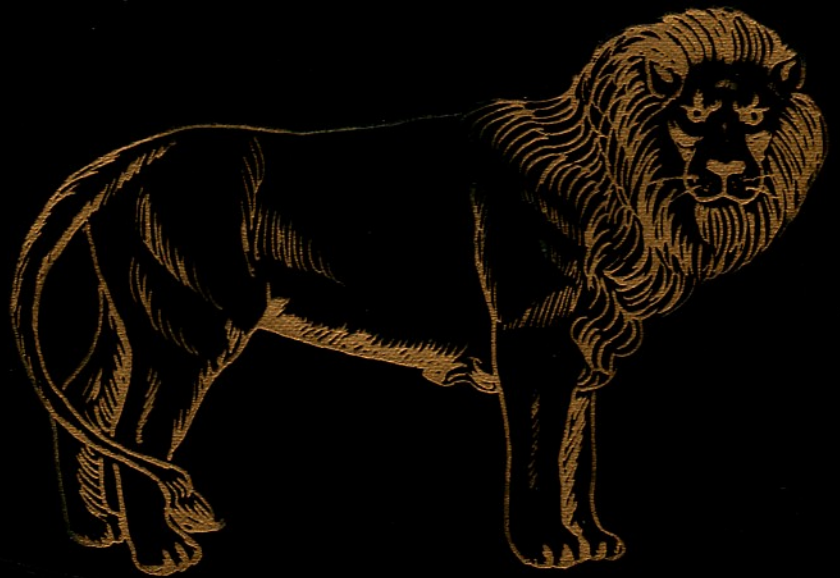


MONARCH

1969



It was, after all, the seniors' year to remember, yet they will forget a lot of things before they forget Skip Day---three fun-filled days in the Black Hills. During a tour of the sights, 14 of the 16 seniors paused to have a not - so - formal group photograph taken.



The Monarch 1969

Blunt High School
Blunt, South Dakota



And suddenly the four years at Blunt High had ended. From that initiation day in September, 1965, to this memorable night, the Class of '69 had been through a lot together. Now following commencement, they posed, diplomas in hand, for one last time as a class.

Dedication



Parker Knox

Each of the seniors will have his own special memories of Mr. Knox when thinking back to this year in the days ahead

Rehearsing by the hour for the spring concert stapling the hot-off-the-press newspapers at midnight on a Thursday dictating a shorthand letter driving a carload of kids to a distant ballgame painting a "Beat Harrold" banner finding five errors in a typed letter thought to be perfect honking his horn while driving through the Mt. Rushmore tunnels on Skip Day arguing the merits of the Minnesota Twins talking over the next game with the boys in the typing room after practice

For the four years he has spent with us as teacher, adviser, music director, and friend, we of the Class of 1969 dedicate to him this annual and the memories it recalls.

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Administration



Faculty

MILTON NELSON

Augustana, USD,
Northern
Majors: history,
education

Superintendent
World history
Sociology, economics
American history



MRS. LUADDA HOYT

South Dakota State
Major: social
science

English I, II, III
Library, plays
Declam

PARKER KNOX

Huron College
Major: English

Typing, shorthand
Office practice
Journalism, annual
Music, newspaper



RICHARD VOSBERG

DWU, Huron College
Majors: sociology,
physical education

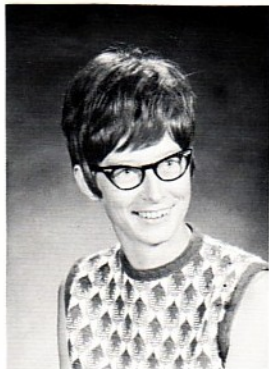
Principal
Driver education
General science
P. E., athletics



MRS. BETTY WEISS

Northern
Major: mathematics

Algebra I, II
General math, P. E.
Plane geometry
7th grade math



NICK DeBILZAN

Northern, South
Dakota State
Major: guidance

Guidance counseling

Faculty

MRS. ULA OLERUD

Moorhead State
Major: speech

First grade



MRS. DONARAE JOLLEY

USD, Cerritos Junior
College

Major: elementary
education

Second grade

MRS. THELMA KING

Lutheran College,
Northern
Major: elementary
education

Third grade



MRS. FRAN BASELEY

Huron College
Major: elementary
education

Fourth grade

RON BASELEY

Huron College
Major: physical
education

Seventh and eighth
grades
Athletics



MRS. MILDRED STEELE

Wessington Springs
Junior College,
Northern, BHSC
Major: education

Sixth grade

DAVID LOCKHART

NW Oklahoma State,
Huron College
Major: physical
education

Fifth grade
Athletics



STANLEY SPRAGUE

Gen. Beadle State
Major: business

Seventh and eighth
grades
Typing I

Board of Education



Ray Marshall, clerk; H. D. Goc, Darrell Robbins, Don Bourk, Lavon Kozel. Not pictured: J. M. Eckman.



Custodian

Calvin Harsin

Classes



Seniors



Jeannie L. Bourk



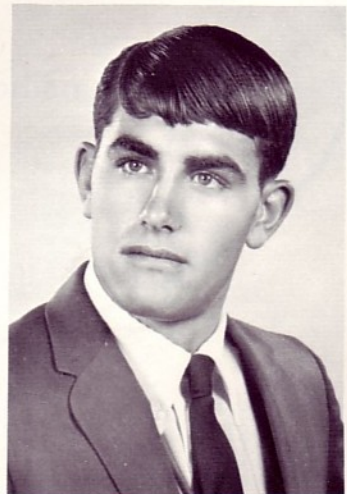
Shirley P. Flansburg

CLASS MOTTO

Every day is a new beginning.



Janet M. Goc



Gale W. Harkless

Seniors



Randall B. Harkless



Mary F. Junkman

CLASS FLOWER

Carnation



Enola J. King



Jenice R. King

Seniors



Jon W. Kirsch



Peggy J. Lengkeek

CLASS COLORS

Royal blue and silver

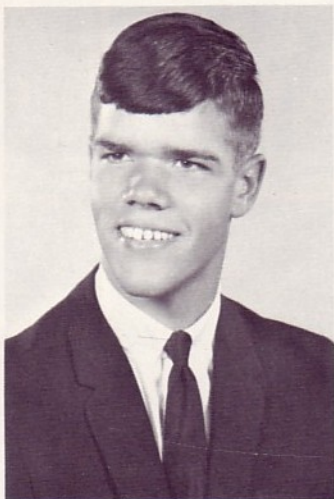


Kathryn A. Mitchell



Linda M. Ogan

Seniors



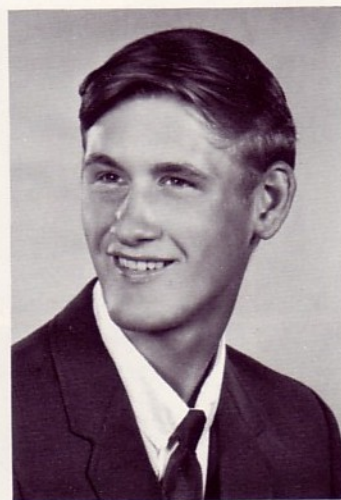
Michael J. Ogan



Julian R. Olson



Frances J. Stuart



David A. Walker

DAVID WALKER

Basketball 1-2
B Club 2-3-4
Annual staff 1-2-3-4
Class officer 1
Chorus 1-3-4
Choir 4
Commencement escort 3
Boys glee 1-3-4

