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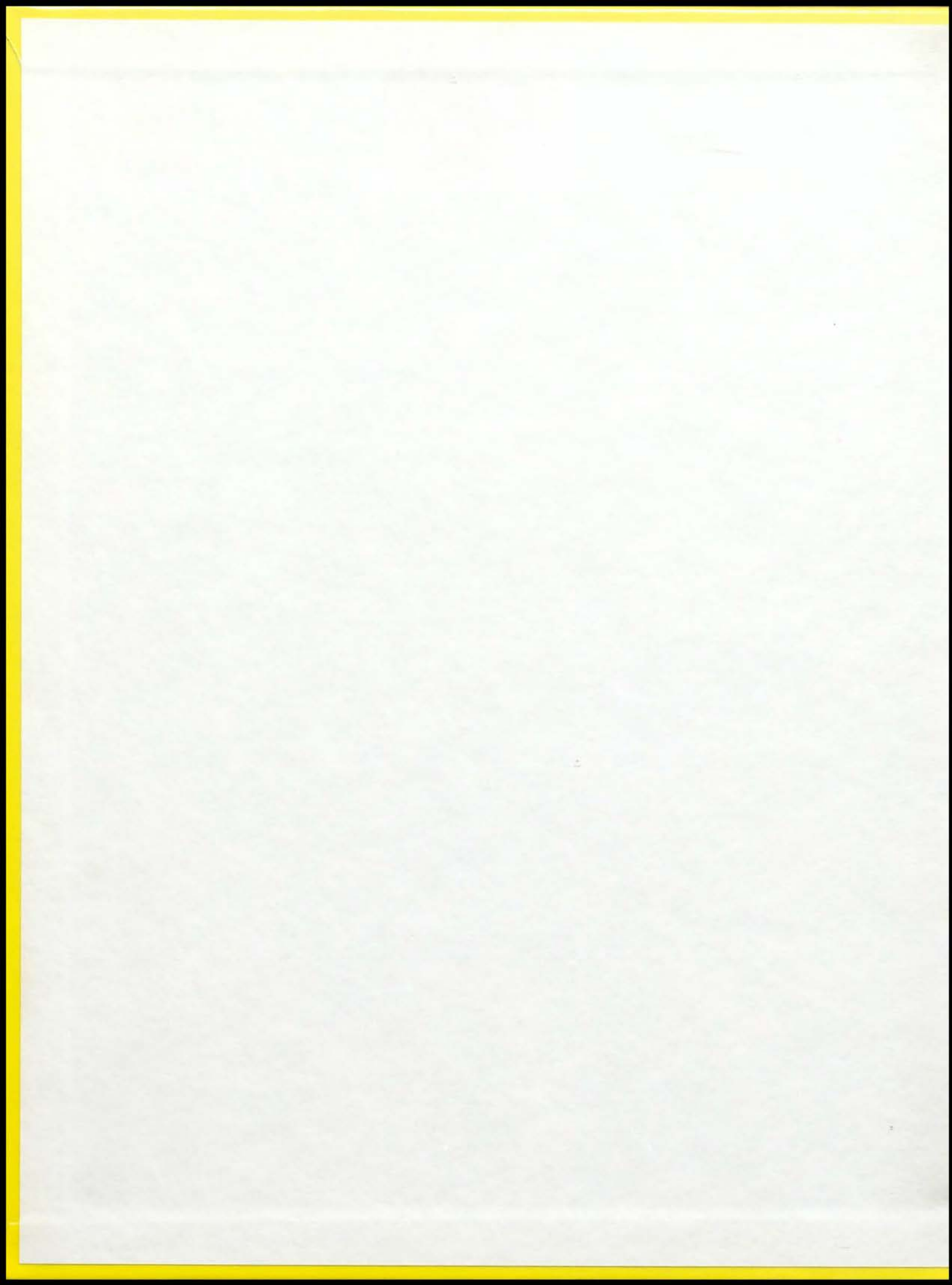
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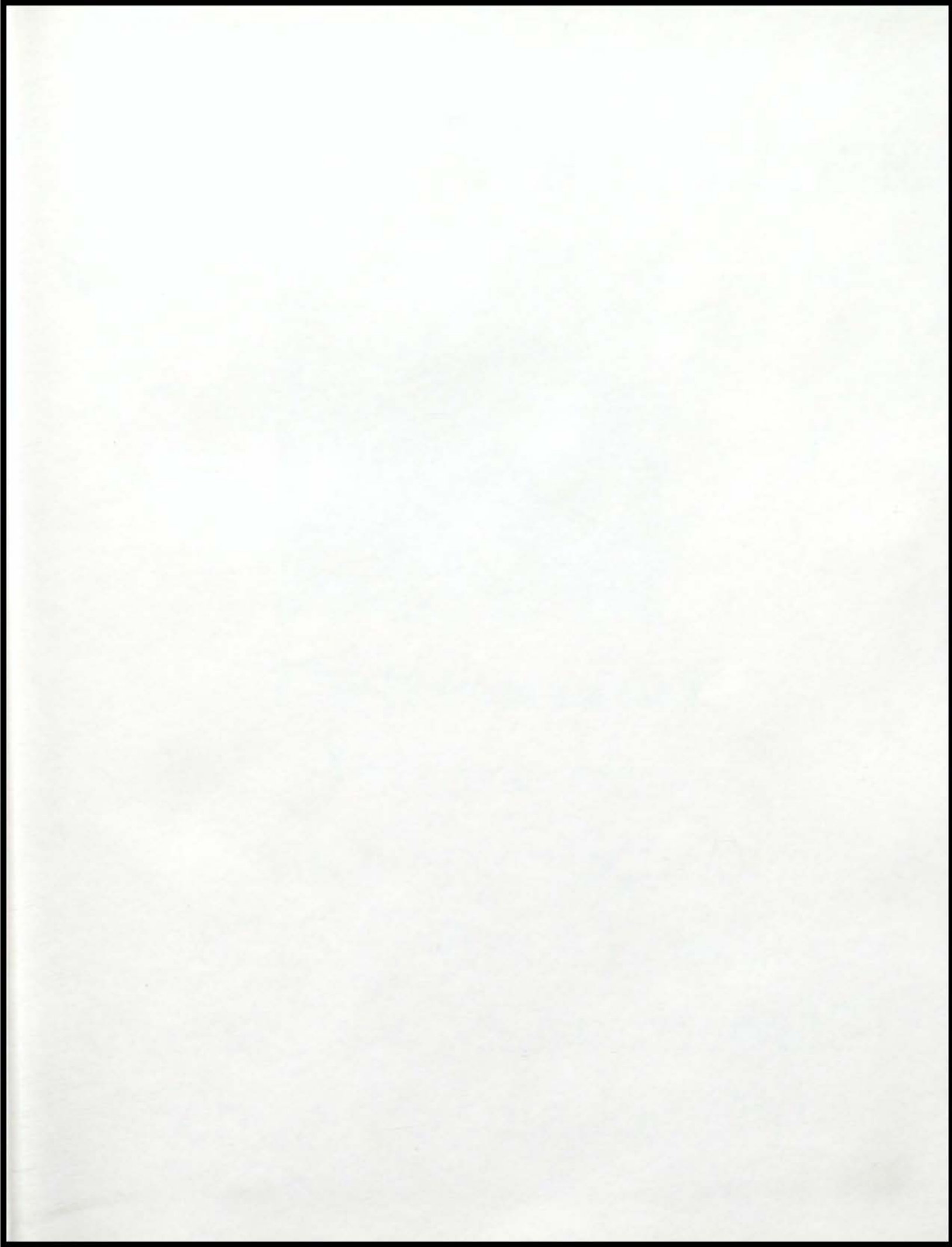
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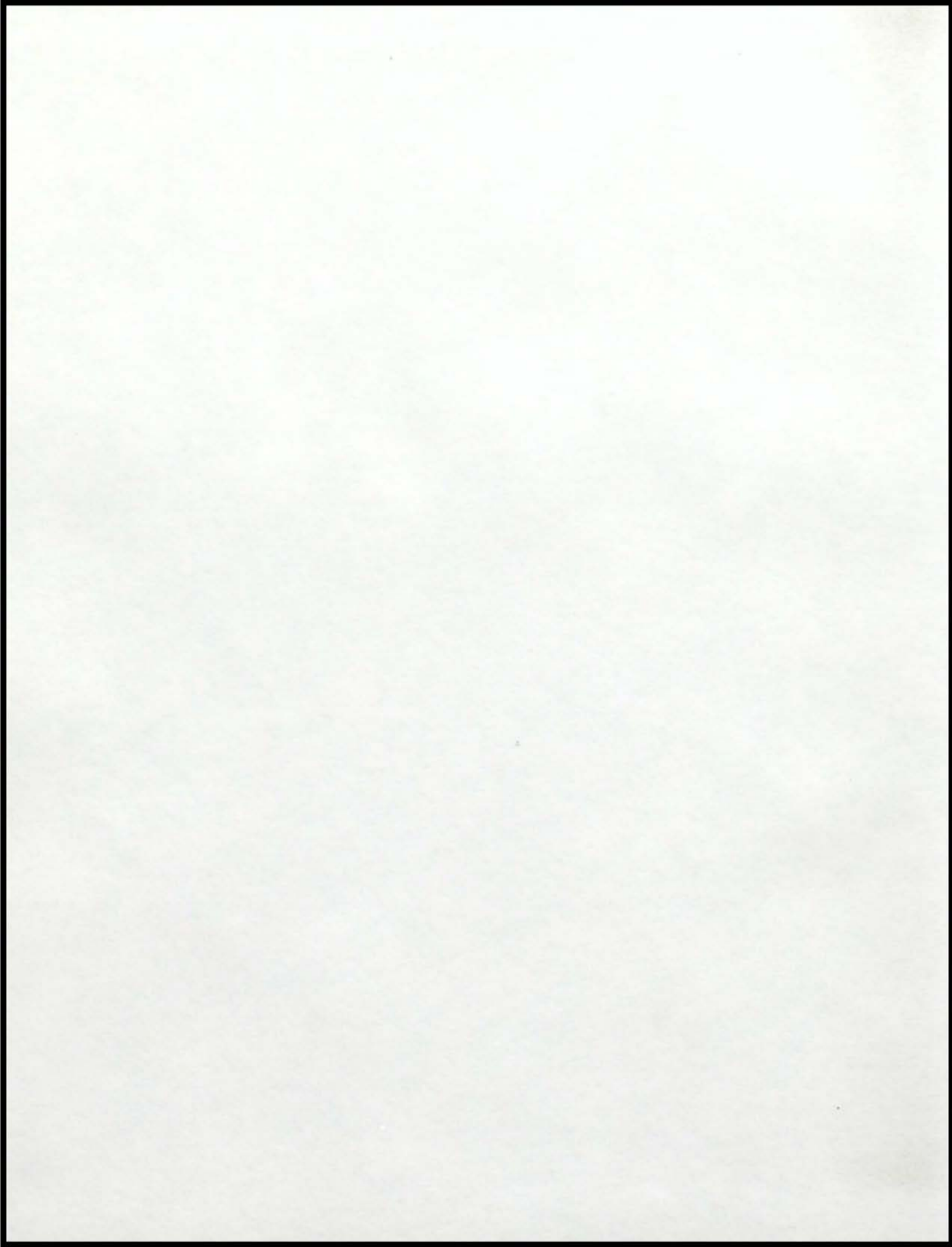
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# And the year begins...



Another year begins at Center High School, and change is in the air. As we return to school, our new principal, Mr. Washington eagerly welcomes students, new and returning alike, into Center. Classes have moved, causing many students to be disoriented for a few days. The new freshmen find themselves placed on teams. Most of them like the concept, but don't really care for the divided separate lunch.

Soon, we witness fences going up around our school. For the first time in years, Center High School is starting a transformation. In a few weeks, there will no longer be a porch on the circle drive, not to mention no circle drive at all: a giant ditch will replace it. A new sidewalk has been poured near the south porch, but there's no longer a south porch. It's been closed, as well. The seniors of 2002 are told that they will not graduate from the stadium, which by the way was renamed Hoelzel Stadium, because it will not exist either in May 2002.

But life is all about changing. One of the ways we keep up with changes is through our magazines. Despite the lightning fast changes, *People Weekly* keeps us up to date on which celebrity is going out with whom. *Newsweek* lets us know that President Bush has declared war, that Congress has passed that latest law and that our national budget did not, in fact, have a surplus.

Magazines keep us up to speed on the rapid changes that happen in our everyday life. And that's why the theme of this year's book is *Magazine*. Through the different sections, you'll see pictures that remind you of that time you went bowling with your best friend, or the amazing season the football team had. So turn a page or two. As many changes happened this year at Center, you'll have to turn quickly to keep up.

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# Sports



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Junior Richard  
Jurado fights to finish the end of the  
race.

# The Team



## Cross Country Team

**Front Row:** Ernest Curry, Michael Chatman, Luke Hall, Maria Jurado, Kristyn Art, Lauren Fielder-Bey, Michelle Chaput, Jamesha Griesby. **Back Row:** Mark Quinlin, Bret Noble, Steve Brake, Coach Josh Baxter, Patrick Holley, Richard Jurado, Chris Bellante and Zyon McCulley.



Members of the Varsity team prepare for the long race ahead of them.



"It was fun because I got to run with my friends and meet people from other schools."



Richard Jurado

"It was fun because I got to run as an individual on a team and meet new people."



Chris Bellante

"Running three miles each day, you get used to it."



Jamesha Grigsby

Varsity runner Junior Luke Hall tests his endurance while pushing to keep up with the Belton runners.



Varsity holds tight and remains neck and neck with the Ray-Pec team. Fighting to maintain control of the race was one of the teams' many talents.



# RUNNERS

It is a lonely sport, spending hours on the road alone, and working by yourself during competition - running is what it is all about

When high school students think of sports to play, which one comes to mind first? Football, volleyball, and soccer are usually the main ones and the most popular. For the Cross Country team however, running is the thing they love.

"I run because it keeps me in shape for track, and I'm actually pretty good at it!" said sophomore William Haddix.

There are different runs the Cross Country team are challenged to do; the hard days consist of 6 1/2 miles, and the easy days are about five miles. So for the team, two hours, five days, and a total of 40 miles each week takes up a lot of their after school time.

"I joined Cross Country because it seemed like a really fun sport, and a good way to meet new people," said sophomore Maria Jurado.

"After awhile you get used to the running and just go with it," said Haddix.

At Invitationals there are about nine to 12 schools that the team is challenged to race against; you can only imagine what it's like to place in that large of a group.

"The best part of any meet would be the rush you get when you cross the finish line!" said Jurado.



Junior Luke Hall may look tired, but he strives to keep first place.

Having the perfect form is the most important thing in setting. Diana Gonzalez shows just that.



# JUST THE figures

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Raytown South 6-15  
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### Volleyball Team

**Front Row:** Coach Christine Jones, Megan Wilhelm, Michelle Johnston, Andrea Gore, Shayla Bertrop, Michelle Ebberts, Keri Stoetzer, Tanesha Cook, Megan DeMasters, India Clark, Jessica Stoneking, Coach Patricia Scaggs. **Middle Row:** Erin Harris, Shannon Drummond, Ginny Pegelow, Erica Cain, Sasha Ellis, Emily Barth, Diana Gonzalez, Lilli Pickett, Jennifer Suedmeyer, Becky Brake, Erin Miller. **Back Row:** Lauren Hamilton, Tyisha Jones, Ese Ighedosa, Kelly Ramel, Leslie Grossnickle, Katie Korando, Amanda Pierce, Sally Aaronson.

YOU SAID IT!

Coach P. takes part in helping the girls warm up.



Coach Patricia Scaggs



Ginny Pegelow & Lauren Hamilton

Good spirits and nice smiles is what these girls are all about before they show their stuff in the game.

"I think this is by far the best team: the girls don't fight.... and we all have a good time."



Coach Beth Heide

Warming up her arms by bumping is what Sophomore Diana Gonzalez does right before the game.



# SPIKE IT

You just can't hide the Yellow Jacket pride when it comes to volleyball. All Varsity players show their school pride by wearing CHS socks.



Aggressiveness, determination, and good sportsmanship are what these girls are all about. This year's volleyball team is on top of things like their game and hitting the ball. "I think this is by far the best team: the girls don't fight, they are so nice, and we all have a good time," says Head Coach Mrs. Heide, of the volleyball team.

Most of the girls on the 2001 volleyball team have been playing together since their freshmen year. Seniors Katie Korando, Amanda Pierce, and Shannon Drummond have been on the team throughout their high school career. It will be hard to leave the team because these girls are so close. "Team unity and hard work is what I will miss the most," said Senior Katie Korando. Katie also said she will miss the feeling you get when you win.

With the seniors leaving, and the freshmen coming, the team will be awesome. You would think the freshmen would be discouraged with being a freshmen but these girls are so aggressive. "I like it, the girls are so nice and don't feel at all out of place," said Freshman Taneshia Cook. Taneshia also feels no pressure along with the other freshmen. "It's very exciting to see freshmen come out and be willing to learn new things," said Freshman Coach Christine Jones.

The girls have improved greatly this year. "It's important to be a team, and there has been a lot of improvement," said Junior Varsity Coach Patricia Scaggs. The level of this year's kids who love the game has really grown, and that is very important for the team.



Passing drills are a big part of the volleyball team's warm up. Junior Tyisha Jones and Freshman Sasha Ellis demonstrate.



You can never have too much practice, is what volleyball players must keep in mind.



Setting is one of the most important techniques used in volleyball. Junior Varsity player Erica Cain shows just that.



High jumps and hard hits is what Varsity player Ginny Pegelow is all about.

# JUST THE figures



## Tennis Team

**Front Row:** Elizabeth Hill , Amy Jantz, Roxanne Rouse, Laura Erickson and Joy Stemplemen. **Back Row:** Telina Raffurty, Shelly Mattson, Jill Gotfredson, Manager Alex Rouse, Natalie McNeil, Andrea Shutte and Amy Davis.

As Erickson shows her strength. She also returns the ball from the other girl.



Waiting for the ball to return, Junior Roxanne Rouse gets ready to return the ball to score.



YOU SAID IT!

"Volleyball was too crowded, and most players don't even get to play all that much. Tennis seemed like a sport where I can show my skills."



Natalie McNeil

"I wanted to join because my sister played, and she had a lot of fun and I like being able to play alone and not having to depend on other players."



Jill Gotfredson

"I was really happy that a lot more Freshmen tried out, compared to last year."



Laura Erickson



# SERVE IT

Senior Laura Erickson concentrates to serve the ball.



Shelly Mattson returns the ball to her opponent



Freshman Natalie McNeil is ready to return the ball to one of her team members at practice.



Senior Laura Erickson slams the ball to the other side of the court for a victory.

Another hot summer along with plenty of new faces brought in the 2001-2002 Girl's Tennis season. A flock of young talent combined with experienced upperclassmen made this year's team bigger and better than before. "I was really happy with how many Freshmen tried out this year compared to last year," said Senior Laura Erickson. "I wanted to join because my sister was in it and she had a lot of fun doing it," stated Freshman Jill Gotfredson.

A bigger team can also help players practice better which contributes to more victories on the court. "We do drills, stretching exercises and hit the ball back and forth to improve our swing," said Freshman Amy Jantz.

Hard work helped the team when it came to tournament action. Senior Laura Erickson swung her way to a 6th place finish at Conference in singles competition. "As a team we also placed 6th, which is really good for the beginning of the season," said Erickson. "It was cool because some of the times we got to get out of school for all day tournaments either away or here at Minor Park," said Jantz. "I liked the part about being able to play alone and not having to depend on other people," said Gotfredson.



Senior Laura Erickson gets ready to serve the ball. Focusing is a main point in Tennis.



Freshman Amy Jantz concentrates as she hits the ball back to her opponent. Jantz was a first year member of the team.



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Junior Keith Reddick waits to receive the ball after the hike.  
Reddick tallied lots of yards for the Yellowjacket team.

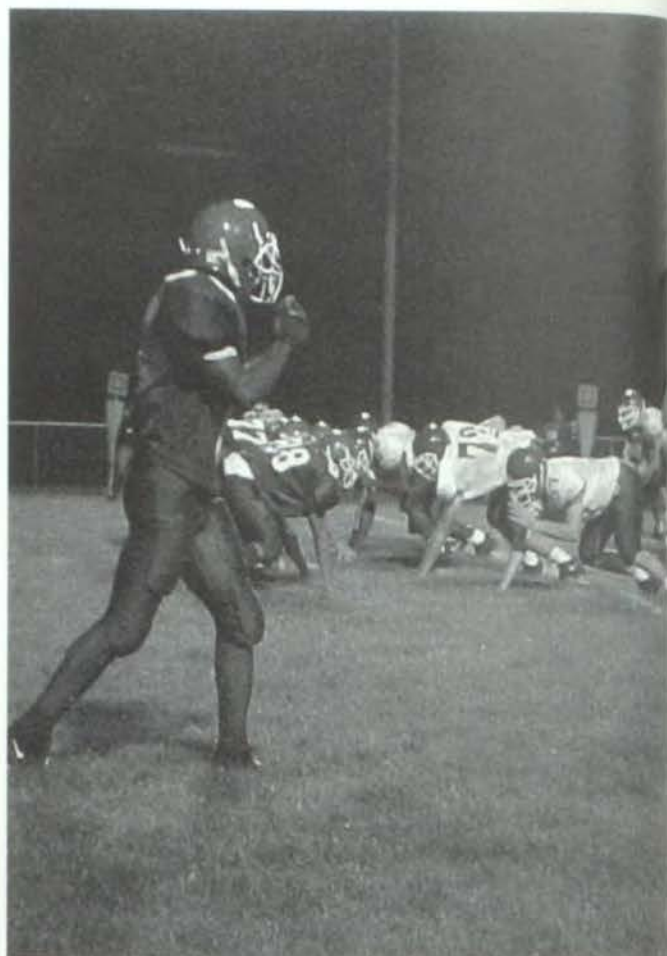
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### 2001 Football Team

**Front Row:** J. Rison, G. Courtney, K. Groves, L. Council, E. Blockman, S. Ealy, P. Elam, S. Thorton, W. Townsend, K. Reddick, D. Grayer, W. Hawkins, R. Stockman. **Second Row:** D. Clark, J. Fortner, M. McDaniel, Q. Jones, Coach Johnson, J. Long, K. Murray, B. Starr, L. Council, M. Campbell. **Third Row:** S. Ricketts, J. Sherman, T. Johnson, C. Neil, S. Watson, G. Smith, A. Hoskins, L. Council, R. Fields, W. Stockley, G. Taylor, J. Carpenter, C. Randle. **Fourth Row:** M. Ryman, D. Slyman, A. Sumler, J. Bradley, C.J. Cannon, D. Cushing, C. Perkins, C. Baldwin, A. Isom, D. Wilkerson, J. Williams. **Fifth Row:** T. Williams, L. Bell, D. Williams, M. Stevenson, A. Mitchell, K. Spiller, T. Hall, K. Williams, K. Buckner, M. Bradbury. **Back Row:** Coaches Stubblefield, Isom, Gnuthake, Hutchison, Copeland.



Students rushed the field to celebrate a win against an undefeated Hickman Mills team. Hickman was 10 - 0 before visiting Yellowjacket Stadium.

You Said It! We ask players how they felt winning the first game in four years.

"I was so happy I wanted to cry; it made me happy when people were talking bad about us and then we beat Hickman."



Kenny Groves

"I cried the first game we won because my grandfather came to all the games and he died the week before that game..."



William Hawkins

"I felt good, you know, especially when everybody rushed the field."



Julius Floyd

To show school spirit, posters were hung in support of the boys' winning streak. Students wrote inspiring messages to encourage another win.



Senior Josh Long shows his excitement after CHS scores a winning touchdown this season. Winning is something that finally occurred for the first time in four years.



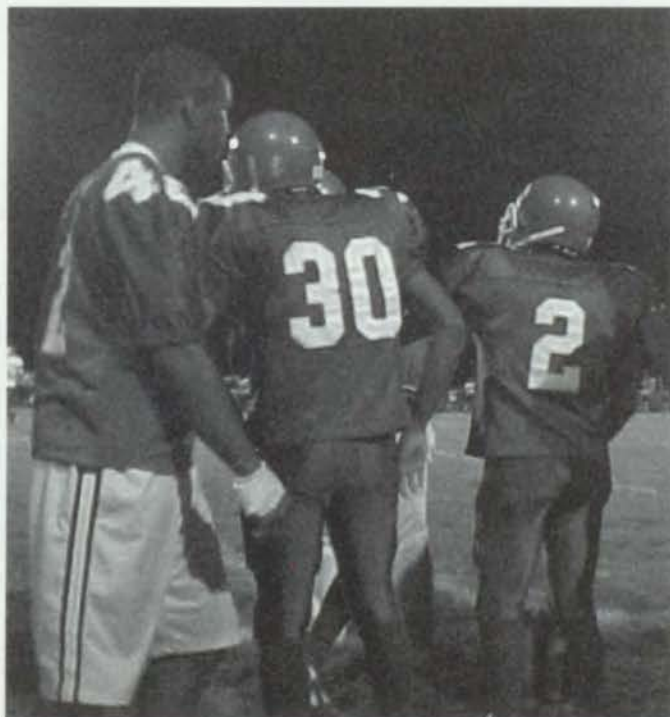
After a bad series, Junior Terrance Williams punts the ball to the opposing team. The Yellowjackets had a run of bad games, until the last three.



# WINNERS

After 35 losses in a row, the Jackets finally get a victory and then make a move on State competition by winning in the post season!

Junior Terrance Williams stretches after a kick strains his leg. Injuries often occur in the sport of football.



Students wait in anticipation for the final score at the Center - Hickman Mills game. This was Center's first in win in years, with a score of 12-0.

# TRACK

**Buzz, buzz, buzz, STING!** Through hard work and sweat, CHS track team works hard to achieve every victory.



Daryl Grayer watches the girls' 400 meter dash. Being a spectator is a perk of going to so many meets.

Anchor Walter Townsend waits as his teammate Kenny Buckner runs the third leg of the 4x100 meter relay. The Jackets take third place in the heat.



Curtis Perkins checks all the parts of his shoes and spikes for the 100 meter dash.



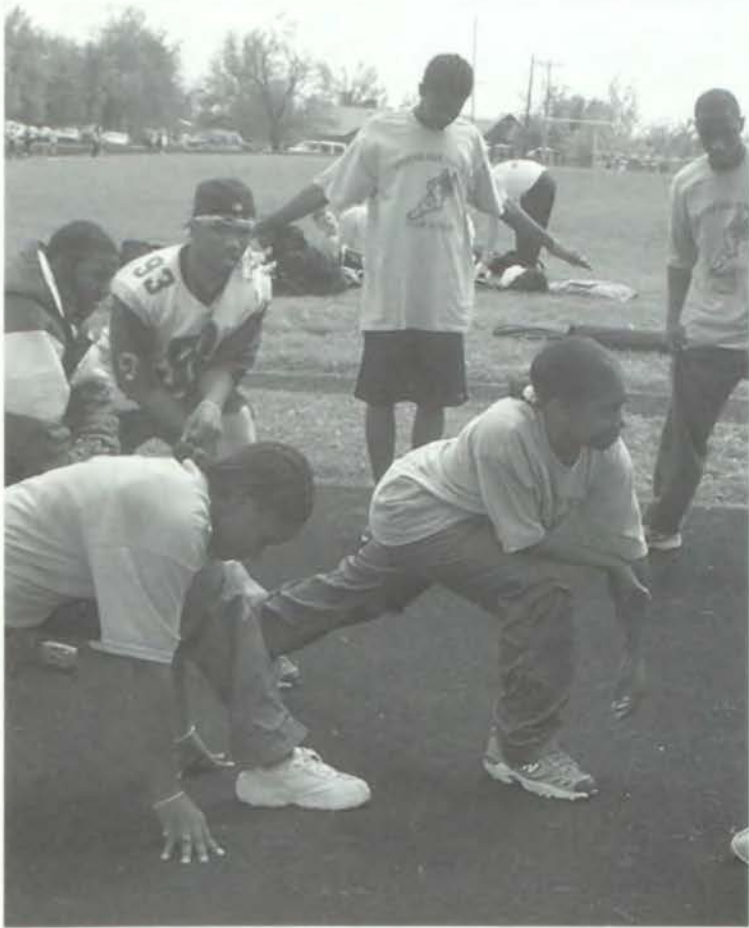
Senior Chamene Woods runs the 4x100meter dash and hands the botone to Junior Tanesha Ellis.



Kala Raglin and Taniesha Ellis take a break. Resting and stretching your legs is a routine every runner does. Collapsing onto the ground is another!



Coach Baxter assists Terrance Davis with his spikes before he runs the 4x200 meter relay.



Some of the Center sprinters warm-up for the 100 meter, 200 meter and the long and triple jump finals.

# JUST THE team



**Varsity:**

**Front Row:** Terrance Williams, Levell Council, Jessica Burks-Wiley, Corey Flowers, Jamie Carpenter, Ladale Bell, Justin Sherman, Michell Chaput, Will Haddix.

**Row Two:** Diya Carr, Curtis Perkins, Brittany Johnson, Twila Kelly, Tanesha Ellis, Jeremy Anderson, Kala Raglin, Tara Smith, Patrick Holley, April Payne.

**Row Three:** Erron Blockman, Kenny Buckner, Kyle Williams, Monchel Mckwitty, Walter Townsend, Chamene Woods, Daryl Grayer, Terrance Davis, Rashad Henderson, Tara Samuels.

**Back Row:** Erin Harris, Maria Jurado, Coach Stubbeffield, Coach Baxter, Coach Hall. Not Pictured Coach Shubberrt, Brook Love.

**Season Accomplishments:** Justin Sherman breaks Conference record in 300 high hurdles, gets second & third at State. Walter Townsend goes Sectional for triple jump. Center Track teams makes points better than last year.

"I enjoy running as fast as I do. I will keep running and try to get faster."



Senior  
Justin Sherman

"I feel that track was a great experience which I enjoy. I feel that the year was made fun and enjoyable because of a great group of seniors who helped me through the year. I'm looking forward to next year."



Junior  
Terrance Williams

"Track was a great thing for me for all of my four years at Center High School."



Senior  
Robert Logan II

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Hugging before the game is the way the boys basketball team get themselves hyped.

# JUST THE figures

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Yellowjackets Basketball

**Back Row:** De'Margues Williams, Andre White, Steve Goodwin, Larry Hall, Cory Parker, Ledale Wooten, Amir Hunter, Joesh Love.

**Second Row:** Edwin Dunson, Terrance Williams, Odis Smith, Ryan Kemp, Steven Walls.

**Front Row:** Candis Fishback, Keya Spiller, Meko Brown, Julius Floyd, Leo Wright, Tim Clayton, Melvin Cole, Patrick Jones, Shonda Smith, Ashely Spriggs.



YOU SAID IT!

How do you feel about Coach Fritz leaving?

"He had a choice to make, it doesn't affect me because I am leaving."



Tim Clayton

Coach Fritz is very calm while trying to help the boys run their play. This may be the calm before the storm, however!



Delmeko Brown

"I think that Coach Fritz leaving is messed up, he should have waited until my last year."

# BALLIN'

Balling is what the Yellowjackets do when they are on the court.

