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Throughout the year the students at PORTA enjoyed participating in several activities. The band marched in several parades and won a second place trophy at the West Central Illinois Field Show Competition. Mr. Ford helped the students prepare for the Madrigal dinner. Spirit Week was filled with excitement as students, as well as teachers, prepared for the pep assembly, the football game, and the dance. With the money left over from Big Bucks Day, the cheerleaders sponsored a Christmas Dance. In the spring the Juniors and Seniors anticipated the approach of the Prom. Buying dresses, renting tuxedos, and finding dates were just a few of the things that occupied our time.

1. PORTA marching band during the Homecoming Parade.
3. Amy Battles in Madrigal costume.
5. Carrie Hanford, Christina Hardway, Rick Rogers, Rachel Spivey, and Mary Feagans at Homecoming.
1. Can you identify these two masked people?
2. Doug Thurman won 25th place in the State Cross-Country meet.
3. Stacey Johnson and Melissa Stemacher.
5. Jo Hackman and Stacey Waller in Biology.
5. Raquel White, Cindy Bell and "friend." 6. Carrie Hanford, Kara Scheina, Dawn Stiltz, Becky Carter, Anne Lounsberry and Sam Sinclair helped with the streamers at the bonfire. 7. Kristi Smith and Darrin Davis take time out for the camera. 8. Gary Thomas is getting ready to disappear inside his big bag.
The Sports Program at Porta High School is a good example of “Porta Pride” at work. Most of the teams improved their records and a few went as far as the state finals. Mark Toland and Darrin Stufflebeam competed in the state golf finals. The Cross Country team ran in the state meet with Doug Thurman placing 25th over all. The boys’ basketball team captured the trophy at the Ashland Tourney.

1. Angie Gum and Tracy Turek after a tough girls’ basketball practice.
2. Tim Grace runs for a touchdown.
3. Mark Toland placed 10th at State.
4. Jo Ellen Bright spikes the volleyball.
5. Cross Country team after winning regionals.
6. Jim and David Winchester practicing some wrestling moves.
7. Varsity Basketball team after winning Ashland Tourney.
check it out
Activities
For Porta High School students the approach of Homecoming meant building floats, finding dates, and making plans for the dance. The excitement lasted throughout the week’s activities which included the pep assembly, the bonfire, and the football game against V.I.T. Saturday evening brought the event everyone had been waiting for; the dance.

The Student Council members and their sponsors, Mrs. Wankel and Mrs. Rebbe, had decorated the commons with large rainbows, colorful streamers, and hundreds of balloons. Music was provided by "Cornerstone". With everyone’s hard work and participation, Homecoming 1985 was a success!

1. Center, Jeff Eddings, made a daring charge through the hoop.
2. Jason Lowe, Jan Brown, Stephanie Turner, Rod Harrison, and Heather Hoffman all decked out for Hawaiian Day.
3. The Varsity Cheerleading squad got an early start at the parade.
4. A scene from Saturday’s game against V.I.T.
Each of the four high school classes created a float for Saturday's parade. All floats were required to follow the theme, "Happiness Is." They also had to relate to the football game against the V.I.T. Hornets. Extra points were awarded for the use of animation.

5. The Freshman class captured the first place trophy donated by the Victorian Days Committee. 6. Second place was awarded to the Sophomore Class. 7. Fourth place went to the Juniors. 8. Seniors receiving third place. 9. Everyone cleared the way for the coronation.
Happiness was Homecoming Week

No More Hornets!

Class of '86

Happiness is... Taking the sting out of the

Happiness is Positive Porta Pride
Excitement once again filled the hallways of PORTA as Spirit Week got underway on September 16. The Varsity Cheerleaders creates many new activities for the students including a Hawaiian Day, Mis-Matched Day, a Car Parade, and a Mr. Leg's 1985 Contest ... easily won by Coach Onken. Several old favorites included Big Bucks Day, Hat and Shades Day, Sheet Day, Blue and White Day, and the Girl's Powderpuff Football game. At the pep assembly on Friday, the Junior Class of '87 captured the mighty Spirit Stick.
Royalty

The Homecoming Dance was the grand finale of Spirit Week. At 10:00 P.M. many students, alumni, and friends witnessed the corona
tion when Jeff Eddings and Stacie Cramer were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Proceeding the crowning the theme song “Forever” was played and the rest of the dance was dedicated to Jeff, Stacie and their court.

First Runners-Up
Angie Kincaid and Scott Chalmers

Second Runners-Up
Ellen Haller and Dan LaSanska

Third Runners-Up
Stephanie Turner and J.D. Kinser

Fourth Runners-Up
Julie Baucom and Eric Reiser

Queen Stacie Cramer and King Jeff Eddings
But night took a hold of my heart and left me with no one to follow. The love that I lost to the dark I'll always remember. Forever in my heart, Forever here you'll be, and know that when I'm gone, you'll be near to me. Forever in my life always thought I'd be, I'd be yours Forever.
1. Jennifer Sinclair and Jim Rogers at the Dance.
2. Rick Koch, junior.
3. Go Bluejays!
4. and 5. Scenes of the Homecoming Dance.

12. Kara Schiena, Jill Fore, Dan Wade, and (we think?) Sam Sinclair representing the class of '88.
Prom Preparations

May 17, 1986

1. Check the money supply
2. One last fitting
3. Pick up the flowers
4. Make sure the car is clean
5. Pick up the tuxedo
6. A final inspection
The Search is Over

This year’s prom was held in the archives of Bauers in Springfield on May 17, 1986. The junior class, who sponsored the dance, provided hors d’oeuvres instead of the traditional dinner and scrolls instead of the usual memory books. The evening’s entertainment began at 7:30 p.m. when the photographers began taking pictures. From 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of “Antics”. At 10:00 the prom court was crowned by the 1985 king and queen, Greg Schafer and Lori Heyen. Crownbearers were Erin and Ryan Noll.
Queen Angie Kincaid and King Jeff Eddings
First Runners-Up
Ellen Haller and Scott Chalmers

Second Runners-Up
Ronda Beaty and Corky Rebbe

Third Runners-Up
Stephanie Turner and Dan LaSanska

Fourth Runners-Up
Heather Rose and J.D. Kinser
Following the dance the Key Club sponsored a party at the American Legion on Lake Petersburg. The party began at midnight and ended at 5:00 a.m. Everyone enjoyed playing pool, listening to music, and eating a great breakfast served by the parents.

Having fun Michelle?

