

1977

*Just a Place
Over a Bridge —*



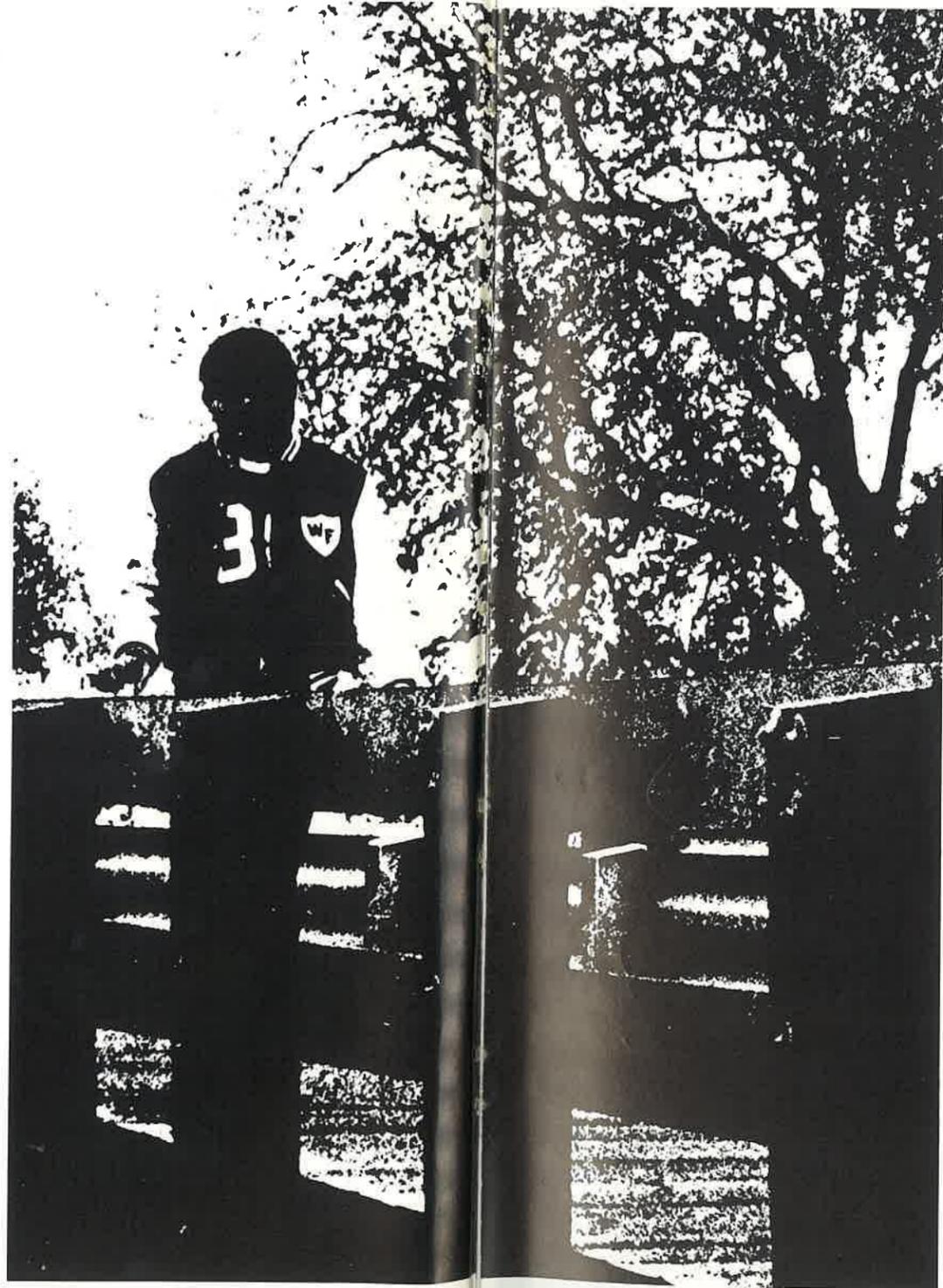
West Fargo High School Book of Memory 1976-1977



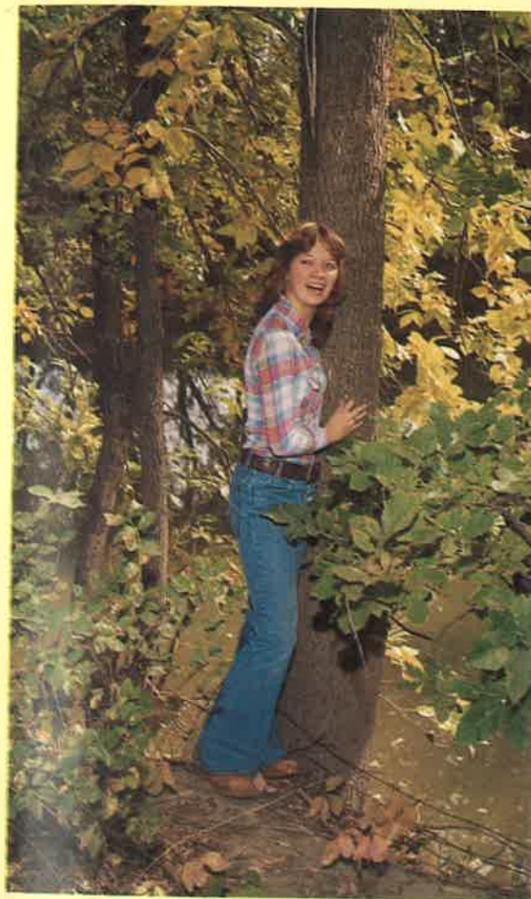
There were many treasured moments spent at West Fargo High in 1977. They were moments many wished would never have come to an end, and they have been preserved for us on the pages of this book of memory. These memories can not fade into obscurity or even disappear, because they hold the story of a sentimental happiness.