Through the years our basketball team has accomplished many victories. This year as the class of 2002 walks away so does the coach that players have grown to love and respect. Coach Ed Fritz leaves the basketball team with a record of 19 wins and 7 losses. The conference standing is third place. So as they end the season, Coach Fritz and his players can hold their heads up high. "He had to make the choice to leave. I don't care, as I'm leaving. He stayed for my last year - that's all that matters," said Tim Clayton. Some on the boys basketball are very angry with the news. "Man, that is mess up. I wish he could have stayed for my senior year," said Delmeko Brown. No one knows who will be the new coach, but it will be hard to live up to the awesome Coach Fritz.

The boys basketball team had great success with Coach Fritz. The boys games were always hyped. Even if the boys lost they always kept their head held high. The courtwarming game was the game of the year, our opponents were Ruskin and we beat them 68 to 54. After courtwarming the boys got much more support. From there they went to play in districts. We played Ruskin and beat them 61 to 59, then went on to play Hickman where we beat them in their own house 55 to 47. In the final game we played Westport and lost 72 to 84, but even then the boys stayed in good spirits.

They are always going to be winners. To next year's team good luck in the future.



Senior Tim Clayton plays offense passing the ball to a teammate for the point.



Senior Odus Smith pulls up for the free throw after being fouled.



Sophomore Meko Brown runs down the cheer line to get ready for the game. You go boy!



Senior Juluis Floyd steps out on a Ray-South opponent to shoot for three.



Senior Melvin Cole takes the ball out, running the play twenty one. BREAK!

# ON THE COURT

# BECOMING ONE...

## TEAM UNITY PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE GIRLS WHEN ON AND OFF THE COURT.

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From years past, the Lady Jackets girls basketball team has come together. The maturity level as well as the skill level has greatly improved. Acting like a family on and off the court helped the team with great victories. "We learned how to work together and we had less arguments," said sophomore Missy Weaver. Playing as a team as well as a family can really affect a teams' will to play to their full potential.

Behind every great team there are great fans to have their backs. When a team wins the fan support increases rapidly. "A lot of parents, classmates and peers supported the team more than last year, and by us winning more games it helped us get more fan support," said sophomore Rachel Bankhead. According to Toya Williams, "We had cheerleaders and the danceline came to games, fans wrote letters saying that we were better than the boys as our games were more exciting."

Fans play a major role with sports whether it be the major leagues or high school. Once the team gets fired up - oh no - listen to that crowd.



Jackiesha Davis squares up for the three, while defense penetrates towards her.



As Hickman went up for the shot Lady Jackets wait on the rebound.



Lady Jackets set up their 3-2 defense to get ready to steal the ball from the Hickman Cougars.



### Junior Varsity

**Front Row:** Nikia Henery, Barbara Crawford, Taneisha Ellis, Kala Raglin, Mercedes Hooks, Missy Weaver.

**Back Row:** Jesyka Burks-Wiley, Erin Miller, Twila Kelly, Tyisha Jones, Ilani Ighedosa, Yolanda Pollard, Coach Patricia Scaggs.

Latoyia Williams arches her wrist to shot her freethrow. The Yellowjackets score thanks to her.

# JUST THE figures

**VARSITY-**

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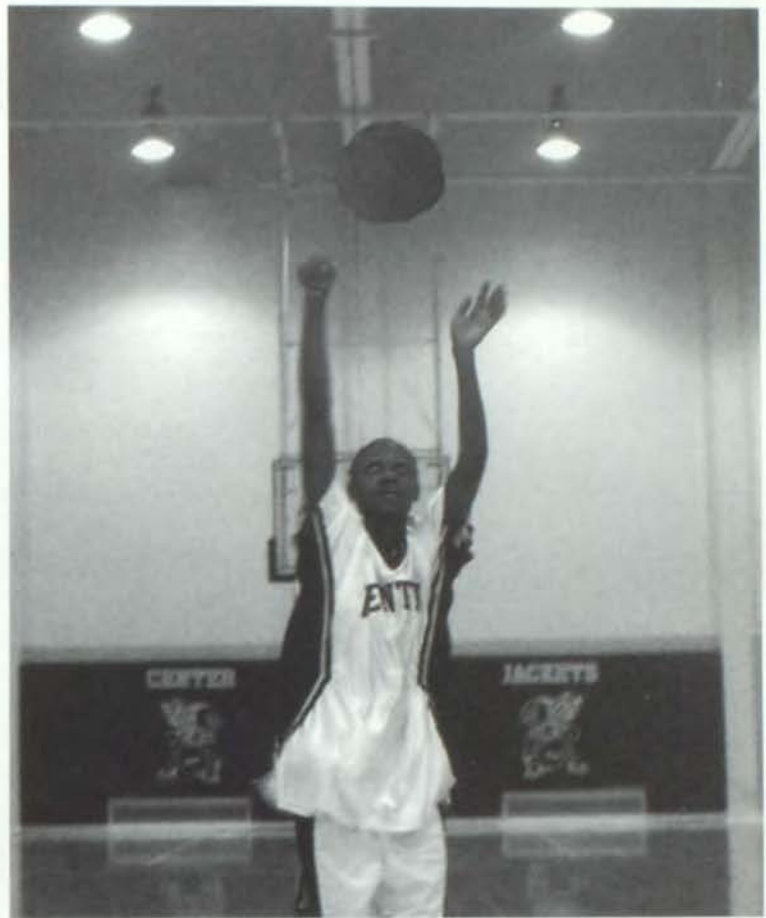
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**Basketball Team**

**Front Row:** Latoyia Williams, Rachel Bankhead, Missy Weaver, Shanika Bolton, Murcades Hooks, Yalonda Pollard.  
**Back Row:** Coach Swanstrom, Jernisha Cann, Joi Mayweather, Shana Brown, Jackeisha Davis, Christian Randle, Coach Scaggs.



**THEY SAID IT!**

"More experience in competition. I play with more students, and I was happy to be the only freshman on the varsity team."



**Jernisha Cann**



**Joi Mayweather**

"The team had improved, we had skilled freshman and sophomore players."

"We learned how to work together and had less arguments."



**Missy Weaver**

The Lady Jackets bring the ball down the court to set up a play on offense. The opponent is Northeast High School.





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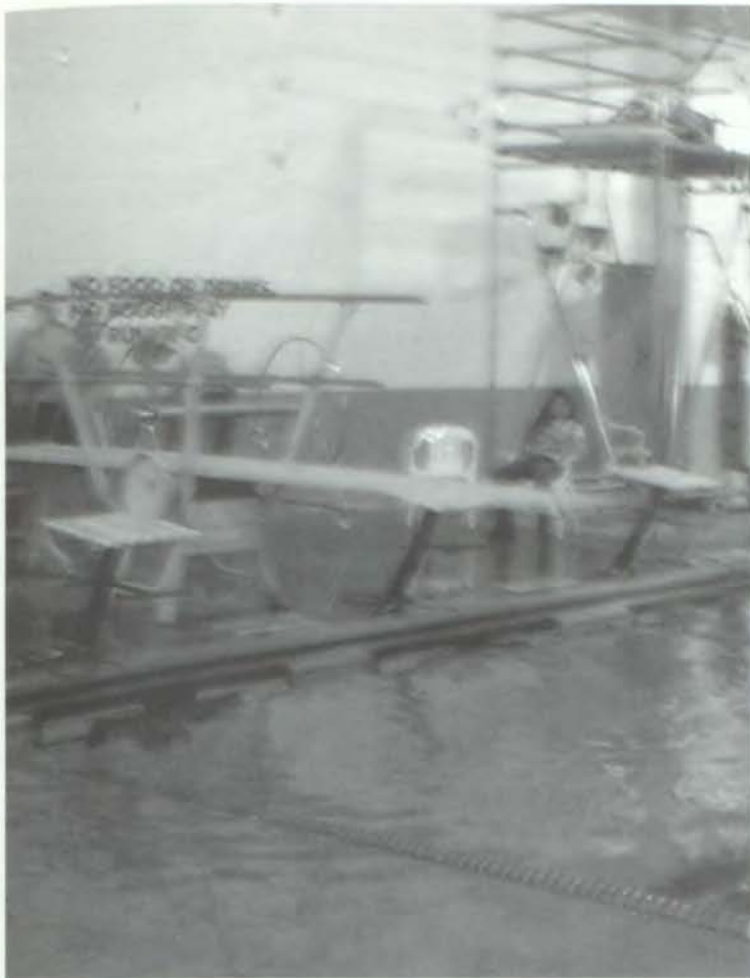


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The Red Bridge YMCA is home to the boys swim team. The boys spent many hours in the water and on the boards to improve their swimming skills.

## Swimmers



**Front row:** Megan Wilhelem, Paige Unger, Diana Gonzalez.  
**Middle row:** Walter Townsend, Brandon Burnett, Lamar Colbert, Jesse Morgan, Diya Carr, Matt McDonald.  
**Back row:** Coach Shalley, Erron Blockman, James Bridgeford, Stefan Calmano, James Booker.

### Great Desire, Big Heart

*A good example for us all*

Imagine: instead of not trying to accomplish anything this school year, you decide to join a sport or activity. You sign up for the team and attend the first practice promptly. There's one problem, however. You don't have a clue what you're doing.

Sophomore Lamar Colbert joined the boys swim team last winter. He went to some of the practices and even took pictures with the team. Lamar didn't know how to swim.

The scenario: Lamar decides to attend practice. Nobody knows Lamar can't swim. Lamar jumps in the pool, and would have drowned if a team member hadn't saved him! "He just got in over his head," said receptionist Joyce Harris.

Lamar kept trying, and Coach Bill Shalley was there to help him. "My main concern was his safety," said Shalley. "Lamar would get excited and jump in, but he began to learn fairly rapidly."

Unfortunately, Lamar didn't get to participate in swim meets or finish the season because his mother took him off the team.

Lamar and his experience should give us all something to think about. If we desire something, we should pour all of our heart into it. "Everyone should at least try," said Shalley. Lamar showed us all.



Walter Townsend, James Bridgeford and Diya Carr jokingly converse before their swim meet. Maybe they're talking about who can swim the fastest? Townsend sports the latest fashion in swim caps.

YOU SAID IT!

"A tremendous amount of people joined the team this year"



Coach Shalley



"I enjoyed being on the team, and swimming."

Diya Carr

"To swim is fun!"



Lamar Colbert



Sophomore Kyle Rodriguez battles his opponent for possession of the ball. Many times soccer players sacrifice their bodies for the good of the team.

Sophomore Larry Hall attacks the ball after a recovery of an attempted goal. Goalies must maintain focus in order to help the team defeat their opponents.



Domination is a vital skill in the game of soccer. Junior Matt Gatewood proves that this skill will help as he wins possession against his Pembroke Hill opponent.



Senior Neil Soloman attempts to make a pass to a teammate. Passing is a very important technique in the game of soccer.



Senior Adam Rodriguez takes long strides down the field as he takes a shot on goal. Rodriguez dominates soccer because he likes the competition and enjoys the game.



Freshman Michael Burns and Sophomore Kyle Rodriguez focus on passing the ball. Maintaining ball control is a vital skill in this sport.

# KICKIN' IT

Our boys spend tons of time on the field to prove themselves and show they know how to kick it!





As he fights for control of the ball during the Pembroke Hill game, Junior Ryan Raccuglia is unphased as he takes a kick in the face.

## JUST THE figures



### Varsity

**Front Row:** Abby Heffernan, Will Peak, Billy Korando, Larry Hall, Ethan Stanley, Mike Flores, Lauren Castle. **Row Two:** Coach Hanch, Ben Blackman, Ibad Siddiqi, Sean Wattenbarger, Michael Burns, Ryan Raccuglia, Scott Fahrmeier, Kyle Rodriguez. **Row Three:** Adam Schmidt, Eric Conrad, Brian Wellington, Matt Gatewood, C.J. Johnston, Neil Soloman, Richie Hill, Michael Jackson. **Back Row:** William Forsyth, Jermaine Mack, Steve Goodwin, Cooper Mallon, Andrew Barth, and Adam Rodriguez.

### Season Record

Kearney 0-1 • Smithville 1-2 • Pembroke 1-1 • Ruskin 11-1 • St.Pius 0-0 • Raytown South 1-3 • Hickman Mills 3-1 • Grandview 0-1 • Raytown South 0-2 • Ray-Pec 0-1 • Ruskin 5-0 • Belton 1-1 • Hickman Mills 2-1 • Excelsior Springs 0-0 • Grandview 4-0 • Ray-Pec 1-3  
Districts • game one: Ruskin 10-0 • game two: Pembroke 2-3--after triple overtime.



Junior Ryan Raccuglia goes up against his opponent in an effort to score a goal. This season Raccuglia scored many goals for the Yellowjackets.

**YOU SAID IT!**  
Your favorite memory of the final season.

"When I started the chain reaction of puking on the way home from Ray-Pec."



Adam Rodriguez



Ibad Siddiqi

"When Ryan Raccuglia mooned Beatrice, our bus driver."

"Beating Ray-Pec in the Lee's Summit Tournament-it was the sh\*t!"



Eric Conrad

Josh Long is man-handling his opponents weight and kicking butt.



Chris Bellante sprawls to counter his Ray-Pec opponent and spins to get his points while pinning the one hundred and nineteen pound wrestler.



The match for William Hawkins has come. He trained and battled for the win against his opponent from Ray - Pec.



LaRon Council picks his opponent up in a double-leg take down. The goal is to throw the opponent back to the mat.



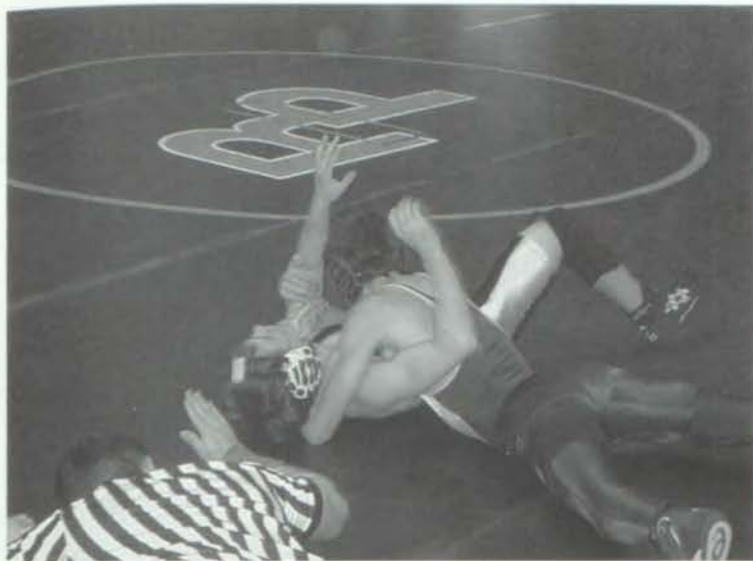
# PIN WIN

The Match begins - only two minutes left. In the third period, you're warmed up, ready to "wrestle like a champion."

The Center Yellowjackets' wrestling team takes third place at the Center Invitational tournament. The team was actually more excited about the win than it may seem.



A Center wrestler is putting his opponent into a man-handling move to pin and win by 6 points.



Chris Bellante pins his opponent from Ray - Pec

Laron Council takes first place at the end of Center's tournament.



## Take it to the house



### Wrestling Team

**Front Row:** Jamie Dodson, Ladale Bell, Chris Bellante, Steven Brake, Cathy Walker, Walter Stokely, Kaleen McFarlen. **Row Two:** Paris Elam, Jamie Carpenter, Alex Isom, Daniel Wedlock, Matt McCormick, Mark Quinlen. **Row Three:** Coach Smith, Levell Council, Michael McDaniel, LaRon Council, Reggie Stockman, Coach Isom. **Back Row:** Josh Long, William Hawkins, Taylor Hall, Doug Slyman.



The team warms up at the Excelsior Springs Tigers' house to later wrestle like champions.

Let's get it on!

I enjoy the sport very much. Our guys worked hard this year and fought for their goals in the sport.



Coach Isom

I love wrestling, and enjoy the intensity of the practice as well as wrestling my opponents.



Cathy Walker

I enjoy pinning people from different schools, but I enjoy the tournaments the most.



Zyon McCalley



# DEUCE!!!!!!!

Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, and Anna Kournikova. Some great names in tennis. But do you know the names Alex Rouse, Reggie Stockman, or James Bridgeford? These are a few members of the outstanding Yellowjacket Boys Tennis Team this year.

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The Tennis team practices hard to achieve perfection on the courts. Most of the team this year is new to the game and they are already showing signs of great skill.



Coach Oni uses his moves against the team at practice. Although he's not as young as he used to be, he's still got the skill!



Junior Reggie Stockman serves the ball hard against his Ruskin opponent. Stockman worked hard to obtain his killer serve.



Junior Jamaal Schumate ties the score with an amazing forehand. Although he hasn't played before, he caught on quickly.



Junior James Bridgeford frightens his Ray-Pec opponent with his stellar serves. This is Bridgeford's first year playing for Center's Tennis Team.



Junior Richard Jurado prepares to return the ball against Hickman Mills. Will he win? Only time can tell!



**Boy's Tennis Team**

Front Row: Roxanne Rouse, Jennifer Suedmeyer.

Back Row: Jamaal Schumate, James Bridgeford, Alex Rouse, Richard Jurado, Coach Oni.

Not Pictured: Reggie Stockman

# Double Take!



(above) Senior Alex Rouse slices the ball for a point against his Ruskin opponent.



(left) Rouse prepares to serve the ball against his Grandview opponent.



Reggie Stockman

"I feel pretty good about the team as a whole, but I'm disappointed that I didn't make it farther."

YOU SAID IT!

"The players are doing just excellent this year. I wouldn't trade them for the world."



Coach Oni



Alex Rouse

"I progressively have gotten better, learned more about cooperating with others in a sport, how difficult tennis really is, and I had the best year a senior could ask for."

Game Stats:  
Team/Place/Overall/Individual

Grandview (A)-L	2 singles won/ 1 doubles won
Excelsiour Springs (H)-W	4 singles won/ 1 doubles won
Ruskin (A) -L	2singles/1doubles
Ray-Pec (A) -L	1singles/0doubles
Hickman Mills (H)-W	4singles/2doubles
Lincoln Prep (A) -W	4singles/2doubles
Grandview (H) -L	2singles/doubles
Excelsiour Springs (A) -L	1singles
Hickman Mills Tournament(A)	Reggi #2 in singles
Ruskin (H) -W	5 singles/2doubles
Ray-Pec (H) - W	3 singles/1doubles
Hickman Mills (A) -W	5 singles/2 doubles

Laura Doarn, Katie Dorando, Erin Miller, and Courtney Howard pose for a picture in regards to their first place stance in the 400 Freestyle relay.

# JUST THE figures

**GIRLS SWIM MEETS** • 3/2 Blue and Gold Meet • 3/6 Grandview/Hickman @ Grandview • 3/8-9 Center Relay @ Bridger • 3/15-16 Wm Chrisman • 3/19 NotreDame/Kearney • 3/25 Liberty • 4/3 Hickman/Pembroke • 4/4 ParkHill, Raytown,RaySo @ Raytown Y • 4/10 Winnetonka/Pembroke • 4/12 RaySo.Inv @ YMCA • 4/13 RaySo, Raytown @ Raytown Y • 4/15 Grandview/Belton • 4/22 Hickman/RayPec @ P.Hill • 4/25 Warrensburg • 5/3-4 Conference (Park Hill) • 5/17-18 STATE •




**Girls Swim Team**

**Front Row:** Ilani Ighedosa, Laura Doarn, Katie Korando, Katie Miller, Paige Unger. **Middle Row:** Erin Miller, Ashley Sexton, Courtney Howard, Diana Gonzalez. **Back Row:** Portia Burford, Aisha Harris, Monica Powell, Cathy Walker.




I REMEMBER...

"I can't forget all those practices. Especially the ones that started at 5:50 in the morning!"




Diana Gonzalez

"I remember Conference when we broke the school record and Laura made State."



Courtney Howard

"I remember when we beat Pem Brooke Hill. That was cool because the girls swim team hadn't beat them in five years."



Erin Miller

The girls swim team boosts each others' confidence by chanting and cheering before the swim meet.

It worked everytime to spur them on to do their best.



Keeping warm before and after a race is often impossible. That's why Sophomore Erin Miller found refuge in the warm, shallow pool.



Captains Katie Korando and Courtney Howard smile for the camera before taking a dive into the pool. The smiles were even bigger after their wins.



Coach Shalley hurries to take times. Shalley taught the girls many things, like not shaving your legs for two months, as it shows your commitment to the sport and to the team. Plus, it sure feels great when you finally get rid of the "extra drag."



# SWIMMERS

The camera happy girls swim team members Diana Gonzalez, Laura Doarn, Katie Korando, Erin Miller, Katie Miller and Ilani Igedosa all pose for a quick smile.



Freshmen.....



Junior Katie Miller swims an excellent 500 yard race. Ask anyone: swimming 500 yards is tough work!



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# FOLLOW!!

They may not be up to par with Tiger Woods yet, but Center's Golf Team members sure have a lot of potential.

Sophomore C.J. Cannon watches his drive while fellow team members Billy Korando and Alex Isom wait and watch. Three tee shots, three birdie putts waiting!



Sophomore Bret Noble prepares to putt the ball at the Minor Park Golf Course. This is where the golf team practices and holds home games.



Sophomore Billy Korando works on perfecting his drive at practice. This is Korando's second year of playing golf for Center.



Junior Michael Flores prepares to hit the ball hard and fast. Flores is one of the many great players on Center's golf team.



Junior Matt Gatewood shows off his skills at a home meet. As a leftie, he is Cent'er best imitation of Phil Mickelson.





Junior Alex Isom sports his golf polo while driving the ball from the tee. Pretty good form - a nice and relaxed swing.

# JUST THE team |



Junior Brian Wellington putts the golf ball to get a birdie. Wellington had to play the break to come in from the side of the hole.



## GOLF TEAM

**Front Row:** Bret Noble, C.J. Cannon, Taylor Hall, Chris Baldwin, Billy Korando, Steve Brake.

**Back Row:** Matt Gatewood, Alex Isom, Andrew Barth, Cade Carpenter, Brian Wellington, Michael Flores, Coach Rehmer.

YOU SAID IT!

"We were in a rebuilding year. We had no seniors and only a couple of returning players that made it through the whole season. So I looked at this season as a year of getting my team's feet wet with experience while also exposing them to competition and the courses we played. With continued play through the off-season our team will be improved next year."



Coach Rehmer



Mike Flores

"This is my second year to play. I improved a little...and had fun."

"It's a pretty relaxing sport but I had fun."



Steven Brake

# WINNING STREAK



Michael Burns

After years of losing and sceptical comments from many, the Fighting Yellow Jackets of the Center High School baseball team are on a winning streak. After ending the 2001 season last year with a record of 3-10, they are off to a good start for the 2002 season. The team has many new players, which was well needed after losing four varsity seniors last year. In addition to the new players, many returning athletes have become better players through the off-season and through pre-season practice. With a record of 4-1, the CHS varsity baseball team is showing vast improvement. The baseball team is playing hard and keeping their spirits high to beat their opponents. They have lost one game to Belton, but only by run due to a bad call by the umpires, quoted from members of the team.



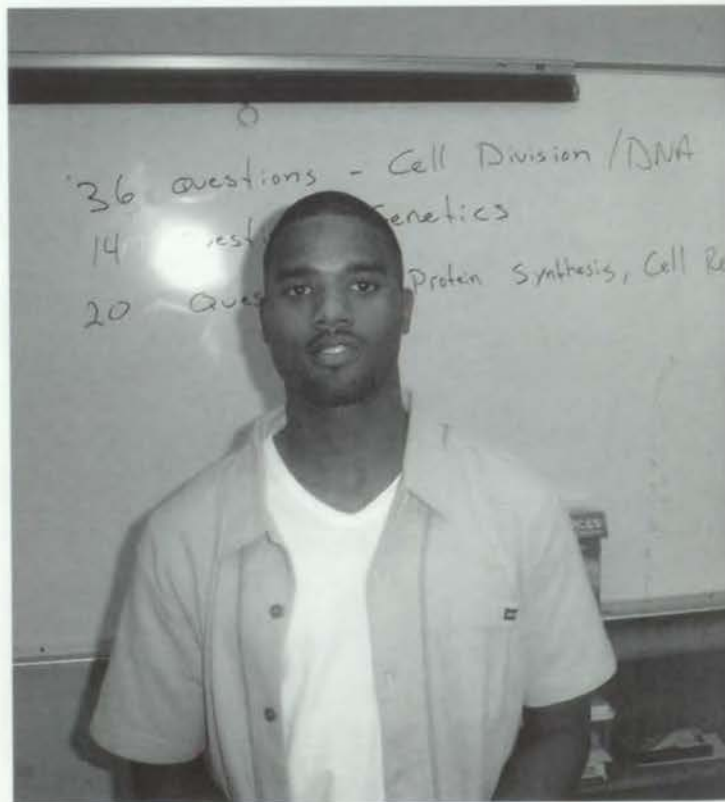
Keith Reddick and Scott Fahrmeier



Patrick Jones



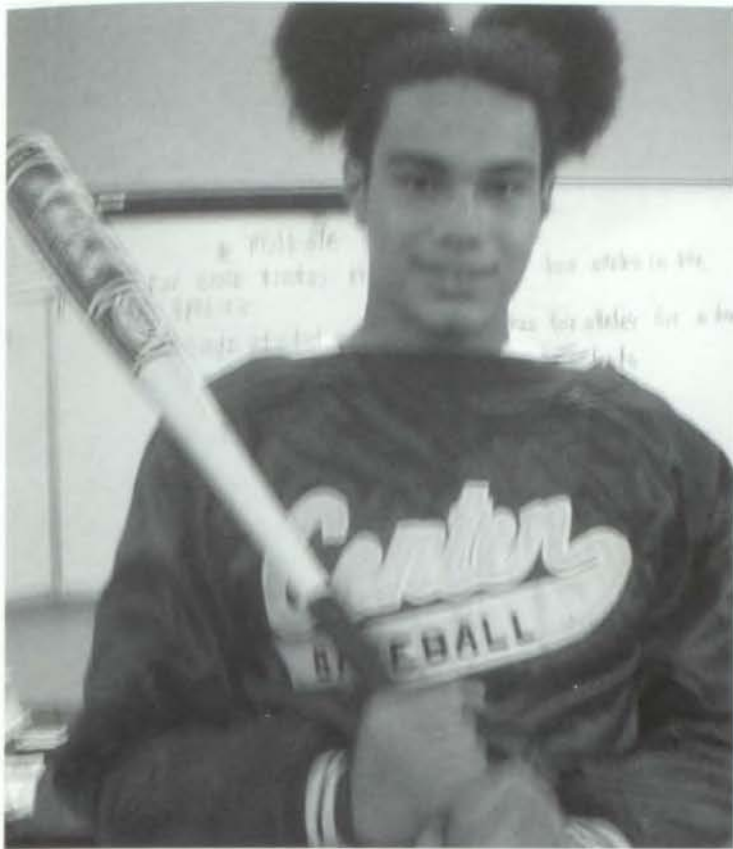
Charlie Morgan



Baseball Coach, David Stubblefield. During his off-season, he teaches science.

(top left to right) Larry Hall, Amir Hunter, Scott Fahrmeier, Patrick Jones, Steve Goodwin, Kyle Rodriguez and Keith Reddick





# JUST THE figures



### Baseball

**Front Row:** Taylor Spriggs, Keith Reddick, Coach Stubblefield, Kyle Rodriguez and Charlie Morgan.

**Middle Row:** Will Peak, Antwaun Zeno, Larry Hall, Scott Fahrmeier, Michael Burns, Patrick Jones and Aaron Jackson.

**Back Row:** Doug Slyman, Johnny Howard, Neil Soloman, Coach Hutchison, Eric Conrad, Adam Rodriguez, Amir Hunter.

## A few seniors...



Neil Soloman



Adam Rodriguez



Charlie Morgan



Eric Conrad

Not pictured:  
Johnny Howard



Taylor Spriggs



Bopping the ball, Sophomores Leslie Grossnickel and Kelly Ramel work on their heading skills. It takes perseverance to perfect this skill.



Captain Katie Pickett, senior, stands to give the team a pep talk during practice. Team leadership was a trait that all the captains possessed.



As practice begins Sophomore Kelli Shannon lines up for drills that work on ball control skills. Ball control is very important to the game of soccer.



# SHOOTIN'

The girls soccer team shoots for a victory every time!



The girls soccer team makes sure their hair is perfect as they listen to a last minute pep-talk from Coach Hanch. The girls used ankle wrap to tie back their hair so it wouldn't get into their eyes during the game.

## The Team That Went to Districts!





Sophomore Kelly Ramel goes to her knees as she attempts to stop a ball making a bee line for the goal. Ramel played forward as well as goalie.

Members of the girls soccer team listen as Coach Hanch gives them an intense halftime talk. The girls got to listen to many of these pep-talks.



## JUST THE figures



Girls Soccer Team

**Front Row:** Coaches A. Hanch and R. Bonsasa, K. Pickett, L. Hamilton, A. Isom, D. Durdin, A. Heffernan, B. Wilson. **Row Two:** K. Simmons, V. Blaze, L. Wilson, L. Guinn, J. Giffen, J. McCalman, J. Jantz, C. Burec, E. Osbourne. **Row Three:** O. Washington, A. Davis, S. Clurman, V. Carpenter, N. Anderson, K. Shannon, L. Grossnickle, S. Norton. **Row Four:** S. Smith-Shoats, B. Martin, F. Edmonson, N. McNeil, R. Morgan, S. Benthrop, A. Rizzo, K. Stoetzer. **Back Row:** C. Johnston, I. Siddiqi, A. Henderson, C. Hall, K. Kidd, M. Johnson.

### SCORES:

**Varsity:** Grandview 1-3 • Hickman Mills 3-1 • Ruskin 1-2 • Raytown South 0-6 • Ray-Pec 0-3 • Excelsior Springs 3-2 • Smithville 4-1 • Grandview 2-4 • Hickman Mills 6-4 • Ruskin 4-0 • Raytown South 0-5 • Ray-Pec 1-5 • Excelsior Springs 1-2 • William Crisman 3-2 •  
**Junior Varsity:** Grandview 5-0 • Hickman Mills 2-0 • Ray-Pec 2-6 • Excelsior Springs 3-1 • Smithville 2-1 • Grandview 3-0 • Hickman Mills 7-0 • Ray-Pec 2-5 • Excelsior Springs 3-1 • William Crisman 9-1  
**Freshman Team:** William Crisman 5-0 • Hickman Mills 3-0 • North Kansas City 2-3 • Englewood Christian 1-0 • Englewood Christian 8-0 • North Kansas City 0-1 •  
**Districts (Varsity):** Sion 0-10

## YOU SAID IT!

We ask seniors their favorite moments of the season.

"When I picked up the ball and it wasn't really out of bounds. I looked like an idiot!"



Katie Pickett



Abby Heffernan

"The team bonding on the bus rides, especially after the Ray-Pec game...Johnny on the Spots...enough said."

"When we got to meet all the incoming freshmen and hang out with them before the season"



Devin Durdin



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# Newsweekly



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Students at Center High improve their talent drawing and painting by taking Art. Instead of Ceramics and Jewelry, this year we have Art 1, 2, and 3. A new teacher, Leslie Sciolaro, is a real help to the students. She teaches Art as well as Renaissance Art History.

The students make many different things while in art classes, such as houses, little people out of wire, and many more fun and creative things to take home to mom.

