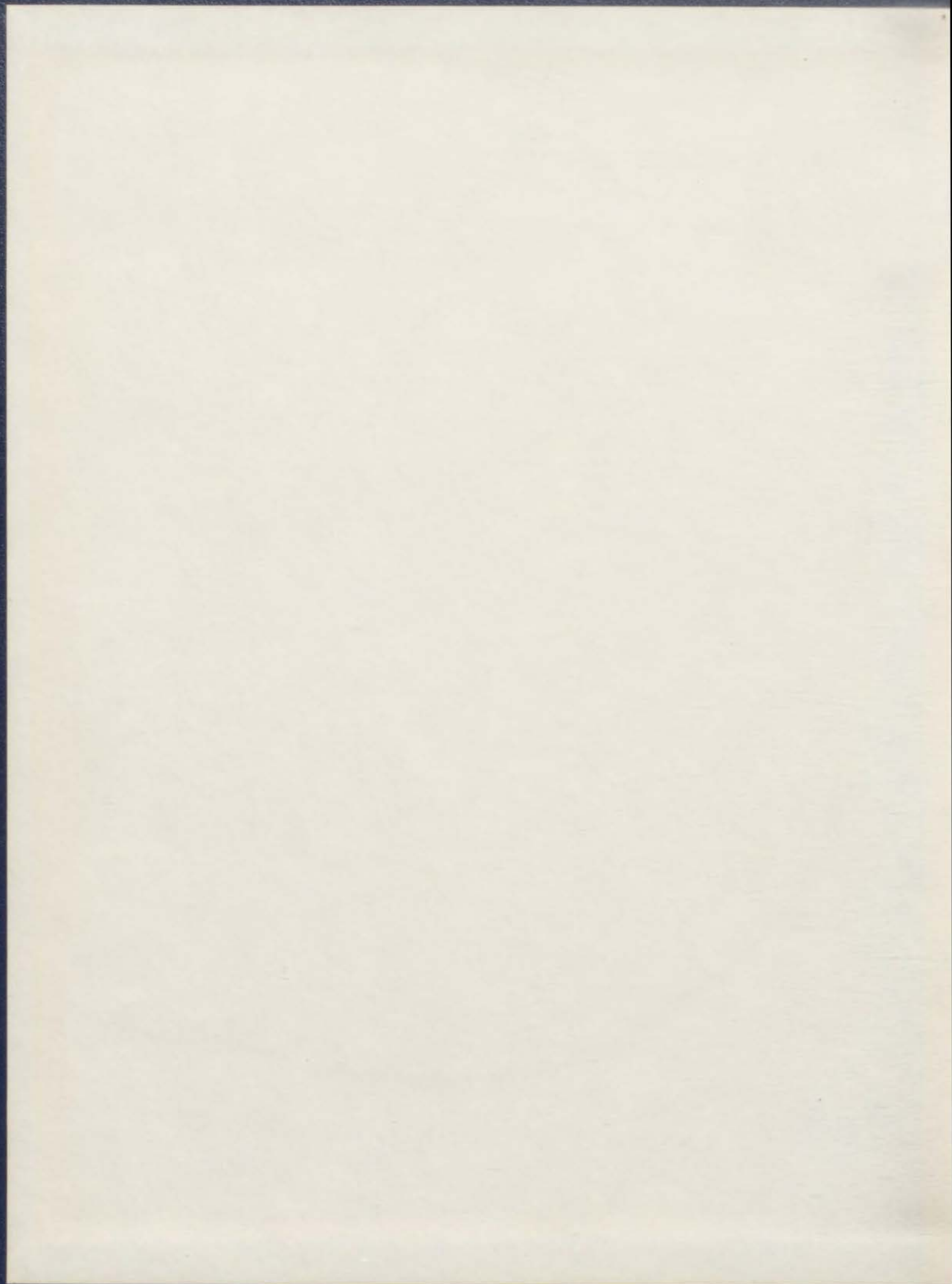


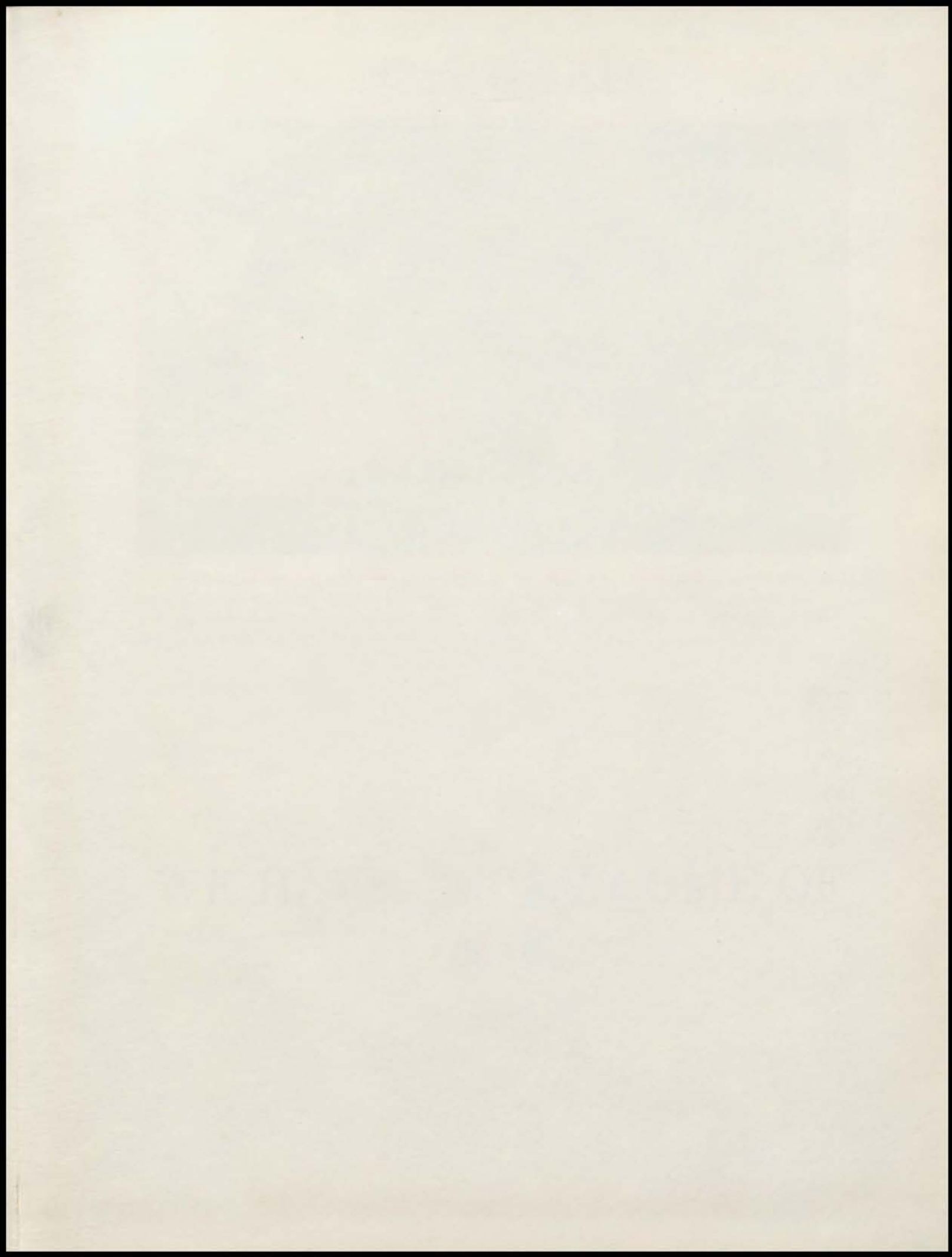


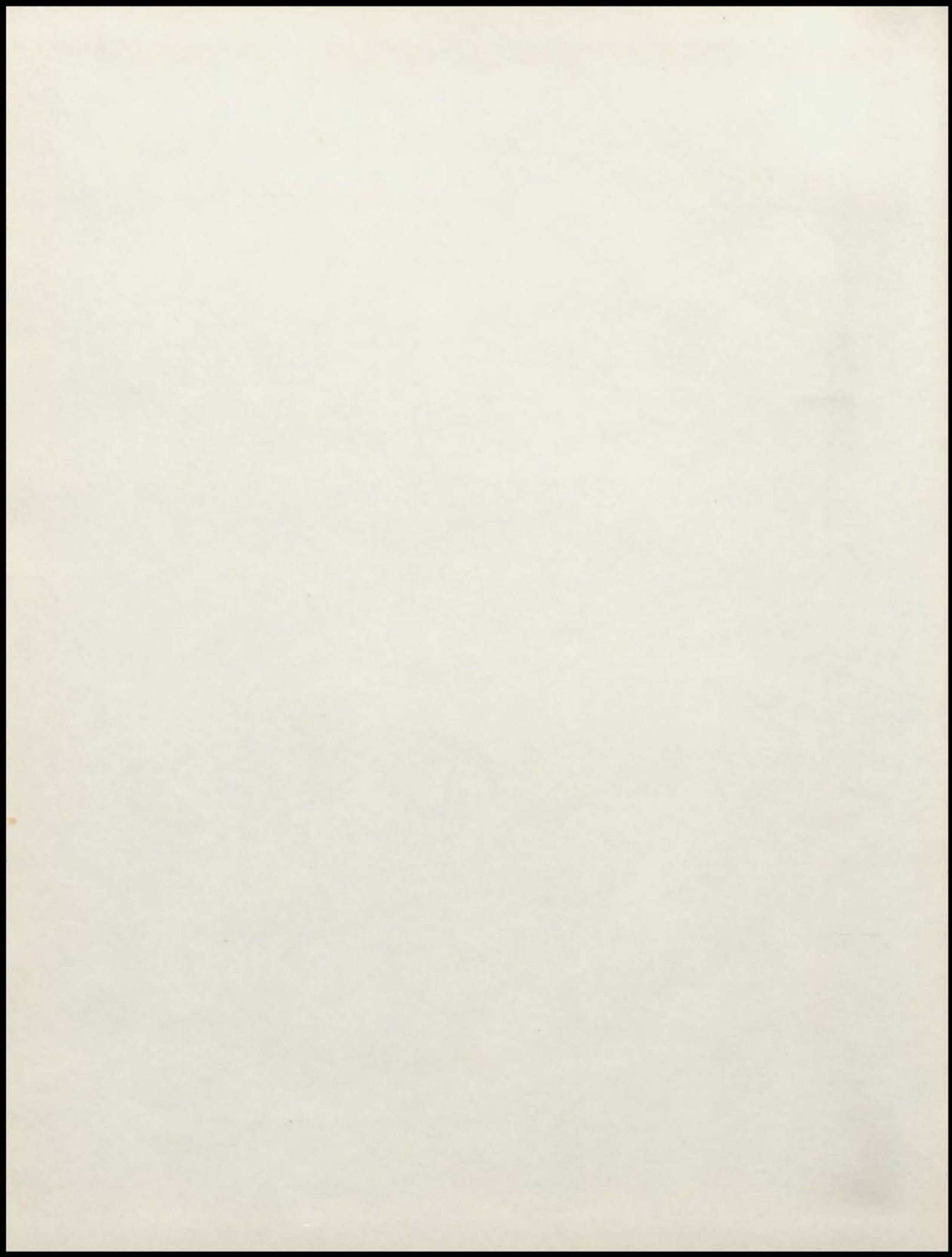
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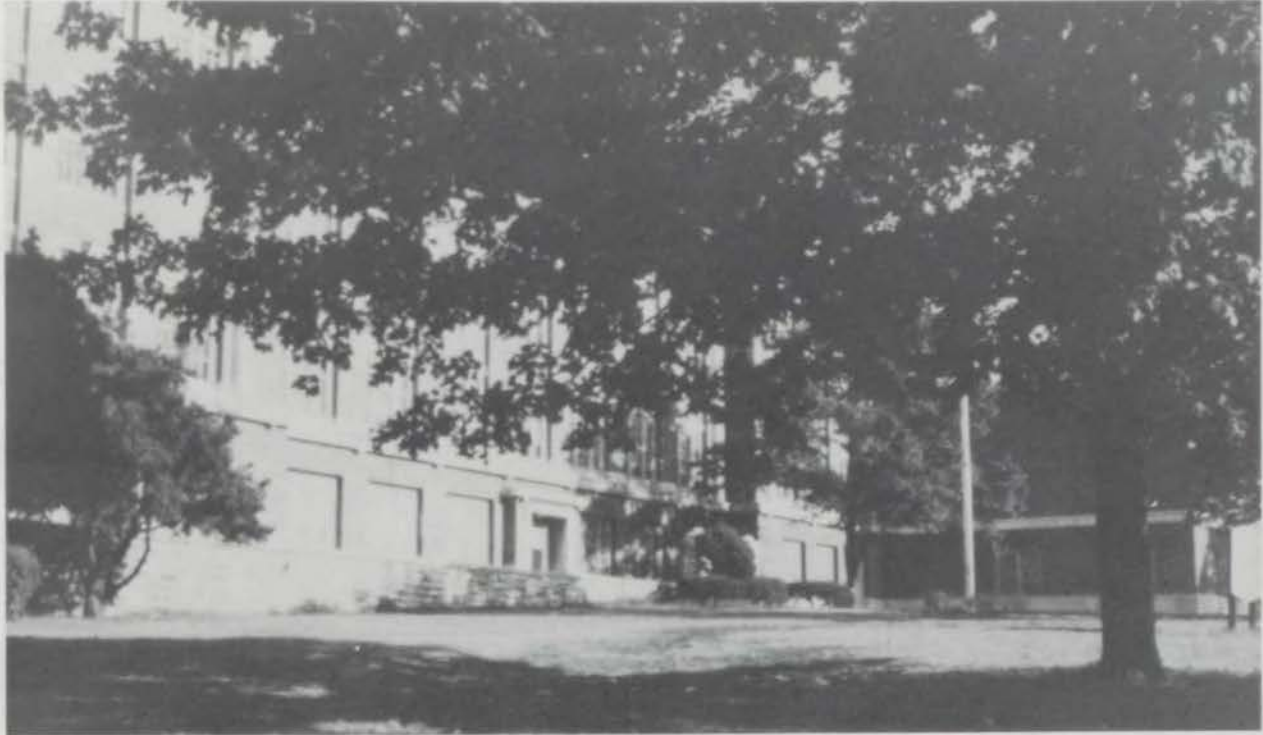
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# FORWARD



Uneducated, untried, unknown. The plight of a generation in a world full of uncertainty and anxiety. In our quest for uniqueness we have had to strive for acknowledgement to show not only the world but ourselves that excellence comes from within and with the realization of this fact, like a fine wine aged to perfection.....

## WE HAVE TRULY COME OF AGE

Central High School  
3231 Indiana  
Kansas City, Missouri  
64128

IN DEDICATION



Cynthia Givens

# WILLIAM PRUITT IN ACTION



In man's everyday grasp for life, he sees someone that stands out. That person stands out like a red rose in a bouquet of yellow tulips.

The individualness in any human being is his ego. That individual also has his hi's and low's. That individual is Mr. Prewitt.

Mr. Prewitt fits in Central High like a hand in a glove. Color, content, nor content was no barrier. Acceptance and achievement were all in his back pocket.

One of his most supporting statements at the games was "We're No. 1!" As a reminder to all, win or lose, we were still no. 1. The waving of his flag would lift his many spirits.

Mr. Prewitt would hang tough with the fellas and throw down with the young ladies.

When you've pushed for excellance and reach the other side, let it be known there's nothing left but pride.

Let

Love

Lead

The

Way.

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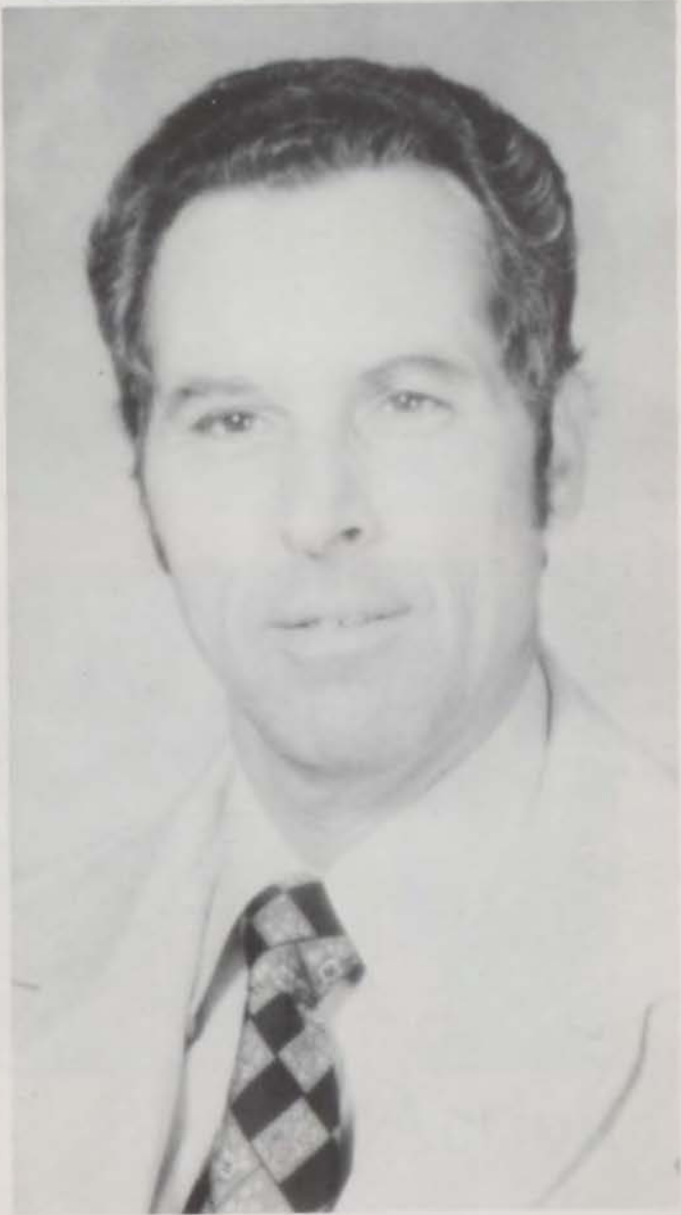
# ONTENTS

# Principal, Daniel L. Britton

It has been a very fortunate experience having the Excel Program operating directly within our school during the 1977-78 school year. However, far too many of our students at Central High School are abusing their educational opportunities today. It is not enough just to have our teachers, counselors, administrators along with Excel or any other organization working in the interest of educating our young people. Our youth at Central High School and throughout this nation must learn to take advantage of the educational opportunities that face them each day in a more constructive way in order that they may develop the kind of attitudes and character in their lives that will lay a solid foundation for them to experience a more productive future.



