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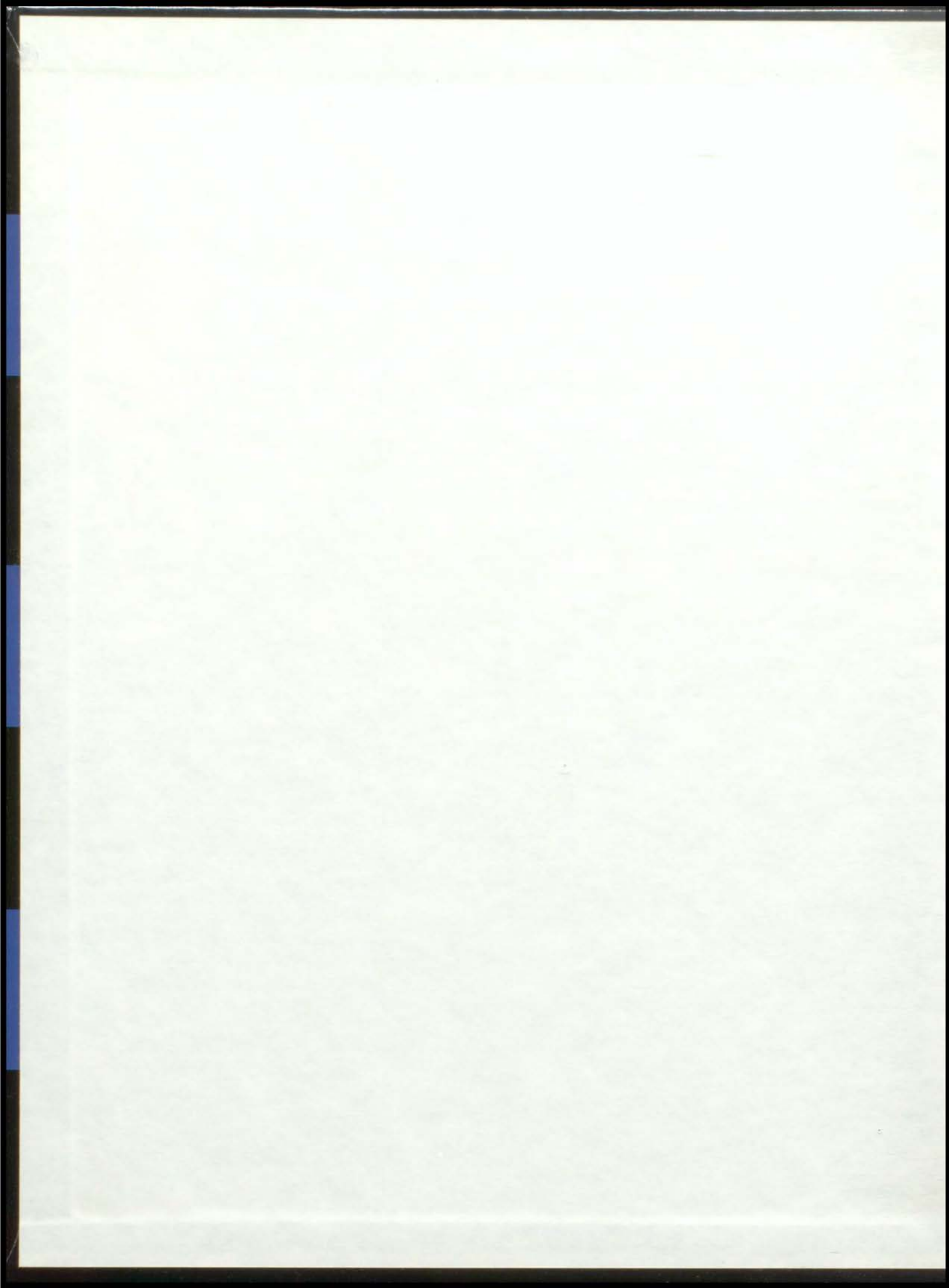
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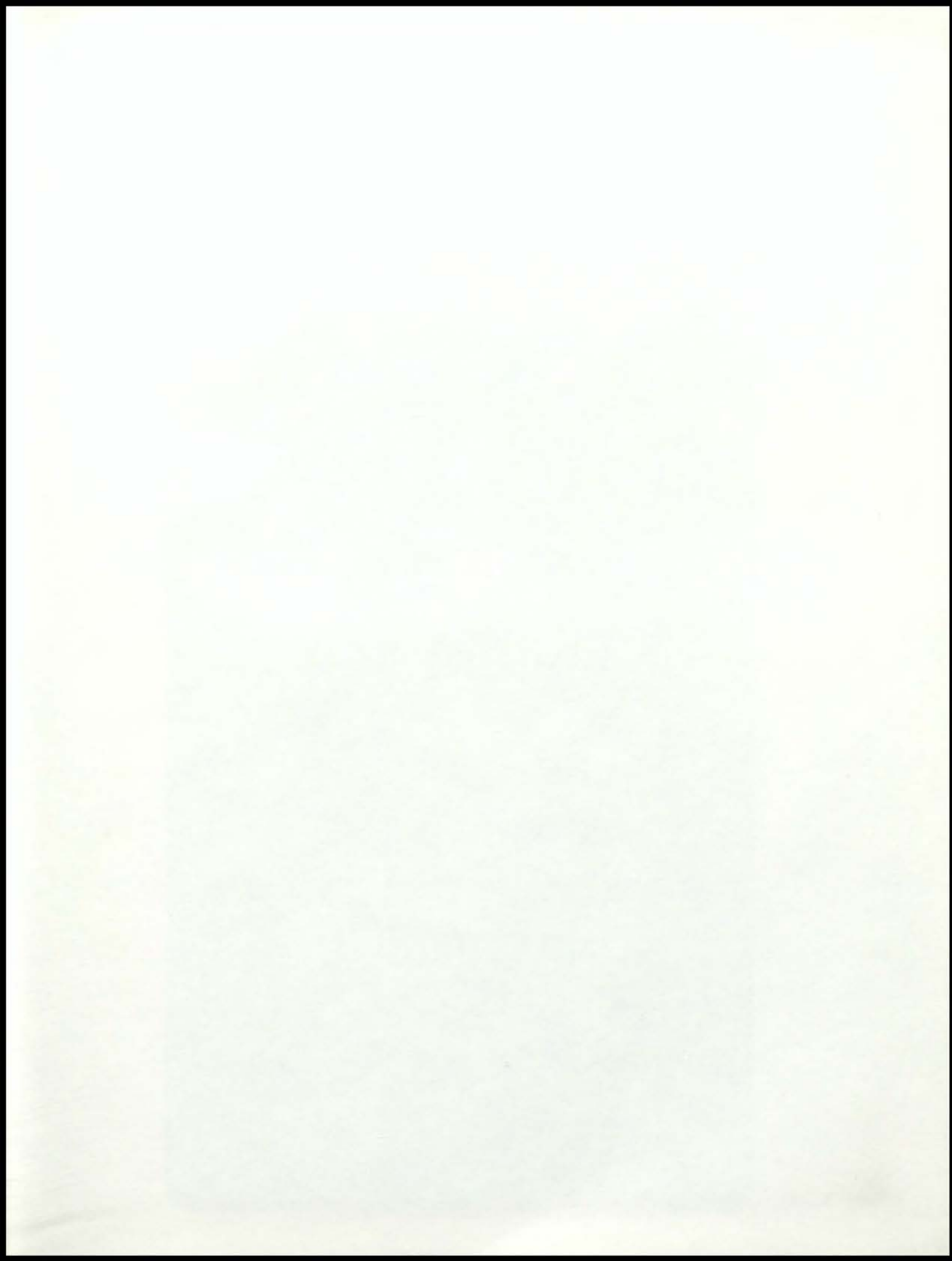
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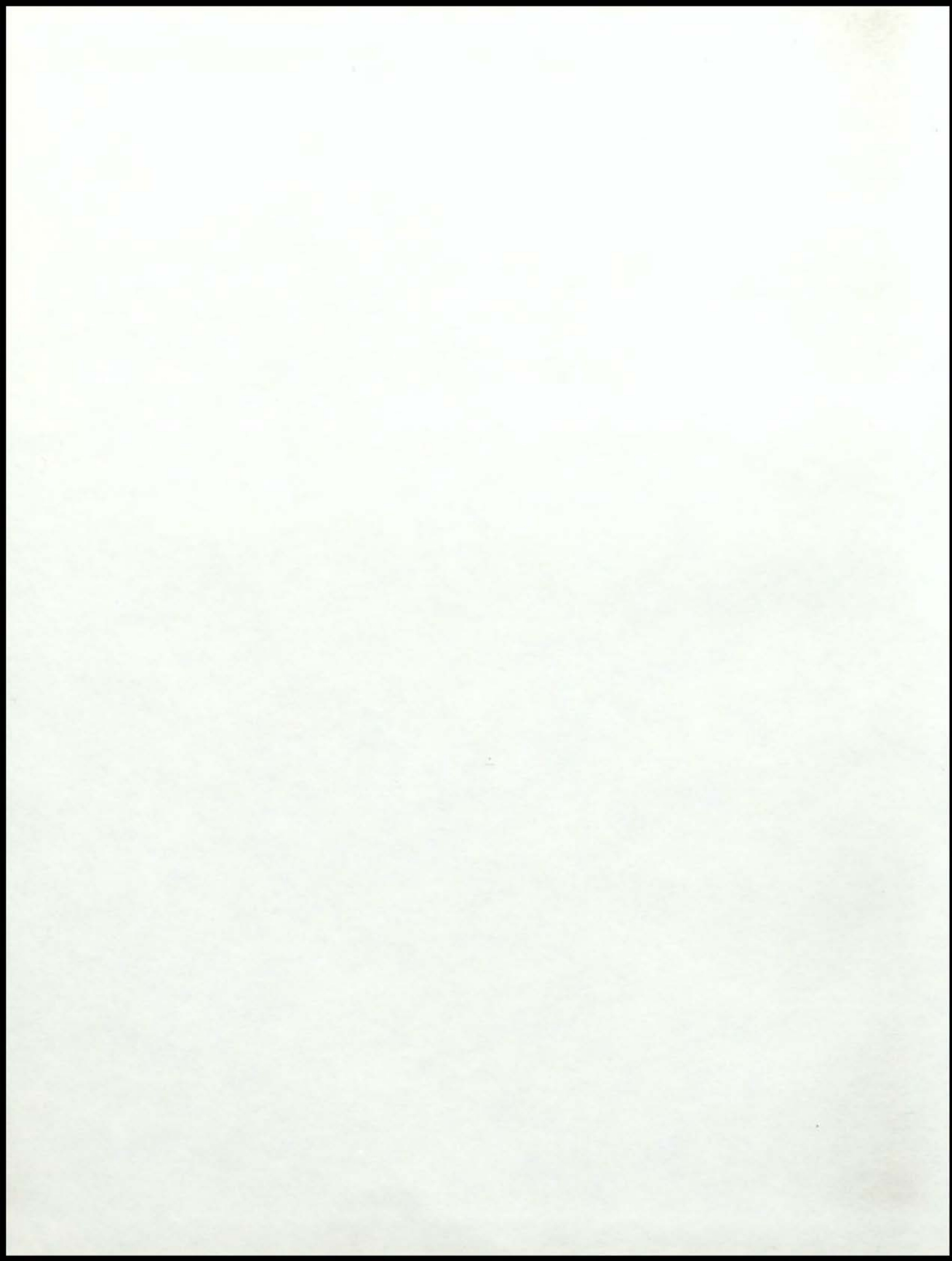
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65th Edition

The Yellowjacket
Center Senior High School
8715 Holmes Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64131
School Population 760

C

enter student

(stood 'nt) n. 1. a person who studies, or investigates, 2. able to learn new things and broaden horizons, 3. full of creativity, originality and spirit 4. the cream of the crop, top of the line, the best.



JUNIOR (n) 1. a student in the next-to-last year of high school, works hard during the most difficult year 2. takes ACT, PSAT, SAT, etc. 3. upholds the level of frustration at Center.

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SPIRT (n) 1. enthusiasm and loyalty, adding to the atmosphere of school events, upholds the bonding of Yellowjacket students.



SENIOR (n) 1. senior, of high rank or standing 2. works hard to make last year the best year 3. upholds the traditions left behind from Center's past

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enter faculty

(fak'el te) n. 1. all the teachers of a school, college, university or of one of its departments. 2. assist students in the most helpful ways. 3. mentors and leads 4. important addition to a great school.



FACULTY (n) 1. all the members of a learned profession, dedicated to the betterment of today's youth 1. upholds the structure of the Center society.

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SOPHOMORE (*n*) 1. a student's tenth year of education, not the youngest but not the oldest, underclassman, upholds the creativity of the Yellowjackets.

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JOCK (*n*) 1. jock, athlete, involved in sports activities 2. spends long hours preparing skill levels 3. competes and upholds the pride of the Yellow-jackets on and off the playing field.



ACADEMICS (*n*) 1. of or belonging to an academy of scholars 2. hard work and new experience 3. upholds the level of intelligence of the Yellow-jackets.



FRESHMEN (*n*) 1. a student's ninth year in school 2. adjusting to new surroundings and new people 3. being creative, original and fun 4. upholds the idea of youthfulness in the Center High School family.

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TEACHER (*n*) all the members of a learned profession, participating and supporting school events, unique style of doing things, upholding their Yellowjacket pride on many different levels.

Academic

(ak'e dem'ik) adj. 1. Characterized by a narrow concern for book learning and formal rules, without knowledge or experience of practical matters. 2. Concerned with, or restricted to, a theory or theories.

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REPEAT THAT, PLEASE

"What is one of the hardest questions you have ever been asked? Did you know the answer?"



"The question was, 'What is the name of the hypothetical particle that carries energy in space?' The answer was vertical particles.

Senior Brian Holley



"The question was, 'Define the derivative of foxglove that is used for heart problems?' The answer was digitalis.

Senior Jennifer Carr

Center has been known for its various sports teams. In football, basketball, soccer and many other sports, players work hard to improve their strength and better their bodies. But is there a team at Center to better one's mind? The answer is yes, the Academic Team. But how does a person get on this team and what do you do once you are there?

Like many others activities, everything starts with practice. On Thursday mornings team members can be found in room 311 working, eating, and just having an all-around good time. Who are these team members and what are they doing?

"Academic team helps me learn new things and keep me sharp," says Senior varsity captain Brian Holley.

"I really enjoy competing and doing well," says Sophomore Junior Varsity Captain Anne Giedinghagen.

Little is known about Academic Team except that it is made up of some of the smartest students at Center. But there is more to it, such as having Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, an active sponsor, and a good time learning new things.



There are many different ways to prepare for a competition. Freshman Patrick Holley, Senior Brian Holley, and Sophomore Rachel Wielert play cards to relax their minds and sharpen their skills.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Junior Brandon Oldham rests his mind and body before he competes at the Rockhurst Science Knowledge Bowl. Senior Brian Holley remains alert in hopes of assisting the team in a victory.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



A•C•A•D•E•M•I•C•T•E•A•M



ROW ONE: Jennifer Carr, Nan Lou, Andrea Giedinghagen ROW TWO: Chistopher Bellante, Phil Becker, Daniel Forson, Tim Phillips

the perfect jacket word

What is an ink horn? Characterized by a narrow concern for book learning and formal rules, without experience of practical matter.



"It's just a horn."

• Teresa Carter • 9th grade

"It's the ball at the end of a pen."



Elizabeth Flenker • 10th grade •



Not everyone on Academic Team may be the sharpest tack in the box. Senior Mark Royer appears stunned at a competition. Royer was not a regular on the team but an alternate, and had to be available as needed for the team.

PHOTO BY ANNETTE HOWK

Freshmen students Shonda Smith and Arienne Hosseini work hard in Physical Science. These students may be future team members, only time will tell.

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Small But Mighty

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Amnesty

Although Amnesty International may have suffered in size this year it makes up for it in strength. The Amnesty club has fought hard for those whose rights have been oppressed within the world. The club achieves this by writing letters to foreign dignitaries and organizations demanding them to right their wrongs. Actions like these make the club unique while allowing the members to feel good about themselves.

"The club is really important because it allows you to do something about the problems of the world," said Senior Nan Lou.

Junior Anne Giedinghagen agreed.

"It's really a club that makes you feel good," said Giedinghagen.

Not only does it help the mem-

bers feel good, but the club has actually managed to free prisoners and obtain certain rights for people in the

Third World or Communist countries. These are some of the many goals the club tries to accomplish.

"Our club really tries to accomplish understanding among the ignorant," said Jessica Crump.

Nan Lou also tries to accomplish the same

goals.

"We try to improve human rights and civil liberties that are being tread upon," said Lou.

Overall, the club may be small, but the members are dedicated and hard workers with great aspirations for the future of the club.

"In the future I hope the club is more comprehensive and diverse," said Sophomore Anne Giedinghagen.

"WE TRY TO ACCOMPLISH UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE IGNORANT."
- SENIOR JESSICA CRUMP

AMNESTY PRESIDENT JENNIFER CARR, SENIOR, GOOFS OFF AFTER AN AMNESTY MEETING. HAVING A GOOD TIME, AS WELL AS WORKING HARD, WAS IMPORTANT TO THE CLUB MEMBERS. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



A.M.N.E.S.T.Y. I.N.T.E.R.N.A.T.I.O.N.A.L.

PRESIDENT • JENNIFER CARR
VICE-PRESIDENT • JESSICA CRUMP
SECRETARY • NAN LOU

TREASURER • CHRISTY CAMPBELL
OFFICER- AT -LARGE • RACHEL WEILERT

ROW ONE: Rachel Weilert, Christy Campbell, Jennifer Carr, Jessica Crump, Nan Lou
ROW TWO: Natalie Bell, Clemence Bailly, Emma Watonsi, Amy Carr



AMNESTY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN A PROTEST ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY. THE THEME OF THE DRIVE WAS TO ERASE RACISM AS SENIOR EMMA WATONSI DEMONSTRATES BY DRESSING UP AS A GIANT PENCIL. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

IMPROVING MEMBERSHIP BY PROMOTING THEIR CLUB, SOPHOMORES ANNE GIEDINGHAGEN AND RACHEL WEILERT STAND GUARD AT THE 8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE. HAVING MORE MEMBERS OFTEN LEADS TO STRONGER AND MORE SUCCESSFUL CLUBS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SENIOR NAN LOU WRITES A LETTER IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE FREEDOM OF THE WORLD. WRITING LETTERS IS AN INFLUENTIAL ACTION THAT AMNESTY PRIDES ITSELF UPON.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SOPHOMORE PAUL JOHN AND SENIOR CHRISTY CAMPBELL WORK HARD TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE ONE LETTER AT A TIME. LETTER WRITING IS ONE OF THE MANY THINGS AMNESTY DOES.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Say What??

WHY DOES AMNESTY WANT VERITY IN THE WORLD?



"TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL."

FRESHMEN GINO TERRY

"BECAUSE THEY FEEL SPECIAL."

FRESHMEN CANDIS FISHBACK



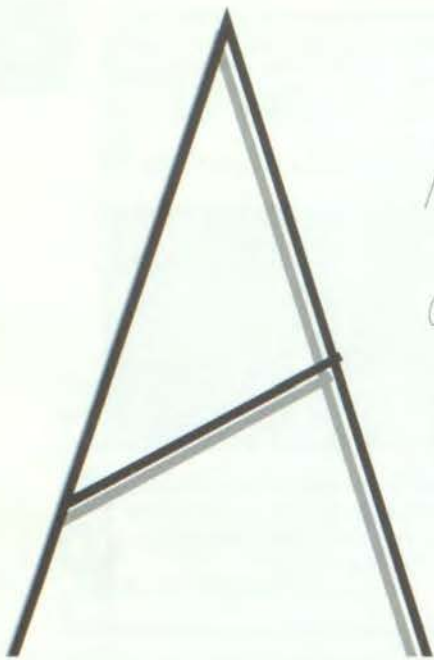
"TO HELP PEOPLE HAVE BETTER LIVES."

JUNIOR STEVEN WALLS



ACTUAL DEFINITION....

VERITY- 1. FREEDOM FROM DECEIT OR FALSENESS; TRUTH

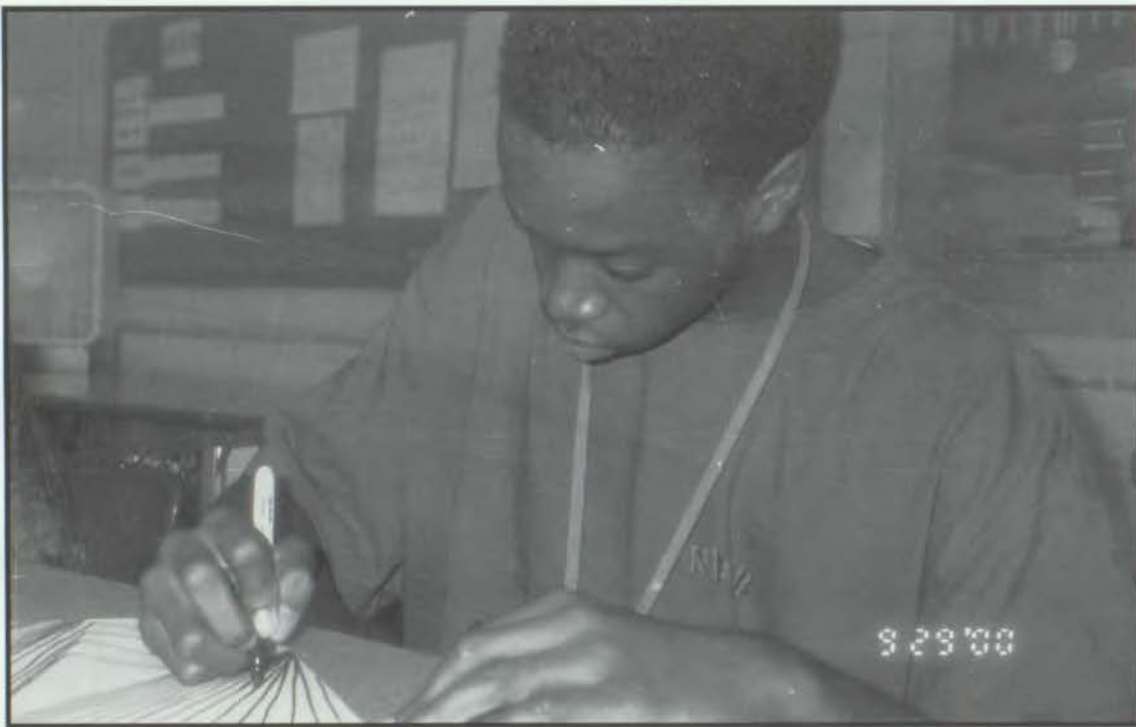


Awesome art additions add a new dimension to art.

AWESOME ART ADDITIONS

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It's the new year, it's a new beginning and it's a new art department. There are several additions to the art department this year, including a new art teacher, Jan Whitaker. Before she started at Center, she was an English, Art, Archaeology and Yearbook teacher at Central High school. She also taught English at Longview Community College, Central Missouri State University and Johnson County Community College. When asked what she thought about working at Center, she replied: "I like working at Center because its a small district and has great cultural diversity." She has been doing art ever since she can remember. "Art is my first love," said Whitaker. Her fourth grade teacher, Ms. Carpenter, was her inspiration in the creating and teaching of art.

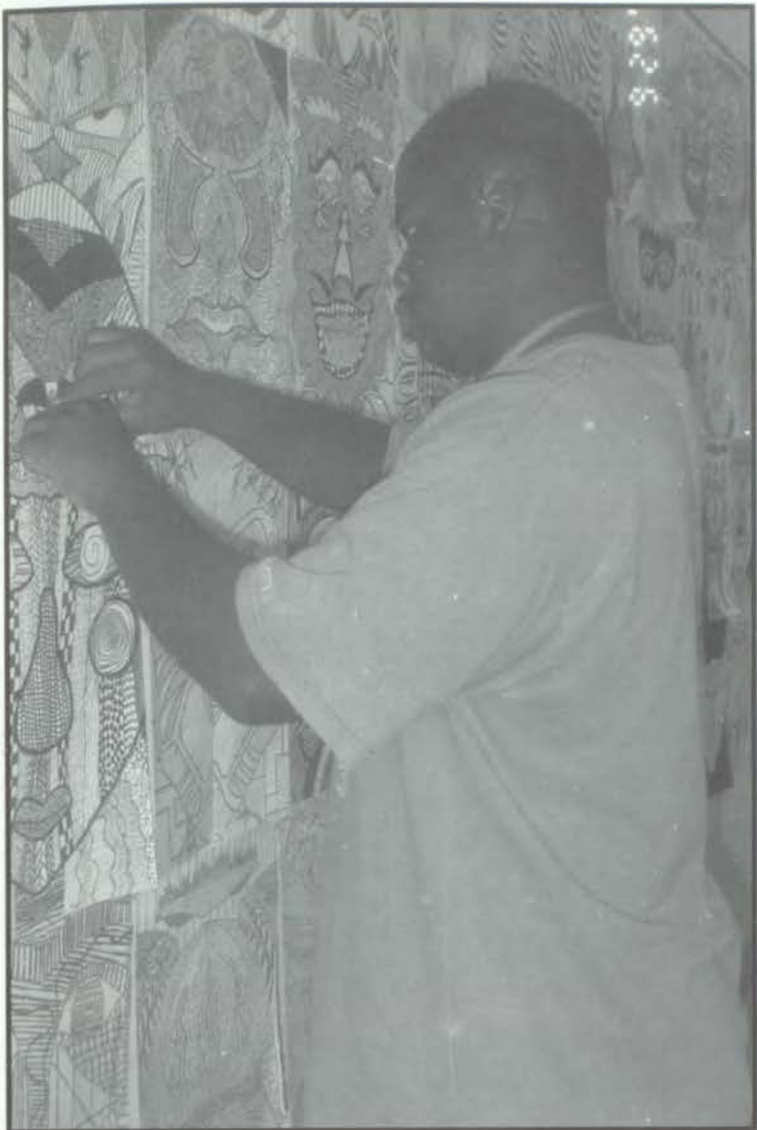


Looking at things in a new way is especially important to sophomore Victor Thomas who is working on his optical illusion project. Learning different elements and what makes a piece of art visually appealing is an important aspect of art.

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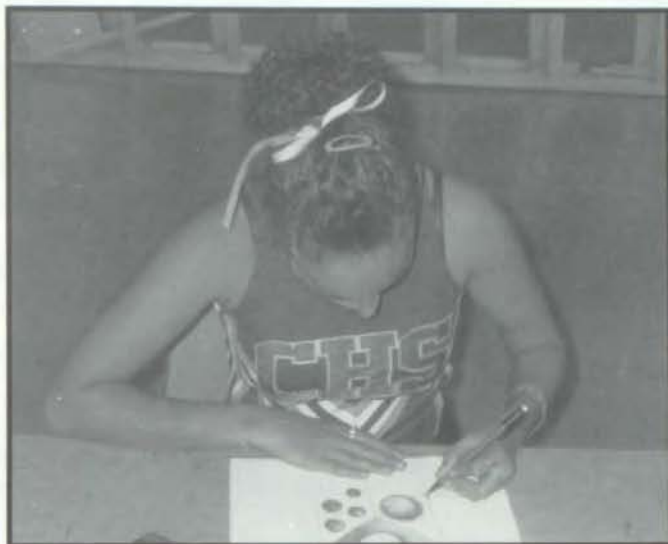
"She was the first one who made me aware of my talent," said Whitaker. This year she is teaching ceramics, art I, art II, sculpture, and helping with the yearbook.

Another addition to the art department is the sculpture class taught by Mrs. Whitaker. This year the class will be working on a ceramic Chinese tray, a coil vase, a free standing paper mache' sculpture and many other interesting projects.



Sophomore Jermaine Mack meticulously places the art work in Corrine Woods' art room. Students and teachers alike help in order to make their art room a place where creativity can soar.

Photo By Amber Gilliland



Freshman Julie Johnson creates a 3-D pencil drawing in Jan Whitaker's Art II class. The course Design I has been changed to Art I this year, but the curriculum is similar.

Photo By Amber Gilliland



Freshman Phillmon Smith is working at the window while completing a piece of art for class. Using every resource available is an important skill that students can develop. Photo By Amber Gilliland



Finishing the perfect picture, Junior Shella Stuleville decorates the ceramic bowl she made in Pam Creamer's ceramic class. Participating in ceramic's allows students to have the opportunity to work independently and improve their art skills. Photo By Amber Gilliland

a new creation

Do you think that everyone should have an art class and why?

"Yes, because it's a good opportunity for students to show their creative skills."
Senior Jamill Draper

"Yes, because the art classes are not like other classes. You get to open your mind to new ideas and be more creative."
Senior Clemence Bailly

B andtastic!

(band'tastic) adj. 1. a very good thing, 2. what a group that spends hours upon hours marching, practicing and performing is called. Through this crazy period of time, which usually happens first semester, students build friendships that last.

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FUN STUFF

"What is your favorite band memory over the years?"



"The Cotton Bowl was, by far, my favorite memory."
Sophomore Chris Bellante



"Six Flags was a lot of fun. It was more fun depending on who you were with."
Freshman DeMarques Williams



"The New Year's dance at Southfork Ranch is my favorite memory."
Freshman Jennifer Suedmeyer

It's summer. The heat index is easily over 100 degrees.

It's fall. The squishy, muddy ground is perfect for swallowing a shoe (don't laugh, it has happened).

It's winter. With heavy snowfall and more snow days than anyone can remember, it's definitely winter.

It's spring. Finally, trees begin to grow leaves again and love is in the air.

Wait, that's not love, it's music floating through the halls of Center High School, and it, like love, doesn't contain itself to one season.

"The beginning of the school year is the busiest time. We go to contests and have morning practices," said drummer Alex Moss.

"If you want to make the band better, the time commitment is almost equal to that of a sport," said Drum Major Mark Royer.

But that time commitment pays off. This year, the band has had one of its most successful years, receiving several first, second and third place awards, as well as being invited to the Cotton Bowl.

The time commitment extends to a personal level, though.

"You have to commit to band. If you're weak, you hurt the whole band," said tuba player Larry Hall.

All this commitment has led to some misunderstandings throughout the school, the most severe, an article in the school newspaper,

The Searchlight, claiming that band was a cult.

"No, it is not [a cult]. People are free to do and think what they want," said Royer.

"Band is something where we just dress and walk the same during performance. Just like any other team," said Hall.

Others see how the mistake was made. Natalie Bell said, "We all kind of form to fit each other, but we're still different individuals."

The payoffs are huge. Great memories, trips and friends are included.

Bell recalled, "At Carrollton, with all the mud, they made us tape up our legs so the uniforms wouldn't be ruined. Be we still did really well." That was awesome.



Drum Major Alex Rouse leads the band at the American Royal Parade. Throughout first semester, the band's Drum Majors, Rouse and Mark Royer, helped conduct, organize and control the chaos of more than 120 high schoolers, all packed into one room.

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During the Cotton Bowl trip, which was from December 28, 2000, to January 2, 2001, band members rode everywhere on four buses. Despite a long drive, more than 12 hours, students still enjoyed each other's company, and the little TVs.

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Part of the summer band tradition is the Red Bridge festival. Students stand at parade rest while Dance Line performs. The festival was an opportunity to show off the good things about Center.

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Before all home football games, the Marching Band marches in to the stadium, showing their new uniforms. The new uniforms added color and comfort to the band experience.

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Despite the large time commitment, many band members still enjoy band, which is evident by the high return enrollment in the program.

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MARCHING BAND



ROW ONE: A. Rouse, M. Royer, J. McCalman, M. Jurado, A. Pierce, K. Korando, G. Pegelow, A. Penaloza, C. Knapp, H. Schonfeld, T. Greenwell.
 ROW TWO: J. Giffen, A. Caton, J. Suedmeyer, M. Barlow, S. Drummond, C. Howard, A. Isom, L. Hamilton, L. Doarn, C. Fishback, J. Downing, C. Burec.
 ROW THREE: S. Rice, K. Art, N. King, T. Weathersby, J. Doria, S. Kelly, A. VanSickel, A. Giedinghagen, J. Dodson, P. Unger.
 ROW FOUR: M. Denzer, S. Norton, D. Thomas, A. Corbin, C. Vieth, L. Grossnickle, E. Barth, K. Shannon, J. Jantz, A. Williams, C. Campbell, S. Ball, R. Carter-Hall.
 ROW FIVE: L. Wellington, J. Byrd, A. Henderson, L. Verser, K. Knowlton, L. Pickett, J. Fletcher, L. Erickson, L. Buckles, J. Shumate, R. Logan II, K. McFarland.
 ROW SIX: S. Kirkwood, C. Chambers, A. Barth, R. Swope, P. John, P. Smith, J. Johnson, A. Gladney, A. Rodriguez, S. Aaronson, K. Coleman, P. Quick, D. Gonzalez, A. Heffernan.
 ROW SEVEN: B. Straub, K. Ramel, K. Pickett, J. Stempleman, A. Johnson, B. Noble, J. Bridgeford II, C. Quinlin, R. Rouse, D. Stephens, C. Mallon, M. McDonald, A. Isom, P. Holley, T. Davidson, K. Rodriguez.
 ROW EIGHT: A. Franklin, C. Redding, T. Phillips, M. Quinlin, A. Peister, N. Bell, J. Forson, D. Smith, D. Forson, S. Goodwin, M. Bradbury, A. Sidney, A. Willis, B. Korando.
 ROW NINE: A. Thomas, C. Morgan, B. Brake, J. Love, C. Bellante, A. Moss, S. Brake, L. Davis, P. Becker, J. Howard, C. Edwards, K. Atty, L. Wooten, D. Williams, C. Sweaney, H. Gottfredson, A. Yeisley.
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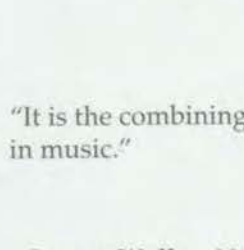
the perfect jacket word

What does the word *allegretto* mean? It has something to do with music...



"Ally McBeal? I don't know. Something you do on a first date."

Brittany Johnson • 9th grade



"It is the combining of the sounds in music."

Steven Walls • 11th Grade

Definition: *Allegretto* is a musical term that tells the musician to play at a faster pace.

For Some Baseball?

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Are You Ready

A new season, a clean slate and new cleats were anticipated for this year's Yellowjacket baseball team. Along with the peanuts and crackerjacks came the hope for a great new season. With many players returning to the team, and some talented new freshman players added, this team began with the advantage of greater skills. Coaches David Stubblefield and Mark Hutchinson worked hard during practices to get the team ready for the 2001 season.

Spring brings sounds of "Hey, batter, batter," which is music to the ears of many. It's baseball season again at CHS.

Senior varsity baseball player Jermaine Jacobs is known to his teammates as a clown, but during baseball season he's all business.

Jacobs has played baseball since he was five years old and plans to play baseball at Longview Community College in the fall of 2001. Jacobs played shortstop, catcher and second base this year. His goal in baseball this past season was to go to state. His teammates say, "He's the clown of the team. "Wild and wacky" are two words that describe him, but at the same time, he is our team captain and a darn good one." The baseball team has a variety of players to make the script flow. Junior John Howard played in the outfield. "Being on the field with my friends and having fun is what I like most about playing baseball."

**"BEING ON THE FIELD WITH MY FRIENDS AND HAVING FUN IS WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PLAYING BASEBALL."
JUNIOR JOHN HOWARD**

While rain-outs plagued the team in early spring (three games cancelled in one week alone), as the weather improved, so did the games.



S·C·O·R·E·S

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CHS	10	RUSKIN	0
CHS	3	GRANDVIEW	4
CHS	4	HICKMAN	5
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Say What??

DEFINE JEOPARDY.



*"WHEN YOUR
LIFE IS IN
JEOPARDY"
SCIENCE TEACHER
DAVID STUBBLEFIELD*



*"WHEN YOU SIT
AT HOME AND
WATCH T.V.
WHILE PLAYING
BASEBALL."
SOPHOMORE
JAMES BRIDGEFORD*

ACTUAL DEFINITION . . .

*DESCRIBES A SITUATION WHICH THE BALL IS IN
PLAY AND AN OFFENSIVE TEAM MUST BE PUT OUT.*

B·A·S·E·B·A·L·L

**HEAD COACH • DAVID STUBBLEFIELD
ASSISTANT COACH • MARK HUTCHISON
TEAM CAPTAIN • JERMAINE JACOBS**



ROW ONE: Jamiel Counce, Jermaine Jacobs, Darnell Hicks, Liwellyn Evans, Mngr. Joy Stempleman, Brandon Brennan, Lance Redick, Josh Brawley **ROW TWO:** Coach Mark Hutchison, Albert Jones, Keith Redick, Eric Conrad, Larry Hall, Charles Nothnagel, Johnny Howard, Christopher Johnston, Coach David Stubblefield **ROW THREE:** James Bridgeford, Jeff Wilson, Mark Quinlin, Marcus Stanley, Willam Hawkins, Steve Goodwin, Neil Soloman, Sausha Brooks, Kyle Rodriguez, Charlie Morgan **Not Pictured:** Scott Fahrmeier



Contributions come from the inside
and hard-working dedicated team
players.

BALANCE MEANS EQUAL

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J. VARSITY

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 CHS 50 SMITHVILLE 44
 CHS 61 LEE'S SUMMIT 54
 CHS 45 LEE'S SUMMIT N. 55
 CHS 51 RUSKIN 46
 CHS 49 RAY PEC 33
 CHS 52 RAY SOUTH 62
 CHS 72 VAN HORN 40
 CHS 42 HICKMAN MILLS 47
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SEASON

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SEASON: 15-11

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JUNIOR VARSITY:

SEASON 11-5

VARSITY

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 CHS 82 TULSA NOAH 40
 CHS 63 MAVMATON VALLEY 55
 CHS 55 CHAWNTE 44

V. BASKETBALL



VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

ROW ONE: J.J. Fugate, Kenny Groves, Darnell Hicks, Melvin Cole, Tim Clayton, Grag Anderson
 ROW TWO: Troy Blaylock, Meko Brown, Steven Walls, Julius Floyd, Odis Smith, Managers Tiffany Harris & Keya Spiller
 ROW THREE: Stephen Ealy, Coach Ed Fritz, Coach Mark Brown, Coach Mark Copeland, Coach John Moncke, Ryan Kemp

Junior James Fuguete rises for a two-hand slam against the Hickman Mills players. He led the team in dunks, so it was not surprising to see him above the rim.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



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The varsity boys team poses with their Ralph Miller Classic plaque that was presented to Principal Brian Schumann. The team took first place in the tournament.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG

Junior Tim Clayton drives past his man during a home game vs. Hickman Mills. Tim was often seen at point guard for the varsity team.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG

J.V. BASKETBALL



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

ROW ONE: Manager Tiffany Harris, Edwin Dunson, Amir Hafiz-Thompson, Leo Wright, Ryan Raccuglia, Manager Keya Spiller ROW TWO: Daniel Ross Graham, Matt Gatewood, Terrance Williams, Coach Mark Brown, Kyle Williams, Steve Goodwin, Larry Hall

a new creation

no one really knows...
what dume means in Basketball?



"The type of way you throw the basketball."

Freshman Tia Stickland

"I think, ten points, a goal, or a square or something."

Sophomore Coretta Cunningham



Actual Definition: A type of pass, an assist pass.

Basketball

1. Invented and named (1891) by James A. Naismith at Y.M.C.A. College, Springfield, Mass. 2. A game played by two opposing teams of typically five players each, usually an indoor sport, inflated ball used in this sport

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STEPPIN' UP

What are the reasons for the improvement on the girls basketball team???



"Hard work, more practice and good coaching are reasons for our improvement."

Sophomore Jakiesha Davis



"Because the coach got strict. Basketball was first and then came all other extracurricular activities."

Sophomore Kala Raglin



"One reason is that we played as a team and we had great senior leaders."

Sophomore Mercedes Hooks

What a difference a year makes! How has the Girls basketball team improved since last year? "Let me count the ways," Sophomore Kala Raglin said. "There is more running than standing around and more concentration, less slacking." The girls on the team agree that basketball was fun, and freshman Jasmine Ransburg said, "It gives us girls a chance to do what boys do."

