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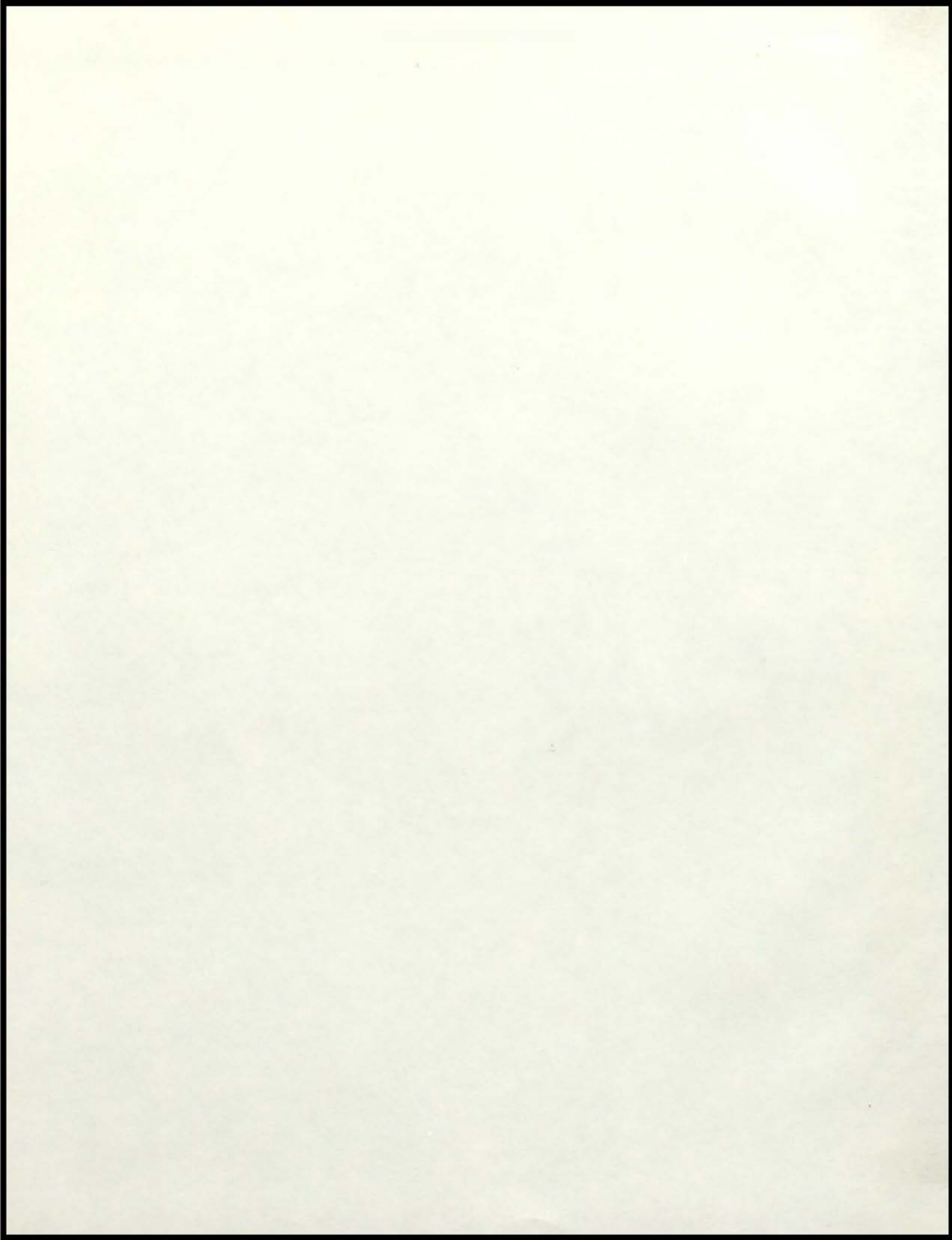
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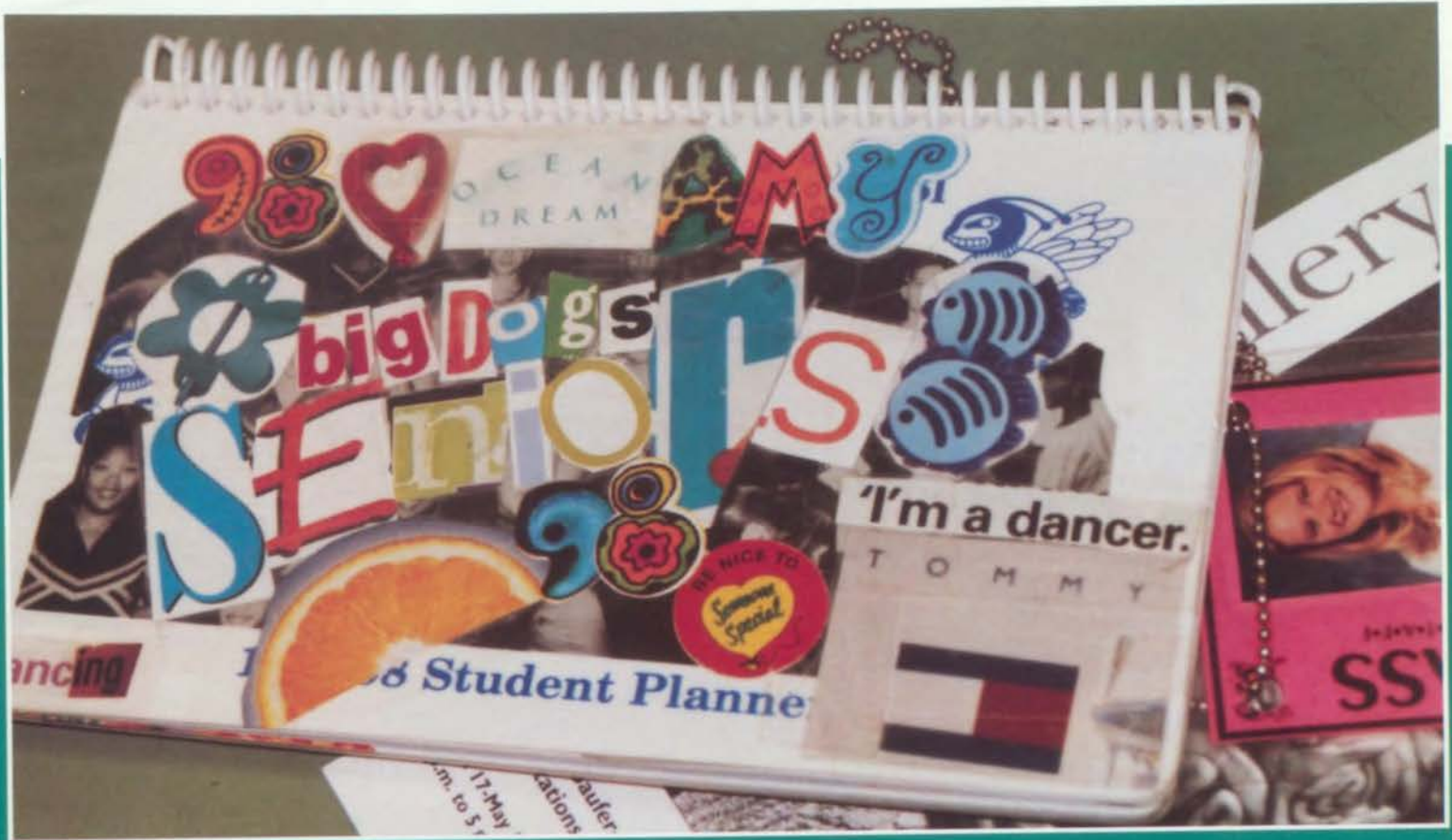
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In 1997-98, the student planner made a statement. For the first time, the school district supplied students with planners in an effort to keep the students more organized. The organizers had both a calendar for organizing meetings, games and due dates, plus a handy log in the back for hall passes. Students were required to carry the planners with them at all times, and those found without theirs received detentions. The planners were just one of the many changes that students faced coming into a fresh, new school year.

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## CENTER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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• THINGS ARE LOOKING UP •

Senior Charles McNiel takes a rest after a cross country race. These strenuous races were often made more difficult by wind, rain and mud.

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• THE SKY'S THE LIMIT •

Cellular One leased a spot in the parking lot to erect a 100-foot tower. Although the company agreed to pay the school \$10,000 a year, students were unhappy that the tower covered part of the Yellowjacket sign painted on the stadium.

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• TAG-ALONG •

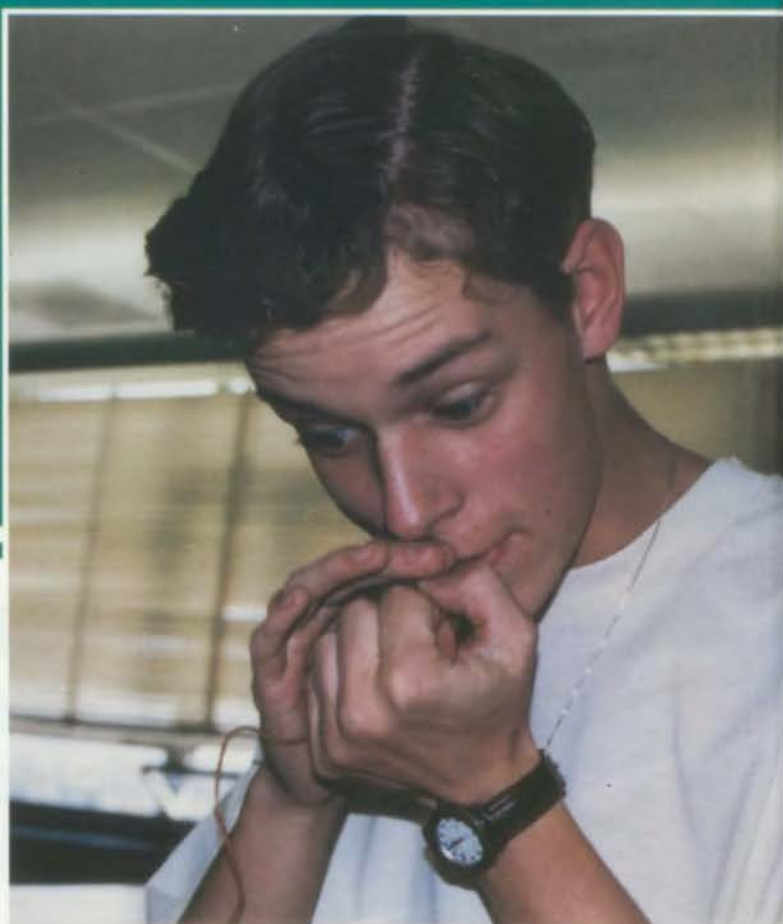
A parking tag hangs from a student's rear-view mirror. The tags were required in hopes of curbing theft and vandalism. Lot security cameras were also added to curb crime.

Photo by Ted Cardos •

• DOWN TO THE WIRE •

Senior Phillip Young tries using his teeth as a tool in order to get his physics lab to succeed. Laboratory projects were a requirement of upper-level science courses.

Photo by Lauren Stewart •





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As students burst through the doors and poured into the halls on September 3, they were faced with differences from the very beginning.

Planners, given to students by the district, were to be carried at all times. These were to keep students organized and academically focused. Some felt the difference the planners made - especially the underclassmen.

"I think the planners were a good idea. I write down all my assignments, and keep on top of things," said Freshman Lisa Wellington.

Freshmen had to adjust not only to carrying their students planners, but also to carrying ID cards - which was not a requirement in the middle school. Students who were found without their student ID card faced an automatic detention. The cards, also serving as tardy cards, allowed for five tardies per quarter.

"I'm always late because I'm constantly looking for my ID card. Keeping track of it was a difficult adjustment to make," said Freshman Justen Siebolt.

Other differences around school were not so obvious, but still caught attention. Students and staff alike noticed the new blue pole towering over the football stadium. This tower was placed on campus by Cellular One through a lease agreement. Cellular One agreed to pay \$10,000 a year for a contracted five years to use Center property.

Reaching 100 feet into the air, the blue tower was not met with open arms by most students, who were unhappy that the pole covered part of the "Center Yellowjackets" sign painted on the stadium wall.

"I didn't like the tower. It made us look like 'YELLOW WACKETS', it was too bad the school compromised its pride for money," said Senior Philip Young.

Differences in security procedures also caused some heated debate among students and staff. Superintendent William Hawver ordered that all security guards remove their guns from school property and conduct their job unarmed. This worried guards who felt more secure with a weapon on hand.

Guard Ben Solomon said, "It was nice to have guns, especially carrying money to the safe from after-school activities like football games. People think twice before doing something stupid if they believe you have a gun."

Vandalism in the student parking lot resulted in the requirement of student parking permits. Vehicles found without one were towed at the student's expense. Students argued that the permits did nothing to prevent theft or vandalism in the lot.

"I got a parking permit, and it didn't do any good. My car was still vandalized," said Sophomore Crystal Gilliland.

Students were happier with the new security cameras placed in the lot.

These differences were nothing compared to the differences made by students on each other's lives. On September 17, a group of students crowded on the sidewalk in front of the flag pole for "See Ya at the Pole", an annual gathering of students across the nation who pray for their school and community.

"I went to "See Ya at the Pole" to impact our school. I thought it was really neat to see how much people cared about our school," said Junior Monica Shipman.

Students felt the gatherings did make a difference.

In the fall, freshman football player Charles Satterwhite fell dead on the football field during a bout with Belton. Satterwhite, who had a history of heart problems, touched many lives and left a void in the student body. Students clung to one another to share memories of their friend and get through the grieving process.

The school implemented many changes that affected the students. If those changes would last, only time would tell.....

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# Like no one else

## Individuality

The halls were filled with people who looked, dressed and even acted different from the norm. Many different looks – from trendy, grunge and even gothic – could be spotted during a normal day of school. Being trendy was defined as sporting the 70's look, while grungers wore oversized jeans with whatever was on top of the laundry basket. The more extreme gothic look included all-black garb including black lipstick and nail polish – on both males and females.

The variety in dress had a purpose according to Senior Christian Nord.

"I think people dress the way that they do because people want to be different from everyone else. Everyone wants to stand out. Nobody wants to look the same as their peers," Nord said.

A variety of races, cultures, religions and family lives made Center a unique place. Like a beautiful painting, diversity added color, flavor and texture to the hallways and classrooms. Unification of diversity made the painting complete.

Although the warm bodies pouring into the school every day varied in countless ways, everyone had one purpose for being there - gaining an education.

"School is a place of learning and that's the only reason we are here. Aside from the fact that the people dress differently act differently or participate in different activities, we are all here for the same reason," Senior Lea Johnson said.

It wasn't the differences that impacted the students, but the sense of knowing they were all there together – and that made the real difference

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While playing at the Managerie on 103rd and State Line, Sophomore Naveed Siddiqi gives himself a warm fuzzy with a bunny. The rodent declined to comment.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER





**S**enior Ashley Prater works to finish the senior's float. "Being seniors gives us a sense of unity. We are able to put our past differences behind us for the sole reason that we are seniors," Prater said.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



**K**elvin Haynes, senior, gives Senior Anneka Jenkins a hug in an attempt to keep her warm during a Homecoming float meeting. The floats were built in an unusually cold week in October.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



"I think that people do things different because people want to get all of the attention. They all want to stand out and be in the spotlight."

Senior Melanie Blando

"I think that people do things because of individuality. They just want to be different. It shows off their personalities."

Sophomore Ananda Boucom

"If everyone was the same, life wouldn't be so fun."

Senior Brandi Cason

**S**ophomores Thomas Baskind and Joey Brake show their school spirit at the Homecoming game. Baskind had to leave the game early due to numbness resulting from frigid temperatures.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

"I THINK PEOPLE DO THINGS DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT'S EASIER NOT TO FOLLOW THE RULES."

FRESHMAN JAKE HOWARD

BRIAN AFRISIO  
 REID ANAST  
 KIMBERLY ASHMORE  
 JEREMY ATENCIO  
 KIPPIN AUSTIN



MARIA BALINO  
 MICHAEL BELL  
 MELANIE BLANDO  
 TANISHA BRIGGS  
 SHIVON BULLOCK



KATRINA BYNDON  
 YVETTE CANADY  
 TED CARDOS  
 BESS CARTER  
 BRANDI CASON



GLORIA CHAPMAN  
 LEMUEL COLEMAN  
 LORI CONRAD  
 KEVIN CORBIN  
 LEA CORRISTON



GARRETT DAMRON  
 KATHRYN DANCY  
 DAMON DANIEL  
 PETER DAVIS  
 JONATHAN DAY



MARY BETH DOARN  
 ZUZANA DORDOVA  
 JEFFREY DUNGAN  
 HEATHER ERICKSON  
 DEMETRIA FINLEY



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# Stressed Out!

## SENIOR SUCCESS COMES AT A STEEP PRICE

In every way, seniors were at the top. Academically, athletically and socially - they excelled. These accomplishments came at a high price though. Instead of living carefree, their lives were full of stress.

Making the grade made students, such as Angela

Kartsonis, stress out.

"I worked, played volleyball and had a full load of classes. It was hard to find enough time to get all my work done," she said.

Not just the academic aspects of life agitated students. Athletes, such as Christian Nord, raced for scholarships.

"I was giving my all to get noticed by a college scout. The pressure was stressful," Nord said.

The combination of sports and school left seniors searching for a social scene. Some assignments were left incomplete as a sacrifice for friends.

"I was taking lots of hard

classes that called for long assignments. Occasionally, I skipped homework to go out with my friends. Friends were definitely a priority of mine," said Eric John.

Seniors had to cope with stress caused by classes, athletics and their social schedule, but they pulled through with their sights on one common goal -



**S**ENIOR TED CARDOS WORKS ON THE COMPUTER TO COMPLETE A YEARBOOK ASSIGNMENT. CARDOS, A PHOTOGRAPHER, SAID BEING ON STAFF WAS A SOURCE OF STRESS. "GETTING ALL THE PICTURES PEOPLE WANT BEFORE DEADLINE IS REALLY HARD," HE SAID. PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

**W**HILE EATING LUNCH, SENIORS MELANIE BLANDO AND KIM GRIMES STRUGGLE TO FINISH THEIR ASSIGNMENTS. STUDENTS OFTEN USED LUNCH PERIOD TO FINISH HOMEWORK FOR THEIR AFTERNOON CLASSES. PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW



### What is the coolest thing you have ever done?

1 "I FELL INTO A FOUNTAIN AT THE PLAZA AFTER HOMECOMING."  
CHUCK McNEEL

2 "I WENT SKYDIVING. IT TOOK A LOT OF GUTS TO JUMP."  
Tiffany VanHook

3 "I SAW MICHAEL JORDAN PLAY IN 1992."  
RUSTEN STEWARD

4 "I WENT ON A TWO WEEK TRIP TO MESA VERDA WITH MY YOUTH GROUP."  
SCOTT Pickett

5 "EVERY THING I DO IS COOL."  
AARON JONES

## What is the funniest thing a teacher has said to you?

1 "I AM DOING THIS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!"

BRANDON FISCHER

2 "GLAD TO SEE YOU AT SCHOOL TODAY. GLAD TO SEE THE METRO'S RUNNING."

KEVIN HILL

3 "I TOLD A TEACHER THAT I WANTED TO TEACH AND THEY SAID THAT I SHOULDN'T."

JEANNA WEBEL

4 "IF YOU MOVE TO HAWAII YOU'LL JUST BE SITTING AROUND EATING PORK AND BEANS."

MELANIE BLANDO

5 "(DANGIT), TED! YOU SUCK."

TEP CARDOS

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# IMPRESSIONS

## SENIORS REMEMBER SPECIAL TEACHERS

One school year filled with homework, club activities, jobs, deadlines and thesis papers can seemingly last an eternity. But when seniors look back on trials and tribulations, they recall the encouragement and support of a certain teacher.

For Craig Robison a bond built by spending many years with a teacher, made a lasting impact.

"Carolyn Knapp has been my band director since I was in seventh grade. She has

been my biggest influence musically," Robison said.

Some said that it was the emotional support of a teacher that made the biggest difference.

Kelvin Haynes said that Social Studies Teacher Johanna Fraise encouraged him not to worry about what other people thought of his views.

Christi van Leeuwen said that Tom Grow, another social studies teacher, was the only one who could understand

her creative needs.

During a teacher-chaperoned trip to Europe, Claudette Bartle influenced seniors with her presence.

"When we went to Germany, she was so great," Eric John said.

Phil Young said that he looked up to Craig Thiel.

"He is a strong Christian, a good teacher and a loving person," Young said.

Other students remember teachers they had in the past who no longer teach at

Center.

"Larry Bradshaw was the bomb! He taught me how to crack," Kevin Hill said.

Young agreed, "He just loved kids a lot," he said.

Lisa Sorensen said that two teachers were the catalysts in her present interests. "Lynne Friedrichson taught me how to love drama and appreciate it fully, and Mary Adcock started my career in photography," Sorensen said.



**S**ENIORS MELANIE BLANDO AND AMY LOSS ARRIVE TO SCHOOL EARLY TO STUDY FOR THEIR TEST IN FIRST-HOUR CHEMISTRY. TEACHERS PUT IN MANY EXTRA HOURS TO HELP STUDENTS FIND SUCCESS ACADEMICALLY.

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**B**EVERLY KOWALCZYK ANSWERS A QUESTION FROM SENIOR JEANNA WEBEL AS SHE MADE THE ROUNDS IN UMKC ENGLISH. SENIORS IN UPPER-LEVEL ENGLISH COURSES LEARNED SKILLS NEEDED TO SURVIVE IN COLLEGE.

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SHONDELL FLIPPEN  
 BETHANY GAMMILL  
 CHRISTOPHER GILPIN  
 TIMOTHY GOSNELL JR.  
 KAJUAN GRAGG



CLIFFORD GRAY  
 ROBIN GREER  
 KACHINA GRIFFITH  
 KIMBERLY GRIMES  
 SHANE GRIMM



JOSH HALL  
 QUIANA HARRIS  
 KELVIN HAYNES  
 KEVIN HILL  
 STEVEN HILL



CHARLES HOSTERMAN  
 STEPHANIE HUNLEY  
 LAKEISHA JACKSON  
 TAQUISHA JACKSON  
 ANNEKA JENKINS



ERIC JOHN  
 LEA JOHNSON  
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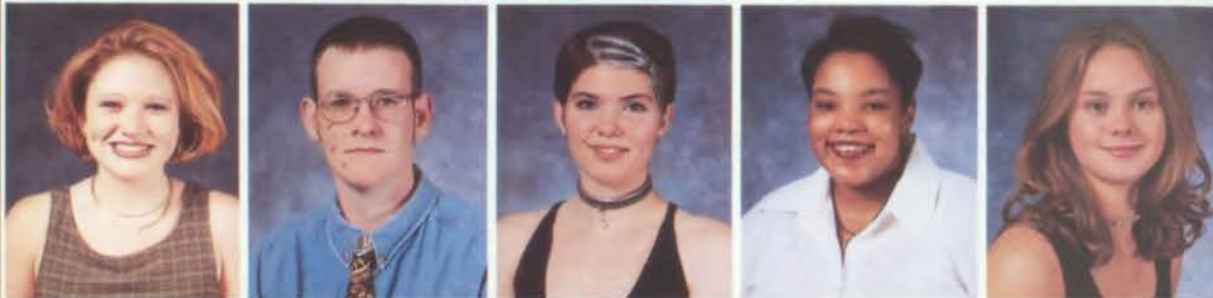


ANGELA KARTSONIS  
 LAUREN LEWANDOWSKI  
 SARAH LONDON  
 AMY LOSS  
 ESSENCE MACK

MELISSA MATTINGLY  
 CRYSTAL McMILLIN  
 ADAM McMURRY  
 CHARLES McNIEL  
 JASON MENSING



LISA MEYER  
 COLIN MICHAEL  
 TIFFANY MINX  
 CRYSTAL MITCHELL  
 BETH MITTLESTADT



JILL MONTGOMERY  
 MICHAEL MONTGOMERY  
 JAMES MORSE JR.  
 LATRICE NICHOLS  
 JAMES NIMROD



CHRISTIAN NORD  
 MICHAEL NORMAN  
 HEATH NORTON  
 LILLIAN PEGELOW  
 NATHAN PEISTER



KELLY PERKINS  
 MELISSA PESTANA  
 MATHEW PETERSON  
 HEATHER PHELAN  
 KANDICE PHILLIPS



SCOTT PICKETT  
 KEVIN PORTER  
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 L.C. REID



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# Responsibility

## SENIORS TAKE THE BAD WITH THE GOOD

Key Club, soccer, Players 58 - what do these extra-curricular activities have in common? Seniors. These are only a handful of the many clubs and sports graced with senior leadership.

Reaching the pinnacle of academic life is the year of leadership - being the "Almighty Senior". Being in charge is a definite advantage. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors merely participate, while

seniors are in charge.

At the top of the totem pole, the Class of '98 accomplished things they always wanted to, and with it, accepted the added responsibility.

Junior Cheerleading Co-Captain Mishel Smith thought the seniors filled their leadership positions on the squad well.

"Mary Beth Doarn and Katrina Byndon are good captains. They keep the

squad organized, and I hope that next year, I can be a captain," Smith said.

German Club was also headed by a senior - Eric John. He faced the responsibility of raising money for a trip to Germany and he also organized a foreign exchange student program. The thought an international trip justified hard work, according to John.

"It took a lot of time to

raise the money, but it was worth it," he said.

Raising money for Project Graduation was a project in itself. Senior Class President Jason Mensing organized fund-raisers to help pay for the event. Seniors sold "Class of '98" t-shirts, as well as candy to fund the events.

Mensing said, "It was a lot more work than I thought it would be, but it will be worth it when we graduate."



**S**ENIOR JASON MENSING ORGANIZES A FUNDRAISER FOR THE SENIOR CLASS. HE HOPED TO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR PROJECT GRADUATION AND A CLASS TRIP.  
PHOTO BY KELLY WARINNER

**S**ENIORS MARY BETH DOARN AND KATRINA BYNDON CELEBRATE AFTER A SUCCESSFUL NIGHT OF CHEERING AT A FOOTBALL GAME.  
PHOTO BY KELLY WARINNER

### Which highschool year was your favorite?

1 "MY FRESHMEN YEAR WAS GREAT BECAUSE WE WENT TO THE PEACH BOWL."

CHESTER NORD

2 "MY FRESHMAN YEAR WAS MY FAVORITE BECAUSE IT WAS THE YEAR OF MY FIRST LOVE."

JOEL NERMAN

3 "MY FRESHMEN YEAR WAS BECAUSE I TOOK FIRST IN THE FOUR BY 200 METER RELAY."

TENNSHA BRIS

4 "MY SENIOR YEAR WAS MY FAVORITE BECAUSE I DID MORE THINGS THAN I EVER DID BEFORE."

JANSE SVELDR

5 "MY SOPHOMORE YEAR WAS BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN I REALLY DECIDED WHAT I WANTED TO DO

- WRITE."

LEA JOHNSON

ERIC RHYMES  
 KENYA ROBERTS  
 CRAIG ROBINSON  
 ZACHARY SAGE  
 MARCEL SMITH



TYRONE SMITH  
 TONY SNORGRASS  
 LISA SORENSEN  
 RUSTIN STEWARD  
 LAUREN STEWART



JAMIE SVEJDA  
 BRANDON TISCHER  
 ANH THI TROUNG  
 SMAKICKA TUCKER  
 CHIAMAKA UZOMAH



TIFFANY VAN HOOK  
 CHRISTINA VAN LEEUWEN  
 NATASHA WALKER  
 KOURTNEY WALTON  
 JOHN WATSON



ANTUAN WEBB  
 JEANNA WEIBEL  
 WENDELL WILCHER JR.  
 WILLIE WILKINS  
 AMBER WILLIAMS



SONIA WILLIAMS  
 ENID WINTERS  
 TERESA WOODS  
 STACEY YOAST  
 PHILIP YOUNG





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# Education

## SENIORS ANXIOUS TO BEGIN NEW ERA

As the last school bell approached - seniors began visualizing the end of one era and the beginning of another. They looked toward the uncertain future and the experiences not yet felt. Many of them were faced with finding a job and moving out on their own. Others began preparations for their college years.

Craig Robinson said he tried to bring his grades up and study harder in school, hoping that his efforts would reflect positively on his final grade card.

The process of gaining acceptance into a college was not an easy one. On average, seniors completed

at least three college applications for their top choices, but agreed the tedious paperwork was worth the trouble.

Senior Jenna Weibel got a head start on her post-high school education. She began college second semester of her senior year in high school.

"This will give me the opportunity to adjust to the new experiences college has to offer and give

me time to move out on my own," Weibel said.

Along with a going to a new school, meeting new people and the having the

fun that only comes in college, also comes the responsibility of paying for it all. Scholarships, which ranged from academic to athletic, were offered to qualified seniors. Although most

scholarships did not cover all expenses, the aid helped to relieve some of the financial

burden.

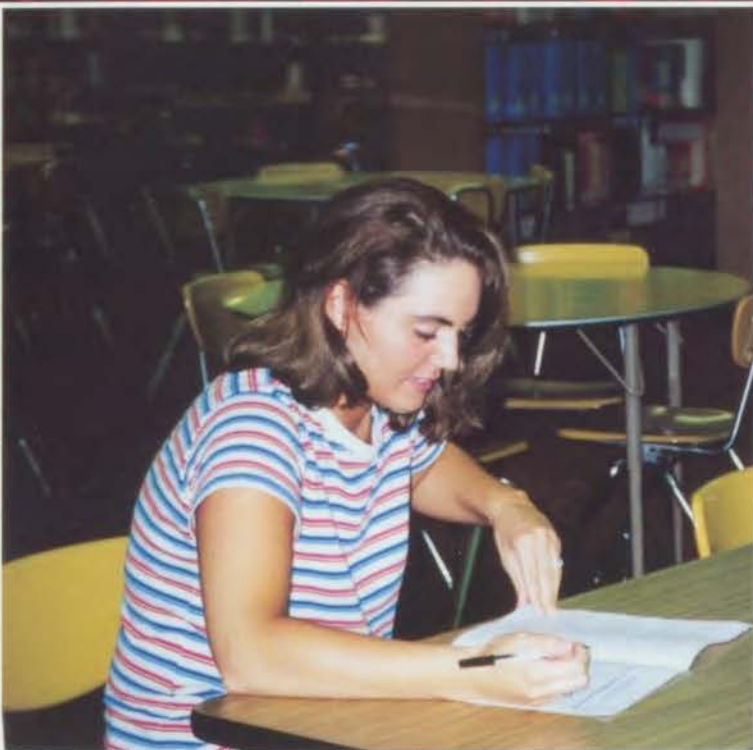
Seniors faced the prospect of once again being the inexperienced freshmen they were just four years earlier. They faced going into a new, sometimes frightening, environment.

Kourtney Walton said she feared the long essays and semester exams that she feared would be "twice as long and twice as hard" as those given at CHS.

Some were also anxious about the person with whom they would be sharing a dorm room. Despite these fears, seniors looked forward to the next step in their lives.

**B** "BEING OUT ON MY OWN, GOING AWAY, BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR MYSELF AND MEETING NEW AND DIFFERENT PEOPLE IS WHAT EXCITES ME MOST ABOUT COLLEGE!"

SENIOR LEA CORRISON



**S** SENIOR ANGELA KARTSONIS FILLS OUT ONE OF MANY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS. MOST SENIORS FILLED OUT THREE OR MORE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS TO THE SCHOOLS OF THEIR CHOICE. PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

**B** LUMPER STICKERS PROUDLY DISPLAY THE FAVORITE COLLEGE OF HEATHER ERICKSON. THE SELECTION PROCESS STARTED AS EARLY AS OCTOBER, AND SENIORS VIGOROUSLY FILLED OUT APPLICATIONS AND WROTE ESSAYS TO COMPETE FOR ACCEPTANCE TO THEIR FAVORITE UNIVERSITY. PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



SENIORS GATHERED AROUND THEIR FLOAT BEFORE THE HOMECOMING PARADE. STUDENTS RODE THE FLOAT DECKED OUT IN COSTUME TO SHOW SPIRIT FOR THEIR CLASS.

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SENIOR HEATH NORTON TRIES HIS ARTISTIC ABILITIES IN CERAMICS. "CERAMICS BRINGS OUT MY CREATIVE SIDE," SAID NORTON.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



SENIORS PETE DAVIS AND ERIC JOHN GRILL BRATWURSTS DURING A GERMAN CLASS FOOD DAY. WHEN CLASS LEARNING INCLUDED FOOD, CLASS PARTICIPATION ROSE DRAMATICALLY.

PHOTO BY LISA SCHENKIN



# Remember?

## RECOLLECTIONS OF FRESHMAN JITTERS

When the Class of 1998 walked through the school doors as freshmen, on that first day of school in 1994, a million worries ran through their nervous minds.

"Is what I'm wearing okay?" "Did anyone notice I tripped stepping off the bus?" "Am I going to find my classes?" "Did I remember my schedule?" "Where is my locker?" "What if I get lost?"

As seniors, the Class of '98 did things a bit differently. The average senior ran in at 7:40 a.m. with wet hair, wearing the least-dirty item of clothing from the bed-

room floor, having lost their schedule, with their only worry being if they had enough gas to get home after school.

Day to day, high-school life become like breathing to the Class of '98. After four years in the same place, seniors knew pretty much all there was to know about CHS, and the days almost seemed to drag.

"Everything is so repetitive now," said Senior Mat

Peterson.

But Senior Kourtney Walton remembered when it wasn't so easy.

"We know how things are run now, but as a freshman, I had to rely on friends of mine who were upperclassmen to show me around and lead me through my first few years of high school," said Walton.

Just walking down the hall is a different experience as

a senior.

"I used to always dodge upperclassmen in the halls, but now I don't move for anybody," said Senior Melanie Blando.

Many seniors have changed their priorities.

"I don't stress so much about school anymore. I just take it all in stride," said Senior Jason Mensing.

From day one to day 400, members of the Senior Class metamorphosed from geeky, unsure freshmen to self-assured, independent seniors, ready to take on the next challenge.

**S** USED TO ALWAYS DODGE UPPERCLASSMEN IN THE HALLS, BUT NOW I DON'T MOVE FOR ANYBODY."

**SENIOR MELANIE BLANDO**



**O** IN THE NIGHT BEFORE THE BIG HOMECOMING PARADE, SENIOR ERIC JOHN HELPS PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE SENIOR CLASS' FLOAT. SENIORS CHOSE "STAVIN' ALIVE" AS THEIR FLOAT'S THEME AND SPENT THE WEEK "RELIVING" THE 70'S. PHOTO DONATED BY LAUREN STEVARI

**T** ORRANCE WILLIAMS, TED CARDOS, SCOTT PICKET AND CHRISTIAN NORD, SENIORS, SPORT THEIR STUFF ON RETRO DAY DURING HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK. SPIRIT WEEK INCLUDED TWIN DAY, HAT DAY AND THE TRADITIONAL BLUE AND GOLD DAY. PHOTO BY AMY LOSS

# Friendships

## RELATIONSHIPS FORM TIES THAT BIND

By the end of the senior's last semester, they have collected many fond memories of high-school. Most of them come from times with friends or teammates who were vital elements in each of their lives.

Senior Philip Young recalled cheering up a friend during lunch period.

"One of my best friends was having a really bad day and he got a pass out of class and came down to lunch. I

could tell he was down, so I told him to sit down and I bought a Cherry Coke for him and myself. I told him we would see who could drink the fastest. We did, and it was fun. Sometimes that's all you need to cheer someone up," Young said.

Teammates were another important part of sharing the memories.

Senior Jill Montgomery had great times with her tennis teammates.

"My junior year, the tennis team shared the Conference title. We had fun that whole season. It

was the most satisfying feeling knowing that we all came together to achieve this," Montgomery said.

Although not all memories were good, when their senior year came to an end, the Class of '98 chose to focus on the good times. Awards, scholarships, titles and recognition were abundant, but looking back, seniors found that friendships were what really mattered.

"IT WAS THE MOST SATISFYING FEELING - KNOWING THAT WE ALL CAME TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THIS."  
JILL MONTGOMERY



**A**FTER SPENDING TWO WEEKS TOGETHER IN EUROPE, SENIORS TED CARDOS, MIKE NORMAN, LAUREN STEWART AND MARY BETH DOARN COLLECTED MANY MEMORIES. THE GROUP VISITED ITALY, GREECE AND TURKEY. COLLABORATED BY LAUREN STEWART

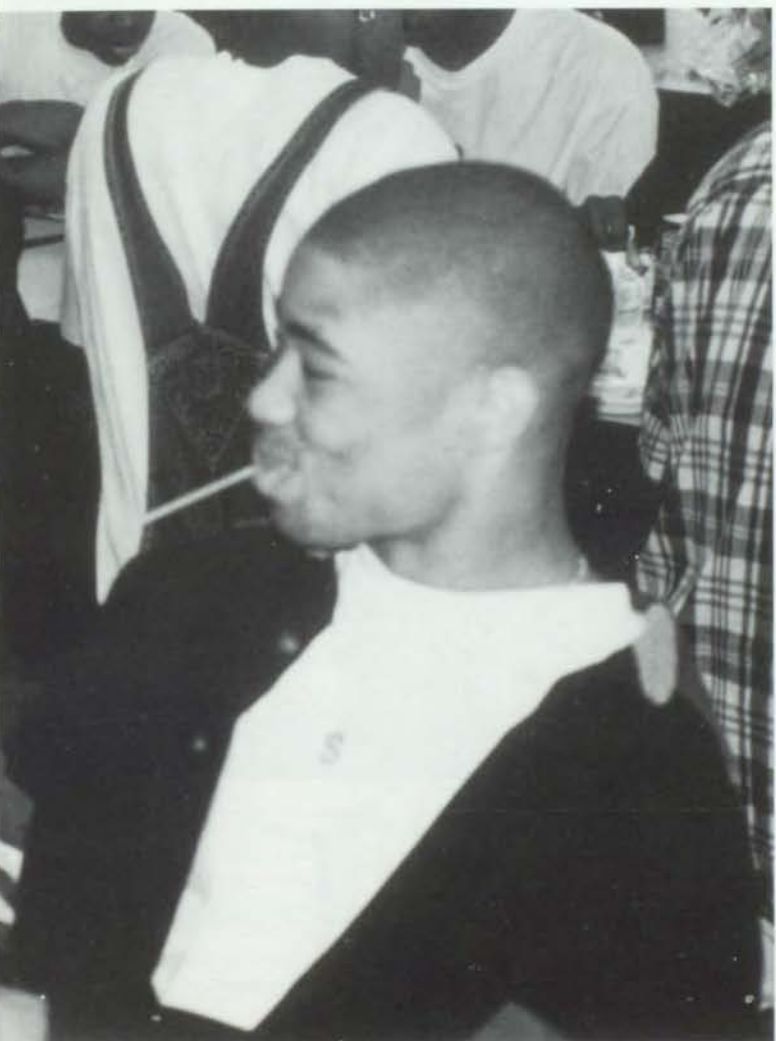
**S**ENIORS KELVIN HAYNES AND LEKEISHA JACKSON CHAT DURING LUNCH. MOST STUDENTS USED THEIR LUNCH PERIOD FOR MORE THAN JUST A TIME TO EAT. STUDENTS TALKED WITH FRIENDS AND DID HOMEWORK AS WELL. PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART





**D**URING THE PEP ASSEMBLY ON THE FRESHMEN'S FIRST DAY, MIKE NORMAN, SENIOR, DIRECTS THE MINI SPRING FLING. NORMAN, SGA PRESIDENT, FOUND HIS JOB TO BE CHALLENGING, BUT FUN.  
PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER

**S**ENIORS CHRISTIAN NORD AND CRAIG ROBINSON TAKE A BREAK TO EAT AT RED LOBSTER BEFORE THE HOMECOMING DANCE. MANY STUDENTS WENT TO DINNER BEFORE ATTENDING THE DANCE.  
PHOTO BY LINDSEY WEAVER



**H**EATHER ERICKSON, SENIOR, PROUDLY DISPLAYS HER GRADUATION YEAR ON HER CAR. WRITING "SENIOR SLOGANS" ON CAR WINDOWS WITH WHITE SHOE POLISH WAS A TRADITION THAT MOST SENIORS ENJOYED.  
PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER



**P**OSING FOR A PICTURE ON THE LAST DAY OF SIXTH GRADE, SENIORS KOURTNEY WALTON, ASHLEY PRATER, KIM GRIMES AND LORI CONRAD, SAY GOOD-BYE TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.  
PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



**C**LIMBING ON THE JUNGLE GYM DURING RECESS, SENIORS JEANNA WEIBEL, CRAIG ROBISON, GARRETT DAMRON, BETH MITTLESTAEDT, CHRISTIAN NORD, AND PHILIP YOUNG POSE FOR A PICTURE  
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**T**HE FORMER RED BRIDGE ROAD RUNNERS POSE FOR A GROUP SHOT AFTER WINNING AN EVENT AT THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS. EVERY SPRING, THE FOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMPETED IN FIELD EVENTS.  
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# the Memories THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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As the Class of '98 walked through the halls for the last few times, they began to realize what being a high-school graduate really meant. Everyone seemed to have a different interpretation of the aftermath of graduation.

To Lauren Lewandowski, graduation marked the end to friendships. "I am going to miss seeing my friends every day because after graduation, there are people that I won't get to see ever again," Lewandowski said.

Extra-curricular activities were also noted by seniors as something they would miss after they moved on in life. According to Kim Grimes, she would miss participation in athletics.

"The swim team is really close. We are like a family. I am going to miss the other swimmers most of all next year," Grimes said.

One thing the seniors agreed they would take with them would be memories that would last a lifetime.



LAUREN STEWART SHOWS MARY BETH DOARN A SWEATSHIRT THAT SHE JUST RECEIVED AT HER TENTH BIRTHDAY PARTY. DOARN AND STEWART BEGAN THEIR FRIENDSHIP WHILE IN THE THIRD GRADE. PHOTO BY DAN STEWART

ORI CONRAD, MELANIE BLANDO AND AMY LOSS PERFORM IN THEIR FIRST-GRADE PLAY, ALADDIN. THE PLAY WAS PERFORMED FOR THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PERSONALIZED LEARNING PROGRAM. PHOTO DONATED BY AMY LOSS



## WHERE IS THE MOST UNUSUAL FOOD YOU HAVE EATEN?

"PEANUT BUTTER, MAYONAISE AND PICKLES ON TOAST, EVERYONE NEEDS TO TRY IT!!!"

BRANDI CARSON

"SNAILS- Ms. PUALSON BROUGHT THEM TO US AND DIDN'T TELL US WHAT THEY WERE."

KOURTNEY WILTON

FROGS LEGS- THEY TASTE LIKE CHICKEN."

SEBOR JOSH HALL

"I'VE HAD SUSHI. IT WAS REALLY GOOD, NO MATTER WHAT YOU HEAR."

LEA CORRESTON

"CHOCOLATE COVERED GRASSHOPPERS. THEY TASTED LIKE A CRUNCH BAR."

PETE DAVIS

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# the Thrills OF JUST BEING WHO WE ARE

A student's life becomes more and more interesting as the years go by. By the time one has reached his or her junior year, amazing changes are everywhere and almost everyone can recall an exciting incident that affected the way they looked about their future.

For Molly Gillespie, the biggest thrill came in meeting the person she plans to marry.

"When I met my boyfriend, Brooks, I had an incredibly strong feeling about us, and as our relationship grew, I knew he was to be my future husband," Gillespie said.

A few juniors were getting their first jobs and enjoying the benefits of financial independence.

"Last summer I got my first job at Burger King. I know it was not the best job in the world, but it was still re-

ally rewarding to be able to cash that first paycheck and see the money that I earned and could spend however I wanted," said Anthony Warren.

Nikki Henderson had a different type of work-related thrill.

"The most exciting thing for me was just being able to quit my job. It was a pain," she said.

Emily Walsh experienced a thrill that was not related to her future, but almost canceled it.

"I got into a really bad car accident and had to be sent to the hospital. It was incredibly scary and altered the way I will live my life forever," Walsh said.

Whether they dealt with nightmare experiences or new hopes for tomorrow, the Class of 1999 face life as an adventure.

EARLY EVERY DAY IS A LIFE  
CHANGING THRILL WHEN YOU  
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THINGS TO INVOLVE YOUR-  
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JUNIOR THERESA SELF



JUNIORS EANNA CARPENTER GETS READY TO CLEAN OFF THE COURTS WITH A LEAF BLOWER. THE TENNIS TEAM WAS REQUIRED TO CLEAN THE COURTS AT MINOR PARK AFTER USE.

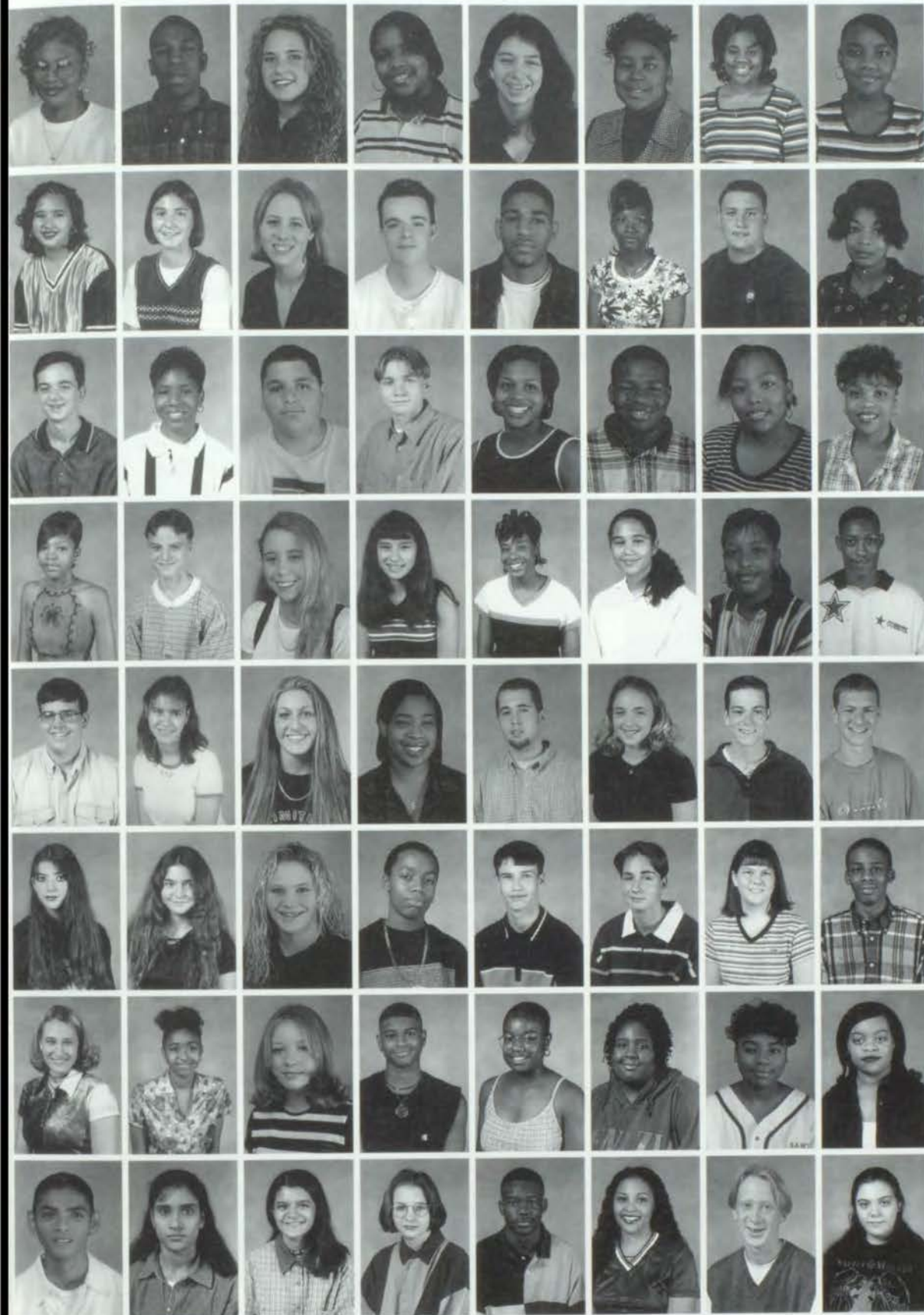
PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER



JUNIORS CASSIE GRANTHAM AND SHANNON HIGGINS HAVE FUN AT THE ALAMO BOWL IN SAN ANTONIO. ABOUT 100 MARCHING YELLOWJACKETS TRAVELED TO TEXAS TO PERFORM DURING HALF-TIME OF THE BOWL GAME.

