PORTA HIGH SCHOOL

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The 1985 Porta Sphinx Staff Presents

The continuing drama of

Students come to Porta looking for THE GUIDING LIGHT which will lead them on their SEARCH FOR TOMORROW. Each of them begins life in a GENERAL HOSPITAL. After THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS years of childhood they enter high school which seems like ANOTHER WORLD to many of them. All of them have ONE LIFE TO LIFE, and how they live it — AS THE WORLD TURNS — is up to them. They may spend their time LOVING or vacationing in SANTA BARBARA.

So the 1985 Sphinx Staff says to you, ALL MY CHILDREN, may you all be turned to the proper channel and find the rainbow at the end of your SEARCH FOR TOMORROW instead of spending the DAYS OF YOUR LIVES as a soap opera.
life at Porta High

They call themselves SENIORS!

Where's the game?

The Tootsies of Porta High
Like Sands Through
The Hourglass
So Are The Days
Of Our Lives
Life Just Gives You
Time And Space,
It's Up To You To Fill It Up.
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Parade

On Saturday, October 13, the Student Council organized the annual Homecoming Parade. The theme “Against All Odds” was carried out on all the class floats. The Freshman float received first place, followed by the Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores. The parade also featured the PORTA High School Band, the PORTA Jr. High Band, bands from several other schools, FFA entry, and supporters for the school referendum.
Freshman Float — First Place

Sophomores Float — Fourth Place

Below — Class Attendants Theresa Hammarlinck, Missy Laughlin, and Angie Kincaid.

Senior Float — Second Place
Spirit Week was held October 9-12 and was hosted by the cheerleaders. The events were: costume day, sheet day, hat and shades day, slab and stuffed animal day, blue and white day, big bucks day, and a baby food contest. At the pep assembly on Friday, the Sophomores won the tug-of-war contest and the Spirit Stick for which they won 40 points each. Later that night, the third annual powder-puff football game was held and the final score was 18 to 6 in favor of the Sophomores and Juniors. The bonfire sponsored by the Key Club was held immediately after to boost enthusiasm for the Homecoming game on Saturday.
The Homecoming Court was crowned at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 13. The court was elected by the entire student body, and the class attendants were voted on by their respective classes. The dance was held in the commons from 8:00 until 11:00 with the music provided by Cornerstone.
More Spirit Week

The totals of Spirit Week went as follows: Sophomores first with 395 points, Seniors second with 315 points, and Juniors and Freshman tied for third with 265 points. The Sophomores were presented the Spirit Stick at the Homecoming game for winning Spirit Week. The Homecoming game was held on Saturday afternoon again this year. The Bluejays played a terrific game against the Riverton Hawks.
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Saturday October 13
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It's Against
All Odds
The Hawks
Will Win

Class of 86
Those Damn Leads

Lance Dierker: Joe Hardy
Julie Tichacek: Lola
Gary Thomas: Mr. Applegate
Sarah Lipe: Gloria
Deidre Dede: Meg Boyd
Matt Battles: Mr. Van Buren
This Year's musical, "Damn Yankees" was presented on April 24 and 25. The musical was sponsored by the Thespians and directed by Mrs. Decker. Others assisting were Mr. Ford, Mr. Pruitt, Mrs. Tusek, Mrs. Ford, and Mrs. Armbrust.

BACK ROW: Jeff Miller, Marshall Christensen, Heather Rose, Melissa Laughlin, Christi Ice, Anne Lounsberry, Kim Bryant, Michaela Kralski, Christina Hartway, Lisa Snow, Leslie Babb, Lisa Horn, Steve Klokkenga, Mike Ster, Cindy Bell, Angela Gillmore, Matt Battles, Gary Thomas, Julie Tichacek, Lance Dierker, Deidre Dede, Sarah Lipe, Martha Reiser, Amy Battles, Stacie Cramer, John Reiser.

He'd say, "You lucky boy!"
The Helping Hands

SENIORS: Brian Conklin, George McNeal, John Reiser.

ORCHESTRA: BACK ROW: Chris Moss, Ken Morris, Shane Turner, Alicia Allen, Bobbie Bell, Donna Little, Jenny Allen, Anita Davis, Neil Tice, Chris Gutzman, Angie Davis, Cindy Verry.

Behind The Scenes

Dave Pruitt, Mary Decker, Rich Ford.

Student Director: Lynn Leinberger.

Choreographer: Linda Tusek

Art Director: Pam Armbrust

Asst. Director: Stacie Cramer
More Damn Yankees

The Excited Washington Senators.

I'll look, but I won't see anything.

Sister! It's Joe Hardy!

What's up there Lisa?

A man doesn't know.
Top: Yeah! Yeah!
Bottom: Hi ya Chief!

Top: It's Shoeless Joe!
Bottom: What a heart.
You're The Inspiration
The Junior Class held Prom at the Holiday Inn in Springfield on May 11, 1985. Jeff Eddings, President of the Junior class, gave the welcome and Julie Tichacek, President of the Senior class, gave the response. "Cornerstone" played for the dance from 8:00 until 11:30. At 10:00 the court was crowned by the 1984 King and Queen, David Sutton and Melanie Wisner. The prom theme was "You're the Inspiration" by Chicago.
1985 King and Queen
Greg Schafer and Lori Heyen
First Runners-Up
Rick Severns and Sheri Higgason

Third Runners-Up
Keith Norris and Lori Sharp

Second Runners-Up
Roger Ruppel and Buffy Bradford

Fourth Runners-Up
Brian Alvies and Lynn Leinberger
Class Night

Class Night was held on May 23 at 7:30 p.m. The name of each senior was called and they were presented a red rose. During the night many seniors were given scholarships and awards. Then Julie Tichacek, senior class president, presented the key to Stacie Cramer, who will be the senior class president next year.

Baush Lomb, Illinois Science Teachers Assoc., and the Kiersten Kinser Science Foundation Award.

Home Economics Awards

Psychology Award

National Honor Society Awards

Band Awards

Mathematics Awards
Student Council Awards

Typing Award

Dekalb Award

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship

U.S. Army National Scholar/Athlete

Senior Athletic Awards
Class Night

II. Sheriff Association Award

Thespians

Outstanding Thespian Award

Industrial Art Awards

Culver Stockton College Founders Scholarship

Young Farm Award

Chorus Award
Class Night

Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Illinois Business School Assoc. and Midstate College Scholarships

DAR Recognition

Virginia Bell Trust Scholarship

Accounting Award

Library Awards
Many seniors have received other scholarships but are not pictured in the previous pages. They are Lisa Snow, Lynn Leinberger, and John Reiser (Edith Masters Scholarship); Lori Heyen (Ralston Purina Field and Farm Scholarship and Clarence-Newland Memorial AMVETS Scholarship); and Brian Soltermann (Children of Veterans of Korean Conflict Scholarship).
BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate services were held on Sunday May 26, at 7:30 P.M.

