

1930s

1940s

NORTH *by the* Decades

1950s

1960s

1970s

1980s

Humble history



Marjorie Moore turned 100 on April 20 of last year. but that's not the only thing that makes her stand out from the crowd. Now settled at the Kansas Masonic Home, she fondly recalls her heyday back in high school as if it were yesterday. "Four of us went to North, and my two brothers went to East," she said. "My sister was a part of the very first graduating class at North."

Marjorie remembers occasionally taking the train to school, and recalls her 1933 graduation ceremony in the Forum. The Wichita Forum, located on the west side of the 200 block of South Wichita, served as the city's arena, main auditorium, convention center and exposition hall from 1912 to 1965. Events of all kinds were held there, as well as guest appearances from people like Theodore Roosevelt, Anna Pavlova, Ignace Paderewski, Aimee Semple McPherson, and Elvis Presley. However, the most important event held there (to North) were the graduation ceremonies. *"Garlands and cascades of paper flowers hang lavishly from the ceiling; potted plants and floral arrangements have transformed the otherwise plain arena into a festive site."* Marjorie also recalls Linwood Park, where many people went to have a good time, throw a party, or get together for a school event. "Oh, we had so much fun," she said. "Everyone loved the field days in Linwood Park." Her heart still belongs to North, even though the years have passed. "Once a Redskin always a Redskin, that's right," she said, as she began to recall old traditions of the school. Marjorie has lived a full life, and yet she still has words of wisdom to pass on to the younger generations out there. "Oh, I don't really know," she started out saying. "Try and live a clean life; try to have fun, and if you can't have fun in this world, don't stick around," she said.



More than four million people are unemployed as a result of the Wall Street Crash of 1929.

Oct 29, 1929

The Nazi party becomes the second largest political party in Germany, overriding the Communists.

Sept 14, 1930

President Franklin D Roosevelt in office.

Nov 1932

A dust storm ravages several Midwestern and Western states including Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas

May 11-13, 1934

THE CATS MEOW!

Although tough times prevailed in the 30s, many simple luxuries began to come about for people in their day-to-day lives. The 30s would be later noted as the “Golden Era” for culture: movies, radio and the arts. On the silver screen; people began to experience more than just a motion picture. “Talkies” ended the silent film era and introduced a new kind of entertainment to the masses. Many stars such as Shirley Temple would spend some or all of their lives in this new and different form of cinema. Other types of entertainment began to bustle during the 1930s, and the people roared for more!



Music, fashion and a rip-roarin' good time was what kept the people going in the 1930s. Folks heard most of their news from the radio during this time. FDR's fireside chats had families across America tuning in every night. Music at the time was influenced by the struggles that people endured. “Brother Can You Spare a Dime” is an example of a popular song. Jazz was a popular genre at the time, as well. Transportation was first available to the masses in 1908, with the model T, and as cars advanced, more people turned to them to get them from point A to point B.



The Nazis revoke German citizenship for all Jews.

November 15, 1935

African American athlete Jesse Owens wins four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics in front of Adolf Hitler

Aug 3-9, 1936

Teresa Coons



A

s cities grew upward and outward across the nation, Kansans whittled their way out of the wood-work to make a difference outside of the Sunflower State. William Allen White was called the "Sage of Emporia" for his editorials from the heartland. In

1928 Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. John R. "Doc" Brinkley was known as the "goat gland doctor", a broadcaster, and nearly won the gubernatorial election as a write-in candidate. However, during this time of innovation and expansion, Kansas was struck with an extremely windy and dangerous obstacle; the Dust Bowl. Kansas suffered from a drought from 1934 to 1937, and the soil at the time lacked the stronger root system of grass to hold it down. As a result, wind would easily pick up the topsoil, swirling it into dense dust clouds often called black blizzards. These storms could choke cattle and ruin pastures. Over 60% of Kansas families were forced to pack up and move away – seeking work in agricultural areas west of Kansas. By 1940, the population of Kansas had dropped by 80,000 people; only 58% of the remaining population stayed in the farming business.



The decade of the 1930s Depression was especially hard on Kansas and the neighboring Great Plains states because the economic crisis coincided with drought and dust storms that lasted for much of the decade, particularly in the western part of the state.

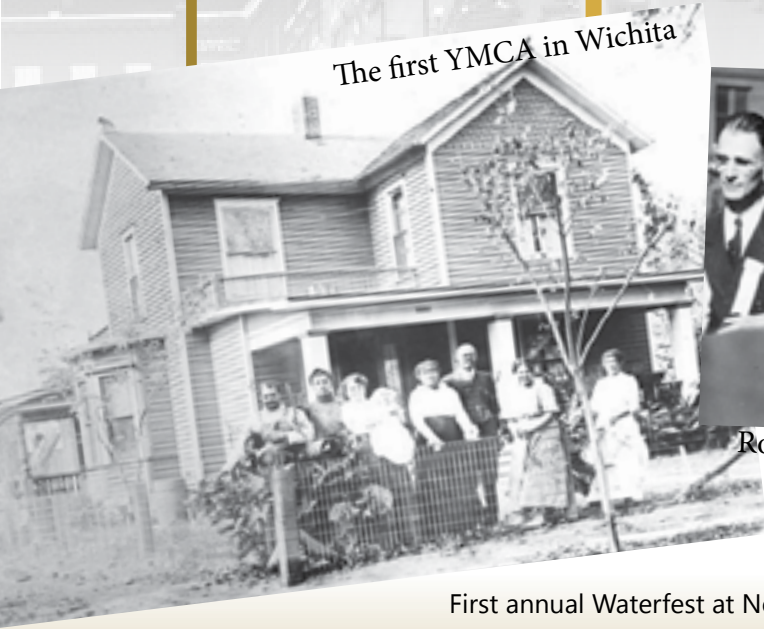
"Traffic was halted, schools closed, numerous meetings and social functions postponed and virtually all business in Garden City and neighboring towns was suspended. Other than grocery and drug stores, most business houses were closed and clerks had returned to their homes. Only first and second hour classes were held this morning in the public schools, including the junior college"

Despite the severity of the economic crisis and the Dust Bowl in Kansas during the Great Depression, the iconic images of this period are not those of despair or abject poverty, but resilience.

