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We've only just begun.


Principal Andrew Zacharias looks on in anticipation as Department of Defense Dependents Depury Director Dr. Robr. Lundgren assists Brigadier General John Foss with formal ribbon curting to open new school August 30, 1983. Senior Julia Foss observes moment.

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Dancing at Homecoming, Prince David Holmes and Princess Jessie Clark share a joke.

Receiving a program of the 1983 Homecoming game, LTC Robert Floyd compliments Oralee Ekberg and the cheerleaders.
Listening to a proposed amendment to the Constitution, Tim Zacharias, Christine Willis, Lenski Eitson, Dallas McCarter, and Janet Hanks try to decide which way to vore.

Looking over a new English book, LaTroy Robinson waits for class to begin

Preparing for a tug of war victory Doug Magnusson, Markus Dalton, David Holmes, Jessie Clark, Yolanda Hern, Mike Johnson, and Kim Adams plan their strategy
Looking on as Chuck Messner presents letter to Don Wilburn are Gregor Schreiber and J. J. McKinney at sports banquet

Student Council Executiver Joyace Hanks and Chris Boyd discuss rules of order
Senior Hall provides refuge for Sherri Blackburn


Photos by Izumi

## We've just begun in traditions



Karen Kinney, Joyace Hanks, Robin
Grub, and Lauren Summerford concentrate on a spirit raising cheer during a losing effort to Karlsruhe.
Playing the Star Spangled Banner during a home game are seventh graders Jennifer Curcio and Michelle Taylor. LaTroy Robinson creates lunchtime fun with friend Sherri Blackburn as Carol Shiwy
pitches in.
Senior Yulanda Hern parades around the court in a dark blue firebird after being announced Homecoming queen. Junior Rick Rivera cools out with greasy hair and sun glasses on punk day. Vice Principal Dean Bame dresses up on punk day to show that he has spirit during Homecoming.
Donna Eckert and Denise Robinson unveil newly acquired skills during their first performance during halftime at

Homecoming


Photos by Izumi


Playing the theme from "MASH" on his sax ophone, Bob Creonte performs at halftime of the Homecoming game to meet requirements for his band class
Listening attentively to correct pronunciaion in German class, David Martin and Crysta Finnerud gain skills to use during after school hours

Working together in auto shop, Gary Smith and James Barber clean an engine
Preparing for a trigonometry test Lisa Fernandez and Emily Simon study together
Getting a good background in chemistry and physics eighth graders Christine Willis, Sandy Cherry and London McMinn work together in science class.

Working with sandpaper Bill Billotte perfects a woodworking project in Industrial Arts
Threading a needle Don Channings learns basic sewing skills in Home Economics.

Warming up for exercises Melissa Irvin and Priscilla Keanaaina run laps in Gym class.


Photos by Dalton, Izumi

## We've just begun in new classes



Many new classes were offered to accommodate the junior and senior students. Chemistry, Physics, Auto Shop, Trigonometry, Government, Industrial Arts, Mechanical Drawing, Business Lab, and Computers were all new at VHS.

Physics student Doug Magnusson felt, "It was fortunate that our school offered the advanced science courses that so many people are interested in.

New classes also benefited junior high students. Richard Adams was an eighth grader taking Auto Shop. He was enthusiastic about being able to take this class. Richard stated, "I think it's important that 7th and 8th graders be included in the electives offered in the school. Many junior high students who have an interest in a certain area would like to begin getting experience in that field as early as possible.


Spending assembly time getting closer to one another Ronnie Sewell, April Marzigliano, Clint Slaight, Andy Jackson, Robin Grubb and Karen Kinney joke, converse and share conversation among themselves during a break in assembly action.
Addressing the student body using the new gym's intercom system, senior Chris Boyd explains why students should vote for him as their SB President. Chris lost in a race against Joyace Hanks.

Students and faculty members display a variety of reactions during a fall pep assembly before a Karlsruhe game.
Dancing to the sounds of Coolie B Tony Fehr and Greta Horner get involved during the school's first dance of the year sponsored by the yearbook staff.

James Young, Dana Carter, Tammy Clark and Michelle Taylor listen to Coach Ollie Litt as she introduces the volleyball team during a November pep assembly.
Explaining the importance of voting conscientiously, Principal Andrew Zacharias introduces the candidates during the Student Body Officer Election Speeches Assembly.


Photos by McCarter, Izumi

## High Spirits

The main purposes of the dances and assemblies were to bring the entire student body together and build school pride.

The majority of the assemblies were pep rallies which were held to boost school spirit and get teams excited to win for the upcoming games.

I enjoyed the assemblies because they enabled the students to get together and support the school by showing Falcon pride," stared eighth grader Matthew Volkert.

Dances were also a part of the school activities. The first dance of the year, held September 23, was sponsored by the Journalism class as a fund raiser for the yearbook.

Many students enjoyed the dances, but some seventh and eighth graders felt differently because they were often excluded

Overall, the dances and assemblies provided togetherness and entertainment throughout the year.


## Activities

School was the center of activity for anyone who wanted to be involved. Though the events of the world and community were a concern, the stress of homework, the spirit of athletics and the fun of fooling around between classes were the focus of a typical day.

Memories of Homecoming, club car washes, bake sales, decorating for dances; and the expense of prom night and relief of graduation may be over but the impact those events had on our lives make us proud we experienced them.

Students had a variety of clubs to choose from including the Bike Club and the Computer clubs which were open to all grades. Unfortunately only upperclassmen took advantage of the open membership.

Riding on tricycles, senior Charlie Rose and Sophomore Philip Volkart each vie for top position.

Homecoming Day, Queen Yolanda Hern and King Langston Izumi react to their success during halftime.

Mike Gauthier, Jeanette Pomeroy, and Robert Ronasi struggle to beat the Freshmen in a tug-of-war contest.

Punkers senior Jessica Clark and junior Joyace Hanks stop during Spirit week in the Senior Hallway.

At the Homecoming Dance, juniors Lauren Summerford and Pat Hutchinson are crowned junior Prince and Princess during festivities ar the Grafenwoehr NCO club.

Showing how "the smurf" is done, sophomore Roger Littles hams it up during the Homecoming Dance.


Photos by McCarter



## First Time Homecoming

The first initiated traditions for fall, Homecoming and the Sadie Hawkins Dance, were extremely successful.
"Even though we had an impossible amount of time to get things done," said Ms. Betsy Ryan, Student Council advisor, "we did it."

The events leading up to the Homecoming Dance October 22 were a banana eating contest, a tug-of-war, Mr. Irresistible contest, a tricycle race, and the class skits performed at the pep rally. Hall decorating and Spirit Week competitions were won by the seniors.
"People got out there and helped. It was great," stated Carol Shiwy, senior.

The dance began at 7 pm on October 22. At $8: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ seniors, Queen Yolanda Hern and King Langston Izumi were crowned.

The junior class sponsored the first Sadie Hawkins Dance which featured, a marriage booth and a divorce booth. Many people got married three or four times.


Enjoying a fast paced game of Baskerball, Sophomore Doug Billotte and Junior Adrian Williams spend their 35 minute lunch break working off morning rension.
Wearing leg warmers and Robin Hood boots, Freshman Kathy Dakin cheers the Volleyball team on. Leg warmers were a fashion staple during the winter months.
Top-siders were just one of the fads girls as well as guys got into during the school year.
Robin Hood boots were a comfortable new popular style for guys and girls. Junior Bruce Mills gets into a fad by wearing a head band to keep his hair in place.
Displaying a new popular collar, the contrasting neck, Senior Carol Schiwy was just one of many students to wear a dress
to school occasionally. Levis and Nikes are two fads which never went out of style according to Caroline Lenear and Mike Runey.


## Fads n' fun spark school life



Fads weren't that common among Vilseck students even though there were a few students who kept up with the latest fashions.

Alligator shirts and Playboy insignias were just two of the fads students got into. Freshman Melina Smith felt "I just kept up with the crowd and got into the fashions.

There were many students who dressed according to where they came from. Students who came from the states were likely to bring over the latest fashion from their region while students here in Germany, wore the European fashions. Freshman Caroline Lenear who has lived in Germany for the past three years, felt that, "I prefer the German clothes because they are more available to me and I feel more comfortable in them.

