

La Center
High School:
Its
History
and
Its
Graduates

1922 to 2022







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Preface To The Digital Book

Since I first tackled the creation of a book that includes all graduates of La Center High School in the summer of 1998, 24 years have somehow slipped by. Needless to say, a good deal has happened in La Center, the State of Washington, the United States, and the world during that time. One of the most significant changes for me is that I am now retired (and have been since 2019). I spent my entire career as an English teacher at La Center High School, and let me tell you, it was a good 40 years.

I published the first edition of *La Center High School: Its History and Its Graduates* in 2001, and I updated it and published a second edition in 2007. After 2007, sales slowed down a bit, and while I printed a small supplement including the Classes of 2008-2016, I did not print another version of the book.

Then I decided to turn the book into a display kiosk in the high school lobby where anyone passing through could stop, thumb through the display, and find their favorite graduates. I tell you, very few days went

by that I did not spot someone (usually a student) flipping through the pages of the display (sometimes laughing at the look of students in a given period...I picture their kids doing the same one day as they look at their parents' photos).

Of course, I wondered what the fate of this project would be once I retired. Truth be told, I have not given the project much thought during the past few years, what with Covid and confinement and the joys of retirement. (I also dropped 130 pounds, thanks largely to bariatric surgery and that weight loss opened up a few new activities to my life, too.)

Just recently, though, I found myself becoming fired up about the project again. I hate to leave a job unfinished, and this book is, of course, a project that truly has no finish, as long as students continue to graduate from La Center High School. I pictured graduates from 2016-2022 returning to visit school, thumbing through the lobby display, and discovering that their classes are not (yet) in the book. I could imagine their disappointment. I felt bad.

Short story long, I have now brought the project completely up-to-date, and soon I will have the new pages added to the lobby display. The most time-consuming task involved retyping the index of all 4713 students that have graduated from LCHS from 1922 through 2022. Whew! And of those 4713 students, I have photos of all but 119 of them.

And then I got to thinking, the lobby display is nice and nary a day goes by, one of my former colleagues assures me, that someone does not pause and flip through the pages. However, not everyone that has graduated from La Center High School lives in La Center or even nearby. It would make my heart glad to see this document available to anyone that wants a copy. Printing an updated version, though, was just too expensive and onerous a task for me to face. And since I am not looking to become wealthy (ha, retired teacher!), I have decided instead to offer this digital document free to anyone that wants a copy. It is in a pdf format and should function on any computer out there.

(Apparently, it's working on your computer.)

If you would like to make a small donation to my PayPal account, I would be most appreciative, but it is not a requirement to download and enjoy the book. To access my PayPal account, you just need to know my email address, shbryan@comcast. net. Any donations would be welcome and would help to cover the costs of reprinting and laminating pages from the original display (I discovered a few errors that needed to be corrected) and printing and laminating the last six or so classes of graduates. That money would also help as I update the book each year.

If, as you peruse the book, you discover an error of some kind or you realize that you have a photo of one of the 119 students for whom I have no photo, please contact me at shbryan@comcast.net.

Correcting a digital book is pretty darned easy, and I would love to have it be error-free, and I would certainly be happy to fill in any missing photos.

A word about the photos in the book. Originally, of course, I set out to create a book to print, and the only way that was going to be affordable was to print it in black and white. As a result, I scanned all of those class photos (from about 1938 through 1985) in black and white (and believe me, it was quite a job to maneuver those posters in the scanner so that I could get a good, clear shot of each student; that scanning alone took me three summers). I did the same with the classes for which I used yearbooks to gather photos and for all of those years when I was the Senior Class Advisor, collecting photos for the graduation slide show.

The first color photo of a student you will encounter in the book is of Amy Cordova, Class of 1996. Between 1996 and 2005, there are just a handful of color photos (not sure how that happened), but by 2007, the vast majority of student photos are in color because by then, most students were submitting digital photos to me, thank goodness! Collecting student photos now is so much easier because the yearbook advisor simply shares them with me. Of course, I still have to crop them to make them work well in the book. That is a bit time-consuming. Enough about photos.

Looking to the future, I have given thought to who will take on this project when I can no longer complete it. I was pondering that in a Facebook post recently, and realized (with this woman's help) that there is only one logical choice, Jennifer Cerveny Miller, LCHS Class of 1990. Besides being a La Center resident and very much involved in LCHS as an athletic scorekeeper, Jennifer is responsible for refurbishing the surviving class photos that once adorned the halls of LCHS and then distributing them in various locations around La Center. This woman cares deeply about LCHS and its history, and I can think of no one that I would trust more to assume continuing this project in the future. At some point, I will be handing off all of these computer files to her. We'll keep you posted.

If you are enjoying your copy of the book (and if you're reading this, I know you have a copy), please share how to obtain a copy with anyone you feel might enjoy it, too. Let's get this booklet out to as many people as possible.

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I have included this photo in the booklet simply because I love it. I have actually seen two of the original copies of it, which amazes me. In 1900, there was no La Center High School, just a La Center School. It would be 22 more years before a student graduated from La Center High School. According to information on the back of this photo, the students probably attended classes in a school located on the west side of what is now Aspen Avenue, across from the Clark Public Utilities reservoir. Students' names are listed on the back: 1) Fanny Powell, 2) Nina Schubel, 3) Ida Riegel, 4) John Lundeen, 5) Earl Woodland, 6) unknown, 7) Myrtle Cook, 8) Eva Davis, 9) Robert Hobert, 10) Ethel Headley, 11) Leila Gaither, 12) Thomas Headley, 13) Erma Schubel, 14) Jerry Riordan, 15) Leonard Woodland, 16) Ellen Lundeen, 17) Susie David, 18) unknown, 19) Pat Meaney, 20) Dolph Bennett, 21) Clifford Woodland, 22) Grace Conaway, 23) Wesley Powell (the teacher), 24) Alice Huntley, 25) Floyd Brooks, 26) Hattie Farley, 27) Frank Smith, 28) Letha Smith, 29) unknown, 30) Lettie Farley, 31) Nelson Smith, 32) Carrie Bartlett, 33) Carl Landerholm, 34) Carrie Coffman, 35) Ernest Cook, 36) Wallace Hall, 37) Mary Meaney, 38) Earl Conaway, 39) Alpha Coryea, 40) Lorena Davis, 41) Cecil Anderson, 42) Philip Meaney, 43) Rose Smith, 44) Emanuel Landerholm, 45) Arthur Smith, 46) Erritt Powell, 47) Ada Davis, 48) Stephen Meaney, 49) Earl Powell, 50) Peter Meaney, 51) Iva Smith, 52) unknown, 53) Arthur Powell, 54) Calvin Stewart. Any chance one of these students is an ancestor of yours?

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Preface to the 2001 Edition

7 hen I first walked the halls of La Center High School in the late summer of 1979, two things immediately struck me—the nasty shade of green on the walls and the class portraits which lined the main hallway. During those first four or five years, I traveled the main hallway any number of times each school day, and I never failed to notice those many portraits. Sometimes I would just glance as I rushed past, but other times I would stop and study the faces of those La Center High School graduates from years gone by. The longer I stayed at LCHS, the more familiar many of those last names became, partly because more than a few were the last names of my own students.

When remodeling on the building began in the spring of 1984, the portraits came down and were stowed away, I hoped for safe keeping. Eventually, they reappeared on the walls of the library, but not for long. Then they simply disappeared. I don't know how it happened, but somewhere along the line, the portraits—all 48 of them—were tossed into a dumpster on campus. Fortunately, an alert parent spotted them in the dumpster and salvaged all that he could. In the process, several of the portraits were ruined. When the latest LCHS opened in the fall of 1993, the surviving portraits found their way into the storage room, where they remained until 1998, when I absconded with them to launch this project.

My impetus was not the portraits themselves but an LCHS alumnus from the Class of 1956, Bud Osborne. Bud had toured the new high school when it first opened, and he asked me what had become of all of those photos. I confessed that I didn't know but promised to look into the matter. Once I located the portraits, though, I couldn't seem to generate any enthusiasm for displaying them in the new building; after all, several portraits had been damaged, and no new ones had been created since 1985. That's when I decided to create this

book and to include in it the names of everyone who had graduated from LCHS since that first class of two in 1922 through the present. With any luck, I would also include a photo of as many students as possible.

So in the summer of 1998, I began this project, completely unaware of how much time it would encompass and how many fascinating people I would meet along the way. Originally I thought my biggest challenge would simply be to locate photos of all these LCHS grads; however, it immediately became clear to me that the toughest chore of all would be to compile a list of LCHS grads. Nowhere is there a file which lists the names of the graduates from year to year.

Instead, I found myself pouring over all manner of school documents to determine just who these graduates are. This meant spending a good deal of time in what I call the "scary records room" of the district, located in the 1961 building. If you've ever sat in that tiny room piled to the ceiling with district paperwork for more than 10 minutes, you'll know why it's scary. My research also took me to the Fort Vancouver Library and introduced me to a number of LCHS grads.

To determine just who had (and had not) graduated from La Center High School, I used a variety of documents. In some cases, clear district records indicate who the graduates were each year. This is the case from 1922 through 1941 and from 1950 through 1962. I cross checked records from many other sources, including graduation programs, baccalaureate programs, diploma order lists, attendance records (which are pretty darned consistent and clear), and my own speeches from 1983 through 1992 (when I mentioned each graduate by name). When records were lacking, I used the class photos as a starting place along with *Procedos*, the high school yearbook. In the end, I had a list of approximately 150 students whose transcripts I checked to verify graduation.

Where records are unclear or simply missing, as they are in just a few cases, I have

given the benefit of the doubt to the student and included him/her in the booklet.

Other dilemmas have cropped up along the way. For example, it appears that prior to the mid-1960s, GEDs (general education degrees) were awarded by the individual school districts, so I have included GED recipients in the book if records indicate the GED was issued by the La Center School District. In addition, regardless of a student's actual age or years in high school, I have placed him/her according to the year the diploma was awarded. Because of this, some of you may think classmates are out of place.

In addition, because there was no way to determine whether or not foreign exchange students actually received a diploma, I have included all of those who were considered part of the senior class. One other problem I encountered concerned students who died during their senior year of high school. After consulting with a few colleagues, I decided to include the names and photos (if available) of these students at the end of their class section. My biggest fear is that I may have left someone out who truly did earn a diploma, so I'll apologize now if that has happened. If someone out there can verify graduation by showing me a diploma, I would be more than happy to add him/her to later editions of this book.

Along the way, I have learned a number of interesting things. For example, during the 1925-26 school year, the district spent \$127.98 per student. One year later, the superintendent was paid \$1650.00 for the year. Back in the days when LCHS had an agriculture program, the district had an entire policy that dealt just with student use of the tractor (no driving after dark). I was very pleased to learn that the LCHS Class of 1956 produced graduates of the University of Washington, Stanford, and Harvard. Perhaps my favorite tidbit, though, appeared in a 1930s record book in which a teacher had written, "______ has been granted a D in typing on condition that he never take typing again."

If you have any information to enhance this book (missing grads, mottos, graduation dates, valedictorians/salutatorians, or photos), please get in touch with me at school (263-1700).

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Preface to the 2007 Edition:

Time marches on. Since I published the first edition of *La Center High School: Its History and Its Graduates*, the fourth LCHS has been expanded and remodeled, I've discovered a few more bits of missing information about the graduating classes, I've sold 300 copies of this book, and another 573 students have graduated from La Center High School. By the way, that makes a total of 3099 LCHS grads, 1922-2007.

When I first began work on this book 10 summers ago, I was using technology that, by today's standards, moved with all the speed of a glacier. With the profits from the first 300 books, I've purchased a MacBook, and believe me, it has made the job of updating this book something of a breeze. I've also upgraded from PageMaker to InDesign, and although I've endured a bit of frustration learning this new program, it has been worth a few pulled hairs.

Once again, if you detect any errors in the book or you have a piece of missing information, give me a call at school (360-263-1700) or send me an email (sbryan@lcsd.k12.wa.us). And don't forget that we invite the 50-year class to graduation every year, so if your year is approaching and you know how to track down your classmates, call me.

Sharon Bryan LCHS English Teacher Senior Class Advisor Keeper of the Culture (as my superintendent says)

Original LC School Serves Students from 1908-1938

ccording to Reaping the Past: La Center, Washington by Tracy Reilly, the first La Center High School (actually, La Center School) was built in 1908 and sat at the intersection of Pacific Highway and what is now Sixth Street, the current location of the new parking lot for The Last Frontier and The New Phoenix.

At the start of the 1936-37 school year, the district purchased these four two and one-half ton GMC school busses, which featured Superion all steel bodies, shatterproof glass throughout, genuine leather upholstery, sanitary rubber floor coverings, emergency rear doors, and forced ventilation. Below is a view of the original school from Pacific Highway. The school may appear large in this photo, but 1938 graduate Adele Andring Johnston referred to it as "that little crackerbox."

During the tenure of this building, the La Center School District grew and took shape as it consolidated with other school districts in the area. In 1920, Diamond Hill School District #32, Oakdale School District #50, and Jenny Creek School District #7 all merged with the La Center School District. Then in 1932, Pine Grove School District also voted

to consolidate with La Center.

School records indicate that although grades 9, 10, and 11 were eventually taught at this first La Center school, students could not graduate from La Center; however, all of that changed in 1922 when Alvin Olstedt and Hazel Cook completed their senior year at La Center and became the first two graduates





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The First La Center High School



The photo below was part of a 1919 calendar compliments of Kane Bros., General Merchandise in La Center. If you look closely, you can see that the street running in front of the school is a dirt road, and the sidewalk is actually a boardwalk. According to school attendance records, 20 of the students pictured here were high school students, and their teachers were Carl Landerholm and Winnifred Hopkins. By 1938, the boardwalk was gone, a retaining wall had been added, and there was a set of steps leading up to the school. By the 1980s, the only trace of this school was the steps, which were rediscovered beneath layers of vegetation. Sadly, even those steps are gone today.

of La Center High School. From 1922 through 1938, 188 students graduated from La Center High School. In fact, the Class of 1938 was the largest class to graduate from that original school; 25 members made up that class.

By 1938, though, the building at Pacific Highway and Sixth Street was too small to house La Center's growing student population, and plans were made to build a new school. In 1938 or 1939, the original La Center School was demolished, not because it had been condemned but because it needed to be destroyed so that the district could receive some federal aide for the new school.

Superintendents serving the La Center School District during this time included Carl Landerholm (1919-1930), Carlyle A. Cunningham (1930-33), and E. R. Rutherford (1933-41).





Taken around 1938, this photo features teacher Mary Gabrielsen surrounded by her class of third and fourth graders on the school steps.

Hazel Cook, Valedictorian

Alvin Olstedt, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 19, 1922



The first two graduates of La Center High School were Hazel Cook and Alvin Olstedt, who are in this photo. Although we know this photo was taken during the 1921-22 school year, we do not know which two students are Hazel and Alvin. Identities which we do know include Ermont Anderson (4th row, 3rd from left), Mildred Bradway (2nd row, 3rd from left) and Mrs. Beatrice Soehl (1st row, far right).

In 1922:

President: Warren G. Harding

Significant Events:

- The first female U.S. senator, Mrs. W. H. Felton of Georgia, is appointed.
- The first radio commercial is broadcast over WEAF in New York City.
- T. S. Eliot's classic poem "The Wasteland" is published.
- The Lincoln Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C.
- King Tut's tomb is found.
- *The Reader's Digest* is published.
- Fats Waller makes his first record

New Products:

- Portable radio
- Car radio

Popular Film:

Robin Hood w / Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

Popular Song: April Showers - Al Jolson

Elmer Beckman, Valedictorian

Guilford Leverett, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 25, 1923



Note: It is possible that this photo actually pictures the students of La Center High School in 1924, not 1923.

Members of the LCHS Class of 1923 included Elmer Beckman, Guilford Leverett, and Alfred Soehl. Once again, we know this photo pictures the entire school in 1923. The three graduates are probably in the back row. Alfred "Butch" Soehl used to like to joke that he graduated third in his class.

The Class of 1923

Elmer Beckman Guilford Leverett Alfred Soehl

In 1923:

President: Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge

Significant Events:

- President Harding dies on August 2.
- There are 15 million cars registered in the U.S.
- Yankee Stadium is built in The Bronx, New York.
- The Teapot Dome Scandal occurs.
- *Time Magazine* is founded.
- Adolf Hitler is jailed after a failed coup.
- The first radio broadcast of a presidential address occurs.
- The first wireless phone call is sent via radio waves from New York to London.
- Jelly Roll Morton makes his first record in Chicago.
- Pancho Villa is assassinated in Mexico.
- Tokyo and Yokohama are destroyed by an 8.3 earthquake; 200,000 people are killed.
- Freud publishes *The Ego and The Id.*
- Aeroflot, the national airline of the U.S.S.R., is founded.

Popular Films:

- Safety Last with Harold Lloyd
- The Ten Commandments directed by Cecil B. DeMille

Popular Song: I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise - Paul Whiteman

Graduation: May 16, 1924

Wayne Jaskari, Valedictorian Raymond Lawton Frederic Soehl, Salutatorian Melvin Wright

In 1924:

President: Calvin Coolidge

Significant Events:

- The first woman governor of a U.S. state, Nellie Taylor Ross of Wyoming, is elected.
- Over 2.4 million radios are in American homes.
- The first Olympic Winter Games are held in France.
- J. Edgar Hoover is appointed FBI Director.
- Leopold and Loeb murder a neighbor out of boredom.
- Vladamir I. Lenin dies.
- Woodrow Wilson dies.
- George Gershwin premieres *Rhapsody in Blue*.
- The Marx Brothers make their stage debut.
- The Charleston becomes popular.
- Ford produces its 10 millionth Model T.
- Clarence Birdseye invents the process for quick frozen food.
- Little Orphan Annie makes her comic strip debut.

Popular Films:

- The Thief of Bagdad
- The Navigator

Popular Song: California, Here I Come - Al Jolson

Graduation: May 15, 1925

1925

Earl Anderson
Clara Beckman, Valedictorian
Rita Knutson, Salutatorian
Charles Woodward
Geneva Wooley

In 1925:

President: Calvin Coolidge

Significant Events:

- The "Scopes Monkey Trial" takes place in Dayton, Tennessee.
- The name Duke University is adopted by Trinity College in Durham, North Carolina.
- Hitler publishes *Mein Kampf*.
- Harold Ross publishes the first issue of *The New Yorker*.
- Hitler founds the SS.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald publishes *The Great Gatsby*.
- An estimated 40,000 Ku Klux Klan members march through Washington, D.C.
- The University of Illinois's Red Grange turns pro with the Chicago Bears.
- The Chrysler Corporation is founded.
- The world's first motel opens in Monterey, California--The Milestone Motel.
- Emily Dickinson's *Complete Poems* is published posthumously.

Popular Films:

- The Freshman
- The Gold Rush
- Seven Chances
- *The Phantom of the Opera*

Popular Song: Sweet Georgia Brown - Ben Bernie

Graduation May 21, 1926

Fred Brashear Randolph (Buster) Gaither, Salutatorian Einer Jaskari, Valedictorian

In 1926:

President: Calvin Coolidge

Significant Events:

- A. A. Milne publishes *Winnie-the-Pooh*.
- Houdini dies after being punched.
- Robert Goddard fires his first liquid-fuel rocket.
- Congress creates the Army Air Corps.
- The discovery of Mayan city ruins in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula is reported.
- The estimated value of bootlegging in the U.S. is \$3.6 billion.
- Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson disappears for several weeks.
- Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky is dedicated.
- Rudolph Valentino dies of a perforated ulcer at 31.
- Benny Goodman makes his first recordings.
- NBC is founded.
- Hemingway publishes *The Sun Also Rises*.
- Hirohito becomes the emperor of Japan (and serves for 63 years).
- Kodak Co. produces the first 16 mm. movie film.

Popular Films:

- Rin Tin Tin is the biggest box office star of the year.
- Don Juan

Popular Song: Show Me the Way to Go Home - Vincent Lopez

Graduation: May 20, 1927

Class Motto: "Onward and upward."

Bert Abrahamson
Dorothy Anderson
Florence Bacon
Gladys Bradway
Elna Dalin, Valedictorian
Esther Jaskari
Arthur Johnson
Florence Lee
Teddy Osterholm
Albin Pederson, Salutatorian
Wallace Sorenson
Lois Wilson



This photo depicts the entire high school in 1927; however, only the following students have been identified. Front Row: Elsie Wampler (left), Esther Jaskari (second from left), **Dorothy Anderson** (fourth from left), Nedra Bacon (fifth from left). Row Two: Letha Button (second from left). Lois Wilson (third from left). Row Three: Clara Beckman (left). **Row Four: Francis** Lawton (second from left). Back Row: Carl Landerholm, Superintendent (left), Ted Chicks (third from left).

In 1927:

President: Calvin Coolidge

Significant Events:

- U.S. Marines land in Nicaragua to protect U.S. lives and property during the civil war there.
- Commercial transatlantic telephone service is opened between New York City and London by AT&T.
- The first successful demonstration of television takes place in New York City.
- Charles Lindbergh, a 25-year-old pilot, flies solo 3600 miles from New York to Paris in 33.5 hours.
- The BBC is founded.
- The first talking movie debuts, *The Jazz Singer*.
- Sacco and Venzetti are executed.
- Mae West is found guilty of obscenity.
- The Iron Lung is invented.
- Isadora Duncan is killed in a freak auto accident.
- CBS airs its first radio broadcasts.
- Babe Ruth hits 60 home runs.
- The Holland Tunnel opens.
- Show Boat opens on Broadway.
- Duke Ellington and his orchestra open for a 4-year run at The Cotton Club in Harlem.

Popular Films:

- Metropolis
- The General

Popular Song: I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover - Ben Bernie

1928

Graduation: May 24, 1928



Back Row: Jim Tate; Mr. Carl Landerholm, teacher and superintendent; Francis Lawton. **Front Row:** Margaret Lauzon; Olga Dalin; Thelma Harry, Valedictorian; Dorothy Kane, Salutatorian.

In 1928:

President: Calvin Coolidge

Significant Events:

- Radio plays a role in the presidential election for the first time; Herbert Hoover defeats Alfred E. Smith.
- The first color motion picture is exhibited by George Eastman.
- Women compete for the first time in Olympic field events.
- U.S. anthropologist Margaret Mead publishes *Coming of Age in Samoa*.
- Great Britain lowers the age of suffrage from 30 to 21.
- The first Academy Awards are held.
- *The Oxford English Dictionary* is published.
- The electron microscope is invented.
- TV sets, manufactured by the Daven Corporation in the U.S., go on sale for the first time.
- Germany's "Graf Zeppelin" dirigible arrives at Lakehurst, NJ.
- *Steamboat Willy*, the first fully synchronized cartoon, premieres in New York City.
- Albert Szent-Gyorg discovers vitamin C.
- D.H. Lawrence publishes *Lady Chatterly's Lover*.

New Products

- Bubble gum
- Penicillin

Best Picture: *Wings* (first year of the Academy Awards)

Popular Song: *Mack the Knife*

1929

Graduation: May 16, 1929







Dorothy Christensen



Gladys Crooks



Helen Reed



Lenus Bovs Marian Chicks Dorothy Christensen, Valedictorian Alice Coons Gladys Crooks Elsie Johnson, Salutatorian Melvin Pederson Helen Reed

Louise Washburn Blanche Woody

The group photo features the members of the Class of '29 at the start of their junior year in September of 1927. I have only been able to identify the four students pictured above. Other students in this photo who did not graduate from LCHS include Frank Andring, back row right in the middle of the row: Edwin Anderson, back row far right; and Ralph Sorensen, sitting far right.



In 1929:

President: Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover

Significant Events:

- The collapse of the stock market in the U.S. causes a world-wide depression.
- Byrd and Bennett fly over the South Pole.
- Ernest Hemingway publishes *A Farewell to Arms*.
- 60% of U.S. citizens have annual incomes less than \$2000.
- The St. Valentine's Day Massacre occurs on Feb. 14 in Chicago.
- Construction of the Empire State Building begins in New York City.
- Bell Laboratories makes the first U.S. public demonstration of color TV in New York.
- William Faulkner publishes *The Sound and the Fury*.
- Erich Maria Remarque publishes *All Quiet on the Western Front*.
- Gerber Co. invents canned, strained baby food.

Best Picture: Broadway Melody

Popular Song: When You're Smiling - Louis Armstrong

1930

Graduation May 16, 1930



Back Row: Mr. Carl Landerholm, teacher and superintendent; Elmer Osterholm, Salutatorian; Jim Reed; Lloyd Sheldon. **Front Row:** Naomi Nelson; Art Wilson; Anamay Reed, Valedictorian

In 1930:

President: Herbert Hoover

Significant Events:

- There is one automobile for every 4.9 Americans.
- James Joyce's *Ulysses* is seized by custom's officials on the grounds that it is obscene.
- The world population reaches two billion.
- Pluto is discovered.
- Stalin begins collectivizing agriculture in the U.S.S.R.
- Mahatma Gandhi starts his civil disobedience campaign in India.
- The "Golden Age" of radio begins in the U.S.
- The comic strip "Blondie" appears in U.S. newspapers.
- Grant Wood paints "American Gothic".
- The Chrysler Building is erected in New York City.
- Lowell Thomas begins his first regular network newscast.

New Products:

- Sliced bread
- Photo flashbulbs replace dangerous flash powder.

Best Picture: All Quiet on the Western Front

Popular Song: Happy Days Are Here Again - Ben Selvin

Graduation: May 22, 1931

Katherine Wilson, Valedictorian Raymond Dalin, Salutatorian Leola Eckert, Salutatorian



Marvin Boys



Leslie Crooks



Raymond Dalin



Vernon Reigel



Kenneth Vaughn



Elsie Wampler



Katherine Wilson

Members of the Class of 1931 Not Pictured:

Laurina Cress Leola Eckert Jean Knutson

In 1931:

President: Herbert Hoover

Significant Events:

- A bank panic spreads across the nation; over 800 banks shut down in September and October.
- Al Capone is imprisoned for income tax evasion.
- A Christ monument is built on a Rio de Janeiro hilltop.
- The Empire State building is completed.
- The Scottsboro Boys are accused of rape in Alabama.
- The U.S. officially adopts its national anthem.
- Universal Studios' horror cycle begins with the release of *Frankenstein* starring Boris Karloff.
- Commercial teletype service begins.
- Construction of Rockefeller Center begins in New York City.

Best Picture: Cimarron

Popular Song: *Just a Gigolo -* Ted Lewis



Cecil Abrahamson



Jesse Carey



Roy Otterstedt



William Reed



Corvin Sheldon

Members of The Class of 1932 Not Pictured:

Franklin Allen
Ella Dahl
Stuart Dittmar
Frank Hamlin, Salutatorian
Frances Tate, Salutatorian
Louise Townsend, Valedictorian
Chester Wilkerson

In 1932:

President: Herbert Hoover

Significant Events:

- Antonio Salazar becomes Premier of Portugal and rules as a dictator for 36 years.
- Unemployment reaches 13,000,000.
- FDR is elected president in a landslide.
- Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly across the Atlantic alone.
- The Lindbergh kidnapping, one of the most highly publicized crimes of the 20th century, occurs; this leads to kidnapping becoming a federal crime.
- Scientists split the atom.
- Japan occupies Shanghai.
- The Olympic Games are held in Los Angeles.
- Disney adopts a three-color Technicolor process for cartoons.
- Kodak introduces 8 mm film for home movies.
- NBC and CBS allow prices to be mentioned in commercials.

New Products:

- Air conditioning
- Zippo lighters

Best Picture: *Grand Hotel*

Popular Song: *Night and Day -* Fred Astaire



Francis Abrahamson



Gwinn Headley



Wilburt Kangas



Arthur Mickelson



Reino Nyback Salutatorian



Kenneth Reigel



Walter Soehl



Motto Stanley



Marian Wilson



Cleon Zeider



Members of The Class of 1933 Not Pictured

Elsie Bevard Daisy Hykko Margaret McFarlane, Valedictorian Elaine Stanley

Jack Zeider

In 1933:

President: Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- Adolph Hitler rises to power, establishing himself as Fuhrer and supreme ruler.
- Stalin begins the great purge of the Communist party in the U.S.S.R.
- Frances Perkins becomes Secretary of Labor, the first woman cabinet member in U.S. history.
- FDR launches the New Deal.
- FDR's first Fireside Chat is broadcast on radio.
- The 21st Amendment to the Constitution repeals prohibition.
- The first Nazi concentration camp is established.
- The Loch Ness Monster is first spotted.
- Wiley Post flies around the world in 8 1/2 days.
- The World's Fair, "A Century of Progress," runs in Chicago.