Glad to get out of your tux, Gary?
Now at last I hold you,
Now all is said and done.
The search has come full circle,
Our destinies are one.
So if you ever loved me
Show me that you give a damn.
You'll know for certain
The man I really am.
I was living for a dream,
Loving for a moment,
Taking on the world,
That was just my style.
Then I touched your hand.
I could hear you whisper.
The search is over,
Love was right before my eyes.
The annual class night program for seniors was held Thursday, May 29, at which time students were honored for their achievements while in high school. The program was held in the high school auditorium, and the welcome was given by Stacie Cramer, senior class president. The following awards were presented:

- Bausch and Lomb Science Award, Julie Hollis;
- Ill. Science Teachers Asst., Julie Hollis;
- Kiersten Kinser Scholarship, Julie Hollis;

Psychology Award, Suzy Schnapp; Child Psychology Award, Heather Rose; Child Care Award, Deann Kuhn, Laura Adams, Stephanie Turner. Spanish award, Jan Brown, Band Awards, Angie Kincaid, Chris Gutzman, Shane Turner, Liz Bissett; Math award, Julie Hollis.

Library Awards, JoeEllen Bright, Michelle Dillon, Theresa Feagans, Gena Gaddis, Rick Gleason, LeeAnn Mick, Tammy Noe, Jeff Sinclair, Dawn Tucker, Valerie Beard; Accounting Awards, Julie Hollis, Stacie Cramer; Shorthand Award, Valerie Beard, Ronda Beaty, JoeEllen Bright.

Student Council Awards, Stacie Cramer, Don Harrod, Julie Hollis, Angie Kincaid, Derek Schnapp, Darrin Stufflebeam; DeKalb Award, Scott Chalmers; Computer Awards, Shane Turner, Jim Winchester; Yearbook Awards: Julie Hollis, Monte Stuhmer, Sarah Lipe, Stacie Cramer, Ellen Haller, Derek Schnapp, Don Harrod, Laura Adams, JoeEllen Bright, Michelle Dillon, Dawn Tucker.

Senior Ensemble Awards, Rick Rogers, Leslie Babb; Chorus Awards, Leslie Babb, Sarah Lipe, Rick Rogers. Senior Athletic Awards were presented by Bill Spence to all seniors in recognition of their participation in various sports. Doug Miller Memorial Award, Jennifer Lewis; U.S. Army Nat. Scholar/Athlete, Derek Schnapp, Ellen Haller Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship, Stephanie Turner; Lincoln Land Comm. College Performance Scholarship, Chris Gutzman, Heather Rose; Petersburg Kiwanis Scholarship, Kim Witherell, Janssen Memorial Scholarship, Heather Rose. David Brauer Memorial Scholarship, Nhan Le, Ideal Industries scholarship Monte Stuhmer; D.A.R. recognition, Stacie Cramer, Derek Schnapp; Virginia Bell Trust Scholarship, Julie Hollis, Rick Gleason; Aden Scholarship, Ronda Beaty, Jeff Eddings, Angie Kincaid; Edith Masters Scholarship, Sarah Lipe, Derek Schnapp, Suzy Schnapp, Kim Witherell.

Ill. State Scholars, Ellen Haller, Julie Hollis, J.D. Kinser, Derek Schnapp, Suzy Schnapp, Shane Turner Presidential Fitness Awards, J.D. Kinser, Suzy Schnapp, Derek Schnapp, Stacie Cramer, Julie Hollis, Chris Gutzman, Ellen Haller, Liz Bissett, Rick Gleason.
1. Aden Scholarship Recipients: Ronda Beaty, Angie Kincaid, Jeff Eddings.
2. Virginia Bell Trust Scholarship: Julie Hollis, Rick Gleason.
4. Ill State Scholars: J.D. Kinser, Ellen Haller, Julie Hollis, Derek Schnapp, Suzy Schnapp, Shane Turner.
Graduation Day, June 6

Julie Hollis and Stacia Cramer were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the 1986 graduating class at Porta High. They spoke at the commencement exercises held Friday night, June 6, in the gymnasium.

The ceremonies began with the processional, played by the Porta band. Rev. Thomas Holinga of St. Peter Catholic Church gave the invocation, and Dr. David Turner gave recognition to the honor students. Mr. Broughton introduced the speakers. Stacie Cramer spoke on "A Path to the Future," and Julie Hollis' speech was "Aim for the Best."

Dr. Turner presented the class, and the diplomas were awarded by William Fricke, president of the Board of Education. The benediction was given by Rev. Holinga, followed by the recessional.

Top ten percent of the Senior class were Julie Hollis, Stacie Cramer, Sarah Lipe, Ellen Haller, Rick Gleason, Suzy Schnapp, Heather Rose, and J.D. Kinser.
Mrs. Hurdle (left), and Mrs. Davis (right), have both served as Senior Sponsors for many years. The Seniors thank them for their many hours of dedicated service and care.
Say Goodbye To Porta's Graduates
And Hello To Tomorrow's Leaders
Seniors
Laura Adams
Lettermen 11, 12; Newspaper 11; Volleyball stat. 9, 10; Volleyball 11, 12; Science Club 9; Yearbook Typist 12

Tim Atterberry
Leslie Babb
Class Sec. 12; Drama Club 12; Musical Prod. 10, 11, 12; Show Choir 10; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Soloist 10, 11, 12; Madrigal 12; Mixed Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12

Julie Baucom
Track 9, 10, 11; Volleyball 9; Lettermen 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 9, 10; Homecoming Court 12

Valerie Beard
Library Helper 11, 12

Ronda Beaty
Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Library Staff 10, 11; Pres. 10; Sec. 11; Newspaper 11; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Boy’s Basketball stat. 11, 12; Girl’s Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12

Liz Bissett
Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Girl’s Basketball 9, 10; Volleyball 9; Softball 9, 10; Ensemble 9, 12; Soloist 9, 10, 11; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 12; Science Club 9, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12

Theresa Brady
Track 12; Transferred from LaPort to here as a sophomore. French Club 9, 10; Yearbook staff 9; Office runner 9

Jo Ellen Bright
Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Library Staff 10, 11, 12; Reporter 11, Pres. 12; Newspaper 11, 12; Yearbook Typist 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook Salesman 12; Basketball Manager 10

Jan Brown
Key Club 12; Library Staff 9; Track 9; Newspaper 11; Girl’s Basketball 9

Ken Burton
Lettermen 11, 12; Library Staff 10; Perfect Attendance 10, 12; Basebal 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 11; Spanish Club 11, 12; I.R. 12

Scott Chalmers
N.H.S. 11, 12; F.F.A. 10, 11, 12; Pres. 12; Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9; Wrestling 9, 10; Homecoming Court 12

Arnold Christian
Stacia Cramer
Class Pres. 12; N.H.S. 11, 12; V. Pres. 12; Lettermen 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 11, 12; Student Council 12; Musical Prod. 9, 10, 11, 12; Sphinx Staff Editor; DAR Award 12; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 11; Band 9; Marching Band 9; Homecoming Court 12; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Who’s Who 11, 12; Science Club 9, 10, 11

Ron Curry
Michele Dillon
Library Staff 12; Projectionist 12; Newspaper 11, 12; Yearbook Salesman 12

Jeff Eddings
Class C. Pres. 9; Class Pres. 11; Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 10; Spanish Club 10, 11; Sec. 10; Homecoming Court 11, 12; Class Attendant 11; King 12

