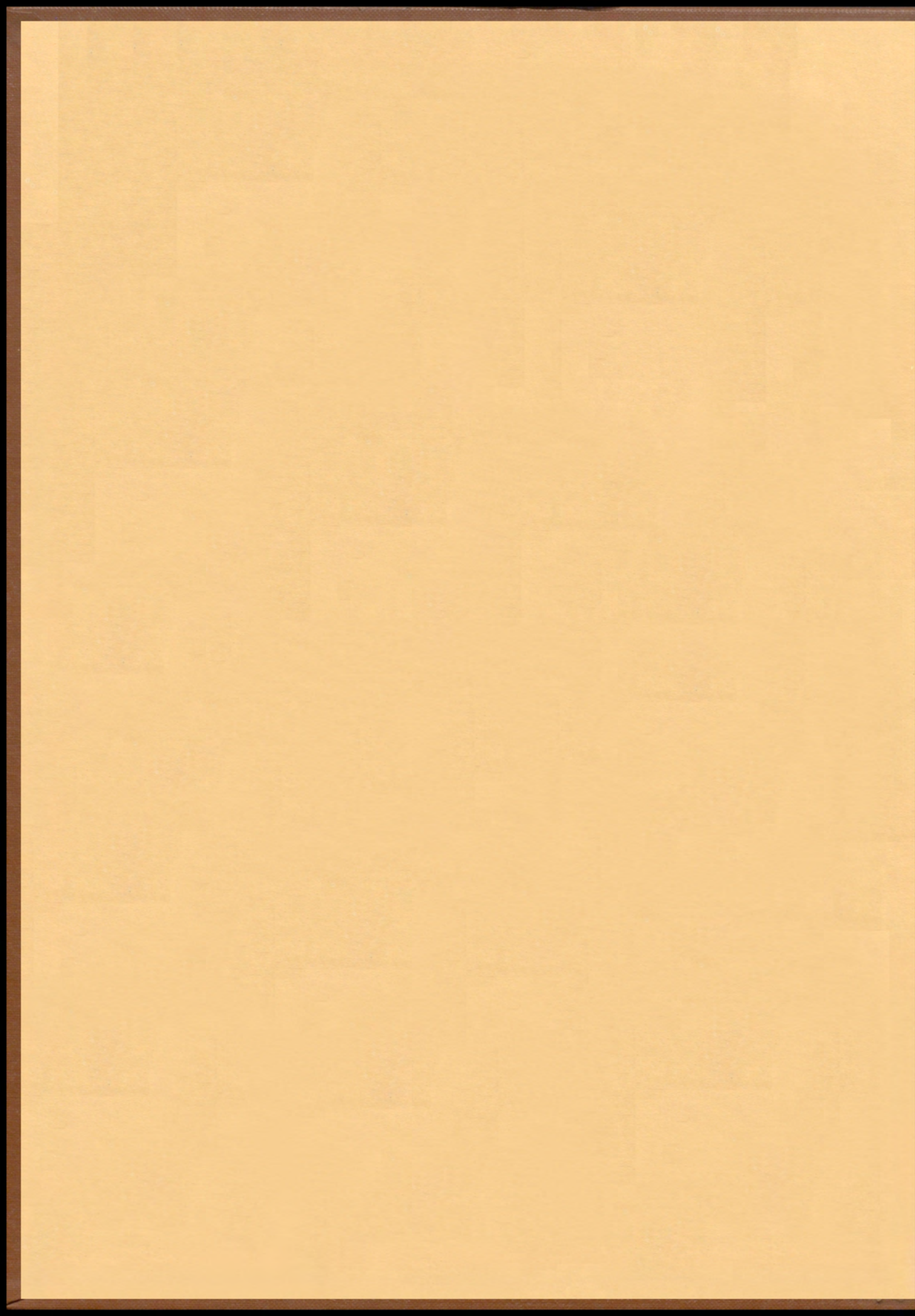




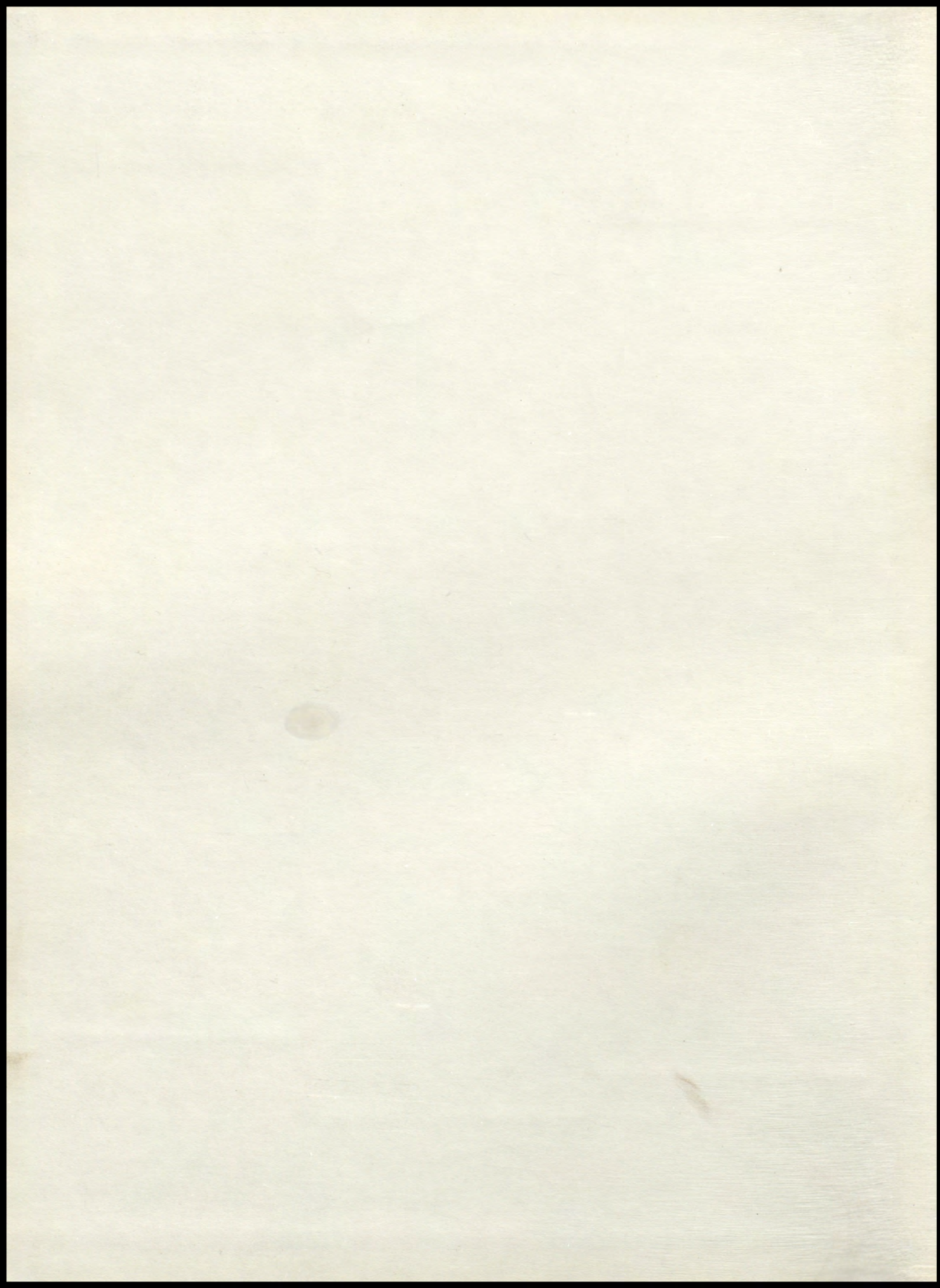
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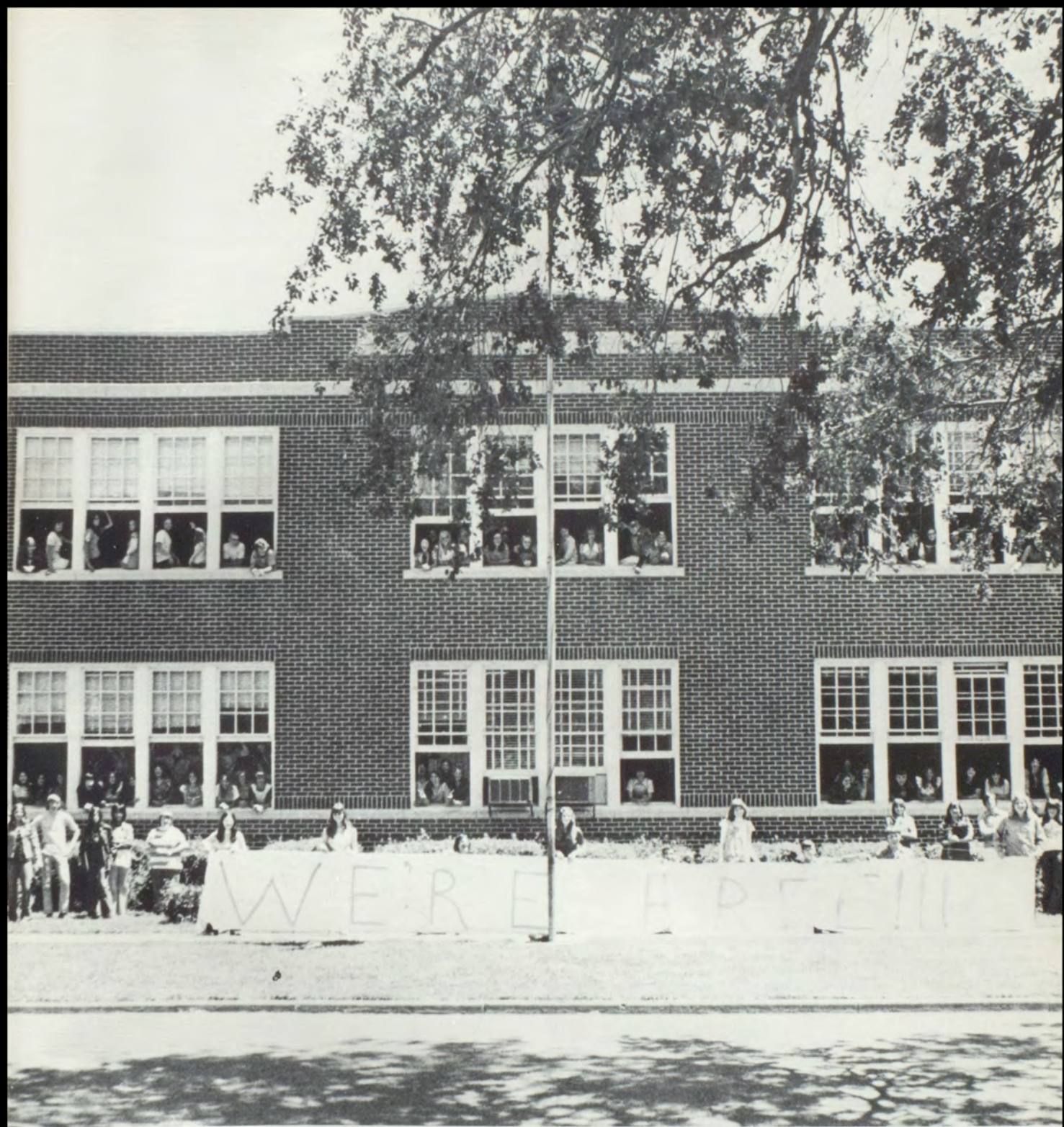






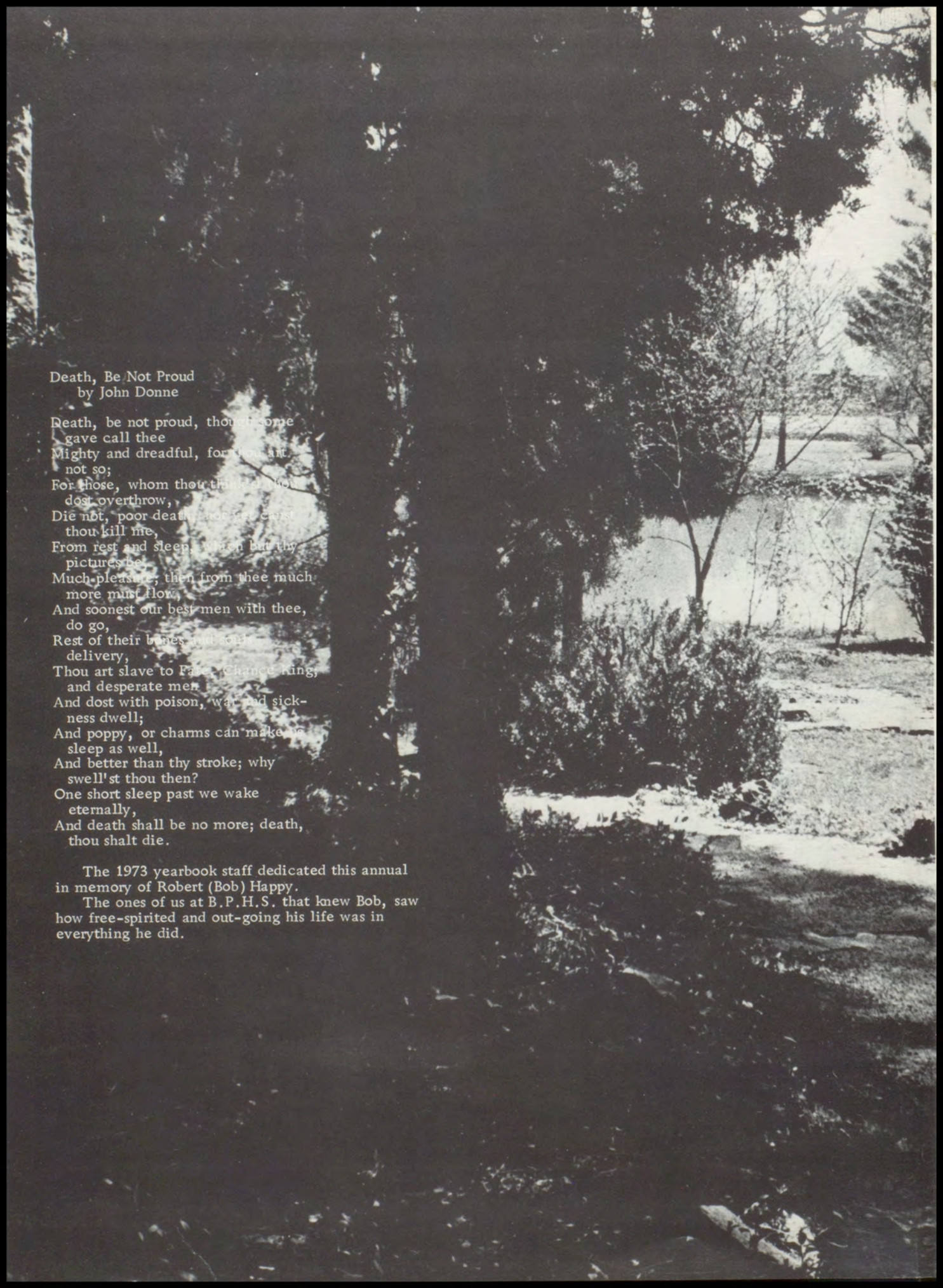






**Belle Plaine High School  
Belle Plaine, Kansas 1973**



A black and white photograph of a wooded path leading to a body of water. The path is on the left, and the water is on the right. The trees are dense and leafy, creating a dappled light effect on the ground and water. The overall mood is serene and natural.