A few fads students got into included ankle socks, legwarmers, girls' ties, head bands and wide belts.


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Smiling to gain recognition, senior Doug Magnusson waits to give opinion on GPA needed for S.C. officers.
Using the card catalog. Angela Floyd and David Stupek, JNHS members, go the extra yard to get an "A" on a project.
Involved in a novel Shammarie Gilbo uses the library to complete an English book review assignment.
Explaining a linear equation to Julia Foss, David Stupek takes part in the peer tutoring program.
Honor Society members are Front Row: O. Ekberg. K. Horner, R Grubb, A. Floyd, J Pomeroy, J. Clark, D. Holmes; 2nd row - P. Bowles, T. Lee, S. Schnoover, S. Brantley, C Haze, T. Zacharias, D. Gibson, L. Fernandez, J. Hanks, T. Swift; 3rd row - N. Waldhouse, B. Gibson, C. Izumi, G. Schreiber, D. Stupek. Back Row - M. Runey, D. Dorminey, J. Hanks

Student Council members meet for a formal portrait
Concentrating on a point ot hand Betsy KJinks decides on how to vote.

Thinking over a motion on Homecoming Angela Floyd and David Rose represent freshmen.


Photos by Dalton

## Serving with pride, leadership



National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Student Council participated in several service projects in both the school and area communities.

The three clubs worked together on a toy and clothing drive for the Christmas season. The donated goods went to the Nurnberg orphanage and hospital to the underprivileged and needy.

Each organization planned some service projects for the school. SC sponsored a bulletin board advertising school activities and a spring clean-up program. Both Honor Societies tutored students who needed academic assistance and raised money for scholarships.

Ms. Betsy Ryan, SC sponsor, stated "The spring clean-up project created a lot of spirit and parent involvement.'
"NHS and NJHS worked together to help other people, other than ourselves, through our service projects," said senior Jessie Clark, NHS president.


## Sheets Forms

## New Clubs

With the addition of Mr. Francis Sheets to the faculty was the addition of two new clubs, the Bike Club and the Computer Club.

Four students were in the Bike Club, Charles Cherry, Andy Roche, Darin Perkins and Richard Harris. They took most of their trips before the fall snows came.

Trips consisted of 15 mile adventures around the Vilseck area. One trip consisted of biking up the steepest hills of Vilseck while another trip took the group behind the Sorgof area. After one of their adventures, the group stopped at the Rousell's Barbeque Pit, just outside the post gates and the bikers received a free meal compliments of the two teachers - part time restauranteaurs.
"The scenery was beautiful and I really enjoyed it," commented Darin Perkins, who added, "Mr. Sheets was pretty fun and was more like a friend than a teacher during the trips."

Twenty five computer students took advantage of after school time to advance their skills through the Compurer Club. The club, led by President Darin Perkins, vice president Richard Stupek and secretary/treasurer Glemn Angel, eighth grader, was constantly on the rise in membership.

The club held special classes for students who weren't enrolled in computer science during the day.


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Hurriedly typing away, Darrin Perkins, James Posey, Jim Foil, and Charles Cherry work intensely to complete their assigned projects before closing time.

Leisurely riding his bike around the school, Charles Cherry waits for the other bikers to arrive.

Preparing to get a printout of his program, Bret Cantwell turns on the printer.

Removing his diskette from the disk drive, James Miller stares in bewilderment at the listing of the program that he has just loaded.

Computer Club members are Darrin Perkins, Charles Cherry, James Posey, Francis Sheets, and Jim Foil. Not pictured are Charles Rose, Markus Dalton, Chris Boyd, Glenn Angel, Bret Cantwell, James Miller, and Richard Stupek.

Bike club members include Markus Dalton, Chris Boyd, Hosam Khedar, Charles Cherry, Francis Sheets, and not pictured Darrin Perkins.

Computer Club

Using the school's intercom system Co-Editors-in-Chief Jeannette Pomeroy and Tarjana Swift promore yearbook sales by performing a radio script to the student body during homeroom.

Focusing a telephoto lens, Markus Dolton catches a DYA foorball game for the sports section

Pondering a headline idea, Kim Adams meets a deadline by completing her pages on the school's administration

Working on a layout Diane Gibson, Assistant Editor-inChief, helps Emily Simon solve a cropping problem.

Yearbook/Newspaper staff members include, Front row: Diane Gibson, Joyace Hanks, Tatjana Swift, Lauren Summerford, Jessica Clark, Chris Boyd. Row 2: Advisor Marilyn Harriman, Langston Izumi, Charles fose, Kim Adams, Julia Foss, Gene Santiago, Emily Simon. Back row: David Holmes, Lisa Fernandez, Richard Stupek, Dallas McCarter, Frank Mayo, Markus Dalton.

Reacting to a suggestion from her advisor Lauren Summerford finishes writing a story to complete her football pages.

Typing up captions, Lisa Fernandez meets her deadline days ahead of schedule



Photos by staff

## Emphasis on

## Involvement

Involvement. The pulse of the school sometimes seemed to begin in Journalism Publications where students produced the first Junior High-High school yearbook, and the first official High School newspaper.

Co-Editor-in-Chief, junior Tatjana Swift said, "we tried to follow current student interests. For example, we did stories on how the underclassmen feel left out, on juniors who would be eligible to vote in next year's presidential election and the future plans of featured students.

Junior Jeannette Pomeroy, the other Editor-in-Chief stated, "Both the newspaper and yearbook turned out really well. I think the writing was excellent, but we needed equipment to produce a more professional looking paper. We (the staff) worked hard to accomplish a terrific yearbook.

Second semester, journalism was changed to Advanced Composition and was taught by Miss Beth Miller.



## A Few Proud Men

JROTC and Letterman's Club were two new activities available to a qualified few.
Because of superior performance at Nurnberg there was a distinctive group of four cadets who were allowed to complete their high school JROTC training at Vilseck, allowing them to meet possible college requirements for an accelerated program.

The cadets worked on a correspondence type basis with the Nurnberg JROTC department. During the year cadets were required to complete the course on their own time in addition to their regular course demands.
According to c/1Lt. Markus Dalton, "The M-16 qualification was the highlight activity that occurred during the year.
Those varsity athletes who were awarded their varsity letter were eligible to participate in the Vilseck Letterman's Club.

The Letterman's Club functioned under President Langston Izumi. The primary objective of the club was the ordering and controlling of Varsity Letterman's jackets which were held in high esteem by those who possessed them during the year.

According to Lanston lzumi, "The club functioned extremely well for its first year." He hopes that the foundation was started so the Letterman's Club can be more productive next year.

Photos by Dalton



Rushing for yardage against two rough Karlsruhe opponents, Michael Johnson gains momentum during a high point of the game

Letterman's Club officers include David Holmes, treasurer; Markus Dalton, vice president; Langston Izumi, President; and Jessica Clark, secretary

Displaying their letters Coach Ollie Litt and team members Nellie Davilo, Sabrina Whitehead, Ivanna Brown, Teresa Ferrell and Dionna Calhoun show family members their accomplishments during a fall sports award banquet.

Reacting to their football letters, Chris Boyd and Michael Johnson stand at banquet table with rest of team while being honored by coach Dave Smith.

Cleaning their rifles before practice David Holmes, Michael Johnson and Markus Dalton meet JROTC requirements.
Listening to instructions from First Sergeant Joseph Dalton, Markus Dalton and Michael Johnson prepare for field maneuvers.
Practicing target shooting, Dovid Holmes spends his Saturday afternoon experiencing the demands of being a soldier.



## Seniors Lead <br> Way

The members of the Senior class worked diligently to raise money for class activities and graduation. The Seniors sponsored the Christmas dance, the Holly Ball, which was a great success. This was held at Lobachwinkel in Weiherhammer on December 9.
When asked about this event President Charlie Rose commented, "The Holly Ball was held in a German hotel. It was a dinner dance and the menu included a choice of cordon bleu, hamburger steak, or schnitzel. Coolie Bee and Crew provided the music. We had a good turnout."