Amy Elmore
Key Club 12; Library Staff 9; Student Council 9

Theresa Feagans
Lettermen 9, 10; Library Staff 10, 11, 12; Track 9; Mixed Chorus 9, Band 9, 10; Marching Band 9, 10; Cheerleading 9, 10

Gena Gaddis
Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Library Staff 11, 12; V. Pres.
Council 11; Sphinx Staff Editor; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court 9, 10, 11, 12; Girl’s Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Who’s Who 11

Tim Hamerlink
Class Treas. 9; Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9; Marching Band 9; Homecoming Court 9; Who’s Who 11

Della Evemeyer
Library Staff 11; Newspaper 12; Volleyball Stat. 9

Paul Harris

DO YOU REMEMBER . . .

when everyone was checked for head lice?

when we took a fluoride treatment each week?

the gangs in elementary school?

when Petersburg had a movie theater?

when Mr. J banged Mike Woodrum and Steve Ver-

reault’s heads together?

when we had the tornado at school?

when skateboards were the big thing?

the big surprise you got if you didn’t get any detentions in middle school?

when we sat inside the tires during elementary school?

the bomb threat?

when Billy Garrison shot J.D. on the arm with his one shooter?

when we saw the Free to be You and Me movies?

when we didn’t get to go to Farmer’s Point?

the 4th grade square dance?

Ta, Ta, Te, Te, Ta with Mrs. Trone?

when the 6th grade class unplugged the clock in music and stayed there for 2 hours?

when we didn’t get to have a Luau because we were the WORST class ever?

learning the letter people?

when Jeff got stuck in his locker?

when Chris got stuck in Mrs. Morgan’s trash can?

when we put on Annie?

when we took a tour of the high school and got to have milkshakes?

wearing disco jackets?

working on Christmas projects in Mrs. Morgan’s class?

going roller skating?

when our junior high boys basketball teams went to state?

when Rhonda Beard threw up on J.D.?

when Sarah was thrown in the pool?

BB gun wars?

when the stage crew our Junior year went on manuevers?
Jeff Harrison
F.F.A. 12; Newspaper 12; Shepard High Polos 9, 10; WECEP 10
Rod Harrison
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Vice Pres. 12; Lettermen 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11; Football 9, 12
Don Harrod
Lettermen 10; Library Staff 9, 10; Projectionist 9, 10; Drama Club 12; Track 9, 10; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Vice President 10, 11, 12; Musical Production 10, 11, 12; Sphinx Staff Editor; Spanish Club 10, 11; Speech Team 10; Football Announcer 10, 11
Heather Hoffman
Key Club 11, 12; Track 9; Student Council 9; Sphinx Staff Editor; Boys Basketball Stat 11, 12; Girl's Basketball 9; Science Club 10, 11, 12
Julie Hollis
N.H.S. 11, 12; Key Club 12; Track 9, 10; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Pres. 12; Sphinx Staff Editor in Chief; Who's Who 11, 12; Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12; WIABEA Typing Contest Alternate 10; Volleyball 9; Girls' Basketball Stat 9, 10; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country Stat 10; Alternate to Girl's State

Charles Hubbard
Football 10, 11; Science Club 12
Diane Jackson
Perfect Attendance 11, 12
Jennifer Johnson
Musical Production 10; Softball Manager 10; Ensemble 9; Marching Band 9, 10; Stage Band 9, 10, 11
Jim Jones
I.R. 11, 12
Mary Kemp
Angie Kincaid
N.H.S. 11, 12; Key Club 12; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12; Sec. 12; Musical Production 9; Girls Basketball Stats 9; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Vice President 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court 11, 12; Who's Who 11, 12; Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12
J.D. Kinser
Class Officers 10, 11, 12; Treasurer; Library Staff 9; Projectionist 9; Musical Production 11, 12; Homecoming Court 12; Who's Who 11; Speech Team 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Thespians 11, 12; Announcing 11
Shawn Koch
Basketball 12; Transfer Student 12; Carbondale Community High School; Football 11; Track 9, 10; FBLA member; German Club 9, 10; Art Club 9, 10, 11
Nikki Knous
Drama Club 12; Sec.: Thespian; Musical Production 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Ensemble 11, 12; Soloist 10, 11, 12; Madrigal 12; Mixed Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9
Deanna Kuhn
Newspaper 12
David LaMasters
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12
Dan LaSanska
Class Officers 11, 12; Vice Pres.; F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Letterman 9, 10, 11, 12; Library Staff 9; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10; Stage Crew; Who's Who 12; Homecoming Court 12
Lori Lascelles
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; I.R. 11; Sphinx Salesperson
Nhan Le
N.H.S. 12; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 10, 11; Science Club; Who's Who 11, 12
Jennifer Lewis
Class Officers 9; Pres.: Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12;
Boys Basketball Stats 10, 11, 12; Science Club 10, 11; Girl's Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12

Sarah Lipe
Class Officers 10, 11; Sec.; N.H.S. 11, 12; Treas. 12; Lettermen 10; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Sec. 11; Drama Club 10, 11, 12; Sec. 10; Pres. 12; Musical Prod. 9, 10, 11; Madrigal 10, 12; Band 9; Marching Band 9; Who's Who 11, 12; Science Club 9; Girls State; Basketball Stat 10; Play Productions 9, 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 10, 11; Sphinx Staff Editor

Wm. Livezey

Jason Lowe
F.F.A. 9, 10, 11; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12

LeeAnn Mick
Library Staff 12; Drama Club 12; Thespians; Musical Prod. 12; Lib. Aid 10, 12; Spanish Aid 11, 12; French Club 10, Kitchen Worker 12

DO YOU REMEMBER ...

when the guys played kill the man with the ball after dark in the snow?

when Donnie Harrod went camping?
when Donnie, Eric, Dan, and J.D. stole Mrs. Horwedel’s library list?
when Stephanie was left at Parkview?
when Steve, Pat, and Jeff stole flowers from the cemetery for the Senior float?
Mrs. Wankel’s bubble blowing contest?
when Kim and Tim weren’t going out?
when Dan LaSanska’s Camaro was not in the shop?
Darrin Stufflebeam’s 17th Birthday party?
when we had a slave day?
Ricky Rogers’ Spaghetti parties?
when Charlie started a fire in Mr. White’s trash can?
when Stacie Cramer and Heather Hoffman blew up poisonous gas in the chemistry room?
when several of the Seniors were “A Big Happy Family”?
the band’s trip to Nashville?
the “baby oil” in Nashville?
when Angie, Stacie, and Sarah got lost in Opryland?
when we won our Homecoming game our Freshman year?
what was on 13th and Jackson?
when Alan Pickerell had so many wrecks?
all the great times we shared together at PORTA as the class of “86”!!!!!!
Tammy Noe
Lettermen 9, 10, 11; Library Staff 10, 11, 12; Track 10; Stat.; Newspaper 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11; Softball 12