New Products:

- Singing telegrams
- Stereo phonograph records

Best Picture: Cavalcade

Popular Song: We're in the Money - Dick Powell



George Ball



Alfred Brannfors Valedictorian



Leonard Christenson



Norine Crooks



Neal Haskin



Elna Johnson



Ralph Root



Clyde Schurmann



Henry Stephenson



Leslie Zeek Salutatorian

Members of The Class of 1934 Not Pictured

Loretta Gossett Ernest Reigel Florence Schurman Allan Schwartz

In 1934:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- Train lines begin to adopt diesel powered locomotives because of their speed, lower noise levels, and cleanliness.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald publishes *Tender is the Night*.
- Nylon is first produced by a chemist in DuPont Labs.
- Bonnie and Clyde are killed by the police.
- The Dust Bowl forms.
- Mao Tse-tung begins the Long March.
- American explorer William Beebe descends 3028 feet in his bathysphere into the ocean near Bermuda.
- The Associated Press starts wirephoto service.
- Half of the homes in the U.S. have radios.
- Hollywood studios establish the Motion Picture Production Code.

New Products:

- The game of Monopoly
- The cheeseburger
- The drive-in movie theater (opens in New Jersey)

Best Picture: It Happened One Night

Popular Song: Winter Wonderland - Guy Lombardo

1935

Graduation: June 7, 1935



Arthur Brannfors



Henry Charley



Anna Finnegan



Ernest Goble



Mamie Hykko



Ina Jaskari Valedictorian



Clifford Johnson



Irene Kangas



Ethel Mickelson



William Nyback



Eunice Root



Harold Sheldon



Wilma Soehl



Angus Taylor



Dennis Taylor

In 1935:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- The Social Security Act is passed.
- Alcoholics Anonymous is established.
- Germany issues the Anti-Jewish Nuremberg laws.
- Hitler renounces the Treaty of Versailles.
- Persia officially changes its name to Iran.
- Publisher Allen Lane launches the paperback series Penguin Books.
- Audio tape recorders go on sale in Germany.
- The WPA (Works Progress Administration) is created.
- Louisiana governor Huey Long is assassinated.

New Products:

- IBM's electric typewriter
- Kodachrome color film

Best Picture: *Mutiny on the Bounty*

Popular Song: On the Good Ship Lollipop - Shirley Temple

Members of The Class of 1935 Not Pictured:

Reuben Bierke
Alvin Erickson
Maxine Haskin
Arnold Lindholm
Edith McAskill, Salutatorian
Dorothy Moline
Fred Peterson
Rose Wickman

1936

Rowing, not drifting.



Mae Askay



Lorraine Backlund



Nelda Bevard



Sarah Bierke



Sigrid Bong



Eathel Boys



Bob Bradway



Toivo Eloranta



Verna Gaston



Wilbur Goble



Buela Holmes



Gladys Johnson



Glenn Johnson



Bernice Lund Salutatorian



Helen Spellman

In 1936:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- The Spanish Civil War is fought.
- Part of Roosevelt's New Deal policies is deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.
- The perfusion pump, the first artificial heart, is invented by scientists at Rockefeller University in New York.
- General Motors recognizes the United Auto Workers union.
- Margaret Mitchell publishes *Gone With the Wind*.
- Boulder Dam, later renamed Hoover Dam, is completed, creating the largest reservoir in the world.
- Carnegie publishes *How to Win Friends and Influence People*.
- King Edward VIII abdicates the English throne to marry an American divorcee.
- The Nazi Olympics occur in Berlin.

Best Picture: *The Great Ziegfeld*

#1 Song: *Pennies from Heaven -* Bing Crosby



Roy Wickman



Edith Wood Valedictorian

Graduation: June 10, 1937





Members of The Class of 1937 Not Pictured Above:

Wren

Paul Anderson
Einar Brannfors, Salutatorian
Betty Finnegan
Ruth McAskill, Valedictorian
Leo Thompson

All 18 members of the class appear in the picture on p. 36; I just can't identify all of them.

Rashford

Sheldon

In 1937:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- The Hindenburg crashes and explodes upon landing in New Jersey.
- John Steinbeck publishes *Of Mice and Men*.
- Amelia Earhart vanishes.
- The Golden Gate Bridge is opened.
- Japan invades China.
- The Lincoln Tunnel is opened between New York and New Jersey.
- The first jet engine is built by Frank Whittle.
- *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs,* the first feature-length cartoon, opens.
- Stibitz of Bell Labs invents the electrical digital calculator.
- President Roosevelt dedicates Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River in Oregon.
- John D. Rockefeller (b. 1839) and Andrew Mellon (b. 1855) die.

Best Picture: *The Life of Emile Zola*

#1 Song: Sweet Leilani - Bing Crosby

Gladys Carlson, Valedictorian Gladys Pequette, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 3, 1938



Tauno Alanko



Rebecca Anderson



Adele Andring



Ted Andring



Donald Barnhart



Pauline Bevard



Carl Bong



Nana Bong



Gladys Carlson



Mildred Christensen



Wilma Dahl



Paul Dix



Harry Hantho



Beverly Haskin



Paul Jabusch



Edwin Mickelson



Gladys Pequette



Keneth Peterson



Helen Schurman



Elsie Smith







Warren Stratton



Marjorie Wilson



Robert Wood



Pearl Woosley

In 1938:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- The House Committee to Investigate un-American Activities (HUAC) is created.
- Orson Wells broadcasts an adaptation of the H.G. Wells book *War of the Worlds*; hysteria ensues across the nation, especially in New York and New Jersey.
- Three Russian women set a world record with their nonstop 6000 km flight from Moscow to the southeastern tip of Siberia.
- Chamberlin announces "Peace in our time."
- Kristallnacht (The night of broken glass) occurs.
- CBS's "World News Roundup" ushers in modern newscasting.

Best Picture: You Can't Take It With You

#1 Song: A-Tisket, A-Tasket - Ella Fitzgerald with Chick Webb

New La Center School Opens in 1938

Second LC Building Named for Mary Gabrielsen, 36-year LC Educator

By the end of the 1936-37 school year, the 26 acres on which a new La Center School would stand had been purchased and improved, bonds had passed, and the specifications and plans for this new school were drawn and ready. A 1938 article in *The Columbian* indicates this second La Center School cost approximately \$80,000 to construct.

According to the 1938-39 *Procedo*, the new La Center School was completed on September 1, 1938.

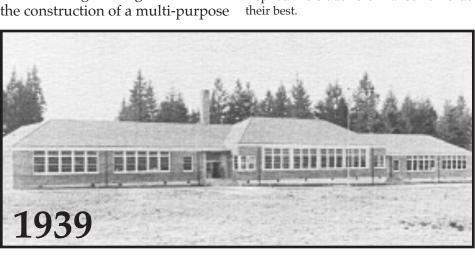
For the next 22 years, this building housed grades K-12 of the La Center School District. One notable change during that time was the construction of a multi-purpose

building in 1952. This new building, which was designed by Freeman, Hayslip, and Tuft, Architects and sat behind the main building, cost \$23,674.26 to construct and included a multi-purpose room, a kitchen, a storage area, and two bathrooms.

In late 1959, the gymnasium which once jutted off of the west end

These two photos of the new La Center School appeared in the 1939 and 1940 LCHS yearbooks. In 1979, the Mary Gabrielsen Building, which no longer housed high school students, underwent an extensive modernization which cost \$504,166.97. The Woodbilt Company of Vancouver completed the work. For 36 years, Mary Gabrielsen inspired the students of La Center to do their best.

of the school and four classrooms burned, forcing the LCHS Class of 1960 to graduate at Clark College. Although the Class of 1961 began its senior year in the 1938 building, they would be the last senior class to do so; by late spring, students in grades 9-12 had moved into the new high school which sat right next to the elementary school, thus ending











At the far right of the top photo from 1946, you can clearly see the gymnasium, which burned in 1960. Today, a new wing of classrooms and a playground occupy this space, part of a total remodel of the Mary Gabrielsen Building that was completed in 2005. Aside from a parking area, by 1953, the Mary Gabrielsen Building had changed little since 1938. Behind the Mary Gabrielsen Building, this multi-purpose edifice was built by Larry O. Collins, Contractor. Construction began on July 23, 1952 and was completed on December 17, 1952. The building was demolished as part of the 2005 remodel of the Mary Gabrielsen Building.

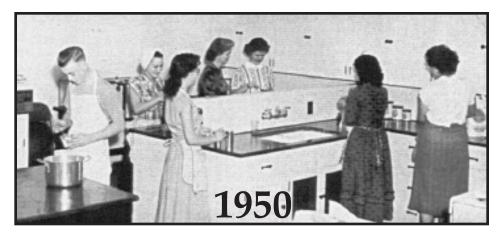


the high school history of the second La Center School.

From 1938 through 1960, 474 students graduated from this second La Center High School. Principals of this building included Robert Briggs (1950-52), Eugene French (1952-59), and Leslie Metzger (1959-61). E. Rutherford (1933-41), John Hower (1941-42), J. Wright Baylor (1942-43), Paul E. Schiller (1943-49), and John L. Gary (1949-62) all served as superintendent of the La Center School district during the time that this second building housed LCHS students. School records indicate that prior to 1950, the superintendent performed the duties of both the superintendent and the principal.

The Mary Gabrielsen Building, as the second La Center School came to be known, may not have housed high school students for 46 years now, but it is still very much a part of the La Center School District and continues to serve as the main elementary school building. In 1979, the building was modernized to the tune of \$504,166.97. Donald E. Eby and Associates were the architects of this update while the Woodbilt Company of Vancouver completed the construction work. A second remodel was completed in 2005, linking the Mary Gabrielsen Building to what now serves as the middle school (and was the third LCHS until 1993).

Exactly when the 1938 building was renamed Mary Gabrielsen Elementary School is not completely clear. Although the minutes of the school board meetings from June of 1965 through July of 1966 are missing, other school records indicate that the name change had occurred by the end of the 1966 school year. From 1966 until 1976, La Center's elementary school was known as Mary Gabrielsen Elementary School. Again, school records are not clear, but when the round building was constructed in 1976 to help alleviate





LC boys and girls alike took Home Ec in this photo from the 1950 school year. Dale Beacock, of Beacock's Music, conducts the band in this 1957 photo.

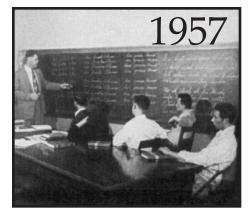
overcrowding, it appears that the school's name again became La Center Elementary School, but the 1938 building continues to be known as the Mary Gabrielsen Building.

One could hardly tell the story of La Center High School without writing a bit about Mary Gabrielsen herself. When I first came to LCHS in the fall of 1979, I learned that the elementary school was called The Mary Gabrielsen Building and that Mary Gabrielsen had been a teacher in the district for a number of years, but that's about all I knew for a long time.

Until I began this project. Perhaps the most rewarding part of my research has been learning about Mary herself. It probably goes without saying that she must have been quite a woman and a teacher to have a school named after her. Indeed, that was certainly what I discovered.

Born January 25, 1903 in Woodland, Mary Snyder Gabrielsen was a lifelong resident of La Center. Mary graduated from Western Washington College of Education in Bellingham.

She began her teaching career with the La Center School District in 1929 with a class of 34 third and fourth graders. During that 1929-30 school year, Mary earned \$990. For the next 36 years, Mary instructed students of the district. For most of her 36 years, Mary taught a 3/4 combination or strictly third grade,

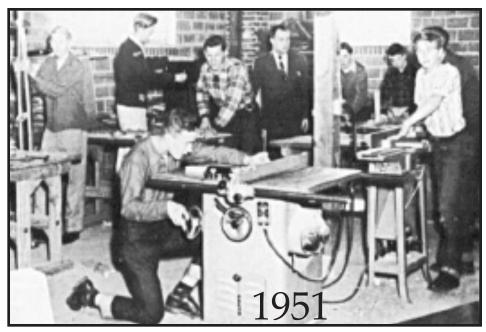


During the 1957 school year, Mr. Stanley Tesdahl taught German to the students of LCHS. This 1951 photo shows LC students hard at work in shop class.

but her teaching assignments also included 2/3 splits, 4/5 splits, 5/6 splits, and apparently a single year of teaching eighth grade. Her class sizes varied as much as her teaching assignments. In fact, I was able to locate 34 of Mary's 36 attendance books. In seven of her years, Mary had class sizes in the 20s, her smallest class consisting of 20 students in 1954. However, such limited numbers were rare for Mary. Sixteen times she had classes in the 30s, ten times she had classes in the 40s, and remarkably she had a class of 52 students in 1933.

According to a newspaper articl from 1961, Mary also served for one year as the elementary school principal, the only job she did not like.

In 1963, Mary received the Valley Forge Classroom Teachers' Medal, an award given to just seven teachers in



the state by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. She received this medal for her outstanding work to create a better understanding of the American way of life and for teaching responsible citizenship.

Looking through Mary's class rosters is almost like glancing at a La Center phone book these days. One of Mary's former students is Bill Barnhart (LCHS Class of 1945), who wrote of Mary, "I most vividly remember being in her class and room when she changed her name. The class bought her a brass hanging flower vase suspended by small chains." Bill continued, "I recall her stride or walk as if she was in front of me today."

Needless to say, Mary influenced a great many students during her 36 years with the La Center School District, but perhaps none more than Thelma Beasley Wilson (LCHS Class of 1940). "Mary Snyder Gabrielsen has been an inspiration to me since I was a child attending 1st and 2nd grades in 1929 and 1930 at the original La Center school building. . .Mary was a great lady as well as a great teacher. She had good discipline and every student loved her."

"I can remember her teaching cursive handwriting. She had

beautiful handwriting - her voice ringing out 'push-pull' and 'around and around' strokes with pens we dipped in ink wells in those days."

Thelma continued, "One of the great moments in the school day was when Mary would read to us. She read every Bobsey Twin book ever published to us besides many other stories as well but the twin books are the ones that I remember."

Besides Mary's qualities as a teacher, Thelma was also impressed by her kindness. Not only did Mary and her husband Herman raise their niece after her mother died, but they also took in her children when she became ill for a time.

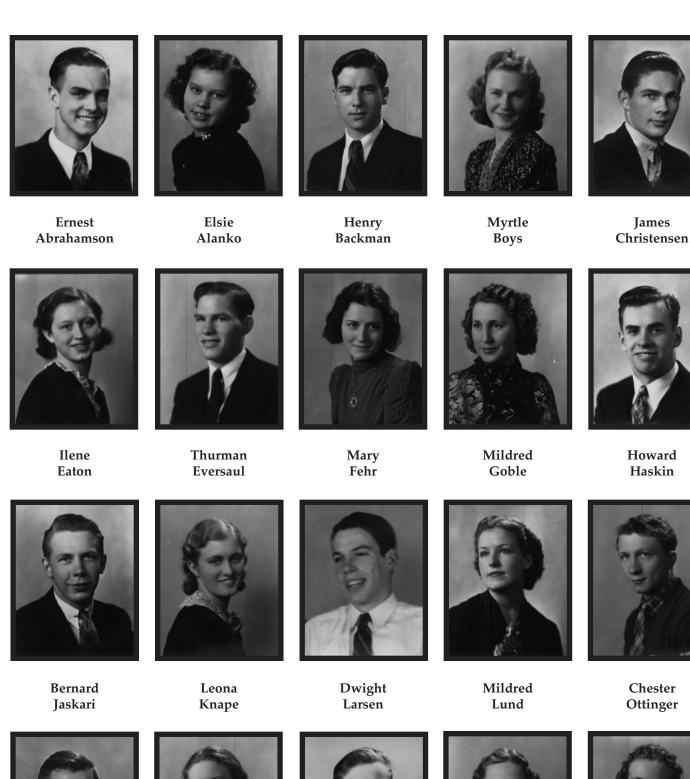
Thelma finished her tribute to Mary by writing, "Mary Gabrielsen, I salute you as one of the most giving, inspiring, and courageous women I have ever known."

Mary retired at the end of the 1965 school year. Sadly, she died of breast cancer just three months later, on September 14, four days after her husband Herman had died. Mary and Herman are buried in the Highland Cemetery. Thelma Beasley wrote, "I often place flowers on her grave as a remembrance of the good times and a lovely lady."

Germaine Woodward, Valedictorian Verna Stephens, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 2, 1939

Upward and outward.





Melvin Peterson



Joyce Reed



George Reich



Margaret Schumann



Verna Stephens







Harriette Wilson



James Wilson



Germaine Woodward

In 1939:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- Germany invades Poland.
- Great Britain and France declare war on Germany; World War II begins in Europe.
- The first regular transatlantic passenger air service begins when Pan American Airways flies 22 passengers from Long Island to Lisbon, Portugal. The trip lasts 23 hours, 52 minutes.
- Gone With the Wind is released in December.
- Konrad Zuse of Berlin creates a prototype mechanical binary programmable calculator.
- The helicopter is invented.
- The World's Fair opens in New York.
- Regular TV broadcasts begin.
- Air mail service across the Atlantic begins.

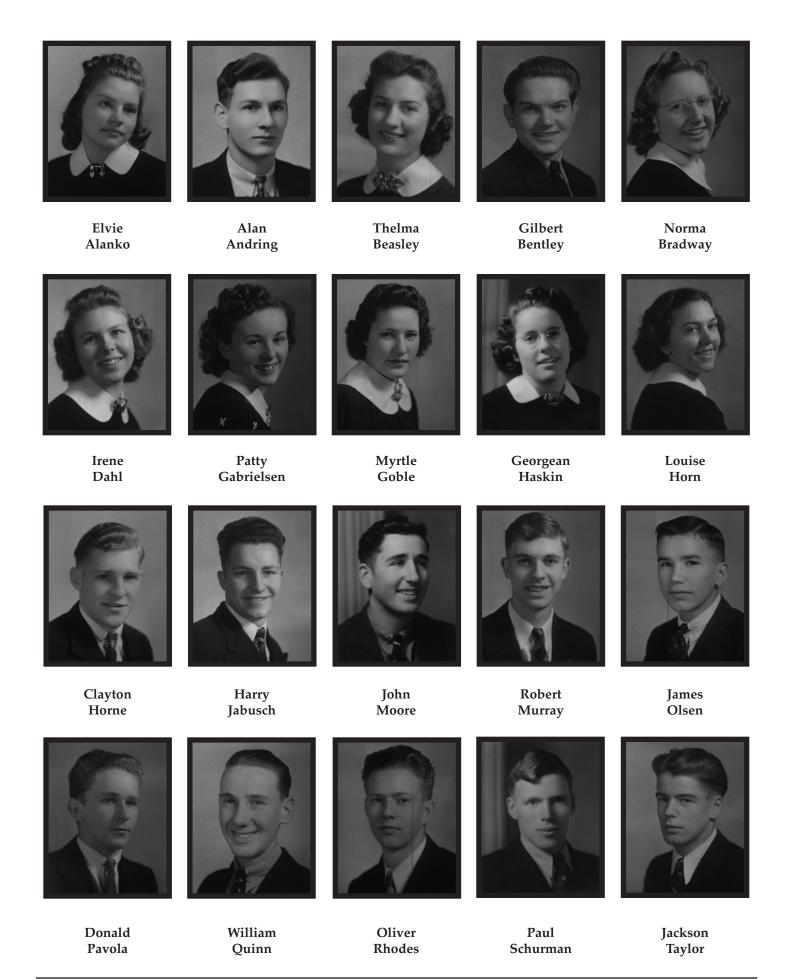
New Products:

Nylon stockings

Best Picture: Gone With the Wind

#1 Song: *Deep Purple* - Larry Clinton

Dorcas Zuhl, Valedictorian Norma Bradway, Salutatorian







Donald Tucker

Dorcas Zuhl

In 1940:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- Germany, Japan, and Italy sign the Axis, or Tripartite, Pact.
- Germany occupies Norway, Denmark, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands, and France.
- The Battle of Britain begins.
- FDR is elected to an unprecedented third term.
- Rh factor in human blood is discovered.
- Radios are in 30 million American homes.
- Leon Trotsky is assassinated.
- Stone Age cave paintings are found in France.
- *Fantasia* introduces stereo sound to the American movie-going public.

Best Picture: Rebecca

#1 Song: Frenesi - Artie Shaw

Vernice Briese, Valedictorian Dortha McDowell, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 28, 1941

Tonight we launch. Where shall we anchor?









Mary Strader



Pearl Tollakson



Norman Tooley



Wendell Wilson

In 1941:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- Germany invades the Soviet Union.
- Japan secretly decides for war with the U.S.
- Japan attacks Pearl Harbor on December 7; the U.S. officially enters World War II.
- Penicillin is mass produced.
- Ford signs its first contract with a labor union.
- Edward Hopper paints "Nighthawks."
- The Manhattan Project begins.
- Mt. Rushmore is completed.
- Nazi Rudolf Hess flies to Britain on a peace mission.
- The FCC sets U.S. TV standards.

New Products:

• The Jeep

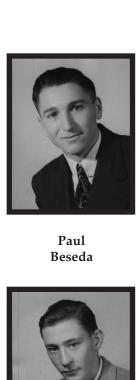
Best Picture: How Green Was My Valley

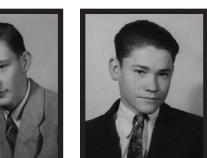
#1 Song: *Amapola -* Jimmy Dorsey

Meryl Woosley, Valedictorian Mickey Goble, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 8, 1942

We build the ladder by which we climb.















Beatrice Dahl

Mary Fassler



Alice

Boys







Mickey Goble

Hagedorn

Harry Lillard

Erma Martin

Leonard Morse











Everett Murray

Viola Pavola

Robert Pye

Sylvia **Schillios**

Armand Shinn











Walter Smith

Clayton Starkey

Lowell Starkey

Ernest **Taylor**

Albert Von Allmen



Meryl Woosley

In 1942:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

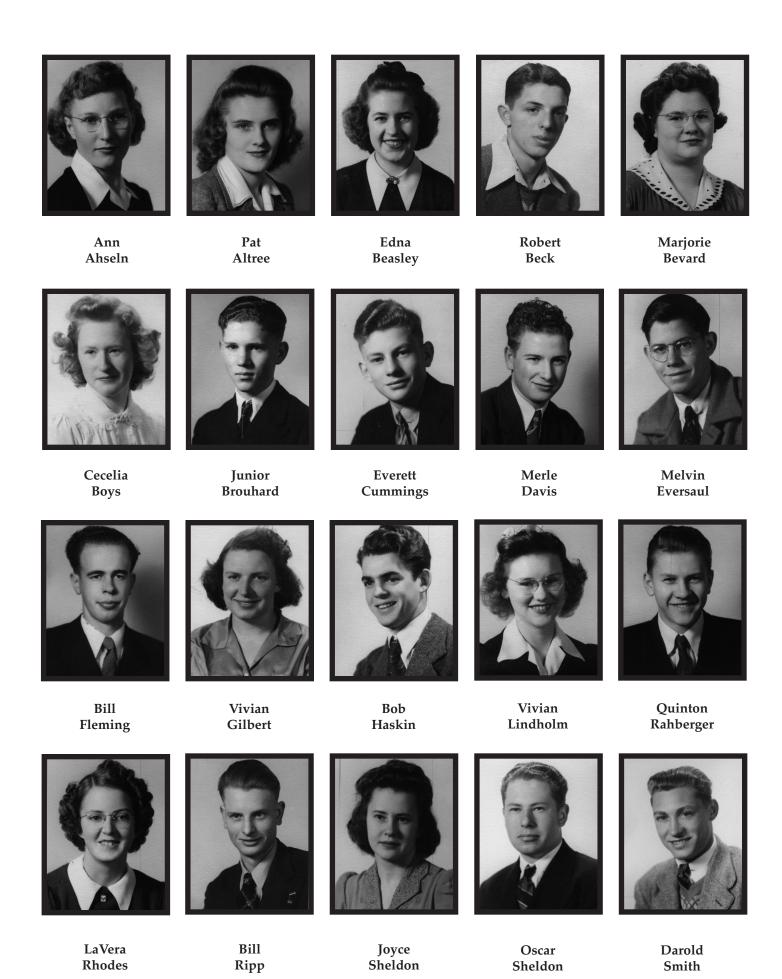
Significant Events:

- U.S. forces land in North Africa.
- Sugar, gasoline, and coffee are rationed.
- Sales of new cars and trucks are banned.
- Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition is a popular song.
- Joe Louis successfully defends his heavyweight boxing title for the 20th time.
- The Battle of Midway and the Battle of Stalingrad occur.
- Japanese-Americans are relocated to internment camps.
- Doolittle conducts his raid on Japan.
- The Japanese seize the Alaskan islands of Attu and Kiska.
- U.S. Marines invade the Japanese-held island of Guadalcanal.

Best Picture: Mrs. Miniver

#1 Song: *White Christmas -* Bing Crosby

Fight till the world is free.









Elmer Soehl



Robert Spencer



Dean Stephens



Helen Thornquist



Dorothy Tooley



Earl White



Barbara Wiwel



Betty Wiwel

In 1943:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- Italy is invaded by the Allies.
- Mussolini is forced to resign as leader of Italy.
- Italy surrenders unconditionally to the Allies.
- Meat, fat, and cheese are rationed; shoes are rationed to three pairs per person per year.
- Essential workers are frozen in their jobs by the federal government.
- Salvage drives produce 255,513 tons of tin cans, 43,919 tons of fat, 6 million tons of waste paper, and more than 26 million tons of iron and steel scrap collected for use in essential industries.
- Betty Smith publishes *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.
- The Warsaw Ghetto uprising occurs.
- Repeaters on phone lines quiet long distance call noise.
- Race riots occur in Detroit and Los Angeles.

Best Picture: Casablanca

#1 Song: I've Heard That Song Before - Harry James

De Lores Johnston, Valedictorian Mabel Henshaw, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 26, 1944

The elevator to success is not running. Take the stairs.



Frank Beseda



Richard Eagle



Margaret Fassler



Helen Hagedorn



Sylvia Hantho



Mabel Henshaw



Della Johnson



De Lores Johnston



Leonard Loveless



J.B. Miller



Kathy Rand



Betty Skidmore



Ruth Soehl

In 1944:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Significant Events:

- On June 6, D-Day occurs, the invasion of Normandy by the Allies.
- The Battle of the Bulge, the last major German offensive of WWII, occurs.
- Allied forces liberate Paris.
- Meat rationing ends.
- The G.I. Bill of Rights is passed.
- The first German V1 and V2 rockets are fired.
- Hitler escapes an assassination attempt.
- Harvard's Mark I, the first digital computer, is put into service.

New Products:

Ballpoint pens

Best Picture: Going My Way

#1 Song: Swinging on a Star - Bing Crosby

Helen Burkhalter, Valedictorian Marie Pequette, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 25, 1945

Patience is the key to success.



Marcella Wiwel

Nils Wiwel

In 1945:

President: Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman

Significant Events:

- U.S. Marines invade Iwo Jima.
- U.S. Marines raise the U.S. flag on Mt. Suribachi.
- The Potsdam Conference takes place.
- Germany surrenders to the Allies in May.
- Hiroshima, Japan is destroyed by the first atomic bomb used in a war.
- In August, Japan surrenders.
- In April, President Roosevelt dies of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Georgia at the age of 63.
- Richard Wright publishes *Black Boy*.
- Hitler commits suicide.
- The United Nations is founded.
- Public discovery and proof of the Holocaust occurs.

TV Developments:

- Commercial television comes closer to reality when the FCC allocates 13 channels for the new medium.
- George Gallup conducts a poll, including the questions: "Do you know what television is? and "Have you ever seen a television in operation?"

Best Picture: The Lost Weekend

#1 Song: Rum and Coca Cola - The Andrews Sisters

Don Jabusch, Valedictorian Anton Beseda, Salutatorian

On the youth of today rests the democracy of tomorrow.



