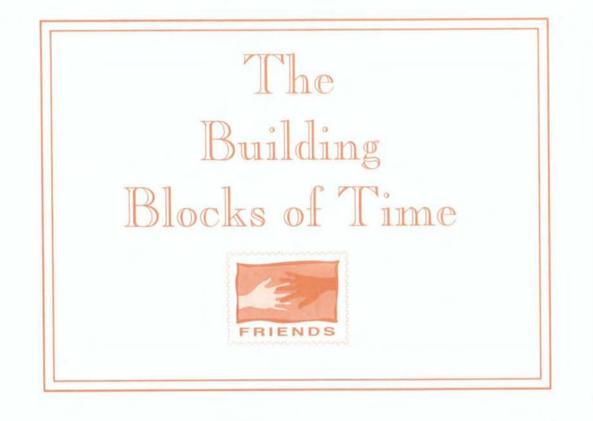
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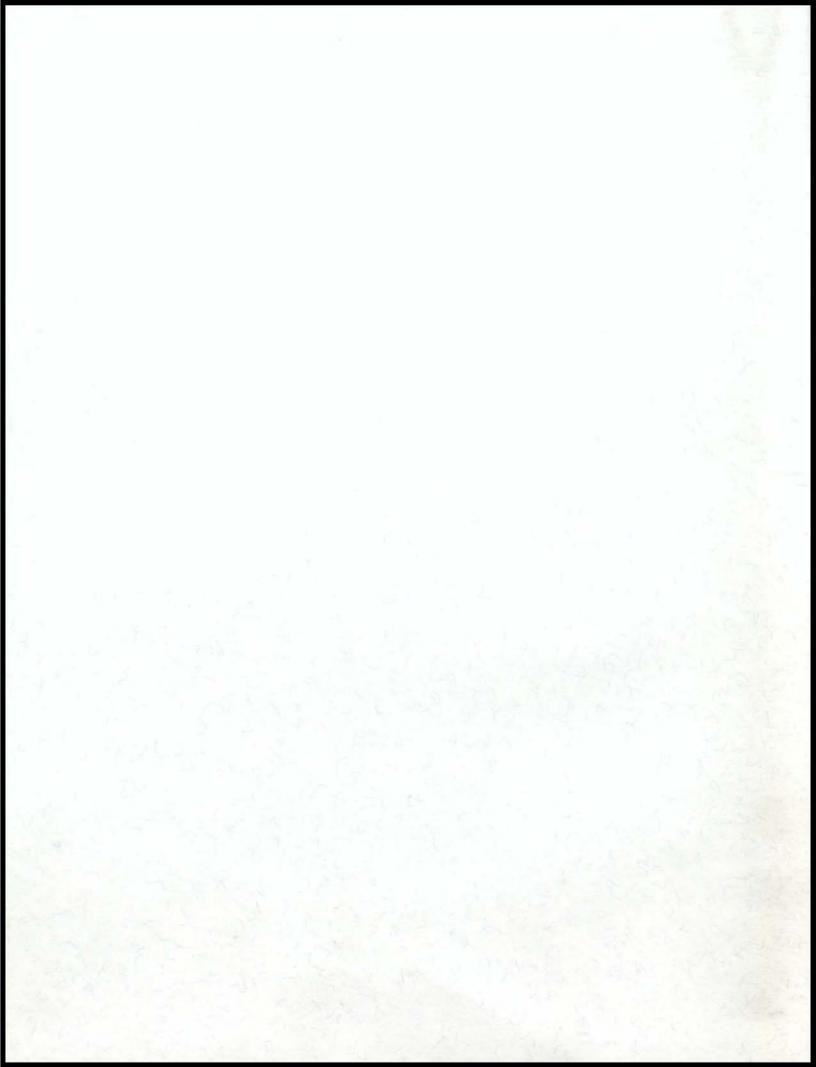
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## **Carving Our Time**

by Josh Vaughn and Amy Didde

 $\mathcal{J}$ our years, that's how long most of us are here. These four years can bring many changes, some welcome, some unwelcome. It is the way we deal with these **changes** that gives us our outlook on the time we spend in high school. Some tolerate high school, seeing it as a four-year sentence. Others savor their time here, craming as much into the years as possible. These are the two main philosophies on high school life.

Change is the air we breathe in high school. It is all around us. The addition of **block scheduling** is an example of that. Some like it, some do not, but we all experience it. Those who came before us never knew block scheduling, those who will come after will never know anything else. This is something we share, just an example of our common building blocks of time.

We see things differently, depending upon what side of the road we stand. The Freshman feels like he has all the **time** in world, never having to wonder about life after high school because its an eternity away. The Senior, however; has already crossed the gap. Now with his four years behind him, he stands on the edge of the **unknown**. Life after high school is all he thinks about because he's not sure if it really exists. The Freshman sees four years of **possibilities**, while the Senior sees four years of **memories**. Each envies the other for their own reasons, yet they both share this time. We spend our high school years **growing**... like building blocks of our time. What is past is past, and what is to come is impossible to say — but we do know this...We are now, and now is our time.





Our own wonder years. Students take time to capture the moment before heading to the pre-football game car rally.





Cougar cheerleaders Kristen Robinson, Laura Trued, Brooke Deason, Rachel Bogeart, Angie Horne, and Rhonda Woodfork.

Circle of Friends - A day to be remembered by kindred spirits Lindsay Eakins, Rusty Sneary, Veronica York, Justin Davenport, Amanda Bates, Bobby Brady, Brandie Carroll, and Joshua Vaughn.

## Student



emember the fun times that were shared between friends? The football games, numerous nights watching movies, and of course, the parties. All of these moments **build** upon each other to form the basis of a student's life.

How many hours were spent eating at restaurants, working at jobs, or going to haunted houses? Those are memories that will last a lifetime.

During the last nine months, various activities set the year apart from all others. Students had the opportunity to attend homecoming, go to college fairs, and travel on one of several trips.

These events in past and present are to be one of the many Building Blocks of Time

Students participated in different activities outside of school. Nilufar Derakhshanian (12) went skydiving with the Greater Skydiving Club of Kansas Ci-







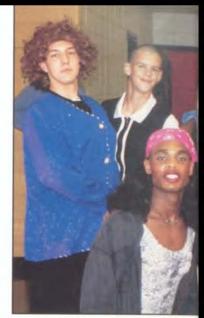
Michelle Evans (12), Adam Law (12), and Kristen White (12) display their costumes for the senior class homecoming float. The theme for the dance was "The Roaring 20's."

### Cougars Roar to Victory, 35-7 **Stone Crowned** 1996 Queen

by Desiree' King

o you remember flappers and the Charleston, Al Capone and the Untouchables? Well of course you do. it's the "Roaring 20's", and Davis, Aubrey Houpt, Sawas the theme for fall homecoming. A host of Mazza, Aqueelah Jackson spirit days kicked off the and Jamie Bateman. Sophweek. Monday was bad hair day, Tuesday was crossdress day, Wednesday was 20's day, Thursday Schneider and Chedel was dress-up day, and Friday was Orange and White Shaneatra Neely, Ali day. Candidates were: Seniors Brandie Carroll, Christine Brenner, Courtney Kies, Raychel Latore, Ashante' Stone and Ashley

White, Shanna Williams, Laura Hitchcock, Amy Didde and Lindsay Eakins. Juniors were: RyKeisha rah Joseph, Mary Carol omores were: Jania Duncan, Katie McBurney, Mia Yarbourogh, Jessica Townsend. Freshmen were: Hitchcock, Tiffany Nash and Jesse Tharp. The fall homecoming queen was Ashante' Stone.







The Homecoming winners pose for a picture. L to R: Mia Yargough (10), Second runner-up, Shanna Williams (12); Queen, Ashante' Stone (12); First runner up Amy Didde (12); RyKeisha Davis (11), and Shaneatra Neely (9).







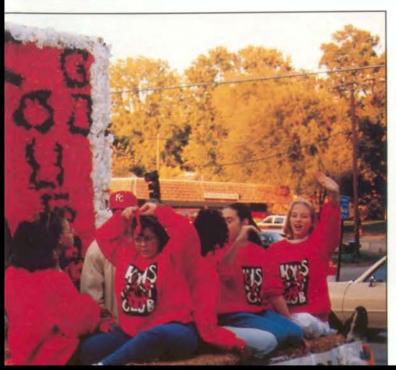
Above: Whoal Crossdress Day was one of the spirit days that kicked off the week. Top Row: L to R: Brian Card, Chris Adams, Amy Smith, Kristen Robinson, Jermaine Black well. Front Row: L to R: Derek Drake, Bobby Brady, Rusty Sneary, Rick Hill and Joe Faxio



The senior class has roaring fun on the "Roaring 20's" float.

### Spirit Week 1996

Monday- Bad Hair Day Tuesday-Crossdress Day Wensenday- 20's Day Thursday- Dress-Up Day Friday- Orange and White Day





Right: M-I-C-K-E-Y-M-O-U-S-E was the theme of the 1st place winning freshman float.

Left: Queen Ashante' Stone displays tears of joy when she was crowned by the former fall homecoming queen Michelle Jones.

## Dating and Relationships....

## Ot isn't always <u>A Bed Of Roses</u> By Elizabeth Wisdom, Mat Chewning, and Calvon Wainright

What do people do to get their admirer's attention? Bobby Brady(12), uses these tactics:

- 1. Make eye contact.
- 2. Act loose.
- 3. Ask for her number.

Aside from the normal school work, sports, and career, students can always look foward to those one. two, or three special people in their lives. The ones that provide the incentive to spring out of bed and spend numerous hours getting ready in the morning.

They can be seen holding hands in the halls, or eating lunch together. They can even occasionaly be found during "intimate" moments. said junior Joel Kipper. He also said that it doesn't matter where it is, as long as he can see his girlfriend.

On the other hand, some students are just as happy without a relationship. Some like to "play the field." Then there are the daring students who take on multiple relationships. An anonymous student enjoys the excitement and challenge of Cheerleaders Angie Horne (12) and Shanna Williams (12) pose with youngster boyfriends Mike Wolfe (10) and Jason Hill (10).

dating two people at once.

What do other couples do on weekends? Many find themselves doing the same movie/dinner routine over and over. Here are some creative ideas from students. Corey Lee (12) says that he would surprise his girlfriend with a dozen roses,and then take her on a carriage ride on the plaza. "I liked it when my boyfriend took me to the lake," said Katie McBurney,(10).

But of course, every relationship has a down side. There are normal lovers' quarrels and misunderstandings. It's also hard for busy students to schedule time for friends and relationships. This is one reason Javelle Colbert (12) works with her boyfriend. "I like working with Chad because not that I don't see him everyday at school, I can see him every night at work." She also said that after the game is over, and the homework is done, it's nice to have someone to cuddle up to.



Jermaine Taylor (10) and Fhallon Combs (10) gaze lovingly into one another's eyes.

Danielle Phillips (12) and Doug Giese (12) share a hug between classes.







Brian Suthers (12) and Lindsay Eakins (12) cuddle by a tree. At the Homecoming Dance, Chris Adams (12) and Amy Smith (11) wait in the neverending picture line.





Desiree Hack (9), Marko Wilson (9), Angie Smith (9), and Marlowe Rhodes (9) like to keep an eye on each other at school.



## Senior Superlatives

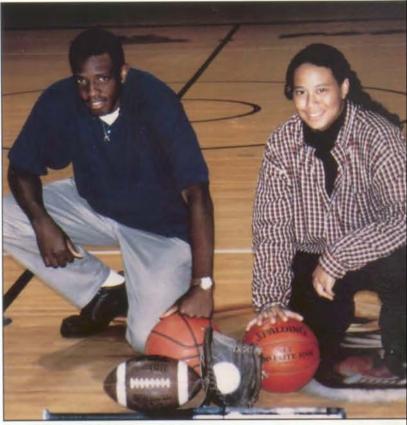
Loudest: Javelle Colbert Cedric Norton



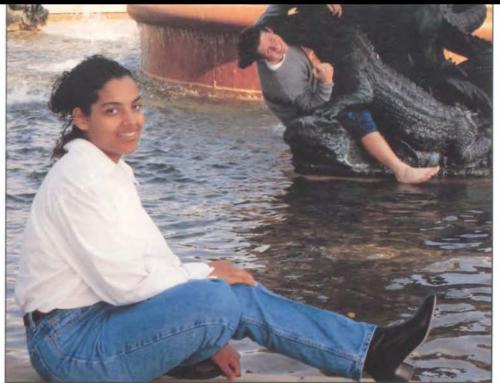
Biggest Hirt: Bobby Brady Ashante Stone

Most Athletic: Davin Winkley Cynthia Moss





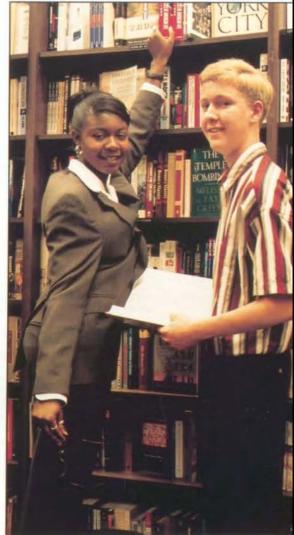








Most Unique: Natalie Lucas Josh Vaughn Most Likley Co Succeed: Veronica York Justin Davenport



Best Eyes: David Alder Amanda Bates

Most Spirited: Shonda Dennis Adam Law

## Superlatives At Play

BIGGEST FLIRT <u>A Recipe For A Good Flirt</u> ASTIANTE & BOBBYS LOVE SWIRL A kint of sugar, A lil' bit of spice A touch of eye contact, A cup of Mr. Nice Stir in a teaspoon of charm, Sprinkle it with a bit of wine and dine Blend it all together, And you could be mine!

BEST COUPLE Kandis Tabron and Cortez Wesley are without a doubt the most deserving winners for Best Couple. Their respect, friendship, and understanding is what keeps their relationship strong.

Through the rough times there is always a shoulder to cry on and a hand to hold.



### MOSTLIKELY TO SUCCEED

When asking Veronica York and Justin Davenport why they feel they were voted most likely to succeed, Veronica stated, "Determination, effort, and accomplishing my goals contribute to my success." Justin added, "The hard work will eventually pay off when I have made something of myself." by Christine Brenner and Ashley White







## MOSTDRAMATIC

Ashley White and Rusty Sneary's dramatic sides shine both on and off the stage. They have been involved in all aspects relating to drama and have participated in many of the schools productions. Theater is not just another "A", it is a foundation for their future!



## CLASS CLOWN

James Kirkwood and Desiree King spend most of their days keeping spirits high and faces smiling. They often keep a boring classroom full of laughter and surprises. There usually isn't a time during their day that they're not cracking a joke or acting like clowns. The only thing that keeps them from spreading their enthusiasm are the upset stomachs or those terrible headaches.

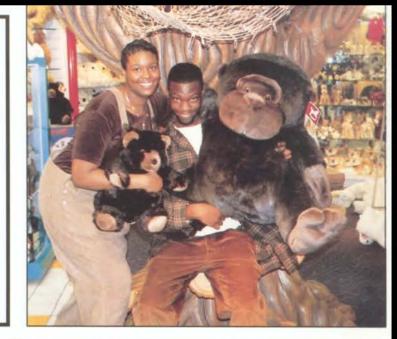


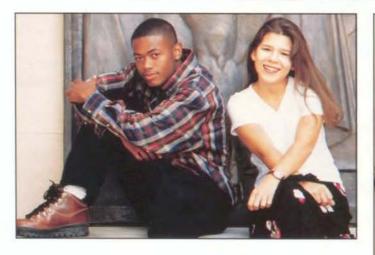
#### MOST GULLIBLE StrickYL LEE'S Top 5 Cooking Tips .... 1. "It is said you should always keep the lid on the blender. . ... I disagree!" 2. "T've never understood how a pineapple upside down cake works. Shouldn't you bake it right side up?" 3. "When adding a cup of flour, always make sure you remove the cup." 4. "You don't always need eggs in your omelettes. ... in my opinion they taste better without them!"

5. "When dressing a turkey, never mix plaid with stripes!"

Class Clown: Desiree King James Kirkwood

**Best Couple:** Cortez Wesley Kandis Tabron







Most Artistic: Cleon Davis Raychel Latore

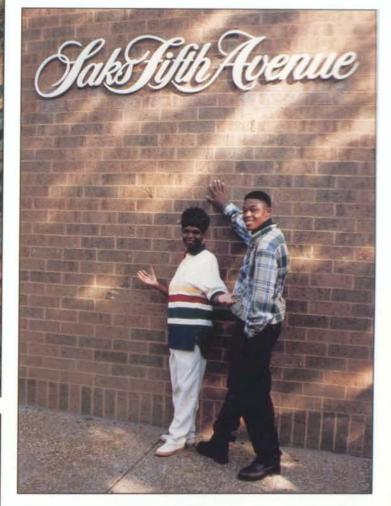
Most Gullible: Sheryl Bateman











**Best Dressed:** April Abraham Rico Ratliff

Best Smile: Tracy Turner Jarreau Hawkins

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### It Happened in the Years 1978-1979

by Kristen White, Justin Davenport, and Michelle Evans

What importance did the years 1978-1979 have? Except for the birth of the seniors, those years may not have much significance to others. Seniors will always remember their birthdays, but they might not recall events like the famous western actor John Wayne dying June 11, 1979, or the worst nuclear accident in history March 31, 1979. The event of the Whitewater territory being purchased in 1978 by Governor Clinton didn't mean anything at the time, but now it's under investigation for a scandal involving President Clinton.

Closer to home in 1979, the Kemper Arena's roof collapsed, Bannister Mall was an empty lot, and the school was six-years old. Those years were historic for numerous people, but probably meant the most to those that entered the world.....Seniors!!

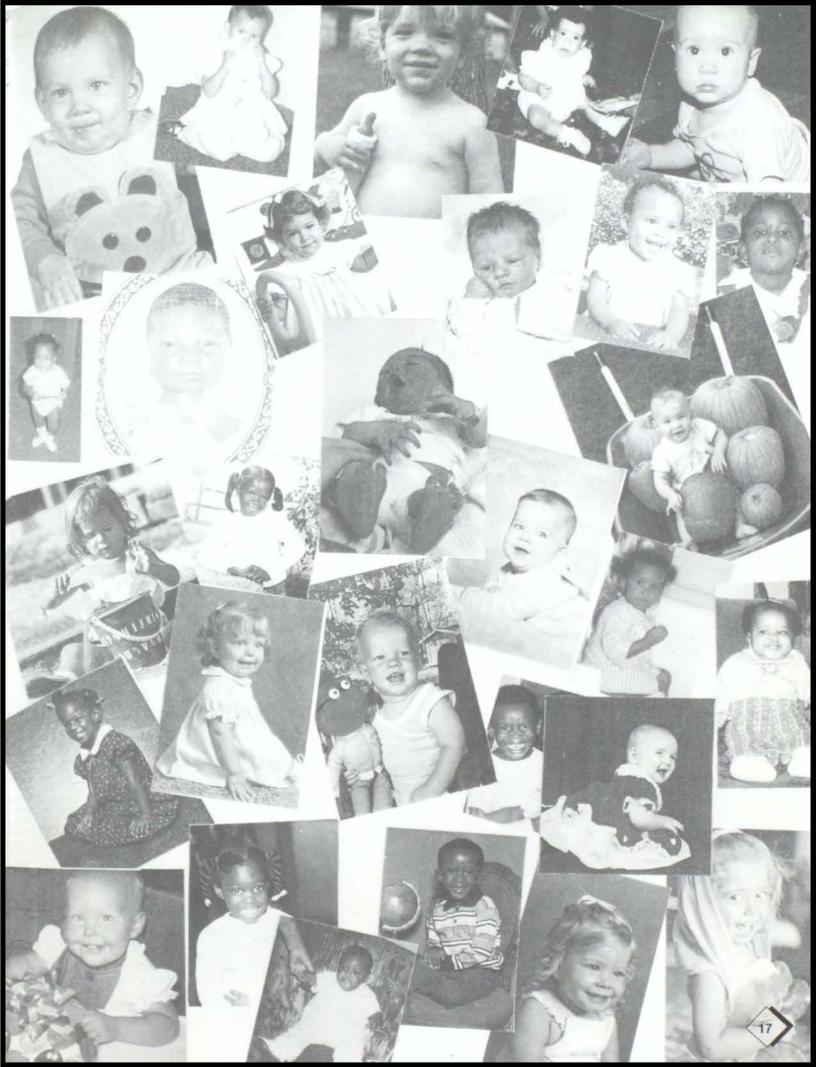


#### Fascinating Events of 1978 and 1979

- 1979 Pittsburg Steelers became first team to win three Super Bowls
- July 27, 1979, the first Sony walkman goes on sale
- 1978 Ms. Murphy gets her license
- February 4, 1978, designer Calvin Klein pays \$999,900 ransom to get his daughter back
- June 22, 1979, the day disco finally died
- June 11, 1979, John Wayne, 72, dies of cancer
- April 2, 1978, velcro is introduced

#### Little Tykes of 1978-1979

Rusty Sneary Amy Didde Bobby Brady Angela Biondo Ashley White Javelle Colbert KeJuan Townson Nadla Kennedy Elizabeth Wisdom Renee Price Chiauita Scott Raychel Latore April Abraham Michelle Evans Tyler Burch Christine Brenner Georgetta Steward Jana Collins Marissa Love Danielle Phillips **Kyle Munday** Derek Drake Devin Boston Megan Coenen Joi Alexzander Chrystal Piggie Cedric Norton Shanna Williams Nilufar Derakhshanian



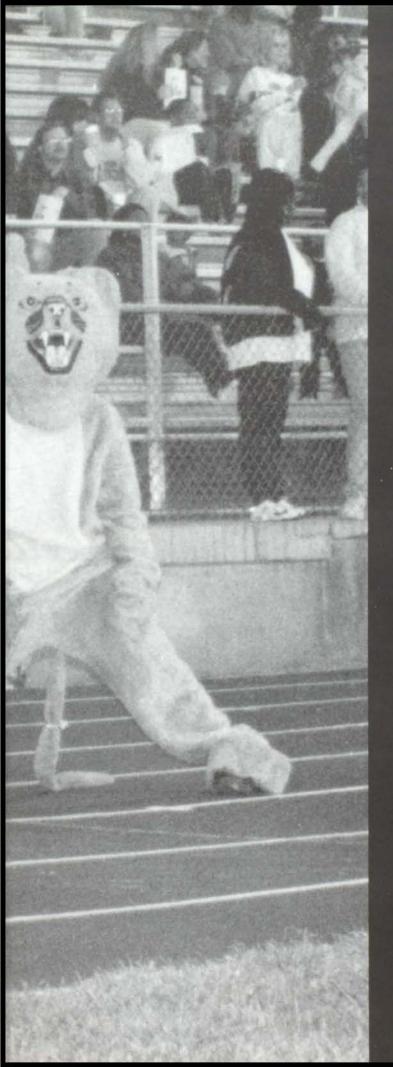
## Sports c e n n

A ttendance at any sporting event proved the **pride** that students had. A walk into the stands at a football game, or an appearance at a basketball game presented a sea of **orange**.

Not only were the teams supported by the **fans** and parents, team morale was also very high. From pre-season practice right up to the last game, the studentathletes remained **dedicated** to their sport. Hours of hard work, sweat, and even tears were put forth into doing the best possible- whether as a team or an individual. As competition grew, **teamwork** was evident. Friendships formed, and a lasting **faith** in others was built- a **bond** that will last over time.

The privilege of being the mascot belonged to several students over the course of the year. Brandie Carroll (12) flaunts her pride at a football game. Amanda Bates (12), Liz Wisdom (12), and Gabrielle Doyle (12) also shared the honor of being the Cougar.







Aqueelah Jackson (11), Allison Hitchcock (9), and Jessica Schneider (10) applaude their teammates during a tennis match.



Jarreau Hawkins and his dad Lee Hawkins, a former Kansas Jayhawk star, discuss how the game is going and what Jarreau is doing wrong.

#### Are you ready for some by Mat Chewning and Amanda Bates football? It's Go Time

The Cougar football team came out this season with high expectations, even though they lost many seniors from last year. Unfortunately, things didn't start off well with a 14-8 loss to Park Hill. They would finish the season with a 4-6 record. "It always seemed that we were one block away or a holding penalty away from a win," said Coach Tim Pepple.

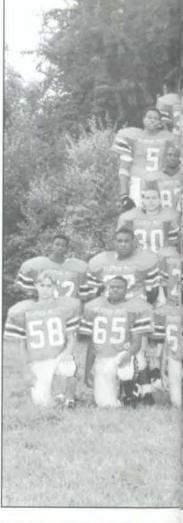
The record doesn't reflect the Cougar's team very well. Every game was played with every bit of their heart and souls. However, in many cases it just wasn't enough for them to get the win.

"We were a team that lacked strength, so for those that plan on playing on next year's football team, get into the weight room and don't make excuses for yourself, because in the long run, it can hurt your team,"said Bobby Brady (12). Many other team members agreed, including Corey Brasselmon (12), who added "We just didn't have the physical strength of last year's team."

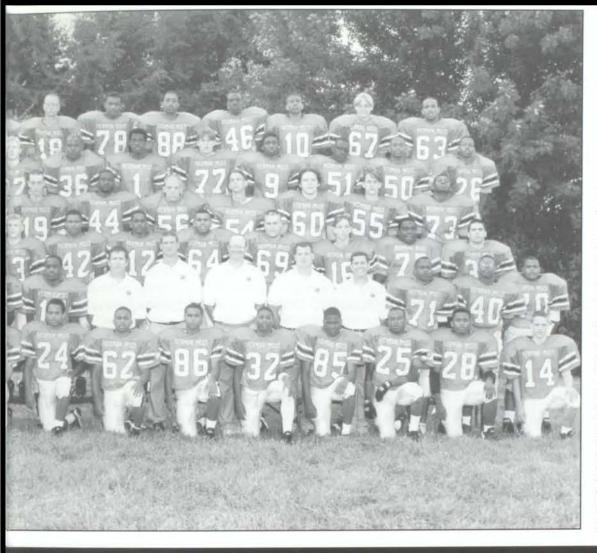
Even though the Cougars battled through many hardships and began the season with a loss, they were able to annihilate district rivals the Ruskin Eagles, beating them 42-6 to win the Fouracker Trophy.

#### Varsity Results

US	Opponent	THEM
8	Park Hill	14
0	North Kansas City	8
0	Ray-Pec	19
14	Winnetonka	7
22	Center	38
35	Belton	7
6	Liberty	27
34	Raytown South	23
6	Excelsior Springs	48
41	Ruskin	7







Varsity Football Team: (Back row) Byron Moss, Brian Suthers, Brian Anderson, Zach Goode, Davin Winkley, Clint Cain, Aaron Hynds, Corey Brasselmon, Mike Acklin, Gary Beamer, Jarreau Hawkins, Lester Jones, Glenn Warford, Shelton Ross, Matt Williams, Mark Williams, Lee Nelson, Edward Coody, Matt Wrigley, Thomas Ponds, Bobby Brady, Rusty Sneary, Josh Vaughn, Allen Diehl, Mark Salary, David Alder, Brandon Grego, Rudy Wesley, Kevin Smith, Brian Taylor, Ben Cloud, Zach Waterman, Sylvester White, Mat Chewning, Thomas Gadson, Danny Mason, Edward Kerr, Damion Simpson, Asst. Coaches Jeff Sumner, Darin Hall, Head Coach Tim Pepple, Asst. Coaches Brent Eckley, Greg Mac-Donald, Ramone Kizine, Joe Ryan, Keith Williams, Rick Hill, Antuaine Robinson, Joel Penafiel, Joseph Faxio, Jai Turner, Terry Wright, Theodis Watson, Anthony Williams, Marcellus Pouncil, Tyrone Jones, and Mike Wolf.





Shelton Ross, who gained 1,192 yrds. on 191 attempts, prepares to cutback against the Raytown South defense in the Cougar's first game of Districts. Shelton would later add, "The moves I displayed were soooo b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l "" Senior Captains Corey Brasselmon, Shelton Ross, Josh Vaughn, and David Alder make their last trip out to the fifty yard line for the coin toss against the Ruskin Eagles. Cougars won 41-7.



## Standing Up to Their Potential

Tyrone Jones (#28), prepares to block Thomas Ponds (#44), as he runs for a touchdown against North Kansas City.



#### by Calvon Wainright

Leading the Junior Varsity football team to the record of 4-3 are coaches: Darin Hall, and Brent Eckley.

Even though the team started their season on the "wrong paw", so to say, when they were defeated by Park Hill 16-14 on September 9, they knew what they had to do. The Cougars showed their talent as they crawled all over the Hornets of North Kansas City, on September 16th. The defense over-powered the Hornets by holding strong and blocking hard to prevent them from scoring a touchdown. The offensive sqaud

worked the field blocking and fighting through tackles. The final score was a flawless 12-0. On September 23rd, J.V. showed the Ray-Pec Panthers that the Cougars are the kings of the field, by defeating them 32-12. On September 30th, Winnetonka experienced what the Cougars had to give them. They went out there and played their hardest, and another victory laid right in their hands. A victory of 14-6.

The guys ended the remaining three games of the season with two losses and one win.

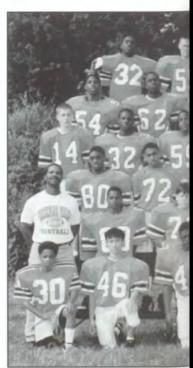
Freshmen Scores				
Us	Opp	Them		
6	Park Hill	55		
6	Ray-Pec	36		
12	Winnetonka	12		
30	Center	16		



left: Marlowe Rhodes runs in for a touchdown against the Yellow Jackets of Center.

below: James Caldwell helps the team to a victory by shaking away the defense of Center, and scoring a touchdown.



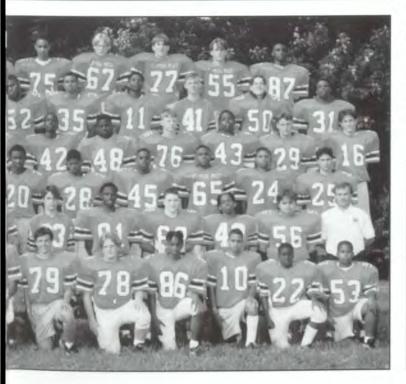


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R	lay-Pec	32-12
N	7innetonka	14-6
B	lelton	8-21
L	iberty	18-14
R	tay South	0-21

### Roster for 96-97 J.V. Squad.

# 1 Lester Jones (11) #12 Kevin Smith (10) #14 Mike Wolf (10) #16 Zach Waterman (10) #17 Matt Wrigley (10) #24 Joe Faxio (11) #26 Lee Nelson (11) #28 Tyrone Jones (11) #32 Theodis Watson (10) #38 Byron Moss (10) #40 Joe Ryan (10) #42 Rudy Wesley (10) #44 Thomas Ponds (10) #50 Mark Williams (11) #51 Matt Williams (11) #52 Thomas Gadson (10) #55 Alan Diehl (9)

#62 Jai Turner (10) #63 Marko Wilson (9) #64 Brian Taylor (10) #65 Antuaine Robinson (9) #66 Joel Penafiel (10) #67 Aaron Hynds (9) #69 Ben Cloud (11) #70 Kieth Williams (10) #71 Ramon Kizine (10) #72 Danny Mason (10) #73 Mark Salary (10) #77 Glenn Warford (9) #85 Anthony Williams (10) #86 Terry Wright (10) #87 Edward Coody (10) Manager: Brandon Gines



#### Freshmen Football

## Guiding the Light of What's to Come for the Future

by Shalyce Smith and Calvon Wainright

Freshman football has definitely given the Cougars something to look forward to for the future of Hickman Mills football. The young football players had to overcome the disadvantage of not playing eighth grade football.

The freshman team showed promise with plays like the 65 yard pass thrown by Marqus Rose to James Cadwell for a touchdown against Park Hill. The defense proved to be outstanding by forcing seven turnovers in the Winnetonka game. The Center game was perhaps the best they played all year. The team blocked a punt, and ran it in for a touchdown. The team even showed their endurance by playing the game against Raymore-Peculiar in the middle of a driving rainstorm.

"As a unit, they are starting to understand what it takes to be successful," said Coach Mark Elston. He also added that when the team gets mentally and physically stronger, they will be a very successful group.

"In the future, the class of 2000 will have the state championship," predicted Rose.

Top row:Marko Wilson, Todd Leroy, Shelton Poteat, Aaron Hynds, Glenn Warford, Alan Diehl, Clarence Smith.2nd row:Alonzo Burks, Brandon Horne, Mathew Salary, Randell Henderson, Victor Bailey, Chris McNeil, Mark Warford, Leon Nelson.3rd row:Jarod Hill, Brian McClure, Rubin Moore, Steven Kerr, Calvin White, Michael Page, Jeramiah Moody, Nick Davis, Ben Nelson.4th row:James Caldwell, James Dean, Tarik Lartey, Marlowe Rhodes, Jason Scott, Antuaine Robinson, Covell Crosby, John Kaczur.5th row:Coach Gibson, Brandon Mayberry, Matt Greenwood, Dean Farnsworth, Edward Moses, Jim Giese, Brandon Hayes, Alex Horne, Coach Elston.6th row:Andre Robinson, Hieu Vuong, Mitchell Harris, Valon Thompson, Kevin Plummer, Jason Belcher, Marqus Rose, Kevin Hood, Kevin Eason. back row: Ass. Coach Deborah Hurt, Mary Carol Mazza, Tiffany Gray, Kim Walker, Angie Falazone, Krista Newman, Coach Lisa Cunningham, Stephen Jones

middle row: Mgr. Katy Langhammer, Laura Hitchcock, Derecha Malone, Christine Brenner, Mgr. Nashay Iryen

by Christine Brenner



Spikin that Ball Varisty Volleyball

The ladies' started a practice back in August to get ready for the upcoming season. They lifted weights three days a week and did skill work such as swinging with correct technique, spiking, being able to have quick feet, plus running to get in shape.

"Besides the games, at practice, I think we all got along and practiced well and hard when we were focused," said Angie Falazone (11).

The varsity team ended with an overall record of 5 wins and 14 losses with one tie game. In the conference games the ladies' had an record of 5 wins and 7 losses.

"It was kind of a up and down year. We had good games and bad ones," said Courtney Kies (12).

On Monday October 28, 1996 the ladies' traveled to Blue Springs to play against Ray-South in a district game. The whole week before they were preparing for this game. If they won this game they go on and keep playing until they lose. Unfortunately, the girls' lost in two games being 11-15 and 6-15.

"I think that Raytown-

South was surprised a little at the beginning because we fought back harder than we did when we played them earlier this year," said Laura Hitchcock (12). Courtney Kies (12) were the only girls with playing time on the varsity level. Laura Hitchcock (12). Brandie Carroll (12), Christine Brenner (12), Derecha Malone (11), Mary Carol Mazza (11), Angie Falazone (11), and Kim Walker (10) all have had experience, but not on the varsity level. While all these airls' have had this time playing, Tiffany Gray (11) has never been on the court before and started varsity.

"When I first tried out I didn't know if I was going to make it. When I did make it, I worked hard and tried to catch up with everybody's ability. I really didn't think I was going to play varsity since I had never played before, let alone start," said Gray.

"Tiffany came out as a non-experienced volleyball player and sparked the team with her instinctive playing ability," said Coach Lisa Cunningham.

"We were a really inexperienced team, we improved towards the end of the year," said Coach Cunningham.

Most of the players are looking foward to playing next year.

"Hopefully next year we can win more and work together better as a team while we're on the court," said Deresha Malone (11).

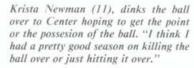




Brandie Carroll (12) sets up a set to be killed over to the opposing team. Brandie was the official setter on the team this year. "It felt good setting up the hitter because I helped make it a kill."







The very last game the girls played they beat Center in two games. April Langhammer, Christine Brenner, Brandie Carroll, Krista Newman, Laura Hitchcock, Mary Carol Mazza, Angie Falazone, Deresha Malone, Courtney Kies, and Kim Walker are all proud of their last victory.







Laura Hitchcock (12) bumps the ball up to the setter for a kill. Christine Brenner (12) backs her up while Krista Newman (11), Courtney Kies, and Angie Falazone are ready to hit the ball if it comes their way. Kim Walker (10) cocks her arm back getting ready to hit the ball right back at the other team. "It was a lot different playing ninth grade than varstiy because varsity is at a higher skill level than the ninth grade."

### Defeated or Undefeated

It doesn't matter to these fighting Cougars

#### by Bobby Brady

The Junior Varsity volleyball team had a rough season, but they showed improvement as the season progressed.

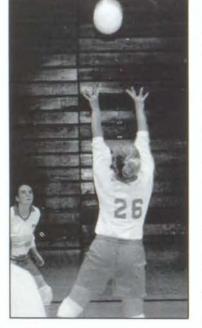
"We started off not knowing what to expect, and although our record does not show it, we came together and improved as a team," said April Langhammer.

When asked about the physical toughness of the game, Kelly Gibbs stated, "When you are playing hard and everyone is having a good game, with good competition on the other side of the new, it can get pretty tiring."

Debra Hurt was a firstyear coach for the girls J.V. team. Hurt has never played volleyball or coached it before, so it was a new experience for her.

"I went back to the basic fundamentals and helped build the team up this year for their upcoming seasons," said Hurt.

Despite the winless season, the girls all feel they have improved and are looking forward to the future.



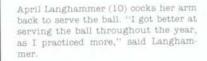
Mia Yarbough (10) looks on as Kelly Gibbs (10) spikes the ball over the net.



Lesley Sharon (10) sets up Megan Forbes (10) to spike the ball over to the opposing team. "It takes a good set to make a good spike," said Lesley Sharon (10).







#### Ninth Grade Volleyball

Top Row: Jessica Tharp, Shaneatra Neely, Amber Sistrunk, Kathryn Fisher, Alea Smith, RitaWilks, Shalanda Sanders, Coach Wolfe, Center, Tanika Rand, Jennifer Horne, Lindsay Scott, Roxanne Moore, Tiffany Nash and Rachel Higgins. Back: Dana Conley, Amber Horn and Tawana Seay-Williams.





Top: Coach Debra Hurt, Lesley Sharon, Mia Yarbough, April Langhammer, Megan Forbes, Tekila Brown, Coach Lisa Cunningham, Mgr. Steven Jones. Middle row: Mgr. Katy Langhammer, Casie Howard, Kelly Gibbs, Gianna Kilbey, Brandi Kerr. front row: Racheal Clouse, Shalyce Smith. A Young Team on their Way

## NinthVolleyball Learns Skills

#### By Kristen White

The freshman volleyball team ended their season with a 1-17 record. Regardless of their losses, the team learned many things. They especially learned what was meant by teamwork.

