

Break
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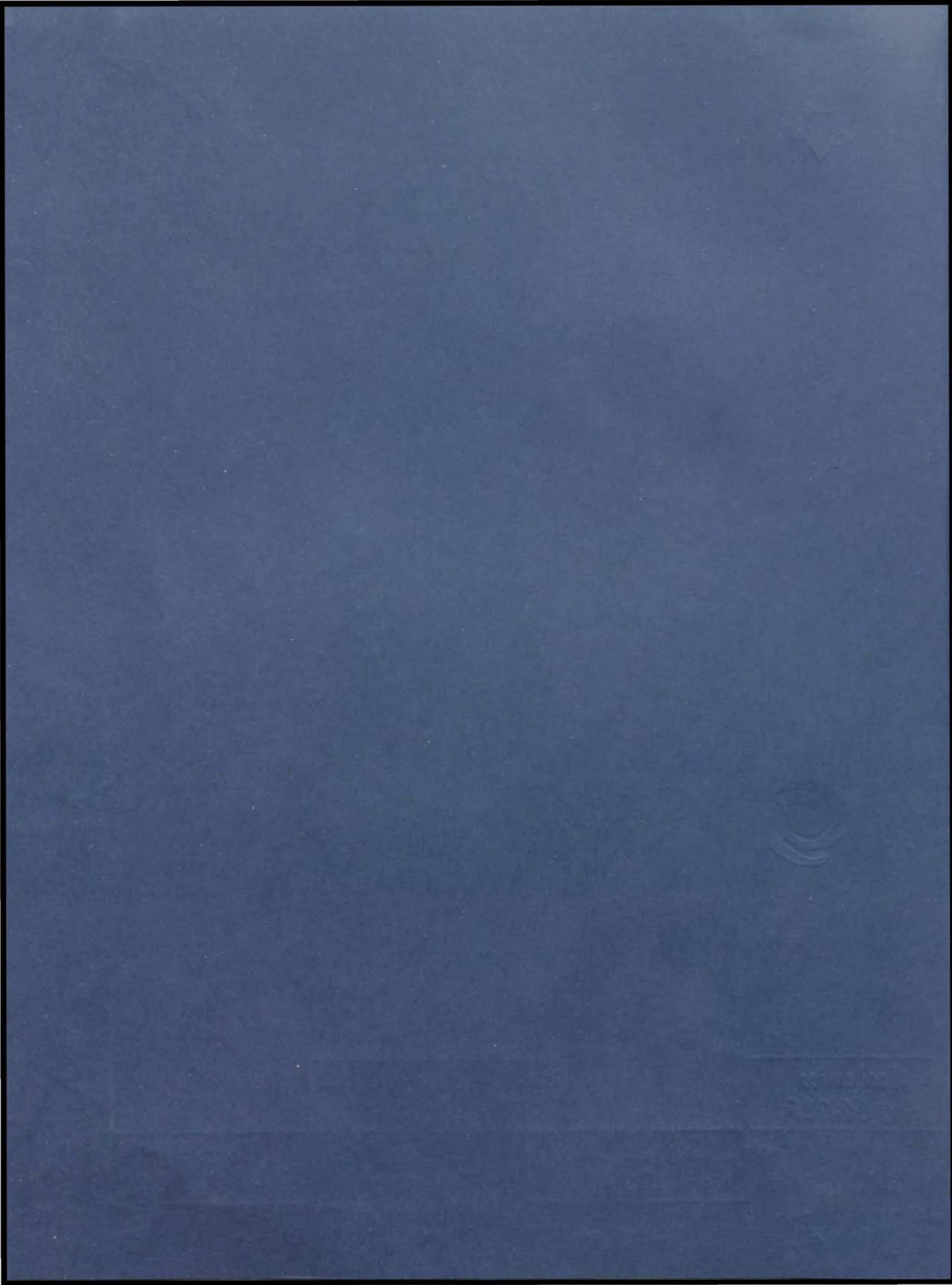
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The 1999 Pride of Hickman "Break on Through"



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"Break On Through!"