MARY JUNKMAN

B Club 4
Valedictorian 4
Betty Crocker Homemaker 4
Essay winner 3-4
Girls State alternate 3
Miss Holiday 4
A cheerleader 2-3
Prettiest Cheerleader 3
Pep Club 1-2-3-4
Pep Club officer 4
Commercial contest 1-4
Declam 1-2-3-4
Declam winner 4
Plays 2-3-4
Annual staff 2-3-4
Annual editor 4
Paper staff 1-2-3-4
Class officer 3-4
Traffic safety
conference 2
SDHS Press convention 3-4
Librarian 3-4
SDSU yearbook workshop 2
Girls glee 1-2-3-4
Chorus 1-2-3-4
Chorus officer 3
Choir 3-4
A triple trio 3-4
B triple trio 1-2
Jr-sr banquet waitress 2

LINDA OGAN

Queen of Hearts
attendant 4
B cheerleader 3
Pep Club 1-2-3-4
Pep Club officer 3-4
Declam 1-2-3-4
Plays 3-4
Annual staff 1-2-3-4
Paper staff 3-4
Class officer 1-2
Traffic safety
conference 2
Girls glee 1-2-3-4
Chorus 1-2-3-4
Choir 3-4
Chorus officer 4
All-state chorus
alternate 4
Mixed ensemble 4
A triple trio 3-4
B triple trio 1-2
Jr-sr banquet waitress 2

MIKE OGAN

Basketball 2-3-4
B Club 4
Perfect attendance 1
Commercial contest 1
Annual staff 4
Paper staff 3-4
Boys glee 4
Chorus 4
Choir 4
Jr-sr banquet waiter 2
Commencement escort 3

KATE MITCHELL

HS rodeo 1-2-3-4
B Club 4
Queen of Hearts 4
A cheerleader 4
Pep Club 1-2-4
Commercial contest 3
Declam 1-2-3-4
Plays 2-3-4
Paper staff 1-2-3-4
Librarian 2-3-4
Girls glee 1-2-3-4
Chorus 1-2-3-4
Choir 3-4
All-state chorus 4
All-state chorus
alternate 2
USD music camp 3
Soloist 1-2-3-4
Mixed ensemble 2-3-4
A triple trio 2-3-4
B triple trio 1

JULIAN OLSON

Basketball 1-3
BB Manager 2
Track 1-4
B Club 3-4
Boys State alternate 3
Plays 1
Annual staff 4
Paper staff 3-4
Boys glee 4
Chorus 4
Choir 4
Legion Award 4

JON KIRSCH

Basketball 2-3-4
Track 1
B Club 4
King of Hearts
attendant 4
Annual staff 4
Paper staff 1-2-3
Class officer 4
Boys glee 1-2-3-4
Chorus 1-2-3-4
Chorus officer 4
Choir 3-4
All-state chorus 4
Mixed ensemble 4
Boys ensemble 2-3-4
Jr-sr banquet waiter 2

GALE HARKLESS

Basketball 1-2-3-4
Track 1-2-4
B Club 1-2-3-4
Annual staff 1-2-3-4
Paper staff 1-2-3-4
SDHS Press convention 3
Boys glee 1-2-3-4
Chorus 1-2-3-4
All-state chorus
alternate 2
Boys ensemble 2
Commencement escort 3

JENICE KING

B Club 4
A cheerleader 4
Pep Club 1-2-3-4
Perfect attendance 3
Annual staff 2-3-4
Paper staff 2-3-4
Class officer 4
Traffic safety
conference 2-3
SDHS Press convention 3
Chorus 1-2-3-4
Girls glee 1-2-3-4
Choir 4

SHIRLEY FLANSBURG

Pep Club 1-2-3-4
Annual staff 1-2-3-4
Paper staff 1-2-3-4
Girls glee 1-2-3-4
Chorus 1-2-3-4
Chorus officer 4

RANDY HARKLESS

Basketball 1-2-3-4
Track 3-4
B Club 2-3-4
Salutatorian 4
Boys State 3
King of Hearts 4
Commercial contest 1
Annual staff 2-3-4
Paper staff 1-2-3-4
Time Current Affairs
Award 4
Class officer 1-2-3-4
Boys glee 2-3-4
Chorus 2-3-4
Jr-sr banquet waiter 2
Commencement escort 3

ENOLA KING

Pep Club 1-2-3
Commercial contest 2
Annual staff 3
Paper staff 1-2-3-4
Traffic safety
conference 2
Office secretary 4
Girls glee 1-2-3
Chorus 1-2-3

JEANNIE BOURK

Pep Club 1-2-3-4
Declam 1-2-3-4
Declam winner 4
Plays 1-2-3-4
Annual staff 2-3-4
Paper staff 2-3-4
Librarian 3-4
Girls glee 1-2-3-4
Chorus 1-2-3-4
Choir 4
Soloist 1-2-3-4
B triple trio 2-4
VFW essay winner 4

JANET GOC

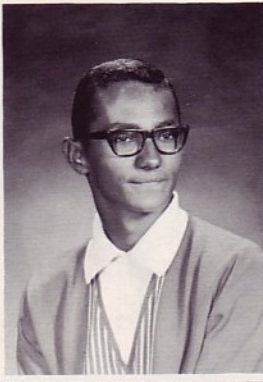
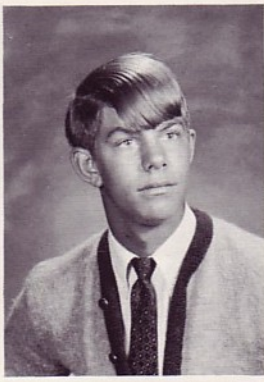
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All-state chorus
alternate 4
Soloist 1
Mixed ensemble 3-4
A triple trio 3-4
B triple trio 1-2

FRANCES STUART

Pep Club 1-2-3-4
Commercial contest 1
Annual staff 4
Paper staff 4
Girls glee 1-2-3-4
Choir 3-4
All-state chorus 4
Soloist 4
Mixed ensemble 4
A triple trio 2-3-4
B triple trio 1

PEGGY LENGKEEK

B cheerleader 1-2
Pep Club 1-2-3-4
Commercial contest 1-3
Annual staff 3-4
Paper staff 2-4
Class officer 1-2
Girls glee 1-2-3-4
Chorus 1-2-3-4
Choir 3-4
A triple trio 3-4
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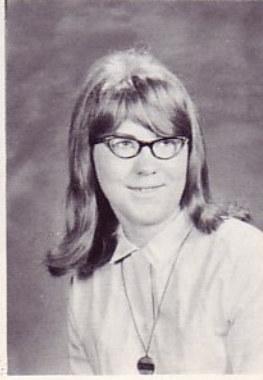