Death, Be Not Proud  
by John Donne

Death, be not proud, though some  
gave call thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art  
not so;  
For those, whom thou think'st thou  
dost overthrow,  
Die not, poor death; yet earnest  
thou kill'st me,  
From rest and sleep, which but thy  
pictures be,  
Much pleasure; then from thee much  
more must flow,  
And soonest our best men with thee,  
do go,  
Rest of their bones and souls  
delivery,  
Thou art slave to Fate, Chance, kings,  
and desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sick-  
ness dwell;  
And poppy, or charms can make us  
sleep as well,  
And better than thy stroke; why  
swell'st thou then?  
One short sleep past we wake  
eternally,  
And death shall be no more; death,  
thou shalt die.

The 1973 yearbook staff dedicated this annual  
in memory of Robert (Bob) Happy.

The ones of us at B.P.H.S. that knew Bob, saw  
how free-spirited and out-going his life was in  
everything he did.





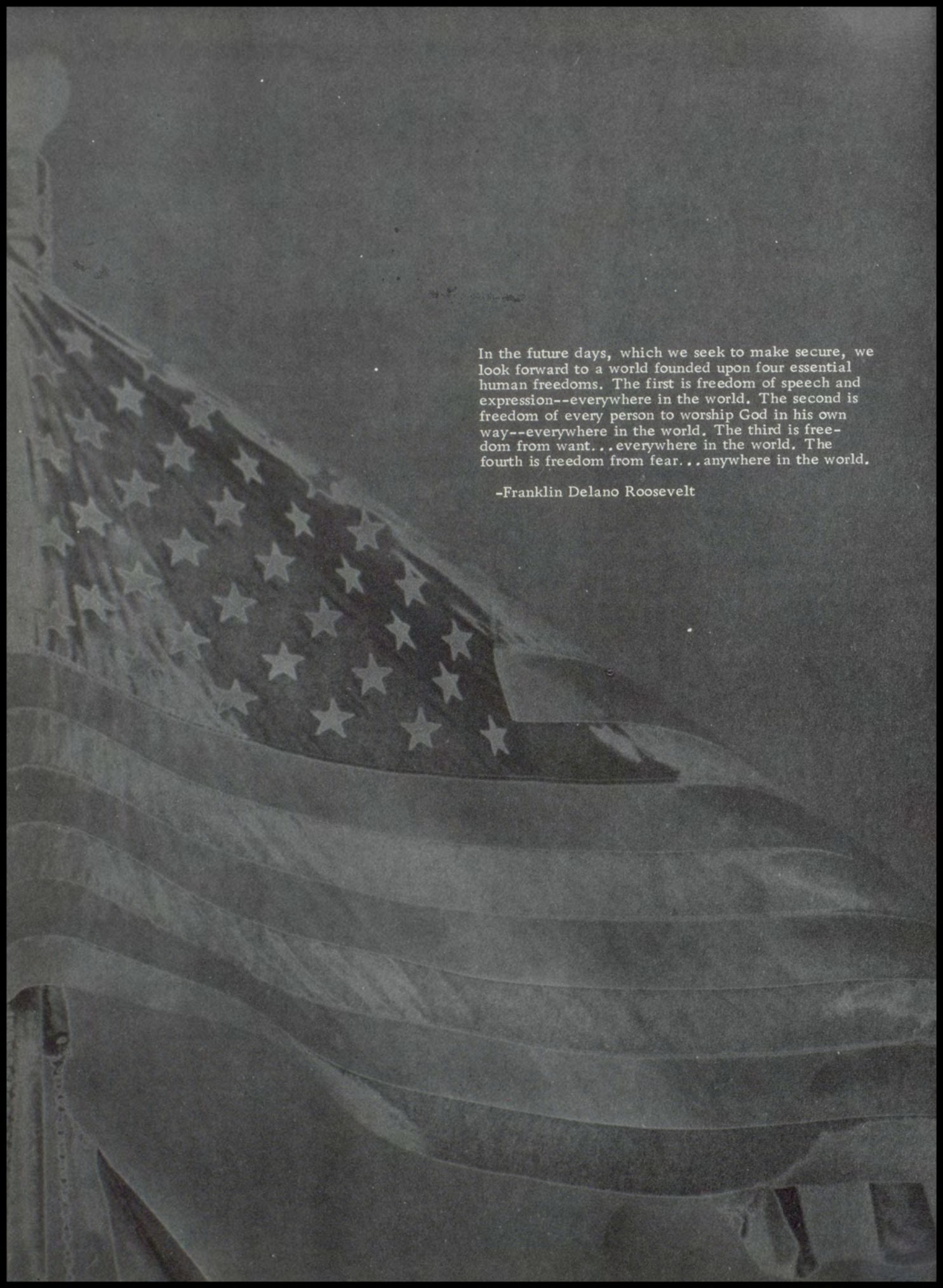
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In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression--everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way--everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want... everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear... anywhere in the world.

-Franklin Delano Roosevelt





## Society . . .



Once again the Jr-Sr Prom rolls around and once again the gym turns into a beautiful garden of fun and pleasure. Everyone decks out in formal attire and take their once a month bath for this special occasion. Then graduation rolls along, and after that who knows?



# Royalty Reigns Over Homecoming Festivities



Queen Jana Jenkins and King Nels Hoadley



... With Attendants



Jim Forester and Janice Johnson



Monty Erwin and Marlene Shivers





Queen Jana and her attendants, SEATED ON THE FLOAT created by STUCO, support the team effort.

## Various Activities Surround Crowning



The Dragon mascot promotes spirit during the pregame parade in the streets of downtown Belle Plaine.

BP started out Homecoming with lots of spirit in a parade Friday afternoon. The band led off the procession followed by the cheerleaders and the Pep Club. Then came the float. It was decorated in chocolate and gold with a goal post standing at one end.

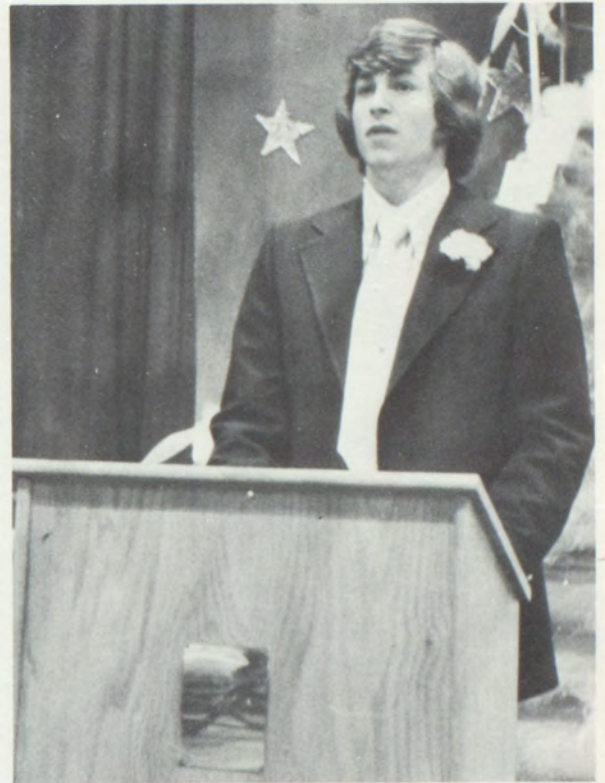
Belle Plaine played a valiant first half against Conway Springs but trailed 7-6 at the half. Crowning ceremonies took place at halftime. The Pep Band saluted the candidates musically. Sharon Scott, president of Pep Club, crowned Nels Hoadley King, and Nels crowned a radiant Jana Jenkins as the 1973 Homecoming Queen.

BP lost the game in a bitter battle 15-6. A dance followed.





Juniors and seniors stayed long enough to enjoy the meal but not long enough for the clean-up afterwards as Laurinda Hye reveals.



Following the meal Jeff Cott, Junior class president, addressed the banquet goers.



The festive atmosphere and food was enjoyed by all who attended the banquet.



# Prom Activities Highlight Senior Year



Renee Holinde appears to be pondering on the contents of the prom punch.



Junior class sponsors confer over the decorating of the stage.



Terri Howe supervises the decorating of the prom.

The traditional Junior-Senior Banquet-Prom was held in the BPHS auditorium on May 5. Many months of planning and hard work showed through with the theme, Stairway to Heaven, being beautifully illustrated through the decorations of a stairway leading to the stage, a wishing well, several silver stars, and many blue and purple streamers.

The banquet promptly began at 7 p. m. with the formally attired faculty and students being escorted to their tables by the sophomore servers who were: Rhonda Cushman, Laurinda Hye, Joan Allison, Melissa Shivers, Cindy Chmidling, Denise Hodges, Rod Slack, Tony Gourlay, Gerald Holinde, Fred Wilkerson, Jeff Thompson and Joe Waugh. The meal was prepared by mothers of the junior class.

At 9 p. m. the prom began with music provided by "Flight" from Kansas City and progressed until 12 a. m.





SENIORS OF 1973: BACK ROW-David Denton, Rockie DeLano, Ray Hervey, Tom Skinner, Danny Queen, Richie DeLano, Kenny Goyer, Wayne Cushman, Janice Johnson, FOURTH ROW-Glenn Lawless, Terri Thompson, John Gifford, JoLetta Mooney, Roger Cowan, Mike Thompson, THIRD ROW-Pam Hyle, Fay Grooms, Sherry Nave, Sharon Scott, Nancy Burrows, Pam Theobald, Jana Gifford, Kenny Cox, SECOND ROW-Dick Armstrong, Jim Forester, Craig Mead, Jana Jenkins, Marlene Shivers, Sherman Crawford, Laura Rettig, Linda Spencer, FIRST ROW-Lisa Fillmore, Kim Woll, Nels Hoadley, Monty Erwin, Tere Sullivan, Connie Troutman, Glenda Clark.