Lois Abbott



Phyllis Barnhart



Anton Beseda



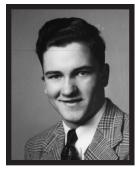
Thomas Dillard



Harry Gordon



Ed Harmon



Don Jabusch



Edna Johnson



Evelyn Kellum



Beverly Knapp



Arvid Stephens



Myrna Toenjes



Dolores Weber

In 1946:

President: Harry S. Truman

Significant Events:

- Strikes involve 4.6 million workers and cost 116,000,000 hours of labor.
- The International Tribunal at Nuremberg convicts 22 Nazi leaders of war crimes; Goering commits suicide before his scheduled execution.
- Dr. Spock publishes *The Common Book of Baby and Child Care*.
- Juan Peron becomes president of Argentina.
- Winston Churchill gives his "Iron Curtain" Speech.
- Automobile radio telephones connect to telephone network.

New Products:

- The bikini
- The jukebox

TV Developments:

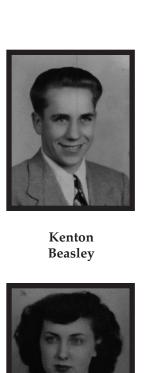
• NBC and Gillette broadcast the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight at Yankee Stadium. The audience is estimated at 150,000 watching 5000 sets (that's 30 people per set).

Best Picture: *The Best Years of Our Lives*

#1 Song: *The Gypsy -*The Ink Spots w / Dinah Shore

Graduation: May 23, 1947

With eyes to the future.







Rudolph

Blair





Harold Burkhalter



Bill Cramer



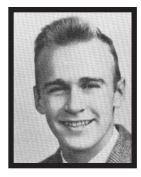
Bill Grover



Joanne Gustin



Audrey Hatfield



Otis **Johnson**



Douglas Moe



Betty Morris



Arlene Murray



Chloe Nunnally



Hugh Rogers



Melvin Starkey



Davis Wood



Lois Woolridge

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

George Brandt Mel Larsen

In 1947:

President: Harry S. Truman

Significant Events:

- The Truman Doctrine establishes the U.S. policy of providing aide to any government resisting Communism.
- The Marshall Plan outlines U.S. involvement in the reconstruction of Europe.
- A housing crisis becomes a major national concern in the U.S.
- The first globe circumnavigating passenger airliner is inaugurated by Pan Am; the fare to travel around the world is \$1700.
- Jackie Robinson becomes the first black baseball player in the major leagues.
- Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire* opens on Broadway.
- Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier.
- The Dead Sea Scrolls are discovered.

New Products:

• The Polaroid camera

TV Developments:

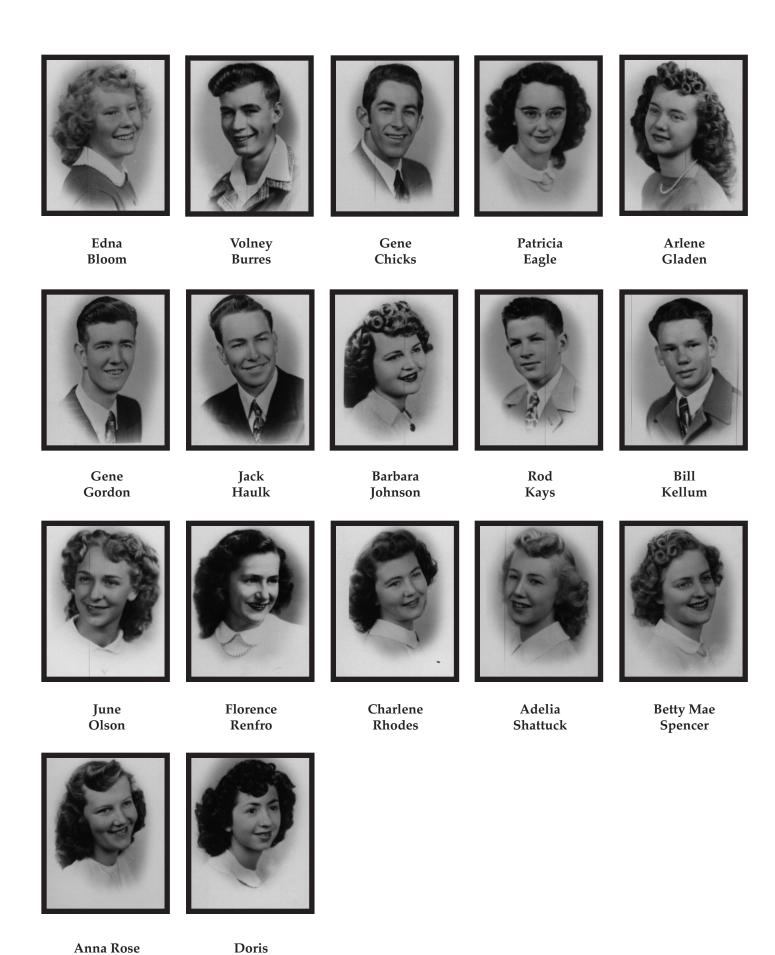
- *Howdy Doody* premieres live on NBC; it lasts until 1960.
- NBC debuts *Meet the Press*, which goes on to become the oldest series on network TV.

Best Picture: Gentlemen's Agreement

#1 Song: Near You - Francis Craig

Graduation: May 21, 1948

Our chances have just begun for the best jobs haven't been started and the best work hasn't been done.



84 - The Graduates of La Center High School

Steudler

White

In 1948:

President: Harry S. Truman

Significant Events:

- Gandhi is fatally shot by a Hindu fanatic in New Delhi.
- The Berlin Airlift begins and lasts until May 1949.
- The term "Cold War" becomes widely used to describe the U.S. relationship with the U.S.S.R.
- Offering religious education in public schools is declared a violation of the First Amendment by the Supreme Court.
- The Big Bang Theory is formulated.
- The now famous "Dewey Defeats Truman" headline appears.
- The policy of Apartheid begins in South Africa.
- The State of Israel is founded.
- The LP record arrives on a vinyl disk.
- Truman orders the Armed Forces desegregated.
- Hollywood switches to nonflammable film.

TV Developments:

- *The Ed Sullivan Show* (originally *Toast of the Town*) debuts on CBS and lasts until 1971.
- 933 sponsors buy TV time.
- Milton Berle debuts as the emcee of *The Texaco Star Theater*.

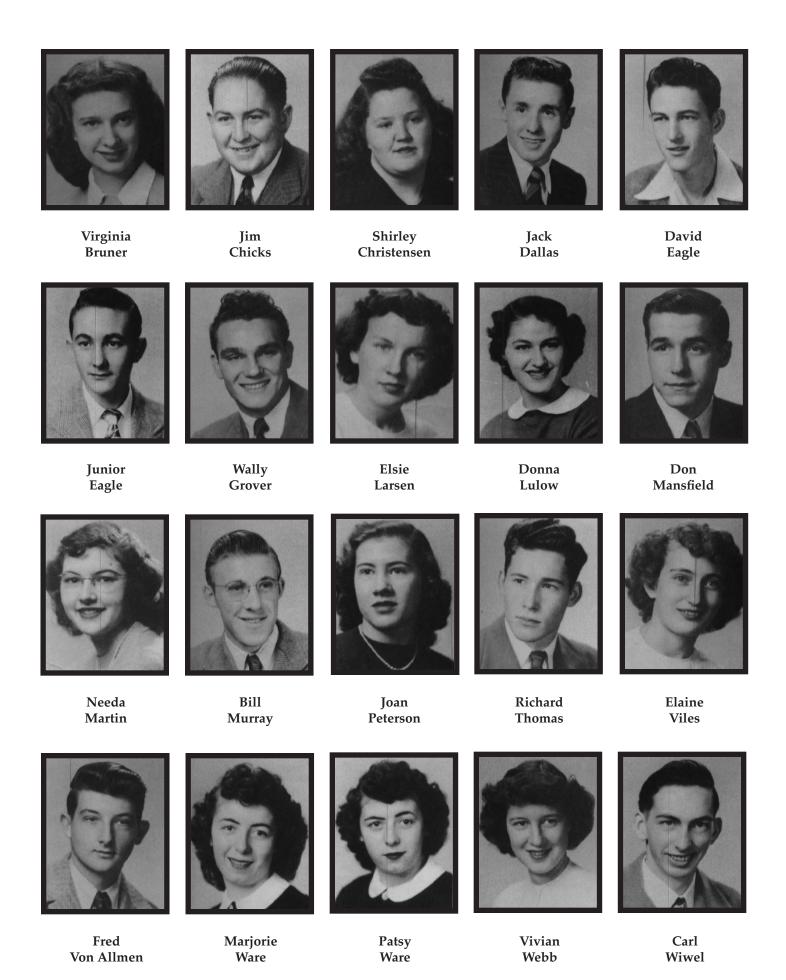
Best Picture: Hamlet

#1 Song: *Buttons and Bows -* Dinah Shore

Joan Peterson, Valedictorian Donna Lulow, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 27, 1949

Lift, don't lean.



In 1949:

President: Harry S. Truman

Significant Events:

- Communists establish the People's Republic of China.
- United Nations headquarters are dedicated in New York City.
- The U.S. and Western European countries establish the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *South Pacific* opens on Broadway.
- George Orwell publishes Nineteen Eighty-Four.
- The Soviet Union develops the atomic bomb.
- RCA offers the 45 rpm record.
- The magnetic core computer memory is invented.

TV Developments:

- The FCC adopts the Fairness Policy.
- Betty Furness starts pitching refrigerators and appliances for Westinghouse.

Best Picture: All the King's Men

#1 Song: *Riders in the Sky -* Vaughn Monroe

Patty Patmon, Valedictorian Ervin Mangus, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 26, 1950

Well done or not at all.



Carolyn Scott

Ethel

Pettit

Don

White

Patty

Patmon

Janice

Wiwel

In 1950:

President: Harry S. Truman

Significant Events:

- Alger Hiss, a State Department official, is convicted of perjury and sentenced to a 5-year prison term.
- President Truman orders the Atomic Energy Committee to develop the hydrogen bomb.
- Senator Joseph McCarthy claims to have a list containing the names of 205 known Communists in the State Department.
- The FBI issues its first list of the Ten Most Wanted Criminals.
- The first kidney transplant is performed.
- The North Korean People's Army invades South Korea.
- The "Peanuts" comic strip debuts.

New Products:

- Miss Clairol hair coloring
- Minute Rice
- Prefabricated fallout shelters
- Xerox copy machine

Best Picture: All About Eve

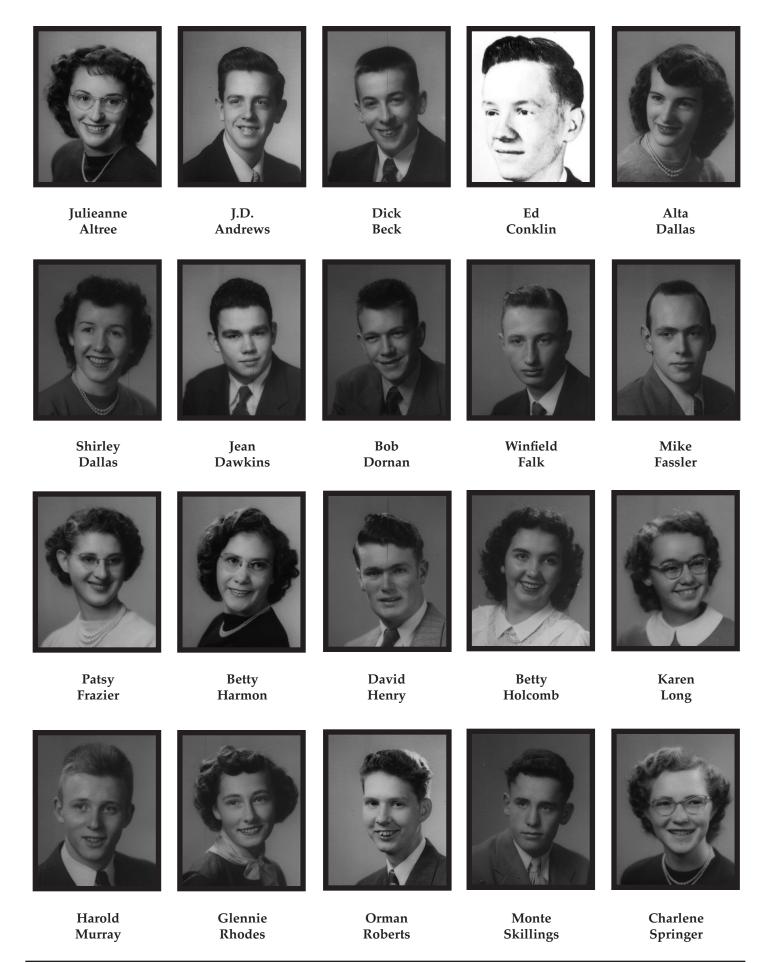
New on TV:

- The Jack Benny Show
- What's My Line?
- Your Show of Shows

#1 Song: The Tennessee Waltz - Patti Page

June Starkey, Valedictorian Charlene Springer, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 25, 1951









Gerald Thompson



Arlene Von Allmen



Jean Ware

In 1951:

President: Harry S. Truman

Significant Events:

- The 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting the presidency to two terms, is adopted.
- Margaret Sanger urges development of an oral contraceptive.
- General Douglas MacArthur, speaking before Congress, closes out his 52 years of military service by proclaiming, "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."
- UNIVAC, the first general-purpose electronic computer, is dedicated at the Census Bureau in Philadelphia.
- CBS introduces color television.
- Joe DiMaggio retires.
- Earl Tupper creates the home sales party to market his plastic food storage containers.

New Products:

- Power steering by Chrysler
- Tropicana products
- Sugarless chewing gum

Best Picture: An American in Paris

New on TV:

- Search for Tomorrow
- The Red Skelton Show
- I Love Lucy

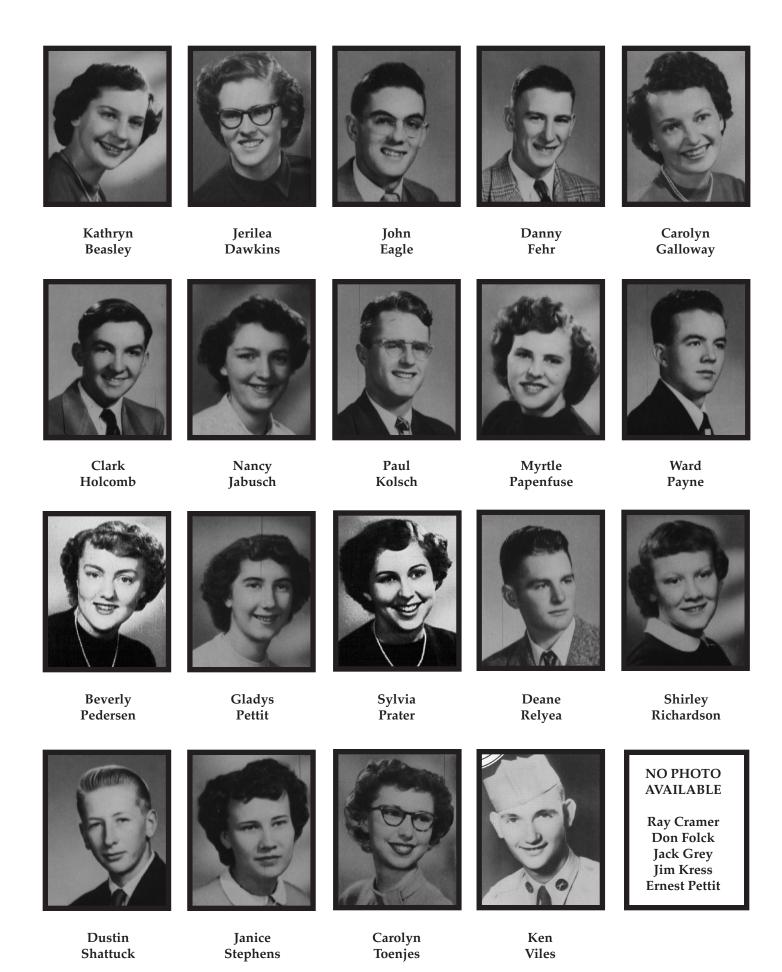
#1 TV Show: Texas Star Theater

#1 Song: *Cry -* Johnnie Ray

Beverly Pedersen, Valedictorian Kathryn Beasley, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 29, 1952

For yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow is only a vision. But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day.



In 1952:

President: Harry S. Truman

Significant Events:

- Puerto Rico becomes an independent commonwealth of the U.S.
- Bob Mathias breaks his own decathlon record for a second gold medal in Helsinki.
- Richard Nixon delivers his Checkers speech.
- The U.S. successfully tests a hydrogen bomb.
- The price of a postcard stamp rises from 1¢ to 2¢.
- *Bwana Devil*, the first feature-length 3-D film, premieres.
- George Jorgenson undergoes the first sex change operation in medical history, becoming Christine Jorgenson.

New Products:

- Kellogg's Sugar Frosted Flakes
- Paint-by-numbers kits
- Sony pocket-sized transistor radio

Best Picture: The Greatest Show on Earth

New on TV:

- The Jackie Gleason Show
- The Today Show
- Dragnet

#1 TV Show: Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts

#1 Song: You Belong to Me - Jo Stafford

Edwin Rhodes, Valedictorian Shirley Prater, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 28, 1953

Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it.



Terry Altree



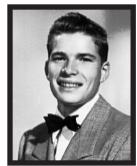
Frank Dallas



Wanda Dickinson



John Ham



Robert Haun



Norman Johnson



Beverly Kannow



Floretta Mangus



Robert Mason



Frances McClellan



John Moore



Jack Nugent



Shirley Prater



Ralph Relyea



Edwin Rhodes



Joann Rice



Myrna Roberts



Doreen Seley



Ila Mae Smith



William Ware

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Ed Rahberger

In 1953:

President: Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower

Significant Events:

- Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin dies at 72.
- Ernest Hemingway wins the Pulitzer Prize for *The Old Man* and the Sea.
- Earl Warren is appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reach the pinnacle of Mount Everest.
- Elizabeth II is crowned Queen of England.
- Convicted of espionage, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are executed at Sing Sing Prison.
- An armistice ending the Korean War is signed at Panmunjom.

New Products:

- White Rose Redi-Tea, the first instant iced tea
- Corvette

Best Picture: From Here to Eternity

New to TV:

- The Danny Thomas Show
- You Are There
- Name That Tune

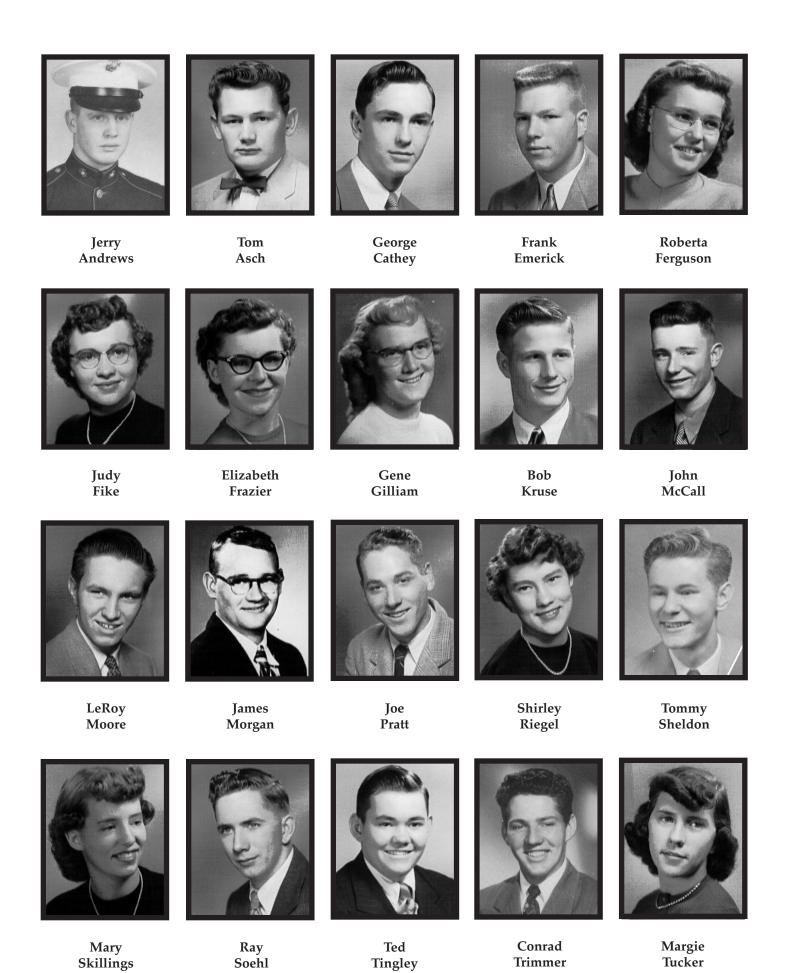
#1 TV Show: I Love Lucy

#1 Song: Vaya Con Dios - Les Paul and Mary Ford

Shirley Riegel, Valedictorian George Cathey, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 28, 1954

A small leak will sink a great ship.





Bud Weaver

In 1954:

President: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Significant Events:

- The U.S. Navy launches Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered submarine.
- Joe DiMaggio weds Marilyn Monroe.
- Mass inoculation against polio begins with a vaccine developed by Jonas Salk.
- The Army-McCarthy hearings begin in Washington; they are broadcast on TV.
- Roger Bannister runs the first sub-4-minute mile in England.
- The Supreme Court rules in the *Brown v. Board of Education* case.
- Elvis Presley releases his first commercial single, *That's All Right* and *Blue Moon of Kentucky*.

New Products:

- A. Swanson and Sons frozen TV dinners
- Matchbox miniature cars
- Con-Tact paper

Best Picture: *On the Waterfront*

New on TV:

- The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin
- Father Knows Best
- Lassie

#1 TV Show: *I Love Lucy*

#1 Song: Sh-Boom - Crew-Cuts

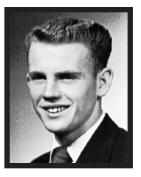
Larry Toenjes, Valedictorian Alyce Eskelin, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 27, 1955

Use today--tomorrow never comes.



Larry Chicks



David Dawkins



Alyce Eskelin



Eddie Ham



Armand Hawkins



Ronald Hudson



Kenneth Irwin



Gordon Jarvis



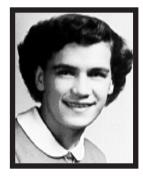
Sandra Johnson



Fred Kellum



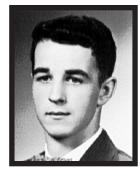
Dean Mangus



Sandra Mansfield



Don Relyea



Rodney Rhodes



Eileen Shoemaker



Don Soehl



Carl Stuart



Donna Thomas



Larry Toenjes

In 1955:

President: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Significant Events:

- Ray Kroc opens his first McDonald's restaurant in Des Plaines, Illinois.
- Walt Disney opens Disneyland, his \$17 million amusement park in Anaheim, California.
- President Eisenhower suffers a mild heart attack.
- The Brooklyn Dodgers win their first World Series.
- Ann Landers launches her advice column.
- Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to give up her seat in the whitesonly section of a bus in Montgomery.

New Products:

- Rainbow Crafts' Play-Doh modeling compound
- Ford Thunderbird
- Coonskin caps and other Davey Crockett-inspired merchandise for kids

Best Picture: Marty

New on TV:

- Alfred Hitchcock Presents
- Gunsmoke
- The Honeymooners
- *The \$64,000 Question*

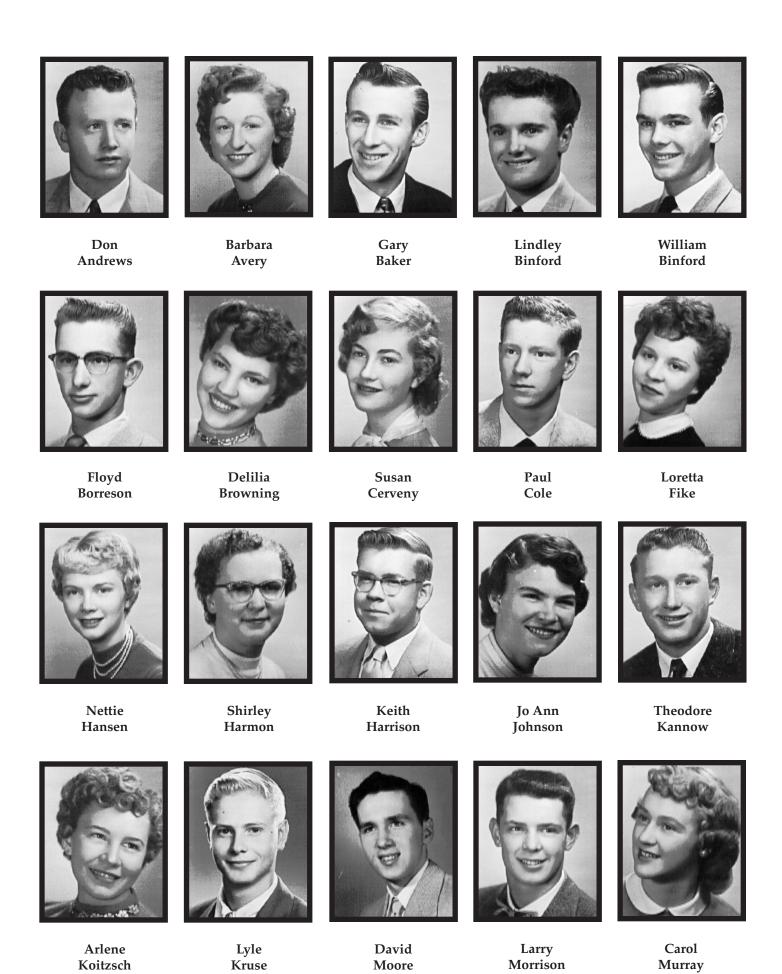
#1 TV Show: I Love Lucy

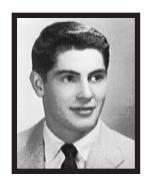
#1 Song: *Rock Around the Clock* - Bill Haley and His Comets

Martha Pratt, Valedictorian Nettie Ann Hansen, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 1, 1956

Aim for the stars, if you only reach the tree tops.





George Nugent



Clarence Osborne



David Owens



Richard Pettit



Martha Pratt



Mike Reisbick



Fredrick Seley



Evelyn Smith



Myrna Soehl



Robert Veline



Marla Wilson

In 1956:

President: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Significant Events:

- Grace Kelly weds Prince Rainier III of Monaco.
- The Federal Aid Highway Act is passed by Congress, authorizing the construction of 41,000 miles of interstate highways.
- The Andrea Doria collides with the Stockholm and sinks.
- "In God We Trust" becomes the motto of the U.S.
- Floyd Patterson becomes the youngest heavyweight champion in history.
- The Supreme Court declares segregation in public transportation unconstitutional.

New Products:

- Comet cleaner
- Crest toothpaste
- Raid House & Garden Insecticide
- Pampers disposable diapers
- Burger King

Best Picture: Around the World in 80 Days

New on TV:

- The Dinah Shore Chevy Show
- Playhouse 90
- The Nat King Cole Show

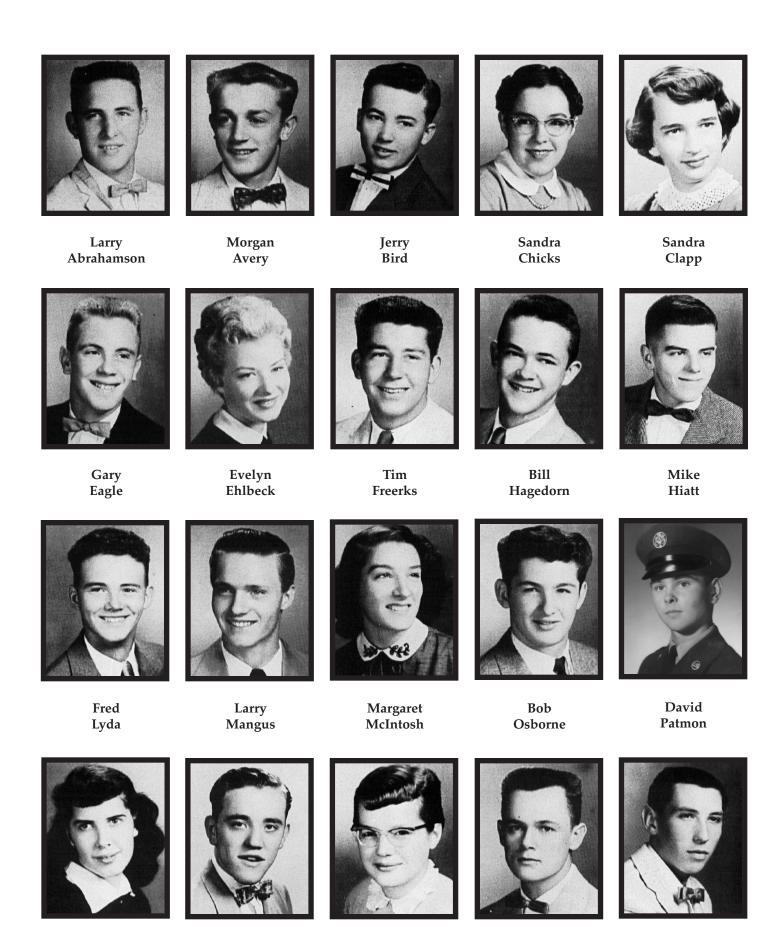
#1 TV Show: *The* \$64,000 *Question*

#1 Song: *Don't Be Cruel/Hound Dog* - Elvis Presley

Sandra Clapp, Valedictorian Barbara Relyea, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 31, 1957

Tonight we launch, where shall we anchor?