Carlotta
Albright

Gary
Harkless

Don
Kietzmann

Harry
Kimbley



Ted Massey

Sharon Metzinger

Naomi Schmitgen

Juniors

Ramona Peters

Les Sevening

Sandra Small



Russell
Spaid

Shirley
Stanton

Rick
Walker

Ed
Welch



Len
Albright

Mike
Bourk

Charles
Boyles

Richard
Doyle



Joan Flansburg

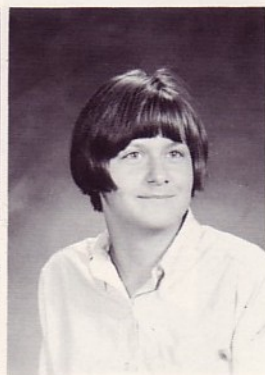
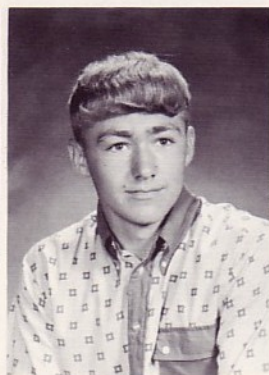
Frank Goc

Pam Hinckley



Not pictured: June Chase

Sophomores



Randy Johnson

Buddy King

Helen King



Barbara
Kruger

Debra
Marshall

Mike
Mitchell

Gary
Walker



Janelle
Adams

Viola
Boyles

Sharon
Harkless

Mark
Hinckley



Nyleen
King

Mark
Kozel

Marilyn
Lengkeek

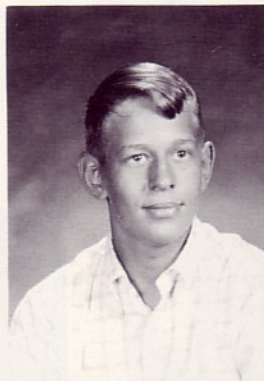
Rhonda
Massey

Freshmen

Jerry Ogan

Steve Ogan

Dale Peterson



Wanda Ping

Dewayne Robbins

Donald Stanton

Not pictured:
Mike Schmitgen

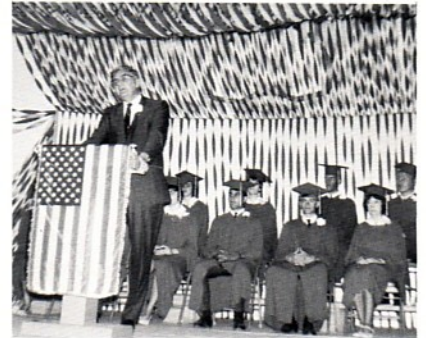


Graduation



The seniors of '69 line up in the sunshine outside the school prior to commencement exercises on May 28. Left to right are Gale Harkless, Jon Kirsch, Mike Ogan, Dave Walker, Julian Olson, Randy Harkless, Janet Goc, Jenice King, Peggy Lengkeek, Jeannie Bourk, Frances Stuart, Kate Mitchell, Linda Ogan, Mary Junkman, Shirley Flansburg, and Enola King.

The 16 seniors, plus Mrs. Dona King, who completed work toward her diploma this year, graduated on May 28 when Mr. H. D. Goc presented the diplomas. The graduates and 21 eighth graders were addressed by Mr. Martin Sorenson, director of Central Educational Planning Center, pictured at the right, on the topic, "Establish Objectives and Use Your Potential." The gym was decorated in the class colors of royal blue and silver. The seniors wore royal blue gowns and caps and their class flower. Father Leonard Kayser gave the baccalaureate address on May 25 in the Methodist Church.



Banquet



"The Gay Nineties" was the theme of the junior-senior banquet held at the VFW Club in Pierre on April 26. Pictured in the left photograph are the sophomores selected as waiters---Joan Flansburg, Randy Johnson, Pam Hinckley, Len Albright, Helen King, and Frank Goc. Seated at the head table, in the right picture, were Mr. DeBilzan, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Simmons, Ted Massey, his guest Phyllis Bollweg, Randy Harkless, Debra Marshall, Supt. and Mrs. Nelson, and Mrs. Hoyt. Rick Walker read the class will and Carlotta Albright the prophecy. Mr. Nelson gave the main address. Music was provided by the junior class.

Class Officers



SENIOR CLASS

Front row: Mary Junkman, treasurer; Jenice King, secretary. Back row: Mr. Nelson, adviser; Randy Harkless, president; Jon Kirsch, vice president.



JUNIOR CLASS

Carlotta Albright, secretary; Mrs. Hoyt, adviser; Sandra Small, treasurer; Ted Massey, president. Not pictured: Les Sevening, vice president.

Class Officers



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Front row: Pam Hinckley, treasurer; Barbara Kruger, secretary. Back row: Rich Doyle, vice president; Len Albright, president. Not pictured: Mr. Vosberg, adviser.



FRESHMAN CLASS

Mr. Knox, adviser; Mark Kozel, president; Dewayne Robbins, treasurer; Jerry Ogan, vice president; Sharon Harkless, secretary.

Eighth Grade



Front row: Calvin Olson, David Ping, Cheryl Curtis, Laura Albright, Debbie Willingham, Ross Sperry, Randy Pool.
Back row: Sue Bourk, Colleen Doyle, Mr. Sprague, Kathy Goc, Sandy Davis, Dolores King, Helen Kiepke, Nori Yeager, Mike Jolley, Charles Kimbley, Ronald Spaid, Jerry Yeager, Denise Marshall, Ann Marshall, Joyce Schrock.

Seventh Grade



Front row: Joe Willingham, Pat Jolley, Linda Flansburg, Gayle Kozel, Pat Mitchell, Gary Johnson.
Back row: Pam Small, Mr. Baseley, Mike Metzinger, Danny Fanger, Steve Kruger, Loren Sevensing, Sylvia Anderton, Beverly Wilson, Robbie Robbins, Richard Nye.

Sixth Grade



Front row: Jeanita Adams, Johnny Olson, Joe Metzinger, Jan Harkless, Robbie Spaid, Raymond Schultz, Mary Marshall.
Back row: Mrs. Steele, Barbara Lengkeek, Barbara Ping, Elette McMullen, Nadine Harsin, Teresa Mercer, Gail Flansburg.

Fifth Grade



Front row: Mike Fanger, Keith Heien, Calvin Kruger, Orrin Sprague, Mike Adams, Joe Schrock, Bobby Mercer, Billy Harkless.
Back row: Mr. Lockhart, Leann Sevening, Barbara Johnson, Rebecca Nelson, Carrie Jo Eckman, Mary Jolley, Loretta Kimbley, Tonya Schrock, Vickie Ping, Delores Schmitgen, Debbie Winkler.

