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Campus activities allowed us time to take a break from homework and relax with friends.

Family Day couldn't be dampened by a little rain as students and their families enjoyed booths, planetarium shows and a Civil War battle re-enactment.

A Homecoming Week filled with "The future is here and SEMO is history" took us through games night, a scavenger hunt and the talent show. A pep rally, crowning of the Queen and a bonfire finished off the week as everyone looked to the parade and game. Students danced off the loss to Southeast Missouri State to end the week.

Looking toward the future, academics gave us the knowledge to compete in the job market and the inspiration to learn more.



Eric Chilcoat

The Golden Griffon Marching Band gathers around the practice field tower for instructions from Robert Dunham, band director.



Kate Johnson

Dorm Council sponsored the movie "The Abyss" at the swimming pool in the physical education building. Students float in the pool waiting for the movie to begin.



Mark McKerrow

Senior Mike Trussell displays a lamb from the MWSC farm for preschoolers to pet.

Junior Dan Picraux, freshman Julie Kelso and junior Keri Carter enjoy dancing at the annual Sweetheart Dance.



Brian Resch

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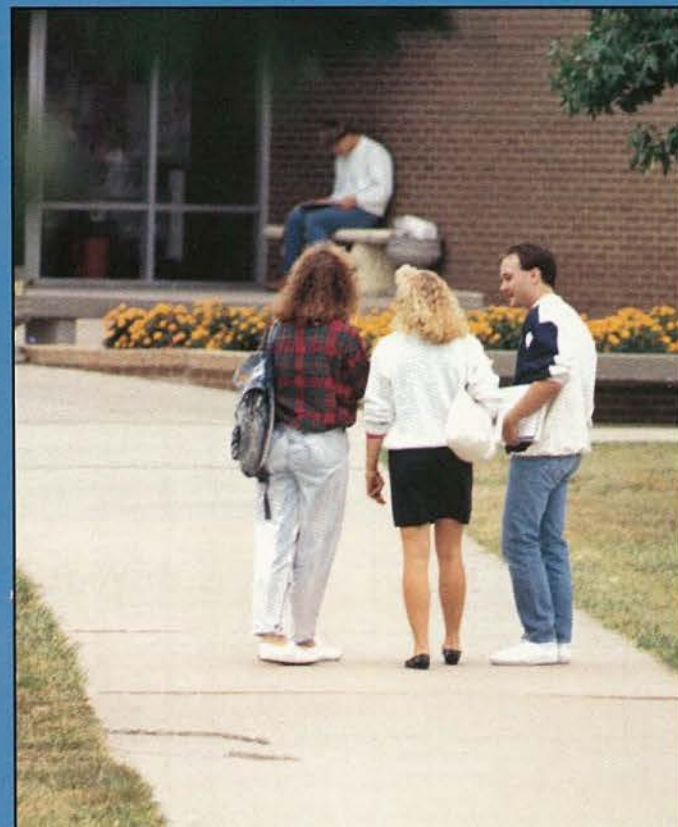
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An increase in student enrollment brought more students to campus than ever before. Freshmen brought both anxieties and anticipation to their first year of college. Going into a second year they took experience and determination to succeed.

Students took vivid memories of the war, as almost everyone knew someone in the Persian Gulf. The initial shock, followed by anxiety and tension, filled the thoughts of many. Students showed their support by wearing yellow ribbons and red, white and blue.

Some students took a diploma as graduation brought a close for them. They took experience and education into their future lives and the careers of their choice.

Closing the year, students remember the bad times and the hard times, but they also took the good times, the laughter, the fun and the friends.





Lisa Johnston

During the summer, senior Scott Williams, junior Ernie Stufflebean and senior Greg Hill move new furniture into the dormitories.

Waiting to enroll and waiting for a parking space, students endure while campus is busting at the seams

by
George
Reindel

They kept coming. They just kept coming. Lemmings rushing into the sea? Shoppers on the day after Thanksgiving? No, they were students at regular fall registration.

An unexpected surge of students who waited until regular registration to get their classes pushed the enrollment up almost 7 percent. The problems encountered with the increased enrollment, however, were slight.

With the number of students up from 4,383 to 4,647, one of the major problems encountered included vehicle accidents in the parking lot.

Director of Traffic and Security Hervey McGaugh said the accidents didn't involve any injuries, but they did tie up officers. Money was allocated and yield signs were to be erected in the parking lots. McGaugh also felt an additional full-time officer could be utilized to help with his staff scheduling.

Another problem the

college faced with the enrollment increase was the lack of dormitory space available for students in need of housing.

"When the students see that their name will be on a waiting list with many names ahead of theirs, they get discouraged," Dean of Student Affairs Forrest Hoff said.

To help the students without housing, an off-campus housing directory was created. The search yielded over 50 units for students to use. New furniture in the dorms and the addition of loft units in the triple rooms also alleviated complaints in the dorms.

Hoff anticipated the increase in enrollment to become a common occurrence in Missouri Western's future.

"I believe Missouri Western has the most opportunity of schools in Missouri to increase enrollment," Hoff said. "I see it continuing to increase."

He attributed the increase to the excellent admissions staff, the expansion of the staff's recruiting area and the

growth of job opportunities available in St. Joseph.

The increase didn't affect classes in a major way. On average, class size increased only four to five students according to Judy Field, Director of Academic Affairs. The classes in which more than five students were added were already large lecture classes. Most classes could not increase because of the size of the class. Where possible, the number of sections were increased to accommodate more students.

"Even with the increase we're still not dealing with classes of 200 to 300 as some bigger schools," Field said.

With the increase in enrollment, Missouri Western naturally encountered a number of problems, but many saw a silver lining in the situation.

"Missouri Western is in an enviable position," said Contrar Bob Hines. "While other schools are out looking for students to stop decreasing enrollment, our problem is how to handle the increase."



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On a summer registration day, freshman Niki Clinton gets her identification photo taken by Teresa Sherman from Traffic and Security.

Although the college provided overflow parking spaces, parking lots were filled to capacity after the increased enrollment during the fall semester.

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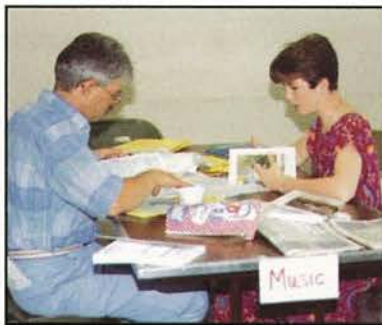




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▲▲▲ **F**reshman Paige Manning consults with music instructor David Bennett about classes for the fall semester.

▲▲▲ **D**uring summer registration, junior Tracie Pack helps freshman Renee Pival check to see if the classes she has chosen are still open. As of July 28 when an updated class schedule was printed, approximately 185 class sections were closed due to a large summer enrollment.

▲▲▲ **A**dmissions counselor, Alicia Saunders, helps sophomore Janell Wholf check over her class schedule. Wholf was a transfer student to Missouri Western.

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— Judy Fields

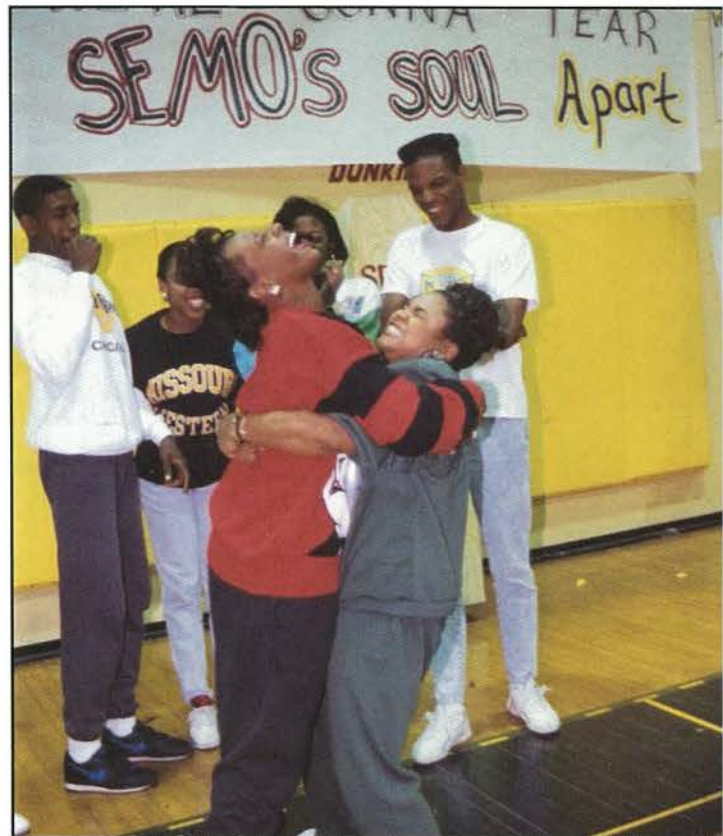
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“ I made it back to the finish line, and I bit down on the egg, and it burst. It was gross, but it was fun. ”
 — Kim Davis

▲▲**S**ophomore Sandy Smith inquires about an item for the scavenger hunt at A-Ha, a local balloon and gift store. Smith's club, Peers Reaching Others, placed second in the hunt.

▲▲**F**reshmen Geri Craft and Dawn Jones attempt to pop a balloon between their bodies by hugging each other. The Ebony Collegians was one of many organizations that participated in the balloon relay event during the pep rally held during Homecoming Week.



A night of games, a showcase of talent and a hunt for the unusual sends students into A Homecoming Frenzy

by
Nicole
Brown

Driving around Downs or walking around as during Homecoming was a colorful experience. Big wooden signs by every building proclaimed the Homecoming theme "Future is Here and History is History." Creative colorful paintings could be seen on almost every wall. With these reminders, Homecoming evenings, students found that going into the Homecoming wasn't difficult. To this level of excitement, a diverse mix of games and events were planned for students to enjoy. The week started off with a night on Monday. Student groups and organizations competed against each other in unusual and challenging tasks. Activities that ventured included tug-of-war and an obstacle course with tricycles. Wednesday night Missouri's talent came out to shine. The Talent Show was a popular event that drew a large crowd. Some late-comers who couldn't find seats leaned against the walls on the floor. While William Hugh Fink entertained the crowd between the panel of judges was the difficult task of picking the winners.

The talent show was divided into four categories which were dance/lip sync, music with vocals, music without vocals, and solo vocalists. First place winners were: dance/lip-sync, The Ebony Collegians; music with vocals, Separate Way; music without vocals, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia; and second-year victor, solo vocalist Jones Woods.

"We practiced our routine for a total of six hours," said TEC member Dawn Jones. "It was exciting that we did something and got recognized for being good."

The fun didn't stop Wednesday, for that was the night when four groups got together for a scavenger hunt. These four groups were given two hours to find such items as a real set of deer antlers, night crawlers, and the book *Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex But Were Too Afraid To Ask*. After returning from their searches, they were then asked to find the highest and lowest room numbers in certain buildings. It was then time to tally up the points and award the winner fifty dollars prize money. Phi Sigma Kappa members walked away with smiles on their faces and money in their pockets.

The finale of the scheduled festivities surfaced Thursday

with the pep rally and bonfire. Cheerleaders and Griffettes performed for the crowd before the games began. Clubs and organizations participated in many contests that tested even the most skilled members. One activity required one student to hold an egg in his mouth and ride piggy back on another student who was wearing a blindfold. The pair then had to run to the middle of the gym, circle a cone and return to where they started. Different groups used their own tactics to guide the blindfolded person. Some people pulled on their ears to indicate which way to turn and others tapped their shoulders.

"I made it back to the finish line and I bit down on the egg and it burst," said senior Kim Davis. "It was gross, but it was fun."

Junior Brooke Bodenhausen was presented with the Homecoming Queen crown. Her court consisted of senior Suzanne Hatfield, junior Janee White and sophomores Tiffany Graham and Denise Fuller. After the crowning, everyone headed outside for the bonfire.

As a week of interesting and unusual activities came to a close, students awaited a weekend full of floats, football and fun. ❖



Lisa Johnston

Junior Shawn Seltman congratulates junior Brooke Bodenhausen after she was announced as the Homecoming Queen. Bodenhausen was sponsored by Seltman's fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa.

With wigwams and rockets, the Jetsons and DeLoreans, parade sends spectators **Back to the future**

by
Linda Williams

Many people thought the Homecoming parade was organized during the week of Homecoming.

Not true.

In reality, the planning for the parade began the previous spring and continued throughout the fall semester.

In the spring semester, a date was chosen for Homecoming by looking at the football schedule. Homecoming was traditionally scheduled around mid-October, but it was later than normal this year because of the limited number of games the team had scheduled for the month of October. Also in the spring semester, a theme and slogan were chosen. Returning in the fall semester, the Homecoming committee met every week until Homecoming.

The planning for the parade began when applications were made available to the various organizations who wished to enter a float. Letters were also sent to various car dealers asking for the use of their convertibles for the dignitaries and the Homecoming Queen and her court to ride in.

On Oct. 27, the Homecoming parade started with the set up at 5:30 a.m. under cold and dark but promising skies. Many organizations were putting the last minute

touches on their masterpieces in the early morning. At 6:00 a.m., The Ebony Collegians were placing balloons on their float. When 6:15 a.m. rolled around, the majority of the floats with last minute touches were in their assigned lots.

The Golden Griffon Marching Band gathered at 10th and Frederick where they warmed up and gave a short concert from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

The Homecoming parade left the campus at 8:30 a.m. and rounded Downs Drive to Northeast College Drive where the judging took place. The bands joined the parade at 12th and Frederick around 9:45 a.m.

Floats and decorated cars and trucks boasted many variations of the theme "The Future is Here and SEMO is History." The Associated General Contractors of America tried to "Bridge the Gap to the Future." Their float showed the past, an Indian wigwam, linked to the future, a rocket, with a bridge connecting the two parts of the float.

Phi Sigma Kappa's decorated car was an imitation of the DeLorean from "Back to the Future." Wearing a white wig and futuristic glasses, the driver threw candy to the spectators.

"Very few problems

occurred this year. The only problems were the horns Moila cars threw the ban thus causing the wide spread during the procession," said Dean of Student Affairs Forrest Hoff.

The parade ended at Eighth and Edmond under sunny but chilly skies. The parade hosted ninety-four entries, which made for a lengthy but entertaining procession. Entries in the parade were divided into categories — floats, decorated cars and decorated trucks. Winners for the float category were: first place, Student Nurses; second place, Phi Sigma Kappa; and third, Agriculture Club. For the decorated car category, the winners were: first place Sigma Kappa; second place Alpha Chi Delta; and third place Physical Education Majors. In the decorated category, first place was between the Leisure Management Club and The Wesley Foundation, followed by second place Phi Sigma Kappa, and third place Phi Sigma Kappa.

After months of planning the last float went by and the last piece of candy was thrown and anxious fans rushed to campus to be seated for the beginning of the Homecoming football game. ❖



Kate Johnson

President Janet Murphy flings a handful of candy to the children watching the Homecoming parade.



Lisa Johnston



Lesley Miller

▲▲**C**ampus Activities Board members add last minute details to their decorated truck before the parade begins. The Homecoming Committee requested that all organizations bring their entries to the parade line-up between 5:45 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

▲▲**S**ophomore Chris McCarthy throws candy to the anxious crowd from the Music Educators National Conference float. The parade wound through downtown St. Joseph on the morning before the football game against Southeast Missouri State University.



Lesley Miller

▲▲**M**embers of Phi Sigma Kappa ride on the float and others walk along the parade route. In addition to their parade entries, the fraternity also organized the line-up of the parade on campus.

“The most exciting part about being in the parade was seeing the excitement in the kids’ faces when you threw candy at them. I think the community looks forward to the parade, and it brings a little more spirit on campus also.”

— Eugene Green

Loss fails to hinder spirit as fans turn out in full force to cheer and later go Dancing under the stars

by
Ruby
Faulk and
Randy
Myers

Hindered by penalties and turnovers, the Griffons failed to capture a Homecoming victory against the Indians of Southeast Missouri State University.

After a picture-perfect parade, a pre-game performance by the Golden Griffon Marching Band and the introduction of Homecoming Queen Brooke Bodenhausen and her court, the Griffon football team took the field to battle with a prepared and charged Southeast team.

Early in the second quarter, Indian Steve Jones initiated the scoring with a 5-yard touchdown. That touchdown along with the extra point gave the Indians a 7-0 halftime advantage.

While game plans were discussed in the locker rooms, the winner of the parade's marching band contest, Lee's Summit High School, put on a show for the 4,100 spectators at Spratt Stadium.

"The spirit of Homecoming was just overwhelming. Everyone was so up for it — even the high school bands were going crazy!" said Golden Griffon Marching Band member, Becky Eichman.

Cheerleaders, fans and players alike were pumped up for the second half. The crowd rose to their feet as the

teams prepared for third quarter action.

Unfortunate for the Griffons, Jones again pushed through the line for another Southeast touchdown. The extra point was good and the Griffons still remained scoreless.

Chris Holt lifted the Griffons' hopes with a 64-yard run early in the fourth quarter. He was brought down at the 2-yard line and after a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against the Griffons, the officials moved the ball back to the 17-yard line.

In the following play, a Southeast defensive back was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct and the Griffons had control at the 6-yard line. Two running plays resulting in zero yardage, which forced the Griffons to go to the air.

Quarterback Joe Reid went to the end zone where the pass slipped through the fingers of running back Anthony Robinson for a critical incomplection.

Griffon Joe Daniel's fourth-and-goal field goal attempt from the 20-yard line missed and the score remained 14-0, Southeast.

Though it was a disappointing loss, the game had its share of good points. Griffon punter Scot Abraham punted eight times, including a 79-

yard bomb in the first quarter. If not for three fumbles by Southeast, the Indians' lead could have been substantially larger. Western's linebacker Ken Horton recovered two fumbles while defensive back Glenn Dubois picked up the third.

A homecoming victory just out of reach for the Griffons who fought through a rough game. Disappointed Griffon fans left Spratt Stadium with yet another loss to add to the win-lose column but the disappointment was forgotten by the time the homecoming dance got underway.

Over 300 people walked into the Ramada Inn ballroom under a metallic balloon arch. The decorations for the dance resembled the futuristic theme that had dominated the campus the past week. Black and silver star-shaped balloons draped the ceiling with planets and spaceships to their place on each table centerpiece.

The disc jockey provided a laser light show and a large screen that played music videos for each song played.

Students danced and for three hours until midnight signaled the end of the dance and the end of a successful week of unforgettable homecoming activities. ❖



Lesley Miller

Quarterback Joe Reid checks for an opening in the Southeast Missouri State University defensive line. The Griffons lost the Homecoming game 14-0.



Lesley Miller

▲▲ **D**uring the pre-game show of the Homecoming game, freshman Brian Mills enjoys the company of man's best friend. Mills, along with the percussion section, was featured in a special performance using drum sets.

▲▲ **S**ophomore Jennifer Downey explodes with enthusiasm after one of the Griffons great plays in the first half of the Homecoming game. Although the Griffons moved the ball, they failed to score.



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The spirit of Homecoming was just overwhelming. Everyone was so up for it — even the high school bands were going crazy.
— *Becky Eichman*
”



Eric Chilcoat

▲▲ **S**tudents enjoy the atmosphere and music from the disc jockey at the Ramada Inn Ballroom during the Homecoming dance held after the football game.

Kate Johnson



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What did you realize that you needed after you got to college that you didn't think of before?

Power strips

— *Lora VanEmmerik*

Girlfriend

— *John Rethorn*

Junk food

— *Kasey Goings*

Answering machine

— *Becky Murray*

What was the one thing you made absolutely sure you didn't forget?

Refrigerator

— *John Rethorn*

Checkbook

— *Kasey Goings*

Curling iron

— *Becky Murray*

”

▲▲ **F**reshman Shawn Leonard helps sophomore Mike Jones hang colored Christmas lights in Jones' suite.

▲▲ **I**n her dorm room, freshman Natalie Carter studies for a test. Beside Carter is the bulletin board collage of her boyfriend's pictures.



Mark



With posters and pictures, stereos and Nintendo, excitement and worry, freshmen Drag it all with them



Lesley Miller

Entering college was an exciting experience for most freshmen. While preparing themselves to move away from home, they found that one of the main sources of complications came from deciding what to take with them. Their first priorities went to necessities. And freshmen always brought a little something to remind them of home. Therefore, through the process of elimination and a little bit of common sense, the decision of what went and what stayed was made.

Most freshmen brought many of the same things: television sets, stereos, telephones and refrigerators. These were considered necessities in the minds of beginners. The little extras that made college life bearable also arrived: compact disc players, typewriters and video cassette recorders, not to mention the Nintendos, card and board games and computers. Posters and pictures were very popular, especially for those who left a boyfriend or girlfriend behind.

Freshman Natalie Carter went to the extremes when she put together two poster-size pictures of her and her boyfriend of three years.

"I guess I did it so that when I talk to him on the phone I can look at his face," Carter said.

Many freshman used

posters to give their rooms a homey look. Everything from favorite entertainers and animals to athletes and cartoons with sarcastic sayings were put on display in almost every castle. There were also musical instruments, street signs and teddy bears.

Freshmen tried hard to make their dorm stays as cozy as possible.

"You're going to be here four whole years or even more, so you might as well make these little rooms as much like home as you can, because that's pretty much what it will be," said sophomore Candance Gales.

In addition to bringing baggage in the form of suitcases, many freshmen brought emotional baggage with them as well. Though they were excited about being on their own, they were also worried about knowing what to expect, their need to succeed, and their ability to deal with their new independence.

"It was the first time I'd been away from home and the first time I realized that I was on my own," said freshman Deidre Gaines.

Freshmen brought little pieces of themselves to college and put forth their best efforts to make their new lives enjoyable. In this way, they were able to make college a place which they could call home. ♦

by
Nicole
Brown



Lesley Miller

Freshman Anjel Hammer picks out an outfit to wear from her full closet. Hammer decided to put a full length mirror and hanging light in her closet after she found that her dorm room was too crowded.



Katu

“
 How could I
 forget running
 from booth to
 booth soaking
 wet with a gar-
 bage bag over
 my head?
 —Christine
 Paden
 ”

▲▲ **R**e-enactors of the Confederate Army bring to life a page of Civil War history by forsaking the comforts of the 1990s. While some men rested for the upcoming battle, others discussed their strategy.

▲▲ **O**n a knoll overlooking a clearing on campus, Union drummer boys provide a cadence for Civil War re-enactors practicing their marching orders.



Katu

Amid the drizzle and dark clouds, clubs bring cheer to families and students as they Take a step back in time

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 ng all afternoon. The
 its' Council held its

annual fall meeting in the big
 tent and listened as college
 personnel talked about topics
 of interest to parents.

Many parents appreciated
 the hard work and effort that
 was put into Family Day.

"It's obvious that Missouri
 Western works really hard to
 put this all together for fami-
 lies of the students," said
 Carol Frakes, mother of
 freshman Bessie Frakes. "It's
 nice to see a college reaching
 out to its students in such a
 way."

Suddenly the skies cleared
 and the years rolled back as
 the date became 1860. Union
 and Confederate troops in-
 vaded the campus and took
 part in a Civil War re-enact-
 ment for the students and
 families to see. Hundreds of
 white canvas tent peaks and
 smoke from campfires on
 either side of a hill set the
 stage for the battle. With
 muskets and cannons firing,
 the Civil War re-enactment
 brought to life a period in
 history that all were seeing for
 the first time. Over 370
 soldiers participated, including
 100 cavalymen and others
 playing the parts of soldiers,
 nurses and civilians.

Besides being special
 guests to the battle, families
 went on living history tours of
 both the Union and Confedera-
 te camps, catching a glimpse
 of how soldiers and women

spent their leisure time 130
 years ago. The activities
 included period-style baseball,
 broomball on horseback and a
 ladies' tea. Horse-drawn
 surreys and carriages were on
 hand for rides and a free photo
 booth, sponsored by Campus
 Activities Board, was available
 for antique photos.

Keeping the Civil War
 flavor alive, the college food
 service provided the fixins'
 including ham and beans, beef
 stew and corn bread.

With full stomachs and the
 raindrops appearing again,
 families moved next door to
 Spratt Memorial Stadium to
 watch a modern day battle as
 the Golden Griffon football
 team took on the Bobcats of
 Southwest Baptist University.
 After a close and muddy game,
 the Bobcats pulled away with
 a 14-13 win over the Griffons.

Even though the wet
 conditions threatened the
 outcome, Family Day proved to
 be a great success for another
 year. And in addition to
 helping families of students
 get more acquainted to Mis-
 souri Western, it also benefi-
 ted the students.

"I didn't realize all the
 clubs and activities there are
 at Missouri Western," said
 freshman Kurt Cook. "Family
 Day helped me meet new
 people and I got a look at what
 was going on outside the
 classroom."❖

by
**Betsy
 Butler**



Lisa Johnston

Bob Berger,
 director of financial aid,
 receives a sponge in the
 face at the Phi Beta
 Lambda booth. Berger's
 co-worker, Brian
 Chamberlain, was the
 one who threw the
 sponge.



Lisa

While Julie Love works on her homework, her husband Chris takes care of folding the laundry.

“ Sometimes I had to sacrifice housework over homework, so Chris would clean house for me. — Julie Love ”



Lisa

At People's Furniture's Veteran's Day Sale, Chris and Cortney Oldani look for a coffee for their apartment in St. Louis

School takes a back seat to wedding preparations when students decide

Now is the right time



Wait a minute! It didn't seem like anything wasn't right. It was as if someone were suddenly planning a wedding while going to school at the same time. Nearly impossible, true, many students tied up their lives in the midst of school year. Imagine balancing 12 to 18 hours of classes and 20 to 30 hours of work each week with the time for planning wedding arrangements. After couples took out study and time, it was hard to find time for each other. At times we were so stressed we just felt like giving up, but thankfully, everything turned out great," said senior Julie Love. Julie and Chris Love were married in April of 1990. This was near the time of final examinations which made the preparations extra tough for the couple. "Sometimes I had to do housework over my work, so Chris would stay at home for me and he did

a great job!" Julie said.

Why didn't these students wait until break or graduation to take the big plunge? Many couples felt they were ready and that the time was right.

Jenny Jury and Mike Preston planned their wedding for spring break so they would have more time for preparations and a week-long honeymoon in the Bahamas.

"We were going to get married in June, but we just couldn't wait any longer!" Jury said.

John and Michele Janorschke were married in October. Even though they planned their wedding over the summer, the couple still faced a hectic schedule with school, work and the arrangements.

"John was graduating in December so that was a definite advantage. The fact that we'd been going out for so long and that I only had a year of college left helped a lot too," Michele said.

Did these husbands and wives recommend marriage to other couples attending school?

"If you were close enough to each other and could handle the financial situation, yes, but it's a lot rougher than it appears," John said.

Student marriages had their share of problems and difficulties, but some couples

couldn't even enjoy the simple pleasure of living together. Sophomores Cortney and Chris Oldani were married in October of 1990 and lived in the dorms — separately.

"I really think the college should offer married housing," Cortney said. "Student marriages are becoming more and more common and that is something Missouri Western is going to have to recognize."

Cortney's mother did most of the planning for the ceremony, but the couple was married in St. Louis so they had to travel back and forth hundreds of miles to take care of arrangements.

All of these couples agreed that planning the wedding, working and going to school was difficult. The hard part started, however, once the honeymoon was over.

"You have so many responsibilities," Cortney said. "I never had any idea all that marriage demands of a person. It's tough, but I know we'll make it."

After all the work and sacrifices that marriage demanded of the couples, was it really worth it?

"Absolutely. Going to school and being married has brought us closer. We depend on each other," Julie said. "There will always be hard times, but being husband and wife is worth it." ♦

by
Ruby
Faulk

Junior Jenny Jury tries on a veil at Danette's Wedding Collection. Jury had already bought her wedding dress but was looking for a veil to match.



Lesley Miller

“
 It’s not a matter of style or the latest fad, it’s a matter of what you want to wear to bring out your personality.

—Kim Davis

”



Lesley Miller


 Senior Aaron Strickbine and sophomore Kelly Long prefer a more sophisticated look for a night out on the town. He wears a double breasted jacket and black pleated slacks, and she wears a white rayon lace-trimmed city short suit.



Rick

When it comes to fashion, individuality is the key as students

Wear what they like

Today, everyone is trying what makes them comfortable. It's not a matter of style or the latest it's a matter of what you want to wear to bring out your personality," said senior Davis. "Do what you like," was a statement for fashions in the 1960s. Individual styles included everything from the formal look to the casual look. Whether they were plaid, checked, or paisley, young women found that jeans were an ideal source for an outfit. Kate Moore of The Sports Buckle in East Hills, stated that the dark jeans with pockets in the back were most popular with the students. The jeans were slim fit with an exposed button fly. Some jeans were dark and some were stonewashed. Men wore these outfits because they were loose,

fashionable and comfortable. The fashionable female had a personality wardrobe, wearing suits that identified with her character as an individual. These suits were usually expensive outfits worn to bring out one's personality. Eastland shoes, heels or flats were great accessories with those type of styles. Cropped sweaters that came up shorter around the waist were popular also. Beneath the sweaters girls wore button up mocks or turtlenecks.

For guys, normal length sweaters and darker jeans were in. "It will be a loud year, with all of the different colors that are coming in, especially the bright and mixed colors. The sixties are coming back in, the Brady Bunch style," said Amy Skoog, manager of Jeans West Clothing Store.

The fashionable males were wearing double-breasted

suits with shorter jackets and baggies that fit close to the leg. Eastland shoes were the most popular choice with those suits.

Hairstyles fluctuated everywhere.

"The sixties hairstyles are coming back in for women," said Karen Brown of Illusions. "Most men are sticking with shorter styles."

Accessories were big items once again. Both men and women matched socks to every outfit. Leggings became popular for women. They came in a rainbow of colors including yellow, red, green, pink, black and white.

As the 90s moved on, fashion continued to change according to the individual.

"Many dress to show their personality," said junior Eric Smith. "If their personality is happy, they'll show it with bright colors, and if they're moody, it will show through darker colors."

by
Barb
Bell



Lesley Miller



The professional look is modeled by Sophomore Mike Skinner and Junior Eric Smith. Skinner is wearing an olive green suit with a black t-shirt, while Smith is wearing a navy blazer, tailored pants, and yellow and navy polka dot tie.

Rick Wiedmaier

Enjoying a nice winter day, senior Jennifer Devanney shows off her own individual style. She accessorizes simple jeans and a t-shirt with a wide belt, felt brown hat and matching suede flats.



With movies, comedians, bus trips and sports tournaments, organizations made sure

Students weren't bore

by
Randy
Myers

As the semester went by, more and more events went by also. Events sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Dorm Council and other campus organizations filled the calendar to help make first semester go by a little easier for students.

Movies sponsored by CAB seemed to draw some of the largest crowds. Mega-hits such as "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Look Who's Talking," and "Pretty Woman" drew massive crowds. The crowds were so large that extra chairs and tables had to be moved into the cafeteria, and the divider into the Griffon Place was opened to accommodate the extra people.

"We were very fortunate to have good movies, and in return, attendance was high," said Stephanie Bohon, CAB movies chairperson. "There were also a greater number of non-traditional students who took advantage of the free movies."

A smaller crowd listened and laughed to singer/come-

dian Mike Rayburn who performed a noon concert in the Griffon Place. Although the crowd was sparse, the laughter was enormous.

"I thought he was just going to be another singer, but he turned out to be more of a comedian than a singer," said sophomore Wendy Myers. "He was well worth the walk to the student union to listen to."

With the help of Dorm Council, CAB put together a bus trip to a Kansas City Chiefs football game. One hundred and fifty tickets were sold, and a tailgate party was waiting for students when they arrived at the football stadium. Members of CAB and Dorm Council put on aprons and barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs for the Chiefs fans. Even though the Chiefs lost by one point in the final seconds of the game, students felt the trip was worth the price of the tickets.

A volleyball tournament was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at the beginning of the semester. Despite

the hundred degree heat, teams took part in the first annual tournament.

"The heat was so bad had to wet the sand down between the games so our would not burn," said Alp Phi Alpha member Euger Green.

A cash prize of \$50 was given to the winning team. The tournament was held the weekend and was meant as a community service for Missouri Western to keep students on campus over weekend.

"Our main goal as a fraternity is to halt our rotation as a suitcase camp and keep students at school after class is over," Green said. "The participation in the tournament was better than we thought it would be, and we hope it grows every year."

With the help of campus organizations, hundreds of students took advantage of first semester events offered them and used them as stress relievers from homework and part-time jobs. ❖



Enjoying Dorm Council's Roller Skating Night, students skate to the music at B&J Skate Center.

Eric Chilcoat





Lisa Johnston

ADMIT ONE
 In the Alpha Phi Alpha volleyball tournament, Kris Stites sets the ball as Dee Brownlee prepares to

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 The heat was so bad we had to wet the sand down between the games so our feet would not burn.

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Entertainer
 Mike Rayburn

performs for a noontime crowd in the Griffon Place. The Campus Activities Board sponsored several noon performances for students to enjoy while eating lunch.



From Sparky's Night Club to movie theaters, students find there is

Always something to c

by
Randy
Myers

There was nothing to do in St. Joseph. There was never anything to do in St. Joseph. However, this was not true according to students who took advantage of and enjoyed the night life that St. Joseph had to offer.

By far the most popular place to party, dance and come away plastered was Sparky's Night Club. One reason for the popularity was the fact that they did not have a cover charge, and that appealed to money-strapped college students.

"You don't even have to ask where everybody is going because Sparky's is where everybody in town goes to," said junior Kelly Long. "It's the best place for music and dancing."

For most students, the starting out point for a long night of partying was Boogie's Eats and Drinks. They agreed that Boogie's original atmosphere and sports relationship with Missouri Western were big drawing

cards. Boogie's also had special discounts and events for college students.

"We always start out at Boogie's before we head out for Sparky's," said senior Jennifer Devanney. "We meet up with our friends there before we take off for the huge crowds at Sparky's."

Not all students felt that night life had to be spent in a bar or club. Many took advantage of the endless supply of shopping and fast food hubs that surrounded the Belt Highway.

"My weekend usually consists of dinner, a movie and a walk around the mall," said senior Dan Picriaux. "All of this and we never have to leave the Belt Highway."

Some students felt that night life was nonexistent in St. Joseph and did not even leave the dorms for their version of night life. Nintendo, card games and movie rentals filled many weekends for students who had not hit the big two-one yet.

"All of my friends hang around the suites and we ourselves around the television," said freshman Chr Cook. "Thursday night is good night for the big pile 'Cheers' and 'Night Court' both on two times, once at prime time and once late after prime time."

Since Missouri Western was a dry campus, alcohol not permitted in the dorms, residents were caught, there were stiff penalties such as removal of student identification cards.

"It's too dangerous to drink alcohol in the dorms, so we just drink I Aid," Cook said. "Really do, just Kool-Aid and not else. Really that's all."

Although students had mixed feelings on how night life should be spent in St. Joseph, the majority found ample ways to spend the week nights and weekends while still being able to take themselves to class the morning. ❖



Eric Chilcoat



For a night of

dancing and fun, Sparky's was one of many nightclubs that students had to choose from.



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ADMIT ONE

Freshmen Joe Driver, Scott Lundgren and Mike Case enjoy Monopoly in their suite.

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ADMIT ONE
S enior Betsy Butler plays darts at Boogie’s and Drinks, a local restaurant/club which was a favorite hangout for students.



ENTRANCE **ADMIT ONE** **F**reshman Lanise Livingston checks both of her bingo cards during Dorm Council's Bingo Night held in the cafeteria.

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I chose to go on a magic carpet ride so I could wear a turban.

— Kristin Pearson

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ENTRANCE **ADMIT ONE** **B**efore letting everyone dig in, Dorm Council member Darrel Howel explains the rules of the Pizza Fest to freshmen Lemuel Black and Robert Black.

ENTRANCE **ADMIT ONE** **F**reshman LaRon Littlejohn shows off his skating at the Dorm Council skating night.



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ox office hits, lip sync videos, bingo and game shows help Troubles fade away

When homework, studying part-time jobs got in the way of having fun, students found their troubles out of their heads and headed for the many events sponsored by Dorm Council and the Campus Activities Board. Almost every night during second semester of these two groups held an event that blasted away the nighttime blues.

CAB movies proved their popularity as students flocked to the cafeteria to watch releases like "Flatliners" and "Chthonophobia."

"A lot of people liked the movies because they were new releases," said freshman Randy Meyer, CAB member. "We had to set up extra chairs for both movies because so many people showed up."

Family movies included "The Bear" and "Dick Tracy." The movies, held on Sundays, were geared toward parents with children.

Dorm Council decided to take their turn at showing a movie but added a special

twist. They showed the movie "The Abyss," but instead of showing it in the cafeteria, they chose the swimming pool. The screen was set up in front of the pool and students lounged in the water on innertubes during the movie.

Fun Flicks was a new concept in entertainment brought to campus by CAB that turned out to be a favorite of students. A mini-television studio was set up in the raised area of the student union, and students dressed up in costumes to lip sync to their favorite hit songs. Students could also fly over Chicago as Superman, ride on a motorcycle with real bikers or water ski behind a speedboat.

While students performed, the magic of technology replaced the real stars with their performance. Each person received a free copy of the video they starred in.

"I chose to go on a magic carpet ride so I could wear a turban," said sophomore Kristin Pearson. "It was a

unique idea, and the best part was that it was a good way to let the kid in me out."

"We got to be just like Milli Vanilli in our video," said freshman John Davis. "It made us feel like movie stars."

The Roommate Game also brought out many students. This game was played like the "Newlywed Game," and students were given points for knowing information about their roommates. Prizes were neon-colored bean bags for the winners of each game.

"The Roommate Game was an old idea, but it is still a lot of fun," said Deb Title, Dorm Council member. "We had more than the usual number of people participate, and most of them knew more about their roommates than you would think."

From box office hits to personal videos by Fun Flicks, students used the many events sponsored by CAB and Dorm Council for a quick study break or a release from everyday troubles. ❖

by
Randy
Myers



Jason Ulstrup



ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY **ADMIT ONE** **S**uitemates Mickie Ross and Jenny Leamer write down their answers for the Roommate Game. The game was similar to the "Newlywed Game" that used to be on television.

Brian Resch

ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY **ADMIT ONE** **S**inger Teresa entertains students eating in the cafeteria. CAB sponsored noontime performers throughout second semester.

When students put on their formal attire and prepare to dance the night away, there is
Only one place to go

by
**Nicole
Brown**

All dressed up with only one place to go. . . That's what was going through the minds of many students as they headed toward the St. Joseph Country Club on the night of April 6 to attend the Spring Formal. Guys and girls of all age groups dressed up in their best clothes to attend the "Balloon Fantasy" created by the Campus Activities Board.

The evening began as students walked under an archway of pastel-colored balloons into a spectacularly decorated room. Another 400 helium balloons filled the room, attached to anything that would stand still.

Each table had a small bowl of water with a floating candle and a sprinkle of glitter for the centerpiece. The ballroom was decorated to resemble a park-like setting with an ivy-covered gazebo at one end of the room and a bridge crossing a brook

in the opposite corner.

"I spent all morning making tissue flowers just to hang on the gazebo," said CAB member Jennifer Meyer. "It was very time consuming, but all the decorations turned out just great."

For \$16 a couple or \$9 a person, students enjoyed a buffet-style dinner provided by the Country Club. On the menu that night were dishes of roast beef, scalloped potatoes, pasta salad, sweet rolls and much more to choose from.

After dinner, more students started to arrive for the dance, the main event. Music was all the party needed to get started. Due to student preferences, CAB had a disc jockey for the dance instead of a band.

"The D.J. played a nice variety of music," said junior Eugene Green, "— everything from R&B to country."

Dancers found they could

burn off some of the calor from the dinner, or just e dancing with their dates. Those who came stag we often fishing for a dance partner or dancing with a group of people.

"I had a nice time, but wish more young ladies had gotten involved in this activity," said freshman Earl Howard, Jr.

For those students wanting something to remember the evening by, McBee Photography was available for pictures. Students attending the dance received wine glasses with "Balloon Fantasy" printed on them as souvenirs.

As students left behind "Balloon Fantasy" and returned to reality, they each took a piece of the evening. For some, it was pictures; for others, glasses were their reminders. But everyone has their own memories of the night. ❖



Brian Resch



Sophomore Denise Fuller and Todd Archer dance the night away to the Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody."



Darren Knetzer



Brian Resch

▲▲**C**ampus Activities Board members Bob Walton, Heather Brackin and Jennifer Meyer make tissue paper flowers to decorate the gazebo.

▲▲**J**unior Shiela Lewis and sophomore Dwayne Orr take a break and chat between dances at the 1991 Spring Formal Dance. Punch and other refreshments were made available for students during the dance.

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Despite his handicap, he fights for a parking space, plays mini-golf and is really Just your average guy

by
Jan
Dice

A high school biology class once tried a simple experiment to see what it would be like to be handicapped for a day. They took pieces of first-aid tape and wrapped them around their thumbs and index fingers, left them there all day and went about their daily activities. They found simple tasks to be more demanding and difficult.

Handicapped college students faced these difficulties every day. However, in many aspects, they were just like their peers.

Junior accounting major Rick Heiple lost the use of his legs permanently. He had been handicapped since birth and had trouble with walking and balance.

After looking at many colleges, Heiple chose Missouri Western because of its small size and accessibility for the handicapped.

"The MWSC campus was sizeable enough that I could adapt much easier than if I had attended a larger university," Heiple said.

He lived on campus in the lower level of the dorms where he could reach the laundry room and the snack

machine. His room was located close to the handicapped parking area in order to provide easy access into the building.

Although Missouri Western proved accessible in many areas for the handicapped, Heiple felt there were still some minor improvements needed.

The primary problem was the lack of parking spaces. There were 315 faculty parking spaces and 1,742 student parking spaces, which left a mere 32 spaces for the handicapped. Heiple felt that there were not enough handicapped spaces for the number of stickers issued.

Heiple left his room an hour and a half early in order to find a parking space and to have time to unload his wheelchair.

"It seemed like most of the time all the handicapped spaces were full, and I had to park in the vice president's parking space or in the service area," Heiple said.

Students were subsequently ticketed for parking in unauthorized spaces unless an understanding was worked out with campus security.

Once Heiple entered buildings, he was usually to reach the second floor by way of the elevator. However, there were a few facilities in the dorms which proved inaccessible, including the computer room, snack shop and weight room.

Like many students, Heiple wanted to get involved so he joined Peers Reaching Others.

"It's like a therapy session because we are like family who discusses the problems together," he said.

He also found time to attend sporting events, and enjoyed playing miniature golf. During the fall semester, he took advantage of the Dorm Council-sponsored Mini-Golf Night at Cool Crest with his friend James Ellis.

On the outside, Heiple stood out as being handicapped, but on the inside he was just a regular college student. He planned to continue his education and his Master's degree in accounting.

"People don't always know how to react to me," Heiple said, "but I'm normal like everyone else." ♦



Lisa Johnston

At Dorm Council's Mini-Golf Night, junior Rick Heiple prepares to putt the ball as his friend, sophomore James Ellis, waits his turn.



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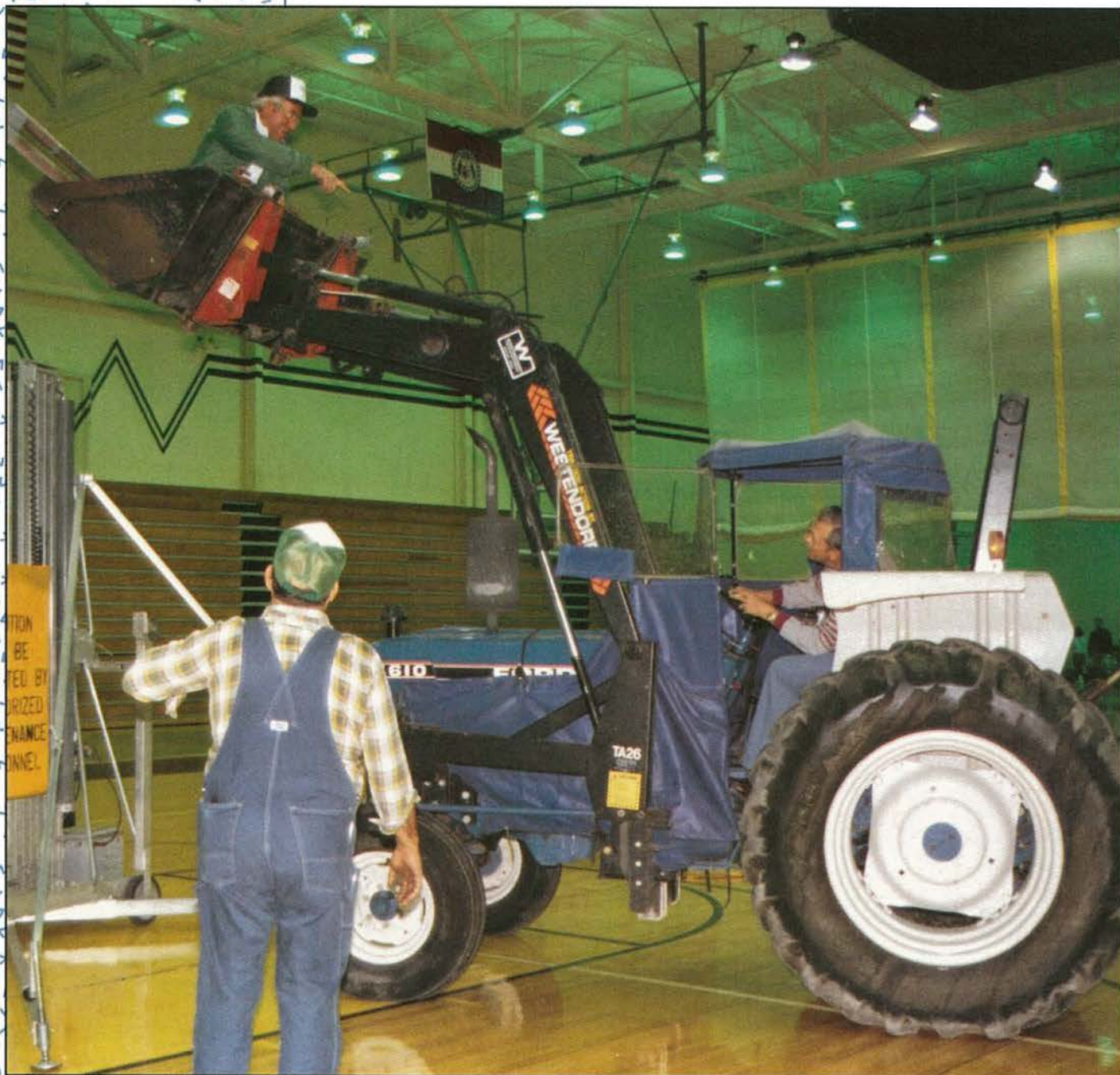
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▲▲ In his dorm room, Heiple studies for a final. Heiple's room was located on the bottom floor of the dorms near the dorm office.

▲▲ Using the side entrance to the student union, Heiple and Ellis go to the cafeteria for lunch.



Kate

“It’s a monumental task to maintain the area we have with the size of our staff.”
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▲▲▲ As Brice Brunk helps on the ground, Jim Freeman gives Bud Cornell, physical plant supervisor, advice on lowering the bucket without dumping him. The men were trying to remove a bent brace from a basketball goal in the arena.

▲▲▲ Steve Elrod and Bob Simpson install the new Western Wall of Honor in the hallway leading into the gym. Pictures of all players on the first team All-Conference or All-District will be displayed.



Kate Johnson

From carpentry to groundskeeping to mail processing, the Physical Plant Department

Keeps campus together

by
George
Reindel

What was the one department on campus that employed only 50 people to cover 200 acres of ground and 500,000 square feet of living space? It was the Physical Plant Department. This department was responsible for the repair and maintenance of eight major buildings, the athletic stands and grounds, the dorms and two homes. This was accomplished through five areas: mail processing, building maintenance, grounds maintenance, custodial and administrative. Mail processing received and distributed all incoming mail campus-wide. They provided pickups for the United Parcel Service in addition to regular mail pickups. They ordered most supplies to other departments. They were also responsible for buying paper for Central Administration. Building maintenance was divided into two areas: physical plant and physical building. The physical plant area employed six people to handle maintenance repair of the heating and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems. One person was responsible for the repair and maintenance of college

vehicles. The physical plant building area employed five people working with carpentry, locksmithing and painting.

"We build cabinets, do locks and replace doors," Physical Plant Building Supervisor Bob Simpson said. "We replace a lot of doors in the dorms."

Physical Plant Maintenance Supervisor Bud Cornell said, "It's hard to manage the entire campus when you have only one electrician and one plumber to do all the work. I just hope people realize it may take a little time."

Grounds maintenance was under the supervision of the director of the physical plant. Five groundskeepers did all mowing, trimming and landscaping. They were also responsible for the upkeep of the athletic fields which included painting lines on the field. There were over 200 acres of land which were maintained by these five people.

The custodial area employed one supervisor and 25 custodians. Their job was to maintain and clean buildings on campus. They also did minor repair work. They set up for major activities by assembling tables and chairs and delivering supplies.

The administrative area included Director Lonnie Johnson, Associate Director Darla Hall-Emmendorfer and Administrative Assistant Mary Buckler.

"It's a monumental task to maintain the area we have with the size of our staff," Johnson said. "The staff is very dedicated and I believe they do a good job."

Johnson felt there needed to be more awareness that the department was doing the best it could with the manpower available.

"It's hard to understand when someone calls over to have something done and it takes a day or two for us to get over. They have to understand we're responsible for the entire campus," Johnson said.

His goals for the future were to improve communication between the physical plant and the rest of the campus. The department was in the process of implementing a computerized work order system to help the plant become more efficient and increase productivity. He hoped it would prevent lost work orders.

"Communication is the key," Johnson said. "You have to let people know what you're doing and what's going on." ❖



Kate Johnson

Bob Harris, dorm maintenance, drains a new heater to repair a leak. The installation of new water heaters on the dorm roofs without warning caught some students with soapy hair at the moment the water was shut off.

Students with hula hoops, scooters, a movie & crayons entertain the kids while Santa takes a day off

by
Randy
Myers

"Faster!"
"No, faster!"
"Slow down!"

These screams could be heard coming from the old gym on Dec. 8 as children delighted in having student volunteers pull them around on scooters. Santa's Day Off was the event that made these screams of delight possible.

Santa's Day Off was a day-long babysitting program where parents dropped their children off and went Christmas shopping. It was sponsored by the Student Government Association and lasted from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Twenty-two children were entertained by 25 college students and were treated to a free lunch, a showing of "An American Tail" and an endless amount of free time.

"I thought this was a wonderful thing to do," said sophomore Rosalie Vaught. "We did not have any prob-

lems at all with the kids."

The children found that hula hoops, kick balls, scooters and jump ropes with a couple of college students thrown in could be used in a variety of different games and endless amounts of fun. The most popular activity was when a child sat on a scooter and held on to a jump rope while someone pulled them around the gym.

"The scooters were the most fun," said Charles Berry, nephew of Wonda Berry, intramurals director. "The best part was when we went really fast and we would run into someone else running around the gym."

At one time there were nine children making a train of scooters while Taco Winkler, Campus Activities Board member, pulled them.

"Come join our train, come join our train!" bellowed Brittney Willis, daughter of Don and Jamie Willis.

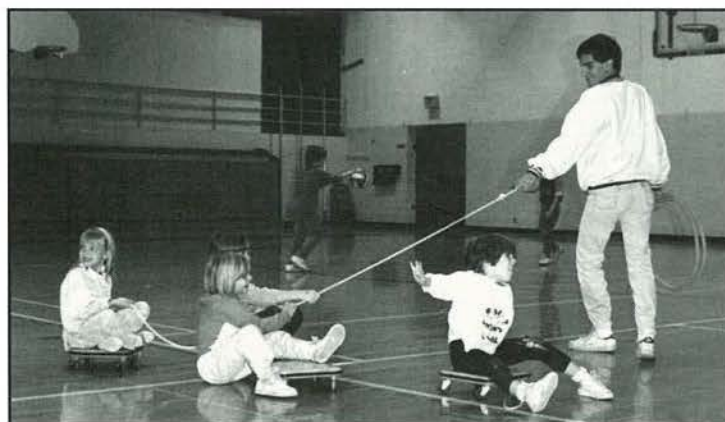
Down the hallway into one of the racquetball courts was a coloring room. With poster paper hung on the walls and children were let loose to show off their artistic abilities. Christmas trees, candy canes, elves, and self portraits were the favorite things to draw. The quietest place in the building.

"I took the kids I was entertaining in there so I get a break from pulling them around the gym on their scooters," said Ernie Stufflebean, SGA member. "Those kids really wore me out."

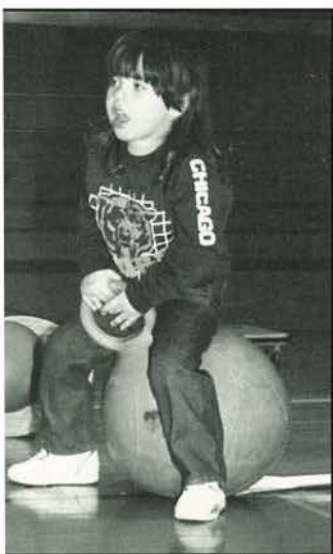
At the end of the day when the parents came to pick up their children, it was hard to tell who was more worn out, the children or the students who were watching them.

