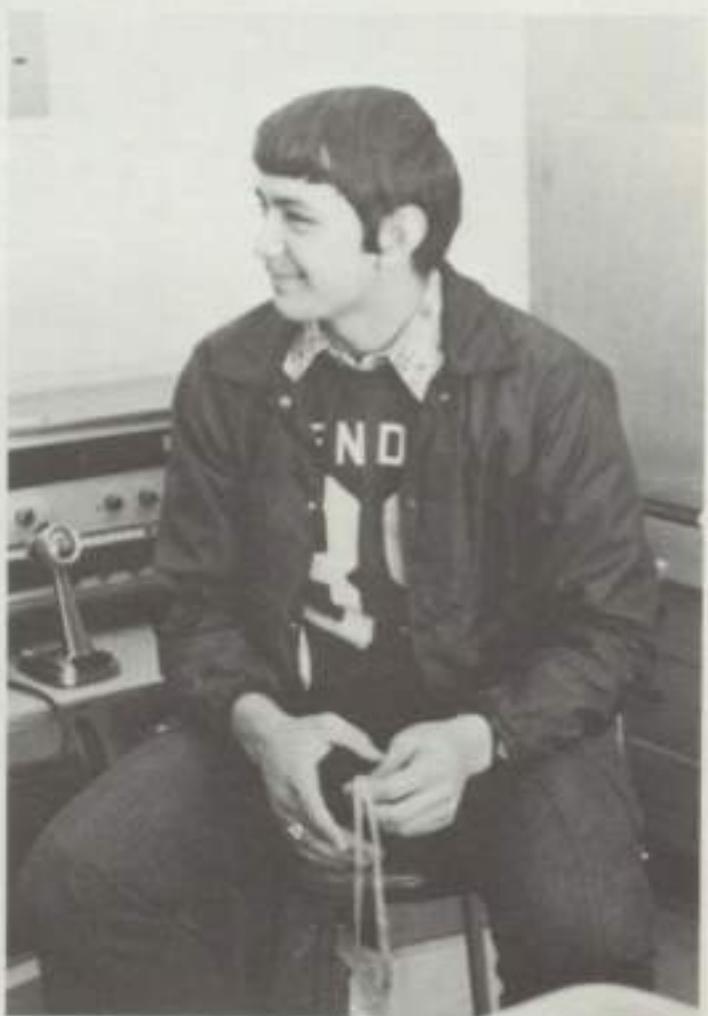


Wayne Wright



Pat Zimmaster







# Senior Athletes Honored



At the sports Banquet in May of '76", all athletes were Honored. Two seniors were chosen to receive a new special honor, the Outstanding Student Athlete Award. Betty Wilds

and Steve Mitchell were selected for this award on the basis of their dedication to good sportsmanship and scholarship during their four years at Mendon High School.



# profiles



# Class of '77 Has One More Year



A. Allen

D. Androsky

D. Avery

J. Baker

A. Barney

D. Brueck



C. Brundige

J. Burda

C. Cleland

P. Channey

J. Cook

S. Cupp



B. Davis

M. Dentler

D. Detwiler

C. Dishro



C. Fisher

P. Goodman

G. Greider

M. Hamminga



Junior Class Officers; President: Greg Millard, Vice President: Gregg Greider, Treas-

# For Special Times Together.



D. Harden



J. Hart



M. Heiser



D. Hiatt



K. Jeffries



J. Jones



S. Kline



L. Krull



M. Kuhlman



R. Kuiper



C. Labram



R. Mast



urers: Judie McGlothlen, Student Council; Marty Heiser and Joe Zinsmaster, Secretary: Anita Allen, (not Pictured).



J. McClain



R. McClain



J. McGlothlen



B. McGlothlen



G. Millard



S. Moore



C. Phelps



M. Ruggles



R. Skinner



L. Smelker



J. Smith



R. Sowers



P. Stalter



M. Stephenson



R. Storey



R. Tompkins



P. VanCamp



L. Woodman



J. Yeomans



J. Zinzmaster

Not Pictured:

- S. Batten
- T. Brueck
- T. Dentler
- T. Dentler
- P. Gruver
- P. Hoskins
- R. Maher
- R. Rynd
- K. Schabes
- L. Shelton



Joe Baker says, "Go Bananas".



# Sophomores, Stepping Higher



Sophomore Class Officers; Pres. K. Nicholas, V. Pres. B. Phelps, Treas. D. Truckey, Sec. S. Sedlarik, S.C. Rep. S. Mitchell & S. Hiatt.



D. Albright



D. Allen



R. Arnett



M. Avery



K. Batten



S. Beebe



J. Brueck



M. Buchanan



J. Burke



L. Clark



C. Cook



W. Cross



F. DeGrote



C. Dibro



M. Douglas



J. Eames

# To Meet Their Final Goal



T. Ettinger



J. Fasset



D. Gordon



C. Grioder



S. Heiser



P. Hempel



S. Hiatt



L. Hiemstra



T. Hitchen



R. Hokenburger



L. Huff



J. Houston



D. Jennett



B. Johnson



L. Johnson



S. Jones



K. Jungjohan



S. Kile



B. Koetje



S. Lash



C. Lenczycki



M. Lewis



K. Maher



L. Manson

# Senior Class



L. Martin



D. Mathews



D. Michael



S. Michael



D. Miller



S. Mitchell



K. Nicholas



R. Noel



B. Phelps



K. Rhoda



M. Schmitt



K. Sedlarik



Beth Phelps and Dee Shaw watching the boys go by!



D. Shaw



C. Smith



S. Soule



L. Spence



D. Stienbarger



L. Tompkins



D. Truckey



R. Wadsworth



R. Yoomans



T. Yoder



C. Conway



A little shut-eye for Bill Cross!

Not Pictured: T. Baker, L. Cook, J. Diffendal, P. Grevonstuk, T. Haas, S. Hayden, D. Huff, L. Ross, W. Talbott.

# *As Freshmen We Are Just*



R. Ahrens



B. Androsky



M. Avery



P. Batten



D. Ballman



D. Blankenship



C. Boggio



S. Bringman



S. Brundige



J. Buchner



R. Buikema



M. Burger



J. Cleland



L. Conrad



C. Cook



V. Correll



S. Courtney



K. Crocker



J. Cupp



F. Eberstein



T. Eickoff



N. Fisher



J. Goodman



R. Goodsen

# Beginning to Meet the End



S. Hamilton



C. Hampton



J. Hempel



J. Hinchey



S. Hodges



L. Hockenberger



T. Kline



D. Klousterman



L. Krull



S. Labram



C. McClain



R. McClain



K. McClish



E. Meyers



R. Michaels



B. Millard



Freshman Class Officers: Pres. K. Shutes, V. Pres. K. Truckty, Treas. V. Sodiari, Sec. L. Happel, S.C. Rep. K. Mitchell & S. Labram.



K. Mitchell



R. Moore



G. Morgan



B. Motz



R. Noel



L. Ohlin



S. Phelps



C. Racette



D. Ray



P. Ray



R. Robinson



B. Ruth



Becky Motz and Stephanie Labram watching an exciting game.



R. Schultz



V. Sedarik



E. Senkowski



F. Shepard



K. Shutes



B. Simpson



K. Snelker



K. Smith



C. Stephenson



Freshman guys showing spirit.



R. Strong



J. Summers



K. Truckey



T. VanCamp



A. Walker



D. Watson



C. Weaver

Not Pictured: D. Correll, L. Happel, V. Hayden,  
L. Rudicell, S. Sylvester



P. Williams



R. Wise



D. Wise



J. Yeomans

# *Eighth Graders—Growing, Changing*



A. Abler

P. Ahrens

D. Arevalo

S. Barney

J. Batten

K. Batten



T. Belson

N. Bradshaw

K. Buchner

S. Bulkema

T. Burke

R. Clark



Eighth grade class officers: Pres. A. Abler, V. Pres. K. Tokorski, Treas. T. Belson, Sec. P. Hines, S.C. Rep. D. Rhoda & L. Samson.



R. Clark

L. Cook



D. Cooper

G. Cooper

# *Becoming Individuals*



J. Carbtro

D. Critwell

T. Crouch

K. Cupp

M. Decker

P. Dentler



T. Dentler

D. George

L. George

M. Grevnstuck

B. Haas

J. Hagenbuch



E. Hampton

D. Heath

T. Heath

S. Henry

P. Hines

N. Hippen



R. Howe

T. Hurley

M. Jackson

D. Jennett

G. Johnson

L. Johnson

# Eighth Graders



F. Jones



L. King



R. Kuiper



L. Lamerson



C. Maher



C. Martin



W. Martin



P. Mathews



G. McClain



T. McHall



T. Marciniak



T. Michael



J. Nicholas



S. Parker



D. Parks



D. Paul



J. Phillips



K. Phillips



D. Renfro



D. Rhoda



D. Rhoda



D. Roop



V. Ross



C. Rudicell

# Class of '81



T. Sampson



L. Sampson



W. Schmidt



T. Sedlarik



L. Shepherd



R. Smelker



C. Spence



P. Strait



C. Strong



T. Stallter



M. Tesin



K. Tokarski



L. Town



M. Tyler



J. Tyler



D. Weeks



8th grade girls socialize at dance



D. Weeks



G. Weaver



M. Williams



S. Woodman



D. Yeomans



C. Young



C. Zinmaster

Not pictured:

- E. Butcher
- L. Desolf
- L. Hockenberger
- K. Hoskins
- C. Olzewski
- B. Reed
- B. Shabs
- T. Sharp
- T. Spealman
- I. Woodworth



# Class of '81



M. Ahrens



S. Adams



B. Allen



B. Allen



L. Allen



J. Albright



D. Arevalo



B. Armstrong



W. Baird



R. Barter



R. Beebe



P. Bolz



Class Officers: Pres. C. Hass, V. Pres D. Lenczycki, Treas. T. Parks, Sec. J. Summers, S.C. Rep. B. Phillips & B. Bringman.



