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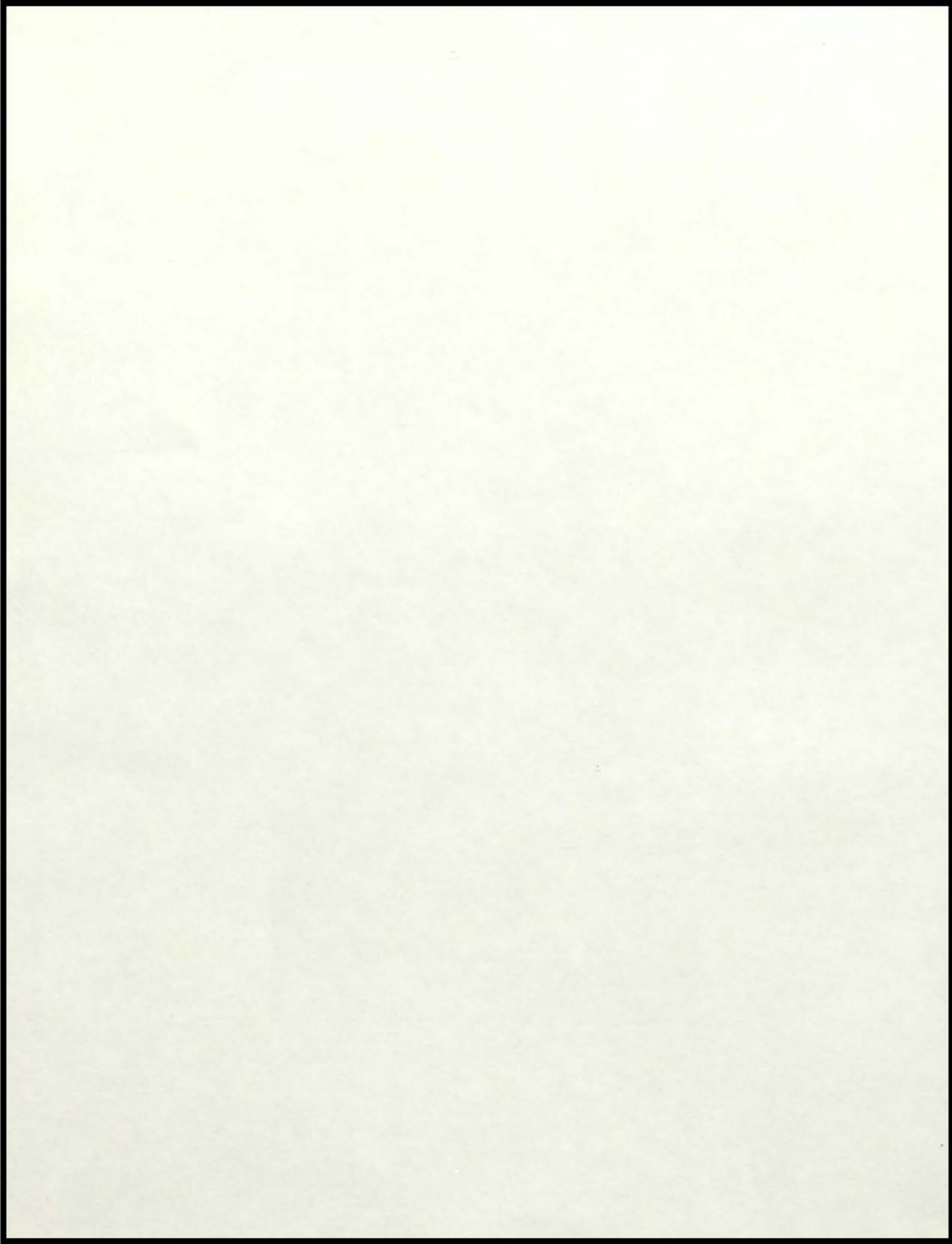
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# organized CHAOS

CHAOS WAS AN EVER-PRESENT FACTOR IN STUDENTS' LIVES, BUT METICULOUS ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING WAS THE CONTROLLING ELEMENT KEEPING CHAOS AT BAY

**F**ROM THE birth of the new school year, organized CHAOS WAS A FACTOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCED ALMOST DAILY, AND SOON BECAME ACCUSTOMED TO. ON THE SECOND DAY OF CLASSES, A BOMB THREAT WAS CALLED IN TO THE FRONT OFFICE AND COULD EASILY HAVE CAUSED A CHAOTIC SITUATION, WITH NEW STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO THE BUILDING UNFAMILIAR WITH THE DISASTER PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, A POTENTIALLY CHAOTIC SITUATION REMAINED ORGANIZED, DUE TO PAST DRILLS AND PROCEDURES LEARNED BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ALIKE TO EASE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS. CLASSES CONTINUED, EVEN THOUGH FOR AWHILE, NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE OR ENTER CLASSROOMS.

BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR HAD EVEN BEGUN, IN JULY, SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM HAWVER RESIGNED, LEAVING THE DISTRICT WITHOUT LEADERSHIP. HOWEVER, THE POSITION WAS TEMPORARILY FILLED BY DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT LINDA WASHBURN, WHO VOWED TO organize LOOSE ENDS LEFT BY HAWVER AND LEAD THE DISTRICT UNTIL A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT COULD BE FOUND. A PRINCIPAL'S COMMITTEE, WHICH CONSISTED OF 12 HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS, WAS CREATED TO AID IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW SUPERINTENDENT. LOCALLY, THE CONSTRUCTION ON WORNALL ROAD WAS FINALLY COMPLETED, ENDING A SIX-YEAR PERIOD OF CHAOS FOR STUDENTS COMMUTING THROUGH THAT AREA. A NEW BRIDGE ADDED TWO MORE LANES TO THE ROAD AND organized TRAFFIC MORE EFFICIENTLY.

THE ROYALS' SEARCH FOR AN OWNER CAUSED CHAOS IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA, WITH MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE EXPRESSING INTEREST IN OWNING THE FRANCHISE, AND THEN BACKING OUT AT THE LAST MINUTE.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH SEVERAL WOMEN WERE PUBLICIZED, MADE CHAOS KING AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL. THE PRESIDENT DENIED THE AFFAIR PUBLICLY FOR MONTHS, BUT FINALLY ADMITTED THAT HE DID INDEED HAVE "INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH INTERN MONICA LEWENSKI. CLINTON WAS URGED TO RESIGN BY MANY AND FACED IMPEACHMENT HEARINGS AFTER EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM FORCED HIS CONFESSION TO A GRAND JURY, organized BY INDEPENDENT COUNSEL KENNETH STARR.

WHETHER IN SCHOOL OR IN WASHINGTON D.C., CHAOS REIGNED DAILY. IT WAS UP TO STUDENTS TO MAKE THE BEST OF THESE SITUATIONS AND TURN THEM INTO organized CHAOS!

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THE CHAOS THEORY STATES, THAT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST MOVEMENT, SUCH AS A BUTTERFLY LANDING ON A FLOWER IN KANSAS CITY, CAN CAUSE A MONSOON IN JAPAN. LIVES OF STUDENTS OVERLAPPED, AND STUDENTS BECAME MORE AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVED IN BEING A PART OF THE HUMAN RACE.

PHOTO BY LINDSEY WEAVER

THE CLASS OF 1999 ATTEMPTS TO TURN CHAOS INTO ORDER IN THE EARLY MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL. AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS, THE SENIOR CLASS WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A LARGE '99.

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AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS AT ORGANIZATION, THE SENIOR CLASS FORMED THEIR GRADUATION YEAR ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT WAS OFTEN A CATALYST FOR ORGANIZING CHAOS.

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# SENIORS

sweet sorrow



**DECIDING WHICH DONUT TO EAT** first is difficult for Seniors Delea Dyrdin and Tiffany Smith. Seniors were treated with breakfast for allowing Central Missouri State University students, who were studying to become teachers, to shadow them for a day.  
Photo By Leanna Carpenter

**EXCHANGING A SMOOCH** in the south parking lot, Seniors Jess Moore and Shannon Higgins prepare to leave school. Public displays of affection were not allowed inside the school.  
Photo By Leanna Carpenter



**TAKING A BREAK FROM SKETCHING** a cartoon for the school newspaper, Judah Schad does his best Elvis impersonation. Schad was the editorial cartoonist for the student newspaper, the Searchlight.  
Photo By Leanna Carpenter



**GETTING ORGANIZED BEFORE CLASS**, Senior Versell Wells places his assignment notebook where it won't become lost. These planners were vital to helping Seniors become organized.  
Photo By Leanna Carpenter

**PARKING IN THE SENIOR SECTION** of the parking lot was something Carlos Yanes and Steve Hartline had anxiously waited to do while underclassmen. Senior parking privileges offered several advantages, and distinguished the Seniors as leaders of the school.  
Photo By Leanna Carpenter







**One's SENIOR YEAR MARKED AN END TO AN ERA.** - Students would cheer at their [ast football] games, dance with a girl]friend at their [ast School] dances, participate in their final Homecoming. Seniors experienced these times together. While working on the Homecoming float, Seniors Chris Gray and Monica Shipman take a break to prepare hot dogs for a cookout. The final evening of float-building was made memorable with friends and food.

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Senior Divider  5

CHIFVON ALLEN  
 ROBERT ARZOLA  
 KASHAUNDA BAKER  
 MONIQUE BANKHEAD  
 ERIN BARNES  
 MARCUS BARNETT



TIFFANIE BLAYLOCK  
 KATY BOYD  
 JAMIE BRANSTATTER  
 MICHELLE BROWN  
 ROSHAWN BROWN  
 LEKILA BRYANT



DIEM BUI  
 KISHA BULLOCK  
 SARA BURNHAM  
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 MICHAEL CLARK  
 EVAN CLEAVER  
 FAHTEEMA COLLINS  
 LUKAS CONRAD  
 CLARESE CUNNINGHAM



GINGER DAMRON  
 MICHAEL DANIEL  
 JON DAVIDSON  
 ANGELA DAVIS  
 BRANDON DAVIS  
 JEFF DOUGLAS



DANYELL DUNCAN  
 DELEA DURDIN  
 STEVE ECHOLS  
 MARNITA EDWARDS  
 KIMBERLY ELLINGTON  
 TIFFANY ELLIOTT



BRET EUBANK  
 ANDREA FENIMORE  
 DEDRA FERGUSON  
 ADRIAN FIEBER  
 SAMANTHA FLOREZ  
 MENULIQUE FORMAN



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**SENIORS FOUND ROLE MODELS OFTEN TOUCHED THEM WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR POWERFUL INFLUENCE**

**A**manda Scullark inspects her supplies before beginning an experiment in Chemistry. A science lab was required for college-bound seniors.

*Photo By Learita Carpenter*



ALTHOUGH WE LIKE TO THINK THAT WE ARE ORIGINAL, EVERYONE HAS HAD SOME OUTSIDE INFLUENCE.

EVERYONE HAS ROLE MODELS, WHETHER A MOVIE STAR, A PARENT OR A TEACHER.

SEVERAL STUDENTS DESCRIBED A GOOD ROLE MODEL AS SOMEONE WITH A STRONG PERSONALITY, CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES AND COMPLETELY UNSELFISH.

ENGLISH TEACHER **KATHY CHIRPICH** WAS MENTIONED BY SEVERAL SENIORS AS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON DURING THEIR HIGH-SCHOOL YEARS.

SENIOR **ANTHONY WARREN** SAID CHIRPICH HELPED HIM REALIZE HIS POTENTIAL.

"SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME AND WILLING TO HELP IN ANY WAY," SAID WARREN.

**CASSIE GRANTHAM** ALSO LOOKED TO CHIRPICH AS A ROLE MODEL.

"MRS. CHIRPICH HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO MANY AND PROBABLY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IT," GRANTHAM SAID.

SENIORS FOR THE MOST PART DID NOT VIEW THEMSELVES AS ROLE MODELS.

**S**enior Steve Echols, donning his football jersey, walks by the mural in the south hallway. The mural has been a source of school pride for many years.

*Photo By Kelly Warriner*

EUBANK DID NOT THINK HE HAD LEFT A STRONG IMPRESSION WITH ANYONE, BUT

GRANTHAM DISAGREED. SHE SAID EUBANK WAS A GREAT INFLUENCE ON HER AND THAT HE WAS "THE TRUEST FRIEND" SHE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL.

NOT ALL PEOPLE WERE TOUCHED JUST BY THOSE IN THEIR LIVES. **AMBER GRIFFITH** SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SHE NEVER MET EITHER MAN, **JOHN LENNON** AND **BRUCE LEE** WERE THE TWO MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE ON

HER, SAYING SHE WAS INFLUENCED BY THE WAY THEY LIVED THEIR LIVES.

SENIOR **JUDAH SCHAD** SAID, "I INFLUENCE MYSELF. NO ONE ELSE AFFECTS ME."

WE DO NOT ALWAYS REALIZE HOW MUCH OUR ACTIONS AFFECT OTHERS, OR HOW WE ARE AFFECTED BY OTHERS, BUT WE DO INFLUENCE ONE ANOTHER - SOMETIMES IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED WAYS.

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**S**enior Carl Grandi shapes a clay tray to perfection in ceramics class. Students took the opportunity to let their creativity go wild at the pottery wheel.

*Photo By Tirta Watts*

**MRS. CHIRPICH IS AWESOME! SHE HAS A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. SHE HAS HELPED ME SINCE MY FRESHMAN YEAR, NOT ONLY WITH ENGLISH, BUT WITH COLLEGE DECISIONS AS WELL.**

**SENIOR BRET EUBANK**



**S**teve Mattson and Samantha Florez take a break from studying in the early morning. Many seniors arrived at school early to finish homework not completed the night before.

*Photo By Learita Carpenter*



ARLISS GAMMILL  
 MYSTIQUE GANT  
 MUSTAFA GASTON  
 THOMAS GAVIN  
 MOLLY GILLESPIE  
 JENNIFER GINN



JESSICA GITTERMAN  
 JAMES GLENN  
 MICHAELA GORE  
 ERICA GRAHAM  
 CARL GRANDI  
 CASSIE GRANTHAM



**S**ENIORS FRANCES JOHNSON, SAMANTHA FLOREZ, CASSIE GRANTHAM AND KELLY WARINNER HANG OUT AT A PARTY AFTER A FOOTBALL GAME. PARTIES WERE A FAVORITE WAY FOR SENIORS TO RELAX AFTER A STRESSFUL WEEK AT SCHOOL.

Photo By **Tara Tischer**

# apart from the Crowd



☞ One time at a party, I **JUMPED** into a 15-foot pool not knowing how deep it was and nearly **DROWNED** because I don't know how to swim. ☹

SENIOR **Steve Hartline**

☞ I was at Smokin' Grooves sitting on the lawn and I **PASSED OUT** in front of everyone. ☹

SENIOR **Liz Rossi**



☞ I was talking to a few friends at a party one time and out of nowhere I **SNEEZED** and didn't realize that I sneezed into someones drink. ☹

SENIOR **Frances Johnson**

☞ At my birthday party in Germany my host had some friends over to **CELEBRATE**. I started to feel sick to my stomach and ended up **THROWING UP** all night! ☹

SENIOR **Amber Griffith**



THE ANTICIPATION OF GOING TO A PARTY **OVERWHELMS** ME AS I **WAIT** FOR MY RIDE TO ARRIVE. I **HEAR** MY FRIEND'S CAR MUFFLER **GROWLING** AS HIS CAR **RACES** ITS WAY TOWARD MY HOUSE. I **RUSH** OUT THE FRONT DOOR AND **LEAP** INTO THE CAR. WE **ZOOM** OFF TO THE PARTY.

ONCE WE **ARRIVE** AT THE PARTY, WHICH IS **CRAWLING** WITH PEOPLE, WE **ENTER** THE HOUSE. PEOPLE ARE **CRAMMED** INTO THE SMALL ROOMS, **DANCING** TO THE **BLASTING** MUSIC. WE **YELL** A HELLO TO A COUPLE OF OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE **DRIPPING** WITH SWEAT FROM THE HEAT. WE THEN **MEANDER** INTO THE NEXT ROOM WHERE THE ENVIRONMENT IS MORE RELAXED. PEOPLE ARE **LOUNGING** AROUND, **TALKING** AND **TRADING** GOSSIP FROM THE DINING-ROOM TABLE, WE **HEAR** THE LAUGHTER OF PEOPLE **PLAYING** DOMINOES. AS WE **GO** INTO THE KITCHEN WE **SEE** PEOPLE **MUNCHING**

## ANOTHER Saturday NIGHT

AS WELL AS **THROWING** FOOD AT EACH OTHER. I **PUSH** MY WAY OUT ON THE PORCH WHERE A GROUP OF GUYS ARE FIERCELY **ARGUING**. I DECIDE TO **EXIT** THE PORCH AS I **GLANCE** AT MY WATCH. IT IS NOW TIME TO **GO** HOME. I **SNATCH** MY FRIEND OUT OF THE CROWD AND WE **PUSH** THROUGH THE MASSES. WE **HOP** INTO THE CAR. FEELING WEARY, I **LAY** MY HEAD BACK AND LET THE WIND **BLOW** ACROSS MY FACE. IT WAS JUST ANOTHER SATURDAY NIGHT.

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**Tara Tischer**



CHRISTOPHER GRAY  
MELISSA GREENING  
AMBER GRIFFITH  
SHANNON GRIMM  
ALVIN HARRIS



TANYA HARRIS  
STEVE HARTLINE  
MARK HASELWOOD  
NICHOLE HENDERSON  
RACHELL HENRY

# Same Difference

WHILE HONORING SENIOR TRADITION, THE CLASS OF '99 WORKED FOR THEIR OWN SPECIAL INDIVIDUALITY

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Seniors Jill Stempleman and Teresa Self leave school to grab a bite to eat. Going out with friends after school became a ritual among some seniors.

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CHS SENIORS HAVE HAD A RICH HISTORY - ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CAME TO CARRYING ON SENIOR TRADITIONS. EACH SENIOR CLASS UPHELD AND THEN PASSED ON TRADITIONS TO THE NEXT SENIOR CLASS. SOME TRADITIONS, SUCH AS THE INFAMOUS "SENIOR SKIP DAY", SENIOR TAG GAME AND SENIOR SLAVE DAY, HAVE ENDURED FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS.

WITH EACH NEW CLASS, ALSO CAME NEW TRADITIONS. SOME MORE RECENTLY-

The class of 1998 left their mark on the wall above the lockers next to the Media Center. This tradition, begun in 1997 was one seniors looked forward to.

Photo by Roetie's Betts



ADOPTED SENIOR TRADITIONS INCLUDED PARKING IN THE BACK ROW BY THE PRACTICE FIELD AND LEAVING THEIR LEGACY IN HAND PRINTS AND SIGNATURES ON THE WALL ABOVE THE LOCKERS BY THE MEDIA CENTER.

THE CLASS OF 1999 CARRIED ON THE OLD WAYS WITH PRIDE AND HOPED THAT THROUGH UP-HOLDING THESE TRADITIONS, THE SENIOR SPIRIT WOULD LIVE ON.

Asign once reading, "No Freshmen in Gym" is altered to read, "No Freshmen in Gym". Sure enough, a freshman actually believed that he was not allowed in the gym.

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WE DISTINGUISHED OURSELVES BY DECORATING CARS AND DISPLAYING OUR CLASS-OF-99 PRIDE. SHOWING OUR SUPERIORITY WAS THE BEST PART OF THE YEAR.

SENIOR MELISSA YOUNGBLOOD



What Tradition Did You Like Best?



The pranks we played on underclassmen were so fun. It was the best part of the year.

Senior Adrian Smith



I liked Senior Skip Day because I didn't have to come to school and see ugly people.

Senior Menulique Foreman

Senior Skip Day was the most radically gnarly event of the year.

Senior Judah Schod



Graduating is the greatest senior tradition because it is a time to move on.

Senior Mike McCrory





SEDRIC HIBLER  
SHANNON HIGGINS  
TASHA HOOTEN  
KUE HWANG  
AHMAD JENKINS  
CHUNKA JENKINS



APRIL JOHNSON  
FRANKIE JOHNSON  
SAMUEL JOHNSON  
TAMEIKA JOHNSON  
RAMONA JONES  
SHATONDA JONES



LOUIE JUAN  
SANDIP KAUR  
AMANDA LEFFLER  
ANNA LEFFERT  
REGGIE LENZY  
LESLIE LEWIS



RANATA LOVELADY  
MELISSA LOZANO  
SYDRA LYKE  
STEVE MATTSON  
MIKE MCCRORY  
CHRISTINA MILIS



NICOLE MILLS  
JESS MOORE  
MARY MORSE  
MIKE NEUDECK  
STEPHANIE NICHOLS  
BILL ONG



JAMES PEARSON  
KATHY RAY  
SCOTT REAVES  
JESSICA RENFROW  
GOREE RICHARD  
ALICIA RICKS



RANDY ROBINSON  
TANESHA ROBINSON  
ELIZABETH ROSS  
SHAWNA ROSS  
TIFFANY ROSS  
SHAMAL SAMUEL

JUDAH SCHAD  
 AMANDA SCULLARK  
 TERESA SELF  
 MONICA SHIPMAN  
 JALONN SIDNEY



MISHEL SMITH  
 TIFFANY SMITH  
 JILL STEMPLEMAN  
 LAMPHONE STEPHENS  
 TARA TISCHER

**i**n preparation for Homecoming activities their freshman year, Seniors **Bret Eubank** and **Steve Hartline** borrowed clothes from their parents for use on the Freshman Class float. The float won second place that year.

Photo Contributed By Bret Eubank



# the 5 best things about being a Senior

- 1 CREATE YOUR OWN HALF DAYS
- 2 SENIORITY DATING RIGHTS
- 3 PROJECT GRADUATION
- 4 SENIOR FLOAT MEETINGS
- 5 ONCE YOU'RE GONE, YOU'RE GONE FOR GOOD!



**D**uring winter break their freshman year, **Mary Morse**, **Emily Walsh** and **Jill Stempleman** gather for a Hanamas party at which, both Christmas and Hannukah were celebrated. They've continued this unique way of celebrating the holidays throughout the years.

Photo Contributed by Jill Stempleman





REGAN TOWNSEND  
ANH-THI TRUNG  
MANACHIM UZOMAH  
BOB VAUGHT  
EDWIN VIDES

EMILY WALSH  
KELLY WARINNER  
ANTHONY WARREN  
ANDRE WASHINGTON  
TINA WATTS

# REMINISCING

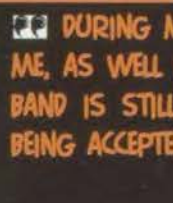
SENIORS REFLECT ON THE THEIR EVOLUTION FROM GEEKY FRESHMEN TO BOLD SENIORS

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AS A FRESHMAN, MY NICKNAMES WERE "HEAD" AND "DUTCH BOY". NOW, AS A SENIOR, "HEAD" REMAINS ONE OF THE FAVORITES, AS WELL AS "SCOOP", "MUTT", "STANKY BANKY", AND "SUPER PREP".

SENIOR BRET EUBANK



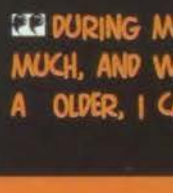
DURING MY FRESHMAN YEAR, BAND WAS A BIG PRIORITY FOR ME, AS WELL AS SPORTS. NOW THAT I'M A SENIOR DRUM MAJOR, BAND IS STILL VERY IMPORTANT. GETTING GOOD GRADES AND BEING ACCEPTED INTO A GOOD COLLEGE ARE ALSO IMPORTANT.

SENIOR ADRIAN SMITH



ALL MY FRIENDS ARE DIFFERENT. I HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE GOTHIC, FREAKS, PREPS, AND PEOPLE FROM MY WORK. WE HANG OUT AT FRIDAYS. I'M ADDICTED TO THAT PLACE.

SENIOR MELISSA GREENING



DURING MY FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, I DIDN'T GO OUT VERY MUCH, AND WHEN I DID, I HAD TO BE HOME BY 9:30. NOW THAT I'M A OLDER, I CAN STAY OUT AS LATE AS I WANT.

SENIOR JALONN SIDNEY



**A**manda Scullark, Ramona Jones, Munachim Uzomah, Marnita Edwards and Angie Davis take a break during the Homecoming dance. Most girls enjoyed the opportunity to purchase new clothes, and dress up for the annual dance.

Photo Contributed by Angie Davis

VERSELL WELLS  
REGINALD WILLIAMS  
LEKISHA WOOTEN  
LINA WU  
CARLOS YANES  
MELISSA YOUNGBLOOD



**L**istening to tunes was just one advantage to arriving to school early. Many seniors arrived early to catch up on homework or prepare for tests at study tables.

*Photo by Amy Carr*

**A**s a child, Senior Steve Hartline did not want to be a fire man. He wanted to be a fire TRUCK! Luckily, as seniors matured, so did their career aspirations.

*Photo by Amy Carr*





# Are You CLEVER or a FOOL?

Try this one. Match description on the left, with the correct senior on the right. Don't cheat!

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by Amy Carr

When I was a kid, wanted to be a....

1

- A. Fire Truck
- B. Ballerina
- C. A Policeman
- D. An Actor
- E. A Chiefs Cheerleader

Marcus Barnett  
Steve Hartline  
Brandon Davis  
Shannon Higgins  
Arliss Gammill

I can see myself in 20 years...

2

- A. Living in a beach house off Malibu with gorgeous women watching, sports all day.
- B. In a nice house, driving a nice car, one child and married to Bill Gates
- C. Owning my own business, filthy rich, playing golf with Tiger Woods and Donald Trump.
- D. In Florida in a small house on a beach, delivering mail for a living

Michael Thomas  
Marcus Barnett  
Carl Grandi  
Bob Vaught

3. When I picture college, I see...

3

- A. Money, Sex & Drugs.
- B. Too many people, teachers like the ones I left behind and not being good enough to make the grade.
- C. Independence from parents and lots of studies.

Arliss Gammill  
Bob Vaught  
Steve Hartline

4. How many children do you plan to have?

4

- A. 6
- B. 4
- C. 0

Jon Davidson  
Carl Grandi  
Chris Brown

5. When I graduate, I am going to live in...

5

- A. Texas
- B. Over Seas
- C. Portland
- D. New York

Shannon Higgins  
Shamal Samuel  
Arliss Gammill  
Danyell Duncan

Answers: 1(a) Steven Hartline 1(b) Arliss Gammill 1(c) Brandon Davis 1(d) Marcus Barnett 1(e) Shannon Higgins 2(a) Marcus Barnett 2(b) Bob Vaught 2(c) Michael Thomas 2(d) Carl Grandi 2(e) Steve Hartline 3(a) Arliss Gammill 3(b) Bob Vaught 3(c) Carl Grandi 3(d) Chris Brown 4(a) Jon Davidson 4(b) Danyell Duncan 4(c) Arliss Gammill 4(d) Shannon Higgins 4(e) Shamal Samuel



Jeff Douglas works to put the finishing touches on the school newspaper, the *Searchlight*. As co-editor of the paper, Douglas dedicated himself to the field of journalism. He also worked as a writer and photographer for the Teen Star.

Sixth graders at Center Elementary enjoy recess. Seniors held fond memories of their care-free days together as children.

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Senior Regan Townsend waits for her next present to open during her tenth birthday party at Skateland. This was a popular place for elementary birthday parties.

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Senior Rajshaad Taylor works on computer assignment. Computer skills were taught to students early, to prepare them a technologically fast-paced world.

Photo Donated by Rajshaad Taylor



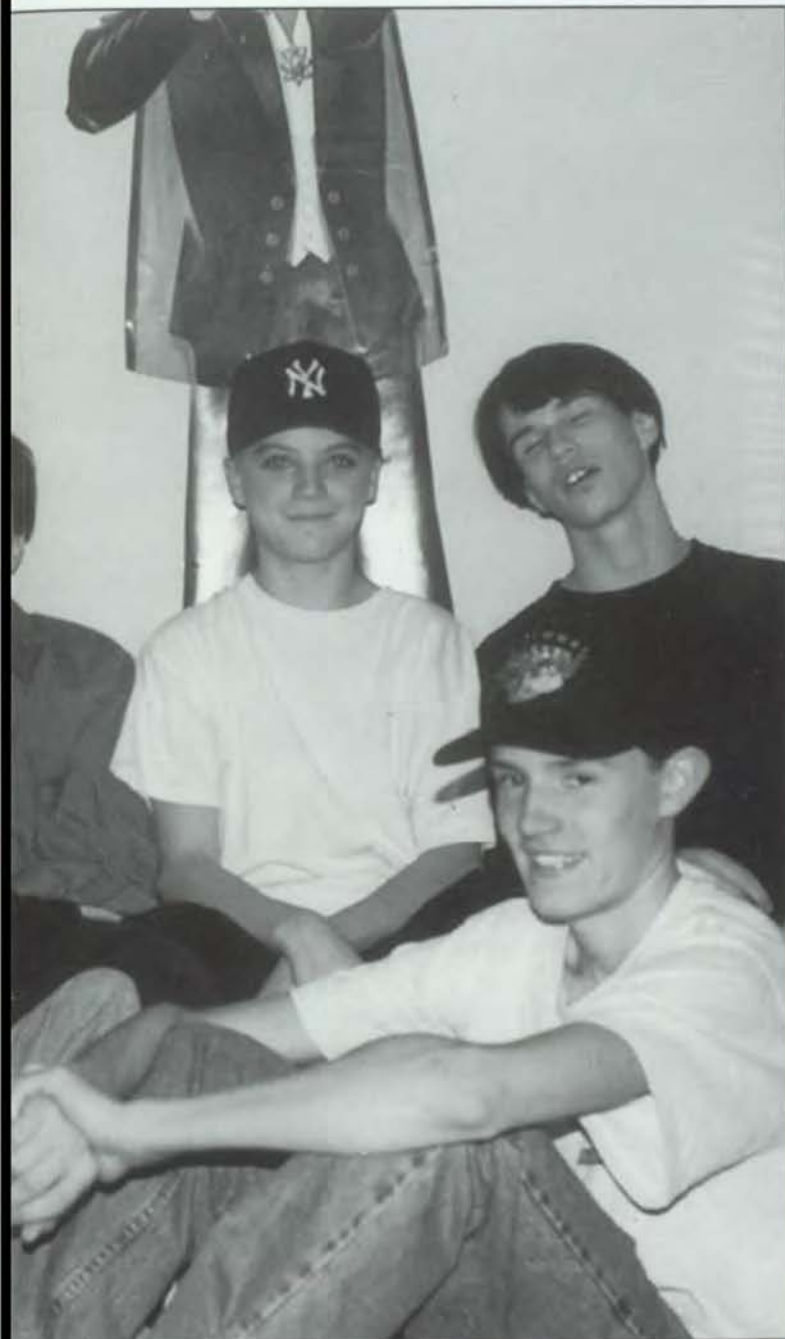


Seniors Leanna Carpenter and Melissa Youngblood show off their missing teeth. Several seniors' friendships date back to their childhood.

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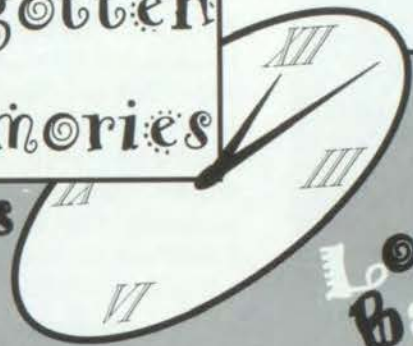
Taking a break from the festivities at CHAMPS, Seniors Bret Eubank, Lukas Conard and Michael Daniel get together to compare "notes".

Photo Donated By Bret Eubank



## Forgotten Memories

Seniors TAKE A



LOOK BACK

I remember living in Oakland when I was little. I threw a fire truck through a window and my sister saw me and told my momma. I ran into the bathroom and put toilet paper in my pants for padding because I knew I was going to get whipping.

Senior Mike Thomas

When I was in fourth or fifth grade, my friend Chris and I stole his mom's car. We rolled around with no where to go.

Senior Rajshad Taylor

I used to use so much hair spray in my hair that one day I broke it off.

Senior Steve Hartline

In middle school, all the girls would get mad at me and my friends because we'd play basketball during the school parties and then try to dance with them while we were still all sweaty.

Senior Sherrod Jones

My friends and I would hide behind bushes and trees and wait for cars to come. We would dart out in front of cars and try to make it across the street without being hit.

Senior Mike McCrory

When I was one or two years old, I used to love getting my sister in trouble. I would go around banging my head on the walls of the house and then I would start crying because it would hurt. My parents would ask me what was wrong, and I would say that my sister had hit me. She would get in so much trouble.

Senior Melissa Youngblood

Not dressed for the occasion, Seniors Bret Eubank, Steve Hartline, Randy Green and Judah Schad hang out during a Halloween party at Eubank's house. Holidays were made more memorable when shared with close friends.

Photo Donated By Bret Eubank

# Student Life

## Student Secretariat



Checking to see if his name is on the detention list, Freshman Ibad Siddiqi finds his name on the list. Ibad's class was the main contributor to detentions for students.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter

Young Life Members Gather for their regular Monday-night evening of singing, fun, activities and discussions. In November, Young Life sponsored "Late Nite" which featured an evening of ice skating and trampoline fun at Bump City.

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After a stressful evening of doing homework, Sophomore Amanda Corbin makes some last-minute revisions. On average, students spent between one to five hours on homework each night.

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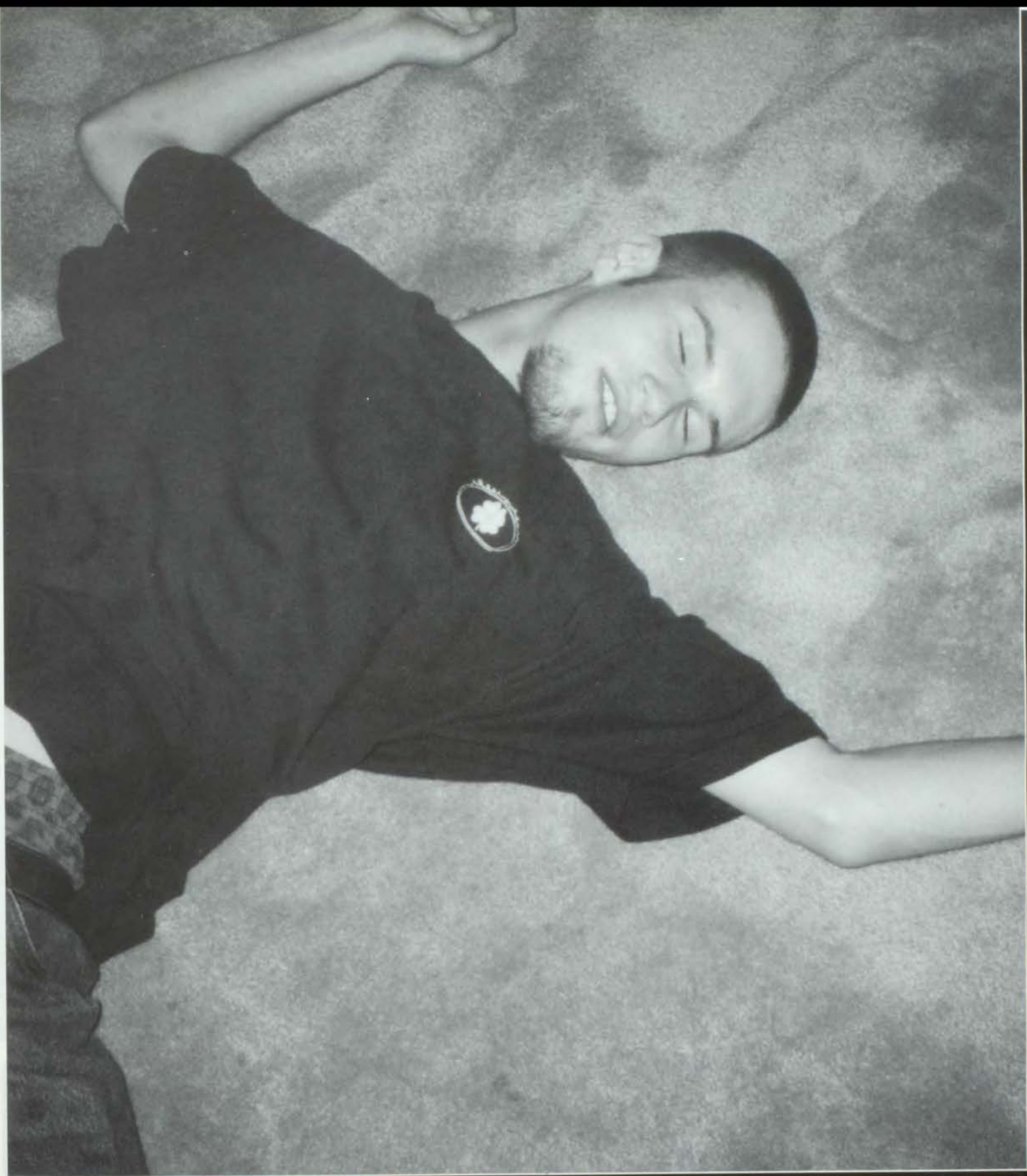
During the last home football game of the year, seniors gather to sing the School Alma Mater. During the evening, seniors were recognized for their participation in fall activities.

Photo By Joey Brake

Students from various classes gather together before school to participate in a nationwide event called "Meet-Me-At-The-Flag-Pole". Students met at the school's flag pole to pray for the school and community.

Photo By Neil Corriston





With the stress from school, work and family life, Senior Steve Hartline takes a break from the chaos of being a Senior. With all the excitement of entering their last year of school, staying focused on graduating was sometimes a challenge.

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Kelly Warinner



## HAS YOUR AFTER SCHOOL JOB AFFECTED YOUR GRADES?

"Hours at my job caused me to drop to a 2.0 GPA. My freshman year I had a 4.14, my sophomore year, working 40 hours a week, I dropped to a 1.86 GPA. Any questions?"

**Senior Judah Schod**  
Gadzooks & Darryl's

"It doesn't, because I'm able to schedule my work hours around my homework and extra-curricular activities."

**Senior Mishel Smith**  
Montgomery Wards

"I can't get up in the morning. I'm too tired to do my homework. It wears me out"

**Junior Stephanie Carter**  
Bonio

"I had always procrastinated on doing my homework, anyway but getting off work at 10:30 makes me say, 'I'll just do it in study hall. Then I sleep through study hall'"

**Senior Steve Hartline**  
Patrikio's

"My job doesn't affect my school work. I actually have time to do my homework at work."

**Senior Carl Grandi**  
Overland Trading Company

**S**OPHOMORE LISA WELLINGTON BEGINS TO LEARN HOW DIFFICULT IT CAN BE TO BALANCE A JOB AND SCHOOL. MR. BULKY'S EMPLOYED MANY CENTER STUDENTS PROVING THAT CANDY AND TEENAGERS GO TOGETHER.

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# MOONLIGHTING



**S**ENIOR CARL GRANDI FINDS TIME TO DO HIS HOMEWORK. BETWEEN HELPING CUSTOMERS AND FINDING THE RIGHT SHOE, HE FINDS TIME TO GET HIS MOST IMPORTANT JOB DONE - SCHOOL WORK.

PHOTO BY WHITNEY MALLON



**S**ENIOR FRANKIE JOHNSON RINGS UP A CUSTOMER'S DINNER TICKET AT TORRE'S PIZZA. LIKE MANY OTHER STUDENTS, JOHNSON PUTS IN MANY HOURS AFTER SCHOOL WORKING TO HELP MEET THE COSTS OF NECESSITIES.

PHOTO BY WHITNEY MALLON

DO YOU GET UP AT 6:30, ATTEND SCHOOL UNTIL 2:40, GO TO WORK AT 3 AND FINALLY COME DRAGGING IN AT MIDNIGHT TO START AGAIN?



**S**ENIOR STEVE HARTLINE, CHS-STUDENT-TURNO-MASTER-CHEF, PRACTICES HIS ART AT PATRIKOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT. HARTLINE SAID THAT BALANCING SCHOOL AND A JOB OFTEN RESULTED IN A LACK OF SLEEP AND NO FREE TIME FOR HOMEWORK OR SOCIALIZING.

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**J**UNIOR MATT DAGGETT ENJOYS HIS PART-TIME JOB AT SPORTS FEVER. HE SAID HE ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SELL WHAT HE KNOWS BEST - SPORTS. THOUGH HOURS ON THE JOB WERE LIMITED DUE TO HIS PARTICIPATION ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM, HE ENJOYED HIS TIME AT WORK.

PHOTO BY WHITNEY MALLON



**J**UNIOR RASHAUNDA WALKER WORKS HARD AT SONIC. WORKING DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON ADDED TO THE STRESS OF JUGGLING SCHOOL AND A JOB.

PHOTO BY WHITNEY MALLON

## OFTEN PUT ASIDE



ACADEMICS



# TAKIN' A TRIP

BEING TRAPPED IN THE FAMILY CAR WITH YOUNGER SIBLINGS SCREAMING, "ARE WE THERE YET?" AND PARENTS REFUSING TO ASK FOR DIRECTIONS CAN MAKE ANY VACATION A MEMORABLE ONE



**J**UNIOR AMY MITCHELL SPENT SOME OF HER SUMMER TOURING THE FOREIGN COUNTRY OF VENEZUELA TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE HER SPANISH. TOURING ANOTHER COUNTRY HELPED MITCHELL GAIN EXPERIENCE AND CONFIDENCE IN SPEAKING SPANISH, WHICH SHE SAID SHE HOPED TO TEACH SOME DAY.

PHOTO DONATED BY AMY MITCHELL

**S**OPHOMORE AMY CARR AND HALCY YATES, DAUGHTER OF JOURNALISM TEACHER KATHY YATES, COOL OFF AFTER A LONG DAY IN YEARBOOK WORKSHOPS. THE WEEK-LONG WORKSHOP WAS HELD AT WILLIAM WOODS COLLEGE DURING A HOT JULY WEEK WHEN TEMPERATURES SOARED ABOVE 100 DEGREES EVERY DAY.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES

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"I'M LEAVIN' ON A JET PLANE. I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL BE BACK AGAIN"



WHEN I'LL BE BACK



**W**ADING IN THE NORTH SEA IN GERMANY, J. SPEARS, A. GRIFFITH, N. HENDERSON, M. SHIPMAN, T. SELF AND M. DANIELS ENJOY A BREAK FROM TOURING. THE GERMAN CLUB TRAVELED TO GERMANY EVERY TWO YEARS GIVING SOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT TWICE.

PHOTO DONATED BY NICIA HENDERSON

**Y**OUNGLIFE MEMBERS M. RIDGEWAY, G. DAMRON, C. HOWARD, H. GOTTFREDSON, R. BETTS, C. SWANEY AND S. HIGGINS DRESS PREPARED AND READY FOR A SQUARE DANCE HELD AT WINDY GAP DURING YOUNGLIFE CAMP. THE CAMP ALLOWED MEMBERS TO HAVE FUN AND MEET NEW PEOPLE.

PHOTO DONATED BY GINGER DAMRON



**W**HILE VACATIONING IN FLORIDA, SENIOR GINGER DAMRON CATCHES A QUICK GLIMPSE OF A DOLPHIN SWIMMING THROUGH THE WAVES. GAINING NEW EXPERIENCES WAS THE BEST PART OF TRAVELING, SAID DAMRON.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON

AGAIN"



## WHAT IS THE WORST ASPECT OF BEING A TOURIST?



"Being in a strange place and not knowing anything about it. In foreign places, it's difficult to get around."

Senior Mishal Smith

"The way that people act toward you - they're rude and tell you the wrong directions."

Freshmen Otis Smith

"PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE A HICK IF THEY FIND OUT YOU'RE FROM KANSAS CITY."

Junior Clifford Juan

"When you go on vacations with your family and you're walking around and see hot guys but can't talk to them because of your parents."

Sophomore Andrea Noble

"When I was in Australia, everyone asked me which way the toilet water turns when I flush."

Senior Mark Hasslewood



**S**ENIOR GINGER DAMRON CAREFULLY MANEUVERS THE INSIDE OF A CAVE WHILE VACATIONING IN EAGLE, COLORADO. DURING SUMMER BREAK, STUDENTS HAD TIME TO VISIT OTHER AREAS OF THE U.S. WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS, GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO STRENGTHEN BONDS AND EXPERIENCE NEW THINGS.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

## How Do You Like Having Your Sibling In The Same School?



"We can talk about school together, but he knows when I talk about him to other people."

Freshman Zac Eubank

"All my brother's friends mess with me, but he gives me money and rides whenever I need one. I love him!"

Freshman Becky Brake

"I can tell her secrets and trust that she won't tell anyone. She knows when I'm mad, but when she gets mad, she pulls my hair."

Sophomore Glory Ajarapu

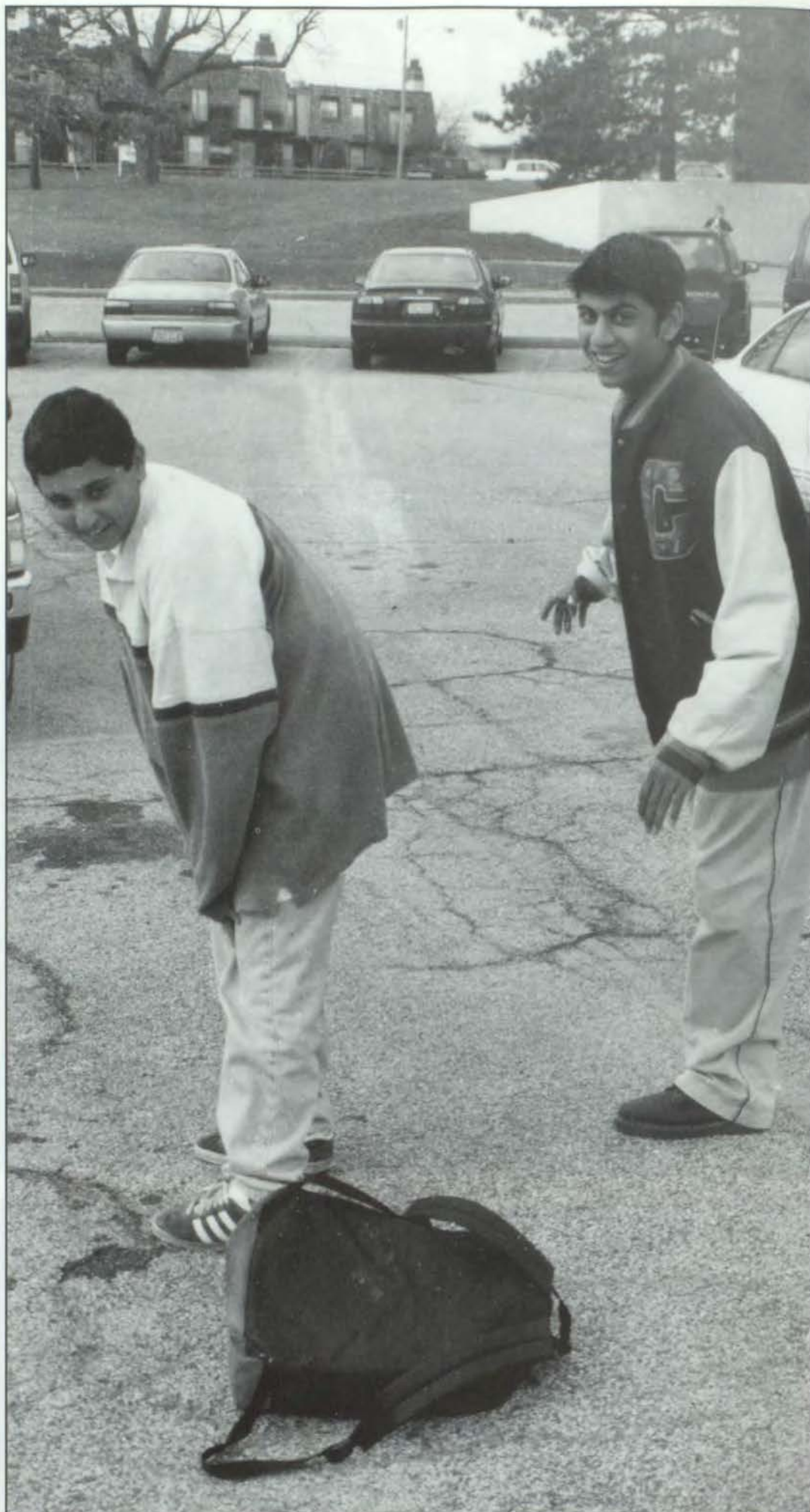
"It's good to have a brother for protection so I don't get Freshman Day called on me. Sometimes he embarrasses me though."

Freshman Otis Smith

**N**AVEED SIDDIQUI, JUNIOR, GIVES HIS LITTLE BROTHER, ISAAD, A BOOT IN THE PATOOT.

SOMETIMES INFLECTING PAIN WAS THE BEST WAY TO TRULY SHOW AFFECTION FOR ONE ANOTHER.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE





# THE WAR WITHIN



**S**OPHOMORE JENNIFER FOWLER CATCHES A RIDE HOME WITH OLDER SISTER, JESSICA, HAVING AN OLDER SIBLING WHO COULD DRIVE WAS FOUND TO BE AN ADDED PLUS FOR THOSE YOUNGER SIBLINGS WHO COULD NOT.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRANE

PUT TO THE TEST AT CAS

MOST WERE FRIENDS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, MOST SIBLINGS SPENT MUCH OF THEIR TIME AVOIDING EACH OTHER IN SCHOOL.



**J**UNIOR AMY JOHNSON CRINGES AS SHE RECEIVES A WARM HUG FROM HER LITTLE BROTHER, SOPHOMORE ANDREW JOHNSON, IN RETURN FOR A RIDE HOME. ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T LOOK SO, THE JOHNSON'S HAD A VERY GOOD BROTHER-SISTER RELATIONSHIP.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

**F**RESHMAN OTIS SMITH AND SENIOR ADRIAN SMITH, BROTHERS, HAVE NO PROBLEM SHOWING AFFECTION IN THE SCHOOL BAND ROOM. STUDENTS WERE OFTEN EMBARRASSED OF THEIR SIBLING ATTENDING THE SAME SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

SIBLING

## RELATIONSHIPS



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# FEELIN' THE BEATS

WHETHER IT WAS RAP, COUNTRY OR ALTERNATIVE ON THE RADIO, MUSIC WAS SOMETHING ALMOST EVERY STUDENT COULD RELATE TO



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER



**S**ENIOR CARLOS YANES WEARS A T-SHIRT PRAISING THE BAND THE GRATEFUL DEAD. STUDENTS NOT ONLY ENJOYED MODERN MUSIC, BUT ALSO REMEMBERED SOUNDS FROM THE PAST.

PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



**F**RESHMAN NASSAR ASIF PROUDLY WEARS A T-SHIRT FAVORING THE EVER-SO POPULAR SINGER LED ZEPPELIN. CLOTHING SUPPORTING WELL-KNOWN BANDS WAS COMMON AMONG THE STUDENTS.

PHOTO BY AMY CHAN

## SCHOOL'S OUT

ONE OF THE POPULAR BANDS THIS YEAR WAS EVE 6, A NEW NAME IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. BUMPER STICKERS SHOWING OFF FAVORITE MUSICAL BANDS WERE SEEN ON MOST CARS, SUCH AS THE ONE ABOVE, IN THE CHS STUDENT PARKING LOT.

PHOTO BY KELLY WARRNER

CDs, RANGING ANYWHERE FROM RAP, LIKE MASE AND MASTER P, TO COUNTRY, LIKE FAITH HILL AND GARTH BROOKS, COULD BE FOUND IN THE CARS OF CHS STUDENTS. WITH SO MANY MUSIC TYPES TO CHOOSE FROM, FINDING A CD THAT FIT ONE'S PERSONALITY WAS OFTEN TIME CONSUMING.

PHOTO BY KELLY WARRNER



FOREVER"



## What Was the Best Concert of the year?

Of all the things students could buy with their hard-earned money, music seemed to be top on the list of necessities. CDs, tapes, concert tickets and band paraphernalia are but a few of the items most popular among students.

The '98-'99 school year saw many opportunities for engaging in the music scene. Undoubtedly the most popular concert of the year was that of the Beastie Boys which was held at Sandstone Amphitheater in June of '98. Center students waited in line with crowds of Beastie Boy fans at Ticketmaster to get first dibs on the best seats in the house.

Horde Fest, also held at Sandstone in summer of '98, featured the well-known groups Blues Traveler, Smashing Pumpkins and Bare Naked Ladies.

"That was an awesome concert! The Blues Travelers has been one of my favorite bands since my freshman year," said Senior Bret Eubank.

Concerts were catered to everyone - depending on one's taste in music.

"I liked Busta Rhymes, because of the hype," said Freshman Julius Floyd.

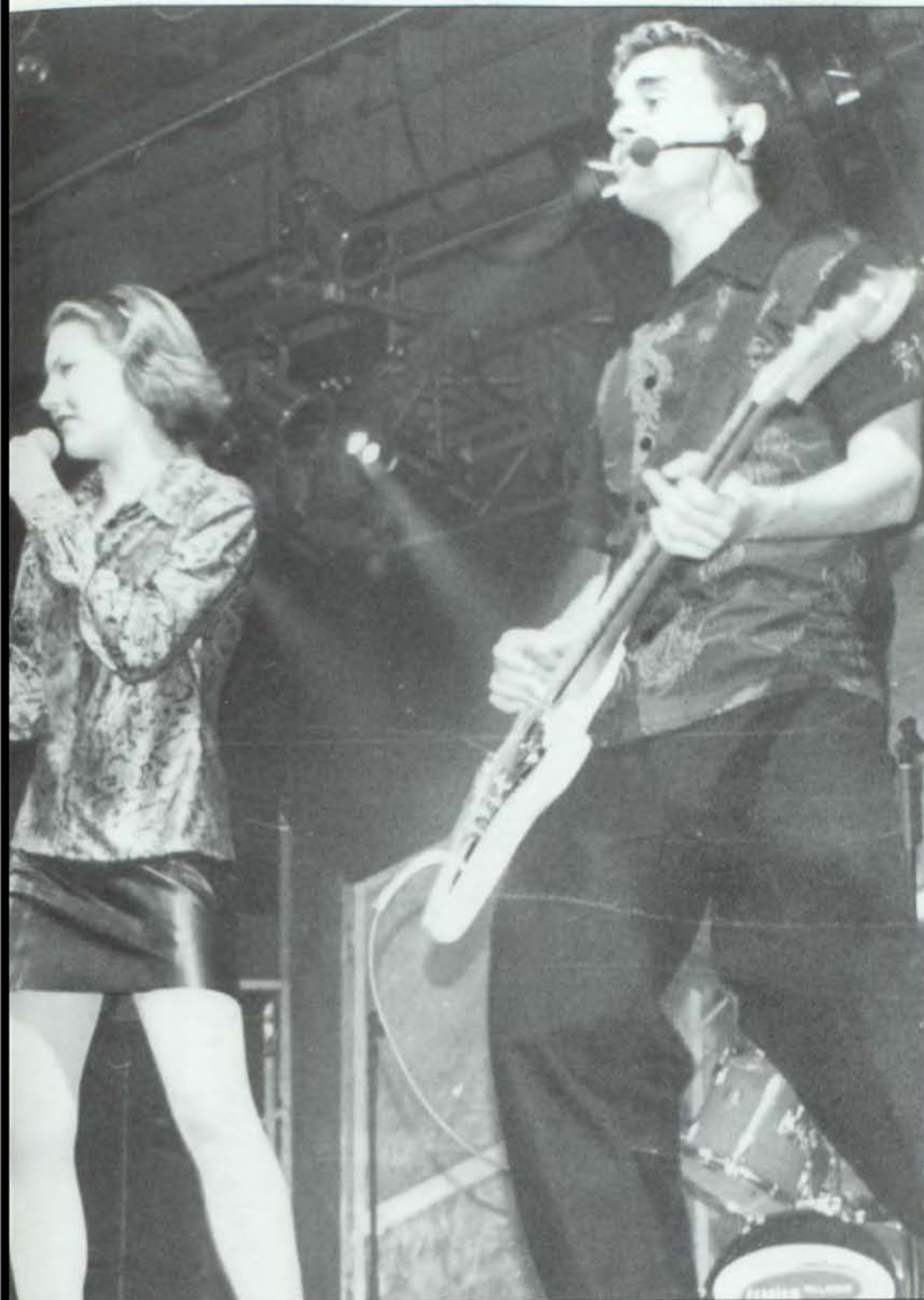
Sophomore Andrea Noble was more into the metal scene.

"I loved the Rob Zombie concert! I won front-row tickets!" Noble said.

Sophomore Andrew Johnson enjoyed classic tunes and felt Aerosmith put on a fantastic show.

"Seeing Aerosmith has been a life-long dream since I was in fifth grade. I was so glad to get to go this year," Johnson said.

Megan Russell, Sophomore, said that Phish was her favorite concert of the year. "They are so inspirational and I love them so much. It was my personal goal to see them since I was little," Russell said.



**Y**OUNG SINGERS IN THE GROUP CRANIUM PALLANIUM PUT ON A SHOW FOR THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY. SKITS AND PARODIES OF POPULAR SONGS WERE USED TO TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT INVENTORS AND THEIR FAMOUS INVENTIONS.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROU

**F**OLLOWING IN HIS FAMILY FOOTSTEPS, SOPHOMORE JOSH SAGE PRACTICES ON HIS OWN DRUM SET. AFTER MONTHS OF PRACTICES AND HARD WORK WITH HIS BAND, SAGE WAS ABLE TO PERFORM ON STAGE WITH THEM. PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

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# I FINALLY GOT IT!

THE PRIVLEDGE OF DRIVING REQUIRES A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY, BUT SOMETIMES WE'RE NOT QUITE READY FOR IT

## What Is The Worst Driving Encounter You've Ever Have Had?

**Uh-Oh!** "A tree fell on my truck last winter and the cab got smashed."

Senior Steve Mattson



"I WAS ON MY WAY TO A PARTY AND I HIT A TREE. THEY CLOSED DOWN THE WHOLE ROAD AND NO ONE ELSE COULD GET TO THE PARTY. THE POLICE CAME AND MADE ME WALK IN A STRAIGHT LINE AND THEN I WAS TAKEN OFF ON A STRETCHER."



JUNIOR MATT DAGGETT

A GROUP OF STUDENTS GATHER AFTER SCHOOL TO REPAIR THEIR RIDE. WHEN A STUDENT'S CAR WAS OUT OF COMMISSION, IT CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR THE DRIVER, BUT ALSO FOR EVERYONE PLANNING TO CATCH A RIDE HOME.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

I PASSED MY DRIVING TEST! OOPSI!



WAS THAT A STOP



THE CAR WON'T START AGAIN AND JUNIOR JOEY BRAKE IS AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. ONE OF THE PITFALLS OF BEING A NEW DRIVER WAS A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CARS.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON

BACK TO THE SHOP - HOPEFULLY FOR THE LAST TIME. BEGINNING DRIVERS QUICKLY CAME TO REALIZE THAT THEY WOULD BECOME CLOSE TO THEIR FRIENDLY MECHANICS DUE TO CONSTANT TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



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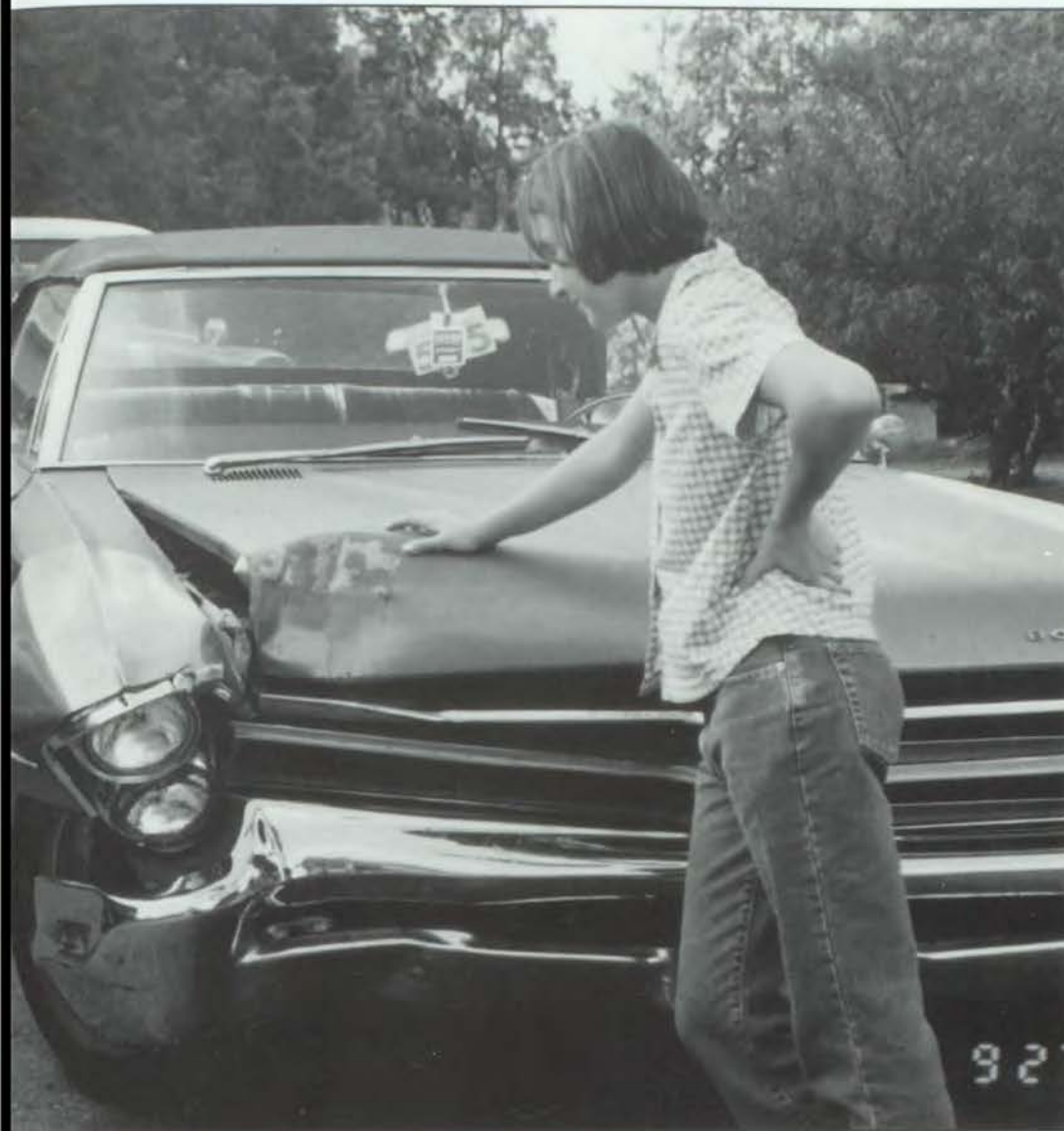
FOR JUNIOR JOHN BROWN, A CHEVY TRUCK IS THE VEHICLE OF CHOICE. THOUGH NEW TO THE DRIVING SCENE, STUDENTS HAD STRONG OPINIONS REGARDING THE CHEVY VS. FORD DEBATE.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



**L**EANNA CARPENTER SURVEYS THE DAMAGE DONE TO SENIOR GINGER DAMRON'S CAR AFTER DAMRON'S FOUR-YEAR-OLD NEPHEW DROVE IT INTO A TREE. SOON AFTER, DAMRON SOLD THE CAR TO JUNIOR PASHA HOSSENI FOR A DISCLOSED SUM OF MONEY. STUDENTS SOMETIMES LEARNED THE HARD WAY THAT ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



**NO  
THRU  
TRAFFIC**

I hit a UPS truck. It was dark and I didn't see it. I heard boxes and the driver fall on

the ground in the truck.

Junior Nareed Siddiqui



"Well, there have been so many: that incident before Prom, the Taco Bell curb, the Holmes Road curb, the curb at 21st and Brooklyn, the trash can behind Pizza Hut, the cement post at Crown Center... The list is still being formed today - watch out."

Senior Bret Eubank

"A lady ran into me and it really sucked. Then I had to go to court and that sucked, too."



Junior Amy Johnson

"A CAR HIT US ON MY SIDE, WE SPUN AROUND A FEW TIMES AND RAN INTO A WALL. I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A DAY AND I'M STILL RECOVERING."

SENIOR MICHELLE BROWN



"I was playing with the knobs on my radio and not paying attention when I hit a van and totaled my car."

Senior Mike McCrory

JUNIOR AMY JOHNSON'S CAR SITS IN HER DRIVE WAY AWAITING A TOW TRUCK. JOHNSON'S CAR WAS TOTTLED IN AN ACCIDENT ON 99TH AND WORNALL.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON

# Area Teams Excite Fans

The World Cup, college football, college basketball and the NFL.



So many sports - so many more fans. This was one of the better years for sports, beginning with baseball's adorning the power and home-run, record-setting extravaganzas pumping the hearts of spectators.

Chiefs' fans anticipated an electrifying football season; however, after the season ended prematurely, Chiefs fans echoed a resounding, "What happened?"

The Chiefs started out winning four of their first six games, but a six-game skid after that knocked them out of playoff contention.

"I don't think that I can express my discontent with words that would be appropriate," said a disgruntled Bob Vaught regarding the Chiefs' season.



One team that seemed to have football figured out was the Kansas State Wildcats. At one point, they were ranked number one nationally.

"They are a great team. They play good contact football," commented Byron Dixon.

College football was good to the Kansas and Missouri teams. The Missouri Tigers also had a successful season, ranked in the Top 25 AP College Poll.



Football kept fans entertained in the fall, but as the cool winter weather set in, the athletic scene turned to college basketball. Due to a stubborn NBA lockout, the professionals did not begin their season on time, causing many fans to lose interest.

Delea Durdin considered herself an avid University of Kansas Jayhawk fan - especially when it came to basketball.

"They have good sportsmanship; they work as team and best of all, they are cute," Durdin explained.

Local teams, both professional and college-level, had an impact on the attitude of their fans. Fans spent millions annually to be sure they were sporting their favorite team's logos and mascots.



Whether their team ended on a high note, or not, one fact was obvious - local sports' teams kept millions of their fans well-entertained.



**S**PORTING THEIR MISSOURI TIGERS ATTIRE, JUNIOR JEFF PEAK AND SOPHOMORE ANDREW JOHNSON SHOW THEIR TEAM SPIRIT AT THE M.U. HOMECOMING PARADE. STUDENTS VISITED THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI DURING A BAND COMPETITION. PHOTO DONATED BY CATHY JOHNSON

**J**UNIOR MATT DAGGETT WEARS HIS CHIEFS' SWEATER TO WORK AT SPORT'S FEVER STORE AT WARD PARKWAY MALL. CHIEFS FANS PROVED TRUE BLUE TO THEIR TEAM, EVEN AFTER A DISAPPOINTING SEASON. PHOTO BY WHITNEY MALLON



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# IN KANSAS CITY



**T**wo Chiefs' cheerleaders were an attraction at the homecoming game. Gentlemen who wanted a photo taken of them with the girls could do so for a donation of \$3.

PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN

**L**evy Owen shows off his Kansas City Royals jersey. Although the Royals did not have a winning season, they were still hometown favorites.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



AN INTEGRAL PART OF LIFE

## LOCAL TEAM STANDINGS

### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

FOR THE FIRST TIME UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF COACH MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER THE CHIEFS HAD A LOSING SEASON WITH A RECORD OF 7-9 COACH MARTY



SCHOTTENHEIMER SHOCKED FANS BY ANNOUNCING HIS RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE SEASON. A PREDICTED CHIEF-PACKERS SUPERBOWL TURNED INTO A MEETING BETWEEN THE DENVER BRONCOS AND ATLANTA FALCONS.

### KANSAS STATE WILDCATS

THE WILDCATS CURRENTLY HAVE AN UNDEFEATED RECORD OF 11 WINS AND 0 LOSSES. THEY ARE THE NUMBER-ONE TEAM IN THE COUNTRY.



### MISSOURI TIGERS

THE TIGERS WERE THE 25TH-RANKED TEAM IN THE NATION WITH A RECORD OF 1 WINS AND 4 LOSSES. ONE OF THOSE LOSSES WAS TO THE KANSAS STATE WILDCATS.



### KU JAYHAWKS

THE HAWKS HAD AN UNRANKED FOOTBALL TEAM HOWEVER THE BASKETBALL TEAM BEGAN THE SEASON RANKED 6TH NATIONALLY. THE M.U.T. JAYHAWKS BEAT THE KU JAYHAWKS AT HOME THE FIRST TEAM TO DO SO IN OVER FIVE SEASONS.



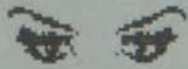
## ATHLETICS ON ALL LEVELS



A CAMERAMAN FOR METRO SPORTS TAKES A DANGEROUS SEAT AT A CENTER BASKETBALL GAME AT THE METRO SPORTS GAME OF THE WEEK BETWEEN THE YELLOWJACKETS AND THE PEMBROKE HILL RAIDERS. SENIOR BRET EUBANK ATTEMPTED TO THROW THE BALL IN. THE JACKETS LOST AFTER A WELL-FOUGHT GAME, 56-61.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

## BEAUTY DOESN'T COME EASY



A question on the minds of most parents: Why is sticking a metal bar or hoop through a body part so appealing to the youth population? Whether or not anyone can explain it, piercings were the fashion craze.

Piercings of body parts other than the earlobes have become extremely popular.

One piercing that was "the thing to do" was piercing the cartilage in the ear. Students were not the only ones sporting piercings in odd places. Teachers were hip to the look as well.

"I just wanted to be hip and groovy, and show those teens that I was cool too."

Journalism Teacher Kathy Yates had her cartilage as well as her naval pierced.

"I think that some piercings are very attractive. However, I don't really comprehend why anyone would want to pierce their tongue or nose," Yates said.

Yes, more and more noses, eyebrows, tongues and navels are being pierced, much to the dismay of parents everywhere.

**B**LACK WAS DEFINITELY THE FAVORITE COLOR OF SENIOR MELISSA GREENING AND JUNIOR CHRIS MARTEL. GOTHIC FASHION WAS NOT JUST A STYLE OF CLOTHING BUT A WAY A LIFE FOR THESE STUDENTS. PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



**M**ONEY WAS NO OBJECT TO MARY WHEN IT CAME TO CHOOSING APPAREL. JUNIOR ROBBIE WILLIAMS SHOWS OFF HIS NAUTICA LABEL DURING A COLD WINTER DAY.

PHOTO BY BRET CUBANK

# JUST A PASSIN' FAD



**A** BOLD FASHION STATEMENT AMONG CENTER STUDENTS WAS THE TONGUE PIERCING. SENIOR CASSIE GRANTHAM ENJOYED SHOWING OFF THE NEW ADDITION TO HER MOUTH - A METAL BARBELL.

PHOTO BY KELLY WARRNER

**T**HE HAIR FASHION OF CHOICE FOR SENIOR JILL STEMPLEMAN WAS RED AND BLONDE. BOLD STREAKS, AS WELL AS GLITTER STREAKS, WAS A POPULAR HAIR TREND.

PHOTO BY BRET EUBANK



## ODD PIERCINGS

## TATOOS,



**B** EING EIGHTEEN CERTAINLY HAS ITS ADVANTAGES, AND FOR SENIOR KELLY WARRNER, IT MEANT BEING ABLE TO GET HER NAVEL PIERCED. STUDENTS HAD A HARD TIME CONVINCING THEIR PARENTS TO ALLOW THEM TO GET BODY PIERCINGS.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

## ABERCROMBIE & FITCH

POPULAR TRENDS ARE EXPRESSED AMONG THE STUDENTS AT CHS THROUGH CLOTHING STYLES AND BODY "DECOR"

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Every year, students encounter new trends. CHS has lived through the flower children on the '60s, the rise and fall of light-rolled Jordache jeans in the '80s and now, nearing the end of the century, students still express their individuality through clothing and body art.

Logos such as FUBU, Abercrombie & Fitch, Doc Martin, Nike, Adidas, just to name a few, were anything but scarce. Newer labels also made it to the top of the students' popularity list, like JNCO, Mudd and other companies selling the ever-so-popular, super-wide-legged jeans. Those of us who laughed at pictures of our parents sporting bell-bottoms, aren't laughing anymore!



# FEELIN' THE BURN

STUDENTS FOUND NEW, FUN WAYS TO GET IN SHAPE, LOSE WEIGHT AND PREPARE FOR SPORTS SEASON

LIFTING WEIGHTS & PLAYING



WORKING ON HER QUADRICEPS, SOPHOMORE LENORA HARLIN BREATHES A SIGH OF RELIEF AFTER FINISHING HER LAST REPETITION. DESPITE STEREOTYPES, WOMEN WERE VERY PRODUCTIVE IN THE WEIGHT ROOMS AND OFTEN OUTLIFTED SOME OF THE GUYS.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

FRESHMEN JOEY DAVIS CONCENTRATES ON TONING HIS ARMS. STUDENTS DISCOVERED THAT FINDING TIME TO WORK OUT WAS DIFFICULT, BUT WELL WORTH IT WHEN THEY ACTUALLY PUT IN THE TIME.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

JOHN DAVIDSON, SENIOR, UTILIZES MANY DIFFERENT MUSCLE GROUPS LIFTING A BARBELL. WEIGHT-TRAINING STUDENTS LIFTED IN FOUR DIFFERENT STATIONS, WORKING BOTH ARM AND LEG MUSCLES.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

## SPORTS KEEPS



BODIES FIT



JUNIOR JUSTIN LEFFLER'S STRAINED FACE REFLECTS THE TASK OF LIFTING WEIGHTS. STUDENTS ENJOYED THE FEELING OF MEETING PERSONAL LIFTING GOALS. PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

**S**WIM TEAM MEMBERS MARK HASSELEWOOD, ANDREW BARTH AND CHRIS GRAY WARM UP BEFORE PRACTICE ON STAIR STEPPERS. TEAM MEMBERS FOUND THESE WORK-OUT SESSIONS BENEFICIAL IN IMPROVING PERSONAL SWIMMING TIMES.

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# FIT or FLUB?



"I use the school facilities to work out after school."

Sophomore John Amerison

"I play sports year round and stay physically active."

Freshman Eric Conrad

"I work out three times a week at 5:30 a.m. with my mom. She helps to keep me in shape."

Junior Lindsey Weaver

"Two words- Coach Fritz -and those dreaded ten-in-ones."

Senior Versell Wells

"I don't exercise-I'm just naturally buff."

Junior Gina Soldi

"I HAVE A WEIGHT BENCH AND BAR AT HOME THAT I USE CONSTANTLY. I ALSO OCCASSIONALLY RUN OR BIKE."

SOPHOMORE LENARD DAVIS

**E**NHANCING HIS PECTORAL MUSCLES, JUNIOR JEFF HILL PUSHES HIS BODY TO THE LIMIT. BENCH PRESSING WAS JUST ONE OF MANY LIFTS STUDENTS USED TO BUILD MUSCLE.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

# Organizational News



Center's Drama Club, Players 58, swing at the International Theatrical Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska. Traveling together created long-lasting friendships between club members.

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Key Club Member Freshman Chris Saad, pays his club dues to treasurer Neil Corriston, Junior. Paying required dues and participating in fundraisers helped Key Club members fund various community activities, such as Christmas carolling at nursing homes. Photo By Leanna Carpenter



Standing beside Principal Brian Schumann, new National Honor Society members Mary Ajjarapu and Erin Andersen are inducted into the prestigious organization. Membership qualifications reflected a person's character, leadership abilities and academic success.

Photo By Amy Carr



Senior Bob Vaughn counts money collected during the annual Key Club Penny Drop, which raised money to donate to the United Way. Key Club members took part in many community-service projects to raise money for the needy.

Photo By James Glenn

Seniors Emily Walsh, Jill Stempleman, Bhatonda Jones and Melissa Youngblood perform a play written by them in Spanish class. Creativity was in abundant supply among the students in foreign language classes. Photo By Bret Egbank







During the annual Homecoming parade at the University of Missouri, the Marching Yellowjackets performed for the gathering crowd. Drumline was often the highlighted of half-time performances at football games and they competed in several competitions.

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JUNIORS NEIL CORRISTON AND CARRIE HOWARD, ALONG WITH SENIORS GINGER DAMRON, LEANNA CARPENTER AND TERESA SELF MAKE UP THE SGA STUDENT OFFICERS. CORRISTON WAS CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, HOWARD WAS V.P., DAMRON WAS PRESIDENT OF SGA, CARPENTER WAS CHAIRPERSON OF STUDENT CONCERNS AND SELF WAS CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL PRIDE. TOGETHER THEY VOICED THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF CHS STUDENTS.



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## WHAT IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT? COPY AND DESIGN BY WHITNEY MALLON

"I'd do one of two things. I'd try to run this country the way it should be run - go against all the real powerholders who dictate the actions of the figure-head presidency and get assassinated by the ring of conspiracy running rampant through our executive system. Or, I'd use my power to launder money and retire to my Miami summer home as a world-renowned figurehead, as our country goes to hell in a handbasket."

**Senior Judah Schad**

"I would make everything legal and have no laws. I would also

let people into the White House to look around. But besides all that, I would make peace in the world and make sure everyone got what they wanted."

**Sophomore Kerri Knox**

"I would get about 30 different cars, all the nice shoes, but wear the same thing I do now - definitely no suits or ties. I'd have the North Carolina basketball team practice at my house and have all their jerseys. I would also give all the homeless people homes and settle all our problems with other countries."

**Freshman Tommy Cocker**

"If I were president, I would probably get rid of all if not most of the upper class and politicians. Then I'd hire more of the average Joe's of our hypocritical society. I would then bring our country back to where it used to be and bring it out for what it really is: unsophisticated, chaotic and sickening. Oh yeah, I'd bomb the hell out of Iraq, if I had any extra money or time on my hands. Then again, that's probably why I'll never be president."

**Junior Rheyiah Carter-Hall**



**SGA: Row One:** SPONSOR TIM GREENWELL, N. CORRISTON, C. HOWARD, G. DAMRON, T. SELF, L. CARPENTER, SPONSOR CHERYL SMITH **Row Two:** R. BETTS, F. GONZALEZ, J. BRAKE, A. MITCHELL, B. EUBANK, M. SHIPMAN, T. SMITH, S. JONES **Row Three:** T. WEATHERSBY, J. HOWARD, A. JOHNSON, E. CONRAD, A. PIERCE, K. KORANDO **Row Four:** T. NYUGEN, L. WEAVER, N. SIDDIQI, J. PEAK, M. SMITH, D. WATKINS, J. DOUGLAS, A. GAMMILL **Row Five:** C. CHATMAN, M. CLARK, M. RIDGEWAY, R. WALKER, T. GRIGGS, M. BANKHEAD, B. VAUGHT **Row Six:** A. LEFFLER, R. TOWNSEND, M. FOREMAN, M. GANT, K. WARINNER, M. YOUNGBLOOD, S. HEFFERNAN, **Row Seven:** T. ANTONELLO, C. CHAMBERS, M. GRANDI, N. HENDERSON, J. STEMPELMAN, E. WALSH, M. GILLESPIE **Row Eight:** A. CHALFANT, J. SHOEMAKER, A. WARREN, L. HOSKINS, J. DAVIDSON, S. HIBLER, B. ONG **Row Nine:** J. SEIBOLT, A. CORBIN, J. RYAN, I. SIDDIQI, N. SNORGRASS, J. SCHAD



LEANNA CARPENTER PROMOTES SGA BY HANGING A SIGN IN THE CAFETERIA. THE SGA MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



**J**UNIOR NEIL CORRISTON, JUNIOR CARRIE HOWARD, SENIOR GINGER DAMRON AND SENIOR TERESA SELF ATTEND AN OFFICER MEETING. OFFICERS MET AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH TO DISCUSS UP-COMING EVENTS.  
PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTIER



**G**INGER DAMRON, SGA PRESIDENT AND SPONSOR CHERYL SMITH DISCUSS BUSINESS DURING AN OFFICER MEETING. OFFICERS STROVE TO MAKE THE CONCERNS OF STUDENTS HEARD.  
PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



**P**RESENTMENT OF SGA, GINGER DAMRON, SENIOR, AND SENIOR TERESA SELF MAN A TABLE DURING LUNCH, ACCEPTING SGA APPLICATIONS. THIS TASK ENCOMPASSED THE ESSENCE OF SGA - AN ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF STUDENTS TO REPRESENT STUDENTS. PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN

# AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

## STUDENTS TRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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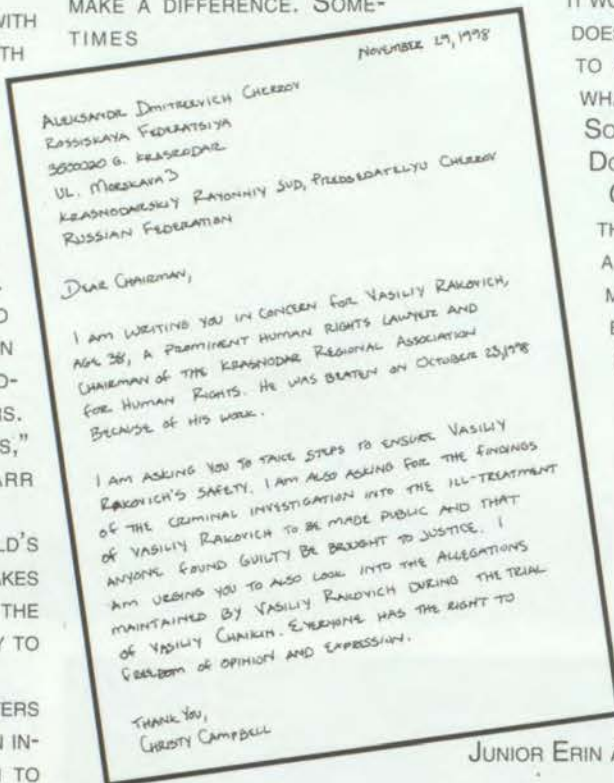
SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD KIDS WITH MENTAL DEFECTS SIT ON DEATH ROW. HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS DISAPPEAR WITHOUT A TRACE. INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE IMPRISONED AGAINST THEIR WILL. ALL ARE BATTLES AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS FACE ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

"IN AMNESTY WE'RE TRYING TO STOP VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY PETITIONING, FUND-RAISING AND WRITING LETTERS. WE WRITE A LOT OF LETTERS," SOPHOMORE JENNIFER CARR SAID.

AMNESTY MAKES THE WORLD'S BUSINESS ITS BUSINESS, AND MAKES A POINT TO NOT BE ONE OF THE APATHETIC WHO DOES NOT TRY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.

"BY THE HUNDREDS OF LETTERS WE WRITE, HOPEFULLY WE CAN INTIMIDATE COUNTRIES ENOUGH TO

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SOMETIMES



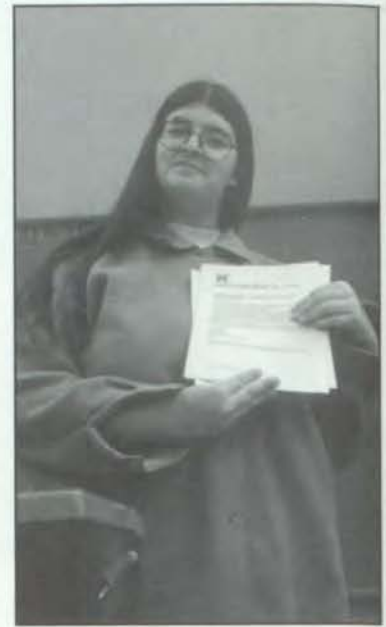
IT WORKS, SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T, BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP TRYING. IT'S WHAT'S RIGHT," SAID SOPHOMORE JOANNA DORIA.

ONE MIGHT DOUBT THAT SIMPLY WRITING A LETTER COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BUT THE LETTERS HAVE SAVED LIVES.

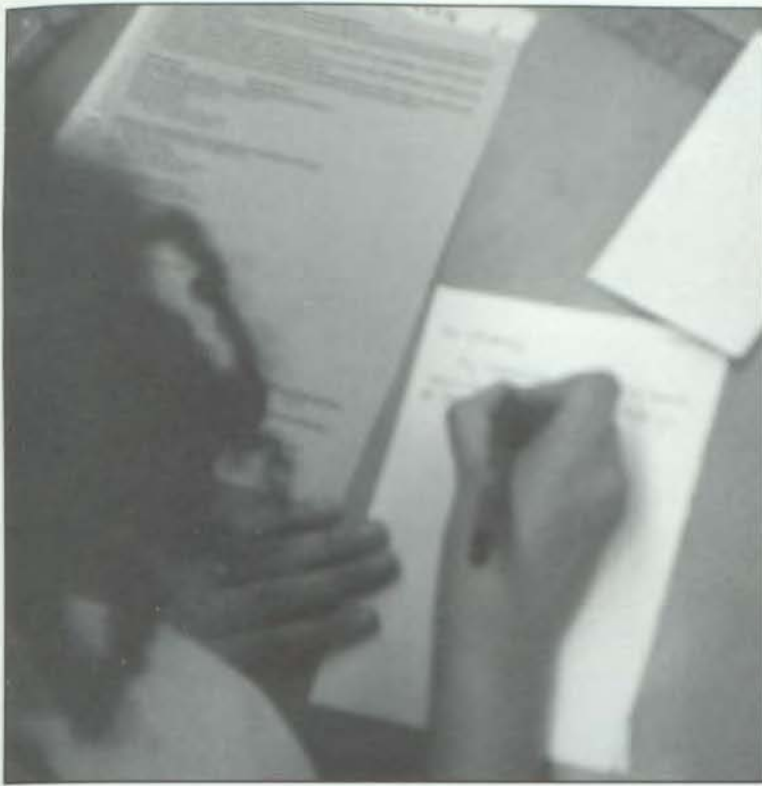
"WE HAVE TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT GOING ON IN THE WORLD, BY MAKING PEOPLE AWARE THAT WE CAN PREVENT ANOTHER HOLOCAUST," SAID

JUNIOR ERIN ANDERSEN.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JUNIOR HEATHER GLENN, LEADS THE MONTHLY MEETING. MEETINGS GAVE MEMBERS THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS THEIR HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS. PHOTO BY JOANNA DORIA



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: ROW ONE: HEATHER GLENN, ARLISS GAMMILL, LINA WU, SHANNON HEFFERNAN ROW TWO: STEPHEN JOHN, JESSICA CRUMP, JOE CARR, CHRISTY CAMPBELL, JENNIFER CARR ROW THREE: ERIN ANDERSON, TSEDEY TASSEW, ERIN BARNES, JOANNA DORIA



JUNIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN SPENDS TIME WRITING A LETTER. WRITING LETTERS WAS A KEY ELEMENT IN AMNESTY'S PLAN TO MAKE THE WORLD AWARE OF HUMAN INJUSTICES.

PHOTO BY JOANNA DORIA

JUNIOR JOE CARR DRESSES IN BLACK TO PROTEST THE FACT THAT MINORS SAT ON DEATH ROW. SYMBOLIC PROTESTING WAS A PEACEFUL WAY MEMBERS COULD EXPRESS THEIR DISCONTENT WITH A HUMANITARIAN ISSUE.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



JUNIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN AND ERIN ANDERSEN, JUNIORS, AND ARLISS GAMMILL, SENIOR, WRITE LETTERS AT A WEEKLY MEETING WHILE MUNCHING ON SNACKS. MANY LETTERS, PLEADING FOR AMNESTY FOR VARIOUS PRISONERS AROUND THE WORLD, ARE WRITTEN BY MEMBERS EVERY YEAR.



## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GOALS

Amnesty International is a world-wide campaigning movement that works to promote human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international standards.

In particular, Amnesty International campaigns: (1) to free prisoners of conscience (2) to ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners (3) to abolish the death penalty (4) to abolish the torture and other cruel treatment of prisoners (5) to end political killings and "disappearances" and (6) oppose human rights abuses by opposition groups.

Amnesty International has around one million members and supporters in 162 countries and territories.

Activities include public demonstrations, letter-writing, human-rights education and fund-raising. Campaigns range from individual appeals regarding a specific case, to global campaigns.

Amnesty International is impartial and independent of any government, political persuasion or religious creed. Amnesty International is financed largely by subscriptions and donations from its world-wide membership.

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GOALS

# KEY CLUB

## OPENS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHERS



COPY AND DESIGN BY TARA TISCHER

WHAT'S TO BE SAID ABOUT KEY CLUB?

"JEFF PEAK CHARGED ME 10 CENTS FOR TALKING DURING KEY CLUB, SO I REALLY CAN'T SAY."

SOPHOMORE LOGAN GILLESPIE

"I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE HELPED OTHERS AND I'VE HAD FUN DOING IT."

SOPHOMORE TIARA WEATHERSBY

I GUESS WAS OFFENDED THAT I OFFERED HIM A BAG."

JUNIOR MATT DAGGETT

"IT ALLOWS HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE PROJECTS."

SENIOR GINGER DAMRON

"SOMETIMES, HELPING DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THE BEST THING TO DO. WHEN I WAS AT SUNFRESH PASSING OUT HARVESTORS BAGS, I GOT CHEWED

OUT BY THIS 84-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO

"YOU GET TO WATCH PEOPLE BE HAPPY, LIKE WHEN WE WENT TO KINSWOOD MANOR AND SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS."

JUNIOR PEGGY JOY



**KEY CLUB: Row One:** ZACH EUBANK, JOHN MILONE, MATT DAGGETT, FAHIMA GONZALES, NEIL CORRISTON, BRET EUBANK, GINGER DAMRON, AMY MITCHELL, AMY CARR **Row Two:** CHARLIE MORGAN, TOMMY COKER, AMANDA CORBIN, CARRIE HOWARD, JEFF PEAK, DELEA DURDIN, DESTINY WALKER, LISA WELLINGTON, LOGAN GILLESPIE, ARLISS GAMMILL **Row Three:** SCOTT SHANNAHAN, JOEY DAVIS, JOEY BRAKE, RENEE BETTS, ANDREW JOHNSON, MORGAN RIDGEWAY, JEFF HILL, AMY JOHNSON, ANTHONY WARREN, LEANNA CARPENTER, TIARA WEATHERSBY **Row Four:** ANDREW BARTH, JACK RYAN, JUSTEN SIEBOLT, KATIE PICKETT, SHANNON DRUMMOND, NEIL SOLOMAN, DARCY NORD, ANANDA BAUCOM, PEGGY JOY **Row Five:** MARK ROYER, CHRIS SAAD, SHIELA, NATALIE BELL, PHILLIP SMITH, CHARLES QUINTON, BRYAN HOLLEY **Row Six:** CHRIS JOHNSTON, HEATHER ENSCORE, BOB VAUGHT, AMBER GILLILAND, COLIN CHAMBERS **Row Seven:** LUCAS WALLINGFORD, AARON SCHAD



SOPHOMORES JAKE HOWARD AND LOGAN GILLESPIE TRY TO RECRUIT NEW KEY CLUB MEMBERS AT LUNCH. KEY CLUB WANTED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



**SENIOR BOB VAUGHT** AND **SOPHOMORE ELISE HOLLEY** COUNT MONEY FROM THE FRESHMAN PENNY DROP JAR. KEY CLUB SPONSORED THE PENNY DROP TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE UNITED WAY.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

**SOPHOMORE HEATHER INSCORE** AND **FRESHMAN SPENCER COCKRELL** COLLECT DONATIONS BY RINGING BELLS FOR THE THE SALVATION ARMY. KEY CLUB MEMBERS DONATED A LOT OF TIME TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE.

PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



**JUNIOR MELINDA GRANDI** AND **CARRIE CADDWELL** HELPS KEY CLUB BY SERVING FOOD AT A NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BANQUET. MEMBERS OF KEY CLUB HELPED IN MANY WAYS TO BENEFIT THE SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

AT THE FIRST MEETING FOR NEW MEMBERS, JUNIOR MATT DAGGETT FILLS OUT A CONTRACT VOWING ABSTINENCE FROM DRUGS. COMMITTING TO A DRUG-FREE LIFE WAS REQUIRED OF ALL MEMBERS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



# Hi-STEP

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## STEPPING OUT TO HELP A CHILD'S LIFE

COPY AND DESIGN BY AMY CARR

EVERY KID LOOKS FORWARD TO GROWING UP. EVERY GROWN-UP WISHES THAT THEY WOULD HAVE WORRIED LESS ABOUT BEING GROWN UP AS A CHILD.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT DURING CHILDHOOD IS NOT GROWING UP FASTER, BUT LEARNING TO MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ABOUT DRUGS AND VITAL ISSUES IN THEIR LIVES.

Hi-STEP STRIVES TO HELP WITH JUST THAT BY MAKING VISITS TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT TO ENCOURAGE KIDS TO MAKE WISE CHOICES. THE GRADE-SCHOOL KIDS LOOK FORWARD TO THE "BIG"

HIGH SCHOOLERS COMING TO THEIR CLASS TO PLAY GAMES WITH THEM. MEMBERS OF Hi-STEP WORK WITH FIFTH GRADERS TO HELP THEM IMPROVE THEIR SELF ESTEEM AND TO TEACH THEM THAT DRUGS ARE UNHEALTHY.

MANY OF THE Hi-STEP MEMBERS REMEMBER WHAT Hi-STEP DID TO HELP THEM AS A CHILD.

"I REMEMBER WHEN THE HIGH-SCHOOL KIDS WOULD COME, AND THEY WERE SO COOL, AND I REALLY LOOKED UP TO THEM," SAID SENIOR Hi-STEP PRESIDENT NIKKI HENDERSON.

NOT ONLY DOES Hi-STEP EMPHASIZE STAYING OFF DRUGS, IT ALSO HELPS

THE KIDS TO HAVE HIGHER SELF-ESTEEM AND TO TRUST THEIR PEERS.

"I WANT TO HELP TEACH THE KIDS THAT DRUGS ARE BAD, AND THAT THEY HAVE SOMEONE THEY CAN TRUST, AND SOMEONE WHO LIKES THEM FOR WHO THEY ARE," SAID SENIOR MOLLY GILLESPIE.

THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS JOINED FOR ONE MAIN REASON - TO HELP KIDS.

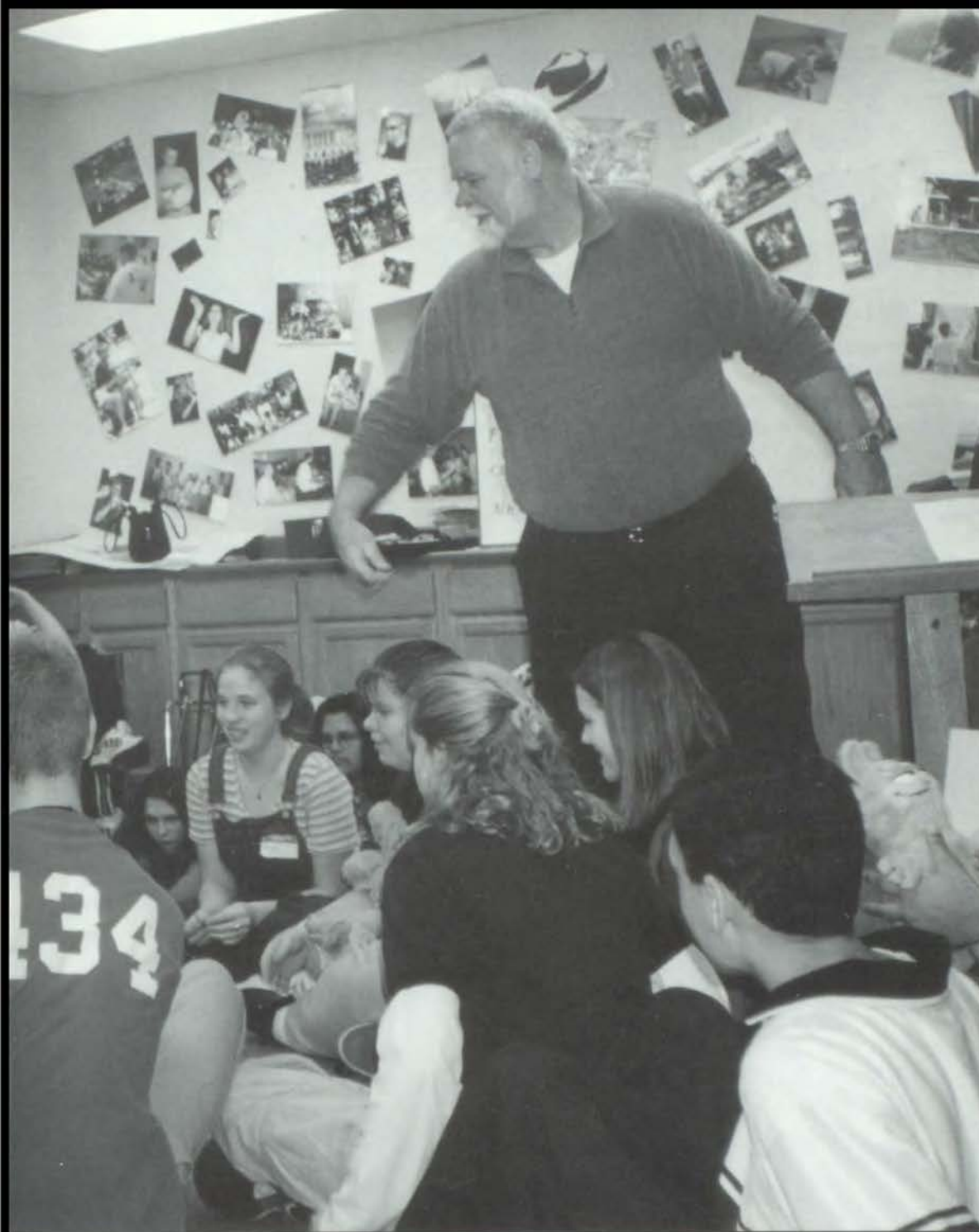
"I WANTED TO JOIN BECAUSE I WANTED TO HELP TEACH THE KIDS AND GIVE THEM THE SAME PLEASURE THAT I HAD AS A KID," SAID SENIOR MISHEL SMITH



Hi-STEP: ROW ONE: NICK SNORGRASS, MATT DAGGETT, SHANNON HIGGINS, NEIL CORRISTON, JEFF PEAK, GINGER DAMRON, KELLY WARRINER, LEANNA CARPENTER ROW TWO: JILL STEMPELMEN, MOLLY GILLESPIE, NIKKI HENDERSON, DELEA DURDIN, MISHEL SMITH, AMY MITCHELL, KEYONA DODD ROW THREE: ANTHONY WARREN, SHATONDA JONES, SHAMAL SAMUEL, RASHAWNDA WALKER, MYSTIQUE GANT, MIKE McCROY, REGAN TOWNSEND ROW FOUR: MONICA SHIPMAN, TINA WATTS, TERESA SELF, CARRIE HOWARD, FAHTIMA GONZALEZ, ANANDA BAUCOM, PEGGY JOY







**RODMAN HIGHTS** INSTRUCTS STUDENTS AT A HIGH-STEP TRAINING AT HOLMESWOOD BAPTIST. HIGHTS HANDED OUT PENNIES TO TEACH COOPERATION AND TEAM WORK.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

"**INDIAN IN THE TEEPEE**" IS A GAME DEMONSTRATED BY JUNIORS JOEY BRAKE AND JEFF PEAK. LEARNING AND TEACHING NEW GAMES WAS MAJOR PART OF THE TRAINING THAT WAS ALMOST AS MUCH FOR FOR THE MEMBERS AS IT WAS FOR THE CHILDREN.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



**AS A BREAK** FROM THE USUAL ROUTINE OF GAMES AND ACTIVITIES, JUNIOR ASHLEY CASHEN EATS PIZZA AND CHATS WITH FRIENDS. THE HIGH-STEP TRAINING TOOK PLACE ON FEBRUARY 11 AND WAS AN ALL-DAY EXPERIENCE.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

# FLAG CORP

## OR IS IT THE COLOR-GUARD?

### DEPENDS ON WHO YA TALK TO

COPY AND DESIGN BY GINGER DAMRON

WHAT'S IN A NAME? FOR THE COLOR GUARD, MEANING LIED BEHIND THEIR NAME. THE GROUP FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FLAG CORP UNDERWENT RENOVATION THIS YEAR AND BECAME AN AUXILIARY GROUP.

AS THE FLAG CORP, THE GROUP WAS UNABLE TO DO MANY THINGS. THE CHANGE OF THEIR NAME TO COLOR GUARD OPENED A LOT OF OPTIONS FOR THE GROUP. SEVERAL

NEW ELEMENTS WERE ADDED TO THEIR SHOW AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE. DANCE ROUTINES WERE ADDED AND THE GROUP WAS NOT LIMITED TO JUST FLAGGING.

"LAST YEAR WE COULDN'T DANCE IN COMPETITIONS OR USE ANYTHING BUT FLAGS. OUR SHOW IS A LOT MORE INTERESTING NOW," SAID JUNIOR KATIE CATES.