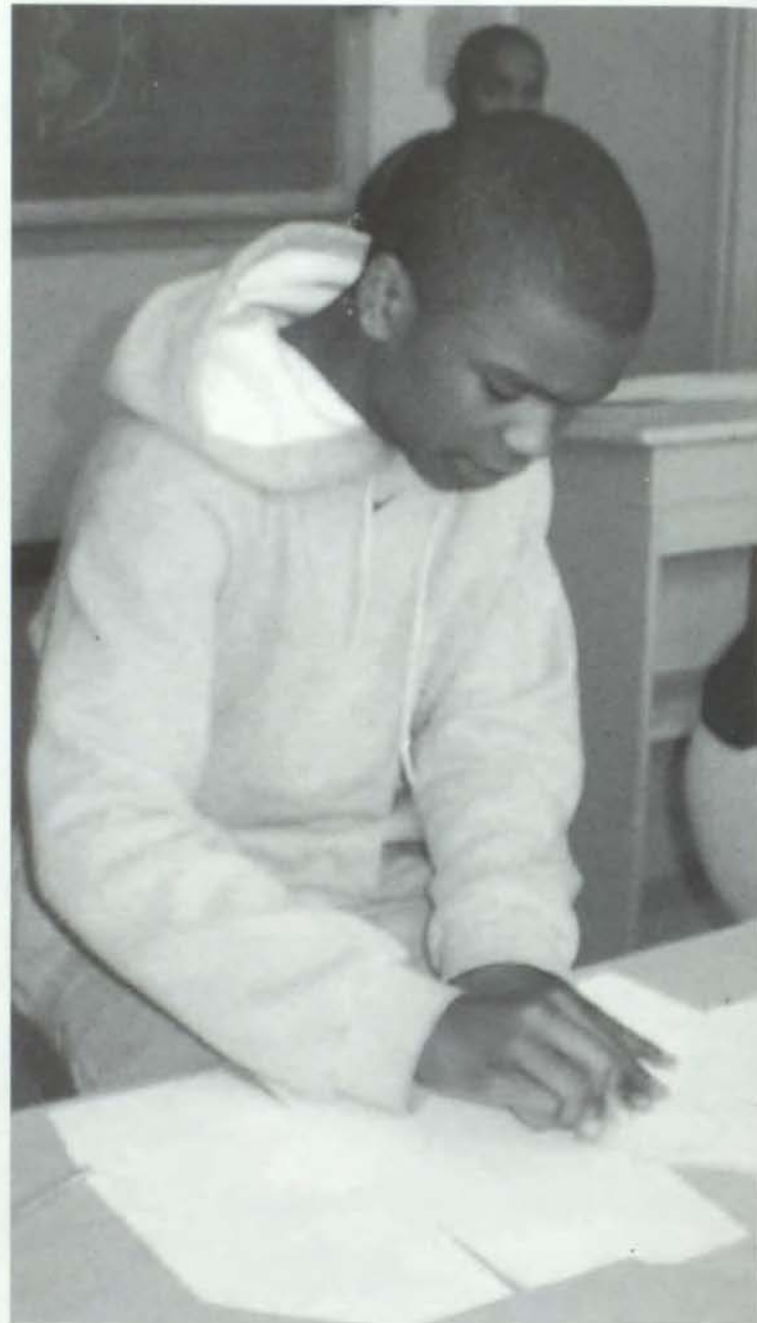
Sophomores Paige Unger and Whitney Wisdahl cannot say enough good things about the art department.

"It's a good class, because you can express yourself," said Whitney.

Paige concurs, saying, "It's fun; everyone should take it."

On a sad note, however, this is the last year for well-known and respected Art teacher Tom Creamer. He has been with Center since the early Seventies, and has inspired decades of students in the field of Art.

Troy Blaylock works on a project in art class. These students have a lot of talent. Keep up the good work.



Jumpropping is what little wire people do in their spare time. These wire people were made by Senior Ebony Johnson. You go girl!







Becoming an artist at a young age is what most students do while taking an Art class. Sophomore Erin Miller starts on a project by drawing a gridded circle.



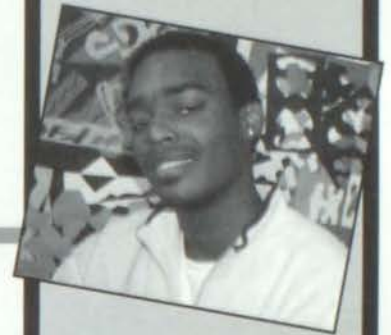
Kyle Blake Williams starts a new project in Ms. Woods' Art 1 class. Making shapes and boxes is sometimes the start of his projects.



Senior Ebony Johnson works on making little jewelry people in 2nd hour. It takes a lot of patience to do this! Working with wire isn't an easy job.

## Q&A

How has the art classes changed since last year?



"It has become more hands on, I like it that way better."

**Senior  
Kyle Blake  
Williams**



"This is my first year in Art but I enjoy it very much. It's not so much sit and draw but more like hands on things."

**Sophomore  
Erin Miller**

# Q&A

If you were making a movie about the marching band what would you call it?



"I would call it, 'Center High School Marching Band (the movie).'"

**Sophomore  
Lauren Buckles**



"The Marching Mennonites!"

**Junior  
Rori Carter-Hall**



Trumpet



Trombone



Clarinet



Flute



Saxophone



Tuba



Bass Drum

Excited band members cheer for the Center High School Football team. The band came to every home football game to cheer on our amazing team.



The Marching Yellowjackets march their "Beatles" field show at Carrollton. It sure was a "Magical Mystery Tour!"



Marching Band members anxiously await the Danceline's performance at Carrollton.

Band members prepare to sing "Hey Jude" at the drumline competition at Blue Springs.

# Own Toot Your Horn!

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It's 1964: you are seated in your high school's football stadium when all of a sudden you hear the song, "I Want to Hold Your Hand." Could it be? The Beatles playing live at your school? No way! Now you're back to reality. It's the school year 2001-2002 but you're still haunted by that song. What could it be? The Marching Band of course! This year the Marching Yellowjackets performed a mix of songs from the Beatles. "I think the audience relates to the time period and that makes it fun. Groups like it when they can sing-a-long," says Drum Major Alex Rouse, "We have visuals this year for the band as well as a lot of 'extras' that makes our show our's. Plus, Mr. Lean is concentrating on some key factors that will make us stand out from the rest." Schedules are often affected by the extra rehearsals making things difficult for band members. "Practice affects my schedule a lot. I don't have much time to do the things I want, but it's worth it," says Drum Major Chris Edwards. Saxophonist LaKietra Brown said, "My parents have a hard time getting off work early to pick me up and they have a hard time picking me up late from rehearsals."

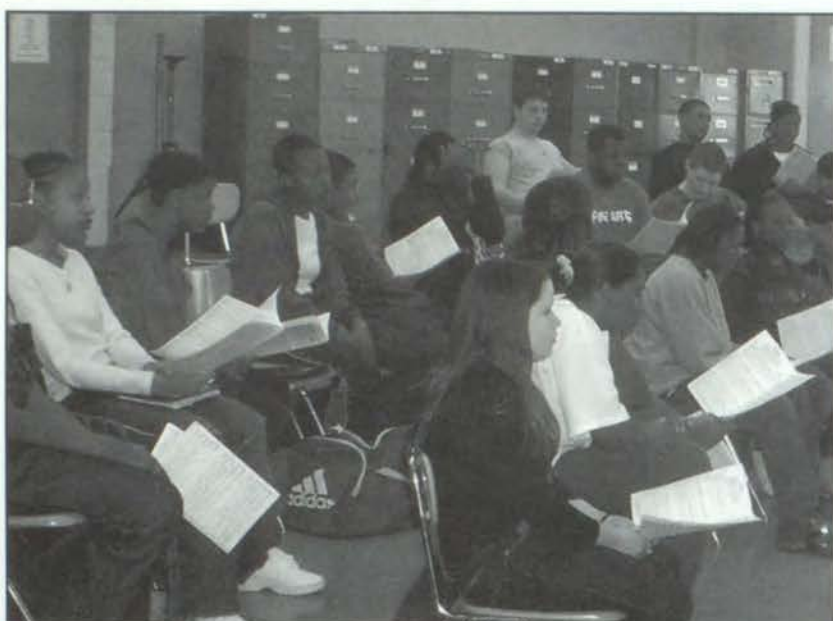
In addition to vigorous schedules and an exciting show, the band has had to work with the new band director, Mr. Lean. "I think the transition was more difficult than expected, but Mr. Lean's pedagogy is growing on the students and we are a better band because of him," said Rouse. "I think the band has an understanding of Mr. Lean, even though it took a while to get used to him," said Edwards.

So what keeps them in band? "The fact that we have fun, the times we win and getting a chance to work with a great group of individuals," concludes Rouse. Brown stated, "I'll give you three reasons: I like it, it's for my parents, and it's a pretty easy grade if you cooperate."



Chris Edwards, Joseph Love and Matt McDonald hang out before a home football game. Band members often found free time to "chill out" before a commitment.

The choir class waits for instruction on what to sing in choir practice. Leafing through lots of music scores requires dedication and knowledge.



Casey Burnett, Jamie Dodson, Megan Denzer, David Worts and Catherine Burec sing a sextuplet. This was a familiar routine in Choir classes.



Casey Burnett enjoys playing the piano before choir. At times, he even booted pianist Brian Bates out of the position.



Jamie Dodson



Ashlee Williams



Erick Rhoades



Katie Pickett



David Worts



Shalise Cubie



Gemi Thedford

## Q&A

What do you think of the new teacher?



"I think she's nice and helpful. Plus she can really sing!"

**Sophomore  
Shalise Cubie**



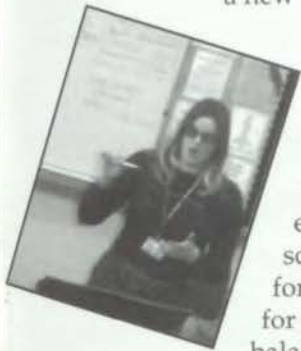
"She's good and talented. She works hard for the students and we are fortunate to have her."

**Pianist  
Brian Bates**

# Music Heard Around CHS

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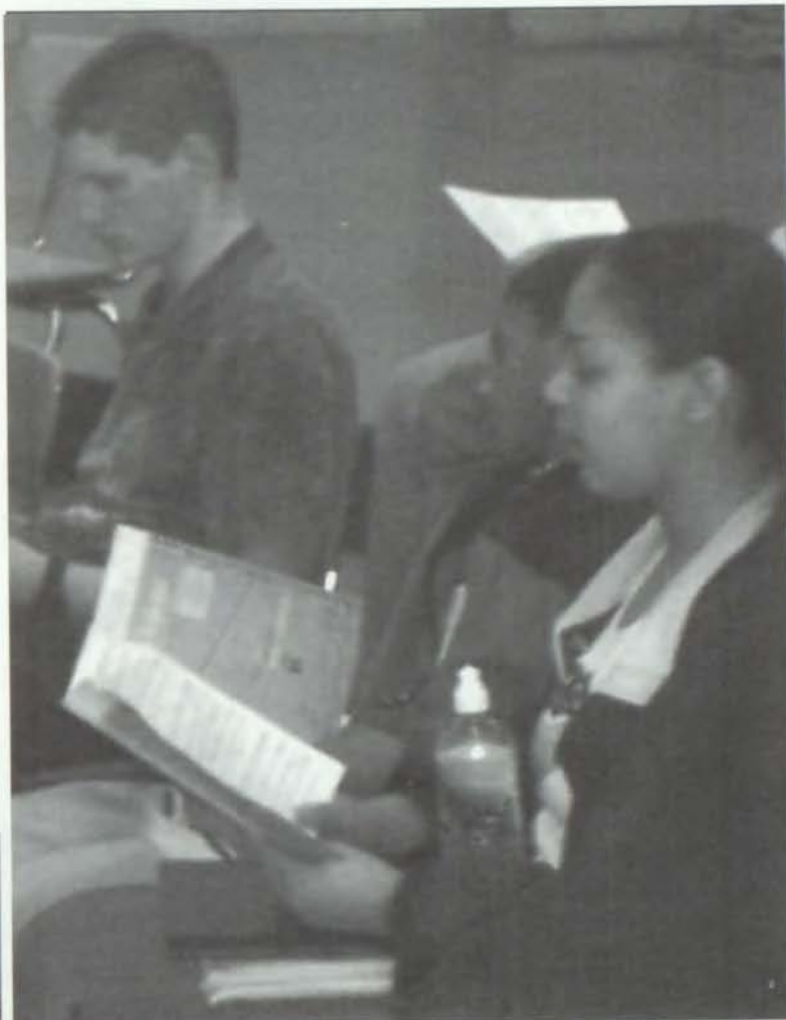
The Center High School Choir has had many difficulties this year. They have lost a teacher, but also gained a new one, Danielle Antonio.



Center has two choirs: the Center Chorale and the Blue and Gold Choir, both of which keep Antonio pretty busy. Besides running back and forth to the middle school and the high school everyday, she has to meet after school with those members performing solos and small ensembles for state competition. "I find a nice balance between the middle school

and the high school choirs; however the high schoolers are more advanced and a little easier to work with," said Antonio. The Center Chorale performed at the District Large Ensemble Contest, and recieved a rating of 2 - which is good - and both choirs performed at the Diversity Festival in March.

Antonio graduated earlier this year and recieved her Master's Degree in Opera Performance. Sadly to say, Antonio has declined the offer to stay at Center for another year as she wishes to pursue her Opera career. We can only say, "We wish you the best!"



David Worts and Gemi Thedford enjoy singing in Choir. They also participated in various contests throughout the year.



Devin Duridin enjoys singing as Shalise Cubie plays the piano. Both are accomplished musicians.

FOREIGN

# The world of another language

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## Spanish Club

Row 1: Andrea Peneloza, President; Ricardo Juardo, Vice President. Row 2: Mr Wallace, sponsor; Kia Spiller, Secretary; Erron Blockman, Treasurer. Row 3: Britany Johnson, Maria Juardo, co-Historians. Row 4: Laura Hamilton, Mrs. Aristimuno, sponsor; Toyia Jones, Sara Loehr. Row 5: Alex Rouse, Luke Hall, Roxanne Rouse. Row 6: James Bridgeford, Kala Raglin

The Spanish club is involved in learning salsa dancing during their meeting. They performed on stage at Center's first Diversity program, and were a big hit.

Hola! Bonjour ..... how many languages can you speak and understand? In the world of foreign languages, speaking a second language could be vital to many people in the future. The classroom setting for the foreign language department is both educational and entertaining. In addition to the expansion of learning a new language, there is also the growth of appreciation of other cultures and backgrounds.

"Learning more than one language is very important. In some ways you have a lot of advantages over other people who speak only one language," says senior Tory Elliot.

Each culture has their own uniqueness and style, as well as their own language. The more unique and different a culture is, the more interesting it is. There is the language of love, which is French, the language of castanets and flamingo dancers, which is Spanish, and everyone knows great cars come from Germany! From big, bold colored dresses to the plaited skirts to Mercedes Benz, each culture has it's own identity. So wherever you go or whatever language fascinates you, make sure you learn to love and understand each culture.



# LANGUAGE

## Q&A

Which language would you consider learning?



"French, because I'm already in it!"

**Junior  
Danesha Franklin**



"Spanish because it's mainly used out of all the foreign languages."

**Senior  
Timothy Clayton**

Students in this French 3 and 4 class look bored but they're not. Learning a new language is always a challenge.



Mrs. Bartle's German class may be small in numbers, but they're huge in knowledge while they study independently.



Spanish 2 class is taught by Mr. Wallace. Here they get a bit of guidance in learning a new language.

## Cooking up a Storm, and Many other things

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At Center, Home Economics (as it is traditionally referred to) has been divided into different classes such as Health, Consumer Science, Child Development, and Foods. The separation provides a more detailed study of all the subjects pertaining to

Home Ec. Each class is also credited, providing students interested in Home Ec. the opportunity to build up their high school credits with subjects that they plan on applying to the "real" world. The teachers, Ms. Niblink and Ms. Robey, have been attributed with making the classes enjoyable and keeping students' interest strong in a subject of fading popularity in today's schooling.

The Home Ec. department also presents the students with the opportunity to join FCCLA, a club designed to broaden students' knowledge about possible careers. As part of the club, students travel around Missouri and other parts of the country to meet new people and share ideas relating to the job market.

So the next time you think about the stereotypical Home Economics class, don't apply it to CHS; remember the innovations and goals met by the CHS Home Economics department that make the classes useful yet fun and entertaining.

FCCLA: Front Row: Agua Jackson, Portia Harris, Michael Freuk, Megael Willis. Row Two: Megan, Tasha Joyce, Emily Wigodner, James Bridgeford. Row Three: LaToya Davis, Murceedes Hooks, Gemi Thedford, Kenny Buckner, Jermain Meck. Row Four: Shelly Mattson, Jessica Burks Whily, Ashley Davis, Terrisha Yates. Back Row: Ms. Robey, Andrea Schutte, Mrs. Nibbelink.

Sophomore Brittany Straub prepares cheesecake for the wrestling meet's hospitality room. Food in the hospitality room was for coaches, referees, and people that helped with the meet.





## Home Economics

### Q&A

"This class is important to take because I learned to..."



Sophomore Chris Baldwin



Senior Tyjuanna Buchanan



Junior Tyeisha Buchanan



Sophomore Brittany Straub



Senior Darrenika Turner



Junior Sally Aaronson



Sophomore Leslie Guinn

### Senior Joshua Brawley

"Ms. Robey has a unique class because she trusts us with cooking and cooking essentials."

### Sophomore Regina Williams

"My favorite project was the report on diseases."



Senior Monique Dickerson learns an important lesson of cleaning up after yourself. Home Ec. classes tried to teach all aspects of keeping a house.



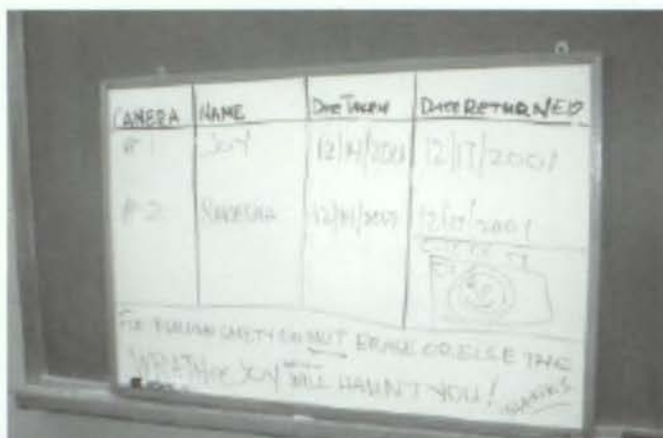
Seniors Kenny Groves and Keith Redick make kool-aid in their 3rd hour foods class. However, Ms. Robey didn't consider Kool-Aid a nutritional drink.

Senior Lendery Council and Sophomore Jamiesha Grigsby make tacos during a lesson. Lendery said that the best part of home ec. was "eating my creation!"



## SEARCHLIGHT (NEWSPAPER STAFF)

After the loss of two digital cameras, Senior Joy Stempleman took the initiative to reorganize the camera system. Both staffs were able to work together to make sure everything was accounted for.



Senior Marcus Stanley reviews the newspaper. Being the editor of the Searchlight is a demanding job and requires lots of time and patience.



Senior Joy Stempleman fulfills her duties as photographer for both the Searchlight and Yellowjacket staffs. Lots of commitment and time was put into her job.



Shantoyia Jones



Kala Raglin



Levell Council



Bethanie Seiglar



Danielle Laubach



Lakevia Ellinburg



Marcus Stanley

## Q&A

Describe one member of the newspaper staff.



"Kala's always messing with me."

Sophomore  
Levell Council



"It's frustrating when Toy tries to be like me. I'm often frustrated."

Senior  
Joy Stempleman

# Home Away From HOME

COPY AND DESIGN BY TAMMY JOHNSON

A family with sisters and brothers, a mother and a father. Ok, sounds a little weird but that is the impression you will get if you go to Room 16, 5th hour. The newspaper class is learning to cope with a small staff. It takes a lot of work.

"Everyone has to work together," says Junior Shantoyia Jones, and Junior Bethanie Seiglar agrees.

When the hard times come, being a close staff helps. For example, when the newspaper was censored in October on a story about safe sex, the staff pulled together to protest the decision to censor the paper. They learned that life is not fair, but they have to stay together.

"A small staff is better, we have a better relationship," says Sophomore Levell Council.

The staff works together and is able to get to know each other a lot better.

"Last year I had to keep asking people's names, this year I know everyone's name," says Junior Bethanie Seiglar.

Memories come from all kinds of places when working together all the time. Memories from writing their first story, to a mouse in the room and staff members screaming and jumping on chairs. Assistant editor Toy Jones says her best memory so far is when she asked Marcus Stanley, the editor, if the staff could call him dad and he said only if we can call you mom. So now they are the mother and father of the staff.



**Front Row:** (left to right) Marcus Stanley, Shantoyia Jones, and Kala Raglin.  
**Back Row:** (from left to right) Danielle Laubach, Bethanie Sieglar, and Joy Stempleman.



Senior Marcus Stanley gives a helping hand to journalist Junior Bethanie Sieglar. Often times fellow staff members relied on others for help.

# Q&A

Do you like the classes that are preparing you for your future?



"This class is a helping tool for future use in college classes."

**Junior & Senior  
Keith Redick &  
Chamene Woods**



"I enjoy the class a lot because I will understand the real world later in life."

**Junior  
Brittany Harris**



**Sharon  
Camp**



**James  
Brigdeford**



**Michelle  
Ebberts**

Justin Sherman concentrates on his program for the test which will be at the end of the week.



**Sasha  
Brooks**



**Jessica  
Accord**

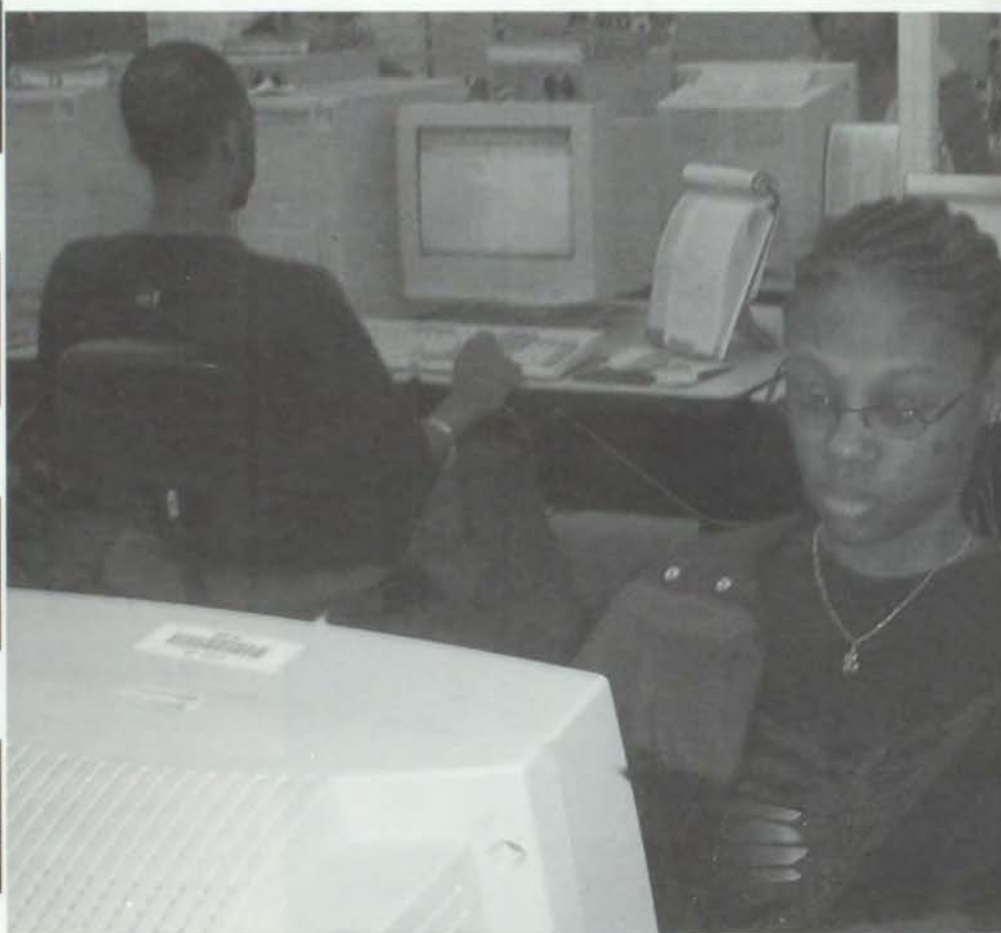


**Steven  
Scott**



**Jeff  
Fugate**

Debbie Perilo looks on the internet for information for the college she plans to go to next year.



Latoya Williams works with a computer program during class. This knowledge will be put to good use in the job market after High School.

Juanita Theford types the proper way after looking at the assignment for the day.



Josh Brawley jumps online for the few minutes that remain in the class period.



# Make it to the Top

## COPY AND DESIGN BY Ladale Bell

The Business Computer class is one of the big steps a student can take to better their chances of obtaining a good job in the future. Students that take this class with Mrs. Lee also stand a good chance at becoming leaders in the work world. When you are in classes that help you, you should take advantage of them, push your mind to the limit and study hard. The challenges that push you to the max are also the same steps needed to get through college and land a well-paying job for you or your family.

When you complete one of life's big tests, otherwise known as High School, you may be pleased to find out that most if not all of the information that has been crammed into your brain is actually used in the future. You may even end up as a "Big Boss" at your own company. Some students may not have a chance to take advanced courses such as these, however. But if students do choose to take this step and push themselves to the limit, it can create wonderful opportunities down the road. The different things that can be done when you open the closed doors of your mind, life, and soul also create a world of opportunities that are right in front of your eyes.



After finishing the program, James Burk plays a game ten minutes before the bell rings.



Idania Melgar focuses on the work assigned for that week. Keeping up with your work is vital.

## Vo-Tech

Becoming a mechanic at a young age is what Senior Spencer Cockrell is showing. It's hard work and long hours to do the job as he does at Vo-Tech.

Doing hair is one of the exciting things Vo-Tech has to offer the students. Flips is one of the styles Senior Shakina Bell performs on her classmates.



# STUDENTS IN VO-TECH

COPY AND DESIGN BY KEARA AUSTIN

Students at Center High start their career early in school by going to Vo-tech. Vo-tech helps students know what they want to be when they graduate and helps them to be good at it. Some use Vo-Tech as another source of education. Vo-tech covers various different careers such as hair, nursing, computer tech, building, and mechanics.

Some students think that Vo-Tech is better than high school in a lot of ways: they are not as strict as the high school. It helps you start early in your career, and they care about what you do and not what you wear.



Vo-Tech isn't a normal school day. Here you don't sit at a desk and work; instead you do hands-on things. Senior Josh Long uses his hands in building a shelf.



Fixing things such as air conditioners is what Senior Jack Peoples does while he's at Vo-Tech.

No school work for these guys, all they do is play, play, play. Senior Eugena Sims plays with this cutie-pie at Vo-Tech, she helps him in whatever he needs her to help him with. Don't we all wish we could do the same!



Taking pride in whatever you do is a must, even if it is doing hair. Some are blessed with this talent; not everyone can style hair like these ladies.

## Q&A

What do you like the best: high school or Vo-Tech? Why?



"I like Vo-Tech better because they treat me like an employee and not a student. They also care more."

**Junior  
Daniel Robinson**



"I like Vo-Tech because they aren't as strict as the high school. I can wear my hat and stuff."

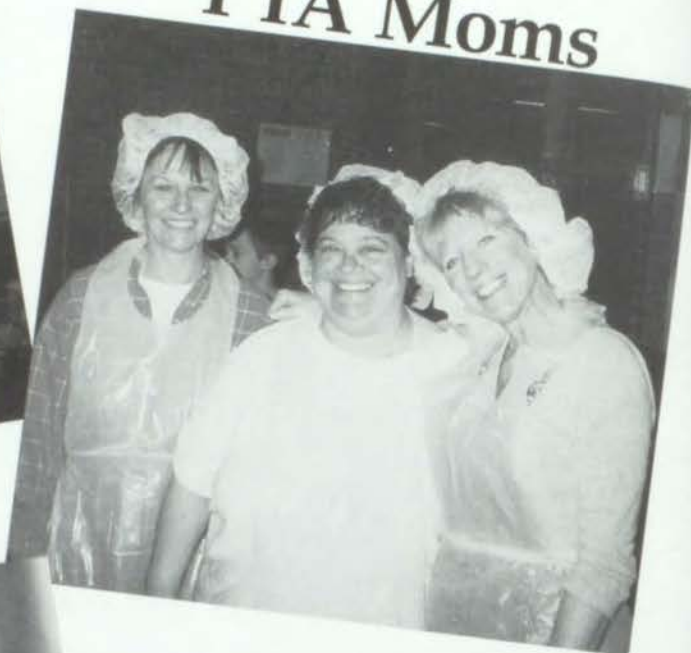
**Junior  
Nick Castillo**

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# 2004



Ms. Webb talks to Marcus Stanley as their next deadline fastly approaches

Lauren Buckles looks to help Tammy Johnson find different pictures for the page she is doing.



The Center 2002 yearbook staff has fun while putting out this wonderful book. Megan Burns took a moment to be photographed during class.



Colin Chambers Senior



The Yellowjacket staff strives to complete their requirements for their upcoming yearbook. Pages are being produced, pictures are being taken, and memories are being kept.



# Yearbook Staff

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Dorian Gist distracts Kiera Austin as she works diligently trying to make the next deadline.



Mrs. Unger is assisting Lauren Buckles proof-read her page as the dead line approaches.



The Center Yearbook staff has been working hard to understand the different types of pages and to get the work done on time .



Cherice Wells takes a break after finishing her deadline.



Bianca Rios



Yatonda Butler



Stephanie Rice



Lauren Buckles



Lakeisha Anderson



Tammy Johnson



Erin Harris

# Q&A

What aspect do you hope to accomplish in yearbook staff this year ?



"Making a good yearbook everyone will remember."

**Ilani Ighedosa**



"To get a page done on time!"

**Norissa Hughes**



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SENIORS

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# TEEN PEOPLE



# “Senior Lovin’”

by bianca rios

The Senior class of 2002 has proven themselves to be very diverse, uplifting and outgoing. In spite of the long hours of school, homework and after school activities that occurs



Seniors join together and “kick it” to the Center Alma Mater at the last home football game!

throughout the year, seniors have made it a point to “kick it!”

At the beginning of the school year, seniors began to realize that their high school days are limited.

The spirit of the senior class has an influence on the events that go on throughout the year. School is not the only place these seniors have fun. “Where have we not gone? The city doesn’t give us alot of places to go and hang out, but we always find somewhere to go. There’s really only so much we can do. Going out to eat, the movies, bowling or hanging out at someones house,” says senior CoCo Criswell.

School is where the fun begins for seniors. From hanging out in the hallways to stuffing their faces, it’s all about the quality time seniors spend in their last days of high school!



Senior Laura Erickson shows the sensitive side of the senior class.

Rahmon Allen  
Danviel Anthony



Keara Austin  
Samantha Ball



INSIDE CENTER

## seniors



Abby Heffernan and  
Kenny Groves

*cheerleading*  
What would senior year be like without having some good cheerleaders?!

Erica Turner

*sleepyhead*  
Sleeping is not an easy task, especially when you are a senior. Who would have thought sleep was good for you?



Michael Richman  
and Ibad Siddiqi

*clueless?*  
These two seniors wonder how much more time they have until graduation.



Emily Buford

*concentration*  
This is the key element to being a successful senior. The class of 02 has it down!



Melvin Cole

*cleanliness*  
This senior wants to make sure that his senior year is as clean as can be. “To the bat cave,” Melvin said.