Emily Fisher, daughter of junior Julie Fisher, yelled so much that she told a student "I screamed out my voice

Using a jump rope, Campus Activities Board member Taco Winkler pulls four girls on scooters. From the screams of delight, one could tell this was the most popular activity for the children.



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Lisa Johnston

Montanna Roberts, son of freshman Delia Roberts, bounces on a hoppity ball at Santa's Day Off.

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— Emily
Fisher
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Lisa Johnston

Ernie Stufflebean talks with Rayna and Rush, daughters of Steve Rush. Rayna was playing with her doll alone. Ernie and Stufflebean came to see her.

Sleeping, sledding or studying the Bible, students have no need to complain that There's nothing to do

by
**Nicole
Brown**

"Living on campus can be pretty hectic," said freshman Anissa Krudup. "Between classes and studying who has the time to do anything else?"

Trying to balance school with free time was a problem for many students. Those who did find themselves with a little time on their hands had to decide how they were going to spend it.

Dorm Council and the Campus Activities Board provided college students with an ample supply and variety of things to do. By showing such movies as, "War of the Roses" and "Days of Thunder," along with the planning of other activities, DC and CAB offered much to choose from. Phi Sigma Kappa and Alpha Phi Alpha were known for throwing parties, but these were all now and then activities. What did the average students do, in their spare time, on a day to day basis?

Junior Robert Black, a

criminal justice transfer student, found himself with very little free time, so he planned his days carefully. In Black's spare time he liked to visit friends, watch cartoons and play basketball.

"I must play ball so that I can get some extra-curricular activity," Black said.

Extra-curricular activities seemed to be on many minds. The gymnasium was always crammed with people playing ball, lifting weights and exercising.

Fun seekers could be seen going sledding on trash bags behind the dorms and having snowball fights. The infamous ping pong table in the student union was rarely found unoccupied.

The more laid back collegians did other things in their spare time.

"I like reading in my free time, because it's something I want to read not something required for a class," Krudup said.

Many students could be found sleeping in the middle of the day, while others, male and female, often gathered in the suite area to watch soap operas. Students with a special companion often spent their free time making good eyes at each other.

Many students were concerned with spiritual guidance. Bible study became a popular way for many to gather together in their spare time and learn together. Students often held Bible study in their suites, welcoming all who wanted to attend. Robert Black, who belonged to the gospel group Separate World, always held Bible study in rehearsal.

"We sing together as a family," Black said. "Bible study helps us grow together as a family."

Even with classes and studying, students found some spare time and spent it with nothing more in mind than sheer enjoyment.



Lesley Miller

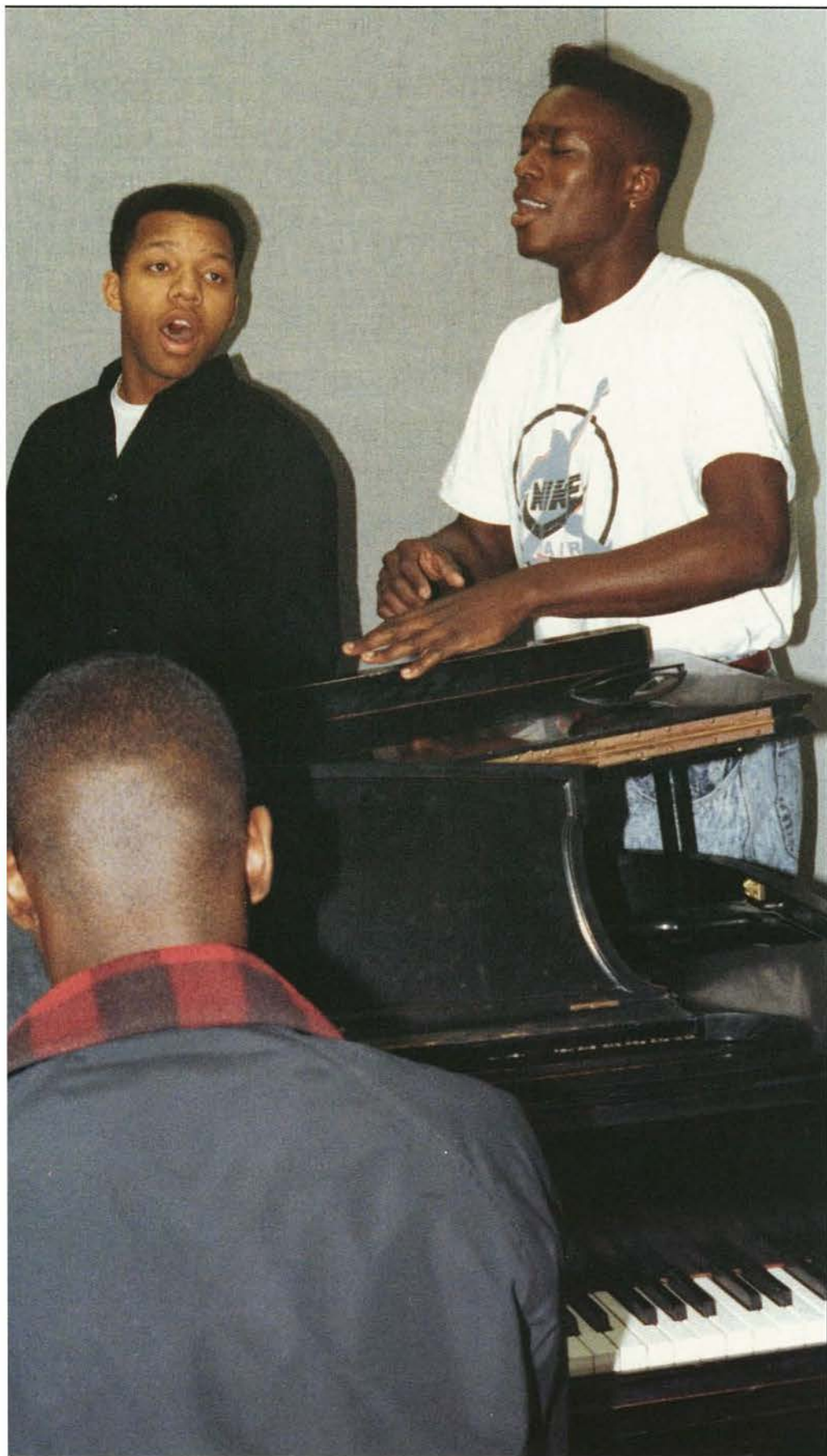
▲▲ **S**enior Bob Walton and freshman Deanna Martin dance during the annual Icebreaker Dance held in the dormitory courtyard.

▲▲ **J**unior Darrel Howell and freshman Lora VanEmmerik relax by playing basketball between classes.

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uniors Obie Austin and
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▲ Junior Alice Batson and
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Miniature Golf Night at Cool
Crest which was sponsored by
Dorm Council.

“Daddy and Grandpa go to work, and everyone else goes to school. It's school to her. She wouldn't go if we called it day-care.”

— *Stacey Russo*

▲▲P
reschooler Beth Russo studies her grandmother Sharon Keeter's textbook while waiting for her mother to get out of class.

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tacey Russo holds daughter, Beth, while her mother, Sharon Keeter (back), and two sisters, Shelley and Shanna watch Beth throw coins in a fountain at East Hills Shopping Center.



For the Keeter family, of which three generations come to Missouri Western, school is a

A family affair

by
George
Reindel

Every college student
feels the frustration in
choosing school and deciding
on a major and an occupation.
It is a decision that affected
the rest of one's life. Sharon
Keeter knew the frustration
of more than one direction.
Both Sharon and daughter
Stacey and Shanna have
changed majors at one point
in their academic careers.
Sharon began college out of
school as a math education
major. She quit after two
years. Substitute teaching
increased requirements
for a major convinced
her that education was
not the course she wanted to
pursue when she returned to
school in 1984. For financial
reasons, Sharon left school
again. She returned in the
spring of 1990. She
decided upon social work as a
major.
There are just so many
options for social
work," Sharon said.
Sharon's daughter,
Stacey, attended college with
her in 1984. Stacey also
changed in education. After a
while she decided it would be
time to quit and return

when she had a career goal
more in mind.

"It was pointless for me to
attend not knowing what I
wanted to do," Stacey said.
"You can only take general
studies courses so long."

Stacey returned in the fall
of 1989. She had worked in a
nursing home when she
graduated from high school
and enjoyed helping others.
She decided upon nursing as a
major.

This time around, how-
ever, things were different.
Stacey now had a three-year-
old daughter, Beth. Beth
attended day-care at Y's Kids
World.

"I think she understands,"
Stacey said. "Daddy and
Grandpa go to work, and
everyone else goes to school.
It's school to her. She
wouldn't go if we called it day-
care."

Shanna began school as a
history major. She was
frustrated by the lack of career
options, so she switched to
criminal justice.

"The only thing I saw was
teaching, and that wasn't
really what I wanted to do,"
she said.

Daughter Shelley began
school in the fall of 1990. As a
freshman, she hadn't had a
chance to decide and change
just yet. But she did have a
career goal in mind.

"I'm going to be rich,"
Shelley said.

"Yes, but we'll have
personal satisfaction," Stacey
responded.

The women commuted
from Cameron and Kingston.

"The biggest advantage to
us all attending school would
be car pooling," Stacey said.

Sharon's career options
were few in Kingston where
she lived. There were state
offices in Hamilton and the
prison in Cameron. However,
Sharon felt she wanted to
work with teenagers, possibly
as a probation officer.

"That is the age I believe I
would feel most comfortable
working with," she said.

When the Keeter women
graduate, they will take with
them the careers of their
choosing. They will also have
the satisfaction of knowing
that the choices they have
made in their academic
careers were the right ones for
their careers to follow.❖

Thoughts of favorite toys bring memories of childhood as students offer **A bit of nostalgia**

by
Ruby
Faulk

Toys. Toys could be the link to precious childhood memories that captured everyone at one time or another. Who could not remember that special doll or truck that had such an important position in their childhood?

"I had a Holly Hobby doll that I took with me everywhere," said freshman Nikki Easter. "I still have that doll, even though she's not in very good shape."

Though Ken, Barbie, and G.I. Joe topped the list of favorite toys for most traditional students at Missouri Western, some students remembered some unusual games and toys from years ago.

"My favorite game was 'Ants In the Pants,'" said senior Sherry Hossfeld. "I could never flick all of my

colored ants in those plastic pants!"

"We used to put cards in the spokes of our bicycles. They made that 'click click' sound, and we thought we were so cool," said sophomore Lori Bush.

Many students remembered a childhood where imagination was the only toy they ever had.

"My fondest childhood memories are of those I spent with my neighbor boy from Holland," said freshman Marilyn Jones-Myers. "We spent endless hours outdoors climbing trees and building dams; no game or toy could compare to those times."

In the age of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Cabbage Patch Kids," and "Nintendo," today's toys seemed drastically different from the ones of many stu-

dents' childhoods.

Four-year-old Nikish Searcy, daughter of fresh Jack Searcy, said her favorite toy was a stuffed "Winnie Pooh."

"My favorite toy is 'Batman,'" said 3-year-old Montanna Roberts, son of freshman Delia Roberts. "The best, and that's who I'm going to be for Halloween."

"Winnie the Pooh" and "Batman?" Those were two of the most toys that most students played with, so perhaps today's children weren't all that different from yesterday's children.

"I loved toys when I was a child. I still do and probably always will," Easter said. "There's a special relationship between a child and his favorite toy. Maybe that's why I still have my Holly Hobby doll." ♦

his collage shows toys such as Star Wars, Raggedy Ann and Andy, and Grease that students remember from their childhoods.

“I had a Holly Hobby doll that I took with me everywhere. I still have that doll, even though she’s not in very good shape.”

— Nikki Easter



photo illustration by Lesley Miller



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After exchanging a sweater for her son, junior Lynne Heldenb shops for Christmas presents at Dillard's in the East Hills Shopping Center.

4.0 grade point average, a clean house, a perfect family and a career is a myth, but women

Aim to be Superwomen

She can do it all. She can be a fabulous housekeeper, a mom, a fantastic wife and still keep a 4.0 grade point average in college. Who is this woman? She's Superwoman, of course.

Although many women say they should be able to do everything and do it all well, Heldenbrand realized that this superwoman image that she had created didn't

work for many of us buy into the myth of junior Lynne Heldenbrand.

However, it took a period of time in which Heldenbrand lived the life of a superwoman to realize the impossibility of this idea.

Heldenbrand began her journey in 1987. She had always wanted to go to college, but once she got out of high school, her commitment to her family.

Starting out, she went to work full time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays working on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. In addition to her job and her family work, Heldenbrand had two sons, Brent and Duane. She played the role of a mother and continued to take care of her sons and go to all of her sons' school functions. They were my first commitment," she said. "I wouldn't let this

interfere with my family."

When Heldenbrand once decided to stay home and write a paper instead of going to her son's basketball game, her son returned and told her how hurt he was. It was then that Heldenbrand realized there was a problem, but the myth of the superwoman clouded the real problem.

"What I thought I had to do was manage my time better, not that I needed to allow others to help," Heldenbrand said. "I had always done it all, so I just kept doing it. It was easier to do it myself than to ask someone else to do it."

She started by going to bed later. She found herself doing dishes at 3 a.m. because they had to be done. This busy schedule began to affect Heldenbrand physically to the point where she was unable to sleep. Her family didn't realize the stress she was under; they just knew she wasn't the sunny, pleasant individual they knew.

"I knew I had to do something," she said. "I sat down and had a talk with myself and said 'Listen self.'"

She quit her job and began to look at everything in priorities. She had been married since 1971, and she knew that she had to continue being married even after she finished school. However, she realized that some things

could go without her for awhile.

"I wasn't married to the house. The dishes could sit, and the laundry basket could get a little full," she said.

When she began letting things go, she also started letting others help out.

"If my oldest son could operate a motor vehicle, he could operate the washing machine," Heldenbrand said, "and it wouldn't kill him to wash dishes."

Her family started helping out around the house, and they realized that there were times when you didn't bug Mom. However, it continued to be an ongoing process.

Junior Laurel DeFreece also found the superwoman image tough to conquer. In 1983, she opened her own flower shop, Laurel's, in Plattsburg, Mo., while continuing to be a wife and a mother. Like Heldenbrand, her family came first, and she postponed going back to school because of her children. In 1987, she started college.

"At that point, my kids were old enough, and I hired a manager to work alone in the shop," DeFreece said.

She still worked at the shop everyday, but there was someone else helping out. Despite the help she received at the shop, DeFreece still felt she had to do it all at home.

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by
Lisa
Johnston



Lesley Miller

Sophomore Laurel DeFreece rearranges a display of coffee mugs in her flower shop located in Plattsburg, Mo.




Lisa Johnston


 inishing up the semester, Heldenbrand works on the final for her Teaching Methods course. Heldenbrand took a full load of courses in addition to working in the English department and running a household.



Lesley Miller


 aurel DeFreece works on a flower arrangement during her free time while working in her flower shop.

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 older, they still have homework every night, and they still have to eat," she said.

After losing sleep all week studying for finals, DeFreece stayed up late after her finals were over to type a paper for her oldest son.

However, the kids learned to fix dinner for themselves in the microwave, and everyone had their duties around the house. DeFreece's husband did a lot of the housework and the grocery shopping many times. He also usually got the kids up and ready in the morning. By the time her children were just waking up, DeFreece was already on the

road for her hour-drive to school each morning.

Her family was still a priority, and she tried to allow as much time with them as possible.

"Most of the times I wait until the kids are in bed to start homework," she said. "The hardest thing is when I tell the kids I can't do something because I have to do homework."

The superwoman myth made it hard for many women to let others help out. However, Heldenbrand and DeFreece overcame the superwoman image and were still able to do everything — with the help of others. ❖



Lisa Johnston

Working together, Michael and Bruce begin decorating their Christmas tree by putting on the lights.

by
Lisa Johnston

Father breaks societal norms

Twelve-year-old Michael sat in front of the television watching "Thirtysomething" with Bruce. Bruce was the father, Michael was the son — there was no mother. In this house, Bruce filled both roles.

Along with caring for Michael and taking care of the household duties, junior Bruce Masteller was a full-time student majoring in social work. In addition to school, Bruce also worked 40 hours a week at American Electric doing janitorial work.

"It's darn hard to move ahead when you're responsible for a child," he said.

Masteller always had a job, but like any single parent, it was hard to make ends meet when there was only one income. Besides financial difficulties, he admitted that loneliness was a big drawback in any single-parent situation.

"There's no one to talk to about it," he said. "I feel a tremendous weight on my shoulders because I'm responsible for the whole show."

Many times the frustrations and pressures got to be too much.

"I get to a point sometimes that I think if I can't forget that I'm a parent for at least 12 hours, I'm going to lose my mind. I need to go out and be with grown-ups and just be

irresponsible for a little bit," Masteller said.

For single mothers, support groups were easy to find, but for single fathers it was more difficult. For Masteller, a few close friends served to help him through hard times.

Playing the role of both mother and father was challenging for any single parent, and Masteller said it was different for men.

"It's hard. Men and women do have different ways of showing affection. I worry about that sometimes," he said. "I mean I'm a man and I'm affectionate and I'm nurturing, but it certainly couldn't be the same as a mother's love. I don't think there's anything in this world like a mother's love."

Social attitudes toward men with children also had a big impact in Masteller's life. Many times people didn't feel that men could raise children as well as women.

"I'm not in a position to provide a whole hell of a lot to anybody at this stage in my life, and that's kind of a drag sometimes," he said. "If I had somebody already in their career slapping money my way, I'd be OK too, but I'm a man, see, and it doesn't fit the ticket. It's attitude, public attitude." ❖



Lisa Johnston

Preparing lunch for him and his son, Bruce Masteller puts a pan of water on the stove.

by
Lisa
Johnston

Whether one watches the game or just socializes, the Superbowl is always A reason to party

Avid sports fans and party animals alike united on Jan. 27, to watch as the Buffalo Bills and the New York Giants battled it out in Superbowl XXV.

Many parties began for the mere sake of partying and socializing. Sometimes the actual party began hours before the kick off. Parties were not discriminating as both men and women enjoyed the game and the company.

"It's the one game I watch each year and that's only because I'm usually at a party," said freshman Nikki Easter.

Some students went to Superbowl parties for more than just the social aspect. Many parties had lots of food that drew the crowd. Senior Randy Hon and his four roommates held a Superbowl party where everyone who came over brought something to eat. In addition to the usual chips and dips, some party-goers brought pizza or brownies.

"They were there to watch the game, eat food and have a good time," Hon said.

With Bud Bowl III con-

tinuing during each commercial break, there wasn't much time to get up and grab a bite to eat. The Bud Bowl seemed to attract as much attention as the Superbowl. Most fans were rooting for Bud Light, the loser for two years running.

Senior Todd Gray predicted that Bud Light would win because of the order in which the commercials were played.

"I knew from the first quarter when they ran the 'Nothing beats a Bud,' commercial that Bud Light was going to win," Gray said.

From watching Bud Bowl for two years, he theorized that the commercial that ran in the first slot would be the loser. His theory held true as Bud Light scored a touchdown in the final seconds of the game to win.

Freshman Chad Fisher wouldn't have been upset if Budweiser would have won the Bud Bowl again. He was also hoping to see the Buffalo Bills win. Unfortunately, neither team pulled through.

"I lost two times in one night!" he said.

Throughout the day, as the

game proceeded, tension high as the score remain close throughout the game.

"It was a real nail-biting game," Gray said. "You don't want to get up too often. It was a close game. I kept waiting for that big play." Freshman Tim Simpson also felt that the game held the interest of many.

"Usually the party's better than the game, but year it was a great game that made the party even better," he said.

The game wasn't over the final seconds when the Buffalo Bills missed a 47 field goal, kissing goodbye to their chance of winning the game.

"I wanted to see the goal go in because the Giants won that way, I think they should have lost that way," Gray said.

From party goer to a sports fan, many students found the place to be on Jan. 27 was in front of a television tuned to the Superbowl.

If they weren't watching the game, at least they were at a party, because there was plenty of action — on and off the screen. ♦



Lisa Johnston

During a commercial break, senior Randy Hon and sophomore Jeff Chamberlain discuss the game while junior Jeff Carmichael listens. The group was cheering for the Bills.



Lisa Johnston



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F
 reshman Chad Fisher and juniors Glenn DuBois and Tom Jones cheer as the Buffalo Bills scored their first touchdown of the game. The Bills lost the game 20-19.

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G
 etting ready for a Superbowl Party, junior Amy Newton prepares to warm up some food. Newton also had chips and cookies for the party.

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freshman Mike Rotts tries to fix the armrest that one of his friends accidentally ripped off his car.

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One time we had to pour Coke on the battery so it could eat away the corrosion around it and after that it started.

—Heather Campbell

After two wrecks, both doors and one fender are gray, and now my friends call it the bruised banana boat.

—Mike Rotts

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Les



In order to have power steering in his car, Rotts pours power steering fluid in his car in the parking lot by the SS/C. Rotts had to add power steering fluid often.



Les

The array of colors, mechanical problems and rugged interiors make these
Far from dream cars

amborghini, Ferrari, s Am, Camaro, Porsche, 7. These cars were what 7 students dreamed about, most likely would not be to afford until after ation. Volkswagen, Studebaker, s, Gremlin. These types of were what many students up to each morning after ning about the car they 7 wanted. Most of these ould be seen around the ng lots, and most did not 1 the sparkling shine that ed them when they rolled e showroom floor. Most vere far from their ial color. The color of my car ed out as yellow and 1, and all my friends l it the banana boat," said man Mike Rotts. "After 7recks, both doors and one

fender are gray, and now my friends call it the bruised banana boat."

Some of the different colors on cars were not the result of accidents; instead, they were the result of jokes from family and friends.

"The guy who had my car before me put brown leopard spots on it," said freshman Tiffany Mayo. "To make matters worse my mom took a black magic marker and wrote 'be good Tiff' on the back of my car before Homecoming. My friends have added more colorful sayings on it also."

When things did go wrong with cars, students found imaginative ways to fix things without spending any money.

"A friend pulled the armrest off my passenger door, and I tried to glue it back on but it kept falling back off,"

Rotts said.

Others found that playing with different wires in the engine would correct the problems that existed.

"I got people from where I worked to come out and jiggle the wires and after that my car would start," said junior Heather Campbell. "One time we had to pour Coke on the battery so it could eat away the corrosion around it, and after that it started."

Although most students did not like driving old cars, they were not embarrassed by them because they were happy that at least they had cars to get them places.

Rotts summed up feelings on old cars best by saying, "I hoped for the best and prepared for the worst, so anything in between didn't come as a surprise." ❖

by
Randy Myers



With the help of her mother and friends, freshman Tiffany Mayo has a permanently decorated car.

Lesley Miller

Some people claim their rights are violated when others don't mind When the smoke clears

by
Randy
Myers

"See if campus security can stop us from smoking; bring on the National Guard; send our pictures to the FBI; this ban goes against my civil rights." These and many other comments could be heard on Feb. 11 when smoking was halted in all campus buildings.

The smoking ban was put into effect by President Janet Murphy after a recommendation from the College Governance Association, which was made up of students, faculty and staff. This association left the enforcement of the smoking ban up to the students, hoping that peer pressure would be enough to force smokers outside.

"I think peer pressure was too wimpy," said senior Debbie Bazzell. "A more severe punishment should have been used."

Before the ban, smoking was permitted only in the designated area of each building. Reasons for the smoking ban included protecting the health of non-smokers

and poor ventilation in campus buildings.

"The smoke got in my face inside the buildings, and now it still gets in my face when I go outside," said freshman Jeanne Galbraith. "They should have just fixed the ventilation problem."

"I didn't mind going outside to smoke, but the school needed facilities outside for the smokers, and benches in the snow did not do it," said senior Mary Jo Schauer.

A group of about eight students decided to protest the smoking ban by smoking in the buildings and blowing smoke into non-smokers' faces. Part of their protest included offering students cigarettes as they tried to get to class and putting their cigarettes out on the carpeting. Protestors bragged on how many news reporters had taken their picture and how many quotes were given out to reporters.

"I am a smoker and the smokers are aggravating me," Schauer said. "The school went about the smoking ban

the wrong way and so are students who smoke."

After the first week of smoking ban, the peer pressure system that the College Governance Association hoped would work, did not. The college was forced to use disciplinary channels to force students stop smoking in buildings. The college judiciary board voted to take disciplinary action against smokers who did not comply with the smoking ban. If students were caught smoking and refused to go outside could face probation or a written report that would be put in their file. Other punishment included suspension or expulsion from the college.

With these punishments facing them, the protesters moved outside and no disciplinary action had to be taken.

Although the smoking ban caused friction between non-smokers and smokers, both sides agreed the college buildings became cleaner both in sight and smell because of the ban. ❖



Brian Resch

Maintenance personnel stacked the unnecessary ashtrays in sheds at west campus after the deadline for the smoking ban had passed. It was discovered that they had more ashtrays than they could hold in the two original bins set up for the purpose.



Lisa Johnston



Brian Resch

Senior Larry Vaught and freshman Richard Larimer rebel against the smoking ban by smoking in the area that had originally been designated for smoking in the student services/classroom building. Many smokers and non-smokers felt that the ban was unfair to smokers.

Robin Polsgrove, Marilyn Pritchard and non-smoker Vicki Schoof comply with the new smoking ban. Smokers were forced to light up outside after the Feb. 11 ban was put into effect.

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 The school went about the smoking ban the wrong way and so are the students who smoke.
 — Mary Jo Schauer
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Students support storm

Students tie on yellow ribbons, wear red, white and blue, and pray for peace.

by George Reindel

Despite many displays across the nation protesting the Gulf War, protests, peace marches and students speaking out against the war were not evident on campus. Instead, American flags were proudly displayed and the campus came together to show support for the soldiers in the Middle East through prayer meetings and open displays of red, white and blue.

The ROTC and the Athletic Department came together to sponsor "Support the Troops" night at the Feb. 9 basketball game against Pittsburg State University. All attending were encouraged to wear red, white or blue. People were also given yellow ribbons to wear. Clubs and groups displayed banners and signs showing their support.

"It was great seeing the signs and the yellow ribbons," said freshman Scott Toland. "Even though everyone was excited about the basketball

game, they also realized there were other things going on."

The "Support the Troops" night grew from the Griffon News' encouraging of everyone to wear red, white and blue on Fridays. Many chose to wear the colors to show their support.

"I have a red, white and blue pin that I wear," said freshman Brooke Sanger. "It's the easiest way to remind everyone of the conflict."

For people with loved ones in the Gulf, the Desert Storm Support Group provided a forum to vent feelings and concerns with other people who were in similar situations.

Linda Garlinger and Tim Crowley conducted a weekly meeting for students and faculty to come and discuss developments in the Gulf and share their feelings with others.

"I feel the entire campus is behind the effort in the Gulf," Garlinger said. "The people in the group have a really good

feeling about the support shown by the campus."

Common concerns included not receiving any details about family and friends, such as letters or calls.

"The basic reason most come is for emotional support," Garlinger said.

According to Garlinger, the support group meetings would continue as long as the war did.

Many dorm students showed support for the troops by displaying the American flag or a yellow ribbon in their windows.

"I just wanted to show that I knew the troops were over there, and that I wanted other people to know too," said sophomore Brian Mills.

Campus Ministries covered a bulletin board in the student union with yellow paper. Students with family or friends in the Gulf War could sign their names as a reminder to pray for them.

"Nobody knows how much longer they're going to be

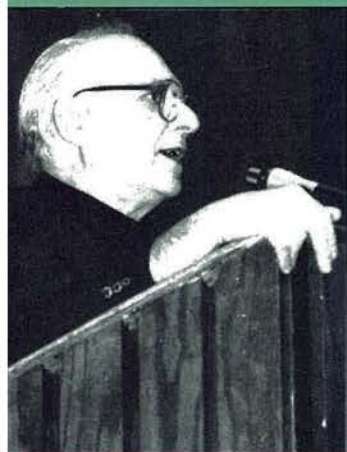
over there," said junior Natalie Reynolds. "It's a reminder to me and a reminder to everyone else that we still have soldiers there."

Non-denominational prayer meetings were held at the Newman Center, Catholic Campus Ministry. Approximately 15 to 20 students attended weekly meetings. Father Roland Carbone stressed they were non-political nature.

"It is not for us to debate politics," Carbone said. "We're just praying for peace."

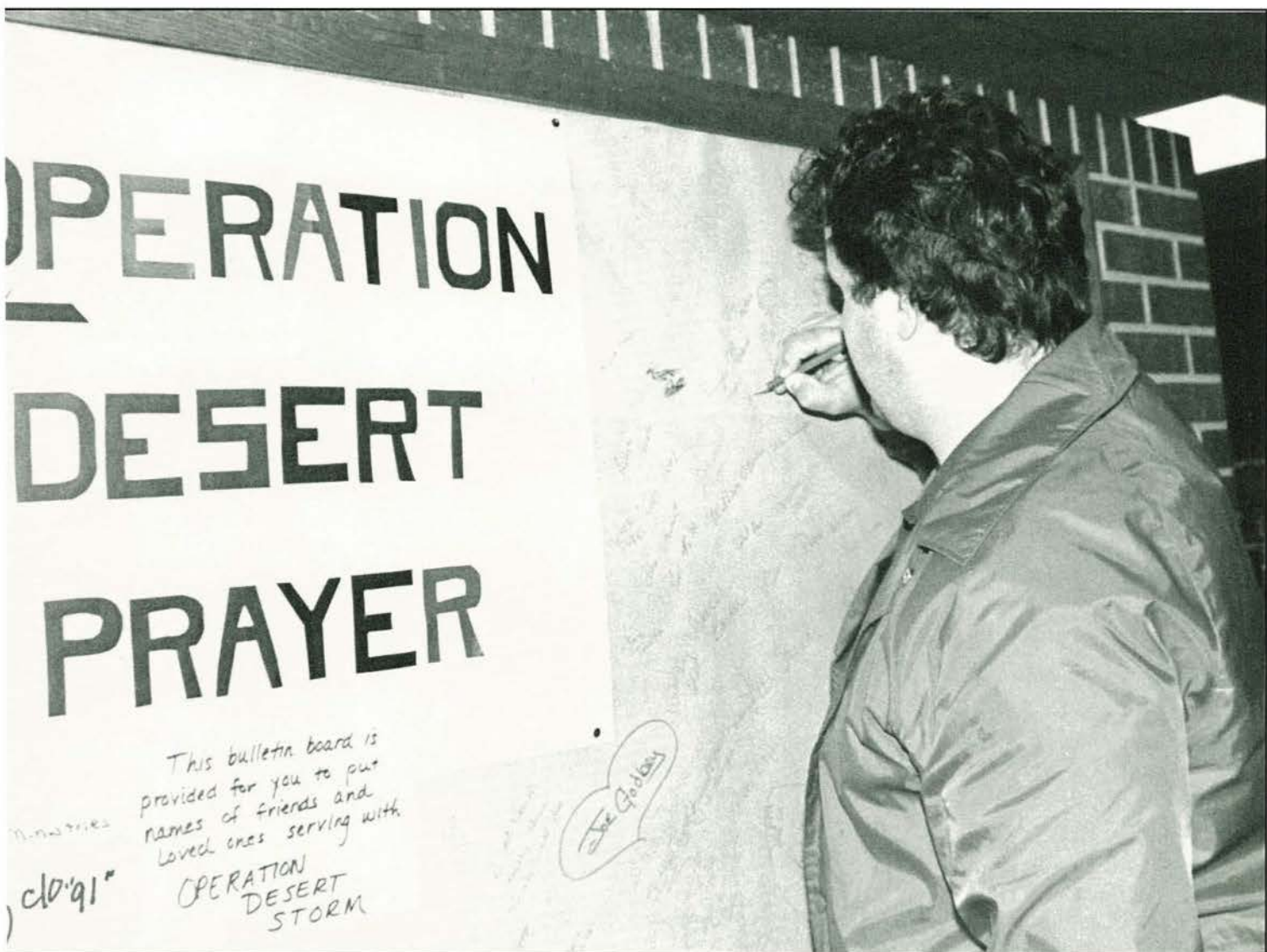
The meetings were flexible in structure, allowing people to discuss their concerns and worries. The prayer meetings would continue as long as there was a need shown, according to Carbone.

Although there were many different ways of showing support, students and faculty were determined not to forget their friends and family involved in the Gulf War. ❖

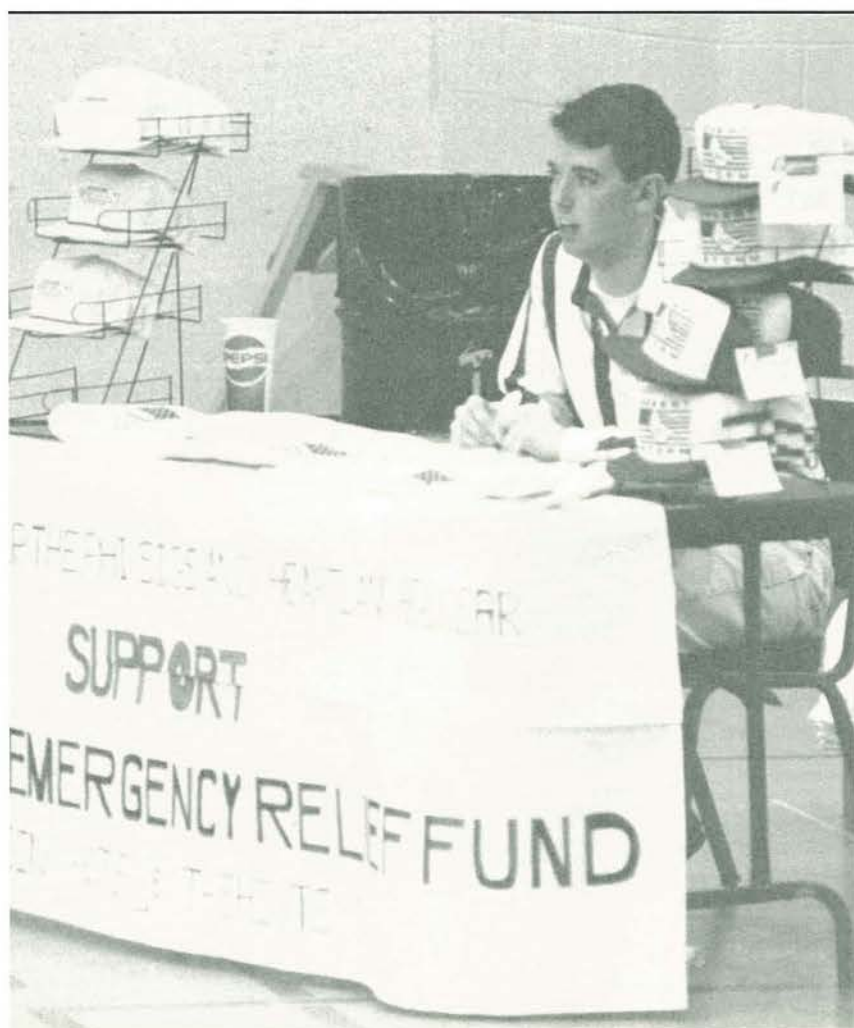


Mark McKerrow

Father Roland Carbone delivers a prayer at a support for the troops prayer meeting in the Fine Arts Theater.



Jason Ulstrup



Junior Rod Miller signs a friend's name to the Operation Desert Prayer bulletin board outside of the cafeteria in the student union.

Junior Kevin McNeill sells Gulf shirts for Emergency Relief Fund sponsored by the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and Heartland Headgear at a home basketball game.

Mark McKerrow



An interesting headline appears on Feb. 27 bringing hope that Stoney Hays will be home soon. Christi reads the story of the cease-fire to Morgan.

The miles between Christi and Stoney melt away briefly during phone calls from Saudi Arabia. Morgan can't wait for her turn to talk.



Kate Johnson

Husband heeds call

Later,
 calls from Saudi Arabia
 mean hope
 and life.

by Stephanie Smiser

Who would think that a phone call would mean hope and life. On the day before giving Christi her husband a phone call that he would be at Fort Sill, Saudi Arabia is destination. She had both known he would come, they had tried to get out of their hands until the time came. Morgan, their 6-year-old daughter, true daddy's girl. When Stoney left, it was hard on both Christi and Morgan. She wouldn't sleep a whole night. Only when Stoney

would come visit would she actually sleep all night," Christi said.

Christi did her best to think positive and be cheerful around Morgan although inside she was scared and angry. Stoney spent all of his time with Christi and Morgan the few times he came home before being shipped to Saudi Arabia.

"Every time I saw him playing with Morgan I felt robbed for both Morgan and me," Christi said. "I just couldn't stop thinking that he would have to be leaving soon. Every time I would look at Morgan I would get upset because she looks so much like him."

She talked to Stoney every night on the phone when he was at Fort Sill, Okla. On Jan. 19, 1991, Stoney was transported with his unit to

Saudi Arabia. He called as often as possible and sent letters home daily. Each time he called, he would talk to Morgan to keep his voice in her mind.

"He would get very emotional when talking to Morgan and me," Christi said. Christi talked to Morgan about her father every day, practicing saying da-da, and showing her pictures of Stoney.

Christi was proud that Stoney was in Saudi Arabia fighting. It upset her to hear and see people protesting against the soldiers who were over there.

"I had to think of every aspect of what was going on around me, like if Stoney was injured, taking care of Morgan alone, death, and when Stoney would return," Christi explained. "I was constantly thinking of

Stoney, even during classes, which made it hard to comprehend much else. I'm finding out that it's hard to be brave for everyone else as well as myself."

Christi watched CNN daily to keep informed. She hoped Stoney would get to come home soon.

"Stoney and I have already decided that the first chance we get when he returns we are going skiing," she said. "He said he doesn't mind not seeing sand for quite a while."

Christi and Morgan waited hopefully for Stoney's return. Until then, their only communications were letters and phone calls.

Christi explained, "Stoney and I would always say 'I love you' to each other over and over again. This is how we helped each other through all of this." ♦

While Stoney is away, Christi lives with her parents. This arrangement allows Christi's father, Ernie Cooper, to be a substitute father to Morgan. Christi finds Morgan's shoes for Ernie, who is dressing his granddaughter.



Kate Johnson

Combat patch is his goal

Army reservist
leaves school for duty in
Germany, misses combat in
Saudi Arabia.

by Bryan Keefhaver

This story was written by junior Bryan Keefhaver about his twin brother Troy, who was sent to Germany as part of Operation Desert Storm.

Dawn rises over the war-torn battlefield. Smoke mingles with the early morning fog, blanketing the ugly, marred countryside. Like clockwork, the morning artillery firing commences, its low growl echoing through battle implacements, rolling like thunder across the scarred landscape.

Above the man-made storm, a cry. "Charge!" Waves of green surge forward. Forward they go, their M-16's barking their staccato voices of death. Above the palpable din, a clicking

sound. No, not the sound of an M-16 ejecting a spent brass casing. No, not the sound of the smoking chamber of an M-60 machine gun opening up to accept a fresh projectile to hurl at the body of an enemy brother-in-arms. No, more like the sound of grandma frantically working a pair of crocheting needles, finishing her upteenth sweater.

There, through the haze, dodging a torrent of steel, bullets and shrapnel, he seems almost invincible, working his crutches like magic, firing his weapon John Wayne-style from the hip to fell another doer-of-bad-deeds. His name? Keefhaver. Troy Keefhaver. United States Army Reserve. Reserve? That's right, Reserve.

Troy's dream of seeing combat in Operation Desert

Storm was all but dashed when, upon the embattled hardwood of a basketball court, he tore his ankle up while saving the poor, innocent ball from harm's way.

"I'm kind of embarrassed," he chuckled, "but mad at the same time. I'm ticked. I'd give anything to see combat, even a little combat, if there is such a thing."

Why does Troy want to see combat? To prove to himself he is a man? To feel what it's like to stare death in the face and later know he defied it? To fight for freedom wherever there's trouble and protect the American dream?

"I want a patch," he replied. "A combat patch."

Ah, the coveted combat patch. What is it? A combat patch is sewn on the left shoulder of a uniform.

It is the unit patch of the unit with which one served in combat with.

"I want one bad," he said, "real bad."

Troy and his unit, the 189th Ordnance, were activated in January and soon reached their destination in Germany a few short weeks later.

"Germany!" Troy shouted, remembering his initial reaction when he heard where they were going. "There's nothing in Germany! All of the action is in Saudi Arabia."

Upon their arrival in Germany, their remembrance of leaving the States amidst the flags and cheers from patriotic Americans and their visions of being welcomed in Germany as conquering heroes were soon dashed away as they were met at the gate of the base by protesting

civilians.

"Poor, uninformed idiots," Troy said, it were leaving a taste in his mouth. "I hate protesters. The bad thing is that they were Americans."

Despite his disappointment, Troy decided to try and make the best of it and just do what he was told to do.

"And that was nothing," Troy recalled. "We didn't do anything for the first few days."

To pass the time, Troy and his buddies found a gym and decided to make the best of it.

"We were excited to get to play some basketball," Troy said, also a die-hard Boston Celtics fan. "It even reminded some of home to play an American game in a foreign land."

Troy recalled was going after a rebound when he



d on somebody's

The good thing is I landed on my two feet," he said. "The bad part was that somebody decided that they were going to stick their foot under mine, and my ankle turned blue."

Troy had torn a few ligaments and nerves in his ankle, making it useless. Right now he was lying in bed, unable to stand on it. The Germans wanted to X-ray his foot, but Troy said, "I've already had three doctors, and the Germans don't like to make their own people bleed if they treat them like they did to me."

Troy, now with a cast on his foot, was doing nothing. He was bored. "I did this," he said. "Now I was bored to tears. I had to keep up one of the

weirdest hobbies I could find. I decided to master some tricks on a yo-yo."

Another bad part was that when Troy's unit would go sight-seeing, Troy couldn't keep up.

"I missed a lot of Germany," Troy said. "We'd go somewhere and they'd leave me behind. They'd try to slow down for me, but they can only go so slow."

To make matters worse, the war in the Gulf began to escalate at this time. There was talk of Troy's unit going on to Saudi Arabia. Everyone, that is, except Troy.

"I would have never lived it down back home if I was stuck in Germany," he said. "I told Mom to tell everyone back home I hurt my ankle saving someone under fire."

The weeks passed slowly for Troy as he

read about the war in the paper and watched on television. The six weeks passed, and Troy was anxious to get the cast off. When the cast did come off, Troy was happy, despite the drawbacks of not cleaning his foot for six weeks.

"Remember," Troy said. "I was playing basketball and was all hot and sweaty. Then, a cast on it for six weeks, sweating, drying and sweating again. It was pretty pungent."

But the pace had yet to quicken for Troy and his unit.

"I've only worked two days since I got my cast off," he said. "And on my first day back, I had a migraine headache. Talk about going from bad to worse."

With the cast off, Troy got to do things he couldn't do before.

"I'm finally getting to see the sights," he said. "And I can keep

up with everyone else."

And he had yet to learn his lesson.

"I admit," he laughed. "The other day, we went to play basketball, but all of the courts were taken. I still love basketball and always will try to play."

Troy doesn't plan to return to school.

"I've got a taste of active army life," Troy said. "Don't do much and get paid for it. I'm thinking of going active when all of this is over, me and some other guy over here. We're going active together."

The funny thing is that Troy's unit was sent to Germany to replace a unit that was sent to Saudi Arabia. Troy wanted to join that unit.

"I wonder what their unit patch looks like?" Troy said. "I'll bet it'll look tough on my left shoulder." ♦



Mark

The Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity displayed a peace banner in support of the troops at the "Support the Troops" night Feb. 9.

Members of the ROTC Color Guard, Doug Gibson, Troyce Gill, Mike Schiesl and Vince Fender, present the flags before a home basketball game.

Rick Weidmaier





War reactions differ

All relieved to see the end of war and the return of U.S. soldiers.

by Barb Bell and Ruby Faulk

Though student reactions toward the end of the war differed as night and day, everyone was relieved when the fighting ceased and the troops returned.

Most agreed with the government's involvement in the Middle East," said sophomore Diane Bennett. "I'm sorry it came down to an armed war, but I don't think the government acted completely."

The war touched me personally because I have a few close friends that served in the Gulf," said senior

Heath Dudley. "I'm sure the war also touched the hearts of many families who had members serving in the military."

In addition to concern for the soldiers, the war created confusion and made many view the U.S. government more critically.

"The war was a misunderstanding by our government," said junior Eric Smith. "They put our troops and thousands of innocent people in a very fearful situation."

People were constantly tuning in their televisions and radios to keep informed of any developments taking place in the Middle East. People became more

interested in the situation when they realized that family and friends could be serving in the war region.

"After the fighting broke out there was talk going around about the issuance of a draft," said freshman Bessie Frakes. "I was really concerned because I knew my boyfriend would be one of the first activated."

Fortunately, the war ended before any rumors of a draft enforcement could be confirmed. However, tension remained high as the countries of the world searched for a quick and peaceful resolution to the problems that still existed in the Middle East.

Senior Jeff Chandler was relieved when the war ended even though the turmoil in the Middle East was not completely resolved. He viewed the post-war instability in a realistic manner.

"There has always been conflict in that part of the world," Chandler said. "There is very little anyone can do to solve their problems, especially an indirectly involved country like the United States."

Whether in support or protest of the Gulf War, every student was happy to see a peaceful end to a drastic situation and the safe return of all the soldiers involved with Operation Desert Storm. ❖

Teresa Easton, editor of The Griffon News, empties the box of Valentines that students filled for Operation Heartwarming. Operation Heartwarming was a program set up by The Griffon News to help students show their support and concern for the troops serving in the Persian Gulf.

Lisa Johnston



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Pepsi
 Sparky's
 Short hair - men
 Long hair - women
 Rock
 KY-102
 Praying for peace
 Basketball
 Not smoking
 Nike
 MC Hammer
 Mariah Carey
 ABC soaps
 Arsenio Hall
 Oprah Winfrey
 The Simpsons
 Teenage Mutant
 Ninja Turtles
 "Pretty Woman"
 Merrie Melodies
 Mexican food
 Caffeine
 Neon colors

Johnny Carson, "Ghost" and rap are out w Arsenio Hall, "Pretty Woman" and rock ar What students like

by
Randy
Myers

There was a woman with long hair walking across campus. She was wearing neon colors with Nike tennis shoes while eating Mexican fast food and drinking a Pepsi with caffeine in it. According to Missouri Western students, she was very "in."

In a survey distributed on campus, all of these items and more were voted as the most "in" items. Students also picked their favorite celebrities over their not-so-favorite ones. Both MC Hammer and Mariah Carey had something to sing about as they beat out Vanilla Ice and Whitney Houston as the most "in" singers.

"I think MC Hammer has given rap a better name because he sings about positive things," said sophomore Camille McDonald. "He also promotes a drug-free attitude to people."

A cartoon family called The Simpsons and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles won out over the once-popular Cosby Show and the movie, "Ghostbusters." The movie "Ghost" didn't stand a ghost of

a chance of being "in" as "Pretty Woman" was the favorite movie of the year.

"'Pretty Woman' was better than 'Ghost' because was like a fairy tale and a dream come true movie with happy ending," said sophomore Lisa Dalton.

Oprah Winfrey not only grew in size, but she also grew in popularity as she beat out Phil Donahue as the favorite talk show host.

Listening to rock on KY-102 won out over listening rap on KKJO-FM as both radio stations lost their spot on the "out" list. Those two had plenty of company as NBC soaps and the Tiny Toons also lost out to ABC soaps and Bugs Bunny Merrie Melodies.

On the other side of campus there was a man with long hair. He was wearing pastels with Reebok tennis shoes while eating homemade Chinese food and drinking caffeine-free Coke. According to the same students, he was not "in" because all of these items were voted as being "out." ❖



freshman John Davis purchases two hamburgers from McDonalds to go along with his Pepsi.



Rick Wiedmaier

O utside the biology department in the science and math building, senior Amy Cottman wears a Nike warm-up suit.

A 27-year-old rapper, M.C. Hammer was voted "in" by students. His second album, "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em," sold close to 5 million copies.



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Long hair - men

Short hair - women

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KKJO-FM

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Smoking

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Whitney Houston

NBC soaps

Johnny Carson

Phil Donahue

The Cosby Show

Ghostbusters

Ghost

Tiny Toons

Chinese food

Decafe

Pastels

From decorating the locker rooms to the rivalry with Northwest Missouri State University, Traditions stay alive

by
Randy
Myers

On Valentine's Day, people sent hearts, flowers and candy to their loved ones. It was a tradition to send Valentine's to a sweetheart. St. Patrick's Day brought out the Irish in everyone. It was just tradition to drink green beer. The Fourth of July was celebrated with colorful displays of red, white and blue. Fireworks were part of the tradition that was as old as the United States.

Not all traditions needed a national holiday to be celebrated. Missouri Western had its share of traditions that lasted over the years and continued to be observed.

One tradition that the Student Government Association started in 1972 was the Student Activity Day on the Friday before Homecoming. The day was started so students could build and work on floats for the Homecoming parade.

"As far as I know we are the only college that has this kind of day off for the students," said Forrest Hoff, dean of student affairs. "The SGA fought long and hard for it to be approved."

The spring semester brought an old tradition combined with a new one. A king was added to the Sweet-

heart Dance to accompany the queen. This idea was brought to the SGA's attention by the use of the suggestion boxes.

"I thought it was a great idea to add a king to the agenda," said junior Galen Hessemyer. "It makes it more equal and it also ties into the holiday of Valentine's Day better."

Most school traditions centered around sports. Before every home football or basketball game, the cheerleaders decorated the locker rooms in show of support of the teams. At first, the locker room was only decorated before the Homecoming football game, but there was a good response by the players so the cheerleaders did it before every home game.

"At first I thought it was kind of a high school thing to do," said yell leader Brendan Gibson. "Now I think it is a good way to show our teams that we were behind them, and we also had a lot of fun doing it."

Standing up at the beginning of each basketball game until the Griffons scored their first point was a new tradition started by the cheerleaders. This tradition started off slowly but as the season progressed so did the number

of crowd members standing each game.

"We tried it out to see could get more enthusiasm of the crowd," said cheerleader sponsor Melissa Norman. "Now all of our fans at away games stand up too."

The longest standing tradition at our college was rivalry with Northwest Missouri State University. Northwest was much older and school officials felt threatened when Missouri Western was built so close. Thus, the rivalry began. The two schools first met in football action in the fall of 1981 and Missouri Western won by a score of 8. Now, whenever the two schools met, there was sure to be a close score, a huge crowd and even a fight or two.

"Games against Northwest are traditionally intense because the schools are so close together, and we know most of them," said senior Kliefoth. "It is a carried rivalry; it's a known fact as soon as you come to Missouri Western that Northwest is a rival."

Missouri Western might not have had nationally recognized traditions, but the traditions it had were kept alive by the students who cared about them. ♦



Lesley Miller

▲▲ In preparation for the Homecoming parade, freshmen Mandi Rinehart and Ellen Gray take advantage of Student Activity Day to put the finishing touches on the Campus Activities Board float.



Brian Resch



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▲▲**S**enior Toby Cummings and junior Janee White crown the Sweetheart King and Queen, Brian Boyer and Angie Griffith, during the Sweetheart Dance sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

▲▲**F**reshmen Mike Rotts and Lori Davis decorate the men's locker room before a home basketball game.

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“It was really cold and the wind was whipping around the tent, but everybody just covered up in blankets and sleeping bags to keep warm. Patrick Swayze was enough to keep us warm.”

— Christina Hall

Admissions Counselor Mel Tyler waits for his time in jail to be up. Alpha Chi Delta arrested certain people for anyone who would pay a dollar for their arrest warrant.



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Senior Bill Euler tastes a “Turkish delight” made by Valerie Harris, director of publications, as Norma Bagnall, associate professor of English, looks on.

Comedian Brad Lowery entertains the crowd under the tent Wednesday night of Spring Fest.

A movie, a comedian, a band and the first annual International Day help students Welcome spring

When Spring Fest began April 22, with comedian Rudolf, the Spring Fest was no where to be found. The company that was to pitch the tent was out of town as City, and they spent the morning looking for our old home on downtown," said the Campus Activities Board member Ernie Stufflebean. When the tent arrived, it was pitched up behind the stage during Rudolf's performance. A crowd of jack-hammers had almost drowned out the sound, but it wasn't enough to stop the comedian. He just slipped it into his routine. "We're hoping they will come out and mow the grass before I'm done," Rudolf said. The stage and folding chairs were moved into the area for the movie that was scheduled later that night. Although the temperature cooled when the sun went down, it wasn't enough to stop students from lining up for rock and pop and settle in

to watch the movie "Ghost." "It was really cold and the wind was whipping around the tent, but everybody just covered up in blankets and sleeping bags to keep warm," said freshman Christina Hall. "Patrick Swayze was enough to keep us warm." Tuesday morning Phi Sigma Kappa members set up their tents. These tents had a different meaning than the Spring Fest tent. The fraternity camped out on the middle of campus all week as a fund raising activity for the homeless. Later that night, it was Brad Lowery's turn to make the campus laugh. The temperature dropped once again but didn't hinder the performance or attendance. "I think he was the funniest person I have ever heard," said freshman Laurie Carrillo. "Some people thought he was offensive, but I thought he was great!" Wednesday brought the first annual International Day.

