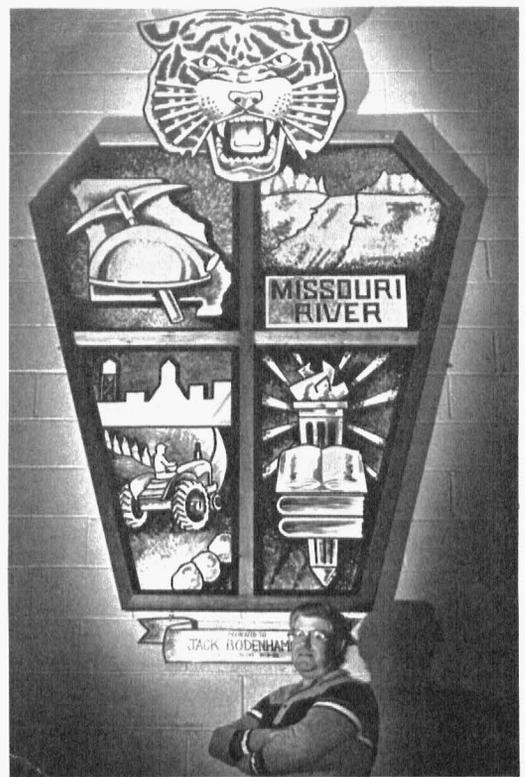


LET'S HEAR IT...



ROBBIN HAWKINS, 19, studies nursing. She's a member of Alpha Chi Omega and an Alpha Gamma Rho little sister. The valedictorian of her high school class came to the University on a Curator's scholarship. "I wanted to prove to everyone that I could come here and be a success." The challenge is worth it. "Mizzou is a place everybody knows and recognizes."

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PRINCIPAL CECIL FLYNN allows his high school students to experiment with their interests. "We don't put a limit on activities. Rather, we try to teach the students to make their own priorities. About 65 percent of our graduates continue their formal education."

FEWER THAN 800 PERSONS live in Wellington, 30 miles east of Kansas City. Wellington-Napoleon R-IX has 240 students, kindergarten through 12th grade. But it has seven graduates now at Mizzou.

All students agree it's no disadvantage to come from Wellington. "The town's given me rural values, strong family ties and the Protestant work ethic," says Rob Riesmeyer.

Sophomore Jon Borgman came to UMC because, "It has the broadest spectrum of the best education in the state."

Sophomore Rick Naylor spent one semester at a small private college before transferring. "I got tired of knowing everyone." Besides "at Mizzou you're on your own," says sophomore Susan Block, "but close to home."

And if at first it's intimidating, senior Curtis Grumke says, "The longer you're here the smaller it gets." Junior Lynn Fahrmeier notes, "There's personal treatment in academic departments."

Sophomore Robbin Hawkins thinks any well-prepared student can find success at Mizzou. "It's not just for those from big towns or big schools." □

FOR WELLINGTON-NAPOLEON R-IX



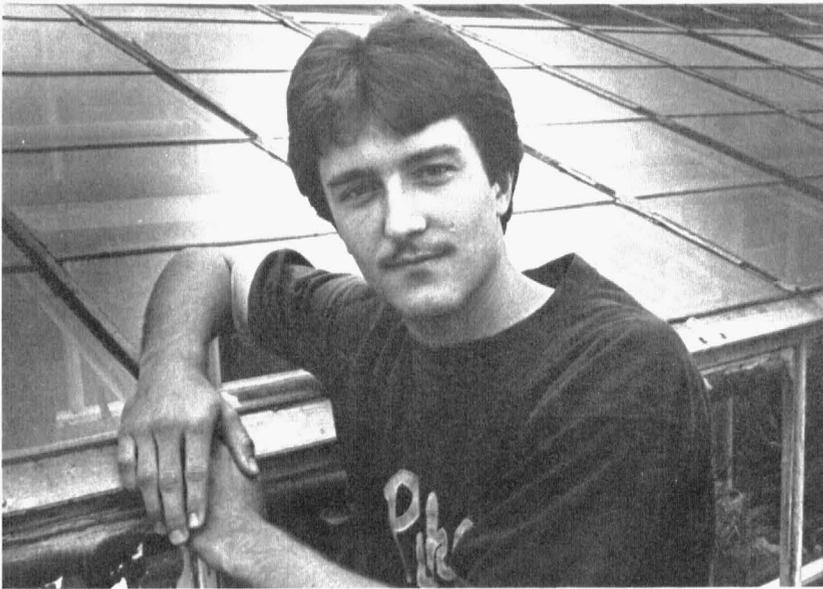
JON BORGMAN, 19, has played alto saxophone with Marching Mizzou for two years, "I like the pride I feel when we come onto the field." He also likes working with other band members during their 15 hours of weekly practice for six home football games, one away and two parades. "We're like family." Borgman has another family on Campus, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Besides his studies, the agricultural economics student has been active in the Choral Union and Mizzou 4-H. He's earned a pilot's license and works part time delivering pizza. Borgman says his biggest problem is not having enough time. He still wants to join the livestock judging team and become a police cadet.



