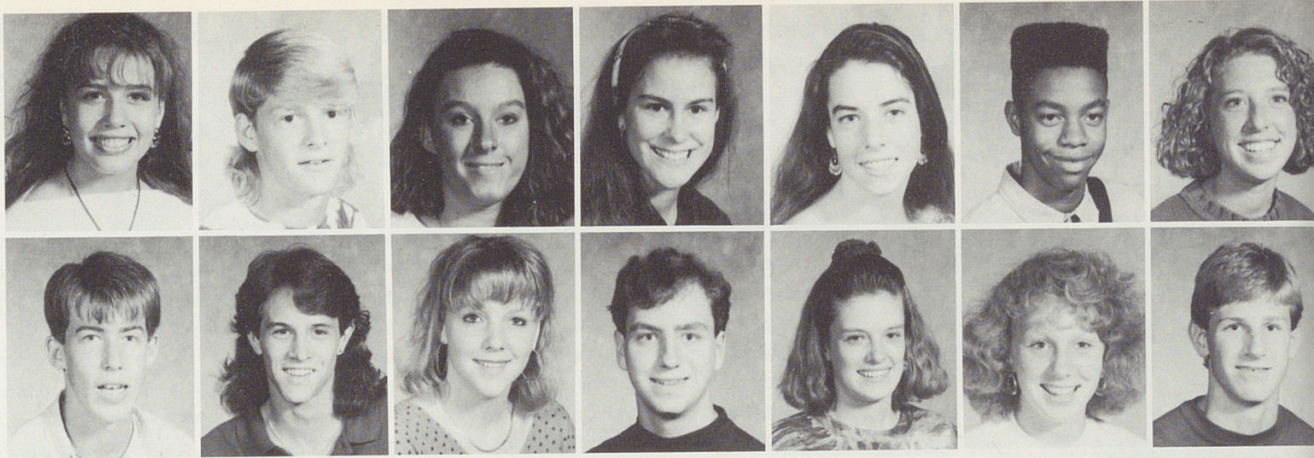


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A Love-ly Night

Love was in the air Fri., Feb. 8, when Student Council held the annual Valentine's Day dance. "It was a big success and everybody seemed to have a really great time," commented Student Council representative, Charlie Janhigen. "Having the dance directly after a basketball game encouraged many more students to attend."

The festive decorations changed the commons everyday atmosphere. Streamers and decorative hearts in the traditional Valentine's Day colors were hung from the balcony and throughout the lower commons. "The decorations were really cute. There weren't too many of them but just enough for a casual dance," stated junior Kara Schafer.

The 230 attendants were provided with a wide variety of music from the D.J., Dennis Richter. The music ranged all the way from The Temptations classic hit "My Girl" to M.C. Hammer's "Too Legit." Some students, like Schafer, prefer a D.J. over a band because they think the music is a lot easier to dance to and the music bands play has a tendency to all sound the same.

This was the first informal dance of the year. "I really wish that there were more casual dances

throughout the year because they are a lot of fun and are something different to do on a Friday night," commented sophomore Christine Hamilton.

One of the reasons that there aren't many casual dances is because it is hard to get chaperones, police supervision, and the commons all on the same night. Another reason for the infrequency of casual dances is the fear of the dance being a flop. If not enough students attend, Student Council could end up losing money in the end.

Compared to a formal dance, where Student Council must pay for elaborate decorations, photographers and a band; casual dances are a lot less expensive. Ticket sales alone provided all of the money needed for the Valentine's Day dance.

Some students actually prefer casual dances over the formal ones. Sophomore Adam Crockett said, "I enjoy the casual dances because you don't have to get all dressed up or worry about your date and having to get your picture taken."

Student Council member Sara Gallenstein had these final comments, "This year's Valentine's Day dance was a lot of fun and I hope that there will be more casual dances in the future."

by Beth Wilson



Seniors Gina Contardi and Erik George stop dancing to get a picture. The dance was part of Valentines week which also contained carnation sales and the Heart Penny Drive which collected money for the American Heart Association.

Freshmen Tami Benton, Brian Menz, Tiffany Frank, and Julie Conrad practice their kickline at the Valentines Day Dance held after the basketball game on February 17. The defeat of the Aves earlier didn't seem to put a damper on the dancers.



Juniors

