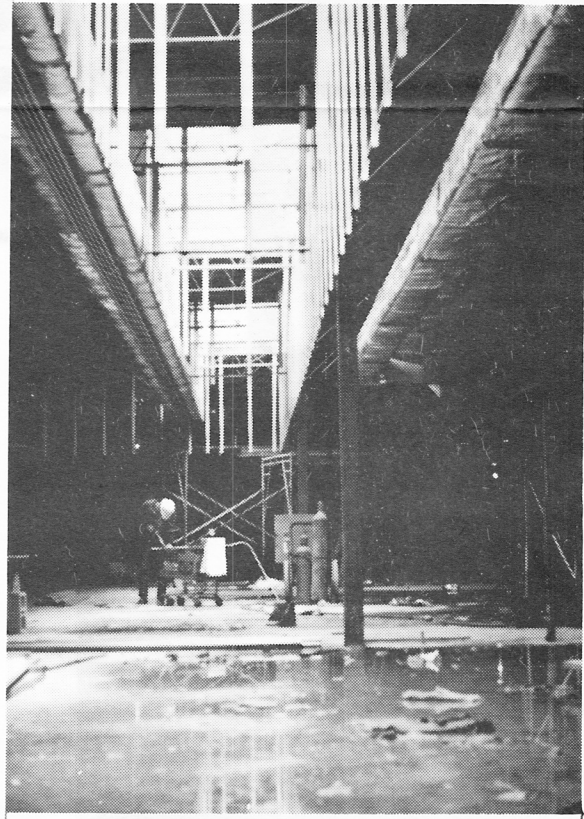


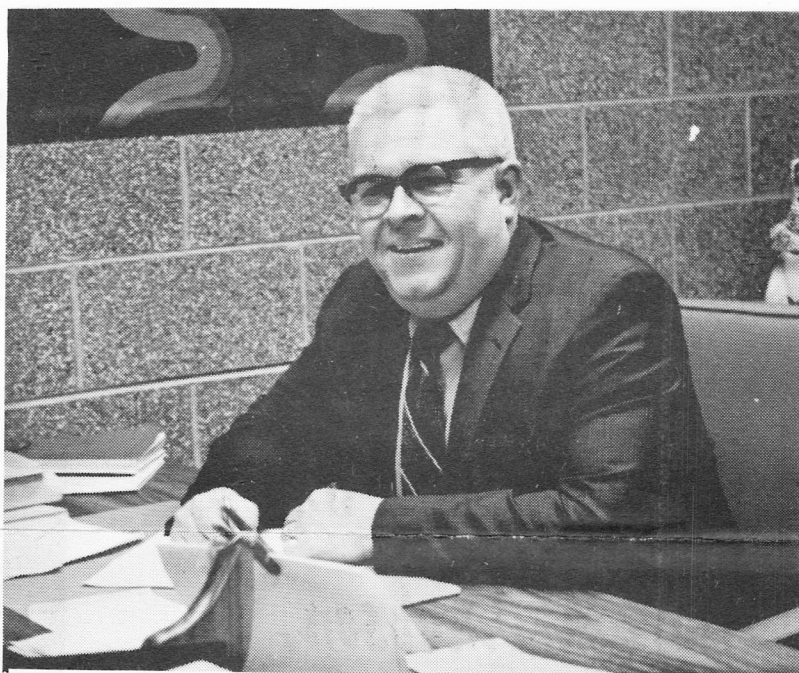
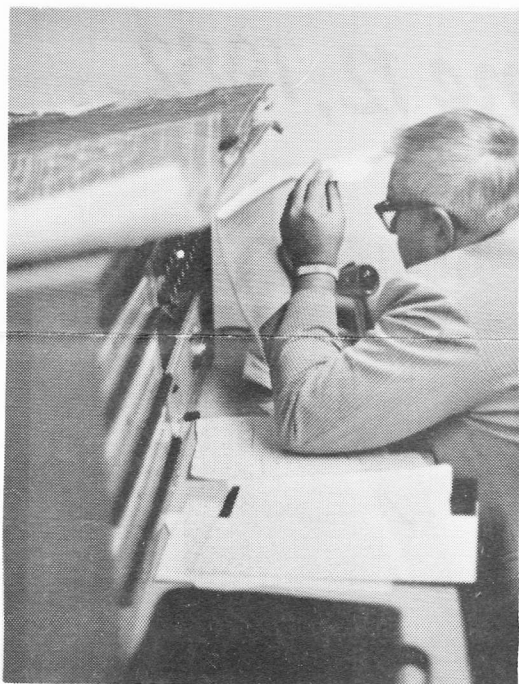
GILMORE GRAFFITI

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*In the beginning Mr.
Theodore M. Jacobson,
then principal of
Washington Junior
High was involved
in all phases of the
planning, building
and staffing of the
new Gilmore
Junior High*