ALONG WITH THE CHANGES, CAME SOME ANXIETY. THE NEW PERFOR-

MANCES CAUSED A LOT OF STRESS FOR MANY MEMBERS.

"THE BEST TIME IS RIGHT AFTER COMPETITION WHEN EVERYTHING IS DONE AND THERE IS NO MORE PRESSURE, FOR A LITTLE WHILE AT LEAST," SAID CAPTAIN MELINDA GRANDI.

SO WHAT MANY SAW AS JUST A CHANGE IN NAME WAS ACTUALLY THE EVOLUTION OF AN ENTIRELY NEW GROUP.



COLOR GUARD LINES UP FOR A PICTURE AFTER A COMPETITION IN CARROLTON. THE COLOR GUARD ADDED A LOT TO THE BAND'S SHOW.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



DRUMMER MEMBERS, FAHTIMA GONZALEZ, JAKE HOWARD, JON DAVIDSON, AND JEFF DOUGLAS FIND SMILING HARD AFTER A PERFORMANCE. PERFORMANCES ARE DIFFICULT BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



# BECKY BRAKE BREAKS TRADITIONS

A FEMALE ADDITION TO THE DRUM LINE, FRESHMAN BECKY BRAKE, SET CHS TRADITION ON ITS EAR. A PREDOMINANTLY-MALE ORGANIZATION IN THE PAST, HAD TO MAKE WAY FOR A LONE FEMALE. TRADITIONS WOULD NEVER BE THE SAME.

"THE DRUMLINE HAS A LOT OF WEIRD TRADITIONS, THAT CAN'T BE TOLD. SOME OF THEM I CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN," SAID BRAKE. BRAKE SAID THAT SHE WAS DEFINITELY NOT "ONE OF THE GUYS", BUT

SHE DOES FEEL LIKE A PART OF THE GROUP, ALTHOUGH SHE DOES HAVE TO PROVE HERSELF.

DRUM LINE CAPTAIN JEFF DOUGLAS SAID, "I'M A LOT HARDER ON BRAKE. SHE IS PICKED ON MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, BUT SHE HANDLES IT REALLY WELL."

SO WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO PUT UP WITH ALL OF THOSE GUYS EVERY DAY? THE ANSWER IS

SIMPLE, SHE LOVES PLAYING THE DRUMS. BRAKE PLAYED THE DRUMS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WANTED TO CONTINUE WHEN SHE GOT TO HIGH SCHOOL.

BUT SHE DIDN'T ALWAYS ENJOY BEING A PART OF THE DRUM LINE, IN

THE BEGINNING, SHE ACTUALLY HATED IT. LAST SUMMER SHE STARTED OUT ON BELLS AND THAT WASN'T WHAT SHE WANTED TO DO. WHEN SHE WAS SWITCHED TO BASS,

SHE SAID SHE HAD A LOT MORE FUN BECAUSE SHE WAS FINALLY A PART OF ALL THE OTHER DRUMMERS.

BRAKE DEFINITELY STANDS OUT AMONG THE DRUMMERS, BUT NOT JUST DUE TO HER GENDER.

"BRAKE IS SUCH A GOOD PLAYER THAT SHE STANDS OUT, NOT JUST BECAUSE SHE IS A GIRL," DOUGLAS SAID.



CHRIS LEWRY AND DAREL MAYS PAUSE DURING THE MARCHING SHOW FOR THEIR FEATURE. THE DRUMLINE HAD ITS OWN FEATURE DURING ONE SONG OF THE FILED COMPETITION.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON

MANDA PIERCE, ERICA MILBOURN AND JANICE CAZEWELL DEMONSTRATE THEIR FLAGGING ABILITIES AT A PEP ASSEMBLY. MEMBERS OF THE COLORGUARD WERE A SPECIAL ADDITION TO THE PEP ASSEMBLIES.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



**I**N THE FALL PLAY "RUMORS", JUNIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN PLAYED COOKIE. HEFFERNAN HAS BEEN IN ALL OF PLAYERS PRODUCTIONS SINCE HER FRESHMAN YEAR.  
 PHOTO BY T. MICHAEL STANLEY

**F**RESHMAN MEGAN BURNS PERFORMS BOTH ON STAGE AND BEHIND THE SCENES. DURING HER FREE TIME AT REHEARSAL, BURNS HELPED CREATE A SIGN TO ADVERTISE THE UPCOMING SHOW.  
 PHOTO BY AMY CARR



**T**HE LAST PHOTO IS TAKEN BEFORE NINE CENTRAL THESPIANS TAKE OFF FOR A WEEK OF EATING, DRINKING AND SLEEPING THEATER. THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN FESTIVAL TOOK PLACE IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA DURING THE SUMMER.

PHOTO DONATED BY AMY CARR

**C**ENTRAL THESPIANS SHOW THEIR STRENGTH AS A CLUB AS THEY POSE FOR A GROUP PICTURE AT THE MISSOURI STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL. THE FESTIVAL WAS HELD IN FULTON, MISSOURI.



# PLAYERS 58

## EATING, SLEEPING AND BREATHING THE THEATRE

COPY AND DESIGN BY AMY CARR

IN THE PAST, PLAYERS 58 MAY HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED BY SOME AS A JOKE CLUB, WITH BAD SHOWS, AND LITTLE PARTICIPATION. THE NEW GENERATION OF PLAYERS DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH. "PEOPLE ARE MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT, AND WANT TO MAKE IT WORK AND MAKE IT LIVE," SAID SOPHOMORE JOANNA DORIA. PLAYERS 58 HAS GOING FROM A CLUB WITH VERY FEW ACTIVE MEMBERS, TO A CLUB WITH APPROXIMATELY 60 MEMBERS.

"SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE, PLAYERS HAS IMPROVED IN BOTH QUANTITY AND QUALITY. QUALITY IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AND QUALITY IN THE DEDICATION OF MEMBERS," SAID TREASURER AND JUNIOR JOE CARR. HOW DID THIS CLUB MAKE THE MIRACULOUS CHANGE? "PROMOTION WAS THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEM, THERE WAS A LOT OF TALENT OUT THERE, AND ALL WE NEEDED TO DO WAS FIND IT," SAID 'STAGE MOM' JACKIE CARR. BECAUSE OF THE MASSIVE RESPONSE TO PROMOTION, THE DIRECTORS

CHOSE TO DOUBLE-CAST THEIR SHOW, "RUMORS". NOT ONLY HAD PARTICIPATION INCREASED, THE QUALITY HAS ALSO IMPROVED. PLAYER WON FIRST PLACE ON THEIR FLOAT FOR HOMECOMING, AND ALSO PLACED FIRST IN THE DOOR DECORATION CONTEST HELD FOR THE HOLIDAYS. "WE'VE GAINED A LOT MORE EXCITEMENT, AND COMMITTED STUDENTS ARE BETTER FOCUSED ON WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT," SAID DIRECTOR AND CLUB SPONSOR KAMELA BATES.



**PLAYERS 58** Row One: OFFICERS: SHANNON HEFFERNAN, NEIL CORRISTON, JESSICA CRUMP, JOE CARR, AMY CARR Row Two: BOB VAUGHT, TIARA WEATHERSBY, MELISSA EBBERTS, TINA WATTS, JENNIFER CARR, ERICA TURNER, ALEX ROUSE Row Three: AMANDA PEMBERTON, REBA McENTIRE, MEGAN BURNS, BRANDON OLDHAM, ASHLEY CASHEN, MARCUS STANLEY, COLIN CHAMBERS Row Three: LIZ ELMORE, RENE'E BETTS, STEPHEN JOHN, ERIN ANDERSEN, ERIN BARNES, PEGGY JOY, BRET EUBANK



**P**LAYERS HOLD A TAILGATE PARTY BEFORE A YELLOWJACKET FOOTBALL GAME. THE PARTY WAS HELD TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE CLUB.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



**J**UNIORS HEATHER GLENN AND SOPHOMORE JOHANNA GITTERMAN MEETING NEW PEOPLE WHILE TRAVELING BY BUS TO JEFFERSON CITY FOR THE YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE. PHOTO DONATED BY BOB VAUGHT



**M**ISSOURI GOVERNOR MEL CARNAHAN SPEAKS AT THE STATE CAPITAL AT THIS YEAR'S YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT. STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO MEET WITH CARNAHAN TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT ISSUES. PHOTO BY JEFF DOUGLAS



**J**UNIORS HEATHER BLAKESLY AND CARRIE CARDWELL SHOOT A GAME OF POOL. REST AND RELAXATION WAS NECESSARY AFTER A TEDIUS DAY WORKING AT THE CAPITOL. PHOTO DONATED BY BOB VAUGHT

**S**OME GOVERNMENT IS IN ACTION. THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB, STUDENTS LEARNED FIRST-HAND THE JOBS OF REAL POLITICIANS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. PHOTO BY JEFF DOUGLAS

**S** FROM ALL OVER THE STATE OF MISSOURI GATHER IN JEFFERSON CITY FOR THE ANNUAL YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE. STUDENTS FOUND THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE FROM DIFFERENT AREAS, THEY COULD STILL COME TOGETHER TO REACH A COMMON GOAL.

PHOTO BY JEFF DOUGLAS



# POLI-SCI CLUB

## STUDENTS GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE INS AND OUTS OF AMERICAN POLITICS

**COPY AND DESIGN BY RENE'E BETTS**

AMERICAN POLITICS HAS NEVER BEEN SO UNPREDICTABLE AS IT WAS DURING THE 98-99 ACADEMIC YEAR. STORIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S DISHONESTY, SCANDALS AND LIES FILLED THE NEWSPAPERS.

CORRUPTION SEEMED TO BE EMBEDDED IN THE LAWS. LAWS WERE BENT AND EVEN DISREGARDED. BUT ALL HOPE WAS NOT LOST. A NEW GENERATION OF POLITICIANS AND OFFICIALS WERE TRAINING TO BE FUTURE LEADERS. A GENERATION OF STUDENTS RE-

ALIZED THAT AMERICAN FOREFATHERS HAD SOMETHING BETTER IN MIND FOR THIS NATION - SOMETHING BETTER THAN THE REPUTATION IT HAS EARNED.

THOSE STUDENTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB HAD VISIONS OF SOMETHING BETTER.

"I THINK WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR GOVERNMENT IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT NOT TO DO. PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE FAITH AND TRUST IN THEIR GOVERNMENT AND RIGHT NOW THAT'S NOT HAPPENING," SAID SENIOR BOB VAUGHT

POLI-SCI MEMBERS DID NOT LEARN

THE GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES BY READING TEXTBOOKS. THEY ACTUALLY BECAME A PART OF THE SYSTEM. DURING A WEEKEND TRIP TO JEFFERSON CITY FOR THE ANNUAL YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT (YIG) CONFERENCE. THIS ANNUAL EVENT GAVE STUDENTS FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE THROUGH ROLE PLAY.

"I FEEL LIKE I'M BENEFITING FROM THIS BECAUSE I HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE GOVERNMENT WORKS. PLUS, EVERYTHING IS SO MUCH FUN," SAID JUNIOR CARRIE CALDWELL



**POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB: ROW ONE:** BOB VAUGHT, BILL ONG, CARRIE CALDWELL, PEGGY JOY **ROW TWO:** DESTINY WATKINS, JOANNA GITTERMAN, AISHAH AUGUSTA, MELISSA EBBERTS, HEATHER BLAKESLEY, ANANDA BAUCOM, DAVID CROSSLY **ROW THREE:** LAVITA VERSER, ARRON TROWBRIDGE, ERIC HANES, HEATHER GLENN, CONNIS SISK, RHEYLA CARTER-HALL, JEFF DOUGLAS



THE STATE MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL BUILDING IS BREATHTAKING. THE POLI-SCI CLUB WAS ABLE TO LEARN ALL ABOUT GOVERNMENT IN THIS HISTORIC BUILDING. PHOTO BY JEFF DOUGLAS

# Academic Excellence Mandatory Options



Senior Nick Oviedo waits between classes during night school. Those students who are behind on credits or trying to advance in credits attend night school so they will be able to graduate on time.

Photo By James Glenn

Amyketha Harrel, junior, spends her class time productively by finishing her art project in speech. Class time was often used by students to finish assignments from the day before.

Photo by Amy Carr



Finishing up homework before the next class, Senior Liz Ross works hard on her math assignment. To be successful in the next step after high school, students learned discipline and how to manage time by doing out of class work.

Photo By Bret Egbank



The college wall, which was located by the guidance office, was found to be helpful to Seniors and Juniors in future plans beyond high school. Information on scholarships and upcoming college visits to the school were always posted.

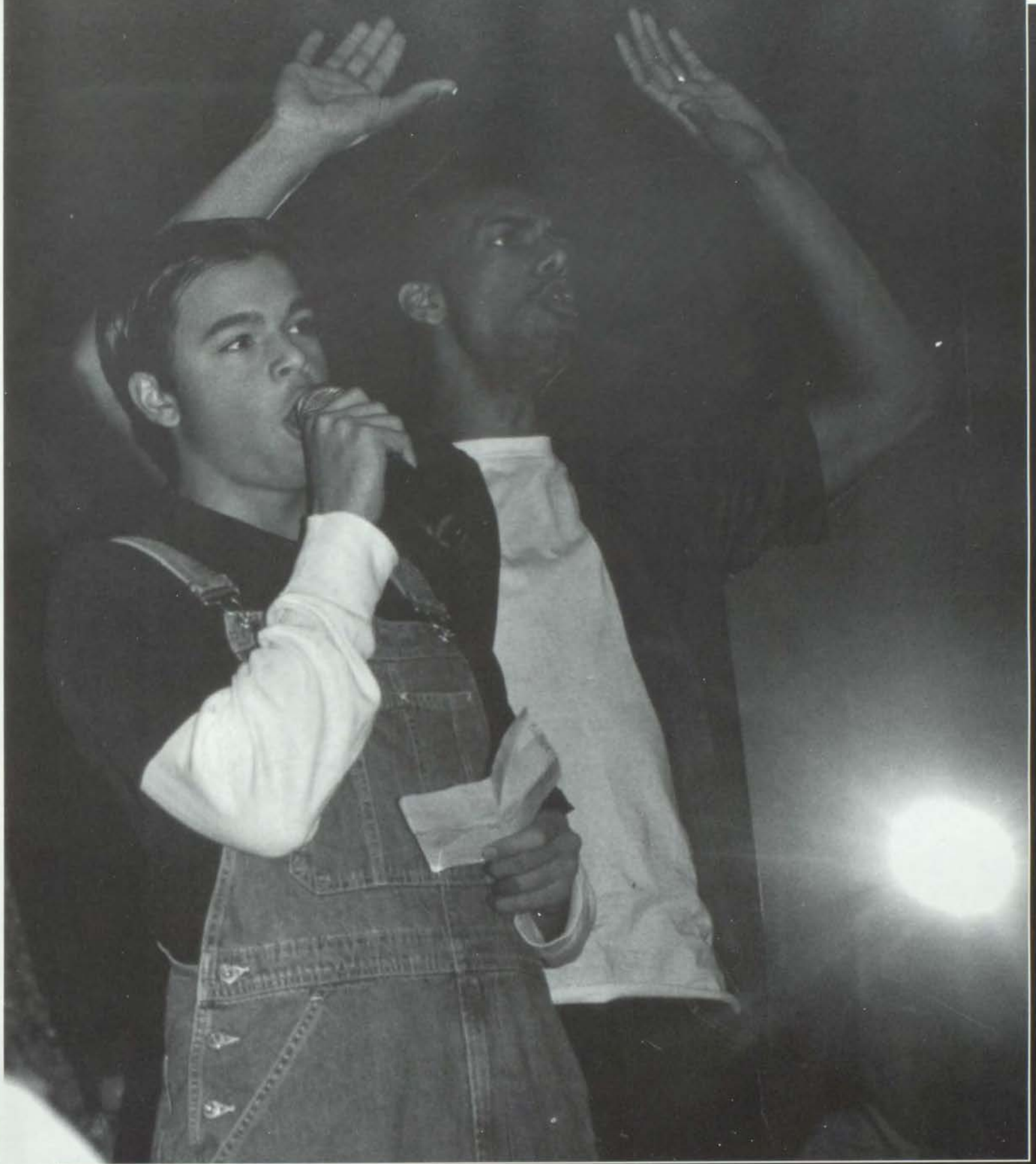
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Senior Amber Griffith does her homework in the quiet of her own room. Several students said they accomplished more work at home without the distractions of school.

Photo By James Glenn







Taking part in the presentation of *Cranium Pallanxium*, Junior Neil Corriston announces the next act. This group of five, performed popular songs and parodies of talk shows to get students involved in learning.

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**R**ILEY CORRISTON, JUNIOR, TRIES TO RELIEVE THE STRESS OF DEADLINES WITH A NAP. THE DARK-ROOM PROVIDED MUCH-NEEDED SOLACE FROM A HARD DAY'S WORK ON THE YEARBOOK.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



**S**TEVEN CLASSES AT A SUMMER YEARBOOK WORKSHOP IN FULTON, MO., SENIOR GINGER DAMRON LOOKS OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S YEARBOOK TO GET IDEAS FOR THE NEW ONE. THE WORKSHOP OFFERED MANY VALUABLE CLASSES TO HELP STAFF MEMBERS GET A HEAD START ON PRODUCTION.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

**P**HOTOGRAPHER TINA WATTS PUTS FINISHING TOUCHES ON A PICTURE FOR THE YEARBOOK. MUCH TIME WAS SPENT BY PHOTOGRAPHERS TO MAKE SURE EVERY EVENT WAS COVERED.

PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



PUTTING THE NAME OF ANOTHER VICTIM ON THE KILL LIST, SENIOR TARA TISCHER COMPLETES ONE OF HER MANY TASKS AS A YEARBOOK STAFF MEMBER. BEING ON STAFF REQUIRED MUCH TIME AND DEDICATION, WHICH RESULTED IN A QUALITY YEARBOOK FOR STUDENTS.

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# YEARBOOK

## ORGANIZING THE CHAOS



COPY AND DESIGN BY LEANNA CARPENTER

AS STUDENTS HURRIED TO MAKE IT TO THEIR NEXT CLASS BEFORE THE TARDY BELL RANG, THEY OFTEN PASSED THE STEPS THAT LED DOWN TO THE BASEMENT OF THE SCHOOL. MANY OFTEN WONDERED WHERE THOSE BRAVE SOULS DESCENDING INTO THE MYSTERIOUS DEPTHS WERE GOING EACH DAY. SOME CARRIED CAMERAS AND NOTEBOOKS FULL OF QUOTES. OTHERS WERE SEEN JOTTING DOWN OBSERVATIONS AND QUOTES FROM TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

THESE STUDENTS WERE MEMBERS OF THE YEARBOOK STAFF AND RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCING SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMORIES FOR STUDENTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. THROUGH MONTHS OF HARD WORK AND INDIVIDUAL ALLEGIANCE, STAFF MEMBERS CREATED SOMETHING TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL.

WHEN CALLED BY ADVISOR KATHY YATES TO ATTEND A SUMMER WORKSHOP TO START WORK ON THE BOOK, NOT ALL STAFF MEMBERS WERE AWARE OF THE DEDICATION NEEDED TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEARBOOK.

"BEFORE JOINING THE YEARBOOK STAFF, I JUST THOUGHT THE CLASS WOULD BE AN EASY 'A'. I'D HAVE TO TAKE A FEW PICTURES AND WRITE A COUPLE QUOTES. I WAS REALLY SHOCKED WHEN I ACTUALLY HAD TO WRITE STORIES, GO TO SPORTING EVENTS AND SELL ADS TO MAKE MONEY," JUNIOR JOEY BRAKE SAID.

DESPITE THE INITIAL SHOCK OF THE WORK THAT WENT INTO PRODUCING THE YEARBOOK, MEMBERS ADJUSTED QUICKLY IN ORDER TO MAKE MONTHLY DEADLINES.

DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, YEARBOOK CLASS WAS HELD DURING TWO DIFFERENT HOURS. STAFF MEM-

BERS RARELY WERE ABLE TO MEET AS AN ENTIRE STAFF, WHICH LEFT MANY FRUSTRATED. ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL MEMBERS ALSO ENROLLED IN TWO JOURNALISM CLASSES TO RELIEVE SOME OF THE STRESS OF WRITING STORIES, DESIGNING LAYOUTS FOR EACH PAGE AND DEVELOPING EACH PICTURE.

SENIOR TINA WATTS SAID, "HAVING YEARBOOK CLASS TWO DIFFERENT HOURS WITH STAFF MEMBERS SPREAD OUT IN EACH CLASS CAUSED IT TO NOT BE AS ORGANIZED. I NEVER KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON IN DIFFERENT HOURS SO I OFTEN DID SOMETHING THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE."

OBSTACLES WERE QUICKLY OVERCOME, HOWEVER, AND THOUGH CHAOS REIGNED IN ROOM 16, THE YEARBOOK STAFF ORGANIZED AND PRODUCED SOMETHING THAT WOULD LEAVE A LASTING MARK.



YEARBOOK STAFF: ROW ONE: TARA TISCHER, TINA WATTS, AMY CARR, NEIL CORRISTON, GINGER DAMRON ROW TWO: LEANNA CARPENTER, KELLY WARINNER, RENE'E BETTS, JOEY BRAKE NOT PICTURED: JESSICA RENFROW AND WHITNEY MALLON

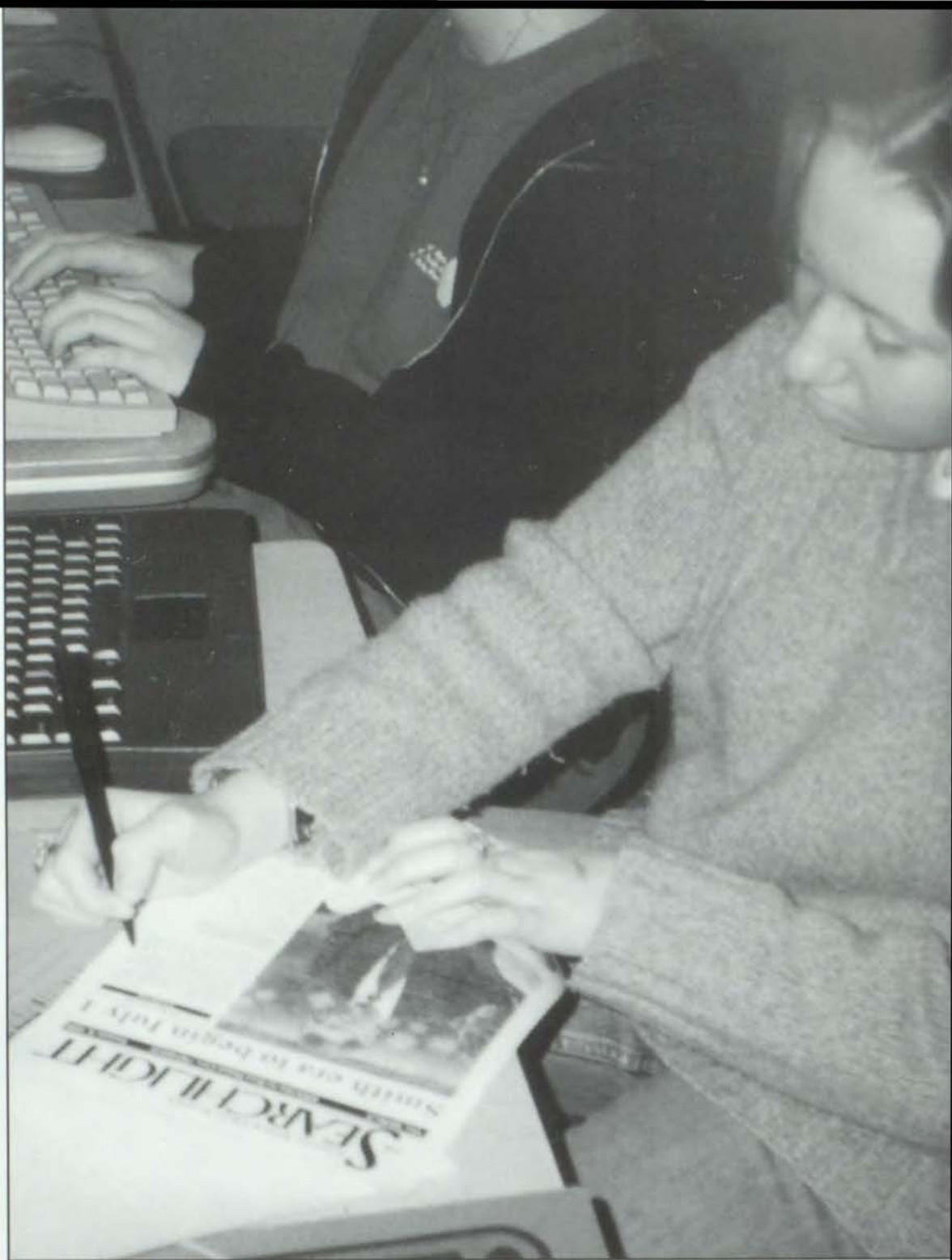


WHILE WORKING, JUNIOR JOEY BRAKE ATTEMPTED TO SELL BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE YEARBOOK. THE ADS WERE A NECESSITY AND HELPED TO RELIEVE SOME OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN IN THE COST OF THE PRODUCTION OF THE YEARBOOK.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

**P**ROOFREADING HER STORY FOR HER FEATURE PAGE, JUNIOR LINDSEY WEAVER MARKS THROUGH HER MISTAKES WITH A PEN. EDITING WAS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HAVING A QUALITY NEWSPAPER. PHOTO BY KATHY YATES

**S**ENIOR JAMES GLENN TURNS NEGATIVES INTO PICTURES AS HE FIXES ONE FOR AN ISSUE OF THE SEARCHLIGHT. ALONG WITH BEING THE ONLY PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE NEWSPAPER, GLENN WAS PHOTO EDITOR AS WELL. PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



**P**USHING HIS BRAIN IN AN EFFORT TO FIND THE ANSWER, SENIOR JUDAH SCHAD LISTENS AS SENIOR JEFF DOUGLAS READS THE QUESTION IN A TRIVIAL PURSUIT GAME DURING A STAFF PARTY. TIME SPENT WITH EACH OTHER WAS IMPORTANT IN PROMOTING TEAM WORK AND FRIENDSHIPS.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES





LOOKING THROUGH NEGATIVES TO FIND THE RIGHT PICTURE FOR HER NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, SENIOR BARBARA BASS BECOMES TANGLED IN HER DECISION. DEADLINE WAS OFTEN A TIME OF STRESS AND PRESSURE TO GET THINGS DONE ON TIME WAS HIGH.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES

# THE SEARCHLIGHT

## GETTING THE FACTS

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KELLY WARINNER AND LEANNA CARPENTER



WHILE STUDENTS SAT AT THEIR LUNCH TABLES ENGAGING IN CONVERSATION WITH THEIR FRIENDS, SEARCHLIGHT STAFF MEMBERS PASSED OUT THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE PAPER THEY HAD FINISHED STUFFING EARLIER THAT MORNING. AS STUDENTS THUMBED THROUGH THE PAGES, LOOKING FOR ARTICLES OF INTEREST, MOST FAILED TO REALIZE HOW MUCH WORK IS ACTUALLY PUT INTO PRODUCING THE SEARCHLIGHT.

JUNIOR LINDSEY WEAVER SAID, "WE PUT MANY HOURS INTO A NEWSPAPER THAT SOME PEOPLE JUST FLIP THROUGH IN A MATTER OF SECONDS."

THE '98-'99 SCHOOL YEAR SAW ONE OF THE MOST TALENTED SEARCHLIGHT STAFFS IN THE HISTORY OF CHS, ACCORDING TO ADVISOR KATHY YATES. STORIES COVERED A VARIETY OF ISSUES FROM UNIQUE ANGLES, IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE STUDENT INTEREST. SOME STORIES WERE MORE DIFFICULT TO WRITE THAN OTHERS, AND

SOME WERE OVER CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES.

"THE STORY I DID ON THE TITLE NINE LAWSUIT AGAINST THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM WAS MY MOST CONTROVERSIAL STORY," SAID STAFF WRITER BARBARA BASS.

"IT IS REALLY HARD AND FRUSTRATING TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE, BUT YOU JUST HAVE TO USE WHAT YOU GET AND TRY TO MAKE A GOOD STORY OUT OF IT," BASS SAID.

FOR THE FRONT PAGE, SENIOR CO-EDITORS BRET EUBANK AND JEFF DOUGLAS COVERED THE EDUCATIONAL SIDE OF SCHOOL NEWS WITH ARTICLES ON THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE MISSOURI SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. STUDENTS AND FACULTY AGREED THAT WITHOUT THE RESEARCH OF THE NEWSPAPER STAFF, SOME ISSUES WOULD GO WITHOUT NOTICE.

THE NEWSPAPER DARED TO COMPOSE AND PRINT THE FEATURES, NEWS ARTICLES AND OPINION COLUMNS THAT WOULD

BE CENSORED BY ADMINISTRATORS IN MANY SCHOOLS, HOWEVER, STAFF MEMBERS FELT ADMINISTRATORS GAVE THEM FREEDOM TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES WITHOUT FEAR OF CENSORSHIP.

"I HAVEN'T HAD MANY BAD EXPERIENCES WITH THE ADMINISTRATION. THEY ARE PRETTY UNDERSTANDING IN WHAT I HAVE TO DO," SAID DOUGLAS.

THROUGH ALL THE CONTROVERSY REGARDING ARTICLES AND COMICS, YATES KEPT CHAOS TO A MINIMUM.

PICTURES DIDN'T POSE MUCH OF A PROBLEM THIS YEAR DUE TO PHOTO EDITOR JAMES GLENN, WHO BROUGHT WITH HIM PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN THE DARKROOM.

STAFFERS WORKED HARD TO PRODUCE A QUALITY PUBLICATION, WITH THE GOAL OF ONCE AGAIN BEING NAMED THE BEST OVERALL 3-A/4-A STUDENT NEWSPAPER IN THE STATE.



SEARCHLIGHT STAFF: CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: PHOTOGRAPHER EMILY WALSH, EDITORIAL EDITOR JILL STEMPLMAN, STAFF WRITER BARBARA BASS, NEWS EDITOR MELISSA EBBERTS, STAFF WRITER ORHIAH SAGE, PHOTO EDITOR JAMES GLENN, AND CO-EDITOR BRET EUBANK. NOT PICTURED: FEATURES EDITOR LINDSEY WEAVER, CARTOONIST JUDAH SCHAD AND CO-EDITOR JEFF DOUGLASS.

WORKING SIDE BY SIDE, SENIOR DEDRA FERGUSON AND JUNIOR RITA CARR PREPARE TO PRINT THE NEWSPAPER IN THE PRINT GRAPHICS CLASS, TAUGHT BY RICK SMITH. CENTER WAS THE ONLY SCHOOL IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA TO PRINT THEIR OWN NEWSPAPER.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES

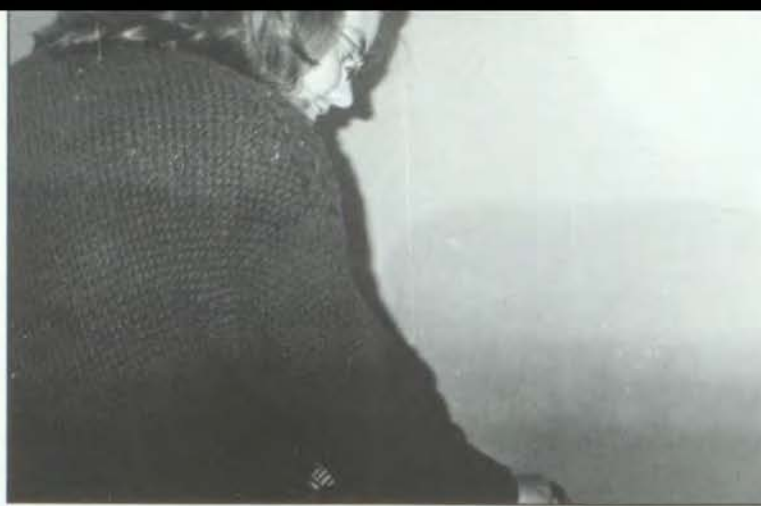
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MEMBERS WAIT ANXIOUSLY FOR THE INDUCTION CEREMONY TO BEGIN. DURING THIS VERY PRESTIGIOUS DINNER, MEMBERS WERE HONORED FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW



# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

## ACADEMICS, DEDICATION, AND LEADERSHIP ARE RECOGNIZED



COPY AND DESIGN BY LEANNA CARPENTER

RISE ABOVE THE AVERAGE STUDENT IN NOT ONLY ACADEMICS, BUT IN AREAS OF CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY AS WELL, PROVED THE NEW INDUCTEES OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FIT TO BE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS CLUB. AFTER WORKING DILIGENTLY THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIORS AND SENIORS WERE AWARDED THE HONOR OF BECOMING A MEMBER OF NHS.

ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION, JILL STEMPELMAN, "NHS IS A GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT ONLY ACADEMICALLY SUCCEEDED BUT HAVE PROVED WORTHY OF JOINING IN THEIR COMMUNITY SER-

VICES, CHARACTER, AND LEADERSHIP. IT NOT ONLY IS AN HONOR BUT IT LOOKS GOOD ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS TO SEE THAT YOU'VE BEEN HAND-PICKED BY THE SCHOOL AND EXCELLED IN ACADEMICS."

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP, OPEN ONLY TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS, STUDENTS MUST HAVE A 3.5 GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND RECEIVE FOUR TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS. POTENTIAL MEMBERS MUST THEN COMPLETE AN APPLICATION REVIEWING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES THEY HAVE PERFORMED, THE ACTIVITIES THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DURING HIGH SCHOOL, AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD.

"I FILLED OUT A PACKET OF THINGS I'VE DONE SINCE MY FRESH-

MEN YEAR. THEN HAD TO WAIT IN SUSPENSE OF FINDING OUT IF I HAD MADE IT. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING I HAD DONE," SAID JUNIOR LINDSEY WEAVER. AFTER WAITING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN ANXIETY, THE NEW INDUCTEES WERE "TAPPED" ON THE SHOULDER DURING CLASS TO NOTIFY THEM OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND ENJOYED A PARTY IN THEIR HONOR. MEMBERS FROM THE PERVERIOUS YEAR PLANNED AN INDUCTION CEREMONY.

"I KNEW ABOUT NHS SINCE MY FRESHMEN YEAR AND KNEW I WANTED TO BE A MEMBER. I'VE WORKED HARD SINCE MY FRESHMEN YEAR TO JUNIOR YEAR TO PREPARE AND KNOW I'VE ACTUALLY DONE IT," SAID WEAVER.



**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: ROW ONE:** A. BAUCOM, T. SMITH, J. STEMPELMAN, M. GILLESPIE, J. BRAKE, **ROW TWO:** M. AJJARAPU, S. HEFFERNAN, A. MITCHELL, S. JONES, M. YOUNGBLOOD, N. HENDERSON, G. DAMRON, J. PEAK, **ROW THREE:** B. SCHUMANN, M. CALCARA, E. ANDERSON, M. SMITH, T. WATTS, M. SHIPMAN, N. SNORGRASS, F. GONZALEZ, **ROW FOUR:** S. JOHN, K. WARINNER, N. CORRISTON, L. CARPENTER, P. HOSSEINI, G. SOLDI, L. WEAVER, C. HOWARD, B. EUBANK, S. MATTSON.

MONICA SHIPMAN PREPARES TO CUT THE CAKE FOR THE NHS PARTY HONORING THE NEW INDUCTEES. IT WAS TRADITION FOR A PARTY TO FOLLOW THE TAPPING OF THE NEW MEMBERS.





**INTERESTING  
FACTS  
ABOUT**



**QUILL AND SCROLL**

*INTERNATIONAL  
HONORARY SOCIETY  
FOR HIGH SCHOOL  
JOURNALISTS*

- 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

**D**URING THE NHS INDUCTION, PRESIDENT JILL STEMPLEMAN AND VICE-PRESIDENT MOLLY GILLESPIE PRESENT THE NAMES OF THE NEW INDUCTEES. EACH NEW MEMBER LIGHTED A CANDLE THAT REPRESENTED THEIR COMMITMENT TO UPHOLDING THE AREAS OF NHS.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW



**Q**UILL AND SCROLL: **ROW ONE:** KELLY WEAVER, LEANNA CARPENTER, BRET EUBANK, JEFF DOUGLAS **ROW TWO:** JILL STEMPLEMAN, TINA WATTS, LINDSEY WEAVER, RENE'E BETTS **ROW THREE:** SPONSOR KATHY YATES, GINGER DAMRON, JOEY BRAKE, NEIL CORRISTON



# is BAND JUST ANOTHER CLASS, OR SOMETHING MUCH MORE?



COPY AND DESIGN BY GINGER DAMRON

THE 7:45 BELL RINGS AND INSTRUMENTS ARE UP. THE B-FLAT SCALE BEGINS. IN OTHER CLASSES, ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR FIRST HOUR, STUDENTS ARE COMMONLY SEEN RUNNING IN THEIR CLASSROOM DOOR JUST AS THE BELL RINGS. THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN BAND CLASS.

BAND MEMBERS' COMMITMENT DOES NOT STOP AT PRACTICING THEIR INSTRUMENTS.

ACCORDING TO BAND DIRECTOR CAROLYN KNAPP, STUDENTS IN BAND MUST BE DISCIPLINED TO LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS.

"THE BAND PERFORMS AT EVERY HOME FOOTBALL GAME, COMPETES IN FIELD AND PARADE COMPETITIONS, COMPETES INDIVIDUALLY IN VARIOUS CONTESTS, PERFORMS FOR THE COMMUNITY AT THE RED

BRIDGE CRAFT FESTIVAL, PUTS IN EXTRA HOURS OF PRACTICE, PARTICIPATES IN PEP BAND AT THE BASKETBALL GAMES AND PERFORMS IN SEVERAL CONCERTS AT SCHOOL."

SO WHY DO THESE 100-PLUS STUDENTS DEDICATE ALL THIS WORK, TIME AND ENERGY?

TO THEM, THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE. "I LOVE PLAYING MY INSTRUMENT," SAID SOPHOMORE MARK ROYER.

THROUGH THE HOURS SPENT IN BAND ACTIVITIES, MANY STUDENTS FOUND THEMSELVES DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR INSTRUMENTS. JUNIOR LEONARD DAVIS SAID, "I NAMED MY SAX "SUZY" IN THE FIFTH GRADE AND I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER NAME FOR HER."

IN ADDITION TO TIME AND ENERGY, A LOT OF MONEY IS SPENT ON INSTRUMENTS.

SENIOR SAMANTHA FLOREZ SAID, "I SPENT OVER \$2000 ON MY FRENCH HORN. I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO BE SPENDING TIME WITH SOMETHING THAT WAS THAT EXPENSIVE."

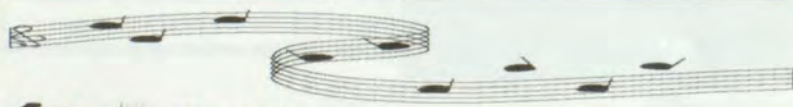
SENIOR JEFF DOUGLAS SAID HIS DEDICATION STEMS FROM THE WAY HE LOOKS AT THE CLASS.

"BAND ISN'T JUST A CLASS. IT'S A WAY OF LIFE. I PARTICIPATE IN BAND TO GET BETTER. I WANT TO DO WELL IN THE PERFORMANCES. WHEN I'M IN THE CLASS, I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT WHAT GRADE I'M GETTING, BUT HOW MUCH I CAN IMPROVE MY PLAYING."

BAND MEMBERS LOVE THEIR MUSIC AND WANT TO SHOWCASE THAT IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE - BY PUTTING FORTH THEIR BEST BOTH IN COMPETITIONS AND PERFORMANCES.



**MARCHING BAND: ROW ONE:** NICK SNORDGRASS, ADRIAN SMITH, HEATHER LOFINK, KATIE GATES, AMANDA PIERCE, ERICA MILBURN, JANICE CALDWELL, MELINDA GRANDI, MARIANNE GRANDI, TIM GREENWELL, CAROLYN KNAPP **ROW TWO:** JOANNA DORIA, ASHLEY CASHEN, CASSIE GRANTHAM, SAMANTHA FLOREZ, MELISSA YOUNGBLOOD, TIARA WEATHERSBY, AMY JOHNSON **ROW THREE:** MORGAN RIDGEWAY, PAMELA BIGELOW, COLEETA WEBB, TERESA SELF, CARRIE HOWARD, GINA SOLDI, SHANNON HIGGINS, RENE'E BETTS **ROW FOUR:** JAQUITA DOWNING, CHERI SWEENEY, LA'DETTRA WILLIAMS, AMBER RANDLE, AMANDA CORBIN, ASHLEE WILLIAMS, NICOLE KING, CHRISTY CAMPBELL, HALLIE GOTTFREDSON **ROW FIVE:** LISA WELLINGTON, SHANNON DRUMMOND, ROBERT LOGAN, AMBERLY WAGNER, LAURA ERICKSON, KAYLENE MCFARLAND, ARTESHA GLADNEY, NATALIE WEBB **ROW SIX:** LINDSEY WEAVER, LAVITA VERSER, CONNIE SISK, DAVID CROSSLEY, JALONN SIDNEY, KATIE KORANDO, KIMBERLY KNOWLTON **ROW SEVEN:** ANDREW BARTH, ADAM RODRIGUEZ, COLIN CHAMBERS, ANDREW JACKSON, JASON FORSON, PHILLIP SMITH, KE'ANDRA COLEMAN, ABBY HEFFERNAN. **ROW EIGHT:** NATALIE BELL, SHERMAN GILBERT, BRIAN HOLLEY, BRIAN WORTS, STEPHEN JOHN, JULIAN STOKAS, LEONARD DAVIS, JOSH BRAWLEY **ROW NINE:** COLETTE NORTON, KATIE PICKETT, ANDREW JOHNSON, CHARLES QUINLIN, MARCUS STANLEY, JOY STEMPELMAN, SAMANTHA BALL, ANANDA BAUCOM, AMANDA THOMAS **ROW TEN:** TIM PHILLIPS, ALEX ROUSE, STEVEN WATSON ODIS SMITH, JEFFERSON PEAK, STEVE MATTSON, ANDRE SIDNEY, MARK ROYER, LERON HUDSON **ROW ELEVEN:** CHARLIE MORGAN, JON DAVIDSON, WALTER TOWNSEND, SEDRIC HIBLER, CHRIS LOWRY, JEFF DOUGLAS, PASHA HOSSEINI, DARREL MAYS, PHILLIP BECKER **ROW TWELVE:** BECKY BRAKE, ANDREW RINGWOOD, JONATHAN AMERISON, JAKE HOWARD, TOAN NGUYEN, STEVE ECHOLS, FATIMA GONZALEZ **NOT PICTURED:** KERRI KNOX, LYNSEY NIXON, STEPHANIE WHEELER, REGGIE WILLIAMS, AUBREE YEISLEY



SENIOR MAJOR NICK SNORDGRASS LEADS THE MARCHING BAND AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI'S HOMECOMING PARADE. THE BAND COMPETED IN SEVERAL PARADE COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.





**S**ENIOR JALONN SIDNEY LEADS THE BAND WITH A BANNER INTRODUCING THE SCHOOL. THE MARCHING BAND BROUGHT CENTER PRIDE WITH THEM WHEREVER THEY WENT.  
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

**B**AND MEMBERS PREPARE TO TAKE THE FIELD FOR COMPETITION AT A CONTEST IN CARROLTON, MO. COMPETITIONS AND SHOWS WERE THE RESULT OF ENDLESS HOURS OF HARD WORK AND PRACTICE BY THE MARCHING BAND.  
PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



**J**UNIOR PASHA HOSSEINI ASSISTS AN ELEMENTARY STUDENT WITH HIS DRUM TECHNIQUES. ELEMENTARY NIGHT WAS A GREAT WAY FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT TO SEE WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THEM IN HIGH SCHOOL.  
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**W**ILLIAM EVANS, PIANIST FOR THE CENTER HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR, PLAYS A NOTE ALLOWING STUDENTS TO FIND THE CORRECT PITCH. EVANS PROVED TO BE A VALUABLE ASSET TO THIS YEAR'S CHOIR PROGRAM.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



# CHOIR



## SINGIN' THEIR HEART OUT

COPY AND DESIGN BY WHITNEY MALLON

For many students at Center High School, life has revolved around music. The radio is the first thing they reach for when they get into a car, going to dance clubs and concerts fill their weekends, and who's ever been to a party with no music? Music is an integral part of everyone's life, but it means different things to different people.

"Music is my life. Music touches the part inside, the basic part where you can see the level where the everyday pettiness of the physical world doesn't matter. It's a sad world; but you always know when your in it. Everything will be all right."

**Senior Judah Schad**

"It's a relaxer, it takes me away from my reality- to my own world."

**Junior Amy Mitchell**

"It doesn't affect my life, it's just entertainment."

**Junior Gina Soldi**

"It helps me cope with certain situations - listening to music just makes me feel better."

**Junior Rene'e Betts**

"Music is pretty much beyond description. Music ties me back to good times and the bad times, to my childhood and to the future. I love it when a song just gives you a total spiritual

high. A good song can always conquer a bad mood."

**Senior Bret Eubank**

"I have always loved music and used it as a drug of sorts. It can calm, enlighten or even enrage you, all from listening to music. And when you create music that is all your own, the affect feels much greater than heaven."

**Senior Steve Hartline**

"I believe music is a guide to your soul. It enlightens and inspires you. Music is what I use to keep my mental sanity

**Senior Carlos Yanes**



**S**ENIORS NICKI WHITNEY AND AMANDA THOMAS SING LOUDLY DURING CHOIR CLASS. FOR A CHOIR TO BE SUCCESSFUL, EVERYONE HAS TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR VOICES.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON





**S**ENIOR HEGGIE LENZY AND JUNIOR ANANDA BRADCOM, BOTH OF WHOM ARE IN CHOIR, SING A VERY ROMANTIC DUET TOGETHER, DURING THE SPRING MUSICAL PERFORMANCE OF BYE BYE BIRDIE. CHOIR CLASSES PROVED TO BE AN ADVANTAGE BY GIVING STUDENTS EXPERIENCE IN SINGING IN FRONT OF LARGE AUDIENCES.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



**D**URING THE WINTER MUSICAL, BYE BYE BIRDIE, PERFORMERS ANDREW JOHNSON, ALEX ROUSE, AND ASHLEY CASHEN HAVE SUPPORT FROM EXTRAS IN THE PLAY. MANY CHOIR MEMBERS WERE RECRUITED IN ORDER FOR THE MUSICAL TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

**C**HOIR MEMBERS WARM UP THEIR VOICES BEFORE STRIKING UP A TOON DURING CLASS. PROPER POSTURE AND PITCH WERE VITAL TO ACHIEVE CHOIR EXCELLENCE.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



**S**ENIORS JASON SPARKS, MONICA SHIPMAN, TERESA SELF, JUNIOR LINDSEY WEAVER AND SENIORS MIKE DANIELS AND AMBER GRIFFITH, ENJOY A MEAL AT THE HARD ROCK CAFE IN GERMANY.

PHOTO DONATED BY NICKI HENDERSON



**I**MBROUS CITY HALL IN MUNICH WAS JUST ONE OF THE MANY TOURIST ATTRACTIONS THAT THE GERMAN CLUB WAS ABLE TO EXPLORE.

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**S**ENIORS MONICA SHIPMAN, AMBER GRIFFITH, MIKE DANIELS, AND NICKI HENDERSON, TAKE A BREAK FROM TAKING PICTURES OF BEAUTIFUL GERMANY TO HAVE THEIR PICTURES TAKEN.

PHOTO DONATED BY NICKI HENDERSON



**J**UNIOR AMY MITCHELL STANDS ALOOF ON THIS ROCKY TOP IN THE TRIJILLO MOUNTAINS IN VENEZUELA.

PHOTO DONATED BY AMY MITCHELL



# FOREIGN LANGUAGES

COPY AND DESIGN BY NEIL CORRISTON

FOREIGN LANGUAGES ARE JUST CLASSES TO CENTER HIGH SCHOOL BUT TO THE STUDENTS IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EXPERIENCE IN GAINING AN APPRECIATION FOR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND CULTURES. JUNIOR AMY MITCHELL WAS ONE SUCH PERSON.

"I WENT TO VENEZUELA LAST SUMMER, IT SPARKED A NEW LOVE FOR A

DIFFERENT CULTURE AND SHOWED ME THAT "THERE IS A WHOLE OTHER WORLD OUT THERE."

"THE MOUNTAINS OF TRIJILLO WERE MY FAVORITE. IT WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL AND I LOVE LISTENING TO THE LANGUAGE." AMY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS AT CENTER. THE GERMAN CLUB WAS ABLE TO EXPERI-

ENCE SOMETHING SIMILAR. THIS SUMMER SOME GERMAN CLUB MEMBERS TOOK A THREE WEEK VACATION TO BEAUTIFUL GERMANY. JUNIOR LINDSEY WEAVER FOUND THIS TRIP EXCITING AND BENEFICIAL.

"THE BEST PART OF GERMANY WAS THAT I GOT TO MEET NEW PEOPLE, AND IT WAS COOL THAT YOU CAN GET ON A BUS AND STILL FEEL SAFE."



**SPANISH CLUB: ROW ONE:** RACHEL WILLIAMS, JOEY BRAKE, SHATONDA JONES, NAN LOU **ROW TWO:** AMY JOHNSON, CARRIE HOWARD, SHAKIA ROPER, JILL STEMPELMAN



**GERMAN CLUB: ROW ONE:** AMBER GRIFFITH, JASON SPARKS, GINGER DAMRON, STEPHEN JOHN, NICKI HENDERSON, ERIN ANDERSON **ROW TWO:** SPENCER COCKRELL, CARRIE CALDWELL, EMILY WALKER, JOE CARR, SHANNON HEFFERNAN, CHRISTY CAMPBELL, TONY ANTELLO. **ROW THREE:** CASSIE GRANTHAM, LINDSEY WEAVER, PEGGY JOY, MARY AJJARAPU, GLORY AJJARAPU **ROW FOUR:** NICK SCHEURMAN, JEFF HILL, PHILLIP SMITH, HUONG NGUYEN **ROW FIVE:** KATY BOYD, JACK RYAN, JUSTIN SEIBOLT



**K** WALSH, SENIOR, WORKS ON A STONEWARE CAT IN CERAMICS CLASS. THE ABILITY TO WORK WITH STONEWARE WAS ONE OF THE MANY ADVANTAGES OF THE NEW ROOM.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



**K** EILY OSHEA WORKS ON A DRAWING IN CHERIE WOODS' DRAWING AND PAINTING CLASS. HAND AND EYE COORDINATION WAS CRUCIAL TO BECOME AN ARTIST.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



# LEARNING HANDS ON

## STUDENTS LEARN BY DOING

COPY AN DESIGN BY TARA TISCHER

THE ART PROGRAM AT CENTER HIGH SCHOOL UNDERWENT DRAMATIC CHANGES THIS YEAR. THE CERAMICS PROGRAM WAS MOVED OUT OF THE BASEMENT AND INTO THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY ROOM.