Booths were set up with food representing all countries with students attending Missouri Western. Students lined up for a chance to taste food from Turkey, Poland and even Iran. Senior Pat Brennan tried the Turkish Hummu bi Tahina which was chickpea and sesame dipped on pita bread. "This is better than a 49¢ taco!" he said. Thursday brought bad weather, and the student club and organization booths were moved into the student union. Among the various things to do, students could buy snow cones from the Leisure Management Club or get a free frisbee from members of CAB. "Even though the rain forced us into the student union, all people involved enjoyed themselves," said Dave Krugh, member of the Leisure Management Club. Although the missing tent, rain and cold weather caused problems, that wasn't enough to stop Spring Fest from getting students involved. ❖

by
Randy
Myers



Lesley Miller



Freshman Khadijah Salaam, sophomore Tiffany Graham and Tisha Lovings enjoy the laughter under the tent during Spring Fest.


Mark McKerrow

The Campus Activities Board provided singer/comedian Dave Rudolph for students on the first day of Spring Fest.

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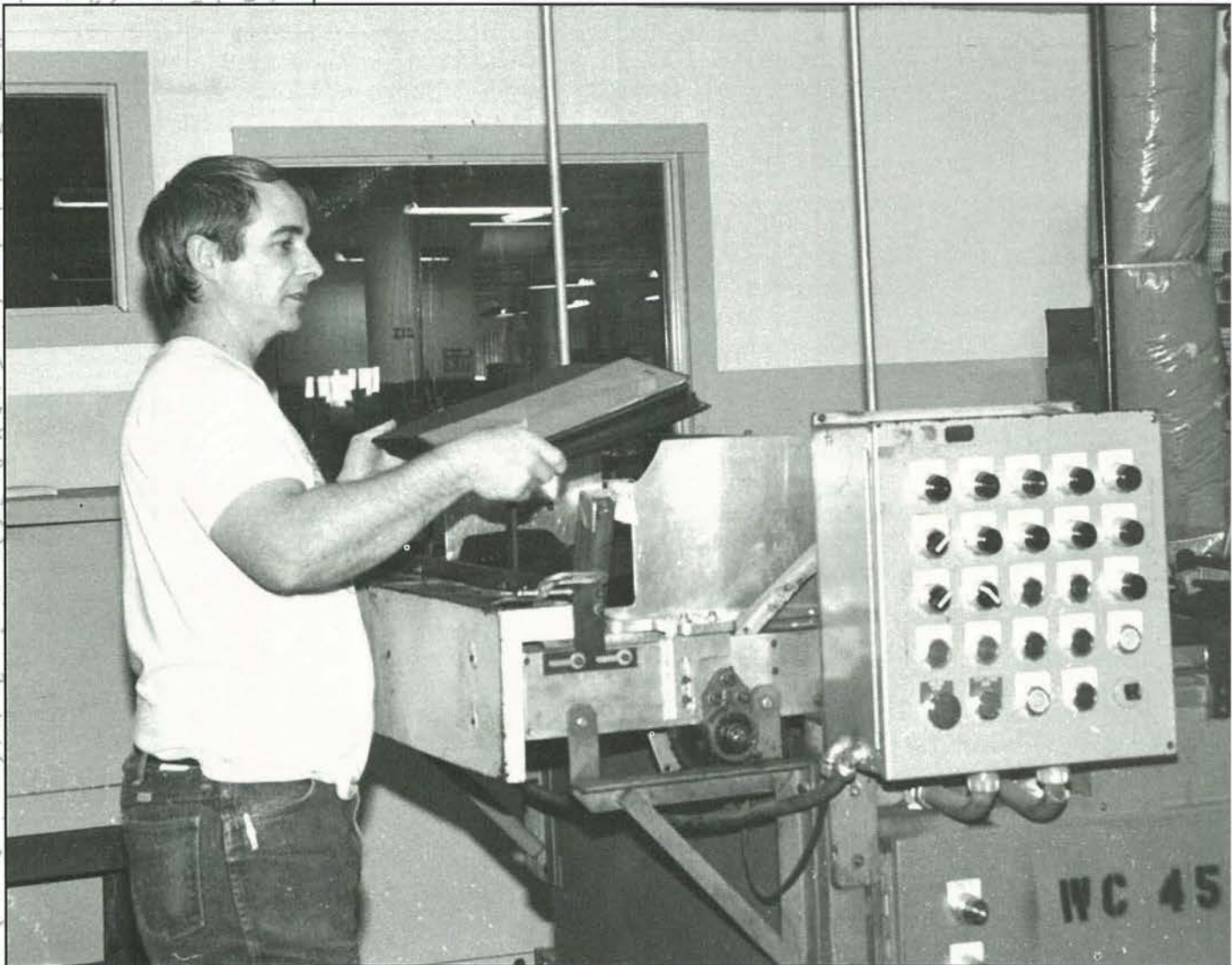
— Rufus Hernandez

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 Junior Mike Miller spends one of many Friday nights working at Ray’s Green Hills.



Rick



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 Senior Steve Allen manufactures several types of notebook during the night shift at Mead Products.

Despite full class loads, jobs become a necessity for survival as students

Juggle precious moments

by
Mike Nease

Time was a precious commodity, but to one group of students, it was one thing that was definitely in the shortest of supply. This group of students juggled full-time work with a full college load. Only other alternatives involved borrowing money, but some students just couldn't qualify. There were a lot of concessions to be made. For many students, school and home came first over other things.

"I try to keep school top priority and keep focused. Even still, homework, studying and socializing suffer," said junior Mike Miller, a health communications and public relations major. "I just get the best of my leisure time by using my VCR! If I don't have that I'd miss something."

More and more students were looking for full-time employment.

"These students have families and responsibility. They're not living with mom and dad anymore," said Rufus Hernandez, job location coordinator for Missouri Western whose basic function was to marry students with job opportunities. "More and more students are looking for full-time versus part-time jobs because today's economy demands it. Working plus school is the only way for them to do it."

Balancing school and work had its drawbacks, but it also had many positives. Students gained valuable work experience which could open doors and opportunities down the road. This combination also conveyed to prospective employers that hard work did

not scare these people away from their goals.

USA Today quoted the U.S. Department of Labor's estimates that "By the year 2000, one half of all jobs will require at least two years of college." With these facts, the reasons for going to school were pretty self explanatory, but why did students work also?

"I work for the money to feed my family," said senior Steve Allen. "I go to school so that some day I can get away from what I'm doing now."

Allen, an education major, worked the second shift at Mead Products in St. Joseph.

"I've got lots to do everyday, but I also try to do something everyday that I want to do. I like to coach girl's basketball. That does it for me," Allen said. "If I can't do something I want to do, the rest just isn't worth it!" ❖

Rufus Hernandez, job location coordinator, works with students who are seeking jobs.



Rick Wiedmaier

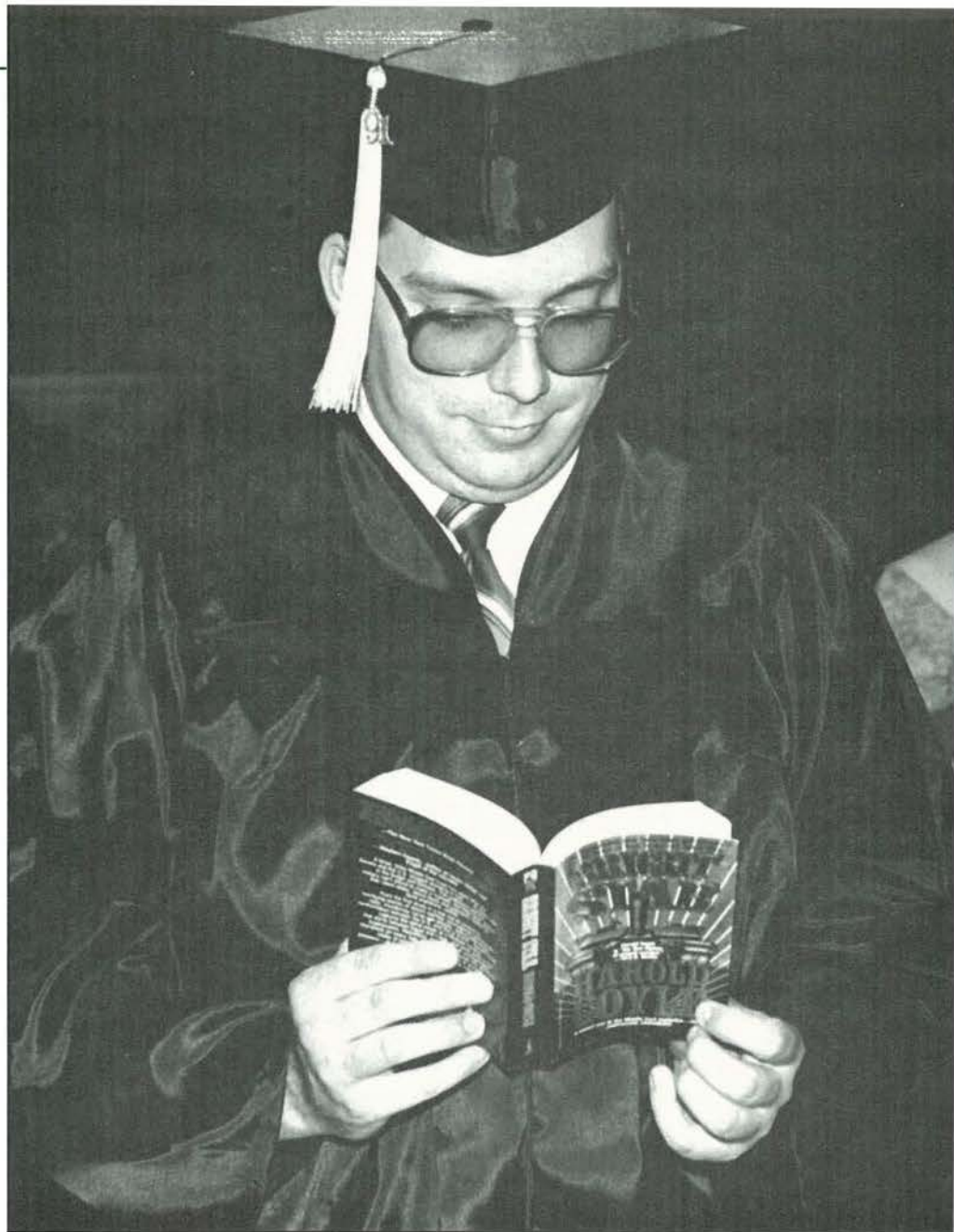
“Many things in life aren't real, but the degrees that you receive today are.

—Samuel F. Pickering, Jr.

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▲▲T o pass time while standing in line before the processional, Todd Gray reads a book. Graduates were asked to be lined up 45 minutes before the ceremony.

▲▲A lthough Joanne Euler has a degree as a dental hygienist, she joined her husband, Bill Jr., in earning an accounting degree. They share in one of the final events of their college career: the breakfast hosted by the Alumni Association.



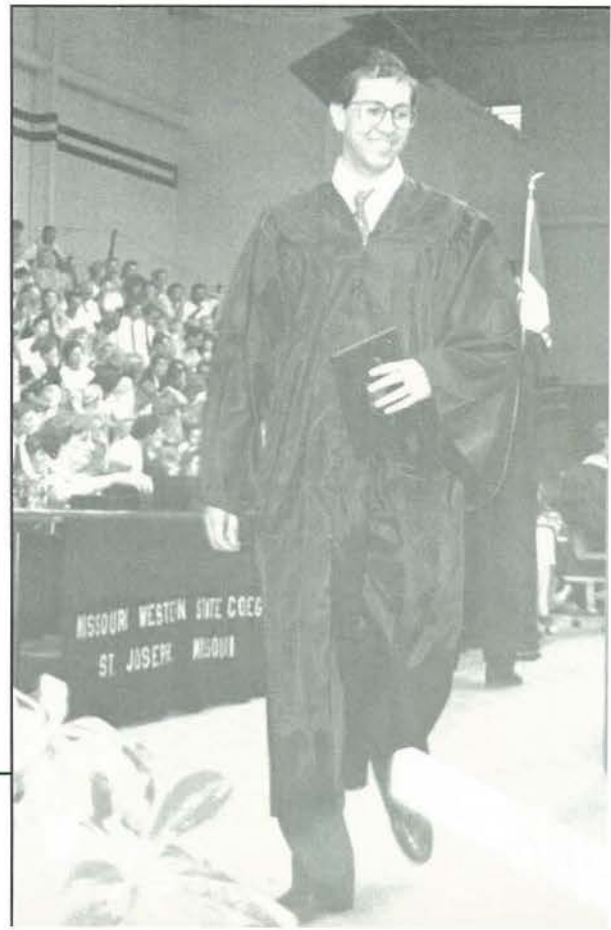
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▲▲T he heat does not dampen Kenneth Manship's joy in receiving his diploma.

Kate Johnson



From graduation breakfast, through receptions to the commencement exercise, graduates

Seize the moment

It's really sad to think that part of my life is over but I'm also excited about a new part beginning," graduate Jenine Coonis. The graduation didn't just end at the evening commencement but started early the morning with a graduation breakfast. Graduates and family members gathered at the student union for the Annual Graduation Breakfast. The hum of conversations and conversation created a warm atmosphere as the graduates as they heard their long-awaited Alumnus Jerry R. Pickering was the guest speaker for the breakfast. He emphasized the importance of graduates making a place for themselves in the community. "Graduates, you can make a difference but don't wait," he said. "Make a difference in your community and society." The day continued with several receptions. A reception at President Janet Murphy's house was in honor of magna cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude graduates. The reception for graduates was held in the

student union and even included a small orchestra to create a lively atmosphere.

Finally, the time grew nearer. All the graduates assembled in the old gym to dress in their caps and gowns. The emotions in the air ranged from fear to apprehension.

"I'm going on to graduate school, so it's not like I'm done yet," said graduate Mike Swope. "I am scared to think about the fact that now I have to go out and find a job, a place to live, pay rent, and everything else included in living on your own."

Others felt relieved that after years of hard work it was finally over.

"I just can't wait to get this over with and start a new job," said Dewayne Hickey. "I'll miss my friends and the people here, but I know I'll never forget them."

This was the feeling of most graduates as they headed into the fieldhouse.

The gymnasium was packed to capacity and the humidity hung in the air like a thick haze. Murphy introduced the guest speaker Samuel F. Pickering, Jr., who

was the role model for John Keating in the movie "Dead Poet's Society."

The message that Pickering delivered was humorous and enlightening. He left the crowd laughing, and the graduates forgot about their anxieties for awhile.

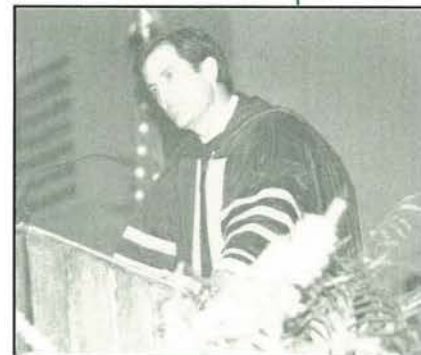
"Life is but a moment — seize the moment," he said. "Don't lose your curiosity when you leave Missouri Western. Above all, observe and learn as much as you can."

Pickering compared life to an airplane ride explaining that one will weather the storms and turbulence that wander into one's path. His enthusiasm for life filled the fieldhouse and inspired the graduating students. He ended with a simple sentence.

"Many things in life aren't real, but the degrees that you receive today are."

As the graduates went forward to proudly receive their degrees, friends and family cheered them on. As the graduates received their diplomas, the realization that it was all over flooded through them. It was not an ending but only a beginning. ❖

by
Stephanie
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Rick Wiedmaier

Guest speaker Samuel F. Pickering, Jr. encourages graduates to remain curious. "Don't wait for the extraordinary to happen to you," he said.

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Senior Jim Hulet puts the finishing touches on his work for his Advanced Painting class.

Darren Knetzer

Students brought open minds ready to be filled with information to academics.

Psychology students had the somewhat unusual experience of dissecting sheep brains. With this knowledge, they increased their understanding of the workings of the human brain.

In Cave Exploring, spelunkers work together as a team to view the dark, damp underground.

Expansion of the Continuing Education Department and the Instructional Media Center programs provided students with more chances to take different approaches to learning.

Leaving academics, students took knowledge and inspiration with them either into another year of school or out into the world.





Rick Weidmaer

Instructor Jerry Huff explains to his lifeguard training class how to rescue a drowning victim.



Lisa Johr

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M ake the grade

by Ruby Faulk

What did a student do when it was Friday and that big exam on Wednesday had been forgotten? Well, students probably screamed, made an embarrassing scene when sprinted to the Center for Academic Support. The CAS provided a tutorial program that was available to students free of charge. The tutors assisted the students in need of academic help were provided their services through special grants the center received. The tutorial program provided help in reading, writing and mathematical skills. A small hourly fee, for tutoring for specific courses was offered on campus. Supplemental instruction program another student-aided operation. SI is directed to group students in high risk areas such as Math and humanity classes.

"In the fall semester alone our CAS tutorial program provided over 2,300 hours of assistance to students," said Jan Norton, director of the program.

The tutors, called anything from saviors to super persons, were actually students that were hired because of their knowledge, skills and ability to work well with people.

"I've been tutoring for over four years, and I've really enjoyed it," said senior Ronda Rucker. "It's been a good opportunity for me, and I've met a lot of nice people."

The Center welcomed walk-ins, but in the future they planned to push for students to enroll early and attend sessions on a regular basis.

"We get a lot of students who come in the day before a test and expect to ace it after one session with us," said English assistant Bill Church. "We do our best, and the outcome is usually

a fairly decent grade, even when we have such short notice to work on."

Church was in charge of hiring and training the student tutors. The tutors were instructed to provide assistance, not simply to do the work for the student. They also tried to teach the students good study habits that would help them in the future.

"Without the help of the tutors and Richard Poor, I would've never passed Math 105," said sophomore Bryce McClurg. "They were extremely helpful and easy to understand."

In December the CAS sponsored a special reception for the tutors in appreciation of their hard work and dedication.

Without the help of tutors, many students would have found themselves battling very tough courses all alone, and in a lot of cases, the outcome would not have been a happy one.❖

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the Center for Academic Support, freshman Bryce McClurg listens as tutor Ronda Rucker explains the solution to a math problem. McClurg was preparing for a final exam in his MAT class.

Working together, Elizabeth Coon and Susan Sherman attempt to identify various areas of a sheep brain.



Lesley Miller

Senior Mike O'Connor slices through a sheep brain during the lab time set aside for students to compare the sheep brain with the human brain drawings studied in class.

Psychology students learn about neuroanatomy by peering

I nside the brain

by Wendy Darrah

In the Psychology 350 class, students were given a unique opportunity to get inside some brains. But interestingly enough, these brains were not their own.

As part of the required core, physiological psychology students studied the brain and its various innerworkings to learn the functions and the impact upon the human body. The students dissected a sheep brain in order to study the neuroanatomy. When students were told they would be dissecting sheep brains, the reactions ranged from excitement to almost nausea.

Instructor Phillip Wann felt that it was an essential part of the class.

"It is one thing to read about it in the text and quite another to have the hands-on experience of working with the real thing," Wann said.

Wann also felt that the dissection reinforced what was

taught in the lectures.

The sheep brains, which were supplied by the North Carolina Biological Supply Company, were chosen for their size and similarity to the human brain.

The purpose of the exercise was to locate the structures within the brain. Students did so with the aid of a model and a map which showed where to make each incision and how deep. These techniques were used in actual research labs, so students were given valuable experience.

According to Wann, students were positive about the dissections.

"To actually see the different parts of the brain like that gave me a greater appreciation for life. To know that this three-pound glob controls every little thing we do is incredible," said senior Atcha Rich. "It was enlightening."

Senior André Ahmadi recognized the unique opportunity of this experience and felt it was valuable in

terms of his future

"I plan on going to graduate school, and I know this will be helpful," Ahmadi said. "I don't know of any other undergraduate program that provides this experience for students. I also thought it was fun to get inside the brain and see that it actually looks like a big pig liver, and it's not as mushy like everyone thinks."

As part of the reinforcement program, students also put together a cardboard model of the brain to learn the localization of functions, particularly parts of the brain that control specific functions in the human body.

Wann was pleased with the results of the dissections and felt that the students learned a great deal.

"I think visualization and practical application is the key element," Wann said. "I tend to think that more learning takes place this way. I want to continue offering this lab experience to my students." ♦



Lesley Miller



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Brad Moore and Andy Parks
perform the intricate
dissections of a sheep brain.



Lesley Miller

Before senior Dale Good begins his dissection, Phillip Wann explains where to make incisions for the assignment.

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Department
secretaries
juggle duties
while

Keeping the ship afloat

by Mike Nease

Whether it was a last minute phone call from an ill student, a rush job on classroom handouts to be photocopied, or training the student helpers, the department secretaries had a great deal to do with keeping the ship afloat.

For students returning to school or just beginning their college career, just walking into some of the department offices might have made one feel a little uncomfortable. Luckily, most of the department secretaries had experience on campus and in the classroom. They proved to be invaluable when it came to handling student problems.

Sandy Jacobs, secretary for the department of English, foreign languages and journalism for 14 years, had a bachelor's degree in education and some teaching experience, but she preferred her job as a secretary.

"It's the best of both worlds," she said. Assisting in

academics was the source of her greatest satisfaction. Jacobs added, "It doesn't even feel like a job; I just love it!"

Most of the basic clerical tasks, telephone messages, errands and mail were handled by the student helpers, which left more complicated tasks for the department secretaries. Some of their duties included assisting the department chair, coordinating department activities, hiring and training student help, assisting instructors in preparing photocopies, handling and maintaining the department budget control, and in some cases, handling instructor evaluations, coordinating department newsletters, and acting as liaisons at college functions.

When asked why she does what she does, Alice Shue, secretary for the department of communication studies for five years, said "There's no two days just alike and working with students is really fun — even more fun

than working with the faculty. Coming to work is great; it doesn't feel like a job until I get home!"

Carol West, secretary for the business and economics department for three years, considered every day a challenge.

"There's always something happening and that really keeps me hopping," she said. "Sometimes when I get home, I'm so exhausted, but it's a good kind of tired."

All in all, teamwork and communication seemed to be the keys to the successful operation of the departments and it was apparent the captains of the ships were the secretaries in the individual departments. With the direction of the department heads and the assistance of the student labor force, the secretaries kept the departments moving forward.

As John Tapia, professor in the communication studies department put it, "We just couldn't make it without her!" ♦



Brian Resch

Alice Shue types a communications department memo on her computer. She was also responsible for keeping track of appointments and assisting instructors.



Secretary Carol West prepares departmental scholarship letters for delivery. This is in addition to her many responsibilities as business and economic department secretary.

Sandra Jacobs, English department secretary, talks with freshman Jennifer Bennet about a prospective major change. Hanging on the wall behind them is Jacobs' prized possession her American flag.



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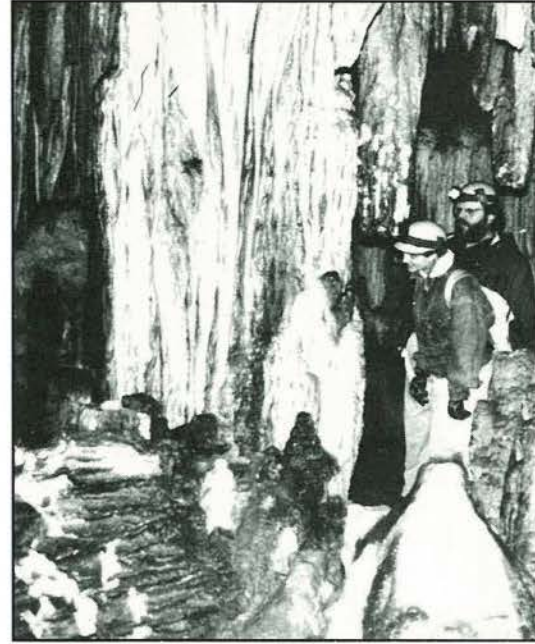
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“ It was scary when I was at the top, but once I got going it was great!
—Carol Blakely ”



Senior Carol Blakely and senior Clayton Vaught help each other light up the cave formations with their head lamps.



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Senior Sandy Dodd hangs from the folded gym bleachers, unable to rappel down until Sgt. 1st Class Rocky Noland frees her toe caught in a crack.

David Ashley examines a rock from a stream bed for cave-adapted life-forms such as snails and arthropods.

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Students enrolled in Cave Exploring spend a weekend

Caving in hell

by Kate Johnson

"This is the best time of year to go caving," explained David Ashley, biology professor, to 16 students who braved the slush-frozen streets in mid-January to attend PED 171 Beginning Cave Exploring.

Caves in this area had a year-round temperature of 57 degrees, and with the ground and water frozen, there was less water in the streams making it easier to access portions of some caves.

The goals of the course were to train students in safe caving techniques for sport and to learn some cave science in order to preserve cave ecology. The class left on Friday night and returned on Sunday on two separate weekends.

While a few students had previous experience in wild caves, most were neophytes. A common motivation was voiced by Laura Six. "I like

the adventure of going someplace not very many people go."

Before the class ever ventured underground, a new title was given to the course, "Caving From Hell." After caravanning 7 1/2 hours through fog to Reis Biological Station near Steeleville, Mo., the last downhill mile was too slick to negotiate by car.

Everyone carried as much gear as possible and skated precariously to the lodge. Some became weary of constantly falling and slid on their seats.

Senior Clayton Vaught muttered, "I don't believe I paid to do this!"

But after tours of Fisher and Cathedral Caves, students agreed with Ashley when he said, "Parts of this trip have been outstanding."

After traipsing through the commercial portion of the caves, the class was also guided through wild sections. Fisher Cave had tunnels of wet red clay which

clung tenaciously to clothes.

However, Cathedral Cave's wild section was sandy with a shallow stream. Only six cavers braved wading and were surprised to find the water a comfortable temperature.

Students employed a number of basic techniques including the bear walk, duck walk, belly crawling and crouching. When climbing steep inclines and crossing pits, the three-point rule was used: three points of one's body had to be in contact with the ground at all times. Some people went into passages that required squeezing.

Students quickly realized that caving was a team sport. Everyone had a buddy to look out for and encourage. At times, several waited to provide light for the one making a difficult passage.

Although there was no peer pressure, everyone went further than they thought they

could. When they reached their limit, they waited for the others to push ahead and then come back.

A rare experience occurred in Cathedral Cave when the class was able to see a microscopic snail of the genus *Fontigenis* which occurs in only two caves in the world.

The climax to "Caving From Hell" was a short exercise in rappelling given by Sgt. 1st Class Rocky Noland held in the gym. Some students were fearless, but others stretched their courage to make the plunge.

"It was scary when I was at the top, but once I got going it was great!" said senior Carol Blakely.

But junior Kathi Vandergriff said, "The butterflies are still going crazy ten minutes after I rappelled."

A special camaraderie developed among the class due to shared experiences — some unpleasant, some scary, but most of them fun. ❖

When
students
procrastinate
and fail to
prepare,

Cheating happens

by Randy Myers

Note: Anyone who cheats or plagiarizes on an exam or an outside paper will receive a grade of zero for that exam or assignment.

This sentence could be seen on many course syllabi at Missouri Western. All faculty were required to put a policy on cheating or plagiarizing in their course syllabi. It was an individual decision on behalf of the instructor on how it was enforced and the disciplinary action that took place.

Many instructors found it difficult to catch students cheating since classes were large and everybody could not be watched at once.

"I have never accused anybody of cheating without being absolutely sure they were," said Steven Greiert, head of the history department. "If someone does the work and gets a poor grade, I'll still respect them; but if they try and cheat, I won't have anything to do with them."

Students had various ways of cheating and ways of getting away with it. Some of the more popular forms of deception included:

—The pyramid effect: putting the smartest person in the front row and lining the people up in the seats behind in the form of a pyramid. The answers work their way to the back

of the room.

—Writing the answers on the inside of one's arm and wearing a long-sleeved shirt the day of the test.

—Putting white out on a pen and writing the answers over the white out.

—Writing answers on a glasses' case and leaving the case on the desk during the test.

—Writing formulas in a calculator case.

—Having someone else take a class in place of another person using their name.

—Finding someone who had the same class the semester before and getting all quizzes and tests to memorize them.

—Leaving a notebook open on the floor during the test.

Most students that cheating occurs because of a lack of preparation by the students. Tests were found to be the area where the greatest amount of cheating took place, although students also cheated on homework due to procrastination.

"I am sure I have had cheating that haven't caught, but I change my test frequently to avoid it," Greiert said. "On desperate people, people who are so about themselves would not take the chance of getting caught."

Even with detailed tests listed on the syllabus and the cheating policy stated, students still continued to cheat and get caught. ❖

Taking tests can be a tough challenge. In order to cope with the strain, some students resort to various types of cheating.

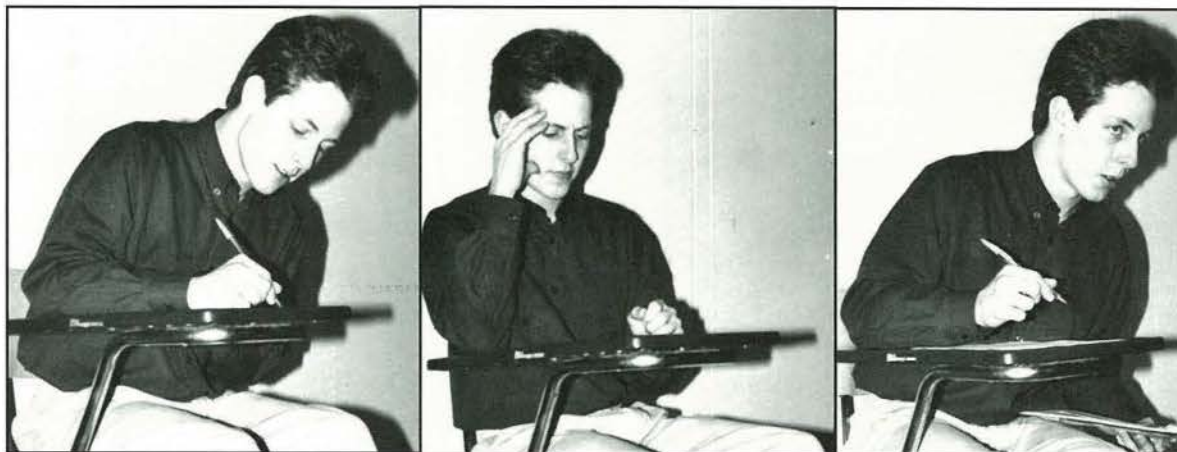


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Many students find it easier to use their neighbor's answers rather than taking their chances by guessing.

Cheat sheets are often used in last minute preparation for tests.

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Junior Sylvia Hanson explains the finer points of the economic history of St. Joseph to the honors colloquium. The colloquiums were held every Wednesday afternoon for honors students.



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“ Colloquium is not just pop and cookies like a lot of people think. It provides a meeting place where people with different majors can discuss topics and contribute their own expertise. ”
- Lana Ellis

Junior Jyl Baker discusses some of the economic history of St. Joseph to other honors students in colloquium.



Honors
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E xpanding the mind

by Suzanne Hopper

Once a week, a group of students gathered to discuss a topic selected for the semester. In the fall, they discussed the book "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions" by Thomas Kuhn. In the spring, they studied the history of St. Joseph, changes in Eastern Europe and the history of Africa, applying principles from the book.

Who were these students? They were members of the Honors Program enrolled in Honors Colloquium.

Freshmen applicants with an ACT score of at least 26 who were in the top 10% of their graduating class, or students with a college grade point average of 3.5 or above

were admitted to the program, which began in 1988. The Honors Program was divided into three areas: General Studies Honors, Interdisciplinary Honors and Majors Honors. General Studies Honors students had to enroll in Honors Colloquium three times in their first two years. Students continuing in the program had to enroll three more times over the last two years.

Gerald Zweerink, chemistry professor, directed the program and taught the Honors Colloquium.

"It helps me meet other students who are in the honors classes," said sophomore Teresa Repp.

In the fall, the students read the book by Kuhn which ex-

plained changes in paradigms, which are rules governing science and society. A chemistry professor from University of Missouri-Rolla and faculty members from Missouri Western in biology, art, theater and music discussed with the class how it related to their areas.

"It was kind of interesting," said sophomore Jeff Johnson. "We learned about the history of science and how it has moved through its different stages. It gives you an idea of where things are going to go."

In the spring, to study St. Joseph, the class heard a panel discussion on the recent economic history from junior Jyl Baker, junior Sylvia

Hanson and senior Lana Ellis, three students in the class. A panel of historians discussed the history, and area business people discussed the future of St. Joseph.

Later the class read "The Mountain People" by Colin M. Turnbull and discussed it in class.

Professors from Missouri Western discussed events in Eastern Europe with the students also.

"Colloquium is not just pop and cookies like a lot of people think," Ellis said. "It provides a meeting place where people with different majors can discuss topics and contribute their own expertise." ❖



Panel members Harold Slater, Sheridan Logan and Dale Nimtz share general and architectural history information about St. Joseph.

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Golden
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keep in step

by Ray Miller

They were the ones out in the heat practicing while everyone else drove home. They were also the ones playing at the pre-game and halftime shows at each home game. They were the people sitting in the stands ready to belt out the fight song when a touchdown was scored. They were the members of the Golden Griffon Marching Band.

To do a good job in marching band required a lot of dedication and hard work. Practice was held four days a week for two hours a day with performances on Saturdays. As a result, band members gave up much of their free

time. Some members found it hard to sacrifice their personal time.

"Everybody at the dorms will be watching Monday Night Football and I'll have to go practice sectionals," said sophomore Trent Walker.

Walker wasn't the only band member who found out that it took a lot of dedication to tromp over to the fine arts building and down to the band room to practice the music while his friends were having fun.

"You have to force yourself to come and practice instead of running around with the guys after school," said sophomore John Meyers. "That's the hardest thing — that and trying to keep

dedicated."

However, practicing was not all done in the band room. Many members practiced individually.

"During the day I spend most of my free time doing band stuff like going over the music," said sophomore Rich Miller.

The hard work of the marching band paid off for the members as well as for the audiences for which they performed.

"It's hard to put a show together in a week," Walker said. "You only have four and a half days to get a show ready and have it presentable for your friends and the audience. But it is worth it when we perform well."

The marching band received help in mak-

ing their performances successful from instructors Rob Dunham, Michael Mathews and Dennis Rogers.

"The instructors are great," said junior Kerry Long. "They put a lot of time and effort into the band, and they are willing to help you and work with you."

"The instructors are thought of as friends," Walker said. "They try to come down to our level, we try to go to theirs and we meet somewhere in the middle."

With cooperation and hard work from band members and instructors, the Golden Griffon Marching Band gave performances that both could be proud of. ♦

The drum line, consisting of Eddie Owen, Rick How, Mike Hanlan, Shawn Rogers, Kyle Milligan, Derek Sharp, Ken Eberhart and Brian Mills, perfect their routine during a regular band practice.



Mark McKerrow





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Junior Dan Bowlds practices new band formations along with other band members on the practice field across from the fine arts building.

Junior Cammie Nichols performs her duties as a drum major during a halftime show at Spratt Stadium. Senior Steve Vento was also a drum major who led the marching band.



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During the pre-game show at a home football game, senior Patrick Turner waits for the rest of his line to get into formation.

Lisa Johnston

“ There’s something for everyone! One of the things we try to do through Continuing Education is to promote life long learning.

— Ed Gorsky

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Kate Johnson

Sally Coffman and Lynn Watkins stretch out before beginning a session of power-walking at East Hills Mall.

Claudia Wolters, playing the marimba, enjoys the distinction of being one of the few “little old ladies” to take percussion lessons.

*Practicing
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C ontinuing education

by Stephanie Smiser

“Quilting for Fun,” “Taking Time for Love” and “Your Telephone Personality” were not just average courses. Students in the Continuing Education program discovered these unusual courses and took full advantage of the array of the classes offered. “Taking Time for Love” met only on Feb. 14, Valentine’s Day. Imagine an evening of music, flowers, delicious food and a romantic atmosphere. And it was a class!

The expansion of the Continuing Education program was the obvious sign of a growing awareness of what the college had to offer to the community. After Claudia Wolters, a graduate of Missouri Western, retired at 65, she saw in the paper that she could take Continuing Education courses for

free. After taking two classes, she went ahead and enrolled as a full-time student. She graduated with a psychology degree at the age of 70. At 79, she continued to take classes in percussion and play in recitals. For her, college provided a friendly atmosphere and a great experience.

Stacey Salmon, another student enrolled in classes through the Continuing Education program, was enrolled in a non-credit Signed English class. Although she didn’t plan to enroll in credit classes, Salmon was very interested in what classes were available.

The Continuing Education program provided an important educational link to the community. Both traditional and non-traditional students were given the chance to take advantage of the classes in a wide

variety of areas. Although not all students enrolled in the classes were seeking a degree, the program gave them a chance to educate themselves in an area of interest to them.

Ed Gorsky, dean of Continuing Education, explained that the program had three main thrusts: non-credit classes, credit classes, and conferences and teleconferences.

Non-credit classes that took place for relatively short terms were aimed toward business and the community. These classes were geared to be helpful for the professionals, according to Gorsky. Non-credit classes ranged from business courses, computer proficiency courses and nursing, to a wide range of artistic classes such as dance for elders, music and art classes.

Credit courses also

expanded due to demand. The program offered courses in biology, art, business, math, criminal justice, English and most of the courses available to full-time students. Most of these courses took place on short-term time frames, such as weekends, intersession or summer.

Conferences and teleconferences brought a new light upon the Continuing Education program. They developed a link for the community to experience a variety of unlimited programming.

The Continuing Education program brought awareness to the community about the facets of college life. Non-credit courses, credit courses, conferences, workshops, and camps all created an educational program that provided a strong link to the community.❖



Stacy Salmon and Julie Farjardo concentrate on getting their fingers in just the right position to form letters of the signed alphabet.

Kate Johnson

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Administrators show concern over increased enrollment and

M

eeting need

by Stephanie Smiser

They came by leaps and bounds. Would we ever survive? Did we have the space or the faculty to handle another increase?

Increasing enrollment pressed the administration to expand programs and increase those services already provided for the students.

"It's important for our educational institution to take steps forward to provide better conditions," said President Janet Murphy.

The increase in enrollment was a welcome sight.

"Enrollment growth shows that more people view us as a more academic-based college," said James McCarthy, executive vice president.

Expansion of the Honors Program was an obvious push from the "open door" policy which provided a wide range of students with a wide range of needs. Along with the expansion of the Honors Program, the Financial Aid Program developed more aid to help with the increasing demands. Concern to bring in more cultural diversity was impor-

tant enough that a task force was established. The special task force checked into new programs to bring in intercultural experiences for the students.

The building of the new dorms was another change stemming from a large student enrollment. Demands for more dorm space became a major priority which developed into reality.

"The addition of new students should create more student-based activities," Murphy said. "Plus, most parents feel much better knowing that their children are living on campus where a sense of safety can be established. It was up to us to provide that space available to more students."

Besides meeting the needs of students socially, academic aspects couldn't be overlooked.

"Recruiting of faculty has been very successful in the past years," said James Roevers, vice president of academic affairs. "Now with the increasing enrollment the need for the new faculty positions is a must."

According to Roevers, with the

budget crunch, a new faculty could be up becoming a problem. The administration looked at anything to keep the budget low. Financial support provided by the community and the state funded student scholarships, faculty development and equipment. The community was more than simply a financial supporter.

"It provides the extra edge of quality," Murphy said.

"The community was very active in advisory committee support for activities like the Eggs and Issues breakfasts and they really turned out for the athletic events," McCarthy said. "The community uses the college much more than most people imagine."

Expansion in programs and the support from the administration as well as the faculty brought the new students many advantages.

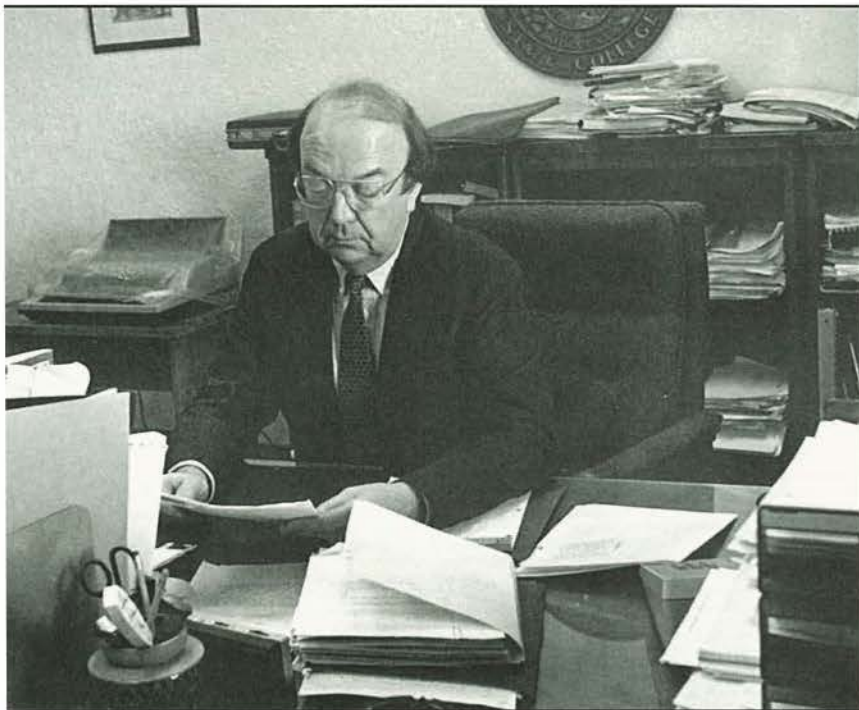
"Even as the enrollment increases with each new semester," McCarthy said, "I feel each student should see that we are very dedicated at providing a personal touch to our students." ❖

James McCarthy, executive vice president, leads an Eggs and Issues session about war in the Gulf. Eggs and Issues allowed students, faculty and community leaders to discuss current topics in a structured forum.



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President Janet Murphy concentrates on the discussion during a Board of Regents meeting. Attending board meetings was only one of her duties as college president.

Student
playwright is
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Asking questions

by Angie Baskins

What would Mozart have thought of the Beatles? Would he have thought they were musical geniuses or merely four guys with bad haircuts? This question did not have significance to most people, but senior theatre major Gregg Mrkvicka thought it did. To him, this question set off a series of questions that led to the eventual writing of his play "What would Mozart have thought about the Beatles (*An Evening at The Starlite*)."

Mrkvicka began writing the play three years ago after a conversation with a friend about the unanswered questions of life. His writing took place, on and off, mostly in the middle of the night. This was evident in some scenes.

"One of the scenes was really terrible, so late one night I added about four pages and it turned into this huge fight," Mrkvicka said.

During the fall, he enrolled in an independent playwrighting class with Professor Larry Dobbins. To-

gether, they revised and re-revised the play. Mrkvicka received three hours of credit, but didn't actually attend a structured class.

"We met maybe three times during the semester. We talked about changes, why I had to make them, and how to make them," Mrkvicka said.

The play centered on four friends who met in a bar to talk about music, movies, life and death. Mrkvicka said that some personal experiences were involved in the writing of the play.

"I'm tired of seeing people, including myself, spend 10 years in college, finish and then not know what they want to do with their lives. The generation in college today is basically lazy, apathetic, has no morals, no goals, no heroes, and is self-destructive."

The cast of seven rehearsed for six weeks with relatively few problems. However, a few days before opening night, Mrkvicka had to find a replacement for actor

Keith Dudley, who had to step down due to personal problems.

Being both the playwright and the director was another problem Mrkvicka encountered. When rehearsing a scene that didn't go quite right, Mrkvicka would often wonder whether the actors were not doing their part, whether he wasn't directing right, or whether the line was wrong. He relied on stage manager Renee Robbins for help.

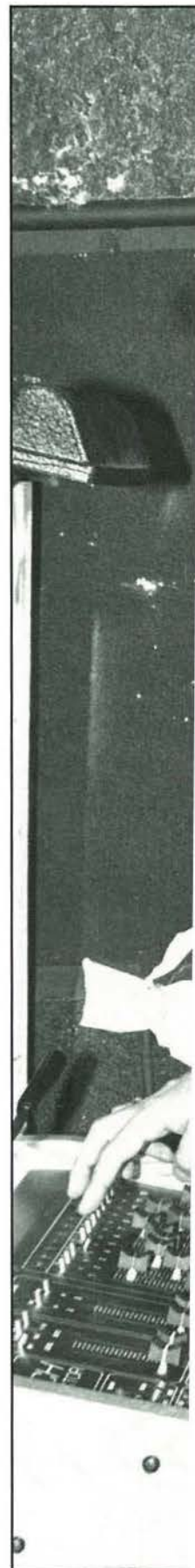
"She would say, 'No, it's not the acting, the line sucks.' Then, I'd have to go back and change the line," he said.

Mrkvicka said that he didn't regret the effort he had to put into the writing of the play. The play was well received by its audiences, and it also received a favorable review from the St. Joseph News Press/Gazette. As for the future, Mrkvicka was sure that he would be writing more plays. For now, he left his audience wondering, what would Mozart have thought of the Beatles. ❖



Kate Johnson

Mrkvicka and Robbins go over the script for "What would Mozart have thought about the Beatles (*An Evening at the Starlite*)."





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Student director Gregg Mrkvicka shows stage manager Renee Robbins how to run the light board in the Black Box Theater.

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Roger Hoskins

In a scene from Mrkvicka’s play, cast members Connie Newman, Neal Tapp and David Jones talk about music, movies, life and death.

Sprong takes notes during discussion at a Board of Regents meeting.

Board of Regents dedicate time and effort in

Making decisions

by Mike Nease

Although the Board of Regents had little direct personal contact with the students, their decision affected not only current students and current issues, but also students who would attend in the future.

The Board met monthly to discuss goals, to analyze performance of the college, and to monitor progress of implemented programs.

The Board tackled various projects throughout the year. Refurbishing the existing dormitories, studying and tracking past graduates, building a new conference/dormitory building, and acquiring a receiving tower to assist in offering graduate courses were some of the Board's major projects.

Earl Milton, college treasurer, explained the college's continuing

commitment to upgrade and refurbish the dorms. New carpets, new paint and utility housing repairs were anticipated to continue through 1992.

James McCarthy, executive vice president, explained that the school was continuing a study of recent Missouri Western graduates regarding job success after school. Approximately two percent of graduates who received degrees in last five years were unemployed and seeking jobs. This compared favorably to a national average of about 15 percent and the Midwest average of 12 percent.

"These findings reflect a very commendable effort by the college," McCarthy said.

President Janet Murphy informed the Board that students had reviewed the plans for the new dormitory/conference center and

were very satisfied. The building would house the placement office, admissions, records and continuing education. Also located in this building would be conference rooms and 50 residential spaces for 200 students. Barring lengthy inclement weather, construction was to be done by fall.

"Everything is exactly on schedule," Board President Barbara Sprong said. "We don't anticipate any delays at this time."

One of the more difficult decisions the Board made was in acquiring the receiving tower for the Instructional Media Center.

"This is a big expense, and with the situation in the state economy, we have to be watchful of large expenditures," Sprong said. "However, I feel the advantages are worth the expense."

This project was a microwave relay tower

that would be a receive-only tower. This signal would be instructional and educational. This addition to the IMC would eventually provide graduate level courses.

"I feel this is a step forward for Missouri Western," Sprong said. "We will be able to offer graduate courses from other schools so students complete their degree and still stay in St. Joseph."

From new dormitory facilities to the availability of graduate courses, the Board of Regents made decisions to improve student opportunities.

"I feel we have an excellent working board that is totally committed to Missouri Western," Sprong said. "Through various hirings and the progress of the Honor Program, I think we have made great strides in providing high quality academic environment." ❖



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Board President Barbara Sprong presents Nannette Wolford with the Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award. Wolford, an instructor in the physical education department, taught at the elementary level before teaching on campus.

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— *Barbara Sprong*

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Jason Ulsrud

Student Regent Anita Chancey listens to old business while President Janet Murphy and Board President Barbara Sprong prepare new business for the Board of Regents.

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Deans use
example and
experience in

Giving their very be

by Kate Johnson

In the course of attending college, students gained more than academic knowledge. The deans shared their thoughts on what they took from their college experiences, and what they hoped today's student would take from Missouri Western.

"Sometimes you learn by bad example," said Charles Coyne, dean of professional studies. He attended an institution where he was treated more like an animal than a person. At another college, he felt cheated because he wasn't required to work hard to earn a degree. As a result, his goal was to try to provide what he wanted as a student.

Coyne was determined to have a quality program so the degree had meaning to the students.

"When they leave here, I want them to feel like they're equipped, and with an appreciation that they

have been treated like a person," he said.

Because of open enrollment many students dropped out before finishing the program, but Coyne hoped they still gained from the experience.

Many adults were returning to college to try again or for the first time through the Division of Continuing Education, which was headed by Dean Edwin Gorsky. He felt his experience in a small liberal arts college allowed him to explore a number of different areas.

"I changed my mind every semester," he said, until he settled on speech and drama. While teaching at a community college, he taught older adults in night classes and found that he really liked working with them.

The caring attitude instilled by his instructors helped Gorsky to alleviate the fears of non-traditional students.

"It's a second chance for adults, and

everyone deserves that," Gorsky said.

Another to give second chances was the campus disciplinarian, Forrest Hoff, dean of student affairs. He had the opportunity to help some young students mend their ways and become productive.

Hoff said, "You can learn from experience and become a better person." Living in the dorms with eight suitemates provided an important education apart from the classroom. Leadership roles such as residence assistants and student government also offered students valuable skills.

"This job has made me more understanding and tolerant of persons different from me," Hoff said.

Like the other three deans, William J. Nunez III, dean of liberal arts and sciences, had a great deal of respect for other people.

"One thing that is common through all

my life and work trying to put my the other person position before r sponding to ther Nunez said. "Ho would I like to b treated? That h served me well i every way."

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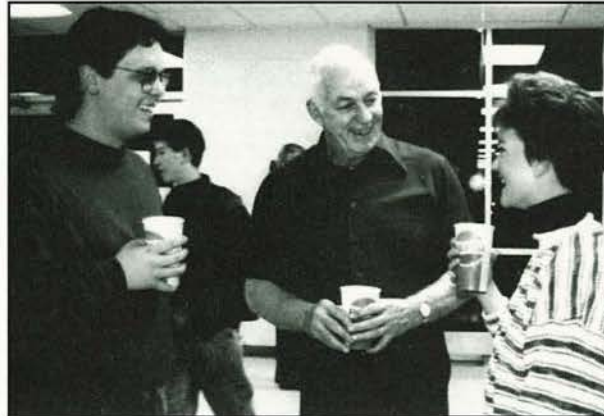
Because of his concern to provide a good environment for students, Dean Forrest Hoff keeps track of the dorm construction to be completed by fall.



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Dean William Nunez explains the use of his powerful florescent microscope. Because of his personal lab equipment, he

was able to teach microbiology and introduce nursing students to technology that the college was unable to afford.



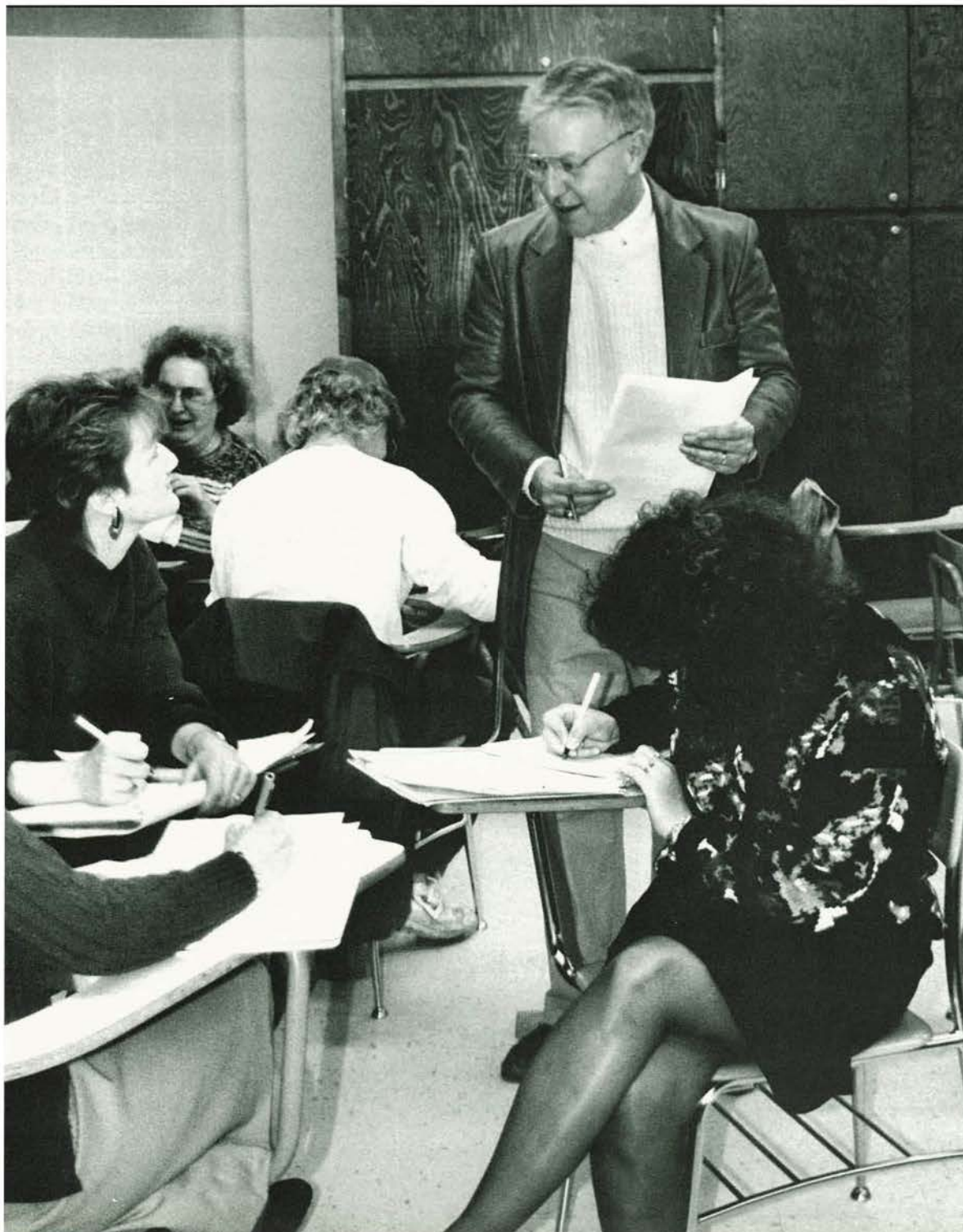
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An athlete who participated in four sports, Dean Charles Coyne remains an avid fan. He discusses the crucial Central Missouri State College basketball game with senior Mark Hazelrigg and sophomore Kristen Dittmore during halftime.