## Class of 1973

### Commencement Program

Processional .....	Band
	<small>(Audience standing until after invocation)</small>
Invocation .....	Charles S. Tinius Minister, Church of Christ
Selection from "Love Story", Band .....	Francis Lai
Piano Solo .....	Janice Johnson Arr. Brimhall-Edmondson
Honor Awards .....	Jay Minear, Principal
Salutatorian Address .....	Janice Johnson
Valedictorian Address .....	Linda Spencer
Presentation of Class .....	Jay Minear, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas .....	Dr. A. M. Helm, Jr. President of Board
Benediction .....	Charles S. Tinius Minister, Church of Christ
Recessional .....	Band
	<small>(Audience standing)</small>

### OFFICERS

Monty Erwin, President  
 Jim Forester, Vice-President  
 Nels Hoadley, Secretary-Treasurer

### STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Janice Johnson John Gifford, President Craig Mead

### CLASS ROLL

Richard Zane Armstrong	Pamela Gay Hyle
*Nancy Elaine Burrows	Jana Kay Jenkins
*Glenda Sue Clark	**Janice Lee Johnson
Roger David Cowan	Glenn Ray Lawless
Kenneth L. Cox	Craig Duane Mead
Sherman Phillip Crawford	*Dorothy JoLetta Mooney
Wayne Leo Cushman	*Sherry Marie Nave
Richard Lee DeLano	Lee Emerson Parker
Rocky Dee DeLano	Daniel Vernon Queen
*Larance David Denton	Laura Mac Rettig
Monty Jay Erwin	Sharon Kay Scott
Jana Maureen Fillmore	Marlene Kay Shivers
James Howard Forester	Tommy Ray Skinner
Jana Marie Gifford	**Linda Elaine Spencer
*John Robert Gifford	Teresa Lorraine Sullivan
Kenneth E. Goyer	Pamela Mae Theobald
Helen Faye Grooms	Michael John Thompson
Ray L. Hervey	*Teresa L. Thompson
*Nels Wm. Hoadley	*Connie Sue Troutman
	Kim Marie Woll

CLASS SPONSOR -- Carol Percival

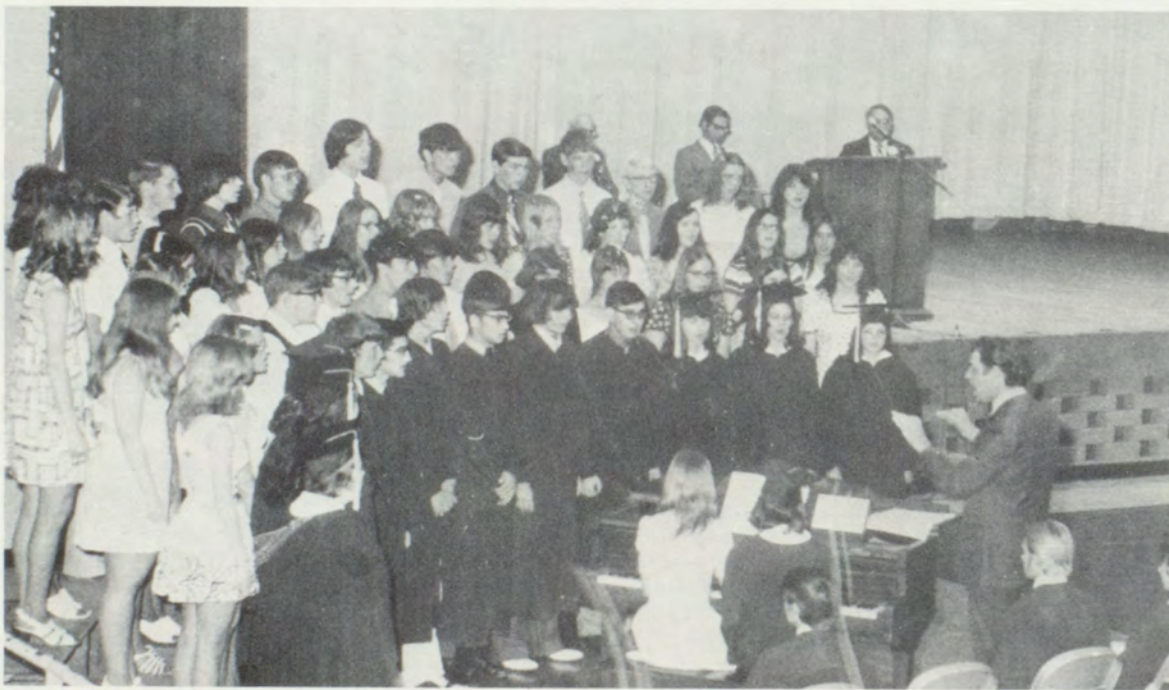
\*\*Valedictorian      \*\*Salutatorian      \*Honor Students





Crowd watches as seniors file in for last time.

## Graduates Freedom Begins

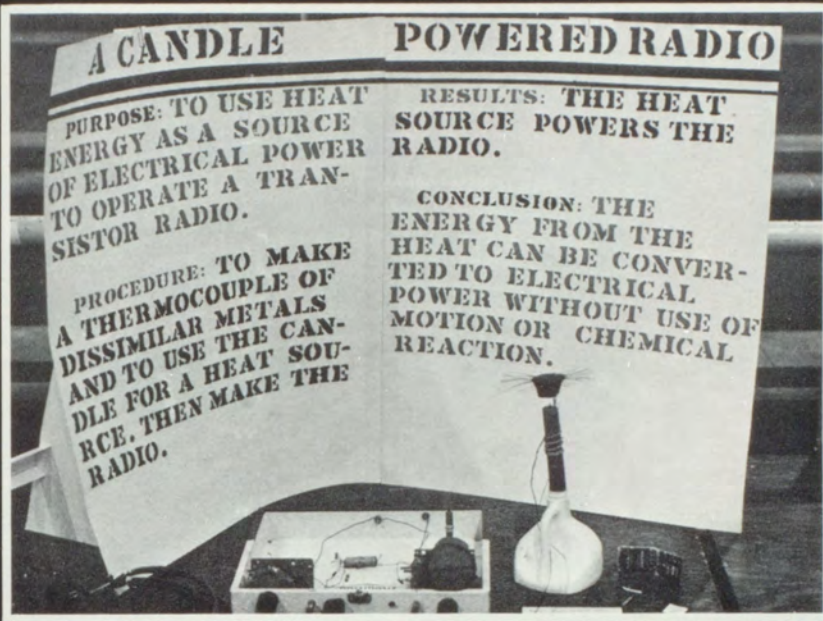


The BPHS choir under direction of Mr. Ray Rothgeb present a song to the graduating senior class.

The Senior Class finally made it to the top, on May 23, 1973. Graduation was the big moment they had been waiting for.

Top honors went to Linda Spencer, Valedictorian, and Janice Johnson, Salutatorian. They both gave a speech on the memories of the seniors throughout their 12 years of school. Nine other students vied for honors. They had to maintain a 3.0 grade average or better during high school. These students were Nancy Burrows, Glenda Clark, Monty Erwin, Nels Hoadley, John Gifford, Joletta Mooney, Sherry Nave, Terry Thompson, and Connie Troutman.





Freedom of expression--it can be seen if one is looking for it.

HELLO DOLLY gave one an opportunity to express oneself and provided enjoyment to hundreds of people at the same time. Everyone had the opportunity and freedom to attend, although the admission might not have been so free.

SCIENCE FAIR--what better way to convey your ideas than a science showing? One never stops to analyze the freedom of expression but one will find it all around.

## Culture . . .





# Thespians Successfully Stage



All dressed up and ready for a big night on the town is Pam Hyle as Ernestina.



Awaiting their first customers for the day are Janice Johnson as Minnie Fay and Kim Woll as Irene Molloy.



Partaking in a "quiet" dinner at the Harmonia Gardens are Horace and Dolly.



Gerard Holinde as Ambrose swoons over Ermengarde played by Kathy Boutwell.



# Production of Musical 'Hello Dolly'



Undaunted by the fear of failure, BPHS staged an all-school production of the Broadway musical, "Hello Dolly," which schools many times Belle Plaine's size dared not attempt.

With the hope of drawing larger crowds, a group of the cast journeyed to Hutchison to appear on the Joyce Livingston Show.

Weeks of hard work and sacrifice by the cast and crew came to an end on November 17 when the curtain rose and the play commenced. The show, playing for two consecutive nights, drew crowds totaling almost 1,000 persons who gave the performers standing ovations each night.

A cast party was held after the final performance to celebrate the successful efforts of all involved.

Wayne Cushman as Horace watches as his "dream girl" is disjointed.

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi . . . . .	JoLetta Mooney
Ernestina . . . . .	Pam Hyle
Ambrose Kemper . . . . .	Gerard Holinde
Horace Vandergelder . . . . .	Wayne Cushman
Ermengarde . . . . .	Kathy Boutwell
Cornelius Hackl . . . . .	Lee Parker
Barnaby Tucker . . . . .	Rocc Woll
Irene Molloy . . . . .	Kim Woll
Minnie Fay . . . . .	Janice Johnson
Mrs. Rose . . . . .	Terri Thompson
Rudolph . . . . .	Rockie DeLano
Judge . . . . .	Craig Mead
Court Clerk . . . . .	Ronnie Deal
Stanley . . . . .	Terry Zabel

## DANCERS AND TOWNSPEOPLE

Leigh Wooldridge	Sandy Godwin	Don Woll
Deanna Stinnett	Renne Holinde	Ronnie Deal
Linda Kunc	Danny Hunt	Allen Kerschen
Ginny Bitsche	Terry Zabel	Guy Doolittle
Debbie Hesse	Jeff Hunt	Tom Skinner
Pam Wood	Don Hunt	Richie DeLano
Sherri Bitsche		Terry McCulloch

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### ACT ONE

- SCENE 1: A long Fourth Avenue, New York City, in the 1890's.
- SCENE 2: A Street in Yonkers, New York.
- SCENE 3: Vandergelder's Hay and Feed Store, Yonkers.
- SCENE 4: The Yonkers Depot.
- SCENE 5: Mrs. Molloy's Hat Shop
- SCENE 6: 14th Street.

### ACT TWO

- SCENE 1: Outside the Harmonia Gardens Restaurant.
- SCENE 2: Inside the Harmonia Gardens Restaurant.
- SCENE 3: A Courtroom on Centre Street
- SCENE 4: The Hay and Feed Store, Yonkers.



JoLetta "Dolly" Mooney enjoys an imaginary meal in the restaurant scene.



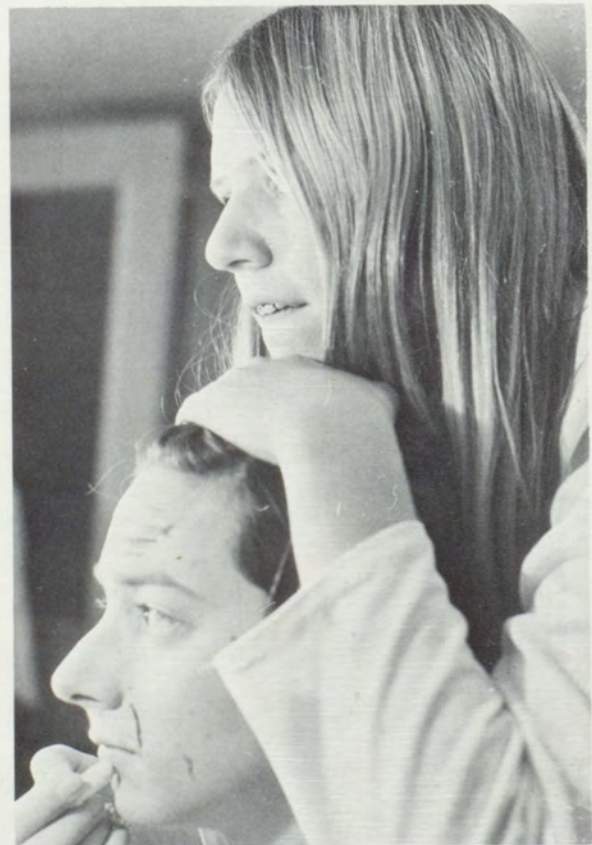


Dolly tells startled onlookers that, without a doubt, the devil made Horace do it.

## 'Hello Dolly' Receives Standing Ovations



Tripping the light fantastic are Rocc Wall as Barnaby and Lee Parker as Cornelius.



Debbie Hesse applies the final touches to Terry Zabel's make-up.



The annual BPHS Science Fair, sponsored by Mr. Paul Windsor, took place Saturday, April 14, 1973 in the high school gym.

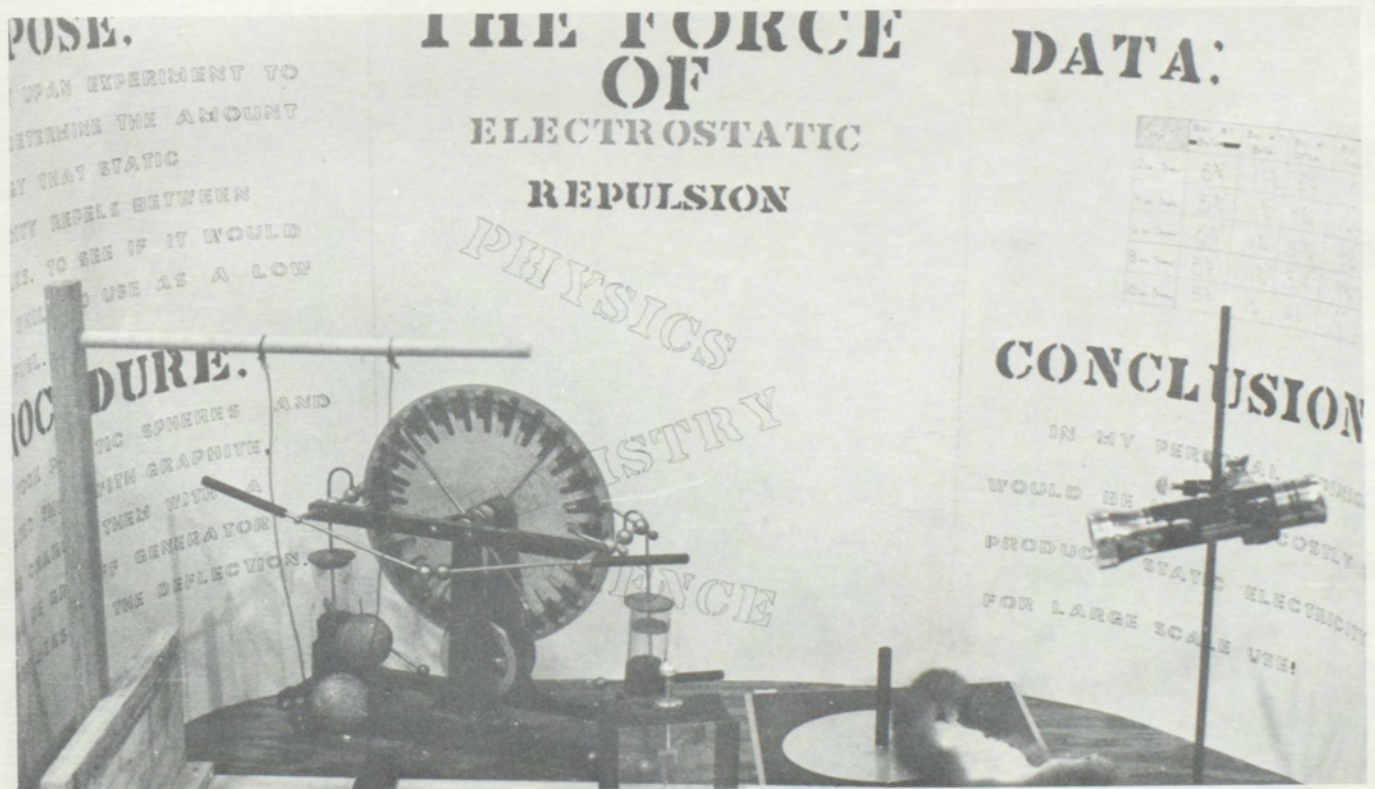
There were 85 projects entered into the competition and the grand champion was Teresa Hess. Lana Hatfield and Steve Hyle both received blue ribbons.