ADVANCED CERAMICS INSTRUCTOR TOM CREAMER SAID THE CHANGE WAS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

"THIS YEAR WE HAD ENOUGH ROOM TO DO ALL OF THE PROJECTS

WE HAVE MISSED OUT ON, SO THE PROGRAM AS A WHOLE HAS IMPROVED," SAID CREAMER.

THE NEW ROOM ALSO MEANT COOLER TEMPERATURES IN HOT WEATHER.

"THERE IS MORE SPACE SO YOU COULD GET AWAY FROM THE KILNS OR GO SIT BY THE DOORS IF YOU WANTED TO COOL OFF," COMMENTED SENIOR TINA WATTS

CHANGE WAS ALSO IN STORE FOR

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHER, JAN EVANS. MOVING INTO A NEW ROOM WAS ALSO BENEFICIAL FOR THAT DEPARTMENT. EVANS SAID AMPLE STORAGE SPACE WAS AVAILABLE, BUT THE CLOTHING ROOM WAS STILL A LITTLE TOO SMALL FOR THE CLASS'S NEEDS.

DESPITE GETTING USED TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT, THE OVERALL MOVE IS A VAST IMPROVEMENT.

**E** MOLLY GILLESPIE, KELLY WARINNER AND LOUIE JUAN THROW CLAY ON THE WHEEL. THROWING CLAY WAS AN ESSENTIAL SKILL FOR CERAMIC STUDENTS TO MASTER.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS





JUNIOR AMBER RANDALL, SENIOR LEKILA BRYANT, JUNIOR TIFFANY CAMPBELL AND JUNIOR LEDETTRA WILLIAMS TAKE CARE OF A PRETEND BABY FOR JAN EVANS' CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLASS. THE SIMULATED BABY WAS DESIGNED TO MAKE TEENS THINK TWICE BEFORE BECOMING PREGNANT.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

JUNIOR LARHONDA HILL PAINTS A PROJECT IN ADVANCED CERAMICS. MANY UPPER CLASSMEN ENJOYED THE FREEDOM OF TAKING ELECTIVES TO PASS THE TIME.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



SENIOR TERESA SELF SHOWS OFF A CLASSMATE'S MASK MADE IN CERAMICS. MASKS WERE A POPULAR PROJECT CHOICE FOR STUDENTS IN CERAMICS.

PHOTO BY KELLY WARINNER



**A**T ANNUAL GIRLS TOURNAMENT, ACADEMIC TEAM TOOK HOME AN HONORABLE MENTION IN SCIENCE. THE AVILA WOMEN'S SCIENCE CHALLENGE TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 31, 1998, AT AVILA COLLEGE.

PHOTO BY ANNETTE HOWK



# SCIENCE & ACADEMIC TEAMS

## STUDENTS WITH BIG APPETITES FOR DONUTS AND KNOWLEDGE

COPY AND DESIGN BY AMY CARR

SCIENCE AND ACADEMIC TEAM ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT ONE WOULD THINK. THE FIRST CONNOTATION THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN THINKING ABOUT ACADEMIC TEAM, IS A BUNCH OF REALLY SMART PEOPLE SITTING AROUND AND STUDYING FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT; BUT THAT'S WRONG. THE BIG SECRET IS THAT IT'S A BUNCH OF KIDS GETTING TOGETHER, EATING, AND HAV-

ING FUN.

WHEN ASKED REALLY RANDOM QUESTIONS, ONE WOULD BE AMAZED HOW MANY PEOPLE ANSWERED CORRECTLY, AND WITH CONFIDENCE. WHEN GIVEN A 'QUIZ' OF SORTS, WITH QUESTIONS LIKE "DEFINE THE NUMBER E," AND "WHAT COLOR WERE GEORGE WASHINGTON'S EYES?" THEY DID VERY WELL. OTHER QUESTIONS CONSISTED OF DEFINING

WORDS LIKE PENOLOGY AND STRABISMUS. THERE WERE EVEN COMPLICATED SENTENCES ASKING FOR THE RELATIVE PRONOUNS. THEIR OVER ALL SCORE WAS 16/32. GRANTED, THAT IS ONLY 50 PERCENT, BUT WITH QUESTIONS BEING ASKED THAT THEY HAD NEVER HEARD BEFORE, ONE COULD SAY THEY DID PRETTY "DANG" GOOD!



**ACADEMIC TEAM: ROW ONE:** LOGAN GILLESPIE, AARON SCHAD, PHILLIP BECKER **ROW TWO:** ALEX DUNGAN, DAVID JOHNSON, JASON FORSON, NAN LOU, HEATHER GLENN, BRIAN HOLLEY.

**S**HELL STEMPLEMAN AND MOLLY GILLESPIE WITH THEIR TEAM MATES COMPETE IN CHEMISTRY AT A SCIENCE BOWL. CHEERING THEIR TEAM MATES ON IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF COMPETING TO WIN.

PHOTO BY ANNETTE HOWK







**P**RACTICE BEFORE SCHOOL ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FOR PRACTICE IS REGULAR PART OF LIFE FOR SCIENCE AND ACADEMIC TEAM STUDENTS. STUDENTS GO TO MEETS AND COMPETITIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND COMPETE TO DO THEIR BEST.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

**P**Ractice makes perfect for these students as they relentlessly practice for their upcoming competitions. Even though the practices are some work, there are a lot of little perks that go with it.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



**S**ENIORS BRIAN HOLLEY AND AARON SPIND practice for academic team after school on a regular basis. Science and Academic team put in many hours before school and after school to make their performance better.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



# DEBATE & NFL

## I'M RIGHT, YOU'RE WRONG NO QUESTION ABOUT IT



COPY AND DESIGN BY AMY CARR

IF A PICTURE PAINTS 1,000 WORDS, AND A MEMORY IS WORTH 1,000 PICTURES, IS A MEMORY WORTH A MILLION WORDS?

MEMORIES ARE ABOUT THE ONLY THING SOMEONE CANNOT TAKE AWAY. MEMBERSHIP ON THE DEBATE TEAM LEFT SEVERAL MEMORIES IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF ITS MEMBERS.

SOPHOMORE ADVANCED DEBATER AUDREY YOUNG REMEMBERED THE FIRST TIME SHE EVER USED THE COPIER TO COPY HER EVIDENCE. WHILE TELLING THE STORY, YOUNG COULD HARDLY GET THE WORDS OUT BETWEEN BURSTS OF UNCONTROLLABLE LAUGHTER. SHE REMEMBERED THE TIME WHEN SHE WAS

COPYING A 400-PAGE BINDER OF EVIDENCE, ONE PAGE AT A TIME, UNTIL SOMEONE FINALLY SHOWED HER THE CORRECT (AND FASTER) WAY TO USE THE MACHINE CORRECT WAY.

"ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS PUT THE WHOLE STACK OF PAPERS IN, AND THE MACHINE WOULD SUCK THEM THROUGH ONE BY ONE. IT WAS SO FUNNY, BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN US LIKE A YEAR TO COPY IT THE WAY WE WERE!" YOUNG SAID.

JUNIOR ADVANCED DEBATER JOE CARR REMEMBERED HIS VERY FIRST DEBATE THE MOST.

"I WENT TO THE TOURNAMENT HAVING NO IDEA WHAT IT WAS GOING TO BE LIKE,

AND CAME OUT WITH AN ACTIVITY THAT I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO DOING EVERY TIME," CARR SAID. "EVERYONE WAS ALL SITTING IN THEIR PLACES, TRYING TO ACT CALM AND PROFESSIONAL, BUT I THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE MUCH MORE EXCITING THAN THAT."

CARR DECIDED THAT WHILE HE WAS THERE, HE WAS GOING TO HAVE FUN. HE BEGAN TO TALK WITH OTHERS, HAVE FUN AND PLAY AROUND. IT PAID OFF, BECAUSE HE MET NEW PEOPLE, SOME WITH WHOM HE STILL HAS FRIENDSHIPS WITH TODAY.

"IT WAS FUN BECAUSE IT WAS JUST A BUNCH OF GIRLS AND GUYS GETTING TOGETHER TO DO SOMETHING THAT WE LOVE," SAID CARR.



### NATIONAL FORENSICS LEAGUE:

**Row One:** COACH YOLANDA MURRY, CANDACE CHATMAN, DAVID JOHNSON, NAN LOU

**Row Two:** PAMELA BIGELOW, HEATHER BLAKESLEY, KIAUNI MCGHEE, FAHTIMA GONZALEZ, JOE CARR

**Row Three:** TONY ANTONELLO



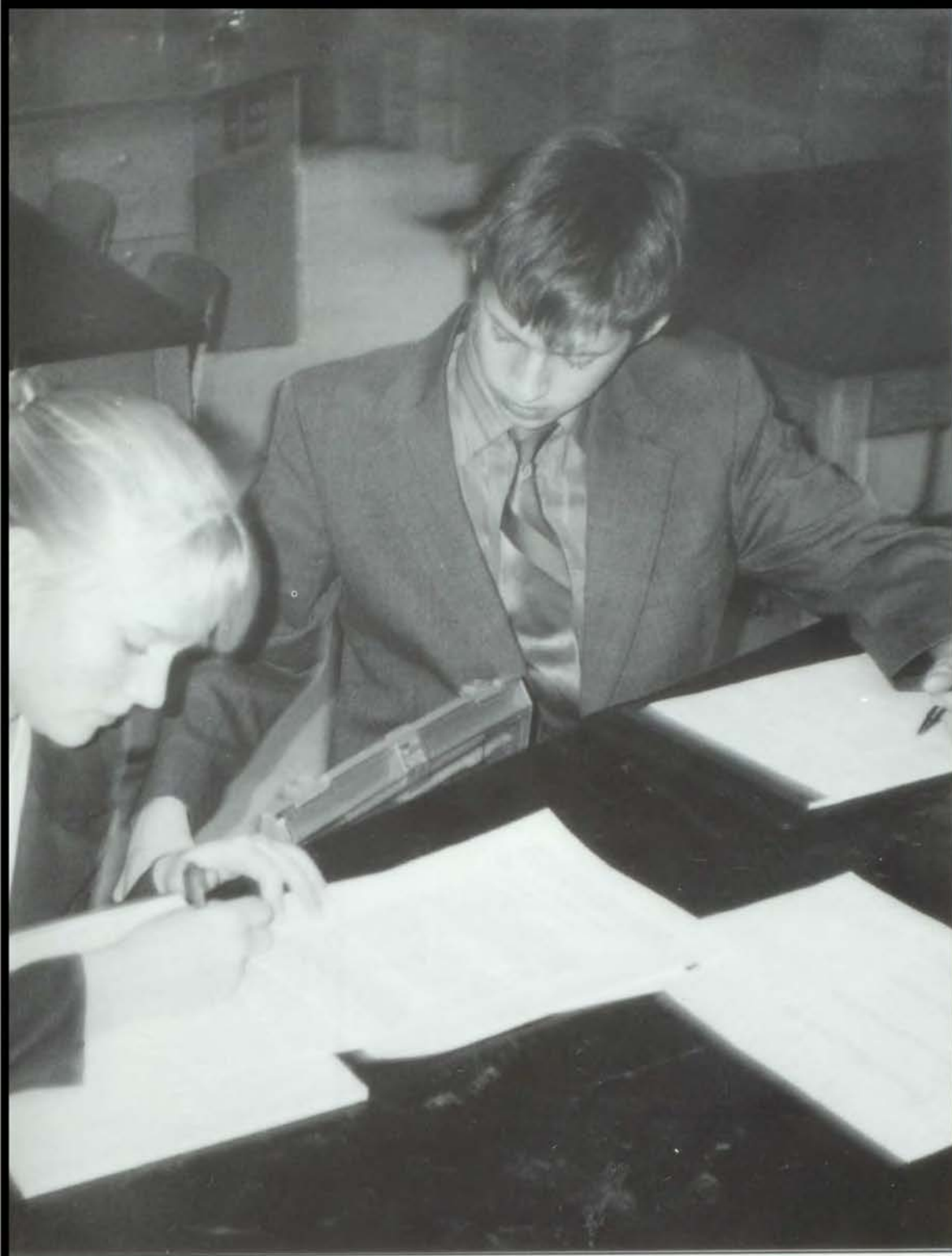
### DEBATE TEAM: Row One:

COACH YOLANDA MURRY, CANDACE CHATMAN, DAVID JOHNSON, AISHAH AUGUSTA, ANDREW JOHNSON, NAN LOU

**Row Two:** HEATHER BLAKESLEY, DARRYL MANNING, KIAUNI MCGHEE, LISA WELLINGTON, TAKIYAH JOHNSON

**Row Three:** TONY ANTONELLO, JASON SOLOMON, JOE CARR, ERIN BARNES, SHANNON HEFFERNAN, KEARA AUSTIN





**D**EBATERS DO THEIR BEST TO GATHER THE LAST BIT OF INFORMATION FOR THEIR NEXT DEBATE AT HAYTOWN HIGH SCHOOL. SOPHOMORES ANDREW JOHNSON AND AUDREY YOUNG WERE SECOND-YEAR ADVANCED DEBATERS.  
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

**F**IRST-YEAR ADVANCED DEBATER JOE CARR PARTICIPATES IN STUDENT CONGRESS AT A HAYTOWN TOURNAMENT. CARR PARTICIPATED IN STUDENT CONGRESS AS WELL AS IN FORENSICS TOURNAMENTS.  
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



**T**HE WYNE BROWN TOURNAMENT CELEBRATED ITS 31ST ANNIVERSARY IN AUGUST. CENTER STUDENTS MANNED A TABLE TO GREET STUDENTS AND COACHES FROM VISITING SCHOOLS.  
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

**debate** ~to contend for in words or argumentation  
 ~to strive to maintain by reasoning  
 ~to dispute, contest, discuss  
 ~to argue for and against  
 ~to engage in combat for; to strive for  
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**S**ENIOR ELIZABETH CONNER AND DIEM BUI, STAY UP LUNCH FOR THE DAY CARE KIDS. CHILD DEVELOPMENT HAD MANY MORE TASKS THAN JUST PLAYING WITH KIDS, PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE WAS ALSO TAUGHT.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

# STUDENTS LOOK FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE SEVEN-HOUR DAY

COPY AND DESIGN BY GINGER DAMRON

TIMES ARE CHANGING. COLLEGE IS NO LONGER THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ON THE MINDS OF STUDENTS. A STRONGER KNOWLEDGE OF COMPUTERS IS NEEDED AND MANY ARE READY TO JOIN THE WORK FORCE RIGHT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. THE JOE HERNDON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IS OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES THAT STUDENTS DID NOT HAVE IN THE PAST.

SENIOR STEVE ECHOLS SAID, "VO-TECH IS PREPARING ME WITH THE JOB SKILLS I WILL NEED IN THE FUTURE. IT IS ALSO A LOT MORE HANDS ON AND I ENJOY WHAT I'M DOING." THE SIMPLE FACT THAT STUDENTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE WHAT FIELD OF STUDY THEY WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE OFTEN MAKES THE CLASS MORE ENJOYABLE. THE AMOUNT OF EFFORT PUT INTO PROJECTS ALSO DISPLAYED THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT THE STUDENTS WERE DOING. "MY WELDING HAD TO BE GOOD QUALITY WELDING. THAT WAS THE ONLY

WAY I WAS GOING TO PASS THE CLASS, BESIDES THIS IS A LOT MORE FUN THAN MATH CLASS," SAID SENIOR PHILLIP HOWARD.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE TO VO-TECH IS THE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT IN CLASS. THE ADVERTISING TEACHER, MR. BRACH, SAID, "IN HIGH SCHOOL YOU'RE JUST GETTING STARTED ON SOMETHING AND THE BELL RINGS. THE CLASSES HERE ARE TWO AND A HALF HOURS LONG SO THERE IS A LOT MORE TIME TO COMPLETE PROJECTS."

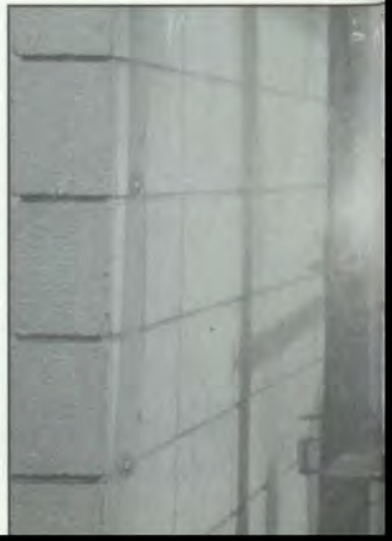
SO HOW DO THE STUDENTS REMAIN INTERESTED IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR THE ENTIRE TWO AND HALF HOURS? "OUR FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL WE BUILT A COMPUTER FROM SCRATCH. NOW WE USE IT EVERY TIME WE DO ANY PROJECTS," SAID JUNIOR JOHN FULTZ. CLASS IS SET UP MORE LIKE A JOB AND THE PROJECTS ARE WHAT THE STUDENTS WANT TO BE DOING, INSTEAD WHAT THE TEACHER CAME UP WITH FOR THE DAY. THE VO-TECH SCHOOL HAS FEDERAL FUNDING AND ALSO CLUB FUNDING. "WE HAVE TO JOIN

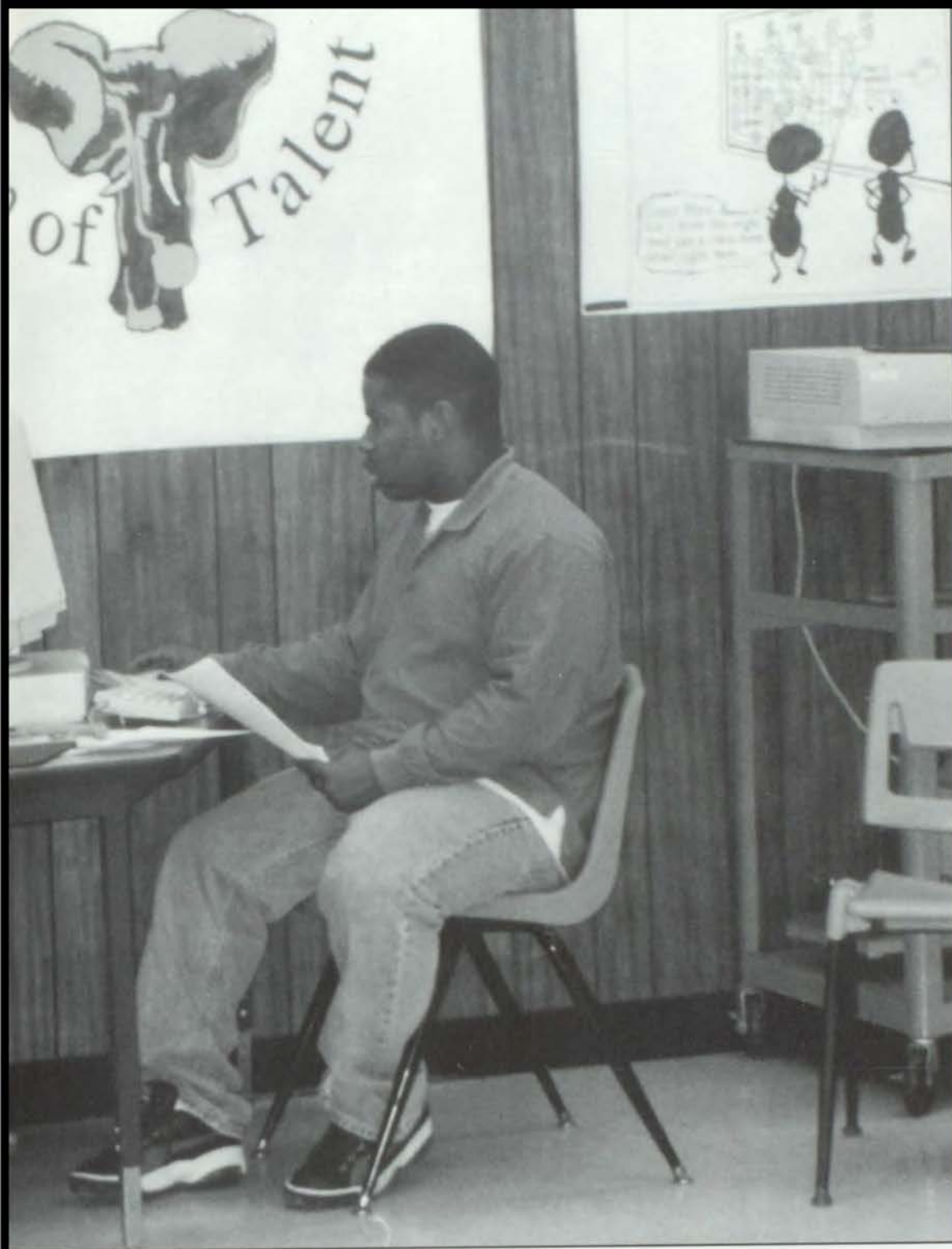
A CLUB THAT IS RELATED TO OUR FIELD OF STUDY. THEY HAVE MEETINGS AND SET US UP WITH INTERNSHIPS," SAID JUNIOR JENNIFER KEENEY. THE EXTRA FUNDING PROVIDED THE STUDENTS WITH A LOT MORE MATERIALS THAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

SOME STUDENTS WERE ATTENDING VO-TECH FOR A CAREER OPTION AND OTHERS WERE ATTENDING BECAUSE THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT TO BE DOING IN A FEW YEARS. "I'M DEFINITELY DOING SOMETHING WITH COMPUTERS. MY CLASS IS PREPARING ME WITH THE SKILLS I WILL NEED IN A REAL JOB SITUATION" SAID JUNIOR DALLAS HULL. WHATEVER THE REASONS FOR ATTENDING VO-TECH, STUDENTS BENEFITED IN MANY WAYS FROM THE INFORMATION THAT THEY RECEIVED WHILE ATTENDING THE SCHOOL.

**S**ENIOR PHILLIP HOWARD WORKS ON HIS WELDING PROJECT. NECESSARY SAFETY MEASURES HAD TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL THE STUDENTS.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER





**WORKING** DILIGENTLY ON HIS ADVERTISING PROJECT, SENIOR STEVE ECHOLS COMPLETES HIS LATEST PROJECT. AFTER COMPLETING THE ADVERTISING CLASS, STUDENTS WILL BE READY TO JOIN THE WORK FORCE.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



**JUNIOR** JENNIFER KEENEY SPENDS LUNCH TIME WITH THE DAY CARE KIDS AT THE VO-TECH CAMPUS. THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLASS WAS HELPFUL TO JENNIFER BECAUSE SHE IS PLANNING TO BECOME A TEACHER.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



**HELLO!** SENIOR CARISSA ELLIS CHECKS HER CLASSMATES VITAL SIGNS IN NURSING CLASS. THE CLASS HAD DUMMIES AND LOTS OF EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE THE EFFECT OF AN ACTUAL DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



# Sports Painless Torture



The beginning of the school year brought with it the start of a new football season. In this game against Rpskin, despite a close game, the Yellowjacket football team lost 20 to 26.

Photo By Jeff Douglas

Who said tennis isn't a dangerous sport? Sophomore Haley Gotfredson could disagree after being hit with a tennis ball during practice.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter



The boys' soccer team gathers after a soccer game to discuss the outcome. Many players found this talk helpful in improving their play and attitude. Photo By Ginger Damron



Before a volleyball game, senior Cassie Grantham dodges her teammates' hands as she runs through the volleyball team. This was done before each game to get team members psyched.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter

Practice for the cheerleaders started during the summer and continued throughout the school year. Members of the Varsity Squad work on improving strength by doing push ups. This helped to perfect cheers and stunt techniques.

Photo By Jessica Renfrow





**Cross country** was a sport that required more mental strengths than physical and dedicated training. During the first cross country meet, Senior Mike Daniels pushed himself to finish the 3.1 mile marker. Runners competed more against themselves in improving personal times than against other runners, constantly trying to improve their personal best.

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# S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D

## VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER TEAM

CENTER	2	KEARNEY	5
CENTER	8	SMITHVILLE	0
CENTER	1	EX. SP	2
CENTER	6	HICKMAN MILLS	0
CENTER	0	RAY-PEC	5
CENTER	2	RAYTOWN SOUTH	5
CENTER	2	GRANDVIEW	1
CENTER	11	ENGLEWOOD CH	1
CENTER	2	PEMBROKE HILL	2
CENTER	5	HARRISONVILLE	0
CENTER	1	PARK HILL SOUTH	3
CENTER	1	EX. SPRINGS	1
CENTER	2	HICKMAN MILLS	0
CENTER	3	BELTON	1
CENTER	1	O'HARA	2
CENTER	1	RAY-PEC	2
CENTER	1	PARK HILL SOUTH	6



VARSITY SOCCER TEAM: ROW ONE: MANAGER LISA WELLINGTON, JACK RYAN, EDWIN VIDES, NICK SCHUERMAN, JUSTEN SIEBOLT, BRIAN SINGER, JEFF HILL, SCOTT REAVES, MANAGER FATIMA GONZALES. ROW TWO: HEAD COACH CHUCK DUSKE, RANDY GREEN, NAVEED SIDDIQI, STEVE MATTSO, JEFF PEAK, BRANDON BAILEY, JOEY BRAKE, SHERMAN GILBERT, NEIL CORRISTON, MANAGER DARCY NORD, ASST. COACH ANDY HANCH

SENIOR STEVE MATTSO GOES UP AGAINST AN OPPONENT. BEING A GOOD SOCCER PLAYER MEANS LEARNING HOW TO BE AGGRESSIVE AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



JUNIOR JOEY BRAKE WAITS PATIENTLY AS HIS TEAM BATTLES THEIR OPPONENT AT THE OTHER END OF THE FIELD. PATIENCE CAN BE AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF BEING A GOALIE.

PHOTO BY RENEE BETTS





Like every other year, Center's own soccer team headed out to the field in August. It was hot, the team was out of shape and the sound of Head Coach Chuck Duske was the last thing they wanted to hear after three months of relaxation in the hot summer sun. At the end of the season, the team was a little bit sorry when the season was over.

# INSIDE THE BOX

## Soccer team looks to goalie for leadership and experience

COPY AND DESIGN  
BY RENE'E BETTS

Junior Joey Brake took his job on the soccer team seriously. As goalie, Brake developed a sense of responsibility for himself, but also for his teammates.

"As goalie, a lot of responsibility falls on my shoulders. If a goal is scored

on our team, it's usually my fault," Brake said.

Though facing defeat can be tough, it's something that comes with every sport. However, Brake found a way to look at defeat in a positive way.

"I just focus on what I

can do to improve myself and not on my losses," he said.

As a junior, Brake looked at his place on the team from a different perspective than when he was a younger player. He was faced with seniority over

younger and less-experienced players, and the responsibility that went along with the seniority.

"Being an upperclassman, usually underclassman listened to what I had to say. That was a really good feeling," Brake said.

But the soccer team wasn't just a team - they all happened to be good friends.

"Being friends makes working as a team easier," Brake said. "Hopefully we'll be even closer next year than we were this year."



JUNIOR NAVEED SIDDIQI WORKS TOGETHER WITH HIS TEAMMATES TO KEEP THE BALL FROM THE OTHER TEAM. TEAMWORK WAS A KEY ELEMENT IN HAVING A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



JUNIOR NEIL CORRISTON PREPARES FOR AN INCOMING BALL. BESIDES AGGRESSIVENESS, A CLEAR HEAD IS NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE GAME.

PHOTO BY RENE'E BETTS

COACH CHUCK DUSKE TALKS WITH HIS PLAYERS DURING HALFTIME. INSPIRING WORDS FROM THE COACH PROVED TO BE ENCOURAGING THROUGH THE SECOND HALF.

PHOTO BY RENE'E BETTS



JUNIOR JEFF PEAK CONTROLS THE BALL WHILE DIRECTING HIS TEAMMATES TOWARDS THE GOAL AS CAPTAIN. LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS WERE VITAL ELEMENTS FOR SUCCESS.

PHOTO BY RENE'E BETTS



One word summed up the '98-'99 volleyball team- family. For three years, Center's volleyball team experienced good times as well as bad. Osbtacles, like changes in the coaching staff and the addition and loss of team members, only made this team stronger. Together, they pulled through and flourished. This season, they became family.

# NOT ALL BUMPS AND SPIKES

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## Volleyball players look to fellow teammates for leadership, support

The Varsity Lady Jackets defined the terms teamwork and good sportsmanship during the 98-99 season.

Whether it was a 15-2 win or a 2-15 loss, what mattered to the

players was the effort and team play that went into the game.

"We wanted to make the season memorable, and we did that by getting through each game

with group effort," said Senior Cassie Grantham.

From that effort, came a following. Attendance at home games was consistently high. Students and parents filled the

bleachers cheering as the Lady Jackets gave it their all.

To show appreciation for the tremendous support received during the season, team members came up with

"Parent Night".

A season filled with intense practices, loyal fan support, dedicated players and group effort was one to remember.

DESPITE A LOSS AT DISTRICTS, THE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM MEMBERS MAINTAINED A POSITIVE ATTITUDE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, THE TEAM KEPT SPIRITS HIGH, WHETHER THEY WERE IN THE WINNING SEAT OR NOT.  
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SENIOR SYDRA LYKE GOES UP FOR THE KILL. ONE OF THE TEAM'S STRENGTHS WAS THEIR ABILITY TO BLOCK AND SPIKE AT THE NET.  
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SENIOR TARA TISCHER PRESENTS HER MOTHER AND FATHER WITH A CARNATION DURING PARENT NIGHT. TEAM MEMBERS THANKED THEIR PARENTS FOR SUPPORTING THEM THROUGHOUT THE SEASON DURING THIS SPECIAL EVENING.  
PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

VARSIY, JUNIOR VARSITY AND FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS LINE UP FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE STARTING VARSITY PLAYERS. THE PRE-GAME LINE-UP ANNOUNCEMENTS GAVE TEAM MEMBERS A CHANCE TO WISH FELLOW PLAYERS LUCK AND INCITE CROWD ENTHUSIASM AS WELL.  
PHOTO BY KELLY WARINNER



BEFORE A HOME VOLLEYBALL GAME, SENIOR TIFFANY SMITH PREPARES TO RETURN A SPIKE IN A PRACTICE DRILL. KEY SKILLS WERE PERFECTED DURING PRACTICE TO PREPARE FOR GAMES.  
PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



## S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

CENTER	L	ODESSA	W
CENTER	L	GRANDVIEW	W
CENTER	L	KC CENTRAL	W
CENTER	L	RUSKIN	W
CENTER	L	PARK HILL SOUTH	W
CENTER	L	RUSKIN	W
CENTER	L	RAYMORE-PECULIAR	W
CENTER	L	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	W
CENTER	W	HICKMAN MILLS	L
CENTER	L	RUSKIN	W
CENTER	L	PARK HILL SOUTH	W
CENTER	L	RAYTOWN SOUTH	W
CENTER	L	RAYMORE-PECULIAR	W
CENTER	L	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	W
CENTER	W	HICKMAN MILLS	L



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: TRACEY HEPTING, AUBREY YEISLEY, STEPHANIE NICHOLS, CASSIE GRANTHAM, TIFFANY SMITH, LEE UNGER. ROW TWO: COACH BETH HEIDI, SARA PARK, WYKETHA HARRELL, CARRIE HOWARD, SYDRA LYKE, TARA TISCHER, AMY MITCHELL, MELISSA EBBERTS, COACH DANNY TIPTON



SPIKING WAS A KEY ELEMENT IN THE LADY JACKETS' GAME PLAN. DURING WARM UP, SENIOR STEPHANIE NICHOLS PRACTICES HER SPIKES ON THE COURT WHILE TEAM MEMBERS LOOK ON.  
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The adrenaline rush that appears from thin air, the musty smell of pads, uniforms, and just plain old sweat. Knowing that the months, even years, of practice are going to come into play in just a matter of minutes. Walking from the locker room to the field, athletes minds wander from the party later and the girl in the stands to picking out which guy he wants to knock out. The main reason some play football is the contact. Senior Leslie Lewis said, "You can make someone look bad in front of everyone and it's okay, because its football."

# VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

COPY AND DESIGN  
By WHITNEY MALLON

THERE IS NO SET OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE  
LINE, JUST A LOT OF TWO-WAY ATHLETES

On the field off the field, back and forth is usually the way the game is played. There is an offensive line and a defensive line maybe a few players that play both, but Center's football team isn't like that. Center plays "Ironman Football," which means every player plays both offense and de-

fense. This method gives players more experience and skills at several different positions, but often leaves players worn out by the end of the game.

So why did CHS choose the "Ironman" style of play? The reason was simply a shortage of players.

A losing season left both

players and coaches frustrated with the lack of participation.

"We only wish that more athletes would continue to participate in the athletic program," said Coach Phil Caldwell.

Even with a shortage of players, the varsity squad met goals that were made

early in the season.

"The short-term goal of day-to-day improvement was achieved. Our football players were better at the end of the season, than they were when the season started," said Head Coach Derrick Hammes.

A winning season is not always the reward for hard

work. Often the rewards are not always so easy to see. This year the reward was improvement.

"By working hard in the weight room and on the practice field and by keeping in mind that we could overcome obstacles, we were able to improve," said Senior Leslie Lewis.

COACH DERRICK HAMMES FOCUSES HIS ATTENTION ON THE GAME AT HAND. IN GAMES THAT THE FOOTBALL TEAM STRUGGLED, COACHES OFTEN WISHED THEY COULD JOIN THEIR TEAM ON THE FIELD AND HELP OUT.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



A CENTER CORNERBACK STRUGGLES TO BREAK FREE FROM A SMITHVILLE PLAYER TO ASSIST WITH THE TACKLE. CENTER RELIED MORE ON GROUP TACKLING THAN ON INDIVIDUAL ONES.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



MEMBERS OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM BATTLE IT OUT AGAINST SMITHVILLE. MONTHS OF PRACTICE WENT INTO TACKLING STRATEGIES AS SHOWN BY THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

CENTER VARSITY FOOTBALL PLAYERS TAKE A BREAK TO DISCUSS TACTICS TO BE USED DURING SECOND HALF THIS TIME WAS USED TO BOOST PLAYERS' MORALE IF THE TEAM WAS LOSING OR CONTINUE ENTHUSIASM IF THE GAME WAS IN THEIR FAVOR.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



SENIOR LUKAS CONARD STANDS ON THE SIDELINE AWAITING HIS TURN ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. MANY SENIORS HAVE PLAYED FOOTBALL SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND FINISHED THEIR LAST SEASON AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



# S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D

## Boys' Varsity Football

CENTER	20	RUSKIN	26
CENTER	16	WASHINGTON	0
CENTER	20	RAY-PEC	46
CENTER	7	HICKMAN MILLS	21
CENTER	0	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	34
CENTER	7	PARK HILL SOUTH	27
CENTER	0	RAYTOWN SOUTH	44
CENTER	21	PLATTE COUNTY	48
CENTER	0	O'HARA	27
CENTER	0	SMITHVILLE	35



FOOTBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: T. BURLIN, B. DAVIS, L. LEWIS, M. HASSELWOOD, C. GRAY, P. TAYLOR, R. ROBINSON, M. MCCRORY, S. ECHOLS, C. BROWN, R. WILLIAMS, M. THOMAS, L. CONRAD ROW ONE: J. SOLOMAN, C. HOLLOWELL, B. DUCKWORTH, Q. WEBB, COACHES P. CALDWELL, T. PERKINS, D. HAMMAS, D. STUBBLEFIELD, S. LUNAN, J. SHOEMAKER, S. SAMUEL, W. RUNNELS ROW THREE: D. SPRIGGS, W. BELL, D. STONE, L. DAVIS, L. REPICK, M. SPRIGGS, A. TAYLOR, T. MILLER, Q. RANDLE, J. MILONE, S. MATTSO ROW FOUR: Z. PEISTER, J. AMERISON, T. ANTONELLO, C. QUINLIN, C. VILLAR, S. WEILERT, J. GIBBS, J. JACOBS, J. SHERMAN, T. JOHNSON ROW FIVE: S. EALY, R. LONG, C. JOHNSTON, D. CLARK, C. HARRIS, W. TOWNSEND, K. WILLIAMS, B. DIXON, L. COUNCIL, M. COLE, S. WATSON.



IN THE LAST HOME FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST SMITHVILLE, CENTER PLAYERS STRUGGLE TO KEEP THEM FROM SCORING ANOTHER TOUCH DOWN. DURING THIS GAME, SENIORS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THE SPORTS THEY PARTICIPATED IN.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

Imagine going from the middle school with its two sets of six wooden bleachers and an unlighted dirt field, with a 1950's-style scoreboard. Then moving to Center High School's huge stadium, equipped with a press box, lights and a lush, green field. Everything from the smallest detail has changed. Not just parents and girlfriends cheer from the stands. Hordes of fans, the band, cheerleaders, dance line, alumni, members of the press and yes, maybe even scouts from colleges grace the stands, ready to observe the action on the field. A change like that would put fear into anyone.

**COPY AND DESIGN  
BY WHITNEY MALLON**

# FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

The Freshman Football Squad went through change. Coach Phil Caldwell agreed.

"This Freshman team has a lot of talent and they are willing to sacrifice whatever it takes to have a strong and positive football program."

The extra workouts, the

adrenaline rush never felt before and maybe even the thought of their entire future in front of them.

"The freshmen were constantly reminded that education is their number-one priority, much more than conditioning and fundamental work," said Caldwell. The new re-

## TEAM SHOWS THEY HAVE GUTS AND TALENT AND WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO WIN

sponsibility the freshmen felt can often become overwhelming.

Football is all about team work. Each player has his own title and job but by themselves their goals cannot be accomplished.

Goals for the freshman team included keeping a positive attitude, good sportsmanship and learning to work together as a team. These goals mean putting self-centered ideals and bad attitudes

aside and putting the team first. Caldwell said, "The freshman have made a lot of good changes. Goals were met!"

### S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM

CENTER	6	WASHINGTON	14
CENTER	0	RAY-PEC	28
CENTER	8	HICKMAN MILLS	6
CENTER	8	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	14
CENTER	20	PARK HILL SOUTH	16
CENTER	20	RAYTOWN SOUTH	38
CENTER	8	PLATTE COUNTY	20



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: COACHES MARK HUTCHINSON AND PHIL CALDWELL ROW TWO: STEPHEN EALY, JOSH LONG, JOE ANDERSON, KYLE WILLIAMS, WALTER TOWNSEND, DERRICK CLARK, TIM JOHNSON, MELVIN COLE, JUSTIN SHERMAN ROW THREE: MARLIN MITCHELL, CHRIS HARRIS, ANDY CONARD KENNY GROVES, STEVEN WALLS, BYRON DIXON, ROBERT LOGAN, LENDERY COUNCIL, STEVEN WATSON

PHOTO BY KIM STOCK



AN EXAMPLE OF TEAM UNITY, FRESHMAN CHRIS HARRIS AND EIGHTH GRADER ANDY CONARD, ENJOYED THEIR SEASON TOGETHER. LEARNING THE NEW SKILLS AND MEETING NEW FRIENDS WENT ALONG WITH THE J.V. SEASON GOALS.

PHOTO BY KIM STOCK

SOPHOMORES JARED CASTLE, LOGAN GILLESPIE AND ANDREW JOHNSON RECEIVE RECOGNITION FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT ON THE JV SOCCER TEAM. THE SPORTS BANQUET GAVE ALL PLAYERS A CHANCE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SPORTS. PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



## S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

CENTER	1	KEARNEY	5
CENTER	1	GRANDVIEW	4
CENTER	1	PEMBROKE HILL	6
CENTER	0	HARRISONVILLE	0
CENTER	0	PARK HILL SOUTH	5
CENTER	0	BELTON	4
CENTER	0	O'HARA	3
CENTER	2	RAY-PEC	4
CENTER	1	PARK HILL SOUTH	3



JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER TEAM: ROW ONE: DARCY NORD, ANDREW BARTH, ELDER LOPEZ, JOEY DAVIS, TIM PHILLIPS, JUSTIN WAGES, ANDREW JOHNSON, JAY BARRY, IBAD SIDDIQI, LISA WELLINGTON ROW TWO: ANDY HANCH, JUSTIN PATMORE, JARED CASTLE, SCOTT SHANNAHAN, LOGAN GILLESPIE, JEFF TEETOR, JUSTEN SEIBOLT, ADAM RODRIGUEZ, FATIMA GONZALEZ, COACH CHUCK DUSKE

The J.V. Soccer Team came into their season full of pressure - pressure to improve on a winless season from the previous year. They improved by tying one game against Harrisonville. Despite the season's scores, Assistant Coach and Head J.V. Coach Andy Hanch said, "At the beginning of the season the scores were awful - 5 - 1 and 6 - 1, but as the season progressed, the scores became closer."

# JR. VARSITY SOCCER

COPY AND DESIGN  
BY NEIL CORRISTON

Looking for a chance to improve  
and prove themselves on the field

In any sport there is a time to win, a time to lose and a time to learn from one's mistakes. Though a young team, Junior Varsity players gained experience through hard work. But there were times when hard work just wasn't enough.

Players had to have 'the need' and 'the want' to win. Freshman Joey Davis

learned this.

"We could have done a lot better if we tried harder," Davis said.

Sometimes just learning from one's mistakes wasn't enough of a reward either.

"It would have been nice to win one," said Sophomore Tim Phillips.

The J.V. Soccer Team

came into the season with a lot of pressure - pressure to improve upon a winless 97-98 season. They did improve, by tying one game.

"The junior varsity team looked like a totally different team by the end of the season," said Varsity Coach Chuck Duske.

Maybe the scores did not

show what was learned during the 98-99 season, but it was apparent in the team unity and experience players gained during the course of the season.

Sports isn't all about winning of course. Having fun is also an important part of being a team. Sophomore Logan Gillespie said he had

fun and looks forward to next year's soccer season.

"We are all G's in our own special way," Gillespie said. With the 1998 season under their belt, the J.V. soccer team gained valuable experience which they plan to use to get the job done in 99.



Being a junior varsity or freshman volleyball player meant not always getting the recognition deserved. The teams overcame this obstacle and made a place of their own. From following the varsity team to District play to leading the fans in cheers - this team catapulted themselves into the spotlight.

# SHOWING OUR STUFF

**COPY AND DESIGN BY  
KELLY WARINNER AND  
LEANNA CARPENTER**

## Never afraid to raise their voices JV and freshmen show their spirit

Practice, homework, dinner, and then time to go night-night. For the Junior Varsity and Freshman Volleyball Team members, time was precious. In the end, all the time and sacrifices they made to contribute to the

team, was very evident. "We learned to work as a team and got used to a new coach this season," said returning Junior Varsity Player Amanda Corbin. "This year the coaches were more organized and our relation-

ship with the Varsity team was stronger."

The freshman team provided additional competition to other schools, but also added team spirit for the Lady Jackets. During games, the freshman and junior var-

sity teams could be heard above the whistles and balls being served - leading the crowd in cheers.

"The team was very spirited; the freshmen were crazy. We did cheers louder than any

other school," Corbin said.

Though losses outnumbered wins, hard work, team unity and an abundance of spirit kept these teams in the running.



FRESHMEN KATIE PICKETT, SHANNON DRUMMOND, AND ABBY HEFFERNAN SHOW TEAM SPIRIT WHILE ATTENDING AN AWAY GAME. SUPPORT FOR THE VARSITY TEAM WAS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT TO HAVE. PHOTO DONATED BY VOLLEYBALL PARENT



JUNIOR VARSITY TAKES A TIME-OUT TO GET PUMPED UP FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME. THEIR GOAL WAS TO GIVE EVERYTHING THEY HAD OUT ON THE COURT AND TO BE PROUD OF THEIR PERFORMANCE DESPITE WINS OR LOSSES.

PHOTO DONATED BY A VOLLEYBALL PARENT





SOPHOMORE MELISSA EBBERTS PREPARES FOR AN "ACE POTENTIAL" SERVE WHICH WOULD PROVE SKILL AND HOURS OF PRACTICE. THE JUNIOR VARSITY PLAYERS SPENT MANY PRACTICES PERFECTING SERVES AND OTHER VITAL TECHNIQUES.

PHOTO BY VOLLEYBALL PARENT



# S.C.O.R.E.B.O.A.R.D

## JV/FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL TEAM

CENTER	L	ODESSA	W
CENTER	L	GRANDVIEW	W
CENTER	W	KC CENTRAL	L
CENTER	W	RUSKIN	L
CENTER	L	PARK HILL SOUTH	W
CENTER	L	RAYMORE-PECULIAR	W
CENTER	L	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	W
CENTER	L	HICKMAN MILLS	W
CENTER	W	RUSKIN	L
CENTER	L	PARK HILL SOUTH	W
CENTER	L	RAYTOWN SOUTH	W
CENTER	L	RAYMORE-PECULIAR	W
CENTER	L	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	W
CENTER	L	HICKMAN MILLS	L



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: BECKY BRAKE ROW TWO: ABBY HEFFERNAN, SHANNON DRUMMOND, KATIE PICKETT, EMILY BUFORD ROW THREE: COACH BETH HEIDI, KATIE KORANDO, AMANDA PIERCE, NANCY KNICKERBOCKER, LORA MODLIN, AND COACH DANNY TIPTON



JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM ROW ONE: AMANDA CORBIN, JESSICA CRUMP ROW TWO: COACH BETH HEIDI, STEPHANIE WHEELER, HEATHER BLAKESLY, ANNA MANNINO, COACH DANNY TIPTON

SOPHOMORE MELISSA EBBERTS AND FRESHMAN KATIE PICKETT AWAITS THE SERVE FROM THE OPPOSING TEAM. CONCENTRATION AND SKILL WERE CRUCIAL IN ORDER TO RETURN THE SERVE AND GAIN THE ADVANTAGE IN THE GAME. PHOTO DONATED BY A VOLLEYBALL PARENT

The opposing team smacks the ball. It comes flying towards the net. It passes the net and SMACK! Center returns it. The ball flies towards the other team and they miss. Center gains a point! (The crowd goes wild!) This is how most of the games went for the Girls Tennis this year. The team placed second place in Varsity and best over all as a team in a Small Suburban Conference.

# GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM

COPY AND DESIGN  
BY AMY CARR

Shipman gains experience as well as acceptance during her years on team

For four years, Senior Monica Shipman played tennis. Between outside lessons in the summer and more in the winter, Shipman managed to become a successful tennis player.

Shipman went from being the only freshman on

the team to being co-captain with Leanna Carpenter. She went from being ranked number-three in singles, to being ranked number-one in doubles with partner Mary Ajarpu.

"When I first started playing on the team, I was

the only freshman. The class of 1997 welcomed me and look care of me," Shipman said.

Shipman played tennis for one reason - she loves it. When she entered high school, she had never played the game before.

"I started because it was

different, and because of my brother. Everyone played volleyball, and I wasn't any good at that, so I started to play tennis. Also, some of my brother's friends played, so I thought it would be cool," Shipman said. Shipman put in a lot of extra prac-

tice to help improve herself, making great strides from her freshman year. "I just want to say thanks to Leanna for putting up with me. I had a great time, and I hope that the team has good luck next year," Shipman said.

FRESHMEN HEATHER RACEY AND L'ARIN SMITH COMPETE IN A DOUBLES COMPETITION. BOTH GIRLS GAINED MUCH EXPERIENCE AND IMPROVED THEIR GAME DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR ON THE TEAM. PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



SOPHOMORE ANDREA NOBLE DASHES TO RETURN THE BALL. NOBLE WAS A TWO-YEAR VETERAN OF THE TEAM DURING THE '99 SEASON.

PHOTO KELLY WARINNER

SENIOR LEANNA CARPENTER, SOPHOMORE HALLE GÖTFREDSON, SOPHOMORE CHERI SWEANEY, AND SOPHOMORE GLORY AJARAPU DISCUSS THEIR GAME. THE TENNIS TEAM WON 6 - 1 IN THE GAME AGAINST O'HARA.