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— Charles Coyne ”



Dean Edwin Gorsky enjoys teaching a Saturday course in Business and Professional Speech Communication. He talks with Barbara Mayer, Louanne Smith and Sherri Sommer during an interviewing exercise.

Kate Johnson

*Alumnus
donates funds
to program
that keeps
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W riting well

by Suzanne Hopper

Looking around campus, one could see the names of people who had supported the college through their donations. There was the Nelle Blum Student Union building and the Thompson E. Potter Fine Arts Center, just to name two. Their contributions were tangible and easily recognized.

Leah Spratt, whose brother, Elliot "Bud" Spratt, provided money for the Spratt Memorial Stadium, was also generous to the college, but there was not a building named after her. The Leah Spratt Chair for Writing Across the Curriculum was the result of a \$200,000 donation she made in March 1990.

Writing Across the Curriculum was a program devoted to asserting the importance of writing in the process of learning in every academic area. With the chair, Elizabeth Latosi-Sawin, director of the program since its formation in

1984, could devote more time to do research, deliver workshops and help faculty members design and evaluate writing assignments.

Spratt was a member of the first class of St. Joseph Junior College in 1915 and an avid letter writer.

"I don't think anybody writes anymore," Spratt said. "I want people to learn to write."

When Spratt met Sawin, she was impressed by her enthusiasm.

"She is so into what she is doing. I thought she should do more of it," Spratt said.

Sawin was looking forward to expanding the program.

"Without this grant, we would not be able to do, as we are now, long-range planning," Sawin said. "We have conducted a survey of faculty at Missouri Western that has received their outstanding support."

The survey, which had a 58.9% return

rate, measured faculty attitudes and assessments about writing and asked what faculty and student needs were.

"We are now to build on the situations of faculty, and expand programs and develop new ones," Sawin said.

Over the year program sponsor presentations, roundtable discussions, panel discussions, seminars for faculty development.

In the fall, Writing Across the Curriculum sponsored a faculty colloquium with nationally-known philosopher Martha Johnson. Thirty faculty participated.

In the spring program launched a newsletter to inform faculty at Missouri Western and Writing Across the Curriculum programs nationwide of activities under way.

Spratt will be remembered, not by building, but by students who became better writers. And that was exactly what she wanted



Kate Johnson

Leah Spratt sits in her living room discussing the value of writing. She donated \$200,000 to fund a chair for Writing Across the Curriculum.



Kate Johnson

Philosopher Mark Johnson from the University of Illinois-Carbondale explains metaphors to honors students. The presentation was part of a fall colloquium sponsored by Writing Across the Curriculum.

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“ She is so into what she is doing. I thought she should do more of it. ”
— Leah Spratt



Kate Johnson

Senior Suzanne Hopper and Writing Across the Curriculum Director Elizabeth Latosi-Sawin put the finishing touches on the first issue of the Critical Literacy newsletter.

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Football season ends with 2-8 record despite determination.

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Lady Griffon basketball players unite to finish a rough season.

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Griffon basketball fans cheer the team to the NCAA Division II national tournament.

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With a love for sports and motivation to push themselves, female athletes aren't limited to one game.

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Intramurals provide students the opportunity to compete in events ranging from basketball to cards.

Junior Carol Dawson pitches for the Lady Griffs in a game against Kearney State College. The Lady Griffs lost both games of the double-header by the scores of 6-7 and 1-3.

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Teamwork and dedication came together in sports.

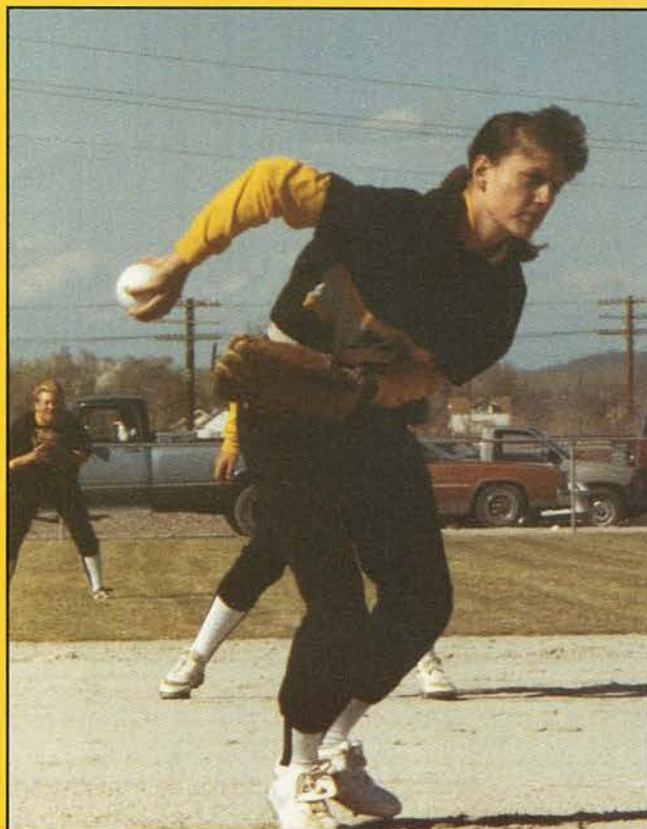
For football, inexperience and injury combined to bring about a disappointing end to the season and the dismissal of head coach.

On the court, the men's basketball team started out with a winning season and continued the winning to set a school record with a 15-game winning streak. They won a seat in the NCAA Division II tournament and finished the season in Ashland, Ohio.

For the female athletes, there were those who wanted to take memories from more than one sport. Some could be found both on the court and the field.

The baseball team exploded with a 20 record that gave them a victorious season for the first time in seven years.

No matter which sport it was, athletes took their share of victories, defeats, teamwork and dedication. ❖





Brian Resch

Hoover is helped off the field by offensive line coach Nelson Barnes and athletic trainer Myron Unzicker during a game against Pittsburg State University. Hoover's knee injury kept him off the field the rest of the season.



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Despite their injuries and suspensions, the team remains determined and keeps a good attitude even though

Things don't go as planned

by Wendy Darrah

The football season could have best been characterized by repeating the words of one team member, "Things didn't go quite the way we planned."

This statement said a lot for the 2-8 record recorded by the Griffons and Dennis Darnell, who was subsequently released as the head football coach.

The team faced many challenges on and off the turf. Injuries and suspensions forced the coaching staff to turn to the younger, inexperienced players. Returning safety Rich Campbell was out for the season following a bus accident the previous spring, and receiver James

Whitley broke his arm in the seventh game of the season.

Running back Troyce Gill was suspended from the team after failing to attend class and showing up late for the bus leaving for an away game.

"The team kept a good attitude and never gave up," said Defensive Coach Dale Pehrson. "They worked hard, and this helped to make up for their lack of experience. An excellent example is James Whitley. He earned 2nd Team All-Conference honors and definitely has All-American potential."

Although the team practiced for each game in

the season, some players felt that the Northwest game was the main focus for the season.

"We waited the whole year after losing to them. There's a big rivalry between our two schools," said free safety Dee Brownlee. "During the pre-season, that was the game we wanted to win the most. Every time we lifted weights or ran Downs [Drive], it was on our minds."

The team's determination paid off as Missouri Western defeated the Bearcats 25-24.

Although the team had some good plays on both offense and defense, they often appeared unable to

come through when needed in the so-called crunch times. In the Southwest Baptist game, the Griffons dominated the scoring until the final seconds of the fourth quarter. When they failed to produce defensively, they lost 14-13.

"We outplayed them," Pehrson said. "We just didn't outscore them."

Highlights of the season included an improvement in the defensive unit. Linebacker Damon Hunter earned 2nd team All-Conference producing 11 total tackles. Nose guard Rod Schaefer was named the 3rd All-Conference player as a defensive lineman.

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Sophomore Matt Mikesch (16) takes down a Central Missouri State University opponent. MWSC lost to the Mules 30-13.

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During the first quarter of the game, sophomore Darryl Duncan (33) breaks away from Pittsburg State defenders. Western lost to Pittsburg State 45-7.

Junior Rob Kliefoth (27) takes down a Washburn University defender to allow junior Theallen Williams (39) to gain extra yardage. Washburn defeated Western 21-10.



Athletic trainer Myron Unzi examines sophomore Glenn DuBois' ankle during the home game against Central Missouri State University. His ankle sprained but he returned to team.

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“The team kept a good attitude and never gave up. They worked hard, and this helped to make up for their lack of experience.”

— Dale Pehrson

	MWSC
Northwest Mo. State	27-25
Pittsburg State	7-45
Univ. of Mo.-Rolla	24-21
Central Mo. State	13-30
Southwest Baptist	13-14
Missouri Southern	10-30
Wayne State	14-17
Southeast Mo. State	0-14
Northeast Mo. State	0-21
Washburn University	10-21
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During the game against Washburn University, Head Coach Dennis Darnell discusses a new strategy with the offensive linemen.



courtesy of Paul

Front Row: A. Strickbine, S. Abraham, G. Hicks, A. Lafave, D. Duncan, J. Daniel, J. Holmes, B. Feyen, R. Campbell, J. Bashor, R. Kliefoth, T. Williams. **Second Row:** C. Holt, S. Altvater, T. Jones, D. Jennings, D. Brownlee, T. Culwell, K. Cornelius, C. Dennis, W. Thomas, C. Fisher, K. Harton. **Third Row:** K. Graham, S. Swaney, D. Pehrson, T. Hastings,

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Mikesch, E. Burroughs, S. R. **Sixth row:** B. Hollowell, M. Ballard, G. Toul, R. Crabb, C. Lawnsdail, T. Farrell, J. Chabers, T. Simpson, D. Rohr, B. Gines, T. Gill. **Seventh row:** Hon, A. Graham, T. Campe Stites, S. Wallace, B. Eise, K. Sword, J. Reid, S. Hannema Gibson. **Back row:** H. Greg Careswell, J. Larsen, J. Lew Armstrong, J. Webb.



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"Other coaches in the conference recognized the fact that we were tougher than we had been," Pehrson said.

On offense, quarterback Joe Reid earned an Honorable Mention in the conference. Several gains in yardage were made by receiver Anthony Robinson and running back Theallen Williams proving that the abilities were available.

Fan attendance, despite all of the good plays coming from the Griffons and being third in the conference in total offense, declined as the season progressed.

"We didn't have the support we needed, and this definitely worked against us," said cornerback Steve Altvator. "Football requires more than a few passive fans. The noise helps to get us pumped and ready to play. That wasn't there for us."

As a team, the Griffons earned third place in the conference for rushing offense and total offense.

"We played well, but there was a lack of trust by our coach, and we lost trust in ourselves, a 2-8 record said that for us," said safety Tom Jones. "With a new attitude and motivation, we are capable as a team and as individuals of doing great things and being a threat in the conference." ❖

Senior Rich Campbell cheers on the Griffons during the Pittsburg State University game. The Griffons fell to the Gorillas 45-7.

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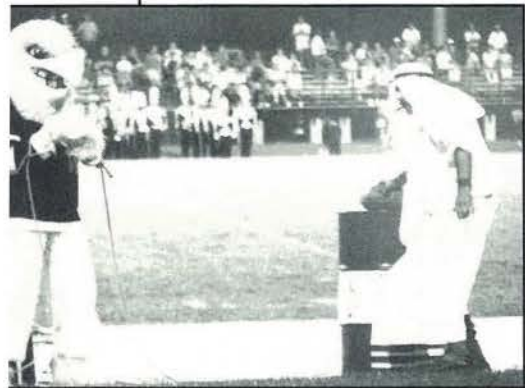


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Combining the body of a lion and
the head and wings of an eagle, the
Golden Griffon

Mascot sparks spirit

by Wendy Darrah



Lesley Miller

During halftime of the football game against Pittsburg State University on ROTC Day, the Griffon participates in a skit performed by the Griffon Guard. The Griffon was kidnapped by a sheik and finally saved by Guard members.

Ask anyone who was the most recognizable fan at a Missouri Western athletic event, and most likely they would not name a student, a coach or President Janet Murphy, but instead the Missouri Western mascot, the Golden Griffon.

The Missouri Western mascot was selected by Norman Night, a member of the 1917 graduating class of the St. Joseph Junior College, in order to protect the treasure of high ideals and learning. The Griffon was chosen to represent Missouri Western because of its mythological significance. Primitive people worshipped animals or a combination of two animals because they possessed powers man did not. The Griffon combined the body of a lion for his great strength, and the head and wings of an eagle for his cunning and skill in flight, qualities needed in achieving victory. Since then, the Griffon evolved from a fierce

warrior-like image into the cartoon prototype known today.

The Griffon was a unique mascot that few other schools could claim. Some students felt this was a hindrance.

"Missouri Western is only one of two or three colleges in the country that has a Griffon as a mascot, so it doesn't receive the publicity or notoriety of a Mizzou Tiger or an Oklahoma Sooner," said Dean of Student Affairs Forrest Hoff.

For this reason, the Student Government Association of 1984 made a recommendation to change the school mascot to a Pony Expressman. The Expressman was chosen as a suitable replacement because of its historical ties to this part of the country and the Wild West folklore that existed. The recommendation was never acted upon.

In 1990 there were still

mixed feelings about the Griffon as the mascot. Sophomore Mickie Ros didn't learn what a Griffon was until she came to school.

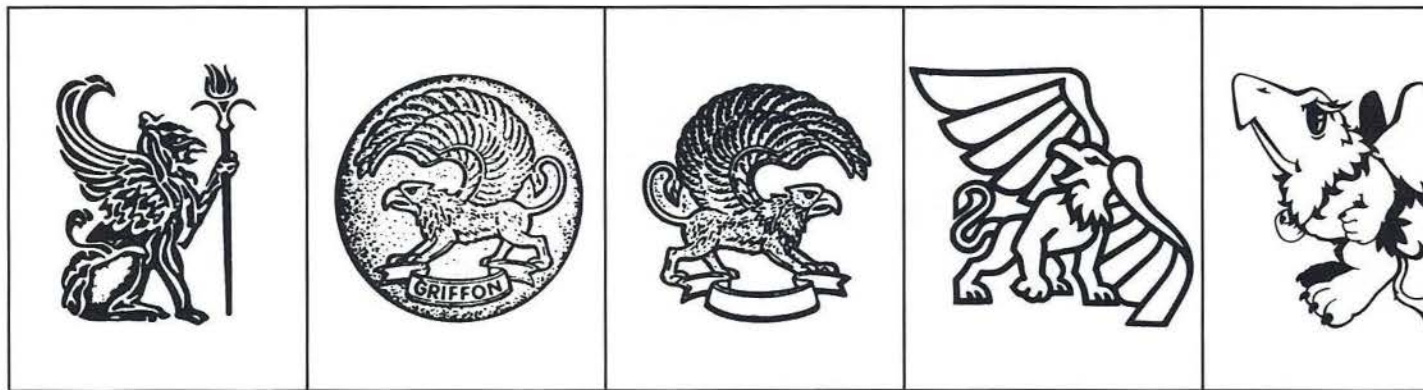
"I knew it was mythical, but I really did not know what it was," she said.

There were many supporters of the Griffon mascot, especially those who wore the Griffon costume.

"I like the Griffon as a mascot," said freshman James Johnson. "It's a lot of fun, but you have to own it."

Johnson was one of three students who appeared regularly in the Griffon uniform at various sporting and entertainment events.

Upon adopting the Golden Griffon as the mascot, supporters ultimately hoped that it would be the college would become inseparable as Mizzou the Tiger and Oklahoma the Sooner. ❖





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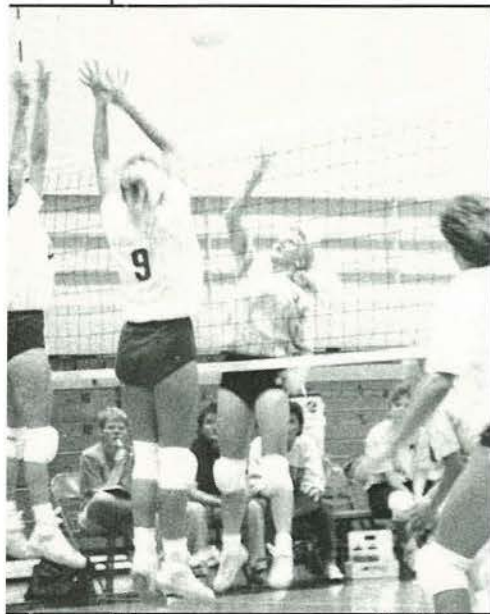
Over the years, the Griffon logo changed from a fierce warrior to a cartoon character.

Freshman James Johnson waits for sophomore Stephanie Smiser to tape the legs of the Griffon mascot costume. The legs of the costume were taped down in order for the feet to fit correctly.

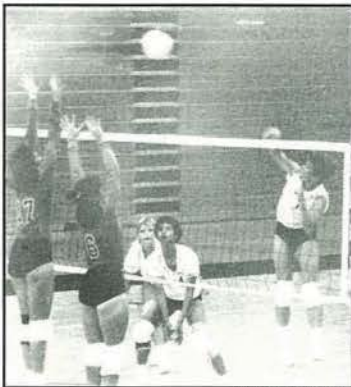


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Sophomore Cindy Campbell keeps her eyes on the ball as she prepares to serve.

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Freshmen Andrea Knox (5) and Megan Murphy (9) block an attack from an opponent.



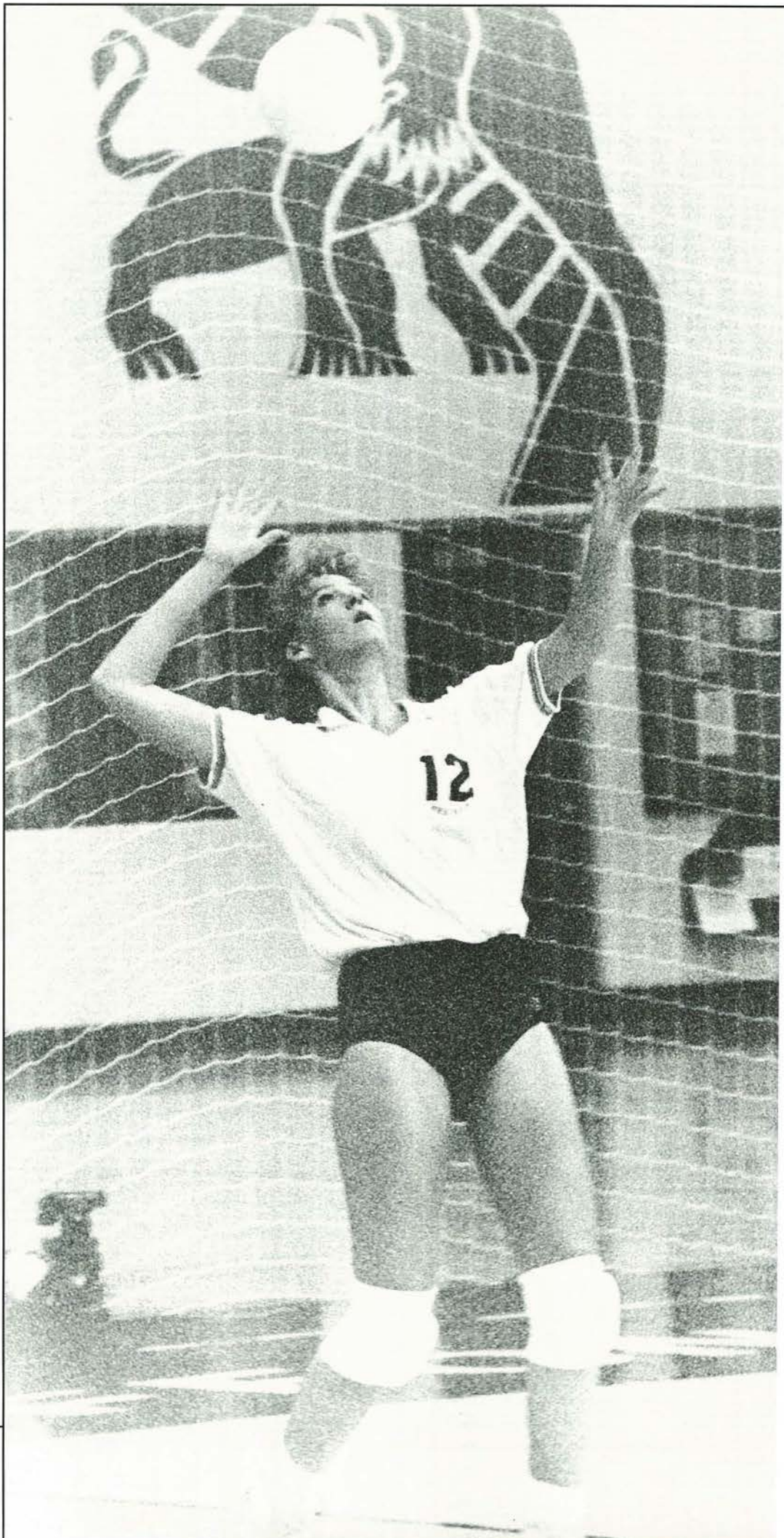
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 As freshman Marianne Aston spikes the ball, sophomore Barb Bell waits for a return.

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The Lady Griffs dealt with early losses, injuries and lack of experience. Despite their talent, depth, leadership and coaching, they just

Couldn't get a winning streak

by Ruby Faulk

After suffering difficult losses early on, the Lady Griffons failed to pull themselves out of the red throughout the season.

"We just couldn't get a winning streak going," said Head Coach Mary Nichols. "We had a strong, capable team, but we couldn't get things to go our way."

The Lady Griffons volleyball team closed the season with an overall record of 12-27. The Griffons finished the regular season in a three-way tie for sixth place in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a mark of 3-6.

A young team composed mainly of freshmen and sophomores, the Lady Griffons were encumbered with lack of experience and an inability to capitalize in

important game situations.

"Our record was really disappointing because I knew how good we were capable of being," said senior Amber Simpson. "I feel my best attribute to the team was my leadership. My teammates looked to me for motivation, and that made the season special to me."

Injuries also plagued the Lady Griffons. Senior Jamie Nienhueser was forced to end her season early due to back injuries. At the time of her departure, Nienhueser was leading the team in kills with an average of 2.3 per game. Her early exit left a crucial space for the other hitters to fill.

"I started hitting the ball better," said sophomore Barb Bell. "I had more

confidence; when I got the ball I was ready for the kill."

And for some of the players, their dedication paid off.

Simpson and Bell received honorable mentions in the All-MIAA for their contributions during the season.

Simpson led the team with 915 assists, while Bell led in kills and blocks with 291 and 144, respectively. Sophomore Cindy Campbell averaged 2.0 kills per game and freshman Marianne Aston led the Griffons with 58 ace serves.

A newcomer, freshman Stacey Coy, also contributed a great deal to the team. Coy led the team with 286 digs and averaged 1.8 kills per game.

"Starting varsity was

quite an experience," Coy said. "The other players really helped me fit in, and I really enjoyed being a part of the team."

Western had the talent, depth, leadership and coaching needed for a championship team. Only one key element was missing, and according to Coach Nichols, that key element was experience.

"It was clear to see. We were overflowing with talent, we just didn't have enough time to direct all of that talent in the right direction," Nichols said.

Time after time the Griffons stumbled back after coming close to pulling themselves out of their slump. In November, the Lady Griffons faced tournament play with a regular

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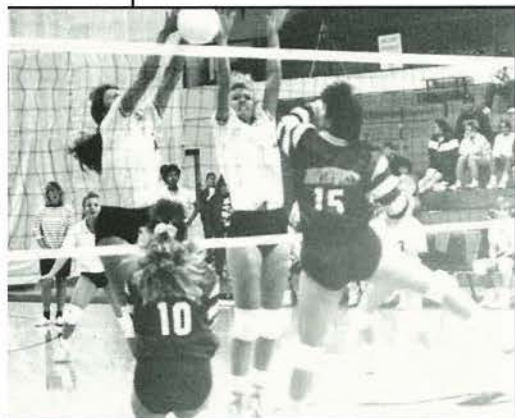
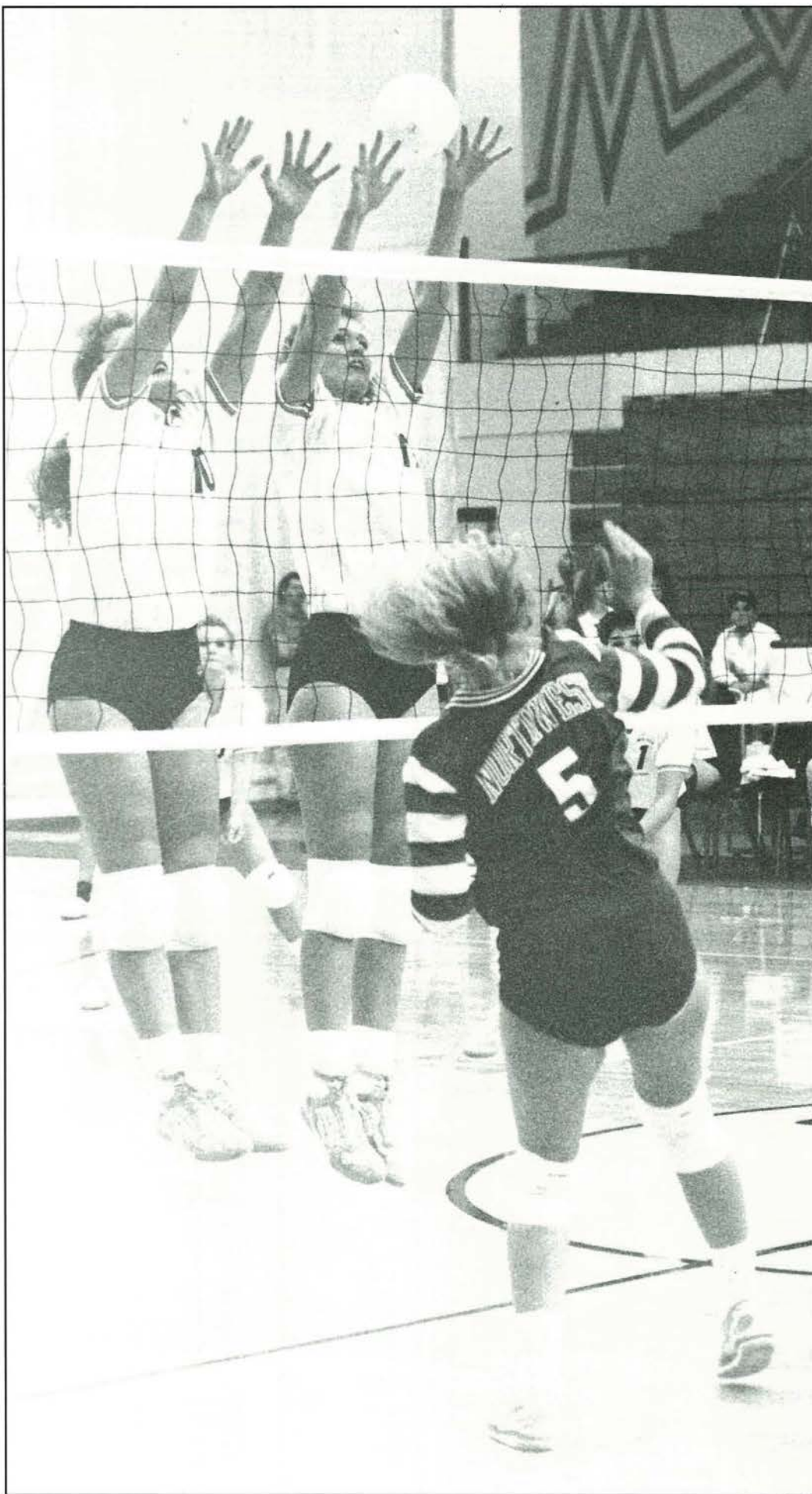
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Bell hits the ball as fellow player Aston guards the net.

During a time-out, team members gather around the bench to catch their breath and talk with Head Coach Mary Nichols.



Trying to block a spike, senior Amber Simpson (10) and sophomore Cindy Campbell (12) go up against Northwest Missouri State University player Brenna Prather (5).



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As NWMSU players Terri Palmer (10) and Kathy Lauher (15) try to get the ball over the net, Simpson and Campbell prepare to block. The Lady Griffs lost the home match 3-2.

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season record of 7-20.

Western defeated Southwest Baptist in three straight games in the opening round of the conference tournament in Maryville. The Lady Griffons were then eliminated in the second round after losing to Central

Missouri State.

Despite the somewhat disappointing season, Nichols held an optimistic forecast for next season.

"The ladies had tremendous ability," Nichols said. "There's a lot of excellent athletes coming back with experience, and that will be our strength." ❖

Freshman Stacey Coy prepares to spike the ball as NWMSU players get ready to block.

The ladies had tremendous ability. There's a lot of excellent athletes coming back with experience, and that will be our strength. ❖

— Mary Nichols

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Doane College	1-3
Emporia State	0-3
Fort Hays State	3-0
Washburn Univ.	1-3
Drury College	1-3
Washburn Univ.	3-2
Northwest Mo. State	3-1
Central Mo. State	0-3
Metropolitan State Univ. of Tampa	0-3
Missouri-St. Louis	1-3
Missouri Southern	3-0
Southeast Mo. State	0-3
Washburn Univ.	2-3
Northeast Mo. State	0-3
Missouri-Kansas City	3-0
Graceland College	0-3
Drury College	0-3
Southwestern Univ.	0-2
Hastings College	1-2
Missouri Southern Friends Univ.	2-1
Friends Univ.	1-2
Graceland College	1-3
Northwest Mo. State	2-3
Central Mo. State	0-3
Drury College	0-3
Southwest Baptist	3-1
Missouri-St. Louis	0-3
Central Mo. State	0-3
Pittsburg State	3-0
Northwest Mo. State	1-3
Missouri-Kansas City	3-0
Peru State	3-1
Kearney State	1-3
Northwest Mo. State	3-1
Emporia State	0-3
Washburn Univ.	0-3
Southwest Baptist	3-0
Central Mo. State	0-3

12 wins, 27 losses



courtesy of Paul Sweetgall

Front row: Kim Bywaters, Andrea Knox, Marianne Aston, Amber Simpson, Stacey Coy, Melisa Koehly, Megan Murphy, Angie Shannon. **Back row:** Mary Nichols, Kris Riviere, Christy Kessler, Barb Bell, Sara Reynolds, Cindy Campbell, Jamie Nienhueser, Tammy Greer, Ronda Miles, Tammy Wollschlager.



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A combination of new players and lack of support create team unity in a rough season, but

Players welcome the en

by Randy Myers

The highlight of the Lady Griffons basketball season was a loss against Missouri Southern. It was just a normal loss for the team, but it also signaled the end of a very long and frustrating year. The Lady Griffons ended the season with a record of 6 wins and 19 losses.

The team felt there were many reasons for the losses, such as poor officiating, a lack of support from the student body and no publicity or media coverage for the games that they won. However, one main reason was that the team was made up of many new players who had never played together before.

"It was hard to adjust to all the new faces," said junior Angie Griffith. "Everyday we would be

practicing with different people, and it was difficult to learn each girl's different style of playing."

Other factors that affected the losses were road trips and too many games scheduled close together. They affected the team physically and mentally.

"A lot of games in a row drug us down, but I feel that we overcame that," said senior Vanessa Clarida. "The hardest part was trying to turn in assignments on time."

Many team members felt the unity and the compatibility of the team helped them get through the season.

"It was surprising that we got along so well," Griffith said. "We had 18 players at the beginning of

the year and with our record, we still managed to get along and have fun."

To help support each other, a secret pal system was adopted for the team. Before each game the team members would pick names and then bring the secret pal a gift or put up signs of support that would boost up the morale before each game.

"It gave motivation, especially for a person who was down or had had a couple of bad games," said freshman Kelly Williams.

Another show of support for the team came from their coach.

"She always had a positive attitude and didn't get down on the team," Griffith said. "The season was frustrating for her, but the coach always came to

practice with a good attitude."

The end of the season brought with it a losing record, but it also brought individual awards from conference. Clarida, Williams and junior Denis Arnold were all named to the All-Conference Honorable Mention team.

"Individual awards are nice but you have to look back on who helped you get the award," Clarida said. "Somewhere along the line I got help from other people. Nobody achieved success by themselves."

Clarida's team members felt she played a vital role on the team.

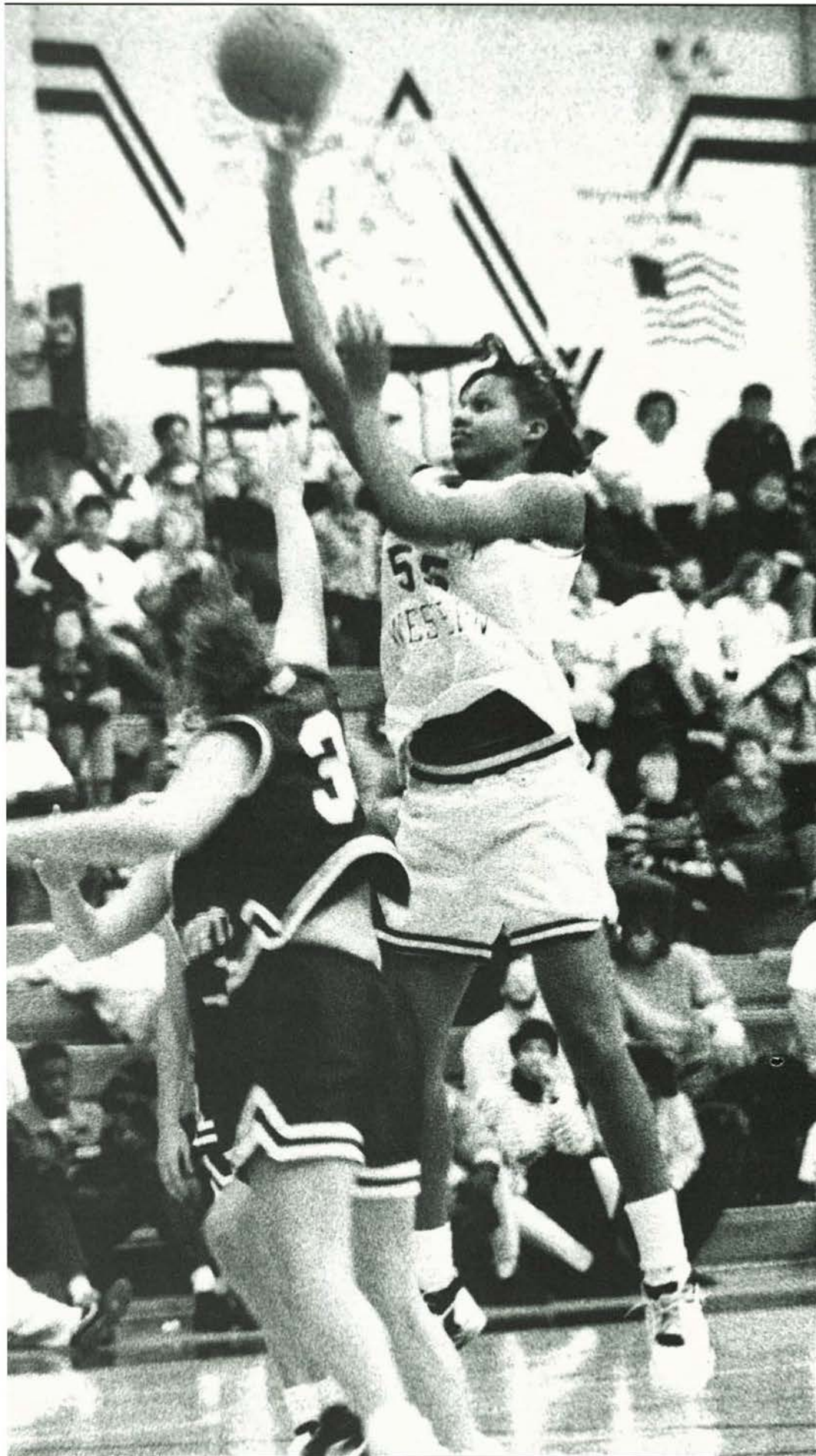
"She helped us out and she did things that we didn't get recognized for

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Head Coach Terry Ellis explains a new strategy for the Lady Griffons to try during a game against Lincoln University.

Rick Wiedmaier





Scoring two more points for the Lady Griffons, junior Dawne Gittens lays up a basket during the Pittsburg State game. Lady Griffons lost 60-69.



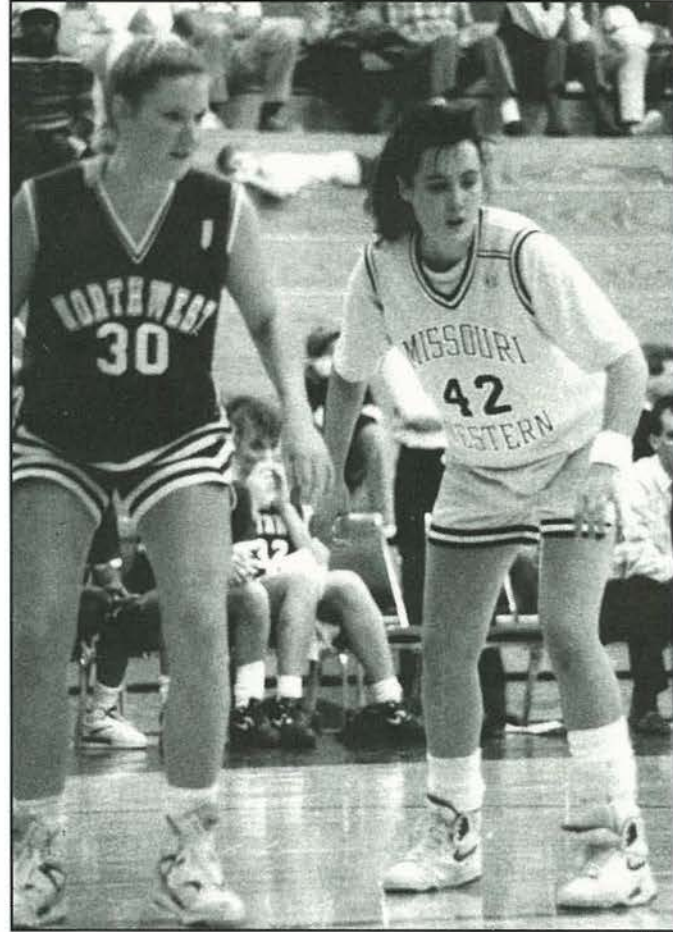
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Lady Griffon Denise Arnold tries to complete an assist to freshman Kelly Williams during the game against Central Missouri State University. The Lady Griffons lost 69-100.

Rick Wiedmaier



Junior Angie Griffith keeps Northwest Missouri's Amy Kantak (30) covered while the Lady Bearcats attempt to beat the Lady Griffons. The Lady Griffons lost 76-81.



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“Individual awards are nice but you have to look back on who helped you get the award. Somewhere along the line I got help from other people. Nobody achieves success by themselves on a team.”
 — Vanessa Clarida

	MWSC
William Penn	67-56
Univ. of Dubuque	82-31
SIU-Edwardsville	73-79
Northern Colorado	56-76
Air Force Academy	52-67
Nebraska-Omaha	51-68
Univ. of South Dakota	69-83
Emporia State	65-75
Fort Hays State	46-63
Emporia State	74-82
Missouri-St. Louis	68-74
Northeast Mo. State	76-75
Missouri-Rolla	61-69
Lincoln University	79-57
Southeast Mo. State	61-78
Northwest Mo. State	62-81
Washburn University	65-77
Northeast Mo. State	76-81
Central Mo. State	62-75
Southwest Baptist	72-63
Lincoln University	74-67
Pittsburg State	60-69
Northwest Mo. State	56-68
Washburn University	75-85
Central Mo. State	69-100
Missouri Southern	55-63

6 wins, 20 losses



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Front Row: Deb Wedel, Shawna Brown, Denise Fuller, Dawne Gittens, Tammie Trouba, Denise Arnold, Angie Griffith, Vanessa Clarida, Hallie Curtis, Monnie

Holland. Back row: Janet Hollack, Melinda Turner, Kelly Williams, Bonnie Yates, Vickie Miles, Julie Parker, Janda Ibbetson, Christy Ackmann, Terry Ellis.

In the game against Pittsburg State, sophomore Barb Bell attempts a lay up for the Lady Griffons. The Lady Griffons lost 60-69.



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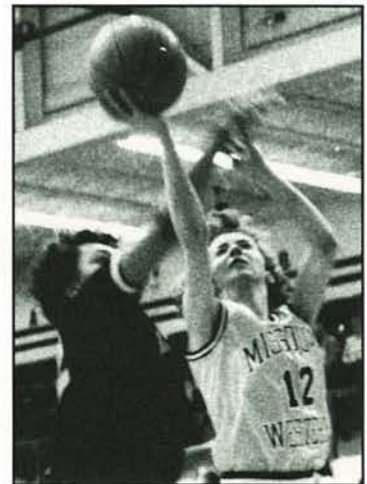
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Griffith said. "She is a competitor and was always out to win. We could count on her to get a basket when we needed it."

Williams was also named to the conference five-player All-Freshman team.

"It was a big honor and really surprising for me to be put on the team," Williams said. "Coming in as a freshman I didn't expect to play that much, but I was glad I got to play."

The season didn't turn out as the Lady Griffons wanted or felt it should have, but the team learned how to come together and help out each other during the rough times. ❖



Rick Wiedmaier

Freshman Kelly Williams reaches over a Lincoln opponent to make two points for Missouri Western.

Junior Denise Arnold attempts a jumpshot against a Northwest Missouri State University defender. The Lady Griffons lost 62-81.

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Responsible for keeping the records, providing maintenance, and ensuring that the team is ready to play, the team managers find that

They play behind the scenes

by Barb Bell

When the football players took the field, the band played the fight song for them.

When the basketball players stepped onto the court, the crowd was there to cheer for them.

The members of each team who were out there playing got the support of the fans, but what about the other members of the team whose role was just as important? The teammates who didn't get much recognition because their work was done behind the scenes were the team managers.

Team managers were students who helped the team in many ways. In addition to keeping the statistics at each game, team managers also kept the locker rooms in order. They swept the floors and washed dirty laundry.

"We didn't seem to realize what the managers do for us," said senior basketball player Vanessa Clarida. "One time we had an away game, and I left my uniform back at the school. If it wasn't for our manager, I would not have been able to play, and I would have let the team down as well as

myself. It took that experience to make me realize what the managers do for us."

The primary reason students said they became team managers was for the financial benefits. The pay they received varied from coach to coach depending on what they had to offer the students. Some of the students were on work study and others received money from the program. Normal pay ranged from \$500 to \$1,000.

Secondly, managers liked being a part of the team.

"It allows people who aren't as athletic and gifted to be a part of the team competition," said men's basketball manager Bob Danley.

Although some students enjoyed being team managers for the social aspect, others found the experience valuable for other reasons. Watching the head coaches taught them a lot they didn't know. They learned from the coaches' mistakes and built from the accomplishments.

Sophomore Garland Stewart, the manager for

the baseball team, was shirtd due to a shoulder injury in pre-season. Doug Minnis then asked him to be team manager.

"Sitting out was difficult for me," Stewart said. "I didn't like sitting out because I wanted to play and it was aggravating to sit and watch."

"It's hard being a football team player and all of a sudden, I'm a manager," said Dawn McCarver, women's basketball manager. "It's a little different but then I realize, I'm treated as part of the team. Every team player has a role and my role is being a manager."

"Being a manager is a lot of work," said sophomore Angie Shannon, volleyball and softball manager. "It's time consuming, and it's not like any other job. You must get it done. Participating in both volleyball and softball, I see several differences in the coach's expectations of me. I try to reach those standards no matter how high they are. I'm treated like a part of the team by the coaches and the players. That's what makes my job fun."



Mark McKerrow

Men's basketball manager Bob Danley folds the shirts in the locker room for the upcoming game. During the games, he took statistics for the team.



Mark McKerrow



Mark McKerrow

Head coach Stan McGarvey talks to football managers Eva Gordon, Antoinette Wyrick and Bryan DuVal about what he wants them to do during practice.

Softball team manager Angie Shannon goes over last innings stats with Head Coach Mary Nichols while trying to keep the papers from blowing away. Shannon was also the manager for the volleyball team.



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Experience and ability led the basketball team to the NCAA Division II national tournament making the

Griffs virtually unstoppable

by Ruby Faulk

The ball was definitely bouncing in the Griffon's court throughout the basketball season. The Griffons set school records by winning 15 straight games during the course of the season, and also by winning 20 consecutive home games. With such momentum and spirit behind them, the Griffons seemed virtually unstoppable. The team advanced to the NCAA Division II national tournament for the second straight season.

"We had a strong, capable team and a title was within our reach," said Coach Tom Smith.

Unfortunately for the Griffons, as the season rounded out, hopes for a title diminished as the team ended their season with two losses in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament. Western dropped its opening round game to eventual regional champion Ashland University 103-72, then lost the consolation game to Bellarmine College 94-83.

The Griffons were ranked 18th in the final NCAA Division II national poll and had been ranked in the top ten for seven straight weeks. Western was only one of six teams to have been ranked for the entire season.

The early success of the Griffons wasn't too surprising as Western started the season with high expectations. They were a team loaded with talent led by the experience and ability of four dynamic senior starters: center Mike Cornelious, forward Shun Williams, guard Heath Dudley and point guard Steve Hall.

"Everyone knew we were the team to beat and that put a lot of pressure on us all through the season," Dudley said.

However, the Griffons also put a lot of pressure on their opponents, especially with a relentless defense, the ability to hit the boards to strip away rebounds and a demolishing offense.

"There's no doubt we had the talent to win the

conference, but things just didn't go our way in the end," Cornelious said.

There was certainly no doubt of Cornelious' talent as the center led Western with 19.8 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. He was named to the NABC All-South Central Region team and the All-MIAA first team for the second straight year and also received the honor of being named to the NABC second team All-America squad. Cornelious finished his career ranking seventh on the all-time scoring list for Missouri Western.

Because of their spectacular season, fans packed into the MWSC fieldhouse to watch the Griffis devour team after team. The average home attendance was nearly 3,000 fans per game. Many felt that a conference or regional title was not only within reach, but practically within their hands. Perhaps that confidence jinxed the team in the end.

"Yes, we got over-

confident. We stopped working as hard and slacking off too much. It took its toll on us in the run," said co-captain F

Slacking off would have been rare for Hall who led the offense's pace setting. Hall broke the MWSC single season assist record with a total 177, averaging 5.7 per game. He was ranked second in the MIAA in that category. He also led the team in steals, snatching away 63 throughout the season.

"Steve could get the ball going for us. The offer didn't run as smoothly as he was on the bench," Dudley said. "His talent and leadership was evident."

Dudley closed his career in sixth place on the school's all-time scoring list. He scored 1,372 points in 126 games played. He also held the MWS career record with 317 three-point goals.

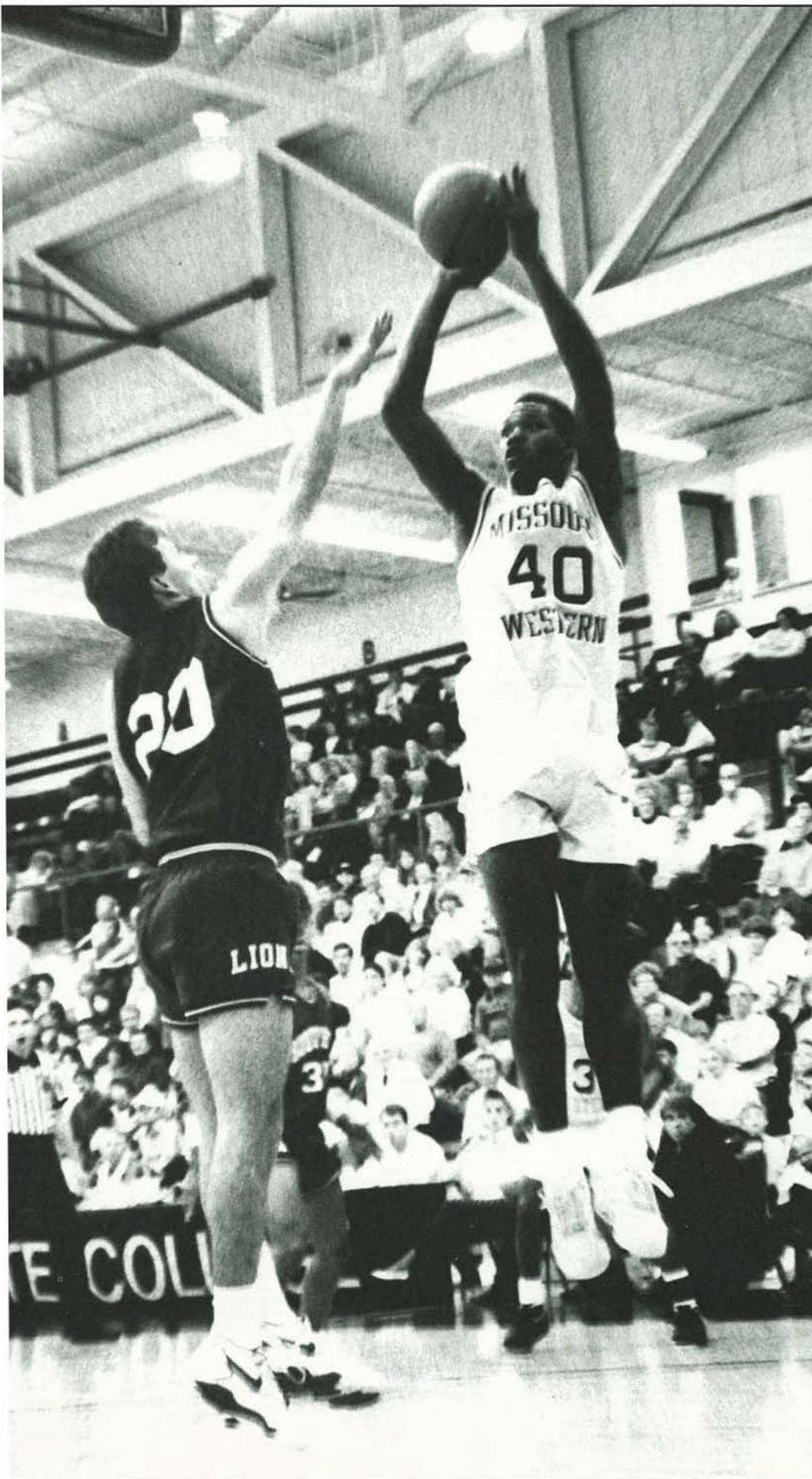
"It was somewhat disappointing that we couldn't go further, but overall

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Forward Byron Young (40) keeps the ball from Washburn player Lance Sparks (23). The Griffons won by a score of 74-54.

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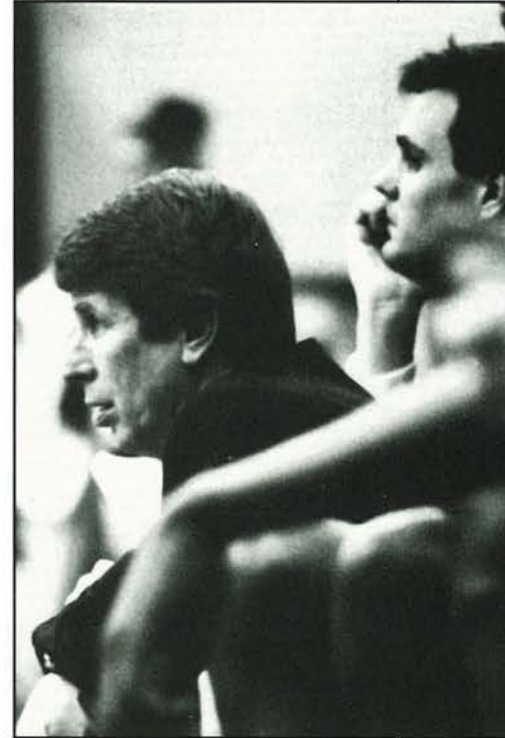




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Forward Byron Young (40) goes up for the shot as Missouri Southern player Shay Hagel (20) attempts to block. Young was a reserve member of the team.

Head Coach Tom Smith watches the game against Southeast Missouri State. As head coach for three years, Smith held an overall record of 65-30.