The fair drew a good crowd for a Saturday night with 250 people.



"Well what do you think you are staring at???"

## Scientific Geniuses Complete Projects



The Force of Electrostatic Repulsion sounds very ingenious doesn't it??





Danny Queen portrayed Jeff, Terri Thompson as Laura, and Roger Cowan as Laura's father in the third one-acter "Pardon My Second Scene".

## B.P.H.S. Shows Theatrical Talent

"Petal In the Dust"-the play was about an older woman that has come to her home town after her parents have died. While she is there, she finds out why his parents loved the town so.

"The Hanging of Uncle Dilby"-the play was about a family that decided to all stay home together. Which turns out to be a real mess, everything goes wrong, so the father ends up sending all the kids out.

"Pardon My Second Scene"-this play was a comparison of the two scenes of a play. The first is done as it should be and the second scene is the same but everything goes wrong.



Jeff gets alarmed as Laura's father strikes out with bat in hand in "Pardon My Second Scene."



Educational freedom exists as a basis of our governmental structural. The licence to learn as much as desired and to use the knowledge at one's own personal discretion is never challenged.

The facilities and instruction are always present, the student only needs to reach out.



## Academics . . .





# Students Make History

Mr. Jerry Hazelton instructs students in American History and does a very good job of it.

Students may ask why history is required. Just ask Mr. Hazelton, he knows.

So students as you go on your way out to the world ahead, remember that good old American History class and try and figure out why you ever did need history.



Danny Hunt waves around the American flag to show Mr. Hazelton his patriotism.



Gerard Holinde ponders a moment at the answer Miss Debbie Green, student teacher, has given him.

## Flying Fingers of Fate Type on and on . . .

To turn out competent typists, stenographers, bookkeepers, and office workers, has always been the goal of the Business department.

Under the leadership of Mr. Carol Percival, the sophomores developed skills in typing while the juniors and seniors learned bookkeeping, shorthand, and office practice procedures, plus the operation of several office machines.



Typing class prepares for a five-minute writing.



# Musicians Display Great Talent



Gary Stafford shows his remarkable playing ability.



The Madrigal singers practice a new dance step in preparing for their spring concert.

The Band and Choir were very busy this year with many activities such as tours, public concerts, and music contest. Choir Director Ray Rothgeb and Band Director Frank Johnson were rushing around moving to the new music building at the end of the year so students could help transport the equipment before they got out of school.

# P.E. Classes Become Body Builders



Girls P.E. class demonstrates the use of the Horse correctly.

Physical Education classes under the supervision of Mama Riddle and Phil Williams kept their bodies trim. Activities varied from football to gymnastics. They also took the President's Physical Fitness Test.

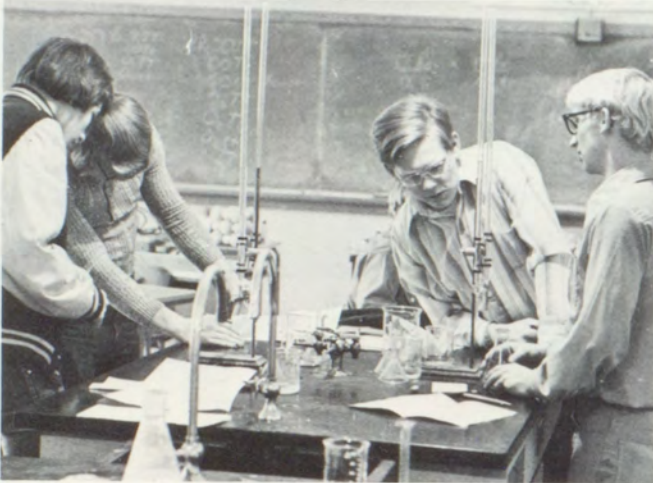
The freshman class was also required to take a semester of Health.



While the instructor watches, the boys indulge in a rousing game of Badminton.



Whether you are in Biology or Chemistry or IPS, students always learn something new each day. Mr. Paul Windsor teaches these 3 courses with the utmost efficiency. The students learn how to dissect animals and try to blow up the building.

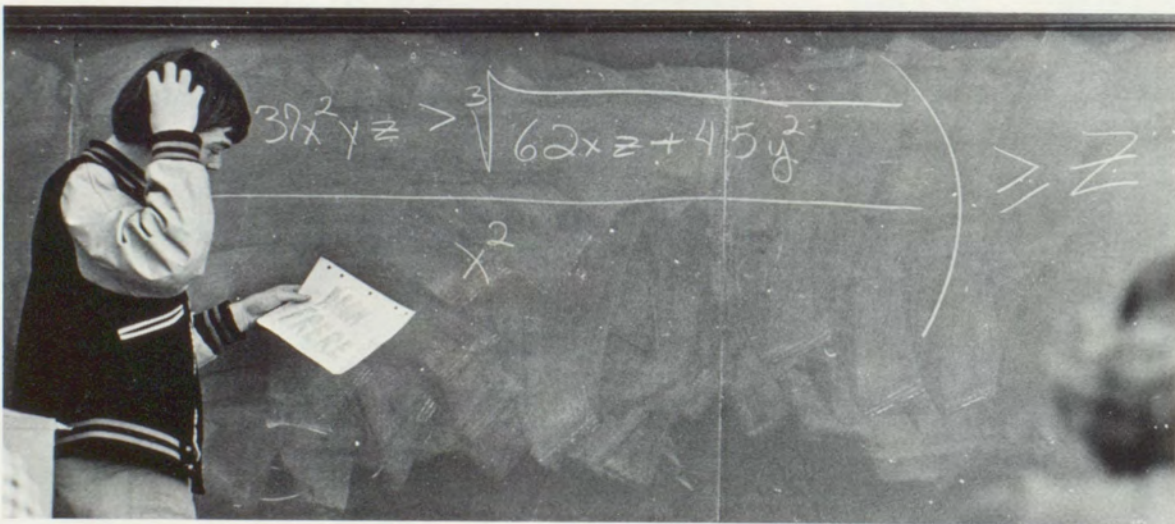


Students prepare Science experiments.



Larry Hatfield demonstrates how it should be done.

## Geniuses Calculate and Experiment



Modern math baffles Mike Minear as he tries to solve this problem.

General Math, Algebra I & II, and Geometry courses provides an excellent opportunity for students to increase their knowledge of mathematics and to improve their skills in solving math problems. As the

year progresses so do the students with the help of Mr. Phil Williams and Mr. Russell Dryden. Even though the students have to apply themselves, they always can depend on the teachers to help.



There were a variety of shop courses offered in school such as General Shop, Woodworking, Metals, and Drafting. The guys can make anything from a walnut grandfather clock to metal desks and knick-knacks. The shop machinery has been greatly improved in the last few years so the guys have alot more to work with.



Jeff Hunt demonstrates woodwork- abilities in shop class.

## Artistic Talent Developed in Art and Shop



Richie Delano hangs his own creation in Art.

All the artistic ability around BPHS was turned loose on the Art Department.

Students did numerous projects during the year. Among projects which they were familiar with such as colleges, they did new ones like hand-stitchery, one-point design, batiking, kite construction, and macrame.

During her first year here, Miss Gay Gordon found that the kids have a lot of creativity. She taught the basics of art this year. Next year there will be an advanced art class also.



In preparation for flight, Lori Greenlee, Judy Deal and Charla make kite tails.





Nancy Gifford, student teacher, helps Sherri Bitsche with her sewing project.

With the addition of the class Marriage & Family Life the Home Economics department was very well organized.

Home Ec. I class, which mainly consists of freshman, learned the basics in sewing and cooking along with numerous other projects.

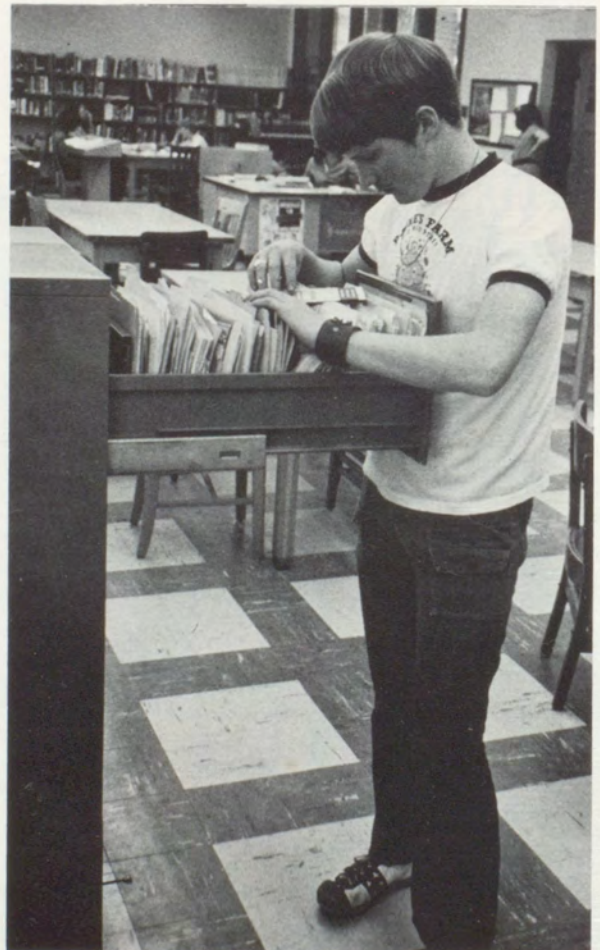
Home Ec. II was a little more advanced. The sophomores constructed more difficult garments and cooked a variety of foods.

Home Ec. III, even more advanced, was better than ever. The juniors did canning, tailoring, and house plans.

## Students Learn in Home Ec. Classes



This is common scene in BPHS library if you like peeking through key-holes.



Tommy Skinner rummages through vertical file in search for information.

## Library Was More Beneficial This Year In 1973

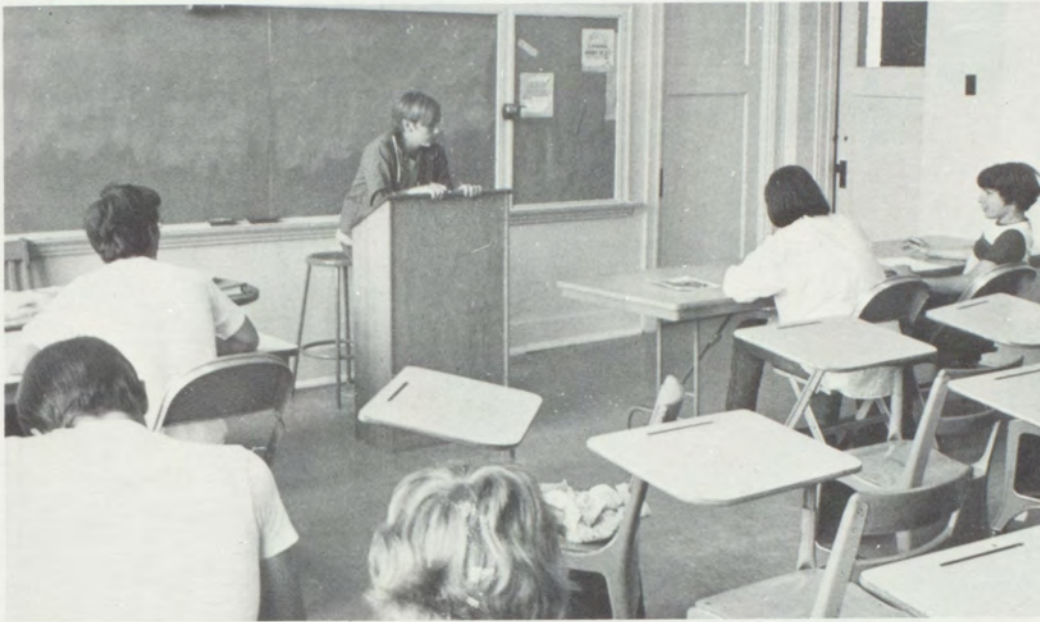
The Library under the supervision of Mrs. Eleanor Anderson is better than it has been in the past.

Mrs. Anderson organized it to provide an easy way to gain information. It also provides a program to improve the reading skills of those students who need help.

As well as giving a good source of information, the Library makes a quiet peaceful place to study.



# Speech Classes Produced Medal Winners



Class listens attentively as Jeff Thompson gives a speech.

District Contest: I's  
DRAMATIC INTER-  
PRETATION: Rocky  
DeLano, Kathy  
Charvatt, Kathy  
Boutwell. DUET  
ACT: JoLetta Moon-  
ey, Wayne Cush-  
man. PROSE IN-  
TERPRETATION:  
Mark Kilgore,  
Ginny Bitsche,  
KATHY CHARVAT:  
ranked first in  
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Mrs. Florann Woods talks in French to her class.