PHOTO DONATED BY LEANNA CARPENTER



LOFTING THE BALL HIGH INTO THE AIR, SOUTHPAW SENIOR LEANNA CARPENTER GETS READY TO UNLEASH A LETHAL SERVE. CARPENTER WAS CO-CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



SOPHOMORE MARIANNE GRANDI ATTEMPTS TO STUDY BETWEEN GAMES. WITH PRACTICE EVERY NIGHT IN ADDITION TO GAMES, PLAYERS HAD TO GET SCHOOL WORK DONE WHENEVER THEY COULD. PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



# S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D

## GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM

CENTER	6		HICKMAN MILLS	1
CENTER	7		HICKMAN MILLS	0
CENTER	5		RAY PEC	2
CENTER	6		RAY PEC	1
CENTER	4		EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	3
CENTER	3		EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	4
CENTER	7		RUSKIN	0
CENTER	6		RUSKIN	1
CENTER	1		PARKHILL SOUTH	6
CENTER	1		PARKHILL SOUTH	6
CENTER	7		LINCOLN PREP	2
CENTER	1		BELTON	6
CENTER	5		GRANDVIEW	2
CENTER	3		BARSTOW	5



GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM: ROW ONE: LEANNA CARPENTER, MONICA SHIPMAN ROW TWO: LARIN SMITH, MARIANNE GRANDI, HEATHER RACEY, KIM KNOWLTON, LAURA ERICKSON, NICOLE KING, MELINDA GRANDI ROW THREE: BESSIE WEATHERSBY, TJARA WEATHERSBY, MARY AJJARAPU, CHERI SWEANY, GLORY AJJARAPU, ANDREA NOBEL, HALLE GOTTFREDSON



SOPHOMORE TJARA WEATHERSBY RETURNS THE BALL AT A HOME TENNIS GAME. WEATHERSBY WON THE GAME AGAINST O'HARA.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

# S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D

## VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY

RACE	TOP FINISH
BELTON INVITATIONAL	TOP FINISH
HARRISONVILLE INVITATIONAL	TOP FINISH
RAYMORE PECULIAR	TOP FINISH
RIM ROCK INVITATIONAL	TOP FINISH
ST. JOE LAFAYETTE	TOP FINISH
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	TOP FINISH
CONFERENCE	TOP FINISH
DISTRICTS	TOP FINISH

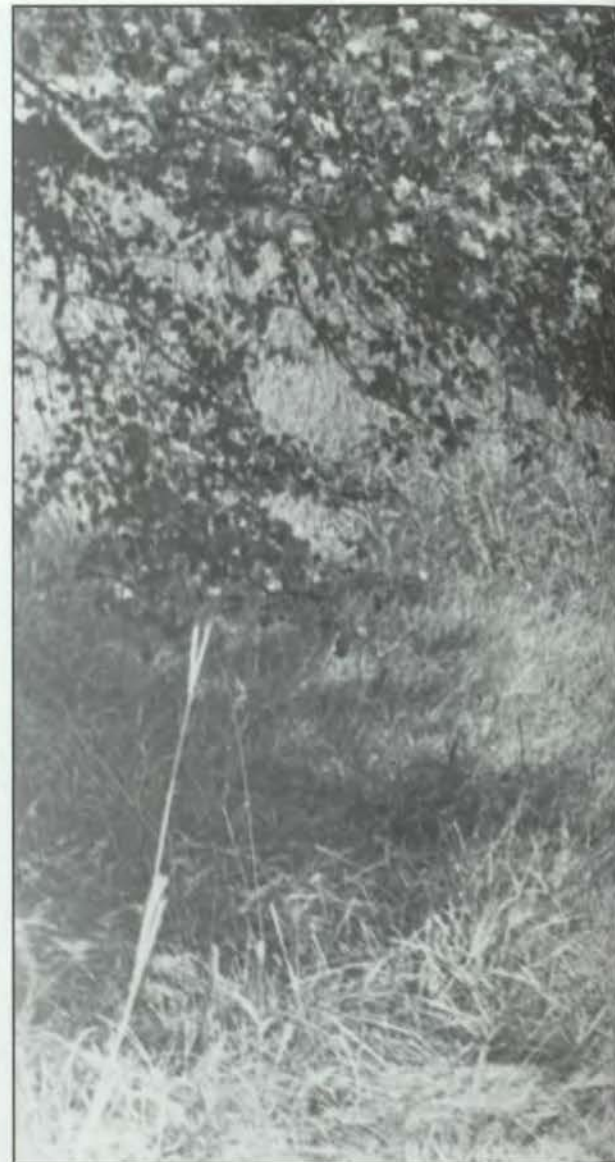
MARK ROYER AND JEFF PEAK ARE SEEN PACING EACH OTHER, WITH THE INTENT OF IMPROVING EACH OTHER'S TIME. TEAM INTEGRITY WAS A LARGE PART OF THE CROSS-COUNTRY'S STRATEGY.  
PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM: ROW ONE: TIM PHILLIPS, GINGER DAMRON, AUDREY YOUNG. ROW TWO: MARK ROYER, MIKE DANIELS, JEFF PEAK, COACH BRUCE REHMER. NOT PICTURED: BRET EUBANK

FINISHING ANY RACE IS REASON ENOUGH TO GET EXCITED. BRET CELEBRATED BY EMBRACING HIS FATHER WITH PROUD HUG.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



Runners line up along the white line, waiting for the explosion of the gun. Glancing to the left and right, members of the Cross Country Team are surrounded by an abundance of colors not familiar to them. Finally, they see a fellow team mate wearing the school colors of blue and gold at the far end, separated by about 50 other runners. The gun sounds the race begins.

# SMALL, YET MIGHTY

## Cross-country team earns their name as the teeny, tiny terrors

COPY AND DESIGN  
BY JOEY BRAKE

Reluctantly crouched at the starting line, hearts are thumping and jumping in time. The gun goes up. Cleats leave scratches and little clouds of dust as they sprint heaving, yearning for the cup. Off they run, though not as a large team, but as a close team. Look-

ing out, an ocean of runners can be seen wearing their school colors with pride. While large groups from other schools congregate, creating pools of school color, only a few in the blue and gold of Center gather to race.

Lack of runners was

probably the biggest reason that the Center Cross Country Team did not obtain big wins during the season. However, individual honors were often rewarded.

Because of their size, runners were able to either form new relationships or

strengthen old ones. The team became good friends on and off the trail.

Team unity played a big part in the success of the team.

Junior Jeff Peak's strategy said, "I just tried to stay with Bret and Mark."

The other schools had

around 30 runners, while Center boasted only five consistent runners and two who ran only when soccer schedules were not conflicting. Despite such a small team, spirit and pride were large as well as personal accomplishments.



CONSERVING AS MUCH ENERGY AS POSSIBLE, AUDREY YOUNG AND GINGER DAMRON REST BEFORE THE BIG RACE. MUCH ENERGY WAS REQUIRED FOR THE GRUELING RACES ACROSS UNSTABLE TERRAIN. PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



GINGER DAMRON LEADS THE WAY UP THE MONSTROUS HILL. BEFORE EACH RACE, THE RUNNERS WALKED THE COURSE TO TRY TO SPOT ANY AREAS THAT MIGHT GIVE THEM TROUBLE. PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

BRET EUBANK WAS THE LEADING FINISHER IN EACH OF THE CROSS-COUNTRY RACES. THE REST OF THE TEAM LOOKED TO EUBANK FOR LEADERSHIP, ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



AUDREY YOUNG STRIVES TO BETTER HER TIME BY RUNNING THROUGH HER PAIN. IT TOOK AN EXTREME AMOUNT OF DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED IN CROSS-COUNTRY. PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

Every year, it seemed that students put in an eight-hour day at school. For the Varsity Basketball Team, an eight-hour day would have been a treat. With practices and games included, the team spent about 12 hours a day in the school during basketball season.

# GIVING IT THEIR ALL, AND THEN SOME

## Practice and dedication along with faithful fans lead team to success

COPY AND DESIGN  
BY KELLY WARINNER

Being a part of the Fighting Yellowjackets' sports program takes dedication, effort and practice. To be a part of the Boy's Varsity basketball team took a lot more than that. Team members were faced with tough decisions at the beginning of the season. Each individual had to decide whether he wanted to put forth the time and effort into

the team to make the season a winning one. That meant giving up that extra hour of sleep in the morning and staying after school late instead of going home and taking a break from all the work.

Definitely a remembered game from the '98-'99 season was when number-two ranked Center faced the number-one ranked

team in the city-Pembroke Hill. Because of the importance of the game, it was covered by a film crew from Metro Sports and televised the following evening. Despite a loss, the *Yellowjackets* played a hard-fought game.

"We played a good game. It was really nice to see all the fan support at that game, and also at all of our

other home games. We played a lot better when we had our school cheering us on," Senior Evan Cleaver said.

Overall, the time and effort the players put into the team made it a season to be remembered. Varsity Coach Ed Fritz put all he had into each individual and formed a winning team that will be missed next year.

Senior Bret Eubank said he will especially miss basketball after he graduates.

"This team has been playing together for six years—since seventh grade—and I'm really going to miss all the games. I had hoped that this last year playing would be awesome, but it was even better than I had hoped," said Eubank.

SENIORS RANDY ROBINSON AND EVAN CLEAVER COVER A CENTRAL PLAYER. GOOD COVERAGE WAS CRUCIAL IN ORDER TO GAIN A LEAD AND HOLD ONTO IT IN THE COURSE OF THE GAME. PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



JUNIOR JASON CURRY CONCENTRATES ON MAKING THE FREE-THROW SHOT. WITH THE ROAR OF THE CROWDS, FAVORING AND OPPOSING, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE PLAYERS TO DROWN OUT THE NOISE AND FOCUS ON THE SHOT. PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN

THE CROWD GETS PUMPED UP WHILE SOPHOMORE KENNY WOODARD'S NAME ECHOES THROUGHOUT THE GYM. THE BASKETBALL TEAM, ALONG WITH THE CHEERLEADERS AND DANCE LINE MEMBERS, MADE UP THE RUN-THROUGH LINE THAT CHEERED ON THE STARTING VARSITY PLAYERS. PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN

SENIOR VESSELL WELLS, IN PERPETUAL MOTION, FIRES UP A PERFECT FREE-THROW SHOT. THE YELLOWJACKETS KNEW THE IMPORTANCE OF FREE THROWS AND WORKED HARD TO GET THE REBOUND IF THE SHOT WAS MISSED. PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



A FILM CREW FROM METRO SPORTS FILMS THE GAME AGAINST PEMBROKE GAME ON DECEMBER 3. ASIDE FROM BEING TELEVISED, IT WAS ALSO "PACK-THE-GYM-NIGHT". PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



# S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D

## BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

CENTER	78	LINCOLN PREP	54
CENTER	70	CENTRAL	72
CENTER	56	PEMBROKE HILL	61
<b>HOLDEN TOURNAMENT</b>			
CENTER	111	LEETON	29
CENTER	92	SMITHTON	16
CENTER	76	SHEEWOOD	55
CENTER	77	RAYMORE-PECULIAR	29
CENTER	58	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	47
<b>PIGGLY WIGGLY SHOOT-OUT</b>			
CENTER	61	BLUE VALLEY NORTH	46
CENTER	58	RUSKIN	47
CENTER	70	RAYMORE-PECULIAR	47
CENTER	40	RAYTOWN SOUTH	48
CENTER	58	HICKMAN MILLS	63
CENTER	63	TOPEKA TOURN. LAWRENCE	61
CENTER	40	SHAWNEE HEIGHTS	47
CENTER	40	SEAMEN	51
CENTER	69	PARK HILL SOUTH	35
CENTER	74	RUSKIN	61
<b>BELTON TOURNAMENT</b>			
CENTER	77	BELTON	43
CENTER	55	GRANDVIEW	61



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: LESTER TAPP, LESLIE LEWIS, EVAN CLEVER, MIKE MCCRORY, BRET EUBANK, RANDY ROBINSON. ROW TWO: LAMONT DIXON, JEROME HARRIS, MATT DAGGETT, JASON CURRY, KENNY WOODARD, BRANDON BRENNAN, NATHAN MITCHELL, BECKY BRAKE. ROW THREE: COACH ED FRITZ, ODELL NELSON, NATE JENKINS, TYLER CRAFTON, CHRIS KIRKENDOLL, AARON WILLIAMS, MIKE SPRIGGS, COACH STEVE PERRY

KRIS KERKENDOLL CONCENTRATES ON SINKING A FREETHROW. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF FOULS BY SINKING FREESHOTS OFTEN PROVED ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE TEAM.  
PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN

JUNIOR AARON WILLIAMS PRACTICES LAYUPS BEFORE A GAME. WARMING UP HELPED PLAYERS STAY CLEAR OF INJURY AND HELPED TO INTIMIDATE THE OPPOSITION.  
PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



JUNIOR JEROME HARRIS SHOOT AS THE OPPOSITION SCRAMBLES TO DEFLECT THE ATTEMPT. CENTER PREPARED BY STAYING UNDER THE HOOP TO GRAB A REBOUND.  
PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN





# S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D

## BOYS' FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

CENTER	W	RAYMORE-PECULIAR	L
CENTER	W	PEMBROKE HILL	L
CENTER	W	HARRISONVILLE	L
CENTER	W	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	L
CENTER	W	RUSKIN	L
CENTER	W	BISHOP HOGAN	L
CENTER	L	RAYTOWN SOUTH	W
CENTER	W	HICKMAN MILLS	L
CENTER	W	GRANDVIEW	L
CENTER	W	PARK HILL SOUTH	L

## BOYS'S J.V. BASKETBALL

CENTER	59	LINCOLN PREP	46
CENTER	49	CENTRAL	51
CENTER	48	PEMBROOK HILL	42
CENTER	66	RAYMORE PECULIAR	33
CENTER	80	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	45
CENTER	72	RUSKIN	27
CENTER	50	RAYMORE PECULIAR	39
CENTER	51	RAYTOWN SOUTH	59
CENTER	43	HICKMAN MILLS	44
CENTER	79	PARK HILL SOUTH	47
CENTER	58	RUSKIN	54
CENTER	69	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	48
CENTER	53	RAYTOWN SOUTH	59
CENTER	35	HICKMAN MILLS	40
CENTER	74	PARK HILL SOUTH	33
CENTER	53	SHAWNEE MISSION E	56



FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM: ROW ONE ZACH EUBANK, TIMOTHY CLAYTON, C.J. MITCHELL, TIMOTHY JOHNSON ROW TWO: MELVIN COLE, LE'RON HUDSON, DEREK CLARK, KENNY GROVES, ALONZO CRAWFORD ROW THREE: COACH ERIC BOWIE, ADAM RODRIGUEZ, KYLE WILLIAMS, STEVEN WALSH, OPIS SMITH, BYRON JOHNSON, JUSTIN MCCLAIRE, TRAVIS CRAFTON

WHEREVER THERE WAS A LOOSE BALL, CENTER WAS FIGHTING HARD FOR POSSESSION. DURING PRACTICE, THE JACKETS WORKED ACQUIRING POSSESSION OF ALL LOOSE BALLS. PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

SENIOR JALONN SIDNEY RUNS THROUGH THE AWAITING HANDS OF HER TEAMMATES WHEN SHE HEARS HER NAME ANNOUNCED, PUMPING UP ENTHUSIASM BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE GAME WAS IMPORTANT TO THE ATHLETES.  
PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

SOPHOMORE AISHAH AUGUSTA LOOKS TO PASS THE BALL DOWN THE BASKETBALL COURT. SINCE ONLY SIX SENIORS GRACED THE ROSTER, UNDERCLASSMEN MADE A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM.  
PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



The '98-'99 Girls' Basketball Team had something special about it- leadership was abundant. Six senior leaders graced the team roster. With a new coach, it is sometimes hard to know what the team usually did in practice, what skills they already knew, and who to turn to for answers to questions. Coach Maria Jonas didn't have this problem, though. Whenever she had any questions, she could rely on her senior leaders to help out.

# OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

COPY AND DESIGN  
BY GINGER DAMRON

## Adjusting to changes seems to just make this team stronger than ever

The '98-'99 Girls' Varsity Basketball Team faced adversity, but overcame it to become a great team.

They had a new coach with new techniques and had to learn to adjust, as well as play as a team.

Sophomore Aishah Au-

gusta said, "We had to change the way we acted in practices. She expected us to be serious and to stay intense." This proved to be a difficult transition for some players, but as the season progressed, they became a very focused team.

"We wanted to win," said Senior Menulique Foreman. "That took a lot of work."

Winning and having fun are the goals for most athletes, but sometimes the two go hand in hand.

"You always have a happy feeling after a

win. We would sing and laugh on the bus ride home. It was always more fun after we had won a game as opposed to when we lost," said Senior Sydra Lyke. Losses were not detrimental to the team, as they used them to learn and improve.

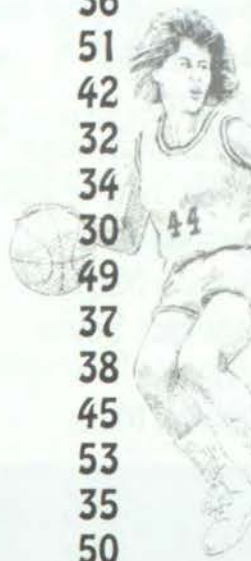
"We tried to look at what we had done wrong and what needed to be improved after each game," said Junior Wyketha Harrell.

The players grew individually and also as a team. Although they lost six seniors, the girls are already looking forward to next season.

# S·C·O·R·E·B·O·A·R·D

## GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

CENTER	36	NOTRE DAME DE SION	68
CENTER	51	CENTRAL	44
CENTER	42	SHAWNEE MISSION NW	62
CENTER	32	NORHEAST	53
CENTER	34	RAYMORE PECULIAR	54
CENTER	30	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	60
CENTER	49	RUSKIN	41
CENTER	37	RAYTOWN SOUTH	62
CENTER	38	HICKMAN MILLS	49
CENTER	45	PARK HILL SOUTH	62
CENTER	53	O'HARA	51
CENTER	35	HICKMAN MILLS	44
CENTER	50	PARK HILL SOUTH	39



VARSIY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: FAHTEEMA COLLINS, JALONN SIDNEY, SYDRA LYKE, MENULIQUE FOREMAN, REGAN TOWNSEND, MONIQUE BANKHEAD. ROW TWO: COACH MARIA JONAS, RASHAWNDA HARRIS, AMBER RANDALL, WYKETHA HARRELL, LAVITA VERSER, AISHA AUGUSTA, COACH BUTLER.



THE TEAM HUDDLES UP AT HALF COURT TO SHARE ENCOURAGEMENT BEFORE A GAME. THIS BECAME A PRE-GAME TRADITION THAT HELPED BUILD TEAMWORK BEFORE EACH GAME.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



JUNIOR WYKETHA HARRELL GOES UP FOR THE TIP OFF AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME. THE INTENSITY OF THE GAME BEGAN WITH THE TIP OFF AND CONTINUED FOR THE NEXT FOUR QUARTERS.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



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## GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL

CENTER	8	SHAWNEE MISSION NW	53
CENTER	27	NORTHEAST	28
CENTER	16	RAY-PEC	38
CENTER	28	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	44
CENTER	18	RUSKIN	33
CENTER	19	RAYTOWN SOUTH	54
CENTER	11	HICKMAN MILLS	61
CENTER	13	PARK HILL SOUTH	44
CENTER	30	O'HARA	43
CENTER	9	HICKMAN MILLS	25



GIRLS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: C. CHASE, T. WILLIAMS, C. FORTUNE, W. ROBINSON, H. RACEY  
ROW TWO: COACH MARIA JONAS, K. HARRIS, K. AUSTIN, L. VERSER, L. WILLIAMS, L. HARLAND, S. CUNNINGHAM,  
M. MSQUITTY, COACH ANNA BUTLER

DURING A GAME AGAINST THE RAY SOUTH CARDINALS, THE LADY JACKETS STRUGGLE TO HUSTLE BACK ON DEFENSE DUE TO LACK OF HEIGHT ON THE TEAM. SPEED AND PERFECTED TECHNIQUES WERE HEAVILY RELIED UPON BY THE TEAM.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



THE GIRLS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM LISTENS ATTENTIVELY TO COACH ANNA BUTLER AS SHE DISCUSSES THE GAME PLAN FOR THE NEXT QUARTER OF PLAY. GAME STRATEGY, AS WELL AS PEP TALKS WERE DELIVERED TO ATHLETES DURING TIME-OUTS. PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



Everyone has a role model or hero they look up to. Members of the girl's Junior Varsity Basketball team were so impressed with a famous basketball player that they imitated their skills and behavior on and off the court. From sportsmanship to shooting styles, the JV team was influenced by well known players in the NBA and WNBA.

# ROLE MODELS INSPIRE YOUTH ATHLETES

COPY AND DESIGN  
By LEANNA CARPENTER

## Girls' junior varsity members admire role models for more than just talent

"Jordan - I like his style. He never gets mad at others and is a team person. He's also very aggressive."

Junior Deanna Jones

"Cheryl Swopes- she is a baller. She can

play and has style. Cheryl doesn't hog the ball."

Freshman Heather Racey

"Cobey Bryant- He's cute and young. He can play some ball. Allan Iverson is cool,

too. He's got some moves that everyone tries to copy."

Freshman Tonille Williams

"Anfernee Hardaway. He has unique style His ball handling is good.

Freshman Monchel Msquilty

"Jordan is someone I'd most like to play like. He's my role model and one of the best players in the NBA.

Freshman Keara Austin

"Lisa Leslie because she's a hooper. Lisa's a good shooter, has a good personality, and is a good role model."

Freshman Chasity Chase



FRESHMAN KEARA AUSTIN LOOKS OVER HER OPPONENTS IN SEARCH OF A LADY JACKET OPEN FOR A PASS. MUCH CONCENTRATION, COORDINATION AND PATIENCE WERE NEEDED TO SUCCEED ON THE COURT.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



FRESHMAN TONILLE WILLIAMS LOOKS TO PASS THE BALL TO TEAMMATE LENORA HARLAND. MEMBERS OF THE BASKETBALL TEAM RELIED ON TEAMWORK AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGH WINS AND LOSSES.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

PLAYING DEFENSE, THE LADY JACKETS PREPARE TO STOP THE OPPOSING TEAM FROM SHOOTING AND SCORING. TECHNIQUES IN BOTH ZONE AND MAN-TO-MAN DEFENSE WERE PRACTICED TO PERFECTION IN HOURS OF AFTER-SCHOOL PRACTICES.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



TAKING TIME DRIBBLING TO HER END OF THE COURT, FRESHMAN LATOYA WILLIAMS SURVEYS HER OPTIONS UNDER THE BASKET. LESS PRESSURE WAS ON THE POINT GUARD WHEN TEAMMATES KEPT DEFENDERS AT BAY.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



Wrestling as defined in Webster's dictionary is: a form of sport in which the opponents struggle hand and hand, attempting to throw or force each other to the ground without striking blows. Almost sounds easy.

# BE ALL YOU CAN BE

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WHITNEY MALLON

## Center's wrestling team learns that winning is not always important.

Everyone has wrestled around on their living room floor, but the actual sport of wrestling is a little more complicated than that. The real sport includes tactics and strategies - special moves practiced over and over until the move

becomes as natural as clinching a fist.

Center's wrestling history is strong. Strong as in its players, but not always in the size of the team.

Junior Leif Wisdahl said, "It's hard to win a match when before we

even start we're already down 15 or 20 points."

The way a match is scored is simple. Each weight class needs to be filled with at least one athlete for each weight class the opponent has. If one team has a person and an-

other doesn't, then the match is forfeited, giving the team with the man six points. This deficit is hard to overcome when you could be missing three to five players every meet.

The players themselves earn points on

the mat for various moves. Center's coaches hope that more students come out for the team next year.

SOPHOMORE SEAN KELLY SLAMS HIS OPPONENT TO THE MAT WITH THE OLYMPIC HEAD LOCK. THE OLYMPIC IS ONE OF THE HARDEST HEAD LOCKS TO ESCAPE FROM. KELLY WENT ON TO PIN HIS OPPONENT.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



JUNIOR CLIFFORD JUAN WARMS UP FOR A MATCH. KEEPING YOUR BODY MOVING WHILE WAITING TO WRESTLE WAS IMPORTANT.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



SENIOR STEPHANIE NICHOLS PREPARES TO ATTACK HER MALE OPPONENTS. NICHOLS WHO HAS WRESTLED SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS GIVEN MANY MEN WRESTLERS A TOUGH OPPONENT THROUGH OUT HER YEARS.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON

EVEN WITH AN INJURY, JUNIOR LEIF WISDAHL TRIES TO PUT HIS RAY-PEC OPPONENT IN A CRADLE. MANY WRESTLERS ON THE TEAM HAD TO COMPETE THROUGH INJURIES.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



JUNIOR CLIFFORD JUAN DRIVES HIS OPPONENT TO THE MAT. JUAN'S DEDICATION WAS APPRECIATED GREATLY BY THE ENTIRE TEAM.

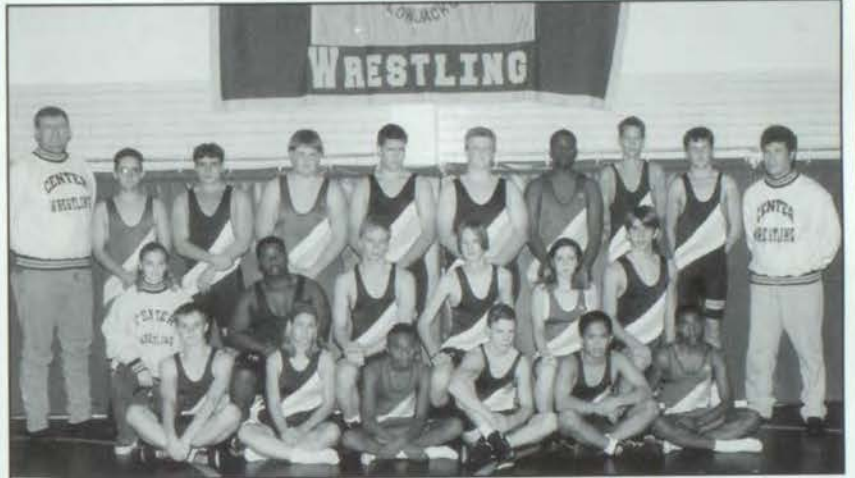
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## WRESTLING

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CENTER	L	SMITHVILLE	W
CENTER	L	RUSKIN	W
CENTER	L	BELTON TOURN.	W
CENTER	L	FRESH. TOURN.	W
CENTER	L	ROCKHURST	W
CENTER	L	RAY-PEC	W
CENTER	L	S. HARRISON INVIT.	W
CENTER	L	HICKMAN MILLS	W
CENTER	L	St. JOE LAFAYETTE	W
CENTER	L	CENTER TOURN.	W
CENTER	L	RAYTOWN SOUTH	W
CENTER	L	WARRENSBURG	W
CENTER	L	KEARNEY TOURN.	W
CENTER	L	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	W
CENTER	L	PARK HILL SOUTH	W
CENTER	L	DISTRICTS	W
CENTER	L	SECTIONALS	W
CENTER	L	STATE	W



WRESTLING TEAM; ROW ONE: TIM PHILLIPS, STEPHANIE NICHOLS, JERMAINE JACOBS, SEAN JOHNSON, CLIFFORD JUAN, ROBERT LOGAN ROW TWO: STEVE ECHOLS, LEIF WISDAHL, EMILY WALKER, RYAN KULKE ROW THREE: HEAD COACH ALAN ISOM, CHRIS JOHNSTON, DARREN TAYLOR, SHAWN CAMPBELL, TONY ANTONELLO, SAM WIELRET, JARED CASTLE, RYAN RAMEL, COACH RICK SMITH



CENTER'S WRESTLING TEAM SITS ON THE SIDE CHEERING A FELLOW TEAM MEMBER ON. TAKING ON AN OPPONENT ONE ON ONE IS HARD ENOUGH AND HAVING OUR TEAM BEHIND YOU IS A BIG HELP.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

As the players hit the field, the crowd goes wild. The baseball and track team this year took great pride in their young teams and looked forward to having a good year. Coaches had to face the problem of weeding out who was best at what with a large variety to choose from. But when everyone knew what they were going to do, the season couldn't be better.

# DEDICATION AND AGILITY

## TAKING ATHLETES TO THE TOP

COPY AND DESIGN  
By TARA TISCHER

Sweat is dripping into your eyes. Your heart is pounding 200 mph, as you run to a get away from what is chasing you. They're getting closer, so you push your body to the max. Sound like a bad dream? How about track practice?

These dedicated athletes go through rigorous conditioning on a daily basis, just to get ready for some competition and to capture a win here and there.

"When I won the State Championship for the 100-meter race last year, I felt it was a great accomplishment. I was very proud of myself. I couldn't believe I had won it all," said Amanda Scullark.

Last year, Scullark also achieved the honor of Conference, District and Sectional champ in the 100 and 200-meter dash. She is a two-time State champ in the 100-meter dash, and took third in the 200-meter

dash at State. But these achievements didn't come without hard work.

"I practice every day after school and lift weights three times a week," said Scullark.

Track is just as much a mental sport as a physical one. Scullark's approach to facing a race was music. Many other track members also had rituals for the moments before the race.

Senior Regan Townsend prepared by running two

warm-up laps and praying; while fellow runner Senior Steve Mattson listened to rap music.

Whatever the preparation for the race, the team agreed the season was successful.

The baseball teams also shared the spotlight through the spring season. These guys were out every day after school from three until five, catching pop flies, scooping up ground balls and working

on their skills in the batting cages.

"I think this season we got off to a better start. Everyone is more responsible now and knows they need to win," said Sophomore Brandon Brennan. Brennan was introduced to baseball by his father and says his favorite part of the sport is the winning.

But whether these teams win or lose, it is still all about playing for the love of the sport.



FRESHMAN MARLON MITCHELL CONDITIONS TO GAIN GREATER SPEED AND STAMINA. TRACK ATHLETES HAD TO DO MANY DRILLS TO REACH THESE GOALS.  
PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

FRESHMAN MONCHEL MCQUITTY PRACTICES FOR THE UPCOMING TRACK SEASON. MANY TRACK RUNNERS BELIEVED THIS SEASON WAS GOING TO TOP ALL OTHERS.  
PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



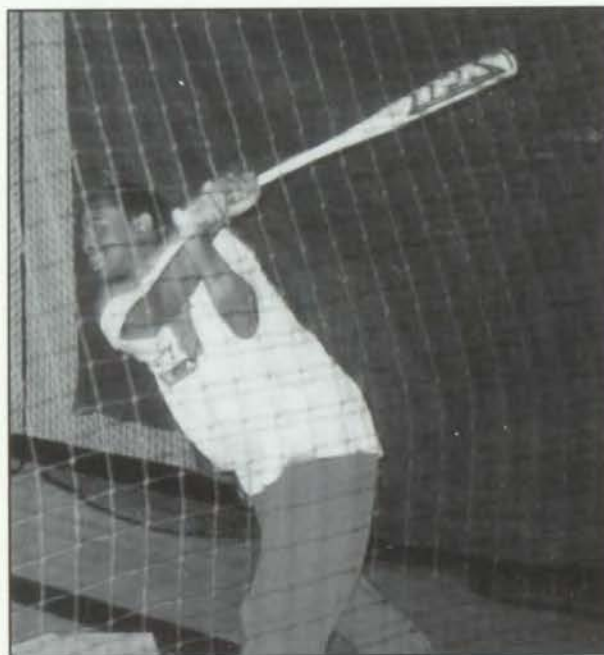


SOPHOMORE CHARLES NOTHNAGEL AND JUNIOR QUINTON RANDLE PRACTICE THEIR CATCHING AND THROWING SKILLS IN PRACTICE. PLAYERS NEEDED PATIENCE AND PRACTICE TO TAKE THEIR GAME TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

WHILE GETTING A PEP TALK FROM COACH HAMMES, PLAYERS STRETCH OUT BEFORE PRACTICE. STRETCHING OUT HELPS PREVENT INJURIES AND KEEPS THE ATHLETES HEALTHY.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



JUNIOR JEFF PEAK AND SOPHOMORE BRANDON BRENNAN WARM UP THEIR ARMS DURING BASEBALL PRACTICE. YOUR ABILITY TO THROW THE BALL ON TARGET IS KEY IN BASEBALL.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

JUNIOR ROBBIE WILLIAMS PRACTICES HITTING IN BASEBALL PRACTICE. PLAYERS SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN THE BATTING CAGES TO PERFECT THEIR SKILLS.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

The 2:40 bell rings and students run out into the parking lot, ready to go home and relax. The sun is shining and everything seems perfect. Some students have chosen to stick around for another two and a half hours of torture though. Every athlete has experienced that little twinge of envy as they see everyone driving away without a care in the world, while they remain behind.

# TIME MANAGEMENT AT ITS BEST

**COPY AND DESIGN**  
**By GINGER DAMRON**

## Athletes juggle academics and sports and even after-school employment

The days were getting longer, the weather warmer and the end of the school year was in sight. It was sometimes hard to concentrate under these circumstances and athletes felt the effect of spring fever even more. Finish home-

work became a more difficult chore, but adding a two-hour daily practice in there made it even harder.

Senior Sedic Hibler felt that strain.

"If you get caught up in one thing - tennis in my case - ev-

erything else doesn't matter. This is especially true of my school work," Hibler said.

An after-school sport not only consumed time, but also took a lot of energy.

"After I get home from practice, I just want to relax for

awhile," said Senior Mike Daniels.

Sports seemed to take a front seat to academics with some athletes.

When asked if this lack of motivation in school carried over to his sport, Junior Jeff

Hill said, "Lord no! Golf is the bomb!"

It seems that sports were taking over where school sometimes fell short. Athletics gave students something they could put their energy and heart into.

PREPARING TO RETURN A SERVE, SENIOR MIKE DANIELS GETS INTO POSITION. TENNIS PLAYERS PRACTICED INDOORS DURING 'NOT SO GREAT WEATHER' WHICH MADE IT EASIER TO GET BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



JUNIOR PHILLIP SMITH BATS THE TENNIS BALL BACK OVER THE NET. SOME OF THE TENNIS PLAYERS WORKED OUT BEFORE THE SEASON STARTED IN AN INDOOR COURT.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

JUNIOR TOAN NUGYEN TRIES TO SPOT THE BALL AS IT COMES OVER THE NET. THE GLARE OF THE SUN WAS SOMETIMES AN OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF RETURNING THE BALL.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

FRESHMAN ZACK EUBANK MEASURES THE GREEN TO LINE UP HIS PUTT. MORE SKILL IS INVOLVED WITH GOLF THAN SIMPLY HITTING A LITTLE WHITE BALL.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



FRESHMAN MICHAEL JACKSON PUTS IN A PERFECT SHORT PUTT. PUTTING WAS AN INTRIGRAL PART OF JACKSON'S GOLF GAME.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



JUNIOR JEFF HILL TAKES ONE FINAL GLANCE WHILE TAKING A PRACTICE SWING. IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO FOCUS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DRIVING THE BALL DOWN THE FAIRWAY.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

SHOWING EXCELLENT FORM, JUNIOR JEFF HILL, HITS A LONG DRIVE DOWN THE DRIVING RANGE. A LOT OF TIME WAS SPENT ON THE DRIVING RANGE WITH THE INTENT OF PERFECTING THEIR STROKE.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

Diving effortlessly into the clear water, the swimmer takes the lead and continues to with each pull. Each time his bald head rises above the water's surface, his teammates' cheers of encouragement can be heard above the rest of the crowd. The only thoughts in his mind are of finishing first and going to Pizza Hut after the meet.

# DIVING FULL FORCE INTO A NEW SEASON

COPY AND DESIGN  
BY LEANNA CARPENTER

## Singing songs on the bus and shaving bald...new traditions

Walking down the halls between classes and during lunch, students often stared at the scruffy-looking guys who made up the swim team. Despite their long, ungroomed hair, the Boys' Swim Team overcame the funny looks and comments from others to become a team containing strong friendships and lasting traditions.

"After home meets, the team goes to Pizza Hut to celebrate - even if the outcome wasn't too good," said Senior Mark Hasselwood of one of the many traditions the team continued from the previous season.

One of the most obvious traditions was the one they started during the '99 season. From the day the first

swim practice started, the swimmers decided not to cut their hair until winter vacation. During that time, they gathered at a team member's house and shaved their heads completely bald.

"Over winter break, we finally decided to shave our heads. Until then, we didn't comb or wash our hair. Shaving our heads was

something to do as a team and bring us together," said Junior Joey Brake.

Not all traditions were as drastic as going bald. On the way to away swim meets, the team would sing on the bus and have spaghetti dinners before important events.

Some athletes even built their own traditions.

"On the bus to away

games, I would always spill soda on myself. It kinda became a tradition for me," Sophomore Andrew Johnson said.

It was apparent the Boys' Swim Team had several traditions to uphold and bring the members closer together through the many experiences they shared and the memories they made.



JUNIOR JEFF PEAK COMPLETES FINISHING TOUCHES ON SOPHOMORE ANDREW JOHNSON'S BALD HEAD WITH A RAZOR. THE BOYS ON THE SWIM TEAM WHO TOOK PART IN THE NEW TRADITION DECIDED TO GO FOR A "NO CUT '99" WHERE THEY WOULD NOT CUT THEIR HAIR FOR A YEAR.

PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



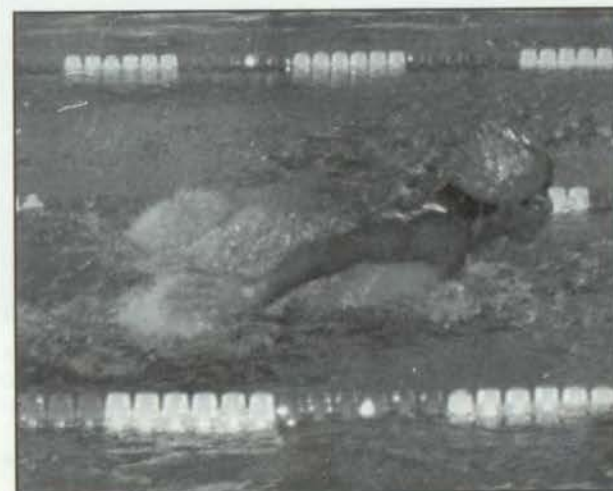
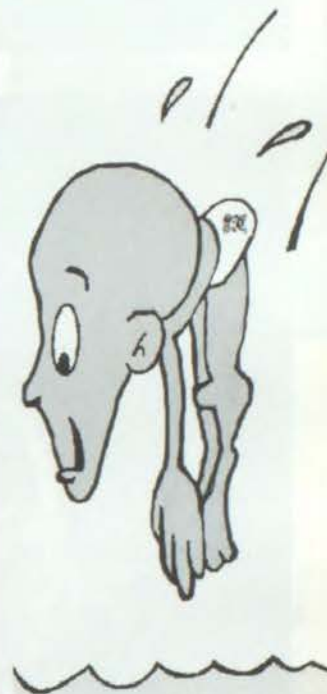
LISTENING TO THE WORK-OUT ROUTINE, JUNIORS JOEY BRAKE AND JEFF HILL USE THIS TIME TO TAKE A REST BETWEEN LAPS. PRACTICES WERE ESSENTIAL TO SWIMMERS WHO PREPARED FOR UPCOMING MEETS AND COMPETITIONS.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

PREPARING TO DIVE INTO THE WATER AT THE SOUND OF THE GUN, SOPHOMORE LOGAN GILLESPIE TAKES HIS MARK. A SWIMMER'S DIVE WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF A SUCCESSFUL RACE. PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



BOYS' SWIMMING TEAM: ROW ONE: ANDREW BARTH, RENEE BETTS, CARRIE HOWARD, LISA WELLINGTON, JOEY DAVIS ROW TWO: COACH ANDY HANCH, BILL ONG, MARK HASELWOOD, LOGAN GILLESPIE, JEFF PEAK, MARK ROYER, JOEY BRAKE, NEIL CORRISTON, JEFF HILL ANDREW JOHNSON NOT PICTURED.



SOPHOMORES MARK ROYER AND ANDREW JOHNSON AND JUNIORS JEFF HILL, JEFF PEAK AND JOEY BRAKE PREPARE TO SHAVE THEIR HEADS FOR THE SWIM TEAM. MEMBERS OF THE SWIM TEAM WERE OFTEN KNOWN TO DO CRAZY AND UNEXPECTED THINGS. PHOTO DONATED BY ANDREW JOHNSON

COMPLETING HIS LAST LAP OF BUTTERFLY, JUNIOR NEIL CORRISTON PULLS HARD TO THE END. MEMBERS OF THE SWIM TEAM COMPETED AGAINST THEIR OWN PERSONAL TIMES RATHER THAN THE OPPONENTS IN THEIR MEETS. PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN

RACHEL O'BRIEN, SOPHOMORE, WEARS THE TRADITIONAL SWIM CAP ADORNED WITH THE FIGHTING YELLOWJACKET. NOT ONLY DID THE GIRLS' SWIM TEAM HAVE MATCHING CAPS, BUT THEIR TEAM SUITS, WARM-UPS AND EQUIPMENT BAGS ALSO MATCHED.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

SENIORS TERESA SELF AND LEANNA CARPENTER, AND SOPHOMORE AMANDA CORBIN JUMP UP FOR AN IMAGINARY HEADER. DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF PRACTICE, SOCCER PLAYERS WORKED MAINLY ON CONDITIONING.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



SOPHOMORE TYRA GRIGGS COMES UP FOR AIR AFTER FINISHING A COMPLETE PULL OF THE BREAST STROKE DURING A PRACTICE AT THE YMCA. TEAM MEMBERS PRACTICED DAILY WITH THE GOAL OF IMPROVING TIMES CONSTANTLY IN THEIR MINDS.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

TAKING A DRINK FROM HER WATER BOTTLE, SOPHOMORE LISA WELLINGTON TAKES A BREAK BETWEEN LAPS. KEEPING HYDRATED BY DRINKING PLENTY OF FLUIDS WAS IMPORTANT FOR SWIMMERS.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON





FRESHMAN EMILY BUFORD WORKS ON HER BALL HANDLING SKILLS BY DRIBBLING AROUND THE FIELD. BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THE SOCCER BALL WAS A CONSTANT THEME DURING PRACTICE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



RUNNING DOWN THE FIELD, FRESHMAN KATIE PICKETT STILL FINDS THE ENERGY TO SMILE. ALTHOUGH THE FIRST FEW PRACTICES WERE HARD, THE PLAYERS STILL TRIED TO KEEP UP THE TEAM MORAL.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



Sweat pours down her face. She stops and contemplates again why she is putting herself through all of this. Oh yeah, the season starts in two weeks and she is nowhere close to being in good enough shape to compete on the level that she wants to be at this year. The next two weeks are going to be intense, but that is the kind of effort that is required when you take your sport to higher level.

# DEDICATION TAKEN TO THE NEXT LEVEL

COPY AND DESIGN  
By GINGER DAMRON

Conditioning before the season begins gives athletes an extra edge.

Practices for spring sports began March 1, but many athletes were seen running, lifting weights, and generally preparing for the season long before that day actually arrived. An important aspect for season preparation was maintaining a healthy diet for many athletes.

"I tried to watch what I was eating and I cut out carbonation. I wanted to be ready when soccer started," Sophomore Aubree Yeisley said.

The reason for all of this pre-season preparation was simple for the players.

"I wanted my body to be in shape," said Senior

Melissa Youngblood.

Before the season began, athletes started setting goals - both personal ones and team goals. These were only accomplished by much hard work and hours of conditioning.

Junior Morgan Ridgeway said, "I always want to improve

my times and that is the goal of the team, too. We aren't swimming against the other teams, we are swimming against the clock."

Sophomore Halle Goffredson worked on improving technique.

"I wanted to be in shape when practice

started so that I could work on my skills during practice instead of conditioning," Goffredson said.

Whatever the sport, hard work and dedication was important to athletes when preparing for the season.

The crowd goes wild as the football team takes the field. However, cheering by a group of seven girls can be heard above the noise. Showing smiles of school pride and excitement for the game, the cheerleaders turn their attention to the hyped crowd and begin the first of many cheers.

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# LEAD WITH PRIDE

## Cheerleaders pack a big punch when inciting a crowd of Yellowjacket fans

Center is down 24-7. The crowd is quiet - maybe even bored. A handful of spectators watch intently. Some carry on conversations or make a trip to get food from the concession stand, while still others leave the game altogether. But who is there to bring the crowd back into the game? The cheerleaders. They are present at every game - home and away - to keep the crowd's atten-

tion and often to bring needed excitement. From their dedication to early-morning practices, to their permanent smiles; the cheerleaders bring an important aspect to every sporting event. What is the stuff cheerleaders are made of? According to Junior Morgan Ridgeway, "Being a good cheerleader is having an awesome attitude, being really involved, and

just being a role model for other students." Being a cheerleader takes more work and dedication than most people believe, according to Senior squad member Delea Durdin. Durdin said, "It takes a lot to be a cheerleader, but anyone can do it. Believe in yourself, and you can conquer anything."

Cheerleaders also have more responsibilities than others may think. They have early-morning practices three days a week and have submit to strict regulations. While cheering they cannot wear jewelry nor have body piercings or tattoos. If a cheerleader is involved in

an altercation or is suspended, she is removed from the squad. Cheerleaders must also maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average to keep her position on the squad. Representing Center High School required high standards - physically, academically and morally.

JUNIORS RASHAWNDA WALKER, MORGAN RIDGEWAY AND AMY JOHNSON RIDE THE BUS TO AN AWAY GAME. THE RIDE ON THE BUS GAVE THE GIRLS TIME TO BOND, GOSSIP AND PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING GAME.



JUNIOR AMY JOHNSON CHEERS AT A HOME FOOTBALL GAME. JOHNSON WAS A VETERAN AT CHEERING, HAVING BEEN ON A SQUAD SINCE HER EIGHTH-GRADE YEAR. YEARS OF CHEERING PROFESSIONALIZED HER CHEERLEADING STYLE. PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



CO-CAPTAIN MORGAN RIDGEWAY, JUNIOR, AND SENIOR PAMELA BIGELOW WATCH THE FOOTBALL GAME AS RIDGEWAY STRAIGHTENS JUNIOR AMY JOHNSON'S HAIR BOW. DUE TO MUCH TIME SPENT TOGETHER, SQUAD MEMBERS BECAME CLOSE FRIENDS. PHOTO BY AMY CARR





JUNIOR RASHAWNDA WALKER AND SENIOR DELEA DURDIN PERFORM A STUNT DURING A HOME FOOTBALL GAME. PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON BEGAN EARLY IN THE SUMMER FOR THE CHEERLEADERS, BUT THAT DID NOT PREPARE THEM FOR THE WINTER COLD.  
 PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



SENIOR DELEA DURDIN SHOWS HER YELLOWJACKET PRIDE, POSSESSING SCHOOL SPIRIT, ENTHUSIASM AND A WINNING SMILE WAS NEEDED TO INCITE THE FOOTBALL CROWD'S ENTHUSIASM DURING GAMES ON COLD AUTUMN EVENINGS.  
 PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE



SYNCHRONIZATION AND COORDINATION WERE VITAL WHEN THE TWO SQUADS PERFORMED TOGETHER. JOINT PERFORMANCES GAVE BOTH J.V. AND VARSITY SQUADS A CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR TALENTS TO THE CROWD.  
 PHOTO BY JOEY BRAKE

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS; ROW ONE: CAPTAIN MISHEL SMITH  
 ROW 2: CO-CAPTAIN MORGAN RIDGEWAY, RASHAWNDA WALKER AND CO-CAPTAIN PAMELA BIGELOW ROW 3: CANDACE CHATMAN, AMY JOHNSON AND DELEA DURDIN

The Cheerleaders gained support from both a Spirit Club and mascot to add to the excitement at games. The Spirit Club and cheerleaders fed off each other to collectively pump up the crowd. The mascot, "Sting", was reestablished and proved to be the highlight of the games for kids in the crowd. School pride ran rampant thanks to the cheerleaders and Spirit Club members who were always in attendance to support their athletes.

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# OVERCOMING STEREOTYPES

## Cheerleaders prove they are not merely airheads in skirts

Stereotypes and prejudices are common among high-school students, and one group that faces a barrage of stereotypes are cheerleaders. Cheerleaders are often seen as shallow airheads. This cheerleading squad wanted to change that belief.

Sophomore Joanna

Gitterman said, "People think we're dumb airheads, but in all actuality, we have to work harder than most students. We attend all the games and cheer, then we still have to do our homework."

As in all sports, a 2.0 grade point average is required. The junior-varsity squad boasted

an even higher average than what was required.

"Teachers even think we're dumb," said Destiny Watkins. "But we try to prove to them in the classroom that we aren't."

The Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad worked hard during the season. They were in charge of Homecoming and Spirit Week, which many said was the best in several years. Cheerleaders

also attended most sporting events and promoted school pride. They were successful in proving to people that they were more than airheads - they were a key element in school pride.



SOPHOMORES LATOYA PERRY AND LISA WELLINGTON LEAD THE CROWD IN A CHEER DURING A PEP ASSEMBLY. SEVERAL CHEERS AND CHANTS WERE LEARNED TO PERFECTION TO INCREASE SCHOOL SPIRIT AND PARTICIPATION DURING GAMES AND PEP ASSEMBLIES.  
PHOTO BY TINA WATTS

DESTINY WATKINS, JOANNA GITTERMAN, AND LATOYA PERRY SHOW THEIR SPIRIT ON THE CHEERLEADER'S HOMECOMING FLOAT. CHEERLEADERS DID A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN JUST CHEER TO SHOW THEIR SCHOOL PRIDE.  
PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: ROW ONE: JOANNA GITTERMAN, AMANDA CORBIN  
ROW TWO: DESTINY WATKINS, LISA WELLINGTON ROW THREE: SARA PARK, KRISTY ERICKSON, LATOYA PERRY



STING, CENTER'S MASCOT, TAKES A BREATHER DURING A FOOTBALL GAME. DANCING AND JUMPING AROUND DURING GAMES TOOK ITS TOLL ON STING AT TIMES.  
 PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



**SPIRIT CLUB:** ROW ONE: SPONSOR TIM GREENWELL, CARRIE HOWARD, STING, GINGER DAMRON, SPONSOR CHERYL SMITH  
 ROW TWO: TYRA GRIGGS, DEANNA JONES, AISHA AUGUSTA, CHRISTINE THOMPSON, DARA RAGLIN, ASHANTI WRIGHT  
 ROW THREE: SCOTT SHANNAHAN, MORGAN RIDGEWAY, RASHAWNDA WALKER, MATT DAGGETT, LEANNA CARPENTER, KELLY WARINNER, JUSTIN SHOEMAKER  
 ROW FOUR: NICK SCHUERMAN, JACK RYAN, PORTIA HARRIS, RAYJAH COLLINS  
 ROW FIVE: IBAD SIDDIQUI, NAVEED SIDDIQUI, JUSTEN SEIBOLT, ROW SIX: NEIL CORRISTON, JEFF HILL, JOEY BRAKE, JEFF PEAK.



JUNIORS JOEY BRAKE AND JEFF HILL SHOW THEIR DREAM OF BEING CHEERLEADERS ON DRESS-LIKE-A-FRIEND DAY DURING HOMECOMING WEEK. MANY SOCCER PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS SWITCHED UNIFORMS TO ADD THE FUN OF SPIRIT WEEK.  
 PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

A new program literally danced into the CHS limelight. The Dance Line was created to perform in conjunction with the band. The former Drill Team was disbanded. "Dance line was added to the activity list to provide an academically-based program to students who are interested in dance," said Dance Line Sponsor and Asst. Director of Bands Tim Greenwell. "Now the band's show has more of an entertainment quality with pom-poms and the new uniforms."

"Mr. Greenwell helped get dance line started," said Junior Co-Captain Carrie Howard. "We did a lot of fund raisers and got a lot of donations from the P.T.A, Booster Club and S.G.A. "They paid for our uniforms and warm-ups," she said.

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# DANCE LINE DAZZELS

Senior Captain Melissa Youngblood has danced for four years - three of them on the now-defunct Drill Team - and one on the newly-formed Dance Line.

"The biggest difference between Drill Team and Dance Line is that Dance Line is more organized

and we dance with the band. We look like a professional band now!" Youngblood said.

The Dance Line danced to songs such as, "The House of the Rising Sun" and "Carry On A Wayward Son". 25 or 6 to 4 and was the feature of the band in

## Dancers coordinate with the band; add new appeal to performances

the rock and Roll hit "Love the One You're With".

