The Eagle

Denton, Kansas

Midway High School

1975-1976
This book is a memory put together from small slices of the past. We sat like this, all in a row; we wore these funny clothes and smiled in a certain way. When we look at these pictures in years to come, will we remember the faces, the names? Will we laugh at our hairstyles and remember the funny things that happened in Publications that day?

It is a brief time, these four years. Let's look at them and remember.
Let's begin
to try
to do
to build
to breathe
to live
with patience
with care
with an open mind.

Leonard Nimoy
The end of anything is always the beginning of something else.
Time it was
And what a time it was.
It was . . .
A time of innocence,
A time of confidences,
Long ago . . . it must be,
I have a photograph
Preserve your memories
They're all that's
left you.

Simon and Garfunkel
WE DEDICATE

1976 Eagle to D. Wayne Myers

As a token of our appreciation, we, the Seniors of 1976, would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Wayne Myers and his tributes to the students and administration of Midway High School. Mr. Myers has not only been principal, but he has also been a teacher, coach, and friend. We thank you, Mr. Myers.

WAYNE MYERS

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you for the dedication of this annual.

Each of you, whether you are a student or a teacher, have just completed one more step in this part of your life.

Everyone recognizes that education helps one’s chances for success, but education alone is not a guarantee that success will be achieved. You have often been told that knowledge is power, but it is only when knowledge is put to use that it has any power.

It is my hope that both students and teachers have gained, in this year, some bit of knowledge or common sense that will help you in your future life. Use it wisely.

Wayne Myers, Principal
Midway High School
STUDENT LIFE
ANNUAL STAFF

Front Row: R. Kentsler, R. Miller, R. Bickliffs, D. Winchester.
EDITORS

Editor - Darrell B.
Aust. Editor - Anita R.
Boys' Sports - David A.
Girls' Sports - Carol W.
Social News - Shari D.
Art Dept. - Mickey K., Ron R., Dennis G.
Production Mgr. - Diane Z.
Sponsor - Mrs. Risley

STAFF

Tom B., Rita G., Rickey K., Gregg M.,
Rick M., Barbie M., DeAnn M., Mary M., Regina P., Barbara W., Dean W.,
Scott W.

Staff
"Spirit of '76"
The girls' M-Club, in their new outfits, really got involved in many activities this year. The activities included a hay-rack ride to Brown Co. Lake and a shopping spree to Kansas City. They took charge in planning Homecoming and had a "Wheel a Deal" Booth in the PTO Carnival as a money-making project.


Bottom Right: The Sponsors - Miss Stewart and Miss Collings.


BOYS' M-CLUB

Row 1: D. Winchester, B. Rush, R. Kanzler, M. Kleppe, R. Winchester, R. Ricklefs, R. Miller, J. Diebolt, D. Albers.

CHORUS

Not Included: D. Burke, M. Myers, G. Walsh, M. Winchester, C. Boos, M. Roberts.
Twirlers - Left to Right: Gerre Walsh, Denise Elliott, Martha Roberts, Seth Elder, Majorette - Arlene Franklin.
Not Included: D. Burke, M. Myers, C. Walsh, G. Walsh.
STUDENT COUNCIL

Stu-Co - L to R: Kelly R., Rita G., Ricky K., Beth E., Paula W., Mary M., Barb M., Scott W., Dan H., Craig R., David A., Bill R.

2. Beth Elder - Secretary
3. David Albers - President
4. Barbie Myers - Vice-President
5. Mary Myers - Treasurer
6. Mr. Myers - Sponsor
Aside from the Student Council's usual activities, including Homecoming, Christmas Party, Snowball, and concessions, its main accomplishment was a new student dress code. The students of MHS voiced their opinions, and the new dress code was submitted to the school board for their approval on Dec. 8, 1975. The new dress code became effective on January 1, 1976, on a trial basis.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Above: L-R: Rickey K., David A., Bill R.
Center: L-R: Anita R. - President; Miss Roberts - Sponsor; Darrell B. - Secretary-Treasurer; Barbie M. - Vice-President.

Above: Top-Bottom: Jim W., Mary M., Beth E.
ATHLETICS
FOOTBALL
1. The ‘75–’76 Football Team
2. Starting Offense
3. All League Selections
4. Starting Defense

Roster

R. Winchester 10
B. Rush 43
R. Ricklefs 83
D. Albers 82
R. Kentzler 50
R. Miller 34
M. Kentzler 71
J. Diebolt 72
M. Kleppe 62
T. Halling 63
M. Rounds 11
M. Halling 21
G. Pierce 73
D. Rush 60
L. Kuhner 74
S. Winchester 51
S. Dodge 65
F. Miller 22
C. Ricklefs 80
G. Dorrell 40
R. Schottz 84
D. Johnson 23
D. Halling 33
D. Rush 31
K. Zeft 12
T. Weiland 30
The Staff

Bill Rush was chosen to participate in the 3rd annual Shrine Bowl game. Each squad consisted of 38 members which 5 sportswriters selected. Bill spent two weeks prior to the game in training at Ottawa University. The game was held on June 12, 1976, at the Wichita State Stadium in Wichita. The school and community were very proud of Bill for this achievement.

K-36 League Standings

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Above: Coach Klug.
Right: Top to bottom: Coach Nelson, Manager - D. Burke, Statistician - R. Sietz, J. Leatherman.
The 1975 Football Season for the Eagles consisted of much hard work, pain and endurance. Early season losses disappointed many Eagles, but coming on strong late in the season and a 2nd place finish in the league made all seem worthwhile.