Rick Wiedmaier



Jason Ulsrud

Forward Mark Bradley (25) goes up for the shot in the game against Washburn University. The Griffons won by a score of 74-54.

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was a really successful season," Dudley said. "I've enjoyed playing for Western and Coach Smith. I'll really miss playing."

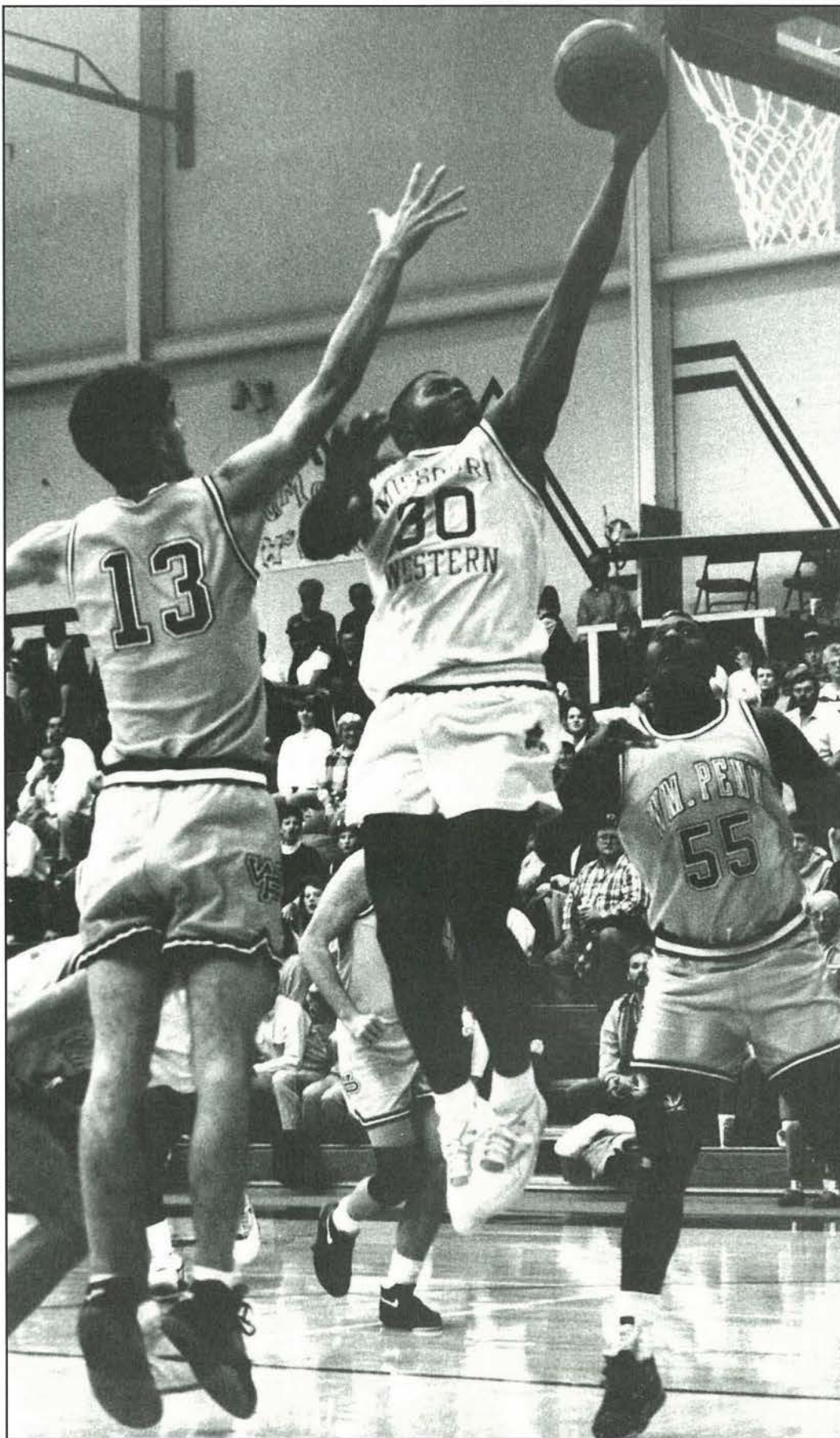
Williams, who averaged 12.1 points per game, was selected to the second team All-MIAA squad. Dudley and Hall joined junior forward Mark Bradley on the honorable mention list. Co-captain Bradley averaged 9.4 points and 5.9 rebounds per game and will be expected to lead the Griffons next year.

"I was disappointed that we didn't go farther this year, but there's always next year," Bradley said. "We're just going to have to work together and do a lot of adjusting."

Though it will take a great deal of adjusting and rebuilding to top the 1990-91 remarkable season, it was certainly within reach for Coach Smith and the team.

"Though we're losing four tremendously talented starters, I think we'll definitely be a team to reckon with next year," Smith said. "We had a great season, but we'll do our best to top it next year." ❖

Center Mike Cornelious (30) jumps up against a William Penn opponent. Cornelious scored 14 points during this game and ended the season with an average of 19.8 points per game.



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Rick Wiedmaier



Mark McKerrow

Heath Dudley (32) hits a three-point shot in the game against Lincoln University. Dudley held the MWSC career record for 317 three-point goals.

Trying to pass an opponent, point guard Steve Hall yells to a teammate.

Front row: Bob Danley, Arte Preston, Shun Williams, Chris Palmer, Eric Smith, Mark Bradley, Byron Young, Brian Boyer. **Back row:** Tom Smith, Steve Hall, Marc Massa, Mike Cornelious, Monteff Dixon, Travis Riedel, Heath Dudley, Greg Benney, Pete Norman.



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Victories and Defeats

“Everyone knew we were the team to beat and that put a lot of pressure on us all through the season.”

— Heath Dudley

	MWSC
Central Methodist	120-89
Southwest Baptist	62-61
Kentucky Wesleyan	77-83
Rockhurst College	91-65
William Penn	92-51
Wayne State	78-50
Drury College	76-55
Nebraska-Omaha	87-65
IUPUI-Indianapolis	102-92
Cedarville College	97-96
Cornell College	84-54
Northeast Mo. State	87-65
Univ. of Mo.-Rolla	81-62
Lincoln University	86-65
Southeast Mo. State	77-71
Northwest Mo. State	79-73
Washburn University	74-54
Northeast Mo. State	76-74
Central Mo. State	66-92
Lincoln University	82-66
Pittsburg State	82-67
Northwest Mo. State	81-65
Washburn University	73-74
Central Mo. State	91-80
Missouri Southern	60-51
Southwest Baptist	80-97
Missouri-St. Louis	74-84
Southeast Mo. State	85-73
Central Mo. State	82-85
Ashland University	72-103
Bellarmino College	83-94
23 wins, 8 losses	



Early in the season, catcher Mark Lyford waits for the pitch during a game against Tarkio College. The Griffons won both games 4-1 and 12-2.



Second baseman Brett King backs up junior Todd Warren's catch of a fly ball.

Third baseman Joe Driver watches as the ball flies through the air. Driver's batting average for the season was .293.

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For the baseball team, whose season had a strong beginning, a high level of maturity and cooperation were

The keys to success

by Ruby Faulk

Wiping the sweat from his forehead, the batter stepped up to the plate and awaited the delivery from the pitcher. "Crack!" was all that he heard as junior outfielder Rob Cicero again pitched for another big win for the Griffon men's baseball team.

Cicero, who batted .384 this season, led the team with 41 home runs, along with the other players, was a big reason for the success the team experienced.

"I was pleased with my batting average," Cicero said, "but baseball is very much a team sport. If it isn't for the rest of the players doing their best, it doesn't matter how well I'm hitting."

Teamwork was the key to the success of the Griffon baseball team. With a combination of strong, balanced players and a reliable pitcher, the Griffons were a formidable team.

"We've surprised a lot of people, but I'm sure," said junior

Mike Hensley. "We lost our first two games, but then went on to win the next 10 out of 11."

Hensley averaged .309 in the season. As well as being a good hitter, he was a quick and alert infielder with a strong arm.

Team cooperation gave the Griffons the momentum to keep spirits and morale high even at the lowest points of the season. Working together was the key to the Griffon's success.

"We really did work together well," said junior shortstop Marcus Rowe. "When one of us got down, the others would really help get us going again. Everyone was very supportive of each other."

"The important thing about this team was the level of maturity they played with," said Coach Doug Minnis. "They were a well-developed team and played with a great sense of composure."

Western started the

season out strongly and continued to win consistently right down to the last couple of weeks of play. Losses were quickly followed by big victories. The Griffons were looking for an excellent end-of-the-season record as well as the opportunity for post-season play.

However, composure was surprisingly what the team seemed to lack as they jumped into the final weeks of action. The Griffons lost 8 out of their last 10 games. This included dropping the last six games of the season.

"The same thing has happened to a lot of teams," Cicero said. "Things were going really well for us then we just got shook in the end. Unfortunately we couldn't pull things back together."

Time seemed to be the enemy, as many of the players felt the Griffons could have gotten back on the right track in time to make the season a big success.

"We really hadn't had a

big slump until the end of the season," Rowe said. "Most teams start off bad or hit a mid-season slump, but we really hadn't run into any problems."

"Unfortunately, we hit our slump at the end of the season when we should've been playing our best," he said. "It was just bad luck for us."

With several players batting over .300 throughout much of the season, a strong infield and outfield, and a good pitching staff, the Griffons definitely had the ability needed for a great team.

"Overall we were a strong team," said freshman outfielder Kevin Kerns. "One day the hitting would be great, but the defense would make a lot of costly errors, or vice versa."

"On the days we got the offense and defense in balance, we were an outstanding ball team," he said.

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First baseman Erick Bracero catches a pop fly for an easy out during one of the first baseball games.

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Junior Jim Dapkus delivers his pitch against a Lincoln University batter. Dapkus pitched in seven winning games for the Griffons.

First baseman Todd Warren kneels down to catch the ball for a first base out.



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 Kerns played in 24 games and stole seven bases during the course of the season. With well-developed skills, he looked forward to a lot of action with the Griffons in the future.

The Griffons finished the season with a winning record of 22-20, including a record in the MIAA. Losing only five seniors, four of which were pitchers, the Griffons will be returning

virtually the entire starting lineup for next season.

"With the players we have coming back and any new recruits we get, we should be a very strong team next year," Minnis said.

After a record of 6-30 last year, the 1991 season was a complete turn around for the Griffons. Perhaps the 22 wins and 20 losses was the start of a winning tradition for the team. ❖



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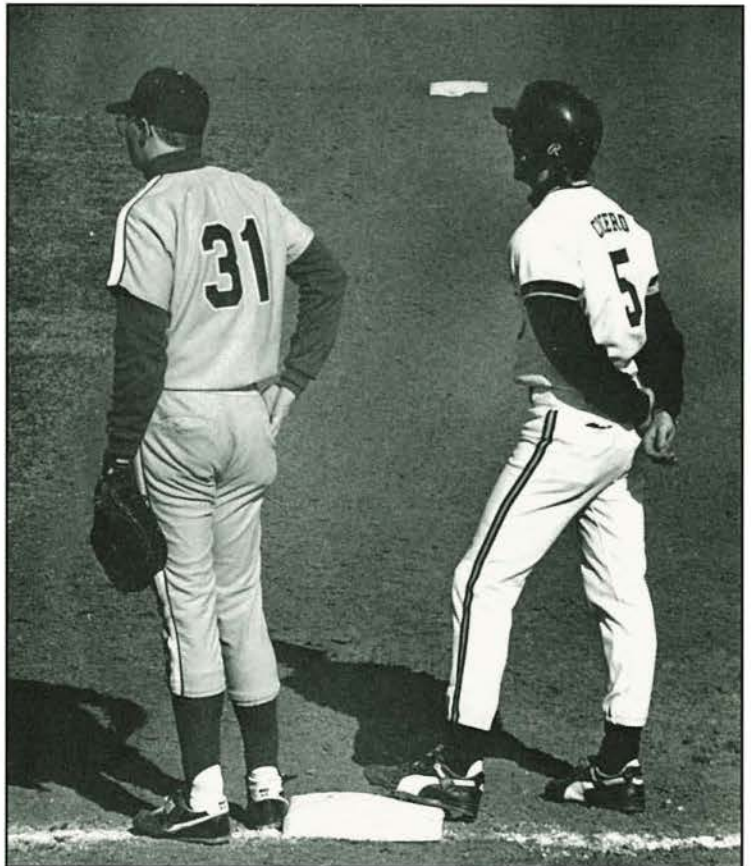
Junior Marcus Rowe takes a swing against a pitch in the Lincoln University game. Rowe held a batting average of .298 in 41 games.

3 We really did work well together. When one of us got down, the others would really help get us going again. Everyone was very supportive of each other. **22**

— Marcus Rowe

	MWSC
Central Mo. State	2-17
Central State (OK)	7-9
Central State (OK)	3-2
Tarkio College	4-1
Tarkio College	12-2
Benedictine College	12-4
Northwest Mo. State	9-2
Jamestown College	2-3
Jamestown College	13-2
Jamestown College	12-7
Jamestown College	12-4
Morningside College	8-1
Southwest Mo. State	6-5
Benedictine College	9-11
Kansas State Univ.	7-18
Kansas State Univ.	11-22
Washburn University	9-5
Washburn University	17-18
Washburn University	2-12
Pittsburg State	2-1
Pittsburg State	2-0
Wayne State (NE)	8-10
Missouri Southern	7-3
Lincoln University	12-7
Lincoln University	4-3
Lincoln University	13-11
Ottawa University	12-1
Ottawa University	8-0
Emporia State	1-5
Emporia State	0-2
Northeast Mo. State	8-7
Northeast Mo. State	7-8
Northeast Mo. State	15-0
Univ. of Missouri	6-12
Univ. of Missouri	1-11
Central Mo. State	6-2
Missouri Southern	4-6
Benedictine College	5-6
Central Mo. State	5-12
Northwest Mo. State	3-5
Northwest Mo. State	2-9
Northwest Mo. State	3-9

22 wins, 20 losses



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Junior Rob Cicero (5) waits patiently on first base for the next Griffon batter. Cicero played in the outfield for the baseball team.



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With a love for sports, an athletic inclination and the motivation to keep pushing themselves, these women are

Athletes who enjoy variety

by Ruby Faulk

Diamonds were a girl's best friend. Maybe that was why freshmen Stacey Coy and Meg Murphy weren't completely satisfied with being normal volleyball players. They found their diamond on the softball field.

After volleyball season, Coy and Murphy shed their Nikes and knee pads for cleats and knit pants and became members of the women's softball team.

"I've always loved volleyball and softball. When I saw that I could play both in college, I was thrilled," Murphy said.

Coy and Murphy weren't the only female athletes who took on two collegiate sports. Sophomore Barb Bell played volleyball and basketball, and senior Bonnie Yates was a member of the bas-

ketball and softball teams.

"I'm always busy with my studies and sports, but athletics mean a lot to me. I didn't want to sacrifice my athletic career for school," Yates said. "Now I have both."

These student athletes had a huge responsibility in balancing sports with their studies. Daily practices, late games two or three times a week, keeping up with school work, and still finding time for family and friends was, at times, very difficult for the athletes.

"It's school first, then sports. It's hard to find time for my family and friends, but they're all important to me. I've made it this far, and I don't regret taking on all that I have," Yates said.

The girls agreed that collegiate sports weren't for

everyone. It was hard enough to play one sport, much less trying to handle two sports.

"It's hard. Sometimes we make it sound like it's one big party and that there's nothing to it. That's not true," Bell said. "Believe me, it is hard work. You have to push yourself constantly."

All of these women shared much in common — the love for sports, an athletic inclination, and the motivation to keep pushing themselves.

"I've always enjoyed sports. Even when I was little I'd be tagging along with my dad to all his ball games. It was natural for me to want to keep playing sports in college," Coy said.

With all the time they spent on the court, on the playing field, or in the gym

working out, most people view of them as jocks that they live, eat and breathe sports.

"I don't care when people say I'm a jock. I enjoy sports, and I'm keeping in shape. That's important to me," Mu said.

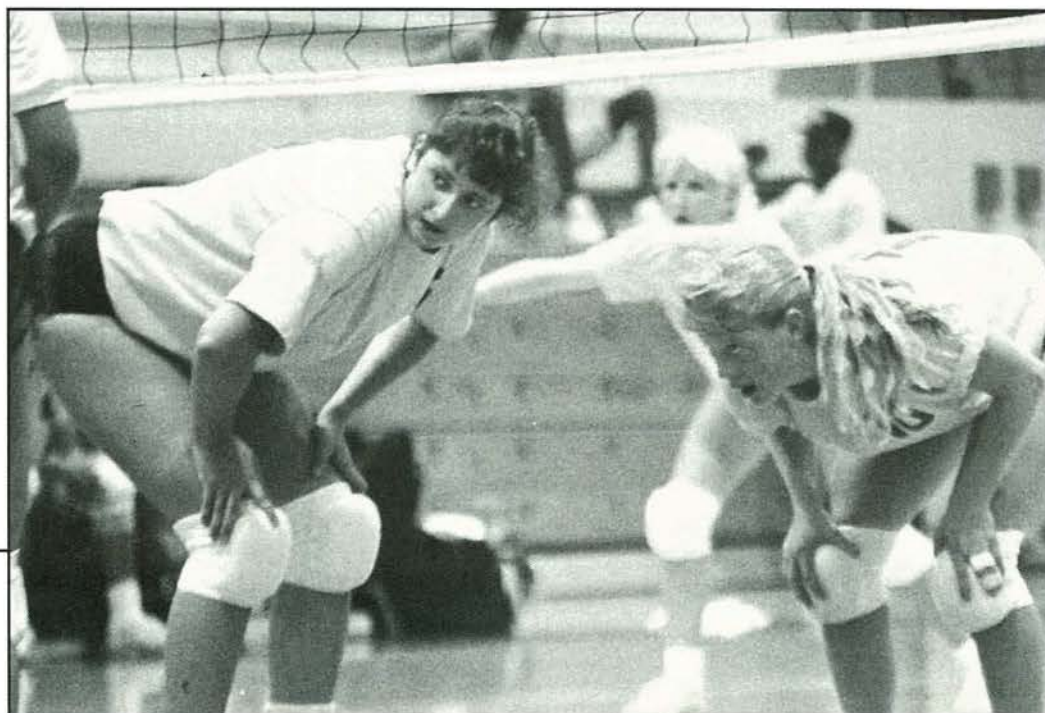
Jock, super athlete whatever name people call them, it all boiled down to one thing. They were working, self-motivated women dedicated to sports as well as athletics.

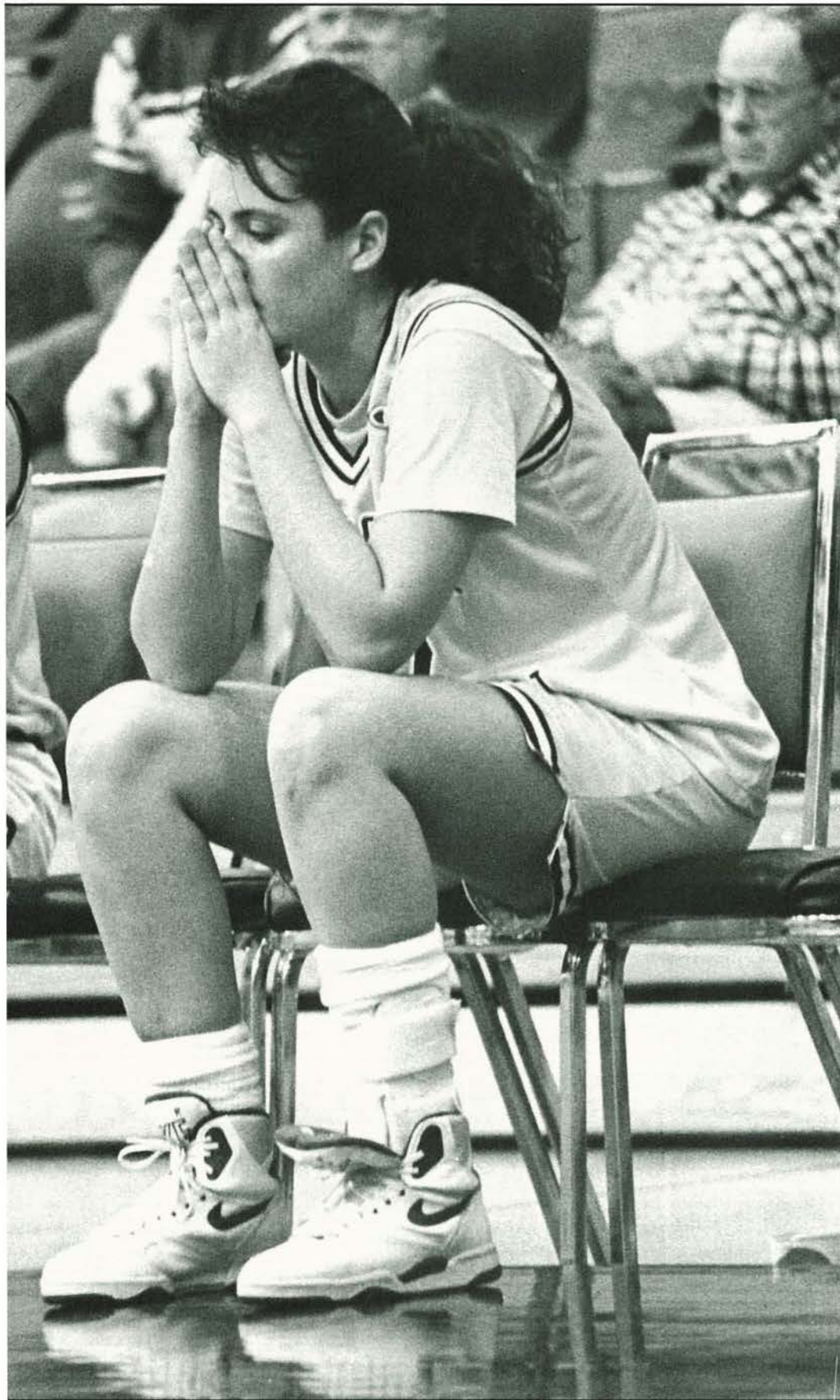
They worked out every day; in fact, there was usually not a day that went by when they weren't exercising.

So, what did these athletes enjoy doing in their spare time? What else did they do? They went swimming, played a game of tennis on the slopes. . . ❖

Seniors Jamie Nienhueser and Amber Simpson wait patiently for the serve to begin a volleyball match.

Lesley Miller





Rick Wiedmaier

Angie Griffith takes a break during a basketball game at Lincoln University.



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Senior Bonnie Yates leads a practice drill in preparation for the game against Central Missouri State University.



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two games of the MIAA tournament. After losing 1-6 against Missouri Southern, the team failed to recuperate as they dropped the final game 0-8 against Pittsburg State.

"We could've beat both those teams easily," Nichols said. "Our hitting wasn't going good that day, and we

simply couldn't get things to go our way."

With strong hitters, excellent fielders and good team spirit, the only thing the Lady Griffon softball team seemed to lack was experience. However, as the balls and gloves were put away, the Lady Griffs looked forward to a promising future season. ❖



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First baseman Sandy Goodner stretches for the ball to get the out in a game against Kearney State. The Lady Griffs lost both games against Kearney 6-7 and 1-3.

Covering first base, outfielder Stacey Coy waits to catch a throw from Goodner.

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“ There were a lot of ups and downs during the season. We would play great against the tough teams and fall apart against teams we should've easily beaten.”

— Christy Ackmann

- Jamestown College
- Jamestown College
- Houston Baptist U.
- NM Highlands Univ.
- Mesa College
- Oklahoma City Univ.
- Kearney State
- Kearney State
- Central College (IA)
- NE Oklahoma State
- Kearney State
- Lincoln University
- Pittsburg State
- Pittsburg State
- Central Mo. State
- Lincoln University
- Northwest Mo. State
- Washburn University
- Northwest Mo. State
- Missouri-Kansas City
- Missouri-Kansas City
- Peru State
- Peru State
- Washburn University
- Central State (OK)
- Southwest Baptist
- Morningside College
- Northwest Mo. State
- Washburn University
- Southeast Mo. State
- Wayne State (MI)
- Southwest Baptist
- Missouri-Kansas City
- Missouri-Kansas City
- Central Mo. State
- Northeast Mo. State
- Lincoln University
- Augustana (SD)
- Missouri Southern
- Washburn University
- Avila College
- Avila College
- Missouri Southern
- Pittsburg State

21 wins, 23 loss



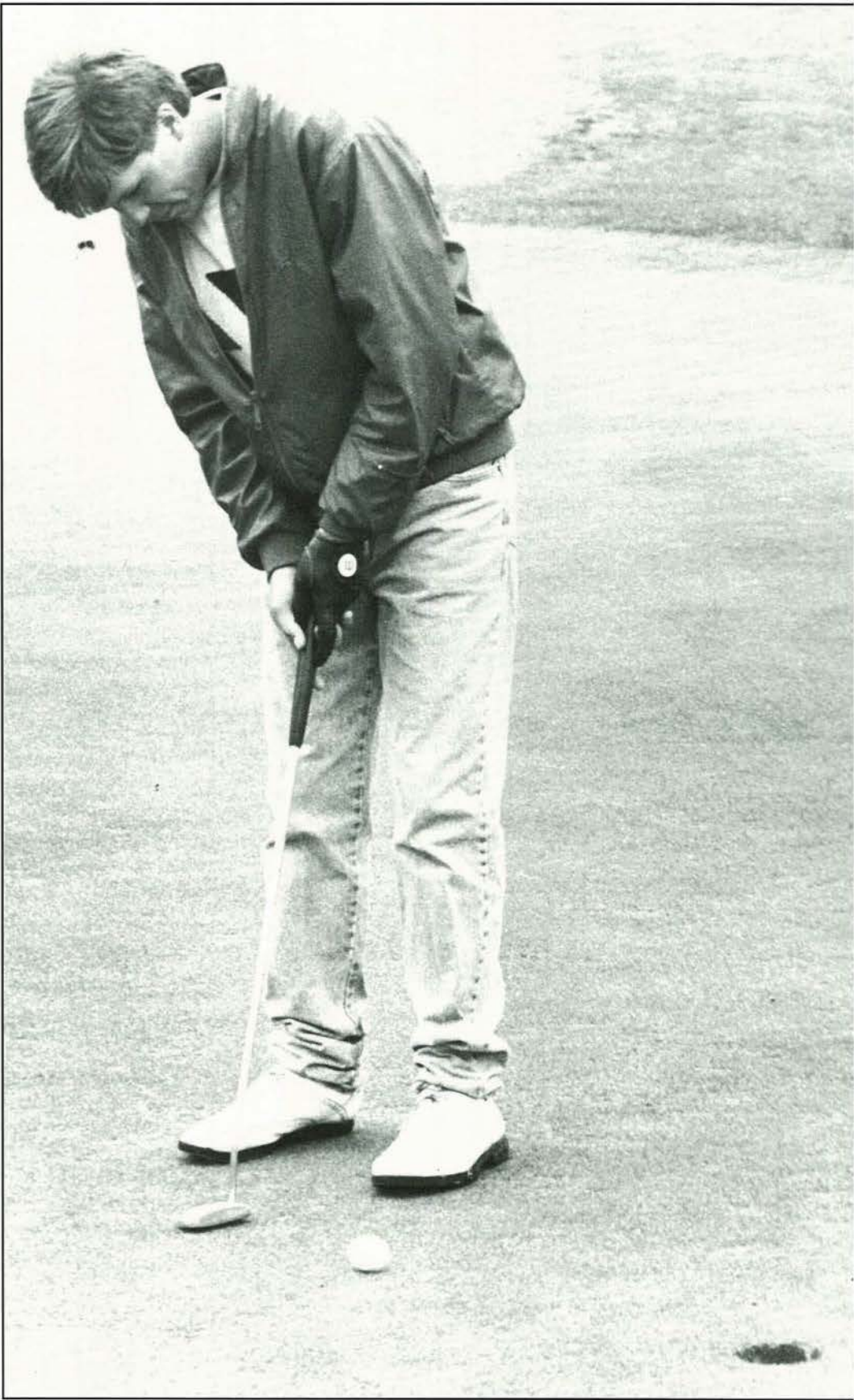
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First baseman Sandy Goodner waits for the throw from Dawson during a home game against UMKC. The Lady Griffons lost the doubleheader 8-1 and 7-1.

Junior Carol Dawson shows her control as the Lady Griffon softball pitcher in a game against Northwest Missouri State University. The Lady Griffons won this MIAA game 2-0.



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Senior Bob Schoonover concentrates on sinking his putt at the MWSC Invitational held at Fairview Golf Course.

Front row: Tyler Morgan, E Schoonover, Steve Hofer, Gre Benney. **Back row:** David Watson, Mike Habermehl, Br Benney, Damon Culver.



Brian Resch

Freshman Brad Benney prepares to tee off at the beginning of the MWSC Invitational held in St. Joseph. Benney was among the top ten All-MIAA medalists.



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With young and inexperienced players and a last-place record, the golf team looks forward to next year as they

Begin the long climb

by Ray Miller

The whack of a golf club started off the year for young and inexperienced Missouri Western golfers. The team, composed of freshmen and sophomores, had to start the climb out of last place. New coach, Mike Habermehl, showed the players how to improve and win tournaments instead of losing them. Habermehl turned this team around," said junior Greg Benney. "He's a golf pro, and he worked with us, and we are doing okay." Habermehl used the summer to prepare the team for a better season next

"I think that there is always a routine up and down in the life of any good sports team," Habermehl said. "Right now we are on the very bottom and working our way up." Habermehl inherited

the team with only one new recruit, freshman Tyler Morgan. Morgan led the team in stats with his best game a 74 at the Molia. He hoped to use his expertise in golf by becoming a teaching professional. He found the game relaxing and felt it was an activity that could be enjoyed throughout a lifetime.

"It's a game you can play and be competitive in your whole life," Morgan said. "Unlike most sports where athletes are in their prime only from their 20s to early 30s, you see golf pros over 40 out playing with the best of them."

He added, "Golf is also a mental game composed of only 30 percent skill and the other 70 percent is mental."

Other players agreed that golf was not like other sports.

"In other sports you have to work real hard all

the time," said sophomore Dave Watson. "In golf you have fun practicing and playing."

Golf was not only fun, but it also gave two brothers an activity to participate in together. Junior Greg Benney and freshman Brad Benney both played on the golf team. They taught themselves how to play by watching the pros on TV and helping with each others' swings.

"It helps out a lot having him on the same team," Brad said. "We are used to each other, and we can tell each other what we are doing wrong."

Before the golf season began, Greg was playing basketball and tore a ligament in his leg, so he was unable to participate in golf, but that did not stop him from helping his brother out.

Freshman Steve Hofer had doubts whether or not

he could play on the golf team. But he led the Missouri Western golf team at the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association Golf Championship, with scores of 90+40+39+90=259, losing the individual competition by only 27 strokes.

"I told myself that I would play on the team, but I didn't know how good you had to be to play on this level," Hofer said.

The young golf team looked at the improvements made this year as a good start but hoped to do even better next year.

"I think that we've improved over last year finishing last in all the tournaments and this year we're finishing in the middle of the pack," Watson said. "And next year with the experience we are getting this year we should be finishing around the top." ♦



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"I think that there is always a routine up and down in the life of any good sports team. Right now we are on the very bottom and working our way up."

— Mike Habermehl

Lisa Johnston

	MWSC
Missouri Southern	20 of 25
William Jewell	21 of 23
MIAA Tournament	14 of 15
Central Missouri	12 of 12
MWSC Invitational	12 of 12



During a doubles match, junior Janda Ibbetson prepares to serve the ball.

Ann Mortenson uses her forehand to attempt a return.

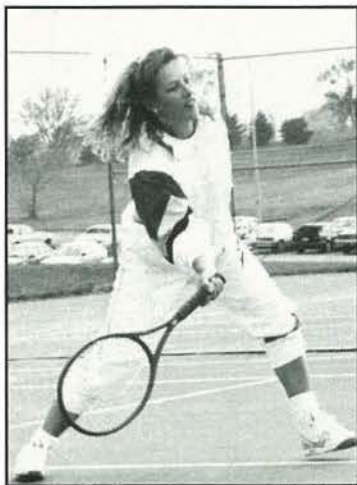


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Front row: Beth Johnson, Adele Bannister, Allison Cooper. **Back row:** Ann Mortenson, Stephanie Corder, Patsy Kropuenske, Janda Ibbetson, Karen Mollus.



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Entering the season with better attitudes, experienced players and determination,

Team shows renewed spirit

by Randy Myers

It might have been the and improved attitude each player, or it might have been the experience of the team, but something changed the women's tennis team. They did not find success during the season. Although they did not finish the season with a record of three wins and 10 losses, the coach and players felt they had made great strides over last year's record, which boasted only one win. "We had a 100% improvement over last year, not only with the season but with all of the people involved," said sophomore Deb Title. "We felt we had

the potential to win, when last year we didn't."

The highlight of the season for the tennis team was when junior Janda Ibbetson was chosen as the player of the week in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

"We didn't have anything like this when I was in junior college, so it was a real nice honor to be given to me," Ibbetson said.

At one point in the season, Ibbetson was undefeated with a record of 8-0. She ended the regular season with a singles record of 11 wins and one loss.

"Janda is the best

player that we have had in a long while," said Karen Mollus, fourth-year tennis coach. "She is a real competitor that is always willing to improve."

Mollus praised the whole team for the improvement of their performance.

"No one player overpowered the others," Mollus said. "Each person brought their own uniqueness to the team."

Mollus and her team's number one goal was academics. Four out of the eight players made the President's Honor Roll, and matches were scheduled around classes.

"I felt academics should always come first," Mollus said. "Playing tennis is a bonus for going to college."

The players thought that one reason for the success was the ability of the team to get along with each other.

"Everybody had a better attitude this year," Title said. "People made their needs and concerns known at the beginning of the year, and we decided we had to get along."

The women's tennis team used the experience of each player along with a new team attitude to pull off an improved season. ♦

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—Deb Title

	MWSC
Northeast Missouri	1-8
South Dakota	7-2
Northeast Wesleyan	4-5
Baker University	1-8
William Jewell	7-2
Northwest Missouri	1-8
Southwest Baptist	2-7
Washburn University	0-9
Central Missouri	2-7
Baker University	2-7
Lincoln University	0-9
St. Mary	9-0
Missouri Southern	2-7
3 wins, 10 losses	



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Ibbetson serves while her doubles partner Patsy Kropuenske awaits the return shot. The doubles team of Ibbetson and Kropuenske ended the season with a 1-1 record.



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A 20-year age difference between freshman Patsy Kropuenske and most of her teammates didn't stop her from joining the team

F or the love of tennis

by Ruby Faulk

Freshman tennis player Patsy Kropuenske was just another normal team member.

She practiced daily, had good serves and played the court well. So what made her different from the rest of the team? Perhaps it was the fact that she was nearly twenty years older than the majority of the team.

"The girls tease me about my age but they are all so wonderful and supportive of me," said 38-year-old Kropuenske.

A wife and mother, Kropuenske started playing tennis when she was 27 years old while living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"After I had the children I decided to get more active, so I started playing tennis, and I fell in love with it," she said.

"I got the girls involved with tennis at an early age, and they took to it right away," she said. "I wish I would've started at an earlier age, but it's never too late to start."

Kropuenske's oldest daughter was a member of the tennis team at the University of Missouri-Columbia, while her youngest played tennis in junior high. While attending high school at Savannah, Kropuenske's oldest daughter went to the state tennis

contest for four years in a row, and the youngest seemed to be following in her sister and mother's footsteps.

Kropuenske helped with various tournaments and special tennis events at the club in Savannah, Mo., but never played competitively before joining the team.

While helping with a junior tournament at the racquet club in Savannah, Mo., Kropuenske became friends with Missouri Western's women's tennis coach Karen Mollus.

"Patsy told me she was planning to attend MWSC, so I asked her how she felt about playing tennis for

me," Mollus said.

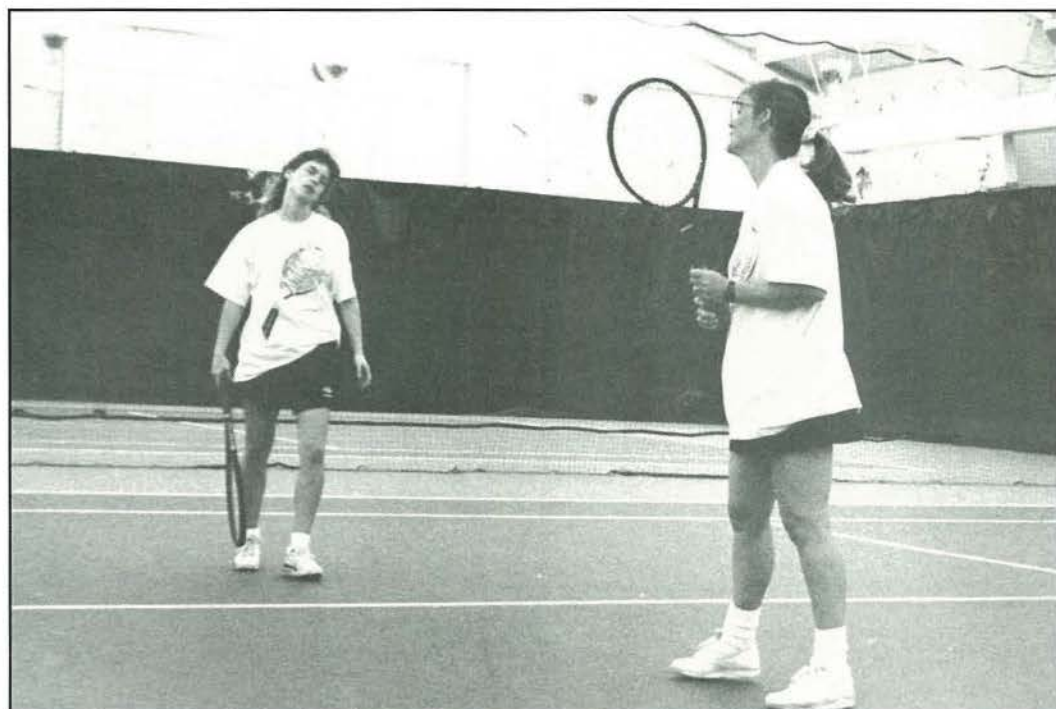
"When Karen asked I decided to give it a shot," Kropuenske said. "So far I'm keeping up with the and having fun."

Kropuenske was pursuing a career in accounting and hoped to receive her coaching certificate. She planned to continue playing for the tennis team while she completed her degree.

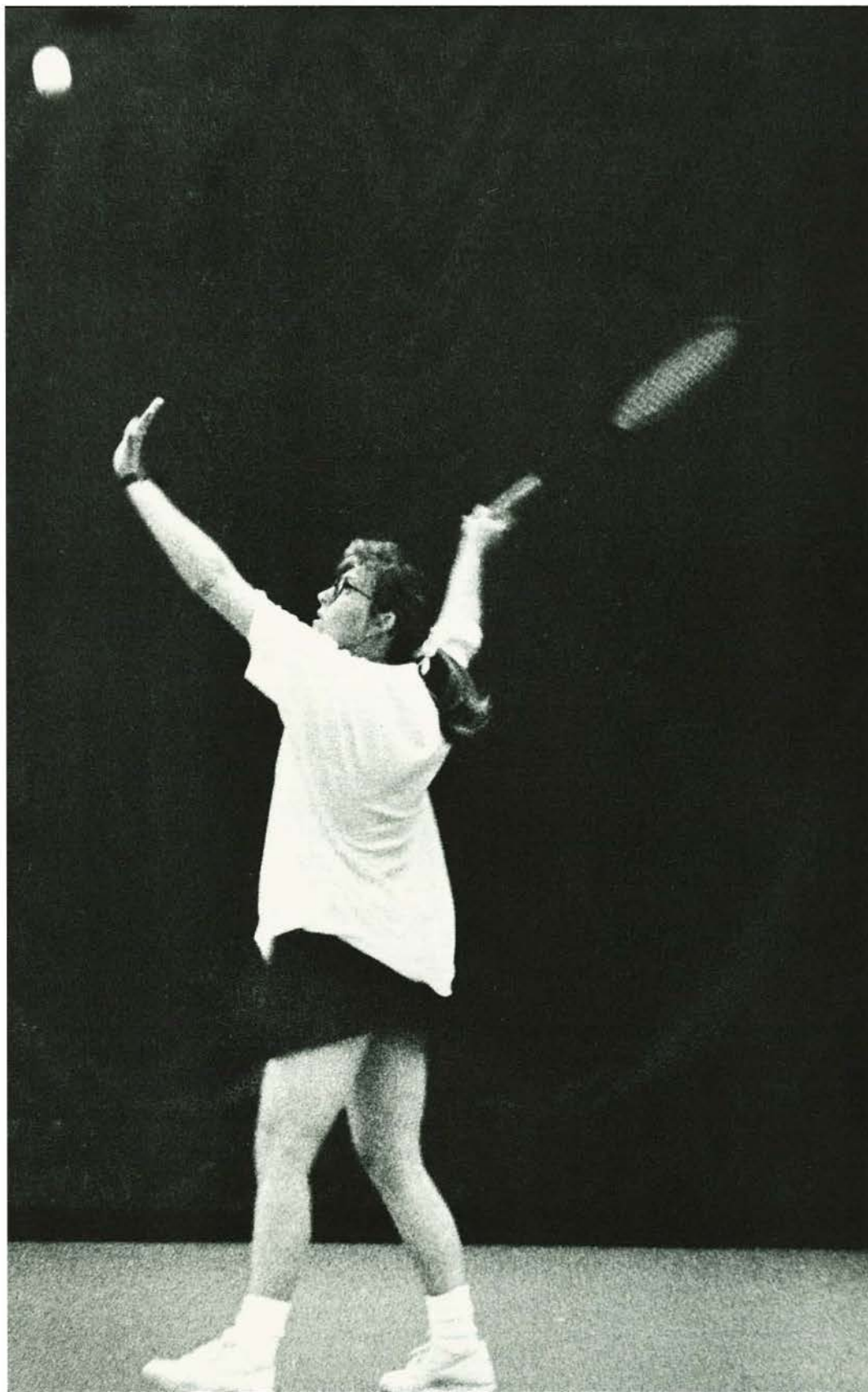
"I like the competition and the girls are great!" Kropuenske said. "I'll be at it for as long as I can."

Wife, mother, student and athlete — she was doing it all and having a great time of her life. ❖

Freshman Patsy Kropuenske and her doubles partner senior Beth Johnson discuss a play during the match against William Jewell College.



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ingles match against William College, Kropuenske es to serve the ball. She won atch 6-3, 6-2.



Jason Ulsrud

Trying to save a play, Kropuenske stretches to reach the ball as partner Johnson watches. The team won their match against William Jewell College 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

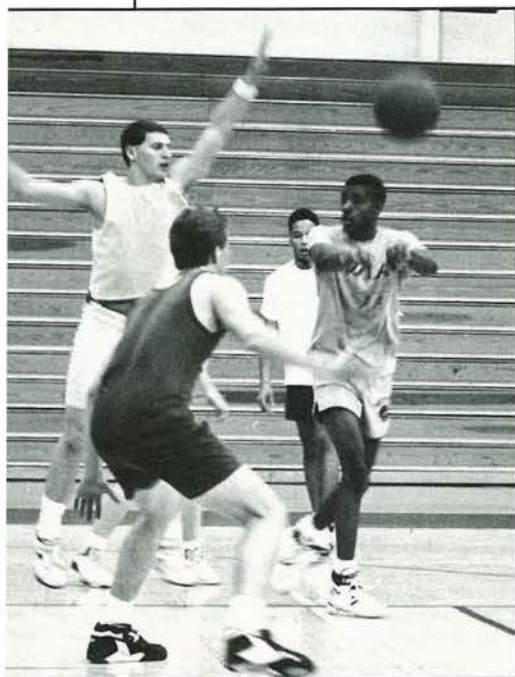


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Activities from football and basketball to card and pool tournaments help students take a break from studying as

Participation marks year

by Ray Miller



Brian Resch

Freshman Craig McPheeters jumps to block senior Scott Williams' shot during the final intramural basketball game. Williams' team won the intramural basketball finals.

Intramurals went non-stop throughout the entire school year. Events such as flag football, pool and basketball, intramurals offered something for everybody.

For the pool shark, intramurals offered a tournament each semester. Even though the tournaments were double elimination, it didn't take long for junior David Bird to go away the winner both semesters.

"I like to play pool and it's free," Bird said. "I like participating in intramurals, and if I had more time, I would do more."

Some students used intramurals as a chance to get ready for a sport that they liked to play.

"I'm going to be on a softball team this summer and playing intramurals got the old muscles loosened up," said junior Dan Rath. "It also gave me a chance to see some live pitching for once and not just batting practice."

According to intramural director Wonda Berry, the basketball tournament was

the most popular activity. The overall winner of this tournament was the team Public Enemy. Instead of using outside referees, students played on the honor system.

"I think they should have had refs for the games. We had to make our own calls," said senior Jerome Jordon.

Intramurals also experimented with some new activities like a card tournament and a board game night.

"Cards night was such a big success with pitch, Uno and spades that next year we will hold them on different nights," Berry said.

Students who procrastinated signing up were sometimes left out of certain events because they entered too late.

"We've had to turn students away for entering too late," intramural intern Dave Krugh said. "We would have the brackets made, and they would want to enter, but it takes too long to set the brackets up to go back and redo them."

Some events were

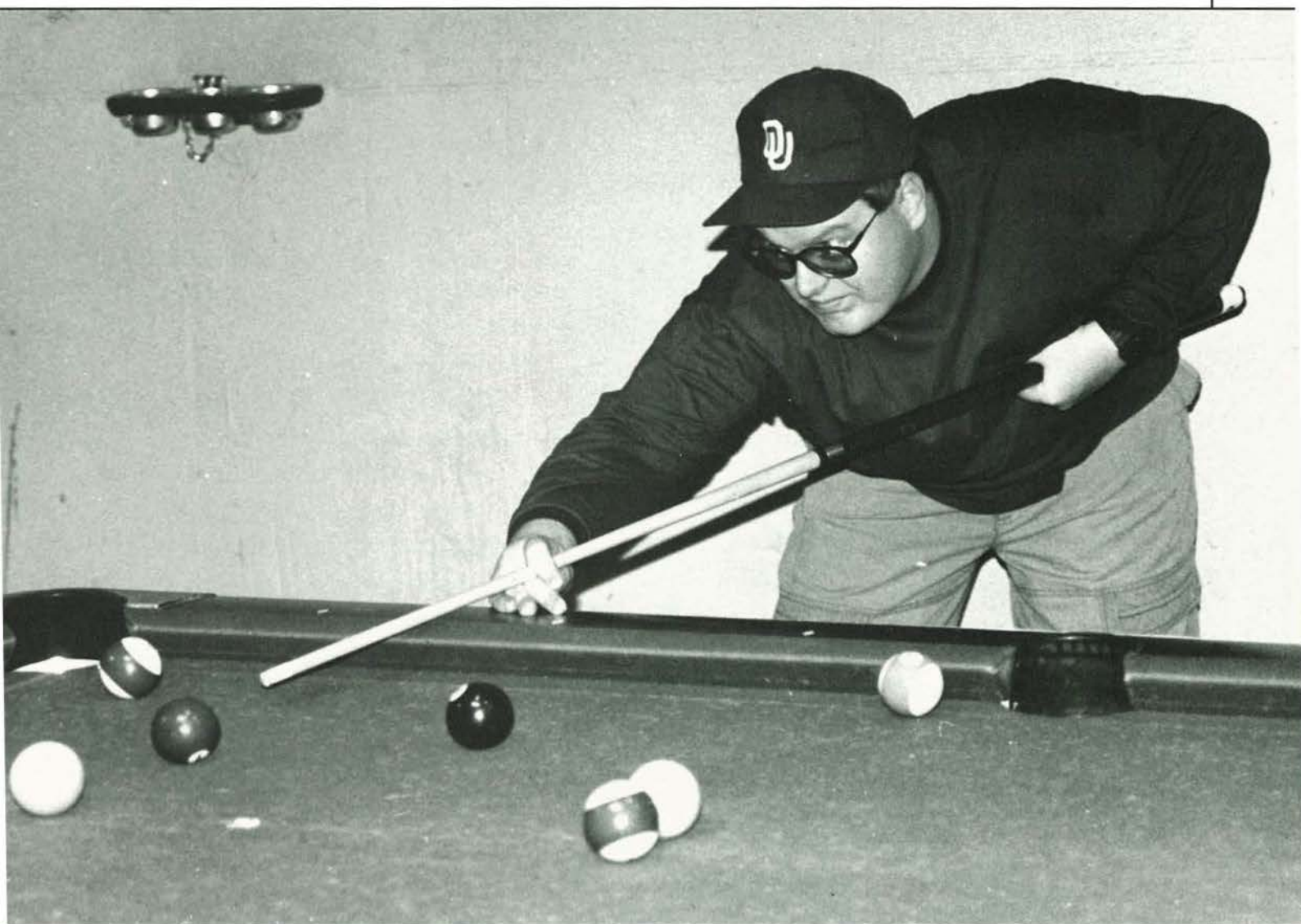
cancelled, like mud volleyball, or moved, like softball due to the construction of the new dorms. Even though their biggest event, mud volleyball, was cancelled, students still liked intramurals.

"I think that we have a good program at Missoisquoi," said senior Elmer Gentry. "I think there needs to be more involvement. If more people would get involved the next year, they might be able to get more events."

To keep people interested in intramurals throughout the year, the winner of each event received a T-shirt. Berry thought that this was a success because participation went up at every event, and she hoped it would stay up.

"I've already started planning events for next year, and I hope to get a schedule printed that students can carry with them in their wallets," Berry said.

Whether students wanted to have fun, prepare for future sports, or compete with other students, intramurals had an activity for them. ♦



Steve Allen

Senior David Bird takes careful aim during the intramural pool tournament at the Belt Bowl on Oct. 29. His skill earned him first place.

Freshman Emily Dowell hopes for a strike during the fall intramural bowling league play. Her team "No Names" placed second.

Mark McKerrow



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Band members Kerry Long and Ken Eberhart wait to begin the egg relay during Homecoming Activity Night. The purpose of the race was to keep the egg from breaking while the contestants, blindfolded, run down and around a cone.

Lisa Johnston

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tudents brought their own unique personalities to campus. From this, a diverse and unique student body developed.

Junior Nancy Sprinkle returned to school to complete a degree after living in Africa as a missionary for 13 years. From this experience, she took a new outlook on working with people.

People always had something to talk about, and that, of course, led to gossiping. No matter where, no matter when, everyone always had time to gossip.

When freshman Christie Weerts went to work she often found herself transformed into a turtle — a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle that was. Her job as a singing telegram took her from birthday parties to anniversary celebrations.

Uniqueness varied from one personality to another. With this, students took their own sense of individuality and showed everyone who they were.





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freshman Cathy Minter laughs during
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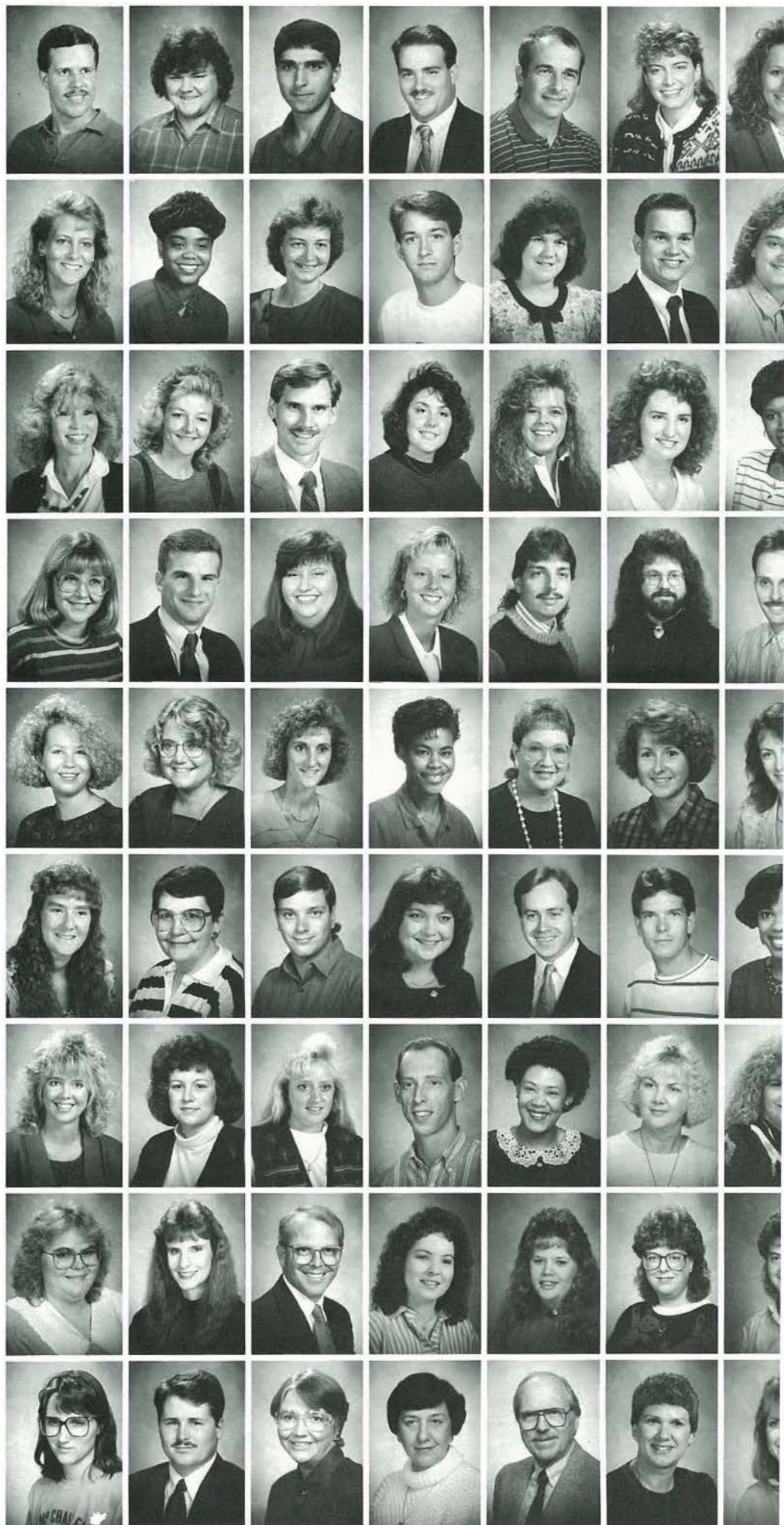
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Keeping the discs spinning

by Suzanne Hopper

It was a few minutes before midnight on a Friday evening when senior Mike Nease, known to radio listeners as Mike Nease, prepared to go on air at KKJO-FM. Nease's disc jockey Doug Devereaux signed off, Nease stepped up behind him, and he spread his arms around and ran his hands up and down, just trying to break his concentration. Devereaux didn't miss a beat. Nease smiled that on his first day working there, his co-workers stuck pins in the top of his head. A few minutes later, Nease paced the five-by-five area with a headset on and the volume turned up. He was singing along, dancing a little bit, and he rubbed his throat. In front of him were knobs and buttons to control the compact disc and tape deck, the cassette players and the microphone. A board held cards with his lines. Nease's voice would be transmitted to late-night radio listeners all over St. Louis and the surrounding area.