Secretary Kim Adams stated, "Senior class activities were very time consuming but were always successful. For example, the hall decorating for Homecoming took about five hours. A bunch of us came in on a Sunday to complete this.'
The Seniors also sponsored bake sales and took part in the PTSA Halloween carnival.


Staff photos


Concentrating on a math problem reacher Dave Smith helps Junior Ivanna Brown during an Algebra ll class.

Cooking up French fries for students during lunch, senior Dexter Cooper earns credir for Cooperative Work Experience.

Completing secretarial work for her assistontship in the main office sixth period. senior Sherri Blackburn learns valuable troining working with Principal Andrew Zacharias ond Secretary Mrs. Lojek.

With sparks flying Chris Daniels, junior, grinds down a rodiaror plare for his auro mechanics class.

Braving the cold winter chill senior class officers meer ourside. They include President Charlie Rose; Vice President Doug Magnusson: Secrerary Kim Adams, and treasurer Markus Dalron.


Seven distinct groups went into making up one distinct group, the VHS population. Seventh and eighth graders; freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors; and faculty, while all an entity in themselves, were united under the symbol of the Falcon. There may have been competition between classes at pep assemblies and maybe a little opposition between teachers and students regarding assignments and between students and administration regarding rules and regulations, but when it came right down to it, after the assembly walking down the hall, one could see that seniors and freshmen were the best of friends and students and administrators had a working relationship. For many students, teachers became some of their closest friends.

And, while being a group, each individual had talents, hobbies, and interests of his own. Fashion, music and movies had an impact on each individual and the group as a whole.


Kimberly A Adams
Senior class secretary volleyball: Team Coptoin: Tennis: Ad Hoc Commitree, Yearbook Stoff, Newspoper Staff: Spanish Club. San Jose Store University: psychology


Christopher S Boyd Student Council: Class representative: Letterman's Club; Varsity Basketball; Teen Forum representative: International Leadership Institute participant; ROTC. Business


Christopher Burge


Jessica Clark
National Honor Society: National Honor Society President: Cross Country: CC Caprain: Sophomore Class treasurer Yearbook. Newspaper, Homecoming Princess, Track University of Maryland


Rebecca P Clark
Social Studies Award: Cosmetology Award: Cooperative Work Experience Award; Library Alde; Chorus Work With children


Dexter Cooper
Foorball Team Captain; First place Bowling champion: Newspaper Staff; Mr. Irresistible; dormitory student. Auto mechanics career


Annabel Dakin
JROTC; junior varsity track; junior varsity basketball: varsity volleyball: varsity baskerball; coached DYA basketball; librarian assistant; Candy Striper. Physical therapy career


Markus Dalton
JROTC Rifle Team Coptain: Color Guard; Varsity foorball: Student Council; Letterman's Club Vice President; Student Council; Yearbook photographer; senior class treasurer. Military career


Julia M Foss
Varsity tennis; varsity volleyball; Honors Choir, A Coppella; Assistant Newspaper Editor Nurnberg; Yearbook, Newspaper Staffs: Drama Club; Letterman's Club; Club Beyond. Physical therapy career


Yolanda Hern


Dovid N Holmes
National Honor Sociery vice president; Student Council representative; Varsity foorball: varsity wrestling: Yearbook Staff; Newspaper Staff; Letterman's Club; JROTC. Baylor University, Aeronoutical Engineering


Langston H Izumi Letterman's Club President: Cross Country Captain; Soccer: Running Club; Track; Homecoming King: School Photographer. Air Force Career


Michael E Johnson ROIC: ROTC Drill Team; ROTC Honor Guard; Foorball; Track; Wrestling: Choir; Letterman's Club. Arizona State University Engineering


Charles A Rose
Senior Class President; Nurnberg Dormitory President; Varsity Basketball: Scholar Athlete: Stu dent Council: Ad Hoc Committee; Varsity Foorball; Chess Club; Yearbook. University of Notre Dame


Richard A Stupek Honor Society Secretary; Varsity Foorball: Honor Society; Computer Club Vice President; Rifle Team Co-Captain: Yearbook and Newspaper Staffs; Varsity soccer; Student Council. MIT engineering


Douglas B Magnusson Senior Class Vice President; Varsity Cross Country; Student Council Representative: Letterman's Club: Ski Club: Dormitory Photography Club: Graduation Chairman; Yearbook Staff Business


Carol V Schiwy Cheerleader; French Club; Nursing Assistant; HOSA Newspaper Staff; Keyetts: Swimming: Drill Team; Gymnastics; Basketball. Study Medicine


Thomas L Whiteaker Dormitory representative; Photo Club; Newspaper Staff; National Honor Society; Yearbook Staff: Drama; Band, Freshman Social Studies Award. Study journalism or photography


Michael Johnson reacts to a passerby

## One Last Year an End, a Start

Seniors began the year with a feeling of being near the end

In most schools the Senior year is strictly a series of endings; in Vilseck, however, the Seniors experienced a new beginning at the end

Starting their last year in a new high school caused problems, pains, and some uneasiness among the Seniors

All of the traditional Senior year "last times" such as Homecoming, sports seasons, the Holly Ball, Senior trip, and the Junior/Senior Prom were actually firsts for our young school.

The Seniors of 1984 were the leaders. They set the precedent for all future classes to follow. The Seniors spirit dominated at pep assemblies and was unbeatable during Spirit Week. Senior athletes faithfully wore their uniforms on Maroon and Gold day to let everyone know that they were proud Falcons from the class of 1984

Class advisor Mary Lavato said, "Senior year is a transition time. I hope I helped.
"To a casual observer seniors sometimes appear to be somewhat tyrannical, flippant, arrogant, even suffering from feelings of superiority. However, underneath this bravado many times lies a very frustrated, scared, overwhelming being. These seniors were aware that the comfortable, secure world of high school, mom, dad and apple pie would soon be past.
'The umbilical cord would be severed. They are now entering the vast unknown spaces of their future. So many crucial life-time decisions to make, so many avenues to pursue, somewhat overwhelming these all too mortal seniors.
"It's a difficult transition," remarked senior advisor Mrs. Lavato.


Holding the highest GPA in the senior class, senior Richard Stupek was valedictorian with a 3.8 .

With plans to major in engineering. David attributed his high grades to his parents.
"I knew that an education was important so I worked hard.
"You really can't do anything without an education. Even to be a garbage collector you have to have a high school diploma."

Richard said the classes that have helped him the most have been math, science and his honors English class that he took at Nurnberg High School.
"In Honors English we had to read 100 pages and write an essay every night. It really helped us meet deadlines and learn what college was all about.

## An Eye on Nursing

Senior Carol Schiwy has her career already all planned out for herself. "I want to become a registered nurse," she said.

Carol, who has worked as an assistant nurse at a nursing home in Cherterfield, Virginia said "I want to become a nurse because I care about people.

Carol has learned how to give people bed baths, feed sick patients, and transport them from a wheel chair to a bed. She has also learned to be a good listener and listen to people who are dying.
"I've had someone die on me before," said Carol. "I knew that I was required to stay with the patient. Since I don't have the experience to say if someone is dead or not, I rang for the nurse who checked the patient's blood pressure and verified it."

Besides working in a nursing home, Carol has also worked at the medical college of Virginio (NCV) where she cared for 200 people six hours a day.

Carol has also worked at the Chesterfield Technical Center. There she started out working three hours a day and later on, she worked six hours a day getting paid \$4 an hour.

After graduntion, Carol plans to attend Munich College to study Pre-Med.


Tim Atwood William Billotte Idalia Brown Ivanna Brown Darlene Cook

Chris Daniels Paul Dovilla Lenski Eitson Lisa Fernandez Michael Gauthier


Diane Gibson Tami Glaze Cynthia Hall Joyace Hanks Joanne Hensley

## With Money on

Their Minds

The junior class worked very hard to make the school year a profit maker. Junior class president Lauren Summerford felt that "with the help and support of the rest of the junior class, I feel this year turned out great." By November 15 the class had raised $\$ 59$.

Money was raised through various ways so that the class could get prepared for the end of the year prom.

"Because of the support of the junior class," said Lauren, "we thought of lots of ideas which helped bring about the prom."

