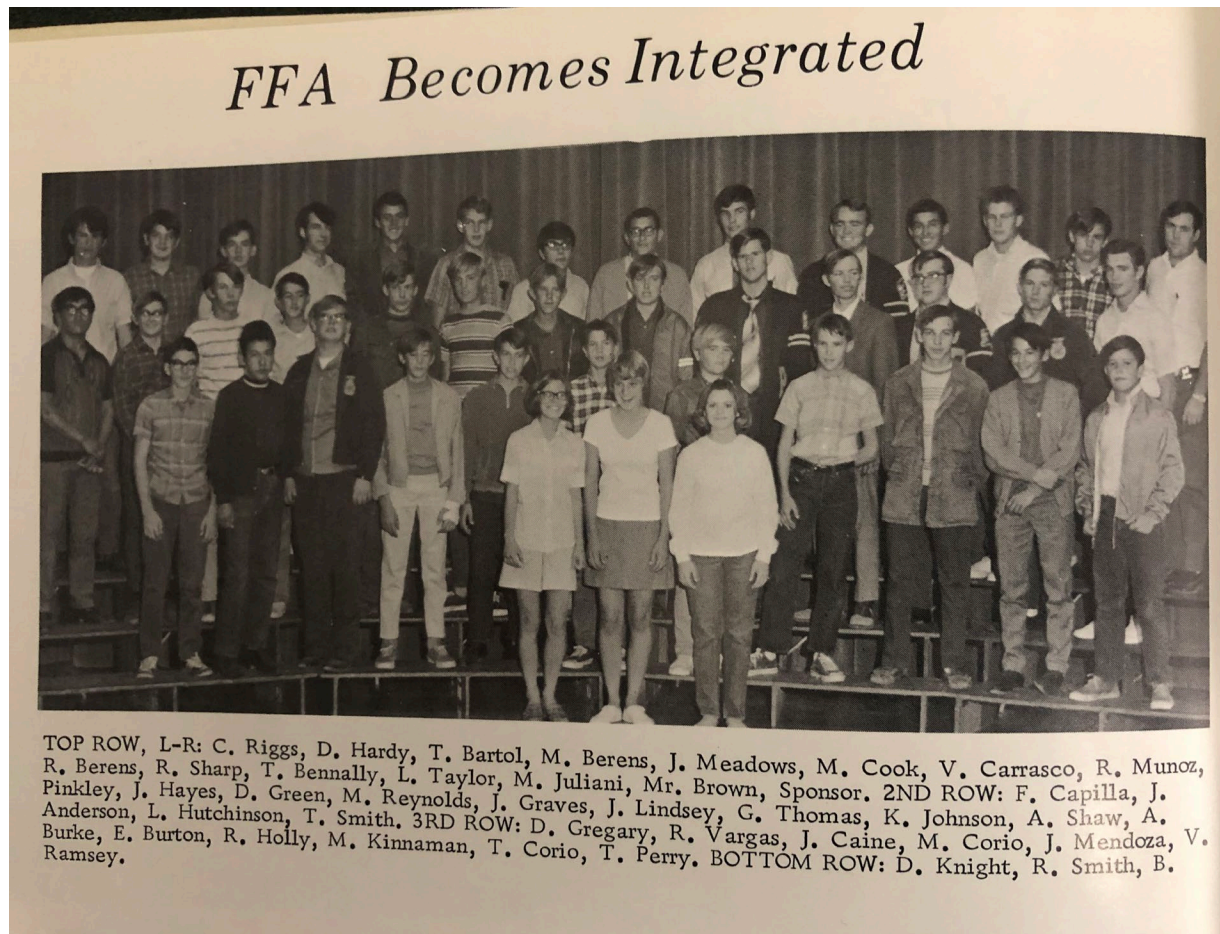


The 1970s

This photo from the 1971 yearbook is captioned, “FFA Becomes Integrated.” Note that females are now fully fledged FFA members.



The 1972 yearbook notes, that “another highlight of the year was that a girl, Sheila Groff, was elected as president of the FFA.”

1973-74 marks the first year the agriculture students were in the “new” metal building located just east of the “Old Gym.” Instructors, James Brown, and James Watkins noted in the yearbook that “working with the FFA was easier in the new agriculture building.”

During the 70s, the FFA won several “Building Our American Communities” national awards for their work in community improvements.

It was also during the 70s that Mr. Lyle Wright began volunteering in the agriculture department. Lyle, affectionately called “grandpa” by many ag students, did it all from coaching

various teams such as the Meats Evaluation team to overseeing “project construction” for the county fair projects to welding anything and everything for every program on the PHS campus! He also assisted students with raising livestock for the County and State Fairs and the Arizona National Livestock Show. Lyle volunteered or worked in the agriculture department up until 2021. A plaque with Mr. Wright’s picture hangs on the wall just outside the front door of the agriculture department at PHS.