Alan Pickerill
Key Club 12; Library Staff 9; Basketball 9, 10; Who's Who 11, 12; Science Club 9, 12

Melanie Pratt
Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Library Staff 9; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9; Homecoming Court 10

Larry Rebbe
Class Officers 10, Pres.; F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Sec.; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9; Homecoming Court 10

Eric Reiser
Lettermen 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Pres. 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10; Musical Prod. 11; Sphinx Staff Editor 12; Homecoming Court 12; Who's Who 11, 12

Krista Robinson
Newspaper 12; Chorus 9, 10

Carlos Rogers
Transferred Here from Oklahoma as a sophomore. Class V. Pres. 10; Reporter 9; F.F.A. 9, 10, 11, 12; Pres. 10; V. Pres. 9; Lettermen 10, 12; Key Club 12; Library Staff 9; Football 9, 10, 12; Science Club 9, 10

Rick Rogers
Lettermen 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Track 9, 10, 11; Wrestling 12; Cross Country 10, 11, 12; Musical Prod. 9, 10; Newspaper 11, 12; AIASA 10; Pep Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Soloist 9, 10, 11, 12; Madrigal 12; Mixed Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12

Heather Rose
N.H.S. 11, 12; Drama Club 12; Treas. 12; Musical Prod. 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Ensemble 9; Band 9, 10, 11; Marching Band 9, 10, 11; Color Guard 10, 11; Who's Who 11, 12; Science Club 9, 12

Pal Rynning
Cross Country 12; Basketball 12

Tracy Ruble
Football 11; Transferred here as a Freshman from Springfield High.

Pat Scheina
Football 11; Transferred here as a Freshman from Springfield High.

Derek Schnapp
N.H.S. 11, 12; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Sec. 11, 12; Sphinx Staff Editor 12; Junior Marshall for Graduation 11; Football Announcer 11, 12; Assistant Coach of Jr. High Girl's Basketball 11, 12; DAR Award 12; Marching Band 10

Suzy Schnapp
Jeff Sinclair
Library Staff 12

Mike Sinclair
I.R. 12

James Smith
F.F.A. 12; Newspaper 12

Joe Spivey
Key Club 12; Basketball 10; Football 9; Wrestling 9;
Spanish Club 11, 12  
**Shawn Stiltz**  
Basketball 9, 10, 11; I.R. 12;  
Basketball Manager 12  
**Vernon Stiltz**  
Darrin Stufflebeam  
Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12  
**Monte Stuhmer**  
N.H.S. 11; Lettermen 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, 10; Yearbook Business Manager 12  
**Cindy Taapken**  
Key Club 12; I.R. 12; Spanish Club 10; Who’s Who 11, 12  
**Laura Travis**  
Yearbook Salesman 12; Spanish Club 9, 10; Student Council 9; Who’s Who 11, 12  
**Dawn Tucker**  
Newspaper 11, 12; Yearbook Salesman 12  
**Shane Turner**  
Track 9, 10; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Pres. 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball Manager 9, 10  
**Stephanie Turner**  
Class Sec. 9; Lettermen 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; V. Pres. 12; Office Helper 11; Musical Prod. 9; Spanish Club 11, 12; Basketball Stat 10; Yearbook Artist 12; I.R. 12; Marching Band 9, 10; Color Guard 9, 10; Homecoming Court 12; Who’s Who 11, 12; Science Club 9  
**Steve Verreault**  
Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Jim Winchester**  
Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 10, 12; Marching Band 9; Stage Band 9  
**Kim Witherell**  
N.H.S. 11, 12; Sec. 12; Musical Prod. 9, 10; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook Salesman 12; Chorus 9; Ensemble 9; Mixed Chorus 9; Who’s Who 11, 12; Science Club 10, 11, 12
Yes, We’re Finally Seniors
Juniors
Scott Feagans
Matt Fricke
Mike Garver
Amy Gellerman
Angela Gillmore

Bob Gillmore
Shawn Gordon
Mu Guinan
Angie Gum
Alan Gurski

Jo Hackman
Regina Haker
Amy Heyen
Cathy Hillyer
Jody Hodgson

Jim Holler
Richard Holliday
Brian Hollis
Lisa Horn
Shannon Horn

Christy Ice
Steve Klokkenga
Elaine Knous
Richard Koch
Pam Kuenstler
Sophomores
Favorite Rock Group
Survivor
Kiss
Motley Crue

A new school rule should be:
Disregard all school rules.
Open Campus at all times.
You can wear shorts anytime.

Favorite Movie
Back To The Future
Sixteen Candles
Breakfast Club
Rambo

Favorite place to eat:
Pizza Hut
McDonalds
School Cafeteria

If I had a car, it would be:
Corvette
Porsche
Mustang

Not Pictured
Gerald Hopping
Russell Hunt
Jim Langley
Curtis Pellhum

"Just wait 'till we're seniors!!!
Freshmen
Mike Sutton  
Taber Tapscott  
Doug Thurman  
Tim Treseler  
Tracy Turek

Bill Vasquez  
Eric Vehoc  
Brandy Vice  
Robert Wade  
Mia Waters

Tricia Watson  
Toni Wehrheim  
Dan Willenburg  
Ben Wildt  
Jeff Willis

David Winchester  
Sonia Haynes  
Photos not present:  
Randy Kinney  
Brian Thomas  
Julie Finn  
Tammy  
Wehrheim  
Tara Woith


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Faculty
in memory of

David D. Brauer 1923-1985

Dave was a teacher in the best sense of the word. His theme was truthfulness, he emphasized this so much that he often had to put his own money into helping some youth have funds they badly needed. On holidays, former students would correspond with Dave and tell him how much he meant to them. One said that he owed his success in life to him. Another cried and said that he was the best friend he ever had and the best teacher also.

He taught Math but he was most interested in having knowledge about many subjects. His interests were in literature, physics, chemistry, history, current events, and music. He had a deep appreciation even for subjects that he did not know. He taught the subject but more than that he taught the person. Many a student got a renewed faith in self because Dave had faith in them. He would say "You are as good as the next fellow . . . if you just let yourself be." He never talked down to youth, he took every student each as he or she was and then expected something better of each one of them.
Dave Pruitt, Band
Jan Malinak, Speech, History
Rich Ford, Chorus

Tom Patterson, Ag.

Steve Plaeger, Science

Beth French, Math

Pat Stanish, Spec. Ed.

David Tanner, Ind. Arts, Vocat. Dir.
Betty Tice, Jr. High Counselor, Sp. Ed.

Marlene Zimmerman, Business Ed.

Rosie Cahill, Math

Jack Coil, Phys. Ed.
Dan Sullivan, Phys. Ed., Health

Lowell Kuenstler, 8th Grade Science

Mary Meiss, English
Hilda Tanner, English

Connie Davis, History

Richard Ford, Chorus

Judy Hurdle, Home Ec., Psych.