"We chased our pleasure here,
We dug our treasure there,
But can you still recall,
The time we tried,
To Break on Through to the Other Side."
— Jim Morrison of "The Doors"

"Break on Through!"

Those three words can convey a mirage of meanings. In 1998-1999 Hickman Mills High School broke on through several meaningful and fun times. Seniors broke on through to take that leadership position in the hierarchy of classes. They lead on the playing fields and playing courts of Hickman. They lead in StuCo and International Club. They lead as editors on "The Criterion" staff. They lead by showing the other classes how a winning Homecoming float was built. They lead by their very example of behavior.

The Junior Class broke on through to become members of varsity teams, officers in clubs and planning for the Prom. They became extremely active in lending support to their classmate, Santece Moore. They raised money, planned benefits, and made the community aware of Santece and her illness. But most of all, they kept her in their prayers and daily thoughts.

The Sophomores broke on through just by becoming sophomores! They were no longer the little kids of the school. They learned the hard way that money is easy to spend, but hard to earn!

The Freshmen class broke on through educational barriers by becoming the first class in the history of Hickman to be divided and taught with the "Team" approach.

The Class of '02 was divided into four different teams with four core teachers per team, and the freshmen thrived on the curriculum team teaching brought with it.

The student body in general broke on through in terms of numbers. For the first time in recent years, classes had to be held in the cafeteria and the Little Theatre. In general, it was a year of break throughs for the Cougars. Open the pages before you and BREAK ON THROUGH to how the Cougars were in 1998-1999.