--The Editors

*Whenever I cross a bridge
Over a river calm and clear*



*Like the focusing of a reflection
Come the thoughts of other years*



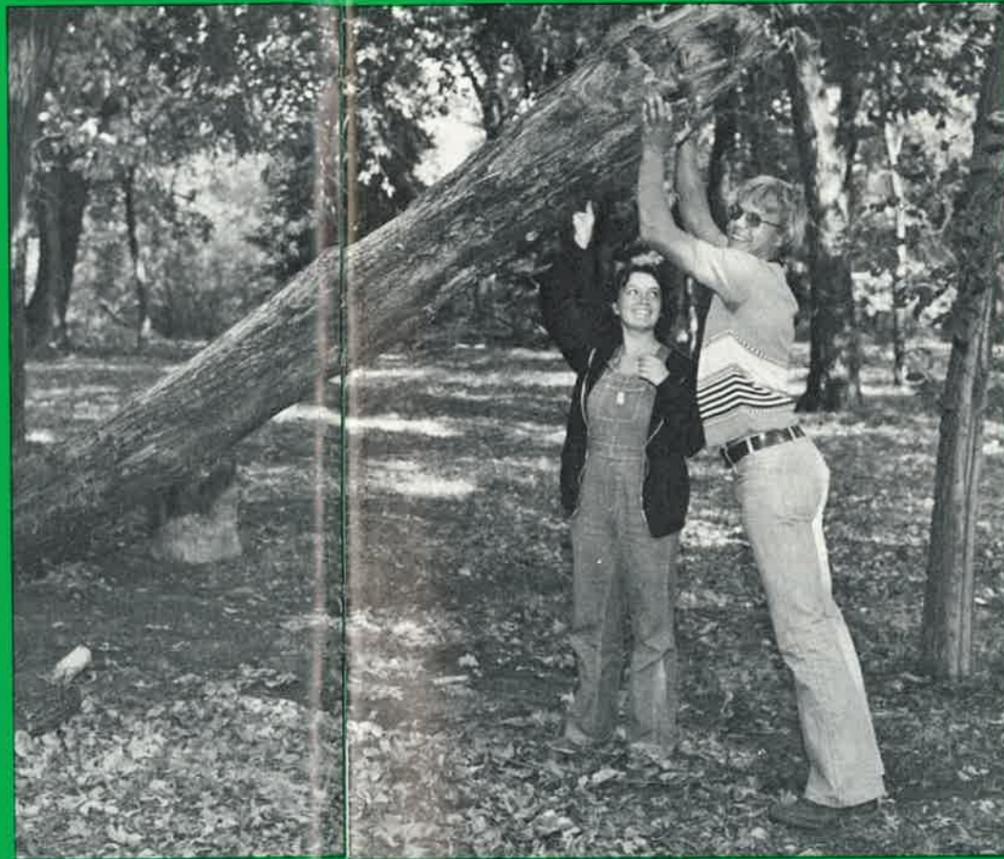
*Others have crossed
those bridges
With similar memories*



*I see the long procession
From the bitter to the sweet*



*And forever and ever
As long as the river flows*



*My life will be
a series of bridges
One always left to go*

The Beginning

A journey of a
thousand miles begins
with a single step.

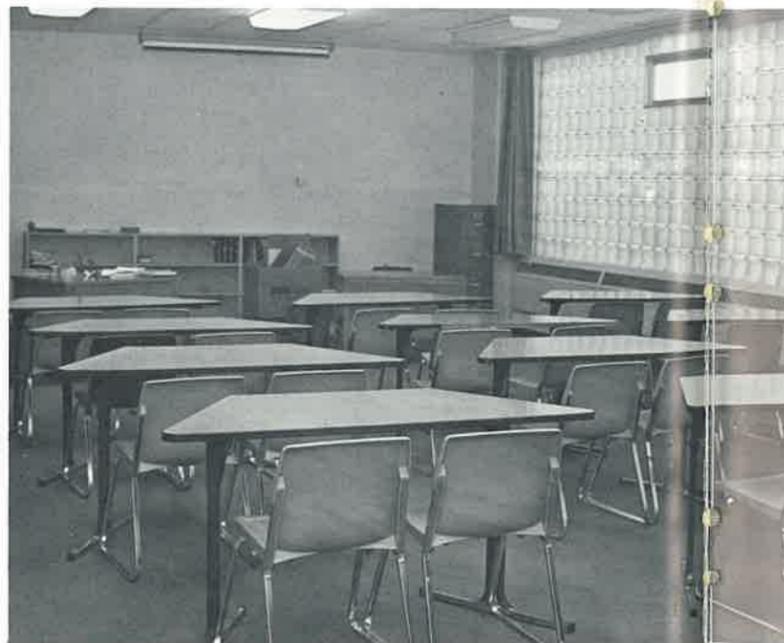
--Lao-Tse



It's Only Just Begun

A sunrise started that day the same as any other day of the year. That first day of school was a special day, when doors were opened to new experiences, knowledge, old and new friendships, school pride and school spirit, to name just a few. Many remembered how they forced themselves out of bed to make it to school by 8:40. There were different feelings on the idea of having homeroom after third period with our "chosen" homeroom teachers, having our rented books passed out in class instead of buying them, having assigned study halls, and having to go to classes in the new Vo-Ed building across the parking lot. As the time neared 3:35 almost everyone had been asked that annual first-day question, "What did you do this summer?"

PICTURES (L. to R.): 1. The chairs have sat empty all summer, awaiting this first day. 2. Can this be real? It's only 8:20 in the morning! 3. What a way to begin the year, finding out that one of your friends is in your classes! 4. Mass Confusion is booming in the office. 5. The experience of riding one of those bumpy buses is a sure way of waking up in the morning.