Above: Co-Captains Rush and Winchester discuss prospects for the season.
Row 1: D. Elliott, D. Miller, B. Winchester, C. Boos.
Row 2: W. Olsen, M. Halling, T. Burke, D. Larson.
Row 1: J. Miner, C. Miner, S. Kuhnert.

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**MHS VOLLEYBALL '75**

1. L to R: J. Robison, Halling, R. Rickels, Miller.
   Not Shown: R. Miller Chaste.
CROSS COUNTRY

   Not Shown: R. Miller, R. Winchester, R. Chase.
1. Ron Ricklefs
2. Craig Ricklefs
3. Mark Rounds
4. Mark Halling
5. Rickey Kuzieler
6. Rick Miller
7. David Albers
8. Bill Rush

LETTERMEN
Top: Coach Seltz and Coach Leatherman
Bottom: Manager D. Burke and Statistician M. Kentzler
## Girls' Basketball

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Back Row: Diane Zelt, Shari Denton, Cindy Fuhrman, Sheryl Zelt, Barble Myers, Mgr.
Front Row: Gina Elder, Carol Walsh, Mary Myers.
B-Team

BOYS' TRACK

5. Asst. Coach Bob King.
1. Row 1, L-R: C. Boos, D. Miller, C. Miner, S. Elder, T. Kleppa, D. Zeit.
2. Lettermen.
3. Coach Ninehre.
4. State Indoor Track Team.
5. Manager - Shari Denton.
ACTIVITIES
SEE HOW THEY RUN
Senior '76

Ida --------------------------- Regina Peters
Miss Skillion ---------------------- Carol Walsh
Penelope Toop --------------------- Anita Roberts
Rev. Lionel Toop ----------------- Jim Weingart
Corporal Clive Winton ------------ Darrell Burke
The Intruder --------------------- Rick Miller
The Bishop of Lax --------------- David Albens
Rev. Arthur Humphrey --------- Dennis Gronniger
Sergeant Towers -------------- Mickey Kentzler

Stage Mgr. ------------------------ Mary Myers
Property Mgr. --------------------- Rita Gronniger

Sound Effects ------------------ Gina Elder
Tech. Dir. ---------------------- Mickey Kentzler
House Mgr. ----------------------- Barb Weingart
Director ------------------------- Mrs. Risley
DANGER — LOVE AT WORK

Junior '77

Steve Jackson ------------------- Mark Halling
Janice Knight ------------------- DeAnn Myers
Joshua Knight ------------------- Mark Jones
Jeffery Whittlesey -------------- Marc Winchester
April Barry --------------------- Martha Roberts
Mrs. Dingle --------------------- Gerre Walsh
Debby Peters ------------------- Cindy Boos
Gabby Drake ------------------- Beth Elder

Stage Manager ------------------- Sheryl Zeit
Property Manager ----------------- Cindy Fuhrman
Sound Effects ------------------- Denise Elliott
and Kevin Peters
Stage Crew ---------------------- Tom Boos
Gregg Miller
and David Rush
Director ------------------------ Mrs. Risley
ONE-ACT PLAY

1. Front Row: Make-up - Carol Walsh; Cast - Regina Peters, Barbie Myers, Tina Miner, Jim Welling; Director - Mrs. Ridley.
Back Row: Cast - Darrell Burke; Stage Crew - Mickey Kanzler, Greg Dorrell.

THE BETROTHED received 1st at the K-36 League Contest and a 1 rating at the State Contest.
1. Mrs. Risley - Instructor
2. Gerre Walsh - Prose
3. Martha Roberts Chase, Jim Weingart - Improvised Duet Acting
4. Steve Dodge, Craig Ricklefs - Duet Acting
5. Gerre Walsh, Regina Peters, Darrell Burke, Jim Weingart, Craig Ricklefs, Steve Dodge - Participants in Speech Contests.
To prepare themselves for the athletics events to come, the Varsity squad attended the DCA camp in Emporia during the summer, and the Jr. Varsity attended the day-camp at Shawnee Mission in September.
CHEERLEADERS
JUNIOR VARSITY

DeAnn Myers, Beth Elder - Head, Denise Elliott, Debbie Miller
QUEEN
Regina Peters

On October 17, Regina Peters was crowned 1975 Football Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies of the Midway-Wathena game. Her attendants were Shari Denton and Gina Elder. The candidates were escorted by Rick Miller, Randy Winchester, and Bill Rush.
HOMECOMING '75

ATTENDANTS
Shari Denton and Gina Elder

Randy and Shari
Rick and Regina
Bill and Gina
SPIRITWEEK

Throughout the week, students came dressed in many exotic outfits to fit the theme for the day. A class contest was held for the best decorated hall area, and each class made a miniature float. The faculty named the junior class winners in hall decorations, and the seniors came out on top with their float "Homecoming '75." The week was topped off by a victory over Wathena and a dance held after the game. Girls' M-club sponsors Spirit Week.
The evening of February 20, 1976 the junior candidates, Miss Sheryl Zelt and Mr. Tom Boos, were selected as King and Queen of Courts. Their attendants were: Seniors - Tina Miner and David Albers, Sophomores - Dee Anna Denton and Mark Boos, Freshmen - Sally Elder and Danny Halling. The flower girl was Miss Valerie Peters and the crown bearer was Master Keith Walsh.
JR. MISS
1976
BARBIE MYERS

The students of MHS elected Barbie to represent Midway in the Jr. Miss Festival at Hiawatha this year. She placed in the top 5 talents and received the honor of Miss Scholastic for having the highest grade point average of the 17 contestants. MHS was proud of the way Barbie represented their school this year. Congratulations Barbie!
APPLE BLOSSOM
1976
MARY MYERS

The Seniors made a wise decision when they selected Mary Myers to represent Midway in the annual Apple Blossom Festival this year. Mary was crowned 1976 Apple Blossom Queen over 4 other contestants. Congratulations Mary!
PROM DAZE

Wearing a dress that hits my ankles,
Shoes that make me six feet tall,
Towering above my five-foot date,
But listen, people, that's not all.

