

Good Ol' Days

Now Times Are Changing

Remember snacking on pop sickles from the original Kroger's store? Or, after it moved, buying superballs and baseball cards at Ben Franklin's? "Some good memories involved ol' Ben Franklin's. I got to ride my bike over and waste my allowance on life's necessities like matchbox cars and marathon bars. Those were the days," said senior Scott Keisel.

In 1975, when the current sen-

iors were uneasily entering kindergarten, the main attractions in town consisted of a one-screen theater, a drive-in theater, a brand new McDonald's, the Wheel Inn, the roller rink and a bowling alley. Thirteen years has brought a lot of changes and additions to St. Johns. "I love the choice of movies we have in town now. Besides, even it there's not a movie at the mall's cinema I want to see, there's always video stores to rent one from," said senior Jay Ritter.

Fashions have also changed. The popular plaid pants of first grade are now replaced by stone-washed denims. The skateboard of elementary days has given way to cars.

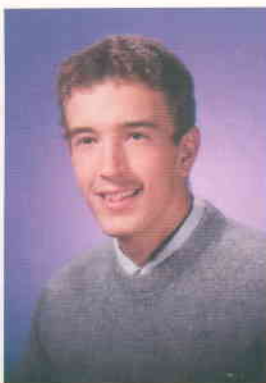
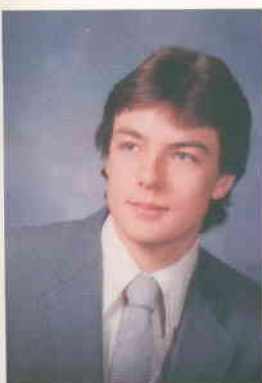
As first graders, the present seniors celebrated America's 200th

birthday with fireworks and festivities. President Gerald Ford watched as Bruce Jenner and Dorothy Hamill won gold medals in the 1976 Olympic Games.

Since those elementary school days of "Rocky" and "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald", the towns festivities have altered also. Over the years, the soap box derby races have been discontinued. The Mint Festival was added.

Looking ahead to the future, plans for a new jail and middle school are being developed. A bypass around St. Johns may be constructed soon. What changes will present day kindergarten students encounter when they are seniors?

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