ECHO '77

We feel unique
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We're Small, But Unique . . .

English, math, science, and history are classes which are required in every school; what goes on during those classes makes them unique. If you pass Mrs. Meredith's room and see someone standing in front of the room acting dumb, you know it's speech class. While passing Mr. Church's room you see an eraser flying through the air, you can come to the conclusion that someone wasn't paying attention. Our school may look like others in appearance, but the students make up the school; and even if our enrollment is lower than others, we are very unique and we like it that way.
NDHS Jeepettes

At left and below, one of the highlight performances of the drill team each year is their special Christmas program. This year's program, portraying a midnight visit to a toy store, was particularly enjoyable.
And Majorettes

Kneeling:
Sue Gehlhausen
Rita Schnell
Chris Hawkins

Standing:
Della Rae Winger
Ann Terwiske
Shanna Knight
Karen Hall
Angie Schott and Connie Buechler
Junior Attendants

Sarah Knies and Karen Kempf
Freshmen Attendants

Colleen Seng and Rhonda Zehr
Sophomore Attendants

Jon Bauer and Dana Kalb
Basketball Bearer and Crown Bearer
Above, robe bearer Debbie Loney and flower bearer Darla Balf.
At right, Queen Regina Hall and escort Tom Breitwieser.

Queen Crowning

During ceremonies preceding the Tecumseh-NDHS varsity game on Friday, February 11, Regina Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hall, was crowned the 1977 basketball queen by senior co-captains Leon Wehr and Bernie Merkel. At right, co-captain Bernie Merkel performs the more pleasant "duties" of his position. More pictures of Queen Regina, her senior attendants, and her court can be found on pages 76 and 77 in the senior section.
It was a unique year indeed at NDHS; and for the cheerleaders it was a particularly pleasant unique year. They enjoyed the good fortune of cheering the Jeeps through their first sectional and regional victories in the history of the school and on to the final game of the Evansville semi-state (pictures on opposite page).

Above, Junior varsity cheerleaders: Alecia Cockerham, Della Rae Wineinger, and Cindy Dorsam. Below, freshmen cheerleaders: Michelle Arnold, Joni Potts, and Angie Seng.
We Couldn’t Do It Without Them

Cheerleaders 11
Sectional Displays

Juniors

DO LIKE KING-KONG
CRUSH THE RANGERS

Seniors

LOOK WHAT THE SEEPS WILL DO TO THE FOREST PARK RANGERS

Freshmen

STUMP ON THESE RANGERS

Sophomores

Winning Sectional Display

RANGERS - YOU SAY YOURE GONNA WIN THAT MARCH AWAY CAUSE THE MIGHTY SEEPS WILL PUT OUT YOUR FIRE
The Year Of The Jeeps

Above, Basketball Co-captains Leon Wehr and Bernie Merkel display the trophy, nets, and balls from the Huntingburg sectional and Washington regional. More pictures from those weeks of victory on pages 50-57.
FCA

Officers:
Terry Friedman, President
Bernie Merkel, Vice-President
Leon Wehr, Secretary
Mike Merkel, Treasurer
Vernon Song, Reporter

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, sponsored by Mr. Jim Mueller, has as its purpose the promotion of fellowship and Christianity in its members as indicated by the name chosen for this organization. Any athlete at NDHS is invited to join. During the past year the organization had approximately thirty members.

Jim Mueller
Faculty Sponsor
Keeping Things In Tip Top Shape

Hjalmar Medhel and Mike Kee

Bob Chipley

Sally Mathias and Becky Zephyr

Tom Foster

Maintenance Staff 15
The Echo Staff

Ads to be sold, yearbook orders to be taken, layouts to be drawn, typing to be done, and deadlines to be met are all tasks that require a great deal of time and help from many people. Members of the yearbook staff provided that time and help to produce the book you find here.

At right, Editor Joyce Hasenour makes a final check on advertisements while Peggy Schnell works on underclassmen pictures.