A bright corsage that falls off a lot
And boutonniere pins that poke you,
Shiny shoes and bow tie tux
And awkward jokes that soak you.

A car shined bright with Turtle Wax
And windows washed with Windex,
Smothered out by ammonia fumes
To make my evening more complex.

The prom doors open to a wonderland
Of angel's hair, streamers and glitter,
Although you know on clean-up day
This wonderland's turned to litter.

The lights are out when you get home,
And to the door you stumble.
You think, "Of course the kiss
will work!"
The lights burst on, you fumble.

- Sue Croner
PROM '76
We May Never Pass This Way Again
Awards Program

National Honor Society Inductees
- Diane Zelt, Cindy Fuhrman,
  DeAnn Myers, Patty Myers, Mark
  Jones, Cindy Boos, Greg Dorrell,
  Mary Ann Halling, Susan Baker.
American Legion Awards - Barbie
  Myers, Darrell Burke.
Runner-up - Carol Walsh, Dennis
  Gronniger.
Betty Crocker Award - Anita
  Roberts.
STYLE REVIEW AND
INDUSTRIAL ARTS — ART SHOW
SENIOR
FACULTY
GAME

1. Vo-
Brenda
McNutt
2. Sp-
3. Col-

SCHOOL
FEED
"FED"
SPECIAL CLASSES

PEOPLE MAKE
SCHOOL BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION
CLASS OF '79
Glenn Albers
Tina Barke
Karis Chase
David Collins
Sally Elder - V. President

Danny Halling - StuCo
Dennis Holcomb
Doug Johnson
Rick Johnson

Teressa Kleppe
Debbie Lason
Bill McNeill
Debbie Miller

Cheryl Miner
Wanda Olson - Secretary
Kevin Page
Jerry Robison - President

Danny Rush
Randy Sowards
John Tumley
Paula Walsh - StuCo

Terry Weiland
Becky Winchester - Treasurer
Kirk Zeit
Tim Cole
Kelly Hutchison
CLASS OF 78
Cindy Boos
Tom Boos
Beth Elder - Stuco
Denise Elliott - Secretary
Dave Felts

Doug Felts
Mark Halling - President
Phila Halling
Russell Holcomb
Mark Jones - Treasurer

Cedric Kentaler
Larry Kuhnert
Gregg Miller
DeAnn Myers
Patty Myers

G. E. Pierce
Kevin Peters
Martha Roberts
David Rush
Jim Tharp

Gene Walsh - V. President
Marc Winchester
Scott Wright - Stuco
Sheri, Zelt
Cindy Fuhrman
RITA GRONNIGER
Basketball - 1; Track - 1; Band - 1, 2; Chorus - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club Officer - 4; Class Officer - 2; Vo-Tech Business Contest - 3, 4; Highland Business Contest - 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 4.

BARBARA WEINGART
Basketball - 1; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Band - 1, 2; Chorus - 1, 2, 3, 4; Vo-Tech Business Contest - 4; Highland Business Contest - 4; State Solo - 2; Class Officer - 2, 4; Speech Contest - 3; Annual and Paper Staff - 4.

BARBIE MYERS
Volleyball - 3, 4; Basketball Mgr. - 3, 4; Track - 3; M-Club - 3, 4; Band - 3, 4; Chorus - 3, 4; Cheerleader - 3, 4; KMEA State Chorus - 3, 4; Jr. Class Play - 3; One Act Play - 3, 4; National Honor Society - 3, 4; Class Officer - 3; Student Council Vice-Pres. - 4; Jr. Miss Rep. - 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 4.

MICKEY KENTZLER
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3; Track - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club - 3, 4; Band - 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play - 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 4; Speech and Drama Contests - 4.

DIANE ZEIT
Volleyball - 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader - 1, 3, 4; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Band - 1; Chorus - 1, 2, 3; Class Officer - 3; StuCo - 2; Queen of Courts - 2; Jr. Play - 3; Annual and Paper Staff - 3, 4; All League Basketball Team - 4.

TOM HALLING
Basketball - 1, 2, 3; Football - 4; Jr. Play - 3; Vo-Tech - 4; Honor Roll Award - 3.
DARRELL BURKE
Band - 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus - 3, 4; Manager for Sports - 3, 4; National Honor Society - 3, 4; Class Pres. - 1; Jr. and Sr. Plays - 3, 4; Speech and Drama Contests - 3, 4; One-Act Plays - 3, 4; Paper Editor - 4; Annual Staff - 4; M-Club - 4.

SHARI DENTON
Volleyball - 3; Basketball - 3, 4; Track Mgr. - 3, 4; Band - 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club Pres. - 4; Cheerleader - 1, 2, 3; Homecoming Cand. - 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 4; StuCo - 1; Student Director of Jr. Play - 3.

MARK ROUNDS
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3; Cross Country - 3; M-Club - 2, 3, 4; Chorus - 3; Paper and Annual Staffs - 3; King of Courts - 2; Vo-Tech - 4.