Rev. John E. Neff
Rev. Jim Cook
Commencement was held on Friday, May 31, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. Each of the graduates were presented their diplomas. Also the Valedictorian, Salutatorian and class president gave speeches.
Lori Heyen — Valedictorian
"Roads of Success"

Brian Conklin — Salutatorian
"Side Roads To Success"

Junior Marshalls
Rickey Gleason and Derek Schnapp

Getting ready
The Class
Of 1985
Graduation
As The World Turns

Favorites

This year the seniors were given a poll to see what many of their favorite things were. Here is the result of that poll.

T.V. Show
Miami Vice

Movie
Beverly Hills Cop

Actor
Eddy Murphy

Actress
Goldie Hawn and Jane Fonda

Car
Corvette and Porsche

Music Group
Alabama and Van Halen

Soap Opera
Days of Our Lives

Album
1984

Fast Food
Pizza

Book
Flowers in the Attic

Remember when

Mrs. Apken taught Freshmen English and Dr. Ott taught History.
the Petersburg Observer read "vandals destroy home".
there was a Science Club question in the announcements everyday.

termites ate a book in the library.
the silverware at lunch was real!
the Seniors won the spirit stick.
the Cubs won the Pennant.

Mrs. Wankel was yearbook advisor.
A certain two seniors had a chair jumping contest during a musical practice.
the door in the library didn't have an alarm on it.
We had a week for Easter vacation.
Ronald Reagon was re-elected President.
the Science Club took a field trip and two people fainted.
the teachers sent a letter of intent to the school board.

Did you know that Mrs. Decker can touch her toes!
Do you know who these plates belong to? Try and guess.

The world changes to fast that a man couldn’t be wrong all the time even if he tried.

Do you know what PORTA stands for?
P — Petersburg  
O — Oakford  
R — Rock Creek  
T — Tallula  
A — Atterberry

What you don’t know won’t hurt you but it may make you act pretty stupid.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, and charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.

This year Petersburg had its first stop light.
Familiar Places

This year our baseball team played Brentwood High School at Busch Stadium on May 3.
Smile! You’re On Candid Camera!
Freshman year was getting lost, questioning the existence of the inner hallway, smiling at seniors and dreaming of Prom so far away. Sophomore year was sitting in the library between classes, chatting with friends, being handed that first detention, and finally getting our driver's license. Junior year was being almost there, decorating our lockers, wearing sweats to class, taking lots of hard classes, and really starting to plan for our futures, while feeling pressured all the time.

Senior year (here at last!) was living it up and knowing it all, being measured for caps and gowns, suffering from college tests, and tuition blues, going to Prom, doing it right, blowing things off, and graduating in style . . . this was it!
Wendy Ainsworth
Lettermen 10; Library Staff 11, 12; Track 10, 12

Alicia Elaine Allen
N.H.S. 11, 12; Musical Production 9, 10, 11, 12; Sphinx Ass’t. (Business Manager) 12; Ensemble 9, 10, 11, 12; Soloist 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Sec. and Treasurer; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 9, 10, 11, 12; (project pride); Who’s Who 11, 12; Society of Distinguished Americans 11, 12; All-State Band 11, 12; National Leadership Merit Award 11, 12

Brian Alvies
Key Club 12; Baseball 9, 10; Pep Club 9; Science Club 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 9, 10, 12; Springfield Kings Hockey Club 11, 12

Alan Ashbaugh
Golf 12

Pamela Ann Bacon
Art Club 9, 10, 11; Track Stats 10; Softball 12; Sphinx Ass’t (typist)

Bradley K. Baucom
Basketball 9, 11; Track 9, 10; AlASA Club 9

Mark L. Bayless
N.H.S. 11, 12; Treas.; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Pres.; Perfect Attendance 11; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court 12

Bobbie Linn Bell
Lettermen 11; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling Stat. 10, 11, 12

Susan Renee Bell

David W. Berkshire

Dawn Marie Blesenthal
Office Helper 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 11, 12; Prom Invitations

Melissa Lou Blakeman
Lettermen 10; Track 10, 11, 12; Sphinx Salesperson; Newspaper 11

Most Popular
Kevin Fry, Lynn Leinberger

Most Athletic
Keith Norris, Lori Sharp

Most Outgoing
Jerry Powers, Tracey Lutes

Most Likely to Succeed
Tim Churchill, Lori Heyen

Most Musical
Lance Dierker, Julie Tichacek

Officers: Pres.: Julie Tichacek, V. Pres.: Buffy Bradford, Secretary: Lori Sharp, Treasurer: Tracey Hollis
Denise Ann Blazis
Marching Band 11, 12; (Auxiliary); Pep Club 9; Spanish Club 9

Joe Brackhan
F.F.A. 9

Susan E. Bradford
Class Officers 11, 12; V. President; Student Council 10; Sphinx Salesperson; Newspaper; Pep Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 12

Kristel A. Burton

Chris Carter

Marshall Christensen
Musical Production 9, 10, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Ensemble 12; Mixed Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 9, 10, 11, 12

Timothy N. Churchill
N.H.S. 11, 12; V. Pres.; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12; V. Pres.

Robin Clark

James A. Cordery
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Officer; Football 9

Brian Cameron Conklin
N.H.S. 11, 12; Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Library Staff 10, 11, 12; Projectionist 10, 11, 12; Football 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Musical Production 10, 11, 12; Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Treasurer; United States National Leadership Merit Award; Spanish Club 12; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Society of Distinguished American High School Students

Anita Sue Davis
N.H.S. 11, 12; Lettermen 11, 12; Basketball 10; Basketball Stats 12; Sphinx Ass't 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Pres.; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11; Basketball Manager 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12

Best Dressed
Greg Schafer, Rachel Lawrence

Best Sense of Humor
Troy Snyder, Julie Tichacek

Best Looking
Kevin Fry, Sheri Higgason

Best Eyes
Alan Ashbaugh, Tracey Hollis

Best Hair
Greg Schafer, Anna McAllister

Best Personality
Chris Carter, Esther Van Ede
Deidre Paige Dede
Drama Club 12; Musical Production 9, 10, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 12; Ensemble 9, 10, 11, 12; Soloist 10, 11, 12; Mixed Chorus 9, 10, 12; Swing Choir 11; Jazz Band 9; Thespian Play 11, 12; Pom Pom 9, 10; State Choir 11, 12; Ensemble 9, 10, 11, 12; Soloist 10, 11, 12; Mixed Chorus 9, 10, 12; Swing Choir 11; Jazz Band 9; Thespian Play 11