Another reason for improvement "is because we have had a year to play with each other and coaching has improved," said Aishah Augusta who was looked up to as a leader by players on the team. The Lady Jackets were led to victory by second-year Coach Erik Swanstrom and Assistant Coaches Anna Stubblefield and Patricia Scaggs. With only three seniors on the team, the Lady Jackets looked to be a very successful team for years to come. There were three freshmen and five sophomores on varsity. Many of these underclassmen were on the starting line up. Freshman Josha Townser said, "The reason for success was that a lot more freshmen tried out and the upperclassmen stepped up and acted like leaders - especially Aishah."

Townser added, "The coaches were more dedicated and pushed us to do our best, thus our 14 wins this past season."

During final banquet, Juniors Brown, Joy Mayweather, and Keara Austin are recognized. Award banquets make the years activities extra special.

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WILLIAMS



Junior LaToya Williams makes a practice shot while warming up for the final game. Warming up insures that players will be ready in both body and mind for their game.

PHOTO DONATED BY LATOYA WILLIAMS



Prior to the Seniors' game, Senior Tenisha Fisher, Christian Randle, Rachel Bankhead, and Shavon Pace receive gifts. The Seniors last home game is made extra special by recognizing their efforts throughout the year.

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V·A·R·S·I·T·Y

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V·A·R·S·I·T·Y



LADY YELLOW JACKET VARSITY BASKETBALL: Back Row: Co-Co Criswell, LaToya Williams, Shanika Bolton, Missy Weaver-Dowdy, Tenisha Fisher, Rachel Bankhead, Keara Austin, Joi Mayweather, Coach Patricia Scaggs. Front Row: Coach Anna Stubblefield, Debrielle Reed, Cristian Randle, Shavon Pace, Aishah Augusta, Mercedes Hooks, Davon Strickland, Jackiesha Davis and Coach Erik Swanstrom.

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LADYJACKET "B" TEAM JR.VARSITY: Debrielle Reed, Shanika Bolton, Missy Weaver-Dowdy, Tyisha Jones, Shanna Brown, Co-Co Criswell, Rachel Bankhead, Erica Cain, Joi Mayweather, Jasmine Ransburg, Twila Kelly, Brittany Johnson, Josha Townser, Mercedes Hooks, Davon Strickland, Darmeta Thomas, Coaches Anna Stubblefield, Erik Swanstrom and Patricia Scaggs.

J·V "C" T·E·A·M



LADY YELLOW JACKET "C" TEAM: Shanika Bolton, Rachel Bankhead, Missy Weaver-Dowdy, Jasmine Ransburg, Ilani Ighedosa, Debrielle Reed, Erica Cain, Brittany Johnson, Josha Townser, Darmeta Thomas, Twila Kelly, Coaches Anna Stubblefield, Patricia Scaggs and Erik Swanstrom

the perfect jacket word

What does the word Pivot mean?



"A really young pervert."

• Megan Denzer • 9th grade

"Someone who swings both ways."



• Ladale Bell • 9th Grade •

Pivot: To turn or cause to turn in place, as on a hinge or fixed point. Tracing an arc-like path.

the Ghetto Hoopity

Make way for

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The light turns green; it's your signal to go. You floor it, and after a couple of minutes (and a few weird sounds) you begin to approach 30 M.P.H.. Sound familiar?

For many students the wrath of an old car takes its toll everyday.

"I hate my car, there are more things wrong than right... It could fall apart at any time... seriously." Said Senior Sam Weilert who drives an '83 Toyota Station Wagon.

So if the cars they are driving are so substandard, why do they drive them?

"Because it gets me from point A to point B," said Junior Portia Harris.

Transportation is especially

important for students who need to get to after-school activities, work or social activities. Having your own car, no matter what kind, allows freedom.

Although they are not necessarily new, students still like their cars.

"I like my car, it represents me because it rides smoothly and

it's got style," said Junior Tim Clayton, who drives an '88 Honda Accord.

It may not be their dream car, but, students still can have high hopes.

"I want a 523 BMW-black with leather seats and the works! That's my dream car," said Junior Erica Turner.

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"I HATE MY CAR, THERE'S MORE THINGS WRONG THAN RIGHT... IT COULD FALL APART AT ANY TIME... SERIOUSLY."

-SENIOR SAM WEILERT

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PURCHASING A NEW CAR CAN BE A SCARY EXPERIENCE FOR MOST STUDENTS. HEATHER INSCORE TAKES A LOOK AT A 2000 ACURA AS SHE TRIES TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF CAR SHE WISHES TO BUY.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



JUNIOR ANTHONY BELL SHOWS OFF THE CAFFINATED WATER TRUCK WHILE SHOPPING IN DOWNTOWN HAMBURG. STUDENTS FOUND THAT MANY AMERICAN PRODUCTS WERE ALSO VERY POPULAR IN GERMANY, AND AS A RESULT, GERMAN WORDS WERE OFTEN MIXED WITH ENGLISH WORDS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

NOT EVERYONE HAS THE LUXURY OF DRIVING TO SCHOOL, SO SOME STUDENTS TAKE THE BUS. THIS YEAR THE BUS SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED TO ONLY ONE BUS RUN, WHICH HELPS CUT DOWN ON THE CHAOS AND LOITERING AFTER SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



CENTER STUDENTS DISCOVER A NEW FORM OF TRANSPORTATION WHILE LIVING IN GERMANY FOR TWO WEEKS. WHILE STAYING IN HAMBURG, STUDENTS FOUND THAT THE SUBWAYS PROVIDED A CHEAP AND EFFICIENT MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SENIOR TRACY HEPTING WATCHES AS JUNIOR STEPHEN JACOBS CHECKS OUT THE RIMS OF HEPTING'S CAR WHILE HANGING OUT WITH JUNIOR JOE ANDERSON AND SENIOR CHARLES BLACKMON. SOME STUDENTS' CARS RUN WELL, WHILE OTHERS NEED A LITTLE HELP NOW AND THEN. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SENIOR JESSICA CRUMP TAKES A BREAK TO TALK TO JUNIOR MARCUS STANLEY PRIOR TO GOING TO PLAY REHEARSAL. ALTHOUGH SHORTENED BY FIVE MINUTES THIS YEAR, STUDENTS STILL CAN ENJOY A FEW MINUTES OF RELAXATION BEFORE GOING TO AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Say What??

DEFINE TORQUE CONVERTER



"SOMETHING THAT CONVERTS TORQUE"
SOPHOMORE ERIN OSBORNE

"SOMETHING IN OUTER SPACE, LIKE AN ALIEN."
FRESHMAN QURAN WILLIAMS



"A BOOTY DANCE."
SOPHOMORE STACIA STRICKLIN

ACTUAL DEFINITION....

AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF AN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

Cheerleaders work hard to become stronger while trying new things.



HANGING FOR THE BETTER

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If you haven't noticed the cheerleaders before, then you certainly should this year. The cheerleaders were stronger, performed fantastic new stunts and cheered louder than ever. Many cheerleaders credited their strong, close squad to the activities they participated in this year.

"We went away to camp and spent a whole week at CMSU this summer. It helped to get to know each other. Plus, the Friday night games helped a lot, too," said Senior Amanda Corbin.

Getting to know each other was one way the squad became stronger this year; however, other cheerleaders, such as Junior Abigail Heffernan, stated that trying new things proved to be the greatest

asset to the squad.

"We were definitely not as afraid to try new things, we wanted to do new stuff and bigger things like competitions," said Heffernan.

Sophomore Allison Caton agreed.

"Our stunts were more impressive and we were doing more dances than ever before," said Caton. Overall, the squad had high hopes for the future of Center cheerleaders. Whatever the reasons for their strength, most cheerleaders agreed that this year's squad was unique.

"We were a very diverse squad and I don't know of any other cheerleading squad that was so involved in their school," said Senior Amanda Corbin.

In the meantime, the cheerleaders proved their strength by keeping the spirit of CHS high, while encouraging each other as well.

Senior cheerleader, Lisa Wellington, finishes her stunt with help from her fellow teammates, Seniors Amanda Corbin and LoToya Perry, and Junior Erica Turner. Practicing stunts was an important part of practice and required strength and concentration from the squad.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

CHEERLEADERS

VARSITY CAPTAIN • AMANDA CORBIN
VARSITY CO-CAPTAIN • LISA WELLINGTON
JV CAPTAIN • PAIGE UNGER
JV CO-CAPTAIN • LAUREN CASTLE



Cheerleaders in alphabetical order: Jessica Byrd, Lauren Castle, Allison Caton, Amanda Corbin, Jamie Giffen, Joanna Gitterman, Artesha Gladney, Abigail Heffernan, Julie Johnson, Shantoyia Jones, Sha'von Pace, Amanda Patmore, Sara Park, Latoya Perry, Kala Raglin, Darmeta Thomas, Erica Turner, Paige Unger, Destiny Watkins, Lisa Wellington.

Varsity cheerleaders talk to their sponsor, Jan Evans, while stretching before a basketball game. Getting ready for each game took a lot of preparation from the team.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Junior Varsity cheerleaders Freshman Paige Unger, Sophomore Jamie Giffen, Junior Artesha Gladney and Senior Sha'von Pace cheer for a basketball game. The cheerleaders were an important part of sports.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Cheerleaders gather for an encouraging talk from their captains during a pep rally. Staying organized was an important strength to the squad.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



a new way of being spirited

Why do you think cheerleaders become so sudoriferous while they cheer?



"Because they are so excited."
Freshmen Rachel Bankhead

"Because they have hormonal imbalances. However, they do have great personalities."

Senior Tony Antonello



Sudoriferous- 1. to secrete sweat

C H O I R

(kwire) 1. A group of singers organized and trained to sing together 2. An intrumental section of an orchestra 3. Any organized group or band.

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U CAN SING

Who or what made you join chior???

"Actually I started because it was fun, to have something to do in my spare time."



**Senior
Dara Raglin**



"Well all of my friends were in choir, we got to go out of town and

we get extra credit.

**Sophomore
Keya Spiller**

"My seventh grade year I joined because it was an easy class,



but I have come to like it."

**Sophomore
Erick Rhoades**

B flat, treble clef, four counts-this is all in a day for the members of the Center Chorale. Directed by Joseph Hamm, these 19 voices express themselves through musical notes. "A good choir member or singer is one who could focus, concentrate, and have good word ethic. They have to let me teach them; they are open-minded," Hamm explains. "This year's high-leveled growth in the skills and maturity of the Chorale is my most important accomplishment," says Hamm.

On March 23, 2001, six members (Sophomores Jamie Dodson, David Worts, and Kaylen McFarland, Junior Ashlee Williams, and Seniors ShaLeah Pittman and Jason Gibbs) of the chorale performed at the Missouri District Large Group Festival, where they received a II (excellent) rating. As a result, the Chorale went to Dallas, Texas, to sing with an adult professional Choir called The Helios Ensemble.

"I felt pretty good receiving a II (excellent) score in the Large Group Festival for my first year with Mr. Hamm-but I would have felt happier with a I (superior) rating," Mcfarland admits. According to Mcfarland, the Chorale is fun, family oriented, and a loving society. "I chose to join the Chorale because I have a joy for singing."

With a slight chuckle, Jamie Dodson describes Hamm as enthusiastic and a good teacher. "I plan on singing with the Chorale until I graduate," she said.



The Concert Choir practiced in a church before their performance with a professional choir "The Helios". The students got this opportunity by getting a level II excellent rating at the Missouri District Large Group Festival.

PHOTO BY HEIMEL KUNSWAN

The Center High School Concert Choir and the Helios combined to perform a concert in May of 2001. The choir members fit right in with the Helios, a professional Chior. PHOTO BY HEIMEL KUNSWANN



The Center High School Contemporary Choir led by Mr. Willie Thornton performed a musical on sexual protection and teen pregnancy.

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C-O-N-C-E-R-T C-H-O-I-R



ROW ONE: Mr. Joseph Hamm, Ashlee Wiliams, Rev. Nathan Taylor, Philip Irving, Sha-leah Pittman. **ROW TWO:** Samantha Ball, David Worts, Clemence Bailly, Tyra Griggs, Heather Inscore. **ROW THREE:** Jamie Dodson, Erick Rhoades, Jason Gibbs, Lanisha Bosby, Lewketta Jack, Kaylene Mcfarland, Jessica Acord.



Choir instructor Mr. Hamm got a little tuckered out on the Concert Choir trip to Dallas, Texas. When Mr. Hamm is awake he is very happy to be the instructor of the concert choirs.

PHOTO BY HEIMEL KUNSWANN

the perfect word

What does the word CROON mean?



"A Croon is an animal, isn't it?"

Victoria Blaise • 9th grade

"Crooning is to sing very bad, or animals mating.



Casey Burnett • 10th grade

ACTUAL DEFINITION...

To sing or speak in a gentle murmuring manner.



Senior Choir members, Heather Inscore and Nathan Taylor, sing with a professional Choir known as the Helios. The Concert Choir got this opportunity to sing with the Helios in Dallas Texas.

PHOTO BY HEIMEL KUNSWANN

Color Guard

DEFINE DROPSPIN



"IT'S A WRESTLING MOVE."

FRESHMAN DARMETA THOMAS



"A DROPSPIN IS A GAME PIECE YOU FLICK."
FRESHMAN KENNY SOLA



"DROPSPIN IS THE DOWN TIME WHEN YOU GET HIGH."

FRESHMAN TERRON DAVIS

WHILE ENTERTAINING AT A HOME FOOTBALL GAME THE COLOR GUARD DOES A ROUTINE. BEING ABLE TO HANDLE THE FLAGS IS A UNIQUE ABILITY, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE FLAGS ARE BIGGER THAN YOU CAUSING A SCARY SITUATION FOR SOME.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



ACTUAL DEFINITION....

AS IT PERTAINS TO COLOR GUARD, A DROPSPIN IS A SLOW, VERTICAL ROTATION OF A FLAG.

COLOR GUARD

CAPTAIN • KATIE KORANDO
CO-CAPTAIN • AMANDA PIERCE



Row One: Andrea Penaloza, Ginny Pegelow, Maria Jurado Row Two: Amanda Pierce, Katie Korando



JUNIORS KATIE KORANDO, AMANDA PIERCE, AND SOPHOMORE GINNY PEGELOW SHOW OFF THEIR UNIQUE TALENT WHILE PERFORMING IN A SCHOOL PEP ASSEMBLY. STUDENTS FOUND THAT IT REALLY TAKES TIME AND THAT LONG PRACTICES REALLY PAY OFF, AND AS A RESULT THE COLOR GUARD QUAD HAS WON MANY AWARDS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



SOPHOMORE LUKE HALL PUSHES HIS WAY THROUGH THE WARRENSBURG PACK. "LUKE IS NOT ONLY THE COMPETITIVE HOPE FOR OUR TEAM," SAYS SENIOR AUDREY YOUNG, "BUT HE IS ALSO THE HOPE FOR OUR TEAM'S SPIRIT."

PHOTO DONATED BY AUDREY YOUNG

SENIOR MARK ROYER PUSHES HIMSELF AT THE DISTRICT MEET. "I RUN BECAUSE IT MAKES MY CALVES BIGGER," SAYS ROYER. EVERYONE ON THE TEAM RUNS FOR DIFFERENT REASONS.

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THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM. R. TO L. COACH JOSH BAXTER, LUKE HALL, AUDREY YOUNG, MARK ROYER, AND PATRICK HOLLEY. THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM WAS SMALL BUT CLOSE THIS YEAR. THE TEAM ENJOYED GOING TO 7-11 FOR SLURPEES, ON PICNICS, AND TO DINNER BEFORE MEETS.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG

Cross Country Spreads Spirit

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Four runners, seven miles a day, five days a week, for ten weeks. The cross-country team ran more than 4,100 miles this season. The team was composed of new Coach Josh Baxter, dedicated Seniors, Audrey Young and Mark Royer, enthusiastic Sophomore Luke Hall, and Freshman Patrick Holley. "We all encouraged each other," Holley said, "Even in an individual sport, teamwork is important."

Baxter joined the team after

coming from Emporia State University where he ran track and in his last year he was the assistant coach for Emporia's track team.

"Coach always pushed us at practice," said Hall, "All of our hard work paid off."

Hard work during practice pays off for all runners, but this year Hall

went to State due to his hard work. Most team members agree that running isn't about going to state or winning track meets. Royer says, "I don't run because I'm happy, I'm happy because I run."

"I don't run because I'm happy, I'm happy because I run."

Senior Mark Royer

While having fun, dancing to the beat expresses feelings and emotions for some.

COURTWARMING

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For underclassmen Courtwarming was just another dance, but for Seniors it is their last all-school dance. For Seniors Lisa Wellington, Brandon Brennan, Anna Mannino, and

Jonathan Amerison, this Courtwarming dance will be the most memorable because they were crowned King and Queen and Prince and Princess. Lisa Wellington said, "The dance was fun. I liked dancing and having fun with my friends." She also said "Winning was an honor and it's not something I will forget." Lisa Wellington was crowned Queen. Courtwarming King Brandon Brennan, a Senior, says, "I was happy and surprised to win." He also said, "I couldn't make it to the dance because my mom had a baby that night." Courtwarming is also a good time to spend not only with your friends, but also with people that you don't normally talk to every day at school. "Having my little brother walk with me down the aisle was the most

exciting thing about Courtwarming," said Senior Anna Mannino, who was crowned Princess. "I didn't think I was going to win because I am a freak and everyone else is popular," she also said.

Being crowned King or Queen is an honorable and most memorable time during the high school years.

Senior students discover a new form of dancing and having fun at the Courtwarming dance. While attending the dance, students found that many people really know how to do the "Cha-Cha Slide." PHOTO BY AMY CARR

The German exchange student Stefan Haug really knows how to handle two women at the same time while dancing. Dances give students the opportunity to have fun, dance, and socialize. PHOTO BY AMY CARR





Contestants Kim Knowlton, Joanna Doria, and Christy Campbell pose for a picture after the Courtwarming game. Being nominated for Courtwarming queen is considered by many to be a great honor, especially in their senior year.
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Courtwarming is not only a time to dance and honor the King and Queen, but also to support the boys basketball team. Junior Odie Smith is going for the rebound against his opponent.
PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



Love and steady is how students danced. Sophomores Kala Raglin and Sandy Wedlow are dancing at Courtwarming, while Freshmen Darneta Thomas and Phillmon Smith got their groove on. Having a romantic dance could be the start of a long-term relationship, or just a way to have fun.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



a new definition

I bet you don't know...
What does Caper mean?



"A type of new dance that hasn't reached K.C. yet."
Sophomore Shawntia Ricketts



"Sounds like a fraternity, at least it does to me, one with lots of sexy boys. I mean men."
Junior Becky Brake

Actual Definition: To skip or jump about in a gay, playful manner.

Dance

(dans) n. 1. to move the body and feet in funky rhythm, originally to music. 2. to bob up and down, 3. rapid lively movement, 4. what Dance Line does for a good part of their time together... actually, most of it.

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Congratulations! You're on the squad! You made Dance Line. Get ready to come up to school before dawn every morning. Oh, and for those Thursday night practices, be here early. When you're sick, don't stay home; don't even think about it. If you're in a bad mood, it better not show. You're going to have fun, but don't even think that's all that matters; because you're on the squad. You made Dance Line.

While this may be overplayed a little bit, sacrifice is just a part of being on Dance Line. Sophomore Co-Captain Jennifer Fletcher has sacrificed a lot. "Sleep. I don't get any sleep. There hasn't been any down time."

Senior Sean Kelly, also a Co-Captain, has given up time with family and friends in order to achieve the near perfection that Dance Line continues to enjoy. And even though they

give up all things such as sleep, very few people regret all the time they have spent in pursuit of perfection.

"It's a great honor to dance with these girls," said Kelly, the only male on the squad.

Nearly everyone agrees, Dance Line works hard, has fun and achieves great results. It's obvious from the tons of trophies, a banner from State and the general attitude about Dance Line are signs of how successful they are.

The girls, and Kelly, have a great time doing what they do. Bonding between squad members is one of their main strengths.

"Making friends on Dance Line makes you wanna go to practice. You want to have fun and dance more," said Freshman Leslie Grossnickle. This desire allows more work to get done, which improves the quality of this top-notch squad.

DEDICATION

"How do you dedicate so much of your time to Dance Line?"



"I want to do the best I can and win a lot of awards."

Sophomore Courtney Howard



"We have a lot of important stuff to do, so it's important to be at practice."

Sophomore Laura Doarn



"We don't wanna get yelled at by Mr. Greenwell. Dancing is my favorite thing."

Freshman Kelli Shannon



As always, Dance Line puts much energy into their routines. At their St. Louis competition in early December 2000, the squad received fourth place in Novelty and fifth place in Kick. While the placement wasn't what was anticipated, many still feel the trip was worth it.

PHOTO BY ANDREW BARTH

the perfect jacket word

Just the other day, I saw some girls in the gym doing an "arabesque." What the heck is that?



"I've actually heard of that word before."

Jennifer Jantz • 10th grade

"Does it mean lovely, I'm guessing?"



Chamene Woods • 11th Grade

Actually, it is a dance position in which one leg is extended straight backward and the arms are extended, usually one forward and one backward.



At the Carrollton competition, the Dance Line received a perfect score. With their shining smiles and perfect timing, nothing less would be expected.
PHOTO BY CHUCK HOWARD

Sophomore Lauren Hamilton is right in time with the rest of the squad. Being on Dance Line requires time energy and dedication to the team. Hamilton has all three.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG

DANCELINE

CAPTAIN • JOANNA DORIA
CO-CAPTAIN • SEAN KELLY
CO-CAPTAIN • JENNIFER FLETCHER



ROW ONE: Julie Johnson, Artesha Gladney, Jill McCalman, Jennifer Fletcher, Joanna Doria, Tiara Weathersby
ROW TWO: Emily Barth, Lilli Pickett, Sean Kelly, Leslie Grossnickle, Amanda VanSickel
ROW THREE: Shannon Drummond, Courtney Howard, Andrea Isom, Lauren Hamilton, Laura Doarn, Kelli Shannon



As an addition to the still young club, the Pollinators, the members of Dance Line and Color Guard combine to form the "Pollinettes." The new group added even more spirit to the game of Yellowjacket basketball.
PHOTO BY CHUCK HOWARD

Sophomore Jennifer Fletcher, and the rest of Dance Line cheers on the Center football team. Along with dancing, members provide spirit for the Yellowjackets.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

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beat of our drum

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Step to the

At football games, during pep assemblies and even in hallways, the Drumline can be seen marching to the beat of their drums. As a separate component of the band the Drumline has their own competitions and practices.

"The Drumline, in a way, is its own separate entity. "We spend a lot of time away from the band, to get ready for our music," said Senior Leonard Davis.

And this year they were ready. The Drumline took three first-place trophies, and two second-place trophies at their many competitions. Many Drumline members felt that the competitions were one of the most important parts of this year.

"Carrollton was cold, but was fun, too," said Freshman Steven Brake.

Although Drumline did have a very successful year, it wasn't perfect.

"I hated the early morning practices. They sucked a**," said Senior Halle Gotfredson.

Senior Captain Phil Becker said that one of the biggest problems was that Drumline

was young.

"There were a lot of freshmen and it was hard to get them straightened out," said Becker.

From all the awards and recognition, it is clear no matter what, the 2000-2001 Drumline was very successful.

"**"DRUMLINE IS ITS OWN ENTITY."**
-SENIOR LEONARD DAVIS

PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL AMERICAN ROYAL PARADE HAS BEEN A TRADITION FOR MANY YEARS. BETWEEN THE BAND PLAYING SONGS, AND THE DRUMLINE PLAYING CADENCES, THE AUDIENCE RECEIVES A GREAT MIXTURE OF ENTERTAINMENT.
PHOTO BY CHUCK HOWARD



Say What??

DEFINE GOCK



"A CROSS BETWEEN A GERBIL AND A ROOSTER."

JUNIOR
SPENCER COCKRELL



"THE STUFF YOU GET ON THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SHOE THAT ISN'T GUM, BUT IT'S REALLY STICKY AND SMELLY."

JUNIOR SARAH RICE



"TO STARE IN A DE-MEANING WAY AT SOMEONE OR SOMETHING"

JUNIOR
MACOLE
MAYWEATHER

ACTUAL DEFINITION....

A VERY HARD HIT TO THE RIM OF A DRUM.



LED BY SENIOR QUAD CAPTAIN LEONARD DAVIS, THE DRUM LINE ENTERS THE GYM. EACH PEP ASSEMBLY HAD A PERFORMANCE FROM THE BAND, DANCE LINE, COLORGUARD AND CHEERLEADERS, BUT THE DRUM LINE ALWAYS LEFT THINGS WITH A BANG!

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



THE DRUM LINE PARTICIPATED IN MANY COMPETITIONS THIS YEAR, WHICH REQUIRED MANY EARLY MORNING PRACTICES. HOWEVER THESE PRACTICES PAID OFF, EARNING THEM MANY AWARDS (INCLUDING FIRST) AT THIS ANNUAL BLUE SPRINGS COMPETITION.

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D•R•U•M•L•I•N•E

CAPTAIN • PHIL BECKER
 CO-CAPTAIN • JAKE HOWARD
 QUAD CAPTAIN • LEONARD DAVIS
 PIT CAPTAIN • AUBREE YEISLEY



ROW ONE: Leonard Davis, Chris Bellante, Alex Moss, Jake Howard, Phil Becker, Kim Atty, LeDale Wooten, Joe Love, Amanda Thomas
ROW TWO: Aubree Yeisley, Allison Caton, Steve Brake, De'Marques Williams, Becky Brake, Chris Edwards, Charlie Morgan, Cheri Sweaney, Halle Gotfredson

DURING THIS YEAR, SYMBOL PLAYERS WERE VITAL FOR EVERY DRUM LINE PERFORMANCE. FRESHMEN JOSEPH LOVE AND LEDALE WOOTEN PARTICIPATE IN THE LAST PEP ASSEMBLY FOR THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR. ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS SIMPLE, PLAYING THIS INSTRUMENT IS NO SMALL TASK.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG

Center on the Earth creates a new definition with a new sponsor and new programs.

EVERYTHING HAS ITS SEASON

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Center on the Earth is "A club where students get together and create projects for the elementary school. We also are responsible for the recycle boxes and the yellow bins for the aluminum cans," said Senior Grace Burke. With its new sponsor, Science teacher Annette Howk, Center of the Earth is making a change for the best.

Future of the Earth is the club created for Indian Creek Elementary school in hopes they can come join Center on the Earth in high school, and to raise environmental awareness.

"My most memorable moment in this club was when we went to Indian Creek to do 'leaf-rolling' (an activity in which you get a leaf and put it under a sheet of paper and rub a crayon across the top until the shape and lines of the leaf are revealed). They [the kids] would come up to us and ask if they could take it home because they thought the rollings were so cool! The kids loved it," Burke reminisced.

"The members are very hard workers who come up with good ideas. I really would like to see younger students take part in this club," explains Howk. "I would like to see the club continue."

"I think Mrs. Howk is a great sponsor. She comes up with very cool ideas for the club," stated Burke as she describes Howk as their new sponsor.

"I sort of inherited this club because they needed a sponsor. I pretty much stay out of their way. We do a lot of environmental things," Howk explained from her first year of sponsoring Center on the Earth. "I plan on sponsoring the club until someone else takes over. I know Mr. Scott is interested."

"I joined Center on the Earth because Thursday is my free day," Burke admits. "I think the earth is an important issue. I like to hang out with the kids. They may get ideas from us as they get older."

Howk explains, "Teaching science affected my desire to want to sponsor Center of the Earth. It's like putting what you know to a test."

CENTER ON THE EARTH

CO-PRESIDENT • JENNIFER CARR

CO-PRESIDENT • NAN LOU

SECRETARY/TREASURER • AMY CARR

COMMUNICATIONS • JESSICA CRUMP



ROW ONE: Amy Carr, Jennifer Carr, Nan Lou, Jessica Crump

ROW TWO: Anna Mannino, Clemence Bailly, Peter Van Tran

ROW THREE: Halle Gotfredson, Jennifer Fowler, Christy Campbell

reshman Danielle Laubach participates in one of Center on the Earth's projects at Walls Mill. Cleaning up trash is just one of the many ways that the environmental club helps to keep our environment clean.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Wilmington Creek Elementary students dig holes in the ground. Senior Huong Nguyen explains the latest project for the "Future of the Earth," a program started by the High School. Learning about decomposition is just one of the monthly projects that take place to help raise environmental awareness with children and get the kids excited about high school.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



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During the Key Club's *Make a Difference Day* Sophomore Daryl Grayer and Senior Emma Watonsi help to promote the importance of recycling. Can, paper, battery, and ink cartridge recycling have had major emphasis this year.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Kilos of bottles are picked up in the stadium after just one of the home football games. Senior Clemence Bailly helps with this task as she loads the bottles to be recycled.

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a new

word in the dictionary...

How would you define Telluric?



"Temptation to get your groove on."
Junior Tycisha King

"When a group of haters are saying stuff and they don't want anyone to know and they look telluric."

Freshman Kakcisha Anderson



Telluric: Arising from the earth

Famous Teachers

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(fa' mes) 1: much talked about; having fame or celebrity; renowned. 2: excellent; very good; and first-rate. 3: notorious.



BEST ALL AROUND

TOM CREAMER AND KATHY CHIRPICH



BEST DRESSED

BETH HEIDE AND BRIAN SCHUMANN



FUNNIEST

KATIE COX AND GREG LANG

Beverly Ankarlo
Math
Regina Allen
Audio/Visual Technology
Ann Aristimuro
Spanish
Donna Banaka
Accounts Payable
Claudette Bartle
German
Kameia Bates
Drama



Eileen Bergman
Curriculum Devmt.
Mark Brown
Physical Education
Anna Butler
Language Arts
Maggie Calcara
Librarian
Martha Capehart
Board Secretary
Jackie Carr
Substitutue Teacher



Principal's Pet

Danny Tipton and Cookie Douglas



Most Spirited

Jan Evans and Tim Greenwell

Nicest Teacher

Corine Woods and Andy Hanch



Kathy Chirpich
 Gifted Ed/Lang Arts
 Sharon Coleman
 Library
 Paul Colwell
 Science
 Katie Cox
 Speech/Debate
 Tom Creamer
 Ceramics
 Paula Crow
 Principal's secretary

Dana Dawson
 Math
 Kim Dillard
 Secretary
 Carol Douglas
 Language Arts
 Jan Edwards
 Counselor's Secretary
 Cindy Eubank
 Special Education Aide
 Jan Evans
 Family Consumer Science

Robert Finger
 Assistant Principal
 Jim Ford
 Student Services
 Johnna Fraise
 History
 Ed Frits
 Physical Education
 Tim Greenwell
 Assistant Band Director
 Bob Griffey
 Assistant Superintendent



Karen Grover
 Youth Friends Coord.
 Joseph Hamm
 Choral Director
 Terri Hardy
 Math
 Jean Haskin
 Special Education
 Anna Heffernan
 Special Education
 Beth Heide
 History



Hall of Fame

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Fame (noun) Wide recognition for one's deeds. Synonyms of Fame:
 1. Celebrity, 2. Famousness, 3. Notoriety, 4. Renown, 5. Reputation,
 6. Repute, 8. Popular.



CLEANEST DESK
 ERIK SWANSTROM AND JOHNNA FRAISE



BEST LOOKING
 ANNA AND DAVID STUBBLEFIELD



MOST BUFF
 PAUL COLWELL AND DANA DAWSON



Anne Howk
Science
Sandra Hubbard
Special Education
Linda Innes
ESL
Carol Johnston
Activities Secretary
Terry Keeton
Activities Director
Carolyn Knapp
Band Director



Beverly Kowalczyk
Language Arts
Greg Lang
Math
James Lehner
Special Education Aide
David Leone
Personnel Director
Ann McCoy
Science
Pat Miller
Systems Manager

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SUPER SMART

CHARLES SMITH AND KATERI WATTERS



MESSIEST DESK

KATHY YATES AND TONY WHITAKER (NOT PICTURED)

PHATTEST RIDE

JAN WEIGAND AND GLEO WASHINGTON (NOT PICTURED)



Sally Overton
Central Office Secretary
Jan Parks
Nurse
Sandra Patterson
Counselor
Megan Patterson
Speech-Language Pathologist
Judy Redmond
Receptionist
Bruce Rehmer
Technology Specialist

Maria Rios
Attendance Secretary
Kevin Roberts
Director of Curriculum
Sherry Rush
Director of Special Services
Marie Schubert
Physical Education
Brian Schumann
Principal
Leslie Sciolaro
Curriculum Specialist



Who Are They?

They've been telling us for years that teachers are people too. Who would have thought that it was true?

"I was tortured as a child," social studies teacher Beth Heide said, "I have two brothers. They put me in the dryer, stuck me in trash cans and locked me up in closets."

While Heide had to learn defense skills, other teachers had fun while living the 'wild life'.

"I loved to ride my bike," said attendance secretary Maria Rios. "I was riding my friend's bike with four people on it. The bike fell apart and we all fell off."

So teachers did some strange things and got hurt. Who didn't?

Not all teachers knew they wanted to be teachers when they were kids. But Tim Greenwell, who grew up all over the nation, held classes for neighborhood kids.

All quirks aside, our teachers can be pretty awesome and an important aspect of Center.



As a child,
_____ enjoyed fencing. She enjoyed fencing because of the social aspect of the sport

_____ was a child in Kansas City, Missouri. When _____ was younger, her favorite thing was basketball.



Maria Rios is the attendance secretary at Center. She helps students every day get to and from class.

Paula Crow is the principal's secretary. Her daily jobs are endless, as she is an essential part of the CHS staff.



Rick Smith
Industrial Technology
Denise Stewart
Language Arts
Terry Stockman-Brimm
Security
David Stubblefield
Science
Eric Swanstrom
History
Myra Switala
Special Education

Bocar Tandia
French
Willie Thornton
Director of Security
Danny Tipton
Business/counselor
William Vanderpool
Special Education
Linda Washburn
Assistant Superintendent
Cleo Wasington
Assistant Principal

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Match teachers' pictures now and then. Descriptions will help you.

Sisters _____ and _____ grew up together in a few places, but mostly Kansas City. They have many memories of moving during their childhood.

_____ was a baby in Eagle Pass, Texas. Among other pastimes, _____ enjoyed riding her bike and singing in her church choir.

Drama and speech teacher _____ grew up in Olathe, Kansas. She loved swimming and being in water.

Six year old _____ attended St. Louis School. Now _____ is the principal's secretary.

And The Answers Are ...



Home Economics teacher Jessica Steffes is new to Center as a teacher. But she has past experience here, as Mrs. Heide's student teacher.

Paula Crow and Jan Edwards, sisters, grew up together. Now they work together as secretaries at Center High School.

Drama and speech teacher Kamela Bates not only puts in a full day as a teacher, but spends many hours as drama sponsor.

Speech and debate teacher Katie Cox never lays down on the job. In fact, it took a lot of encouragement to get this picture.

- 6 B Paula Crow
- 5 E Kamela Bates
- 4 A Maria Rios
- 3 D Edwards
- 2 C Jessica Steffes
- 1 F Katie Cox

teachers and administrators find new ways to get students excited and interested in school.

HEY'VE GOT SPUNK

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Daydreaming, talking and even sleeping can sometimes be an occurrence in any class. As much as most kids fight it, late nights or other activities can catch up with even the best of students. However, some teachers are working extra hard to keep their students excited about learning and being in class. Teachers such as Beth Heide use simple techniques to encourage their students.

"I try to be enthusiastic and honest and I go fast through boring things. I also have a vivid imagination that allows creativity," said Heide. Other teachers, like Jan Weigand, show their enthusiasm by simply showing they care.

"I try to personalize it (teaching) and find out what's going on with them, I try to form a relationship," said Weigand. Overall, many teachers have the same reasons for being enthusiastic and, in the end, they can tell when it pays off.

"I can tell they are excited from their expressions, willingness to work, if they cheer, or talk about class with their families," said assistant band director Tim Greenwell. However, it is sometimes hard to know if kids are excited or not.

"You don't always know," said Beth Heide, "but you believe in students. I can see by what they give me. Homework is a victory. Projects, questions, they are all victories. There is truly no harder job."

Heide explains a project to government student Nathan Wallingford. Heide used many projects to keep her kids interested and involved in her class.

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Shirley Washington
Counselor
Marilyn Watt
Secretary
Kateri Watters
History/Psychology
Janet Weigand
Math
Jan Whitaker
Art
Orlando Whitaker
Security

Tony Whitaker
Industrial Technology
Bernard Williams
At Risk Officer
Lyle Williams
Reading
Corrine Woods
Art
Kathy Yates
Journalism
Carol Zagorniak
Spanish





Terri Walters looks over one of her student's shoulders as he works on a class assignment. The media center is available for students and staff to use as good source of information.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

Mr. Creamer helps ceramic student Devin Durdin with her ceramics creation. Creamer was known for his willingness to assist students with their projects.

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a new way of teaching

Who is the most enthusiastic teacher at Center?



"Denise Stewart because she is always happy and taking pride in what she does."
Sophomore Anthony Wright



"Beth Heide because she has a weird, enthusiastic way of teaching."
Senior Shawn Campbell



Director called Andy Hanch tries his new costume on for size during a rehearsal for William Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. Hanch, along with Danny Tiplon and Tim Greenwell did their part to support arts by participating with the Players 58 fall show.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Leaders take charge!

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Future Business

High school is for preparation - preparation for college, work, and life. But how does Center prepare its students for the future? Through school work, activities and clubs. Future Business Leaders of America, otherwise known as FBLA prepares its members for the future life in business and society.

"I joined because I thought it was a good opportunity to empower my perceptions as an individual," said Senior Mark Royer.

FBLA did accomplish a lot of things, including many benefits for its members.

Benefits include learning about

business, society and the way the world works. And believe it or not, there are other benefits as well.

"...I remember getting dressed up and we had a pizza party.

-Senior Patrick Cook

"Some benefits include that I remember are getting dressed up and we had a pizza party. That was fun," said Senior Patrick Cook.

In addition to many benefits and fun, this

club was full of winners. Many FBLA members won very high honors at their many competitions.

With the future full of business leaders such as the ones in this organization, it can be nothing but bright.

All of Center's activities are required to have a sponsor. FBLA sponsor Danny Tipton works hard for his club by organizing and getting everything ready for yet another competition.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Senior Latoya Perry and Dara Raglin prepare for their competition at FBLA Districts. Preparation is vital to doing well in this type of competition.

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For seniors, their last year in an organization can be very important. Seniors Patrick Cook and Peter Van Tran talk about the day's events at their last FBLA event.

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Being involved in many different activities wears a person thin. Senior Nan Lou found all of Center's activities are required to have a sponsor. FBLA Sponsor Danny Tipton worked hard for his club by organizing and getting everything ready for another competition.

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F•B•L•A

PRESIDENT • SEAN KELLY
 VICE-PRESIDENT • BRIAN HOLLEY
 SECRETARY • MARK ROYER
 TREASURER • DAVID JOHNSON



ROW ONE: Dara Raglin, sean Kelly, Danny Tipton, Mark Royer, David Johnson
 ROW TWO: Tiffany Harris, Keya Spiller, Arica Henderson, Latoya Butler, Davon Strickland
 ROW THREE: Patrick Cook, Shanta Ricketts, Amanda Patmore, Christian Randle, Daryl Grayer, Kaya Raglin, Tim Phillips, Brandon Oldham
 ROW FOUR: Jeremy Hensley, Tiara Weathersby, Danielle Laubach, Jake Howard, Donna Denyer, Jaime Gee, Leonard Davis, LaToya Perry
 ROW FIVE: Amy Carr, Emily Walker, Danielle Smith, Stacia Strickland

• Say What?? •

DEFIN E PATRONAGE.



"IT MEANS TO
 STEAL SOME-
 THING."
 SARA KIRKWOOD
 FRESHMAN



"I THINK IT
 MEANS JOSE."
 ANDRA OLIVER
 FRESHMAN

"TO BE REALLY
 GOOD AT
 SOMETHING."
 L'ARIN SMITH
 JUNIOR



ACTUAL DEFINITION . . .

THE COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF CUSTOMERS
 WITH A SUPPLIER.

Whether it is grapes with cheese, or pickles and ice cream...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Have you ever wondered about the ladies who prepare your food for you? Where do they come from? Why are they here and do they actually enjoy their work?

