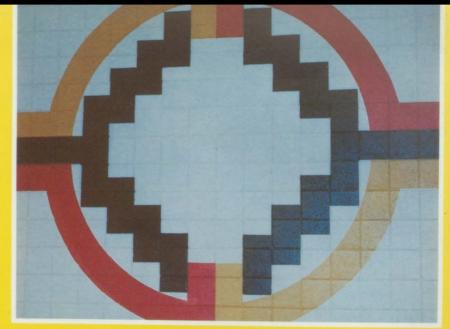


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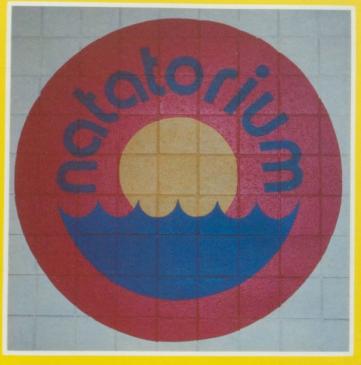
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Some colorful examples of the graphics which decorate the halls and the surrounding view as seen from the school.









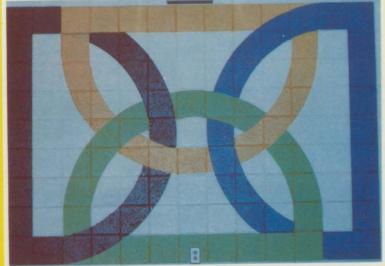
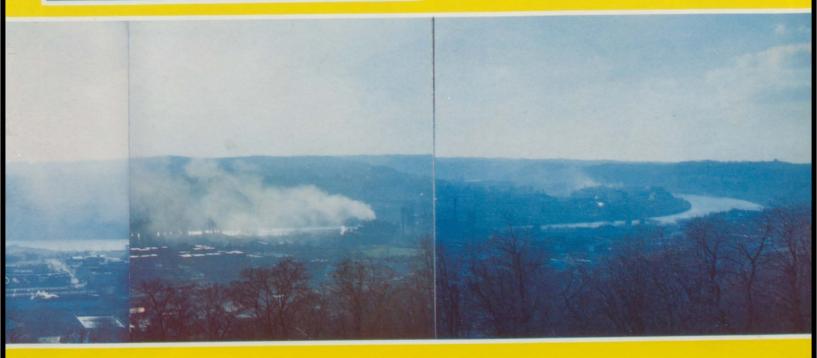
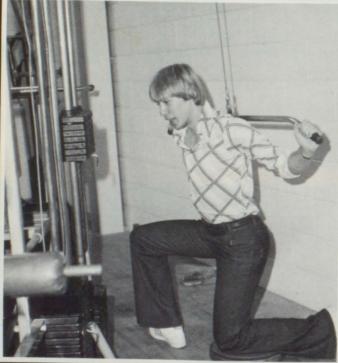


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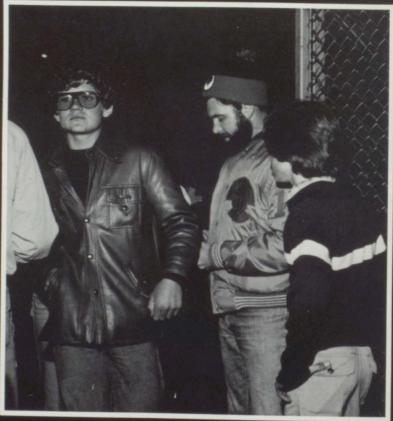
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Senior Greg Mondry works out in the weight room.



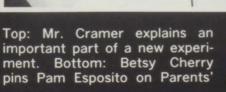
Mr. Lynn guards the gate at games.

Although it wasn't the best, the building served its purpose.

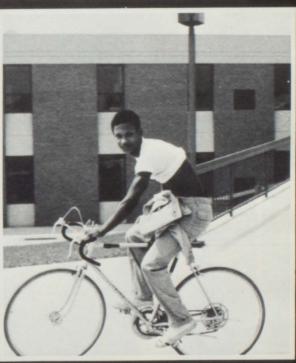








Night, for she represented her brother Joe. Top: Lynn Buck helps out in hanging signs. Bottorn: Chipper Oliver keeps a



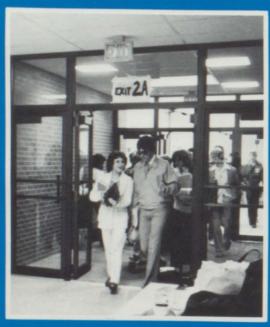
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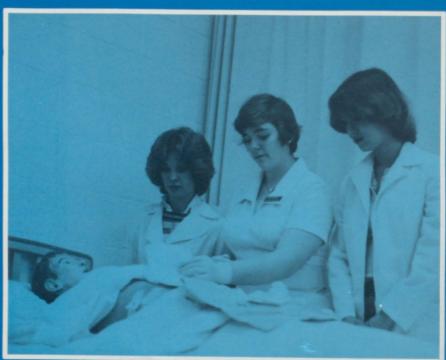
But time has forced us to change, move on and improve ourselves.

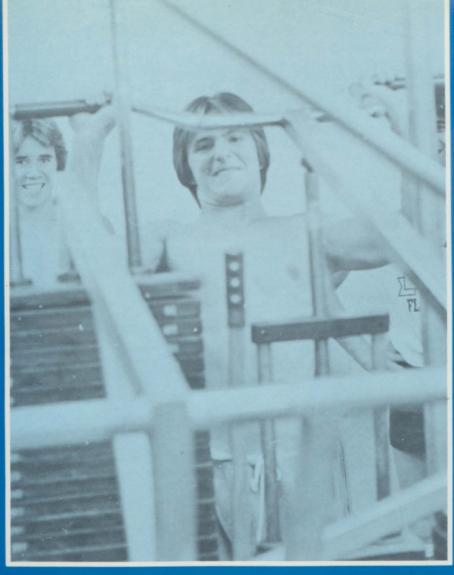
Top: Diane Clougherty chats with friends after a school board meeting. Bottom: Terri, Roxanne, and Denise get hospital practice at Forbes Trail.



Frank and Susan lead the way for another exciting day.



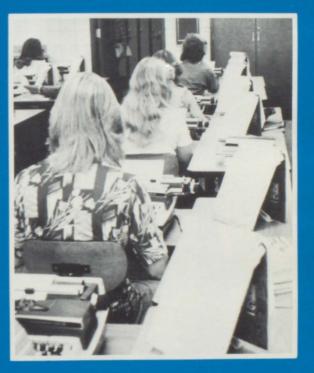




Andy Spero keeps in shape with daily workouts on the universal gym.



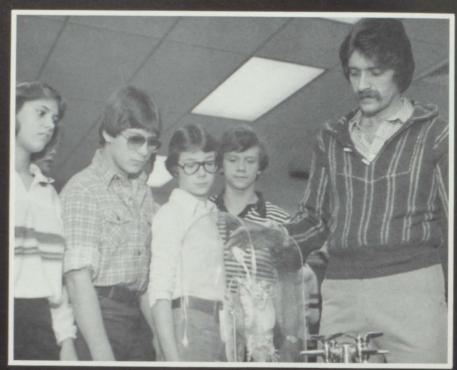
Mr. Monoyoudis keeps a watchful eye over his art class.



Busy typing students earnestly at their lessons.

There are still a few things which are unperfected, but everything has its flaws

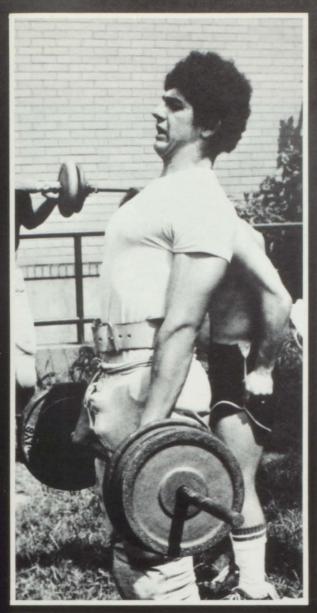
Top: Mr. Maydak explains the turtle's body with the help of a model. Bottom: Tracy Rossey and Vicki Cottone practice perms while Mary Lynn Bravar looks on.



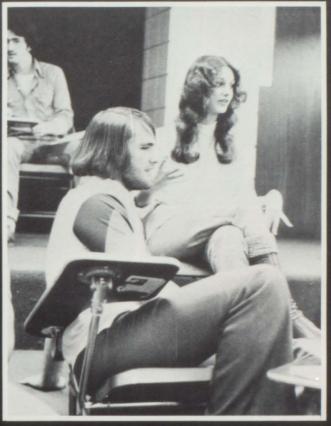
The bustling hallways are always filled.







Left: Tony Conwell builds his muscles during a work-out ses-sion at football practice. Below: Jim McGough and Bea Cafari relax during a short break from

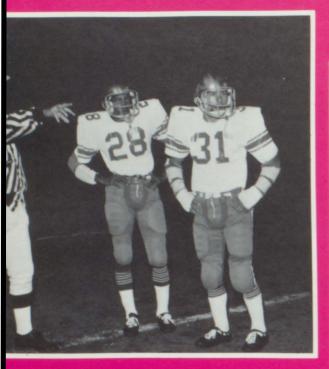




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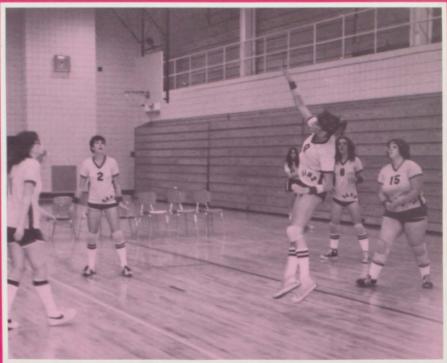


Cathy Warren eagerly picks lunch.



Vaughn Hempfield (28) and Chuck Konop (31) listen attentively as the referee points out rules.

Time will gradually make things better, but until this time, we just have to be patient. Cheryl returns a serve as her teammates look on.





Mary Caputo assists in the Great American Smoke-out by handing out suckers on Nov. 16

Below (L-R): Tom, Jay, Gerard, and Bill are becoming skilled meat cutters at Forbes Trail





Below: Hi Mom!

You've got to be kidding!



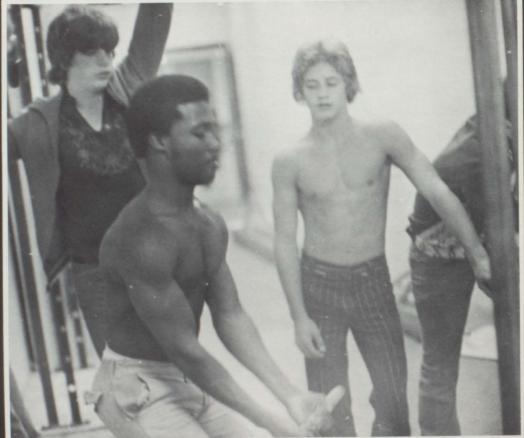
If everyone tries his best to make it work, one will be amazed at the results one can achieve.

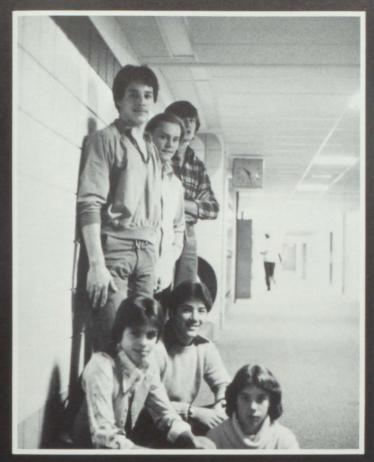


Above: Mrs. Creston hands out mini-course slips to her homeroom.

Below: Larry works out after school in the weight room.







Shavone Porter (L) and Nancy LoPresti (R) exhibit their skills with computers.







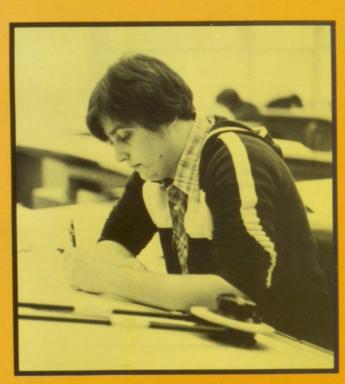
Is that Dan reading a book?



Albert Rousseau works at his drafting table.

Above: Steve Wood (51) and Phil Gibson (86) break the sign.

Cathy Fazio pins Mrs. Campasano on Parents' Night.







Below: The drill team takes a break from their summer prac-



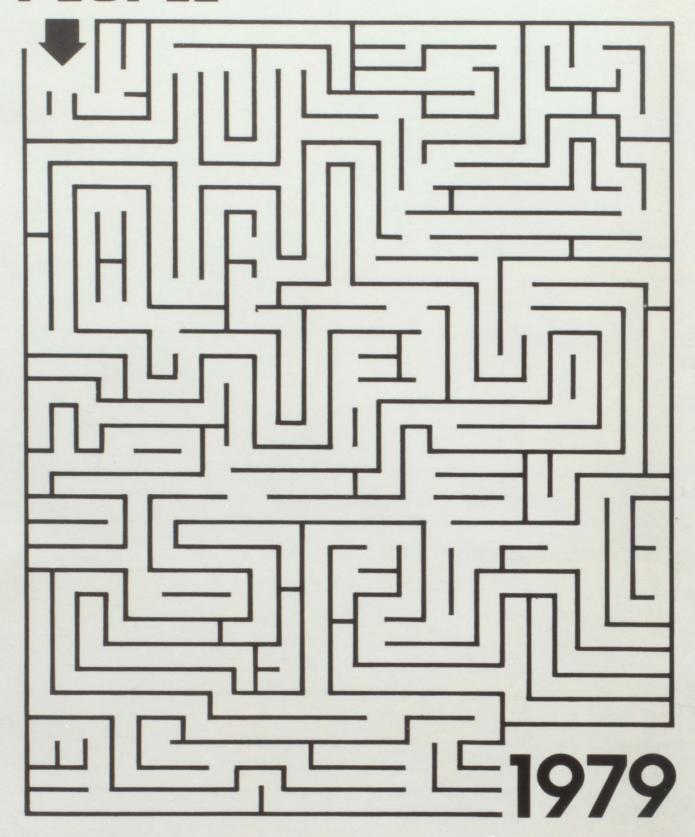


Left: The chorus prepares for their '50's program.