Sheila Kay Dicken
Newspaper 11, 12

Lance O. Dierker
N.H.S. 11, 12; Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 11, 12; Baseball 9; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Musical Production 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 12; Who’s Who 11, 12; USAA 11, 12; Society of Distinguished High School Students 11, 12

Kevin Fry
N.H.S. 11, 12; Pres.: Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court 12

Paula M. Harris
Joseph Kenneth Haynes
Basketball 9; Track 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 10; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Kings Club 11, 12

Lori Ann Heyen
Class Officers 9, 10; Sec. 9; V. Pres. 10; N.H.S. 11, 12; F.F.A. 12; Lettermen 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Treas. 12; Drama Club 11, 12; Sec. Treas.: Track 11; Student Counc. 12; V. Pres. 12; Musical Prod. 9, 10, 11, 12; Sphinx Ass’t 12; Homecoming Court 11, 12; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring Kings Hock. Club 11; Who’s Who 11, 12; Two-Act Play 11

Sheri A. Higgason
N.H.S. 11, 12; F.F.A. 9, 10; Library Staff 11; Stud. Council 9, 10, 11, 12; Musical Prod. 10, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Color Guard 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court 9, 12; Basketball 10; Who’s Who 11, 12; Science Club 9

Stacey Lynn Hollis
Newspaper 11, 12; Chorus 10; Mixed Chorus 10; Pep Club 9, 10, 11, 12

Tracey Ann Hollis
Class Off. 10, 11, 12; Treas. Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; Stud. Council 9; Sphinx Ass’t 12; Newspaper 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10; Mixed Chorus 9, 10; Marching Band 9, 11; Color Guard 9, 11; Homecoming Court 10, 12; Softball 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9, 10, 11, 12

John Hornke
F.F.A. 10, 11, 12; I.R. 11, 12

Brian Troy Horn
Lettermen 11, 12; Key Club 12; Baseball 9; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10; Track 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 12; Springs. Kings Hock. Club 11, 12

David W. King
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10

Laury A. King
Art Club 9, 10, 11

Jeanne Marie Knous

Kevin Lascellels
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; I.R. 11, 12

Marsha Kahbeah
Newspaper 11, 12

Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is success.

Most Studious
Brian Conklin, Alicia Allen

Most School Spirit
Troy Smith, Lynn Leinberger

Rowdiest
Mike McCombs, Denise Blazis

Most Organized
John Reiser, Lisa Snow
Annette Elaine Lawson
N.H.S. 11, 12; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Library Staff 9, 10, 11, 12; Jr. V. Pres.; Pres.: Track 11; Wrestling Stat 9, 10, 11, 12; Sphinx Ass’t 12; Pep Club 2; Spanish Club 9; Volleyball 10, 11, 12

Rachel Ellis Lawrence
Student Council 11; Flag Squad Captain 9, 10, 11; Color Guard 9, 10, 11

Rich Leezer
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12

Lynn Leinberger
N.H.S. 11, 12; F.F.A. 9, 10; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Officer — Vice President 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Officer — Secretary 10, Vice-President 11, President 12; Musical Production 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Director 11, 12; Sphinx Staff Editor 12; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; Springfield Hockey Club 11, 12; Who’s Who 11, 12; Girls Basketball Stat 12

Tracy Lutes
Newspaper 11, 12

David Robert Lynn
Musical Production 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 11, 12; A.S.I.A.S.A. 9, 10; Science Club 10, 11

Tammy Jo Lynn
Tammy Ranae Lynn
F.H.A. 9; Treasurer; Science Club; Office Helper 10

Jerry Pettit
Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 11; Wrestling 9, 10; AIASA 9, 10

Jennifer Ann Potter
Marching Band 9, 11, 12; Auxiliary; Science Club 12

Jacqueline Marie Powell
F.H.A. 10, 11; Volleyball Manager 11

Jerome Todd Powers
N.H.S. 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11

Rick Price
Baseball 10; Auto Mechanics 10, 11, 12

Connie Rebbe
N.H.S. 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Student Council 9; Office Helper 10

John J. Reiser
Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Library Staff 10, 11, 12; Vice President 12; Projectionist 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Musical Production 10, 11, 12; AIASA 9, 10, 11, 12; Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12

Chris W. Rogers Jr.
Band 9, 10; Marching Band 9, 10; Stage Band 9, 10; Spanish Club 12; Science Club 11, 12

Roger Paul Ruppel
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Vice Pres. 9; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9; Cross Country 10; Newspaper 11

Greg Schafer
F.F.A. 10, 11, 12; Reporter 10; V. Pres. 11; President 12; Key Club 12; Vice Pres.; Baseball 9; Football 9, 11, 12; Wrestling 10; Student Council 9; Homecoming Court 12; King

John Schafer
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Treasurer 11; Vice Pres. 12; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Springfield Kings Hockey Club 11, 12

Kristin M. Seibert
Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; Sphinx Salesperson 12; Girls Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9, 10; Softball 10; Spanish Club 9

Rick Severns
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court 12

Tonya Lynn Shafer
I.R. 11, 12

Lori Ann Sharp
Class Sec. 10, 11, 12; Lettermen 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 11; Student Council 9; Newspaper 11, 12; Chorus 10; Mixed Chorus 10; Pep Club 9, 10, 11, 12

Roderick C. Shearburn Jr.
F.F.A. 12; Lettermen 11,
12; Football 9, 11, 12; Newspaper 11; Springfield Kings Hockey Club 11, 12; Transferred as freshman from Springfield High School

Durand Sintzenich
Science Club 11; Officer Computer Club 11; Officer; Who’s Who Among American High School Students ’83-’84; N.H.S. 11; Transferred from Jersey Community High School

James Brian Smith
Projectionist 10; Student Council 11

Troy S. Smith
Class Officers 11; President; Lettermen 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12

Lisa Marie Snow
N.H.S. 11, 12; Lettermen 12; Key Club 12; Library Staff 11; Treas.; Student Council 12; Secretary Musical Production 11, 12; Sphinx Staff Editor; Science Club 12; Sec.; Springfield Kings Hockey Club 12; Who’s Who 12; Color Guard 9, 10, 11; Cheerleading 12

Troy Snyder
I.R. 12; Football 9; Wrestling 9

Brian Keith Soltermann
N.H.S. 11, 12; Lettermen 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 11, 12; Track 11, 12; Who’s Who; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; United States Achievement Academy

