iris·seventy-five
bittersweet times
iris
highland high school
highland illinois
volume fifty-five
it was the best of times, it was the worst of times
it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness
it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity
it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness
it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair
we had everything before us, we had nothing before us.
Dickens, "A Tale of Two Cities," 1775
a time remembered and forgotten
a time each of us hated yet loved
bittersweet times
1974-75
The Best Years. High school, kids, homecoming, basketball, prom. Time to be free. We had our fun. In spite of inflation, unemployment, decisions, responsibilities. Coping, apathy, resignation, sometimes even hostility became a part of life. At times we walked away, uncertain in a time of change.

Supermarket Profiteering, The Rich Middlemen, The Dirty Doers...

HOGWASH!
Learning prudence, tact and understanding. Knowing people—communicating. Applying our best, letting ourselves go, enabling wisdom to grow. Those that cared got involved, those that didn’t found other gratifying enterprises. It was to each his own, learning to laugh and enjoy, loving life and growing.
Eliminate homeroom—scramble the year. Free periods and meeting times? What should I do? Who should I vote for or should I even bother? Club activities? Student Council? There are more important things... Letting extracurricular activities become unpopularly popular. Searching for a better grasp to survive the frustrations of the times.
Lifestyles. Patterned yet varied, alike yet unique. So much to do, so little time—to clown around, to have fun, to be me. Planned chance meetings. Discovering pleasures in the unexpected. Sharing them in hopes of making them last. The good times . . . .
Uncertain times challenging the survival of traditions. Younger faces leading the Bulldogs in sports, on the stage. Homecoming week was just another week and powderpuff almost wasn't. Spirit vanished and pep rallies too. Females made their debut in shop classes and on the athletic field. Seniors fought for change yet clung to the traditional, giving way to the new and establishing tradition for another year.
Novel learning experiences, a new attendance policy, exam exemption, future plans, new school. We had everything before us. But it would be another two years. "You missed three days." Who's really exempt? Tight job market. What future plans? Reality remained a dream. Nevertheless we had fun dreaming.
THE PLACE
weathered with age
steeped in tradition
the environment for learning
about life, about others
about ourselves
THE PLACE 1974-75
Under Mr. Bailey’s watchful eye, American history students reveal their knowledge on a test.

Nick Raeber continues to write and proofread his advanced composition term paper as it nears completion.

Deb Renko makes use of the shorthand machine as she practices her newfound skill.

Thinking over a writing assignment, Patricio Maya uses the library as a much needed study area.

Erasing what’s already been written only to write it over again, Mike Leopold and Larry White struggle to finish a sports article for the school newspaper.
Putting It on Paper

Although a great part of school consists of listening and reasoning, a large percentage of time is also spent with "pen in hand." A seemingly endless stream of writing assignments assail the average student in all types of classes. Helping to prepare for these assignments, the various composition classes find themselves writing paper after paper on every subject imaginable. Outline — rough draft — reoutline — revise — and type. Typing skills come in handy for those final composition assignments and for publication classes such as journalism and school publications.

A few notes are important to every class, but in many classes extensive notetaking is a daily occurrence. Those proficient in shorthand are a step ahead of those who labor in longhand.
Films Inform, Amuse
Classroom Audiences

The projector usually doesn’t work very well, it seems the same man has narrated every school movie ever made, and many students use the darkened room to catch forty winks. Nevertheless, many teachers use films as a vital part in their lesson plans. Films can turn what would have been a dry lecture into a sight and sound presentation of important facts.

Filmstrips are still used, but mainly in the library by individual students. Private stations have been set up in a corner to provide a student seeking extra information a place for viewing.
Sue Toenyes, Tammy Ambuehl, and Mike Krump prepare to show the slides which they have created in their Communications class.

The dilemma of broken film projectors which often assails teachers only manages to get Miss McWhorter more tangled up, to the amusement of Deb Suever, Sherri Seifried, and Cookie Potthast.

Elaine White takes advantage of the library facilities to view a filmstrip.

Student librarian Susan Kaufman, shows proper usage of microfilm, an important aid for research.

With the projector in good running order, Mr. Bailey can sit back and watch the film with his students.
Dale Porter smiles proudly as he sifts some sand for casting.

The liberated hands of Kathy Korte found themselves in the rough atmosphere of the woodshop working with a chisel and mallet.

With total hand and eye control, Lisa Gramlich shapes an intricate wire sculpture.

Industrial Ed. students learn how to handle highly precisioned equipment like this drill press.

Rick Switzer's hands coax out notes that are not quite musical from this saw as it slices a board in half.

Gary Olliges' hands skillfully control this sander as he smooths down a board.
Hands That Create

Hands play an important role in the learning process. The aim of more and more classes is teaching students a manual skill they can use after high school. Skills such as using the potter's wheel and even cabinet-making are recognized by most people as fine arts. However, many people do not realize the creativity and technicality that is stressed in such classes as welding, electricity, and the machine shop.
Numbers Add Up In Every Class

Sometime during first grade a teacher announced that 1+1=2. That simple announcement began a problem that would last all the way through high school—working with numbers.

Simplicity quickly becomes complexity in high school. Math classes, science classes, industrial arts classes, in fact almost every class demands that a student be proficient with complicated mathematical operations. Whether it be a formula in physics, a trigonometry problem, or a drafting project, an ability to apply accepted principles to the ever-present numbers is essential.
Julie Gramlich and Pat Gibbons attempt to understand Mr. Hester's instructions on the use of the slide rule.

Adding variety to geometry class, Mr. Iftner demonstrates a basic principle.

Gary Elcezor sneers at the camera while hurriedly trying to finish a bookkeeping assignment.

Keeping track of his progress, David Landolt checks with the grade book.

Students learn algebra methods by seeing them done on the board.
Machines Come of Age


The machine and its sounds were the middlemen between a student’s ideas and a project. It was the year of the electronic calculator. The miniature marvels of the space age joined the other machines in the school and made the tedious job of arithmetic almost a game. They were super for chemistry and math and bookkeeping and for saving time. By using calculators and other machines, students were able to expand their abilities and explore new worlds.

† HHS’s first Danish exchange student, Johannes Hansen gets involved in the work of the VTR class, along with Mr. Burke, Phil Sellers and Gordon Hayman.

⇨ In the off-moments of math-related classes, students discovered that a calculator could serve as a toy to fill the idle time.

⇨ Playing a vital role in school publicity, HHS printers, Brenda Okai and Mike Ratermann ink type for the printing machine.
The sewing machine does its part, as Trudy Linenfelser completes a dress in Clothing I.

Helping to build scenery is only one of the projects done by Mr. West's classes. Shown here, assembling a spiral staircase are Mr. West and Steve Masters.

Larry Council shows intense concentration as he operates the metal lathe in his metals class.
Looking Ahead to Future Occupations

Two educational alternatives, Co-op and Area Vocational School, continued to be two of the most popular programs offered by HHS. Both offer the student who is looking ahead to employment after high school opportunities not available in the regular classroom.

Students of AVHS must endure a daily bus ride to Collinsville for either one or two years, but once there they receive intensive training designed to give them a marketable skill after completing the program.

Co-op students combine work with education. Their school day involves regular classes, a special class related to their job and time spent working.
Mark Ziegler, with his fellow classmates, learns a few basics about carpentry at AVHS.

Through her radio Co-op job, Marilyn Schallenberg was introduced to the art of announcing over the air.

Angie Keller learns to cope with the responsibilities of the job provided her by Co-op.

The intricate and seemingly confusing parts of a television become clear to Dennis Eilers, top student at AVHS in electronics.

Becoming competent with many types of office machines helped Rhonda Hawkins win third place in national competition.

Green-thumbed horticulture students Kathy Hencke and Scott Boehkout learn helpful hints on plant care.
Labs Vital to Learning

Usually a classroom exists only to provide a meeting place for a class. The room itself, except perhaps for maps and charts, usually has no bearing on what is learned. That all changes however when a class meets in a lab. Chemistry, physics, and biology would be almost worthless without the lab facilities. The same is true of home-ec and language classes.

Labs differ from classrooms in that labs have essential equipment necessary for the proper learning of a subject. Whether it be kitchen equipment, scientific apparatus, sewing machines, or listening cubicles, labs play a vital role in education.

Careful observations are very important for Cindy Stallings' and Tina Langel's Chemistry experiment.

Amid the clutter of a Biology class, Randy Allen explores the micro-world.

With heads smashed between the two earphones of the headsets, Spanish students still find a little humor in their class.

Studying grain quality, agriculture students fulfill a class requirement.

Foods class offers a chance for everyone to participate.

Karen Weder tries to capture fruit flies from her precarious position atop a Biology table.
With the London trip in mind, Nancy Beckman keeps her eyes on the music.

The mellow rumble of the tympani adds a rich undercurrent to the harmony of the band.

Following chorus music and the director are two lessons these girls have found helpful in Sophomore Girls Chorus.

Learning to Express

What's your way of expressing yourself to the world? Many students “find” themselves in music or art. Whether it’s putting anger on canvas in bold, brilliant reds, or making peace with your world through a quiet, calm song, it’s all a form of expression. Maybe you just enjoy the subject and the excitement.

Hard work paid off for almost 80 budding musicians who brought home 1st or 2nd ratings from band and chorus state contests. Art students found their reward in seeing the completion of their masterpieces and remembering the fun and frustration that was poured into them.
In chorus, as in every class, a few jokes are mingled in with the hard work. Here the tenors resign themselves to the chore of standing up while they sing.

Along with her fellow art students helping Tri Ford celebrate their Spring Festival, Barb Bosch sees her own design blossom.

Paint brush, plate, spoon, paint, a little confusion, and the imaginations of Bryan Weidner, LuGene Beck, and Sharon Jones all mix together as their art class begins.

Madonna Henrichs concentrates intently as her ceramic project forms beneath her hands.

Being in an organization such as band means, among other things, uniformity, for these French horns.
Reaching Out

The single most vital skill a student possesses is the ability to read. Through reading, a student can reach out and discover the genius of Shakespeare, the predictions of Einstein, human feelings through Steinbeck, and a good laugh with Mark Twain. Reaching out through reading was given a special emphasis with a library sponsored "Read-In." For one half hour the entire school population, along with all other schools in the district, did nothing but read—everything from textbooks to the Rolling Stone to Tolkien.
Randy Alberternst finds his Commercial Art class to involve as much reading as it does drawing.

Robbie Michael becomes engrossed in his studies as a photographer attempts to capture the mood.

Two students take advantage of the unusually quiet gym to catch up on their paperbacks during the “Read-In”.

Wray Willmann managed to find a vacant spot in the library to concentrate.

Mr. Schuette’s Survey of Lit. class becomes involved in one of the endless stream of stories and poetry that went along with the course.

Positions change as a teacher is caught by a student without a book to read for the “Read-In”.

II • PE • Athletics • Band • Mixed Chorus • Soil/Plant Science • Agricultural Mechanics • Advanced Animal Science • Agricultural Specialty • Art I • Ad
Kids on Their Own

This year more than any other, teachers discovered the advantages of letting students explore on their own. In a multitude of classes, many of which were not specifically labeled ISP, students were called upon to utilize their powers of imagination, ingenuity, and endurance. "Contracts" were assigned in many classes to be handed in when complete. This new-found freedom brought with it the responsibility of students to learn to pace themselves while the teacher in the background waited until help was needed.