So amaze yourself.

Kathy Yazvac

PEOPLE





Seniors heading towards the end of their MAZE.





Top Left: Bev Jackson sells programs at the football game. Left Betsy cheers the team on at the bonfire. Above: Carmine and Gina look on as the Homecoming Queen is crowned. Below: Senior Class Officers (L-R): Robin Arnold, Dan Joyce, Linda Valentino.



Joe Buzila

Jacqueline Bonaddio.



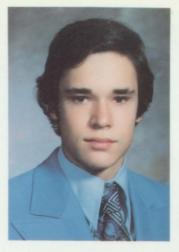




JAMES "JALMS" ALM



ROBIN RAE ARNOLD



WALTER A. ARTUHEVICH



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TAD BALZER



MISS CHARLENE BARBISH



BETH ANNE BERMAN



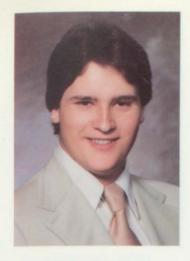
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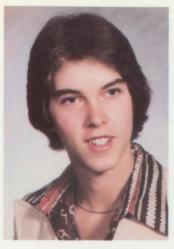
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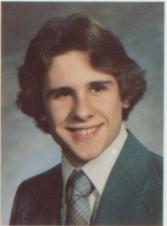
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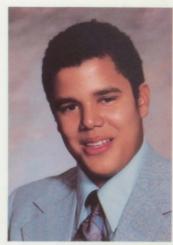
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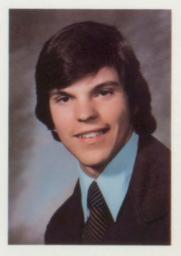
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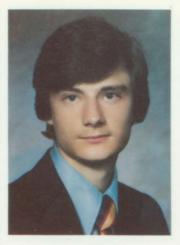
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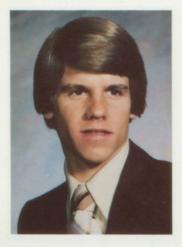
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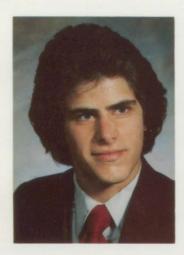
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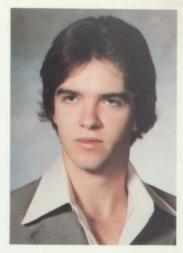
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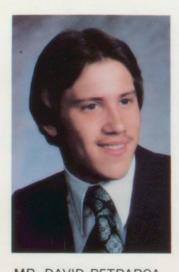
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MARY RAJAKOVICH



KIM SHARNEE RAMSEY



CATHERINE MARIE REBSTOCK



RUTH ILEANE REDSHAW



JIM RILEY



KIMBERLY ANNE ROCKOVICH



MS. TRACY ANN ROSSEY



ALBERT J. ROUSSEAU III



LUANNE RUSSO



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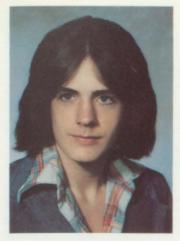
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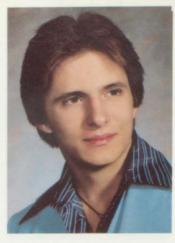
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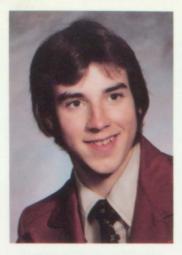
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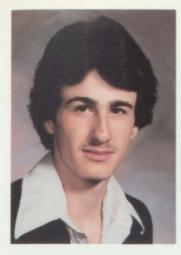
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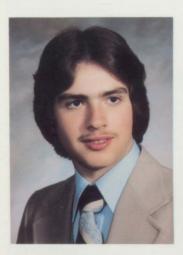
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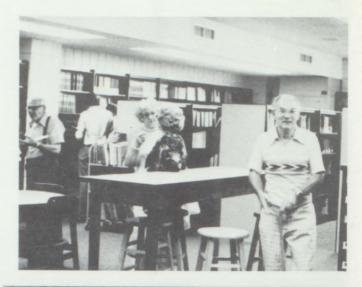


MAUREEN SUSAN YAZVAC

Showing off our new product.

One summer Sunday, our directors decided to have an open house for everyone in the community. It was an opportunity for everyone to come and explore the school. The opening ceremony was held in the auditorium. Two students, Marty Maskarinec and Tanya Smith, accepted the school on behalf of the student body. After the ceremony, everyone was encouraged to tour the school and stop at the cafeteria for refreshments.

Right: Marty Maskarinec gives his speech while Tanya and Mr. Celigoi look on. Bottom Left: Dr. James Kelly accepts a photo of the school.









Smile underclass,











you're on candid camera!





Susan Alm



Ross Arnold



Anthony Ayers



Merle Balkovec



Bob Bentz



Janis Bentz



Ruth Berry



Stacey Blockey



Barry Boros



John Bracken



Ella Mae Brooks



Lynn Buck

Juniors are physically fit for the year.



Cathy Berdis



Carol Burns



Mark Campasano



Mary Caputo



Mary Ann Carr



David Carrell



Gelsina Chioda



Lisa Cicero



Mark Cifranik



John Clement



Kim Colletta



MaryBeth Crombie



Tracey Crombie



Maxine Crouse



Cindy Cushion



Betty Jean Delcorso



Darcy Delisi



Chris DiBernardo



Dino DiBernardo



Joe Donatelli



Diane Donofrio



Vicky Donofrio



David Dorogy



Maureen Duncan



Theresa Escher



Brian Falk



Cindy Falk



Eiseman

Doug



Lori stares in disbelief as her picture is taken.











Ricky Falk

Evelyn Fisher

Josephine Fisher

Laurie Fisher











Jack Flaherty

Keith Frank

Mary Garvey

George Geller







Craig Gibson



Karen Gledich



Valerie Goodfellow



Tony Grieco



Jim Haver



Rob Hawranko



Bob Henkle



Scott Hood



Patty Hughes



Tony Iovino



Darlene Jackson



Jimmy Johns



Linda Johnson



Jeffrey Joynt



Ardella Kent



Sandy Kessler



John Kovak



Patrick Kreitzer



Dorothy Lander



Jackie Massaro



Margie Matta



Karen Matvya



Nathan May



Steve Maydak



Jennifer McBroom



Dan Micholay



Dee Mille



Patty Milko



Paul Miller



Barb Modzelewski



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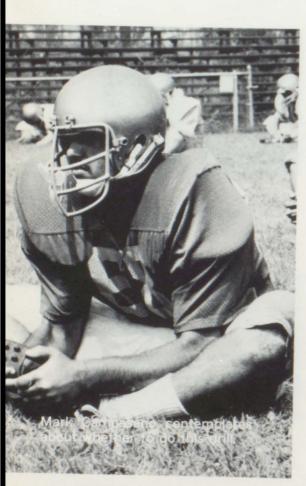
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Kathy Sloan



Fred Smith



Joe Smith



Mike Smith



John Soderberg



Rhonda Stolec



Jack Stoner



Kevin Snyder



Kathy Tierney



Lisa Toth



Bob Tyson



Jean Venturella



Jeff Venturella



Terry Venturino



Vicki Verri



Dino Voelker



Dennis Walendziewicz



Pete Wertz



Wade Welsh



Craig Westbrooks



Nathan Wetzel



Joe Wisnewski



Steve Wood



MaryAnn Wright



Lori Yesko



Jonathan Askew

Sophmores lost in the ways of a new school.



Bill Aubele



Doug Babjak



Cheryl Balkovec



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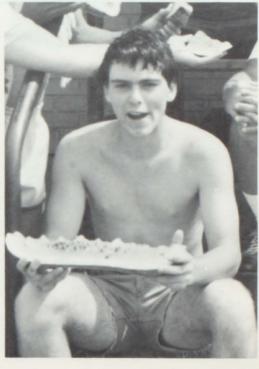


Denise Bucar



Patty Bye





Mike Byrne enjoys watermelon day for the football

team.

Mike Byrne



Beatrice Caffari



Vicky Camp



John Candiello



Valerie Casey



Diane Chambers



Jeff Checchio



John Chop



Diane Clougherty



Robin Crombie



Michelle Cohille



Lori Calaguori



Frances Colaric



Cathy Collins



Patricia Common



MaryKay Connley



Denise Connley



Tony Conwell



Brian Cuda



Nancy Daw



David Dee



Nicky Delcorso



Guy Diana



Nevelda Dickson



John Dirroll



Keith Donald



Donna Donnelly



Ed Emanuel



Clinton Epps



James Faychak



Paul Fialkovich



Carolyn Fullen



Diana Fulton



Larry Gavin



Greg Gaydos



MaryAnn Gaydos



Brian Goodfellow



Tom Graham



Richard Harris



Steve Harris



Billy Haski



Karen Hayes



Larry Hickman



Mike lannace



Barbie Jackson



Gordon Jackson



Curtis James



Lisa Johns



Kerry Joyce



Paul Karis



Sharon Kazimer



Mike Kelly



routin

Eric Kirksey



John Kozioziemski



Laura Kubli



Susan Kunselman





Dori Laney



Paul Limbacker



John Lucas



Erin Lynch



John Madigan



Brian Manning



Clement Marcou



Greg Marney



Tom Martin



Neil Mason



Roger Mayhall



Danny Mc Call



Keith McDaniel



Ray McGough



Keith McGriff



Monica McMurtry



Claudia Miller



James Miskovich



Jay Morton



Mike Mrazik



Diane Nelson



Sam Nestpoli



John Nichols



Debbie Nixsdorf



C'mon Billy, only 5 more to go.



Sally Noonan



Dom Orfitelli



Frank Pascarella



Tony Peterson



Lisa Petrarca



Tina Phillis



David Porter



Linda Queen



Thomas Ramsey



Mark Rengers



Tom Rebstock



Laurie Regrut



Sandy Rocco



Karen Rodgers



Mary Ann Rousseau



Cassie Rydzak



Melissa Sasso



Melinda Sasso



Darlene Schultz



Iris Sherman



Jim Shogan



Trina Shottes



Colleen Smith



Mark Smith



Renee Smith



Steffani Smith



Yvonne Smith



Linda Stefano



Linda Stevens



Brenda Stewart



John Stockman



Cheryl Stolberg



Mike Surunis



Carolyn Tancrator



Jeannie Taylor



Roy Taylor



Gene Thelin



Bob Thiem



Cindy Thomas



Camille Trunzo



Sherry Tupper



Martin Valko



Dawn Voorhis



Bill Wagner



Paula Walendziewicz



Sandy Welsch



Steve Wilson



Michael Wisniewski



Beth Wright



Frank Youngk



Linda Youngman



Valerie Zegar



Nancy Daw participated in the Y-teens initiation.



Janice Zelen



Louie Zelesnoc



John Zenone



Mike Zentner



School Board members listen attentively to a speaker in the

audience during regular monthly meeting.



Dr. James L. Kelly, President of Swissvale Area School Board.



Mr. John Hickton, Esq. Solicitor



Mrs. Angela Escher, Secretary



Mr. Edward F. Garrity, Jr., Vice-President



Ms. Patricia Arndt



Mr. John J. Bell



Mr. Ross C. Cioppa

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School board members back us all the way.

Mrs. Carol Wilhelm School Board Member

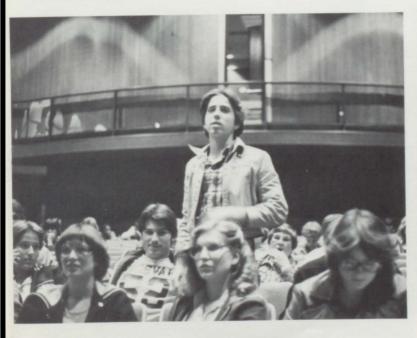
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Mrs. Grace Wolfe School Board Member



Questions from the audience shows interest in school affairs.

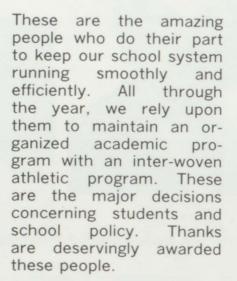


A student pleads for an explanation.





Mr. Patrick V. Bonacci Principal





Mr. Rudolph Celigoi, Superintendent



Mr. Richard D. Kost, Assistant Superintendent



Mr. Robert Cloherty, Business Manager

Mrs. Mary Okorn

Main path to business office

Mrs. Marie Holt. Below: Mrs. Helen Novotnie.



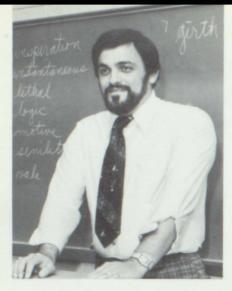
Miss Janet Mantia

Mrs. Agnes Reed









Mr. Aspiotes: Girls' Basketball



William D. Biesecker



Mr. Timothy Bober: Athletic Director; Varsity Club, Varsity Wrestling Coach.