Linda Forbes, History

Sue Hultgren, Spec. Ed.

Len Onken, Phys. Ed.
Judy Hoffman, Spanish

Carla Rebbe, Business

Ruthelma Wankel, Eng.

Pam Armbrust, Art

Wendy Schwer, Business

"No, no, please Mr. Turner."

Mr. Dean Broughton,
Superintendent

Dr. David Turner,
Principal.

Mr. Roger Bassana, Ass't. Principal.

Custodians
Ken Haynes, Tom Kelly, Jeff Freeman, Jim Smith

Secretaries; Principal's Office
Maureen Hughes
Judy Hollis

Kitchen Staff
Sandy Ruble, Lori Angotti, Nettie Fry, Doris Bauser, Louise Davis,
Vera Martin, Annis Worthington, Nita Gondek.

Secretaries; Supt. Office
Donna Ebken
Glenda Anderson
Most of the richness of life is handed down from one life to the next and this often comes in the form of memories. Ercell Dirks, secretary at Porta, left us with many memories, for she was...

... patient and kind to all,
... a walking encyclopedia of Porta information,
... dedicated to students, teachers, and administrators,
... concerned about everyone’s mental, emotional, and physical needs,
... interested in education,
... and always there.

Very few days have gone by this year that most people of Porta have not answered an inquiry with “ask Ercell”. Because everyone depended upon her for so very much it is difficult to believe that she is not here. James W. Riley, in his poem “Away” expresses how Porta feels about Ercell:

“We cannot say, and we will not say that she is dead — She is just away!

“With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
She had wandered into an unknown land,

“And left us dreaming how very fair

“It needs must be, since she lingers there.”

Life ends, but memories live.

Dedication written by Mrs. Ruthelma Wankel.
Fine Arts
The production of Li'l Abner, under the direction of Jan Malinak, was a huge success last spring. The town of Dogpatch came to life with the help of over seventy Porta students. The play was performed on the nights of April 25 and 26 to full capacity audiences. Hats off to the directors and students for doing such a great job.

**Leads**

Abner Yokum .......... Matthew Battles
Daisy Mae ............. Leslie Babb
Mammy Yokum .......... Christy Ice
Pappy Yokum .......... Mike Stier
Marryin' Sam .......... Gary Thomas
Earthquake McGoon .... Neil Conklin

*Li'il Abner (Matt Battles) about to receive his daily dose of tonic from Mammy Yokum (Christy Ice).*

*Dr. Finsdale (Christina Hardway) inspects Mammy Yokum's tonic as Lonesome Polecato (Eldon Burch) looks on.*

*Instrumental Director: Dave Pruitt, Musical Director: Jan Malinak, and Choral Director: Rich Ford.*
back row: Jeff Miller, Steve Klokkenga, Christina Hardway, Gary Thomas, Leslie Babb, Matt Battles, Paul Harris, Christy Ice, Mike Stier, Shane Honeycutt, Neil Conklin, Kari Christensen, middle row: LeeAnn Mick, Matt Bell, Mark Leathers, Mike Sears, John Sears, Gene Noll, Eldon Burch, Rachel Spivey, Dan Koke. front row: Janelle Hazelwood, Tara Adams, Martha Reiser, Amy Battles, Suzie Battin, Cindy Bell.

2. scenery crew: Catie Payne, Mike Stier, Robin Bailey, Linda Barrett, Shannon Estill, Mike Brake, Janelle Hazelwood.
3. special assistants: Carie Hanford, Stacie Cramere, Martha Reiser.
Orchestra

**back row** Tony Dede, Jay Winkleman, Shane Turner, Doug Pettit, Neil Tice, Joel Brugger. **middle row:** Chris Gutzman, Angie Davis, Terri Blakeley, Mary Feagans, Joanne Fleck. **front row** Cindy Verry, Jenni Allen, Liz Bissett, Donna Little, Angie Kincaid, Angela Gillmore.
Porta's Thespian Club did a series of three one act plays during the fall. The titles of those plays were M.A.S.H., Cemeteries Are a Grave Matter, and The Storm. All were under the direction of Jan Malinak, advisor.

1. Members of the Thespian Club, back row, l to r: Tara Adams, Gary Thomas, Mike Stier, Matt Battles, Jeff Miller, Don Harrod, J.D. Kinser, Steve Kiokkenga, Neil Conklin, Shane Honicutt, Jan Malinak. front row: Leslie Babb, Martha Reiser, Amy Battles, Tammy Tippett, Rachel Spivey, Heather Rose, Sarah Lipe, Stacie Cramer, Cindy Bell.

One Act Plays

4. Mike Stier, Matt Battles, Gary Thomas, and Racquel White in M.A.S.H.
5. Full cast during a scene from M.A.S.H.
6. Martha Reiser, Amy Battles, Sara Lipe, Gary Thomas, and A.J. Gurski in a scene from The Storm.
These Marching Jays had several reasons to be proud this year. For the first time ever the band received all Superior marks at the I.H.S.A. State Band Contest. Second place was taken at the W. Central Illinois Field Show Competition. Fifth Place was awarded at the Western Illinois University Competition. The "Porta Pride" Jazz Band played at many functions in the community to the delight of everyone and the Pep Band always livened up the crowd at the basketball games.
1. Marching Jays during band competition
2. **Flags**: Jeannie Selby, Teresa Brown, Traci Wilbur, Candice Brodie, Michelle Selby, Toni Nance.
3. Mary Feagans plays the xylophone at a basketball halftime.
4. **Band Officers**: Mr. Dave Pruitt, Director; Shane Turner, Pres.; Angie Kincaid, V. Pres.; Angie Gum, Sec-Treas.; Chris Gutzman, Drum Major.
5. Terri Blakeley and Christy Ice during a halftime performance.
6. Everyone to the left!
7. The whole gang.
Drum Major Chris Gutzman

Flags Tony Nance
   Terri Wilbur
   Theresa Brown
   Michelle Selby
   Candice Brody

Flutes Cindy McLin
   Mia Waters
   Lisa Germeraad
   Aimee Nechvetal
   Angie Davis

Clarinet Angie Davis
   Terry Blakely
   Angie Gum
   Christy Ice
   Jenny Allen
   Amy Battles
   Angie Kincaid

Saxaphones Blake Sampson
   Mu Guinan
   Gary Thomas
   Candy Short

Trumpets Matt Battles
   Tony Dede
   Christina Hardway
   Shawn Nusbaum
   Cindy Verry
   Mark Tice

Trombone Jay Winkleman
   Angela Davis
   Liz Bisset
   Shane Turner

Percussion Beth Willis
   Donna Little
   Matt Bell
   Chris Moss
   Joel Brugger
   Mike Sutton
   Justin Morgan
   Matt Lipsky

Marimba Jeff Miller

Sousaphone Neil Tice

Bells Angela Gillmore
   Mary Feagans
Choral Instructor: Richard Ford
Accompanist: Angela Gilmore
Choral Members: Back Row, left to right, Tammy Tippett, Tara Adams, Darla Ab­bott, Cindy Wethington, Michelle Selby, Nikki Knous.
Front Row: Toni Nance, Beth Wade, Cindy Verry, Beth Willis, Kim Molohon, Leslie Babb.

