



"IT WAS EMBARRASSING but it made me feel good," was what Ronda Mau had to say when Mrs. Luneack and Mrs. Martinez threw a surprise birthday party for her.



A Special Beat

Imagine yourself sitting in foods class, minding your business, busily rolling out brown, fragrant gingerbread men. You glance up and see three boys advancing steadily, ready to pounce on your teacher, Mrs. Miller, frosting and flour in hand. Looking up, Mrs. Miller laughs, realizing she is trapped. The boys take aim and bombard her while she grins good-naturedly. At that moment you laugh, feeling good about belonging to a school that's special.

And no one who's attended the basketball games will ever forget our pep band, straight from the duck marshes, or the "Homer Hankies." No other schools seemed to show their spirit in such offbeat ways. That's how Ashley has been described: a little offbeat.

Not at just any school does a teacher gather the students under his wing, taking them hunting, camping, and fishing. Only at Ashley can you find that special feeling between students and faculty.

Most days, students expect to walk into a history class, hear a lecture and take notes, but at Ashley, teachers like to give the students a break from the everyday ritual. Students look forward to singing historical songs with Mrs. Martinez in American History class, for a break. Mrs. Martinez does this to give the students a taste of the past.

Maybe that's what makes Ashley "a little offbeat." No one says that being offbeat is bad. That's what makes us unique . . . that's why we stand out above the rest.