Barbara

Relyea

Hope

Pettit

John

Pratt

Alan

Scott

Bob

Shook







Jim Swanson

Wanda Thomas

Don Tyrrell

In 1957:

President: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Significant Events:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. helps organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.
- Althea Gibson becomes the first black athlete to win at Wimbledon.
- Congress establishes the Civil Rights Commission.
- President Eisenhower sends federal troops to Little Rock, Arkansas to protect nine black students seeking to attend Central High School.
- The Soviets launch Sputnik I.

New Products:

- Pink plastic flamingos
- Wham-O's Pluto Platter or Frisbee
- Ford Edsel

Best Picture: The Bridge on the River Kwai

New on TV:

- American Bandstand
- Leave It to Beaver
- Perry Mason
- The Price is Right

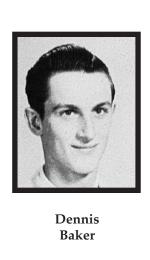
#1 TV Show: I Love Lucy

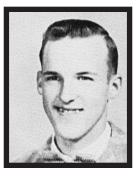
#1 Song: *All Shook Up -* Elvis Presley

Mary Pratt, Valedictorian Carolyn Brashear, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 29, 1958

Ourselves at our best all the time





George Balkema



Darlene Brandt



Carolyn Brashear



Marion Brashear



Keith Buckbee



Ralph Chipman



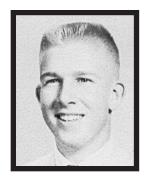
June Colby



Dennis Falk



Beverly Gilbert



Lowell Harrison



Jenice Morgan



Phillip Murray



Bill Niemi



Bill Osborne



Becky Pratt



Mary Pratt



Jim Relyea



Hans Suomi



Tommy Thomas



Jim Wilson

In 1958:

President: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Significant Events:

- Jimmy Hoffa is elected president of the Teamsters.
- The U.S. launches its first satellite, Explorer I.
- Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers is paralyzed in a car crash.
- Nikita Khrushchev assumes leadership of the Communist Party and the government in the Soviet Union.
- NASA is established.
- The FAA is established to control civilian and military air traffic.

New Products:

- Sweet 'n Low
- The American Express card
- The Bic pen
- The Hula Hoop
- Pizza Hut

Best Picture: Gigi

New on TV:

- The Donna Reed Show
- Peter Gunn
- 77 Sunset Strip

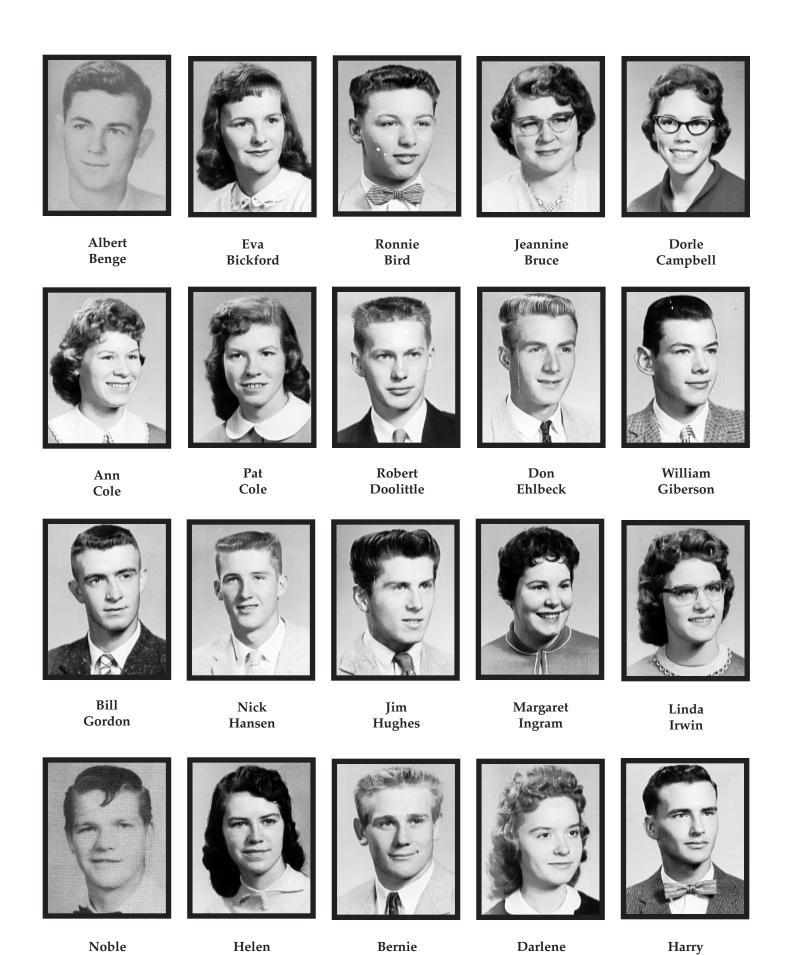
#1 TV Show: Gunsmoke

#1 Song: *At the Hop -* Danny and the Juniors

Linda Irwin, Valedictorian Judith Pedersen, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 29, 1959

The future is for those who prepare for it.



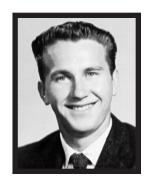
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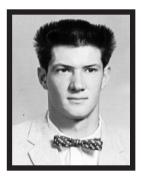
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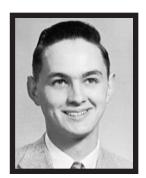
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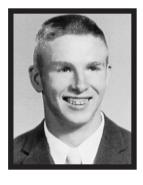
Judy Pedersen



Carol Sheldon



Cathy Sorenson



Wayne Stenlund



Leslie Stuart



Lanny Tyrrell



Bob Wilson

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Henry Gibson

In 1959:

President: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Significant Events:

- Fidel Castro wins power in Cuba.
- Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper die in a plane crash (the day the music died).
- Alaska and Hawaii become the 49th and 50th states.
- Louis Leakey discovers 1.75 million-year-old skull fragments in Olduvai Gorge in Tanganyika.
- Berry Gordy founds Tamla Records, later to become Motown.
- NASA names the first astronauts.

New Products:

- Mattel's Barbie doll
- Metracal diet drink
- Pantyhose stockings

Best Picture: Ben-Hur

New on TV:

- Bonanza
- Dennis the Menace
- The Twilight Zone
- The Untouchables

#1 TV Show: Gunsmoke

#1 Song: *Mack the Knife* - Bobby Darin

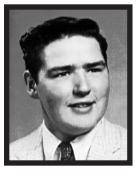
Sharon Colf, Valedictorian Mike Wollam, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 3, 1960

New thought is new life.



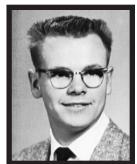
Diann (Hokanson) Backman



Albert Barnett



Jay Cerveny



Herman Chipman



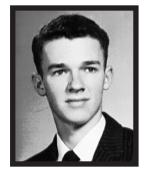
Sharon Colf



Mary Ellen Dickerson



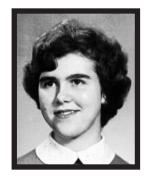
Paul Eskelin



Brian Fitzgerald



Judy McIntosh



Vivian McLean



Tom Rau



Douglas Reisbick



Nancy Seley



Dave Shattuck



Connie Stenlund



Vivian (Bickford) Stuart



Georgia Weber



Chuck Weiss



Karl Wilen



Ken Wilson







Ruth Winkelman



Mike Wollam

In 1960:

President: Dwight D. Eisenbower

Significant Events:

- Four African Americans stage a sit-in at Woolworth's whites-only lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina.
- The first Playboy Club opens.
- An American U-2 reconaissance plane is shot down over Soviet territory.
- The first birth-control pill is approved by the FDA.
- The laser is first demonstrated.
- Richard Nixon and John Kennedy engage in the first of four televised presidential debates.
- C.P.R. is first demonstrated at Johns Hopkins.
- The Twist dance craze sweeps the nation.

New Products:

- Felt-tip pen
- AstroTurf
- Canned Coke
- Lycra

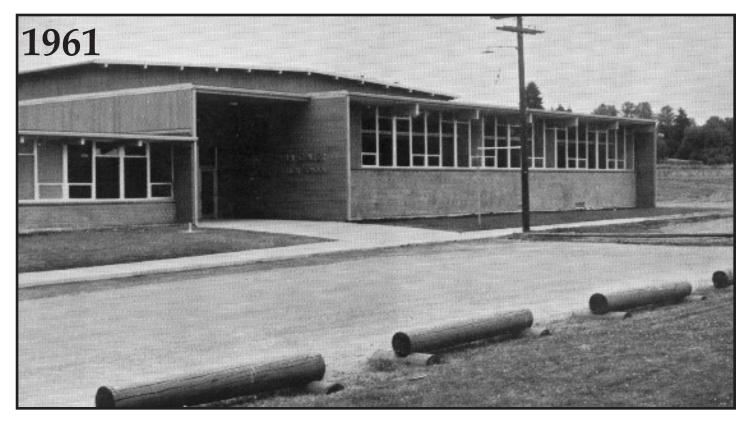
New on TV:

- The Flintstones
- My Three Sons
- The Andy Griffith Show

Best Picture: *The Apartment*

#1 TV Show: Gunsmoke

#1 Song: *Theme from A Summer Place* - Percy Faith



Third LCHS Opens in Spring 1961

rielson Building (as it came to be known in 1966), construction on the first building to house only high school students began on October 17, 1960. The building was designed by Hayslip and Tuft Architects, and construction was completed by Woodbilt Company of Vancouver.

Construction was finished in the spring of 1961 and students made the move across the parking lot to the brand new La Center High School shortly before the end of the 1961 school year. In fact, the LCHS Class of 1961 was the first to graduate in the new gym.

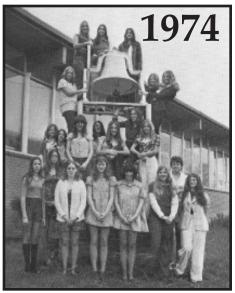
Embedded into the tiles of this new school were the LC initials, and soon a new tradition was born: Do not step on the LC. Students who

violated this tradition were treated to a variety of consequences, including being scooped up (usually by a couple of seniors) and having the seat of their pants used as a dust mop to remove any dirt from the LC.

By 1978, this building had also become somewhat overcrowded, prompting the building of a new wing on the north end of the high school (this work was done at the same time the Mary Gabrielson Building was being remodeled). Completed in 1979, this new wing featured a library, a science lab, a business room, one normal-sized classroom, and a much smaller classroom with a darkroom attached.

Total cost of the addition was \$349,217.23. Once again, Woodbilt Company completed construction, while Donald E. Eby and Associates designed the new wing.

After 23 years of use, the 1961



A pristine La Center High School awaits the arrival of high school students in 1961. The victory bell was donated to the school by the classes from the early 1960s.

building was in need of a total remodel, and this work began in 1984. The original portion of the building (excluding the fairly new north wing) was completely gutted and modernized to the tune of

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The Third La Center High School

\$1,322,119.16. Once again, Eby, Lien, and Associates, Inc. of Vancouver did the design work while Larry O. Collins supervised construction.

Remodeling work actually began at the end of the 1984 school year, which led to some creative classroom sharing for the last part of school. The remainder of the work was completed during the summer. While there were still a few finishing touches needing to be done (like stalls in the bathrooms) when school opened for the 1984-85 year, the building looked good, even with all of that orange.

As La Center's population began to grow steadily in the early 1990s, portable classrooms started to spring up around the LCHS campus, and by 1992, middle school students were sharing the building with high school students.

Finally, on the day after school ended in 1993, high school staff made the move to the fourth La Center High School, located just up the street on Highland Road, ending the 32-year history of the third La Center High School.

In 32 years, 1264 students graduated from the third LCHS. Principals during this time included Louis J. Powers (1961-63), Donald G. Tarver (1963-66), William Roy (1966-67), Les Greear (1967-72), Clay

Fox (1972-77), Roger Morris (1977-81), C. Lynn Olson (1981-83), Mark Kubiaczyk (1983-88), and Warren Hopkins (1988-95).

Nine people served as superintendent of the La Center School District during this time. They were John L. Gary (1949-62), Claude O. Case (1962-67), Thomas E. Marsden (1967-70), Elmer Bisset (1970-71), Dr. Blayne Perleth (1971-76), George Kontos (1976-84), Jan Fudala (1984-86), John Thomas (1986-90), and Clifford Campbell (1990-97).

The photo at the bottom shows LCHS in 1975. The middle photo below depicts the town of La Center in 1964. Finally, top photo shows the west side of the high school in 1965. Eventually, a new wing would be added where the large windows appear on the left.







The Third La Center High School

Richard Colf, Valedictorian Gene Smith, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 31, 1961

We aim for the stars.



Terry Backman



Judith Bergstrom



Betty Lynn Brady



Billy Brady



Nelson Brashear



Marilyn Colby



Richard Colf



Caroline Dixon



Laury Ham



Jill Harrison



Patricia Iverson



Gerald Johnson



Helen Cole Johnson



Viola Johnson



Gail Johnston



Elmer Koitzsch



Richard Kruse



Carolyn Majors



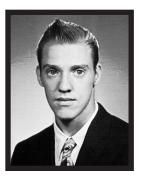
Frances McKune



Susan Nickell







Gene Smith



Roger Winchester

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Joseph Moore

In 1961:

President: Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy

Significant Events:

- The Peace Corps is created.
- Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes the first human to orbit the earth.
- The U.S. Bay of Pigs invasion fails.
- Alan Shepard makes the first manned U.S. space flight.
- Ernest Hemingway dies of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
- East Berlin begins building the Berlin Wall.

New Products:

- IBM Selectric typewriter
- Coffee-Mate
- Total cereal
- Electric toothbrush
- Legos

Best Picture: West Side Story

New on TV:

- The Dick Van Dyke Show
- Wide World of Sports
- Car 54, Where Are You?

#1 TV Show: Gunsmoke

#1 Song: *Tossin' and Turnin'* - Bobby Lewis

Carol Giberson, Valedictorian Dale McDowell, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 31, 1962

The ship of success sails forever on the sea of knowledge.



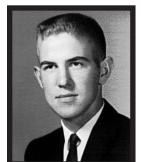
Ward Anderson



Donald Avery



Charles Bradshaw



James DeMoux



Daniel Fitzgerald



Carol Giberson



David Harmon



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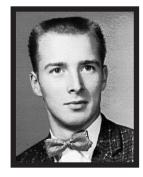
Marjorie Richards



Terry Skillings



Rick Smith



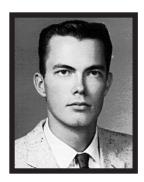
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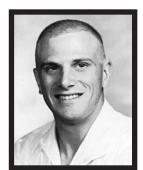
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Frank Taylor



Steven Thompson



William Weiss



Judy Wilen



Janet Wilson



Kathleen Wilson



Terry Wollam



Mike Wooster



Trudy Wooster

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Garrett Fletcher Edith Moore

In 1962:

President: John F. Kennedy

Significant Events:

- Jackie Robinson becomes the first African American inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- John Glenn is the first American to orbit the earth.
- Wilt Chamberlin scores 100 points in a basketball game.
- The Seattle World's Fair opens.
- The Supreme Court bans official prayer in public schools.
- Marilyn Monroe dies.
- Thalidomide is kept off U.S. markets when it is learned that it causes birth defects.
- The Cuban Missile crisis unfolds.

New Products:

- Polaroid color film
- The Easy Bake Oven
- Sprite

Best Picture: Lawrence of Arabia

New on TV:

- The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson
- The Beverly Hillbillies
- McHale's Navy

#1 TV Show: Wagon Train

#1 Song: I Can't Stop Loving You - Ray Charles

Edward Johnson, Valedictorian Billie Ann East, Salutatorian

Onward and upward.



Donna Beers



Earl Broughton



Charles Button



Myrna Dunn



Billie Ann East



James Ehlbeck



James Eversaul



Elouise Frazier



Rita Holcomb



Walter Holmes



Edward Johnson



Lillie Maki



Donald Stevens



Linda Taylor



Cheryl Throop

In 1963:

President: John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson

Significant Events:

- Pope John XXIII dies.
- Medgar Evers is gunned down outside his home.
- The 5-digit zip code is adopted by the U.S. Post Office.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington.
- A hotline between Moscow and Washington is opened.
- Four black girls are killed in Birmingham, Alabama when a bomb explodes at a church.
- John F. Kennedy is assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald.
- Lee Harvey Oswald is killed by Jack Ruby.

New Products:

- Trimline telephone
- Pushbutton telephone
- Boil-in-a-bag vegetables from Green Giant

Best Picture: Tom Jones

New onTV:

- Let's Make a Deal
- General Hospital
- My Favorite Martian

#1 TV Show: *The Beverly Hillbillies*

#1 Song: *Sugar Shack -* Jimmy Gilmer and the Fireballs

Steve Helgerson, Valedictorian Darlene Shaffer, Salutatorian



Richard Abrahamson



Terry Ayers



Jeanette Bakker



Paul Beers



Kenneth Bergstrom



Cheryl Butler



Kathleen Frazier



Janie Grant



Steven Helgerson



Claudia Holley



Philip Jenkins



Joanne Johnson



Marilyn Majors



Norma McCubbins



Stella Perry



Margaret Pitzer



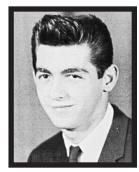
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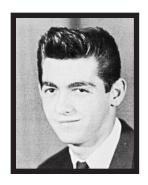
Leland Ruzicka



Darlene Shaffer



Carl Smith







Keith Soehl



George Strauss



Connie Throop



David Wilen



Jeannie Wilson



Kerry Wooster

In 1964:

President: Lyndon B. Johnson

Significant Events:

- The Beatles first visit the U.S., performing on *The Ed Sullivan Show* and at Carnegie Hall.
- Three civil rights workers are murdered in Mississippi during the Freedom Summer voting rights drive.
- The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is passed by Congress.
- Nikita Khrushchev is ousted as secretary of the Communist Party.
- The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Silicone gel sacs for breast implants are first used.

New Products:

- Ford Mustang
- Kellogg's Pop-Tarts
- Diet Pepsi

Best Picture: My Fair Lady

New on TV:

- Jeopardy
- Bewitched
- Gilligan's Island

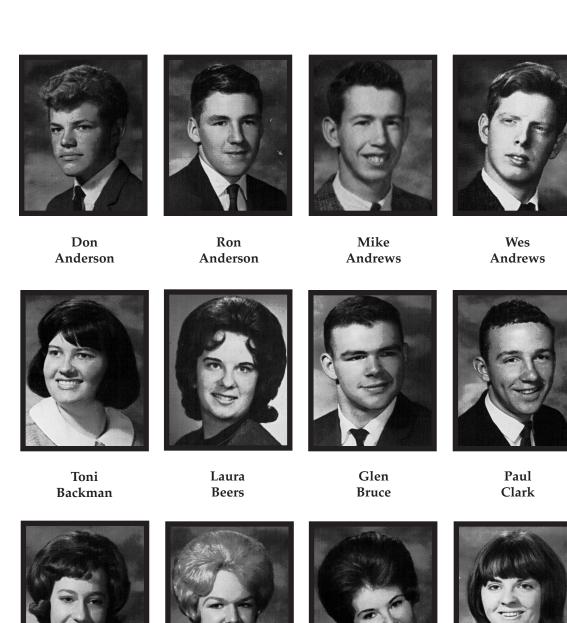
#1 TV Show: *The Beverly Hillbillies*

#1 Song: *I Want to Hold Your Hand -* The Beatles

Edna Doolittle, Valedictorian Judy Johnson, Salutatorian Sue McDowell, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 4, 1965

The future is for winning. The end is the beginning.





Edna Doolittle



Carolynn Dunn



Maud Dunn



Mary **Eversaul**



Sandra

Dixon

Palmer

Avery

Ron **Eversaul**



Sue Gillenberg



Merna Ham



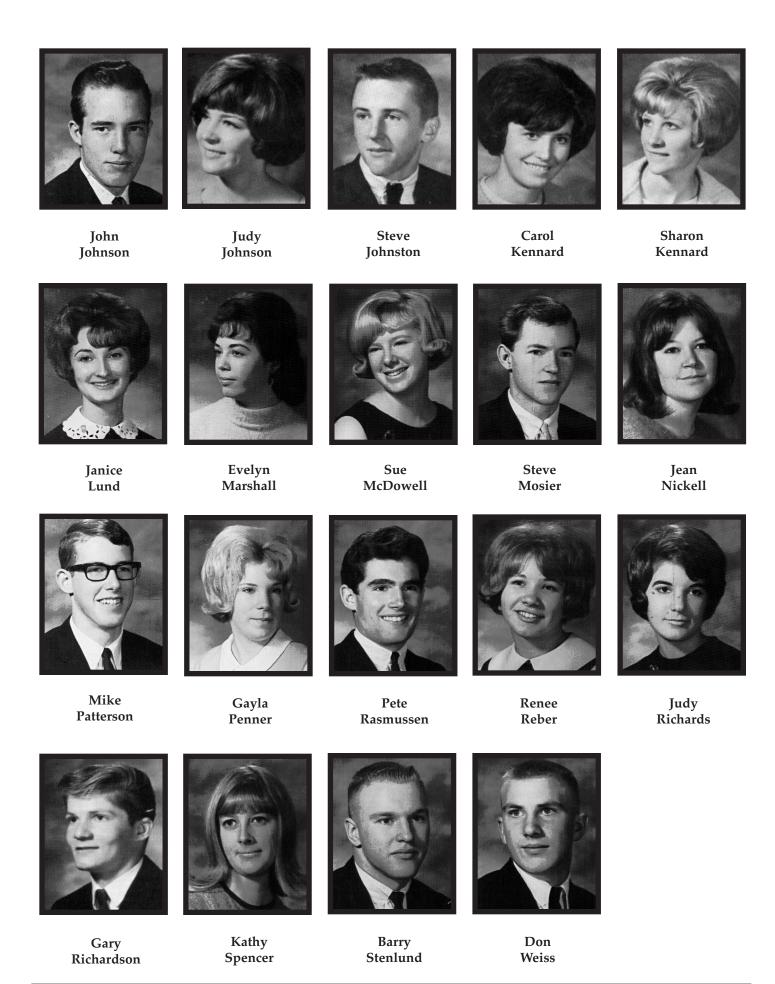
Gayle Harrison



Diane Hector



Tom **Iverson**



In 1965:

President: Lyndon B. Johnson

Significant Events:

- Winston Churchill dies at the age of 90.
- Malcolm X is assassinated at a rally in Harlem.
- A 50-mile march for freedom from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama is led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- The first American combat troops in South Vietnam land at Da Nang in March.
- Gemini 3, with John Young and Gus Grissom, kicks off NASA's two-man Gemini space program.
- The Medicare bill is signed into law.
- Draft-card burning is declared a crime by Congress.
- A massive blackout in New York and other states leaves 30 million people without electricity.

New Products:

- Apple Jacks cereal
- Gatorade
- SpaghettiOs.

Best Picture: *The Sound of Music*

New on TV:

- Days of Our Lives
- Green Acres
- Get Smart

#1 TV Show: Bonanza

#1 Song: *Satisfaction* - The Rolling Stones

Janice Hooser, Valedictorian Pamela Harrison, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 27, 1966

The acts of this life are the destiny of the next.



Kendall Ayers



Thomas Backman



Winnie Bakker



Chareen Button



Steven Cramer



Diane De Celles



Kathleen Dillard



David Dolezal



Marlise Dunn



Charlene East



Martha Fitzgerald



Janice Freerks



Walter Gragg



Stanley Graham



Gerald Harkleroad



Pamela Harrison



Janice Hooser



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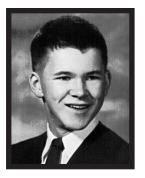
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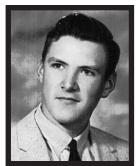
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Constance Menotti



Thomas Nearhoff



Donald O'Connor



Larry Pitzer



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Sue Rasmussen



Ronald Robbins



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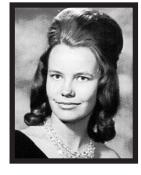
Larry Smith



Robert Speelman, Jr.



Robert Spencer



Mary Ann Suomi



Shirley Waser



Sandra Wells

In 1966:

President: Lyndon B. Johnson

Significant Events:

- Cigarette packages begin carrying a printed warning from the U.S. Surgeon General.
- The Supreme Court rules in the Miranda case.
- The National Organization for Women (NOW) is formed.
- The Black Panther Party is founded in Oakland, California.
- Eight student nurses are stabbed and strangled by drifter Richard Speck; he is sentenced to 600 years in prison.

New Products:

- Taster's Choice freeze-dried instant coffee
- Bac*Os

Best Picture: A Man for All Seasons

New on TV:

- Mission Impossible
- Batman
- Star Trek

#1 TV Show: Bonanza

#1 Song: *I'm a Believer -* The Monkees

Nancy Case, Valedictorian Bob Colf, Salutatorian

Let us begin for it shall take long.



Constance Adams



Richard Anderson



Sandra Attebery



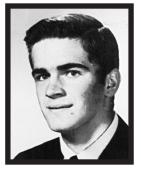
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James Doolittle



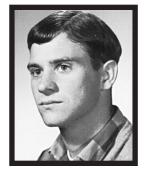
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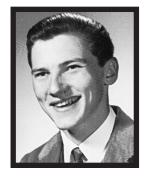
Janice Reber



Katherine Reich



Samantha Reisbick



Michael Schwartz



Linda Seley



James Sheldon



Susan Spencer



Michael Starkey



John Strauss



Peggy Stuart



Judith Thomas



Nancy Van Hoose



Roxann Wollam

In 1967:

President: Lyndon B. Johnson

Significant Events:

- In the first Super Bowl, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10.
- Apollo 1 astronauts Roger Chaffee, Virgil Grissom, and Edward White die in a fire during a test on the ground.
- Elvis Presley marries Priscilla Beaulieu.
- Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American appointed to the Supreme Court.
- Approximately 150,000 antiwar demonstrators gather at the Lincoln Memorial to protest U.S. policy in Vietnam.
- Dr. Christiaan Barnard performs the first heart transplant in South Africa.

New Products:

- Peter Max-designed posters, decals, and clothing
- Fresca
- Amana commerical microwave ovens
- The Chevy Camaro

Best Picture: *In the Heat of the Night*

New on TV:

- The Carol Burnett Show
- The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour
- Ironside

#1 TV Show: Bonanza

#1 Song: To Sir with Love - Lulu

Cheryl Ayers, Valedictorian Patrick Thompson, Salutatorian

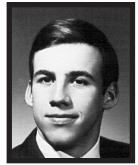
Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.



Carol Adams



Lee Ann Anderson



Wayne Anderson



Cheryl Ayers



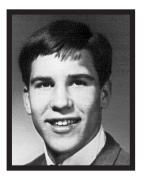
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Todd Caldwell



Merle Canfield



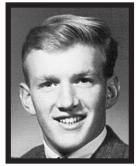
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Mike Dillard



Skip Dunn



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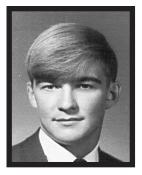
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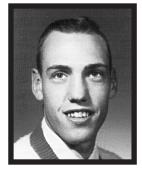
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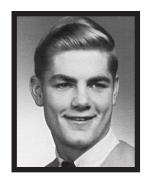
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Charles Heidegger



Ed Heidegger



Ron Hooser



Ted Hort



Doug Larsen



Denice McCarley



Frank Morrison



Jay Mosier



Carol Patmon



Patti Rasmussen



Janet Richards



Gregg Richmond



Donna Smith



Doug Soehl



Rick Syring



Pat Thompson



Jack Wells



Dave Wood Jr.