Above, kneeling, left to right: Mary Altman, Eddie Eckert, Steve Schnarr, Sam Eichmiller; Row 2: Betty Breltwieser, Lorie Kalb, Jonnie Baglan, Editor Joyce Hasenour, Tammy Schepers; Row 3: Cheryl Oeding, Peggy Schnell, Paula Lorey, Linda Beckman, Doug Geihassen, Nancy Schnell, and Faculty Sponsor Party Weyer.
At left:
Ray Gramelspacher
Faculty Adviser
Scott Gehlhausen
Editor

NEWSPAPER STAFF: On floor, left to right: Della Rae Wineinger, Rhonda Zehr, and Kris Mehringer; in back, Ruth Mehringer, Rodney Budell, Peggy Nenken, Editor Scott Gehlhausen, Randy Himself, Lisa Keitzer, Steve Hall, and Theresa Butler.
Academics
Student Council

The Student Council, sponsored by Mr. Hasler, sets as its purpose a promotion of leadership among students. Projects and activities are planned with the student in mind and are held as a service to the student body.

Among the activities sponsored by this organization during the year were theater films through study hall, assemblies and convocations, coat check at ballgames, student questionnaires, and the queen crowning dance.

Terry Hasler, Guidance Counselor
Student Council Faculty Sponsor
Above, Mr. Bob Reams, magician and hypnotist, talks with Chris Keith while Jane Hostetter and Mary Balf are pulled from their seats by imaginary balloons. At left, Mick Schott gives her classmates a taste of her onion, convinced that it is an apple.

Convocations

Below, Fantasy, a musical group from Oakland City College, entertains NDHS students. At right, Miss Oakland City College sings a solo as part of the program presented by Fantasy.
Pep Club
Below: Library Club Officers: Sitting, left to right: Clara Rasche, Secretary; Dawn Mehringer, President; Marlene Song, Treasurer; Standing: Sam Elchmiller, Reporter; Steve Schnurr, Vice-President.

Library Club

Connie Himesi
Librarian

Below, Library club member Sharon Voelkel assists Mrs. Himesi in returning borrowed films.
Junior English is just another unique feature of our "small but unique" school. Imitation speeches are one segment of that year in which Mrs. Meredith attempts to help juniors express themselves more easily. Above, Kurt Knies and Steve Hall imitate "Kiss."
Richard Mathena
English

David Forsman
English

Wendelene Rettig
English

Jill Mueller
French

Language Arts 25
Beta Club

The Beta Club, sponsored by Nancy Hemmerlein, is composed of students with a B or better grade average. During the year, some of the activities of the club included attending the Beta convention in Indianapolis, toy donations at Christmas, induction of new members, a candle and candy sale, and a Mother's Day dinner. At the right, officers of the Beta Club are: Sharon Neukam, secretary; Terry Friedman, vice-president; Darla Bair, president; and Paula Kempf, treasurer.

Below, members attending the convention at Indianapolis gathered for a picture after returning home.
Social Studies

Richard Mathena
U.S. History and Geography
Jill Mueller
World Culture and U.S. History

Ray Gramelspacher
Government, Economics, and U.S. History

Social Studies 27
Vocational-Industrial Arts

Becky Weatherford
Business

Patty Weyer
Business
At right, Don Rebel of Lockyear's Business College in Evansville makes a presentation to the fifth period accounting class as a part of his annual visit to the business classes of Northeast Dubois High School.

Charlotte Seger
Home Economics

Dan Balka
Mechanical Drawing and Shop
The Future Homemakers of America are sponsored by Mrs. Donna Denbo. The 61 members were required to complete at least one semester of home economics as a requirement for joining. Some of their projects during the 1976-77 school year were a Christmas banquet, a Mother-daughter tea, bowling, roller skating, visiting nursing homes, and selling raffle tickets to raise funds.

Donna Denbo
FHA Sponsor
Home Economics Teacher
Toward New Horizons

FHA Officers

Sitting, left to right:
Paula Kempf, President
Julie Wehr, Vice-President
Shirley Freyberger, Treasurer
Donna Merer, Secretary

Standing, left to right:
Gail Hanemour, Public Relations
Carla Buechler, Parliamentarian
Linda Lucken, Recreation Leader
Brenda Schrocking, Reporter
Debbie Heeke, Project Chairman
Cindy Sander, Historian

Left: Having fun? FHA isn’t always fun and games; it’s ALSO hard work!

Bottom left: Yum? Yuck? The pie-eating contest was a great success—for some... Right, Mr. Hasler?