B. Bringman



D. Buchanan



K. Channey



T. Chartrand

# Seventh Grade—A First



J. Clark



R. Cupp



D. Denny



D. Dittwiler



P. Dills



F. Douglas



C. Fassett



D. Fisher



S. Fryling



S. Gordon



R. Greenman



M. Grevenstuck



C. Hass



L. Hamilton



J. Hampton

# Step Towards Independence



M. Hempel



T. Hiatt



S. Hodges



L. Howe



K. Huckendubler



S. Hunt



W. Jackson



D. Jennett



S. Johnson



L. Jones



R. Jones



S. Kline



K. Knapper



L. Krull



K. Kloosterman



L. Knauss



D. Lenczycki



L. Louis

# Seniors

G. Maher  
V. Manson



J. Martin

M. Michelle

J. Millard

S. Mohny

E. Monroe

T. Parks



B. Phillips

M. Perce

F. Racette

R. Racette

B. Reinbold

T. Ross



M. Sampson

D. Sanderson

D. Satterlee

W. Schulte

A. Shepherd

D. Skinner



K. Spence

J. Summers

V. Vankirk

M. Walker

R. Waters

R. Weaver

Not pictured:

- T. Hicks
- T. Jones
- J. Joyce
- B. Morgan
- J. Phillips
- B. Ruth

M. Woodin  
L. Yesmann



Highly Daring Activities



Unleashing  
Energy



# Mendon . . . St. Joseph



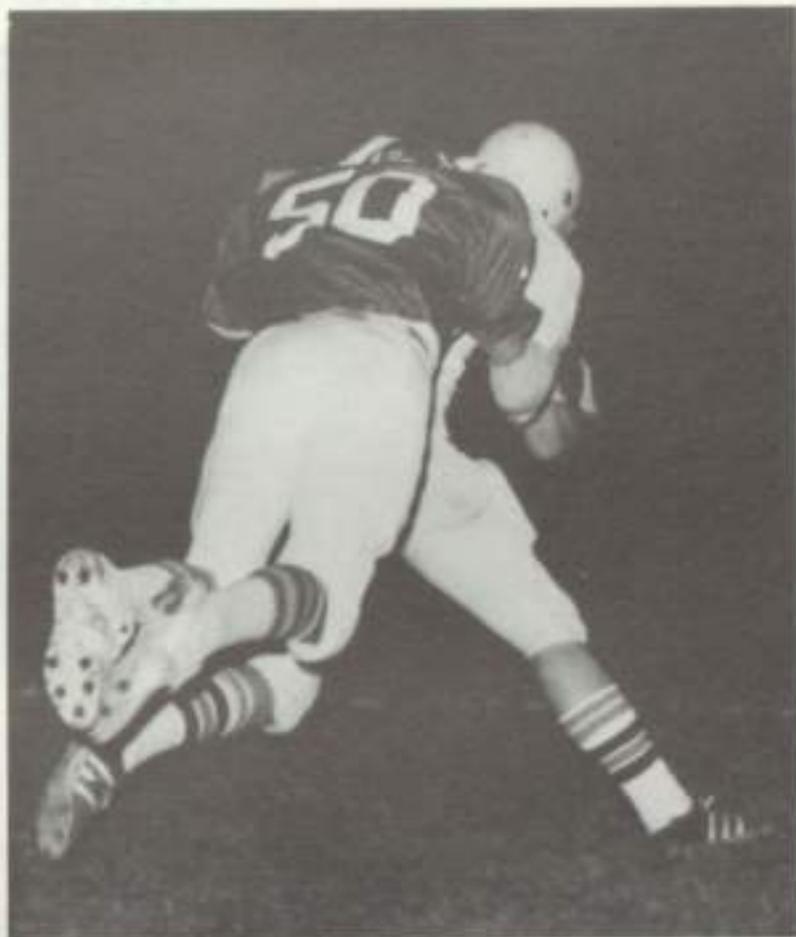
1st: Mgr. Phil Dentler, Mike Boggio, Steve Harden, Gary Greider, Kevin Hempel, Kirk Spence. 2nd: Dave Motz, Mitch Ulrich, Dan Kennedy, Gregg Greider, Joe Zinsmaster, Dale Hiatt, Coach Bombrys. 3rd: Coach Stevens, Kevin Shaw, Mark Truckey, Rick Skinner, Matt Dent-

ler, Doug Bruecks, Randy Tompkins. 4th: Geoff Burke, Rod Taylor, Ray McClain, Mike Huff, Marty Heiser, Mgr. Tom Crouch. 5th Mike McClain, Joe Baker, Wayne McGlothlen, Al Avery, Dan Batten, Steve Mitchell.

This year the varsity football team completed their season with an impressive record of 8 wins and 1 loss. After a depressing season last year, the team showed the spirit and togetherness to want to win, and they did.

The team did not make the play-offs this year, but ended their season as St. Joseph Valley Co-Champions, Kalamazoo Gazette Class D area champs, and rated in the top 20 in both the AP and UPI polls. Individual post-season honors went to:

# Valley League Champions!



Offense rolls for ten more.



Winning... it's all in a days work.

Daniel Kennedy who was elected to the Associated Press' first team as a running back. Dan was also voted all-league. David Motz; voted all-state center by the Detroit Free Press, unanimously voted all-league middle linebacker. Kevin Shaw; St. Joe Valley all-league offensive guard. Alan Avery; Defensive tackle voted all-league. Gary Greider; unanimously voted all-league defensive halfback. Joseph Baker; Junior of-

fensive and voted all-league. Honorable Mentions: Steve Harden as a defensive back, Dan Batten at the quarterback position, and Mike Huff for defensive end.

Winning is not easy, experience recalls this, the varsity had to work together and play together as a team. Coaches and players sacrificed a lot of hard work and time, but the effort paid off. . . . . we were winners!

## *J.V. Football*



Randy Noel makes a tackle.



Kevin Batten struggles for yardage.

The Junior Varsity football team compiled a 5-1-1 record for a very good season. The team started out slowly, losing to Climax-Scotts, but the pace picked up as they won the next five.

The winning formula consisted of good sophomore leadership with outstanding performances by freshmen play-

ers, not to mention the grueling hours of just plain old hard work.

Coach Wenzel and Coach Schwartz have a good outlook for next year's season as many veterans will be returning. The sophomores moving to varsity next year are looking forward to keeping Mendon High School Number 1!

# Has Successful Season



FR: Coach Swartz, mgrs. Floyd Courtney and Pete Stevens, Coach Wenzel. R2: Jeff Huckendubler, Steve Courtney, Rick Robinson, Flint Sheperd, Brian Koetje. R3: Ron Bulkema, Russ McClain, Steve Brundige, Doug Kloosterman, Mark Lewis, Kevin Batten, Doyle Mil-

ler. R4: Tom Eickoff, Rod Strong, Bill Cross, Scott Mitchell, Larry Ohlin, Russ Ahrens. R5: Eric Meyer, Randy Noel, Conway Jones, Terry Hinchey, Pat Hempel, Frank Eberstein. R6: Steve Soule, LaMar Conzaf, Al Walker, John Cleland, and Jon Burke.

Mendon	2	Climax-Scotts	20	Mendon	24	White Pigeon	6
Mendon	32	Schoolcraft	12	Mendon	34	Centreville	6
Mendon	6	Colon	6	Mendon	8	Constantine	8
Mendon	6	Three Rivers	6				

# Varsity Girl's Basketball



Coach Gus gives last minute instructions.



F.R. Shelly Sedlarik, Mary Lou Cook, Jill Cupp, Deb Tokarski, Sheri Haitt, Deb Truckey, B.R. Kathy Jeffries, Julie Bruecks, Sharon Beebe, Betty Wilds, Debb Androsky, Sue Heiser, Jean Hempel, and Coach Gus.

ty Wilds, Debb Androsky, Sue Heiser, Jean Hempel, and Coach Gus.



Jean Hempel passes to a teammate.



Jill Cupp outjumps a Magi.

This year's Varsity girls' basketball team finished their season with a 5 win, 10 loss record.

Sophomore, Sharon Beebe, was the team's main force in scoring, while Senior Jill Cupp was always up in the air to lead in rebounding. The whole team put in their fair share of hard work and enthusiasm.

Jill and Sharon were selected to the all league first team and Deb Tokarski was selected to the second team.

The team was partially made up of returning letter women with four seniors: Mary Lou Cook, Betty Wilds, Jill Cupp and Deb Tokarski, Two, juniors: Dathy Jeffries, Deb Androsky, Four sophomores: Shelly Sedlarik, Julie Brueck, Sheri Haitt, Sharon Beebe, Deb Truckey, and One freshman: Jean Hempel.

Co-Captains of the team were Jill Cupp and Deb Tokarski.