Ruth F. Buehner: Activities Fund Treasurer; Business Dept. Chairperson



Lana Kay Buehner: Swissayers



Mr. Richard L. Carlberg



Dian Bujdos
English Department Chairperson
Erma Carrell
Secretary



Louis A. Calgaro: Spanish Club



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Paul Cramer: Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach



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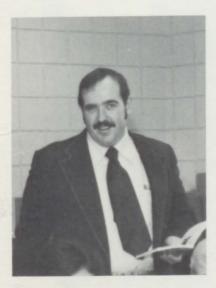
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Lillian Gibson Secretary



David R. Gordon Ph.D.: G.A.T.E.



Russell R. Holt **Mathematics Department** Chairperson



Dalton Keener



Paul Kennedy



William A. Krizan



David H. Lynn: Social Studies Dept. Chariman; J.H. Girl's Basketball Coach.



Mrs. Charlotte Mallet



Mr. Anthony Maydak: Science Dept. Chairman; Jr. Class Spon-



Barbara McKinney



Grace B. Miller: School Play



Mr. Steve Monoyoudis



Janice L. Olson: Girls Varsity Volleyball, Intramurals



Patrick J. O'Reilly: Varsity Basketball Coach; National Honor Society; Senior Class Sponsor.



Ronald C. Persin: Boys' Volley-ball Coach; Body Building Club; Boys Basketball Scorer.



Mrs. Evamarie Pfeiffer



Diana L. Plutto (BA MLIS), Librarian; Library Club; Library Aides



Mrs. N. Politis, English

Raymond Roebuck Jr., Social Studies



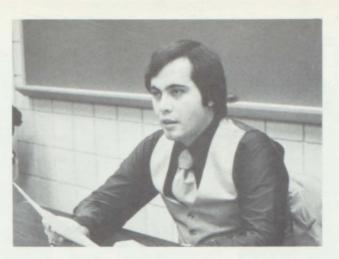
Terri Pope, Language; French Club; Y-Teens; Cheerleaders, Assemblies



Mrs. Sarah Romito, Reading; Sophomore Class Adviser



Charles P. Scafuri, Social Studies



John R. Siko Jr., Social Studies



Mrs. Anna Marie Shields, School Nurse



Mrs. Dolores C. Suvak, English; Swissvalian Adviser; Newspaper; Quill and Scroll; Journalism Staffs

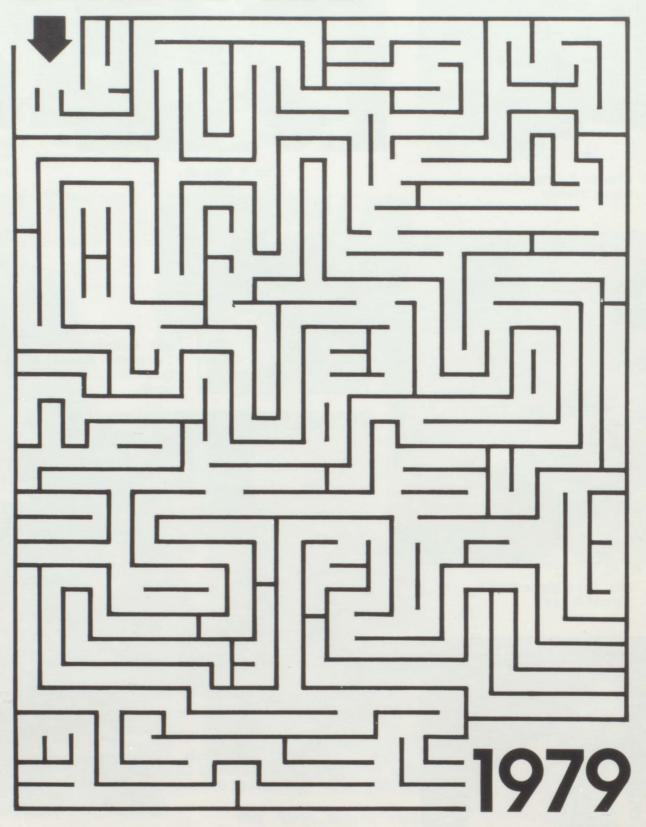


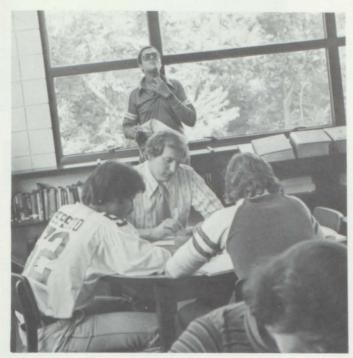
Mr. J. C. Thomas, Jr., Driver's Ed; Audio Visual Director; Student Council Sponsor



John R. Shields, English; Head Golf Coach

SCHOOL LIFE









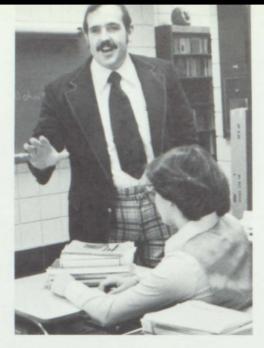












And let me reassure you, "Philosophy is fun!"

Mixture of mini courses



I don't know, this sounds a little like a Harlequin romance to me.



Mrs. Politis stresses a point to enthusiastic students.



O.K., Now who wants to read "Das Kapitales?"



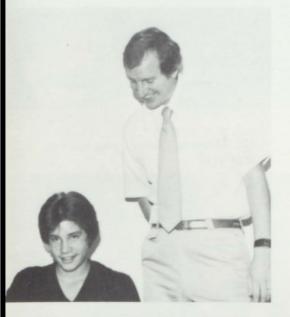
Mr. Lynn points out an interesting fact.



Cheryl Polovchik getting into her English assignment.



Mr. Keener visually dissects the double helix.



But Nick, math is **fun**, chuckles Mr. Persin.

Using math skills learned from several mathematicians, students at Swissvale can apply them to a number of sciences. Included in the curriculum are Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and Applied Science. Either learning about the earth's evolution or atomic theory should arouse your curiosity. If that's not enough, you can always dissect a fetal pig.

Math and Science go hand in hand . . . or would it be testube in hand?



Another exciting biology model to smell before lunch (turtle soup)

Meanwhile . . . Back at the formula in Physics.



Why not drive through the maze?

Sooner or later, we all get to the point when driving is easier than walking, and that is when Driver's Ed. comes in. It's truely amazing how these students can manage to drive on the right side of the maze without running into a wall.



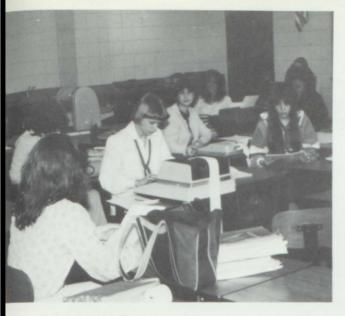
Mt. Thomas haven't you learned this yet?



Car? check.



And we're off. Why not drive through the maze?



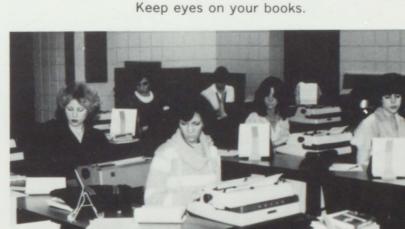
Carol, that machine is broken.

Through a very competent business department, some of the students here at SHS have already planned their path through the maze. Many students are enrolled in classes of typing, shorthand, or accounting and will find this knowledge highly profitable in getting a job, being accepted into a profes-

sional business school, or just as a crutch in college. Another very important program in SHS is the Distributive Education. The students here have a chance to get practical experience at working while they are still in school. All in all, SHS makes this part of the maze a little easier.



Time is up girls.



Time off for good behavior.





Put the joke book away.

Vous parlez français? or Hable espanol?. If you don't understand that, then you aren't one of the many students who choose to take a language. Both Spanish, taught by Mr. Calgaro, and French, taught by Ms. Pope, are offered here up to level four, from grades 9-12. These students learn the basics of the language and they learn about literature, history, and most likely read a French or Spanish novel. These students, as well, can be in the French or Spanish clubs and possibly go on a trip to the foreign country, All in all, these languages may prove to be a helping hand in their maze of life.

Ils ne comprent pas.



Escuchen!



French two class hard at work.



Repitan!



Once you get the basic nasal sounds



Madame Pope encourages students to become familiar with french culture.



The intrigue of a foreign language

Below: Let me tell you about those Spanish women.



Below: But does the dragon get Tintin?



Senor Calgaro shows concern for one of his matadors.

Co-ed gym classes lookin' good

For once in Swissvale's school history, the gym classes are now co-ed. (That is both guys and girls together in class, competing with and against each other). This gives the girls a chance to prove they're not made up of all sugar and spice, but guts and muscle, too. Do you think the school board would go for co-ed locker rooms?



Above: "Warming up for a game."



Above: "Okay you guys, which one of you hid the ball?



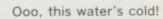
Left: "... and you check it out!"



Even the pool is a maze!



Be careful you don't tip it in the rough water!





Who are those gorgeous hunks?





"Is this how Columbus got started?"



Taking a mud bath before departure.



"Now which way to home?"



"Isn't science amazing?"



"Land Ho!"



Above: Standing L-R: D. Johns, D. Carrell, J. Haver, J. Venturella, C. Fulton, Mr. T. Maydak, 2nd Row: R. Arnold, A. Orfitelli, M. Smith, R. Sedory, A. Spero, Sit.: L. Valentino, J. Gigliotti, R. Stolec, K. Sloan, C. Burns, M. Caputo.



Students prepare to board a barge.

Digging for China? No, just for sand crabs.



J. Venturella and D. Carrell examine a specimen.



Participants take time out to enjoy a swim in the ocean.





No, just a little to the left.



I guess this sews it all up for now.

Come out of there!

Ronnie does a touch-up job.

Did you get them right, Beth?





Are you sure it goes in this end?







Spell Sacamango again?







Sorry . . there's very little we can do for a stomach ache.



and Darci studies the finer points of marketing.

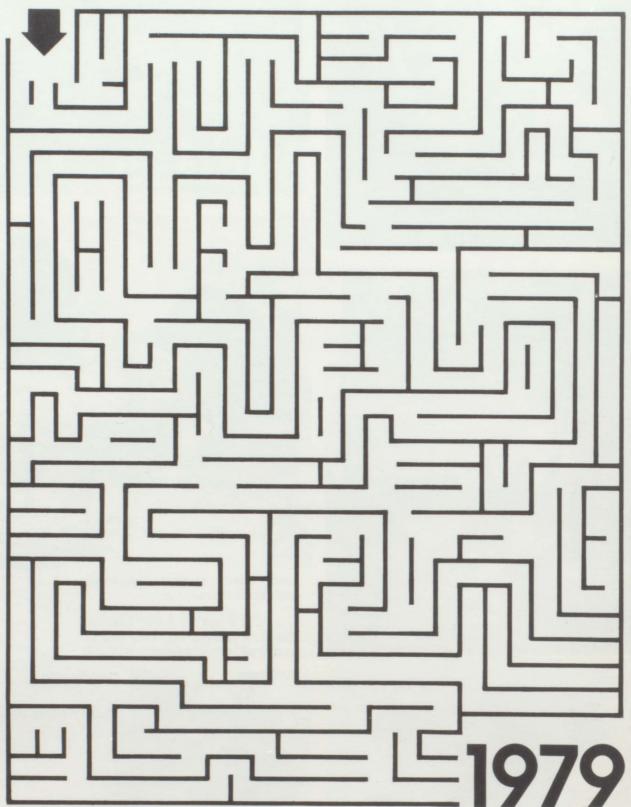
. . . . it's got to work, Sesame Street's coming on. This course really gets in my hair.



Laugh now

but I'll make room!

HAPPENINGS



Sophomore Class Officers: Diane Clougherty, Paul Fialkovich, Robin Crombie, Melissa Sasso.

Sports Editor of the Swissvalian Bob Hainsey.



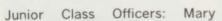


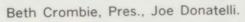




Juli Stefano, Linda Valentino, Drum Major, Patti Kubli.



















Behind every great meal is a great chef.



JoAnn McMicheals tends the ovens.

New experiences were plentiful this year with our new building, but one of the best was the cafeteria. Although those who live close by may not agree with this, many of the students who live farther away were happy to be able to have a hot meal without a mile hike home at lunchtime. Behind these meals were a great staff of workers that we call the "Cafeteria Ladies". Everyday they prepared the lunches cleaned up and planned for the next day.



Above: Mary Bezak and Margerat Campbell draw clean-up duty. Below: Standing L-R: Mary Bezak, Margerat Campbell. Sitting Clockwise: Adelle Perry,

Theresa Zak, Betty Jackson, JoAnn McMicheals, Kay Iovino, Carol Rose, Rose Schiffauer, Angela Odhnicki, Mary Hainsey.





ROW 1: Bill Auble, Ruth Redshaw, Rob Lesko, Mary Ann Carr, Tanya Smith, ROW 2. Cheryl Polov-

chick, Carol Cushion, Sandy Kessler, Juli Stefano, Betsy Cherry, Randy Voorhis, Diane Dono-

frio, Dave McMillan, Mark Campassano, Paul Fialkovich.

Hayride lifted spirits



cil is a group of young people, elected by their student body, to voice the needs, and opinions of that body. Although our Student Council fits this description it describes only a small part of the things our council does for us. Each year they sponsor homecoming and this year a new Christmas Ball. Another innovation was a hayride held in October open to the entire student body. The hayride, under the stars, followed by a bonfire with plenty of toasted marshmallows, lifted every-

Technially a student coun-

ones spirits, and succeded.



ABOVE: Officers, L-R. Dave M McMillan, V.P., Betsy Cherry, Sec., Randy Voorhis, Pres., RIGHT: President, Randy Voorhis.



1st Row L-R. Sharon O'Mara, Patty Ward, Cathy Fazio, Jenny McBroom, Cathy Shaner, Mary

Mularkey, Kelly Polacek, Patty Bye, 2nd Row L-R. Tracey Crombie, Sue Alm, Betsy Cher-

ry, Jackie Woods, Mary Garvey, Diane Cirella, Beverly Jackson.