Below: "Smile, Mrs. Denbo, you’re on candid camera!"
Aaron Parks
Agriculture
FFA Sponsor

Left to right: Aaron Parks, Faculty Sponsor; Scott Knies, Treasurer; Leon Weir, President; Mike Bauer, Secretary; Kevin Knies, Vice-President; George Elchmiller, Sentinel; and Ed Freyberger, Reporter.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR BOYS
STUDYING VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

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Physical Education

Vic Betz
Freshmen Physical Education

Sandy Beck
Freshmen Physical Education

Becky Weatherford
Sophomore Girls' Physical Education
Dave Schipp
College Math, Geometry

Math, Health And Science

John Church
Algebra, Health, Commercial Math
Paul Phillips
Algebra, Physics

Math, Health, and Science
Fine Arts

Bob Meredith -- Art Club Sponsor

At Left, Art Club Officers:
Mary Reckelhoff, Reporter
Sandy Eckert, Treasurer-Secretary
Rosie Matheis, Vice-President
Micki Schott, President (Not shown)

Art Club
Chorus

Carolyn DiLegge
Choral Directress
Northeast Dubois High School Band

Senior Band Members

Beginning bottom left:
Lisa Krietzer
Karen Hall
Darla Bair
Laura Theising
Tina Nigg
Sharon Voelkel
James Glendening
Doug Seitz
Randy Sendelweck
Jeff Popp
Dan Hoffman--Band Director

At Left, Band Officers:
Steve Hall, Reporter
Kurt Knies, Secretary
Mary Bair, Treasurer
Mary Knies, Vice-President
Tina Nigg, President
Behind The Scene

Superintendent Don Pope

Principal James Wahl

School Board Members: Sitting: Othmar Jahn, Marie Eichmiller, Clarence Buschler; Standing: Paul Cave, Superintendent Don Pope, Oscar Kalb.
Shirley Neukam
Teachers' Aid

At right:
Marie Eichmiller
Bernice Wise
Diane Terwiske

Imogene Wininger, Secretary

At left:
Front row:
Wilma Hall
Elsie Neukam
Luetta Neukam

Back row:
Garnet Bair
Ella Mae Neukam

Office Staff and Cooks
CROSS COUNTRY
Record 45-1

Defeated by only one team (North Harrison) throughout entire season. Placed 6th in sectional competition.

BOYS' BASKETBALL
Record 40-14

South Central 70-43 W
Loogootee 44-49 L
Washington 66-48 W
Barr-Reeve 33-36 W
Loogootee 66-60 W
Pike Central 63-62 W
Pike 68-55 W
Forest Park 59-53 W
West Washington 71-65 W
Spring Valley 48-59 W
Pike Central 51-51 W
Pike 70-55 W
West Washington 71-50 W
Crawford County 56-60 L
Tell City 70-54 W
Eastern Greene 50-50 W
Shokah 72-60 W
Heritage Hills 46-42 W
Borden 60-58 W
Forest Park 65-44 W
Jasper 60-50 W
Crawford County 72-57 W
Washington 67-61 W
Evansville Central 66-64 W
Terre Haute South 71-56 L

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Record 4-4

Forest Park 33-35 W
Crawford County 44-45 L
Loogootee 59-37 W
Jasper 37-51 L
Spring Valley 34-54 W
Shokah 44-20 W
Forest Park 32-29 W
Southridge 23-40 L

(Five games canceled because of snow.)
BOYS' TRACK
Overall Record 15-7
Duel and Triangular 9-4

Placed 2nd in the conference meet and had two individuals who placed 5th in sectional competition.

Steve Sanders—Shot Put
Mike Meulens—800-mile

EASTERN
Record 13-6

South Knox 10-6
Forest Park 9-7
Burr-Ferris 9-3
Springs Valley 9-2
Orleans 8-1
Washington-Catholic 8-7
Washington 8-2
Borden 7-4
Seymour 7-3
Perry Central 11-1
Logansport 3-3
Jasper 1-6
West Washington 1-6
Pike Central 1-5
Heritage Hills 7-4
Crawford County 10-2
Pekin Eastern 9-0
North Davi 8-2
Mitchell 1-2
Henryville 11-2
Sullivan 3-6