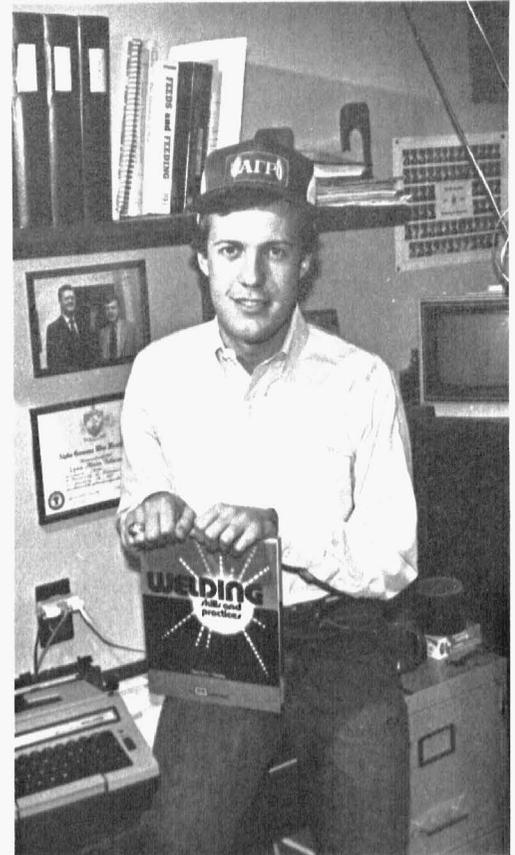
CURTIS GRUMKE, 22, a "four-year dormie," thinks residence halls are the cheapest way to go. "Besides you're right on Campus and more in touch with what's going on." The agricultural economics major and alumni scholar is one of 32 seniors named to Mortar Board. Grumke has been a member of the College's representative program for three years. The organization sends students back to their high schools to tell about Mizzou.



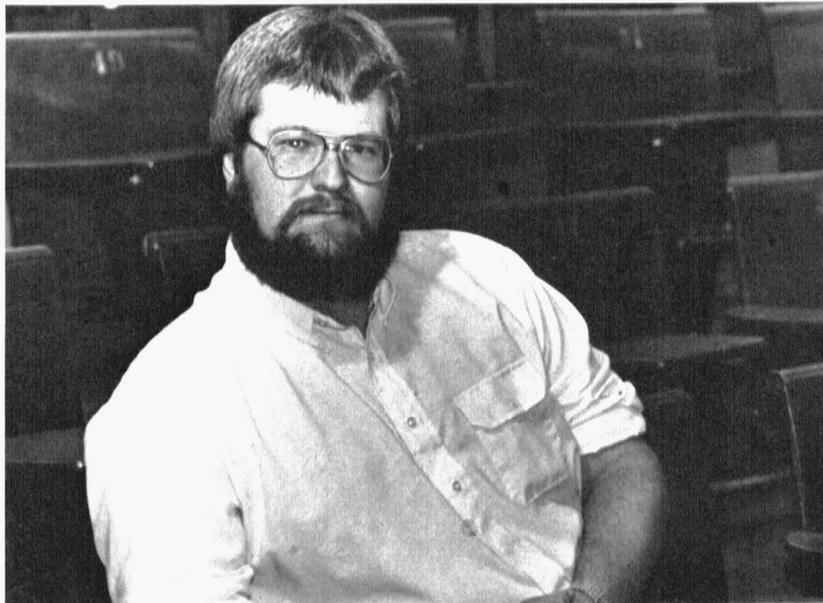
SUSAN BLOCK, 19, a four-year high school cheerleader, was on Mizzou's junior varsity squad last year and made varsity this year. The past two summers, she's taught at cheerleading camps. Being a spirit person is "time consuming, but worth it." The fashion merchandising major belongs to Kappa Alpha Theta and is a Beta Theta Pi little sister. In her spare time, she's a member of the Association of Clothing and Textiles, and on the Home Economics Week steering committee. "I'd just as soon be kept busy. I don't get homesick that way."



RICK NAYLOR, 20, joined Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. "The best thing about college is the fraternity. I've learned so much about people." Most of his fraternity brothers are from St. Louis or Kansas City. "I've always been around rural people so I wanted to take this chance to be around different kinds of people and not hear farm stuff all the time." The agriculture student serves on the Greek-Independent relations committee. Naylor, who joined almost every club and organization in high school, decided to limit himself at Mizzou. "That way I can put forth my best effort."



LYNN FAHRMEIER, 20, studies agricultural education and animal science. The vice president of alumni relations for Alpha Gamma Rho joined the fraternity because of its agricultural orientation. "We'd rather go out and farm the back 40 than play football on a weekend." As a member of Collegian FFA, Fahrmeier toured France, Belgium and Luxembourg, then spent more than five months on a swine and grain farm in Atzbull, Germany, between June and December 1981. Coming to the University was no surprise. "My mother says ever since I was old enough to talk, I said I wanted to go to Mizzou."



ROB RIESMEYER, 22, has lived off-Campus all four years. "I'm GDI to the max. I do what I want to do, trying constantly to improve. That's what life is all about. If you can master every challenge, you're doing fine." The agricultural economics teaching assistant doesn't let studying get in the way of his education. He's president of the Independent Aggies and treasurer of College Republicans. Being a member of Ruf-Nex makes Riesmeyer the proudest. "It's the hardest organization to get into as far as initiation. They don't call us the paddle swingers for nothing."