IHSA Participants
Tara Adams
Leslie Babb
Jody Carpenter
Nikki Knous
Toni Nance
Michelle Selby
Tammy Tippett
Beth Willis
Michelle Selby
Cindy Verry
Beth Wade
Madrigal singing, brought to England from Italy in the 16th Century, was at first an informal type of private entertainment at the castles and country homes of the landed gentry. Frequently the lords and ladies performed the music themselves as they sat at dinner in the Great Hall. Naturally, during the twelve days of the Christmas Season there was much entertaining and singing of Madrigals.

The food was carried into the Great Hall in procession. Meat courses included stags roasted whole, gilded swans, peacocks with their feathers still attached and boar’s head resting on decorated platters.

The Madrigal Dinner was held on December 7, 6:30 P.M. in the Commons.
3. Leslie Babb: Night
4. Mr. Ford: director, Leslie Babb.
5. Gary Thomas, Matt Battles: Jugglers.
These students participated in the JETS test (Junior Engineering Technical Society) —
Organizations
The Student Council is made up of five class representatives as well as each class President. These students are elected to the Student Council by their classmates during lunchtime elections.

The main function of the Student Council is the planning of the Homecoming Dance. All members help in the decoration of the cafeteria and all have jobs at the dance, such as, taking money for pictures, taking ticket money, and bringing refreshments.
1. **Student Council Sponsors:** Mrs. Rebbe and Mrs. Wankel.
2. **Sophomore Student Council:** Doug Hollis, Randy Gum, Jeff Jannoni, Leigh Ann Stier, Teresa Hamerlinck, Carrie Hanford.
3. **Freshman Student Council:** Eric Vehoc, Kari Christensen, Trish Haddick, C.J. Lynn, Jennifer Sandberg, Chris Stuhmer.
4. **Student Council Officers:** J. Hollis — President, D. Harrod — Vice President, A. Kincaid — Secretary, D. Schnapp — Treasurer.
5. **Back Row:** Mrs. Rebbe, Stacie Cramer, Angie Kincaid, Julie Hollis, Lisa Horn, Jennifer Sandberg, Chris Stuhmer, Trish Haddick, Mrs. Waneel.


**Bottom Row:** Derek Schnapp, Doug Hollis, Randy Gum, Jeff Jannoni, Don Harrod, Kelly Ames, Becky Carter.


7. **Senior Student Council:** Don Harrod, Derek Schnapp, Angie Kincaid, Julie Hollis, Not pictured — Darrin Stufflebeam, Stacie Cramer.
LETTERMEN’S CLUB


Four Year Lettermen: Jennifer Lewis, Ellen Haller, Scott Chalmers, Gena Gaddis, Ronda Beaty, Jeff Eddings, Tim Hamerlinck, Darrin Stufflebeam, Rick Rogers, Tim Grace, Dan LaSanska.

Senior Lettermen: back row: Darrin Stufflebeam, Jim Winchester, Rick Rogers, Monte Stuhmer, Tim Grace, Stacie Cramer. middle row: Rod Harrison, Dan LaSanska, Jason Lowe, Eric Reiser, pal Rynning, Derek Schnapp, Jeff Eddings, front row: Ronda Beaty, Ellen Haller, Gena Gaddis, Scott Chalmers, Jennifer Lewis, Nhan Le.
Sophomore Letterman; back row: Louie Carroll, Lance Spence, Mike Carroll, Linda Barrett, Greg Clary, David Willis, Jeff Jiannoni. second row: Jill Fore, Dan Wade, Kirk Peters, Mike Stier, Greg Gurski, Dawn Stiltz. first row: Julie Lee, Andy Ashbaugh, Nathan Blauvet, Teresa Hamerlinck.

Freshmen Lettermen; back row: Robert Wade, Tuan Guinan, Doug Thurman, Tracie Turek. front row: Tim Treseler, T.J. Carroll, David Winchester.
Seniors

Officers
President, Ellen Haller; Vice President, Stacie Cramer; Secretary, Kim Witherell; Treasurer, Sarah Lipe; Advisor, Judy Hurdle.
Juniors
back row: Shannon Horn, Teri Wilbur, Amy Gellerman, Christy Ice, Amy Heyen, Lisa Horn, Angie Gum, Lisa Bottoms, Kim Bryant, Robyn Ruppel. front row: Greg Severns, Gary Thomas, Jeff Soltermann, Mark Toland, Matt Fricke, Jeff Miller, Chris Crosnoe, David Adams.

Officers
President, Jeff Soltermann; Vice President, Robyn Ruppel; Secretary, Teri Wilbur; Treasurer, Gary Thomas.
Key Club Membership Increases


Third Row: Robyn Ruppel, Kristi Smith, Heather Hoffman, Jennifer Lewis, Carrie Hanford, Kim Bryant, Sara Lipe, Jennifer Bergner, Rhonda Beaty.


First Row: Jeff Eddings, Rod Harrison, Eric Reiser, Steve Klokkenga, Darin Davis, Alan Pickerell, Tim Hamerlinck, Scott Chalmers, Mr. Turner, advisor.

Eric Reiser — President, Stephanie Turner — Vice President, Kelley Ames — Sec., Amy Heyen — Treasurer.
En Español


Spanish Club Officers
Yo Porta,

My exchange student year has been really fun and full of experiences. The big part of that is school. The short time I have spent here, I have realized a lot of good things. I have made many friends and people here have been friendly and helpful. I have enjoyed my time here and I believe that the rest of the year is gonna be as fun. (bunny, bunny, bunny!) I bet Prom and Graduation will be fun.

Thanks to all!
Ilkka (Ile) Huusko
— Finland —
P.S. Good Luck in future.

You guys!
Errrrrr!
Yo Adrian!

“...When I received a letter from YFU (Youth For Understanding) in 1985 that said I was going to live in Petersburg, I did not even know in which state it was, I did not know anybody that lived there and it was a lot different from where I used to live in my home country. It sure seemed scary!

After I had been here for a while and started school I found out that there was no reason for being scared. The people here at Porta were very nice and helpful. After a while it felt like I knew everyone in the school. It sure helps to have a lot of good friends when you are away from your family and “old friends”. Thanks to everyone, it was an enjoyable stay I will remember my whole life.”

Pal Rynning
"I had a great time this year, and I wish I could stay another year to graduate with all my friends. I want to thank everybody who helped me in the beginning to understand the language and to get used to the school system. I also want to thank my teachers who all helped a lot to make my year successful.

I enjoyed Homecoming very much, and I will enjoy Prom, too. I wished there had been more school activities like that. I also like that I was not the only foreign exchange student in your school.