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 Pamela Bigelow  
 Tiffanie Blaylock  
 Katy Boyd  
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 Mike Clark  
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 Claresse Cunningham  
  
 Mike Daniel  
 Angela Davis  
 Brandon Davis  
 Jeff Douglas  
 Delea Durdin  
 Steve Echols  
 Marnita Edwards  
 Kimberly Ellington  
 Tiffany Elliot  
 Bret Eubank  
 Andrea Fenimore  
 Samantha Florez  
 Menulique Foreman  
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 Mystique Gant  
 Mustafa Gaston  
  
 Tom Gavin  
 Molly Gillespie  
 Jessica Gitterman  
 Erica Graham  
 Carl Grandi  
 Cassie Grantham  
 Chris Gray  
 Randy Green  
  
 Melissa Greening  
 Amber Griffith  
 Shannon Grimm  
 Alvin Harris  
 Steven Hartline  
 Mark Haselwood  
 Nichole Henderson  
 Sedric Hibler  
  
 Shannon Higgins  
 Tasha Hooten  
 Jessica Hussong  
 Ahmad Jenkins  
 Chuneka Jenkins  
 Tameika Johnson  
 Ramona Jones  
 Shatonda Jones  
 Louie Juan  
 Sandip Kaur  
 Melissa Lozano  
 Anna Leffert  
 Leslie Lewis  
 Sydra Lyke  
 Steve Mattson  
 Chris Mills

# What to OUT IN THE REAL WORLD

Growing up can be hard enough in itself. Deciding what paths to take can be difficult when being bombarded by several different views and philosophies.

Freshmen and sophomores do not have the pressure of making plans concerning their futures, and seniors usually already have plans for post-graduation. However, juniors are just starting to think about it.

Countless options are open for eager young minds. Juniors could do anything - from being a sports column writer to a zoologist.

Some voiced the desire to stay close to home after graduation, while others wanted to move away. Leanna Carpenter wants to leave the state after earning her diploma. She dreams of moving to Colorado to find a good job.

Others want to stray away from home, but not too far. "I want to live in St. Louis and be a physical therapist," said Junior Nikki Henderson.

Some students, like Bret Eubank, had no desire to leave the Kansas City area.

"Becoming a sports column writer for the Kansas City

Star would be great," Eubank said.

Some juniors had a vague idea of what they want to do after graduation, while others knew exactly what they were going to do. Randy Green dreamed of becoming a professional Bass fisherman while Teresa Self hoped to get married and live in a cabin in the mountains.

Jill Stempleman knew exactly what she wanted to do - down to details.

"I would like to be able to own my own thrift store and I would call it "Society's Outcast". I also want a book of my poems to be published," said Stempleman.

Jeff Douglas also has dreams of the future. "All my life, since I was just a little boy, I have

always wanted to be a super model, then I could walk the Paris and Milan runways with Tyra Banks and Elle McPherson," Douglas confided.

Not all juniors had their lives mapped out as early as Douglas and Stempleman. Most missed the care-free days of their freshmen and sophomore years, and wanted to savor the last years of the carefree life of a high-school student.

*"ALL MY LIFE, SINCE I WAS A LITTLE BOY, I HAVE WANTED TO BE A SUPER MODEL. . ."*  
**JUNIOR JEFF DOUGLAS**

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Jess Moore  
Mary Morse  
Gayla Nerman  
Mike Neudeck  
Nick Oveldo  
Stephanie Nichols  
Scott Reaves

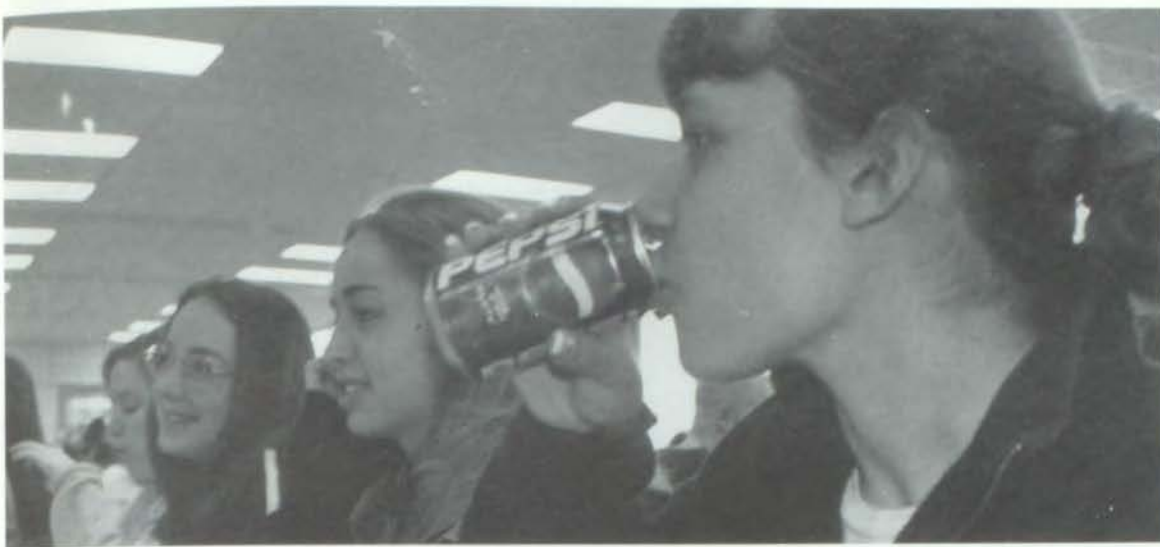


Jessica Renfrow  
Goree Richard  
Randy Robinson  
Elizabeth Ross  
Tiffany Ross  
Shamal Samuel  
Judah Schad  
Amanda Scullark



Teresa Self  
Monica Shipman  
Jalonn Sidney  
Jason Sparks  
Mishel Smith  
Tiffany Smith  
Lamphone Stevens  
Lester Tapp





**A** TIME TO RELAX AND ENJOY GOOD CONVERSATIONS. JUNIORS SHANNON HIGGINS, KELLY WARRINER AND CASSIE GRANTHAM USE LUNCH PERIOD TIME TO CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS.  
**PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART**



**H**AVING A LITTLE FUN IN THE SUN, SAMATHA FLOREZ, JUNIOR, TAKES A BREAK FROM THE DAY TO GOOF AROUND WHILE TOURING IN SAN ANTONIO. **PHOTO DONATED BY NICK SCHUERMAN**

**S**PENDING QUALITY TIME TOGETHER IS WHAT MAKES JUNIORS BRETT EUBANK AND MUNACHIM UZOMAH HAPPY. STUDENTS USE LUNCH TIME TO SHARE FUNNY STORIES WITH EACH OTHER.  
**PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER**



- Peter Taylor
- Tara Tischer
- Regan Townsend
- Roman Turner
- Robert Vaught
- Jason Wages
- Emily Walsh
- Anthony Warren
- Tina Watts
- Jacob Willard
- Reggie Williams
- Omoni Windom
- Lekisha Wooten
- Lina Wu
- Carlos Yanes
- Melissa Youngblood



**S**HOWING THEIR SPIRIT JUNIORS RIDE THEIR FLOAT DURING THE MORNING PARADE. THEIR THEME WAS MAGICALLY DELICIOUS FEATURING CEREAL CHARACTERS.  
 PHOTO BY TED CARDOS

# It's no laughing matter when the joke's on you

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A chicken is taken from a senior's car and a ransom note is left in its place.

"Bow down to the juniors or you'll never see your chicken again," the note threatens.

This incident may sound like a scene from scary movie, but for Junior Shannon Higgins, it was real life.

"I took the chicken as a prank, knowing that the owner would get upset. I eventually gave it back, but it was fun to tease him about it later," Higgins said.

Jokes and pranks were very common occurrences between students. Mishel Smith enjoyed a good practical joke saying the fun helped the day to go by faster and allowed her to forget how stressful life could be.

Junior Monica Shipman took part in decorating a fellow teammate's car before Districts with shoe polish, balloons and streamers.

"This was my way of wishing her luck - and getting her back," said Shipman.

No matter what the joke or prank, students agreed that jokes were funnier when aimed at another person. Cassie Grantham found this to be true first-hand when she jumped up on someone's car and they drove away with her still aboard.

"I was having a good time until she turned on the wind

shield wiper fluid," Grantham recalled.

Students were not the only ones to play pranks. Often, teachers took part in jokes. One such teacher was Math Teacher Dana Dawson. She was known for playing jokes on her students. One such incident took place after one of her students took a quiz. Dawson handed the quiz back with all of the answers marker wrong. Dawson was also said to squirt sleeping or talking students with her water bottle to bring them to attention.

Joking around was fun, but at times, the joking got out of hand and become dangerous. False bomb threats were often called

into the school resulting in building evacuations for long periods of times. One such incident resulted in an evacuation into sub-zero temperatures, with many students without coats. Not only were bomb threats illegal, but the fragile learning environment was disrupted.

"When bomb threats were made throughout the year, it caused a disturbance in classes and made it difficult to learn. The person who made the calls should get a life," said Junior Teresa Self.

Whether it was swiping chickens, decorating car or squirting water bottles - pranks and jokes were a fun part of the school year that broke the monotony and brought people closer through laughter.

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**T**HIS WAS MY WAY OF WISHING HER LUCK - AND GETTING HER BACK!"  
 JUNIOR  
 MONICA SHIPMAN

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UNIOR STEVE MATTSOON LOOKS TO THE SKY AS THE LIGHTS ON THE PLAZA TWINKLE. MANY STUDENTS MADE THE PILGRIMAGE EACH THANKSGIVING TO WATCH THE CEREMONY FIRST HAND.

*PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART*

UNIORS TAKE A BREAK FROM WORKING ON THE CLASS FLOAT FOR THE HOMEING PARADE. THE JUNIORS BEGAN WORKING ON THE FLOAT WEEKS BEFORE THE PARADE TO BE WELL-AHEAD OF THEIR COMPETITION.

*PHOTO BY SHANNON HIGGINS*



REEDOM. THAT IS WHAT IS REPRESENTED BY THE YEAR OF GRADUATION, OFTEN PAINTED ON CARS FOR ALL TO SEE. UPPERCLASSMEN RARELY TURNED DOWN THE CHANCE TO FLAUNT THEIR SENIORITY.

*PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW*



**M**ONICA SHIPMAN WATCHES FELLOW TEAMMATES COMPETE WHILE SHE TAKES A BREATHER AT A TENNIS MATCH. FELLOW TEAMMATES WERE OFTEN LOOKED TO FOR ENCOURAGEMENT.  
PHOTO BY HEATHER ERICKSON

**M**ARY MORSE STRUTS AROUND THE GYM DISPLAYING THE JUNIOR CLASS MOCK FLOAT. THE JUNIORS CREATED THEIR FLOAT BASED ON THE THEME "MAGICALLY DELICIOUS".  
PHOTO BY TED CARDOS



# the Moment

COPY AND DESIGN BY KELLY WARINNER

## WE'VE ALL BEEN DREADING

It is 10 p.m. You have just finished a heavy-duty marathon television-watching session. You crumple your empty potato chip bag and toss it in the trash on the way to your bedroom. You are ready for a great night's sleep. Then it hits you. You have a huge project due in English class tomorrow morning that is worth 100 points! You haven't even started!

Does this sound like you? Do you remember the feeling of hopelessness that washed over you when you realized that you had a lot to do and weren't motivated to do any of it?

Many juniors encountered this situation on a regular basis. The word for this syndrome was procrastination. All students faced stress, huge work loads and deadlines. However, some

juniors handled the stress better than others.

Many learned the aftereffects of procrastination the hard way.

"I always put off doing big projects and assignments until the last minute, and I got so stressed out because I was not sure if I could get them done on time," Junior Shannon Higgins said.

Some, like Junior Jeff Douglas, attributed procrastination to the fact that there was always something better to do than homework.

"I think the reason high schoolers procrastinate is because there is usually something more exciting going on than hitting the books," Douglas said.



**J**UNIOR OMONI WINDOM WRITES DOWN HER DAY'S ASSIGNMENTS IN HER STUDENT PLANNER. THE PLANNERS WERE GIVEN TO EVERY STUDENT IN AN ATTEMPT HELP THEM BECOME MORE ORGANIZED.

PHOTO BY LISA SORENSEN

**M**ELISSA YOUNGBLOOD AND SHATONDA JONES PRESENT THEIR CONVERSATION FOR A SPANISH CLASS PROJECT. ORAL PRESENTATIONS BECAME MORE FREQUENT IN HIGHER-LEVEL COURSES.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



### WHAT IS THE MOST UNUSUAL ASSIGNMENT YOU HAVE EVER BEEN ASSIGNED?

"WE HAD TO DRAW ALL OF THE LINES ON OUR FACES FOR DRAMA AND THEN PUT ON MAKEUP THAT I COULDN'T GET OFF."

Tina Watts

"I HAD TO DRESS UP AS A TENNIS PLAYER FOR A REPORT."

Jessica Rinfrow

"WE HAD TO WALK TO THE END OF 80TH STREET TO SNIP SOME BRANCHES AT 8 A.M."

Sydney Lake

"WE WENT TO KINGSWOOD TO DO REPORTS AND THE PEOPLE DIDN'T REMEMBER US."

Tara Tisher

"IN PRINCIPALS OF TECHNOLOGY, WE HAD TO BURN FOOD."

Sage Cas

COPY AND DESIGN BY AMY LOSS

# Communication WAS THAT MY PAGER OR YOURS?

"Page me when you get there..."

You hear it constantly. In the age of rapidly-advancing technology, means of communicating with one another was just one of the new advances directly affecting students.

Sophomores used everything from the Internet to Caller I.D. to find needed information. Gina Soldi found caller I.D. extremely helpful.

"Caller I.D. is awesome, because when you see that someone you don't want to talk to is calling, you can just not answer the phone," said Soldi.

Crystal Gilliland agreed.

"Caller I.D. is good because I always look at it to see who called. I wouldn't ever get my messages otherwise. My little sister never tells me anything," said Gilliland.

Although Caller I.D. was a good way to find out who called, but what about when someone wants to be reached while they're out? Pagers, extremely popular with students, solved that problem.

"Using a pager is a good way to get a hold of people when they're not home. Also, it's a lot easier just to remember someone's pager number than if they have a home num-

ber and another, say, at their dad's house. You can always get ahold of someone with a pager," said Ananda Baucom.

Sophomore Lindsey Weaver thought that having her own telephone line was a good idea - and it helped with contacting her friends.

"I have my own line, so my parents don't interrupt. Also, it's good because I can page people to it and they can call back as late as they want. My line is also three-way. I love that," said Weaver.

Carrie Howard communicated via the Internet. She said access to the World Wide Web bailed her out of trouble a few times.

"Having the Internet is always helpful - especially if you put off a school report until the last minute and you don't have time to go looking through all kinds of books. It's really easy to just look everything up on the Internet and write your paper from that," said Howard.

Sophomores could barely keep up with the rapid advances in technology when it came to answering the question, "Is that my pager or yours?"

**C**ALLER I.D. IS AWESOME, BECAUSE WHEN YOU SEE THAT SOMEONE YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK TO IS CALLING, YOU CAN JUST NOT ANSWER THE PHONE."

**SOPHOMORE GINA SOLDI**



**S**OPHOMORE JOE CARR DISCUSSES THE ADVANTAGES AND USES OF DUCT TAPE. CARR FOUND THAT DUCT TAPE MADE AN ATTRACTIVE CLOTHING ACCESSORY. **PHOTO BY TINA WATTS**



**I**N 1998, STUDENTS WERE FAR MORE LIKELY TO RELATE THE WORD "SURFING" TO SURFING THE OCEAN THAN SURFING THE INTERNET. INFORMATION ON ALMOST ANY TOPIC IMAGINABLE COULD BE FOUND ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB.





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BRANDON BAILEY  
ANANDA BAUCOM  
WENDELL BELL  
STEPHANIE BERRY  
RENEE BETTS  
HEATHER BLAKESLEY

JENNIFER BLOUNT  
JERMAINE BOOKER  
JOEY BRAKE  
JOHN BROWN  
MARTY BROWN  
JESSICA BUNDY  
SARA BURNHAM  
CARRIE CALDWELL

BRANT CAMPBELL  
JUSTIN CAPLAN  
JOE CARR  
RITA CARR  
RHEYLA CARTER-HALL  
TRAVIS CARTWRIGHT  
ASHLEY CASHEN  
KATIE CATES

CANDACE CHAPMAN  
ANGELA CLARDY  
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SHANA HEIBERT  
JEFF HILL  
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CARRIE HOWARD  
DALLAS HULL  
MARK HURST  
ANDREW JACKSON  
STEPHAN JOHN  
AMY JOHNSON  
ANTHONY JOHNSON  
SAM JOHNSON

Torrance Johnson  
DeAnn Jones  
Monica Jones  
Peggy Joy  
Christian Juan  
Cliff Juan  
Jennifer Keeney  
Julius King



Lakeisha Langston  
Antoine Martin  
Norman McDonald  
Chrystal McIntosh  
Kathleen Milburn  
John Milone  
Roy Mingo  
Amy Mitchell



Shashanda Mitchell  
Shawn Mitchell  
Tina Moore  
Karl Nerman  
Lynsey Nixon  
Toan Nguyen  
Kijuan Oliver  
Travis O'Reilly



Jefferson Peak  
Zack Peister  
Daniel Pemberton  
Amber Randle  
Quinton Randle  
Morgan Ridgeway  
Andrew Ringwood  
Sam Robinson



William Runnels  
Amanda Saad  
Nicolaas Scheuerman  
Ben Schwerin  
Shalaunda Seals  
Scott Shannahan  
Kamara Shipley



Naveed Siddiqi  
Brian Singer  
Tiffany Smith  
Nick Snorgrass  
Gina Soldi  
Fostenia Stevens  
Julian Stoaks



Darren Stone  
Josiah Sward  
Kevin Thompson  
Arron Trowbridge  
Shaniqua Townsend  
Amberly Wagner  
Roshwanda Walker



Lindsey Weaver  
Natalie Webb  
Joe Wells  
Derek Weilberg  
Donald Williams  
Leif Wisdahl  
Megan Wise



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# the trouble WE GET OURSELVES INTO

Every sophomore was punished at some point in their childhood or adolescence. Some punishments were harsh, and made an impression. Others didn't stick.

One of the most common punishments for sophomores was, "You're grounded!" Sometimes parents meant what they said, but other times they remembered their anger for only a day, or in some cases just a few

minutes.

Sophomores experienced a variety of punishments for a variety of misbehaviors.

Taking the car without permission was definitely a no no. Andrew Jackson found that out the hard way.

"When I took the car out without a license, my dad found out and he whipped me with the belt.

Missing curfew was a com-

mon violation that resulted in punishment almost every time.

Peggy Joy said, "I came home late and got sent to my room."

The severity of the punishments usually fit the severity of the crime. But depending on the parent, moods, and other extenuating circumstances, punishment decisions seemed to be too subjective to most student. While one parent would

blow up and impose a month grounding, another would give no punishment at all for the same misbehavior.

But one thing everyone agreed upon was that punishments were not well-liked.

Ashley Cashen said, "I was grounded for being two hours late for a curfew, but my mom was out of town so her boyfriend grounded me. Of course, it didn't stick. Mom never found out."



**D**URING A LONG AND PARTICULARLY BORING SWIM MEET, SOPHOMORE JEFF HILL PRACTICES HIS GG POSE. SWIMMERS SAID THE RELAXED PERSONALITIES OF THE TEAM AND COACHES MADE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE FUN AS WELL AS WORK. PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

**U**SING HIS NEW STUDENT PLANNER, SOPHOMORE JOEY BRAKE CHECKS OUT WHAT HE HAS PLANNED FOR THE DAY. THOUGH FEW STUDENTS USED THE PLANNERS FOR ANYTHING BESIDES HALL PASSES, THEY WERE INTENDED TO HELP STUDENTS BECOME MORE ORGANIZED. PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



## WHAT WAS THE WORST PUNISHMENT YOU EVER RECEIVED??

"I GOT GROUNDED FOR A MONTH FOR SNEAKING OUT."

Reta Carr

"I GOT GROUNDED FOR COMING HOME TWO HOURS AFTER MY CURFEW."

Ashley Cashen

"I GOT SENT TO MY ROOM."

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"I CAME HOME LATE, SO MY PARENTS GROUNDED ME."

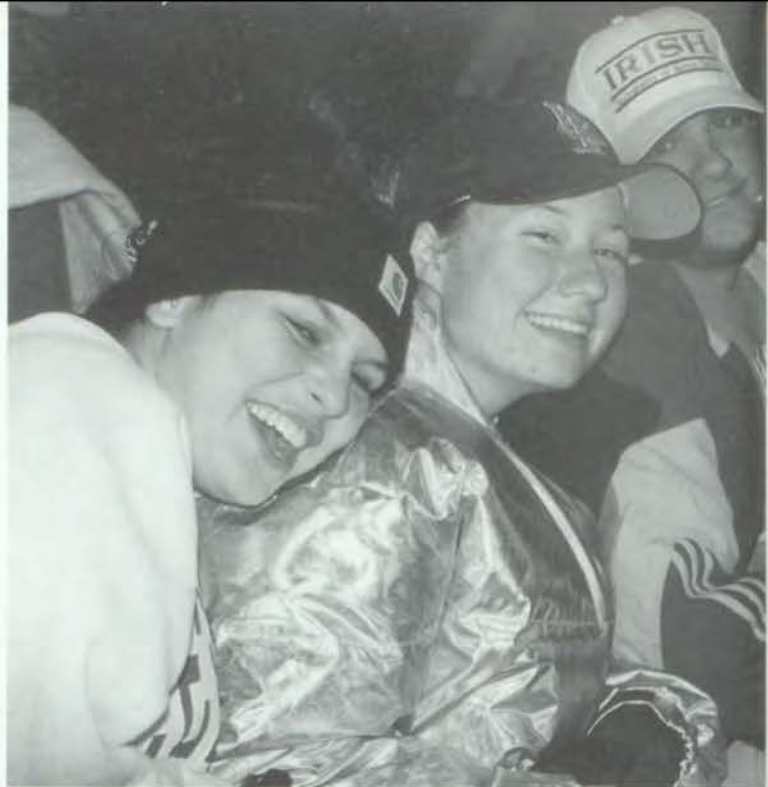
Peggy Joy

"I HIT MY SISTER SO I GOT GROUNDED."

5 James Glenn

**P**URING A SOCCER GAME, JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS WORK HARD TO SUPPORT THEIR TEAM. CHEERLEADERS WERE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SEVERAL GAMES A WEEK.  
**PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW**

**K**EEPING WARM AT A FOOTBALL GAME, SOPHOMORES ANANDA BAUCOM AND LINDSEY WEAVER, CUDDLE TOGETHER. LINDSEY'S COAT ATTRACTED MANY PEOPLE SEEKING WARMTH.  
**PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER**



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# Cliqueing TOGETHER

If you were part of them, then they were cool. If you were not, then you disliked them as well as the people who were "in". What were they? Cliques.

A clique is a group of friends that hang out exclusively with each other. Most sophomores agreed that their class was cliquish.

Some students avoided cliques and tried to have friendships with a myriad of students. Gina Soldi said that she didn't see herself as a part of a clique, but felt that others saw her as being cliquish.

"I don't see myself as a part of a clique, but the majority of my friends are," Soldi said.

Cliques were common in the class, but according to some, stereotypes and wrong assumptions about others were common as well.

"People are considered cliquish sometimes when they are just good friends with a cliquish person," Ananda Baucom said.

So were cliques a good or bad thing? Sophomores

seemed to have mixed opinions.

Naveed Siddiqi cliques served a purpose.

"I think that they are good because they keep close friends close," Siddiqi said.

Jeff Peak said cliques could be good or bad, depending on the people involved.

"They can make friendships stronger, but then makes some people feel left out. They shut people out, but makes people in it stronger," Peak said.

Others were adamant that cliques only caused rifts between people.

"I think that everybody should just accept everybody," said Lindsey Weaver.

Joey Brake agreed.

"Cliques are bad, because any time that you exclude someone without talking to them is wrong," Brake said.

Others, like Neil Corrison, said they just hang out with friends and don't care about the label of being cliquish.

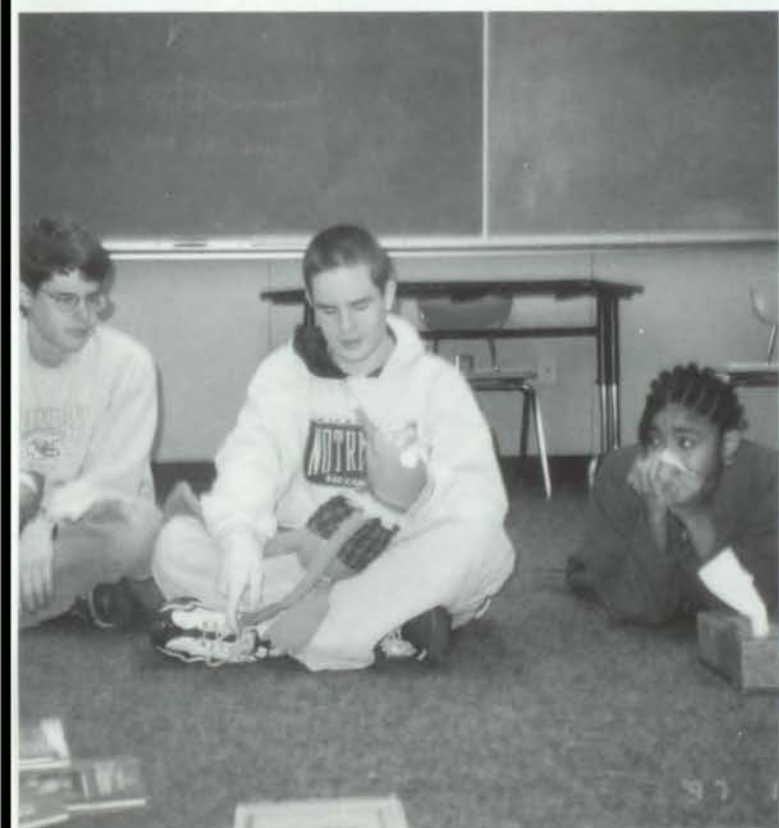
"I don't really care about cliques. I am just hanging out with my friends," Corrison said.

LIQUES ARE NOT BAD, BECAUSE YOU DON'T FEEL ALONE ALL THE TIME AND YOU ALWAYS HAVE STUFF TO DO.  
**SOPHOMORE MORGAN RIDGEWAY**



**J**EFF HILL, SOPHOMORE, WORKS HARD DURING DESIGN CLASS. DESIGN WAS A POPULAR ART CLASS. THE CLASS ALSO SERVED AS THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL OTHER ART CLASSES. *PHOTO BY TINA WATTS*

**W**AITING FOR A RIDE, SOPHOMORES GIULIA SOLDI AND LYNDESEY NIXON WAIT PATIENTLY. SWEET SIXTEEN CAME ALL TOO SLOWLY FOR THOSE WHO DEPENDED ON RIDES FROM OTHERS TO GET WHERE THEY WANTED TO GO. *PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW*



**S**OPHOMORE ENGLISH STUDENTS JOHN FULTZ AND DEREK WEIBEL READ CHILDREN'S STORIES THAT THEY HAD WRITTEN AS A CLASS PROJECT. LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS WERE INVITED IN FOR THE HOUR TO LISTEN STUDENTS READ THEIR MASTERPIECES. *PHOTO BY JONNE LEGG*

**F**ATIMA GONZALES AND AMY MITCHELL SHOW OFF THE SOPHOMORE CLASS MOCK FLOAT DURING THE HOMECOMING PEP ASSEMBLY. THE FLOAT-BUILDING CONTEST BETWEEN CLASSES WAS FIERCE, WITH EACH CLASS ATTEMPTING TO DEMOLISH THE OTHERS' IN ORDER TO WIN. *PHOTO BY LISA SORENSEN*

# the **Changes** WE'VE GONE THROUGH

High school, as most people will tell you, is a big jump from the workings of junior high. The stress of schoolwork and responsibilities usually shock freshmen into realizing that they must become more mature individuals as sophomores.

However, if you ask members of the Class of 2000, that fact did not quiet set in as quickly as it should have for their classmates.

"I think that the entire sophomore class is ridiculous. Most are really immature and I doubt they will ever grow up," Sophomore Shana Hebert said.

Sophomore Erin Anderson agreed in her class was below her expectations as far as maturity was concerned.

"You expected them to mature but they don't," Anderson said.

Others said that many of the sophomores were just late bloomers and needed some time to grow.

Larry Druen, sophomore, believed that not only will time be a factor, but also the ability of individuals to take independent initiative.

"Some of us are childish, but the majority are still grow-

ing up and I think it is a battle for some to deal with their own laziness," Druen said.

Not everything said about the class was negative, however. Students and teachers alike noticed the growth in school activities due to the large number of sophomore participants.

Others noted that their class really had a lot of potential and had just gotten an undeserved reputation.

"I have know idea why everyone gets so bent out of shape over what our class has done. We really haven't done anything truly wrong, but we still get so much flack and people complaining, as if we don't even deserve to be here. My class offers so much and has already made great changes for the better. I guess we just have to prove ourselves to get rid of this bad rap other kids gave us," Lindsey Nixon said.

The first year of high school was a shock for the Class of 2000 and the second year was a complete learning experience in maturity. But will that make a difference? Will the Class of 2000 ever become mature individuals, or are they destined to remain perpetual freshmen? Only time will tell.

*"E HAVE BECOME SO DIFFERENT SINCE LAST YEAR AND I, PERSONALLY HAVE MADE CHANGES FOR THE BETTER. WE'RE THE BOMB."*

**SOPHOMORE NEIL CORRISTON**

**A**R T INSTRUCTOR CORINE WOODS PROVIDES TIPS TO SOPHOMORES JESSICA BUNDY AND LARRY DRUEN. MANY SOPHOMORES FOUND A NICHE FOR THEMSELVES THROUGH ART CLASSES.  
*PHOTO BY TIFFANY MINX*





**D**EREK WEIBEL OFFERS SOME HELP TO FELLOW SOPHOMORE LINDSEY NIXON. CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS WERE ABUNDANT BETWEEN SOPHOMORES, WILLING TO GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM WHEN NEEDED.  
*PHOTO BY TIFFANY MINX*

**E**AT THIS MISS MANNERS! SOPHOMORE JEFF HILL MAKES A MESS OF HIMSELF WITH HIS FOOD. SOCIAL SKILLS WERE NOT ALWAYS A NUMBER-ONE PRIORITY IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.  
*PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER*



**L**INDSEY WEAVER DISPLAYS HER SOPHOMORE MATURITY WHILE PERFORMING A HIDDEN TALENT. A HIGH-LEVEL OF ENERGY AND GREAT SENSE OF PLAYFULNESS WERE NOTED ATTRIBUTES OF THE CLASS OF 2000.  
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FRESHMEN ANDREW JOHNSON AND PHILLIP BECKER ARE CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY THE YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHER DURING THE AWARDS BANQUET AT THE ALAMO BOWL. THE BAND CAPTURED SEVERAL AWARDS DURING THE BOWL WEEKEND.

PHOTO BY TIM GREENWELL

LIVING A NIGHTMARE IS THE LIFE. FRESHMAN JAKE HOWARD GIVES AN ACTOR A HARD TIME IN SAN ANTONIO BY SWIPING HIS KNIFE. THE BAND SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN TEXAS OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK TO PERFORM IN THE ALAMO BOWL HALF-TIME SHOW.

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Randi Duncan  
Alex Duncan  
Melissa Ebberts  
Josh Edwards





# Afraid TO FALL ASLEEP?

Starting high school was a nightmare for many freshmen. However, not all nightmares concerned coming to the high school, or some disaster that only befalls freshmen.

The most vivid and frightening nightmares occurred during slumber.

Crystal Gibson experienced a vivid nightmare involving not-so-nice toys.

"A whole bunch of clowns and dolls were surrounding me and they had needles in their hands. They were going to try and kill me. It was really scary," Gibson said.

Some freshmen experienced recurring nightmares.

Mark Royer was no exception.

"I have a nightmare where I'm on my bed and it starts twirling around and the room is on fire," Royer said.

The most unforgettable nightmares concerned

real-life occurrences, like the one of Darcy Nord.

"I had a nightmare that I fell down three flights of stairs in front of the whole school and in front of my crush," Nord explained.

While some freshman had nightmares concerning school, others, like Melissa Ebbert, had nightmares about the government.

"I had a nightmare that the government was trying to execute me, and my friends were working with them. They got me trapped in a dark room and then they ended up blowing up the country," said Ebbert.

A variety of nightmares haunted the slumber of freshmen. Often times the

dreams reflected the mood of the dreamer. Others reflected the daily life. However, freshmen learned that the nightmares of beginning high school were nothing compared to the nightmares that lurked in their minds.

"I HAD A NIGHTMARE WHERE I WAS SWIMMING IN A POOL AND A BIG SHARK COMES OUT OF THE DRAIN AT THE BOTTOM AND TRIES TO EAT ME."

**FRESHMAN  
LOGAN GILLESPIE**



Liz Elmore  
Lovelle Flowers  
James Ford II  
Jason Forson  
Chris Foster  
Jennifer Fowler  
Michael Gaither  
Jason Gibb

Crystal Gibson  
Joy Giffen  
Logan Gillespie  
Amber Gilliland  
Joanna Gitterman  
Haile Gotfredson  
Marrienne Grandt  
Travis Gunn

Carmen Harrison  
Jaime Headley  
Stoney Hebert  
Tracey Heptina  
Brian Holley  
Chris Holmes  
Jake Howard  
Sarah Hull

# Planning

## FOR THE FUTURE AND BEYOND

Coming to the high school was not only a new experience for the freshmen but was also a time to set new goals for the next four years and beyond.

Glory Ajarpu hoped to make the Varsity Tennis Team for her sophomore season and continue remain on the honor roll with distinction.

"There are a lot of things to be accomplished in high school but I'm focusing on my academics and then my extra-curricular activities," Hajarpu said.

Placement on the honor roll was a common goal for freshmen who hoped to make the required grades. This required many to stay home and do school work rather than spend time with friends or do other activities.

"I hope to make the honor roll at least once every year by taking school work seriously," said Mike Bell.

Others, like Joanna Doria, focused on preparation for college. Doria hoped high school would prepare her well for college and maybe lead her to a field of study that best suits her interests.

"High school is a time to start thinking about what you

want to do in the future and begin to prepare for those plans," Doria said.

As freshmen, every-day things such as finding your next class on time and even opening lockers becomes a task in itself. Andrew Johnson was one such freshman who had trouble with his locker.

"Opening my locker on the first try is something I'm hoping to do before I graduate," Johnson joked about his goal for high school.

Most freshmen agreed that involvement in school activities was a top priority. Those activities gave the freshmen a chance to meet new people and experience new things. Clubs, sports and school events all gave them a chance to get involved and set even more goals.

Jake Howard was involved in many activities as a freshman, such as boys' soccer and Key Club. He wanted to accomplish a variety of goals in his four years in high school.

"I want to be active in clubs, get good grades and have lots of friends," said Howard.

With these goals in mind, high school was a time of setting goals and making accomplishments for future-sighted freshmen.

*HOPE TO MAKE THE HONOR ROLL AT LEAST ONCE EVERY YEAR BY TAKING SCHOOL WORK MORE SERIOUSLY.*

**FRESHMEN MIKE BELL**

Shane Hull  
Darcel Innis  
Heather Inscore  
Lewketta Jack  
Cardell Jackson  
Jermaine Jacobs  
Andrew Johnson  
David Johnson



Kelsey Johnson  
Kyle Johnson  
Rickey Johnson  
Sean Johnson  
Melisa Jones  
Sandy Jones  
Shelby Jones  
Nicholas Kellepauris



Kim Knowiton  
Kerri Knox  
Justin Leffler  
Bob Lang  
Elder Lopez  
Nan Lou  
Jose Lozano  
Reginald Marchbanks





THE FRESHMEN SIT ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR THE HOMECOMING PARADE TO BEGIN. PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE FOR THE FIRST TIME WAS EXCITING FOR THE FRESHMEN, WHO WERE ONLY ABLE TO WATCH IN JUNIOR HIGH.

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FRESHMAN MARK ROYER TAKES A BREAKER AFTER FINISHING A RACE IN CROSS COUNTRY. MUCH PRACTICE AND DEDICATION WAS NEEDED TO COMPETE IN THESE RACES.

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Anna Mannino  
Leslie Martin  
Cameron Martinez  
Derek McIntyre  
Darcel Mays  
Kianni McGhee  
Tracey Mills  
Crystal Moravec

Andrea Nobel  
Darcy Nord  
Lindsey Norman  
Colette Norton  
Charles Nothagel  
Tina Oasari  
Rachel O'Brien  
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# Roottube

South Park, Party of Five, ER and Seinfeld. These were just a few of the most popular television shows. Students spent an average of one to two hours a night watching television during the week. With shows such as Friends, Union Square, Seinfeld, Veronica's Closet, and ER on Must-See TV NBC, Thursday night was not a night that most students spent doing homework. Monday night was also a popular night among students to watch TV. The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and Buffy the Vampire Slayer seemed to be a favorite of most people.

Another television show that became a quick hit was South Park, a cartoon on Comedy Central, whose trademark was the death of the character Kenny at the end of each episode. Funny cartoons like South Park, the Simpsons, King of the Hill and Beavis and Butthead (which ended in November with the murder of the unmotivated teens) became a favorite

of students.

"South Park is hilarious. I always take a break on Wednesdays from 9 to 9:30 from whatever I am doing to watch it," Senior Amy Loss said.

Most students had favorite actors and actresses, or characters that fit their personality.

Freshman Tim Phillips said that his personality fit that of Daffy Duck because "he's despicable!"

Freshman Logan Gillespie said that he was most like Barney. Not because he is big and purple, but kind and fun.

Junior Tina Watts could relate to a prime-time character.

"I really can identify with the character of Buffy on the show Buffy the Vampire Slayer," Watts said.

Most students agreed that watching TV was a great way to relax after a hard night of hitting the books.

*"SOUTH PARK IS HILARIOUS. I ALWAYS TAKE A BREAK ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 9:00 TO 9:30 FROM WHATEVER I AM DOING TO WATCH IT."*

**SENIOR AMY LOSS**



**F**RESHMEN GATHER ON THEIR FLOAT BEFORE THE HOMECOMING PARADE BEGINS. EACH CLASS AND CLUB ENTERED A FLOAT WITH THE HOPES OF WINNING POINTS FOR SPRING FLING.  
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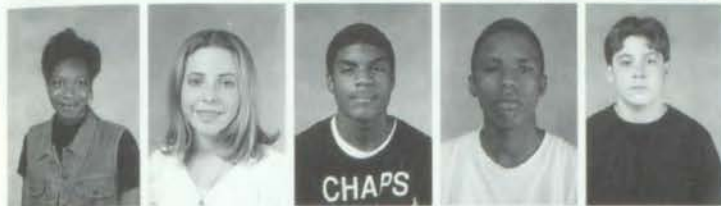
**F**RESHMEN ANDREW JOHNSON RECEIVES HELP FROM TEACHER CLAUDETTE BARTLE DURING GERMAN CLASS. MANY FRESHMEN CHOSE TO EXPLORE OTHER CULTURES THROUGH FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES.  
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Phillip Smith  
Eric Spotz  
Amanda Stevens  
Cheri Sweaney



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Jeff Tettor  
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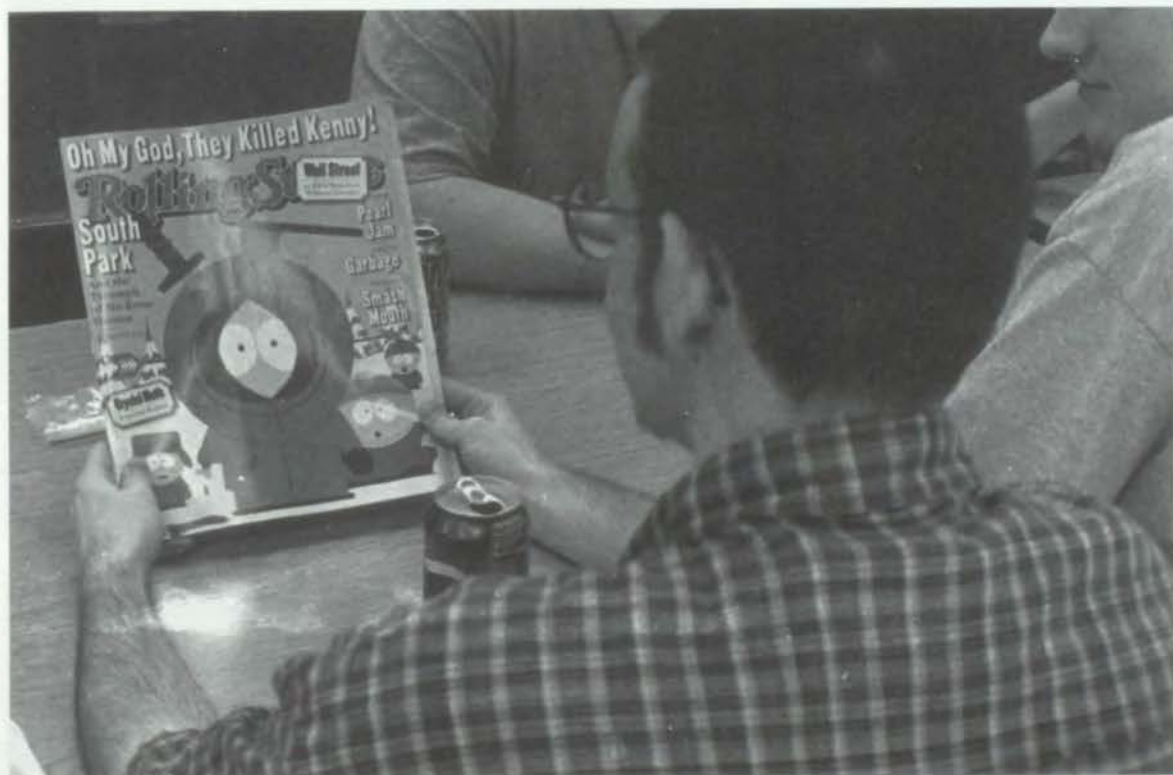
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Emily Walker  
Philip Walker  
Shylee Walker  
Lucas Wallington



Tiara Weaterby  
Lisa Wellington  
Stephanie Wheeler  
Dannella Whitney  
Coutland Wilkins



Kenneth Woodward  
Don Williams  
David Wilson  
Aubree Yelsley  
Audrey Young



STUDENTS POUR OVER A MAGAZINE DISPLAYING THE SMASH-HIT SHOW, SOUTH PARK. EVEN IN AN ACADEMIC SETTING, TELEVISION WAS STILL A MAJOR PART OF STUDENTS' LIVES.  
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**F**RESHMEN HOMECOMING ATTENDANTS GET A RIDE FROM SOPHOMORE MATT DAGGETT. ALL FOUR ATTENDANTS HAD TO SHARE A CAR DUE TO A LACK OF DONATIONS.

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**M**EMBERS OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS SIT IN ON THE FIRST PEP ASSEMBLY OF THE YEAR. FRESHMEN WERE TRADITIONALLY SEATED FACING THE SENIORS AND WOULD CHEER FEVERISHLY IN COMPETITION WITH THE OTHER CLASSES TO BE NAMED MOST SPIRITED CLASS.

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"I'D LOVE A HONDA DEL SOL. YOU CAN DRIVE THEM YEAR ROUND AND NOT BE COLD BECAUSE OF THE HARD TOP."

HEATHER INSCORE

### WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR?

"I'D LIKE A LIMO BECAUSE IT LUXURIOUS AND A CHAUFFEUR WOULD DRIVE ME ANYWHERE I WANTED."

AARON SCHAP

"A GMC JIMMY SPORT BECAUSE THEY LOOK GOOD, DRIVE WELL, AND THEY CARRY A LOT OF FRIENDS."

ANSEL HILLIARD

"I DON'T LIKE CARS AT ALL, I WOULD RATHER JUST WALK THAN DRIVE A CAR."

LUCAS WALLINGFORD

"MY DREAM CAR IS A MITSUBISHI 3000 GT BECAUSE THEY'RE NICE LOOKING, AND IT WOULD BE FUN TO CRUISE IN."

TRACEY HEITON

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# in the move

## WHERE'S YOUR RIDE?

All dressed up, a place to go, but no way to get there. What did freshmen do, not being 16 yet and unable to drive? A few options were open. Parents, siblings or older friends could sometimes be a chauffeur, but it wasn't always easy getting from place to place. Sometimes a little begging and

groveling was required - which was rough on the ego.

"My brother takes me anywhere. If I beg him for five minutes on my knees," said Darcy Nord.

Most freshmen experienced this transportation problem at some point throughout the year.

"It sucks always having to ask people for rides. I can't

wait to get a car," said Phillip Becker.

If all other options failed, parents were the old standby.

"I can tell my dad where I'm going, and he'll take me," said Michelle Boyle.

Halle Godfredson could rely on her parents, too.

"My mom will always take me," said Godfredson.

Some freshmen found alternate ways of getting around.

"I'm a professional hitchhiker," said Joanna Gitterman.

No matter what the case, a ride was always needed to get from point A to point B, and freshmen longed for the day when independence via wheels would be theirs.



**T**HE GREAT FRESHMEN ARE COMING! FRESHMEN ACT THEIR ROLES IN THE HOMECOMING PARADE. FRESHMEN ALSO DRESSED THE TRUCK THAT PULLED THEIR FLOAT AS THE PEANUT'S CHARACTER SNOOPY.  
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**F**RESHMAN TINA MOORE, SOPHOMORE FOSTINA STEVENS AND FRESHMAN JOSHUA DAVIDSON EAT LUNCH TOGETHER. THE FRESHMAN CLASS WAS THE LARGEST OF THE FOUR AND TOOK UP THE MAJORITY OF TABLES IN EACH LUNCH SHIFT.  
*PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW*



**T**Hese "FELLAS ARE MOVIN'" ON AND GEARING UP FOR THEIR SOPHOMORE YEAR. ENROLLMENT OF ALL UNDER-CLASSMEN TOOK PLACE IN THE CAFETERIA WITH COUNSELORS TO FINALIZE ALL SCHEDULES.  
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# HOMEWORK THE DOG ATE IT

"My computer crashed." "My house burned down." "My car was stolen and all of my books were inside."

These are just a few of the numerous excuses that teachers have heard as to why students did not get their assignments completed on time.

Believe it or not, students were not the only ones making excuses in the classroom. Teachers, too, made excuses to explain why their tests weren't graded or why classwork turned in a month before had not yet been returned.

"My dog ate it" has been the old stand-by excuse for students for years. But according to Math Teacher Dana Dawson, this excuse isn't always invalid.

"One time I was grading papers and my baby goat ran in and took a bite out of a pile of tests that I was grading. When I returned the papers the next day, I had to explain the teeth marks and that my goat had eaten them," Dawson said.

Unfortunately, according to English Teacher Beverly

Kowalczyk, the same excuse used by the teacher will not always get a student by free and clear. Kowalczyk said in her teaching experience, whether or not to accept an excuse always depended on the situation and students involved.

Government Teacher Jonna Fraise said that she would accept an excuse that she herself used but it would be rare that anything she would tell her students anything other than the truth.

"I don't like making excuses, because I don't like hearing them. I would have to accept the excuse if I had used it and it came back in my face. I try to tell the truth because we're suppose to be role models," Fraise said.

Other teachers, such as Science Teacher Annette Howk believed that teachers should avoid making excuses and should instead create an alternate plan to cover up the fact that an assignment is not graded.

"It's not so much that we make excuses, we have back-up plans," Howk said.

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 ELS.

**HISTORY TEACHER  
 JOHNNA FRAISE**





**J**ACKIE MORALES, SCIENCE TEACHER, SUPERVISES AN EXPERIMENT BEING CONDUCTED IN HER CLASS. HANDS-ON PROJECTS WERE USED BY MANY TEACHERS TO KEEP STUDENTS INTERESTED AND TO MAKE LEARNING MORE FUN.

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**P**RINT GRAPHICS TEACHER RICK SMITH LOOKS OVER SOME NEW EQUIPMENT BEFORE PRINTING THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SEARCHLIGHT. PRINTING THE SEARCHLIGHT WAS A MAJOR PROJECT FOR STUDENTS IN PRINT GRAPHICS.

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**H**OW BIZARRE! STAFF MEMBERS JONNE LEGG, KATHY RIGGS, JOHNNA FRAISE AND PAULA CROW UNKNOWINGLY WEAR THE SAME OUTFIT TO SCHOOL ON THE SAME DAY, SURPRISING THEM ALL. THEY GATHERED FOR A PHOTO TO CAPTURE THE UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE.