Sheila Jean Sperry

Jana L. Stahl
Lettermen 11; Band 9; Marching Band 9; Newspaper 11, 12; Softball 11

Michael John Standish
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Treas.; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court 10, 12

James M. Shufflebeam
F.F.A. 9, 10, 12; Lettermen 10; Basketball 9, 10; Track 9, 10

Lisa J. Thomas

Brian Alan Thompson
Football 9; Newspaper 11; Transferred from Havana to here as a sophomore. Springfield Kings Hockey Club 11

Roger Brian Thomson
N.H.S. 11, 12; Lettermen 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Library Staff 11; Track 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 11, 12; Science Club 10, 11, 12; Treasurer 11; Springfield Kings Hockey Club 11, 12; Who’s Who 12

Gregory S. Thurman
Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12

Julie Ann Tichacek
Class Officers 9, 10, 12; President 9, 10, 12; Lettermen 10; Student Council 9, 10, 12; Band 12; V. Pres.; Marching Band 9, 10, 12; Stage Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 10, 11; Girls Basketball 9; Pep Club 9; Softball 10; Spanish Club 9

Andrea Elizabeth Turner
Student Council 11, 12; Musical Production 10; Sphinx Salesperson 12; Marching Band 11, 12

Bob Wethington

Mike Winner
Auto Mechanics 10, 11, 12

Mark W. Wethington
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; AIASA 10, 11

Esther van Ede
Lettermen 12; Basketball 12; Homecoming Court 12; Exchange student from Holland

Glenn Patrick

Bill Cousin
Auto Mechanic 11, 12; Art Club 9, 10

Prepare today for tomorrow and forget about yesterday.
In memory of our classmate, Christopher W. Verry
1966-1984
UNDERCLASSMEN
FRESHMEN

Class Of "88"

Jenny Allen
Andy Ashbaugh
Robin Bailey
Linda Barrett
Susie Battin

Amy Battles
Cindy Bell
Matt Bell
Aaron Blakeley
Patricia Blakeman

Shawn Boggs
Karen Bolton
Chris Boyer
Shannon Brown
Eldon Burch

Kara Canady
Louie Carroll
Mike A. Carroll
Gene Michael Carroll
Greg Clary

Angela Davis
Nathan Dooley
Leigh Drone
Matt Duncheon
Clay Evers
FRESHMEN OFFICERS: Secretary — Kirk Peters, Treasurer — Annette Lingleo, V. President — Jill Fore, President — Leigh Ann Stier

Jill Fore
Tracey Gordon
Tammy Grooms
Greg Gutzman
Randy Gum

Greg Gurski
Teresa Hamerlinck
Carrie Hanford
Christina Hardway
Jeremy Harrison

Cassie Henrickson
Doug Hollis
Gerald Hopping
Larry Horn
Tracy Horn

Derek Howard

Mark Hudspeth

Jeff Jiannoni
Stacy Johnston
Eric Jones
Jennifer Jones
Doug King
Rhonda King
Dan Koke
James Langley
Julie Lee
Angie LeMar

Annette Lingleo
Shawn McCombs
Mike McGary
Mindy Megredy
Tom Miller

Carol Munsch

Nathan Nosari

Erika Pellinghelli
Kirk Peters
Matt Porter
Rachel Purdy
Brad Rebbe

Martha Reiser
Lisa Richardson
Mike Rogers
Kristi Ruppel
Barbara Sampson
"What did you say was the answer to number 10?"
SOPHOMORES

Class Of "87"

Darla Abbott
David Adams
Tara Adams
Tracey Allen
Kelly Ames

Diane Babb
Matthew Battles
Jennifer Bergner
Stephanie Bidlingmeier
Lisa Bottom

Michael Brake
Mike Broida
Kim Bryant
Jodi Carpenter
Becky Carter

Dan Carter
James Cole
Neil Conklin
Chris Crosnoe
Angie Davis

Darrin Davis
Greg Espenschied
Shannon Estill
Mary Feagans
Scott Feagans
Matthew Fricke
Mike Garver
Amy Gellerman
Angela Gillmore
Bobby Gillmore

Byron Good
Mu Guinan
Angie Gum
Alan Gurski
Amy Heyen

Jody Hodgson
Jim Holler
Richard Holliday
Brian Hollis
Lisa Horn

Shannon Horn

Christy Ice

Jean Kiper
Steve Klokkenga
Elaine Knous
Richard Koch
Pam Kuenstler
"You have to be kidding me?"

Greg Severns
Kim Skaggs
Billy Smith
Kristi Smith
Jeff Soltermann
Michelle Standish
Drew Stevens
Teresa Stogsdill
Gary Thomas
Tammy Tippett
Mark Toland
Ricky Turasky
Butch Turner
Paul Vogt
Beth Wade
Tom Walker
Stacie Waller
Damen Watkins
Jill Weatherford
Cindy Weathington
Terri Wilbur
Beth Willis
Laura Adams
Tim Atterberry
Leslie Babb
Julie Baucom
Rhonda Beard

Valerie Beard
Ronda Beaty
Liz Bissett
Theresa Brady
Jo Ellen Bright

Jan Brown
Ken Burton
Patrick Canady

Scott Chalmers
Stacie Cramer
Ron Curry

Darrin Dearing
Michelle Dillon
Jeff Eddings
Amy Elmore
Della Evenmeyer
"Julie’s best feature."

Theresa Feagans
Gina Gaddis

Ricky Gleason
Patricia Good

Don Goodman
Tim Grace
Chris Gutzman
Ellen Haller
Tim Hamerlinck

Terri Harp
Paul Harris
Jeff Harrison
Rod Harrison
Don Harrod

Heather Hoffman
Julie Hollis
Charles Hubbard
Diane Jackson
Jennifer Johnson

Jim Jones
Mary Kemp
Angie Kincaid
J.D. Kinser
Nikki Knous
Michaela Kraski
Deanna Kuhn
David LaMasters
Lori Lascelles
Dan LaSanska

Jennifer Lewis
Sarah Lipe
William Livezey
Jason Lowe
LeeAnna Mick

Jim Morrell

John Nance

Tammy Noe
Alan Pickerill
Melanie Pratt
Renee Prehoda
Larry Rebbe

Eric Reiser
Krista Robinson
Carlos Rogers
Ricky Rogers
Heather Rose

JUNIOR OFFICERS: President — Jeff Eddings, V. President — Dan LaSanska, Secretary — Sarah Lipe, not pictured: Treasurer — J.D. Kinser
ANOTHER WORLD
During the fall season the "Marching Jays" attended a variety of activities. This included a trip to U. of I. Band Day, the Illinois College football game, Griggsville Apple Festival, Western Illinois field show competition, and several others. They also entertained the fans at every home football game with a pre-game and half-time show.
PETERSBURG FOREVER

Here's to Porta High forever,
May we always be so true,
May our courage never falter,
May we always be loyal to you.
Rahl! Rahl!
May your memory live forever,
And stand for all that's right,
So let's fight, fight, fight,
With all of our might,
For the honor of the blue and white,
Cha-pee, Cha-ho, Cha-ha-ha-ha!
Bluejays! Bluejays!
Rahl! Rahl! Rahl!