Fannie Gregory started off working with the Kansas City School District, then she decided to retire in 1985 at the age of 62. She made up her mind that she wanted to work again, so she applied for a job at Center School District. Luckily she got the job and has been working and interacting with the Center School District for five years now. Mrs. Gregory says, "I really enjoy interacting with the students as well as my co-workers. I am also pleased with my job."

Better known as "Grandma," Evelyn Perkins has also worked for the Kansas City School District for 26 years, and after retiring has decided she just didn't want to just sit at home all day so she applied for a part-time job at Center High School. Because she lives right across the street, she walks to school every morning at 7:00 a.m. She says she also enjoys working and everything about her job.

"The best part of my job is to see the wonderful smiles on my childrens' faces as they come through the line and say, 'Hi Grandma, what's for lunch?'" said Perkins. She also said "All the children, the good and the bad ones, give me respect and that's what

life is about."

Then there is Mary Downey. She has worked for Center for three years. She said, "I like to interact with the kids. Sometimes they are good, and sometimes they are bad, but mostly they respect us."

These ladies arrive every morning at 7:00 and just before the students arrive so that we can enjoy breakfast. They leave at 1:30, after lunch and they go home and relax after an exciting day at school.



sophomores Roxanne Rouse and Shabrina Bell mix the ingredients to make chocolate chip cookies in Food Class. Students work together in class to learn from each other.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVAN

a new Taste!!

What is the weirdest mixture of food that you like to eat?



"I like to eat potato chip and mayo sandwiches."

Junior C.J. Mitchell



"I used to think pizza and salad dressing was gross, but now I like it."

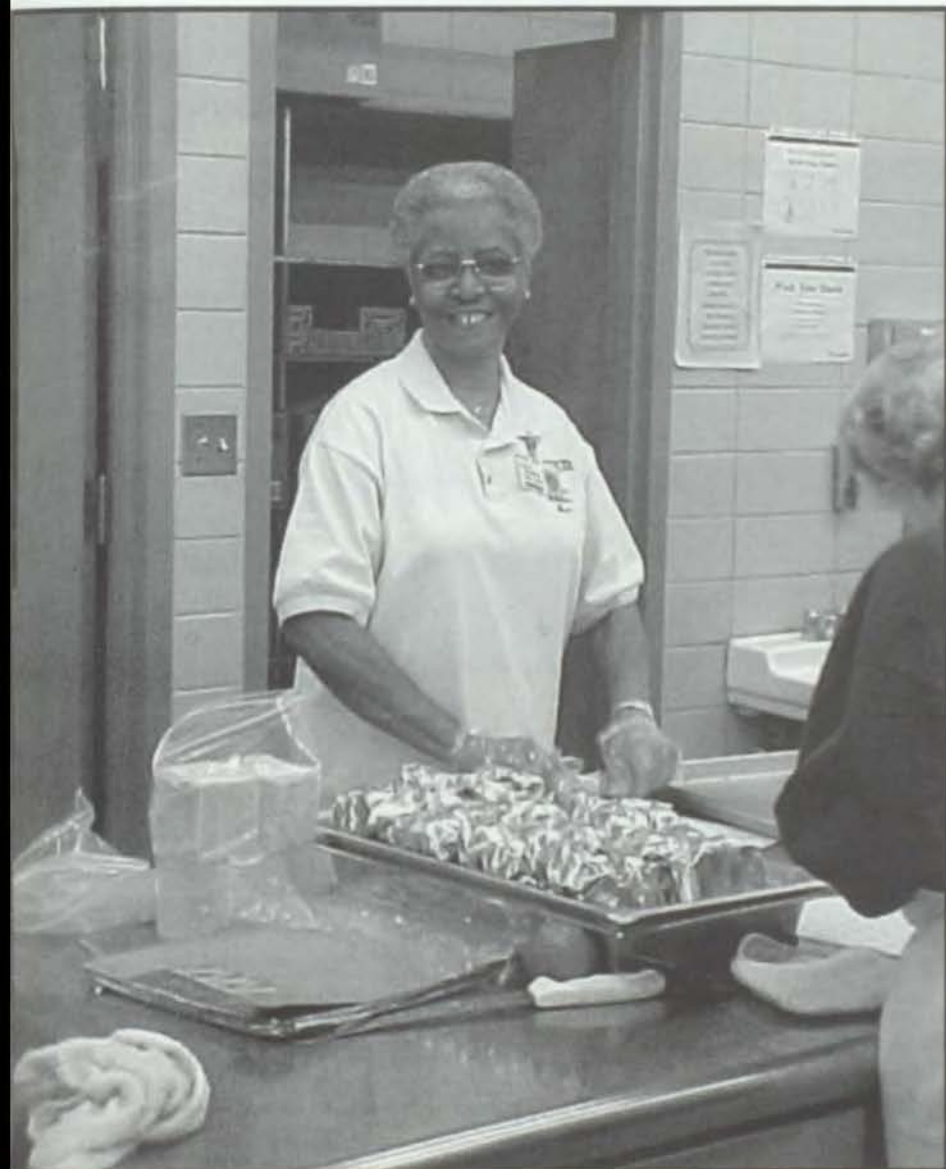
Freshman Jose Cervantes



Senior Sheena Brigham is busy baking cookies in Foods class. The Food class gives the students an opportunity to learn basic cooking skills.

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With a beautiful smile on her face, Fannie Gregory is preparing burgers. The food is prepared fresh every day before lunch.

PHOTO BY ANIBER GILLILAND

Poppin' it off at the Senior Pizza Bake, Senior Michelle Boyle and parent Charney Golfredson help the senior class make some 'dough'. The senior class made 1,258 pizzas, which will add some spice and make everything nice to Project Graduation.

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Football

(foot' bol) 1. any of several games played with an inflated leather ball by two teams on a field with goals at each end, the object being to get the ball across the opponents' goal.

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SCORES

CHS	25	KEARNEY	46
CHS	6	SAVANNAH	27
CHS	18	WARRENSBURG	34
CHS	12	WESTPORT	13
CHS	6	RUSKIN	13
CHS	13	RAY-PEC	43
CHS	0	GRANDVIEW	62
CHS	6	HICKMAN	43
CHS	6	EXCEL. SPRINGS	56
CHS	12	RAY. SOUTH	42

Grueling two-a-days and motivational coaching from new coach Taron Johnson taught the team how to come together with each other as well as with their coaching staff. Being on a football team involves a lot of strength and courage. Football players often hurt themselves to win an intense game for their school and show that they have school pride. The players on the team all say they really feel they are a team and there aren't any "I's" on the team. They also feel they have good coaches this year, and that the coaches really care and know how to coach high school football well. Junior Erron Blockmon, when asked about his most intense moment on the field, responded, "It was when I am on the line of scrimmage and just before the quarterback calls out the numbers and plays for us to take off." Playing football in high school creates the potential for a professional career that some of these high school boys are looking forward to. Football gives an opportunity for learning how to work with others in order to be ready for the real world.



Concern and encouragement between players is very essential to the team. Junior Kenny Groves takes time out to see if his team player, Senior Lance Redick is okay.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Aggressiveness is often shown on the football field. Senior Lance Redick and his Ray-Pec opponent really know how to use their strategies and techniques in a game.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



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Row One: Lendery Council, Keith Redick, Lance Redick, Jon Amerison, Jermaine Jacobs, Coach Taron Johnson, Steven May, Karen Silverhardt, Ladale Bell, Terrell Bell, Justin Shoemaker
 Row Two: Jamaal Neely, Josh Long, Kenny Groves, David Spriggs, Reuben Roundtree, Stephen Ealy, William Hawkins, Steven Watson, Reginald Stockman, Derek Clark, Walter Townsend
 Row Three: Erick Rhodes, Dan Ebberts, Levell Council, Mitchell Bradbury, Daniel Cushing, Alex Isom, Robert Long, Curtis Perkins, Sausha Brooks, Mark Mulmore, Michael Hurst
 Row Four: Erron Blackmon, Julius Floyd, Ryan Kemp, Tony Antonello, Taylor Hall, Terance Williams, C.J. Cannon, Chris Baldwin, Coaches Sonny Gnuthke, Paul Colwell, Mark Copeland, Mark Hutchison, David Stubblefield.

At a Center football game you can hear the crowd yell, "DEFENSE!" which is very important to the Center Yellowjacket football team. Excitement and support are the backbone for encouraging the football team. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



the perfect jacket word

What do the words Stockblock and Five-men sled mean?



"Stock like, stock market and block like wooden block and five men on a sled, well you have a sled, there's five men on it just chillin'."

Becky Brake • 11th grade



"Stock block is when you block the stock market and a five man sled is when you have five men on a sled."

Artesha Gladney • 11th Grade

Stockblock is when the linemen run down the field and block for the quarterback. Five-man sled is when five men are on the sled running and practicing their blocks.



Football players rumble against their opponents, the Ray-Pec Panthers. Homecoming is where the players work their hardest and give that extra drive to win the game.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

The Center Yellowjackets football team takes defense against the Westport Tigers on the line of scrimmage just before the quarterback calls out his numbers to start the play. Concentration is a strong strategy the players use.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

Strategy... Winning

JV has A New

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It's been a tough couple of years for Center, when it comes to football; however, the Junior Varsity team is making a change.

This year's JV Football team did not have a winning season, but they won games. And most important, they enjoyed what they were doing.

"I like to hit people," freshman Taylor Hall said. "I'm good at it. Football is the greatest sport ever created."

For many of the players, this year presents changes from their experience in middle school.

"There are more people, coaches expect more and it's more important," said freshman Deron Wilkerson.

Other changes include "longer practices" said sophomore Curtis Perkins.

"In the longer practices, we go over offense and defense in the same day," Curtis adds.

Almost everyone, however, agrees that

FOOTBALL IS THE GREATEST SPORT EVER CREATED!
-FRESHMAN TAYLOR HALL

Yellow jacket football is coming up in the world.

Freshman Taylor Hall guessed that in two years, Center would be 10-0. Ladale Bell thinks that Center will always try hard and never give up.

To put it simply, Levell Council predicts, "We'll win."

NUMBER 33, SOPHOMORE KEITH REDICK OF CENTER'S JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, RAN THE BALL, FOR A GAIN OF 12 YARDS. SOME OF THE JV FOOTBALL PLAYERS ENJOYED THE SPORT LARGELY DUE TO THE AGGRESSIVENESS INVOLVED. PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



SCORES

- KEARNEY L
- WARRENSBURG W
- WESTPORT W
- RAY-PEC L
- HICKMAN MILLS L
- EXCELSIOR SPRINGS W

Junior Varsity Record: 3-3

AS KICKER, JUNIOR JOSH LONG,, KICKS OFF THE BALL, THE REST OF THE TEAM CHARGES FORWARD, HOPING TO GAIN ANY OPPORTUNITY THEIR COMPETITORS MAY ALLOW. MOST OF THE JV FOOTBALL PLAYERS WORKED HARD AS A TEAM TO DEFEAT AS MANY OPPOSING TEAMS AS THEY COULD. PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



DURING A TIME-OUT, CENTER PLAYERS HUDDLE AROUND THEIR COACH. WHILE THE COACHES EXPECTED MORE THAN SOME PLAYERS HAD EVER EXPERIENCED, TEAM MEMBERS FELT THEY BENEFITED.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

AT HALFTIME, DURING THE HICKMAN MILLS GAME, CENTER IS DOWN. BUT WITH A PEP TALK AND STRONG TEAM UNITY, THE MIGHTY YELLOWJACKETS WILL GIVE IT THEIR ALL TO COME OUT ON TOP WITH A WIN. PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



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THE JV FOOTBALL TEAM IS READY TO GO INTO ACTION AS THEY LINE UP FOR A DEFENSIVE PLAY. PLAYERS SAID THAT PRACTICES THIS YEAR WERE DIFFERENT BECAUSE BOTH OFFENSE AND DEFENSE WERE COVERED EVERY DAY.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

Say What??

DEFINE SQUIBKICK



"WHEN SOMEBODY KICKS YOU IN THE SQUIB."

JUNIOR
JOY STEMPELMAN



"IT SOUNDS LIKE A KARATE MOVE."

FRESHMAN
LAUREN BUCKLES

"WHEN SOMEBODY KICKS YOU AND YOU GO AHHHH."

JUNIOR
L'ARIN SMITH



ACTUAL DEFINITION....

A FOOTBALL KICKOFF IN WHICH THE BALL IS KICKED INTO THE GROUND FORCING IT TO BOUNCE HIGH.

“What did you say?” That is the typical question from students who are not in the three foreign language clubs at Center High School.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

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“The Big Three” is what some students call the foreign language clubs of Center High School. Spanish, German and French not only provide information about the language but also the history behind the country. This past summer, the German club took their annual trip to Germany, providing them the opportunity to experience the language and culture firsthand. In November, the Spanish club took an after-school trip to a Spanish restaurant near Center High School for a taste of authentic cuisine. The French club is sponsored by Bocar Tandia, while Claudette Bartle sponsors German and Carol Zagorniak sponsors Spanish. The teachers who sponsor the clubs also teach the same language classes. Some of these clubs have small membership size, so are on the lookout for new members. On December 5, 2000, the foreign language clubs scouted for new members. Club members

set up booths to persuade eighth graders to sign up for their clubs. The eighth graders had a variety of activities and organizations to choose from, including football, track and baseball, but “all in all, the clubs got their ‘fair share’,” said Sophomore Arica Henderson.



Participants of German club trip, attendees Mrs. Bartle, Anthony Bell, Ryan Kulke, Amy Carr, Kalle Korando, Dara Raglin, Christy Campbell, and Stephen John posed for a picture in front of the airport shuttle booth. PHOTO DONATED BY AMY CARR

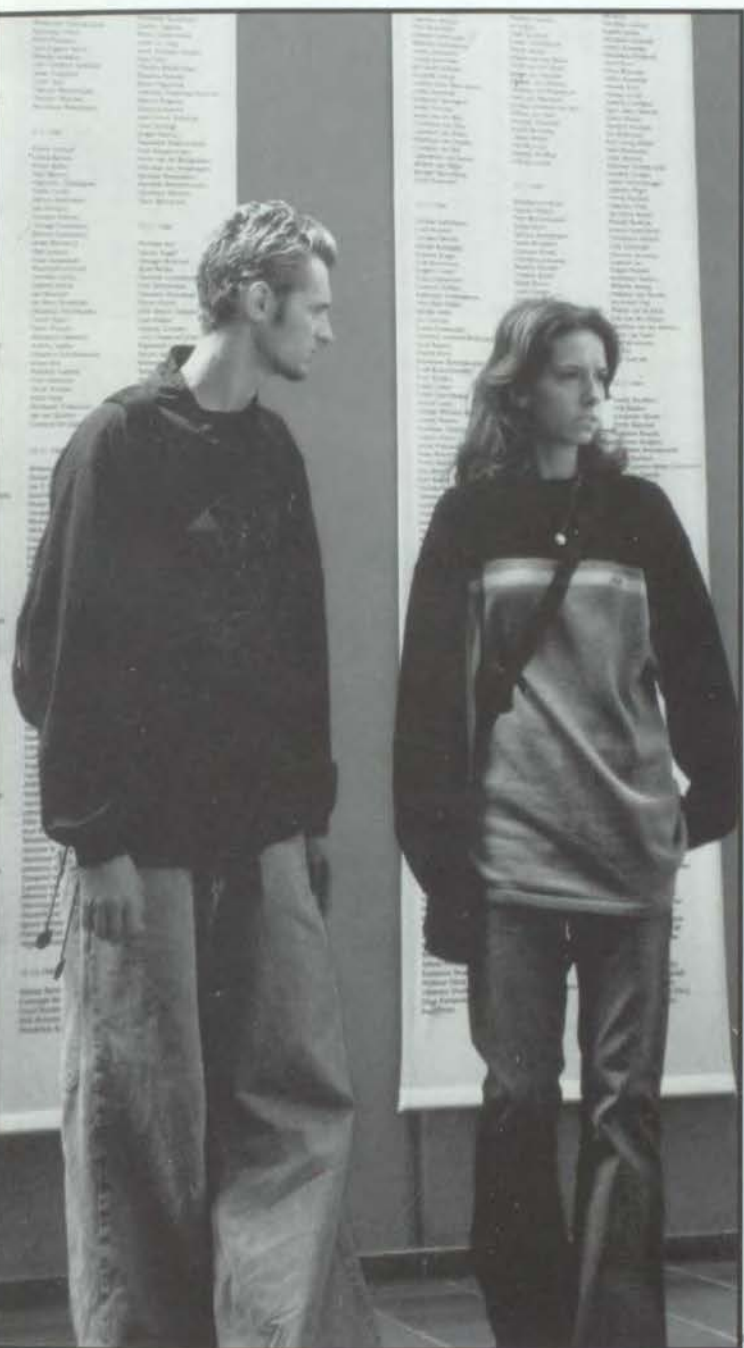
Christy Campbell and alumni Steven John observe the list of Holocaust victims in Germany. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Senior German club members Huong Nguyen, Glory Ajarapu, and Anna Mannino persuade an eighth grader to sign up for the club. The German club participates in many activities throughout the year.

PHOTO BY DORIAN GIST



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Looking at the art work at the UMKC Foreign Language fair art show, Senior Spanish student Deonna Bouje and Senior German student Britney Burnett see all that they can see. At the fair, Center took home several first and second place awards, including a first place award for the photo pictured.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Culture Night at Center High School featured all of the German club. In attendance are German students Michael Flores, Ryan Campbell and Crystal Faunt.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

a new word

What does the word Jargon mean?



"That's a name for cute boys."
Sophomore Catherine Burec



"That word means nothing, it's not even a word."
Junior Portia Harris

Jargon: Confused unintelligible language.

Goin' Golfin'

(gawlf) n. 1. An outdoor game played on a large grass course with a small, hard ball and a set of clubs; the object of the game being to hit the ball into a series of nine or 18 holes using the fewest possible strokes.

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YIKES!

"What is your most memorable golf experience?"



"Last year when Coach accidentally left Alex Isom and me on the golf course after a match."

Sophomore Michael Flores



"When I had to strip down to my boxers to fish my golf club out of the lake."

Sophomore Richard Hill



"When Richie's driver slipped out of his hands and he had to fish it out of the pond in his boxers."

Junior Andrew Barth

"Tiger Woods has really made the the sport big," said Sophomore Jon Case about the popularity of golf. Apparently Case is right because, according to golf coach Bruce Rehmer, the golf team had to make cuts this year for the very first time.

Bruce Rehmer has been coaching golf at Center for 13 years. Rehmer started coaching golf because of his love for the sport and because it gives him the opportunity to work with kids like Jon Case, he said. Coaching golf consists of coordinating bus rides to practices and matches at several different golf courses in the metro area. The team also had a lot of beginners this year, so extra attention and instruction to these players was given by Rehmer. Weather, course availability and the finances of the matchers were some of the other problems that Rehmer faced as golf coach.

There were 12 players in golf out of the 18 students who tried out. The players meet after school to take a bus to practice hitting, chipping and putting anywhere from from an hour to an hour and half each day.

Students join golf because they think it's fun, to get out of school, or to just get a good tan. However, it's obvious from the team members' enthusiam that golf is a big part of their lives, as Sophomore Richie Hill suggested. "When you're out on the golf course nothing else really matters," said Hill.



Sophomore Richie Hill checks out his fellow teammates' golf game while trying to stay dry. The players often had to face harsh weather during practice and matches.

PHOTO BY KIM KNOWLTON

Freshman Steven Brake takes time to think about his game before a match at Minor Park. Golf requires lots of concentration from all of the players.

PHOTO BY KIM KNOWLTON



Freshmen Joshua Price and C.J. Cannon hangout and talk before a golf match. Many members of the golf team became friends during the season.

PHOTO BY KIM KNOWLTON



GOLF TEAM



ROW ONE: Chris Baldwin, Bret Noble, Michael Flores, Richard Hill, C.J. Cannon **ROW TWO:** Coach Rehmer, Adam Rodriguez, Andrew Barth, Steven Brake, Jonathan Case **NOT PICTURED:** Spencer Cockrell, Jordan Bradley, Paige Unger

the perfect word

What does the word DIVOT mean?



"A little nick in a piece of wood."

Joe Anderson • 11th grade



"To dodge a bullet."

Tranesse Ellis • 9th Grade

Divot: A lump of turf dislodged by a player's club while making a stroke.



Freshman Cooper Mallon putts his ball to the hole during a tedious match. The golf team faced a lot of competition this year from other schools.

PHOTO BY KIM KNOWLTON



Junior Adam Rodriguez finishes his stroke after a good tee off. The golf team has improved much this year despite the large amount of young players.

PHOTO BY KIM KNOWLTON

What makes it all worth while....

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The class of 2001 will go down in history as one of the most successful and brightest classes ever. There were 171 graduating seniors, 14 with a four-year accumulative GPA's of 4.0 and above, three merit finalists, three merit semi-finalists, and over 1 million dollars in scholarships earned.

Baccalaureate featured five stirring speakers, one of the most entertaining given by Sean Kelly, who predicted himself married to Jessica Crump, Jennifer Carr selling her latest novel, and Brian Holley running the world with

United States President David Johnson and Amy Carr handling all of the paperwork! The Hand Painting, Pizza Party, and Senior Breakfast provided by CHS PTA, were traditional favorites. The map of the U.S. shows a high percentage of students attending college, especially out of state. Graduation was also one to remember. It began with Lewketa Jack singing the National Anthem, ending with

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"No words can describe graduation!"

-Senior Amber Gilliland

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"Oops!" Co-Valedictorians Jennifer Carr and Nan Lou gave speeches, and ended with each student performing their own "victory dance" as they took their special moment to receive their diplomas. "No words can describe graduation," said Senior Amber Gilliland.

Project Graduation, an all-night alcohol- and drug-free party given by parents was, incredible! Students had the entire Longview College Recreation Center to themselves the whole night. Swimming, basketball, dancing, and all the food one could ever eat plus sumo wrestling, caricatures, billiard games, and prizes from gift certificates to computers were awarded to seniors through drawings. "The best thing was the dancing and making a fool of myself," said junior Megan Burns. Underclassmen were allowed to go as a guest of a senior. The weekend wrapped up with numerous parties and family gatherings to make graduation from CHS complete.

The senior slaves did a little dance in the cafeteria. Not only did the event raise a few dollars for the senior class, but it provided the whole school with a few laughs, and some great memories.

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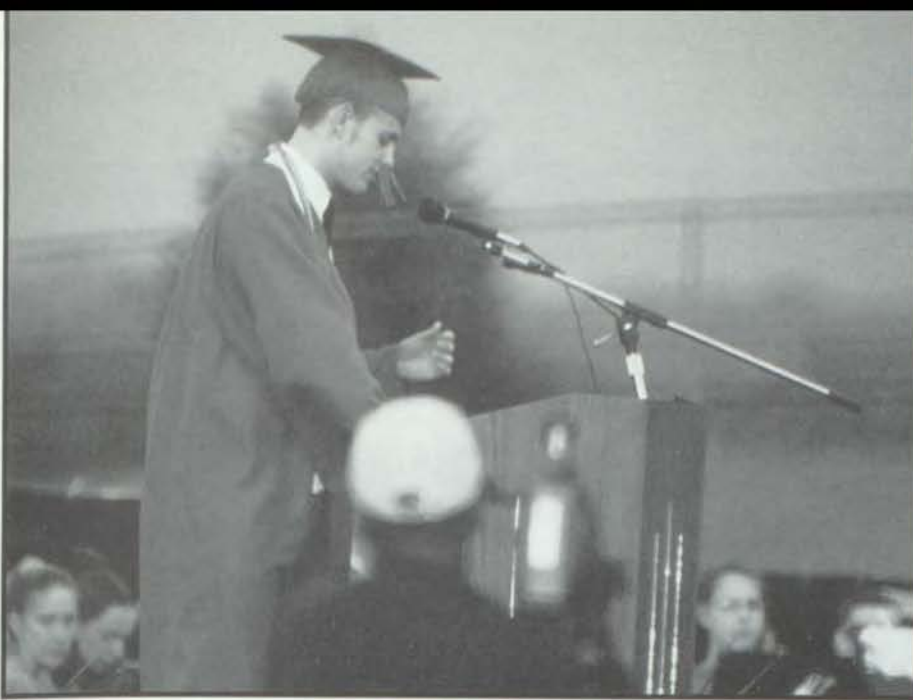


The class of 2001 throws off their hats in celebration. The long awaited day was worth the wait, according to many seniors.

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Mark Royer shows his affection for Jessica Crump by shoving pizza in her face at the senior's pizza party. The pizza party was just one of the many ways the seniors celebrated their last days of high school.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Senior class president Logan Gillespie presented the class gift to the school. The gift, a banner to hang in the gym, will bring spirit to CHS, and remind Center of the best class ever to graduate.

PHOTO BY DAVE NOBLE

The class of 2001 had the custodians anxious as they played with paint. Andrew Johnson wrote with pride 2001 on the wall.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



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English teacher Denise Stewart bids farewell to a senior during the receiving line. The receiving line served as one last chance to say goodbye.

PHOTO BY NATALIE BELL

Say What??

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY?

"WHEN I TOOK FIRST PLACE AT THE DIVING MEET."
MANUAL HARVEY

"FRESHMAN YEAR, THE FIRST DAY. EVERYONE WAS LOOKING AT US."
VANITA CURRIN

"TODAY. GRADUATION."
LWELLYN EVANS

"GOING OUT OF CONTROL DURING WRESTLING AND BREAKING THE MIRRORS."
SAM WEILERT

"WHEN I WENT TO EUROPE WITH MY SOPHOMORE ENGLISH CLASS."
JUSTIN SHOEMAKER

"THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS OF SCHOOL, BECAUSE WE KNOW THE YEAR IS ALMOST OVER."
BRANDON BRENNAN

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ettin' out

(git-in owt) v. 1. leaving a place off for a better, more exciting place 2. to pay a fine and leave jail 3. busting the heck out of this place they call Center Senior High School.

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BUFORD**



Darrell Innis cues up at Project Graduation. Among the activities were pool, volley ball, an arcade and a huge swimming pool.

PHOTO BY EMILY BUFORD



Tyra Griggs and Marketta Tanner break it down in the late hours of Project Graduation. Dancing lasted late into the night thanks to a great DJ.

PHOTO BY EMILY BUFORD

Graduate Kim Knowlton walks across stage and receives her diploma. This moment is one that most students look forward to their whole life.

PHOTO BY EMILY BUFORD

At project graduation, food, drink and enjoyment were all part of the fun. Seniors, along with their guests, mingled at Longview.

PHOTO BY DAVE NOBLE



Halle Gotfredson battles Clem Bailly in the sumo-suits. After fighting and falling, Gotfredson and Bailly crawl out of their new bodies.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



Underclassmen Mina Dasari takes a try at the sumo-suits. Underclassmen were welcome at Project Grad, as long as they were with a senior.

PHOTO BY EMILY BUFORD



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Seniors take a moment to think about the old days. Project Graduation is the last night seniors will all spend together.

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Heather Inscore and Amy Carr let go of their pride and dance to YMCA. After people got tired, and less careful about their actions, the real fun was had.

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orrifying

(hor`e fy-ing) n. 1. the strong feeling caused by something frightful or shocking; shuddering fear and disgust; terror and repugnance 2. strong dislike or aversion; loathing 3. to cause a feel of horror; shock or disgust.

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THE TERROR

What is something that you find most terrifying in our school???

"The roaches in the boy's bathroom really scare me."



**Sophomore
Tim Ashley**



"Kids, they are dangerous, you don't know what they are going to do."

**Junior
Portia Harris**



"Mr. Finger... he looks like Mr. Burns from *The Simpsons*."

**Freshman
Sarah Loehr**

The students jump, students have sweat dripping down their forehead. Students and teachers run screaming from the building, trampling anyone who stands in their way. Okay, well, maybe it's not that dramatic, but our school has been known to be pretty horrifying.

"Once, there was a dead rat in the cafeteria... how do we know it wasn't in our food???", said Junior Latalya Dickerson.

Although some students can sleep at night, after a terrifying day at school, other students may have some more problems.

"One time I had a dream that I saw Mr. Smith in a dress down in Westport. It was really, really scary," said Senior Leslie Martin.

Even after the atrocities that occur during the school day, there can be long term effects of what our school really does to everyone involved with it. According to Print Graphics teacher Rick Smith, he will be traumatized forever. "Half of the Seniors in my class scare me... I'll never be the same. And hey, I look really good in a dress."

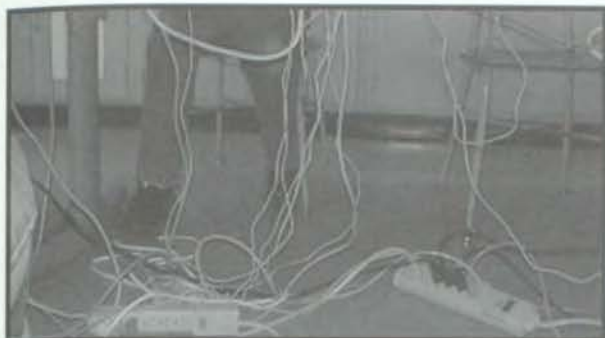


Cafeteria food is often a scary sight, and can send students running in horror. Students often take their chances and endure the school lunches despite the sometimes scary appearance.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Twisted and tangled wires are a common sight in our school building. This can often be a scary sight when dealing with a bunch of teenagers.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Counselor Sandra Patterson gives Senior AP Government students directions for their AP-test. AP-tests, such as this eight hour long test, is enough to scare any student.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Freshman Ashley Quarterman tries to survive a day of ISS. Although the torture is great, Quarterman says the hardest thing to overcome is the heat.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



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the perfect word

What does the word ABHORRENCE mean?



"I think it's a dog with a horse leg."

● Jackiesha Davis • 10th grade

"Not being there... like abstinence."



● Brian Reid • 9th grade

Abhorrence: Something repugnant; terrible



Junior Colin Chambers terrifies his friends as he shows off his monstrous lips. Body parts, when taken out of proportion, can cause fear among many.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

It is now in question whether dressing up as a giant pencil would help the protest, or just make people very afraid. Senior Emma Watonsi gave her time (and her image) to help "Erase Racism"

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

is Child Development?

How important

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That is a really important question. Jan Evans, Consumer Science teacher, says, "I feel that the child development class is a class that more students should take because you're going to deal with kids one day. Everyone should have the opportunity to interact with younger students or infants." Junior Artesha Gladney said, "It will help you with future plans when you have a family." She also feels that everyone should know the development of a child.

Child development is an important course because what if one day you want to become a doctor or

pediatrician? You would have already had some interaction with a child beforehand. "I feel

that it is also a learning experience for students because everyone is going to deal with kids one way or another," says Mrs. Evans. Children are

sometimes the light of your day; you can't help but to love them and care for them in any way you can.

Whether people realize it or not, children are being born everyday and we need to learn the responsibilities that come with a child.

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I FEEL EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILD.

-JUNIOR ARTESHA GLADNEY

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WORKING TOGETHER WHILE COOKING IS AN ESSENTIAL WAY TO GET FINISHED IN A TIMELY MANNER. JUNIORS LAUREN MANLEY, AND STEVEN JACOBS ARE PREPARING THEIR CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES FOR BAKING.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN



JUNIOR LAUREN JOHNSON, IS FIXING HER PAJAMAS WITH A SEAM RIPPER. SEWING IS A USEFUL SKILL THAT TAKES PRACTICE, PATIENTS, AND OFTEN MISTAKES TO LEARN.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

SENIOR BRANDY WITHERS IS SHOWING HOW TO CORRECTLY TAKE OUT A STITCH WITH A SEAM RIPPER. SHE IS MAKING HERSELF A SKIRT IN HER SEWING CLASS.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN



JUNIORS SHAKINA BELL AND SOPHOMORE COLETHA BYARS ARE MIXING THEIR INGREDIENTS TO PREPARE TO BAKE SOME COOKIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL FOODS CLASS. ACCURATE MEASURING EQUALS TASTY COOKIES.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN

COOKING AND USING THE OVEN ISN'T AN EASY TASK. SOPHOMORE EBONY JOHNSON SHOWS HOW YOU CAREFULLY PUT YOUR FOOD IN THE OVEN THE PROPER WAY.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN



PATIENCE AND CONCENTRATION. TECHNIQUES YOU NEED IN SEWING CLASS. SOPHOMORE, KAREN SILVERHARDT IS SHOWING OFF HER SKILLS WHILE SEWING HER PAJAMAS FOR HER PROJECT IN SEWING CLASS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

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Home Economics?? DEFINE SHAKE 'N 'BAKE.



"IT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE COOKING EASIER & FASTER. YOU PUT YOUR CHICKEN IN THE BAG OF BREAD CRUMBS AND YOU SHAKE THE BAG & THEN YOU BAKE."

JUNIOR KATIE PICKETT

"A NEW FORM OF DANCE WHERE YOU ARE SHAKING HALF OF YOUR BODY."

FRESHMAN DARMETA THOMAS



"SHAKING YOUR CHICKEN AND THEN YOU BAKE IT."

SOPHOMORE TAMMY JOHNSON

ACTUAL DEFINITION....

AN INGREDIENT YOU SHAKE YOUR PORK CHOPS OR CHICKEN IN TO BREAD THE MEAT.

the Floats of CHS!

Make Way for

COPY AND DESIGN BY TAMMY JOHNSON



AT THE HOMECOMING DANCE, SENIOR HOMECOMING QUEEN AISHAH AUGUSTA AND SENIOR DARNELL HICKS GROOVE TO THE MUSIC. STUDENTS CAME IN A VARIETY OF ATTIRE, RANGING FROM FORMAL TO CASUAL.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEACHER KATIE COX PROTECTS HERSELF FROM THE "PHANTOM," COUNSELOR DANNY TIPTON. THE THEME OF THE TEACHERS' FLOAT WAS "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" AND THEIR FLOAT PLACED 4TH OVERALL.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SOPHOMORES KATIE MILLER, TANIKA WALLACE, ANDREA ISOM, LAUREN HAMILTON, COURTNEY HOWARD, AND LAURA DOARN PROMOTE STOMPING ON THE PANTHERS. THE FLOAT'S THEME WAS "STOMP," BUT THE SOPHOMORES COULD NOT PLACE AFTER BEING DISQUALIFIED FOR HAVING TOO MANY RIDERS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

THE SENIOR'S FLOAT, WITH THE THEME "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS," TOOK FIRST PLACE. AFTER TRYING FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THIS SENIOR CLASS BEAT PLAYERS 58 'S FLOAT IN THE COMPETITION.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



PLAYERS 58 MEMBERS TAP THEIR TOES TO THE BEAT WHILE GETTING WET AND SINGING A SONG FROM "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN." PLAYERS 58 TOOK SECOND PLACE OVERALL FOR THEIR FLOAT, WHICH CAUSED A STORM EVERYWHERE THEY WENT.

PHOTO BY TIM GREENWELL

IT'S CENTER VS. RAY-PEC AND PLAYERS ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE IN THE HOMECOMING GAME. PLAYERS MUST USE THE SKILLS, PLAYS, AND TECHNIQUES LEARNED AT PRACTICE TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR MAIN GOAL: SCORING.

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STAYING WARM WAS NOT AN EASY TASK DURING THE COLD HOMECOMING MORNING. FRESHMAN WHITNEY WISDAHL AND KRISTYN ART DO THEIR BEST TO KEEP WARM BEFORE RIDING ON THE KEY CLUB FLOAT WITH THE THEME OF "WEST SIDE STORY."

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

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Say What??

DEFINE GAMBOL.



"SPEND MONEY TO EARN MONEY."
SOPHOMORE DANIEL BESSENBACHER

"TO SPEND ALL YOUR MONEY."

SOPHOMORE YATONDA BUTLER



"TAKING A CHANCE."
JUNIOR TIM CLAYTON



ACTUAL DEFINITION....

TO LEAP AND SKIP ABOUT PLAYFULLY; CHILDREN GAMBOLING IN THE LAWN.

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(involvement) n. 1. to include by necessity; entail; require. 2. to make busy; employ; occupy; etc.

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Oh really?

Why do you keep coming back to help kids at Center?



"It's fun to see the kids. Like this guy who came running up to me to show me he was accepted to the honor council. He just wanted someone to be excited with him."
Bookstore worker Kristen Billings



"There are so many kids who I see in public and they run up to me and I don't even know who they are. It's very rewarding."
PTA Mom Kathy Unger



"When I'm involved in the school, it helps keep my kids on the straight and narrow."
PTA Mom Lori Thomas

Center students do their best to assist the community in every possible way. Youth Friends provides the opportunity for high school students to spend their afternoons at grade schools within the district assisting classroom teachers and spending one-on-one time with the kids. Key Club participates in many annual service projects such as Salvation Army bell ringing and United Way penny drop. The SGA Community Service Committee holds monthly service projects. Making Valentines for retirement home residents is an example of one project. High Step travels to each grade school to inform fifth graders of the dangers of drug use. Keeping the community clean was a priority to SGA, NHS, and Center on the Earth. Several groups spent time picking up trash from the CHS campus, Bannister Road, and Indian Creek. Through these organizations, many students are enriched by serving others.



Jennifer Fowler volunteers at Indian Creek Elementary. Center on the Earth Environmental Club taught gradeschoolers useful science lessons.

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Young Life leader Rachael Sylvester sings along at Young Life Club. Leaders from the community often attended football games, Dance Line competitions, and plays as a part of their responsibilities as leaders.

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YOUNG

School Board President, Gary Damron, runs the school board meeting. A review of the year's business was given and new member Mike Farris was seated at this meeting.

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YOUNG

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the perfect word

What does the word "COMMUNITY" mean?



"Being able to talk to someone without being looked down upon."

● Michele Gamble • 9th grade



"People in a neighborhood working together."

● Holly Kaiser • 9th grade



Dance Line dads videotape the Danceline Spring Show. Parental support was crucial to the squad's success.

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Center's Heart

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The Key to

From bell ringing at Christmas to car bashing for Harvesters, the Key Club of Center High School does it all. Their goal is "to do community services in the metropolitan area," said sophomore Mark Quinlin, member of the Key Club for two years. The Key Club is a community outreach group that helps many people and organizations around the school and the state. One of the more successful projects was the car bashing for Harvesters. This was the first year the Key Club did this fundraiser. "It was very success-

ful," said Irene Kyle, sophomore and member of the Key Club for one year.



KEY CLUB'S GOAL IS TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

**SOPHOMORE
MARK QUINLIN**



Another community project was visiting the elderly on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday. Another benevolent act the Key Club did for the community

was making sandwiches for the homeless in January. At the beginning of the school year Key Club members had to volunteer five hours of community service to become a member. "As you may imagine that was quite hard, but well worth it," said sophomore Irene Kyle.

SENIOR TIM PHILLIPS, AND SOPHOMORES IRENE KYLE AND JENNIFER MERRINER VOLUNTEER TO HELP PAINT THE SPEED BUMPS AND CLEAN UP THE PARKING LOTS OF THE SCHOOLS. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SENIOR EMMA WATONSI STANDS BEHIND THE STUFFED ANIMALS FOR THE MAST TABLE. EMMA VOLUNTEERS HER TIME TO THE KEY CLUB FOR "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY". MAST USES THE ANIMALS TO COMFORT CHILDREN.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

JUNIORS ASHLEE WILLIAMS AND AARON SCHAD VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO THE SALVATION ARMY FOR THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY BELL-RINGING FUNDRAISER. THIS IS A FUNDRAISER THAT THE KEY CLUB TAKES PART IN EVERY YEAR.

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SPANISH TEACHER AND SPONSOR OF THE KEY CLUB, ANN ARISTIMUNO, PARTICIPATES IN THE CAR BASHING FOR HARVESTERS. THE CAR BASHING TOOK PLACE BEFORE A HOME FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST EXCELSIOR SPRINGS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SENIOR MICHAEL GAITHER AND SOPHOMORE PAUL JOHN WORK ON THE KEY CLUB FLOAT, "WEST SIDE STORY." IT WAS ONE OF MORE THAN 15 CLUB FLOATS THAT WERE ENTERED IN THE PARADE.