Nease became a disc jockey when he was 18.

"It was a joke, you know," said the speech communications major. "I used to work at United Parcel Service, and we had Christmas parties. And the person who was supposed to do the entertainment got sick and had to cancel. We already had the equipment rented, and I had a bunch of records and my friend had a bunch of records."

From this, Nease began working at parties and nightclubs on the weekends. In 1977 he started his own business, MRN Enterprises, and did work through it.

At the radio station, Nease kept the compact discs spinning while answering the steady stream of calls coming through on the request line.

While carrying an 18-credit-hour load, Nease worked about 35 hours each weekend. Along with working on the air midnight to 6 a.m. on Saturday mornings, Nease directed sporting events and worked on-air on KSFT-AM. From

9 p.m. to midnight on Saturdays, he did the Hot Mix Dance Party, live from Sparky's Nightclub.

The change from working nightclubs to being on the radio required some adjustment.

"It's been really hard," Nease said. "I know when I worked in nightclubs, when I went to work there were three hundred cars in the parking lot. The place was completely packed. It is easy to get up for it. But now, I go to work and there are two cars in the parking lot. And one of them is mine."

Even though his job was entertaining for him, Nease found it to be an equally challenging profession that kept him on his toes.

"Picture yourself standing in a corner for four hours and every 10 minutes you have to talk and say something funny that fills the room with something funny or intelligent or up-to-date or sporty or trendy," he said. "It's really hard to do." ❖

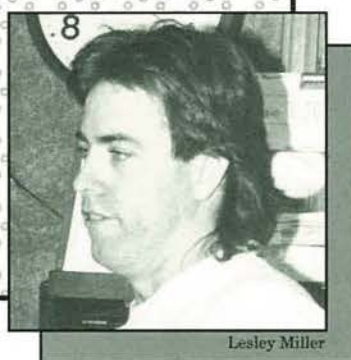
Mike Nease shows his style during his late night shift at the local radio station KKJO-FM.



Lesley Miller

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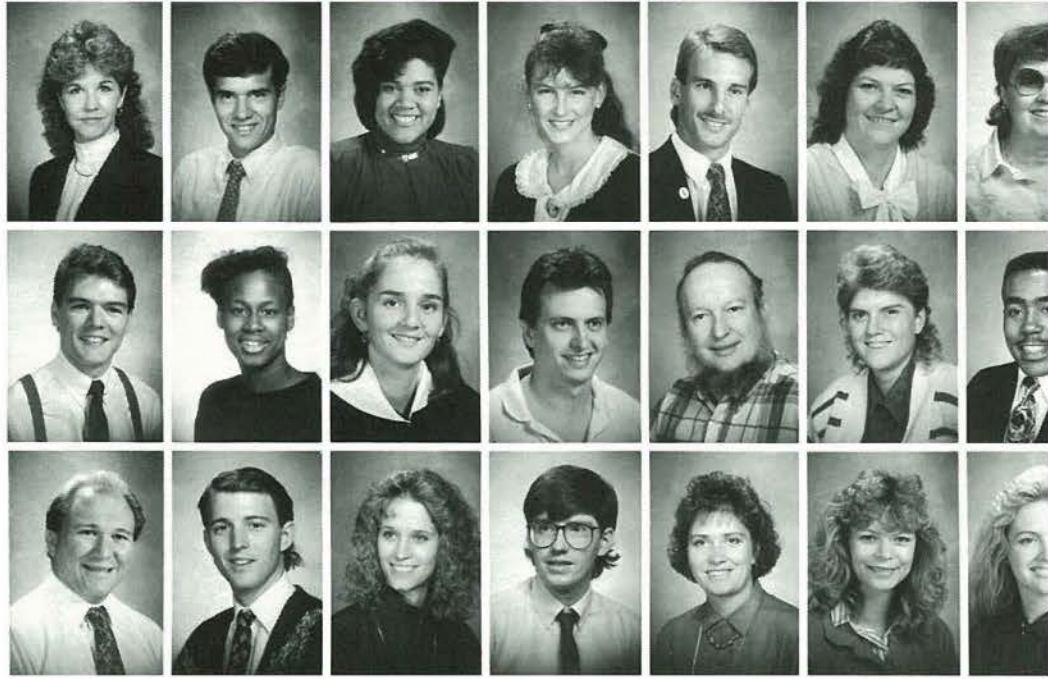


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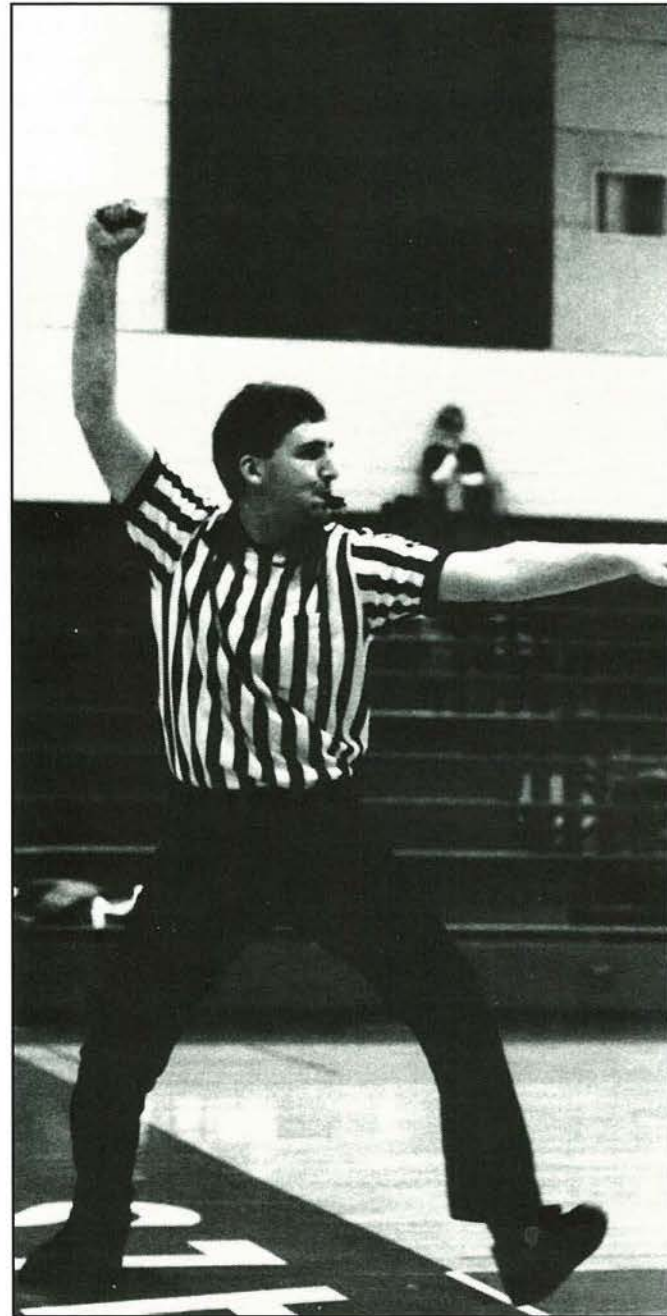
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Rick Weidmaer

During a game at Benton High School, senior Danny Lentz throws a jump ball.

Senior Eric Chilcoat calls a foul during a game at Benton High School in St. Joseph. Chilcoat referees during his free time for extra money.



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Making the fair call

by Ray Miller

Refusing to let the fact that they couldn't play organized basketball stop them, seniors Chilcoat and Danny [name] refereed to keep in [name]. Chilcoat started playing basketball when he was in fourth grade. He wanted to play during his school years and tried for some college teams but didn't make it. He figured the next best thing to playing was to be a referee," Chilcoat said. "It gave me a chance to do what the sport is all about. With the audience cheering, the coaches yelling at the players trying to get away with everything, the referee's only friend was the referee. Together

they worked as a team.

"We try to keep everything fair," Chilcoat said. "We just try to judge the game the best that we know how."

One of the major drawbacks of refereeing was catching flack from the fans, coaches and players. Another disadvantage was that the referees didn't even get a break for a short rest or to catch their breath.

"Players can get a substitution and get a rest on the bench," Chilcoat said, "but the ref's don't ever get a sit-down break. Even during a time-out, the ref has to be out on the floor."

Lentz played basketball in high school, but didn't play in college. He started refereeing four years ago to

earn extra money. At home in his spare time, he liked to watch sports.

"I catch myself watching the referees instead of the game," Lentz said.

Lentz planned to be a teacher, but didn't appreciate the way some teachers acted at the games.

"When you've got professionals (teachers) acting like imbeciles," Lentz said, "then the rest of the crowd acts like imbeciles too."

"Then you've got to keep your cool just to control the game," Chilcoat added.

Overall, they enjoyed the game and planned to continue officiating.

"It's a tough job, but someone has to do it," Chilcoat said, "and that someone has to be me." ❖

Nintendo captures hearts

by Ray Miller

Mario! Mario!
Mario!

Students asked for it, and it became one of the most popular games on campus. Super Mario Brothers 3, as well as other Nintendo games, were distracting students from their homework.

The music of Super Mario Brothers 3 was an all too familiar sound in the suite that freshman Brooke Sanger occupied. She and her fellow suitemates played this game for many hours during the week.

"Each time you play it,

you get a little better than before, but not good enough to win," Sanger said.

After completing a hard day at school, Sanger returned to her suite and unwound by playing Nintendo.

"Sometimes I have something else to do, like homework, but I'll play Nintendo because I like it better," Sanger admitted.

Nintendo offered a wide range of games for people to choose from because not everyone liked the Mario Brothers games. Junior Eric Willis liked to play

Nintendo, but his favorite games were those which were sports-related.

"I like football; me and a few of my friends will get together and play Tecmo Bowl," Willis said. "I've borrowed a hookup that allows four people to play at once, and we try to destroy each other on the field."

Senior Matt Rock, a fan of Nintendo himself, warned people that Nintendo was fun but addictive. He would watch friends play for hours at night, neglecting their studies.

"The games tend to lure

people away from their more important responsibilities and obligations Rock said.

Willis didn't consider himself addicted, but he admitted that he found it to leave a good game.

"One night I was up late playing Nintendo, the next day I had to go to work tired," Willis said.

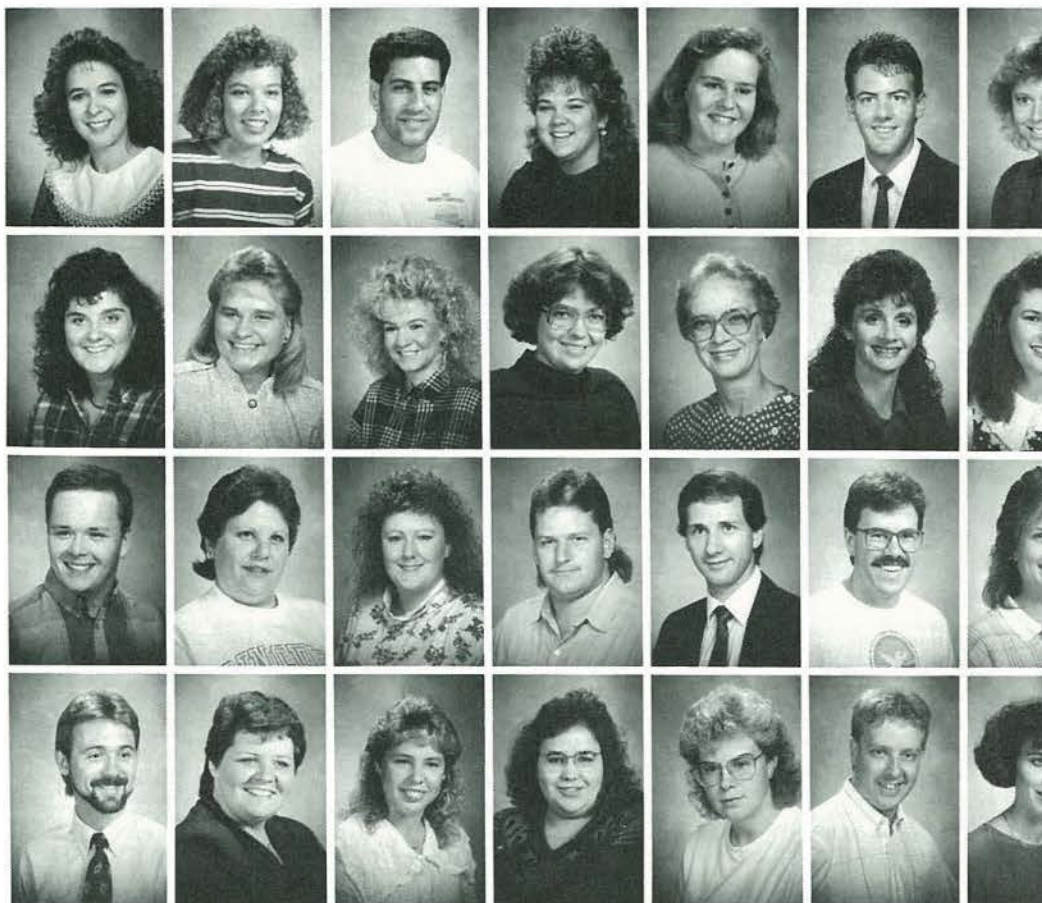
Nintendo became immensely popular with the entire student body. Even when more important tasks surfaced, students just couldn't Mario off. ♦

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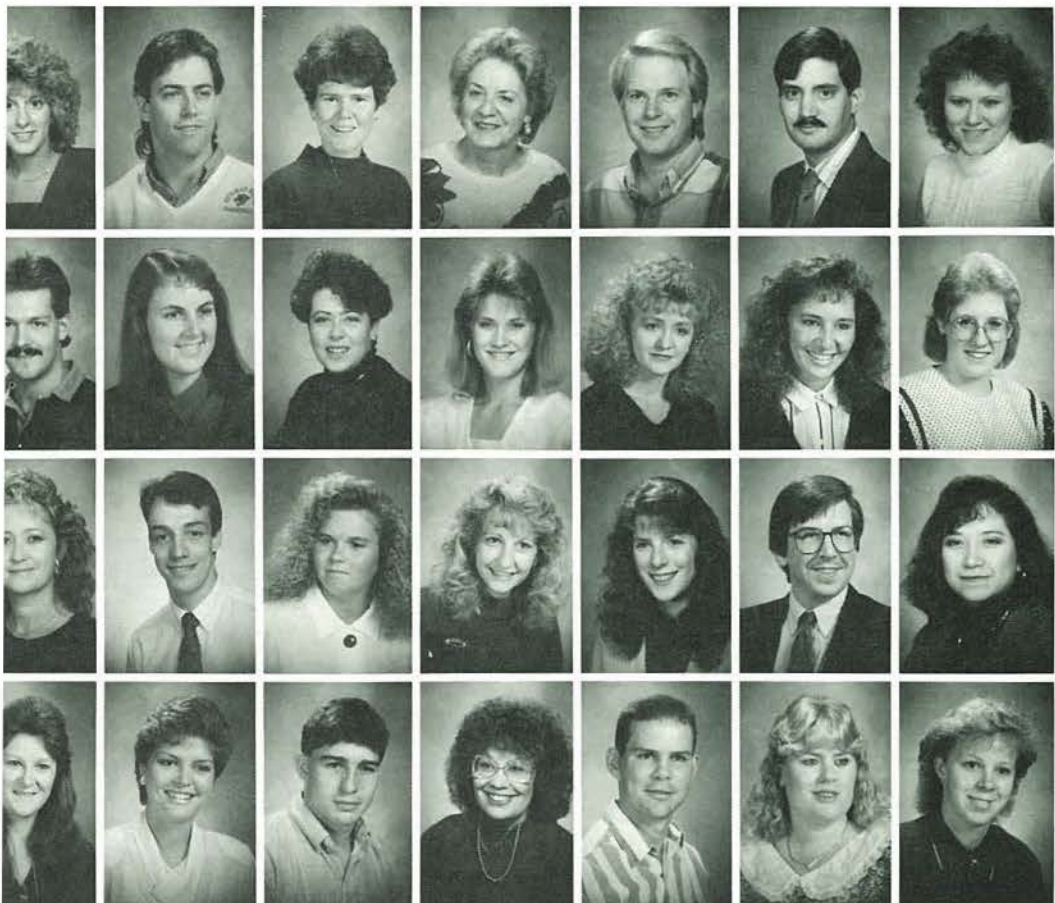
Lesley Miller

"In your face" screams sophomore Eric Olsen after he slammed a basket in a game of Double Dribble against junior Wendy Darrah.

"Sometimes I have something else to do, like home-work, but I'll play Nintendo because I like it better."

—Brooke Sanger

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Speaking her mind

by Mike Nease

Senior Twilya Henry needed to add a shelf to her trophy case.

In her four years at Missouri Western, she received more than 25 speaking awards and one Certificate of Achievement from the Board of Regents for best overall speaker at the Northeast Community College Tournament.

"Public speaking has always been fun for me," Henry said. "It's fun, but it takes a lot of work to get ready for a competition. I read everything I can get my hands on — newspapers, textbooks, trivia, pop literature, anything and everything."

In addition to her speech tournaments, Henry was also involved in many activities including foren-

sics, Professional Association of Communicators and the Center for the Study of the Presidency. Along with her experiences in the classroom, these activities gave her the tools to be successful.

In forensics, she served as the president of the club on campus and was involved in speech competitions for four years. Through her performances on the local level, she won many awards and trophies. She also qualified for a national competition in Tacoma, Wash.

"With the help of Joe Luchok, my speech coach and academic advisor," Henry said, "I was involved in the impromptu speaking section of the American Forensic Association-

National Individual Event Tournament. It was a great competition and a good learning experience."

Henry also was a member of the new club, the Professional Association of Communicators.

"The basic idea of the club's function is to put our public relations skills to good use," Henry said.

"We assisted the local AFL-CIO in publicizing their Adopt-A-Family, to match needy families at Christmas with donated food, clothing and toys. The PAC produced the PSA's at KKJO 105 and sent out the news releases that were shared with local media in support of the project."

Finally, Henry was a center fellow for the Center for the Study of the Presi-

dency. This was a great political science majors minors that Frank Kessler, professor of political science, introduced to Henry.

"As a fellow member," Henry said, "I attended conferences in Washington D.C. and Austin, Texas."

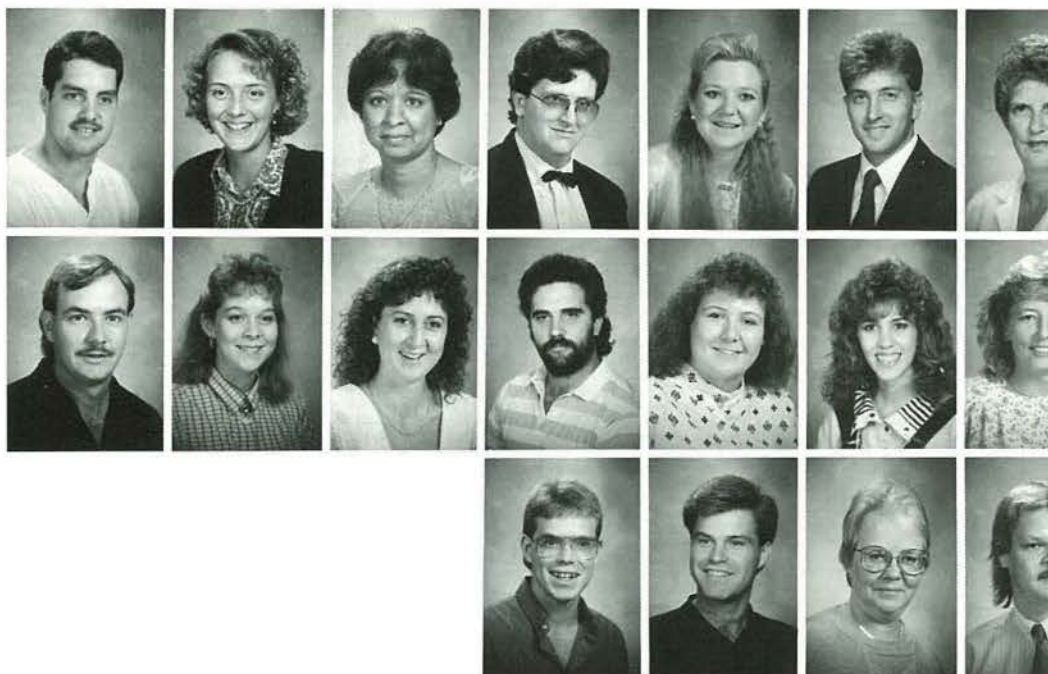
"We also submit essays to attend lectures concerning the operations of the White House, study the function of the First Lady and how the White House relates to the other branches of government and the media," Henry said. "Through my fellowship, I decided to do a minor in political science."

Hard work and club activities were the staple of Henry. With the help of Joe Luchok, Frank Kessler and others, she was definitely speaking her way. ❖

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Lesley Miller

Twilya Henry, communications major, gives a speech about her feelings toward the Gulf War while James McCarthy, executive vice president, listens intently. Several people at the Egg's and Issues breakfast supported Henry's views about the war.



Lesley Miller

"It's fun but it takes a lot of work to get ready for a competition."

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Freshman Judy Schubert sweeps the special education room at DeKalb High School where she plans someday to be a teacher instead of a custodian.



Kate Johnson

“Why would I want to skip class? I’m having too much fun!”

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Giving school another chance

by Ruby Faulk

On the first day of College 101 class, the teacher asked if anyone had any good icebreakers. I, who had seen me slip and fall on the icy sidewalk, said "Yes, her!" So I told the class how I fell and how I helped two others to slip. I was so embarrassed, now everyone knows my name. I met freshman Judy Schubert, a forty-year-old mother and high school custodian who began her college career for the first time in January. She was pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education and

hoped to teach someday.

Schubert withdrew from school when she was only 16 years old. Thanks to the urging of her mother, she received her GED in 1984.

"The students at the high school I work at have always come to me for help and advice. Seeing what I could do for them, I decided I wasn't going to push a broom all of my life, so I enrolled in college," she said.

Schubert said she even persuaded two troubled students who were going to quit school to stick with it.

"I told them how important an education is. I let

them know I understood what they were going through because I had been there. They both stayed in school. It gave me a great feeling to know I helped them," she said.

The number of non-traditional students grew nationwide. MWSC was no exception. Non-traditional students made up 40 percent of the enrollment. Missouri Western prided itself in catering to the needs and expectations of the traditional as well as the non-traditional student.

After being out of high school for 24 years, Schubert had her reserva-

tions about trying college. She was nervous and self-conscious about taking on such a huge responsibility.

Schubert raised a family and held down a job as well as attended college on a full-time basis. Between working, studying and keeping involved with her 17-year-old daughter's activities, she found very little time to relax and take it easy.

"The kids at the high school are always coming up and asking me 'How's school?' 'Have you skipped classes yet?'" she said. "I smile and tell them 'Why would I want to skip class? I'm having too much fun!'" ❖



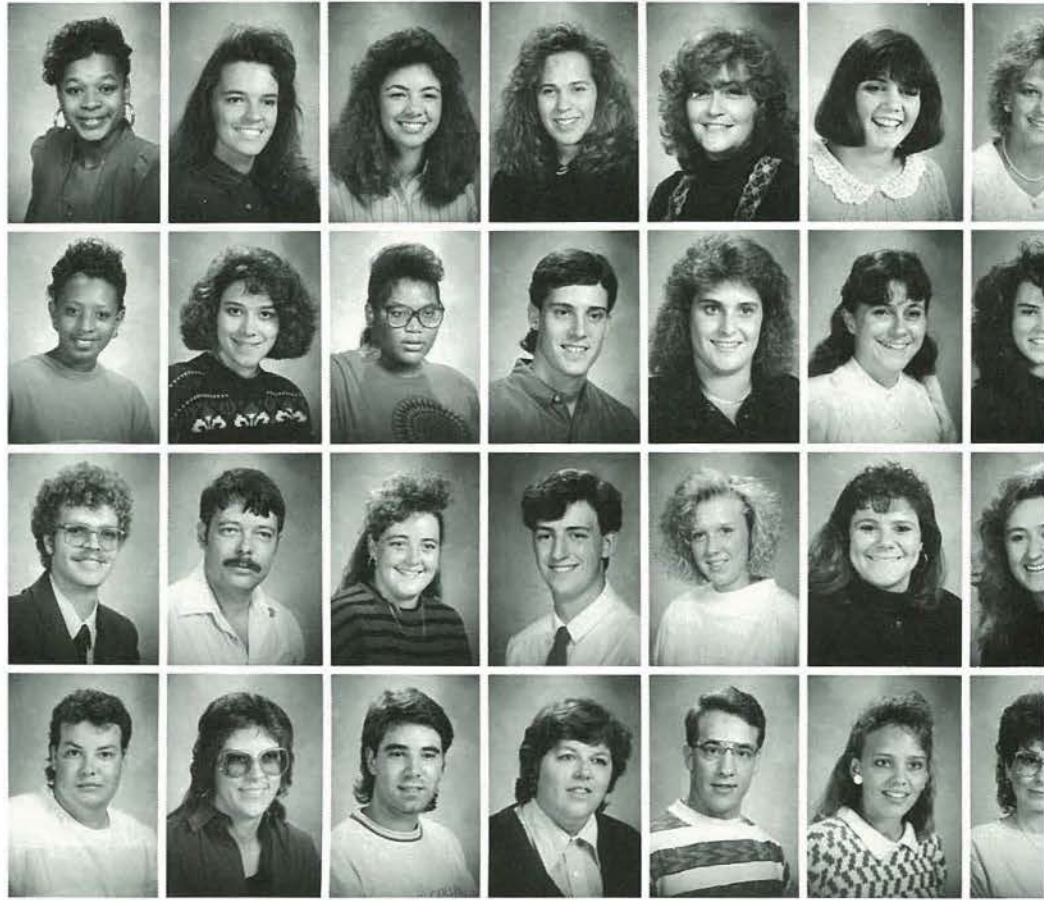
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Gossip fills the halls

by Ruby Faulk and Barb Bell

There was a course on campus that no one signed up for. A course designed to offer valuable information, supply enlightening knowledge, and perhaps even provide incriminating evidence.

Gossip 101. Sound outrageous? Perhaps so, but if one listened closely (or even not so closely) in the halls, dorms, and especially the cafeteria, it was easy to find many experts in the field of "gossip."

"Guys are the worst! They gossip all the time. Even more than my friends

and I, and believe me, that's a lot!" said sophomore Andrea Thompson.

The topic of conversation among students ranged from classes and teachers to the newest couples on campus.

"You can find out just about anything you need to know about another person by just going to class," said freshman Kris Buczek.

The instigators of the gossip, like the gossip itself, varied from person to person, day to day.

The "Cafeteria Callers" were students who roamed from table to table during

mealtimes to pick up all the pieces of conversation they could.

The "Creepers" were students who waited until dark to sneak to a friend's room to catch up on the latest news.

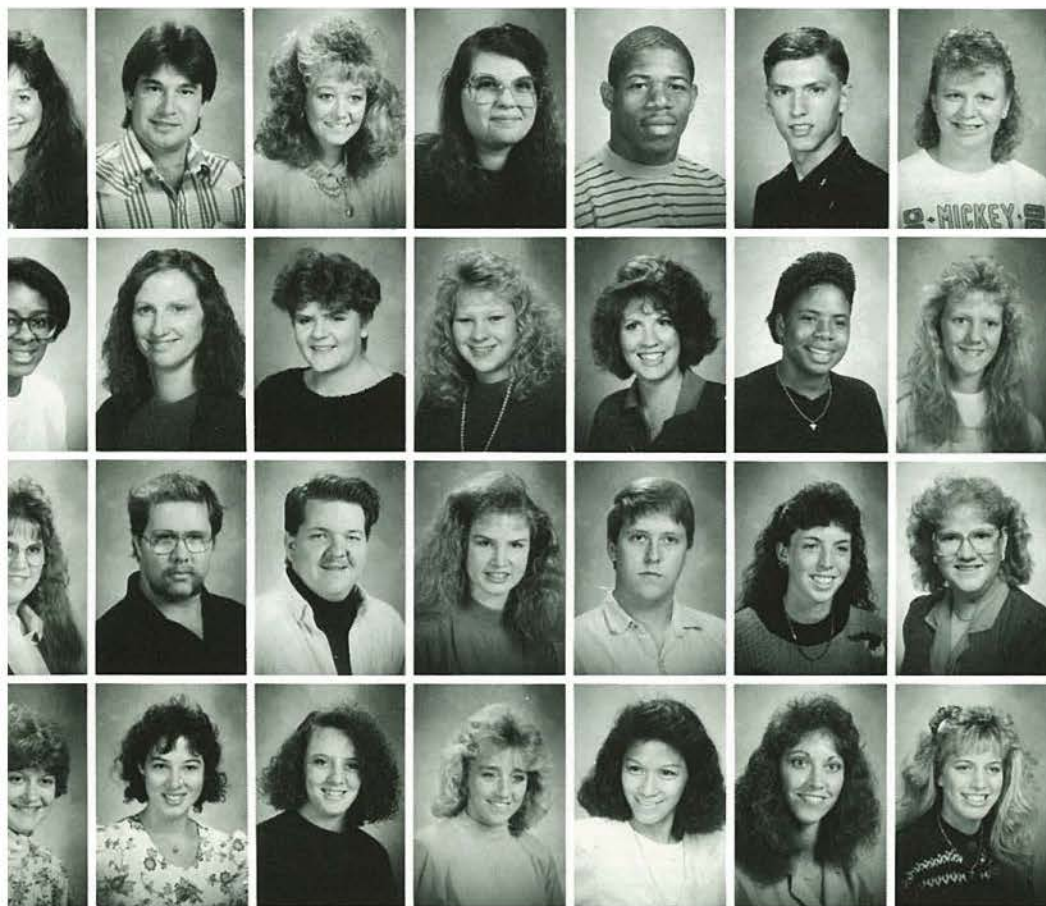
Before class, after class — sometimes even during class, the gossip continued. It continued in an almost addictive way.

"I could always find time between classes to stop and gossip with a couple of friends even if it meant being a couple of minutes late," said sophomore Tammy Black.

If the gossip was news, it didn't take long to spread. A couple of friendly phone calls, and students were in touch with all the juicy gossip they could handle.

"The first thing I do when I get ahold of someone good gossip is get on the phone and make sure my friends hear about it," said freshman N. Easter.

Though Gossip 101 may not ever become an official class, one could always find plenty of students who had mastered the art of gossip. ❖



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taking a walk on the wild side

by Ray Miller

While most people were enjoying the comforts of showers, automatic dishwashers, vacuum cleaners and convenience stores, junior accounting major Nancy Sprinkle was busy buying a year's worth of groceries, tanning the hides of exotic animals, and spreading the word of God among some of the poorer countries of the world.

For nearly 13 years, Nancy and her husband Randy were missionaries in Ethiopia, Botswana and Lesotho, Africa.

"We would spend a year studying the language before going into a country," Sprinkle said. "You didn't learn all of it. You just hit the tip of the iceberg."

Using their limited

knowledge of the language and the culture, they headed for the country.

"We had to prove to the people that we cared about them," Sprinkle said, "and more importantly that God cared about them."

This was no easy task, especially in Ethiopia. The government there didn't allow people to go into the country to start churches. So instead, the Sprinkles went in to help the people better themselves.

"We would share God's love with them every chance we got," she said.

In some very remote areas, the Sprinkles were so far removed from society that there was only one chance a year to do the shopping.

"I'd think of all the things needed for special occasions throughout the year, and when we would go to the mission meetings held in South Africa, Randy and I would buy virtually a year's worth of supplies," Sprinkle said.

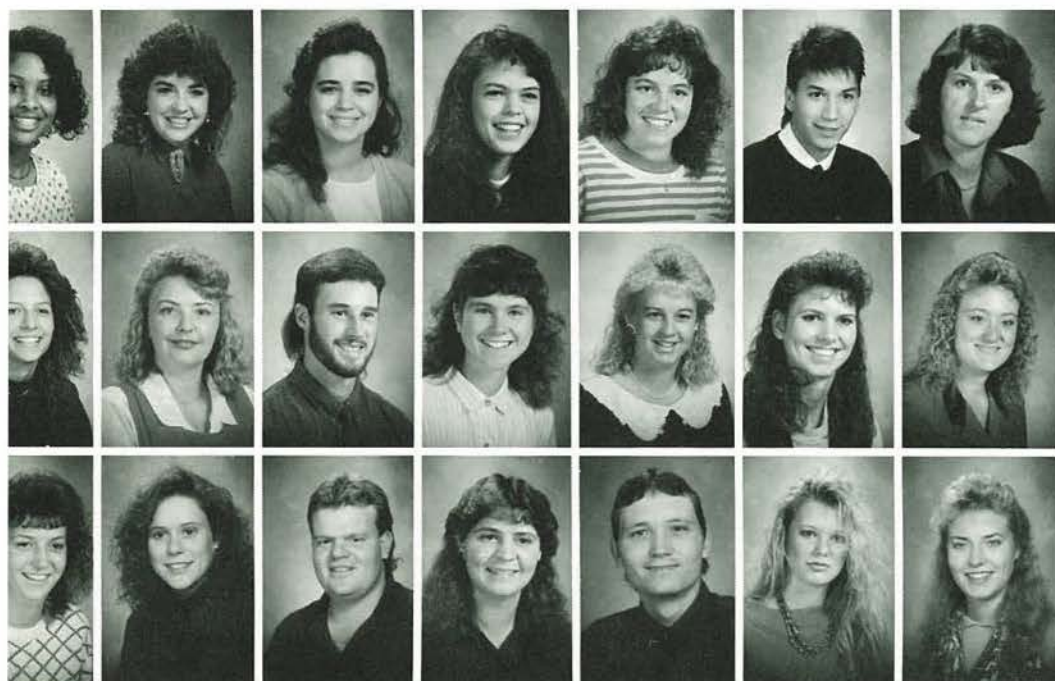
While in Africa, Sprinkle expressed an interest in the furs of certain animals. Randy would hunt each animal, but he had one rule: if he killed an animal, they had to eat it; it couldn't be killed just for its fur. He hunted zebra, wildebeest and other animals, but he didn't hunt bigger game like the elephant or the water buffalo.

When illness finally forced them to quit being

missionaries and return to the States, the Sprinkles moved to St. Joseph in 1988. The news that Joseph had a college graduate, Nancy Sprinkle, because she got the college education she had always wanted.

With her years of experience dealing with different types of people, Sprinkle said, "It gave me a broader understanding of people. This makes it easier to relate to the teachers and students here and probably the people in the business world."

Though her experience in Africa was satisfying, Sprinkle didn't feel she would ever go back. She could accept that. She is happy with her life in St. Joseph. ♦



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 Gross III, Franklin
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Mark McKerrow

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Uniqueness
 Underclassmen
 Nancy Sprinkle
 Individuality



Mark McKerrow

Preparing for a presentation, Nancy Sprinkle and her husband, Randy, look through their books about Africa. The two shared their experiences from Africa with various groups in the community.

Playing the dating game

by Nicole Brown

In the South, a gentleman became more familiar with a lady by going to her house for tea; fortunately, her parents were either in the room with them or in the next room. In the mid-1900s men and women went to the drive-in on dates, but she was to be home promptly at 10:00 p.m. Through the years the dating game changed. It turned into a monster. Students never knew what would happen or who they would be seeing when they planned a date.

The dating monster of ailments showed up at sophomore Teresa Repp's Senior Prom. Repp and a 20-year-old Air Force man went out to dinner and then

to the prom. The night was going great until Repp's date started complaining about stomach pains.

"We took him to the Air Force base hospital," Repp said. "After three hours of examinations, the doctor called me in as his wife. I fainted when they put the IV in his arm. When I came to, I found out that the only thing wrong with him was a stomach ache."

Freshman Heather Brackin and her date planned to go to Kansas City and see the Plaza lights. They made it to Kansas City with no problem, but reaching their destination seemed impossible.

"We couldn't find the

lights so we thought we'd go to a McDonald's, but they were closed, so we came back to St. Joe," Brackin said.

Sophomore Wendy Rowan's Homecoming date was expected to be exciting and fun-filled, that was until the monster of boredom decided to drop in.

"He wasn't a very good dancer, but he wanted to dance anyway," Rowan said. "Whenever we'd get up to dance, he would flap his arms and kept hitting my boob. Then, afterwards, we went to Pizza Hut of all places."

One student had the unfortunate experience of meeting up with the monster of blind dates. When

he went to pick her up, in his opinion, was very attractive. They went to the movies and sat back close to the door while people were walking in the theater, she proceeded to try and put her hands down the young man's pants.

"The worst part was when I had to force me to kiss her goodnight her breath was stinking."

Although everyone has had bad experiences, students were willing to take the risks necessary to find a perfect companion. However, if dating weren't a risky business, looking for that special person wouldn't be quite as horrendous. ❖

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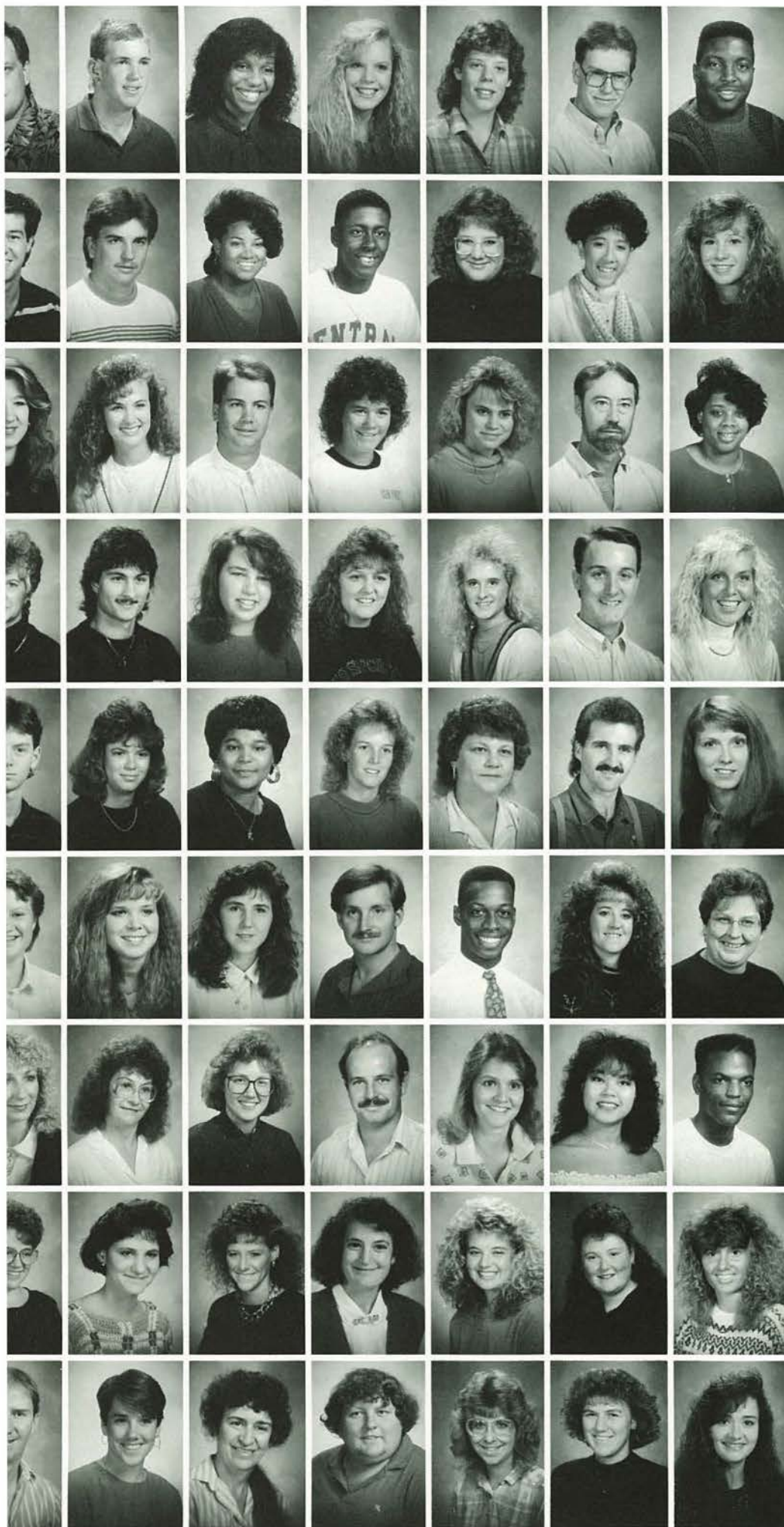
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M ore bounce to the ounce

by Barb Bell

As a student, sophomore Tim Culwell was required to take and pass twelve credit hours, show up for his classes and make a grade point average of 2.0.

On the field, as a football player, he attended practice, did the workouts and showed aggressiveness.

In addition, he worked as a bouncer for Sparky's Night Club. There he stood at the door to get peoples' identification cards to make sure they were twenty-one.

"It's hard going to

school, playing football and working because football and being a student are full-time jobs themselves," Culwell said. "It's hard to juggle your time."

However, he found some advantages to his job.

"It's at night, and it doesn't conflict with any of my classes," he said. "Also, you meet a lot of people for future connections."

But he also found it boring at times.

"There aren't very many fights if it's a pretty event-

less evening," he said. "It starts to mess with your mind because you start to categorize people as they walk through the door."

Culwell learned in football to be aggressive, and he found it hard to leave that aggression on the field. Therefore, he took his aggression to work, which helped him do a better job as a bouncer.

He felt bouncing and playing football were similar.

"Once you leave work,

you've got to leave all troubles there. In fact you must do the same thing," he said.

Despite some of the drawbacks, Culwell likes his job. However, sometimes it wasn't easy to be a bouncer and a friend at the same time.

"You have to put up with your friends that are only nineteen and expect to get in without an I.D.," he said. "I don't like to mean to my friends, but that is a part of my job."



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 Myers, Wendy
 Myscofski, Joseph
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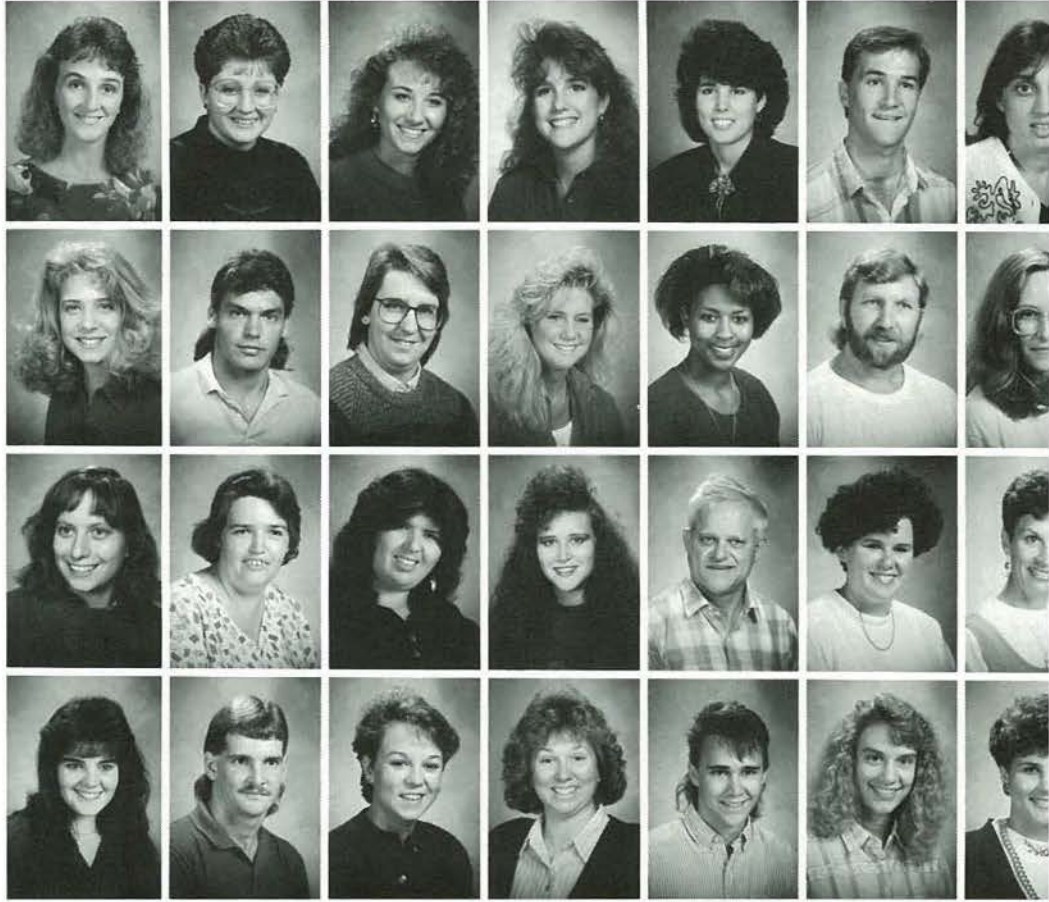
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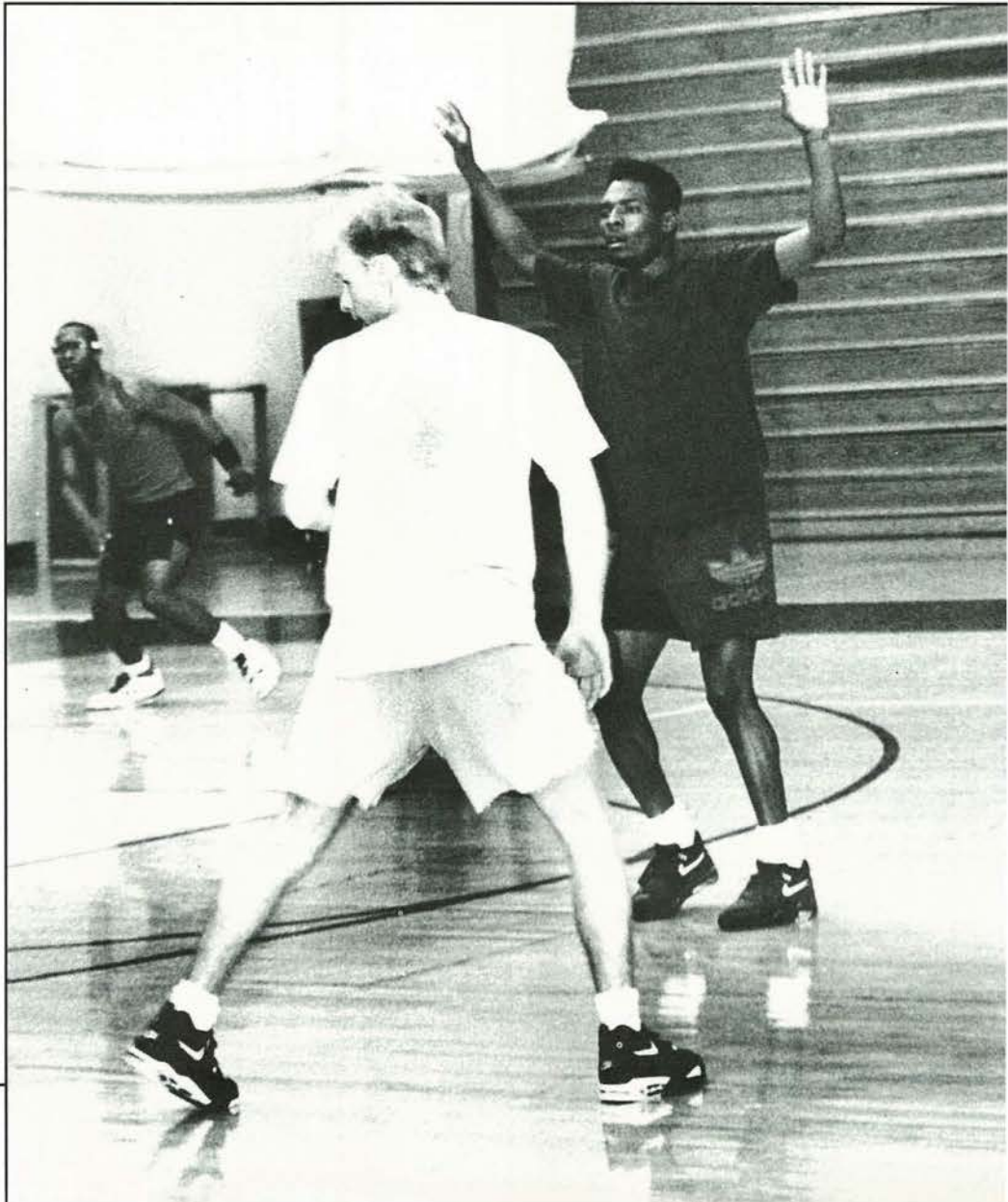
Kate Johnson

“My ability to do the things that I am capable of doing comes from God.”

Uniqueness
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 Dale Rodney
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Kate Johnson

Enjoying a game of basketball, freshman Dale Rodney waits for a pass from a teammate while Jason Studard prepares to block.





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Prescott, Kimberly
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Quackenbush, Dara
Quattlebaum, Calvin
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Roberts, Delia
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Rush, Victoria

A n accent on academics

by Nicole Brown

Migration to nation was a story of freshman Dale and his presence on campus. Not too many had his thrilling experience of living in two countries. Born in St. Louis, Mo., Rodney, an accounting major, spent 16 years in Toronto, Canada. Rodney comes from a diverse background. His father was from the West Indies and his mother was from South Carolina. Rodney was the youngest child in a family of five children. Growing up in Canada, Rodney found that many

people were amazed at his slight accent when he came to America.

"I guess you get used to the accent you hear everyday," Rodney said, "and to hear something different seems unique."

Rodney came to Missouri Western to school as the result of a cousin's advice.

Rodney wanted to play basketball in the states, and since he was a citizen, he took advantage of it. He liked the fact that Missouri Western didn't have the reputation of being a party school, which made it easier

to set aside time to study.

When he was not studying, which was rare, Rodney could be found talking on the phone, practicing his bass guitar or playing basketball. He also liked to read Bible scriptures; he believed that without God nothing would be possible.

"My ability to do the things that I am capable of doing comes from God. And when you reach the point of success it's important to remember where it came from," he said.

After graduating, Rodney would like to attend

Howard University and major in theology. Ultimately he wanted to enter the ministry as a teacher. Teaching was in Rodney's heart whether it was The Bible or accounting. To own his own firm was also a dream of Rodney's.

"Eventually I want to take it to a level of advising people how to spend their money," Rodney said.

From the United States to Canada and back to the United States, Rodney took his experiences with him and came to get an education. ❖

A

design on a new tower

by Ray Miller

The rappelling tower was falling down, falling down, falling down. The old rappelling tower was down, and a new and improved one, designed by sophomore Jess Innis, was up in its place.

Designing a rappelling tower was not what Innis had in mind when he returned to college in 1989. Prior to coming to college, Innis worked as a foreman at a local factory. Physical injuries forced Innis to quit his job, so he decided to go for a college education.

"After I was injured from falling from the cat-

walk at work, my doctor told me that the damage to my knee was too bad to do a physical labor job," Innis said. "I was too young to have my knee replaced, so the best thing for me to do was go back to school."

Innis started to take drafting classes and was very interested in being a computer drafter. He showed an interest in the tower project, so Virendra Varma, engineering technology professor, approached him with the chance to work on the tower. Innis took it.

"They came to me with rough sketches (for improve-

ment) and said, 'This is kind of what we had in mind,'" Innis said. "They then told me the extra features that they wanted and asked me to try to design it."