"Why do we stay? In part because we hope for the coming of moisture, which would change conditions so that we again would have bountiful harvests. And in great part, because it is home. We have reared our family here and have so many precious memories of the past. We have our memories. We have faith in the future, we are here to stay."

Quotes from farmers and residents in 1930s Kansas

The first YMCA in Wichita



Roosevelt visits Wichita in the 1930s

The first NuWay in Wichita



First annual Waterfest at North.

Amelia Earhart crashes off the Coast of Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean in her attempt to become the first woman to fly around the world.

July 2, 1937

New York City holds the World's Fair, drawing on the theme "The World of Tomorrow." The theme is meant to provide an escape from the realities of the Great Depression and looming World War.

April 20 1939

The greatest memories I have come from North



When Dick Sanders, a 1949 graduate, recalls his time at North, one thing comes to mind: sports.

Sanders was a three-year letter winner in baseball and a two-year letter winner in basketball and football. Sanders went on to play all three sports at Wichita State and was drafted by the New York Yankees, making it all the way to Triple-A.

"I was always in sports," Sanders said. "The coaches and the guys I played with, those relationships are what I remember most."

Sanders said his sports career at North began with a little luck. The starting third baseman on the baseball team broke his leg which allowed Sanders to get placed on the varsity team.

"In those days, you came over (to North) as a 10th grader, and underclassmen didn't play on the varsity," Sanders said.

One story Sanders recalls came at the beginning of his sophomore year at football practice. The football team had seven teams and Sanders was the quarterback of the seventh team.

"We were by the tennis courts waiting for our turn to practice and I threw a long pass," Sanders said. "The sophomore coach blew his whistle and stopped everything and said 'who threw that ball?' I was shaking in my boots and raised my hand. I moved up five teams with that one pass!"

Two years later, Sanders went on to quarterback the state champion football team. He was also a member of the basketball team, which won state that year, as well.

When Sanders wasn't at practice or playing in a game, he spent his time at the movies, especially westerns, or with his friends drag racing on Douglas Street.

"We didn't have TV back then, we just had radio," Sanders said. "It was just a different time."

Something Sanders hopes current students will do is appreciate their time in high school.

"You don't realize when you're there how important high school is," Sanders said. "The greatest memories I have come from North. I met my wife there. North High is the greatest of all of my memories. Enjoy high school."

Japan bombs Pearl Harbor
December 7, 1941

Battle of Midway
June 3, 1942 – June 7, 1942

The G.I. Bill of Rights is signed into
law, providing benefits to veterans.

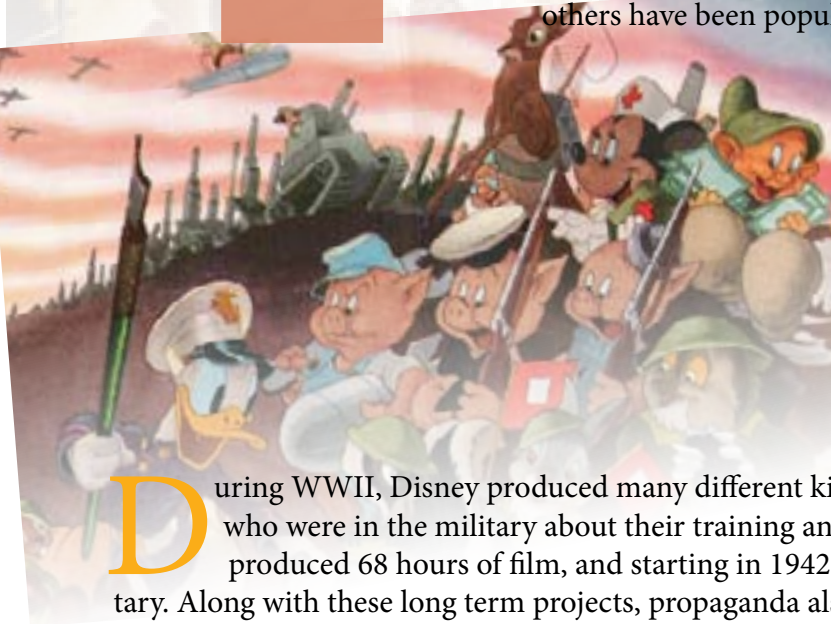
June 22, 1944

1944

Boeing Wichita is the first manufacturing facility in the United States to use mass transportation for workers. Buses take people from downtown Wichita, Arkansas City, Winfield, Salina, Ponca City and Newkirk to Boeing and back.

Gobbledygook!

While many innovations were springing up throughout the 40s, the decade was burdened with tight financial leashes that went along with the Second World War. Consumer goods took a backseat to military production and national rationing began almost immediately. Ration books and tokens were issued to each American family determining the amount of gasoline, tires, sugar, meat, shoes, and other personal items for the house and family. Wartime cookbooks were created to help women learn how to cook with food shortages in the nation. The national maximum Victory Speed was 35 miles an hour, and driving clubs or carpools were encouraged. The main idea was to conserve rubber, not gasoline. Hollywood stars, radio personalities and the musicians enlisted in the war effort, as well, both on the frontlines and on the Home Front. Songs captured the emotions of the war. Some spoke of the longings that loved ones felt for each other when they were separated by events. In 1943, "I'll be Home by Christmas" struck a bittersweet note when it finished with "... if only in my dreams." The song was at the top of charts for 11 weeks, and the original Bing Crosby version along with countless others have been popular sellers ever since.



