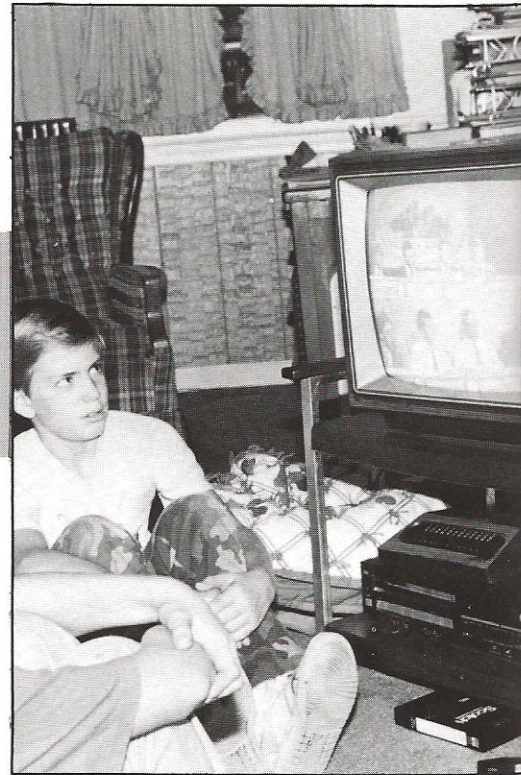


# TURN IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



## Reaching For Excellence

# MORE THAN THE THREE R's

With new teaching techniques, school was no longer what it was in the days of "Reading, Riting, and Rithmatic." The most prominent part of school was academics. Academics consisted of any class that is given credit for and took up one or more school periods.

Classes were rarely monotonous since teachers were encouraged to bring exhibits and speakers into the class room. The science department set a goal to do more experiments and in English, teachers would alternate between grammar, literature and vocabulary.

The largest class was Performing Band. The Band of Blue met everyday during the sixth period for practice. All the practicing paid off. On November 8, The Band of Blue earned the coveted state championship title for the second time.

Other classes excelled in the state and even at the south-east level. The journalism staff has put

out an award winning yearbook for five years. The 1986 book earned top in state, and all south-east. This also made the book a Herff Jones example book which is carried to schools all over the nation.

The distributive education class also had a red letter year. Students competed very favorably in state wide competition, with several students winning top in state.

A student had to study no matter what courses he took. This made academics a priority that could not be forgotten at 3:10.

by Joan Johnson

**One of the most anticipated** competitions of the Academic Team is the Wriinthrop Challenge. A young admirer watches Randy Beach, Peter Lomen, John Stephens and Tim O'Briant compete in the first round of the Winthrop Challenge.

**Safety is the highest priority** in Science experiments. Amy McDaniel wearing goggles and an apron carefully lights her burner for an experiment with color, as her partner Shannon Cone, writes down interpretations.