Vice-Principals,  
Melvin Franklin  
And  
Jack Cummins



# Excel



Dr. William McCarther



Rev. Jessie Jackson

## In

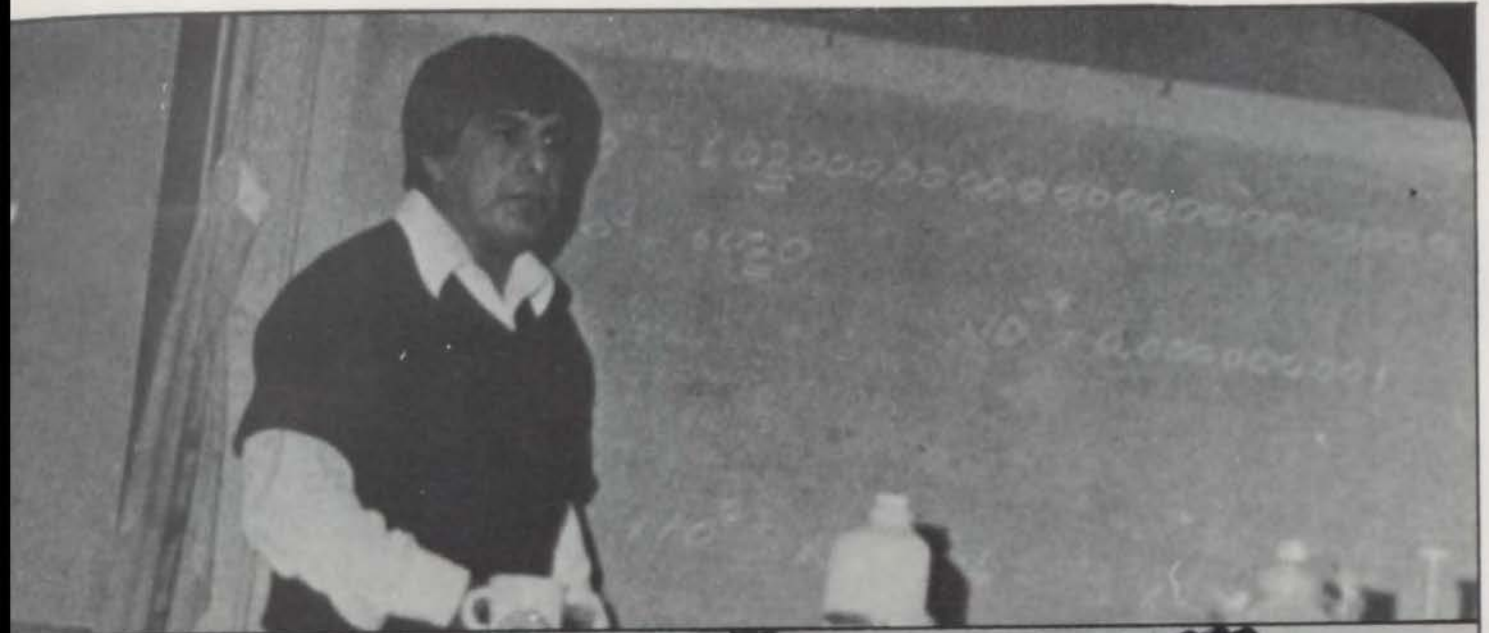
Operation Excel, a new body of workers for the uplift of student moral and achievement, was inspired by the Reverend Jessie Jackson. Started this year, it was headed by Dr. William McCarther. Throughout the year, under his guidance, many new programs have been instituted and many students helped to find new inspirations. We were happy to have been picked to be the school for the pioneering of this new project. It is the sincere hope of the whole student body and faculty alike that this new project can be used to aid not only the students of Central High School but also the students throughout the city in the future.



Action

# STAFF





Vickie Moore



Gloria L. Allen



Robert L. Beers



Jack Bush



Reinaldo M. Buso



Edward E. Clay





Joseph Cooper



Hershell Cox



Mr. Curtiss



Lillie B. Darden



Richard Davis



Bobbie Duhe



John Freeman



Lawrence Griffin

Ogden Hollars



Albertine G. Hadley





Sarah Hoss



Ralph Howe



Fred Holiwell

Godwin Iloka



Ida Jenkins



Mamie Jordan



Ress Koshland



Virginia Larson



Allene R. Lewis



Lawrence L. Lewis



Sylvester Heath



Easter Mason



Verna J. Lowe



Fred Murrell



Loree McGill



Velma McNeal



Judy Morgan



Joseph Redden

Ms. Robinson



Brenda Rivette





David C. Roe



Jesse Sands



Cynthia Sayles

Robert M. Seeley



Suzann D. Settle





Benjamin W. Shanklin



Elizabeth Sheffield



George Simms



Leonard Stevenson



Emma D. Stewart





Edmund J. Szubka



Marie Taffe



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Nancy Tucker



Anna L. Tunner



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Dorothy White



Johnetta Wells





V. L. Young



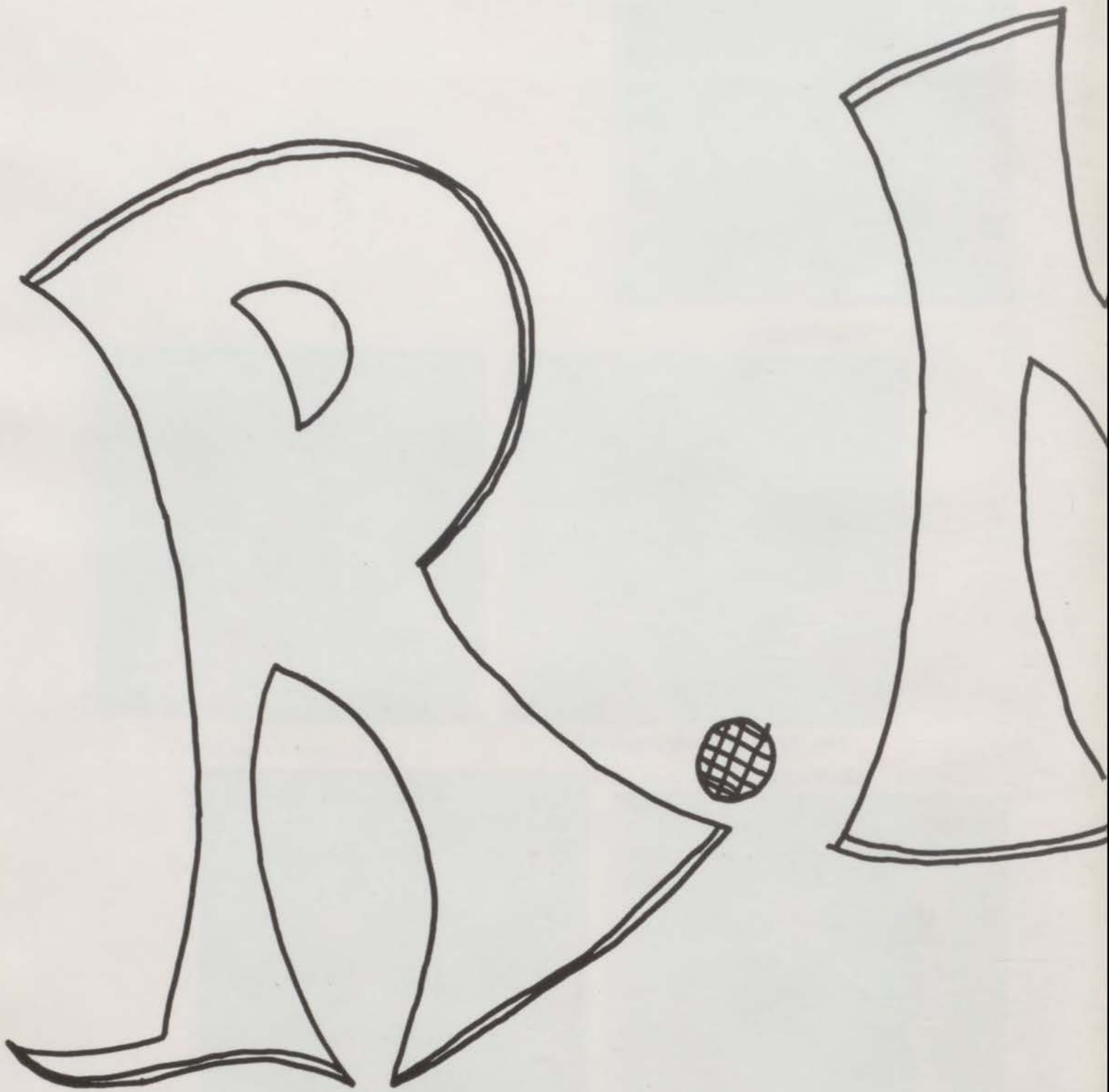
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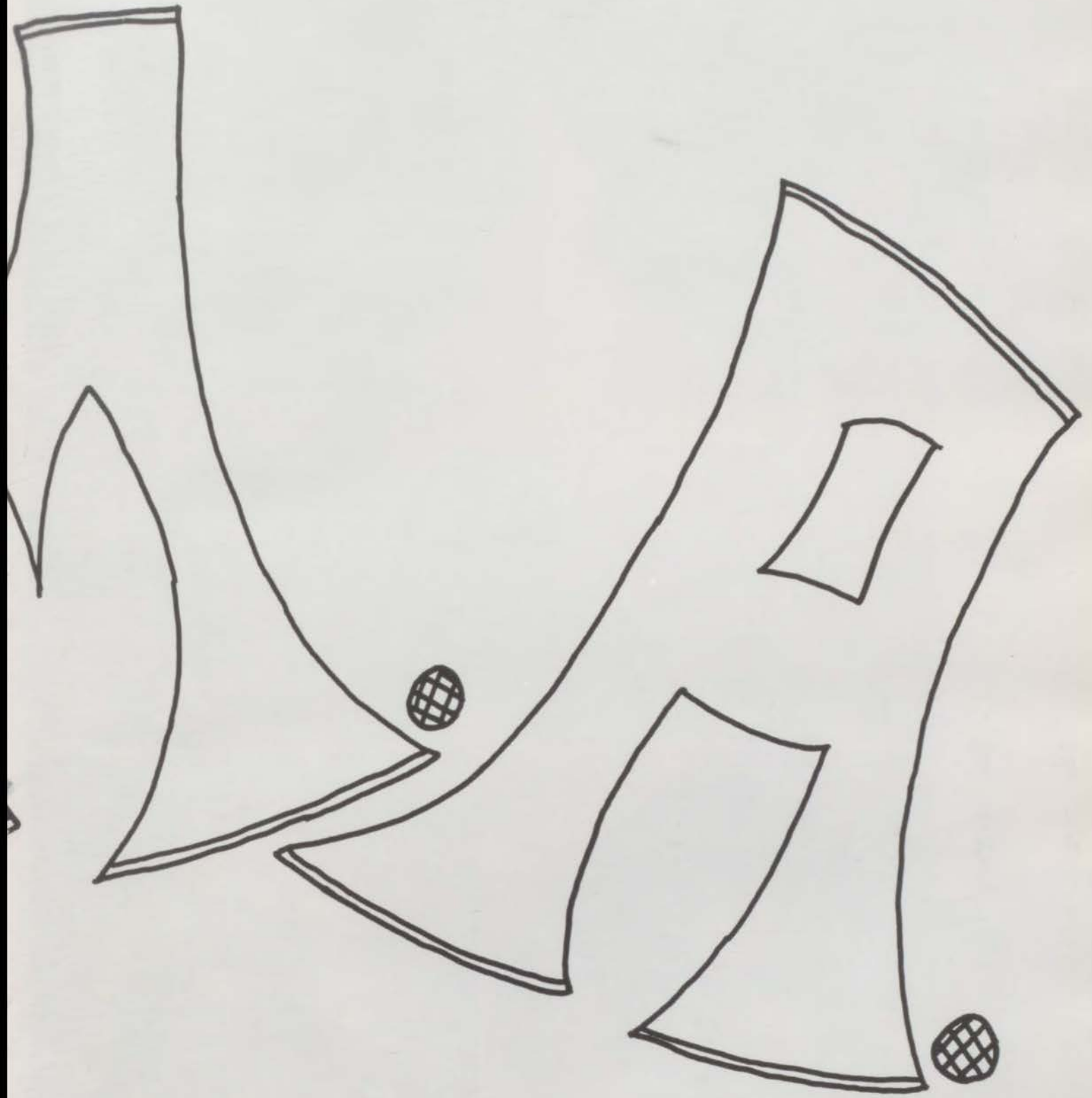


Mr. Taylor



Mr. Markovich





Counseling  
Staff  
Excels

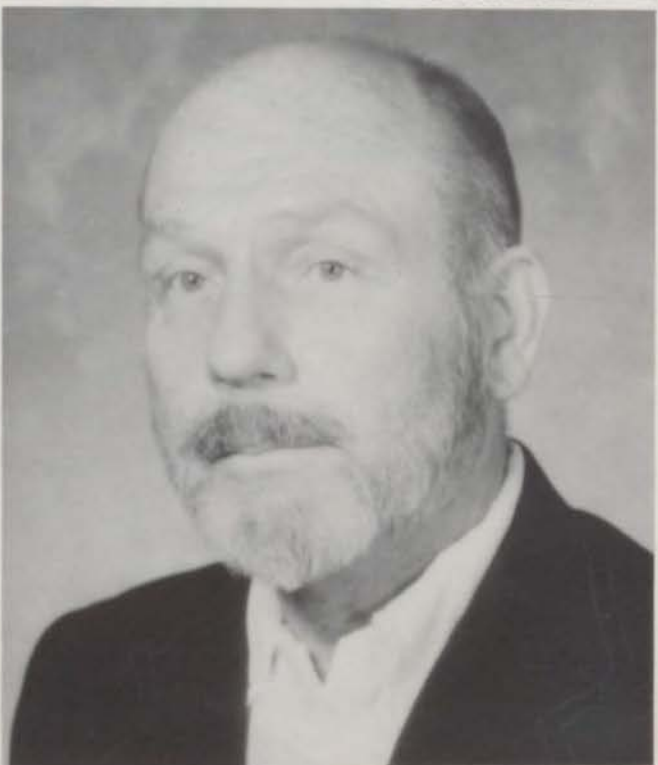
MS  
E.  
DIXON

MS  
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MR  
J. ALLEN

MR  
H. MENSCH





Ms. L. Walker



Ms. Newberry



Ms. Austin

# Supportive Staff

Mr. Wilkerson

Ms. Reynolds

Mr. Williams





Cafeteria Staff

## Excelling In The Areas



Mr. C. Hoard

Of



Ms. Smith

## Nutrition And Maintenance

Maintenance







Ms. R. Montgomery



Ms. Marsha Willis



Joyce Sickman, Registrar



Ms. Lillian Hayes



Ms. Freda Roberts



Ms. Ashly

"Come on in, have a seat,  
sit a week, don't ask for  
nothing to eat."



"It says here, . . ."

"I see by the paper, . . ."

MOM!!!



Wall Hawker



MEAN MR. CLEAN



Bashful Belle and Beau



“AAAAAAAAAAAAAY!”



“I’ll have her home by 9:30 sir.”



“Would you like some fish?”



“Yes, I would like some fish.”



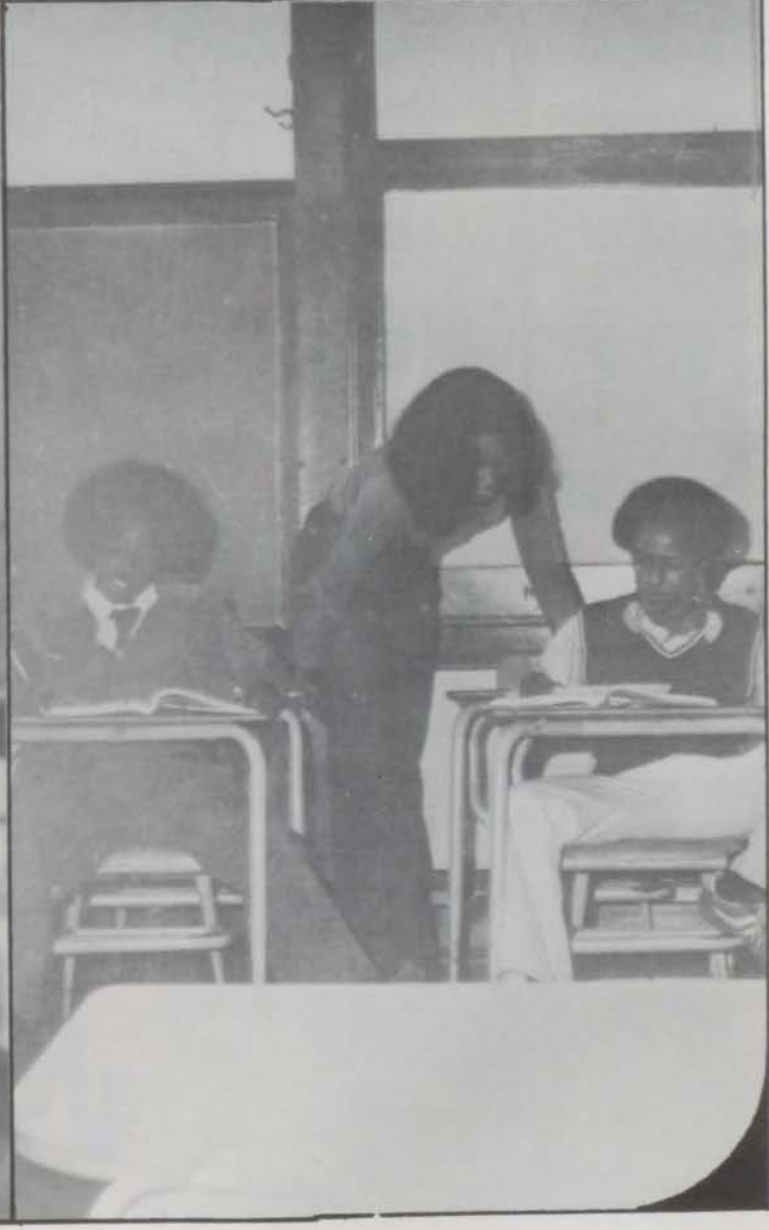
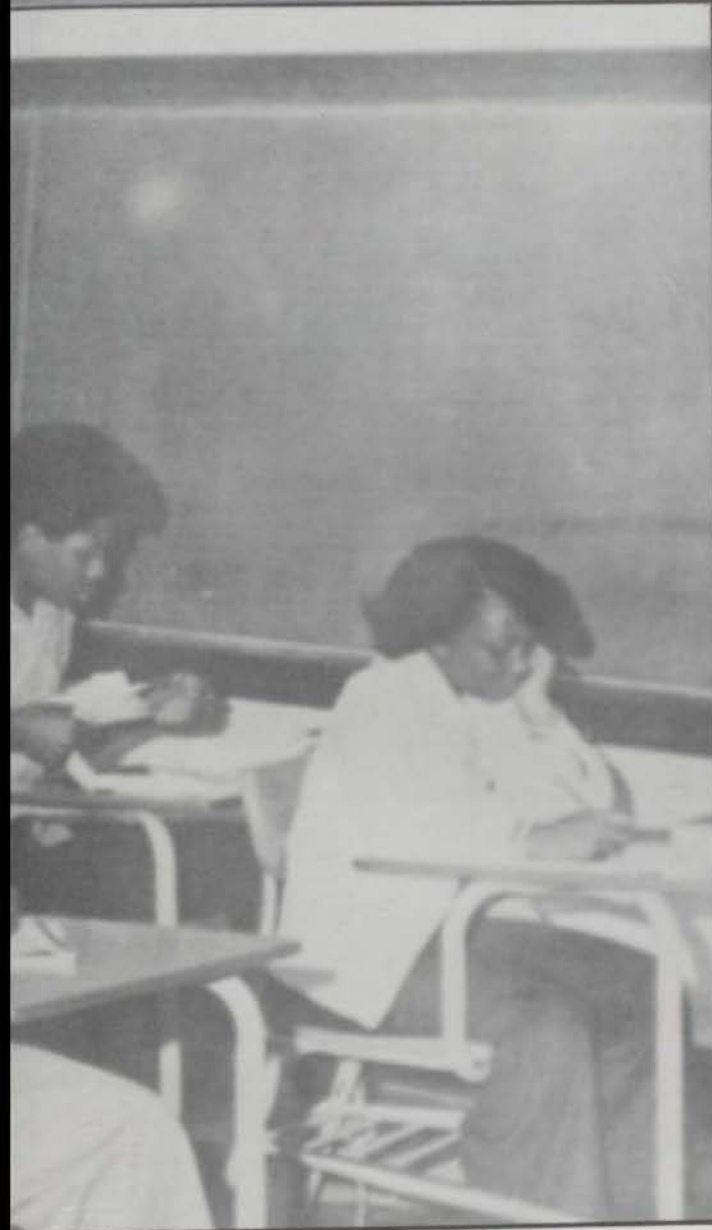
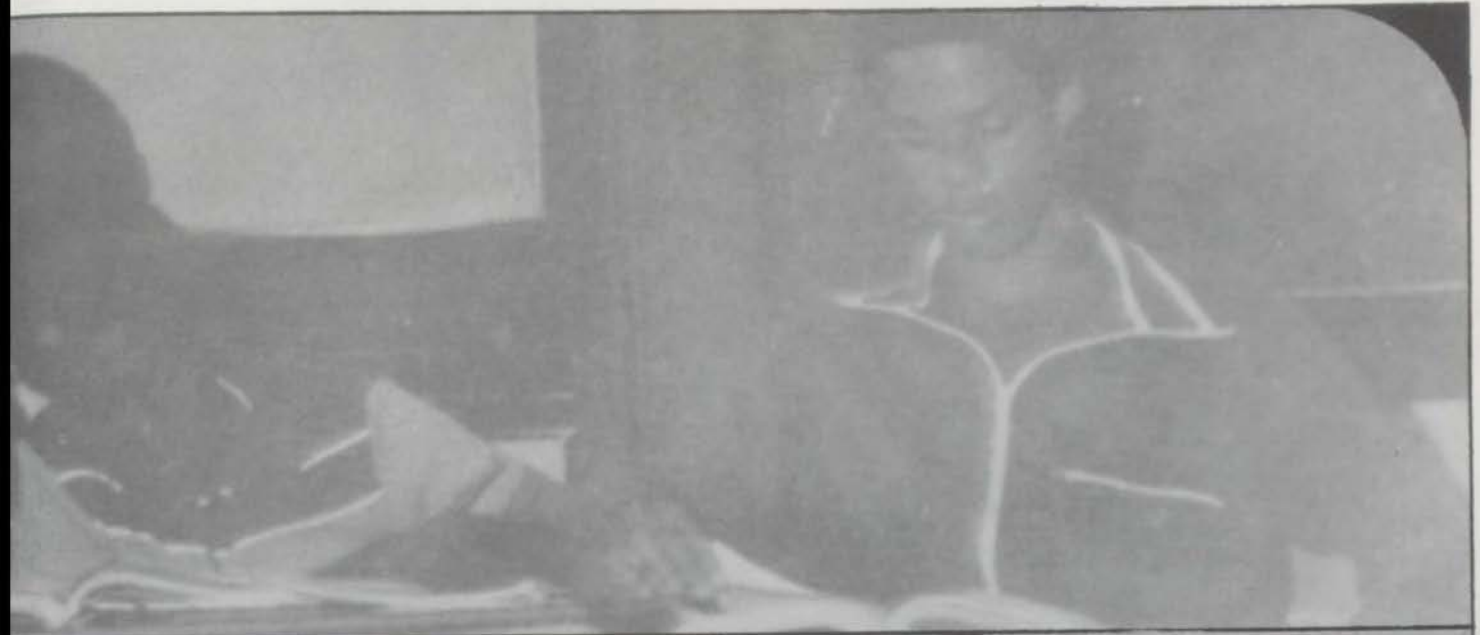
Up to my neck.