"There was a great improvement from the first half of the year to the second half. The girls struggled very early in the year, but half-way through the season they started working more as a team" said Coach Wolfe.

This year's team consisted of 13 freshman. The goals were to introduce proper responsibilities, skills, and fundamentals of the game.

'It was fun to play as a team on our good days. I think if we payed attention more we could have had more victories." said Amber Sistrunk (9).

Learning from their mistakes this year they plan to have a more successful season next year.

the Ervin home front against

## Get some kicks on the field. .. with the Soccer team.

Over the past four years

the Cougar Soccer team has

been passed around

fromcoach to coach like an

unwanted dog. When the

first week of practice rolled

about, the team was still

wagging their tails at the

door step. Rusty Sneary

(12) and Rick Hill (12) took

control by getting the team

together to kick off the sea-

"I told them we would

Mr. Clay Stairs volun-

The motto for the year

was "Wake the Cat," mean-

ing that the '96 season was

just the beginning.

teered to coach the Cougar

have practice, coach or no

coach," said Sneary (12).

son.

Soccer team.

Teams Played

Ray-Pec Center Belton Raytown South Harrisonville Ruskin Grandview Record 2-12

#### by Michelle Evans

"I was very excited to take the job," said Stairs.

He started a new team by bringing stricter discipline and emphasing basic skills and better team work.

"Coach Stairs really made us concentrate on the fundamentals of soccer and brought us together as a team," said Rick Hill (12).

"In my country more tactics and passing are used instead of speed and body contact," said Brizuela.

"For the next year we must improve skills and score points and we will win," said Staires.





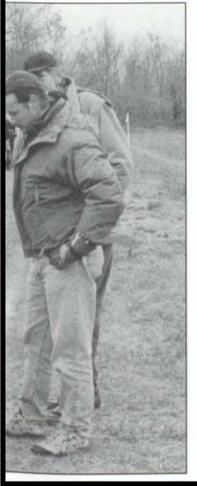




Die hard soccer fans, Kristen White, Amy Didde, Angela Duong, Lindsay Tharp, Shonda Dennis, Angie Horn, brave the cold temperature to watch the Cougars.



The Cougar Soccer Team Jeff Lobdell, Justin Adams, Jason Garoutte, William Brizuela, Chris Adams, Leighton Harmon, Coach Staires, Tony Latta, Jason Carrol, Morris Brown, Jason Hill, Colin Young, Jimmy Ratliff, Rick Hill, Rusty Sneary, Jason Heffernan, Tim Buckholz.





Jason Garoutte discuss game strategy with Coach Staires.

William Brizuela hurdles a Center player who gets in his way to the ball.



Tennis '96



Gabrielle Doyle stretches for a forehand against Ray-Pec.

## Setting it off !!!

The girls tennis squad had another extraordinary season. Four girls that lettered last year returned to lead the team to an 8-3 record, and a 4th place finish in conference.

This season was marked by a number of accomplishments. The doubles team of Kari Tucker (11) and Gina Campbell (11) earned 1st Place at the Hickman Mills Tournament, 2nd Place at the Conference Tournament, and 1st Team All-Conference honors. The other doubles team of Amy Didde (12) and Veronica York (12) earned 2nd Team All-Conference honors and got 5th at the Hickman Mills Tournament, ''This year was great!'', noted York.

Other awards were given to Campbell: 2nd Team All-Conference (singles) and Tucker: 1st Team All-Conference (singles).

"My most memorable match," stated Jessica Schnieder (10), "Was when I placed third in the JV Conference Tournament.

The team once again showed that they were strong, with wins over Ruskin, Grandview, Ray-Pec, Excelsior Springs, and Belton. "We had a good, solid second half of the season," commented Coach Tom O'Brien, "Everyone showed improvement and I was pleased with the depth our team showed."

Even though the team fell short of thier goal of winning conference, everyone on the team came away with something from the season. As Schnieder stated simply, "It was a lot of fun!"

Coach Tom O'Brien and players Amy Didde (12), Jennifer Underwood (12), Veronica York (12), Amanda Bates (12), and Gabrielle Doyle (12) pose at the awards banquet. Long season, hey Coach O'Brien.







Gina Campbell (11) winds up for a serve.

(top row) Coach Tom O'Brien, Amanda Bates (12), Kari Tucker (11), Amy Didde (12), and Jenny Underwood (12). (bottom row) Aqueelah Jackson (11), Anya Doyle (10), Gina Campbell (11), Jessica Schneider (10), and Ali Hitchcock (9). Not pictured: Gabrielle Doyal (12), and Veronica York (12).







Allie Hitchcock (9) and Jessica Schnieder (10) hang out at the tennis picnic.

Kari Tucker (11) gets ready for a volley.



Gatlin sits to rest after a long run.

# Running Strong . . . by Erica Thompson Small in Numbers, Big in Heart

S hanna Williams (12), Earl Kizine (11), Mike Raab (12), Jesse Nash (12), Darold Wilks (11), and Lee Gatlin (11) are the six names of the Cross Country team. The team starts running in the summer, about once a week. "It was not as hard as last year," said Gatlin. He ran over 115 miles this summer training for the season. His goal was to take some time off or run a lot faster on the 3.1 miles, or the 5 kilometer. Gatlin plans to return next year for his senior year.

Kizine has also been running since freshman year with Gatlin. He ran a little over 100 miles this summer. He plans to run next year also for his senior year.

Raab, a senior on the team, got his season cut short after he got in a car accident and had a mild concussion and a strained neck. Raab planned to go to state this season, and he was very dedicated. He ran close to 200 miles this summer training. He wants to go to college and run. He hopes to be the best. "It was hard for me to sit out my senior year." said Raab.

All together, the team is like one big family. They have been together since Ervin Junior High. Coach Kreiling said his goal was to build a team that loves to work hard, and he did. The year started out slow, but after some hard work they improved dramatically.

The first medal of the season came by Nash at Park Hill, then at Liberty Kizine and Gatlin medaled. It got even better when Kizine, Gatlin, and Wilks all medaled at Ray Pec, but at conference no one medaled: Kizine came in 25th place, Nash came in 28th and Wilks came in 33rd. Gatlin was out of conferance because of an injured foot. There was no team score all together.

Coach Kreiling has high hopes for the team next year, especially for Kizine and Gatlin.









Shanna Williams gives it her all at, Johnson County Community College.







After a team run at Johnson County Community College, the team gathers for a picture.

Lee Gatlin pulls ahead on the 3.1.

Coach Kreiling, Lee Gatlin, Jesse Nash, Earl Kizine, Darold Wilks, and Shanna Williams. Not shown is Mike Raab.



# Softball Moves to the Fall Don't you wish you had four strikes?

The year welcomed a new

and softball got to be very

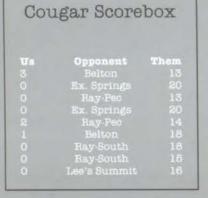
#### by Lindsay Eakins

"Moving to the fall and

Though the scores didn't Casie Howard (10) who was

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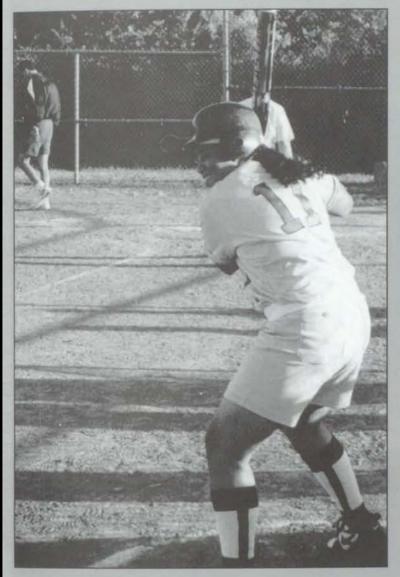
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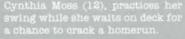


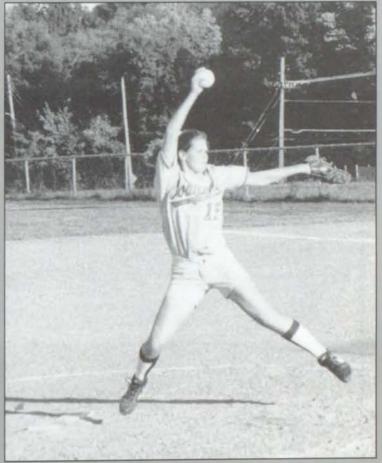
Top: Coach Miller, Lindsay Ea-kins, Cynthia Moss, Kim Walker, Courtney Kies, Traoy Downs. Middle: Beth Lane, Lindsey Hayden, Mia Yarbough, Sarah Jo-seph, Casie Howard Bottom: Jamie Bateman, Tamara Matfield, Shontel Walker, Tiffany MoDaniel, Chedel Townsend.

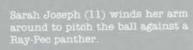












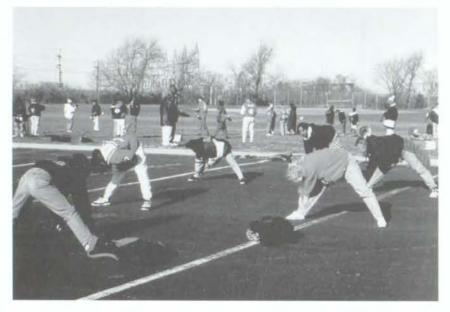


Kim Walker (10) is relaying the ball to the infield for a play at the plate.



Guard members Kynyatta Whitley (12), Stephanie Chichuk (11), Beth Lane (11), Amanda McGuire (11), Pam Gill (10), and Bianca Ashe (9) prepare for a long, strenuous rehearsal.

Soloist Beth Lane (11) shares a tender moment with Jimmy McGinty (11).

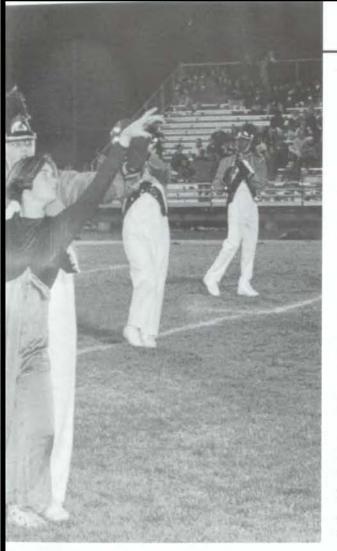




Members include: Kynyatta Whitley (12), Beth Lane (11), Amanda McGuire (11), Stephanie Chichuk (11), Pam Gill (10), Bianca Ashe (9), Rita Wilkes (9), Sagirah Whitley (9), Allyson Piggie (9), and Aretha Perry (9).

> Intricate partner work is executed by Pam Gill (10), Bianca Ashe (9), Stephanie Chichuk (11), and Sagirah Whitley (9).





## Craveling Far and Away . . . Colorguard Rebuilds

The colorguard faced many obstacles this fall, and once again they overcame. After dealing with the addition new band and colorguard directors and the loss of several senior members, including captains, the guard pulled together and created a season they'll never forget.

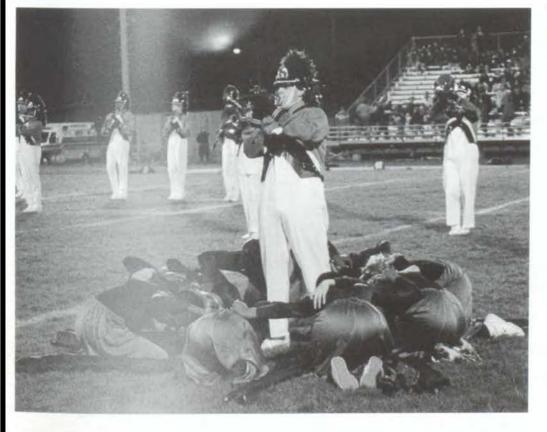
Every band and seminar block is dedicated to practice (usually outside)! Members also practice under the lights at Ruskin every Thursday evening. They can be found either on a band bus or at a competition each weekend until November.

Adventures Far and Away was the theme, and adventures they did have! Musical selections included *Indiana Jones, Far and Away, Jurassic Park, and E.T.* The colorguard and band traveled to five competitions this season. At their first competition in Carrollton, MO, the guard placed second. "In Tulsa, OK, we performed the best show of our season at the Renegade Review competition," said Beth Lane (11). They expect another successful show November second in Solem Springs, AR.

"I think that although we are a young guard we had a great experience," commented first year member Bianca Ash.

The colorguard's show was designed by former instructor Beth Salyers. Navy colored full body unitards with sheer bronze overlays were worn by the girls. Alumni Chris Dye assisted instructor Stephanie Melius.

Soloist Beth Lane (11) said, "This was a very rough season, but a good experience. New members showed an immense improvement throughout the year."



WE'RE NOT WORTHY!! WE'RE NOT WORTHY!!



**R** honda Woodfork (10) and Rachel Bogeart (10) have a close bond with each other, as well as with the rest of the squad.

#### Cougarettes prove they're Athletes too, as they... CHEER on to VICTORY

by Laura Trued

heerleading: To lead organized cheering at sporting events. This is how cheerleading is defined in the dictionary, but to the girls on the Cougarette squad, cheerleading means much more. "To me, cheerleading is a way to express your spirit, and support your school at the same time," said Rachel Bogeart (10). "It's a lot more than just a bunch of girls in skirts jumping up and screaming," said Rhonda Woodfork (10).

The varsity Cougarettes cheerleading squad included Rachel Bogeart (10), Racheal Clouse (10), Kristen Robinson (10), Rhonda Woodfork (10), Angie Horne (12), Shanna Williams (12), and co-captains Brooke Deason (11) and Laura Trued (11). They are sponsored by Michelle Beitzinger. Over the summer, the Cougarettes went to a UCA cheerleading camp at CMSU, in Warrensburg, Missouri. They stayed four days and three nights and participated in various competitions and evaluations. They returned to Kansas City with twelve various Superior and Excellent Ribbons, a large trophy, a small trophy, and a spirit stick.

"Camp was a really fun experience for me, it gave me a chance to bond with my squad members," said Deason.

The Cougarettes expenses include, but are not limited to: camp- \$150, camp clothes- \$37, pompons-\$18, shoes- \$47, jackets-\$96, and various other things for the volleyball and wrestling teams. The Cougarettes spent time this summer fundraising and having practice twice a week at 7 in the morning. Most of their practice time was spent in preparation for Meet the Squad, and practicing builds. "One of my favorite things about cheerleading is doing builds. I like trying really difficult stunts," said Bogeart.

When asked what they thought about the Cougarettes squad for the year, the girls had many different answers. "My first year as a varsity Cougarette was an experience that I will never forget," said Clouse.

"Cheerleading is my life. To me, it's about being dedicated to something that you love: your squad, your school, and the teams you support," replied Trued.





rissy Tabron demonstrates the K V-I-C-T-O-R-Y cheer. "Cheerleading is very important to me. It is more fun than people think, and a lot of hard work," said Tabron.

#### A young squad by Lindsay

Age is nothing but a number

 O-COUGARS-GO! These are three words that can always be heard coming from one G of the nine mouths on the varsity cheerleading squad. The squad consisted of Linzy Buckman (10), Cathi Hughs (10), Becky Marchand (10), Katie McBurney (12), Susan Stone (10), Krissy Tabron (10), Lindsay Tharp (10), Chedel Townsend (10), and captain Shonda Dennis (12).

"A varsity squad made of mostly sophomores is usually not the norm. If these girls decide to stay in cheerleading, by the time they reach their senior year, their ablilities should be stronger than this school has seen for a long time," said sponsor Ms. McClain.

At summer camp, the squad brought home numerous ribbons in excellence in cheering, building, and chants. A spirit stick was presented to the girls every day at camp, and on the last day of camp, they were awarded a trophy for the most improved squad.

"Even through fourteen-hour days in one-hundred-degree weather, we still managed to accomplish our goals, camp proved to be a learning and bonding experience for all of us," said Buckman.

In order to avoid extracurricular conflicts, the squads practiced before school from five thirty in the morning until the seven o'clock bell, "It was really tough getting up to make practice three days a week," explained McBurney, "but we needed the practice, so I quess that's cool."

"My squad is great this year, and it's been a lot of fun. There's been some different things to get used to, like being captain of eight sophomores, and other things. If they all stay in cheerleading, though, they'll be great, and I wish them all the best!" said Dennis.





M embers of the varsity squad gather for a team picture. Back: Becky Marchand (10), Lindsay Tharp (10), and Chedel Townsend (10). Middle: Susan Stone (10), Lindsey Buckman (10), Krissy Tabron (10), Cathie Hughs (10), and Shonda Dennis (12) Front: Kynatta Whitley (12) Not pictured: Katie McBurney (10)

**S** hanna Williams (12) is raised above the court. She is supported by Laura Trued (11) while Rhonda Woodfork (10) cheers in front of them during the fall homecoming assembly.

Members of the Hiker squad: back row- Amy Hynds (11), Michelle McKinney (10), Amber Odneal (11), and Amy Smith (11). front row- Nadia Kennedy (12), Melissa Brown (12), and Allison Ryan (11).



Lucas

### Highly Intense Kicks & Equal Routine Steps

#### Dance for the kick of it

The Hikers dance team was well known for their kicks. The audience loved to see them, and their choreographer, Katie Halsey, loved to teach them. This drill team did not only kick, they danced to a variety of music for the different kinds of people in the crowds.

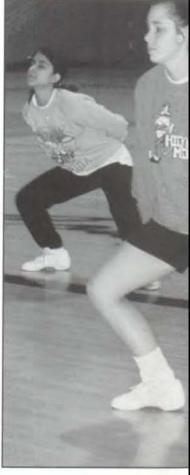
Every spring, tryouts for the varsity dance team are held. Last spring, almost 30 girls tried out, 12 made it. Then, it was on to early morning practices three times a week during the summer and the school year. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the girls practiced hard starting at 5:30 a.m. with a routine warm-up. Then, they learned steps for a new dance, only to prepare for school soon after. Not everyone could take intense early morning practices. By the end of the year, there were only 7 dedicated girls remaining. The hard work by all was greatly appreciated.

"These girls work hard all year. They take what they learn at summer camp and incorporate it into routines during the school year," said sponsor Lavon Morrin.



McKinney and Kennedy do one of the Hiker dances at a pep assembly. Kennedy, along with Odneal had the opportunity to dance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.







Dawn Stevenson and Heather Gustafson cheer the JV boys basketball team on to victory against Lee's Summit North.

Junior Varsity cheerleaders...

# Learning the basics

by Chalonda Moore and Laura Trued

The junior varsity cheerleading squad consisted of Chalonda Moore (10), Crystal Bray (9), Heather Gustafson (9), Cynthia Holmes (9), Natasha Hull (9), Jassel King (9), Tanisha Mitchell (9), Kristina Simmons (9), and Dawn Stevenson (9).

The JV cheerleaders attended a UCA cheerleading camp at William Jewell in Liberty, from June 30-July 3. They received eight superior and excellent ribbons, a spirit stick, and they went from being Outstanding in their first evaluation to being awarded most improved squad with an Excellent ribbon at the end of their stay.

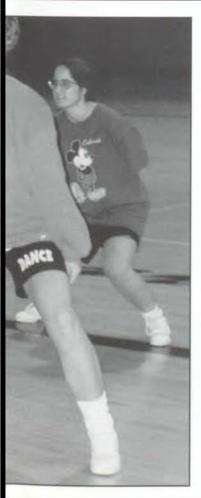
"Camp was very tiring and hard, but it turned out to be a lot of fun in the end." said Holmes.

This summer the JV cheerleaders had practice from 7-9 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. They participated in many fundraisers, including car washes, and candy sales.

"We invest a lot of time and money into the squad," said Moore. The fundraisers they participated in helped to ease the pressure of the JV cheerleaders expenses, which include jackets, pompons, shoes, turtlenecks, earmuffs, gloves, and camp.

The squad had a lack of experience this year with only one returning sophomore, and despite that fact, they managed to survive the football and basketball seasons.

When asked what the best thing about cheerleading was to her, Stevenson replied, "I like cheering in front of people and making the crowd happy."





Early morning practices were a part of the Hiker's daily lives. Nadia Kennedy (12), Amy Hynds (11), and Allison Ryan (11) are half asleep as they loosen up their muscles before practicing a new dance. Cynthia Holmes, Heather Gustafson, Dawn Stevenson, Jassel King, Chalonda Moore, and Natasha Hull gather together between cheers to pose for a group shot.



## **Centennial Olympics**

By Christine Brenner

10..9..8..7.. as the flame is heading for the torch, 6..5..4..3..2..1.. as the torch blows up into flames. As people know, the 100th Centennial Olympic games were held in Atlanta, Georgia. The opening ceremony was on July 19, and the closing ceremony was on August 4.

Some people don't realize all the different sports in the Olympic games. People think of basketball, swimming, gymnastics or track, but there is more to the games than just the popular sports. A few lesser-known sports are: archery, boxing, canoeing, kayakingg, equestrian and judo.

A tragedy came about on the ninth day of the Olympics. During a ragae concert at Centennial Park, a bomb blew up right in front of the stage. Centennial Park was a place where people could go who did or didn't have Olympic tickets. There were different shops and activities in the park such as the Nike store, the CNN building, a Super Store, and the Coca-Cola shop.

struck, security was tighter than it was before. They closed the park for a couple of days for investigation.

'It was kind of scarey, because it could have happend to me the night before," said Christine Brenner.

Ms. Cunningham got to see more than one sport while she was there in the 2 week period. The first night she got there she saw USA verse Korea in baseball. As well as baseball, she got to see four men's, and one women's match in beach volleyball and two women's basketball.

"It was a fantastic experience! This was my first Olympics and it really wouldn't have mattered if I didn't get to see the participants. I just enjoyed being around the Olympic atmosphere," said Coach Lisa Cunningham about her trip to the Olympics.

Vice Principal Lynn Gordon also attended the Olympics. Unlike most of us, Ms. Gordon has had a bit of the Olympic atmosphere before. In the 1988 Olympic trials, she worked as time judge.

"It was a neat expe-

After the bomb rience," said Gordon.

While she was in Atlanta she worked for a store called "Go for the Gold," on Peachtree Street, down the street from the Underground mall.

"I got to meet the owner while I worked there and he gave me Agassi and Washington tennis tickets," said Ms. Gordon.

saw four days of track and field, gymnastics and women's volleyball.

well. He got a chance to meet Anthony Hardaway, Grant Hill, Gary Payton, David Robinson, and Karl Malone. Dante and his parents got to stay in the Omni hotel with the men and women's basketball players.

passes to get in the hotels because of security," said Taylor.

He got to eat with the players in the hotel but socialization wasn't appropriate because this was relaxing time for the players.

experience was getting to meet the players," said Taylor.

#### Do you believe in them?

#### **Superstitions and Good Luck Charms** by Brandy Carroll

ind a penny pick it 66 C Lup, all day long you will have good luck." This is a phrase that is heard quite often in every day life. Superstitions and good luck charms play a big part in peoples' lives today. For instance, everyone knows the old wedding superstition that the bride must wear something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue. This is to bring good luck to the couple and their marrage.

Then there are all the superstitions about bad luck. It is always bad luck to walk under a ladder, allow a black cat to cross the path, and if a mirror breaks, seven years of bad luck is said to come to the one who is at fault. One of the most popular superstitions is when the thirteenth of the month falls on a Friday. This day is to bring bad luck to everyone.

Superstitions don't always have to be about bad luck. Many people have supersti-

tions and charms to bring them good luck. The most superstitous people are usually athletes, they are always looking for something to bring them good luck. For example, say a football player makes a touchdown or has a really good game, that player may not wash the socks he was wearing that night for the rest of the season. Chiefs player Niel Smith broke his nose and had to wear a bandage in the game he played. He decided to wear the bandage during every game after that.

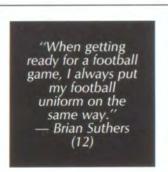
It's not just the pros that have these superstitions. "When getting ready for the football game, I always put my football uniform on the same way. First I put my shimal shirt on, then my socks, compression shorts, then my jock, next my pads, and last my cleats," said Brian Suthers (12)

Football isn't the only sport that has superstitous players. Baseball player Mickey Tetteltom ate Fruitloops one

morning for breakfast before a game, that day he got two homeruns. From that day on every morning before a game he ate Fruitloops.

Soccer is also a very superstitous sport. The guys on our soccer team are big believers in superstitions. "We sit in the same seats on the bus every time we go to a game," says Jason Garoutte (11).

Not all people believe in superstitions. Some think they are silly, untrue and a waste of time. To others, their whole lives may be based on them.







Tennis player, Veronica York (12) makes sure to wear her lucky cougar bandana at all of her matches. She also has a pre-game ritual she goes through, "I always have to spin my racket a few times before the match starts."

Rick Hill (12) gets ready for a wresteling match by putting on his uniform backwards. "I accidently put my uniform on backwards before my first match, and I didn't realize it till the match was over. I won with a pin, so ever since then I wore my uniform backwards," said Hill.

Even the Cougar soccer team is supersticous. The team takes the bus to all their games home and away and Jason Garoutte (11) says "When we go to our games everybody always sits in the same seats on the bus." If tha isnt supersticous, what is?

#### Fashion or Faux Pas? by Danita Price and Mandy Bowman Perry Ellis. . . Eddie Bauer. . . Guess. . . Wrangler. . . Lee.



Gabrielle Doyle (12) displays her fashion sense at a football game.

(11) and Krista Newman (11) show the new trend in Cougar wear.

Tiffany Gray



Eastland . . . . Airwalk. . . . Keds. . . . Rockports. . . . Timberland .





Clogs, colorful tennis shoes, Eastlands, Vans, and boots were trends in the area of footwear.



# What is your favorite trend?

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JEWELRY: ACCESSORIES: SPORTSWEAR: PERFUME:

#### Levis ..... Dockers ..... Corduroys .... Tommy Hilfiger

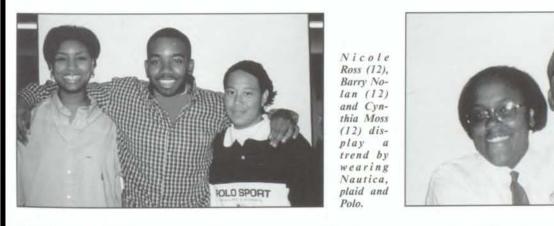


Adrianna Andrews (10) shows the old to the new trend of corduroy.



Amy Smith (11) tries to display a little trend by creating a hairstyle.

## Nike ... Fila ... Reebok ... Wilson ... Vans ... Converse



Calvon Wainright (12) and Dominic Gragg (11) display a major fashion faux pas.

## Polo Sport . . . . . . . Nautica . . . . . . Joop . . . . . . Calvin Klein

Fashion or Faux Pas? Dorothy wore these, would you?

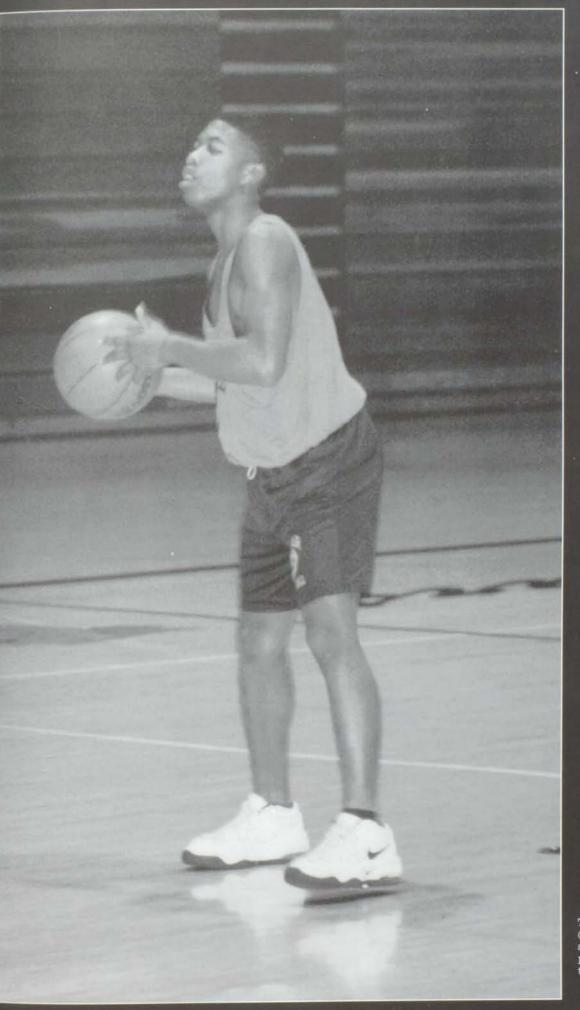




# Winter Sports



The glamorous girls of basketball take a break before the big game. Pictured are: Desireé King, Nicole Ross, Calvon Wainright, Cynthia Moss, Caleese Wainright and Javelle Colbert.



Theodis Watson (10) practices shooting threepointers at practice.

## Romeo & Juliet... Romance Abounds at Winter Homecoming

**F** ebruary 1st was a day to remember for many students who attended the Winter Homecoming festivities. Boys Varsity Basketball started out the night with a bang when they finished up their game against Shawnee Mission East with a victory. The excitement continued with the announcement of the homecoming attendents and the Queen and King.

The Baron was Marco Coleman and the Baroness was Crystal Bray. The Duke and Dutchess were Byron Moss and Rhonda Woodfork. Stephen Kindell won Prince and the Princess was Amy Hynds. Last but not least...King was Davin Winkley, and Queen was Javelle Colbert.

The game was followed by the Winter Homecoming Dance. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," is a small quote from the theme of the homecoming dance, Romeo and Juliet. This sweetheart dance had a great turnout. "It was a blast, everybody danced and had a great time!" said Lindsay Eakins (12).

"The decorations and music were better than any homecoming dance I've ever been to!" said Amanda Bates (12).

The Student Council was responsible for the organization and the great decorations for the romantic dance.



Mixed Ensemble performed the song "Your Shining Eyes" at the Winter Homecoming assembly.

Senior homecoming candidates Javelle Colbert and Cedric Norton strut their stuff at the homecoming assembly.









Everyone gets down and boogies at the Romeo and Juliet homecoming dance after the game.

Friends Amanda Bates (12), Ashley White (12), and Laura Hitchcock (12) take a break from dancing for a quick picture.

Homecoming candidates Tiffany Gray (11) and Joe Fazio (11) smile and pause for applause at the Winter Homecoming assembly.



Varsity boys take a trip to sectionals -

by Amanda Bates

# **Shooting for Success**

Feelings of excitement and nervousness came rushing over the Cougar Basketball team's bodies. As they entered the court, ing 20 points a game, and they knew the game was a receiving All Metro honoramust win. Liberty ranked first in the Metro Area, second in the state, and was the favorite. Despite a hostile Liberty crowd, a lack of home team support, and a cheerleaders, score keeprocky start to the year, the Cougar's surprised everyone but themselves with a 44-38 win.

"Despite a poor offensive night, our outstanding defense enabled us to knock them from their rank of undefeated." said head coach Dan Miller. The team was made up of 32 students; five seniors, five

juniors, seven sophomores, and 15 freshmen. Senior Davin Winkley was a key factor to the team, averagble mention honors. "We had a better season than we expected, and ended strong." said Winkley.

"Our crowd was based on ers, and the J.V. squad. I was disappointed that not too many people came to watch, especially those we supported.

The crowd can be an important factor in the game." said Cleon Davis (12).

The Cougars ended the season strong with a win in sectionals against St. Joseph Central. Hickman

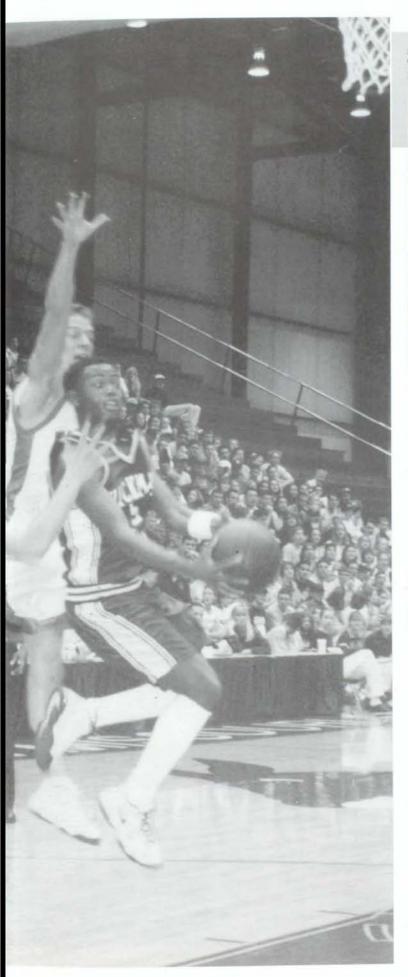
started the off slowly, but quickly gained control and defeated the Indians 54-49. Quarterfinals were played at CMSU against the Truman Patriots. Despite a well fought game, the boys suffered a disappointing loss of 46-49.

The general opinion of the season was shared between the team. "We started off slow, but continually improved.'' Coach Miller's reflection of the season was similar. "We entered this season with high expectations. I believe we were about where we wanted to be going into district tournament, despite some adversity experienced during the season."

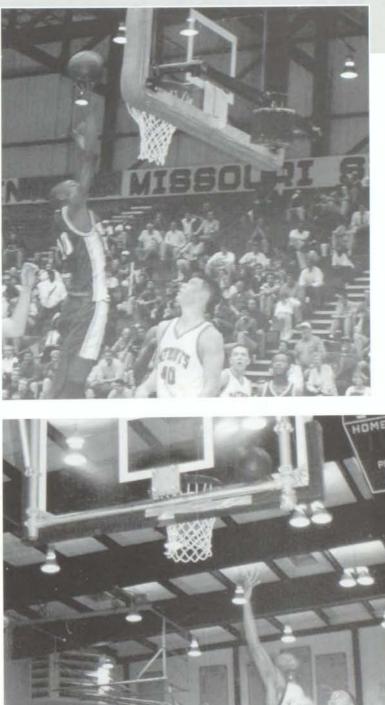


Top row L to R: Coach Dan Miller, Coach James Hunsaker, Davin Winkley, Jason Friday, Robert Handley, Zach Goode, Cedric Norton, Coach Tony Henderson Bottom row L to R: Donald Townsend, Cleon Davis, Dante Taylor, Chris Camacho





Senior Cleon Davis blows by two Truman defenders for an easy two points in his final game as a Cougar. Sophomore Jason Friday executes a routine lay-up in the Quarter-Finals game against Truman.



Cleon Davis adds two more points on the board in Sectionals against St. Joseph Central. The final score was 54-49.



# Ladies Cougars 1-22 Season Ends in Disappointment

#### by Desiree' King

After a disappointing season last year, the Varsity Girl's basketball team looked to improve on 4-22 record. The Lady Cougars had five returning seniors including: Javelle Colbert, Cynthia Moss, Nicole Ross, Caleese Wainright, and Calvon Wainright. After a 42-27 victory over Southwest, the Cougars began their losing streak. "This season has been very trying", said Head Coach Robin Gray "We never reached consistancy."

After a rough three games, the Cougars smelled victory against Center at the Shawnee Mission North Tournament. "We could've beat a lot of teams but some people didn't give a lot of effort." said Calvon Wainright. Injuries also played a big part in the Cougar's losses. Junior RyKiesha Davis was sidelined with an ankle injury for six games and sophomore Kimberly Walker was injured also. The disappointment didn't stop there; the Lady Cougars lost the last seven games.

"Overall, the team did the best the could." said Gray who tried to stress "leadership, disipline and consistancy". The only consistant factor on the Varsity team was senior Cynthia Moss who averaged 10 points a game this season. Junior Krista Newman also contributed with 9 rebounds a game.

According to senior Calvon Wainright, "The Lady Cougars will be hard to beat next year so be on the lookout for a good team!"

The Cougars will return juniors: Camille Davisand RyKiesha Davis and Tiffany Gray. Tiffany McDanialand Krista Newman. They are also returning sophmores:Marissa Hunter and Kimberly Walker. The team will be young, but experenced so look out confrence because here they come!



"We're number 1." The cougars show their unity before the game.





Junior Krista Newman soars over a Center Yellowjacket to get the jumpball.





The Lady Cougars try to catch their breath during a timeout.

Back row : r to l Assistant Coach Darin Hall, Kimberly Walker, Nicole Ross, Krista Newman, Head Coach Robin Gray. Middle row: r to l Manager Shontel Walker, Caleese Wainright, Cynthia Moss, Calvon Wainright, Tiffany Gray. Front row: r to l Javelle Colbert, and RyKiesha Davis

## **Improving their Game** J.V. Girls have a 7-11 Season

by Kristen Robinson and Mandy Bowman

With a record of 7 and 11, new J.V. girls basketball coach Darin Hall was very pleased with the team. "I've gained another year of experience and wisdom." said Hall.

The team consisted of, starters Tyson Taylor (10), Megan Forbes (10), Marissa Hunter (10), Mia Yarbough (10), and Brandi Kerr (10). Other team players included Tekila Brown (10), Shaneatra Nealy (9), Tanika Rand (9), Pearl Bramstedt (10), Dulce Gomez (10), Rita Wilks (9), Tamara Matfield (10), Tiffany McDaniel (10) and Camille Davis (10).

The team's biggest win was over Southwest with a score of 42 to 7. Hall felt that the girls improved as a team as well as individually.

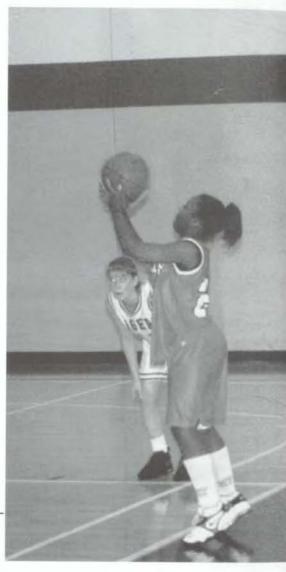
"There were a lot of people, including myself, who I think could have done better.But as a team I think we did good," said Bramstedt. "I think our toughest gamewas Ruskin because we were expecting to blow them out, but we lost," she also mentioned. Taylor disagreed by saying "I don't think we really had that hard of a game." Thegirls are definitely not the only ones who are satisfied with their performance. Coach Hall believed "The J.V. girls did everything I asked them to and that makes it enjoyable to coach basketball."

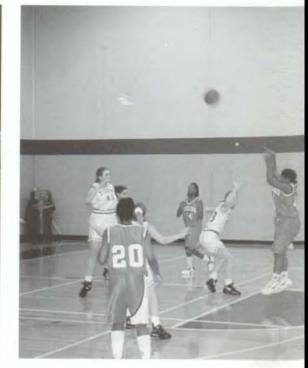
Coaches Derin Hall and Robin Grey with the Junior Varsity squad.