PAULI
Record 6-10

Paoli 45-65
Pike Central 46-64
Forest Park 35-78
Triangular:
Shoals 78-40
Marian Hts. 73-27
Logansport 34-76
Triangular:
Jasper 20-93
Perry Central 20-29
Triangular:
Forest Park 14-48
Jasper 14-70
Orleans 57-43
Triangular:
Springs Valley 35-36
Shoals 35-15
Triangular:
Heritage Hills 31-100
Cannelton 31-10
Marian Heights 95-40

GIRLS' TRACK
Record 6-10

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Above, freshmen Cross Country Team: Front row, left to right: Myron Strom, John Klusener, Eric Schroeder, Danny Seger, Joe Hochgesang, Danny Theising, Steve Hemmerlein, and Bernie Mehringer; Back row: Coach Jim Mueller, David Linne, Glen Schepers, Doug Schepers, Scott Donnan, Royce Hurst, and Assistant Coach Vic Betz.

At right, varsity runners Bernie Merkel, who achieved a best time of 13'15" on the home course, and Dale Jahn with a best time of 13'45".

Cross Country

Mike Merkel
Most Valuable Player
Best time: 13'7"

Below, varsity Cross Country Team: Standing, left to right: David McBride, Coach Mueller, Mike Merkel, Dale Jahn, Bernie Merkel, and Assistant Coach Betz; In front, Hilbert Betz and Gary Fisher.
JUNIOR VARSITY: Kneeling, left to right: Donna Buechler (Free Throw Award), Karen Hall, Kris Bair (Most Improved Player Award), Tammy Kerns, Krista Foltz (Most Valuable Player), and Karen Leistner. Standing: Student Managers Lisa Hecke and Colleen Seng; Linda Luken, Gwen Mehringer, Ruth Mehringer, Carol Schroeder (Mental Attitude and Sportsmanship Award). Kris Mehringer, Mary Bair, and Coach Sandy Beck. Not shown, Kelly Schott.

Girls' Basketball

VARSITY: Standing, left to right: Student Managers Brenda Schroeder and Debbie Lorey; Debbie Hecke (Mental Attitude and Sportsmanship Award), Kim Lorey, Carls Seger, Mary Koes (Most Valuable Player and Free Throw Award), Donna Linnæ (Most Improved Player), Kathy Jahn, Laurie Rasche (Mental Attitude and Sportsmanship Award), Coach Sandy Beck. Not shown but also lettering in varsity ball were Kris Mehringer and Ruth Mehringer.
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM: Kneeling, left to right: Anna Mathies, Marlene Seng, Becky Zehr, Laurie Rasche, Donna Hecke; standing: Student managers Cindy Bair and Angie Schott; Jane Hostetter, Mary Bair, Mary Knies, Donna Linne, Ruth Mehringer, Carla Seger, and Coach Becky Weatherford.

Volleyball

The girls' volleyball team, now in their fifth year of existence at Dubois, made a fine showing in the Jasper sectional by defeating both Crawford County and Pike Central before losing to Jasper in the final game.

For the season, the girls achieved a 9-8 record defeating such foes as Paoli, Heritage Hills, and Loogootee.
At left, Laurie Rasche, a senior and team captain, played varsity volleyball for four years. During her sophomore year she received the High Point Award and this past year was chosen as the Most Valuable Player by her fellow team members. Laurie also received the Best Defense Award. Above, Coach Weatherford gives varsity team members last minute instructions.

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM: Kneeling, Row 1, left to right: Angie Seng, Theresa Butler, Kelly Schott, Kris Baer; Row 2: Kris Mehringer, Donna Buechler, Michelle Arnold, Karen Kempi, Linda Sermenheim; Standing, Row 3: Coach Sandy Beck, Student manager Candy Opel, Kathy Jahn, Jan Merkel, Carol Schroeder, Kathy Bauer, Karen Leistner, Linda Lucken, and Student manager Chris Rasche.
Home of the MIGHTY JEOPS

Kneeling, left to right: Joe Hochgesang (Freshmen Free Throw Award), Danny Seger, Kevin Crouse, John Kluesmer, and Paul Buechlein. Standing: Student Manager Sam Elethmliefer, Bernie Mehlinger, Glen Schepers, Royce Hurst, Scott Dornan, Doug Schepers, Van Hemmerlein, and Freshmen Coach Dave Fussman. Not shown, but also playing Freshmen ball, were Brook Hoffman and Larry Souerdike.