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KEY CLUB MEMBERS MICHAEL HURST, KRISTYN ART, TIM PHILLIPS, BRIAN HOLLEY AND JAIMINI WOODSON SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO THE ELDERLY AT A RETIREMENT HOME BEFORE THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

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KEY CLUB

- PRESIDENT • LUCAS WALLINGFORD
 VICE-PRESIDENT • AMY CARR
 SECRETARY • JESSICA CRUMP
 TREASURER • TIM PHILLIPS
 HISTORIAN • ANNE GIEDINGHAGEN
 HISTORIAN • RACHEL WEILERT
 PARLIMENTARIAN • AARON SCHAD



ROW ONE: Jessica Crump, Rachel Weilert, Amy Carr, Tim Phillips ROW TWO: Clemence Bailly, Kristyn Art, Brandon Oldham, Emma Watonsi, Jessica Acord, Jennifer Merriner, Michael Gaither ROW THREE: Paul John, Danielle Laubach, Whitney Wisdahl, Samantha Ball, Leonard Davis, Amanda Vansickle, Charlie Quinlin ROW FOUR: Michael Hurst, Natalie Bell, Christy Campbell, Mark Quinlin, Phillip Smith, Peter Van Tran, Ashlee Williams

Love knows no boundaries,
it can't be controlled.
You're never too young,
never too old.

TIMELESS: LIKE THE WIND AND RAIN

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They call it puppy love. For some, relationships can be a very important part of teenage life. Center is no exception when it comes to love. It may seem like everywhere you turn you see a new couple holding hands, giving each other a kiss good-bye, or wrapped in each other's arms; all of it adding a special flare to the halls of our high school. It can make you wonder..... How did all these people hook up?

ance usually has its ups and downs. Senior Sean Kelly and Junior Milin Dasari portray this theme in *The Taming of the Shrew*; a play about love and change.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

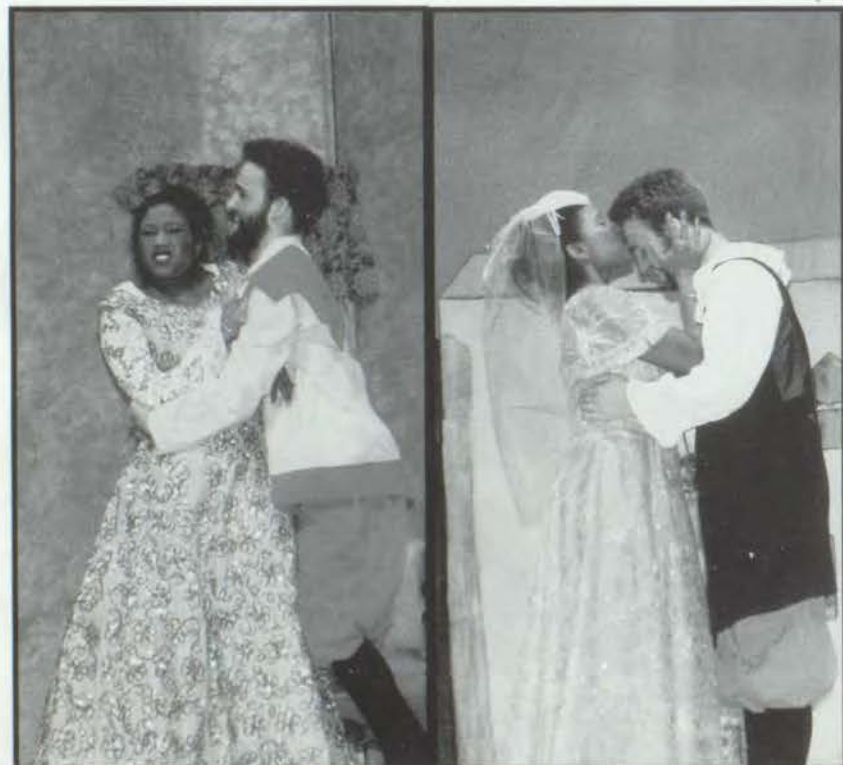
"Lee Unger," said Senior Audrey Young. "Lee knew I liked him (Mark) and he liked me. So she encouraged us to talk to each other."

Freshman Darmela Thomas got together with her boyfriend, Junior Odis Smith, through a letter.

"He wrote me a letter. It was very sweet, but I knew he liked me before hand." Thomas and Smith are an example of one kind of relationship. In addition to upper and lower classmen relationships, there are other types of romantic relationships. Some are short and sweet, or long and meaningful; but, the most popular reason for a relationship is fun. No matter what type of relationship a couple has, undoubtedly, it will be something worth remembering.

ing a responsible older sibling can be a difficult task. Senior Amanda Vansickel keeps her younger brother warm during a Friday night football game, while showing him love.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR





Spending time together is vital to a relationship. Junior Lora Modlin and Center alumni Bob Vaughn cuddle up at the cast party after a Player's activity.

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a new

mate to take on a date.
What was the worst way you dumped someone?



"I left it on his pager."

Junior Colecta Webb

"I acted like such a B*#@#\$ to Sean so that he would dump me, so I could go out with Joe Carr."

Senior Jessica Crump



Give each other some love. Seniors Alicia Guerra and Darnell Hicks exchange gifts and hugs on Valentine's day. Valentine's day is a time when couples are given the opportunity to express their affection for each other.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

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emorable

(mem' e ra bel) adj. 1. Worth remembering. 2. Notable; remarkable.

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STORY BY MELISSA EBBERTS

Oh Yeah!

"What makes you a good member of Players 58?"



"Being a hard worker and doing tech theater makes me a good Player."

Sophomore
Sasha Lathrop



"Doing the best that I can do in all the plays and helping out any way I can."

Sophomore
Jill McCalman



"I help out with everything. Everybody loves me."

Senior
Stephanie Wheeler

Even though the plot of each One Act play varied this year, all had at least two traits in common, according to the student directors. The student body could relate to each one in some way and the student directors understood both their actors and crew members

There were three student directors this year in charge of the One Acts. The directors' responsibilities include finding good actors who fit the roles well, organizing rehearsals, props and other aspects of the performance. There is almost no help from any adults in these student-organized plays whatsoever.

Senior Jessica Crump was the director of "Freaks," which is a later version of the play "Fat Lucy" by Frank Higgins. "Freaks deals with the actions of big top workers and the relationships among them," said Crump

Senior Amy Carr, the director of "Hunches in Bunches" by Dr. Seuss, felt that her show appealed to audiences of all ages. Carr promoted the play heavily in the District's elementary schools, and even cast 2nd grader Anna Selle, a student at Red Bridge Elementary, for a "Hunches" role.

"You can't take children to adult theater, but adults can be taken to children's theater," said Carr.

While Carr's One Act used exaggerated comedy, Senior Lucas Wallingford's One Act, "The Quilt" contained serious material.

Wallingford describes the One Act as "harrowing confessionals of people that have been afflicted with the tragedy of AIDs." Wallingford's One Act was the last of the plays performed each night.

Teachers, administrators and audiences praised the performances, the directing, and the planning that went into this year's extraordinary One Acts.



Senior Stephen Haug tries to protect himself from 2nd grader Anna Selle in the one act "Hunches in Bunches." The play was targeted toward younger kids and was promoted heavily in the District's elementary schools.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Sophomores Jessica Acord and Junior Devin Durdin sing their hearts out during the Spring Musical. Hard work and dedication were required from all cast members and crew.

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Cast members of *The Apple Tree* receive notes from Kateri Waters after a dress rehearsal. Dress rehearsals often went late into the night for the cast and crew.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Senior Tim Phillips works backstage during the musical. Techies are an important part of every show produced by Players 58.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

the jacket perfect word

What does the word SCRIM mean?

"Leftover mud on a carpet."



→ Krystle Oliphant • 10th grade

"It's a short word for scrimmage as in football."



→ Shawn Cunningham • 12th grade

Scrim-1. A hanging of such cloth as used in theatrical productions, either as an opaque backdrop or as a semi-transparent curtain.



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Freshman Taylor Davidson and Sophomore Crystal Newell express their love for one another during the musical. Good acting and singing were just a few skills that the actors had to possess for the musical.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Freshman Dan Ebberts helps during a play rehearsal. Techies provided the set, lights, props and much more for the plays.

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Debaters Look

Toward the Future

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Though you may not be aware of it, Center has some future lawyers and political leaders right here in our own school. National Forensics League and Debate provides a good opportunity for these students to learn how to debate good solid points by using facts that they have researched themselves.

Many students, such as Junior Natika Lopez, thought that taking debate would help her in her future career.

"I was thinking about making law my career so I thought I'd try it out," said Lopez.

Overall, most debaters agree that taking debate has provided

not only good experience for their future careers, but other debaters, such as Junior Jaime Gee,

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"THE ONE THING I REALLY LIKE ABOUT DEBATE IS THAT WE ALL GET TO DO DIFFERENT INDEPENDENT THINGS."

-JUNIOR JAIME GEE

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think that debate has also allowed her to try new and different things.

"The one thing I really like about debate is that we all get to do different independent things," said Gee.

Though debate and NFL has many strong students who are dedicated and hard workers, Coach Katie Cox has some future ideas to improve the teams.

"I would like it to grow in numbers and I think we really have to take baby steps up. I really want it to become what it used to be," said Cox.

JUNIORS NATIKA LOPEZ AND JAMIE GEE WORK HARD TO PREPARE FOR THE WAYNE BROWN TOURNAMENT. HOSTING THIS TOURNAMENT TOOK A LOT OF EXTRA HARD WORK FROM ALL THE DEBATE MEMBERS.

PHOTO BY KIMBERLY KNOWLTON



D.E.B.A.T.E T.E.A.M



ROW ONE: Coach Katie Cox, Kayla Birch, Assistant Coach Anna Heffernan ROW TWO: Emily Buford, Abigail Heffernan, Rebecca Brake, Stacia Stricklin, Nan Lou, Anne Giedinghagen, Michael Gaither ROW THREE: Natika Lopez, Jaime Gee, Steven Walls, Lanisha Bosby, Aaron Schad, James Bridgeford ROW FOUR: Tony Antonello, Jared Castle, Dorian Gist, David Johnson

SOPHOMORE JAMES BRIDGEFORD GIVES A SPEECH TO THE NOVICE MOCK CONGRESS DURING DEBATE CLASS. PREPARING SPEECHES OFTEN TOOK A LOT OF TIME AND COMMITMENT FROM THE DEBATE STUDENTS.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



SOPHOMORE ANNE GIEDINGHAGEN WORKS HARD AT THE WAYNE BROWN TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY CHS. WAYNE BROWN WAS A FORMER DEBATE TEACHER AT CHS WHO STARTED THIS TOURNAMENT IN THE METRO AREA.

PHOTO BY KIMBERLY KNOWLTON

SENIOR TONY ANTONELLO WORKS AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER AT THE NOVICE MOCK CONGRESS SESSION. TONY ENJOYED BEING THE PRESIDING OFFICER BECAUSE HE "REALLY LIKES TO SHOW KIDS HOW CONGRESS WORKS."

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



NATIONAL FORENSICS LEAGUE



ROW ONE: Audrey Young, Andrew Johnson, Joanna Gittermen
 ROW TWO: Aishah Agusta, Kayla Birch, Nan Lou
 ROW THREE: Natika Lopez, Tony Antonello, David Johnson
 ROW FOUR: Coach Katie Cox

Say What??

DEFINE CONFABULATION.



"A SONG THAT YOUR BOYFRIEND SINGS TO YOU IN ORDER TO MAKE UP."

JUNIOR TAMIKA HALL



"THE PEOPLE HERE AT CENTER HIGH SCHOOL."

SENIOR AMANDA THOMAS

ACTUAL DEFINITION....

CONFABULATION: AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS



It has been considered a thin line between what is sane, crazy, and just plain odd. How can you tell if your emotions are safe or scary?

H MY GOSH!!!

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Some people are amazed by how odd other people can be. True, everyone has been guilty of doing something a little bit strange in their lives. What force leads people to weird and crazy things? Are these actions harmful or all in good fun? And who has the right to choose which it is?

Originality can be considered a virtue. Being different and original can make you stand out, get noticed, and be remembered. "I went out and played in the snow, in my shorts," said freshman Byrant Smith. This is no doubt something he will not soon forget.

"I was dared to," Smith later said. Dares can be a very compelling reason to do odd things. Senior Travis Guinn ran around his block in his underwear on a dare. If you saw these events, what would you think, odd or original?



UNCLE FEVER! Sophomore Christian Randle escorts her pet lizard on her head. This green creature got a great view of the school that day, while making others "green with envy".

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REACHING NEW HEIGHTS! Senior Amy Carr rides a bicycle high above the ground at Science City during the Journalism Convention. Taking a risk can be a big part of crossing to the odd side.

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Displays of affection, also known as PDA, is given a new and unusual meaning by Seniors Sean Kelly and Tyra Griggs at the Thespians Festival dance. Freak dancing has become more common but some take it to a new and original level.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

a new

way of doing things...

What is Sophomore Rori Carter-Hall doing?



"I say she is making fun of the cheerleaders."

Sophomore Jessica Byrd



"Looks to me like she has to fart."

Freshman Cory Parker



When Sophomore Rori Carter-Hall was asked what she was doing in this picture, she couldn't even remember. What is your guess?

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

Players 58

(play-'er) n. 1. A performer in a drama, 2. One who lends themselves to a performance, 3. One who acts in a specified way, 4. A theater-focused club that accepts all and fights for the good of the theater.

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ACTIN' UP

"How would you define or describe a Players member???"



"They are dedicated, hard working, fun, and extremely friendly. Also, they are very unique!"

Junior
Natalie Bell



"Someone who is active in all of the shows and has a love for theater."

Freshman
Taylor Davidson



"Players members are creative, weird, and affectionate."

Sophomore
Bethanie Seigler

Student leadership is an important aspect of a club, but when it comes to Players, members have had to take on an extra duty.

"We [the club members] do everything ourselves, and the officers make all of the decisions and just kind of run them by Ms. Bates," said Sophomore Secretary Ginny Pegelow.

Sophomore Erin Osborne agrees that the students take a great role when it comes to planning and running Players activities.

"I can see at the meetings that the students run everything, and I know the students do all of the work. We do all the backstage work for the plays, like the set, with very little adult help."

Although being in a student-run club can be stressful, it also has some major pluses.

"They [the club members] feel like they are actually doing something. And when it turns out good, they are more happy with what they've done... they're proud of it," said Sophomore Tammy Johnson, who has been costume head for the past two shows.

Pegelow has had the opportunity to be an officer of Players this year and sees the work that goes on behind the scenes of Players.

"Being an officer is a lot of work, but by having a lot of responsibility I have realized how much work really goes into a club. By being able to do things ourselves, we become closer to each other, making us willing to give our time to make Players the best that it can be," said Pegelow.



Disgusted with the "delicateness" of Junior Mina Dasari's (Kate) hat, Senior Sean Kelly (Tranio) expresses his annoyance. Freshmen Pamela Sanders and Candis Fishback, and Sophomore Kala Raglin, watched in amazement as Kelly uses trickery to make Dasari follow his will.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

P•L•A•Y•E•R•S 5•8

PRESIDENT • JESSICA CRUMP
VICE-PRESIDENT • AMY CARR
SECRETARY • GINNY PEGELOW
TREASURER • MELISSA EBBERTS
STUDENT REP. • LORA MODLIN
PARLIAMENTARIAN • LUCAS WALLINGFORD
HISTORIAN • JILL MCCALMAN
HISTORIAN • DANIELLE LAUBACH



ROW ONE: Amber Gilliland, Melissa Ebberts, Lora Modlin, Amy Carr, Jessica Crump, Ginny Pegelow, Sponsor Kamela Bates ROW TWO: Erin Osborne, Shaunna Brown, Liz Elmore, Clemence Bailly, Brandon Oldham, Jennifer Carr, Emma Watonsi, Jessica Acord, Sean Kelly, Tyra Griggs ROW THREE: Mark Quinlin, Kristyn Art, Danielle Laubach, Christy Campbell, Jennifer Fletcher, Kimberly Knowlton, Natalie Bell, Charles Quinlin, Tim Phillips, Stephanie Wheeler, Whitney Whisdahl ROW FOUR: Dan Ebberts, Paul John, Aaron Wilhelm, Daniel Forson, Amanda Patmore, Rori Carter-Hall, Tiara Weathersby, Andrew Johnson

Reflecting on the day's activities, Sophomore Daniel Forson takes a moment away from the action at Missouri State Thespian Festival. The's' Fests' give students the opportunity to learn, see shows, and have fun. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Freshman Aaron Wilhelm sells some soda to Junior James Fugate and Senior Nate Jenkins. Fund raising is an important aspect of Players due to the fact that it supports the club and makes The's' Fests' possible. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



the 'jacket perfect' word

If someone shouted from off stage, "Your Gobo is off center," what would you try to fix?

"I would check my hair."

Dawnisha Douglas • 10th grade

"I would check and make sure my chest wasn't uneven."

Cherice Wells • 10th grade

Actual Definition: Gobo 1. A metal disk used to reduce or make a pattern of light, generally for the stage, 2. A black screen used to reduce light falling on a camera lens.



Taking a stroll down the lane to Players inductions, Sophomore Alex Moss and Freshman Dan Ebberts make their way to the party. Players inductions had the theme "Like Bubbles in the Sky" and followed all the traditions associated with inductions. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Senior Stephanie Wheeler and Freshman Jeremy Tipton keep their cool while performing in *The Taming of the Shrew*. Wheeler, in addition to being in the cast, also actively participated as a Techie, working backstage. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

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“WE DON'T CARE IF THEY EAT US ALIVE. WE'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN SURVIVE.”

”

SENIORS MELISSA EBBERTS, AUDREY YOUNG AND JUNIOR ERICA TURNER GO OVER TESTIMONY BEFORE TRIAL. MOCK TRIALS GAVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO GO TO TRIAL. PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

P•O•L•I•S•C•I

PRESIDENT • KIM KNOWLTON
 VICE-PRESIDENT • DAVID JOHNSON
 SECRETARY • CHRISTY CAMPBELL



ROW ONE: Christy Campbell, David Johnson, Kim Knowlton, Tim Phillips, Sponsor Beth Heide ROW TWO: Tirannee Givhan, Erin Harris, Tyra Griggs, Amanda Pierce, Danesha Franklin, Mercedes Hooks, ROW THREE: Melissa Ebberts, Mark Royer, Natalie Bell, Justin Shoemaker, Dorian Gist, Walter Townsend, James Bridgeford ROW Four: Paul John, Charlie Morgan, Brandon Oldham, Tony Antonello, Peter Van Tran, Colin Chambers, Shakina Bell

POLI-SCI SPONSOR BETH HEIDE TAKES A BREAK FROM GOVERNMENT ISSUES TO GET JIGGY WITH IT AT THE Y.I.G PARTY. BEING A SPONSOR OFTEN COMES WITH STRESS AND RESPONSIBILITY, BUT IN THE LONG RUN IT'S ALL FUN.

PHOTO BY MELISSA EBBERTS



JUNIOR CHARLIE MORGAN TAKES A MOMENT TO SHOW HIS BETTER SIDE WHILE IN JEFF CITY. WHEN STUDENTS WEREN'T ARGUING THEIR BILLS THEY WERE HAVING FUN. PHOTO BY CHRISTY CAMPBELL



SENIOR DAVID JOHNSON TAKES A MOMENT TO COLLECT HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT HIS BILL WHILE OTHERS PRESENT THEIR'S AT YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT. THIS GAVE STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO MAKE UP BILLS ON ISSUES THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO THEM.

PHOTO BY MELISSA EBBERTS

SENIORS MARK ROYER AND TONY ANTONELLO LISTEN DURING A POLI-SCI MEETING. THE MEETING GAVE THE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO DISCUSS AND PLAN UPCOMING EVENTS.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



Say What??

DEFINE LEX



"LEX LUTHER, A BALD HEADED DUDE THAT PLAYED IN SUPERMAN."

SOPHOMORE
ANTHONY WRIGHT



"IT'S THE LAST THREE LETTERS IN COMPLEX."

FRESHMAN
ANGELA PERILLO

"LEX IS A WORD YOU USE WHEN YOU ARE TALKING REAL FAST AND YOU MEAN TO SAY LET'S BUT YOU SAY LEX."

SOPHOMORE
SHANTOYIA JONES

ACTUAL DEFINITION....

LEX: LAW



JUNIOR NATALIE BELL AND SENIOR KIM KNOWLTON TALK WITH SPONSOR BETH HEIDE AT THE EIGHTH GRADE OPEN HOUSE. POLI SCI SET UP A BOOTH TO DISPLAY WHAT THEY DO, GO TO Y.I.G., MOCK TRAILS AND SO ON.

PHOTO BY
AMY CARR

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We have spirit, yes we do! We have spirit, how 'bout you?

ride and spirit

Copy and Design by Amber Gilliland
Story by Ilani Ighedosa and Nakiesha Anderson

School spirit and support are a vital part of every high school. CHS is no exception; teams, clubs, and organizations thrive on it. It's what helps them get through an event with smiles on their faces.

At Center High School football games, spectators see a hard-fought game, an outstanding band, and half naked boys and girls acting wild and crazy in support of their school. Senior Andrew Johnson believes the school has school spirit. Johnson is a part of a male cheerleader squad called the Pollinators. "It is just about a bunch of boys having fun," said Johnson. Both the Pollinators and the cheerleaders are about boosting school spirit. Pollinators are boys who like to goof around and have fun in order to show their support for the school.

Tim Greenwell, Assistant to the Administration and Assistant Band Director believes CHS students don't have enough school spirit. "We don't have school spirit because people don't participate in

ance Line members add to school spirit. The Dance Line performs at football games and basketball games.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



school activities or wear school colors, attend athletic events, concerts, or cheer at pep assemblies," Greenwell stated. Sophomore Kendrick Emery agrees, "I don't think we have school spirit because we're not a rhythmic school." Emery believes by adding more activities, such as a Drill Team and additional sports or activities which interest the students, that there would be a better chance of more student involvement."

he cheerleaders are an important part of school spirit. Hours of early morning practice paid off at game time when they got the crowd excited.

PHOTO JOANNA DORIA



The Senior class shows their spirit at the spring fling activities. Spring fling was a time for classes to come together and show their spirit and support. The senior class took first place overall. PHOTO AMBER GILLILAND



Polinators stand and cheer at a home basketball game. The polinators were known for their unique way of cheering.

PHOTO BY ADURY YOUNG



Sophomore Karen Silverhardt shows her strength and spirit during a football game. Many players believe without team spirit, the game would be lost and long.

PHOTO BY JOANNA DORIA

a new definition

What does animus mean?

*"It sounds like a butt fungus."
Chamene Woods, Junior*

*"The act of under classmen
being cooler than the upper
classmen."
Rose Vaught, Sophomore*

*Actual Definition: The vital principle or
animating force within living beings.*

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P a r t y

(par te) n. 1.a gathering for social entertainment, or the entertainment itself, often of a specific nature 2. to attend or hold social parties 3. often boisterous manner, usually while drinking alcoholic beverages, taking drugs.

COPY AND DESIGN BY KIM KNOWLTON & TIARA WEATHERBSY

ANTICIPATION

What are you looking forward to most about prom next year?

"All of the after parties!"



**Junior
C.J. Mitchell**



Lauren Buckles, to the dance."

**Sophomore
Alex Isom**

"I'm looking forward to more music a better D.J. and an actual dinner."



**Junior
Glen Fortune**

If you were lucky enough to attend the prom this year you might have noticed the glittering lights, music and the glamour of the luxurious Westin Crown Center. The prom this year had the theme of "Ever After." It was dreamed up and put together by a few dedicated members of the Junior class. Since August, Juniors such as Tiranee Givhan and Joy Stempleman have organized and worked at fundraisers for the prom as Givhan explains, "We worked a lot of football and basketball concession stands and that along with a couple of other fundraisers really helped us to raise the money this year."

Despite the small number of Juniors who helped out with the prom this year, the night still went on without any major hitches.

"The people who actually helped were really determined and they really accomplished a lot," said Stempleman.

Even though the glittering magic of prom has once again passed, the Juniors, though feeling proud of what they accomplished, still wish they could have changed a few things about prom this year.

"I still wish we had more involvement from the whole class and not just a selected few," said Givhan.



Students have fun dancing to the "Cha Cha Stomp. This song was a favorite of many students and was actually played twice during the dance.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILANI

Junior Amanda Pierce helps decorate the tables for prom. The table center pieces actually contained live fish that many students took home after the prom. PHOTO BY TIRANNEE GIVHAN



Prom attendants anxiously await the crowning of the prom royalty. Many attendants felt honored that they received this recognition. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Junior Katie Korando and Junior class sponsor Beth Heide struggle to put up the arch before the prom. The arch, though it caused many problems, was an essential element to the "Ever After" theme. PHOTO BY TIRANNEE GIVHAN



Beth Heide crowns Junior Walter Townsend, prince at the prom. Walter was voted for this honor by his peers.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

Junior Abby Heffernan hangs the "Ever After" sign outside the ballroom at the Westin Crown Center. Many students enjoyed the fairytale theme and the decorations.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE GIVHAN

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It's hip to be square

COPY AND DESIGN BY TIARA WEATHERSBY

Traditionally, smart people were portrayed as geeks, nerds, or dorks. Walking around in their high-water pants, pocket protectors, and glasses with duct tape in the middle. These 'geniuses' were teased and persecuted because they knew what pi represented and how to calculate the volume of any given object; belonging to such organizations as Glee club, Chess club, Quill and Scroll, or National Honor Society; giving way to immediate persecution.

Have times changed?

"I think that is total B.S.," says Junior Samantha Ball. Senior Peter Van Tran agrees that this is a wrong portrayal.

"It may have been that way before, but today, smart people don't look like that."

"I THINK THAT IS TOTAL B.S."
-JUNIOR SAMANTHA BALL

This is true. Rarely are people seen walking around with suspenders to hold up their pants. Even though the outfit was dropped, the intelligence wasn't. This

year 13 juniors and seniors were inducted into National Honor Society and 7 into Quill & Scroll. These organizations hold some of the most intelligent and most involved people in this school, putting an end to the idea that being smart is synonymous with being a geek.

QUILL & SCROLL



ROW ONE: Joanna Doria, Amber Gilliland, Amy Carr, Kim Knowlton, Andrea Noble
ROW TWO: Andrew Johnson, Kerri Knox, Andrew Barth, Emma Watonsi
ROW THREE: Natalie Bell, Melissa Ebberts, Jessica Crump, Michael Gaither
NOT PICTURED: Zack Eubank, Kala Raglin, Shantoyia Jones, Tiara Weatherbsy, Audrey Young



QUILL AND SCROLL IS AN HONOR SOCIETY FOR JOURNALISTS AND WRITERS. SENIOR MEMBERS AMY CARR AND KIM KNOWLTON AND JUNIOR MARCUS STANLEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR 'HONOR' ABILITIES AT THE ANNUAL JOURNALISM PARTY.

PHOTO DONATED AMY CARR

SENIORS TIARA WEATHERBSY AND CHRISTY CAMPBELL PREPARE FOOD FOR THE JUNIOR INDUCTEES. FINDING OUT THAT YOU MADE NHS CAN BE CONSIDERED AMAZING, BUT THE PARTY FOR THE INDUCTEES HAS BEEN CONSIDERED EVEN BETTER.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR





JUNIOR KEY CLUB MEMBER LAUREN JOHNSON SERVES SOPHOMORE BAND MEMBER CATHERINE BUREC AT NHS INDUCTIONS. BAND MEMBERS PLAYED DURING INDUCTIONS AND KEY CLUB MEMBERS SERVED A THE MEAL.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

NEW INDUCTEES TO NHS STAND IN THE TRADITIONAL ROBES AND LISTEN TO PRESIDENT BRIAN HOLLEY SPEAK ON INDUCTION NIGHT. THIS CEREMONY CAN BE VERY NICE AND MEMORABLE FOR ALL THAT ATTEND.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

PRESIDENT • BRIAN HOLLEY
 VICE-PRESIDENT • AMY CARR
 SECRETARY/TREASURER • JESSICA CRUMP

ROW ONE: Emma Watonsi, Melissa Ebberts, Amanda Corbin, Jessica Crump, Amy Carr, Tim Phillips, Nan Lou
 ROW TWO: Tiara Weatherbsy, Christy Campbell, Kim Knowlton, Leonard Davis, Kashana Franklin, Jennifer Carr, Jennifer Fowler
 ROW THREE: Andrea Noble, Halle Gottfredson, Aubree Yeisley, Audrey Young, Cheri Sweaney, Sean Kelly
 ROW FOUR: Mark Royer, Phil Becker, Joanna Doria

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BRINGING GOOD NEWS, SENIOR EMMA WATONSI DELIVERS AN ACCEPTANCE LETTER TO JUNIOR SAMANTHA BALL. THIS TRADITION IS CALLED 'TAPPING' AND HAPPENS EVERY YEAR TO LET THE INDUCTEES KNOW THEY ARE IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS CLUB.
PHOTO BY JESSICA CRUMP



Rooms can be radical or ridiculous! Can you guess who's room is whose?

ADICAL & ROCKIN' ROOMS

Copy and Design by Amy Carr

Take Your Pick! Match the names with the numbers.

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| A Dorian Gust | 1 A Junior who likes to sing and dance. |
| B Muna Dasari | 2 A Junior who likes to play music & video games. |
| C Eric Conrad | 3 A Senior and a natural artist. |
| D Paul John | 4 A Sophomore who likes to build his body and mind. |
| E Jennifer Carr | 5 A Sophomore who loves music. |

Answers A-4 B-1 C-2 D-5 E-3





a new realization

How does your room reflect your personality?



"My room's different because it's black, and it has glow in the dark things in it, and I like to be different."

Junior Keara Austin

"My room is like me because it has Tweety Bird all over it and I love Tweety, so it shows what I am like."

Junior Erin Harris



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Searhlight

(search-lit)' n. 1. an apparatus containing a light and reflector on a swivel, for projecting a strong, far-reaching beam in any direction. 2. the totally student-produced newspaper of Center.

COPY AND DESIGN BY COLIN CHAMBERS

A GOOD TIME

"What makes Searchlight a positive experience for you?"



"The freedom, responsibility and the awesome staff."
Senior Kerri Knox



"I'm the sports editor...I'm passionate about sports.. I get to write about what I love."
Junior Zack Eubank



"It's fun because you get to see the lighter side of people."
Senior Anna Mannino

For *Searchlight*, the student-produced newspaper, all has not been smooth sailing this year.

Melissa Ebberts, co-editor, said, "Other than the lack of our advisor, Ms. Yates, computers not functioning, and some of the faculty not supporting us, all has been great."

In spite of dysfunctional computers, students learn every step of the process from design to printing. They succeeded in creating a unique and refreshing publication. In addition, the *Searchlight* is one of the only school papers in the area that is actually printed at the school.

"It's a huge luxury because our deadlines are flexible and the printer is right across

the hall," said co-editor Andrea Noble.

Aside from producing papers, the *Searchlight* staff manages to have a little fun and enjoy each other.

Jessica Crump enjoys "the people, the atmosphere, places, odds and ends... and the hub."

Noble states, "I get to boss people around [sarcastically]. I try to boss people around. They don't listen."

"The staff, the atmosphere. For once in high school, we have the freedom to do what we want to do," said Joanna Doria.

The *Searchlight* staff does a lot of work, produces a newspaper and still has fun. Perhaps they truly are a strong, far-reaching light.



Senior *Searchlight* photographer Michael Gaither, takes a picture at Science City during the Journalism Convention. Photography is an essential element to the *Searchlight*. "We need pictures in the newspaper because otherwise nobody would even look at it," said co-editor Andrea Noble.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Sophomore Kala Raglin uses various resources to complete her deadline. As a rule, *Searchlight* members have to use different angles and thoughts to write a well-rounded story.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Dancin' the night away at the Journalism convention shows some a good time. Seniors Joanna Doria and Emma Watonsi are just one example of the great friendships formed during newspaper class.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SEARCHLIGHT

CO-EDITOR • MELISSA EBBERTS
 CO-EDITOR • ANDREA NOBLE
 DESIGN • MARCUS STANLEY
 FEATURES • EMMA WATONSI
 EDITORIALS • ANDREW JOHNSON
 PHOTOGRAPHY • JOANNA DORIA



ROW ONE: Andrew Johnson, Kerri Knox, Andrea Noble, Melissa Ebberts, Joanna Doria
 ROW TWO: Bethanie Seiglar, Emma Watonsi, Liz Elmore, Michael Gaither
 ROW THREE: Jessica Crump, Kala Raglin, Shantoya Jones

the 'jacked' perfect word

The *Searchlight* staff has a mysterious companion: the hub. What is it?



"A hub cap?"

Keena Gillum • 9th grade

"That's a funny word."



Adam Peister • 10th grade

Actually- it's the center of interest or activity... or is it?



Co-editor Senior Melissa Ebberts tries to finish a page. However, the computer isn't cooperating. "You piece of poo. Stop that," said Ebberts as the computer froze once again. Aged computers were just one obstacle to staff members.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Everybody needs a few minutes to relax, right? During the journalism party, Captain Safety, Junior Marcus Stanley, gave the newspaper staff a lesson in juggling safe items.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

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SGA: Students

Give Their All

COPY AND DESIGN BY KIMBERLY KNOWLTON

The Student Government Association has some of the most influential, outstanding leaders of our school. From the Senior class president to the head cheerleader, all SGA members have given both their time and effort to give back to their school and community. In fact, the SGA is one of the few organizations at Center that specifically helps the school.

SGA members, such as Junior Erica Turner, believe that the Student Government Association is the backbone of our school.

"We are the glue that makes all the organizations of the school stick together," said Turner.

SGA president Senior Leonard Davis agrees.

"I think the SGA does a lot for the students and the school," said Davis.

The SGA manages to help the

school with many different community service projects and it also helps instill school pride in the students. The SGA has also managed to

accomplish much this year, according to Sophomore Roxanne Rouse.

"SGA has fixed the gym, helped students with their concerns, and showed other students the good qualities about our school," said

"WE ARE THE GLUE THAT MAKES ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE SCHOOL STICK TOGETHER."
-JUNIOR ERICA TURNER

Rouse.

The members of the SGA have not only been beneficial to the school but have also found that being in SGA can benefit the members as well.

"I've really had a wonderful experience. It's helped me to step outside my comfort level and grow as an individual," said Davis.

Overall, SGA members hope to accomplish and do much, much more for the school and the community.

SENIOR AUDREY YOUNG PAINTS SENIOR AMANDA CORBIN'S FACE WHITE IN ORDER TO SHOW THE AMOUNT OF DEATHS CAUSED EACH YEAR BY DRUNK DRIVERS. ONCE A STUDENT'S FACE WAS PAINTED THEY WERE CONSIDERED DEAD AND NOT ALLOWED TO INTERACT WITH ANY OTHER STUDENTS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



JUNIOR C. J. JOHNSTON WORKS ON A VALENTINE FOR A NURSING HOME DURING A COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING. HELPING OUT THE COMMUNITY WAS ONE WAY THAT SGA PROVED THEY WERE AN OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION.

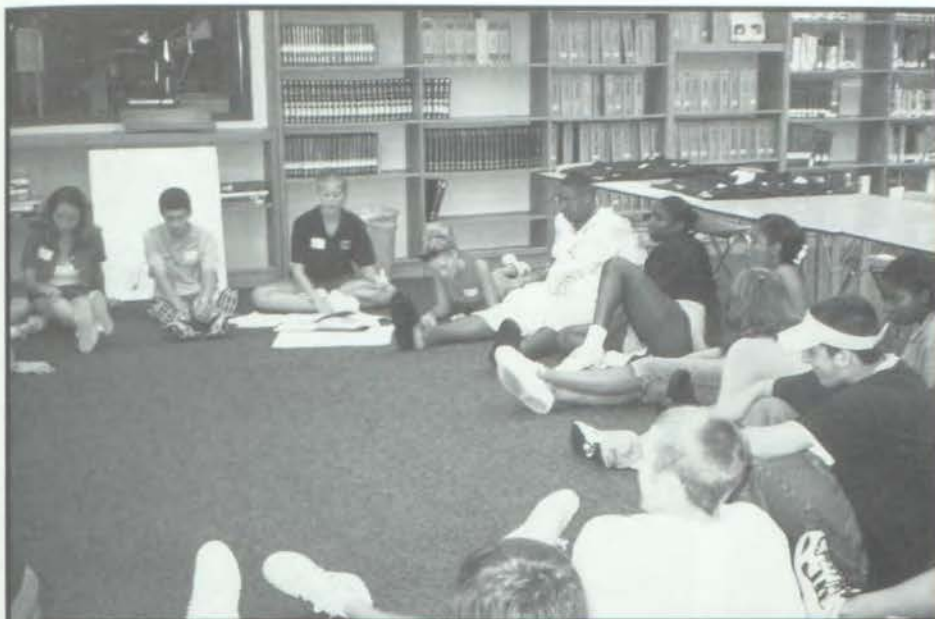
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- PRESIDENT • LEONARD DAVIS
 VICE-PRESIDENT • AUDREY YOUNG
 SECRETARY • AMANDA CORBIN
 TREASURER • SEAN KELLY
 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR • TIARA WEATHERSBY



ROW ONE: Asst. Sponsor M. Schubert, T. Weathersby, S. Kelly, L. Davis, A. Young, A. Corbin, Sponsor T. Greenwell
 ROW TWO: A. Thomas, D. Forson, J. Fletcher, J. Giffen, M. Royer, D. Johnson, C. Quinlin, S. Pace, J. Amerson, T. Givhan, D. Durdin, K. Art, J. Crump, A. Carr, J. Johnson, E. Watonsi
 ROW THREE: P. Becker, C. Vieth, A. Cato, I. Siddiqi, L. Hamilton, M. Ebberts, K. Pickett, M. Gatewood, L. Cannon, M. Mcquitty, E. Harris, J. Downning, R. Collins, A. Williams, J. Janz, D. Gist
 ROW FOUR: M. Hurst, L. Hogan, L. Doarn, V. Carpenter, L. Castle, C. Howard, A. Isom, S. Fahrmeir, D. Greyer, C. Randle, C. Chambers, G. Pegelow, J. McCalman, T. Phillips, C. Campbell, K. Knowlton, J. Howard
 ROW FIVE: T. Antonello, L. Erickson, E. Buford, A. Rodriguez, S. Park, L. Wellington, A. Vansickel, A. Johnson, T. Griggs, J. Ryan, L. Gillespie, A. Sidney, C. Fishback, J. Doria, R. Rouse, L. Buckles, E. Barth
 ROW SIX: E. Turner, C. Morgan, A. Barth, K. Korando, E. Conrad, A. Pierce, A. Heffernan, R. Raccuglia, B. Wellington, A. Gladney, A. Rouse, A. Noble, C. Sweaney, B. Brake



SGA MEMBERS ATTEND AN ANNUAL LEADERSHIP MEETING IN AUGUST AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. THE MEETING PROVIDED IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OTHER LEADERS OF THE SCHOOL.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SGA MEMBERS PREPARE TO WELCOME STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS DURING AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. SGA PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING AN ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS STUDENTS AND PARENTS FEEL AT HOME AT CENTER.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



JUNIOR BECKY BRAKE AND SOPHOMORE ANDREA ISOM HAND OUT CANDY TO KIDS DURING THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FEST. MANY SGA STUDENTS TOOK TIME OUT TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS LIKE THIS.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Say What??

DEFINE CONCLAVE....



"AN EX-CONVICT."
 JUNIOR ROBERT LOGAN



"A BIG DANCE PARTY."
 FRESHMAN TECARA WILLIAMS

"A CAVE WITH BEARS IN IT."
 SENIOR VANITA CURRIN



ACTUAL DEFINITION....
 ANY LARGE CONFERENCE OR CONVENTION; MEETING.



Students come in all shapes and sizes, with more variety than Baskin Robbins. What some don't know is the variety of choices available in the classes we take.