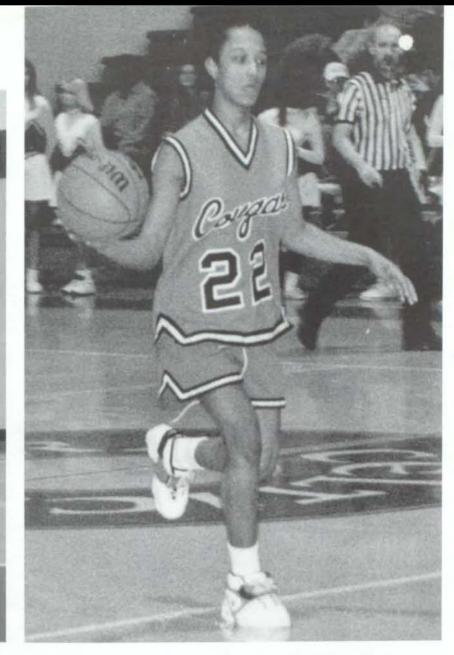
Successful shooting is one key to team wins.

COUGARS COUGAR

Tiffany McDaniel attempted to score points against the Tigers.







#### Learning and Preparing for the Future

by Mat Chewning and Bobby Brady

With only one win this season, things didn't turn out the way it had been hoped for. The girls played hard throughout the season and put forth a valiant effort and feel they've improved.

"The girls worked hard, but not having sports last year at Ervin troubled some of the development of the basic fundamentals; much of the time was spent on fundamentals and working as a team during practice." Coach Hurt said. "Throughout the year the girls struggled to work as a team, but by the end of the year the team showed vast improvement on their teamwork," Coach Hurt added.

Shaneatra Neely added, "We tried to work together out on the court and this years' experience really helped me with my attitude towards being on a team."

"Team cooperation lacked at times, but we still seemed to pull through. Our offense also seemed to improve greatly throughout the season," said Rita Wilks. Coach Hurt ended with, "The things learned this year are going to help the girls prepare for the varsity level in years to come."





L y n i t a Jones was the manager for the freshman girl's team.

Shaneatra Neely dribbles down the court looking for an open pass or shot.

Top Row: Coach Hurt, Rita Wilks, Rashay James, LaDawn Ford, Tanika Rand, Shaneatra Neely, Temeka Givens, Tarra Rose

Bottow Row: Carlycone Canady, Shakira Harrison, Jamila Jackson, Danielle Milton, Erin Cole, Roxanne Moore, Keenya Davis, Shalyndia Green



## Are You Ready For This?

by Chris Canary

#### The Wrestlers were ready for this.

The wrestlers had a successful season. After last season, they ning seniors.

"Three years ago I then I looked forward very much,"said senior Chris Adams.

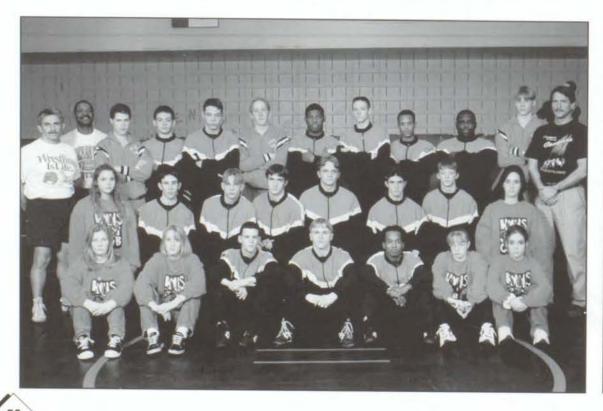
The Cougar grapplers, after a few weight class shuffles and the addition of a

215 pound class, had a productive season. They had 3 state qualihad just two retur- fiers, and 2 state finalists. Lee Gatlin (11) placed third in the 130 got into wrestling just pound class and Chad to see what it was like, Thorington (11) in the 171 pound class. Earl to it. Now I will miss it Kizine (11) was the other state qualifier.

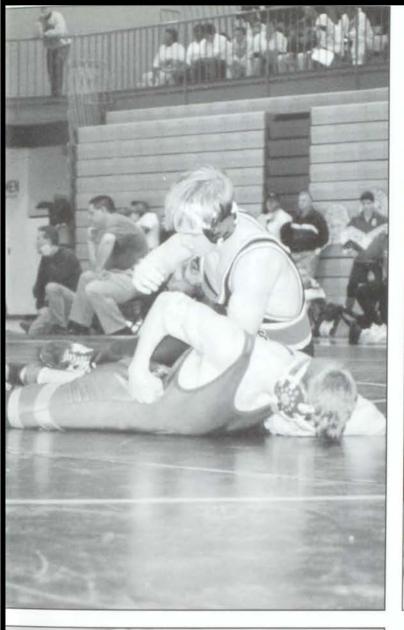
> "It was a successful season; we'll all have to step it up a notch next year,''said Lee Gatlin.

Top row: Coach George, Coach Gibson, Aaron Goheen, Jason Carol, Chad Thorington, Colin Young, Matt Salary, Todd Leroy, Joe Faxio, Sylvester White, Aaron Hynds, Coach Fritchie. Second Row: Amy Hynds, Jason Heffernan, Jason Hill, Justin Stephanek, Jeremy Vaughn, Tony Latta, Mike Page, Shonda Dennis.

Third Row: Jennifer Kaeding, Alea Smith, Chris Adams, Lee Gatlin, Earl Kizine, Tiffany Nash, Angie Horne.

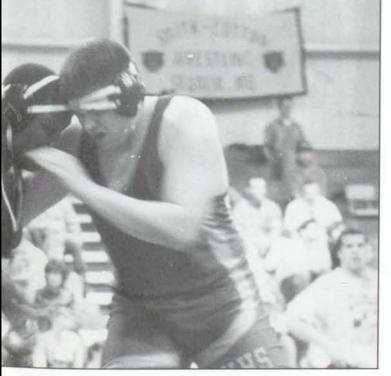












Above: Junior Earl Kizine uses his cat-like agility to escape from the opposition.

Senior Sylvester White works a move on a Kearny grappler at the Belton Tourny.



#### J.V. Boys Basketball

## Nothing But Net ...WHOOSH!!!

#### by Sheryl Bateman

Cougar Pride is their moto . . . Determination is their will! The J.V. BoysBasketball team ended the season with a record of fifteen wins and five losses.

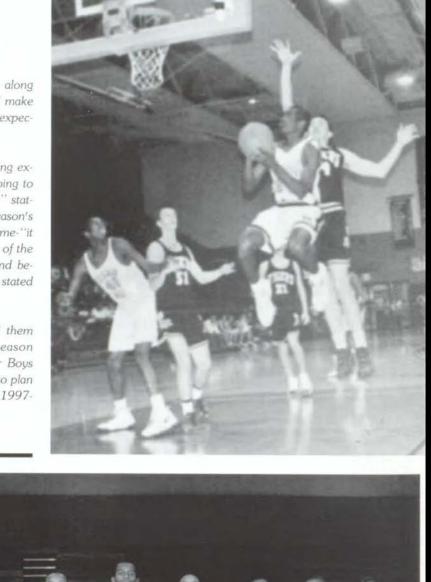
According to Coach Henderson, "the key to a successful basketball team is to play unselfishly and work together as a team-kind of play with within themselves; know what their capabilities are and NOT go beyond them."

The words of their coach go directly to the skills and talent of the team. Adding to a successful season was their home game ritual; before every home game each player would go touch "their" cougar, which lies in the middle of the gym. Their superstition along with their teamwork helped make this team better than was expected.

"This year being a learning experiance, next year were going to go far-all the way we hope!" stated Jarroll Fontleroy. The season's highlight was the Ruskin game-"it got us hyped up for the rest of the season; we played better and began to execute as a team," stated Jaron Jordan.

With this season behind them and thoughts of next season ahead of them the Cougar Boys Basketball team has a year to plan and prepare for a winning 1997-1998 season.

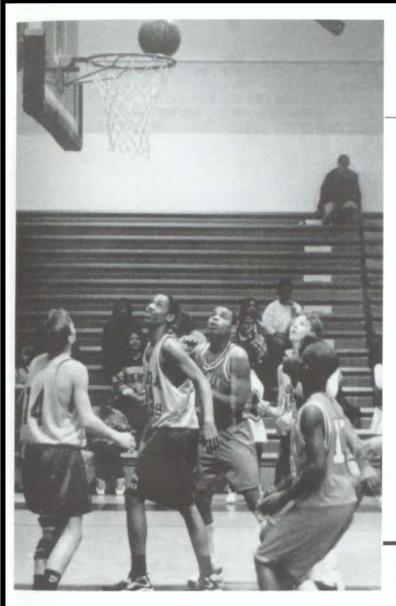
Byron Moss "GOES UP" against the Lee's Summit Tiger to show who dominates.



The 1996-1997 J.V. Boys Basketball team consisted of fourteen players. Front row (left-right): Rekyem Walker, James Caldwell, Eric Walker, Leonerd Reed, Brandon Mays, Omega Cherry, Theodis Watson. Second Row: Coach Miller. Coach Hunsaker, Clarence Smith, Marko Wilson. Jaron Jordan, Jarroll Fontleroy, Delton Utsey, Byron Moss, Bobby Allbritton, and Coach Henderson.







Mike Hill, realizing the shot is going through, makes little effort for the rebound.

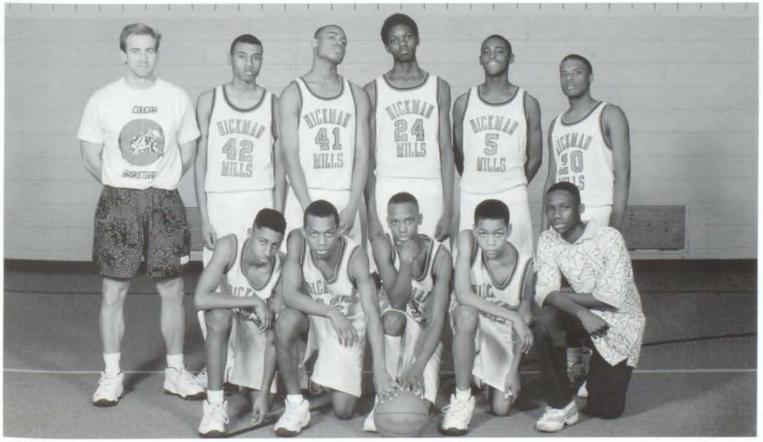
A small amount of experience leads to ...

# ImprovingSkillsby Bobby<br/>Brady and Mat<br/>Chewning

"The experience may have lacked a little because of no sports at Ervin last year" said Troy Kreiling. "Many of these boys had never been on a structured team before and it was a little different for most of them," he also added. With only four wins the boys weren't exactly as successful as they wanted to be. Many fundamentals were being stressed for the future. As the year progressed, their defensive skills improved greatly.

"There was a lot going on at times" said Clarence Smith, "We did seem to come together more as a team towards the end of the season and began to understand the philosophy and schemes better." Coach Kreiling added, "We all know our potential and with our improvement this season, we're looking forward to the future."

Top Row: Coach Kreiling, Randall Henderson, Mike Hill, Lawrence Sodeinde, Clarence Smith, Leon Nelson. Bottom Row: Eric Walker, Rashan Stenson, Nathan Harris, Mitch Wright, Edward Moses



# "Sail Away..."

with the Waternymph Winterguard!

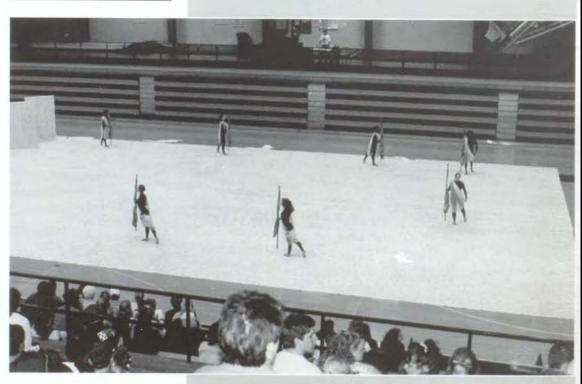
by Elizabeth Wisdom

Armed with hand-held water droplets, the winterguard sailed through a tough season of Open-Class competition. As they danced to the music of Enya's Watermark album, nine graceful waternymphs dotted the winterguard's newly painted floor. The performers utilized flags cut to resemble sails, rifles, and blue-colored balls representing tiny water drops. Hours were spent spongepainting their floor royal, baby blue, and sea-green. The performers enhanced the sea-like atmosphere

with navy blue bodysuits and white lace overlays. "The show and props are a

lot of funi I like this season because I have enough energy left to put emotion in the performance,'' said Beth Lane (11).

The rifles, who practiced extra hours every Monday evening, had high expectations for becoming a strong line. The girls perfected their individual parts and prepared for the exciting competitions. Due to deadlines, competition outcomes cannot be listed.



Winterguard members pose in opening position before the Lee'Summit contest.

Members Include: Stephanie Chichuk Pam Gill Valerie Hoskins Sarah Jackman Elizabeth Lane Aretha Perry Crystal Thomas K y n y a t t a Whitley Tasha Williams

Contest Dates and Locations: Higginsville, MO.....Marchl Lee's Summit, MO....March8 Francis Howell, MO...March15 St. Louis, MO.....March22

#### Black Diamonds, A Girls Best Friend. . .

A Skiers Dream.

by Adam Edward Law

The stories arrived back from Steamboat Springs along with the memories, and not a day would pass until the rookies of 96' could show their veteran knowledge in 97'. As skiers prepared for the upcoming trip on Feb. 14, snow fell in the Rockies. This trip would be slightly different than any other one because of transportation, location, and the wonderful assortment of personalities. The class of 97' was able to bring back the old times and the thoughts of the true "Cougar Ski Club".

The first day at Alta, Utah consisted of spills, thrills, and hills, which friend/teacher Clay Staires seemed to have a problem skiing, after he "blew" out his knee. With the thoughts of Mr. Staires in our hearts, we, the flying cougars, believed Brighton would be no match. After a long sunny day of skiing, nothing sounded better than some McDonald's and some nice evening entertainment on the television in rooms 237 and 238(if you were eighteen). By Sunday everyone knew it was almost over, with the last day of skiing ahead of us, bags were being packed and tension was tightning. As we arrived at Solitude so did the snow. Skiing was completed at three p.m., and back home we were headed. Trips like these cannot be beaten in memories from the ghost in room 237 to the mysteries about why the sophomores actually want to the top for their last run. Thanks Tom, into the blay, the pride is now-back in ar Ski Club.

The 1997 "COURAR SKI TEAM" starting their last day of skiing at Solitude, while snow fell from the heavens.





Sheryl Bateman, Christine Brenner, Lindsay Eakins showed their style at the BOTTOM of Solitude.

The 1997 Cougar Baseball Team will hopefully soon forget the season of '96. Coming off a '96 season that posted only five wins the Cougars are now back and ready for '97. They hopefully will forget the losses, but not what they have learned. They started off the season with thirteen returning letterman and all nine starters back trying to win their spot. The Hickman Mills Baseball Team is headed by Tony Henderson who is and has been known as one of the best coaches in the metro area. Henderson has posted winning records and championship teams throughout the last ten years and is back on track for that old championship style of the past. The team lives by codes and rules called "The Cougar Way," because with only twenty-four hours in a day the hardest workers will be the winners.



Playing at one of the best courses in the area, these well tuned troops led by Thomas O'Brien make up the Cougar Golf Squad. The team starts off with not a lot of experence and many new faces out on the green. From woods to irons David Fortner knows whats best and he's back. The team is known for their tradition of good teams and wonderful players all coached by Thomas O'Brien who is looked apon as a strong force in the highly competitive confrence.

Back in 1997 was the hopeful word when the tennis program was cut after the 1995 season. So now the season is apon and the cut of the program is showing in the numbers but not in the quality. The taem comes out of the blocks with just two returning letterman, Adam Law, and Cedric Norton, but gun it with the same young coach Darin Hall. The team is ready for the season to begin haveing eleven matches scheduled. The team looks forward to the wonderful years ahead because of the great numbers of underclassmen and the future of the strong freshman class.

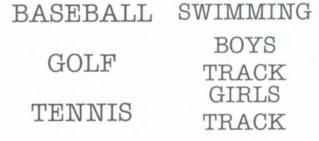


The 1997 returning baseball letterman; seniors.Adam Law.Brittan Motley.Robbie Cahill,Brian Suthers.Jimmy Boydston,Jaron Stumon,Doug Ellis; Juniors, Mathew Chewing,Bobby Hill,Lee Gatlin,Jeff Lobdell,Brandon Grego; sophomore, Chris Montes.

David Fortner, junior, taking another wack at it.







It was once said "splish splash I was taking a swim" or maybe it "splish splash or I was on the team" NO it was "splish splash we now have our own team" anyway it was something like that. Terry Murphy finally gets her own team, that being a swimteam. For the past two years the swimteam has been HMHS and Ruskin H.S. because neither school had enough swimmers to have a full team. Now in '97 they have thirteen girls and eight offical meets scheduled for the spring season. The team practices at the Y.W.C.A. . They start with one senior but have a strong nucleus and a "great" freshman class.

"ON YOUR MARKS, get set, GO!" These Cougars are off and running for '97 but it is more then just running it's throwing, jumping and hurling too. The boys track team is coached by Bill Robinson and assisted by Steve Wolf, Troy Kreiling, and George George. These coaches teach fundamentals and techniques to the young students of the game. The team comes packed with ten retuning letterman and a number of award winning runners. The goal is to win the confrence meet once again. R.G. Handley is bringing back All-Metro honors while Lester Jones and Rico Ratliff bring All-Confrence honors into the '97 season.

The 1997 girls track team is ready to pick up from where they left off last spring. The team is starting off with a new head coach but not a new face. Head coach Clay Staires comes in with nine returners and a very strong freshman and sophmore class of girls. "Last year one girl was sent to state but these numbers are hopefully going to rise" said coach Staires. Other coaches are Robin Gray and newcomer Debra Hurt. The strength is good throughout the team this will help to make it even a better team than last year.



Back Row: Fhallon Combs, Rachel Simmons, Jessie Schneider, Sara Moreland, Jamie McGeehan, Terry Murphy

Front Row: Cara Leible, Anya Doyle, Amy Hynds, Jesse Tharp, Kristina Simmons not pictured: Trisha Rogers

Rico Ratliff prancing towards a All-Confrence '96 season.





The 1997 tennis team coached by Darin Hall.



On the train on the way to their next gig, the girls, or almost all girls get ready for bed and sing one last number before hittin' the hay. Josh and Cedric, you guys aren't fooling anybody!

As leads Rusty Sneary (12), playing the part of Osgood, and Cedric Hayman (11), playing the part of Daphne, gaze into each others eyes, Osgood has no clue that Daphne is really a man.

# "SUGAR" fall musical is a hit

by Brandie Carroll

dancers and most dramatic sound, and all the back gather to put on a theatrical stage affairs. Last, but cerperformance better known tainly not least. Mr. Jaye as the musical. "Sugar" was Coombs the choreographer the musical performed. "Its is responsible for all the plot full of love, comedy, vi- dance numbers and stage olence, and adventure along positions. with the brilliance of the cast kept the audience hap- dedicated cast work togethpily entertained,'' said Mandy Bowman (11). This talented group of students is directed by the head of the is never disapointed." said theatre department Mrs. Elizabeth Wisdom (12). Hanna Cusick. But Mrs. Cusick doesn't do it alone. She tre department for keeping has the help of choir director Mrs. Gerding, who takes ment. care of the music and singing, and Mr. Knowlton. The two stage managers, Amanda Bates and Brandi Gordon

Once a year the singers, take care of the lights,

"All these people plus the er and practice hard to put on the best performance possible, and the audience

A big thanks to the theathe year full of entertain-



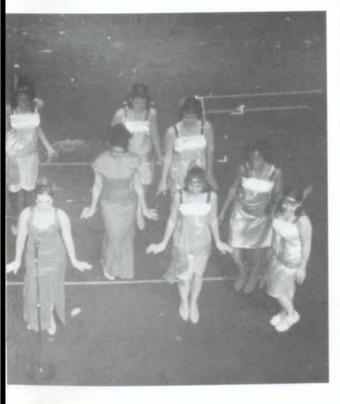




Derek Drake (12) plays the part of Spats Palazzo, who is the leader of the gangsters. Palazzo and his gang are after loe (Josephine), played by losh Vaughn (12) and Jerry (Daphne) played by Cedric Hayman (11) for witnessing a murder. At the end of his tap routine. Derek finishes it off with a split jump!

Cedric Hayman (11) is tossed across the stage by Rusty Sneary (12) during a dance number in the musical.







A mixture of freshmen, sophmore, junior, and senior chorus girls called the Society Sinkapators, along with leads. Tricia Rogers (12) and Ashley White (12) sing a number from the musical "Sugar".

Leads Tricia Rogers (12) and Josh Vaughn (12) spend a romantic evening together on Osgood's yacht.

# FLORDIA HERE WE COME! Seniors embark on class trip to Orlando!

Senior Committee members included

Javelle Colbert Jana Collins Nilufar Derakshanian Desiree King Adam Law Danita Price Reene Price Fred Scott Rusty Sneary Kandis Tabron Cortez, Wesley

and sponsors Robin Gray and Lynn Gordon, Michelle Shassberger, Kristin Huber

with the addition of many seniors that provided ideas and thoughts and time. A Senior Class Trip was developed during the spring of 1996 by seniors Danita Price and Natalie Lucas. A committee was then formed to help raise money to go for the trip, and plan activities for Seniors. Fifty seniors went to Orlando, Florida, March 28th through the 31st, and visited the theme parks.

Activities were planned throughout the year including a Senior Servant Day, in which seniors were servants for students who bought raffle tickets for the chance to be chosen. Hickman's first Midnight Madness was held Nov. 20. Basketball scrimmages were held and half-time entertainment was



Barry Nolan checks the senior class committee bulletin board for his name.

provided by senior cheerleaders Natalie Lucas, Georgetta Steward, Ashante Stone, Sheryl Batemen, Lincoln Johnson and Juan Harris.

Bacculaurete, dances and other activites were planned throughout the year.



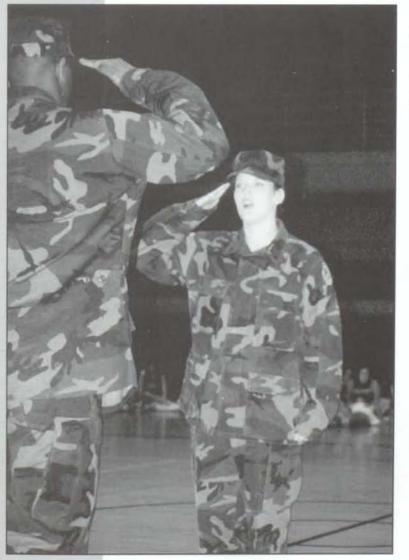
Senior Cynthia Moss takes time away from her owner to pose with Senior Brandie Carroll on Servant day.



Seniors Tracy Turner and Cortez Wesley sell Junior Mechelle Chiney, a Senior Servant.

# R.O.T.C. A REAL AMERICAN HERO...





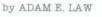
Brian Anderson and John Rogers awaiting...

In her uniform, Ronda Hopkins salutes her commanding officer.

The Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training program, or usually known as M.C.J.R.O.T.C., was officially established at Hickman Mills High School on September 1, 1995 with a cadet corps of 85. It started in the 1996-1997 school year with 147 cadets. The cadets are invoved in several programs such as the Santa Fe Elementary School Lunch program. Toys For Tots, and Habitat for Humanity. The young adults will also sponsor a school talent show, student-faculty basketball game, military ball, and school lock-in, to name a few of the Junior R.O.T.C. activities.

The senior marine instructor is Captain Gipson.

Captain Kenneth Gipson came to HMHS from Stranahan High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is a graduate of Auburn University and spent 21 years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. Captain Gipson is a Mustang (formerMarine Enlistedman and officer), and he also received a Silver Knight (Teachers Hall of Fame in Broward County, Florida). He is now the Senior Marine instructor and is awaiting the selection of a new Marine instructor. The Commanding Officer of the unit is Cadet Captain Brian Anderson and the Executive Officer is John Rogers.



#### Clubs & Organ i



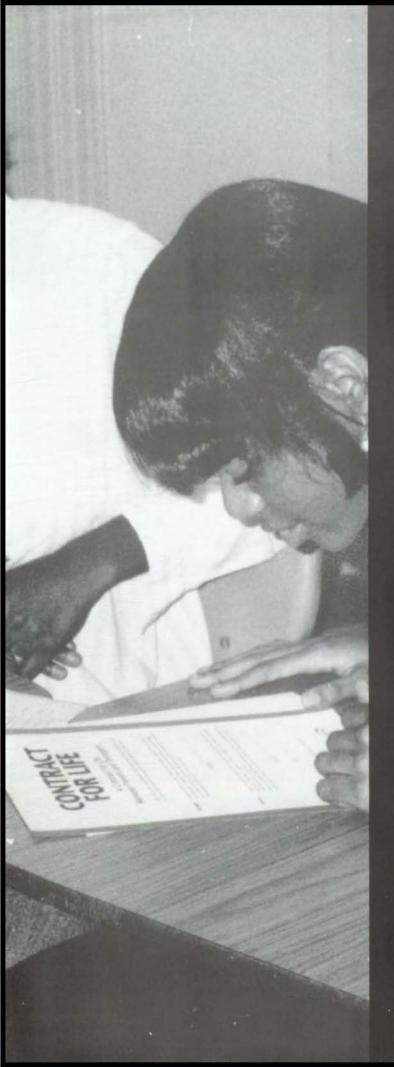
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Downwolvement in school **activities** is something that many students take advantage of. While some are involved to develop certain **talents**, others join to help out our community.

Belonging to a group gives one a sense of belonging, and a feeling that **goals** can be accomplished. The members of each club and organization plan out events for the year. These events can include parties, field trips, service **projects**, and specialized training. Even though the activities and projects differ, club members never lose sight of the number one objective- to **build** club **pride** and to have fun.

Contracts for Life are discussed and signed in the first S.A.D.D. meeting. Nashay Irven (10) and Tekila Brown (10) read over the contracts which commit them to being responsible in dangerous alcohol-related situations.







Mary Carol Mazza (11), Kari Tucker (11), Natalie Lucas (12), and Angela Duong (12) discuss Multi-Cultural Youth Together during the 8th Grade orientation.

## Spirit Club **Cougar Pride at it's Best**

by Brandie Carroll

The halls are flooded with orange sweatshirts. Faces are painted with cougar paws and #1's, hair the excited fans. stiffened with orange in orange, black and white ribbons. It's the day of a game, Cougar pride kicks in, and Spirit Club takes over.

Before a home football game, Spirit Club members gather up at school to cook out hot dogs and decorate their cars. When the cars are all decorated. they all line up and drive honking and screaming all the way to the game.

Football isn't the only sport supported by Spirit Club. Go to any volleyball, basketball, soccer, or any other Cougar sports games, and look up

into the stands to see a sea of orange overtaking the bleachers and hear the loud roar of

But don't think that spray paint is tied up Spirit Club is just about sports, because guess what, they're not. Spirit Club officers all worked together to organize and decorate the fall homecoming with the theme "The Roaring Twenties". Spirit Czar. Dale Knowlton, is the sponsor of this organization. Brandie Carroll (12) is the president, Gabrielle Doyle (12) the senior vice president, Amy Smith (11) the junior vice president, Lindsay Tharp (10) sophmore vice president, secretary is Lindsey Buckman (10) and treasurer is Rachel Bogeart (10).



After cooking out hotdogs and decorating their cars, Spirit Club members gather together for a quick picture before heading to the game.







Spirit Club members are excited about the game and ready to cheer the Cougar football team on to victory! Friends Christine Brenner(12) and Cynthia Moss(12) get ready to unleash the wild beast, the cougar, into the football stands.





Sophomore cheerleaders Lindsay Tharp and Katie McBurney are the last to pile into the car on the way to the game.



## The New Student Council... by Josh Vaughn Seminar STUCO

None, however, have benefitted many students and student led activities. None, however, have benefitted more than Student Council. Unlike years past, where once a month student council would have to meet during regular classes, Student Council now meets every other day during seminar hour with an official meeting about once every two weeks.

Chris Adams (12) felt the change was for the better, "I feel more involved. Last year there were some meetings after school that I could not attend because of sports and stuff. I don't have that problem this year."

Student Council used this time to plan many school activities, and to provide service to the community. They sponsored the Holiday Dance and the Winter Homecoming dance. They ran the Entertainment Booksale, a replacement for the traditional magazine sale. As an incentive to this, students attended the Student Council movie day. As a council, they held a school-wide food drive during November and December, and collected over 191 dollars for the City Union Mission.

A new tradition was created with the Stuco Couch on which students can buy a chance to watch a basketball game in style. An old tradition was reinstated with the Powder Puff football game.

Student Council also took teams to the Leukemia Society relays, a fundraising organization benefitting Leukemia Research. These are just a few examples of Student Council's involvement in the school and community.



Senior StuCo representative, Rick Hill, keeps busy in StuCo seminar by painting a "Kiss the Pig" sign. Almost \$200 was donated to Harvester's by HMHS.

Frenchie the Love Pig shows only a slight hesitation before allowing Mr. Miller to kiss her on the cheek during the StuCo Homecoming assembly.











Good Samaritian and benefactor of the commodity Leslie Sharon helps load canned goods into Mr. O'Brien's van so he can take the cases of food to Harvester's.



STUCO OFFICERS Josh Vaughn, Mary Carol Mazza, Angela Duong, Rusty Sneary, Gabby Doyle, Veronica York, Justin Davenport, Bobby Brady, Brandie Carroll, Javelle Colbert, Jarreau Hawkins, Rick Hill, Adam Law, Kari Tucker, Jessica Ayala, Cristin Malone, Nicole Nuckells, Jamie Bateman, Jermaine Blackwell, Lee Gatlin, Cedric Hayman, Bob Merrit, Amy Smith, Gianna Kilbey, Ja'lyn McMillin, Marissa Hunter, Kristen Robinson, Rachael Clouse, Mindy McCullough, Kenisha McIntosh, Jessica Schneider, Chedel Townsend, Sharrtae Marley, Jennifer Kennedy, Lynita Jones, Erin Sloan, Jesse Tharp, Alan Ware, Brian Card, Chris Adams, Lesley Sharon

Bad Samaritian, Josh Vaughn is caught pilfering the StuCo Food Drive Collection. Harvester's Food Bank said it was the largest collection of food EVER received from a high school.

Ms. Murphy and Senior Bobby Brady help subdue Frenchie the LOVE pig for the lucky faculty member, Darin Hall. The kiss went off without a hitch, Frenchie, however; said she had better.



## Bright Students Help Light the Way in the

## School and Community

by Lindsay Eakins

**N** ational Honor Society is an organization that allows people to learn academic, and leadership skills. Requirements of an N.H.S. member is based on a 9.5 cummulative grade point average, character, and leadership traits.

National Honor Society also helps out in community service. A few of the service projects planned were helping out at St.Vincent's daycare and at a soup kitchen. They also provide an annual rose sale for Valentine's Day, and prizes through raffles.

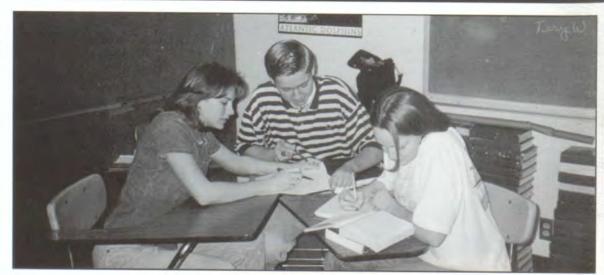
"I feel National Honor Society is an important organization, because it provides a chance to extend your time and talents to the community. It also gives upperclassmen an oppurtunity to exercise their leadership skills skills," said Raychel Latore (12).

National Honor Society offers a chance for two seniors to recieve an 1000 dollar scholarship for college. The two nominated members were Veronica York and Amy Didde. "The goal for National Honor Society this year is to set an example for leadership and to provide service for the community," said Marsha O'Conner.

Every spring students that are not members of National Honor Society can fill out an application that are then determined and approved by the faculty. Then the inductionceremony is held for the new inductees in May. "One of the goals of N.H.S. is to help out and provide a positive influence on the surrounding community," said Cedric Hayman (11).



Elizabeth Wisdom (12), Justin Davenport (12), and Amanda Bates (12) work on putting together ideas for prizes on the raffle, which was one of National Honor Society's fundraisers.







Raychel Latore (12) explains the goals for the year at the first National Honor Society meeting.



Marsha O'Conner, National Honor Society advisor, listens for ideas from members.

National Honor Society members discuss and vote on St. Vincent's daycare or to help at the soup kitchen for their service project for the year.





Kristen White (12) and Michelle Evans (12) work on putting together one of National Honor Society's service projects they did for the year.



## Is It Art, or Is It Abstract?

The art department underwent drastic changes this year. First off, it got a new instructor in Michelle Shassberger. "I came to Hickman because I felt comfortable here. The faculty is very supportive" Shassberger added, "I also like block scheduling. It gives us the chance to try more in-depth projects."

After a delay of nearly the entire first quarter, computer graphics students were finally greeted by new computers. "These computers are a thousand percent better than the machines we had last year." computer graphics instructor David Adelman stated. "I like 'em!" Along with new computers, a new graphics program, Corel Draw 6™, was introduced. "Corel Draw™ is an incredible suite of different applications to be used together to produce industry standard graphics." Adelman stated.

ment went through some dramatic changes, some things remained the same. Getting back to the art of ancient man, the Clay class had a year full of chinese trays and Picassoesque sculptures. "With clay, it's fun to make something that is not only fun to look at, but also fun to use." instructor Marsha O'Connor said. "It's easy to express your feelings to others through clay." senior Jonathan Huke added.

Aside from the classes, students also enjoyed the HMArt club. "This club is set up so that students can take part in this club, and also participate in other clubs." Adelman commented.

From the past artform of modeling clay, to drawing, all the way to the futuristic art that computers offer, the art department is an interesting place to be, indeed!

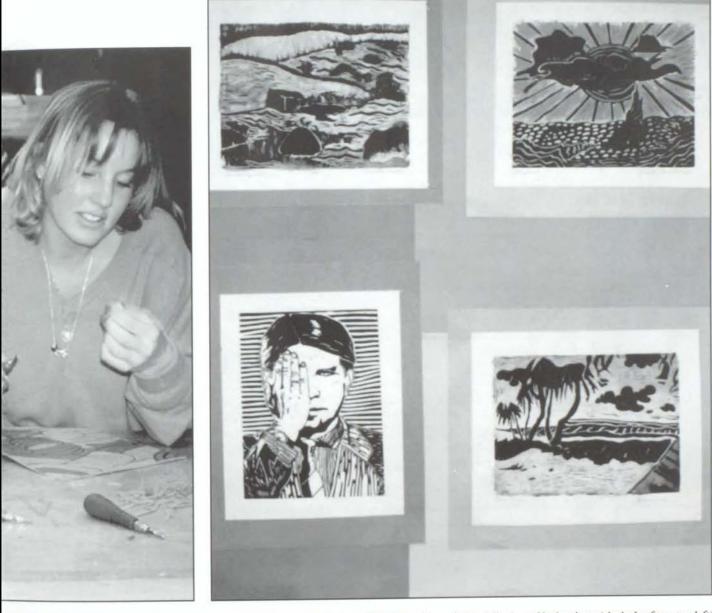
Even though the art depart-

Getting back to our primitive roots. Clay students created masks, ribbon pots, and chinese trays.











Some finished linoleum block prints: (clockwise from top left) "Whispering Lake" by Deresha Malone (11), "Elizeland" by Trish Olenhouse (10), "Benz Picture" by Benjamin Cloud (11), "See a Little Evil" by Russel Sneary (12)

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More clay projects.

## Students Against Drunk Driving . . . A SADD Fact of Life

#### by Stacy Harman and Valerie Hoskins

It's Saturday night, one of the biggest party nights. A few friends just got done downing a keg of beer, all of them are drunk. Just a few moments down the road, they hop the curb and smash into a tree. There world collapses around them as two are dead, and one paralyzed for life.

S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving) is designed to make students aware of the dangers of drinking. "With students being involved as peer-helpers, it's better than having adults, because teens can relate to thier peers better, "said advisor Mr. Rupprecht.

S.A.D.D. students are also participating in Y.I.A., or Youth In Action. This program is for teens who are for stricter drinking laws. Students who attended are Serena Bagwell (11), Carrie Bennett (10), Kristene Downs (10), Melody Gibeson (11), Misty Gibeson (9), and Emily Wilson (11), Other activities that they participated in were placing the homecoming ribbons on cars, ghost day with HM Pride, having cards in the prom glasses, and they visited other S.A.D.D. chapters.

"Hopefully others can see that teens can actually make a difference on the war against underage drinking,"said Kristene Downs.

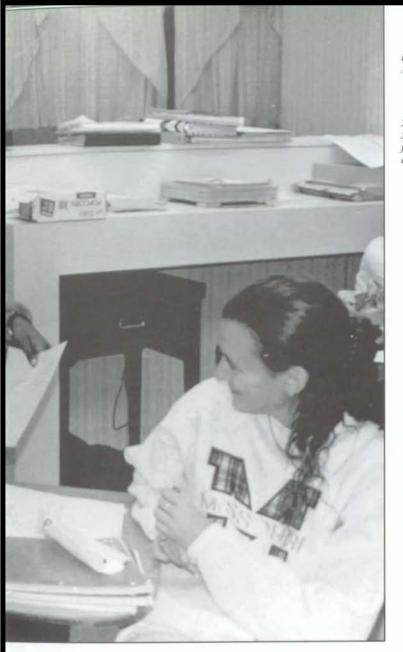
### SADD Officers

President: Veronica York Vice President: Melody Gibeson Secretary: Kristine Downs Teasurer: Carrie Bennett

Senior Nikki Lobdell, Junior Serena Bagwell, and Sophomores Carrie Bennett and Brenda Hicks are getting to know each other in a S.A.D.D. Let's Get Acquainted game.







President Veronica York (12) discusses the next meeting with Amy Didde (12).

S.A.D.D. encourages all youth to adopt a contract for life. Students and their parents sign saying they will be responsible for their transportation home if under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

## CONTRACT FOR LIFE

#### A Contract for Life Between Parents and Teenagers

Under this contract, we understand SADD encourages all youth to adopt a <u>no use</u> policy and obey the laws of their state with regards to alcohol and illicit drugs.