FRONT ROW: Angie Gum, Jody Hodgson, Bobbie Bell, Alicia Davis, Angie Davis, Chris Gutzman, Rachel Spivey, Cindy McLin, Melissa Laughlin, Angie Kincaid, Amy Battles, Christi Ice. BACK Row: Liz Bisset, Marshall Christensen, Anita Davis, Alicia Allen, Christina Hardway, Ken Morris, Neil Tice, Jenny Allen, Robin Bailey, Cindy Verry, Mu Guinan, Mike Brake, Chris Crosnoe, Shane Turner. PERCUSSION: Jeff Miller, Chris Moss, Gary Thomas, Matt Bell, Donna Little, Mike Garver, Angela Gillmore, Julie Tichacek. AUXILLARY: Stacy Waller, Mary Feagans, Andrea Turner, Sheri Higgason, Heather Rose, Lisa Thompson, Michelle Selby, not pictured: Matt Battles, Don Goodman.

How about those Jays!
THE TWIRLING FLAGS AND RIFLES

FLAGS:
Stacy Waller
Michelle Selby
Mary Feagans
Lisa Thompson

Ritzy girls!

RIFLES:
Andrea Turner, Captain
Sheri Higgason
Heather Rose
Top row from left to right: Ken Morris, Marshall Christensen, Don Goodman, David Lynn, Chris Gutzman, Jeff Miller, Amy Battles, Shane Turner, Mary Feagans, Matt Battles, Chris Moss, Chris Crosnoe, Angie Gum, Angie Kincaid, Jody Hodgson, Christi Ice, Anita Davis, Jenny Allen, Cindy Verty, Melissa Laughlin, Angela Gillmore, Heather Rose, Cindy McLin, Bobbie Bell, Robin Bailey, Alicia Allen.

"Somebody's Up to no good!"

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.
WHERE NO MAN HAS

Anita Davis, President; Alicia Allen, Secretary; Julie Tichacek, Vice-President.

All State: Alicia Allen.
Since 1978, the band has tried for a first place in the IHSA Band contest. Finally, the band was successful in receiving a 1st on April 13.

We are the music-makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams.
The Starmakers

Back row: Jean Kiper, Deidre Dede, Nikki Knous, Rachel Purdy, Michelle Selby, Tara Adams, Beth Willis, Middle row: Mr. Ford, Director, Angela Gillmore, Accompanist, Byron Good, Karen Bolten, Jeanne Knous, Tracy Horn, Shawn Boggs, Tammy Tippet, Leslie Babb, Toni Nance.

All State: Dee Dede.
Thespians

STANDING: Mrs. Decker, Jeff Miller, Dee Dede. SITTING: Stacie Cramer, Sarah Lipe, Lori Heyen, George McNeal, Lance Dierker, John Reiser, Gary Thomas, Julie Tichacek, Lynn Leinberger.

Officers
Lori Heyen — Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Decker — Advisor
Lynn Leinberger — Vice-President
John Reiser — President

Activities
To raise money for the play, the Thespians had a bake sale at the two banks. This year the play was "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown". It was open only to Thespians. Besides the play, the Thespians also presented the musical "Damn Yankees". The cast of the musical was made up of Thespians and students trying to attain ten points to be eligible to be a Thespian. To receive one point, a student must have a minimum of three hours of theater work.
You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown

The cast included Dee Dede as Snoopy, John Reiser as Schroeder, Julie Tichacek as Sally, Lance Dierker as Charlie Brown, Sarah Lipe as Lucy, and Gary Thomas as Linus. They performed the play twelve times in the Petersburg area. Lynn Leinberger and Stacie Cramer were the student directors.
The I.R. Students worked at the following places this year: Jim Jones at Gene’s Supermarket, David King at Niemeier’s Farm, Tim Atterberry at Oasis Farm, John Hornke at Oasis Farm, Jim Cordery at IGA, Jim Niemeier at Niemeier’s Farm, Valerie Beard at the PORTA Library, Connie Rebbe at the National Bank, Tonya Shafer at IGA, Dara McGee at IGA, Lori Lascelles at Menard Convalescent Center, and Kevin Lascelles at Lascelles Farm. They had to check in with Mr. Toland every day. Whether they worked in the morning or in the afternoon, they had to maintain a certain grade average and keep reports on their work at their jobs.
Spanish Club


Officers
Robyn Ruppel — Treasurer
Amy Heyen — Secretary
Greg Thurman — President
Ellen Haller — Vice-President

Activities

The Spanish Club raffled two piñatas at the Porta- Pleasant Plains basketball game on December 21. The piñatas were filled with hard candy.
Library Club

STANDING: Wendy Ainsworth, Annette Lawson, Rhonda Beaty, Jo Ellen Bright, Delia Evermeyer, Mrs. Horwedel. KNEELING: John Reiser.

Officers

Rhonda Beaty — Secretary-Treasurer
Annette Lawson — President
John Reiser — Vice President
Jo Ellen Bright — Reporter

Activities

This year, the Library Club’s money raiser was to sell popcorn in a Christmas tin. With their money from this, they bought new AV equipment. To be in the Library Club, each member must work in the library during his or her studyhall.
Letterman's Club


Four Year Letterman

STANDING: John Schafer, Keith Norris, Lance Dierker, Greg Thurman.
KNEELING: Brian Conklin, Brian Horn, Lori Sharp, Kevin Fry, Mark Bayless.

From Holland To Germany

Porta,

My year in America was great, thanks to many people. It was nice to be part of Porta High School and learn all the bad English words.

I thoroughly enjoyed the extra activities at Porta, such as Homecoming, Prom, and especially the sports. I hope that every future exchange student has as much fun in America as I did. It sure is easier to be in a country without your parents and family, when you have many friends.

I will miss everybody a lot, and I will always remember the good times I have had at Porta.