Homecoming Week

Homecoming . . . what does it all mean? Is it the coronation, the football game, the snake dance (we didn't have one this year), the bonfire (we didn't have one because of the summer drought), the Powder Puff, the half-time show, or just getting fired up for one reason or another? Maybe it's more, maybe it's less. Who knows? It's a time for some to come back to W.F.H.S., to look, to remember, to think about other autumns that have turned to winter in the mind. It's a time to be a part of something, an organization, a school, a team, or maybe it's a time to just be alive. It's time to contribute, to yell your head off for the football team that's losing (but they sure tried hard), to help make posters, to work on your routine for the halftime show, to sit, watch, and just be a part of it all. It's a time to await the dance after the game and hope you dance with that special someone. It's a time to be a part of the alumni, to be a teenager, and to feel free to cry or laugh without someone making fun of you for it. It was Homecoming 1976, and it was the time of your life.



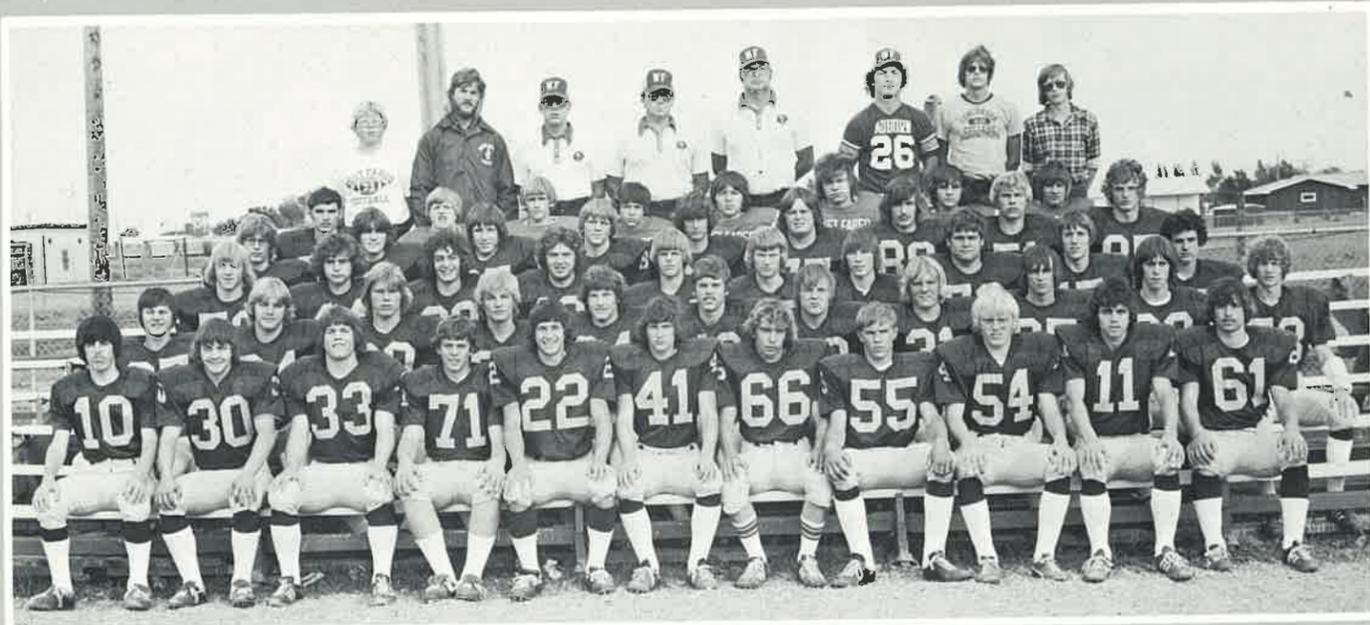
ROYALTY (Left to Right): Darla Berg, Mary Jo Dahl, Pam Erstad, Barb Ganyo, Queen Debbie Frovarp, King Bruce Moltzan, Mike Olson, Brad Lindberg, Kelly Rodgers, Andrew Gorby.

PICTURES (L. to R.) 1. Packers come back for a better second half. 2. Senior Powder Puff team looks on with anticipation. 3. Senior, Cindy Carlson, runs for a touchdown attempt. 4. Pom-Pom girls do their routine to the band's "Free Ride". 5. Kim Samson does her best for the Junior team. 6. Packer fans! What would the game be like without them? 7. Julie Carlson attempts a first down in the Powder Puff game which ended in a 14-14 tie.



PICTURES (L. to R.) 1. Students wait for West Fargo's first "disco" dance to begin. 2. Tension mounts for the Packer players. 3. Majorette, Vicky Fletcher, twirls to the music of the band. 4. The band performs a Bicentennial Salute, "Our Fabled Frontiers". 5. Drum Major, Mike Fischer, gives the downbeat. 6. Steve Laddusaw gives it his all against Spartan defense. 7. Everybody, have a good time! 8. The popular DJ, Charlie Fox, takes a break. 9. Senior co-captain, Lamar Noriega, puts the "Pack" on the score board. 10. The sexy side of cheerleading. Vavavavoom! 11. Everyone does their own thing and has a good time, even though the 37-7 score is not what we hoped for.