Devin Durdin &  
Katie Korando

*excitement*  
These two seniors give great excitement to the cafeteria school lunch. What is it this time?



Neil Soloman &  
Eric Conrad

*anxiousness*  
This goes to show you how eager you can get when you put your mind to it! Seniors love food.





Andrew Barth  
Teta Beals  
Natalie Bell  
Shakea Bell



Erron Blockmon  
Jason Booker  
Lanisha Bosby  
Rebecca Brake



Josh Brawley  
Deanna Brocious  
Shanna Brown  
Tyjuanna Buchanan



Kenneth Buckner  
Emily Buford  
Megan Burns  
Shannon Burton



Leyia Cannon  
Cade Carpenter  
Colin Chambers  
Derek Clark

# PROFILES

Tim Clayton  
Melvin Cole  
Keandra Coleman  
Rayjah Collins



Eric Conrad  
Lendery Council  
Coco Criswell  
Jamiel Counce



Bethany Cunningham  
Daniel Victor  
Mina Dasari  
Donna Denyer



Joe Davis  
Latayla Dickerson  
Jaquita Downing  
Shannon Drummond



Devin Durdin  
Stephan Ealy  
Chris Edwards  
Tory Elliot





# seniors

## SENIORS

Name: Zack Eubank  
School: Boone  
Grade: kindergarden  
This is how Zack looked when he was in elementary school!

## SENIORS

Name: Leyia Cannon  
Age: 5  
Look at Leyia's outfit - it was the bomb!

## SENIORS

Name: Bianca Rios  
School: Carver  
Grade: 1st grade  
How cute was she with her big hair.



## Before and After!

Remember when big hairstyles, jodeci boots, mixed match socks, dookie braids, stretch pants, and biking shorts were in style? The list can go on and on. Look at our style now: we wear short hair, micro braids, Tommy Hilfiger, Polo, backless shirts, capri pants, and cut up jeans. These are just a few things people wear now. Some teens have come a long way since they were a child. As you see Bianca Rios has on a striped shirt that doesn't go with the vest, Leyia Cannon with biking shorts, and Zack Eubank in his little pumpkin costume with long hair. In the group picture a lot of high school kids have on crazy outfits, with big hair styles. Left to right: Tim Johnson, Josh Long, Amanda Pierce, Ibad Siddiqi, Eric Conrad, Ashlee Williams, and Abby Heffernan. These students were in the seventh grade, and now they are all seniors. Amanda has the big bangs with her gray t-shirt tucked in with black gym shorts. Ibad has also come a long way with the looks. Tim is wearing the brand name shoe Filas, with a little afro. Time sure has changed since then.

Many seniors have been going to school together for years. Middle school became the melting pot for all gradeschools, as new friends were made and kept.

### Top to Bottom:

Timothy Johnson, Josh Long, Non Lou, Eric Conrad, Ashlee Williams, Erica Milburn, Amanda Pierce, Ibad Siddiqi, Abby Heffernan



# seniors

# those Memorable times



Slap Pea-Nutts Records include seniors Tim Clayton, Walter Townsend, Taylor Spriggs, Odis Smith and Melvin Cole.

Candyland Records include Seniors Kenny Buckner, Zach Eubank, Ryan Kemp, Julius Floyd, Keara Austin, Bianca Rios, Kyle Williams and Kenny Groves.



Candyland and Slap Pea-Nutts represent their record companies by showing their signs. Candyland (CL) and Slap Pea-Nutts (Hands Together).



They all get along! Walter Townsend and Becky Brake from Slap Pea-Nutts join in with Candyland for the picture. Friends forever is what they will be.



Goofing around during passing period is what the two record companies do. It's just a friendly thang.



Zach Eubank from Candyland tries to step in a picture with Slap Pea-Nutts, while they represent their company.



Acting crazy is what they do best. Kyle William from Candyland goofs around and elbows Walter Townsend from Slap Pea-Nutts in the face. They are soooo crazy!



What do you think of when you hear the words school? The words that may ring a bell are learning, studying and hanging out. For the senior guys and girls they make it fun. You have heard of So So Def, Cash Money and Def Jams records. According to the seniors there are two more: Candyland

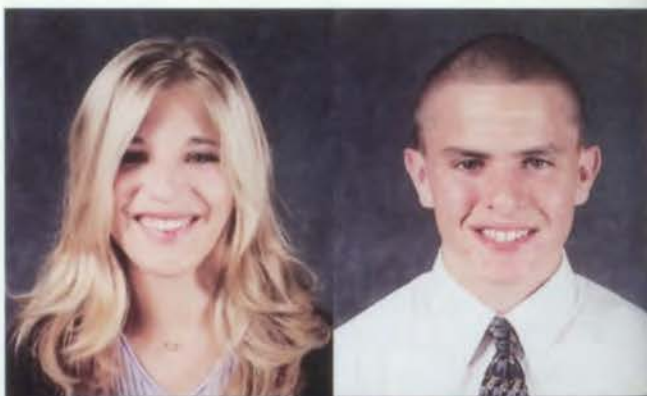
and Slap Nutts. The seniors go around and compete with each other to see whose record companies are better. There are girls in the companies but the guys are the one's who go around and goof around. People may think that it is stupid, but it really brings light and joy to the school. School is not just a place to learn - it also is a

place to go and hang out with friends. The record companies don't play around during class, it is all on their free time, passing period, lunch and after school. These guys are still friends, this record business is just a way of expressing themselves. School to the seniors is a great place and it is fun. It's their last year so why not enjoy it!



Walter Townsend, Tim Clayton and Ryan Kemp show their record company's spirit.

Laura Erickson  
Zack Eubank



Tim Farmer  
Cassandra Fortune





Glen Fortune  
John Frazier  
Cindy Garcia  
Jaimee Gee



Tirannee Givhan  
Artesha Gladney  
Erin Harris  
Portia Harris



Abby Heffernan  
Johnny Howard  
LeRon Hudson  
Shane Hull



Johnathan Hurt  
Michael Jackson  
Steven Jacobs  
Sherri James



Silpa Jandhyala  
Byron Johnson  
Robert Johnson  
Timothy Johnson

# SPORTS

Chris Johnson  
Isaac Jones  
Nicole Jones  
Ryan Kemp



Nicole King  
Katie Korando  
Shannon Lister  
Robert Logan



Josh Long  
Lawren Manley  
Nathan May  
Steven May



Macole Mayweather  
Kaylene McFarland  
Monchel McQuitty  
CJ Mitchell



Lora Modlin  
Charlie Morgan  
Kelly Oshea  
Claude Parker



# those Memorable times



Jack Peoples

Debra Perillo



Katie Pickett

Amanda Pierce

As the countdown begins for seniors to graduate many go down memory lane discussing their memorable moments.

Alex Rouse recalls winning 'Best Drum Major' at the Cotton Bowl and being in Bye, Bye Birdie.



Clockwise: Eric Conrad, Neil Soloman, Michael Jackson, Adam Rodriguez, Ibad Sidiqi, Cade Carpenter

CJ Johnston, Walter Townsend, and Neil Soloman will never forget the new experience of the football team winning.

"The day the football team won a

game in all the four years I've been here - that was the best," said Johnston.

Townsend says he just enjoyed winning football games overall. "Our first home win against Hickman was sweet, but the win against Ray-Pec was the sweetest," replied Soloman.

Of course we won't forget the best time of the year, Courtwarming. "My favorite moment was at Courtwarming when I won king my senior year and we blew out Ruskin in basketball," said Tim Clayton.

Seniors also remember the silly things they did in their four years at Center. Amanda Pierce remembers de-pantsing Katie Korando in front of everyone by the pop machines. Laura Erickson reminisced

about the below-freezing weather in Texas for the Cotton Bowl trip. Most of all they won't forget the simple things that they shared.

"I've been at Center since kindergarten; thirteen years - what a trip! Getting my car and driving to school was a great memorable first," mused Keandra Coleman, a soon-to-be-out-of-Center-with-all-its memories senior.



Clockwise: Julius Floyd, Melvin Cole, Kenny Buckner, Jamiel Counce, and Tim Clayton

## INSIDE CENTER

# seniors

### Nathan Walingford

"I don't want to be in the yearbook. Take all pictures of me out of the yearbook."

TALK TO THE HAND!



### Melvin Cole

"The first day of football practice was my memorable moment."



### Tyjuanna Buchanan

"When the football team won their first game in four years was the thing I remembered most."



### Dereck Clark

"My favorite moment was the second Ray-Pec football game."



### Jaquita Downing

"My memorable moment was when the boys basketball team went to state."



## s e n i o r s

Keara Austin

"I'm going to go to either cosmetology school or some kind of acting school."

Katie Korando

"I plan to go to Longview Community College for two years and I'm not sure after that."

Macole Mayweather

"I plan to go to Xavier University in Louisiana to get an undergraduate degree in medicine and after that kick it, kick it, kick it!!"

Zack Eubank

"I plan on going to MU and have fun."

Neil Soloman

"I plan on going to MU, join a fraternity, and have fun."



# those Seniors Livin' it Up



Natisha Porter

Sarah Rice



Bianca Rios

Jestina Robins

After all the hard work and planning, this year's seniors are livin' it up. "On my free time I go skating and it feels good to be a senior because I graduate in four months and six days,"



Seniors gather together to celebrate Center High School's win against Hickman Mills High School

said Erin Harris.

What is the best thing about being a senior?

"My easy schedule and it's a big relief

because I'm about to get outta here," said Colin Chambers.

Even though some seniors, like Artesha Gladney, have important decisions to make they still have time to enjoy the pleasures of being free. "I like to dance on my free time," said Gladney.

"I just like hanging out with friends," said Samantha Ball.

Some seniors do not have to come to school for a whole day, they can stay home and chill. "I just like to stay home and watch TV," said Kelly Oshea.

On the flip side, others think differently. "I think the best thing about being a senior would be

getting a job," said sophomore Twila Kelly.

Besides livin' it up, seniors have to worry about choosing a college. Many seniors like Bianca Rios are not sure of where they want to go. "I probably am going to some kind of community college,"



Katie Korando, Meagan Burns, Amanda Pierce, Becky Brake, and Erin Harris enjoy each other's company as they have a good time.



Wendie Robinson  
Adam Rodriguez  
Linda Rogers  
Adrienne Rollie



Alex Rouse  
Justin Sherman  
Ibad Siddiqi  
Andre Sidney



Eugenia Simms  
Desiree Slaughter  
Monique Smith  
Odis Smith



Neil Soloman  
Venita Sonnier  
Anyeka Spivey  
Raphael Spriggs



Marcus Stanley  
Joy Stempleman  
Sheila Stuteville  
Marketa Tanner

GRAD  
S

Walter Townsend  
Erica Turner  
Marguarite Vaughn  
Steven Walls



Steven Watson  
Coletta Webb  
Ashlee Williams  
Kyle Williams



LaToya Williams  
Calvin Willis  
Chamene Woods  
Darenika Turner



CENTER HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 2002



# seniors



**Alex Rouse**

"To promote a better atmosphere and to create a more productive environment in which students can become more involved in addition to learning."

**Adam Rodriguez**

"It gets everyone in the mood to support the players."



**Mina Dasari**

"I think that our school spirit is just the right amount. We have pride in our school but we're not ignorant towards other schools."



**Eric Conrad**

"Spirit provides a good attitude towards your school."



**Johnny Howard**

"It lets the athletes know that you're behind them 100%."



**Janice Caldwell**

"It makes your high school career become better."



**Kenny Buckner**

"It shows the athletes that you support them and it shows what school you go to."



The class of 2002 has always been spirited. Senior Katie Pickett is just one of many girls flanking Andrew Barth in this dance number. Twelve girls to one guy isn't a bad thing, and Andrew looks like he is having a good time.

## those Memorable times

By Ilani Ighedosa

Why shouldn't you want to leave your school with spirit? "I feel it's a good thing to do because I do what I can do when I can do it," said Steven Walls. Some seniors look at the importance of school spirit from a

will rub off on the underclassmen; and they will become more involved in activities around the school," said Julius Floyd. In the past this year's senior class was the most spirited. Maybe since they're seniors they decided to mellow down this year. Other upperclassmen like Tim Clayton just like showing it for the sport. "I show spirit because I play basketball, am active, and just to boost my fellow players on the team," said Clayton. So many people can benefit from school spirit. That's just how people get hyped at the games and activities. School spirit is all about boosting

your school's confidence. Mainly the true meaning of school spirit is having fun, going to school functions, and supporting your school the best way you know how. Some people show school spirit in different ways. The main idea is to be proud of your school.



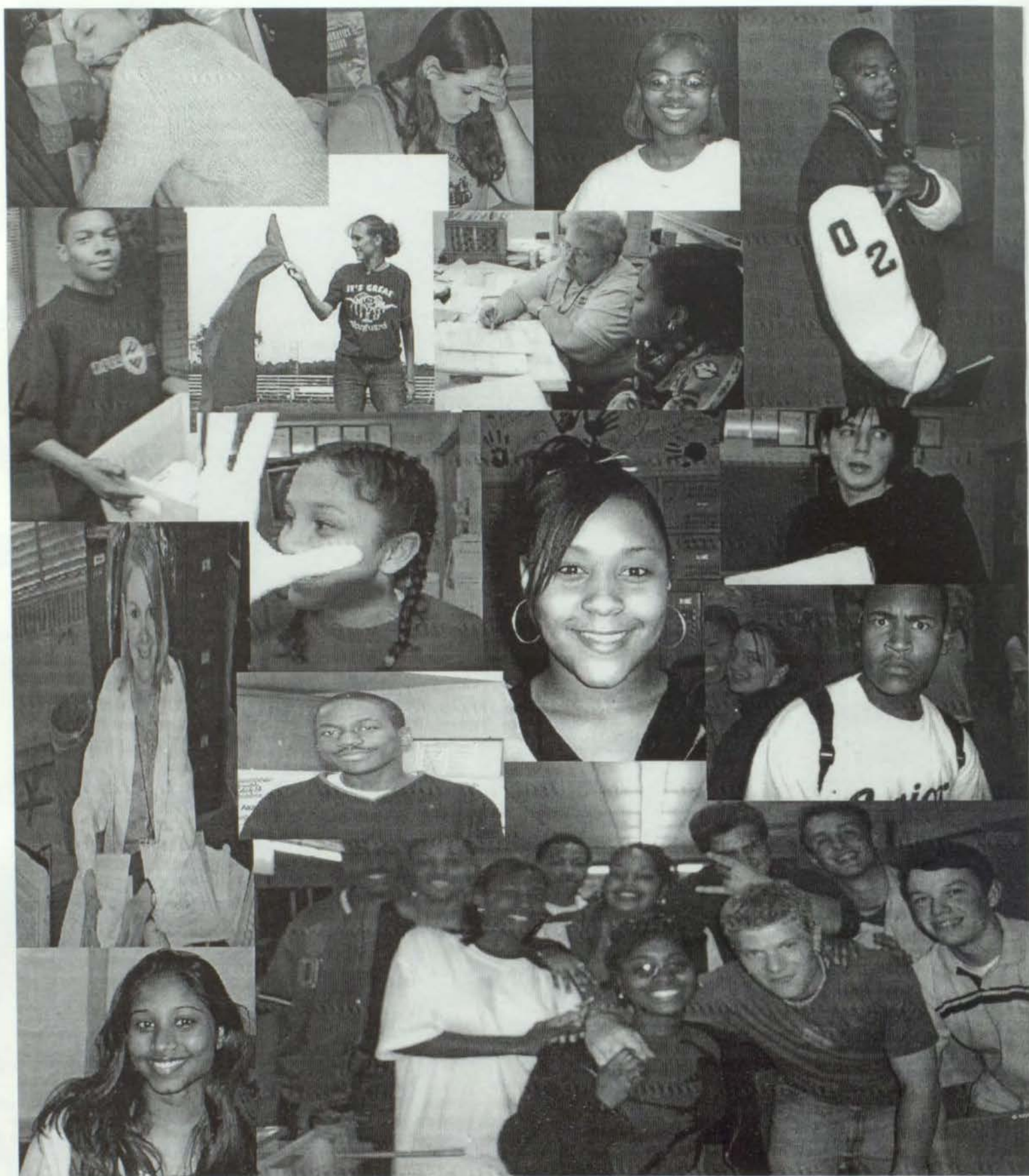
Mina Dasari, Silpa Jandhyala and her sister Swapna, show their ethnic and school spirit at the Diversity program.

more positive standpoint. "I think it's important because if the seniors show school spirit maybe it



Senior Abby Heffernan gives at the blood drive. Abby is known for sacrificing it all for school spirit.

# Those Memorable Times...



# Courtesy of The Searchlight...



Let's take a moment to evaluate all the grades of high school. Freshman year is pretty self-explanatory: you're "fresh" to high school. Sophomore year is one year closer to graduation. Still underclassmen, sophomores tend to have the "wise-fool" mentality. Senior year comes around and you're finally outta here! The "senioritis" disease is pretty common. But what's a junior? "[Juniors are] an upper-classman; they're mature. They are here to learn, not just to sit there and be seen," according to junior Vanite Samana. Junior year is full of opportunities to gain more freedom while taking on the same amount of responsibilities



JUNIORS

Sally Aaronson  
Jessica Acord  
Brandy Alexander  
Victoria Anderson  
Jeremy Andron  
Terrell Bell  
Christopher Bellante  
Daniel Bessenbacher



Ben Blackman  
James Bridgeford  
Angela Briones  
Tyeisha Buchanan  
Andrew Bullard  
Catherine Burec  
James Burke  
Jessica Byrd



Stefan Calmano  
Ryan Campbell  
Diya Carr  
Ron Carter-Hall  
Nick Castillo  
Lauren Castle  
Allison Caton  
Danny Chaput



Stephanie Clurman  
Jamil Counce  
Coretta Cunningham  
Ernest Curry  
Jackiesha Davis  
Latoya Davis  
Laura Doarn  
Jamie Dodson



Dawnisha Douglas  
Elaina Dove  
Ashlee Duckworth  
Paul Duncan  
Edwin Dunson  
Krystle Edwards  
LaKevia Elingbug  
Victoria Ellis





Scott Fahrmeier  
Elizabeth Flenker  
Jennifer Fletcher  
Michael Flores  
Daniel Forson  
Danasha Franklin  
Stephanie Frazier  
Greg Garrison

Matt Gatewood  
Anne Giedinghagen  
Jamie Giffen  
Dorian Gist  
Vaughnessa Gonzalez  
Daryl Grayer  
Michael Groves  
Jennifer Guenther

Luke Hall  
Lauren Hamilton  
Jamie Harris  
Tiffany Harris  
Chris Harvey  
Aamir Hataz-Thompson  
William Hawkens  
Arica Henderson

Rashad Henderson  
Walter Hicks  
Richie Hill  
Lesley Hogan  
Murcedes Hooks  
Brandi Howard  
Courtney Howard  
Norissa Hughes

Enjoying breakfast, juniors find time to spend time together despite their hectic schedules.



Although juniors have typically hard classes, they still find time to relax and enjoy school.



A little humor is all it takes to get through the school day. Richie Hill attempts a wet-willie on Jamie Giffen.



Stephanie Frazier, Danielle Strickland and Vicki Ellis show how juniors work together to get things done in Biology class.

Tarah Hawkins shows studying Spanish can sometimes be a challenge. At the same time it can be fun speaking in something besides common English.



Learning about computers is one of the most important things for today's teens. Junior Elaina Dove uses the computer as a source of information.



Lauren Irving  
Alex Isom  
Andrea Isom  
Jennifer Jantz  
Paul John  
Tammy Johnson  
Nicole Jones  
Shantoyia Jones



Tyisha Jones  
Richard Jurado  
Patrick Keeney  
Karolina Kubiz  
David Lewis  
Jermaine Mack  
Layla Manley  
Jill McCalman



Cole Melenbruch  
Jennifer Merriner  
Jenna Millar  
Katie Miller  
Antonio Mitchell  
Alex Moss  
Mark Mulmore  
Erin Osborne



Ginny Pegelow  
Adam Peisler  
Andrea Penalzo  
Heather Pennington  
Curtis Perkins  
Tamara Ritter  
Calvin Pickens  
Yalonda Pollard



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Erick Rhoades  
Paul Rhodes





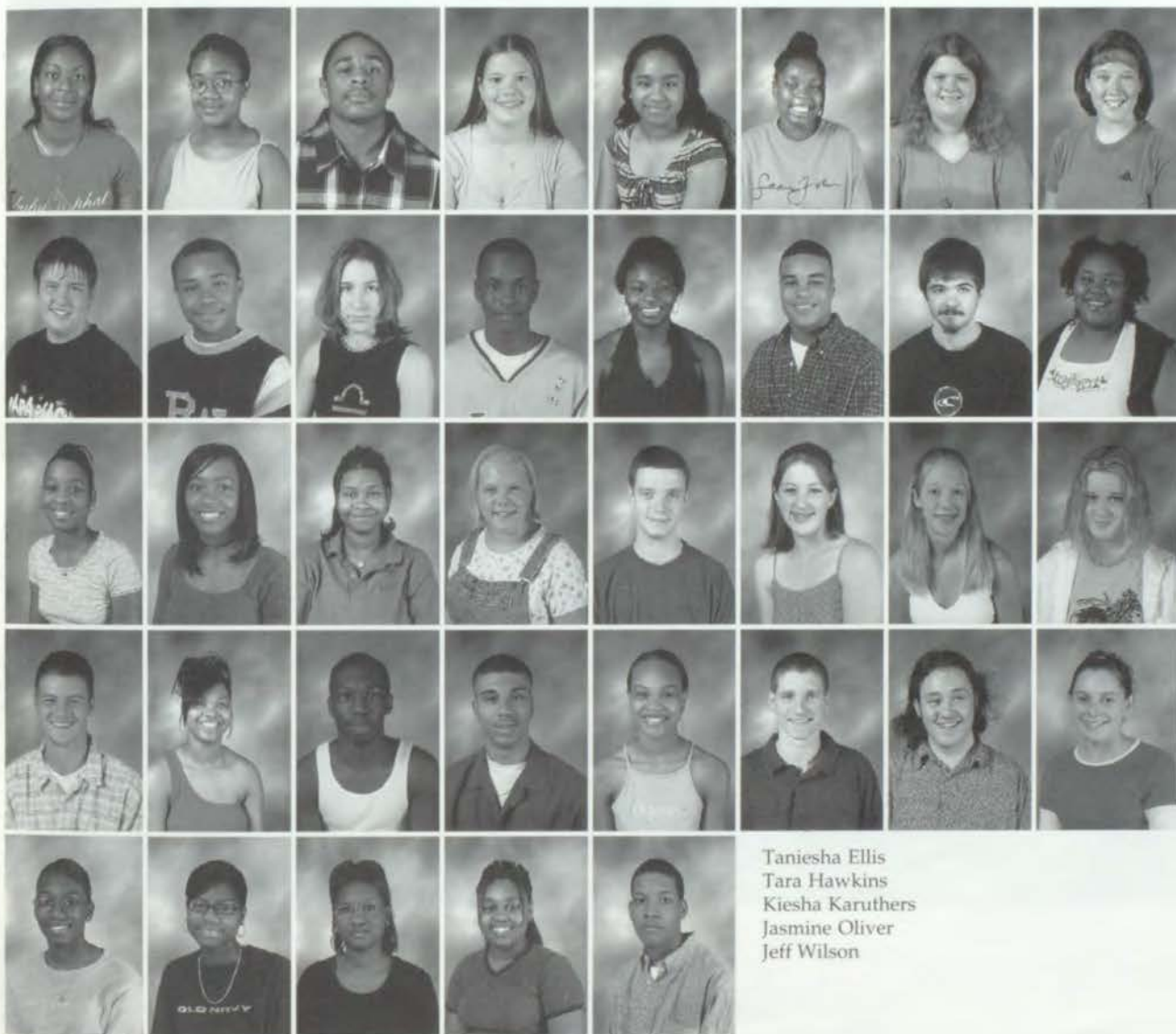
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Juniors play a big roll at the high school; putting together prom is one of the biggest things they have to organize.

At the same time they all have a good time doing what they do best, whether it be hanging out with friends, playing in class, having a wonderful time in lunch, studying hard in class, or just being a plain old junior.

Cherice Wells represents the class of 2003 (03') while being in yearbook class.

JUNIORS



Shawnta Ricketts  
Shanise Riley  
Daniel Robinson  
Roxanne Rouse  
Vanita Samana  
Amanda Scott  
Bethanie Seiglar  
Ashley Sexton

Josey Short  
Jamal Shumate  
Karen Silverhardt  
De Aunte Smith  
Keya Spiller  
Reggie Stockman  
Paul Stokely  
Danielle Strickland

Davon Strickland  
Stacia Stricklin  
Tiffany Sublett  
Alyssa Sward  
Ryan Swope  
Rosa Vaught  
Christy Vieth  
Rachel Weilert

Brian Wellington  
Cherice Wells  
Willie Williams  
Andre Willis  
Latoya Wilson  
David Worts  
Matthew Wright  
Catherine Burek

Taniesha Ellis  
Tara Hawkins  
Kiesha Karuthers  
Jasmine Oliver  
Jeff Wilson

# JUNIORS

"My class ring represents my school."  
Mark Mulmore



"My class ring represents my great years and achievements at Center High School."  
Terrance Williams

"My letterman jacket shows that I am very involved in school and it shows my individual achievements."  
Christian Randle



"My lettermen jacket represents all of my accomplishments."  
Jackiesha Davis







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## JUNIORS



## SOPHOMORES STEPPIN' UP



The class of 2004 hangs together with their fellow classmates at pep rallies, sporting events, and even over a meal on a busy weekend. They really enjoy their second year of high school.



Another step forward and the class of 2004 takes on the challenges of high school for another year.

These students are now expected to complete more assignments, write more reports, and meet even more deadlines. Teachers expect more from 2004 now that they are no longer new to high school.

Sophomores truly take on the wise-fool mentality while they work harder and find time to play just as much.



Nakiesha Anderson  
 Kristyn Art  
 Kim Atty  
 Chris Baldwin  
 Shanika Balton  
 Rachel Bankhead  
 Melinda Barlow  
 Arienne Barns



Emily Barth  
 Ladale Bell  
 Victoria Blaize  
 Troy Blaylock  
 Rick Boyd  
 Mitchell Bradbury  
 Jordan Bradley  
 Steven Brake



Sheena Brantley  
 Christopher Brooks  
 Sausha Brooks  
 Lauren Buckles  
 Lauren Buckles  
 Erica Cain  
 Matt Campbell  
 Charles Cannon



Mark Carrillo  
 Nikeda Carter  
 Teresa Carter  
 Michelle Chaput  
 Mike Chatman  
 Lamar Colbert  
 Levell Council  
 Josh Cox



Tamara Crofton  
 Danny Cushing  
 Taylor Davidson  
 Chante Davis  
 Terrall Davis  
 Megan Denzer  
 Moneal Weaver Dowdy  
 Lashawndra Dunn





Michael Dunn  
Dan Ebberts  
Pamela Epperson  
Crystal Faunt  
Lauren Fielder-Bey  
Candis Fishback  
Michael Freuck  
Michelle Gamble

Jennifer Giffen  
Diana Gonzalez  
Anthony Gooden  
Steve Goodwin  
Tamesha Grigsby  
Mary Greer  
Leslie Grossnickle  
Leslie Guinn

Will Haddix  
Larry Hall  
Tierra Haynes  
Arienne Hosseini  
Amir Hunter  
Michael Hurst  
Ilani Ighedosa  
Brittany Johnson

Eric Johnson  
Julie Johnson  
Nicole Johnson  
Maria Jurado  
Holly Kaiser  
Sara Kirkwood  
Katie Knickerbocker  
Billy Korando

# SOPHOMORES

## What do you think?

Q: What is the best thing about your sophomore year?



"I'm not a freshman anymore."

Terron  
Davis



"I can pick on the freshmen."

Candis  
Fishback



"I'm used to everything now. I don't have to worry about fitting in because I already do."

Michele  
Gamble



"Beause I'm not one of the youngest in the school anymore."

Troy  
Blaylock



Sophomores strike a pose to let all the other classes know that the class of 2004 is #1.

The class of 2004 has shocked the school year of 2001-2002 by actually competing and winning school events and competitions. As freshmen last year, the sophomores were looked upon as non-challenging dorks to upper classmen. This school year they are opening eyes as they participate and sometimes win competitions. "So far we placed first for the Homecoming float and we actually cheer at pep assemblies," states sophomore Muriel Weaver.

What is causing this competitive edge? Maybe they are fed up with the teasing of being under-classmen and want the juniors and seniors to back off; or maybe the sophomores have quenched their thirst and have given Gatorade a shot; or maybe it is just their luck. Whatever it is, the sophomores are not taking second place for an answer. They want to be #1!



## *What do you think?*

**Q: Why is "04" the most challenging class?**



"Because we feel we are the best so we always want to come out on top, always."

**Missy  
Weaver**



"Because we are a mature Sophomore class ... and we deserve to be #1."

**Rachel  
Bankhead**



"When we came here last year there wasn't very much school spirit. This year we want to show the Freshmen that the only way our school will be about something is if we have spirit. Plus the Sophomores are the best."

**Julie  
Johnson**



"We have a lot of school spirit."

**Will  
Haddix**

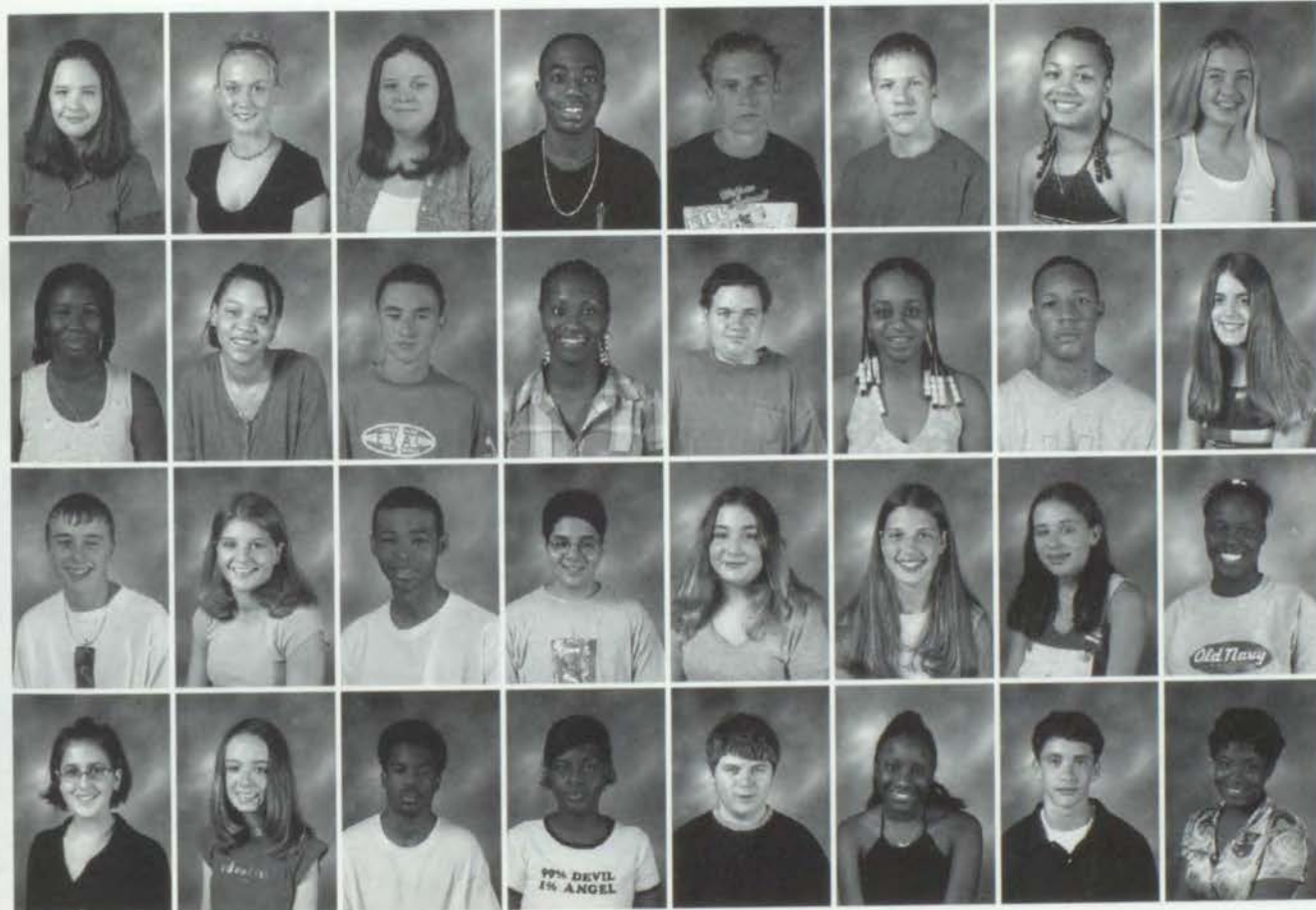


Sophomores Amir Hunter and Troy Baylock show that sophomores are not only competing this year. They are keeping it cool.