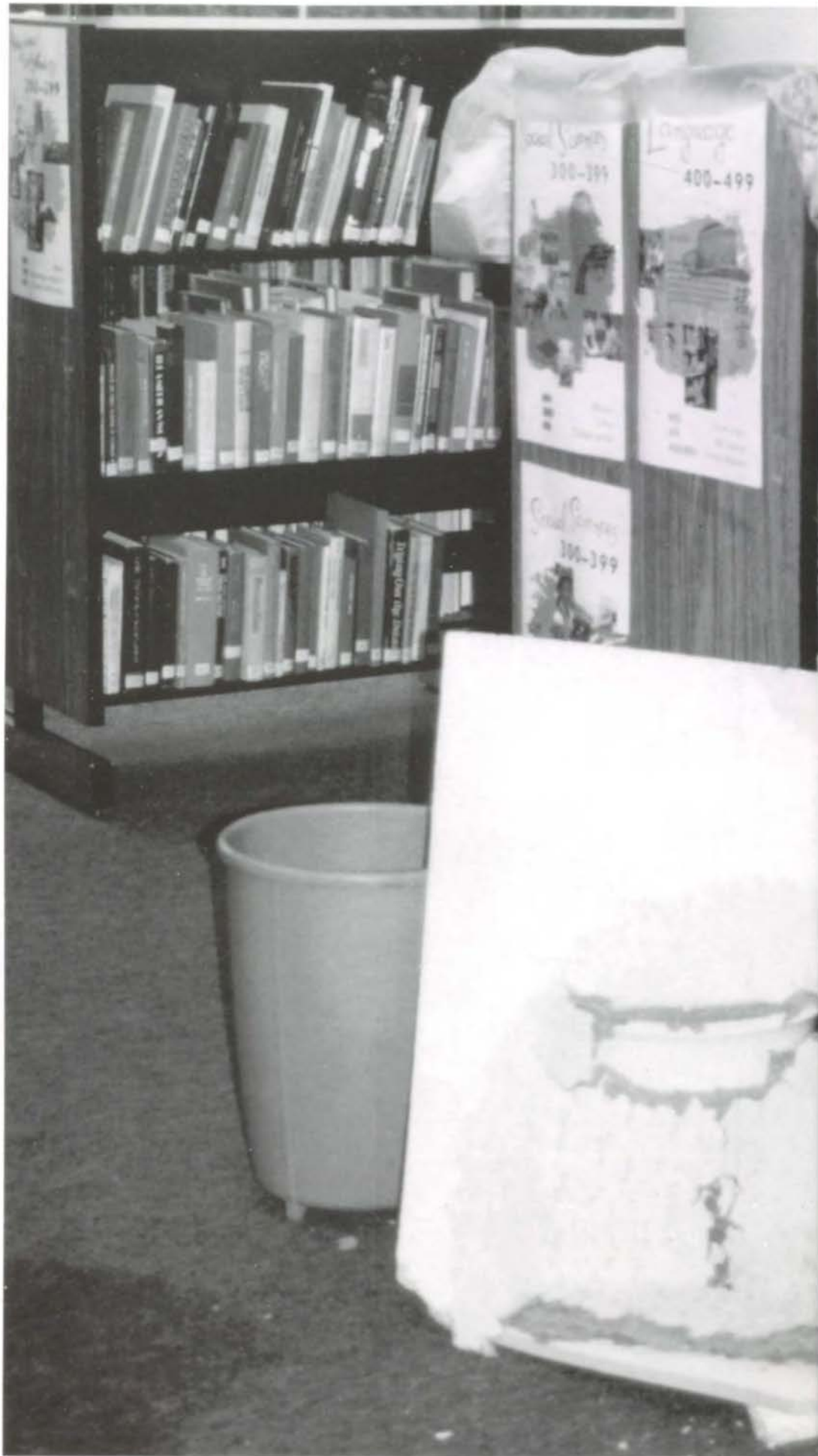




Opposite page- Circle: Seniors Kristin Hawkins and Stacia Deckard watched the Homecoming Parade on September 25. Stacia was showing her Cougar Pride with her tight Cougar ears. Above: Allen Stokes (10) was member of the Cougar Soccer team. Bottom right: Lawrence the Cougar cheered teams on in victory and in defeat.

Center picture: Freshmen football players practiced breaking on through the line with the dummies.

This page- Above: Kim Walker(12) was named first runner up by the Homecoming Queen voters. Covell Crosby (11) prayed before the Truman-HMHS game. Truman won the game, but Crosby ran for 42 yards during the game. Exchange students Laura Seppan (12) of Finland and Karen Bartling (12) of Germany showed lots of Cougar Spirit during the football season. Left: ROTC Color Guards provided dignity and class to all HMHS events from football games to student assemblies. This Color Guard was comprised of Veronica Sullivan (10), Jeff Phi (12), James Reed (10), and Malcolm Malone (10).



Opposite page: Librarian Glenda Swafford had more water in the library than in any other area of the school. Not only were the ceiling panels ruined, but the carpet had to be replaced, too. Mold and mildew became a great problem in the library. Large Photo: We got sort of used to the buckets in our hallways! Above: Students were a little amazed with the water in the school. At times the areas with the most water were blocked off, so students would not get hurt. Top: Ivory McGregor wiped up another hall.

Voters Passed Bond Issue in June '98 Hickman Received a New Roof!



Water Breaks on Through Our Roof!

*"Water, water everywhere,
And all the boards do shrink,
Water, water everywhere
But nary a drop to drink."
"The Rhyme of the Ancient
Mariner"*

by Cathaleen Hughes (12)

As we returned to school and walked down the halls of Hickman, we noticed an assortment of buckets and trash cans lining the halls to catch the water which was breaking on through the ceiling. The leaky problem affected the entire school, but the main damage was done in the Media Center.

The problems began about two years ago when the leaks began to dribble through the ceiling. This fall enough water dropped through the roof to saturate carpets and knock down ceiling tiles. Wooden bookshelves in the Media Center split due to the water, and library equipment was jeopardized. Due to large amounts of mold content in the air, both staff members in the Media Center had to be relocated. Mrs. Bradbury had to transfer to Smith-Hale due to allergies, and Mrs. Swafford, who until this year never had a history of allergies, was given an office for grant writing in the Counseling Department.