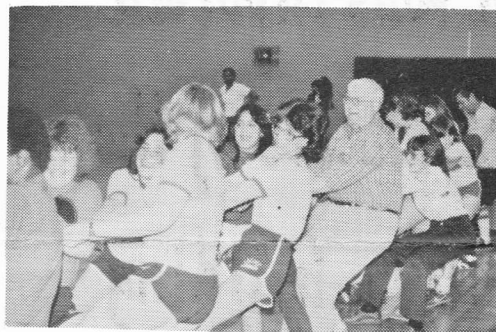
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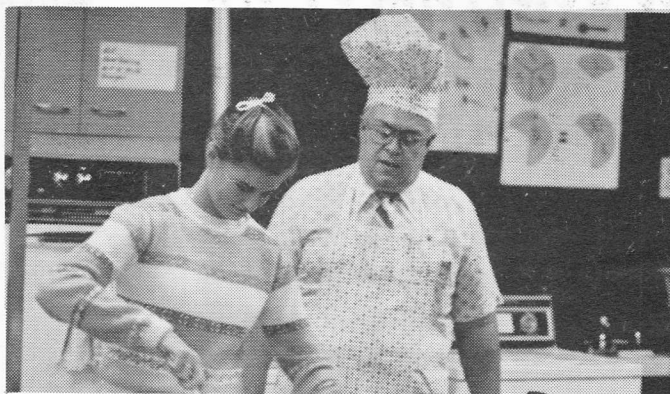
. . .and long hours spent coordinating the many facets of Gilmore. . .

. . .Mr. Jacobson still always makes time to interact with the students. . .

. . .whether helping serve hot lunch when needed. . .



. . .participating in a tug of war, or making zucchini squash with the home economics class. . .



. . .Mr. Jacobson is always involved!

MEET GILMORE JUNIOR HIGH

James F. Gilmore Junior High has lots of things going for it. Count them. According to Directing Principal Ted Jacobson, it's the way the school is constructed and what it offers the student. The school's identical north and south entrances open into brick floored commons areas which serve as congregating points for students before and after classes. "Louder" subjects; music, industrial arts and physical education have their classes on the first floor, while English, math and social studies are on the second.

Two resource centers for social studies and English can accommodate three classes each and contain supplementary and reference books, tapes, film strips and equipment for viewing and listening. A math resource center with calculators houses reference material and math games and puzzles. This set-up removes three major disciplines from the media library and allows and encourages other disciplines traditionally not steady customers, to use the library.

Bright color characterizes the entire school. "It adds atmosphere," commented Jacobson. "One of the most important things in junior high is to excite kids about being there. If color helps, that's good." "Grabber" tones are used on wall panels with super-graphics that identify areas of the building. The sunken cafeteria is 18 inches below the regular first floor level, and has windows so students can look outside during lunch. Windowless, except for the entrances, which are glass from the ground to the roof, Gilmore is the first totally air-conditioned school.

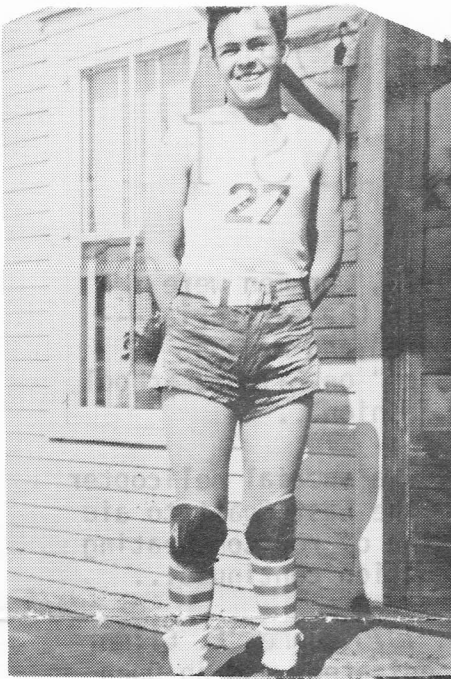
Much of the Gilmore staff is from Washington Jr. High, others are from other district junior and senior high schools, and some are new to the district. "The staff has worked very hard to make Gilmore the students' school and their efforts are paying off," Jacobson said. Eighth and ninth grade students who were the first to attend Gilmore selected the Griffin as the mascot, and the colors are black and white. The school is named for James F. Gilmore who served on the Board of Education for 34 years.

OUT OF THE PAST

WOULD YOU BELIEVE...

- ...that in April, 1974, workmen were pouring concrete in the cafeteria --- Mr. Jacobson entered and made a "lasting impression" on Gilmore School, in an impromptu fashion...
- ...that in May, 1974, a special helicopter was brought from the East Coast to aid in the installation of rooftop heating units, as construction continues...
- ...that in January, 1975, James F. Gilmore Junior High is dedicated, and an Open House is held...
- ...that in March, 1976, the Gilmore School design is selected by the Wisconsin Society of Architects as one of the top designs of 1976...
- ...that in May, 1976, Gilmore's accessibility to handicapped students earns it the T.J. Nugent design award...
- ...that in September, 1976, Mr. Jacobson checked out the book, Automotive Mechanics from the library, and has not yet returned it! He claims he has, but Mrs. McGraw has heard that story before...
- ...that in January, 1977, Gilmore's choirs again perform in an outstanding manner, and travel on to state competition. The credo behind the "Bissell Excellence" headlines the Racine Journal: "Success is over the minute it happens. So you better be good EVERY time."
- ...that in May, 1978, hallway lights at Gilmore are being turned off between classes to try to reduce energy costs..
- ...that in April 1981, Gilmore held its first annual Battle of the Study Centers -- an idea originated by Mr. Jacobson 27 years previous...

"GOD GRANT ME THE COURAGE TO CHANGE THINGS
AND THE PEACE OF MIND TO ACCEPT THINGS I
CANNOT CHANGE -- AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW
THE DIFFERENCE."



Gilmore School, and
Mr. Jacobson, have
both grown...
...individually, and
together.

We wish both much
success in their
continued growth...
even though apart.