Teenager I agree to call you for advice and/or transportation at any hour from any place if I am ever faced with a situation where a driver has been drinking or using illicit drugs. I have discussed with you and fully understand your attitude towards any involvement with underage drinking or the use of illegal drugs.

Signature Lagree to come and get you at any hour, any place, no questions asked and no argument at that time, or I will pay for a taxi to bring you home safety. I expect we would discuss this at a later time. I agree to seek safe, sober transportation home if I am ever in a situation where I have had too much to drink or a friend who is driving me has had too much to drink.

Signature

Date

Distributed by SADD, "Students Against Driving Drunk"



Parent

S.A.D.D. members trying to get organized to start making plans for the Christmas party.



## Peer Helpers Supporting and Helping the School.

by Erica Thompson

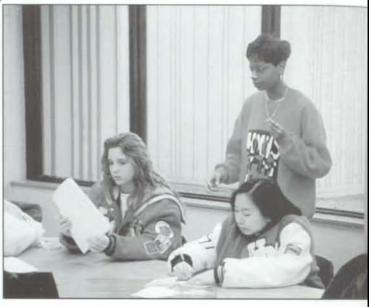
H.M. Pride stands for Helpers Motivating Peers Reaching Individuals Developing Esteem. This is a very large group of students that all have training to help other students with problems.

The training this year was held on December third and fourth. All of the group members that joined this year, and students from Ruskin went. The training was based on teaching listening skills. "It was a great experience," said Javelle Colbert (12).

The group has meetings about once a month, and

the students run them with help from Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Swoope. They are not based on a presidential and vice presidential stand, they are all equal with a Councel of Pride. Five members take turns running each meeting: Angela Duong, Cristin Malone, Kari Tucker, Mary Carol Mazza, and Amy Smith.

They do a lot of activities. This year they are going to help the kids in Santa Fe Elementery with their Christmas parties. H.M. Pride is a great club to join or get help with a problem. Amy Hynds (11), Kari Tucker (11), and Angela Duon (12) work on upcoming plans for H.M. Pride.





Members of H.M. Pride and MYT gather together to discuss current issues. Ageelah Jackson (11), Jennifer Underwood (12), and Anya Doyle (10) talk about future club plans at the first H.M. Pride meeting.



Amber Odneal (11), Veronica York (12), Rakeisha Davis (11), Mary Carol Mazza (11), Erin Giamalva (11) and other students disscuss what it would be like to be in someone else's place.

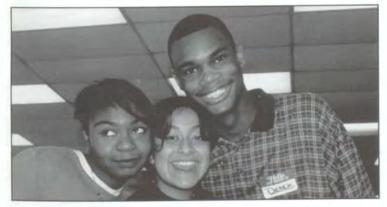
# M.Y.T.

### Celebrating Our Differences

by Kari Tucker

Peace, love, and happiness...Veronica York (12), Jessica Ayala (11), and Derek Drake (12) share a moment during the awareness training.





With all of the social issues in and out of school that stress students out, sometimes all you need to do is talk. Multi-Cultural Youth Together gives students a chance to do this.

MYT is a gathering of students from diverse backgrounds who promote harmony and understanding throughout the school and community. "From MYT I've gained a greater understanding of how I fit into my environment and the diverse work around me,"explained Mary Carol Mazza(11).

The group holds monthly meeting and is involved in a number of activities. "All members participate in an awareness training," explained sponsor Gwen Swoope. "This training allows the students to become more aware of themselves and develop an appreciation for those who are different from them."

The awareness training had a profound impact on the members who attended. "I liked the Face to Face excercise, in which members pondered on the personalities and lifestyles of individuals based on pictures, because it made all of us see that we judge people on looks," said Derek Drake (12). Racial, economic, and gender roles were also explored in the training.

The Youth Panel is another activity some of the members are involved in. This group travels to other high schools to discuss differences between the schools and try to find solutions to problems.

"It's deeper than learning about cultures," explained Jessica Ayala (11), "MYT makes us realize that although we come from different cultures, races, and backgrounds, we still share the same hopes and dreams."



Juan Rangle leads the group on a singa-long to show us that,"We are all a part of this community." Bienvenus by Justin Davenport au club de Français

**B** ienvenus au club de Français, or in English, welcome to French Club, a club where students can go to learn more about the French language and French cultures. Ms. Mardock, the French Club sponsor, had two main goals for the year: to learn more about speaking the French language, and becoming more visible to the community by promoting the French language and French cultures.

During French Club meetings, students may learn to play French games such as Mankala. After learning the directions in French, the French Club played a blindfolded obstacle course game, where one person is blindfolded while another person calls out directions in French to guide the blindfolded person through the obstacle course. The French Club also planned on doing numerous things like going Christmas carolling, working with the Sante Fe elementary kids, and having a Christmas Carol party at a nursing home, just to name a few.

"I think French Club is great and if it was my choice, I wish every club should be French Club," said Jake Walker (11). "French Club is really, really fun," said Rachael Clouse (10).

"I have a lot of fun working with people and learning the French culture," remarked Marlon Neal (10). "I would like to go to France because now I know how to ask if the cheese is moldy, and where the bathroom is," explained Danny Rhodes (11). Ooo là là! thought Marlon Neal as he eyed Kenya Ingram's last unfinished cookie. French Club students Tiffany McNeil, Kenya Ingram and Danny Rhodes enjoying a fine French cuisine provided by Nabisco.





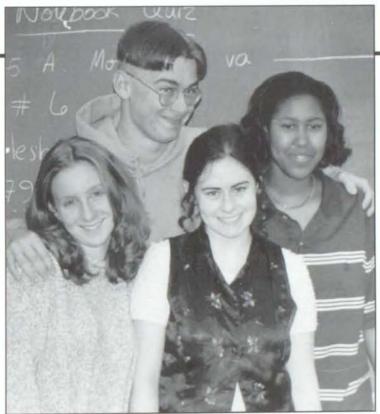








During one of the seminar periods, Ms. Mardock scheduled the French Club events for remainder of the year. French Club Officers: President-Fhallon Combs, Vice-President-Casie Howard, Secretary-Jacob Walker, Treasurer-Rachael Clouse



Front Row: Anya Doyle (10), Tiffany McNeil (11), Kenya Ingram (11), Jennifer Kennedy (9), Casie Howard (10), Ms. Mardock, Fhallon Combs (10), Adrienne Coleman (12). Back Row: Kimya Ward (11), Daniel Rhodes (11), Marlon Neal (10), Jacob Walker (11), Brian Taylor (10), Justin Davenport (12), Darold Wilks, Jr. (11). Not Pictured: Toni Higgins (10), Azim Khan (11), Tyler Burch (12), Courtney Kies (12), Monique West (11), Chedel Townsend (10), Rachael Clouse (10).





by Veronica York and Sheryl Bateman

s it losing the game before state, getting a broken heart, or even worse, taking the final in Mrs. Boothe's class? No. it's none of those. It is something everyone will go through; the senior syndrome. The questions, the sleepless nights trying to write college essays, the trash cans overflowing with papers of unwanted thoughts. How does anyone survive their senior year? Surprisingly, the answers are not as complicated as the questions.

Applying for college is one of the most important tasks during a senior's last year of high school. Colleges from around the nation will send out many brochures prompting seniors to apply at their school.

"When I look at colleges I look to see if there is a balance of ethnic groups," said Jessica Ayala (11).

As many voyage off to a college they will realize that Mom and Dad won't be there to tell them to "wake up", or say "is your homework done?" The teachers, who are now called professors, won't give that extra day to turn in an assignment.

"When you go to college you have to know when to party and when to buckle down," said Jarreau Hawkins (12).

Never again will a parent come in and wake his/her daughter up for school. Never again will he/she get into trouble for skipping class. That's right, because after high school the decision lies on the student's shoulders. On average, the college class size could be up to 500 students. The professor will never notice if a student is gone, he/she probably doesn't even know who anyone is

All students look forward to the day when they don't have to be in at 10 p.m. on a school night and 12:30 a.m. on the weekends. There will be freedom. Freedom to stay out all night, freedom to go on a date without parents insisting they meet him/her. Freedom to make the decisions.

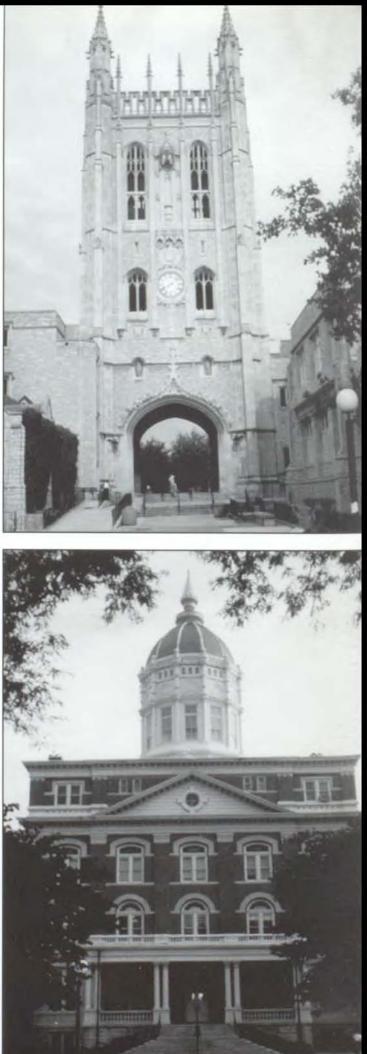
The responsibilities of college students are enormous compared to the primary lessons of high school students.

College isn't only about studying, going to classes, and taking tests. There is another side to college. We've all heard of the Delta Kappa's, or the Kappa Alpha Psi's. Those are a few names of some of the fraternities and sororities that are available for students. Get involved in college activities, don't be just another book nerd. Most colleges offer just about any sport imaginable (softball, football, tennis etc. . .) Yet for those who aren't as athletic there are other activities such as student government, band, newspaper staff, etc. Regardless of one's involvement, remember that these are the times of our life-make them memorable!

From preschool to high school our parents, teachers, and friends have been preparing us for college. Whether we knew it or not, the knowledge gained will follow us and hopefully help us.

Only a few years ago college was a right, but presently with the advancement of technology, college has become a necessity. Someday we will all be traveling down different paths in search of success uncertain of what the future may hold for us.

People perceive college in different ways, when speaking with Jimmy Kirkwood he gave an interesting perception. "It's a place where you might meet your mate, marry him/her then two years later get divorced and take his/her money!!"





## **HMHS Favorites of '96-'97**

#### Movie

- L A Time to Kill
- 2 Pulp Fiction
- 3. Friday

#### Actor

- 1. Denzel Washington
- 2 Tom Hanks
- 3. Brad Piti

#### Actress

- Angelo Bossett
- 2. Sandra Bullock
- 3 Halle Berry

#### Radio Station:

- 1. 103.3
- 2. 107.3
- 03.3
- TV Show
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- 3. Living Single

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- , Dillards
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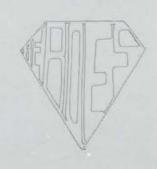
- L. Nike
- 2. Nautica
- Catvin Klin

#### Resturant

- 1. Houston's
- 2. (tie) Olive Gar
- Friday 8

#### Sonse

- (tie) Po Pimp "Do or Die Cueial Conflict "Hay"
   Dave Mathews Band "S Much to Say"
- 1. 311 "Down"





#### Music Grou

- Bone Thugs-n-Harmony
- l. (tie) Boys II Men.
- Pearl Jam

#### Smort

- 1 Baksetbal
- 2 Football
- 3. Baseball/ Softbal

#### Saying: 1. "I Guess" 2. "And You Ki This...Man!!!"

College

- 1 61
- 2. MI
- 3. North Carolina

#### Place to Study:

1. In front of t.v./ radio

by Kari Tucker and Justin Howe

- 2. Library
- 3. Bedroom

#### Chase

- Drama/ TF
- . Seminar
- 3. Science

#### Hero:

- 1. Parents
- 2. Martin Luther King Jr
- 3. John F. Kennedy



Jesse Hall was built to replace the admissions building that burned down shortly after the school was originally established.

# Academic



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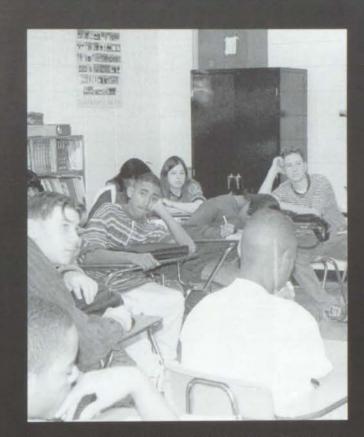
What is worse than staying up until four a.m. **cramming** for tests in biology and American history, revising a six page English essay, and **learning** about trigonometric functions? Nothing, unless a two-hour root canal is considered.

Highschool causes more **stressful** situations than people realize. There are the **pressures** of aceing every exam, getting a high grade point average, and impressing colleges.

The four years that are spent learning help to prepare students for their futures. The **knowledge** that is gained will build a foundation for the "real world." Although the **time** spent in class may occasionally seem boring, and a waste, our education is one of the most important things that we take with us.

Math teacher Ken Hedicke advises Ben Heuwinkel (10) on his grade in Algerbra IB.

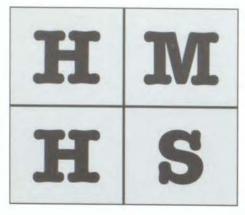




Students in Ms. Mardock's seminar class enjoy themselves while learning some basic French.







Ws. Carter is helping her seminar class prepare for different kinds of interviews for jobs in their future. "I hope this will prepare them a little better for interviews in their future," said Carter.





"I love block scheduling and I like the longer time blocks so projects can be done and there is more time to help students understand a concept they missed or a concept due to absence. I think it allows me to get to know my students as well," said 'Helen Byram.

## A Switch . . . by Christine Brenner How About Eight Different Blocks?

What is block scheduling? Lots of people including teachers, students, and administrators were weary of the different scheduling when they walked into the school that first day. A typical day consists of four classes at ninety minutes at a time, instead of fifty minutes and seven classes every day. On the next day also known as white day there are another four different classes, which includes the seminar. Ghis is for clubs, organizations, or meetings so it does not take time out of classes or after school. Ghis was something new that nobody was familiar with.

"I love it, it is absolutly the greatest, I like the seminar especially because it gives me the opportunity to give one-onone to students and help them intereract with different ages and different races," said Sue Fulton.

The signifigance of block scheduling has been debated throughout students as well as teachers.

"I love it, it has renewed my enthusiam in teaching and it is flexible as well. The time period allows more creativity in the classroom and I am covering as much as I ever covered before. Seminar period offers students a better way to do homework and make up any work," said Tom O'Brien.

"I don't like it because classes are too long and teachers have more time to lecture, but sometimes I like it because you have extra time to do work," said Gim Lunceford.

As many people know a lot of new teachers cmae on staff, and many had never taught under block scheduling.

"I like the block scheduling because extra time enables us to get more stuff done and study techniques in depth. We can break up the time with different ectivities such a studio work, library time, and group time," said Øichelle Shassberger.

"I love block scheduling, I get so much more done in class, I think the classes are more enjoyable. Ghere is more time for me to do labs with my class," said Os. Darter.

As well as students and teachers, the administrators were effected by the new scheduling.

"I think it's great. I like the time students have in their classrooms, being able to be with each other one-on-one. Ghere is also less traffic in the halls. Kids look happier, and this seems to be one of the best years I've had. It has helped with Santa Fe and the HOST (reading) program as well," said Lynn Gordon.

"I think it's wonderful. I like the extra time because disipline has dropped, and I have more time to do other things like visit classrooms," said Richard Plymell.

Overall, the block scheduling seems to have a positive attitude on the faces of many students, teachers, and administrators. Only time will tell if the eight blocks make it as long as the seven classes did.







# Tournament Forensics Compete and Defeat... **The Quest for the Best!**

select group of actors, chosen to lead Hickman and compete in weekly tournaments, is known as the Tournament Forensics Squad. This group has the opportunity to compete in many various events including Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duet Acting, Poetry, Storytelling, Prose, and Improvisational Duet Acting. In each of these events, one must memorize a portion of a play and portray a various amount of characters throughout it.

These performers are selected each year by Hickman's very own Theater instructor, Mrs. Hanna Cusick. Members include seniors: Jana Collins, Justin Howe, Nadia Kennedy, Natalie Lucas, Rusty Sneary, and Josh Vaughn; juniorsJessica Ayala, Brian Card, Michelle Cusick, Cedric Hayman, Anthony Hill, Joel Kipper, Amber Odneal, and sophomore Rachael Clouse.

"We are really closely knit. We work together as a team and help out each other in times of need. Kind of like the Brady Bunch!," stated Rusty Sneary (12).

Not only do these students spend many of their days and nights preparing, but quite a few weekends also. The dedication, time, effort, and commitment from within, all shine through. In the end not only are they rewarded for their achievements, but for their hard work and perseverance as well.

Members of T.F. include, front row: Michelle Cusick, Cedric Hayman, Rachael Clouse. Second row: Jessica Ayala, Brian Card, Justin Howe, Nadia Kennedy and Natalie Lucas. Last row: Amber Odneal, Jana Collins and Rusty Sneary.



## T.F. Awards and Honors

Ruskin Tournament: Cedric-1rst D.I. Joel-1rst D.I.,Brian-2nd H.I.,Amber/Joel-2nd Duet,Michelle/Cedric-1rst Duet,Brian/Rachael-3rd Duet,Natalie-2nd Poetry

Blue Springs: Joel-2nd D.I.

- Oak Park: Cedric-1rst D.I., Brian-5th H.I.,Mary Carol-2nd Prose,Natalie-6th Poetry,Justin/Scott-2nd Duo,Nadia/Jessica-2nd Duet,Scott/Amber-1rst Duet
- Chrisman/Truman: Rusty-3rd D.I., Jana-5th D.I., Rusty/Josh-2nd Duet, Cedric-1rst Storytelling

Raytown Varsity: Cedric/Michelle-6th Duo,Cedric-1rst Prose

Raytown Novice: Mary Carol-1rst Prose,Cristin-3rd Prose

Patriot Round Robin: Rachael-6th D.I.,Cedric-1rst D.I.,Joel-4th D.I.,Amber/Joel-5th Duet,Scott/Jessica-1rst Duet

Springfield: Rusty-6th D.I., Cedric-3rd D.I., Joel-5th D.I., Cedric-2nd H.I.

Liberty: Cedric-Irst D.I.,Rachael-6th D.I.

Ray Pec: Cedric-1rst

H.I.,Jessica/Scott-6th Duet,Mary Carol/Josh-1rst Duet,Jana-4th Poetry,Cedric-1rst D.I.,Rusty-3rd D.I.,Justin-5th Storytelling,Cedric-1rst Storytelling,

### Debators Argue Their Way to the Top

# I Challenge You To A Duel!

by Ashley White

The ability to argue competitively is all that is needed to take part in Mr. Dale Knowlton's Debate Team. Much like the Tournament Forensics Sauad, the Debate Team competes in various tournaments throughout the year. However, their competition is much different. These events include Oratory, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Team Debate , as well as Foreign and Domestic Extemporaneous.

During competition, each kids in a long time. They work, member is given a topic to organize both an affirmative and negative arguement on. They are then given a thirty minute time period to prepare a speech and fill a notecard with information either supporting the topic or not. Debate topics change every two months where as the Extemporaneous topics change every month.

"I have been blessed with probably, the greatest bunch of

they participate, and are a lot of fun!," said Mr. Dale Knowlton the Debate coach.

The team consists of seniors: Clint Cain, Glorita Watkins, and Veronica York; juniors Lee Cate, Wendy Groves, Jami Harvey, Cristen Malone, Mary Carol Mazza, Amy Smith, Loren Strodtmen, Kari Tucker, Alan Ware, and Monique West; sophomores Kenisha McIntosh, and Janell Mosby.



Debate- Mr. Knowlton, Loren Strodtman, Wendy Groves, Clint Cain, Janell Mosby, Jami Harvey, Lee Cate, Kenisha McIntosh, Alan Ware, Amy Smith, Veronica York, Mary Carol Mazza, Kari Tucker, Cristin Malone, and Glorita Watkins

# New Teachers the New Fish in the Schoo

by Mat Chewning and Lindsay Eakins

There have been many changes for the students and faculty, from block scheduling to a new way to do lunch. Even though these are big changes, perhaps one of the biggest is in the fauclty. There are 19 new teachers on hand.

"I like the diversity of the students and how supportive the staff is," said Ms. Shassberger, a new art teacher.

All of the other teachers seemed to agree with her on how the staff has accepted them and how well the students are reacting to their style of teaching,

The new teachers came into bock scheduling, something that was new for everyone.

Mrs. Erickson expressed that,"I enjoyed block schleduling for the reason that it allowed me more time to get my point across and allow my students more time to get their labs done."

Many of the teachers came either from other schools, straight out of college, or from programs in the community. Mr. Hedicke

Steve Wolf, Darin Hall, Christy Darter, Chas Vincent, Deborah Hurt, and Ken Hedicke are just a few of the newcomers. worked at Odessa High school, Higginsville High school and middle school, Knob Noster middle, and our rival school, Ruskin.

"Students everywhere you go, basically want and need many of the same things. Their background and how they go about receiving those things are what differs," said Mr. Hedicke.

"For the first few months of my teaching career it was awkward because I felt I was young to be in charge of a such a big responsibility. Now that the first few months have gone by I'm more relaxed and I enjoy Hickman as well as the diversity of the students and faculty," said Ms. Huber.

Felicia Andrews	Business
Celestia Boukaert	English
Christine Buehre	Science
Kimberly Carter	Engish/Foreign Language
Christy Darter	Science
Paula Erickson	Science
Darin Hall	Math
Ken Hedicke	Math
Kristen Huber	Home Economics
Deborah Hurt	Physical Education
Barbara McCready	Ass. Band Director
Stephanie Melius	English/Guard Director
Louanne Miller	
Wayne Moore	Industrial Arts
Ramona Nelson	Nurse
Kelly Pittard	English
Michelle Shassberge	rArt
	History
Steve Wolf	
Michael Wright	Band Director

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Michael Wright, Barbara McCready, and Ramona Nelson pose for the picture.

Sharon Anderson (student teaching for Mrs. Black) participates in Ms. Carter's group discussion for English.







Mrs. Miller, a new math teacher from Ruskin, lectures on coordinates.

Kristen Huber and Michelle Shassberger, share a smile with the camera after a staff meeting.

Ms. Erickson sits quietly at her desk, during seminar, grading science tests.

# The Top

1. Lallapalooza hits K.C.

2. Clinton re-elected 3. Evander Holyfield knocks down Tyson in the 10th

4. TWA Flight 800 crash site explodes in mid-air, cause unknown

5. Block Scheduling begins a new year at Hickman

6. Texaco gives away free gas due to discrimination 7. Union Station is saved

8. Tupac dies?

9. Astronaut Shannon Lucid sets record for most days in space

10. K.C. is hit with a snow storm in October

11. Yankees win World Series

12. Deadly explosion disrupts Olympics

13. Oasis, most popular British band since the Beatles

14. Russian spacecraft crashes off New Zealand 15. New planet discovered 16. Minimum waye is

raised to \$5.25

17. The people's Republic of China reclaim their island

18. The most annoying dance is discovered. . , the Macarena

19. Boris Yeltsin reelected president of Russia

20. Michael Jackson inpregnates his skin specialist 21. Hilary R. Clinton visits K.C.

22. Kerri Strug shocks the U.S., winning the gold for the womens gymnastics 23. Shakespeares classic, Romeo and Juliet, is remade for a 90's version 24. Seventeen new teachers make their way to Hickman 25. The Unibomber attacks America 26. Senior Class has many car accidents 27. The movie, "Set It Off", is blamed for a shooting at the Independence Theater 28. The internet rapidly becomes the center of technology 29. Madonna bares fitness trainers baby 30. Dog dials 911 and saves owners life 31. A six-year-old is charged with sexual harrassment when he kissed a girl in class 32. Mixed Ensemble performed at the Renais. sance Festival 33. Gold medal winner Michael Johnson won an unprecedented double win in Atlanta 34. The Fugees hit the charts with best selling album,"The Score". 35. Yearbook staff won the Pumpkin Decorating Contest 36. More court cases with the infamous O.J. Simpson 37. Charles and Diana begin the procession of divorces in the Royal Family 38. Time magazine says R.E.M. is one of the best bands in America 39. Hickman Mills CSD#1 gets a television feature on American Cablevision 40. Ms. Murphy and Pumpkin Butt plan to wed 41. THIS IS KILLING MEIII

42. Female Ape at the Chi- 69. Tickle Me cago Brookfield Zoo rest the latest craze

cues child after plunging into pit 43.-50. Students are still adjusting to block scheduling 51. Jim Carrey and Lauren Holly plan to marry 52. Luckily for Seniors. calculators may be used on the ACT this year 53. Tupac is sighted in France 54. The musical "Sugar" delighted crowds 55. First time in 10 years the Chiefs do not make playoffs 56. BRAVEHEART — Best Picture, Best Director 57. Gene Kelly, 83. died 58. Roberto Alomar, of the Baltimore Orioles, became the center of talk when he spit on Ampire John Hirshbeck after they had an arguement 59. Dorothy Lamour, 81. died 60. George Burns died, 100 years old 61. Kim Rhode, 17. became the youngest person to win a medal in a shooting competition at the Olympic games 62. Ella Fitzgerald died 63. Dennis Rodman came out with his own book 64. Spiro Agnew died 65. Erma Bombeck died, 69 years old 66. March 13, in Scotland, 16 five-year-old children were shot in a publicschool gym 67. Adam Law has an annual ski trip- no one was injured

68. McDonald's introduces the Arch Deluxe 69. Tickle Me Elmo was the latest craze

70. Pamela Anderson Lee and Tommy Lee had a babu 71. Commercial advertising became more and more creative and wild 72. Madonna starred in Evita 73. Jerry Maguire became a popular movie 74. Pamela Anderson Lee and Tommy Lee plan to divorce 75. Pamela and Tommy change their mind 76. Bacterialike life was discovered on Mars 77. Minnie Pearl, 83, died 78. Ms. Murphy had AN-OTHER car wreck 79-86. Freezing cold, bone-chilling, lipnumbing, car door sticking, frostbiting weather comes to Kansas City 87. Female singers, No Doubt, Lil' Kim, Garbage, become increasingly popular 88. OJ Simpson regains custody of his kids 89. Ebonics is debated in Oakland, CA, and across the country 90-93. Running out of ideas!!!!! 94. A steady increase in the use of heroine has taken many celebrity lives 95. Still looking for my parking spot in all the snow 96. Six-year-old beauty queen, JonBenet, is found murdered in the basement of her home in Boulder, Colorado 97. Dr. David Ho, Time's

Man of the Year, is on his way to discovering a cure for AIDS

Q Few Good Actors

## The bold and the beautiful

#### by Rohley White

Kave you ever passed Room 122 and observed a group of students shouting in unison THOSE — OLD — BORTS — WOR'T — FLOAT? Well have no fear, for it is only the Theater Department warming themselves up for another fun-filled hour of Drama.

This class lod by Nrrs. Kanna Cusick, consists of three separate groups combined in one. Drama I for beginners, Drama II for Intermediate, and Drama III for the Advanced. Throughout the year Drama I and II classes work on loarning the basics of acting, stage Fir rection, and memorization, so at the ond of the year, Drama II can direct Drama I in One Act Plays. While all of this is taking place, Drama III spends their hours weeding through scripts, casting, blocking, and directing both Drama I and II in Plays, Monologues, and Scenes throughout the year.

The variety of people involved and difforent levels of talent present, are needed to keep an even balance. The experienced work with and teach the nevice and often learn a bit themselves.

Drama II, top row: Stacia Deckard and Jessica Ryala Bottom row: Corey Knight, Sanns Dixon, and Cedric Kayman





Drama I: top row Mary Carol Maxea, Matt Mille, Tracy Plummer, Tricia Regere, Minity McCullough, Josse Card, Bobby Brady, Liz Wisdom, Amanda Bates, and Jake Walkersmittle row Derek Drake, Tamica Johnson, Joson Braxton, Michelle Mckinney, Kristin Robinson, Valon Thompson, and Eric Richardeanskottam row Saykriel Day, Brandy Gordon, Jassel King, Alaina Everage, Jay Alexander, and Susan Stone.



C.O.D.E...

### Helping Students Reach Their Full Potential

by Kari Tucker

Every Tuesday and Wednesday a group of students break out of school, hop on a bus, and go to C.O.D.E.

What is it?

C.O.D.E stands for Center of Differentiated Education. In other words, it's the program for gifted and talented students throughout the district.

On any given day, you can catch students from Hickman and Ruskin preparing service projects, learning about their geneology, or earning college credit.

"It's cool," said Justin Howe (12) of the Writing for Scholarships course, "because it gives me a head start on getting scholarships for college."

A main objective of C.O.D.E. is that the students are in charge. They decide on what they wanted to do in terms of a project and work towards fullfilling it.

"The great thing about C.O.D.E.," said David Anstaett, C.O.D.E.'s coordinator," is that the students are self-directed. They're responsible for their own development and they do

Cedric Hayman (11), Krista Newman (11), and Mary Carol Mazza (11) try to solve a puzzle during free time. by null thener

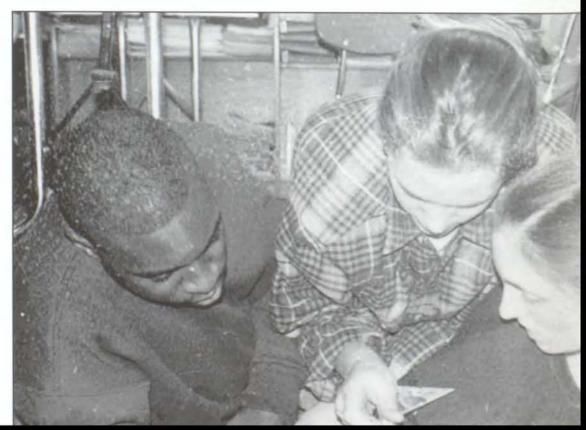
well." Besides taking part in class, students dive into other activities. C.R.T. (Creative Relaxation Time) is set to let students relax and explore different areas of interest.

"The time away from school to concentrate on other things is what I like about being here." said Krista Newman (11).

Films, speakers, and hands-on activities (known as Type I,II, and III's) are other ways in which students can learn more about a specfic topic.

Many students who attend C.O.D.E. have been there since elementary school. "Through C.O.D.E.," explained Josh Vaughn (12),"I've grown because of the freedom they give me and the chance to learn new things."



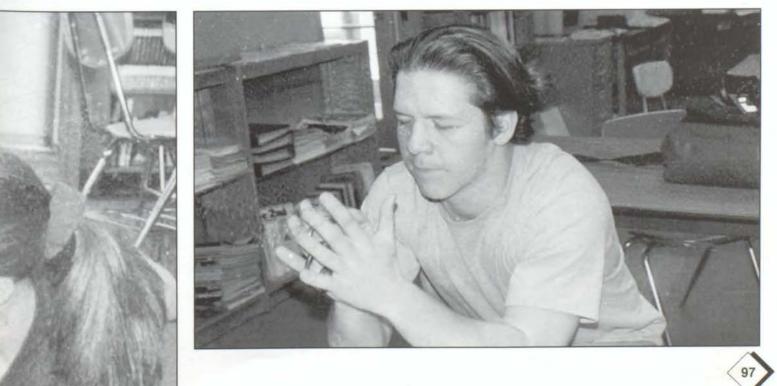


Members of Da Hood, Rusty Sneary(12), Jusin Howe (12), Loren Strodeman(11), Josh Vaughn (12), and Krista Newman(11) pose after winning the C.O.D.E Olympics.

C.O.D.E instructor Lois Hutchins shows Rusty Sneary (12) and Krista Newman (11) how to revive a "drowning" victim, Cedric Hayman (11).



Josh Vaughn (12) ponders over a mindbender during C.R.T.



# Come into the realm... of Mass Confusion

by Amy Didde Y earbook was a class of amazing highs and lows. Because half of the staff was new, the beginning of the year was devoted to learning the computers, the correct form for a story, and how to use the cameras.

> When the first deadline hit, it was a scramble to get stories typed, and pictures cropped. The real killer was getting the headlines and captions written. "Around deadline, everyone swamps you with pictures that were taken weeks ago," said Crystal Moore (12).

Spare time was filled with hearing the latest gossip, eating food, and general goofing-off. Sometimes it seemed as if work would never get done. As every deadline came and went, the stress seemed to pile up. But once again, The Pride staff pulled through.

"The best part of yearbook is to look back at your layout and see what you've done by yourself." said Christine Brenner (12).

"You can add a piece of your personality to something that will last forever." added Adam Law (12).

Liz Wisdom (12) finds working with the junior mug shots thrilling.

Amanda Bates (12) discussed the Varsity Football story with her partner Mat Chewning (11) during seminar

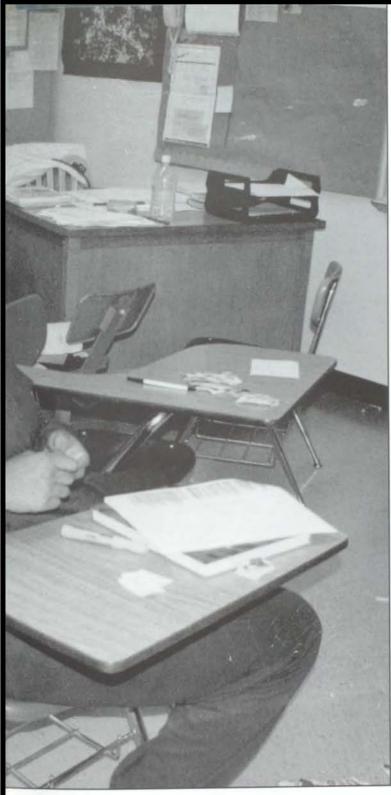


Amy Didde — Editor-in-Chief Crystal Moore — Photo editor Justin Howe — Graphic Artist







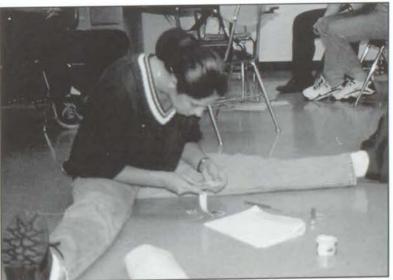


Sorting mug shots is a tough job, but Desiree King (12) manages to do the work with a smile.



Ms. Murphy helped many staff members throughout the year by proofreading stories, fixing layouts, and brightening the day with her humor.

Lindsay Eakins (12) organized pictures for the freshmen layout. All pictures had to be in alphabetical order, marked, and put into the computer.







Learning to use the computers is one of the big obstacles for new staff members. Adam Law (12) conquered the machine in time to complete the R.O.T.C. story.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks to the staff for all of the fun times. This group was blessed with many creative talents. It was at many times very frustrating, but well worth it. I could not have done it without the help of Christine Brenner and Ms. Murphy. Thank you everyone, Amy Didde

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## NEWSPAPER A large task that can open the door to opportunity. by Danita Price

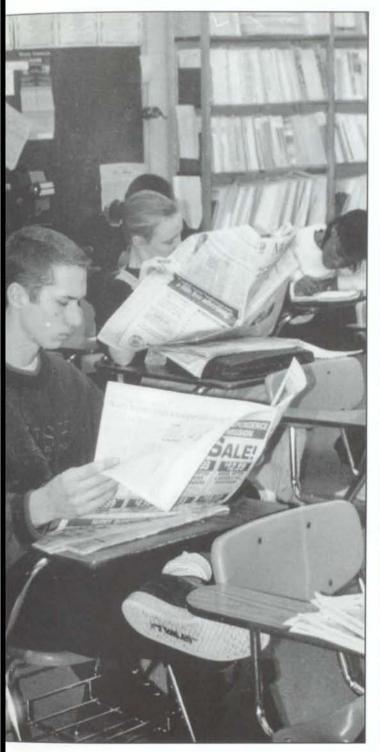
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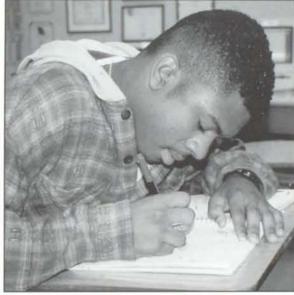
Trued, Charles Dell, sophomore Justin Adams and the entire Newspaper class.

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Seniors Valerie Hoskins and Danita Price, junior Jennifer Kaeding and Sophomore Michelle Shanks visited Chicago, Illinois for a Journalism convention during November.







Sophomore Mitchell Jemison works hard on a story to meet deadline.

Staff member Jennifer Kaeding poses with Jon Holtz, Channel 4 anchorman and the former Winston man Dave Goerlitz at the American Cancer Society news conference.



The 96-97 staff takes time out of their busy schedules to pose for a group photo







Do...Re...Mi...Fa...Sol...La....Ti...Do.... This little phrase is probably the first thing that pops in your head when someone mentions the word Choir. Well, welcome to the 1996-97 Choir department. Where, yes if you listen closely you can hear that infamous Do...Re...Mi.

This year the choir department had a very productive concert season. The members of Mixed Ensemble, Concert, Lyric and Freshman/Sophomore Choirs Participated in Two main concerts for this year's first semester. Both concerts, Fall and Christmas, went over well. Attendance for the concerts increased this year considerably for the department.

'It has been great", said Gerding. "It's been the most chairs we've had to use in years."

In addition to these two concerts, Mixed Ensemble performed in the Blue Springs South Invitational, the Renaissance Festival, and spent most of the Christmas season caroling all around the Kansas City area.

Remembering back Senior, Tricia Rogers told me "It made you realize the needs of others". "I loved it" added Sophomore Mike Wolf.

Mixed Ensemble caroled for a plethora of organizations. Organizations including St. Luke's Hospital, St. Luke's Meth-odist Church, Hilcrest Country Club, The Faculty Christmas Party and several others.

The choirs also spent a great deal of time preping up for the big event of the year: Contest. When May rolls around the members of all four choirs will be loading a bus and heading on over to Blue Springs High School for district competition, better known as Contest. The students will be rated among other choirs in the district who all have there mind set on one thing. "Getting a 1". One might ask themselves, Why is this so important? Well, those small ensembles and soloists who receive a rating of one will move on to State competition in Columbia, Missouri at Missouri University. For the Big choirs it is just a matter of pride and yes, bragging rights for the entire year.

Last year Concert Choir, several of the small ensembles and soloists received ratings of 2. Gerding was very proud.