Because someone

has to run the errands.

If you ever wondered who delivers those absent sheets, or brings you early dismissal passes (yeah!) or does all those little odds and ends that keep an office running smoothly, the answer to your questions is the office aides. This group of girls give up some of their precious study halls every week to help Mrs. Carrell and Mrs. Gibson keep everything going. Their duties run from running off copies to cleaning out cupboards. Although their presence often seems neglected we know, it could be that the secretaries of tomorrow are the "gophers" of today.







Library Club: Row 1 L-R. Barb Modzieleski, Cindy Falk, Peggy Redinger, Ella Brooks, Paula Perri, Julie Scrano, Sue Spero, Karen Matyva, Annette Shockling. Row 2. Valerie Goodfellow, Phil Gibson, Dave Arthrell, Debbie Kolich, Melanie Katilus. Row 3. Angela Hayes, John Geller, Sandy Noey, Mrs. Costanza, Randy Rocco, Paul Miller, Tony Ayers.

Club Officers: Left Row 1. Anthony Ayers, Publicity Mgr.; Row 2. Karen Matyva, Sec.; Dave Arthrell, V.P.: Betsy Cherry, Treas.; Row 3. Ella Brooks, Pres.; Mrs. Plutto.



A special kind of bookie

Our Swissvale Area Library Club and Aides have been called everything from the "Happy Bookers" to "Bookies", but we know what they really are is just plain terrific. They give up two or three of their study halls each week to help Mrs. Plutto remain sane while trying to keep the library in order. The

work of these volunteers is not limited to the library itself. This year at Halloween they gave out candy at areas hospitals in full costume. Their job does include fun and games of course, and the members of the library club have planned numerous activities.

Below-Library Aides: Row 1 L-R. Sharon Ciaraulo. Diane Ciaraulo, Debbie Kolich, Barb Scullen, Mrs. Plutto, Lillian Smith, Diane Welsh, Debbie Smith, Anthony Ayers. Row 2. Randy Rocco,

Val Goodfellow, Barb Modzieleski, Cindy Falk, Besty Cherry, Sue Spero, Karen Matyva, Laura George, Colleen Boyle, Phil Gibson.



Bowlers roll on,

A new club this year at SHS is the bowling club. It is sponsored by Mrs. Maksimchuk and the students compete against each other. This may not plan their way through the maze of life, but it will keep them out of the gutter.



Bowling Club (L-R) Row 1: P. Perri, M. Mrazik, R. Smith, E. Brooks, M. Iannace, S. Cosgrove, R. Mahute. Standing (L-R): J.

Jackson, B. Portogallo, D. Perla, J. Limbacher, J. Lucas, E. Brinkley.

while achievers move ahead

Another new club this year is U.P.A., United People's Achieve. This club is sponsored by Mr. Keener and it's purpose is to help guide students through the complex maze of life.



UPA (L-R) Row 1: E. Kirksey, D. Laney, V. Irvin, M. McMurtry, M. Turman, L. Hickman. Row 2: K. Ramsey, B. Jackson, D. Blan-

non, N. May, J. Jackson, T. Ramsey, D. Newsome. Row 3: A. Porter, P. Moore, D. Fulton, K. McGriff.

Muchos chicos y chicas.



The Spanish Club is the largest in the entire school consisting of more than 80 members, grades 10 through 12. What is responsible for so large a turnout? Probably all the things they did last year like pizzamovie nights. Their sponsor, Mr. Calgaro, is planning more wild and crazy activities for this year!

Members Cont'd: Row 1 (L-R) Barb Hudale, Ross Arnold, Mike Smith, Rob Hawranko, Juli Stefano, Pat Milko, Joanne Gigliotti, Debbie Nixdorf. Row 2 Judy Coleirio, Chuck Konop, Georgiann Keches, Robin Arnold, Sue Iannucci, Ruth Redshaw, Kathy Sloan, Terese Petrina. Row 3: Randy Rocco, Patti Kubli, Betsy Cherry, Cathy Mularkey, Angie Abbenante, Carol Burns, Row 4: Jeff Jackson, Vernon Irvin, Sandy Welsh, Sally Noonan. Row 5: Robin Crombie, Tanya Smith, Diane Perry.

Club Members: Row 1 (L-R) Michele Aversa, Stacey Blocky, Joe Donatelli, Karen McCall, Row 2: Mary Kay Conley, Camille Trunzo, Carolyn Tancraitor, Denise Conley, Mike Byrne, Carolyn Fullen. Row 3: Maureen Yazvac, Debbie Thorton, Joe Milko, Jeff Venturella, Darlene Schultz, Denise Bucar. Row 4: Cheryl Balkovec, Diana Fulton, Mark Evanchec, Mary Jo Pcolinsky, John Zenone, John Clement, Dan Lucas, Darrell Shaffer, Jeff Jackson. Row 5: Jackie Massaro, Dee Mille, Susan Moore, Terri Venturino, Linda Stefano, Melinda Bentz, Pete Wertz, Ella Mae Brooks, Dorre Laney, Melanie Katilus. Row 6: Renee Smith, Gina Sapienza, Josie Fisher. Row 7: Beth Crombie, Lisa Toth, Donna Shields, Lisa Johns, Tina Phyllis, Linda Queen, Randy Voorhis, Eric Kirksey, Moses Murray, Dana Blannon, Diane Penrod.





LeCercle Français is alive and

Club Members L-R Row 1: L. Kubli, S. Spero, C. Rode, R. Stolec, Ms. Pope, S. Sedory, M. Carr, J. Miller, R. Berry, K. Mularkey, L. Valentino. Row 2 P. Milko, T. Sholtes, J. Taylor, M. McMutury, V. Zegar, C. Miller, C. Guy, D. Voorhis, V. Casey, B. Modzieleski, D. Donnelly, L. Caligouri. Row 3: A. Spero, D.

Dick, D. Arthrell, Q. Bullard, J. Zelen, S. Kessler, I. Sherman, C. Fulton.

Club Officers L-R Ronnie Stolec. Secretary; Sue Sedory, Vice-President; Cindy Rode, Treasurer; Mary Ann Carr, President.

well and living in

Swissvale!

Weaving their way through the maze of French Culture and Grammar are these, the members of the Cercle Francais. As an initiation program all new members portrayed famous people from French History, and later adopted the French Love for fine food with a French Christmas meal. Winter months were busy with prepartions for the Cabaret Dance and the French Play exhibited each year at Buhl Planatarium. remaining months wove around the annual car wash and came to an end with a memorable banquet.



Au Revoir et Bonne Chance Amis.



Left: Initiation day and the French Club is out in full costume. Left Center: Mime Monica McMurtury. Right Center: Grand Prize Winner Cindy Guy mas-querades as Pepe La Pew. Bot-tom: Iris Sherman's can-can dancer provoked alot of funny looks.







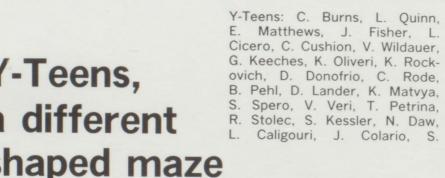


Y-Teens Cabinet Seated: M. Caputo, K. Mularkey, L. Quinn, S. Kessler, D. Donofrio, J. Ste-

fano, P. Milko, R. Redshaw Standing: B. Berman, S. Spero,

K. Matvya, L. Cicero, C. Burns. S. Sedory, J. Gigliotti.

Our Y-Teens are truly an amazing group of girls. Their tour through the maze, consisting of nearly 60 members, got off to good start with the Sadie Hawkins' Day Dance and Halloween Unicef Drive. They next made a worthwhile turn with the annual Sweetheart Ball in February, though, all along the way there was something worthwhile. The year usually ends up with a dinner where each girls can recollect her experiences through the "Y"-shaped maze.



O'Mara, C. Fazio, R. Berry, C. Berdis, M. Caputo, D. Schultz. D. Voorhis, B. Scullen, B. Cherry, L. Petrarca, L. Stolhberg, A. Scholking, P. Milko, K. Mularkey, C. Tancrator, K. Rogers, I. Sherman, B. Crombie, C. Fullen, M. Sasso, P. Hughes, S. Alm, L. Costanza, D. Bucar.

Y-Teens, a different shaped maze



Left Senior Y-Teens. Top: Lori Quinn. Middle L-R judy Colario, Sharon O'Mara, Kathy Oliveri, Georgiann Keches, Cathy Fazio. Bottom Betsy Cherry, Beth Berman, Joann Gigliotti, Vicki Wildauer, Ruth Redshaw, Juli Stefano. Left Center: Linda Queen, Vicki Camp, and Melinda Sasso discuss the latest fashion trends. Right Center: Proprietors of the Sadie Hawkins Marrin' Booth are takin' care of business. Bottom Y-Teens pledges strike a pose on Backwards Initiation Day.







Fellas, ya'all beware,



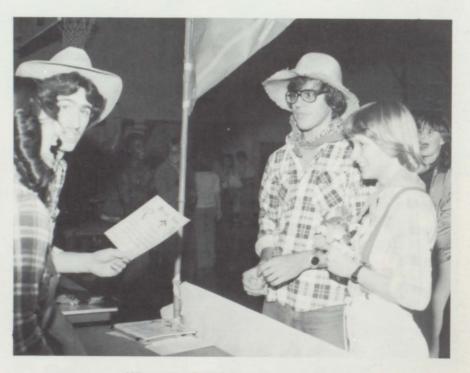


Above Left: Betsy and Joe share a wedding treat. Above Right:

A license for Glo and Joe!



Gelsina and Dave trip the light fantastic.



Whereas Carol has a hankerin' for Tony and they is ready to do it legal like



Citizens of dogpatch Freak Out!



Andy convinces Louann that he's a "macho man."



Even Marrin' Sam can be hooked at Sadie hawkins.

The women of Dogpatch always get their men!

The hill is alive with the sound of music. Look out Bee Gee's, make room for the Swissvale

Chorus. The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Buehner, got off to a great start this year with their first concert evolving around a 1950's theme. Their efforts all year proved a great success. Once again an elite group was chosen from all the chorus members. This group, the Swissayers, consisted of Cheryl Lavrinc, Susan Kunselman, Sandy Noey, Jackie Woods, Cheryl Balkovec, Dave Arthrell, Ed Brinkley, and Jerry Smith. Throughout the year they provided us with very good and much appreciated entertainment.



1978 Swissayers



Chorus: 1st Row I-r Mrs. Buehner, Kathy Warren, Jackie Woods, Vicki Camp, Sandy Cosgrove, Debbie McCready, Cindy Thomas, Sandy Noey, MaryBeth Giordano, Gigi Siler, Bernadette Pehl. 2nd Row: Tracey Och,

Cheryl Lavrinc, Cheryl Balvovec, Susan Kunselman, Cheryl Penrod, Nevelda Dixon, Cheryl Stohlberg, Beatrice Cafari, Kathy Valko, Karen Chernick, Darlene Young, 3rd Row: Don Newsome, Bob Fillipino, Rick Foster, John Geller, Dave Arthrell, Bill Wilson, Jim Miskovich. 4th Row: Creighton Bryan, Mike Stower, Bob Portogallo, Ed Brinkley, Jerry Smith, Eric Oliver, Mike Ferraro.

Students have a Merry Little Christmas!



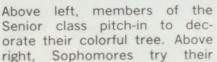
Here's to the winners. The Stage Band (above left) and Junior



tree (above right), everyone's

favorites!







hand at tree trimming. Below, the Chorus wishes all a Merry Christmas.





VALISTALE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

With a change of name, the School Newspaper, "Valistic", started out with a bang. By adding features such as a suggestion column, a revival of the "Roving Reporter", and all around improved subject matter and writing, the name "Valistic" made a proud comeback!

Top Right: 1978 Valistic Editors Center Right: Features Staff Row 1 L-R; Darcy DeLisi, coed., Robin Crombie. Row 2; Lori Yesko, Ed Brinkley. Center; Mary Mularkey, co-ed. Below Right: News Staff L-r Barb Hudale, co-ed., Betty Jean DelCorso, Karen McCall, co-ed., Gelsina Chioda, Diane Clougherty, Diane Donofrio. Tanya Smith. Below Left Extra Curricular Staff Clockwise from front; Kathy Wheeler, ed., Sandy Kessler, Melinda Sasso, Valerie Zegar, Dave Perla, Robin Arnold. Tracey Crombie, Melissa Sasso.









A Change of Pace







Top Left - Photography Staff Becky Pehl, Dave Perla. Top Right-Typing Editor. Betsy Cherry. Center-Sports Staff. Marty Byrne, Camille Trunzo, Patty Bye, Anthony Candiello, ed. Bottom Left - Art Staff. Mark Simko, Tad Balzer, ed. Bottom Right-Assembly Editor. Carol Cushion.





CREATORS OF AMAZEMENT

These are the magicians who bring to life the '79 Swissvalian-the maze builders. Under the guidance of our amazing advisor, Mrs. Suvak, the journalism staff tackled some huge projects; the Great American Smoke-Out being our most challenging. Now, wind your way through this labyrinth designed by our staff of "teasers."



1979 Swissvalian Editors

Underclass Staff; Clockwise Mary Ann_Carr, Camille Trunzo, Diane Donofrio, Patty Bye.





Editor-In-Chief; Ruth Redshaw

Above: **Business Staff.** Betsy Cherry, B.J. DelCorso, Mgr. Below: Activities Staff. Cindy Cushion, ed., Judy Colario.









Top: Typing Editor. Kathy Yazvac. Bottom: L-R **Senior Staff.** Kathy Oliveri, Cheryl Polovchik, Robin Arnold, ed., Georgiann Keches.

jumble of journalists



Above: Editor-in-Chief of Valistic; Joanne Gigliotti. Top Right: Copy Staff of Swissvalian L-R; Angie Abbenante, Rhonda Stolec, Ed., Mary Ann Carr, Sue Sedory. Below Right: Underclass Editor of Swissvalian, Tracey Smith.