JOHNETTA

# FRITCHMAN





VICKIE MOORE



President  
Judy Powell



Secretary  
Michelle Britton

# CLASS

# GRASSHOPPER

# OFFICERS



Assistant Secretary  
Brenda West



Treasurer  
Vertricia Ramey



Cabinet Members, Renee Roe, Stephanie Powell, Willa Bruce, Rodney Harris, David Mondaine, Rudolph Smith, Aleasiah Prince, Dusene Allen, Josphine Hannel, Vertricia Ramey, Mary Wesly, Judy Powell, Michelle Britton, Brenda West

Adams, Carla  
 Adams, Phillip  
 Allen, Dosene  
 Anderson, Michael  
 Andrews, Vida



Bailey, Marjorie  
 Barnes, Cynthia  
 Barnes, Jacqueline  
 Beamon, Frank  
 Beard, Rita



Beaugard, Rosilyn  
 Black, John  
 Black, Steven  
 Boggess, Regina  
 Boyd, Lolita



Braden, Sheila  
 Bradley, Carolyn  
 Britton, Michelle  
 Brostic, Clifford  
 Brown, Charles



Brown, Darren  
 Brown, Irene  
 Brown, Jamil  
 Brown, Janice  
 Brown, Jimmie



Brown, Willie  
 Bruce, Tycine  
 Bruce, Willa  
 Bullock, Patricia  
 Burris, Sherrie







Bussey, Robert  
Byers, Chester  
Campbell, Cherrly  
Campbell, Teresa  
Cardoza, Joseph



Chamberlain, Mare  
Chamberlain, Marian  
Clark, Kim  
Clark, Micheal  
Cal, Andre



Cole, Elizabeth  
Cole, Nancy  
Coles, Odies  
Collins, Kevin  
Council, Lee



Cowans, Barbara  
Cox, Stephen  
Crawford, Betty  
Crump, Princess  
Crumpton, Marian



Davis, Lisa  
Dalamen, Dallas  
Donahue, Donald  
Drew, Terry  
Earley, Gregory



Fell, Marvin  
Fisher, Sherry  
Fleming, Micheal  
Forbush, Glen  
Ford, Jerald

Foreman, Garret  
 Frazier, Delneather  
 Gipson, Dorthia  
 Glenn, Darren  
 Gooley, Darletta



Grant, Vevina  
 Gray, Cedric  
 Gregory, Henry  
 Griffin, Keely  
 Gunn, Lester



Hanley, Jeffrey  
 Hanley, Josephine  
 Hannah, Sharon  
 Hanett, Alyce  
 Hardin, Charla



Hardin, Deborah  
 Hardy, Marcus  
 Hare, Rodney  
 Harness, David  
 Harris, Alphonzo



Harris, Betty  
 Harris, Davetta  
 Harris, Johnathan  
 Harris, Lenore  
 Harris, Sharon



Harris, Terri  
 Harrison, Anette  
 Hawkins, Beverly  
 Hawkins, Larry  
 Hayes, Bridgette





Helms, Charlene  
 Henderson, Brian  
 Henderson, Damon  
 Henderson, Shanel  
 Herring, Jane



Herring, Tedra  
 Higgins, William  
 High, Brian  
 Hill, Brenda  
 Hill, Sharon



Holly, Darryl  
 Holman, Brenda  
 Hollins, Melinda  
 Hooks, Gwenette  
 Hopkins, Linda



Jackson, Bridgett  
 Jackson, Tracy  
 Jackson, Vicki  
 Jefferies, Charles  
 Johnson, Angela



Johnson, Bobby  
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 Johnson, Michael  
 Johnson, Sharon  
 Johnson, William



Jones, Charlette  
 Jones, Monica  
 Jones, Rodney  
 Jones, Rosie  
 Junior, Beverly

Junior, Tyrone  
Lane, Suzanne  
Lewis, Elaine  
Lewis, Roland  
Lloyd, Derrick



Luckett, Denise  
Luckett, Jacquelyn  
Lunn, Daniel  
Mack, Ramona  
Mann, Carla



Mannings, Montrea  
Martin, Kenneth  
Martin, Sharon  
Martin, Warren  
Meade, Lemont



Milton, Margaret  
Mitchell, Linda  
McAdory, Sandra  
McClunie, Terence  
McCrae, Jeffrey



McGinnie, Annette  
Moon, Derrick  
Moore, Barbara  
Moore, Curtis  
Moore, Phillip



Mosby, Marva  
Nevins, Jacquelyn  
Noel, Charlene  
Nolan, Tammy  
Norton, Vincent





Olgetree, Brian  
 Pace, Priscilla  
 Paine, Linda  
 Palton, Vlesley  
 Parker, Annette



Parker, Carl  
 Pasley, Latresa  
 Patterson, Jeff  
 Paul, Obie  
 Perkins, Edward



Perkins, M.  
 Pitts, Michael  
 Pleasant, Cathy  
 Pledger, Sharon  
 Pouncil, Deborah



Powell, Judy  
 Powell, Stephanie  
 Powell, Susan  
 Price, Viola  
 Price, Alesia



Race, Sherril  
 Ramey, Vertria  
 Randle, David  
 Rashaw, Jeff  
 Richardson,  
 Adrienne



Richardson, Angela  
 Richardson, Ezra  
 Robertson, Anthony  
 Roe, Renee  
 Rogers, Ruth

Ross, Woody  
 Russel, Rodney  
 Saffold, Felish  
 Scott, Gregory  
 Scott, Rebecca



Sexton, Anna  
 Simmons, Sherry  
 Simmons, Tonia  
 Sims, Floyd  
 Sisson, Michael



Sisson, Michelle  
 Smith, Brenda  
 Smith, Leroy  
 Smith, Rudolph  
 Smith, S. J.



Smith, Wayne  
 Soloman, Leon  
 Spearman, Margret  
 Staley, Ray  
 Stanley, Ray



Starr, Dexter  
 Stephens, Jeffrey  
 Stigger, John  
 Stoner, Keenan  
 Tara, Arthur



Taylor, Teresa  
 Taylor, Navarra  
 Taylor, Teri  
 Tivis, Carmella  
 Thomas, Dava





Thomas Patricia  
Thomas, Stephanie  
Thompson, Phillip  
Toliver, Keith  
Trent, Darren



Walker, Theodor  
Walker, Tony  
Wallace, Charles  
Ward, Janice  
Washington, Debra



Washington, Ernestine  
Washington, Wanda  
Waters, Cornell  
Watson, Ellie  
Watson, Stephanie



Webbs, Jerry  
Wells, Renee  
Wesley, Mary  
Whitley, Dwayne  
Whitley, Regina



Whitters, Nathan  
Williams, Barbara  
Williams, Bruce  
Williams, Cortes  
Williams, Damon



Williams, Gary  
Williams, Loretta  
Williams, Roland  
Williams, Sandera  
Willingham, Henry

Winfield, Felix  
 Woods, Ross  
 Yancy, Damon  
 Yates, Jackie



Wolf  
 Andre Cal



Blue And White Pride  
 Ruth Rogers  
 David Mondaine



Most Popular  
 Judy Powell  
 Dexter Day



Best Dressed  
 Terry Drew  
 Leon Wallace

**FRENCHMEN**

**CLASS OF 1971**





Best Build  
Gwenette Hooks  
Bobby Robinson

# CLASS OF 81



Best Athlete  
Alesia Prince  
Derrick Lloyd



Loudest Mouth  
Sherrill Race



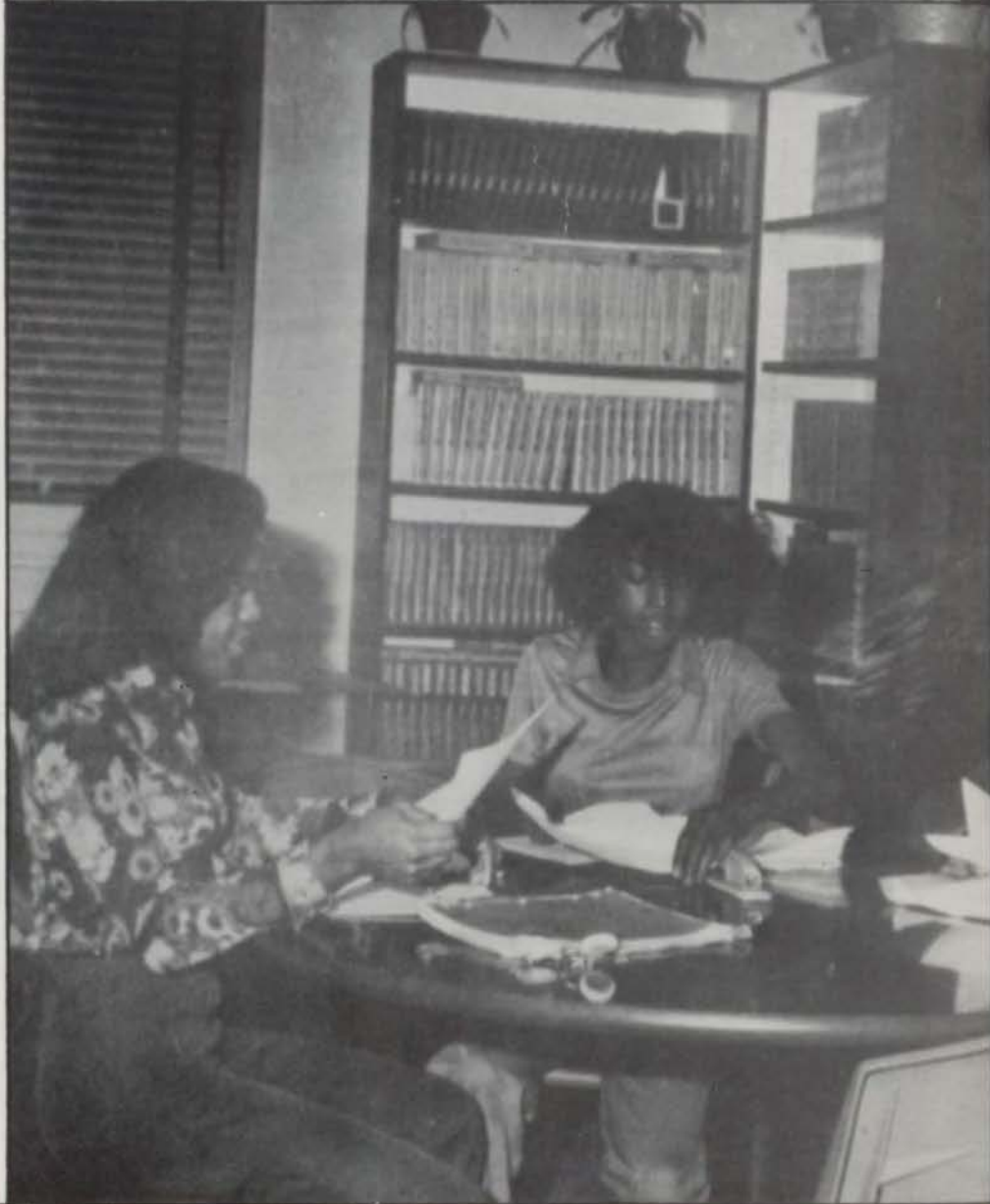
Most Likely To Succeed  
Jacquelyn Neuine  
Frank Beamon

# CLASS OF 81



Best Couple  
Willia Bruce  
Bobby Robinson

# TOPHMORE





VICKIE MOORE



Adolph Hudson  
President



Decra Foreman  
Vice President



Iley Givens  
2nd Vice President



Byron Canady  
Sgt. At Arms



Nina Harrison  
Sgt. At Arms



Sonya Boykins  
Treasurer



Pam Phillips  
Secretary



Staria Griffin  
Asst. Secretary



Cabinet



Vickie Seals & Stephan Irons  
Wolf & Fox



Nina Harrison & Nathan Jackson  
Best Hair Strands



Toni Mack & Dale Allen  
Most Popular



Byron Canady & Stephanie  
Anderson  
Most Likely To Succeed



Regina Brown & Ronald Moore  
Class Jammers



Michele Wiles & James Roberts  
Class Clowns



Pam Bowen & David Jamison  
Best Athlete



Angie Hill & Tony White  
Best Built



Mary Holliman & Nathan Yearby  
Pleasing Personality



Rhonda Matlock  
Blue & White Pride



Charles Beamon  
Best Dressed

Acklin, Silvester  
 Adams, Curtis  
 Allen, Dale  
 Anderson, Dan  
 Anderson,  
 Gregory



Anderson,  
 Marion  
 Anderson,  
 Stephanie  
 Anthony,  
 Aldonhus  
 Barnes, Meta  
 Beamon, Charles



Beard, Kevin  
 Bell, Carolyn  
 Bellazer, Sharon  
 Blackwell,  
 Leverta  
 Bosley, Carolyn



Bowen, Pamela  
 Boykin, Sonya  
 Brooks, Litonya  
 Brooks, Michael  
 Brown, David



Brown, Derek  
 Brown, Gloria  
 Brown, Leslie  
 Brown, Mark  
 Brown, Regina



Bruce, Wade

Bullock, Gloria

Burch, Willa

Burrell, Joseph

Canady, Nathaniel

Carmon, Juan



Cameron, Allen  
 Craig, Donald  
 Cordoza, Tina  
 Chamberline,  
 Brian  
 Childress,  
 Gregory



Childress, James  
 Childress, Stacey  
 Christian,  
 Rosiland  
 Clark, Annette  
 Clark, Diana



Clark, Janice  
 Clark, Thomas  
 Cole, Odetta  
 Coleman, Brian  
 Collins, Donna



Collins, Gregory  
 Collins, Michael  
 Cowans, Teresa  
 Crumpton,  
 Valinda  
 Culclager,  
 Adriene



Culclager, Paula  
 Danton, Vanessa  
 Davidson,  
 Pamela  
 Davis, Michael  
 Dennis, Denise



Dixon, Sharon

Dorcy, Kevin

Douglas, Donna

Dunnell, Wilbur

Ferdinand, James

Flakes, Bonnie

Flueluen, Valerie  
 Forbush, Glen  
 Foreman, Decra  
 Forest, Saleena  
 Forest, Salesse



Frances, Marcia  
 Frazier, Elaine  
 Gatan, Lionel  
 Gertrude, Rose  
 Gibson, Patricia



Gines, Marvin  
 Givens, Iley  
 Glover, Gary  
 Gloves, Jeffrey  
 Godard, Terry



Grantt, Marleve  
 Griffins, Stana  
 Gunn, Freddy  
 Hall, Robin  
 Holloway,  
 Patricie



Hamilton, Ona  
 Hampton, Ricky  
 Harris, Steve  
 Harris, Terry  
 Harrison, Nina



Harvey Collette

Harvey, Raleigh

Hayes, Denise

Hayes, Donna

Henderson, Darryl

Henderson, Nate





Henderson,  
Virginia  
Hill, Angela  
Hobody, Mignon  
Holliman, Mary  
Holman, Linda



Hopkins, Larry  
Hudson, Adolph  
Hughes, Angelita  
Hughes, Ricky  
Hughes, Teresa



Hughes, Ronald  
Iron, Stephan  
Isaish, Bridget  
Jackson  
Jackson, Aaron



Jackson,  
Chauncetto  
Jackson, Kathy  
James, Robert  
Jamison, David  
Johnson,  
Anthony



Johnson, Carmen  
Johnson, Dana  
Johnson, Michael  
Johnson,  
Rosilanda  
Johnson, Tamara



Johnson, Timothy

Johnson, Wayne

Jones, Irene

Jones, Marcus

Jones, Michael

Jones, Ritchie

Joseph, Cochran  
 Kearney, Mark  
 Kelly, Rene  
 Demp, Darryl  
 Kennedy, Natalie



Kindred, Rita  
 King, Carla  
 Kinney, Robert  
 Kinney, Rose  
 Layton, Clyde



Leachman,  
 Lacenia  
 Lee, William  
 Lewis, Rose  
 Lloyd, Bryant  
 Logan, Charles



Looney, Donna  
 Lovingood,  
 Dwayne  
 Lunn, Leslie  
 Mack, Toni  
 Madden,  
 Kristina



Manuel, Isiah  
 Marshall, Harvey  
 Martin, Michael  
 Matlock, Rhonda  
 McCrary, Alan



McDaniel, Harold    McElron, Gary    McGautha, Melva    McGee, Josephine    McGinnie, Linda    McKinney, Rosemary



McMillon, Theil  
Mennifee, Melvin  
Miles, Adrienne  
Miles,  
Gwendolyn  
Milo, Gregory



Mitchell, Larita  
Moraan, Pamela  
Morgan, Shirley  
Mosby, Cynthia  
Mosley, Fidel



Murray, Shelia  
Neal, Detria  
Norwood, Katie  
Oliver, Monica  
Pace, Debra



Palmer, Arletha  
Palmer, William  
Parker, Paul  
Pasley, Darren  
Patterson, Anita



Payne, Sharon  
Perkins, Roberts  
Phillins, Ferricks  
Phillins, Pamela  
Powell, Frederick



Reed, Michael

Rhodes, Louvilla

Richardson, Darren

Roberson, Bruce

Roberts, Jacqueline

Roberts, James

Robinson, Cassandra  
 Robinson, Tina  
 Rogers, Ronald  
 Roland, Michael  
 Ross, Esther



Roulette, Chauncy  
 Rowden, Keith  
 Royal, Winnie  
 Rukge, Karen  
 Rushing, Michael



Russel, Donna  
 Sample, Rick  
 Samuels, Pat  
 Sanderson, Calvin  
 Scott, Rhonda



Shinault, Derrick  
 Shirley, Rock  
 Slaughter, Clifford  
 Smith, Lavale  
 Smith, S. Jay



Stamps, Betty  
 Starnes, Bernard  
 Stewart, Raymond  
 Stigler, Curtis  
 Stokes, David



Terrill, Timothy  
 Thomas, Carolyn  
 Thomas, Darryl  
 Thomas, Eliza  
 Toombs, Reginald





Traylor, Dorothy  
Traylor, Gladys  
Trent, Darnel  
Trent, Donald  
Vaughn,  
Jacqueline



Walker, Merle  
Walker, Michael  
Walker, Phillip  
Walker, Robert  
Walker, Sheila



Wallace, Tracie  
Ward, James  
West, Donald  
Wheeler, Sandra  
White, Anthony



White, Gary  
Williams, Alan  
Williams,  
Barbara  
Williams,  
Jefferies  
Williams, Joyce



Williams, Kim  
Williams, Roger  
Wilson, Pamela  
Wilson, Patricia  
Wilson, Sylvia



Winfield, Gwen  
Witt, Mary  
Wren, Craig  
Wyatt, Paul/  
Wyatt, Sherry

# JUNIOR





*VICTIE MOORE*

Andrews, Gary  
 Bennett,  
 Anthony  
 Bolton, Regina  
 Bostic, Denise  
 BOWLS, Vicki



