



Photo by Katie Howe

pep band performs at the Jan. 8 basketball game. The crowd to boost spirit is the BHS fight song.

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Or is it junior high? Lately, it's been pretty hard to tell the gossip there, we haven't out grown this yet?

hall, one can't help but notice the different groups of four or fives. We think it's time that people started expanding themselves. school!

ut what's coming up in the future. Graduation. You may or have a chance to hang out with them. So why not give still here and get out of the own little worlds that so many

People may get taller, but they never get smarter. Don't behind someone's back. they are going to hear about it? words that start all rumors. "Don't tell anyone!" Even your arest person and tell them your life destroying tale.

s us back to "preschool days" is people's attitudes. One olutely nothing. We've noticed this all over school. One y are mad at so and so because they looked at them funny. getting mad over nothing statement.

chool. People can look mature, but they sure don't act like g out with as many people as possible because these people your friends think. By the way, why are you listening to

## Midterm grads share plans

BY HEATHER ARRINGDALE  
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January brings snow, below zero temperatures, slick roads, coughing, sneezing, sore throats, and early graduation for 14 seniors.

Seniors can graduate at the end of the first semester if they have passed all their required classes, have taken government, and have at least forty-six credits.

There are numerous reasons students might want to graduate early. They might be going to college early, plan to work, or are just tired of high school and ready for something new.

Students who graduate early will still be able to participate in all the activities such as Prom, Class Day, and the graduation ceremony.

Midterm grads were asked about their reasons and plans for the future.

**Jerrod Hanson:** "I'm graduating early to get a headstart on my college by attending DMACC starting January 15."

**Juli Hamil:** "I'm graduating early so I can make a lot of money to afford to move to Arkansas where I will be attending Westarc college in Fort Smith."

**Rhonda Walrod:** "I'm graduating early because I'm ready for a change."

**Kelli Hill:** "I decided to graduate early because I wanted to work full time to help support my family and me. This way Jason doesn't have to do all the work and I can spend more time with Halie. It's really hard to go to school, work every night, and be a mom. The sooner I'm done the better."

**Dan Sharp:** "I decided to graduate early be-

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## Fight song's origin revealed

BY AARON KELLY  
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You clap your hands and mumble some of the words, but do you really know how BHS got its own school song?

The "Boone Treadors" song has been in existence since February of 1958, according to former BHS newspaper, the *Bumble "B."*

BHS offered a contest to see who could write the best school fight song.

In response to the contest, some students decided to work with high school band director Gordon McLean to write the song.

The students wanted to have a song to claim as their own. Students were tired of playing "Illinois Loyalty" and other common school songs, the newspaper wrote.

The music and arrangement were done by Gordon McLean, the high school band director

at BHS from the fall of 1956 to the spring of 1964.

According to middle school chorus director JoAnn Howell, students approached Mr. McLean to write the song.

"I know the song was requested by band students of Mr. McLean," Mrs. Howell said. "It was a collaborated effort."

Dave Richardson, band director at BHS, said the school song consisted of "Boone Treadors," "Illinois Loyalty" and the "Washington Lee Swing Song," when he first arrived in 1978. The latter two were taken out of the song while he taught here.

He said the change was made about fifteen years ago because it was too lengthy at basketball games.

David Howell, class of 1965, said "Illinois Loyalty" was once the junior high school song.

The fight song is still here today to add pride and school spirit to BHS students.

## In memory of Mrs. Venema

BY JODI DAIGH  
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Jeanette Venema worked as a secretary and clerk in the principal's high office from 1977 until 1998.

to be done, treated people with respect, and was easy to get along with," said secretary Pam Anderson.

Principal Dave Kapfer also had nice things to say about Mrs. Venema. "If there was a time that we needed some history on Boone Senior



# Boone Toreadors

by GORDON McLEAN

arr. by D. L. Swenson

Vocal  
Lead

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Trumpet introduction