1st row: B. Motz, D. Mathews, K. Truckey,  
C. Boggio, M. Douglas, B. Johnson, 2nd row:

C. Cook, P. Ray, B. Millard, C. Racerte, K.  
Crocker, B. Ruth, J. Cupp, Coach Cupp.

Time out for a new play.

Under the coaching of Ms. Phyllis Cupp, this year's J.V. team had a very successful season. By showing quite a lot of experience Mendon finished in second place behind White Pigeon.

Keri Crocker lead the team in scoring while Becky Mil-

lard was the teams rebounding force. Although the girls put in a lot of effort, they also had a lot of fun and folly during the season; but in the end they came out very victorious.

Being composed of mostly freshmen, next year's team should also be very rewarding.

# *Mendon Varsity Places*



The varsity basketball team completed another successful campaign this year guided by new head coach Terry Morris. The teams final record was 14 wins, 10 losses.

The Hornets started the season out slow, very slow in fact, losing the majority of their games and placing last in SJV league play. But half-way thru the season the players

and Coach Morris pulled together and finished the season strong. The team lost only 3 games and won the remaining contests to finish 4th in the league.

Dan Kennedy was named 1st team all-league while Dan Batten and Wayne

# Fourth in League



Front; Coach Morris, Joe Baker, Steve Harden, Dan Kennedy, Mike Boggio, Middle; Steve Mitchell, Jon Cook, Doug Phelps, Gary Grei-

der, Back; Raymond McClain, Alan Avery, Lance Conrad, Wayne McGlothlen, Dan Batten.



McGlothlen received notification of 2nd team all-league honors.

In Michigan High School Tournament play the Hornets defeated Tekonsha, 99-56, to advance to the District finals against Climax-Scotts. The team romped past Climax 65-57 to become District Champions! In Regionals, Schoolcraft

and Mendon squared off, with the Hornets pulling out a close win (61-60), to advance to the Regional championship against Galien. Mendon fought valiantly against the Gaels, but lost 55-54, to end their 1975-76 basketball season. Congratulations to Coach Morris and the team on a fine victorious season!

# J.V.'S Place Third



FR: P. Chaney, S. Huff, K. Batten, R. Noel,  
Coach Schwartz. MR: L. Martin, S. Kile, J.  
Zinsmaster, D. Hiatt, C. Jones. BR: D. Stein-

barger, B. Cross, G. Greider, D. Brueck, S.  
Mitchell.



The Junior Varsity completed their season with an overall 12-10 record, their St. Joe Valley League record of 11-6 placed them third in the league standings. The JV's were also runners-up in the Athens Christmas tournament.

Doug Brueck led the team in both rebounds and points and along with the other fine JV ballplayers they should help the varsity a great deal next year.

# Fired-Up Freshmen



Standing: Coach Lutz, Doug Kloosterman, Russ Ahrens, Russ McClain, Lemar Conrad, Frank Eberstein, Steve Courtney. Kneeling: Tom Eick-

hoff, Steve Brundige, Ricky Noel, Jeff Huckendubler, and Manager Steve Kline.



This year's Freshmen basketball team showed great signs of good things to come at Mendon. They had an outstanding 14-4 season. The only team to beat them twice was

Constantine. The young Hornets showed much hustle and ability. We are all fired up and looking forward to good things to come from these boys in the future.

# Junior High Basketball Teams



BR. Coach Ayers, D. Renfro, D. Jennett, J. Hagenbuch, T. Crouch, F. Jones, D. George, C. Zinsmaster. 2nd Row-C. Spence,

R. Howe, C. Maher, L. Johnson, A. Abler, T. Hurley, Front-D. Parks, S. Parker, J. Batten, L. Cook.



BR-M. Ahrens, S. Adams, K. Channey, T. Hiatt, L. Jones, Coach Sedam, FR-D. Jennett, J. Clark, J. Albright, S. Fryling, T. Hicks.

# Co-Ed Golf Team Tees Off



The 1975 Golf Team consisted of: Dan Avery, Karen Renfro, Linda Fisher, Rick Noel, Sam Huff, Terry Ettinger, and Carlene Brundige.



Coach Lutz

The Golf Team completed a disappointing season by finishing last in the regional tournament at Marcellus. While only winning one match during the season, the golfers had fun, and gained a great deal of experience.

The Mendon Team was the only team in the league to take on a new look with the addition of three girls. Karen

Renfro and Linda Fisher were both Seniors, with Carlene Brundige returning next year. Four of the guys will also be returning next year. With the experience gained through hard work this year, Mendon can expect big things from its next Golf Team.

## Mendon's Varsity Volleyball Team

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball team had a better season than last year. They ended with a 3-4 record and fourth place in the league standings. This season was a first for everyone. It was Mr. Wagner's first experience as being a coach and the girls' first experience being coached by a male.

Next year's team will miss the experience of the five Seniors. They are Betty Wilds, Jill Cupp, Pat Rogge, Deb Tokarski, and Sandy Barter who also made the All-League girls' Volleyball team. Taking over next year are Juniors Myra Kuhlman, Kathy Jeffries, Julie McClain, Sandy Cupp, and Debb Androsky along with Sophomore Sharon Beebe. All the girls helped in leading the team to a better winning season. Congratulations to all the girls and also to Coach Wagner for a good season.



Standing: Julie McClain, Betty Wilds, Pat Rogge, Jill Cupp, Deb Tokarski, Sandy Barter, Coach Wagner. Kneeling: Mgr. Pat Beebe, Myra Kuhlman, Kathy Jeffries, Sandy Cupp, Debb Androsky, Sharon Beebe.



*JV's  
Bump for  
A Good  
Season*



Through the victories and upsets, the ups and downs, the conquests and disappointments, the Junior Varsity girls Volleyball team had their best season. With the help of working as a team and improving skills during practices these 15 girls ended up with a pleasing 4 win-3 loss record for the 1976 season.



**TEAM**

Front row: Carol McClain, Janette Cupp, Julie Brusock, Laurie Spence, Lora Clark, Becky Motz, Dee Michels. Back row: Barb Ruth, Keri Crocker, Sheri Hiatt, Becky Millard, Carol Hampton, Sandy Lash, Lorie Huff, Chris Boggio and Coach Stefanski.

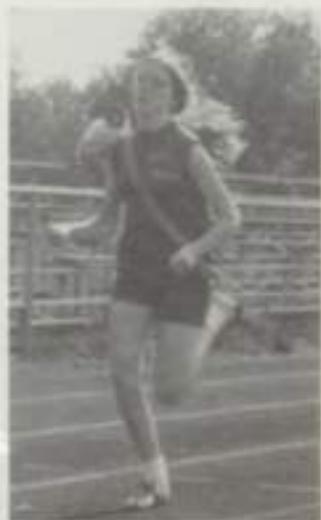
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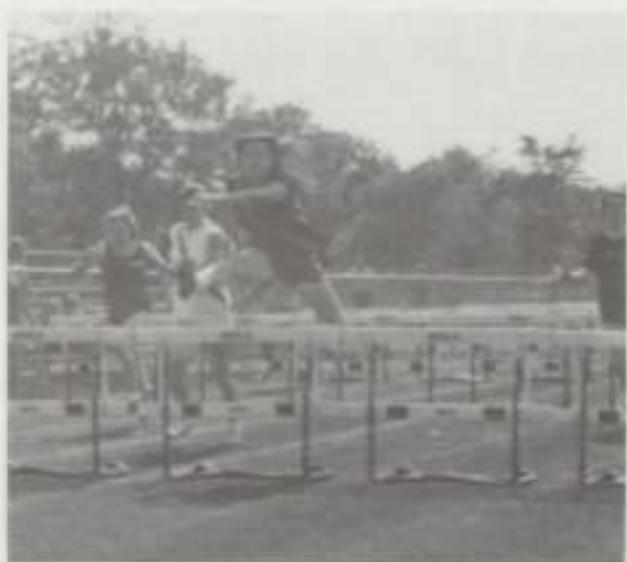


# *Sixth in the State*



*Girl's Put  
In a Good  
Track Season*





# *Varsity Baseball Team*



## Hits a 5-9 Record



B.R. coach Ayers, Al Beebe, Jim Hart, Dune Batten, Mike McClain, Joe Baker, Ray McClain, F.R. Kevin Batten, Frank Eberstein, Flint Shepard, Randy Noel, Dave Motz, Dan Kennedy, Dale Hiatt.

## *JV's Had a Super Season*



# Mendon's Varsity Lettermen



FR. S. Mitchell, B. Wilds, M. Ulrich, G. Greider, R. Skinner, G. Millard; 2nd. S. Boebe, M. Cook, D. Andro, J. McClain, D. Tokarski, M. Truckey, J. Cupp; 3d. C. Miller, P. Rogge, M. Kuhlman, P. Springer, R. Tompkins, G. Burke, A. Avery; 4th. L. Crocker, J. Cook, M. McClain, D. Millard, W. McGlothlen, M. Boggio, N. Phelps, Bob Mast; 5th. D. Hiatt, M. Heiser, S. Mitchell, R. Taylor, R. Haas, K. Hempel, J. Baker, D. Batten.

# Mendon Varsity



Top R. Sandy Cupp, Dee Dee Shaw, Linda Crocker.

Bottom R. Teresa Baker, Laurie Johnson, Judy McGlothen.