Boyd, Troy  
 Bradley, Michael  
 Brager, Rose  
 Brooks,  
 Catherine  
 Brown, Edna



Bruce, Ward  
 Bufford,  
 Kenneth  
 Bufford, Sandra  
 Burell, Livi  
 Burch, Brenda



Campbell,  
 Michael  
 Campbell, Darel  
 Canady, Shirley  
 Clark, Sheila  
 Clark, Theresa



Cooper, Mathew  
 Dachery, Brian  
 Dancer, Glenda  
 Davis, Kim  
 Dearborn,  
 Pamela



Denson, Donna  
 Dickerson, Linette  
 Drummer, Tanya  
 Edward, Allen







Edwards, Donald  
Ersery, David  
Fells, Lori  
Finch, Joyce  
Flakes, Sharon



Ford, Dwayne  
Fuitz, Sandra  
Garrett, Jerome  
Gentry, Darlene  
Gibson, Gail



Gibson, Wayne  
Gines, Angela  
Gissentower,  
Sheila  
Garner, Tonya  
Goddard, Nancy



Granes, Deborah  
Harden,  
LeAndrew  
Hardin, Sonya  
Harris, Sonya  
Harrison,  
Barbara



Haskins, Vanessa  
Henderson,  
Sylvia  
Herring, Vicki  
Hill, Crystal  
Hollinshead,  
Darryl



Hughes, Angela  
Hunter, Graig  
Innis, Charles  
Isaieh, Darryl

Jackson, Levore  
 Jackson, Sherri  
 Jamerson,  
 Michael  
 Jamerson,  
 Roderick  
 Jimberly, Aaron



Johson, Bobbie  
 Johnson, Cheryl  
 Johnson, Harold  
 Johnson, Jimmy  
 Johnson, Kerry



Johnson, Thurman  
 Jones, Angela  
 Jones, Carolyn  
 Jones, Denise  
 Jones, Rhonda



Jones, Vanessa  
 Kimes, Mark  
 King, Gwendolyn  
 Langford, Cheryl  
 Logan, Charles



Lovingood,  
 Karen  
 Lunn, John  
 Mack, Carla  
 Madden,  
 Candace  
 Madden, Patricia



Magice, Roy  
 Martin, Ruby  
 McConnell, Shiela  
 McDaniel, Beverly





McDonald, Robert  
 McGilra, Leon  
 McLin, Michael  
 Milo, Mattie  
 Miller, Robert



Mosby, Carrie  
 Mosby, Fidel  
 Moss, Karen  
 Nash, Kathy  
 Moten, Crag



Newson, Kenneth  
 Norton, Peggy  
 Norwood, Samiel  
 Norwood,  
 Senolder  
 Nicholson, Al



Palmer, Jeffery  
 Parker, Virgil  
 Pierce, L'tanya  
 Pitts, Carmen  
 Porter, Bruce



Porter, Carolyn  
 Powell, Earley  
 Powell, Sheila  
 Race, Gregory  
 Ramsry, Marilyn



Ricks, Christopher  
 Robinson, David  
 Robinson, Sharon  
 Rollins, Teresa

Ross, Mark  
 Jamson, Micheal  
 Scott, Stacy  
 Seals, Toni  
 Shaw, Charles



Shepard, Rhond  
 Sims, Elvester  
 Sims, James  
 Slaughter,  
 Barbara  
 Smith, Carl



Smith, Dell  
 Smith, Raymond  
 Smith, S. J.  
 Sorrels,  
 Antionette  
 Starnes,  
 Gwendolyn



Starr, Jackie  
 Starr, Roscoe  
 Stephens, Jerome  
 Tatum, Micheal  
 Taylor, Anglia



Taylor, Lisa  
 Temple, Belinda  
 Thomas, Diana  
 Thomas, John  
 Thomas, Johnny



Thomas, Karen  
 Thomas, Micha  
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Thompson, Mary  
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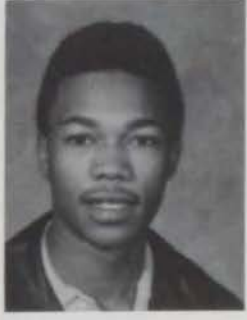
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Waters, Okriedce



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White, Patrice  
White, Priscilla



Wiform, Carla  
Williams, Cassandra  
Williams, Cornella  
Williams, Franklin  
Williams, Jacqueline



Williams, Tina  
Williams, Yvette  
Wilson, Gregory  
Wiseman,  
Rebecca  
Wofford, Charles



Vaughans, Stanley  
Wren, Barbara  
Wynn, Theresa

# JUNIOR OFFICERS

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Beverly McDaniels

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Dwayne Ford

Secretary

Connie Williams

Treasurer

Denise Jones

Sgt. At. Arms

David Ersery



# JUNIOR CABINET

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# JUNIOR O.W. BALLOT QNA



David Ersery  
Beverly McDaniel  
MOST POPULAR



Bruce Porter  
Teresa Wynn  
BEST DRESS



Stacy Scott  
Rebecca Wiseman  
CLASS CLOWNS



Virgil Parker  
BEST BUILT



Craig Hunter  
Carla Mack  
BLUE & WHITE PRIDE



Charles Wofford  
Cheri Walls  
CLASS JAMMERS



Craig Hunter  
Shiela McConnell  
MR. & MRS.



Gwendolyn Starnes  
PLEASING  
PERSONALITY



Donald Edwards  
Monica Ross  
SHY TWOSOME



Virgil Parker  
Brenda Abney



Dwayne Ford  
Beverly McDaniel  
DONE MOST FOR  
CENTRAL



Anthony Talley  
WOLF



David Ersery  
Gwendolyn Starnes  
MOST LIKELY TO  
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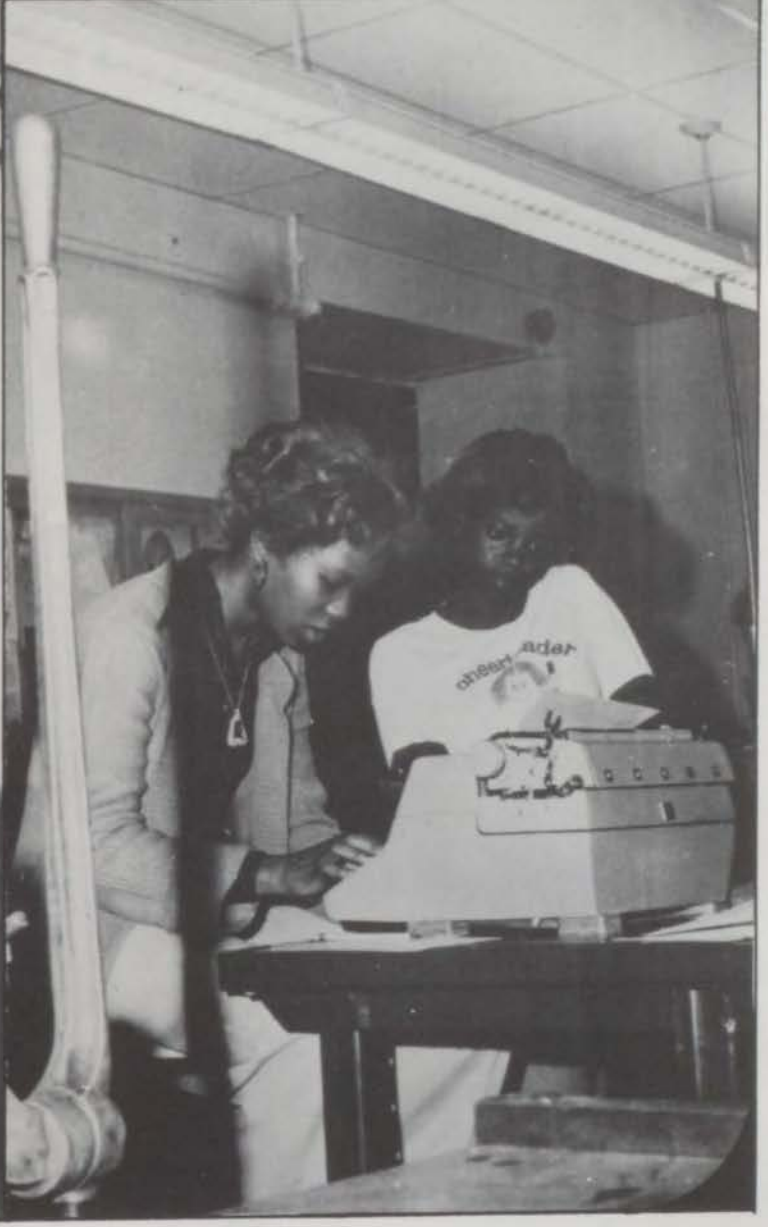


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Most Likely to Succeed  
Eric Newsome - Brenda Darden  
Mr. & Mrs.  
Michael Franklin & Velda Cook



Most Popular  
Vernon Winfrey - Linda Rieves  
Best Build  
Teresa Patterson - Gary Mitchell





Pleasing Personality  
 Derrick Love - Terri Allen  
 Class Jammers  
 Lonnie Smith - Earlene Reed

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Best Dressed  
 Darryl Bush - Not pictured Carletta Riley  
 Best Athletes  
 Cynthia McClain - Michael Coleman





Best Hairstrand  
Karen Harrison - Vernon Farley



Senior Announcer  
Lonnie Smith



Scatterbrain  
Antionette Strickland



Senior Cabinet



President-Linda Rieves

# Senior Officers



Secretary-Sheila Ross



Assistant Secretary



Simone Tyson



Treasurer-Terri Allen  
Assistant Treasurer



Sgt. at Arms-Anthony Buggs



Assistant Sgt. at Arms  
Dorri Fields



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# Summer Activities





# Senior Activities

## A

Alford, Katherine- 1976 Track Team  
Allen, Cassandra- 1977 Volley Ball, 1976 Track Team  
Allen, Curtis-  
Allen, Jeffery- Freshman Football, Junior Varsity Football, Junior Varsity Track, Marching Band, R.O.T.C., Battalion Staff, Varsity Track, Varsity Football, Athletes For Excellence  
Allen, Terri- Majorettes, Sophomore Cabinet Officer, Facilities, Pep Club, Varsity Tennis Team, Student Council, Senior Cabinet Officer, Explorer's Post Officer, Gospel Choir, Junior Cabinet  
Anderson, Doris-  
Ashley, Terry-

## B

Bagsby, Reginald- Junior Vice President, Student Council  
Treasurer, Band, Math Club, Pride Association, Explorer Post, Tennis Team, Latin Club  
Baker, Elizabeth-  
Baker, Terry-  
Barnett, Kim-  
Bates, Alan-  
Beard, Jerome-  
Bowen, Anita-  
Bowman, Moni- Football Team, Math Club, Spanish Club, Junior Achievement Company President, Judge of Yearbook Cover Contest  
Bradford, Howard- Honor Roll Student, C.O.E.  
Brandon, Beverly-  
Brooks, Crystal- C.O.E., Student Council, Sophomore Cabinet, Junior Cabinet, Senior Cabinet, Pep Club, C Club, Booster Club, Luminary Staff, Track Team, Volleyball Team, Yearbook Staff, Explorer's Post, Honor Roll, 2nd Runner-up Junior Queen, Graduating Committee  
Brooks, Dale- Student Council, Explorer's Post, Junior Cabinet, Pride Association  
Brown, Cletis- A-Band, Drama Club, C.O.E.  
Brown, Darren-  
Brown, Toni-  
Brunner, Joyce-  
Buggs, Anthony- Cross Country, Track & Field, C Club, Math Club, Freshman Cabinet, Junior Cabinet, Senior Cabinet, C.O.E., Explorer's Post, Red Cross, Graduation Committee  
Bush, Darryl- Freshman Basketball, Freshman Cross Country, Varsity Basketball-3 Years, Student Council, C Club  
Byrd, Delisa

## C

Cal, Joyce-  
Carter, Jannett- Pep Club, Junior Cabinet, Honor Society  
Carter, Jill-  
Cobb, Darryl- Band, Choir, C.O.E.  
Cole, Joyce- Pep Club, Gospel Choir, Concert Choir, Explorer's Post, Pom-Pon Girls, Girl's Track  
Coleman, Michael- Freshman Football, C Club, Freshman Basketball, Varsity Basketball, Senior Cabinet, PUSH For Excellence  
Coleman, Valerie-  
Cook, Velda-  
Cooper, Daniel-  
Cox, Michael-  
Crawford, Alonzo-  
Crawford, Alphanzo-  
Curren, Marla-

## D

Darden, Brenda- National Honor Society, Freshman Cheerleader, 2-Year Task Force, Student Council, Central Betterment Committee, C Club Vice President, Freshman Cabinet, Sophomore Cabinet, Junior Cabinet, Senior Cabinet, Facilities Council, Drill Team Co-Captain, Student Tutor, Honor Society - 4 Year, A.A.U.W.  
Davis, Mary-  
Davis, Willis- Marching Band, Orchestra, Varsity Tennis, Senior Cabinet, Drill Team Drummer, C.O.E., Explorer's Post, Red Cross, Graduation Committee  
Delaney, Andre-  
Dixon, Larry-  
Duncan, Mereline-  
Dunn, Karen-

Drake, James-

## E

Eskridge, Sharon- Freshmen Cabinet, Majorette, Junior Cabinet, Explorer's Post, Candidate For Junior Basketball Queen, Candidate For Football Queen, Senior Cabinet, Officer Helper  
Estis, Karen- A.A.U.W., National Honor Society  
Eubanks, Janice-  
Everette, Rosalyn-

## F

Faniel, Eric- Student Council, Freshman Track Team, Marching, Concert Stage Band, Pride Association, Explorer's Post  
Fayne, Deborah-  
Fayne, Denise-  
Fitzpatrick, Steven-  
Fields, Dorri- Freshman Cabinet, Sophomore Cabinet, Explorer's Post Officer, Junior Cabinet  
Ford, Carol-  
Fortenberry, Cotenzie-  
Frazier, Henry-

## G

Gaines, Harry-  
Garlington, Mary-  
Gates, Vanessa-  
Gines, Rendy-  
Gordon, Antoinette- Band, Mix Choir, Pep Club  
Gordon, Mark-  
Gray, Delaine- R.O.T.C. Drill Team, Latin Club  
Grayson, Beverly-  
Green, Stephanie- C.O.E. Program, Explorer's Post  
Griffith, Raymond- Pride Association  
Guess, Yolanda

## H

Haley, Beverly-  
Harrison, Karen- Pep Club, Junior Cabinet, Booster Club, Yearbook Staff  
Harvey, Collette-  
Henderson, Glenda- Junior Cabinet, Junior Cabinet Secretary, National Honor Society, Central Honor Society, A.A.U.W., Latin Club, Student Council, Math Club, Explorer's Post, Junior Achievement, Peer Counseling, Pep Club, Student Tutor, Talent Identification Program, Sophomore Cabinet, Spanish Club, Business Club  
Hicks, George- Senior Cabinet, Explorer's Post, Student Council, Luminary Staff, Centralian Staff, Junior Cabinet, Band  
Hicks, Stephanie- Gospel Choir, Junior Cabinet, Sophomore Cabinet, Choir A, Choir B, Yearbook Staff, Honor Society, Junior Achievement  
Hightower, Michelle-  
Hindsman, Deidra- A.A.U.W., Spanish Club, National Honor Society  
Holly, Teresa- C.O.E., Junior Achievement, Graduation Committee  
Howard, Clifton-  
Hubbard, Deborah- Drill Team  
Hudson, Michael- Student Council, Explorer Post President, Sophomore Cabinet, Junior Cabinet, Senior Cabinet, Junior Varsity Football, Varsity Football, Varsity Track, Luminary Sports Editor, Centralian Editor, Math Club, Central Correspondent to Kansas City Star, Student Tutor, Audio Visual, C Club, Student Advisor, Central Coalition for Student Involvement  
Hunter, Anther-

## I

Innis, Laura- Junior Cabinet, Volleyball Team, Student Council, Explorer's Post, C.O.E., Graduating Committee

## J

Jackson, Florrie-  
Jackson, Milton- Cross Country, Track Team, Spanish Club, C Club

Jackson, Rekita-  
Jackston, Sandra- Pep Club, Varsity Cheerleader, Luminary Staff,  
Honor Roll, C.O.E.  
Jenkins, Carmen- Freshman Cheerleader (Co. Captain), 1st  
Runner-up Freshman Basketball Queen, Jr. Varsity  
Cheerleader (Co. Captain), Varsity Cheerleader (Captain),  
Explorer's Post  
Jones, Michael-

## K

Kidd, Tina-  
King, Reginald- Explorer's Post, Luminary Staff  
Kizine, Earl-

## L

Lane, Cynthia- Yearbook Staff  
Law, Kenneth-  
Leathers, Debra-  
Layton, Shelia-  
Leathers, Ricky-  
Lloyd, David- C.O.E., Swimming Team  
Locke, Terri- Pep Club, Drill Team, Junior Cabinet, Senior  
Cabinet, Luminary Staff, Boosters, Honor Roll, C.O.E.,  
Graduating Committee  
Love, Derrick- Freshman Cabinet, Sophomore Cabinet, Explorer's  
Post, Freshman Basketball, Centralian Staff, Cross Country,  
Honor Roll, Freshman Track Team, Junior Varsity Track  
Team, C Club

## M

Martin, Lisa-  
McBride, Dale-  
McClain, Cynthia-  
McCoy, Patricia-  
Mercer, James-  
Mills, Pamela-  
Milo, Alene-  
Mitchell, Gary- Freshman Football, Junior Varsity Football,  
Chess Club, Weight Lifting Team, Freshman Track Team,  
Freshman Cabinet, Sophomore Cabinet, Junior Cabinet,  
Student Council, Yearbook Staff, Explorer's Post  
Mitchell, Matalie- Pep Club, Sophomore Cabinet, Secretary Junior  
Class, Senior Cabinet, Boosters, Student Council, Central  
Choir  
Moore, Hubert-  
Mosby, Shelia-  
Moore, James-

## N

Newsom, Eric- Student Council, Junior Varsity Football, Varsity  
Tennis, National Honor Society 4 Years, Varsity Football-2  
Years, Math Club, Athletes for Excellence, Spanish Club  
Nolan, Barry-  
Norton, Shirley- Pep Club, Explorer's Post

## P

Pace, Bessie- R.O.T.C. Drill Team  
Page, Reginald- Explorer's Post, Junior Cabinet, Graduation  
Committee, Student Council, C.O.E., Senior Cabinet  
Paines, Gloria-  
Parker, Patricia- R.O.T.C., Junior Cabinet, Pride Association,  
Gospel Choir, C.O.E., Honor Roll, Graduation Committee  
Patterson, Mary- Pep Club  
Penn, Denise- Freshman Cabinet, Pep Club, Explorer's, Drill  
Team, C Club, Office Help  
Peters, Kathy-  
Pickett, Violet- Pep Club, Girl's Track, Sophomore Cabinet,  
Junior Cabinet, Senior Cabinet, Explorer's Post, Booster,  
Boy's Track Manager, Student Council, Choir  
Powell, Frankie-  
Powell, Teresa- Girl's Track  
Pouncil, Tyrone-

## R

Ramey, Yolanda-  
Randolph, Karen- Luminary Staff, Junior Cabinet, Honor Roll,  
Boosters  
Ransburg, Margaret- Pep Club, Pom Pon Girls, Student Council,  
Pride Association  
Ricks, Roy-  
Rieves, Linda- Freshman Cabinet, Sophomore Class President,  
Math Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Year  
Book Staff, Explorer's Post President, Football Homecoming  
Princess, Senior Class President

Riley, Carletta- Football Homecoming Queen  
Richardson, Holly-  
Richardson, Rosetta-  
Roberts, Janet- Explorer's Post, Pride Association, Pom Pon  
Girls, Concert Choir, Yearbook Staff  
Robinson, Linda- Football Manager, Olympians, Pep Club, C  
Club, Explorer's Post, Track Team  
Robinson, Sharon  
Robinson, Zoe- Pep Club, Basketball, Choir, Drill Team  
Rollins, Reginald- Junior Varsity Track  
Rone, Ricky-  
Ross, Juawana- C.O.E., Graduating Committee  
Ross, Lavonda-  
Ross, Sheila- Sophomore Cabinet, Choir B, Junior Cabinet,  
Student Council, Boosters, C.O.E., Explorer's Post, Senior  
Cabinet  
Rowden, Kim-  
Rozell, Melody-  
Russell, Marvin- Football, Track, PUSH For Excellence