In 1968:

President: Lyndon B. Johnson

Significant Events:

- The USS Pueblo, a navy spy ship, is seized by North Korean gunboats in international waters.
- Race riots erupt across America after Dr. Martin Luther King,
 Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
- The Civil Rights Act of 1968 is signed by President Johnson.
- Peace talks begin in Paris between the U.S. and North Vietnam.
- Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated in Los Angeles.
- Arthur Ashe becomes the first African American male to win a major tennis tournament.

New Projects:

- McDonald's Big Mac
- Waterbeds
- Jacuzzi whirlpool baths

Best Picture: Oliver

New on TV:

- Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In
- Hawaii Five-O
- 60 Minutes

#1 TV Show: The Andy Griffith Show

#1 Song: *Hey Jude -* The Beatles

Peggy Reich, Valedictorian Fay Reber, Salutatorian

By proper effort, we can make the future anything we want it to be.



Gardis Avery



Daniel Birk



Marilyn Boyce



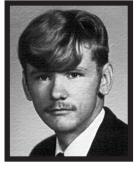
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Rex Christensen



Nancy Colf



James Dunn



Dean Eversaul



Alfred Filla



Ben Frazier



William Freund



Carol Fry



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Paula Jackson



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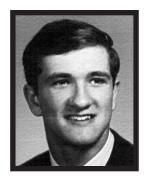
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Fay Reber



Peggy Reich



Gregg Robinson



Leo Ruzicka Jr.



Donald Taylor



Gary Tryon



Dennis Tyrrell



Barbara Wilkinson

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Ron Freund

In 1969:

President: Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon

Significant Events:

- The *Saturday Evening Post*, founded in 1821, publishes its last issue on Feb. 8.
- Joe Namath leads his underdog New York Jets to a Super Bowl victory.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower dies at age 78.
- The German measles vaccine becomes available in the U.S.
- Cult leader Charles Manson and his followers are charged with the murder of Sharon Tate and six others.
- Woodstock attracts 400,000 people to hear the Who, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, and others.
- The New York Mets win their first World Series.

New Products:

- Frosted Mini-Wheats
- Campbell's Chunky soups

Best Picture: Midnight Cowboy

New on TV:

- The Brady Bunch
- Hee Haw
- Sesame Street

#1 TV Show: Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In

#1 Song: *Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In -* The Fifth Dimension

Diane Giberson, Valedictorian Dana Cummings, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 24, 1970

It is better to try and fail than not try at all.



James Andrews



Scott Attebery



Melody Baker



Dale Barnes



Cynthia (Baker) Chenette



Dorothy Chipman



Bobbi Christensen



Mary Colf



Mike Coski



Jerry Cox



Dana Cummings



Daniel Dillard



David Elford



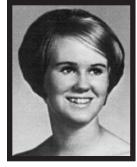
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Pamela Jackson



Vickie Johnson



Cliff Larsen



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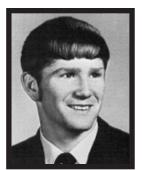
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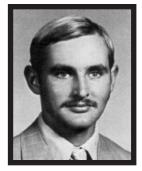
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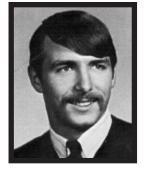
Charles Stogesdill



John Vander Pol



Mike Welch



Ernest Wilen

In 1970:

President: Richard M. Nixon

Significant Events:

- The first Earth Day is celebrated.
- U.S. troops enter Cambodia.
- Six students are killed at Kent State by Ohio National Guardsmen.
- Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin die in drug-related accidents.
- Monday Night Football premieres on ABC.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is created.
- *Doonesbury* debuts.

New Products:

- Daisy wheel printer
- Quartz watch from Seiko

Best Picture: Patton

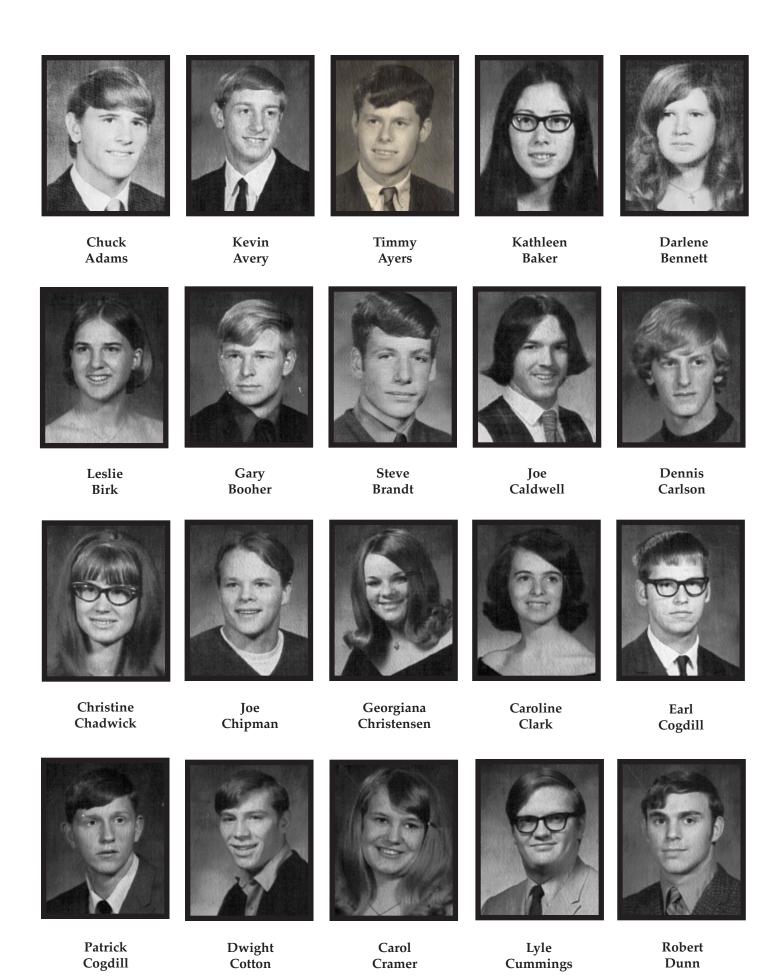
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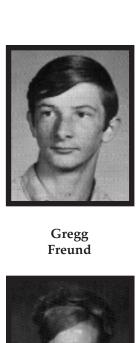
- The Mary Tyler Moore Show
- The Odd Couple
- The Partridge Family

#1 TV Show: Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In

#1 Song: Bridge Over Troubled Water - Simon and Garfunkel

Now that we have set sail, where shall we anchor?







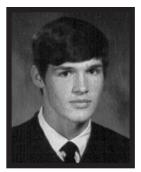
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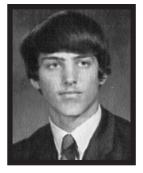
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Cynthia Spencer



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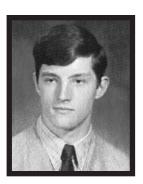
John **Swindler**



Robert **Taylor**



Helen Thompson



Jay Tryon

In 1971:

President: Richard M. Nixon

Significant Events:

- Army lieutenant William Calley is convicted of premeditated murder for the 1968 massacre of 22 civilians in the village of My Lai.
- School busing is upheld as constitutional by the Supreme Court.
- The Pentagon Papers are published by *The New York Times*.
- 18-year olds get the vote in the 26th Amendment.
- Jim Morrison dies.
- D.B. Cooper hijacks a plane in the Northwest and jumps out with \$200,000.

New Products:

- Microprocessor computer chip by Intel
- Soft contacts
- Food processor

Best Picture: The French Connection

New on TV:

- Columbo
- *All in the Family*
- *Masterpiece Theater*

#1 TV Show: *Marcus Welby, M.D.*

#1 Song: *Joy to the World* - Three Dog Night

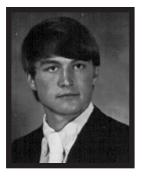
Deborah Varga, Valedictorian John Syring, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 28, 1972

Yesterday's dreams are tomorrow's reality.



Cathleen Adams



Paul Christensen



Kathryn Dewell



Judy Eversaul



Sandra Eversaul



Ken Giles



Kathleen Gordon



Charles Hantho



Cathy Kirk



Rhonda Lund



Glora Mitchell



Ernest Pettit



Norman Pieksma



Sylvia Pitzer



Sharon Rasmussen



Robin Richards



Bradley Richmond



Ann Skillings



Larry Smith



Scott Soehl



Tim Swindler



John Syring



Mona Thornton



Deborah Varga



Vickie Williams



Daniel Wilson



Glenn Zimmerly

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Jean Palmer

In 1972:

President: Richard M. Nixon

Significant Events:

- Richard Nixon meets with Mao Tse-tung.
- Alabama governor George Wallace is shot.
- Nixon is the first U.S. president to visit Moscow.
- Democratic headquarters at the Watergate Hotel are burglarized by five men acting on behalf of Nixon's committee to be reelected.
- Jane Fonda broadcasts from North Vietnam, earning her the nickname Hanoi Jane.
- Mark Spitz wins 7 gold medals at the Munich Olympics.
- *Life* magazine ceases publication after 36 years.

New Products:

- Nike running shoes
- Home Box Office
- Pong

Best Picture: *The Godfather*

New on TV:

- *M*A*S*H*
- The Bob Newhart Show
- The Waltons

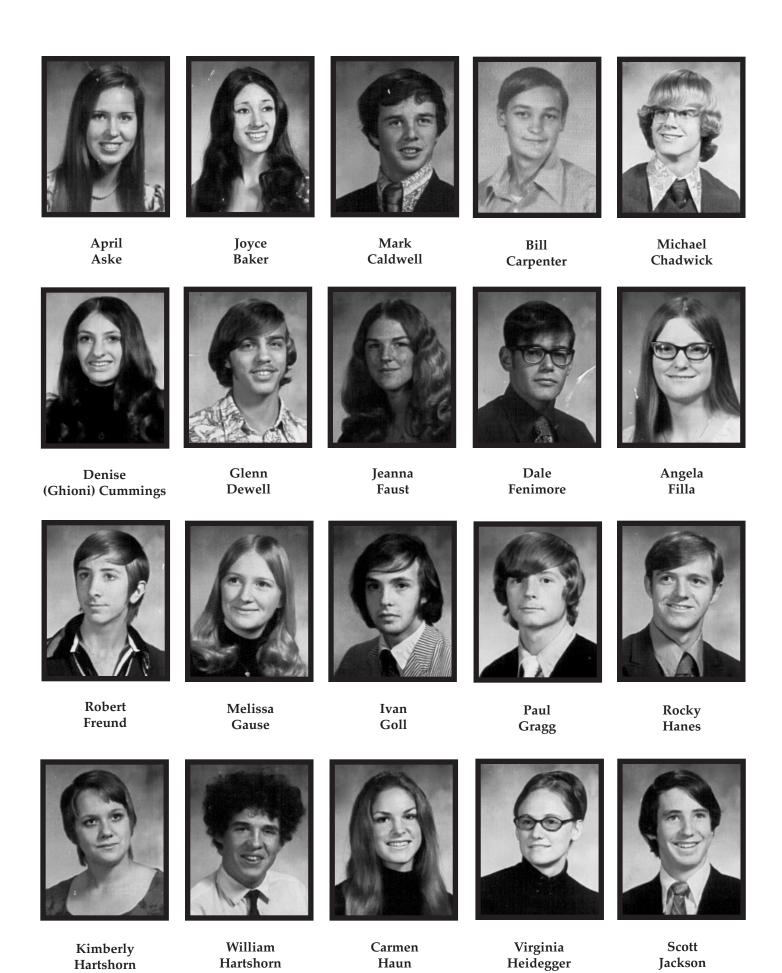
#1 TV Show: *All in the Family*

#1 Song: *The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face -* Roberta Flack

Virginia Heidegger, Valedictorian Bruce Kelley, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 29, 1973

The past is gone. . . and never recovered. The present is here. . . and always experienced. The future is out of reach. . . and always there.



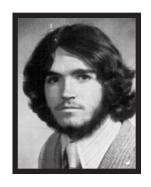
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180 - The Graduates of La Center High School

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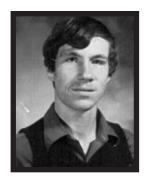
Frank James II



Bruce Kelley



Connie Kirk



Garry Moore



Deborah Pace



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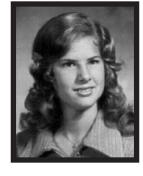
Cindy Smith



Nancy Smith



Debbie Stogesdill



Holly Studebaker



Earlyne Swindler



Stanley Thompson



Dale Waugh



Nancy Wilen

In 1973:

President: Richard M. Nixon

Significant Events:

- The Miami Dolphins complete an unprecedented undefeated season (17-0) and win the Super Bowl.
- A Vietnam War cease-fire is signed in Paris.
- Secretariat wins the Triple Crown, the first horse to do so in 25 years.
- The last known U.S. POWs are released by North Vietnam.
- Billie Jean King beats Bobby Riggs.
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew resigns after pleading no contest to federal income tax evasion.
- Long lines form at the gas pump as OPEC cuts off shipments of oil to the U.S.

New Products:

- Color photocopier
- Dungeons and Dragons

Best Picture: *The Sting*

New on TV:

- Kojak
- Barnaby Jones
- The Six Million Dollar Man

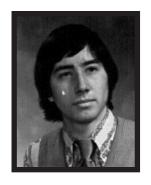
#1 TV Show: *All in the Family*

#1 Song: Killing Me Softly with His Song - Roberta Flack

Eric Kelley, Valedictorian Cindy Malsey, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 28, 1974

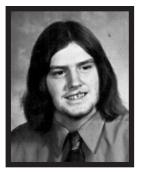
We have no yesterday. Time took them away. Tomorrow may not be but we have today.



Michael Baker



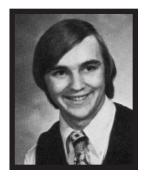
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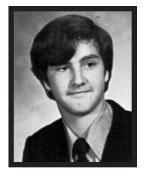
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James Cole



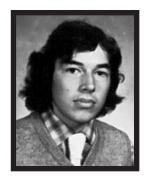
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Sallie Jo Doolittle



Dennis Fenimore



Robert Giberson



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Palmer Hanson



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Kirk Harrison



Anna Hartshorn



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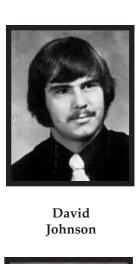
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James Hunter



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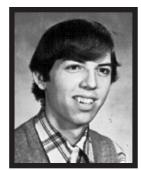




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Eric Kelley



Harold Kieswether Jr.



Karen Larsen



Louann Larsen



Cynthia Malsey



Gary McLeskey



Brenda North



Ruth Pettit



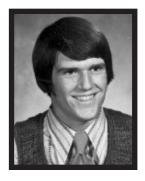
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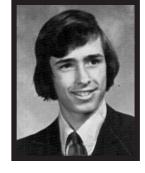
James Schisler II



Andrea Shawcross



Deborah Smith



Jeffrey Smith



Karen Taylor



Gail Wilen

In 1974:

President: Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford

Significant Events:

- The nationwide 55-mph speed limit is established.
- Patty Hearst is kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.
- Hank Aaron breaks Baby Ruth's lifetime home run record.
- President Nixon resigns amid the Watergate scandal.
- President Ford pardons Nixon.

New Products:

- Pocket calculator
- Frozen pizza

Best Picture: *The Godfather, Part II*

New on TV:

- Happy Days
- Little House on the Prairie
- The Rockford Files

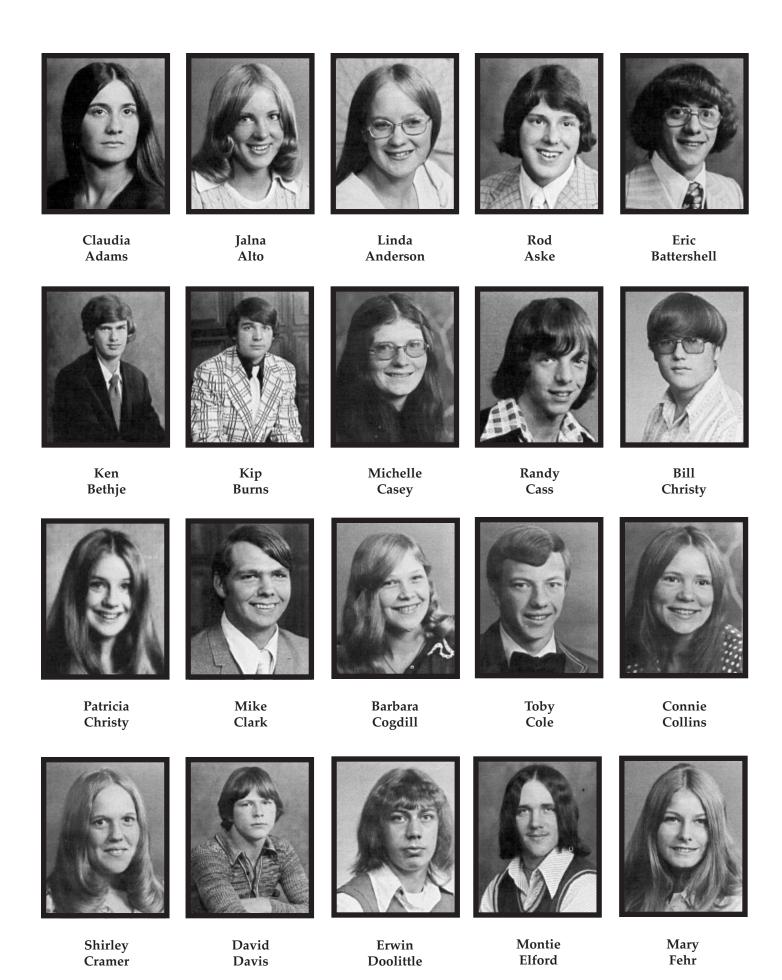
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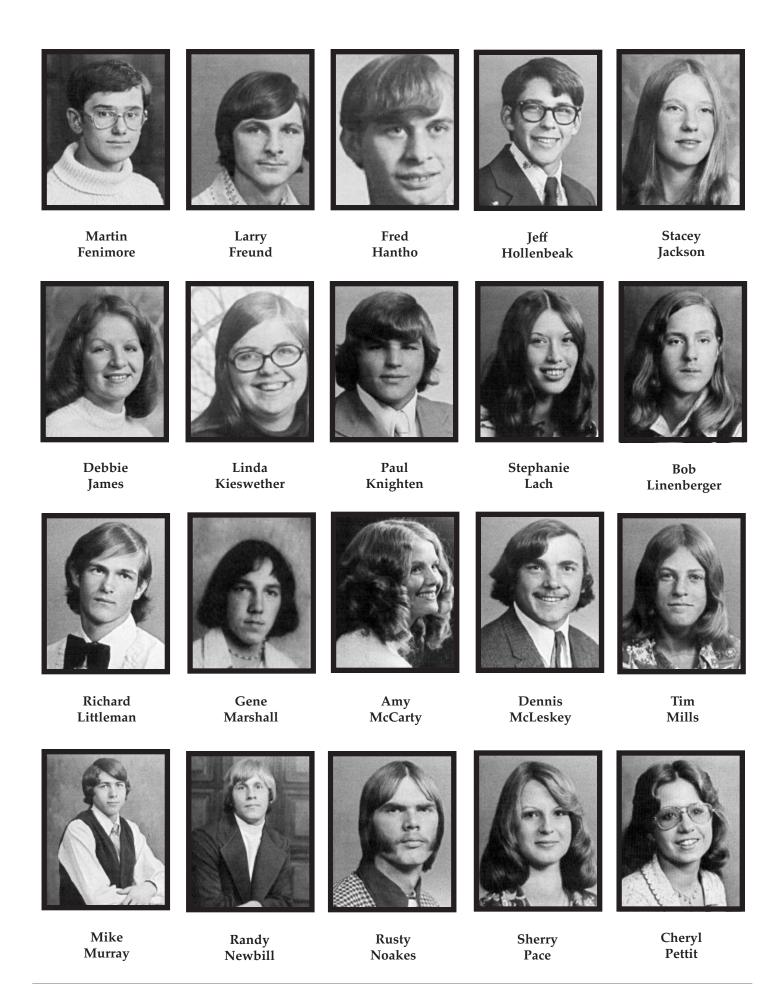
#1 Song: *The Way We Were* - Barbra Streisand

Linda Anderson, Valedictorian Cheryl Pettit, Valedictorian Eric Battershell, Salutatorian David Ray, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 27, 1975

Set us adrift in a sea of hope and we'll set our sails toward a new horizon.









David Ray



Marvin Ray



Sam Robinson



Steve Schisler



Duane Skillings



June Skillings



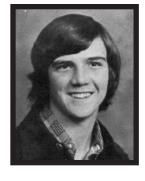
Doug Smith



Bruce Speakman



David Van Atta



Jim Walker



Jim Waugh



Fred Wilen

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Paul Bellerud Sam Ellertson

In 1975:

President: Gerald R. Ford

Significant Events:

- Bill Gates and Paul Allen start Microsoft.
- The U.S. embassy in Saigon is evacuated; the next day, South Vietnam surrenders to North Vietnam.
- "A Chorus Line" opens on Broadway.
- Jimmy Hoffa disappears.
- President Ford survives an assassination attempt by Squeaky Fromme.

New Products:

- Famous Amos cookies
- Disposable razors

Best Picture: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

New on TV:

- The Jeffersons
- Saturday Night Live
- Welcome Back, Kotter

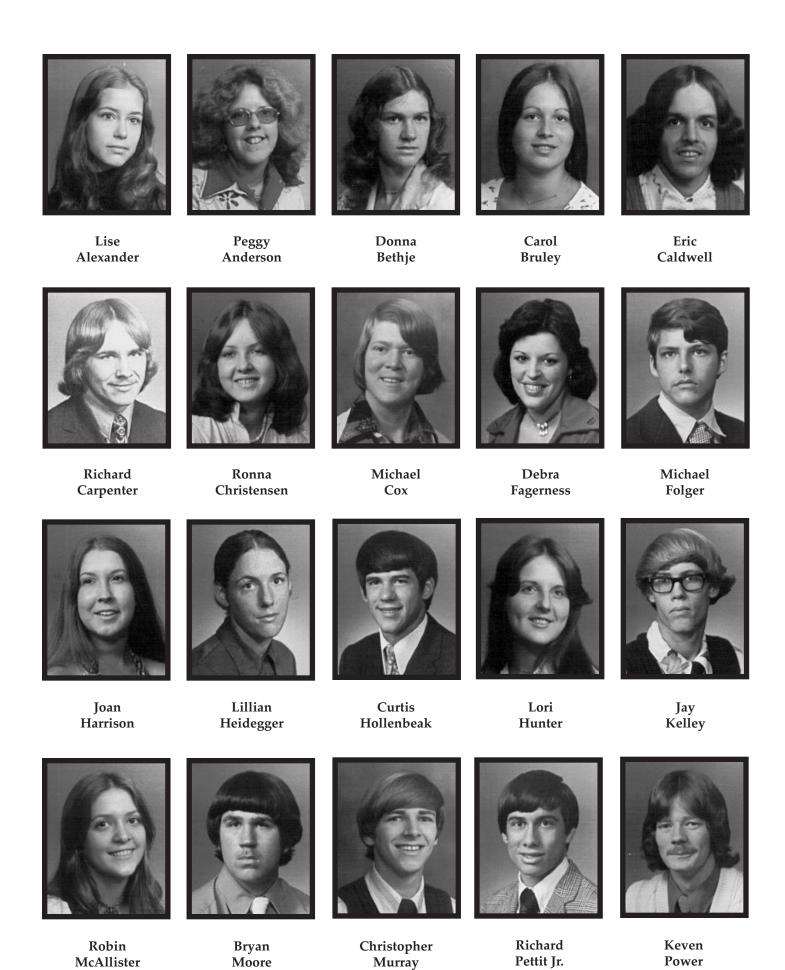
#1 TV Show: All in the Family

#1 Song: Love Will Keep Us Together - The Captain and Tennille

Joan Harrison, Valedictorian Jay Kelley, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 1, 1976

What we shall soon be, we are now becoming.

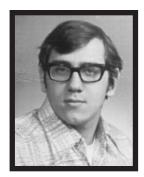




Michael Redd



Daniel Robinson



Gary Ruzicka



Dianna Schisler



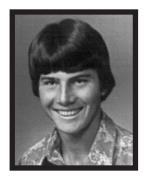
Therese Skillings



Peggy Swanson



Emmy Thompson



Michael Walker



Daniel Waugh



Karen Wilen



George Wilson II

In 1976:

President: Gerald R. Ford

Significant Events:

- Apple Computer, Inc. is formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.
- The supersonic airliner Concorde begins trans-Atlantic passenger service.
- Women are admitted to West Point for the first time in the academy's 174-year history.
- The black township of Soweto explodes with the worst racial violence in South Africa's history.
- America celebrates its bicentennial.
- Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci scores seven perfect 10s in the Montreal Olympics.

New Products:

- Call waiting
- Ink-jet printers
- Betamax and VHS systems

Best Picture: Rocky

New on TV:

- Charlie's Angels
- The Muppet Show
- Laverne and Shirley

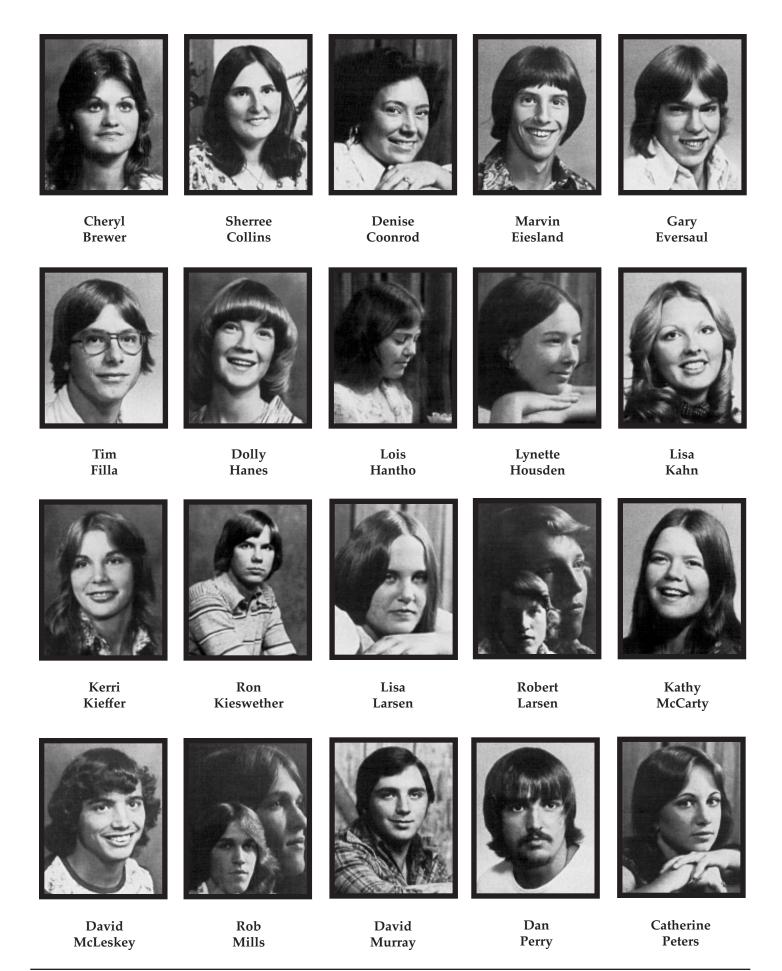
#1 TV Show: *All in the Family*

#1 Song: *Tonight's the Night -* Rod Stewart

Colleen Swanson, Valedictorian Lois Hantho, Salutatorian

Graduation: May 30, 1977

Our feet may now follow where our hearts have always been.





Susan Phillips



Donna Pitzer



George Rasmussen



Mark Reich



Doug Richmond



Jeanette Siebler



Greg Smith



Colleen Swanson



Jean Thornton



Lori Weese

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Kathryn Engeman

In 1977:

President: Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter

Significant Events:

- President Carter grants an unconditional pardon to all Vietnam-era draft evaders.
- The Trans-Alaska Pipeline--799 miles long--begins pumping oil.
- Elvis Presley dies at 42.
- A.J. Foyt wins his fourth Indianapolis 500, the first driver ever to do so.