Those fans of more than one sport may have been surprised to see some different faces on the cheerleading squad for basketball. They were different from the faces that

cheered during the football season.

Two tryouts were held, for the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders one early last year for football and one late for

# Spirit Makers



Top: Myra Kuhlman, Linda Crocker. Bottom: Julie McClain, Cheryl Phelps, Julie McGlothlen.

basketball. This arrangement seemed to work fine, and expect to see it again in the future.

Both the Varsity's football squad and basketball squad had eventful seasons. They rooted for the teams when they

were winning and they supported them with hearty cheers when they were losing. The Varsity squads were a key factor to the spirit this year.

# Junior Varsity Cheerleaders



Left to Right: Val Sedlarik, Lauren Cook, and Kathy Shutes, Lori Happel, Deb Truckey, Theresa Haas,



Top: Theresa Haas, Beth Phelps, MR: Nicholas. Bottom R: Rexane Arnett, and Shirley Jones, Theresa Baker, Kelly, and Deb Truckey.

The Junior Varsity Cheerleading squads both did an outstanding job this year, standing behind their teams through thick and through thin. Meeting cheerleaders from other schools and leading the fan bus crowds in cheers were only

part of the excitement that came with being so closely involved with the team's and the school's morale.

The effort and enthusiasm that these girls shared helped to make Mendon the super school spirit that it is.

# 9th and Junior High Squads



Top: Kathy Shutes, Kathy Truckey, Bottom: Patty Williams, Stephanie Labram, Lori Happel.



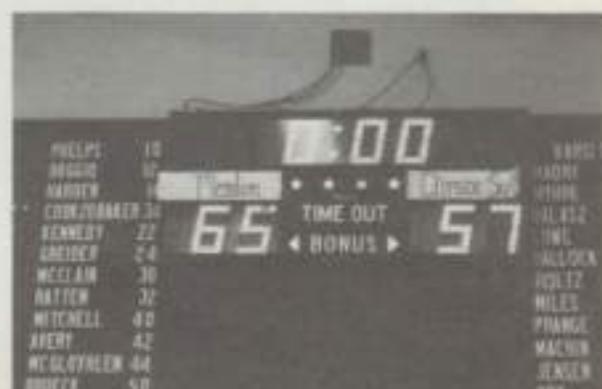
Top: Laurie King, Tammy Belson, Nancy Bradshaw, Linda George, Renee Smecker, Deb Roop, Deb Heath. Middle: Jamie Nicholas, Karen Tokarski, Patty Hines, Leona Hockenberger, Margie Tossin. Next: Gale Cooper B: Patty Strait, Lori Town.



Top: Sue Johnson, Laura Howe, Evy Monroe. Bottom: Kerri Spence, Beth Bringman, Pam Dills, Teri Parks.



# Mendon Reclaims District Title





# Involvement



# King & Queen

Susie Jones and Dan Batten



# The Last Homecoming



The King and Queen candidates were as follows: Gary Greider, Sandy Barter, Mitch Ulrich, Bernadette Sampson, Dan Batten, Susie

Jones, Pat Zimmaster, Steve Harden, Connie Heath, and Dan Kennedy.

Homecoming was a week full of enjoyment and activities. Events such as Fairy Tale Day, Old Fashioned Day, Kiddie's Day, and of course, Green and White Day, kept the students busy and the halls colorful.

We ended the week with a snake dance down to the football field on Friday afternoon. The teachers entertained us with a game of blindfold football. The assembly was highlighted with the annual tug-of-war, and the dummy burning. This spirited day led up to the big night and the an-

nouncement of the queen. When halftime rolled around the band played and the queen candidates arrived in Corvettes. At last the awaited, tense moment had arrived, and Susie Jones was crowned queen.

The Hornets made it a perfect night by defeating Michigan Lutheran by a score of 40 to 0.

The dance, which followed the game, made the night, and the week, a complete success.

## Homecoming Week,



Susie and Dune enjoy their traditional dance.



Lisa dresses for the occasion.



Carol and Teddy: inseparable!

# *A Big Success!*



Story book characters on fairytale day.

Powderpuff king Dave Motz and escort Betty Wilds.

## *Senior 76'ers Defeat*

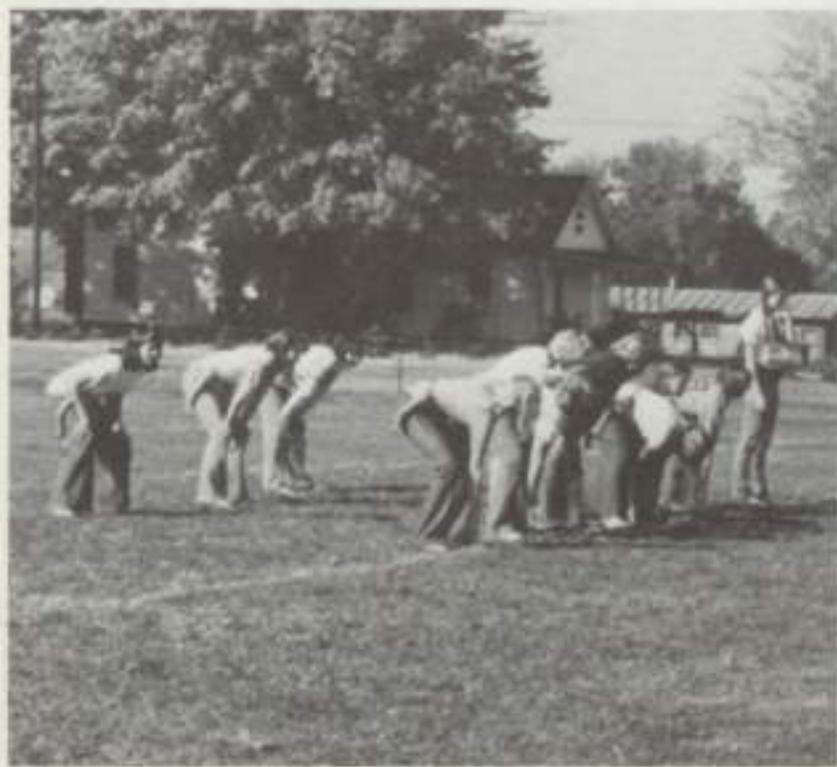


Seniors talk over a new play.



Coaches Sedam and Stevens.

## *Junior Jaws, 12 to 6*



Junior girls practicing for the big game.



The Junior Coaches were Mr. Swartz and Mr. Morris.

# Mendon's High School Band



The High School Band consists of 76 energetic members, under the direction of William Crouch.

The 1976 Marching Band received a first division rating in marching competition at Three Rivers.

The Band attended the Centreville Fair Day. They worked hard at night practices to put together shows for the home football games.

This year's Concert Band Festival was held in Cilimax.

# Celebrates with Spirit



Scotts. Our band received a second rating.

On April 29, the band presented their Spring Concert. The following Seniors have been in band for eight years, B.R. Allen Bebee, Kirk Spence, Steve Mitchell, Mark

Truckey, Bruce Meyers, Don Hayden, Rodney Taylor, M. D. Jill Cupp, Linda Crocker, Pat Springer, Pat Rogge, Elise Ross, Michelle Huff, Carol Miller, Susie Jones, Pat Zinsmaster.

# Junior High Band Marches On!



The Junior High Band had a very active year. They marched at several J.V. football games, in the Bicentennial Wagon Train parade and the annual Memorial Day parade. Their district concert festival was held in Coldwater

this year. They received a straight 2 rating. The highlight of the Junior High Band's year was their 1976 Spring Concert. Their music delighted the large audience that came to listen to the performance.

# Mendon's Student Senate



Standing—G. Tyree, L. Crocker, S. Jones, J. Cook, Sitting—J. Cook, M. Heiser, K. Truckey, K. Mitchell, S. Labrum, B. Phillips, C. Heath, M. Ulrich, S. Mitchell, S. Haitt, Center—Mr. Sedam.



Student Senate (originally known as Student Council) has been very busy this year, organizing Homecoming, Snow Carnival, sponsoring the various assemblies we've had throughout the year, and ending the year with over-all success. President Gwenn Tyree reports that the representatives of the various classes have been quite active in putting their activities up for approval, and very cooperative in meetings. Some

of their accomplishments have been to amend and approve a new Student Senate Constitution, Donate money to the needy, sell jewelry, and act as a medium of agreement when problems arise. Mr. Sedam as advisor, worked quite consistently with the Senate and Senate officers throughout the year.

## Putting It All Together



BR: Sandy Barter, Gary Greider, Larry Krull, Debb Androsky. MR: Sandy Cupp, Linda Fisher, Mrs. Reece, Carol Miller, Betty Wilds, Susie Jones, FR: Kim Clark, Lisa Weaver, Connie Heath, and Molly Wisser.

Working on a layout.

This year's Publication's class enjoyed the time they spent getting the yearbook together.

We had many new ideas, and spent much time discussing them and deciding which changes would be for the better.

The class was smaller this year with only thirteen students. Only two Juniors worked on the yearbook and the

paper, which will make it more difficult for the class next year.

This year for the first time there were co-editors of the yearbook which were Kim Clark and Sandy Barter. Gary Greider had the responsibility of getting out a good school paper.

# *Ski Club and Key Club*

Those students who had an urge to feel free took to the hills, on skis that is. The ski-club spent some snowy winter days doing what came naturally, skiing out in the open air, enjoying the feeling of freedom.