## S

Simmons, Deidra- Pep Club, Boosters, C.O.E., Spanish Club  
Singleton, Martha-  
Smith, Albert-  
Smith, Christine-  
Smith, Darian- Drill Team Captain  
Smith, Lonnie- Senior Cabinet, Senior Reporter  
Smocke, Toy-  
Sorell, Karen-  
Southard, Mitzi- Junior Cabinet, Pep Club Vice President, Pride  
Association, Honor Society, Math Club, Choir  
Stanley, Connie-  
Stokes, Elinor-  
Strickland, Antoinette- Pep Club, Band, Track, Drill Team,  
Junior Cabinet  
Strange, Gina-  
Stephens, Jeffrey-

## T

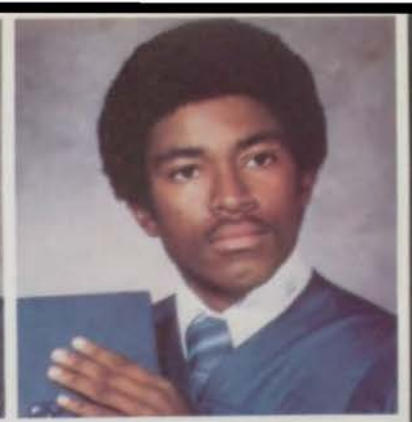
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Thompkins, Joyce-  
Toombs, Brenda- Sophomore Cabinet, Spanish Club, Junior  
Cabinet, Business Club, Explorer's Post  
Tyson, Simone- Band, Tennis Team, Track Team, Majorettes,  
Explorer's Post, Junior Cabinet, Gospel Choir, Math Club,  
Senior Cabinet, Student Council, "C" Club

## W

Wallace, Curtis-  
Walker, Shelia- Spanish Club  
Wash, Nathan- Spanish Club, Explorer's Post  
Watkins, Daniel-  
Watkins, Shirlette-  
Watson, Denise- Student Council, Pep Club, Math Club, Latin  
Club, Drill Team, Freshman Cabinet, Creative Performance,  
Track Team, Sophomore Princess, Peer Counseling, Human  
Relations, Yearbook Staff, Explorer's Post, A.A.U.W.  
Watson, Laurie- Pep Club, Drill Team-Cheerleader, Freshman  
Cabinet, Sophomore Cabinet  
Watson, Micheal-  
Watson, Veronica- Pep Club, Pom Pon, Student Council, Track  
Team, Yearbook Staff  
Wells, Geri- Pep Club, Spanish Club, Drill Team, C.O.E.,  
Graduation Committee  
Westbrook, Ona- Explorer's Post, Student Council, Pep Club  
Westbrook, Rhona- Explorer's Post, Yearbook Staff, Student  
Council, Pep Club  
White, Mary- Pep Club, Drill Team, C.O.E., Graduation  
Committee  
Williams, Lezona- Student Council, Explorer's Post, National  
Honor Society, Pom Pon  
Williams, Maylon-  
Williams, Patricia-  
Williams, Roderick-  
Williams, Tina-  
Williams, Veronica- Band, Sophomore Cabinet, Junior Cabinet,  
Pride Association, Explorer's Post, C.O.E.  
Winfrey, Vernon- Freshman Football, Freshman Basketball, J. V.  
Basketball, J. V. and Varsity Football, "C" Club, Explorer's Post,  
Athletes for Excellence, Peer Counseling, Track Team, Gospel  
Choir, Concert Choir  
Wright, Debbie- Boosters, Drill Team, Mixed Choir

## Y

Yancy, Veronica- Freshman Cabinet, French Club, Pep Club



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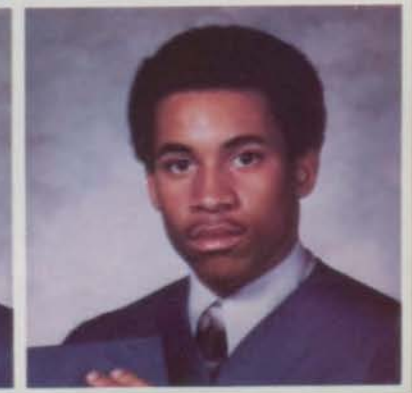
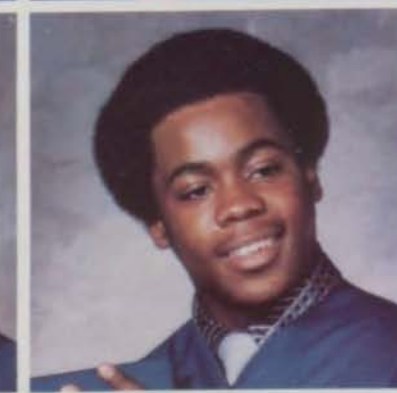
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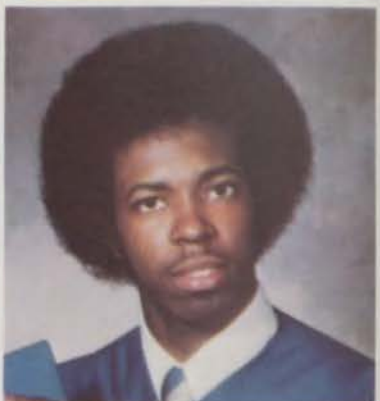
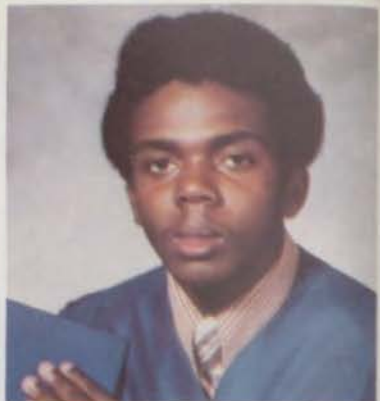
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Brown, Darren

Brooks, Crystal  
Brown, Toni

Brooks, Dale  
Brunner, Joyce

Brown, Cletis  
Buggs, Anthony

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Bush, Darryl  
Carter, Jill

Byrd, Delisa  
Cobb, Carryl

Cal, Joyce  
Cole, Joyce

Carter, Jannett  
Coleman, Michael





Coleman, Valarie  
Cox, Micheal

Conway, Denorval  
Craney, Nanette

Cook, Velda  
Crawford, Alonzo

Cooper, Daniel  
Crawford, Alphanzo

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Curren, Marla  
Delaney, Andre

Darden, Brenda  
Dixon, Larry

Davis, Mary  
Drake, James

Davis, Willis  
Duncan, Mereline





Eskridge, Sharon  
Fanniel, Eric

Estis, Karen  
Fayne, Debora

Eubanks, Janice  
Fayne, Denise

Everette, Rosilyn  
Fitzpatrick, Steven

# Seniors

Fields, Dorri  
Frazier, Henry

Ford, Carol  
Gaines, Harry

Fortenberry, Cotenzie  
Garlinton, Mary

Franklin, Michael  
Gates, Venessa







Gines, Rendy  
Grayson, Beverly

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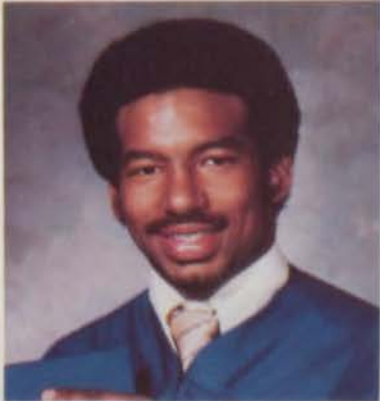
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Hudson, Michael

Holly, Teresa  
Hughes, John

Howard, Clifton  
Hunter, Anthur

Hubbard, Deborah  
Innis, Laura

# 78 Seniors

Jackson, Florrie  
Jackson, Sandra

Jackson, Milton  
Jenkins, Carmen

Jackson, Rekita  
Jones, Donna

Jackson, Rosalind  
Jones, Micheal





Kidd, Tina  
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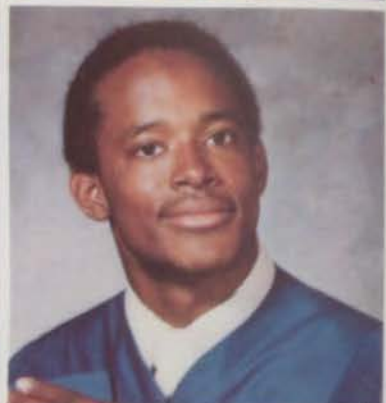
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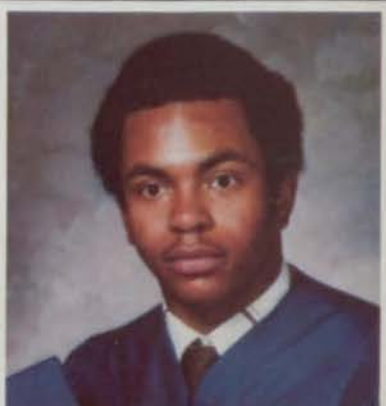
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Pace, Bessie

Newsom, Eric  
Page, Reginald

Nolan, Barry  
Paines, Gloria





Parker, Patricia  
Peters, Kathy

Patterson, Mary  
Pickett, Violet

Patterson, Teresa  
Pouncil, Tyrone

Penn, Denise  
Powell, Frankie

Powell, Teresa  
Ransberg, Margeret

Purvey, Sharon  
Ricks, Roy

Ramey, Ulondo  
Rieves, Linda

Randolph, Karen  
Riley, Carletta





Richardson, Holly  
Robinson, Sharon

Richardson, Rosetta  
Robinson, Zoe

Roberts, Janet  
Rollins, Reginald

Robinson, Linda  
Rone, Rickie

Ross, Jawana  
Rozell, Melody

Ross, Lavonda  
Russell, Marvin

Ross, Shelia  
Russell, Rodney

Rowden, Kim  
Simmons, Diedra





Singleton, Martha  
Smith, Darian

Smith, Albert  
Smith, Lonnie

Smith, Christine  
Smocks, Toye

Smith, Cornelious G.  
Soloman, Paula

Sorrells, Karen  
Stokes, Eleanor

Southard, Mitzi  
Strange, Gina

Stanley, Connie  
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Walker, Shelia

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Wheeler, Dorothy  
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Williams, Tina

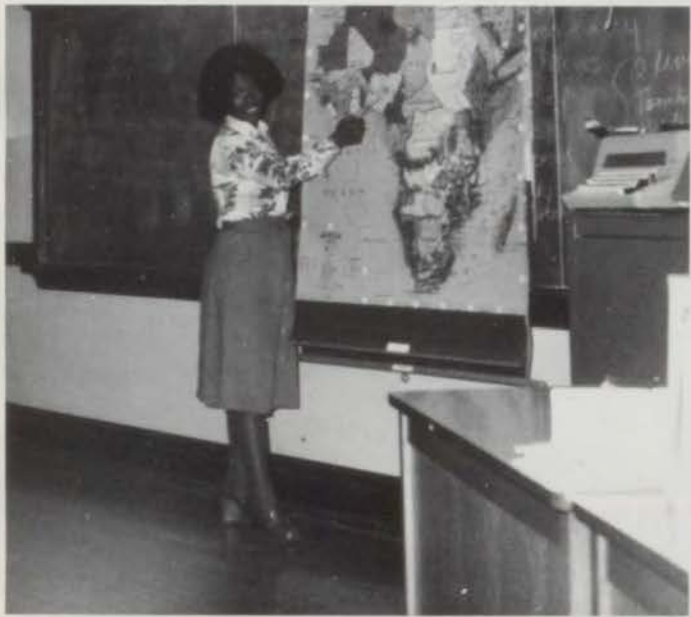
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Winfrey, Vernon  
Moore, Vickie

Wright, Debbie







# Principal

John Blauw

Our goal is to help children with physical limitations to lead full, happy, productive lives. We want them to become adults, mentally sound, spiritually whole, socially and economically competent. The concerted efforts of all who are privileged to participate in the education of these children will, in large measure, contribute to the realization of these goals.

John A. Blauw,  
Principal



# Staff

B. Condon  
J. Tennenbaum  
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N. Stark  
C. Ascensio  
J. Blauw  
K. Davis  
M. Foster  
J. Williams  
D. Nelms  
L. Mitrick



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J. Olin  
A. Sokol  
P. Hagan  
L. Sison  
J. Jones  
B. Isaacs



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- B. Moorehead
- E. Hernandez
- F. Ogilvig
- N. Tryon
- N. Shouse
- M. Schlaepfer
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### Cafe Staff

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# DELLANO





Vickie Moore







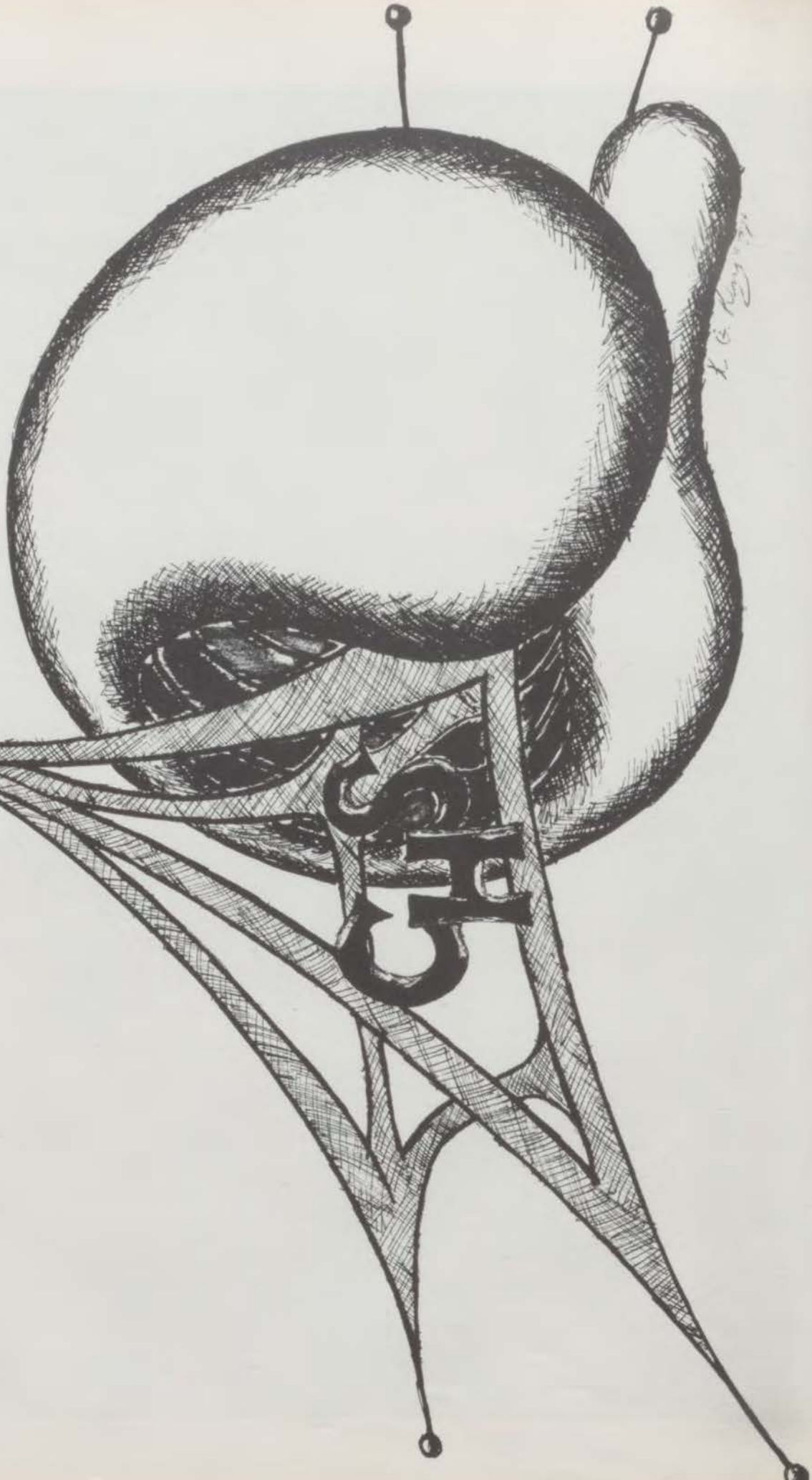
# ROYALTY





VICKIE MOORE

AUTOGRAPHS





ROYALTY  
CONTEST





Linda Rieves  
First Princess



Carletta Riley  
VARSITY QUEEN

# Football

Vickie Moore  
Second Princess

Sharon Anderson  
Third Princess

# Home

Latonya Drummer  
Junior Princess



# Excellent Ebony Essence



## coming

Harriet Butler  
Junior Princess

## Royalty

Stephanie Powell  
FRESHMEN QUEEN

Delneathes Frazier  
Freshmen Princess



Waffel

Le Collier



# BASKETBALL

Homecoming

**Queen**





Marla  
Curren  
#1  
Runner  
UP

Sarah  
Keller  
#3  
Runner  
UP





Jina  
Kidd  
#2  
Runner  
up

Sharon  
Esleridge  
#4  
Runner  
up



Junior

Varsity

Queen & Court



TONI  
-----MACK  
no. 1



-----no 2

HUGHES

TERESSA



HOMECOMING

FRESHMEN



QUEEN

1st RUNNER UP

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# Central dazzles Trojans in

By STAN WILSON

In the 10 years Jack Bush has coached at Central High School in Kansas City, Mo., his teams have played in only two invitational tournaments.

One was three years ago at neighboring Center, where the Blue Eagles finished second. The other is the Topeka Invitational Tournament, which is being played this week at Highland Park.

It isn't by choice that the Blue Eagles so rarely participate in tournaments. Although Bush hesitates to say so publicly, he suspects it is because Central, more often than not, comes home with too big of a trophy.

If preliminaries are any indication, Central may very well have to wait a while for its next invite. The Blue Eagles, ranked No. 1 in the Kansas City metro area, ripped Hayden by 34 points

in their opening game.

Friday night, they advanced to the championship game by stunning Topeka High 82-67. They'll play Highland Park, the host and winner of the last four Invitational titles, Saturday night at 8:30.

In the early, consolation game, Kansas City-Bishop Ward held off Hayden 66-64.

The Blue Eagles and Trojans had a standing room only crowd buzzing through the first half of their championship semifinal. Both teams came out running and gunning, climbing the boards and gambling on defense at a fever pitch.

When the first two quarters ended, Central only 42-37. But Topeka High's bid for its ninth straight win ended there.

Central (20-3) advanced to the final 16 and will play Southeast, another Interscholastic League rival, Monday night at the Field House at 7:30 p.m. Southeast (16-4) defeated Center in the title game of the Center Regional, 79-63.

After the awakening message from Coleman, Central was a collage of steals by guards Parker and Darryl Bush; an effective inside defensive game by Danny Sawyer and Henry Olds; the usual unbelievable game (24 points) from big Michael Walker and a brick wall aerial show from Coleman, who missed the last two games with a sprained ankle.

"What a difference a man makes," said Coach Jack Bush of Central said of Coleman.

Parker had scored 12 of his 18 points in the second quarter in a racehorse offense that gave Central a 38-29 half-time lead. Paseo, led by Marcus and Darryl Ramsey and Glen Cason, never gave up, staying between 11 and seven points most of the second half. But when Paseo finally crept to within 55-50 early in the fourth quarter, that only meant the end of Central's nap.

Coleman, a 6-4 forward, backed in on James Davis for a short basket. Then Bush stole the ball for a layup and a 59-50 lead. When Paseo had the ball trailing 63-56, Coleman went above the rim to block a shot by Marcus Ramsey. Sawyer eventually made two free throws, then on Paseo's next missed shot, Sawyer rebounded the ball and sent a pass to Parker, who made a three point play.

To add the final touch, Parker blocked a shot, passed the ball to Walker, who lofted an alley-oop pass to Coleman, who sent the ball through the

## Invitational scoreboard

### All games at Highland Park RESULTS FRIDAY

Kansas City-Bishop Ward 66, Hayden 64.  
Kansas City, Mo.-Central 82, Topeka High 67.

### GAMES SATURDAY

12:30 p.m. — Manhattan (5-7) vs. Hayden (2-10), seventh place.

3 — KC-Bishop Ward (3-8) vs. Topeka West (7-3), fifth.

5 — Lawrence (4-6) vs. Topeka High (10-2), third.