The library's facilities were being used to their fullest, as could be seen by the overcrowding that became an obstacle in many instances.

Finding a place to study in the overcrowded library became a challenge to students who found themselves with free periods and nowhere to go.

ISP Calculus class offers John Cole a chance to work at his own rate.

French students often find it more pleasant to work outside than in the classroom.

History students Jay Ross, Tracy Poehling, Bill Monken, Jeff Barber, Paul Plog, and Mike Landry prepare props before recording a video project.

Roger Frey, in his School Publications class, displays a talent which many have developed throughout their school years.
Locker Room Blues

Who ripped off my socks? Pritzball again? Where’s the B. O. juice? I think I broke my leg! Do we gotta dress today? I can’t get this locker open! This gymsuit! Let’s skip!

Thru all these comments a year of PE ran on. Despite crowded conditions, the instructors and their classes managed to get in a few hours of grueling exercise each week. To accommodate the large number of students, guys and girls took turns “dressing out” in the winter. Even then classes remained large.

Although PE was a required course, it wasn’t all that bad. Going out to the track, playing pins or battleball, all provided a lot of fun, even with all confusion.

On the rather warm days of August and May, the shade looks more inviting than the sweltering sun after a hot game of softball.

Square dancing in PE proves to be enjoyable for Vickie Klenke as she and her partner swing across the floor.

Softball stresses team competition as well as individual physical prowess.

PE has more to offer for Betty Stocker than the usual games and exercises.

In honor of the last day of PE, forgotten gym shoes and all other lost paraphernalia were used to decorate the locker room.

Whether it’s doing push-ups, as demonstrated by Dale Henkhaus, or touching your toes, whichever way you look at it PE is not a dull class.
THE PEOPLE
adding life to emptiness,
building transient
and lasting friendships
facing life together
THE PEOPLE 1974-75
faculty
Feeding-in Information

Planning classes. Dreaming up ways to interest students and teach something at the same time. "Today we are going to talk about..." "Does anyone have any questions?" Figuring grades. "The entire class passed the test." Discovering that all their work wasn't done in vain. 

Faculty... an instrument of knowledge.

MRS. GLORIA ALARCON
Spanish
Advisor: International Fellowship

MRS. BARBARA AUD
Home Economics
Advisor: FHA

MR. DAVID BAILEY
Social Studies
Coach: Track
Advisor: Class of 1976

MR. ARLEN BAKER
Vocational and Business Education
Advisor: Office Occupations, Distributive Education

MRS. SHIRLEY BASTILLA
French, English
Advisor: French Club, International Fellowship

MR. CHARLIE BENNETT
Boys PE
Coach: Track

MRS. CINDY BOLLING
English

MR. PATRICK BRAFFORD
Speech, Drama
Director of Plays
Advisor: Speech Team, Class of 1975
Meeting with a student in the library to discuss an assignment, Mr. Moore shows how being a teacher carries beyond regular class periods.

Mrs. McGinley exhibits patience and an open mind while listening to Bob Kantner.

Through his directing, Mr. Krauss exerts much effort to produce a top quality band.

Mr. White uses a few quiet moments before class to catch up on his grading.

MR. LARRY BURKE
Television Production, ISP
Advisor: VTR

MRS. BARBARA BYFORD
Business, English
Advisor: Class of 1976

MRS. RUTH CHRISTOE
Art

MRS. MARJORY CLAYTON
Vocal Music

MR. TOM DAHNCKE
Boys PE, Safety
Coach: Varsity Basketball, Golf

MRS. JEANNE EARDLEY
School Nurse, Health Occupations
Advisor: FMCC

MR. STEPHEN FORD
Boys PE, Drivers Training
Coach: Baseball, Frosh-Soph Football

MRS. GERALDINE GRADLE
Special Education

Teachers . . . always trying, but seldom getting the credit.
Mr. Hester seems bent out of shape as he and Mrs. Byford, class sponsors, listen to a suggestion by Laura Kovach at the Prom.

Mrs. Linenfelser displays signs of desperation as she pushes through a crowd of students.

At a pep rally, Mr. Singleton congratulates a student on his accomplishments.

Mr. White encourages Keith Poss to read his selection in top quality literature.
faculty
Maintaining
Individuality

Quietly collapsing in a corner. “Sometimes I feel like I just can’t take it any longer.” Gathering thoughts after a long day of teaching. Sharing those thoughts and new ideas with fellow faculty members. “Did you know that one of my students can . . .” Learning to roll with the punches of the profession.

Teachers . . . individuals with personality.

MR. DALE OTT
English
ISP Director
Advisor: Paw Print, Iris

MR. FRANK PREHAL
Social Studies
Athletic Director

MR. MICHAEL PRICE
Drivers Education, Health,
Safety
Coach: Football
Advisor: Class of 1976

MRS. SHERRY PRINGLE
Science,
Advisor: Class of 1978

MRS. JEANNE PROBST
Mathematics
MR. TOM RIGGS
Boys PE, Health, Drivers’
Education

MRS. DOROTHY ROE
Latin, Geometry
Advisor: NHS, JCL

MR. ISAISH ROE
Industrial Arts, Drivers
Education
Mr. Joseph Schaeffer
Agriculture
Advisor: FFA
Miss Jo Cindy Schmale
Girls PE
Advisor: GAA
Mr. Dale Schmalz
Guidance
Advisor: NHS
Mrs. Jacqueline Schneider
Reading

Mr. Larry Schuette
English
Advisor: YFC
Mr. Fred Singleton
Social Studies
Assistant Principal
Attendance Director
Miss Cheryl Swaafford
Business
Mrs. Marjory Turner
English

Mr. David West
Industrial Arts
Advisor: Chess Club

Mr. Brafford makes mental preparations after boarding a bus heading for a speech tournament.
Mr. Ott helping Lynda Steiner with her term paper.
Surrounded by the clutter of creativity, art instructor Mrs. Ruth Christoe and student Jean Wilson express surprise at being caught by the camera. The 1974-75 school year marked the end of seventeen years of teaching in the Highland school system for Mrs. Christoe. She will be missed by students and faculty alike.
freshmen
Class of '78 Moves in

An invading army. Munchkins. The hope for tomorrow. Fighting through the halls. Finding their locker. Getting to class. Adjusting to a new lifestyle. The freshmen 235 strong found their place on the HHS educational assembly line.
The Class of '78 moves in.

Randy Allen
Jeffery Ambuehl
Tammy Ambuehl
Kirk Arbogast
Terry Aschbacher
Byron Barker

Pam Barnes
LuGene Beck
Mary Bellm
Lori Bertels
Edward Bircher
Diane Boeser

Timothy Bolk
Marie Bosche
Deb Braswell
Merry Brewer
Gregory Brink
Perry Brooks

Judy Brown
Nancy Buettikoffer
Robert Busch
Lana Byers
Mark Caringer
Mike Clark

Robin Collins
Terri Cruthis
Leroy Daiber
Mary Daiber
Paul Daiber
Randy Darr

Danny Daum
Billie Deibert
Dana Deibert
Gary Deuser
Marc Dockweiler
Rich Dugan
Freshman ticket takers for the coronation were Larry Smaling, Rick Switzer, Harry Jaconis and Joe Toenyes. Representing the freshmen in the coronation as trainbearers were Sue Toenyes and Lana Byers. Freshmen became involved in high school activities by electing their class officers. Treasurer Carrie Ziegler, Vice President Bryan Weidner, Secretary Kim Klueter and President Marie Bosche.

Janet Dye
John Eilers
Sharon Eilers
Alisa Eley
Lynn Federer
Gayla Felchlia
Sally Felts
Chris Finley
Maxine Fleming
Herb Francis
Jerry Frank
Pam Frank
Dean Freker
Charlotte Frey
Darlene Frey
Gary Frey
Gwen Frey
Janet Frey
Susan Frey
Nancy Gale
Sheryll Gardner

Beth Gehrig
Jeff Gehrig
Jody Gentleman

David Giger
Sue Giger
Tim Gillespie

Carey Gilomen
Debbie Gilomen
Mary Gnaedinger
freshmen
Facing Dilemmas

Should I join GAA? Can you walk up to Drumstick and back over a lunch hour? I wonder how rough football practice will be? Can you really leave school during free hours? I wonder what happens if I'm caught with a Coke in the halls? Will I look stupid if I sit on the steps and study?

Supposedly getting down to business, these freshmen seem to have their thoughts in places other than books.

Concentrating on books just didn’t seem to fit in with Scott Stieb’s plans for his fiction class.

Unable to take PE on a regular basis, Debbie Gilomen and a friend find time for a quick game of cards during a PE study hall.
freshmen

Getting Acquainted


Denise Meskil
Denise Miller
Jean Miller
Ronald Mindrup
Lisa Mohme
Al Mollet
Carol Munie
Edward Munie
Tom Munie
Jeffre Rasenbrock
Susan Neier
Darrell Neumann
Tracy Niemann
Brad Obermark
Mark Obermark
Laurie Oestriinger
Bobby Ohren
Terry Oswald
Dawna Otto
Jackie Parizon
Debbie Pearson

Bryan Perfetti
Cristal Peters
Mark Porter
James Potthast
Brenda Powell
Diane Ratermann
Mindy Rauscher

Jerri Ray
Carla Rehkmep
Marty Rinderer
Russel Ripperda
Steve Ripperda
Tena Ritzheimer
Tammy Robison

Charlotte Rogier
Dave Rosen
Randy Ross
Gail Rutz
Kathy Sackett
Traci Sackett
Donna Sander

Jeff Sander
David Schmelter
Don Schreiber
Brian Schulte
Judy Schumacher
Greg Schwarz
Robbie Schwarz
Diana Wuebbles  
Barb Yesnosky  
Carry Ziegler  
Connie Zobrist

Mike Schweiger  
Terri Shaw  
Ralph Shope  
Larry Smaling  
Chris Stallings  
Sharon Stein  
Scott Stieb

Steve Still  
Betty Stocker  
Rose Stoecklin  
Alan Strackeljahn  
Mark Swieticki  
Rick Switzer  
Sue Toenyes

Steve Touchette  
Chris Toussaint  
Lynne Trame  
David Trout  
Scott Tschannen  
Mike Tuffli  
John Voegele

Tamie Voegele  
Phyllis Voliva  
Brian Walter  
Duane Warnecke  
Kim Wedekind  
Carolyn Wehrle  
Bryan Weidner

Luke Wellen  
Larry Werner  
David White  
Dale Whitlow  
Kirby Wiese  
Becky Wilke  
Bob Wilke

Deena Wilken  
Melody Williams  
Pat Williams  
Mark Willis  
Terry Willmann  
Michelle Winning  
Nancy Woolford

--- Adjusting to crowded halls helps bring members of the freshmen class closer together.  
Freshman David Rosen captures the lead role in "Guys and Dolls," a first at HHS.
sophomores
Carrying Out Tradition


Beth Abert
Gary Abert
Mark Abert
Sandy Alberternst
Pat Alemond
Gail Allen
Pam Ammann
Sherri Ammann
Laura Arbogast
Christy Augustine
Diane Baer
Jeff Barber
Lindell Bassett
Brian Bickline
Cathy Bielong
Dennis Boezer
Mike Bowers
Bob Boyer
Bruce Bracken
Kathy Braun
Greg Breuer

Tammy Bridgewater
Thomas Bugger
Cindy Bumb
Terry Buske

Shannon Cappello
Roger Cawvey
Ginny Chicola
Joe Chicola

Debbie Clark
Terri Cook
Laurie Cordes
Tom Crosby
Sophomore class officers: Secretary Cindy Bumb, Treasurer Joda Schuepbach, President Deb Kessinger, Vice President Barb Knebel enjoy the FFA barnyard.