REGINA PETERS
Volleyball - 3; Basketball - 1, 2; Track - 1, 2; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club Officer - 4; Chorus - 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. and Sr. Plays - 3, 4; One-Act Plays - 3, 4; Best Supporting Actress - 3, 4; Annual and Paper Staffs - 4; Homecoming Queen - 4.

DENNIS GRONNIGER
Basketball - 1; Sr. Play - 4; Annual and Paper Staffs - 3, 4.

CAROL WALSH
Volleyball - 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3; Band - 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus - 2; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer - 2, 3; One-Act Plays - 3; Best Supporting Actress - 3; Speech and Drama Contests - 3, 4; Regional and State Art Contests - 3, 4; Annual and Paper - 4.
MARY LOUISE MYERS
Volleyball - 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus - 3, 4; Band - 1, 2, 4; Cheerleader - 2, 3, 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 4; StuCo - 4; Class Officer - 1, 4; Jr. and Sr. Play - 3, 4; Nat'l Honor Society - 3, 4; Snowball Queen - 3; Apple Blossom - 4; All League Basketball Team - 4; 1-A All State First Team - 4.

MAURICE KLEPE
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2; Track - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club - 2, 3, 4; Band - 1; Chorus - 1, 2; Jr. Play - 3; Annual and Paper Staff - 3, 4.

ARLENE FRANKLIN
Twirler - 3; Majorette - 2, 3, 4; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club Officer - 3, 4; Class Officer - 2; Vo-Tech - 4; Band - 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus - 1, 2, 3.

RICK MILLER
Football - 2, 4; Basketball - 2, 3, 4; Track - 3, 4; Cross Country - 4; M-Club - 2, 3, 4; M-Club Officer - 3, 4; Class Officer - 3, 4; Jr. Sr. Play - 3, 4; Band - 2, 4; All League Football - 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 4; Homecoming Escort - 4; Manager - 3.

TINA MINER
Volleyball - 3; Basketball - 1, 2, 3; Track - 1, 3; Volleyball Mgr. - 4; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Snowball Cand. - 4; One Act Play - 4; Chorus - 4.

JIM WEINGART
School Photographer - 3, 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 3, 4; Nat'l Honor Society - 3, 4; One Act Play - 3, 4; Best Actor - 4; Senior Play - 4.
DAVID ALBERS
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2; All-League Football - 4; Cross Country - 2, 3; M-Club - 2, 3, 4; Band - 1, 2; Chorus - 4; Boys' State Rep. - 3; StuCo Pres. - 4; Jr. and Sr. Play - 3, 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 4; King of Courts Cand. - 4; National Honor Society - 4.

ANITA ROBERTS
Band - 1, 2; Chorus - 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club Officer - 4; Jr. and Sr. Play - 3, 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 4; Nat'l Honor Society, Pres. - 3, 4; State Piano Contest - 2, 3.

BILL RUSH
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Band - 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club Officer - 3, 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 3, 4; Jr. Play - 3; Nat'l Honor Society - 3, 4.

GINA ELDER
Volleyball - 3, 4; Basketball - 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3, 4; Sand Volleyball - 2, 3, 4; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus - 1, 2, 3, 4; Band - 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club Officer - 3, 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 3, 4; StuCo - 3; Class Officer - 4; Homecoming Cand. - 4; Snowball Cand. - 4.

RANDY WINCHESTER
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3; Track - 1, 2; Cross Country - 4; Snowball King Cand. - 3; StuCo - 2; M-Club Officer - 3, 4; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 3, 4.

RICKEY KENTZLER
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3, 4; M-Club - 3, 4; M-Club Officer - 4; StuCo - 4; Annual and Paper Staff - 4; Nat'l Honor Society - 3, 4.
JOHN DIELBOLT
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - 3, 4; Band - 1, 2; M-Club - 3, 4; Track - 1; Vo-Tech - 4.

RONALD RICKLEFS
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - ½, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country - 4; Band - 1, 2, 3; M-Club - 2, 3, 4; Paper and Annual Staff - 4; Homecoming Escort - 3; M-Club Officer - 4.

RICHARD CHASE
Football - 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball - 1, 2, 3; M-Club - 1, 2, 3, 4; Track - 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country - 2, 3, 4; Vo-Tech - 4.

DEAN WINCHESTER
M-Club - 4; Manager - 3, 4; Band - 1, 2; Chorus - 3; StuCo - 1, 3; Cadet Lawman - 3; Annual and Paper Staff - 3, 4.

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GRADUATION — MAY 17

Bicentennial Graduates
By ERMA BOMBECK

My son is a Bicentennial graduate. He looks like any other kid. He’s 18. Eats unbalanced meals. Would kill for car keys. Has fruit flies around his locker. Threatens to self-destruct if we bring a camera to his graduation.

I didn’t wake up 18 years ago and announce, "Hey, we’ve got to get going on a Bicentennial graduate." It just happened.

I’m sorry in a way. I wish I could spare him the same exploitation as the Bicentennial keyring, the Bicentennial hamburger, the Bicentennial fireplug decorating competition, and the Bicentennial headache.

He and millions of graduates are going to get it come commencement — the forefathers-on-the-threshold-of-a-brand-new-destiny number comparing today’s graduates with their forefathers.

Not that it isn’t a good pitch. I’ve heard it before. It makes you square your shoulders, sit up a little straighter (the girls often cry), and for a moment you want to walk out on Lake Erie and be by yourself.