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 Royley Turley • Family/Consumer Science

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**S**ECURITY GUARDS JOKE AROUND WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHER. THE GUARDS WERE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DAILY ROUTINE. THEY NOT ONLY KEPT THE SCHOOL SAFE, THEY ALSO MADE A POINT TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE STUDENTS AND HELP THEM OUT WHEN PROBLEMS AROSE.  
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**M**EETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS. COUNSELOR KATHIE JAMES AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLEO WASHINGTON LISTEN DURING AN AFTER-SCHOOL FACULTY MEETING. MEETINGS GAVE STAFF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE, PLAN AND DISCUSS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.  
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# Variety

## IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Of course teachers played an important part of running the school, but they didn't do all the work. Many people cooperated to keep the school up and running. Each staff member had an important role to play. They did their best to ensure that each school day ran like clockwork.

Nurse Jan Parks was always busy - especially during the cold and flu seasons. On some days, students were lined up and waited for over 10 minutes to be seen by Parks. Her job meant

long hours; however, according to her, the job is never boring.

"I see lots of variety in my job. Each day I see different people with different problems," Parks said.

Other employees experienced variety in their days as well. Carol Johnston, athletic secretary, was thankful for her interesting job.

"I was glad that my job was doing more than just entering computer data or answering a telephone for eight hours

straight. Instead, I got to interact with some neat people," Johnston said.

The custodians were a vital cog in the Center machine. Their days were full of variety. They saw the school at both its cleanliest and at its dirtiest. They kept the school at a functioning level and tried to maintain a positive relationship with the student body.

Custodian Gerald Cantrell said his job has its ups and downs.

"The worst part of my job is cafeteria duty. Sometimes kids throw things. Once I got hit by a crouton soaked in salad dressing. But despite instances like those, I still enjoy my job. I love being able to watch kids grow older and mature over the years," Cantrell said.

A high-school setting was usually an interesting environment in which to work. The entire staff played its part helping the school function while at the same time, maintaining a good relationship with the students.

### HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH STRESS?

"I COPE WITH MY STRESS BY EATING."

JONNE LEWIS

"IN COLLEGE WHEN I GOT STRESSED OUT, I WOULD SLEEP."

JACQUEMORALES

"I EXERCISE WHENEVER I GET STRESSED OUT."

NANCY COOLEY

"TO RELIEVE STRESS I TRY TO RELAX MY WHOLE BODY."

ROBERT BONASAS

"I DO WHAT I CAN, BUT AFTER I REACH A STRESSED-OUT POINT I DON'T WORRY."

CLEO WASHINGTON



**T**HEY ALL FALL DOWN...WHEN THEY'RE PLAYING TUG OF WAR. THE TEACHERS BECAME THE TUG OF WAR CHAMPS IN THIS ROUND, BUT LEFT WITH BRUISED BODIES AS PRIZES, AFTER A PRACTICAL JOKE BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION.

*PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART*

**J**OURNALISM INSTRUCTOR KATHY YATES FINISHES A "THINGS TO DO" LIST TO KEEP HER ON TRACK FOR THE DAY. HEADING BOTH THE NEWSPAPER AND YEARBOOK, YATES SAID STAYING ORGANIZED WAS ESSENTIAL TO DOING HER JOB.

*PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW*



**G**ERMAN TEACHER CLAUDETTE BARTLE LAUGHS WITH A STUDENT. DURING THE YEAR, BARTLE AND HER STUDENTS TACKLED THE BIG PROJECT OF CREATING A WEB PAGE FOR THEIR CLUB.

*PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART*

**C**ONNIE HOSTETTLER, COUNSELOR AND A+ COORDINATOR, ENJOYS A CARMEL APPLE. THE TREATS WERE GIVEN TO THE STAFF TO CELEBRATE A+ ACCEPTANCE.

*PHOTO BY KATHY YATES*

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## BUT INTERESTING TEACHING STYLES

Teachers were always trying different teaching methods to get their message across to students. Teachers tried techniques such as reading text, answering questions or watching videos and taking notes. Others got more creative with their teaching methods and tried to make learning as fun as it could be.

History Teacher Beth Heidi tried to make learning interesting by reenacting an era in her classroom.

"I dressed up like an immigrant and gave the lecture with an accent. It truly was just like being in the industrial revolution era," said Heidi.

Classes dealing with the creative arts consistently captivated students. Those classes were often more interesting than usual.

"The day before winter break I had an evaluation observation during drawing and painting class. I had students mix secondary colors from primary frosting to create copies of masterpieces on large cookies. My evaluation went well," said Art Teacher Corrine Woods.

Instead of just getting students involved, some teachers tried to get the community involved, as well. Journalism and English Teacher Kathy Yates, along with Special

Education Teacher Jonne Legg brought young children into their team-taught classroom.

"Our Sophomore English class wrote children's stories. They brought in little brothers and sisters and read their stories to them," said Yates.

Students' grades sometimes reflected the teaching methods used. Teachers tried to get students more involved in the class with the hopes that they would receive more out of it, both in the way of knowledge and evaluation.

"I don't see how a teacher could not teach in a creative way. A mixture of methods is needed so that the students benefit the most they can out of the class," said English Teacher Beverly Kowalczyk.

Students such as Junior Adrian Smith noticed teachers' efforts and appreciated them.

"I enjoyed having class with teachers who make learning fun, because it got me more involved. I thought my grades were a lot better because of them," Smith said.

Teachers and students agreed that many methods of teaching was necessary for student learning to take place consistently.

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**BEVERLY KOWALCZYK**



JOURNALISM ADVISER KATHY YATES WORKS HARD TO KEEP ON YEARBOOK DEADLINES. YATES WAS A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE STAFF, WORKING LATE HOURS AND SACRIFICING TIME WITH HER FAMILY TO GET THE BOOK DONE.

PHOTO BY TED CARDOS

# seeking the unique

## PERSONALITY

One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish. With the many different personalities, cultures, races and lifestyles, who stood out among his peers? Who will be remembered after high-school days are over?

Junior Munachim Uzoma said she will always remember a particular classmate due to her outgoing personality.

"I will never forget Christi Van Leewen (senior), because I admire her braveness in showing her individuality by being so flamboyant with her fashion efforts," said Uzoma.

Freshman Lewkitta Jack also was affected by a more flam-

boyant classmate.

"I'll remember Joe Carr because of his clothes and attitude," said Jack.

Teachers stood out as well.

"Mr. Whitaker (Industrial Arts) helped me out a lot by showing me that teachers really care," said Bryan Wood, sophomore.

Senior Josh Hall also had a teacher that stood out in his mind.

"Mrs. Heidi (History), stands out because of her personality and brightness," said Hall.

Fellow senior Lea Corrison also had her favorite.

"Mrs. Fraise (History), is my favorite teacher in the entire district," said Corrison.

Being different and standing out constitutes a major effort today, with all the differences that exist. When a teacher stands out among the student population, he or she has definitely made an impact and a difference.

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Getting into his car to leave for the day, Senior Pete Davis says good-bye to his friends. Many students drove their own cars instead of taking the bus. Photo by Ted Cardos

# I'm Out! World

"I am going to remember Rustin Steward and Heath Norton the most because they're my best good buddies."

Junior Angela Davis

"I am going to remember Jason Sparks the most because I have spent so much time with him."

Junior Amber Griffith

"I am going to remember Katrina Byndon because she always has a wonderful attitude"

Librarian  
Maggie Calcara

Sophomore Gina Soldi plays with "Veruca", a seven-pound Chihuahua owned by Senior Ashley Prater. The dog served as a distraction to help keep Soldi's mind off her upcoming race. Photo by Ashley Prater



In assignment for the *Teen Star*, Junior Jeff Douglas prepares to work in a haunted house for a day. Douglas related his haunting experiences in an article for the *Star*. Photo donated by Jeff Douglas



Steven Hill, senior, strips a wire during Science Teacher Jackie Moralis' class. Hands-on experiments were popular alternatives to regular classwork. Photo by Lauren Stewart

Practicing becomes a must for Zach Sage to find success on the elite Sky Riders marching corp. Sage said he hoped to one day become as good as his drummer father.

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While on the set, Zach Sage shows off several of his beats used in his own bands. Sage played drums in three bands at one time.

*photo by Heather Erickson*



## Following in his Father's Footsteps

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As a senior, Zach Sage had many years of practicing under his belt and developed and mastered his skills on the drums.

Besides being in the school bands of two of his own bands and was on a year. This high-ranking marching of about 35 drummers from all over the Kansas City and Shawnee Mission areas.

*Zach Sage*

since fifth grade, Sage was a member very elite drum corp since his sophomore band, called Sky Riders, was composed

Sage enjoyed his music greatly.

"I met a lot of cool people and instructors there (Sky Riders) and I learned a lot and got better through the years. I had to practice a lot," Sage said.

Along with Sky Riders, Sage kept busy on two other bands - a rock band and a Ska band. His rock band consists of three musicians, with whom he has been close friends for most of his life. Although the band has been together for some time, band members could not come up with a name for themselves.

Sage explained.

"I guess you could say it is "Sparky". One of the people's dog's name is that. That dog is both deaf and blind, so we thought it was funny. We had to think of it on the spot because Channel 5 taped us and asked us what our name was before they could air it," Sage said.

Being on Channel 5 seemed to be a family tradition for Sagw. His dad was also aired when he was in a band.

Sage said he wanted to reach the same caliber of talent as that of his father, who had 36 years of drumming experience and also had a record released. But Sage shared the same love for the drums as did his father, and said drums would always be a priority in his life.





# Coming to America

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Back in her home country, the Philippines, Maria Balino would have been a sophomore in college and not a senior in high school. Since she moved to the U.S. eight years ago, she gave up that opportunity.

In the Philippines, the schools skip sixth and seventh grades and go right into high school from elementary. Balino moved here when she was 10-years old. She has four older brothers who all speak fluent Philippino. While at home, she speaks Philippino to her parents.

"One of the weird things was getting used to everyone speaking in English. Other than that, there wasn't too much different," Balino said. She didn't have to adjust much to American customs. Philipinos celebrate the same holidays as Americans. How the holidays are celebrated, however, is much different, Balino said.

"They make a much bigger deal of holidays. Parties are a lot bigger and more fun, and they start at least a week before the actual holiday - especially for Christmas and New Year's. However, Halloween is a holiday where everyone goes to the graveyard to pay respects to the dead, Balino said.

Another hard thing to get used to was people always mistaking her for Chinese. "People would come up to me and ask me if I was Chinese or something and it got old after a while," she said.

Balino hopes to someday go back to the Philippines and see how much it has changed since she was last there.

*Maria Balino*

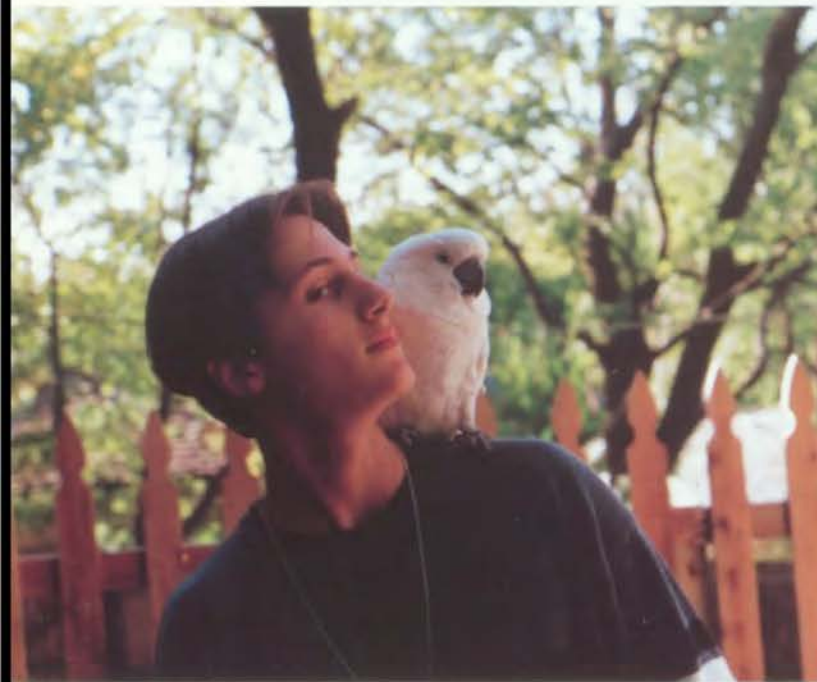


Maria Balino keeps a picture of the Philippines. She hopes to go back to her home land after graduation to see if it's the way she remembers it.  
*photo donated by maria balino*

Maria Balino reads in English class. If she lived in her home country, the Philippines, she would already have graduated from high school.  
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Senior Mike Bell stands comfortably as his feathered friend perches upon his shoulder. Because of his long relationship with the birds Bell didn't fear them. photo by Tiffany Minx.

Bell gets a startles a bird to show off its wingspan. Birds use their long wings to help propel themselves through the air. photo by Tiffany Minx.



# Birds on the Brain

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Mike Bell had a pretty typical life. He lived in a nice house with his family, had a few dogs, a cat and four friends whom he looked up in the attic. Typical? No. But it wasn't the treatment of his friends that was unique, it was the quality of his friends. They weren't run-of-the-mill people. In fact, they weren't people at all - they were birds.

Mike Bell

Mike and his family bred and showed tropical birds. They started when they still lived in Florida. Later, they moved to Olathe, where their flourishing business was to be split as a result of his parents' divorce. Bell's father took over the established business and his mother started her own endeavors in Kansas City where she and Bell resided after the divorce.

Bell had many birds of his own to add to the total of his family's sixty-bird entity. Among those were a very interesting group of four whose personalities were as colorful as their feathers, according to Bell. The foursome included a Vosmarie Electus, an African Grey Jacko, an Umbrella Cockatoo and a Greenwinged Macaw which is the largest of the foursome. However, Bell usually referred to them by more informal names: Patrick, Harley, Charlotte and Max, respectively.

Showing his birds gave Bell many opportunities to travel. He showed his birds in St. Louis, Waco and San Francisco. He also spoke at local seminars relating to birds.

Mike said he didn't breed birds for the perks, though.

"I have to live by a tight schedule because these birds require a lot of attention. It is very much like an investment. But the upside is being guaranteed a friend for life. Some breeds can live anywhere from 50 to 130 years," Bell said.



# California...here I stay

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To stay, or not to stay? That was the question Senior Charles McNiel was faced with his junior year.

The National Merit student *Charles McNiel* caught the eye of the University of Southern California with his impressive PSAT and ACT scores. They offered him a full scholarship for his freshman year (annually renewable) if he would graduate a year early from high school and attend college at that time. Although the offer was extremely tempting, McNiel decided to stay.

"Leaving a year earlier would have brought adult responsibility too soon. I really wanted one more semi-carefree year as a teenager and to have the whole 'Senior Experience,'" McNiel said.

A big part of his 'Senior Experience' was the activities in which he was involved. McNiel participated in two varsity sports, was a NHS member, Key Club President and SGA Secretary. Yet, an even greater factor in his decision to stay was his devotion to his friends, family and faith, which he considered top priority.

His dedication was reflected by his caring attitude.

"Chuck's just a regular guy with a really big heart who cares about everyone and everything," Senior Kim Grimes said.

McNiel lived a life with a caring, giving philosophy. He said he tried to be nice to everybody and share whenever possible. He hopes to one day live his life sharing. He plans on joining the Peace Corps after earning a Master's in Aerospace Engineering.

God was the main driving force in McNiel's life, and to Him, he gives all the credit.

"I am just an every-day, typical guy who has received many blessings," McNiel said.



Senior Chuck McNiel takes time away from his lunch to help out a friend. According to his peers, McNiel was a caring, giving individual.

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McNiel shares a joke with Seniors Eric John and Garret Damron. McNiel turned down a full-ride scholarship to finish high school.

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Kelly Warriner works to perfect a difficult dance move. Warriner said practicing daily was required to become a skilled Irish dancer.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter

Standing beside her display case of medals for Irish Dancing, Warriner wears her dance-school uniform. Warriner earned awards in several Irish dance competitions.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter



## Dancing to a different beat

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By the age of seven, Kelly Warriner was already enrolled in Irish dance classes and was practicing while other children her age were playing with Barbies and Transformers. Kelly Warriner Twelve years later, she was still performing Irish jigs.

"My mother and grandmother had a big influence on my decision to begin dancing. They thought it would be a good way for me to learn about my Irish heritage and become involved in Irish customs," Warriner said.

Warriner continued taking lessons and excelling in dances. She spent an average of seven hours a week practicing at O' Riada Academy of Irish Dance, where she took lessons in the highest level of classes, and also danced at home. Lessons cost \$65 a month. Ghillies, shoes that resemble ballet shoes and lace up, and hard shoes were an additional cost. For performances she wore a black velvet dress with Celtic embroidery costing \$700. Her many hard years of practice payed off with several first, second, and third place metals. She has competed in Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C. Warriner also has performed at weddings, festivals, and Caellis (Irish parties). She has achieved many honors in Irish dancing such as earning the title of novice in the horn pipe reel and treble jig. Kelly would like to earn championship in those dances, the highest honor and her goal for Irish dancing.

Warriner agreed that just like any other activity, it takes years of practice to become really good and Irish dancing is no exception. Her advice to those interested in dancing is, "get involved because it's fun but realize it's hard work as well!"

# Deutsches Damron

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Junior Ginger Damron had an all-new experience. She spent years preparing for it. Finally she got her passport, a plane to fly to her new home for the next semester. Ginger participated in a student exchange program and got to live with a host family in Germany.

*Ginger Damron*

She spent years preparing for it. She packed her bags and got on a plane to fly to her new home for the next semester. Ginger participated in a student exchange program and got to live with a host family in Germany.

"I wanted to go to Germany because I thought the only way I could completely understand another culture was to take on the life of an ordinary citizen in that culture," she said.

Living like an average citizen was hard for her at first because she encountered people who placed importance on different things. For instance, Germans thought knowing many languages was essential.

"The knowledge of languages was really surprising to me. In the seventh grade students start learning French, Latin, and English. I never knew how important other languages were because in America we didn't need to know any other languages," she said.

Living in another country helped her to realize that all people are the same despite outward differences.

"I have become more open-minded of other cultures and people. People are all different and nobody is better than anybody else. They just have different life-styles and cultures. I really could go on forever about everything that I have learned here. Living in Germany had a huge impact on me," she said.

Damron was amazed at the strong emphasis placed on language in Germany. In fact, Damron attended at a party where everyone spoke French instead of German. She did not understand a word spoken!

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# She's a Player!

Imagine playing in the Olympic games! This is a distinct possibility for Junior Stephanie Nichols. Nichols qualified for the Western Division Olympic Development Program (O.D.P.) for her abilities in soccer.

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"I'm excited about it, proud of myself," said Nichols. Nichols started playing soccer at the age of eight. The skill Nichols' has been taken her around the world.

*Stephanie Nichols*

I've worked so hard, and I'm perfecting over the years has

In 1996, Nichols took the trip of a lifetime. During soccer camp at William Jewel College, she won a scholarship for a three-week trip to England and Sweden. Nichols played in tournaments, representing the U.S. in both countries. In addition, her team placed second out of eight teams in the Torquay Tournament in England. Also, her team reached the quarter finals in the tournament they played in Sweden. Nichols said that she played the most exciting game of her life in Sweden.

"It was a closed game and there were no shots," Nichols recalled.

While training, Nichols takes no time off. Nichols plays on a premier soccer team, practicing twice a week.

"There are so many other things that get in the way of trying to make a practice," said Nichols. Also, Nichols played for Center in the spring.

Some of Nichols' fellow soccer players can remember how they were taken aback by her skills.

"She stuck me when the junior varsity boys played the varsity girls. I was a little embarrassed. Later in the game I stepped on her really hard, but she got right back up. That surprised me. It showed me how into the game she really is," said Sophomore Neil Corrison.

Nichols has a passion for soccer that is evident when she plays.

"I love the challenge and being able to be physical," said Nichols. "It gives me confidence."

Look for Nichols in the 2000 Olympics. Until then, remember as you walked down the halls of CHS, you walked with an Olympic hopeful.



Stephanie Nichols blocks out an opponent. This game, with the Red Bridge soccer League, was only one of the teams Nichols' plays on.

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Nichols takes a breather at a Premier Soccer League game in Columbia. Nichols' team called themselves the Angels.

photo donated by Stephanie Nichols





Jason Sparks perfects his approach. He spent many nights at the lanes practicing for tournaments and leagues.

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Sparks lays down to take a break from practice. Sparks practices two times a week.

photo by amber griffith



# King of the Pins

So, what's so special about Jason Sparks? How about the fact that he's on the road to becoming a professional bowler?

Sparks' family has a history of being great bowlers, which is what inspired him to begin bowling four years ago.

"I started out practicing a couple times a week, and now I bowl on Adult/Youth leagues," said Sparks.

He now practices twice a week with his coach, Neal Frazier.

Traveling is one of the advantages of this sport. Sparks has competed in numerous regional and local tournaments. His most exciting tournament was the TNBA Southern Regional Junior Tournament in St. Louis in 1996. Sparks took first in teams, first in doubles and first in scratch team. Those long hours at the lanes paid off. Sparks has won several plaques, pins, patches and the biggest - or at least heaviest prize - a bowling ball.

"The tournament in St. Louis was really fun. My coach gave our team the name, Sparkles," said Sparks.

Even with a high score of 290, Sparks is up against a lot of tough competition.

"A lot of my opponents are really good. It's like competing against myself," said Sparks.

Influenced and encouraged by his mom and dad, Sparks works hard, and one day hopes to become a professional bowler, like Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and Byran Goebel, his role models.

Better get his autograph now, for within a few years, we may have a professional in our midst!

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Jason Sparks

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Junior Arron Trowbridge shows off his square dancing attire. Trowbridge wore outfits similar to this one when he square danced at a Chief's game in 1993.

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arron trowbridge*

# Country Fun

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Square dancing. To those unfamiliar with the dance, just the mention of it conjurs up images of old-timers wearing red checkered clothing, swinging to chants of, "Swing your partner round and round."

Okay, it was a cool dance *Arron Trowbridge* back in the "good old days." Maybe so, but square dancing is alove and well today. Just ask Sophomore Arron Trowbridge. To him, it wasn't just an old-time favorite, but an all-time favorite dance.

Trowbridge started square dancing four years ago. Square dancing is a difficult dance to learn because of many complicated steps and intricate patterns. But for Trowbridge, it came as a cinch.

"It takes the average person six to eight months to learn mainstream - the basic square dancing - and another six to eight months for plus lessons - the step above mainstream," said Trowbridge.

Trowbridge ignored the stereotypes and grew a passion for the dance.

"Square dancing was really fun once I got into it. I also learned from it. For instance, I learned that square dancing is Missouri's state dance," said Trowbridge.

Trowbridge has not gone on many square dancing trips but he went on one outing that was a whopper! In 1993, he got the opportunity to dance in the half-time show of a Chief's game.

"That was a way-cool experience I will never forget," said Trowbridge.

Although square dancing is one of his hobbies, Trowbridge also has other interests. He builds models and collects card games also. He's also sings in concert choir.

One thing is for sure; Trowbridge surely added a new twist to the personalities roaming the halls of Center.





# Horsing Around

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Andrew Jackson was different from the normal sophomore. Instead of sleeping in on Saturday mornings, he would wake up, get dressed and head out to Hidden Vally Farm by seven a.m.

Jackson spent his spare time working as a ranch hand. This job entailed a lot of responsibility.

*Andrew Jackson*

"First, I would have to feed and water all of the horses. Then, I would check a list to see which ones need to be exercised and which ones need to be tended to. A frequent task under that category was waxing hooves. That would be only the beginning of my day," Jackson said, describing his typical day.

"I taught one lesson in the morning, fed the horses again at noon, then taught another lesson," Jackson said.

Work on barn maintainance such as fixing stalls, putting medicine on horses, feeding the animals night hay and closing the barn were also daily chores required of Jackson.

But the work was a labor of love.

Jackson had a love of horses. He was inspired to ride by equestrian Micheal Matts who won several medals.

Jackson said, "He (Matts) made it look neat."

Jackson began riding at the age of four. His parents encouraged him in his passion for horses.

"He loves working with animals and just being at the ranch. His future is with riding and breeding horses. Andrew practically eats, breathes and sleeps horses," said his mother.

As if to prove his mother's point, Jackson said, "If anybody ever gets the chance to ride, do it! Try something different for a change."

His Saturdays were different from most, but that is what made Jackson different by distinction.



Jackson pulls back on the reins to slow down his mount. Confident voice and body language communicates best with horses, said Jackson.

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Jackson cools out a quarter horse named Snip. Horses must be walked after being ridden.

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Junior Thomas Baskind waits at practice for instruction on the next drill. Practice was an hour several times a week.

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thomas baskind

Baskind maneuvers the puck down the ice during hockey practice. Learning to handle the puck without looking up was essential, according to Baskind.

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# Stick it to 'em

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While other kids were learning long division and how to "play nice" with their classmates, Thomas Baskind, sophomore,

Baskind started skating that, he was learning to

Baskind's dad was re-

involved in the sport. His father had lived in Chicago and Cleveland - two towns known for loving hockey - so Thomas was constantly surrounded by the sport.

Eight years later, Baskind is still involved and loves to play hockey. According to Baskind, those eight years weren't easy. They have been years filled with a lot of hard work and dedication.

Hockey takes strength, agility and a healthy physical condition, according to Baskind. "Training takes at least 12 hours a week. You really have to be dedicated to the sport," he said.

Baskind sees hockey as more than just a hobby. He wants to play in college on a scholarship and eventually make a career out of his playing ability.

Baskind is well on his way to achieving his dreams. He is a member of the Junior Blades. Last summer, he spent a week at Shattuck St. Mary's, a private school in Minnesota that hosts a hockey camp each summer. Hockey players from all over, including Canada and Finland, were participants in the program. There, Baskind was placed in the class which included the rating of AAA - the highest possible ranking at the camp.

*Thomas Baskind*

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# En Guard

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Ask the typical student what they do for five hours after school and you will get various responses. Not many, however, will say they spend it at fencing practice. But that is exactly what Sophomore Crystal Gilliland does.

*Crystal Gilliland*

Gilliland has been a fencer since she was 12-years-old when coaches from New York came to Kansas City with the hopes of starting a fencing program in the Kansas City area.

According to Gilliland, the coaches were not looking for just anyone - they wanted someone with athletic ability.

"The recruiters came to a swim meet that I was competing in. They saw me swimming and thought I had some potential. They talked to my swimming coach about me and that is how I got started," Gilliland said.

Gilliland has earned numerous titles as a fencer. In 1996, she received a gold medal at the Junior Olympics in her age division, placed second in the Rocky Mountain Sectionals and ranked 61 out of 100 at Nationals. In 1997, Crystal placed seventh in a tournament at Pennsylvania State University.

These accomplishments did not go unnoticed.

"I've already received two offers for scholarships. Pennsylvania State offered me full tuition and books and New York University offered me a full ride. I want to go to Notre Dame though. I am hoping to get a scholarship from there," Gilliland said.



Warming up for fencing practice, Crystal Gilliland demonstrates a move often used in competitions. Gilliland began fencing competitively at the age of 12.  
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Gilliland competes in a fencing competition. Gilliland received numerous fencing awards since beginning the sport in junior high.  
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Freshman Amanda Thomas stops in front of the school mural. Thomas tried to leave class early to avoid maneuvering her wheelchair through crowded hallways.

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# Overcoming Differences

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Everyone has their differences. For Freshman Amanda Thomas, being different is a way of life. Thomas was born with

ailment, she must use a wheelchair. Despite this difference, she enjoys hobbies such as puzzles.

*Amanda Thomas*

Spinal Bifida. As a result of this condition, she leads a normal teenage life, being in band and doing

"Though I have lived all my life with this condition, I still do the same things as everyone else. I don't feel as though I'm different," Thomas said.

Being in a wheelchair does not make participating in activities impossible for Thomas. Because she has had this condition all her life, getting around to do the things she loves to do, like playing in the band and being with her friends is a breeze.

Amanda has looked forward to high school, and it was not a disappointment. She enjoys the friendly atmosphere and meeting new people. While in high school, she said she will work hard for her future. Her plans for the future include graduating and going on to college.

With her many talents, such as playing the drums, the piano, the guitar and the clarinet, Amanda hopes to have a menagerie of career options available to her.

Her peers agree that Thomas can go far.

"Amanda is a very talented band member. She contributes a lot of time, effort and skill to the drum line," said Junior Jeff Douglas.

# ¿Hablas Español?

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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to move to a different country where the inhabitants did not speak your language?

Freshman Elder Lopez learned first-born in Honduras and lived there for 12 had to adapt to an unfamiliar culture - enough to get by from day to day.

*Elder Lopez*

hand how it felt to start all over. He was years before moving to the States. He but mostly he had to learn English well

"I feel that I can't speak English well. It stops me from doing what I want to do," explained Lopez.

The change from Honduras to America was difficult for Elder, but he believes if more Americans knew the Spanish language, his transition would have been easier.

"More people should learn Spanish, because that would allow me to have a lot more friends and people would understand my culture better," he said.

At times, Elder found it difficult to communicate with other students, but said he was always treated with respect by his new-found classmates.

"My classmates do not treat me differently," he said.

Just because Lopez's residence has changed, his life goals have not. His expectations of the future are very much like an American's.

"I want to go to the Navy, because I really want to be a pilot. But my plans now are to make good grades and become a better soccer player," said Lopez.

Like a typical American teenager, Elder enjoyed going out with friends and watching television. His favorite thing about living the U.S. was the girls - because of both the quantity and quality of American females.

"The girls are better here," Lopez explained.



Before leaving Honduras, Elder goes sightseeing with his family. Many of his memories are preserved in pictures.

*Photo Donated by Elder Lopez*

On his way to Kansas City, Elder rested in a hotel. Elder first came to America when he was 12-years old.

*Photo Donated by Elder Lopez*



RANDI CASON, SENIOR, WORKS HARD TO EXCEL DURING HER FINAL HIGH-SCHOOL SOCCER SEASON. CASON WAS A MEMBER OF BOTH JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY SOCCER TEAMS FRESHMEN THROUGH SENIOR YEARS.



OPHOMORE SHANNON HEFFERNAN AND SENIOR LILLIAN PEGELOW PERFORM IN *THE MIRACLE WORKER*. AFTER MANY HOURS OF REHEARSAL, GAINING AND KEEPING AUDIENCE INTEREST WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF THE CAST.

NEGATIVE PUBLICITY SEEMED TO CONSTANTLY SURROUND CENTER HIGH SCHOOL, AS THE LOCAL PRESS SEEMED INTERESTED ONLY IN BAD NEWS. STUDENTS AND STAFF, HOWEVER EMBRACED THE MANY POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE SCHOOL.



ARCEL SMITH, SENIOR, KEEPS HIS SENSE OF HUMOR AS A YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHER INTERRUPTS HIS TRACK WORKOUT.

UNIOR LEANNA CARPENTER LOOKS AT THE WORLD FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE. SOMETIMES A DIFFERENT VIEW OF LIFE IS GOOD FOR A CHANGE.



# redefining the lines

## The Grind

In the academic year of 1997-1998, a sense of change had swept through the atmosphere. New staff entered the doors with great hopes, while old favorites left with fond memories. In the second year under the leadership of Principal Brian Schumann came a fresh outlook on academics: Take advantage of a quality education while you can.

It's about academics...

The students walked into class, sat down and opened their books, anticipating the same old boring subjects. They were pleasantly surprised by a new optimism surrounding them in the classroom. An emphasis on academics above all else had finally arrived. Teachers, old and new, tried innovative ways to keep class interesting and help their students with study skills. Students were recognized for their hard work accomplished during their time at Center. When they scored high on the ACT and when some became National Merit Semi-Finalists, students congratulated each other for honors long overdue. Whether the changes in attitude toward academics were large or small, one thing was certain: we couldn't help but benefit from them.

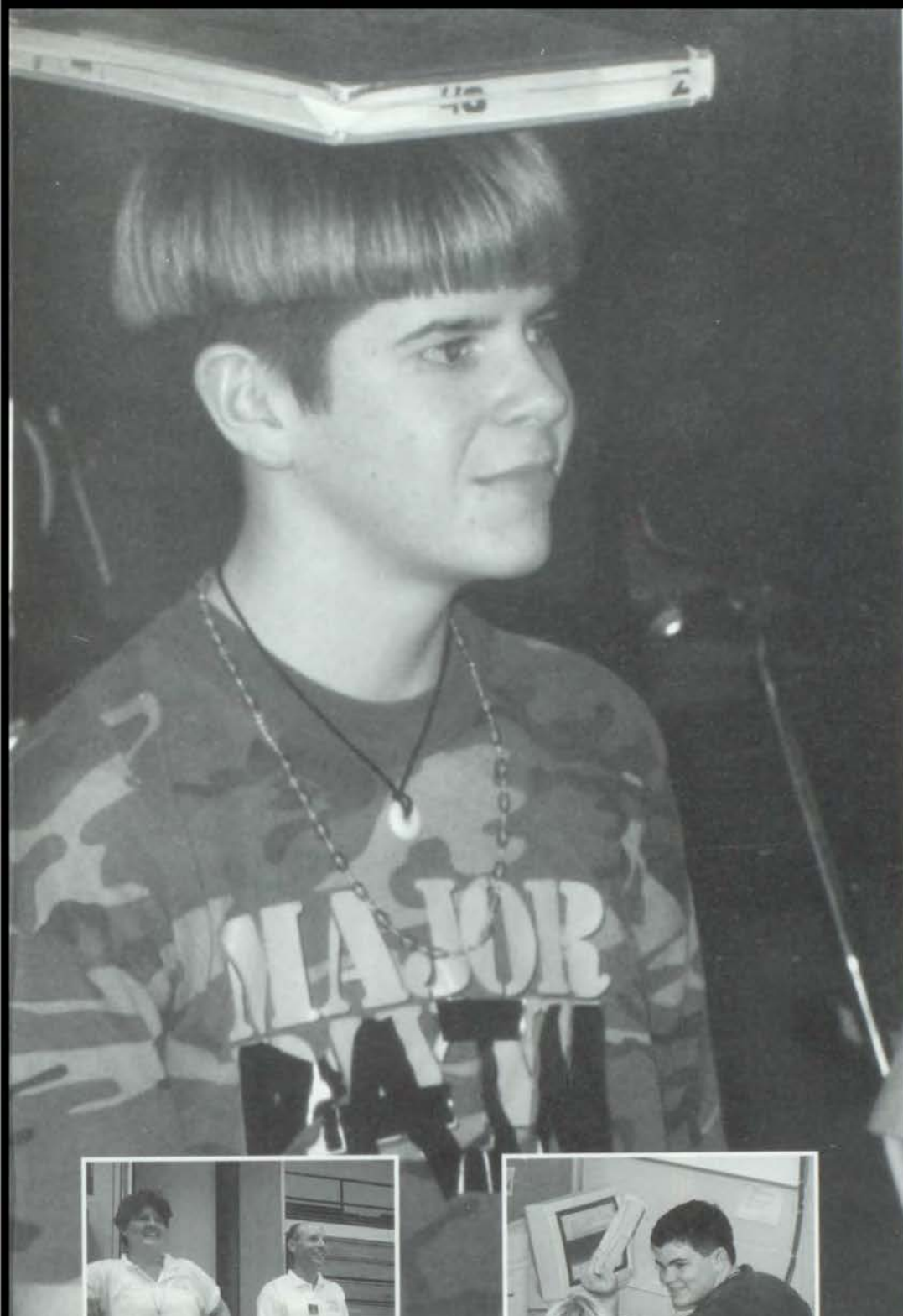
Copy and Design By Tiffany Minx



Where in the world? Lea Corrison, senior, points out a destination to Christy Van Leeuwen, senior, during Spanish class. Foreign language classes brought new cultural knowledge to many.

Photo By: Ashley Prater





THE GRIND  
  
**World**

**"I do not have to worry about my classes. I can handle it all. It is no big deal."**

**Sophomore Joe Carr**

*The worst is when you get a really fun teacher but really cruddy subject material*

*Junior Nick Oviedo*

*☹️AAGH! Not wanting to escape from class is so hard when you know you're going to graduate soon!☹️*

*Senior Brandon Tischer*

Freshman Jake Howard attempts to learn by osmosis. Howard said that putting the book on his head and absorbing the information was easier than learning it the hard way by studying. Photo By: Lauren Stewart



**T**hose crazy kids! Taking a break, Dana Dawson and Brian Schumann observe antics at a pep rally. Pep rallies were known for motivating faculty as well as students.



**C**heck this out! Ted Cardos shows fellow senior Heather Erickson something interesting he found on his E-mail. The internet often became an important tool to implement for resources.

Photo By: Tina Watts

## STAFF MEMBERS

**Yearbook Staff:** Tiffany Minx, Tina Watts, Heather Erickson, Kelly Warinner, Leanna Carpenter, Ashley Prater, Amy Loss, Lauren Stewart (not pictured: Jessica Renfrow, Ted Cardos, Omoni Windom)

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



## TIME AGAIN?

Co-Editor Lauren Stewart listens as a staff member describes a problem she is having with her pages. Stewart spent many extra hours on the yearbook in order to meet deadlines.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW



**EDITORIAL DECISIONS**  
Co-Editor Ashley Prater, senior, asks for staff input on photographs to be placed in the book. Prater said although her job as editor was stressful, the learning experience was one-of-a-kind.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



**Tiffany Minx**  
Journalists don't have time for healthy, nutritious meals.



**Junior Kelly Warinner**  
Pumping Out Pages

# Singing the deadline blues

Copy and Design By Amy Loss

Staff implements new ideas for book



**THE CLOCK**  
**WORKING AGAINST** Photographer Tina Watts, junior, sorts through hundreds of class mugs to put names with faces. Watts, who began the year as Portraits Editor, joined with Jessica Renfrow at semester to take over as Co-Photography Editors.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

Hall-running privileges, easy, blow-off - all of these When thumbing through the Yellowjacket, one might commonly-circulated rumors about yearbook class.

notice a few changes made by the '98 staff in order to im- Whoa. Think again. Yearbook proved to be one of prove the book both aesthetically and financially.

the most challenging courses offered. Working under Business Ads were sold to local patrons to boost year- constant deadlines took its toll on staff members.

book revenue. According to Yearbook Sponsor Kathy Yates, "Being an editor is probably the most stressful thing I the staff sold about \$2,000 in ads. Patron Ads and Personal have ever done. It takes up so much time and energy.

Ads did not sell as well, but after completion of the book, I found my life beginning to revolve around the book," staffers immediately began work on the '99 campaign - fo- said Co-Editor Lauren Stewart, senior.

ocusing on ways to increase sales of those ads. Staff mem- Co-Editor Ashley Prater, senior, agreed.

bers also buckled down and sold twice as many yearbooks "Yearbook is a high-stress situation and it changes your than the previous year. Staffers were proud to be doing friendships on staff. Your whole existence gets to be something different that was beneficial to the yearbook. yearbook-related," Prater said.



An All-Female Yearbook Staff!!  
 You Go Girls!



National Scholastic Press Assoc.  
 National Convention • St. Louis  
 Brief Eubank, Jessica Renfrow,  
 Advisor Kathy Yates, Tina Watts, Jeff Douglas

**RACING THE DEADLINE CLOCK**  
 Co-Editor Lea Johnson, senior, assists staff member Pamela Bigelow, junior, with last-minute corrections before deadline. Johnson, a three-year newspaper veteran, offered leadership and experience to a fairly inexperienced staff.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES

**IT'S ALLIN HOW YOU TELL IT**  
 Assistant Editor Bret Eubank, junior, sinks deep in thought while trying to come up with an angle for his story. Putting a creative spin on stories was often the most difficult aspect of news writing.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



**THIS IS THE LIFE!**  
 Editors Jeff Douglas and Bret Eubank break from a day of classes at a weekend convention in St Louis, to take a dip in the hotel's hot tub.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

**LIFE ON THE BEAT**  
 In an effort to write the best haunted-house feature possible, Co-Editor Jeff Douglas volunteers a night at a local haunt. Douglas' efforts resulted in an award-winning review, and publication in the K.C. Star.

PHOTO BY BILL NORTON  
 K.C. TEEN STAR



# Changing for the better

Searchlight named Best Overall Paper

Copy and Design By Amy Loss



**STAFF MEMBERS**  
**Searchlight Staff:** Co-Editor Lea Johnson, News Editor Mary Beth Doarn, Photo Editor Lisa Sorensen, Assit. Editor Bret Eubank and CO-Editor Jeff Douglas. (Not Pictured: Editorial Editor Jill Stempleman, Staff Writers Pamela Bigelow and Sherell Kernal, and Cartoonist Judah Schad)

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES

**the Searchlight**  
 NAMED BEST OVERALL 3-A/4-A NEWSPAPER  
 BY THE JOURNALISM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
**Staff Accomplishments**

JEFF DOUGLAS • 1ST PLACE - NEWSWRITING, FEATURE WRITING AND FEATURE LAYOUT  
 LEA JOHNSON • 2ND PLACE - NEWSWRITING  
 BRET EUBANK • 1ST PLACE SPORTS WRITING, 3RD PLACE FEATURE WRITING, HONORABLE MENTION - EDITORIAL WRITING  
 JILL STEMPELMAN • 1ST PLACE - EDITORIAL WRITING  
 LISA SORENSEN • 2ND PLACE - COLOR SPORTS PHOTOG AND B & W NEWS PHOTOG., 3RD PLACE - B & W SPORTS PHOTOG.  
 MARY BETH DOARN • 2ND PLACE - SPORTS WRITING  
 ADV ISOR KATHY YATES • NAMED CERTIFIED JOURNALISM EDUCATOR BY THE JOURNALISM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

**New editors, new staff, new layout, new Searchlight.**

"I'm proud of all the work the staff has put in. I like the way the Searchlight has changed and I think that we have attracted more readers. I feel that we're doing a good job because we have received more compliments than before. That makes me feel like we're doing something of value," said Searchlight Co-Editor Jeff Douglas.

**editors chose the best for publication. A Searchlight**

Co-Editor Lea Johnson, a two-year staff veteran, agreed. **box was placed in the hall to encourage students to**

"We work to produce the best paper by deadline," **submit articles or letters to the editor. With all the new** Johnson said.

**additions to the Searchlight, the staff focused on de-**

Advisor Kathy Yates was very pleased with the staff. **tailed, vivid writing on topics likely to be of interest to** "This staff is every newspaper advisor's dream," she said. **the students.**

# Beyond the Three Rs: Education offers more

Copy and Design By Tiffany Minx

Students who are interested in doing some job

*While most students attended the regular school during the day, training while still in high school are able to accomplish this through the Vocational Technical school.*

*Many students had different reasons for choosing the Alternative School. Some have jobs during the day and can't go to school, so they attend at night after a hard day's work. Other students only need a few credits to graduate so they choose to only take a few classes. Others go to day and night school to pick up needed graduation credits. The Vo-Tech program offers anything from cosmetology to auto mechanics to electronic technology. Vo-Tech students attend school at the high school and then in the afternoon, they train hands-on in their chosen field of interest.*

Not all students fit mold of regular academic setting

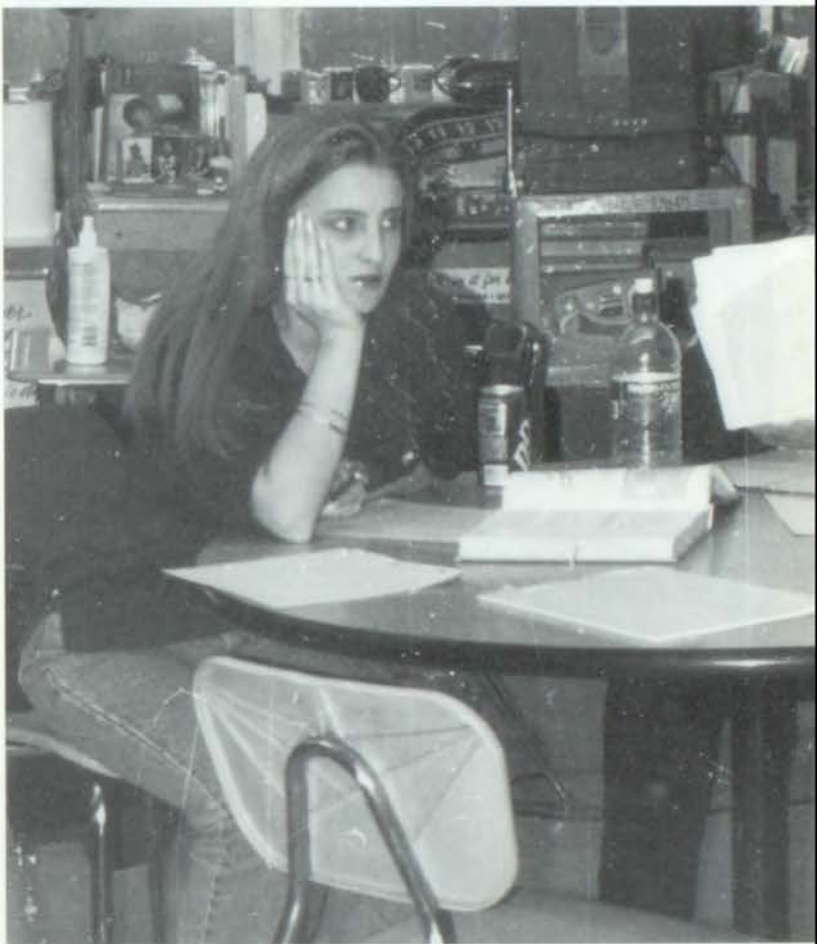




**MOON LIGHTING**

Alternative School students finish up their assignments before finishing up for the evening. Night school allowed those who needed extra credits to graduate or an alternate

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW



**CAREER MINDED**

Working toward certification in the health field, Senior Kajuan Gragg studies to be a nurse. Vo-Tech training gave Gragg a head start toward that goal.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

**DOING THE NIGHT THING**

Sophomore Dedra Ferguson picks up extra hours during the evening. Ferguson was one of the many students who attended both regular and alternative school.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

# Raising up our voices in perfect harmony

Copy and Design By Tiffany Minx

Beauty of song appreciated  
by dedicated choir members

The Contemporary Choir faced some differences from the previous year - one being more activities and performance school year. She took a few weeks off after giving birth to her first child.

choir, which included dancing and a talent show.

*"We were all so happy and excited for her, but we were also*

*"We really have had quite a busy year and numerous nervously anticipating the time when she would have to be gone successful concerts, which was a big change from last because we didn't know at what point we'd be in our musical year, since we were still just starting out. This year is progress. Fortunately when the time came, we were ready to definitely the best we've had. Making next year even better carry on until she could come back. It really tested us," said Senior Choir Member Christy Van Leenwen.*

for Willie Thornton.