Mendon's Key Club is a service club. The students who belong to this organization help the community and school through their various projects. Under the direction of Mr. Wilson, the Key Club worked to make life in Mendon just a little bit better.

*Now Carnival King and Queen  
Joe and Judie*



# Color My World



Jon and Jill  
1975 King and Queen



Steve and Pat  
Senior Class



Joe and Judie  
Junior Class



Terry and Laurie  
Sophomore Class



Russ and Kelly  
Freshman Class



Kirk and Carol  
Band



Joe and Deb  
Cheerleaders



Marty and Joanne  
Student Senate



Princel and Anita  
Key Club

# *Snow Carnival Activities*



Karen and Linda Painted face day.



Princell Channey in his favorite hairedo



Tammy Belson, David Parks, Debbie Heath,

# *a Big Success*



Dan Janette, Kerry Spence, Tom Hicks, Cindy Haas, Tom Hiatt.

Prince and Princess David Parks and Tammy Belton

# *The 1976 Junior-Senior*



# *Prom—Midnight Blue*



## *N.H.S. Inducts Nine*



1976 was the beginning of many new things. The National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony

during the school day for the first time this year. Nineteen new members were welcomed into the N.H.S. before stu-

## *teen New Members.*



dents, faculty and parents at the Awards Day assembly. Speeches by four Senior members served to enlighten the au-

dience on the qualifications of being a member of the National Honor Society.

## *Extra Duty Activities*

### GRADE HELP

Sondra Phelps, Sandy Barter, Stephanie Hodges, Judie McGlothlen, Sandy Sylvester

### OFFICE HELP

FR: Wayne McGlothlen, Mitch Ulrich, Wayne Wright,  
MR: Rod Taylor, Marylou Cook, Myra Kuhlman, Jill  
Cupp, Connie Heath, BR: Dan Batten, Al Avery

### PHYS. ED. HELP

Kevin Hempel, Julie McClain, Randy Tompkins

### MODEL U.N.

FR: Doyle Miller, Carol Miller, Linda Crocker, Karen  
Renfro. BR: Mike Huff, Deb Tokarski, Sandy Lash,  
Larry Krull.

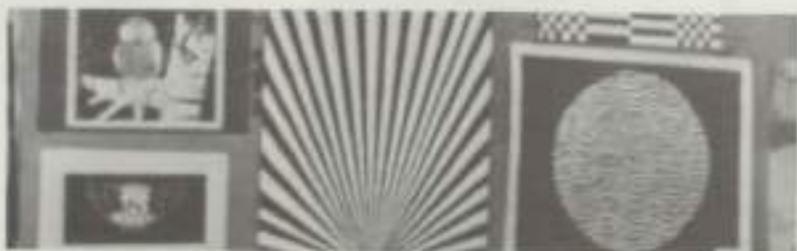
### LIBRARY HELP

Princel Channey, Deb Cooper





# Freedom of Expression



Expression is the truest form of freedom. The young artists at M.H.S. expressed themselves through their work in Art class. Mrs. Ryckman and company took time out in late spring to display the work of these students in the Art Show.

All students, faculty, and members of the community were urged to meander down to the township library and enjoy the creative displays. Those who took the time were not disappointed.



Liberty

# Two Hundred Years of Liberty

In 1776, our country was born. Our people were alive with ambitions, plans, and dreams. Two hundred years later, we celebrate our independence in the joyous spirit of our forefathers with parties, picnics and parades. We ponder on the past, thinking about the early settlers and their hardships. We look back into our history at the wars of our ancestors, our grandfathers, our fathers, our brothers. We emotionally look to the past with pride and with sorrow. In 1976, we also look to our future, our children. We see in them the strength of our nation. We instill in them the courage to dream. And we celebrate.



# *We Celebrate with Joy*



On Tuesday, May 11th 1976, the Wagon Train rolled into Mendon. The High School Marching Band led the parade and the whole town lined the streets to view the event. The evening festivities included square dancing, chuck wagon meal, and music. Everyone joined in with bicentennial spirit.



# Mendon, Michigan a



Two hundred years ago the lovely, fertile land, where Mendon township now rests, was part of large Nattawasepi Indian reservation. The first Frenchmen in the area discovered the land as they followed Indians over the Chicago trail. In November of 1829, St. Joseph County was officially organized and opened up to white settlers.

In 1829 two French settlers by the name of Godfoi, came to the area to set up a small store and trading post on the shores of the St. Joseph River. In 1831 Francaise Mauton traveled from Monroe, Mich. with his family to make a home in what is now Mendon. He took over the post belonging to the

Godfoi brothers.

Patrick Marantette arrived to the new settlement from Detroit in August of 1833. He was an educated strong young man of royal blood. He purchased the section of land on the St. Joe River which included the trading post. He eventually built the Marantette Manor on this beautiful lot of land. By 1840 a number of French settlers followed Marantette and came to this scenic area to build new homes.

Mendon officially became a village in 1845. The first homes were built of simple logs. The first hotel was built in town in 1846. Mendon was on its way to becoming a fine settled village.

Several of the downtown buildings were destroyed by a fire in 1910. Most of the merchants were able to re-establish their stores. Some were lost forever. By 1911, the once French settlement had two hotels, three churches, a Carnegie library, which cost ten thousand dollars, and a brand new, beautiful school which cost twenty-five thousand dollars.

This small township sent its sons to fight in every war. The people of Mendon are proud of their history, proud of their people's accomplishments, and proud to be part of a Bicentennial town.

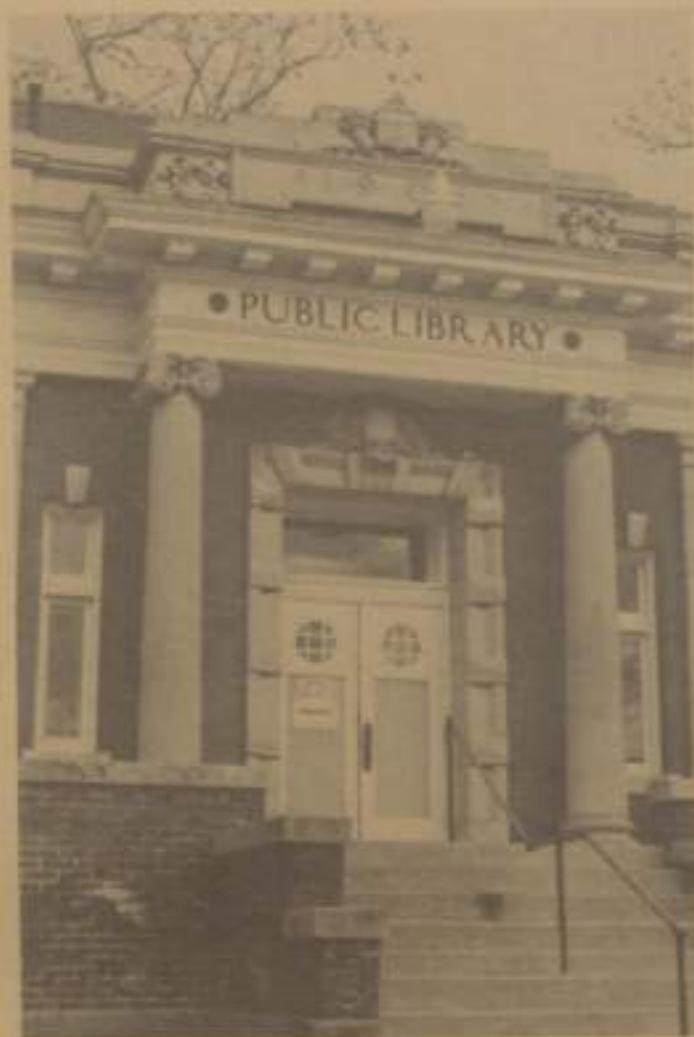
# Bicentennial Town.



Top left: 1880 view of Mendon. Top right: Downtown street scene of Mendon's fire, Oct. 4, 1916. Bottom left: Penn Central tracks over St. Joe River Bridge. Bottom right: A typical 19th century Mendon homestead.

## *Our History Reflected In Our Buildings*

The Mendon Township Public Library (right) was built in 1905 through a Carnegie grant. St. Edwards' Catholic Church (bottom left), was built in 1908 under the supervision of Rev. H. Kaufman, it was built by hand from field stone. It replaced the old church (bottom right) which was dedicated in 1872 by Fr. Lallele on land donated by the Marantette family.





The Wakeman Chapel (top left) was once known as the Wakeman House (middle left), a fine hotel and restaurant. Bottom Left: A 19th Century sketch of the St. Joseph County Court House in Centerville. Bottom right: The Mendon United Methodist Church on Main Street.