Swissvalian's editors honored by Quill and Scroll.

Pictured at right are Swissvale's own contribution to the Quill and Scroll. Bob Hainsey, and Ruth Redshaw were picked by the Journalists Honorary Society as members for the 1978-79 year. We congratulate them and wish them luck in their future roles.





These are what you might call the leaders of the pack; all those athletes, male or female, who have lettered in one or more varsity sports. Members of the varsity club are very active all year. During football season, they raise funds by operating the refreshment stands at the varsity games. These funds are used to defray costs of varsity jackets and make possible activities such as a Penguin hockey game and a tentative Seven Springs ski trip.

"We'll give a cheer for the varsity, long may they reign supreme. Shout till the echo's ring, and the glory of our teams!"

Club Officers: Joe Esposito, Pres.; Lou Cicero, V.P. Kathy Yazvac, Sec.; Cathy Fazio, Treas. Club Members Seated L-R Row 1: Phil Gibson, Randy Rocco, Jan Miller, Ruth Redshaw, Joanne Gigliotti, Betsy Cherry, Maureen Yazvac. Row 2: Randy Voorhis, Cathy Fazio, Kathy Yazvac, Lou Cicero, Joe Esposito. Row 3: Greg Mondry, Dennis Walendziewicz, Doug Eiseman, Nick DelCorso, Tony Candiello. Row 4: Dave Johns, Andy Spero, Beth Crombie, Sandy Kessler, Moses Murray, Vernon Irvin. Row 5: Jack Stoner, Kevin Ertman, Vaughn Hemp-

field, Lee Sahene, Chip Oliver. Standing, L-R: Marty Byrne, Bob Portogallo, Steve Wood, Chuck Konop, Diane Wilhelm, Donna Porter, Pat Bye, Linda Valentino, Joe Welsh, Curt James, Jack Flaherty.



Hail to the varsity!

Football stars celebrate with fans and friends!







Joe Esposito (far left) receives best offensive player award for the Beth-Center game and Chuck Konop receives best defensive player award for the same game (left) from Mr. McJunkin. Above Then the tables are turned as tri-captain Moses Murray presents Mr. McJunkin with team portrait.



Above. Head Coach Mr. Mele says a few words on behalf of the team.



Senior Members of the 1978 Flashes squad. Kneeling L-R Chuck Konop, tri-Capt., Moses Murray, Tri-Capt., Vernon Irvin, Bob Portogallo. Standing L-R

Jim Escher, Marty Byrne, Jim McGough, Joe Esposito, Phil Gibson, Mr. Mele, Greg Mondrey, Tad Pukansky, Tri-Capt.



Above: Varsity Cheerleaders. Row 1 L-R Ruth Redshaw, Capt.; Cathy Fazio; Sandy Kessler; Ms. Pope; Nancy LoPresti; Mary Beth Crombie; Cindy Cushion. Row 2 Jackie Hurney; Kathy Yaz-

vac; Donna Porter, Co. Capt.; Betsy Cherry. Below Left: Sandy Kessler is presented with the top cheerleader award by Mrs. Konop. Below Right: Guest Speakers Glenn Myers, left, and Walt Brown, right, both members of the 1978 Pitt Panthers "rap" with the players about college.





If you "boogie on down" the maze of life, you may have crossed paths with the marathon dance. It was sponsored by the PTSA for the benefit of Children's Hospital and there was a great turnout. Over 30 couples danced from 12:00 p.m. on Saturday and, when they decided to call it a draw, it was 12:00 p.m. on Sunday with 3 couples out on the gym floor. It was a tiring event, yet the dancers held on, thinking of all the children who couldn't dance.





Just follow the leader.



Dance the night away.



Heading towards a successful future.

The National Honor Society is a special group of students. They possess such qualities as: service, character, scholarship, and leadership. They are juniors and seniors who have maintained a 3.0 average throughout their 4 years of high school and have the recommendation of their instructors. They belong to a national organization which honors students like these.

NHS Officers L-R: Ruth Redshaw-V.Pres., Mr. O'Reilly-Sponsor, Louie Cicero- Treas., Betsy Cherry- Sec. Missing: Joanne Gigliotti- Pres.



NHS Members seated L-R: Juli Stefano, Bob Hainsey, MaryJo Pcolinsky, Lou Cicero, Kim

Rockivich, Dave MacMillan, Carol Cushion, Betsy Cherry, Standing L-R: Melanie Katilus,

Kathy Oliveri, Ruth Redshaw, Diana Donnelly, Mr. O'Reilly-Sponsor, Patti Kubli.

BOMECOMING 73 PROVIDES A STORYBOOK ADVENTURE



Top: 1978 Homecoming Queen Miss Kathy Valko and her escort Mr. Billy Paul. Right: Swissvale Y-Teens participate in the Homecoming Parade.

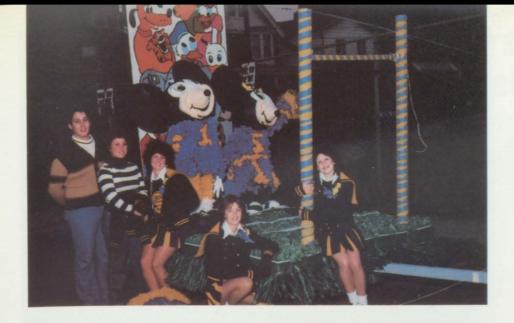




1978 HOMECOMING COURT (L-R): Anthony Candiello, Carol Cushion; Rocky Lynch, Joanne Gigliotti; Dave MacMillan, Kathy Oliveri; Ron Papula, Cheryl

Polovchik; Carmine Trunzo, Gina Saccamango; Billy Paul, Kathy Valko-Queen; Ed Mc-Quade, Ruth Redshaw; Dan

Paras, Sharon O'Mara; Jerry Bernard, Barb Hudale; Dicky Lander, Cathy Fazio; Joe Diana, Besty Cherry.







Top: Sophomore Class Float, Left: Mr. Thomas gives last minute instruction to some dwarfs. Below Left: Junior Class Float. Below Right: The bonfire blazes on.



Homecoming provided a fantasy filled evening even though the temperature was in the low 30's and it rained off and on. It started off with a fantastic bonfire on Thursday night to get the team really enthused for Friday's game. The following day, Friday, was blueand-gold day. At 6:00 the parade started and wound throughout the streets of Swissvale. It included floats, the seven dwarfs, fire trucks, the band, cheerleaders and the Homecoming Court. The queen, Miss Kathy Valko, was crowned during the halftime ceremony, Homecoming '78 will stand-out in the minds of many people for a long time for one reason: the Homecoming Dance was cancelled due to the lack of student participation.

Above and Right: All the dwarfs showup for the Homecoming Parade. Far Right: (L-R) Carol Cushion, Gina Saccamango, Barb Hudale, Betsy Cherry, Below: (L-R) Joanne Gigliotti, Kathy Oliveri, Ruth Redshaw, Cathy Fazio, Below Right (L-R): Sharon O'Mara, Kathy Valko, Cheryl Polovchik.







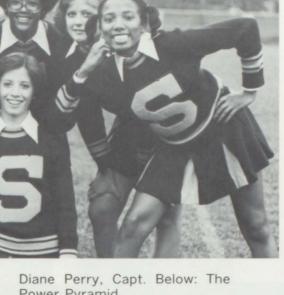




Junior varsity cheerleaders make a "flashy" comeback



J.V. Clockwise; Monica McMurtry, Robin Crombie, Diana Fulton, Nancy Daw, Iris Sherman,



Power Pyramid



"But it wasn't like this at practice."



Swissvale does have it in a Their FLASH! spirited cheerleaders proved that many times-over during their successful 1978/79 season. With the much appreciated return of a J.V. squad after 2 years absence the cheerleaders succeeded again in firing up the fans and the players. Not only did the varsity squad attend their annual summer camp, they returned with four ribbons of excellence. Varsity squad member Sandy Kessler was chosen as most spirited of all 272 girls attending The ICF camp! Whether they were adding spark at a bonfire, or pep at an assembly, this year's squads added a special something to the sports scene at Swissvale. You might even say that they're our own "Flashy" Ladies."

"C he er lead er s...



The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders team-up to "sing

the praise of Swissvale High School."

1978 VARSITY
CHEERLEADERS:
Standing (I-r):
Kathy Yazvac,
Nancy LoPresti,
Jackie Hurney,
Mary Beth Crombie.
Kneeling; (I-r)
Sandy Kressler,
Betsy Cherry,
Cindy Cushion,
Donna PorterCo-captain, Cathy
Fazio. Front-Center;
Ruth Redshaw
Captain.







Above L: Cheerleaders add color to the Homecoming parade. Above R: V. capt. Ruth Redshaw leads a cheer. Below L: Nancy is

caught in the act. Below C: Diane celebrates a flashes score. Below R: Sands adds spark to the bonfire.

Oh yes we cheer for the best!"







SENIOR CHEERLEADERS: Front (L-R) Kathy Yazvac, Ruth Redshaw-Capt., Donna Porter-Co-

capt. Back (L-R) Betsy Cherry, Cathy Fazio.



Swissvale area gold flashes march on.



Above and Right: The Band performs it's halftime routine.



The Band awaits halftime.





The Drill Team practices earnestly throughout the summer.





The Swissvale Area Gold Flashes Band, under the direction of Mr. Harry Stephens and Linda Valentino, drum major, has done a fine job. The band, along with the drill team colorguard, performed halftime routines with ease. This emerges from hard work and practice. They practice everyday after school. The routines varied from game to game. They planned special routines for Homecoming, Parent's Night, and Senior Night. The senior band members and their parents were honored on Senior Night. The band plans to raise funds for the annual band trip.

Left: Colorguard members keep the flag up, (L-R) Juli Scrano, Lori Yesko, Sandy Cosgrove, Ella Brooks. Right: Mr. Harry Stephens, Band Director.



Senior band members: First row L-R: Karen Kamauf, Patty Kubli, Marybeth Giordano, Jan Miller,

Sandy Cosgrove. Second Row L-R Richard Sedory, Juli Stefano, Linda Valentino, Dave

Petrarca. Third row L-R: Joann Penick, Dave Arthrell.



Above: Drum Major, Linda Valentino. Below: Drumming up action





1978 Swissvale Area Gold Flashes Marching Band, Colorguard and Drill Team under

the direction of Mr. Harry Stephens.



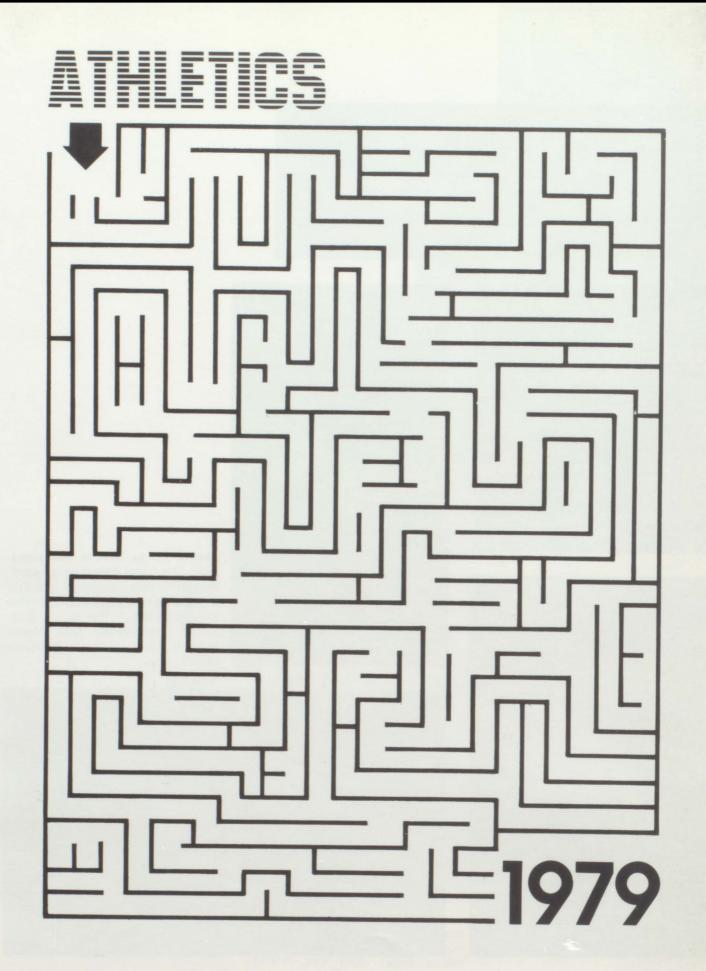


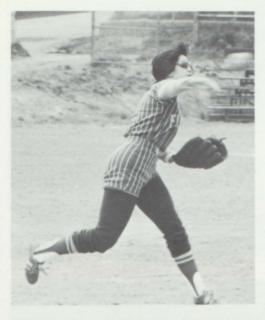




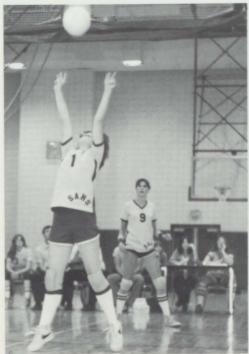
Above: Linda directs the band. Left: The band marches onward. Below: Sandy Cosgrove and Ella Brooks participate during the Homecoming Parade. Lisa Johns, Lori Yesko and Donna Shields take part in halftime ceremonies.