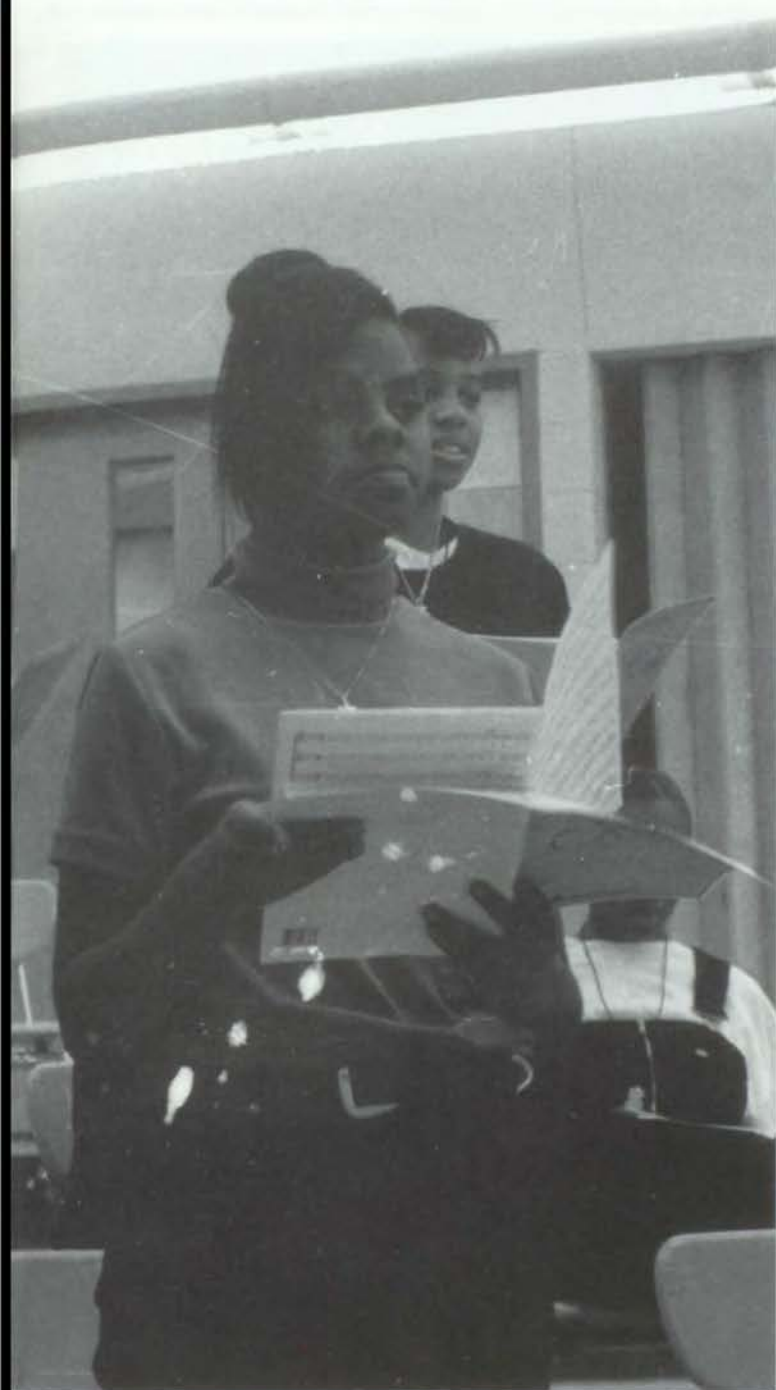




## TEACH BY EXAMPLE

Crystal Hunt, choir teacher, sings along with the choir on a newly-learned piece. The choir rehearsed five hours a week in preparation for various performances and concerts.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

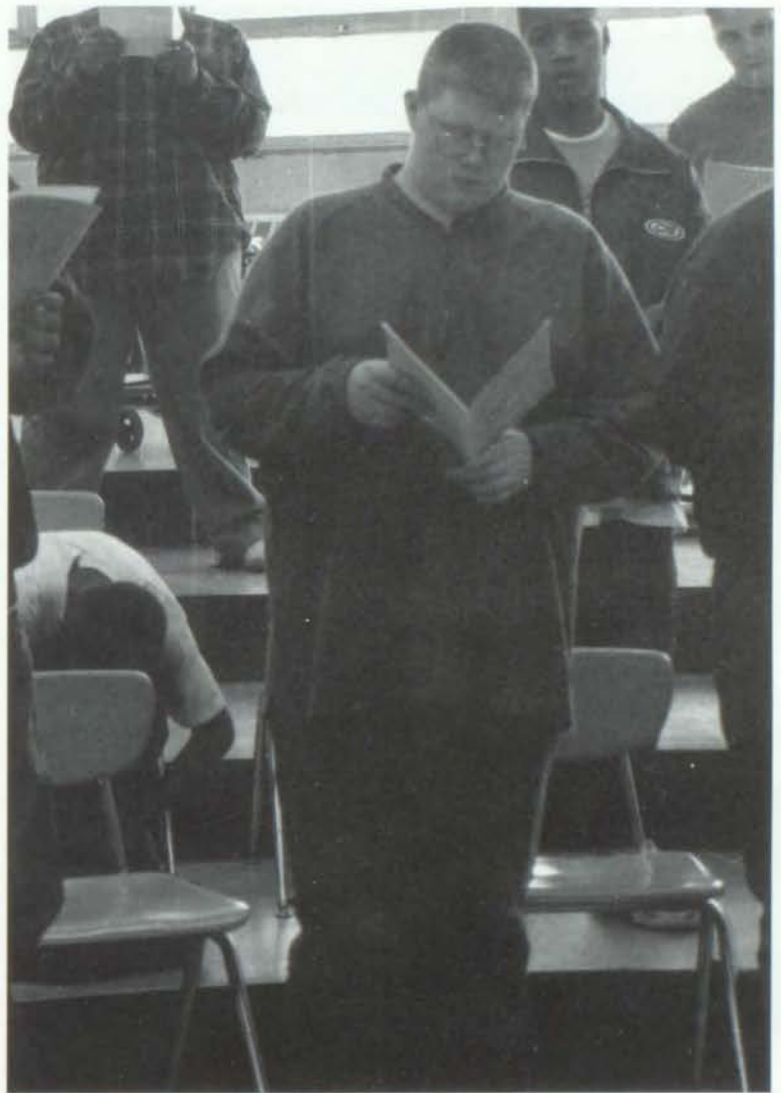


## SING, SING

### A SONG

Tiffany Haywood, freshman, looks to Choir Teacher Crystal Hunt for guidance. Hunt, took a hiatus during the year for a few weeks after the birth of her first child.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



## YOU CAN

### WAIL!

Billy Ross, freshman, looks over song lyrics during a choir rehearsal. The choir performed in various performances around the city.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

# New state program Aids college-bound

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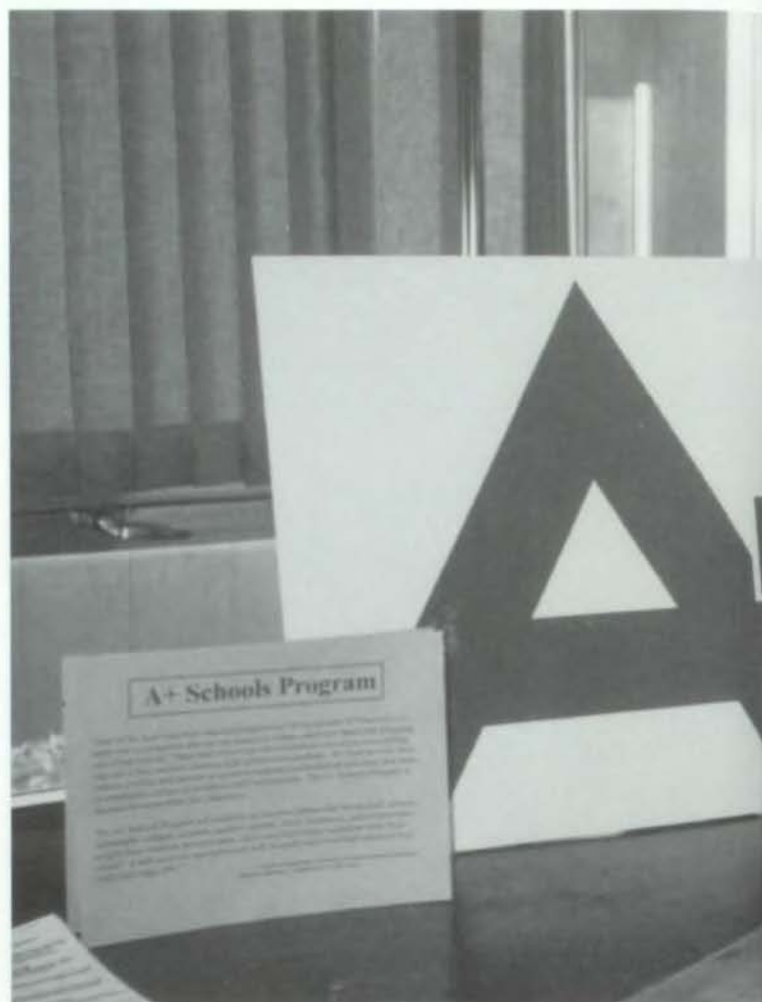
A new state-wide program that encourages

*Students were not the only ones who benefitted from the and rewards academic excellence was implemented this year. The A+ Program opened a world of the program. A+ provided a computer in every classroom of opportunities for students. The program's main and computer training for the teachers. Some departments re-purpose was to help fund college tuition for students even more equipment through A+. The Journalism Lab dents with good academic backgrounds. In addition was updated, and a laptop computer added; and the Industrial Technology department received a new scanner - just to paid for books and new technology in the school. name a few.*

Eighty-six students took advantage of what A+ offered

*Connie Hostettler, A+ coordinator, along with the A+ committee, worked hard to meet A+ requirements.*

A+ Program provides funding for education



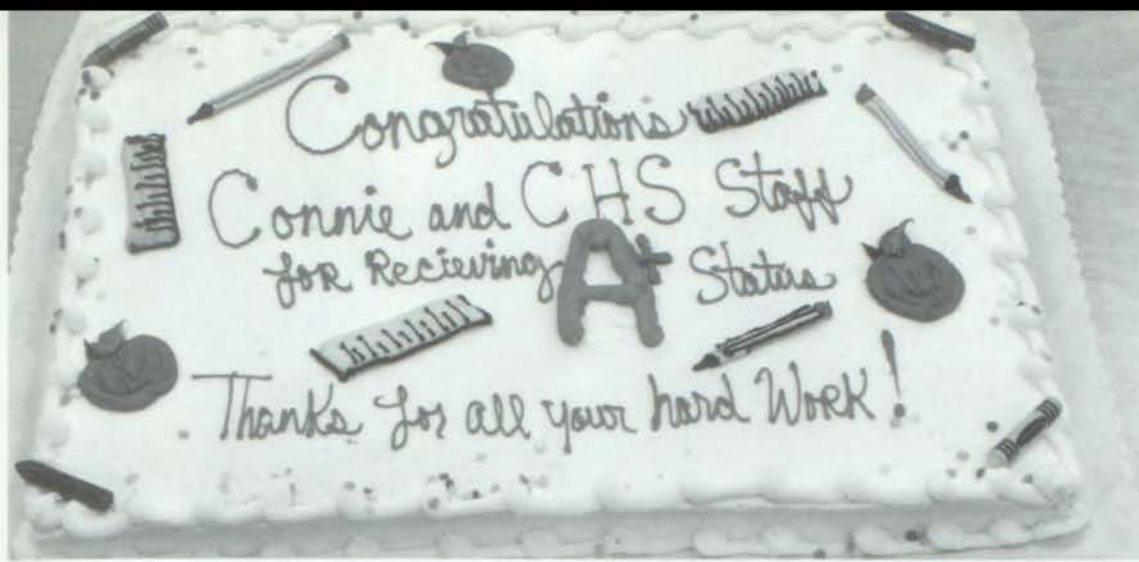
## OUR BEST

DOING

A+ Coordinator Connie Hostettler addresses attendees of the fall Career Fair in the cafeteria. Hostettler was informing students of the new offerings in Industrial Technology, thanks to funding through A+.

PHOTO DONATED BY  
CONNIE HOSTETTLER





**PUSHING FOR EXCELLENCE**  
 Center was awarded A+ status during a November Pep Assembly. Connie Hostettler worked hard to help raise academic standards to meet A+ requirements.  
 "My job is to make sure that the students know about the A+ Program and to work out the bugs so they can work toward free books and tuition," said Hostettler.  
 Staff members celebrated with a cake and caramel-apple party in the media center. PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



**RAISING OUR STANDARDS**  
 A+ Secretary Jan Edwards works to prepare for the A+ visit. Teachers and staff worked hard to bring the school to A+ academic standards.  
 PHOTO BY CONNIE HOSTETTLER

**CREAM OF THE CROP**  
 A+ Students pose for a group shot after the announcement that Center was granted A+ status. More than 80 students benefitted from the program in 97-98.  
 PHOTO BY CONNIE HOSTETTLER

## MY BACK

The Junior Varsity Academic Team, consisting of Lucas Walliford, Tim Phillips, Brian Holley, and Jason Forson, display their Science Knowledge Bowl shirts after returning from successful competition.

PHOTO BY ANNETTE HOWK



## HITTING THE ROAD AGAIN

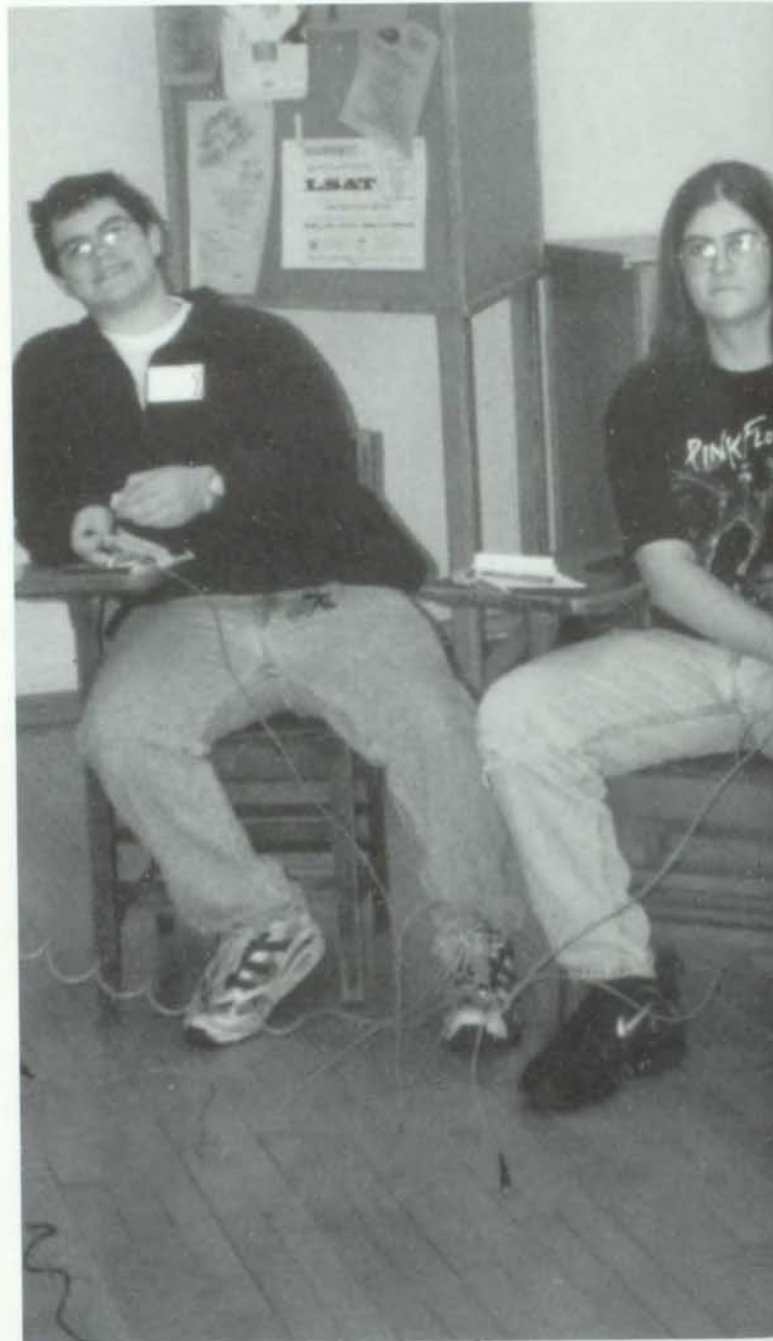
Lucas Walliford departs the bus to meet his opponents. The team had to travel to all competitions, as no home events were held.

PHOTO BY ANNETTE HOWK

## LEADERS OF THE PACK

Senior Ted Cardos, Sophomore James Glenn and Senior Kachina Griffith compete for the varsity team at Rockhurst College. According to Howk, these members were the heart of the team.

PHOTO BY ANNETTE HOWK



# Intelligence Put To The Test

Copy and Design By Ted Cardos

Team wins battle  
of knowledge with  
State Champions



Buzz. Students hit their buzzers and recite what they hope is a

*Some students, like Junior Bret Eubank, were drawn to the Academic Team*

correct answer. That is the sound that Academic/Science Team Sponsor Annette Howk wants to hear.

*"The Academic Team provides us an avenue to test our wits with the best*

*"When we hear that buzz, it means that somebody knows the Kansas City has to offer. This year we have fared pretty well," said Eubank.*

answer or at least they think that they do," Howk said.

*In fact, the Academic Team did do very well - advancing to quarter-finals at*

Academic Team consisted of four students who engaged in a their first competition. The crowning accomplishment of the year, however, according to most team members, was defeating the defending State Champions - North Kansas City - at the Raytown Innovational. Before that match, North Kansas City enjoyed a three-year winning streak.

Success came as a result of hours of practice, along with dedi-

cation from Sponsors Howk and English Teacher Kathy Chirpich.

*three-year winning streak.*

"If it wasn't for Mrs. Howk and Mrs. Chirpich, this team could not

Senior Captain Chuck McNeil said, "Beating North Kansas City was definitely important in improving this team's confidence. It also helped create a reputa-

Griffith.

*tion for Center," said McNeil.*

# Student Government Makes a difference

Members strive to  
serve community

Copy and Design By Lauren Stewart

The Student Government Association was not just

SGA was composed of representatives from each fifth-four  
another club students used to pad their resumes

class, class officers and club officers. The group was under the  
and college applications. SGA had a distinct pur-

guidance of Senior Class President Mike Norman. The club was  
pose, and set lofty goals, according to Senior Eric

further divided into three categories: Student Concerns, School  
John.

and Community Service and School Pride. The leadership of each  
The group's basic function was to improve the

division was given to the three vice-presidents: Seniors Lauren  
school and the community in some way. Many

Stewart, Monica Shipman and Ashley Prater. Each department  
projects, such as Project Warmth were adopted to

held committee meetings every week to address student con-  
help disadvantaged residents living within the

cerns and to encourage students to become more involved in  
Center School District.

various activities and projects. The group in its entirety met  
Looking around, SGA's presence was never hard

monthly,  
to find.



## LEADERSHIP GETS THE JOB DONE

**SENIOR** Senior Ashley Prater conducts a School and Community Service meeting. During the lunch-time meetings, Prater discovered that members paid more attention to food than to the meeting.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



**A GUY WALKS INTO A BAR...**  
 Seniors Kim Grimes, Melanie Blando, Jeanna Weibel and Lori Conrad share a laugh during a regular Student Government Association meeting.  
 PHOTO BY AMY LOSS



**GULP...GULP...**  
 Senior Brandi Cason supports SGA by drinking a Coke. All proceeds from the Coca-Cola machines went to the SGA.  
 PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

# Academic excellence put to good use

Copy and Design By Ashley Prater

Students applying for membership in the elite National Honor Soci-

In November, four Quill and Scroll members hopped in a van with Journalism Instructor Kathy Yates  
ety were nervous on the day of 'tapping'. Tapping was the ceremony  
and headed to St. Louis to attend the National Scholastic Press Association's national convention. A  
which determined membership acceptance.

few pit stops, a blizzard and a two-hour rush-hour delay later, they staggered wearily to their hotel

**"The people tapping the students in my class played a mean trick**

on me. They tapped everyone but me and left. I thought I didn't

Despite the rough start to the trip, the group had a blast as well as gained valuable information.  
make it, but then they came back five minutes later and tapped

The most memorable part of the trip was when Bret and Jeff locked themselves out of their room  
me, too. I was so relieved when I found out I had made it," said

three times in a row. Bret walked out and Jeff followed because he said he did not want to be alone.

**Junior Nikki Henderson.**

laughed Junior Tina Watts.

**NHS only accepted members after a tedious application process**

I liked spending time with Jeff, Tina, Jess and Yates the best. Doing little things like taking or playing  
which included teacher referrals. An excellent grade point aver-

Friend Pursuit was great. We became so close on the trip, it felt like we were on a family vacation. said  
age was also required to join the ranks of academic excellence.

Junior Bret Eubank.

Trip to St. Louis  
for journalism  
convention united  
publication staffs

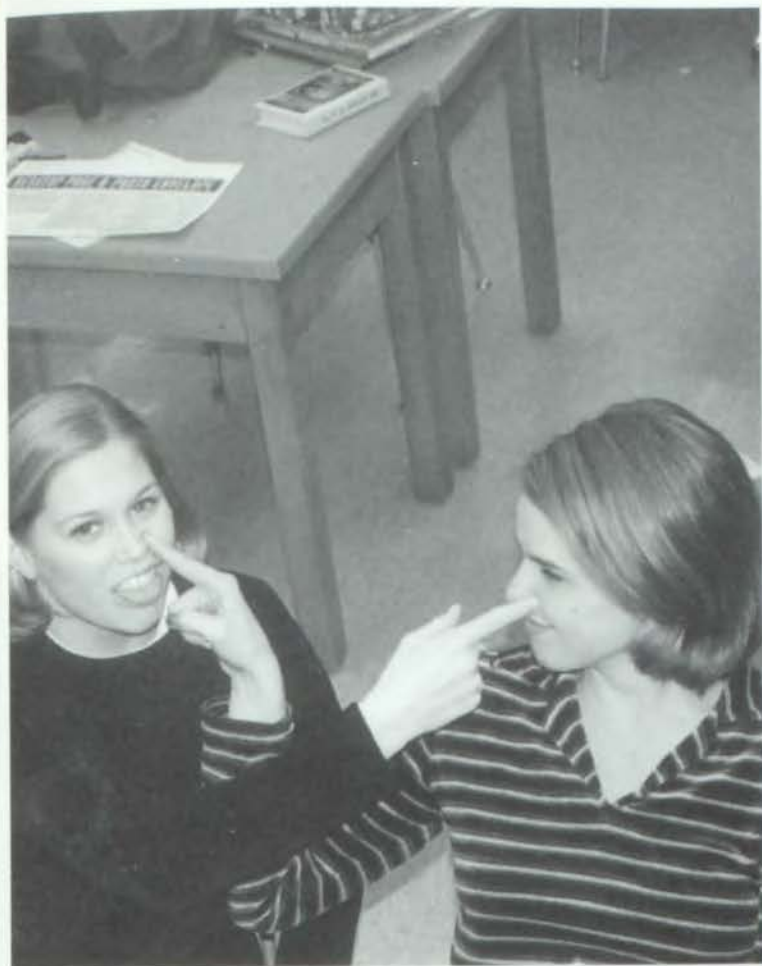
## DIGGING FOR INFORMATION!

Seniors Mary Beth Doarn and Lauren Stewart take a break from writing stories. Story writing was only a small part of the responsibilities of yearbook and newspaper staff members. Both jobs required journalistic skill and a strong work ethic.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER







## National Honor Society

National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to high school students. Membership are limited to those students who:

- maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA
- show leadership, service and character demonstrated by activities or teacher recommendations

## Quill and Scroll

International Honorary Society for High School Journalists

Quill and Scroll is an elite organization with membership limited to journalism students who excel academically. Requirements for membership:

- must be a junior or senior
- must be in upper third of class
- must have accomplished superior work in some phase of journalism
- must be recommended by journalism advisor



MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

**JOURNALISTS!** After a long weekend attending workshops, staffers Jessica Renfrow, Tina Watts, Bret Eubank and Jeff Douglass take a break under the St. Louis Arch. The staff returned from the weekend armed with fresh ideas for both student publications.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

JOINING THE RANKS

**OF EXCELLENCE** National Honor Society inductees recite a pledge as part of their induction ceremony. After induction, new NHS members attended a banquet given in their honor.

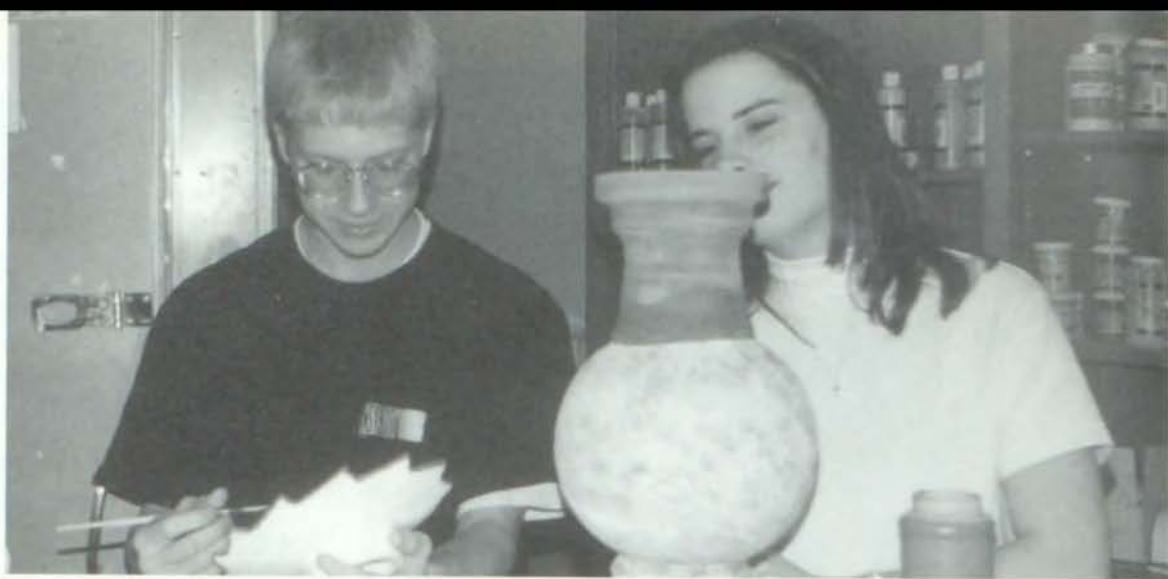
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**WORKING**

**TOGETHER**

Seniors Kevin Hill and Jeanna Weibel work together to decide how to paint their projects. At least one week of work went into each project produced.

PHOTO BY AMY LOSS



**SYMBOL**

Senior Christian Nord wears his letterman's jacket to a soccer game. Nord lettered in sports as well as academic endeavors.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

**ABOUNDS**

Senior Heath Norton concentrates on perfecting his ceramics project. Upperclassmen especially enjoyed ceramics, and looked forward to sending in their creations to contest.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



# C lubs benefit students— from athletes to artists

*Ceramics and C-Club provide  
creative outlet and activities*

Copy and Design By Kelly Warriner

As a way of showing school pride as well as indi-

*Along with fun and creative activities, art talents in the  
vidual recognition for sportsmanship and academ-  
school were brought together in the Ceramics Club. Members  
ics, the C-Club gave athletes motivation to give it  
let their personalities show through their artwork by creating  
their all - on and off the playing field - for each sport,  
wild and unique projects. Some students entered their plates,  
from volleyball to golf.*

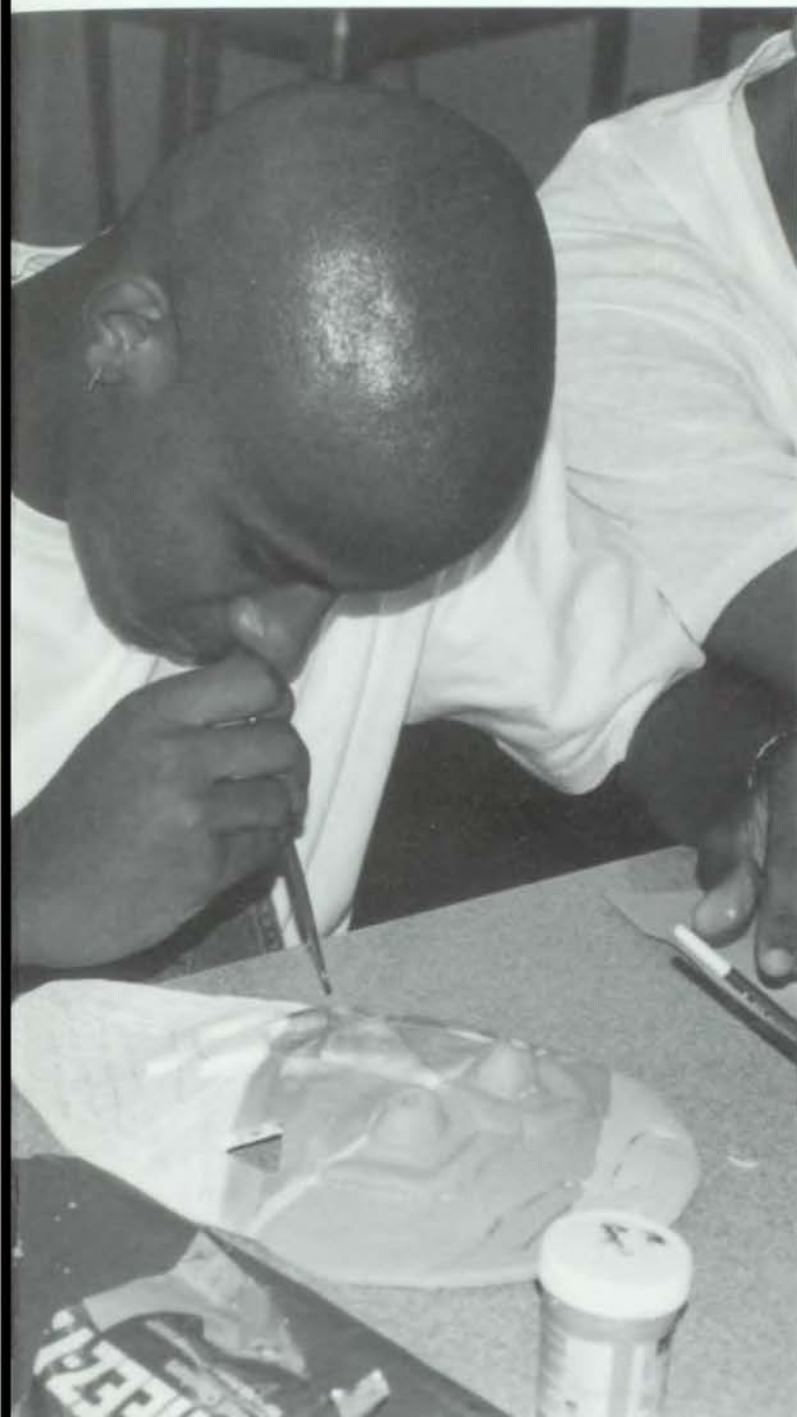
*vases and bowls into competitions. Others used ceramics class*

*Sponsored by Wrestling Coach Alan Isom and  
as a way to make things for others.*

Soccer Coach Chuck Duske, C-Club offered ath-

*"Ceramics Club worked out good because I was able to make  
letes to gain recognition and give one another sup-  
Christmas gifts for all of my friends. I made them some really  
port. The club brought out the best in athletes,  
cool candle holders," said Junior Shannon Higgins.*

while giving athletes a chance to socialize.



# Hablas Español?

Experiencing other cultures  
Key to understanding

Copy and Design By Amy Loss

**Hola! Buenos dias.** There were over 30 mem-

*"Que estan hablando de?"* translates to "What are they

**bers in the Spanish Club. President Shatonda**

*talking about?"* Here are some things that Spanish club mem-

**Jones found that Spanish was advantageous.**

*bers learned to say in spanish. "Soy la muquisima" - "I am the*

*"Spanish class is beneficial because it  
superfly". "Tu madre es gorde." - "Your mother is round".*

**helps us with ACT scores. Not only is it edu-**

*"Tu eres muy cochino" - "You are a very dirty pig" "Calle te*

**catational it's also fun," said Jones, junior.**

*la boca." - "Shut your mouth" "Tu olor es tan malo como*

**The Spanish Club participated in adopt-**  
*uncerdo despues de la noche sabado" - "You smell as bad as a*

**a-family. Other activities included taking a**

*pig after Saturday night". "Yo pongo mi mano en tu cadra,*

**field trip to the California Taco Ria, and hold-**

*y cuando yo dip tu dip nosotros dip" - "You put your hand up on*

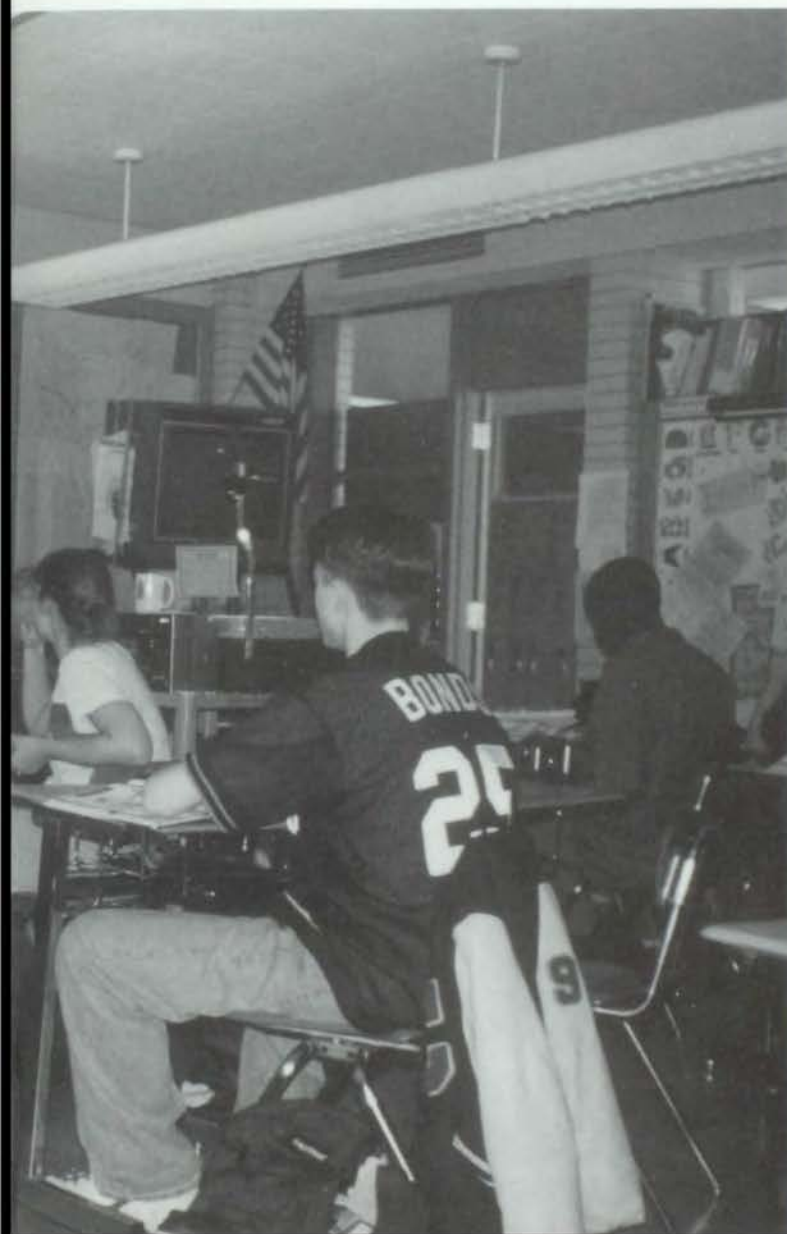
**ing a traditional Pinata Party. Hasta Luego!**

*my hip, when I dip, you dip, we dip".*





**EXTRA ATTENTION** **INCITES LEARNING**  
 Senora does her best to pry information out of Spanish IV student Ted Cardos, senior. Cardos said he appreciated the personal one-on-one attention he received.  
 PHOTO BY AMY LOSS



**UNO...DOS...TRES...**  
 Senora Carol Zagorniak's fifth-hour Spanish class learns names for parts of the body, en Espanol. This particular class consisted mostly of juniors, and was Spanish III level.  
 PHOTO BY AMY LOSS

**PELIROJO** **RACKS HIS BRAIN**  
 Christian Nord, senior, works on completing a Spanish assignment. "We worked hard in class, but Zagorniak kept us entertained," said Nord.  
 PHOTO BY AMY LOSS

## TECHNOLOGY

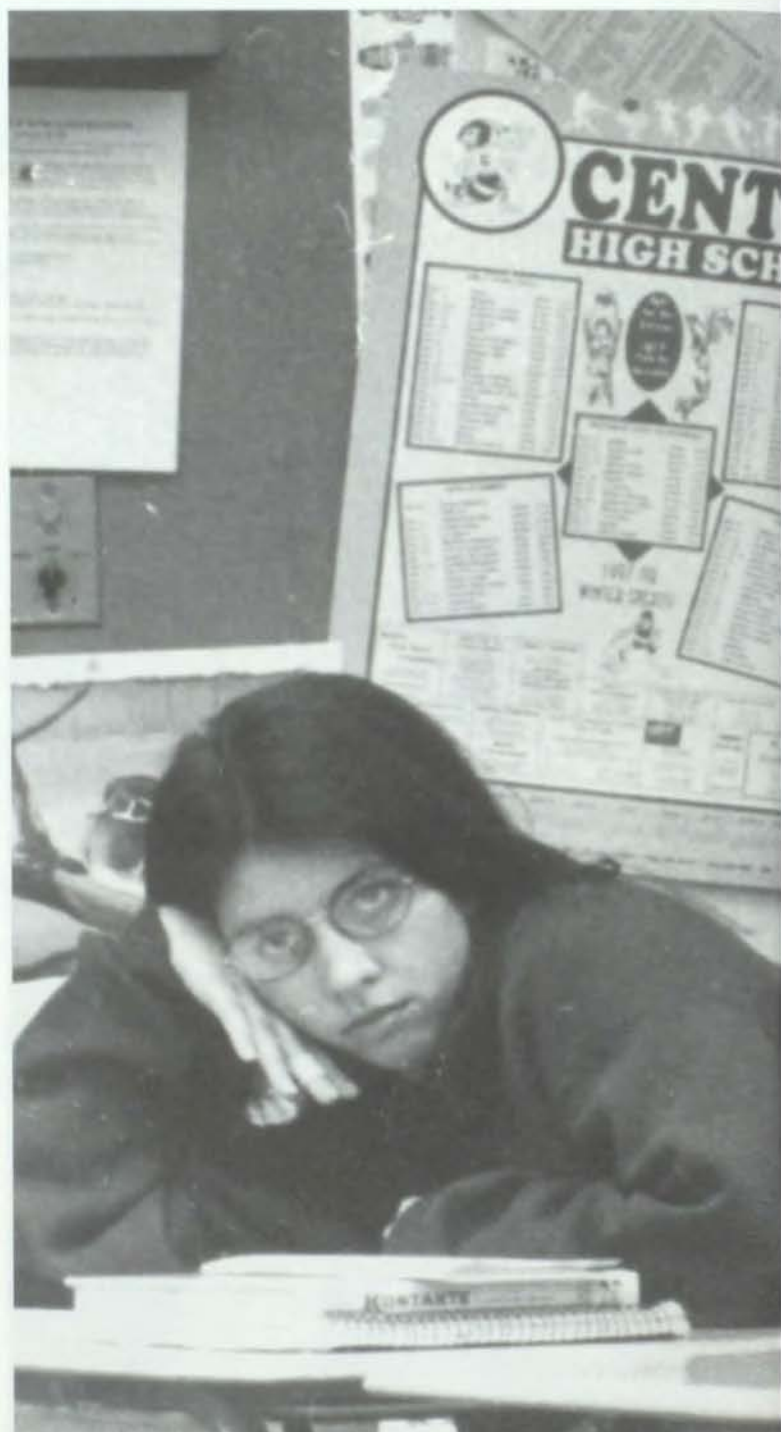
Senior Kevin Hill uses his computer skills to complete his web page. Computer experience was becoming a necessity in most classes - including foreign language.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

## ON THE WEB

German students who created web pages pose for a victory photo. This photo can be found on the Web at: <http://members.tripod.com/ClaudetteB/german.html>

LOOK US UP PHOTO BY CLAUDETTE BARTLE



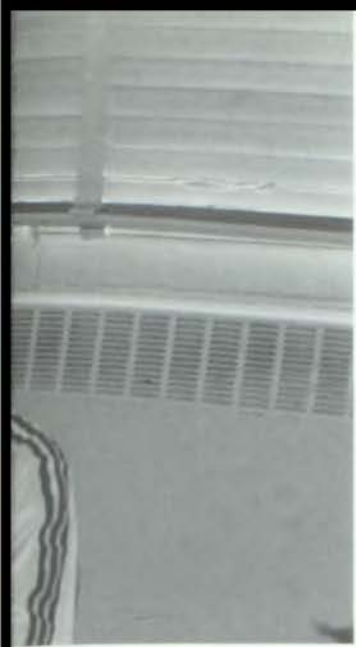
## GERMAN CLUB MEMBERS

**German Club:** Row One: Monica Shipman, Eric John, Lisa Sorensen, Nikki Henderson, Kachina Griffith, Erin Anderson Row Two: Lindsey Weaver, Brandi Cason, Ashley Prater, Brandon Tischler, Jake Willard, Cassie Grantham, Shannon Heffernan, Row Three: Peter Davis, Kevin Hill, Ke Huang, Amber Griffith, Katy Boyd, Steven John

## AND RELAXIN'

MAXIN' German students Katy Boyd and Jake Willard rest after a long hour of studying. After working on web pages, some students found the transition back to book work rather tedious.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER



# Information Society creates web pages

Technology not  
a problem for  
German classes

Copy and Design By Ashley Prater

The third and fourth year-German classes took

The German Club spent the year in preparation for a  
a new approach to experiencing the German cul-

ture. They researched famous Germans on the  
summer trip to Germany. Raising revenue to fund the three-  
week-long exchange proved to be a year-long task.

Internet, and then posted their own web pages.

"We had many fundraisers to help finance our trip. Right  
"The internet was a great tool to learn about Ger-  
when school started, we had a garage sale. Then we worked  
man culture. The technology made it easy to re-  
numerous football and basketball games. During the Christmas  
search our topics," said Senior Brandon Tischer.

season, we sold advent calendars filled with chocolate and

"I put a tribute to Star Trek on my page. Just be-  
holiday grants with candy canes, said German Club Presi-  
cause it was for school, didn't mean it couldn't be  
dent Eric John, who helped organize the European excursion  
fun," said Junior Jason Sparks.

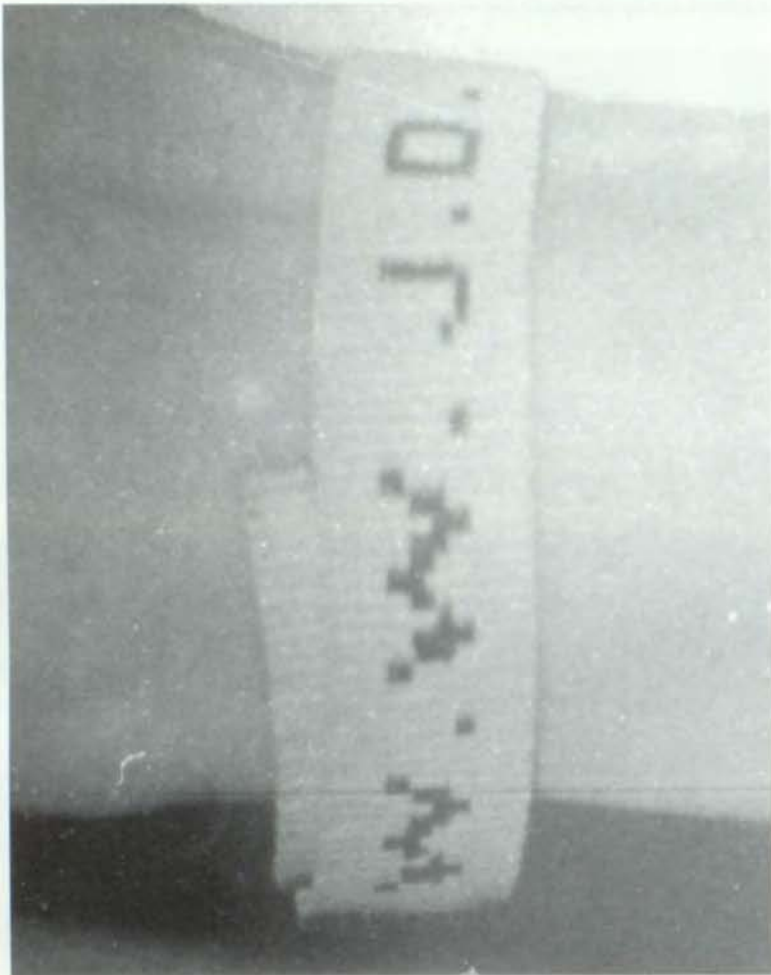
tion.



**KEEPING THE FAITH**

Sophomore Neil Corrison holds his Bible close as he works on a report. Some students relied on reading the Bible and prayer to get them through difficult situations.

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**DISPLAYING**

**THE FAITH**

Students show off their faith in Jesus Christ through their jewelry. The bracelets were a fad among Christian teenagers all over.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Students gather in front of the school for See Ya at the Pole. Each year on a designated date students all over the country circle around their flag poles to pray for their schools.

PHOTO BY JEFF DOUGLAS





# Christian students ask W.W.J.D. in school?

Religion plays important role  
in many students' daily lives

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Religion was an extremely important issue in many students'

*Seen almost everywhere, the new fad among Christian teenag-*

lives. Although organized prayer was not allowed in school

ers was the "W.W.J.D.?" jewelry - meaning "What would Jesus

by law, students were still brought their Bibles to school as

do?". Some students felt that wearing the jewelry helped them

long they didn't preach from it. A quickly-whispered prayer

*spiritually and gave them power to get through each day.*

before a big test or reading a little scripture helped those

*"Every time I get mad or think that I might say or do some-*

students find some comfort and relief.

*thing I shouldn't. I just look at my wrist, and it makes me feel*

Ginger Damron, junior, was one such student.

*better," said Senior Heath Norton, who wears a "W.W.J.D.?"*

"Religion is a very important thing in life. Jesus is my best

*bracelet.*

friend," Damron said.

*Student-organized prayer meetings at the school flag pole,*

Students tried to live their lives based on the basic ques-

*weekly Bible studies, were all ways students practices their faith.*

tion, "What Would Jesus Do"?



**CROSS EXAMINATION**

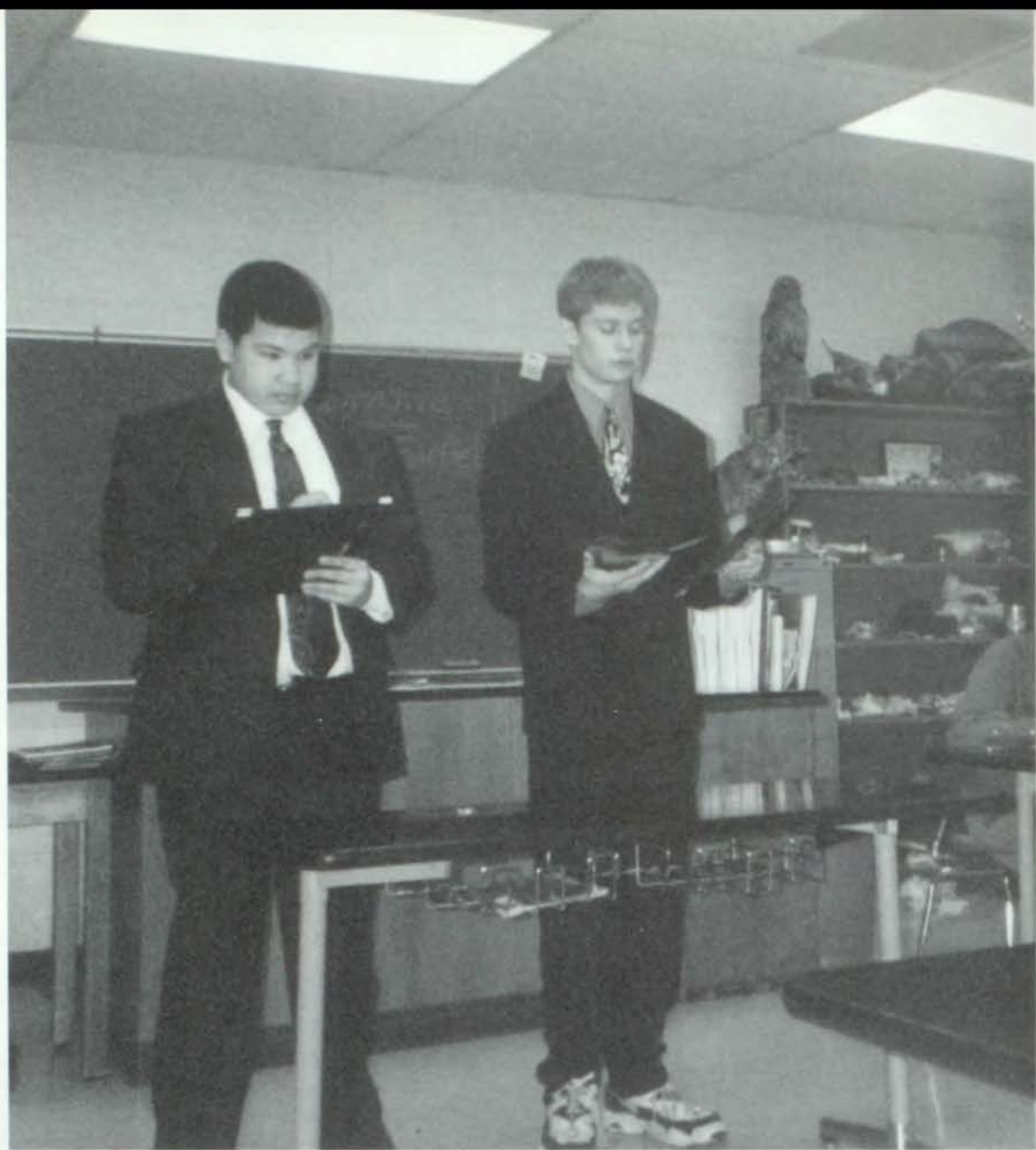
David Johnson cross examines his opponent at his last regular-season tournament. This tournament was held in Raymore Peculiar.

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**PREPARING EVIDENCE**

Senior Gail Nerman and Junior Crystal McMillin prepare their arguments on an upcoming debate. Successful debaters researched their topics thoroughly to intelligently defend their stance.

