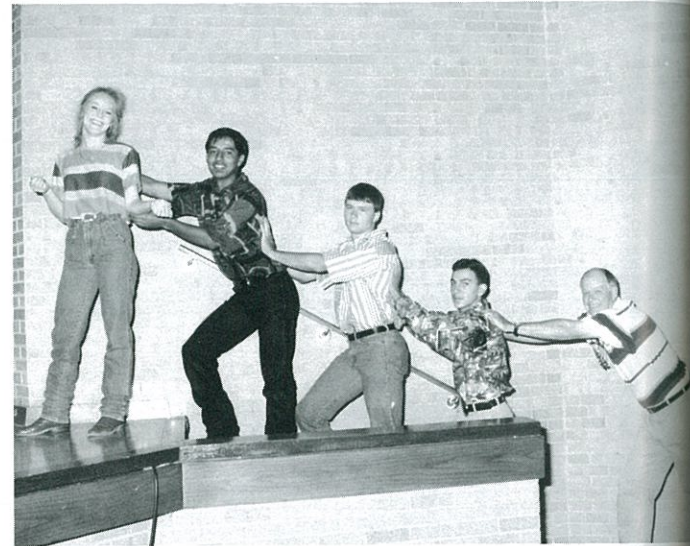


The cast of the "Rock Bottom" skit, organized by PALS, gather together for a group picture after a performance for the Wink Lions Club.

PALS included seniors Stephanie Maddux, Peter Lara, Tommy Smithhart, Mike Miranda, and sponsor Tom Burns.

Senior Stephanie Maddux provides childcare for children of the GED students.



Student Body Depends On PALS

During their second year of organization, PALS accepted new responsibilities by serving as tutors to adults and putting together a region-wide drug and alcohol program.

Every Tuesday and Thursday PALS helped tutor adults or care for the children of adults taking a GED class on campus. They also went around the elementary helping students who needed help. PALS, with the help of other students, presented the Showcase of Adolescent Strategies in February. Students from thirteen area schools came to Wink for a day of ideas. The day ended with Wink students presenting a skit titled "Rock Bottom", which taught drug awareness.

PALS is a peer helping program that trains selected students to work with others. The goal of the program is to improve school climate and provide assistance to both students and faculty so that everyone enjoys a positive and productive school experience.

Senior Peter Lara helps fifth grader Candace Carroll with her work for the day.