Fourth Grade



Front row: Richard Yeager, John Crain, Ted Nelson, Keith Bourk, Brad Curtis, Matt Massey, Kenny Fanger, Neil Ogan, Gordon Heien, Keith Lengkeek, Royal Yeager. Back row: Sherry Larson, Vicki Harsin, Quanna Boyles, Ann Johnson, Sonya Schrock, Susan Erickson, Lavel King, Debra Stanton, Penny Marshall, Eileen Yeager, Mrs. Baseley.

Third Grade



Front row: Patrick Eckman, Rocky Curtis, Donald Mitchell, Troy Heien, Moine Bourk. Back row: Nancy Schrock, Mary Metzinger, Alberta Flansburg, Mrs. King, Johnetta Schmitgen, Lynda Lengkeek, Robin Spaid, Paula Johnson.

Second Grade



Front row: Tim Marshall, John Flansburg, James Nye, Barry Massey, Mark Johnson. Middle row: Carol Gruenwald, Twyla Larson, Tammy Hinckley, Vona Bourk, Glenda Eckman, Rose Marie Yeager, Colleen Colson, Carlene Chambers, Debra Mercer. Back row: Mrs. Jolley.

First Grade

Front row: Holly Vosberg, Tammy Curtis, Virgil Sprague, David Howard, Kevin Johnson. Middle row: Jeff Robbins, Vea Bea Bourk, Spike King, Starla Curtis, Sandra Bourk, Ricky Schrock. Back row: Mrs. Ole-rud.



Activities



Girls' Glee Club



Front row: L. Flansburg, J. Schrock, D. Willingham, B. Kruger, Debra Marshall, J. Adams, K. Goc, L. Albright, S. Bourk, A. Marshall, G. Kozel. Middle row: B. Wilson, Denise Marshall, S. Anderton, S. Davis, W. Ping, S. Chase, P. Hinckley, D. King, N. Yeager, H. Kiepke, S. Harkless, V. Boyles, C. Doyle, P. Small, C. Curtis. Back row: J. Goc, H. King, J. King, L. Ogan, N. Schmitgen, R. Peters, S. Flansburg, P. Lengkeek, F. Stuart, M. Lengkeek, S. Metzinger, N. King, J. Flansburg, R. Massey, S. Small, M. Junkman, K. Mitchell, Mr. Knox.

Boys' Glee Club



Front row: D. Fanger, M. Metzinger, R. Robbins, C. Boyles, S. Ogan, D. Stanton, M. Kozel, M. Hinckley, R. Nye, G. Johnson, P. Mitchell. Middle row: Gale Harkless, D. Robbins, R. Doyle, H. Kimbley, Gary Harkless, D. Peterson, M. Bourk, R. Walker, L. Seving, R. Harkless, G. Otteson, Mr. Knox. Back row: R. Johnson, D. Kietzmann, F. Goc, M. Schmitgen, E. Welch, M. Ogan, R. Spaid, J. Kirsch, D. Walker, T. Massey, J. Olson, J. Ogan, B. King.

'A' Triple Trio

Front row: Janet Goc, Pam Hinckley, Barbara Kruger, Kate Mitchell. Back row: Linda Ogan, Peggy Lengkeek, Debra Marshall, Frances Stuart, Mary Junkman.

The music department enjoyed another successful year in 1968-1969. The 75-member chorus presented a program of music from "The One and Only Genuine, Original Family Band" with decorations and costumes appropriate to the 1888 presidential campaign. Eight students attended all-state chorus at Aberdeen on November 8-9.

The Christmas concert on Dec. 18 was divided into two sections---sacred and secular music.

At the regional contest in Mobridge on Feb. 12, Blunt entries won ten "II" ratings and one "III." The boys and mixed ensembles, the two triple trios, and soloists Don Kietzmann, Buddy King, Rhonda Massey, Sharon Harkless, Kate Mitchell, and Janelle Adams were rated "II", and Charlie



Boyles took a "III" rating.

The high school members of the chorus joined singers from five other area schools in the Capital City Choir Festival in Pierre on March 21, including a full day of rehearsal climaxed by an evening concert directed by Dr. Joe Noble of Sioux Falls College.

The girls glee club rated "II" and the chorus "III" at the regional contest on April 11 in Mobridge.

The spring concert on April 21 was highlighted by music from the Broadway stage and played before a large crowd in the gaily decorated gym.

The final music event of the year was the first pops concert on May 19 which proved popular with both students and adults.



'B' Triple Trio

Front row: Janelle Adams, Rhonda Massey, Colleen Doyle, Sharon Harkless. Back row: Denise Marshall, Sandra Small, Sharon Metzinger, Helen Kiepeke. Not pictured: Jeannie Bourk.

All-State Chorus

Seated: Charlie Boyles, Linda Ogan, Ted Massey. Standing: Don Kietzmann, Janet Goc, Kate Mitchell, Frances Stuart, Jon Kirsch.



Boys' Ensemble

Seated: Harry Kimbley, Don Kietzmann. Standing: Charlie Boyles, Buddy King, Jon Kirsch, Ted Massey, Frank Goc.

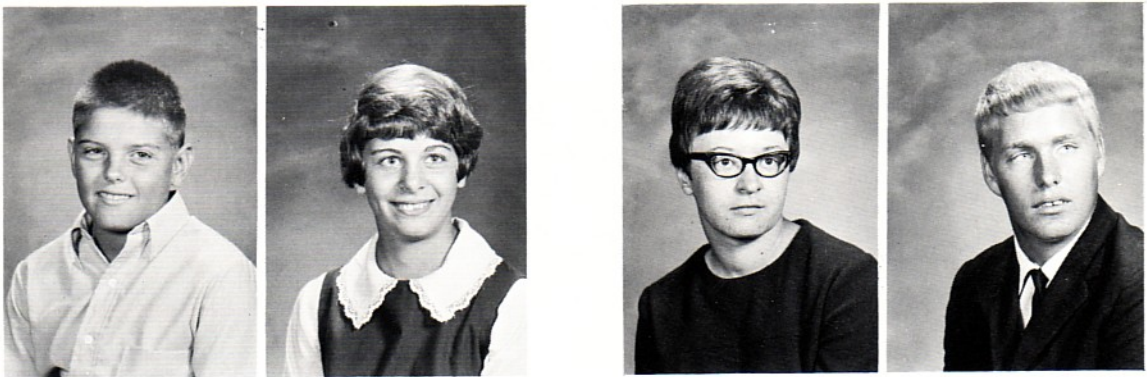
Declamation

Front row: Kate Mitchell, Rhonda Massey, Linda Ogan, Janet Goc, Nyleen King, Janelle Adams. Back row: Mrs. Hoyt, Frank Goc, Buddy King, Don Kietzmann, Mary Junkman.

The winners of this year's local declam contest were Rhonda Massey, humorous; Janet Goc, oratory; Jeannie Bourk, dramatic, and Mary Junkman, poetry. All four of Blunt's contestants received excellent ratings in the district contest at Highmore.