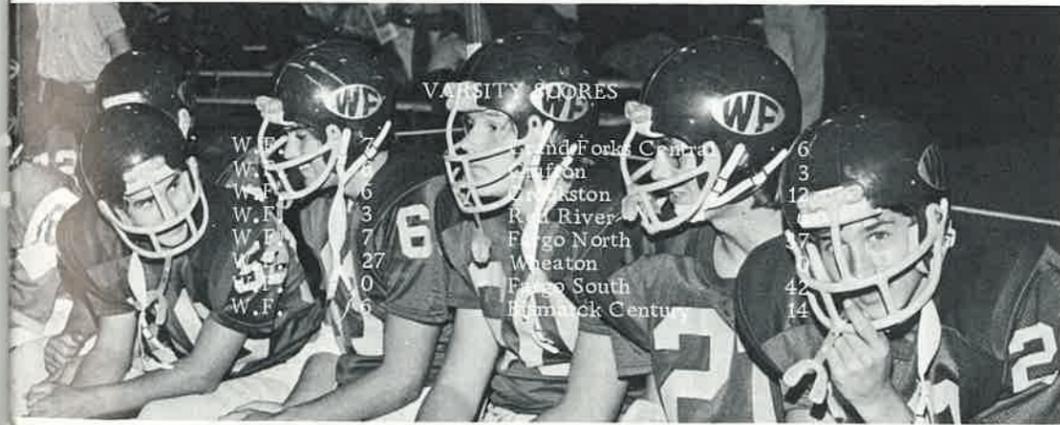
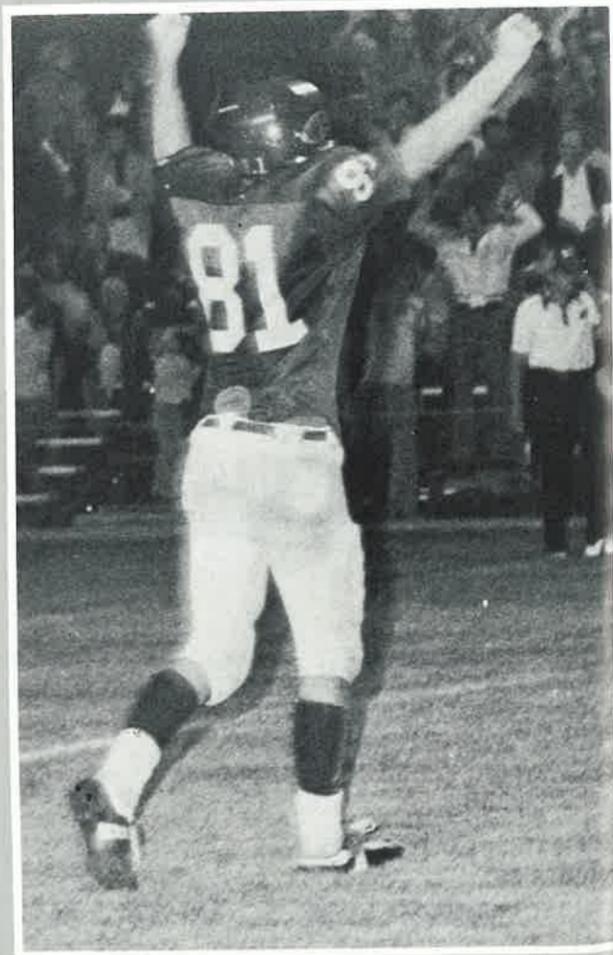




VARSITY FOOTBALL (L to R) R 1: J. Summers, M. Fillbrandt, S. Laddusaw, R. Bucholz, R. Zabel, D. Zabel, E. Rohrich, M. McLeod, P. Johnson, M. Sha, S. Schmidt, R 2: L. Tessin, G. Anderson, B. Moltzan, M. Vetter, G. Rott, R. Samson, D. Sinner, S. Fradet, D. Irwin, K. Scally, J. Jacobson. R 3: B. Timmerman, S. Johnson, B. Lindberg, L. Noriega, K. Fenske, B. Rice, D. Flesness, J. Gehrke, B. Fleming, M. Nelson. R 4: R. Walen, C. Kackman, M. Olson, T. Christiansen, M. Boutiette, T. Lenzeier, D. Riemer, D. Moen, B. Newgard. R 5: B. Dickinson, D. Ostrem, M. Anderson, B. Linde, D. Fee, D. Siewert, R. Nudell, J. Matthys. R 6: Student Manager B. Hall, Coach Gurbada, Off. Coach Realdson, Def. Coach Tefft, Head Coach Spitzer, Coach Bradley, Student Manager T. McCrory, Student Manager K. Ness.

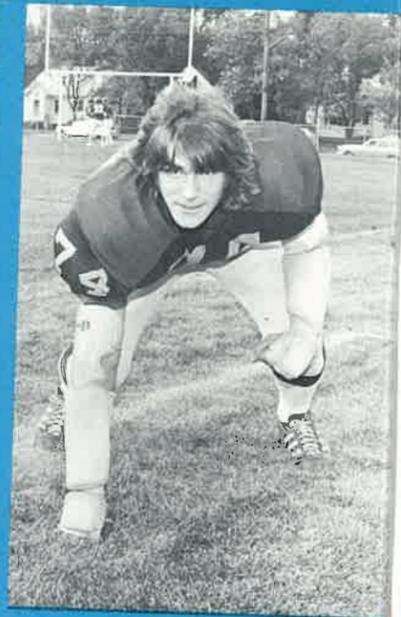
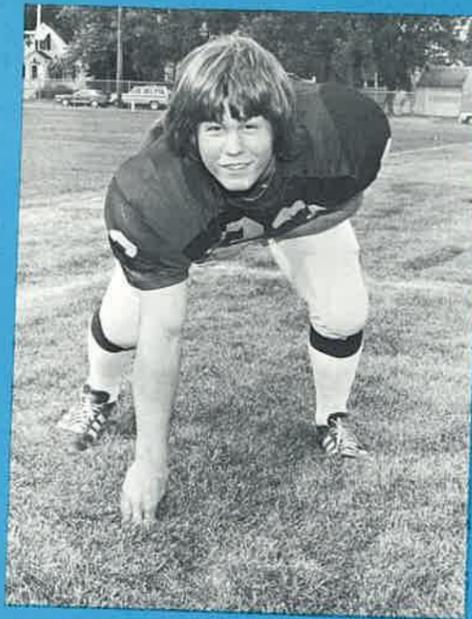
Football