The junior class sold mums, held a turkey raffle, sponsored a Sadie Hawkins Dance, and sold candy grams which helped them earn money for the big event.
"It took a lot of time and energy to get the prom going and also raising money for it," said junior class treasurer Emily Simon.

The junior/senior prom was tentatively scheduled for June 2. The juniors established the tradition of paying the seniors' way to the event.

Junior class parliamentarian Tatjana Swift said, "Many of the juniors were involved in a lot of extra curricular activities throughout the entire year. So, it was hard to get some things accomplished at first. After a while we learned to work together to get things organized.: Everyone helped at prom time."


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Bruce Mills Jeannette Pomeroy


Junior Pat Hutchinson carries the ball for yardage in a game against Karlsruhe at home.


Rick Rivera Robert Ronasi Gene Santiago Benny Sheffler Emily Simon


Clint Slaight
Kenny Smith
Stephanie Smith Westley Smith
Brenda Stoker

Franklin Anderson
Don Allen
Rhonda Basham
Tommy Buckley
Dionne Calhoun

Bret Cantwell
Charles Cherry
Beverly Cooper Augustine Creonte Tim Crowder

Kathy Dakin Kelly Daniels Nellie Davilla Drew Dorminey Lorna Dowlin


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## Robin Grubb Leads Sophomores

Sophomore class officers Andy Roche, Tanya Lee, Greta Horner, and Robin Grubb decided that this was the year to begin planning and preparing for their Junior/Senior Prom. They began building up their treasury for their Junior year by organizing various money making projects.

In addition to the fund raising events staged by the Sophomores, the officers all agreed that they succeeded in promoting Falcon pride and Sophomore spirit.

President Robin Grubb felt that, "We have a good class. By working together and planning ahead we will be able to have an unforgettable Prom next year. All in all the year went well.'

Sophomore class member Dwayne Tincher felt that, "The officers did an excellent job. We had a great time during Spirit Week and throughout the year. Class involvement was extraordinary.'



Greg Fultz Shammarie Gllbo

Jeff Gines Robin Grubb

Janet Hanks Greta Horner

Tony Fehr
Joy Folden
Heidi Drapeau Larriean Ellison Joy Folden

## Kelly <br> Downing

 Ray Dragon

Gary Hovater Andy Jackson Rosalina Johnson Chris Kelso Karen Kinney

Carla Lambert Tanya Lee
Roger Littles
April Marzigliano Eddie Marzigliano

Dallas McCarter Jennifer McKinney Steve Moore Kelly Morgan Brendo Nash


## A Talent for Self Expression

Playing the piano in Colorado and then moving to Arizona and stopping for a year was the result of the interest in music that took hold of sophomore Darin Perkins of the age of 12 .
"When I moved to Arizona, it was a challenge for me to leap from beginning band to advanced band in less than a week," he stated.

Darin's interest in music allowed him to participate in three band classes during the day and a class in the summer.

Darin has played the flute, the French horn, the trombone, the Bassoon, the Clarinet, the piccolo, the harmonica, and he even tried his luck ot percussion instruments - the drums.

Darin also played the baritone sax and he feels, "If you can play one woodwind instrument, you can play them all. When I pick up a new instrument it's like a toy I received at Christmas. I play with it until it wears out."

A few of the instruments Darin played were self-taught. He sometimes learned the instruments in one night. "I'd go home at night and finger with the instrument for hours," he said.



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## Milking a Plan in Dairy Farming

Greta Horner! Dairy Farmer! That just doesn't sound right, does it?!? That's what Greta Horner, sophomore, said she'd like to be in the future.

She hasn't decided on a major, but she does know what classes must be taken; agriculture, math, and courses in handling animals.

Greta has many interests; they are photography, reading, traveling, collecting postcards, and her favorite, art.

There is a major conflict to what Greta wants to be and her interests. The conflict is that Greta wants to be a dairy farmer, workhood which would require her to never take vacations, which conflicts with her desires in traveling and seeing art
"I know how hard it is to get a job as an artist. So, I decided just to be a dairy farmer," said Greta

Greta has had a lot of traveling experiences to such places as Kentucky, Germany, and New York. Malone, New York was the place of her birth on 23 January, 1968; she has lived there for four years.


Danny Nash Tim Noble Ralph Osborne Todd Overcash Darrin Perkins

Wayne Petty Russell Phinazee Terri Polvani Andy Roach Denise Robinson

Alvin Sewell Dwayne Tincher James Webb Sabrina Whitehead Chrystal Williamson

## Focus on freshman funding

Karin Horner, Mike Runey, Oralee Ekberg, and Chris Haze worked closely together to start the Freshmen off right in their first year of high school.
The members of the class of 1987 put much time, effort, enthusiasm, and creativity into their hall decorating for Spirit Week and showed their pride by participating in many Varsity sports. Foorball, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, and wrestling all had Freshmen members.
Working with the eighth grade class, the Freshmen sold and delivered turkey-grams at Thanksgiving.

President Karin Horner commented on this project, "The turkeygram sales went well thanks to a lot of teamwork and cooperation. All the officers helped out."


Connie Anderson James Barber Faye Blake Stacy Brantley Mike Burge

Kenny Byrd Tim Coffman Loren Cooper Develyn Cunningham Mark Davis

Stacy Davis Warren Dykes Oralee Ekberg Harold Ferre Teresa Ferrell



Angela Floyd Barron Gibson

Chris Haze Sherry Hensley

Karin Horner Isooc Hutchinson

Clayton Izumi Karmelito Jones

## Arnet Kalka

Stacy
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Party Kramer Dwayne Kyger


## Noting a talent in rock n' roll

Freshman Richard Medicus is heading for a career as an all-round musician. Playing the electric guitar, Richard strums away hoping to one day become a famous rock star.

Richard enjoys playing rock music such as "Crazy Train" by Ozzie Osborne, "No one like you" by Scorpions, and "Stairway to heaven" by Rod Zeppelen.
"I play them by ear," said Richard. "My parents say that I have a perfect ear because it's easy for me to pick up songs.'

Richard also enjoys composing his own music. By reading the guitar chart, which is a chart with six strings on it that helps tell what note must be used, Richard composes and memorizes his own soft music.
Richard plans on attending a recording school some time after his graduation. He feels "By going to recording school, I can learn to improve my skills, and I can also learn to produce my own records and mix my own music."
Why did Richard decide to become a Musician? "I like making people hyperactive by playing rock music," he said. He added by saying, "There is a lot of money involved, especially if you produce superb music which people will enjoy listening to."
Richard has played in a band in Port Huron, Michigan, where he was the head guitarist in a group of four. "It was very interesting being in a band where the entire group composes music together. I would like to start a band here at Vilseck for next year if I can just find some interested people," he added.

Richard got into music because his family was raised with it. He said, "I was influenced by my family."


## Clogging craze comes to Germany

Clogging is a form of dancing which originated in the mountains of Tennessee and Georgia. It is a cross between square dancing and tap dancing.
Fifteen year old Sheila Schoonover has been clogging for three years. After one year of formal lessons with a trained instructor she was put into a dance "group."
Mrs. Schoonover was reading the paper one day and saw that a clogging group was on tour in the state they lived in at the time, Georgio. She mentioned that clogging looked like something interesting to try so Sheila signed up for classes.
Upon arriving ot Grafenwoehr Sheila and her sister Sheri, age twelve, began teaching clogging lessons through the DYA (Dependent Youth Activities). They soon had enough students to form a dance "group."
Sheila was enthusiastic about teaching the class and explained by saying, "Although clogging has been around for a long time, people are just starting to find out about and get interested in it. I'm glad to see that some people in this area have shown an interest in learning how to clog. The class was held every Friday afternoon at the Grafenwoehr DYA. We started off by teaching the basic steps but now we have a group to work with so we're getting more advanced."
Tracy Goth, a member of the class, had never heard of clogging until she signed up for the lessons. She began taking the class in October.
"It's fun," Tracy stated simply.