"We did a great job for a choir that is in the most competitive district in the entire state". Gerding is very positive about 1's this year. "As long as I pick the right music and we all work hard, we can reach our goal".

This year also brought about another evening of Cabaret. Last year's success had the choir members anxious to get started. Cabaret gives the students a chance to perform in a more relaxed and theatric setting. It is setup, Gerding said to "Allow the students the chance to push their abilities in singing and dancing, which is very hard to do".

The 1996-97 Choir department.

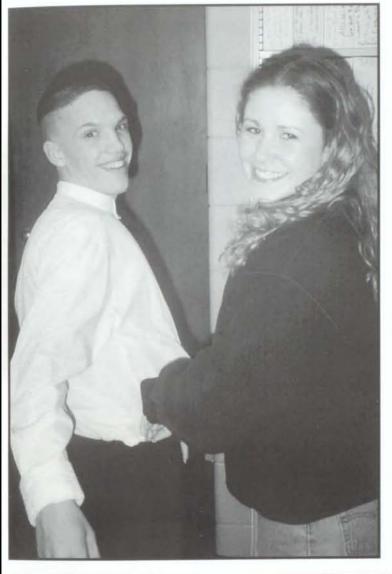


Mrs. Fast plays along as the Freshman/Sophmore choir learns to sight



breather between class pe-

Lindsy Hayden helps Sophomore Mike Wolf get into uniform. Mike had a dislocated shoulder at the time and Lindsy took it upon herself to give him a hand.







Mrs. Fast prepares music and programs for the Choir department's Christmas Concert.

Shonda Dennis and Lindsay Tharp enjoy the bus ride home from a day of singing with Mixed Ensemble.

# **To Sing Or Not To Sing!**

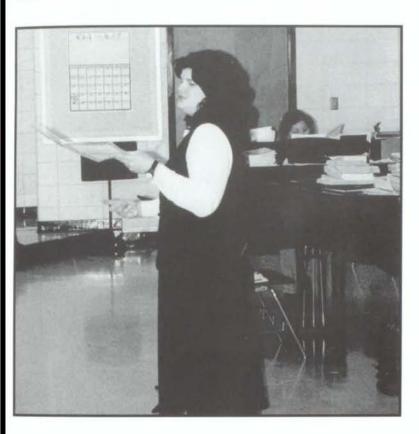


The mass choir consisting of Mixed Ensemble, Concert Choir, Lyric Choir and Freshman/Sophomore Choir prepare to sing "Halleluia Chorus". At this point in the concert Mrs. Gerding invited the audience to sing a long with the choir.

Mixed Ensemble performing "Go Lovely Rose" at the Fall Concert.

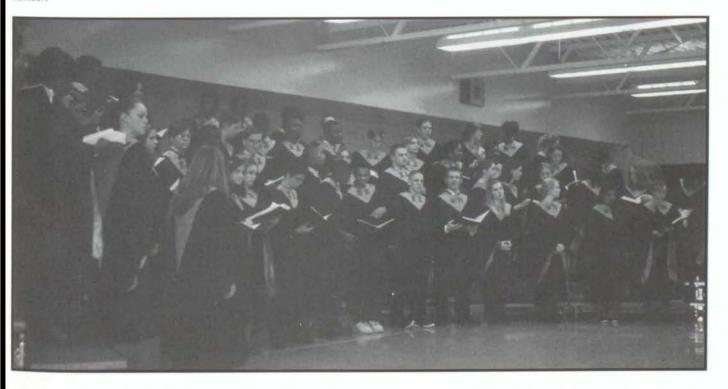


Gerding goes over the Fall Concert schedule with Concert choir!





Concert Choir getting "organized" before their next number.



Shake 'n' Bake

## Family Consumer Science

By Sheryl Bateman and Brandie Carroll

The sweet aroma of cookies baking floods the hallways. Stomachs begin to growl, eyes become evil with vengence, and it's two hours before lunchtime! What's a person to do to fill the needed hunger? Take Family Consumer Science, a.k.a. Home Economics.

This year, unlike past years, the Foods classes are not only about cooking. In fact, the cirriculum teaches students about the necessities for living. In the beginning of the year, the students learn about marriage and family life, childcare development, and childcare careers. Throughout the year the students do get some hands on experience with cooking. Because of nutrition being a more serious, yet minimumly discussed issue, it's importance is greater than of cooking.

Along with a new name, the class formally known as Home Economics has also acquired a new a teacher, Kristen Huber. Coming into a new school with high expectations she had many goals for her students as well as Family Consumer Science. "Were going to keep growing with advanced classes,'' stated Kristen Huber.

Whether it be making a full fledged dinner or learning how to keep your spouse satisfied, Family Consumer Science is, according to Kristen Huber, "a necessity for living and very much recommended."



Kristen Huber preparing to discuss a lesson to her classes.

## Curious Chefs would like to know . . .

## What do you like to bake?

Pancakes Kristen Vaughn (11) Lobster and Fetticcini Rico Ratliff (12)

Spaghetti Angela Tyler(9) Chitlens Rick Hill(12)



Kristen Vaughn







Rick Hill



Angela Tyler

Jim Thompson cleans the Home-Ec kitchen after helping preparing a meal.



## From the kitchens of Brandie Dawn and Sheryl Lee

## Elephant Stew

1 medium size elephant200 bushels of carrots

1 ton of salt 4000 sprigs of parsley 1 ton of pepper 800 bushels of 1 ton of pepper spuds 2 small rabbits (optional)

Cut elephant into bite size pieces, this will take about two months. Place meat into pan and cover with 1000 gallons of brown gravy and simmer for four weeks. Cut vegetables into small cubes and add when meat is tender, a steam shov-el is useful for this. Shovel in salt and pepper and simmer for four more weeks. Garnish with parsley and this will serve about 3,800 people, if more are expected, add the two rabbits. This is not recommended as very few people like hares in their stew.





## HMHS Marching Band

## Taking it to the Field

By Calvon Wainright and Kristen White

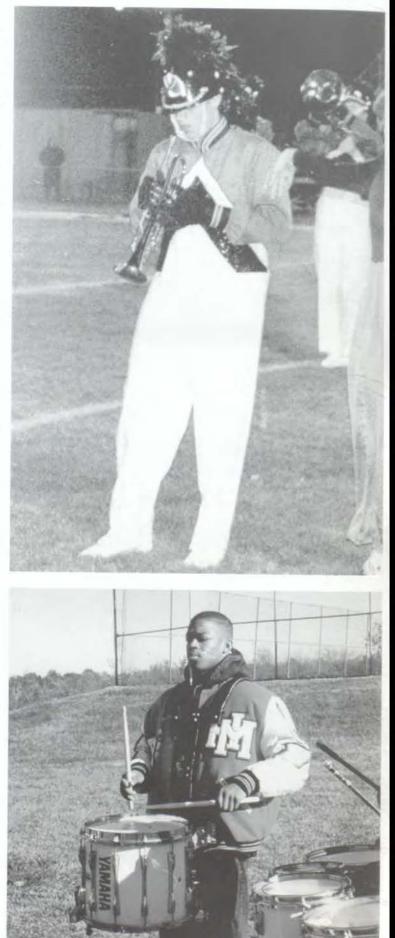
This year the HMHS band staff took in three new teachers to replace the two were lost last year. New band director, Michael Wright, joined HMHS from Poplar Bluff, MO, where he taught band for two years. Assistant director, Barb McCready, joins from Iowa where she taught for four years, and last but not least, is Stephanie Melius who joins us from Columbia, MO, where she taught for one year. Melius is assisted by Chris Dye, alumni from Hickman, who graduated just last year. Remaining on the band staff is Marcus Crosby.

Adventures from Far and Away was the theme of this year's show. It consisted of four pieces composed by John Williams. Listed in order of the show: Indiana Jones, Adventures of Far and Away, Jurassic Park Fantasy, and Adventures on Earth from E.T. The t-shirts that the band is sporting this year were designed by drummer, Lee Nelson (11). "Give him his props, he did a good job on it," said Caleese Wainright (12).

The band started their season September 28th in Carollton, MO., where they placed 3rd place in their class. On October 5th in Blue Springs, the band came in last place, but their pride for their work was at the top of the charts. October 12th, the band showed how much pride they had by placing 2nd in their class in the Renegade Review in Tulsa. OK. "What do we have." Jake Walker (11), yells out to the band before every competition to pump everybody up. Together the band yells out, "COUGAR PRIDE !!!'' In spite of the competition in Springfield, MO. on October 26, where the band came in last place. they still kept their chins up high. On the final performance of the season, and last high school performance for the seniors. the band took 4th place.

> James McGinty prepares for his solo while being silhoutted by Beth Lane.

Drummer Lee Nelson leads the drum line in their daily warm-ups.





Top to bottom: Seniors Mike Brackney, Nate Robinson, Tyler Wilson, Edward Kerr, Calvon Wainright, Caleese Wainright, Amy Clevenger, Kynyatta Whitley, Valerie Hoskins, and Angela Duong pose with Mr. Wright at the last marching band competition of the season and of high school.



The 1996-97 Hickman Mills High School Marching Cougars at the Solem Springs Marching Band Competition.

## Orchestra: I'll be Bach! by Chris Canary

W ith hopes of a trip said "Merry Christmas" pushing them on, the orchestra prepared for the upcoming year, formed for the parents some their first, some and students at Hicktheir last. "Orchestra's man. They had their Fesda coolest," said Amy tival of Strings in March. Smith (11).

In years past, orchestra has been laughed at, but this year the members wanted to change that ... and they did. They began the year with fiftyfour members. They had a varied blend of freshmen to seniors. The orchestra got new uniforms. They also went on a trip to Colorado.

"We have a good orchestra, we should be able to do lots of good things," said instructor Mr. Crosby. The orchestra had six concerts during the year. First, they

with the band in December. In January, they per-The last concert was later in the Spring. The seniors gave a heartfelt performance.

"Being in orchestra is one of the greatest experiences I've ever had," said Jim Thompson (11).

With the passing year the seniors left orchestra. They leave the future up to the underclassmen. The underclassmen have large shoes to fill.





Here the full orchestra poses for an impromptu picture in the activity room.

In the first row: Shanna Williams, Kari Fisher, Marissa Love, Cathy Chalmers, Megan Coenen, Adriana Andrews, Amy Smith, and Danny Rhodes

The second row: Nadia Kennedy, Crystal McFerrin, Rachel Haggerty, Jonathan Gaikwad, Larry Gillihan, Katie McBurney, Becky Marchand, Cathy Hughes, Chris Adams, April Langhammer, and Leslie Sharon

The third row: Marissa Hunter, Katie Langhammer, Adrianne Moore, Rachel Higgins, Mindy Ritchie, Becky Kondas, Shyla Johnson, Erron Shaw, Erin Giamalva, and Kristen Vaughn

The fourth row: Amber O'dneal, Brooke Deason, Kim Walker, Cathy Wright, Earl Kizine, Angela Lange, Anna Lunceford, Tiffany Nash, Mia Yarbough, Laura Trued, Kevin Brennaman, Jim Thompson, and Jaron Stumon

The fifth row: Tasha Williams, Tekila Brown, Amanda Brown, Shawn McOuillen, and Tmika Hopkins

Also not pictured : Heather Gustafsan, Lacy Duncan, Courtey Cruise, Gianna Kilbey, Tiffeny McDaniel. and Kristin Tabron



With a look of determination, Erin Giamalva (11) and Kristen Vaughn (11) play with the rest of the orchestra.



Heather Gustafson (9) and Katie McBurney (10) help the violins set the pace for the rest of the orchestra.

The violins and the violas concentrate on their wonderful Christmas music.









Mr. Crosby says be quiet with his trademark German sayings.

Shawn McQuillen (9) plays a musical number with the rest of the class.





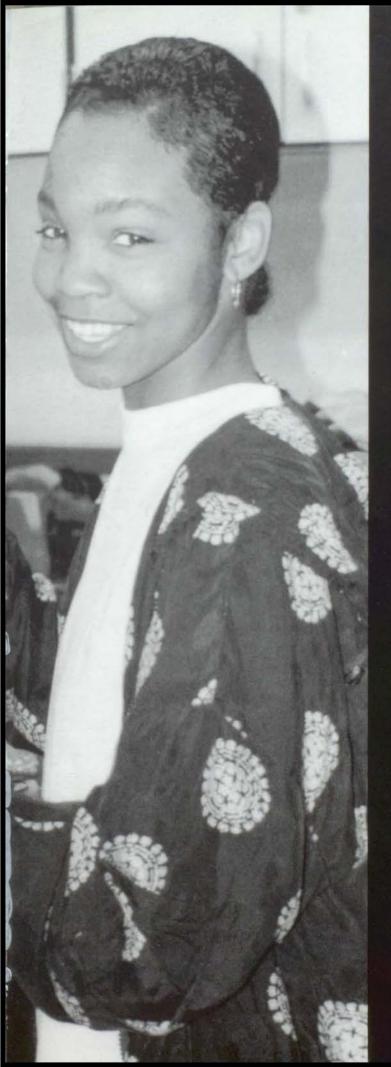
*O* ne thousand and fifty individuals were enrolled at the start of the year. Throughout each grade level, they are all **different** people. The various styles of clothing reflect individual tastes and attitudes. The **student body** has a diverse cultural background. Even music preferences are different. Tastes range from Pantera to Shania Tuvain to Bone.

The experiences we have also **change** and differ. The freshman is in highschool for the first time, just learning the ropes. The sophomore is getting their driver's license. The junior plans prom, and is finally considered an upperclassman. Becoming a senior brings plans for college and graduation.

Yet with all these contrasting qualities, we are all the **same**. We support the same team at sporting events, take some of the same classes, and we all form **friendships** at school that become the biggest part of our daily **lives**.

Meia Boles works in Mrs. Buehre's seminar class to create paper flowers. The class then sold these in school to raise money for craft supplies, a pizza party, and Christmas stockings for a kindergarden class at Santa Fe.







Mrs. Shassberger's seminar class proudly displays their pumpkin at the Pumpkin Carving Contest.



April Abraham





Christopher Adams







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David Alder

Brian Anderson



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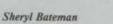


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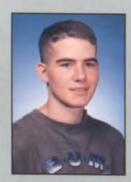




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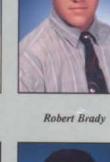


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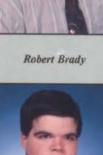








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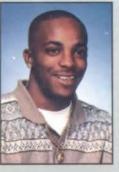












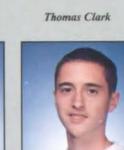
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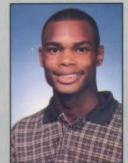
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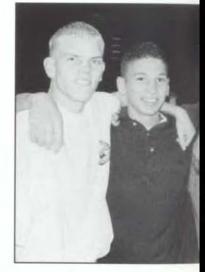


# F \* R \* I \* E \* N \* D \* S A Time to Laugh, A Time to Cry . . .

by Ashley White and Sheryl Bateman

O nce upon a time, there were a group of girls. They all shared a close bond. Where one went, they all went. They were the best of friends and everyone knew it. Through slumber parties, classrooms, phone calls, and Brad Pitt marathons, the excitement never stopped. Through the laughter, tears, food consumed, and late night chats, the friendship never ended.

Then a new year began. New friends were made, and old ones forgotten. They promised they would be there for eachother through thick and through thin. Their friendship was to be endless. Yet in their final year the bond they once shared could not withstand change. Hopefully with time, the past will be forgotten and the good times shared will give hope for the future. The story you have just read is all true. The names have been withheld to protect the innocent.



What is a FRIEND to You? "A friend is someone who is with me through all my flaws." Kenisha McIntosh (10) "A friend is someone who will laugh with you." Amy Smith (11) "A friend is someone who will treat you with respect." Anthony Hardwick (9) "A friend is someone who will tell you the truth." Natalie Lucas (12) "A friend is someone who cares about your beliefs and your feelings." Jeff Lobdell (11)

It has been said . . . "If you can keep at least one true friend throughout your whole high school career, you have truly succeeded."





Members of the Spirit Club pre-game rally show their spirits are forever . . . hopefully their friendships will also be.

Juniors Jonah Wyant, Jason Gaurotte, Bob Hill, and Ben Davidson spend some of their quality time together as always.





Freshmen Shyla Johnson and Kristie Lamburt take time from eating to show the true color of friendship.

Seniors Ashley White, Amanda Bates, Sheryl Bateman, and Liz Wisdom model their unique hats as well as their close bond.

















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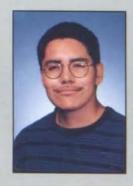
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Juan Harris



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Shana Haskins



Laura Hitchcock













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Angela Horne



Valerie Hoskins



Justin Howe





Tamara Humphreys



Luke Hurd



Dereck Johnson



Lincoln Johnson Jr.



Melvin Johnson III



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Peter Johnson



Eric Jones



Latia Jones



Latoya Jones

**Courtney Kies** 



Stephen Jones

Desiree King



Keith Kelley







Edward Kerr





**Rachel Latore** 







Fletcher Kittrell



Becky Kondas







Much love to God. My mother for putting up with me all these years. My sisters for keeping me on track. Corey, for staying by my side. Kenya, Tiffany, Shonda, Adriane, Damon, Chris, Traneece- keep it real! For all those who were hatin', I ain't mad at cha! Peace April Abraham

I would like to thank God for all my gifts and blessings. Much love to my family and extended family, especially my father, without him all my accomplishments would not have been possible. No thank-you to all the bustas, cowards, and fake homies who showed me the depths of jealousy, envy, and areed. Michael Acklin

"Forever trusting in who we are, and nothing else matters. Friends, wrestiers, I.G.A. toorkers: M.M., Shadam, C. J.H., - I love you guys. Thanks for being there for me sis, Angela. Good Luck everyone. Chris Adams

Well school is finally over, thank God. I also would like to thank my parents for their support. Jo Marie, you are one great best friend, thank-you for everything and don't forget "Whose your daddy." Love,

Hiba Ahmad 'c/o 97

First I want to thank God for making all this possible. I want to send a shout out to my homies, stay pimpish and don't do nothing I wouldn't do. and out to my Nob mill click, stay coon Now it's time to say good-bue to all my Hickman friends. Kelwin Alcom

First giving honor and praise 2 "JC." Tha-first and foremost n my life 2 mom, dad, and Mr. B, Thank-V. Seasons of ups and downs, you we wait for that final day. 30 words pa-leez 'bout 2 do this like a senior. Props 2 tha "SOG's", J"malik"'S, J'rreau'H, CW and CW, N'ate dog"R, LJ and KL, LN and CS, C''ed''N, FB team, and coaches.

All tha utha senia's, unda classmen lil' Bra's, R.I.P. 2 mill and MW. MI missed you, you're not forgotten. "Yall enjoy tha '97' God Blass. David Alder #30

Thank God 1st for getting me through school. 2nd to my Momma, for keeping me in line. I'd like to thank Capt. Gibson, Mrs. Byram, and Mrs. Gordon. Last but not least, thanks to Chocolate Bunny A.K.A. Desiree King for being there for me, you are loved. Brian Q. Anderson

All my high school years will be remembered as the most fun time of my life. Thanks to God, Moma, Daddy, Tony, and Ana. Annette, thank-uou for being the person that you are. K-dog you are the bomb! With God in your The you can do anything, remember that! Farewell class of '97, you'll be seein' me on the silver screen! biz Andrews

To my mother and God. I thank them for guiding me through my trials and tribulations. Dat ryl, Alycia, Georgetta, thanks for being there, love ya. My sister Chelle for making me an aunt. (I'm loving it!) My bad brothers, Grandma Rose, Essence, Equealia, my relatives, and the click. Love, Peace, and Happiness.

Rachelle Arrington B.K.A. Toni Mae

I'm just glad that I'm out of here. I'm thanking my parents and my boyfriend because they've helped me set through this year. Bye to my best siends, Tasha, LaShonda, Jacinda, and 21so to my little cousin, Tiffany. My good friend Corynne and all of my other kiends. Peace out. Nicole Bake

To be or not to be . . . For four years we have been trying to discover who we are, where we're going, and what we want to be The laughs, the tears, and the memories will never be forgotten. The wonderful friend ships gained and those lost, the family who stuck with me through everything.

Jamie- much love to my B.F. and We fat ones, loved It, scared of sister 4 life! Sheryl Lee Batemen

No complaints and no regrets. I still believe in chasing dreams and making bets, but i have learned that all you give is all you get, so give it all you've got. Thanks mom, dad, and Melissa for supporting me. Thanks to my friends for always being there. Red Tails- I love you guys. Via con Dios. Amanda Bates

hist wanted to say I love you Mom, Dad, and most of all Brian! I will miss all of my friends espectally J.M., K.R., J.C., D.D., and C.P. I hope all of you have tots of luck in whatever you do. Love and Luck, Angie Biondo

The cow that could never moo. . The transformer that lightning blew. . . Al's shack was bumt to ashes. . . We all walked out of our classes. . . The bomb scare, because of highway flares. Most classrooms don't even have enough chairs. Boy am/I gonna miss this place.

Mandy Bleess

I would like to thank my family, God, my strength and people who care. I think that school has been an experience. I had days that have been hard and tough. I have also had days that were wonderful. School has had a positive effect on me and the times in never forget. Shawn C. Bly

First, I want to thank my Mom for putting up with me through everything. I also want to thank Dale, Cisca, Jennifer, Amy, Crystal Moore, Keri, Tyler, Tiffany, Jason, Portia, Crystal McFerrin, etc., etc. And especially Katie Starr for always being there for me no matter what happened. Mike Brackney

future, love everyone at Hickman. Black, white, blue, red. blended friends here are beautiful. God made everything happen. Worship him like me and everyone will be happy. Remember, family matters. Love the unloved. Do everything you can. now. HAVE FUN. Football, love yal Coach, f.P. (T.Murph). 4 ever Jarreau. Russ, Rick, Brian, Josh. J, huneez etc.- much love. Love you "Mom" Hill. Bobby Brady

Thank God for finally gettin' me outta here! Mom and Dadduthanks for your support. I love you bunches! Linz, Cynthia, Ash, Jarreau, Cle, Bran, Javelle, Rick, Jimmy, Bob, Tez, and Twins thanks for your support and making my four years the best- Llove you all!! Melissathanks for all your advice and the memories, love ya! Beth and Trice- wish you could be heremuch love and luck! Good Luck c/o '97! "Mom" Hill: You will NEVER be forgotten. Much Loue to you always.

Christine Nicole Brenner

First thanks to God for helping me reach one of my first and most important goals in life. Most props to my family, especially T and Ki 4 snatchin' me up. "LPB" represent watch straps C busen off 4 my ACE's on 31 and my RIP's even E-Dub I'm exit.

Lowell Brown

First, I would like to thank God, my family for teaching me what's right and wrong. Bucket and Jenny it's been fun. Hikers, thanks for the memories, I'll always remember them and I'll miss you all. I love you all. Good Luck to the class of '97. Melissa "Brownie" Brown

First I would like to give thanks to God for letting me reach this point and to my mother for keeping me straight. To all my bout it friendz: J-Boogie, Lowell, Kym, Lucas, Renee, and to everyone I left out. May '97-William Brown

First of all thanks go out to the baseball team and Coach Henderson. Thanks for everything to the crew, Rich D., Jimmy B., Larry J., Adam L., Brian S., and Bobby B. Oklahoma was a blast! To Jenny, I love you always! Mom, Dad, Missy, thanks for being there! Well, Matt, we made it! Robbie Cahili A.K.A K-Hill

YOUR LIFE'S an open book, don't close it before it's done-Metallica. Thanks to all my friends. You have made it possible to get through it all. J.S. I owe you. J.H. and R.H. you guys are the greatest. To 'Jerry's Kids'' you guys are some great co-workers. P.S. Supercalafragalisticexpaladosis! Chris Canary

I would have nothing without my family. Mom, Dad, Amie, I love you and Greg- you always hold a place in my heart. To my red tails and our guys you have each added something special to my life, I love you with all my heart and neither you nor the times shared will be forgotten. Live life to it's failest and have no regrets. Pam (Mom), You changed my life in many ways and I'll never forget you for that. I love you and you'll be with me forever. Brandie Dawn Carroll

Dianane Dawn Carron

I would like to thank my mom for enerything. I love you! Thanks to Angie, Nily, Kim, Edward, and Stephen. Most of all thank you Jerry! You've always been here for me. I love you with all my heart! I'll never forget any of you. Love your friend Julie Carter

Don't look back and glieve over the past, for it is gone, and do not be troubled about the future for it has not yet come. Live in the present, and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering.

Amy Beth Clevenger

Shanna, Boston was fun! Don't forget Billy or the plane! Lisa, Jenny, Sara- Good Luck in all you do! Thanks for getting me through the tough times! Gerry you're so special to me. Brice don't ever give up! Emily and Pat- have fun, not too much! Robbie, you owe me. Megan Coenen

To God, Momma, Dadde, 'Harya and Corey L., Dantae, B.D.Ty, Fhallon, and family, thank for everything. To Pastor and CT family, hanx. To Brian H., Dezzie K., Rykeisha D., Nae Nae, Jimmy Jam K., N-E-A M. Pockey, Rico R., Nat-Dog L., and Karin C., thanx for keepin' it real. To YnoT and DW I'm prayin' for ya. To Chad, I thank God for you and your love! 'To all I missed, like the Senior click, love ya," To my youngenz, God Bless, but "Don't hate the PLAYA, play the HATER!" Javelle Remae Colbert

I thank God and my Mom for everything. I will miss my best friends. BK and KS, thank-you for being friends with me. Most of all I would like to thank Glenn (Pooh) for helping me the 2 years I've been hare. Class of '97, good luck and God Bless. Love

Adrienne Coleman

Giving than's to God, my parents, and LJ for getting me through 1 years. Jamayla,thanks for being there for me love ya. Georgetta, thanks for the good times Ramashon and Demetrios, don't let the hood rats play ya. You Bronco foes, back up off me. Abby, Trickle, Tawana, Brittan, Tiawna, Nat-Dog, Cynthia, and Javelle we up out playas. Tee-Tee

Jana Renee' Collins A.K.A. Fatts

On my way to Hollywood. I would just like to say peace to e.G., G.H., M.B., C.M., Z.G., R.G.H., C.W., N.R., A.W. E.R., B.C., W.B., M.P., N.S., B.N., and to my number one teacher, Mrs. Cusick. Thanks for always encouraging me to do my best. Class of '97 rules the world. Sanns Dixon

First my thanks goes to God. Mom, Dad, Jack, Jessica, and Samantha, thanks for all your help. Bob, Nene, Brownie, Squeaky, and Jenny, thanks for all the great memories, they'll never be forgotten. I love you all and I'll never forget any of you. Good Luck class of '97. Becky ''Bucket'' Doty

It's the end of world as we know It and I feel fine!'' To Laura, Adam, Josh, and Angela, I'll see ya later. To the rest, good-bye. It was fun. I'm leaving and not looking back. There's much more out there, and I'm ready. Gabrielle Doyle

To all the up coming Seniors, I hope that you grace that word SENIOR almost as well as class of '97 did. In these final days that we have, I hope that we can all become friends. Find someone you don't know and say "Hi." And remember Pimp dem hizoes. Peace Derek Drake

Throughout high school we've lost friendships, made new ones, and renewed old ones. To all of those friends thanks for the memories. Amy, keep the plans and list coming. Sarah and Beth, thanks for the laughs and tears. Keep band alive. Follow your draams and believe in yourself. Love,

Angela Duong

Well, finally c/o '97. It's time to move on. To all the true friends, I'm sure I'll be seein' ya. And to all those who ain't true friends, later. So if life is what you make of it, don't let it kick you in your \*\*\*! Peace out from your Ill' dog. Richard Dalton

First and foremost I would like to thank God, and my family, who have helped me make it this far. Thanks to all my frighds who made Hickman more onjoyable day-by-day. To the class of '97, good luck, and thanks for all the memories. Justin Davenport

Blessed am I with what the lord giveth me. Much love to my peeps. To my dawgz on hit. Clint, Corey, Shelton, my boyz on shake, Nate, Fred, Davin, Cedric, and Juan. To my ladles, Cynth, Des, Re-Re, Twinz, '97 out. To my woman Kim, it's all for you. I'm ghosti! Cleon Davis

Thanks to all who made me smile! Angle, I love you so much thanks for being there. Becky and Tricia, you're real pals! Cheer chicks, Mike, Jason, Josh, listen to your heart. Mc-Clain, you're the best resuld ask for. Wrestler and all others, I'll treasures these friendships for even

#### Shonda Dennis

Many blessings to my TRUE friends. Angela- thanks for your wisdom and support. Daniellethanks for all the laughs. Remember my neighbor? Who could forget?! Thanks to my family for caring. Good Luck tennis players. Always be strong and follow your dreams. Love, Amy Didde

Thank you to my parents for putting up with me and helping me through this. To Nikki thanks for always being the e for me and understanding me. I love you guys! To all my biends for being there when I needed you. Veronica Y., Adam L., Christine B., Amanda B., Brandie C., Liz W., Sheryl D., Laura H., Ashley W., Jarreau H., Rick H., Bob B., Josh V. Brian I love you always You all mean so much to me Good Luck to you all. Lindsay Eakins

I want to thank God and everyone else who supported me throughout my 13 years. I want to thank my family and my partners: Jacinda K., ReNda W., Shonda M., Corey B., Andrea S., and Kristen L. To all those I forgot, I'm sorry. See yall at the reunion. Peace out! c/o '97 Demetria LaSha Elbert

First of all I want to thank the baseball team. I also want to thank my friends: R.C., R.D., L.J., A.L., F.H., L.G., C.M., and S.T. I also want to thank Coach Henderson. Class of '97 rules! Doug Ellis

Take all the gifts God has given you and make the best of them. Life is what you make it to be. Strive for achievement and succeed in the future. Love, Michelle Liann Evans

We finally made it. I want to thank my parents and my friends: Crystal, Jamie, Tyler, and Shonda for being there for me. I hope you all get exactly what you want out of life. Good Luck in college and remember to have lots of fun. I'll miss you all. Rhonda Fisher

















Marissa Love

Adam Law

Corey Lee

Kristen Lenzy

Susan Lillig

Janet Lobdell



Tamika Lovingood



Natalie Lucas



**Timothy Lunceford** 



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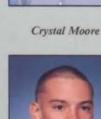
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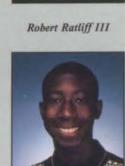


Sarah Radabaugh

Melinda Ritchie



Matthew Rowland



Nathaniel Robinson III



David Rudaitis



Tawana Rogers



Tricia Rogers



Nicole Ross



Although I've been here only a year, this school has given me much. I've seen people grow in strength and knowledge and uet others grow shallow and anamocity. People are usually open books (some volumes); if you learn or care enough to read hem. I have played the game and the game is done. But 4 years isn't enough, for education lasts a lifetime. "Reading maketh a full man, Conference a ready man and Writing an exact man" Fa Kempis. Peace out to all. Cougars rule! S.M., B.G., M.J., C.B., and M.B. Joaquin Gomez

Well, praises to God, thanks to both fathers, and mothers. To the coaches Miller, Pepple, Henderson, Hall, Hunsaker, George, and Hairston. To all sportsmen, basketball squads, and football squads. To all the ladies Aquilla, your next. Demetria, thanks I'm always your pup. c/o '97, teachers thanks, Natasha C. to my Boo! You're next! Outie! Zacharias M. Goode

First I want to give thanks to God whose first in my life. I want to thank my family for being there for me when I needed them. While sliding down the bannister of success, don't stick a splinter in your career. Bye to A.G., A.J., C.J., J.P., and C.T. Kea Goodine

Thank God, my parents, and good leachers I've had for preparing me for the future. My best friends: Aderonke, Sanns, and Admenne, we'll keep in touch. The same for Niccole, Christina, Melvin, Danita, Natalie, Chiquita, Marissa, and Shanna. (Sorry, couldn't fit everybody.) Good Luck to my sister Crystal, 2003. Corynne Goodson

First of all I would like to thank God and my parents for being there for me. I wanna say what's up to my dogs: R.R., T.T., R.A., L.R., R.W., and all the rest of ya'll. And for all you playa hatas, you gets no love. And I'm out. c/o '97.

Tanika Gunnels

"G" breakin' it down and completin' my high school years fo' my mom and my family, and givin' a shout to all the HMHS basketballers. Yeah, 'dis is our

'97 I know ya glad and we are out this bootch boa! R.G. Handley

There's an ending to all things in life. This is our ending to adolescence! Graduation is a ceremony officially honoring young men and women who have successfully completed childhood. We made it! To everyone who doubted class of '97, we ain't mad cuz only God can judge. (Tupac, R.I.P.)

Ayesha Harper

For these past four years, I have learned lessons that books could never teach. I've learned that there is nothing more valuable than friendship, and that respect and honesty are number three and four on the list to success. Love and happiness are numbers one and two. Be good Crystal! Annette Harris

First off, thanks to the Lord, for without him there is no me. Thank-you to my family. Peace to Shelt, Corey Jimmy, Brittan, Cle, and to all the ladies. If you mean something to me, you know who you are. Much love to the class of '97. 'Swoosh' Juan Harris

First I would like to thank God for eperything. Thanks to my parents who pushed me this far. To my little sister, Lashika, hang in there you'll come out one day! Chiquita, Desiree, and Elisha, I'll see ya down at south-west. Danita, Renee, and April, good luck in the future. Shana Haskins

First thanks to God and my parents. To my patnaz on the football team, my boys, and all the fine honeys, I love you all. Special hanks to my boys, Brady, Big Dave, Ross, Corey, Rick, and Russ. To my girls, Javelle, Ash, Pook, Big V, Linz, and all the others, I love you all. I'm out. Jarreau Hawkins #36

P.S. With much love, R.I.P. "Mom T Hill.

Thanks to my parents, God, and friends for making me the best I can be. This year was the best, with friends like: R.S., J.H., B.B., J.G, J.V., B.S, C.B., A.W., BC. L.E., A.B. L.W., and B.S.B. Ja-

year, fo' the rest of the class of son hopefully your senior year is as good as mine. Cathi, thanks for always being there. Rick Nill

> Through the friends and memories made, I appreciate all my friends who made it possible. Thanks Nom for all you've done for me, but most importantly the support and love. Alison (Google), love you, you're a great sister and friend. I wish you lots of luck. Laura Hitchcock

> Thank God and my family for their kind help. I have been through a lot of hard times and good times. Especiality when I met the girl of my dreams, Adrienne Coleman. We have been Hrough a lot together, and I hope some day we can have a big happy family. **Glenn Holmes**

All my rah-rah's and friends, I love you guys! Mom and Dad, thanks for all the support. Jenny and Lisa, good luck. Jason Hill, I love you. Shonda, thanks for alwaysbeing there. We've been through so much. Cougarettes, keep cheering and stay high spirited. Love always, Angle Home

Thanks God, Dad, Mom, my grandparents, and little brothers and sisters for helping me get where I am. Stacy, lick it! A.C., E.G., D.R., N.C., S.W., and M.C. you guys are great. Aaron, I love you! When life hands you pirty socks, make sock puppets. Good Luck c/o '97! valerie Hoskins

"It's a dog eat, dog world and I'm waste deep in the big funky!" Thanks to Robert, and Chris for the laughs. Joel! E-mail your brudda! To L.T.- Faboo! Erin, I love you and I'll miss you! A.S.- Never Grow up! S.S.- Hit Thank you God! I'm outta here! Justin Howe

Virgo, 6'4". Enjoys camping. swimming, and roller blading. Turn offs include: cotton sheets, Gap kids, and Beautiful Blonde women. Props to: Solo, Claim, Dee-Se7en, Seymour, (Gnob Nosted); and Lady Dorke- We are all 'Leet Hagrs (uh huh). People

wij Rat tails- LOOK !!!- We're all laughing at you. Fitty One Fittu!! Luke, Flux, Session One

First I would like to thank God for being there through the years, and also my parents. What up to everybody that knew me, not the ones who were walking around the school faking. Class of '97 is finally out of this school, can you feel it. Dereck Johnson

The four years I've been here. I've learned a lot. I'm going to miss some of my yery good friends like, J.K., K.F., S.W., C.M., L.C., J.W., all of my hiker friends, and anyone else I forgot to mention. I will never forget them. I hope we'll keep in touch. Nadia Kennedu

First giving thanks to God and my parents for believing I could make it. Special thanks to- Jae C., Twins, D.K., Nate Dog, C.M., J.C., for making these years fun. Goodluck Class of '97, and S.K., B.K., S.J., and M.R. To S.K. and B.K.-you can make it, keep the faith! Love ya, Ed Kerr

Thank you God for standing by my side and keeping me in line, for there were times I didn't think I could go on, and you helped me push on. To all that thought I wouldn't graduate, PICK UP YO FACE !! Love you Moma, Allan, Teesha, Charlaon, Baby J., and Derrick. Jacinda Key

These few years have gone by so fast. I wish my years here weren't over. I've met many different and interesting people that have made high school fun. I will miss everyone, and I wish you all the best! Brett Dylan, you're the greatest thing in my life!

Courtney Kies

Givin' thanks to God, for being there every day of my life. To my family thank you for your support. Most of all, thank you to my peps, ya'll know who ya'll are! To the Class of '97, keep ya heads up. Cle, Kym, Deebo, Cyn, Twinz, J-dubbs, O.G's, Ballaz, much love.

James Kirkwood A.K.A. Jimmy Jam



It's about time! I wanna thank God first! Second the Homlez, Nita and Nae. Next the Senior G's, Jimmy K. Cleon D., Fred S., Juan H., Cindy M., Nicole R., and Jae C., my boo! To Punkin' Brian Q., you are loved! To Gray and Girls Basketball, good luck. To all the people I forgot like Pee Pee and Yoshi, Sorry! Desiree King

Thanks to my parents for their support. I 's been an interesting four years. Erin and Carl, you are my inspiration. Good luck, I love you Captain S. we made it. M.R., H.A., S.R., J., J.B., thanks for being 'real'. Good luck c/o '97-I'm moving on! Becky Kondas

Thanks to the #1 man In my life-Jesus Christ. Good luck to Gina Roo, Min, Aimes, Jaimes, Mandy, and Lesley. Thanks to Jen and Josh for putting up with me. Mon., Dad. Paul, Beth, Gina, Tarl, Grandma, T tore you all. Rom 14:12. Plug it up, Carrie! Raychel Latore

Skiing, Baseball? Lost Boys, J.V., J.Z., G.D., M.Mc., A.W., L.E., S.B., L.H., and the old boys. Thanks to God and my Family. C.C... missing ya. L.S.- I'm the last one! Brian S. and Richard D., love you two more than any friends ever! Horsemen, save me a saddle. Coach H's. Tough times don't last . . . LAW will! PECKAS, GRACIAS! Adam Edward Law I

First I would like to thank God for getting through these long twelve years. I can't forget my Mom, Dad, and brother. I would like to send a shout to my baby April for being there for me, and C.S., D.T., A.T., C.N., R.R., and to everybody else. Corey Lee

Thank you God, Parents, and family focleading me in the right direction love always. All respect goes to my friends and loved ones. Lincoln Johnson, you know what'z up! Demetria Elbert, S.R., S.W., thank you for being there and helping me out. Everyone I didn't say, bye. I'm out!