UPER SELECTION

Copy and Design by Amber Gilliland
Story by Joy Stempleman

Junior Anthony Bell and Senior Amy Langston dissect a scorpion in horticulture. Horticulture gives students a chance to learn more about plant and insect life.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

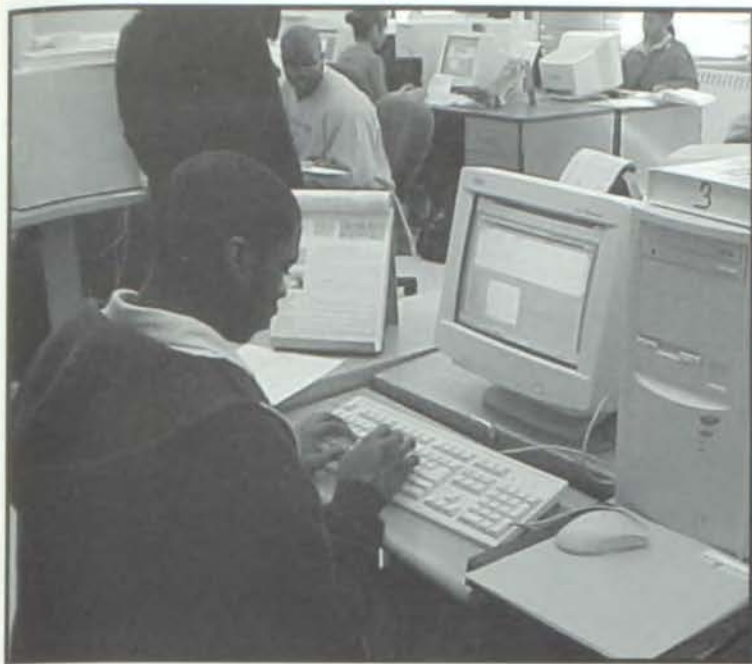
Although not very popular at Center High, the "special" classes are very well liked. These classes are known as special classes because they are outside the realm of mainstream curriculum. Computers, Horticulture and Print Graphics are the courses in this unique category. Sophomore Reggie Stockman states, "I like how I'm able to get on the Internet in my computer class. He also thinks that because computers run everything these days, this class is helpful. Sally Nelson, the Computers teacher, says that her class allows the students to not only send and receive e-mails, but also make business cards, along with more hands-on activities. Junior Joe Anderson explained the benefits of taking Horticulture. "There are various work fields you can go into after you graduate," said Anderson. He also stated that he doesn't think of Horticulture as a special class, but just an

ordinary everyday class that he enjoys. Print graphics teacher Rick Smith says that he thinks his class is special because it deals with practical art skills. He enjoys teaching his class for the same reason the students like taking it: the students have something to show for their work. Sophomore LaToya Wilson says a class like this is needed because people who know these skills make good money. Wilson also commented that she now knows how the advertisements on the streets are done as well as t-shirts and bumper stickers.

Junior Derek Clark works on his floor plan in Rick Smith's Drafting class. Drafting class allows students to learn more about architecture.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND





Senior Michael Brown works on a class assignment in Advanced Computers. Advanced Computers gives students a better understanding of Excel, Microsoft Word, Powerpoint and other computer programs.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Junior Anjeka Spivey and Senior Anthony Roberts clean the 1250 duplicator. Presses like the one pictured are used to print the newspaper and other projects.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



freshman Megan Denzer performs a commercial for gasless beans for her Broadcast Journalism class. Broadcast Journalism gives students an opportunity to learn how to film significant events.
PHOTO BY JACKIE CARR

a new
Way of seeing things
What is special about
Center?

"All the different people and the different groups."
Sophomore Elaina Dove

"We can all converse with each other, even people of different races. We can talk about everything."
Junior Christine Edington

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STORY BY ERIN HARRIS

ROCKIN' IT

What was the best part of spring fling?

"Obstacle course, seeing people fall down."



Freshman
Michele Gamble



"When the people were falling down at the bat spin."

Freshman
Jeremy Jacobs

"How enthusiastic it made the classes."



Junior
Emily Buford

As another year at Center High School winds down students and faculty look forward to the upcoming summer. But before they go their separate ways, there is one final thing that brings each one together...**SPRING FLING!**

"Spring Fling is something to have fun while still in school and to enjoy the end of the year," said SGA sponsor Tim Greenwell.

In this week-long tradition, each class and club has an opportunity to compete against one another in such events as touch football, Twister, bat spin, and Mr. CHS. Mr. CHS, sponsored by Debate Club, is a beauty contest for the males of Center. Held in Garrison Auditorium, men, nominated by their club or class, strut their stuff in front of a panel of judges, consisting of alumni, teachers, and schoolmates.

"I look forward to Mr CHS because it is so much fun. The guys are so funny; it is just a great night," said Senior Joanna Doria.

The last day of Spring Fling is very exciting as well. The scene of classes and clubs battling it out and classmates cheering for whomever they wish to win, and the enthusiasm rises as teams get closer and closer in their score; soon the winner is named. Who will it be? The 2000-2001 winner is announced as the bell rings.../The senior class is victorious! Some leave happy, others disappointed, but all recovering from the *Sprizzle, Frizzle, Fa Chizzle* of Spring fling.



Players 58 struggle to win to the Spring Fling tug-a-war. Even with all their efforts, Players fought hard and took fourth place overall!

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English teacher, Anna Stubblefield leaves others behind during the Crab Walk in Spring Fling. Staff took second place overall.
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Junior Marcus Stanley draws a picture while senior Lucas Wallingford watches. Pictionary gave students a chance to show off their art skills

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Senior Melissa Ebberts falls to the floor after the bat spin. Many found it hard to run or even walk after taking a spin on the bat.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



the perfect word

What does the sprizzle fizzle fo shizzle mean?

"Spring Fling, showing school spirit."

● Nate Odum • 10th grade

"Spring Fling for real."

● Candis Fishback • 9th grade



Sophomore class cheers on their participants during the spring fling assembly. Sophomores took third place overall.

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Sophomore Alex Isom struts his stuff at Spring Fling's Mr. CHS. Mr. CHS let the boys of Center show what they are made of.

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HANGING OUT AND EATING PIZZA SEEMS TO BE THE FAVORITE PASTIME FOR CENTER STUDENTS. SENIOR AARON SCHAD, LUCAS WALLINGFORD, AND PHILLIP SMITH ARE ENJOYING PIZZA AT PIZZA STREET.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

ON HAWAIIAN DAY, DURING SPIRIT WEEK, SENIORS LAVITA VERSER, SARA PARK, AND ANDREW JOHNSON WERE GIVING A PRESENTATION IN A.P. GOVERNMENT CLASS. SPIRIT WEEK IS A WAY FOR STUDENTS TO SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME.

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• Say What?? •

DEFINE GREGARIOUS...



"PEOPLE THAT USE
ROGAINE."

SENIOR PHILIP IRVING



"IT'S ABOUT THIS GUY
NAMED GREG AND HE'S
HAIRY."

SENIOR LEE UNGER



"PEOPLE THAT SLEEP
WITH **BEN-GAY.**"

SENIOR NATHAN TAYLOR

ACTUAL DEFINITION....

1. LIVING IN HERDS OR FLOCKS, 2. FOND OF THE COMPANY OF OTHERS; SOCIABLE.

Seniors and the 'F' word - Fun

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Being a senior is one of the greatest feelings in the world. enjoying other people looking up to them.

After working hard for three years (even more for some), its finally having enough credits to be a senior. There are a lot of advantages to being a senior; getting out of school

early, having a little bit more freedom with the teachers and classes, and "Most of all the respect of all the younger classmen," said senior Kimberly Knowlton. Many students feel like they have the right to do whatever they want while still

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"I THINK OF HIGH SCHOOL LIKE A FOUR MILE RACE . AS YOU GO THROUGH THE YEARS, OR LAPS, AND APPROACH THAT LAST MILE , EVEN THOUGH YOU WANT TO GIVE UP, YOU HAVE TO FINISH STRONG."

-SENIOR JOANNA GITTERMAN

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"The friendships that I have made with people and the new friendships I made and also the relationships with my teachers and how they really

shaped my future," said Joanna Gitterman as she reflected on her high school years. Some feel that the best friends that they meet in life are at school. Some they may keep for a little while others may be friends for life.

SENIOR JOANNA GITTERMAN IS CATCHING A FRISBY AT THE PARK ON SENIOR SKIP DAY. THIS IS A DAY WHERE SENIORS UNITE TO HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A SENIOR.

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SENIOR EMMANUELLE WATONSI AND JOANNA DORIA ENJOY ATTENDING A JOURNALISM CONVENTION AT CROWN CENTER. STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY CAME TOGETHER TO HAVE FUN AND TO LEARN ABOUT JOURNALISM AT THE SAME TIME.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SENIOR JESSICA CRUMP AND CLEMENCE BAILLY ARE ENJOYING A WONDERFUL FALL EVENING. STUDENTS OFTEN VISIT EACH OTHER TO TALK, STUDY OR JUST HAVE FUN.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



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Glory Ajarapu
Jonathan Amerison
Anthony Antonello
Jeriamie Atty
Aishah Augusta
Clemence Bailly
Phillip Becker
Kayla Birch



Deonna Bouye
Michelle Boyle
Brandon Brennan
Rebecca Briones
Jessica Brown
Stephanie Burke
Michael Byers
Christine Campbell



Shawn Campbell
Amy Carr
Jennifer Carr
Jared Castle
Patrick Cook
Amanda Corbin
Jessica Crump
Breonica Cunningham



Senioritis is a deadly disease that has infected a majority of the senior class. During their last year, seniors have one thing on their minds: graduation.



JUST DON'T GIVE A...

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Senior Jessica Crump is dyeing Senior Amy Carr's hair. Instead of working on their homework, students stay up late doing other things that interest them.

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Seniors Stephanie Burke, Amanda Vansickel, and Tyra Griggs are chilling out in the sun during a Senior Strip day. Seniors hung out at the park, had a cookout and just took a day off of school.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Senior Christy Campbell shows off her western style during spirit week. Spirit week gave students a break from the everyday school life.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



a new definition

Who cares.....
What does apathy mean??



"I don't know and I don't care."
Senior Andrew Johnson

"Getting tired of something that is old,
not interested in something anymore."
Senior Alishah Augusta



"It's the one word that describes the
youth of America and my love for you."
Senior Lucas Wallingford

Apathy: 1. Lack of emotion 2. Lack of interest, listless condition, unconcern, indifference.



Shawn Cunningham
Vanita Currin
Tina Dasari



Tricia Davidson
Leonard Davis
Joanna Doria



Jamill Draper
Alexander Dungan
Melissa Ebberts



Tremel Ellis
Elizabeth Elmore
Llewellyn Evans



Tenisha Fisher
Jason Forson
Jennifer Fowler



Lead of working on their school work, Seniors Tiara Weathersby and Amanda Corbin are off in dreamland. Staying up late and working long hours often leads to a little nap time in class.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

While in Newspaper class, Seniors Andrew Johnson and Kerri Knox are goofing around and not working on their stories. Students in the Journalism department work on informing the student body about what is going on in their school.

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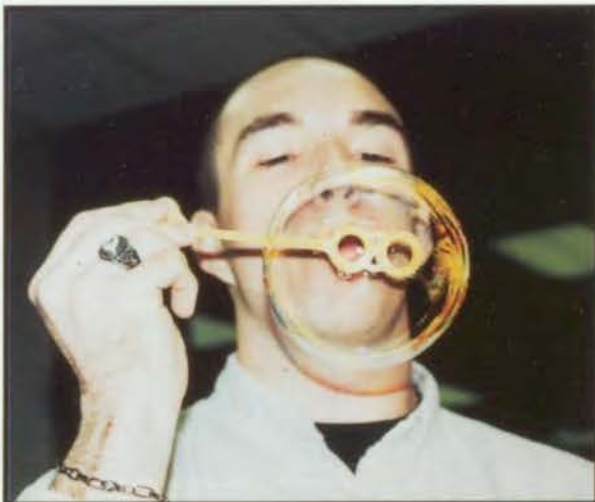


NAME: Jamal Prince
DOB: May 8, 1982
PROFILE: Jamal says that his senior year is his most relaxing year. To Jamal, graduating means being through, moving on to something new. After school he plans to go to college.

SENSATION

Blowing off classes is one of the major problems that seniors face. Senior Charles Quintin blows bubbles during Players 58 Inductions.

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After removing his clothes, Junior Cade Carpenter is forced to take the plunge in Lake Migliazo. Lower classmen are usually not allowed to skip with the seniors, but in this case there was an exception; the price was a jump into the freezing cold October water.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Students gather near the school to get ready for the traditional 'drive-by'. Every year on Senior Skip Day, students in school are serenaded by honking horns and screams of class spirit.



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Kids are known for their sweet tooth and Seniors are no exception. Seniors Joanna Gitterman, Amy Carr and Jared Castle participated in a Pixie Stick eating contest. With sour mouths, they declared it a tie.



PHOTO BY AMY CARR

the non-perfect jacket word

Define insubordination.

"It is when people don't pay attention."



Charles Quinlin, Senior

"Wrong, stupid. When people are ignorant."



Emma Watonsi, Senior

Insubordination: (adj) Not submitting to authority; disobedient

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(troo' ent) n. 1. a pupil who stays away from school without permission. 2. a person who neglects his or her duties. 3. a lazy, idle person. 4. idle; shiftless.

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The tradition of Senior Skip Day has gone on for years. Participating in it can be exciting and frightening at the same time. This year, the class of 2001 was no exception to this tradition.

"I felt the need to escape the harsh realms of Center High School and take comfort and peace in the calm lake of Migalazo and the geese," said Senior Andrew Johnson. Seniors decided to 'escape' first to Denny's for a peaceful breakfast, but what can you expect from all the excitement in a day off?

"It was so funny when Josh called the school and excused the senior class while we were at Denny's," Lisa Wellington recalls.

Next, off to the traditional 'drive-by', where seniors attack the school with cheers of class spirit, then speed off on their separate ways.

It was a day of fun and excitement; needless to say, a day of senior pride.

SKIPPERS

"What was the down side of Senior Skip Day?"



"The goose that Jack killed with a bottle that he threw at its head, and the way the bird's head lay in the water dangling from its limp neck."
Senior Andrea Noble



"There was no down side because all we did was have study halls all day because of testing."

Senior Ryan Kulke



"I don't know, I didn't skip. I had volleyball and school stuff. There will be more."

Senior Melissa Ebberts

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Seniors Lee Unger, Joanna Gitterman, Lisa Wellington, Amanda Vansickel, Darcy Nord, Amanda Corbin and Andrew Johnson gather at Denny's to get in some Senior bonding time. For many seniors, the social aspect of the senior year is far more important than the educational aspect.

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• their CHS spirit

Seniors show

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It's always been a tradition at Center for the Senior class to show their spirit. The class of '01 is no exception. The seniors have already shown that they are enthusiastic and willing to work together when they captured first place for Homecoming float. Some seniors like Tim Phillips credit their spirit to the closeness of the class.

"The seniors are always looking for something that will group them together as a class; It helps bring out their spirit," Phillips said.

Whatever the case, the seniors have proven themselves more than once and it's obvious that their enthusiasm not only has benefited them, but other classes as well.

Seniors such as Tyra Griggs believe that being role models to

underclassmen is the best way to get them involved, too.

"We have to show them (underclassmen) how to be very enthusiastic, how to love, and how to have fun," Griggs said.

Seniors like David Johnson also try to get underclassmen involved by offering advice and trying to lead by ex-

ample.

"Underclassmen should take an active part in school. Class clubs can also really help them out," said Johnson.

Overall, as the seniors' last year in high school progresses, their spirit still continues to rise, not only for their school and class, but also for all the opportunities that await them at the close of the year.

“THE SENIORS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT WILL GROUP THEM TOGETHER AS A CLASS; IT HELPS BRING OUT THEIR SPIRIT.”
-SENIOR TIM PHILLIPS

SENIORS SHOW OFF THEIR FIRST PLACE HOME-COMING FLOAT. HARD WORK AND DEDICATION HELPED MAKE A GREAT HOMECOMING FOR THE SENIORS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

TO THE HORROR OF SCIENCE TEACHER ANNETTE HOWK, SENIORS MARK ROYER AND AUDREY YOUNG JOKE AROUND DURING AP BIOLOGY. SENIORS ALWAYS TRIED TO LIVEN UP CLASSES WHENEVER THEY COULD.

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- Zekia Geotcha
- Jason Gibbs
- Logan Gillespie
- Amber Gilliland
- Joanna Gitterman
- Ricky Glasgow
- Halle Gotfredson
- Marianne Grandi
- Tyra Griggs
- Jesse Grimm
- Travis Guinn
- Artesha Hardin
- Lenora Harlin
- Joseph Hayes
- Brandi Henkel
- Tracey Hepting
- Darnell Hicks
- Angel Hill
- Brian Holley
- Jacob Howard
- Mark Hurst
- Darrell Innis
- Heather Inscore
- Phillip Irving
- Jermaine Jacobs
- Andrew Johnson
- David Johnson
- Eboni Johnson
- Sean Johnson
- Sandra Jones





SENIOR DANCE LINE MEMBERS JOANNA DORIA, SEAN KELLY AND AMANDA VANSICKEL CHEER AT A FOOTBALL GAME. DANCE LINE PROVIDES SUPPORT AND SPIRIT FOR ALL CENTER SPORTS.

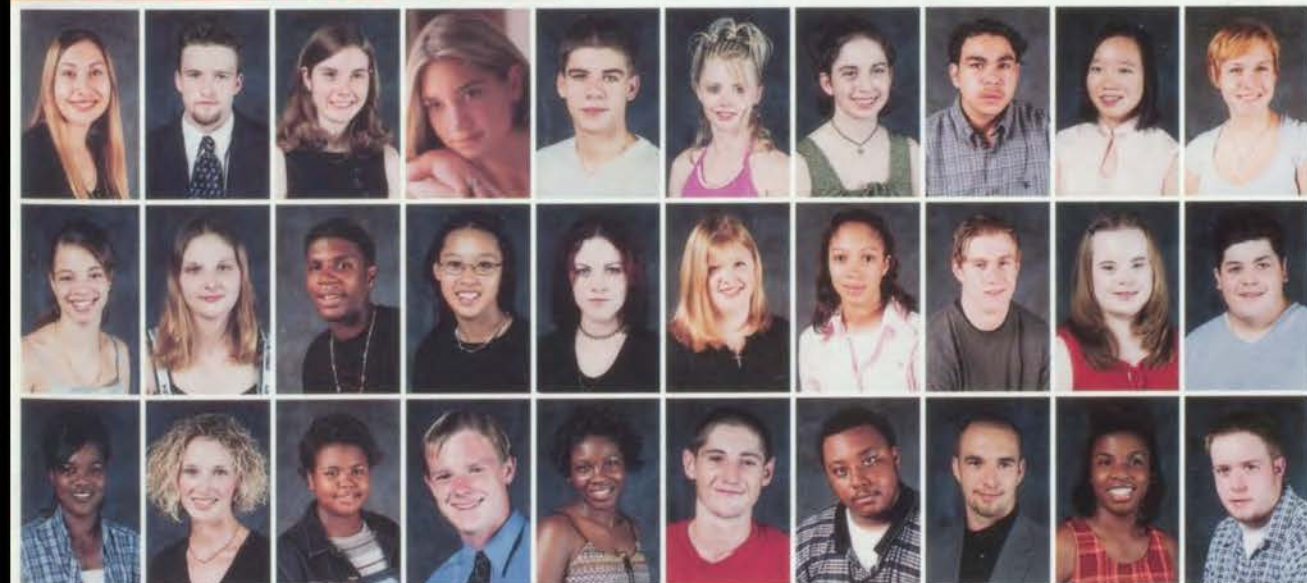
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SENIORS IN JOHNNA FRAISE'S 5TH HOUR AP GOVERNMENT CLASS DRESS UP FOR CABANA DAY. PARTICIPATING IN SPIRIT WEEK WAS A GOOD WAY FOR MOST SENIORS TO SHOW THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR THEIR SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SENIOR LISA WELLINGTON PUTS FORTH GREAT EFFORT AS SHE STRETCHES TO CATCH A FRISBEE. NICE WEATHER AND GOOD COMPANY MADE FOR A GREAT SENIOR SKIP DAY. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Margie Kelly
 Sean Kelly
 Kimberly Knowlton
 Kerri Knox
 Ryan Kulke
 Amy Langston
 Victoria Lomas
 Elder Lopez
 Nan Lou
 Annarose Mannino
 Kiauni McGhee
 Tracy Mills
 Nathan Mitchell
 Huang Nguyen
 Andrea Noble
 Darcy Nord
 Colette Norton
 Charles Nothnagel
 Rachel Obrien
 Richard Owens
 Shavon Pace
 Sara Park
 Latoya Perry
 Timothy Phillips
 Sha-Leah Pittman
 Robert Perillo
 Jamal Prince
 Charles Quinlin
 Dara Raglin
 Joshua Reinhard

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Students gather for a group picture on the last day of school in the seventh grade. The end of school was very emotional for some but for others, a means for rejoice.

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Students Jessica Crump and Kerri Knox enjoy their recess at Boone Elementary. Recess was often the students' favorite time of day, and is still missed by many students.

PHOTO DONATED BY JESSICA CRUMP



Friendships in elementary school were really important. Seniors Melissa Ebberts and Audrey Young pose for a picture on the last day of their 6th grade year.

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Joining Boy or Girl Scouts was really exciting. Seniors Amy Carr, Lee Unger, Cheri Sweaney, Halle Goffredson, Amanda Corbin and Andrea Noble hopped on this band wagon of fun. However, the excitement wore off and all these seniors have since quit. PHOTO DONATED BY AMANDA CORBIN





Hammer Pants. Neon. Snap bracelets. High tops. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. New Kids on the Block. Side Pony tails.

BACK IN THE DAY

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Rad. Sike. Techma. Terms from our childhood, terms from the 1980's. Elementary and middle school memories are just a blur to many, but if you sit and think, memories can come rushing back.

"The best part of middle school was I met new friends in 7th grade, because all my friends from elementary school moved away. Then 8th grade, I had to start all over because all my friends from 7th grade moved," Senior Tim Phillips recalls.

"In middle school I liked the change from private schools and I liked changing classes and being with different people. But the worst was the control that was still on us. You had to sit with the same people at lunch," said Senior Joanna Doria.

True, being young did have its ups and downs, but it left us with a lot of memories.

"Snap bracelets, everyone had one and they were fun," recalls Senior Vanita Currin.

"The sayings 'Fresh' and 'Cool Beans'; also how everyone used to wear their hair to the side. It was all funky and not symmetrical," recalls senior Aishah Augusta.


Looking back provides a slight release from the stress of on coming adulthood, while giving a reason to smile.

Senior National Honor Society was a grand privilege in Middle school. Seniors Lisa Benton, Tracey Hepling, Tiara Weathersby, Jessica Crump, Sean Kelly, Amber Gilliland, Jennifer Carr, and Michelle Boyle all smile big in their Sunday's best. PHOTO DONATED BY AMBER GILLILAND


an old way of saying things...

What saying do you remember most about the old days?

"I remember SIKI was used a lot. I used to say it all the time."
Senior Cheri Sweaney



"I remember the 'Bill and Ted' movies and all the words they used to say like RAD! and NARLEY!. But I never used these words."
Senior Lee Unger





Looking back ways of elementary school are distant memories. Seniors Lee Unger, Halle Gottfredson, Andrew Johnson, and Brian Holley sit and relax as they listen to the teacher's lesson. PHOTO DONATED BY AMY CARR

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Ieshia Riley
Reuben Roundtree
Jason Rowland



Mark Royer
Jack Ryan
Michael Sallard



Aaron Schad
Richard Scott
Bridgee Shaw



Justin Shoemaker
Connie Sisk
Danielle Smith



Mike Smith
Phillip Smith
Phillip Smith III



SENIORS BRIAN HOLLEY AND JOANNA DORIA ARE CHILLIN' AFTER A HECTIC OPEN HOUSE. DORIA PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT WITH THE DANCE LINE AND HOLLEY HELPED SHOW PARENTS AROUND THE SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



SENIOR HALLE GOTTFREDSON AND STEPHANIE BURKE ARE TAKING A CULTURE OF THE BLEACHERS IN THE GYM. STUDENTS OFTEN SPEND EXTRA TIME ON THEIR SCHOOL WORK TO GET A BETTER GRADE AND TO BETTER EDUCATE THEMSELVES.

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NAME: Amy Carr
DOB: February, 11 1983
ACHIEVEMENT: Amy Carr is involved in National Honor Society, Environmental Club, S.G.A., Hi-Step, Amnesty International, Yearbook, Key Club, Youth Friends, Spanish Club, Players 58, FBLA, Quill & Scroll, and Youth Volunteer Corp.

S E N S A T I O N



SENIORS MELISSA EBBERTS AND JESSICA CRUMP CHILL WITH JUNIOR LORA MODLIN AT MISSOURI STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL. STUDENTS USE THEATER FESTIVALS, SUCH AS THIS, FOR ENRICHMENT AS WELL AS SOCIALIZATION.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

what does THAT mean?

Define Superabundance



"When the elastic in your underwear breaks"

Liz Elmore • Grade 12



"Superabundance is to have more than enough fun"

Tyra Griggs • Grade 12

Superabundance: being all more than is usual or needed.

G oing the extra mile

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Many seniors who are involved with extra curricular activities seem to enjoy them and feel like they have accomplished a lot. They don't have a problem doing extra work for school, because they choose the activities that match their interests. Although they are overworking themselves, they realize it's their choice. "This is my last year and I should enjoy it," said Senior Amanda Corbin.

"I know I would be really bored if I wasn't involved in school," said Corbin. She believes seniors aren't setting a good example if they are not involved in extracurricular activities. Rewards come with doing extra activities for school. "It has given me the opportunity to try different things, to see what I'm good at or not good at," said Senior Andrew Johnson. For example, when you try out for sports, you might find your talent for pursuing your career.

Seniors advise underclassmen to be as involved as possible while still doing well in school. They say to not let extracurricular activities get in the way of academic responsibilities. Don't become overwhelmed if you can't handle it. Don't worry, because you can do it next year or in college. "The great thing about Center is that everyone has an opportunity to try out everything. So try out what you can, but don't get stressed out," said Andrew Johnson.

Be as involved as possible, and you can get the most out of high school.



SENIORS AMANDA VANSICKEL, AMANDA CORBIN AND CHARLES QUINLIN ARE WORKING ON THEIR SENIOR FLOAT FOR THE HOMECOMING PARADE. THE HOMECOMING PARADE IS A WAY FOR THE STUDENT BODY TO EXPRESS THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT CLEMENCE BAILLY DOES HER SHARE IN KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN. BAILLY, WHO IS MANY MILES AWAY FROM HER HOME IN FRANCE, STILL FINDS TIME TO BE INVOLVED WITH MANY CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB.

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Sharvonya Spivey
David Spriggs
Cheri Sweaney

Tseday Tassew
Nathan Taylor
Amanda Thomas

Christine Thompson
Anita Tran
Lee Unger

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to Make Money

A New Way

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Do you remember a time when getting twenty bucks was as easy as "Dad can I get twenty bucks?" For many seniors, that time has long since passed. So being the very smart seniors that they are (see 110-111), they did the next best thing and got a job.

"I got my job through Sean Johnson," said Senior Amanda Corbin.

According to a senior poll, most seniors like their jobs, four out of five, to be exact.

"I like to talk to the customers," said Corbin, who works at RC's.

I HATE MY CAR, THERE'S MORE THINGS WRONG THAN RIGHT... IT COULD FALL APART AT ANY TIME... SERIOUSLY.
-SENIOR SAM WEILERT

Seniors found their jobs through different ways.

"I went in to eat [at IHOP], they said they needed a waitress. I was hired on the spot," said Senior Diane Asher.

Another approach seniors took to finding their jobs was just asking.

"I went up there," said Senior Kiavni McGhee, who works at Beauty Warehouse, "I asked if they were hiring. They said yes."

A growing trend in finding employment seems to be by association.

"Through a friend," said Kerri Knox who currently works at Rosati's Pizza. A friend also got Tyra Griggs her job.

be around stuff I like," said McGhee, who also enjoys the people she interacts with at her job.

Warning: just because these seniors may like their jobs, it doesn't mean working is always wonderful.

Working seniors hate anything from cleaning to long hours.

"Doing too much for what I get paid," said Knox to express her dislikes about her job. Asher, on the other hand, hates the rude people she has to deal with.

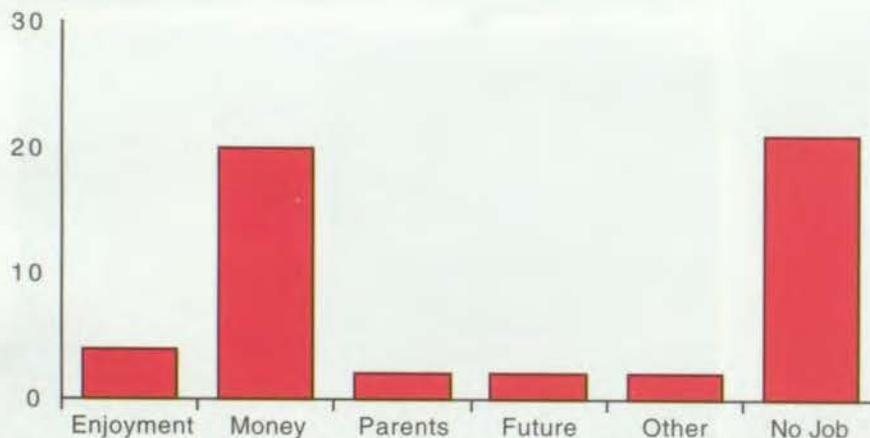
Even though there are some down sides to every job, seniors need a way to make money, and for a lot of them, a job is the best choice.

SENIOR PHILLIP SMITH HELPS A CUSTOMER AT SEAR'S, WHERE HE WORKS. SMITH WORKED IN THE LAWN AND GARDEN DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE HAS WORKED OVER HALF HIS SENIOR YEAR.

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Why do you have a job?



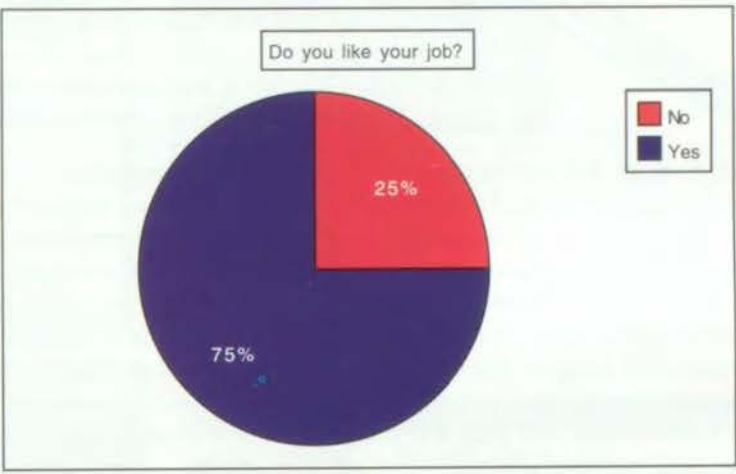
KEEPING IT CLEAN, SENIOR MIKE SMITH DRIES A TRUCK AT WATERWAY, WHERE HE WORKS. SMITH DOES EVERYTHING FROM SELLING CAR WASHES AND DRYING CARS TO VACUUMING THE INSIDE.

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LEE UNGER, A SENIOR AT CENTER, SEATS A GROUP AT JACK STACK IN MARTIN CITY. UNGER ENJOYS HER WORK AT JACK STACK BECAUSE SHE LIKES TO INTERACT WITH MANY DIFFERENT AND INTERESTING PEOPLE.
PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

LISA WELLINGTON GETS HER PLAY TIME IN WITH A CHILD AT THE YMCA DAY CARE CENTER. WELLINGTON WORKS AT THE Y DOING MANY DIFFERENT JOBS, INCLUDING LIFE GUARDING, CHILD CARE AND SMALL JOBS.
PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



• Say What?? • DEFINE F.I.C.A.

*"FIGHTING IN CLASS ANONYMOUSLY. IT SUPPORTS FIGHTING WHEN NO ONE TELLS WHO WAS FIGHTING."
 SENIOR LAVITA VERSER*



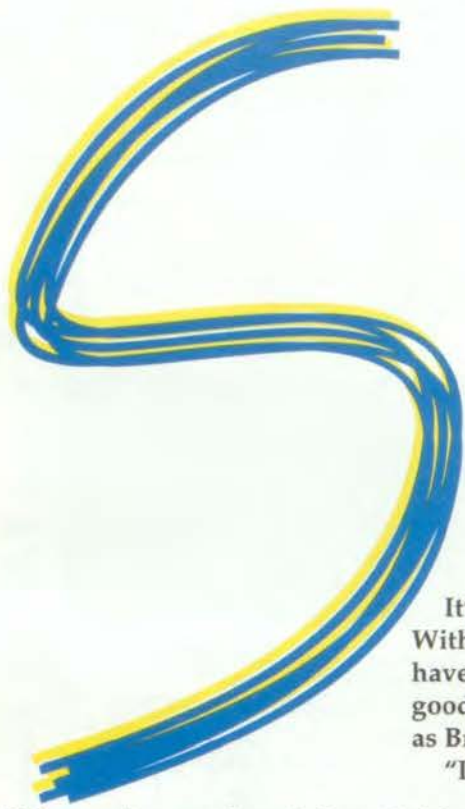
*"FEDERAL INCOME CREDIT ANALYSIS. I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT IT DOES."
 SENIOR SARA PARK*



*"F***ING INNOCENT CITIZENS ALWAYS."
 SENIOR CHARLES BLACKMON*

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The class of 2001, though faced with graduation and senioritis, still show their smarts in school.

MARTY PANTS!

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It's been more than obvious this year that the students of the Class of '01 are no dummies. With three finalists for the National Merit Award and tough class competition, the seniors have had to work hard in order to succeed. There are many reasons why the seniors strive for good grades and academic recognition, some of them more obvious than others. Seniors such as Brian Holley have simple reasons for staying on top in school.

"I want to go to a good private college and study computer science," said Holley.

Other seniors, such as Aubree Yeisley, have different aspirations.

"I want to be recognized at graduation as having a 4.0 GPA or higher," said Yeisley.

No matter what the reason is for most seniors to succeed, many agree that studying and working hard are by far the most important things you can do to stay on top in school. Many seniors agree that getting help is the key.

"You should always get help on the things you don't understand and don't procrastinate," said Holley.

As a whole, most seniors agree that competition in their class is tough. The evergrowing senioritis and all the activities seniors are involved in makes it tougher for students, such as Peter Van Tran, to stay focused on school work.

"I usually have to stay up late to finish all of my homework because of all my activities," said Van Tran.

Despite this, most seniors are still working hard for the end of the year. But for those upperclassmen who are a little too anxious to leave, here is some advice:

"It'll all be over May 25th," said Senior Aubree Yeisley.

Senior Christy Campbell concentrates during her study hall on her homework. Many seniors took harder classes and usually had to use all the time they could find to ensure that their assignments would be done on time.

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KIMBERLY
KNOWLTON



a new definition

What does the word Cogitation Mean?



"The way they process meat in France."
Senior Colette Norton

"What happens to me when I hyperventilate over calculus!"
Senior Joanna Doria



"What happens to lockers when you leave old food in them!"
Senior Phillip Smith

Cogitation 1. The act or process of thinking



Peter Van Tran
Amanda Vansickel
Carlos Villar



Emily Walker
Destiny Watkins
Emmanuelle Watonsi



Tiara Weathersby
Samuel Weilert
Lisa Wellington



Stephanie Wheeler
Dannella Whitney
Shawnte Wyatt



Aubree Yeisley
Audrey Young



Seniors discuss the voting ballot on election day during their AP Government class. Seniors created a new definition of voting due to the close contest between Bush and Gore.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Seniors, somewhat fazed by getting up extra early on a Saturday morning, stand in line to take the ACT. Taking the ACT is an important step in college planning.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SENIOR



NAME: Nan Lou

Birthdate: October 22, 1983

PROFILE: Lou is involved in many clubs and activities including Amnesty, Academic team, NHS, Debate, FBLA and the environmental club. She also has received a nomination for the National Merit Award and a perfect score on the SAT.

JAMMIN



Testing his cooking skills, Senior Justin Shoemaker cooks a beef patty while fellow Senior Amanda Corbin tests its temperature and Jennifer Fowler observes. During AP biology, students learn in depth about the dangers of E. Coli.

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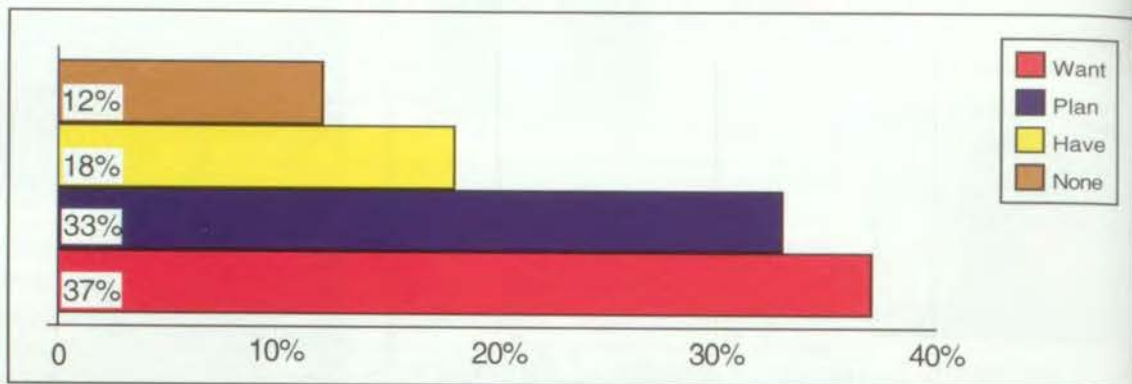
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(stat'ment) n. 1. a) an act of stating, b) the thing stated; account, declaration, assertion, etc.. 2. a) an abstract, usually itemized, of a financial account b) a listing of charges for foods or services; bills.

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Do you have some form of body art now? Or do you plan on getting body art done, or do you just want it? Some people have no desire at all for permanent body art. Out of 100 people surveyed, here's what we found...



Leaving A Mark

"What kind of tattoo would you get and where would you get it?"



"I would get a unicorn on my butt and praying hands on my heart"

Senior Tina Dasari



"I am going to get two four leaf clovers by my waist line and in the middle it is going to say lucky you."

Senior Jack Ryan



"I would get it on my upper thigh and it would be a heart and it would have a D in it with an arrow going through it."

Senior Danielle Smith



Seniors Jessica Crump, Andrea Noble and Lucas Wallingford take a moment from working on the newspaper to show off their new piercing. Piercing has progressed from the traditional hole in the ear to who knows where?

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

Senior Jared Castle and government teacher Johnna Fraise show off their "new" shoes. Shoes are considered by some to be a very important accessory. From Jordans to Nikes some students were willing to pay anything for the latest fad.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Senior Brandon Brennan sports his tattoo at lunch. Getting tattoos is a rapidly growing statement for some of today's youth. Many students say that once you get a tattoo, you keep wanting more, no matter how much it hurts.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



the perfect word

What does the word autoclave mean?



"To have your own automatic toothbrush."

→ Tyra Griggs • Senior

"An automatic clay variety eliminator."



Reuben Roundtree • Senior

Autoclave: a container for sterilizing, cooking, etc. by superheated steam under pressure.



Senior Aishah Augusta shows support for the girls basketball team by having yellow and blue ribbon woven through her hair. The girls basketball team often got "dressed" up to let everyone know about their game. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

During her career presentation in English 12, Senior Jamill Draper is giving a demonstration on one of the many things she will be doing in the field of nursing. Draper is accessorizing Senior Neshawn Ragland by putting her insides on the outside. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

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Have you ever been slammed by a 300 pound behemoth? Have you had a soccer ball fly toward you at 40 mph? These people have!

JUNIOR JOCKS

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The year 2000-2001 was a demanding year for Juniors. With all of the responsibilities they have, including planning Prom, keeping up with schoolwork, and maintaining their social lives, some of them still manage to make time for sports. Not only do they make time for a sport, but some would say that they put in remarkable effort for astounding results. Although there are many juniors worth mentioning, the following few have received phenomenal praise from their coaches as well as fellow students.

Soccer player Eric Conrad fights through a tough defense in a game against Ray Pec. Conrad quickly became an upper-classman leader on the team.

PHOTO DONATED BY ERIC CONRAD

Keara Austin and Latoya Williams show excellent effort playing post on the varsity basketball team. According to Coach Erik Swanstrom, "They're different, that's why I use them both." Austin and Williams play a challenging position because they usually go up against girls that are a lot taller. Swanstrom says that both girls work very hard. Austin likes the heavy challenges against other teams, and Williams likes the competition.



According to football coach David Stubblefield, Julius Floyd is another athlete. Floyd had a tough year because he broke his wrist during the season as varsity quarterback. Floyd has been playing football for six years and says he likes "competing, and just the game, period." According to Stubblefield, "He's not only a great offensive player, but he was one of our outstanding defensive players as well."