8:30 — KC-Central (11-2) vs. Highland Park (10-1), championship.

The Blue Eagles were without flaw in the third quarter. Sparked by guard Virgil Parker, who finished with 21 points, and forward Michael Coleman, who led all scorers with 25, they hit the Trojans with a 14-2 lick right after the tipoff.

When the quarter ended, Central had hit 11 of 15 shots from the field, 6 of 7 free throws, scored two on 14 of 18 possessions and led

hoop faster than his own return to the ground.

The Central players after the game talked less of the theatrical plays and kept repeating the fact that a couple of days ago they had a team meeting about their defense.

"We didn't play defense at all last week," said Parker. Indeed, Paseo did most of their shooting from outside.

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## Central Thumps Paseo

By Derrick Jackson  
A Member of the Sports Staff

Within 15 seconds of the tipoff, the fans of Central High School were howling over a blown stuff shot by Paseo High School. Five seconds later, they were falling out of the stands, handslapping as they jumped in mid-air. After the ball came back to earth, Michael Coleman of Central went the other way, rose up with a man in his face and sent a resounding slam dunk that should've put a hole in the floor.

"The only thing it takes to get us going is something like that," said Virgil Parker of Central. "When Mike did something like that, the fans yell, the bench is screaming and we get going."

From the dawn of the game, the night was all Central's. Facing a Paseo team that had beaten them

### high school basketball

twice in three earlier games, Central sped away to a 74-60 victory in the championship game of the Field House Regional of the Missouri 4-A basketball tournament.

## Boys' Top 10

(Rankings last week in parentheses)

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1, Central (1).....	12	2
2, Pem-Day (2).....	7	0
3, Wyandotte (3).....	12	1
4, NKC (7).....	13	1
5, Liberty (8).....	14	1
6, Blue Springs (10).....	13	4
7, Southeast (6).....	8	3
8, Winnetonka (NR).....	11	3
9, Center (NR).....	10	4
10, Sumner (NR).....	8	4

Results Last Week—1, Central def. Southwest 89-70, def. Topeka Hayden 93-59, def. Topeka 82-67, def. Topeka Highland Park 27-22; 2, Pem-Day def. Rockhurst 59-47; 3, Wyandotte def. Wichita Southeast 55-48, def. Sumner 47-41; 4, North Kansas City def. Belton 97-69, def. Truman 70-67; 5, Liberty def. Ruskin 80-60, def. Excelsior Springs 75-44; 6, Blue Springs def. Ruskin 93-61; 7, Southeast lost to Lincoln 50-47; 8, Winnetonka def. Lee's Summit 69-51; 9, Center def. Fort Osage 93-75; 10, Sumner def. Wichita North 57-50, lost to Wyandotte 47-41.

# semifinals, 82-67

## Missouri 4A, 3A Pairings

### CLASS 4A GAMES FRIDAY At Columbia

7:05—Kirkwood (19-10) vs. Kansas City Central (22-3)

8:35—St. Louis DeSmet (29-1) vs. St. Louis Central (22-5)

### CLASS 3A

#### GAMES FRIDAY

1:35—Columbia Rock Bridge (22-4) vs. Joplin Memorial (29-0)

3:05—St. Louis McKinley (11-12) vs. Charleston (23-5)

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The Trojans, ranked No. 2 in Class 5A and losers only once previously, stayed with powerful Central the other three quarters. That was primarily because of senior Tim Neff, who scored 14 points to lead four Trojans in double figures.

Coleman, who had two stuffs, and Parker, who hit a couple from between the cheerleaders and had a slick, behind-the-back change of hands on a drive, had plenty of help. Danny Sawyer had 14 points and burly Michael Walker added 12 for the Eagles, who hit 50 percent for the night.

Hayden, which trailed by four with 26 seconds left, nearly took Ward into overtime in the early game. The Wildcats cut the gap to 66-64 when Tim Triggs hit from 15 feet with 14 seconds left.

"I really have to be pleased defensively," Hayden coach Neil Bartley said.

**KC-CENTRAL 82, TOPEKA HIGH 67**

Topeka High — Wilkins 4 5-6 13, Allen 5 2-2 12, Canady 5 4-4 14, Hanson 2 2-4 6, Neff 7 0-1 14, Foster 2 0-0 4, Perkins 0 0-0 0, Fink 0 0-0 0, Majors 0 0-0 0, Peters 1 0-1 2, Van Buren 1 0-0 2, Davis 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 13-18 67.

KC-Central — Parker 9 3-5 21, Sawyer 6 2-4 14, Coleman 9 7-13 25, Olds 1 0-2 2, Bush 3 0-0 6, Walker 5 2-2 12, Jamison 0 0-0 0, Hollinshed 0 0-0 0, Brown 0 0-0 0, Collins 0 0-0 0, Smith 0 2-2 2. Totals: 33 16-28 82.

Total fouls: Topeka High 23, Central 18. Fouled out: Canady. Technical fouls: Central bench, Coleman.

**KC-RISHOP WARD 66, HAYDEN 64**

KC-Bishop Ward — 12 20 19 15 — 66  
Hayden — 16 16 14 18 — 64

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Hayden — T. Head 7 3-4 17, Triggs 6 0-1 12, Stadler 0 2-2 2, Cooney 9 7-11 25, McGivern 0 0-1 0, Nicholson 1 0-0 2, Martin 0 0-0 0, Proctor 1 0-0 2, M. Head 2 0-0 4. Totals: 26 12-19 64.

Total fouls: Ward 18, Hayden 26. Fouled out: Cooney, Stadler. Technical foul: McGivern.

## Central on 4A Title Trail

By Steve Richardson  
A Member of the Sports Staff

Last year after Central pulled its final upset to get to Columbia a year early, Coach Jack Bush of the Eagles was in a state of disarray.

Central didn't even have accommodations in Columbia, let alone transportation to get there.

"We got reservations this time," said Bush, who saw his team run its record to 22-3 with a 69-54 bouncing of Liberty in the Missouri class 4A state basketball quarter-finals Wednesday at the Field House. "And I reserved two vans a month ago. We are not going to get caught in that stuff again. Last year we didn't even have a place to stay, but I made reservations a month ago."

That might be showing a supreme amount of confidence in his team, but Bush's Central unit is the class of Missouri area basketball by a large margin. He has a right to be confident. Liberty undoubtedly would agree.

"They were the best team we have played all year," said Coach Dan Longstreth of Liberty. "They were the most physical team we have played."

Furthermore, a few weeks ago when Central played in the Topeka Highland Tournament, the coach of the host school compared the Central team to the Wichita Heights team of a year ago when guard Darnell Valentine led the charge.

"The thing that impresses me about the Central team," says Harvey

Greer, district co-ordinator of Interscholastic League Activities, "is when they played at Topeka and one of the teams slowed down the game, Central was still able to win. They can win the slower games."

So impressive at times is Central, both Gene Jones, Missouri assistant coach, and Mark Reiner, Kansas State assistant coach, were in attendance at the Central-Liberty game. Both were looking in particular at jumper Mike Coleman, who can leap out of the building. He scored 22 points against Liberty on 11-of-12 shooting from the floor.

But the question now arises if Central can match up with St. Louis teams. The Eagles face Kirkwood (19-10) at 7:05 Friday night in a semifinal game in Columbia. Also in the final four is DeSmet, a 64-56 victor over Springfield Glendale. Both Central and DeSmet were in the final four last season. At 8:35 DeSmet (29-1) meets its only conqueror this year, St. Louis Central (22-5).

Central has not lost a game this season when 6-3 center Mike Walker and Coleman have been in the lineup at the same time. Central lost two games early in the season to Paseo and Lincoln when Walker was scholastically ineligible. Central lost the other game to Paseo when Coleman was out with a sprained ankle.

The team has been playing together well and shooting might be the key to victory in Columbia, especially if the

Eagles happen to tangle with DeSmet, a big team led by 6-10 Steve Stipanovic and 6-6 Mark Dressler. If the Eagles can shoot like they did against Liberty 32-of-58 from the floor and 7-of-7 from the line, they might take DeSmet.

"It will take someone with a lot of size to beat them," Longstreth said of Central. "They have a lot of jumping ability. Man-for-man we were very concerned with staying with them on the boards."

In 3A semifinal games Friday defending state champion Joplin Memorial (29-0) faces Columbia Rock Bridge (22-4) at 1:35 and Charleston (23-5), the 3A runner-up last year, goes against the winner of the Wentzville-McKinley game at 3:05.

Joplin Memorial won its 29 straight game this season as all-stater Cat Johnson rifled in 50 points in a 94-76 victory over Marshfield. Elsewhere in 3A, Columbia Rock Bridge pulled an upset, nipping St. Joseph Lafayette 62-60, Charleston topped St. Francis Borgia of Washington 66-63, and St. Louis McKinley edged Wentzville 67-66.

In 4A, St. Louis Central, runner-up to Center two years ago, downed Poplar Bluff and 6-10 Lex Drum 74-63, and Kirkwood pulled the rug out from under unbeaten McCluer North 57-54. It was North's first loss after 27 straight victories.

# Scots' delay fails in 27-22 setback

By STAN WILSON

Twice, Highland Park coach Randy Springs sat and watched talented Kansas City, Mo.-Central.

Scots saw Central's fast breaks rip Hayden by 34 points Wednesday in the opening round of the Topeka Invitational Tournament. Friday, he watched the running Blue Eagles handle Topeka High by 15 in the semifinals.

Those two games were enough to convince Springs that his Scots couldn't play Central straight.

So Saturday night in the championship game, before a capacity crowd of more than 2,400 fans in their gym, they did something Springs has never done

## Invitational scoreboard

### RESULTS SATURDAY

Kansas City Central 27, Highland Park 22 (championship).

Topeka High 83, Lawrence 63 (third place).

KC-Bishop Ward 78, Topeka West 68. (fifth place).

Hayden 66, Manhattan 61 (seventh place).

before. They stalled.

Even that wasn't enough. Central, 12-2 and the No. 1 team in the Kansas City metro area, still broke loose in the fourth quarter and won 27-22. It was the first Invitational title to go to an out-of-town school since Junction City won in 1972. The Scots had won the last four titles.

"I thought my kids played with real

good poise," Springs said. "I thought we played with good discipline. I know a lot of people are disappointed, but that's the only way we could play with them. I'd seen two nights of what they could do to you if you tried to run with them."

For three quarters Saturday, the Scots plan kept them in contention for a fifth straight title. Sophomore Victor Dunn's free throw with one second left in the third quarter—the only point of the quarter—put them even at 12-all.

But Central took command early in the fourth quarter. Michael Coleman, who had four fouls in the first half, controlled the tip and several passes later hit a 15-foot jumper from the baseline.

The Scots turned over the ball on their next two possessions. The Blue Eagles capitalized as Danny Sawyer made a three-point play and hefty Michael Walker scored on a lob pass.

That put Central ahead 19-12 and forced Highland Park to attack. Craig Hylton and Dunn responded with short jumpers to make it 19-16. And the Scots received a needed break when Coleman was called for a technical when he grabbed the rim after a dunk shot with 3:51 remaining.

Dunn, however, missed the free throw and Hylton blew a crisp shot on the ensuing possession. That gave Virgil Parker the opportunity to cinch the win for the Eagles, which he did with two free throws and a drive to make it 25-18 with 1:45 left.

"That's one disciplined team," Central coach Jack Bush said. "We had an inkling that they might stall. But we didn't expect it to be so darned good."

After a shaky first quarter which ended in a 4-4 tie, the Eagles matched their task. They hit all three field goal attempts en route to a 12-11 halftime lead. They shot only once—and missed—as the Scots held the ball for 7 1/2 minutes in the third quarter, but connected on 6 of 7 shots in the final quarter. They were 9 of 11 for the last three quarters and 11 of 20 for the game.

## No. 1 Again

# Central Takes Stronger Hold

Central, ranked No. 1 in The Star's poll of area boys' basketball teams since mid-season, grabbed a stronger hold on the top spot by downing sixth-ranked Southeast 71-63 in an Interscholastic League game last week. The Eagles also posted an 88-66 victory over Rockhurst, one of the top independents in the area.

The top independent in the area, Pembroke-Country Day, got back on the winning track with two impressive victories. The third-ranked Raiders, who were upset by O'Hara a week ago, stopped St. Pius 73-52 and West Platte 69-45.

O'Hara, one of the most improved teams in the area, tripped tenth-ranked Lillis 61-51. But Lillis rebounded to down Hogan 86-70 and keep its spot in the rankings.

Southeast's loss to Central did not do any damage to the Knights' reputation as they held the sixth spot. Southeast came back from that loss to down East St. Louis Lincoln 76-63.

The only change in the rankings occurred in the eighth and ninth spots, where Winnetonka and Shawnee Mission South exchanged places.

Winnetonka, which has bounced in and out of the rankings all season, moved up to the eighth spot by recording two victories. South, the leader in the Sunflower League, was upset 59-58 by SM North Saturday night.

The only other ranked team to lose was No. 5 Liberty, which fell 72-54 to fourth-ranked North Kansas City. But the Blue Jays still held on to the fifth spot.

## The Star's Top 10

# Central Earns No. 1 Respect

Schools in Topeka didn't exactly know what hit them when Kansas City Central, The Star's No.1-ranked team, rode into town and ran away with the first two games in the Topeka Highland Park Tournament last week.

Coach Randy Springs of the host school kept a watchful eye on those Blue Eagles and when his team played powerful Central in the tournament final Saturday night he had a trick up his sleeve: his team held the ball.

No matter, Central eventually won 27-22 to run its record to 12-2. But No.1-ranked Highland Park in 4A, normally a run-gun team itself, showed Central an unusual amount of respect by slowing the game down to a walk. It was the first time Springs' team had ever stalled.

"There's really no comparison between Central and the teams here. They may be the best team in Kansas or Missouri. Certainly I don't think there is anyone better," said Springs, who watched in disbelief as the Blue Eagles demolished Topeka Hayden 93-59 and Topeka 82-67 before his team got the ax.

"I didn't feel we couldn't beat them, but we couldn't run with them and stay on the boards and beat them. A few times they got impatient, but with such a great ball club it doesn't matter whether you slow it down or play it fast.

"I have to rate them with Wichita Heights of last year," says Springs wouldn't say Central is as good as game between them would be something. They are both the same type teams. "Central has a type of

that fits together, a team a coach gets once in his career. They have a playmaker (Darryl Bush) and great jumpers (Mike Coleman and Virgil Parker). They complement each other real well."

Central led 12-11 at halftime and the score was tied 12-12 after three periods before Highland Park was guilty of a couple of turnovers early in the fourth quarter that broke the game open. After a Coleman basket had given Central a 14-12 lead, Highland Park turned the ball over on its next two possessions and Danny Sawyer completed a three point play and Mike Walker scored on a lob pass to put Central up by 7, 19-12.

Two baskets brough Highland back to 19-16, but after a technical on Coleman for hanging on the rim of a dunk, Parker scored on two free throws and a drive to restore order.

The game was played before a capacity crowd of more than 2,400 fans who are used to seeing Highland Park win this tournament, at least the last four years. But this was the first year Central was entered.

Elsewhere in the Top 10, No.2 Pem-Day and No. 3 Wyandotte both continued to win, but No.4 Schlagle and No.5 SM South both fell out of the Top 10 with double defeats in tournament action last week. No. 9 Grandview also fell out after losing twice.

Replacing the fallen were Winnetonka, Center and Sumner, who have all be in the Top 10 before. North Kansas City, Liberty and Blue Springs all moved up and Southeast fell ~~one place~~ after a narrow loss.

# Central Defense Is Key

By Steve Richardson  
A Member of the Sports Staff

For a half Southeast's furious offense of mile-long jumpers and fast-break layups held the edge Monday night. Gulp, hardly anyone could catch his breath.

Then favored Central took over.

Behind the inside punch of Mike Coleman and Mike Walker and the shooting of guard Virgil Parker, the Eagles, state runner-up to Raytown South last year, rallied past Southeast 94-78 in a first-round game in the Missouri 4A state high school basketball tournament at the Field House.

Southeast held a 48-42 lead at the half, but only 45 seconds into the third quarter, Central had taken a 49-48 lead, never to trail again.

Coleman, a 6-3 jumping jack, started the second half with a basket on the inside. He followed that basket with a drive to the hoop seconds later, and Walker capped the first-minute of the second-half with a three-point play to put Central ahead 49-48.

From there, Southeast, which finished at 16-5, could never get closer than two points and gradually fell out of the game as fouls mounted against the Knights.

"We played our game the first half and they played theirs in the second half. I think they knew they were in a game," said Coach Lee Durham of Southeast. "We got into foul trouble in the second half and the kids didn't go to the boards as well after that."

Dan Shaw, Eugene Cheadle and Lynn May all picked four fouls early in the second half and the Knights couldn't come up with experience from the bench to stop powerful Central, now 21-3 with a quarter-final meeting Wednesday against Liberty in the Field House.

Coach Jack Bush of Central was unhappy with his team's defense in the first half, but the Eagles played much better defense in the second half and controlled the tempo of the game.

"We didn't play defense in the first half," Bush said. "My gosh, that was a shooting contest. I think they missed only 12 shots and Burks (Steve, a guard) missed eight of those. Bell (Lee, a guard) didn't miss any and neither did Cheadle. They shot better than 60 percent. And did you see where they were shooting from?"

## Central High Seeded No. 1 Team In Regional Basketball Tourney

The Central High school seeded as the No. 2 team. boys basketball team has been Tournament play gets unseeded the No. 1 team in the 4A derway Feb. 27 when East and Regional Basketball Tourney Northeast meet at 7:30 p.m. nament to be played on Feb. The championship game will 27, 28, and March 2 at the played on Thursday, March Interscholastic League Field at 7:30 p.m. House. Paseo High school was



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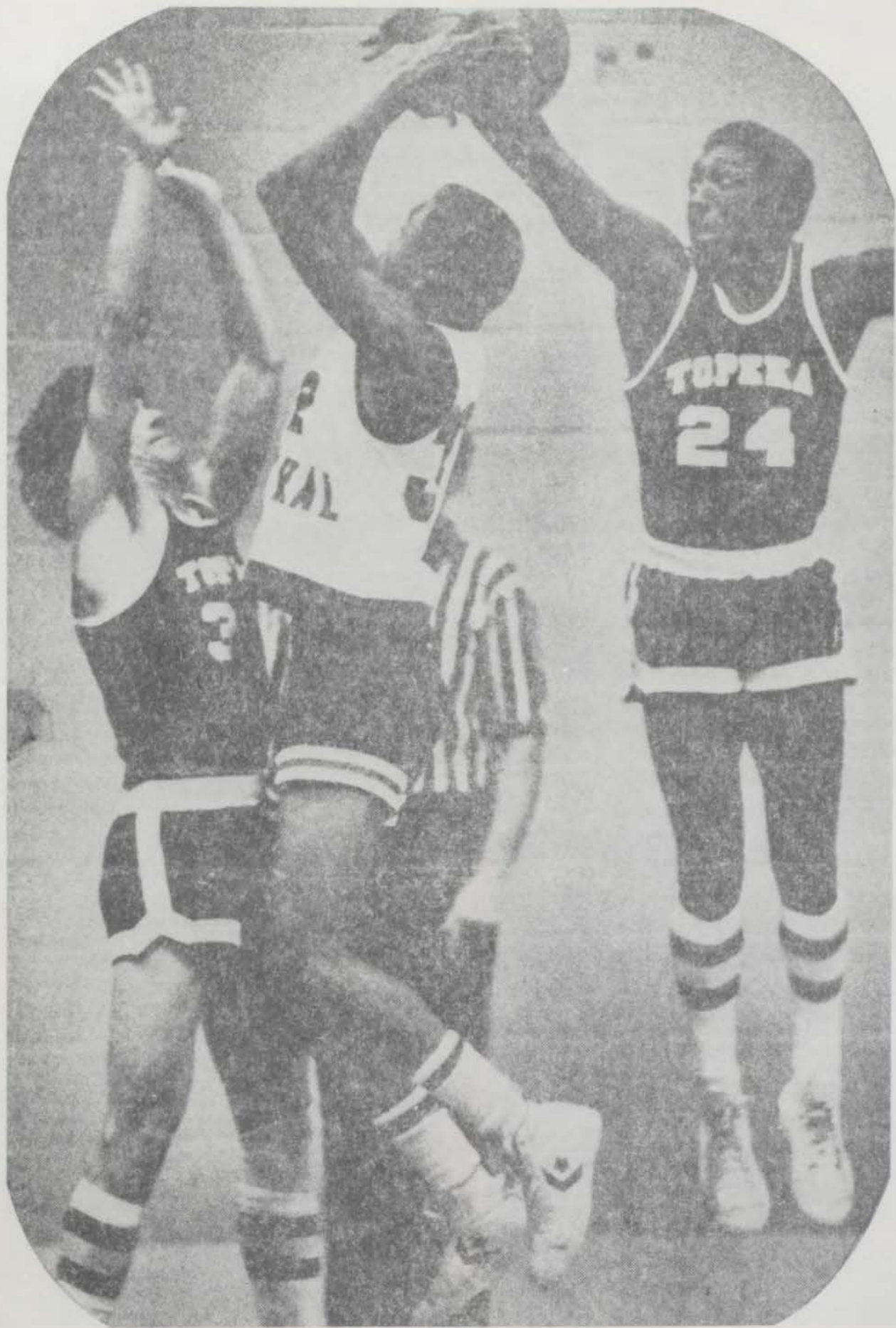
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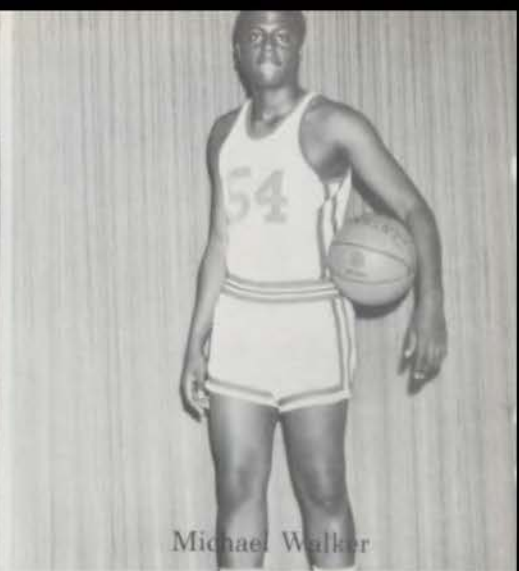
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# Central, Paseo Advance

No.2-ranked Central broke away from stubborn Northeast 66-53 and Paseo belted Van Horn 75-57 in Missouri 4A boys high school regional basketball games at the Field House Tuesday night.