Thanks again, love

Esther van Ede
Porta

It's been a great time being in this school. I had a very nice experience as an exchange student here in Petersburg. One of the things I liked the most about Porta is the good relation between the students and teachers which becomes even more important in after-school activities like sports and clubs.

I would like to thank everyone, particularly those helping me adjust to Am. life and the Class of '86, which I enjoyed being a part of. Special recognition and thanks is dedicated to my host family, Harold and Helen Stier who enabled me to this unique experience and gave me the love of a real family. I'll always remember the good time I had over here, and I am also anxious to share it with lots of other people back in Germany.

Love
Michaela Kraski
Senior National Honor Society


Officers

Kevin Fry — President
Mark Bayless — Treasurer
Tim Churchill — Vice-President
Annette Lawson — Secretary

Activities

The National Honor Society consists of students who have shown superior scholastic abilities, citizenship, service, and leadership. To obtain membership, a student must have high academic standing and must be voted in by the faculty.
Junior National Honor Society


Officers
Ellen Haller — President
Stacie Cramer — Vice-President
Kim Witherall — Secretary
Sarah Lipe — Treasurer

Activities
The perspective members of the Junior National Honor Society were asked to fill out a resume listing their activities, honors, and personal qualities. From these applications, the teachers voted for the people who fit the leadership, character, and scholastic qualities of the National Honor Society. The new members were inducted into the Society on April 10, 1985 at 7:00 in the commons. They were presented with a yellow rose and asked to sign the book to certify their membership.
Student Council


MID-ROW: Lynn Leinberger, Angie Kincaid, Gary Thomas, Derek Schnapp, Martha Reiser, Sheri Higgason, Ellen Haller.

FRONT ROW: Robyn Ruppel, Kristi Smith, Carrie Hanford, Theresa Hammerlinck, Julie Hollis, Missy Laughlin, Jennifer Bergner.

Student Council Officers

Derek Schnapp — Treasurer
Lisa Snow — Secretary
Lynn Leinberger — President
Lori Heyen — Vice-President
Seniors

**STANDING:** Julie Tichacek, Lori Heyen.  **SITTING:** Lynn Leinberger, Sherri Higgason, Andrea Turner, Lisa Snow.

The Student Council’s main project was Homecoming. They held the Homecoming Dance in the commons and decorated it in a Harvest Theme. Each member had to help decorate, and help at the dance. They took turns taking tickets, helping with refreshments, and taking money for pictures.

Juniors

**STANDING:** Derek Schnapp, Don Harrod.  **SITTING:** Jeff Eddings, Angie Kincaid, Julie Hollis, Ellen Holler.

The Student Council was in charge of getting the band and flowers for the court. The Student Council also sold carnations for Valentine’s Day. Orders were made a few days ahead of time and passed out on Valentine’s Day.

Sophomores

**STANDING:** Kristi Smith, Jennifer Bergner.  **SITTING:** Robyn Ruppel, Missy Laughlin, Gary Thomas, Kelley Ames.

Freshmen

**SITTING:** Theresa Hammerlinck, Carrie Hanford, Leigh Ann Stier, Martha Reiser.  **RECLINING:** Jeff Jannoni
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Key Club


Officers

Greg Schafer — Vice-President
Sarah Lipe — Secretary
Mark Bayless — President
Lori Heyen — Treasurer
Mr. Turner — Advisor

Activities

The Key Club is a service club that is sponsored by the Petersburg Kiwanis. The Key Club was in charge of the concession stand at high school football and basketball games. Also, the members collected donations for the American heart fund on February 23, 1985. The town of Petersburg was divided into sections and each team had to go house to house in their area asking for donations.
The speech team participated in two contests this year. The first contest was the Sangamon Speech Contest on January 26, 1985. J.D. received first, Kim second, and A.J., third. On February 4, 1985, the team went to the District Speech Contest. J.D. qualified for the state-sectional speech contest.
Officers

President — Greg Schafer
Vice-President — John Schafer
Secretary — Corky Rebbe
Treasurer — Mike Standish
Reporter — Andy Pettit
Sentinel — Rick Sevems
Advisor — Tom Patterson

STANDING: Corky Rebbe, Rick Sevems, Greg Schafer, John Schafer, Andy Pettit. SITTING: Mr. Patterson.
Row #1: Andy Pettit
Row #2: David Berkshire
Row #3: Randy Gum
Row #4: Dave King, Mike McCombs, Keith Norris, Rod Shearburn.
Row #5: Rick Severns
Row #6: Corky Rebbe
Row #7: Matt Fricke, Mike Oxford, Jim Holler, Tim Atterberry, Dan Carter, Aaron Blakely.

Row #1: Lori Heyen
Row #2: John Sears
Row #3: Matt Bell
Row #4: Richard Holliday, Tracey Hollis, Rod Harrison, Jim Niemeir
Row #5: Clay Evers
Row #6: Eldon Birch
Row #7: Jason Lowe, Mike Broida, John Schafer, Tracey Allen, Dan Lasanska, Greg Gurski

Row #1: Jeff Weatherford, Roger Ruppel
Row #2: Darrin Davis, Brad Rebbe
Row #3: Cindy Bell, Michelle Stansdish, Scott Chalmers
Row #4: Jeanie Moss, Amy Gellerman
Row #5: Mike Sears, Doug Hollis
Row #6: Jim Cordery
Science Club


Officers

Lisa Snow — Secretary  
Tim Churchill — Vice-President  
George McNeal — President  
Brian Conklin — Treasurer

The Science Club was involved in many activities this year. At conferences, they took the blood pressure of the parents who attended. At left, Roger and Brian demonstrate. Also, the club put a science question in the announcements for students to answer. They also had monthly meetings at night with a guest speaker who was involved with some aspect of science.
The business students attended the Western Illinois Business Contest on March 9, 1985. The contestants received either a first, second, or third rating, and the top three people in each category received trophies. Angie and Rhonda both received trophies.

**Contestants**

Angie Kincaid — Shorthand
Mrs. Rebbe — Advisor
Kim Bryant — Typing I
Mrs. Zimmerman — Advisor
Cyndi Taapken — Accounting
Ronda Beaty — Typing II

**Alternates**

Sheri Higgason — Accounting
Theresa Brady — Shorthand
Tammy Noe — Shorthand
Valerie Beard — Typing II
Jo Ellen Bright — Typing II
Jeanie Moss — Typing I
THE GUIDING LIGHT
Throughout the year the faculty of Porta High School has been our "Guiding Light". This year the Sphinx staff has included many of the teacher's senior portraits in the section. If you can, try and identify each one in their younger days. The answers can be found on page 156.

“I know I saw a spit wad go back here somewhere.”