Legion Awards

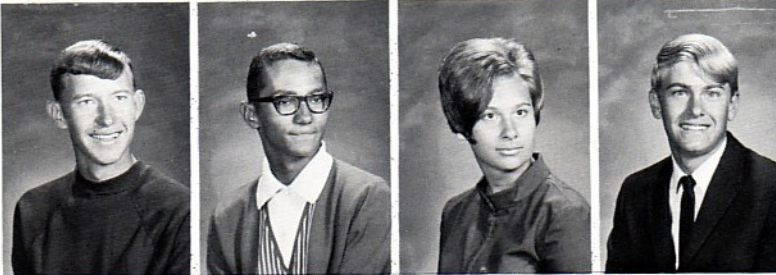


Ross Sperry and Nori Yeager, eighth graders, and Janet Goc and Julian Olson, seniors (all pictured above), were the 1969 winners of the American Legion Awards. The recipients are chosen by the faculty on the basis of citizenship and service, and the awards are presented annually at Awards Night by the Blunt post of the American Legion.

Who's Who



Janet Goc
Mary Junkman
Frank Goc
Rick Walker



Ted Massey
Don Kietzmann
Carlotta Albright
Randy Harkless



Debra Marshall
Jeannie Bourk

Several Blunt High students distinguished themselves with individual honors this year. Janet Goc wrote a prize-winning soil conservation essay and entered the state finals in Pierre, sponsored by East River Electric Cooperative. She also received the journalism award at Awards Night. Mary Junkman was valedictorian of the senior class

and was chosen Blunt's entry in the Miss Holiday contest at Huron. Frank Goc won Oahe Electric's essay contest and became the third consecutive BHS student to win the Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. Rick Walker won first place in the local Americanism essay contest, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, and placed second in the district contest.

Blunt High was represented by two boys at Boys State in 1969. Ted Massey was selected the BHS delegate with Ed Welch as alternate. Don Kietzmann was chosen one of 19 boys from across the state who were delegates to Journalism City, which produced the Boys State daily paper. Carlotta Albright was chosen the BHS Girls Stater with Sandra Small as alternate. Randy Harkless won first place in the Time Current Affairs Test, taken by all BHS students, and was salutatorian of the senior class.

Debra Marshall was Blunt's entry in the Daily Plainsman's Prettiest Cheerleader Contest. Jeannie Bourk won first place in the local VFW essay contest and placed second in the district.



Plays

One-act plays were presented in May under the direction of Mrs. Hoyt. At the left actors in "Tommy's Growing Pains" read their lines. Left to right are Mark Kozel, Shar-



on Harkless, Mary Junkman, Nyleen King, and Janelle Adams. Cast members not shown are Linda Ogan and Jeannie Bourk. A melodrama, "The Farmer's Daughter," featured Janet Goc, Kate Mitchell, and the four students at the right---Buddy King, Frank Goc, Don Kietzmann, and Rhonda Massey.

Royalty



King
RANDY HARKLESS

Queen
KATE MITCHELL



The sophomore class sponsored its carnival in March, the highlight of which was the crowning of Randy Harkless and Kate Mitchell as King and Queen of Hearts, chosen by the student body. In the picture at the left, they are flanked by attendants Jon Kirsch and Linda Ogan. In the front row are the Prince and Princess from the eighth grade, Ross Sperry and Ann Marshall, and the first grade crownbearers, David Howard and Holly Vosberg, who are also pictured at the right.



There's safety in numbers, so a group of freshmen stood together awaiting the unexpected. At the left, Janelle Adams, Nyleen King, Marilyn Lengkeek, Rhonda Massey, Sharon Harkless, and Viola Boyles watched activities with unsmiling faces. In the center, Sharon Harkless had her make-up applied by Janet Goc as Kate Mitchell and Nyleen King looked on. At the right, the facial expressions fail to show the feeling the sign states as Jerry Ogan, Mark Hinckley, Steve Ogan, Dale Peterson, Wanda Ping, Janelle Adams, and Marilyn Lengkeek sit at Kangaroo Court.

Initiation



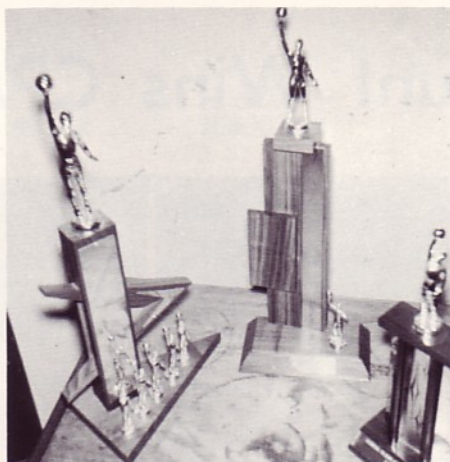
Lower left, seniors Dave Walker, Gale Harkless, and Jo King supervise as Mark Hinckley and Mark Kozel scrub sidewalks. Below, Gale touches up Marilyn Lengkeek's make-up. Freshmen performed duties for seniors all day and marched from downtown in an evening parade to the school for Kangaroo Court punishments.



Senior Skip Days included a picnic deep in the Black Hills (left), tours in Rapid City, and a sightseeing trip during which (1) Mary and Linda posed with a friend on Keystone's Main Street, (2) Jon took a close look at Mt. Rushmore as Linda took a quick nap, (3) Kate hopped aboard the closest thing to a horse she could find, and (4) Mary, Jo, and Jon climbed the rocks for a close-up look at a sculptured replica of Lyndon B. Johnson.



Athletics



The Blunt Monarchs



Front row: Buddy King, Les Sevening, Rich Doyle, Randy Harkless, Harry Kimbley, Mark Kozel. Back row: Gale Harkless, Ed Welch, Jon Kirsch, Russ Spaid, Mike Ogan, Ted Massey, Coach Vosberg.

Blunt Wins CPAC Championship

With one senior on the "first six," Blunt High enjoyed an exciting, young team in '68-'69, winning 17 and losing five. The Monarchs became the first champions of the Central Plains Conference with a perfect 8-0 mark and placed fourth in the Little Central (2-3). They won third-place trophies in both the CPAC and district tournaments.

High moments of the CPAC race were the first SBA game when Blunt scored the first 25 points of the second half; the first Stephan game when Spaid, Harkless, Welch, King, and Massey played the whole game and won by one; and two victories over Harrold, the first a squeaker in which Massey scored the winning points, the other a 53-38 classic, one of the top performances of the season. Blunt won all non-conference games; the only losses were to teams located in this District 15 area.

Blunt lost to state champ Onida in the semifinals of District 15 but re-

bounded to whip Harrold for third place, another come-from-behind team effort.

Welch, Massey, and Spaid were the leading scorers and rebounders with Gale Harkless, Sevening, and King providing great ball-handling and hustle at the guard positions. The other six men gave Coach Vosberg a good reserve bench to call upon.