During WWII, Disney produced many different kinds of media to boost public morale and inform those who were in the military about their training and where they would be going. During the war, Disney produced 68 hours of film, and starting in 1942 they began making films for each branch of the military. Along with these long term projects, propaganda also played a big part in what Disney did for the war. As requested by the government, Walt Disney made many anti-German and anti-Japanese films for soldiers and the American people. In "Der Fuehrer's Face," Donald Duck breaks down after experiencing a nightmare where he has to make do with eating ridiculous Nazi food rations (smell of bacon and eggs, coffee made with one bean, and a slice of stale bread) and experiences a day at a Nazi artillery factory. "Education for Death - The Making of a Nazi" was a wartime propaganda film that takes on the perspective of Hans, a young German boy. As the movie progresses and Hans is exposed to Hitler youth and the Nazi culture, his ability to value human life decreases. In "Commando Duck", Donald, by himself, destroys an entire Japanese airbase.

April 12, 1945

President Roosevelt dies suddenly; Vice President Harry S. Truman assumes the presidency and role as commander in chief of World War II.

Polaroid cameras Invented
February 21, 1947

The Air Capital of the World

Why would a small city in the middle of Kansas be known as the “Air Capital of the World”? For starters, it’s the birthplace of many aviation pioneers; Beechcraft, Cessna, Stearman and Learjet each of which, in their own ways, changed the face of aviation. In 1928 alone, Wichita turned out a quarter of all U.S. aircraft. The city boasted 16 airplane manufacturers, six engine factories, 11 airports, a dozen flying schools and numerous suppliers.

Walter Beech had superb mechanical talents which landed him at Kelly Field and Rich Field in Texas. He worked his way up from mechanic to flight instructor. Beech had a knack for showmanship and boosted sales. Another great influence on the aviation platform was Lloyd Stearman. A young draftsman/production worker, Lloyd Stearman, became Chief Engineer. Only 19, Stearman was hardly a novice to airplanes. Born in rural Harper, Kansas, he’d seen his first airplane, as a teenager in 1916, when barnstormer Clyde Cessna came to town with one of his early flying machines. It must have left a big impression. Though young Stearman graduated high school, and went on to study architectural engineering, he remained fascinated with airplanes. These two and more add much to the reason why Wichita keeps the name “Air Capital of the World”.

WWII caused a major growth in the aviation industry as manufacturers stepped up to help with war production. Thousands of workers became employed in plants throughout Kansas, most in Wichita. Boeing built B-29 bombers and was the first company to institute a mass transit system for its employees. When WWII stopped, so did the demand for planes. Therefore 16,000 people were laid off in a single day. However, despite the harsh decline in production, technology still proceeded to advance. In 1945 Beechcraft flew their first Bonanza and in 1947 Boeing began its aerial refueling test with their B-29’s. *By Teresa Coons*

Boeing B-29 assembly line (1944)



Walter H. Beech and Olive Ann Beech view war time production lines at Plant 1.

1941 to 1945 — Aircraft companies enjoy a boom because of World War II. More than 25,000 aircraft workers are employed in Kansas plants, most of them in Wichita. Boeing built B-29 bombers, Beech built 7,415 planes for the military; Cessna built 5,359 aircraft plus 750 gliders.

21¢ per lb

Average grocery prices in the

1940s

36¢ per lb

8¢ per loaf

During the 40s, the war forced Americans to use ration cards in order to save supplies. Many common grocery items were severely rationed. To the left are the prices of average groceries during that time.

29¢ per dozen



Richard Griffitts

In an interview with Richard Griffitts, who graduated in '59, he reminisced about his years at North. "Pep assemblies were a rambunctious time," he said. There weren't many schools North played against, but the biggest rivalry was the East High Aces. Griffitts said that they would scream "Beat the Aces," and he also said that he remembered *War Cry*, which was as big then as it is now.

Griffitts spoke very fondly of the lunches they used to have, "They made it from scratch, and for fifty cents, you could eat really well!"

He also remembered Butch, and said that once someone even stole the big buffalo head! Butch was the site of an old tradition, when the senior class would stand under Butch and sing the alma mater.

One of Griffitts' major memories about school was gym class. "In gym class, you would go in and they had these numbers around the gym floor. You were assigned a number and you had to stand on your number and that's how they took attendance."

He went on to say, "We had canoes and we had to kneel down to row them, not sit in them. You had to carry the canoes to the river."

Griffitts talked about how North used to have dodge ball games and said, "They were almost violent. When you got hit, you knew it!"

But one of the most interesting, and probably the weirdest thing he said, was that boys' suits for swimming in gym were "their birthday suits."

...Yes, boys swam naked.

When asked if he had been back to North since the 50's and saw any changes, he said "What's way different are the gym and swimming pool," seeing as those were added on around 2014. **By Kaitlyn Russell**



June 25, 1950

President Harry S. Truman formally ends war with Germany.

October 19,
1951

Kansas 1951-52
NCAA Champions

1952

The principal of
North was C. E.
Strange
1953

The Fabulous 50's



Elvis Presley's first ever No. 1 record was on the country music charts 'I Forgot To Remember To Forget', ('55) but his No. 1 hit on the pop charts, and what people know his first hit to be, was 'Heartbreak Hotel' ('56). Presley started a whole new era of music, known as "rock n' roll."



Within the span of the 50's, homes all over America gained televisions. Televisions changed politics, and Harry Truman was the first president ever televised. Sitcoms like "I Love Lucy" topped the charts. Movie stars like James Dean and Marilyn Monroe gained their popularity and changed entertainment forever.