During a girls basketball game, Erica Turner and Abby Heffeman cheer the team to victory. Cheerleaders dedicate lots of time and energy to support the teams.

PHOTO BY EMILY BUFORD



Wrestler Steven May battles a Grandview opponent. Wrestling is a complex sport that requires strenuous practice.

PHOTO BY EMILY BUFORD



Laura Erickson represents the junior class on the girls' tennis team. One could attribute her success because of the hours she spends on the court practicing.

PHOTO BY ANDREA NOBLE



Swimmer Adam Rodriguez prepares to jump off the start block. Rodriguez is a strong swimmer who's perfected his craft through hard work and dedication.

PHOTO BY EMILY BUFORD



a new **Definition**
 What does zeal mean?

"Like the animal?"
 Tory Elliott

"I think it's like a bar of soap."
 Glen Fortune

zeal: n. 1. intense enthusiasm, as in working for a cause; ardent endeavor or devotion.

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Gragory Anderson
Joseph Anderson
Danviel Anthony



Jerome Atty
Keara Austin
Samantha Ball



Andrew Barth
Tela Beals
Anthony Bell



Natalie Bell
Shakea Bell
Shakina Bell



Samantha Blackmon
Erron Blockmon
Lanisha Bosby



celebrating being in-
ducted into what has
been considered one
of the most prestigious
clubs of Center, jun-
iors eat, drink and be
merry. New NHS
members enjoyed the
calm surroundings but
still realized the new
added pressure upon
them.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



J U N I O R



NAME: Erica Turner
DATE OF BIRTH: March 8, 1984
PROFILE: Involved in Cheerleading, National Honor Society, Student Government, and maintains over a 4.0 grade point average. Known for her dedication and hard work, Turner is considered a great contributor to Center.

J A M M I N

Rebecca Brake
Joshua Brawley
Shanna Brown



Tyjuanna Buchanan
Kenneth Buckner
Emily Buford



Shannon Burton
Janice Caldwell
Leyia Cannon



a new way to waste time

What do you do to release stress?



"Bowling, movies, spending time at the Plaza. I get to escape from the hectic life of school...at least for a moment."
Junior Natalie Bell

"Work, because I like working. If you like being social that is the place to be."
Junior Charles Morgan



"Making out."
Junior Brandon Oldham

Junior year is often considered one of the most stressful, active, and important years in a student's high school career. Something the class of 2002 soon realized...

RESSED FOR TIME

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A school-time for many students is rarely spent at home. Junior Lora Rouse spent her evenings working hard on the set of *Taming of the Shrew*, striving to get the show ready on time.

PHOTO BY ANTY CARR

Leadership has its advantages and its responsibilities. Junior Alex Rouse conducts the Marching Band at the first Pep Assembly. Balancing responsibilities with other activities is a tough job many Juniors have to work at.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILLAND



Colin Chambers
Timothy Clayton
Spencer Cockrell
Rayjah Collins
Nicolas Colston
Eric Conrad
Coco Criswell
Bethany Cunningham

Shawn Cunningham
Victor Daniel
Mina Dasari
Sierra Davis
Donna Denyer
Latalya Dickerson
Byron Dixon
Jaquita Downing

Shannon Drummond
Devin Durdin
Stephen Ealy
Christine Edington
Tory Elliott
Laura Erickson
Zachary Eubank
Cassandra Fortune

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Traditions are alive and strong at Center. Class rings, a tradition usually belonging to Juniors, is no different.

S LIGHTLY ACCESORIZED

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As part of the service that Josten's offered, a representative came to Center and helped Juniors fill out the paper work required. The paper work was extensive because each ring is completely personalized.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Following a yearbook tradition, the class ring cross! Excited about receiving their brand new rings, four Juniors gladly took a moment out of their lunch for this picture.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

Mora Modlin, a junior, proudly displays her ring. Students were proud of their rings because they represented their lives.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



Glen Fortune
Jaime Gee
Tirannee' Givhan
Artesha Gladney
Alicia Griddine
Lakeshia Harbour
Erin Harris
Krishaunda Harris



Portia Harris
Abigail Heffernan
Johnny Howard
Le Ron Hudson
Jonathan Hurt
Michael Jackson
Steven Jacobs
Byron Johnson



Eugene Johnson
Lauren Johnson
Shaun Johnson
Timothy Johnson
Christopher Johnston
Isaac Jones
Ryan Kemp
Nicole King



Seniors Emily Buford and Joy Stempleman show their class pride by spelling out 2002 while still showing off their class rings. Juniors hold classes and having fun high on their lists of priorities.
 PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



Every year, Jostens comes into Center and sells their rings to Juniors. Despite relatively high prices, many students still use Jostens.
 PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Katie Korando
 Heather Lofink
 Amy Long



Joshua Long
 Lawren Manley
 Chocheta Mannion



Macole Mayweather
 Kaylene McFarland
 Monchel McQuitty



Clyde Mitchell
 Lora Modlin
 Charles Morgan



Brandon Oldham
 Kelly Oshea
 Katie Pickett

a new definition of school pride..
 How does your class ring represent school pride?



"It has my extracurricular activities and the year I graduate."
 Junior Artesha Gladney

"It has band and a yellowjacket right in the middle."
 Junior Steven Watson



"It says Center High School. Other than that, it represents me."
 Junior Eric Conrad

J U N I O R



NAME: Cindy Garcia
 BIRTHDAY: August 19, 1982
 PROFILE: Cindy enjoys ceramics class with Mrs. Whitaker and likes to paint in her spare time. She looks forward to attending college, maybe in Honduras. Her favorite things about Center are the people and her friends.

J A M M I N



Amanda Pierce
 Sarah Rice
 Michael Richman

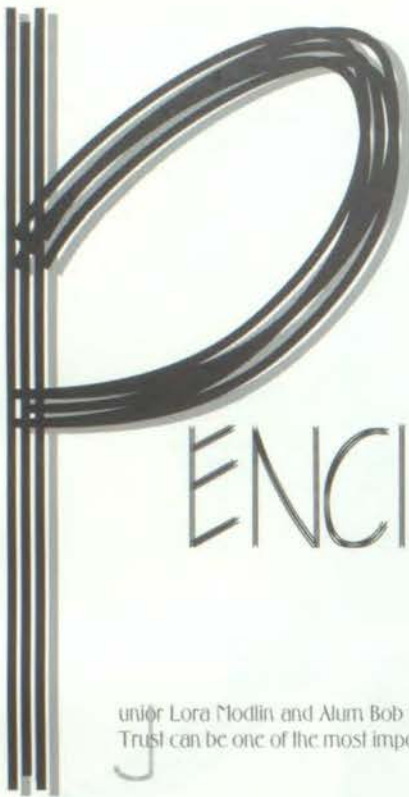


Adam Rodriguez
 Adrienne Rollie
 Alex Rouse



Adam Schmidt

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The sweat rolls down your face as the supervisor passes out the answer sheets with newly sharpened pencils and before you know it, you hear:

PENCILS DOWN, TIME IS UP

Copy and Design by Andrew Barth

Junior Lora Modlin and Alum Bob Vaught test their love for each other. Trust can be one of the most important tests that can be administered. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Performing in the fall play, "The Taming of the Shrew", Junior Brandon Oldham and Sophomore Jennifer Fletcher complete the test of courage. Participating in a play requires memorization, talent, and dedication. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Getting the market may be harder than it seems. Junior Robert Logan has started a business called "Major Designs" and has found that "Doing the graphics has really tested my abilities." Photo Donated and Manipulated By Robert Logan.



a new

Definition.....

Define Catechism.....



"The study of cats and isms."
Junior Zack Eubank

"It sounds like a bone in the body."
Junior Monchel McQuitty



"An old time, like dinosaur's times."
Junior Chris Johnston

Actual definition: Catechism is a hard test or examination.



After completing the test of involvement, Juniors Emily Buford, Laura Erickson, and Erica Turner prepare to be inducted into National Honor Society. Some students found out that it took more than just grades to get into NHS.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Missouri Assessment Program testing (MAP) has been a major emphasis this year. Junior Erin Harris takes a practice MAP test as a class assignment.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Justin Sherman
Ibad Siddiqi
Eugenia Sims



Desiree Slaughter
L'Arin Smith
Odis Smith



Neil Solomon
Venita Sonnier
Joy Stempleman



Sheila Stuteville
Walter Townsend
Erica Turner

J A M M I N



NAME: Eric Conrad
BIRTHDAY: August 23, 1983
PROFILE: Involved in SGA, Soccer, Baseball, and plays Rollerhockey while still maintaining a 3.5 GPA. Eric takes upper level classes which involve more tests.

J U N I O R



Steven Watson
Coleeta Webb
Ryan Weinzirl



Ashlee Williams
Kyle Williams
Chamene Woods

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STYLIN' SOPHOMORES

Although the world of fashion changes every day, there is one thing that will never change: Stylin' Sophomores. Sophomores wear everything, everywhere. Whether they are fitting in or standing out, Sophomores are walking the Center cat walk.

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Fashion has always been a caste system of social life, or an artistic form of expression that our wallets support. Center High School has so many different styles and different tastes, you never know what to expect. At Center High School you see everything from gold chains to dog chains, from hip huggers to sagging sweats. The primary fashion trends are ECKO, Sean John, and FUBU. Abercrombie and Fitch, Old Navy, and American Eagle are also popular brands. Some people choose to shop on

another level, sorting through mountains of clothes at second hand stores. In this day and age, the style is not whether you buy the most popular brand, but whether you have the confidence to wear what you buy.

Sophomore Adam Peister wears his school ID on a chain hanging from his Tommy Hilf jeans. The school IDs are new to Center and some of the Sophomores are taking the IDs in stride.

PHOTO BY DORIAN GIST

Sophomore Jamal Sumate wears a pair of Echo jeans from a hot new clothing line out of New York City. Having the latest styles and coolest name brands is often a priority for some students.

PHOTO BY DORIAN GIST





Sophomore Mark Mulmore wears an S-curl, a trendy hair style that is "easy to get but hard to maintain," according to Mulmore. Hair styles are just another way that students can express themselves through their own sense of style. PHOTO BY DORIAN GIST



Sophomore Daniel Bessenbacher wears his 1993 Air-Nikes. Daniel says, "I am a retro type of person." So as you can see, not all sophomores are into the new styles.

PHOTO BY DORIAN GIST



Sophomore Victor Thomas wears a sleeveless t-shirt to school instead of getting all dressed up. What is known to some as an undershirt is now being called a "wife beater." This style seems to be very popular with the Sophomore class.

PHOTO BY DORIAN GIST

a new Definition

What's the difference between a Thong and a G-String?



"With a G-string you can almost see every thing, but a smaller circumference of the booty!!"

Sophomore Ernest Curry

"One has a song, and the other has an HBO late night TV series!!"

Sophomore Deaunte Smith



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shows their stuff!

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Class of 2002

Summer is over and school time is quickly approaching. A new year full of opportunities is waiting ahead. Strolling into the familiar halls of Center High School for the second year in a row can be a very new and

interesting experience. What creates that feeling?

"I like being a sophomore more than being a freshman because I'm not the youngest in the school. It

feels cool," said Sophomore Adam Piester.

No longer the youngest but not yet the oldest, the sophomore class of 2003 worked to leave their mark in the Center High School history books. But how? By being themselves and being different and creative.

"This year I participated in Spirit Week and I made posters for sports and other activities. Also I am involved in a lot of activities to support our school," said Sophomore Kala Raglin.

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"I like being a Sophomore more than being a freshman because I'm not the youngest in the school. It feels cool."

-Sophomore Adam Piester

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Being involved is a great way to get known and express oneself. This year the class of 2003 definitely left a mark on Center. As an older, wiser part of the

Center family, the sophomore class showed the school what they could do. From Homecoming to Pep Assemblies, this class displayed involvement, hard work and spirit in the most creative way possible...their own.

"STOMP" MEMBERS KATIE MILLER, TRINKA WAKISH, ANDREA ISOM, LAUREN HAMILTON AND COURTNEY HOWARD SHOW THEIR CLASS SPIRIT AS THEY "STOMP" THE PANTHERS. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

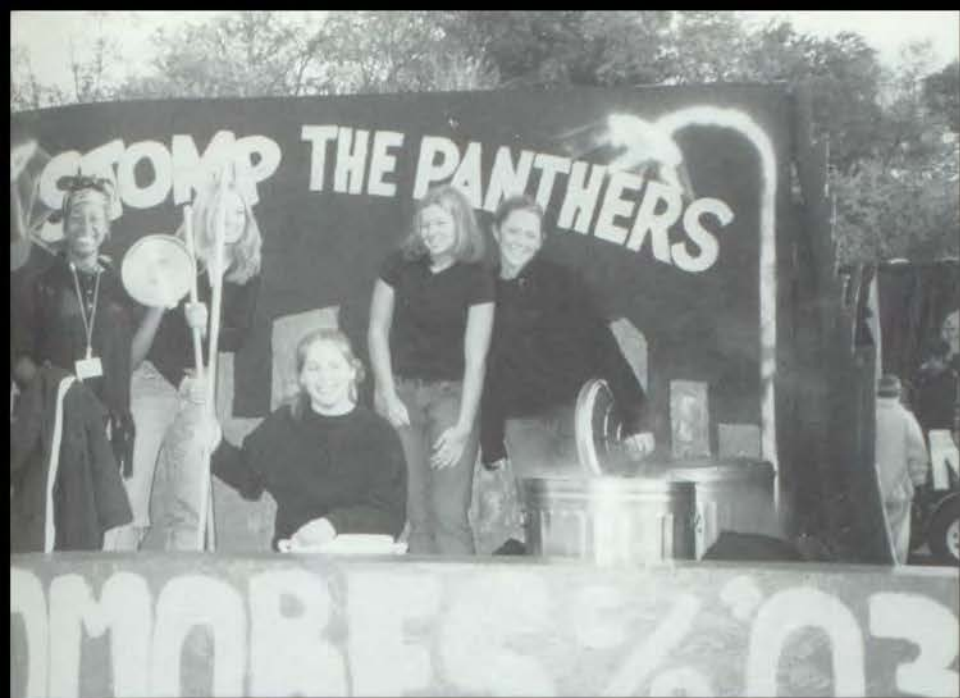


SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR/SENIOR STEFAN HAUG HANGS ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD IN ST. LOUIS WITH SENIOR CLEMENCE BAILLY. ALTHOUGH EXCHANGE STUDENT HAUG SHOULD BE A SOPHOMORE IN GERMANY, AND HE BEGAN THE SCHOOL YEAR IN AMERICA AS A JUNIOR, HE WILL GRADUATE AS A SENIOR.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Sally Aaronson
 Jessica Acord
 Jeremy Anderson
 Bianca Baker
 Christopher Bellante
 Heather Bennington
 Benjamin Blackman
 Shanel Blackwell
 James Bridgeford II
 Angela Briones
 Deanna Brocius
 Christopher Brock
 Victor Brown
 Andrew Bullard
 Catherine Burec
 Yatonda Butler
 Jessica Byrd
 Ryan Campbell
 Adam Cantrell
 Jesus Carreno
 Victoria Carpenter
 Keisha Carouthers
 Rori Carter-Hall
 Lauren Castle
 Allison Caton
 Charles Clark
 Andrew Conard
 Coretta Cunningham
 Ernest Curry
 Latoya Davis





DANCE LINE SOPHOMORES COURTNEY HOWARD, LAURA DOARN, JILL McCALMAN, ANDREA ISOM, LAUREN HAMILTON AND JENNIFER FLETCHER DISPLAY THEIR CREATIVE DANCE SKILLS AT THE ANNUAL SPRING DANCE LINE/WINTER GUARD SHOW. THIS ROUTINE WAS CHOREOGRAPHED BY THE DANCERS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SOPHOMORE PAUL JOHN HAS A SWINGING GOOD TIME DURING A PICNIC AT RED BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. MANY STUDENTS WENT TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO PLAY AND RE-LIVE CHILDHOOD MEMORIES.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Terry Davis
 Laura Doarn
 Jamie Dodson
 Dawnisha Douglas
 Elaina Dove
 Ashlee Duckworth
 Paul Duncan
 Krystle Edwards
 Victoria Ellis
 Scott Fahrmeier
 Elizabeth Flenker
 Jennifer Fletcher
 Michael Flores
 Daniel Forson
 Danesha Franklin
 Stephanie Frazier
 Matt Garnett
 Gregory Garrison
 Matthew Gatewood
 Andrea Giedinghagen
 Jamie Giffen
 Dianthony Gildon
 Dorian Gist
 Vaughnessa Gonzales
 Anthony Gooden
 Daryl Grayer
 Michael Groves
 Jennifer Guenther
 Luke Hall
 Lauren Hamilton

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Tiffany Harris
Christopher Harvey
William Hawkins



Arica Henderson
Rashad Henderson
Jeremy Hensley



Richard Hill
Lesley Hogan
Clarence Hood



Murcedes Hooks
Brandi Howard
Courtney Howard



Norissa Hughes
Lauren Irving
Alex Isom



S O P H O M O R E



NAME: Jermaine Mack
DOB: December 3, 1983
ACHIEVEMENT: Jermaine has been playing soccer since second grade and believes he has improved greatly over the years.

S E N S A T I O N

Andrea Isom
Jennifer Jantz
Paul John



Tammy Johnson
Monique Jones
Shantoyia Jones



Tyisha Jones
Richard Jurado
Patrick Keeney



ANDREA PENALOZA AND LUKE HALL TAKE TIME TO ENJOY EACH OTHER AT A SCHOOL DANCE. SOPHOMORES KNEW HOW TO HAVE FUN WITH THEIR FRIENDS. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



COURTNEY HOWARD LAYS ON THE CHEESE DURING THE DANCE LINE SPRING SHOW. THE DANCE I WANT TO BE A SUPER MODEL WAS A SCHOOL AND SQUAD FAVORITE. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



what does THAT mean?

Define the word sophomore



"You are two years away from graduation."

Tiffany Sublett • 10

"Sophomore means dull-witted.."



Latoya Davis • 10

TAMMY JOHNSON ACTS UP DURING THE ONE ACT, HUNCHES IN BUNCHES. JOHNSON, WHO PORTRAYED A DOG, WAS LAUGHING IT UP DURING A PRACTICE. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



A Few Wise Fools

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Sophomoric

Everyone fears being a freshman. And who doesn't want to be a senior? One's junior year is always difficult, because studying is a must. So what is that year stuck in between? If you looked it up in the dictionary, you find the words "wise fool."

As odd as that makes sense.

"I'm getting Mack said. Often wisdom. So our friends are smart. other students at mores can be down-ish.

As Mack pointed out, they are getting older. In addition, age can bring fun.

"I can stay out don't nag so much," said Chris Harvey. This is true. By the end of one's sophomore year, most students can drive. And the fun brings memories that last a lifetime.

"Being in Center Chorale was my favorite memory," said Catherine Burec.

"Detention. Those were quite fun. It gave me quiet time by myself," said Stacia Stricklin.

"Going to the Cotton Bowl and finding out what it feels like to not sleep for three days," said Anne Giedinhagen.

So next time you see a sophomore walking down the hall, respect the wisdom, but remember to laugh at the fool within.

may seem, it

older," Jermaine with age comes sophomore. But like many Center, sophomore right silly or fool-

out, they are getting to wisdom,

later. My parents

"Going to the Cotton Bowl and finding out what it feels like not to sleep for three days."

Sophomore Anne Giedinhagen

AT THE SPRING SHOW, THE DANCE LINE SOPHOMORES PERFORMED *DANCE* WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SGA MEMBERS AND WISE FOOLS PARTICIPATE IN THE HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY AT WARD PARKWAY. SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY WAS IMPORTANT TO MOST SOPHOMORES. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Karolina Kubicz
Danielle Law
David Lewis
Shannon Lister
Jermaine Mack
Layla Manley
Jill McCalman
Christopher McMurray

Jennifer Merriner
Jenna Millar
Alex Moss
Mark Mulmore
Jamaal Neely
Crystal Newell
Lindsay Norman
Jasmine Oliver

Erin Osborne
Virginia Pegelow
Adam Peister
Andrea Penaloza
Daniel Phinney
Debra Perillo
Mark Quinlin
Ryan Raccuglia

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a double-edge sword

Sibling rivalry:

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You know them! They always have someone to help them out. They know which teachers to watch out for. They always have someone to go to get advice. They're people with siblings. But there can be a dark side.

"I hate the way my brother acts around his friends," said Sophomore Michael Groves.

Junior Eric Groves said, "We have a real special bond, but he always bothers me at the wrong time." The Groves are both involved in basketball, football, track and choir.

Sophomore Lauren Castle and her brother Jared are good friends. "We talk a lot and he makes me feel better when I'm sad," said Lauren. Jared said he helped

Lauren when she was a freshman.

"I explained to her what she could expect from high school," Jared said.

Sophomore Kala Raglin is thankful for her sister, Senior Dara Raglin.

"If I need advice or guidance about anything she's there. I don't know what I'm going to do when she graduates." Sophomore Kala Raglin

"If I need advice or guidance about anything, she's there. I don't know what I'm going to do when she graduates," said Kala. Kala and Dara are both involved in FBLA and Contemporary Choir, but

each plays their own sports.

Sophomore Andrea Isom said she has a special bond with her twin brother Alex. "It's nice to know that someone is always there for me."

SOPHOMORE ANDREA ISOM PRACTICES HER DANCE FOR DANCE LINE WHILE HER BROTHER, SOPHOMORE ALEX ISOM PLAYS HIS TRUMPET. THE ISOM'S OFTEN FOUND THEMSELVES TOGETHER, SINCE ANDREA AND ALEX ARE TWINS AND ALLEN, THEIR FATHER, WAS THE WRESTLING COACH IN THE DISTRICT.

PHOTOS BY AMY CARR

SOPHOMORE RACHEL WEILERT PREPARES TO RUN THE PRESS WHILE BIG BRO SENIOR SAM WEILERT OBSERVES. ONE GOOD THING ABOUT OLDER SIBLINGS WAS THAT THEY COULD ADVISE WHICH CLASSES WERE FUN AND WHICH ONES WERE NOT. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Kala Raglin
Catherine Ramirez
Christian Randle
Brent Reaves
Terrence Rhinehart
Erick Rhoades
Paul Rhodes
Shanise Riley

Tamera Ritter
Roxanne Rouse
Amanda Scott
Bethanie Seiglar
Jeremiah Shoemaker
Josey Short
Sean Simmerson
Deaunte Smith

Tiffany Sublett
Reginald Stockman
Paul Stokley
Danielle Strickland
Davon Strickland
Alyssa Sward
Chris Switzer
Ryan Swope



JUNIOR KENNY GROVES AND SOPHOMORE MICHAEL GROVES PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THEIR COOKIES IN FOODS CLASS. HAVING A CLASS WITH A SIBLING MEANT ALWAYS HAVING SOMEONE TO TALK TO.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



SENIOR JARED CASTLE FEEDS HIS SISTER, SOPHOMORE LAUREN CASTLE, SOME PIZZA AT LUNCH. ALTHOUGH IT WAS SOMETIMES ANNOYING, HAVING AN OLDER SIBLING HAD ITS ADVANTAGES, LIKE IF YOU FORGET YOUR LUNCH MONEY.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



what does THAT mean?

What does lineage mean?



"It sounds to me like some kind of skimpy, stretchy, spiked, leathery, lacy, strappy thing you find at a store for people 18 and over."

• Nikki Setter • Sophomore

"Having sexual relations in nature."



Dorian Gist • Sophomore

Lineage: Direct descent from an ancestor.



Victor Thomas
Amir Thompson
Larry Thompson



Lynn Tucker
Rose Vaught
Christina Vieth



Michael Villa
Justin Wages
David Washington



Sandy Wedlow
Rachel Weiert
Brian Wellington



Cherice Wells
Preston White
Jamaal Wiley



Rachel Williams
Terrance Williams
Willie Williams



Andre Willis
Jeffrey Wilson
Latoya Wilson



David Worts
Anthony Wright
Chen Yu

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Involvement

Involvement (in-volve'ment) n. 1. To make busy, employ or occupy. 2.. The condition of being entangled or implicated. 3. The act or fact of participating.

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Class of 2004

Are freshmen involved in enough school activities?

Candis Fishback



"Yes I feel my class is very involved."



Clinton Stanton

"I think some of us are involved."

In the past, freshmen have been referred to as being scared and ashamed. Not this class! They are proud, respected, and involved - something that is very new to Center. Why are the freshmen so involved? Candis Fishback, the freshman class president, is involved in S.G.A. and she is also in the fall play, *The Taming of the Shrew*. Another unique thing about the freshman class is that all their officers are female. Candis does not think her class is affected by the lack of male officers, "Because a woman can do the same thing a man can," said Fishback. "About 10 people attend our class meetings," she stated. Other activities that fresh-

men are involved in are J.V. and Varsity football. Head football coach, Taron Johnson, has fifteen freshman football players and he says his freshman football players are as dedicated as his upperclassmen. This football season the team was too small for a freshman team, so all freshmen are on JV or Varsity. When asked if his freshmen could go to State by their senior season, Coach Johnson remarked, "It all depends on how hard they want to work on going to State." Freshmen are involved in school and out. If the class of 2004 is the future of Center High School, then the future is very bright.

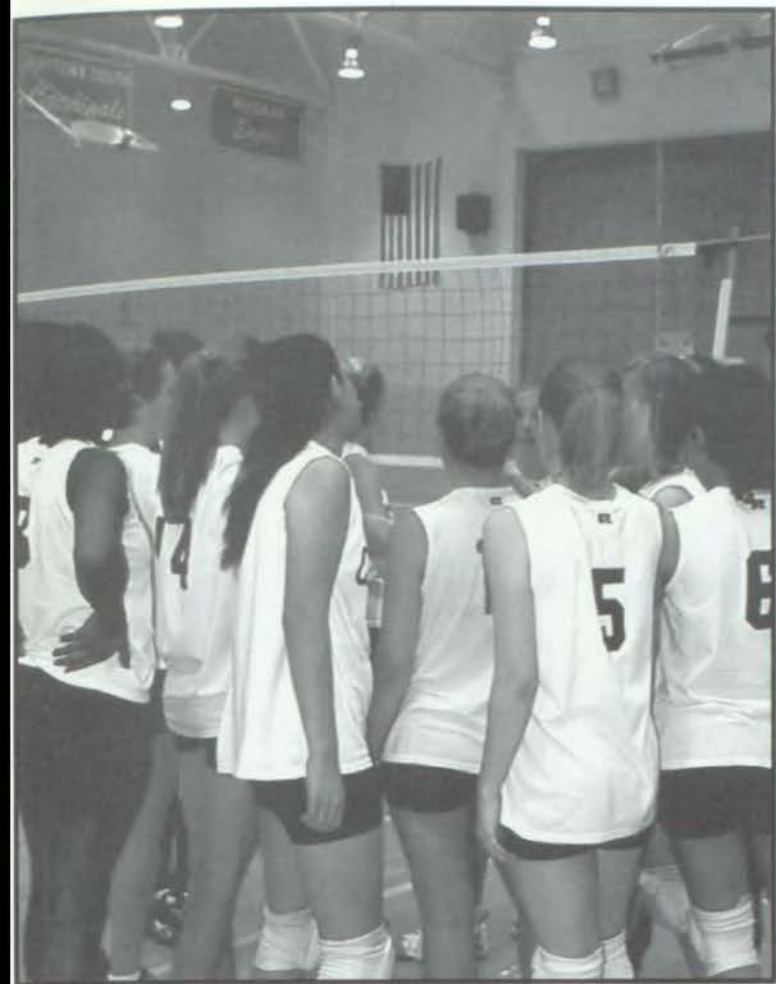


"Our JV team has great potential to go State."
-Head football coach
Taron Johnson

Freshman Emily Barth serves the volleyball with power and finesse. This was one of the great plays that led the Freshman volleyball team to victory that day against Excelsior Springs. Photo By Dorian Gist



Freshmen Leslie Grossnickle and Chris Baldwin are involved in their own extracurricular activity. If you walk through the halls at Center, you will see freshmen involved in a little bit of everything. The freshman class is like the *Dating Game*, with new couples all the time.



Freshman Kelli Shannon steals a moment to catch a few lines of history before class. Very involved freshmen, like Shannon, have to find time here and there to fit homework into their busy schedules.

Photo By Dorian Gist



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Freshmen Pam Sanders and senior, Emma Watonsi are enjoying the festivities at the Players 58 tailgate party before the varsity football game against Westport. Many freshmen will tell you that Players is one of the most fun clubs to join.

Photo By Amy Carr

The freshman volleyball team regroups in the huddle after going on a three point tear against Excelsior Springs. The Yellow Jackets went on to win the game. Photo By Dorian Gist

the perfect jacket word

What does the word PUP mean? And just so you know, it's not a puppy.



"I don't know, a weird personality?"

Steven Brake • 9th grade

"I don't know, is it a really freaky looking animal?"



Tia Strickland • 9th grade

Pup: An insignificant but arrogant and obnoxious young person.

Michael Almy
 Kristyn Art
 Kim Atty
 Christopher Baldwin
 Rachel Bankhead
 Melinda Barlow
 Emily Barth
 Ladale Bell
 Victoria Blaise
 Troy Blaylock
 Rick Boyd
 Mitchell Bradbury
 Jordan Bradley
 Steven Brake
 Sheena Brantley
 Sausha Brooks
 Delmeko Brown
 Lauren Buckles
 Rachel Bundy
 Erica Cain
 Matthew Campbell
 Charles Cannon
 David Carrillo
 Lakresha Carter
 Mikeda Carter
 Nikeda Carter
 Teresa Carter
 Tracy Carter
 Michelle Chaput
 Lamar Colbert



F reedom

FREEDOM n. (fre dem) 1. the state or quality of being free from the control of some oher person or some arbitrary power; liberty; independence 2. a right or privilege.

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Clockwise from left:
 Freshman Victoria Blaise at Players tailgate party. Photo By Amy Carr. Senior Emma Watonsi puts make-up on freshman Candis Fischback to get ready for *The Taming of the Shrew* performance. Photo By Amy Carr. Freshman Whitney Wisdahl and Danielle Laubach at Dennys after Homecoming. Photo By Amy Carr. Amanda Scott and Ladale Bell at the homecoming



Huddling from the cold, freshman Amanda Patmore sits with cheerleaders Kala Raglin and Jessica Byrd who take some free-time from cheering for the football team. Even through the cold weather, students still could not resist cheering on their team. Photo By Amy Carr



Kamela Bates looks over her second hour drama class as they help paint the set for *The Taming of the Shrew*. Drama students have the opportunity to learn all aspects of the theater, and the freedom to express themselves. Photo By Amber Gilliland



Cameron Cox
Joshua Cox
Corey Cunningham



Daniel Cushing
Taylor Davidson
Chante Davis



Terrell Davis
Terron Davis
Thomas Denyer



Megan Denzer
Michael Dunn
Dan Ebberts



Tranese Ellis
Kendrick Emery
Pamela Epperson



Crystal Faunt
Candis Fishback
Michael Flenker



Rickey Foster
Michael Freuck
Michele Gamble



Jennifer Giffen
Keena Gillum
Diana Gonzalez



Steven Goodwin
Jamesha Grigsby
Leslie Grossnickle



Princese Guillory
Leslie Guinn
Larry Hall

the perfect jacket word

Hugger-mugger (hug'er mug'er) n. The habit, practice or policy of keeping secrets.



"A hugger-mugger is a person who hugs a mugger."

Stephanie Huber • Freshman



"After someone mugs you, they they will give you a hug."

Lilli Pickett • Freshman

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C h a n g e s

change (chanj) vt. changed, chang'ing L To alter; transform. 1. to become different; alter, vary 2. the act or process of substitution, alteration, or variation. 3. to make or become different. 4. to give up in return for something else 5. the process of making or becoming different. 6. the process or result of giving a different form or appearance.

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Freshman Arienne Hosseini finishes her art project. Photo By Amber Gilliland.
 Freshman Chris Baldwin waits with anticipation at a volleyball game. Photo By Amber Gilliland.
 Freshman Julie Johnson works on the cheerleaders float. Photo By Amy Carr.
 The freshman class float in action (placed fourth). Photo By Tim Greenwell.

Taylor Hall
 Tierra Haynes
 Patrick Holley
 Arienne Hosseini
 Dominique Howell
 Stephanie Huber
 Vonnisha Hughes
 Amir Hunter
 Michael Hurst
 Ilani Ighedosa
 Jeremy Jacobs
 Brandon James
 Brittany Johnson
 Erin Johnson
 Julie Johnson
 Maria Jurado
 Mike Kellepouris
 Twila Kelly
 Kris Kelly
 Volha Khametevitch
 Sara Kirkwood
 Katie Knickerbocker
 Billy Korando
 Sasha Lathrop
 Danielle Laubach
 Darren Lee
 Joseph Love
 Cooper Mallon
 Tiffany Matt
 Tarel Mayberry



Freshmen Whitney Wisdahl and Danielle Laubach work on the Players 58 homecoming float. Making the floats for homecoming gives the students a chance to express and show their pride for their clubs, classes and their school. Photo By Amy Carr



Freshmen Key Club members paint the speed bumps around the school. Key Club is a community service club where the students get a chance to make their school and community better by volunteering their time. Photo By Amy Carr



What

does metamorphosis Mean?

Change of form, shape, structure, or substance; transformation.



"I think it's when you're human and you change into an animal."

Lilli Pickett • Freshman

"It's like when a butterfly changes shape and size."



Freshman • Jennifer Suedmeyer



"It's when you change places."

Troy Blaylock • Freshman



Matthew McDonald
Anthony McGee
Kasani McGhee



Cole Mellenbruch
Erin Miller
Natascia Mitchell



Charles Monroe
Tiffany Moore
Chris Neudeck



Gia Hien Nguyen
Bret Noble
Simone Norton



Krystle Oliphant
Anthony Oneall
Ryon Paige



Charla Parker
Amanda Patmore
Angela Perillo



Lilli Pickett
Patrick Quick
Elizabeth Ramel



Kelly Ramel
Roseann Ransburg
Colleen Redding



Debielle Reed
Shahr Rezaiekhalligh
Stephanie Rice



Triniece Riley
Adam Ringwood
Agatha Ritter

S

Eugenia Robinson
 Kyle Rodriguez
 Racquel Rodriguez
 Dysha Sanders
 Pamela Sanders
 Lidziya Sapahina
 Tyrone Saunders
 Raphael Seals
 Kelli Shannon
 Torin Shepherd
 Bryant Smith
 Phillmon Smith
 Shonda Smith
 Clinton Stanton
 Daniel Stephens
 Brittany Straub
 Tia Strickland
 Jennifer Suedmeyer
 Darmeta Thomas
 Jeremy Tipton



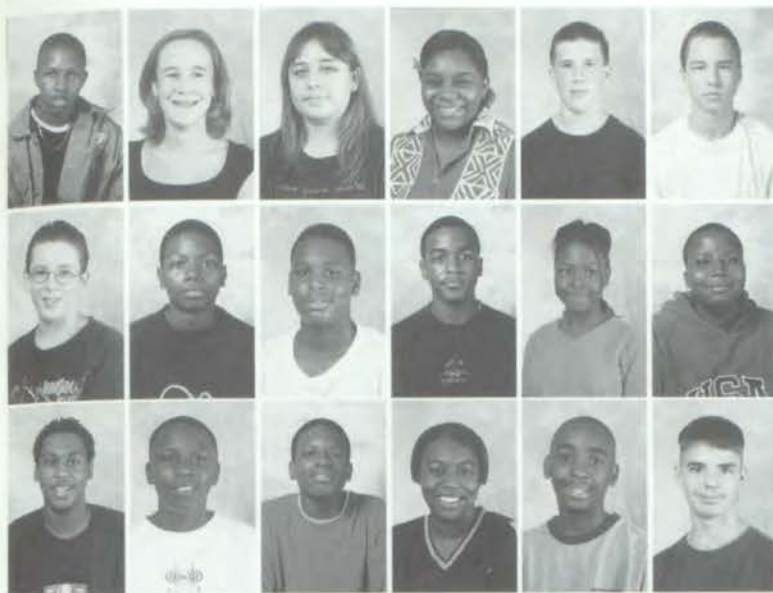
Recreation

recreation: (n) refreshment of body or mind, such as after work/school, by some format of play, amusement, or relaxation used for this purpose, such as games sports or hobbies.

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Danielle Laubach, Whitney Wisdahl, Brittany Straub and Lauren Buckles trick or treat for UNICEF. Photo by Amy Carr
 Amanda Patmore and Taylor Davidson hang out with the upper classmen at the cast party for *The Taming of the Shrew*. Photo by Amy Carr
 Lilli Pickett and Leslie Grossnickle get warm before the homecoming football game. Photo by Amy Carr
 Jeremy Tipton and Stephanie Wheeler rehearse for *The Taming of the Shrew*. Photo by Amy Carr



William Tunley
Paige Unger
Melissa Usher
Benjamine Vokgo
Nick Ward
Mark Warren
Muriel Weaver-Dowdy
Branden Wert
Schallen White
Emily Wigodner
Aaron Wilhelm
Deron Wilkerson
Demarques Williams
Quran Williams
Regina Williams
Roger Williams
Tecara Williams
Whitney Wisdahl
Marquita Withers
Jessica Woods

Jairimi Woodson
Ledale Wooten
Leo Wright
Terrisha Yates
Antwaun Zeno
David Zimmerman

the jacket perfect word

How would you define Dissipation?



"I really don't know, wait, is it an old Negro Spritual?"

Ilani Ighedosa • 9th grade

"Sounds like a disappointed word-the feeling you have when you get your grades back."



Andre Oliver • 9th grade

Dissipation: An act of self indulgence, especially one that is not harmful.



Emily Barth hands out candy at Ward Parkway Shopping Center's annual Trick or Treat Festival. The Student Government Association sponsors the activity to give students a chance to do community service.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



FRESHMEN JORDAN BRADLEY, DAN EBBERTS AND KYLE RODRIGUEZ PREPARE TO LEAVE CENTER HIGH IN ENROUTE FOR THE MORNING HOMECOMING PARADE. THE FRESHMEN FLOAT THEME WAS "THE WIZ."

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



FRESHMAN AARON WILHELM SELLS REFRESHMENTS AT A VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME FOR THE PLAYERS 58. A LOT OF CLUBS MAKE MONEY FROM CONCESSIONS AT FOOTBALL GAMES.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Boys Soccer Knows

How to S•C•O•R•E

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V•A•R•S•I•T•Y

LEE'S SUMMIT TOURN. 1-2	
CHS 0	KEARNEY 5
CHS 0	SMITHVILLE 2
CHS 1	RAY SOUTH 8
CHS 0	PEMBROKE 3
CHS 10	RUSKIN 2
CHS 1	ST. PIUS 1
CHS 6	HICKMAN 0
CHS 0	GRANDVIEW 4
CHS 0	RAY-PEC 3
CHS 3	RAY SOUTH 5
CHS 1	EXE SPRNG 0
CHS 8	RUSKIN 0
CHS 0	BELTON 3
CHS 0	O'HARA 4
CHS 6	HICKMAN 0
CHS 1	EXC SPRING 0
CHS 0	GRANDVIEW 1
CHS 0	RAY PEC 3

J•V•A•R•S•I•T•Y

CHS L	KEARNEY
CHS W	SMITHVILLE
CHS L	RAY SOUTH
CHS L	PEMBROKE
CHS W	RUSKIN
CHS W	HICKMAN
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CHS L	BELTON
CHS L	O'HARA
CHS W	HICKMAN
CHS W	EXC SPRING
CHS L	GRANDVIEW
CHS L	RAY PEC

SOPHOMORE MATT GATEWOOD FIGHTS FOR CONTROL OF THE BALL AND DOES HIS BEST TO STAY IN FRONT OF THE OPPONENT WHO IS CLOSE ON HIS HEELS. VISITING TEAMS SUCH AS EXCELSIOR SPRINGS WERE MET WITH STRONG OPPOSITION WHILE ON YELLOWJACKET TURF.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

CHAMBERS



ROW ONE: JERMAINE MACK, IBAD SIDDIQI, BILLY KORANDO, BRENT REAVES, LARRY HALL, ANDREW JOHNSON, ANDREW BARTH, LAMAR COLBERT, CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON ROW TWO: COACH ROBERT BONASAS, STEVEN BRAKE, BEN BLACKMAN, SCOTT FAHRMEIER, TIM PHILLIPS, COOPER MALLON, KYLE RODRIGUEZ, NEIL SOLOMAN, STEVE GOODWIN, COACH ANDY HANCH ROW THREE: ADAM RODRIGUEZ, BRIAN WELLINGTON, MICHAEL JACKSON, MATT GATEWOOD, RYAN KULKE, JACK RYAN, JAY BARRY, RYAN RACCUGLIA, ERIC CONRAD NOT PICTURED: MIKE FLORES, RICHIE HILL

DELIVERING A DRAMATIC START FOR THE GAME, SOPHOMORE RYAN RACCUGLIA CHARGES DOWN THE FIELD TOWARDS THE FIRST GOAL OF THE DAY. DETERMINED PLAYERS LIKE RACCUGLIA WERE THE SOURCE OF SUCCESS FOR THE VARSITY SOCCER TEAM.