Kristen Lenzy

To my friends who helped me through all four years, thanks. I

would especially like to thank, M.G., S.B., C.M., K.D., B.N., S.H, M.B., J.D. 1 will miss you all in the years to come. Melody, my best friend, good luck next year. Peace to Class of '97. Janet ''Nicki''Lobdell

First of all, giving honor to God for getting me through these four long, hard years. I thought we would never make it, but we did. We are now young men and women ready to graduate. I just want to say goodbye to the entire Senior Class of '97. Marissa Love

First of all I would like to thank my mother, father, the rest of my family, and friends. A special thanks to my son Donovan, and my niece Bryana. Ms. Fulton, thanks for being there for me. Last of all, thank you God, I'm out of here. Class of '97! Tamika Lovingood

Lord thank you for the support of my family and friends. You've given me much more than I deserve, and I am thankful. Amon P.S.- Much love to Mek-Mek, Jen-Jen, Suela, Getteye, Cher Sheryl, and Jana-Pooh. Much love to the KAPA Class of 1997. Love you,

Natalie Lucas(Nat Dog)

Thanks to God, my mama, daddy, sister, Joe, and cousin Manny-Man. To my little Boo-Boo Josha, To my homies, Linda, April, Joy, Teefah, and Renea, much love. We outta here. Also to Tasha, Kea, Nichole-ya II stay cool.

Lashonda Mason

Dear God, Thank you for guiding me through. To my mother, thanks for everything. To Boone, thanks for coming in as a father. To my friends, Tracy, Tawana, and Lori, stay TRUE! To Kym, Quiana, and Jana, be cool. For my baby and Eric, love ya'll. Everbody else, be true not FAKE!!

Ambral "Ahh Miss Me" McCoy

First of all, thank God for allowing us to make it this far. I would like to thank A.L. and C.A., for giving me support from day one. A special thanks to Geo for helping me out. Thank you Weezer, B.B., Jarreau, Rusty, A.S., A.B., J.T., and R.C. Good luck. Matt McFarland

I'd like to thank God for al of his blessings. My mom for raising me to be a strong black man. For all my potna'z, Harlon W., Brandon D., Mike A., Lonnie T. The ladies Jacinda H., Erica M., Camille D., Tamekia P., Jamie H., the forgott n, much love! Yah Player'z, stay up. Hater'z drown 'em out. Mike Medellin

Teachers here are all right, but some are like stale bread- you just don't like them! But us as people were born to rage against them! Stay smart people, and most of all stag in school and expand your mind, it's hard out there. Josh MillerA.K.A. UNI BOMBER

To my parents, you both have given me see much and I love you. A.C., it's four years and counting. R.F., you're the greatest. S.H., thanks for the phone calls. T.B. and M.B., thanks for being my band buddies. I'm going to miss all of you. I love you guys.

Crystal Moore

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Thanks to everyone who listened to my crazy ideas and loud opinions. Loish all my love to him, Shonda, Nily Lity, Angie, and Derek. Friendship is line a recipe, it takes just the right stuff to make it work. Good Luck, Julie Murdock

"Hey. seetfrog, where's the dog?" Lactually did graduate! All things are made possible through God. Hey, Mrs. Connat, State! Thanks Bob, Russ, and Jarreau. Bran and Liz, you're sweethearts. Ray, good to be brothers again. Love ya Brookie! To all you I didn't have room to mention, thanks. Jeff Murphy

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First I'd like to thank God and my family for all they've done for me. Next I'd like to thank my teachers and my friends. C.S., C.L., R.R., C.D., F.S., C.T., L.N., T.T., and anybody I've left out, thanks. Cedric Norton (A.K.A. Nordictrack)

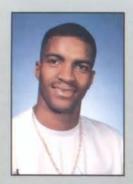
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Well, I made it! I went through 13 years of school and I'm relieved. Good-bye felles of '97, I'll miss you, I'll miss my S.O.G., who "saved" me But I guess it's time for bad boys to retire. I'll miss you Mike, stay smooth. To Chedel, I lope you now matter what happens to us. Peace out! Marcellus Pouncil

















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Life can only be understood packwards, but must be lived onwards." I thank the people who helped me understand the past, and the ones included in my future. Thanks again. Rachel Radabaugh

I see the right, and I approve it too, Condemn the wrong, and yet the wrong pursue." — Ovid Sarah Radabaugh

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First would like to thank God for all he has done for me. To my girls: Shorty, Donisha, Chipper, Tawana, Shavonn, and Chantel, keep it real. I wish yall luck in the future. To the class of '97, stay the for life. I'm out! Latrease Reedus

I would like my parents for helping me through these years. I love you guys. Also I would like to thank my friends, especially Nily, Julie M., Julie C., Angie B., and Deren D. for sticking by me. I will miss you guys so much and I love all of you. Kim Rish

Thanks goes to all my friends, you guys are great! But out of all my bad vehicle experiences, ER- RRRRKK! BAM!! I feel sorry for the person that stopped right in front of me, conting out of the mall parking lot, you know who you are! Bye HNHS. Class of '97.

Mindy Ritchie

First I got to thank God and my parents for keeping me straight. I would like to say whazz up to the 96-97 varsity basketball team. To all my dogg's D.A. E. Kerr., Leese, L.N., Q.T., and D.W. To my sis, KTR' 81', C.W., C.T., J.S., J.H., Nicole, and C.M. We out kidd! Nate Robinson

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Yes, class of '97 baby!! I just wanna say good-bye to all my peoples that was down from day one. C.M., D.K., C-Twins, K.D., J.C., D.P., R.P., N.L., J.H., J.K., C.D., and D.W., sorry we never got 2-getner like we should of!

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Nicole Ross "Big Nic"

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#### Misty Russell

Much love all the people I have met and come to know in the past three years here. So it is with great love that I render my thoughts. There are many pretty/handsome people, but not many who are truly beautiful. Beauty only comes from having God inside.

Nathan Salary (Pork Chop)

Mom, D.D., and Jamie- I'm out of here! Pency, I love you and keep it real-TnGirl! To my boy Millen, much love and keep slaying them faithfully. Don't forget me! Chris W. # 10 at Ray-South, I got much love for ya always! to my grandparents, you were my

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Chiquita Lynett Scott

All my little monkies in the '97, it's been a long road, but as we end this one, a new one is beginning to start. So when times get hard and things are rough, whink back to the year '97 and say, ''Back up off me.'' I'll miss you all!

Frederick Scott

Thanks Mon, Dad, Amy, and Kim, I love you guys. Thanks to all my friends who have been there for me. Jenny S., Bobby B., Rusty S., Richard D., Jeff L., Brandie C., Sheryl B., and Liz W., I wish we could all stayed best friends. I will miss you. Jessica H., thanks for everything. Class of '97. Angea Shoaf

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Much love to my family. Irene, you're great. To the click that's Top Notch on every block. Haay homegirls. Camia, (no T gotta man); Carmika, (haay Diva); Natalie, (get on down boy); Spin (slow down turbo). We partied like rock stars. Everyone else, don't hate me. Jennifer Steelman Giving all thanks to God because without him my mother and my "Annie", i wouldn't bewhere i am today. Toni, Jana, and Monte, thanks for listening, love ya To all yamitch bade females, and Bronco groupies "Quit hatting", can't everybody be me. But, "I ain't mad at chal!" Georgetta Stewart Pok Chop

If it had not been for the Lord on my side, where would I be? I am moving on and carrying precious memories. Most of all I would like to thank the ones who opened my eyes: Kym, Javelle, Joy, Cynthia, Crystal, Sarah, and Twins. Last but not least, the two most important people in my life: my parents, thanks and R.L.P. Grandmother. Tae, you always have a place in my heart. Ashante Stone

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During these past four years I have come in contact with many people and they have shown me the way through high school. I would like to thank my friends for supporting me and especially my boy Adam. I coulon't of done it without you. Linz, I will always love you! Brian Suthers #18

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Well, my time here has expired, but the memories live on. I want to thank my loving family, and all my best friends for standing by me. I'll never forget you guys. JAY, thanks for your support, I'll always love you and will always be here for you. Susan Thomas

High school was the best time of my life, so far. I'm going to miss it and a lot of people. Misty, Julie, Tricia, Angie-Poo, and Suzie-Q, thanks guys. To my family, thanks for standing by me. Brad, you're the biggest part of my life. Thanks, I love you baby. Erica Thompson

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Adrian L. Turner

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Ya'll, stay real, and I'll be true. Tracy ``I ain't mad at cha'' Turner

Well, I finally made it, and after four years, it's all over. But there is a new beginning for me. I would like to give thanks to God for keeping me on the right track. To my Mom and Dad for showing me how to reach my goals. I love you! Tracks Silvers

First I would like to give thanks to my heavenly Father up above. My Moma, and my family, I love you all. To Ryan and our little bundle of joy, thankyou and I love you both. Ashante', my best friend, thanks for everything I love you like a sister, PEACE. Kimbery Smith

All priase to God for the best years of my life. To my boys: Bob, Jarreau, Josh, Rick- the fun has just begun. Girls- I love you ALL! Youngsters: Make this time real, cause you'll miss it forever. Wish I could do it all again. Now I must take a step on to something I cannot see. But this time, if I fall, I know I'll have friends to catch me. Talso know I'll always have someone watching over me, right next to God. "Hom" Hill-I love you!

Rusty Sneary #4 (Playa's Life)

There are friends that I remember, some have left my life, and some remain. Some have changed forever, and not for the better. But in my life, I loved you all, I'll always remember the good times we shared. Thanks to my family, and God for putting up with me. Love, Jenny Underwood

My time here is through ... and [ am afraid. I do not fear the unknown future it is the familiar past of which I am most afraid. Afraid of leaving this wonderful life you have all given me. It speak but only to a few. To the masses it was a pleasure meeting you all and I wish I had more time to get to know you. To the certain ones that I will always wonder about, I will not be the same without you. To the one, I value our friendship very much, but I know we could have so much more than that ... I hope we do.

"Be kind to my kemains; and O defend,

Against your judgement, your departed friend." Joshua Vaughn

Thanks to God for getting me through this. Much ove to Calvon, Aquilla, Jimmy, Cleon, Zacharius, Desiree, Nicole, Fred, Cynthia, Nate, Javelte, Pooky, Rico, Tez, Davin, Rudy, Thomas, Coach Gray, Fulton, Band crew, Doobie, Dante, Omega, Ti-Heir, and Marlow, Good Luck to my hood rats! Class of '97, I love you! Peace.

Caleese Walnuright

First- I love you Caleese. R.I.P Kejuan, I love ya. Keep it real hood rats. Davin, Shelton, Juan, Rico, Chris, Chiquita, my sista Aquilla, much love to all ya'll. Calvin Marqus, Marlowe, James, I'll always love ya. You to Darold and Lee N. People not mentioned, I ain't forgot about cha. Much love. It's been fun. Calvon Wainwright

Class of '97, I'll forget you not. The future is now, remember this well. Your lifes destiny don't, leave it for time to tell. Lori Nunley, I'm proud to say you're my only true friend. And unlike many superficial aquaintences. With the tossing of the hats, it shall not end. B.G., V.Y., you're simply unforgettable. Glorita Watkins

First of all I would like to thank God. Thanks Mom and Dad! Rudy, I want you to play that football and keep your head up. Kandis Nikol, I Love you Sweety! To my Partners, stay real. Brittan play that ball to the fullest. I am out Fo! '97! Conce Wesley

For those who have added a rainbow to my life, I thank you. For you are the ones who dare to be yourselves. Amongst you I can breathe freely. Fly away, where a new world waits for you, always look back, though not to cry, and not to regret, just to help whose left behind. Ashley E. White

Por mi amor, tu lundas mi camino a la eternidad!

First of all, I'd like to thank God, secondly, my parents, and finally all my friends! Michelle and Jennifer thanks for all the many memories. Never forget your my best friends. To all my other friends, J.D., A.D2, K.M., J.V., K.V., M.C., goodbye and good luck! B.B., I'll always love you! To my little brother Justin, have fun without me next year. Kristen White

School is out class. We've finally graduated. Best of luck to everyone. To my best friend Hiba, you know ''who's your daddy.'' To my family, thank you for always being there for me. To my sister, Rosanne, for giving me good adplee about dumb boys! Love you c/o '97! JoMarie Wille

These four years here have been great! But I'm finally out. To the future cougarettes, good luck! Mikey, Josh, Jason, stay out of trouble! Good luck next year, Josh. Mike, I Love You! Hegan, don't forget 1st class flight and the Y.T.C. Thanks Mr. P. Pepple! Grandma, Grandpa, I love You! Shanna Williams

God, keepin' me alive, well, and out of trouble. Footballers: Cain, Brass, Ross, Alder Goode, Head, Sly, Pig, Brady, and Suthers. Ballers': Cle, Fred. Kirk, Ced, Bananu, Tae, and Dooby. All forgotten, sorry. Finally put everything in God's hands and he will show you the way. Buy you some!

Davin Winkley

Mom and Dad, thanks for pushing me so hard. I love you. During the past four years, I've met some of the best friends I'll ever find. Ashley, Brandie, Amanda, Lindsay, Sheryl Veronica, Josh L., Doug, the guys- Let's never say good-byg Good luck to wintergaurd gals, R.T's and Mandy B., David-SOMEDAY you'll make your own lunch. These are the days. .

Elizabeth Marie Wisdom

Over the past four years I have met many people that I can truely call my friends. You guys have been there through the good and bad times of my life and I would like to say-THANKS! I'm not going to say good by because God willing we will meet again. Forget me not . . . Veronica Lynn York 10, Anya D. 10, Brian T. 10, Casie H. 10, Chedel T. 10, Fhallon C. 10, Marlon N. 10, Pam G. 10, Rachael C. 10, Toni H. 11, Amanda M. 11, Azim K. 11, Beth L. 11, Daniel R. 11, Darold W. 11, Earl K. 11, Jacob W. 11, Jr. 11, Kenya I. 11, Kimya W. 11, Lee G. 11, Monique W. 11, Stephanie C. 11, Tiffany M. 12, Adrienne C. 12, Courtney K. 12, Jesse N. 12, Justin D. 12, Kynyatta W. 12, Mike R. 12, Tyler B.

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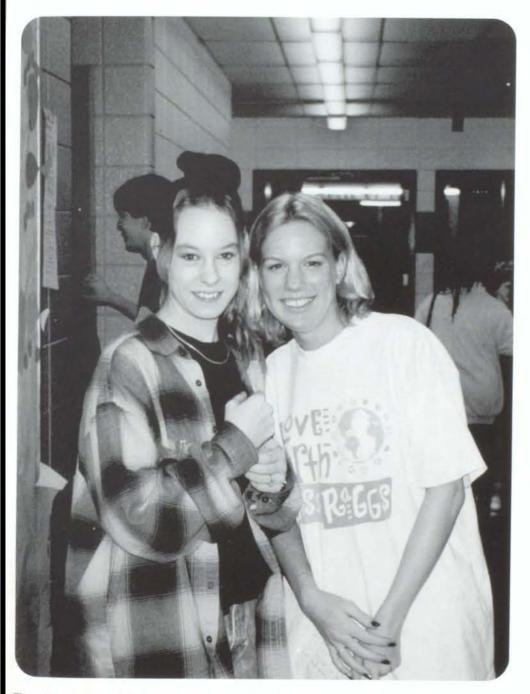
Senior Susan Lillig sits in front of the Christmas tree in Mr. Woody's classroom.



Eric Repine giving the GQ look.







The often quiet and unassuming Misty Russell and Angle Horne grab a yearbook photographer in the hall and hold him ransom until he takes their picture.



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Dontae Taylor Andrea Thomas Chris Thomas Jim Thompson Chad Thorington Donald Townsend



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Demetrius Trammel Laura Trued Kari Tucker Christopher Turner Kelly Vance Jeremy Vaughn

> Kristen Vaughn Tina Wake Eric Walker Jacob Walker Kimya Ward Alan Ware





Juniors Tim Johnson and Steve McMurray preheat the oven to bake some goodies.



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Monique West Marcus Williams Matthew Williams Tasha Williams Mark Williams Emily Wilson

Kimberly Wilson Rakisha Winfield Wilkie Wolfe Melissa Wright Jonah Wyant Colin Young

# Class of 1998





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Justin Adams Adam Anderson Adrianna Andrews







Lugenia Antwine Toni Armstrong Victoria Ashford



Jeremy Blake Rachel Bogeart David Bottemuller

> Ryan Bowman Jason Braxton Robert Briscoe

Clarice Brown Phillip Brown Quinton Brown



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Tekila Brown Lindsey Buckman Elisha Burgess Brianne Burton Anthony Canady

Kassim Carney Misty Carpenter Donisha Carter Latashia Castle Racheal Clouse









Kameron Cobbins Fhallon Combs Weslee Contrell Joshua Cravens Christian Crockett







Casey Cunningham Danny Dale Rayshaun Davis Stacia Deckard Tracy Downs

Krissy Tabron plays with a baby on the cheerleader's field trip to a day care center.





# Class of 1999

Raymond Duarte Chris Durant Chari Duncan







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Adrian Dupree Joseph Easter Melissa Ethridge







Alania Everage Charity Farnsworth Melvin Fernandez







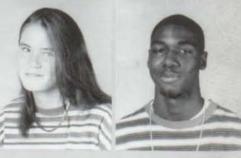
Nashary Ferrell Jermaine Fields Jarroll Fontleroy

Mauri Foster Megan Forbes Jason Friday















10th graders Tracy Downs and Tamara Thomas read their children's books that they wrote in Ms. Murphy's English class to Santa Fe first graders.





Jamala Jackson Richard Jackson Yearby Jayme

Mitchell Jemison Tamica Johnson John Johnston





Chase Jordan Jaron Jordan Cheyenne Keith





Shane Kennedy Brandi Kerr Gianna Kilbey







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Angela Lange April Langhammer Cara Leiblie



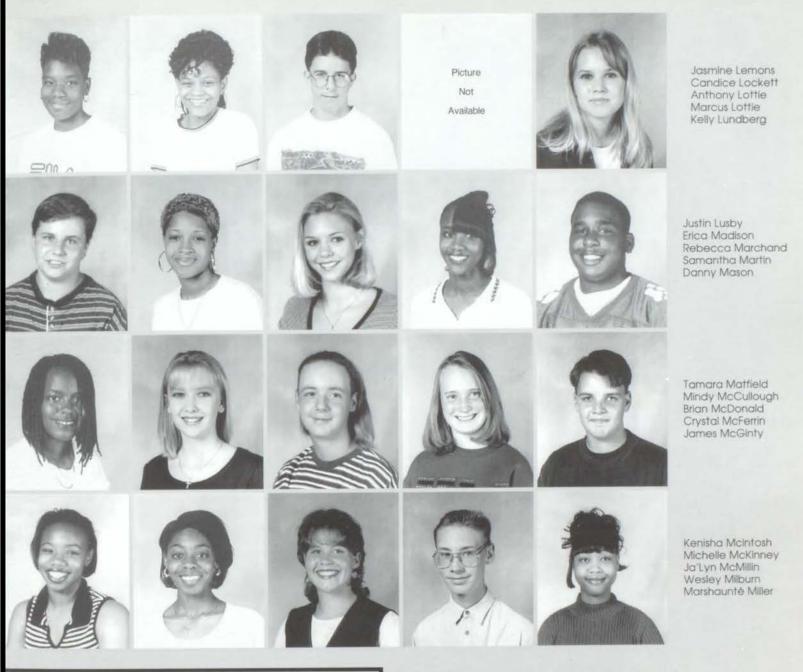












During Spirit Week, Donisha Carter, Eric Richardson and Clairice Brown take part in Switch Day. On Switch Day, boys dressed like girls and girls dressed like boys.



Erica Madison Rebecca Marchand Samantha Martin Danny Mason







Tamara Matfield Mindy McCullough Brian McDonald Crystal McFerrin









James McGinty Kenisha McIntosh Michelle McKinney Michelle McMillen

Wesley Milburn Marshaunte Miller Matthew Mills Christopher Montes

Tanya Moody Brad Moore Chalonda Moore Candice Mopkins

Kenyata Mosby Byron Moss Monique Murrell















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Christina Payne Jason Pearson Joel Penafiel Arnie Perkins Jenele Persley

Rachel Peterson Jeff Phi Hiep Thomas Ponds Rachel Powell Rebecca Radabaugh





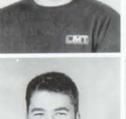








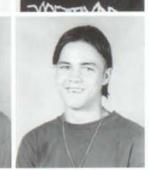












Maurice Ramsey Bryan Raper Jamila Rastaman Leonard Reed Eric Richardson

Charlotte Roberts Kristen Robinson Jason Rudatis Micheal Rushing John Ryan

Joseph Ryan III Mark Salary Beau Schneider Jessica Schneider Eric Schneider





Lindsay Tharp Lakisha Thomas Tamara Thomas Michelle Shanks Leslie Sharron























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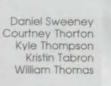








Jonathan Sparks Jennifer Spurgeon André Stevenson Torrell Stokes Susan Stone







MARILYN MANSON

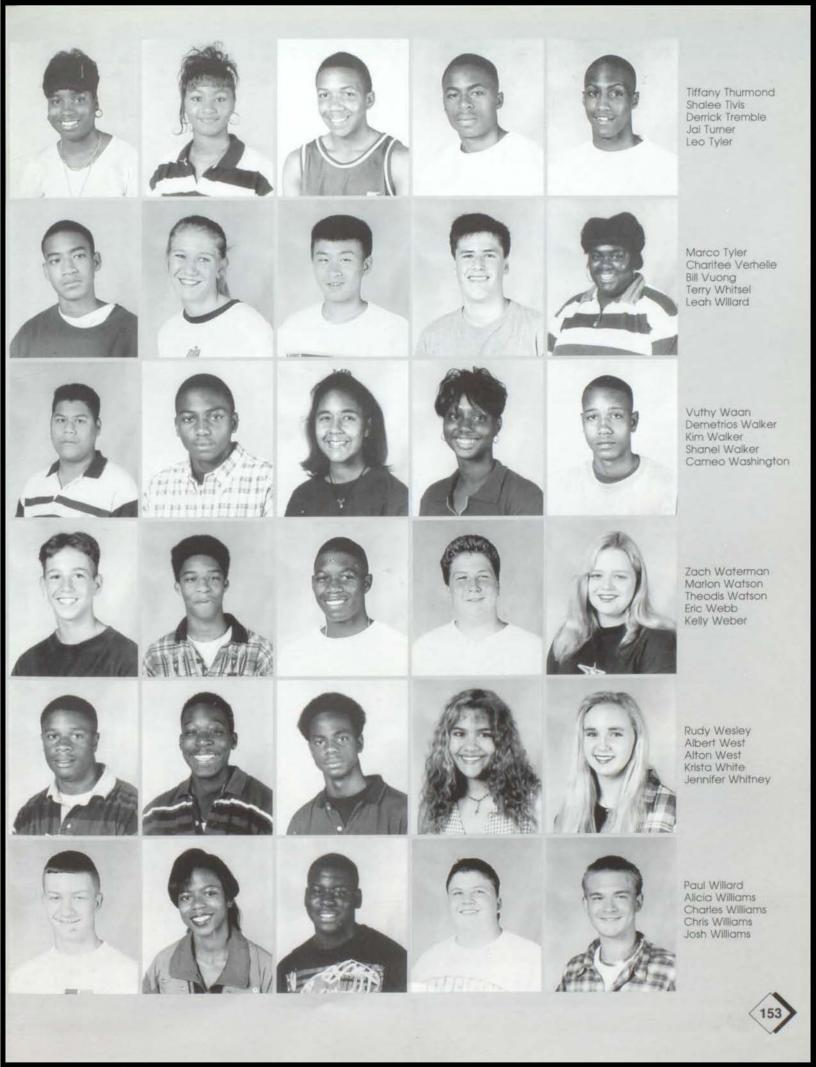


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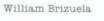




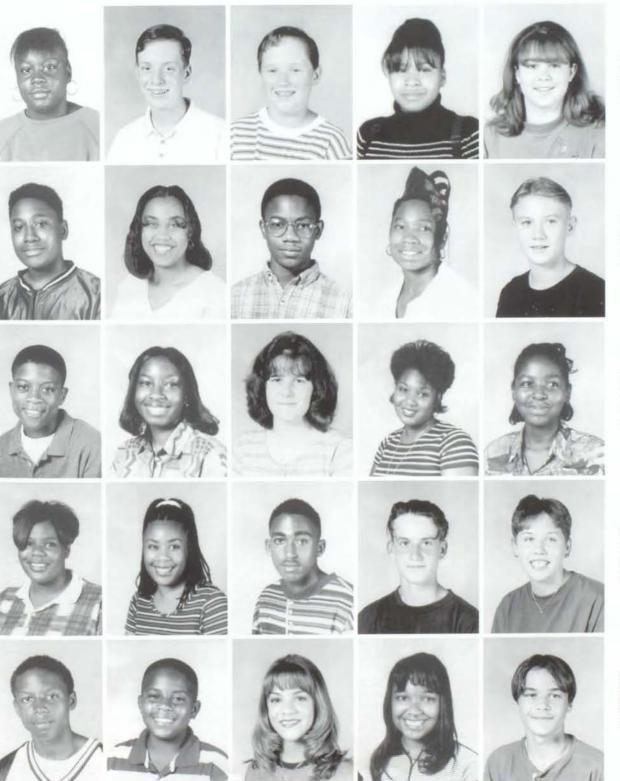


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Covell Crosby Angela Davis Erin Davis Keenya Davis Stephanie Davis

Tanise Davis Gaybriel Day Auruahl Davis Alan Diehl Misty Duffield

Chester Dye Kevin Eason Sara Eggers Clinique Elmore Dean Farnsworth

Kathryn Fisher Jacob Ford Ladawn Ford Frederick Francises Jamie Freeman

Christopher Gaikwad Jonathan Gaikwad Joesph Geddes Misty Gibeson James Giese

Larry Gillihan Temeka Givens Michelle Glavin Aaron Goheen Cornelius Graham

Shalyndia Green Tina Green Matthew Greenwood Sarah Griffith Heather Gustafson

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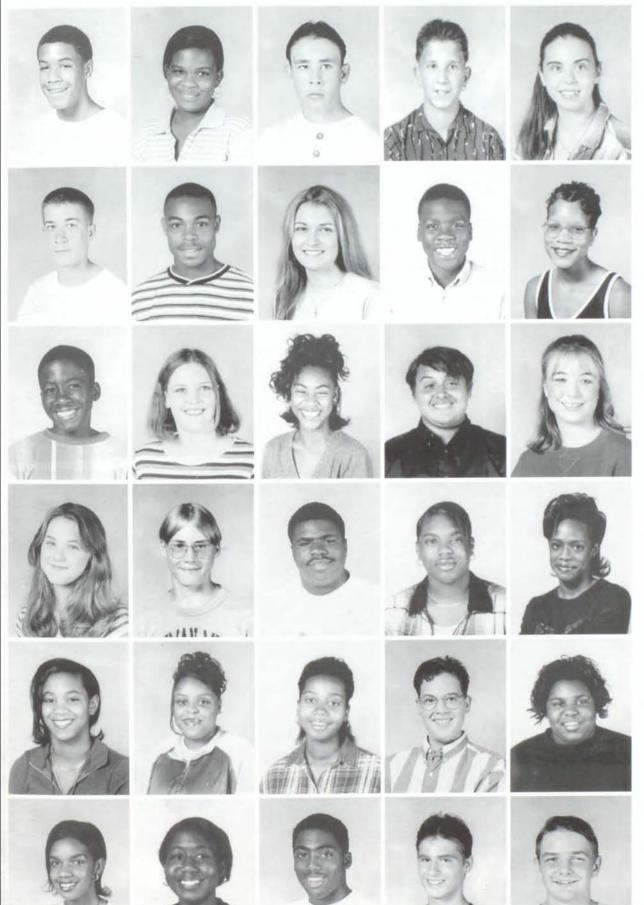




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Kevin Hood Ronda Hopkins Amber Horne Alex Horne Jennifer Horne

Natasha Hull Aaron Hynds Derrick Jackson Erica Jackson Jamila Jackson

Jasmine Jackson RaShay James Carmeletta Johnson Jeremi Johnson Sharis Johnson

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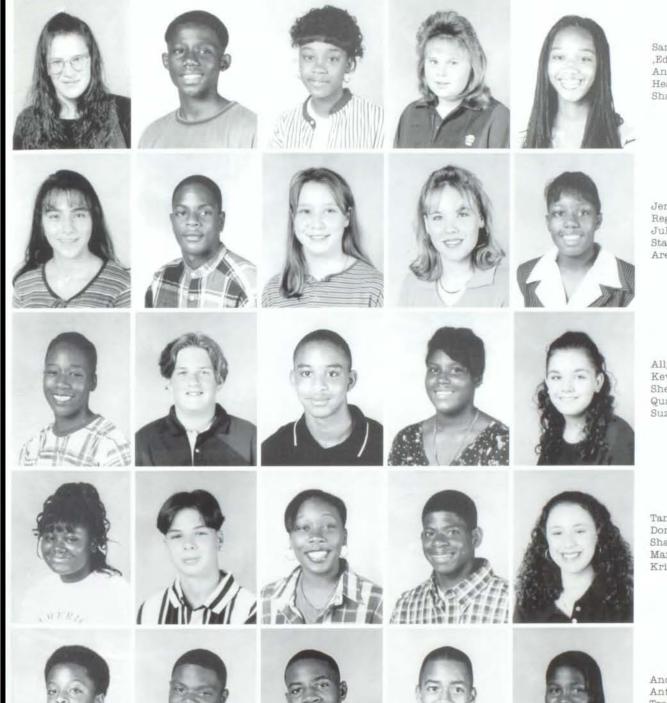
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Chris Mcneal Shawn McQuillen Gene Miller Tanisha Mitchell Christopher Mohr

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Kierra Shelby Kristina Simmons Amber Sistrunk Kiana Skinner Erin Sloan

Alea Smith Clarence Smith Rahsan Stenson Dawn Stevenson Jessica Tharp

April Thomas Barret Thomas LaCrystal Thomas Valon Thompson Maria Toellner

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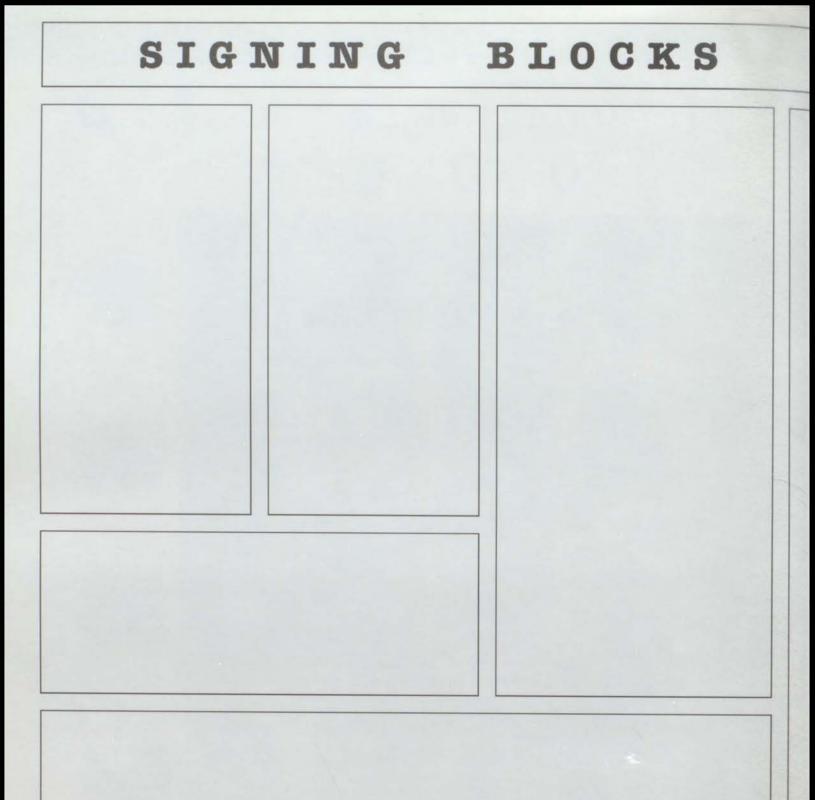


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## These blocks are reserved for those SPECIAL people

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Celestia Bouchaert, English Charlette Bradbury, Library Alde Christine Buehre, Science Helen Byram, Math Judy Carlton, Family/Cons. Science Marcia Connaughton, History Marcus Crosby, Orchestra

Lisa Cunningham, Physical Education Hanna Cusick, Drama Christy Darter, Science Paula Erickson, Sciences Sue Fulton, Family/Cons. Sciences Jennifer Gerding, Choir Kenneth Gibson, ROTC

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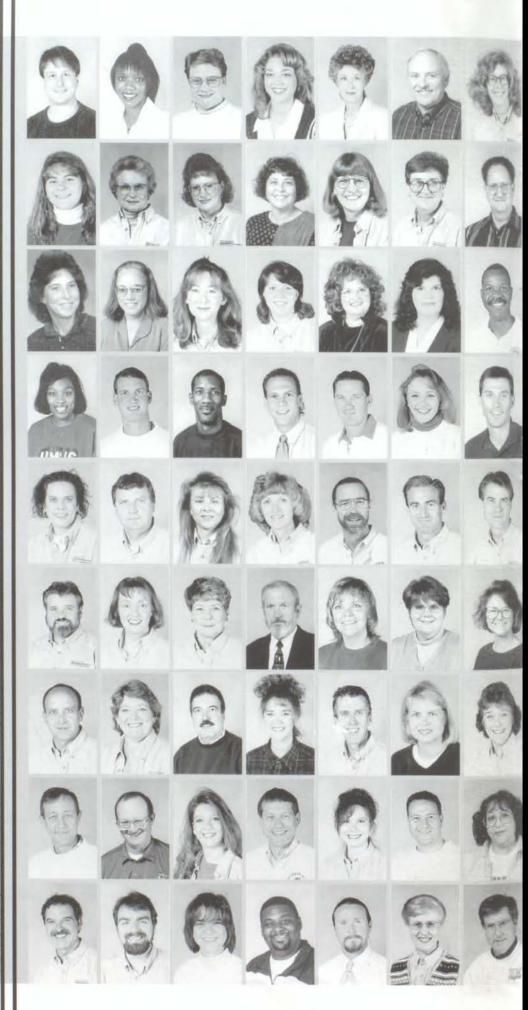
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Dick Lehmer, History Dana Mardock, Foreign Language Madeline Martin, Secretary Mike McCall, Counselor Pat McClain, English Barbara McCready, Asst. Band Dir. Diane McDougall, Business

> Danny Miller, Math Louann Miller, Math Bill Morrin, Life Skills Terry Murphy, English Torn O'Brien, History Marsha O'Conner, Art Lorna Pearson, Secretary

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Vice-prioripal Lyne Cardon suffered being petrol with a picky Dante Taxlor during the winter sports assembly. Usually pie-threating itset a heated that HMRS principals enders.



Terry Murphy plays softball in an "old taily" ledges in her summer. Here Murphy, waits anxionsly for a boll to be hit to third base. Her some were undefeated last season.

diso suffering from the slings and acenve of a flying pic mus else-principal Raymond Hairston. The only viceprincipal to excape the pic-in-the-face fate was Richard Plymell who was conspiceously observe that day.



Glenda Swaffer, Media Specialist Gwen Swoope, Special Services Chas Vincent, History Jan Witte, Attendance Office Steve Wolf, Math Larry Woody, Special Education Michael Wright, Band Dir.

Tenchers Chris Rapprecht, Sus Futton and Billy Marrin are the life of the party at the annual faculty Christmas Party held this year at Castella's Greenhouse.



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# It's Not Much of a Life - But it's a Teacher's

by Shalvce Smith

One the most intriguing things that tends to escape the minds of students is that, just like them, teachers are people with normal lives too. In fact, some teachers have done some pretty interesting things. For example, did you know that Mrs. Byram went skidiving to celebrate her thirtieth birthday? Imagine that []]

A man who truly knows about having a life outside of school is Coach George who built the house he currently lives in and recently completed work on a Mexican restuarant in Raymore which he owns.

Don't you find it interesting that Mr. Staires played football with Troy Aikman in college and finds time to scale mountains on vacations?

And who says teachers can't have fun? The new math teacher Coach Wolf was arrested, as prank by his co-workers, in front of many people.

Speaking of coaches, Coach Cunningham, who holds the school record in the 800 meters, was mooned her first year by a student who mistook her for another student. Teachers even have a sense of humor. According to Coach Hurt the counselors tried to scare the "rookie" by giving her fourty-two freshman girls to teach the last period of the school day.

Teachers even travel,

Mrs. Erickson has been to about twenty different countries mostly in Europe, Ms. Carter studied in Spain for almost two years. and Mrs. Fulton and her husband sailed to Hawaii on their yacht for thirty days. This is just few interesting things about the interesting people that make up the interesting staff of our interesting school. Wow!!!!

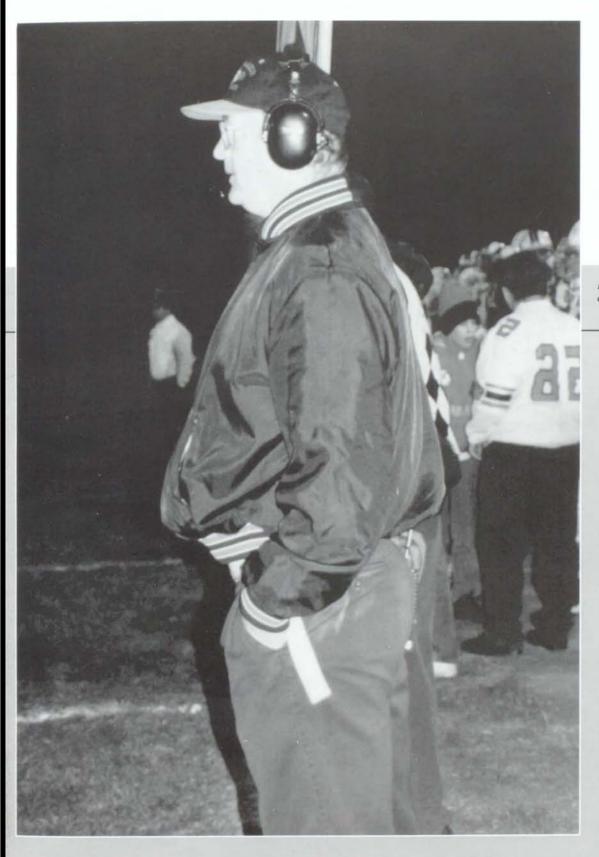
Kelly McDougall and his lovely wife AKA business teacher Diane McDougall holding hands at the Christmas Party. Maybe Mr. McDougall was trying to steal her food and she grabbed his hand.