Through hours of practice, both on Thursday nights and before school, the

Dance Line saw results.

"It was exciting when we claimed first place at the Blue Springs Marching Fest out of all the schools there," said Junior Rene'e Betts.

The dance line stepped to the beat and had a successful rookie season in what will hopefully be a continuing tradition at Center High.

JUNIORS GINA SOLDI, CARRIE HOWARD AND SENIORTERESA SELF PERFORM AT A PEP ASSEMBLY. THE DANCE LINE WAS WELL RECEIVED DURING ITS FIRST YEAR.  
PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



PAMELA BIGELOW MARCHES IN MU HOMECOMING PARADE. THE PARADE TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 17.  
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MEMBERS OF THE DANCE LINE PRACTICE BEFORE SCHOOL. EXTRA PRACTICE AND HARD WORK IS WHAT MAKES THE NEW DANCE LINE A SUCCESS.  
PHOTO GINGER DAMRON

MORGAN RIGEWAY AND CASSIE GRANTHAM TAKE A SECOND TO SHOW OFF THEIR DAZZLING UNIFORMS. THE NEW UNIFORMS SPARKLED UNDER THE STADIUM LIGHTS, WHICH HELPED ADD TO THE HALF-TIME SHOW.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER WAS A TIME TO HEAR THE SWEET SOUNDS OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM AND TO STARE AT THE DANCE LINE, WHO STOOD IN QUIET REVERANCE BEFORE THE CROWD IN THIS PREGAME TRADITION. THE DANCERS WERE ANXIOUS FOR THEIR CHANCE TO DANCE AT THE HALF.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



THE DANCE LINE WAITS FOR THEIR TURN BEFORE A PERFORMANCE AT RED BRIDGE SHOPPING CENTER. THE BAND AND DANCE LINE ATTEND MANY COMPETITIONS AND MARCH IN MANY PARADES.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



DANCE LINE: ROW ONE: MORGAN RIDGEWAY, COLETTA WEBB, TERESA SELF, CARRIE HOWARD, GINA SOLDI, SHANNON HIGGINS, RENEE BETTS. ROW TWO: JOANNA DORIA, ASHLEY CASHEN, CASSIE GRANTHAM, SAMANTHA FLOREZ, MELISSA YOUNGBLOOD, TIARA WEATHERSBY, AMY JOHNSON.



JUNIOR LINDSEY NIXON, SOPHOMORES TIARA WEATHERSBY, JOANNA DORIA AND JUNIOR ASHLEY CASHEN MARCH DOWN TO THE FIELD TO PERFORM THEIR PRE-GAME ROUTINE. THE DANCE LINE PERFECTED EACH MOVE TO MAKE EACH PERFORMANCE A SHOW-STOPPER. PHOTO BY AMY CARR.

Homecoming is more than just a football game or an all-school dance. It is a time when alumni come home to revisit their former school. For years, carrying on the Homecoming tradition has been a favorite for classes and clubs. Besides the fun, working together and building camaraderie between students is always a result.

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# TIME TO COME HOME

Many years ago the University of Missouri decided to set aside a weekend when its alumni could come back to revisit the school. They came up with the idea of having a Homecoming football game along with celebration activities.

MU's tradition of Homecoming quickly spread all over the country and is now an annual celebration, common to most schools in the U.S. The 1998 Homecoming took place on October 9. Spirit Week began the Monday before, and many alumni began

## Homecoming spirit alive and well with both students and alumni

trickling into town during the week before the celebration.

Game day arrived and the crowd was psyched. Almost most one-fourth of the crowd

were former Center students. The Yellowjacket pride was still in the hearts of these alumni. One 1988 graduate donated \$5 to SGA when asked to buy a blue car-

nation. This was a common way of thinking among the alumni. They were once a part of Center High School and will always be a part in many ways.

THE CLASS OF 2000 IS MOVING TOWARDS THE MILLENIUM IN THEIR 'BACK TO THE FUTURE' DELORIAN. JUNIORS ENJOYED SPENDING TIME TOGETHER WORKING ON THEIR FLOAT.

PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



MRS. FRAISE IS SEEN HERE AS JUST ANOTHER CENTER STUDENT BREAKING THE RULES WITH HEADPHONES AND A RADIO. MRS. FRAISE USED THE TEACHER-STUDENT SWITCH DAY TO ALLOW SOME OF HER STUDENTS TO TEACH.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



FRESHMEN ERIC CONRAD AND AMANDA PIERCE WAVE TO THE CROWD DURING HALF-TIME. THANKS TO THE CORVETTE CLUB, ALL OF THE ATTENDANTS RODE IN STYLE.

PHOTO BY JESSICA RENFROW

EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL BEINGS (AKA "SOPHOMORES") SHOW OFF THEIR FLOAT DURING THE AFTERNOON PARADE. THE SOPHOMORE-CLASS FLOAT RECEIVED SECOND PLACE IN THE FLOAT COMPETITION.

PHOTO BY JAMES GLENN



THE SENIOR CLASS DISPLAYS A TIME-LINE FROM THE SEVENTIES TO NINETIES ON THEIR FLOAT. THE THEME "A BLAST FROM THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE" LEFT STUDENTS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR THEIR FLOATS.

PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



SENIOR FRANKIE JOHNSON PUTS THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON A POSTER THURSDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE GAME. MOST CLASSES AND CLUBS CAMPED OUT ON THURSDAY AND WORKED ON THEIR FLOATS LATE INTO THE NIGHT.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON



THE NEW KING BRET EUBANK AND THE HOMECOMING COURT LOOK ON AS SENIOR REGAN TOWNSEND'S NAME IS ANNOUNCED AS 1998 HOMECOMING QUEEN. AS TRADITION DICTATED, FORMER QUEEN KEISHA JACKSON RETURNED TO CENTER TO PRESENT THE CROWN TO THE NEW ROYALTY.

SEEING DOUBLE? NO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLEO WASHINGTON DOES NOT HAVE A TWIN. SOPHOMORE ANDREW JOHNSON DRESSED UP AS WASHINGTON DURING SPIRIT WEEK. DRESSING UP FOR SPIRIT WEEK ALLOWED STUDENTS A BREAK FROM THE NORMAL ROUTINE.

PHOTO BY GINGER DAMRON

SENIOR VERSELL WELLS, KNOWN FOR HIS DISTINCTIVE HAIR, FINDS THAT JUNIOR CARRIE HOWARD HAS A SIMILAR HAIRSTYLE ON CRAZY HAIR DAY. THE WEEK OF COURTWARMING WAS FILLED WITH MUCH ACTIVITY AS THE SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN CRAZY HAIR DAY, DECADE DAY, AND SPIRIT DAY TO PREPARE FOR THE BIG GAME.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



AS CENTER'S BASKETBALL TEAM WARMS UP FOR THE GAME, A TELEVISION CREW STANDS BY TO COVER ALL THE ACTION. THOUGH THE GAME WAS A LOSS FOR THE YELLOWJACKETS, THEIR SEASON CONTINUED THROUGH DISTRICTS.

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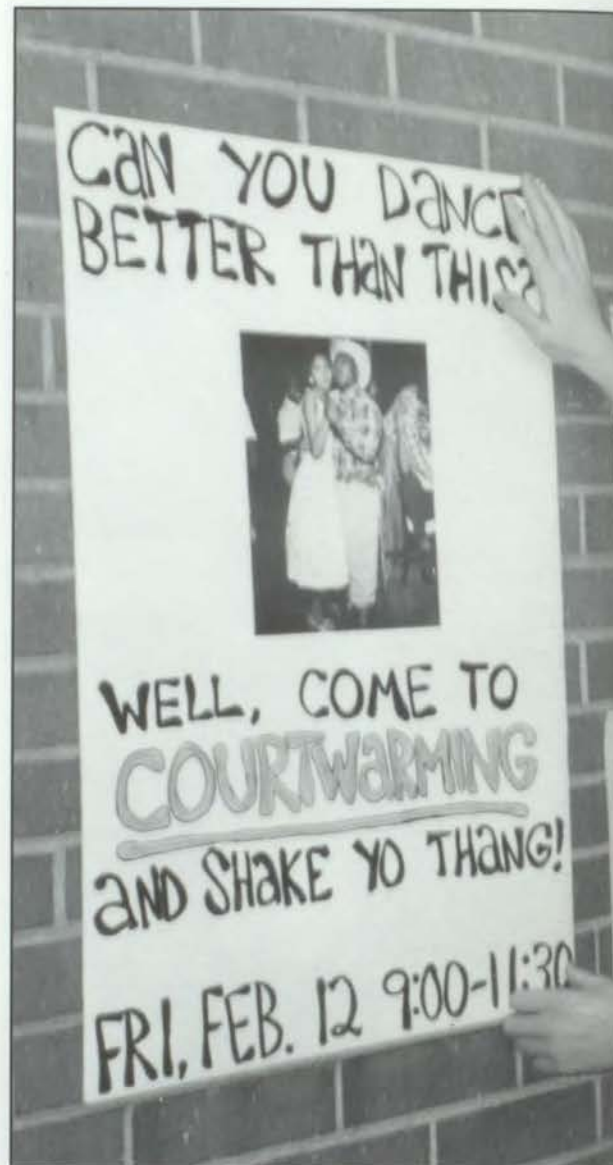


STUDENTS OF ALL GRADES GATHERED AROUND THE THE SOPHOMORE TABLE TO VOTE FOR COURTWARMING ATTENDANTS AND TO BUY TICKETS. THIS YEAR, THE COURTWARMING DANCE WAS A WPA-WOMEN PAY ALL,

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER

SOPHOMORE JAKE HOWARD FIXES A POSTER ADVERTISING THE COURTWARMING DANCE USING HUMOR TO DRAW ATTENTION. THE SOPHOMORE CLASS, BY TRADITION, PLANNED AND ORGANIZED THE COURTWARMING DANCE FOR EACH YEAR.

PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER





This year's Courtwarming Dance was a little different from previous ones. Not only was the week of the dance filled with days of crazy hair, dedade clothing, and school spirit, the girl's were the ones doing the asking this year to the dance.

# PARTY LIKE IT'S COURTWARMING 1999

Winter celebration prooved a fun way to welcome the last year of the century

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## What was the most memorable part of Courtwarming for you?

"Being an attendant and having to walk in front of the whole school."  
Sophomore Jay Barry

"The cheers in the cafeteria-it made the boys look as goofy as they really are."  
Senior Rachelle Henry

"The cake-eating contest was really funny. I was laughing the whole time."  
Freshman Emily Buford

"The best part was walking in on the red carpet with the lights

flashing. It made me feel like a princess."  
Sophomore Amber Gilliland

"When music is playing and a song would come on everyone likes, they would get all hyper, like they are ac-

tually going to dance, but just stood there looking dumb."  
Sophomore Josh Lacy

"Seeing Mr. Hanch lead a dance train around the cafeteria blowing on a

little whistle."  
Junior Aaron Williams

"It was fun going to a school dance and not having to get all gussied up."  
Junior Joey Brake



DURING LUNCH, THE DRUM LINE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE DORKS, PERFORM A CHEER FOR STUDENTS. THE DORKS WENT ON TO WIN THE COMPETITION AND POINTS FOR SPRING FLING.  
PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



WEARING THE PROPER ATTIRE FOR THE DECADE OF THEIR CHOICE, JUNIOR PASHA HOSSEINI, AND SOPHOMORES SHALEAH PITTMAN AND ANTONIO DAVIS, STRUT THEIR CLOTHING. PARTICIPATION IN SPIRIT WEEK EVENTS RAISED THE LEVEL OF EXCITEMENT IN THE SCHOOL BEFORE THE COURTWARMING GAME.  
PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



ASSITANT PRINCIPAL, CLEO WASHINGTON, CROWNS SENIOR DELEA DURDIN COURTWARMING QUEEN. AS AN ATTENDANT, DURDIN WAS ESCORTED DOWN THE COURT BY HER FATHER.  
PHOTO BY TINA WATTS



Too pooped to party, Junior Joe Carr takes a rest during the Homecoming pep assembly. After pulling an all-nighter to complete the float for Players 58, Carr needed a nap. All the hard work that went into perfect the float was well worth it when the float was awarded first place.

Photo By Amy Carr

Starting a new tradition, Players 58 held a tailgate party before a football game. Sophomores Leif Johnson and Stephanie Wheeler sit and chat away from the rest of the group. The tail gate party was a success with around 30 attendees.

Photo By Amy Carr



Hail o' Center High School! Even through the cool October weather, Junior Neil Corriston shows his Homecoming spirit. Corriston is part of the school's rejuvenated Spirit Club.

Photo By Amy Carr

Missouri claims a victory while Center is there to cheer them on. Natalie Webb and David Crosby prepare to march in MJ's Homecoming parade. The Tigers won the game against Oklahoma.

Photo By Amy Carr

Yee Haw! It's time to swing your partner round an' round as Morgan Ridgeway, Rene'e Betts and Carrie Howard enjoy themselves at Young Life camp. Ten Center students attended this camp held North Carolina.

Photo By Amy Carr





Trying their hardest to contain their excitement, Juniors Aisha Augusta and Nathan Mitchell look for a book in the Media Center. The Media Center offered information from A to Z that assisted students in research for various classes and projects.

Photo by *Leahna Carpenter*

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# WHO IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

See, teachers were kids once too! Do you recognize these teachers? Answers at the bottom of the page.



(1.) Danny Tipton (2.) Anna Butler (3.) Kathy Chirpich (4.) Kenny Snell  
(5.) Kathy Yates



# What IS YOUR MOST VIVID CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

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"WHILE MY BROTHER AND I WERE DRYING SILVERWEAR, AFTER DOING THE DISHES, WE BEGAN FENCING. THEN, THE SILLY ANIMAL CUT ME - NOT ON PURPOSE OF COURSE. SO, I SOAKED IT FOR ALL IT WAS WORTH. I WENT RUNNING AROUND THE HOUSE, WITH BLOOD SQUIRTING ALL OVER SCREAMING, 'LOOK WHAT HE DID TO ME!' IT WAS SO FUN. HE GOT IN SO MUCH TROUBLE, AND I NEVER LET HIM FORGET IT."

SPANISH TEACHER CAROL ZAGORNIAK

"ONCE MY BROTHER GOT A SEWING NEEDLE STUCK IN HIS FINGER AND I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS BRAVE ENOUGH TO USE THE SEWING MACHINE TO WORK IT OUT."

ENGLISH TEACHER DENISE STEWART

"THE MOST VIVID MEMORY OF ALL, NOT JUST FROM MY CHILDHOOD, WAS WHEN MY BROTHER FELL OFF A FLAG POLE AND BROKE HIS SKULL ON THE CONCRETE BASE. HE WAS ALL RIGHT OF COURSE, BUT IT WAS JUST VERY TRAUMATIC WITH ALL THE BLOOD AND RECOVERY THAT IT TOOK."

ASST. BAND DIRECTOR TIM GREENWELL

"ONE SUMMER, MY FRIENDS AND I WERE PLAYING A HARD GAME OF FOOTBALL IN THE CHURCH FOOTBALL FIELD. I WAS RUNNING FOR A PASS, WHEN I SLIPPED ON GLASS BOTTLE, AND BUSTED MY LIP. IN THE PROCESS, MY FRONT TOOTH WENT THROUGH MY LIP, BUT I DID CATCH THE PASS."

SECURITY GUARD ORLANDO WHITAKER

# TEACHERS ARE PEOPLE, TOO

Do you recognize the teachers and staff members below? See if you can guess! Answers are on the bottom of the page.





# WHAT IS YOUR MOST VIVID MEMORY?

"When I was in second grade, I was riding my bike, and some older boys jumped out of the bushes and threw eggs at me. So, when I went home, I was covered in raw eggs!" *Art Teacher Corine Woods*

"When I was in third grade, my older brother was dared to put his tongue on the lamp post in dead winter. Well, he did, and found out that it really does stick, and had to wait until it got warm enough to come off. It finally did, but it took some of the skin off of his tongue." *Choir Teacher Richard Anderson*

"When I was in second grade, I was racing my sister across a picket fence. As a result, I ended up with a big gash in my leg. I don't remember how many stitches it took to fix it." *Industrial Tech. Teacher Tony Whitaker*

"My family and I went to the Garden of the Gods. We have pictures of my sister and I there. I remember that I thought it was one of the seven wonders of the world, but now I know it's not." *Librarian Maggie Calcara*

"One summer, I crashed through the glass in the front-door window nine times, and had to get stitches every time. My room was upstairs, and the door was at the bottom of the stairs, so I would come flying down the stairs, right into the front door." *P.E. Teacher Maria Jonas*

"I have no pictures of my childhood because I would just scream and throw a fit during all of my pictures, so they just stopped taking them." *History Teacher Kateri Waters*

Carol Zagorniak • Foreign Language  
 Kathy Yates • Journalism  
 Corrine Woods • Art  
 Lyle Williams • Reading  
 Christian Williams • Secretary  
 Bernard Williams • Dir. of PASS Program  
 Tony Whitaker • Industrial Technology  
 Orlando Whitaker • Security



Janet Weigand • Math  
 Kateri Walters • Social Studies  
 Marilyn Watt • Secretary  
 Cleo Washington • Assist. Principal  
 Linda Washburn • Interim Superintendent  
 Martha Von Uht • Special Education  
 Darryn Tipton • Business  
 Willie Thornton-Director of Security

Myra Switala • Work/Transition Coordinator  
 David Stubblefield • Science  
 Terri Stockman • Security  
 Denise Stewart • Language Arts  
 Kenneth Snell • Horticulture  
 Rick Smith • Industrial Technology  
 Alyce Sherman • Language Arts  
 Leslie Sciolaro • Curriculum Specialist

Brian Schumann • Principal  
 Sherry Rush • Special Services Director  
 Kevin Roberts • Administrator Assit.  
 Maria Rios • Clerk/Attendance  
 Kathy Riggs • Building Secretary  
 Judy Redmond • Receptionist  
 Steve Perry • Physical Education  
 Sandra Patterson • Counselor

Jan Parks • Nurse  
 Doyle Pace • Art  
 Sally Overton • Central Office Secretary  
 Yolanda Murry • Speech/Debate  
 Jackie Morales • Physics  
 Tricia Miller • LD  
 Ann McCoy • Chemistry  
 Kathy Lord-LD



ROBERT BRILLHART AND KATHY YATES

Messiest  
 Desk  
 HALL  
 OF  
 FAME



ANN ARISTIMILINO AND GEORGE GREEN

Friendliest  
 HALL  
 OF  
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DAVID STUBBLEFIELD AND BETH HEIDI

Best  
 Looking  
 HALL  
 OF  
 FAME



JOHANNA FRAISE AND TOM GROW

Cleanest  
 Desk  
 HALL  
 OF  
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# Hall of Fame



BIGGEST  
COMEDIAN

HALL  
OF  
FAME

BIGGEST  
COMDIAN

ANDY HANCH AND CAROL ZAGORNIK



PRINCIPAL'S  
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WILLIE THORNTON AND COOKIE DOUGLAS



Most  
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PHILLIP CALDWELL AND DANA DAWSON



Best  
Dressed

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KATERI WATTERS AND JIM FORD



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ALYCE SHERMAN AND TIM GREENWELL

Teacher Johnna Fraise was an active participant in this year's Homecoming Spirit Week. Many teachers enjoyed switching places with students for a day.

*Photo By Neil Corriston*

Special Education Teacher Sue Blew became a cheerleader for a day during Homecoming Spirit Week. Teachers who were involved were found to be quite entertaining by students.

*Photo Donated By Sue Blew*



Bob Brillhart receives an award at a meeting at Indian Creek Elementary before the start of the '98-'99 school year. The award acknowledged his dedication to teaching at Center for more than twenty-five years.

*Photo By Neil Corriston*

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# What

IS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING

# MOMENT WHILE TEACHING?

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"During a concert at a college, my choir was performing and streakers ran across the stage behind the singers."

*Choir Teacher Richard Anderson*

"When I was a Horticulture teacher, I went to the office to water plants but realized after watering them, they were

fake."

*Athletics Director - Terry Keeton*

"When I substituted, I had to get up early. Well, when I got to school, I had my shirt on backwards and kids had to tell me my pocket was in the back."

*Librarian Maggie Calcarra*

"I'll be talking about something to my class and in mid-sentence, suddenly forget what I was trying to teach."

*Home Ec. Teacher Cheryl Smith*

"I saw a picture a student brought in and said she had an attractive grandmother. Well, it ended up being her mother."

*English Teacher Kathy Chirpich*

"I bet my fly's been open more than anyone else's."

*Horticulture Teacher Ken Snell*

"One time I spilled chocolate milk on my pants and it created a puddle in the chair and made a big spot on the back of my pants."

*Social Studies Teacher Andy Hanch*



Teachers Greg Lang, George Green and Jim Ford gather with fellow staff members to celebrate the retirement of Special Education Teacher Jonne Legg. Legg made many friendships in her 30 years at CHS.  
*Photo Donated By Jonne Legg*

## Faculty and Staff Not Pictured

Heather Wise • Receptionist  
 Lynda Winter • Secretary  
 Charles Williams • Math  
 Kathy Unger • 1st V.P. of PTA  
 Christopher Todd • Custodian  
 Thomas Swelin • Business Ed.  
 Stephanie Stewart • Computer Aide  
 Linda Stewart • V.P. Bd. of Educ.  
 Terese Spears • Family Relations  
 Cheryl Smith • Home Ec.  
 Charles Smith • Lang. Arts  
 Mark Shepard • Security  
 Anita Seibolt • Secretary  
 Beverly Sanders • Health  
 Carroll Rucher • GED Instructor  
 Bruce Rehner • Tech. Spec.  
 Rana Revinder • Science/Math  
 Helen Rogsdale • Social Studies  
 Marian Poe • Accountant  
 Ted Pihlerian • Custodian  
 Evelyn Perkins • Cafeteria  
 Eber Pearson • Science  
 Jarron Paige • Custodian  
 Ralph Overstreet • Custodian  
 Robert Ogren • Bd. of Educ.

John Moravec • Custodian  
 Judy Montgomery • Sec. of PTA  
 Pat Miller • District Computer Tech.  
 Barbara Miller • Librarian  
 Jim Plecter • Technology Specialist  
 Jan Plelein • Secretary  
 Sandra McGee • Cafeteria  
 Julie Mattson • Bd. of Educ.  
 Wayne Margitt • Custodian  
 Sandra Livingstone • Cafeteria  
 Renee Lettman • Youth Friends  
 Kathy Lange • 2nd V.P. of PTA  
 Everett Rillbourne • Head Custodian  
 Linda Joyce • Custodian  
 Charles Jones • Custodian  
 Karen Johnson • Occup. Therapist  
 Jim Houston • Computer Clerk  
 William Holloway • Custodian  
 James Hootzel • Supv. of Bldgs & Grds  
 Elizabeth Heide • Social Studies  
 Andy Hench • Lang. Arts  
 Derick Hammes • Physical Education  
 Tom Grow • Social Studies  
 Krystal Grossnickle • Treas. of PTA  
 Fannie Gregory • Cafeteria

George Green • Math  
 Cherryl Goffredson • Bd. of Educ.  
 Drarry Gibbs • Custodian  
 William Evans • Vocal Music  
 Kinga Easter • Clerk  
 Vickie Ferrell • Cafeteria  
 Steve Farris • Language Arts  
 Helen Dugan • RN Health Program  
 Mary Downicy • Cafeteria  
 Jill Donahy • Social Worker  
 Sally Dennis • Process Coordinator  
 Pamela Dorate • Art  
 Gary Damon • President of Board of Education  
 Donald Coleman • Bd. of Educ.  
 Denise Chambers • Pres. of PTA  
 Cindy Gavanaugh • Food Service Dir.  
 Willie Carter • Custodian  
 Phillip Caldwell • SPED Aide  
 Sharon Brown • Careers/Community Service  
 Debra Brown • Computers  
 Gene Bonaha • Board of Education  
 Patricia Boer • Cafeteria  
 Diana Alona • Cafeteria Manager



Dave Leone • Director of Personnel  
 Jim Letner • Special Education  
 Greg Lang • Math  
 Beverly Howniczky • Language Arts  
 Carolyn Knapp • Band  
 Terry Keeton • Athletic Director  
 Maria Jones • Physical Education  
 Carol Johnson • Activities Secretary

Kathie James • Counselor  
 Amy Hydeman • Special Education  
 Annette Howitt • Science  
 Connie Hosteller • Counselor  
 Terri Hardy • Math  
 Karen Grover • Youth Friends  
 Bob Griffey • Assistant Superintendent  
 Tim Greenwell • Administrative Assistant/  
 Assistant Band Director

Edwin Fritz • Physical Education  
 Johanna Fraze • Social Studies  
 James Ford • Student Services  
 Robert Finger • Assistant Principal  
 Jan Evans • Home Economics  
 Cindy Eubank • Special Education Aide  
 Janice Edwards • Counselor's and A+ Secretary  
 Carol Douglas • Language Arts

Susan Despolakis • Special Education  
 Dana Dawson • Math  
 Paula Crow • Principal's Secretary  
 Pam Creamer • Art  
 Nancy Cooley • Social Studies  
 Sharon Coleman • Library Aide  
 Kathleen Chripich • Gifted/Language Arts  
 Martha Capehart • Secretary

Margaret Calcara • Librarian  
 Anna Butler • Special Education  
 Sharon Brown • Special Education  
 Robert Brillhart • Science  
 Robert Bousassa • Foreign Language  
 Sue Blew • Special Education  
 Eileen Bergman • Curriculum Development  
 Kamela Bates • Speech/Therapist

Claudette Barile • Foreign Language  
 Donna Bonaha • Accounts Payable  
 Ann Arishimuro • Foreign Language  
 Beverly Antario • Math  
 Sharon Anderson • Speech Therapist  
 Richard Anderson • Vocal Music

Calvin Willis  
 Reba Williams-Clark  
 Rachel Williams  
 Kyle Williams  
 Ashlee Williams  
 Don Williams III  
 Michael White  
 Coleeta Webb



Steven Watson  
 Justin Wages  
 Starla Vann  
 Erica Turner  
 Walter Townsend  
 Sheila Stuteville  
 Joy Stempleman  
 Marcus Stanley



Taylor Spriggs III  
 Neil Soloman  
 Odis Smith  
 L'arin Smith  
 Brandon Sloan  
 Desiree Slaughter  
 Albert Simpson  
 Andre Sidney



Ibad Siddiqi  
 Justin Sherman  
 Christopher Saad  
 Donell Rucker  
 Alex Rouse  
 Shakea Roper  
 Linda Rogers  
 Wendie Robinson



Loleta Robinson-Burch  
 Sara Rick  
 Michael Richman  
 Heather Racy  
 Amanda Pierce  
 Katie Pickett  
 Cherie Phillips  
 Debra Perillo



The Freshman Class quietly awaits their chance to yell and scream at a pep assembly. The contest to see which class was loudest was a favorite among students.

*Photo By Tina Watts*

Freshman Andrew Barth supports the soccer team at Districts with the pep band. Pep Band attended most home games to show support for the Fighting Yellowjackets.

*Photo By Leanna Carpenter*





Freshman Abby Heffernan gasps as she spots her name on the detention list. Beverly Ankarlo kept a close eye on those who misbehaved. *Photo By Leanna Carpenter*

Freshman Laura Podda adjusts to the smaller lockers of the high school. Freshmen felt that the locker size left them with a lot of extra baggage. *Photo By Kelly Warinner*



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# Through THE BIG DOORS

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I step off the bus and take a deep breath as I stare at the school I will attend for the next four years. I make my way through the crowded hallways, dodging groups of upperclassmen clustered around lockers and classrooms, reminiscing about their summers and laughing hysterically.

Intimidated, I rush to my first-hour class. This class should be pretty safe-band. I enter the door and sit down.

As the tardy bell rings, The teacher instructs students to take out their sheet music. I look around and realize that I am the

only band member with an instrument case.

Oh my gosh, I'm in choir! I quietly stand up and exit shaking off the laughter that I hear behind me. I walk over to the band room and see about a hundred students listening to the teacher. This is going to be embarrassing.

I walk through the door and the instructor immediately starts questioning me regarding my tardiness. After explaining the humiliating story, in front of the entire class, I humbly make my way to last chair clarinet. I pass the first three chairs with no

problem when, "WHACK!" I bump into a stand which in turn hits a senior flute player in the head. She shoots me an evil look as I stammer apologies repeatedly while picking up the fallen stand. I can feel the blood rush to my face while again the classroom laughter is at my expense. I sit down and put together my clarinet.

I hate high school already.

I make my way through the rest of the day getting bumped around. No one moves out of my way in the hallways. I get moved around so much that I begin to feel like the helples

ball in a pinball machine. Classes drag by endlessly as I wait for my chance to leave. I imagine how nice it will feel to be at home where I am nice and safe. The last bell of the day rings as I make my way to the bus. I hop on knowing I'll soon be home. I sit a few seats behind a sophomore drummer from my band class. I begin to think that things could only get better, I'll meet new people and make friends as time goes on. Just then, drummer boy turns around and smiles at me. Maybe high school won't be that bad after all.



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Senior Ginger Damron gives Freshman Joey Davis important information regarding the newly re-instated Spirit Club. Seniors knew that freshmen were a vital part to the continuation of clubs.

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*Photo By Neil Corrison*



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Senior Bret Eubank and Freshman Ibad Siddiqi cheer for the football team. Both painted themselves in previous games. Eubank thought that this particular game was a little nippy, but Siddiqi braved the cold. School spirit was something all classes could relate to.

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*Photo By Neil Corrison*

Senior Jill Stempleman and Freshman Joy Stempleman share a word between passing periods. A kind word or gesture from a senior was appreciated by the freshmen.  
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# LOOKING into the future

As the freshmen pour through the double doors on the first day of school, they saw a million lockers, teachers outside their door, and a funky schedule consisting of seven classes. Through the sunlit halls a figure descends the stairwell and the freshman realize they have seen their biggest fear: A Senior.

This is every freshman's anxiety: meeting the head of the school, and every seniors dream.

The Senior year of High school is a widely anticipated year. Freshman Sierra Davis said

"When I'm a senior I'll get a car, get to move out, go to endless parties and go through a great achievement: Graduation!" Freshman Erica Turner agreed "I'll have more freedom to choose what I want to do"

Not all freshman believed that the Seniors are "Top Dogs."

"They're not spunky and they don't seem to be involved" said freshman Reba Williams

Freshman Shannon Drummond also commented. "They don't know how to count in Volleyball."

Others Like Christine Edington, Liked the seniors. "Some Seniors

are nice. Bref Eubank was very friendly and helped me out. The Seniors were either nice or they ignored us."

As high school progressed Freshmen gained more freedom as well as responsibility. "They're supposed to be leaders as seniors, and help keep the school in line" said Freshman Marcus Stanley. He also added that "as a Senior/Leader, people should respect you more."

In high school an assured dream for every one is becoming the head of the school and ruling it well.



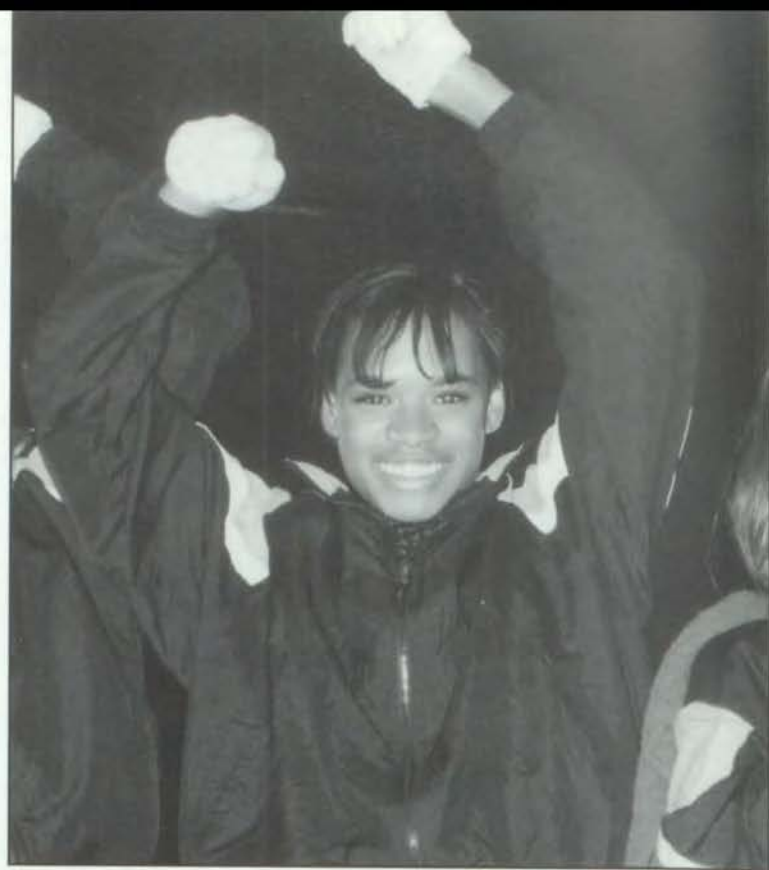
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 Monchel McQuitty  
 Kaylene McFarland  
 Justin McClair  
 Joseph McClain  
 Darryl Manning  
  
 Latiesha Manlove  
 Lauren Manley  
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 Joshua Long  
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 Kalle Koranda  
 Nancy Knickerbocker  
 Kenneth Kinglinsmith  
 Nicole King  
 Albert Kelley  
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 Christopher Johnston  
 Timothy Johnson

Freshmen used the five minutes between classes to get materials from lockers and socialize with friends. Most agreed that time passed quickly and hall clocks helped prevent tardies.

*Photo By Leanna Carpenter*

During the last home football game of the season, Freshman Coletta Webb joins in the singing of the Alma Mater. This was a tradition that many incoming Freshmen took part in at the end of each sporting event.

*Photo By Joey Brake*



Ebony Johnson  
Byron Johnson  
Michael Jackson  
Jonathan Hurt  
Le Ron Hudson  
Raylene Hiebert  
Abigail Heffernan  
Portia Harris



Krishaunda Harris  
Erin Harris  
Christopher Harris  
Kenneth Groves  
Alicia Griddine  
Lavonna Graves  
Artesha Gladney  
Tirannee Givhan



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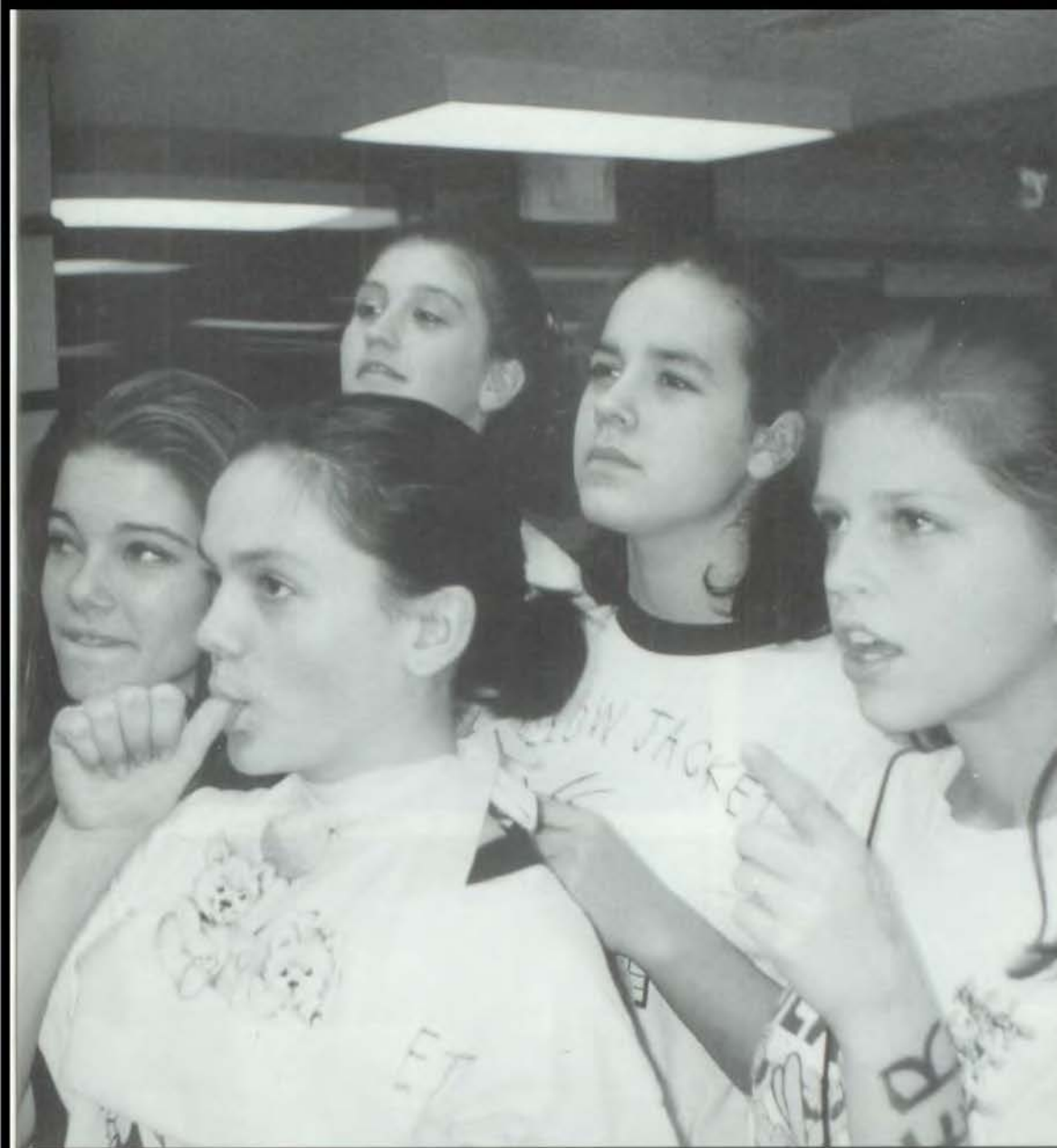
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Stephen Ealy  
Randi Duncan  
Shannon Drummond  
Jaquita Downing  
Byron Dixon  
Latalya Dickerson



Donna Denyer  
Lauren Dennis  
Joseph Davis  
Victor Daniel  
Shawn Cunningham  
Alonzo Crawford II  
Travis Crafton  
Glenn Courtney







Gathering after a volleyball game, Freshmen Abigail Hefleman, Shannon Drummond, Kalle Corando, Amanda Pierce and Kalle Pickett stare intently at the menu. This time as a team helped improve cooperation on and off the court.  
Photo By Tara Tischer

Finishing homework during the next hour, Freshman Reba Williams-Clark displays her I.D. card full of punches. The PTA rewarded students who accumulated no punches during the quarter.  
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# Passing Period

Much activity packed into five minutes

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With students spending more than 5,220 minutes of school going to and from classes throughout the school year, how is it that many are still late to their classrooms?

"I take my time talking to

friends and just lose track of the time," said Freshmen Tommy Coker.

Passing periods gave students a chance to go to lockers and gather materials for the next class and to socialize with friends. Unless stu-

dents watched the time closely, much of the time was spent running to the next class before the bell rang.

"I had to give up going to the greenhouse and playing with rabid roly pollys to make it to class on time," said

Reba Williams-Clark.

Many of the Freshmen were not accustomed to carrying student I.D. cards to keep track of tardies. Passing periods were just another thing for Freshmen to adjust to.

Freshman Marcus Stanly flips through a magazine looking for pictures. This is the first year that all freshmen could enroll in Intro to Journalism. *Photo By Leanna Carpenter*

Freshman Joy Stempleman waits by the north lot before a band field trip. Many freshmen enjoy playing in the band and playing a part in the school. *Photo By Tina Walls*



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# What

Was your worst bus ride ever?

"Every day is the worst bus ride because the bus is coming to school!"

Freshman Brandon Oldham

"In third grade, I was the last one to get off the bus. We had a new bus driver and she forgot to drop me off"

Freshman Colin Chambers

"When I was in eighth grade, two people got into a fight on the bus, so the driver called the cops. One of the people got arrested for cussing at the police officer. Because of it, it took 30 minutes more to get home."

Freshman Erica Turner



Entering high school as a freshman at age fourteen or fifteen meant that unless your older brother or sister had a car, you rode the bus. After school, freshmen patiently wait to get on the bus and go home.



Band members take a break a band compition in Blue Springs. Many freshmen take part in the marching and concert band.

## CRISIS MANAGEMENT

*THE WORST BUS RIDE EVER!*

"In 7th grade we had a new bus driver and we were going down an icy hill. The driver had the breaks on, but we were still going really fast. The driver tried to turn onto someone's street, and we almost hit a tree and rolled over."

**Freshman Laura Ericson**

"It had snowed the night before and there was a lot of ice on the ground.

We were going up a big hill and then we started to slide down backwards. We slid right into a ditch."

**Freshman Joe Anderson**

"I went to Red Bridge in 6th grade and it was four weeks into the school year. The driver was driving onto my street and made a really wide turn. He drove right through a persons yard, and left huge tracks in it."

**Freshman Alex Rouse**



Lendery Council  
Eric Conrad  
Nicolas Colston  
Rayjah Collins  
Ke'Andra Coleman  
Melvin Cole  
Thomas Coker  
Spencer Cockrell

Shyulika Cobb  
Timothy Clayton  
Chasity Chase  
Lakesha Charles  
Colin Chambers  
Amy Chaland  
Elaina Carullo  
Cade Carpenter

Megan Burns  
Emily Buford  
Kenneth Buckner  
Kashima Brown  
Alan Brown  
Deanna Brocious  
Joshua Brawley  
David Brassfield

Rebecca Brake  
Brandon Blue  
Michael Blakesley  
Samantha Blackman  
Lisa Benton  
Natalie Bell  
Andrew Barth  
Samantha Ball

Keara Austin  
Jerome Atty  
Jerame Atty  
Nasser Asif  
Danviel Anthony  
Joseph Anderson



Sophomore Andrew Johnson gets hyped up for an Algebra II test. Focusing on studies instead of relationships was an academically-sound choice some students made.

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Audrey Young  
Aubree Yeisley  
Ashanti Wright  
Kenneth Woodard  
David Wilson  
Shaun Williams  
Christol Williams  
Courtland Wilkins

Nikki Whitney  
Stephanie Wheeler  
Samuel Wellert  
Quinton Webb  
Tiara Weathersby  
James Warren  
Destiny Watkins  
Byron Ward

Kevin Walker  
Emily Walker  
LeVita Verser  
Peter Van Tran  
Virginia Toney  
Amanda Thomas  
Thomas Thibodeau  
Jeff Tector

Nathan Taylor  
Eric Taylor  
Areeem Taylor  
Tsedej Tassew  
Cheri Swanczy  
Earold Swan II  
Tyrone Stewart  
Fosterla Stevens

Michael Spriggs  
David Spriggs II  
Phillip Smith  
Michael Smith  
Connie Sisk  
Annette Simmons  
Justin Shoemaker  
Kamera Shipley

Justin Seibolt  
Richard Scott  
Aaron Schae  
Michael Sallard  
Joshua Sage  
Gaston Saalid  
Jack Ryan  
William Ross

Joy Ross  
Laleta Robinson  
Joshua Reinhard  
Lance Redick  
Mary Reows  
Dara Reglin  
Sha-Leah Pittman  
Timothy Phillips





Enjoying 'Worlds of Fun' in the sun, Junior Joe Carr and Sophomore Jessica Crump enjoy the ride and each other's company. Age differences were often forgotten while lost in each other's arms.

*Photo Donated By Jessica Crump*

Junior Carrie Howard and Sophomore Justin Seibolt greet in the hallway during passing period. Relationships were not always dealt with love, but rather friendship.

*Photo Contributed by Jared Castle*



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# Dating

RELATIONSHIPS CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE DESPITE AGE DIFFERENCES

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They say love is blind and deaf but around Center High School it can't count either. Age seems to not be a problem when it comes to relationships. There are a number of Center students who are dating upperclassmen. "You know what they say-age is nothing but a number. Well it's true. Age isn't a fac-

tor in my relationship," Sophomore Leonard Davis said. Many others agreed that age has nothing to do with relationships and caring about a person. Jessica Crump, a Sophomore, said, "I don't date him because he is older but because of who he is." That seemed to be the over-

whelming response among Sophomores. Some even look offense when asked if they were just dating because of the age issue. "Age doesn't make a difference but if they make you feel good and you make them feel good," said Darrin Taylor.

One would think that parents would mind that there was such an age difference but out of all the Sophomores, parents were not concerned with the age difference, as long as it was not too great. "In our relationship, we spend too much time focusing on each other to worry about our age differences," Concluded Davis.

Sophomores Mike Smith, Jack Ryan, Jared Castle, Justen Seibolt and Jay Barry skate at a bank to pass the time. These guys perfected the sport of skateboarding down to a science. *Photo Donated By Jack Castle*

Andrew Johnson proudly displays safety measures as he rummages through his cluttered room. Some students need precautionary efforts when entering their rooms. *Photo By Leanna Carpenter*



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# What is your favorite hobby?

Jumping off stairs and landing on your head. Sound like fun? Well, it is to sophomores Justen Seibolt and Jay Barry. "My friends got me skateboarding," comments Barry, who has been skating for four years. According to Seibolt, skating at parking lots is a ton of fun. When asked if they've ever gotten hurt, Seibolt is hesitant to answer.

"One time I was sliding down a pole and racked myself," he says through his laughter. Despite the pain, these guys skate faithfully every day. So if you ever in the mood to watch some skaters, run up to Gomers to watch these guys at their best.

There are other sophomores here at Center that have a talent that came naturally.

A voice echoes through the halls of Center High School

that conveys the feeling of strength and beauty. "I began singing four years ago. My seventh grade choir teacher requested that I sing in the play Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," says sophomore Lewkelta Jack. Jack sings in church, is a member of the blue and gold choir, contemporary choir, and concert choir here at CHS. She has received recognition as most dedicated and most solos in school.

"Singing helps me show inner beauty," comments Jack. She improves her natural talent everyday, expressing her emotions through her music. Maybe someday we'll see this diva singing her heart out on TV.



Lewkelta Jack warms up her voice for choir. Jack has been singing in various choirs for four years.

*Photo By Leanna Carpenter*



Amj Carr's room dazzles the eye with thousands of Pez dispensers. After four years, collecting Pez has become an obsession of Carr's who owns some worth hundreds of dollars.  
*Photo By Amj Carr*



Latoya Perry  
 Robert Perillo  
 Noah Peister  
 Sara Park  
 Nichole Pace  
 Richard Owens  
 Rachel O'brien  
 Colette Norton

Darcy Nord  
 Andrea Noble  
 Anh Nguyen  
 Crystal Moravec  
 Tina Moore  
 Nathan Mitchell  
 Tracy Mills  
 Kiauni McGhee

Darel Mays  
 Andrea Mays  
 Harrison May II  
 Reginald Marchbanks Jr.  
 Elder Lopez  
 Joshua Lacy  
 Kerri Knox  
 Kimberly Knowlton

Nicholaos Kellepouris  
 Sean Kelly  
 Sandra Jones  
 Sean Johnson  
 Rickey Johnson  
 Ebony Johnson  
 David Johnson  
 Andrew Johnson

Jermaine Jacobs  
 Lewketa Jack  
 Darrell Innis  
 Dava Howell  
 Jake Howard  
 Vanessa Hoskins  
 Christopher Hollowell  
 Brian Holley

Tracey Hepting  
 Stoney Hebert  
 Jamie Headley  
 Manual Harvey  
 Lenora Harlin  
 Travis Gulnn  
 Alicia Gurerra  
 Jesse Grimm

Niesha Griffin  
 Jehanna Graves  
 Marianne Grandi  
 Joanna Gitterman  
 Logan Gillespie  
 Joy Gilfen  
 Crystal Gibson  
 Jason Gibbs

Naomi Garduno  
 Jason Forson  
 Adam Fields  
 Timothy Farmer  
 Derek Ewing  
 Ltwellyn Evans  
 Elizabeth Elmore  
 Juanita Edwards

Olisha Edmonds  
 Melissa Ebberts  
 Alexander Dungan  
 Barron Duckworth  
 Joanna Doria  
 Melissa Degreifenreid  
 Leonard Davis  
 Corey Davis

Trishia Davidson  
 Jessica Crump  
 Amanda Corbin  
 Patrick Cook  
 Delores Chism  
 Shumeica Charles  
 Matthew Chaney  
 Jared Castle

Amy Carr  
 Jackson Cardrell  
 Christy Campbell  
 Michael Byers  
 Michael Brown  
 Jessica Brown  
 Rebecca Briones  
 Amanda Briner

Brandon Brennan  
 Deonna Bouye  
 Angela Bonne  
 Wendell Bell  
 Phillip Becker  
 Jay Barry  
 Augusta Aishah  
 Tony Antonello



Jonathan Amerison  
 Sara Alai







Sophomores find safety in numbers, while working out their float. People are less likely to be attacked while in a group.

*Photo By Neil Corrison*

Sophomore Jared Castle is lucky this car was not going fast. Skateboarding is a popular, but dangerous sport.

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# What is the riskiest thing you've done?

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A beautiful day greets you. Abundant life is everywhere. Birds are singing. Trees are swaying lackadaisically in the wind and a couple of kids are sitting on a bridge, throwing rocks, a common pastime for the two.

Sophomore Jay Barry threw another rock, when a loud blast of a train horn disturbed the serene setting. A train was upon Barry, and he was at least 200 yards from the end of the bridge. Jumping was not an option. One hundred feet at least, separate him from the river below.

He does the only thing left - he ran for his life. His adrenaline was pumping and the train was bearing down fast. His muscles begin to cramp when he estimated he still had 75 feet to safety. He continued his mad dash, and made it to the end of the bridge, just 7 seconds before the train roared past him thoughtlessly, as his dry mouth gulped deep burning breaths. His body trembled as a result of his close brush with death.

Not everyone has had this frightening life-or-death experience, but

Sophomore Tiara Weathersby said almost drowning was as close to death that she'd ever like to be.

"I was at a water park and sitting on a donut inner tube when I fell through the center. I was under water for two or three minutes before they pulled me out," Weathersby said.

Sophomore Jeff Teetor took a plunge of another type.

"In my old house, we had a rotted ceiling. I was riding a bike in the attic and all of the sudden, I fell through the ceiling. I busted my arm and was

unconscious for a long time," Teetor said.

Death tried to sneak up on them, but Jared Castle, sophomore, challenged danger every day.

"Every time I ride my skateboard, I almost get hit by a car," Castle said. Yet, Castle still skateboards, even with the threat of death breathing down his neck.