Laurie Norton
Sandy Rockwell

Dovid Rose Mike Runey

Benny Santos
Sheila
Schoonover



Sandy McClain Richard Medicus

James Miller Joyce Norton



Gregory Schreiber Ronnie Sewell Loren Sheffler Cheri Small Gary Smith

Melinna Smith Sonjo Stahl David Stupek Joe Turner Amy Vaccarro

Dana Vaccarro Bryan Whitlock David Whitraker Jim Wilburn Mike Wilburn


## Twosome teams up for harmless fun

Have you ever stopped to wonder what it would be like to have a twin brother or sister?
"Sometimes it's aggravating," stated freshman Mike Wilburn, the younger of the Wilburn twins, "especially when people call me the wrong name.
"It's fun when we fool friends, teachers, or when someone tells me something they meant to tell Mike," added Jim.

Mike feels he isn't treated differently and isn't any different from anyone else other than "having a brother born on the same day.'

Both Mike and Jim share a lot of the same interests in music and an impressive list of a variety of sports such as soccer, wrestling, cross country, baseball, and gymnastics.

## Eighth graders show interest

"I feel that our class worked together and really did an excellent job in organizing and planning all the eighth grade fundraisers," stated eighth grade president Tim Zacharias.
Some of the fundraisers which the eighth grade held were a Turkey Gram sale for Thanksgiving, a Valentines dance for the seventh and eighth graders, and St. Patrick's grams.
"The year was a success for all of us," said Chrissy Sutton, eighth grade Secretary/Treasurer.




Roberta Lewis Alan Lindsey Elnita Mabry Scott Martin Rosanna Martinez

Butch McCondles Mike McDonald Mellissa McKinney

Pot McLain London McMinn

Scott McQuain Harry McWilliams Jennifer Meechem Mark Mendoza William Mikell

David Newman Cheri Notkemper Maria Norton K-Nell Perkins Ann Peterson


## Up with the sun

Every morning Bob Creonte's alarm clock goes off of 5:30. He spends the next hour delivering newspapers in the cold morning air.

Bob said that the reason he delivers papers is because he likes the money. Even though Bob's mother makes him put half the money in savings, he says that it doesn't bother him at all.
'The worst part about delivering papers is getting up so early in the morning," said Bob. "I hate waking up so early in the morning because I don't feel like I get enough sleep," he added.

Occasionally the papers do not arrive on time so Bob has to deliver them in the afternoon when he gets home from school. All in all, Bob enjoys his job.



# Off to slow start but looking up 

The seventh grade class got off to a slow start. No meetings were held and no activities were planned during the first semester.

The reason for this was explained by president Betsy Jinks, "Everything about high school life is new to us and we don't know how to get started.

Advisor Carol Capone expressed frustration at the lack of initiative taken by the group. "I'm very disappointed that no activities have been planned.'

Seventh graders were frustrated because they felt left out of upperclassman activities such as the
 prom, Sadie Hawkins and the Holly Ball. They were hoping to schedule dances of their own.



Jennifer Curcio
James Dahl
Patty Davis
Roxanna Drapeau
Tom Dumphy

Ernie Dykes
Donna Ekhart
Candice Englemeir
Mark Foley
Christian Franks

Robert Galloway
Tracy Goth
Scort Grubb
Tom Hannan
Brian Harding

George Hern
Sheila Hovatler
Rasli Hubbard
Volerie Hutchinson
Melissa Irvin

Christine Jacob
Betsy Jinks
Henry Johnson
Jita Jones
Milly Kassay

Pricilla Keanaaina
Janice Kinney
Tanya Klugmann Ricky Legar
Stephanie Lemon

Roger Lewis Dorothy Lojek Merrill Lynn David Martin Clifford Maurer

Patrick Marzigliano Billy McCarter Byron Mills Kim Mirth James Nichols

Stacy Morton Lavon Perrin Robert Petty Patricia Phipps Kitty Catherine Poe

Dan Polvani Tina Porter James Posey William Powell Sharon Powers


Christy Reimold Katie Romero




Observing a hurt hand, Nurse Kathleen Kearney realizes the pain can't be too great because of a lack of swelling.
Secretaries and aides include, back row. Mrs. Gines; Front row, Elementary secrerary Mrs. Mary Dennis and High School Principal Secretary Mrs. I Lojek.
Demonstrating car parts Mr. Richard Stupek teaches the basics to his eighth grade class.
Helping student Tony Creonte, Mr. Scott McCasland assists during a lab day.

'The change of the junior high into a high school went very well, and I was pleased," stated principal Andy Zacharias.
'Some of the highlights involving the transition were the use of the new facility, the grand opening on August 30, and the successful sports program that was established.
'Another positive aspect of the new school was the excellent staff that we acquired. For example, Mr. Charles Messner, teacher of Industrial Arts and Mechanical Drawing, came in and organized the classes plus took part in the coaching of fall and spring sports. He helped in making the floor plans and fire plans for the school, and he assisted in major repairs and installations in the school," stated Mr. Zacharias.

Although there were many positive aspects of the new school year, there were a few negative ones also.
'We only had two and one-half weeks to get ready for the opening. We were still awaiting supplies, and there were many defects in the new building with the electrical system," he said.

According to Mr. Dean Bame, assistant principal, the community was much closer and supportive. "With the students commuting to Nuernberg the year before, there was no sense of a community, plus there was a lot more parent interest and support in the school this year," he stated.

Andrew Zacharias
Dean Bame




## Adding up those success stories

An advanced math course composed of one semester of Trigonometry and one semester of Analytic Geometry was added to the math course offerings to appease those students interested in pursing math beyond Algebra II.

With only eight students enrolled in the class, Mr . Fred Smith, Advanced Math teacher, was able to sit among the students and work with them on a one-to-one basis.

Senior Advanced Math student, Doug Magnusson, described the classroom atmosphere as "informal with a porential to learn."
"I enjoyed the class because the pressures of formal studies were gone," he later commented.

Other courses offered aside from Advanced Marh included general seventh and eighth grade math classes, a secondary general math course, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

Of the secondary math courses, only one was required for graduation. Despite this, all students were encouraged to take math beyond one year.


Pointing to a problem, sophomore Todd Overcash explains an assignment to Geometry classmare, Drew Dorminey
Smiling about an error he has found in a rextbook, junior Rick Rivera seeks assistance from Mr. Knutson.
Using a calculator, seventh grader Sean Jarrett performs mathematical computations as classmate Patricia Amos ponders on.
Working at the chalkboard, sophomore Denise Robinson solves a perimeter problem for her class.
Referring to the teacher's manual, seventh grader Janice Kinney corrects an assignment as classmates Robert Petty and Carherine Poe look on.


## Courses

For many students, the focal point of their social life is their school environment. Although school provides social activities, its main purpose is to provide students with an education through a series of academic courses.

The courses offered may be divided into two categories required courses and electives.

Required courses consist of those deemed essential to all students and are commonly referred to as the basics of academics. Among them are history, math, English, and science.

Although electives are not deemed necessary to all students, they are offered to allow students to pursue individual interests. Art, Band, Chorus, Industrial Arts, and Computers were only several of those electives offered.

A combination of required courses and electives was used to develop a regimental class schedule. It was this combination of courses which provided students with an education to serve as a foundation for later endeavors.

## Missing equipment slows science

The science classes got off to a slow start because of the opening of the new high school.
"The school was not completed until August 9, so the equipment that had arrived was stored in warehouses. This resulted in a lot of lost equipment. As of November 15, only three-fourths of it had arrived,' stated Mrs. Messner, science coordinator.

The physics class had very little of its equipment in, and their books had not yet arrived.

The chemistry class couldn't do any experiments because they were missing some of their key equipment.
'We did not receive all of our bunsen burners so we could not do the necessary experiments," Mrs. Messner said.

The 7th and 8th grade science classes had absolutely no problems during the year. "The science class is pretty interesting, especially when you have an interesting teacher," said Judy Beasley, 7th grade.

The computer class's only problem was a shortage of computers. There were only five terminals and over 12 people in the class, so there was a lot of haggling.
"I learned a lot, but it would be nice if we had had more computers," said Don Wilburn, junior.



A frog gets close scrutiny under the hand of one of Mr. Scott McCasland's biology students.

Studying a diagram, Doug Billotte prepares to make a cut into a frog's central artery.

Working in independent study computer class, Nelson Ham leisurely types in an extremely crucial line of code.