So who ran the Media Center while the reconstruction of the roof went on? Faculty volunteers rotated in and out of the library to insure that no one was in the Media Center for extended periods of time. Although the rotation plan worked well, Swafford missed her domain. "I was taught to be a librarian, and that's what I love to do. The students mean so much to me. It hurts me to see the library like this," she explained. The ceilings and carpets in the Media Center weren't the only things molding. Due to recommendations from an independent research team who were hired to study the air in the library, the water fountain was also off limits to everyone. Roof repair began in early November and was scheduled to be completed in about 90 days.



by Rhonda Woodfork (12)

It was an invitation reserved for only the best, so when it came to the HMHS Choir last year, who could refuse? A letter inviting the choir to New York to perform in the famed Carnegie Hall started the ball rolling. Based on recommendations from area music teachers and from the UMKC Conservatory of Music, the Hickman Cougar Choir was chosen to represent the area. There was only one problem. The cost was about \$1,100 per person to go.

So, when going gets tough, the tough go fundraising. The choir produced and sold a cookbook, had multiple car washes, had a garage sale, a Beanie Baby raffle and a spaghetti dinner sponsored by Olive Garden restaurant. Still, the choir was short of the funds, so students had to pay for part of their way.

But the hard work preparing their music and fundraising was worth the effort. Mike Wolf (12) thought relaxing after the pressure of the performance was the best part of the trip. "The beach was the best. We had been practicing so much and so hard. We were all tired, so this gave us a chance to relax and not worry about a set schedule. We built sand castles, and I got buried in the sand."

Susan Stone (12) thought the actual performance was the best part of the trip. "Performing with the college professors was cool because they really knew what they were doing. They gave me a taste of what college music will be like, and I loved it."

Choir teacher Jennifer Gerding summed up the experience. "It was a wonderful trip. They performed well, and they got the opportunity of a lifetime to sing in Carnegie Hall."



Choir Goes to New York

Hickman Sings in World Famous Carnegie Hall

Above: As Hickman Choir members found out, the view from the Empire State Building was spectacular. Right: A Dinner Cruise provided dancing and dinner for the choir members and their families. "The cruise was the bomb," said Stacia Deckard (12). "We were stuck in the harbour for a long time because of tornadoes, so we got to dance longer." Upper Right: The Choir and chaperones outside New York City's Carnegie Hall were all smiles.





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The Hickman Mills High School Cougar Choir got the thrill of a lifetime when they sang in New York City's celebrated Carnegie Hall. The HMHS Choir performed with four other choirs and were accompanied by the New England Symphony Orchestra. The four other choirs included DePaul University, Louisiana Chamber Choir, Prospect Presbyterian Festival Choir, and Morris High School Knights Templar Chorus.

Above: Our choir is pictured singing with the other choirs in Carnegie Hall. The Cougars were easy to see because of their bright orange collars. Left: Packing and getting ready for the Big Apple was part of the fun. Here members of the choir and their families get ready for the big send off. While in New York the students and their families saw the Broadway Show "Ragtime," sailed on a Dinner Cruise, spent time in Central Park and visited the New York City Library. The choir chartered a bus for the trip.



Drama Presents "Cinderella"

"Cinderella" Breaks on Through
Due to a Magic Glass Shoe!
by Rhonda Woodfork, (12)

Magic abounded on November 19, 20, and 21 at the District Auditorium when the Hickman Drama Department presented Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella." The cast of 35 members began practicing for the musical in early October, and when the curtain opened in November all the hard work paid off. An unusual aspect of this performance was that, for the most part, the cast was a young one. "I had a younger cast this year, and they exceeded my expectations. I have always felt 'Cinderella' should be a pretty show, and the cast caught the magic of it all," said Hanna Cusick, Director. Although the cast was young, the lead role was played by a Hickman Drama Department veteran, Susan Stone, (12). Stone loved the role she played. "It was so wonderful. We had an awesome cast, and everyone got along pretty well. It was a good show to leave all my Drama Babies with," she commented. The Prince was played by junior Mark Montford. Although Montford had appeared in previous Hickman productions, this was his first lead role. "I thought the production started out pretty rough, but we worked it out, and we ended up with a beautiful performance," Montford stated. The musical included 19 songs and many dances including the waltz, which occurred at the Prince's Ball.