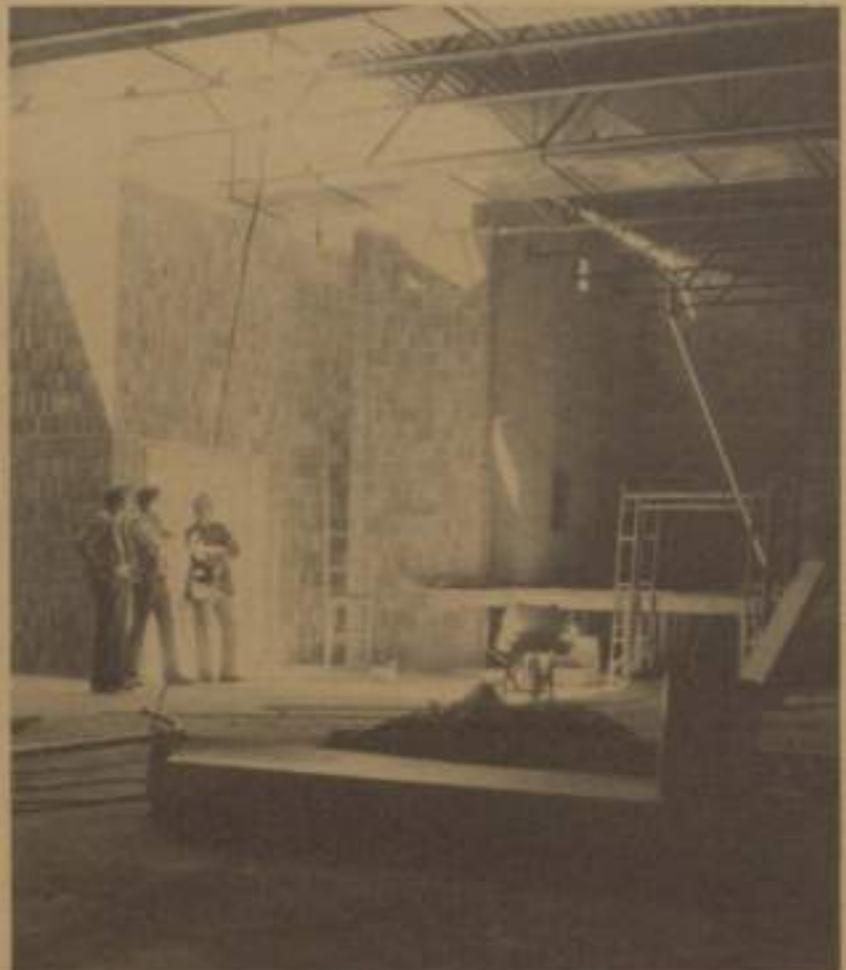




Mendon was settled by Frenchmen in the mid 19th century. They came to this placid spot on the bank of the St. Joseph River to build homes and start new lives. The town has altered since those early days, but the people of Mendon still enjoy and appreciate the splendor of the St. Joe.



# *1910 School Building Symbolizes*



# Generations of High School Memories



The old high school building, built in 1910, has been used by generation after generation of Mendonites. It is a firm foundation of history and memories . . . Memories of past homecomings, athletic teams, dances, report cards, organizations.

A new building is being built; it too will enkindle memories for future students and future generations. Styles have changed; there are new uniforms and updated equipment. But students are the same, and when the future students look back to their days at Mendon High School their memories will be the same too.







Mendon has always been known for its good athletic teams. From old yearbook pages we take a glimpse at some of our past squads.



M.H.S. students are not only good athletes, they are students who get involved. Over the years many organizations and clubs proved to be an outlet for involvement and energy.





# Essays and Poetry



In order to celebrate the Bicentennial, the Bicentennial Committee sponsored an essay contest for the secondary school students. The students were asked to write about several topics concerning our nation's history, people, and accomplishments. Bob Mast and Darlene Detwiler placed first in the high school and junior high school divisions. Lia Krull and Margie Tassin placed second.

When one ponders over our nation's heritage over the past two-hundred years, one usually thinks of times when our forefathers strove to create a better life for future generations. Great events, inventions and inventors, of which we've heard since early childhood, have indeed contributed greatly to our present way of life. I would like to have seen the expression of Ben Franklin's face when he perfected his spectacles, or when Thomas Edison designed a practical lightbulb, or perhaps to witness Henry Ford's first automobile ride through town. These and countless other discoveries are things which we have come to take for granted in our daily lives. But I'd like to consider a seldom mentioned part of our heritage, a part which made all of these other things possible. This part is education.

Education in our country has not always been what it is today. In fact very few people received any education two-hundred years ago. But there were many dedicated people who contributed greatly to the growth of public education throughout our nation's existence.

During the years 1897 to 1907 our country underwent a period of vast industrialization and prosperity, and along with this came a need for better education. In earlier times the education of young people was considered to be an unnecessary institution, and was mainly a religious concern. Fortunately there appeared men and women who recognized the need for better public education. Some not only saw the need, but dedicated much of their time to the cause. There were men like Thaddeus Stevens, a politician who gave many speeches of free education. Horace Mann gave up a promising career in politics to become secretary of the state board of

Life comes from the water  
and the land,  
soil, and water give us  
a helping hand.

And it's very important  
for survival,  
and every day comes a  
new arrival.

And every day someone  
goes back to the earth,  
and every day is a  
new birth.

We got just what we need  
to help your family feed.

To keep us alive  
and to survive.

—Darlene Detwiler

education. His wife Mary, along with her sister, Elizabeth Peabody, gave much to the cause of education as school teachers. Advocates of higher education included James McCosh, president of Harvard, and many others.

In the early eighteen hundreds, states started to require the development of public schools and also the attendance of all children. By 1900 all but two states, excluding the South, had made schooling for all children compulsory.

Education had achieved great advancements, but there were still improvements to be made. Most children received an average of only five years of school, and the rural one room school houses were often inadequate. With the great increase in the number of public high schools also.

The development of many schools had been made possible by federal land grants. As far back as the land ordinance of 1785 and 1787, land was being set aside for the building of schools. In 1862 the Morrill act was passed which granted each state thirty thousand acres of land for each member it had in the house of representatives. There were also lands given for the expressed purpose of developing colleges.

The development of education was a necessary part in the growth of our country. Now as we are in the midst of the celebration of our nation's bicentennial, one can consider the educational opportunities available to us today, and really appreciate the efforts of those who strove to make these opportunities possible. When we consider how far we've come in the institution of education we know we really have something to celebrate about on our country's two-hundredth birthday.

—Bob Mast



# Independence



# Turn Around, You're a Senior



A	Wayne M.	F	Karen R.	K	Robin J.	P	Jill C.	U	Ron H.
B	Kenn D.	G	Gary G.	L	Deb H.	Q	Gary S.	V	Deb T.
C	Fred H.	H	Linda F.	M	Marylou C.	R	Sandy B.	W	Gwen T.
D	Betty W.	I	Linda C.	N	Pat Z.	S	Pat V.	X	Bob C.
E	Chuck M.	J	Sandy T.	O	Pat R.	T	Dan B.	Y	Al B.

# Walking Out of the Door



A	Bernadette S.	F	Bev H.	K	Terrie H.	P	Lisa W.	U	Molly W.
B	Michelle H.	G	Mark G.	L	Bruce M.	Q	Kevin S.	V	Kim C.
C	Deb C.	H	Doug M.	M	Al A.	R	Connie H.	W	Carol B.
D	Lance C.	I	Mark D.	N	Geoff B.	S	Pat S.		
E	Mike H.	J	Carol M.	O	Kirk S.	T	Elise R.		

# Mock Elections

**MOST TALENTED:** Larry Krull, Molly Wiser; **MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT:** Linda Crocker, Dune Batten.



**LATE FOR EVERYTHING:** Rob Haas, Terrie Hicks (too late); **MOST DEPENDABLE:** Carol Miller, Steve Mitchell



**BIGGEST FLIRTS:** Sandy Barter, Mark Trucky; **BEST DANCERS:** Gary Greider, Pat Zinzmaster.





**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED:** Deb Tokarski, Fred Hayden; **CLASS CLOWNS:** Mary Lou Cook, Gary Stitteler.



**BEST LOOKING:** Bernadette Sampson, Dan Kennedy; **BEST DRESSED:** Mike Boggio, Connie Heath.



**FRIENDLIEST:** Susi Jones, Mitch Ulrich; **SHYEST:** Sandy Tyler, Jerry Truckey.



On Saturday, April 3, 48 anxious seniors and 4 chaperones piled into a bus and left Mendon at 10:00 P.M. for our trip to Florida. During the 16 hour bus ride, we played cards, ate lots of food, and slept anywhere there was room. Finally, after a long and tiring ride, we reached Atlanta, Georgia on Sunday afternoon for an overnight stay. After rooms were assigned, there was free time and a few of us visited a nearby amusement park.

Early Monday morning, we once again boarded the bus to continue our journey south. We visited Marineland on the east coast of Florida for a few hours. Finally after an 8 hour bus ride, we reached our destination—Orlando. Everyone was pretty tired and glad to get off the bus for a few days.

Tuesday, we went on a scenic tour through Cypress Gardens. We also saw some orange groves on the way back to the motel. After dinner, everyone enjoyed a swim in the pool.



Wednesday, we left bright and early for an all day adventure at Walt Disney World. It rained in the morning, but by afternoon the sun was shining. It was a long and tiring day, but we had fun.

On Thursday it was time to pack and head for home. On the way back to Atlanta, we stopped at a beach and got our first real view of the Atlantic Ocean. We also toured the old city of St. Augustine. We once again arrived in Atlanta for

our last night.

Friday, we boarded the bus for the last time and made our way north. We traveled for 16 hours and finally rolled into Mendon around midnight. Everyone returned home a little happier and wiser to the true meaning of friendship and fun. There will be many happy memories of one of the last times we spent together as a group.