A sophomore had several options in the selection of his class ring.

Barry McCaslin goes through the annual ritual of picking up his class ring from Seitz Jewelry.
sophomores

Putting Mind Over Motor

There's a car there! Whew! Hey, wait a minute, I didn't hit the brakes. Oh yeah, the teacher. Gross movies. Waiting four months for vouchers. I think I'll get a Corvette, well maybe a Volkswagen. Working towards the driver's license—the highlight of the sophomore year.

Doris Henkhaus
Linda Henkhaus
Terry Henschen

Brenda Herzberg
Karla Hess
Mary Hock

Janet Holdeman
Lisa Holliday
Cindy Holzinger

Marijane Hosto
Terri Hosto
Mary Huhn
Kay Hundsdorfer
Pam Iberg
Brad Jakel
Selina Jansen

Darlene Johnson
Birdie Kantner
Judy Kelley
Debbie Kessinger
Dave Klostermann
Barb Knebel
Kandy Koch

Kathy Kosheva
Sheila Kuster
Mike Kuhner
Dennis Kusterman
Stephen Lancey
Mike Landolt
Pam Landolt

Michael Landry
Randy Lauer
Jackie Lehr
Jeff Lesicko
Patti Lewis
Karen Liening
Donna Lindgens
Tracey Linenfelser
June Luitjohan
Beth Mahoney
Cathy Malan
Linda Manning
Sandy Marquardt
Kathy Marti
Richard Maurer
Lynn McCabe
Barry McCaslin
Donna Meffert
Judy Melton
Darwin Meskil
Sue Michael

Rodney Miller
Bill Monken
Theresa Monken

Paula Mullenix
Jay Nicolaides
Ellen Niggli

Marsha Obermark
Kathy Ohren
Diane Okai

Gary Olliges
Steve Oswald
Barbara Pfister

Patty Plocher
Paul Plog
Tracy Poehling

Patti Lewis takes an important step toward getting her driver's license as she receives her driving permit from the state examiner.
Lori Stufflebeam picks up her voucher from the high school office.
Mr. Price checks the reaction time of Lee Stille.
Gaining Status
As Sophomores

The sophomore year, a strange kind of limbo between freshmen and upperclassmen.

Barb Porter
Cheryl Potthast

Vickie Potthast
Sandy Reinacher
Cheri Reynolds
Gayle Riechmann
Janet Riley
Tina Rogers
Linda Roggenkamp

Jay Ross
Bill Savidge
Lee Schmidt
Jerry Schmitt
Mary Schmitt
Joda Schuepbach
Greg Schuerman

Teri Schuster
George Sconyers
Jeri Seger
Sheri Seifried
Dave Shaw
Joni Shelton
Mary Ann Shoot

Sue Sievers
Mary Ann Simpson
Rich Snider
Rita Snider
Jill Spudich
Chuck Steinbruegge
Wayne Steiner
Sophomore powderpuff players Sheila Kuster and Karen Hediger discuss plays with coach Rodney Miller before the game.

Pages for coronation were: Karen Hediger, Tina Rogers, Patti Lewis and Pam Iberg.

Ushers for the coronation were: Mike Landolt, Terry Henschen, Brian Halbrook, Todd Weiss, Brian Bickline, and Rodney Miller.
Juniors Mold the Prom

Prom favors. Crepe paper streamers. Punch and cookies. Inflation. What’s a good band? How expensive are they? That much!? How many favors should we order? . . . We need more money! Would you sell candy at the game tonight? Please?? The Tom’s machines are empty again.

The Prom—the biggest ordeal faced by the junior class.

Paul Abert
Cheryl Alemond
Diane Ambuehl

Dale Arnold
Teri Augustin
JoAnn Baer

Brad Balster
Carol Barnett
Don Barnhart

Jay Barth
Mike Bickline
Vicky Bimes
Scott Boekhout
Rich Boeser
Ron Boeser
Barb Bosche

Robin Boxell
Wanda Brandt
Steve Brave
Donald Buettikoffer
Kathy Burke
Gail Buske
Keith Byers

John Cappello
John Charpentier
Alice Clayton
Tammy Cordes
Larry Council
Joann Crager
Jeff Croak

Donald Crouch
Cindy Dauderman
Penny Daum
Ron Day
Jody Eaves
Leonard Ernst
Greg Frey
The all-too-familiar sight of an empty Tom's machine which helped juniors finance the prom.

Junior class officers: president Mike Weidner, secretary Cheryl McCord, treasurer Tammy Cordes, and vice-president Nancy Keith.

Mr. Bailey performs his duty as advisor and takes roll at a typical class meeting.
juniors

Taking Homecoming
In Usual Stride

Wonderful World of Disney. Decorating the bleachers all day for the coronation Saturday night. Can you draw Mickey Mouse? Hey, I need some tape. Selling mums. Powderpuff practices after school. Okay, let's run through that one again. Narrowly defeating the Seniors by a few yards. Go Wenzel. Alright! "and first place goes to the Juniors!" The homecoming game. The dance afterwards. Homecoming ... a jumble of work and events.

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Tim Gehrig and Rollie BraH debate the finer points of touch football with members of the junior powderpuff team. The junior team and their coaches discuss last minute strategy before the powderpuff game begins. Flaunting her mum and spirit lollipop Penny Daum seems to embody the spirit of homecoming. Representing the junior class at the coronation were Mike Bickline, Cheryl McCord, Keith Byers, Barb Bosche, Jay Sackett, Jerry Wenzel, Tammy Cordes, Dale Sievers, Nancy Keith, Jack Landolt, Robin Boxell and Ed Winet.

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Karin Lawrenz
Kathy Legier
Randy Leitschuh
Mike Leopold
Mary Leroy
Gerald Lesicko

Scott Lewis
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Charli Mann
Darrell Marti
Stacie Matlock
Cheryl McCord
Steve McPherson

Beverly Meffert
Daniel Michael
Rockie Miller
Peggy Morgan
Don Mueller
Kevin Neudecker
Dick Newman

Rodney Nicolaides
Susan Noe
Deb Oestringer
Sandi Oestringer

Toni Okai
Frank Olive
Maria Olive
Clyde Osborn

Debbie Parker
Andy Perkins
Tim Plocher
Paulette Plog
juniors
Living the Easy Life

Junior-take-it-easy year. No freshman phobias. No graduation decisions. You know the ropes. Get a job? Nice to have extra money. Got your driver's license, greater freedom. There's the prom—earning enough money, the bottomless Tom's machines. But problems shared by a class are easier. Junior year—the easiest for the individual, the hardest for the class.

Debbie Porter
Rick Porter
Elaine Potthast

Carol Ratermann
Dave Riechmann
Mike Ripperda

Cathy Robertson
Robin Rosenthal
Daniel Rozum

Jay Sackett
Waldo Schellenger
Brenda Schmelter

Allen Schmidt
Jayne Schreiber
Mike Schreiber
Dawn Schuepbach
Carl Schulte
Curt Schwarz
Sharon Schwarz
Donna Schwend
Mike Shelton
Mark Shimer
Dale Siever
David Simpson
Barb Sivert
Tom Snider
Dwayne Sorrell
Cindy Stallings
David Stein
Vickie Steinbruegge
Brenda Steiner
Diane Steiner
Brad Steinkoenig
Dale Stocker develops his speed and accuracy at the typewriter.

Gay Wiesemeyer and Bob Koch stop to exchange greetings in the hall during hectic class change.

Joann Baer takes time out for a lively conversation on the phone.
seniors
With Only One to Go

Do you believe we're Seniors? Yeah, big, bad seniors! Everything is a last time. Remember? And then there was the time . . .

Little bits and pieces of laughter and frustrations. Let's throw her in the showers—Hey you need a bath, don't you? We really made it through alive—together.
The Senior year.

Diana Abert
Kevin Alberternst
Deb Ambuehl
Carolyn Baldwin

Norman Barnhart
Scott Barron
Bennett A. Bassett
Nancy Beckman

Rickey W. Benhoff
Laurie Bierong
Earnest Bishop
Liz Blue
Eager to capture the spirit stick in the class competition, the senior guys put forth all they’ve got.

Coach Dale Hastings explains one of his original strategies to his eager senior team.
Go to college. Maybe we should get together. Come to us. We’ve got the education you want. Four hours for the ACT. Your name on a mailing list. I don’t know about college. Maybe I’ll work for a year. The army wants to join you! Junior college. Private. Public University. Trade School. I can’t wait to leave this dump . . . Yesterday I was a fourth grader. It’s later than you think. I guess I’m on my own.

Lisa Demoss

Thomas J. Deuser
Stacey Diefenbach
Trucy Dresch
Thomas Duffin

Lisa J. Early
Dennis Elers
Gary Elcessor
Beth Fleming

Michael Flemming
Kevin Foederer
Deb Foster
Cindy Frank
Optimism grows as the end of school grows near for these seniors.

Nancy Beckman looks at a memory book as graduation time grows near.
seniors
On Your Own at Last


Through the Co-op program, Lori Reinacher is able to earn extra money as she gets on-the-job experience.

Tim Zeller is about to be enticed into making a purchase from super-salesman Margie Kolhaus.
seniors
Last Year, Last Days

The final final. The last lap. End of the year term papers. Work pile-ups. Semester exams. "Are you exempt?" I only have to take one. "What do you mean I missed four days? I know I was only gone two." The following people have severely overdue library books . . . Do you have any days left to skip?

The last days of the last year—agony and ecstasy.

Connie Keeven
Angela Keller
Debbie Keller
Susie Kessinger

Steve Kidd
Kim King
Nancy Knebel
Margie Kohlhaas

Cheryl Korte
Bill Kutz
Darrell Landolt
JoAnn Landolt

Leslie Landolt
Robert Landry
Marita Lawrenz
Michael Leroy
Although "Senioritis" set in early, Mark Henschen realizes that there is still work to be done before it is over. Working on a project together, Doris Frank and Nancy Knebel find that the job is more fun and interesting.
seniors

The Kid in All of Us

Work, work, work? You’ve got to be kidding. Oh, grow up. Already? Let’s have some FUN. Do we really have to grow up? Remember when we were in third grade and . . . You’re kidding. You don’t really want to, do you. I don’t know . . . Oh, what the hell! There’s a little kid in all of us.

Roger Munie
Karen Neathery
Kent Niggli
Kathy Obermark

David Oestringer
Brenda Okai
Suzi Oriez
Russ Parker
Pals from beginning to end, Grant Houser and Rodney Zobrist are seen again as usual—together.
While everyone else was hemmed in by the pressure of the school year, Tim Zeller took sword in hand and led a revolt against reality.
Phil Sellers and "Hi Dottie" get acquainted during an Advanced Comp. assignment.
Home for Four Years

18-10-4. Click. Bang. Slam. Books cascade from the shelf. Coats stick in the door. Do you think we'll need our books today? Somebody unplugged my locker and I can't remember the combination. Hey, there's that notebook I lost last October. Where did this Thesaurus come from?