As always in August, when the days are long and hot, the coaches are yelling about being in shape, and the swimming pool gets overtime from about fifty players, the thought does cross their minds that maybe, just maybe, they could make the playoffs this year. With the benefit of 20-20 hindsight and the fact that a grim schedule, injuries, weather, lapses of concentration, and the will of God all have a hand in deciding what the end result will be, the Packers kicked off the '76 season with victories over G.F. Central and Grafton. The outlook was bright for the "Pack"; however, the three successive Fridays following the win over Graton proved to be too much for W.F.H.S. With losses to Crookston, Red River (in double overtime), and Fargo North, the season had come to a standstill. A relatively easy victory over Wheaton set the stage for Fargo South and the hope of a successful season. However, turn-overs, a biting cold wind, and a superior Fargo South team were too much for the Packers. When the last cape and jacket had been folded and put away by the "Dalton Gang", the student managers, West Fargo was at the wrong end of a 42-0 shutout. Although success in sports (especially in football, where there is no "second season") is measured by the won-loss record, to say there were not successes would not be fair. There are the shared friendships, the relationships between young men and coaches, the sweat, the hard work, and the sweet taste of victory. This and much more makes a football season. With the JV 6-2 on the year and the returning lettermen for next year, who knows . . . maybe in '77. For them, we hope so.

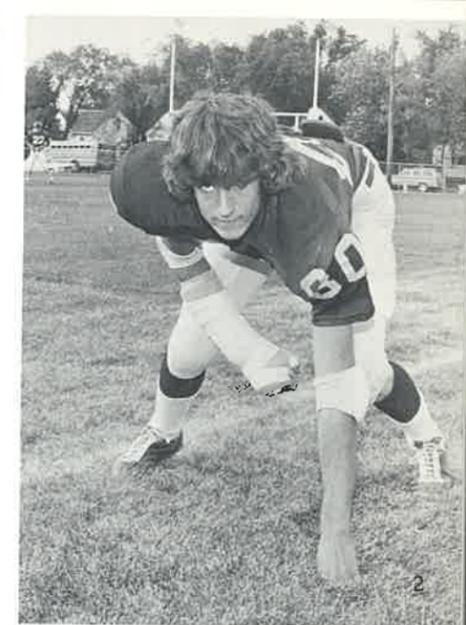


FRESHMAN FOOTBALL (Below L. to R.) R 1: G. Dittmer, T. Slocum, R. Anderson, M. Olson, S. Whaley, Student Manager M. Helm. R 2: R. Sha, K. Alwin, D. Prudlick, K. Millar, R. Moser, J. Hielman, K. Jones. R 3: B. Gaughan, S. Rayl, M. Fernandez, M. Thompson, D. Wickenheiser, S. Wade, D. Hamann. R 4: C. Maxwell, J. Fines, K. Scally, D. Anderson, K. Galbreath, T. Brumfield. R 5: Coach Rime, J. Rostad, G. Boutiette, J. Clark, S. McCullough, T. Chase, Coach Summers.