During the 50's, there was a whole fashion trend of its own. Elvis sported the hair style of a "greaser", although his fashion was much more "done up", than the typical t-shirt, black jeans, and leather jacket that many boys wore. During the 50's, the famous "poodle skirt" gained its popularity. Women would usually wear a blouse or a button up sweater tucked into their skirts. Hair was usually kept up, or kept short, curled, and clean looking.

By Kaitlyn Russell



The first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, is launched

January 21, 1954

Civil Rights heroine Rosa Parks refused to move from her place on the bus.

December 1, 1955

The first Boeing B-52 Stratofortress lands in Wichita.

January 7, 1956

Within the Tribe

A little different take on traditions



*It's
a
Great
Life*

North held fake
funerals for the teams
they played against
1957

Egypt and Syria merge into
United Arab Republic.
February 1, 1958

Alaska and Hawaii become
the 49th and 50th states.
1959

In the 50's, a lot of North traditions and activities emphasized Native American roots. Although meant respectfully, many of them would be considered offensive today, because they reinforce negative stereotypes.

← *A birdseye view of downtown Wichita in 1950
(and the Kansas state motto)*

Ad Astra Per Aspera

“To the Stars Through Difficulty”



Wonder years...



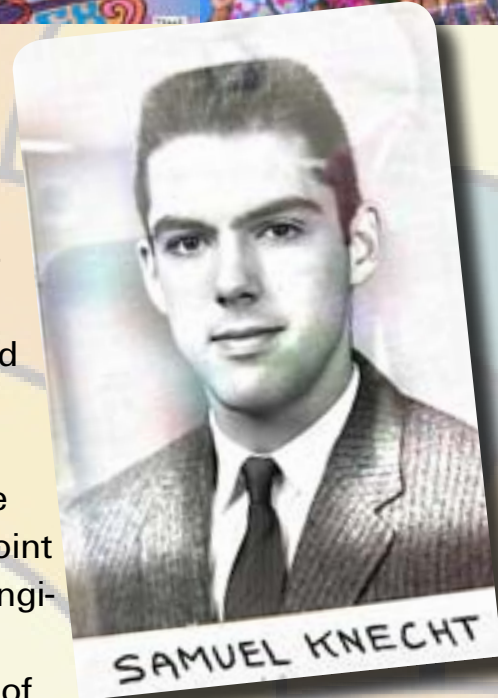
Samuel Knecht graduated from North in 1960 and describes his high school experience as “wonderful”. Knecht was interested in a lot at North - and “no, it wasn’t just the girls!” he said.

What he was mostly interested in was electronics and band. The band was led by Bob Hallowell, who was a renowned music educator throughout Kansas, and Knecht said he really enjoyed playing in the band.

When he wasn’t rocking out in band, you would find him in his workshop with some friends working with “transistors”. He said he was really fascinated by those type of gadgets - to a point where he followed that interest into a career as an electrical engineer.

“North high was a lot different than it is today,” he said, one of the biggest differences being the diversity. Knecht said he is really glad to see how diverse the school is today. “Everyone has a right to an education, and it’s great that everybody can get it,” he said.

Samuel Knecht went into a career that he says he enjoyed “every second of” and encourages today’s students to get an education and pursue a career in something they have a passion for. *By Samir Sabrah*



Basketball ended the season with 14 wins and 8 losses. Entering league play as defending champions, the Redskins tied South for second place. North finished league play with 5 wins and 3 losses

John F. Kennedy defeats Richard Nixon in a closely-fought presidential race.

1960

The Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

1961

Martin Luther King Jr. made the speech, “I have a Dream” on August 28, 1963

1962

1963

Groovy, Man!



Communist China and Soviet Union split in conflict over Communist ideology

This was the first year that cigarette boxes had the warning "Smoking can be hazardous to your health"

President Johnson ordered bombing raids on North Vietnam and Americans begin protesting the war.

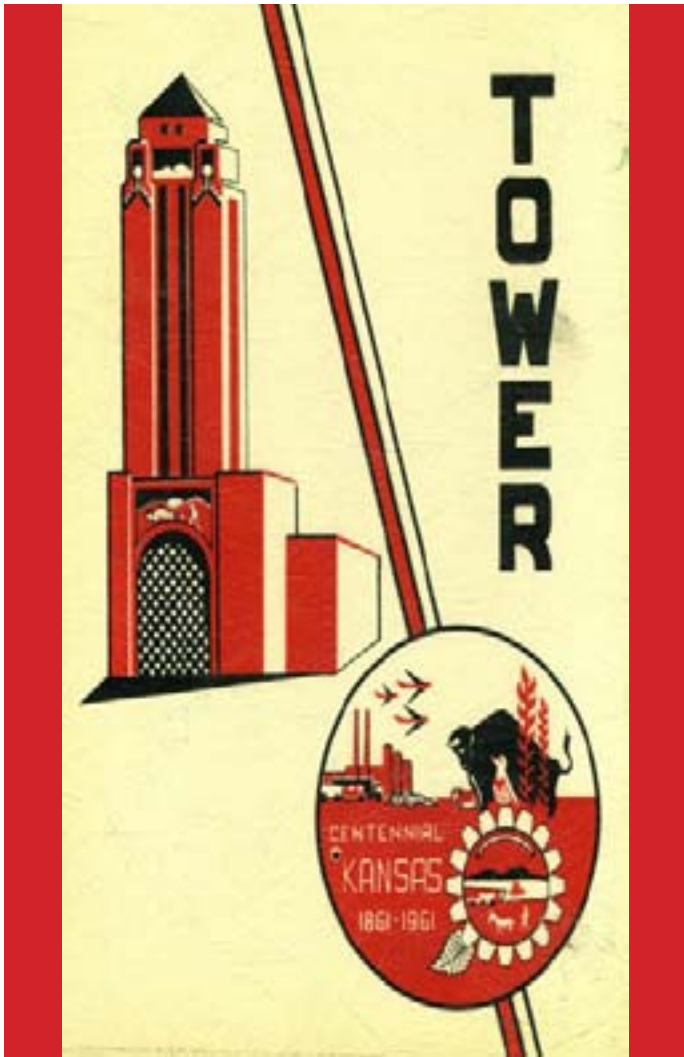
1963

1964

1965

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Here at home



What was happening at North?