BHS-Opponent

64-48 Polo*
87-25 SBA*
69-61 Wessington
59-57 Harrold*#
60-55 Glenham
72-63 Highmore#
83-71 Wood
51-92 Onida#
71-46 SBA*
71-82 Harrold+
65-64 Stephan*

BHS-Opponent

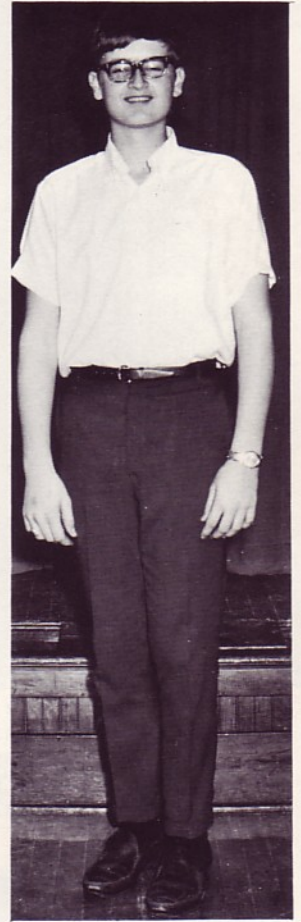
41-64 Agar#
50-47 Cresbard
96-60 Polo*
96-60 Polo+
54-51 Wall
53-38 Harrold*
83-43 Kennebec
66-67 Ft.P.SCHS*
83-68 Stephan*
51-83 Onida (Dist.)
44-37 Harrold (Dist.)

*CPAC #LCAC

+CPAC Tourney



LEFT: Senior guard Gale Harkless, who was a Monarch starter for four years, reviews the successful season with Coach Dick Vosberg.



RIGHT: Still smiling after a rigorous season as student manager is junior Rick Walker.

Les SEVENING

Russell SPAID

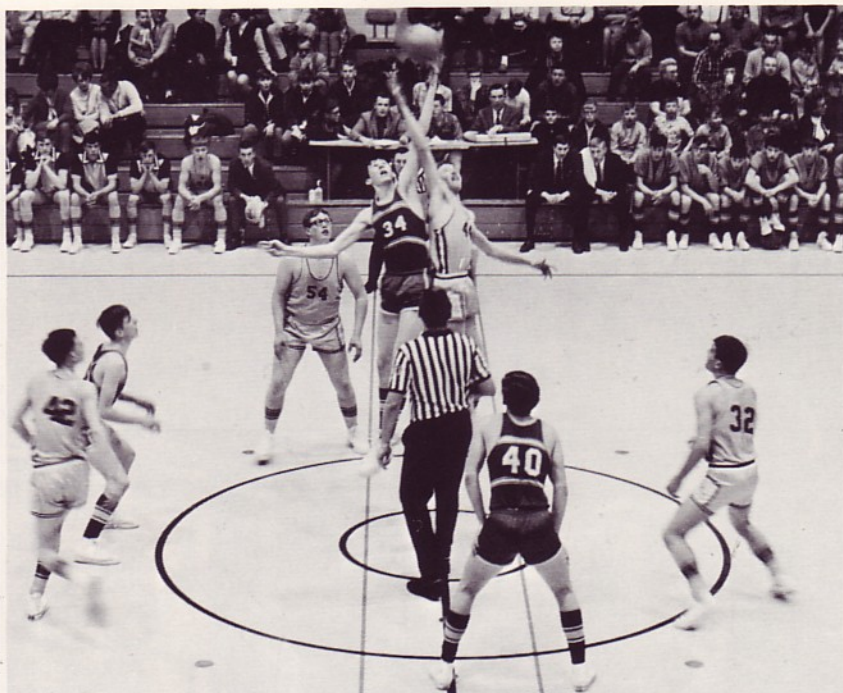
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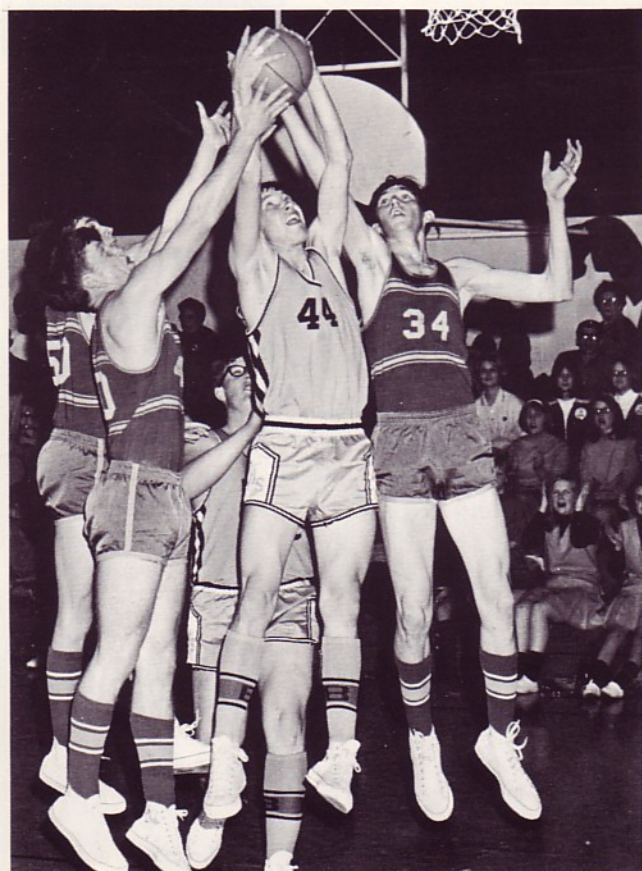
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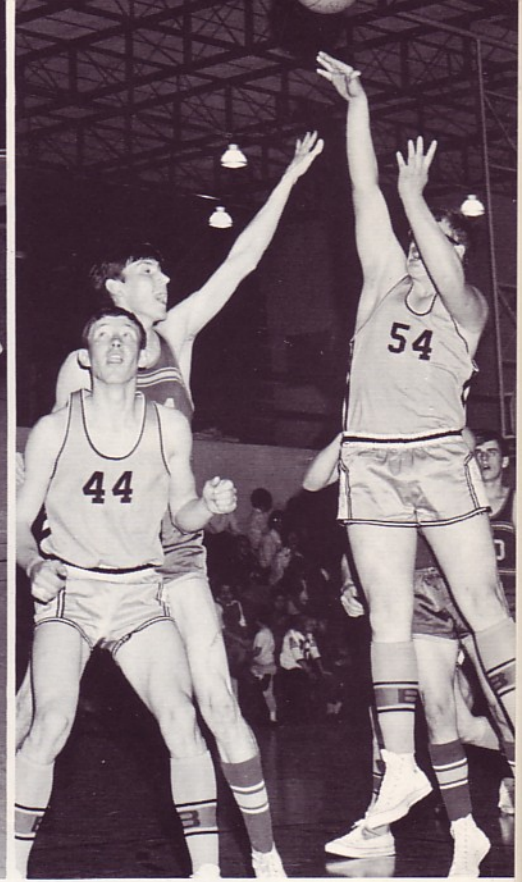
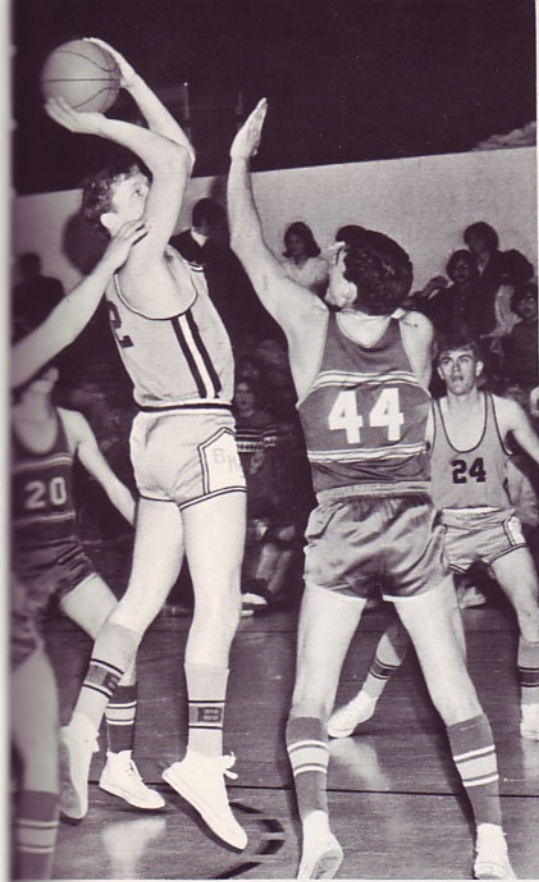
Buddy KING