Then, the "threshold of a brand new destiny" speech wears off like a shot of Novocaine and you are left on the brink with a brave, exciting future and $1.40 in your pocket.

What does my son know? What has he been taught? He knows you can’t march in a graduation line and chew gum at the same time. He knows you can’t make it in this world unless you know how to diagram a sentence. He knows you can’t pass phys. ed. unless you take showers. He knows gym clothes can be a major air pollutant. Some school lunches must be accompanied by a prescription. His typing teacher is into TM. He knows his face will freeze if he keeps mocking his sister.

He suspects every other graduate knows where he is going — but him.

He’s apprehensive about his future. He’s scared and he’s confused. He feels like a kid who has just been given an award for being able to cope and someone stole his chair while he was receiving it.

I wish I could assure him there is no comparison whatsoever between him and his forefathers. It was one thing to write the book on a new land. It’s another to live in it 200 years later. No one, not even his forefathers, could possibly imagine the burden of raising a country from birth to maturity.

I wish I could tell him that the day after graduation he will wake feeling no different than he did today. He won’t be wise, dedicated, or chomping to get off his brink.

He will only be meeting his challenges one day at a time . . . which is the way his forefathers did it . . . 200 years ago.
CLASS WILLS

WE, SENIORS of '76, of the City of Denton, County of Doniphan, State of Kansas, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our Last Wills and Testaments.

I, RICK MILLER, being of capable mind and unwilling body, do hereby bequeath the following:
To Sparky, I leave my entire Spanish vocabulary, including its proper pronunciation and usage.
To Furry Fuhrman, I will my untireable patience in putting up with little practical jokes that were pulled on her.
To Mark Jones, I leave my totally undiscovered talent in the sport of basketball. (It should be in good shape because it spent all last season parked on a 12" plank.)

I, REGINA PETERS, a "slightly touched" Senior of '76, do hereby will to Martha Sue Chase my loud, horrid laughter to drive people up the wall whenever she needs to.
And also, to each and every student of MHS, I will one very, very sticky roll of wide athletic tape to use when necessary, which will no doubt be quite often, on the mouth of my dear, sweet, cute "little" brother, Kevin Blaine Peters.

I, JOHN DIEBOLT, being of strange mind and great body, will David Rush my ability to wreck our cars right the first time. I also will to Craig Rickleys my ability to be short.

I, TINA MINER, do hereby will some of my shyness to Sheryl Zeit so she won't talk too much - also my ability to stay quiet.
To my sister, Judy, the ability to butt into the lunch line her senior year.

I, RONALD RICKLEFS, leave to Scott Wright a life-time supply of his favorite beverage and my unique reading material - also the ability of not being caught with his pants down.
To Douglas Felts, I will a dirt bike of his choice, 50 pounds of welding rods, and a bottle of oxygen for his shop.
To my little buddy, Pat Miller, I leave the privilege of getting more than just medals at track meets, which I definitely indulged in.
I will to Kelly Hutchison and Paula Walsh a life-size poster of each other.

I, THOMAS HALLING, do hereby will to David Felts my amazing ability of sticking my fist in my mouth; to Gregg Miller, my ability to make funny noises in shop; and to Mr. Seitz, my worn-out tape measure.

I, RANDY WINCHESTER, being of bald head and short body, will Russell Holcomb my short, stubby legs so he can be short like all normal people and not feel inferior as all tall people do.
To Mr. King, I will another short quarterback who can't pass the football and my basketball playing ability.
And to Bill Rush, I give my ability to take a girlfriend out and not worry about the money I spend.

I, DENNIS H. GRONNIGER, possessing a sound body and unstable mind, will first to Cedric Kentzler a grab bag consisting of 1001 assorted locks which he can toy with. The keys, of course, are not included.
To Sparky, I will a supply of 5-day pads for those moments when he gets hot and bothered.
And last, but certainly least, I leave to Tom Boos the ability to begin and complete beautiful projects in Shop Class.

I, GINA MARIE ELDER, being of long legs and little body, do hereby will to my cousin, Denise, my long legs so she can look over a crowd and see something besides continuous backs. Also, I leave
her my spot on the Girls' Volleyball Team to be the spiker.
To Beth Elder, I leave the ability to make it through one more year of track practice and
nervousness, and the ability to have loads of energy after practice is over. Also I leave her my
contacts so she can see and look good.
And last, I will to DeAnn, Cindy Fuhrman, and "Sparky" a list of vocabulary words to when they
call your name, they say something besides "Oh, never mind."

I, RICKEY KENTZLER, being of the lying mind and super-tough body, do hereby will to Mark
Jones my 12" by 24" spot on the bench to cherish as much as I did.
To the four stooges in Geometry, I leave a year's supply of sensible charades so other people can
play against them. I also leave less-painless pass-it-on's to pass on.
To Mr. Seitz, I leave a week's supply of cross-word puzzles and a pot of lukewarm coffee.

I, BARBIE MYERS, being of broad mind and body, do hereby will to Hairy Lou her old name back,
and also that part of my anatomy which she requested in hopes that she may be more able to do
something with it than I was.
To my little sister, DeAnn, I leave my snow-white skin, pink eyes, and unshapely legs.
To Tom Boos, I leave a date to Snowball and my ability to mouth off to David Rush and mean
every word of it.