HMHS Principal or as he likes to be called the "Big Kahuna" Charles Greene and his secretary Valerie Davenport work side-by-side to keep the school running smoothly.

Judy Carlton peeks out her room to see where her pre-school teachers took the class. Carlton teaches HMHS students how to care for and play with pre-school aged kids.





Football coach Tim Pepple watches his team carefully.



## School Board Votes Guiding Our Children into the 21st Century

by Adam Law

If inquiring about a shortened school year, this is the place to read. In 1902, Hickman Mills School District became the first Consolidated School District in the State of Missouri. Now, even ninty-five years later, faces have changed, but not the attitudes of all the members. The district has always been a leader and has built its own bridge into the 21st. Century. They shall hopefully continue to be on the leading edge of educational excellence with innovative programs and services for students and the future of Hickman Mills.

The Hickman Mills C-1 Board of Education is headed by the Superintendent Dr. Jerry Cooper. Dr. Cooper, former Deputy Superintendent of Schools in Hickman Mills, was as of last December the newly appointed Superintendent. The seven board members are entrusted with one of the most important responsibilities that can be assigned to any citizen because their decisions involve the education of youth. President of the board is seated by Mr. George Flesher, and Mrs. Bonnie Whyte serves as the vice president. Other members are: Mr. Gary Twigg, Mrs. Teresa Edens, Mrs. Ann Gregory, Mr. David Odneal and last but not least, the seventh member to prevent all ties, Mrs. Jan Lane.

Board of Education meetings are held the third Thursday of the month. They begin at seven and are held at the Administration Center, 9000 Old Santa Fe Road. The Council encourages everyone to send a representative either to express their input or even just kick back and absorb "whats new in Hickman Mills C-1." Dr. Cooper and George Flesher discussing "what's new" for the upcoming meeting in late November.









Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jerry Cooper along with George Flesher, President of Hickman Mills C-1 School Board.

Jan Lane, David Odneal, President, George Flesher, Gary Twigg, Ann Gregory, Vice President, Bonnie Whyte, and Teresa Edens.

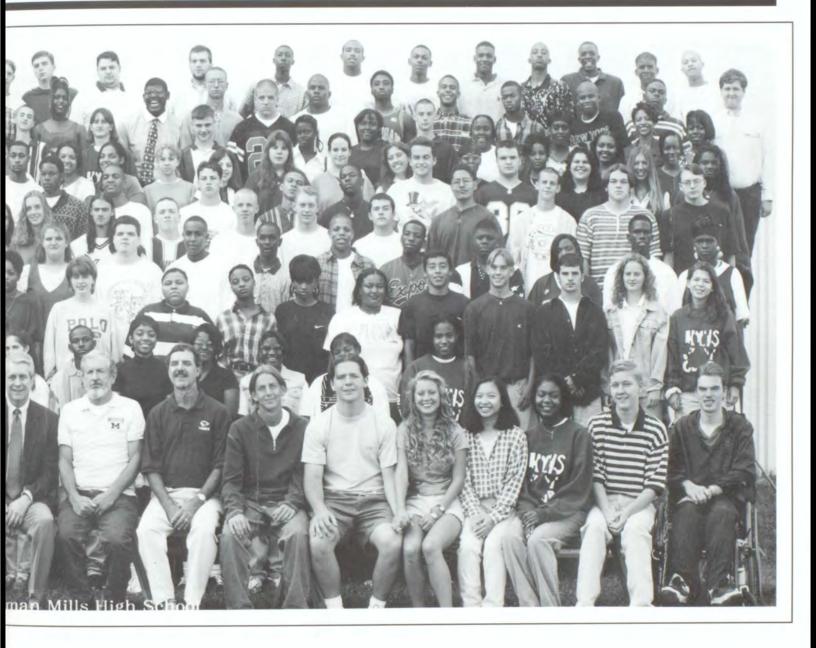




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# Class of 1997







#### APRIL ABRAHAM

#### Dear April,

Thank you for listening to all of my problems. Even though you get mad over the dumb moves I make, but I ain't mad at ya. Do you wanna go to the club? Hal Hal Don't change your evil ways! Good Luck and keep it real in whatever you do. Love Always,

Tiffany A.K.A. Tiff-Dog



#### APRIL ABRAHAM

#### April,

It seem like as time has passed, we ahve split apart. You went from being my big sister my freshman year, to being an associate this year. Even though were aren't as close as we were, I want you to know I will always be your little sister.

Love always,

Kenya



#### HIBA AHMAD

#### Hiba,

We've been friends for awhile and I hope you come to my graduation, because it would mean a lot. You aren't a bad person, you are a great friend. Don't change for anyone. I hope you get into the college you want. Remember God will be with you forever. Love.

Aqueelah Jackson

#### RACHELLE ARRINGTON

To Ms. Arrington, What's up Smoky? You are a one in a million kind of friend. I guess that's why your my best friend. Bahamas, Atlanta, and summer of '97 ''Here we come!'' Remember, you'll always have a second home, where there's GOOD water. But I'm thirsty for that thug passion! Ya feel me? Georgetta Stewart





#### CHRIS ADAMS

#### Chris,

Our friendship has grown stronger every year. We've gone through a lot together from Senor John, to cheese to meep meep. I'll miss having you around. I'll only be an hour away, or a phone call away if you need anything. Good Luck and don't forget the kleenex.

Love always, Angela



#### LIZ ANDREWS

Liz,

I would like to congratulate you on your graduation. I will miss you next year. You are my favorite sister and my best friend. Lizzy, you are beautiful, intelligent, and strong. That's why when people mistake me for being you, I don't mind. I love you very much Adrianna Andrews

#### SHERYL BATEMAN

#### Sheryl,

Life made you my sister, but you're more than that. You're my forever friend and nothing is going to change that. I'm not sure that I would of made it as long or as far as I have without you. I'll miss you more than anyone, promise. I'll always be here for you. Love III' sis, Jamie Sue





#### CHRIS ADAMS

My dear Chris, Thank you for always listening and all of the fun times we've had. You will always hold a special place in my heart. I'll never forget you or the eighth grade. MEEP! MEEP! Much Love from your Sis,

Amy

#### LACHELLE & RACHELLE ARRINGTON

To Rachelle and Lachelle,

God Blessed this world with two beautiful girls. May you both keep your heads high, and strive to achieve success in everything you do. Hope that God has instilled the true meaning of caring, sharing, friendship, and most of all love. Take yall a<sup>\*\*</sup>es to school. Love.

The Cookie Monster





#### SHERYL BATEMAN

#### Sheryl.



#### SHERYL BATEMAN

#### Sheryl,

Words cannot express how much you mean to me. You've shown me how precious a friendship can be and through all the laughs, cries, and talks we've gone through, I'd say our friendship crossed that preciousness from day one. You are a true friend, never to be forgotten.

Love you always, Laura



#### SHERYL BATEMAN

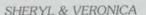
Sheryl, To hold on to one good friend throughout high school is hard. Friends come and go, but there's always that one person, that will always be there. I will never forget the times we have had. You deserve the best and I hope you stop at nothing to get it. Danielle



#### SHERYL BATEMAN & JOSH VAUGHN

#### Sheryl and Josh,

You guys mean more to me than just a couple of my sisters friends. It's more like a sister-brother kind of love than anything. Josh, you're always trying to keep me safe from evil. Sheryl, your great advice that never seems to fail. I'll love you both forever. Ali Hitchcock



#### Shervl and Veronica.

Thank you both for adding a little "spice" to my life. I love your unique personalities and ability to make me laugh. Shrell-Bell, I'll only run red lights at Taco Bell with you. Vernon, thanks for all the Winterguard memories, especially Diego! Let's never lose touch, girls! Good Luck! Love, Liz





#### SHERYL BATEMAN

#### Sheryl,

How's it goin'? We both had our differences, but we're still friends. You are a beautiful person, so don't ever change. I feel like we have become closer and I consider you a good friend. I will miss you and hope the best for you.

Doug Giese

#### SHERYL BATEMAN

#### Sheryl,

There was a time in each our lives when we needed someone and somehow we found each other. You have been a big part of my life for the past four years and for that reason, I will never forget you. In your future plans remember to be a leader and not a follower. Just be yourself because your an incredble person and you can succeed on your own! I love you!

Brandie





#### SHERYL BATEMAN

Sheryl.

We don't know who we're going to make fun of and mess with all the time in college since you'll be gone. You know it was all fun and games; that great poem is gone. Ha! Ha! It's been fun and we'll keep in touch. Later Beast. Sorry, had to throw one thing in there!!

Bobby # 56 & Jarreau # 36

#### AMANDA BATES

#### Amanda.

The past three years have been more than a blast. You are a special person and a great friend. I wish you much luck in the future, but if you run into trouble, always remember to "Be the Rock!" I love you bunches and I will miss you even more. Love, Brandie

P.S. Keep on Miss Thing



#### AMANDA BATES

#### Amanda,

From movies, fettuchini's, fickles, koala's, 9er's, to nightime talks to myself, you have kept me laughing with a stomp or a clap. When trouble struck you were always there cheering me up. Our friendship is something I hold dear and I know it will continue to grow. Keep looking at treest Love you Batest Love always,

Lindsay



#### AMANDA & LINDSAY

#### Amanda & Lindsay,

My highschool years wouldn't be complete without you two. Thank you both for being there to always make me laugh! Linds and Leaf, don't let anyone ever call you Pocahontas, and keep making bookmarks! Bates, New Year's Eve, ice cream, driving! Thanks for all the slurpees and friendship! Don't worry, it's not good-bye, I'll see you at the train tracks! R.T.'s forever. Liz



#### ANGELA BIONDO

#### Dear Angle,

I am really glad that I met you last year. Since then, I have grown to love you very much. I hope we are together forever. Well, you are graduating this year, so I will miss you very much. I really do love you. Love, Brian





BOBBY BRADY

#### Bobby,

I never had a brother to beat up on me and tease me, but you fixed that real quick as time went on and still goes on! I never minded it really, just when you hurt me. Our childhood memories, (the cardboard box downstairs in your basement??!!) will never be forgotten, along with all the others. The laughs, the cries, even the arguments, thanks for all of them. Never will they part with me. Hopefully we'll make more memories as our lives go on. Never, ever, good-bye- I'll come and find you. I love ya bro!

Christine (your 2nd sis)

#### BOBBY BRADY

#### Bobby,

I may not always show it, but I really do love you. You've made the past two years great, dispite bad times. I know you're going off to college now, but I want you to know that I'll always be here for you. Love you always forever, Gianna



#### BOBBY & JARREAU

#### Bobby & Jarreau,

If laughter really does add years to your life, you guys have given me another lifetime. Thank you for keeping things unpredictable. Jarreau, no one shall ever take your place. Your friendship and humor will be treasured always. Bobby, the backyard memories, I will hold forever. Our time together, I wouldn't change for the world. Love always, Ashley





#### BOB & JARREAU

Bob & Jarreau,

Considering everything it still amazes me how we remained friends. Through the fights, tears, laughs, endless list of nicknames, and heart-tohearts. I never thought I could grow to care so deeply about two people who at times, made my life so complicated. You've both brought many smiles to my face and together many memories to treasure. I'll never forget either of you! Love always,

Sheryl A.K.A. B.S.B

#### BOB BRADY

#### Bob,

We have been through more than even I can believe, but amazingly we have stuck together through it all. This shows that our relationship is true and no true thing ever dies. So even if our lives take us in separate directions, you will always be with me, in my thoughts, and in my heart. Hove you more than you will ever realize. Brandle Dawn





#### CHRISTINE BRENNER

#### Christine,

I know we'll still keep in touch after high school, so this isn't really a final good bye. It's going to be weird not seeing each other every day like we have since we were 2 or 3. I think we've shared many great years together. I'm going to miss all of our high school years most of all. Although we're moving on, I'll always love you and you'll always be my 2nd sister.

Bobby



#### CHRISTINE BRENNER

#### Christine,

I don't know how I would have made it through this last year without you. No matter what has happened, you have alwaps loved and supported me unconditionally. You have without a doubt touched my heart and made a tremen dous impression on my life. You have shown me how truely special a friendship can be. I love you with all my heart.

Much love

Brandie

P.S. I believe in you with all my soul love. Love and believe in yourself as you do others.



#### CHRISTINE BRENNER

#### Christine,

With three houses separating onto miles in which may divide, our time has now come. Invaluable, is the advice given, laughter shared, and everylasting moments left behind. Love yourself enough to love others more! You are capable of much more than you think! Love.

Ashley

#### MELISSA BROWN & RHONDA FISHER

#### Rhonda and Melissa.

We've lasted through crushes, rumors, fights, and lots of laughter. Now that our years of being Cougars are ending, I regret not continuing these two wonderful friendships. Rhonda, we've grown apart, but I can always count on you. Melissa, I apologize for all the petty stuff! Bye!





#### CHRISTINE BRENNER

#### Christine,

Through the years you have always been there for me, and I have hardly ever been there for you. All I can say now is I'm sorry and thanks. I'll never forget the good times we've shared and the bad times we've gone through. You have taught me a lot and no matter what happens, you will always be in my heart. Good luck in your future plans. Don't ever forget about me kid! I'm out Pooch. Jarreau Hawkins # 36

#### MELISSA BROWN

#### Melissa,

You are truly one of my best friends. Thanks for all the great memories. Good luck in everything you do. I hope we never loose touch. No matter what we decide to do, you'll always hold a special place in my heart. Lots of lots of love always Bucket! Becky Doty





#### CHRISTINE BRENNER

#### Christine,

What's up beautiful? Well, it's that time to say good bye. But I know we'll never lose touch. You mean the world to me and I never want to lose what we have. Don't let anyone put you down. You are a special person, and I love you forever. Love always,

Rick # 10



#### BARRETT BROCK

#### Barrett,

We've known each other for awhile now and we've always seemed to get through everything, no matter how bad it was. I want you to know that I really care for you and no matter what happens, I will always love you with all my heart.

Love always and forever, Kristen

#### TYLER BURCH

#### Tyler,

Over the years you have been weird! But thats probably what we like most about you. thanks for making us laugh at lunch and making it bearable to go. We wish you lots of luck at college and all the other stuff you go through. We'll miss you lots!! Rhonda & Crystal



BRANDIE CARROLL

#### Brandie,

I know we've had our differences growing up, but for the most part we've been inseperable. I've always loved you as a sister and you were one of the few I could turn to for advice. You were always ther for me when I needed you as I will always be there for you. Love always,

Rick #10



#### BRANDIE CARROLL

#### Brandie,

The block between our houses seemed like ten miles, but we made that long journey every day for years. Brandie, I've never had a friend like you, and I'm sure I never will. You've helped me through every possible crisis, from bad haircuts to broken hearts, and I thank you. If you ever need me, I'll meet you at the bridge. Love always,

Liz



#### BRANDIE CARROLL

#### Brand,

Since junior high, you've always been a great friend. I hope you know that I will always be here. Remember that dumb poem I wrote you? Well, I meant every word. Though this chapter seemed short, I hope our book is a long one. Love,

Rusty

P.S. Crooked-headed Hippos are the Best!



#### BRANDIE CARROLL

#### Brandie,

We've been through so many things, I don't know where to begin. Our time together; I wouldn't change for the world. The long road has been rough, the times shared are unforgettable, as are the memories that have been made. One thing I'm sure of, is that you'll always hold a special place in my heart. Bobby



#### Julie,

We have had our ups and downs throughout high school, but through the rough times we have held on and stayed good friends. I hope it stays this way forever. Angela Biondo



#### BRANDIE CARROLL

#### Brandie

I didn't know you all that well, I just knew you were the girl my brother was in love with. The beach this summer changed all that. The memories in our short knowing each other will not be forgotten. We might of had our disagreements, but they always got worked out. The Bennigan's trips we had, the laughing and joking we had while we were there are unforgettable! Thank you for all the talks and the advice. Love always,

Christine

#### MEGAN COENAN

#### Megan.

What can I say, we finally made it, we're out of here soon! We have been through a lot together, you have been there for me through everything, I'd still be in Boston if it had not been for you! Don't ever forget Newark, why Y.T.C. and especially The Sweet Machine incidents!! Love,

Shanna





#### BRANDIE CARROLL

#### Brandie,

If it wasn't for the good old buses we might not have ever met. Over the years we have been through a lot and managed to stay close friends. Maybe if we had a little more time, things could have been different between us. Good Luck at college. I don't want this to be forever. Good bye beautiful. Love always, Jason Garoutte

#### MEGAN COENAN

#### Megan,

Good luck next year at college and come back and see your neighbors. Don't have too much fun, never give up, and don't ever forget Barbies and popsicles! (We'll let you have a red one!) Know that we'll always be here for you. Friends are forever. We'll miss you. Love,

Lisa and Jamie Sue





#### JAVELLE COLBERT

J. Flind. Whazza uperrrr? It's been a rough 4 years, but you made it. You've accomplished that first major goal in life. Now you get to experience the changes that come with that. Be strong and have confidence in whatever you do, and don't let anyone tell you different. My years were made easier because of you. I hope your years were too! You'll always have that special place in my heart that no one will take no matter what. [7]] stand in your corner always. I love you and remember it. And remember skeeet skirrrt. Chad Camacho



#### JAVELLE COLBERT

#### To my sister Javelle,

Who I said I wouldn't miss her favorite words "FHALLON GET ME!" I guess I will miss the fun we've had and all the trouble we've gotten into. Here you are a senior, leaving me behind to get into trouble by myself. I will love you always! Fhallon



#### JANA COLLINS

We've been firends for a while. I hope you go to the college you want. Don't give up for anyone, just keep on trying. Remember God is with you all the time. I will always remember you because you're a great person. Your friend.

Aqueelah Jackson

Jana.



#### JANA COLLINS

Jana, It's been great kickin' it with you this year. Ray-South n\*\*\*\*z, Bronco's, HSN, and etc. was all the good. Even though we had some haters along the way. Well, it's time to leave those hoopers alone and get with the real ballers. If you know what I mean. Peace.

Georgetta Hardaway

#### SHONDA DENNIS

#### Shonda.

Our cheerleading years are over. If it wasn't for you I would have never tried out. They were the best two years of my life. Thanks for always being there. You have turned my life around and showed me the brighter side of things. I love you! Love.

Angie Horne





#### RICHARD DALTON

#### Richard

I once thought I would have a grand-olspeech for you, but now I have not a clue how to say good bye. Rich, we've spent our times laughing, talking, and most of all, thinking about our plan to rule the world, and how to make the money. I'll never forget our plans and the escape routes. Love ya lil' Dog! Adam Law

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It's gonna be different not being able to see you. See your smile and hearing your laugh. I'm sorry I wasn't a boyfriend you should have had. Now it's too late to tell you I love you. Sorry it's late. But take care of yourself and live happy. "Sweet Dreams." Josh Williams





#### SHONDA DENNIS,

#### Shonda,

From the beginning, your smile spotlighted you! Your developing confidence and poise came as no suprise. Life's yours on a platter. Your special gift, few will ever know. The world awaits! Go tame it! Our friendship has enriched me. I'll always be there "Smiley", noting your successes! Love, McClain

#### AMY DIDDIE and VERONICA YORK

#### Amy and Veronica,

Whose motorcycle is this? Whose chopper is this? Who's Zed? Whether it'tripping on everything in sight or pimpin' in your car, you both have been a memorable part of Da Movie Clique. Wherever your travels take your remember, we'll save you a seat. P.S. Zed's dead baby, Zed's dead! Da Movie Clique

#### AMY DIDDE AND ANGELA DOUNG

#### Amy and Angela,

I have a lot of friends, but you guys are truly my best friends. I hope you know this now, and remember it forever. I hope I have helped you smile through your hard times. Remember, its not over, we still have plenty of good times together. Chris Adams



#### AMY DIDDE

#### Amy.

It won't be the same without you next year, especially during tennis and MU camp. I'll have our memories though, Bone, Cypress Hill, your killer serve, and leaving Danita's bag at Cool Stuff (accidently of course). That's fifty words so good luck and K.I.T. Your friend, Gina Campbell

P.S. Bone, Bone, Bone, ....



#### AMY DIDDE

#### Amy.

We have been good friends since the sixth grade. We have been through a lot, especially all those phone calls we have made I thank you for listening to my problems. In whatever you choose to do, I know you will be successful. I wish you the best of luck. Danielle



AMY DIDDE

#### Amy,

We've ridden to Warford, Ervin, and Hickman together. Now we'll ride to MU together. I could never ask for a better friend. Thanks for the memories, the laughters that turned to tears, and the lists and plans we love to make. You're the greatest for always being there. Love always,

Angela

#### GABRIELLE, ADAM, & JOSH

Adam, Gabrielle, and Josh, You guys are my dearest friends. For four years our friendship has held on, but to a rope that has gotten shorter every year. If you ever lose hold, grab on again because I'll always be on the other end. Thank you for everything. Love.

Angela Duong



DEREK DRAKE & JOEL KIPPER

#### Derek & Joel,

You know we've had our fun together (along with Jesi), your like big brothers to me. Joel, don't give up on the hot tub and Derek, "I got soul." See you later on Broadway. Tricia

#### ANGELA DUONG

#### Angela,

Hopefully this isn't good bye forever becuase I know we'll stay in touch. I'll never forget the fun times we had in guard. Thanks for letting me share my stories about T.M., while we relaxed on the sidelines. Have fun at MU and good luck! Love ya, Sarah Jackman





#### DEREK DRAKE

#### Derek,

My big brother is finally moving on. Wow! What a short time it's been, but you made that difference. I'll never forget all that you've done and all that you've taught. I DID listen and you will be missed. Don't forget you lil' Bro. And remember: 8. Really! Joel

#### ANGELA DUONG

#### Angela,

"ain't it funny how a melody can bring back the memories. ..." This is not a goodbye, but a remembrance of all the times we've shared. Thanks for your friendship. AD2: Warford - Andy - Shakespeare in the Park - "trash" - hot chocolate - Calculus - I disgress - MU - What are you, sellin? - Lee's Summit Expedition - MEEP! MEEP! Love always, Amy



#### ANGELA DUONG

#### Angela,

Well, we've been friends for about a year now, but it seems like longer. I will always remember getting lost, cruzing the town, and "delivering letters." Thanks for keeping me sane and at the same time, showing me your wild side. I hope all your dreams come true. Love, Beth



#### LINDSAY EAKINS

#### Linz,

These past 3 years have been incredible. From your yellin' episodes, to the tears and to the laughs that we've had. It seemed as if you were there to catch me when I was falling, and I fell a lot. For a long time you were the only true friend I had. Thanks to you I've made many more since then. I'll never forget though, when you got upset and threw a fit when the car broke down. All those times you did this; I would have to say they were the funniest!! Love always.

Christine



#### LINDSAY EAKINS

#### Lindsay,

Where do I begin to say how much you mean to me. We have been through so much together and I hope that it never ends. I have so much to say about you and me, but I'll save that for later. Just remember, that I will always love you.

Brian Suthers #18



#### LINDSAY EAKINS

#### Lindsay,

When I think back on all the bus trips, hotel rooms, slumber parties, and late night talks, I can't help but smile. You came into my life and made it a little brighter. You were there and a true friend when I needed one. I wish you luck in all that you do and I love ya! Brandie Dawn



#### Michelle,

Well its been 11 years since we first met, and even though I can't say all of it was perfect, I don't regret anything. As we've matured, we've learned we can get through anything together. Always remember the great memories we've had. Thanks for everything, but above all your friendship. Love ya forever,

Kristen





#### LINDSAY EAKINS & AMANDA BATES

#### Lindsay & Amanda,

We've done a lot of crazy things together, things you'd thought wouldn't have came out of use three girls. Memories of squirt-gun chases and Mission Hills! You both have been such good friends and I thank you for all your support, talks, and better yet memories. I'll never forget either of you. Love, Lavra

Laur

#### MICHELLE EVANS

#### Michelle.

Even though we are not the closest sisters in the world, I am glad I have a sister like you. I'll miss you while you're off at college, only one more year and I'll be off. I love you sis. Your sister, Jennifer





#### LINDSAY EAKINS

#### Lindsay,

Together we've watched a million movies, plotted revenge, and mastered the art of being a model airline passenger. Well, we're still working on that one!! Through it all you've become my best friend, I couldn't have made it without you to laugh at my jokes and keep me on my toes dodging alarm clocks. Remember, if you ever see a black pick-up, follow it! Amanda

P.S. I know, I saw them.

#### RHONDA FISHER

#### Rhonda.

Well, we finally made it! You have been the greatest best friend I've ever had. I hope I have let you know that over the years. I thank you for just being there and being completly honest. May all of your dreams come true. You deserve it. I love you!

Crystal

#### DOUG GIESE

#### Doug.

It is hard to walk down the hall, and not say "Hello" anymore. Though ut's even harder to say good bye! In only a matter of months we grew closer than most people do in years. True, we fought constintly and were always at each others throats. I know I changed and in time we grew further apart. Though we can't change the past, one thing, will always remain. You will always be the brother I never had. Never forget You! Love always, Sheral



#### DOUG GIESE

#### Doug,

We have shared some pretty great times, even when times weren't so great, I knew we would always last. I think you know how important you are in my life and I look forward to our future. You mean the world to me and I love you more than anything. Danielle -1:18-

#### AYESHA HARPER

#### Ayesha,

There's so many things I can say. You we been a very special friend to me. You were always there, even when the ones who were supposed to be weren't. Congratulations on your graduation. I hope you're happy with whatever you do, because you deserve it. I'll miss you.

Love, Kim Byrd



#### JUAN HARRIS

#### Juan.

First things first, you're everything I ever wanted in a friend. You're the best baby! Just a reminder: you'll always be all three to me. I still wish I could see what you see. I'm always gonna be here. I love ya lots. You mean the world to me. Love,

Casie

#### RICK HILL

#### Rick.

Even though the team has never been the best, I think it's safe to say we were the best co-captains ever. We kept soccer alive here. Long. Beach is da' bomb! Attention Hickman- the "Pimp" and "Playa" are leaving the building. Ladies of Springfield- prepare yourselves. Let # 10 and # 4 now be retired. Rusty



#### JARREAU HAWKINS

#### Jarreau.

I'm trippin' writtin' this stuff. Scouts, band, football, basketball, we've been boys for the longest! Ain't no way this college thing is gonna separate us up in this mutha . . . We're still gonna be neighbors for real. I'm probably gonna have 3 more wives than you though, because you know we can't hang with havin' just one of them hoes! Ha! Aright than man. W'sup on tomorrow? Bobby

#### RICK HILL

#### Rick,

I haven't known you all that long, but the time I have known you, has seemed like forever. You're problems, my problems, it seems as if use go through the same things, except at different times. Everytime somthings wrong, you were like an angel that came and rescued me. You always knew what to do and say to make me feel better. I love you,

Christine





#### JARREAU HAWKINS

#### Jarreau,

It's amazing throughout these four years, how we've stayed close. We've been through it all. many laughs, tears, arguments, and talks. Even though it might hove been rough at times. I know I wouldn't bave made it through without you close by. Our lives are changing and it is now time for us to move on. I know your future will held great things, with or without me. Our times together will be with me and treasured always. Good luck in all you do. Please don't leave me or the memories too far behind. Christine

#### RICK HILL

#### Rick,

The sound of your name could always put a smile on my face. The past year has been one of the best and most happiest times of my life. I'll miss you dearly when your gone, but you'll always have a place in my heart. With much love, Cathaleen





#### RICK HILL

#### Rick,

Well, I guess you'll be off to college soon. Even though we don't get along very well, I'll still miss you. Mom would be so proud of you, if she could see you now. She'll always be watching us, so don't get into too much trouble. I'll see ya later. Your brother,

Jason

Jason



#### LAURA HITCHCOCK

#### Laura.

I don't exactly feel like saying good bye just yet, so I won't. In fact Laura, the thought of saying good bye to you absolutely terrifies me. You are such an important part of my life. So. . . here's to us, to our future, To all our tomorrows filled with true friendship and Mad Love, Passian, and Happiness. . Here's to dreams worth keeping. Until tomorrow then, Goodnight sweet girl. Joshua Vaughn

LAURA HITCHCOCK

#### Laura.

I just want to say thank you for always being there for me. You are my sister and my best friend. I have always expected you to be the leader and the strength of my life. I love you and I'll miss you. Ali





#### RICK HILL

#### Rick,

In the 18 years that we have been as brother and sister, we have had many great times, and more of our share of bad times. We have stuck together and pulled each other through them all. I just want to make sure you know what an incredible person you are, and how much I love and admire you. Even if someday our lives separate us, it will not be forever.

I love you!

Brandie Dawn



#### LAURA HITCHCOCK & AMANDA BATES

#### Laura & Amanda.

You two have made weekends worth living for! I mean seriously, who else would I want to dance around the jukebox with? Amanda, I adore you! If anything, stay real! Laura, you are charming, I'll ride shotgun with you anytime! Don't leave me or the memories too far behind! With love,

Ashley

#### GLENN HOLMES

#### Glenn,

You know how much I enjoy my high school years with you. As the years go by, I hope our love grows stronger and our hearts combine together. When we are in college, nothing will come between us, not even death. Good luck in life. I love you! Godbless, Adrienne





#### LAURA HITCHCOCK

#### Laura,

We've had fun, haven't we? From the "short-cut" through Paola, KS, to the "Jukebox dancing nights." Thank you for everything. These last couple of years wouldn't have been the same without you there to listen to me, laugh with me, and endure those endless hours spent at the "Gap." No good byes, for it is only the beginning of what has already been a wonderful friendship. Love always,

Sheryl Lee

#### LAURA HITCHCOCK

#### Laura (Big Mouth),

Throughout the years our friendship has varied-yet we always knew we would remain close. No good byes- we both know we will keep in touch. Thank you-your advice always pulled me through. I will never forget the clowns.

Love, Danielle

#### BRANDON HOLTZCLAW

#### Brandon,

There's no way to put how I feel in such little words. I just want ot remind you, as long as we're together, my heart will follow you wherever you go. Remember I'll always be here for you no matter what happens. I love you with all my heart.

Misty Russell





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#### Angie,

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#### Johnathan,

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Love

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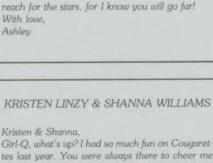
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#### LANISA PRICE

#### Lanisa

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#### TRICIA ROGERS

#### Tricia,

We've had our ups and downs, but always remember no matter what, our friendship will always stand the ground. We've been through so much crazy stuff- remember you know who jumping out the window? Hope you and Paul last forever- and if you need anything, you know where I am. Misty Lou

#### TRICIA ROGERS

#### Tricia,

So here we are at the end. I'm glad we are friends again. I hope we can renew the won derful friendship we once had. So let's promise to be friends until the kitchen sinks. Love, Julie

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I've had a wonderful 3 years being friends with you. Don't forget. "Hey Sexy" or "our little sailor." I will never forget the wonderful memories we made during guard. Thanks for being a great friend. I will miss you dearly. Good luck in all you do. Love ya always, Beffy



TRICIA ROGERS & BECKY KONDAS

#### Tricia and Becky,

Choir and cheerleading brought us together. Who would have guessed our friendships would blossom like they did. Tricia, wherever life takes us, you will always have a guarantee I will be there for my chickabe. Becky, we've made each other stronger. Let's always re member the good times. Shonda

#### MISTY RUSSELL

#### Misty.

I remember my freshman year we weren't that close. I don't know what happened, but you're one of my best friends now. I'll miss you, and good luck! I'm glad we became better friends, and wish you and Brandon the best of luck. Let's always keep in touch. Love, Butterball



#### MISTY RUSSELL

#### Misty-Lou,

Whatever you do, don't jump out of bushes and scare people (Roaarr!) or stand in a window saying how scared you are. We have to go see more movies where we're the only girls. I can't wait to plan our weddings! Oh!!! Please don't sit behind anyone on a ride! I love you! Tricia





#### MISTY RUSSELL

#### Misty,

Hey big sis. I know we don't always get along and I don't always agree with everything you do, but I do wish you luck in the future no matter what you do. (Or who your with) I'll always be here for you no matter what. Love always, Audie Leigh

#### ANGIE SHOAF

#### Angie,

Although things have changed these past few years, we still think of you now, and willalways. We remember and cherish our times shared. Don't ever forget our friendship. May our paths cross again. Good luck- We Love You!

Brandie, Liz, and Sheryl





#### KYM SMITH

#### Kum.

You have come a very long way, and I am very proud. You have grown up to be a very mature, responsible, beautiful young lady. You have had a major set back during your senior year, but you didn't let that stop you. 1 know you will be a good mother, so congratulations.

Kum Smith



#### GEORGETTA STEWARD

#### Georgetta,

We've finally made it! Remember God is on your side. We'll always be kickin' it, no matter what. Your friendship means a lot. Don't let the Haters hold va back. Love Ya! Your friend.

Jana (A.K.A Fatts)



#### GEORGETTA STEWARD

#### Georgetta,

What's up girl? We've been friends for sometime. I hope we can stay that way. I enjoy working with you. I hope you get into the college you want to go to. Don't change for anybody. Remember, God is with you all the time

Your Friend. Aqueelah Jackson



#### GEORGETTA STEWARD

#### Ms. Steward,

It's been more than a pleasure being friends with you. May our friendship continue through the years. Hope you find that thug one day and live happily ever after. Become that SUPERMODEL and pay Ms. Mapie for that phone you broke 5 years ago. Now I'm out of there!

Rachelle Arrington

#### RUSTY SNEARY

#### Rusty.

You swept into my life six years ago, and with your charm you stole my heart. Since then you have filled my life with many smiles and great times. And when times were not so great, you were there to pick me up and help me through them. Your friendship means more to me than I could ever express. So just know that I love you and I will support you in all that you do. You have my heart, Brandie Carroll



#### ASHANTE' STONE

#### Shante',

Wuzup Baby. Seems like it's your time to step out. Before you go l just wanna let you know, that I never cared about a female like I care for you. You helped me realize a lot of things, and how to care for others, instead of vourself. Thanks! Love You,

Tae

#### BRIAN SUTHERS

#### Brian

I once thought the better friends I have, the better person I will become. Maybe I didn't come out perfect, but I know my best friend came close. I'll never forget all of the times from first grade to yesterday. It began back when times were simpler, and will continue forever. . . Brian. remember we will win-just keep racking them. Temco Bowl, Columbia, Oklahoma St., and in the car. And don't forget to take care of Lindsay. Love ya kid,

Adam Law





#### RUSTY SNEARY

Rustu.

In grade school you stole my heart, in junior high you broke it. With time it mended, as our friendship strengthened. You have grown to become an important part of my life! You are an incredible human being, with so much patience and understanding not only for me, but for life! I love you Rus!

See you at the Oscars! Ashley

#### BRIAN SUTHERS

#### Brian,

We've been through a lat together and you better believe it's been worth it! Thank you for your patience and understanding. I know I haven't said it enough, but I love and appreciate everything you have done for me. I couldn't have made it without you. Wherever our lives take us, you will always hold a special place in my heart. I love you always my #18!

Love always, Lindsay





#### KANDIS TABRON

#### Kandi,

Thanks for being there. We've had our differences at times, but I love you more than my own life. Words can't describe how great a sister and friend you've been to me. I'll be missing my "twin," the only one who understood me.

Love, Pookey



#### DANTE' TAYLOR

#### Tae',

We have had our ups and downs, because my love for you was a little too strong for you to handle. But you have always hung in there, and I wish you the best in the future. I will always love you Putts! Love.

Ashante'



#### JOSH TAYLOR

#### Josh.

Sup'! Hey man, we have had our differences, and we probably always will. I guess one of these days I'll play against you in the N.H.L. Until then take it easy, and I'll see you around. Dallas STARS Baby! Doug Giese



#### KRISTY THOMAS

#### Kristy.

Even though you're not a senior, I though I should still do it. Through all the hardships and all the joy, we have been there for eachother providing strength and lovefor one another. If it ever came to the point of breaking up, you're going to get taxed! "Dido,"

Derek Drake

#### SUSAN THOMAS

#### Suzie-Q.

Call me soon to go play some (puttputt) golf. You know I'll miss my little sunflower, but when "Ironic" comes on you're always there to sing with me. Don't go skating without thinking of me. I Love Ya!

Tricia





#### SUSAN THOMAS

#### Suzie-Q.

We have finally made it! Can you believe it? Us as seniors-Never! But we did it! Remember we'll always be friends, nothing will tear us apart. Your friendship means the world to me, and twenty years from now we'll still bw close. Who knows, maybe even working together still. Friends Forever, Misto-lou

#### DAMON TURNER

#### Damon.

Over the past year, we have had our ups and downs, and through it all we are still together. So, I am really not saying good-bye, because this isn't the end, it's just the beginning. So you might as well start saving for the wedding! (just joking) Love Always,

Kenya



#### SUSAN THOMAS

To my four closest friends-Susan, Tricia, Angle, and Misty,

We have had way too much fun. Suzi-Q- I hope all your dreams come true. Tricia don't worry, Sara will get what's coming to her. Angle (poo)- you've been a great friend. Misty- I hope you find what you are looking for. Love.

Erica Thompson

#### JENNY UNDERWOOD

#### Jenny,

This year we have grown very close. You are such a special person. Tennis was crazy fun. Don't forget our double date to Alvin Ailey. Always your friend, Amy I'm truly greatful that our friendship has survived the last four years. You are one unique person and a great friend. Best of luck to you. Love, Angela





#### JOSH VAUGHN

"I can't remember how many times I've tried to tell myself to hold on to these moments as they pass." It's been like one "Long December." Endless days of fun in the snow. Now the snow melts, but we still hit girls in the face with snowballs. No more 60 mph high-fives. Rustv



#### JOSH VAUGHN

#### Josh,

Your dreams and destinations exceed no bounds, and no with that you have shown me anything is possible. The amount of love and devotion you pledge into living each day to its fullest never ceases to amaze me. You have now, and will always leave a permanent mark embedded in my soul, you better believe I will be the first in line to try out your time machine! Your Lil' Jamaican Raspberry.