Thanks to all of you for letting me come (and stay) — Keep up the good work!

For the next year I wish everybody good luck — especially the Lady Jays Basketball and Softball Team."

Thanks a lot,
Regine Haker
The Auto Mechanics Class meets every day during 6th and 7th hours. They work on their own vehicles as well as the school’s and other privately owned cars. Because it is a nonprofit organization there is no charge for labor; just the cost of the parts.

Front Row — Juhn Walker, Mike Garver, Chris Moss, Dan LaSnaska, Bob Gilmore, Ken Winniger.

Watch out Mike, Dan’s up to something.
Science Club $E=MC^2$

**Back Row** — Mike Brake, Jeff Miller, Jeff Soltermann, Neil Conklin, Larry Horn, Dan Wade, Brad Dearing, Ryan Samuelson, Alan Pickell, Mike Stier. **Middle Row** — Kirk Peters, Raquel White, Teresa Hamerlinck, Carrie Hanford, Dawn Stiltz, Tracy Horn, Stacie Waller, Teresa Stogsdill, Teri Wilbur, Lisa Bottom, Elaine Knous, David Adams. **Front Row** — Martha Reiser, Rachel Spivey, Tracy Turek, Pam Kuenstler, Kim Skaggs, Greg Severns, Chuck Morrell, Alan Monroe.

**Library Club**

Working on a yearbook staff is a job that continues throughout the entire school year, beginning the first day of school and running right up to the day of graduation. This was the first year that underclassmen were given duties on the staff. It is hopeful that by starting as an underclassman they will have several year’s experience by the time they are Seniors, thus enabling them to produce an even better edition of the Porta Sphinx.

1. Asst. Editors: Chuck Morrell, Don Harrod, Pam Kuenstler, Derek Schnapp, Ellen Haller, Rachel Spivey, Sarah Lipe, Stacie Cramer, Carrie Hanford.
3. Photographers — Mike Brake, Rachel Spivey, Matt Battles.
5. Typists — Laura Adams, Jo Ellen Bright.

Takes A Lot Of Teamwork.
F.F.A. Leads The Way

Back row — Scott Jones, Mark Leathers, Aaron Blakeley, Randy Gum, Matt Fricke, James Smith, Rick Koch, Tad Spence, Rob Helton, Tim Tressler, Corky Rebbe. Middle Row — Carlos Rogers, John Sears, Dan LaSanska, Rod Harrison, Richard Holliday, Greg Gurski, Clay Evers, Eldon Burch, Jason Lowe, Jeannie Moss, Tracy Allen, Dan Carter. Front Row — Amy Gellerman, Yurri Pellinghelli, Sam Sinclair, Jeff Smith, Brad Rebbe, Mike Broida, Doug King, Doug Hollis, Mark Pratt, Dick Cowan, Scott Chalmers.

L-R — Advisor — Mr. Patterson, Vice-Pres. Rod Harrison, Pres. — Scott Chalmers, Sec. — Amy Gellerman, Treas. — Tracey Allen, Sent. — Randy Gum.

Back Row — Charlie Sathoff, Tim Atterberry, Robert Pellhum. Front Row — Mike Sears, Jeff Bell, Eric Boehm
The F.F.A. is involved in many activities throughout the year, ranging from livestock judging contests to growing and selling plants at the Food Fair.
WIABEA PARTICIPANTS

WIABEA: Angela Gillmore, Kim Bryant, Kim Skaggs, Christy Ice, Mu Guinan, Julie Hollis, Jennifer Bergner.

ISU: Julie Hollis, Tammy Noe, Angie Gum, Kim Bryant

Sponsors, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Rebbe
Morning And Afternoon IR

P.M. — Don Harrod, Jim Jones, Corky Rebbe, Mr. Toland, Mike Sinclair, Ken Burton, Tracy Ruble, Stephanie Turner, Melanie Pratt, Jennifer Johnson, Angela Gillmore, and Theresa Feagans.

A.M. — Cindy Taapken, Richard Holliday, Shawn Stiltz, Kim Skaggs, Dan Carter, Valerie Beard, and Mr. Toland.
Sports
The Tradition Continues

Front Row (L-R) — Coach Johnson, Scott Feagans, Rick Rogers, Jim Winchester, Dave Winchester, Jeff Solterman, Chris Payne. Back Row (L-R) — Butch Turner, Mike Stier, Jason Lowe, Jennifer Lewis, A.J. Gurski, Doug Thurman, Pal Rynning.

Coach Johnson

Seniors (L-R) — Pal, Rick, Jennifer, Jim and Jason.
Cross Country 1985
Dual Record 7-1
Delavan Invite — 1st place
Regional Champions
Sectional — 4th place
State — 7th place
State Medalist — Doug Thruman (25th)
Girls State Qualifer — Jennifer Lewis

Special Awards
Most Valuable — Doug Thruman
Most Improved — Mike Stier
Captain — Jason Lowe

Doug Thruman receiving State Medal from Mr. Turner
The 1985 golf season for the Porta Bluejays was again successful. The Bluejays finished with an excellent dual record of 13-1, while finishing first in the Spoon River Conference. The Jays also advanced to the Sectional, while Darrin Stufflebeam and Mark Toland advanced to State. Darrin was the only senior on the squad.

**Spoon River Conference Champs**

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**Sitting (L-R)** Jeff Weatherford, John Weatherford. **Middle Row (L-R)** Andy Ashbaugh, Drew Stevens, Darrin Stufflebeam, Mark Toland, Greg Clary. **Top Row (L-R)** Mike Carroll, Tim Treseler, Darin Pritchett, Coach Toland, T.J. Carroll.
Mark Toland 41.1 ave.

Darin Stufflebeam 41.6 ave.

Mike Carroll 42.9 avg.

State Qualifiers
The Bluejay Shuffle

The 1985 football season would not be considered much of a success by those of us looking solely at the won lost record. Fortunately, there were other things that made it a positive and enjoyable experience for all who were involved. The number of promising, young athletes in the program is a bright spot worth noting. A J-V squad with a record of 5-1 gives us high hopes for the near future. A freshman squad, which played good sound football all season, provides us with a base upon which to build a program in the coming years. And finally the spirit, dedication and desire to succeed, displayed by members of the team, supply us with the basic ingredients necessary to become winners on and off the field. Combining all these qualities gives us the opportunity to make 1986 a Championship year for Porta Football.