Upper left: Buddy King, one of two varsity sophomores, awaits a teammate's pass with Gale Harkless in the background. Upper right: Blunt and SCHS players vie for the fourth period tip-off. Monarchs in the picture are Ed Welch (42), Russ Spaid (54), Ted Massey (jumping), and Gale Harkless (32). Lower left: Ted Massey grabs the rebound from three SCHS players. Lower right: Gale Harkless is airborne as he scores a lay-up with four SCHS players looking on helplessly.





In the upper left, Jon Kirsch prepares a two-handed two-pointer with Randy Harkless in the background. Center, Coach Vosberg and the Monarchs talk over strategy in the close SCHS game. Right, Ted Massey shuts off McGough of SCHS from a rebound as Russ Spaid launches a shot. Lower left, wiry Ed Welch shoots as a SCHS blocker takes out his own man. Next Les Sevening has a clear path to the bucket. Randy Harkless (24) arches his shot over a long SCHS arm. Lower right, Gale Harkless and Ted Massey team up for a basket as Gale screens out the defense while Ted coolly eyes the basket.



"B" Basketball



Front row: Dale Peterson, Dewayne Robbins, Steve Ogan, Mark Kozel, Mark Hinckley. Back row: Don Kietzmann, Randy Johnson, Frank Goc, Jerry Ogan, Charlie Boyles, Coach Baseley.

Young 'B' Squad Has 9-9 Record

Six freshmen, three sophomores, and a junior compiled a "break even" record of nine wins and nine defeats for Coach Ron Baseley this season. It was a growing year for the Blunt B's since the "B" squad of the previous season moved up en masse to the varsity this year.

The Monarchs compiled a record of 1-4 in the Little Central standings, defeating Harrold for the only victory.

The "B" squad defeated Polo twice, the second time on a last-second basket in overtime by Frank Goc; took two games from Sunshine Bible; won a squeaker from Wood; trounced Glenham and Kennebec, and in perhaps their best game of the year throttled Cresbard by 18 points.

Blunt High entered a freshman-sophomore team in the LCAC tourney at Ft. Pierre but dropped a 54-48 decision to Highmore in the first round.

BHS		Opponent
42	Polo	33
33	SBA	23
17	Wessington	49
32	Harrold	27
57	Glenham	33
34	Highmore	45
27	Wood	25
28	Onida	56
38	SBA	32
37	Stephan	44
23	Agar	53
53	Cresbard	35
44	Polo	43
45	Wall	63
23	Harrold	27
65	Kennebec	17
39	Ft. Pierre	SCHS 63
48	Stephan	52

Grade Basketball



7th-8th BASKETBALL: Front row: Pat Mitchell, Dave Ping, Rich Nye, Mike Metzinger, Danny Fanger, Joe Willingham, Coach Lockhart. Back row: Ross Sperry, Pat Jolley, Jerry Yeager, Loren Sevening, Mike Jolley, Steve Kruger, Robbie Robbins, Gary Johnson.



5th-6th BASKETBALL: Front row: Eugene Chase, Calvin Kruger, Mike Adams, Mike Fanger, Keith Heien, Joe Metzinger, Coach Lockhart. Back row: Billy Harkless, Jan Harkless, Junior Chase, Raymond Schultz, Robbie Spaid, Johnny Olson.



Track

Junior letterman Harry Kimbley strains to break the tape as he wins his heat of the 440 at the regional meet in Huron.

The 1969 track squad set seven new school records and tied another. Coach Vosberg called it the "finest track team in Blunt High's history."

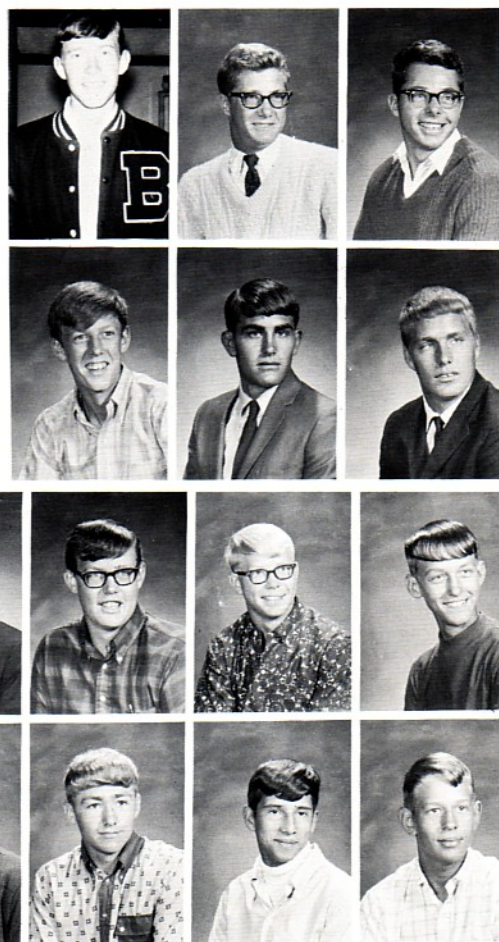
At the Pierre Legion Relays the 880 relay team of Kimbley, Doyle, Massey and Sevening set a new BHS mark of 1:41.7. Blunt lost a dual meet to Harrold, 39-36, in which Kimbley won the broad jump, Sevening the 100, Doyle the high jump, Robbins the junior high shot, and Blunt won the 440, mile, and medley relays.