The sophomores place second in the Winter Wonderland contest.



Sophomores Brittany Johnson, Lashaundra Dunn, Senea James and Nakiesha Anderson take a rest during the snowflake competition. Winning is exhaustive work.



Danielle Labauh  
Sasha Lathrop  
Sarah Loher  
Joseph Love  
Cooper Mallon  
Matthew McDonald  
Kasani McGhee  
Erin Miller

Natascia Mitchell  
Charlis Monroe  
Bret Noble  
Simone Norton  
Tory O'Neal  
Charla Parker  
Cory Parker  
Amanda Patmore

Ryan Perkins  
Lilli Pickett  
Kendrick Emery  
Patrick Quick  
Elizabeth Ramel  
Kelly Ramel  
Colleen Redding  
Debrielle Reed

Shahr Rezaiekhahigh  
Stephanie Rice  
Aaron Rideau  
Triniece Riley  
Adam Ringwood  
Myka Robinson  
Kyle Rodriguez  
Jamara Sanders

Pam Sanders  
 Tyrone Saunders  
 Ashley Schwartz  
 Nicole Setter  
 Kelli Shannon  
 Aaron Sherman  
 Phillmon Smith  
 Shonda Smith



Daniel Stephens  
 Brittany Straub  
 Tia Strickland  
 Jennifer Suedmeyer  
 Darmeta Thomas  
 Lynn Tucker  
 William Tunley  
 Paige Unger



Mark Warren  
 Emily Wigodner  
 Aaron Wilhelm  
 Deron Wilkerson  
 DeMarques Williams  
 Regina Williams  
 Whitney Wisdahl  
 Jaimini Woodson



LeDale Wooten  
 Derek Clark  
 Taylor Hall  
 Tony Oneall  
 Chemika Smith



Emily Barth and the class of 2004 have the time of their lives at the Courtwarming dance. Courtwarming was put on by the Sophomore class.



This year's class of Sophomores has without a doubt proven that they are ready to move up in the ranks of Center High School. They successfully planned and put on the Courtwarming dance with out a flaw. They are involved in extracurricular activities and athletics. And they have enough school spirit to promote pride to not only this school but the whole community. Sophomores are ready and able to become upper classmen. They can even hold their own weight, as the cheerleaders show at the winter pep rally.

Diana Gonzalez and Erin Miller wait pensively for their event. Swim meets are lots of hurry up and wait.



**SOPHOMORES STEPPIN' UP**

**Hall  
Taylor**

"I miss a lot of my friends that graduated last year."

**White  
Schallen**

"All of the teachers that left last year."

**Loehr  
Sarah**

"I miss my Algebra 1 teacher Mrs. Hardy"

**Barlow  
Mindy**

"I don't have as many classes with my friends as I did last year"



**Q: What do you miss most about your freshman year?**



FRESHMAN PHILOSOPHY

# Separate But Equal?

Freshmen faced the ultimate let-down of the whole year: third floor classes. According to freshman Shayla Bentrop "It's a lot easier to get around, but at the same time you don't get to spend a lot of time with upper classmen."

Maybe that's the key thing; maybe freshmen should be able to spend time with their fellow upper classmen. Freshman Sherrell Smith says, "That's shiesty because that makes us feel like we're still in middle school."

Last year freshmen had the opportunity to be treated as equals. Everyone was mixed with all kinds of ages. Therefore, freshmen were able to make a group of friends from different grades. Sure it's convenient to have them on separate floors, but maybe we need to be fair with all classes and give them equal treatment. Unlike Shayla and Sherrell, freshman Ese' Ighedosa states, "I like to be with upper classmen because I know them better." In reality we all know we can't always be with our friends. Some freshmen like Gemi Thedford complained about other things, like climbing stairs. "I think that it's jacked-up because we climb up those stairs everyday, but it comes with being a freshman."

Freshmen also got another special treatment: team teaching. This year team teaching was instituted for the freshmen to make them feel at ease and comfortable about being in high school. One of the team teachers was Mrs. Stubblefield. When asked about team teaching she said, "I think it's a good way to transition ninth graders into high school. It provides them an opportunity to be a part of a learning community without having to be intimidated and it helps the students and teachers to be more accountable." In the end we are left wondering: are the freshmen separate, but equal?

Mike Aaronson  
Ray Atty  
Ashley Barnes  
Matt Barrett  
Andrew Bean  
Amanda Bentley  
Shayla Bentrop  
Buddy Blackman  
Johnson Bradley  
Cedrick Brooks  
Chelsea Brooks  
Jermaine Brooks  
Delmiko Brown  
Erica Brown  
LaKeitra Brown  
Tyrone Buchanon  
Brandon Burnett  
India Clark  
Vicki Clenny  
Sharon Cox  
Brian Cunningham  
Ashley Davis  
Ashlie Davis  
Erica Davis  
J Cody Davis  
Dewune Dawkins  
Megan DeMasters  
Patrick Duncan  
Michelle Ebberts  
Fae Edmondson  
Sasha Ellis  
Damon Elmer  
Tamika English  
Shalee Ersery  
Andrew Feagle  
Roderick Fields  
Jeffery Fugate  
Amy Gantz  
Cassidy Gardner  
Taquana Gilbert



Keena Gillum  
Amanda Gore  
Levi Gorman  
Chris Greene  
Princese Guillory  
Gallardo Hallis  
Amber Hann  
Demetrius Harbour



"It's tight because you get to eat with your friends."

Freshman Andrea Gore



"I don't think it's right to separate us from the upper classmen. I feel like I'm being sheltered, and I feel like I'm an outsider"

Freshman Jesse Morgan



"I think that it's good because if we have lunch with the upper classmen then it would be hectic."

Freshman India Clark



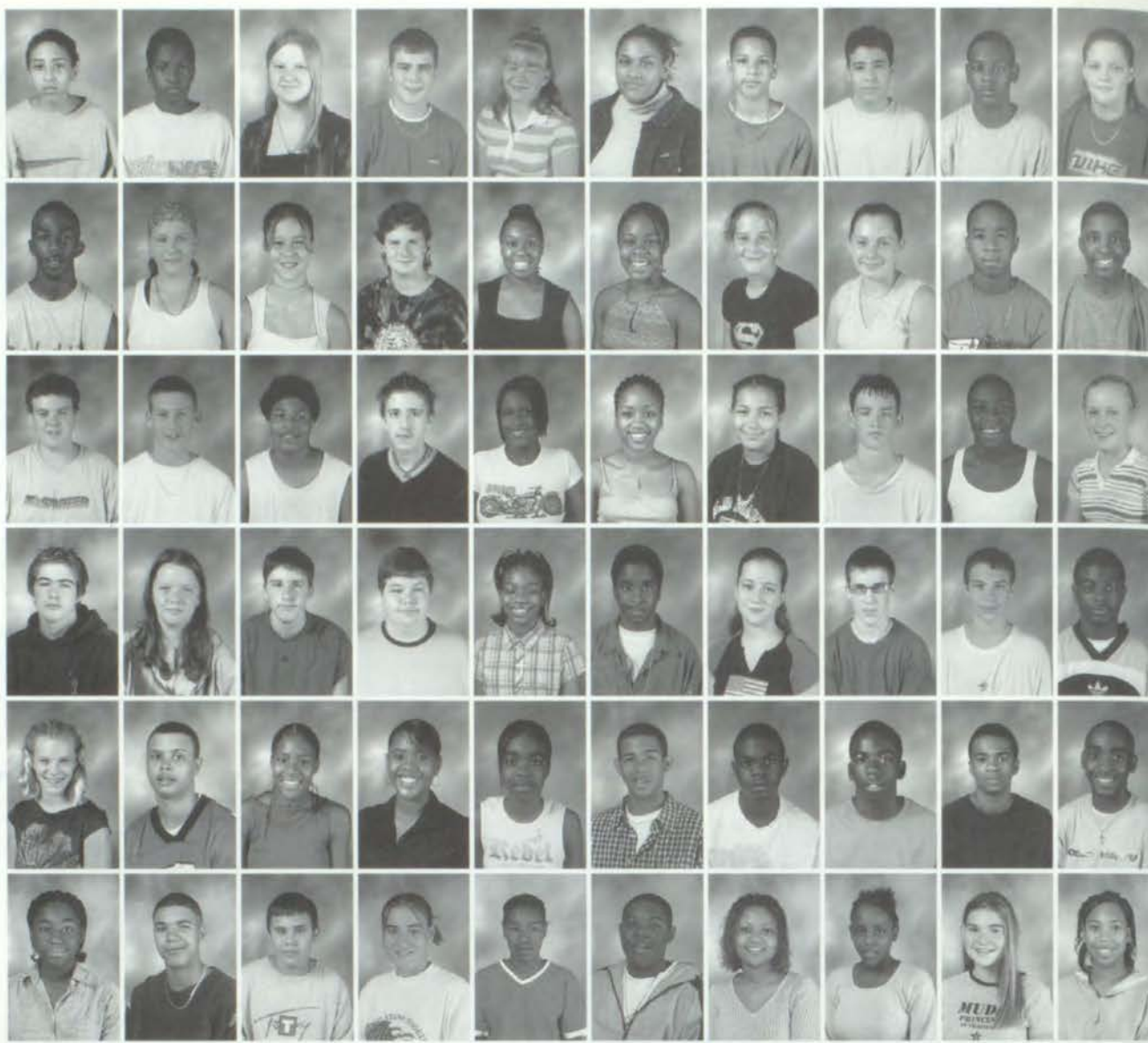
"We should have lunch with the upper classmen because it's just boring with the freshmen."

Freshman Chrisitan Gallardo-Hall



- Aisha Harris
- Amanda Henderson
- Mary Henderson
- Jerry Hicks
- Elizabeth Hill
- Justin Hill
- Phillip Hill
- Candice Hollinger
- Katy Horn
- Jennifer Huber
- Ese Ighedosa
- Holly Inscore
- Aquay Jackson
- Jessica Jagetz
- Brandon James
- LaTosha James
- Marius Johnson
- Melissa Johnson
- Micala Johnson
- Michelle Johnson
- Twila Kelly
- Kathy Kidd
- Zach Lacy
- Rachael Langsen
- Brooke Love
- Mary Mannino
- Ethan Marglois
- Brittini Martin
- Shelly Mattson
- Taniesha McAffy
- Zyon McCalley-Scott
- Matt McCormick
- Darren McDaniel
- Michael McDaniel
- Natalie McNeil
- Michael Mina
- Jesse Morgan
- Roslyan Morgan
- Marcel Mosby
- Carlos Moses
- Kevin Murray
- Kima Nelson
- Krystle Oliphant
- Ryon Paige
- Monica Paul
- Toria Paul
- April Payne
- William Peak
- Brandon Pearson
- David Pennington

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 Brent Perkins  
 Anna Phillips  
 Josh Price  
 Telina Raffurty  
 Ashley Ramos  
 Robert Reed  
 Brian Richman  
 Keenan Riley  
 Sarah Riley  
 Jamar Rison  
 Agatha Ritter  
 Anna Rizzo  
 Morgan Ryman  
 Tara Samuel  
 Valencia Sardis  
 Jennifer Schmelzel  
 Andrea Schutte  
 Steven Scott  
 Khasan Simmons  
 Douglas Slyman  
 Anthony Smith  
 Glenn Smith  
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 RaeAnna Smith  
 Sherrell Smith  
 Ashley Spriggs  
 Ethan Stanley  
 Michael Stevenson  
 Keri Stoetzer  
 Walter Stokely  
 Jessica Stoneking  
 Aaron Sumler  
 Shane Taylor  
 Veronica Thomas  
 Eric Voss  
 Cathy Walker  
 Nick Ward  
 Sean Wattenbarger  
 Deron Wells  
 Megan Wilhelm  
 Megale Wilks  
 Cheryl Williams  
 Danielli Williams  
 Desiree Williams  
 Jordan Williams  
 Walter Williams  
 Antoine Wilson  
 Dewhite Wilson  
 Antwaun Zeno  
 Datemia Allen  
 Richard Belton  
 Michael Castero  
 Amanda Gore  
 Takia Henry  
 Trevon Jones  
 Tasha Joyce  
 Kali Kirser  
 Tiffany Lester  
 Da'Nae Mitchell



Jon Pedersen  
 Edward James Rison  
 Eugenia Robinson  
 Gary Taylor  
 Anthony Williams



FRESHMAN PHILOSOPHY

# whadda ya think? off the toppa my head

What has been the most memorable experience of your freshman year?

"Basketball, kickin' it with the upperclassmen, learning what's important."

-Cherell Smith



"My first homecoming dance, meeting new people and growing up."

-Roslyn Morgan



"Senior girls."

-Thurman Parker



"Doing the play 'Snow White.'"

-Morgan Ryman



## PEOPLE WATCH



Walter Stokley is very involved in the freshman class. He's on the freshman football team as well as the wrestling team. He is also involved in SGA and Players 58.

The freshman class has endured many experiences during their first year of high school. The social events that have gone on amongst the class of 2005 have not only been interesting and even time consuming, they have also been fun. Also, this group is still going through the process of learning the ropes of high school. Next year will be different because next year they won't be looked upon as the young ones anymore!



FRESHMAN PHILOSOPHY

# whadda ya think? off the toppa my head

What is the best part about being a freshman?

"Always starting something new."  
- Dewayne Jones



"It's getting away from the middle school."  
- William Townson



"To meet new friends and teachers."  
- Ray Atty



"I can't compare it to the sophomores, the juniors or even the seniors. It has shortened classes. Everything is the same other than that."  
- Jason Smith



## PEOPLE WATCH



Lunch time is a special time for a lot of students at Center High. These two freshmen stand around and chat on what's hot and what's not: a popular activity for the student body.

Freshmen have various interests and extracurricular activities to attend to, from dancing during their lunch periods to wrestling for their manhood. The class of 2005 has entered a whole new world called high school. Since then they have learned the ups and downs of being "freshmeat."

**FRESHMAN PHILOSOPHY**

Best Looking  
Anna and David  
Stubblefield



Best all Around  
Beth Heide and Tom  
Creamer

Super Smart  
Kateri Watters  
Not pictured:  
Mary Monzyk



Best Dressed  
Carol Douglas and  
Richard Wallace

**TEACHER HALL  
OF FAME 2002**



*Nicest teacher  
Greg Lang and  
Michele Webb*

*Phattest Ride  
Jan Weighand  
Not pictured:  
Cleo Washington*



*Principal's Pet  
Willie Thorton and  
Kathy Chirpich*

*Messiest Desk  
Anne Howk and  
Greg Stewart*





Not only has Ms. Bartle changed from American Government teacher to German teacher, she is now Mrs. Williams.



Mrs. Kowalczyk used to teach the word of God, now she teaches everyday words.



We have lost some hair, added glasses but now we are losing the best art teacher we have ever had. You will be missed!



It's poses like this that give jocks a bad name, Coach Fritz!



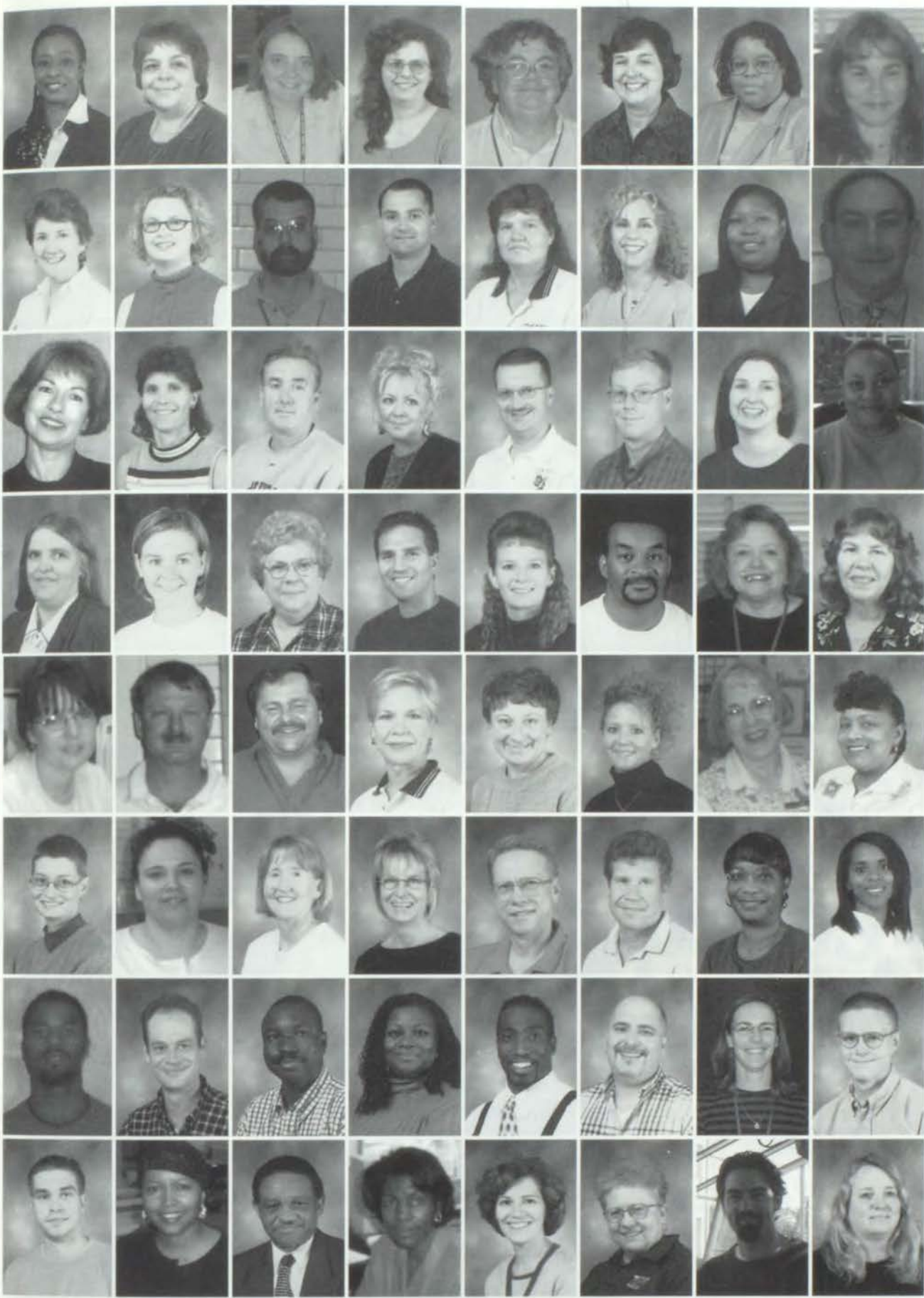
Out with the *old*, and in with the *new!*



Ms. Woods has changed from a sweet yet naive teacher, to an even nicer and wiser person.







Regina Allen  
Ann Aristimuno  
Heather Baker  
Kamela Bates  
Cathy Boulos  
Maggie Calcara  
Sandra Carpenter  
Barb Carrasco

Kathy Chirpich  
Jerri Connors  
Tod Cook  
Mark Copeland  
Dana Dawson  
Carol Douglas  
Pam Fields  
Robert Finger

Johanna Fraise  
Deb Friesz  
Ed Fritz  
Jody Green  
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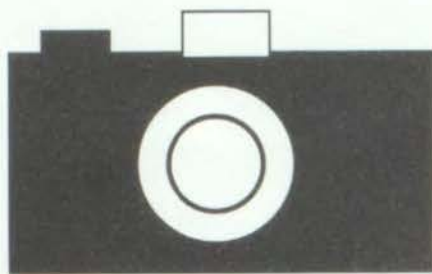
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Rick Smith  
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David Stubblefield  
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To the *Yellowjacket* Staff: thanks for all of your hard work, and for being such neat people.



Colin Chambers as he tries to explain the computers to *Yellowjacket* advisor, Kathy Unger. "Open it in PhotoShop, Mrs. Unger..." Unger said she might have to drag Chambers back to Center and the yearbook from William Jewell. "I think I'll have my cell phone number changed," said Chambers.

To Best Editor:  
Thanks for  
teaching me so  
much.

Kathy Unger



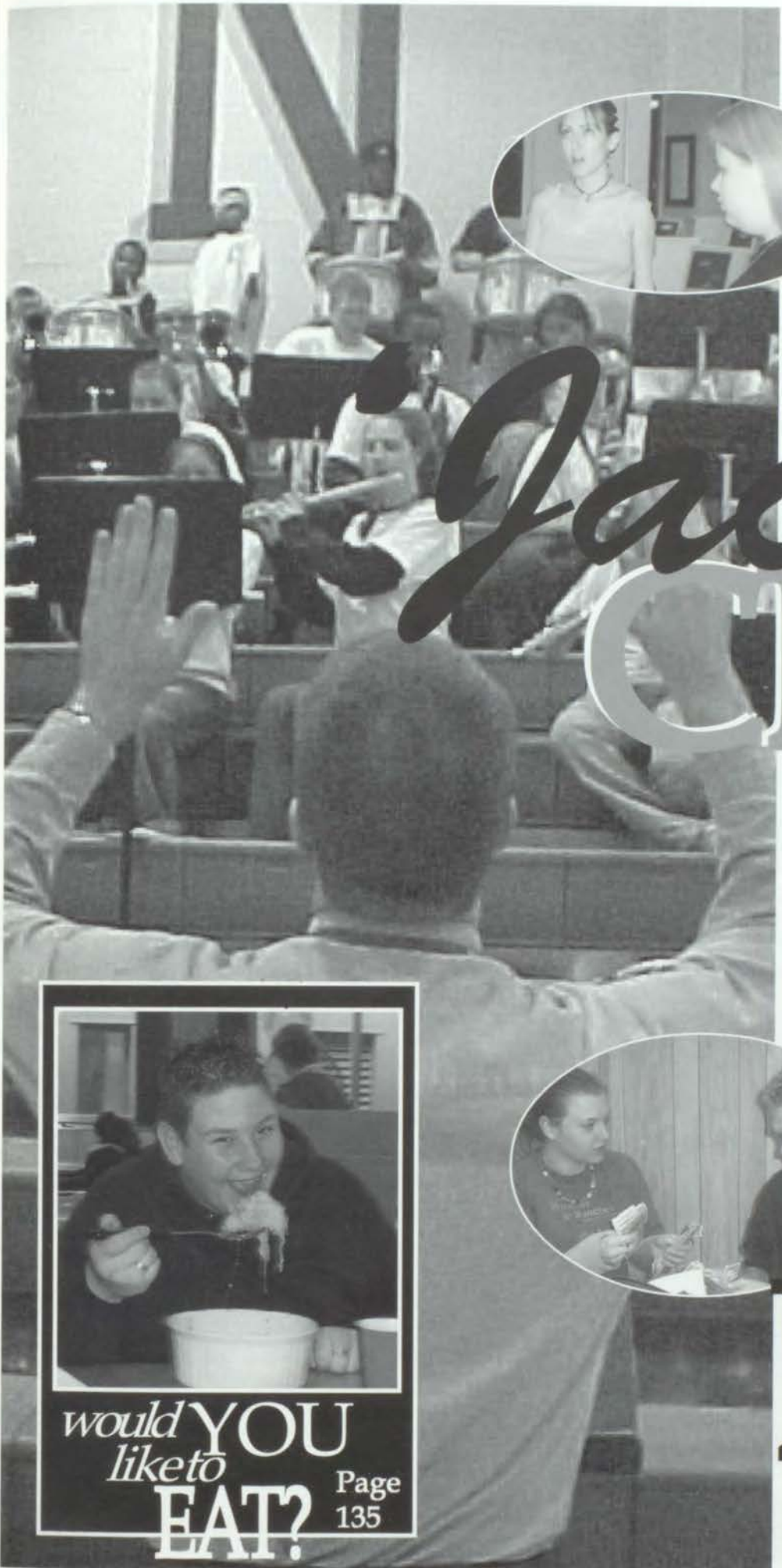
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# *Jacket* **CLUB**

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# EXCEPTIONALLY Bright!

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• Academic team. Despite its name, this club is

## \*CHALLENGE

actually a lot of fun. You get to test your wits

## YOURSELF AND THE

against worthy opponents while at the same time

## OPPONENT WITH

receiving free food! The team this year kicked butt

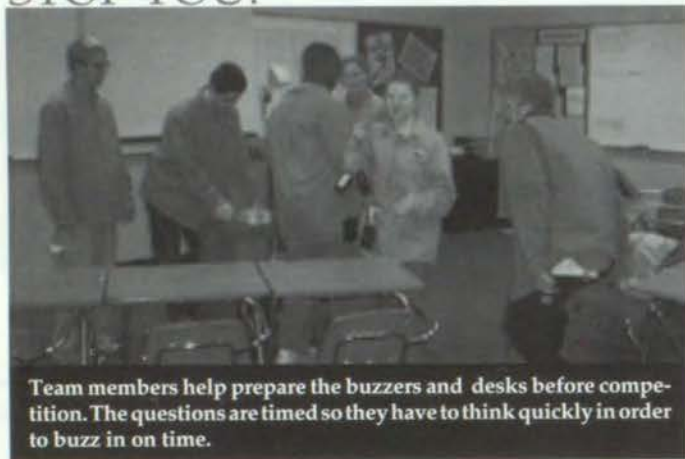
## MENTAL STRENGTH,

against most of their opponents and showed us all

## AND NO ONE CAN

just how bright Center really is.

## STOP YOU.



Team members help prepare the buzzers and desks before competition. The questions are timed so they have to think quickly in order to buzz in on time.



Matt McDonald, Patrick Holley and Anna Phillips work together to make sure everything is ready for a competition. Competitions involve lots of prep time and hard work - even if they do get free food.

## academic team

### Role Models Leaders, Officers

Varsity Captain: Andrea Geidinghagen

Junior Varsity Captain: Patrick Holley



ACADEMIC TEAM. Front Row: Marius Johnson, Andrea Giedinghagen, Anna Phillips. Back Row: Patrick Holley, Chris Bellante, Matt McDonald, Rachel Weilert, Amy Jantz. Not Pictured: Kristyn Art, Daniel Forson, Steve Goodwin, Bret Noble, Bethanie Seiglar, Shahr Rezaiekhalthigh, Jaimini Woodson.



All members meet before school every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:05 to practice for the upcoming competitions.



Sophomore Shahr Rezaiekhaliq, Junior Daniel Forson and Junior Chris Bellante



Junior Varsity Captain Patrick Holley answers a question during a competition against Lee's Summit.



The Varsity Academic Team awaits their next question. The members use buzzers when they know an answer.

# 10 REASONS

WHY I BELONG TO THIS CLUB

1 "I'm in it because I'm smart."  
-Sophomore Matt McDonald



2 "It was suggested to me and I thought it would be fun."  
- Freshman Amy Jantz



3 "I've been in it for three years now and it's really fun. I am also a captain this year and that alone has its perks!" - Junior Andrea Giedinghagen

4 "It teaches me what I know and what I don't know."  
- Sophomore Patrick Holley



5 "I know a lot of stuff and we get FREE FOOD!"  
- Freshman Marius Johnson

6 "Mrs. Chirpich encouraged me to."  
- Junior Rachel Weilert



7 "It's fun."  
- Sophomore Bret Noble

8 "It has broadened my horizons."  
- Sophomore Kristyn Art



9 "There's free food and smart people."  
- Junior Bethanie Seiglar

10 "My brother was in it so I decided to try it."  
- Freshman Anna Phillips



Advisor Mrs. Howk tests her team with some questions that could possibly show up during competition.



Varsity Captain Andrea Giedinghagen brushes up on her facts before a competition.

# 10 REASONS

TO BE A CHEERLEADER

Paige Unger proves this year the Cheerleaders are totally together as she performs this daring stunt.



## Cheerleaders Get The Hype "The Pop Way"

From minor turns and twists, to down low dips and shaking hips, the cheerleaders are tuning it up and getting the crowd hyped up "The Pop Way."

The 2001-2002 Cheerleading squads' debut performance at the pep rally in early September was very surprising to most students. What caused this change? The cheerleaders new coach Kristy Hillix.

"I think we're more professional this year because our coach was a cheerleader at the University of Missouri," said Sophomore Lauren Buckles. Buckles is a junior varsity cheerleader who feels this year both J.V. and Varsity's routines are better to watch. "I really believe we've gotten a lot better this year and the students have noticed and respect that."

Varsity cheerleader Paige Unger also acknowledges the change. "Last year our dances were easy versus this year's challenging "funk" dances. This year we're doing moves we would not have attempted to do last year." Unger also believes the students will appreciate the effort from the cheerleaders more now than in the past. "This year we're basically trying to win the crowds' approval. So far, we feel we have."



To wear the outfit. 10

To make use of an outgoing personality. 9



To be a role model. 8

To be able to get loud. 7



To show everyone the athletic skill needed. 6

To participate in school spirit and school pride. 5



To have great spirit. 4

To learn why it's a sport. 3



To learn responsibility. 2

Just to say I'm a cheerleader. 1

Cheerleaders Paige Unger, Lauren Buckles, Julie Johnson, Lauren Castle, Artesha Gladney and Jessica Byrd take a ride during the homecoming float show.



Cheerleaders jump to the occasion to do what they do best: get the crowd hyped.



Junior Varsity Cheerleader Sasha Lathrop enjoys taking a chance at being on top. Being a cheerleader is more than cheerleading: It's a sport.



Junior Jessica Byrd, Junior Kayla Raglin, Sophomore Paige Unger, Junior Imani Henderson, and Junior Stacia Strickland.







**CHEERLEADERS:** **Front Row:** Amanda Pierce, Arica Henderson, Alex Isom, Shantoyia Jones, Jessica Byrd.. **Middle Row:** Katie Miller, Stacia Strickland, Mina Dasari, Chris Baldwin, C.J. Cannon, Dameta Thomas, Amanda Patmore, Kala Raglin and Julie Johnson. **Back Row:** Simone Norton, Lauren Buckles, Sahsa Lathrop, Daryl Grayer, Taylor Hall, Matt McCormick, Jamie Giffen, Erica Turner, Abby Heffernan and Paige Unger.