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**GIVING** **ADVICE**  
Speech and Debate Instructor Mike Reynolds instructs in class on the finer points of winning arguments. Much research and studying are required of each member before arguing their case.

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# Novice debaters add enthusiasm to team

*Veteran leadership  
adds strength*

Copy By Philip Young

Next year, the debate team will hold no fourth-year members. Debate Coach

*The 97-98 Debate Squad consisted of several novice debaters who*

Mike Reynolds is not worried, however.

*brought enthusiasm and a new look to the team. However, the novice were*

"I have faith that some of my third-year debaters will step up to provide the lead by several crafty veterans who provided leadership and direction. necessary leadership for the squad," Reynolds said.

*Several debaters moved on to finals during regular season tournaments.*

The Debate Squad also prided themselves for their performance in Spring. During the Liberty Tournament, Scott Pickett placed fourth in Student Fling, after placing several events every year.

*Congress, Third in Lincoln Douglas Debate, while Debate President Philip*

National Forensics League President Philip Young said, "Overall, I'm proud Young took sixth and Senior Ted Cardos took second in the Lincoln Douglas Debate. of my squad. I think we've represented Center well, and had fun doing so."



## PERSUASIVENESS

Senior Ted Cardos delivers a speech against his opponent at the Rockhurst Debate Tournament. Cardos was president of Center's chapter of the National Forensics League.

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## THE ROPES

Novice Audrey Young and Nan Lou prepare judging ballots for Center's tournament. The Center tournament was held, Nov. 21-22 in which 21 schools participated.

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**PRACTICING**

**LEARNING**

**CHILDREN** ARE THE FUTURE  
New Hi-step members participate in a training day with Trueman Hights. The day was filled with games and training on new ways to teach young children about academic subjects as well as drugs and alcohol.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW



# Reaching out to help teach the children

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High-Steppers touch young lives by tutoring/mentoring

The goal of the Hi-Step organization is to reach young children and help them socially and academi-

*The Hi-Step organization has been active in the Center Schools since 1990. Many of the current club members were at one point* cally. Club members teach the fifth graders in each *taught by Hi-Steppers when they were in fifth grade. According* Center elementary school about the dangers of *to club member Neil Corrison, he wanted to leave fifth graders with* drugs and alcohol. They teach everything from how *the same fun, warm memories of being tutored by Hi-Steppers that* to be a good friend to what to do when confronted *he has.*

with peer pressure. Hi-Steppers try to teach in a

*Hi-Step members were required to keep high academic stan-* fun positive way the children will understand.

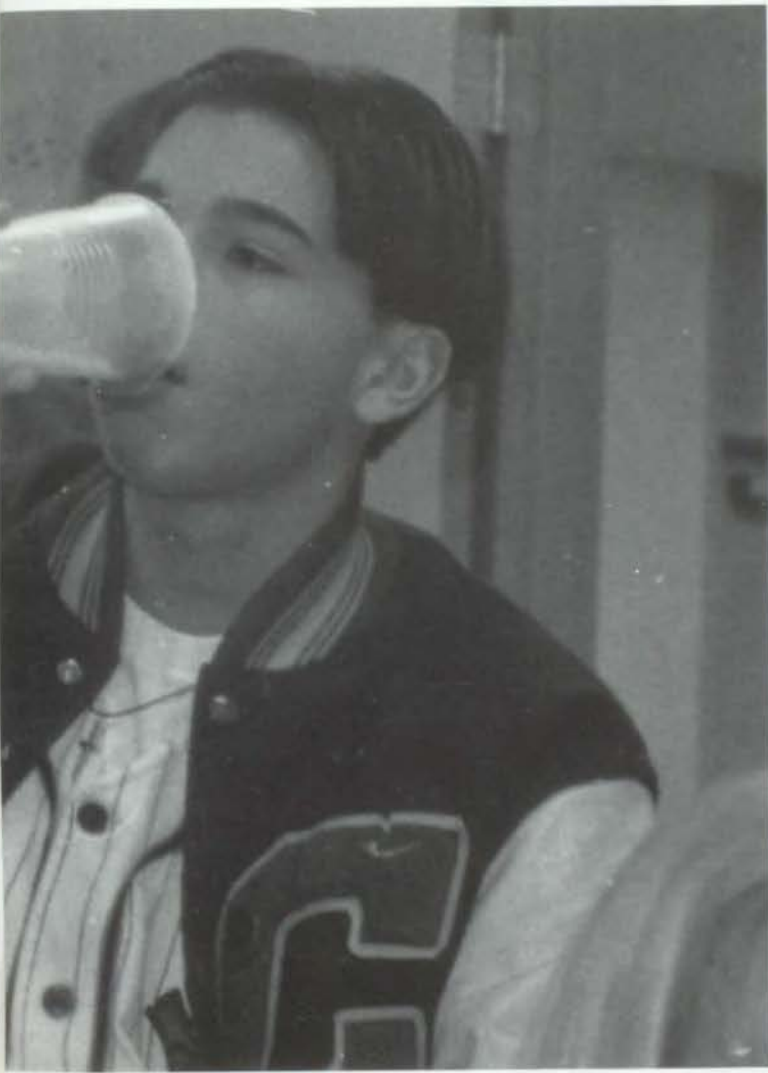




**TEACHERS** **IN TRAINING**  
 During tutoring training, Hi-Step members gather to discuss teaching techniques and lesson topics. Hi-Step members tutored children in Center's elementary schools who needed extra assistance.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

**HI-STEP** **MEMBERS**  
**Row One:** Monica Shipman, Lea Corriston (vice president), Heather Erickson (President), Eric John, Peggy Joy, Amy Mitchell **Row Two:** Maria Balino, Katrina Byndon, Jeanna Weibel, Kim Grimes, Melanie Blando, Amy Loss, Rashawnda Walker **Row Three:** Christi VanLeeuwen, Hajah Kamara, Lina Wu, Naveed Siddiqi, Jeff Peak, Chuck McNiel, Melissa Youngblood **Row Four:** Jake Willard, Nick Snorggrass, Carrie Howard, Ananda Baucom, Shannon Higgins, Leanna Carpenter, Kelly Warriner **Row Five:** Fatima Gonzales, Mishel Smith, Shatonda Jones, Nikki Henderson, Neil Corriston, Teresa Self, Jill Stempleman, Molly Gillespie



**TAKING** **A BREAK**  
 Taking a break from planning, Sophomore Neil Corriston relaxes with his refreshments. Hi-Step members spent the day learning to warn children of the dangers of illegal drugs.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

ET-UP! STAND UP! AMNESTY MEMBERS STUDY URGENT ACTION BEFORE WRITING TO GUATEMALA. AMNESTY WORKED HARD TO FREE PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE ALL OVER.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER

ENRIG? PHIL YOUNG ENJOYS A MOMENT OF SILENCE OUTSIDE THE STATE CAPITOL. YIG SPENT THREE DAYS AT JEFFERSON CITY TO BE A PART OF A MOCK GOVERNMENT.

PHOTO BY JEFF DOUGLAS



## BUDDING POLITICIANS LEARN BY ROLE PLAY

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Both the Political Science Octagon and Amnesty International organizations made great strides in changing things for the future.

The Poli-Sci Club, known mostly for its participation in the Youth in Government program in Jefferson City also had an eventful, educational year.

"Fifteen people and two sponsors (History Teachers Kateri Watters and Beth Heidi) traveled to the Capitol to represent Center among approximately 500 other members from across the state," said Philip Young, senior.

Those involved thought

the trip was a great experience although Kim Grimes believed it lacked the organization and professionalism of earlier times.

"This year was confusing. Leaders were against

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**"I had never been involved in poli-sci before this year but I wish I had, because it's great experience."**

SENIOR MIKE NORMAN

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each other, students were unjustly thrown out and new programs were used without notice. But we did

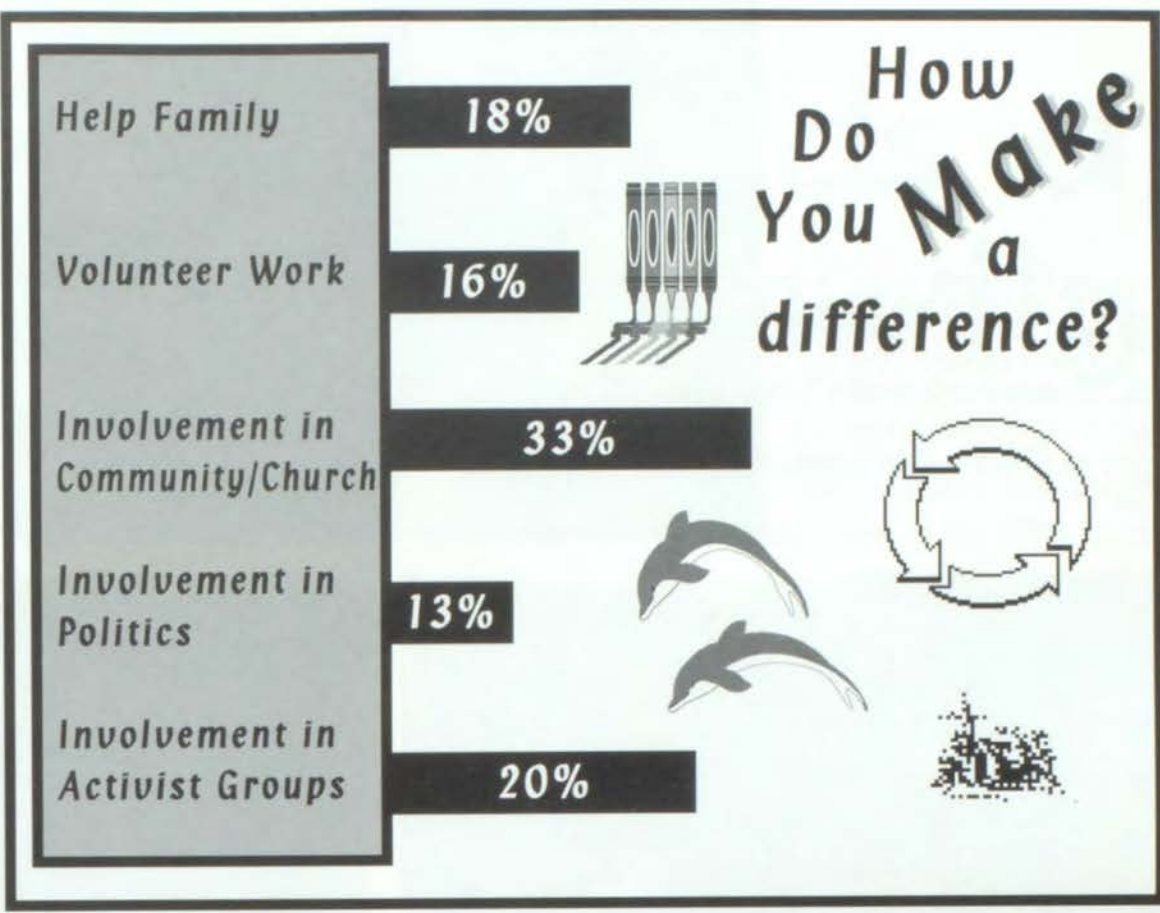
have a really good representation with a few juniors running for offices and Tiffany Minx and me holding state offices already," she said.

The Amnesty International club had representation in the Regional and State area as well.

The president of the club said that the club is really starting to build up outside of the school thanks to connections with the Kansas City-area student coordinator who happens to be a Center alum.

Sponsor Tom Grow also thought that strong leadership with great officers helped build up the membership.





MIKE NORMAN, SENIOR, TAKES ONE LAST GLANCE TOWARD THE CAPITOL BEFORE GETTING ON THE BUS TO HEAD HOME. THE TRIP TO THE STATE CAPITOL IN JEFFERSON CITY WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT MEMBERS.

PHOTO BY JEFF DOUGLAS

## LET'S PLAY BALL!!!!!!

Key Club President makes plans for the upcoming Zsoftball game. The game was against the Kiwanis Club and raised money for charity

PHOTO BY TIFFANY MINX



## EATING ALL THE PROFITS

Seniors Mary Beth Doarn and Charles McNeil sample a piece of their creations for the annual Key Club bake-off.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

## CHOWING DOWN!!!!

Senior Christian Nord addresses the Key Club during the annual bake-off. The bake off was held to gather toys for the Toys for Tots program.

PHOTO BY LEA CORRISTON





# Key Club holds a Key to Community

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Members goal to serve others



Ringin' bells for the Salvation Army in the

club would not have been possible without Science Teacher and cold of winter, giving up busy weeknights to cook Sponsor Jackie Morales and the Kiwanis Club Representative William Bleish.

dinner for the Ronald McDonald house and donating a lot of children's toys were just a few of

I am sponsoring Key Club because it lets me know kids on a the many services the Key Club performed for different level, Morales said.

the community.

Key Club also held a bake off and sold trash bags as

Senior Chuck McNiel, a four year member, fundraisers, and played a charity baseball game with the Kiwanis Club. Serving the Ronald McDonald House was the Key Club's

Club. Serving the Ronald McDonald House was the Key Club's

"Key Club is a cool activity. I had fun helping main activity. They cooked meals on more than one occasion ing people and socializing with my friends," for the Ronald McDonald children.

McNiel commented.

# in a world of our own

## After Hours

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s the clock inched its way to 2:40 p.m., students' minds began to methodically drift from what their teachers were saying to their after-school plans.

It's the time of the day that students looked forward to from the minute they walked in the school doors in the morning, until those last few painfully-long minutes of the school day.

So, after all the waiting and anticipation, what was going on after that final school bell echoed its good-bye to students.

EVERYTHING!

The party scene was big. Self-professed party fiend Lauren Lewandowski, senior always made time for parties.

"I spent time with my friends mostly. I had the most fun throwing parties when my parents were out of town," Lewandowski confessed.

Spending time with friends was always fun according to Senior Jeanna Weibel.

"I loved having people over to watch football games. The best was watching the Chiefs," said Weibel.

Into every life a little romance must fall. Senior Kelvin Haynes admitted some of his most memorable after-school moments was spent with his girlfriend.

"I loved to go shopping at the mall and spend time with my girl," said Haynes.

Just lazing around was a favorite pastime for some.

"I like watching T.V. I'm a couch potato," said Freshman Micki West.

Going out on the town made for a fun night for Junior Jill Stempleman.

"We would always go eat at Houlihans and flirt with the waiters," said Stempleman.

Whatever students did to fill the after-school hours, they all agreed that just being away from school was the best part

thing about it was that it was when students could forget they were students.



Seniors Melanie Blando and Lori Conrad start their morning after an all-night after-Homecoming party. Partying and hanging out with friends was a popular way students spent their after-school-time.

Photo By Amy Loss

# INQUIRY World

"I loved going to parties, dancing and being with my friends. We always had a blast."

Senior Melanie Blando

"Over everything else, I just like being lazy at my house."

Senior Christian Nord

"I just like to go outside and play."

Freshman Sandy Jones

Freshmen Andrew Johnson and Sophomore Neil Corrison live it up at a home football game. Attending Friday night games was a popular weekend activity for students.

Photo By Jeff Douglas

"Spending time with my girlfriend was the best"

Sophomore Thomas Baskind



Sophomores Rashawnda Walker, Morgan Ridgeway and Amy Johnson take a break from cheering at a home basketball game. Cheerleaders showed their spirit at many after-school events.

Photo By Jessica Renfrow



Sophomore Jeff Peak and Freshmen Mark Royer spend the afternoon in the pet store. The two watched two mice fighting in a cage. "I should have put money on the white one," said Peak.

RET EUBANK, JUNIOR, STRETCHES OUT BEFORE A MEET. EUBANK HAD A SUCCESSFUL SEASON, PLACING IN SEVERAL MEETS, AND PLACING EIGHTH AT DISTRICTS. PHOTO BY: LISA SORENSEN

RIPKING AS FAST AS HE CAN, SENIOR CHRISTIAN NORD REFRESHES HIMSELF AFTER A RACE. NORD QUALIFIED FOR STATE AFTER A SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE IN DISTRICTS.

PHOTO BY: ASHLEY PRATER



## DEDICATION KEY TO SUCCESS

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They raced around campus. They strode through the neighborhoods. They woke at 6 a.m. during the summer to train. Who were these dedicated athletes? They were members of the Cross Country Team.

The team, which consisted of three girls and 12 boys, worked vigorously to prepare for their season.

Under the leadership of Coach Bruce Rehmer, the team doubled in size since 1995. That was good news for the program, considering that in 1995, the sport was eliminated from Center's athletic budget.

But the team proved they

had a lot of heart, and with the help of Rehmer and the Booster Club, they raised enough money to keep the program going without the financial support of the school.

Senior Chuck McNeil was excited about the strides they made.

"Having a large number of runners made it more competitive for everyone else on the team. It will be better for all of us in the long run," said McNeil.

Sophomore runner Gina

Soldi agreed that the larger team was advantageous, but appreciated being able to run at all.

"It is hard when we have a small number of girls, but I'm just glad that we have a team this year," said

Soldi.

During a typical practice, the team ran about four miles. Five days a week, from three to 5 p.m., the team worked out in preparation to attack their team and individual goals head on.

Setting goals and working to meet them was essential for success according to Senior Captain Christian Nord. "We just wanted everyone to run their best," Nord said. "We wanted to do well at Districts and possibly get a couple of people qualified for State competition."

Nord, who missed qualifying for State as a junior by just one place, had a goal of his own.

"I competed in the State Cross Country Meet on November 8. It was my last chance to redeem myself. As a senior, it was very important to me," he said.

**"We just wanted everyone to run their best."**

Senior Christian Nord

# MAKING OUR MARK

## CROSS COUNTRY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
MARK ROYER	TRUMAN	26TH
BRET EUBANK	TRUMAN	19TH
CHRISTIAN NORD	RAYMORE-PECULIAR	12TH
BRET EUBANK	RAYMORE-PECULIAR	19TH
CHRISTIAN NORD	CONFERENCE MEET	4TH
BRET EUBANK	CONFERENCE MEET	12TH
CHRISTIAN NORD	ST. JOE BENTON	MEDALED
BRET EUBANK	DISTRICT MEET	8TH
AUDREY YOUNG	CONFERENCE MEET	24TH



**Cross Country Team** Coach Bruce Rehmer, Audrey Young, Mark Royer, Mike Daniel, Bret Eubank, Charles McNiell, Christian Nord



FRESHMAN MARK ROYER CATCHES HIS BREATH AFTER A VIGOROUS RACE. WARMING UP BEFORE A RACE AS WELL AS COOLING DOWN AFTERWARDS, WAS A LESSON RUNNERS LEARNED EARLY.

PHOTO BY: ASHLEY PRATER



MEMBERS OF THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM RUN DOWN PORTE CIMI PAS AFTER SCHOOL. FORTUNATELY FOR THE TEAM, RENOVATIONS ON THE POPULAR ROUTE BEGAN AFTER THEIR SEASON ENDED.

PHOTO BY: LISA SORENSEN

SOPHOMORE NICHOLE HARSTAD GOES UP FOR THE BLOCK WHILE JUNIORS TIFFANY SMITH AND STEPHANIE NICHOLS COVER HER. THE TEAM PRACTICED THIS DRILL OVER AND OVER TO IMPROVE FOR GAMES. PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

SENIOR ANGELA KARTSONIS PREPS FOR THE SERVE. THE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM HAD MANY PLAYERS WITH POWERFUL SERVES THAT HELPED WIN GAMES.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



# POSITIVE ATTITUDE BUMPS TEAM SPIRIT

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"Set it up!" "I'm open!" "It's yours!"—some of the many yells and hollers heard in the gym during the varsity volleyball games this year. Lead by coach Stephanie Worthy and Senior team member Angela Kartsonis, the varsity volleyball team played their best this season. They worked as a team while they were on the court, and gave it their all.

"I think the performance of the team was a lot better this year than last year. We worked more as a team, not as individuals" said Junior Tara Tischer.

Their two wins and thirteen losses record didn't seem to get them down. They stayed in there, and played their best to the finish.

The varsity volleyball team came a long way this year, overcoming many obstacles. As the season progressed, some of the members be-

came stressed out with practices, games, and keeping up with their homework.

"When volleyball started, I got really stressed out because I had more to do than I had time to do it in. I had volleyball, drill team and band all at the same time, but I got everything done

**"You can't let a losing record keep you from trying your best."**

Junior Cassie Grantham

and it all worked out" said Sophomore Carrie Howard.

Despite the intense schedule, and a losing record, the team maintained a positive attitude and had fun.

"I just play volleyball because I love the sport. I want

to win just like everyone else, but I try not to get disappointed when we don't win" said Junior Cheryl Carroll.

During the summer, some of the varsity team members got together to brush up on their volleyball skills by playing beach volleyball once a week. This gave the team time to pull together and accommodate their playing styles to those of the other girls. Strengthened by this new-found team togetherness and improved fundamentals, they played a season with highs and lows. They went into every game with a positive attitude, and whether they came out the winner or not, they left the game with that same positive attitude.

"You can't let a losing record keep you down because that just prevents you from doing your best and possibly winning" said Junior Cassie Grantham.





# MAKING OUR MARK

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



**VOLLEYBALL TEAM:** ROW ONE: ANGELA KARTSONIS ROW TWO: LEE UNGER, STEPHANIE NICHOLAS, CASSIE GRANTHAM, CHERYL CARROLL, TIFFANY SMITH ROW THREE: COACH BETH HEIDI, NICHOLE HARSTEAD, CARRIE HOWARD, WYKETHA HARRELL, JALONN SIDNEY, TARA TISHER, AMY MITCHELL, COACH STEPHANIE WORTHY



NICHOLE HARSTEAD, SOPHOMORE AND TARA TISHER, JUNIOR, WATCH THE BALL BUMPED OVER THE NET BY THE OPPOSING TEAM. THE TEAM HAD A SHARP DEFENSE AND OFFENSIVE TEAM UNITY THAT LED TO WINS.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS

APTIAN JASON MENSING WATCHES AS A PERFECT SHOT GOES PAST THE GOALIE AND INTO THE NET. THE VARSITY TEAM WENT ON TO WIN THIS GAME AGAINST HICKMAN MILLS 4-0.

PHOTO BY: JESSICA RENFROW

AKING A BREAK DURING HALFTIME, THE TEAM DISCUSSES THE GAME. THIS BREAK GAVE THE TEAM A CHANCE TO HAVE A REST AND DECIDE ON WHAT NEEDED TO BE CHANGED FOR THE UPCOMING HALF.

PHOTO BY: JESSICA RENFROW



# JUST FOR KICKS- AND FOR WINNING

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While some students were still lounging by the pool and sleeping in late, members of the boy's varsity soccer team were awake and practicing skills for the upcoming season. Starting in mid-August with early morning practices lasting for two hours, dribbling, passing, and shooting were practiced endlessly despite the summer heat.

"The practices were long and hard, and very hot but they were needed to get us back into shape," said Junior Steve Mattson.

Weeks of these practices paid off for the team with a record of 5-13-2. Sophomore Joey Brake and goalie for the team, said they did really well for being such a young team. With only three returning seniors from the previous year, mostly sophomores and juniors dominated the field. The first few

games were a time of adjustment while the younger members of the team learned to play on a varsity level which meant a much faster paced game.

"At first the team didn't respect me but they learned. Some of them I had to get a little rough with,"

**"At first the team didn't respect me but they learned."**

Senior Kevin Hill

said Senior and captain of the soccer team, Kevin Hill of the underclassmen.

Despite a rough beginning, the soccer team finished second in districts under the leadership of Coach

Chuck Duske and Assistant Coach, Andy Hanch. Their first game in districts against Englewood Christian left them victorious. The team then went on to play Pembroke Hill and left their stadium with another win. The following Saturday, they were defeated by Kearney, ending the season. Even though this was the last game of the high school's team, many players continued with soccer during the winter on indoor teams. Junior Randy Green was one such player that felt playing year round helped to keep him in shape and to improve his skills.

Despite the soccer team's rough start, the season ended in success due to hard work and commitment. This resulted in an unforgettable season for the varsity team.





# MAKING OUR MARK

## BOYS' SOCCER TEAM

Center	1	Belton	2
Center	1	Grandview	7
Center	1	Raymore Peculiar	3
Center	0	Hickman Mills	1
Center	2	O'Hara	2
Center	0	Raytown South	6
Center	3	Pembroke Hill	2
Center	9	Englewood Christian	1
Center	1	Belton	3
Center	0	Harrisonville	2
Center	0	Raymore Peculiar	0
Center	4	Hickman Mills	0
Center	0	Raytown South	7
Center	2	Kearney	4
Center	11	Englewood Christian	1



**Boys' Soccer Team: Row One:** Jeff Hill, Kevin Hill, Scott Reaves, Craig Robinson, Jason Mensing, Nick Scheuerman, Naveed Siddiqi, Nell Corrison, **Row Two:** Coach Chuck Duske, Joey Brake, Jeff Peak, Randy Green, Brandon Bailey, Steve Mattson, Assistant Coach Andy Hanch

DEFENDER KEVIN HILL TAKES HIS JOB SERIOUSLY, AS A PLAYER FROM THE OPPOSING TEAM TRIES TO SCORE AGAINST CENTER. THE VARSITY TEAM SPENT MANY HOURS PRACTICING ON TECHNIQUES TO HAVE THE MOST EFFICIENT DEFENSE.

PHOTO BY: JESSICA RENFROW

JUNIOR VARSITY MEMBER JOSH HALL, SENIOR STANDS READY NEAR HIS OPPONENT TO DEFEND THE BALL ON BEHALF OF HIS TEAM. HALL WAS A FIRST YEAR MEMBER OF THE JV TEAM.  
 PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

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## BOYS' JV SOCCER TEAM

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Center	3	Hickman Mills	1
Center	0	Raytown South	8
Center	2	Kearney	4



Boys' JV Soccer Team: Row One: Jay Barry, Phil Smith, Christian Juan, Tim Phillips, Jake Howard, Andrew Johnson, Cliff Juan  
 Row Two: Coach Chuck Duske, Neil Corriston, Jared Castle, Scott Shanahan, Logan Gillespie, Jeff Teeter, Jack Ryan, Jeff Hill, Coach Andy Hanch



Junior Varsity Volleyball: Row One: Stephanie Barry, Stephanie Wheeler, Amy Johnson, Aubrey Yeisley, Annie Baily, Renee Betts, Shanna Hiebert  
 Row Two: Coach Stephanie Worthy, Wyketha Harrell, Melissa Ebberts, Lee Unger, Amanda Corbin, Kerri Knox, Amy Mitchell, Crystal Gilliland, Jalonn Sydney, Coach Beth Heidi



# JV: MORE FUN! LESS PRESSURE!

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The Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball Team and Boys' Junior Varsity Soccer Team both faced considerable obstacles during the season. They practiced the same number of hours as the varsity teams, but did not receive the same attention or respect.

For Freshman Tim Phillips, playing junior varsity was a beneficial step in his soccer career.

"I think it was good to experience playing on the high-school level, even if it was J.V. Next year I hope to be on varsity, and I think starting on J.V. this year will help me there," Phillips said.

Freshman switch-player Jack Ryan thought J.V. playing time was advantageous as well.

"Varsity was definitely fun because of the advanced level of play, but when I didn't want to deal with all that pressure or wasn't totally focused, J.V. was fun," Ryan said.

Playing on the junior var-

sity level wasn't part of a planned step ladder for some. Their aspirations were less serious. They just wanted to have fun.

"Playing J.V. was fun because less was expected of us. I could go out in a game and start running into opponents and knocking them

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nents!"**

Freshman Logan  
Gillespie

over. I never got called for it because the refs just thought I didn't know what I was doing," said Freshman Logan Gillespie.

The fact that J.V. play caused less pressure than varsity made games more enjoyable for Freshman Jared Castle.

"I thought playing junior varsity was fun because

there was less pressure. I didn't get stressed out about the games like the varsity guys did," Castle said.

Freshman Melissa Ebberts agreed.

"I really had a lot of fun playing J.V. volleyball this year. However, I think if there was more pressure on us, it would be less fun. It was easier for us to make mistakes. A lot of people didn't look highly on us, but there were good relations between us and the varsity team," she said.

Sophomore Amy Johnson was also grateful for the positive relation between the squads.

"Our teams worked really well together. We worked really hard even though we didn't win a lot of games," Johnson said.

Playing on a junior varsity team had its advantages. Fundamental skills were learned and perfected to prepare the players for future advanced-level play.



SOPHOMORE JEFF HILL WATCHES THE ACTION DOWN FIELD AS HE STANDS IN THE GOAL BOX WAITING TO DEFEND HIS TEAM'S GOAL.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS JUSTIN SEIBOLT, TIM PHILLIPS, JACK RYAN, MOVE THE GOAL ONTO THE FIELD. HELPING EACH OTHER OUT IN EVERY SITUATION WAS IMPORTANT OVER THE COURSE OF THE SEASON. PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER

# MAKING OUR MARK

## GIRLS' TENNIS

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Center	3	Hickman Mills	4
Center	1	Excelsior Springs	6
Center	5	Belton	2
Center	6	Lincoln Prep	1
Center	6	Raymore-Peculiar	1
Center	7	Ruskin	5
Center	3	Excelsior Springs	4
Center	1st	Hickman Mills Tourney	
Center	1st	Conference	



Girls Tennis Team: Row One: Tiarra Weatherbee, Heather Erickson, Jill Montgomery, Mary Ajarapu. Row Two: Melinda Grandi, Marianne Grandi, Monica Shipman, Leanna Carpenter, Sheri Sweeney. Row Three: Andrea Noble, Halley Godfredson, Glory Ajarapu, Coach Gary Smith


SENIOR HEATHER ERICKSON PREPS FOR HER SERVE. THE TEAM SPENT A LOT OF TIME AT PRACTICE PERFECTING THE KILLER SERVE.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



# SENIOR LEADERSHIP BUILDS TIES THAT WIN

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Although it was a small team, with 12 members - seven varsity and five junior varsity - the Girls' Tennis Team was powerful. Led by Seniors Heather Erickson and Jill Montgomery, the tennis team experienced a myriad of victories.

Leadership from the seniors was key to team unity. "Being a leader meant responsibility and taking time to help the newer team members. It also meant being a role model," said Montgomery.

Erickson agreed.

"You have to be able to get the team to get along with the coach as well as each other and you have to take responsibility for any problems that come along besides setting a good example for the team," said Erickson.

The team captured several victories and accomplished most of their season

and individual goals. The team soundly defeated Hickman Mills, won First-Team All-Conference in doubles and team doubles. Erickson took Second-Team All-Conference in singles play. Monica Shipman and Mary Ajarapu were also successful, winning Second-

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**"Being a leader means responsibility and taking time to help others."**

Senior Jill Montgomery

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Team All-Conference in doubles.

Sportsmanship was another skill learned during the seasons. Girls learned to take the bad with the good.

"Conference was a very humbling experience because I got whipped-up on.

Then, when I went to Districts, I had to play the same girl as I played in Conference. Let's just say history repeats itself," said Junior Leanna Carpenter.

The tennis team spent hours after school striving to reach their goals - preparing themselves for up-coming matches. They set individual goals for the season and as a team. The team goal was met when they became All-Conference Champs. Individually, although not all goals were met, players kept spirits high and worked on improving every day.

But the season was not all about winning. New friendships were made and team members admitted that although they worked hard, they also had fun.

"The away games were the best part of tennis because they were fun and we got to know each other better," said Shipman.



SENIOR CO-CAPTAINS HEATHER ERICKSON AND JILL MONTGOMERY REST AFTER A STRENUOUS WORK-OUT. THE TENNIS TEAM PRACTICED EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL FOR TWO HOURS. DEDICATED TEAM MEMBERS ALSO PRACTICED ON SUNDAYS. PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

FRESHMEN CHERI SWEENEY AND GLORY AJARAPU TAKE A BREAK FROM THE TENNIS SCENE. TEAM MEMBERS GOT THE CHANCE TO SIT BACK AND WATCH THEIR TEAMMATES WHILE WAITING TO BEGIN THEIR OWN MATCHES.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

FRESHMEN CHAT IN THE LOCKER ROOM BEFORE A SOCCER PRE-SEASON WEIGHT TRAINING SESSION. MANY SPORTS UTILIZED THE WEIGHT ROOM IN THE SCHOOL'S BASEMENT. PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER

ENIGOR BETH MIDDLESTAEDT STRETCHES BEFORE LIFTING WEIGHTS. ATHLETES WERE TAUGHT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF STRETCHING THEIR MUSCLES BEFORE A WORKOUT. PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER



# WORKIN' OUT: STUDENTS ATTRACTED BY NEW YMCA

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With the opening of the newly remodeled YMCA on Holmes and Red Bridge Road, many students became interested in improving their physiques. Among the many additions to the Y, were weight lifting machines and aerobic dance classes.

Senior Angela Kartsonis could be seen at the Y three times a week after school to prepare for her athletic endeavors.

"I worked out to be ready for soccer. I wanted to be the best I could be. I chose the Y because it was small and there were no joining contracts," she said.

Another regular visitor to the Y was Senior Lemuel Coleman.

"I went to the Y to get out of the house. It gave me something constructive to do," he said.

The convenient location

of the Y also made it a hit for Junior Bill Ong.

"I went to the Y to be in shape. An added bonus was it's right next door to my house," he said.

Despite the technologically advanced machines at the Y, not all students

"I went to the Y to get out of the house."

Senior Lemuel Coleman

seeking strength looked there. Since the school offered a weight lifting class it seemed logical for some students to take it.

Sophomore Nick Scheuerman was enrolled in weight lifting.

"I took weight training for two reasons: First, I wanted to stay in shape, and sec-

ond, it was an easy class with no homework," he said.

Of course, some students, such as Freshman Steve Fishell, didn't have the option of working out.

"My family moves around too much. We don't settle down long enough for me to find a place to work out," he said.

Still other students like Junior Jessica Renfrow didn't care for the option of working out.

"I don't work out because I don't think I need to," she said.

Although not all students chose to work out the idea of staying in shape had an impact on the student body according to YMCA staff member Colleen Gillespie.

"It's neat to see so many kids here from Center. They really care about health," she said.





PORTING A LETTERMAN'S JACKET, JUNIOR MOLLY GILLESPIE WORKS HARD AT HER TASK. LETTER JACKETS SYMBOLIZED EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS.  
PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER



OPHOMORE JEFF HILL PUMPS IRON TO KEEP IN SHAPE FOR SWIMMING. THE SWIM TEAM'S BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THE IMPROVED Y BECAUSE THEY COULD ALTERNATE THEIR PRACTICES BETWEEN POOL AND "DRY LAND" PRACTICES.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER

FTER A LENGTHY WORK-OUT SESSION FRESHMAN JUSTEN SIEBOLT TAKES A BREAK. THOUGH WEIGHT LIFTING WAS NOT AN AEROBIC EXERCISE, IT STILL TOOK ITS TOLL ON PARTICIPANTS.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER



COACH HAMMES ENCOURAGES JOHN PERKINS DURING A GAME. NEW TO COACHING FOOTBALL, HAMMES USED THE SEASON TO LEARN ALONG WITH THE PLAYERS. PHOTO BY: JESSICA RENFROW

# MAKING OUR MARK

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

Center	30	Kearney	46
Center	6	Ruskin	19
Center	14	Wyandotte	15
Center	12	Hickman	29
Center	22	Ray South	41
Center	14	Excelsior Springs	20
Center	6	Belton	27
Center	14	Raymore-Peculiar	42
Center	6	Grandview	35

## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Center	16	Kearney	19
Center	6	Ruskin	29
Center	12	Hickman Mills	28
Center	6	Raytown South	21
Center	19	Excelsior Springs	28
Center	14	Belton	22



**Football Team:** **Row One:** Kelvin Haynes, Mike McCrary, Eric Rhymes, Nathan Piester, John Perkins, Aaron Jones, Willie Wilkins, Garrett Damron, Marcel Smith, Heath Norton **Row Two:** James Nimrod, John Milone, Carl Grandi, Coach Lang, Coach Ford, Coach Walker, Coach Hammes, Pete Taylor, Lukas Conard **Row Three:** Rustin Steward, Chris Gray, Lester Tapp, Steve Echols, Mike Frazier, Reggie Williams, Brent Shelby, Shamal Sameul, Brandon Davis, Torance Williams **Row Four:** Brant Campbell, Zach Piester, William Runnels, Ben Scherwin, Akeem Taylor, Lance Redick, Tyrone Stewart, Shylae Walker, David Spriggs, Leonard Davis **Row Five:** Jermaine Jacobs, Sam Weillert, Tony Antonello, kDanniel Innis, Jason Gibbs, Charles Quinlin, Noah Piester, Tommy Thibodeau



HEATH NORTON STOPS HIMSELF BEFORE HE TUMBLES INTO A DOG PILE. FRESHMAN PLAYERS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO TRAIN AND PRACTICE HARD IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR GAME IN PREPARATION FOR PLAYING ON VARSITY LEVEL. PHOTO BY: JESSICA RENFROW



# TEAMMATES TURN TO EACH OTHER FOR HEALING

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The sad news spread quickly through the eerily-quiet hallways. First hour began with an announcement from Principal Brian Schumann, breaking the previous night's tragic occurrence - a student had died during a football game.

Muffled sobs could be heard from various classrooms. A cloud of gloom descended over the school. The death of Charles Satterwhite affected the entire school.

Science Teacher Jackie Morales initially felt shock and questioned the fairness of a young man's death.

"Charles didn't do anything to deserve to die. When a drug user or a gang member dies, nobody thinks it's a big deal. But when it happens to a nice kid, it seems unfair," said Morales.

The tragedy caused students to evaluate their own lives. They learned how quickly life can change.

"I could not imagine what

the football team was going through. His death made me think of what it would be like if one of my friends from the soccer team died. I learned to never take anything or anyone for granted," said Freshman David Wilson.

The football team not only had to imagine what it

**"It's such a shock when a young person dies. Nobody expects it."**

Sophomore  
Lynsey Nixon

would be like to lose a teammate, they had to experience it. They had to stand helplessly by, while paramedics worked unsuccessfully to save their teammate's life.

But the team stuck together to cope with their loss.

"At first it was a shock. After a couple of days though,

what had happened really hit me. That experience will always stay with me. He was so skilled. It was unfortunate that had to happen to him. He had a bright future ahead of him. A lot of people, including me, will miss him forever," said Freshman Tony Antonello, a member of the football team.

Like every team, players were faced with obstacles. However, the Freshman Football Team did not meet their worst opponent on the field. The battle they fought was in their minds and hearts; but they stuck together and helped each other heal the wounds left by grief and loss. The final scores of their games did not determine the success of this team. The unbelievable obstacles they overcame made them a winning team in their own eyes and in the eyes of their peers.



SIGN IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL SHARES THE DEVASTATING LOSS THE SCHOOL SUFFERED IN NOVEMBER WHEN FRESHMAN CHARLES SATTERWHITE DIED DURING A HOME FOOTBALL GAME. THE STUDENT BODY EXPERIENCED SHOCK AFTER THE INCIDENT. PHOTO BY: TINA WAITS

ENIOR L.C. REID LOOKS FOR A PASS WHILE PLAYING AGAINST THE PANTHERS. TEAM WORK WAS ESSENTIAL IN LEADING THE JACKETS THROUGH A SUCCESSFUL SEASON. PHOTO BY TED CARDOS

ENNY WOODARD, FRESHMAN, LOOKS FOR AN OPEN MAN AS THE OFFENSIVE PLAY BEGINS. ALTHOUGH A FRESHMAN, WOODARD PUT IN A LOT OF VARSITY TIME. PHOTO BY TED CARDOS



# CENTER BASKETBALL TRADITION CONTINUES

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The Varsity Boys' Basketball Team came into the 1997-1998 season with high hopes of advancing to Sectionals and possibly even the State playoffs. Since the team lost six seniors from the previous year, the team faced a rebuilding year. However, the Jackets began the season with a perfect 6-0 record, despite the fact that the team was composed mainly of juniors.

"It was different being the youngest on the team," said Jason Curry, the only sophomore starter on the team. "I found myself having to work harder just to have a starting position," he said.

As the season moved along, the Yellowjackets played some impressive games and showed their brute. But their season was cut short in the second round of Districts after a 73-56 loss to Ruskin. The team

finished the year with a 16-11 record. Two of the 11 losses came in overtime, and three were by two points or less.

"We had a good season," said Junior Mike McCrory.

"Toward the end of the season we all became more of a family. That will definitely

**"I found myself having to work harder just to have a starting position."**

**Sophomore Jason Curry**

work to our advantage next year," McCrory said.

The team's tournament play was exceptional. In December, the Jackets clinched first place in the Miami County Classic - defeating Louisburg 77-59, Paola 67-50 and Olathe

Christian 76-58. In the Topeka Capital Classic the Jackets placed fourth and in the Belton Tournament, they defeated Central 72-64, taking third place.

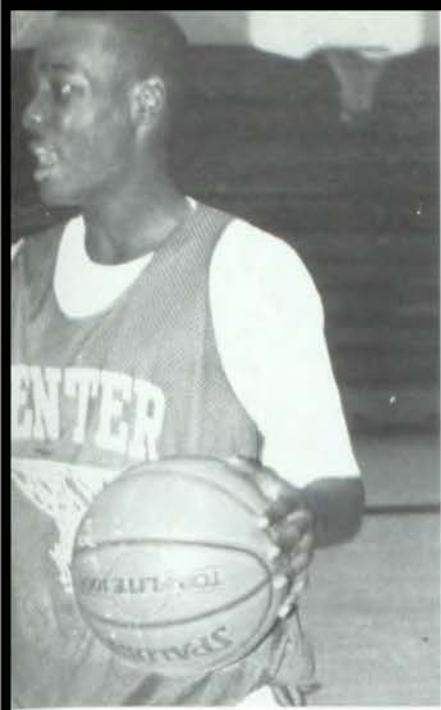
"Tournaments this year were difficult because more was at stake than in a regular game," said Senior Marcel Smith.

"We had to play harder because there were a lot of expectations, and in order for any team to do well, you have to win more than one game," he said.

"The Yellowjackets will lose two seniors next year, Smith and L.C. Reid, but five varsity players will return to carry on the Center basketball tradition.

"We have a good group of guys coming back with a lot of senior leaders," said Junior Bret Eubank. "I'm looking forward to a successful and fun year."





# MAKING OUR MARK

## BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Center	57	Central	53
Center	62	Grandview	60
Center	59	Excelsior Springs	47
Center	67	Pembroke Hill	75
Center	65	Shawnee Mission East	55
Center	72	Raymore Peculiar	51
Center	55	Raytown South	62
Center	57	Ruskin	52
Center	50	Hickman Mills	77
Center	63	Belton	64
Center	85	Excelsior Springs	51
Center	53	Ruskin	65

Paola Tournament

First Place

Topeka Capital Classic Tournament

Fourth Place

Belton Tournament

Third Place



**Boys' Basketball Team:** Row One: Jerome Harris, Lester Tapp, Marcel Smith, Jason Harris, Mike McCrory, Randy Robinson Row Two: Coach Steve Perry, Kenny Woodard, Bret Eubank, Jason Curry, Evan Cleaver, Head Coach Ed Fritz

SENIOR L. C. REID GOES UP FOR A DUNK DURING A BASKETBALL GAME. WITH THE GOAL BEING 10 FEET HIGH, DUNKING IS A SKILL NOT ALL PLAYERS ARE ABLE TO MASTER.

PHOTO BY TED CARDOS

LADY JACKETS TAKE A BREAK FROM THEIR GAME AND POSE FOR A PICTURE. EVEN WHEN THEY WERE AWAY AT TOURNAMENTS, THE GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM STILL MADE TIME FOR FUN.

PHOTO DONATED BY TEAM

JUNIOR SYDRA LYKE GETS THE REBOUND AND CHARGES DOWN COURT TO THE JACKET BASKET. PLAYERS SAID THAT THE KEY TO WINNING GAMES WAS DOMINATING THE BOARDS.

PHOTO BY AMY LOSS



## INJURIES, INEXPERIENCE CALL FOR TEAM UNITY

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Girls' Varsity Basketball had a rough year, but most players agreed that they all stuck together until the end.

"We had five injuries - three major ones that really affected our team. We had to come together and even those who were on the sidelines really helped us out. We had a lot of team unity. We were always together, in the halls, at lunch, outside of school, planning parties, going out - we were like a family," said Senior Lea Johnson, co-captain of the squad.

Sophomore Ananda Baucom also depended on team unity over the course of the season.

"I think that it's great that we came together and did not let outside comments interfere with our game. It was also good that we could all be friends outside of basketball," said Baucom.

As with all organized sports, practice was a big part of the girls' season. For the Lady Jackets, though, practice was sometimes fun as well as hard work.

"During some practices, we played music to keep us energized. We played games like Knockout,

**"We had to come together, and even those who were on the sidelines really helped us out."**

Senior Lea Johnson

Twenty-One or Three on Three to keep practices interesting. At one practice we even had donoughts and orange juice," said JaLonn Sidney, sophomore.

A firm belief in hard work helped Senior Lakeisha Jack-

son reach the goals she set for herself.

"Work hard and put in all your effort and you will succeed. If you push yourself, you will achieve more," said Jackson.

For Junior Sydra Lyke, playing basketball was more than just a game - it was a way of life.

"I have been playing basketball since I was nine years old, and I have been on a team for as long as I can remember. Basketball is a part of my life. Also, this was my first year at this school, so being on the team helped me meet new people, and it keeps the body active as well," said Lyke.

Holding together was important for this team - especially for the varsity players. Almost all agreed that with the support of their teammates, they were able to have a successful year.





# MAKING OUR MARK

## GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Center	60	Jacksboro	59
Center	60	Paseo	18
Center	39	Blue Springs South	54
Center	50	Louisburg	41
Center	31	Paola	44
Center	44	Olathe Christian	32
Center	40	Excelsior Springs	54
Center	27	Northeast	46
Center	16	Raymore-Peculiar	71
Center	26	Raytown South	56
Center	32	Ruskin	21
Center	46	Belton	72
Center	47	Ruskin	38
Center	26	Hickman Mills	27
Center	47	Excelsior Springs	68
Center	24	Santa Fe Trail	57
Center	64	Anderson County	73
Center	60	Wellsville	54
Center	47	Notre Dame de Sion	53
Center	54	O'Hara	67
Center	34	Raymore-Peculiar	58
Center	50	Raytown South	4
Center	58	Hickman	51
Center	41	Belton	54



**Girls' Varsity Basketball Team:** Row One: Shaniqua Townsend, Ananda Baucom, Lea Johnson, LaKeisha Jackson, Reagan Townsend, Monique Bankhead, Liz Elmore Row Two: Coach Bernette Walker, Wyketha Harrell, JaLonn Sydney, Shivon Bullock, Menulique Foreman, Nicole Harstad, Sydra Lyke, Head Coach Stephanie Worthy

LADY JACKETS BATTLE THE SOUTHWEST LADY INDIANS IN THE FIRST ROUND OF DISTRICTS; CENTER HOSTED THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT, BUT FAILED TO ADVANCE TO SECTIONALS. PHOTO BY AMY LOSS

**N ACTION!** JUNIOR BRET EUBANK FOLLOWS THROUGH AFTER PUMPING IN TWO POINTS. CENTER WENT ON TO WIN THIS GAME AGAINST SHAWNEE MISSION EAST.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS

JUNIOR VERSELLE WELLS PREPARES TO SCORE. WHEN GAMES WERE TIGHT, FREE THROW POINTS PROVED TO BE VITAL.

PHOTO BY SYDRA LYKE



## TEAMS EMBRACE CHANGING SEASON

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The great Center Basketball legacy lived on. Both the boys' and Girls' Junior Varsity Teams put in a good year's work and reaped the benefits.

With a new, different season, came new aspects to the game.

"The coaching style was different. Coach Walker was a lot different, and we actually won games," said Munachim Uzoma, junior.

Junior Bret Eubank, who played both junior varsity and varsity, endured a season with ups and downs.

"We lost six or seven games by just three points, which made for a heart-breaking season. It really was a roller coaster, with extreme highs and lows, but we were always playing as

a team towards a common goal. Our last game, which was against Belton, we won by just one point. It felt terrific to end things on such a high note. I only wish we could have had that feeling earlier in the year. Through everything, we all grew a lot

as players and learned immensely about life - which is the most important lesson," said Eubank.

Sophomore Matt Daggett felt that the team

pulled together when they needed to.

"We got off to a rocky start, but it all came together in the end. We really were a team," said Daggett.

Throughout the turbulent season, both teams pulled together and succeeded by learning and improving.

**"We got off to a rocky start, but it all came together in the end. We really were a team."**

Sophomore Matt Daggett



THE LADY JACKETS TAKE A MOMENT TO REGAIN STRENGTH BEFORE GETTING BACK INTO THE GAME. THESE THREE JUNIOR VARSITY MEMBERS ALSO PUT IN TIME ON THE VARSITY COURT.