Lockers—something to call your own.
Personal touches give that "home-away-from-home" look to Susie Volz's locker.

Behind every successful senior is a brilliantly-decorated locker.

James F. Scheckel
Teri Schmetter
Vicky Schoen
Sandy Schrumpf

Suzanne Schuerman
Craig Schulte
Brian Schumacher
Gary L. Schuster

Douglas Schwartz
Philip Sellers
Debra Sievers
Charla Spurgeon

Bill Stallard
Randy Stein
Lynda Steiner
Kathy Stieb
Seniors

Setting a Hectic Pace

Seniors are involved in everything. Juggling time between home, school, clubs and job. Running organizations... the meeting is now called to order... We will now have the treasurer’s report... Business. Holding down three offices and participating in countless clubs. Working 20 hours a week. Hectic. Discovering capabilities, leadership. Becoming responsible individuals.

Dabra Stille
Timothy Stille
John Stratton
Terri Stufflebeam

Linda Terrill
Tina R. Thorley
Kathy Trame
Susan Volz

Karen Waggoner
Stephen Walter
Sheryl Warnecke
Karen Weder

Mark Wehrle
Diane Weis
Wayne Weis
June Wessel
Jerry Wheatley  
Cliff L. Zbinden  
Don Zeller  
Johnny Zeller

Tim Zeller  
Dan Zobrist  
Rod Zobrist  
Del Zurliene

Edgar Zurliene  
Jerry Zurliene

Class officers: Vice President, Tim Gehrig, President, Greg Frey, Secretary, Deb Sander, Treasurer, Tim Zeller.

Westworld II gave Marie Gregoire a chance to share her knowledge of interpreting handwriting.
Graduation: After Four Years of Waiting

With announcements sent, the senior trip planned, and applications to jobs and colleges mailed, the Class of '75 prepared, unbelievably, for baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies. Many realizing their stay at HHS was almost over, began clinging to their last high school days and the people that graduation would separate.

For the first time seniors participated in the baccalaureate service. Gary Ellcressor, Kathy Stieb, and Karen Weder were elected by their class to read scripture, prayer, and poems.

On a rainy May 29 evening the Class of '75 was led into the gym for commencement exercises by their junior marshals Barb Bosché and Ric Gonzales. Former graduate Lt. Commander Bill Tschudy spoke to a packed and very warm gym. As the procession began for the final time the seniors were drawn together by a strong spirit of unity. Tears and final hugs of good-bye set the scene in the choral room as the graduates returned their caps and gowns.
Motto:
"Forward ever, backward never."
Colors and Flower:
Black and Gold, Daisy

† Dennis Eilers, Karen Weder, and Mark Wehrle (far right) led the Class of '75 as valedictorians with a perfect 5.0 grade point average and June Wessel (2nd from right) was the salutatorian with a 4.91 grade point average.

†† Struggling with robes, collars, and cords was a new experience for about-to-graduate seniors who prepare for baccalaureate services at the E and R church.

→ Lt. Cmdr. Bill Tschudy, guest speaker at graduation, encouraged the class to follow the principles of duty, honor, and love of country.

← → The Class of '75 watch as their last evening at HHS, graduation, unfolds before them.

← † Deb Sander and Mark Wehrle share in a graduation tradition—receiving gifts from friends.
Administrators Make It Work

Entrusted with the job of managing the school is the Board of Education and administrators. It is their task to run the school as economically as possible and still provide the best education available. The board and Superintendent Olin W. Stratton saw a dream realized in the spring when construction of the new high school began, certainly the highlight of their year.

Mr. Fred Singleton joined Mr. Paul Diefenbach and Mr. Sam White as high school administrator. They were faced with the usual problems as well as trying to implement a new attendance policy and solve the problem of student apathy.

In addition to capably fulfilling the many responsibilities of his job, Superintendent of School Olin W. Stratton finds time to take part in many civic activities such as selling newspapers on Old News Boys Day.

- Paul J. Diefenbach, Principal
- Sam White, Assistant Principal
- Fred Singleton, Assistant Principal
Assuming the responsibility of planning the new school are Board members Mr. Ronald Hemann, Mr. Robert Hosto, Mr. Richard Schrumpf, Mr. Virgil Suhre, Mr. Howard Robertson, Mr. Carl Baumann, President Eugene Meffert, and Superintendent Olin W. Stratton. Mr. Edwin Gerling served as president of the Board of Education during most of the '74-'75 school year. During his years on the board, he worked diligently for passage of the school bond issue.

The doors to Mr. Difenbach’s office are always kept open to students who wish to discuss problems.

High school secretaries Sherry Mason and Judie Kreutzberg always manage to keep smiling even when surrounded by mountains of work.
Special Services
Integral to School

Keeping the school clean and the students healthy, in class, informed and well fed is the job of the many people who operate behind the scenes. Whether it be sweeping the halls, comforting an ill student, juggling a student's schedule, digging up a book or preparing lunch for a bunch of hungry students, the dedicated people who perform special services are an integral part of the school.
Guiding students through four years of high school is counselor Dale Schmalz's job.

School custodians Tom Vacca and Floyd Gilomen have the unending job of keeping up with school maintenance.

Mrs. Bargetzi tackles the mound of dirty dishes left from a day's lunch.

Mrs. Walther prepares a lunch that will feed hungry students and faculty alike.

Keeping the library a pleasant place to work was a job handled with grace and dedication by Mrs. Hardin.

In spite of his many other duties, custodian Lawrence Pollmann was a willing worker when the band received its shipment of grapefruit.

Mrs. Eardley, school nurse, also finds time to work with FMCC.
THE ACTION
personalities moving
through the corridors of time
their performances becoming
the essence of life
THE ACTION 1974-75
The Year That Was . . .

Athletic events, contests, wins, losses, meetings, field trips, the musical, Westworld—'74-'75 had the action. Yet there was daily life—days marked by no special events other than ordinary routine. These too were part of the action. There was always something to do, something left to be done. There were highs and lows. Quiet times and active times combined into life which made up a year, special to each who lived it.
Students and parents alike had more places to spend their money this year than any other, it seemed. HHS became a marketplace for anything and everything imaginable. Probably heading the list of salespersons was the band. Trying to gather enough money to finance a trip to London, the musicians sold greeting cards, fruit, pizza, and home-made baked items. Cheerleaders collected the money needed to go to camp by selling candy, while German club painted Christmas ornaments to help sell their way to Germany. Tootsie Rolls and Fountain Balls were Co-op's hot items. FBLA sold Tom Watt products to replenish their funds and the Latin Club again sold daisies. It was the year of the Big Sell.
John Hegger and Andy Perkins enjoy a book at the bookfair put on by the HEA to assist the band on their London trip.

Spanish students Barb Yesnosky and Kathy Ohren help out their club by selling baked goodies.

Tim Bolk, Steve Koch, and Mark Abert helped out during the long hours of unloading the boxes of oranges and grapefruit which band members had sold.

YFC gave balloons to anyone donating to March of Dimes.

Linda Terrill and Steve Walter practice their sales pitch for Co-op.
Harriers Continue Success Story

A tradition of success greeted the 1974-75 cross country team, and by season's end the harriers had added to that tradition. The many miles of painful running paid off in the self-satisfaction of compiling an outstanding 11-2 record. The harriers scored the ultimate cross country accomplishment—a perfect score of 15—three times during the season.

Invitational played a big part in the season and three times HHS carried home the first place trophy. Highland's runners won at St. Paul, Jacksonville and at their own Highland Invitational.

For all but one runner the season ended one week too soon. Highland placed fourth in the districts but could only manage sixth at sectionals to fall short of their goal of going to state. The harriers were represented, though, by Keith Byers, who qualified for state by finishing eighth at sectionals. His presence at Peoria made it the fourth year in a row that the red and black of HHS was represented at the state meet.
A trip to the state meet was Keith Byers’ reward after a season of many grueling meets and long hours of practice.

Enroute to his third cross country letter, Rod Zohrist pulls away from his O’Fallon opponent.

Greg Frey closed out his four-year career as he had begun—with dedication and determination.

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A hope for the future, sophomore Dirk Wilkinson, leads a pack of runners up a hill at the Highland Invitational.

VARSI TY CROSS COUNTRY

Practice: Unwanted Necessity

Striving to ready themselves for upcoming seasons, HHS athletes start practices before school ever begins in the fall. Cross country and football players begin getting ready the first week of August, many times with the temperatures soaring well over the century mark.

Even when there are no organized practices, most athletes work out on their own in the off-season. Basketball players and wrestlers are frequently seen in the gym two months before their seasons begin.

After a season is well underway, practices sometimes become boring, and athletes don’t always work as hard as they could. As a preventative measure, Coach Dahnke dusted off his phonograph and played rock and roll records to keep his players bouncing and moving.
Bill Monken and Stan Stille prepare themselves for future grappling contests.
Kelly Cruthis keeps himself sharp for future golf matches by working on his putting.
† Brian Lutz who later suffered a heart breaking injury that cut his season short works out in the batting cage.
† Don Mueller works on his pole vaulting technique to improve himself and get ready for the higher vaults ahead.
† Head Coach Bennett inspires his trackmen with a pep talk before practice.
† Highland had the second best free-throw shooting team in the Metro East this year and here Al Iberg, Tim Gehrig, and Mike Holzinger work on their form, which helped achieve this record.
Flemming Dominates 4-5 Grid Season

Rolling up more than 1,300 yards and pushing across 92 points, senior halfback Mike Flemming accounted for half of the Highland yardage and scoring. In the Bulldogs' 4-5 season he rushed for 1,097 yards and caught passes for 215 for a total of 1,312 yards. Mike averaged 146 yards per contest with 6.7 yards per carry average.

HHS also had a sizzling air game geared around senior quarterback Mike Holzinger, and two fine ends in Grant Houser and Keith Giger. Hole completed 51 aerials for a total of 946 yards. Giger pulled down 11 passes for 331 yards while Houser caught 14 for 322 yards.

The Bulldogs placed three outstanding players on the first team all-conference squad in Mike Flemming, Jerry Wheatley, and Dale Siever. Ten other Highland players received honorable mentions.

All-conference running back Mike Flemming gallops over the goal stripe for one of his many TD's. Mike Holzinger shows the passing form that helped him obtain an honorable mention in the Mississippi Valley Conference. First string guard Jack Landolt loosens up before a crucial conference game. Concentration and precise timing are the main ingredients in kicking: Dale Hastings and Grant Houser make it look easy. Coach Glenn Monken gives his team a pep talk after a grueling practice.
Changes Shake-Up
Homecoming Spirit

Termination of the homecoming parade also seemed to bring an end to involvement. Feeling that building floats had become a burden to classes and clubs, the Student Council sought to change many aspects of the traditional homecoming week. Organizations were encouraged to decorate areas of the school. Decorating for the coronation became class projects. To stimulate individual competition a locker-decorating contest was initiated. Unfortunately, only a few felt the homecoming spirit as the walls remained bare and lockers empty.

Even the popular powderpuff game felt the threat of extinction. A previously-scheduled game forced the girls to play the elimination games at four o'clock. The juniors captured first place in a win over the sophomores between halves of the freshman football game. Lack of time failed to produce a third place victor.