New Products:

- Apple II
- Magnetic resonance imaging

Best Picture: Annie Hall

New on TV:

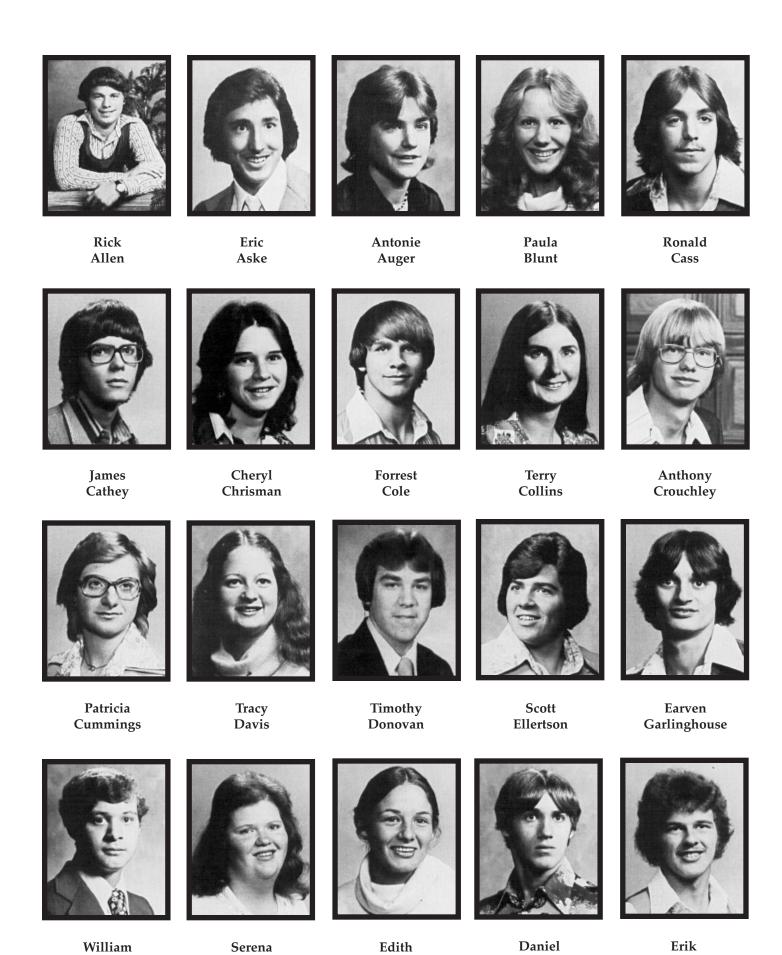
- Three's Company
- The Love Boat
- Quincy, M.E.

#1 TV Show: Happy Days

#1 Song: You Light Up My Life - Debby Boone

Kathleen Winchell, Valedictorian Terry Collins, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 9, 1978



Heidegger

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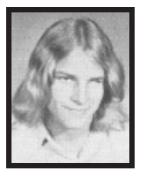
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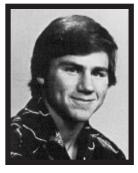
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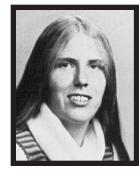
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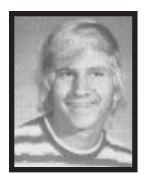
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Susan Murphy



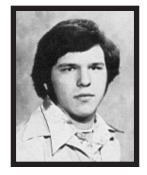
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David Norton



Tom Pace



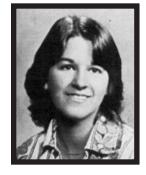
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James Perry



Suzanne Pettit



Vicki Robinson



Pam Sether



Richard Slover



Mary Ann (Reich) Smith



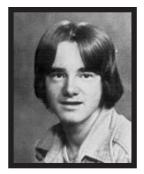
Gregory Stanley



Karri Swanson



Nancy Van Atta



Michael Waugh



Cheryl Wilen



James Wilson



Jay Wilson



Kathleen Winchell



Sharon Wismeth



Kandie Woods



Lorna Young

In 1978:

President: Jimmy Carter

Significant Events:

- The first test-tube baby is born, Louise Brown in England.
- Love Canal is declared a disaster area because of contamination from long buried toxic waste.
- The Camp David peace accords are negotiated by President Carter, Menachem Begin, and Anwar el-Sadat.
- Mass suicide occurs in Guyana, South America in a cult led by Jim Jones.
- Muhammad Ali takes his third heavyweight boxing title by defeating Leon Spinks.

New Products:

- Epson dot-matrix printer
- Harriet Tubman postal stamp

Best Picture: *The Deer Hunter*

New on TV:

- Dallas
- Mork and Mindy
- Taxi

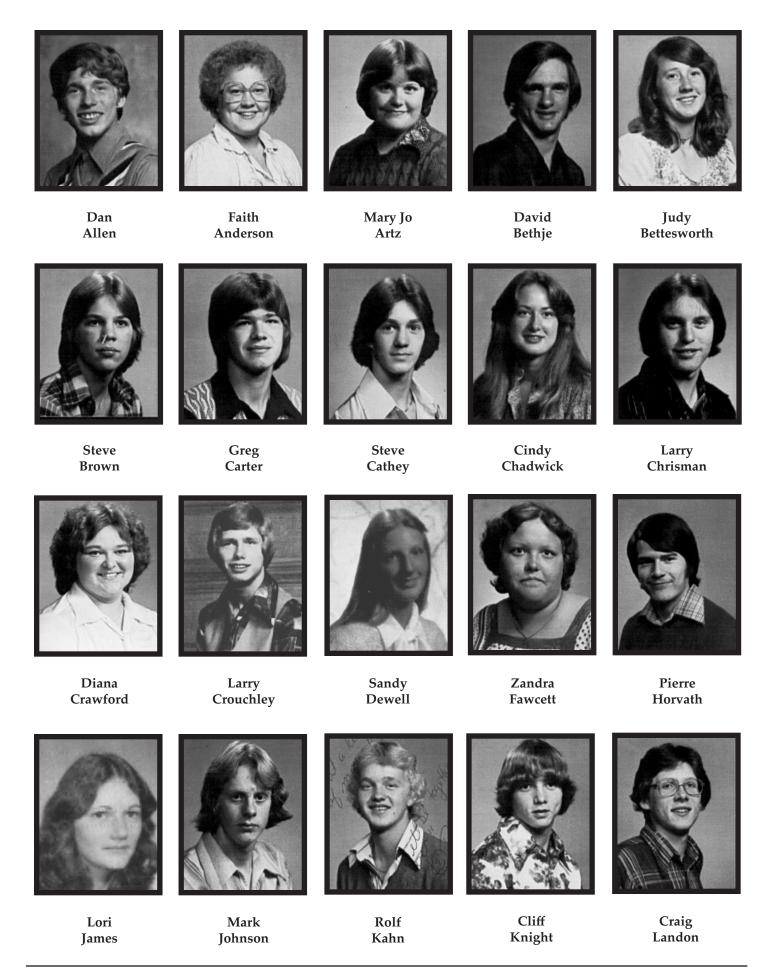
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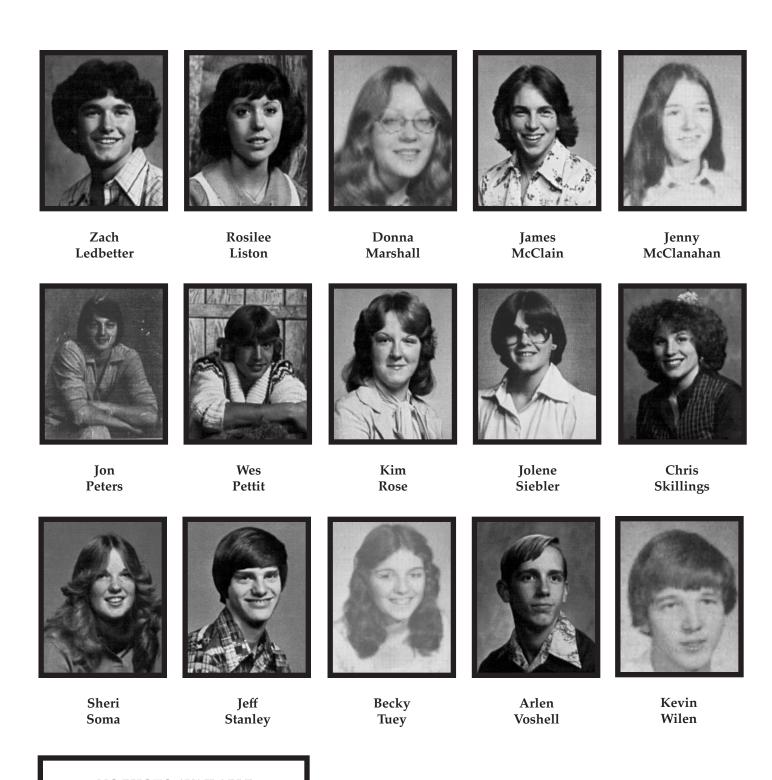
#1 Song: *Night Fever -* The Bee Gees

Arlen Voshell, Valedictorian Sandy Dewell, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 15, 1979

The times of your life!





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James Pettit

In 1979:

President: Jimmy Carter

Significant Events:

- U.S.-China diplomatic relations are established.
- Jerry Falwell forms the Moral Majority.
- The Three Mile Island nuclear accident occurs.
- Skylab falls to Earth.
- Mother Teresa is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Soviet forces invade Afghanistan.

New Products:

- IBM's 64,000-bit silicon memory chip
- Sony Walkman
- Susan B. Anthony \$1 coin

Best Picture: Kramer vs. Kramer

New on TV:

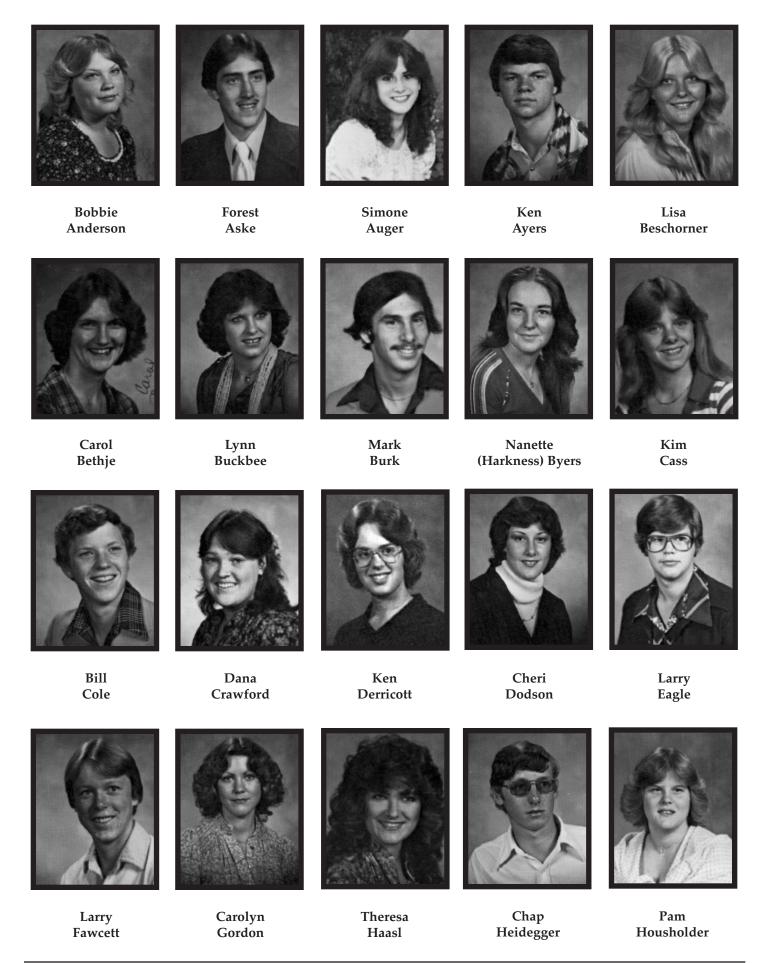
- The Dukes of Hazzard
- Knot's Landing
- Hart to Hart

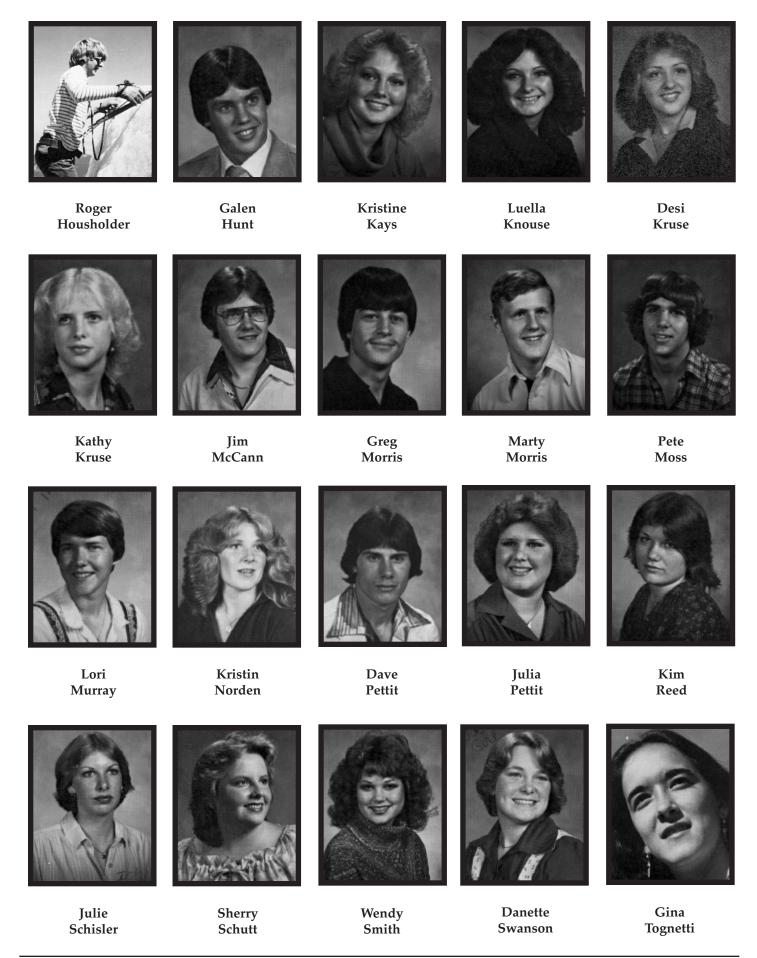
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#1 Song: *My Sharona -* The Knack

Theresa Haasl, Valedictorian Larry Eagle, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 6, 1980



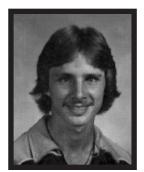








Tracy Wiley



Van Wilson



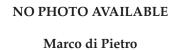
Kristie Winchell

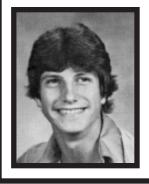


Tim Winn



Mark Wright







Brian Huss and Todd Murphy died in February of their senior year.

In 1980:

President: Jimmy Carter

Significant Events:

- The U.S. hockey team upsets the U.S.S.R. in the Winter Olympics.
- The U.S. boycotts the Moscow Olympics.
- James Michener publishes *The Covenant*.
- The "Who Shot J.R.?" episode of *Dallas* airs.
- John Lennon is assassinated outside his apartment building in New York City.
- Operation Abscam results in the indictment of one senator, seven congressmen, and 22 other government officials.

New Products:

- 3M's Post-It Notes
- Cordless telephone
- Rollerblades

Best Picture: Ordinary People

New on TV:

- ABC News Nightline
- Magnum, P.I.
- Bosom Buddies

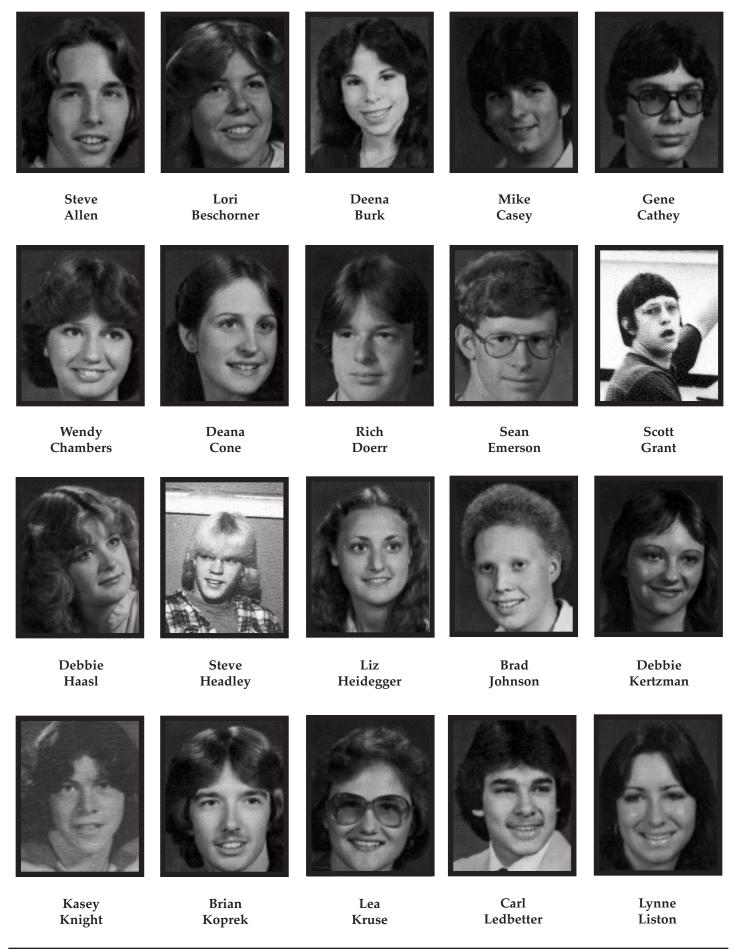
#1 TV Show: 60 Minutes

#1 Song: *Lady -* Kenny Rogers

Maggie Slover, Valedictorian Deana Cone, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 5, 1981

Today we dream, tomorrow we live.





In 1981:

President: Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan

Significant Events:

- The Iranian hostage crisis ends after 444 days with the release of the 52 Americans held in Tehran.
- President Reagan is shot and seriously wounded by John Hinckley.
- The first space shuttle, the Columbia, blasts off from Cape Canaveral.
- Pope John Paul II is shot by a Turkish radical in Rome.
- AIDS is officially recognized by the U.S. government.
- Sandra Day O'Connor is named by President Reagan to be the first female Supreme court justice.
- Lady Diana Spencer weds Prince Charles.
- Egyptian president Anwar Sadat is assassinated by rebel soldiers.

New Products:

- IBM personal computer
- Microsoft's MS-DOS
- Pac-Man

Best Picture: Chariots of Fire

New on TV:

- MTV
- Dynasty
- Hill Street Blues

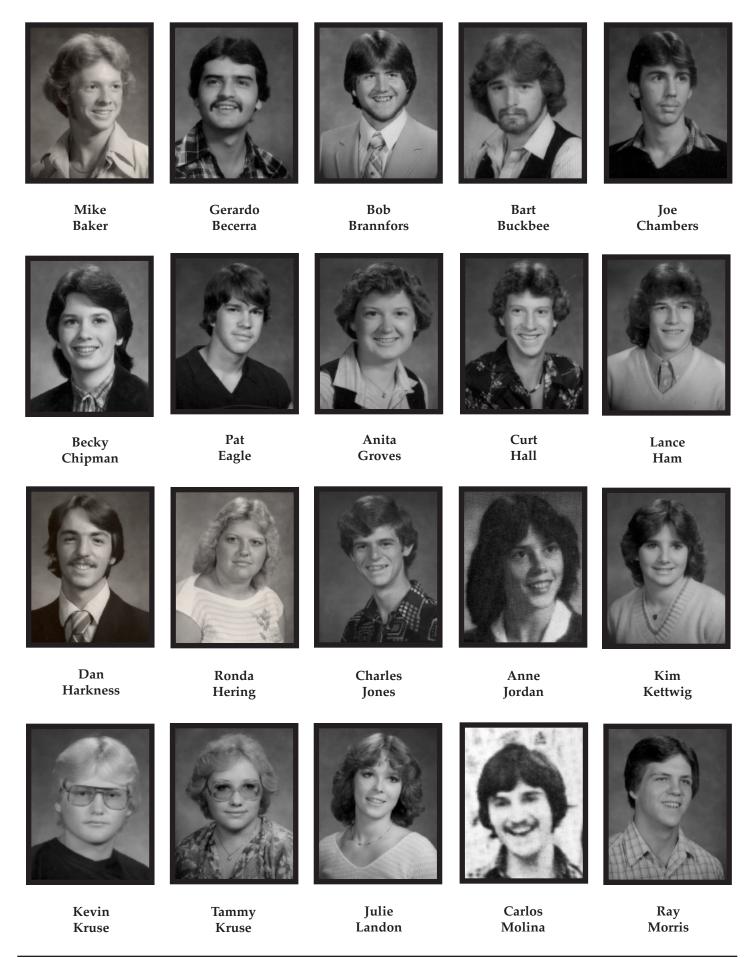
#1 TV Show: Dallas

#1 Song: Physical - Olivia Newton John

Anita Groves, Valedictorian Bart Buckbee, Salutatorian

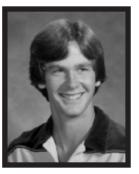
Graduation: June 11, 1982

Remember yesterday, dream about tomorrow, but live today.





Rhonda Morris



Jon Murphy



Bryan Nelson



Sandy Perry



Teresa Propper



Becky Rhoten



Chuck Shattuck



Roxi Smith



Dan Snider



Theresa Truc



Beth VanTassel

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Danielle Pooler Scott Shattuck

In 1982:

President: Ronald Reagan

Significant Events:

- Cyanide-laced Tylenol capsules kill seven people in the Chicago area.
- The first permanent artificial heart is given to Barney Clark, a Utah dentist, who survives 112 days after the operation.
- Disney's EPCOT Center opens in Orlando, Florida.
- America's first test-tube baby is born to Judy and Roger Carr.
- Alice Walker publishes *The Color Purple*.
- Bruce Fierstein publishes Real Men Don't Eat Quiche.

New Products:

- Diet Coke
- USA Today
- Sony Watchman

Best Picture: Gandhi

New on TV:

- Family Ties
- Cheers
- Late Night With David Letterman
- Newhart

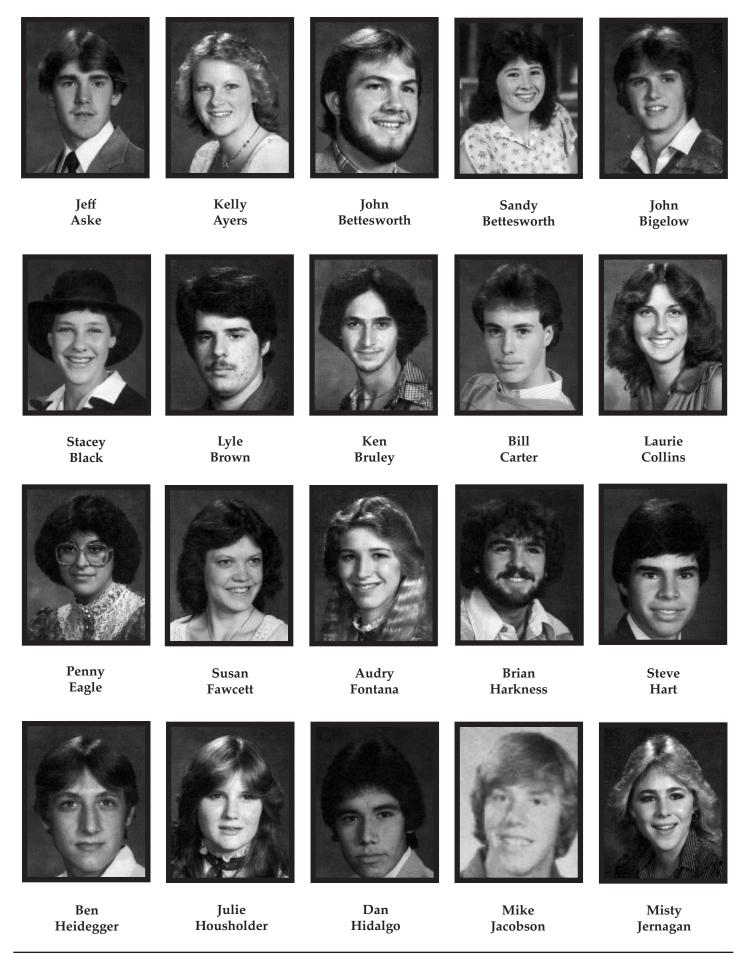
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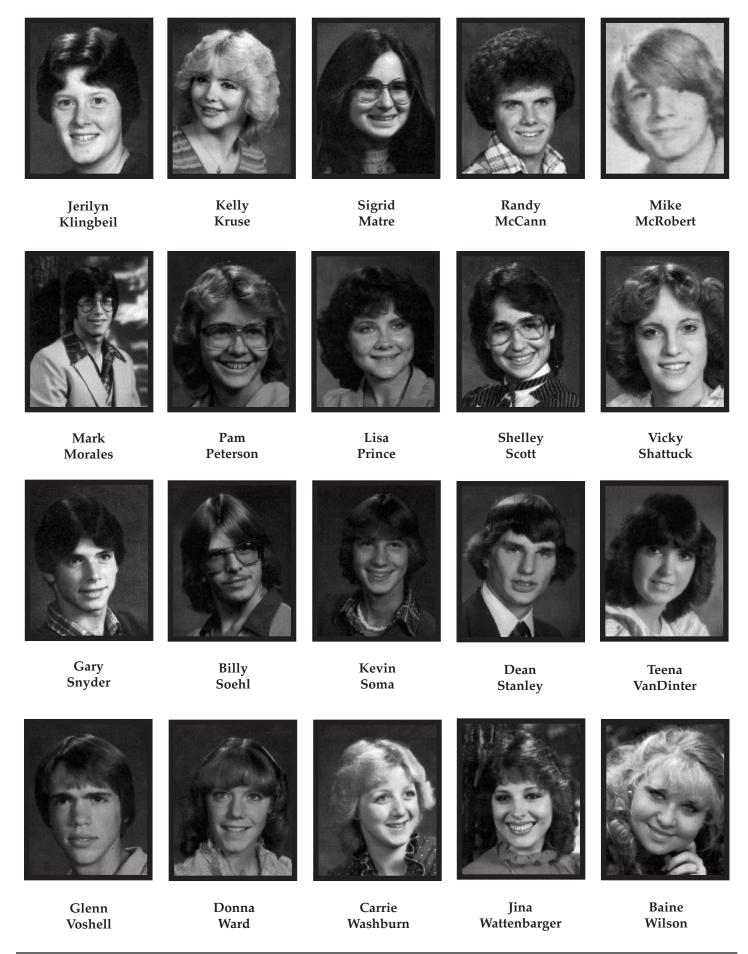
#1 Song: I Love Rock 'n Roll - Joan Jett and the Blackhearts

Audrey Fontana, Valedictorian Donna Ward, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 3, 1983

The future lies within ourselves.







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Troleta Baird Paula Harris

Sue Wozny

In 1983:

President: Ronald Reagan

Significant Events:

- Singer Karen Carpenter dies of a heart attack at age 32.
- President Reagan proposes his Star Wars defense plan.
- Astronaut Sally K. Ride becomes America's first woman in space.
- More than 200 U.S. Marines are killed as a truck bomb explodes in Beirut, Lebanon.
- Vanessa Williams becomes the first African American Miss America but gives up her crown in the face of a scandal.
- The U.S. invades Grenada.
- Lech Walsea wins the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Nancy Reagan launches her "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign.