Innis visited the west side of campus to look at the old tower. He did not wish to venture to the top of the tower due to the condition of the old rotten ladder used to get to the top. He was told that the platform on top was as rotten as the ladder. He took note of this and went to work on a design for the tower.

"I worked out a design using the computers in the

E/T building," Innis said. After spending many hours on the computer, Innis finished a design he liked.

"I took and combined the ideas of a 60-degree decline and a staircase cutting back on the materials," Innis said. "They liked my idea and went with it."

With the rappelling tower project under his belt, Innis was preparing to enter the computer drafting field. Given the opportunity to excel, Innis proved he could succeed, and the future was looking up.



Rick Wiedmeyer

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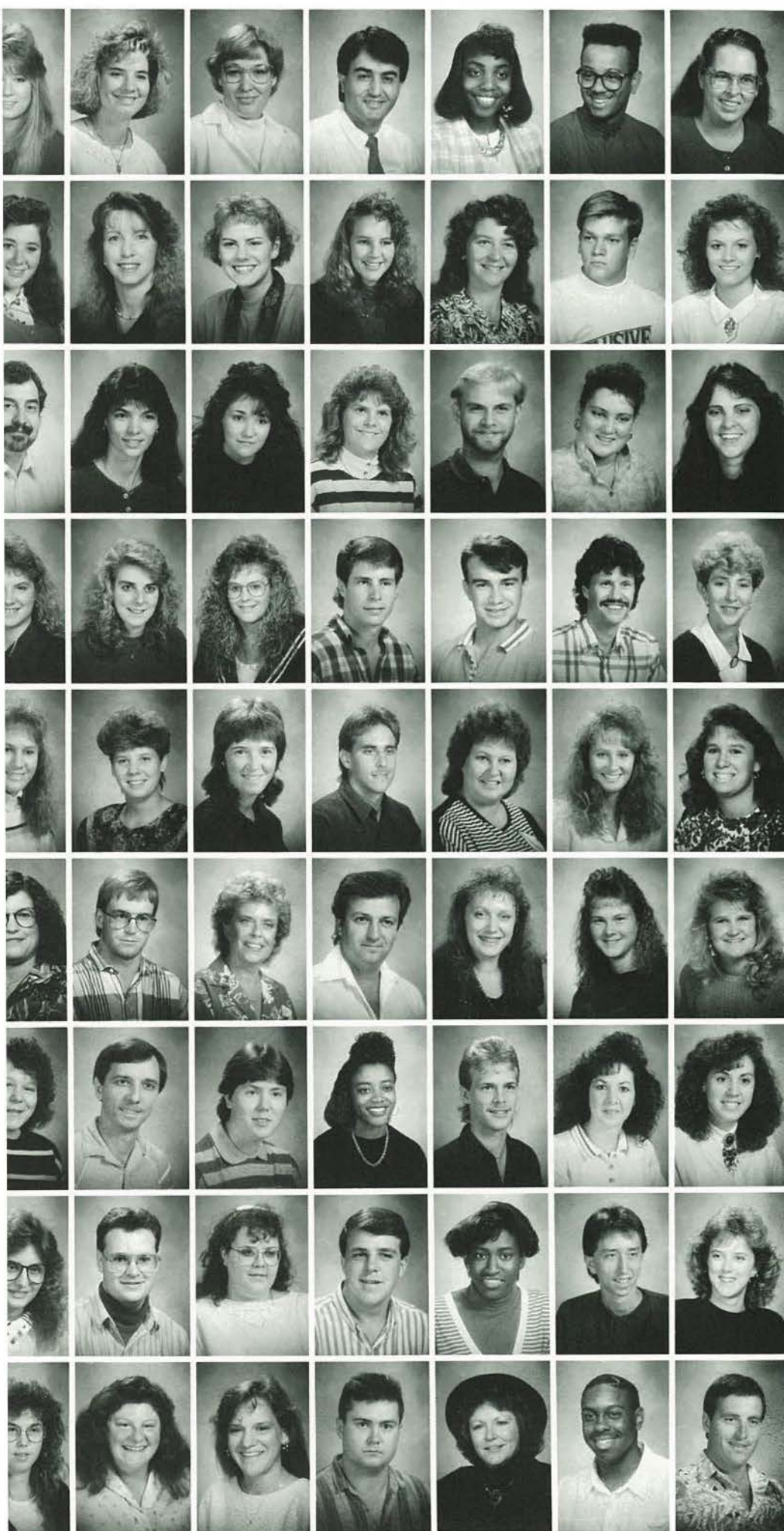
"This is kind of what we had in mind."

Uniqueness
Underclassmen
Jess Innis
Individuality



Rick

Sophomore Jess Innis develops ideas about the structure of the new ROTC rappelling tower in the Engineering-Technology computer lab.



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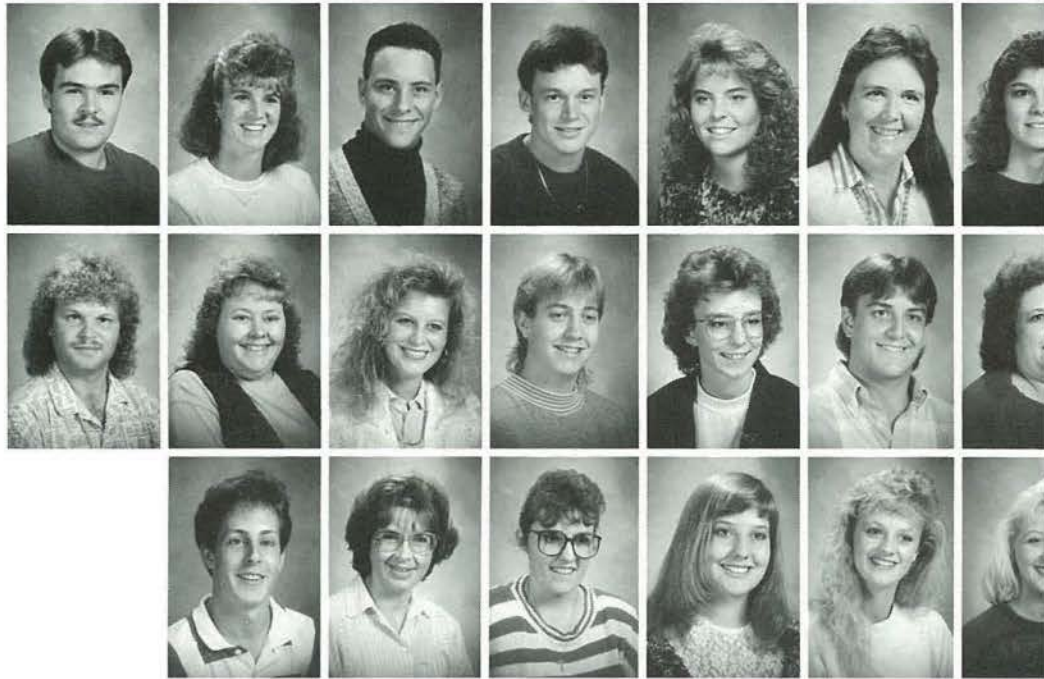
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 Wait, Tena
 Walker, Trent
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 Ward, Leigh
 Weerts, Christie
 Wesner, Abby



Suited to be Mickey

by Stephanie Smiser

Being Mickey Mouse might not suit everyone, but it was a good fit for freshman Christie Weerts.

"I can't think of anyone better suited for this job," Weerts said. "Not just anybody can do it. You have to be outgoing and basically a little fruity."

Weerts took a lot of pleasure in her job delivering singing telegrams. Working at AH HA's Balloon and Party shop wasn't always just selling merchandise but selling oneself. Weerts felt very much at home in her occupation.

"I really enjoy my job," Weerts said. "I get to be myself and joke around with

the customers. That's what I'm all about."

Weerts listed a few of her duties as helping with sales, performing singing telegrams, and helping with decorating. She helped decorate for a local high school's Homecoming dance. Weerts's favorite part of the job was helping give tips on decorating and balloon gifts. She also liked to do the singing telegrams. Her favorite character was the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. She had also been Mickey Mouse, a clown and Big Bird.

"I've done a lot of children's birthday parties," Weerts said. "The kids

really love it and so do I. The expressions on the children's faces and the way they jump around me makes me feel good about my job."

She explained that the amount of time spent on each telegram varied. Kid's parties usually lasted a couple of hours, and she was included in the birthday games.

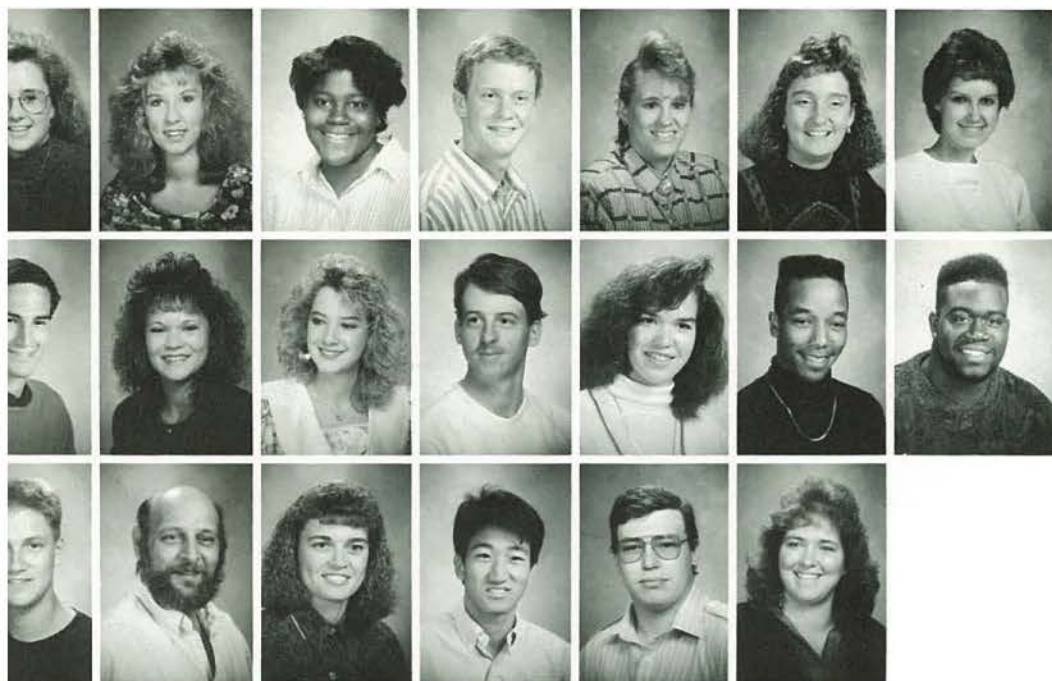
"Each trip brings new experiences," Weerts explained. "I can remember one birthday party where the birthday boy was scared of me in my costume. In fact, when I tried to get near him he ran backwards and fell down hitting his head. It was awful. Then

his parents had the be take a picture with me the while he was screaming."

Although she carries a full load of classes, he was very reasonable a flexible. She basically the chance to make out own schedule to work around her classes. She still had plenty of time study and socialize.

Weerts planned to with the job for now. seemed to fit her to a Her only worry is that some reason she'll get pulled over sometime she is in costume.

"That would be so embarrassing," she sa



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 White, Deborah
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Kate Johnson

"The expressions on the children's faces and the way they jump around me makes me feel good about my job."

Uniqueness
 Underclassmen.
 Christie Weerts
 Individuality

Mickey Mouse, alias Christie Weerts, asks Riley Coates how old he is while his mother Kelly and John Lucas look on.

Kate Johnson

Darell Johnson's cat, Zai, helps Johnson as he plots variables on a star finder chart.



Kate Johnson

Uniqueness
Faculty
Darell Johnson

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"After you have been a teacher for awhile, you learn the questions a student will ask."



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Nelson, George

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Professor puts students first

by Kate Johnson

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Johnson's hometown
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iverside and a local
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me.
Math came naturally,"

Johnson said. This ac-
counted for his ability to
earn his math doctorate in
two years and three months
following the completion of
his bachelor of science
degree.

How could someone who
is a math whiz understand
and teach the poor souls
who freak out at the sight of
numbers?

"After you have been a
teacher for awhile, you learn
the questions a student will
ask, and you prepare a way
to answer," Johnson said.

Students here asked
different questions than
those at other colleges
where Johnson taught
because of the particular
holes in their background.
His job was to locate those
weaknesses and give the
student help in those areas.

Although initially
Johnson did not fulfill his
dream of attending Massa-
chusetts Institute of Tech-
nology, his first teaching job
was there. Jerome
Freidman, head of the
physics department and
Nobel Prize winner, continu-
ally emphasized, "Students
come first."

This was Johnson's
philosophy as well.

After teaching for two
years at MIT and four years
at New Mexico State Uni-
versity, he became a stu-
dent again to obtain a
doctorate in physics from
MIT.

At last Johnson encoun-
tered coursework that was
unnatural. He carefully
pointed out that it took six
years to get the physics
doctorate.

"Physicists think
differently. They cut
through the rigor to get the
answer," he said. "Math-
ematicians are more rigid
and insist on using logical
procedures."

Because of the differ-
ences in thinking between
the two disciplines, his
teaching methods vary as
well.

"In physics, I can give a
conclusion and expect the
students to accept it. In a
math class, I have to prove
it using logical steps."

One of the joys of
teaching at Missouri West-
ern was the acceptance as
both a mathematician and a
physicist by the faculty, he

said. While in the math
department at Texas Tech,
prior to coming here, that
was not the case.

However, he had to put
aside his research on a two-
dimensional fluid due to
lack of funds. With four
children to raise, it was too
costly to continue on his
salary.

But he was anxious to
develop a physics program
in hopes that the Coordinat-
ing Board of Higher Educa-
tion would finally realize it
was basic to every science
and permit a degree here.
Because Northwest Mis-
souri State University
already offered a physics
major, Missouri Western
could not.

Another plus was the
emphasis here on teaching
students as opposed to the
professors' main goals of
research and publishing to
get more grant money for
further research.

"This college can pro-
duce a good quality program
by a faculty primarily
interested in the student,"
Johnson said. "There is a
lot of future in this
college." ♦



Kate Johnson

Competing for road space with
heavy traffic, Johnson rides a bike
to campus. While an unusual mode
of transportation here, bikes were
prevalent at the other colleges he
attended.

ORGANIZATIONS



❖ 176 ❖

Biology clubs help local Girl Scouts earn ecology badges.

❖ 184 ❖

Organizations come together to plan Homecoming activities.

❖ 188 ❖

Peers Reaching Others send Christmas care packages to soldiers in Saudi Arabia.

❖ 192 ❖

Sigma Tau Delta sells poinsettias to help fund activities.

❖ 196 ❖

Wesley Foundation members Julie Blakley and Ann Burriss devote a portion of their holiday break to help Honduran villagers.

Junior Eric Harris prepares a sign for the Soccer Club's orientation booth. Organizations were able to set up booths in the student union to encourage freshmen to get involved with college life.

Lesley Miller



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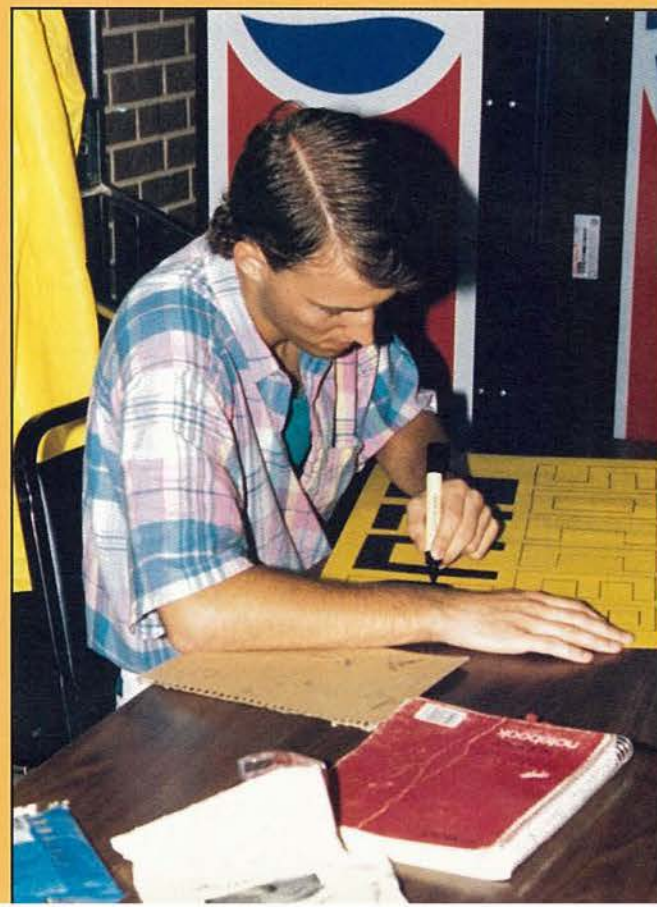
lubs and organizations brought interesting and fun activities campus and beyond through careful planning and preparation.

Members from many organizations came together to form the Homecoming Committee. These students took the experience of working together to make plans for Homecoming.

Peers Reaching Others reached far wide to send care packages to the soldiers serving in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Students took a sense of pride with them from uniting for a good cause.

Two members of the Wesley Foundation spent part of their break working with villagers in Honduras. From this, they took the satisfaction of helping others.

With their work in clubs and organizations, students took new experiences and a sense of unity into their personal and professional lives.





Lisa Johnston

the rain started, Griffette Kelley performs with the band for the students and their families at Family Reunion.

Agriculture Club



Lesley Miller

Front row: Tracy McNally, Beth Harris, Randy Thurman, Patricia Kelly. **Second row:** Charli Harris, Pat Kulak, Rodd Boyer, Carrie O'Dell, Chris Sparks. **Third row:** Steve Ellis, Maggie Burstert, David Heintz, Craig Childs. **Back row:** Brian Fleckal, Clint Barnes, J.D. Cox, Todd Wilson, Janell Wholf.

Agronomy Club



K

Front row: Melinda Schlueter, Tracy McNally, Beth Harris, / Khan. **Bach row:** Aaron Skinner, Charli Harris, Rod Bealer, I Thurman.



Kate Johnson

Can water cut paper?

Senior Russ Brauer proves to the Boy Scouts it is possible to cut paper with water by using steam to burn a hole in a paper towel.



K

Solar energy test

Using a flood lamp to simulate solar energy, senior Tina E helps a Boy Scout to measure temperature of water that heating for an hour.

Alchemist Club

Alpha Chi



Kate Johnson

Front row: Tina Brauer, Russ Brauer, Terrie Sunderland, Dwayne Ler, Sophie Marwies, Larry Lambing. **Back row:** Len Archer, Krzyzaniak, Gregg Krumme, Adam Johnson, Dara kkenbush, Tabatha Williams.



Lisa Johnston

Front row: Audrey Riggs, Taco Winkler, Melody Nuckolls. **Back row:** Phillip Wann, Andrew Johnson, Anita Chancey, Karla Hardin, Jyl Baker.

Sparkling Interest

Alchemists fund activities through helping Boy Scouts earn badges.

by Randy Myers

arks flying, paper ig into flames, energy iting, and mouthfuls h-molding "goop" were few of the exciting nings that went on at d Annual Boy Scout op on March 9. lping the Boy Scouts wo merit badges while g money for future proved to be a win- ombination for the

Alchemist Club.

The day lasted from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and consisted of a 1 1/2 hour lecture and a 1 1/2 hour lab for each badge. Dentistry and different types of energy were the two subjects chosen to be the areas of study for the 197 Boy Scouts. Three dentists were there to help certify the boys in dentistry and 20 students showed up to help things go smoothly.

"This workshop gave the students a chance to learn to work with young people," said Leonard Archer, one of the two Alchemist Club sponsors. "It also gave them a chance

to grow professionally."

Boy Scout troops came from as far away as Troy, Kan., and Chillicothe, Mo., and ranged in age from 9 to 17 years old. Behavior was good and discipline problems were few. They seemed interested and eager to be introduced to the new subjects.

"We've never had a discipline problem that we couldn't handle," said Lisa Dworak, chairperson of the workshop. "Sure they break things, but that's normal."

The Boy Scout Workshop was the major money-making project for the Alchemist Club. The Club

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used the money it raised from the workshop to fund other activities planned for the rest of the semester.

"We are a small club in comparison with other clubs, so we try and focus all our efforts on the workshop," Dworak said.

Most of the money the club raised went toward paying for trips to regional and national meetings. The workshop also provided funds for Homecoming and helped the club sponsor a \$250 scholarship.

The Alchemist Club proved itself to be an organization that could take care of business and still take time out to help others. ❖

Earning their badge

Beta Beta Beta and Biology Club present annual science workshop for Girl Scouts.

by Stephanie Smiser

Who could resist a girl in uniform?

On Feb. 23, more than 250 uniformed Girl Scouts could be found in the science and math building for an educational workshop.

The organizations of Beta Beta Beta and Biology Club planned and presented their annual science workshop for local Girl Scout troops. Together, these two groups set up and organized a full day of activities to help local Girl Scouts earn their ecology badge.

To begin the day's activities, each troop was given the name of a certain

bird species. Troop 202 received the name "The Looneys" named from the Loon. The general feeling from the girls was one of excited enthusiasm. One of the favorite activities was when the girls were allowed to pet a snake. Most of the girls went up and touched it, but a few felt a little uneasy about the thought of it.

The workshop provided many different sessions for the girls. Some of these included a salt-water and fresh-water session, a plant identification session and one that allowed each girl to use a microscope.

"I didn't realize water had so much air in it," said Addie Hawkins from Troop 202. "I knew fish could breathe under water, but people can't."

The session involved measuring the amount of

air in pond and tank water.

Troop leaders as well as mothers came to the workshop to watch and assist. They were impressed and grateful to the clubs for their efforts and assistance.

"The exposure the workshop provided for the girls is invaluable," said Nancy Nelson, leader of Troop 202. "If not for such workshops, the girls wouldn't be able to receive their badges for weeks. We just don't have the background to show the girls what they need to know to get their badges. The people at Missouri Western really help the kids to understand ecology and the importance of it. It makes for good rapport between the students and the community."

"It serves as a very successful public service," said Richard Crumley,

sponsor of the Tri-Beta Club. "We have very good feedback from the Girl Scout Council, which provides a good marriage that relationship."

Senior Amy Kottma member of the Biology Club, was the chairman of the workshop committee. Senior Pam Kramer also assisted in the organization. They helped to put together sessions, line up instructors for each session, create activities to help girls understand the experiments and plan their schedules.

"We really try to show the girls what science is about," Kramer said, "and we try to encourage them to think about getting into science department, since in past years it was considered to be a male dominated role. That's not so anymore." ❖

Alpha Chi Delta



Lisa Johnston

Front row: Stephanie Smiser, Colleen Coan, Jennifer Lackey, Romona Perkins. **Back row:** Gloria Mathes, Sherry Hossfeld, Janee White, Heather Mumm, Samantha Olsen.

Alpha Phi Alpha



Leslie

Eugene Green, Karl Bell, Damon Hunter.



Search for life forms

Senior Scott Kempton helps Girl Scout Megin Kavanaugh learn to use the microscope during a scavenger hunt for various life forms.

Squeamish encounter

Addie Hawkins' bravery fades momentarily as she approaches pet Sam, the Indiana constrictor, which is wound around senior Rob Bryant's arm. Girl Scout Kasie Long waits for her turn.



Kate Johnson

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Mark McKerrow



Kate Johnson

Front row: Chris Pearson, Mark Howell, Angela Kulak, Jeff Feller. **Back row:** Gary Kerns, Shawn Miller, Richard Sadler, Tim Shuster.

Front row: Terrie Sunderland, Betsy Harness, Chris Slagle, Dawn Eklund. **Second row:** Katrina Burton, Tabatha Benschoff. **Back row:** Sean Nash, Scott Kempton, Amy Kottman, Mike Riche, Donald Robbins.

Biology Club



Kate Johnson

Front row: Terrie Sunderland, Betsy Harness, Chris Slagle, Dawn Eklund, Sheena Drake, Chad Howard. **Second row:** Katrina Burton, Amy Melster, Julianne Claycomb, Tabatha Benschoff, Deborah Robins, Dain Sisk, Donald Robbins. **Back row:** Sean Nash, Tracie Pack, Scott Kempton, Amy Kottman, Mike Riche.

Campus Activities Board



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Front Row: Pam Urton, Stephanie Bohon, Victoria Bibler, Elle Gray. **Second Row:** Earl Searcy, Daniel Picraux, Brooke Bodenhausen, Taco Winkler, Christine Cook, Laurie Carrillo, Tiffany Mayo, Elaine Curtis. **Third Row:** Sandy Smith, Bob Walton, Paige Manning, Janda Ibbetson, Stephanie Humphreys, Jennifer Meyer, Aaron Ziph. **Back Row:** Randy Myers, Roy Hazzard, Duane Stephens, Terry Hall, Becky Murray, Shane He



Kate Johnson

Scrubbing for dollars

Freshmen Shawn Leonard and Mike Rotts take a playful break while senior Jennifer Devanney works at a fund-raiser car wash sponsored by the cheerleaders.

Time-out

Cheerleaders Kelly Long, Scott Baker, and Lori Davis perform a double extension during a time-out of a women's basketball game against Northwest Missouri State University.

Richard Wiedmaier



Cheerleaders

Circle K



Kate Johnson



Lesley Miller

Front row: Stephanie Smiser, Kelly Long, Heather Campbell, Lisa Ley, Lori Davis, Jennifer Devanney. **Back Row:** Randy Myers, t. Baker, Shawn Leonard, Dave Melugin, Brendan Gibson, Mike S.

Front row: Tricia Miller, Neil Petersen, Cynthia Smith, Michelle Grable, Teisha Thompson, Joy Schlup, Tracy McNally. **Back row:** Eric Olson, Eva Gordon, Judy Cobdell, Daniel Grover, Wendy Darrah.

Motivating the crowds

Cheerleaders and yell leaders serve as the spark plugs at football and basketball games.

by Angie Baskins

They were at every football and basketball game. They led cheers, performed stunts and raised the crowd's spirit. A person who has to look twice to see if the cheerleader is talented. That was apparent in their behavior as well as in their performance. The cheerleaders and yell leaders were technically sound members of the athletic department, although, unlike other sports teams, they did not receive any scholarships. They were given a budget of

\$800 each year. This money was used to finance the squad's trip to cheerleading camp in Lincoln, Neb.

The trip to the National Cheerleading Association camp was worth the money, according to junior Heather Campbell. It was the squad's first experience at camp, and many valuable lessons were learned.

"At camp we received advice on stunts and mounts," said third-year member Campbell. "Now we know how to do it all safely. Before, we were on our own."

Second-year sponsor Melissa Norman echoed Campbell's thoughts about learning the proper way.

"You can watch and mimic all you want, but there is nothing like learning the proper way,"

Norman said. "Camp was the first chance for them to come together as a squad. Since most of the guys hadn't cheered before, it was important for them to learn partner stunts."

After returning from camp, the squad faced the football and basketball seasons with no money. As a tradition, the squad decorated locker rooms before games and decorated the gym. The cheerleaders worked in concession stands and held car washes to raise money.

Instead of getting new uniforms, the squad made due with what was readily accessible. The women wore last year's uniforms while the men wore shirts that the golf team gave them with plain shorts. Everyone bought their own shoes.

"It made going to away

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games hard," said freshman yell leader Mike Rotts. "I would hear people commenting on the men's outfits or comparing them to the uniforms at Northwest or Central [Missouri State University]."

The cheerleading squad overcame their financial difficulty and completed their first year with a full squad — six women and six men. They put together cheers, chants and mounts that proved to be real crowd pleasers.

"When you look at what we started with, I think they've done a super job," Norman said.

"The cheerleaders act as a spark plug to motivate the crowd," said freshman marching band member Wade Edwards. "I think they did a great job this year." ❖

Dance Company

Delta Phi Upsilon



Kate Johnson

Front row: Alfred Utton, Eldon Dettmer, Michael Carmona.
Second row: Genny Marshall, Carrie Corbin, Dara Quackenbush.
Back row: Julie Fisher, Meredith Dewitt, Alicia Hicks, Stephanie Franke.



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Front row: Meredith Dewitt, Jeff Emanuel, Ed Hoover, Yolan Pitchford. **Second row:** Curtis Howard, Rita Gail Thuston, M. Wharton. **Back row:** Jeff Miller, James Weitz.



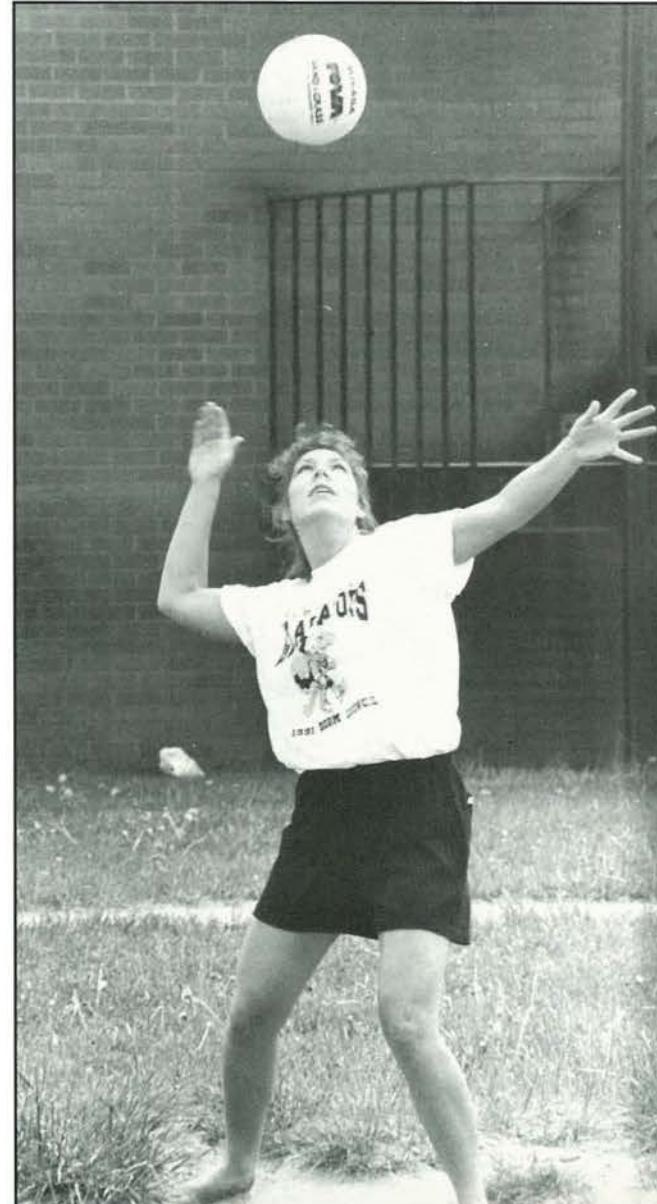
Lesley Miller

Tug, tug, tug

Gladiators Kim Sword, Theallen Williams and Darryl Duncan try to win the tug-of-war against their challengers. The men's gladiators won the event.

Up for the serve

Sophomore Christy Kessler serves the volleyball in the early afternoon of Griff Gladiators. Kessler was recruited as a gladiator because of her volleyball skills.



Mark McKerrow

Dorm Council



Kate Johnson

Front row: Karl Bell, Cecilia Lovett, Abby Wesner, Sundi Lewis, Beth Frazier, Loveisa Patterson, Donna Carriger, Asif, Nicole Hendricks. **Second row:** Obie Austin, Alice Batson, Carter, Bob Walton, Wendy Darrah, Becky Wilcoxson, Gina King, Melissa McCullough, Judy Lobdell, Kimberly Foster. **Third row:** Katrin Scott, Todd Stewart, Cynthia Smith, Sandy Per, Kathy Lord, Joe Wise, Dawn Orent, Millicent Gines, Laura Ael. **Back row:** Sherwin Clay, Eugene Green, Michael Miller, Daniel Howell, Rick Stepanek, Linda Williams, Mark Parsons, Debra Beauchene, Deb Title, Jerry Gordon.

Ebony Collegians



Lisa Johnston

Front row: Kimberly Foster, Kimberly Davis, Marilyn Edwards, Dawn Jones, Pat Stillman, Tiffany Graham, Donna Carriger, Candice East, Karl Bell. **Second row:** Marlon Bryant, Shereda Taylor, Millicent Gines, Leondra Dodd, Ronnica Marie Gee, Terri Tillman, Sean Mays, Rodney Watson. **Back row:** Eugene Green, Andrea Stevenson, Obie Austin, Rhonda Funderburk, Tim Black, LaRon Littlejohn, Linda Williams, Thomas Hicks.

ighting to the finish

Dorm Council pits student against student in Griffon Gladiators competition.

By Rhonda Rowley
Rome, there was the m. At Missouri n, there was the ury courtyard. ancient times, large would go to the n to see the man- -man competition, he Gladiator contest. April 28, anxiety was in all the contes- s well as the Gladia- Dorm Council ed a new rendition of e-honored man- -man or rather,

person-against-person competition brought on by the popular television show "American Gladiators."

Five contests were planned in the event. They were basketball shootout, three-on-three volleyball, tug-of-war, assault dunking booth and doubles tennis. The tennis games were eliminated from competition because rain made the courts wet.

The assault dunking booth seemed to be the event of the day. In this event, Gladiators sat at a dunking booth while the contestants tried to dunk them. However, the Gladiators had a water hose that they used to spray the contestants. This made

things a little more difficult.

"I enjoyed assault the most because I got to spray the people," said junior Shelby Dalton.

The Gladiators consisted of Missouri Western athletes. Darryl Duncan, "Dangerous D," participated in the tug-of-war, shootout and assault. Kim Sword, "The Undertaker," participated in the tug-of-war and assault. The men Gladiators were undefeated in the assault event. Scottie Williams, "U.P.S.," and Theallen Williams, "The Messenger of Death," also participated in shootout, as well as tug-of-war, where they were undefeated.

Lisa Rammel, "Mud," Sandy Goodner, "Dust," and Rhonda Rowley, "Grit,"

were involved in tug-of-war and assault. They went undefeated in tug-of-war.

"I liked the tug-of-war because everyone was watching it," said sophomore Sara Reynolds. "I thought it was a lot of fun."

The Gladiators, overall, came out the winners. The contestants who took home the \$50 gift certificates were Mike Cornelious, Jerome Jordan and Monteff Dixon for the men and Jackie Winburn, Amber Simpson and Kris Riviere for the women. All contestants who participated received a free T-shirt and a picnic, which was held in the cafeteria due to the weather.

"I thought it was a lot of fun and I enjoyed the competition," Goodner said. ♦

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Electronics Club



Brian Resch

Front row: Ken Smith, Rudy Clark, Ronnica Gee, Amy Knutsen, Mark Newson, Jeff Beers, Muhmood Kalantar. **Second row:** Gregory Cerra, Andy Schneider, Barry Crum, Doug Lesan, Tony Branan, Miguel Spidle, Jason Pittsenbarger, Joe Karguth. **Back row:** David Bird, Barry Nelson, Dan Montgomery, Troyce Gill, Mark Holtzclaw, Henry Way, Brad Benney.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

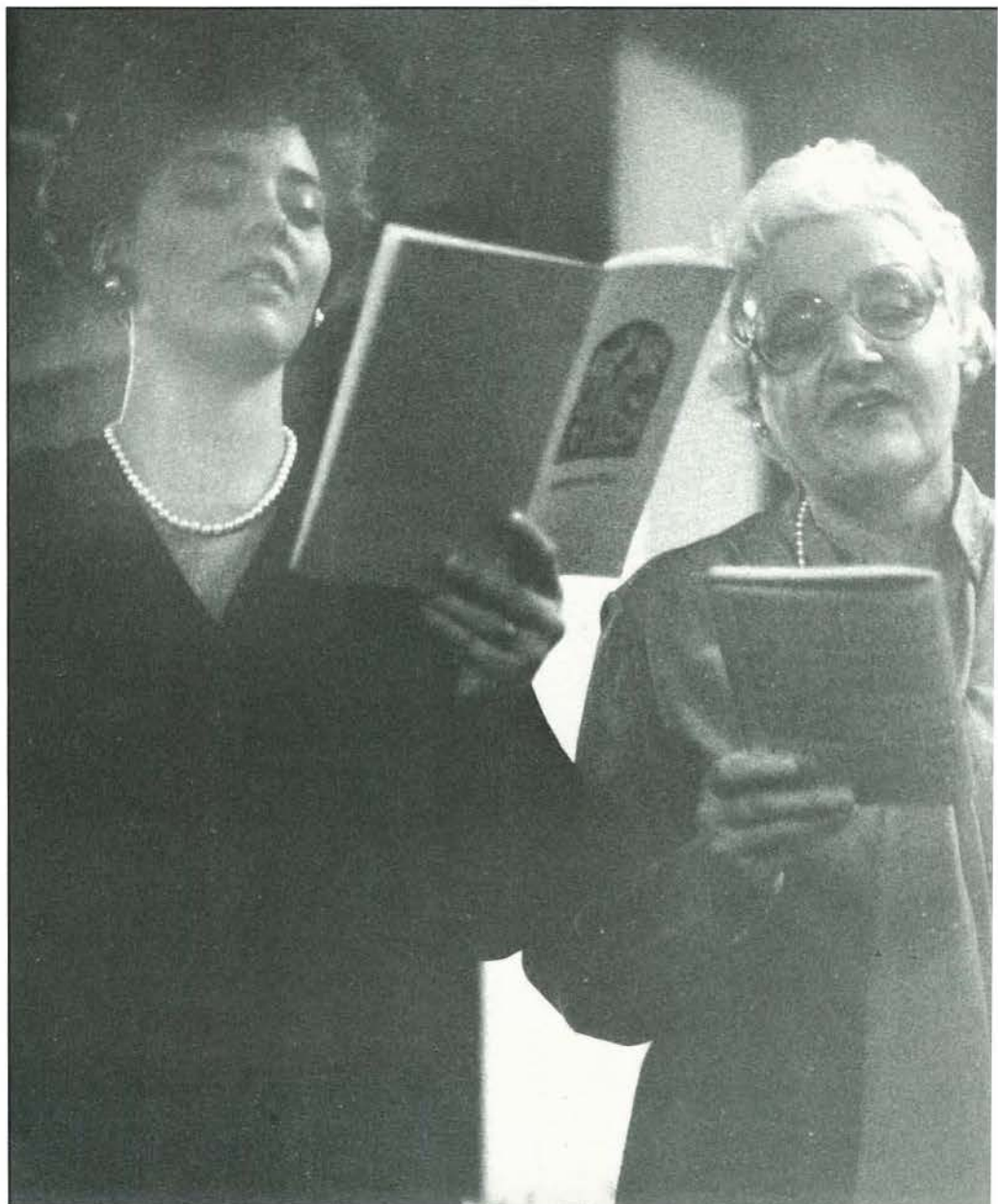


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Front row: Dee Dee Schuepbach, Penny Belzer, Janda Ibbetso, Krista Baker, Vickie Miles. **Second row:** Kerry Long, Jenny J, Stephanie Clavin, Eryn Sterling, Christy Price, Ellen Gray, Mar Rinehart, Tracey Smith, Sarah Horn, Jennifer Devanney. **Back row:** Dennis Darnell, Karen Darnell, Tammie Trouba, Brad Armstrong, Kari Massengill, Wendy Hanton, Heath Gregg, Russ Crabb, Bre King, Nelson Barnes.

A French Christmas carol

Senior Shelly Lamansky-Bell and adviser Rosemary Hoffmann lead the French Christmas carols during L'Alliance de Francais' annual Christmas party.



Lesley Miller

French Club



Lisa Johnston

Front row: Judy Ruark, Angela Brown, Stephanie Corder, Molly [unclear]. **Second row:** Rochelle Lytton, Julie Little, Shelly Lamansky-Brian Boultinghouse. **Back row:** Jeff McMillian, John [unclear], Jyl Baker, Cheryl Mock, Jason Prince, Douglas Bisig.

Golden Griffettes



Lesley Miller

Front row: Kristi Green, Erika Vento, Julie McElroy, Donna Witte. **Second row:** Kim Fenn, Angie Ray, Jeri Johnson, Dianna Stagner. **Back row:** Penny Belzer, Kimberly Conroy, Kelley Myers, Janee White, Nancy Hellstrom, Wendy Hanton, Barbi Edwards.

Tasting bits of France

French Club members bring out French culture through dinner and speakers.

by Lisa Johnston

The dinner that awaited guests inside the St. John Country Club on December 30 was not a regular chicken and potatoes meal. As guests and community members stepped into the country club at 7:00 p.m., the aroma of a French meal floating through the air. The annual Christmas dinner, sponsored by L'Alliance de Francais, was getting underway. Working with traditions and available resources, members tried to create a menu and atmo-

sphere as close to France as possible.

"I was really impressed by it," said L'Alliance de Francais member Jyl Baker.

All presentations were given in French and the menu included liver pâté, turkey with chestnut dressing, French green beans, salad, Christmas tree log cake and roll.

According to John Stevenson, president of L'Alliance de Francais, in France, the French also had raw oysters as part of their Christmas dinner, but as students, they had to watch their budget.

Community members and students alike were invited to the gala event. With funding from the Student Government Association, L'Alliance de Francais was able to offer

the dinner to students for a discounted rate of \$10. All others paid \$20.

Following the dinner, several guest speakers spoke about Christmas in France. Thérèse Filloon spoke about many of the changing customs in France. She explained that previously the *crèche*, the nativity scene, took precedence over a tree, but France had become more modernized and more emphasis was placed on having a Christmas tree. She also shared with everyone the change in exchanging gifts. Traditionally, children received their presents on Christmas, but adults exchanged gifts on the first day of the new year. Now most exchanged gifts on Christmas.

Adjunct faculty member

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from the English department, Sylvie Richards, was also present at the dinner. Richards, originally from Montreal, Canada, was a professor of French Literature at University of Missouri-Kansas City.

After the guest speakers finished, songbooks were passed out and adviser Rosemary Hoffmann helped lead the group in French Christmas carols. Some titles included *Sainte Nuit* (Silent Night) and *Minuit Chrétien* (O Holy Night).

After a night of French food and French culture, everyone leaving the Country Club felt like they had spent an evening in France.

Leaving the tastes and sounds of France behind, French-lovers anxiously awaited the next dinner the following year. ❖

The Griffon News

Homecoming Committ



Kate Johnson

Front row: Shelly Bryson, Patrice Nollette, Aki Fujita, Teresa Easton, Kristin Lark, Rhonda Clem, Zarya Steele, Stacey McMillian.

Second row: Ken Rosenauer, Kieli Lewis, Taco Winkler, David Mead, Brian Boultinghouse, Roger Hoskins, Rhonda Rowley, Jennifer George, Teresa Foster. **Top row:** Shane Heard, Galen Hessemeyer, Lana Ellis, Doug Butcher, Randy Hon, Mary Gittings, Jeff Feller, Jeff Carmichael.



Mark J

Front row: Lesley Miller, Patricia Kelly, Juanita McQueen, Brai Haskey, Bud Johnson, Aaron Ziph, Suzanne Hatfield, Sandy McG

Second row: Randy Myers, Annie Suddith, Gena Puckett, Brook Bodenhausen, Steve Hatton, Shawn Seltman, Jennifer Lackey, Samantha Olsen, Suzanne Hopper. **Third row:** Candice East, D Orent, Pat Linson, Paige Newby, Dave Krugh, Sandy Smith, Jane White, Colleen Coan, Linda Logan. **Top row:** Millicent Gines, Jc Seltman, Wallace Jones, Duane Stephens, Ernie Stufflebean, Tom Palasky, David Robins, Rod Miller.



Lesley Miller

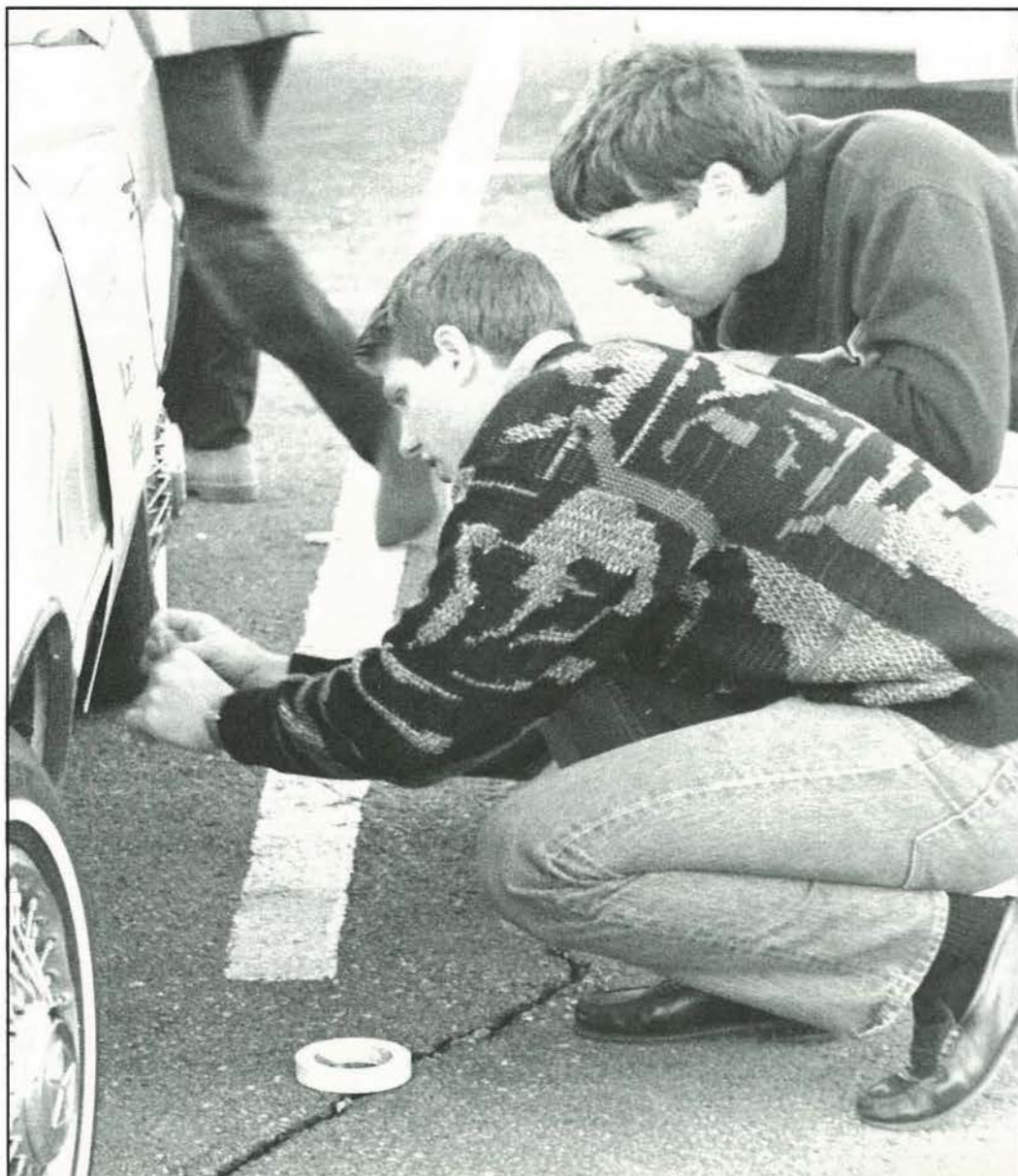
Running out of air

Senior Suzanne Hatfield and Intramural Director Wonda Berry blow up balloons before the bonfire. The bonfire/pep rally subcommittee had to blow up approximately 700 balloons on the afternoon of the pep rally.

Last minute details

Freshman Andy Stufflebean and sophomore Matt Sonner tape a Homecoming attendant sign to the convertible that was driven in the parade.

Lesley Miller



Housing Staff

Journalism Club



Kate Johnson

Front row: Rachel Scroggins, Becky Wilcoxson, Abby Wesner, Obie Foster, Obie Austin, Sundi Matthews, Karl Bell. **Second row:** Michael Miller, Sandy Volker, Cynthia Smith, Todd Stewart, Lord, Jerry Gordon. **Top row:** Eugene Green, Laura Michael, Howell, Jim Brown, Linda Williams, Joe Wise.



Mark McKerrow

Front row: Lesley Miller, Brian Resch, Betsy Butler, Jeri Douglas, Brian Boultinghouse, Mary Gittings. **Second row:** Suzanne Hopper, Becky Groom, Ann Thorne, Zarya Steele, Kate Johnson, Teresa Easton. **Top row:** Randy Myers, George Reindel, Mike Willoughby, Tina Roades, Lana Ellis, Ken Rosenauer.

Combining resources

Organizations work together to make Homecoming a success.

by Randy Myers

The future is here and is history." This was the theme for Homecoming, where did it come from, who was responsible for putting up with this idea? The answer to these questions was the Homecoming Committee.

The Homecoming Committee was responsible for all aspects of Homecoming. The committee met in the spring to pick a theme for the Homecoming. Each club or organization was asked to send a representative to both meetings.

Ideas were discussed, voted on and one was chosen.

Deciding on the theme was just the beginning of what this committee accomplished. When the fall semester began, the committee met once a week until the week of Homecoming. The larger committee was broken down into subcommittees that were responsible for the parade, queen elections, activities night, the scavenger hunt, pre-game activities and the pep rally/bonfire.

"At first there were a lot of clubs that wanted to be put on a committee, but the closer we got to Homecoming and the more work that had to be done the faster the clubs started dwindling," said Duane Stephens, Homecoming Committee chairperson. "It

ended up with only five or six clubs putting together all of Homecoming."

For the parade committee, organizing the line-up and arranging the floats was a time-consuming project. Phi Sigma Kappa members spent hours planning out the parade route and putting each of the 94 entries into a certain spot.

"Setting up the parade was hard because we were up all night getting our own float and cars ready, and then we had to be at the college at 4:30 a.m. to get everybody lined up in the parking lots," Stephens said.

The pep rally and bonfire committee also worked long hours to complete their preparations. Work was started weeks

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ahead of Homecoming to plan games, organize the spirit squads, make posters, work on decorations and find lumber that would ignite easily for the bonfire. Students started decorating for the pep rally at 9:00 a.m. to finish in time for the event.

"It took a lot of time to blow up 750 balloons for the balloon drop at the end of the rally when the Homecoming queen was announced," said senior Suzanne Hatfield.

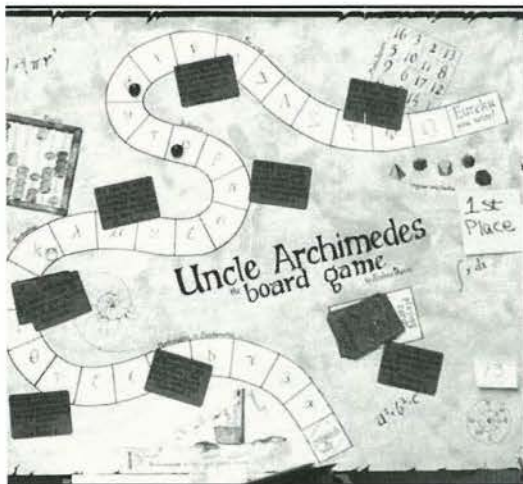
Planning for Homecoming took a lot of time, and pulling it off took hard work and cooperation. Members of the Homecoming Committee took this time and effort and showed they could work together to put another Homecoming down in the history books. ❖

Making plans

During a club meeting, members of the Math Club discuss the activities of Math Awareness Week.

Artistic abilities

Junior Audrey Davis's first place poster hangs up on display. Davis, along with sophomore Melissa Maybrier and freshman Andrea Knox, shared over \$80 in prize money in the Math Club poster competition during Math Awareness Week.



Brian Resch



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Legal Assistants



Kate Johnson

Front row: Scarlett Hoecker, Debbie Lovejoy, Julie McElroy, Diana Kreidler. **Second row:** Dean Bainter, Kim Koehler, Janice Barnes, David Dye. **Back row:** Meredith Dewitt, Karla Hardin.

Leisure Management



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Front row: Jennifer Conz, Nancy Hughlon, Dave Krugh, Suzu Hatfield, Martha Eiberger. **Back row:** Neal Volz, Rusty Yuille, Amber Simpson, B.J. Sojka, Cheryl Brunner, Grace Hardy.

Adding up advantages

Math Club sponsors Math Awareness Week activities to show "It's fundamental."

by Mike Nease

The theme, "Mathematics is Fundamental," took place during Math Awareness Week with a picnic, poster competition and a teachers' conference April 22-27. Our main focus is to educate students aware of the importance of mathematics in their daily lives in industry, technology and science," says Jerry Wilkinson, Math

Club adviser. The picnic kicked off the week's activities on Sunday afternoon, April 21. Math Club students, along with faculty, shared the day eating, playing volleyball, electing officers and passing out scholarship awards. Robin Fowler received a \$200 scholarship for the most outstanding junior mathematics student. Other events included a poster competition for college students and secondary school students from parochial schools. The winners on the secondary school level were John D. Verssue from St. Joseph

Cathedral, Angie Swartz from St. Francis Xavier and Summer Atha and Sarah Pickeral from St. Patrick's School. The winners were displayed at East Hills Mall. The winners at Missouri Western were junior Audrey Davis, sophomore Melissa Maybrier and freshman Andrea Knox. They shared over \$80 in prize money for their posters and had their works put on display in the science and math building. Missouri Western also hosted the Northwest Missouri Association of Mathematics Teachers convention where instruc-

tors of all levels of education met to discuss what was happening in mathematics. This was an all-day session of mathematicians from Missouri Western, Northwest Missouri State University and University of Missouri-Kansas City. Instructors from the various schools spoke on topics ranging from instruction of elementary math to issues concerning today's college students. National Math Awareness Week took place only once a year, but the rewards were multiplied in the minds of the members every day. ❖

Lutheran Club



Lisa Johnston

Front row: Diana Filipowicz, Alice Batson, Audrey Riggs, Rachel Roggins. **Back row:** Dick Reisetter, Rick Stepanek, Thomas Riggs.