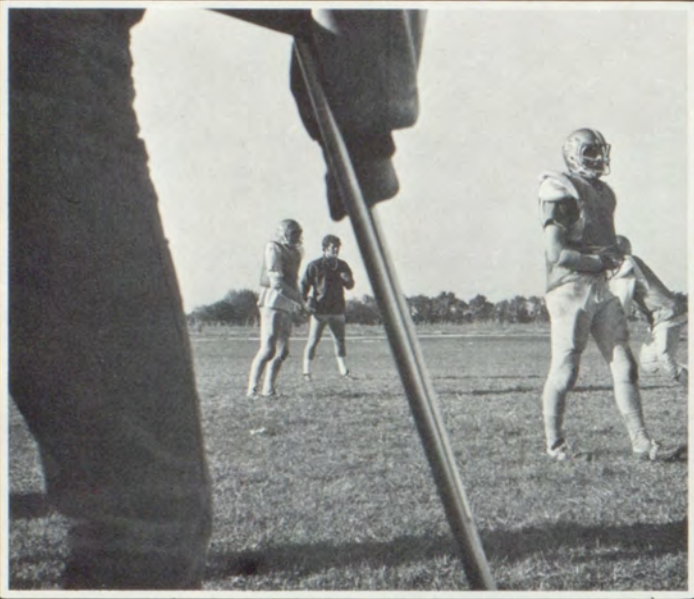


Mrs. Jan Horner demon-  
strates hand gestures.

## Language Classes Worked Through Year to Fluency

Students taking either French or Spanish soon learned they couldn't talk to well. With the help of Mrs. Florann Woods, students learned basic grammar of the languages. By the end of the course, most students could speak, listen, or write quite a lot of French or Spanish which took a great deal of work.





# Athletics . . .



Competition and the desire to win are relevant reasons for involvement in sports. But more important than these is the freedom to participate and the freedom to win for one's own personal honor.





Dick Armstrong



Kenneth Cox



Monty Erwin



Jim Forester

The seniors have shown a tremendous amount of support to the BPHS football team by supplying it with seven players. Their last year on a high school squad has now passed and they are free to move on to bigger goals.

Many hours of work and practice have come to an end.



Nels Hoadley



Craig Mead



Tom Skinner





A-TEAM: BACK ROW- Tim Mooney, manager; Mark Kilgore, manager; Carol Percival, coach; Jerry Hazelton, coach; Howard Nave, Larry Hatfield, Gerald Bontrager, John Wharton, Rod Slack, Nels Hoadley, Mitch Shivers, manager; Mike Cushman, Manager; Phil Williams, Head coach. FRONT ROW- Monty Erwin, Kent Burgess, Dwayne Martin, Jim Forester, Tom Skinner, Alan Kerschen, Ken Cox, Dick Armstrong, Burt Hoadley, Craig Mead, Mike Minear, Jeff Cott, Danny Hunt, Tom Lewis, Larry Floyd, manager.



## New Coach Brought Change in Attitude

The Belle Plaine Football squad had a rather encouraging season, despite the number of losses, (7). The season next year looks better, with all but seven varsity team members returning.

Head Coach Phil Williams, in his first year at Belle Plaine as football coach, instilled a different attitude about the game. Play to win, but enjoy the sport at the same time.

Dragons Jeff Cott and Jim Forester "cream" Clearwater's offensive.



# Junior Varsity Plays Back-Up Role



JUNIOR VARSITY: FRONT ROW - Mike Cushman, manager; David Rogers, Allen Kerschen, Fred Wilkerson, Darwin Kinyon, Ben DeLaughder, Ronnie Hunsucker, Rocc Wall. SECOND ROW - Mark Kilgore, manager; Steve Hyle, Gary Kunc, Vic Spencer, Tony Gourlay, Gerard Holinde, Billy Foxworth, Barry Young, Larry Floyd, manager; and Don Wall. STANDING - Coaches Jerry Hazelton, Carol Percival, and Phil Williams.



FRESHMEN: FRONT ROW - Bret Ingram, Dwaine Wall, Jeff Hunt, Rusty Chmidling, and Robin Roy. SECOND ROW - Coach Carol Percival, James Sweany, Joey Roy, Eric Mead, David Woll, and Tim Logan.



# Young Team Gains Valuable Experience



A-TEAM: TOP ROW-LEFT TO RIGHT-Larry Floyd, Manager, Larry Hatfield, Rod Slack, Mike Minear, Tony Gourlay, Gerald Bontrager, Gary Stafford, Joe Waugh, and Terry Morrison.

Belle Plaine ended the season with mixed emotions. They didn't win many games but gained a lot of valuable experience. Next year they should really be strong as they will only lose one senior from the "A" team squad.

Two new faces were seen on the court this year as BP gained two coaches. Jerry Hazelton, who is a graduate of Oklahoma State University has had a year's experience at Tryon Consolidated High School, Perkins, Oklahoma and at St. Mary's High School in Oklahoma City.

Jerry Dillingham graduated from Emporia State Teachers College. This is his first year as a teacher and coach but he has proved he is capable of handling both.

Paul Windsor graduated from Kansas University and has been around BP for five years. He has been head basketball coach for two years.



COACHING STAFF for BPHS consisted of Mr. Paul Windsor, Mr. Jerry Hazelton, and Mr. Jerry Dillingham.





"B" TEAM: BACK ROW-LEFT TO RIGHT-Robin Roy, Rocc Wall, Steve Heater, Eric Mead, Wayne Riddle, Monty Waggoner; FRONT ROW-Don Wall, Joe Roy, Rusty Chmidling, Joe Waugh, Terry Morrison and Jeff Hunt.



Larry Hatfield blocks a shot for BP.



Rod Slack scores two points for the Dragons.





FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM: Mark Rothgeb, Manager; Robin Roy, Bret Ingram, Clifford Clark, Wayne Riddle, Monty Waggoner, Eric Mead, Joe Roy, Jeff Hunt, Dwaine Wall, Rusty Chmidling.



Crowd waits expectantly as a varsity roundballer goes up for two points in a home game.





Setting records, jumping hurdles, throwing shot put, and running relays could be seen this year if one was fortunate enough to attend a track meet.

The BPHS track squad set records at the Maize Invitational Meet in the 880 and the Mile Relays resulting in two trophies. At League they received fourth place.

DISTANCE MEN: Rocc Wall, Gerard Holinde, Forrest Springer.



WEIGHTMEN AND FIELD EVENTS: BACK ROW-Mike Sloan, Jeff Cott, Larry Hatfield, John Wharton, Larry Floyd, Monty Waggoner, FRONT ROW-David Rogers, Allen Kerschen, Terry Morrison, Dwain Wall, Joe Roy, Gerard Holinde.



# Runners Initiated New Records



TRACK: BACK ROW-Barry Young, Monty Waggoner, Jeff Cott, Larry Floyd, Larry Hatfield, Mike Sloan, Joe Roy, Coach Phil Williams. MIDDLE ROW-Coach Carol Percival, David Rogers, Bill Foxworth, Eric Mead, John Wharton, Tom Lewis, Burt Hoadley, Nels Hoadley, Monty Erwin. FRONT ROW-Manager Clifford Clark, Chris Liersemann, Forrest Springer, Rocc Wall, Gerard Holinde, Terry Morrison, Allen Kerschen, Dwain Wall.



880 RELAY: Tom Lewis, Burt Hoadley, Nels Hoadley, Monty Erwin, Bill Foxworth.



MILE RELAY: Burt Hoadley, Jeff Cott, Nels Hoadley, Monty Erwin.





VOLLEYBALL GIRLS: BACK ROW-Coach Marna Riddle, Eva Reynolds, Viola Reynolds, Kenna Utt, Marlene Shivers, Kim Nunley, Tina Terry, Bev Steeby, Mar-Jo Winter, Jana Jenkins-Manager. FRONT ROW-Cindy Chmidling, Debbie Evans, Brenda Chmidling, Leslie Gourlay, Brenda Strickland.

## Volleyball Team Scored, Future's Bright

**UDALL  
MAIZE  
ANDOVER  
CLEARWATER  
LEON**

The Volleyball Team put forth a lot of effort and won quite a few games this season.

They came up against tough competition in their course of action but pulled through to a victory many times.

The team is young, having only two graduating seniors on it, so they have much future potential. The girls are full of spirit so it should be an exciting season next year.



# Queens of Basketball Court Display Ability



**GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM:** LEFT ROW-Denise Hodges, Mar-Jo Winters, Kenna Utt, Bev Steeby, Brenda Strickland, and Kim Nunley. RIGHT ROW-Manager Jana Jenkins, Cindy Chmidling, Gail Burden, Marlene Shivers, Leslie Gourlay, and Sharon Scott. Also pictured is Miss Marna Sutton, coach.



Sharon Scott steals the ball from the opposing team.

With more than half of the members young and inexperienced, the BPHS Girls Basketball Team had a very discouraging season. The Dragonettes encountered stiff competition throughout their schedule and their final record was 2-6. Their opponents were Udall, Caldwell, Conway Springs, Medicine Lodge, Maize, Andale, Clearwater, and Andover.

After the regular season the girls competed in a district tourney at Caldwell. The highlight of the team's schedule was a light-hearted contest with members of the women's faculty. The game provided a perfect time for the women team members to show off their skill on a basketball court and for the girls to get in some practice and have some fun. The final score was 31-29 in favor of the younger team.

Though the record didn't show it, the team gained experience and next year with a little more backing the girls should have a better season.



Faculty uses devious methods to gain possession of the ball.



# Girls Excel in All Areas

The Girls Track Team did an excellent job this year in all areas. They broke two school records-Lettie Brown, freshman, set a new record in the discus by smashing the old one. Leslie Gourlay, freshman, established a new record in the long jump. They received two trophies and a lot of ribbons and metals for their efforts. The girls are all freshman and sophomores so all of the track women will be back to compete next year.



GIRLS TRACK: BACK ROW-Coach Marna Riddle, Manager Renee Ingram, Bev Steeby, Leslie Gourlay, Brenda Strickland, Tammie McCulloch, Penny Clewell, Lettie Brown, Debbie Hesse. FRONT ROW-Cindy Chmidling, Sandy Godwin, Denise Hodges, Renee Holinde, Leigh Wooldridge, Manager Linda Kunc.





## Activities . . .

What would our school be without activities? Very boring if one could imagine.

Music and Band help keep the school from falling into the everyday routine of school work. Since Chorus and Band are not set up like the regular classroom, one may find it easier to relax.

If there was no Journalism class, one couldn't read what one is reading right now; no annual would exist to record the school years and no newspaper would be to report on the monthly occurrences.



# Music Rings Through the Halls of B.P.H.S. When Chorus Sings



Lee Parker is a student director.

The B.P.H.S. Choral Christmas Concert was put on hold when a little bit of bad weather blew-up, but as the old saying goes "The show must go on."

March was the next busiest month--with cutting an LP, going on tour, and getting prepared for League Contest. The Spring Concert wrapped up the end of the musical year.

Madrigals was a select group from Chorus which sang at women's clubs and other functions throughout the year.

Two of their highlights of the year were the Christmas program in the Baptist Church and going on tour around the state March 15, 1973.



MIXED-CHORUS: TOP ROW-Richard Delano, Guy Doolittle, Terry McCulloch, Rockie Delano, John Gifford, David Woll, Dan Hunt, Monty Waggoner, Rod Slack, Danny Queen, Tom Skinner, Allen Beckner, Pat Hess, Kelly Casey, Gerard Holinde, and Rocc Wall. SECOND ROW-Pam Wood, Pam Hyle, Gail Diller, Deanna Stinnett, Linda Kunc, JoLetta Mooney, Pat O'Connell, Janice Johnson, Leigh Woolridge, Tammie McCulloch, Sandy Godwin, Renee Holinde, Kim Woll, Cindy Chmidling, Glenda Clark, Pam Theobald, Myrna Braddy. THIRD ROW-Cherri Synder, Fara Darland, Linda Spencer, Ronnie Deal, Eric Mead, Roger Cowan, Terry Zabel, Lee Parker, Mark Health, Allen Kerschen, Kim Nunley, Sherry Bitsche, Penny Heater, Mar-Jo Winters, Nancy Burrows. BOTTOM ROW-Ginny Bitsche, Kathy Charvat, Merri Crawford, Jana Gifford, Tim Mooney, Larry Hatfield, Don Hunt, Joe Smith, Mike Wellman, Don Wall, Jeff Hunt, Rusty Chmidling, Bev Steeby, Laurinda Hye, Leslie Gourlay, Wendy Skinner, Gail Burden. Piano-Rhonda Cushman.





GIRLS GLEE: TOP ROW-Gail Diller, Deanna Stinnett, Linda Kunc, Joan Allison, JoLetta Mooney, Pat O'Connell, Janice Johnson, Tammie McCulloch, Myrna Braddy, Mar-Jo Winters, Cindy Chmidling, and Pam Theobald. SECOND ROW-Pam Wood, Fara Darland, Cherri Synder, Linda Spencer, Debbie Hesse, Kim Nunley, Penny Heater, Leslie Gourlay, Gail Burden, Laurinda Hye, Renee Holinde. BOTTOM ROW-Pam Hyle, Merri Crawford, Jana Gifford, Ginny Bitsche, Wendy Skinner, Sherry Bitsche, Sandy Godwin, Bev Steeby, and Rhonda Cushman.

Mr. Ray Rothgeb conducts Chorus before going on tour.



Chorus sings out for joy.