The traditional Coronation remained untoppled. Only minor changes were incorporated to bring about a shorter and more interesting program. Choosing a special maid and escort found Gail Hosto and Greg Frey accepting the honors. Tabulation of the votes brought Tina Thorley and Rod Zobrist to center stage as the 1974 Homecoming Queen and King.

Another old established custom could not be damaged as the Bulldogs went on to beat the Triad Knights 36-7 to bring a happy ending to an uncertain homecoming.
Retiring Queen and King, Deb Weidner and Jeff Scott, look on as Tina Thorley and Rod Zohrist take their place as IHS's new royalty.

† The front lawn became the setting for this pep rally complete with spirit stick competition and class skits.

† GAA designed cartoon mobiles as decorations to carry out the Disneyworld theme.
Linksmen Roll To 11-4-1 Year

In the first season of fall golf the Bulldog golfers achieved great success. The team rolled to a respectable 11-4-1 record, engineered by seniors Mark Wehrle and Tim Gehrig. Mark doing double duty with football and golf, made his way to sectionals in golf. He ended the season with an average of 39 strokes while Tim came in with a 39.7.

Highland also had some fine young prospects for the future in Ric Gonzalez, Rodney Miller and Dan Ehlke.

The Linksmen took second in the MVC and fourth in the district meet.
Mark Wehrle, who held down a flat 39 stroke average, prepares to sink a putt that helped him win the Mississippi Valley Conference golf meet.

Dan Ehlke, a hope for the future, reads the grain and contemplates the slope of the green before putting.


Holdiing down a hot 39.7 stroke average, Tim Gehrig follows through after sending the ball sailing towards the green.

A bright hope for the future, sophomore linksman Rod Miller concentrates on the putt before him.

Junior golfer Ric Gonzalez displays the driving form that helped him obtain a 44.7 stroke average.

Brian “Willie” Schumacher, a big asset to the team, follows the path of the ball as it trickles toward the hole.
Equipment, Managers Vital to Athletics

Playing a vital role in an athlete’s life is his gear. An athlete must have good equipment to practice and train with, so he can perform to the best of his ability.

Even more important than the equipment itself are the people who take care of it, the managers. The managers do all the dirty jobs like keeping the medicine chest filled, sweeping the gym, taking care of statistics, and taking inventory of equipment. Without them an athletic team could not function.

4 The batting cage enabled baseball players to sharpen batting skills even in cold weather.
4 Shoes are probably a basketball players most essential piece of equipment.
4 Manager Larry White keeps the baseball bats in order between innings.
Kevin Foederer, Larry White, and Rollie Brave tabulate stats during a timeout in a basketball game.

Football gear must be kept in top condition; faulty equipment could easily mean serious injury to the player.

The medicine chest plays an important role when a player is injured, or even when a shoestring breaks.
Tennis, Bowling
First Girls Sports

Girls sports made their debut with a fall tennis team and a winter bowling team. The tennis team finished their regular season with a 1-4-1 record, but the bowling team had districts but failed to advance.

Despite the shortage of meets, both teams had large turnouts and conducted regular practices. Interscholastic sports were a new experience for girls and many found the adjustment from GAA activities to the time-consuming participation varsity sports demands hard to make.

Even though it was a slow start, it was a start, which is what the girls were wanting.

† † † Members of the tennis team were the first girls in HHS history to win varsity sports letters.
† † † Within a few seconds Barb Yesnosky will know whether the pins will be sent flying.
† † † † As the bowling ball nears its destination LuGene Beck and Kathy Ohren prepare to record the results.
Brindsley (Steve McPherson) looks distressed at his dilemma.

After having a few drinks, Miss Furmival (Nancy Beckman) finds herself in this somewhat awkward position.

Comedy Dominates Fall Productions

The posters advertised "a night of comedy," and indeed it was, but the All-School Play was really much more. A readers' theatre and a one act play were teamed up for the November 15-16 run as the audience received two contrasting styles of comedy.

Opening the show was a cutting from the children's book, "Henry and Ribsy," performed in the readers' theatre style. The cast succeeded in charming the audience with the simple story of a boy and a dog.

After the whimsical comedy, the one act play "Black Comedy" presented a more sophisticated style of humor. The story centered around a young artist's problems with two lovers, a millionaire art buyer, a future father-in-law, unusual neighbors and a power failure. Complicating matters was the special effects of the entire show. When the actors were in light the audience saw only darkness and what was darkness to the characters was light to the audience. The story proved to be a challenge in use of imagination to the audience as well as the cast.
Band President Tim Zeller discusses plans for the London trip with Mr. Reg Frost, representative of the Silver Wings Band.

The Marching Bulldogs, outfitted in new uniforms, were named "Musical Ambassadors to the United Kingdom" by Governor Dan Walker.

Picking corn was one of the band's many money-making projects.

Karen Holiday and Jo Holtkoetter unload grapefruit as the delivery work begins.

Tammy and Tena Ritzheimer volunteer their services at the turkey dinner sponsored for the band's benefit.
Band Works
Toward London Goal

Early in the fall members of the HHS band received some very exciting and flattering news. The band had been invited to London for a concert tour by the British Airways Silver Wings Band. With the realization of such a trip came the monumental task of raising over $50,000. A number of projects were initiated; the most profitable involved selling tons of grapefruit and oranges. Other projects included a car wash, selling cards and pizzas, bake sales, a turkey dinner, picking corn, a 100-family yard sale and still others. Through the untiring efforts of the band members and their director, Mr. Ken Krauss, and thanks to the support of the band parents and the community, on June 28, after a year of hard work, the band was finally enroute to London.

Mr. Krauss directs as the band practices for the performances in Highland as well as London.
A simple Christmas card from Mitzi Harms delights Tammy Ambuehl.

Girls' Chorus performed old and new carols at the Band and Choral Christmas Concert.

Kathy Henke anticipates what is under the wrapping paper as she, Peggy Morgan and Karla Klaus exchange gifts.

After buying a permanent tree, Student Council members Phil Sellers and John Cole begin to do the decorating.

Santa Claus intrigued everyone with his stories at the FHA Christmas party.
'Twas the Season

Although Christmas means something different to everyone, the good will is universal. HHS was no exception. Humbugs that might have been grumbling gave way to smiles and good cheer in anticipation of a week off. Singing carols, decorating, exchanging gifts and even Santa Claus were part of the Christmas scene. The spirit of Christmas reigned as the holidays grew near.
Putting Words to Music

To the many students involved, Chorus meant giving up half a lunch hour for practice. But more than that, it meant sharing talents with various audiences. The chorus this year gave a Christmas concert with the band and also gave their own concert in the spring. In between learning music for these, there were also contests to prepare for. Both choruses received high ratings.

Besides being in Girl's chorus or Mixed chorus members had the opportunity to join one of the four ensembles. The main purpose of these groups was to have fun while singing and to provide entertainment.
Performing at the spring concert is the mixed chorus. The Spirit of '76 sang at a number of school functions, including this NHS assembly. These sophomore girls sang as the New Tones. Singing together for the first year, this freshman ensemble called themselves Friends. The Swing Choir not only sang, but included dance routines in their performances.

†† Taking some unusual shots for the Paw Print is Jerry Hammond, staff photographer.
† It was standing room only in the Library for the High Witness News.
††† Students and faculty alike were drawn to VTR's televised news.
VTR, Paw Print
Spotlight Activities

Keeping students informed as to what was happening at HHS was the goal of High Witness News and the Paw Print.

Starting as an experiment, the VTR staff put together a video program, complete with news, features, sports, interviews and the weather. A favorable audience reaction soon turned the experiment to a bi-weekly event. Fridays found the library crowded with students watching the news. Unfortunately the time factor involved in filming became too great and the project had to be temporarily shelved.

The addition of the VTR news did not alter the workings of the HHS newspaper, the Paw Print. Interviewing, story writing, typing and picture-taking led to cutting and pasting the bits and pieces into the actual newspaper. The addition of a headline machine proved a real asset to the staff, boosting the paper's appearance and efficiency. The staff spent many hours making the Paw Print, an informative publication accepted by the students.

†† Filming the "High Witness News" are Brian Schumacher and Dale Hastings.
† PAW PRINT STAFF FRONT: Mike Leopold, Sharon Schwartz, Larry White, Julie Gramlich, Deb Stille, Jerry Hammond, Mike Weidner. BACK: Suzi Orize, Lynda Steiner, Mark Wehrle (co-editor), Peggy Morgan, Cathy Purman, Nancy Beckman (co-editor), Diane Steiner, Laurie Bielong and John Cole.
Media Gains Status
As Classroom Aid

In addition to regular courses in media and communications also involved in the workings of the media were the Iris Staff and another phase of the VTR Staff. Throughout the year, the VTR class taped and filmed classroom work, speeches, plays and more. Their efforts aided in a very different and special learning experience.

Combining words and pictures, the Iris Staff worked to portray and record the year in the form of the yearbook. Also experimenting, they devised a new format in hopes of creating a different type of yearbook.

Filming classwork proved to be a new learning experience for these freshmen and another project for Leslie Landolt of the VTR staff.

Cathy Purman stops to correct an error while typing an article for the Paw Print.

Iris editor Greg Frey finds it easier to work in a secluded atmosphere.

Jerry Hammond, Suzi Oriez and co-editors Mark Wehrle and Nancy Beckman (center) collaborate to complete the Senior issue of the Paw Print.

John Cole uses the mini-camera for filming the news as Mr. Brafford looks on.
Zobrist-Led 'Dogs Have Ups and Downs

If 12-13 record can be called successful, the basketball season was indeed a success. The season included triumph when it was least expected, an agonizing losing streak, a game in the St. Louis Arena and a sterling performance by Rod Zobrist.

Highland surprised nearly everyone by winning their first four games but then the roof caved in. Losing is never fun but losing when you could have won is especially depressing. In a stretch of fifteen games midway through the season the Bulldogs won but four and it didn’t seem like things would ever improve. A big win over Jerseyville and a stunning victory over highly-favored Roxana broke the streak and set Coach Tom Dahncke’s club up for a fine finish.

A big moment for the team came when they trounced Assumption in the St. Louis Arena. The game was played before thousands of empty seats, but it was a thrill for the team to play on the same floor that some of the world’s great basketball players have played on.

Rod Zobrist was the team’s individual star as he amazed the fans and his fellow teammates alike with his electric passing, pinpoint shooting and uncanny ability to come up with the big play at the right time. Rod became only the seventh player in HHS history to amass 500 points in a single season and led the team in nearly every statistic.
Rod Zobrist did it all for Highland and his performance earned him a unanimous vote on the all-conference team. Rod’s top game came against Roxana when he poured in 34 points.


Randy Manley eludes a taller opponent as he slips under the basket for two points against O’Fallon.

Highland’s second leading scorer, Tim Gehrig goes up for a layup in the championship game of the Litchfield tournament.
Cheerleaders
Uncap School Spirit

No matter what the sport, there will always be enthusiastic fans at HHS. Through winning or losing seasons the support of the student body is appreciated by all athletes.