Whether it is bike accidents, car accidents, falling, drowning or dodging trains - being on the threshold of darkness and light was a harrowing experience.

Sophomore Joanna Gitterman smiles as she has her birthday picture taken with Sting. It was also Sting's birthday and he shined off his new outfit purchased by the booster club. Photo By Leanna Carpenter

Wearing her birthday headband, Sophomore Amber Gilliland finishes her homework. Even on the day students turned sweet sixteen, homework was still a reality. Photo By Leanna Carpenter



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# Sweet Sixteen

WAS YOUR 16TH B-DAY ALL THAT IT WAS CRACKED UP TO BE?

"We all went to see Waterbury so didn't do anything too special."  
Sophomore Justen Seibolt

"I can't even remember my 16th birthday. I was at cheerleading camp all day and then I went to the lake with my church."  
Sophomore Lisa Wellington

"I had a surprise birthday party. I got a car, a bunch of presents and money."  
Sophomore Phillip Smith

"It was good, nice, fun - a lot of people were there."  
Sophomore Charles Blackman

Sophomore Sara Park climbs into her car with four other Sophomore friends who still have no drivers licenses. Students with wheels were often times more popular than ones without due to the need for a ride home.

Photo by Leanna Carpenter



Sophomores Jack Ryan, Andrea Noble and Justen Seibolt compare their new drivers' licenses. With the new style of licenses just released, each person's license had differences.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter

# TOP FOUR

## Benefits Of Turning Sixteen

### LICENSE

EVERYONE AGREED THAT TURNING 16 WAS ALL ABOUT DRIVING-ESPECIALLY WITHOUT PARENTS!

### PRESENTS

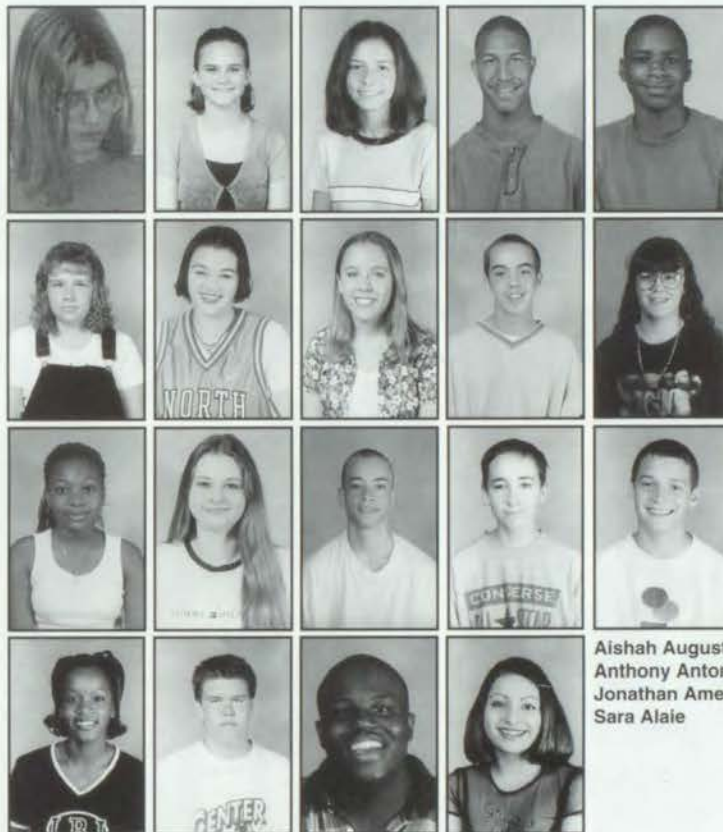
Lots of quality presents seemed to come hand in hand with sweet-sixteen birthday parties. BONUS!

### CAR

WHAT GOOD IS A LICENSE WITHOUT A SET OF WHEELS?

### DATING

For most sophomores, with strict parents, the magic dating age was 16.



Jennifer Carr  
Amy Carr  
Christine Campbell  
Michael Byers  
Michael Brown

Jessica Brown  
Rebecca Briones  
Amanda Briner  
Brandon Brennan  
Michelle Boyle

Deonna Bouye  
Angela Bonne  
Wendell Bell  
Phillip Becker  
Jay Barry

Aishah Augusta  
Anthony Antonello  
Jonathan Amerison  
Sara Alaie

Junior Shaniqua Townsend gets her finger sized by a Jostens representative. Jostens came to school during lunch and met with students wishing to purchase a class ring.

*Photo By Leanna Carpenter*



Eric Zugelder  
Brian Worts



Megan Wise  
Leif Wisdahl  
Christy Wilson  
Robbie Williams  
Aaron Williams  
Derek Wieberg  
Joe Wells  
Natalie Webb



Lindsey Weaver  
Brandi Watson  
Rashawnda Walker  
Amberly Wagner  
Arron Trowbridge  
Shaniqua Townsend  
Mahasan Taylor  
Darrin Taylor



Darren Stone  
Julian Stoaks  
Gina Soldi  
Nicholas Snorgrass  
Brian Singer  
Naveed Siddiqi  
Scott Shannahan  
Nicholas Scheuerman



Shalanda Sanders  
Amanda Saad  
Samuel Robinson  
Christopher Riley  
Morgan Ridgeway  
Quintin Randle  
Amber Randle  
Zachary Peister



Jefferson Peak  
Travis O'Reilly  
Dannielle Nugent  
Lynsey Nixon  
Toan Nguyen  
Shawn Mitchell  
Shashanda Mitchell  
Amy Mitchell



John Milone Jr.  
Crystal McIntosh  
Norman McDonald  
Cerise Martel  
Chris Lowry  
Robert Long  
Lance Lewis  
Lakeisha Langston





Juniors Amy Johnson, Gina Soldi, Lindsey Weaver, and Renee Belts show off their different class rings. Class rings were a way to express your individuality and accomplishments.  
*Photo by Tina Watts*

Eric Hoynes scales the wall backstage during a play rehearsal. After a stressful seven-hour day students found creative ways to wind down.  
*Photo by Leanna Carpenter*



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# What is unique about your class ring?

"My ring cost more than my car! It's special because I got it inscribed with Big Daddy Jeff inside."  
*Junior Jeff Hill*

"I wanted my ring to show what I had accomplished during High School."  
*Junior Gina Soldi*

"I was petting my new ring and it slipped off my finger and the stone broke, breaking my heart with it."  
*Junior Matt Daggett*

"I got an Italian flag because I'm Italian. I also got basketball and football on it."  
*Junior John Milone*

"My ring came with my name spelled wrong. Then I was spinning it around and it flew off my finger and dented."  
*Junior Naveed Siddiqui*

"I got my ring sized for the wrong finger. I guess I'll just be different and wear it on my left hand."  
*Junior Amy Mitchell*

"My stone is purple because that color signifies power. I also put NFL President on the side."  
*Junior Candace Chatman*

Junior Jeff Peak waits out the bus ride on the way to a soccer game. Some athletes enjoyed the bus trips, using that time to relax and mentally prepare for the game ahead. **Photo By Joey Brake**

Attending a Monday-night Key Club meeting, Junior Amy Mitchel listens to the officers speak. Key Club participated in several community-service projects. **Photo By Leana Carpenter**



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# Look WHO'S TALKING

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- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Amy Johnson      | A. Yo Flacko      |
| 2. Rashawnda Walker | B. Bomb Diggie    |
| 3. Tyler Crafton    | C. I digg that    |
| 4. Lindsey Weaver   | D. You stinkie    |
| 5. Morgan Ridgeway  | E. Talk to me     |
| 6. Gina Soldi       | F. Yeah, right    |
| 7. Neil Corrison    | G. Ja ya boy      |
| 8. Amy Mitchell     | H. I'm the bomb   |
| 9. John Milone      | I. You're special |

I.D.2.1.3.E.4.F.5.C.6.H.7.A.8.B.9.G



Junior Morgan Ridgeway pushes fellow classmate Lindsey Weaver to her next class. Weaver spent the day in a wheelchair in order to gain inside perspective for a *Searchlight* article she was writing. Weaver found the experience trying, as she was unable to reach some of her classes.

**Photo By Leanna Carpenter**

Juniors John Milone, Thomas Baskind and Matt Daggett watch a soccer game. Many students supported their classmates by attending their sporting events.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter



# DICTIONARY

## Understanding the Junior Class Lingo

- TRUE DAT** • True; I agree
- PLAYA** • one who cheats on or has more than one significant other.
- PHAT** • Cool, neat, good
- TIGHT** • cool, interesting
- HATER** • one who doesn't approve of a Playa
- JAYA** • Yes
- MONEY** • Neat, cool
- PIMPIN'** • One who has it all, including money, a car, etc.
- BANK** • Money
- DICE** • Cool



Ryan Knickerbocker  
Julius King  
Jennifer Keeney  
Cliff Juan  
Christian Juan  
Peggy Joy  
Deanna Jones  
Amy Johnson

Stephen John  
Andrew Johnson  
Mark Hurst  
Dallas Hull  
Carrie Howard  
Pasha Hosseini  
Stacy Hopkins  
Winnerford Hill

Larhonda Hill  
Jeff Hill  
Jennett Hepola  
Shannon Heffernan  
Eric Haynes  
Wyketha Harrell  
Jerald Groves  
Melinda Grandi

Fatima Gonzalez  
Tyedia Godsey  
Heather G'enn  
Richard Gilles  
John Fultz  
Jessica Fowler  
Patrick Flattery  
Kristi Erickson

Kiyana Dodd  
Lamonte Dixon  
Matt Daggett  
Frances Cusick  
Jason Curry  
David Crossley  
Tyler Crafton  
Shannon Cox

Junior Jeff Peak waits out the bus ride on the way to a soccer game. Some athletes enjoyed the bus trips, using that time to relax and mentally prepare for the game ahead.  
**Photo By Joey Brake**



Neil Corrison  
 Sonya Cornelius  
 Angela Clardy  
 Candace Chatman  
 Katie Cates  
 Ashley Cashen  
 Travis Cartwright  
 Rita Carr



Joe Carr  
 Justin Caplan  
 Carrie Caldwell  
 Synnoeva Burton  
 Jessica Bundy  
 Marty Brown  
 Joey Brake  
 Jermaine Booker



Meia Boles  
 Heather Blakesley  
 Rene'e Betts  
 Thomas Baskind  
 Mary Ajarapu  
 Deandre Abbott





# BATTLE OF THE SEXES

Junior guys and girls meet in battle of wits

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|---|---|--|--|
| 1. What is the name of the vice-president's wife?<br>M 60% F 80%    | 4. Find two ways to make 6 out of IX.<br>M 33% F 27%  | Girls.<br>M 87% F 100%                                     | 11. What is the name of the necklace worn by Rose in "The Titanic"?<br>M 60% F 93% |
| 2. What is the capital of Belgium?<br>M 60% F 40%                   | 5. Who has the record for hitting the most home runs in major league baseball?<br>M 27% F 20% | 8. What is Roy G. BIV?<br>M 13% F 100%                     | 12. What does Bonne Bell make?<br>M 73% F 33%                                      |
| 3. What color was George Washington's white horse?<br>M 100% F 100% | 6. What is a Bob?<br>M 40% F 13%  | 9. What is the order of hits in volleyball?<br>M 53% F 60% | 13. What is Ducky? What movie is he from?<br>M 67% F 60%                           |
|   | 7. Name all five of the Spice   | 10. How many points in a safety?<br>M 60% F 93%            |  |



Juniors Fatima Gonzalez and John Milone battle it out by arm wrestling during lunch. Juniors found many competitions between the sexes in everyday activities.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter

During an early-morning cheerleading practice, Junior Rashawnda Walker performs a stunt with fellow squad member Delea Durdin, senior. Many friendships formed between upper and lower classmen.

Photo By Jessica Renfrow



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## Describe THE OPPOSITE SEX IN THREE WORDS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| "Selfish, witty, unemotional"<br>Lindsey Weaver | "Waste of time."<br>Lynsey Nixon            |
| "Boring, lovable, psychollic."<br>Brian Singer  | "Confusing and moody."<br>Aaron Williams    |
| "One weird species."<br>Erin Anderson           | "Shopping, diets, hair."<br>Neil Corrison   |
| "Fun, complicated, stressful."<br>Jason Curry   | Scratchy, dumb, smelly."<br>Candace Chapman |
| "Hard to please."<br>Frank Hill                 | "I love them."<br>Matt Daggett              |

Juniors Amy Johnson and Carrie Howard bow their heads in silence during the '98 See You At The Pole. This is a time for students to pray for the upcoming year. *Photo By Neil Corriston*

Junior Shannon Heffernan gets jiggy with it at the '98 Thesplan Festival. Several thespians from Center attended this event. *Photo By Amy Carr*



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**What**  
IS THE BEST THING ABOUT YOUR PET?

"My dog likes me. Usually, animals run from me"

Joey Brake

"My cat sits on my shoulder and loves me. She talks to me, too."

Amy Johnson

"I love it that my dog can jump high and no one else's dog can."

Lindsey Weaver

"I hate my dog."

Carrie Howard

Nick Scheuerman, Jeff Hill, Joey Brake and Neil Corriston cheer their hearts out at a home football game. All four students were members of the newly-formed CHS Spirit Club. *Photo By Ginger Damron*





Junior Toan Nuygen takes a rest from the busy life of English class. Many students are too busy to get the rest they need at home.

Photo By Neil Corrison

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ITEM TO WEAR TO BED??

"I wear just a long t-shirt to bed. That's what I'm comfortable in."  
LaDetra Williams

"I love to wear my plaid pajamas. They are so soft and they really keep me warm."  
Ashley Cashen

"Hmmm.....well....I guess boxers and shorts."  
Nick Snorgrass

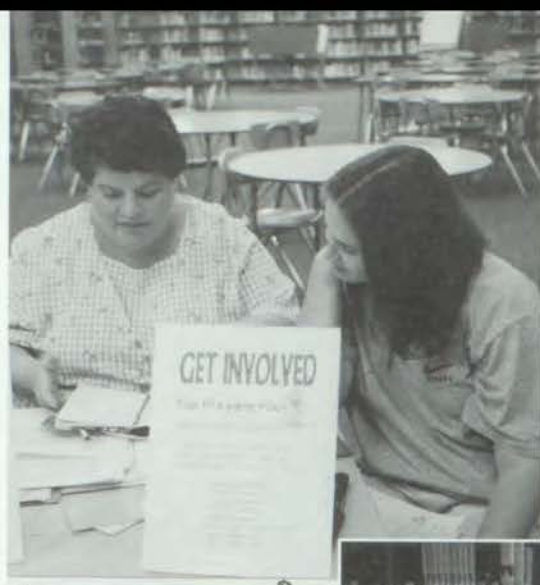
"Nothing."  
Gina Soldi



### JUNIORS NOT PICTURED

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|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Erin Anderson      | Nathan Harris    | Jolene Oully      |
| Eric Ally          | James Henderson  | LeVaughn Owens    |
| Brandon Bailey     | Erica Johnson    | Andrew Ringwood   |
| Ananda Baucom      | Lalasha Johnson  | William Runnets   |
| Stephanie Berry    | Leonard Jones    | Benjamin Schwerin |
| Adam Brown         | Monica Jones     | Shalaunda Seats   |
| Tiffany Campbell   | Sherrod Jones    | Filmore Solomon   |
| Eric Carter Jr.    | Mikha Kube       | Kelley Stevens    |
| Rheyla Carter-Hall | Ranata Love Lady | Josiah Sward      |
| Bin Chen           | Whitney Mallon   | Katrine Taylor    |
| Elizabeth Conner   | Anloine Martin   | Jason Wages       |
| David Dunn         | Bruce McAfee Jr. | Benjamin Williams |
| Brandon Evans      | Charles Miller   | Donald Williams   |
| Mariano Gaucin     | Roy Mingo        | Kody Williams     |
| Sherman Gilbert    | Umar Muhammad    | LaDetra Williams  |
| Jerome Harris Jr.  | Karl Nerman      | Tinicka Williams  |

# Community Paid Volunteers



PTA representative Mrs. Chambers volunteers to recruit new members on "Back to School Night". The Parent/Teacher Association helped provide people to run the bookstore, and gave generously to classes and clubs in need.

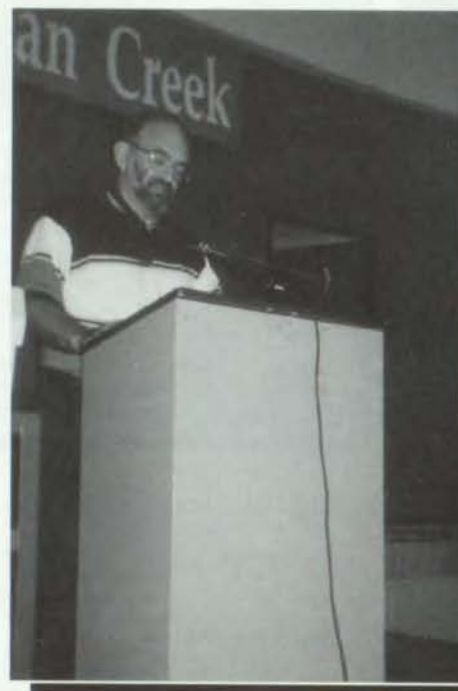
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Without the help of the Kiwanis Club, the Key Club would not have existed. Kiwanis Club member Mr. Bleish attended all of the Key Club meetings and helped set up community-service projects for club members. Photo by Leanna Carpenter



The proud parents of the boy's soccer team watch a district battle AGAINST Pembroke Hill. Despite the cold temperature, devoted fans remained in the stands to cheer on their team.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter



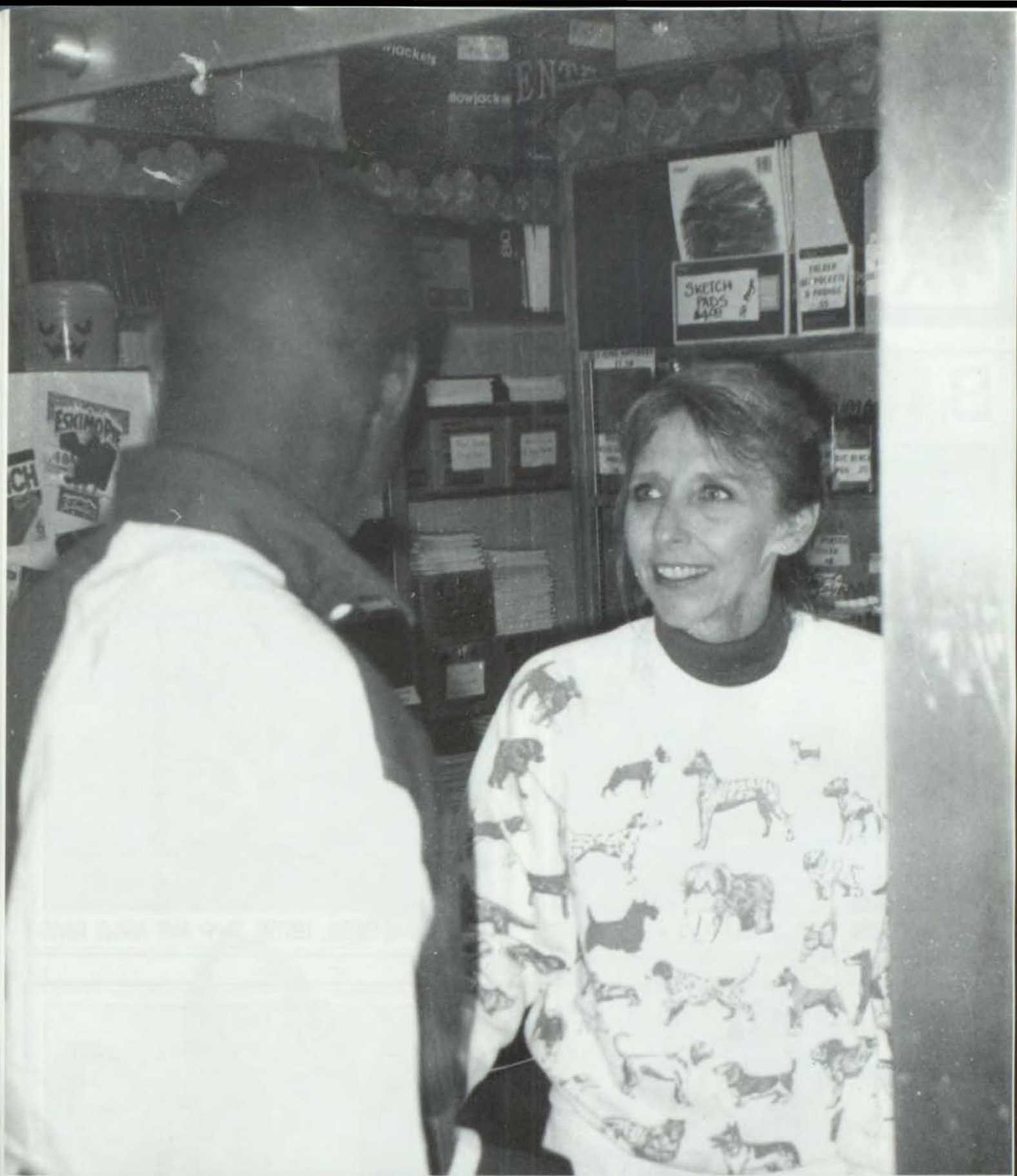
School Board President Gary Damron speaks to staff members during a district brunch. Faculty and staff met before the start of school to make plans and set goals.

Photo By Leanna Carpenter

Athletics Director Terry Keeton plays the role of a vendor during a boy's home soccer game. Concession stands were set up by the Booster Club at every game and as a new edition, they gave classes a chance to raise a little money by helping sell snacks.


Photo By Leanna Carpenter





Volunteers for the PTA Book Store were not at all scarce during the '98-'99 year. Parents, as well as other community members, volunteered their time before school and during lunch shifts to run the bookstore. PTA member Judy Gillespie spent many days behind the counter, serving the students and faculty at CHS. Photo by James Glenn

Kelly Warinner  
and  
Leanna Carpenter

Community Divider  153



# Senior

## HALL OF FAME



### Best All-Around



STEVE MATTSON, TERESA SELF AND EVAN CLEAVER

### Personality Plus

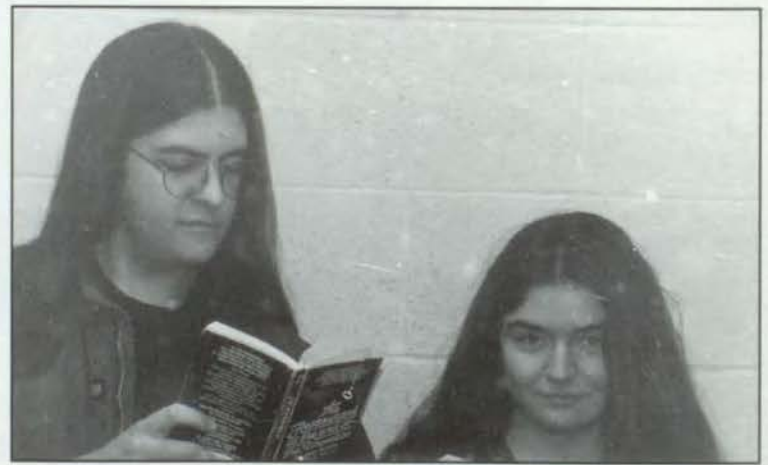


LEANNA CARPENTER, LESTER TAPP AND ANGIE DAVIS

### Super Smart



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SHATONDA JONES AND ANTHONY WARREN

Super Smile!! 



JALONN SIDNEY AND ADRIAN SMITH


CELEBRATE!  Most Fun To Be Around



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# Fabulous Flirt



PAMELA BIGELOW AND AHMAD JENKINS

# Awesome thilte



AMANDA SCULLARK AND MIKE MCCRORY

# Sooo Shy





JON DAVIDSON AND MELISSA LAZONO



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**Clown**  

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BOB VAUGHT AND SAMANTHA FLOREZ

**Most Involved**



GINGER DAMRON AND BRET EUBANK

# Teacher's Pets



JEFF DOUGLAS AND MISHEL SMITH

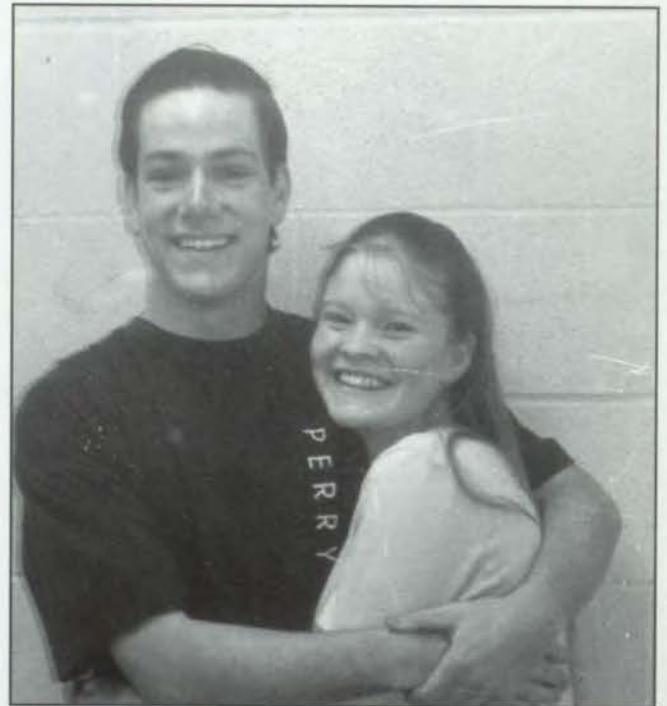
## Best Looking



JESS MOORE AND KELLY WARINNER



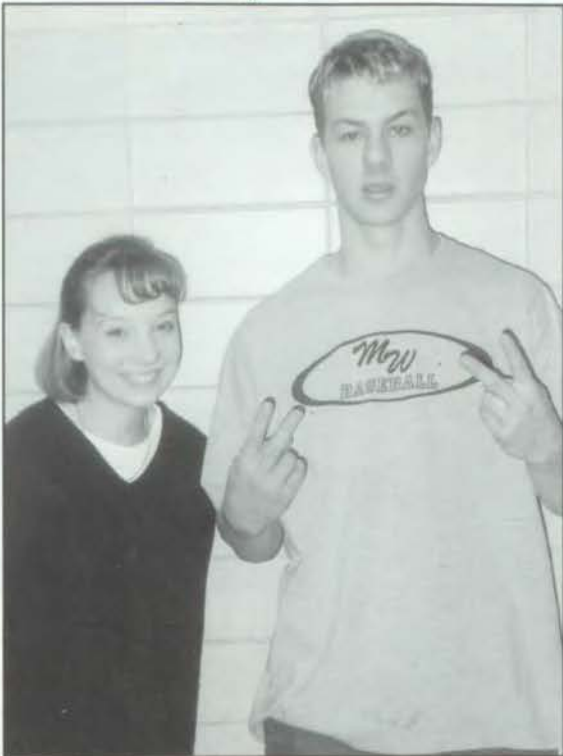
## Friendliest



CHRIS GRAY AND TINA WATTS

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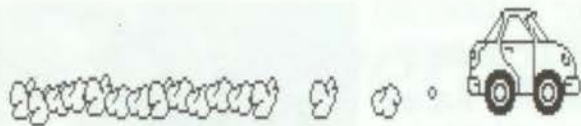


MELISSA YOUNGBLOOD AND RANDY GREEN

# Most Changed

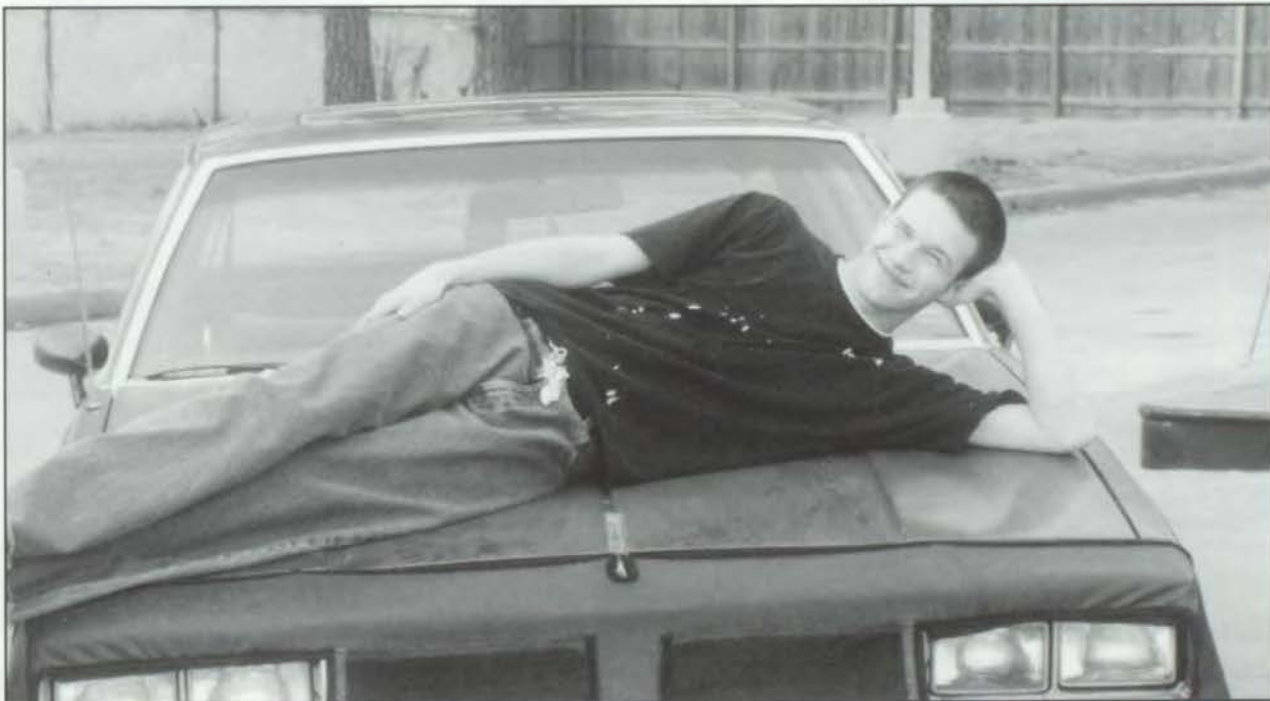


JUDAH SCHAD  
AND  
MELISSA GREENING



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STEVE HARTLINE AND JESSICA GITTERMAN (NOT PICTURED)

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YOUR INNER STRENGTH, ALONG WITH MANY LOVING HANDS HAVE BROUGHT YOU TO WHERE YOU ARE TODAY, A VERY PROUD DAY. MOST OF ALL, I'M PROUD OF YOUR CHARACTER.

LOVE ALWAYS,  
MOM, BOB, KENNY AND ANGELA

Michael Daniel



# Gabrielle

To my precious daughter, the Great Gabbi; the very best of the Class of '99. From kindergarten though senior year, the years have truly been sweet and richly blessed for me because of you.



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I love you forever.  
Rose (Mom)*

Gabrielle Rose

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From,  
Melinda Grandl  
and Peggy Joy



## Yearbook Staff

You did an excellent job organizing the chaos! Thank you for your hard work, long hours and dedication to our project! I love you all !!!



Ms. Yates



# Players

*"We're Creating The Impossible"* 58



*"Do Your Best  
and the Angels  
Can Do No Better"*



Bunny Hopkins

# CHS Parent-Teacher Association

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The 1998-1999 PTA: Row One: Mark Phillips, Denise Chambers, Maggie Holley, Jackie Carr Row Two: Channy Golfredson, Julie Maltson, Veretta Jack, Jim Tischer, Barbara Rodriguez, Jeanine Bell



The sound booth in Garrison Auditorium is just one of the many new items in the school funded by the Parent Teacher Association.

The PTA has contributed over \$5,000 in part or all of the following:

- Auditorium Sound Booth
- Concert Choir dresses/tuxes
- Soccer Scoreboard
- Student Planers
- Teacher Appreciation
- Student Enrichment
- and much, much more

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**Good Luck! May you walk with God  
Always!**



**Dad, Mom, Melinda and Mariane**

# Best Friends



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Anne



May 31,  
81

We shared  
good times  
and bad thru  
thick and



We will al-  
ways be  
there for  
each other.  
God Bless  
the Class



Feb. 12,  
81

of 100

# COLOPHON

The 1998-99 *Yellowjacket* was produced by the Advanced Publications class, taught by Journalism Instructor Kathy Yates. Many others contributed to the completion of this book, so to aptly conclude this book, the staff would like to thank these people.

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Okay, here is everything you NEVER wanted to know about the production of the *Yellowjacket*. Stop reading here if you don't care!

The theme "Organized Chaos" was decided upon at a summer yearbook workshop in Fullon, MO attended by Yates, Carpenter, Damron and Carr. The cover was designed by a Walsworth artist at the direction of those students. The paper used was Monarch Gloss B with Smyth Sewn binding.

The book was designed on Power Macintosh computers using Adobe PageMaker 5.0, Adobe Illustrator 7.0, Adobe Photoshop 4.0 and Walsworth design software, Desktop. 400 copies of the 192-page book were purchased. The cost of the book was \$40. Class portraits, club and sports photos were taken by Rick Martin of Prestige Photography.

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WE ALL LOVE YOU AND  
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Continue to strive for excellence. Keep God as your confidant and he will guide you through your journey. Grandfather is smiling down on you always.

Leslie Lewis

-love  
Grandma Mom Ramsey,  
Ham and Joes

Elizabeth Ross



Our dear Elizabeth - We are so very proud of your accomplishments. We want you to remember that this is a beginning for you. There will be many more achievements to come. Always remain the confident and assertive young lady you are it will take you far. God bless you. All Our Love.

Mom, Dad and Billy

# Elizabeth

# Bret Eubank



When you were born, all we wanted was a child. What we got was a blend of scalawag, friend, son, know-it-all and soul mate. We've watched you evolve into someone to be proud of, despite our fledgling parenting skills. Spread your wings and fly in college. You're a part of us that we treasure. Thanks, son.



Bret Eubank

Love,  
Mom and Dad

# ERIN

You have always made me proud. As you begin to live your dreams, reach for the stars. You can do anything!

All my love!  
Mom



Erin Barnes

# Nicki

Congratulations!!! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and know you will go far in your life.

We Love You!!  
Mom, Al and Cody



Nicki Henderson



# CLARESE J. CUNNINGHAM



IT WAS A  
LONG JOURNEY,  
BUT YOU  
MADE IT! WE  
ARE SO PROUD  
OF YOU!!  
LOVE, MOM



DEAR GRANDDAUGHTER,  
PLEASE TAKE FULL AD-  
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PRESENTED TO YOU. YOU  
ARE TOMORROW'S  
LEADER.  
CONGRATS  
ON GRADUATING!  
LOVE,  
GRANDMA AND GRANDPA



Congratulations  
on Graduating!!  
Love,  
Your Sister Kyafia,  
Your Niece Joi and  
Your Nephew D.J.



Way To Go  
Thin Mint!!!!  
Love, Dad

YOU MADE IT!?!  
LOVE,  
YOUR SISTERS  
COREY AND CHLOE



*I'm so proud of you and  
I will be here for you  
after graduation.  
Congratulations! You  
have made it!*

*Love,  
Ryan*



# CONGRATS TOM!!!



We are so proud of you  
and we love you!

Mom and Eione



Tom Gavin

# SEDRIC

Congratulations on your  
accomplishments. We are  
very proud of you and love  
you!

All The Best!

Eric Sr., Esther, Ramona, Eric  
Dewayne, Eric Jr. and Rasheda



Sedric Hibler

# MELISSA



We are thankful that  
God brought you to  
us. You have a sweet  
and generous spirit.  
You have brought  
joy into our lives.

CONGRATULATIONS!  
WE ARE PROUD  
OF YOU!!!  
LOVE,  
MOM, DAD  
AND CHRISTA



Melissa Youngblood



Scott Reaves

# SCOTT

Scottie, we are very proud  
of you. Continue to hold on  
to your dreams and make  
them happen. We love you  
and wish you the BEST!!

Love, Mom and Dad

# Monica

*You have great potential with a wonderful future ahead. You are great and we all love you!*

*Love, Mom, Dad, Alison  
Bert and Greg*



Monica Shipman

# BRET

You finally graduated...  
"I KNEW YOU WOULD!"  
I'm so proud of you and wish  
you much future success.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Love, Your Favorite Sister,  
Tiffany



Bret Eubank

# #17 Steve

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SCOTT ('93) & SHELLY



Steve Mattson

# JEFFREY

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Never forget how much  
we love you!  
Love, Mom and Dad



Jeff Douglas

# E M I L Y



*"...I never saw a wild thing sorry  
for itself..."*

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are so proud of you and love you...  
Up To The Sky!! Love, Mom and Dad

# Cassie



*You're unique, charming,  
beautiful and talented.  
We are proud to be  
your parents!  
The future is YOUR  
dream come true!  
You're our baby always!!  
Love, Dad and Mom  
and Lovey, too!*

*I'm glad we became friends  
when we quit sharing a room!*

**DO YOUR BEST!! -**

*The angels can do no better.*

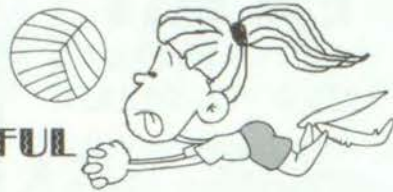
*Luv Ya, Sissy!*

*Jana*



Cassie Grantham

**T**ALENTED  
**A**THLETIC  
**R**ESOURCEFUL  
**A**RTISTIC



Tara Tischer

With qualities like these (not to mention just a slight, minute, almost undetectable, smidgeon of stubbornness), we know you can accomplish whatever you set your mind to. We Love You.

Mom, Dad, Brian and Brandon

# Tiffany



Your warm and giving personality, your drive and desire to succeed are the things that make you who you are. So on your journey to be what you want to be, remember I will always love you for just being you. Congratulations! **DAD**

Tiffany Ross



**B**  
**O**  
**B**

WE WISH YOU A  
 WONDERFUL LIFE.  
 WE LOVE YOU VERY  
 MUCH AND ARE VERY  
 PROUD OF THE CARING  
 AND GENEROUS  
 PERSON YOU'VE BECOME.  
**MOM, DAD AND ROSE**



Bob Vaught

**M**  
**A**  
**R**  
**Y**



Mary Morse

**GOOD  
 LUCK  
 AND  
 GOD  
 BLESS!!**

Mom and Dad



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We're so very proud of you. You've turned into a very beautiful young lady. We've come a long way. **SMILE!!**

**Love You, Your Family**



Dedra Ferguson

# Mishel



Your goals you set  
for yourself were  
hard to achieve,  
but like God prom-  
ised - all you have  
to do is believe

With God as your  
captain, and me as a  
squad member, you  
will go on to succeed.

I Love You.  
Good Luck.

MOM



Mishel Smith

# Erin

Your family is more proud of you than words can  
say. We have watched you grow into a beautiful  
young lady. Continue to follow your dreams.

Love Always, Bill and Maureen

Erin Barnes

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A GIRL? IN 1981  
after four boys,  
you brought sur-  
prise and joy. You  
still do, and we're  
thankful for you.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Ginger Damron



# Erica



My Princess! You made it! We are so proud of you.  
God will always be with you. Keep moving for-  
ward.

Your Family

Erica Graham

# Menulique

PRINCESS

If you believe,  
you can achieve.  
Let God guide you  
through life.



May God bless  
and smile upon  
you.

With Love Forever,  
Mom and Dad



Menulique Forman

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Evan Cleaver

You have star quality. Put God first in your life and He will open the door to all your dreams.

So Much Love,  
Mom and Daddy



You have proven yourself a winner. Now, place your hand in the hand of God and go for it!

With Love,  
Gräma and Grande



Believe in yourself, listen to your mom and dad, and you will always be blessed.

I Love You, G-Daddy

Look, I have set before you an open door which no one is able to shut.

Revelations 3:8



Brandon Davis

**Brandon**

Congratulations on your accomplishments. Where did the time go? From baby to young man, it's been great. I'm so proud of you. Dream large! The sky is the limit!

Love,  
Mom and Family

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**MY MICHELLE**

I THANK GOD FOR BLESSING ME WITH A WONDERFUL DAUGHTER THAT EVERY MOTHER WOULD WISH FOR.

I'M SO PROUD OF YOU. WORDS COULDN'T EXPRESS MY HAPPINESS. I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'VE BECOME A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY!



YOU HAVE A BLESSED FUTURE TO LOOK FORWARD TO. THE JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN!!

Love,  
YOUR MOTHER



# Mystique'



*Don't let anyone bring you down or steer you in the wrong direction. Remember, you are a very special young lady, and beautiful in your own unique way.*



*To My Lovely Daughter, Mystique  
Just in case you have any doubt, I love you very much and I'm so proud to be your mother. You are now about to graduate, but to me, you are still my little baby!*

*Good Luck  
In Your Future!!  
Love Always, Mama*



# Diem

We are very proud of you. Keep up the good work and reach for the stars. Remember, you will always be our baby -girl.

Love always,  
Mom, Grandma, Grandpa,  
Lee, Juani, and Gertie



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**T** EENIE  
**I** NTELLIGENT  
**N** ON-PERSUASIVE  
**A** NGEL??

**F** ULL OF LIFE & LOVE  
**E** VERYBODY'S BABY  
**R** EASSURING STRENGTH  
**N** O (YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS)  
**E** VER-LOVING PERSONALITY

**W** ITH THESE AND OTHER FINE QUALITIES  
**A** IM HIGH, LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT  
**T** RY YOUR DREAMS, STAY FOCUSED  
**T** RUSTWORTHY AND TRUE TO YOURSELF  
**S** OMEDAY YOUR PRINCE WILL COME  
LOVE, MOM, DAD  
JEREMY "94" AND CARRIE "96"



Tina Watts

# TIFFANY

Don't be a follower. At all times, strive to be your own leader. For wisdom is better than riches, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.  
I love you! Mom



Tiffany Elliott

# Leanna



La - We are so proud of you. Thank you for being the kind of daughter every parent dreams of having. You have blessed our family with your zest for life, spirited personality, and passion for sports.



Leanna Carpenter

Our wish is for you to pursue your dreams, listen to your heart, live and love life. Continue your walk with God.  
Lovingly, Mom, Dad and Jen



Rooser, growing up with you has been so much fun. Over the years, you've shown me you are smart, talented, funny, and beautiful. Now it's time for the rest of the world to find out.

I love you! Jen

# SANDY

TO OUR LOVING DAUGHTER



WE WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW PROUD OF YOU WE ALL ARE. YOU HAVE BECOME BEAUTIFUL - NOT ONLY ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT ON THE INSIDE AS WELL. YOUR INNER BEAUTY HAS GROWN AND MADE YOU A VERY SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL, WHICH MAKES US BLESSED AS PARENTS.



WITH ALL OF YOUR DETERMINATION, NOTHING CAN STAND IN YOUR WAY TO BE A SUCCESS AT EVERYTHING YOU DO. MAY THERE ALWAYS BE RAINBOWS IN YOUR LIFE TO MAKE YOU SMILE. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE.



CONGRATULATIONS & LOTS OF LOVE!  
mom, KEVIN, JACK AND DAD

May your future be as bright, joyous and successful as your past has been!

We Love You!!

Gpa and Gma Sidney  
Grandpa Smith  
Grandma Dearborn



**JALONN**

Life is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God. May God continue to bless and keep you in all your future endeavors. We're very proud of you and always will be proud parents!!



Congratulations Love You! Mom, Dad, and Andree'

Jalonn Sidney

**Regan**



Regan Townsend

Some gifts can only come from God, and so as I pray each day, I thank Him for sending us a daughter as special as you are! Remember as you focus on your goals, that God is standing by. Success is yours.

Love, Big G and Mom

**MOLLY**

Soccer player! Acting Star!  
Kind! Funny! Beautiful!  
*That's who you are!!*  
Great Sister! Great Daughter!  
Great Friend, Too!  
If you were a booger, we'd pick you!

Mom, Dad, Paul, Colleen, Peter & Logan



Molly Gillespie

**NICKI**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**  
WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND KNOW YOU WILL GO FAR IN YOUR LIFE!

WE LOVE YOU!  
Mom, Al and Cody



Nicki Henderson

**A H M A D**



**WE LOVE YOU  
WE BLESS YOU,  
WE ARE VERY  
PROUD OF YOU.  
WE WISH YOU  
THE BEST!**



**SON**

**COUSIN**

**NEPHEW**

**GRANDSON**



**LOVE  
ALWAYS,**

**YOUR  
FAMILY**

AHMAD JENKINS

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# organized CHAOS

THE HALLWAYS THAT WERE ONCE FULL OF NOISE AND **CHAOS** GROW QUIET, AS THEY WILL BE DURING THE THREE LONG SUMMER MONTHS TO COME. A ONCE **organized** LEARNING ENVIRONMENT BECAME, IN THE REMAINING DAYS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, A **CHAOTIC** SCRAMBLE TO FIND THOSE LOST HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS THAT COULD POSSIBLY BUMP THE ONCE-FAILING GRADE TO A PASSING ONE OR THAT PENCIL STUB FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR LOCKER YOU NEED TO COMPLETE SEMESTER FINALS. STUDENTS BEGIN TO CLEAN ALL THE YEAR'S POPULAR PARAPHERNALIA OUT OF THEIR LOCKERS. BUT AFTER THE PASSING GRADES ARE SECURED, FINALS ARE COMPLETED, AND THE STICKERS ARE PEELED FROM THE LOCKER DOORS, THE WONDERFUL REALIZATION HITS YOU. **CHAOTIC** CLASSES ARE DONE - AS ARE NIGHTS OF **ORGANIZING** HOMEWORK AND DAYS OF LONG AND BORING DETENTIONS. THE CHAOS OF THE HALLWAY IS A THING OF THE PAST FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS - FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS.

AMID ALL THE **CHAOS**, A FEW HIGHLIGHTS COULD BE DISTINGUISHED. C.H.A.T. (CENTER HIGH ADVISORY TIME) WAS INTRODUCED TO CHS. STUDENTS ATTENDED C.H.A.T. TWICE A MONTH IN DESIGNATED CLASSROOMS AND RECEIVED A FOURTH OF A CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATING. THE 25 MINUTES BETWEEN LUNCH SHIFTS WAS SPENT DISCUSSING PREPARATIONS FOR THE FUTURE, ENROLLING IN CLASSES FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND DISCUSSING ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS MIGHT HAVE.

TEACHERS AND STAFF ADAPTED TO A NEW ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE. SCANTRON FORMS MADE WAY FOR A BRAND-NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM. ATTENDANCE SHEETS WOULD THEN BE HISTORY AS TEACHERS RECORD ABSENCES AND TARDIES DIRECTLY INTO THE COMPUTER.

SUPERINTENDENT DR. WILLIAM HAWWER'S RESIGNATION BROUGHT ON A DILIGENT SEARCH FOR A NEW SUPERINTENDENT. AFTER NARROWING IT DOWN AND CONDUCTING MANY INTERVIEWS, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EXCELSIOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT, DR. DAVID SMITH, WAS HIRED TO FILL THE POSITION. SMITH AGREED TO TAKE THE REIGNS AT CHS IN JULY.

THE YEAR PROVED **UNORGANIZED** FOR THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS. THIS WAS THE FIRST SEASON THAT THE CHIEFS FAILED TO REACH POST-SEASON PLAY SINCE HEAD COACH MARTY SHOTTENHEIMER CAME TO KANSAS CITY. THE RESIGNATION OF SHOTTENHEIMER AT THE END OF THE SEASON, ENDED AN MEMORABLE ERA FOR THE CHIEFS AND LOYAL KANSAS CITY FANS. FORMER ASSISTANT COACH GUNTHER CUNNINGHAM TOOK THE JOB AS HEAD COACH WILL REBUILD THE TEAM AND TAKE THEM INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

IT WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT EVERYONE ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAD HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH OF THE WHITE HOUSE SEX SCANDAL. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH WHITE HOUSE INTERN MONICA LEWINSKY WAS NOT REALLY THE HOT TOPIC OF THE YEAR, BUT THE TOPIC AMERICANS COULDN'T AVOID. CLINTON WAS FOUND GUILTY OF PERJURY AFTER LYING ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH LEWINSKY. HE WAS IMPEACHED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BUT THE SENATE BROUGHT ORGANIZATION TO THE **CHAOS** BY FAILING TO REACH THE MAJORITY NEEDED TO END CLINTON'S TERM IN OFFICE.

SO ENDS ANOTHER **ORGANIZED**, YET **CHAOTIC** YEAR.



WORKING TO GET THE CROWD PUMPED UP BEFORE A VOLLEYBALL GAME, JUNIOR PASHA HOSSEINI RALLIED THE FANS INTO ACTION WITH HIS SKILLFUL CADENCES. SCHOOL SPIRIT WAS HIGH WITH THE HELP OF HOSSEINI WHO COULD BE FOUND AT MOST SCHOOL EVENTS AS A LOYAL LEADER.

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THE SCHOOL MASCOT IS DISPLAYED BY JUNIOR NEIL CORRISTON, SENIOR MARK HASELWOOD, AND SOPHOMORE ANDREW JOHNSON. THE BOYS' SWIM TEAM MEMBERS WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR JOKES AND FUN PERSONALITIES.

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SENIORS AMANDA SCULLARK, DANIELLE THOMAS AND MYSTIQUE GANT ENJOY LUNCH TOGETHER. SENIORS ENJOYED THE TIME WITH FRIENDS DURING LUNCH, REALIZING THEIR CONVERSATIONS OVER SALISBURY STEAK AND HALF-PINTS OF MILK WERE NUMBERED. PHOTO BY LEANNA CARPENTER



# organized CHAOS



And so ends another year at Center High School. The hallways are empty, lockers are clean, and the only sound in the building is of the maintenance crews stacking chairs and tables, preparing to do their summer cleaning. Gone is the chaotic jumble of conversation and laughter. Gone is the sounds of lockers slamming and bells ringing. Students are relaxing, enjoying some down time after a year of ORGANIZED CHAOS.

Photo By Amy Carr

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# 1998

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# 1999



Two police officers were killed and a tourist was seriously injured in July when a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol and opened fire. Russell Eugene Weston Jr., 41, began his shooting spree in mid-afternoon when the Capitol was filled with tourists and with the House still in session. Capitol Police Officer Jacob Chestnut, 58, was shot and killed at point-blank range as Weston barged through a metal detector. Fellow officer John Gibson, 42, was killed while exchanging fire with Weston. A memorial service was held in the Capitol Rotunda to honor both officers for their courageous acts. Weston, a paranoid schizophrenic with a long-standing fear of the federal government, was shot several times in the incident, but survived. He faces the federal death penalty for his crime.