Freshmen Win Basketball Tourney

In the final game of the Forest Park Freshmen Basketball Tournament at Ferdinand on Saturday, February 12, the NDHS Freshmen team defeated Forest Park 36-34 to win that tournament. Prior to this victory, the Freshmen Jeeps had downed Perry Central 43-27 in the opening game.
Junior Varsity Captures JV Tourney

At left, Alvin Hochgesang and Rick Scheipers proudly display the trophy received by the NDHS Junior Varsity basketball team after winning the JV tourney on December 23. It was a hard fought and well-deserved victory for the Jeeps.

In the opening game, Dubois defeated Pike Central 40–35 to advance to the final game, where the Jeeps won over Heritage Hills 49–45 in a double overtime.

Below, front row, left to right: Coach John Church, Alvin Hochgesang, Rick Scheipers, Keith Buechler (Junior Varsity Free Throw Award), Brook Hoffman, Curt Breitweiser. Back row: Mark Humbert, student manager; Jerry Kluesner, Larry Wineinger, Greg Bauer, Tim Friedman, Randy Wigand, student manager. Not shown but also playing JV ball were Mark Eisenhut and Royce Hurst.
In The Beginning...

It all began with a fine varsity team, well-experienced coaches, an excellent season record of 15-4, and a Lost River Conference championship. But, that was only the beginning of greater accomplishments in the weeks ahead—a sectional and regional championship; the final game of the semi-state; a coach of the year; a MVP in the Lost River Conferences; and an all sectional, all regional, and all semi-state team overflowing with Jeep team members. May the next few pages serve as a memory refresher of those unique and highly enjoyable weeks we shall all remember forever.

Kneeling, left to right: Bryan Lueken, student manager; Terry Friedman; Doug Seltz; Alvin Hochgesang; Mark Eisenhut; and Rick Bauer, student manager. Standing, Head coach Jim Mueller; Mike Archer; Leon Wehr; Steve Sander; Bernie Merkel; Kerry Breitwieser; Greg Wineinger; and Assistant coach John Church.

50 Varsity Basketball
Coach Of The Year: Mueller

Among the many "firsts in history" at NDHS this year was the selecting of Jim Mueller as "Coach of the Year" by the other area coaches. Despite this and other honors bestowed on him, Coach Mueller repeatedly gave credit and praise to his Assistant John Church and frequently called on Freshmen Coach Dave Forsman for scouting reports and other last minute details.
Fans...

A team wouldn't be a team without fans backing them, and the Jeeps certainly weren't without fans as they traveled from Huntingburg to Washington and on to Evansville. The celebrations (and morning-after headaches) that followed each new victory will long remain a cherished memory for any and all who participated. At right, Jill Mueller tells Jerry Birge one more time "I knew we could do it; I had that feeling." Below, just a small taste of the excitement and jubilation enjoyed by all.
Senior Stars

Top to bottom, left to right: Guard Terry Friedman; Guard Bernie Merkel; Guard Doug Selz; Forward Leon Wehr; Center Steve Sanders; Forward Mike Archer; Guard Greg Wensing.
Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5, are dates that will long fill the history books at NDHS. With a final score of 58-45, the Jeeps defeated the Forest Park Rangers in the Friday night battle to advance to the Saturday finals of the Southridge sectional. In that final game it was a well-deserved victory for the Jeeps as they defeated Jasper 60-55 in an overtime. The following weekend at Washington turned out to be a repeat performance as NDHS defeated Crawford County 42-37 in the afternoon game and came back in the evening to win the regional with a score of 64-61 over Washington.

Regional Action
Semi-State Action

After winning the first sectional and regional title in a 50 year history of basketball at Dubois, the Jeeps played a tremendous game against Evansville Central in the semi-state matinee (winning with a score of 66-64) to advance to the final game and join the ranks of the top eight teams in the state of Indiana. A fatigued Jeep team lost that championship game 71-57 to a good Terre Haute South team, but certainly not without first giving Dubois a year they will always remember.