Math Club



Lesley Miller

Front row: Jerry Wilkerson, Anita Chancey, Robin Fowler. **Second row:** Guy Farr, Gena Puckett, Eric Root. **Back row:** Bruce Holcomb, Douglas John, Annie Suddith.

Newman Club

Peers Reaching Others



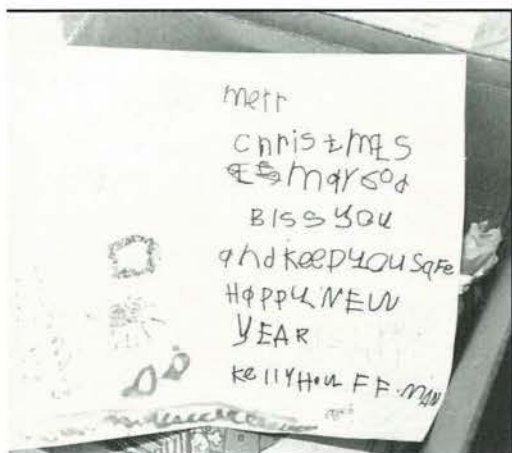
Lesley Miller

Front row: Lisa Johnston, Chris Cebulko, Amy Pecora, Jodi Walsh.
Second row: Derek Ward, Amy Windoffer, Rodney Hummer, Joe Wise, Amy King, Theresa Gerken. **Back row:** Neil Petersen, Doug Freeling, Andrew Johnson, John Gerken, David Robins, Fr. Roland Carbone.



Lesley

Front row: Julie Fisher, Julie Kelso, Bernice Dunleavy, Atcha R. Beverly Clawson. **Second row:** Tim Crowley, Rosalie Vaught, Clayton Vaught, Loren Caudle, Bruce Thomson. **Back row:** Dav Kraatz, Andy Parks, Lawrence Vaught, Diane Cotton, Sandy Smit



Kate Johnson

The handmade touch

Included in the packages are about 20 cards made by the Union Star Girl Scouts whose troop leader is freshman Ruth Lancey. The girls initiated the project.

A few necessities

Rosalie Vaught packs candy, deodorant, magazines and other assorted articles donated to Peers Reaching Others to be sent to the American troops serving in Saudi Arabia.

Kate Johnson



Phi Beta Lambda



Kate Johnson

Front row: Leslie Cox, Sharon Porter, Dorothy Ettenson, Romona ns. **Second row:** Janet Fagan, Kimberly Conroy, Lexie Schultz, a Baker. **Back row:** Niyazi Sahin.

Phi Mu Alpha



Lesley Miller

Front row: Brian Tarwater, Chris Mills, Tyler Osborn, Brendan Gibson, Bill Triplett, David Bennett. **Second row:** Chris VanNess, Michael Miller, Derek Sharp, Geoffrey Dinkins, David Hanan, Dan Bowlds, Glenn Albrecht, Brian Patrick. **Back row:** Joe Huber, Robert Wimer, Jamie Baker, Keith Mathews, James Cool, Rodney Watson, Chris Warlen, Mark Lechner, Brian Daniel.

Word From Home

Peers Reaching Others support soldiers in Saudi Arabia with Christmas care packages.

by George Reindel
Imagine sitting in a hot, desert, thousands of miles from home. The one thing that broke the monotony of the day was a care package from home. That was the purpose of the Peers Reaching Others project in sending care packages to American soldiers on duty in Saudi Arabia. We basically planned it as a community service

project," said Rosalie Vaught, PRO vice president and coordinator of the care package project.

"Several of us in PRO know people who have had to leave school to go over there," Vaught said. "We just want to do something for them as well as others in the military."

"People I know in the armed forces have related to me that when they are overseas, the most important thing that helps keep spirits up is to receive letters and packages from home, whether it be from someone they know or not," Vaught said.

The project began in mid-November, and word

was put out that the group was going to send the packages. They asked for donations of items and money to cover the cost of sending the packages.

"The faculty has really come through with monetary donations," Vaught said. "President Murphy gave us a really nice donation."

Boxes were set up for donations in the fine arts building, the science and math building, the student services/classroom building and the student union. Lists were circulated suggesting what items could be sent.

"We just want the soldiers over there to know

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we haven't forgotten them," Vaught said.

The boxes were packed the weekend of Dec. 1 and mailed on Dec. 5. When the donations were compiled, they had enough items to send two boxes. They sent hard candy, powdered drink mix, disposable razors, deodorant, the student newspaper and homemade Christmas cards donated by a local Girl Scout troop.

"I read an article in the Washington Post that said how desperate the government is for things to send over there," Vaught said. "They want everyone to have something at Christmas, and we want to do our part." ♦

A public service

Senior Jim Ireland records public service announcements at KKJO, a local radio station.

Communicated appreciation

During a press conference organized by PAC, Ireland and faculty adviser Chuck Lubbers congratulate Erica Tarrant, representative for Auxillary of the American Legion Post 11. Tarrant's organization was recognized by PAC for adopting a large number of families.



Jenny Herpich

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Phi Sigma Kappa



Lesley Miller

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Front row: Kennedy Johnson, Lavone Simpson, Rosota Crum, Rachel Scroggins, Paige Newby, Terri Lawson, Cyndi Sassmar. **Back row:** Brian Boyer, Kris Maag, Travis Habrock, Scott Lundgren, Amy Roberts, Janie Johnson, Amy Field, Kelli Gerr

Talking to others

Professional Association of Communicators organize to Adopt-A-Family.

by Mike Nease

They talked to each other. They talked to other people. In general, they talked a lot. As a new organization, the Professional Association of Communicators proved that it was going to be an active presence on campus. They put their public relations skills to use by assisting the Adopt-A-Family program. On Christmas, PAC

helped with the Adopt-A-Family program which helped needy families and individuals, often the elderly and disabled. This non-profit group contacted businesses and individuals and asked for donations of food, clothing and toys.

The campaign began in late October. Each student was assigned a duty such as writing the radio spots or news releases. Everything was finalized by late November. After the AFL-CIO approved the publicity material, radio spots began airing on KKJO-FM after Thanksgiving.

With the help of the St. Joseph Jaycees, American Legion Post 11, and Heartland Hospital, the program

was very successful, serving 678 of the 687 families who requested help.

"Getting involved was a great learning experience," said Jim Ireland, president of PAC. "We sent letters to local businesses and individuals seeking support for the yearly project that is coordinated through AFL-CIO Community Services. We also designed and produced all of the media presentations including publicity and public service announcements with the help of KKJO-FM, and arranged a press conference for the awards presentation."

Chuck Lubbers and Diane Gorcyca, faculty sponsors of PAC, helped in

the planning of many other activities for the members of PAC, and ultimately the community.

"The Adopt-A-Family program is just the first of many projects and hands-on types of experiences designed for the students to gain experience doing what public relations people do," Lubbers said. "We also will present speakers in the field and serve as a clearinghouse for internships, job searches and the strategies of interviewing."

As communicators, members of PAC used their public relations skills to help out with the Adopt-A-Family program. By talking to each other and to other people, they made a difference. ♦

Professional Association of Communicators



Mark McKerrow

Front row: Lesley Miller, Greg Hill, Kieli Lewis, Twilya Henry, DeLeon. **Back row:** James Ireland, Sharon Tootle, Melissa Jones, Amy Lober, Maggie Thomas.

Psi Chi



Mark McKerrow

Front row: Wanda Plackemeier, Christy Price, Andrew Johnson, Marcy Delaney, Audrey Riggs. **Back row:** Linn Newton, Andy Peterson, Michael Hayden, Mike Kahwaji.

Checking the list

In Professor Isabel Sparks' crowded office, Sigma Tau Delta member Karen McCoy counts number of poinsettias she needs to deliver.

Finding the right color

Sparks helps McCoy find the poinsettias that she needs to deliver. Customers requested red, pink, marbled or white plants when they placed their orders.



Lisa Johnston



Lisa

Psychology Club



Mark McKerrow

Front row: Wendy Darrah, Wanda Plackemeier, Christy Price, Marcy Delaney. **Second row:** Linn Newton, Charla Markt, Julie Fisher, Audrey Riggs, Mike Kahwaji. **Back row:** Andrew Johnson, Andy Peterson, Bradley Moore, Michael Hayden.

ROTC



Lisa

Front row: David Tiedt, Julie Glass, Joe Krzyzaniak, Steve Charberlain, David Jones. **Second row:** Michael Carpenter, Stacy Cl, Doug Gibson, Carla Wilson. **Back row:** Michael Schiesl, Randy Collins, Heath Boddy, John Wolfram, Troyce Gill, Tonie Jones.

Funding with flowers

Poinsettia sale and raffle help Sigma Tau Delta sponsor activities.

by Ruby Faulk

Finding professor Isabel Sparks in her office on Dec. 7 was no easy task.

Red, pink, white and mottled poinsettia plants waiting to be delivered filled most every available table in Sparks' office.

As word got out, Sigma Tau Delta members were flocking to Sparks' office. The poinsettias were in!

For Christmas, members of Missouri Western's chapter of the International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta, sold poinsettias to raise money for their club.

In November, members began taking orders. By

Nov. 30, all orders were turned in and the only thing left to do was wait.

On Dec. 6, the poinsettias arrived — all 175 of them.

Selling poinsettias was only one of the many activities Sigma Tau Delta sponsored during the school year. Another money-making project was a raffle during October and November. The prizes included a one hour healing massage by qualified therapist Catherine Goulet and a piece of pottery valued at \$100 made by Sigma Tau Delta member Dooley Lawrence.

The money received from the poinsettia sale and other sales financed the club's activities and operations throughout the year.

Writing Day, an annual Sigma Tau Delta event, was

hosted on campus for area high school students. It was designed to promote journalism and good communication techniques. Along with furnishing stories and articles for the activities, members also judged the student entries and wrote critiques on material that was submitted for evaluation.

Sparks, director of the Sigma Tau Delta chapter since 1973, also served as the national president of the organization.

"This is my last year with the club, and it has been an honor for me to be associated with such a fine group of intelligent people," Sparks said.

Sigma Tau Delta consisted of about thirty members, including faculty that served as members and helped with the club's

operations.

Qualifications for membership required a student to be a declared English major or minor, retain a grade point average of 3.0 or better and to have completed at least two upper level English courses.

"It's a very respectable organization that does a lot of things for the students and community," said senior secretary Amy Brant. "I'm really proud to be a member."

In addition to feeling honored, members of Sigma Tau Delta had fun participating in the wide variety of activities they sponsored.

By Dec. 10, Sparks' office was back to normal, each poinsettia had a new home, and members of Sigma Tau Delta had time to catch their breath before their next activity. ❖

Senate



Lesley Miller

Front row: Lesley Miller, Randy Myers, Candice East, Cheryl Mock, by Cummings, Aaron Ziph. **Second row:** Sandy Smith, Carol Sparks, Amy Monaghan, Melody Nuckolls, Roy Hazzard, Shane Heard. **Back row:** Jeff Miller, Tom Palasky, Ernie Stufflebean, John Itman, Kevin Mathewson.

Sigma Tau Delta



Eric Chilcoat

Front row: Lynne Heldenbrand, Amy Brant, Dooley Lawrence, Isabel Sparks. **Back row:** Tracie Pack, David Wm. Thomas, Rebecca Poland, Jeff McMillian, Rose Newton.

SCEC throws a party

Group organizes to bring Christmas cheer to handicapped adults.

by Jeri Douglas and
Kate Johnson

With Christmas just around the corner, and the spirit of giving in the air, the Student Council for the Exceptional Child held its annual Christmas party for approximately sixty handicapped residents from area homes on Dec. 8.

It meant stretching an already jam-packed schedule for the students to pick up donated gifts from area merchants, such as Long John Silver's, Mead Prod-

ucts and St. Joseph Light and Power Co., who donated gift certificates and merchandise for prizes and presents from Santa. Then, they had to be gift-wrapped.

Members of the organization prepared food for the meal, as well as some food being provided by area restaurants. Every year there was a period of doubt that they would be able to get everything done, and this year was no exception, remarked Diana Winston, adviser.

But, it all came together at the last minute with the help of spouses and friends, as well as a Girl Scout troop who helped at the party.

First on the agenda was musical chairs. Students

paired up with the residents to move around the chairs waiting for the Christmas music to stop. Some were shy and had to be encouraged while others quickly joined in.

Although not all of the residents took advantage of the dancing segment, those who did were delighted to have the opportunity. Some of the residents were great teasers and poked fun at each other and their hosts during breaks between activities.

"The hokey-pokey was their favorite," said senior Kendra Cooperider. "They loved it!"

After getting everyone seated to await Santa's arrival, the excitement

mounted in anticipation of the sound of jingle bells. Finally, Santa, played by a student's friend, burst through the door.

"It was so neat when Santa came in," Cooperider said. "They got so excited one girl even began jumping up and down. He called everyone's name for a moment so they all got to come up and talk to him and get their gift."

Even though SCEC's primary focus was exceptional children, the Christmas party for these adults became an annual event.

"Just the look on their faces made it all worthwhile," said senior Lorraine Darnell. "You could tell it meant so much to them."

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Student Council for the Exceptional Child



Kat

Front row: Carol Gach, Dianna Haynes, Kendra Cooperider, Debra Pollard, Jacque Bull. **Back row:** Diana Winston, Lorraine Darnell, Judith Meyer, Dorothy Hostetler, Shelly Dunkle, Tana Davis, Lisa Seufferling.



Kate Johnson

A shared moment

A group leader from Woodland Hills Group Home, and Barb share a special moment.

Giving it a shot

Shyness did not prevent Kenny from trying his hand at dropping clothespins in a basket. Senior Shelly Dunkle gives him encouragement.



Kate Johnson

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Lesley Miller

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Student Nurses



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Ann Burris

Helping hands

Students involved with the Wesley Foundation from various colleges across Missouri help villages prepare sanitation systems and distribute medicine.

Missionary training

Civics teacher Roberto Salazar discusses the history of Honduras with students from Missouri who attended a work session during Christmas break.



Soccer Club



Mark McKerrow

Front row: Andre Ahmadi, Tammy Glidewell, Janee White. **Back row:** Eric Harris, Brian Boultinghouse, Chris Oldani, Mark McKerrow.

Wesley Foundation



Lesley Miller

Front row: Melody Nuckolls, Julie Blakely, Gina Sterling. **Second row:** Mary Norris, Michelle Grable, Tracy Schemmer. **Back row:** Michael Hayden, Ann Burris, Jim Warner.

Traveling to Honduras

Wesley Foundation sends two students to help poverty-stricken country.

by Randy Myers

Many clubs contributed campus activities such as coming and Spring but two members of Wesley Foundation not participated in activities on campus but participated in a worthy event in a foreign country. Senior Julie Blakely and Ann Burris, along with other Wesley Foundation members from Missouri spent two weeks of their Christmas break in Honduras

doing missionary work. The group made their way to a small village of about 50 people called Palobanco. They spent two days passing out vitamins to children and building latrines. The village was poverty-stricken and had only one latrine for the whole village.

"It was an eye-opening experience," Blakely said. "I had heard about it, but when you actually see the cardboard houses, it makes you want to help them."

Most people would bypass a trip to Honduras knowing the current feeling Honduras have toward Americans.

"The general population ignored us, but the people in the villages hadn't seen

Americans, and they treated us really nice," Blakely said. "The villagers continually followed us around."

One problem the group dealt with was the differences in food between the two countries. Their new diet included rice with squid and fish with heads and tails served on them.

"Every meal was served with rice, a lot of rice," Burris said. "I liked rice before I went there."

They enjoyed the trip and found the work rewarding but it was also hard and time-consuming.

"The ground was tough, and they had very few shovels for us to use," Burris said. "Once we dug

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to a certain level, we had to jump down in the trench and hand the dirt out in buckets."

After two days in the village, the group left feeling good because the villagers now had more and better bathroom facilities which helped the sanitary conditions of the village.

"Looking at the conditions was depressing, but I enjoyed the job I did," Blakely said.

Blakely and Burris were ready to go again and felt they had helped people who normally do not receive any help from the outside world. However, Burris said that she would try to learn Spanish before she went to Honduras again. ❖



Lesley Miller

Planning ahead

Editor Lisa Johnston checks the ladder for the 1991 *Griffon*. The ladder was used to plan page allocation.

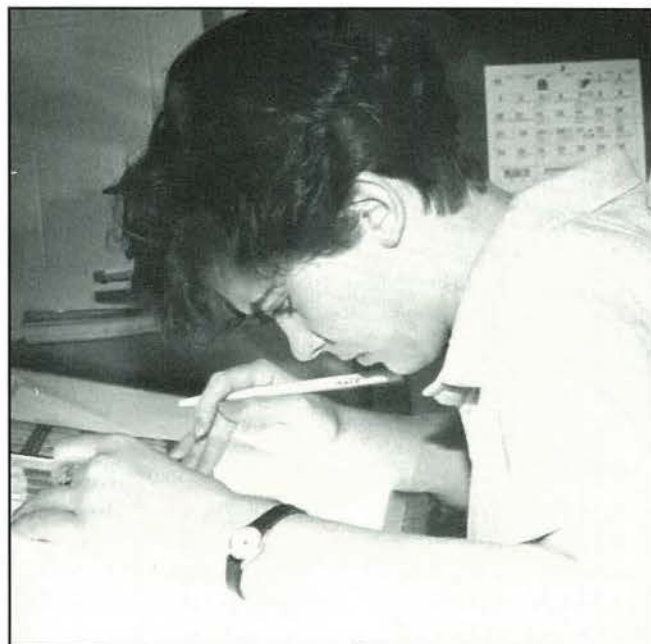


Writers at work

Copy editor George Reindel and staff member Angie Baskins work together on copy for the opening pages.

Picking the best

Working at the light table, photography editor Lesley Miller chooses pictures from a contact sheet.





Lesley Miller

Front row: Kris Eitzmann, Dee Dee Schuepbach, Stacie Swalter, Kerry Long, Jenea Ridnour. **Second row:** Amy Adoffer, Mindy Harding, Candice East, Pat Stillman, Kristin Larson. **Back row:** Todd Stewart, Jason Baldwin, Greg Benney, Matt Smith, Scott Williams.



Lesley Miller

Front row: Lesley Miller, Brian Resch, Betsy Butler, Mike Willoughby, Suzanne Hopper, Tina Roades, Randy Myers, Ruby Faulk. **Second row:** Kate Johnson, Kim Fannon, Jeri Douglas, Wendy Darrah, Vicky Rush, Lisa Johnston, Ann Thorne, Becky Groom. **Back row:** Ray Miller, Nicole Brown, Richard Farrow, Jan Potter, Trevor French, Ann Burris, Mark McKerrow, George Reindel.

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A simple misunderstanding gave way to fun times and good memories.

by Angie Baskins

all began with a misunderstanding. You can't take it with

What? You CAN take it with you? That's good!" the never-ending struggle for a good, workable yearbook, the editors of the *Griffon* staff inadvertently stumbled upon a new version of the old adage. "You can't take it with you while lounging poolside in Orlando, Fla. at a summer convention. With that in mind, the editors returned to St. Joseph to

begin putting their theme into action. Finding a theme was only the first step. The editors still had 248 pages left to finish.

The staff combined fun activities with company deadlines to make sure that the pressure of putting the yearbook together didn't become too overwhelming.

Design editor Tina Roades and production editor Suzanne Hopper worked together to finalize designs so they could be used as templates. First semester copy editor Betsy Butler had the difficult job of finding story ideas and then assigning them to writers. Photo editor Lesley Miller worked to keep the photographers busy covering all the fall events.

It was essential that the staff finished as many

pages as possible since their first deadline was one week after 12 staff members and adviser Ann Thorne returned from the Associated Collegiate Press convention in Washington, D.C.

While in Washington, staff members attended informative sessions dealing with methods used to improve the quality of the *Griffon* and shared ideas with other students. Also on the staff's agenda was sightseeing. The subway took them to the National Zoo, the Smithsonian and Georgetown.

"I learned a lot about yearbook basics," said first-time staff member Becky Groom. "The convention was really helpful. Riding the subway was a fun experience!"

By the middle of the

year, the staff had met all of its scheduled deadlines and they were working hard to meet the rest. Some very late nights were spent trying to finish pages.

"When we planned things, we were okay," said George Reindel, second semester copy editor. "But when we didn't, we were in trouble."

Producing a yearbook was educational and fun. The staff learned journalistic skills, basic time management and the value of a good night's sleep. Many friendships were also made.

Hopper summed up the *Griffon* experience, saying, "Being a part of the *Griffon* staff has provided me with valuable publication experience and some of the best memories I will take from college." ❖

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Junior Wendy Darrah putts on hole number eight at Cool Crest Garden Golf.

Lesley Miller

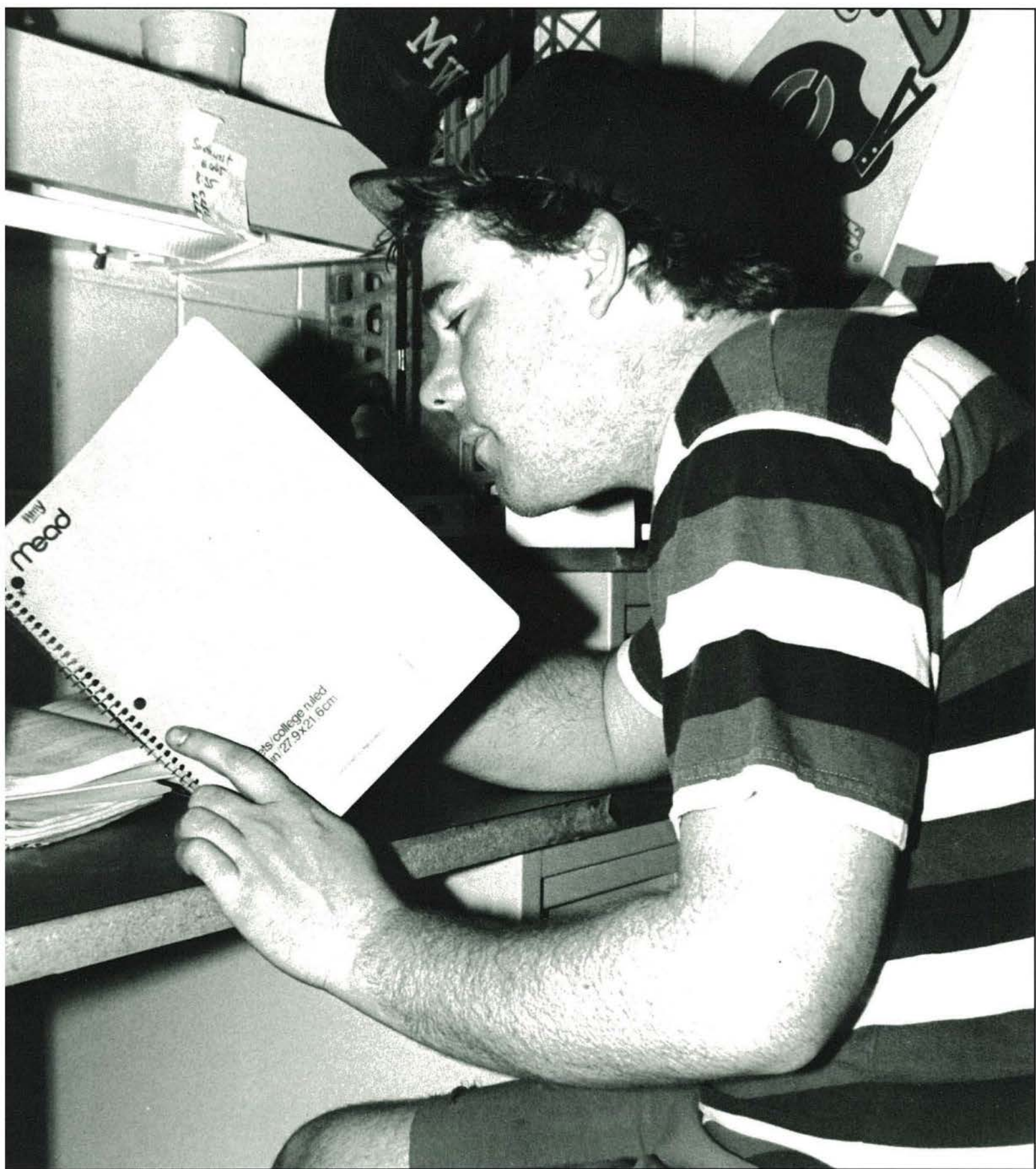
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Lesley Miller

more Russ Olson studies with his notebook.

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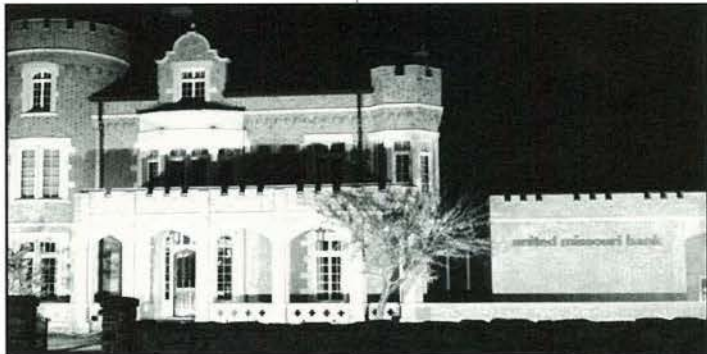
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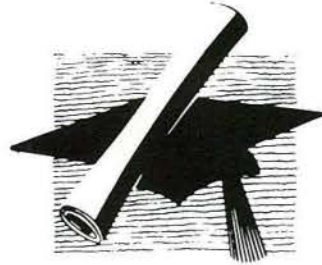
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Hurley said.

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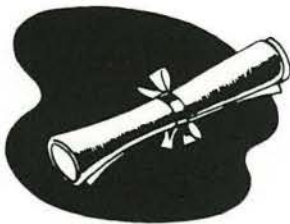
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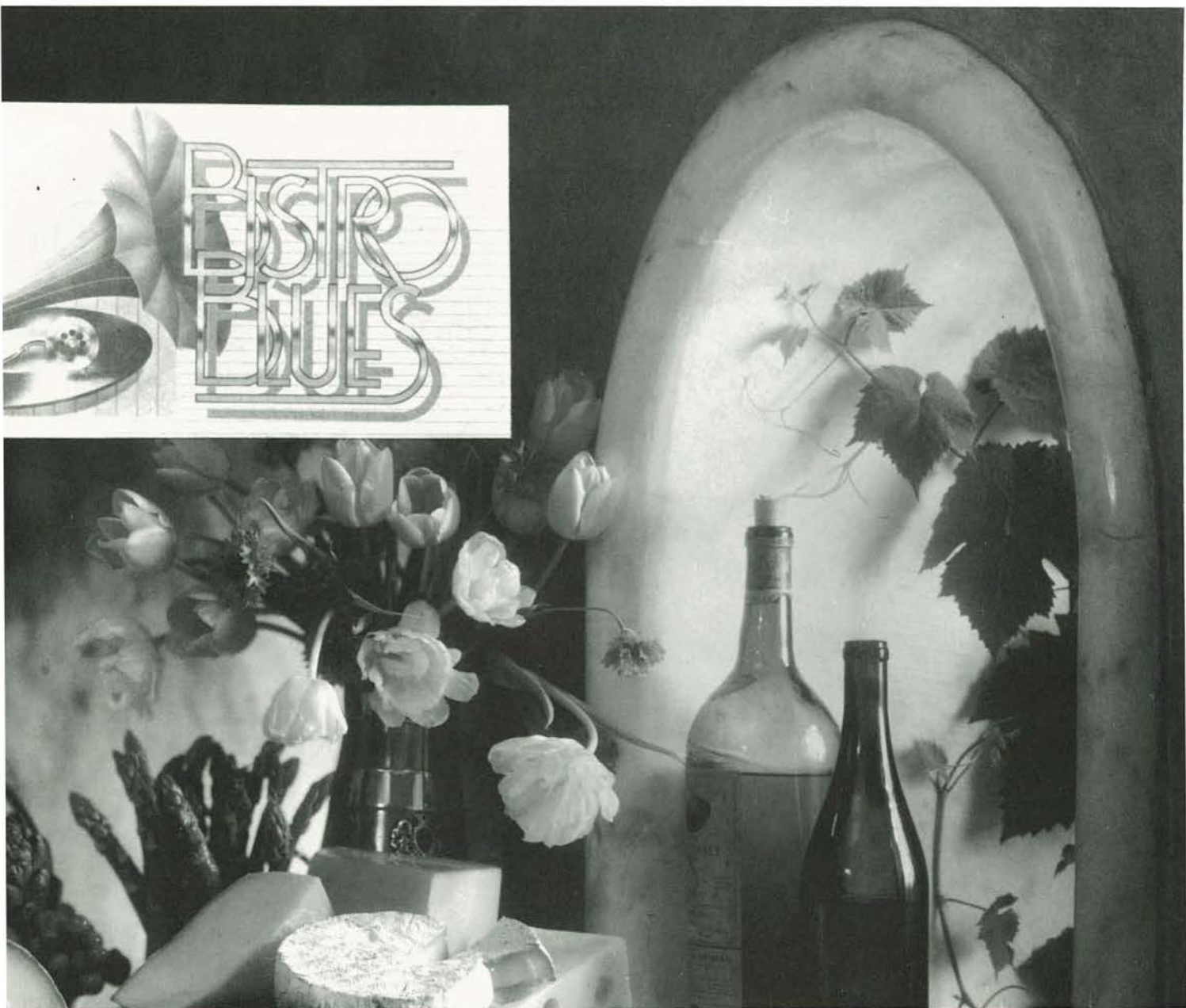
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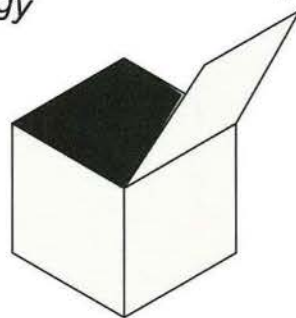
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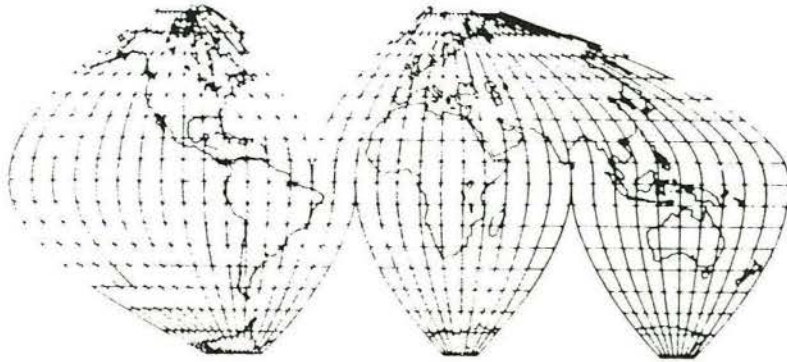
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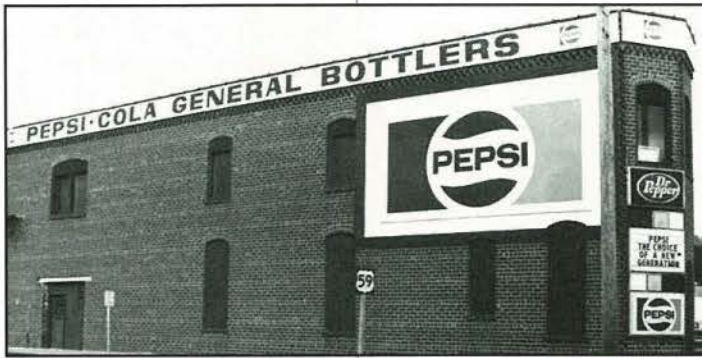
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Reviewing the year

Many changes occurred during the school year from war to political milestones, to more trivial matters.

In the November, several political firsts occurred. Joan Finney defeated Mike Hayden in the Kansas gubernatorial race to become that state's first woman governor. L. Douglas Wilder was elected to become Virginia's first black governor. Fiesty Ann Richards defeated Clayton Williams for the governorship of Texas, becoming the first woman governor in 56 years.

Also in November, Great Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher resigned from her post in response to a threat of being ousted by former Defense Minister Michael Hesseltine. In Conservative Party voting, Hesseltine was defeated by Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major.

The great earthquake for Dec. 3 on the New Madrid fault failed to occur despite predictions by Iben Browning.

Nonetheless, people all over the Midwest prepared for the quake, and tiny New Madrid, Mo., was thrown into the spotlight immediately before and after the threatening date.

Milli Vanelli became the first group in the history of the Grammy Awards to have their award rescinded when it was disclosed that they didn't actually sing on their multi-platinum album, "Girl, You Know It's True."

In Livingston County, Mo., Ray and Faye Copeland were both convicted of murder in the deaths of five transient farm workers.

"Dances with Wolves" swept the Academy Awards in March, taking home Best Picture and Best Director for Kevin Costner. Jeremy Irons

and Kathy Bates took home lead acting statuettes for "Reversal of Fortune" and "Misery" respectively.

Ivana Trump received her divorce settlement in March. She was awarded \$10 million in cash, the 47-room Connecticut estate, a Manhattan apartment and \$300,000 a year in child support.

Baseball player Nolan Ryan pitched his 300th win against the Milwaukee Brewers and seventh no-hitter against Toronto Blue Jays. Ryan, 44, has been with the Texas Rangers for three years.

After 13 years of entertainment, the cast of "Dallas" bid goodbye in a two-hour "It's a Wonderful Life" take-off to discover what "Dallas" would have been without J. R.

Even though the war dominated the news, other events left their mark on the world. ❖

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EXTRA

by Suzanne
 Hopper

Security releases reports

In April, the Board of Regents resolved to make campus security incident reports accessible to The Griffon News and the public while strongly recommending that the paper implement guidelines regarding the publishing of the information. Teresa Easton, editor of the paper, had asked for the information after a court ruled that campus security reports are subject to disclosure under the Missouri Sunshine Law. The court ruling was in response to *Bauer v. Kincaid*, involving the

editor of Southwest Missouri State University's paper who sued for the information.

For Ken Rosenauer, adviser to The Griffon News, the importance in the Regents' action was the recognition that the paper had the right to the information more than actual access to the individual reports.

"It was a victory more in principle than in the particular matter," he said.

Easton asked for the information because she believed the students had a right to know what was going on around them.

"Basically, it is not a victory for me or the paper, but it is a victory for the students," Easton said.

The last issue of The Griffon News contained summaries derived from the security reports, but without the names.

"I don't think any student journalist wants to spread the names of victims or perpetrators across the pages of the newspaper," Rosenauer said. "More importantly, this campus community needs to know when and where crimes are occurring so they can better protect themselves." ♦

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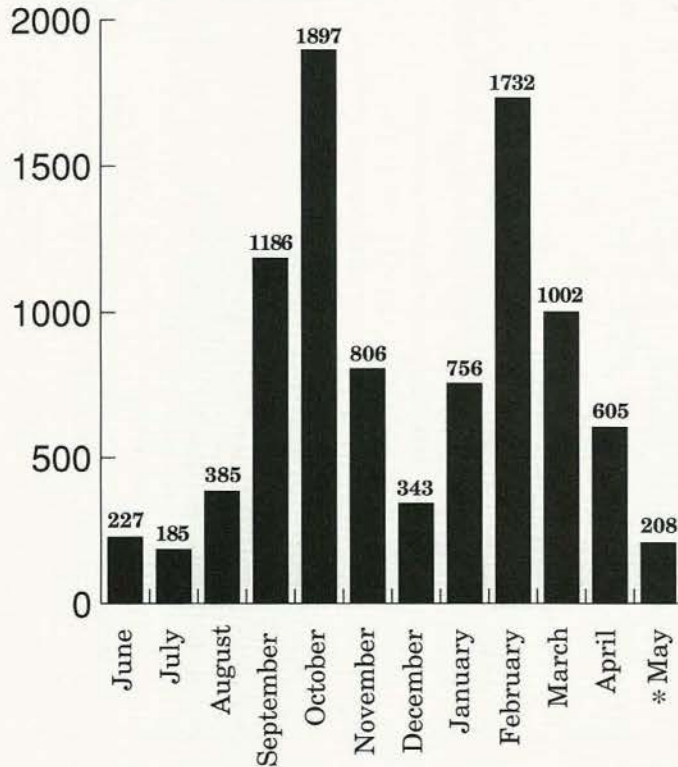
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McGarvey replaces Darnell

December brought finals, Christmas parties and the release of head football coach Dennis Darnell. In the four years that Darnell was at Missouri Western, he had one winning season, which was due to a forfeit by Washburn University. After the 2-8 record posted by the football team for the 1990 season, Darnell was asked to resign his position. After this action was not taken, Darnell was subsequently fired.

In January, Stan McGarvey was announced as the new head coach for the football team. McGarvey was the head football coach at William Jewell College before coming to Missouri Western. His

record as a head football coach was 40-22-2.

Athletic Director Ed Harris and a search committee reviewed close to 50 applicants before choosing McGarvey. Harris explained that McGarvey offered a good track record, and he could develop and run a class act program with the players. The one thing Harris stressed was that McGarvey was going to bring a more exciting brand of football.

McGarvey emphasized his plans for a strong developmental program he was establishing for the players. McGarvey spoke of "we" instead of "I." He felt that it was never just him; it was the team, his family, the staff, the

department, and all those involved in making the football team all it could be.

"All we can ask is that our staff and players do the best that we can," McGarvey said.

He felt that those players who were sound in schemes and philosophy would have the right talent for what was needed to advance team. He was not asking for anything more than a lot of hard work and strong development — both physically and mentally. He wanted to earn the respect of the players and in turn be able to give them the same respect.

"The expectations I put on myself are far greater than those of anyone else," he said. ❖



Jason Ulsrud

New football coach Stan McGarvey watches over his players during spring football practice.

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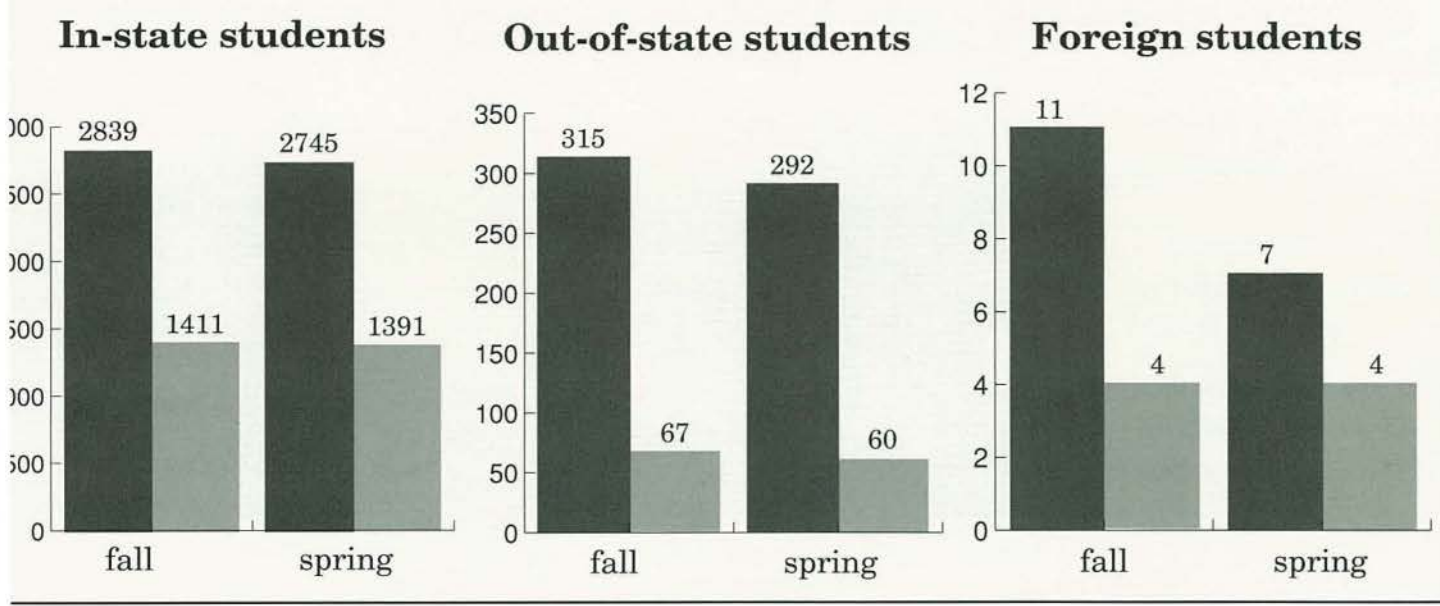
Fun Facts: Students, classrooms and textbooks

There were 97 classrooms on campus.
 The most expensive new textbook at Barnes and Noble Bookstore was "Mechanics of Materials," which cost \$64.50.
 The average age of students was 25.8.
 The median age of students was 22.0.
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World bids farewell

August 1990

Stevie Ray Vaughn, 35. An accomplished blues guitarist, Vaughn died shortly after completing the album, "Family Style" with his brother Jimmie.

October 1990

Stefano Casiraghi, 30. The husband of Princess Caroline of Monaco, Casiraghi was killed when the speedboat he was piloting flipped over. The two were married in 1983 and were the parents of three children.

William Paley, 89. Past and present chair-

man of CBS, Paley had been in failing health for the previous two months. His successes at CBS included "60 Minutes," "All in the Family," "Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "M*A*S*H."

November 1990

Mary Martin, 76. A darling of the stage during the 1950s and 1960s, Martin lost a two-month battle with pneumonia in November. She captivated audiences in roles in "South Pacific," "Peter Pan" and "The Sound of Music."

February 1991

Carrie White, 116.

Named in the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest living person, White died Feb. 14 in Florida. She was born when Ulysses S. Grant was president.

April 1991

Lee Atwater, 40. Former chair of the Republican National Committee, Atwater died from complications from a brain tumor. He masterminded the 1988 campaign of George Bush.

Martha Graham, 96. A pioneer of dance and choreography, Graham died in April. ❖

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**Fun Facts:
Computers,
library use
and paper**

- As of July 23, 1990, there were 267 personal computers on campus reported to the computer center.
- Due to increasing use of computers, there were three typewriters in storage and over 50 were sold in April.
- The library contained about 165,000 volumes.
- Missouri Western requested between 4,300 and 4,400 inter-library loans each year.
- The library held 90,000 sheets of microfiche and received 1,368 magazines and journals.
- The reference librarians answered close to 12,000 inquiries.
- Central Duplicating used approximately 15,000 reams of paper, or 7.5 million sheets.

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Missouri Western students follow the cheering lead of Mad Mike at a home basketball game. Polsky Motors hired Mad Mike to attend sporting events and keep the crowd up.



Rick Wiedmaier

After making a strike, junior Bruce Hollowell gives junior Rob Kliefoth a double high five. The bowling night was sponsored by Dorm Council at the Belt Bowl.



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Censorship limits artistic expression

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution stated: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Robert Mapplethorpe, Andrew Dice Clay and 2 Live Crew used this as their defense in obscenity charges against their art, comedy and music.

The exhibit of the late Robert Mapplethorpe caused the Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center and its director to be brought up on obscenity charges. It contained photos of partially nude children and homoerotic acts. This was the first time in history that a

center and its director were charged with displaying obscene material.

"[The photos were] disgusting," said sophomore Greg Slibowski. "I don't like my tax money being spent on that. If it was art, that would be one thing, but that wasn't even art. It was like supporting Playboy."

Even though he was banned for life from MTV, and some entertainers boycotted the television shows he was on, comedian Andrew Dice Clay performed to sell-out crowds at Madison Square Garden and the Los Angeles Forum. He portrayed himself as being the "King of F—ing Comedy."

His comical routine was censored because it was composed of sexism, racism and objectionable nursery rhymes. Although not everyone liked him, as junior Clint Barnes put it,

"People that go see him in a show know what he is going to do, so it's stupid for people to complain about him when they know what he's all about."

The group 2 Live Crew whose record "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" was responsible for the arrest of George Freeman, owner of a Florida record store, when he sold the tape, which had been banned for obscene lyrics, to an undercover policeman. The group itself was brought up on obscenity charges after performing for an audience of people 21 years of age and over. They were later found not guilty of obscenity by a Florida jury.

"They shouldn't be banned. No group should be able to tell another what is and isn't okay," said junior Dawn Malan. "As for the record salesman who was arrested for selling the tape, he should

be released because 2 Live Crew was found not guilty of obscenity."

Madonna's video for her single, "Justify My Love," also came under fire for its racy subject matter. The video featured brief nudity and suggestions of homosexual and group sexual acts. When MTV refused to air the clip in December, the singer packaged it for sale as a video single. ABC's "Nightline," however, showed the video in its entirety for a show on the topic.

"It stayed within the controversial idea that she was going for, but I think she went a little overboard this time," said senior Toby Cummings.

"This is the history of censorship," said Bruce Rogow, 2 Live Crew's lawyer. "People will fall over cut glass to get what you tell them they can't have." ❖



Two Live Crew was arrested in Florida after performing an adult-only concert. Later the music trio was found not guilty in a Florida court.

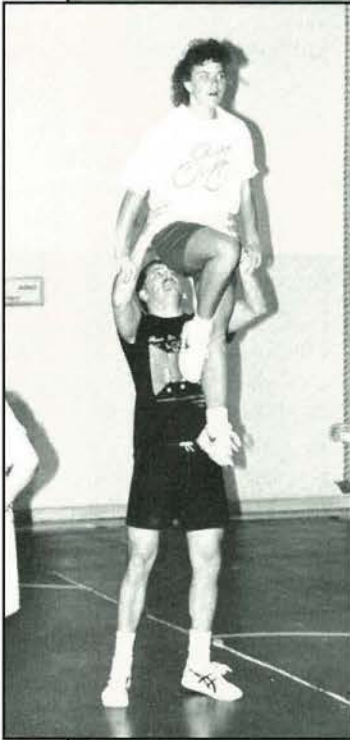
R. M. Photo Service



As the war ended and everyone anxiously awaited the safe return of all the troops, we continued making history on campus.

In February, the campus-wide smoking policy that prohibited smoking in all buildings went into effect. Controversy and protest surrounded this issue making it the hottest topic on campus.

Spring Fest lit up April with a week full of events to celebrate the arrival of spring. Comedians Dave Rudolf and Brad Lowery kept the campus laughing with their variety of jokes and antics, while the movie "Ghost" brought tears to the eyes of many. Phi Sigma Kappa members set up tents on campus to raise money for the homeless, and the first annual International Day brought tastes from around the world.



Mark McKerrow

At cheerleading tryouts, senior Scott Baker tries to lift freshman Kelly Ellis into position. Ellis made the cheerleading squad for the 1991-1992 school year.





Kate Johnson

During the Birds of Prey lecture, sponsored by the biology department, students and faculty get a close-up view.



Brian Resch



Kate Johnson

Junior Todd Stewart participates in a taste test. Stewart's consumer behavior class was tested in an experiment.

At the homecoming Talent Show, Phi Sigma Kappa members Kevin McNeal, Pat Unson, and John Churan perform as "Bodine and the Knockouts."



In sports, the baseball team turned out a winning season as they posted a 22-20 record.

Dorm Council created the first-time event, Griff Gladiators, that had students competing against students in wacky and unusual events that tested them physically and mentally.

For many, finals were the end to their year, but others ended their year with graduation as they donned their cap and gown and took their hard-earned diploma with them from the fieldhouse in May.

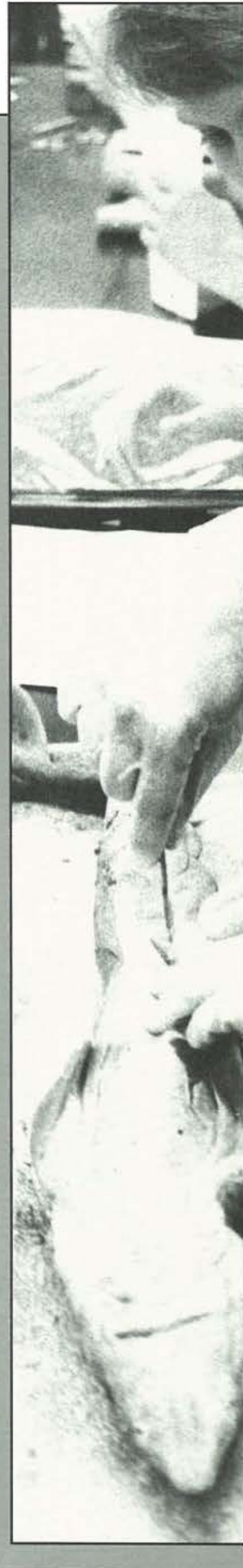
From the freshmen to the seniors, a year of memories began with the first day of classes and continued through good times and bad times until the last final was completed.

After a year filled with ups and downs, students discovered ***You CAN Take It With You.***



Brian Resch

Under the shade tree, freshman Tracy Shell and and sophomore Garrett Nordstrom relax between classes.



Senior Lorin O'Daniell c a specimen during his vert zoology class.

Lawhon Construction works on the new dormitory during the spring semester. The dormitory, located behind the 400s, was scheduled to be completed by August.



Brian Resch



Scott Pokres

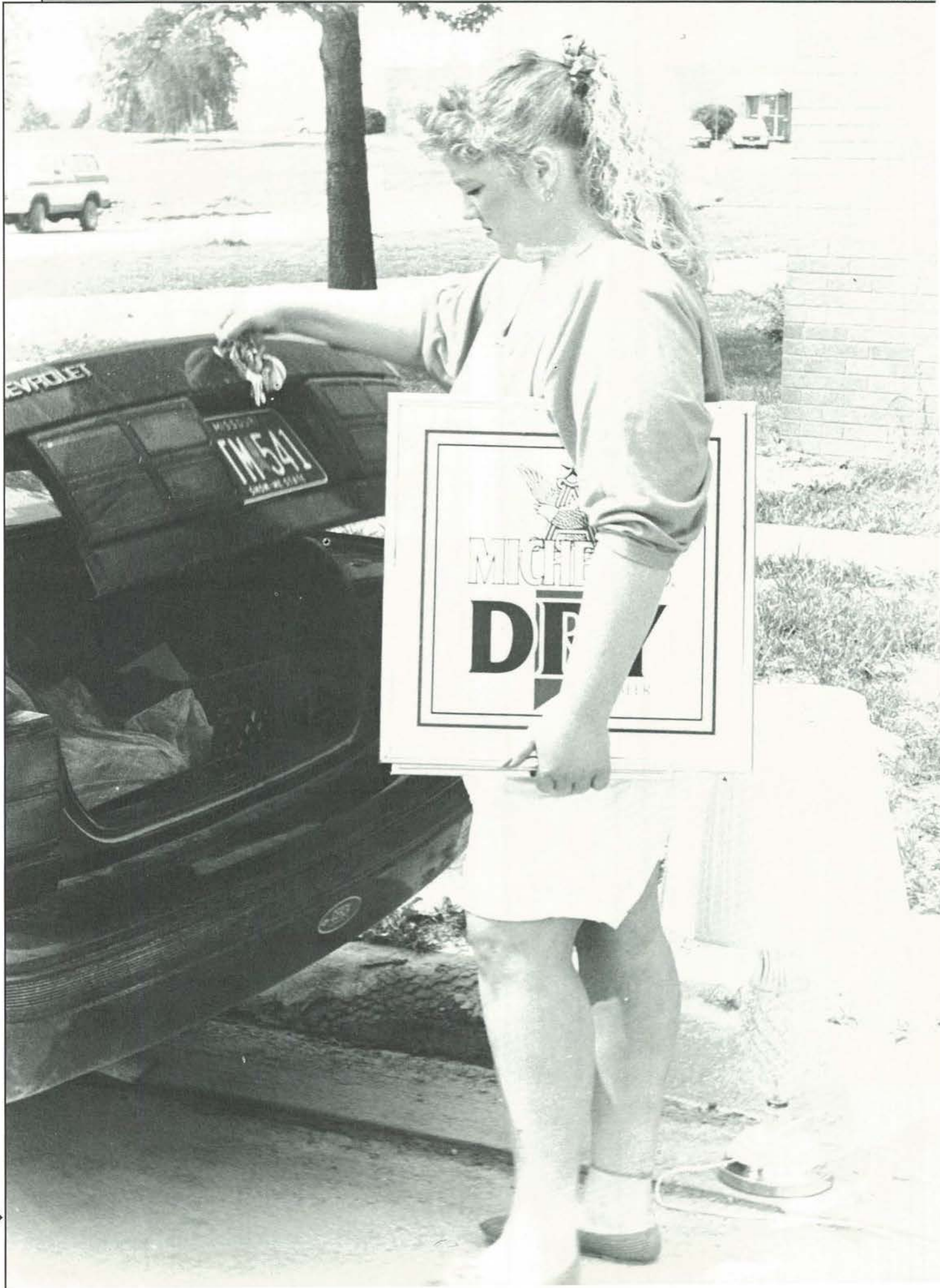
Freshman Ben Rekittke relaxes outside on his suite balcony by playing his guitar.



Rick Wiedmaier

After finals are finished, many students pack up their cars and go home for the summer. Junior Kristen Cox loads her car with all of her belongings from her dorm room.

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