

25 Years and Still Making History

This is the twenty-fifth yearbook at North Putnam High School. In 1970, when the school was a junior and senior high school, the book was dedicated to the "individuals in the community responsible for building the school." At the time, Charles Frazee was superintendent and the principal was Kenneth Miller. That book listed the pictures and names of the teaching staff. Included were Kay Greeson, Jacquelyn McGaughey, Don Steward, and John T. Wilson.

The Math Club was known as "The Sines of Thetas," the first drama production was "Curtain Going Up," the FFA held a slave auction, senior homeroom was held in the cafeteria, and the pep band played "Aquarius" and the theme from "Hawaii Five-O." There was also a Rocket Club, and a group of girls who were called the "Cougarettes," who danced at all football and basketball games.

In 1994, the people and activities changed somewhat. Well, drastically. North Putnam Middle School became a reality as the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades moved into the new facility. That left the high school with an entire building to itself. But we got some new stuff too: a choir room, a marquee, locker rooms, a greenhouse, and computers. All of these changes took place during a year in which a North Central Association team visited.

The students made their marks as well. Craig Robertson was FFA District VII vice-president. Jennifer Moore was the State VICA Champion. BPA had a typathon for leukemia, the Student Council sponsored a walkathon for the March of Dimes, the Student Council and the Art Club both decorated the cafeteria at Christmas, SADD staged a docudrama, AIDS Awareness Committee made a memorial quilt, National Honor Society served food at the North Central banquet, and FFA participated in the Adopt-a-Highway Program. Other individuals and groups made similar contributions which showed a sense of responsibility to the school and community.

There was no Rocket Club in 1994. The band played the themes from the movies "Jurassic Park" and "Aladdin." The Fall Guard, not the Cougarettes, performed with the band at half-time of football games. Students bought Otis Spunkmeyer cookies from the snack bar after school. The fall play was "The Crucible," and Mr. Wilson, Mr. Steward, Mrs. McGaughey, and Mrs. Greeson continued their excellent work with students. But just as in 1970, students faced the challenge of reaching their potential one day at a time. We're sure that that challenge will be the same at the next anniversary. It should be interesting to read how people will have met that challenge. But we can wait. We're still making *our* history.

"The knowledge of words is the gate of scholarship."



Coach Brothers talks to the student body during a pep rally for sectionals.