PHOTO BY

COLIN CHAMBERS



TAKING LONG STRIDES DOWN THE FIELD, SOPHOMORE SCOTT FAHRMEIER CONTINUES THE DOMINATION OF VISITING TEAM, HICKMAN MILLS. MEMBERS OF THE TEAM FOUND IT ENCOURAGING TO OUT PLAY ANOTHER TEAM.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



FRESHMAN GOALKEEPER LARRY HALL TRIUMPHANTLY SAVES THE BALL FROM AN OTHERWISE DISAPPOINTING GOAL IN FAVOR OF THE VISITING TEAM. GAMES WERE KEPT EXCITING BY THE GOALKEEPERS MAKING CLOSE SAVES AND NARROWLY AVOIDING DEFEAT.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

Say What??

DEFINE H.O.G.



"A HEADER ON GOAL"

JUNIOR CHARLIE MORGAN



"HOUSE OF GREEK (COLIN'S HOUSE)"

SENIOR KIM KNOWLTON

"A HEMOPHOBIC OUTERSPACE GIANT"

JUNIOR AMANDA PIERCE



ACTUAL DEFINITION....

A HAND OF GOD, A VERY OBVIOUS HAND BALL.

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Girls can do anything boys can right?
Of course they can. Just ask the Lady
Jackets of the Girls soccer team.

SO WHY CAN'T GIRLS HAVE BALLS?

Copy and Design by Colin Chambers

Soccer is a game widely known at Center as being for both boys and girls. But do we really know how the players feel about it?

Working out and conditioning; hard practices and games take up a lot of the players' time. "It takes a lot of time that I would use for homework. Now I have to get up at 4:00 a.m. to do it," said sophomore Jennifer Jantz.

"Soccer interferes with Dance Line and sometimes I can't get all my homework done," said Freshman Kelli Shannon. Most of the girls on the soccer team have busy schedules and it often leaves the players over stressed. But they'd never give up.

Some girls on the team have played soccer for most of their lives.

"I've been on a team ever since I was in Kindergarten," said Freshman Leslie Grossnickle. "I believe soccer is more interesting than swimming or track."

Although new talent is being displayed by the freshmen, the team will be losing the strength from the Seniors.

"I think that our defense will suffer once the Seniors leave, but the other players have a lot of skill so I don't think we'll suffer too much," said Junior Katie Pickett.

"We don't have too many Seniors, so our team will be about equal," said Jantz.

Even with hectic schedules and trying to improve their skills on the field, the girls have had to adjust to a new coach, Andy Hanch.

"I think the Coach Duske and Coach Hanch are different coaches with different strategies, but I think Hanch is doing a great job," said Pickett.

"Just have fun with it," Grossnickle said to those interested in playing for the team. Who says girls can't have balls?

Goalie Andrea Isom makes a great save during the last soccer game of the season. Sometimes I had to make hard dives to keep opponents from scoring.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



Kari Ramel challenges her opponent going down field. As a freshman, Ramel was already a Varsity starter.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



As part of a warm up drill, girl soccer players line up on their backs and prepare to kick a ball. Warming up is often just as important as the actual game.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

V•A•R•S•I•T•Y S•O•C•C•E•R

CHS 4 Van Horn 0	CHS 3 Hick. Mills 0
CHS 3 Hick. Mills 2	CHS 1 W Chris. 9
CHS 4 Ruskin 1	CHS 3 Ruskin 0
CHS 1 Ray. South 6	CHS 0 Ray. South 1
CHS 1 Ray Pec 3	CHS 1 Ray Pec 5
CHS 0 Ex. Sp. 4	CHS 2 Ex. Sp. 4
CHS 7 Lin. Prep 0	CHS 0 Wrsburg 9
CHS 2 Smithville 3	CHS 0 Grview 4
CHS 1 Grview 2	CHS 0 O'Hara 6



Leslie Grossnickle contributes to the effort by blasting the ball. Being aggressive is very important to winning a game.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

G•I•R•L•S S•O•C•C•E•R

CO-CAPTAIN • AMANDA CORBIN
CO-CAPTAIN • ABBY HEFFERNAN



FRONT ROW: Katie Picket, Lauren Castle, Kelly Ramel, Jennifer Jantz, Shanna Brown, Andrea Isom, Lauren Hamilton, Emily Buford, Erin Osborne MIDDLE ROW: Leslie Grossnickle, Kelly Shannon, Julie Johnson, Abby Heffernan, Victoria Adams, LaToya Williams, Devin Durdin, Simone Norton FRONT ROW: Emma Watonsi, Amanda Corbin

S p e e d o

(spe'do') n. 1. an unusually small swimsuit, 2. bikini trunk used by male swimmers, 3. as close to nakedness as school activities will let you get

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ASPIRATIONS

"What was your personal goal for the season?"



"To impress the ladies (Abby and others)."
Junior Adam Rodriguez



"Not to be the last one out of the pool."
Sophomore Michael Flores



"Try not to splash or belly bust."
Senior Antonio Davis

These guys say they are having a ball making a splash. This fun-loving, high-spirited group of guys never fails to have a great time, even under stress. While they're practicing hard doing flip turns, streamliners, and plenty of laps, it's guaranteed they're having fun. To rest up for the next day's conference meet, they relax and play pool games like Fisherman's Wharf and water basketball.

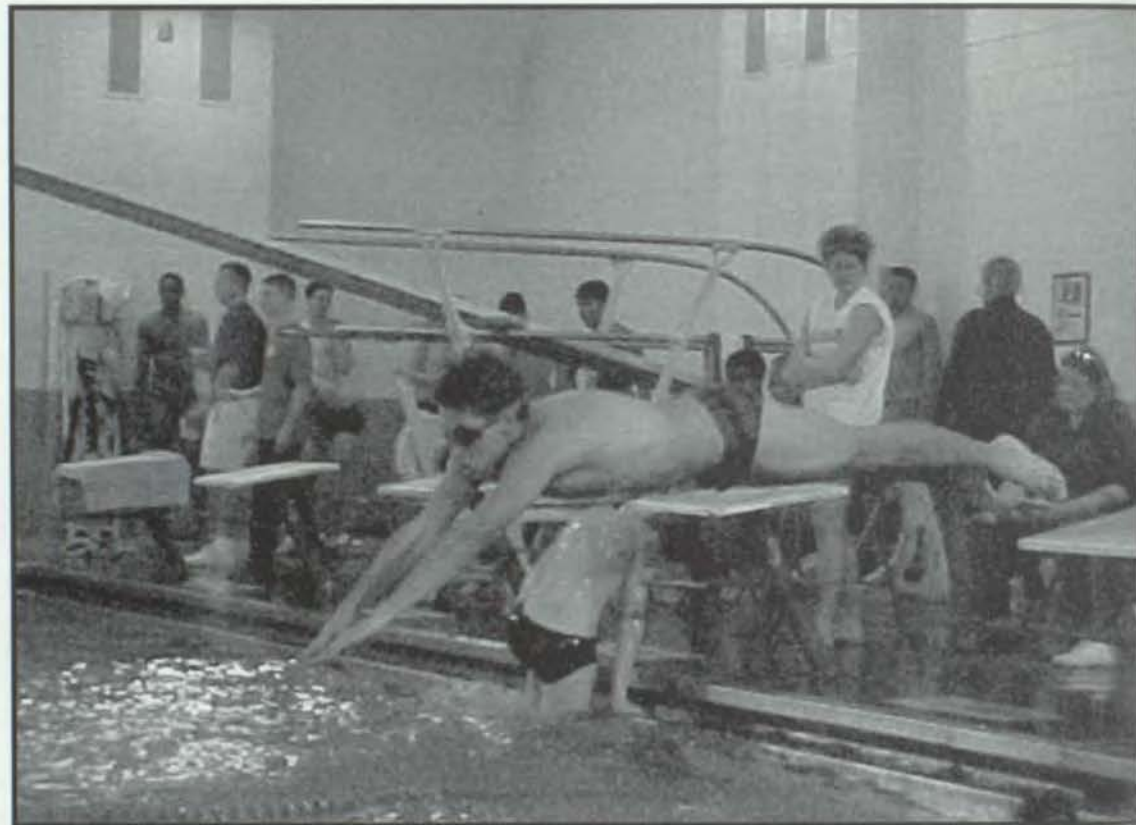
Their friendships with each other are made stronger through traditions like shaving their heads before conference meets to help improve their speed, and fitting the smallest new team member into a swim cap.

Senior Mark Royer is grateful for the experiences he's had on the team. He says that he and his teammates have "gotten close because we've gotten to hang out more."

Aside from improving their skills, having a good time is a high priority for these swimmers.

According to Coach Andy Hanch, "This group of swimmers did work very hard while they were in the pool but I got a definite feeling that when they got out of the pool they were pretty good friends. In between swimming exercises, they joked and laughed and got along very well."

With these guys, teamwork isn't a goal, it's a way of life.



Senior Mark Royer, Captain, jumps into the pool during practice. According to Royer, "A big part of swimming is just getting in the pool."

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

The team plays water basketball during the practice before a conference meet. They believe a little fun and relaxation is needed before the stressful event.

PHOTO BY EMILY BUFORD



Junior Michael Jackson, Seniors Andrew Johnson, and Logan Gillespie wrestle for the ladder in a game called "Fisherman's Wharf." Fisherman's Wharf is one of the many games the team enjoyed playing on their time off.

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S•W•I•M•M•I•N•G

COACH • ANDY HANCH
ASST. COACH • PAUL COLWELL
CO-CAPTAIN • MARK ROYER
CO-CAPTAIN • ANDREW JOHNSON



ROW ONE: Manager Erin Miller, Antonio Davis, Jermaine Jacobs, Mark Royer, Logan Gillespie, Manual Harvey, Andrew Johnson, Managers Amanda Vansickel and Tyra Griggs ROW TWO: Coach Paul Colwell, Terrell Marcell Bell, Adam Rodriguez, Andrew Barth, Joe Anderson, James Bridgeford II, Coach Andy Hanch ROW THREE: Kyle Rodriguez, Richie Hill, Michael Jackson, Michael Flores, Zac Almy, Jeremy Shoemaker

the perfect jacket word

What does the word SKULLING mean?



"Is that some kind of sexual innuendo?"

Patrick Cook • Senior

"Isn't it that girl from the 'X-Files'?"



Cooper Mallon • Freshman

Skulling: A practice exercise used by the Center Boys Swimming Team



Senior Logan Gillespie and Junior Andrew Barth battle it out for a swimming noodle while playing a game. Playing games helped the team stay fit while still having fun.

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The team lines up on the start blocks and prepares to jump. Timing is everything at the start of the race.

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Strokes and kicks to success!

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Girls Swim Team

The girl's swimming team starts off pretty well; they're stroking and pushing hard to make it to the end.

"The most memorable meet," said Senior Tyra Griggs, "Was last year's conference when I received a medal in the 4 by 1,100 free style relay."

This year, the goal for the girls swim team is improvement! This is the first year of swimming for many girls on the team. Coaches and more experienced swimmers help the newcomers perfect their strokes, breathing techniques, and endurance.

"Repetition makes perfect," said Freshman Brittany Straub. Junior Katie Korando said

"The best thing about this year's swim team is that we have a lot of new girls and they all stuck with it and have improved so much." Encouragement and working together as a whole plays a big part in a team. Freshman Diana Gonzalez said, "We all get along with each other pretty well."

"The three words that describe our coach are stubborn, talkative, and flamboyant."

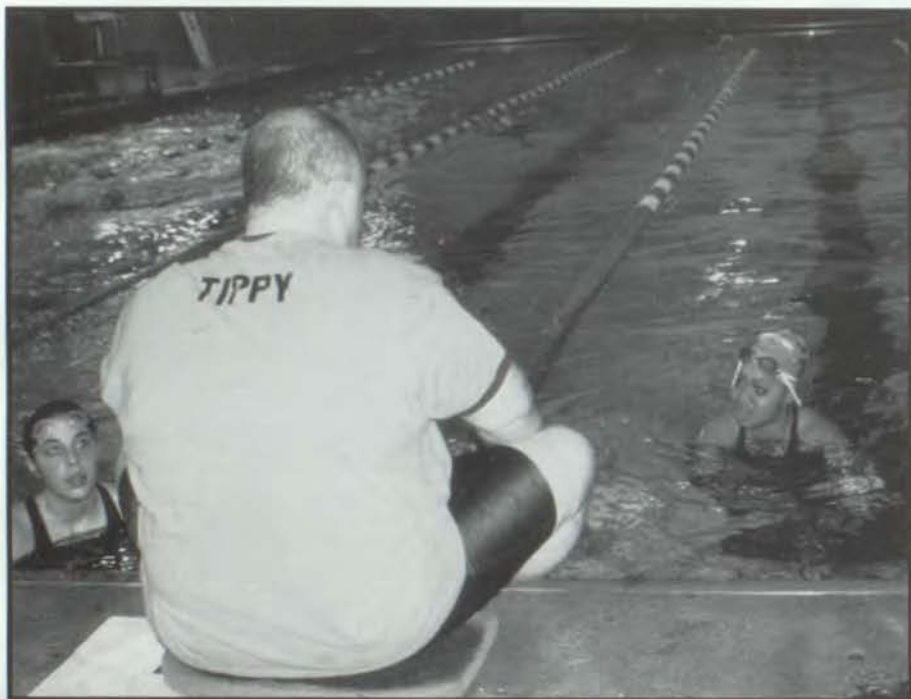
-Freshman Diana Gonzalez

"Coaches also help the girls to stay in line," said Korando. Gonzalez said, "The three words that describe our Coach are stubborn, talkative, and flamboyant." The words that would describe the girl's swimming team are "supportive towards each other and fun to be around," according to Freshman Jennifer Giffen.

GIRLS SWIMMING



ROW ONE: Lauren Buckels, Britany Straub, Erin Miller, Diana Gonzalez, Katie Korando ROW TWO: Laura Doarn, Ginny Pegalow, Rachel O'Brein, Tiffany Harris. ROW THREE: Darmeta Thomas, Courtney Howard, Katie Miller, Mercedes Hooks, Mina Dasari. NOT PICTURED: Tyra Griggs, Jennifer Giffen, Coach Danny Tipton, Coach Tim Greenwell.



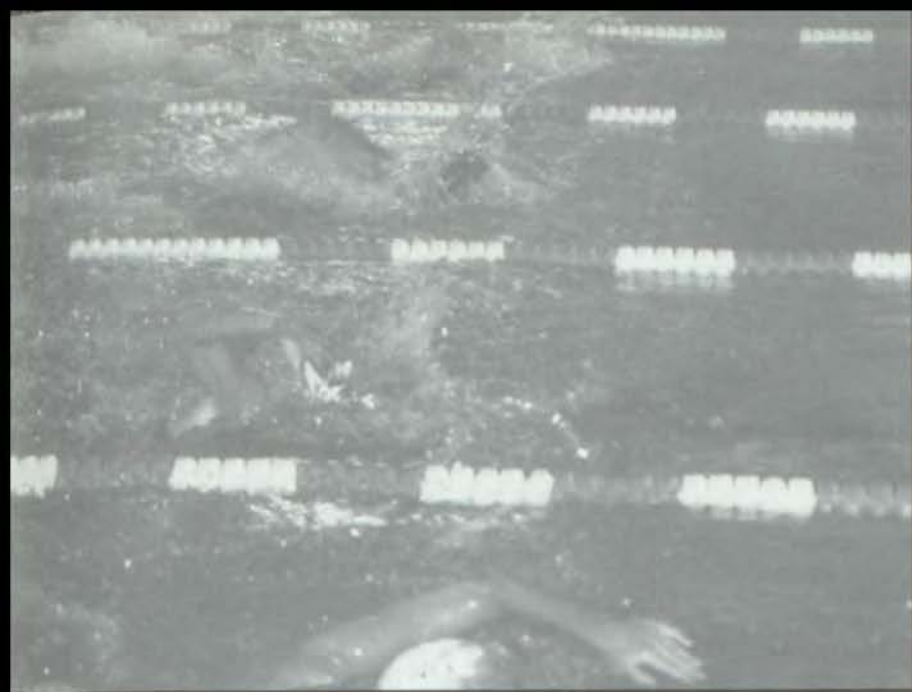
Yelling and fussing is not the only thing that a coach does to his team. Coach Danny Tipton proves that with his girls swim team. He teaches them that practice makes perfect while inspiring them all at the same time.

PHOTO BY JOANNA DORIA

Beginning the race, Sophomore Laura Doarn dives off the blocks. Correct formation is one of the key techniques in swimming to start off the dive.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN





Periodic breathing while staying strong at the same time is a hard task. At the meet, the girl swimmers show how they can do both while still trying to bring their team in for a win.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN

All team members were required to participate in certain events such as the butterfly. The butterfly is one of the most challenging strokes in swimming.

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Junior Mina Dasari, and Sophomores Laura Doarn and Courtney Howard rest after a long swim meet. Swimming requires lots of strength and endurance from the team members.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN

• Say What?? •

DEFINE "STREAMLINE"



"IT MEANS THAT THE GIRLS SWIM IN A STRAIGHT LINE."

KELLY OSHEA
JUNIOR



"I THINK IT MEANS WHEN YOU ARE THE LAST ONE SWIMMING."

VENITA SONNIER
JUNIOR

ACTUAL DEFINITION . . .

THE INITIAL PUSH WHEN YOU BEGIN A RACE. WHEN UNDERWATER, HANDS ARE LOCKED TOGETHER OVER HEAD, WHILE FEET KICK.

Tennis is a game of endurance and skill. The term love in tennis is not just for the team; it is also used for the losing score of 'zero'. For the Center boys tennis team, the other guys were the ones with all the LOVE.

ENNIS, LOVE TO LOVE YOU

When a person thinks of which high school sport to play, what usually comes to mind? Football? Basketball? Tennis?

For some students, tennis is the sport that they choose.

"I play because, unlike other sports I've tried, I am actually good at this. Besides it's fun," said Senior Phil Becker. Fun seems to be the main reason boys play this sport. But what is so much fun? What's the appeal?

"I like making fun of Coach Oni's belly," said Senior Justin Shoemaker, while Senior Patrick Cook says he likes making fun of Justin.

Whether having fun or making fun, tennis isn't just fun and games.

"Ray-Pec was my hardest opponent. It was hard because he could play well and I wasn't really

playing my best. It was the first game I have ever lost," said Sophomore Reggie Stockman.

"Excelsior Springs was the first person that gave me trouble. I vow to beat him next time," said Senior Justin Shoemaker.

Through wins and losses the boys tennis team had a wonderful year. However, with five seniors leaving this year, this small yet mighty army will need others to think of tennis when picking a high school sport. If not for the skill and technique learned, then just to have fun.

aving support is a great feeling. Vice Principal Greg Washington and Coach Oni intensely watches the matches. Many administrators supported various sports throughout the year.

PHOTO BY NATALIE BELL

over is very important in addition to skill in this game. Senior Peter Van Tran hits a fast one to his opponent from behind the base line, using his whole body to ensure it goes in.

PHOTO BY
NATALIE BELL





Continuous action are two words that describe tennis. Senior Phil Becker and Reggie Stockman play hard against their opponents.

PHOTO BY KIM KNOWLTON

The first year in a sport can be hard, but hard work eventually makes it easier. Sophomore Brian Harris proves this true while working hard in practice.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG




In the game of tennis there are many different strokes that can be used. Senior Stephan Haug displays an overheard stroke for winning point.


PHOTO BY KIM KNOWLTON



a new
 meaning for
 slicing the ball



"To cut the ball in half."
 Ryan Paige, freshman



"To bunt or to kick a field goal."
 Ladale Bell, freshman

Actual Definition: to hit the ball to create a circular spin making it hard for the opponent to return.

Sweat

Sweat (swet) n. 1. to give forth a characteristic salty moisture through pores of the skin; perspire 2. to give forth moisture in droplets on its surface, as a ripening cheese. 3. to ferment.

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RIVALS

"Who is your greatest tennis rival, and why?"



"Park Hill South, because they are really good at tennis and they always beat us. But they aren't in our conference anymore."

Senior Cheri Sweaney



"Excelsior Springs, because they are one of the only schools that we play that has talent."

Senior Andrea Noble



"Excelsior Springs because they always beat us. It makes me sad."

Senior Glory Ajarapu

Blistering. Scorching. Sizzling. These are just a few words to describe the 100 degree heat experienced this summer. Through all of this, fall sports teams practiced daily and the girl's tennis team was no exception.

"The summer practices weren't hard, but they were really hot and that was what made it hard," said Senior Kim Knowlton.

"It was exceptionally hot and I came a week after everyone, so I had to try hard to catch up," replied senior Andrea Noble.

Practices consisted of conditioning, skills work, drills and more conditioning. Working hard was a requirement that had to be met by the team. But not everyone thought it was that hard.

"I play tennis all the time, even during boy's season, so summer practices weren't too hard," said senior Halle Godfredson.

Still, through the heat, hard work and sweat, the tennis team worked for a new and successful season.



Junior Laura Erickson takes a break with her Fort Osage opponent. Frequent water breaks were essential on this 100 degree day. Playing in the heat can be exhausting, but can also give you that little shove you need to win.

PHOTO BY ANDREA NOBLE

tennislingo

Define the tennis term

LOVE.

→ Aishah Augusta • Senior



"Love is when you show respect and sportmanship to the other team and your teammates."

LOVE(luv)n: Tennis, a score of zero.



Senior Kim Knowlton prepares for her serve. The toss and the footing are essential in creating a perfect serve. Taking many years of practice, the serve can be the winning element in a tennis game. PHOTO BY ANDREA NOBLE

Senior Halle Godfredson concentrates on returning the ball to her Fort Osage opponent. Few realize that tennis is a mental, as well as physical game. Combining strategy and as skill creates a number one player such as Godfredson. PHOTO BY ANDREA NOBLE



Sophomore Jill McCalman serves the ball to her Grandview opponent. As the rays of light shine down on her, so shines her tennis talent. McCalman wins this match and many others during her first year of tennis. PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

Tennis can be considered a very competitive sport. Senior Glory Ajarapu shows this with her determination as she hits the ball. Ajarapu plays tennis fun and the teamwork. PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

T•E•N•N•I•S• T•E•A•M

ROW ONE: Tiara Weathersby, Jill McCalman, Halle Godfredson, Andrea Noble, Kim Knowlton **ROW TWO:** Roxanne Rouse, Manager Alex Rouse, Coach Allen Oni, Cheri Sweaney, Laura Erickson **NOT PICTURED:** Glory Ajarapu

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making tracks, kicking rocks

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As winter turns into spring and the seasons turn, sights of spring come into view. A familiar sight of spring at Center High School is our award-winning track team, led by Head Coach Paul Colwell. Track season began in March and ended in May. For those three months students worked hard to make this one of the most successful track seasons in Center High School history. Sophomore Luke Hall says runners on the track team are really dedicated to track. Hall, who is a long distance runner, says the distance runners are better than last year.

The track team only had five track meets, so midway through

the season some of the players felt that they were playing for nothing. But toward the end of the season, those players started to

“It’s PROBABLY A THREE WAY TIE BETWEEN JUSTIN SHERMAN, WALTER TOWNSEND AND MECO BROWN.”
JUNIOR-STEPHEN EALY

feel different and more dedicated to track and going on to state. When you think of track you think of fast runners. But, who is the fastest on the track team? Freshman Patrick Holley said,

“Luke Hall is probably the fastest.” But it all depends on who you ask because Junior Stephen Ealy said it’s probably a three-way tie between Justin Sherman, Walter Townsend and Mecho Brown.” So our track team had fast runners who were dedicated to winning. Those are the ingredients for a winning season.

SENIOR MARK ROYER LEADS THE SPRINTERS AND LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS IN STRETCHING. IN TRACK YOU MUST STRETCH A LOT BECAUSE THE RISK OF PULLING A MUSCLE IS VERY HIGH.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



B•O•Y•S•T•R•A•C•K



ROW ONE: Stephen Ealy, Jeremy Anderson, Patrick Holley, Robert Logan II, Justin Sherman, Coach Baxter. ROW TWO: Coach Perkins, David Spriggs, William Haddix, Phillmon Smith, Lendery Council, Luke Hall, Walter Townsend, Coach Saggs. ROW THREE: Manuel Harvey, Erron Blockmon, Levell Council, Taylor Hall, Steven Watson, Kyle Williams, Andre Wilis. NOT PICTURED: Delmeko Brown, Mark Royer, Kenny Buckner, Kenny Groves, Dorian Gist, DeAunte Smith, Curtis Perkins, Ladale Bell.

JUNIOR LENDERY COUNCIL SHOWS GREAT STRENGTH AND POWER AS HE TRIES TO LIFT HIMSELF OVER THE POLE IN TRACK PRACTICE. CONDITIONING IS ONE OF THE MANY WAYS THAT THE TRACK TEAM IMPROVES THEIR SPEEDS.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



JUNIORS KENNETH BUCKNER, WALTER TOWNSEND AND FRESHMAN PATRICK HOLLEY GET READY FOR THE TRACK MEET THE NEXT DAY.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG

FRESHMAN BRITTANY JOHNSON AND JUNIOR MONCHEL MCQUITTY HELP JUNIOR MURIEL WEAVER-DOWDY JUMP THE POLE IN A PRACTICE BEFORE A MEET.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



GIRLS TRACK



ROW ONE: Brittany Johnson, Muriel Weaver-Dowdy.

ROW TWO: Monique Jones, Christian Randle, Aishah Augusta, Jessica Byrd, Stephanie Frazier.

Back Row: Coach Perkins, Monchel McQuitty, Chamene Woods, Coach Saggs, Coach Baxter. Not Pictured: Shanna Brown, Shannan Burton, Artesha Gladney, Lauren Johnson, Jackieasha Davis, Arica Henderson, Kala Raglin and Amanda Patmore.

Say What??

DEFINE TRAVERSE:



"TO TRAVEL BACKWARDS."

SOPHOMORE LUKE HALL



"ALL ABOUT STEPHEN."

JUNIOR STEPHEN EALY

"HOW FAST YOU CAN RUN BACKWARDS."

FRESHMAN PATRICK HOLLEY

ACTUAL DEFINITION....

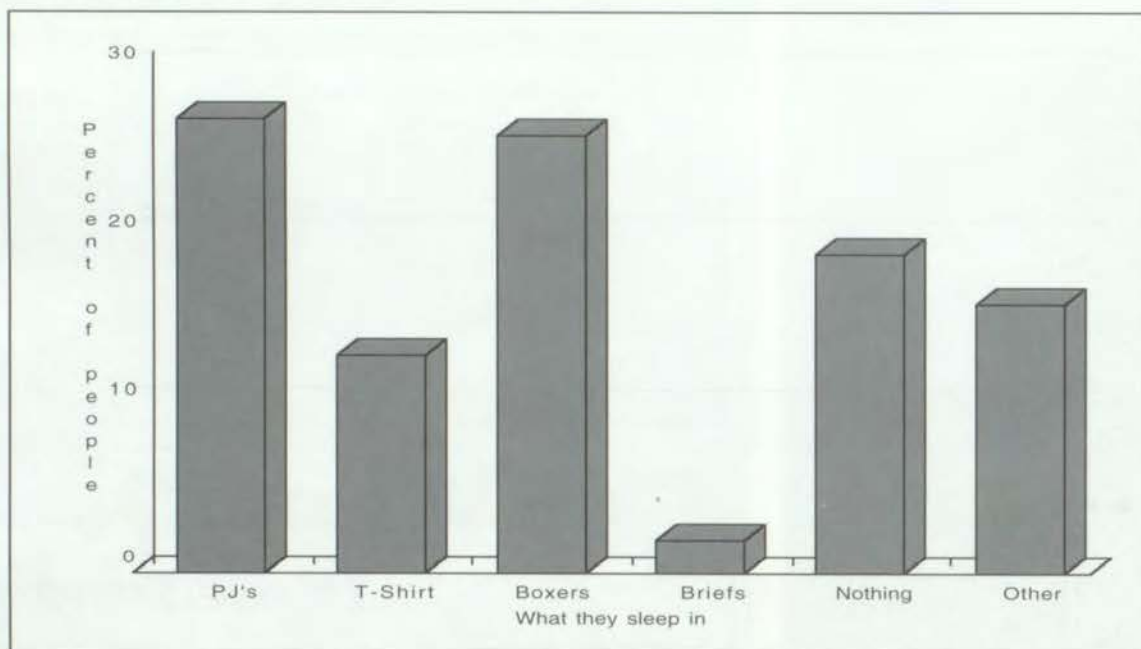
TRAVERSE N. 1. TO MOVE, PASS, OR EXTEND OVER ACROSS OR THROUGH

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I see London, I see France! I see someone's underpants!!! Maybe blue, maybe pink, I dunno, but they sure do STINK!!!

UNDERWEAR NOT OUTERWEAR

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Senior Jessica Crump studies her government not caring that her bra straps are showing. Crump makes a fashion statement with her dark straps not matching her white shirt.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND





Freshmen Lauren Buckles, Whitney Wisdahl, Brittany Straub and Danielle Laubach take a break from trick or treating to pose in a very "lady" like way. Key club went trick or treating to raise money for UNICEF. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Junior Steven May, sits in Psychology class and is oblivious to the fact that his checkered boxers are showing. It is surprising to some that this popular fad has lasted for the past several years.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Normal dressing has changed dramatically at dances as senior homecoming king Lance Redick sports his red and white boxers. Redick gets down on his knees to sing Joe's "I wanna know" to senior homecoming queen Aishah Augusta.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



One day after homecoming, junior Marcus Stanley is exhausted during lunch. Students involved in the homecoming festivities stayed up late watching over the floats that they made for the parade.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

a new

Boxers, briefs, thongs.....

What's your favorite pair of underwear?



"My Mickey Mouse boxers. I got them at the dollar store."

Sophomore James Bridgeford

"It's a light blue shiny thong from DEB."

Senior Amanda VanSichel



U-Z

V o - t e c h

(vo-tek) adj. 1. designating education, training, a school, etc. 2. intended to prepare one for an occupation, sometimes specific in a trade. 3. any trade or occupation.

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STORY BY JOY STEMPELMAN

A STEP AHEAD

How is Vo-Tech preparing you for the future?

"It gives me experience for my job of the future."



Junior Adam Schmidt



ture."

"It's giving me an idea of what I want to do in the future."

Senior Jesse Grimm



"It helps me to get the knowledge and skills I need for the field I'm going into."

Junior Spencer Cockrell

Did you ever look out the window of your fourth-hour class and wish you were out there doing something maybe a little more exciting? Twenty or so students from Center High do leave the school ground around that same time for adventure in the work field. These adventuresome students with counselor Danny Tipton are involved in Vo-Tech. Vo-Tech gets the students active in the real work-world, making money and meeting challenges. When asked if Vo-Tech will help students in the future, Tipton stated, "Yes, Definitely!"

Tipton also stated that Vo-Tech is more career oriented; although it is not easier than regular school courses, or less challenging academically. Senior Latoya Perry states, "I think I made a good decision by enrolling in Vo-Tech because it does help me out." Senior Shawn Cunningham said, "I enrolled in Vo-Tech to get my CNA liscense."

Students enrolled in Vo-Tech will tell you that it was a very smart idea and that students are involved for many different reasons. Sophomore Danielle Law is not involved in Vo-Tech but thinks those that are involved are very brave and courageous. Tipton states, "The students are pleased once they get there and I wish more could go. Maybe others can overcome the stigma Vo-Tech has been for students who choose to not go to college and realize it couldn't be any further from the truth."



While working with kids in the Child Development Center, Senior Darcy Nord reads a story before nap time. Learning how to deal with kids and new ways of teaching helps students discover if child development is right for them.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG

Senior Robert Logan creates ad art in one of the computer programs offered by Joe Herndon Technical Center. The college program is offered to juniors and seniors free of charge.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



Working with the advanced equipment, Junior Adam Schmidt learns new skills. Learning to operate new programs and software will help prepare Schmidt for the future.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



Junior Josh Long works as a diesel mechanic. Learning new skills, such as how to fix cars and do body work, will help Long to get a job after high school.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



the perfect word

What does the word "VOCATIONAL" mean?



"A family vacation."

Jennifer Guenther 10th grade

"A school about amphibians."



Jamie Dodson 10th grade

Vocational: adj. of a vocation, trade, occupation, etc. Designating or of an education, training, a school, etc.



Future cosmetologist and Senior Zekia Geotcha curls a fellow student's hair. Students practice on each other prior to taking appointments from community members.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG



Senior Breonica Cunningham braids a client's hair during an afternoon class. Classes are offered in the morning and in the afternoon to accommodate more students' schedules.

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Volleyball Creates A New Definition

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The volleyball team has really grown over the years. It has over 35 girls on the team and the majority are new members. The two new coaches on the team are "Coach P", as the girls call her, which stands for Patricia Skags. The other new coach is Christina Jones. The girls say that they like their two new coaches and that they feel they are teaching them good techniques, while making them work hard all the time.

Junior Jaquita Downing says, "I feel I am extremely close to my coach." Having

new members on the team is good and a new experience.

Coach Heide said, "I love having the new coaches, P & Jones, and all my new girls. I really needed the extra help and support."

Sophomore JV player Stacia Strickland says, "My main

goal is to get better by the day and my team goal is to work hard together so we can win."

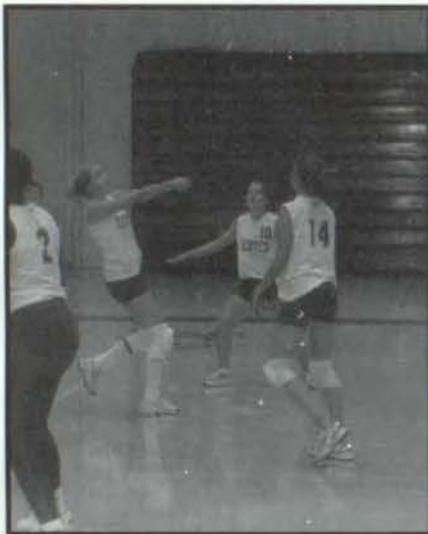
The volleyball team this year has had much success. The 2000 team has really learned to come together as a team and work hard to do what they have to do.

" I feel I am extremely close to my coach.

- Jaquita Downing "

WORKING HARD IN THE JUNIOR VARSITY GAME, THE GIRLS TAKE A BREAK TO TALK TO THEIR COACH AND WORK ON STRATEGIES. LISTENING TO THEIR COACH AND WORKING TOGETHER IS THE MAIN KEY.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



BUMP, SET, SPIKE ARE THREE TECHNIQUE IN PLAYING VOLLEYBALL. THE FRESHMEN WORK HARD ON MASTERING THESE TECHNIQUES IN A GAME.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN

FRESHMAN TEAM MEMBER KELLY RAMEL DOES HER BEST TO SERVE DURING A JV VOLLEYBALL GAME. SERVES ARE ONE ASPECT OF THE GAME THAT THE TEAM CANNOT DO WITHOUT.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS





FRESHMAN LESLIE GROSSNICKLE IS QUICK AND READY TO HIT THE BALL AND GET IT TO THE SETTER. PLAYERS WHO ARE SKILLED SETTERS ARE VALUABLE ASSETS TO THE TEAM.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

VARSITY TEAM PLAYER AMANADA CORBIN KNOWS HOW TO KEEP HERSELF HEALTHY BEFORE A GAME. EATING RIGHT WHEN PLAYING A SPORT IS IMPORTANT.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



VOLLEYBALL ROW ONE: MARIA JURADO, KRISTYN ART, ERICA CAIN, LILLI PICKETT, LESLIE GROSSNICKLE, JENNIFER SUEDMEYER, ERIN MILLER, DEBRIELLE REED ROW TWO: COACH PATRICIA SCAGGS, COACH CHRISTINE JONES, JENNIFER GIFFEN, ANDEA PENALOZA, AUBREE YEISLEY, ABIGAIL HEFFERNAN, EMILY BARTH, DIANA GONZALEZ, TRACEY HEPTING, HEAD COACH BETH HEIDE ROW THREE: NORISSA HUGHES, GINNY PEGELOW, STACIA STRICKLIN, SALLY AARONSON, BECKY BRAKE, SHANNON DRUMMOND, KELLY RAMEL, KATIE PICKETT ROW FOUR: LAVITA VERSER, AMANDA CORBIN, MELISSA EBBERTS, LAUREN HAMILTON, ANDREA ISOM, TYISHA JONES, ERIN HARRIS, KATIE KORANDO, LORA MODLIN NOT PICTURED: JAQUITA DOWNING, LATALYA DICKERSON, AMANDA PIERCE

• Say What?? •

DEFINE "SETTERS OUT"



"IT'S WHEN THE SETTER TAKES THE FIRST HIT. THEN SHE CAN'T TAKE THE SECOND PASS LIKE SHE'S SUPPOSED TO."

FRESHMAN
KELLY RAMEL



"THE BALL IS HIT TO A TEAM AND THE SETTER TAKES THE FIRST HIT, SO SOMEONE ELSE HAS TO BUMP OR SET IT UP FOR THE SPIKER. THE SETTER IS ALWAYS SUPPOSED TO TAKE THE SECOND HIT."

JUNIOR ERIN HARRIS



"WHEN THE SETTER TAKES THE FIRST HIT & SHE IS OUT AND UNABLE TO SET THE BALL UP FOR THE SPIKER."

SENIOR LAVITA VERSER

ACTUAL DEFINITION....

IF THE SETTER HITS THE BALL ON THE FIRST HIT, SHE CAN'T SET THE BALL UP FOR THE SPIKER ON THE SECOND HIT.



Friday afternoon, 2:45 PM
The bell rings, ending school
and beginning the...

ONDERFUL EEKENDS

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While strolling through the sculpture park at the Nelson Atkins Museum, Seniors Jennifer Carr and Clemence Bailly look at the giant shuttlecocks. Spending time appreciating the arts gives students more cultural diversity.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Weekends offer students a time away from school and gives them a chance to catch up on their sleep, relax, make some money, and do whatever they want. Students spend their free time in a variety of ways.

"I like weekends because you don't have to go to school, you can do whatever you want, and I don't have to wake up!" said Sophomore YaTonda Butler.

But, for other students, the weekends are not all fun and games.

"I work like 16 to 17 hours each weekend at the movies, and I work with a lot of people. Work's not too hard, but the stuff you have to clean is the hardest," said Junior Glen Fortune.