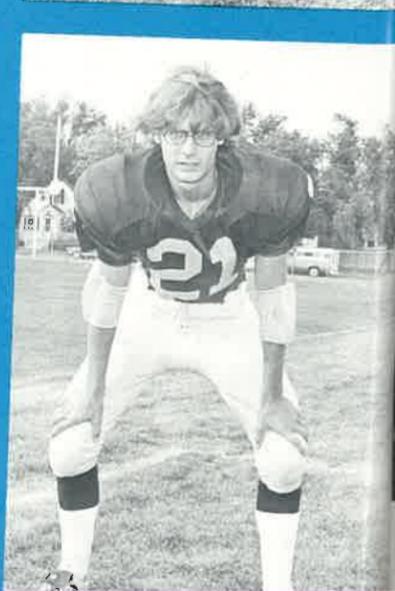
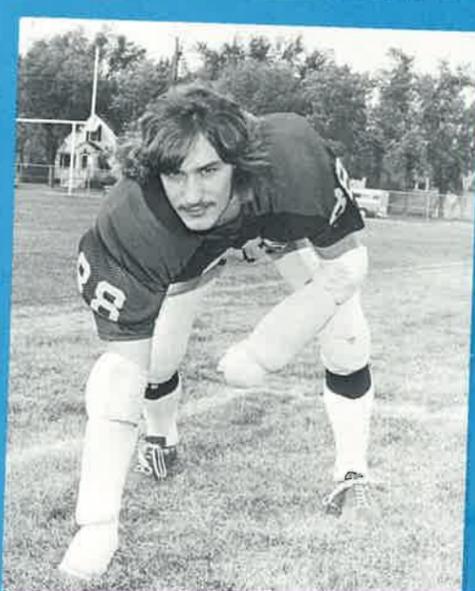
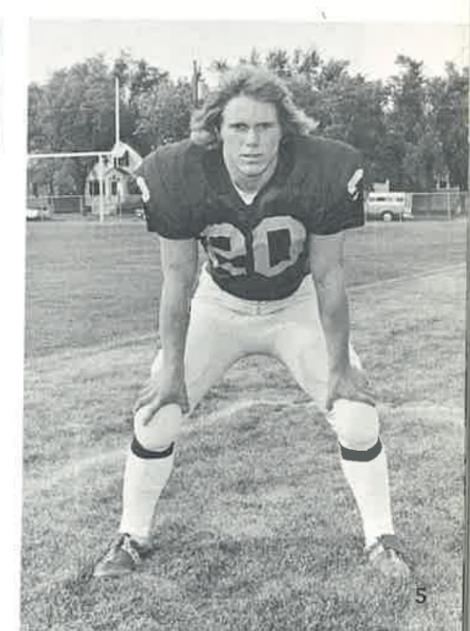
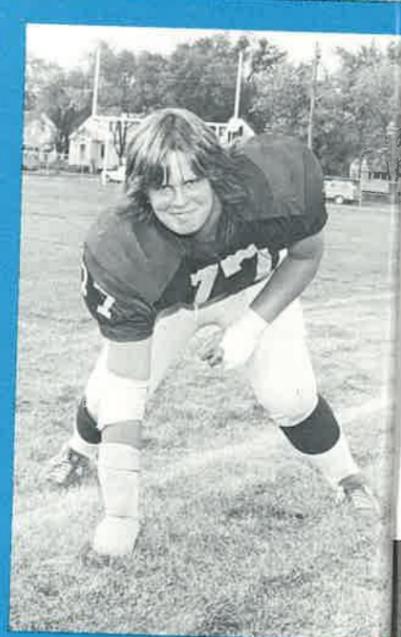
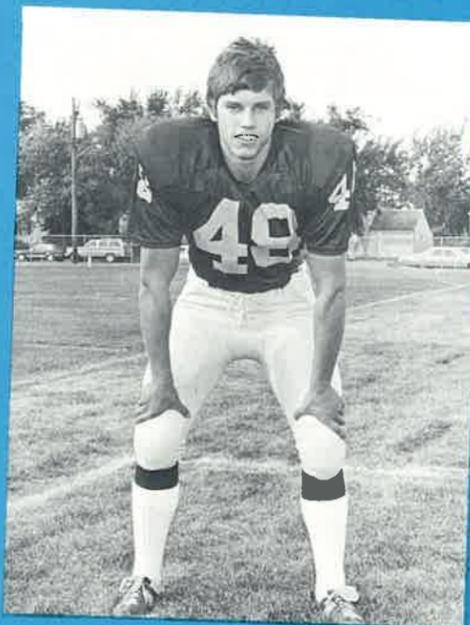
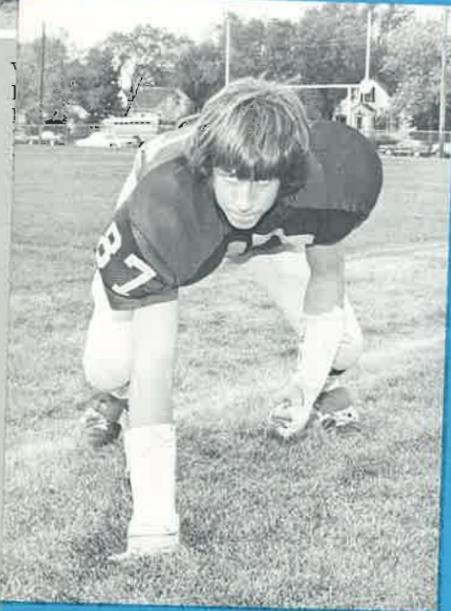




SENIORS pg. 16 (L to R): Scott Johnson, Steve Laddusaw, Chet Kackman, Mike Olson, Ron Sampson, Tim Lenzmeier, Don Flesness, Dean Riemer, Rich Walen.



PICTURES pg. 17 (L to R): 1. Captains Doug Moen and Lamar Noriega. 2. Senior Mark Boutiette. 3. Lamar Noriega looks for a block. 4. Defensive back Pat Johnson moves in to spoil the chances of a Crookston receiver. 5. Senior Bruce Moltzan. 6. Coaches Roger Realdson and Vern Spitzer. 7. Only Mark Boutiette knows what's inside that bottle! 8. Senior Brad Lindberg.



3RD PLACE S.E. REGIONAL WINNERS



VARSITY AND J. V. (L.to R.): Row 1-Coach Gad, Nancy Bohlmann, Peggy Bobrowski, Jill Potter, LuAnn Pettie, Michele Leidal, Janice Martin, Erika Whitehead, Lori Scheel, Carol Kraft, Sherri Schmit, Tammy Green, Coach Fell. Row 2- Melodee Stanley, Patty Laber, Lea Halvorson, Terri Chale, Shari Pool, Vicki Carlson, Pam Froemke, Dawn Schaar.

Girls' Basketball

It was the beginning of July '76, the temperature was 98 degrees. Most kids were swimming; but wait, there was a noise coming from the high school gym. What could it have been? Well, it was the W. F. girls' basketball team getting ready for a tough season. With sweat pouring down their faces, the girls lifted weights and practiced their shooting. For the girls, all those hours of work paid off with the best season any West Fargo girl basketball team has ever had. The memories of running laps, crushers, stairs, and sore muscles will never be forgotten, nor will the joy of winning. The girls worked as a team and won as a team. Along with the pride and self-satisfaction of winning, memories of great times will remain. There were many episodes over Carol's socks which would never stay up, and Janice's shoelaces which would always break. To top the season off, the girls placed third in the S. E. Region. Letting only two teams by them, they ended with a 12-5 record. Following the season, Coach Fell went broke giving the Varsity pizza, and Coach Gad went broke giving the J. V. steak. What a way to end the season.

Janice-WOW! Now that's shooting PACKER STYLE!