There was an emphasis on hobbyist clubs, including clubs that are not offered today, such as Correct Letterwriting, Projecting Movies, Mastering the Mechanics and Functions of the Radio and Learning Advanced Mathematics Calculations.

Rifle Club members were taught the proper handling of firearms. They met on the rifle range under North's gym, where the 60 members developed and practiced skills in shooting.

Organized in 1967, the Judo Club offered members the chance to learn and to practice skills in the popular Japanese form of wrestling. Members of the Judo Club learned how to press or strike various nerve centers and muscles of their opponents so as to temporarily paralyze them.

Pep groups and members of the Lettermen's Club worked to improve sportsmanship and to promote greater interest in all athletic activities.

The Black History Club was formed in 1969 to study the involvement of African Americans in the history and development of America. Significant contributions and achievements of black citizens were discussed, along with economic problems of the African-American society at the time.

82 teachers teach 65 subjects through a very diverse education program in 1963.

Under the instruction of Mrs. Nancy Woodard, the North Debate Team is organized in '64

The Projectionists Club instructs students in the operation of audio-visual machines in '65

The junior class of '66 hosts the "Funniest Guy and Gal on Campus" contest to help support Teens Against Polio.

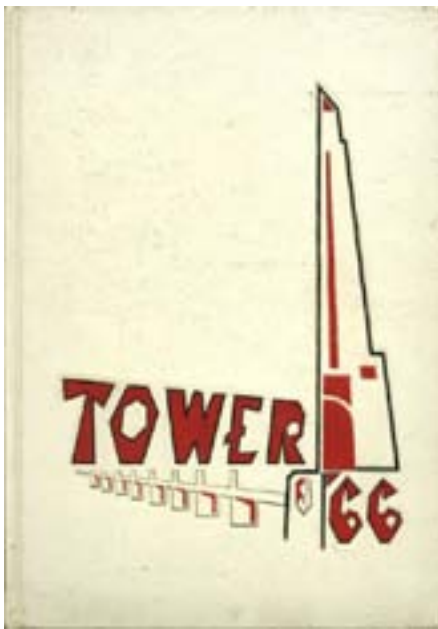
16 **1963** **1964** **1965** **1966**

60s Pop Culture

The best-selling books often reflect a society's most pressing concerns. Definitive reads of the decade include *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Valley of the Dolls*. But evenings spent with a good book are on the way out: TV is the new centerpiece. Color TV arrives in the early '60s and is embraced far more rapidly than the old black-and-white sets. By the end of the decade, 95 percent of homes have at least one TV.

The Beatles are heard everywhere: pocket-sized transistor radios, eight-track stereos in cars, and portable record players. Everyone with a radio can sing along to the thrilling quality of stereo FM broadcasts. Although Elvis works hard to keep up, music is changing for good. The brightest stars are linked to the British Invasion, and the Motown and San Francisco sounds.

The advent of color TV has a direct and immediate impact on drive-in movie theaters. In '62, there are 6,000 drive-ins in the U.S.; a year later there are 3,550. Walk-in theaters also feel the change as more people choose to stay home and watch the three networks fight for ratings. The movie industry peaks in 1964 with the release of 502 films. Box office sales will continue to increase with ticket prices, but the selection of films is never again so varied. **By Justin Knudsen-Naegele**



North High Judo club is established, teaching students the Japanese martial art in '67

New classes are organized for "physically adept" girls in '68

Spanish Club offers a stipend for one special student to study in Mexico in the summer

506 members of the Red Arrows promote North's spirit by decorating the halls on game day and honoring fall and winter teams at breakfasts in '69

1967

1968

1968

1969



Stuck in the 70's

The 1970's was a time of change, not only the United States, but also the world. According to North alumni Todd Robinson, class of '76, "a lot of different things went on and happened in the world in the '70's... for me it was a great time."

While wearing platform shoes and silk shirts and listening to The Eagles, most high school students did not think much about events like the Vietnam War because they were not personally affected in the middle to late '70's.

"The men in my class weren't affected, so we didn't think about it as much as we should have," Robinson said.

In fact, the only thing that truly affected North was the energy crisis, which caused the Eternal Flame to be turned off during the 1974-75 school year.

The Eternal Flame used to be where the cafeteria is now, while the cafeteria and library were on the third floor. The flame, although always lit, would be relit for Homecoming by the chosen torch bearer. When construction started to build the new cafeteria, the torch was taken out and not placed elsewhere. "I was not aware that it was gone, but I think it should be brought back for nostalgia's sake," Robinson said.

Athletics have always been a big deal at North, especially in the '70's. Along with sports like football, basketball and track, which is what Robinson participated in, North also had a boys' gymnastic team. There were not many sports available for girls to participate in yet, so most girls were cheerleaders or a part of the "pep squad." The "pep squad" had shirts and supported the athletics teams as well as the school as a whole.

"Our class probably had more of a rivalry against West and Heights, rather than East, just because of the personal relationships between the people in the classes at the time. As a whole, North still rivaled East," Robinson said.

Although times have changed and North has physically changed, Robinson is most surprised by the things that have stayed the same. "North is North. It hasn't changed much and it's still a great school," he said.