Opposite Page: Top Right- Mark Montford, (11) and Gabe Carroll-Dolci,(12) discussed the possibilities of where the owner of the glass slipper may have vanished.
 Below: Susan Stone,(12) is on her way to the Prince's Ball. This page:
 Above- The Chef's Assistance and the Stewards soft-shoed to "Your Majesties Dance." Left: The Prince and Cinderella wondered "Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful?" Above: Kristen Robinson,(12) made magic with "Fol-De-Rol."



Above: Junior Attendant Sara Eggers was teary eyed as she was announced as the winner. "I was very happy and honored. I was surprised because of the competition I was running against. All the junior candidates would have made a good attendant." Here Dawn Stevenson (11) gave Sara a hug as Sara's dad looked on with pride.

Right: The Three Musketeerettes! The top three finishers in the Homecoming Queen balloting were Kim Walker(12), First Runner Up, Queen Megan Forbes(12), and Cathi Hughes (12), Second Runner Up. The young ladies were all smiles after the crowning ceremony, which occurred during the halftime of the HMHS-Center football game.

Homecoming Fall '98

The Swinging 40's Jazz up Festivities Megan Forbes Crowned Queen

by Shalyce Smith (12)

The roar of the crowd, the clash of the helmets, the sound of P.A., the smell of fresh popcorn, and pretty candidates in gorgeous gowns were the smells, sights and sounds of Homecoming. Homecoming 1998 was held September 21-25. Homecoming activities consisted of a Spirit Week, a parade, a game, a halftime show, and a dance.

Spirit Week had some truly unique days. Monday was pajama day, and people adorned in nightgowns and bunny slippers could be seen all over the Hickman Mills hallways. Hippie Day had us all digging into our parents closets to retrieve their platforms, polyester, and bellbottomed pants. It was also possible to spot an afro wig or two in the crowd. Wednesday we brought back the forties with a tribute to Swing. Forties style clothes were worn as we remembered World War II. On Gothic Day (Thursday) students could be seen adorned in all black. Friday was Spirit Day. Students dyed their hair orange and wore our school colors from head to toe.

The Parade started at 6:00 on October 25. Floats and cars were lined up by classes. The parade started at the Baptist Church on Blue Ridge and continued to the District Stadium, where the big game began. Our Cougars defeated Center High School 21-7. Touchdowns were scored by Mitchell Jamison (12) and quarterback Alan Diehl (11), who scored twice. Jai Turner (12) gained 173 yards rushing during the game.

Halftime included the announcement of the winner of the float competition, which was the senior class. "We worked on it for three or four days. I thought it came out pretty good. I knew our float would win, so I wasn't surprised. All the hard work paid off," said Kenisha McIntosh (12).

Next was time to announce the candidates. All the girls were escorted by their fathers or friends of their families, and the winners were announced. Freshman attendant was Gabrielle Smith, Sophomore attendant was Jessica Aggler, and Junior attendant was Sarah Eggers. Senior 2nd runner-up was Cathi Hughes and 1st runner-up was Kim Walker. All attendants were at the side of the Homecoming Queen Megan Forbes. Forbes summed up her thoughts of the overall experience by saying "The day was hectic. I almost missed the parade and had to run and jump into the first car I saw. When they called the names of the runners up I was thinking 'Gee, I wonder who's going to win.' When they said my name I went into shock, and I was thinking 'Did they call me?' It didn't hit me until I got the flowers and all the hugs." The dance followed the game and was a success, perhaps the most successful dance in recent years. "It was the best D.J. we have had since I started going to school at Hickman Mills," said Autumn Holmes (12). Afterwards groups of people went Haunted Houses, out to eat, to a party, or to the movies.



Above: Queen Megan Forbes and her dad were happy after the crowning ceremony. Forbes was crowned the 1998 Homecoming Queen at the halftime of the HMHS-Center game on September 25.