## Leaders, Officers Role Models



**Captain:** Shantoyia Jones  
**Co-Captains:** Jessica Byrd and Allison Caton

# CHEERLEADERS

Cheerleaders prepare to begin their routine. This year the cheerleaders worked more on winning the crowd's approval.



Cheerleaders hold up 2001-2002 Homecoming theme "When You Wish Upon A Star"



TO JUMP HIGHER, YELL  
LOUDER AND CREATE  
MORE SCHOOL SPIRIT  
THEN EVER BEFORE  
OVERLY HAPPY...

and planning to stay that way

Color Guard members Christian Hall, Katie Pickett, and Katie Korando all enjoy practice.



Shayla Bentrop flagging the routine during a long summer practice.



Captain Katie Corando making sure all members are on count.



Color Guard practices their dance for the half-time show during the summer.



Color Guard members as they perform during a home football game.

# 10 REASONS

To Join Color Guard

Sophomore Kelly Ramel practices before the game. Hard work and practice show in Color Guard's performances.



Senior Ashlee Willimas shows her spirit with the rest of the Color Guard at the first pep assembly.



1

You get to perform in front of tons of people.



2

You get to make up dance routines and perform them.

3

You get to make people cheer and smile.



4

You get to go to different schools and meet new people.

5

You get to travel.



6

You get to learn new dance moves and help other people learn them.

7

You get to show your moves in competitions with students from other schools.



8

You get to do different kinds of fund raisers with the other members of the Band.

9

One of the most important things is that you get to make new friends.



10

IT'S FUN!!!



The Color Guard practices the tricky task of keeping flags together while in a line. Such effects enhance the Color Guard's performances.

- They went from five people last year to 12 people this year.
- They were once called Flag Corp but are now called Color Guard.
- They got to compete with the Band and perform at football and basketball games during halftime.



The Color Guard performs before a football game. The crowd looked forward to such performances from the Color Guard.

## COLOR GUARD



**Front Row:** Andrea Penaloza, Katie Korando, Maria Jurado. **Middle Row:** Michelle Johnston, Breyda Rodriguez, Shayla Bentrop, Christian Hall. **Back Row:** Kelly Ramel, Katie Pickett, Amanda Pierce, Ashlee Williams and Kristyn Art.

### Role Models Leaders, Officers

**Captain:** Katie Korando  
**Co-Captains:** Andrea Penaloza and Maria Jurado.





Sophomore Sarah Loehr and Senior Erron Blockmon share a moment at lunch. Not all couples are lucky enough to have lunch together.



After a long night of float building, Sophomore Danielle Laubach and Junior Paul John cuddle in the Players 58 float. Sometimes, couples meet during extracurricular activities rather than during school.

## the dating game

Junior Jamie Dodson and Senior Josh Long show their affection for each other after school.



Taking a break from their busy day, Junior Rori Carter-Hall sneaks a quick kiss to Junior Alex Moss.



Sophomore Lilli Pickett and Junior Ben Blackman give each other a big hug before going their separate ways to class.



# WHO Do You Love?

One thing that most CHS students put before their school work, jobs, extracurricular activities or their families is their social life. But even before the dilemma of what to do comes the decision of whom to do it with.

Looking down the hallways at Center, one can visualize the problem: there are groups of girls who are usually catching up on the days gossip, groups of guys acting immature and being loud. Then you see the rebels, the people who don't choose to spend time with large groups of the same sex. Then you see the couples.

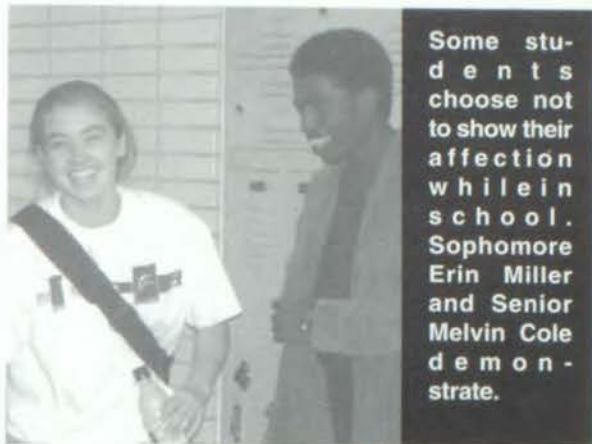
Everyday you see them everywhere. They are in the cafeteria sharing lunch. You can catch them sharing a few precious moments cuddling in the hallway before class, and you can't miss them in the parking lot after school, saying their final good-byes for the day or making plans for the weekend.

In their free time, most couples do choose to spend quality time with each other, rather than large groups of people. "Alex and I play together almost everyday, we rent movies, we go skateboarding, we go shopping, or we go out to eat; we have tons of fun!" said Junior Rori Carter- Hall, talking about her boyfriend Junior Alex Moss. Sometimes the practice of just hanging out is taken to extremes by some CHS students.

"I'm at Paul's house so much, it's like I live there!" said Sophomore Danielle Laubach.

But high school relationships are not for all. "High school relationships are so dumb! Stupid girls these days, they just don't know what they want, and they just end up breaking hearts," said Sophomore Chris Baldwin. Some students at CHS do prefer to just spend time with friends rather than dealing with the responsibility of having a boyfriend or girlfriend. "Girlfriends are just way to much work! You have to find out if they like you or not, then you have to ask them out, then you have to call them all the time, and you can't talk to any other girls with out making them mad, I just can't deal with them." said Baldwin It seems how ever that Baldwin changes his mind every time the right girl comes along.

So whether or not you are in a relationship or you just like to hang out with your friends, remember that life at C.H.S. is always changing, and relationships at C.H.S. are always rearranging.



Some students choose not to show their affection while in school. Sophomore Erin Miller and Senior Melvin Cole demonstrate.



Before Homecoming, Senior Emily Buford and 01' Graduate Aaron Shad pose in front of the fountain outside Union Station.

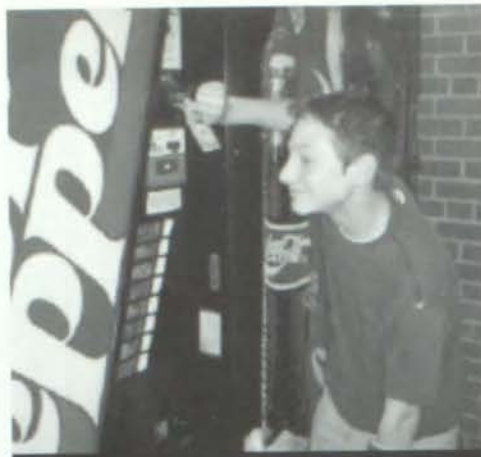
While in the hallway, Juniors Andrea Penaloza and Luke Hall show their affection for each other in a semi-private manner



Sophomore Colleen Redding and Senior Charlie Morgan share a moment of cuddling before class.



The "express way" line proves to be not so fast. Lines are backed up constantly due to the newly introduced Dominos Pizza.



Freshman Buddy Blackman takes full advantage of the pop machines on the south porch. All profits made from the pop machines went to fund SGA.



Sophomore Nataschia Mitchell sells buttons to promote the winter musical "Godspell." Lunch proved to be one of the best times to raise money.

# 10 REASONS

What is your favorite school meal?

Freshman Rodrick Fields pays with his lunch card. The newly introduced computer systems in the cafeteria did speed things up, but if you didn't have your lunch card then you were out of luck.



Sophomores Krystle Oliphant and Holly Kaiser take a refreshing break from their long day of school to catch up on the days' gossip.



1

"Baked potato bar."  
-Sophomore Benjamin Vokgo



2

"I like pineapple, greenbeans, and chicken....yummm."

3

"I usually just get chips, I don't feel like going through the line."  
-Sophomore Krystle Oliphant



4

"I usually bring just bring my own lunch."  
-Junior Lauren Hamilton

5

"Salad and chocolate milk, not mixed together."  
-Sophomore Maria Jurado



6

"I like the tacos and the chef salads, and that's about it."  
-Sophomore Holly Kaiser

7

"The yummy lime green gravy that they put on the chicken fried steak."  
Junior Rori Carter- Hall



8

"Me, personally, I mainly like to eat Dominos pizza"  
-Sophomore Joe Love

9

"I like Teriyaki Chicken, and steamed green beans."  
-Junior Jessica Bird



10

"I don't eat school food.....it's nasty"  
-Sophomore Diana Gonzalez

# Lunch



Sometimes lunch is used more as a free period than as a time to eat. Senior Lora Modlin took advantage of this daily break in the day to give freshman Zyon McCalley-Scott a neck massage, while Mark Quinlin takes a nap.

The "Buzz Stop" is a popular escape from the cafeteria lunches, and many students either buy their whole lunch here, or just extras. The Buzz Stop is run by the PTA, and is staffed by parents.



Freshman Michelle Ebberts brings her own lunch to enjoy, rather than waiting in long lines and paying for the not-so-perfect cafeteria food. Home packed lunches proved to be a popular choice among many students.



Sophomore Jordan Bradley takes a big bite of sauerkraut which is left over from a party for German class. When faced with the choice between cafeteria food and sauerkraut, he chose the sauerkraut.



During lunch, Sophomores Shar Rezalekaleigh, Steven Brake and Kelly Ramel compete against the Seniors in Twister. Twister was only one of many games enjoyed during Spirit Week.



Cheerleader co-captain Jessica Byrd shows her school spirit during a home football game.



Little Junior Mark Quinlin models his outfit for Mr. CHS. Baby, little junior, diapers - get it?



Students participate in the tug of war during Spring Fling. There were activities during the week and a pep assembly on Friday.

## Q&A

What is the craziest thing you did to show school spirit?

Senior Abby Heffernan



"One time Katie Pickett, Lisa Wellington, and I decided it would be a good time if we dressed up in really old, non-matching cheerleading uniforms, and then go to a football game where we knew that the cheerleaders weren't going to be. The other team's cheerleaders thought that we were real cheerleaders and brought us treats."



Senior Alex Rouse

"For 'fake an injury' day I borrowed a wheel chair, wore a pirate eye-patch, wrapped an ace bandage around my head, and had my arm in a sling. When I went into the counseling office, Mrs. Patterson saw me and told me that I couldn't use my wheel chair, so I fell out of it, and used my elbows to crawl to the nearest chair."

Key Club members Colin Chambers, Ashley Williams, Maria Jurado and Krystin Art compete in the can building event during Spirit Week.







Senior Julius Floyd is welcomed onto the court by the Center High School Dance Line and Color Guard before a Varsity Basketball Game.



Amanda Patmore, Kala Raglin and Alison Caton base Paige Unger as they perform a stunt at the fall pep assembly. Julie Johnson helps lead the cheer.

# SPIRIT



Seniors Katie Pickett, Katie Korando and Amanda Pierce look on in delight during a home football game. These three kind of bring to mind hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil. Maybe it's scream a cheer, yell a cheer, smile a cheer.

Band members cheer at a home varsity football game. It was part of their grade to perform at every home football game this year. What a spirited way to earn an A!



# Dance line

## Role Models Leaders, Officers

**Co-Captains:** Jennifer Fletcher and Laura Doarn **Senior Lieutenant:** Shannon Drummond **Junior Lieutenants:** Lauren Hamilton, and Courtney Howard.



**DANCELINER.** Front row: Shannon Drummond, Lauren Hamilton, Courtney Howard, Laura Doarn, Jennifer Fletcher.  
Middle row: Julie Johnson, Kathy Kidd, Lilli Pickett, Amanda Patmore, Melissa Johnson, Andrea Schutte.  
Back row: Shar Rezaiekhalthigh, Emily Barth, Darmeta Thomas, Andrea Isom, Kelli Shannon, Leslie Grossnickle.

The danceline shows their "game" face, at the dance competition in Carrollton, Missouri.



Senior Danceline member, Shannon Drummond, washes a car at one of the summer fundraisers. Fundraisers were essential to pay for uniforms and trips.



Third year danceline member, Courtney Howard, puts her all into the dance.

Julie Johnson, Shannon Drummond, Jennifer Fletcher, Kelli Shannon, Andrea Isom

Neil Soloman, along with other men, joined the Danceline for a show at a Boys' Basketball game.

Danceline performs on our football field at the very first pep rally of the year.



Danceline has to have lots of spirit to hype up the crowd during the pep rallies.

# Danceline

Danceline sets it off this year by winning first place trophies in Carrollton, Missouri for the second year in a row.

"Last year getting 100% on our routine at Carrollton was so exciting and this year when we won first place it was awesome," said Senior Shannon Drummond who was the only senior on the team. Drummond said what she will miss most is "everyone on the team; going to competition is so much fun!" Shannon has been on Danceline for three years. She started her sophomore year.

What the girls enjoy most about Danceline are their friends and the competitions, said Junior Jennifer Fletcher.

Freshman Missy Johnson says "There's lots of pressure that comes with all the competitions but it ends up being a lot of fun and it always feels good to win."

Danceline is in many competitions and has won many trophies. Aside from competing, Danceline is always at pep assemblies to provide a little extra spirit. All this success comes from extremely hard work rooted in 7:15 a.m. practices, five days a week.

Overall, most of the girls come back in following years, showing that they enjoy all they do. Way to go Danceline!



Left to right: Juniors Andrea Isom, Laura Doarn, Courtney Howard, watching the pep-rally after their great performance.



Danceline waits on their cue before starting their performance.

# DRUMMERS

KNOW HOW TO  
BEAT THEIR STICKS.

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“Drumming up the beat is the best way to spend an hour - I forget about life, school, girlfriends, homework, car problems - it gives me a chance to become one with the music.”



Sophomore DeMarques Williams and Junior Chris Bellante must have good hand-eye coordination to play quads.



The drumline has to practice every morning to become better at what they do best.

## drumline



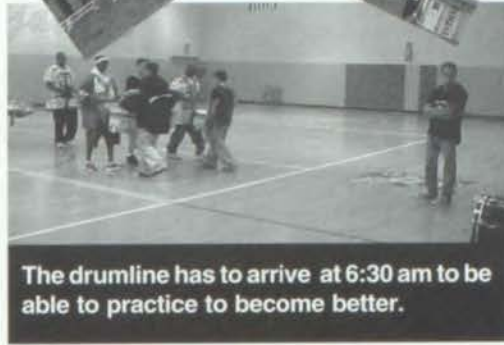
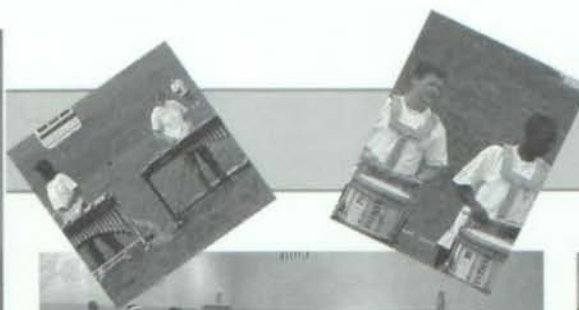
Senior Charlie Morgan marches with his bass drum. Part of becoming the best possible was practicing carrying the heavy drums.



**Front Row:** De' marques Williams, Chris Bellante, Walter Townsend, Alex Moss, Joe Love, Jesse Morgan, Andrew Feagle. **Middle Row:** Odus Smith, LeDale Wooten, Charlie Morgan, Steven Brake, Becky Brake, Stefan Calmano. **Back Row:** Chris Edwards, Allison Caton, Imani Henderson and Diana Gonzalez.



Allison Caton practices her mallets to be the best of her ability.



The drumline has to arrive at 6:30 am to be able to practice to become better.

Arica Henderson, Allison Caton, Alex Moss, and Joseph Love.



The drumline enjoys getting the students hyped at pep assemblies.

# 10 REASONS WHY I BELONG TO DRUMLINE.

1 "I'm in drumline because it is fun."  
- Chris Bellante

2 "It's fun and I like the drums."  
- Walter Towesend

3 "It's a fun group to practice and to perform together."  
- Stefan Calmano

4 "It's a fun and exciting group to be involved with."  
- Odis Smith

5 "It's fun"  
- DeMarques Williams

6 "I've been playing the drums since the 5th grade, and it's fun and exciting."  
- Charlie Morgan

7 "It's a fun group."  
-Diana Gonzalez

8 "I've been playing the drums all my life."  
-Alex Moss

9 "I enjoy playing the drums."  
- Jessie Morgan

10 "It's a fun and cool group."  
-Chris Edwards



The drumline has to work together to perfect their features.



Junior Chris Bellante enjoys drumlines' theme this year "Pirate the Rythm."

# 10 REASONS

WHY I BELONG TO FBLA



"Mr. Tipton inspired me and I like business."  
-Mina Dasari

10

"It looks good on my college transcript."  
-Erica Cain

9



"I like the activities."  
-Rachel Bankhead

8

"I joined FBLA because my major is in the field of business."  
-Timothy Johnson

7



"I joined FBLA to prepare me for corporate America."  
-Andre Willis

6

"Business is a part of life. Technology is what you need to succeed."  
-Kala Raglin

5



"I want to be a businessman."  
-Glen Fortune

4

"How could you not love this club?"  
-Paige Unger

3



"FBLA is a good experience for the real world."  
-Davon Strickland

2

"I want to learn how to manage in the business world."  
-Erron Blockmon

1

FBLA, which stand for Future Business Leaders of America, is an organization for students preparing for careers in business. With 250,000 members, it is the largest student business organization in the world.

FBLA prepares students for "real world" professional experiences, giving them the competitive edge for college and career success.

Seniors in Ms. Lee's class are required to join FBLA. Ms. Lee feels that it is a good experience.



Students who have chosen to take Business Computers as well as FBLA show just how sophisticated they can be.



CHS boys on this side of the room will soon become successful, thanks to FBLA. Glen Fortune enjoys working on computers.



Erica Cain, Erron Blockmon, Chamene Woods, Timothy Johnson, and Paige Unger





FBLA Members. **Front Row:** Danny Tipton, Shanise Riley, Daryl Grayer, Shawnta Ricketts. **Middle Row:** Erron Blockmon, Chameña Woods, Kala Raglin, Brittini Martin, Yatonda Butler. **Back Row:** Mina Dasari, Shantoyia Jones, Andre' Willis, Rachel Bankhead.  
**Not Pictured:** Brandy Alexander, Jeremy Anderson, Samantha Blackmon, Joshua Brawley, Deanna Brociou's, Shannon Burton, Erica Cain, Elaina Dove, Glen Fortune, Jaime Gee, Portia Harris, Arica Henderson, Walter Hicks, LeRon Hudson, Timothy Johnson, Nicole Jones, Charles Kendrick, Nicole King, Shannon Lister, Natika Lopez, Monchel McQuitty, Kelly O'Shea, Natisha Porter, Cristian Randle, Andienne Rollie, Justin Sherman, Davon Strickland, Stacia Stricklin, Juanita Thedford, Paige Unger, LaToya Williams.

## Leaders, Officers Role Models



**Vice President:** Arica "Imani" Henderson. **President:** Daryl Grayer. **Treasurer:** Shanise Riley **Secretary:** Shawnta Ricketts.

## Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA provides leadership and career development programs that bring business and education together. FBLA gives students between grades 9 and 12 the opportunity, experience, skills, and confidence to achieve their dreams.

Students also get the opportunity to work with local businesses, community leaders, and the public.

### FBLA benefits include:

- \* Career preparation opportunities
- \* Networking with business leaders
- \* Leadership development and achievement
- \* Outstanding leadership conferences
- \* Challenging competitions
- \* Community service experience
- \* Friendship and fun
- \* Informative publications
- \* Scholarships and prizes
- \* Internships, camps, and retreats
- \* Travel opportunities
- \* Leadership certificate programs

And Planning to Stay That Way



Secretary Kristyn Art and President Ashlee Williams count the money raised for Unicef. Every year, members trick-or-treat for Unicef on Halloween.



Key Club President Ashlee Williams speaks about upcoming events at their weekly Monday meeting.



Key Club advisor, Mr. Vanderpool, gives the members information at a meeting. Vanderpool is new to the club this year.

# 10 REASONS

WHY I BELONG TO THIS CLUB

1

"I'm in Key Club because I want to give back to my Community." -Junior Mark Quinlin



2

"I like to help people out." -Junior Richard Jurado



3

"I like to volunteer." -Sophomore Brittany Johnson



4

"I get to hang out with my friends and it's fun." -Freshman Walter Stokley



5

"I'm in it because I'm the treasurer." -Junior Jessica Acord



6

"I'm mainly in it for college application purposes but I also like to help out the community." -Sophomore Whitney Wisdahl

7

*I want and enjoy community service. -Senior Loren Miller*

8

"I'm mainly in it for [Boy] Scouts but it's also fun!" -Freshman Zyon McCalley

9

"I like to help out in any way I can." -Sophomore Maria Jurado

10

"I like doing volunteer work." -Freshman Anna Phillips

Juniors Luke Hall and Richard Jurado help clean up ... Key Club members have to have three hours of community service to join



Cheerful Key Club members stop to take a picture while trick-or-treating for Unicef.





The  
**KEY** to  
 Copy and Design by Jennifer Suedmeyer **Helping Out**



This Key Club banner is displayed at every meeting. Along with a banner, Key Club members have a special pledge that they say after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Key Club. A name that does not spell out what it means. This club has nothing to do with keys. It's all about community service. From cleaning up trash to collecting donations for the needy, this year they have done their part to help out.



Key Club members act out a scene from Robin Hood for their Homecoming float. During first and second hour the floats went around in a parade to the other schools in the district.

# KeY cLuB



**KEY CLUB Front Row:**Jessica Acord, Maria Jurado, Kristyn Art, Ashlee Williams, Danielle Laubach, Paul John, Jaimini Woodson. **Row Two:**Alex Rouse, Latoya Wilson, Ashley Ramos, Natalie McNeil, Jennifer Suedmeyer, Walter Stokley, Lora Modlin, Zyon McCalley. **Row Three:**Sean Wattenbarger, Bethanie Seiglar, Rachel Weilert, Samantha Ball, Morgan Ryman, Natalie Bell, Mark Quinlin. **Back Row :**Whitney Wisdahl, Ethan Stanley, Andrea Penelozza, Luke Hall, Jennifer Merriner, Richard Jurado, Brittany Johnson, and Elizabeth Hill.

## Officers

President Ashlee Williams, Vice President Danielle Laubach, Secretary Kristyn Art, Treasurer Jessica Acord, and Historian Maria Jurado .





Cars are not the only form of transportation for Center students. Some walk, take the bus, get a ride from a parent, or use a skate board.



Between school and athletic practice, your car can also double as a bed. How convenient for Senior Abby Heffernan.



After the January ice storm many cars were damaged, such as Senior Joy Stempleman's mirror and window.

# 10 REASONS

WHY DO YOU OWN A CAR

Those that aren't lucky enough to be of driving age or don't own a car, catch the bus. Although it isn't the most popular mode of transportation, it is taken by many.



Sophomore Jordan Bradley catches up with Steve Goodwin in the back of his new car. Sometimes having a car helped students spend more time with their friends.



1

"I own a car because I don't want to ride around with my mom."  
Senior LeRon Hudson



2

"Because I don't want to ride big yellow (the school bus)."  
Junior James Bridgeford

3

"I don't like walking, walking is not very much fun."  
Sophomore Kelly Ramel



4

"So I can go to Lamar's Doughnuts in the morning."  
Sophomore Steven Brake

5

"Because I want to be like Fred Flintstone."  
Senior Marcus Stanley



6

"I have a car because I'm the Mexican Wheel man, I have to take my people where they need to be."  
Sophomore C.J. Cannon

7

"I drive my mom's car, only on Saturdays; I'd rather ride a bike anyway."  
Junior Stephanie Clurman



8

"My parents bought me a car so they wouldn't have to pick me up at places late on the weekends; it's more for their convenience than mine."  
Sophomore Matt Campbell

9

"I have a car because my parents don't want me walking everywhere, even though that's what I'd rather do, because some people are really bad drivers. You can't be a bad walker."  
Senior Joy Stempleman



10

"Because I love to drive."  
Sophomore Jordan Bradley

# Center Drivers Roll Out



Senior Joy Stempleman, Junior Anne Giedinghagen, and Sophomore Patrick Quick wait after a half day for their ride, Laura Erickson, to take them to Waldo Pizza.



Sophomore Nathan Florence catches a ride with upper classman Andrea Isom. Most under classmen face the problem of begging for rides after school.



After school Senior Abby Heffernan displays pride in her station wagon. Most high schoolers receive hand-me-down cars from their parents.



Senior Charlie Morgan gets ready to take himself and his brother home in his mother's station wagon. Some students borrow their parents' cars, when the parents aren't using them.

# Taking out the old, bringing in the new.



Splish, Splash. Queen (Morgan Ryman) was taking a bath because the other dwarfs threw him in.



Jennifer Fletcher begs Candis Fishback for forgiveness. The fall play was "Snow White and the Seven Drawfs".



Pleaing for Prince Taylor Davidson to understand her unrequited love for him, Tammy Johnson begs for the prince to say that he loves her too.



This scrumptious, delicious, intensely perfect grape was played by Pam Sanders in Natalie Bell's One Act. "The Fox and the Grape" was one of the many Aesop Fables performed.



Abby Heffernan shows freshman Walter Stokely how angelic she can. They both starred in the One Act "Guardian of the Sidewalk," directed by Lora Modlin.

We all love beach parties. Marcus Stanley and his cast of "Something in the Air" have a beach party every day at practice.



(Above): Bunnies, donkeys and chickens too! They all point, have fun and pose for you. Devin Durdin, Amanda Patmore, Shahr Rezaiekhalthigh and Tammy Johnson all dance to the theme song from Mission Impossible. (Below): One Acts "Aesop's Fables."



# Say goodbye to Garrison Auditorium.



Erin Osbourne assists Mina Dasari into her costume for the musical "Godspell." Erin had to assist Mina every night so that Mina's loose skirt would not fall off during her performance.

"Act well your part; There all honor lies."



Godspell's characters come together to learn valuable life lessons on friendship, love, compassion and faith. The Godspell community paint each other's face to show the beginning of friendship.

## G O D S P E L L



Cast from this year's musical "Godspell" worked very hard on their singing and dancing skills to entertain the community. The cast, crew and director of Godspell stayed after school every single day for two months. Their hard work and skill paid off. Garrison Auditorium was packed full all three nights that "Godspell" was performed.

### "Something In The Air": One Act

Almost everyone knows what it feels like to have butterflies in their stomach when their "crush" walks by; or how you feel like you are floating on air when you have finally snagged that guy or girl you've been waiting for. Emily Barth and Sean Wattenbarger were two of the main characters in a comedy just about that, falling "head over heels for someone".



# DEBATE / NFL



In between debates at the Wayne Brown tournament students take a few minutes to sit back, relax and eat before they have to get back up and perform some more.



Junior Ashley Sexton uses some extra time in debate class to finish other homework. In between debates, this was a good outlet.

## EXCEPTIONALLY TALKATIVE

and a good reason to stay that way...

“ You get  
TO BE ABLE TO  
to act  
OUT-ARGUE THE  
and embarrass yourself  
OPPONENT AT  
in front of people.”  
THE MOMENT.  
-Ashley Sexton



During the debate tournament, James Bridgeford, Brittany Johnson and Maria Jurado help set up. There was a lot of work involved in hosting a tournament.



Sophomore Brittany Johnson practices her pose that will hopefully help her to take home a victory at the next debate tournament.

# National Forensics League

And now for something completely different... You're walking down the hallway, and all of a sudden you run into a well-dressed young woman arguing with a wall. Somewhat perplexed by the sight, you turn to walk around her and nearly bump into two men, one of whom is hitting the other screaming "No, no, no! It's 'waaaaugh'; try it again!" Now genuinely frightened, you run into the nearest room, only to find high school students laughing hysterically. The next room contains two people arguing about the value of life. Terrified, you sprint as fast as you can to the exit, where you run into a sign that explains everything you just saw: "Welcome to the Wayne Brown Invitational Debate and Forensics Tournament."

No, it wasn't a bad dream. It was reality for the 19 high schools that participated. For one solid weekend, sleep was lost, nerves were stretched and fun was had at the tournament, which took place January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Named after the nationally-recognized debate coach who coached here at Center for almost 30 years, the Wayne Brown Invitational is one of the premier debate and forensics events in the Kansas City area.

Wayne Brown was known more as a friend than a teacher to his debate students. Ask any former debater and you'll hear the stories of how he could have his pipe in one hand, his cup of coffee in another, and drive the minibus with his left knee as he chatted with the students on the way to the next tournament.

Former students flock back to the tournament year after year to help judge the next wave of up-and-coming leaders of our country, and this year was no exception. While many think of a debate tournament as a place where nerds gather to argue, those that have been through the growth process that takes place in debate understand the true impact it has on us. There are no other activities in high school that can prepare you for the world as well as taking part in debate does.

Debate goes beyond mere arguing. Any fool can argue; it takes a wise man to debate. Students who learn how to debate well can understand logic and separate it from an emotional plea. They can spot a fallacy a mile away. They know how to communicate, not just by speaking impeccably, but by organizing their thoughts into a cohesive set of points that their audience can understand.

There are few feelings you can encounter when you're a teenager that compare with the exhilaration of knowing that you were able to convince a room full of adults that you knew what you were talking about. Holding the trophy at the end of the day makes every sleepless night, every round lost, and every coach's chastising worth it.

As a former student returning to his high-school home, I was encouraged to see a large attendance at the tournament this year. I was excited about the opportunity to hear this year's topic and listen to the cases built for and against it. I was looking forward to watching some good humorous plays and hearing speeches about the current events that are shaping our world. It felt good to be back, something I never thought I would have admitted after leaving these halls nearly ten years ago.

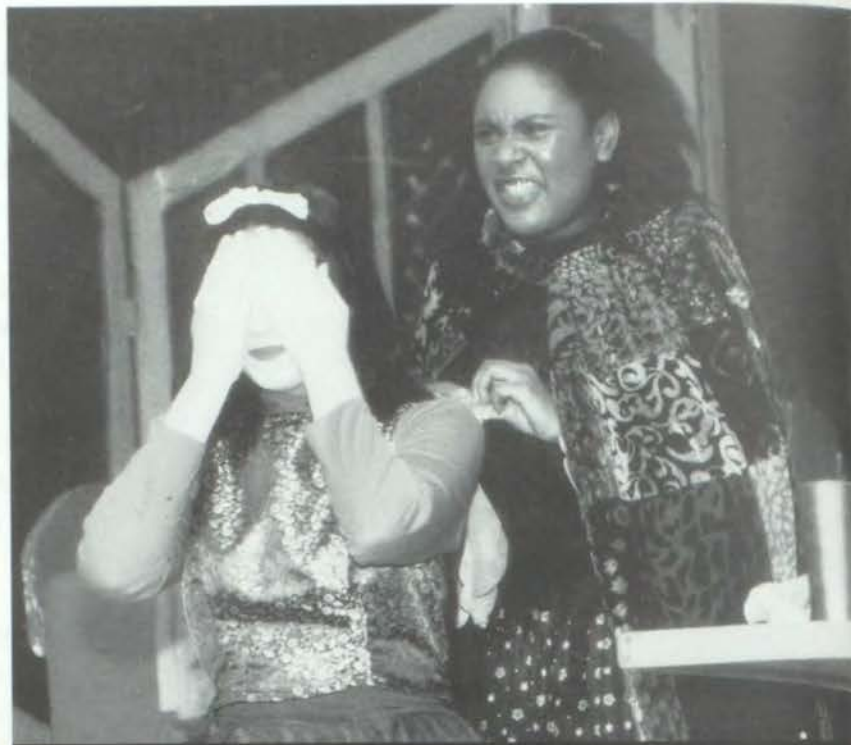
Some say that high school is a place for social skills to develop, not for real learning. After all, they reason, you never really use what you learn in high school, anyway. I laugh each and every time I hear that. When you're young it's tough to see the value in spending hours with your nose inside a magazine, searching for relevant articles. It's difficult to see how talking to a mirror or a wall makes any sense at all. It's hard to see any value in criticism. These are all things you'll run into at a debate tournament, and any one of these could be an excuse not to participate in debate.