From rowdy pep assemblies to social acceptance, North has always been a fit for everyone, even while singing to 'Grease'. By Jillian Belden and Yasmeen Cruz



On Jan. 11, Kansas City Chiefs win Super Bowl IV over the Minnesota Vikings

On Oct. 2, an airplane carrying the WSU football team crashes in the mountains of Colorado, killing 31

Disney World opens in Orlando

July 26, Apollo 9th and 4th missions to the moon

1970

1971

1972

Feel Tha Funk!

The 70's decade was known for it's iconic movies, music and TV shows. Movies like Star Wars and Jaws were released. Music from the Rolling Stones, Micheal Jackson and The Eagles were on the Top 100 charts and TV shows like The Brady Bunch and M*A*S*H were aired.



Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope was released on May 25, 1977.

M*A*S*H was a comedy TV show about army doctors in the Korean war. The show was released in 1972 and ran for 11 seasons.



Stairway to Heaven was one of the the most popular songs in the 70's. Led Zeppelin songs were very popular in the 70's and were often on the top of the charts.



Saturday Night Live first aired on Oct. 11, 1975. Now SNL is on season 41



Girls' golf team wins state championship

Girls' basketball wins state championship

President Richard Nixon steps down as a result of the Watergate scandal, becoming the first U.S. President to resign from office

1973

1974

19

70's at North

North was stayin' alive during the 70's, from funky dances to traditional activities



Lynette Woodard led the girls' basketball team to a state championship, went on to play at KU, won a gold medal in the 1984 Olympics, and was the first woman to play with the Harlem Globetrotters.



1975

Viet Nam War ends
April 30

Apple Computer
founded

Jimmy Carter
elected President

First Star Wars
movie is released,
becoming biggest
grossing movie of
all time

Microsoft is founded

Elvis Presley is found
dead at age 42

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1976

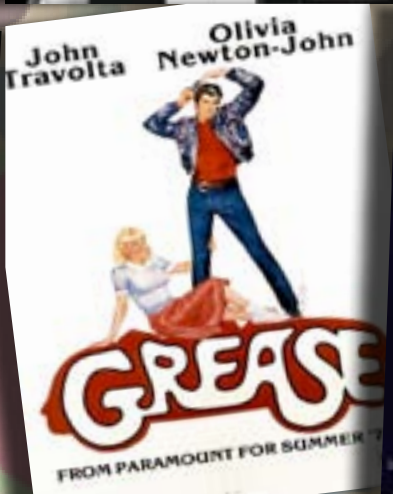
1977

Feel Tha Funk



In the 70's, bands like The Beatles and The Jackson 5 broke up. Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney went solo within the same decade. Hugely iconic movies were released: The Godfather, Grease, Jaws and Halloween.

- TOP 10 SONGS OF THE 70'S
- Imagine - John Lennon
 - Hotel California - The Eagles
 - What's Going On - Marvin Gaye
 - Born to Run - Bruce Springsteen
 - Superstition - Stevie Wonder
 - Let It Be - The Beatles
 - American Pie - Don McLean
 - Heart of Gold - Neil Young
 - Miss You - Rolling Stones
 - Blitzkreig Bop - The Ramones



- TOP 10 MOVIES OF THE 70'S
- Alien
 - Rocky
 - Jaws
 - The Exorcist
 - Superman
 - Mad Max
 - Star Trek
 - Saturday Night Fever
 - King Kong
 - Escape from Alcatraz

Boogie
Out of Sight
Bummer
Can You Dig It?
Dream On
mellow out
Off the Hook
May the Force
Be With You
Be There Or Be Square
Far out

First "test tube" baby born

Mother Teresa is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

Sony introduces the Walkman

1978

1979

BACK TO THE 80s



When she enters North, Jana Bleakley, Class of 1982, still carries her school pride 34 years later. Bleakley graduated from Wichita State University and now works at a company called PixPro. Her time at North was filled with friendships and lifelong memories, she said. During high school she was involved in National Honor Society and played the French horn in the band, Bleakley said, "My weekends were filled with going to the football and basketball games," she said. She enjoyed how the teachers really cared about the students and her, and she said she made a connection to have long friendships. Bleakley's favorite memory was when the band would play the fight song, helping to get everyone on their feet to cheer on the teams.



The popular video arcade game "Pac-Man" is released.

Prince Charles marries Lady Diana Spencer

Ronald Reagan is the 40th president of the U.S. (1981 to 1989)

First space shuttle *Columbia* launches on April 12, 1982

1980

MTV is launched and music videos began to have a larger effect on the record industry.

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1981

1982

Totally Tubular!

What more can be said about the 1980's that hasn't already been said? In short, it was a fun, poppy, shallow, optimistic, and overwhelmingly materialistic decade that was reflected in both popular consumer and entertainment products.

Top Ten Songs of the 1980s

1. "PHYSICAL" - OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN
2. "BETTE DAVIS EYES" - KIM CARNES
3. "ENDLESS LOVE" - DIANA ROSS & LIONEL RICHIE
4. "EYE OF THE TIGER" - SURVIVOR
5. "EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE" - THE POLICE
6. "FLASHDANCE..WHAT A FEELING" - IRENE CARA
7. "ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST" - QUEEN
8. "SAY SAY SAY" - PAUL MCCARTNEY AND MICHAEL JACKSON
9. "CALL ME" - BLONDIE
10. "LADY" - KENNY ROGERS



The Breakfast Club (1985) John Hughes' classic film transcends generations and continues to reach new fans today.



1984-1989
Miami Vice

The Aggieville Riots occurred in 1984 and 1986 in Manhattan, following football games between Kansas State University and the University of Kansas

Nintendo is released in the U.S.

1984

1985

North in the 80s



STUDENT PEACE COALITION — Bottom row: Rachelle Coba, Raquel Rosales, Shelly Edgington, Joan Thornhill, Kris Kelly, Chad Brown; Row 2: Kelly Hayes, sponsor; Paul Harper, Brad Hestand, Nathan Jantz, Ian Mork, Curtis Hula.