Studying a speciman, Tony Creonte and Tim Atwood complete a workbook assignment.

After cutting through the outer skin of the frog, Philip Volkert attempts to pry it open to catch a glimpse of its intestinal tract.

Seeking assistance from his teacher Mrs. Peggy Messner, Tim Zacharias completes an assignment in eighth grade science.

## Global issues

## in the backyard

"I think Social Studies is a subject which everyone needs to be aware of," stated Debbie Clark, seventh grader.

As a special section of leadership, Mrs. Mary Lavato, head of the Social Studies department, invited several speakers to come in and speak about the U.S.'s role in foreign policy.

Government is a required twelfth grade semester course for DODDS (Department of Defense Dependent Schools) schools, which is an in-depth study of the American Democracy. World Regions is a ninth grade course designed to study the geography of the different regions of the world. World History is a tenth or eleventh grade course dealing with the history of the world up until modern times. U.S. History is a required eleventh grade subject which focuses on American History from Columbus to WWII. Seventh and eighth grade Social Studies is an exploratory history program.
"I try to plan an assimilation activity every quarter," said Ms. Betsy Ryan, eighth grade Social Studies teacher, "supplementing the historical period that we're covering." Some of those activities were a senate hearing, a pilgrim's town meeting, and a court, and a modern town meeting.

 nuclear missiles Benny Santos completes required reading for Mrs. Mary Lavato's social studies closs.

Handing out worksheets for review. Mrs Betsy Ryan goes over a unit of study with her class of eighth graders.

Glancing through the text in Mr. John Mutch's social studies class, new student Cortez Covington adjusts to a new school.

Getting help on an assignment which is due at the end of the period, Eddie Marzigliano works with Tim Noble.

Explaining a point in world regions, Melinna Smith performs for her classmates. Questioning a mark on his graded paper, Ronnie Sewell seeks assistance from his teacher Mr. Murch.

## Writing it right

The English Department was loaded with many new exciting activities

Seventh graders in Ms. Beth Miller's English Class were introduced to mythology where students learned about the Adventure of Ulysses. Students also covered a two to three week unit on newspaper writing, where students were involved in producing their own newspaper

Eighth graders in Ms. Miller's class wrote letters and visited the third graders ot the Grafenwoehr Elementary School.

Ms. Ready's English class went through the year mostly covering grammar and learning to enjoy the great arts of literature.

Mrs. Anne Schmitt's main concern with her ninth graders was to "get them to follow directions." Mrs. Schmitt did things like telling her students to write their answers backwards just to see how well they would follow directions.

Students in Mrs. Marilyn Hariman's sophomore English class focused mainly on an identity unit where students learned how to cope with problems they faced in life through reading identity novels.

Journalism, taught by Mrs. Harriman, was offered for advanced students. These students worked on producing the first annual Jr/High School Yearbook and putting out the Falconian Newspaper.



Writing his thoughts about possible racist comments in Huckleberry Finn, junior Bruce Mills analyzes the works of Mark Twain.

Strumming basic chords, Don Allen shows his classmates how to play the acoustic guitar during a demonstration speech.

Checking over his English verbal scores on a national achievement test, Charles Cherry makes decisions about furure English course work.

Finishing a research project, eighth grader Jim Foil uses the library for an assignment in English.

With basketball in hand sophomore Tommy Buckley shows his classmates how to dribble.

Working on context clues, Ms. Betty Jackson works with an English student fourth hour.

## Hands on tasks build top skills

The Auto-Shop and Industrial Arts classes shared a common goal. Each class was designed to teach the student how to use the tools of the trade as well as self-confidence in what was done.
"Shop was neat because life is all about putting things together. It's really good practical experience for kids," commented Mr. Charles Messner, Industrial Arts instructor.

The students had a chance to work with expensive equipment while working on major projects. The Auto-Shop used its performance analyzer to tune up race cars, while the Industrial Arts classes used the woodplaner to remodel their shop

Eighth grader Richard Adams said, "It was a good experience for everyone, and especially for those thinking of going into the field of Auto-Mechanics.'

The students learned the basic principals in using the equipment and felt at home working with the highly technological material.

Senior Chris Burge said, "It was a good course because it gave me valuable experience in Automotive trouble shooting.'

The classes proved to be advantageous to the school. The auto-shop class changed Coach Dave Smith's engine and industrial arts drilled holes for safety fixtures.




Purting away a pair of tin shears, Nathanial Hodges cleans up after making a metal toolbox

Testing the performance analyzer, Andy Jackson listens to Mr. Richard Stupeck Sr. for instructions.

Punching keys of the Performance analyzer, Andy Jackson checks a car's engine.
Up to his elbows in an engine, Wesley Smith repairs the pistons on Mr. Dean Bame's car.
Oiling a piece of equipment, Bill Billore helps set up the Industrial arts shop.
Varnishing with care, Dwayne Tincher finishes a stepping block for the elementary school.

## Art, home ec provide life skills

Art and Home Economics prepared students for life now and in the future with practical and hands on experience

New classrooms and equipment provided a good learning atmosphere for the students.
'The students in art did activities that related to real life by teaching responsibility and how to relate art to what is going on in life now," explained Mrs. Eddie Rousell, art teacher.

In order to raise money for a trip to Italy, the art classes sponsored a variety of fund raisers.
"When you go to Italy, you can see the real thing that you usually only see on a magazine or book," said sophomore Drew Dorminey concerning the art class's trip.
"The new Home Ec equipment, six new kitchens, a sewing unit per person, a dishwasher, a washer/dryer, a microwave, and dressing room, were great and gave students the opportunity to learn by doing," stated Mrs. Carol Capone, home economics teacher
'Mrs. Capone is nice and parient but our sewing unit was quite difficult," said Michelle Galloway, eighth grader.

Home Ec student juniro Clint Slaight enjoyed home ec even though he was only one of two males in Foods and Nutritions. "We made the best food in the class," explains Clint.



Sewing Christmas ornaments, Regina Hernandez completes a segment of the sewing unit in Home Ec.

Chewing on a paint brush. Drew Dorminey concentrates on an oil painting of a fish in art lab.

A fantasy hero comes to life under the hands of Christopher Wren during exploratory art

Looking disgustedly of the entrails of a turkey, Clint Slaight and Franklin Anderson prepare a meal.

Mixing acrylics for a painting. Marcie Sego works on an assignment in art.

Rolling out dough, Jill Kidd prepares to bake Playdough cookies to receive Red Cross certification in child care

## Play it again!

A firm believer that "marching is a part of band," and that "we should help band students become familiar with marching," music director Dr. Dan Pack organized Vilseck's first marching band.

The marching band performed in conjunction with the school's first drill team whose members, according to sponsor Mrs. Barbara Floyd, were responsible for choreographing and performing precision dance routines

Premiering at Homecoming, the 28 piece marching band and 16 member drill team entertained spectators with a half-time performance.
'Our hours of preparation were well spent. Homecoming was a great success," stated drill team member, Laurie Norton.

Although this debut ended the marching band season, a pep band was organized to accompany the drill team during basketball half-time performances.

With the termination of marching band season, concert band began.

Band students were divided into beginning, intermediate, and advanced bands, depending upon their musical capabilities. These bands produced both winter and spring concerts.
"Thanks to new music and much effort, we accomplished a lot," commented Betsy Jinks, seventh grade advanced band member.




Tapping away, freshman advanced band member, Karin Horner, concentrates while keeping rhythm.

Blowing feverishly, freshman advanced band member, Jim Wilburn, prepares a part for the Homecoming performance.

Drill team members include, front row A. Aurienne, R. Hubbard, D. Clark, D. Clark, J. Kinney, second row, A. Floyd, L. Norton, M. Smith, D. Eckart, K. Perkins, G. Horner back row, B. Cooper, C. Schiwy, K. Horner, D. Carter, K. Daniels, and J. Hanks.

Studying a music score, music director Dr. Dan Pack directs the intermediate band during a daily rehearsal

Dressed to a tee, intermediate band members, Nicola Waldhouse and Pamela Bowles, perform at the winter concert

## PE - for the health of it!

Two classes that dealt with physical fitness of both mind and body were Health and Physical Education.