PHOTO BY AMY LOSS

# MAKING OUR MARK

## BOYS'S JV BASKETBALL

Center	52	Central	57
Center	53	Grandview	55
Center	51	Excelsior Springs	60
Center	49	Pembroke	53
Center	57	Excelsior Springs	32
Center	63	Ray-Pec	55
Center	47	Raytown South	63
Center	62	Ruskin	55
Center	46	Hickman	52
Center	64	Shawnee Mission East	60
Center	61	Belton	51
Center	66	Ruskin	68
Center	51	Ray-Pec	57
Center	42	Raytown South	56
Center	51	Hickman	49
Center	65	Belton	64

## GIRLS'S JV BASKETBALL

Center	47	Paseo	3
Center	9	Blue Springs	47
Center	33	Excelsior Springs	47
Center	46	North East	0
Center	26	Ruskin	23
Center	23	Ray-Pec	50
Center	18	Raytown South	42
Center	29	Belton	43
Center	29	Notre Dame Sion	55

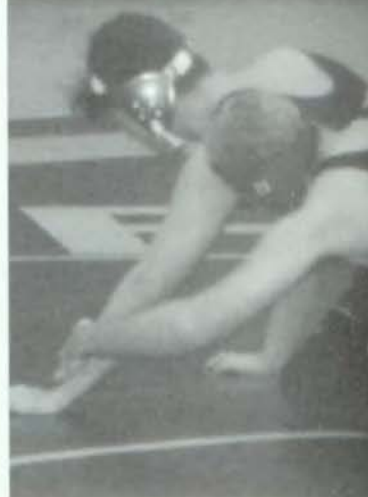


**Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Team:** Row One: Aisha Augusta, Fahteema Collins Row Two: Amber Randle, Deanna Jones, Lindsey Weaver Row Three: Coach Walker, Wyketha Harrell, Cheryl Carroll, Munachim Uzoma, LeVita Verser, Ananda Baucom, Liz Elmore, Coach Stephanie Worthy

**Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball Team:** See Varsity Pages

GARRETT DAMRON, SENIOR, STRUGGLES WITH HIS OPPONENT. DAMRON WAS A FOUR-YEAR MEMBER OF THE WRESTLING TEAM. HE PLACED AT SECTIONALS AND WENT ON TO STATE.  
PHOTO BY LISA SORESENSEN

JUNIOR JEFF DOUGLAS WORKS HARD TO WIN HIS MATCH. DOUGLAS WORKED HARD ALL SEASON TO MAKE WEIGHT AND EXCEL IN HIS WEIGHT CLASS.  
PHOTO BY LISA SORESENSEN



# SACRIFICE AND TRAINING: WRESTLERS DEDICATE ALL

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Wrestling proved to be an extremely demanding sport. Dedication from each individual wrestler was required to make a successful team. Workouts, training and a lot of sacrifices were required.

Wrestlers tried to gain muscle and strength, but at the same time keep their weight down as low as possible. This took a combination of lifting weights and dieting.

"It's very difficult sitting at lunch while everyone eats and I can't. The key is self control," Junior Carl Grandi said.

Even though wrestling required individual dedication, team unity was also essential.

Having the whole team's support helped each wrestler do well on the mat.

**"The hardest part of wrestling for me is the conditioning. But eventually, all the hard work pays off."**

Senior Garrett Damron

Concentration and quick reflexes to defeat the opponent. Another element

needed was an open mind and coachability.

"I didn't make it far, but I learned a lot as a freshman. I am positive I will make it next year," said Freshman Sean Johnson.

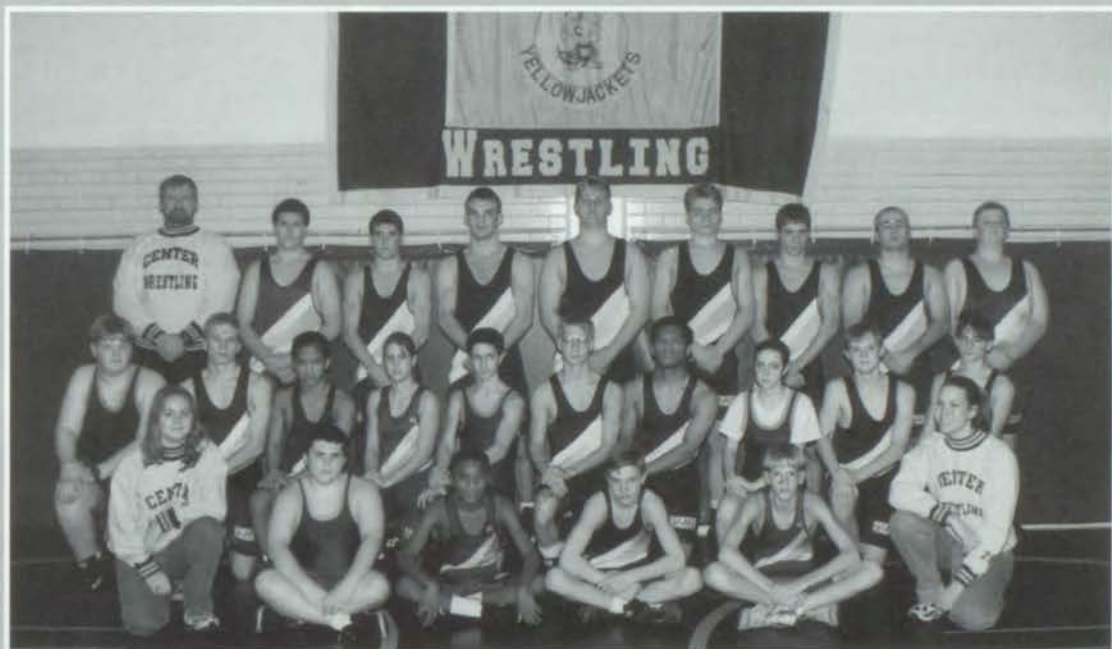
Every wrestler came into the season hoping to be able to wrestle their way to State. Two State qualifiers this year, seniors Garrett Damron and Jason Mensing. But unfortunately, Mensing was not able to compete at State. The season ended too quickly for most of the wrestlers, but the training continued even off season, and the team began thoughts of next season.



# MAKING OUR MARK

## WRESTLING

Center	St. Pius X	W
Center	Smithville Tournament	3rd
Center	Ruskin	W
Center	Belton Tournament	14th
Center	Raymore-Peculiar	L
Center	South Harrison Tournament	2nd
Center	Hickman Mills	L
Center	Lafayette	L
Center	Center Tournament	3rd
Center	Raytown South	L
Center	Harrison/Warrensburg	L
Center	Kearney Tournament	7th
Center	Excelsior Springs	L
Center	Belton	L
Center	Districts	5th



**Boys' Wrestling Team:** Row One: Manager Beth Mittlestadt, Mike Neudeck, Jermaine Jacobs, Sean Johnson, Jared Castle, Manager Kim Grimes. Row Two: Brant Campbell, Leif Wisdal, Cliff Juan, Stephanie Nichols, Mike Smith, John McClane, Mike Juan, Emily Walker, Tim Phillips, Robert Perillo. Row Three: Coach Alan Isom, Tony Antonello, Jason Mensing, Garrett Damron, Nathan Peister, Jeff Douglas, Jesse Moore, Carl Grandi, Sam Weilert

SENIOR NATHAN PEISTER AND HIS ANTAGONIST GO AT EACH OTHER WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE. PEISTER WAS THE JACKET'S ONLY HEAVYWEIGHT.  
PHOTO BY LISA SORENSEN

PRACTICING HIS STROKE, SOPHOMORE JEFF HILL SWINGS AT THE BALL IN A PRE-SEASON PRACTICE. MOST CENTER GOLFERS PLAYED IN THE OFF-SEASON TO MAINTAIN THEIR SKILLS.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

JUNIOR MIKE DANIELS HONES SKILLS DURING A TENNIS PRACTICE. SHARPENING BASIC SKILLS WAS THE GOAL OF EARLY, PRE-SEASON PRACTICES.

PHOTO BY AMY LOSS



WAITING IN LINE FOR THEIR TURN AT BATTING PRACTICE, SOPHOMORE JEFF PEAK AND SENIORS CHARLIE HOSTERMAN AND MAT PETERSON, WATCH OTHERS AT THE PLATE. TEAMMATES OFTEN CRITIQUED ONE ANOTHER'S SKILL, FORM, AND IMPROVEMENT, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE DURING A GAME.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



# SIGNS OF SPRING: TENNIS, GOLF, BASEBALL

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any students kicked Winter-induced cabin fever and participated in Spring sports. Three of the extra-curricular activities offered during the Spring were Boy's Tennis, Golf and Baseball.

The Boy's Tennis Team started practicing in early March and continued their season through the month of May. Techniques such as backhands, serving and volleying were perfected on the tennis courts of Minor Park. Regular matches as well as Conference tournaments were held on those courts, where fans supported the tennis players. Before the season started, many of the players set both team and individual goals.

"My goal for the season is to win at least 10 varsity matches in either doubles or singles. I just want to play and have fun because that is what tennis is all about," said Andrew Ringwood, sophomore.

Through dedication, hard work and the urge to win, the tennis team prepared to prove that anything was possible with each swing.

The Golf Team faced a rebuilding season. With the majority of the team members being young golfers, the team's goals were focused on building a strong team

**" just want to play and have fun, because that is what tennis all about."**

Sophomore  
Andrew Ringwood

foundation for the future.

Senior Craig Robison, a four-year veteran of the golf team, noted that the 1998 season was somewhat different from others he had experienced.

"This year, I think, was a learning experience, be-

cause we had a lot of new team members," explained Robison.

Despite youth and inexperience, team members possessed positive attitudes and high spirits.

The Baseball Team was busy enduring the freezing early-Spring temperatures to get their season into full swing. With four returning seniors - Mat Peterson, Charlie Hosterman, Charles McNeil and Brent Shelby, the team retained leadership and experience being built in previous seasons.

Senior Mat Peterson had high hopes for the '98 season.

"I was really happy with the way the season went. It was a good ending to my high-school baseball career," said Peterson.

Golf, tennis and baseball all proved to be the solution for many students who had severe cases of Spring Fever.



SENIOR MAT PETERSON SWINGS AND MISSES A PITCH DURING BASEBALL PRACTICE IN MARCH. EXERCISES TO IMPROVE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS, SUCH AS BATTING PRACTICE AND FIELDING BALLS WERE REPEATED DAILY.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

**B** RANDI CASON, SENIOR, MANEUVERS THE BALL AROUND THE FIELD DURING PRACTICE. CASON HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SOCCER TEAM SINCE HER FRESHMAN YEAR.  
 PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



**I**N YOUR MARKS! SENIORS CHRISTIAN NORD AND MARCEL SMITH LINE UP TO COMPETE IN A PRACTICE RACE. RACING ONE ANOTHER GAVE TEAM MEMBERS VALUABLE PRACTICE COMPETING.  
 PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

**M**ARCEL SMITH, SENIOR, RUNS FOR CONDITIONING DURING PRACTICE. SMITH WAS A SPURTER, BUT STILL SAW THE ADVANTAGES OF LONG-DISTANCE RUNNING.  
 PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART





**H**UCK McNIEL, SENIOR, WAITS PATIENTLY FOR HIS RACE TO BE ANNOUNCED. McNIEL WAS A FIRST-YEAR SWIM TEAM MEMBER, BUT QUICKLY ADAPTED TO BEING AMPHIBIOUS. PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

**K**IM GRIMES, SENIOR, STROKES THE END OF HER RACE IN HARD. ACCORDING TO SWIMMERS, THE FINISH WAS THE MOST CRITICAL PART OF THE RACE. PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART



## SPRING SPORTS IN FULL BLOOM

Girls' soccer was a popular Spring sport - more so in 1998 than in any other previous season. Several more girls went out for the junior varsity and varsity soccer teams than in past years.

Sophomore Lindsey Weaver felt that the team's coach was a contributing factor in the growth of the sport.

"Coach Duskey was a really good coach. He not only acted as our coach, he also tried to be our friend. I think that without him, we wouldn't be as close as we are," said Weaver, a member of the varsity squad.

Spring time was a good chance for many students to become involved in school activities before the end of yet another year. Some players said that participation in Spring athletics also helped them in tune academically.

The Swim Team was faced with a rebuilding year, after the loss of several senior swimmers from the previous season. The team had to establish a new foundation and leadership to build strength for future seasons.

Along with the Boys' Swim Team, the girls' team also used the '98 season to rebuild. As an inexperienced

"I was proud of our team when we place third in Conference in the 200-free relay. We worked hard, and even though we didn't place first, we were really happy," said Neil Corrison, sophomore.

Spotting runners on the track or jogging along street was also a sure sign that Spring sports season had arrived.

Stephen John, a sophomore runner, felt that the year was different for him because of the skills he had learned and wished to put into use.

"I've improved my pace work and now I don't get as tired running long distances. I learned that if you burn out on your first two laps, you will get a bad time," said John.

Springtime offered many students the opportunity to become involved in school activities that would lead to a healthy body, and a healthy attitude.

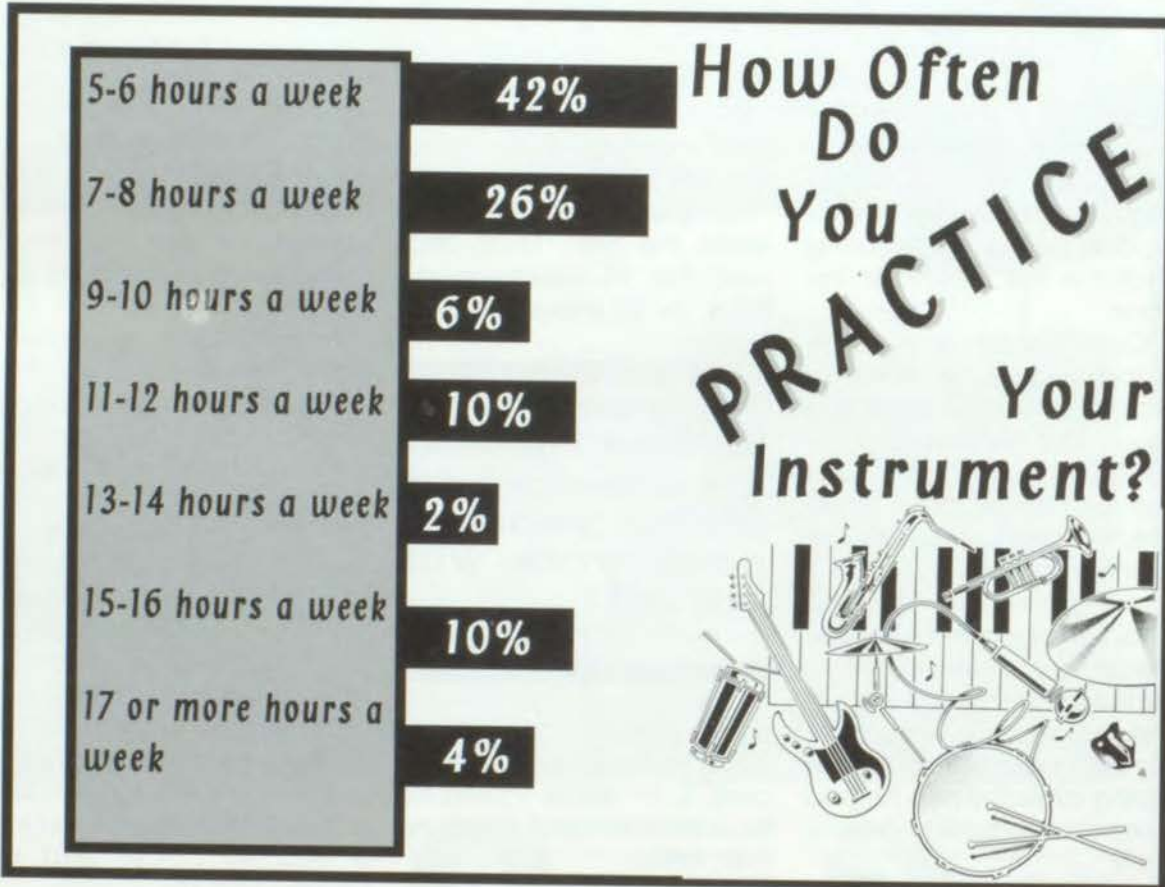
**"I hoped to go to State. I figured I'm a senior and all the years of hard work will pay off."**

Senior Christian Nord

squad, they set manageable goals strove to be 100 percent. Both teams vowed to try their best and improve their times.

IDDY NERVES SOMETIMES COME FORTH AS SILLINESS FOR LINDSEY WEAVER AS SHE WAITS FOR HALFTIME OF THE ALAMO BOWL. AFTER MONTHS OF WORK PREPARING FOR THE PERFORMANCE, MANY STUDENTS WERE NERVOUS BEFORE THE GAME. PHOTO DONATED BY KATIE CATES

WITHOUT THE BLOOD OR GUTS, BAND MEMBERS REENACT THE BATTLE AT THE ALAMO. THE BAND VISITED MANY TOURIST SPOTS, INCLUDING THE ALAMO, TOWER OF THE AMERICANS AND THE RIVERWALK. PHOTO DONATED BY TIM GREENWELL



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS TIM GREENWELL AND DRUM MAJOR LILLIAN PEGELOW SELL TICKETS TO HAUNTED HOUSES AS A BAND FUNDRAISER. GOING TO SAN ANTONIO COST BAND MEMBERS A LOT OF MONEY. PHOTO BY ASHLEY PRATER

# MARCHING YELLOW JACKETS REMEMBER THE ALAMO

COPY AND DESIGN BY LINDSEY WEAVER

As the 7:45 bell rang, signalling the start of first hour, band students rushed to get into their seats to begin rehearsal. First hour was the only hour of the school day that the band had to prepare for their many competitions and concerts.

Under the direction of Director Carolyn Knapp and Assistant Director Tim Greenwell, the band prepared for some of the biggest performances in CHS band history.

"Practice makes perfect" seemed to be the Marching Yellowjackets' motto as they prepared for performances. Outside of the regular school day, the band practiced on Thursdays - practicing especially hard during football season when their schedule was especially busy. At half-time of every home game, the band played and marched to entertain fans.

With so much time and effort required of band members, why did they do it? Reasons varied.

"I like the experience and

love playing my flute," said Sophomore Rene'e Betts.

Senior Heather Erickson agreed. "I just enjoy the music," she said.

For some band members, the respect and admiration

**"Being awarded so many times was fulfilling and the commitment paid off."**

Senior Mat Peterson

they had for the band's leaders motivated them to continue.

"I love my trumpet. I love how it's challenging; but I also love Mr. Greenwell and Mrs. Knapp," Senior Craig Robison said.

The constant rehearsing paid off for the band. They collected a myriad of awards - especially at the Alamo Bowl where they tooted their horns in late December in San An-

tonio. The Marching Yellowjackets brought home 11 trophies, including two first-place trophies - one in Field Show and one in 2-A Parade. The trip to Texas capped the most successful fall in CHS band history.

The band's drum line, or as most know them, the DORKS, took the stage several times during the year. The drummers, always popular with students, pulled together with the rest of the band to be the best they could be. The senior DORKS took great pride in the fact that they received awards for every contest they entered.

"All of the work paid off. We seniors brought in something good and left with a lot of stuff," said Senior Christian Nord.

Senior Mat Peterson agreed.

"Being awarded so many times was fulfilling and the long hours and the commitment by our leaders really paid off," Peterson said.



AND MEMBERS WAIT FOR THEIR TIME TO TAKE THE STAGE DURING A PEP ASSEMBLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOT DAY WAS TIRING AND UNCOMFORTABLE FOR SOME BAND MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE TOTTING LARGE INSTRUMENTS. PHOTO BY HEATHER ERICKSON



PLAYERS 58 MEMBERS GATHER ON THEIR FLOAT BEFORE THE START OF THE HOMECOMING PARADE. VARIOUS CLASSES AND CLUBS PARTICIPATED IN THE FLOAT-BUILDING COMPETITION. PHOTO DONATED BY CMS

# PLAYERS' YEAR LIKE NONE OTHER

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Players 58 is the players of CHS. They put in hundreds of hours practicing and perfecting their performances - wishing to show off their talents to their peers and others in the community.

Working so closely together for so many hours led to a closeness between the club members.

"Players 58 is a great club to join because you are free to express yourself and your opinions. We are pretty close knit - and fights do occur sometimes - but even the greatest of families get into fights. Players has given me the opportunity to create something I can be proud of, with the productions," Senior Christi Van Leeuwen said.

This, according to Van

Leeuwen, was what Players 58 was all about. Although 97-98 was a rough year for the club - with the fall production being

**"... you are free to express yourself and your opinions..."**

Senior  
Christi Van Leeuwen

postponed due in part to apathy by some members of the cast - marking the first time ever, Players will produce only one show. Worse yet, in February, Players Sponsor Kamela Bates was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and forced to miss several weeks of school.

But the true Thespians bonded together and stuck it out to make the production of *The Miracle Worker* a reality in March.

According to Senior Amy Loss, not all members like this new change.

"Players 58 is nothing like it was my freshman year. A lot of the traditions have died out and that's kind of sad. I just hope that the Players stick together and in the future, be as much of a family as they were my freshman year," Loss said.

Despite these differences in opinions, the show went on. Players 58 might have evolved into something new, but the tradition of quality entertainment performed by drama students with talent and passion, lived on.







SENIOR LISA SORENSEN, PROUDLY SHOWS OFF THE PLAYERS 58 MOCK FLOAT DURING THE HOMECOMING PEP ASSEMBLY. THE MOCK FLOATS WERE A NEW ADDITION TO THE HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES. PHOTO DONATED BY CMS

SENIOR LISA SORENSEN HANGS FLYERS IN THE HALLS ANNOUNCING THE PRODUCTION OF THE PLAY, *THE MIRACLE WORKER*. PLAYERS 58 WORKED HARD TO GIVE THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT PUBLICITY AND TO ENTICE STUDENTS INTO ATTENDING PERFORMANCES.

URING A MOCK SPRING FLING, THE CHEERLEADERS ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT THE SENIOR CLASS IN TUG OF WAR. THE MOCK SPRING FLING WAS TO GIVE THE FRESHMEN A TASTE OF WHAT THEY WOULD BE UP AGAINST IN THE SPRING. PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

ENIOR KATRINA BYNDON DISPLAYS THE CHEERLEADER'S MOCK TROAT. SINCE SCHOOL WAS NOT IN SESSION THE DAY OF THE HOMECOMING GAME, CLUBS HAD TO PRODUCE A MOCK FLOAT TO SHOW IN THE PEP ASSEMBLY. PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW



# CHEERLEADERS SHOW SCHOOL PRIDE

COPY AND DESIGN BY LEANNA CARPENTER

or the 12 members of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad, getting up early and arriving at school for the morning practices three days a week were well worth the outcome. New cheers were learned, and old ones perfected. Plans for up-coming school events were made and organization of events was arranged.

"Practices were necessary for the girls so we wouldn't embarrass ourselves and the new cheers could be practiced until we had them down and felt comfortable with them," said Squad Member Gail Nerman of the early morning practices.

Performing at the football and basketball games, attending soccer and wrestling matches in support of the teams, and showing school spirit was only a small part of being a cheerleader. School events such as Homecoming were planned and organized

by the members. This was a large task that required a lot of time and effort by the squad.

Katy Boyd described the tasks as being stressful but extremely worth the time.

"Homecoming involves making posters, organizing the entire parade, decorating for

**"It's our job to hype the crowd up with cheers and chants, even when we're losing."**

Junior Pamela Bigelow

the dance, selling tickets, and organizing the royalty. A lot of things must be done in order to have a good Homecoming," said Boyd.

Pep assemblies and Spring Fling were other events that

cheerleaders helped to organize and participated in. Activities outside of school, such as Adopt-A-Family, a fundraiser to help needy families, had cheerleader helping out also. Co-Captain Mishel Smith, who was in charge to the fund-raiser, said the experience helped to prepare her for the task of being a captain next year and gave her the chance to help others.

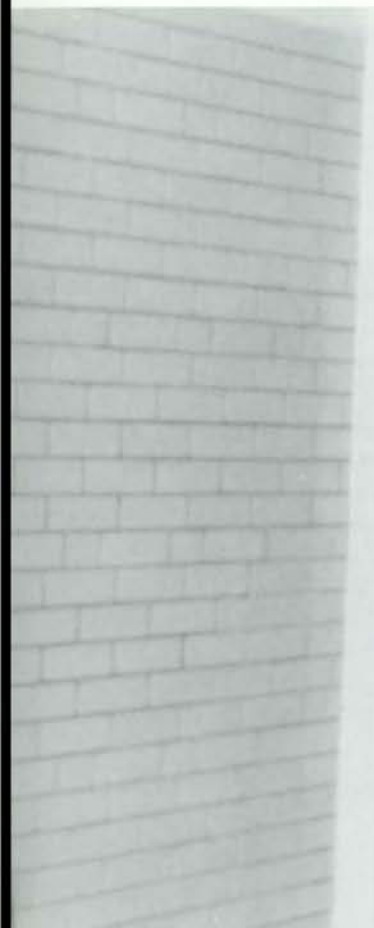
"Being co-captain was a lot harder than I expected it to be, but I know that I will be ready to be captain next year because of all the activities I have participated in," Smith said.

The cheerleader were more than just a squad of spirit. They helped to organize school events and showed support continuously, despite defeat. "Performing at the games is really exciting-it's my job," said Katrina Byndon.





**ARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD: ROW ONE:** KATRINA BYNDON, MARY BETH DOARN **ROW TWO:** MISHEL SMITH, KIM GRIMES, MARKIESHA EDWARDS **ROW THREE:** KATY BOYD, GAIL NERMAN, RAHAWNDA WALKER, PAMELA BIGELOW, MORGAN RIDGEWAY, KIM ELLINGTON



CHEERING ON THE CROWD DURING A BASKETBALL GAME ARE CHEERLEADERS ANNEKA JENKINS, AMY JOHNSON AND MORGAN RIDGEWAY. CHEERLEADERS TRIED TO GET THE CROWD PUMPED UP AT THE GAMES, TO ROUSE THE TEAM.

PHOTO BY AMY LOSS



FLAG CORPS MEMBERS GATHER ON THEIR FLOAT BEFORE THE HOMECOMING PARADE. MANY CLUBS CREATED FLOATS WITH THE HOPES OF OBTAINING SPRING FLING POINTS.

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**DRILL TEAM:** ROW ONE: CASSIE GRANTHAM ROW TWO: CAPTAIN KELLY WARRINER, CAPTAIN MELISSA YOUNGBLOOD ROW THREE: CO-CAPTAIN SHANNON HIGGINS, CO-CAPTAIN TERESA SELF, CARRIE HOWARD ROW FOUR: LYNDSEY NIXON, SAMANTHA FLOREZ, ASHLEY CASHEN



WITH THE HARD WORK OF A PEP ASSEMBLY, AHEAD OF THEM, DRILL TEAM MEMBERS REST THEIR FEET. THE DRILL TEAM AND CHEERLEADERS PERFORMED AS A GROUP TO THE FIGHT SONG AT EVERY PEP ASSEMBLY TO AROUSE SCHOOL SPIRIT.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



# SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER HITS SQUADS

COPY AND DESIGN BY SAYE BAI

activities that required physical endurance, memorization skills and a great deal of effort were not limited to football, soccer and track. The Flag Corps and Drill Team have shown just that.

Captains of the 11-member flag corps Senior Robin Greer and Sophomore Melinda Grandi saw to it that both squads performed to the best of their capabilities at each and every show.

Some routines were choreographed by Assistant Director of Bands Tim Greenwell who served as coach and sponsor of the Flag Corps.

"The Flag Corps' work was evident when they received the first-place trophy at the Alamo Bowl," said Greenwell.

Drum Major Tiffany VanHook, senior, took note of the enhanced look the Flag Corps gave the band's field performances.

"Their routines for our songs and the colors of their flags really enhanced the overall

effect of our field show," said VanHook.

Drill Team Captains Melissa Youngblood and Kelly Warriner, juniors, provided leadership for the squad and were looked up to by the other members.

"Melissa and Kelly were awesome. When they made

**"the routines they do with our songs, and the colors of their flags really enhanced the over-all effect of our show."**

Senior Tiffany VanHook

decisions, they took the interest of the entire squad into consideration. They didn't ever think of themselves," said Drill Team Member Cassie Grantham, junior.

Mere performances at games was not all that Drill Team represented, according

to most members. Senior Anneka Jenkins, a veteran on the squad, felt that drill team was an important part of who she was.

"Drill Team is basically my life, because I love to dance and I will continue to be a dancer or drill team member throughout my years in college. All the practices and games were worth it," said Jenkins.

First-year member Samantha Florez, junior, admitted that she did not realize the work involved when she first decided to join the squad.

"I got on Drill Team because I like dancing and because it looked like it would be fun to dance with my friends. I didn't know about all the work that goes into performing," said Florez.

With several new members, both the Drill Team and Flag Corps boasted talented performers who created a solid foundation for excellence in the future.

**FLAG CORP: ROW ONE:** JENNIFER KENNEY, REBECCA BRIONES, MARIANNE GRANDI, CRYSTAL GIBSON **ROW TWO:** SHASHANDA MITCHELL, KATIE CATES, ROBIN GREER, CAPTAIN MELINDA GRANDI, CAPTAIN MAHASAN TAYLOR (NOT PICTURED: KERRI KNOX AND KATHY MILBURN)



URING THE AFTERNOON PARADE, SENIORS WAVE TO THE PASSING TRAFFIC. TURNING ON TO 85TH STREET WAS ONE OF THE FEW PLACES ON THE ROUTE WHERE STUDENTS ON FLOATS COULD SEE THE OTHER FLOATS RUMBLING ALONG.

PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

LAG CORPS MEMBERS "RELIVE THE MAGIC" WHILE DRESSING UP AS DISNEY CHARACTERS. SEVERAL FLOATS WERE SEEN DECKED OUT WITH A DISNEY THEME.

PHOTO DONATED BY KATIE CATES



# BOOGIE NIGHTS: RELIVE THE MAGIC

COPY AND DESIGN BY ASHLEY PRATER

n October, students bonded together to celebrate the traditional football-dance-spirit week-alumni- event known as Homecoming. The three days leading up to the big game were used to participate in spirit week, when students continued the long-standing tradition of dressing crazy and acting silly in order to boost school spirit and pride.

This time around Powder Puff Football was resurrected to the delight of the senior girls. The tough girls annihilated the underclassmen in a brutal game.

Many players described the game as violent.

"Someone hit me hard. I was sore for weeks after," Senior Jeanna Weibel said.

Because of a shortened week on top of school-wide testing, only three spirit days were celebrated: Hat Day; Retro Day and Blue and Gold Day. Opinions differed on which day was the most fun.

For some, wearing a hat to

school, which normally isn't allowed, made that day special.

"I loved seeing all the hats people wore. It was fun," said Senior Kim Grimes.

Freshman Melissa Ebberts agreed that hat day was the best.

"Hat Day was my favorite. I wore a detective hat. I enjoyed all the days, though, because I

**"Someone hit me really hard. I was sore for weeks after."**

Senior Jeanna Weibel

love to show school spirit," Ebberts said.

And showing school spirit was exactly what Spirit Week was all about. The annual parade especially seemed to spark spirit. Selected students were allowed the privilege of leaving school to parade weeks of work on their floats. Later that evening, during the halftime of the

Homecoming game, Seniors Kelvin Haynes and Lakeisha Jackson were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

The activities did not end there. The dance took place the next evening, on Saturday. Students frantically rushed to coordinate their plans for attire, dinner, transportation and activities for after the dance.

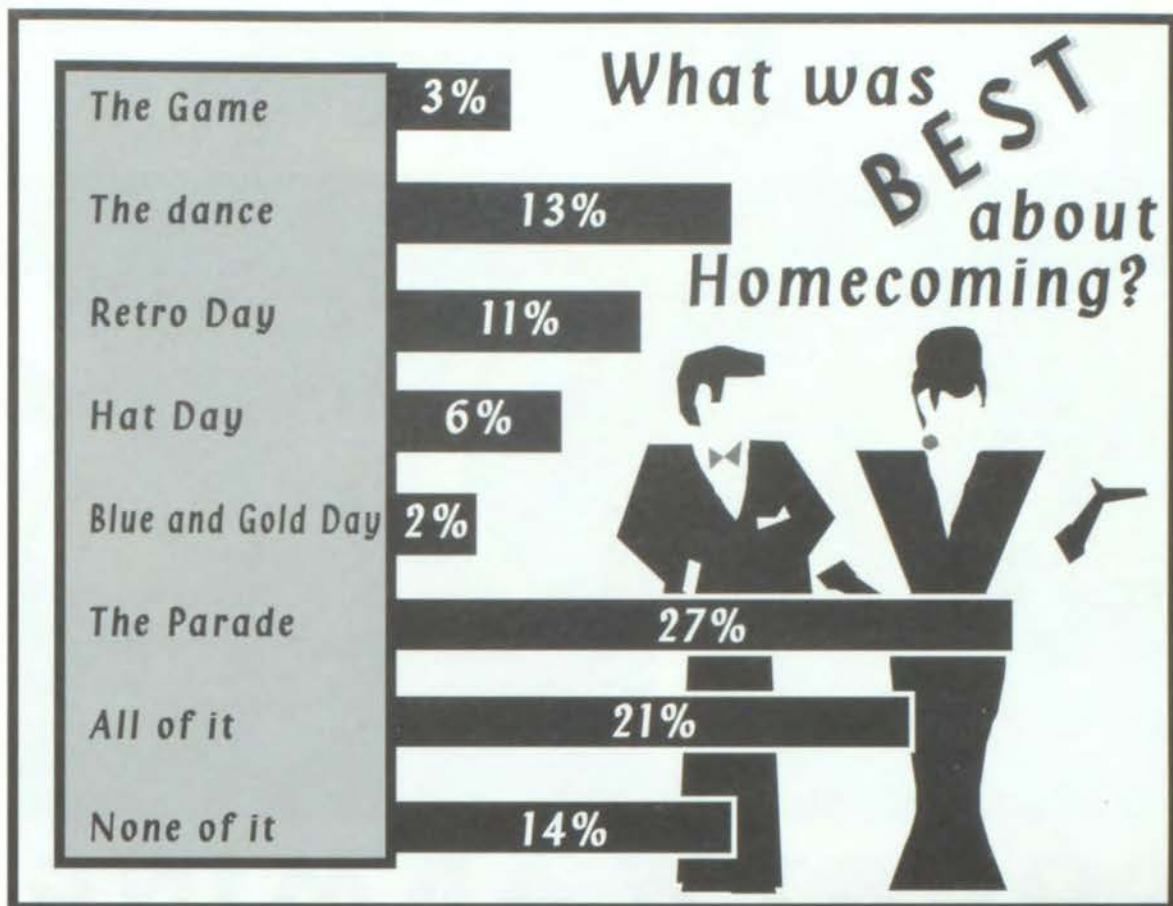
"I was really glad everything turned out well for Homecoming," said Sophomore Brian Singer.

Other students didn't have a perfect evening, according to Senior Chuck McNiel.

"I worked hard to make Homecoming special for my date. Dinner was great and the dance was fun. We went down to the Plaza after the dance and I fell in a fountain. It wasn't what I expected, but it was memorable," McNiel said.

Unexpected but memorable could describe the whole week's activities. Nobody knew what to expect, except a good time.





SENIORS BRANDI CASON AND ASHLEY PRATER PRACTICE DANCE STEPS ON THEIR FLOAT. THE DISCO FLOOR WAS A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE FLOAT. HOWEVER, ONE COULD NOT SEE IT DURING THE DAY. "EVERYONE THOUGHT ALL OUR FLOAT HAD WAS MUSIC. AT THE EVENING PARADE, EVERYONE DISCOVERED WE HAD MORE THAN THAT," SAID SENIOR LORI CONRAD. COLIN MICHAEL SWEET-TALKED A NEIGHBOR INTO LOANING THE SENIORS THE FLOOR. PHOTO BY LAUREN STEWART

HOMECOMING ATTENDANTS POSE FOR A PICTURE DURING THE DANCE. ATTENDANTS WERE: **ROW ONE:** JAKE HOWARD, LISA WELLINGTON, AMANDA CORBIN, ANDREW JOHNSON **ROW TWO:** MIKE MCCRORY, REAGAN TOWNSEND, ROSHAWNDA WALKER, JOHN MILONE, JEFF HILL, NICHOLE HARSTAD **ROW THREE:** MENULIQUE FORMAN, JASON MENSING, LAUREN STEWART, KELVIN HAYNES, LAKEISHA JACKSON, KIM GRIMES, CHRISTIAN NORD, MARY BETH DOARN, MATHEW PETERSON

JUNIOR JESSICA RENFROW AND SOPHOMORE CRYSTAL MCINTOSH DANCE NEXT TO EACH OTHER DURING THE COURTWARMING DANCE. MANY SAID THAT DANCING WITH THEIR FRIENDS WAS MORE FUN THAN DANCING ALONE.

PASHA HOOSANI, SOPHOMORE, BOOGIES DOWN AT THE COURTWARMING DANCE. THE DANCE ATTRACTED MANY MORE PEOPLE THAN YEARS PAST ACCORDING TO PLANNERS OF THE DANCE.



# COURTWARMING FANTASTIC VOYAGE

In years past, courtwarming was one of the most popular events to the school year. The sophomores were determined to change that. They set out to create a Courtwarming dance that everyone would love and enjoy, and they did just that.

With the theme of "Fantastic Voyage Back to the '70's" students dressed in '70's attire and participated in competitions such as best dressed and best dance couple.

"Courtwarming was really cool this year because everyone got involved and dressed up for the theme. The best part was that I was won a fifty gift certificate to Crown Center," Junior Jeff Douglas said.

The sophomores also put together a great halftime show in which the Courtwarming royalty were presented. As a new twist

**"was really great how everyone dressed up and got into the theme for the dance."**

**Sophomore Lyndsey Nixon**

to the ceremony, an underclassmen prince and a princess were selected in addition to the senior King or Queen. This year's King and Queen were Varsity basketball player, Marcel Smith and Varsity girls basketball

player Chivon Bullock.

Although the basketball team lost the game by one point to Belton, spirits were kept high, and the loss was soon forgotten by the end of the evening.

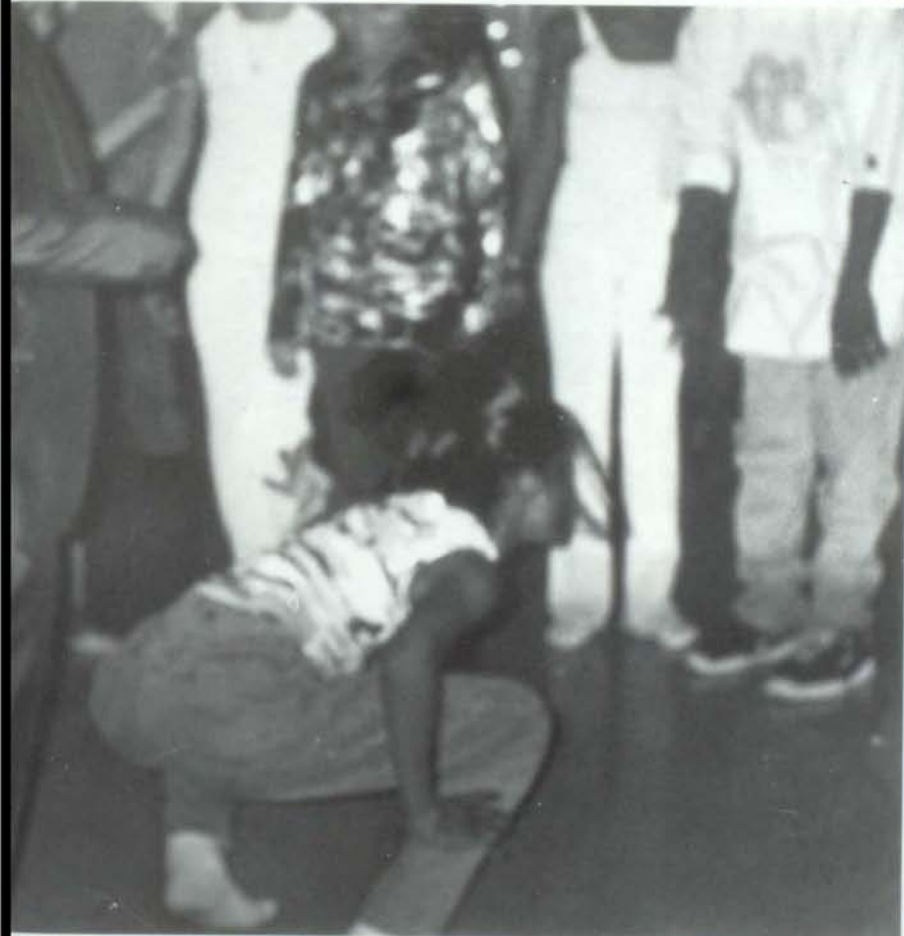
"I felt bad for the team. But after I got to the dance and won best dressed and ten bucks, I didn't care! I was really excited. Courtwarming was tight," Senior Ashley Prater said.

A larger number of people attended the game and participated in the dance events.

"I thought it was really great how everyone dressed up and got into the theme of the dance. I think this was the best Courtwarming," Sophomore Lyndsey Nixon said.





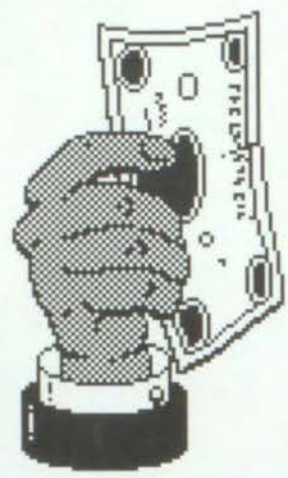


GAL NERMAN, JUNIOR, DANCES THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE COURTWARMING DANCE. MANY STUDENTS DRESSED IN '70'S GARB TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE DANCE.

CRYSTAL MCINTOSH, SOPHOMORE, SHOWS OFF HER MOVES AT THE COURTWARMING DANCE. MANY PEOPLE CLEARED A CIRCLE SO THAT INDIVIDUALS COULD DANCE BY THEMSELVES WITH EVERYONE WATCHING.

# Where is your Favorite

# Place to SHOP?



AG-IT UP: JUNIOR MUNACHIM UZOMA AND SOPHOMORE MORGAN RIDGEWAY CARRY THE LATEST IN TRENDY TOTES. BIG PURSES WERE IN AND COULD BE SEEN HANGING FROM THE SHOULDERS OF FASHION-SAVY GIRLS ALL OVER THE SCHOOL.



ED SCARE. SENIOR PETE DAVIS STRUTS HIS OWN PERSONAL STYLE EVERYWHERE - EVEN IN CERAMICS. DAVIS SPORTED A BRAND-NAME TEE POPULAR WITH STUDENTS.

ENIOR KIPPIN AUSTIN AND KATRINA TAYLOR SEARCH FOR JUST THE RIGHT BOOK. THESE TWO WERE ALWAYS STYLIN' EVEN WHEN WORKING HARD.



## FASHION CHOICES VARY WITH EACH PERSONALITY

COPY AND DESIGN BY AMY LOSS

Fads and fashions change as quickly as the changing tides. Students find keeping up to be both difficult and expensive.

Boot-cut jeans, thick-soled shoes and those oh-so-important, but expensive name brands were on the "in" list.

"Plats are back," said Senior Lisa Meyer, commenting on the latest trend of thick, high-soled shoes and sandals.

Freshman Dara Raglin watched as classmates' fashion-sense regressed two decades - and wore bell bottoms along with the platforms.

"I saw a lot of the 70's coming back, but then there were some who just wanted to dress comfortably, and there were still some that came to school dressed up," said Raglin.

Senior Josh Hall peeped several looks during the year, and knew just where to shop to get the latest.

"Some of the more popular stores were Gadzooks - for the alternative look - and Gap, of course, and all the department stores. People seemed more open and they

the 1980's included mini-skirts accessorized by leg warmers. But how would the 90's be remembered?

It's all about brands according to sophomore Brandon Bailey.

"A lot of people wore Tommy, and other brands of clothes, too - especially Jordans and anything from Nike," said Bailey.

While brand names were important, Senior James Nimrod liked to wear the clothes that got him noticed.

"I like to wear very bright clothes, florescent clothes. I like for people to see me," said Nimrod.

Sophomore Thomas Baskind felt that he had gained some fashion maturity.

"The older you get, the less you care about what people think. You get less self-conscious. There comes a point where you just wear the first thing you see," said Baskind.

**"My favorite piece of clothing is a fuzzy, dark-blue sweater. It's really soft. I love it!"**

Sophomore Renee Betts

expressed themselves through their clothes," said Hall

The fashion styles of the 1960's included "hippy" wear with tie-dye and beads. The disco era hit the 70's, bringing bell bottoms, platform shoes and polyester. The fashions of

# "SWEET SIXTEEN" BRINGS FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

COPY AND DESIGN BY LEANNA CARPENTER

ou stayed up late finishing homework and as a result, didn't hear your alarm go off. The bus had already come and gone - so had your ride to school.

You thought you heard someone pounding on your door. As a last resort to get to school, you finally called your parents and were given the "responsibility" lecture all the way to the school parking lot.

To some students, this was a daily occurrence. Finding a ride to school, practice and weekend activities was sometimes a task in itself. Arrangements had to be planned and many times those fell through.

As freshmen and sophomores, the anxiously-awaited driving age become within sight - and with that also came the task of learning to drive. Most students received their permits,

after passing the written exam, which allowed them to drive with adult supervision.

"I was so embarrassed because it took me more than once to pass the written test. Fortunately, my parents weren't nervous at all about me driving after I

**"was so embarrassed because it took me more than once to pass the written test."**

Sophomore Renee Betts

got my permit," said Sophomore Renee Betts.

Though most students received their drivers licenses when they turned 16, not all were fortunate to own wheels. Some were able to

borrow their parent's car on the weekends, while others still had to bum rides.

With car ownership, came the responsibility of insurance, paying for gas and making any needed repairs. Installing stereo equipment or having seats replaced were decisions concerning car ownership. But even that was luxuries to many. Some students saved their money in hopes of someday buying their own car.

To park in the school parking lot, students purchased parking permits from the security guards. Permits gave students permission to park in the school parking lot which was consistently monitored by school security. After a string of thefts and vandalism, new cameras were installed. Parking lot crime did decline, but did not disappear.

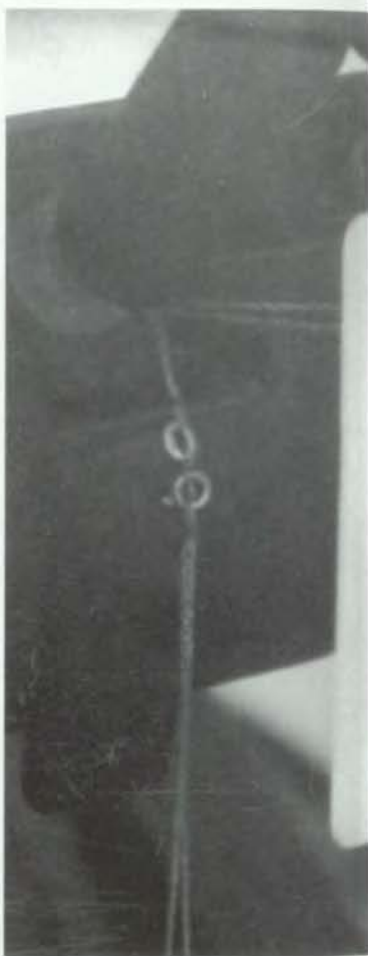


PORT UTILITY VEHICLES WERE POPULAR WITH STUDENTS. STYLISH AND POWERFUL, THE VEHICLES MADE DRIVING POSSIBLE IN ANY ROAD (OR OFF-ROAD) CONDITIONS.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

PARKING PERMITS WERE REQUIRED FOR ALL CARS USING THE SCHOOL LOT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. CAR WITHOUT PERMITS WERE TOWED AWAY AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.

PHOTO BY LISA SORENSEN





SENIOR MAT PETERSON PREPARES TO LEAVE SCHOOL FOR THE EVENING. MOST SENIORS DROVE TO SCHOOL OR BUMMED RIDES FROM FRIENDS WITH CARS.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS

URING A BAD WINTER STORM, SNOW COVERS STUDENTS' CARS IN THE PARKING LOT. STUDENTS WERE FACED WITH LEARNING TO DRIVE SAFELY ON HAZARDOUS ROADS.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



# FRIENDS

There's a fine line between being a dependable friend and being a doormat. Take this quiz to find out which side you're on, then check out the psychologist's advice on how to get those heel marks off you back.