In 1988 North's Student Peace Coalition Club members, along with other schools, rode to **McConnell Air Force Base in a white hearse** and prepared to walk to the line marking federal property. Several students were arrested and **some were banned from the base for two years.** The protest was to demonstrate commitment to peace. As another demonstration to promote peace between U.S and the **U.S.S.R, the club made paper planes to symbolize peace and unity and sent them to people in both countries.**



Junior Nathan Jantz sets up a Student Peace Coalition poster in a display case that promotes peace. Later in the week he was arrested for crossing a line at McConnell Air Force Base.

On Nov. 26, 1986 Mike Tyson became the youngest boxing heavyweight champion in history at age 20

Botanica Gardens opens in 1987 in Wichita

Black Monday stock market crash affects companies around the world

24

1986

1987



"Danny and the Miracles" - the Kansas Jayhawks win 1988 NCAA basketball championship.

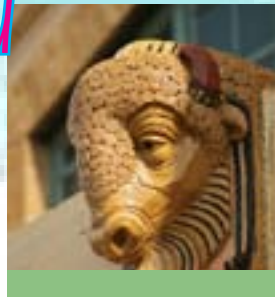
The Berlin Wall is torn down at the end of the Cold War in 1989

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"Like no time has passed"

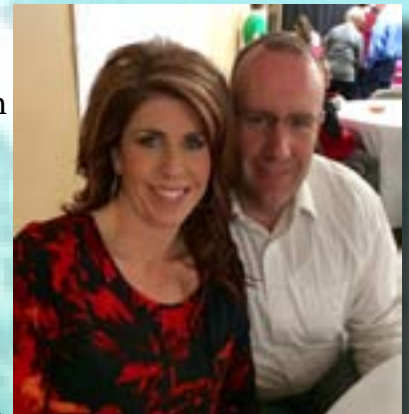


North is an important place for many people, including students, staff, and alumni. The traditions cannot be compared to any other school. Since 1929, the school has been the second home of generations of students, each with a different story in a different era. For Arthur and Aharon Hoopes, North has a very important meaning, as well. In 1993, the two high school seniors met in an English class, seated according to last name. "If we didn't both have last names that start with the letter 'H,' we would have never sat next to each other in English class," said Aharon.

The one thing that stands out the most to them are the memories of the school and the students. "Going back to 10 year and 20 year reunions, it's so neat to see those couples still together who have made it through all these years," said Aharon.

While a lot of things have changed throughout the years, those that didn't are all the more valued. But the memories don't stop there. North is the mecca of high school traditions. "Football games, basketball games, and pep rallies were all unique only to North," said Art. "The new gym is a nice gym and all, but the old gym is just an experience unlike any other."

Art and Aharon's North experience, much like many other students who are a part of the history, have memories that will never be forgotten. If there is one thing that every North High Alumni can agree on, it is that our pride is kept close, and our traditions kept closer.



Student Freedom of Expression Act proposed, insuring student journalists the right to free press

Principal Ralph Teran moves to North from Marshall Middle School

Wichita Coleman Company cleans up groundwater and pollutants

Russ Campbell, North graduate, picked in the seventh round of the NFL draft

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1990

1991

1992

Only 90's kids will understand

The 1990's brought many trends that set up the years that would follow in the early 2000's. From competitive games, popular television shows, athletic figures, and the introduction of the Internet and computer technologies, the 1990's was a decade that would not be forgotten.



A simple game of trying to get cardboard circles to flip. In the mid 90s, pogs escalated and became a popular game

Michael Jordan was as big as it gets throughout the 1990s. "Air" Jordan won an astounding 6 NBA championships playing for the Chicago Bulls. Jordan played a total of 15 seasons in the NBA



One of the biggest television shows to ever air became a hit on CBS throughout the 90s. "Friends," a simple storyline about six close friends who live with one another in New York City, added a consistent comedic humor with each show



Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a positive test for HIV

A bomb explodes under the World Trade Center

Boeing lays off 6,000 workers in response to a decline in demand

If you grew up in the 90s, you knew this yellow figure represented America Online (or AOL), your one source for the internet

All that and the 90s...



Olympic Figure Skater Nancy Kerrigan attacked by rival skater Tonya Harding's ex-husband

The Chicago Bulls win the 1996 NBA National Championship

"Friends" debuts on NBC

Eight North swimmers qualify for state

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1994

1995

1996



The 1990s was the era of the family sitcoms with T.V. shows like...

Friends

The Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Seinfeld

Family Matters

Full House

The Simpsons

Home Improvement

Saved by the Bell

Alf

Princess Diana dies
in a car crash in
August of 1997

Exploration of space
continues with land-
ing on Mars

NBC's "Seinfeld" ends

Y2K bug causes prob-
lems with computer
systems and their pro-
gramming

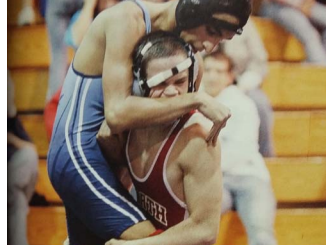
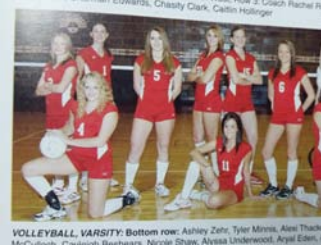
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THE TURN OF THE CENTURY



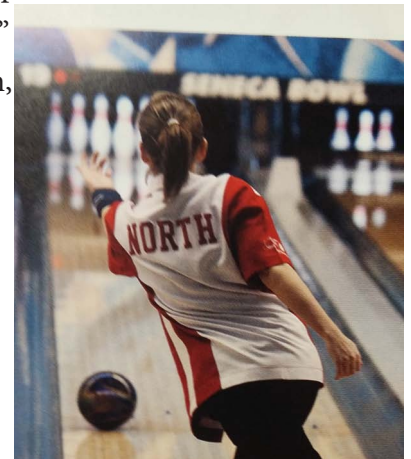
The coming of the new millennium brought many advancements in technology, with the fastest devices and the most innovative gadgets. Jordan Walker, class of 2006, talked about her time at North. “My time at North was pretty enjoyable. All the classes seemed to get along for the most part. As we got closer to senior year, we gained a lot of friendships that I still see today. We’re getting ready to hit our 10-year reunion and we still bump into each other from time to time.”