MADRIGALS: TOP ROW-Gail Burden, Lee Parker, Pat O'Connell, Ronnie Deal, Rhonda Cushman, Pam Hyle, Allen Kerschen, Nancy Burrows. SECOND ROW-Mike Wellman, Pam Wood, Linda Spencer, Rod Slack, Terry Zabel, Penny Heater, Kathy Charvat, Rocc Wall. SEATED-Janice Johnson, Joletta Mooney, Tom Skinner.



BOYS GLEE: TOP ROW-Rocky Delano, Richard Delano, Tom Skinner, Monty Waggoner, Rod Slack, David Woll, Danny Queen, Kelly Casey, Pat Hess, Allen Beckner. SECOND ROW-Sherman Crawford, Terry McCulloch, Ronnie Deal, Eric Mead, Terry Zabel, Mike Wellman, Gerard Holinde, Allen Kerschen. BOTTOM ROW-Tim Mooney, Larry Hatfield, Jeff Hunt, Lee Parker, Don Wall, Rusty Chmidling, Rocc Wall.



# Instrumentalists Excelled in All Categories



BAND: FRONT ROW-Frank Johnson, Director, Jeff Hunt, Kathy Charvat, Danny Charvat, Mitch Shivers, James Sweany, Bill Foxworth, Rod Slack, Wendy Skinner, SECOND ROW-Don Hunt, Barry Young, Penny Clewell, Lisa Fillmore, Linda Kunc, Kim Woll, Janice Johnson, Leslie Gourlay, Leigh Wooldridge, THIRD ROW-Mark Kilgore, Pam Hyle, Kim Nunley, Monty Waggoner, Rocc Wall, Wayne Riddle, Debbie Nunley, Laurinda Hye, Nancy Burrows, FOURTH ROW-Linda Lawless, Melissa Shivers, Mary

Burden, Tammy McCulloch, Ronnie Deal, Tom Skinner, Gary Stafford, Mike Minear, Ben Delaughter, Wayne Cushman, FIFTH ROW-Guy Doolittle, Lee Parker, Forrest Springer, David Woll, Steve Hyle, Phil Bell, Rocky Delano, Allen Kerschen, Mike Cushman, Gail Burden, Jeff Cott, BACK ROW-Roger Cowan, Mark Rothgeb, Darwin Kinyon, Don Wall, Dwain Wall, David Rogers, Allen Beckner, Richie Delano, Tony Gourlay, Terry McCulloch, Gerald Bontrager.



Band waits for bus to carry them to the 1972 State Fair in Hutchinson.

As one of the busiest organizations in school, the BPHS Band has accomplished a great deal this year. They expressed many ideas through music by playing in many different places. A few of the highlights were, marching at the State Fair in Hutchinson, going on tour to MacArthur School and the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, and performing three community concerts. The climax of the year was League and State Music Contest where BP came out on top.





**TWIRLERS:** FROM TOP TO BOTTOM- Wendy Skinner, Leslie Gourlay, and Linda Kunc.



Gerald Bontrager, junior, is captured between oompahs.



**MASTER SOUNDS:** Drums-Rod Slack and Don Hunt; Pam Hyle, Ben Delaughder, Jeff Hunt, Kim Nunley, Mark Kilgore, Monty Waggoner. **SECOND ROW-**David Rogers, Dwain Wall, Don Wall, Tony Gourlay, Allen Beckner. **THIRD ROW-**David Woll, Mike Cushman, Steve Hyle, Jeff Cott, Gail Burden, Frank Johnson-director, String Bass-Kathy Charvat, Pianist-Kim Woll.



# Ratings



LEAGUE

STATE

Leslie Gourlay	II	I
Tony Gourlay	I+	I
Gary Stafford	I	II
Dwain Wall	II	III
Rod Slack	I	II
Linda Kunc	I	
Mike Cushman	II	II
Gail Burden	I	I
Rocc Wall	I	II
Clarinet 4	I	I
Woodwind 5	I	II
Brass 6	I	I
Brass 5	II	II
Trumpet 3	I	II
Trombone 3	I	II
Percussion 5	I	II
Sax 4	II	II

SOLOISTS: TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT-Leslie Gourlay, Gail Burden, Rocc Wall, Tony Gourlay, Gary Stafford, Mike Cushman, Dwain Wall. Not pictured: Rod Slack, and Linda Kunc.

Rod Slack listens attentively to instructions given by Mr. Johnson during band.





# Newly-formed Language Club Speaks Out



With the addition of French to the curriculum this year, the BPHS Spanish Club became the Foreign Languages Club. Twenty-two students joined the club sponsored by Mrs. Florianne Woods. The first line of action was the election of officers. Those elected and later installed were: Sherry Nave, president; Laura Rettig, vice-president and Kim Woll, secretary-treasurer.

Activities for the year included several guest speakers who conversed on foreign topics, a Christmas party, a tour through WSU's Languages Department, attendance at a French play, and a picnic.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB:** FRONT ROW- Kim Woll, Mrs. Florianne Woods, Sherry Nave and Laura Rettig. SECOND ROW- Beth Eschenbrenner, Linda Denton and Sherri Liersmann. THIRD ROW- Betty Denton, Dana Hoheisel, and Kris Spencer. FOURTH ROW- Charlene Babb, Ginny Bitsche and Gail Burden. FIFTH ROW- Becky Burgess, Tina Hisken, Cherri Snyder and Cindy Shapley. SIXTH ROW- Pam Hyle, Lisa Fillmore, Cindy Chmidling and Bev Steeby. TOP ROW- Richie Delano, Lee Parker, Steve Hyle and Rockie Delano.



## FHA Plans for a Better Tomorrow

The Belle Plaine Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America enjoyed a busy year. The year's functions were: a watermelon feed, a candy sale, a Tupperware party, District Meeting at Southwestern College, a Christmas party, State Meeting, observance of National FHA week, a faculty tea, and a farewell party for the senior members.

Each month a Red Rose Girl was selected from girls receiving the most points during the month. Those chosen were Glenda Clark, Mary Crawford, Janice Johnson, Lisa Fillmore, Laura Rettig, Ginny Bitsche and Sherry Nave. Lisa was selected Red Rose Girl of the Year.

**FHA:** FRONT ROW- Officers: Pam Hyle, Pam Wood, Ginny Bitsche, Laura Rettig, Marlene Shivers, Glenda Clark, Janice Johnson, Lisa Fillmore and Sherry Nave. SECOND ROW- Lettie Brown, Charlene Babb, Deanna Stinnett, Lynette McAdam, Robin Mooney, Sandy Godwin, Jana Jenkins and Mrs. Nadine Boyle, advisor. THIRD ROW- Brenda Strickland, Connie Zabel, Mary Crawford, Mary Burden, Joan Allison, Linda Lawless, Sherry Bitsche and Kenna Utt. FOURTH ROW- Eva Reynolds, Kathy Allison, Linda Spencer, Renee Holinde, Kathy Charvat, Tere Sullivan and Wendy Skinner. FIFTH ROW- Cherri Snyder, Tina Terry, Nancy Burrows, Kris Spencer, Pam Theobald and Beth Eschenbrenner.





PEP CLUB: FROM FRONT TO BACK OF LETTER B-Wayne Riddle, Bud Carson, Darwin Kinyon, Cindy Chmidling, Leslie Gourlay, Wendy Skinner, Connie Zabel, Lynette McAdam, Deanna Stinnett, Joan Allison, Tammie McCulloch, Robin Mooney, Jackie Richardson, Penny Clewell, Linda Kunc, Diane Johnson, Fara Darland, Sandy Thompson, Kathy Allison, Gail Burden, Beth Eschenbrenner, Charlene Babb, Pam Hyle, Terry McCulloch, Pat O'Connell, Don Hunt, Pam Wood, Linda Spencer, Penny Heater, Becky Burgess, Tina Hisken, Renee Holinde, Allen Beckner, Danny Charvat, Ronnie Deal, Clifford Clark, Tina Terry, Cherri Snyder, Lee Parker. FROM FRONT TO BACK OF LETTER P-Brenda Strickland, Allen Kerschen, Pam Theobald, Nancy Burrows, Laura Rettig, Eva Reynolds, Sherry Nave, Lettie Brown, Kenna Utt, Lisa Fillmore, Mitch Shivers, Glenda Clark, Sandy Godwin, Melissa Shivers, Renee Ingram, Linda Lawless, Mary Crawford, Cindy Queen, Millie Liersemann, JoLetta Mooney, Teresa Hess, Janice Johnson, Rhonda Cushman, Laurinda Hye, Ginny Bitsche, Terry Thompson, Terry Howe.

#### SCHOOL SONG

Oh here's to Belle Plaine High School  
 Banners on high  
 Gold and the Chocolate  
 Ever upward fly (Rah, Rah, Rah)  
 Courage and good spirit  
 Dauntless we'll try  
 Honor and fame, we'll bring to Belle Plaine High

#### ALMA MATER

1. Far above the Ninnescah Waters,  
 Out on Merchant Heights,  
 Stands our noble Alma Mater  
 Towering in her might.

Chorus: Keep the chocolate and gold afloat  
 Sing her praises due  
 Hail to thee, Our Alma Mater  
 Hail old Belle Plaine true.

2. Far above the noisy district  
 of our little town  
 Reaching out to youths and maidens,  
 Whom her flag would crown.  
 (Chorus)

3. High School Life is swiftly passing  
 Soon we'll leave for aye;  
 But we'll ne'er forget the pleasures  
 Of our high school days...  
 (Chorus)

## Pep Club Inspires Spirit and Support for Athletics

The Pep Club has been busy promoting spirit this year. They held a football kick-off breakfast honoring the boys, coaches, and their boosters. They sold mums and boutonnieres for Homecoming. Every week the boys lockers and the halls were colorfully decorated with posters.

The officers, Sharon Scott, president, Kenna Utt, vice-president, Melissa Shivers, secretary-treasurer, Nancy Burrows, STUCO, Lisa Fillmore, publicity, and Pam Theobald, stunt manager devised a point system at the beginning of the year determining that whoever had 200 points would letter at the end of the year.





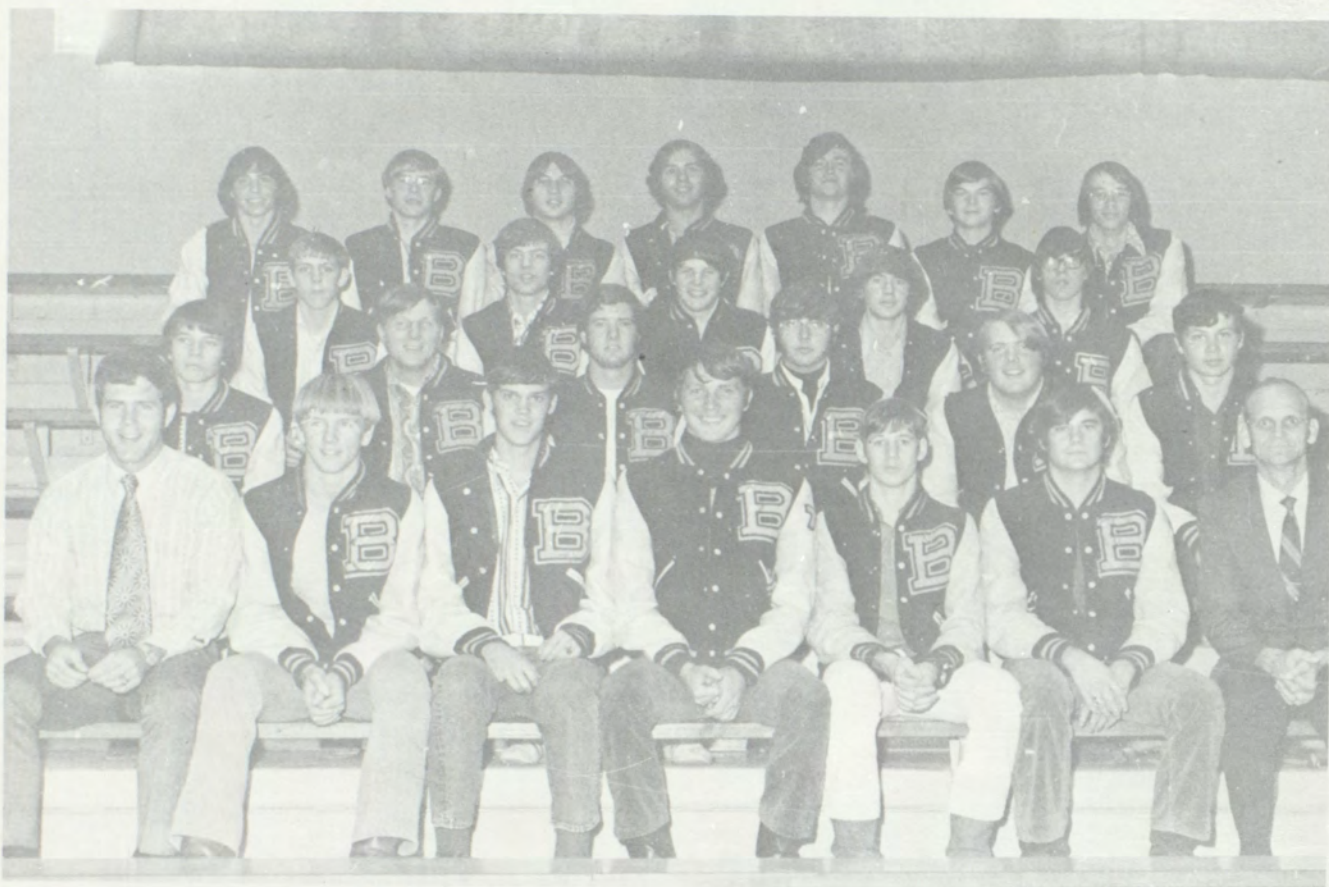
Sandy Godwin as the Dragon mascot helped encourage the teams throughout the year.