The Chicago Bulls claimed their third consecutive championship by beating the Utah Jazz in the NBA Finals in June. It was Chicago's sixth league title in the 1990s and the team's second three-peat in eight years. Major off-season changes, most notably the retirements of head coach Phil Jackson and the legendary Michael Jordan, brought an inevitable end to one of professional basketball's true dynasties.



Mark Terrell/AP

The United Autoworkers Union for General Motors Corp. went on strike in June, idling thousands of workers and crippling production in the company's North American operation. The strike, which lasted seven weeks, involved one of GM's specialized parts factories and ultimately resulted in five assembly plants being closed until a deal was struck.



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The sleeper hit "There's Something About Mary" got a slow start, but eventually shot to the top to become one of the summer's most popular movies. Starring Cameron Diaz, Ben Stiller and Matt Dillon, the gross-out comedy earned an impressive \$150 million in the eight weeks following its release in July.



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With its futuristic design and translucent exterior, Apple's new iMac made a big splash in the computer industry when it was released in August. Both eye-catching and affordable, the iMac was an instant hit with more than 278,000 units sold during its first six weeks on the market. By year's end, the colorful new-age Macintosh had saturated the first-time buyers' market and converted a substantial number of PC users to become the fastest-selling computer in history.

# Summer 98

"The X-Files" movie, based on the hit TV series, opened in June and became No. 1 at the box office in its first week of release. David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson reprised their TV roles as FBI agents on the trail of a sinister global conspiracy. The movie's plot picked up the continuing story and also propelled the TV show into its sixth season in the fall. • Mary Jane Coder, 41, armed only with a



Peter Cosgrove/AP

Nearly two million people logged on to the America's Health Network web site to witness the Internet's first-ever live birth on June 16. Billed as an educational event, the Internet birth was filmed at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children in Orlando, Fla. Elizabeth Ann Oliver, 40, having had labor induced, gave birth to a seven-pound boy in the unprecedented online delivery.

The year's highest-profile Hollywood union came in July when Barbra Streisand and James Brolin were married. After a two-year courtship and several reported proposals, the seasoned character actor finally closed the deal with his multi-talented sweetheart. Streisand's son, Jason, gave the bride away and Brolin's son, Josh, was the best man during the ceremony, which featured a 16-piece orchestra conducted by Marvin Hamlisch. Guests included John Travolta, Tom Hanks and Quincy Jones.



Newsham Noltchayan/AP

The Rolling Stones performed their first-ever Russian concert in August at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium. The legendary rock group first applied for permission to play in the Soviet Union in 1967, but was denied due to irreconcilable differences. The Moscow concert, which lasted nearly three hours, was part of the Stones' highly successful "No Security" tour.



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The Detroit Red Wings rode an emotional wave to their second consecutive NHL championship, defeating the Washington Capitals in five games. The Red Wings dedicated their 1998 Stanley Cup to teammate Vladimir Konstantinov, who was injured in a near-fatal car crash days after their 1997 win. At center ice, the once-rugged defenseman acknowledged a standing ovation by rising from his wheelchair and waving to fans.

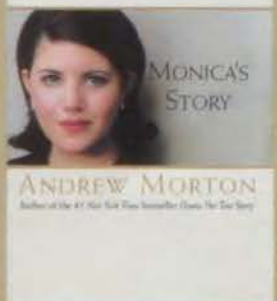
# Sex, Lies & the Presidency

After being impeached by the House of Representatives and tried in the Senate, President Clinton was acquitted on all charges for his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal. Following the historic Senate votes, Clinton apologized to the American people for what the scandal had done to the country. The embattled president then began the tough task of putting the scandal behind him and fulfilling his political agenda in the last two years of his presidency.



Greg Gibson/AP

Although fearful she might never be able to fully recover, Monica Lewinsky tried to begin her life anew in the aftermath of the presidential sex scandal. The former White House intern looked for closure by speaking publicly for the first time about her affair with the president in an interview with Barbara Walters on ABC. She also spent time promoting her book titled, "Monica's Story," written with Princess Diana biographer Andrew Morton.



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People all over the world witnessed history in the making as senators cast their votes, resulting in President Clinton's acquittal. Split almost entirely down party lines, both articles of impeachment failed. The first article, accusing the president of perjury, failed by a 55-45 vote, with 55 "Not Guilty" votes. The vote on the second article failed by a 50-50 vote.

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who spearheaded the investigation of the president from Whitewater to Monica, has since been compelled to ask the Justice Department to look into unauthorized leaks of confidential material from his office. Other questions regarding the integrity of Starr's four-year, \$40 million probe have also surfaced. Meanwhile, Starr remained unyielding, and contemplated the possibility of seeking an indictment against the president.



Doug Mills/AP

With a quiet dignity, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton endured the humiliation of her husband's indiscretions and through it all held her ground. Despite her personal and political ordeals, there was speculation the first lady might enter the New York senate race in 2000.



Khara Bell/AP

## Sound Off

In light of the political events of 1998, would you run for president?



pocket knife and her motherly instincts, fought off a mountain lion that tried repeatedly to attack her three young daughters during a hiking trip in June at Big Bend National Park in west Texas. By waving the knife, shouting and throwing rocks, Coder distracted the animal long enough for the girls to escape back up the trail to the family car. Walking backward with her small knife in hand, Coder followed with an eye on the lion until she too was able to escape. • Two

members of Pennsylvania's Amish community were thrust into the confusing world of the U.S. criminal justice system in June when they were indicted on drug-trafficking charges in federal court. In what investigators described as the first-ever drug case to involve the Amish, 24-year-old Abner Stoltzfus and Abner King Stoltzfus, 23, were arraigned on charges of obtaining methamphetamine and cocaine from a motorcycle gang called the Pagans, and selling it to

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson won a 15-month battle to re-enter the boxing ring when the Nevada State Athletic Commission restored his license in October. His license was suspended in 1997 after he bit Evander Holyfield's ear during their world title fight. Tyson, on parole from an earlier rape conviction, made a triumphant return to the boxing ring against Francois Botha in January. A month later, he was arrested for assault and sent back to jail.



Eric Draper/AP

John Glenn was rocketed back into space on the shuttle Discovery in October as the world's oldest astronaut. In an emotional reprise of his historic journey into space 36 years before, Glenn returned to the heavens as a test subject for NASA's research on aging. In 1962, the 77-year-old former U.S. Senator became the first American to orbit the Earth.



Craig Mitchell/AP

Newt Gingrich shocked the country in November when he resigned as House Speaker and announced he was leaving Congress. Considered the mastermind behind the Republicans' dramatic return to congressional power after 40 years in the minority, Gingrich was ultimately blamed for the GOP's disappointing showing in the 1998 mid-term elections. This ironic twist of fate was the culmination of more than a year of declining popularity, which saw him barely win a second term as speaker and survive an attempted coup by members of his own party and leadership.



John Bazemore/AP



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Swissair Flight 111 from New York to Geneva crashed into the North Atlantic off the Nova Scotian coast in September, killing all 229 people on board. Search crews recovered hundreds of thousands of pieces of the airliner from the ocean floor in the months following the tragic crash. Information collected from the flight data recorder indicated that a little more than an hour after leaving Kennedy International Airport, the pilot reported a fire in the cockpit. Sixteen minutes later, the aircraft plunged into the ocean. Although the official cause of the crash was uncertain, faulty wiring in the in-flight video system was suspected.



Andrew Vaughan/AP



Eric Draper/AP

The New York Yankees won their second championship in three years with a World Series sweep of the San Diego Padres in October. With the win, New York recorded its 24th championship, a league record, and its seventh World Series sweep. The Yankees' heroics in the fall classic capped an incredible season in which they posted a major league record 125 wins.



The U.S. Treasury Department began issuing newly redesigned \$20 bills in September, completing the third phase of its anti-counterfeiting program. The new \$20 bills feature a larger, slightly off-center portrait of President Jackson, color-shifting ink for the numeral in the lower right-hand corner on the front, and a front view of the White House instead of the back view used on the older notes. A redesigned \$100 bill entered circulation in 1996 followed a year later by a redesigned \$50 bill. Similar redesigns of the \$10 and \$5 bills are also planned and will be released simultaneously. The new currency will circulate along with older bills until they wear out and are pulled from circulation.

# Fall 98

Amish teens. The two men later pleaded guilty to the charges and faced up to 40 years in prison and up to \$2 million in fines. • Less than five months after his ex-fiancee was convicted of murdering a romantic rival and sentenced to life, former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham returned to court on the same charge in July. Prosecutors alleged Graham shot 18-year-old Adrienne Jones,





Eric Gay/AP

University of Texas tailback Ricky Williams broke the Division I-A career rushing record during a late-season game against cross-state rival Texas A&M. Williams, who later won the Heisman Trophy, rushed for 6,279 yards, eclipsing the record set by 1976 Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett 22 years before. During his career with the Longhorns, Williams set 16 NCAA records and 44 school marks. His stellar senior season put him in position to be the first pick in the NFL draft.



Kerik Djansezian/AP

NBC's highly rated sitcom, "Frasier," set an industry record in September by winning its fifth consecutive Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series. Overall, the show won four Emmys, including Kelsey Grammer's win for Lead Actor in a Comedy Series. "Frasier" began its sixth season on a new night, filling the coveted Thursday time slot previously occupied by "Seinfeld."

One of two high-profile hate crimes during the year involved 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, an openly gay student at the University of Wyoming. In October, Shepard was brutally beaten, roped to a fence and left to die in freezing weather. Russell Henderson, 22, and Aaron McKinney, 21, the two men responsible for the savage attack, faced the death penalty on charges of kidnapping, aggravated robbery and first degree murder. Shepard's grisly death helped intensify the push for tougher laws against hate crimes.

A labor dispute between the players' union and the NBA caused a lockout, which led to the cancellation of regular season games for the first time in league history. At the center of the debate was a collective bargaining agreement that called for concessions in free agency and the salary cap. At the eleventh hour, the players' union accepted a proposal that salvaged part of the season. The lockout, which lasted 204 days, cost the league and players millions of dollars and resulted in teams canceling 32 games on their 82-game schedule.



Ed Andrieski/AP



Jeff Geissler/AP

a high school classmate with whom he'd had a romantic fling, because his jealous girlfriend, Diane Zamora, ordered him to do so. After a three-week trial, in which Graham's written confession was key evidence, a jury found him guilty of capital murder and sentenced him to life in prison. • Comedian Jerry Seinfeld returned to stand-up in July less than two months after his popular television sitcom ended. Without advertising or promotion of any kind, Seinfeld quietly

# Season of Dreams



Eric Draper/AP

Whether you were a fan of baseball or not, it was hard not to get caught up in Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa's exhilarating home run race.

Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals brought America's field of dreams to life again, slamming 70 home runs on the season to eclipse Roger Maris' 37-year-old major league record of 61. Big Mac's assault on the record began an opening day with a grand slam. His 70th homer came some 120 games later in the Cardinals' final outing of the season. Through it all, McGwire's admirable sportsmanship was considered as impressive as his awesome heroics.

50 SAN DIEGO

40 ARIZONA

25 MCGWIRE

21 SOSA



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Ed Workley/AP



Beth Kellar/AP

Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa matched Mark McGwire in sportsmanship and almost in home runs, finishing the season with 66. Sosa followed McGwire in breaking Roger Maris' home run record, initiating a major league slugfest that captivated the nation and was credited for revitalizing the sport that had languished since the 1994 players' strike. Sosa's incredible season was capped with his being named National League MVP.

## Sound Off

Who was the hero of the year?

- 1 Mark McGwire
- 2 Bill Clinton
- 3 Michael Jordan
- 4 Sammy Sosa
- 5 John Glenn

The durable Cal Ripken Jr. ended his remarkable streak after being in the Baltimore Orioles' lineup for 2,632 straight games in 16 years. Ripken, who in 1995 surpassed Lou Gehrig's iron man mark of 2,130 consecutive games, took himself out of the starting lineup in Baltimore's last home game of the season against the New York Yankees. The future Hall of Famer was not injured, but decided it was just time for the streak to end.



John Gilliv/AP

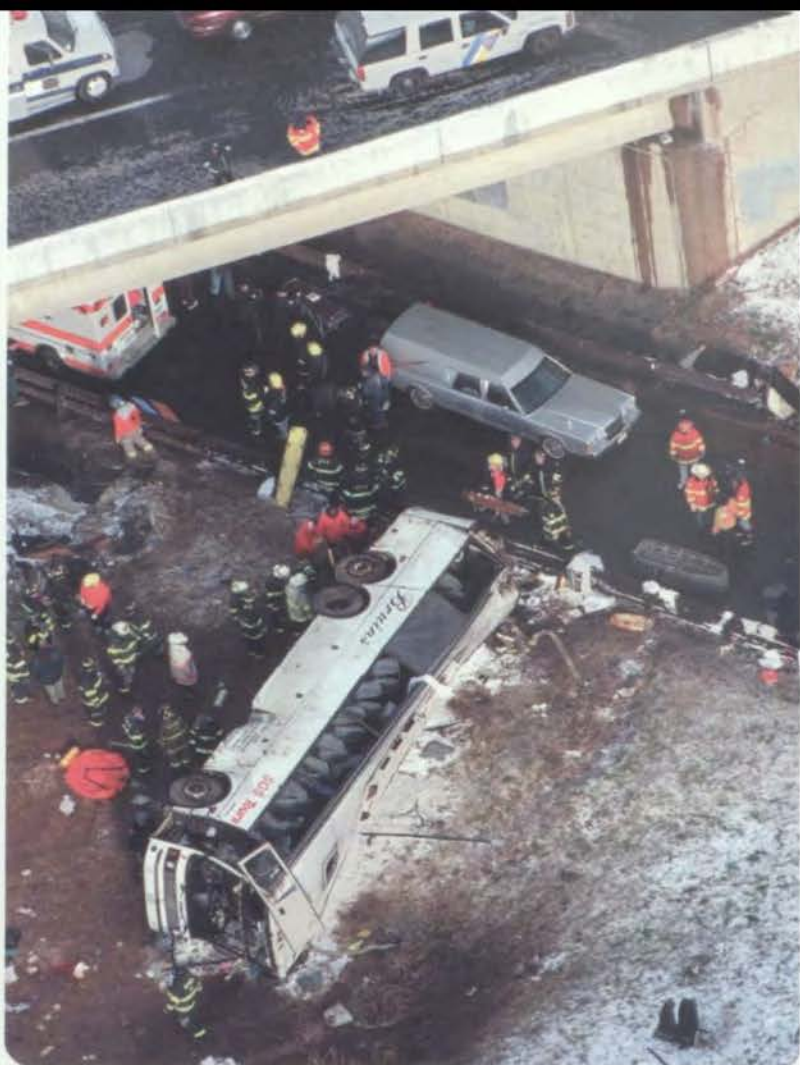


Eric Ruskamp/AP

The New York Yankees gave their fans a season to remember, rolling to a major league record 125 wins and a World Series sweep of the San Diego Padres. Without a single player starting in the midseason All-Star game, the Yankees' true greatness was as a team, one that some have already dubbed the best in baseball history. Their exemplary teamwork was the ideal complement to the individual heroics of Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Cal Ripken Jr. in one of baseball's most extraordinary seasons on record.

worked several shows at the Comedy and Magic Club in suburban Los Angeles, as well as a few performances in America's heartland. The shows served as a warm-up for the comedian's special Broadway performances titled, "I'm Telling You for the Last Time," the final of which aired on HBO in August. The HBO special featured some of Seinfeld's classic bits, all of which he said would be retired for good. • British Petroleum and U.S. oil giant Amoco Corp. announced

Eight people were killed and more than 30 others injured in a tragic holiday bus crash on the Garden State Parkway in December. Bound for Atlantic City from Brooklyn, N.Y., the bus slid off the ice-covered highway and overturned. The majority of surviving passengers, most of whom were elderly, had to be extricated from the icy confines of the mangled bus and suffered frostbite while waiting to be transported from the scene of the accident.



Ed Bailey/AP

The FBI released 1,275 pages of its files on Frank Sinatra in December, seven months after he died of a heart attack. The files consisted mostly of vague rumors of Sinatra's ties to the mob and information relating to several death and extortion threats against him. The remainder of the files, reported to contain most of Sinatra's recorded phone calls with mobsters, were kept sealed.



Bill Kostroun/AP

The legal woes of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, advocate of assisted suicide and self-proclaimed angel of mercy, were compounded in November after he allowed the CBS news program "60 Minutes" to air a videotape of him administering lethal drugs to a terminally ill patient. Kevorkian, who escaped prosecution in five previous assisted-suicide cases, was charged with second-degree murder following the nationally televised segment. A jury later found Kevorkian guilty, following a trial in which he defended himself. The 70-year-old pathologist faced a sentence of up to 25 years in prison.



Carlos Osorio/AP



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details of their historic merger in August. The \$110 billion deal was billed as the world's largest industrial merger on record. BP would dominate the new industrial alliance, holding 80 percent of the stock and filling six of the eight seats on the executive board. Headquartered in London, the new group operated oil, gas and chemical operations spanning the globe. • The Clinton administration announced

# Nature's Fury Unleashed



Adam Nadel/AP

Michael J. Fox, star of ABC's "Spin City" and several motion pictures, broke seven years of silence in November when he revealed he had Parkinson's disease. Fox learned of his neurological condition soon after filming "Doc Hollywood" in 1991 and later had surgery to alleviate symptoms. The 37-year-old actor, best known for his work on the "Back to the Future" movies, felt talking about the incurable disease would help others who suffer from it.



Chris Gardner/AP

A controversial coin toss, several high-profile officiating blunders, coaches fired and rehired and the Atlanta Falcons in the Super Bowl were just a few of the highlights in one of the NFL's strangest seasons on record. When the dust settled, Atlanta was reeling from its loss in the "Big Dance" and the league was preparing to implement instant replay for the second time in 10 years. Only time would tell how the NFL would rebound from 1998's bizarre season.

the federal government had posted a budget surplus for fiscal 1998 in excess of \$70 billion, the largest dollar surplus in U.S. history and the first since 1989. The surplus marked the seventh consecutive year of fiscal improvement under the Clinton administration. Budget projections for fiscal 1999 at the time Clinton took office were for a \$404 billion deficit. • **Al Lewis, a.k.a. Grandpa Munster**, the Green Party's gubernatorial candidate in New York, filed a lawsuit

Searing summer temperatures and a lack of rain fueled the worst Florida wildfires in half a century. Flames scorched nearly 500,000 acres in all 67 counties of the Sunshine State, killing three people and injuring more than 100 others, most of them firefighters. Damage to more than 350 homes and 12,000 farms was estimated to be in excess of \$300 million. An additional \$100 million was spent to fight the blazes.



Joe Calomino/AP

In a fury of rain and 100-mile-per-hour winds, Hurricane Georges whipped through the Caribbean and the Florida Keys in the fall. In its wake, it killed more than 300 people and left another 100,000 homeless. The hardest hit area was the Dominican Republic, where more than 250 died.



Dave Martin/AP

Hurricane Mitch unleashed its wrath in Central America in the fall, dropping more than five feet of rain in one week and carrying with it 180-mile-per-hour winds. More than 11,000 people lost their lives in what experts called the deadliest Atlantic storm in 200 years. Many of the people killed were buried alive in as much as 12 feet of mud. A rare Category 5 hurricane, Mitch left a million people homeless and was responsible for the loss of more than half of the area's food crops.



Milton Flores/AP

A magnitude 7.1 earthquake in the Pacific Ocean near New Guinea triggered a raging tsunami that wiped out four coastal villages and killed an estimated 3,000 people. The deadly wall of water was 40 feet high at some points and created currents averaging 22 miles per hour.



Iron Casey/AP

Nearly 1,000 people perished and another 3,000 were injured in Colombia when a deadly earthquake hit in January. Measuring 6.0 on the Richter Scale, the earthquake devastated the provincial capital of Armenia and spread to as many as 20 other towns and villages in five provinces. As many as 37 powerful aftershocks rocked the area in the week following the earthquake.



Jaimé Puebla/AP

against the state's Board of Elections in September for not allowing him to use the word "Grandpa" before his name on the ballot. The 88-year-old actor, political activist and former union organizer lost the lawsuit and eventually his bid for governor, garnering a mere 1 percent of the vote to incumbent George Pataki's 54 percent. • Less than six months after leaving the Spice Girls, **Geri Halliwell** became a United Nations goodwill ambassador and began working with

Jordan's King Hussein, 63, died in February after a long struggle with cancer, ending a reign of nearly 46 years and prompting worldwide mourning. Known for his humanity and a bold pursuit for Middle East peace, Hussein's death was felt around the globe. Foreign leaders and dignitaries, including President Clinton and former presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George Bush, converged on Jordan for the fallen leader's elaborate state funeral. Hussein, who was crowned in 1953 at the age of 18, was credited for lifting Jordan into a place of international prominence with his far-reaching abilities as a mediator and leader. Abdullah, Hussein's 37-year-old son, was sworn in as king shortly after his father's death.



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The year's most popular toy was the fun and furry Furby from Tiger Electronics, which created a buying frenzy during the holiday shopping season. Released in four seasonal colors, the Furby doll featured moving eyes and an uncanny "repeat after me" ability that had kids enthralled and the government alarmed. Due to potential security risks, the playful electronic recording devices were prohibited from the Pentagon and many other government agencies.



Eric Marti/AP



Dave Martin/AP

The newly created NCAA Bowl Championship Series used a number-crunching system that few understood, but at season's end it resulted in the much-talked-about match-up between No. 1 and No. 2. The top-ranked Tennessee Volunteers prevailed as national champions, beating the Florida State Seminoles, 23-16, in the Fiesta Bowl.



Linda Spillers/AP

After being thrown out by a lower court, the sexual harassment lawsuit filed by Paula Jones against President Clinton was settled out of court. Without an apology or admission of guilt, the president agreed to pay Jones \$850,000 in November. The settlement ended any chance for an appeal in the matter.

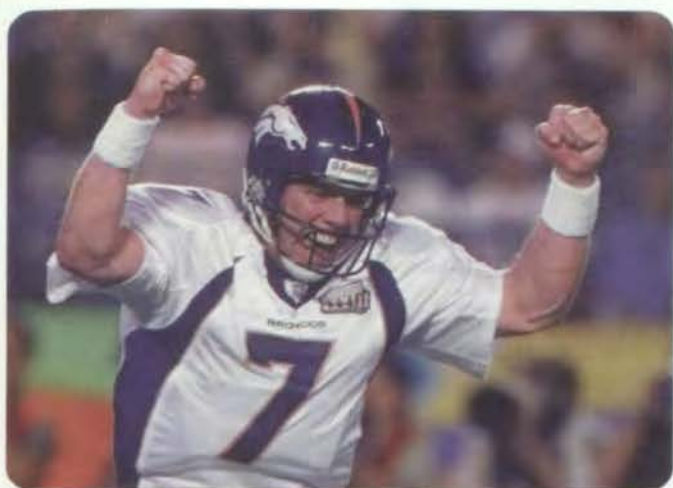


Victoria Arocho/AP

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the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. A short time later, Halliwell signed a solo album deal worth \$2 million. • The U.S. Transportation Department unveiled plans for a new crash-test dummy to represent women in September. The move was meant to protect those with smaller body frames, who were at a higher risk of injury by automobile air bags. The Transportation

# A Matter of Trust



Doug Miller/AP

The defending-champion Denver Broncos became the first AFC team to win consecutive league crowns in nearly 20 years when they defeated the upstart Atlanta Falcons, 34-19, in Super Bowl XXXIII. Leading the Broncos to their second consecutive championship was veteran quarterback John Elway, who was named Super Bowl MVP. Elway, who said the 1998 season was likely his last, was weighing retirement against the opportunity to lead the Broncos to a third straight NFL title—a feat no team nor quarterback had ever accomplished.

During a taping of "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" in November, professional wrestler Hollywood Hulk Hogan announced his retirement from wrestling and his interest in running for president in 2000. Hogan, known for his flamboyant personality and hulking physique, cited the political success of fellow wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura, the newly elected governor of Minnesota, as his inspiration to join the presidential race. As of press time, Hogan had not officially declared his candidacy.



Twenty-three years after his father, Jimmy Hoffa, mysteriously disappeared and was presumed dead, James P. Hoffa was elected in December to head the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Downplaying his father's legendary status with the Teamsters, Hoffa pledged to strengthen the union's ailing finances and bolster its organizing efforts.



J. Scott Applewhite/AP

Department had earlier approved certification for crash dummies representing toddlers and infants. Before the new dummies were introduced and approved, the government had required automakers to pass crash tests for air bags using only adult male dummies. • A Turkish Airlines jetliner was hijacked in September by a man armed with a toy gun. The aircraft, which was about 30 minutes into a flight from Ankara to Istanbul, was diverted to the Black Sea port



Michael Sauter/AP

Terrorists bombed two U.S. embassies in East Africa in August, killing more than 250 people and wounding thousands. The blasts, which occurred minutes apart in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, were allegedly engineered and financed by Saudi exile Osama bin Laden. Two weeks after the bombings, President Clinton ordered retaliatory missile strikes on suspected terrorist sites in Afghanistan and Sudan. Key operatives for bin Laden were later arrested after a worldwide crackdown.



Krzysztof Hellwig/AP

Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of U.N. resolutions regarding weapons inspections led to a series of air strikes against Iraq in December. Dubbed "Operation Desert Fox" by the Pentagon, the air raids by U.S. and British forces lasted four nights and included the destruction of Iraqi military intelligence headquarters and several suspected manufacturing sites for chemical and biological weapons. In the months following the attack, several smaller air raids were necessary to control Iraq's violation of the no-fly zones that were set up after the 1991 Gulf War.

## Sound Off

Were the air strikes against Iraq justified/appropriate?

YES 89%

NO 31%

With the collapse of peace talks in March, the United States and its NATO allies launched a series of air strikes against Yugoslavia. The Serbian government's refusal to sign a peace agreement with leaders of Kosovo's Albanian majority sparked the attacks, NATO's first against a sovereign country in its 50-year history. Ethnic Albanians were fighting for their independence from Serbia and were involved in a series of violent clashes with Orthodox Christian Serbs, which triggered warfare with Serbian troops. Prior to the NATO air strikes, fighting between the two factions had resulted in the deaths of more than 2,000 people and had left over 400,000 homeless.



Srdjan Ilic/AP



Michael Dukakis/AP

Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic became full-fledged members of NATO in March. The expansion came less than a decade after the three countries exchanged Communist rule for democracy and ended their Cold War military ties to the Soviet Union. NATO, which was founded in 1949, plays a central role in

preserving European security. The organization has been expanded four times in 50 years, growing from 12 original members to 19 members today.

of Trabzon, where the 86 people aboard the plane were released and the hijacker surrendered. The hijacker, identified as Ihsan Akyuz, reportedly pulled the stunt to protest a ban on Islamic-style head coverings for women at Turkey's universities. • The antitrust lawsuit against Bill Gates and Microsoft Corporation went to trial in October. The Justice Department and 19 states alleged that Microsoft abused monopoly power by bundling the Internet Explorer

The International Olympic Committee was plunged into scandal in January when allegations of bribery surfaced in relation to Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Under sanctions approved by the committee's executive board, six members were asked to resign due to the spiraling crisis, considered the largest corruption scandal in the history of the Games. The crux of the scandal centered on a myriad of bribes—cash payments, scholarships and other special favors—accepted by IOC members prior to voting on the host city for the 2002 Winter Games. In light of the scandal, new provisions were adopted for the IOC's selection process.



Douglas Fitzac/AP

Lauryn Hill had a big night at the 41st Annual Grammy Awards in February. The former Fugees lead singer won an unprecedented five Grammys on the strength of "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," her critically acclaimed solo debut. Hill's five wins in one night were the most ever by a female artist, eclipsing Carole King's four Grammys for "Tapestry" in 1971. Establishing herself as a force in the recording industry, Hill won Grammys for album of the year, best new artist, female rhythm and blues vocal, R&B song for "Doo Wop (That Thing)" and R&B album.

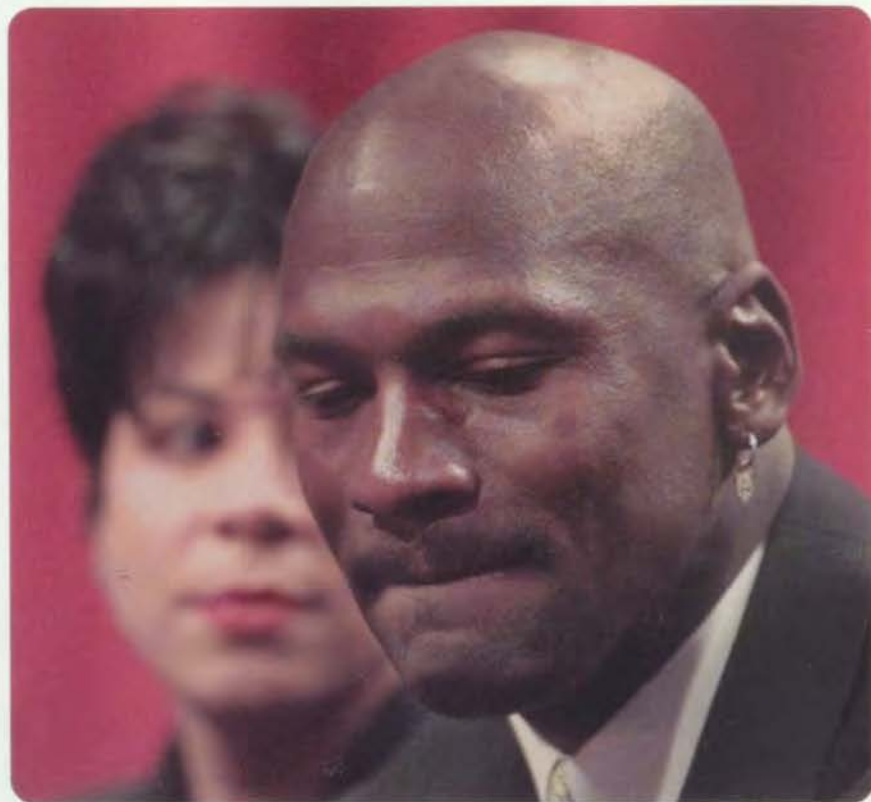


Reed Saxon/AP



Massimo Sambucetti/AP

Making only his fifth trip to the U.S. mainland, Pope John Paul II stopped in St. Louis in January after a triumphant five-day visit to Mexico City. The 30-hour stay in America's heartland was part of the pope's worldwide mission to rally followers against declining values as the church heads into the new millennium. More than 130,000 people filled two sports arenas and the St. Louis Cathedral to see and pray with the pontiff during three separate events. In his sermons, the ailing 78-year-old pope decried "a culture of death" that embraces abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty.



Michael Green/AP

After 13 seasons, six championships and countless spectacular performances, Michael Jordan announced his retirement from the Chicago Bulls in January. It was the second time in five years that Jordan walked away from the game, following his retirement in 1993 when he briefly pursued a professional baseball career. Jordan, arguably the greatest player in NBA history, was a five-time league MVP, led the NBA in scoring 10 times and averaged an unprecedented 31.5 points per game during his career. Considered a modern-day Babe Ruth, Jordan left an indelible mark on the game with his inspiring play and larger-than-life popularity.

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browser with its operating system for personal computers. The trial was recessed in February and was not expected to resume until June. • Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz came out of retirement in December to accept the head coaching job at the University of South Carolina. Holtz, who was working as a college football analyst for CBS, agreed to a five-year, \$850,000



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The wildly popular British children's program, *Teletubbies*, featuring a quartet of cuddly baby-talking aliens, was cast into controversy in February when conservative religious leader Jerry Falwell claimed one of the characters was gay. Writing in his monthly magazine, Falwell said Tinky Winky, the largest of the four characters, projected subtle signs of homosexuality by periodically carrying a purse, having a triangle, the gay pride symbol, on his head and for being purple, the gay pride color. The comments sparked an international uproar that eventually led to an apology from Falwell. Meanwhile, the show's popularity skyrocketed, along with sales of Teletubbies merchandise.

In a tragic twist of fate, Canada's famous groundhog weather forecaster, Wiarton Willie, died days before his highly anticipated annual performance in February. Organizers of the celebrated Groundhog Festival in Wiarton, Ontario, Canada, kept Willie's death a secret until Feb. 2, when he was scheduled to leave his hole and check for a shadow. In lieu of the annual weather forecasting gala, a special memorial service was held for the mystical marmot.



Frank Gunn/AP

contract to coach the Gamecocks. In 11 years at Notre Dame, Holtz compiled a record of 100-30-2 and led the Fighting Irish to a national championship. • In a complicated takeover that captured the attention of investors and the Department of Justice, **America Online**, the world's largest online service provider, merged with **Netscape** in a \$4.2 billion deal that some saw as a step towards dethroning Microsoft from its position atop the Internet browser world. • The

## Encore Performances



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"*Armageddon*" blazed across theater screens during the summer, making an impact as one of the year's highest-grossing films. Starring Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler, the special-effects-laden blockbuster told the story of a roughneck oil driller who leads a rowdy band of misfits into outer space to save the world from a Texas-size asteroid. "Armageddon," Disney's most expensive movie ever, earned more than \$180 million in its first six weeks of release.

### Sound Off!

What was your favorite movie of 1998?

- 1 *Armageddon*
- 2 *There's Something About Mary*
- 3 *Titanic*
- 4 *Saving Private Ryan*
- 5 *The Waterboy*

Television's teen soap rose to a new level of intelligence with "*Dawson's Creek*," which in its second season became the highest-rated series in the history of the WB network and one of the year's midseason gems. The rapid success of "*Dawson's Creek*" propelled its young cast members to stardom and onto the big screen. Lead actors James Van der Beek, Katie Holmes, Joshua Jackson and Michelle Williams filmed eight feature films during their hiatus from the show.



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### Sound Off!

What is your favorite TV show?

- 1 *Dawson's Creek*
- 2 *Friends*
- 3 *The Simpsons*
- 4 *South Park*
- 5 *ER*



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Emerging as the quintessential leader of rock's Rap/Metal Revolution, Korn took to the road in 1998 as the headliners of their own "Family Values" arena tour. Korn, along with Ice Cube, Limp Bizkit and Orgy, unleashed a special blend of musical reactants while promoting "Follow the Leader," their critically acclaimed third album. The sold-out tour grossed nearly \$7 million through its 27 dates and played to more than 250,000 people.

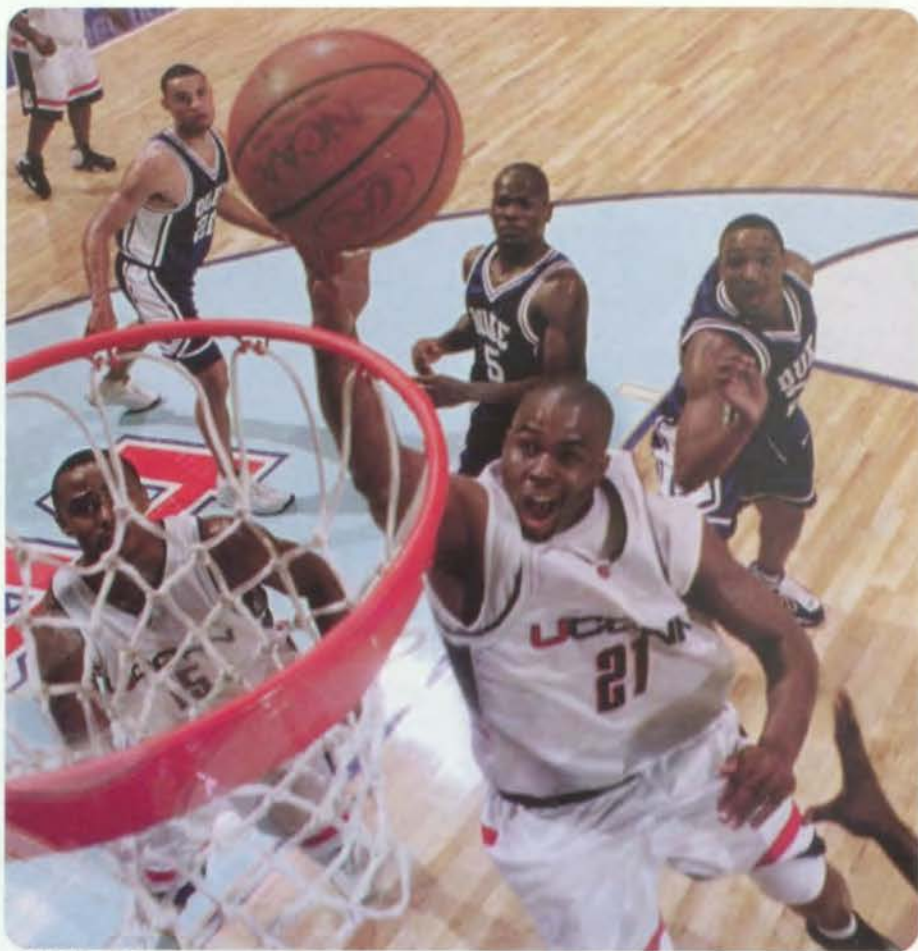
### Sound Off!

What was your favorite Album of 1998?

- 1 *BMX*
- 2 *2Pac*
- 3 *Korn*
- 4 *Lauryn Hill*
- 5 *'N Sync*

nine-team ABL, one of two U.S. women's pro basketball leagues, folded in December in the midst of its third season. Unable to obtain the television exposure and sponsorship support needed to make the league viable, the ABL canceled the rest of its games and filed for bankruptcy. Many suspected the success of the WNBA, the other women's league, played a large part in the ultimate demise of the ABL. • **Barbie**, the world's best-loved doll, turned

The University of Connecticut captured its first-ever NCAA championship with a thrilling 77-74 victory over top-ranked Duke, the heavily favored team considered by most to be unbeatable. UConn and Duke, the only two teams to hold the No. 1 ranking during the season, played a final game worthy of their rankings. A back-and-forth battle from start to finish, the lead changed hands several times before the Huskies took control in the final 20 seconds. With the win, UConn broke Duke's 32-game winning streak and kept the Blue Devils from setting an NCAA record for wins in a season.



Rich Clarkson/AP



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Steven Spielberg's anticipated win as best director for "Saving Private Ryan," his extraordinary World War II masterpiece, was overshadowed by the movie's unforeseen loss as best picture at the 71st Annual Academy Awards. An early favorite to win best picture honors, "Saving Private Ryan" was surprisingly defeated by "Shakespeare in Love" as the year's top film. Spielberg's Oscar for best director, his second in the 1990s, was one of the war epic's five Academy Awards.



Grant Halverson/AP

A U.S. military court cleared Capt. Richard Ashby of voluntary manslaughter and other charges relating to the cable car disaster in northern Italy last February. Twenty people were killed when Ashby's fighter jet sheared support cables, sending the cable car plunging 300 feet onto the side of a mountain near the northern Italian ski resort of Cavalese. Prosecutors in the case contended that the U.S. marine pilot was flying the fighter jet too low and too fast. The verdict outraged Italian citizens and government officials, who called the jury's decision scandalous.



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40 and Mattel Inc. kicked off a year-long party in January to commemorate the event. In 40 years, Mattel has sold more than one billion Barbie dolls. The popular doll has been produced in over 500 variations, has embarked on 75 professions and represented 45 nationalities since her birth in 1959. • Former Chicago Bears running back and NFL Hall of Famer Walter Payton announced





David Phillip/AP

The nation's eyes fell on Jasper, Texas, in the spring when the first of three trials was completed in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old African-American. A jury convicted white supremacist John William King, 24, of capital murder for chaining Byrd to a pickup by the ankles and dragging him two miles until his body literally ripped to pieces. Two other white men, Shawn Allen Berry, 23, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, also faced capital murder charges in the June killing, which shocked the nation and touched off racial tensions.

Acclaimed Italian filmmaker Roberto Benigni, writer, director and star of "Life Is Beautiful," was responsible for one of the most surprising and entertaining moments at the 71st Annual Academy Awards. Upon winning the Oscar for best actor, Benigni crawled up on the back of his seat and triumphantly walked from chair to chair, arms raised high above his head. Benigni joined Sophia Loren as one of only two people in Academy history to win an acting award for a foreign language film.



Dave Caulkin/AP

In February that he had a rare liver disease and would need a transplant to live. Payton, 44, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, was being evaluated for a transplant at the Mayo Clinic. Selected to nine Pro Bowls and inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993, Payton gained 16,728 total yards and carried the ball 3,838 times, both NFL records. • While "ER" continued to pull in viewers, the popular television drama also had to contend with losing its stars. George

# Method for the Masses



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The bold assertion that "blonds have more fun" was put to the test with one of the year's hottest trends. The use of blond hair dye, primarily among males, was popular throughout the year. Golden locks were also prevalent in Hollywood, with stars such as George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Drew Carey and Jason Priestley.



Frank Corral/AP

Fashion came full circle for teenagers in 1998-99, with clothing styles from the 1970s reemerging. Bell bottoms, flares and other far-out fashions made a comeback with the adolescent crowd. Teens got a weekly look at the trendy styles on the hit sitcom, "That '70s Show," which aired Sunday nights on the FOX network.

## Sound Off

What were the most popular trends of 1998?

- 1 Bell Bottoms/Flares
- 2 Baggy Pants/Clothes
- 3 Piercings
- 4 Cargo Pants
- 5 Dyed Hair



Leamy Images/AP

Hysteria and speculation were the predominant emotions as the year 2000 approached. Corporations and governments scrambled to get computer systems ready for the new millennium, while some stock-piled food and water awaiting a global disaster caused by potential computer failures. Others took full advantage of the fear, marketing novelty products like Y2K bug spray. From countdown clocks to entrepreneurs who even went so far as to copyright the phrase "Class of 2000," there was money to be made as the countdown to the 21st Century marched on.

## Sound Off

What are the most important issues facing teens today?

- 1 Drugs
- 2 Sex
- 3 Drinking/Alcohol
- 4 Pregnancy
- 5 Peer Pressure

Clooney's final episode as Dr. Doug Ross aired in February, while Julianna Margulies also announced she would be leaving the show when her contract ran out in May of 2000. • The Dow Jones Industrial Average moved above the 10,000 mark for the first time ever on March 18. Although skittish traders brought the average back down before the end of trading that day, it was only a matter of weeks before Wall Street celebrated its first close above 10,000

**"Shakespeare in Love"** took home an Oscar in seven of the 13 categories for which it was nominated, including best picture, at the 71st Annual Academy Awards in March. Gwyneth Paltrow, the movie's leading lady, earned the Academy Award for best actress. The 16th Century tragicomedy also won Oscars for best supporting actress, best original screenplay and best costume design.



Louise Sparham/AP

**NATO authorized a series of air strikes** against military and government targets in Yugoslavia in March after an eleventh hour refusal of Kosovo peace talks by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. The NATO attacks, involving 400 allied aircraft and six missile-carrying ships, were aimed at halting the Serbian military's rampage against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo fighting for their independence. More than 2,000 people were killed in the clashes, the majority of which were Albanians slaughtered as a result of ethnic cleansing. In addition, more than 400,000 ethnic Albanians were left homeless by defiant Yugoslav forces pushing them out of Kosovo. NATO leaders pledged to continue the air strikes, and possibly introduce ground troops, until Milosevic agreed to reverse ethnic cleansing.



Supplied by AP/ITAR-TASS

In what was later called one of the ugliest games ever played in women's college basketball, Purdue prevailed over Duke, 62-45, to win its first-ever NCAA championship. Turnovers, fouls and missed layups by both teams resulted in a dismal 4-4 tie nearly half way through the first half. A slightly better second half for the top-ranked Boilermakers allowed them to gain momentum and eventually earn the national title. It was the lowest-scoring women's title game in NCAA history.



Susan Rogan/AP

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points. While many financial analysts worried that investors were setting themselves up for huge losses by continuing to plow money into the stock market, all three major stock exchanges continued to climb well into the spring. • The so-called "Melissa" computer virus spread like wildfire in March, infecting scores of computers and overloading e-mail systems of companies and governments

# Personalities in Perspective



Fabrice Coffini/AP

Balloonists Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland and Brian Jones of Britain made history in March when they completed a record-setting 20-day dash around the world. Circling the globe non-stop in the Breitling Orbiter 3, a magnificent 180-foot-high hot-air balloon, the two adventurers succeeded where others had failed. Just months before, American Steve Fossett attempted a similar journey, but fell short when he had to make an emergency landing. The duo's race around the world encompassed 28,000 miles from the Swiss Alps to Egypt.



Jim Moran/AP

Reform Party candidate and former professional wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura shocked the country with his upset win over popular Democratic and Republican challengers in Minnesota's gubernatorial race. In blissful defiance of mainstream politics, the Harley-riding, cigar-smoking new governor promised Minnesotans he would return \$1 billion of the state's \$3 billion budget surplus. Having served one term as mayor of suburban Brooklyn Park, Minn., Ventura was one of only two independent governors in the nation.



Clayton Kopp/AP

Superstar actress Jodie Foster made a personal statement for single motherhood when she refused to reveal the identity of the man who fathered her first child, a 7-pound baby boy born July 20. The two-time Oscar winner was not married and announced that she planned to raise her new son, Charles Foster, alone.

## Sound Off

Would you have voted for  
Jesse "The Body" Ventura?

YES 53%

NO 47%

Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, one of Hollywood's highest profile couples, split up in June after 11 years of marriage. Reported to be a genuinely amicable separation, the couple shared joint custody of their three children, Rumor, 9, Scout, 6, and Tallulah, 4. Meanwhile, lawyers for the two movie stars pulled double duty with a lawsuit filed by their nanny alleging exploitation and abuse and a countersuit claiming defamation of character and breach of confidentiality.



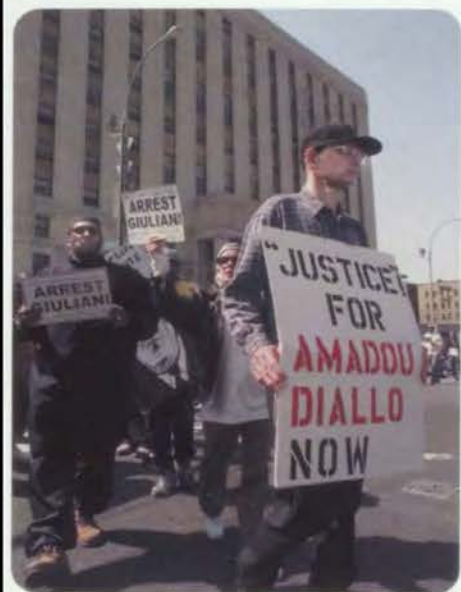
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Howard Stern, the self-proclaimed King of All Media, debuted "The Howard Stern Radio Show" on CBS television in August. Carried on 12 CBS-owned stations and in syndication elsewhere, the 60-minute variety show aired Saturdays opposite "Saturday Night Live." Low ratings, bad reviews and a fair share of complaints resulted in eight stations dumping the show. Although statistics showed young male viewership quadrupling, Stern's show lost the ratings war with NBC's Saturday night institution.

another 100 were injured in March when a tornado ravaged the northwestern Louisiana town of Benton. The twister, said to be 300 yards wide, marked a section of land three miles long and half a mile wide as it flattened homes and swept through trailer parks. Most residents were caught off guard by the tornado, which struck in mid-afternoon on what had been a sunny 70-degree day.



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Four New York City police officers pleaded not guilty in March to charges of second-degree murder stemming from the February shooting death of street vendor Amadou Diallo. Kenneth Boss, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy allegedly shot Diallo 19 times in the vestibule of his apartment building. The officers fired a total of 41 shots at Diallo, who was unarmed at the time. The shooting touched off 15 days of protests outside police headquarters, resulting in more than 1,000 arrests. Protesters denounced Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Police Commissioner Howard Safir for their perceived indifference to the shooting.

worldwide. Disguised as an "important message" from a friend or colleague, the virus caused computers to forward 50 infected messages, slowing e-mail systems to a crawl. David Smith, the alleged creator of the virus, was arrested nine days after it first appeared and charged with interruption of public communications, conspiracy and theft of computer service. If convicted, he faced a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a \$480,000 fine. • Six people were killed and

# Lasting Impressions



**Baseball legend Joe DiMaggio**, 84, died in March after spending several months in the hospital recovering from a lung operation. Nicknamed "Joltin' Joe" and "The Yankee Clipper," the Hall of Fame center fielder's 56-game hitting streak in 1941 remains as one of the most revered records in all of sports. A brief marriage to Marilyn Monroe in the 1950s also contributed to DiMaggio's legend.

**Roy Rogers, the singing "King of Cowboys"** in movies and on television, died in July of heart failure. Co-starring alongside his wife and partner, Dale Evans, and with his faithful horse, Trigger, Rogers became an American icon with his straight-shooting exploits in Hollywood westerns.



**Olympic gold medalist and world-class sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner**, 38, died in September of a brain seizure. Joyner, who won three gold medals in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea, holds world records for the 100- and 200-meter sprints with times of 10.49 and 21.34. Her super-human speed was overshadowed at times by suspicions of steroid use.



**Emmy award-winning puppeteer Shari Lewis**, 65, died of uterine cancer in August. Lewis earned 12 Emmys for her PBS television specials, featuring the spirited, squeaky-voiced sock puppet, Lamb Chop, and furry sidekicks, Charlie Horse and Hush Puppy.



**Film critic Gene Siskel**, 53, who along with Roger Ebert set the "thumbs-up, thumbs-down" standard in the movie industry, died in February after having surgery to remove a brain tumor. Besides his popular collaboration with Ebert, Siskel wrote movie reviews for the Chicago Tribune and also did reviews for "CBS This Morning" and WBBM-TV in Chicago.

Gene Autry, 91, actor/musician

Betty Carter, 68, jazz singer

Jimmy Driftwood, 91, folk singer

Weeb Ewbank, 91, NFL coach

Norman Fell, 74, actor

John Holliman, 49, journalist

Bob Kane, 83, "Batman" creator

Stanley Kubrick, 70, director

E.G. Marshall, 88, actor

Linda McCartney, 55, musician

Roddy McDowall, 70, actor

Maureen O'Sullivan, 87, actress

Alan J. Pakula, 70, director

Jerome Robbins, 79, choreographer

Esther Rolle, 78, actress

Alan Shepard, 74, astronaut

Buffalo Bob Smith, 80, comedian

Flip Wilson, 64, comedian

Robert Young, 91, actor