I, MICKEY KENTZLER, being of unstable mind and rather large body, leave to Gregg Miller a
year's supply of records and tapes to be recorded, a book on "How to Customize Cars," and also the
"Old Red Bomb" which he has had his eyes on for a long time.
To whom it may concern, I return all my nicknames that I have acquired.
And to Mr. Myers, I leave a 24-hour recording of my favorite dumb jokes to listen to when he's
bored.

I, CAROL ANN WALSH, being of unquestionable intelligence and questionable physique, hereby
state my next-to-last will and testament.
To Thomas James Boos I leave my outstanding ability to only ACT inebriated so he won't have to
practice constantly, and also my nickname "Shorts" which he will most certainly be able to use
since Shari's giving him 5'6" of height to add to his own 6 feet 3½ inches.
To my dear little sister, Gerre Sue Walsh, I leave exactly what our dear (?) big brother willed to
me - the ability to leave and get home when she wants, which is a brand new hand-me-down being
as I have never been able to accomplish this feat - and also my starting positions on the volleyball
and basketball teams.
Also, to whomever Mr. Myers deems deserving, I will my very high ranking on his "TOP 10 KILL
LIST . . ."

I, MAURICE KLEPPE, being of sore mind and untalented body do will to Douglas (Curly) Felts,
one full set of tools of his very own, the will to do nothing for four years of his higher education, a
three-hour independent study in the bus barn to further his ability in welding and auto mechanics:
also, an endless roll of SKOAL, a brass spittoon, a brand new three-wheeler of his choice, and a new
CO-OP hat for every new day of school; AND to go through four years of high school, including
Prom, and not have one single date.
To the upcoming football team of Midway High, I will many endless miles and my little sister to
take the place of three players; to Cindy Boos another snowball dance, since the last one was snowed
out; to John Spaight I will a full set of walk-away-proof tools and one full-time helper; and to Mr.
Myers another great senior as myself.

I, SHARI ELLEN DENTON, lacking of mind, but sorry to say not of body, do hereby state my last
will and testament. To Cindy Fuhrman, I leave something I know she will deeply appreciate - 10
pounds of excess weight better known as F-A-T and that's all, unless of course, she wants another 10
pounds.
I leave to Tom Boos my height of 5'5" to make him approximately 11'8½" tall so he will be sure to
have a starting position on the basketball team, which is something I was never able to achieve.
To "Hairy Lou" Walsh, I leave all my aches and pains I received as M-Club President and also
the little sanity I have left so she will be able to handle the girls of '77 and '78. 

Finally, to "Sparky" I will something that is very dear to me – my freckles, to add to his already rapidly growing collection.

I, MARY "FRED" LOUISE MYERS, being of questionable body and confused mind, hereby give my last will and testament. To one Beth Elder, I will a Doctorate Degree in Psychology for her outstanding work with the mentally unstable. To Cindy Fuhrman, I will a starting position on the basketball team for every game and my ability to be injured in the line of duty and have no one believe me.

To Cindy Boos, I will my never-ending love for John Denver songs and my ability to do a spreading Eagle in a single bound. To Mark Jones, I give my nickname, Fred, so he can be called by a first name instead of his last name, Jones.

I, MARK ALLAN ROUNDS, being of remarkably sober mind and body do hereby will to Mark Halling my extraordinary ability to stay away from trouble and its surroundings. And also I leave him my personalized basketball statistician which he may do with as he pleases.

To G. E. Pierce, I leave my '66 Dodge Charger which whereabouts are unknown at this time, and of course, my good, up-standing reputation.

I, DAVID ALBERS, in this last will and testament leave to Kevin Peters the six inches of height which he requested and my ability to run long distances without breaking training.

And to Patty Myers, I leave my most prized possession, my ability to prove Mr. Nelson wrong, so she can bug him while I'm gone on sneak.

I, DARRELL BURKE, having red hair and ample body, do hereby state my last will and testament.

To one Marc "Sparky" Winchester, I will another "fun" year in chorus and my #1 rating from last year so he can safely say that he sings better than our "best" friend.

To Denise Elliott, another Snowball dance, since we missed out on the one this year.

To my sister's sister, Gerre "Hairy Lou" Walsh, I will a tall, dark and handsome stranger to be "just friends" with, and a genuine, honest-to-goodness punching bag to take my place.

And finally, to Mr. Nelson, a book with 200,000 insults, a toupe, a flourishing crop of crabgrass, and a 180-day canceling trip so he won't have to teach school.

I, BARBARA WEINGART, being of sound body and disturbed mind do hereby will to Jimmy Tharp the ability to "SLEEP" at the rockpile in a '71 blue Maverick without being bothered. And also I will him a package of my favorite incense to cover up the foot odor.

To Margaret Cavanaugh, I bequeath the cleverness to get by with all the things Rita and I got caught at.

To Twilla Schoenfelder I wish a trouble-free senior year and the best of luck.

I, DIANE KAY ZEIT, being of small body and likewise mind, do hereby will to Cindy Boos my outstanding dedication I have shown at volleyball, basketball, and track practices; and the ability to run on the highway without getting caught. Also, I will her my position as annual editor so she may become unpopular her senior year.

To my mouthy sister, Sheryl, I will the ability to develop broad shoulders her senior year so she can carry the blame for anything that goes wrong. I also will her the ability to run her own life and the talent to become a "Student" her senior year because of her distinguished basketball achievements.

I, RITA ELAINE GRONNIGER, being of skinny body and sexy behind, will to Sheryl Zeit the gift of not having to wake my mother up when I return home from a date; and also, my skill to do so well at business contests! And for an added treat - my prized, cracker-jack car.