B TEAM-BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS: Mar-Jo Winters, Leigh Woolridge, and Bev Steeby.



FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS: Denise Hodges, Kim Woll, Marlene Shivers, Jana Jenkins, and Tere Sullivan.





LETTERMAN'S CLUB: BACK ROW-Dwayne Martin, Gerald Bontrager, Kent Burgess, Dan Hunt, Jeff Cott, Mike Minear, Tim Baumgartner. THIRD ROW-Bill Foxworth, Rod Slack, Allen Kerschen, Joe Waugh, Mark Heath. SECOND ROW-Burt Hoadley, Ken Cox, Nels Hoadley, John Gifford, Craig Mead, John Wharton. FRONT ROW-Sponsor Phil Williams, Larry Floyd, Larry Hatfield, Tom Skinner, Dick Armstrong, Jim Forester, Sponsor Carol Percival.

## Organization Sustained Athletics

The Letterman's Club has been quite active this year. They were guided by their wise and capable sponsors, Carol Percival and Phil Williams. The officers elected were Nels Hoadley, president; Monty Erwin, vice president; and Burt Hoadley, secretary-treasurer.

The boys sold candles to help pay for football and basketball films. The remainder of the money was used to have a banquet for the lettermen, their parents and anyone else interested in promoting athletics.

The Club also went to downtown Wichita to the YMCA and heard a former professional football player, Gale Sayers, speak.





STUCO-TOP TO BOTTOM; Kim Woll, Dwayne Martin, Mar-Jo Winters, David Woll, Leigh Wooldridge, Tony Gourlay, Sharon Scott, Rhonda Cushman, Denise Hodges, Monty Erwin, Mike Minear, Jeff Cott, Jana Jenkins, Janice Johnson, Craig Mead, Nancy Burrows, John Gifford, Jo-Letta Mooney, Bev Steeby, Marlene Shivers, Kenna Utt, Glenda Clark, Sherry Nave, and Tere Sullivan.

## Representative Body Aided in Vast Realms of Activity

StuCo has held several meetings this year and have come up with several brain-storming sessions.

One was to help sponsor Home-Coming which resulted in a beautiful Home-Coming.

Another involvement of StuCo was the changing or removal of the dress code which the students of BPHS are forever grateful.

President of StuCo this year is John Gifford, Senior; Vice President is Mike Minear, Junior; Secretary-Treasurer is JoLettea Mooney, Senior.

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MARQUEE MEMBERS: Wayne Cushamn, President; Jo-Letta Mooney, Vice President; Pamela Hyle, Secretary; Robin Mooney, Treasurer; Glenda Clark, Roger Cowan, John Gifford, Tere Sullivan, Lee Parker, Steve Hyle, Dan Hunt, Kim Woll, Rocc Wall, Don Wall, Terry Zabel, Sandy Godwin, Don Hunt, Craig Mead, Ronnie Deal, Rockie DeLano.



# Both Staffs Exhibit Journalistic Ability



YEARBOOK STAFF: FRONT ROW-Wayne Cushman, Jeff Cott, and Craig Mead. SECOND ROW-Laura Rettig, Miss Judy Wortham, advisor; Pam Theobald, and Sherry Nave. THIRD ROW-Jana Gifford and Nancy Burrows, editor.

ANNUAL -- The Dragon yearbook staff was composed entirely of second year journalism students who wrote, edited and designed the book. All three deadlines were met.

To insure the success of the annual, the staff attended a yearbook clinic held at Friends University. They also enjoyed a spaghetti dinner at the home of Miss Judy Wortham, advisor, at which they plotted the course the yearbook would take. The first step was to meet production costs by selling advertising and annuals. The end result of their efforts and work was the 1973 Dragon.

NEWSPAPER -- All the journalistic effort of the beginning journalism students was combined to produce the monthly school newspaper, The Chocolate Golddigger. There was also a special April Fool's issue.

All during the year the Golddigger staff did their best to print and publish all newsworthy items and to keep the school informed on all the activities.



NEWSPAPER STAFF: FRONT ROW-Kim Woll, Jeff Cott, Miss Judy Wortham, advisor; and Wayne Cushman. SECOND ROW-Ed Rickerson, Dwayne Martin, co-editor; Nels Hoadley, and Mike Minear. STANDING-Jana Jenkins, Terri Howe, co-editor; Cindy Shapley, Jane Cushman, Sharon Scott, Terry Morrison, Danny Queen, and Marlene Shivers.





People have many methods of expressing their feelings, such as hanging freshman in the bathroom, throwing paper wads at teachers, and sitting in the windows during class.

Running to the teachers lounge in frustration, giving detentions, and biting their nails in fury are the various ways instructors let off steam.



## Album . . .







MR. KENNETH YOUNG, our beloved leader, has disaplined the schools of Belle Plaine as the superintendent for three years. Unfortunately, for those who looked up to Mr. Young, this is to be his last year as fearless leader.

Mr. Young has effectively carried out the rulings of the school board during his administration here. Many of his friends will hate to see him go.

## Administration Head High Ideals



MR. JAY MINEAR, principal of BPHS, has been instructing for 18 years, all of them here in Belle Plaine. Before becoming principal 7 years ago, Mr. Minear taught Business and Physical Education.

His main interest, as we all know, is sports and we had some fantastic teams while he coached. Alot may have had to do with the material he had to work with, but there is something in the way he yells "hussle" that makes the guys want to get out there and win.

### Board of Education

DR. A.M. HELM, JR., President  
 RAYMOND ALLEN  
 DON FILLMORE  
 ROBERT HATFIELD  
 CLARENCE JORDEN  
 RINALDO LAWLESS  
 EUGENE PARKER

Betty Downing, Secretary

Kenneth Young, Superintendent

R.T. Stafford, Tres.



## Youthful Faculty Outstanding; They Sparked Enthusiasm

A school is composed of many things: books, classrooms, students, and, of course, teachers.

Of the 19 teachers at Belle Plaine High School, 10 were new this year. This made for one of the most youthful faculties in Belle Plaine's history. Equipped with modern ideas and high ideals, each teacher related to his students in many ways, not only in the class rooms, but through sponsorship of various extracurricular activities. Teachers and students worked together to achieve many goals. One of which was to raise money for warm-up suits for the basketball game between the women of the faculty and the girls' basketball team.



MRS. ELEANOR ANDERSON:  
3 years taught, 1 year at  
BPHS; Librarian; Courses-  
Developmental Reading;  
Hobbies- Reading, camping,  
and traveling.



Mr. Hazelton leads a spirited  
class discussion.

MRS. NADINE  
BOYLE: 18 years  
taught, 17 years at  
BPHS; Courses-  
Home Economics 1,  
2, 3, Marriage and  
the Family, Ad-  
vanced Clothing;  
Hobbies- Sewing,  
traveling, and  
gardening.



MR. GAIL CROSS:  
4 years taught, 4  
years at BPHS;  
Guidance Counselor;  
Courses- Psycho-  
logy; Hobbies-  
Farming.



MR. JERRY DILL-  
INGHAM: 1 year  
taught, 1 year at  
BPHS; Courses-  
General Shop,  
Woodworking,  
Metals; Hobbies-  
All sports.



MR. RUSSELL  
DRYDEN: 4 years  
taught, 3 years at  
BPHS; Courses-  
Algebra 1, 2,  
Geometry; Hobbies-  
Music, and sports.







MISS NANCY GIFFORD: Student teacher; School attending- Southwestern College; Courses- Sophomore Home Economics, Dinnertime; Hobbies- Sewing, cooking, and piano.



MISS GAY GORDON: 2 years taught, 1 year at BPHS; Courses- Art; Hobbies- Organizing basketball teams, drinking "pop" and oversleeping.



MRS. DEBBI GREEN: Student teacher; School attending- Wichita State University; Courses- Typing, Shorthand; Hobbies- Tennis, bicycling, and antiquing.



MR. JERRY HAZELTON: 2 years taught, 1 year at BPHS; Courses- American History, Sociology, Government, World History; Golf, hunting, and fishing.



Mr. Cross responds warmly to the uncertainties of youth.



MRS. JAN HORNER: 2 1/2 years taught, 1 year at BPHS; Courses- English, Speech; Hobbies- Presenting dramatics and humorous readings.



MR. FRANK JOHNSON: 11 years taught, 11 years at BPHS; Courses- Band, Music Appreciation; Hobbies- Photography.





MR. CAROL PERCIVAL: 17 years taught, 7 years at BPHS; Courses-Typing, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Office Practice; Hobbies-Bowling, and sports.



MRS. MARNA RIDDLE: 1 year taught, 1 year at BPHS; Courses- Girl's P.E., Health; Hobbies- Sports and sewing.



MR. RAY ROTHGEB: 4 years taught, 4 years at BPHS; Courses- H.S. Choir, Musical Theater, General Music, Private Voice; Hobbies-Painting, and swimming.



MR. PHIL WILLIAMS: 1 year taught, 1 year at BPHS; Courses- Math, Boy's P.E.; Hobbies- All sports.



MR. PAUL WINDSOR: 6 years taught, 6 years at BPHS; Courses- English; Hobbies- Reading, sewing, and cooking.



MRS. SHIRLEY WINDSOR: 6 years taught, 6 years at BPHS; Courses- English; Hobbies- Reading, sewing, and cooking.

MRS. FLORIANNE WOODS: 4 years taught, 1 year at BPHS; Courses-Spanish, French; Hobbies- Traveling, and genealogy.



MISS JUDY WORTHAM: 1 year taught, 1 year at BPHS; Courses- English, Journalism; Hobbies- Reading and antiques.





## Efficient Staff Performed Valuable Services and Aid

BPHS secretaries contribute to the management of the school by handling the books, insurance, and the mountains of paperwork required to keep the school in operation. Our custodians restore order to halls and classrooms by picking up paper and sweeping. BPHS cooks, serving both the high school and grade school, prepare an average of 2228 nutritionally-sound, hot meals per week.



Mrs. Elvona White, a familiar sight at her desk, tallies lunch tickets for the high school.



Mrs. Betty Downing displays efficiency at the higher level, the superintendent's office.



Leonard Batt performs his duties with a smile.

Ed Hall sweeps up after an assembly in the gym.



COOKS: Mildred Hatfield, Glora Book, Joan Lawless, Luella Siever and Marj Utt.





Miles Agee



Becka Burgess



Merry Crawford



Fara Darland



Judy Deal



Charlene Babb



Kelly Casey



Allen Beckner



Danny Charvat



Lettie Brown



Rusty Chmidling



Mary Burden



Clifford Clark



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: Leigh Wooldridge, president; Sandra Thompson, vice president; Diana Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

## Freshmen Began Road to Goal

The Freshman Class has now completed the first step in the never ending quest toward higher education. With their first year in high school finished, the freshmen go on to bigger and better things. This class was relatively inactive this year, holding three class meetings, having officers elected at the first one.

Being the second largest class in high school this year, the freshmen were tormented and tortured as is traditional by the upper classmen. Being good sports about all the false threats and teasing, they will, without doubt, be good sophomores and revenge on the up coming frosh.





Linda Denton



Leslie Gourlay



Larry Hatfield



Jeff Hunt



Renee Ingram



Guy Doolittle



Lori Greenlee



Pat Hess



Bret Ingram



Diana Johnson



Linda Kunc



Mildred  
Liersemann



Tim Logan



Mitch Shivers, Tim Logan, and James Sweany display their woodworking abilities during shop class.





Tammy  
McCulloch



Cynthia Queen



Robin Roy



James Sweany



David Woll



Eric Mead



Eva Reynolds



James Shafer



Tina Terry



Dale Wood



Tim Mooney



Wayne Riddle



Mitch Shivers



Sandy Thompson



Leigh  
Wooldridge



Dwight Nelson



Mark Rothgeb



Sharla Smith



Dwain Wall



Connie Zabel



Kim Nunley



Joey Roy



Brenda  
Strickland



Mar-Jo Winter

Monty Waggoner  
and  
Mike Cushman  
not pictured



# Sophomores Struggle Through Tenth Year



Joan Allison  
Sharon Bitsche  
Cathy  
Boutwell  
Steve Carson  
Kathy Charvat



Cindy  
Chmidling  
Penny  
Clewell  
Rhonda  
Cushman  
Richard  
Davis  
Ben  
Delaughter



Nancy Gifford helps out.



Gail Diller



Bill Foxworth



Sandy Godwin

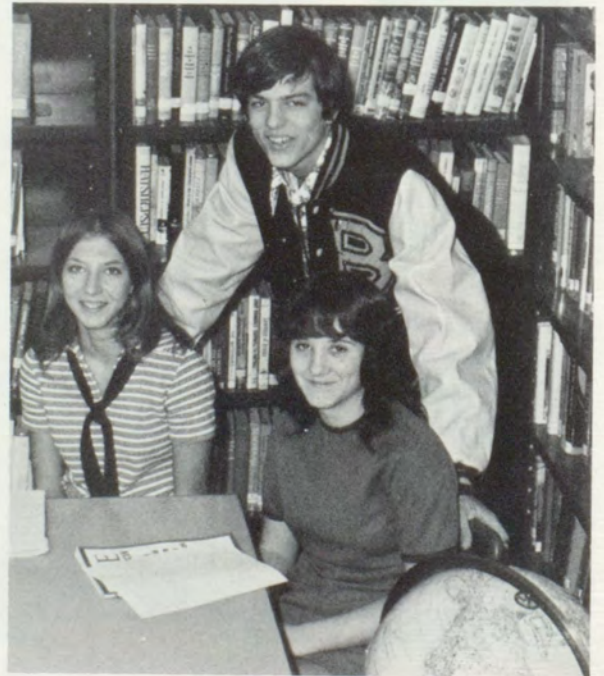


Tony Gourlay

Sophomores survived another year and graduated from scuddy freshman to not so scuddy sophomores. Another year has come and gone and another chapter in life's high school misery complete.