Working to build that spirit are the cheerleading squads. Most people don’t realize the time spent practicing by these girls to insure precision cheers and stunts. A week at cheerleading camp ended with all the varsity cheerleaders receiving superior ratings. Bringing back new ideas and cheers, the varsity cheerleaders, along with the freshman and JV squads, worked to keep the fans yelling and the spirit alive.
FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS FRONT: Debbie Kleinhoffer. MIDDLE: Billie Diebert, Denna Wilken. BACK: Cindy Hoffman.

JV CHEERLEADERS BOTTOM: Cheryl McCord, Tammy Cordes. TOP: Pam Iberg, Laurie Cordes, Tina Rogers.

Heading the entertainment at pep rallies were skits such as this performed by VARSITY CHEERLEADERS SITTING: Sheila Kuester, Sheila Byers, Birdie Kantner. STANDING: Patti Lewis, Tina Thorley, Bev Frey.
'Big Three' Lead 9-9-1 Wrestlers

Sweating and toiling to make his weight class, a wrestler goes through the agony of not eating, running till he's ready to drop and the realization that not many people really care about his sport.

Highland had only three seniors this year, who became known as the “Big Three” and served as the anchormen in the Highland attack.

Craig Schulte and Darrell Landolt, both achieved 14-3 records and Ben Bassett wound up with a 10-7 record. Craig won his weight class in the conference meet and Darrell took second in his class. Craig led the team in pins with eleven while Ben came in second with nine.

Highland's 9-9-1 team had some fine underclassmen too. Mike Stumpf, Kevin Hurley, Steve Brave and John Cappello all ended up with winning records.
Craig Schulte HHS's wrestler practices his defensive technique.
Kevin Hurley's face shows the agony a wrestler goes through for his sport.
Mike Stumpf, a vital component of Highland's wrestling machine grapples for position on his opponent.
Bridging up to touch his nose Mike Shelton gets loosened up before an important meet.
Darrell Landolt HHS's #2 wrestler practices with an intense Dick "Poco" Neuman.
WRESTLING ROW 1: Kevin Hurley, Jerry Schmidt, Mike Shelton.
ROW 2: Jack Landolt, Dale Stocker, Mike Stumpf, Steve Bravo. ROW 3: Coach Glenn Monken, Darrell Landolt, Craig Schulte and Ben Bassett.
Field Trips Still Play Role in Learning

Whether planned by classes or clubs, field trips were an enjoyable break in the ordinary everyday learning process. While the cost of such ventures soared and the numbers were greatly cut down, most students still felt field trips were valuable sources of learning. Trips included tours of various industries, businesses, area hospitals and historical sights. Some regarded them as free days away from school; others saw them as time well invested.
Wick's Pipe Organ Company was the destination of this trip taken by industrial education students.

Members of International Fellowship found wandering through the historical sites at St. Genevieve, Missouri, interesting and fun.

The VTR staff made a trip to KSD-TV to see the workings of the television studio.

Data Processing classes learned about the computer systems used by B-Line.
Harry the Horse, (Grant Houser) all the way down from Brooklyn meets Benny Southstreet (Rod Zobrist) on Broadway.

Sky Masterson (Tim Gehrig) listens rather impatiently as Sarah (Teri Augustin) confesses her love for him.

Never found very far from each other are Nicely-Nicely Johnson (Mike Weidner) and food.
'Guys and Dolls' Merits Rave Reviews

Three months of hard work went into the production of "Guys and Dolls" and the result was truly outstanding. Mr. Pat Brafford, in his final musical, went all out to make the eighth annual musical something special.

The cast made it a truly all-school musical. All four classes were represented, including a lead from each. Giant painted backdrops made the scenery quite spectacular. The stage was extended and no expense was spared in renting costumes.

And then there were the performances. For perhaps the first time, the show was running smoothly by the Sunday afternoon rehearsal. The public performances all went well, especially Saturday's, which some called the best single performance in eight years of musicals.

† Sister Abernathy (Marie Gregoire) cannot wish her granddaughter, Sarah (Teri Augustin) more than to find her own special love.
† Sky (Tim Gehrig) shows how tough he can be as he knocks out Big Jule (Dale Hastings).
† † Adelaide (Donna Meffert) explains that with her upcoming raise nothing should prevent Nathan (Dave Rosen) from marrying her.
Members of the Save-a-Soul Mission continue their efforts to reform the frequent inhabitants of Broadway.

A classy "doll" like Paula Mullenix demands respect and attention from any "guy."

Sky explains to the uncomfortable New York gamblers that they are in a mission, not a saloon.
Winning Recipe
For Great Musical

Take a story that is centered around a revolving crap game. Add gamblers and cops, some rather shady ladies and the Save-A-Soul Mission, all on Broadway. Complicate the plot with two sets of lovers: one a show girl who wants to get married to a local hood; and the other, one of the town’s biggest gangsters in love with a sister from the mission. Combine with good music, lively lyrics, talent, months of practices and an audience. The result: HHS’s 8th Annual All-School Musical — “Guys and Dolls.”
Long Practices, Long Waits
All Part of Musical

Opening night, rounds of applause, a polished performance, all part of the real thing, a smooth two and a half hours worth of entertainment. This all came about through the work of many people working long hours, striving to perfect it. Mr. Ken Krauss directed his pit band over song after song, getting them ready to provide the music. While Mr. Pat Brafford directed the on-stage acting, Mrs. Jeanne Storts waited patiently to go over the singing parts. Students spent long periods of time constructing scenery, and the back stage crew, under Mr. Dale Schmalz worked through long rehearsals making sure the sets were in place. Other groups, the lighting crew, ushers, publicity committee, and ticket salespersons, all helped make “Guys and Dolls” a success.

Mrs. Storts adds her voice to help the cast out.
Practices meant long waits while the wrinkles were ironed out.
To get make-up on right meant actors had to arrive an hour and a half early before the night’s performance.
In the darkness below the stage, the pit band provides the music.
Members of the cast await their call to go on stage.
The backstage crew listen to instructions during rehearsals.
Homeroom Loss Helps to Create Club Crisis

With the disappearance of homeroom also came the loss of interest in clubs. There was no time for meetings, especially committee meetings to plan and organize activities. Students were reluctant to leave important class lectures to attend club meetings that accomplished little. Memberships dropped and poor attendance caused numerous cancellations. Yet despite the crisis, a faithful few in many organizations struggled to keep the club alive and create interest through varied social and service activities.

French Club

French Club provided its members with several opportunities to experience the French culture. Slides of Canada and talks about Belgium by exchange student Marie Gregoire helped students visualize the French way of life.

Cooking and acting skills were a real asset at the annual banquet. While some members devoted their talents to preparing the five-course meal, others presented "La Premier Colise," a short French play. Other opportunities to experience the French culture came at BAC's annual French day. Members enjoyed a puppet show, slide presentation, movie, and ballet demonstration.

Officers were President Randy Manley, Vice President Stacey Diefenbach, Secretary Louise Frey, Treasurer Larry White.

International Fellowship

To bring students from other countries together to exchange ideas about their homelands is the purpose of International Fellowship. For the past few years all of HHS's exchange students have come from South America, but in 1974, besides the South American students Patrico Maya, Alphonso Carballo, and Gina Martinez, Marie Gregoire and Johannes Hansen introduced the European way of life.

After sponsoring a welcoming tea for the visitors, International Fellowship members introduced the exchange students to many HHS activities. Together they enjoyed the international banquet, at which they sampled foods from many lands.

In spring members of the club traveled to St. Genevieve, Missouri, to visit houses with Spanish and French descent.

Officers were President Teri Schmetter, Vice-president Suzie Schuerman, Secretary Terri Stufflebeam, Treasurer Rhonda Hawkins.
**JCL**

Members of the Junior Classical League participated in activities at home and away. At the state convention they were honored by being elected Vice-president and took first place as Linda Roggenkamp was named the best dressed Roman lady.

Six members of the club traveled to Collinsville where Sally Felts and Dave Trauernicht scored high enough to advance to the State Latin contest. Sally Felts became the first HHS student to ever place at state when she took third place.

The group helped organize the international banquet and brought spring to HHS on May 1 by sponsoring their annual Daidy Day.

JCL officers were President Janelle Malan, Vice-president Diane Steiner, Secretary Teri Schmetter, Treasurer Vickie Klenke.

**German Club**

Travel! See the world! Visit exciting places! Members of the German Club have the opportunity to make their dreams become reality. The club is planning to tour German-speaking countries in the summer of '76.

With the trip as a goal, members found it exciting to raise money for their long-range project. They built up the treasury by selling hand-painted ornaments and bumper stickers. In addition they saved bonus coupons and held car washes, as well as selling hand-made pins with clever slogans written in German.

German Club officers were President Robin Rosenthal, Vice-president Jay Ross, Secretary Teri Augustin, and Treasurer Chuck Steinbruegge.
Career Clubs Emphasize Occupations

FBLA

Giving of their time and talents while having a good time could have been what members of the Future Business Leaders of American had in mind when they each got sponsors to donate a pin to the March of Dimes. Through strikes and spares the club managed to raise $40.00 while bowling.

The busy year kicked off with a picnic at city lake and continued with bowling, contest preparations, service projects, and the State Leadership convention where Keith Poss served as the Vice President of the state FBLA.

Officers were President Keith Poss, Vice-President Karen Neathery, Secretary Vicky Steinbruegge, Treasurer Allen Iberg.

Co-op

Strikes, layoffs, rising unemployment—these were on parents' minds. Dwindling paychecks, reduced working hours, finding summer jobs—these were the problems facing students.

Members of the Co-op program were luckier than some. Through the program students were guaranteed some work each week, but the amount of work and size of that all-important paycheck decreased as times got harder.

Contests took up a great deal of the students' free time. In Area II competition, Office Occupations had seven members place first or second while Distributive Education took three first-place honors. At state both groups made a fine showing with DE having two members reach finals and OO bringing home two first place trophies. OO was honored by having Sandy Schrumpf and Rhonda Hawkins compete in National competition where Rhonda captured third place.
FHA

Fifty cents for one carmel apple? Future Homemakers of America was one club that really felt the pinch of inflation and rising food prices. Nevertheless, students still anticipated FHA homemade goodies whenever they were available at home games and frequent bake sales at school.

As in the past, the group also sponsored their annual events such as Daddy Date Nite, the Mother and Daughter Banquet, Ma, Pa, and Me night, and a Children’s Christmas Party. They also baked valentine cookies for the faculty, and Christmas cookies for the Nursing Homes.

FHA officers were President Jody Koehler, Vice-president Pat Gibbons, Secretary Ellen Jakel, Treasurer Deb Jaeger.

FMCC

“I don’t think this could be right. Your blood pressure reads 310/10. Let me try again.” While members of the Future Medical Career Club perfected their diagnosing skills they raised $75 for the Heart Fund and discovered 20 people with symptoms of high blood pressure during Heart Week.

Other activities for the year included a film on deaf children, a talk on veterinary medicine, a trip to Washington University, and taking third place with their homecoming decorations.

FMCC officers were President Teri Schmetter, Vice-president Deb Sievers, Susie Volz, Treasurer Suzie Schuermann.

FFA

First it was powderpuff. Then girls tennis. And finally in 1974, a girl infiltrated an all-boy club. Norma Hosto became the first female member of FFA. Norma’s plans to become an Ag teacher led her to take one Ag course each semester and get involved in the club’s functions.