For the second year in a row the Class of '99 took home first place honors in the float competition during Fall homecoming festivities. Pictured above is the senior class gathered before the parade. Pictured at left: Senior Megan Forbes reigned as the 1998 Homecoming Queen. Opposite page upper right: The Queen and her court. Kim Walker (12) was named first runner-up and Cathi Hughes (12) was second runner up. Junior attendant was Sarah Eggers. Sophomore attendant was Jessica Aggeler, and Gabrielle Smith was the freshmen attendant. Opposite below right: The Class of 2000 got into the Homecoming Spirit and placed second in the float competition.



Homecoming Parade Breaks on Through

Classes Enter Float Competition
Class of '99 Wins Second Year in a Row!



Hickman Fun!

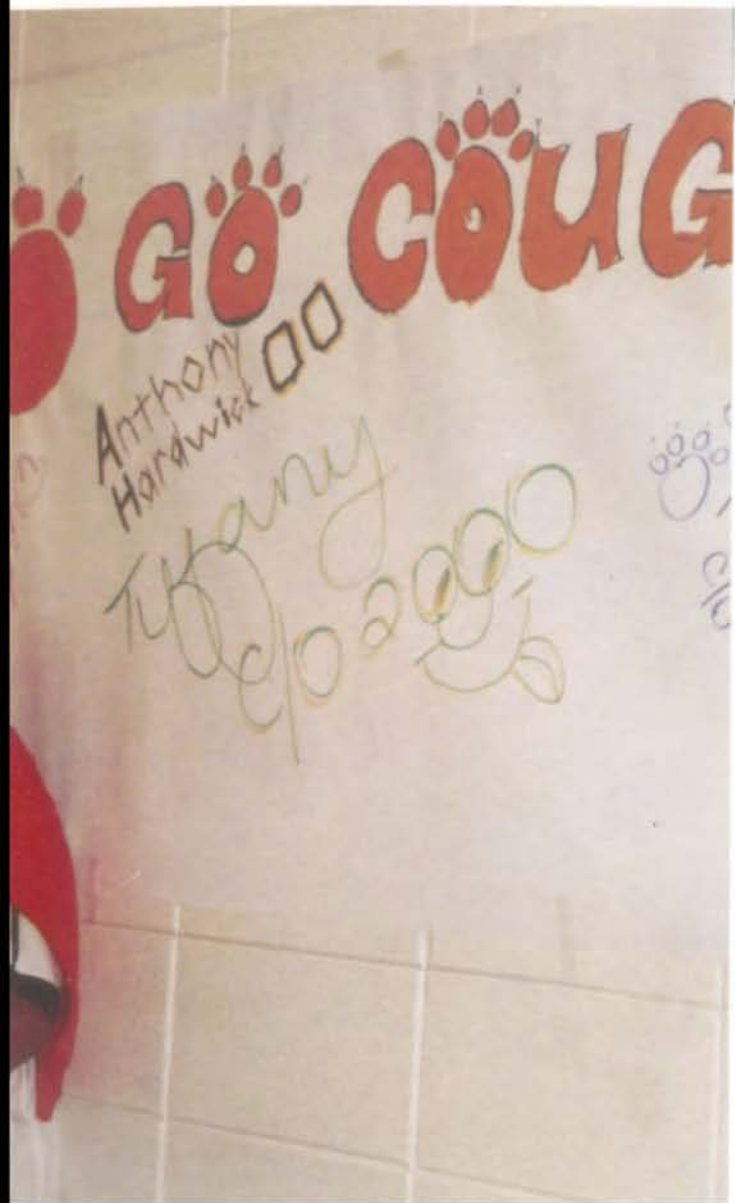
Lovin' Santece Moore!



*"Santece Moore is the most wonderful person I have ever known."
— Helen Byram*

Above: Santece Moore (11) broke through all our hearts to make us join together to help her receive her double lung transplant. She is shown with Ms. Gordon, her mom, and Captain Gipson. Left: The band Pipeline played at a benefit dance for Santece in October. Members of the band included Hickman students Danny Sweeney (12) and Matt Mills (12).





Orange Smiles!