Memories of freshman agony such as hanging in the bathroom on coat hangers, and getting molested in the lunch line slowly fade away as the sophomore class of 1975 push their way to the head of the lunch line.

Jim  
Hamilton



Planning collection of dues are officers Rod Slack, Denise Hodges, and Bev Steeby.





Mark Heath



Debbie Hesse



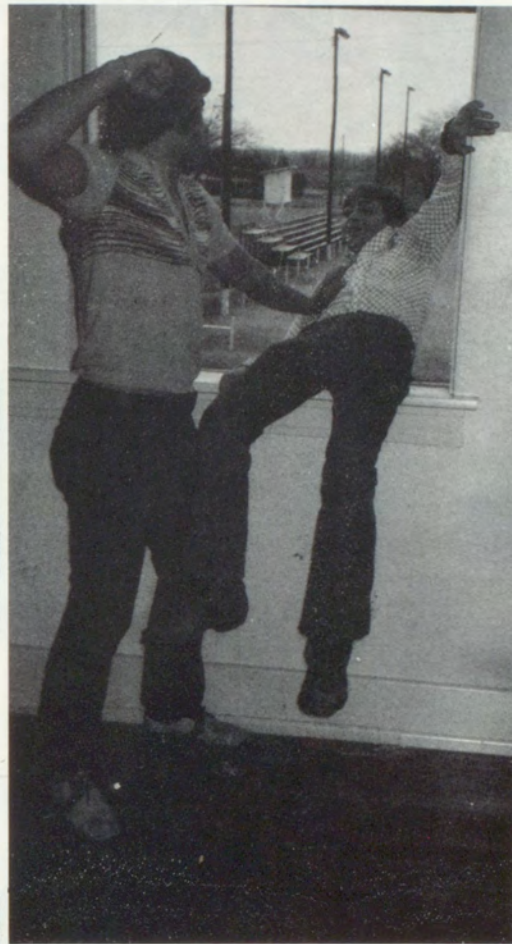
Denise Hodges



Gerard Holinde



Ronnie Hunsucker



Daily activities at BPHS include Danny Hunt beating on Jeff Thompson.



Laurinda Hye



Donnie Hunt



Jackie Richardson



Allen Kerschen



Mark Kilgore



Darwin Kinyon



Linda Lawless



Chris Liersemann



Sherri Liersemann



Lynette McAdam



Terry McCulloch



Robin Mooney



Debbie Nunley





David Rogers



David St. Clair



Jeff Thompson



Don Wall



Ivan Scott



Bev Steeby



Linda Vargas



Melissa Shivers



Deanna  
Stinnett



Jim Terry



Joe Waugh



Fred Wilkerson



Rod Slack



Jerry Wharton



Barry Young

Victor Spencer



Sophomore girls watch as Jackie Richardson signs up for the Pep Club bus.



# Juniors Are One Step Closer to Their Goal



Kathy Allison



Tim Baumgartner



Phil Bell

With the arrival of their class rings, the juniors truly took on the airs of upperclassmen.

The enthusiasm of the junior class took place when they earned \$1,100 from magazine sales and running the concession stand at the home games. The money will be used for the Prom and Banquet.



Marty Beltz



Ginny Bitsche



Gerald Bontrager

In addition to participating in class efforts, juniors also ranked high in individual merits. Many juniors were elected to the various clubs' offices. The energetic students could be found on the debate and speech circuit, in the vocal and band departments, and in the athletic program. The proud class contributed many names to the honor roll.



Myrna Braddy



Gail Burden



Kent Burgess



Lance Carrothers



Brenda Chmidling



Jeff Cott

Ed shows the juniors how to drown their sorrows in between classes.



Class President: Jeff Cott, Class Vice-President: Terry Howe, and Class Secretary-Treasurer: Jane Cushman.







Jane Cushman



Ronnie Deal



Betty Denton



Cheryl Dunn



Leonard Dunn



Beth  
Eschenbrenner



Debbie Evans



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# Seniors Are Free at Last



Soon to leave the echoing halls of old BPHS is the senior class of 1973. With them will go many pleasant memories of classmates and underclassmen.

Groping in the dark since first grade, many of this senior class have come far together.

The class itself has set fine examples for their underclassmen buddies.

The senior class seems to miss all the fun by only a year or so, such as the senior trip, and the last free week of school out. Unfortunate as they are there have been some good times too, like senior pictures and the Banquet. So keep smiling seniors.

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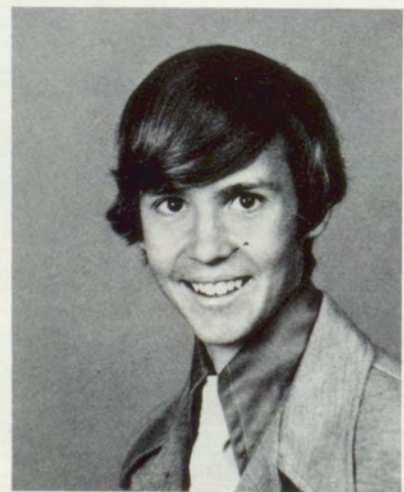
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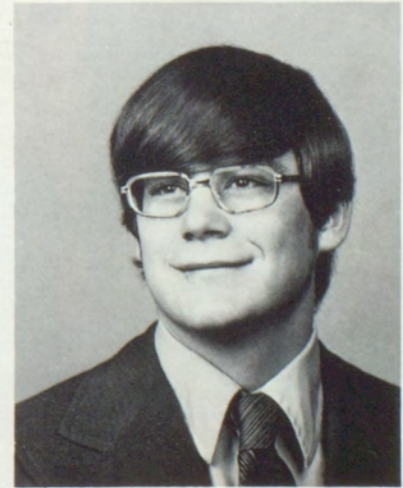
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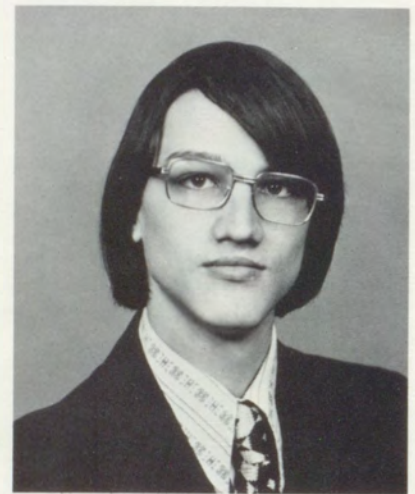
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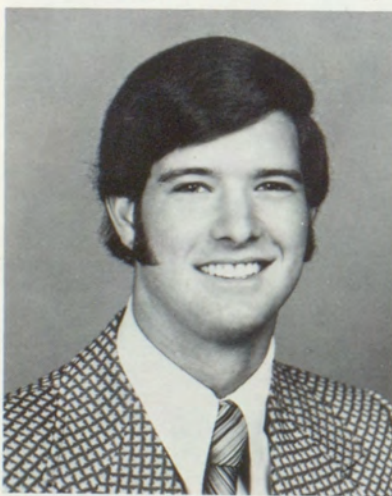
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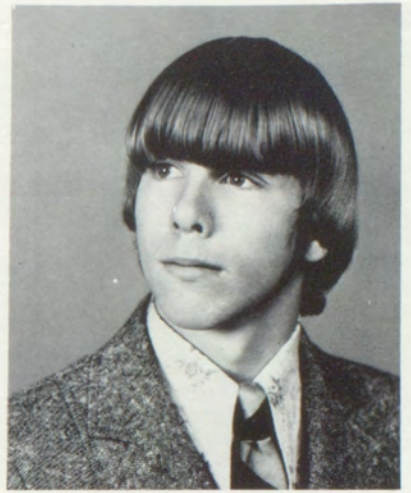




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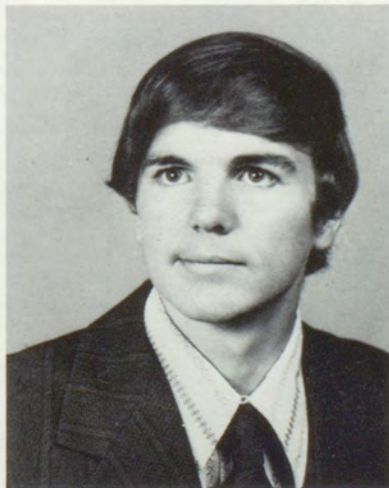
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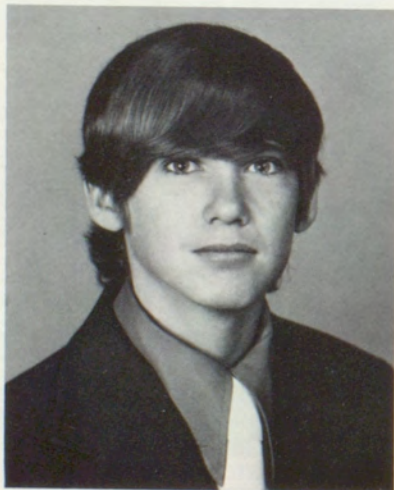
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Craig Mead, Sr., takes a stroll down Main Street after school. Maybe he'll stop in at the DRAGON or pause a moment at ROY'S REXALL DRUGS to read a comic or two or buy a candy bar. Maybe he's headed to FAMILY FOOD CENTER to work or to the VALLEY STATE BANK to cash a graduation check, but wherever he's going he'll get friendly service from the patrons of Belle Plaine.

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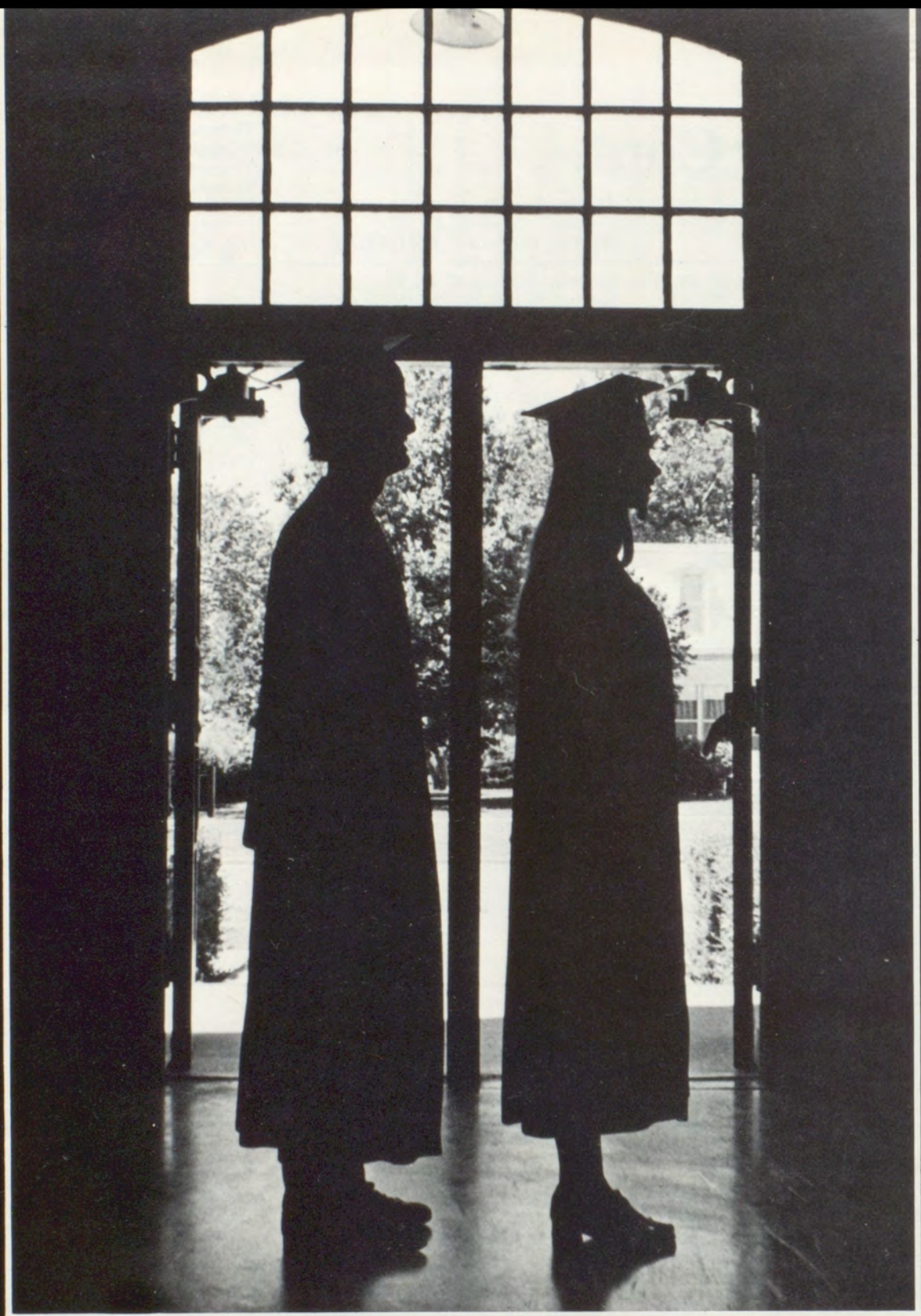
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