Math Department: L-R; David Brauer, Russell White, James Conklin, Rosie Cahill.

Science Department: L-R; Steve Sherwood, Ruth Evans, Lowell Kuenstler, not present, Charlene Koelling.
"Mr. America strikes again."

History Department; L-R: Linda Forbes, David Christensen, Connie Davis.

Physical Education Department; Back row: Jack Coil, Patty Patterson, Pat White, Mike Johnson. Front row: Bob Brady, Dan Sullivan.
Fine Arts Department: standing; Pam Armbrust, Art; Judy Hoffman, Spanish; Mary Decker, Speech, Drama; seated; Richard Ford, Chorus; David Pruitt, Band.

“Mother told me there’d be days like this.”

Guidance Department: Jan Sescleifer, Betty Tice.
English Department; standing: Ruthelma Wankel, Susie Phillips. seated; Cathie Smith, Hilda Tanner, Marilyn Carter.


"Coke here!"
"Are you sure this will run?"

"Can't you see I'm busy?"
"Only two more tests left to grade!"

"You cannot teach a man any thing. You can only help him to find it within himself."
Dean Broughton, Supt.

Roger Bassana, Asst. Supt., Dr. David Turner, Prin.

Board members; standing; L-R, Russell Severns, Robert Pickerell, Fred Jones, John Chalmers. seated; Robert Schnapp, Bill Fricke, Joe Turek.
CAFETERIA HELP

Middle left: Jeff Davis, electrician
Middle: Maureen Hughes, Ercell Dirks, Principal's office
Middle right: Jim Smith, Head Custodian, Ken Haynes

Bottom Left: Donna Ebken, Supt. office, Bottom Right: Glenda Anderson, Supt. office
If you cannot win, make the one ahead break the record.
Blazing A Path To Glory

Well, the long hours and grueling practices finally paid off, the Cross Country team was going to State. Many hours of physical and mental preparations were made towards this great achievement. Although the team may not have finished as a whole where they wanted to, they still had two medalists, Jody Haynes, and Greg Thurman. Many praises should be given to all the team members for the dedication to the sport and the extra hours they spent mastering their techniques. Keep up the great work!

Below: Back row: coach Johnson, Jason Lowe, Ricky Rogers, Tim Grace, Keith Norris, Jody Haynes
Front row: Butch Turner, Scott Feagans, Jennifer Lewis, Mike Stier, Greg Thurman
Far Right: Seniors: Jody Haynes, Keith Norris, and Greg Thurman
Top: "Where's the fire, Scott?"
Right: "The Porta Pack!"
Below: "Don't look so upset, Jason?"

Far Right: "Smile, Jenn!"
Bottom Right: "Tell us Keith, was it a tough race?"
We’ve Got’em In The Bag

The Olympic athletes were not the only ones to bring home the gold. The PORTA Jays also made their mark this year. Led by Senior Kevin Fry, the Jays set the pace for many teams to follow. Several new goals were set and almost all were attained. One such goal was the state golf tournament. On the first day, the Jays were showing their pride and were leading; so tragically the tide turned on the following day and the Jays struggled desperately to retain their fading lead. Despite their valiant efforts, they could not withstand the foe. But do not let this take away from any of their achievements, for they have no regrets. They have set a mark not many can attain. Our Jays placed second in state! Way to go fellas!

Bottom Photo: BACK ROW: John Weatherford, Mark Toland, Mike G. Carroll, Coach Toland, Drew Stevens, Andy Ashbaugh. FRONT ROW: Greg Clary, Alan Ashbaugh, Kevin Fry, Lance Dierker, Jeff Weatherford.
Bottom: State Participants: Kevin Fry, Lance Dierker, Alan Ashbaugh, Coach Toland, Drew Stevens, Darrin Stufflebeam, Mark Toland.
What can I say that has not been said about our football team before. Despite the winless season, the Jays showed pure determination to go out week after week and attempt the impossible. Our team possessed talent, but I guess the others had a special spark we lacked. They should be given credit for taking the weekly ribbing that everyone so readily dished out. It is sad that they did not have a wonderful season but you have to admit those boys sure have heart. Go get ‘em next year, fellas!

Below: Varsity

Fourth row: Mike McCombs, Randy Gum, Steve Klokkenberg, John Reiser, Matt Fricke, Rick Koch, George McNeal, Ken Morris, Mark Bayless.

Third row: Coach Coll, John Schafer, Charlie Hubbard, Mike Standish, Mike A. Carroll, Rick Severns, Rick Gleason, Darrin Davis, Coach Patterson.

Kneeling: Jeff Jannoni, Jerry Pettit, Dan LaSanska, Rod Shearburn, Brian Hollis, Tim Hamerlinck, Tracey Allen, Clay Evers, Chris Crosnoe, Eldon Burch.

Above: Seniors: **Front row:** Greg Schafer, John Schafer, Jerry Pettit, Rod Shearburn. **Middle row:** George McNeal, Mike McCombs, Mike Standish, Rick Severns. **Back row:** John Reiser, and Mark Bayless.

Far right: “They’re smiling now but just wait ... I!”

Middle left: “I get by with a little help from my friends.”

Bottom right: “A leader deep in thought.”

Bottom left: “Come on guys, it really can’t be all that bad.”
Chosen as the WICS’ “pick team of the week”, it seemed the Jays were on their way to success. They finished the year at 17 and 11. One of their new experiences this year was getting to play a different team, Chicago Southshore. The Jays hosted a dinner in their honor before the game, and afterwards, Chicago dazzled many fans with their trick shots.

ABOVE: Seniors: Mark Bayless, Troy Smith, Brian Horn, Keith Norris, and Brian Saltermann.


BELOW: Varsity: Back row: Coach Toland, Shawn Stiltz, Brian Saltermann, Monte Stuhmer, Matt Fricke, Mark Toland, Mark Bayless, Corky Rebee; Front row: Greg Clary, Derek Schnapp, Steve Verreault, Darin Stufflebeam, Brian Horn, Keith Norris, Troy Smith, and Shawn McCombs.
JV: Back row: Kirk Peters, Eric Jones, Lance Spence, Kelly Stufflebeam, Mike Carroll, Randy Gum, Matt Porter, Jeff Jiannoni, Brad Rebbe, Chuck Walbert.
Front Row: Greg Clary, Mr. Patterson, and Shawn McCombs.
Left: "Don't you want to share, Darrin?"
Below: "Got get them, Keith!"
All Star Wrestling

The Jays only had six upper-classman, but the team found new and promising strength, despite their lack of experience. Over all the team learned they could depend on one another and still be a threat to other teams. With all this going for them, the Jays will certainly be a team to be watching. Good Luck, fellas. Congratulations to Roger, Tim, Jim, and Matt for advancing to Sectionals at Vandalia.