To my dear, little, sweet cousin, Margaret (who's twice as crazy as I am), I will my talent of being such a safe and SLOW driver, my ingenious ability to come up with great ideas - (as running to the top of mountains in St. Joe), and my secret to making school as enjoyable as possible. 

To Kelly H. I will my favorite place after lunch and a year's supply of foogs!!
I, ARLENE FRANKLIN, being of tiny mind and misplaced body, will to DeAnn Myers the opportunity to become a twirler and/or majorette without being in band.
To the secretary of M-Club, Miss Susan Laverentz, the ability to spell at least 3 people's names correctly at each meeting.
Last and smallest, I will my tiny, tiny mind to anybody who is dumb enough to take it.

I, JAMES H. WEINGART, being of snide mind and rapidly deteriorating body, do hereby will to Phil Halling my charm, wit, intelligence, and outstanding humility.
To Mark Jones I will my photographic ability (something he desperately needs).
To my good friend David Albers I will a large whip to fight off his many admirers, and to Patty Myers I will all the love, dedication and loyalty I feel for this school. That and 10¢ will buy her a cup of coffee.

I, WILLIAM DALE RUSH, person of the past and member of the class of '76, do hereby leave the following to my beloved follower, G. E. Nigus, alias G. E. Pierce: A life supply of SKOAL to be chewed only in the showroom or at appropriate place and time and only if OKed by the person in charge. I also leave my ability to be good and my charm in class to use at his own risk. In my absence I would like to leave, if wanted, my locker-size picture of Miss Roberts to be put in his locker to remember the finer parts of life. And last but not least, I leave to G. E. my football ability to be used to knock out an upcoming freshman.
I also leave to my adopted freshman son, Gerald Robinson, my book on 101 DIFFERENT PLACES TO PUT A HICKEY WITHOUT IT BEING SEEN, my chemistry books, if ever found, and with his mother's permission. 10 bottles of facial hair cream so he can be the first sophomore to have a beard.

I, ANITA ROBERTS, being of questionable mind (after 4 years in this place, who can tell), do hereby will to Patty Myers my extremely bad attitude (as if she really needs it). I also leave her several volumes of snide remarks for all occasions.
To my dear little sister, Martha Sue, I leave a portable step ladder so she can always talk to Richard.
To Kelly Sue Richey, I will my bookkeeping ability and my amazing inability to make friends anywhere.
To anyone who wants it, I will my unusual love for this school, because I certainly don't want it.

I, DEAN WINCHESTER, do hereby will to Tom Boos my witty humor and my ability to go home from parties without my mother; and I also leave him my Rambler.
And to Kevin Peters, I will my pride and joy - my moustache, if that's what you want to call it - and somebody to play his golden trumpet.

WE, The Senior Class of 1976, do hereby will the following:

To Mrs. Pry: Another Senior to bring her peanut clusters and charge of the yearbook for 1977.
To Mr. Seitz: A $1.99 set of toy tools to leave lying around to get ripped off.
To Mr. Leatherman: A trip to the kindergarten round-up, 20 slaves to run his errands, pre-folded diapers, a permanent teacher's aide so there will be SOMEBODY in his classes at all times, and more dedicated Seniors in track and basketball.
To Mr. Ninemire: More term papers to grade, another class in "Speed Reading for Meaning," and a book of HOW TO SPEAK WITH INFLECTION.
To Mrs. Risley: More teacher's aides so she won't have to do so much in class and another friendly and cooperative Senior class such as OURS.
To Mr. Myers: A Buster Brown outfit to start school in next year and a pe: dog named Spike!

To Miss Collings: A new art room and more students to call her Miss Trixie.
To Miss Stewart: A two-week, all-expense-paid honeymoon to Hawaii that lasts only two days.

To Mr. Nigus: Several pictures of himself to set around his house so his wife and children will know he is still there.

To Mr. King: More energetic PE classes, an indestructible bus, and managers that can be fired.

To Miss Roberts: A signal for her wheelchair so she can warn pedestrians when she turns and also a two-by-four!

To Mrs. Elder: A new smile switch to replace her old one, which is wearing thin.

To Mr. Nelson, the Florence Nightingale of the Plant World: The jungle of his choice and his own personal jar of peanut butter to bleed with.

To Sarah: More book work and less running around.

To Doris: Less book work and more running around.

To Alice and Rosemary: 100 pounds of SPAM and a 10-gallon bucket of Grease Relief for next year's mess hall.

To Norm: The ability to move up in the world and become head janitor.

To Mac Miller: BIGGER ears so he can get the story straight, a toupee for his chromedome, a 180-day supply of newspapers and a 20-gallon coffee pot.

To John: A shop of his own, a teletype to fill him in on the latest gossip so he can stay there, and all the grease from Rolice and Alsmary's kitchen to keep the busses running.
CLASS PROPHECIES

The following stories are true, but the names have been changed to protect the innocent.

It is now 1985 and MICKEY "SPIKE" KENTZLER is still working as a double agent between the "us's" and "them's." He has been seen chasing parked cars.

MAURICE KLEPPE, commonly known as "Strawchopper," has been spending his time telling his and everyone else's Tall Tales over the CB. He has also been seen winning many tobacco splitting contests.

TOM HALLING, the quiet kid of old MHS, has changed his life style to become playboy of the year. He can be seen entertaining his girls by sticking his fist in his mouth.

RON RICKLEFS is still unmarried but, needless to say, he is still looking for some poor innocent broad. He also owns a sporting goods store which specializes in equipment for high hurdlers. The hottest-selling item on stock is his own personalized steel jock which is engraved, "Studless."