But in the end, when you walk down the halls of Center High School ten years from now, heading off to judge a debate tournament, you'll realize the true value. And they said you wouldn't use this in the real world.

written by: Paul Gillespie and Chris Frensley



After the play "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", the cast and crew gather for a quick meal at China King. There was a different get-together every night after the play.



Junior Tammy Johnson can't bear to look as the evil peddler woman (Junior Krystal Edwards) puts combs in her hair. Little did Snow White know, the products were poisonous.

# Players 58

## Officers

President: Lora Modlin  
 Vice President: Ginny Pegelow  
 Treasurer: Whitney Wisdahl  
 Secretary: Danielle Laubach  
 Parliamentarian: Marcus Stanley  
 Historian: Kristyn Art  
 Student Rep.: Mark Quinlin  
 Photographer: Amanda Patmore



**Row One:** Kristyn Art, Marcus Stanley, Mark Quinlin, Danielle Laubach, Lora Modlin, Ginny Pegelow, Whitney Wisdahl, Amanda Patmore, Sponsor Anna Heffernan. **Row Two:** Brooke Love, Morgan Ryman, Anna Phillips, Walter Stokley, Sara Kirkwood, Jill McCalman. **Row Three:** Holly Kaiser, Anna Rizzo, Cassidy Gardner, Sasha Lathrop, Cathy Walker, Natalie McNeil, Megan Wilhelm. **Row Four:** Pam Sanders, Stephanie Rice, Liz Ramel, Erin Osbourne, Jessica Acord, Tammy Johnson, Jennifer Fletcher, Bethanie Seiglar. **Back Row:** Melinda Barlow, Taylor Davidson, Dan Ebberts, Natalie Bell, Brittany Straub, Lauren Buckles, Rori Carter-Hall, Alex Moss, Paul John.





Sophomores Brittany Straub and Lauren Buckles help Freshmen Sean Wattenbarger and Ethan Stanley with their homework while they await the next scene change.



The dwarfs march into their house from a hard day at work, only to find their beloved Snow White dead.



Queen Jennifer Fletcher and the evil witch Candis Fishback examine Snow White's heart in the bucket. They are soon to find out that it is only a pig's heart.

# 10 REASONS

WHY I BELONG TO THIS CLUB

1 "Because the stage is our home, and we are each other's family."  
Sophomore Whitney Wisdahl



2 "You're free to be yourself."  
Junior Ginny Pegelow



3 "It creeps my twinkie!"  
Junior Jill McCalman



4 "I have a devoted love to the theater, and Players has a different style than other clubs, everybody loves everybody." Junior Mark Quinlin.



5 "It's exhilarating!" (in more than one way!)  
Sophomore Sasha Lathrop



6 "Because I'm a loser and I have no friends...Players makes me get friends!"  
Sophomore Dan Ebberts



7 "I'm not really sure....Why are you in Players?"  
Junior Paul John



8 "Players is more than a club; it offers a lot more than any other club in the school."  
Sophomore Danielle Laubach



9 "It's a really fun thing to be involved in, I have made a lot of strong friendships because of it"  
Sophomore Brittany Straub



10 "Because techies do it in the dark, and actors do it on stage!"  
Senior Lora Modlin



Crew members Bethanie Seigler and Brittany Straub fix the set moments before it is used.



Sophomore crew member Lauren Buckles helps dress Senior Colin Chambers in his "fat suit."

# NHS

Shantoya Jones gets ready to be inducted to National Honor Society.



The National Honor Society recognizes qualities in those students who rise above the average. Success not only in academics, but also in leadership and extra activities is required. Being inducted into NHS is a great reward for juniors and seniors who have worked hard throughout their high school years.

"Being in the NHS makes you feel special, like you've accomplished something great. I am honored to be in something like this," said Senior Abby Heffernan.



Every inductee in the Honor Society must have a 3.5 GPA, a teacher recommendation, and some community service. Being in the NHS is a great honor and students take pride in participating in the induction ceremony, which is itself a very important and solemn event. It goes to show how much academics, leadership and dedication pay off.



After a student's application is reviewed, qualified yet nervous candidates wait anxiously for the day they're notified that they've been selected. On the day of selection, the alumni NHS members visit the classroom of each candidate and walk around, tapping the shoulder of the lucky inductee.



Finally, the members and inductees proceed to the meeting area where there awaits a congratulatory reception.

The induction ceremony is the crowning event, as the candidates become actual members of the National Honor Society.

Junior Daryl Grayer lights the Candle of Knowledge during the induction ceremony of National Honor Society.



Juniors stand in line, proud in front of family and friends, as they are honored during this special occasion.



Mr. Washington gives an inspiring speech of encouragement to the proud parents of the NHS inductees.



Mr. Washington congratulates Junior Andrea Giedinghagen for being inducted to NHS.



exceptionally bright...



**Poli Sci.** Front Row: Colin Chambers, Roxanne Rouse, Natalie Bell.  
 Row Two: Keya Spiller, Alex Rouse, Erin Harris, Jennifer Suedmeyer, Erica Turner.  
 Row Three: Murcedes Hooks, Dan Ebberts, Maccus Stanley, Danielle Laubach, Larry Hall, Emily Buford. Back Row: Amanda Patmore, Kala Raglin, Danielle Strickland.

## Leaders, Officers Role Models



**President:** Natalie Bell. **Vice President:** Roxanne Rouse. **Secretary:** Colin Chambers. **Treasurer:** Amanda Pierce (not pictured).

# Political Science

Youth in Government representatives were given the opportunity to leave the capitol and explore during their lunch break.



Students spent the weekend at the State Capitol in Jefferson City, where they took over the government. Youth in Government is an annual event, this year marking its 53rd anniversary.



From presidential scandals and elections to major Supreme court cases, politics has been one big rollercoaster ride. It seems as though most of our American politics are filled with negativity.

Poli-sci has proved that not all governmental situations are negative, however. Students from all over the state of Missouri meet for a first-hand learning experience of American politics at the (YIG) Youth in Government conference, held every year in Jefferson City.

...and planning to stay that way



Junior Richie Hill starts a kick flip off a ledge. A kick flip is a trick that involves movement from your legs and balance with your arms.



Sophomore Cooper Mallon skates off the roof of the restrooms at the slabs. He landed his stunt.



Junior Mike Flores is finishing his manual. A manual is when one side of the board is up and the other is towards the ground.



Junior Alex Moss is landing his ollie off a step at the slabs near Westport.

There are many things that young adults can do in their free time away from school. Some kids write, some read, some work and then there are those special few at Center who skateboard. Skateboarding was popular in the late '80's and early '90's, died out and has become popular again. It takes balance, articulation and guts to skate. Sophomore Cooper Mallon says, "I get annoyed by those who come up and ask me if I can do a kick flip because they make it look so easy on the Tony Hawk's video game." Senior Shana Brown says that in Europe skateboarding can be taken as seriously as gangs. Even though there are skateboarding teams that are usually sponsored by a name brand, skateboarding has never been related to any kind of gang in America. Skateboarding is a controversial activity. Some consider it a sport, some don't. "It's not a sport because there's no ball," states Senior Zack Eubank. Skaters think that skating should be legalized and shop owners don't. One thing that no one can disagree with is that skating is difficult. "It takes time, patience, and balance which are traits that girls are supposed to have," explains Junior Rori Carter-Hall. Skateboarding is amazing to watch, whether you're watching the X-Games or just going through the parking lot at school.

# hop, skip, and a kick flip away



Presenting Jaime Woodson, Mike Flores, Cooper Mallon, Alex Moss, Rori Carter-Hall, Buddy Blackman and Richie Hill.

- +50 skateboard companies (not including girls)
- +170 commercial websites
- +60 magazines
- +50 wholesale shops across the U.S.A.
- +5 skateboarding camps across the U.S.A.



Junior Mike Flores is performing an ollie. An ollie involves pushing down with your back foot and sliding with the front while jumping at the same time.

## skateboarding

Wheeling in some information for you



ONLY ONE PERCENT OF OUR SCHOOL'S POPULATION SKATE.



NINETY PERCENT OF STUDENTS WOULD SKATE IF EVERYTHING WAS FREE.



NINETY-EIGHT PERCENT OF STUDENTS CAN NAME A PART OF A SKATEBOARD.



NINETY-FOUR PERCENT OF STUDENTS CONSIDER SKATING A SPORT.

Freshman class president; Jessica Burks-Wiley, Sophomore class president; Candis Fishback, Junior class president; Andrea Isom, Senior class president; Tirannee Givhan, and Advisor; Tim Greenwell.



S.G.A. members eagerly pass out agendas at Back to School night in September.



Treasurer Lora Modlin speaks about the finance committee at the January S.G.A. meeting.



S.G.A. members for 2001-2002 have fun playing an "icebreaker" to get to know one another at the leadership institute in July.

# 10 REASONS

WHY I BELONG TO THIS CLUB

Katie Korando, Becky Brake, and Erin Miller pose as Santa Clause. This was one of the many fundraisers put on by S.G.A. this year.



Sophomore S.G.A. member Brittany Johnson serves refreshments at Back to School night.



- 1 "It's an elite organization of leaders that serve the school to the best of its ability." - Vice President Daryl Grayer
- 2 "I want to make a difference in this school." - Chair of Community Service Katie Korando
- 3 "I'm in it to contribute to the society within our school." - Senior Samantha Ball
- 4 "It's a great program for our school and it gets people involved." - Senior Jaquita Downing
- 5 "So I can be involved in the school's political processes." - Junior Andre Willis
- 6 "I joined because I wanted to help my community, my school, and the junior class of 2003!" - Junior Roxanne Rouse
- 7 "I wanted to be a part of my school and being in S.G.A. helped me get more involved." - Sophomore Colleen Redding
- 8 "I thought it would be a learning experience and that it would be fun!" - Sophomore Shahr Rezaiekhaligh
- 9 "I thought it would be a fun way to spend my free time." - Freshman Andrea Schute
- 10 "It's fun" - Freshman Michelle Ebberts



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**S.G.A. Members:** Front Row: Tim Greenwell; Katie Korando; Abby Heffernan; Alex Rouse; Daryl Grayer; Lora Modlin; Lauren Hamilton Row Two: Colleen Redding; Charlie Morgan; Julie Johnson; Matt Gatewood; Erin Osborne; Tia Strickland; Artesha Gladney; Colin Chambers; Jennifer Suedmeyer; Roxanne Rouse; Jennifer Fletcher; Amanda Patmore Row Three: Aaron Wilhelm; Tirannee Givahn; Erin Harris; Monchel McQuitty; Kelli Shannon; Diana Gonzalez; Emily Barth; Brittany Johnson; Erica Turner; Danielle Laubach; Samantha Ball; Maria Jurado Row Four: Danielle Strickland; Jaquita Downing; Bret Noble; Shahr Rezaiekhalthigh; Mark Quinlin; Jennifer Jantz; Anne Giedinghagen; Emily Buford; Joy Stempleman; Laura Erickson; Ashlee Williams; Ginny Peggelow Row Five: Missy Johnson; Michelle Ebberts; Megan Wilhelm; Amy Jantz; Davon Strickland; Keya Spiller; Shantoyia Jones; Katie Miller; Andrea Isom; Rose Vaught; Laura Doarn; Katie Pickett Row Six: Keri Stoetzer; Jill Gotfredson; Jessica Byrd; Imani Henderson; Latoya Jackson; Stacia Stricklin; Jamie Giffen; Leslie Guinn; Allison Caton; Lesley Hogan; Eric Conrad Row Seven: Kristyn Art; Marius Johnson; Michael Hurst; Kelly Ramel; Scott Fahrmeier; Courtney Howard; Larry Hall; Kyle Rodriguez; Neil Soloman; C. J. Johnston Row Eight: Darmeta Thomas; Candis Fishback; Andre Willis; Leslie Grossnickle; Ryan Raccuglia; Brian Wellington; Adam Rodriguez; Ibad Siddiqi; Andrew Barth; Whitney Wisdahl

## Role Models Leaders, Officers

President: Alex Rouse; Vice President: Daryl Grayer; Secretary: Abby Heffernan; Treasurer: Lora Modlin Chair of Community Service: Katie Korando.



## NOTHING Stops 'em!

President's committee, school pride, finances, community service, and student concerns committee are the five branches of which S.G.A. (Student Government Association) divides up into to get jobs done. However, they pull together for the really big projects.

This year, S.G.A. members were the "New Leaders on the Block" in November by hosting the MASC Trails West District Conference. Around 600 students from our district arrived at Center High School on November 9<sup>th</sup> and S.G.A. members were ready to greet them and show them the way. Throughout the day, there were discussion groups, special speakers, and elections. It was a great experience for all. Lauren Hamilton, a junior here at Center, organized and ran the whole thing with help from Tim Greenwell, advisor. "We came together really well. It was a lot of extra work," said Hamilton, "Planning ahead definitely helped and it was a great experience for anyone who attended."



S.G.A. President Alex Rouse and Treasurer Lora Modlin count the money from the matchmaker results. Students submitted surveys and were matched up with other students throughout the school for Valentine's Day.



During the Trails West District Conference, Center High School's S.G.A. members had to dish up lunch for the guests. It's a tough job but somebody's got to do it!



It's not danceline anymore, it's Twister Line. Join in. The girls became wane and more contorted, until one team finally won.



A word of reminder: Be prepared with clean socks before hitting the Twister mat. Stinky feet are not at all tolerated by other contestants.

# REASONS

Why we celebrate Spring Fling



Seniors Devin Durdin, C.J. Johnston and Amanda Pierce stack to success. The seniors ranked first in the can building competition.

Senior Kyle Williams strikes a pose before the Mr. CHS competition. He actually has skinnier legs than his momma. The Seniors came in 4th place that night.



**1** To have fun and excitement rolled into a week of true Center spirit.

**2** To watch the teachers feel self-pity as the students beat them.

**3** To have a great laugh at the Mr. CHS contest. Proving the guys of CHS can really strut thier stuff, even if it means making a fool of themselves (which they gladly do).

**4** It brings enlightenment to everyone at our school. Everyone is eager to compete - especially against the staff.

**5** To realise how clumsy the kids at our school are as they really embarrass themselves during the Twister challenge.

**6** To get a break from the normal atmosphere of intense academic pressure.

**7** When else can you see Mr. Tipton in a Grape suit (and not get ISS for laughing!)?

**8** To look crazy and wacky for spirit week and get away with it.

**9** To watch and enjoy the staff humiliate themselves in everything. They will never realise it, but students rule.

**10** To experience teamwork and unity between all the competitors.





# WATCH YOUR HEAD Jackets are Spring Flingin' It



Players 58 strike a pose of success as they rank first as this year's Spring Fling Champions. It was another tough battle, but they won.



Seniors show the school all they have as they participate in their last Spring Fling. They tried their hardest to win, but were beat out by Players 58.



## Spring Fling Finale



# Center High School Student Government Association

“Working to Build Leaders  
Through Involvement in  
School”

## 2001-2002 Officers

President  
Alex Rouse

Treasurer  
Lora Modlin

Vice-President  
Daryl Grayer, Jr.

Chair of Community Ser-  
vice

Katie Korando

Secretary  
Abby Heffernan

District Convention  
Chair

Advisor  
Tim Greenwell

Lauren Hamilton

# YELLOWJACKET LIFE

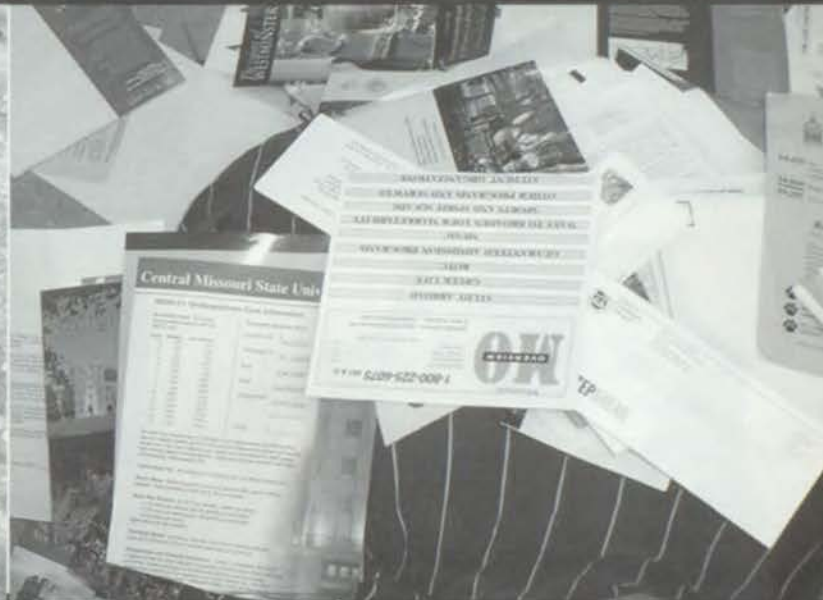
Something outside of the  
hive...



BEST PARTY SPOTS AT CENTER / WHAT GRADUATION PARTY? / WHO IS WHO?

## THE BEST THING I LEARNED IN HIGH SCHOOL

10 THINGS I'LL REMEMBER ABOUT COURTWARMING / THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE



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We grow , we expand, and no it's not our waist lines.

The Cheerleaders truly lived the magic with their theme. Katie Miller, Amanda Patmore, Allison Caton and Erica Henderson sit before their fairy castle.



The Boy's Soccer float, "The Jungle Book," took second place with a winning of fifty dollars.



Junior's float, "Alice in Wonderland," took second place with a prize of seventy-five dollars.



The sophomore class takes a break from their prize-winning float. The Peter Pan replica took first at this year's parade.

We asked students' reactions after the floats were placed...



Cooper Mallon

How did you feel after winning first for the sophomore float?  
"Good, because we spent a lot of time on it."



Danielle Laubach

How did it feel to lose to the sophomores after Players continuously won?  
"...Players losing this year gave the opportunity for someone else to win and appreciate the experience just as much as we did."

**Homecoming attendants:**

**Freshmen:** L. Council, S. Smith, K. Kidd, W. Stokley.

**Sophomores:** D. Gonzalez, C.J. Cannon, R. Bankhead, L. Wooten, S. Norton, M. Bradbury.

**Juniors:** M. Gatewood, K. Spiller, K. Reddick.

**Seniors:** Front Row: Kyle Williams, Steven Walls, Walter Townsend, Adam Rodriguez, Eric Conrad. Back Row: Amanda Pierce, Shannon Drummond, Katie Korando, Katie Pickett, Abby Heffernan



Seniors Walter Townsend and Katie Korando were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.



# THE BIG PICTURE

## WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR...

Have you ever wished upon a star? That is what students did during homecoming. Disney's influence was evident when it came to float time and all classes displayed their ideas with individuality.

However, unbeknownst to most students was that due to renovations, this was the last time the floats would drive around the track in the stadium.

When it became game time, Center was unsuccessful with a win. This game proved to be a minor detail in the Homecoming spirit.

Center High becomes

## PARTY CENTRAL for Homecoming



Queen Katie Korando and King Walter Townsend take a short break from the dance to pose for a quick picture.

Students look forward to the Homecoming Dance to kick off their shoes and show off their dance moves. Dancing the night away proved to be a great way to relax after the stresses of Homecoming week.



Status stands as no barrier when it comes to school functions. Seniors Katie Pickett and Abby Heffernan were escorted by their freshmen dates, Sean Wattenbarger and Ethan Stanley.

Center High School got a little taste of New Orleans spice at the Courtwarming dance after the basketball team crushed the Ruskin Eagles with a 68-59 victory.

"It felt good even though I had a bad game. It was fun because it was my last courtwarming," said Senior Melvin Cole.

Senior Steven Walls agrees, "It felt real good [to win] because we already lost once to them and everyone expected us to lose again. It was my last Courtwarming game and we won!"

The Mardi Gras celebration sponsored by the class of 2004 was a fun-filled night for many students. Joy Stempleman and Tim Clayton took the throne of king and queen, while Lauren Hamilton and Alex Moss were crowned Prince and Princess.

The laid back casual atmosphere of the dance gave students a chance to kick off their shoes and dance the night away. Many students coordinated their outfits with that of their friends. Groups' dress ranged from a gang of thrift store shoppers to the tie-dyed tanks of a clan of sophomore girls. All in all it was a great triumph.

"I was really thrilled with the way the dance turned out. It ended up being a great success!" expressed Sophomore Brittany Johnson.



The sophomores decorated the cafeteria with scenes from New Orleans. Not only did we get the famous faces, students were offered beads to show their spirit.



A few sophomores cast their votes during a much needed luch break. This sacrifice was made by many in order to voice their opinions on this year's court.

## Sophomores replicate New Orleans' **MARDIS GRAS** for this year's Courtwarming dance

**2002 Courtwarming Attendants:** Front Row: Taylor Spriggs, Neil Soloman, Monchel McQuitty, Timothy Clayton, Joy Stempleman, Melvin Cole, Abby Heffernan, Erica Turner.

**Back Row:** Alex Moss, Jesse Morgan, Melissa Johnson, Chris Baldwin, Taylor Hall, Brittany Johnson, Stephanie Frazier, Candis Fishback, Jesyka Burkes-Wiley, Paris Elam.

Not Pictured: Brian Wellington, Lauren Hamilton





Seniors Tim Clayton and Joy Stempleman were crowned king and queen of the celebration. They took their victory lap around the gym commensurate with their crowning.

Juniors Alex Moss and Lauren Hamilton are crowned prince and princess of Courtwarming. They were a great couple to receive these honors.



"I was happy with the outcome of this dance. Pulling it off was very stressful, and since we had all those snow days the week before it kind of cut down on the time we had to spend on the decorations"

Leslie Grossnickle



Jaquita Downing



"As a senior, I am kind of sad with this year being our last. Dances are so fun and now everything is all over."



Spectators gather around as Seniors Alex Rouse and Monchel McQuitty show off their latest dance moves. The C-walk made a huge appearance at our version of Mardis Gras.



Many students stop to take a break from the celebration as the true party kings and queens keep on going in spite of the tiring conditions.

# PROM....Romance in Venice

After months of hard work, a year of planning and years of dreaming, preparations for Center's 2002 Prom, "Romance in Venice," were complete. And the juniors had just a few hours to prepare themselves for prom.

Prom was held at the Uptown Theater. And as always, Center students took it to the max. Before prom even started, groups of juniors, seniors and their dates gathered to take pictures. Many students then headed off for dinner. Exotic restaurants such as the Plaza's Buca de Beppo were visited, along with more American restaurants such as Houston's.

Then came the main event. Prom. As students entered the beautiful Uptown Theatre they were greeted by friends and teachers. Great music was played until the announcement of the Prom royalty. Nervously, students entered the dance floor as their names were called. And the moment we've all been waiting for...Adam Rodriguez and Katie Pickett are king and queen. Scott Fahrmeier and Lauren Castle are prince and princess.

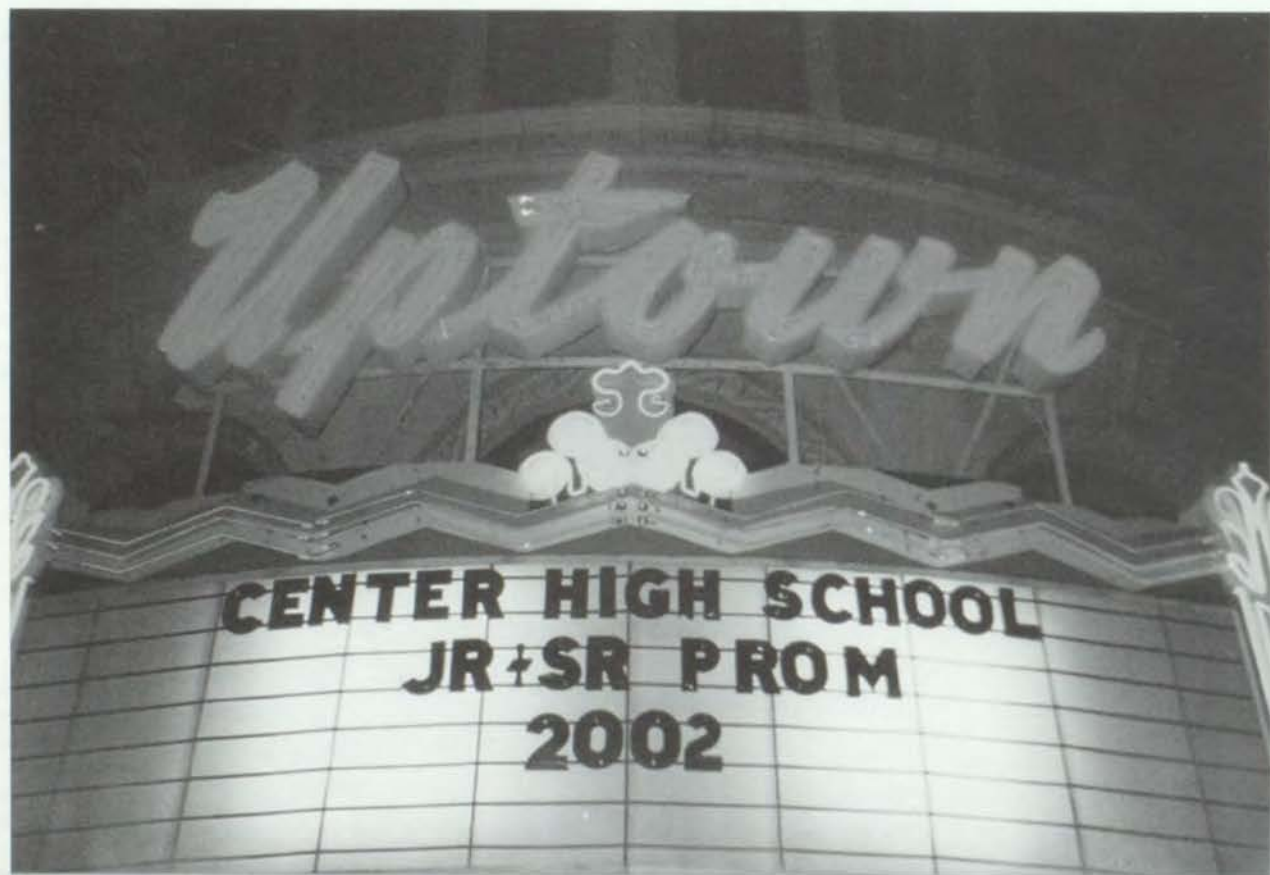
Soon, everyone tires of dancing, prom ends and almost everybody is headed to afterprom.

It was truly, a Romance in Venice.

(From back left) Lauren Castle, prom princess; Scott Fahrmeier, prom prince; Katie Pickett, prom queen; and Adam Rodriguez, prom king.



# PARTY CENT(E)RAL:2002 Senior and Junior Prom



This year's prom was held at the Uptown. Organized by the Junior class, prom was a fun-filled, well decorated atmosphere.





(Left) Seniors Lora Modlin and Joy Stempleman show who's boss at the Uptown.

(Right) These Center students show off their outfits to one another. Dancing the night away...



Taylor Hall, Cooper Mallon, Alex Isom, and Richie Hill take a photo to show that you can still have fun even if you're not on the dance floor.



Junior Erik Rhodes and Sophomore Kristyn Art pose for their portraits. This is one night nobody wants to forget!



Ahhh the memories, this Center student took it to the limits at prom.



Junior Rori Carter-Hall tells of her ice experience. "To look out your window and watch your beautiful yard crash before your eyes is a disturbing experience. To see lightening bolts flying, branches dropping, and hear things crunching is a feeling of loneliness. My family will never have the beautiful tree that provided shade; we won't have a warm sense in our yard. We will have isolation and loneliness. Sooner or later, though, time will come and things will grow. Trees will blossom, shade will comfort and my house will be complete."

Juniors Katie Miller and Stephanie Clurman's families were like many: they spent nights away from home, with relatives and friends.

"On Saturday, I had a work day planned with Young Life ...thinking they would keep us inside. I was wrong. For about the next four hours we cleared tree limbs from peoples' yards, dragging them to the curb," said Katie.

Stephanie said, "I remember going to the Hickman game on Thursday, hearing people talk about getting their power back on. I just kept hoping that mine would be on when I got home." It was!



Life at school went slip-sliding away, along with the three snow days.



School must go on, come wire, high ladder, and downed trees.



Freshman Katie Burge said of her days off, "Like everyone else, our power went out. My brother took our grill lighter and decided to search for my cat, who was under my bed. Then my mattress was on fire! Luckily, my cat is still alive...but I am left without a mattress!"



Katie Burge

"I got into some boxes and went through things, and then went sledding," Ms. Friesz said about the unscuduled winter vacation. "Going sledding and knocking the ice off the tennis court fence...was fun!"



Eugene Johnson

"My power was off for about a week and four days," said senior Eugene Johnson. "Taking a shower in the dark is not fun." He kept "walking past the light switch and flicking it on and off."

## THE ICE PICTURE

Ice. Terrible, terrible ice. Ice blankets the city. All around ice drapes the trees of childhood days; trees that once sheltered tree houses are now subject to winter's horrible pruning. Although days of green lawns have returned, we are still plagued with the memory of seeing favorite trees loose their wonderful canopied branches.

# ALONG CAME THE ICE



Sophomore Sanea James said the worst thing about the storm was "hearing the trees crack."



Sophomore Michele Gamble says, "we were one of the lucky ones." This gutter isn't so lucky.

"Being in the ice storm was like a new version of Survivor Back in the Arctic," said Junior Danielle Strickland.

By day, many students and teachers were out hunting and searching for candles, flash lights and batteries. At night, many without power were huddled in the warmest room with blankets and many layers of clothing.

"By the fifth day without power," continues Strickland, "we had all lost a few brain cells due to the cold."

Some houses lost their gutters and more.

Mr. Lang spent his days cutting wood, as "every tree came down in our yard. It was a disaster," he said. "But the scenario was great. It looked like a picture on a postcard."

"A few hundred years ago, in an ice storm, we might worry about staying alive. Today, we only worry about being uncomfortable," said freshman Jason Smith.

Like many, Smith had to come up with alternative forms of entertainment. "I got to walk through a tunnel of a collapsed tree branches. It wasn't fun, but better than sitting at home straining to see and burning hot-pockets on a gas stove."

Sophomore Lilli Pickett had the most relief from "being stuffed in blankets like a can of sardines." She and her family just visited relatives in sunny Los Vegas.



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## COLLEGE

Choosing the college that is best for you!

Making decisions for your future can be overwhelming, often hard and always life-changing. The choices you make now for yourself can change all kinds of aspects in your life. That's why it's important to make the right ones.

Choosing the right path for the future is always a task whether you're college-bound or not. There's always a great deal of importance in choosing the college that suits you and your needs. "I want to be a pharmacist. When I looked into which college had a good pharmacy program, KU (Kansas University) caught my attention," said senior Leyla Cannon.

Of course students have a difference of opinion about which college or university is better. "Well, personally, I think if you're going to go to KU, you might as well stay in high school. Now MU (Missouri University) is the spot," said Senior Zach Eubank. Zach will be attending MU in the fall of 2002.