The P.E. classes were offered to students in grades 7-12.
'P.E. helped students release tension which then prepared them for education throughout the day. This course taught kids respect and cooperation in a group situation," stated boys P.E. coach, Irv Rousell.

The program was designed not for superior athletes, but for all students regardless of their physical skills.
"P.E. gave me a chance to improve in different sports, plus it was a break from the monotony of the school day," stated eighth grader, Rebecca Slater.

The Health class was taught by girls P.E. coach Mrs. Ollie Litt. Some of the highlights of the year were the lectures that were offered. "The lectures offered much information that could be applied to the lives of teens today. They also allowed the students the freedom to discuss personal experiences in front of the whole class," stated Mrs. Litt.

The lectures came from important figures, and specialists in area communities, Amberg, Grafenwohr, and Vilseck. Topics included rape, child abuse, drugs, and alcohol.




Sketching a poster for publicity, Gary Hovatter, Sophomore, draws in first hour health class
Poison was just one of the many games that P.E. students got involved in during the year.
Instructing students on fall Basketball Coach Irwin Rousell ralks to his first hour P.E students.
Completing grades for her first hour Health class, Mrs. Ollie Litt observes her student averages.
Working diligently on completion, Junior Lisa Fernandes works in first hour Health class.
Suggesting a possible solution to a worksheet on C.P.R., Health Instructor Mrs. Litt talks with Sophomore Don Van Allen.

## Minding their own business

The business lab program was geared to prepare students for entry into a variety of business fields. Record keeping, records management, electronic calculator, business English and beginning typing were offered under the business lab umbrella.

The classes were geared to prepare students for advance study in their particular fields of business administration. With machines like the IBM memory typewriter and the word processor the students were able to learn about and have on the job training with the equipment
'Most of the upperclassmen have already taken typing and we took advantage of our opportunity to take the course that would help us in the future," said sophomore Heidi Drapeau.
The business lab was set up so that teachers could make reproductions in a special place set up in the business lab. The stencil and fluid copiers were widely used by teachers as well as by students on special assignments.

Senior Mike Johnson said, "During my years in school I found out that if you can type, you are ahead of the game. Also, in college when reports are due, most of them are to be typed.
"The class was interesting and I learned a new skill (typing)," sophomore Bret Cantwell said.



## Only German is spoken here



Four levels of German were offered. Two of the classes were German Language I courses; one was a German Language II course and one was a German Language IV course.

Herr Horst Götz, German Language Instructor, explained, "I set up an exchange system with the Kümmersbruck German School.'

He continued, "The exchange system dealt with five or six mature American students exchanging places with five or six German students for a certain period of time."
"I thought it was a very real and good interrelations program between American and German cultures," stated Freshman Vice President, Mike Runey.




## Shelves slowly fill up

The Library Media Center opened during National Book Week, November 21 to 23.

Some of the reasons for the library's lote opening were, "each book was handled individually to see if it had the right call number and the right cards," Media Specialist Mrs. DiAnne Bidwell explained.
"It was pretty nice, and pretty fun too looking at all the new books," stated Sophomore Gary Hovatter, Student Library Aid.
"I had introductory orientation sessions planned through the English classes after I opened the library," she explained.
When the Media Center first opened Mrs. Bidwell informed each student regarding rules and the ins and outs of using the library.



## On the run with winning scores

Although it was a first year varsity sport for Vilseck, the cross country team placed second in the Class A Regional Championships in Karlsruhe
"I felt we did very well at the Class A Regionals considering we took six of fifteen places in the Central European Final," said Coach Charles Messner.
'There was great competition at the Central European Finals because the best of all the schools in Germany were there," commented Jim Wilburn, freshman.

Vilseck beat every team in the Class A division but Augsburg, and even that was close," explained junior Donald Wilburn

It was surprising that we did so well for our first year. We had a team of superb runners," stated senior Jessica Clark.
'Our practices were hard and strenuous which enabled us to improve throughout the season and to give a good performance in the Class A Regionals and the Central European Finals," explains eighth-grader Tim Zacharias



Starting the four-mile run at the Class A Regionals in Karlsruhe are Vilseck runners Don and Mike Wilburn.

Exhaustion showing in his face. Jim Wilburn continues the last mile in the Regionals to place eighth.

Varsity Cross Country runners are, front row; Greg Schrieber, J. J. McKinney, Jessie Clark, Lorna Dowlin, and Clayton Izumi. Back row; Jim Wilburn, Lauren Schefler, Doug Magnasson, Don Wilburn, and Mike Wilburn.

Glancing back of Karlsruhe opponents Jessie Clark mentally prepares for the upcoming meet.

Breathing hard Lorna Dowlin stays ahead of her competitors at the Class A Regionals.


## Sports

Sometimes it was hard to think of school in any terms other than athletics. The Saturday football games were social gatherings. The baskerball games brought out an informal rooting section that was at times as entertaining as the action on the court and the cheerleaders boosted spirits at both events.

Although Vilseck High School did not offer a full range of sports, it did offer major sports such as football, basketball and soccer.

For the students who played these sports staying after school each day contributed to their personal growth. "It taught them a sense of responsibility for the team and when they skipped practice they hurt the team," says Athletic Director Robert Knutson.

Some sports which were planned did not come through such as track. Although a track team was scheduled the $\$ 175,000$ track was not completed until June.

The track's location caused controversy even before it was under construction.

On a higher note, the wrestling received three mats in maroon and gold worth $\$ 5,000$.

## Scoreboard

| Vilseck | 12 | Munich | 32 |
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| Vilseck | 00 | Karlsuhe | 49 |
| Vilseck | 02 | Ruldo | 06 |
| Vilseck | 00 | Bamberg | 34 |
| Vilseck | 02 | Ansbach | 28 |
| Vilseck | 00 | Augsburg | 14 |
| Vilseck | 22 | Ulm | 00 |
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## Team tackles a season of trials

According to Coach Dave Smith the first varsity foot ball team experienced a building year.
'Even though we did not have a winning season, we did learn, even if it took seven games, which is what we were trying to do all along. From that stand point the season was a success," said Coach Smith.

The highlight of the season occurred in the last game when the winless Falcons romped on the Ulm Marauders. The final score of the Ulm game was 22-0

Coach Smith was proud of the effort of the twentyeight players at the end of the season. "I am very pleased that we finally performed as a team and not as individuals and also very sorry that the season ended because now that we have learned that lesson I think we would have won many games that we lost.
"I'm proud of the entire team," said Junior Lenski Eitson.


Football team includes, front row, T. Creonte, C. Kelso, T. Buckley, A Jackson, D. Holmes, M. Davis, S. Keanaaina, I. Hutchinson, second row D. Rose, T. Cooper, C. Rose, M. Johnson, A. Williams, K. Smith, P. Hutchinson, third row, J. Mutch, W. Smith, M. Runey, C. Boyd, R. Rivera, K. Byrd, D. Tincher, S. Wilinson, back row, D. Smith, T. Fehr, R. Stupek, L. Eitson, M. Dalton, R. Dragon, D. Lewis, R. Lee.
Jumping for joy, Mike Runey, Lenski Eirson, and Adrian Williams celebrate a fumble recovery.
Recovering instructions from Coach Dave Smith, Langston Izumi contemplates his next move.

Attempting to shake off a Karlsruhe defender, Mike Johnson strives for additional yardage
Sweeping around the end, Tommy Buckley and Rick Rivera rush for yardage.

## Spiked from season's start

Inexperience was probably the key factor which affected the girl's volleyball season. With our new school, experience was hard to find and Coach Ollie Litt had to "start from scratch and teach them to discipline themselves."

The team's one win occurred during the spirited Homecoming victory over the Augsburg Apaches. Vilseck won two of the three games to defeat their tough opponents. Just before the Homecoming triumph Mrs. Litt commented that "the team was finally working together, as a team and not as individuals."

Team member Heidi Drapeau commented, "We as a team improved our attitudes and sportsmanship through hard practices and the various drills we did during the season.

Mrs. Litt said the team had improved vastly from its beginning.