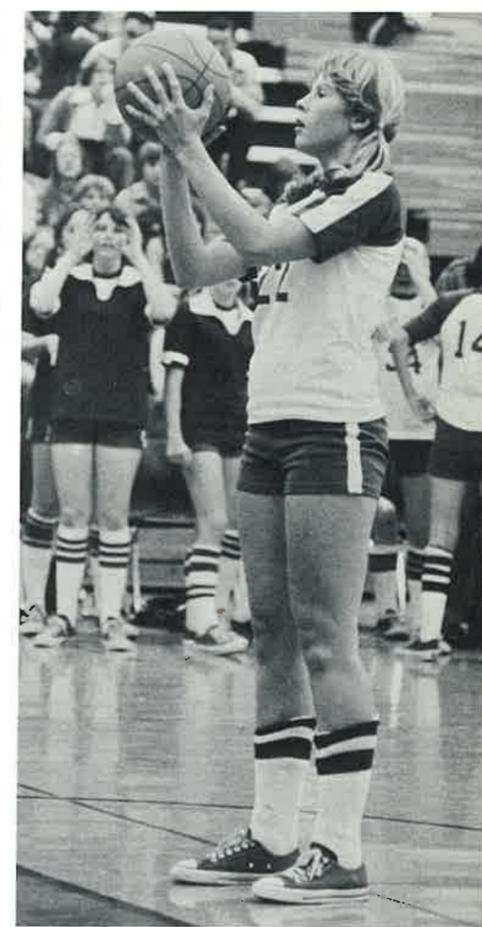
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WF 36	Valley City	32
WF 54	Wahpeton	35
WF 36	Cass Valley North	26
WF 57	Fargo North	33
WF 48	Fargo South	35
WF 25	Jamestown	51
WF 34	Shanley	39
WF 55	Valley City	35
WF 60	Fargo North	27
WF 54	Wahpeton	38
WF 37	Fargo South	31
WF 39	Shanley	46
WF 49	Grand Forks Red River	37
S. E. Regional Tournament		
WF 41	Wahpeton	36
WF 34	Shanley	39
WF 41	Valley City	OT 38



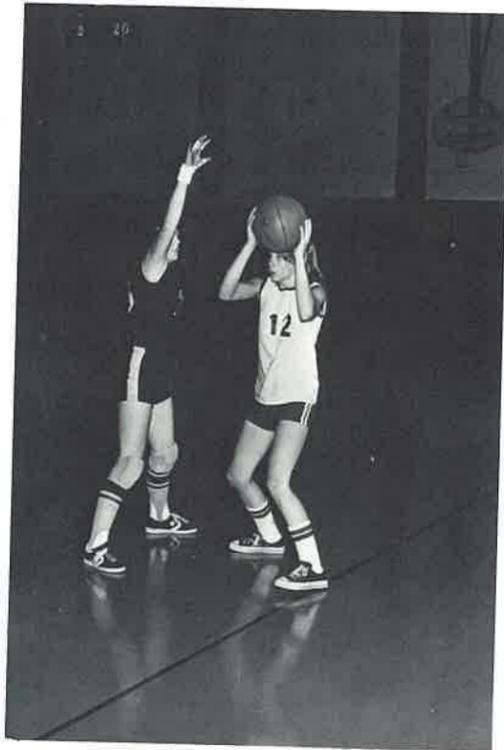
Michele-What should I do? This girl won't leave me alone.



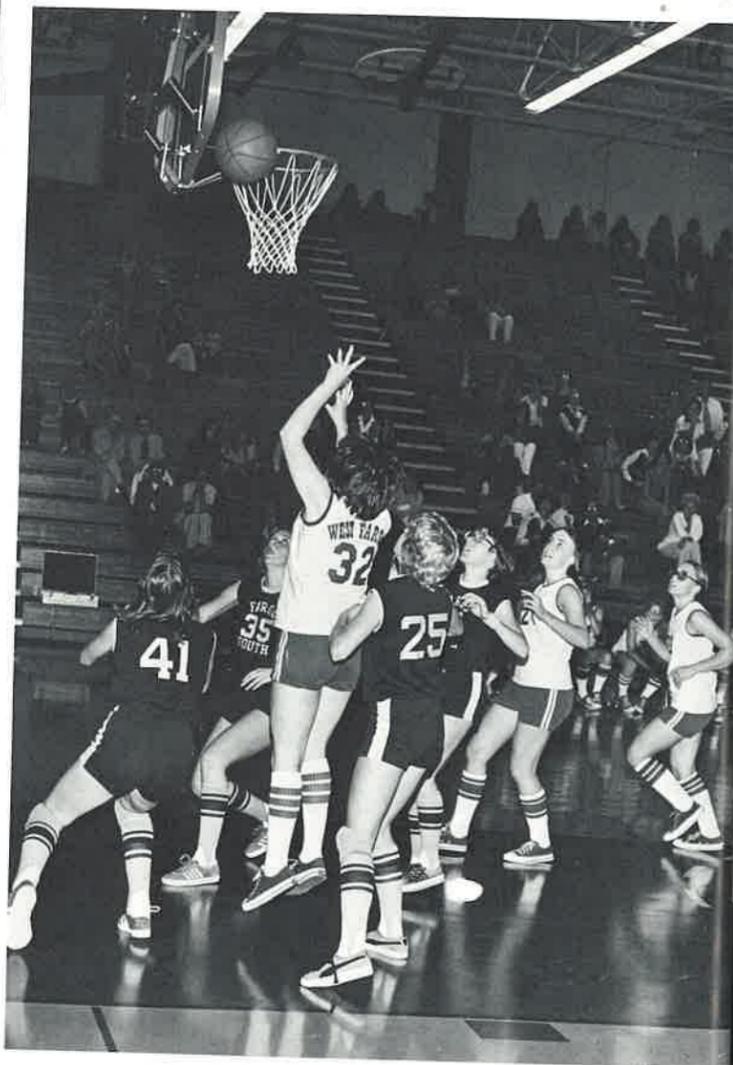
A normal bench scene-Nancy yelling, Coach Fell chewing on a tooth pick, and Coach Gad blowing a bubble.