1. Varsity Coach — Len Onken
2. Jr. Varsity Coach — Tom Patterson

3. Tim eyes an opening.
4. If at first you don’t succeed, trip him.
5. Ready . . . Set . . .
Back Row (L-R) Drew Lucht, Mike Sutton, Rob Helton, Darrin Davis, Lance Spence, Alan Monroe, Keith Kinney, Eric Vehovc, Joe Bayless.  
2nd Row (L-R) Coach Onken, Scott Jones, Randy Gum, Neil Conklin, Ken Morris, Matt Fricke, Steve Klokkenkeng, Kelly Stufflebeam, Aaron Blakely, Coach Patterson. 3rd Row (L-R) Nhan Le, Bill Shaw, Bart Jones, Jeff Smith, Taber Tapscott, Scott Chalmers, Yogi Squires, Eric Boehm, Joel Horwedd, Jim Rogers, Greg Gurski, Jeff Eddings.  
4th Row (L-R) Dan LaSanska, Tracy Allen, Brad Dearing, Jeff Jiannoni, Rod Harrison, Tim Grace, Mark Snow, Rick Turasky, Tim Hamerlinck, Matt Porter, Mike Sears, Chris Crosnowe.  

Seniors: top, Tim Grace. Middle, Rod Harrison, Nhan Le, Scott Chalmers. Bottom, Tim Hamerlinck, Carlos Rogers, Jeff Eddings, Dan LaSanska.  

Most Valuable Player — Scott Chalmers  
Bluejay Hitman — Scott Chalmers  
Back of the Year — Dan LaSanska  
Co-Lineman of the year — Randy Gum, Jeff Eddings  
Most Improved — David Willis  
Porta Pride Award — Darrin Davis
The Lady Jays started fresh this year with a new coach. Linda Tusek led the girls to achieve an improved record of 8-17 for the varsity. Co-captains were Ellen Haller and JoEllen Bright. JoEllen was also chosen by her teammates as "most valuable player". Laura Adams was the "most improved player," and Ronda Beaty received the "Hustle" award.
LET'S GO TO THE HOOPS

Varsity (L-R) Drew Lucht, Steve Verreault, Corky Rebbe, Rick Koch, Monte Stuhmer, Mike Carroll, Mgr. Shawn Stiltz, Matt Fricke, Mark Toland, Jim Holler, Darrin Stufflebeam, Pal Rynning, Derek Schnapp.

NICKNAMES

Mike Carroll — "Stretch"
Jim Holler — "Speedy"
Monte Stuhmer — "Hulk"
Derek Schnapp — "Oz"

Darin Stufflebeam — "The Stuff"
Steve Verreault — "Frenchy"
Corky Rebbe — "Trapper"

Seniors — Darin, Derek, Monte, Pal, Steve, Corky.

Varsity Awards
Co-Captains Derek Schnapp, Steve Verreault
MVP Derek Schnapp
Most Rebounds Matt Fricke
Best Free Throw Percentage Darrin Stufflebeam
Most Improved Corkey Rebbe


Varsity Record 22-7
Spoon River Conference 2nd
Sangamon Conference 3rd
Greenview Thanksgiving Tournament Champs
Ashland Holiday Tournament Champs
The Lady Jays finished their season 9-15 (varsity) and 11-6 (fresh-soph). Ronda Beaty, Co-capt. (the highest free throw percentage award winner) along with Ellen Haller, (the team’s starting forward) will retire, posting good careers for the Lady Jays. Returning next year will be PORTA’s leading scorer, Angie Gum. Angie was voted MVP, made the Beardstown All-tourney Team and All-Spoon River Conference Team. In addition, Ms. “Hustle/Defensive” player, Robyn Ruppel; “Super Rebounder”, Jeannie Moss; and “Super Sub”, most improved, Terri Wilber will also be returning. The year was fun-filled and exciting basketball. Ellen and Ronda will surely be missed.” — Coach Patterson

JV Team

Varsity Team
Coach Patterson, Robyn Ruppel, Shannon Estill, Ellen Haller, Tracey Gordon, Jeannie Moss, Mary Feagans, Angie Gum, Terri Wilbur, Teresa Hamerlink, Ronda Beaty, Manager Tara Full.
WRESTLING STATISTICS

Dual Record 12-6

Sectional Qualifiers
98 lbs. — Robert Wade
112 lbs. — Dan Wade
138 lbs. — Rick Turasky
154 lbs. — Darin Davis
167 lbs. — Jim Winchester (4th place)

Special Awards
Most Valuable Player — Jim Winchester
Most Improved Player — Neil Conklin
Captain — Jim Winchester
Most Pins and Take Downs — Dan Wade
1. **Varsity Baseball** back row; Eric Reiser, Rick Koch, James Smith, Monte Stuhmer, Shawn McCombs, Tim Grace, Tim Hamerlinck, **Front row**; Brian Hollis, Greg Gurski, Scott Chalmers, Dan Gibbs, Jeff Jiannoni, Derek Schnapp.

2. **Seniors back row**; Eric Reiser, James Smith, Monte Stuhmer, Tim Grace, Tim Hamerlinck. **front row**; Scott Chalmers, Dan Gibbs, Derek Schnapp.

3. Coach Brady
above, J.V. Baseball back row: Jeff Smith, David Willis, Mike Sutton, Tim Treseler, Shawn McCombs, Keith Kinney, Joe Bayless, Greg Gurski, Coach Hurie. front row; Bill Vasquez, Doug King, David Pieratt, Kirk Peters, John Virgin, Sam Sinclair, Bart Jones, Alex Ashbaugh.

right, Coach Hurie
Great Season For Lady Jays
1. **Pitchers and Catchers;** top, Jill Weatherford, Robyn Ruppel, Angie Gum, bottom, Shannon Horn, Terri Wilbur.

2. **Seniors;** left, Ellen Hailer, Ronda Beatty.


Mr. and Mrs. Patterson coached the Softball Lady Jays to a 14-7 season in 1968. The team ended up in second place in the Spoon River Conference. Angie Gum, Robyn Ruppel and Ellen Haller all made the second team in the Sangamo Conference. Most Valuable Player Award went to Angie Gum. Ellen Haller was voted Captain, Jeannie Moss was Most Improved Player, and Terri Wilbur received the Hustle Award.
Going For The Gold

Track Team, back row: Coach Johnson, Rob Helton, Chris Payne, Rick Rogers, David Winchester, Jim Winchester, Lance Spence, Jeff Soltermann, Drew Lucht. 
middle row: Shane Honeycutt, Mike Stier, Pal Running, Butch Turner, Jason Lowe, Brad Dearing, Dan Wade, Matt Porter.
front row, Robert Wade, Nhan Le, Paul Vogt, Greg Severns, David Adams, Doug Thurman, Tuan Guinan.

Seniors — Jason Lowe, Jim Winchester, Nhan Le, Rick Rogers, Pal Rynning.
State Qualifiers
Drew Lucht — High Jump
Doug Thurman — 3200 meter run

School Records
Drew Lucht — 300 low hurdles — 41.5
Jeff Soltermann — shot put — 43' 11 ¾"

Special Awards
Most Valuable — Jason Lowe
Most Improved — Butch Turner
Captain — Jason Lowe
standing: Angie Honea, mgr., Louie Carroll, Amy Battles, Rachel Spivey, Mary Feagans, Jill Fore, Coach Schwehr.

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