1. You just got a car and you've noticed that some of your friends have got extra chummy. You:

A. Get mad at them. If your car breaks down tomorrow, they'll find a new best friend.

B. Help them out and give them a ride. They'd do the same for you.

C. Give them a ride, but make them pay for gas.

2. You let one of your friends borrow your favorite CD, and now the best song on it skips. You:

For Question One: Give Yourself 1 point if you answered A, 3 points if you answered B, 2 points if you answered C

For Question 2: Give yourself 3 points if you answered A, 1 point if you answered B, 2 points if you answered C. For Question 5: Give yourself 1 point if you answered A, 3 points if you answer B, 2 points if you answered C

For Question 6: Give yourself 2 points if you answered A, 1 point if you answered B, 3 points if you answered C.

A. Figure it was like that already. It has been a while since you listened to it.

B. Vow never to let anyone borrow anything from you ever again. People are too unreliable.

C. Ask your friend if he scratched the CD, and suggests that he buy a new one for you.

3. Your boyfriend has cancelled a date. He's got to tutor a student who just happens to be the prettiest girl in school. You:

A. Ask him what's going on. He's never cancelled a date until now.

B. Tell him you want to come, too. If he hesitates, break up with him.

C. Believe him, because everyone asks for his help. Nevertheless, ask

him not to make dates if he's going to cancel.

4. Your best friend asks you to type a "little paper" for her. It turns out to be 20 pages long. You:

A. Type it. All you homework is done, and "Melrose Place" is a re-run tonight.

B. Tell her that 20 pages is more than you'd imagine she'd have. Ask her to pay for your time.

C. Make an excuse to get out of the job, and refuse to do work for anyone else until you hear the words, "You're hired."

5. Reluctantly, you covered for a friend who sneaked out to go on a forbidden date. You ask him to do the same for you. He refuses. You:

advantage of.

#### • 9 to 14 Points

You like to help people out, but you're not angling for sainthood. If you feel that someone might be taking advantage of you, you stop and think about the situation. You are also very good about letting your friends know just how much you're willing to do for them. Nice going, Farley says.

#### 6 to 8 Points

You have been taken advan-

A. Act really understanding. Then rat him out to his parents.

B. Feel disappointed but understand. You almost didn't go through with the fib yourself.

C. Remind him of all the things you've done for him, and tell him he owes you this one.

6. You baby-sit for your aunt's three children. When the time comes to get paid, she gives you a hug. You:

A. Tell auntie how hard it was to get those kids to sleep. Mention that your own mom pays you to sit for your brother.

B. Hug her back. But turn her down for all future baby-sitting jobs.

C. Forget about the money. Helping a family member is something you do for love.

tage of before, and you don't readily trust anyone. Lighten up. Like your polar opposite, Joan of Arc, you need to see the reality of the situation better. Farley suggests that you pay attention to what your friends are doing rather than what they are saying. When you see that people can keep their promises, you'll start to build more trust. This is an important quality to work on. If you don't trust anyone, no one will trust you.

*Knight-Ridder Newspaper*

Now Total Your Score

#### • 16 - 18 Points

You are a generous person with a big heart. Your generosity is a wonderful quality, says Franklin Farley, psychologist and professor of education at Temple University in Philadelphia, but "others may tend to take advantages; and you may eventually find yourself disgusted with your friends. Farley says you should try to pay more attention to the reality of a situation. If you're tuned in to what's going on, you're less likely to get taken

# BAD MOVIES

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## \*\*Disclaimer\*\*

*This review may cause a Saltine shortage because its cheesiness.*

Well, this movie review was supposed to be about the new Spice Girls' movie "Spice World". But unfortunately, I puked all over the story because it was not even worthy of a movie review. So, in this spirit, I am going to list what I believe to be the worst 10 movies of all time.

## #10 "Never Say Never Again"

Okay, sorry Bond fans, but this movie was a disgrace to the Bond family name. The only reason it occupies such a low spot on the list is the gadgets that he used. I mean, who can resist a full-sized remote control car? That was the only cool thing about the movie.

## #9 "The Mask"

It is about a guy who wears a green mask on his head. That explains it all.

## #8 "Babe"

It was about a talking pig. Plus, it was in theaters for like a year - which just made it

What was up with that?

## #6 "Cry Baby"

Yes, I know Johnny Depp is in it, but it lost the few points



toy? I mean really!

## #4 "Seven Years in Tibet"

Brad Pitt's accent was so horrible. I could do a better Austrian accent in my sleep.

## #3 "Batman and Robin"

George Clooney did not convince me that he was worthy of the Batman role. He does great work on E.R., but as Batman, he bites the big one.

## #2 "Mimic"

Imagine this - a large man eating bugs.

## #1 "Spice World"

A new-fangled chic band steals

that much worse.

## #7 "Pocahontas"

Not only was this movie not even closely based on the REAL life of Pocahontas, (except for the fact they accidentally kept her real name) it had a talking willow tree.

Depp gave it by having the main female drink a jar of her own tears. That is just gross. I mean EWW!

## #5 "Jingle All The Way"

Too much exaggeration. My kid will wind up in jail if I don't get him this certain

half of its movie ideas from one of the coolest classic bands of all time - say The Beatles.

By the way, did you know that someone watches a bad movie every two seconds?

# DRUGS

What is your opinion and possession and use of illegal drugs? I favor:

- Stiffer penalties for those caught possessing, using or selling illegal drugs. (39%)
- The decriminalization of certain drugs, such as marijuana. Narcotics, such as cocaine, methamphetamines and heroin should continue to be restricted. (21%)
- Penalties for all drug possession and use, including marijuana, remaining like they are now. (16%)
- The decriminalization of all drugs. Legal penalties for drug possession, sue and sales should be eliminated. (8%)
- All other/no answer (6%)

THE FAVORITE VACATION AMONG STUDENTS IS GOING TO THE BEACH. SINCE NO WATER SPOTS NEAR KANSAS CITY WERE INVITING, IT WAS A BIG DEAL FOR STUDENTS TO MAKE THE JOURNEY TO THE OZARKS, OR EVEN THE OCEAN.

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JUNIOR KELLY WARRINER ALONG WITH SENIORS LORI CONRAD AND LAUREN STEWART WET THEIR FEET DURING A FOUR-DAY CRUISE THROUGH THE GREEK ISLES. OVER 20 STUDENTS JOINED THIS EXCURSION.



# VACATION: SEEKING SOLACE FROM A DEMANDING WORLD

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Whether knee-deep in snow or catching rays on the beach, vacations were a time for students to relax and forget the stress of student life. Though students worked diligently during school hours, time off was a must.

So what were the hottest vacation spots? Areas traveled by students have varied from the wonders of Europe to the Lake of the Ozarks.

"I took a trip to Taiwan to help some family there. It was a great experience," Freshman Amy Carr said.

But vacations were not always fun, and for some - family vacations proved disastrous.

"I hate vacations with my family. There is just too much family time," Senior Christian Nord said.

Parents see the vacations from quite a different perspective.

"It is important to spend time with family because it's time you wouldn't usually have,"

Booster Club member and parent Kurt Johnson said.

So where is the line of compromise drawn? In most cases it is not. Students just endure the days or weeks of Monopoly, miniature golf and Twenty Questions and other boring car games. Students stuck in the back seat with Dad playing his

**"TOOK A TRIP TO TAIWAN TO HELP SOME FAMILY THERE. IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE."**

Freshman Amy Carr

"Greatest Hits of the 1940s" CD, and Brother asleep with his smelly feet propped up just inches from their face begin to fantasize about a perfect vacation.

Sophomore Lindsey Weaver would visit Europe.

"I would go to Paris, the city

of love, definitely."

Sophomore Lindsey Weaver said.

A trip to Europe was just a dream for some, but for others, it was a reality.

English Teacher Alyce Sherman took over 20 students on a two-week tour of Italy and Greece. Those students also enjoyed a four-day cruise through the Greek Isles and Turkey. Images which had only been seen in textbooks became reality to those students.

"I will never forget the famous sites that I saw over in Europe. The Statue of David was the most incredible thing I have ever seen. I also never thought I would ever walk through the Parthanon, the meeting place of mythological Greek gods," Senior Lauren Stewart said.

Whether a vacation meant touring romantic European countries or just hanging out down at the lake, the goal was the same - students wanted a break from routine and hard work and a time to relax.





## BEACH RESORT



46%

## CAMP GROUNDS



23%

## MOUNTAIN GETAWAY



30%

What Is Your 

Favorite

vacation spot?



ENIOR HEATHER ERICKSON SITS IN THE SHADE WHILE ON A TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA WITH HER FAMILY. INSTEAD OF DOING A LOT OF SIGHTSEEING, THEY CHOSE TO RELAX ON THE TRIP.

PHOTO DONATED BY HEATHER ERICKSON

Summer  
Fun



# one in a million

## Support

Schools are always asking the community for money for some reason or another. From tax increases to every fund-raiser imaginable, it was a fact of life that schools just did not have the means to do the extras.

Yearbook was no exception.

Publishing a yearbook is not an easy project. Staffers spend hours gather information, taking photographs, conducting interviews, designing pages and the other hundreds of jobs required to produce the book.

But for the 1998 book, staffers took on an additional task - advertising sales and marketing. Staff members sold not only Grad Ads, the baby ads for seniors, but they sold many business ads to local businesses. Staff members also set book sales goals and worked hard to meet them. Book sales skyrocketed from the previous year.

So here is a thank you from the 97-98 *Yellowjacket*. Thank you for helping us fund our book. Thanks for helping us keep color pages and the extras that make the book so nice, but cost so much. Thank you to staff parents who are so good to develop a roll of film here and there or take film to be processed. None of your kind gestures go unnoticed, or unappreciated. A school is as good as the community that supports it, and Center patrons - **You are One In A Million!!** Thank You.

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Coca-Cola company supported the school in several ways. They not only purchased ad space in the book, but allowed SGA to keep proceeds from Coke machines to fund SGA community service projects.

Photo By Gail Nerman



# I'M QUILT World

**"I do not have to worry about my classes. I can handle it all. It is no big deal."**

**Sophomore Joe Carr**

*The worst is when you get a really fun teacher but really cruddy subject material*

*Junior Nick Oviedo*

*AAGH! Not wanting to escape from class is so hard when you know you're going to graduate soon!*

*Senior Brandon Tischer*

**Y**ellowjacket Co-Editor Lauren Stewart orders a drink at Sonic after a long day in year book summer workshops. Numerous businesses in the District, like Sonic, purchased ad space in the yearbook to show support for the school.

Photo By Kathy Yates

*"I motivate myself by thinking about how important my grades will be when I apply for colleges."*

*Senior Crystal McMillin*



**J**ulie Mattson cheers on the Jackets at a home football game. Mattson was a school board member, very active in the PTA and showed support by attending games and activities.

Photo By Ted Cardos



**A** new Cellular-One tower was erected in the South park ing lot in August. Center agreed to the tower stand on school property after Cellular-One agreed to pay the school \$10,000 a year for five years.

Photo By Tina Watts

# Senior Hall of Fame



**June 2  
1998**

**We're so good  
We're so great  
We're the Class  
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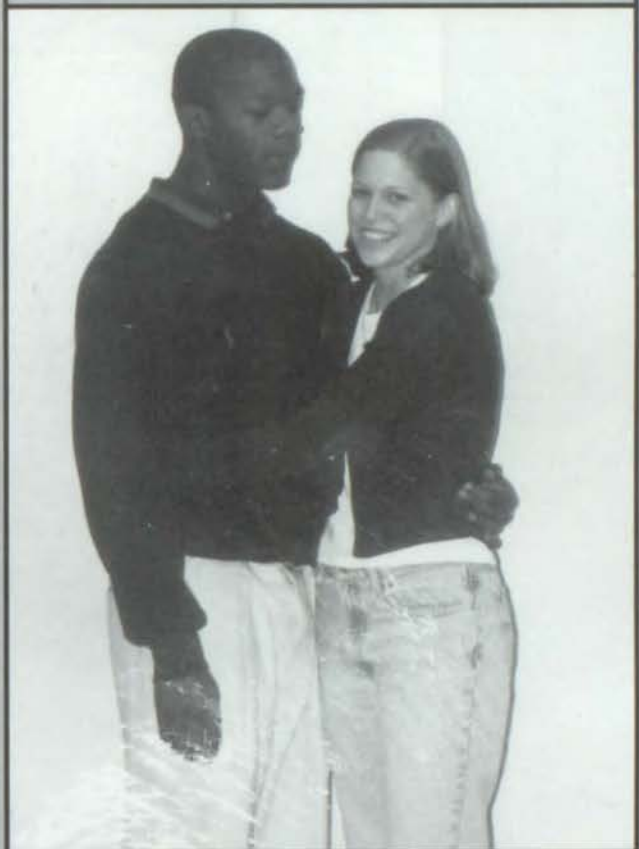
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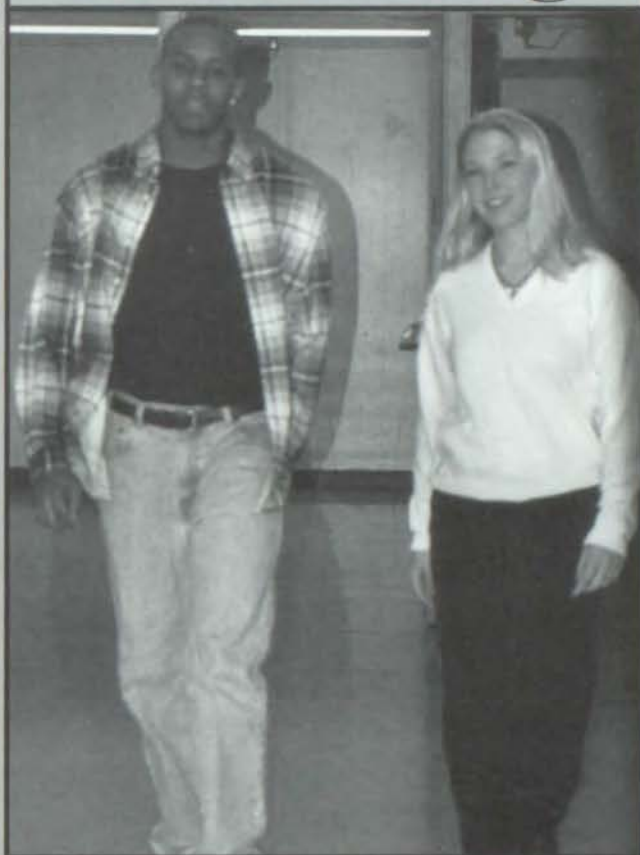
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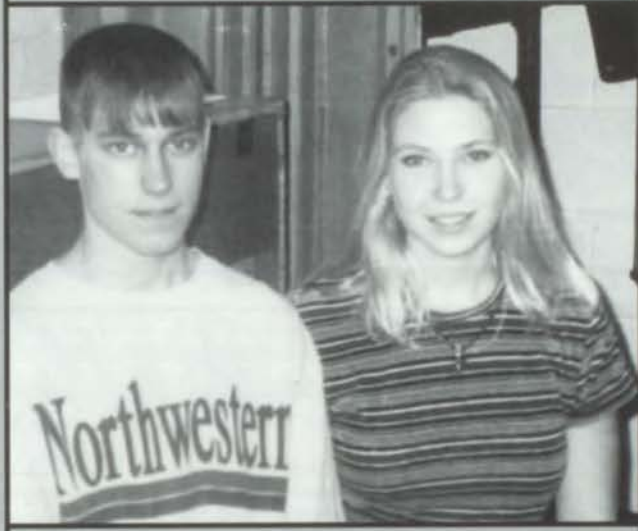


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# Senior Class



## Not Pictured

### Nicest Smile

Lisa Meyer/Heath Norton

### Best Thespians

Lillian Pegelow/Scott Pickett

### Most Changed

Tiffany Van Hook/Jason Mensing

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# KELVIN



Kelvin Hayes

We are very proud of you. Who would have thought when "Big Momma" named you "Mister it would become true so soon in your life. You have become an outstanding young man. We love you and pray for your success in whatever you do.

Love ♥  
Mom and Dad

# TIFFANY



Tiffany Minx

*Make a wish  
And hold on tight,  
Dreams of immortal fire  
Come true tonight.  
Forever, the blossom,  
And Love full send,  
Depart the Earth  
To become the wind.*

**Congratulations**  
♥ **and Love**  
Dad and Champagne

# Lillian

To have a daughter who is so talented in music, so creative in drama, and so loveable and thoughtful, is a wonderful blessing.

I love you,  
Mom



Lillian Pegelow

# Mary Beth



Mary Beth Doarn

*I love Mary Beth,  
It just can't be that the years have flown by, and you are graduating from CHS. We're excited for you and a little sad for us at the same time.*

*You've been a wonderful daughter and a loving big sister. The 18 years have very special memories of our first 18 years together.*

*While this is a significant occasion, others will follow. Through them all, we wish you great success and life's happiness.*

*We are most proud and love you dearly.  
Dad, Mom and Lonna*

# KIMBERLY

## DAUGHTER

To my lovely daughter, Kimberly. Just in case you even have any doubt, I love you very much and am so proud of being your mom.

kind and caring. With all your determination, you will ever you want to let anyone down. Always loves you and you always. your future  
XXOOXXOO



You are a very interesting person. determination - make it where to go. Try not pull you remember God will be with Good luck in years.

Love, Mom

## SISTER FRIEND

I think back and remember when Mom brought you home from the hospital. I remember your first steps and watching you play in the back yard. It was hard to believe the first time I took you driving ( a little scary, too)! Now you are all grown up and about to take your first steps into the world. I'm proud of you and proud to be your brother.

Congratulations and God Bless You!

Love, Lester

We made it here through time and space from trials we cannot hide. But those who face them with good grace are those who stand up high. The bottom line is to define a spirit full of grace.

So here we say we love you, Kim, for showing us this grace.

Virginia

Raylene

Jack

# KOURTNEY



I AM VERY PROUD OF MY LITTLE GIRL. YOU HAVE GROWN INTO A FINE YOUNG WOMAN! WHERE HAVE THE YEARS GONE? JUST YESTERDAY I REMEMBER YOU LEARNING HOW TO RIDE YOUR BIKE OR LEARNING HOW TO DRIVE MY CAR. HAVE FUN IN YOUR "NEW ERA" OF YOUR LIFE. THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!

Congratulations!  
Love Ya  
Mom and Buster

# PHILIP



Philip Young

You have a generous sensitive spirit strength of character and determination. We are honored to be your parents. Let the Lord lead. He never disappoints.  
Love  
Mom and Dad

JIMMY

## Congratulations!



Jimmy Morse

You've come a long way!  
LOVE,  
MOM & DAD

# Lauren

"Saturday's Child will work hard for a living."

Through all of our transitions, you have come through. We love you and have faith in all you do.



Lauren Lewandowski



# Katrina

*Believe in God  
and he will direct your path.  
Believe in yourself  
and all things are possible,  
Start your journey into adulthood  
knowing that we believe in you!!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Genay*



Katrina Byndon

# Ashley

Congratulations!!  
Good luck in your future plans. We're proud of you!!

Love,  
Dad and Marilyn



Ashley Prater



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You've already accomplished so much in your school work and many activities. You've set high goals and worked hard to achieve them. We're proud of the fine young woman you've become.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Andy Lauren Stewart

**K·E·V·I·N**



Kevin Hill

Dear Kevin,  
Congratulations! We're very proud of you. Thanks for blessing our family and for always being yourself (not John McClane or Midget Man). Your future will shine as you continue to let Christ light the way.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Chris  
Jeff and Richie

**AMY** 



Your joy and enthusiasm for life are an inspiration to all of us.



We wish you joy and peace.  
We Love You Forever!  
Mom and Dad

Amy Loss

Spread your wings, Angel Baby. May your heart and mind guide your flight.

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**Congratulations!!**

It's hard to imagine you are ready to graduate and go on to college! We are so proud of you and of all your accomplishments and know you will always succeed in life!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Anthony

Melanie Blando

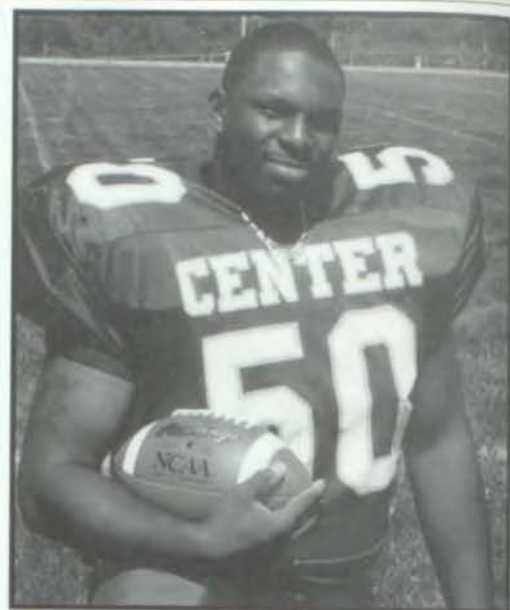


# WILLIE

*WE LOVE YOU!!  
YOUR FAMILY*



Willie Wilkins



*Wear a smile, don't look depressed.  
Show the world that you've been  
blessed! Stand straight and tall.  
Don't be afraid. For this is the day  
that the Lord hath made!*

*Begin each day with a simple prayer  
to let God know you're glad He's  
there. Praise him for the things he's  
done as he unveils the morning sun.  
Rise and shine! Get out of bed, and  
thank Him for the day ahead.*

# Heath

*"Sons are a heritage from the  
lord."* Psalms 127:3

**You are God's "gift" to us.  
We are proud of you!**

**Love,  
Mom and Dad**



Heath Norton

# Robin



Robin Greer

*We're proud of you. Good job  
in band and flag corps.*

**Congratulations!**

*Mom, Dad, Tammy, Hailey, Pat,  
Grandma, Great Grandpa, Aunts,  
Uncles and Cousins*

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Amy Loss

***My Sister Is***  
someone who I look  
up to. I can talk to  
my sister about any-  
thing. My sister is  
my role model.

**I Love You Amy!  
Rach**

**LISA**  
**Congrats!**

**We are very proud of you.  
You are a very special, tal-  
ented young lady.  
Love, Mom, Amy and Sam**



Lisa Sorensen



# LEA



These are the days you'll remember. You know it's true that you are blessed and lucky. It's true, that you are touched by something that will grow and blossom in you.

Love Always!  
The Familia

Lea Corrison

# L O R I



Lori Conrad

*Dearest Lori  
Because of your talent in so many areas, your motivation, intelligence, independence and caring personality we know you will be successful in whatever you choose to do. But what your dad and I wish most for you above all else, is happiness. We love you.  
Dad and Mom*

LB-

We've had lots of good times - you mule, circle be unbroken, friends, low places, etc.

You've always been there for me and I love you so much. I'll miss you more than anything. Thanks so much. I don't know what I'd do without you.  
-JB

# Ashley



Ashley Prater



**Y**ou were a sweet baby, a smart and funny child, and you're a beautiful young woman, inside and outside.

**Your Family Loves You!!**

# Colin

Congratulations, Colin!  
Your humor, intelligence and kindness to others will carry you far. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Corey  
and  
Grandma & Grandpa



Colin Michael



Amy Loss

*Congratulations  
Miss Amy!  
I Love You!!  
Mz. Liz*

# Amy

# Matthew



Matthew Peterson

*When you achieve your goals (as we know you will), always set new and higher ones. We're very proud of you.*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Lauren, Kenny and Lexi*

# KIM



*Kimmer,  
You have smiled and laughed and brought joy into our lives since the moment of your birth. We are tremendously proud of the young woman you have become. We hope all your dreams come true. Love You more!!  
Mom and Daddy*



Kim Grimes

# Jeanna

*First child only daughter You hold such a special place in our hearts You were born with an independence and self motivation that will allow you to achieve in all you do We are truly proud of you We love you  
Mom and Dad*



Jeanna Weibel

# ★ CRAIG ★



*From the cutest baby in South Kansas City, you grew into an outstanding young man and we're proud of you.  
Congratulations and Love!  
Mom and Dad*

Craig Robison



Heather Erickson

You have always been a source of joy as we have shared your life and watched you grow. We are very proud of you. As you continue on life's journey, you may leave our home, but never our hearts. May God continue to bless you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

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# Christian



Christian Nord

To be a winner, all you need to give is all you have! Christian, keep your faith in the Lord, and He will show you the way. We are so proud of you and we love you.

Mom, Dad,  
and Darcy

# heather



Heather Erickson

*Congratulations on your graduation.*

*Good luck in college.*

*I will miss you.*

Love,  
Your Sister Laura

# Maria



Maria Balino

Maluh, Congratulations!! We are so proud of you and what you have done and accomplished! Keep it up and always know that we're here for you and that we love you!!

Love,  
Mama, Papa, mng.  
John, Cecil, Boyet,  
Junar, Rose, and  
Jerome

# SARAH



Sarah London

May your days be filled with joy and may your nights bring you sweet dreams.

# GARRETT

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# ALAN



Al-  
We are so proud of you. Your future is so bright. With God's help and your determination, you will reach your goals.

Love,  
Grandma, Mom, Dad,  
Ebony and Ivory



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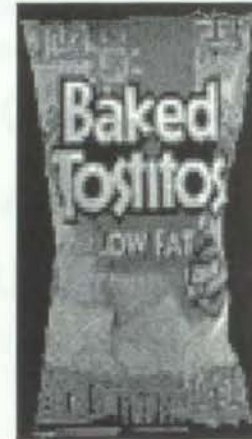


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**JUST THAT SWEET?**  
 Swim Team Head Coach Andy Hanch and Sophomore Jeff Peak look over their schedule for the season. The relationship between the coaches and swimmers was a positive, warm one.  
 Photo By Lauren Stewart



**WATCHING THE WIZ**  
 Sophomores Joey Brake, Fateema Gonzales, and Senior Lea Corriston watch as the Kansas City Wizards take the field. Going to Wiz indoor soccer games was a popular pastime among Center students.

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- Legg, Jonne 44
- Lenzy, Reginald
- Leone, David 46
- Levy, Jeanine 46
- Lewandowski, Lauren 9, 19, 158, 162
- Lewis, Lance
- Lewis, Leslie 21
- London, Sarah 9, 167
- Long, Robert
- Long, Jeremy
- Lopez, Elder 38, 65
- Lord, Kathy 44
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- Lou, Nan 38
- Lovelady, Ranata
- Lowry, Chris
- Lozano, Jose 38
- Lozano, Melissa 21
- Luzier, Richard





**ON THE BEAT**  
Yearbook Co-Photo Editor Jessica Renfrow waits in the lobby of the St. Louis Holiday Inn for her next workshop to begin. Renfrow attended the National Scholastic Press Association's National Convention in November.

Lyke, Sydra 120  
Lyon, John 46



*Mother Theresa died in Calcutta in September.*

Mack, Essence 9  
Majeed, Musa  
Malion, Whitney  
Manning, Annarose  
Mannio, Anna 39  
Marenbanks, Reginald 38  
Martel, Cerise  
Martin, Antoine 30  
Martin, Leslie 39  
Martinez, Cameron 39  
Matthews, Leah  
Mattingly, Melissa 10  
Mattson, Julie 46  
Mattson, Steve 21,24,85  
Mattucks, Michelle  
May, Harrison  
Mays, Andrea  
Mays, Darel 39  
McClane, John 125  
McCoy, Elizabeth 46  
McCrary, Michael 22,119,139,143  
McDonald, Norman 30  
McGhee, Kiauni 39  
McIntosh, Antwaine  
McIntosh, Crystal 30

McIntyre, Derek 39  
McLaughlin, Miguel  
McMillin, Crystal 10, 95,159  
McMurray, Angela  
McMurry, Adam 10  
McNiel, Charles 2,10,55,97,100,105,129,156,157,176  
McWhirt, Jaccob  
Mensing, Jason 10,11,15,108,125,139,143, 152,176  
Meyer, Lisa 10  
Michael, Colin 10,16,134,139,143,165  
Middlestadt, Beth 10,16,18,114,124,125,134  
Milburn, Kathleen 30  
Mills, Christina 21  
Miller, Charles  
Mills, Tara  
Mills, Tracy 39  
Milone, John 30,139,143  
Mingo, Roy 30  
Minx, Tiffany 10,170,160  
Mitchell, Amy 30,33,97,107,110  
Mitchell, Crystal 10,18  
Mitchell, Shashanda 30,137  
Mitchell, Shawn 30  
Mock, Kevin  
Montgomery, Jill 10,16,113,157  
Montgomery, Michael 10  
Moore, Jesse 10,22,25  
Moore, Tina 30,43  
Morales, Jackie 44,45  
Moravec, Crystal 37



**TELL IT LIKE IT IS**  
Student Services Director Jim Ford addresses the faculty on the procedure for using student services.

Mori, Christy  
Morse, Jimmy 162  
Morse, Mary 22,26,  
Moss, Darin  
Mulvany, Sharon  
Murphy, Phillip



*Newborn babies were delivered to Teachers Crystal Hunt and Beth Heide during the school year.*

Nerman, Gail 22, 94,162  
Nerman, Carl 22,30,125,135  
Neudeck, David 135  
Nguyen, Toan 28,30  
Nichols, Latrice 10  
Nichols, Stephanie 22, 58,106,107  
Nimrod, James 10  
Nimrod, Wayne  
Nixon, Lynsey 30,33,136  
Noble, Andrea 39  
Norals, Labron  
Nord, Christian 4,7, 10,11,15,17,18,

O'Brien, Rachel 39  
Ogren, Robert 46  
Olivares, Israel  
Oliver, Kijuan 30  
O'Reilly, Travis 30  
Outley, Jolene  
Overstreet, Ralph  
Oviedo, Nick 22  
Owens, Richard 39



*Punishments became more severe and policies more strict at CHS in 97-98.*

Pace, Doyle 45  
Pace, Nichole 39  
Packnett, Thuston  
Park, Sarah 38  
Parks, Jan 46  
Parson, Daniel  
Patterson, Sandra 46  
Peak, Jefferson 30, 176  
Pearson, Lamar 46  
Pegelow, Lillian 10,130,134,160  
Peister, Nathan 10,125



**BE MY VALENTINE, BABY!**  
Senior James Nimrod enjoys the carnations sent to him by a secret admirer on Valentine's Day. The yearbook staff sold flowers to make money to help defray the cost of the book.

83,85,92,99,100,104,105,128,139,143,154,181  
Nord, Darcy 39  
Norman, Lindsay 39  
Norman, Michael 10,14,16,17,99,156,158  
Norton, Collette 39  
Norton, Heath 10,14,83,86,96,99,155,164  
Nothnagel, Charles 39  
Nunn, Eric



*Olympic winter games were held in Japan.*

Oasan, Tina 39  
Obie, Michael

Peister, Noah 39  
Peister, Zachary 30  
Pemberton, Daniel 30  
Perillo, Robert 39, 125  
Perkins, Evelyn 46  
Perkins, John  
Perkins, Kelly 10  
Perkins, Roshana  
Perry, Steve 45,119  
Pestana, Melissa  
Peterson, Mathew 10,15,127,139,143,166  
Phelan, Heather 10,176  
Phillips, Kandice 10  
Phillips, Timothy 80,81,124  
Pickett, Scott 5,10,11,15,115  
Pierce, Jeffrey  
Pilkenton, Ted 46  
Pope, Richard

Porter, Kevin 10  
 Powell, Tamiaka  
 Prater, Ashley  
 5,10,18,70,82,90,143,139,15  
 5,158,162,165  
 Price, Shantesha  
 Price, Travis  
 Putnam, Duane



*Quadruplegic Christopher Reeves took a few steps on his own, and asserted that he would walk again.*

Quinlin, Charles 39



*Security guards stated concerns about school safety after Superintendent William Hawver announced that the guards could no longer carry guns, nor keep them on school property.*

Ragsdale, Helen 46  
 Rana, Ravinder 46  
 Randle, Amber 23,30  
 Randle, Quinton 30  
 Raqin, Dara 39  
 Ratliff, Sheila  
 Reaves, Scott 22  
 Reaws, Mary 39  
 Redick, Joseph 10,156  
 Redick, Lance  
 Redmond, Judy 46  
 Rehmer, Bruce, 105  
 Reid, Leonard 10, 118  
 Reinhard, Josh 39  
 Remley, Thomas 46  
 Renfrow, Jessica 22, 84  
 Reynolds, Mike 95  
 Rhymes, Eric 12  
 Richard, Goree 22  
 Rick, Sara 39  
 Ricks, Alicia  
 Ridgeway, Morgan  
 10,135,142,146  
 Riggs, Kathy 46  
 Riley, Christopher  
 Riley, Teshia 39  
 Ringwood, Andrew 30  
 Rios, Maria 46  
 Ritter, Teasha  
 Roberts, Kenya 12  
 Robinson, Alan 168  
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 Robinson, Randy 22, 119  
 Robinson, Samuel 30  
 Robinson, Tanisha  
 Robison, Craig  
 8,12,13,17,18,166  
 Rohlfing, Laurel  
 Rosemann, Jeremy  
 Ross, Billy 39,77



**HOMECOMING SPIRIT**  
*Seniors Lori Conrad, Brandi Cason, Melanie Blando, Amy Lass, Heather Phealan, and Nene Winters show excitement for Homecoming while showing off the Senior Class float.*

Ross, Elizabeth 22  
 Ross, Tiffany 22  
 Rowland, Jason 39  
 Royer, Mark 39,104,105  
 Runnels, William 30  
 Ryan, Jack 39,110,111



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Saad, Amanda 30  
 Saad, Steven  
 Sage, Josh 39  
 Sage, Zachary 12, 52,159  
 Salazar, Jonathan  
 Sallard, Michael 39  
 Samuel, Shamal 22  
 Sanders, Shalanda 39  
 Satterwhite, Charles 39  
 Schad, Aaron 39  
 Schad, Judah 22  
 Scheuerman, Nicholas 30  
 Schumann, Brian 46, 69  
 Schwerin, Benjamin 30  
 Schwerin, Lynn 46  
 Scott, Queen 46  
 Scott, Richard 39  
 Scullark, Amanda 22  
 Seals, Shalanda 30  
 Sears, Paul  
 Seibolt, Justen 3, 39, 111  
 Seidel, Elizabeth  
 Self, Teresa 22,97,136  
 Shannahan, Scott 30,110  
 Shelby, Brent  
 Sherman, Alyce 45  
 Shipley, Kamara 30  
 Shipman, Monica  
 3,22,26,85,97  
 Siddiqi, Naveed 4,30,97

Sidney, Jalonn 22,107,110  
 Simpson, Jacob  
 Simpson, Marcus  
 Singer, Brian 30  
 Singh, Manpreet  
 Sisk, Connie 39  
 Slack, Kelly  
 Smith, Adrian 49  
 Smith, Charles 45  
 Smith, Marcel 12,119,154,155  
 Smith, Marques  
 Smith, Michael 41,97,125

Smith, Mishel 11,22,135  
 Smith, Phillip 41,110  
 Smith, Rick 45  
 Smith, Sean  
 Smith, Tiffany 30,106,107  
 Smith, Tiffany S. 22  
 Smith, Tyrone 125,153  
 Smith, William  
 Snell, Kenny 45  
 Snorgass, Anthony 12,153  
 Snorgass, Nickolas 30,97  
 Sobra, Brandi  
 Solomon, Bennie 47  
 Soldi, Gina 30,32  
 Sorensen, Lisa 12, 133,164  
 Sowell, Paul  
 Sparks, Jason 22  
 Spears, Terese 46  
 Spiller, Montae'  
 Spitz, Eric 41  
 Spriggs, David  
 Stemplerman, Jill 97  
 Stephenson, Mendia  
 Stephich, Jason  
 Stevens, Amanda 41  
 Stevens, Daniel  
 Stevens, Fostenia 30,43  
 Stevens, Kelly  
 Stephens, Lamphone 22  
 Stevenson, Brandon  
 Stewart, Denise 45  
 Steward, Rustin 12  
 Stewart, Lauren  
 12,16,19,70,85,139,143,



**BIGGER THAN LIFE**  
*Senior Lauren Stewart gives a loving smile to her show horse Alacritious Galaxy. Lauren received "Al" while in junior high and has been very involved in horse training and showing.*



**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT**  
Senior Lillian Pegelow, Sophomore Joe Carr, Sophomore Shannon Heffernan and Freshman Byron Ward rehearse the infamous spoon scene again. This scene proved difficult for the cast due to all the stage combat involved.

154,157,158,163,176  
Stewart, Stephanie 46  
Stoaks, Julian 30  
Stock, Heather  
Stockman, Terri 46, 47  
Stone, Darren 30  
Strother, Frederick  
Stumon, Laquinda  
Stutts, Cheryl  
Summers, Vernabelle 46  
Sutton, Eric  
Svehla, Thomas  
Svejda, Jamie 12  
Swan, Earold  
Sward, Joshua  
Sweaney, Cheri 41,113  
Switala, Myra 45



*Traveling to State was a dream that became a reality for drummer Sedric Hibley. Hibley took fourth place at State.*

Tapp, Lester 111  
Tassem, Tsedly  
Taylor, Akeem 41  
Taylor, Antoinette  
Taylor, Katrina 143,147  
Taylor, Mahasan 137  
Taylor, Nathan  
Taylor, Peter 23  
Taylor, Robert 46  
Teel, William 46  
Teetor, Jeffrey 41,110  
Terry, Latrice  
Thibodeau, Thomas 41  
Thomas, Amanda  
Thomas, Daesha  
Thompson, Richard  
Thompson, Christine 41  
Thompson, Kevin 30  
Thornton, Willie 46, 47  
Tipton, Danny 45  
Tischer, Brandon 12  
Tischer, Tara 23, 106, 107  
Townsend, Ragen 23, 139  
Townsend, Shaniqua 30

Tran, Nhung 41  
Trent, La Toya  
Trowbridge, Aaron 30  
Truong, Anh Thi  
Tucker, Shamicka 12  
Turley, Roylee 45  
Turner, Roman 23



*Under constant hammering by the El Nino weather system, California battled flooding and mud slides.*

Unger, Lee 107,110  
Uzomah, Chiamaka 12  
Uzomah, Munachim 23,  
142,146



*Valentine's flowers were a good moneymaker for the yearbook staff and drama club.*

Van Hook, Tiffany 12  
Van Leeuwen, Christina 12,68,  
97  
Van Tran, Peter  
Vanderslice, James  
Van, Donde  
Vansickel, Amanda  
Vaught, Robert 23  
Verser, Lavitia 23, 41



*William Hawver, superintendent, underwent major surgery in January, but recovered with flying colors.*

Wade, Daniel  
Wages, Jason 23  
Wagner, Amberly 30  
Waite, Derek  
Walker, Emily 41,125

Walker, Natasha  
Walker, Phillip 12  
Walker, Rashawnda  
30,97,135,139,143  
Walker, Sharonda  
Walker, Shylae 41  
Wallingford, Lucas 41,80  
Walsh, Emily 23  
Walton, Kourtney  
12,18,157,163  
Ward, Byron  
Warinner, Kelly  
56,70,97,136,148  
Warren, Anthony 23  
Washington, Cleo 46, 47  
Watkins, Destiny  
Watson, John  
Watt, Marilyn 46  
Watters, Kateri 45,47  
Watts, Tina 23,70,77,84,85  
Weathersby, Tiara 41  
Weaver, Lindsey 2,  
23,24,30,32,43,130,134  
Webb, Antuan 12  
Webb, Haile  
Webb, Nattie  
Weibel, Jeanna  
8,12,18,83,86,96,97,152,157,158,166  
Weigand, Janet 45  
Weilert, Samuel 125  
Wellington, Lisa 12  
Wells, Joe 30  
Wells, Versell 22  
Wheeler, Stephanie 41,110  
White, Michael  
Whitaker, Orlando 46, 47  
Whitcalf, Ulrich  
Whitney, Dannela 41  
Wieberg, Derek 30,33,34  
Wilcher, Wendell 12  
Wilkins, Courtland 41  
Wilkins, Willie 164  
Willard, Jake 23,97,99  
Williams, Cedric  
Williams, Benjamin  
Williams, Bernard 46  
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Williams, La'Detra  
Williams, Reggie 23

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Williams, Tinicka  
Williams, Terrance 19  
Williams, Tyrancikia  
Wilson, David 41  
Windom, Ormoni 23, 27  
Winters, Enid 12  
Wisdaht, Leif 30  
Wise, Megan 30  
Witmer, Joseph  
Wood, Bryan  
Woodard, Kenneth 41,118,119  
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Woods, Corrine 34,45  
Woods, Teresa 12  
Wooten, Lekisha 23  
Worthy, Stephanie 45,107,110  
Wu, Lina 23, 97



*Yellowjackets from athletes to athletes excelled, won awards and gave their all to make CAS the best high school in Kansas City.*

Yates, Kathy 45, 49,71  
Yelsley, Aubree 41,95,110  
Young, Audrey 41,105  
Young, Phil 2,12,18,98,157,162  
Youngblood, Melissa  
23,27,97,136  
Yoast, Stacey 12



*Zzzzzzz is what the yearbook staff did after several weeks of long hours and little sleep while finishing the book. Hope you enjoy*

Zagorniak, Carol 45,89



**HITTING THE BOOKS**  
Students in English Teacher Bev Kowalczyk's class answer questions from their literature textbooks. Students were tested for reading comprehension in preparation for the MMATs.

### FEED ME!!!

Senior Heather Phelan nurtures a plant she grew in her Horticulture class. Horticulture, taught by Kenny Snell, was a popular class with upperclassmen.

Photo By Lauren Stewart



### IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE

Sophomore Jeff Peak, Senior Charles McNeil and Junior Mark Haselwood climb to the top of the school. They all agreed that the view was beautiful.

Photo By Lauren Stewart



### THINKING HARD

Freshman Jake Howard concentrates on the music he is about to play. Reading sheet music required concentration and the ability to read music.

Photo By Rene'e Betts

### STAYIN' ALIVE

Seniors Jason Mensing, Lauren Stewart, Brandi Cason and Steven Hill dance to the music of the 70's while working on the class float. The class put in many hours of hard work in an effort to win the float competition during Homecoming festivities.

Photo By Ashley Prafer





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# DISTINCTION

As yet another school year dwindled down to the final few days, students realized that the year that they were completing was remarkably different than all previous years. The year brought many new changes, not only in the classrooms, but in students' lives as well.

The school was deemed worthy of A+ status, resulting in free tuition and books for those wishing to attend a community college or vocational school.

The program benefited more than 80 students, one being Senior Jeanna Weibel.

"The A+ program has provided for me opportunities that I might not otherwise have. I am planning to attend a community college next year, and now I can save my money for a new car instead of spending it on school," Weibel said.

Teachers benefited from A+ funds as well, with each teacher receiving a computer for their classroom. The journalism department especially prospered, receiving three new computers and a laptop to modernize their lab.

"Having all of the new computers made the production of the yearbook and the *Searchlight* easier. We were able to upgrade our software and improve the quality of our publications," Journalism Instructor Kathy Yates said.

Students were given planners in the fall, which were to be carried at all times. The planner idea ended up being more successful in keeping students more organized than most originally thought. The underclassmen found the planners especially useful in helping them adjust to the stress and work of high school. However, upperclassmen found alternative uses for the planners besides managing time. Many used the planners as doodle pads during class.

"The planners didn't help me at all. I still wrote all of my homework on my hand. I tried writing my assignments in my planner at the beginning of the year, but I only ended up forgetting where I had written down my homework," Senior Kourtney Walton said.

Some changes were not for the better.

The death of Freshman Football Player Charles Satterwhite left an emptiness in the hallways all year. Counselors offered their assistance to grieving students after Satterwhite fell dead during a freshman football game in November, but the recovery process was slow. Satterwhite left warm memories in the hearts of his friends and teachers.

Other shocking news during the year dealt with the deaths of two famous women - Princess Diana, who died in a car crash over Labor Day weekend, and Mother Theresa, who died a few weeks after Diana. Both women had a great impact on the world, having lived their lives serving others. Controversy surrounding the role of the paparazzi in Diana's death churned for months.

"It was really surprising that Princess Diana died. My mom idolizes her and I thought that she was going to go crazy after Diana's death," Junior Leanna Carpenter said.

Sonny Bono and Robert Kennedy also died, both in skiing accidents involving trees. The unrelated incidents left questions in the minds of many as to how safe the sport actually was.

So what did time teach students?

Students stood confirmed in the belief that Center was a stand-out school - different from other schools. They saw that Center had its own personality - its own style. Though that style varied from day to day, it had an over-riding theme. Each student was different from the next, and the combination of these individuals made Center the unique, distinctive school that it was.

The events of the year created a different outlook on life for many, and changed some students' pathway through life forever. However, the events which began on September 3 including the people who traveled in and out of the school doors every day, made Center Senior High School *Different by Distinction*.

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**TIME**  
**That's All, Folks**

EXCLUSIVE: Jerry Seinfeld explains why he quit—and talks about his future



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**"Men in Black,"** starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, was the blockbuster movie of the summer. The science-fiction comedy about federal agents battling extraterrestrials won the Oscar for best make-up.

**The WNBA** made a name for itself in its inaugural season with the backing of the NBA and a catchy slogan, "We Got Next!" The league consisted of eight teams in the NBA's largest markets, such as New York, Los Angeles and Houston. In the first WNBA Championship Game in August, the Houston Comets beat the New York Liberty, 65-51.



David Phillips/AP



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Adam Hsieh/AP

**Union workers for United Parcel Service** went on strike for 16 days in August, crippling the world's largest package delivery company and wreaking havoc on virtually everyone in the business world and their customers. The strike, which involved 185,000 members of the Teamsters' union, was the largest in the United States in more than a decade. It was caused by UPS's increasing reliance on part-time workers and was ultimately resolved by the creation of 10,000 new full-time jobs.



NASA/SIPA Press

**Mir, the 12-year-old Russian space station,** experienced several mishaps during the year, the worst of which was in June when an unmanned cargo ship crashed into Mir, leaving a gash in the pressurized vessel that was responsible for a substantial power loss. In January, American astronaut David Wolf floated outside the Mir on a mission to examine the outer hull. The aging complex is a test-bed for the international space station Alpha, components of which will be launched in 1998.



Deeth Fawcett/AP

# Summer

Mike Tyson displayed a raw savagery that sickened even the most die-hard boxing fans when he bit off pieces of not one, but both, of Evander Holyfield's ears during their heavyweight title bout in June. By the third round, Tyson had become frustrated and at some point discarded his mouth piece. Soon after, he took a bite out of

Holyfield's right ear and then, after a penalty, bit his left ear, causing the referee to disqualify him. In July, Tyson's boxing license was permanently revoked and he was fined \$3 million. ♦ Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace, 50, was gunned down in July outside his South Beach mansion in Miami by serial killer Andrew



# Death of a Princess



Built Marquez/AP

**The British colony of Hong Kong** officially ceased to exist on July 1, when, after 156 years of colonial rule, the economically sound territory was returned to Beijing's control. The handover took place without incident, but it caused concerns about whether China would suppress the human rights of Hong Kong's 6.4 million people. Many residents have since noted with relief that, for the most part, their daily lives had not changed and the economy remains strong.



NASA/AP

**The Mars Pathfinder**, carrying the rover Sojourner, made a historic journey to our planetary neighbor in July, collecting fascinating and useful information. In October, scientists announced that Mars, like the Earth, has a crust, a mantle and an iron core, making it likely that the planet once had water on it. Initially, Pathfinder's mission was planned to last 30 days, and Sojourner was only expected to run for a week. But the batteries held out, and the mission continued for three months, sending back 2.6 billion bits of information and 16,000 images.

**The Chicago Bulls** held off the Utah Jazz in the NBA Finals in June to win their fifth championship in seven seasons. For the first time, however, the Bulls, led by the perennial trio of Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman, had to battle their way to the top. Hard-fought playoff games with Washington, Atlanta and Miami set the stage for a no-holds-barred tilt with the Jazz.



J. Pat Carter/AP

**Timothy McVeigh was found guilty** in June and later sentenced to death by lethal injection for the deaths of 168 people in the April 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City. People all over the world shared in the triumph of the victims' families and friends following the verdict. Prosecutors in the case were glorified for bringing closure to what many considered the worst act of terrorism in American history.



Dylan Marlowe/AP

The world lost one of its pre-eminent humanitarians when Princess Diana died Aug. 31. Her goodwill efforts extended far beyond her royal obligations and included charitable work for children and those with AIDS and breast cancer.

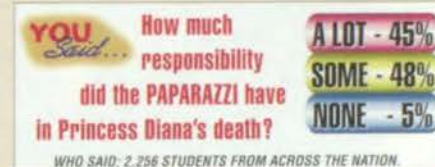
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Michel Simeoni/AP

**Many blamed the paparazzi** for causing the tragic accident that killed Princess Diana. The coffin containing Diana's body was transported to a memorial service at historic Westminster Abbey by horse-drawn carriage. Celebrities and dignitaries attended the service, which was televised internationally. Some of the blame was later placed on Diana's chauffeur, Henri Paul, when an autopsy revealed he was more than three times over the French blood-alcohol limit for driving.