Erika-It's either make a free-throw or run two crushers.



Dawn-Where is everyone!



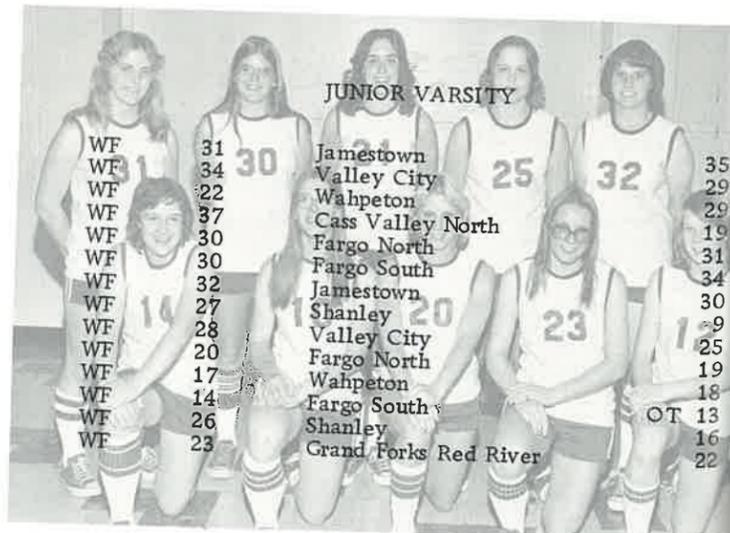
Terri-That's two points for the Pac.



FRESHMEN (L. to R.)-Jody Maluski, Jamie Swiggum, Sherri Constant, Carrie Spitzer, Kristi Walkin, Lynn Batterberry, Chris Richter, Lane Schmidt, Margaret Hildahl, Mona Leidal, Tressa Hildebrand, Janie Puente, Tory Johnson, Susan Latosik, Shannon Krawford, Vicki Stone, Eileen Kuppich

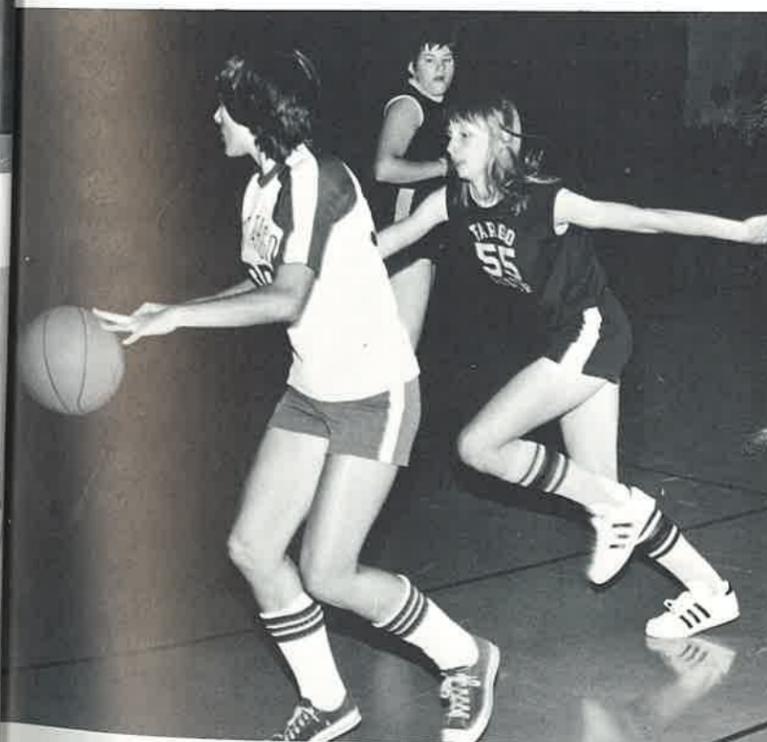


Another basket made by Sherri.

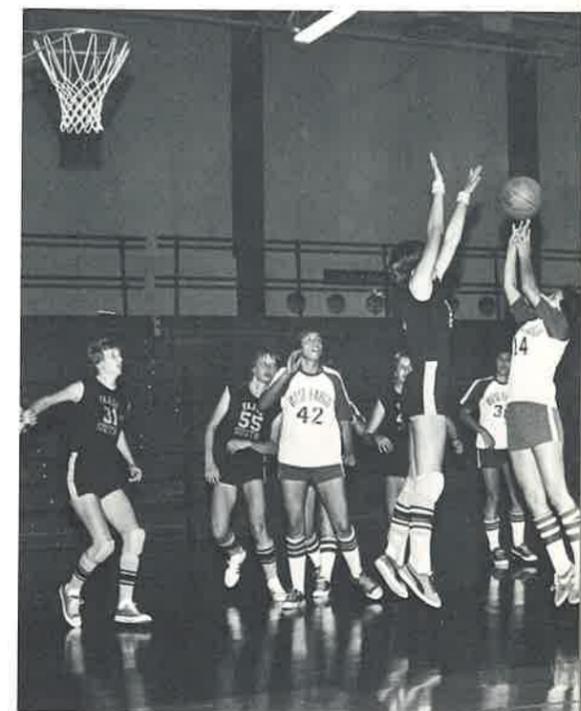


JUNIOR VARSITY

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| WF 26 | | Shanley | | | 16 |
| WF 23 | | Grand Forks | | | 22 |
| | | Red River | | | |



Positive Mental Attitude, Carol uses it easily.



With an offense like that, how can you lose?