Competition was one area in which the club showed its strength. At the section 22 contest, 15 of Highland’s team took either first or second honors. Rick Metzger captured the coveted Agri-Business Award. Rick also displayed his speaking ability when he brought home the sectional award plaque for extemporaneous speaking.

FFA officers were President Dale Henkhaus, Vice-president Ron Frey, Secretary Kevin Alberterstn, and Treasurer Rick Metzger.
Long Bus Rides
Common Occurrences
To Club Winners

We're leaving at what time? Bump-Bump-Bump-Bump-Bump. Doesn't this bus have any heat? Let's sit in the back. Put down the windows—it's hot! Turn up the radio. Fall trips, spring trips, contests.

Everyone that belongs to a club has spent some time in a bus and sooner or later they learn how to use their time. They play cards, sing, read, tell jokes, prepare for the upcoming contest, confide in a friend, laugh, or catch up on some sleep.

Buses weren't designed to be comfortable, but they do get you to contests. It's a sacrifice—but on the way home if you are a winner you never notice the inconvenience.

During the 74-75 year HHS's buses carried home many winners. Many clubs showed that competition was one of their strong areas when they carried home trophies from Distributive Education, Office Occupations, FFA, Speech, and Latin contests.

Carrying home first place trophies from the district speech contest were FRONT ROW: Marie Gregoire in Original Oratory; Kirk Arbogast, Deb Sievers. BACK ROW: Suzie Schuerman, Laurie Manwaring, John Cole, Mark Wehrle and Lee Stille in the Reader’s Theatre, “Henry and Ribsy.”

Winning at the State Office Occupations contest made Rhonda Hawkins and Sandy Schrumpf eligible for national competition where Rhonda captured third place.

Latin contest winners who took third in the state contest.
Not everyone could be an actual member of National Honor Society, but everyone had a chance to get involved in their projects. Service projects included compiling a student directory and planning Westworld II, a careers day. The student directory contained not only names, addresses, and phone numbers of all students and faculty, but also a complete school calendar. NHS's largest project, Westworld II, provided students with a break from the routine of school. Everyone signed up for at least five sessions in any of four areas—information, arts and crafts, careers, and entertainment. Belly dancing, sportscasting, Baker in concert, and a session on the Kennedy assassination were among the most popular. In the late spring, NHS members assisted the Board of Education in planning an Honors Convocation for honor students and their parents.

Officers were President Greg Frey, Vice-president Nancy Beckman, Secretary Debra Stille, Treasurer Charla Spurgeon.

A Homecoming without a parade, a disappointing Thanksgiving food drive, poor attendance at meetings, numerous resignations, and even a motion to disband caused the Student Council to question its existence. There had always been a Student Council at HHS, but was it still relevant to today's students? What was the function of the organization? These and other questions were presented to the student body through classroom discussions after members of the Council appealed to the faculty for help.

The results led to a better awareness of the Council's function in the school and the problems faced by its members. Communication channels opened as Council members were invited to attend faculty meetings while they vowed to make students aware of the organization's proceedings. While the Council faced mounting difficulties throughout the year, spring saw an increased interest as students campaigned to gain a seat on the 1975-76 Council led by its first female president, Barb Bosche'.

Members of the 74-75 council were President John Cole, Vice-president Phil Sellers, Secretary Penny Daum, Treasurer Barb Bosche', Nancy Beckman, Laurie Bielong, Lynda Steiner, Cheryl Alemond, Charlotte Mann, Steve McPherson, Debbie Oesttringer, Sue Michael, Birdie Kantner, Tina Rogers, Laurie Sybert, Paul Yesnosky, Lana Byers, Jeff Gehrig, Sue Giger, Scott Kohlhaas, and Sue Toenyes.
Library Club

At 10:00 a.m. on April 16 time stopped. For 25 minutes classes stopped, talking stopped, even PE classes were interrupted. Everyone, including teachers and administrators, picked up a book and participated in HHS’s first “Read-In” sponsored by the library aides during National Library Week. The “Read-In” was just one of many services provided by student aides who assisted Mrs. Hardin in the library.

Officers for the year were President Joann Crager, Vice-president Pat Jakel, Secretary Lisa Early, Treasurer Barb Yesnosky.

Pep Club

Huge banners and gigantic signs lined the halls promoting homecoming spirit. An outdoor pep rally combined with enthusiastic pep club members revealed more school spirit than had been witnessed for a long time.

However, soon after homecoming, Pep Club became the victim of disinterest. While a few members fought to rekindle enthusiasm, dwindling school spirit eventually led to the decision to disband the club.

Pep Club had become another victim of the times.

YFC

Chapped hands, chilled faces, tired feet, and warm hearts could have been a description of Youth for Christ members after they had spent a cold March Saturday collecting for the March of Dimes. Later that evening at a pizza party, they celebrated the successful campaign in which $174 had been collected.

Halfway through the year, strange announcements began appearing about the “3”. The mystery turned out to be a movie about life on a university campus. After the movie Kent Paris was on hand to lead a rap session.

Officers for the year were President Steve McPherson, Vice-president Debbie Kessinger, Secretary Madonna Henrichs.
Clubs
Promote
Friendly
Competition

Speech Club

Neither snow or sleet or pouring rain could stop the 74-75 speech team. Members rose at 5:00 to prepare, rode over an hour on a cold bus, and usually arrived just in time for their first round. Even under these conditions many members brought home high honors. Lynda Steiner and Laurie Manwaring each brought home first place trophies from the MVC tournament while Marie Gregoire and the Readers Theatre presentation “Henry and Ribsy” carried home first place trophies from the district contest.

Chess Club

Most people think of chess as a game, but members of the chess team practiced and competed as if it were a real sport. For endless hours they played members of their own team to prepare for the tournament they hosted for eight surrounding schools. Although the varsity members of the team did not fare well, the freshman-sophomore team took second place in their division.

Chess Club officers President Paul Abert, Vice-president Darrell Landolt, Secretary Doug Hosto, Treasurer Tim Stille.
Donning heavy coats, hats, ski boots, gloves, and skis, 34 members of the Girls Athletic Association tried their luck at skiing for a weekend at Galesburg in February. A few members had trouble with the lift while others found it impossible to stand up after falling in a snowdrift. Some members recovering from bruises and sore muscles in the lodge, found the game of air hockey more appropriate to their skills.

Other activities for the club's final year included making mobiles for Homecoming, organizing powder-puff, selling candy, planning the mother-daughter banquet, and taking part in various sports such as bowling, softball, and hiking.

Officers were President Tammy Tirzheimer, Vice-president Susie Volz, Secretary Teri Schmetter, Treasurer Debbie Sander.

One of HHS's oldest, largest, and most active organizations, the Girls Athletic Association has disbanded. Girls need no longer belong to a club in order to compete in sports, but may earn their letters in a varsity program of their own.

GAA got its start in 1932 with forty active members. To be a member of one of the most popular clubs, girls were willing to come to school dressed as nursery rhyme characters, walk up stairs backwards and speak in a whisper all day. GAA provided a variety of athletic activities which continued to grow each year. The program ranged from volleyball, softball, hiking, biking, bowling to even skiing this past year.

By 1952, the club initiated a point system which not only guaranteed that each member would be an active member, but also provided a means whereby the girls could earn letters. Few obstacles, however, could keep many girls out of GAA, which boasted over 200 members for many years. The girls willingly sold tons of candy of all kinds during its years of existence to help pay for the annual spring weekend trip to a resort in the Ozarks from which members would return tired and sunburned.

GAA members were competitors. For five consecutive years between 1960 and 1965, they captured first place for their homecoming float entry which always won either for beauty or ingenuity. In recent years, they took charge of organizing the annual powderpuff game, eliminating some of the roughness which threatened the powderpuff's existence.

As the closed field of inter-scholastic competition opened to girls, interest in GAA waned and the membership dropped. The original purpose of the organization no longer existed. Something better had come in its stead. After all, it was what the girls had been working toward for many years.
Intramurals:
Just for Fun

Having fun is the reason for intramural basketball. It gave athletically-inclined students who were not out for winter sports a chance to have some fun playing basketball.

Team Three wound up the champions of the '75 season by defeating Team One 78-61. This year's scoring honors went to Brian Schumacher who conned 124 points. Jerome Lesicko came in second with 91 points.

Brian Schumacher dribbles warily down the court toward an awaiting defense.
Rollie Brave banks the ball off the boards for an easy lay-up.
Mike Flemming attempts a tough reverse lay-up in the championship game.
GAA's skiing trip to Chestnut Mountain not only acquainted many girls with skiing but also gave Cindy Holzinger a chance to play air hockey.

Tammy Ritzheimer participates in bowling, one of the many sports offered by GAA.

GAA Ends Role in Intramural Program

For years, GAA served the school as an intramurals program for girls. Through its many activities over the years, GAA provided athletically inclined girls their only chance to compete in sports.

That all changed, however, with the advent of a girls sports program. Coupled with a declining student interest, the newly formed girls teams were reason enough to drop GAA.

For the record, GAA offered a form of intramurals for girls in the following sports during its 32 years of existence: hiking, biking, basketball, archery, bowling, volleyball, softball, swimming, tennis, ping-pong, riding, baseball, skating, skiing, tumbling, horse shoe throwing, soccer, ring tennis, long ball, golf and trampolining.
Westworld II Brings Field Trips to HHS

First day of sign up for Westworld II brought long lines, quickly-filled sessions, enthusiastic students and tired NHS members. After last year’s successful Westworld, Westworld II, a day when students attended sessions on careers, crafts, and topics of general information instead of regular classes, promised to be bigger and better. A total of 93 sessions were scheduled about 64 different subjects. Popular sessions from last year were repeated and many new and interesting sessions were added.

Some of the most highly-attended and first-to-be-filled sessions included a concert performed by Mr. Baker, a gymnastic demonstration, a discussion of what really happened at the Kennedy Assassination, a magic show, a talk about sportscasting from Ron Jacober and learning to belly dance. The list continued and students found Westworld II interesting, informative and fun.

Mike Kuhner and Nancy Beckman help to recreate the sounds of a foxhunt with these unusual musical inventions.

Using a potter’s wheel, Mike Weidner designs a vase.

Tammy Ambuehl takes to the trampoline to aid in the gymnastics demonstration.
Belly Dancing was demonstrated as an unusual exercise as well as a classical art.

† Tammy Bridgewater rolls paper to create a quilled design.

† Highland's emergency ambulance services were displayed to interested students.

→ As bicycling continued to grow in popularity, a session was planned to discuss the care of ten speed bikes.
Prom Glitters Despite Questions

The coming of spring brought many questions about the existence of the Jr.-Sr. prom. Some said the cost of hosting the prom was outrageous, the cost of going just as bad. What’s the purpose of having a prom? Isn’t it awfully early? Is anybody renting a tux? It’s good for kids to get dressed-up once in awhile...

While the controversy continued, the Junior Class began making preparations. The site picked was the SIU Ballroom; the theme, “Stairway to Heaven”; the band, Griffin. All of this plus decorations, favors, refreshments and much more were part of the planning done by officers, sponsors and committee members to make April 5 an enjoyable, memorable evening.

Going to the prom, eating at exclusive restaurants, after-prom parties and early breakfasts... It’s good for kids to get dressed-up once in awhile.