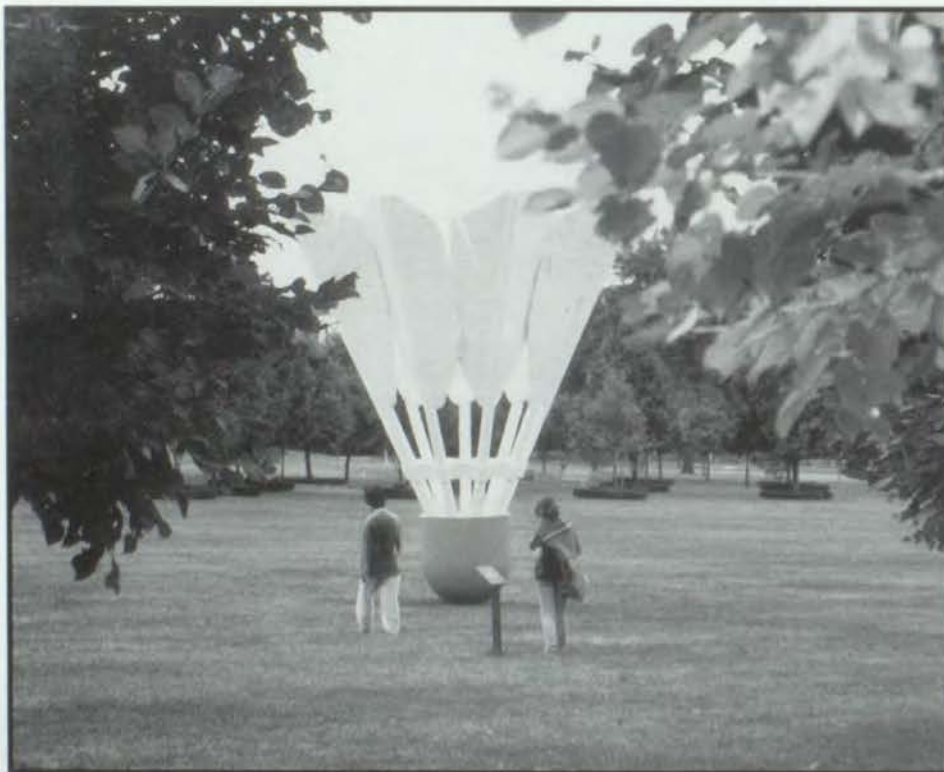
Even students who work still find time to play.

"Sleep! Sleep, sleep, sleep- all day. When I'm not sleeping, I hang out with friends, and stay out all night," said Freshman Quran Williams.

Even though the stresses of school may get some people down, the weekends roll around every five days to make everything better.

While riding on for dear life, Senior Jessica Crump takes her turn riding the tube at the Lake of the Ozarks. Traveling to far off places is another way that students can have fun during their time off.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR





Clearing the body and mind often is a benefit of the weekend. Freshman Julie Johnson helps achieve this by giving Senior Ryan Kulke a muscle rub. Stressful weeks tend to make the weekends even more enjoyable as the mind is able to take a break from the rigor of school. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

a new

Way of spending time
What is the wackiest way you've ever spent a weekend?

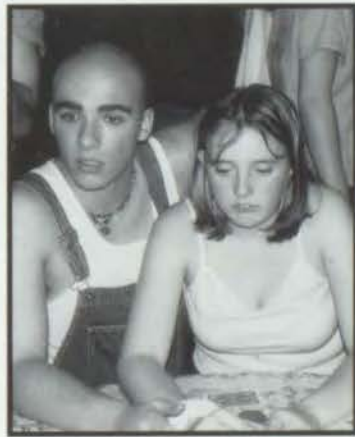


"Once while I was working, the toilet overflowed, and when I was cleaning it up I fell and I had war wounds to show for it."

Freshman Larry Thompson

"Boys came and picked up my friend and me in this rusty van, the dudes were cool, but we were so upset 'cause of the car."

Junior Staci Burnside



glirring an extra long weekend, Senior Aaron Schod plays in the snow during one of the many snow days. During the time off, students used their time wisely, making sure to get their 'play time' in. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

rawing the cards at the Players 58 cast party, Sophomore Mark Quinlin plays poker with his partner Senior Diane Asher. Even though weekends are supposed to be spent away from school, students often find themselves at school related activities. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Wrestling

(wrestling) n. 1. A form of sport in which the opponents struggle hand to hand, attempting to throw or force each other to the ground without striking blows.

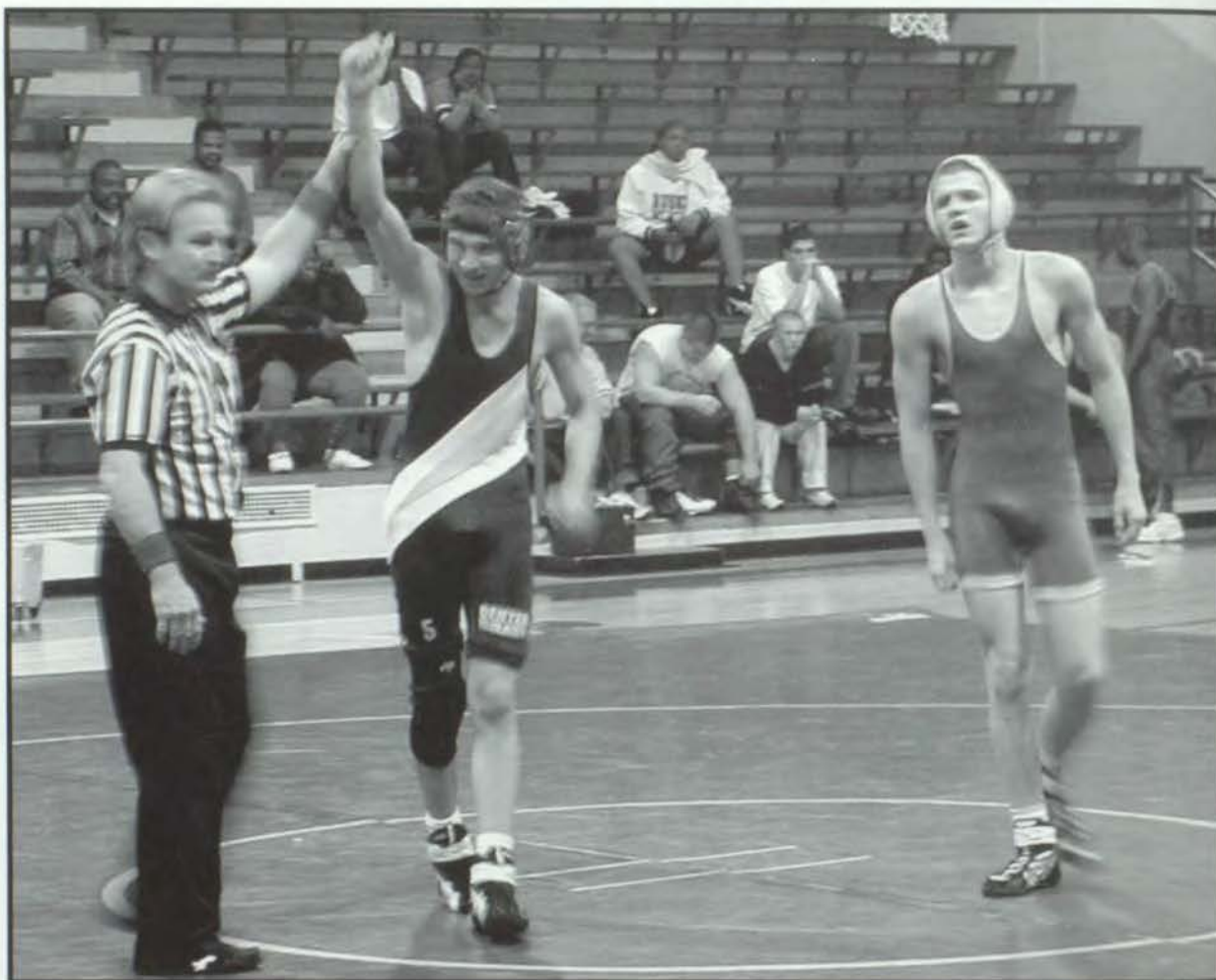
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Can't have too much junk food, soda, or unhealthy food. Why? Because it is wrestling season and the wrestlers have to get into shape.

The wrestling team worked very hard to learn the moves and strategies to "spank" their opponents. To reach and stay in their weight divisions, wrestlers had to watch what they ate, and practice everyday after school. Practice consisted of running and lifting weights EVERYDAY.

Is this all it takes to be a good wrestler? Not in the least. It takes dedication, hard work and persistence, but most of all it takes the right mind set. In few sports does a person go face to face with their opponent and have to rely only on their brute strength and strategies. Face to face, hand to hand contact.

Wrestling is a sport that uses the entire mind and body. In constant motion and with constant thinking wrestlers work intensely, striving for team and personal satisfaction.



After Freshman Steven Brakes pulverizes his opponent, the referee raises his hand in victory. The tired look of dismay on his defeated opponent's face makes the victory even more sweet.

PHOTO BY JAMIE DODSON

Practice makes perfect for new Freshmen Ladale Bell and Steven Brake. Learning and perfecting important moves and strategies is vital to winning future matches.

PHOTO BY JAMIE DODSON



Sophomore Chris Bellante and Senior Sean Kelly demonstrate different techniques on the mat. Learning by example is a very good way to improve skills.

PHOTO BY JAMIE DODSON



WRESTLING



BACK ROW: Chris Bellante, LaDale Bell, Richie Hill, Ryan Kulke, Brian Harris, Victor Thomas
ROW THREE: Andy Bullard, Tim Phillips, Charles Quinlin, Coach Alan Isom, Mark Quinlin, Chris Johnston, Steven Brake, Alex Isom
ROW TWO: Sam Weilert, William Hawkins, Steven May, David Spriggs, Dan Phinney, Kenny Harris, Taylor Hall
FRONT ROW: Jamie Dodson, Kaylene McFarland, Lauren Buckles, Britany Straub, Danielle Laubach, Julie Johnson

the perfect jacket word

GRAPPLE-An act or means of holding something.

"To kick violently."

Leslie Martin • 12th grade

"To tackle a person, or spit on them."

Nathan Lamont Taylor • 12th Grade



Sophomore Chris Bellante persistently tries to pin his opponent at this Ray South match. With both wrestlers trying hard to pin each other, this sport becomes survival of the fittest.

PHOTO BY JAMIE DODSON

As his battered Ray South opponent lies defeated on the mat, Sophomore David Spriggs raises triumphantly. Leaving a rough and tough match victoriously gives incomparable feelings to the victor.

PHOTO BY JAMIE DODSON

Xtraordinary

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1: not according to the usual custom or regular plan. 2: going far beyond the ordinary degree. 3: outside the regular staff.

FRIENDLIEST
JAKE HOWARD & JOANNA
DORIA



MOST SPIRITED
ANDREW JOHNSON & AMANDA
CORBIN



**MOST LIKELY TO
SUCCEED**
DAVID JOHNSON & MELISSA
EBBERTS



CLASS CLOWN
LIZ ELMORE & JARED CASTLE



Most Involved

Amy Carr & Tony Antonello



Prettiest Smile

Leonard Davis & Shantae Pitts



Most Musical

Josh Lacy & Cheri Sweaney



Biggest Flirt

Darnell Hicks & Joanna Gitterman



Xtra special

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(eks'tre) 1: more, larger, or better than is expected, usual, or necessary; additional or superior

(spesh'el) 1: unique 2: exceptional; extraordinary 3: highly regarded or valued.



Best Thespians

SEAN KELLY & JESSICA CRUMP

MOST CHANGED

ANDREA NOBLE & LUCAS WALLINGFORD



Best Personality

PHILLIP BECKER & TIARA WEATHERSBY

TEACHER'S PET
BRIAN HOLLEY & NAN LOU



LOUDEST
JON AMERISON & TYRA GRIGGS



CUTEST COUPLE
MARK ROYER & AUDREY YOUNG



MOST ATHLETIC
AISHA AUGUSTA & LANCE REDICK (NOT PICTURED)



Phattest Ride
JAY BARRY & DARA RAGLIN

U-Z

Yearbook

(yir-book') n. 1. a book published yearly, 2. a publication of the graduating class of a school or college, with pictures and reports of the school year, 3. a book giving statistics and data of the proceeding year.

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CHANGES

"Because of the changes, what have you learned?"



"I have learned to survive on my own, and to make my way through a difficult situation; to improve the situation that was handed to me."

Junior Colin Chambers



"I have learned how much responsibility and time it actually takes to put a whole yearbook together. Also, I have learned how much work Yates really did for us."

Junior Tirannee Givhan



"I've learned that the yearbook staff is extremely capable; I think they have even surprised themselves with what they can do."

Long-term Sub, Jackie Carr

Making a yearbook is a struggle every year. Meeting deadlines, taking photographs, finding quotes, and writing stories are just a few responsibilities of staff members. This year has been an especially challenging year because the staff has been working without an advisor. Senior Amy Carr, yearbook Editor-in-Chief, has often been referred to as the "Yearbook Nazi." On top of assigning pages and deadlines, Carr is now responsible for assigning grades and doing jobs that were previously done by the advisor, Kathy Yates.

"It has been really hard this year without Yates. She really kept staff morale up and when we were under a lot of stress she always made it fun. But, my staff has done a really good job this year and they are trying really hard. I think that overall we are still planning to turn out a really good book, and I have learned a lot about staff management," said Carr.

All of the staff members have had to become more independent and self-accountable in the new situation. One thing staff members lost with their advisor is motivation. Senior Tiara Weathersby often lacks motivation, "Sometimes I'm not enthused and it's not fun, but I do it anyway because it's my job."

Staff members have found a way to work through adversity and produce the yearbook as usual. Student leadership and responsibility are the keys to their success.



While learning about layout, Advisor Kathy Yates helps Seniors Tina Dasari and Amber Gilliland, and Junior Tirannee Givhan with their designs. Knowing all aspects of yearbook is an essential tool for helping staff members do their jobs.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Senior Tiara Weathersby shows off her senior pictures to a fellow staff member, Senior Kim Knowlton, while at Pizza Street. Amid all the stresses of being on staff, students still find time to hang out with their friends.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Junior Andrew Barth, Sophomore Tammy Johnson, and Senior Kim Knowlton enjoy a pizza party as a reward for making deadline. Making deadline is the number one priority when producing a yearbook.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Y•E•A•R•B•O•O•K

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • AMY CARR

ASST. EDITOR • TIARA WEATHERSBY

PHOTO EDITOR • AMBER GILLILAND



ROW ONE: Amber Gilliland, Amy Carr, Kim Knowlton
 ROW TWO: Colin Chambers, Tiranee' Givhan, Andrew Barth
 ROW THREE: Dorian Gist, Tammy Johnson NOT PICTURED: Tiara Weathersby, Emily Buford, Audrey Young, Tina Dasari

the perfect word

Can you define the word Pica?



"Umm.... I don't know, an elephant's toe nail?"

• Claude Parker • 11th grade



"It's when you pick at something."

• Breyda Rodriguez • 10th grade •

Pica: 1. Size of type, 12 point. 2. typographical unit of measurement, ~1/16 of an inch.



During the Journalism Holiday Party, Seniors Audrey Young and Kim Knowlton "bond" with each other, while Junior Emily Buford keeps them in "check" with a baton. Staff members spent the evening flying over the Plaza Lights and partying at the airport.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Sophomore Dorian Gist shows some long-held aggression toward his editor, Senior Amy Carr, while at Science City. During the NASPA Journalism Convention students found spare time to check out Science City.

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U-Z

Make Lots of Zombies

Copy and Design by Colin Chambers

Sleepless Nights

Say What??

DEFINE "SLEEP APNEA".



"IT'S LIKE WHEN
ABBY
HEFFERNAN
DOESN'T GET
ENOUGH
SLEEP."
NATIKA LOPEZ
JUNIOR



"YOU'RE
SLEEPING FOR
A LONG TIME
AND YOU CAN'T
GET UP."
NICOLE LOPEZ
SOPHOMORE

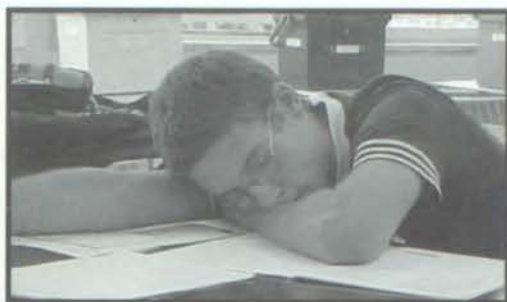


"WHEN YOU
SLEEP FOR A
LONG TIME."
KEARA AUSTIN
JUNIOR

ACTUAL DEFINITION . . .

"THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE OF SLEEP."





JAKE



JAKE HOWARD

We thank God for you and your accomplishments! You've been a constant joy to us.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Josh 97

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord," Jeremiah 29:11

DARCY



Darcy Nord

Darcy: You finally made it! We are so proud of the young lady you have become. Always keep your standards high and keep your faith in God and there will be no limits. Keep that smile that lights up your face.

Mom, Dad and Christian

Clemence



Tyra Griggs, Amy Carr, Melissa Ebberts, Clemence Bailly, and Jessica Crump

Isn't America wonderful? Land of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and home of the crazy. We love you!

We will always remember you.
Pat, Jackie, Amy, & Joe

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Amy Carr

From this beautiful infant, a joy to all known,
To a caring young lady you've rapidly grown.
We treasure the moments
and all the love that you've shown.

From a hug to your brother, or a pat to your cats,
To your fads and your phases and even little spats.

From your "special" projects that caused such a mess.
To cleaning it up, time spent together none the less.

We treasure every moment, each day spent with you,
For the moments make the memories to carry us
through.

We know you will be successful in whatever you do,
And those that you meet will be
blessed knowing you.

You truly are the greatest daughter in
the world, or least one of them!

Love,
Mom & Dad



The Carr Legacy

Two Generations of Center Grads



Patrick Carr 1974



Marianne Carr 1971



William Carr 1982



Joe Carr
2000



Amy Carr
2001



Rita Carr
2000



Jennifer Carr
2001



National Honor Society
A Tradition of Excellence



Lee



Lee Unger

Remember always: Life is not a dress rehearsal....doggie woo! Never forget who's in charge.....We're proud of you, Hotshot!
We love you—
Mommy and Daddy
Paige and Jack



Kerri



You are a precious gift from God. We have enjoyed watching you grow into a fine young lady. We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. Keep God close and follow your dreams. We will give you all our love and support in whatever path you take in life.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Kerri Knox

Tim

**CONGRATULATIONS!
WE ARE VERY PROUD
OF YOU. MAY YOU
CONTINUE TO USE
YOUR GIFTS TO LIVE
UP TO YOUR NAME,
TIMOTHY, "TO
HONOR GOD".
LOVE,
MOM & DAD**

Andrea

We are very proud of all your hard work and accomplishments. We respect the way you stand up for what you believe in. We will never forget your first day of kindergarten, middle school, and your final days of high school. Now you re ready for your next challenge. You re a wonderful daughter who we love and are very proud of.

Love,
Mom and Dad



ANDREA
NOBLE



Tim Phillips

David

We are so proud of you inspite of the many obstacles you have faced. You have been an inspiration to our family!

Love,
Mom &
Dad



David Johnson

Phillip

We are proud of your many achievements. You have brought us much joy. Good luck next year at college.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Phillip Smith



Melissa Ebberts

Melissa

We're so proud of you. Whatever you decide to do in life, we know that you'll succeed.

We love you,
Mom & Dad



Jared Castle

Jared

Congratulations!
You did it! We are very proud of you. You have brought so much laughter to our lives. Follow your dreams.

Love,
Mom &
Lauren



Brian Holley

Your drive toward excellence and determination to do the right thing have really paid off. We have always been so very proud of you and we love you more than words can say. **Congratulations!! Continue to hold onto your dreams and make them happen!!!**

Love, Mom and Dad



—● JESSICA ●—
CAHILL CRUMP



THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING
XOXO THE MOTHER

Aubree

Aubree:

You've honored us by living I Timothy 4:12. You've entertained us with your many talents. You've blessed us with your honesty and integrity. Our prayer for you is Phillipians 1:9-11. Remember - a "Little Bit" will always make a HUGE difference.

Love you much,
Mom and Dad



Aubree Michelle Yeisley

Halle

We were so happy the day you arrived. You have made us happy and proud every day since. Congratulations on your accomplishments! We love you!
Mom, Daddy & Jill



Halle Gotfredson

Jack

Jack, You are very special to all of us. We are very proud of you.

Congratulations!
We love you,
Your Family



Jack Ryan

Justin

Congratulations! We are very proud of you and we love you a bunch!
Mokie and Grandpa



Justin Shoemaker

Sean

Thanks for being a special part of our lives, Sean.

Kathy & Jeff
Lee, Paige & Jack



Sean Johnson

Tyra



Tyra,

How the time goes quickly. I remember your first day of school. You were so eager to start. You were the Morning Greeter. You would hug everyone's parents as they brought their children into school. You have never stopped meeting new people and being involved in things. It's been a long hard struggle but you made it. Keep your head up. Keep reaching for the stars. We are very proud of you. We love you. Mommy and Donel

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Michael



Michael:

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Love,
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Colette

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Love,
Your Family



Colette Norton

Joanna



Joanna Doria

You bring great joy to our hearts and to each life you touch! Your love of life and God is contagious. We love you and are so proud of you!

Congratulations,
Mom & Dad



Mark

Mark:
Congratulations on your graduation. You have enriched all you have come into contact with. Your outlook, compassion, values, and work ethic will serve you well as you enter college.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, Elliot



Mark Royer



Sean

From your earliest dancing, acting, sports and school days, we have always been your biggest fans. We are so proud of everything you've done and accomplished. We can't believe you're all grown up and ready to go out on your own.

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Never lose sight of your goals.

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MAN-D,
YOU'VE MADE IT
THIS FAR, WAY
TO GO!! BUT
GUESS WHAT:
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MORE. YOU ARE A
BRINGER OF LIGHT... MAY YOU SHINE
BRIGHTLY. THE WORLD NEEDS YOUR
LIGHT NOW..... NOT TOMORROW. NOW!!
DADY-O

Connie

We're so proud of you!
Good luck, be true, honest,
Kind and pure at heart.
May God bless you always,
Love,
Mom and Dad



Connie Sisk

Phillip

Phil:
We are so proud of you!
You are a fine young man
and have a great future.
We love you!

Mom, Brian and Mike



Phillip Becker

Amber

I'm sooo proud of you
Amber. Always follow
your dreams and reach
for the stars. You can
do anything if you put
your mind to it.
Your family loves you.



Amber Gilliland

Jason

We wanted to let you know
we love you and are proud of
you. You are our favorite
oldest son.

Love,
Dad and Mom



Jason Forson

Aishah

Who could
resist a face
like that! We
never could.
Congratulations,
Aishah
on your
graduation.

Mom



Aishah Augusta

GLORY

Glory,
Your name is an expression of praise "Glory to God". From
the miracle of your birth to the present, your life has echoed
that praise. You are my beautiful, intelligent special girl. You
have loved, honored and helped me. I love you and am very
proud of you.

Mom



Glory Ajarapu



Christy



Christy Campbell

All Our Love,
Mom, Dad,
Matt, Grandma
Dot, Grandma Bop
and Grandpa

Christy,
We are so very proud of you. You are a beautiful, intelligent and successful young woman. You have been blessed with God given talents and we urge you to use them. Most of all, we love your never-ending, enthusiastic spirit of life. Future success is all yours - go for it! And so, for the last time Christy...HOW DOES A COW GO?

Joanna Tishyer Gitterman



As the song says, "Sunrise, sunset. Swiftly flow the years. One season following another...laden with happiness and tears." Your final year of high school is both an end and a beginning. This year, as you turn eighteen, holds the promise of many new adventures and a lifetime of experiences ahead. We're proud of you. We love you.

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Amanda



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Kim

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Mom & Leonard

Congratulations to a very special person in my life — you!

Grandma B.

Keep up the good work. I love you very much,
Grandma C.

Congratulations! You're a fantastic big sister!

Love,
Paul & Sarah Jane

During college, we know you will use your talent, charms, intellect, and our credit card!

Congratulations!
Dad & Jane

Kim Knowlton

Tiara

From the eyes of a mother with love to a very special lady, 17 years ago when you came into my life, Tiara, I thought that life could not get any better than this; but as I watched you grow and accomplish one of your many dreams, I know that life will only get better from this point on. Congratulations, Tiara. I know you will do well in college because you were born with the independence and self-motivation that will allow you to achieve in all your dreams. I'm very proud of you. Always know that I'm here for you and that I love you always.



Tiara Weathersby

Jennifer

Rose

Carr

Amidst a massive oxidation reduction reaction, the famous neuroscientist Starwicks exclaimed, "Who's line is it anyway?" His sister Saffron promptly consulted the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy and sang, in her best Ani imitation, "Firstly, through deconstructionism, we can eliminate Fox Mulder, you know.", Juniper Pearl, on the other hand, found the truth in The Liguorian and crookedly pointed out since Jennifer has graduated, I think we're good to go!



Love,
mummy &
stefan

Heather

Congratulations, Heather Marie,
I am so proud of you.
My little girl has graduated!

Love,
Mommy

Heather, Wow! We
can't believe that
you are graduating.
We hope you have
fun after gradua-
tion. We will miss
you.

Love,
Holly & Brendan



Heather Marie Inscore

Michael



Michael Gaither

Smart, funny, charming, honest, loving; we are blessed.....having you in our lives. We know this is just the start of your journey. May God bless you and keep you.

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Clint

Charles

Charles,

It hardly seems possible that you are graduating. I want you to know I truly love you. I'm proud of you and will always be here for you. Always keep your head high and remember you are a winner.

Love,
Aunt Barbo



Charles Blackmon

Logan

Growing up we've seen you through Mutt and Dougie and football, too. Documentaries, swimming, and ALL- first rate.

We love you, Logie, You are Great!

Love Mom, Dad, Paul, Colleen, Peter, and Molly



Logan Gillespie

Corey

You're smart and funny,
The tallest man I know.
You'll make piles of money,
Bling blingin like a wo!

Love, Mom



Corey Davis

Emily

We knew you could--
YOU determined you would! We're proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Carlton, Cathy & Dad



Emily Walker

Lisa

Lisa,
We are so proud of you and all the goals you have accomplished, from all your firsts to Court Warming Queen. Good luck, with Love,
Mom, Larry
Dad and Bessie



Lisa Wellington

Andrew Michael Johnson



Looking back over the years, we realize that we have been blessed with 18 wonderful years filled with your sense of humor and your laughter.. watching you grow to become a compassionate and caring person. . and most of all seeing your relationship with

the Lord become the center of your life. Although the disciple Andrew is only mentioned twice in the New Testament, we feel that you bear so much likeness to the very qualities that we have admired in him. . . always seeking, ever humble, incredibly resourceful, wildly imaginative, and solely focused on serving the Lord. You are that kind of Andrew! Our hope for you as you graduate from Center and venture out into the world; that you remain true to



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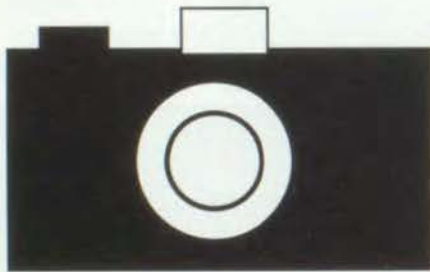
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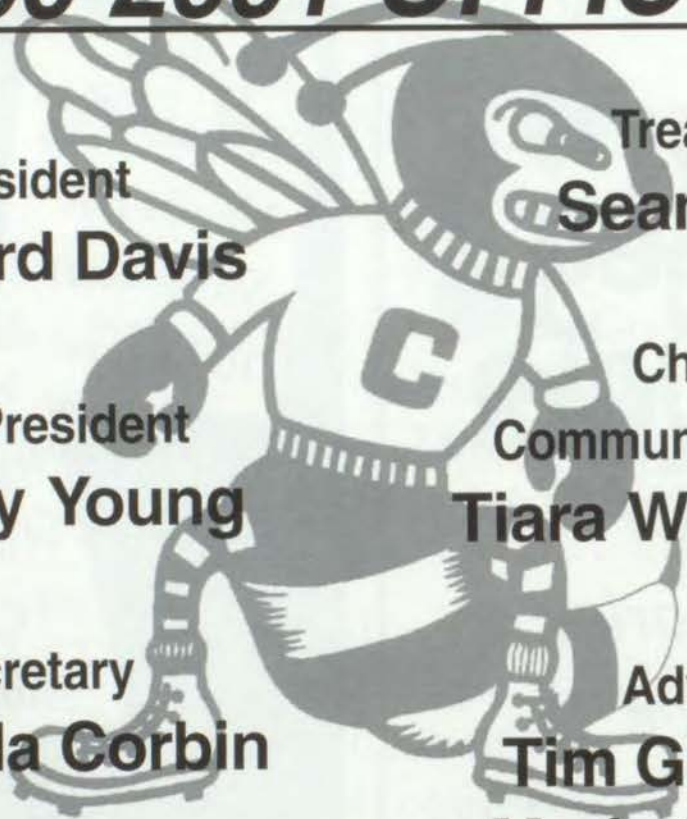
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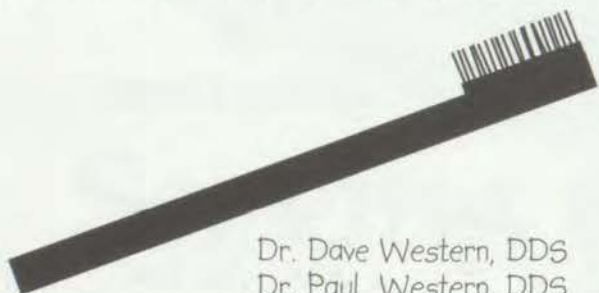
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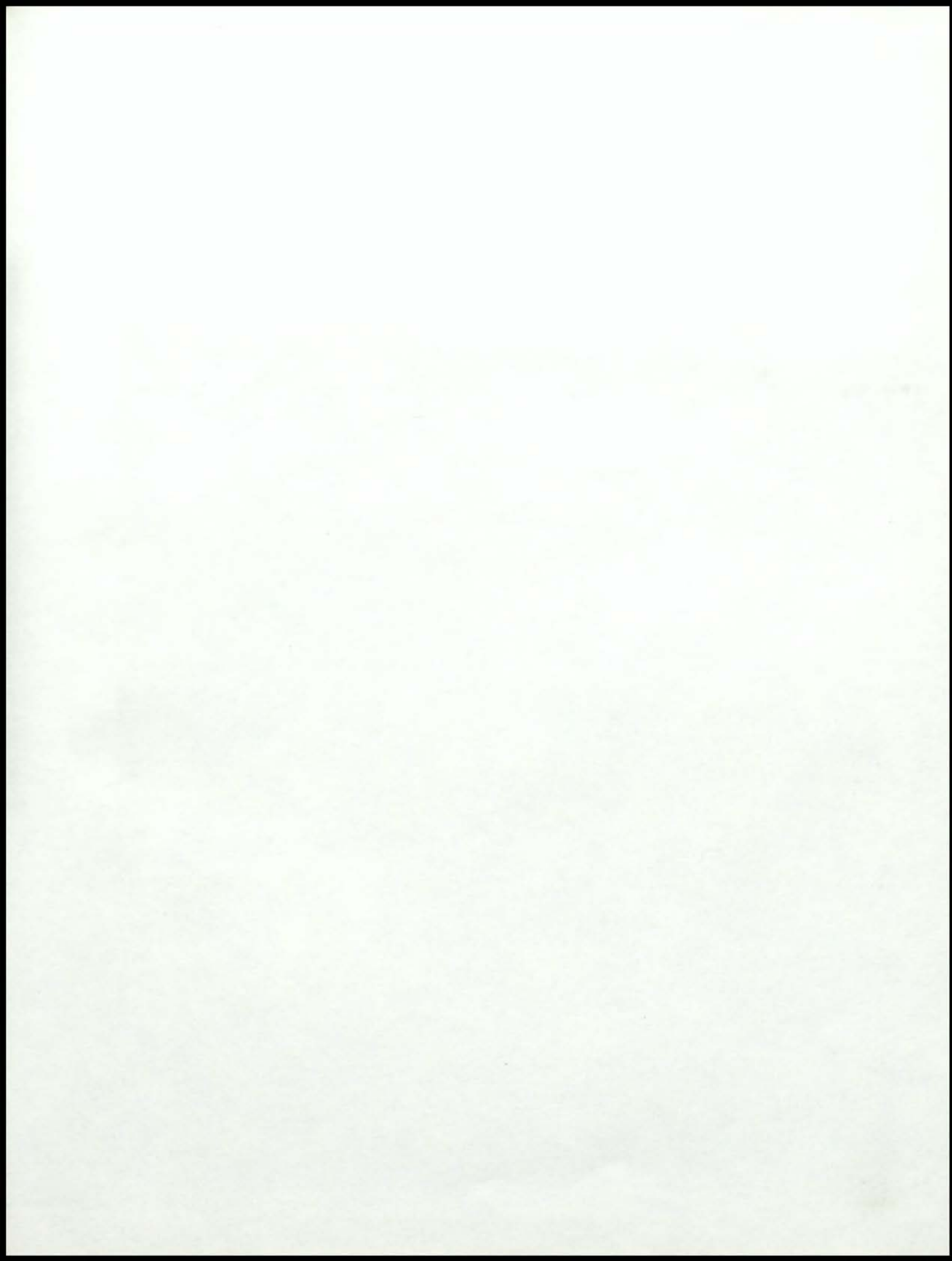
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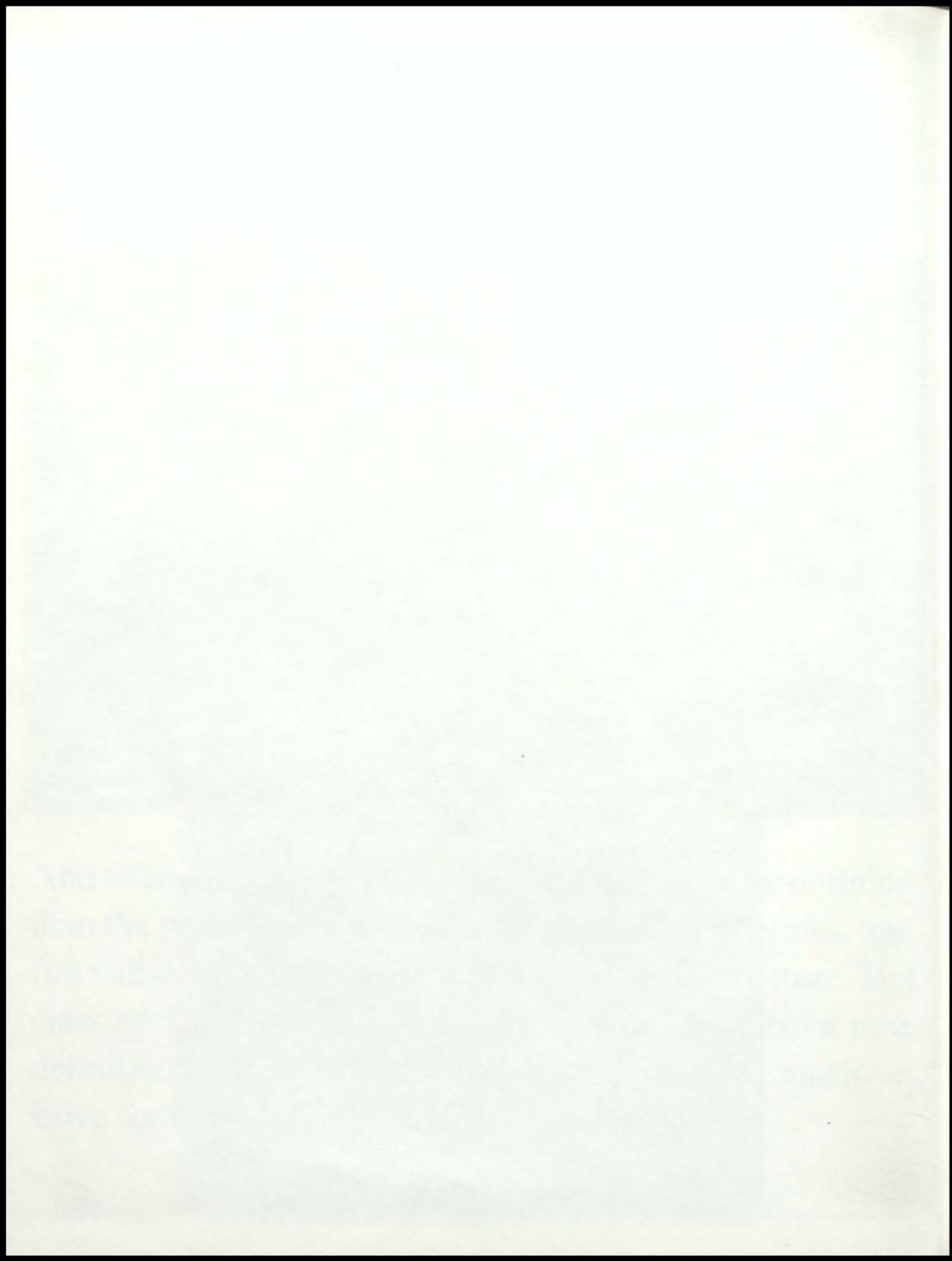


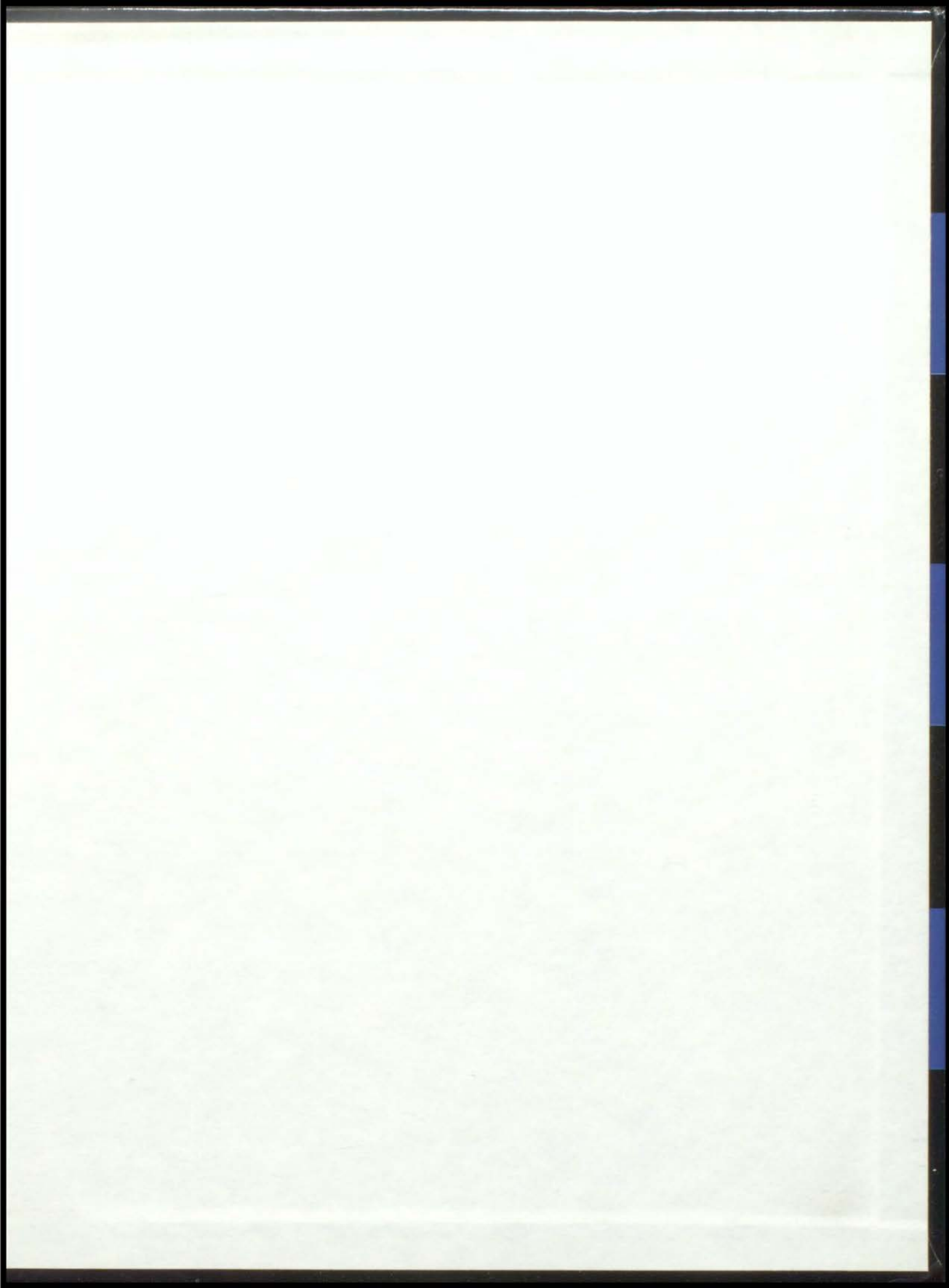
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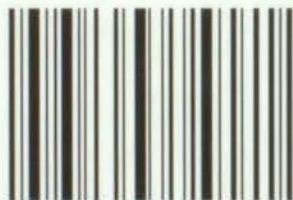
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