New Products:

- Trivial Pursuit
- Compact disk
- Lotus 1-2-3 computer software
- Computer mouse

Best Picture: *Terms of Endearment*

New on TV:

- The A-Team
- Night Court

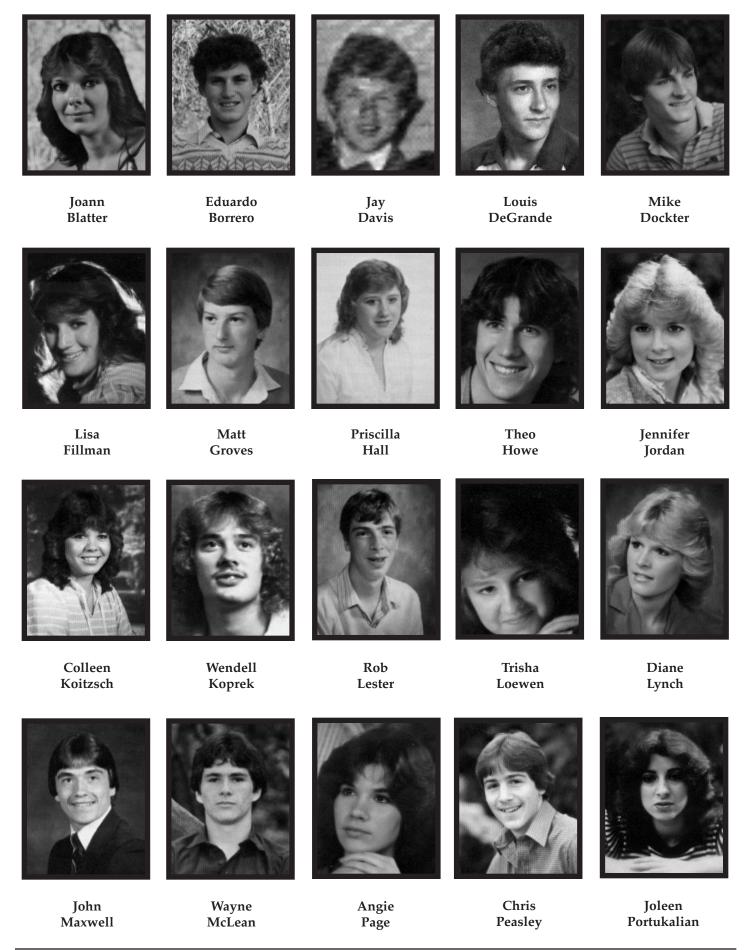
#1 TV Show: 60 Minutes

#1 Song: Every Breath You Take - The Police

Matt Groves, Valedictorian Mike Dockter, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 3, 1984

No one can forbid us the future.









Gerald Skillings



Angie Straughan



Tim Taggart



Ray Weaver



Seniors Wendy Svir and Mike Brogan died on February 17, 1984 in a car accident on Lockwood Hill.

In 1984:

President: Ronald Reagan

Significant Events:

- Representative Geraldine Ferraro of Queens, New York becomes the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket with Walter Mondale.
- Wendy's launches its "Where's the beef" campaign featuring Clara Peller.
- Bhopal, India experiences the world's worst industrial disaster as toxic fumes leak from a Union Carbide plant, killing more than 2000 people.
- Genetic "fingerprinting" is developed by scientist Alec Jeffreys.

New Products:

- Desktop laser printer
- Chrysler minivan
- Apple Macintosh computer
- CD-ROM

Best Picture: Amadeus

New on TV:

- The Bill Cosby Show
- Miami Vice
- Murder, She Wrote

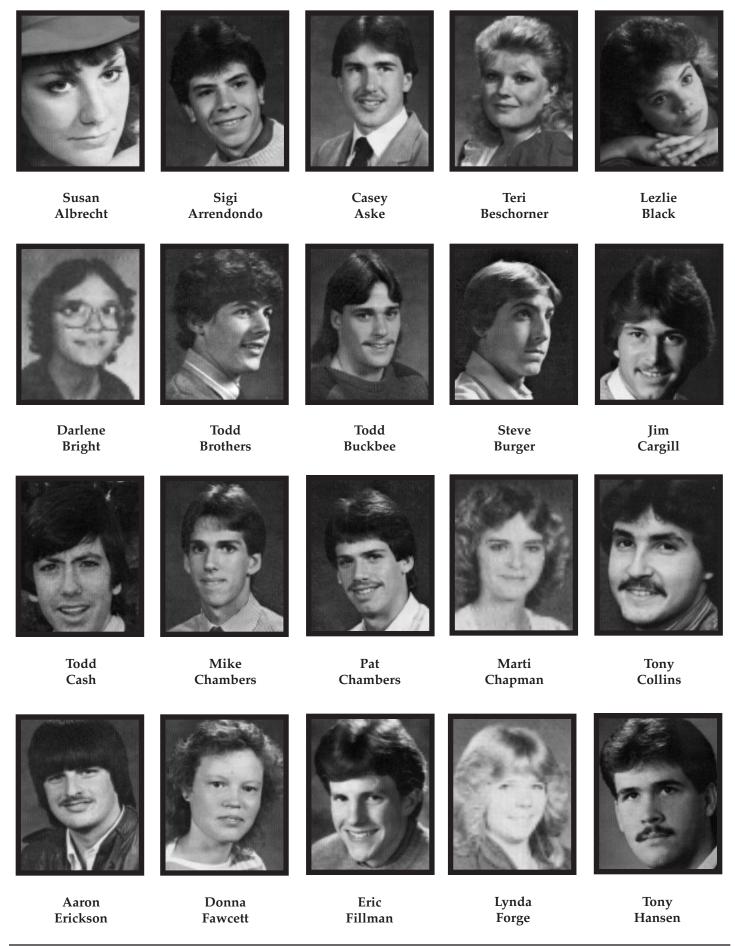
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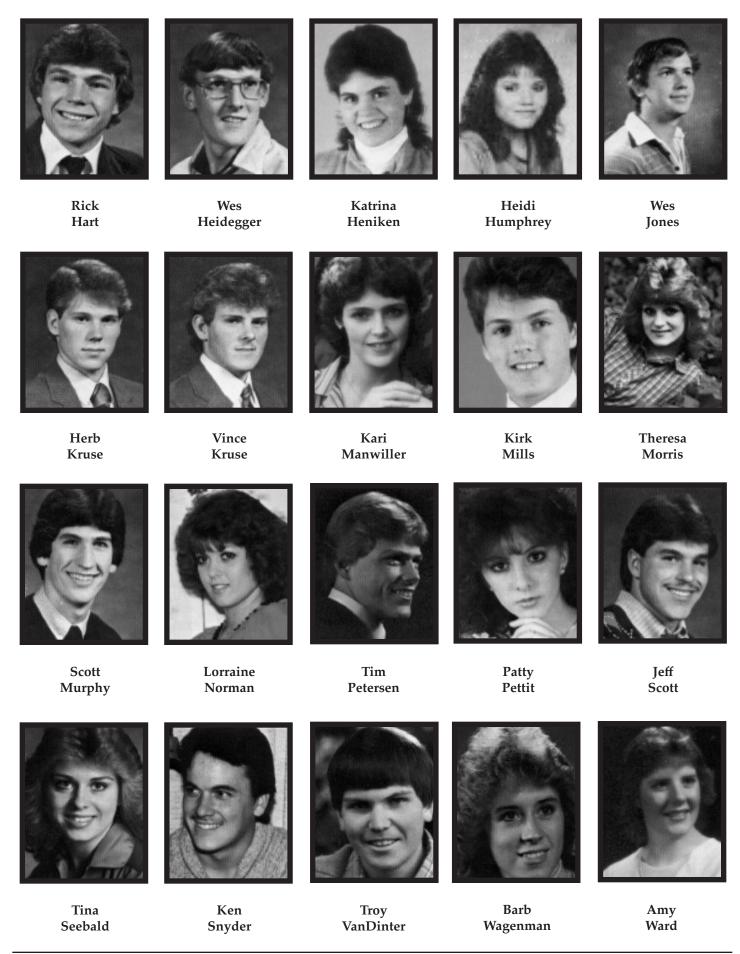
#1 Song: Like a Virgin - Madonna

Michelle Ward, Valedictorian Eric Fillman, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 14, 1985

Today's preparation determines tomorrow's achievements.







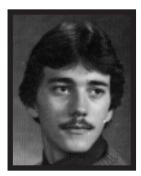
Michelle Ward



Jeff Warren



Curtis Washburn



Jim Wattenbarger



Bryan Wilson



David York

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Carlos del Rio

In 1985:

President: Ronald Reagan

Significant Events:

- We Are the World becomes an instant hit single.
- Mikhail Gorhachev promises a policy of glasnost (openness) and perestroika (restructuring).
- Coca Cola introduces New Coke, the first change in taste in 99 years; 10 weeks later, the company brings back Coca Cola Classic.
- The wreck of the Titanic is discovered.
- Pete Rose makes his 4192nd hit, breaking Ty Cobb's 57-year-old record.
- Actor Rock Hudson dies of AIDS at age 59.

New Products:

- Microsoft Windows
- PageMaker software
- Nintendo Entertainment System
- Ford Taurus

Best Picture: Out of Africa

New on TV:

- Moonlighting
- The Golden Girls
- Spenser For Hire

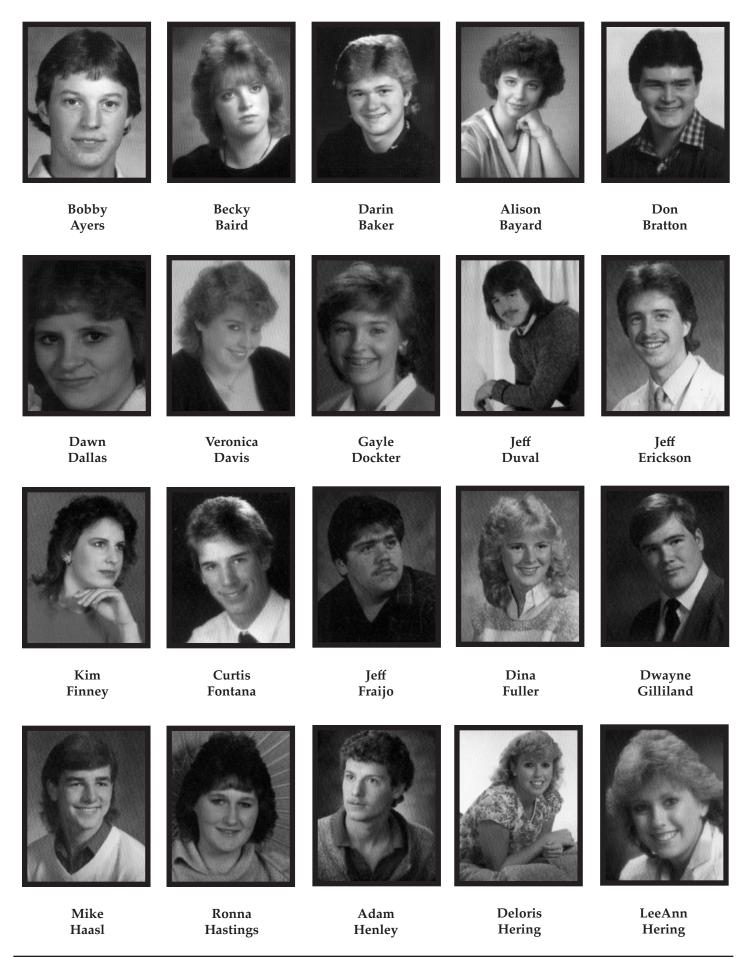
#1 TV Show: Dynasty

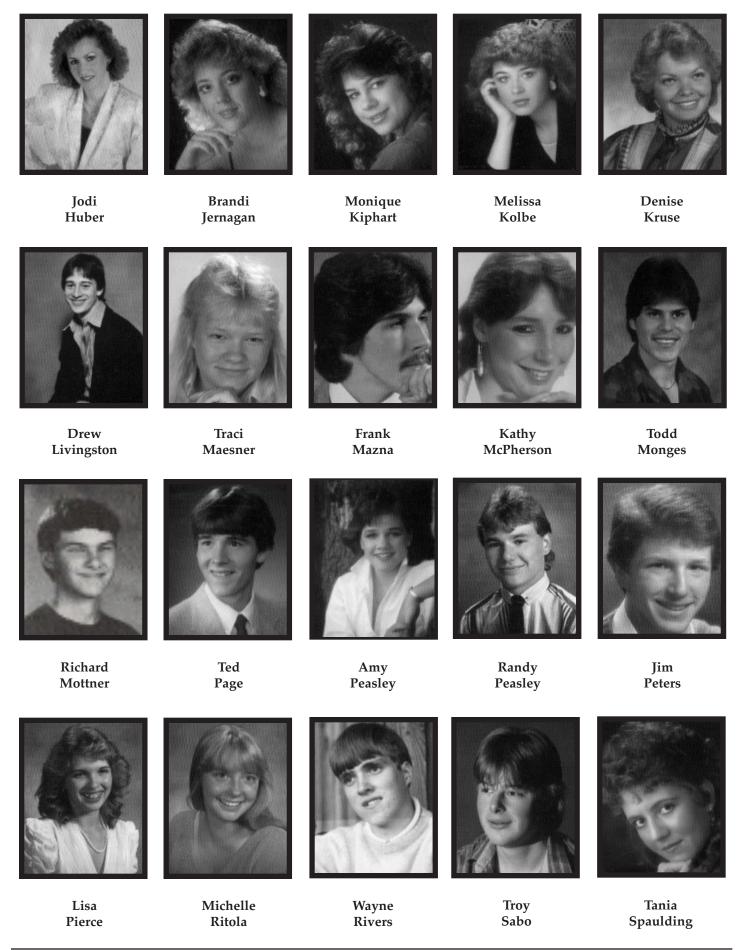
#1 Song: Say You, Say Me - Lionel Richie

Michelle Ritola, Valedictorian Wayne Rivers, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 6, 1986

We may not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future.







Colette Spengler



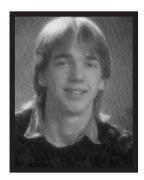
Chauntel Stevens



Lea Tackett



Greg Taylor



Les Voshell



Ben Wagenman



Karen Warner



Lynn Webberley

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Ron Myers

In 1986:

President: Ronald Reagan

Significant Events:

- Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is celebrated as a national holiday for the first time.
- The space shuttle Challenger explodes 73 seconds after liftoff.
- The world's worst nuclear accident occurs in Chernobyl, Ukraine, U.S.S.R.
- The Iran-Contra affair explodes.
- Microsoft goes public, making Bill Gates an instant \$311 millionaire.
- Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson marry.

New Products:

- Microwave pizza
- Nicotine chewing gum
- Honda Acura
- Digital audiotape

Best Picture: Platoon

New on TV:

- L.A. Law
- Matlock
- The Oprah Winfrey Show

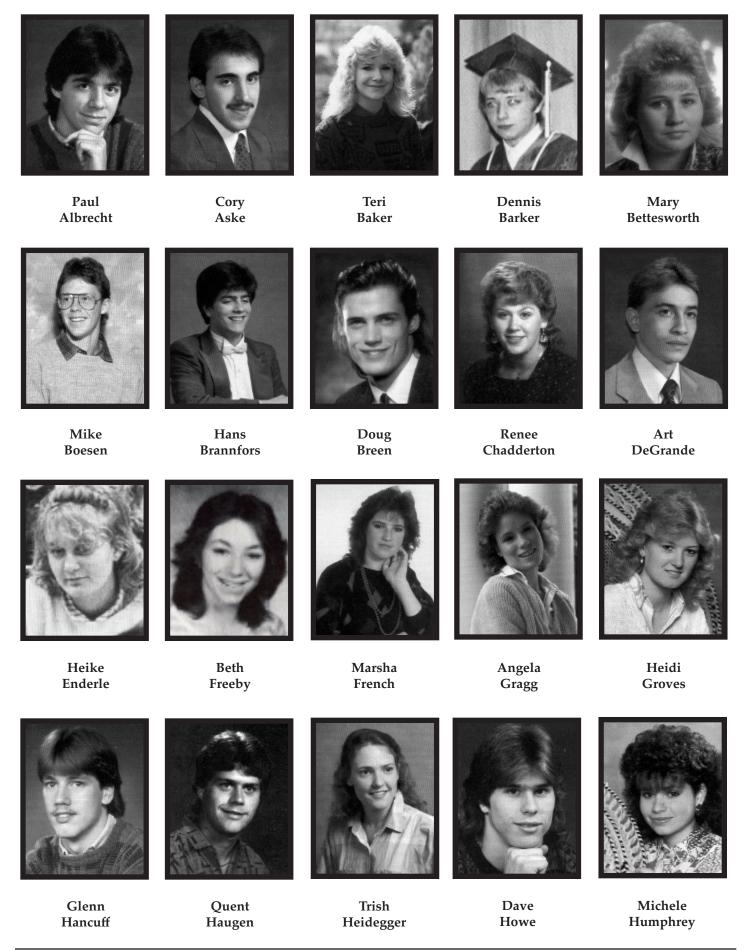
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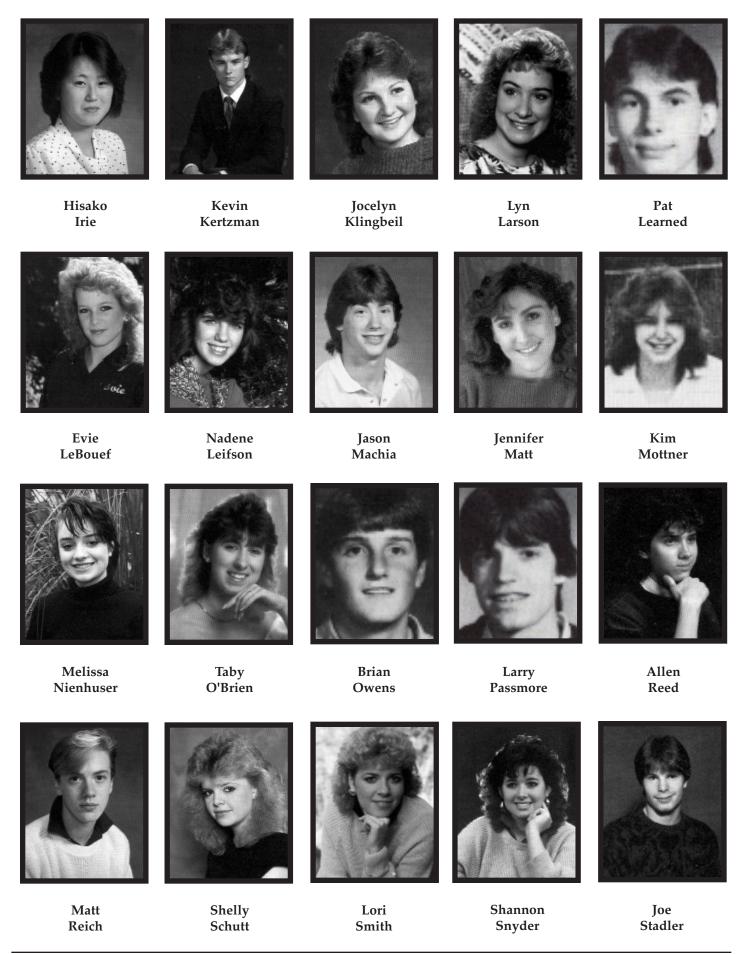
#1 Song: *That's What Friends Are For -* Dionne and Friends

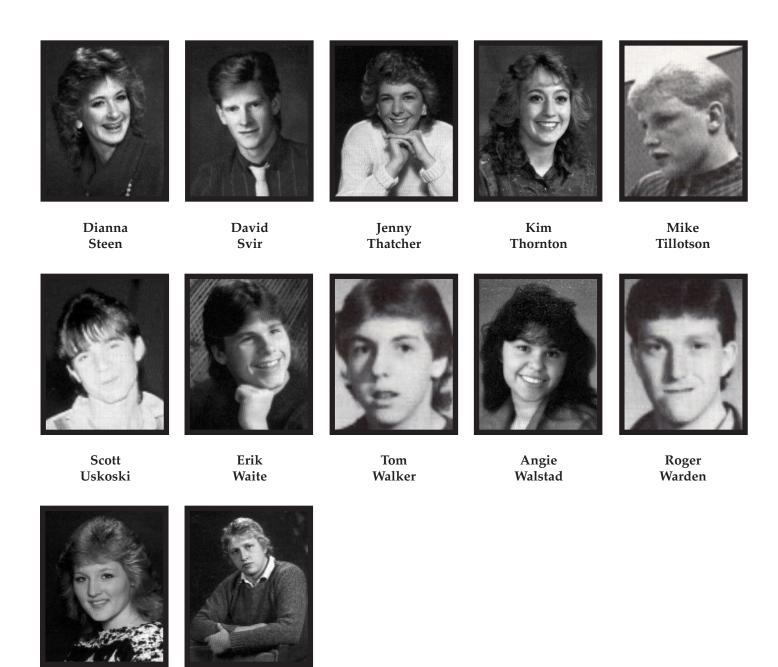
Paul Albrecht, Valedictorian Cory Aske, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 5, 1987

Excellence today will ensure excellence in the future.







Trena

Workman

Pat

York

In 1987:

President: Ronald Reagan

Significant Events:

- Tammy Faye and Jim Bakker become embroiled in a scandal involving their TV ministry.
- Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North testifies in the Iran-Contra affair.
- Nazi war criminal Rudolf Hess hangs himself at age 93 in West Berlin's Spandau Prison after 46 years in custody.
- Baby Jessica McClure is rescued after she falls down a well; millions watch on TV.
- On "Black Monday", October 19, the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunges 508 points, the largest decline since 1914.
- The California Raisins debut on TV.

New Products:

- Disposable camera
- Prozac
- Macintosh II and SE computers

Best Picture: The Last Emperor

New on TV:

- thirtysomething
- Married...With Children
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

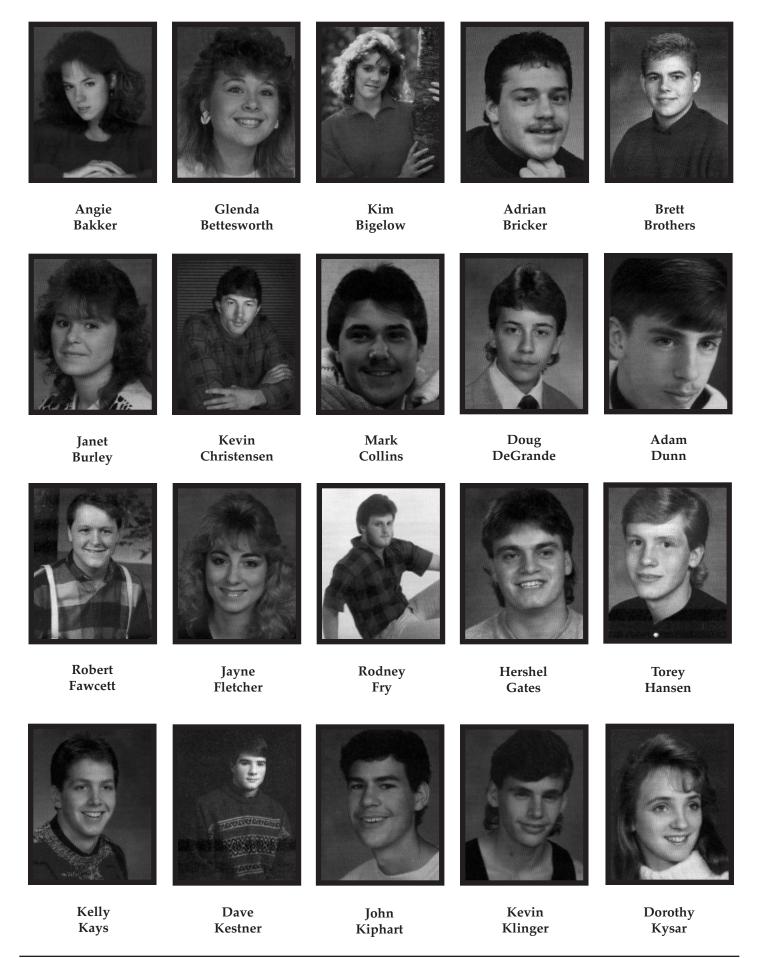
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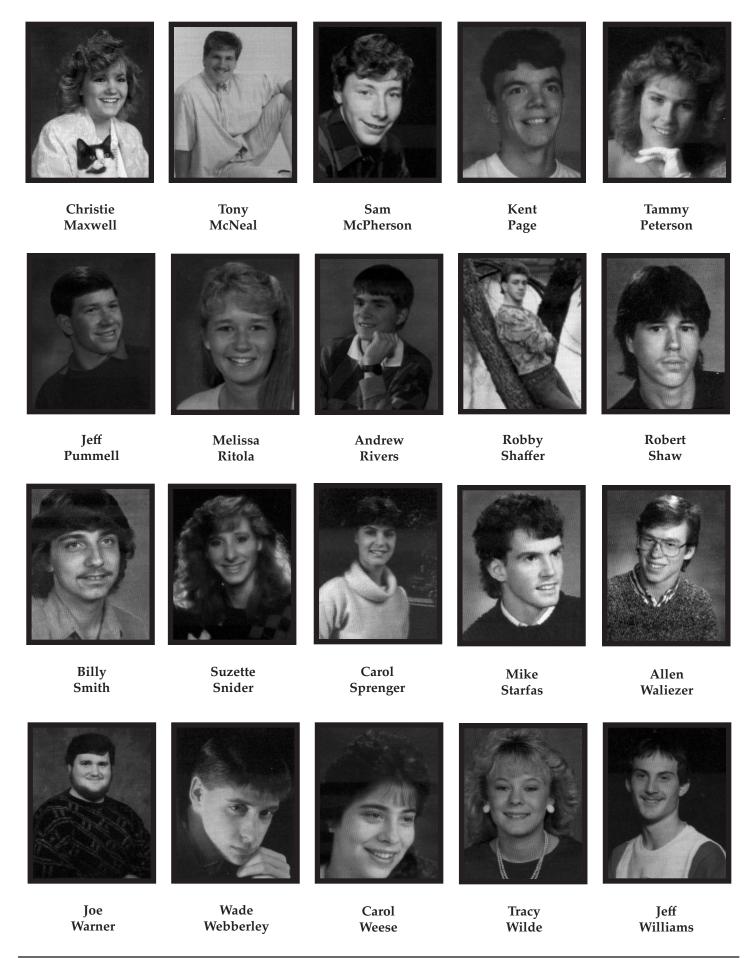
#1 Song: *Faith -* George Michael

Angie Bakker, Valedictorian Wade Webberley, Salutatorian

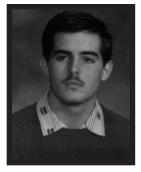
Graduation: June 10, 1988

The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams.









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Jim Bosnjak Kevin Elium Shannon Harlin

Pam Wood

Jason Woodside

In 1988:

President: Ronald Reagan

Significant Events:

- Televangelist Jimmy Swaggart confesses to having sinned.
- The savings and loans crisis comes into focus.
- U.S. swimmer Matt Biondi wins five gold medals at the Summer Olympics in Seoul.
- The Reverend Jesse Jackson makes a strong bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.
- The space shuttle Discovery launches successfully, putting America back into space for the first time since the 1986 Challenger disaster.
- Pan Am flight 103 explodes over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 aboard; investigators determine that the crash was caused by a terrorist bomb.