Team members include, front row, Kim Adams, Teresa Ferrell, Dionna Calhoun, Ivanna Brown and Nelly Davilla; Back row: Heidi Drapeau, Annabel Dakin, Julia Foss, Sabrina Whitehead and Yolanda Hern

Spiking the ball. Heidi Drapeau rallies the ball to another teammate.

Looking up with concentration Nelly Davilla practices for an upcoming meet.

Waiting for a return serve Kim Adams gets in the ready position during a game against Karlsruhe



## YAC offers underclassmen entertainment

The Vilseck Youth Activity Center's (YAC) football team ended their conference season Saturday, October 29, after struggling for a homecoming victory against the Bindlach Bulldogs. Vilseck lost, 12-6.

Football was just one of the season sports offered at Vilseck YAC along with cheerleading, soccer, baseball, softball, t-ball, and basketball.

Sports was just one of the many activities in which youths participated
"I enjoyed playing sports for the YAC," stated seventh grader Henry Johnson, "because it gave me something to do with my spare time.
'Seventh graders didn't get an opportunity to play football for the school, so naturally I turned to the YAC which wasn't such a bad choice," explained Henry.

According to the director Shirley Strong, all activities were for youths and teens.


Pointing out a good play, Coach Edward Garcia explains to Alan Lindsey that team spirit is where it's at.

Crowning Homecoming King Chris Garcia, YAC Director Shirley P. Strong flashes a bright smile while princess Cheryl Slater and queen Amy Vaccaro look on.

Tackling his opponent from behind, Ronnie Sewell is successful in his attempt as a referee signals the play dead.
Ronnie Sewell, Cheryl Slater, Amy Vaccaro, Dana Vaccaro, Chris Garcia, Warren Dykes, Brenda Nash, Henry Johnson and Sandy McClain

Maneuvering quickly from the side, Byron Mills tackles a player.

As Coach Edward Garcia tightens the straps on Alan Stokcer's pade, Alan watches the field in anticipation.


## New team



Three games into the season, Coach Irvin Rousell stated that it had been a good season so far for the varsity boys basketball team. "With the addition of a few players, the season had a successful start against tough, competitive teams," he said.

The pressure of being a "new" team helped the first victories of the season over Fulda, Ulm, and Ansbach.
"The team played exceptionally well when they concentrated more on how well they played the game rather than if they would win or not," said the manager, Chris Boyd.

The team worked together and worked hard on sportsmanship and playing efficiently. Given the chance to play more Single-" $A$ " division schools, the V.H.S. Boys Varsity Basketball team showed the experience and efficiency needed to play good, competitive games.


In control of the ball, Lenski Eitson travels down the court before the Cougars can catch up to him.
Leaping into the air, Kelly Morgan gets ready to release the ball at Ulm.
Flying through the air, Adrian Williams releases the ball into the basket at Vilseck High School.
Dribbling the ball, Doug Billote evades Ulm team members at the first home game.
Shooting the ball, Adrian Williams jumps in front of opposing team members from Ulm.
Jumping up, Kelly Morgan tries to block Ulm's attempt to score at a home game.



## Shooting for a win

The girls basketball team started their season off with a bang, with two quick victories over Fulda.
"We played as a team, we supported one another and we had confidence during practice," said the coach, Ms. Ollie Litt.

Their hopes were dashed when they were defeared in the next four games when they came up against Ansbach and Ulm.
"We just didn't play like a team. There was too much bickering among my starting players, so I was forced to have some of them sit on the bench," said cooch Litt

During away games the girls had an unusual opportunity to experience overnight stays at different cities.
"It really affected our play. At one place the game was delayed for two hours and we were not served dinner until 11:00 p.m.," explained coach Litt.


Dribbling the ball Oralee Ekberg evades Ansbach Cougar players at Ansback High School.
Arms up and waiting Amy Vacarro gets ready to catch the ball in front of her opponent in order to score before halftime.
Getting ready to shoot the ball Amy Vacarro watches her Karlsruhe opponent's every move.
Clenching her teeth Sabrina Whitehead catches the ball before her opponent has a chance to stop her in the Karlsruhe High School gym.



## A few small victories

Wrestling, a new winter sport of VHS is for the serious-minded athlete. It is a contact sport which requires weight control, fast reflexes, and muscle coordination.

Our wrestling team, despite a large turnout, was quite small by the end of the season. It was made up of eight varsity and four JV wrestlers.

The wrestling team practiced everyday after school for 2 hours. Their workout consisted of strenuous exercise and muscle stretches as well as reperitive drills of the various moves used in a wrestling match

The wrestling ream did not experience many victories as a result of its small size. Because there were no wrestlers above the 145 lb . weight class they had to forfeit these matches. This brought down the overall team score. However, many wrestlers experienced individual successes.


Wrestling ream includes, front row. Henry Johnson, Tim Zacharias, Richard Adams, Brian Blackburn, back row M. Gorski, M. Dalron, M. Wilburn, D. Wilburn, M. Johnson, J. Gines. R. Dragon, J. Wilburn, R. Knurson.
Finding himself in a rather unusual situation, Brian Blackburn, a 112 lb . JV wrestler looks confident
Preparing to do battle with a 112 lb . JV wrestler from Ansbach, Brian Blackburn looks confident.
Staying on top of an Ansbach Cougar, Mike Wilburn, 105 lbs . prepares for the pin.
Freeing himself from a Wuerzburg wrestler, Mike Johnson puts up a fight while the rest of the team watches a girl. Mike Johnson, 145 lbs . prepares to do battle with a Wuerzburg contender while Gregor Schreber, Rey Dragon, and Phillip Volkert look on



## YAC - Something for Everyone

During those long dark days of winter many Vilseck students turned to their local Youth Activity Centers for something is do with their time. Many of the students who became bored with the rigors of everyday school life participated in activities that were sponsored by the Y.A.

The most popular events were the dances sponsored by the local Y. A. 's. According to Clayton Izumi the dances were a chance to meet people from the other communities. The Youth Activity dances were a chance for the seventh and eighth grade students to participate, although they were excluded from high school dances.

Most students considered the Y.A. to be a place just to go and relax when they wanted to get away from the home and family. It was the one place that everyone could go when there was no other place to be.


Jumping with arms outstretched, Nadine Young tries to score at the Grafenwoehr fieldhouse.
All in a huddle, Vilseck YA players listen intently to their coach.
Lining up, Vilseck and Graf players watch as a free throw is made.
Clutching the ball, Amberg and Graf YA players struggle for possession of the ball.
Going for a lay-up. David Foley tries to score in Grafenwoehr. Fighting over the ball, Graf and Amberg players are watched by their teammates.

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## Cheer Up!

## Spirit never

## dies

"It didn't matter to me if we won or lost as long as the football players put out an effort and tried their best," said Sophomore Robin Grubb. This was the type of attitude the fall cheerleaders had, which was amazingly difficult to keep, cheering for a losing football team.

Mrs. Debra Lee added, "The group was naturally, exuberant and extremely dedicated. They wanted to be excellent cheerleaders and the fact that they knew the roles of a cheerleader which was demonstrated properly by them.'

Cheerleaders were disappointed that they couldn't go on away games because of a DODDS policy.
"I really felt let down," explained winter cheerleader Joyace Hanks, "because I was looking forward to cheering at the games where the guys needed us the most.


Leaping in the air, junior Lauren Summerford demonstrated her abilities as a fall cheerleader.
Winter cheerleaders (left to right) Karin Kinney, Eva Carreon, Robin Grubb, Dana Vaccaro, Dionna Calhoun, Kelly Downing.
Generating spirit during a pep rally sophomore, Robin Grubb, just cheers her heart out.
Fall cheerleaders Row 1: Joyace Hanks. Row 2: Kelly Downing, Lauren Summerford, Robin Grubb. Row 3: Karen Kinney. Row 4: Oralee Ekberg
Basketball cheerleaders, clockwise, starting with Eva Carreon doing the splits, Robin Grubb, Dionna Calhoun, Karen Kinney, Dana Vaccaro, and Kelly Downing.
Winter Cheerleaders Row 1: Eva Carreon and Dionna Calhoun. Row 2: Dana Vaccro, Robin Grubb, and Kelly Downing. Row 3: Karen Kinney



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