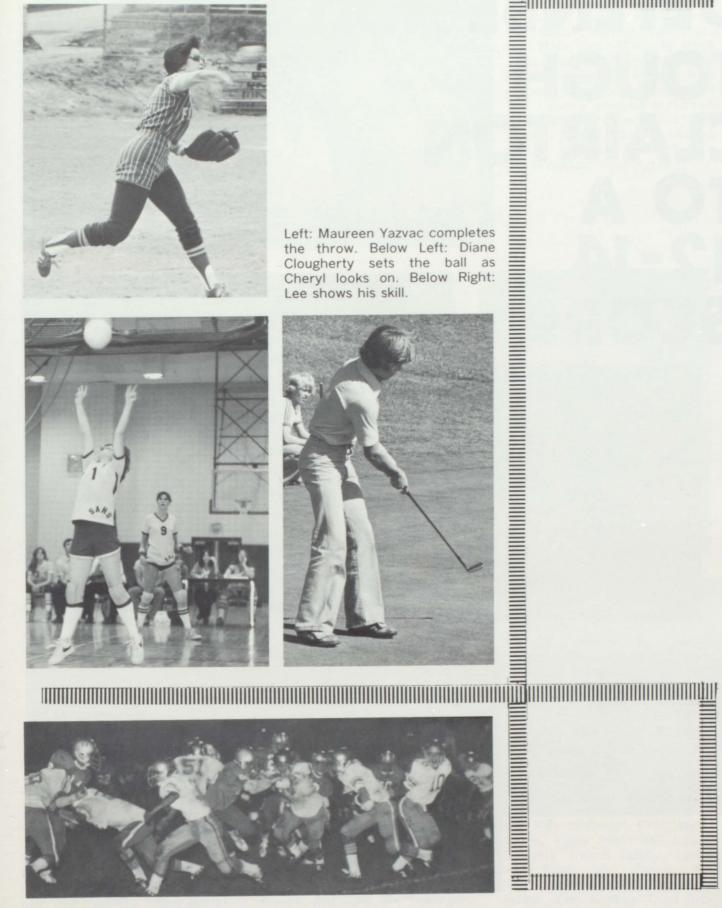




Left: Maureen Yazvac completes the throw. Below Left: Diane Clougherty sets the ball as Cheryl looks on. Below Right: Lee shows his skill.







DEFENSE HOLDS TOUGH CLAIRTON

TO A 12-14 SCORE

Vaughn Hempfield is dragged down after a long gain against Washington.







Clockwise, Above: Chuck Konop lowers the boom. Upper Right: Albert Gallatin falls on a Swissvale fumble. Right: The Flashes' most valuable players R-L: Jim Escher, Dennis Walendziewicz, Moses Murray, Chuck Konop, Dino Voelker, Jim McGough, Doug Eiseman, and Vaughn Hempfield.





Left: Coaching staff, Front L to R. Ronald Suvak, Head Junior High Coach, Varsity Head Coach Bart Mele, Kevin Cloherty. Back, John Shields, Assistant Junior High, Dan Zelehy. Missing from picture John Rocco. Lower left: The Flashes enjoyed a refreshing treat on watermelon day!. Below: Coach Mele looks on during a tense moment in a game against Washington.







Varsity 1st Row L-R: Mike Wisniewski, Mark Rousseau, Bob Portogallo, Phil Gibson, Tad Pukansky, Jim McGough, Vernin Irvin, Moses Murray, Chuck Konop, Joe Esposito, Marty Byrne, Jim Escher, Greg Mondry, Jack Flaherty, Dave Perla. 2nd Row: Bob Lybarger, Steve Aubele, Mike Trainer, Don Slabe, Dino Voelker, Vaughn Hempfield,

Walendziewicz, Doug Dennis Eiseman, Steve Wood, Jack Mark Joe Smith. Stoner, Campasano, Aaron Sayles, Ty Joe Welsh, Randy Stuller, Rocco. 3rd Row: Mr. Lybarger, Head Coach Mele, Coach Shields, Tony Conwell, Roy Taylor, Darrell Penrod, Clinton Epps, Quentin Bullard, Mike Byrne, Jim Shogan, Tom Ramsey, Ray McGough, Craig Westbrook, Larry Hickman, Coach Cloherty, Coach Zelehy, Junior High Head Coach Suvak., 4th Row: Keith McGriff, Jonathan Askew, Eric Kirksey, Dom Orfitelli, Bill Wagner, Don Basham, Ed Hoener, Guy Diana, Bill Haski, Greg Gaydos, Sam Nespoli, Aldo Pomposini.

OFFENSE EXPLODES FOR A 22-0 WIN OVER WAYNESBURG.



Quarterback Dennis Walendziewicz sets the Flashes' offense.



Vaughn Hempfield (28) breaks loose around end.



Captains L-R: Chuck Konop (31), Tad Pukansky (64), Moses Murray (78) and Coach Mele.



Vaughn Hempfield slips a tackle and heads for a long gain.

Managers Front R-L: Joe Welsh, Mark Rousseau, Jack Flaherty, Mike Wisniewski. Second; Bob Lybarger, Dave Perla, Steve Aubele, Randy Rocco, Mr. Lybarger.



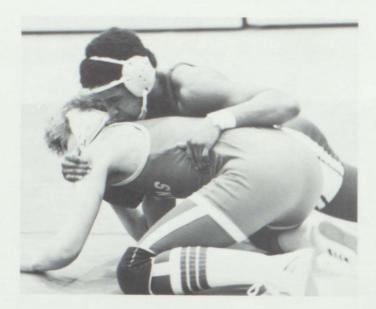
A season of struggle and setbacks was highlighted by the strong defensive efforts of a small but spirited Flashes team. Highlights of the season must be the stand the gridders made against Albert Gallatin, holding the Colonials to only 16 points. At Waynesburg, before the Raider's Homecoming crowd, the Flashes found the formula for winning and shut-out Waynesburg 22-0. On Parent's Night, the team won a psychological victory against Clairton, holding the Bears to a 14-12 score. A "just-missed" two point conversion prevented the Flashes from knocking-off W.P.I.A.L. seventh ranked Clairton.

"We have improved a great deal from our opening game and have been competitive in all our Century Conference games. A little luck and a few breaks going our way could have made a big difference in our 1-8 record. We are one year away from being a good football team!" stated Head Coach Bart Mele as the season ended.



Seniors FR R-L: Tad Pukansky, Joe Esposito, Moses Murry, Chuck Konop, Greg Mondry, Phil Gibson. Second Row: Jim McGough, Bob Portogallo, Vernin Irvin, Marty Byrne, Jim Escher.

Swissvale's grapplers



Vernon's ready for third round.

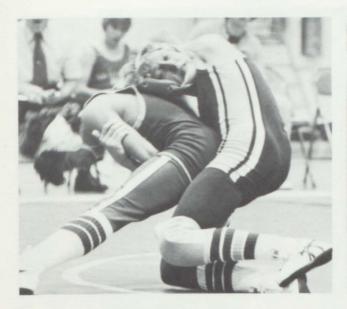


Coach Bober and Dom Orfitelli talk things over.



Varsity (L-R) Row 1: M. German-oski, V. Irvin, R. Carr, C. James, D. Basham, D. Pirozzi. Row 2: Orfitelli, F. Colaric, K. Frank, J. Askew, J. Stoner, A. Spero, L. Sahene.

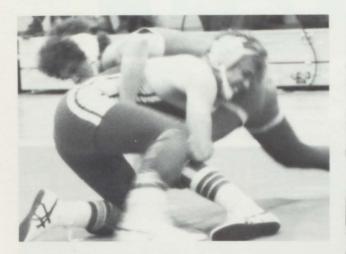
are amazing



Francis Colaric battles for control.



Lee gets ready for the take down.



Daryl in round three for the pin.



Vernon's in control for the moment.



The Flashes loosen up.

One sport is an individual sport, and that is wrestling. Under the guidance of Mr. Bober, a wrestling fanatic himself, Swissvale has produced some fine wrestlers. As a group, these wrestlers are completely dedicated, working out most nights a week for sometimes hours. An exciting sport to watch, wrestling finally seems to be accepted.

Flashes' female spikers



Varsity L-R Lauri Kubli, Ardella Kent, Cheryl Lavrinc, Diane Clougherty, Linda Johnson. 2nd

Row Lauri Fisher, Amy Balzer, Gelsina Chioda, Diana Wilhelm, Chris DiBernardo, Coach Olson.

A fine fleet of femmes fatales had another commendable year under the direction of Janice Olson, their spirited coach. The girls seemed to always be energetic and ready to play, showing some tough moves against more established teams. Most of the team will be returning next year, so we're all looking forward to a year of fun and victory in 79-80.



Cheryl Lavrinc goes high to block a kill attempt.

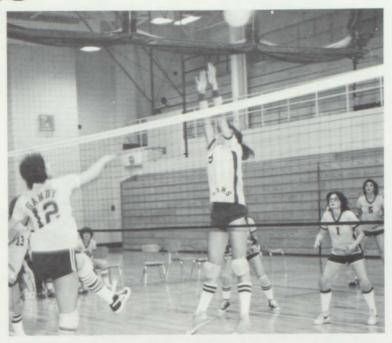


Chris DiBernardo serves against Deer Lakes.

Struggle in '78 season



Diane Clougherty sets up the spike.



Action in game against Deer Lakes.



Chris DiBernardo goes high for ball.



Gelsina Chioda returns the serve.

Hoopers win Xmas tournament



Varsity (L-R): Gordon Jackson, Doug Gilbert, Mark Turman, Vaughn Hempfield, Doug Eiseman, Dave MacMillan, Andy Orfitelli. Row 2: Mark Kelly, Randy Rocco, Doug Babjak, John Soderberg, Jim Shogan, Coach O'Reilly, Chuck Bye, Jim Alm, Kevin Snyder, Mike Wisneiwski, John Babjak. Missing from picture Lou Cicero.



Doug Gilbert goes in for the lay-up.



Lou Cicero (32) jumps against Edgewood.



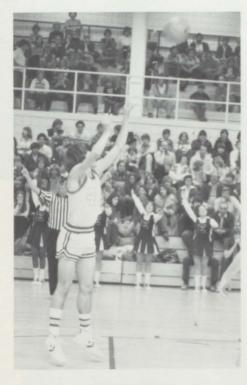
Coach O'Reilly sends in the play.



Lou Cicero practices his lay-



Vaughn Hempfield (22) goes high for the tip.



Kevin Snyder (40) shoots the oneand-one against Edgewood.



Seniors (L-R): Dave MacMillan, Jim Alm, Coach O'Reilly, Chuck Bye, and Doug Gilbert. Missing from picture Lou Cicero



John Chop bats an Edgewood John Soderberg goes high for players' jump shot.



the rebound.



The Flashes battle for the rebound.

What did most students do for entertainment during this past winter? Basketball games in the new gym, naturally! This year's team just worked together well, playing for the entire team, not just the individual. And even though many fine players will graduate this year, Swissvale has many fine present and upcoming guys to form a strong nuclei for next season.



Managers (L-R): Mark Kelly, Randy Rocco, Mr. Lybarger,

Mike Wisneiwski, John Babjak, Bob Lybarger.



Andy Orfitelli shoots from the foul line.



Mark Turman (50) passes off under the boards.



J.V. Squad Row 1 (L-R): Bob Lybarger, John Babjak, Mark Kelly. Row 2: Coach O'Reilly,

John Soderberg, Jim Shogan, John Chop, Frank Pascarella, Mark Turman, Andy Orfitelli,

Gordon Jackson, Nick DelCorso, Doug Babjak.

Young squad gains



Coach Cramer gives final instructions to the team.



Jan Miller(15) dribbles around the defense.



Girls Team (L-R) Row 1: Barb Olshenske, Cheryl Balkvoec, Sally Noonan, Laurie Kubli, Tracey Crombie, Linda Queen,

Sharon Kazimer. Row 2: Assistant Coach Aspiotes, Linda Valentino, Kim Ramsey, Patty Bye, Sandy Rocco, Elaine Mathews,

Michelle Aversa, Jan Miller, Angie Abbenante, Diane Clougherty, Coach Cramer.

experience in the '79 season



Linda Valentino shoots from the key.



Patty Bye shoots a jumper.



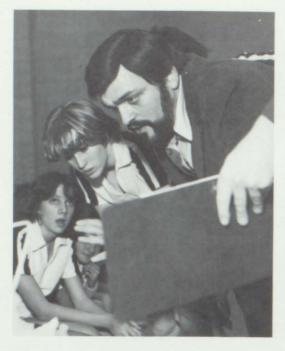
Kim Ramsey shoots over the defense.



Seniors: Linda Valentino, Kim Ramsey, Jan Miller.



Jump Ball!



 $\mbox{Mr.}$ A talks things over with his J.V. squad.



The Flashes scramble for the ball.



Laurie Kubli goes high for the tip.



Diane Clougherty dribbles down court against Brentwood.



Varsity action against Brentwood.



Linda Valentino goes up for the shot.



Patti Bye hauls down the rebound.



Michelle Aversa fights for the ball.



Sandy Rocco shoots from the line against Brentwood.

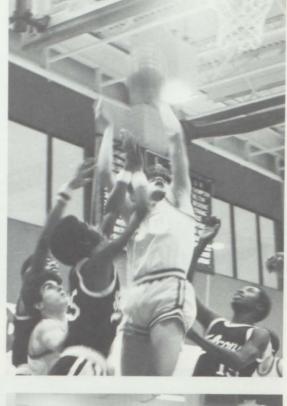


Michelle Aversa goes in for the lay up.

Because of a dispute earlier this year, the girls' teams got off to a very poor start. Their season wasn't all that great because of this. But, there are some really super girls on the team and with an even chance next year, the girls should compile an impressive record. On top of their hard work and learning all the plays, they have a lot of fun at games and practices with their coach and each other and that's what really counts!