TOP: “Tell us Tim, what are you looking at?”
ABOVE: Left: “Well Jim, was it a tough match?”
LEFT: Senior: “Nice legs Roger (all four of them!)”
ABOVE: RIGHT: "Go, Matt, Go!"
LEFT: "Tell us John, why do you look so unhappy?"

Oh Well,

Despite the fact that the volleyball record was far from spectacular, it did not show the talent the team possessed. Although there was no dominate "star," the team still had an occasional spark of excitement. One such exciting match was the final game of the Chandlerville Tournament. This tension-builder lasted 40 minutes and the score was constantly changing. Sadly enough, the final record does not reveal all the effort by those involved. Oh well, there's always next year!

Jr. Varsity
Back row: Julie Lee, Carrie Hanford, Annette Lingleo, Amy Battles, Rachel Spivey, Leigh Ann Stier, Amy Heyen, Susie Baffin, Angie David
Front row: Jill Weatherford, Martha Reiser
Center: Michelle Standish

Stats, Back row: Lisa Bottom, Middle row: Cassie Hendriksen, Rhonda King, Front: Michaela Kraski

"What's that, Anita?"

"Senior Night"
We Are Proud

Many nights the temperature was colder than anyone would have liked to have had it and these twelve girls stood smiling, braving it all. More times than not, they didn’t receive the credit they should, so here it is. To the girls who cheer our team onto victory, we say ‘keep up the good work!’

Varsity

Top; Stacie Cramer, Sitting; Stephanie Turner, Kim Bryant, Standing; Dee Dede, Lisa Snow, and Lori Heyen.
This year the girls made up a song during their camp in the summer. Here is one verse of that song.

- surprises
- bird in the street,
- Kleenexs

That we stomp with our feet.

Top; Anne Launsberry. Second Row; Becky Carter, Dawn Stiltz, Lisa Horn. Third Row; Jody Hodgson. Front; Kristi Smith.
False Start
Although the season did not finish the way they would have liked it to, the girls learned many things. They learned their weaknesses and their strengths; and they learned to push themselves to their own physical limitations. Maybe next year they can blaze a path to the state tournament. Let’s keep our fingers crossed. Congratulations to Jennifer Lewis for being named to participate in the Honor Roll Classic Track meet.

**Varsity:**

**Back Row:** Mindy Megredy, Julie Lee, Jennifer Lewis, Chris Riley, Michael Kraski, and Jenny Allen.

**Front row:** Donna Little, Louie Carroll, Miss Schwehr, Mary Feagans, and Jill Fore.
GOING THE DISTANCE

Top: Varsity; Coach Johnson, Darin Davis, Lance Spence, Jim Winchester, Ricky Rogers, Dan Carter, Jeff Sottermann, Neil Conklin, Rod Shearbun. Middle row; Scott Feagans, Eldon Burch, Butch Turner, Keith Norris, Jody Haynes, Matt Porter, Dan Wade, Jason Lowe, Bill Smith. Front row; Bobby Gillmore, Jeff Eddings, Mike Stier, Greg Severns, Neil Tice, David Adams, Nhan Le, Steve Klokkena.

Middle: Sprinters; Back row: David Adams, Lance Spence, Dan Carter, Ricky Rogers, Darin Davis, Rod Shearbun, Dan Wade. Front row; Greg Severns, Jody Haynes, Keith Norris, Matt Porter, Bobby Gillmore, Nhan Le.

Right; Seniors, Rod Shearbun, Jody Haynes, Kieth Norris, Mark Bayless.
Top, Long Distance; Back row: Mike Stier, Butch Turner, Ricky Rogers, Jim Winchester, Jason Lowe, Dan Wade. Front row: Scott Feagans, Jody Haynes, Keith Norris, Neil Tice, Bobby Gillmore.

Middle: Field Events; Eldon Burch, Neil Conklin, Jeff Soltermann, Lance Spence, Dan Wade. Front row: Jeff Eddings, Keith Norris, Darin Davis, Rod Shearburn.
Varsity: Back row; Jody Carpenter, Lisa Bottom, Jeanie Moss, Angie Gum, Pam Bacon, Kelley Ames, Esther VanEde, Amy Heyen, Jill Weatherford, Coach Patterson.  
Front row: Shannon Horn, Shannon Estill, Theresa Hamelinck, Ellen Haller, Terri Wilbur, Dawn Richardson, Ronda Beaty, Robyn Ruppel.  
If any team is like the “Bad News Bears,” the Porta Jays are that team. The Jays turned a losing season (last year) into a wonderfully successful season. This year the team finished at 17 and 7. Their final defeat came in Regional action against Pleasant Plains, who was also later defeated. Congratulations on a fine season which was well deserved. Left: Seniors, Esther VanEde and Pam Bacon.
Who's On First?

Despite the fact the team did not win as many games as they would have liked, they had many close games. Oh well, chalk it up for experience. One such experience was the game against Brentwood High School. Although the game did not go as they would have liked, they did get to play in front of a large crowd at a famous ball park, Busch Stadium. Well fellas, maybe next year you can play in Chicago, and break your streak just like the Cubs.


Above: J.V. back row; Coach Hurie, Sam Sinclair, David Willis, Rick Turisky, Jeff Jiannoni, Kirk Peters, Paul Vogt, Chuck Walbert. front row; Greg Gurski, Drew Lucht, Kelly Stufflebeam, Shawn McCombs, Ricky Koch, Mark Toland, Mike Carroll, Brian Hollis.

Left: Seniors; Mike McCombs, Roger Ruppel, George McNeal.
Determination

Despite the fact that the season wasn't always what the girls hoped for, they still let their talent shine through. Many nights they probably wanted just to hang up their shoes and call it quits. But night after night, they went to practice and tried their best to prove to themselves and to others that they could succeed. These girls do have determination, so good luck girls, maybe next year.

Below: Senior Night: Lori Sharp
Below: Left: Stats and Manager: Anita Davis and Carol Munch
Below: Right: "Get that ball!"
Left: "Did you make this shot, Jill?"

Above: Right: Senior, Esther

Above: Left: "What are you looking at Jeanie?"
Well, we finally made it! We've just met the final deadline. This year has been an experience we will never forget. We could not have completed this book without the help of our advisor, Mrs. Pam Armbrust. Also, we would like to thank all who contributed in any way toward the yearbook.

Good luck to the Sphinx Staff of 1986.

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Lisa and Alicia
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