Central led only 25-23 at halftime at the Field House and the score was tied 31-31 midway through the third quarter before Mike Coleman hit three baskets to help Central to a 53-43 lead. Coleman ended with 18 points and Mike Walker canned 19 for Central.

Paseo bounced Van Horn behind Glen Cason's 34 points. Central and Paseo will meet in the Field House Regional final Thursday for the second straight year. Paseo upset Central last week 65-64.

Hickman Mills topped Southwest 63-57 in the Center 4A Missouri Regional. The Cougars trailed going into the final quarter but outscored Southwest 20-12 to take the victory. Dave Blakenhip of Hickman scored 18 points and was 8-for-8 from the line in the final quarter.

Meanwhile, Sumner destroyed Schlagle 83-57 in a big Kansas 4A boys substate game at Schlagle. Kevin Murphy scored 28 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Sumner to the rout.

In the area's top 3A Kansas boys substate game Ward nipped Bonner Springs 46-44 on Frank Locke's basket at the buzzer.

Ward tied the game 44-44 with 37 seconds to play and Locke had 10 points for Ward in the final period, 23 for the game. Eddie Nealy had 28 points and 15 rebounds for Bonner, which finished 17-3. Ward is 11-9.

In other boys' 3A Kansas Substate games, Blue Valley downed St. Joseph Shawnee 73-38, Paola handled DeSoto 52-46, Phillipsburg downed Thomas Moore Prep 68-65 and Spring Hill defeated Osawatimie 66-59.

Blue Valley upped its record to 19-1 by jumping out to a 21-6 lead early in the game, leading the entire way. St. Joseph Shawnee finished at 4-17.

In outstate Missouri games, defending 3A state champion Joplin Memorial set a school scoring record with a 130-67 thrashing of Carl Junction. It was Memorial's 34 consecutive victory, 25th this season and the 10th time this season that Memorial has cracked the 100-point mark.

In Missouri 4A games, Springfield Kickapoo upset Joplin Parkwood 66-58 and Springfield Central blasted Springfield Hillcrest 86-61.

In the 4A Missouri boys regional at Winnetonka, St. Joseph Central and Winnetonka posted victories. St. Joseph needed an overtime to beat Oak Park 60-58 and Winnetonka bested Park Hill 45-36.

Earlier in the season, Winnetonka blasted Park Hill 92-46 and the Trojans decided to slow down the contest this time. The score was 18-17 Winnetonka at halftime and the nine-point final spread was Winnetonka's largest of the game.

St. Joseph tied the game 56-56 with 19 seconds remaining in regulation time and won the game in overtime with four seconds left when Mike Jenkins scored the winning bucket.

In girls' 5-A substate play in Kansas, Washington took care of SM South 65-53 as Eddie Holland tossed in 19 points. SM West slammed Olathe 50-32 in another girls' game, streaking out to a 31-14 lead at halftime.

By Allan B. Stark  
A Member of the Staff

The high-flying Central Blue Eagles are heading east and will land in Columbia tomorrow.

The weary Bluejays have just arrived from a trip south and are resting in their home territory of Liberty.

Central clipped the wings off the Liberty Bluejays Wednesday night 69-54 at the Interscholastic Field House to earn a berth in the Missouri 4A semifinal game at Columbia Friday night against Kirkwood of St. Louis County.

"I was pleased with our season," Liberty Coach Don Longstreth said. "We beat North Kansas City, a team that had beaten us twice, in the first round of the state, and this team gave us a great deal of pleasure and played in front of a lot of packed houses. But Central got the jump on us again early in the game, just like last year, and we couldn't recover."

Central is Kansas City's only entry in the elite four-team field. The other schools are all from the St. Louis area.

If Central captures the state title, which it lost a year ago to Raytown South in Columbia, it will have to ambush the Pioneers from Kirkwood, salt the tail feathers of the St. Louis Central Redwings and spear DeSmet's Spartans.

The first team that Central coach Jack Bush will have to contend with is Kirkwood. Last night the Pioneers upset previously undefeated McCleure North 57-54. Kirkwood's record is now 19-10, but the victory was the Pioneer's 10th win in a row.

"We have nothing to lose and everything to gain," Kirkwood

coach Paul Meyer said. "We have been battling illness and injuries all year and we're just beginning to play together. I'm not trying to make excuses for the games we lost—that's just a fact. We start three juniors and I think they are maturing just at the right time.

"Actually this wasn't supposed to

be our year. We want to go to Columbia for the experience, but a team will have to play us if they are going to beat us."

Kirkwood's three juniors are guard Scott Woepke, forward Leonard Johnson and forward Rico Hawkins. Woepke is a hot-shooting guard who averages 20 points a game; Johnson is the power forward at both ends of the court; and Hawkins has come on strong in the scoring department in the last

month, including an 18-point performance against McCleure in the first round of the state playoffs.

Senior Steve Payne, 6-4, 200 pounds, scores 13 points a game at center and 5-11 guard Donny Jackson is a defensive specialist.

"Our guards are as quick as anybody's," Meyer said. "They average seven or eight steals a game and it's very difficult to press us. We seem to handle pressure well."

don't know a thing about Central. I know they were in Columbia last year and that has to help them, but I think we'll be ready. I guarantee you we won't be looking past them. One game at a time, that's how you have to play it."

Glaring at the Eagles on the other side of the bracket (if Central reaches the final Saturday night) will be either St. Louis Central or DeSmet.

St. Louis Central, 22-5 for the year, is from the run-and-shoot Public High League. The Redwings finished in second place in the conference behind co-champions Soldan and Vashon, but they are the only ones to have defeated DeSmet this season.

"We played them (DeSmet) early in the season when they were still young and inexperienced," St. Louis Central coach James Gant said. "It was in the final of their own tournament so I'm sure they will be after us from the start at Columbia."

Chuckie White is 6-4 and averages 20 points at the wing position in Gant's put 'em offense. The forwards are Richard Hamilton, 6-5, and 6-3 Reginald Claybon (brother of James Claybon, who played for the University of Missouri-Columbia).



# Central's Super Team Offsets a Superstar

By Steve Richardson  
A Member of the Sports Staff

As one coach at courtside of the Liberty-Central game Wednesday night put it: "It was a superstar vs. a super team."

The superstar was 6-5 Robert Estes of Liberty and the super team was Central, an easy 69-54 victor over the Blue Jays in the Missouri 4A state high school quarter-final game at a packed Field House.

Central (22-3), a state runnerup last season, now advances to a 4A state semifinal match against Kirkwood (19-10) at 7:05 Friday at the Hearnes Center in Columbia.

Estes scored 24 points, but was held to only six points in the first half as Central ran up an unsurmountable 40-20 lead. What type of night it was going to be for Liberty was indicated when sky-jumper Mike Coleman of Central, a superstar himself, blocked Estes' first shot.

Coleman scored 22 points, but had plenty of help, while Estes didn't have any. Besides Coleman, Mike Walker added 19, Virgil Parker put in 14 and Darryl Bush 10 as the free-wheeling Central attack took over at the beginning. David Haden was the only other Liberty scorer in double figures with 10.

Liberty, previously a loser only to North Kansas City this season (twice), started the game in deliberate style, hoping to slow down the Eagles, who severely outmatched the Blue Jays man-for-man. The reason was obvious.

"We are three or four guards and a forward (Estes)," says Coach Dan Longstreth of Liberty, who saw his team knocked out of the state tournament for the second straight year by Central. "It's going to take someone with some size and be able to jump with them to beat them."

"Our plan was to control the tempo," he added. "We

*1981* Larry Rice at 6-7 is Central's biggest threat inside while 6-0 guard Byron Stearman directs the Central fast break.

"We're an experienced team and I know we can handle the pressure of the state," Gant said. "Anybody on our team can take the important shot. That's the thing about us: Nobody gets more than 15 shots a game, but with so many seniors they recognize who is hot and who should get the ball at a particular time."

"We have played some of the best teams on either side of the border and we're in the toughest league in the area. Claybon and Hamilton have been around so long that they can coach the team. They know what I expect and how I want things done."

Pressure is the name of the game for Gant and Central.

wanted it to be slow early and not get caught up in a 1-on-1 game. We wanted to go 5-on-5. We zoned them in the first half in hopes of slowing it down, but they got hot and hit 65 per cent of their shots in the second quarter and we had to make some adjustments."

Central, led by the hot-shooting Coleman, outscored Liberty 24-12 in the second quarter. Bush opened the quarter with two quick buckets to put Central up 20-8 and from there Liberty wilted the rest of the half.

While Estes was put in chains until the second half, Central had the crowd on its feet with some dazzling plays that left Liberty shell-shocked.

Walker got loose on the break at one point and slipped the ball behind his back as he went around a Liberty defender before putting it in. Coleman also got off a slam dunk near the end of the half.

Central was beating Liberty badly on the break and appeared to be on the way to a rout. Then, graciously for the Blue Jays, half time came and they were able to catch their breath. Liberty was able to make a couple of runs at Central in the second half.

Behind Estes and forward Dave Haden who between them scored 12 of Liberty's next 14 points, Liberty cut Central's lead to 42-34 midway through the third quarter. But Central spurred ahead by 15 after three as a result of three Coleman baskets and one Walker tally.

Estes scored 12 points in the final quarter, but Liberty could never get closer than nine points.

"It's pretty hard to get a big lead and play with the same momentum," said Coach Jack Bush of Central's sluggish play at the beginning of the second half. "It's automatic to let down or relax. It's the natural reaction."

"We pick up the other team from the moment they walk out of the locker room and we don't let up until the game is over," Gant said. "Pressure on offense and defense—that's our game."

Deep in Jack Bush's mind there must be the thought that the Eagles will meet DeSmet in the final.

DeSmet is rated No. 1 in St. Louis by The Globe Democrat and has a 29-1 record after its 64-56 triumph over Springfield Glendale Wednesday night.

DeSmet Coach Richard Grawer will not suffer from any 1-on-1 matchups. At center, the Spartans have a looming figure in 6-10 junior Steve Stipanovic. Forward Mark Dressler is a 6-5 leaper, scorer and rebounder and in all likelihood an all-state selection. Both Stipanovic and Dressler played on last year's team, which lost to Raytown South by one point in the semifinals.

"All year long those two have been playing under pressure," Grawer said. "They were at the state last year and they shouldn't be intimidated by the surroundings."

Curt Coynears and Mike Meara are the starting guards while 6-3 Tom Hornof is the forward playing opposite Dressler.

"You can't ignore anybody on our team," Grawer said. "All five starters average in double figures, so we are a well-balanced team."

"We don't belong to a league so this is what we have been pointing to all season. I think it gives us an added incentive once the playoffs begin. At the state our kids finally get a chance to show off their wares and that's a prime motivation factor for us. The state tournament is our goal all season. This is our season right now."

# Consistency the Key to

## Central's Season

By Charles Coulter  
A Member of the Sports Staff

The accolades for Central High School, verbal and otherwise, come pouring in.

One coach, after watching the Blue Eagles destroy Topeka 82-67 in the semifinals of the Topeka Invitational Tournament, compared them favorably with the 1977 Wichita Heights team that won the Kansas 5A title and was, without question, the best high school team in Kansas in more than a decade.

"They might not be able to beat Heights," the coach was quoted as saying, "but it sure would be close."

Another coach, Randy Springs of Topeka Highland Park, chose to have his club sit on the ball rather than play Central straight up. It didn't matter. Highland Park, which has won two straight Kansas 4A titles and is odds-on favorite to make it three in a row, fell 27-22.

And last, but not least, the Eagles have been the Star's No. 1 team since before Christmas.

The Eagles and their coach, Jack Bush, have handled the plaudits admirably. "I heard where one of the coaches over there compared us to that Wichita team," Bush said, "and I was somewhat surprised.

"I've never saw Heights play, but I had heard a lot about them. To be compared to a team like that is quite an honor."

The Eagles probably deserve the honor, however. Since falling to Lincoln in the semifinals of the Interscholastic League pre-season tournament, Central has run off 15 straight victories. Their 71-63 decision over Southeast Saturday night gave the Eagles a 7-0 league record and the Interscholastic League title.

"The key to our season has been our consistency," Bush said. "You can never honestly state that a team is playing as well as they're capable.

"When you're dealing with young men, you have to try to get them up for every game regardless of the competition. And it's difficult to do. But basically we've been playing at the same level all along."

However, Bush does agree that there have been some games where his club has played better than usual.

"There have been three games where they played up to the game plan," Bush said, noting the effort against Sumner, the 88-66 thrashing of Rockhurst and the decision over Topeka.

"We really played well against Topeka," Bush said. "We did some things I was amazed at. We played good team ball and played extremely fine defense."

"When you think of team ball," Bush added, "you think of unselfishness. We don't have a superstar on this team, but we have a group of outstanding ballplayers. When the pressure's put on one, the others retaliate. And that's good.

"All of our ballplayers are good in a respective area. They know they all can't be gunners and they can't all be ball handlers. Basketball is like checkers—if you make the wrong move, you're in trouble.

"And when you have ballplayers not playing in the roles they're best at, then you're in trouble."

The biggest roles have been played by the three players who came close to leading an underdog Central team to the Missouri 4A title last year—Michael Walker, Virgil Parker and Michael Coleman.

Coleman, a 6-foot-4 forward, is second on the team in scoring and third in rebounding. Parker, a 5-9 junior guard, is third in scoring and leads the team in free-throw percentage.

And Walker, a 6-4 junior, leads the league in scoring and is third on the team in rebounding.

"Walker can play forward or center or guard for us," Bush said. "And his return this semester (after being ineligible the first semester) was a tremendous boost to our squad."

The return of Walker was a delicate situation for Bush, but one which he apparently has handled successfully. "To explain the problem takes a while," Bush said. "When we desegregated this year, I lost my entire junior varsity team. Therefore, I had six guys back with varsity experience and three were guards.

"As a result I had no experienced substitute to play the post and no substitutes for my forwards. I was playing sophomores in a backup role and it certainly didn't make me feel as comfortable as a coach who has juniors and seniors on his bench.

"Walker's return gave us some experience on the bench."

There also was the problem of guarding against ill feelings. "We didn't want to take credit away from the other guys," Bush said. "We wanted everybody to feel they were needed. We told them that no one was indispensable and no one could make or break a ball club. We told them he's going to be an asset, but we had achieved the No. 1 ranking without Walker.

"I think it worked out. We're getting results from all of our kids, and at the same time we've got harmony among our players."

Bush also has received results from the rest of his starters and his reserves. Forward Danny Sawyer, a 6-3 junior, is the team's leading rebounder, chips in 10 points a contest and is leading the league in field-goal percentage with 56.2 shooting. As a matter of fact, the Eagles have shot a blistering 49.4 percent from the floor for the year.

Darryl Bush, a 5-9 senior guard, is the fifth starter. "Bush had an idea of what he thought he wanted his role to be at the beginning of the year, and I had my idea. But by the fourth game he had realized what I wanted him to do and began doing it."

Henry Olds, a 6-6 senior center, has come off the bench to add rebounding strength, while 5-10 junior Darryl Hollingshed and 6-4 David Jamison also have given support.

The Eagles have talent, but Bush says some of his other teams had more talent. "The 1972 team had a lot of talent, and we got to the quarter-finals of the state tournament. But they weren't consistent.

"This team is more consistent than any I've had. You can have all the talent in the world and no consistency and you might not go anywhere at all."

# Central Eagles: Can They Soar Over State Foes?

A MEMBER OF THE SPORTS STAFF

If Coach Lee Durham of Southeast is correct in his assessment, then the Central Blue Eagles will be crowned the Missouri class 4A high school boys basketball champions Saturday at Hearnes Center.

Monday night after Durham's Knights fell to Central 94-78 in a first round state tournament game at the Field House, Durham said he thought the winner of the Central-Southeast game would win the state title.

Unbeaten McCluer North (27-0), St. Louis Central (21-5) and St. Louis DeSmet (28-1) most assuredly would beg to differ. And surely Liberty (22-2), Central's quarter-final opponent at 7:30 Wednesday at the Field House, will at least take a shot at the Eagles. But Durham can have his opinion just the same.

"I thought the winner of this game would win the state title," said Durham shortly after the Eagles bombed his Knights in the second half with a tremendous inside game that featured Mike Walker pouring in 30 points and forward Mike Coleman adding 25.

"Central has a lot of togetherness," Durham added about the team that finished second to Raytown South in the state tournament last year. "They have good attitudes and play together well. Their players congratulate each other when they make good plays. They really are compatible with each other. They are one of the good teams from the Interscholastic League and there have been some good teams over the years.

"There are good kids on that team. I'm not talking just about basketball. I'm talking about young men. They think positive. That's poise, experience. I'm also talking about team concept. I think our team has some of the same characteristics."

In contrast to last season, Central is a veteran team now. Both guard Virgil

## Missouri 4A, 3A Pairings

### CLASS 4A GAMES WEDNESDAY

#### At Ladue

7:30 p.m.—Kirkwood (18-10) vs. McCluer North (27-0)

#### At Fieldhouse

7:30—Central (21-3) vs. Liberty (22-2)

#### At Meramec Community College

7:30—St. Louis Central (21-5) vs. Poplar Bluff

#### At Jefferson City

7:30—St. Louis DeSmet (28-1) vs. Springfield Glendale (19-7)

### CLASS 3A

#### At Warrensburg

7:30—Columbia Rock Bridge (21-4) vs. St. Joseph Lafayette (25-2)

#### At Springfield

7:30—Marshfield vs. Joplin Memorial (28-0)

#### At Florissant Valley Community College

7:30—Wentzville (26-2) vs. St. Louis McKinley (10-12)

#### At Flat River

7:30—St. Francis Borgia (28-2) vs. Charleston

you take into consideration that the kids last year had just played with each other for eight games. This team has played, what, 24 games together? The pressure is there, but it is put on by ourselves. We are trying to live up to the vow we made last year that we would return to Columbia."

DeSmet, an 85-59 victor over Columbia Hickman Monday night, is the only other team in the field that can boast the same tournament experience. The St. Louis school lost to Raytown South by one point in the semifinals last year and returns two key performers—6-5 Mark Dressler and 6-10 Steve Stipanovic. If they continue winning, DeSmet

and Poplar Bluff meets St. Louis Central (21-5) at Meramec Community College. Glendale ended Raytown South's reign with a 45-43 victory at Lee's Summit.