BHS placed fourth, one point behind SCHS, in the LCAC meet. Doyle won the high jump and placed third in the pole vault with a new BHS record of 10'3". Sevening was third in the 100 and the low hurdles, the latter in record time of :22.4. Robbins won the junior high shot with a BHS record toss of 39'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The medley team of Kimbley, Sevening, Gale Harkless, and Massey was second and broke the school record in 4:00.8. The 440 relay team of Kimbley, Doyle, Harkless, and Sevening tied the BHS record of :49.2 and placed third. Massey was third in the mile and Kimbley third in the 440.

Blunt tied with Stephan for second place in the first CPAC meet, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ points behind SBA. Sevening won both the high hurdles in a record time of :17.0 and the 100 and was second in the lows. Olson won the discus and was fifth in the shot. Blunt was second in the 880 and medley relays and fourth in the mile. Doyle was second in the pole vault and high jump, Massey second in the mile, Boyles third in the lows, and Harkless third in the 100. Kimbley was third in the 220 at a new BHS time of :23.9.

In the regional Blunt scored eight points when Sevening was fourth in the 100 and fifth in the lows, Kimbley fifth in the 440, Doyle fourth in the pole vault, and the medley team (Kimbley, Sevening, Harkless, and Massey) fourth.

Fourteen Monarchs received track letters this spring. Top row: Ted Massey, Rich Doyle, Harry Kimbley. Second row: Les Sevening, Gale Harkless, Julian Olson. Third row: Randy Harkless, Russell Spaid, Charlie Boyles, Dewayne Robbins. Bottom row: Mark Kozel, Buddy King, Randy Johnson, Jerry Ogan.



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Chorus Officers



Front row: Mark Kozel, Linda Ogan, Rick Walker, Sharon Harkless, Mr. Knox, Harry Kimbley. Back row: Dewayne Robbins, Wanda Ping, Jon Kirsch, Shirley Flansburg.

12-Year Club



Front row: Enola King, Janet Goc, Mary Junkman, Jenice King. Back row: Mike Ogan, Frances Stuart, Linda Ogan, Jon Kirsch.

Pep Club



Front row: Rhonda Massey, Sandra Small, Debra Marshall, Jenice King, Trudie King, Kate Mitchell, Sharon Metzinger, Nori Yeager, Colleen Doyle. Middle row: Barbara Kruger, Sharon Harkless, Debbie Willingham, Cheryl Curtis, Viola Boyles, Wanda Ping, Nyleen King, Janelle Adams, Sue Bourk, Ann Marshall, Kathy Goc, Denise Marshall. Back row: Mary Junkman, Sheila Chase, Naomi Schmitgen, Ramona Peters, Shirley Flansburg, Shirley Stanton, Peggy Lengkeek, Frances Stuart, Marilyn Lengkeek, Linda Ogan, Joan Flansburg, Helen King, Pam Hinckley, Carlotta Albright, Sandra Davis.

'B' Club



Front row: Buddy King, Rich Doyle, Don Kietzmann, Rick Walker, Kate Mitchell, Jenice King, Mary Junkman, Sharon Metzinger, Debra Marshall, Gary Harkless, Charlie Boyles, Mark Kozel. Back row: Coach Vosberg, Gale Harkless, Randy Harkless, Ed Welch, Ted Massey, Jon Kirsch, Russell Spaid, Mike Ogan, David Walker, Julian Olson, Harry Kimbley, Randy Johnson, Les Sevening.

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Kneeling: Sharon Metzinger, mascot Trudie King, Jenice King. Standing: Kate Mitchell, Debra Marshall.

Grade Cheerleaders

Kneeling: Kathy Goc.
Standing: Colleen Doyle, Nori Yeager, Denise Marshall.



'B' Cheerleaders

Barbara Kruger, Rhonda Massey, Sharon Harkless, Sandra Small.



Grade Cheerleaders

Kneeling: Carrie Jo Eckman, mascot Robin Bourk, Barbara Johnson. Standing: Mary Marshall, Elette McMullen.

Cheerleaders

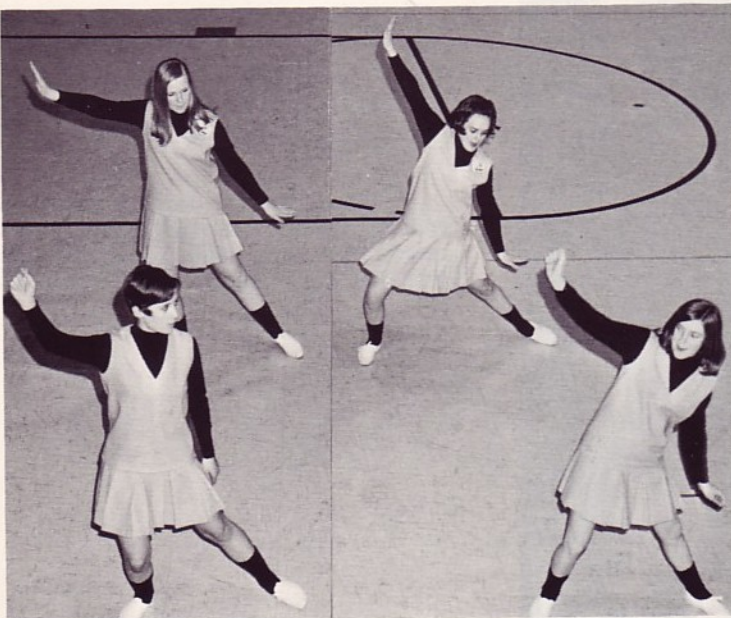


The cheerleaders and Pep Club had an exciting basketball season in 1968-1969 with the "A" team posting an outstanding record of victories. Blunt High continued to have the most colorful and most original posters and banners of any area school at its games. "We're From Monarch Country" and "Whip It On 'Em" were familiar marks of Blunt fans wherever the Monarchs played. Monty the Monarch, the smiling but vicious lion which is the school mascot, reappeared this year, backing up the fans at the ballgames.

The Pep Club, headed by Mary Junkman, president; Carlotta Albright, vice president, and Pam Hinckley, secretary-treasurer, attempted to find rides to games for students who needed them and kept the school spirit at a high point.



Trudie King



Front row: Jenice King, Debra Marshall. Back row: Sharon Metzinger, Kate Mitchell.

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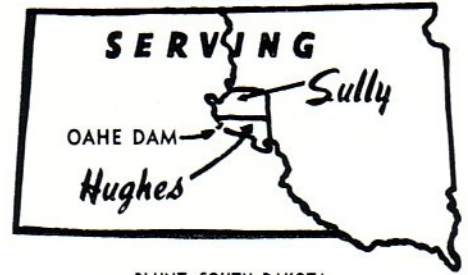
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