# *Cherish Yesterday . . . Dream*



There was a feeling of anticipation and excitement as the class of 1976 gathered together for that final moment—commencement. Those feelings of togetherness and friend-

ship were stronger than ever, as each one of us realized that soon it would be time to say our last good byes.

# *Tomorrow . . . Live Today*



During the ceremony, each one of us listened carefully to the words being spoken, and finally the dream that we had

experienced so many times with other graduating classes was now over for us.





# 1976 Senior Directory

ARTHUR HENRIQUE ANAWATE: Soccer (Brazil) Track (4), Foreign-Exchange Student (4).

G. ALAN AVERY ("Al"): Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Track (4), Baseball (1,2,3), Varsity Club (3,4), Office Help (4), Green Gorillas (3,4).

CAROL ANN BALLMAN: Teacher's Aid (2,3), "Stand up straight, stand up proud for what you believe. Not a dream, nor an image, but what is truth for all."

SANDRA LEA BARTER ("Sandy"): Volleyball (2,3,4), All-League Volleyball (4), Track (2), Powderpuff Football (3,4), Yearbook staff (3), Yearbook Editor (4), Prom Decorating Committee (3), Giftatory Committee (3), Photographer (3), Homecoming Court (4), 6th-Grade Camp Counselor (3,4), Grade Help (3,4).

DANIEL LEE BATTEN ("Dune"): Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Track (4), Varsity Club (2,3,4), Office Help (3,4), Homecoming King (4), Snow Carnival King (1), Green Gorillas (3,4).

ALLEN MICHAEL BEEBE ("Al"): Band (1,2,3,4), Baseball (2,3,4), Basketball (1).

MICHAEL JAMES BOGGIO ("Mike"): Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Baseball (1,2,3), Track (3,4), Varsity Club (3,4), Green Gorillas (3,4), Band (1,2).

GEOFFREY RAY BURKE ("Geoff"): Football (1,2,4), Baseball (1,2,3), Track (4), National Honor Society (2,3,4), Model United Nations (2), Boy's State (3), Campus Life (1,2), Varsity Club (4), "Old Scholars never die, they just graduate to a higher degree."

KIMBERLY CLARK ("Kim"): Cheerleader (1), Yearbook Photographer (3,4), Yearbook Business Manager (4), Yearbook Assistant Editor (4), 6th-Grade Camp Counselor (3,4), Student Council Representative (3), National Honor Society (4), Powderpuff Football (3,4), Prom Committee (3), Donkey Basketball (3).

ROBERT ALAN COLE ("Bob"): Band (2,3), Building Trades (4).

LANCE ALAN CONRAD: Basketball (1,2,3,4), Band (1,2,3), "Enjoy life; Eat, Drink and be Merry!"

JONATHAN PHILLIP COOK ("Jon"): Basketball (1,2,3,4), Track (1,2,3,4), Varsity Club (1,2,3,4), Student Council (1), Student Senate (4), Model U.N. Delegate (Honorable Mention) (2), "Worry and anger is wasted time of your life."

MARY LOU COOK: Basketball (1,2,3,4), Volleyball (1), Track (1,2), Varsity Club (4), GAA (1,2), P.E. Help (3), Office Help (4), Prom Committee (3), Trip Committee (4), Honor Art Student (3), 6th-Grade Camp Counselor (3,4), "Every girl has her mischievous moments but mine are all of the time!" Donkey Basketball (3), Powderpuff Football (3,4).

DEBRA RENEE COOPER ("Deb"): Campus Life (1,2), Basketball (1), Powderpuff Football (3,4), Fashion Show (1), Band (1), Library Help (2,4), "Far-Out!"

LINDA DIANE CROCKER: Cheerleading (3,4), Girl's Basketball (1,2), Volleyball (2), Track (1), Student Senate (1,3,4), Student Senate Vice-President (4), Class Vice-President (3), Band (1,2,3,4), Pep Band (1,2,3,4), Model U.N. Delegate (4), Powderpuff (3,4), 6th-Grade Camp Counselor (3), Snow Carnival Court (3), "Always smile. Even if you're not happy, you might make someone else happy." National Honor Society (4).

JILL LOUISE CUPP: Basketball (1,2,3,4), Track (1,2,3,4), Volleyball (2,3,4), Band (1,2,3,4), Varsity Club (3,4), Cheerleader (1,2), Powder Puff Football (3,4), Office Help (3,4), Snow Carnival Queen (3).

MARK JAMES DENTLER: Track (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2), Band (1,2), Ski Club (4).

KENNETH WILLIAM DEWOLFF ("Ken"): Ski Club (4), Band (1,2), Metals (2), Machine Shop (4).

LINDA MARIE FISHER: Golf Team (4), Newspaper Staff (4), Yearbook Staff (4), Powderpuff Football Cheering-Section (4), "Remember to live today to its fullest because if you save up a lot of tomorrows you'll have a lot of empty yesterdays!"

MARK STEVEN GEORGE: Basketball (1), Campus Life (2), Spring Play (3), "Learning has just begun, it will never end!"

GARY LEE GREIDER: Football (1,2,3,4), All-League (4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Track (1,2,3,4), Band (1,2), Newspaper Editor (4), Yearbook Staff (3,4), Homecoming Court (4), Class President (2), Varsity Club (3,4), Student Council (3), Powderpuff Cheerleader (4), Family Leader of Tomorrow (4), Honor Student (2,3,4), Model United Nations (3), Netherlands Foreign Exchange Student (3), "Live your life to the fullest, always be yourself and strive for the perfection you desire."

ROBERT GREGORY HAAS ("Rob"): Journalism Award (1), Ski Club (2,4), Basketball (2).

STEPHEN RAY HARDEN ("Steve"): Football (2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,4), Baseball (1,2,3), Annual Staff (3), Newspaper Staff (3), Snow Carnival King (2), Varsity Club (3,4), Homecoming Escort (4), "We all would like to be rich but not spend too much time or effort in getting there."

DEBRA FRANCES HART ("Deb"): Powderpuff (3), Basketball (1), "Live for today and wait for tomorrow, for no one knows what it will bring!"

DONALD LYNN HAYDEN ("Don"): Band (3,4), "A mother works from sun to sun, but a students' work is never done!"

FREDERICK LEE HAYDEN ("Fred"): Band (3,4), National Honor Society (3,4). "Our school days draw to a close, And, though we have not learned what we are to be, we have, perhaps, learned that we have much to learn."

RONALD LYNN HARDEN ("Ron"): Band (3,4), Building Trades (4).

CONNIE SUE HEATH: Cheerleader (1,2,3), Powderpuff Football (3), Prom Committee (3), Student Senate Representative (4), Office Help (4), Newspaper Staff (4), Yearbook Staff (4), Money-Making-Committee (4), Snow Carnival Queen (2), Homecoming Court (4).

KEVIN TIMOTHY HEMPEL ("Kev").

TERRIE LEE HICKS: FFA (1,2), Class Treasurer (1), 4-H Club (1,2,3,4), Elementary P.E. Help (2), AMA Member (4). "Why let the Devil have all the fun!"

BEVERLY DAHL HINCHEN ("Bev"): Key Club (4), Office Help (3), Powderpuff Football (4).

ROBERT LEON HOOVER ("Bob"): Football (2,3), Track (2), Baseball (2,3,4).

GARY MICHAEL HUFF ("Mike"): Football (1,2,3,4), Baseball (1,2,3,4), Track (1,3,4), Varsity Club (2,3,4), National Honor Society (2,3,4), Basketball (1,2), Band (1,2), Pep Band (1,2), Model United Nations (4).

MICHELLE LYNN HUFF: Band (1,2,3,4), Pep Band (1,2,3,4), Track (2), Class Secretary (3,4), Concession Stand Committee (3,4), Snow Carnival Court (2).

ROBIN LYNN JOHNSTON: Grade Help (2,3), Prom Decorating Committee (3), Yearbook Staff (3,4), Newspaper Staff (3,4), Campus Life (1,2), Class Treasurer (2), Choir (1,2). "Jesus was the only teacher tall enough to see over the fences that divide the human race into compartments."

SUSAN MARIE JONES ("Susie"): Cheerleader (1,2), Band (1,2,3,4), Solo and Ensemble (1,4), Track (2), Powderpuff Football (3,4), Student Senate Representative (1,2), Student Senate Secretary (3,4), Newspaper Staff (4), Yearbook Staff (4), Prom Committee (3), Grade Help (2), Snow Carnival Court (1), Homecoming Queen (4).

DANIEL CLARK KENNEDY ("Dan"): Football (1,2,3,4), All-League (3,4), All-State (4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), All-League (3,4), Baseball (1,2,3,4), All-League (3), Homecoming Court (4), Varsity Club (2,3,4), Green Gorillas (3,4), Office Help (4). "All great men must someday die, and I don't feel so well myself!"

LARRY DEAN KRULL: Advisory Council (4), Newspaper Staff (4), Yearbook (4), Model United Nations Delegate (4), Speech Award (3). "In the end, one thing alone is clear . . . we are waiting for Godot to come!"

KERWIN DREW LARGE ("Kert"): To those of you who read this, and to those of you who don't, be happy with everything you do, and lots of luck in school!"