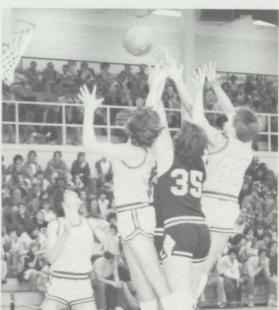








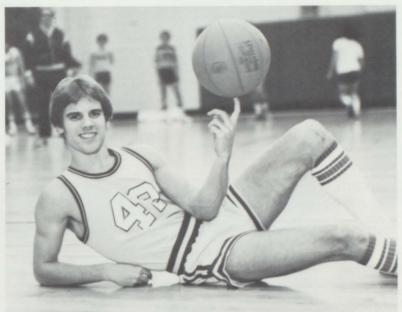
















Golf team tees off For A 5-5 season



Golf Team L-R Don Redshaw, Lee Sahene, Brian Falk, David

Arndt, Nick DelCorso, Marty Valko, Coach Shields.

This fearless team, led by Coach John Shields, is coming off a fine season. Considering the fact that when the gold team started, there were some players who didn't know the difference between putters, drivers, and woods: the guys have made great strides. With some fine players returning next season, the golf team promises to birdie next season.



Lee Sahene tees off at the Clover Leaf Golf Course.



Mr. Shields obviously likes what he sees.



SENIORS HAVE SOLVED THEIR **PUZZLE**

Top: Carlberg's Creative Crowd

Creston's Confound Company





Aspiotes'

Astounding Assemblage













Farnish's Fantastic Family

Top: O's Outstanding Order













Below: McKinney's Marvelous Mob

Trail's Traveling Tradespeople









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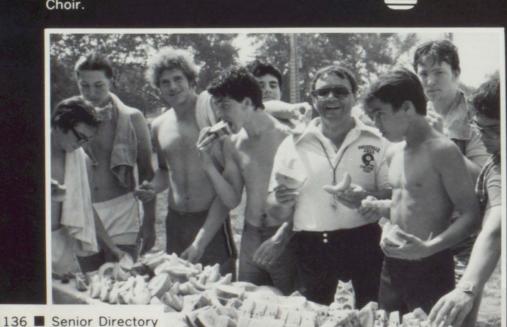
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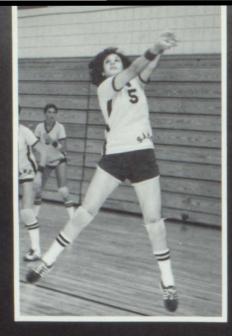
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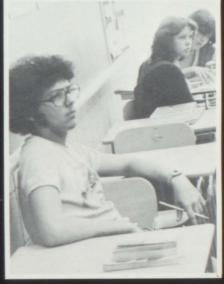
"Co-ed gym is fun," says Doug Gilbert and Joanne Gigliotti.



An interesting lecture session.



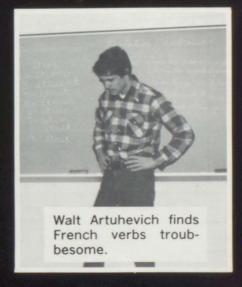
"A 10 page typed report is due the day we return from Christ-mas vacation."



Tad Balzer dreams of another "snow day."



Ms. Pope and Mrs. Suvak chat during a change of classes for fourth period.

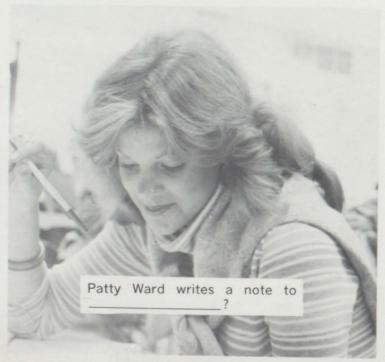




Homecoming crowd enjoys game before the rain.



What does Lisa Toth know about history that she's not telling?





Jim Escher gets help from Mrs. Politis.

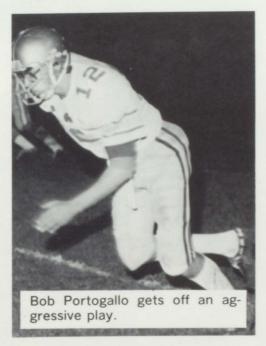


Above: K.C. Lavrinc and Diane Clougherty jump high to return set ball in Volleyball action. Below: Izzy Berthold congratulates Kathy Valko, Homecoming Queen.





On stage choir rehersal directed by Mrs. Lana Buehner.





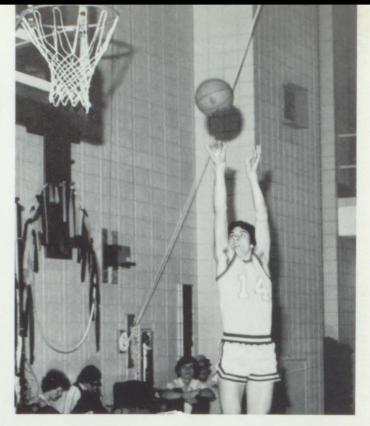








We don't really have to do a Chemistry report, do we?



Doug shows his stuff, and the stage band shows theirs below.



Diane Clougherty speeds towards the basket with her opponents in hot pursuit.





Anybody can float Ross, now how about swimming?



Left: V. Cheerleaders 'Aim to the top' while below Vaughn rebounds.

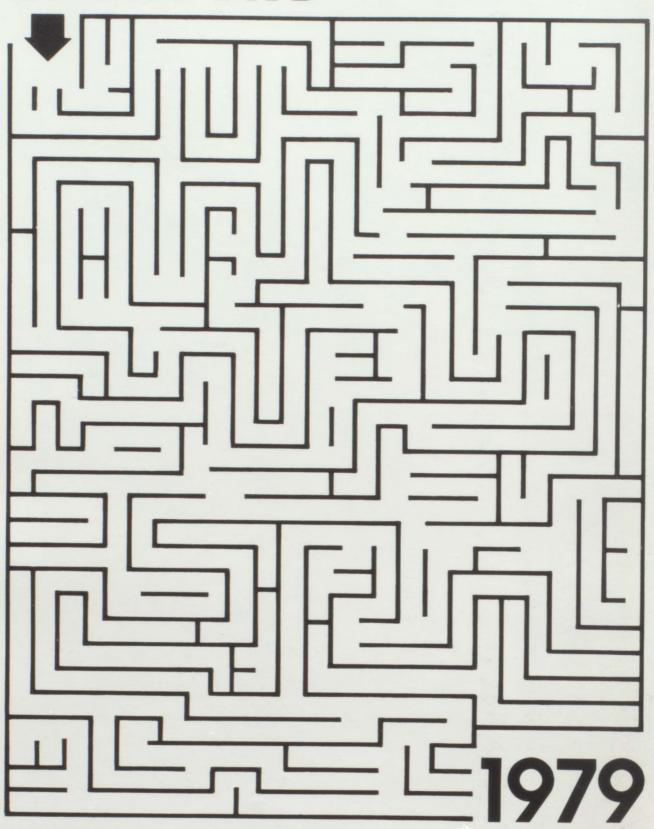






Left: Dave MacMillan shoots in mid-air. Above: Cindy and Jack create a masterpiece.

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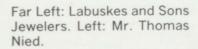














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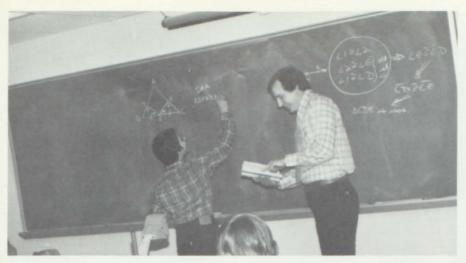
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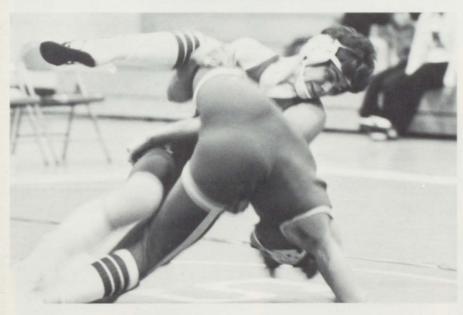
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Swissvale's future mathematician above and chemists below.





Jack seems to be in control of the situation.



Jan Miller goes for a foul shot.



Vaughn (22) and Kevin (40) stop the shot.



J.V. Cheerleaders pep-up a time-out



Creighton and Kenny exhibit skill







Linda shoots from the side



Doug steals a pass

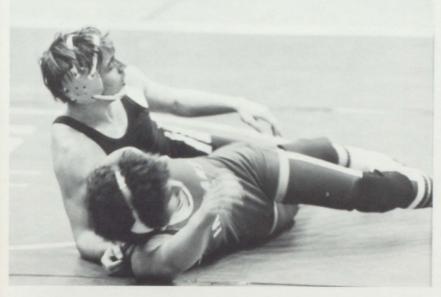




Final encouragment from the team. What do I do now coach?



Patty shoots from mid-air.



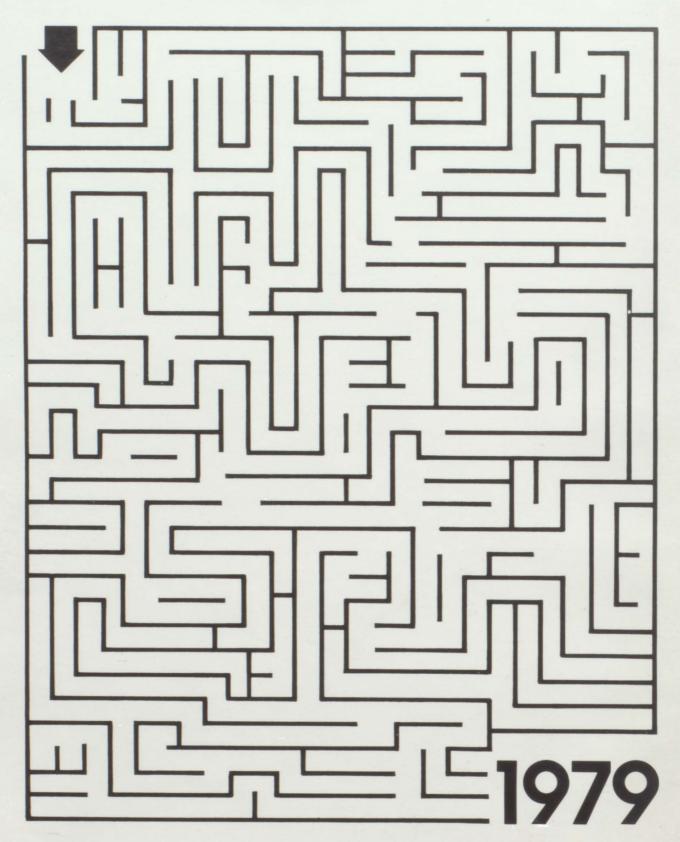




Kevin guards the pass inbounds
I didn't do it, honest.



SUPPLEMENT









LEFT: Dino and Jack admire our Amaxing product. RIGHT: Happy

Seniors recieve their personalized Yearbooks at the Yearbook Dance.



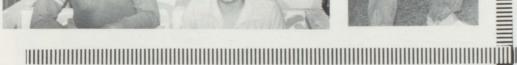
Maze builders Nick and Jeff.







Athletes-of-the-Year, Lou Cicero and Jan Miller.



BELOW: The Middle States Evaluators visited us April 3,4,5.





Striding towards a



JV Squad; Row 1, L-R: Terry Venturino, Mike Kelly, Keith Mc-Daniel, Bill Wagner, Steve Harris, John Chop.

Row 2: Dave Dorogy, Mark Evanchek, John Clement, John Soderberg, Andy Orfitelli, Coach Per-

Ron Lesko sets up the play.

Greg Mondry serves against Montour.

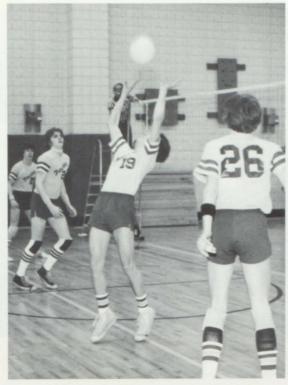
The Flashes' Jim Escher goes for the kill.







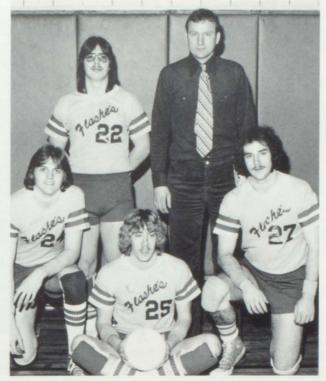
future spiking season.



Andy Orfitelli (19) sets up Jim Escher (24) for the spike.

John Clement returns the ball.





Seniors, Clockwise: Coach Persin, Carl Sudyk (27), Greg Mondry (25) Jim Escher (24), Ron Lesko.

Coach Persin sets up the strategy.



Ready to challenge the world champion Japanese team? Well, maybe not quite yet! But still, Swissvale has made great strides in their techniques and professional-looking moves. For the most part, the guys really got into the spirit of things and had a good time while improving their game. Led by Mr. Persin, the team continually improved and next season should be an interesting, competitive one.

Softball team powers their



Jan Miller digs in at home plate.



Seniors R to L; Jan Miller, Maureen Yazvac, and Diane Wilhelm.



Diane Wilhelm loosens up.

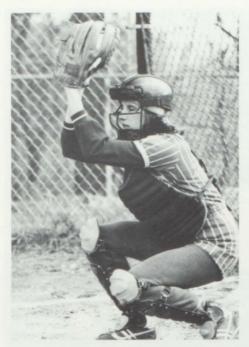


Maureen Yazvac heads toward second.



Patty Bye warms-up before the game.

way to ranking of third in state!



Open your eyes now K.C.!



Diane Wilhelm looks toward the fence.