**Millions watched Sept. 6** as the royal family bade farewell to their princess. The coffin containing Diana's body was transported to a memorial service at historic Westminster Abbey by horse-drawn carriage. Celebrities and dignitaries attended the service, which was televised internationally.



David Bruch/AP

**Princess Diana's untimely death** shocked the world, resulting in an unprecedented outpouring of grief from around the world. Thousands of people lined the streets of London to pay their last respects. Flowers and personal mementos piled up at the gates of London's Buckingham and Kensington palaces and the royal family received condolence cards by the millions.

Cunanan. The subject of a national FBI manhunt, Cunanan shot himself to death less than a week later in a houseboat just a short distance from Versace's villa. ♦ The wacky antics of a **"Seinfeld" episode** had an American brewery executive laughing all the way to the bank. Jerold McKenzie was fired by his company after he

discussed the episode with a female co-worker. In the episode, Jerry forgets his new girlfriend's name and can only remember it rhymes with a female body part. The co-worker complained to her bosses and McKenzie lost his \$130,000-a-year job. He filed a wrongful dismissal claim against the brewery and in July won \$36



Todd Korok/SIPA Press

The capital murder trial of Theodore Kaczynski, the reputed Unabomber, began in November, was delayed in December and abruptly ended in January when Kaczynski agreed to a plea bargain, admitting that he was responsible for 16 explosions that killed three people and injured 23 others. During the three months of the trial, Kaczynski, 55, a Harvard graduate and former university math professor, kept his defense lawyers, prosecutors and the judge in the case busy by first attempting suicide and then demanding that he be allowed to defend himself. Ultimately, Kaczynski avoided possible execution by assuming responsibility as one of the most mysterious serial killers in U.S. history.



Greg Gibson/AP

The First Family got bigger in December when President Clinton welcomed Buddy the First Dog into the White House. The chocolate-brown Labrador pup became the first canine resident at the mansion since the Bush's dog, Millie, lived there. Although it took some time, it was said that Buddy and Socks, the Clinton's cat, were getting along wonderfully.

## YOU Said...

Was Justice served when Louise Woodward was released?

WHO SAID: 2,256 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION.

YES 28% NO 64%



Victoria Arocho/AP

Supporters of 19-year-old British au pair Louise Woodward picket outside the superior courthouse in Cambridge, Mass. Although Woodward was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of infant Matthew Eappen, Judge Hiller Zobel overturned the verdict, calling it a "miscarriage of justice." Instead of the mandatory sentence of 15 years to life, Woodward was sentenced to time served and released.

Was Mike Tyson's punishment fair?

YES 75% NO 23%

Is there life on other planets?

YES 63% NO 34%

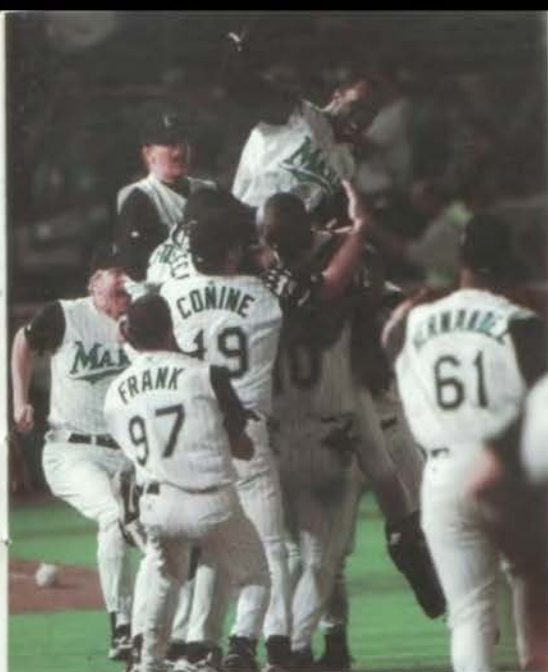


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Tensions flared and the threat of war escalated in Iraq when Saddam Hussein continued to refuse U.N. inspectors access to suspected chemical and biological weapons sites. The United States and the world remained diligent trying to foster a commitment from Hussein to end his country's programs for weapons of mass destruction. The military build-up in Iraq began in the fall and continued into the new year when a U.N.-Iraq accord was signed, giving inspectors full access to sites previously declared off-limits. The accord, worked out by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, averted potential U.S. air strikes.

million. ♦ NBC sportscaster Marv Albert, arguably the most recognizable voice in sports, **pled guilty** to assault and battery charges in September and was subsequently fired by the network. The charges stemmed from an affair in which Albert apparently bit a woman several times on her back. With the plea, prosecutors

dropped the charge of forcible sodomy. ♦ Hundreds of thousands of black women converged on Washington for the "**Million Woman March**" on Oct. 25. Undaunted by gloomy weather, the women joined together for a walk through the city to show solidarity and to help bring to the forefront issues they believe are ignored by



John Bazemore/AP

The upstart **Florida Marlins** captured their first-ever World Series championship in October by defeating the Cleveland Indians in seven games. Shortly afterwards, the team was dismantled as Owner Wayne Huizenga traded several marquee players in an attempt to make the organization more profitable.



Bob Jordan/AP

**Coaching great Dean Smith** retired in the fall as head basketball coach at the University of North Carolina after 36 years at the school. Smith, 66, had a career mark of 879-254, charting the most career wins by a basketball coach in NCAA history. Along the way, Smith coached NBA superstars Michael Jordan and James Worthy, winning national championships in 1982 and 1993. His teams made 27 NCAA Tournament appearances, reaching the Sweet 16 an impressive 21 times.



David Longstreath/AP

**Thousands of dignitaries** and invited guests from around the world converged on Calcutta for the funeral mass of Mother Teresa, who died Sept. 5 of a heart attack at the age of 87. Mother Teresa, a Nobel Prize winner, was the world's most exalted humanitarian. More than 4,000 nuns are pledged to the order she founded, serving the poor, homeless and sick and dying all over the world.



Steve Liss/SYGMA



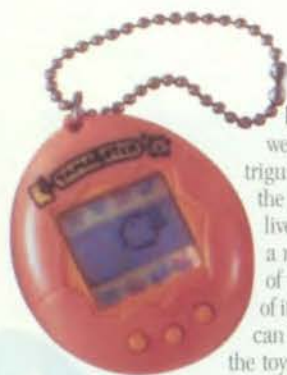
Paul Sakuma/AP

**First Daughter Chelsea Clinton**, 17, left the White House for Stanford University in September. While President Clinton and First Lady Hillary adapted to their empty nest, Chelsea attempted to become just another face in the crowd. Her transition into college life was less than conventional with the Secret Service shadowing her every move.

**Boasting a new population** of 3,407, the city of Carlisle, Iowa, rallied behind residents Kenny and Bobbi McCaughey after Bobbi gave birth to four boys and three girls, the world's only known set of living septuplets. The miracle birth was the result of fertility drugs, which Bobbi was taking before and after conceiving her first child, Mikayla. The daunting task of caring for the newborns — Kenneth, Alexis, Natalie, Kelsey, Brandon, Nathaniel, and Joel — was made easier when, within hours of their birth, the septuplets were showered with gifts, including cash and college scholarships, as well as car seats, strollers and lifetime supplies of Pampers and Gerber baby food. Local businesses also pitched in to build the family of 10 a new house.

mainstream women's groups. ♦ Mattel Inc. introduced and began marketing a "politically correct" Barbie in November. The less busty Barbie was designed to give a more realistic profile to the best-selling doll that has ired feminists and at the same time become an icon for generations of young girls. Features of the

new Barbie include a thicker waist and slimmer hips, as well as a new nose and softer, straighter hair. The changes mark the third time Barbie has evolved since her debut in 1959. Since that time, more than a billion dolls have been sold worldwide. ♦ Terry Nichols was found guilty in December of **conspiring with Timothy McVeigh**



Kato Oshiro/AP Photo

**Electronic or virtual pets** were the year's most popular and intriguing toys. About the size of an egg, the toy is a beloved domestic pet that lives and dies within the confines of a miniature screen. The well-being of the electronic pet is in the hands of its master. With proper care, the pet can live for up to 15 days. Demand for the toys was incredibly high with some stores reporting they sold out within hours of a new batch arriving.

**Questions began circulating** on Capitol Hill in December regarding former Ambassador Larry Lawrence's presumed use of inflated credentials to earn permission for burial at Arlington National Cemetery. Republican lawmakers publicly questioned the combat service claims that cleared the way for his burial in the historic cemetery. Lawrence's widow quickly decided to have her husband's body exhumed, but the controversy over how he received permission in the first place remained. A special oversight committee was charged with investigating past and future waivers.



William Phipps/AP



Mark Hungrey/AP



Peter Dejong/AP

**Elton John experienced** a whirlwind year of tragedy and triumph. He dealt with the tragic loss of two friends when Gianni Versace and Princess Diana were killed. In tribute to the fallen princess, John rewrote his popular ballad, "Candle in the Wind." In March, he was knighted for his service to British pop music and his work for AIDS charities.



Tim Fitzgerald/AP

**Detroit Lions linebacker Reggie Brown** was knocked unconscious in December during a game against the New York Jets and had to be removed from the field by emergency personnel. He later underwent a four-hour surgery to fuse two vertebrae. Less than a month later, Brown made a stunning appearance at a hospital press conference, getting up out of his wheelchair and walking to the podium to give a statement. Although doctors were pleased with his progress, they noted that Brown would never fully recover and that his football career is most likely over. Following Brown's tragic injury, the Lions dedicated their first-round play-off game against Tampa Bay to him.

to bomb the federal building in Oklahoma City, but was acquitted of taking part in the actual bombing. He was also found guilty of involuntary manslaughter for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement agents who were in the building when the truck bomb exploded on April 19, 1995. Nichols, 43, has yet to be sentenced,

but the judge in the case has indicated he is leaning toward handing down a life sentence. The job of imposing a sentence was left to the judge after jurors failed to agree on a punishment. ♦ The Department of Justice cleared the first hurdle in its **atitrust battle with Microsoft Corporation** in November, winning a temporary

## TV's Whirlwind Year

**Tom Osborne**, the Nebraska Cornhuskers' legendary coach, announced his retirement in December after 25 years on the job. Osborne, 61, cited health concerns and a desire to be with his family as reasons for retiring. He had a career record of 255-49-3 and reached his 250th victory in 302 games, 18 fewer than Penn State's Joe Paterno needed. Two back-to-back national championships in 1994 and 1995 and a share of the title in 1998 make Osborne one of college football's most prolific coaches ever. In his last game, the native Nebraskan went out in style as the Cornhuskers walloped Tennessee, 42-17, in the Orange Bowl.



John Cape/AP



Don Ryan/AP

**Latrell Sprewell** of the Golden State Warriors assaulted coach P.J. Carlesimo twice during a practice Dec. 1 and was subsequently suspended from the NBA for one year, the longest non-drug ban in league history. The decision sparked a heated debate over whether the punishment was fair. In March, an arbitrator ordered that Sprewell be reinstated and his suspension be reduced.

**Jerry Seinfeld** announced in December that his top-rated NBC sitcom, *Seinfeld*, was in its final season, indicating he wanted the show to go out while it was still in top form. In nine seasons, *Seinfeld* evolved into a cultural signpost and one of television's most popular shows. *Seinfeld*'s finale on May 14 was estimated to be among the most widely viewed events in television history. Commercial airtime for the final episode commanded higher prices than the Super Bowl with a 30-second spot costing \$1 million.



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The debut of Comedy Central's crudely animated hit, *South Park*, was wildly successful as it became the network's highest-rated show ever. The exploits of potty-mouths Kenny, Kyle, Cartman and Stan were considered by some to be even more offensive than those of MTV's *Beavis & Butt-head*. Network censors were comfortable with most of the show's stunts, which included Kenny being killed in every episode, but balked at an episode where Stan was set on fire by another character.



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**E.R.**, television's top-rated medical drama, created quite a stir with its live season-opening episode. Actors had one take to get it right and, when they finished, they did it again to accommodate all time zones. *E.R.*'s live episode set the stage for a season of unusual television developments with *Chicago Hope*'s musical episode, *Seinfeld*'s backwards episode and *Mad About You*'s no-commercial episode.



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MTV's *Beavis & Butt-head* ended its successful five-year run with a final episode in January as series creator Mike Judge hoped to spend more time on his FOX hit *King of the Hill*. Fans can still catch the show on MTV, where re-runs will air indefinitely.

**YOU Said...**

What is your favorite television show?

- 1 SEINFELD
- 2 SOUTH PARK
- 3 THE SIMPSONS
- 4 PARTY OF FIVE
- 5 ER

WHO SAID: 2,256 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION.

injunction banning the company's forced bundling of its Internet Explorer web browser. The justice department considers the browser a separate commercial product, while Microsoft argues that it is an integral feature of its Windows 95 operating system. The injunction, which came after several hearings involving

Microsoft CEO Bill Gates, will remain in place until a full judgment is made. In short, the injunction ordered the company to stop forcing computer manufacturers to license and preinstall its browser. ♦ Poultry workers and government officials in Hong Kong began the massive slaughter of birds in December, the first step in a

**Hollywood's Golden Globe Awards ceremony** was marked by a poignant moment when Ving Rhames gave his trophy for best actor in a TV miniseries to fellow nominee Jack Lemmon. Rhames was named best actor for his portrayal of boxing mogul Don King, while Lemmon was nominated for his role in a remake of "12 Angry Men." The unselfish gesture did not go unnoticed by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which sponsors the awards, as Rhames was presented with another Golden Globe trophy a week later.



Margaret Norton/AP



Eric Draper/AP

**The Michigan Wolverines'** thrilling 21-16 victory in the Rose Bowl capped off an impressive season that ended in a share of the national championship with Nebraska. Charles Woodson, Michigan's all-purpose player and winner of the Heisman Trophy, was a key factor in the Wolverines' undefeated season.



Ron Edmunds/AP

**The 25th Anniversary** of the Supreme Court's historic Roe versus Wade decision was celebrated in January. Thousands on both sides of the volatile issue traveled to Washington, D.C. to observe the event. The 1973 ruling by the nation's highest court barred states from banning abortion, finding that a woman's right to privacy under the U.S. constitution included the right to end a pregnancy.

**Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs** made a big showing with an unmatched seven nominations and two wins during the 40th Annual Grammy Awards in February. Puff Daddy, shown giving presenter Danny DeVito an impromptu rap lesson, won Grammys for best rap performance by a duo or group for the song, "I'll Be Missing You," and best rap album for "No Way Out."



Mark Lennihan/AP

**The Denver Broncos** shocked the world in January with a 31-24 victory over the defending-champion Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII. It was the AFC's first world championship in 14 years and John Elway's first Super Bowl victory after three previous losses. Terrell Davis, Denver's star running back, scored three touchdowns and was named Super Bowl MVP.

# Winter

plan to contain a mysterious "bird flu" virus. Having crossed over to humans, the virus caused four deaths and infected scores of other people. The government killed, disinfected and buried every chicken in Hong Kong — some 1.3 million of them. An unknown number of ducks, geese, quail, pigeons, doves, and other birds

that had been in close proximity to the chickens were also destroyed. ♦ A new pill that **stops hair loss and increases hair growth** in some men won approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in December. The manufacturer, Merck and Co., said the one-a-day pill, called "Propecia," was developed for baldness after men



Felice Calabro/AP

**Twenty people died** in northern Italy when a U.S. military fighter jet hit cable car lines, severing them and causing a car from the Mt. Cermis cable car line to plunge 300 feet and crash onto the side of a mountain. The cable car was carrying vacationers to the Cermis ski resort in the Dolomites mountains near the city of Cavalese. Four U.S. Marines were later charged with involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide after an investigation determined their jet was flying too low and too fast. The crewmen also face charges for damage to military property, damage to private property and dereliction of duty.



Bill Kestrou/AP

**Dallas Cowboys' head coach**

Barry Switzer resigned in January following a dismal season that saw his team miss the playoffs for the first time since 1990. Switzer, 60, compiled a 40-24 record in four seasons with the Cowboys and led them to a win in Super Bowl XXX, but never won over Dallas fans after succeeding the popular Jimmy Johnson.



Ed Reinke/AP

**YOU Said...** WHO SAID: 2,256 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION.

**Favorite Movies of 1997**

- 1 Titanic
- 2 Scream
- 3 Scream 2
- 4 Men In Black
- 5 Soul Food

**Favorite New Artist of 1997**

- 1 Matchbox 20
- 2 Puff Daddy
- 3 Usher
- 4 Backstreet Boys
- 5 Smash Mouth

**The three-hour epic "Titanic" was the blockbuster film of the year, sailing into history by earning more than \$1.2 billion to eclipse "Star Wars" as the highest-grossing movie ever.**

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**YES 59%** **NO 36%** **Was Seinfeld in top form in its last season?**

taking it for prostate enlargement noticed increased hair growth. ♦ Daniel Devlin, the Republican mayor of Upper Darby Borough near Philadelphia, was arrested in December after a **daring daylight robbery** of a local bank. Authorities said Devlin, who was despondent over losing a bid for re-election and facing unemploy-

ment, entered the bank wearing sunglasses, a Miami Dolphins jacket and a baseball cap. He told a teller he had a bomb and demanded cash. The teller turned over \$1,500 and Devlin walked casually out of the bank. He surrendered to authorities 30 minutes later. ♦ The **bright flashing lights** of a popular Japanese televi-

**Sen. John Glenn**, the first American astronaut to orbit the Earth, got his wish to go back into space when NASA announced in January that he will be aboard the shuttle Discovery in October. At 77, Glenn will be the oldest person to fly in space. His presence on Discovery will aid researchers in their understanding of how the weightlessness of space affects the body as it ages. The Ohio Democrat lobbied for months to return to space, and has passed the rigorous physical tests required by NASA.



Ruth Fremson/AP

**Pop music sensation Hanson** led the year's "kid-rock" phenomenon, joining Silverchair, LeeAnn Rimes and Johnny Lang in pre-pubescent popularity. Brothers Issac, Taylor and Zac, drove fellow teeny-boppers wild with their snappy-happy songs of life and love. Their breakthrough album, "Middle of Nowhere," earned Grammy nominations for record of the year and best new album.



Ron Edmond/AP



Mark Lennihan/AP

**Bob Dylan scored big** at the Grammys in February. The rock music legend's album, "Time Out of Mind," won album of the year. He also won best male rock performance for the song "Cold Irons Bound." The icing on the cake came for Dylan when his son, Jakob, and his band, the Wallflowers, won two Grammys for best rock song and best rock performance by a duo or group for "One Headlight."



Chris O'Meara/AP

**Winston Cup driver Dale Earnhardt** captured his first-ever Daytona 500 win in February, breaking a streak of 19-straight losses in stock car racing's showcase event. The win also ended a 59-race Winston Cup losing streak. Earnhardt had lost Daytona twice before on the last lap, but this time held off a host of challengers. A crash on the 199th lap allowed him to take the checkered flag alone and virtually unchallenged.

# 1998 Winter Year

sion cartoon came under scrutiny in December, when it was discovered they had triggered seizures in hundreds of children. Reports indicated that more than 600 children had suffered convulsions, vomiting, irritated eyes, and other symptoms after watching the cartoon "Pokemon." The phenomenon was linked to a scene

in a particular episode, where characters were fighting each other inside a computer and a bomb exploded resulting in five seconds of flashing red lights. ♦ Brett Favre of the Green Bay Packers became **the first player in NFL history** to be elected league MVP three times when he and Barry Sanders were chosen as co-MVP's



# Spirit of Nagano

**Karla Faye Tucker**, a convicted ax murderer and born-again Christian, became the first woman to be executed in the United States since 1984 when the state of Texas put her to death in February. She was only the second woman executed since 1976, when the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume. Tucker, 38, was sentenced to die for the 1983 pickax murder of two people in Houston. Her case touched off an international debate over redemption and the morality of the death penalty. For some it was a gender issue, but not for Tucker. She argued for clemency based on her newfound faith, claiming she had been rehabilitated and wanted a life sentence so she could help others behind bars.

**After a long delay**, the much anticipated visit of Pope John Paul II to Cuba came to pass in January. Welcomed by Fidel Castro, the ailing pontiff spent five days in Cuba on a visit that many believed would set a new course for the Cuban church. Tens of thousands of people gathered to see the pope as he made stops and celebrated mass in several Cuban cities, including Havana and Camaguey.

**Snowboarding** made its inaugural showing during the 1998 Winter Olympics and created controversy when a Canadian snowboarder lost his gold medal after testing positive for marijuana. He later got the medal back on appeal. The controversy was not the only problem the exciting new event encountered, as several days of heavy snow wreaked havoc by sending snowboarders sideways down hills.

**Packing the USA's 1-2 punch** in figure skating were 15-year-old Tara Lipinski and Michelle Kwan, 17, who battled down to the wire to win the gold and silver medals, respectively. Lipinski became the youngest figure skater to ever win the gold medal when she edged Kwan in the free skating program finals of the XVIII Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

**American skier Picabo Street** captured the Super-G gold medal in dazzling style, captivating fans of the last Winter Olympics of the 20th Century with her extraordinary zeal. That zeal was missing in action during the downhill competition when she went for a second medal and lost.

**Eric Bergoust won two** of the USA's six gold medals and set a new world record in the freestyle skiing aerials competition in Nagano. Bergoust performed two different quadruple-twisting triple flips for a combined score of 255.64 points, eclipsing Nicolas Fontaine of Canada's previous world record score of 254.98.

**The U.S. women's hockey team** beat Canada to win the gold medal at Nagano in the fledgling sports' first-ever Olympics showing. After finishing second to Team Canada in four previous world championships, the United States got their revenge with a 3-1 victory in the gold-medal game.



Ron Kuntz/SYGMA



Ruth Fremson/AP



Andy Schwartz/AP



Paul Sakuma/AP



Kenichiro Ogasawara/AP



Danilee Erdosch/AP



Kenichiro Ogasawara/AP

after the 1997 season. Favre's three consecutive MVP honors matched him with the legendary Joe Montana as the only NFL quarterbacks ever to win the award in consecutive years. His selection in 1997 was based in part on a record-setting fourth consecutive season of throwing 30 or more touchdown passes. ♦

Researchers announced in January they had traced the **very first case of HIV infection** to a man living in what was then the Belgian Congo in 1959. They say the sample looks like an ancestor of several subtypes of HIV now found around the world. It suggests that HIV "evolved from a single introduction into the Africa popu-

# 86, '98 surprises

**The University of Kentucky** won its seventh NCAA championship, putting together a record-setting rally to beat Utah, 78-69. The Wildcats were behind most of the game, including a 10-point deficit at halftime, the largest any champion has ever overcome. The Final Four field of Kentucky, Stanford, Utah, and North Carolina marked the first time in tournament history that no No. 1 seeds advanced.



Susan Steiner/AP



Charlie Hebergl/AP

**Director James Cameron's** exciting win as Best Director was just the tip of the iceberg for his epic movie "Titanic" at the 70th Annual Academy Awards. The colossal blockbuster took home an Oscar in 11 of the 14 categories for which it was nominated, including Best Picture. At the box office, "Titanic" became the highest-grossing movie of all time by amassing more than \$1.2 billion in ticket sales worldwide.

**Talk show host Oprah Winfrey** claimed victory after being sued for allegedly defaming the beef industry. A jury rejected a lawsuit filed by Texas cattlemen, who argued that Winfrey's televised comments about the dangers of mad cow disease caused the beef market to plunge and cost them millions of dollars.



L.M. Otero/AP

lation in a time frame not long before 1959." ♦ The NFL signed a staggering eight-year, **\$17.7 billion television contract** in January, renewing its agreement with FOX to broadcast NFC games and turning the AFC games over to CBS. By losing the AFC package, NBC will be without football for the first time in more than

three decades. CBS, which four years ago lost its long-standing NFL contract to upstart FOX, paid \$4 billion to acquire the AFC rights away from rival NBC. As part of the contract, ABC renewed its rights to Monday Night Football and agreed to broadcast the games an hour earlier at 8 p.m. EST. ♦ Golfer Tiger Woods took



Charles Rex Arbogast/AP

**Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky** became the center of attention when her secret claims of having an affair with President Clinton surfaced. Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr led a White House probe, while media and political pundits debated the veracity of the allegations. The president firmly denied the charges both publicly and in a historic grand jury deposition. Meanwhile, in a similar case, an Arkansas judge threw out the sexual harassment suit filed against the President by Paula Jones.



Orin Wagner/AP

**The Tennessee Volunteers** won their third-straight championship with a 93-75 win over Louisiana Tech in the Women's NCAA Tournament. The win capped a perfect 39-0 season, the most wins ever for a women's NCAA team. The championship was the sixth for the Lady Vols in the last 12 years.

## YOU Said...

WHO SAID: 2,256 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION.

- 1 Drugs
- 2 Sex
- 3 Teen Pregnancy
- 4 Peer Pressure
- 5 AIDS

The Most Important Issues Facing Teens Today

The Silliest Trends of 1997

- 1 Electronic Pets
- 2 Bell Bottoms
- 3 Body Piercing
- 4 Platform Shoes
- 5 Dyeing Hair

The Most Influential Person of 1997

- 1 Princess Diana
- 2 Mother Teresa
- 3 Bill Clinton
- 4 Tiger Woods
- 5 Marilyn Manson

**The Spice Girls** proudly display a pair of their trademark platform shoes during a promotion for the movie, "Spice World," the release of which followed the success of their self-titled debut album that sold more than 6 million copies.



Jean Whitelaw/AP

**home three ESPYs** for excellence in sports in February. Woods, the 1997 PGA Tour player of the year, shared male athlete of the year honors with Ken Griffey Jr., and also won performer of the year and showstopper of the year for his win at the Masters. ♦ A **5-year-old Florida girl** was placed under arrest on felony charges

in February for allegedly biting and scratching a teacher. The girl went into a rage and attacked a kindergarten support teacher who tried to calm her. Facing a felony charge of battery of an educator, she was released into the care of her parents. The charges were later dropped. Appalled by the school's actions, the child's par-

**Four students and a teacher** were killed and 11 others were wounded at Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Ark., when two boys opened fire on classmates after allegedly luring them outside with a false fire alarm. Authorities said the boys, 13 and 11, were friends and committed the crime to retaliate against the oldest boy's girlfriend, who had broken up with him. The Arkansas shooting was the year's fourth fatal shooting in a school.



**"Grease," Hollywood's most profitable musical ever**, was re-released in theaters in March for its 20th Anniversary. Fans of all ages flocked to see the movie, which featured a digitally remastered soundtrack. The scene inside most theaters was extraordinary with singing, clapping and dancing in the aisles. In its opening weekend, "Grease" rivaled the blockbuster "Titanic" in ticket sales. Since its debut in 1978, "Grease" has grossed more than \$340 million.

**April 4th marked** the 30-year anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. Thousands converged on Memphis to honor the slain civil rights leader, who was shot to death on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel by James Earl Ray. Meanwhile, a former FBI agent who investigated the assassination revealed new evidence that supports Ray's claim of a government conspiracy. Ray, 70, in prison and dying of liver cancer, confessed to the killing, but later recanted. The agent said he found, and kept, two slips of paper in Ray's car, which he and his partner impounded. The slips of paper allegedly contain information that may bolster Ray's claim of a cover up.



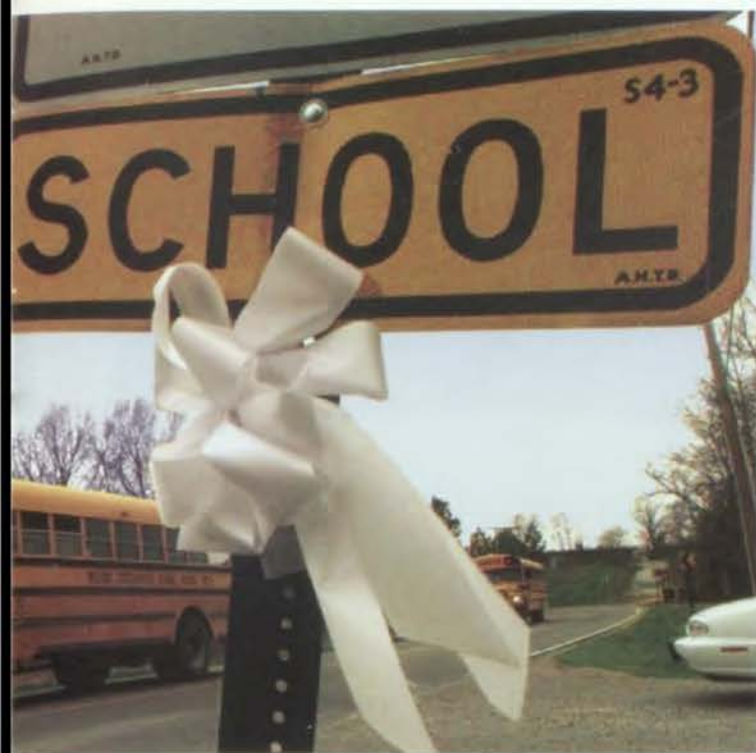
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**Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt** charmed movie audiences and Academy voters with their work in "As Good As It Gets," each taking home a best-acting Oscar for their stellar performances. Nicholson's win was his third, while Hunt won her first Academy Award.

ents pulled her and her sister out of the school and enrolled them elsewhere. ♦ NFL owners again rejected a proposal to **bring back instant replay** during a league meeting in March. The measure fell two votes short of the 23 votes it needed to pass. Nine teams turned down the latest proposal, a system that would have al-

lowed coaches a limited number of challenges per game to call for video review. ♦ A tornado **ravaged eastern India** in March, killing more than 200 people and destroying scores of villages. The deadly tornado carried with it winds in excess of 300 miles per hour. ♦ Russian President Boris **Yeltsin made a bold move** in March when

# Blame It On El Niño



Mark Humphrey/AP



David Woo/SYGMA

**Heng-Ming Chen**, a soft-spoken 42-year-old former professor from Taiwan, and his followers believed God would descend to Earth to save hundreds of millions from nuclear holocaust by whisking them away in flying saucers. Chen claimed to be the father of Jesus Christ and said that at 10 a.m. on March 31 God would assume his body. Acting on his word, 150 sect members left their lives in Taiwan and moved to Garland, Texas, to witness the arrival of God.



Bill Green/AP



Michael Conzelmann/AP

**El Niño was responsible** for record rainfall amounts in California as storm after storm drenched the Pacific coast, causing widespread flooding and landslide damages. Swollen rivers caused several roads to collapse, leading to costly destruction and several deaths. In 1982, the last time El Niño surfaced, an estimated \$13 billion in damages was recorded worldwide. Experts believe damages this time around would be far worse.



J. Pat Conner/AP

**El Niño-driven tornadoes** walloped parts of central Florida in late February, killing more than 30 people and destroying hundreds of homes and businesses. As many as 12 tornadoes were recorded, one of which measured 200 yards wide with winds of 150 to 250 miles per hour. At the height of the storms, it was estimated that nearly 140,000 people lost power.

**Rollerblading in February** is not usually popular in Buffalo, N.Y. But with the effects of El Niño, Buffalo experienced unseasonably warm temperatures during most of the winter months. El Niño, the mysterious weather phenomenon that occurs every two to seven years, was predicted to be the "climate event of the century." Although residents of Buffalo might disagree, El Niño's return in 1997 was largely unwelcome.



Michael Okoniewski/AP

**In mid-March, a winter storm** on the heels of an El Niño-related warm front dropped as much as 20 inches of snow and ice on areas of the Northeast and was responsible for more than 10 deaths. The swirling snow and bitter winds of this classic "Nor'easter" came after weeks of mostly mild temperatures, also credited to El Niño.

he fired his entire cabinet. Citing his attempt to try to jump start the country's plodding reforms, Yeltsin dismissed loyal Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and his entire government. Conventional wisdom was that Chernomyrdin was destined to be Russia's next president, but Yeltsin's move threw wide open the race to elect his

successor in the year 2000. ♦**Loyal football fans in Cleveland** rejoiced in March when the NFL passed a measure to bring back the Browns. The city, which lost its team in 1996 when it relocated to Baltimore, will field an expansion team in the 1999 season known again as the Cleveland Browns.

# Lasting Impressions

Lloyd Bridges, 85, actor  
William S. Burroughs, 83, writer  
Allen Ginsberg, 70, poet  
Micheal Hutchence, 37, musician  
Brian Keith, 75, actor  
Michael Kennedy, 39, politico  
Jack Lord, 77, actor  
Burgess Meredith, 89, actor  
James Michener, 90, writer  
Robert Mitchum, 79, actor  
Robert Palmer, 52, musician  
Rob Pilatus, 32, musician  
Betty Shabazz, 61, civil rights activist  
Red Skelton, 84, comedian  
Brandon Tartikoff, 48, T.V. executive  
Paul Tsongas, 55, senator  
Carl Wilson, 51, musician  
Tammy Wynette, 55, musician  
Henny Youngman, 92, comedian

Mitchell Levy/Globe Photos



**Nomadic newsmen Charles Kuralt**, 62, died July 4 of heart failure. For 13 years, Kuralt hosted the CBS television program, "On the Road," sharing poetic stories of ordinary people and places along America's byways.

**Chris Farley**, 33, the over-the-top actor who spent four seasons on "Saturday Night Live" and later starred in several movies, died Dec. 18 in a Chicago apartment. The cause of death was determined to be an accidental overdose.

**Congressman Sonny Bono's** wife, Mary, kisses the casket of her late husband, while their daughter, Chianna, takes a moment to reflect, following Bono's funeral Jan. 9. The former entertainer and mayor of Palm Springs, Calif., was killed in a skiing accident.



Lemire McClellan



Kevork Djanssean/AP



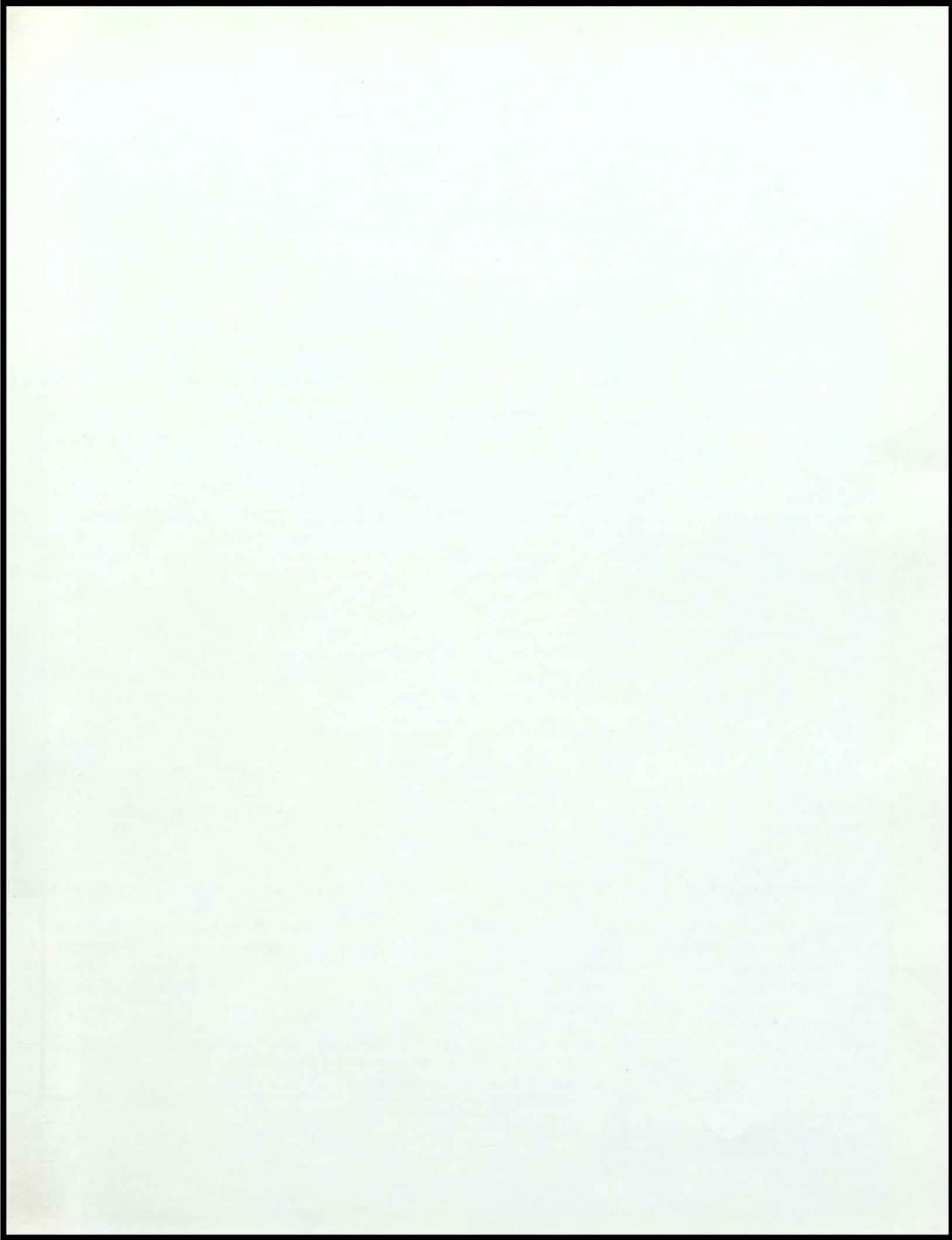
John Swart/AP

**Legendary Chicago Cubs' broadcaster Harry Caray**, 77, died four days after collapsing at a Valentine's Day dinner. Caray, whose seventh-inning stretch renditions of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" became a cultural standard, spent 53 seasons broadcasting Major League Baseball.

**Folk singer John Denver**, 53, was killed Oct. 12 when his airplane crashed into California's Monterey Bay. Denver's homespun musical style was exemplified in hits such as "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" and "Rocky Mountain High."



Davis Zolubowski



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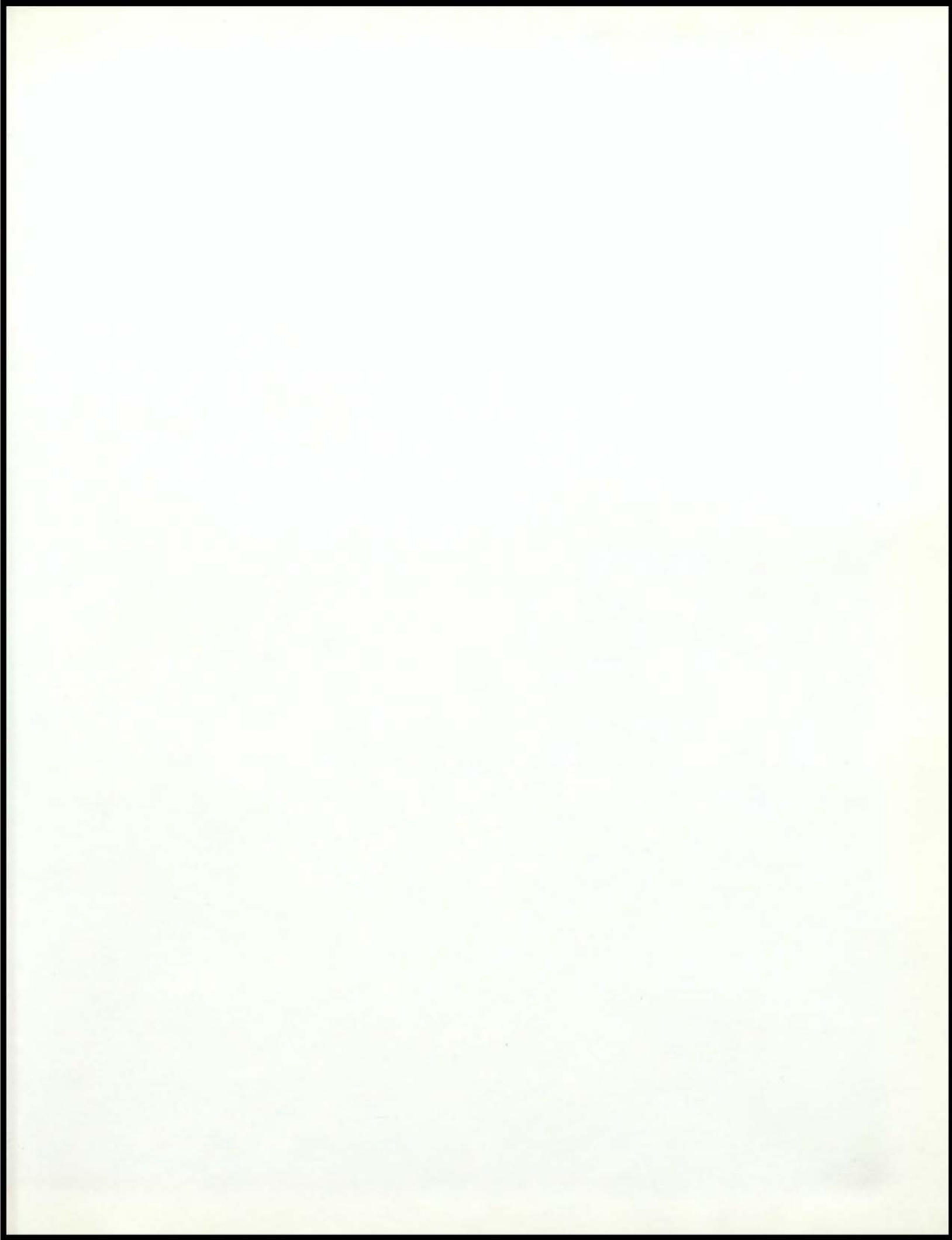
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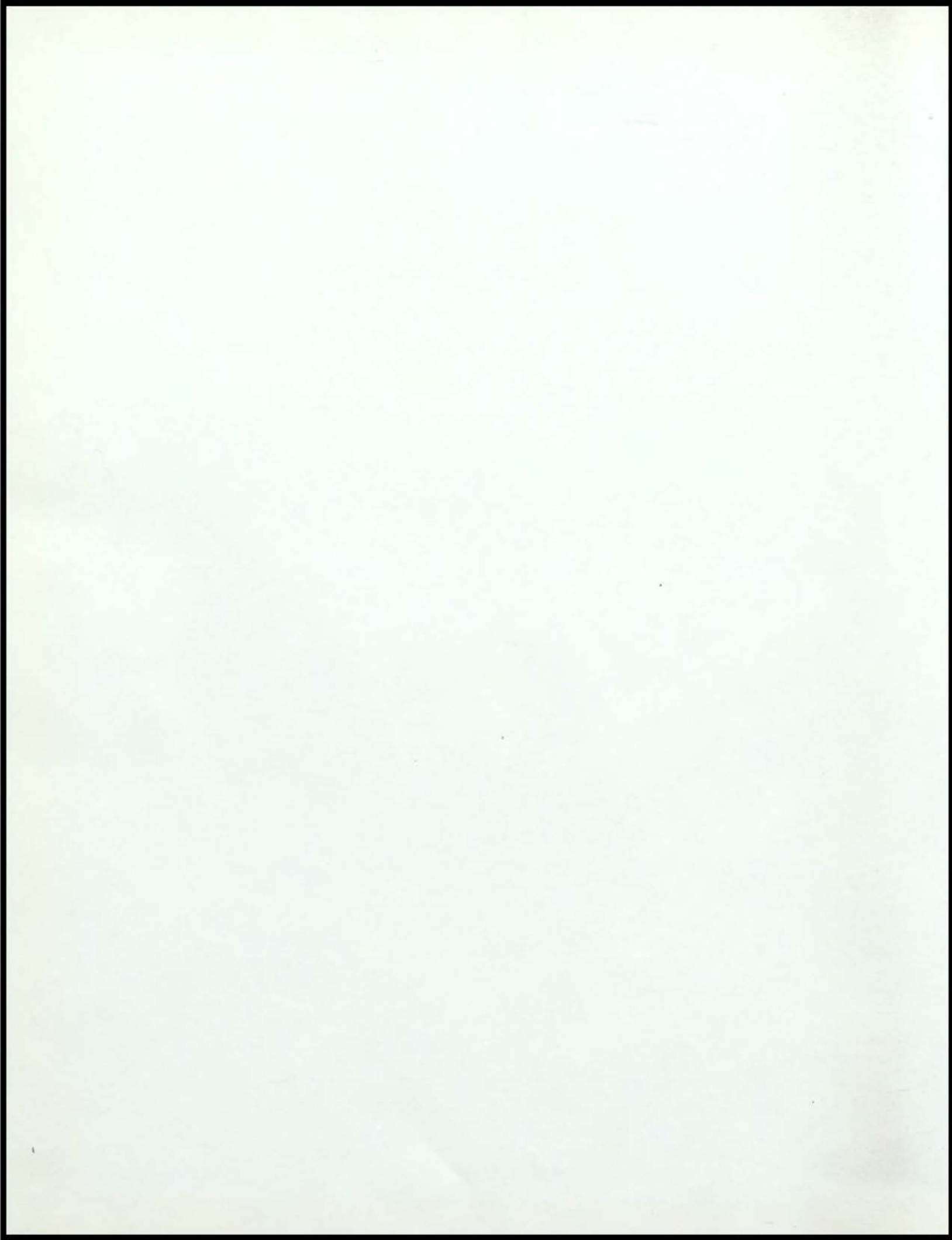
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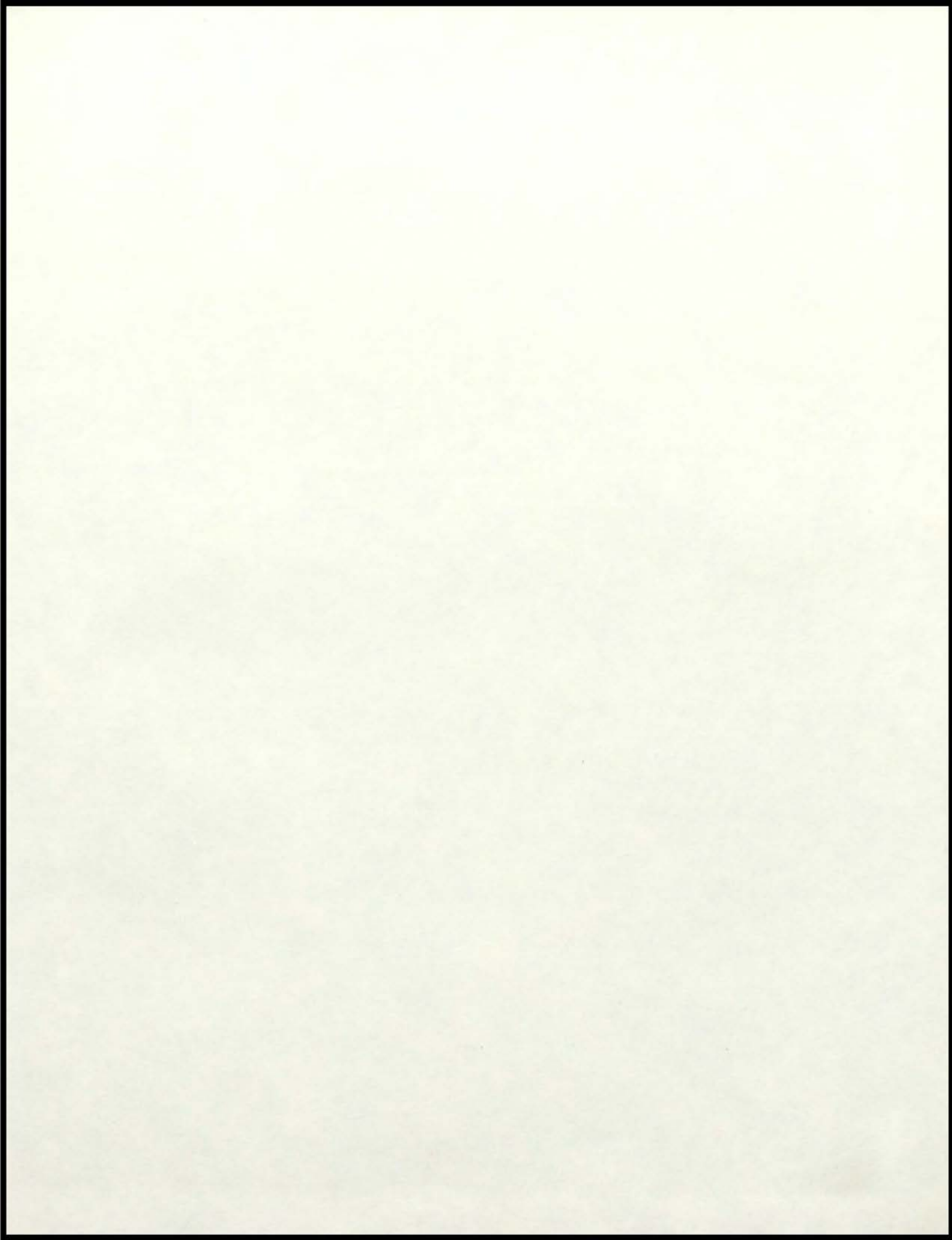
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