MICHAEL ANTHONY MC CLAIN ("Mike"): Cross-Country (2,3), Basketball (2), Baseball (2,3,4), Choir (2), Green Power (2), Key Club (2), Campus Life (2), Track (3,4), Football (4), Varsity Club (4). "Athletics have been a part of

America's lifestyle since the beginning. Americans are the greatest athletes in the world because of a drive, competitiveness, and spirit that won't let them quit; even against insurmountable odds. This is the "Spirit of America".

WAYNE EVAN MC GLOTHLEN: Football (2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Cross Country (1), Track (2,3,4), Varsity Club (3,4), Green Gorillas (3,4), Office Help (4), Basketball - All-League (4).

WARREN ALLEN MARTIN: Baseball (3), Football (2).

CHARLES RAY MAYS ("Chuck"): Football (1,2). "If the Ocean was filled with beer, and I had one wish, I would wish to become a fish."

MASON BRUCE MEYERS ("Bruce"): Football (1,2,3), Golf (2), Band (1,2,3,4), Varsity Club (2,3,4), Ski Club (3).

DOUGLAS LEE MILLARD ("Doug").

CAROL JOAN MILLER: Cheerleading (2,3), Band (1,2,3,4), Pep Band (1,2,3,4), Solo-Ensemble (1,4), Concession Stand Committee Chairman (4), Snow Carnival Court (4), National Honor Society (3,4), Honor Guard (3), Grade-Help (2), Newspaper Staff (4), Yearbook Staff (4), Class Treasurer (3), Model United Nations Delegate (4), All-Star Band (3), Arion Band Award (4), Marine Band Award (4). "Be silent or speak something worth hearing."

STEVEN HARRY MITCHELL ("Steve"): Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Baseball (1,2,3), Track (4), National Honor Society (2,3,4), Band (1,2,3,4), Wolverine Boy's State (4), Snow Carnival Court (4).

DAVID GARY MOTZ ("Dave"): Football (1,2,3,4), All-League, All-State (4), Baseball (2,3,4), National Honor Society (3,4), National Merit Commended Student (4), Presidential Class Room (4), Model U.N. (3), Varsity Club (3,4). "When you get to the point where you think that you've got everything under control, that's when you should start to worry."

DOUGLAS HAROLD PHELPS ("Doug"): Basketball (1,2,3,4), Football (1), Baseball (4), Snow Carnival (3), Student Council (3), Key Club (2), Green Power (1,2), Varsity Club (4).

NORMAN ELLIS PHELPS IV ("Norm"): Band (1,2,3,4), Pep Band (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2), Track (1), Cross Country (1), Snow Carnival Court (3), Key Club (1), Varsity Club (1,2,3,4), Ski Club (3,4).

ELIANE MARIA PIVA: Physical Education (2), Gymnastics (2), Volleyball (1,2,3,4), Decoration (3), ENGLISH (1,2,3,4) !!!, Foreign-Exchange Student (4).

KAREN MARIE RENFRO: Basketball (1,2), National Honor Society (3,4), Model U.N. (3,4), Powderpuff Football (3,4), Track Statistician (3,4), Golf (4), Volleyball (1).

PATRICIA JO ROGGE ("Pat"): Band (1,2,3,4), Solo Ensemble (1,4), All-Star Band (3), Ski Club (1), Cheerleading (1,2), Green Power (1,2), Varsity Club (4), Volleyball (3,4), Track (3), Class President (4), Prom Chairman (3), National Honor Society (3,4), DAR Good Citizen (4), Candystriper (3,4), Powderpuff Football (3,4).

ELISE RENEE ROSS: Marching Band (1,2,3,4), Concert Band (1,2,3,4), Pep Band (1,2,3,4), Volleyball (1), Track (1). "Live oneday at a time because you only live once."

MARY BERNADETTE SAMPSON ("Bernie"): Basketball (1), Track (2), Powderpuff Football (3,4), Student Council (2), Snow Carnival Queen (1), Homecoming Court (4), Prom Committee (3), Class President (3), Annual Staff (3), Baseball Statistician (4).

WANDA JUNE SENKOWSKI

GEORGE KEVIN SHAW ("Kevin"): Football (1,2,3,4), All-League Guard (4).

RODNEY LYNN SOULE ("Rum"): Band (1,2). "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."

STEVEN LAVERNE SOWERS ("Steve").

PATRICIA MARIE SPRINGER ("Pat"): Varsity Club (4), Class Treasurer (1), Senior Class Treasurer (4), Cheerleading (3), National Honor Society (2,3,4), Presidential Classroom Program (4), Green Power (1), Band (1,2,3,4), Solo Ensemble (1,4), Volleyball (2), Curriculum Planning Committee (3), Candy Striper (3), Powderpuff Football (3,4), Student Council (3).

KIRK EUGENE SPENCE: Football (1,2,3,4), Baseball (1,2), Track (3), Varsity Club (3,4), Snow Carnival Court (4), Band (1,2,4), Yearbook Staff (3). "Though the way may be rough, and the seas may be high, I'll laugh at disaster, and try to get by!!!"

GARY JOSEPH STITELER: Golf (1,2), Ski (1,2,3,4).

RODNEY JOSEPH TAYLOR ("Rod"): Football (1,2,3,4), Band (1,2,3,4), Baseball (2), Snow Carnival Court (3), Varsity Club (1,2,3,4).

DEBRA LYNN TOKARSKI ("Deb"): Basketball (1,2,3,4), Volleyball (1,2,3,4), Track (1,2,3,4), Library Help (2), GAA (1,2), Varsity Club (3,4), National Honor Society (3,4), Advisory Council (4), President (1), Powderpuff Football (3,4), Grand Valley Second-Team All League Basketball (4), Model UN (3,4), Head Delegate (4).

GERALD THOMAS TRUCKEY ("Gerry").

MARK STEVEN TRUCKEY: Ski Club (1,2,3,4), Band (1,2,3,4), Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2).

SANDRA GAIL TYLER ("Sandy"): Planning/Decorating Committee, Key Club. "Be cheerful and always happy no matter what happens, throughout everything you do."

GWENDOLYN TYREE ("Gwen"): Student Senate President (4), Student Senate Member; Vice President (3), Member of League Student Council (4), Mendon Advisory Committee (4), Key Club (4), Library Assistant (3), Class Vice President (2), Grade Help (2), Choir (2), Basketball (1), Volleyball (1). "Befitting words cause life and health, Greivous words bring discouragement." National Honor Society (4).

MITCHEL ADAM ULRICH ("Mitch"): Football (3,4), Track (3,4), Baseball (1,2), Golf (1), Student Council Treasurer (3), Varsity Club Officer (3,4), Homecoming Escort (4).

PATRICIA ANNE VAUGHN ("Pat"): Key Club (3), Campus Life Club (2), Prom Decorating Committee (3). "No matter what arises, keep on smiling so as to stay happy!"

LISA KAYE WEAVER: Powderpuff Football (3,4), Yearbook Staff (3,4), Prom Decorating Committee (3), Newspaper Staff (3,4), Fashion Show (1), Steady-with Mark! (2,3,4). "Each dawn brings a new beginning!"

BETTY LOUISE WILDS: Basketball (1,2,3,4), Volleyball (1,3,4), Track (1,2,4), Office Help (2), Library Help (3), Newspaper Staff (4), GAA (1,2), Varsity Club (3,4), Yearbook Staff (4), National Honor Society (3,4), Class Secretary (1,2,3), Varsity Club Officer (3,4), Powderpuff Football (3,4), Prom Committee (3), Senior Trip Committee (4), Cheerleader (1), Honorable Mention All League Basketball (2), Vice President (4), Green Power (1), Giftatory Committee (3). "The trouble with some people is they won't admit their faults-I'd admit mine if I had any."

MOLLY JUNE WISER: Grade Help (2), Prom Decorating Committee (3), Prom; Serving Refreshments (2), All Sports Banquet; Serving Refreshments (2), Fashion Show (1), Yearbook Staff (3,4), Newspaper Staff (3,4), Powderpuff Football (4). "There never seems to be enough time to do the things you want to do, once you find them . . ."

WILLIAM CARL WOODS ("Bill"): Succeed in life no matter what you have to do, because the end justifies the means!"

WAYNE ALLEN WRIGHT: Pie-Eating Contest Winner (2). "There is nothing as stupid as an educated man if you get him off the thing he was educated in." (Will Rogers)

PATRICIA MAY ZINSMASER ("Pat"): J. V. Cheerleader (1), Girls' Basketball (1,2,3), Homecoming Court (4), Snow Carnival Court (2,4), Band (1,2,3,4), Girls' Track (1). "Work fascinates me, I could watch it for hours!"



# Direction



## *Administration And Staff*

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Mr. McNeil showing school spirit.

Mr. Parks enjoying his lunch.



Mr. McNeil  
Principal



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This year, as always, our faculty has done a great job. Their understanding and teaching skills have given the student body a greater knowledge of the world around us.

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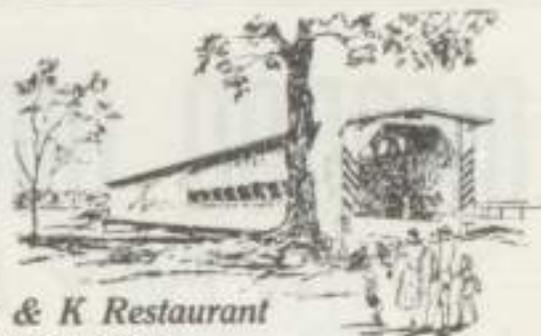
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