Above, Assistant Coach John Church offers a consoling shoulder to Bernie Merkel and Steve Sander in the final minutes of the Terre Haute South game.
...in the end

It seems that sooner or later there always comes an end to winning; and, yes, in a very real sense we lost that final game of the semi-state. But, what we gained in community spirit and togetherness from the efforts of these twelve fine young men who played their hearts and souls out and gave each of us the thrills of a lifetime as sports fans cannot begin to be measured. We could not close this section of our book, therefore, without saying: "Thanks and congratulations on a job well done."
Boys' Track

School Records

Bryan Luken
100 yard dash 10.3
Low hurdles 21.6
High hurdles 18.0

Bernie Merkel
880 2:04.5

Mike Merkel
2-mile 9:49.8

Steve Sander
Shot put 48'10½"

Greg Wincinger
High jump 6'3½"

Gary Fisher
High jump 6'2¼"

Vic Betz, Track Coach

Row 1, left to right: Annette Opel, Cheri Fuhrman, Debbie Hecke, Lisa Hecke, Jodi Potts, Peggy Todd; Row 2: Candy Opel; Alecia Cockeyham; Linda Sonnenheim, Tammy Kems, Michelle Arnold, Laurie Rasche; Row 3: Assistant coach Sandy Beck, Lisa Kreitzer, Debbie Lueken, Francille Betz, Carol Schroeder, Donna Linne, Colleen Seng, Jan Merkel, Kathy Bauer, Denise Arnold, and Coach Becky Weatherford.

Girls' Track

At right, Laurie Rasche and Francille Betz, the only two seniors on the Girls' Track team this year. Francille finished fourth in sectional competition and ran the mile in a time of 5:32 in regional competition for a sixth place finish. She was the only member of both the girls' and boys' track teams to qualify for regional this year.

At extreme right, Girls' Track Coach Becky Weatherford.

Baseball

The NDHS baseball team enjoyed a 13-9 winning season defeating such teams as Springs Valley, Southridge, Crawford County, and Boonville. They finished 4-1 in the Lost River Conference, losing the conference championship title in a final conference game against Henryville with a 1-2 score.

Throughout the season, the team and Coach Church not only worked on improving their baseball skills but also spent a considerable amount of time helping with work to improve and perfect the new home diamond. Lights and a press box were two major additions to the baseball field this year.

John Church
Baseball Coach
Practice
And
Performance

Baseball 61
Athletes Honored

On Thursday, May 5, and Thursday, June 9, two separate banquets were held to honor the athletes of NDHS. Pictured here and on the following page are many of those who received recognition at that time.

Boys' Basketball: From row, left to right: Keith Buechler (JV free throw award), Joe Hochgeang (freshman free throw award), Doug Seitz (MVP); back row: Bernie Merkel (audits award, defense award, free throw award, tie--MVP), Leon Wohls (tie--MVP), Steve Sander (rebonding award, tie--MVP), Greg Winlinger (tie--MVP), Mike Archer (field goal percentage, tie--MVP).

Girls' Basketball: Donna Buechler (JV free throw award), Donna Linne (Varsity MIP), Laurie Rasche (Tie--Varsity mental attitude award), Mary Knies (Varsity MVP), Debbie Hoeke (Tie--Varsity mental attitude award).

Baseball Awards

Mike Archer
Most Valuable Player
Leading Hitter

Vernon Seng
Most Improved Player
Laurie Rasche receives the Girls’ All Sports trophy from Ralph Seger.

CROSS COUNTRY: Mike Merkel (MVP)

The Mike Bair All Sports trophy is presented to Bernie Merkel by Ivan Shafford.

Volleyball: Laurie Rasche (MVP and Defensive award) and Carla Seger (Offensive award and High scorer).

Track: Debbie Hecke (Girls’ MVP); Bryan Laeken (Boys’ MVP and high hurdles, low hurdles, and 100 yard dash record); Mike Merkel (2-mile record); Greg Wineinger (high jump record); Bernie Merkel (880 record); Not shown, Steve Sander (shot put record).
PEOPLE
SENIORS 1977

Mike Bauer
President

Laurie Rasche
Vice-President

Lisa Kreitzer
Secretary

Leon Wehr
Treasurer

Class Officers
Seniors 1977

Mike Archer
Denise Arnold
Darla Bair

Rick Bauer
Francille Betz

Kim Cockerham Bolin
Phillip Breeding

Toni Breckwessel
Charles Brosmer
Leonard Buhr

Seniors 67
Three-Act Comedy

"Cheaper By The Dozen"