Extra, Extra; Super News Flash! Swissvale Area Female Flashes Softball Team takes WPIAL title and 3rd in STATE ranking! That was the big news this year in Swissvale. The female Flashes, led by the phenomenal pitching of superstar Sophomore Patty Bye, who was named #1 area softball player by the Post-Gazette, deservedly made the ranks of superstars this year. But, don't get us wrong, not only was their pitching tops, their offensive and defensive TEAMWORK was spectacular! Seniors Maureen Yazvac, Diane Whilhelm, and Jan Miller helped lead our champs to a section title. WPIAL class AA title, and the semifinals of the State Championships in Shippensburg. We're proud of you CHAMPS! Lets aim for #1 in the State next year.



The Team, Row 1, L to R; Head Coach Maksimchuk, Deneen Walendziewicz, Liz Chop, Cheryl Lavrinc, Sandy, Rocco, Maureen Duncan, Maureen Yazvac, Diane Clougherty, Lisa Glew, Row 2; Tom Welsh, Randy Rocco, Jan Miller, Linda Stevens, Diane Wilhelm, Patty Bye, Kippy Miller, Lori Kubli, Emil Lukas, Debbie Smith, Betty Schwiebenz, Coach Holt.

Flashes track team makes





Some examples of this year's track action are above. LEFT:

Randy Voorhis flies over the hurdles. RIGHT: Some of the girls

loosen up at a practice session.



TRACK TEAM: Row 1, L to R; S. Jackson, M. Churak, L. Caloguri, A. Kent, V. Casey, S. Fisher, J. Colner, S. O'Toole, K. Burns, T. Cattone, L. Regrut. Row 2; S. Ianucci, J. Stefano, M. Gaydos, E. Lynch, D. Porter, R. Lesko, C. Rydzak, D. Laney, E. Lindsay, T.

Swissvale Area's track team was much improved over last year's squad. They scored more points than ever before and had four times as many lettermen than last year.

This year the boys track team even made it to the Western Pennsylvania State Playoffs, with runners in the 100 yard dash, the

Petrina, L. Petraca, R. Rode. Row 3; A. Candiello, C. Bryan, B. Blair, B. Manning, M. Wisniewski, D. Lukas, W. Artuhevich, S. Droopa, J. Stoner, R. Voorhis, Coach Olson. Row 4; R. Arnold, J. Grandizio, P. Delisi, J. Baz-

440 relay, and the 2 mile run. The squad added a girls track team this year and they did very well for their first year of competition. Next year, both the boys and girls expect to have bigger and better seasons, and shall prove "amazing" to all.

zone, M. Rengers, C. Konop, J. Limbacher, P. Werts, D. Basham, Coach Cecil. Row 5; Coach Carlberg, C. Cushion, D. Newsome, L. Hickman, C. Epps, V. Irvin, C. Reeves, A. Sayles, M. Murray, J. Jackson.



their move in '79.



John Limbacher makes his move.



Mike Wisniewski flies toward a school record.



Capt. Randy Voorhis, Coach Cecil, and Capt. Anthony Candiello.



SENIORS Row 1; D. Lukas, C. Konop, D. Porter, J. Limbacher, R. Voorhis. Row 2; W. Artuhevich, M. Murray, V. Irvin, C. Bryan, J. Jackson, A. Candiello.



Pete starts off the 2-mile relay.



Anthony Candiello gets off to a



quick start. Ross starts the 2nd

leg of the 2-mile relay.



Swissvale Area Gold Flashes Varsity Baseball Team, kneeling, L to R; Gerard Fialkovich, Lou Cicero, Bob Portogallo, Jim Alm, Jody Punturi, Dave MacMillian, Matt Colaric, Phil Gibson, Stand-

ing; Head Coach Bisecker, Greg Gaydos, Nick DelCorso, Ray (Dino) Voelker, Vaughn Hempfield, Micheal Bryne, Dennis Walendziewicz, Bill Haski, Mark Cifranick, Doug Swankler, Assistant Coach Rocco. Below, Senior Flashes; Jim Alm, Lou Cicero, Bob Portogallo, Jody Punturi, Dave MacMillian, Matt Colaric, Phil Gibson, Gerard Fialkovich.

Strong battery, power hitting lead to section championship.



The boy's baseball team exhibited their polished skill this year by capturing their section title with a 17 wins- 4 losses record. Unlike other teams the real "superstars" were few, but fantastic TEAMWORK was their key to victory. Starting pitcher, and Senior, Bob Portogallo had his best year ever with an Honor-

able Mention in the Post-Gazette's Area All-Star Roster. The Team also recieved an Honorable Mention in the Post-Gazette's Final Top Ten in Baseball. Although they lost in the semifinals of the WPIAL Championships, they'll always be our champions! We love you Flashes; keep up the great work!

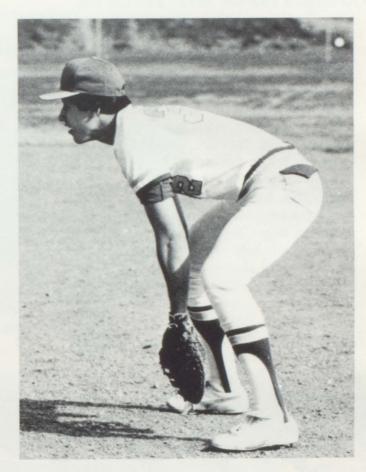


Above; Mac races toward first. Below; Nothing unlucky about this 13.



Below; Doug cranks up for the pick-off at second.

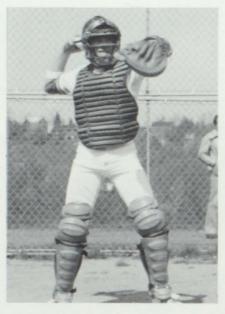




Above; Lou displays the proper stance for a first baseman. Below; "Jalms" prepares to fire another strike.



J.V.'s add spark to the FLASH!



Nick DelCorso shows off his skill as a catcher.



Mike Byrne makes for first after a powerful hit.



"Who's got it?"



J.V. Flashes (Kneeling) Dan Mc-Call, Gary Kent, John Zenone, Bill Haski, Nick DelCorso, Wade

Welsh, Dino Voelker, (Standing) Ty Stuller, Frank Ruskowitz, Greg Gaydos, Joe Onderick, Tony Con-

well, Mike Byrne, Rick Falck, Bob Tyson, Mike Trainer, Coach Rocco.

Senior Mary Jo Pcolinsky.

Sophomore Dawn Voorhis.



HONOREES L to R, from top; John Clement, Marty Maskarinec, George Stovar, Melanie Katilius, Diana Donnelly, Juli



Stefano, Joanne Gigliotti, Mary Jo Pcolinsky, Ruth Redshaw, Diane Ciraulo, Patty Kubli, Sue Sedory, Cindy Cushion, Cindy

This year the first annual Academic Awards Banquet was held in the Cafeteria/ Auditorium on May 24. Honored there were all Senior High students who have achieved and maintained at least a 3.6 gradepoint average since ninth grade. After brief opening remarks by banquet organizer Mr. Cusick, and a delicious meal, the honorees and their guests proceeded to the Auditorium where each student received a certificate and either an engraved placque (seniors) or a medallion (juniors, sophomores).

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Jenny and Esch are "Reunited".

It's a perfect fit as the Juniors "reunite" at the Prom.



Ross and his lady relax between dances.



Tammy and Mike pause for a pose.

Imagine candlelight and daises; the delicious smell of lasagna, beef, and fish; and the heavenly sounds of Church Street all coming together for one fantastic evening. If you were one of the lucky people who attended the 1979 Prom, "Reunited", at the Crossgates Inn, on May 19, you can probably picture this dream vividly. This year's Prom, thanks to the terrific cooperation and salesmanship of the Junior class. was a wonderful success. There was dancing and dining and of course the crowning of this year's Jr. Prom Queen Ms. Sandy Kessler! As Sandy and her escort, Dave Stockman, lead the dancing to Peaches and Herb's hit theme.



starry eyed couples were "reunited" for one special evening none of them will forget.



Angie Abbenante and Mark Campasano



Susan Alm and David Walendziewicz



Mary Ann Carr and Andy Orfitelli



Mary Beth Crombie and Doug Gilbert



1979 Prom Queen Sandy Kessler



Patty Hughes and Jack Shearer



Dorothy Lander and Lou Cicero



Nancy LoPresti and Chuck Shanahan



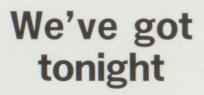
Cindy Rode and Mark Cifranick







Clockwise from top right; 1979 Sweetheart Ball Queen, Juli Stefano. Louie, Dorothy, Joe, Gloria, Joe, and Lisa pose for a photo. Ms. Pope gives Lisa and John last minute instructions. Dave, Sandy, and Ms. Pope admire the favors. Robin, Ty, Linda, Lisa, and Dom take a break from the action.











In line waiting . . . for the food.



Top Left: The 1979 Sweetheart Ball Court. Lower Left: 1979 Oueen Juli Stefano and her escort Randy Voorhis.



Valentine's Day, perhaps the most romantic day of the year, was elegantly promoted as such by the Y-Teens. At the Crystal Room of the Holiday House, 43 couples dined and danced. This year's court, being one of the sharpest ever,

choosing the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Princesses difficult. On the basis of the most Y-Teen votes, Juli Stefano emerged as the Senior Queen; Sandy Kessler, Patty Milko, and Dorothy Lander as the Junior representatives; and Lisa Petrarca and Melissa

Sasso for the Sophomores. Choosing a theme was equally hard, but "We've Got Tonight" finally won by 1 vote! All in all, the people, the decoration, and the music added up to an unforgetably romantic evening.

"GODSPELL" lights up our world with excitement.

"GODSPELL", a musical based on the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, was the 1979 theatrical endevour at Swissvale. Director Grace Miller chose "GODSPELL" as a new wind of freshness for Swissvale's stage. The play proved to be a rewarding and timeless experience which moved its audiences like no other musical in Swissvale's past.

The basic employ of "GODSPELL" is to stress the need of love in today's society. The actor's strong projection of this thought left few eyes in the house dry. Such a unique involvement of the audience brought forth two additional command performances. This production left Swissvale with a new trend of asperations in the world of theater. FANTASTIC WORK!!!



CLOCKWISE: Sandy and Campo clown around backstage. "Flowers of thy heart, Oh God are they!" Lisa practices for a big number. Mary Ann concentrates before the curtain. "Hey Mom, I'm a star!"









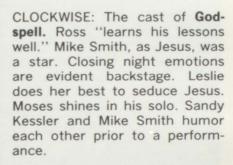




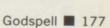






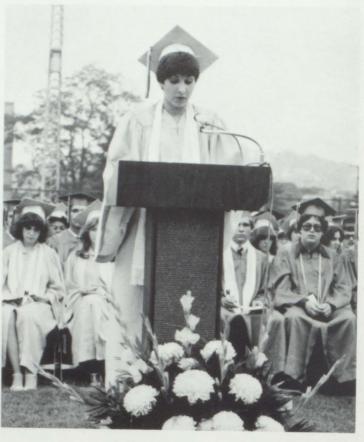






Commencement at Dickson field, a touch of tradition to end an untraditional year!

The Class of '79 went out in style. Their commencement was held at Dickson field, one of the few, but very important traditions carried up from the "old school". It was what everyone needed. Spirits were lifted for a joyous celebration. After speeches by valedictorians Juli Stefano. Patti Kubli, JoAnne Gigliotti, and Bob Hainsey, and salutatorian Marty Maskernic, the graduates flipped their tassals to graduate the class of '79.



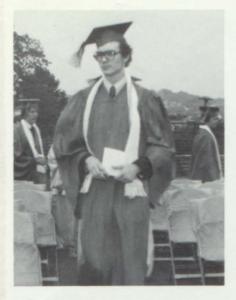
Valedictorian, JoAnne Gigliotti, makes her emotional address.

Senior class president, Robin

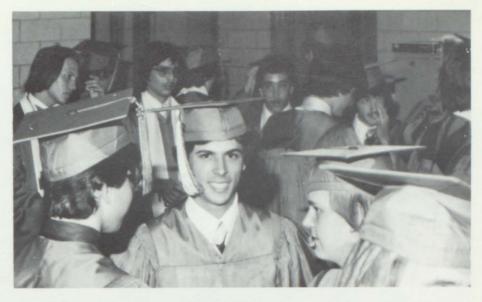
Arnold, leads the class in pro-

claiming their graduation.





Bill Jackson enters the field.



Bob Portogallo waits patiently for

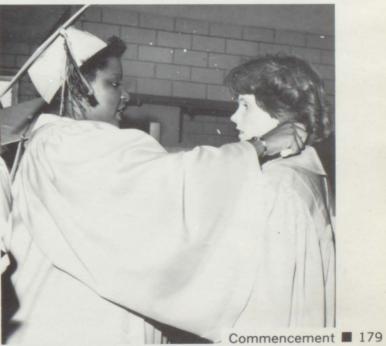
the opening procession.



Happy graduates file off the field

at the close of commencement.





Seniors triumph athletically and scholastically







High Honor Roll

Robert Hainsey
Joanne Gigliotti
Juli Stefano
Patty Kubli
Martin Maskarinec
George Stovar
Bill Wrobleski
Mary Jo Pcolinsky
Lawrence Smith
Ruth Redshaw
Diane Ciraulo
William Jackson
Diane Donnelly

Honor Roll

Melanie Katilius Elizabeth Cherry Tom Dillon John Diana Louise Cicero Mary Rajokovich Barbara Diroll David MacMillan John Limbacher Vicki Wildauer Jay Menold Andrew Spero Richard Sedory Janice Miller Mary Lynn Bravar Theresa Larkin Kim Rockovich Diane Wilhelm Angel Lynch Pam Oldham Carol Cushion Judy Colner Kathy Oliveri Dan Aubele Beth James Denise Kozioziemski Antonella Marini Barbara Hudale Gerald Fialkovich John Kosher Karen McCall Joe Mahute