Poplar Bluff topped DuBourg 66-56. St. Louis Central beat Oakville 67-58. McCluer North nipped Soldan 72-70 and Kirkwood defeated McCluer 70-62 in other first-round games Monday night.

Liberty will try to reverse a decision against Central. Last year the Blue Eagles won at Liberty in a first-round state game. Robert Estes is the Liberty hope. He has 71 points in the last two games and will have to contend with the Central inside game.

Liberty withstood Blue Springs 75-71 in overtime in the first round, even though guard Jon Sundvold poured in 36 points, including six straight baskets in the second half.

In class 3A both the defending champion and runnerup are still in the running. Defending champion Joplin Memorial ran its record to 28-0 with an 83-51 trouncing of Harrisonville, and runnerup Charleston survived with a 68-46 victory over Hillsboro.

Lincoln, the only Greater Kansas City team in 3A, fell to St. Joseph Lafayette 78-72 after leading by 11 points at half. Lafayette, however, caught the Blue Tigers after three periods and outscored them 31-25 in the final period to pick up the victory. Lafayette won the 3A state title in 1976.

In other 3A games, Columbia Rock Bridge nipped Hannibal 62-60, Marshfield beat West Plains 68-54, St. Francis Borgia of Washington squeaked by Potosi 53-51, St. Louis McKinley upset St. Louis CBC 52-50 and Wentzville crushed Lutheran North 118-62.

Wentzville's 118-point total set a 3A state record for most points by a team in a game, shattering the previous

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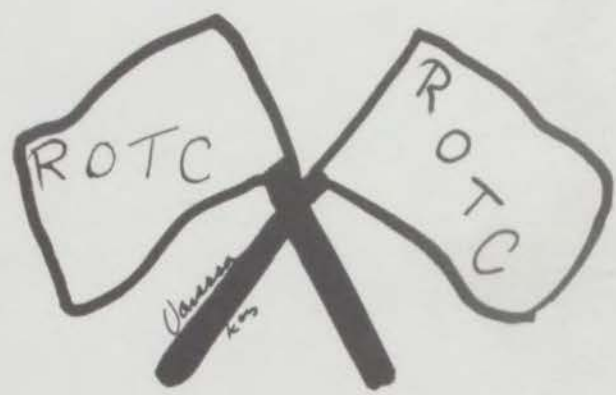
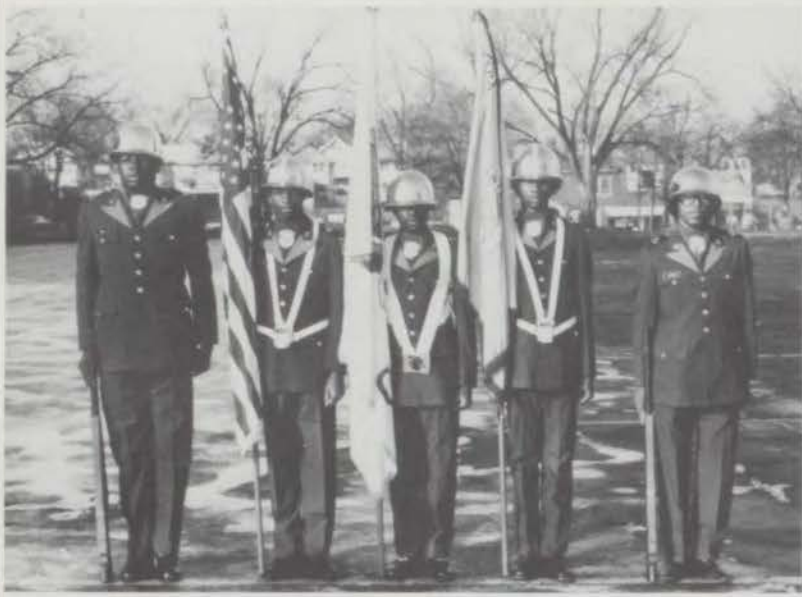
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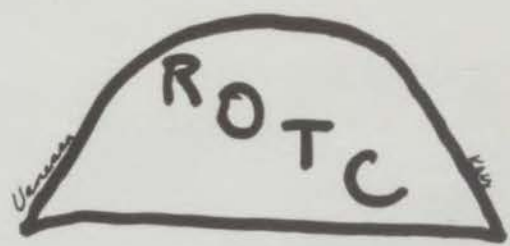


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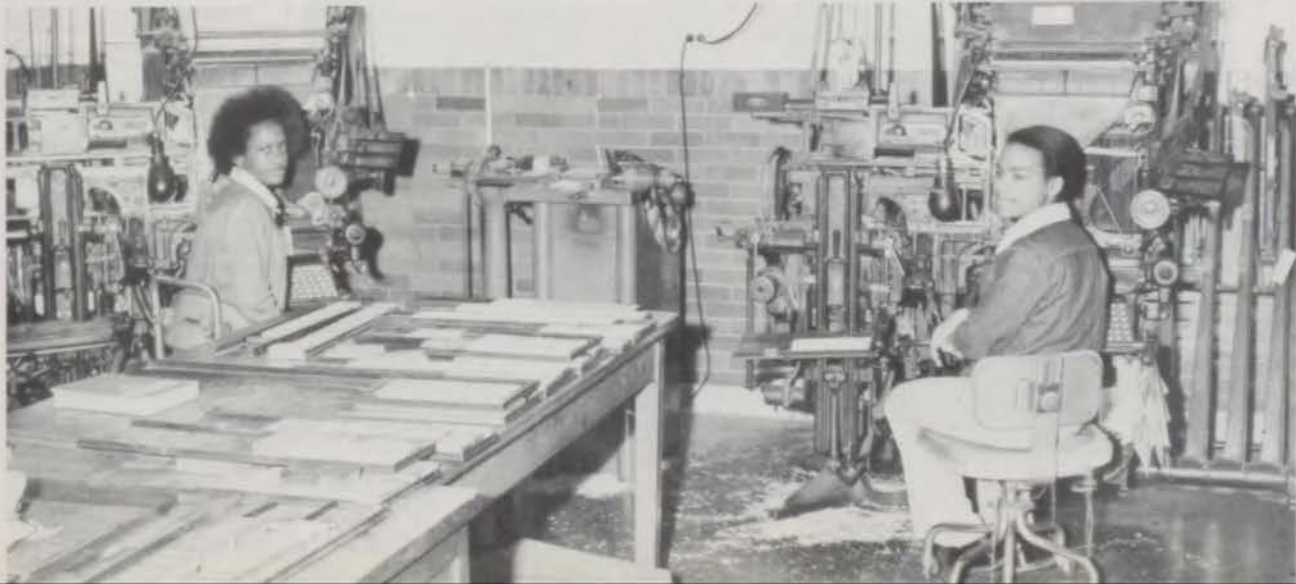
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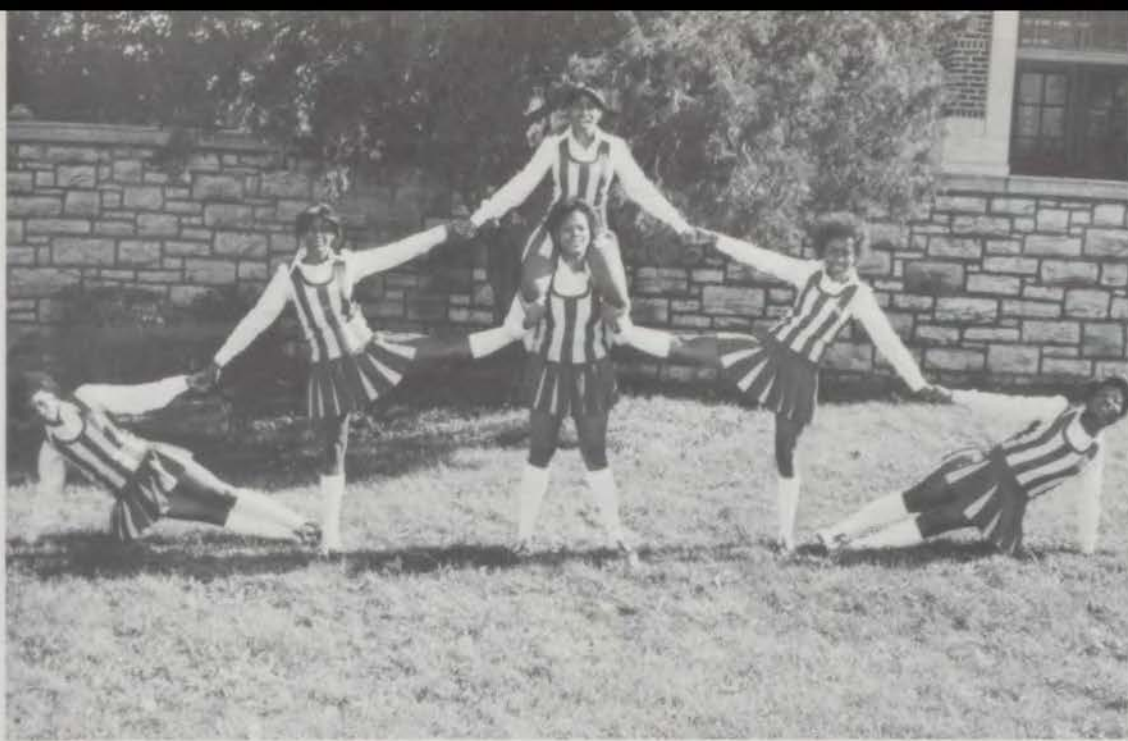
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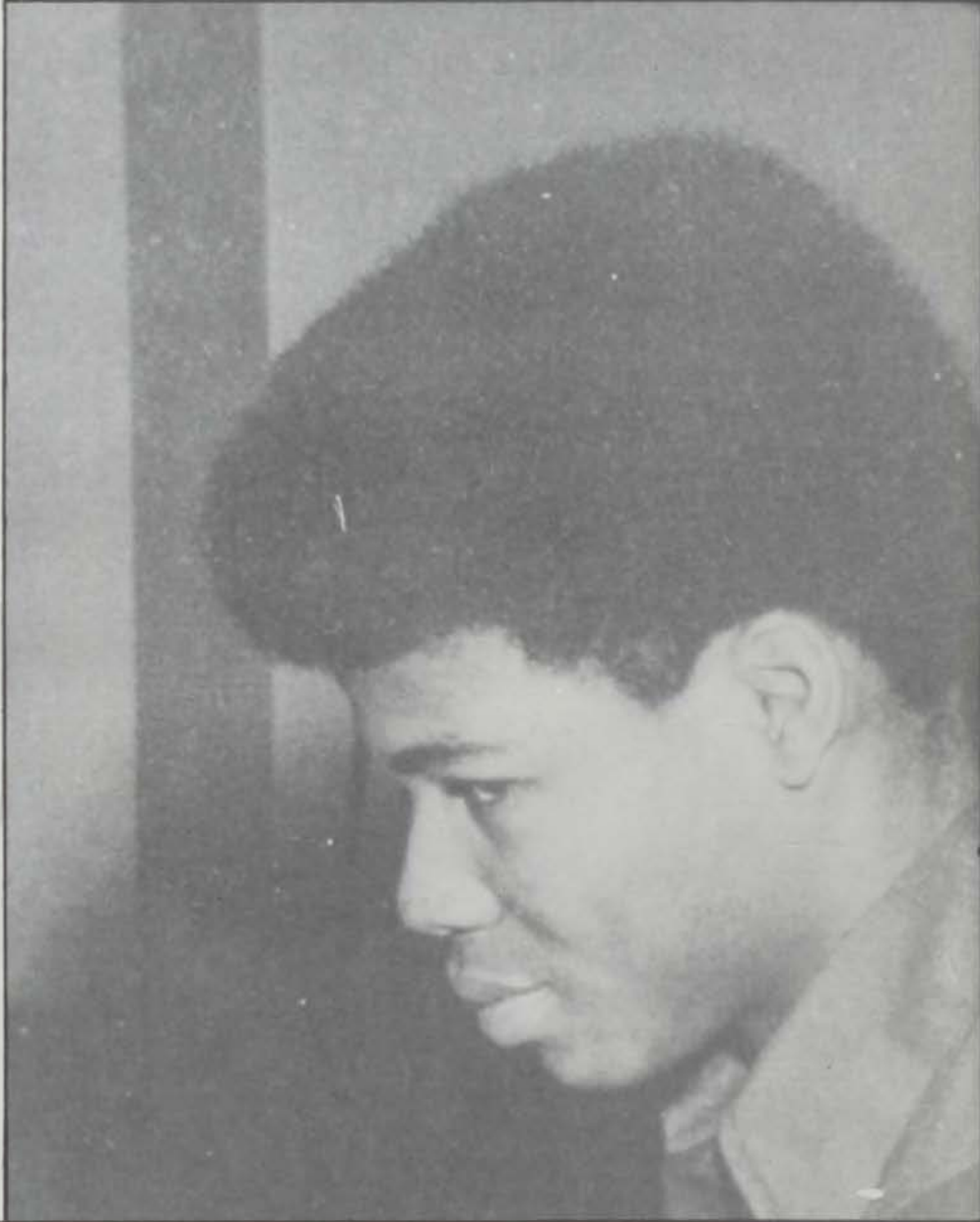
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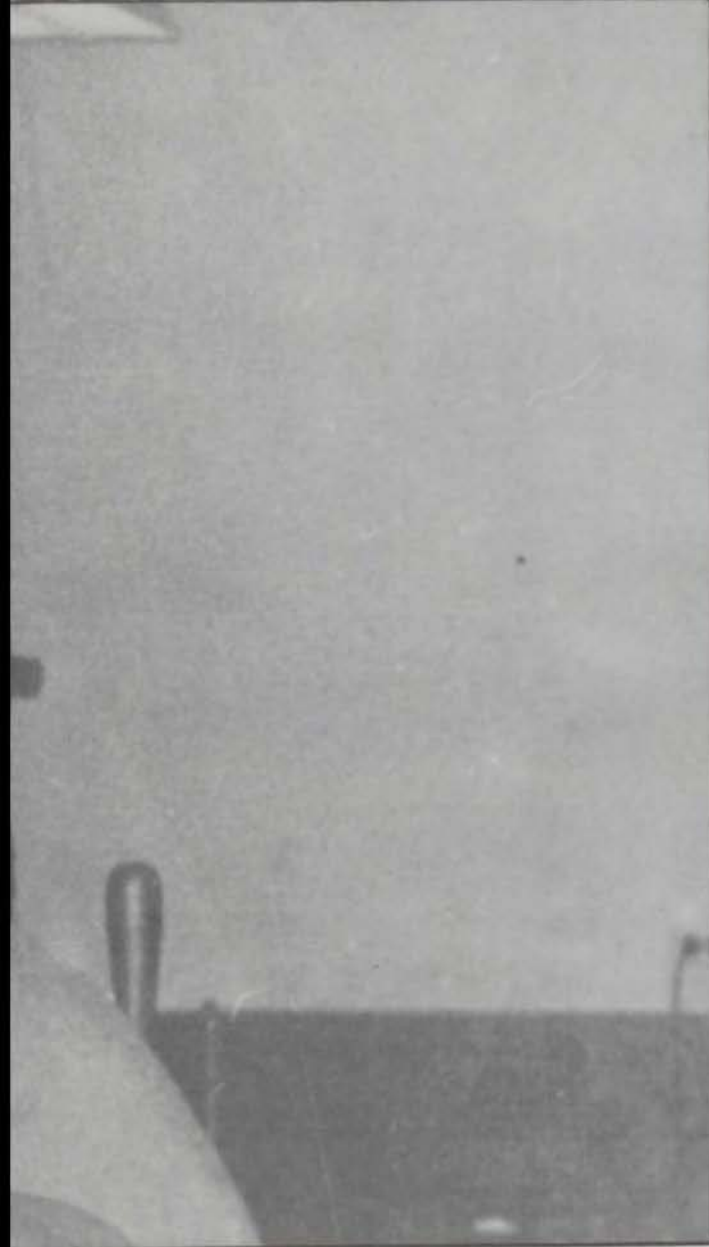
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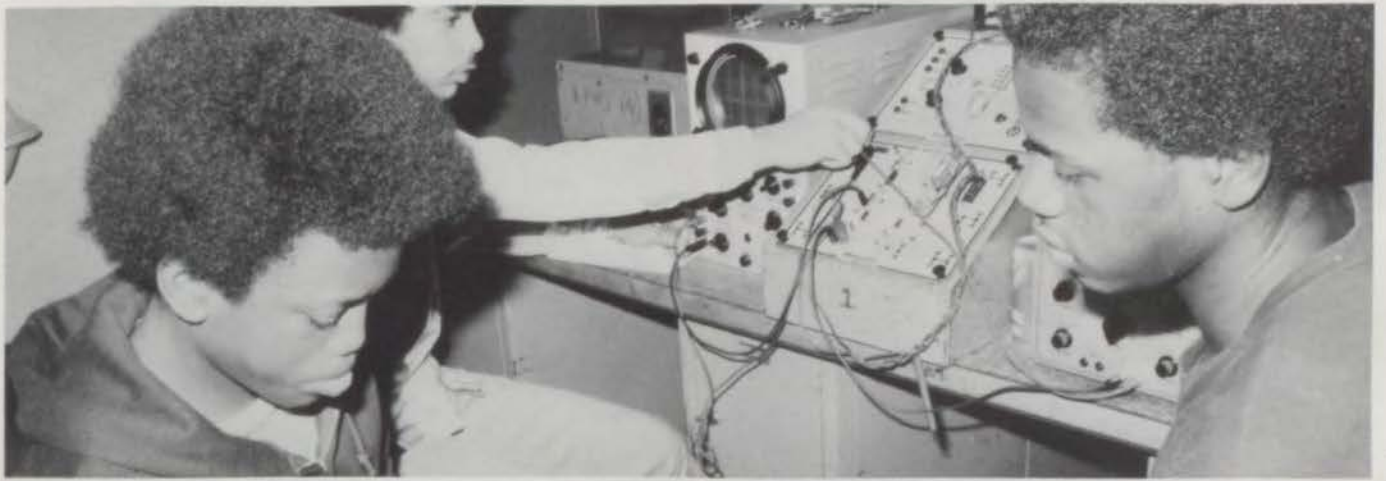


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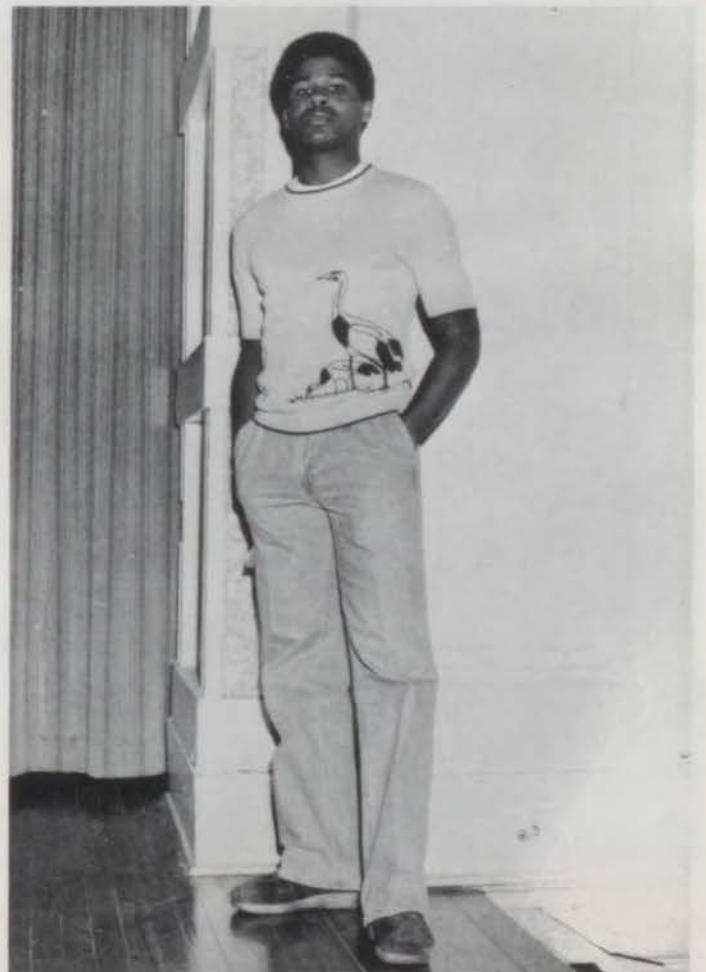
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