Some can make decisions more quickly and easily than others. Others run around in circles giving themselves headaches. "I honestly have no idea where I'm going," said senior Tori Elliot. "I've given it some thought but maybe I'm one of those people that just doesn't go to college."

No senior can explain how much time is put into choosing and applying for college. When all is said and done, it is whatever makes you happy. But whatever you decide, know that all your meditation and concentration paid off!!!

Seniors Amanda Pierce, Eric Conrad and Adam Rodriguez as they look over pamphlets from various universities.



# Out Into The World We Go!



DECISIONS! DECISIONS! DECISIONS!



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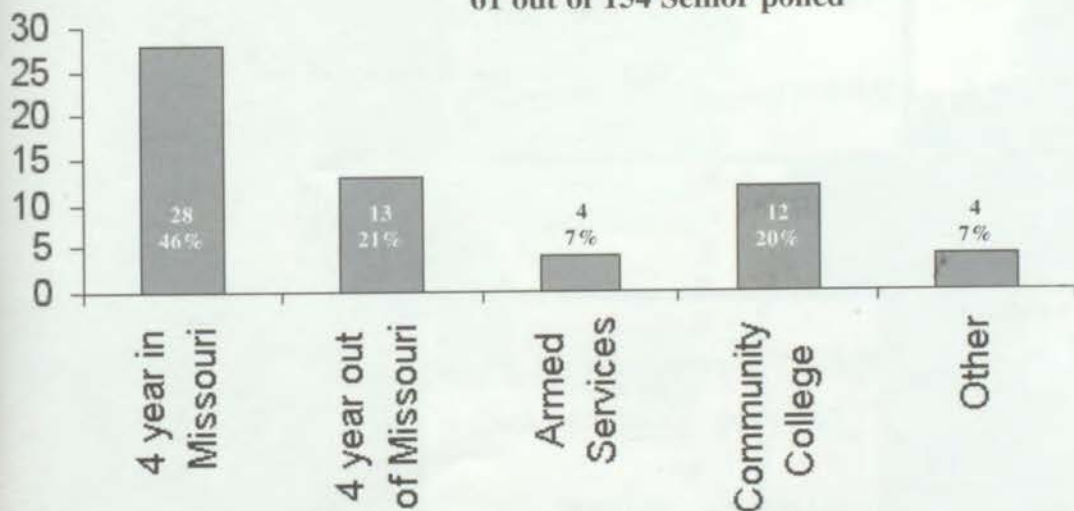


Mrs. Kathy Chirpich is the savior of all college-bound students. She knows the ropes of getting accepted and how to find that often-elusive scholarship money.

Katie Korando and Becky Brake hang at their lockers, happy with their decisions to go to Longview.

## What are your plans after Graduation?

61 out of 154 Senior polled



## TECHNOLOGY ON THE CAMPUS

Computer or not to computer? Many college-bound students worry what to take to college, and what to leave at home. A big concern is whether there will be enough computers on campus to meet their needs. Many opt to bring their own. If they're lucky, maybe they received a new laptop for graduation.



MOST FUN TO BE AROUND:  
WALTER TOWNSEND  
+  
EBONY JOHNSON



MOST SPIRITED:  
NEIL SOLOMAN  
+  
ABBY HEFFERNAN



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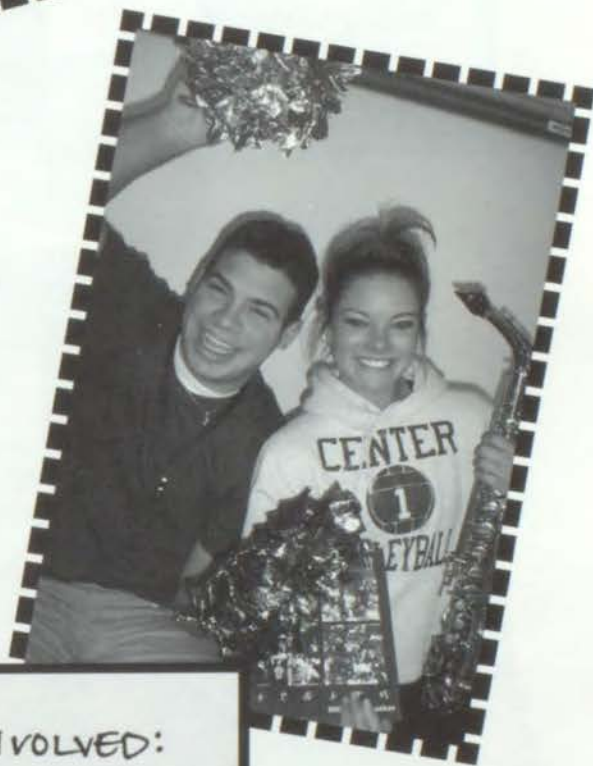
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KATIE PICKETT



MOST CHANGED:  
MARCUS STANLEY  
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MEGAN BURNS



MOST INVOLVED:  
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CADE CARPENTER



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OTIS SMITH  
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LATOYA WILLIAMS

FRIENDLIEST:  
MELVIN COLE  
+  
JAQUETA DOWNING



BIGGEST FLIRT:  
RYAN KEMP  
+  
AMANDA PIERCE



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED:  
ALEX ROUSE  
+  
ERICA TURNER





TEACHER'S PET:  
CHRIS JOHNSTON  
+  
ERIN HARRIS



PRETTIEST SMILE:  
JOHNNY HOWARD  
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KEARA AUSTIN



BEST DRESSED:  
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# Raising money for Graduation...



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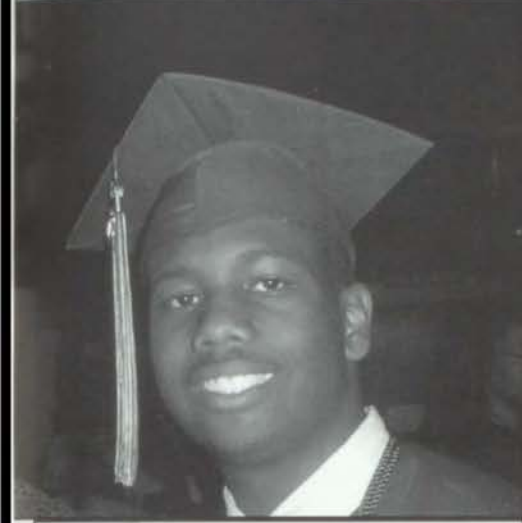


# Getting ready for Graduation...



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As I walked across the stage on May 31<sup>st</sup>, I looked out on the crowd. I saw probably close to 1,000 people yelling and screaming. I found my family. They were jumping up and down, flashes going off everywhere. I kept waiting for the feeling of graduation to hit me. You know that glorious "I'm through!" feeling that all the movie graduates feel? I walked down from the stage, honestly a little upset that there was no beautiful, moving music playing in the background as my name was read. It happened in the movies...

I sat in my chair afterwards just waiting for it to happen. I knew it would eventually. Maybe it would happen when we threw our caps into the air. That's always a climax in movie graduations. Maybe when I picked up my diploma after the ceremony. Maybe the magic feeling would come as I met my family and they all told me how proud they were.

Well, I threw my cap a whole foot into the air, picked up my



diploma, after waiting in a line typical to the high school experience, and met my family. After a good 20 minutes of hugs and pictures, there still was no new feeling. I thought about it for a while.

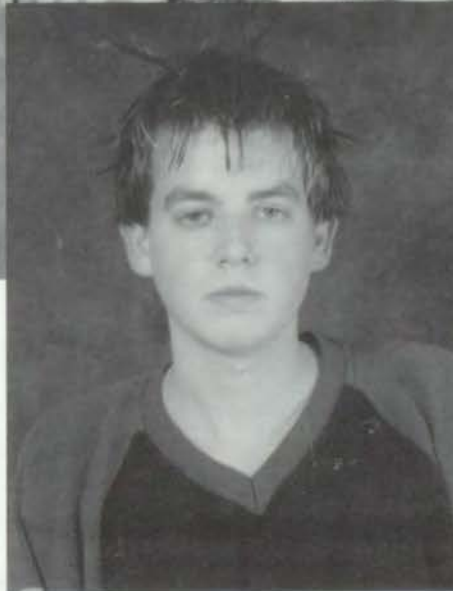
I thought about this feeling I seemed to be lacking for almost a week before it hit me. The answer was really obvious. I couldn't believe it took me that long to figure it out. **My life is not a movie.** Who woulda thought. Now I am content to know that I have graduated. I don't really feel like a graduate, but my diploma, along with letters from my college, reassure me that its over. Turns out the only deep and moving music I got was *Pomp and Circumstance*.

a FEW OF OUR



favorite

# PICTURES



# Joy Rachel Stempleman



You truly have given us so much **JOY**. We look forward to experiencing your accomplishments with you. Congratulations on your graduation and best of luck in the future. Shalom.  
Love, Dad, Mom, Jordan and Jill

To the Senior *Yellowjacket* Staff,

You guys have been incredible. I know it was so hard sometimes to stay focused, do what needed to be done and get by despite our troubles, but here it is! You did it. More than anyone else, this yearbook is **YOURS**. And you deserve it. I couldn't have asked for better people, friends, or staff. Great job and good luck in the future.

**Colin Chambers**  
*Yellowjacket Editor-in-Chief*

Put God first in your life and He will open the door to all your dreams.



# Love **Andre' Sidney** You!!



Congratulations!!  
*Mom, Dad,  
Jalonn, Merrill,  
Merrill Jr.,  
Grandpa Smith,  
Grandma  
Dearborn,  
Grandpa and  
Grandma Sidney*



# Marcus Stanely

Follow your star,  
We believe in you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad





# Zack Eubank

Someday you'll experience the pride of parenthood that we're experiencing now. You've given us something quite special... someone to love and someone to respect. Thanks for all the memories and the excitement of memories yet to come.



Zack,  
Even your baby pictures hint at the genius lurking within. I'm so proud of you. I hope your future brings much success and happiness. Congratulations, Z!  
Love, Tiff



Congratulations on your graduation. Go now and pursue your dreams and know how much we love you.

Mom and Dad

Zack,  
*Philemon 1:4-7* You are such a blessing in my life. You are a loyal, kind-hearted, funny & faithful young man. Z, you're the best brother and friend a guy could have. I love you.  
*Jeremiah 29:11*  
Blessings, Bret



*To you my Daughter, LaToya Nichole Williams:*



*Time has passed so fast, I can't believe you are a SENIOR already. As I look over the years it's almost a bitter/sweet feeling that comes over me. You have grown into such a beautiful young lady. I just wanted to say to you that Mommy Loves You and that I am very proud of all you have accomplished. Keep God first in your Life and nothing is impossible.*

*Love !!!!!*

*Your Mother.*



## *Natalie*

We have watched you grow and mature into a lovely young lady. You have always been your own person. You have made us laugh and you have made us cry. Follow your dreams and you will have the world at your fingertips. We know that you can accomplish anything. We are proud of you and love you very much.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Andrea,  
Richard, and Frank



# Jack

## Best son! Best Friend!

Jack, all we asked for was answered when you came into our life. Your outgoing personality, your kindness and generosity. All you want in the world is there for you. Go and get it. Don't be afraid to do the right things in life for these will be what makes you special. These things I say to my best friend and the best son a father could ever want.

Love,  
Dad  
Leslie



Congratulations  
2002  
Ashlee Williams

Good Luck  
to a Future Teacher

Love Mom, Gail,  
Shelby, Grandma, Brittany and Spunky



## Eric,

Make the most of your college years because they will fly by. Remember: have fun, never think you can't - and call home. We'll all miss the endless phone ringing!  
Love you always,  
Lori



## Chamene Woods,

It's been a blessing to watch you bloom from a dandelion to a rose. As you keep striving for your goals, know that the sky is the limit and that you can do all things through Christ Jesus, and know that I have your back as well.

I love you,  
Mom :)



## Charlie

Congratulations, Charlie! We knew you could do it... and anything else you put your mind to. We love you.

Mom and  
Dad



## Walter-

Walter, there are dreams in your life and there will be mountains to climb. But remember you can do all things through Christ which strengthens you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Walter, we love you and we are so proud of you.

Love,  
Regan and  
Shaniqua



## Joshua

You have a unique message to deliver, a unique song to sing, and a unique act of love to bestow.

Mom



## Emily

From the day you were born, you have brought joy into our lives. Obviously we are proud of the person you have become.

No parents could have a finer daughter. Thank you for that. Congratulations! We love you.  
Mom, Dad and James

**YOU HAVE AMAZED US WITH YOUR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS. We love you. Dad, Mom, and**

**Roxanne**



**ALEX ROUSE**



**SGA President**



**Drum Major  
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**Godspell**



**First Chair  
Trombone**



**NHS**



**First Car**



**Apple  
Tree**



**Prom**



**Grease**



# Nicole



You have a sweet & generous spirit. You have brought joy & happiness into our lives.

Let God guide you through life.

May God, Bless & Smile upon you.

Congradulations!

With Love,  
Mom and Dad



Nicole King



My Dearest Linda,

I have never been more proud of you than I am right now. We have been through so much together. You have worked so hard and accomplished so much. Now it is time for you and I to take this next big step. I have to let go and you have to face the challenges of adulthood. I know you can do it. I love you Linda and I will always be here for you whenever you need me. I am thankful everyday that you are my daughter.

Love always,  
Mom



Congrats!

# Megan

Princess



We are so proud of you!

As you now complete another stage of your journey, reflect back on these years with a sense of joy and accomplishment. You've done a wonderful job, Megan. You have blessed all of us with your infectious smile. We envy your drive and energy, and your shopping skills! You have significantly impacted and enriched our lives and for that we are eternally grateful. As our little princess moves towards her future, realize how bright it is. Follow your dreams and your heart and always try to make a difference.

Love, Mom, Dad, Michael and all of your "family"





LEYIA CANNON  
a.k.a. POFANA



Growing up so fast,  
Being around you has been a blast

Now that you're so grown,  
How many hours did you spend on the phone?

We've heard you yell, scream, and roar,  
Never once were you a bore

You are a true hypochondriac, always think your sick,  
The ace bandages and ban-aids never seem to stick

Working so hard for the dough,  
Shopping we saw your money go

Sleeping every extra minute away,  
We never knew how you managed your day

You're so kind, having a big heart,  
Wherever you go, you'll play a big part

So as you go on your way, we have this to say,  
We love you and care for you each and every day

Love always,  
Mom, Debbie, Aunt Terri, and C.J.





**Mija Bianca,**

**You may not know which path to follow. But keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you. Don't be too quick to limit your choices. But in all things acknowledge Christ.**

**Tu familia, quien te quiere mucho.**







YOU'LL ALWAYS BE  
MY PRECIOUS LITTLE  
SWEETIE HEART



REMEMBER THIS?

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE  
MY ONLY SUNSHINE,  
YOU MAKE ME HAP-PEEEEE  
WHEN SKIES ARE GRAY

CONGRATULATIONS SHAN!!  
AS ALWAYS, WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOU



 SHAY "02" 



**"All Gone!"**

*We love you, Colin.  
Grandma and Jim*

# COLIN



Mr. Yearbook Editor

All the residents of and visitors to  
Chambersville  
congratulate you on a job well done.

# COLIN

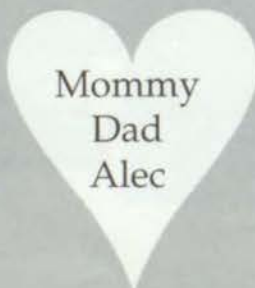
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. . . to your last day at CHS . . .



. . . we have been your  
biggest fans!

Go with faith and all  
our love into the next  
chapter of your life.  
We'll be right here . . .  
. . . . . cheering you on.



# COLIN



How did the  
years go by  
so fast?



We love you  
and are so  
proud.  
Dad, Mom &  
Alex



# COLIN



We love you more and more and more and  
more and more and more.....

Yaya and Papou

# COLIN



*We've laughed together  
for 18 years.  
I'm proud to be your Grandpa.*

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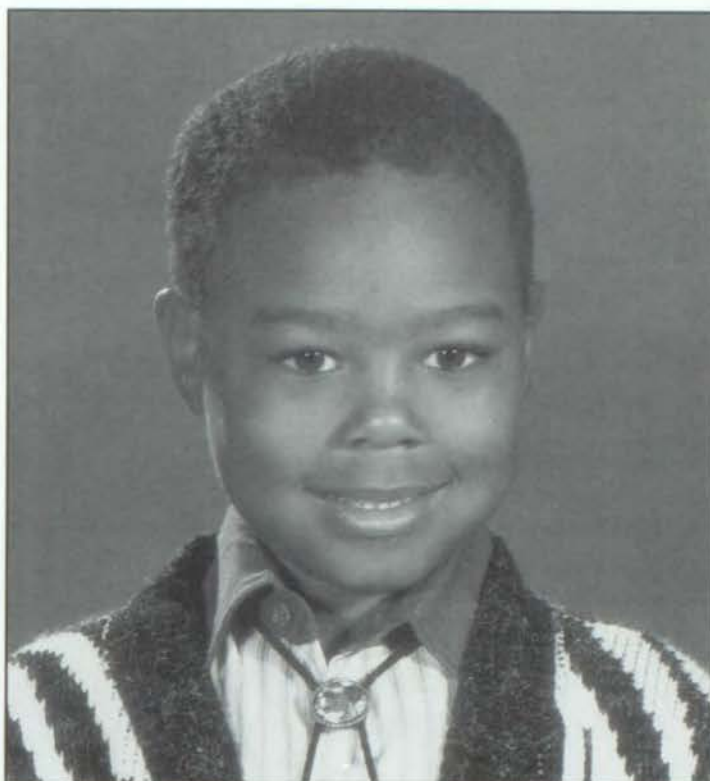
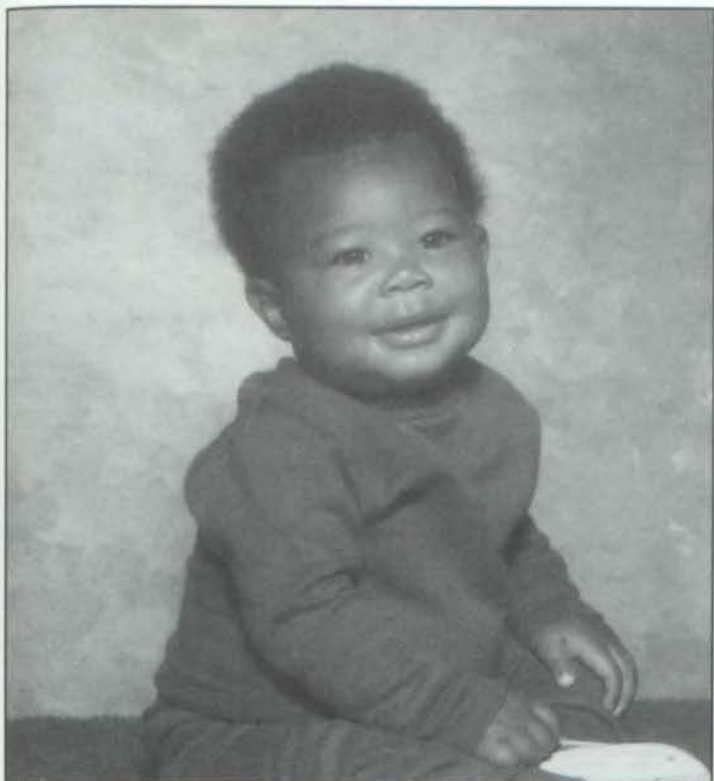
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*Congratulations PL I & II  
Graduates*



Mrs. Lerner and  
Mrs. Waisanen



Byron-  
You've worked so hard for this day - now you can finally say... It's over! Happy Graduation!

*From Dad*

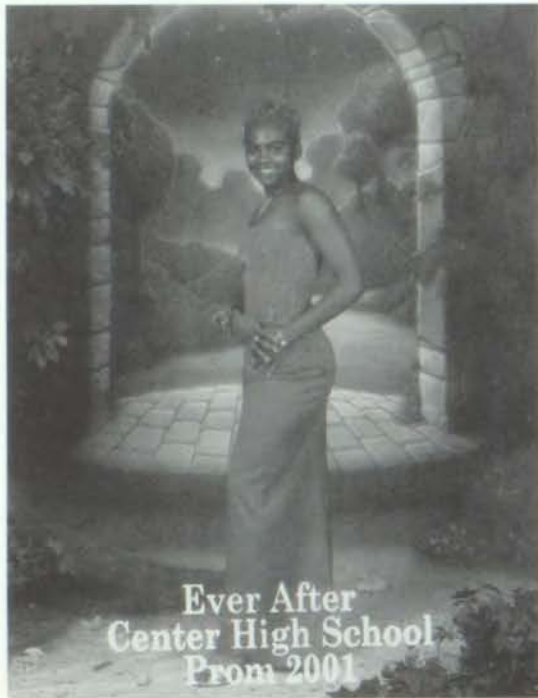
Laura,

From your "first"  
graduation and recital  
..... to the  
"last".

We have always been proud of you and your accomplishments. We know you will do well in all that you undertake and offer our continued support. We wish you the best, and God's blessings for your future.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Heather  
(Erickson)





# Keara

In all the world  
in any language  
in any in voice in any heart  
there is no word as beautiful  
A granddaughter; you can make  
any heart light, any dream bright  
and any day right. Congratulations  
Keara, your Grandma loves you  
so so much.



Keara, you just don't know how proud  
you have made me!  
Congratulations! Love PaPa Huey

First, I would like to thank God for blessing me  
with this pretty baby girl. She turned out to be a  
beautiful, smart, intelligent, loving and caring  
young lady.

Second, I would like to thank you, Keara Austin,  
A.K.A. Kool-Aid, for making me proud. Congratu-  
lations my love! Thanks, love Your Mom

When you were first  
born, I looked at you  
and gave you the  
name baby doll.  
Your pretty smile,  
and looking at your  
big, bright eyes, I  
knew you were going  
to make me proud.  
Congratulations  
Keara!

Love, your Uncle  
Victory



My sister:

Is an important aspect to everyone in her life. You're loving, beauti-  
ful, smart, a great aunt and you know how to put a smile on our  
face. You are the love of our lives  
and I can't stop thanking God for  
blessing me with a sister like you.  
I'm so proud of you. Believe in God  
and in yourself and you'll go far.  
Good luck on your success and keep  
on shaking them haters off!

Congratulations!

Love Always,  
Princess Kippin and  
Lil' Greg





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Adam, the time has passed so fast.....it seems like only yesterday that you were starting your first day of kindergarten. Each and every day has been such a joy to our hearts. We are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments. We love you bunches. God bless you always and keep you safe.  
Mom, Dad,  
Kyle, Paul and Sam

Hey - we love you! You are so awesome, so talented, and an incredible Christian.

Remember - "Let God's hands be your hands and God's feet be your feet" and God will light your path!

Love, pride and joy, Mom and Dad



Big Sis - You have been a perfect role model for me, and the best sister. I hope you grow in your journey of faith as you enter a whole new world and don't forget the most amazing person, Jesus. I love you and will miss you! Lil Pic



Katie Marie Pickett

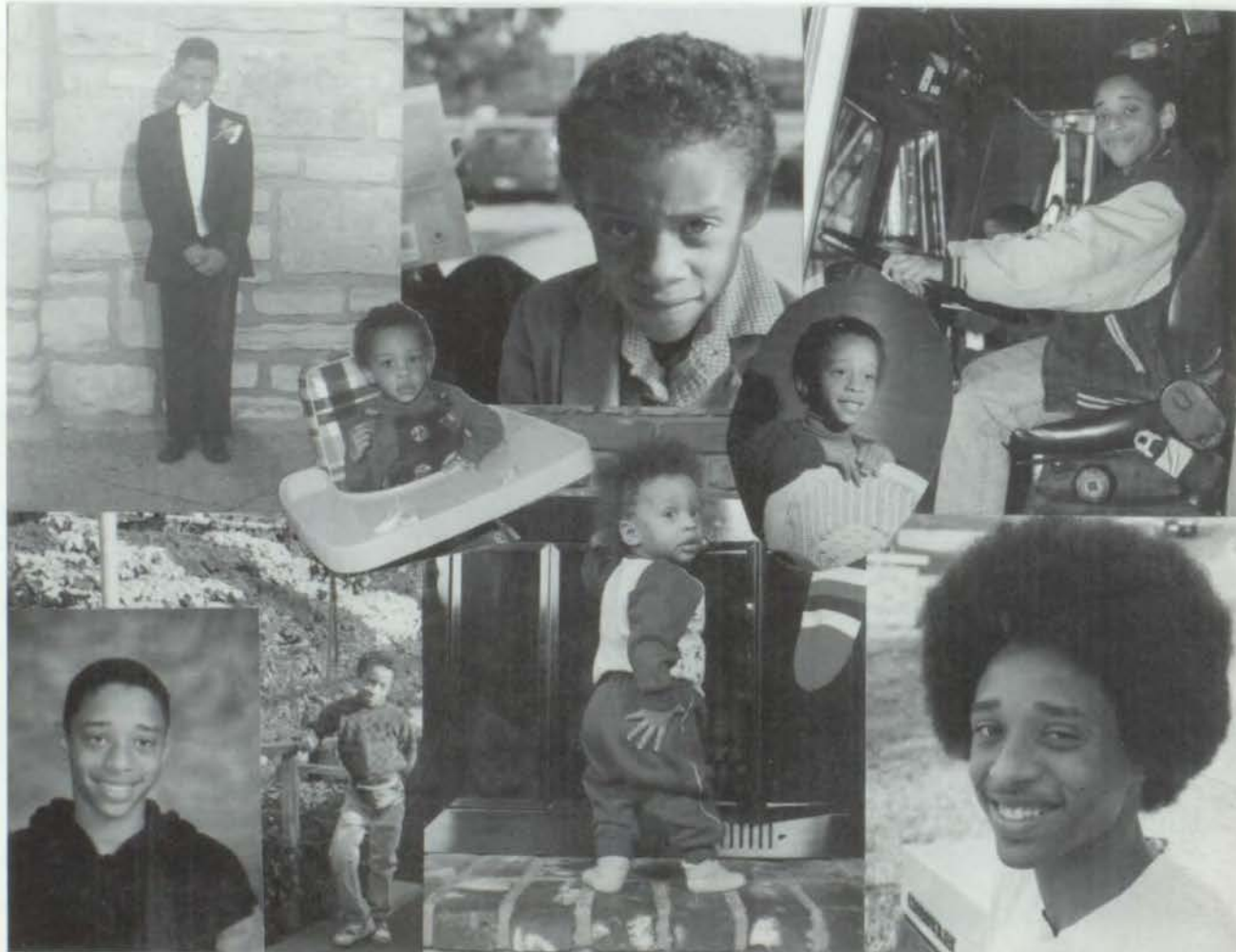


What an honor it has been to share my name with you! Care & love others always, take challenges, cherish life, never forget how to laugh, keep giving to this world. Love ya...Grandma Marie

Congratulations on a great start in your life. Take advantage of the opportunities and fully explore your talents. Remain true to what you know in your heart is right. We love you. Grandpa and Grandma Simpson

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life, you will have been all of these." George Washington Carver

Congratulations, Victor!  
We are so proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad







## Katie Ann Korando

### "KAMMANDO"

You're a wonderful daughter whom we are very proud of. It has been a joy watching you grow into the lovely young woman you have become.

This is an end and an exciting new beginning for you with many adventures and a lifetime of experiences ahead. The best is yet to come!

Always keep your standards high and keep your faith in God and there will be no limits.

Enjoy your journey!

We Love You,

Dad & Mom

In love we laugh. In love we cry.  
Born in love; in love we die.





### Andrew-

From the time you were small, we knew you would accomplish great things. This is just the beginning! Congratulations!

We love you very much.  
Dad, Mom and Emily



### Lora

How do little girls go from tea parties to proms so quickly? Where did the time go? We'll miss our little girl, but look forward to the beautiful young woman you are becoming.



Much love,  
Mom,  
Dad and Barbara

*Dear Jaime,*  
*We were thankful the Sunday that*  
*the Lord brought you into our lives.*  
*Thank you for honoring us with*  
*your love and growth from birth to*  
*the Beautiful Young Woman you*  
*have become today.*  
*Keep reaching for the Stars.*  
**With all of our Love,**  
**Dad & Mom**

It is our extreme pleasure to say congratulations to one of our most outstanding young members, sister Tahuanna Buchanan. She has shown great potential and support of our church and we are Godly proud of her. At this important time in her life we also pray her total success in all of her endeavors. On behalf of the entire church family of the El Shaddai International Ministries, we take this time to salute you on this great accomplishment in your life. Please always be reminded of this: "Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilled in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the King's palace..." Daniel 1:4. Be blessed in all you do.

Pastor Marvin J. Jackson  
 Pastoral Asst. Patricia A. Jackson  
 Church Mother Birdella Jackson



**Good Job, Joi.**  
**Love you**  
**always,**  
**Mom**



Ever After  
 Center High School  
 Prom '91



To our daughter, Tirannee'. We're so proud of you. May God Bless and Keep You Always. Stay Prayerful: Love Mom, Dad and Dante'

# Abigail



## Princess Abigail

Whether you're playing soccer, dancing, performing or just cutting up,  
You have always handled yourself with style and grace.  
Your faith and caring are evident to everyone who meets you.  
You have a strong spirit that bursts forth in everything you do.  
We are very proud of all that you have done and all that you will continue to do.  
We love you very much.  
You truly are a princess in every sense.  
We love you always,  
Mom and Dad

Shannon

Shannon, God has truly blessed me through the years. You and your brother have made me proud. Congratulations.

Mama

Adrienne

To our Sweet Angel Adrienne:  
You always were a sweet child and were willing to learn, and as you grew older, you continued to strive at being your best. We appreciate your hard work and love you very much. May God bless you always and that you keep Him close to your heart. So congratulations on this huge accomplishment and have the best time in college!!

With Much Love  
Mom, Dad, Grandparents  
And Aunt

# Ibad

You have come a long way from wanting to be a fire truck when you grow up. From the time you were a little boy you have kept us all laughing and entertained. Now you have grown into a marvelous young man and we are so proud of you. Have fun and do wonderful things with your life. Congratulations Munchkin!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Naveed and Beena



To those students who bought a yearbook, or are reading a yearbook (this means you):

I wanted to take half a page to thank a few very special people. Without them, this yearbook would not be what you are holding in your hands. Rather, it would probably be in several pieces on the floor of the yearbook plant. Anyhow, so many thanks to:

**Kathy Unger:** Despite my thinking Mrs. Unger had no real knowledge of journalism prior to taking the job as long-term sub of the journalism department, she has done an incredible job, both with Yearbook and Introduction to Journalism. Watching her teach as I labored through the yearbook, I really would have thought she had worked for *The New York Times* or some such publication. Thank you so much for everything, Kathy.

**The Staff of the *Yellowjacket*:** This year's staff has been incredible. This yearbook is a huge credit towards their skills in perservation, creativity, humor and flexibility. As a staff, we have been through quite a bit together, from camp last summer to the last deadlines this spring. They have taught me more then I ever hoped to learn in one class period.

**Teachers, mine especially:** Putting a yearbook together is a major project. Without the flexibility of the teachers of Center High School, the one's who had me as a student especially, the staff would not be able to put in all the hours we did for this book.

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That's what makes this year so special. Despite all the distractions, despite all the excitement, despite all the change, despite teachers trying to enforce rules, the year was, ironically, pretty much the same. This year was special.

The yearbook staff hopes that this collection of Center magazines has helped you remember our special year. We've worked really hard on it, and now we're tired. Good night and the end.