New Products:

- Disposable contact lenses
- Rogaine hair restorative
- Doppler radar

Best Picture: Rain Man

New on TV:

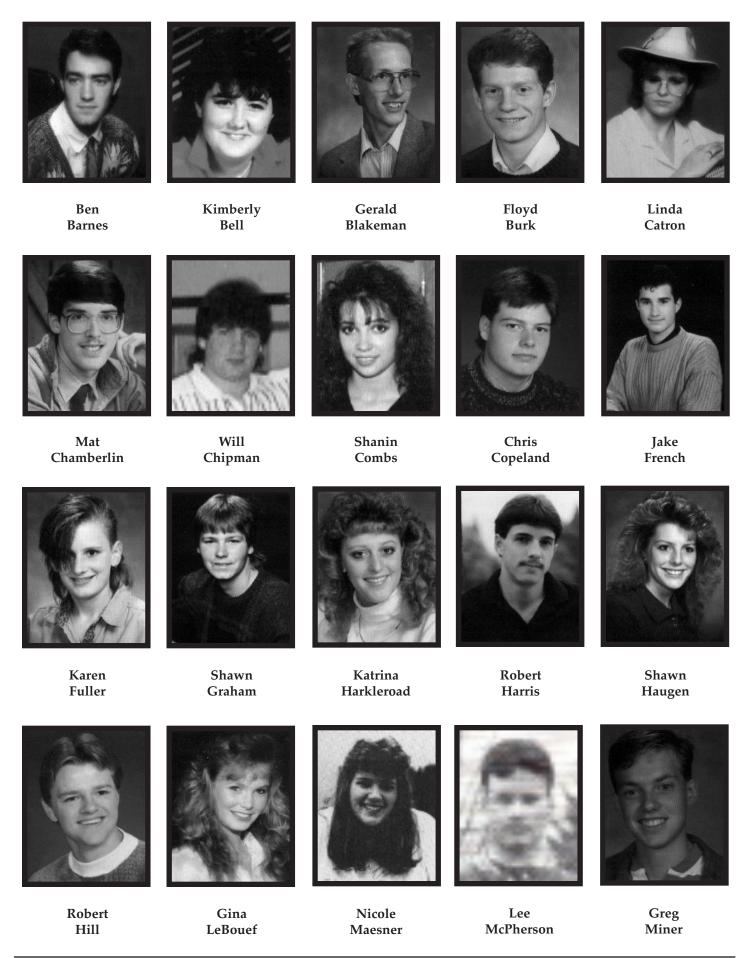
- Murphy Brown
- Roseanne
- The Wonder Years

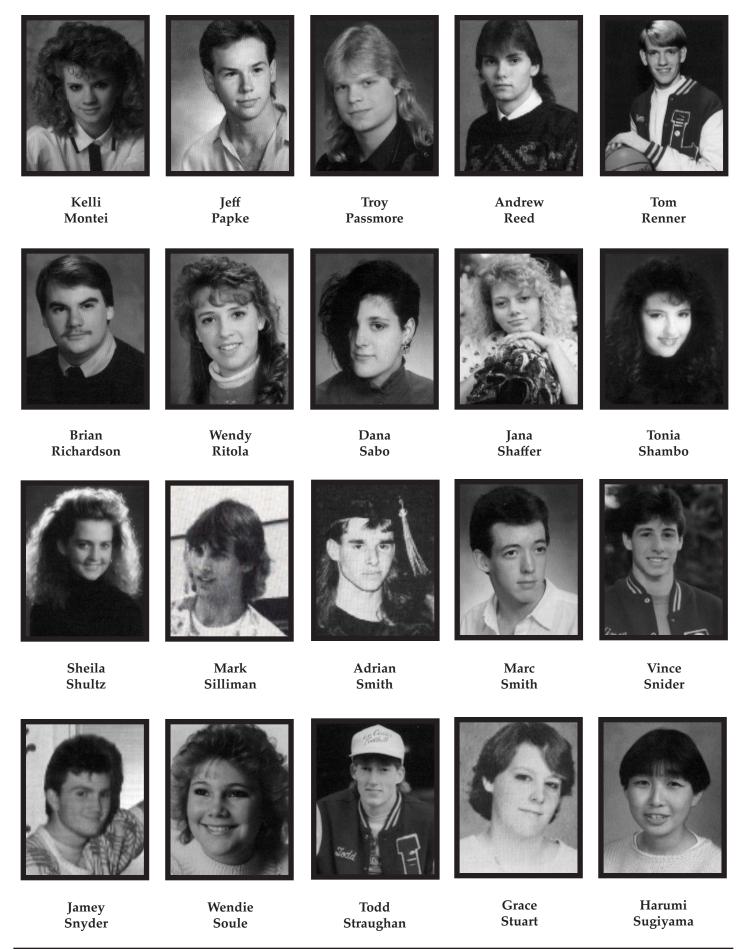
#1 TV Show: *The Cosby Show*

#1 Song: *Roll with It -* Steve Winwood

Brian Richardson, Valedictorian Jake French, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 2, 1989











Mary Ward



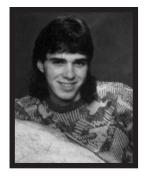
Chris Warren



Jerry Warren



Beth Wilson



Andy Wooldridge



Tom York

In 1989:

President: Ronald Reagan and George Bush

Significant Events:

- Author Salman Rushdie is placed under a threat of death by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini after publishing *The Satanic Verses*.
- The tanker Exxon Valdez runs aground in Prince William Sound, Alaska, dumping 11 million gallons of crude oil.
- General Colin Powell becomes the first African American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- Pete Rose is banned from baseball and ruled ineligible for the Hall of Fame for betting on major-league games.
- Hurricane Hugo pummels the Carolinas, causing \$4 billion in damage and killing more than 70 people.
- The World Series earthquake occurs in California.
- The Berlin Wall falls.

New Products:

Computer screensaver "Flying Toasters"

Best Picture: Driving Miss Daisy

New on TV:

Coach

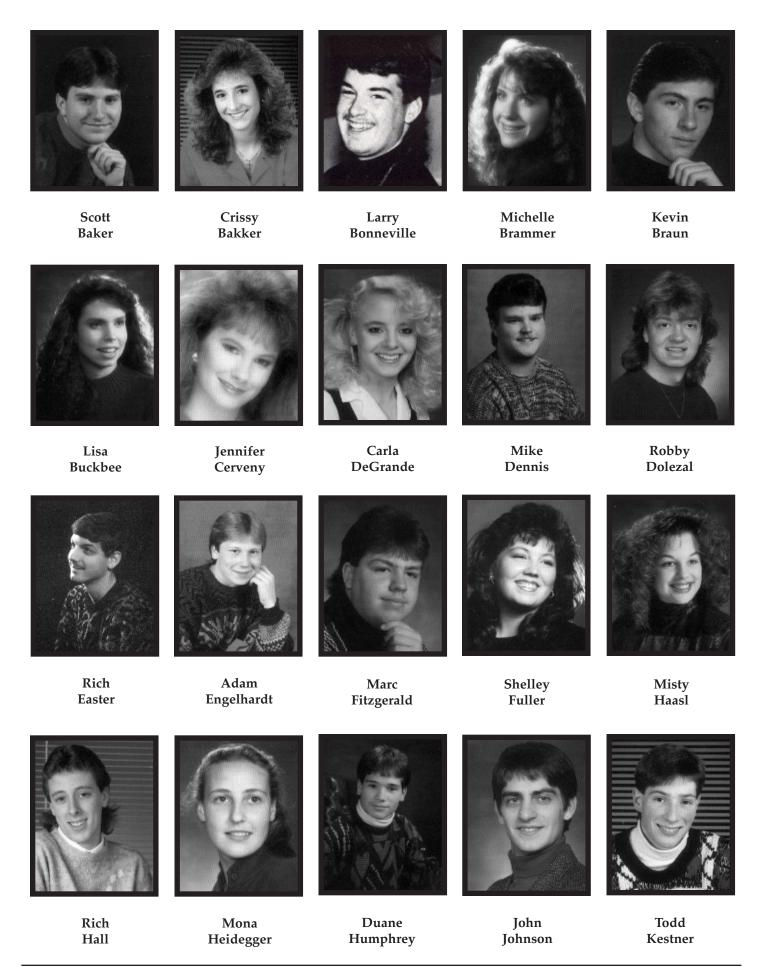
#1 TV Show: *The Cosby Show*

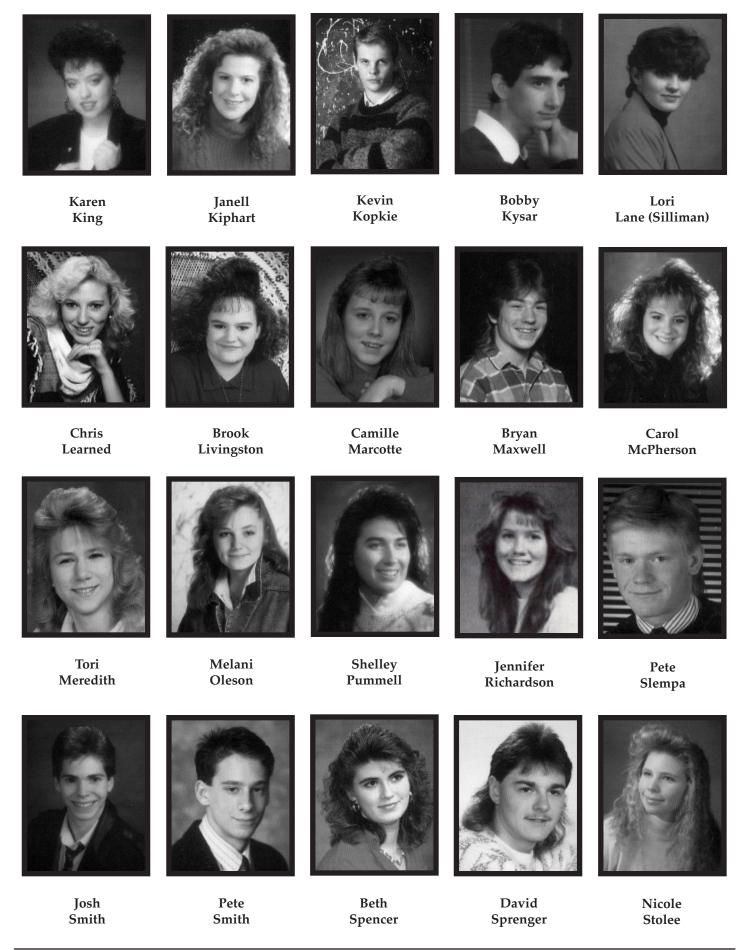
#1 Song: Another Day in Paradise - Phil Collins

Crissy Bakker, Valedictorian Kevin Braun, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 8, 1990

Give us a place to stand and we will move the earth.







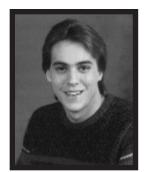
Kevin Taylor



Jeff Thornton



Jana Traffie



Jeremy Tryon



Jon Warner



Kim Williams



Jamey Wolverton



Leo Wong



Erin Woodside



Brian York

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Brian Dodge Rodrigo Prado

In 1990:

President: George Bush

Significant Events:

- German reunification occurs.
- Margaret Thatcher resigns as British Prime Minister.
- The Norplant implant contraceptive is approved by the FDA.
- Smoking on domestic flights is banned in the U.S.
- The NC-17 movie rating is adopted.
- Iraqi troops invade Kuwait and seize petroleum reserves, setting off the Persian Gulf War.
- Dr. Jack Kevorkian assists his first suicide.
- Nelson Mandela is freed in South Africa after 27 1/2 years in prison.
- The World Wide Web debuts and popularizes the Internet.
- The Hubble Space Telescope is launched.
- Lech Walesa wins Poland's runoff presidential election.
- The Western Alliance ends the Cold War and proposes joint action with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Best Picture: Dances With Wolves

New on TV:

- Evening Shade
- Fresh Prince of Bel Air
- Law and Order
- 90210

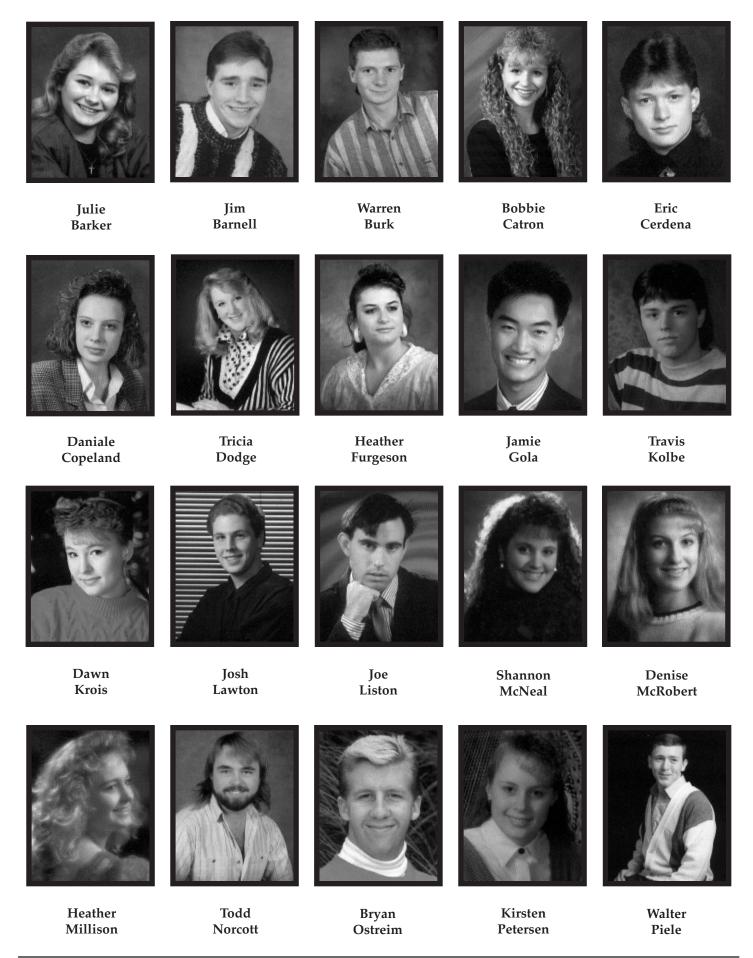
#1 TV Show: *The Cosby Show* and *Roseanne*

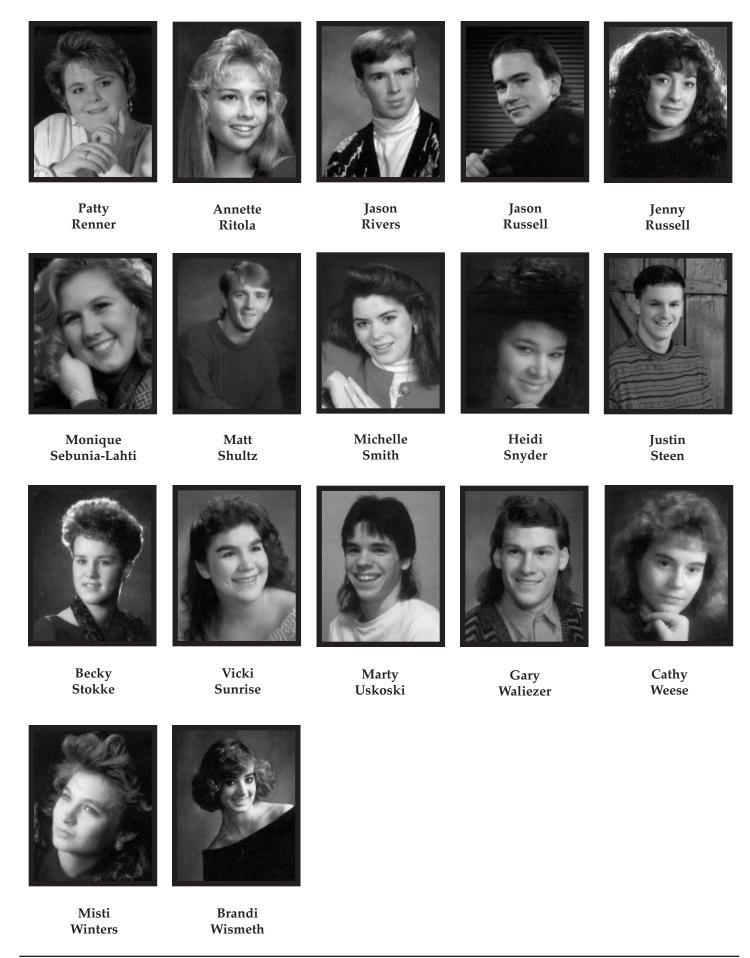
#1 Song: *Nothing Compares 2U -* Sinead O'Connor

Becky Stokke, Valedictorian Heather Furgeson, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 7, 1991

Let's all move forward to make the world a better place.





In 1991:

President: George Bush

Significant Events:

- Operation Desert Storm begins in January.
- Yugoslavia disintegrates.
- Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia withdraw from The Soviet Union.
- The Soviet Union collapses.
- Biosphere II is launched.
- Magic Johnson tests positive for H.I.V.
- Rodney King makes national headlines in Los Angeles after he is caught on videotape being beaten by police.
- Jiang Qing, widow of Mao, commits suicide.
- The South African Parliament repeals Apartheid laws.
- Boris Yeltsin is inaugurated as the first freely elected president of the Russian Republic.
- Professor Anita Hill accuses Judge Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment.
- The U.S. indicts two Libyans in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Best Picture: *Silence of the Lambs*

New on TV:

- Home Improvement
- The Commish
- Step by Step

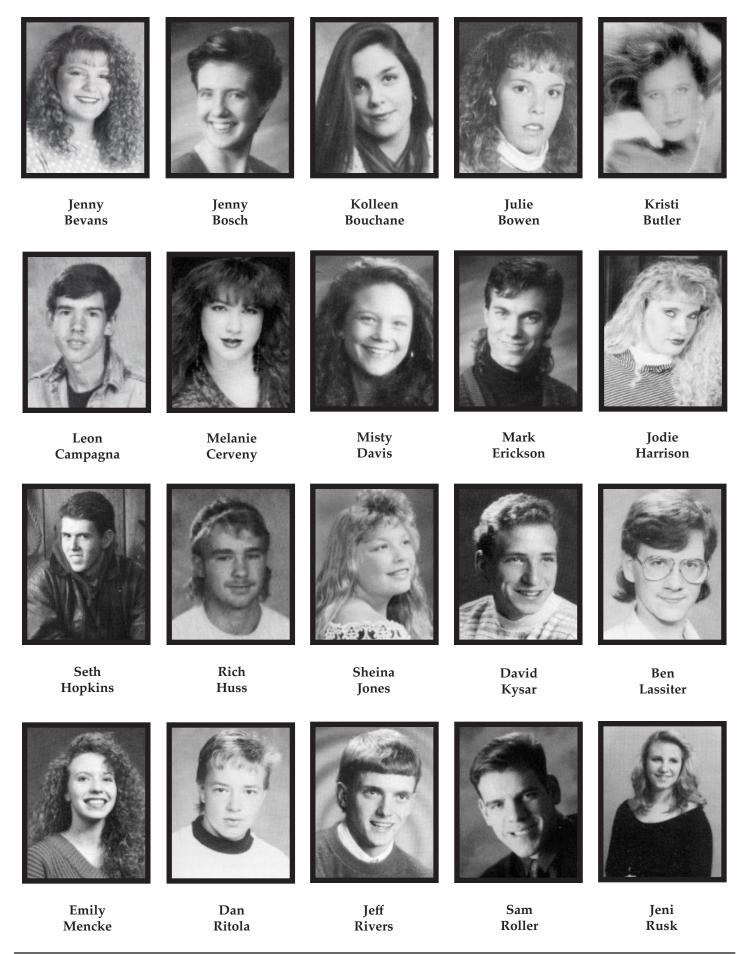
#1 TV Show: Cheers

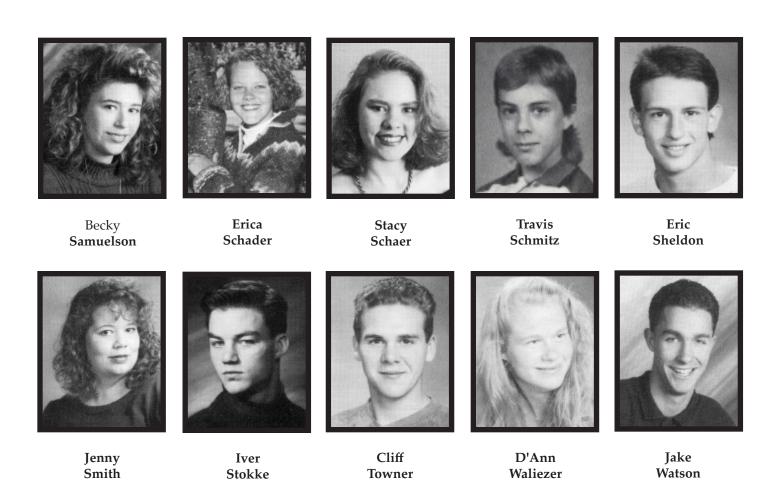
#1 Song: I Do It for You - Bryan Adams

Sam Roller, Valedictorian Emily Mencke, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 12, 1992

Still crazy after all these years.











Denise Willis

In 1992:

President: George Bush

Significant Events:

- Four police officers are acquitted in the Los Angeles beating of Rodney King; rioting erupts in South-Central Los Angeles.
- The Mall of America, the largest mall in the U.S., opens in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- The first patch for smokers, Nicoderm, appears.
- John Gotti is convicted on 13 counts of racketeering and murder.
- Hurricane Andrew leaves 250,000 homeless.
- Johnny Carson leaves *The Tonight Show*.
- Mike Tyson is found guilty of rape.
- A fire at Windsor Castle causes extensive damage.
- U.S. forces leave The Philippines, ending nearly a century of American military presence.
- A court clears the Exxon Valdez skipper.
- Bush and Yeltsin proclaim a formal end to the Cold War.
- The Supreme Court reaffirms a woman's right to abortion.

Best Picture: Unforgiven

New on TV:

- Mad About You
- Picket Fences
- Hangin' With Mr. Cooper

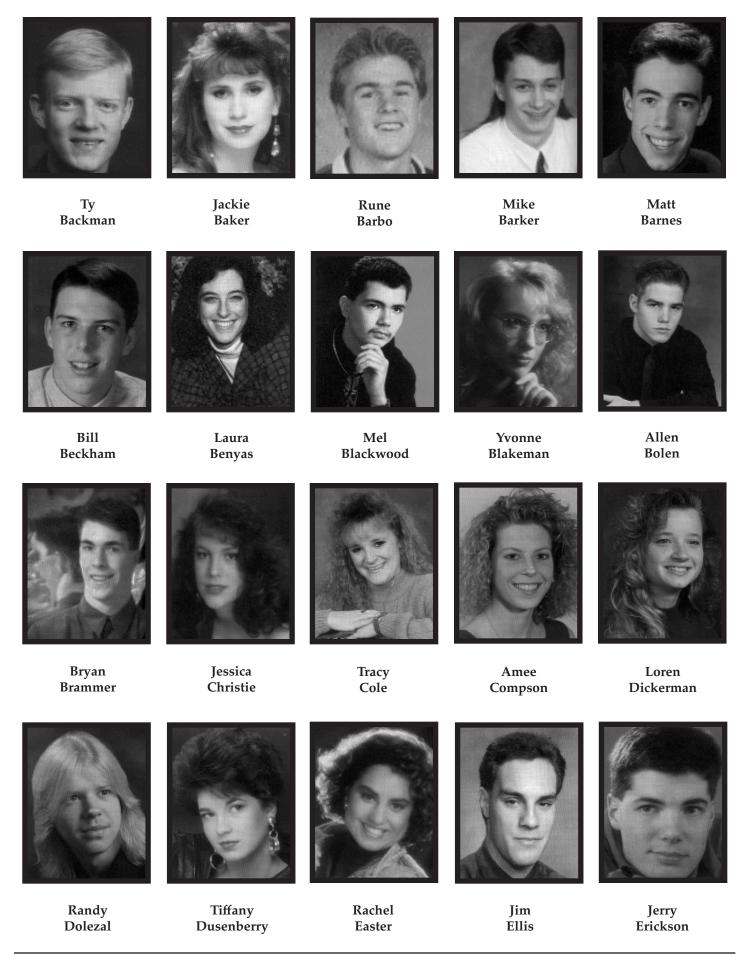
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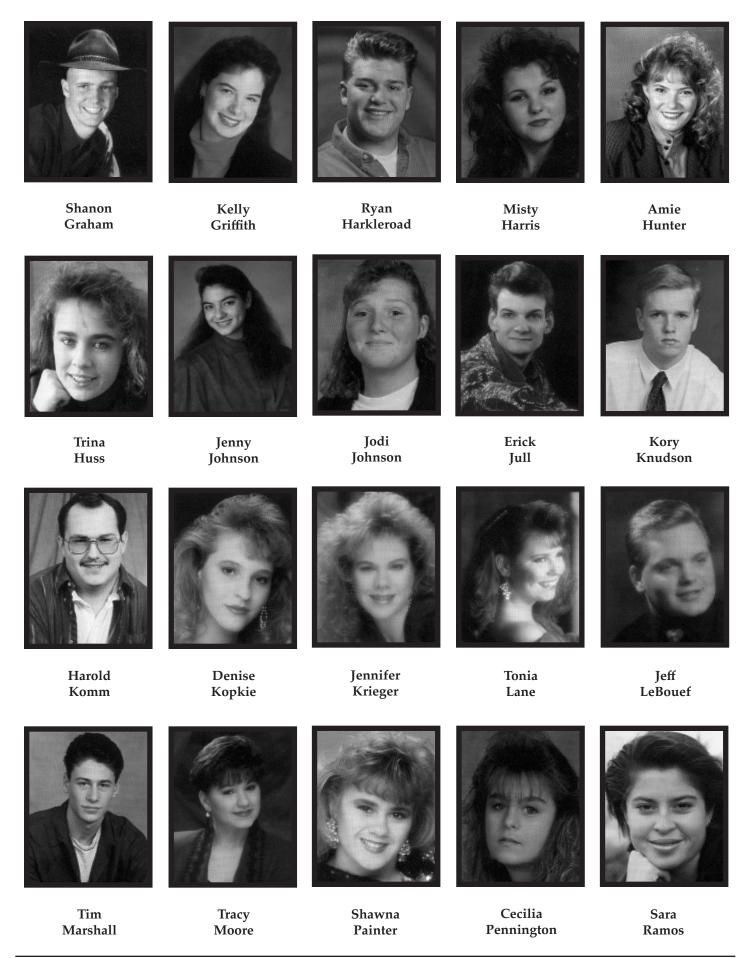
#1 Song: *End of the Road -* Boyz II Men

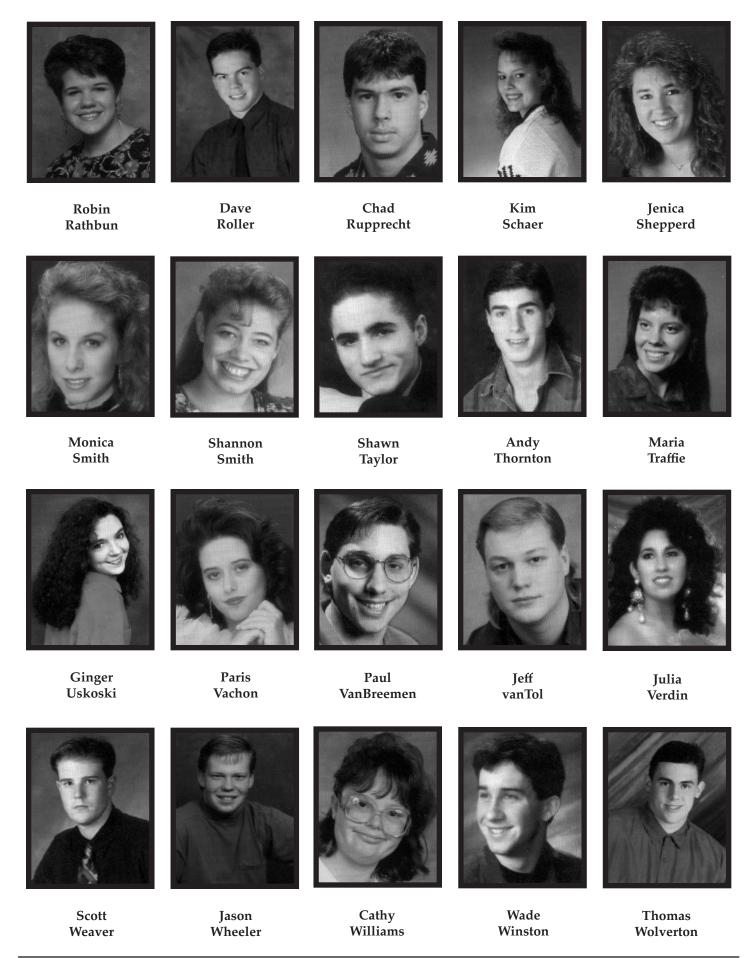
Kelly Griffith, Valedictorian Thomas Wolverton, Salutatorian

Graduation: June 11, 1993

The future is ours for we are the future.









Sara Wood

In 1993:

President: George Bush and Bill Clinton

Significant Events:

- The U.S. begins an airlift of supplies to besieged Bosnian towns.
- Fire kills 72 as a cult standoff in Waco, Texas ends with a federal assault.
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg is appointed to the Supreme Court.
- Midwest flood damage exceeds \$10 billion.
- Congress approves the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- Clinton signs the Brady Bill regulating firearms purchases.
- Toni Morrison wins the Nobel Prize for literature.
- Five are arrested in the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York.
- Two police officers are convicted on federal civil rights charges in the Rodney King beating.

Best Picture: Schindler's List

New on TV:

- N.Y.P.D. Blue
- The X-Files
- Frasier

#1 TV Show: 60 Minutes

#1 Song: *Dreamlover* - Mariah Carey