

Seniors Reflect

The Last Tournament Game . . . The Emotion, The Pain, The Pride.

Winning Isn't Everything

"... and courage never to submit or yield." — Milton

To me, that one statement sums up our girls' basketball team on December 3 in their Regional Final game. We lost. It was one of the saddest moments during my high school years. All of those hundreds of hours I put in couldn't, or didn't, help. All of those lectures that meant nothing . . . or did they? On our silent bus ride home I began to explore that question. Coach had taught me never to give up. He made the statement, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game," have meaning. Sure, it's nice to win but winning isn't everything. I feel that I played one of my best games against Waterford and guess what? We lost. However, we played with maturity and we seniors acted like leaders. We kept our heads up and never gave in until that final buzzer had sounded. We didn't play dirty and we congratulated the other team. That's all I — or anyone — could ask for.

by Sheila Keck

Team Refuses To Quit

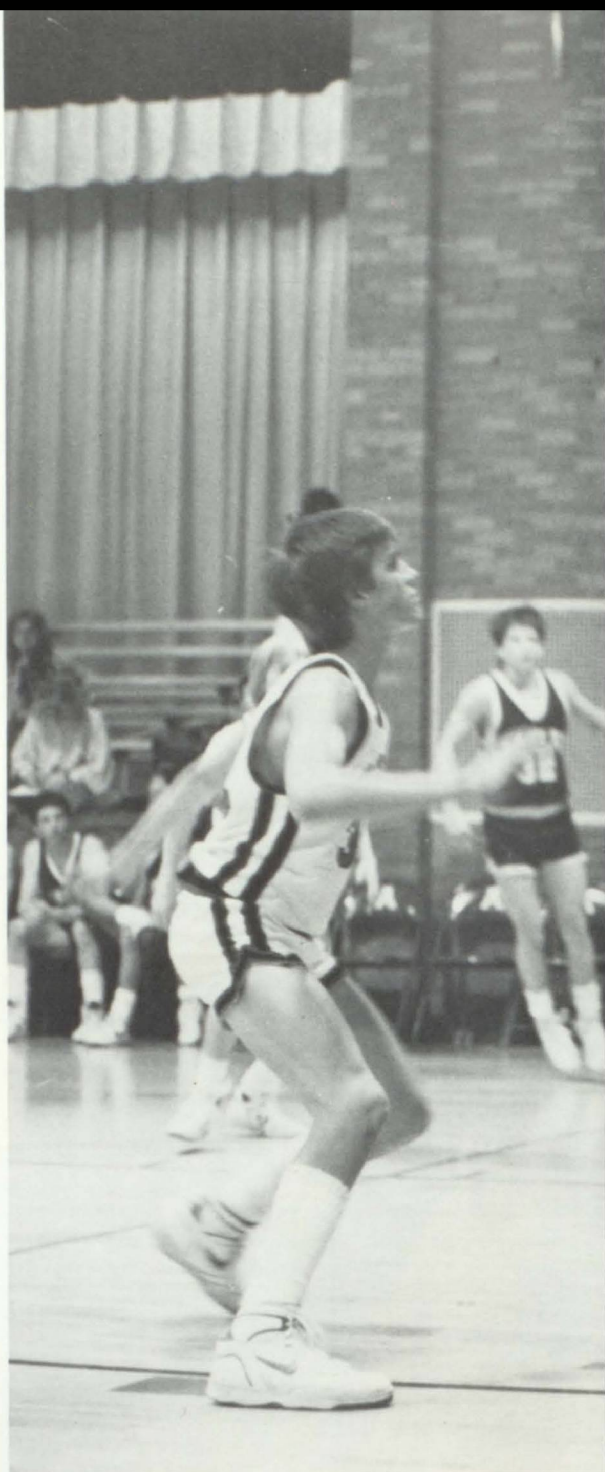
It was a hard season of work which proved to pay off, as the Ashley boys' varsity basketball team had a chance to win district champs — their first one since 1975.

It was a very nervous week for me. All I could concentrate on was Beal City. As I got changed in the locker room, the tension made everybody quiet. The enormous gym started to become packed, as over 1,100 people piled in to watch the game.

When the referee tossed up the ball, the Ashley Bears were ready. We never quit. At half time we had the fifth-rated team in the state shaking in their shoes with our 11 point lead.

As the only senior, it took me until the last 30 seconds to figure out that basketball season was over forever. It was a very tough loss to swallow, but it had to go down. In conclusion, I would like to thank my team and my coach for the best season I've ever had, and I would like to wish them the very best of luck next year, because they will go far.

by Tommy Lamey



"THE HARD WORK WAS WORTH IT," replied Sherry Felton, junior forward, when asked what she was thinking as Coach Wayer presented the District Final trophy. Teammates pictured are Dianna Garcia, Cydni Surdock, Sheila Keck, Annmarie Fabus, Angela Felton, Sherry Felton, Chaunda Shaw, Sherry Kral and Coach Carl Wayer.