Old and New Smiles Break on Through
Hickman Faces

New teachers broke on through to come to the hallowed halls of Hickman. They included (Front row): Donna Bullock, Marla Converse, Jill Vest, Linda Durant, Lisa Cole (Back Row): Doug Urban, Molly Notestine, Duane Fritchie, Anna Alexander, John Jones, Heather Woodson, Kim Sixta. We also had two student teachers this year. Cindy Sharp student taught with Karen Black and Stacia Worley worked with Hanna Cusick.

Anthony Harwick (11) showed his Orange Pride.



Student exchange students this year included Laura Seppanen (12) from Finland and Karen Bartling (12) from Germany.

Left: Some faculty members had a groovy time at Clay and Lisa Staires' wedding reception, which was held at Royals Stadium during the summer.

Increase the Peace

Broke on Through with Lots of Love
and Worked as Peer Mentors

by Cusie Howard (12)

Increase the Peace is one of Hickman's foremost ideas. The program was designed to help eighth graders make the difficult transition to high school and to help the community and high school work together on positive representation. About 80 Hickman students participated by writing pen-pal letters to the high school students at Ervin Junior High School. Hickman students also came up with some positive activities to boost smile power at Hickman. Members organized a basketball tournament in October to benefit Operation Santece Moore and sponsored the Talent Show along with the Junior Class.

According to Captain Gipson, one of the Increase the Peace sponsors, the organization "would be the centerpiece for peace and harmony at HMHS for now and years to come. I really enjoy seeing students doing so much on their own in such a positive way."

December training sessions were held for two days to educate members about teamwork, peer mentoring and setting goals in both personal and academic areas of their lives. In the December training sessions, students listened to guest speakers, had team time, and kept journals for feedback information. Alvin Brooks spoke to the students about getting involved in politics so the young voices of Kansas City can be better heard by city government. Brooks was running for a City Council post and wanted students to get involved in his campaign to learn about how a campaign is run from the inside out.

Marlowe Rhodes (11) joined the organization to "better myself for the future and to get involved in positive things for the school. I feel that if we get more hands-on things working with the community, we can become a really positive force."

Other sponsors included Robin Gray and Christy Darter.





Opposite page: Bottom left — Shaneatra Nealy (11) showed her muscles off. Shaneatra is member of Increase the Peace. Top: Rudy Wesley (12) escorted Santece Moore (11) around the school during one of Santece's visit to Hickman. Increase the Peace helped raise money for Operation Santece Moore. Below right: Desiree Hack (11) and Dawn Stevenson (11) want to know who killed Kenny. This page: Top— Members of Increase the Peace worked together in a trusting exercise during one of the training sessions. Tanisha Mitchell (11) gave the thumbs up sign! Left: Serita Belton (11) was one of the movers and shakers in Increase the Peace.

It's
A
TEAM
BREAK THROUGH!

"Teaming is
hard work, but
it's worth it."
—John Jones



Hickman Freshman on Educational Cutting Edge

by Hannah Smith (12)

As with any break through technique in education, Hickman Mills students are right on top of it. This year the freshman class benefitted from a new Team Teaching concept. The freshmen were divided into three teams with each team being instructed by four core teachers. "As with everything there are positives and negatives. However, I feel that the positives definitely outweighed the negatives," said Team 100 Science teacher Jerry Richardson. One of the positives had to do with discipline. Not only did this concept make the transition from junior high to high school easier, but freshmen student discipline reports were at an all time low.

One of the main reasons for implementing the team approach had to do with making students more successful at school both socially and academically. It seems to have worked. Over the first quarter alone, freshmen failure rates dropped dramatically by 20 percent.

But in order to be successful, the team approach had much planning. Freshmen teachers spent time over the summer attending inservices and working together to plan instructional concepts. The freshman team teachers had the support they needed. "In order for these teams to be successful, they need the full support of the district," said Hickman Principal Charles Green.

The remaining teachers at Hickman spent Wednesday inservices during September and October learning from the freshman team teachers about how to implement some of the concepts of team teaching in their classrooms. "Basically, the team teaching concept allows for teachers to become more involved with their students and to help them in a more individualized manner," said Michelle Sumpter, freshman language teacher.