Enjoys Success At NDHS

Cast Of Characters

Standing left to right above:

Miss Brill -----------Karen Hall
Dr. Burton------------Ed Freyberger
Larry---------------Terry Friedman
Mr. Gilbreth--------Bernie Merkel
Mrs. Gilbreth-------Jo Ann Keller
Anne---------------Sharon Voelkel
Mrs. Fitzgerald------Tina Nigg
Joe Scales----------Joe Hochgesang
Photographer--------Tom Breitwieser

Sitting on couch left to right:

Ernestine----------------Lisa Kreitzer
Dan--------------------Mike Merkel
Fred-------------------Mike Bauer
Martha---------------Denise Arnold
Bill------------------Vemon Seng
Frank----------------Dale Jahn
On floor:

Lillian---------------Paula Foisy
Jackie---------------Micky Schott

Dog . . . Waldo Nigg

Co-Directors: Miss Carolyn DiLegge

Miss Wendelene Rettig

68 Senior Play
Much of the action in "Cheaper By The Dozen" centers around the oldest daughter Anne (Sharon Voelkel) at the right and her desire to grow up. Shown with Anne are Joe Scales (Joe Hochgesang) and Anne's dad, Mr. Gilbreth, (Bernie Merkel).

Both Bernie Merkel (directly below) and Dale Jahn (to the right below) experience the "agony of show business" as they receive final touches on their make-up from Miss Rettig and Micky Schott before the show.

Mr. Gilbreth, a motion-study expert, attempts to apply his time-saving methods to the raising of his family.
Seniors 1977

Nancy Bush
Donna Carle
Wayne Cummins

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George Eichmiller

Paula Foisy
Ed Freyberger

Terry Friedman
James Glendening
Karen Hall

70 Seniors
Seniors 1977

Regina Hall
Larry Harder
Mike Harris

Tim Harrison
Tim Hasenour

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Cheryl Hostetter
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Roger Meyer
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Debbie Neukam
Sharon Neukam

Tina Nigg
Dawn Padgett
Bobby Popp
Regina Hall
1976-77 Basketball Queen
Front row, left to right: Freshman Sarah Knies; Sophomore Colleen Seng; Junior Angie Schott; Dana Kalb; Jon Bauer; Junior Connie Buccher; Sophomore Rhonda Zehr; Freshman Karen Kempf. Back row: Scott Knies; Senior Denise Arnold; Bob Meredith; Queen Regina Hall; Tom Breitwieser; Senior Paula Kempf; Kevin Knies.
Seniors 1977

Emil Schroering
Doug Seltz
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Randy Sendelweck
Vernon Seng

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Steve Street
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Sharon Voelkel
Seniors 1977

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Alan Young

Mark Young
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Glenda Collon
Kevin Conrad
Beverly Cummins

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Sophomore Girls Talk Over Schedule

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Below, Donna Lorey’s face shows the sadness of the song she sings "Send in the Clowns"; George Merkley performs "Diggy Diggy Li, Diggy Diggy Lo"; and Darla Bair adds her usual excellence in music with "Long Long Way from Sunday School to Broadway."

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Above, Mary Knies sings "Give It One More Try" (lyrics and music written by her), accompanied by Miss DiLegge and Karen Leistner.
At extreme left, Endmen Kurt Knies, Donna Voelkel, Bernie Merkel, and Mary Bair add their moment of wit. At left, Donna and Sharon Voelkel sing "Oh Gee." Below, Steve Hall performs "Takin Care of Business" while Mike Archer sings "Lost Without Your Love." Also pictured below is the chorus who provided background music throughout the show.
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Above, salutatorian Sharon Neukam welcomes all to commencement exercises.

Valedictorian Mike Bauer delivers his address to the commencement audience.

Vice-President Laurile Rasche speaks on behalf of the senior class.

Darla Baer sings "Rhymes and Reasons" at the close of commencement exercises.
Above, Regina Hall receives her diploma from School Board President Oscar Kalb.

A moment of contemplation...
... and as another year and another yearbook come to an end we look back through all the activities which have made this year unique: a year of unique classroom experiences, a year of unique friends, a year of unique extra-curricular activities, and a year of enjoyably unique success in sports.

Yes, we are small, but with each year we are reaching higher to achieve greater goals, and despite our smallness, we will achieve...

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