After running wild for a short while, RITA GRONNIGER soon tired of her former ways. She can still be seen with the "old gang," but she has now settled down in the rapidly expanding city of Denton where she is raising a houseful of curly-haired, confused little "dobbies."

SHARI DENTON is still a loyal fan of Midway. Recently she has attained world-wide fame by publishing her first book entitled 1001 WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL. In her spare time, Shari Ellen is kept busy managing a girls' basketball team.

DAVID ALBERS, owner of a Chevy Van, follows a strict diet of apple pie and hot dogs. He is a loyal baseball fan and attends every game he is able to. The President of the United States has declared Albers the All-American Boy. According to Dave, his greatest joy of winning this award is that he has replaced Pat Boone as the All-American Boy. As one of the prizes, Dave has received 405 pairs of white loafers.

BARBIE "BUNS" MYERS is still a student at Big E, where she is working on her bachelorette degree in boy chasing. She has not yet decided which is more important, boy chasing or studies.

GINA ELDER is now known as Muscleman's backscratcher. In her spare time, she is busy raising and training a houseful of little musclemen.

MARY MYERS has completed her college degree, majoring in athletics. She is now married and living in Denton. Mary has now accepted the position to be the first woman basketball coach at Midway where her team will undoubtedly be state champions. When not coaching, Mary is seen in front of a mirror trying to achieve the Kim Cochran look.

ANITA ROBERTS is now married and living in Troy. Being the wife of a banker calls for intelligence, and Anita fulfills this by reading educational books. She is kept busy by their "passel of brats" who have curly blond hair and are very short.

DARRELL BURKE is now happily living in the Huron House Apartments and pursuing his profession as an executive secretary and bookkeeper for the famous D & M Cafe, located in the metropolis of Denton, Kansas.

After finishing her education in Idaho and majoring in domestic cooking, REGINA PETERS is now holding a stable job as head cook for McDonalds and enjoying every minute of it.

After many years of study and dedication, JIM WEINGART is now a successful and distinguished physician, specializing in physical examinations for women eighteen to twenty-five years of age. Jim has also become a part-time professional photographer. On a recent trip to Africa for National Geographic, he befriended a young monkey that he has taken home and raised as a pet.
RICK MILLER, after studying at Benedictine Seminary, has changed his evil ways and has been reformed. After entering the priesthood, Rick has been seen preaching the gospel news in the red light districts of New York.

RANDY WINCHESTER is now residing in Palm Beach, California, in a houseful of little bearded redheads. Since he is an oceanographer, Randy spends most of his time in the ocean studying the little fishies.

DEAN WINCHESTER is now residing in Minnesota as a hermit. He has only been known to come out on Halloween night to decorate bank windows and dispose of rotten eggs. He also got his name in the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS for growing the strangest moustache.

MARK ROUNDS, after 15 years of freedom, decided to return to Midway to teach the underclassmen the fine art of tasting beer. When not at school, Mark is found in the Coors Brewery.

ARLENE FRANKLIN is still happily married and raising many healthy children. Besides being a wonderful housewife, she is Wayne's personal secretary and is a tremendous asset to Wayne's Kuneshire Hog Business.

BILL RUSH, dedicated to his career, is now working as janitor for a football clothing corporation. This seems to have been the closest he could get to a paying football career. Bill says someday after he makes his $10,000, he will move to a farm with lots of pigs and cows, grow lots and lots of corn and beans, thanks to his wonderful formula that makes water wetter.

After four years of dedicated service as Midway's ace popcorn popper, TINA MINER decided to enter the profession of popping popcorn. She is now working full-time for Jiffy Pop Popcorn. Tina's future plans are to invent 101 flavors of popcorn.

RICHARD WILLIAM CHASE has been in the Army a long time and I mean a l-o-n-g time. He has finally become a Five Star General. Now retired, he, his little lady, and their lovely quintuplets live in the jungles of Brazil where no one bothers them except a few deranged Orangutangs.

After four years of indecision at Midway, Barbara Weligart is still searching for Mr. Right. Recently she has invented her own game show entitled "Mix and Match." This show has the rare quality of being able to make love matches. Barb is most fortunate, as she interviews each prospective date. As of yet, she has not found anyone that appeals to her, but knowing Barb, she'll keep looking.

After four years of strict training, DIANE ZEIT has reached her life-long goal. She will be participating in the next Olympic games and is the U.S.'s greatest hope in this year's games. Among various other events, Diane will be running her specialty, the mile, in 3:56. She is expected to be Mark Spitz's successor and bring home eight gold medals for the U.S.

RICKEY "ROLLIE" KENTZLER is still living at home, under his mother's supervision, but he manages to sneak out to have a night with the boys.

JOHN DIEBOLT has devoted his life to keeping our roads and highways safe. He now travels from school to school lecturing on the "Perils of Reckless Driving."

After enlisting in the Air Force, CAROL WALSH has risen to the rank of colonel. During this time she had a most unfortunate accident in which she was bodily injured for a lifetime. But due to the advances in medical techniques, Carol can now be referred to as the "Bionic Woman." One can see Carol walking the streets, protected by her rare strength, and complimented by her strange accent.

After four years at Midway, DENNIS GRONNGER decided to continue his woodworking as a profession. He now owns his own shop which is the largest in the world, and he is known worldwide for his unique ability. Of course, Dennis cannot work without any play, so he still enjoys an occasional Saturday night with the boys.
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