Ashley



#### JOSH VAUGHN

#### Josh,

This has been our best year and I feel there will be more yet to come. It wouldn't have been the same without you being there, and all our treasured memories. You mean a lot to me and for that, I won't say good bye, but leave you with the simple reminder of I'm always here for you.

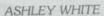
Laura



CALVON WAINWRIGHT & CALEESE WAINWRIGHT

#### Caleese & Calvon,

To my two favorite girlz who I'll never forget. Calvon, it's been 'real'' for a real long time and Caleese, you know what's up. Our friendship means a lot to me. Always know I'm here. OH! Calvon, keep the fellaz in check. Long live the freak in you. Love always. Case



#### Ash.

Dearest Juliet, "thou art equivelent to seven of the" most beautiful creations I've ever set my eyes upon. To thee, thou shalt forevermore be my "Rose." Forget me not when thou cast thy first play. Somehow thou hast placed thyself deep in my heart and I shant ever let thou out. Love, Rusty





#### ASHLEY WHITE

#### Pumpkin,

I know I dan't say it enough, but your friendship means the world to me. Thank you for always keeping my head above water. We've learned so much throughout our friendship. Always check the lake for turtles; David is HEMAN! But this is just the beginning- college and Baskin-Robbins await us! I love you and good luck! Elizabeth

#### ASHLEY WHITE

#### Ash,

What do I say to someone that I've known my entire life. You are very important to me and I'm always here for you no matter what happens. You are the closest thing I have to a sister and we will never lose touch. Danielle





#### ASHELY WHITE

#### Ashley,

It isn't enough to thank you. You have taught me so much (escpecially about friendships). You were there to listen to my problems. You were there to cry with, but most importantly, to laugh with. Together we alwe made many lasting memories ("The Party", G.N.O., mooring, etc.) Remember, stag away from "married an the first date" guys. This isn't good bye. it's only the beginning of many more memories. You are a "TRUE" friend (one of the few). "It's been real!" Love always.

Love annay Shervl

#### ASHLEY WHITE

#### Ash.

It seems like yesterday all of us were swimmin' in you pool playing Marco Polo or jumpin' on the "tramp." The next thing; Rusty and I are putting on a "strip" show for everybody in your house. Thanks for all your advise. I appreciate it; only if I could of taken it right when I should of. Best of luck to you! Love, Christine





#### ASHLEY WHITE

Ash-honey, We have known you for what seems like forever. We've had our good times and our bad times. You're a very special person in our lives and you have the quality that will take you wherever you want them to take you. No matter what happens in the future, you will always be in our hearts. Good luck honev!

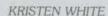
Bob #56 & Jarreau # 36

P.S. You still got legs baby!

#### KRISTEN WHITE

#### Kristen,

I want to thank you for everything that you've done for me. Thanks for driving me to school last year, letting me tag along and always including me. I had fun at your party and even though I don't like country music, you made the Garth experience fun. Good luck! Gina Campbell



#### Kristen.

Hey sexy! Well, we've been together for over 11 months now and I love you more and more each day. Thanks for always being there for me and I hope that we stay together forever.

Love you always and forever, Barrett





#### ASHLEY WHITE & DANIELLE PHILLIPS

#### Ashley & Danielle,

Thanks to both of you I have many great memories to cherish forever. You've both brought many smiles to my face that lasted for days. Remember, serenading clowns, or the cold feeling of a car's rear window! I'm here for you both and your in my heart forever.

Love, Laura 49



#### KRISTEN WHITE

#### Kristen,

Well, it's been nice having you as a sister. Thank you for driving me places and including me in with you and your friends. We had some good times and some bad times, but no matter what I will never forget the memories we had together. Good luck in college. Love,

Justin

#### KRISTEN WHITE

#### Blondie.

Congratulations! I will remember so many things, but most of all how close we are and those few weeks I lived with you. You have always been there for me. I love you like a sister. Next year just won't be the same without you. Friends 4 ever. Jennifer





#### KRISTEN WHITE

#### Kristen,

Through breakups and rough times especially this year, you have always made me laugh through my tears. Always remember the wintergaurd trips, the parties, and the night we stay up taking pictures. I was a blast! Stay away from windex. I can still taste it. Good luck and thanks for everything. Jamis Sue



#### KRISTEN WHITE

#### Kristen,

In the past ten years, we've had so much fun as best friends. Now it's graduation time, then off to college as roommates. It'll be a new and exciting experience that I'm glad to share with my best friend. Thank you for everything and all the great memories. Michelle

#### KRISTEN WHITE

#### Kristen,

It's hard to say good bye to someone like you. We will never forget the night we stayed up and took pictures. We'll never forget the wintergaurd trips, and all the fun we've had at Tippins. But most of all, our friendship we've shared with each other. Your friends forever,

Jamie Sue & Jennifer





#### KYNATTA WHITLEY

Yatta- (Biznatch),

Well, you made it- finally! we've been friends for three years now. We've been through cheerleading, softball, gaurd, JA, and lats of other poop. You've been there for me when I needed you and I'm glad that all the petty stuff (Guess Who?) hasn't ruined our friendship. That 50 word limit sucks. Remember when you fell on your butt outside in the parking lot in front of the basketball team? Your bikini top at the carwash? WOF? EDT? Aw, kitty kitty? Rudolph? (Dang, Daang, Daang Jeff? Mike? Doogle? Jason? Those were the times can't wit for more! (Hnmm Yup.) Laura

JOMARIE WILLEY

#### JoMarie.

I wish our friendship could of lasted and we hadn't grown apart like we did. I want you to know I always considered you my best friend. Remember all the good times we've shared and even though we're not as close as before, I will always be here for you. Good luck in everything you do.

Love ya forever, Kristen



SHANNA WILLIAMS & MEGAN COENEN

#### Shanna & Megan,

You two have helped me though some tough times. You stood beside me through everything. Thank you. You will always have a special place in my heart and hope I will always remain in yours. Good luck in the furture. Whatever you do, keep smiling. Love, Brooke



SHANNA WILLIAMS & MEGAN COENEN

#### Shanna & Megan,

You two are leaving me with crazy memories. Megan, I'll never forget cutting my hair in Ms. Fulton's class and thanks for the Brice advise. Shanna, I'm glad you finally got over David, I'll always have that purple butterfly. Don't let your tongue turn purple or ride your bike. Love, Val

#### ELIZABETH WISDOM

#### Liz (Pacific).

You know we're the only ones who get those sophisticated jokes! I can always count on you for gasoline and I'll always find you at the black expo. Never forget your wings and always humm the tune "Dur-T-Dur!" Thanks for carrying me off numerous fields and making me feel better in "different" situations. Leace pencils alone they're hazardous. Love ya Pacific! Love always,

Lindsay (Leaf)



#### KYNATTA WHITLEY

#### Yatta-B.

I can't believe I ever hated you. you've been there when no one else was. Thanks! No more "coming out of the booothes" please. Never forget I'm the virgin. Hercules she can't do it and ves there are people in the car.

Love, Val P.S. I love the pink room!



#### SHANNA WILLIAMS

#### Shanna.

You've always been great! When people wanted to bite my lip, eat me, or various others, you were there to stop them. We took our first "big adventure" together, and survuved! (With YTC's help!) We've been through a lot together. I would have never made it without your help. Thanks! Megan

#### ELIZABETH WISDOM

#### Liz,

I can't remember a time in my life in which you were not apart of it. We started out as goofy little girls who cut the hair off all their Barbies. You have given me something that few are lucky enough to recieve and that is true friendship. I appreiciate and cherish that more than you will ever know. I love you with all my heart and always will. Brandie



#### ELIZABETH WISDOM & AMANDA BATES

#### Liz-Wiz & Amanda Sue.

In different ways you both have helped to make these past four years memorable. Lis, my most sincere apologies for letting petty thing stand between us. (C.D.B.) Amanda. our memories — fading, but not forgotten! You were the one of "truest" friends Toe ever had. Liz, you'll always be my Liz-Wiz, and remember, GREENLIGHT GOI Reach for the stars and never let go of your dreams. Good luck! Love always. Shervi



#### ELIZABETH WISDOM

#### Liz,

In our final years, we have unfolded a beautiful friendship. We laugh, we cry, and sometimes well. . . we just break down. This is not good bye, for it is only the beginning! You have filled my days with compassion and warmth an for that I thank you. Love.

Ashley



#### VERONICA YORK

#### Veronica.

We grew up together making unforgettable memories, from Starserch to dancing in bathrooms. Thank you for always being there with patience and understanding. I couldn't have made it without you. You are a true best friend. Don't forhet our duets and trips to Egypt. I love you Stimpy! Love always, Lindsay

#### THE BOYS

This shout out is to my boy Chris, Corey, and Rico. We've been through a lot. I hope nothing ever breaks us apart. I pray that we all max go far. Cedric Norton (Norditrack)



#### VERONICA YORK

#### Veronica,

To a great doubles partner — this year was a blast. I know you'll go far with your many talents. I admire and look up to you. To the movie watchers — you guys have made this year the best one so far. Thanks. I'll love you always

- Didde

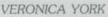
#### THE GUYZ

I've been told that friendships lasts forever. In this case, I hope that true. Each of you will always have a special place in my heart and I'll always be here for you. Thank for everything. I love you and I'll miss you guyz lots. Best wishes. Love always, Your Shordy

#### VERONICA YORK

#### Hey Trix,

We've learned a lot from each other over the past couple of years. Thanks for always being there and being on the same vibe. I'll define tely remember all of the times we had. Peace and happiness to you always. Your prodigy, Tucker





#### Veronica,

You've been such a great friend. You've taught me a lot and always made me feel better about myself. Keep a lookout for your Diego, he'll show up someday! I know you'll be successful and our friendship will last. I'll look up in New York. Do me one favor; teach me to dance! Amanda

#### CLASS OF '97

Through the years the classes of '97 and '98 have argued over which one is better. I per sonally, feel that we have become one, big class — and now that the year is ending, half of us are leaving. I wish you all the best of luck in the future. Cedric Havman



#### MY BOYZ

We finally did it, and what a great time we had while doing it. We've matured a lot show it. We've had a lot of good times and an occasionally a bad one here and there. No matter what when it was over we were still boys.

Rick # 10

(not pictured: Adam Law, Johnathan Huke, Derek Drake, & Jason Garoutte)



#### WESTSIDE SENIORS

#### Wussup Westside Seniors,

The c/o '97 is running thangs! Getta, can l borrow that shirt my man bought you! Tez and Kandis, keep kickin' it. You are inseparable. Hiba, thank you for listening and talking. Nae and Donita, the black sun meows at 97 night snitch! Downwit Eastside haters on 1997!

Natalie Lucas

#### OUR LIL' DEVILS

Throughout our years together we have all developed our own special relationships among one another. Times were not always the greatest, but they were the realest. The bond created, feelings expressed, hearts broken, lessons learned, and everlasting moments made will be kepi with us always! Don't break too many hearts! We love you and are here for you always.

Wishing you the moon and the stars, Your Lil' Angels



#### PRETTY PEOPLE

#### Hey Pretty People,

It's mel Javelle, it's time to perculate. Nacole and Cindy, you my dawgs. Danada, thanks for everything. Jen-Jen, keep it real. Dezikwaf, keep ballin'. Sheryl, 2Pac is still alive I know. Netter-Pooh, you super model you. Jana, I'm loving the hair. Fedenco, thanks for being sweet sometimes. We out! Natalie Lucas





#### GIRLS OF '97

I'll have to say one thing about you guys. Your a very spirited group and very outspoken. Those were just a few of the fine qualities you guys had that made you unique. I hope we all stay in touch, but just in case we don't, lwish you the best of luck with your lives. Thanks for the many memories. I'll never forget any of you. Rick # 10

(Godesses not pictured: Michelle Evans, Sheryl Bateman, & Ashley White)

#### REALEST PEOPLE

To me realest Seniors: Desiree, Nicole, Cynthia, Javelle, Liz, Rico, Chris Corey, Cedric, Jimmy, Juan, Cleon, Fred, April, Tiawna, Tracy, Lori, Tawana, Ambral, Shante, Barry Damon, Netter, Lil Man, and all of my late night creepers, your not forgotten. Bye Sheryl the realest girl I know. Peace out! the "97" theory.

Reene Price c/o 97

#### SENIORS

#### Seniors,

We've had some good times and I'm going to miss ya'll. Especially lunch, Natalie, Danita, Renee, Andre, Brittan, Destree, Cynthia, Cortez, Rico, Chris, Damon, Renee, Destree, Javelle, Cedric, and Adrien. I'll keep my memories. For you females that con't stand me, lesha, Shyra, I still got love for you. Congrats Cortez and Kandis. Love,

Me Chelle Chiney



#### **BIG SISTERS**

Cynthia, Amanda, Lindsay, Laura, Ashley, and Danielle,

The house is going to seem too empty without all of you around. I feel like I'm not just losing one sister, but all of you also. Good luck. I'll miss you all.

Lil' Sis, Jamie Sue

#### MY HOMIES

#### To my homies.

Fred, Rico, and Brittan, keep ya head up. Ernest, Shelton, and Corey, keep ballin. Rusty, my sweetie pie. Juan, someday Donald Ducktail (played out). Dontae, keep lickin that applejuice. Yalls airl.

Jona A.K.A. Fatts, Hooter Jones, and Stony





MY SOCK HOP PATNA'S FOLKS & HOMIES

We up out! My Getta Betta, keep the fella's comin. Nat-Dog, back-up off the Blue and orange. JRC, you know what's up. Cynth dog, you baller you. Big "D", keep them bitters! Danota, como esta usted. Nae, the sausage girl. So we made it? Well Good! Lope

Jana A.K.A. Fatts



#### TENNIS TEAM

#### Senior Tennis Team.

Hopefully you won't forget playing tennis with us J.V. players. Jenny, when it comes to dancing on cars, you are the best. Arny and Veronica, you guys rocked at playing doubles. Amanda, you always had a way with making us laugh, and Gabrielle, we already miss ya. C-ya! Love

Anya and Jessica

MY GIRLS

#### To my G's-

Nat-Dog, stay sweet. Nae, stay real. Ash-a-ly and Christine, good luck. JRC remember your twin. Nita, remember Taco Bell. To Fhallon, I love you lil' sista. Everybody else. much love and God Bless! Javelle

#### MY GIRLS

#### My girls,

Someday I'll settle down and get married and I'll treat my wife like a queen. When I do, you'll all recieve letters from her thanking you for the advice you've given me, lessons you've taught me, and times you've slapped me. One day I'll grow up and become a real gentleman and I'll owe it all to you. Love, Rusty



#### TIFFANY AMBER THIESSEN

#### Tiffany.

Well, I'm graduating from high school. It's been better than Bayside. I know you wish you could be here with me, but you must pursue your career. It won't be long now before I join you and we can be together forever. Until then, all my dreams are you. I love you! Rustu



#### MY SENIORS

Kandis and Cortez, good luck in the year 2000. Corynne, thanks for everything, Cindy and Nic, # was fun! Fred, Rico, Cedric, and the rest. good luck. Javelle, stay away from Taco Bell. Juan, your not Penny! Jana Mariel Crystal P and Dante, it's been real. Desiree King, good luck! Love

Danita Price

#### THE BOYS

#### To my Boys.

Jimmy Jam, thanks for making my days brighter. Darin, thanks for my dunk. Good luck in life. David, R.G., Fred, Nate, and Juan, keep Mike alive. Cedric, thanks for the fun we had in gym. Cle, Rusty, Bobby, Jarreau, good luck. To everybody, much love and God Bless! Javelle

#### Ashley, Justin, Josh, and Rusty.

#### Ashley, Justin, Josh, and Rusty,

We would like to thank you for being our theatric inspiration. For three years now, you've shown us the ropes, and guided us in the right direction. Without you, not only will the drams department feel empty, but the school. All the world's a stage, and you are the plays.

Cedric Hayman & Joel Kipper



# REALEST PEOPLE

You be the "Realest" people I ever met! Chillin" with you black folks was never a dull moment! Desiree, my sister Date, What's a P.H.? Nat-Nat, I promise you 2Pac is still alive! Cynthia- so when are we going bowling? Nae-Nae, never forget "ticket master!" Danita-Pita, Eastside! "This be the Realest \*\*\*\* I ever wrote! Good Luck! Love always. Sheryl A.K.A. Shae



JENNY UNDERWOOD, AMANDA BATES & LINDSAY EAKINS

Jenny, Bates, Lindsay- I want to wish you all good luck. All of us have had our memories, and I will always treasure them. You all deserve the best, and I will never forget you guys.

Danielle



JaCinda, Demetria, and Tracy,

I'm really going to miss you. I'm so proud. I'm also glad we became such good friends. Be seccessful and make me even more proud. Always remember, I got your back. Love.

MeChelle A.K.A. "Hoodrat"

LIZ ANDREWS, DESIREE KING, RENEE PRICE NATALIE LUCAS

Liz, since the 8th grade you've been that shoulder to cry on. Desiree, through the trials of track and Autuan. Renee, with the cookies and laughs at the slumber parties, and Natalie, though the worst. I love you guys more than anything and wish you the best from now until forever. "Netter"





KIM RISH, JULIE MURDOCK, & ANGIE BIONDO

#### Kim, Julie, and Angie,

Well girls, the time has come for us to say farewell. We've only known each other for a short time, but it seems like forever. I want you girls to know that you have a big place in my heart. I'll never forget you all. Love ya, Derek Drake

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#### BOBBY BRADY, JARREAU HAWKINS, & JOHNATHAN HUKE

#### To my boys,

Well, it's gone from stealin' chrome caps for our bikes to putting stereos in our cars. From seeing who could hit the most shots from behind the crack in driveway to who could get the most girls. Over the years, you have become and will alwyas be my brothers. Peace out.

Rusty

SHONDA DENNIS. ANGIE HORNE, & ERICA THOMPSON

Shonda, Pooh-Bear, and Erica, Good luck in the wide unknown. Shonda, give a salute to the navy for me and dunk lots of slurpies. Pooh, eat lots of Girl Scout cookies. Erica, don't get caought skipping. I love you guys lots! Love.

Tricia



#### JULIE MURDOCK, KIM RISH, DEREK DRAKE

#### Julie, Kim, and Derek.

We have all been friends for what seems like forever! But latley we alve been growing apart! I hope that we can patch things up and become the friends we once were!! I value all three of your friendships. I I love all of you. Angle Biondo

SHONDA DENNIS, DEREK DRAKE, & KIM RISH

#### Shonda, Derek, & Kim,

I love you guys a lot. Your my best friends, blah, blah, blah. I know I'm supposed to say all this stuff, but a phrase like that could never help me express how I really feel. I hope I'll always be apart of your present, past and future. Love, Julie

MELISSA BROWN, MISTY RUSSELL, & ERICA THOMPSON

#### Erica,

Hey babe! Do me a favor and never cut your hair. Misty, hey wild one. It's been great talking about guys ever since we met. Melissa, I realized what a true friend could be. You guys have made my school years a blast. I will always be here for ya. Love you guys, Angie Horne





#### ANGIE HORNE

#### Angie,

On the first day of school in Mrs. Sulliven's class I sat down next to a little blond girl with glasses. I knew we were going to be best friends. Now you're stuck with me. Wherever life takes us, you will always be my best bud. Don't ever forget. Shonda

#### ANGIE HORNE

#### Angie,

I have seen you become the individual I knew you could become. Being a varsity cheerleader these past two years has helped to round out your life. You've made some hard but wise decisions and you know what being a true friend is all about. Stay true! Love.

McClain



#### ANGIE HORNE & ERICA THOMPSON

#### Angie & Erica,

You guys are the best, and I'll never forget our friendship. Hopefully none of us will lose touch. I love you guys and will miss you both. You know where I live and my number. Remember, you can always just pick up the phone and call. Friends always! Mistv-lou



#### ANGIE HORNE

#### Angie,

Hey hun! I'm really glad you said ''yes'' when I asked you out, or we wouldn't be together now. I love you will all of my heart and I hope we're together forever. My mom would be proud of us for sticking together after all that has happened. Love, Jason

#### JUSTIN HOWE

#### Justin,

We've shared a lot, taught each other a lot and somewhere in the middle had a great time. Don't forget all the comic runs. (Where's that post office?) And don't forget all the @#%& I brought about. Every Man Dies, Not Every Man Really Lives. Never forget! Joel





#### ANGIE HORNE

#### Angie,

I am so glad we became closer as the years went by, but I know I will always be able to look up to you. Here is a picture of are old memories together when we were young. Well, I will always be here. I love you sissy! Jenny and Lisa

#### **JOHNATHAN HUKE**

#### Johnathan,

I know we haven't been together very long, but it seems like forever. I want to thank you for everything you've done for me. Good luck in all you do. Whatever you do or wherever you go, I'll always be here for you. I love you very much! Cynthia





#### ANGIE HORNE & SHONDA DENNIS

#### Angie & Shonda,

You guys are great! Shonda, keep smilin' and take care of Petey, Have fun on 'your boat." Angie, I hope all your dreams and wishes come true. Good luck with Jason, he's a keeper. I had a lot of fun all thise times after school. It's been fun. Love you guyz, Casie

#### TAMARA HUMPHREYS

#### Tamara,

Hey, what can I say? We cought the bus together when we were little. We fought each other in junior high and now we're going to graduate with each other. You're like a sister to me and I'll miss you very much. . . Don't worry . . . Be happy.





#### BETH LANE

#### Beffy.

"Hey Sexy!" Just remember when I'm gone, that anytime you want to walk around the mall with your p.j.'s and slippers on, that I'm always here. Thanks for holding my hand when I got my nose piered and singing RE-ALLY loud to my favorite songs. I love you! Trish the Wish

#### ADAM LAW

Adam,

What's up brother? We have been friends ever since I can remember and lets stay best friends no matter where our adult lives take us. Just remember one thing, never let them see the fear in your eyes. Also, where is my sign at?

Brian Suthers #18

#### RAYCHEL LATORE & JENNY UNDERWOOD

#### Dear Raych & Jen,

Combining our senior quote isn't cheap, but thrifty. From hiding from the cops, taking the law into our own hands, and giving the horses and chickens all the lovin' they needed. We've had a pretty exciting friendship. Even if we drift apart, (whatev') the memories are always binding. Love.

Jen & Raych

#### ADAM LAW

#### Adam,

I love you man! You've been a coach and a mentor, but most of all, a friend. . . sometimes deceiving and convincing friend, but a good-natured; a very dear one none the less. Skiing "Greens" or being high-lowed just won't be the same without you. Loren

#### ADAM LAW

#### Adam.

First a bodygaurd, then a boyfriend. We were the couple that everyone said would getmarries! You my Romeo, and I your Juliet. Times changed as did the people. We grew up and apart. Through it all, we are still there for each other, and I'm sure that will never change. Follow your dreams and reach for the stars, for I know you will go far! With love,

Ashley

#### ADAM LAW

#### Adam,

Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday that I first met you, but it's been three whole years. No matter the circumstances, our friendship has always stayed strong. The relationship we have is very unique and some way I'll never forget. good Luck at school and don't forget me. Love always, Leslev Sharon

#### KRISTEN LINZY & SHANNA WILLIAMS

#### Kristen & Shanna,

Girl-Q, what's up? I had so much fun on Cougarettes last year. You were always there to cheer me up, make me laugh, and catch me shen I fell. I'll miss you!. Shanna, hey sweetie! This cougarette year was fun. I hope you enjoyed cheerleading. Power to the Flyers! Love.

Angie Horne

#### ADAM LAW

#### Adam

If I had a soul mate, I believe it d have to be you. Through the good and the bad. The weekly arguements and times of silence. The memorable car rides and unforgettable house parties. The close bond we now share to the past that almost stood between us. You could almost say we've been through everything. I'll miss our song, your analyzzations, but most of all you! Yet no matter were we go, you'll always be with me; in my heart. Love always,

Shervi

#### NICKI LOBDELL

#### Nicki,

You've been a wonderful best friend. You've helped me through a bunch of problems, and I sincerely thank you for it. Well, at least we can still shuffle books at the library together. Misty and I both say hi and bye! Keep up the smiling dimples kiddo! Adios!

Melody Gibeson





David Alder

#### David,

You are the apple and joy of my life. I am very proud of you. You have always been a very outstanding son. Always keep God first in your life and you will excel. Delight yourself in him and he will give you the desires of your heart. Love You Always,

(Mom) Ms. Deborah Bishop



Sheryl Bateman

#### Dear Sheryl,

Eighteen years ago you "lit up" our lives. Since then your light has shined brighter day by day. Time has passed so quickly, it's hard to believe that you're going to graduate and head for college. We know that your "Light" will continue to shine.

With Love,

From Mom and Dad





Amanda Bates

#### Amanda,

We remember when you were born, it was only yesterday wasn't it? Then came grade school, Scouts, junior high, riding, high school, colorguard, and now graduation. Too fast the child is gone. You have given us joy and we love you deeply. You can do anything you set your mind to. God bless you. Love.

Mom and Dad



Amanda Bates

#### Amanda,

I can't believe you're graduating from high school already. It doesn't seem possible! You always were my best friend when growing up, and that will never change. Good luck in college, and whatever else awaits you. Thanks for all the memories, and all the good times. I love you, Sis. Love.

Melissa



Bobby Brady

#### Bobby,

We have watched you grow from a tiny baby boy into a wonderful young man. You have given us eighteen years of happy memories. You have always been a joy to teach and nurture. Now the world is yours to challenge whichever way you choose. We are so very proud of you. We love you, Mom and Dad





Christine Brenner

Dear Christine.

A book closes, another is about to open! We've watched you grow from our dear baby into a beautiful, kind, and giving nearly-adult daughter. We are so very proud of your accomplishments and the loving person you have become. Your future is about to be written — enjoy and relish every minute! Remember, we'll always be here for you.

Love always, Mom and Dad



Melissa Brown

Melissa,

It only seems like yesterday when we were walking to school together. Where has the time gone? You are everything anyone would ever want in a sister (most of the time). You'll always be my little sister. I wish you all the happiness for the future. Love,

Lindsay



Melissa Brown

Dear Melissa,

You have grown from such a shy little girl into a confident, beautiful young woman. You possess life's most precious gifts, integrity, kindness, and courage and we are very proud of you and your accomplishments. We wish you all the happiness you deserve.

We love you, Mom and Dad

#### Melissa Brown

Melissa,

Wanted to enclose a picture of your Baptism but didn't have the flash attachment and as you know. . . none of them turned out.

Wanted to enclose pictures of your first communion, but as you know after taking 24 pictures I discovered that the camera didn't have any film.

Wanted to enclose pictures of our vacation but they were over exposed and didn't turn out.

Wanted to enclose a picture of your first cheerleading performance but the shutter speed was set wrong and none of them turned out.

Love,

Dad

P.S. I'm glad your mom can laugh about it now.



Melissa Brown

Dear Melissa,

Thanks for giving me and my mom a home. You take really good care of us and buy us lots of toys! We love you for it! You are the best! Congratulations! I wish you the best of luck in your future.

Baby Brat Cat



Morris Brown

We have proudly watched you grow and mature into an outstanding young man. Life is ever changing LIKE YOU, but face your new challenges with lots of prayer, enthusiasm, and courage and it should turn out like you "GREAT."

Your loving and supporting family





Brandie Carroll

To our Daughter Brandie.

We have been lucky enough to watch you develop into a fine person with many good qualities. We hope you take the love and strength of our family with you down whatever path of life you choose.

All our Love, Mom, Dad, and Amie



Julie Carter

Congratulations! We are so proud of all you have accomplished these past four years. We love you! Mom, Henry, and Joseph



Javelle R. Colbert

#### Girlfriend,

When people say you're my twin, I find it flattering; but I'm proud witnessing your growth and accomplishments, and being part of your life. Remember, don't give up — stride forward with God's lead. And there is strong resemblance, but remember who looks better! Love,

MomMe

To my beloved daughter, Javelle, I love you very much, and I know that you will prosper as long as you put God first. Love, Dad



Megan Coenen

To our daughter, We are so proud of you, and wish you all the success you deserve. You'll control most of who you become from now on. May your joys outway your sorrows! Megan, you've never operated in vacuum, but have always taken care of others along your way. Love, Mom, Dad, Amy, Tim, and Molly



Jana Collins

God knew in this life we would need joy, so he gave us you! Know that you have been loved. You've done well, my beautiful, black princess. Be well, be healthy, be happy. Remember who you are and whose you are. My rabbit, my love, my Nami. God bless and keep you. Love, Mom and Dad



Justin Davenport

#### To my son,

You have been my pride, my joy, and my miracle. In what seems the blink of an eye, I have watched you grow into an intelligent. funny, and talented man. Now as you begin the next chapter of your life, I wish you love, health, happiness, and success. May God protect you every step of the way. Love. Mom



Nily Derakhshanian

Nily,

No matter what path you walk on or land in, remember that God is with you and we are for you. We love you. You are very precious to us. Keep your thirst for life. Remember to always Arch, look for your S.O.F.A. and avoid those beanfields. Love,

Mom and Dad





Amy Didde

#### Amy,

Congratulations!! Our first baby girl is graduating. We are very proud of you. Good luck as you prepare for college and venture into the "real world." Be sure to always follow your dreams. Hope all your wishes come true. Love.

Mom, Dad, Brandon, Shawn, and Amanda





Becky Doty

#### "Bucket"

It's been a hard and long struggle this last year of high school. But it's also been a fun year. You will succeed in whatever you pursue as a career, and whatever that is, be happy. You will always know we all love you and will be there for you. Love.

Mom, Dad, Jack, Jessica, Samantha, and "Pooh Bear"



Angela Duong

Angela,

Congratulations on all of your achievements. You have worked hard for everyone of them. Your hard work and determination will take you far in life. We are very proud of you and will always be there for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Tom, and Ryan



Michelle Evans

To my very special daughter I adore!

I am very proud of you and I am confident you will be very successful and accomplish all the dreams you desire in life. I will always be there to support you no matter what path you take in life. Love You Mom





Corynne Goodson

For you to grow into a caring, responsible, and respectful young lady was all I ever asked. When I see your beauty, intelligence, and faith added to this I am so proud. I admire your high standards and goals. Keep working towards your dream. God is on your side! Love, Mom





Jarreau Hawkins

Your mom and I have tried to teach you that to live in this world will require courage, love, and most of all faith. Have faith in your own ideas and dreams, even though everyone else is telling you that they are wrong. Have the courage to be patient and patience to be brave. Finally, have sublime faith in yourself and God and then you will have sublime faith in mankind.

We will always be there for you son.

Mom and Dad





Angie Horne

#### Angie,

We are so proud of you for the things you have accomplished in life, most of all for graduating from high school. Being considerate of others, just being yourself, and we are very proud of you becoming a cheerleader for Hickman. We know you will be very successful in life. Keep being the same person you are. We Love you!!

Mom, Dad, Debbie, Jenny, and Lisa





Justin Howe

We still can't believe you are ours. You make us laugh when we're sad and cry with pride. Let your talents and loving spirit lead you to continuing success. You are our hero! Break a leg son!

We love you gobs and bunches!

Mom and Dad





Adam Law

Thank you for being part of our lives. Words cannot express our pride in you. Your accomplishments and talents have surpassed any expectations we ever had. You have become a young man that is honest, caring, and always willing to help. We know your future will be successful for you and remember we will always be here to support and help you when needed. We love you Mom and Dad



Kristen M. Lenzy

Congratulations Kristen,

We rejoice in your accomplishments and pray that your future will be filled with health and happiness. Put God first in your life and success will follow. We are proud of you and love you. Hugs and Kisses, Mom, Dad, Tracie, and Joey



Josh Miller

#### Joshua,

I am so very, very proud of you. Ever since you were little you've had such determination and spirit. I've always known you would go far. You mean more to me then I can ever say. You are my son, my friend-my heart. I'll always be there for you Josh. Go far in life and know I'll love you always. Love, Mom



Dear Crystal, On Thursday March 15,

1979 at 11:08am, God sent us an angel to care for. What a wonderful daughter you have been with a caring personality and an affinity for reading. Crystal, you are our 'quiet one' with a natural grace and poise that will propel you to success. We are so very proud of you and pledge our love that will surpass time.

Lovingly, Mom, Dad, and Buffy





Cedric Norton

CONGRATULATIONS Cedric. We are so proud of you. Keep Christ in your life and reach for the moon, it's there Cedric, you can land on it. There is little room left among the stars. And REMEMBER, when fate hands you a lemon. .... just make lemonade. Love. MOMMA, DADDY, KIM & EDDIE JR.



Danielle Phillips

Congratulations! You made it! You're on the threshold of a wonderful life where your persistance and ambition will take you far. Enjoy each day and remember the best is vet to come. We couldn't be prouder.

Mom, Rick, Freddy. Sean, Dirk, Heather, Cassidy, and Darwin

#### Danielle Phillips

Seventeen years ago I was blessed to have my only daughter, Danielle. For the last seventeen years I have seen you grow from a little girl to being a young woman. I am so proud of you and will always stand behind you in your decisions now and forever.

Love Dad



**Rico Ratliff** 

#### Rico Ratliff

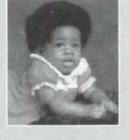
To our son. You are the best sonill You are always a source of pride and joy for us. Continue to be your own person and always do your very best. Know that we love you and will always be there to support you.

We love you-Mom and Dad "You stole my heart with a

wink!" Your Nursery School Teacher-Sue Ogle "I am very proud of you. Continue to work hard and

strive for the best. I Love

You"-Your Sister-Rosiline





Keya Rhodes

To my daughter, friend, and loved one. You finally made it, seventeen years of accomplishments, one of many endeavors. Just remember good altitude brings good latitude. Best wishes to you and may God keep blessing you. Love You Mama



Keva Rhodes



Kim Rish

Where have the years gone...God truly blessed us when He gave us YOU! You are a loving, caring daughter and truly a faithful friend. Keep these qualities and you will succeed in all you do. May all your dreams come true. We are very proud of you! Love.





Tricia Rogers

#### Hi Sugar,

Even when you were two years old you were the center of our attention. You loved to sing. Now that you are growing into a beautiful young lady, you are still the center of attention. We love you so much and we are very proud of you. Congratulations! Love, Mom and Dad



Jaron Stumon

To our son and brother, one of our greatest blessings. We are very proud of your many accomplishments and wish you well as you continue to succeed in life. Always remember those who love you, and be kind to those who cross your path in the future. Love, Your Family



Tracy Y. Turner

As we look back and cherish old memories, and how proud we are of how you have grown academically, socially, physically, and most of all spiritually. As you continue your education, always feel that you can seek guidance from your family, and most importantly from you Heavenly Father. We love you. Mom and Dad





Ashley White

Here's to you, my daughter, another chapter in the history of your life, almost complete. So, light tomorrow with today! For we all live in suspense, from day to day, from hour to hour; in other words, we are the hero of our own story. And to us, you will always be a hero! Our love always, Mom and Dad

Ashley,



Kristen White

You have brought much joy into our lives. No matter where life may lead you, never forget that you have our prayers and love. Just be yourself and you will bring joy to all those you touch. It is such a blessing to have you as our daughter. Love Always, Mom and Dad





Shanna Williams

Shanna Williams, These seventeen years have been special because of you. We have watched you grow to a beautiful young lady, one who is kind, honest, and considerate of others. We are so proud of you and we love you very much. Love you always, Grandpa and Grandma





Elizabeth Wisdom

We were truly blessed the day you came into our lives. Thanks for all of the priceless memories. May God be with you and may all your dreams come true. We love you very much. Love,

Mom and Dad

### In Loving Memory



Kejuan Townsend



Lindsey Eakins

To our daughter, sister and friend. Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your life. Best wishes for your future. Remember to set your sights on a star; not a passing ship in the night. We Love you,

Dad, Mom and Sis



Russell (Rusty) Sneary

Russ, I've seen my prayer that you grow "in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man" as Jesus did being fulfilled as you've excelled in drama, music, athletics, . . . and have leadership ability and loving spirit that draw others to you. I know God has wonderful plans for your future! Love always, Mom

## **Good Luck Class of 1997**

# **One Last Farewell...**

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**COLOPHON** 

The Pride 1997

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The past four years have come and gone faster than I ever imagined possible. Hickman is a great school and it's been a lot of fun. Being on the yearbook production staff is a big part of that.

To the staff: You did a nice job. I know I wasn't the best leader, but thanks for all your effort.

To Murphy: I truly appreciate all of your help and guidance over the past two years.

Good luck to all HMHS students. The world is waiting.

Always,

Amy Didde

Ohis is the eighth one of these that I've had the privilege of doing. I'm finding out that the students are just getting better and better each year. There are times when I want to throw up my arms and scream, but most of the time I feel fortunate because I get to see the kids in a way that very few teachers can.

Thank you Amy — gosh, you did such a GREAT job. It would have been a very difficult transition for an editor to switch to seeing the staff every day to seeing them every-other-day. You came through this with flying colors.

Crystal Moore — what will I every do without you. My little quiet darkroom dweller that I could ALWAYS count on to get things done. I will miss you.

Every year there are always people who come along and surprise me by their hard work and dedication. Christine Brenner and Ashley White, you have given and given and given. I do believe in my heart that dedication doesn't go unrewarded. On a personal note, thanks for listening to me and helping me through some difficult times. I will forever remember your kindness.

Also, Liz, Ashley, Christine, Amanda, Sheryl, Brandie, Mandy, Erica, Adam, Justin, Kristin, Mat and Bobby (at times). You worked very hard. I always enjoyed seeing the pictures that you had taken. the stories we shared, and the memories you created for me. Thank you.

Hey Kipper, I love you, man. Thank you for your spirit. You were the best "unofficial" yearbook member I could EVER have — and you WERE worth all the food that I bought you.

Thank you faculty and staff. Especially Ken, Lonnie. Jan, Madeline, Joyce, Valene, Lorna, Kelly, Karen, Pumpkin and all the principals. We hope all of you enjoy this book of memories.

MURPH

The 1997 Pride is a spring delivery book that contains 208 pages. Six-hundred copies of the 8 x 11 book were produced. The book is quarterbound in white vellum with the remaining cover bound in grey. The printing is done on #80 matte paper with silkscreen print. The endsheets are birch with metallic earth accents. The production of The Pride was published in Room 121 of Hickman Mills High School.



COUGAR MEMORIES ... Lesley Sharon, Lindsey Eakins, Veronica York, Shery! Bateman, Liz Wisdom, Amanda Bates, Richard Dalton, Adam Law and Jonathan Huke were always there to cheer on the team. Class of 1997, your love, heart and spirit will be missed. Thanks for making HMHS so wonderful.