Walker added, “I did play sports - or at least I tried! Ha ha! I was a basketball player for Coach Galbreath, played softball one year and participated as a football assistant for two years under Coach Belden.”

Every class brags about their spectacular pep assemblies, and students from the 2000s are no different. Jesus “Curly” Fernandez, class of 2008, said: “My freshman, sophomore, and junior years were fun and really loud! The most special thing about it

was the class cheer and the spirit stick, too. Yes...they were really memorable.”

From home computers breaking the high speed barrier to our first African American president, the 2000s were definitely a time of advancement and big changes. *By Martin Salazar & Liliana Medina*



Personal home computers break the 1GHz barrier

Wikipedia is launched and Apple reveals iPod

Serial killer BTK (Dennis Rader BTK) arrested

Greensburg is almost completely destroyed by a 1.7m wide EF-5 tornado

2000

2003

2005

2007

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It's all good!

The 2000's were definitely a fun time in the world of pop culture, from the launch of Wikipedia to the 3D printer beginning development, Movies such as Star Wars Episode 3 and The Incredibles dominated at the box office. Hip hop and R&B, 50 Cent, Twista, Kanye, R Kelly, Usher and rock bands like the White Stripes were starting to pop up. In fashion, trends like shutter shades and streaky hair highlights were seen.



"The Pep Assemblies were AWE-SOME! They were held in the old gym and it was pretty competitive. The drumline was great and when they started playing the War Cry the whole gym got loud. The class of 2006 held a mean yelling match with the seniors our first year, to the point where they Vaseline'd the benches as payback (ha ha). And yes, we had the best spirit. We didn't win a lot of football or basketball games , but we still had a great time regardless." Jordan Walker, 2006

Apple debuts the iPhone with revolutionary touch interface

Barack Obama is sworn in as 44th president of the U.S., the first African American



2007

2009

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2010s

Jaci Igundo-Drennan, class of 2015, believes that involvement is important in high school because it helps prepare you for the future. “I learned how to develop my leadership skills,” she said. North has helped Jaci gain a solid foundation for college, with academic services such as the College and Career Center, where she found many great scholarship opportunities. “Your core classes are more rigorous in high school than in college,” she said.

Jaci was winter Homecoming Queen. She said her favorite memory was Mr. Redskin, because the format made it possible for different people to express themselves.

North has been a huge part of Jaci’s life, she said. “I learned how to become confident, professional, and myself.” She appreciates North and all the help it provided for her to be successful in the future. *By Rachel Walker*



Africa hosts
2010 World
Cup

A massive earthquake devastates
Haiti on January 12, 2010

Intrust Bank Arena
built in 2010

#YOLO

That's The Motto



Technology

iPad is revealed and sold in 2010

2011 Steve Jobs dies

2012- Wii and Xbox 360 are the most used

2012- Just Dance and Call of Duty: Modern Warfare

2013- Xbox 1 comes out

Music

2010 -Tic Tok By Kesha

2011-Rolling in the Deep by Adele

Feb. 11 2012 Whitney Houston dies

2012- Call Me Maybe by Carly Clarkson

2012- We are Young-Fun

2013- Blurred Lines



Movies

2010-Toy Story 3

2011-Harry Potter

2012- Avengers

2012-Skyfall

2013-Gravity

2014-Xmen: Days of Future Past

2014-Guardians of the Galaxy



North discontinues "Late Start Wednesdays"

A main ramp in the San Jose Mine, near Copiapo, Chile, collapses, trapping 33 miners 2,300 feet below ground for 69 days

In July, the final shuttle flight lands at the Kennedy Space Center

2010

2011

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Always a Redskin!



What's been happening at North?

Over the years, many traditions have changed, especially in the past six years. Lunch is one of the biggest changes North has seen. In the past, vendors sold food outside, such as takis smothered with nacho cheese. Clubs were also able to sell food during lunch to raise money, and students could also visit the Temple Cafe or Butch's Corner. When more restrictions on what food could be served came down from the federal government, many of those options were even more limited. For students eating off campus, the closing of historic Jack's across the street was another blow.

The I.D policy has been another big change. In previous years, students could have their I.D. in their wallets. (receiving a penalty if they didn't have it). Then came stricter regulations that I.D.s had to be visible. Now, with better security, the faculty checks for I.D every hour, and if a student doesn't have an I.D, they have to buy another one.

Even though many school policies have changed, the school spirit has not. North was featured on national news for a school "prank" that encouraged Principal Sherman Padgett. Students filled a bucket with hundreds of notes of thanks to Padgett. *By Rachel Walker*

Osama Bin Laden, mastermind of the 9/11 terror attacks, is killed by U.S. Navy Seals

2011

Terry Loewen is apprehended in a suicide bomb attempt at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport

2013

April 15, 2013 - Two bombs explode near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three and injuring hundreds



Bucket of memories to Mr. Padgett

Riots break out in Baltimore after the death of Freddie Gray, a black man, in police custody.

Same sex marriages legalized in all 50 states

2015

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Timeline Color Key:
GREEN : World News
BLUE : American News
PURPLE: Kansas/Wichita
RED : North High

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