† Stopping for refreshments are Keith Horn, Rick Metzger and Ric Gonzales.
† The dance floor was filled with couples enjoying the music.
† † Gordon Hayman and Deb Ginther arrive at the SIU Ballroom.
Nancy Gale takes time to straighten Mike Shelton’s tie. Terri Wenzel and Doug Schwartz enjoy a quiet moment together.
Rod Zobrist enjoys the sunshine as Brian Schumacher finds even reading is easier outside.

Warm weather transportation included many bike riders like Dave Klostermann.
No Cure Found
For Age-Old Disease

The sun is shining and the day is warm. Before you know it you’ve caught that age old disease diagnosed as spring fever! The symptoms are obvious and very contagious. They include flinging open windows, convertible riding, extending an hour lunch to include the entire afternoon, absent mindedly staring out the window, kicking off shoes, dragging shorts out of the back of the closet, watching baseball, riding bikes, throwing frisbees, forgetting homework and awaiting the sure but all-too-slow-in-coming cure known as summer vacation.

† PE classes found a shade tree the perfect place to be on a warm afternoon.
← Miss Holthaus passes out tassels as Seniors practice for baccalaureate services.
← † Awaiting the second bell, Jeff Luber and Ric Gonzales find the action outside more inviting than their classroom.
Baseball Bulldogs Face Disappointing Season

“Mediocre” was the word to describe this year’s baseball Bulldogs. Coach Steve Ford’s team wound up with a 12-13 record overall. The highlight of the year was defeating the number one team in the area, O’Fallon. The Dogs came in second in the conference with an 8-6 record behind O’Fallon.

Outstanding individuals on the team were Randy Manley and Dale Hastings. Randy’s .365 batting average made him the top hurler on the squad. Dale was also the leading RBI man with 16. Shortstop Rod Zobrist contributed another outstanding statistic by striking out only six times in 67 times at bat.

4 Third baseman Mike Bickline follows through on a throw to home plate.

Brian “Willie” Schumacher one of the best first baseman in the conference prepares to stroke the ball for a hit.

4 Left fielder and ace reliever Mike Holzinger takes a few practice swings before the game.
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† After Highland's ace pitcher Brian Lutz was sidelined, a large part of the pitching burden fell upon the shoulders of Greg Frey.
† Wayne Frey prepares to step into the batter's box in pre-game warmups.

Thinclads Race to Outstanding Season

Highland fielded one of its strongest track and field teams in several years, thanks to a horde of talented underclassmen and two determined seniors. The thinclads fought to a third place finish in the conference and compiled a 13-4 record in dual and triangular meets.

During the course of the season, the HHS record book received several new entries. Leading the way was Greg Frey, who set a record in the 880 with a time of 1:58.7 and another in the mile with a 4:29.6 clocking. Keith Giger, a star in three events, extended his own record in the triple jump to 44-6 and tied the record in the 440 with a :51.1 time.

A new mark was set in the 440 relay as Dale Siever, Keith Giger, Terry Aschbacher and Andy Perkins combined for a 45.3 time. Dave Giger set a new record with a :42.2 clocking in the 330 low hurdles and Andy Perkins tied the 100 yard dash mark with a time of :10.2. And finally David Trout, Alan Strackeljahn, Dirk Wilkinson and Bob Boyer set a new mark of 9:19.1 in the two mile relay.
Dave Giger, only a freshman, developed a hurdling style second to none and set a record in the 330 low hurdles.

Carl Strackeljahn ran a grueling double, both the mile and two mile, in Bulldog track meets.

Wayne Hundsdorfer flings his body over the bar in an effort to pick up some valuable points.

Keith Dye, Highland's best in the shot put, sends the 12 pound ball on its way.

Andy Perkins, co-holder of the 100 yard dash record, drives for the tape in his event.

Greg Frey proved what hard work could produce as he shattered the school record in the 880 and mile.

Keith Giger amassed an unbelievable 197½ points during the year and went on to State in the triple jump in the 880.

Alan Strackejahn and Gary Volz struggle for a top time in the 880.

Mike Landolt Fosbury flops his way over the high jump bar.
Frey, Giger Individual Track Stars

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*Opp.: Opponent Schools
During their first year, the girl’s track team had to spend most of their time learning. But learn they did. After finding it is almost impossible to practice when three other teams share the track, the team and their coach, Miss Janet Bencke, had to spend their first couple of meets learning who was best at what. After that was taken care of the athletes had to learn the finer points of their respective events. By season’s end they even learned of the fun of winning as they topped Okawville and Roxana in the season’s final two meets to finish with a 2-9 record.
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HHS Opp. HHS Opp.
24 O'Fallon 82 33 Granite South 70
Wesclin 53 Wood River 63
29 Mascoutah 80 54 Wesclin 83
Triad 57 Okawville 26
41 Wood River 91 67 Triad 72
Roxana 11

Betty Stocker, Highland's best half-miler breaks the tape for another first place.
Phyllis Voliva strains for first place in the 50 yard dash.


Clearing the bar in the high jump, Carla Rehkemper was one of the top point-getters on the team.

In the first year of girls track and her final year in high school, Lee Ann Prechal hurls the shot put.
Young Netmen Post
5th Straight Winner

Inexperience was a major handicap to the 1975 Highland tennis team. Even though they lost five out of seven starters from last year’s team, Coach Larry Iftner’s young netmen managed to piece together its fifth straight winning season in a row with a 7-6 record.

Kevin Foederer was the anchoring senior on a team composed of underclassmen. Kevin would up with a 7-6 record in singles and 3-2 in doubles. Brian Parfetti and Scott Kohlhaas both did outstanding jobs as freshmen. Each ended up with 9-7 records and were ranked fourth in the conference in their divisions.
Brian Perfetti displays the form that helped him be ranked fourth in the conference.

Kevin Foederer, HHS's number one player obtained a career record of 45-22 over four years.


Steve West who advanced to the semifinals in districts stretches to return a tough shot.

Tim Zeller strains to return a shot that caught him off guard.
Underclassmen Enjoy Good Sports Year

It was a very good year indeed for underclassmen in sports. With relatively few seniors on the rosters of the varsity squads, much was expected of the underclassmen and they came through. There were underclassmen on the starting lineup of every varsity team, except basketball; and those underclassmen helped HHS to second in the conference all-sports derby, behind Mascoutah.

When not involved in varsity competition, underclassmen athletes had numerous JV, sophomore and freshman teams to play on and sharpen their skills.

† Terry Aschbacher, a letter winner in track as only a freshman, clears the high jump bar.
→ Rick Switzer huddles with coach Mike Price during a crucial moment during a freshman football game.
← † A varsity golfer as a sophomore, Rod Miller prepares to send his drive down the fairway.


Underclassmen: Assist Varsity, Star for Own Teams


†Dick "Pocco" Newman tries his hand at wrestling HHS' top grappler, Craig Schulte.

← George Waggoner was a top player on both the sophomore and JV basketball teams.
Girls Earn Varsity Honors

Females altered the tradition of the HHS annual athletic banquet with the addition of girls tennis and track as varsity sports. With these additions females would now be able to attend the banquet with their parents and be recognized along with the members of other varsity sports.

Members of all HHS varsity teams were introduced and some were recognized for outstanding achievement. Television sportscaster, Bob Buck talked about various sports topics including his opinions on girls athletics in school. He also answered questions from the audience about any topic from baseball to hockey.
‘Zob’ Tops Athletes

Only the highest of superlatives are fitting for athlete of the year Rod Zobrist. The winner of seven letters, Rod starred in cross country, basketball and baseball.

Nicknamed the “Blond Bomber” by the press, Rod was at his best on the basketball court. He had the ability to do the seemingly impossible and do it with ease. He was a complete player, both offensively and defensively, and his talents got him named to numerous all-star teams.

One sport, however, does not make one athlete of the year. Hard work and dedication made Rod a mainstay on the cross country team for three years and on the baseball field he was a two year starter as well as co-captain his senior year.

\[\text{\# Rod was one of those natural athletes who excelled at all sports.}\]
\[\text{\# Fall found “Zob” competing in grueling cross country races.}\]
\[\text{\# The leader of the 1974-75 basketball Bulldogs, Rod accepts the second place trophy for the team at the Litchfield tourney.}\]
Students Recognized For Achievements

A spring Honors Convocation, sponsored by the Board of Education recognized all HHS honor students and introduced new NHS members. The assembly included a talk by Dr. Orley Herron, the president of Greenville College. In addition to the honors assembly, HHS students were also recognized for various achievements at the annual awards assembly near the end of the school year.

- Students and their parents line up outside the cafeteria for refreshments after the Honors Convocation assembly.
- Winners of the American Legion Citizenship Award were Greg Frey and Susie Volz.
- Don Zeller received the George Bickline Scholarship, and the Highland Education Association Scholarship was presented to Laurie Manwaring.
- Mr. Stratton presents the Dee Boulanger Award to Teri Schmetter.
- For her participation in district and state Latin competition, Sally Felts received Latin ribbons. Sandy Schrumpf and Rhonda Hawkins received Co-op Awards for their participation in state and national clerical competition.
- Mark Wehrle (second from left) was presented the Menz Award for being an outstanding scholar athlete. Mark Tucker (first from left) and his brother Mike (third from left) shared the W.O.W. American History Award for being outstanding American History students. Laurie Manwaring (fourth from left) received the Speech Award.
Award Winners
American Legion Award
Greg Frey and Susie Volz
Dee Boulanger Award
Teri Schmetter
George Bickline Scholarship
Don Zeller
Perfect Attendance
Kathy Obermark
Highland Education Assoc. Scholarship
Laurie Manwaring
Washington Univ. ROTC Scholarship
John Cole and Greg Frey
WOW American History Award
Mike and Mark Tucker
Speech Award
Laurie Manwaring
MAA Award
Cindy Korte
Senior Math Award
Rollie Brave
Betty Crocker Award
Suzanne Schuermann
VFW Voice Of Democracy Award
Greg Frey
Menz Award
Mark Wehrle
Athlete Of The Year
Rod Zobrist
Outstanding Senior Band Member
Debra Stille
A scale model of the new school gave students a preview of how the new building would look.

The architect's plans on display in the library enabled students and faculty to examine in detail the layout of the new school.

Architect Dave Loyet answered questions concerning the new building at various meetings, assemblies, and workshops.

Shortly after contracts were let, evidence appeared that construction would soon begin.

By early June, earth-moving equipment was steadily at work, as a sign foreshadowed what was soon to come.
Today's Dreams
Tomorrow's Realities

For years it was only talked about. Something for the future. Twice it was rejected. Something we could do without. Then at last the bond issue for the new high school passed! Reams of paper containing hundreds of ideas, figures, estimates, projections passed back and forth. Finally ideas emerged as blueprints from which construction would begin. Contracts were let. Early in April construction machinery and equipment began moving earth in mysterious patterns.

It was too late for the classes of '75 and '76. They looked with envy upon their younger classmates who would be among the first to graduate from the new high school.
In an ever-changing world we find a time period in our lives unchanged forever—becoming the past. The time, the people, the place, the action combine, mix and mold our lives. Perhaps bitter at present, but sweet as we look back.
it was the best of times, it was the worst of times
it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness
it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity
it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness
it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair
we had everything before us, we had nothing before us.
Dickens, "A Tale of Two Cities," 1775

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