"We just gave teachers ideas and methods we learned during our inservices, so they could use them, too."

But will the concept survive? According to Dr. Jerry Cooper, Hickman Mills Superintendent, plans to expand the concept have all ready begun. "Plans for a tenth grade team are in the works, and everyone involved seems to feel the idea would help unify the school in spirit and academics," he explained.

And what do the teachers involve think? "As with any new concept concerning teachers and students, there were some hesitations, but I really enjoy the team teaching. I think I always will," said Linda Durant, freshman math teacher.

So, it seems that the team teaching approach is going to grow and continue to put Hickman at the top of educational break throughs.

Class of 2002 Team 100



Linda Durant
Mathematics



John Jones
Social Studies



Jerry Richardson
Science



Michelle Sumpter
Language Arts

Danielle Agin
Adrienne Aldridge
Dominic Bandera
Andrienne Banks
Donisha Boswell



Ariawna Brown
Asia Brown
Chad Brown
Consuela Brown
Brandon Burgess



Dana Burns
Amie Carroll
Megan Cheuning
Dilmer Coca
Trenton Cole

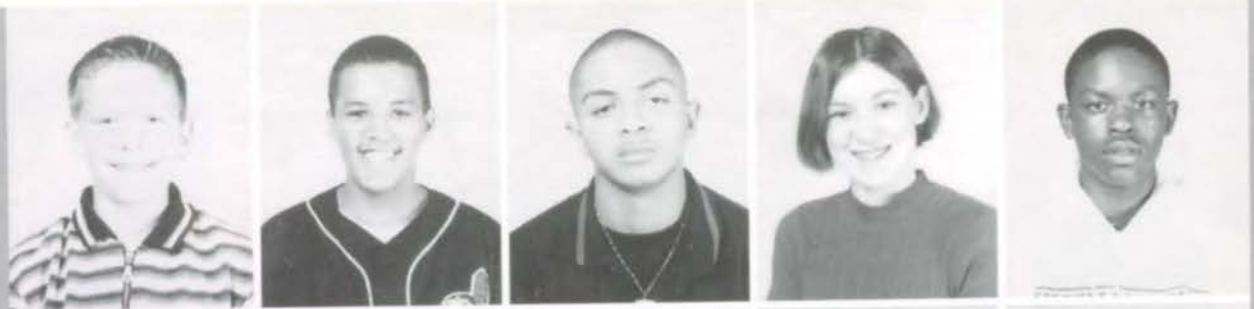


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Richie Deourcy
Marina Dunlap
Shawn Eads



Lyniece Freeny
Duan Gavel
Matthew Gibeson
Kerbie Gordon
Jasmine Grayson





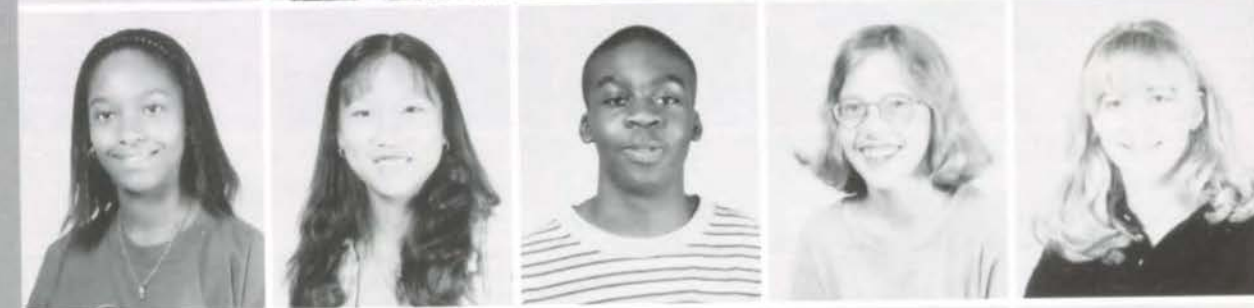
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Marcus Hunter
Lindsey Jamison
Clifton Jefferson
Casey Jones



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Joycena King
Robert Logan
Amanda Marshall
Ericka Moln



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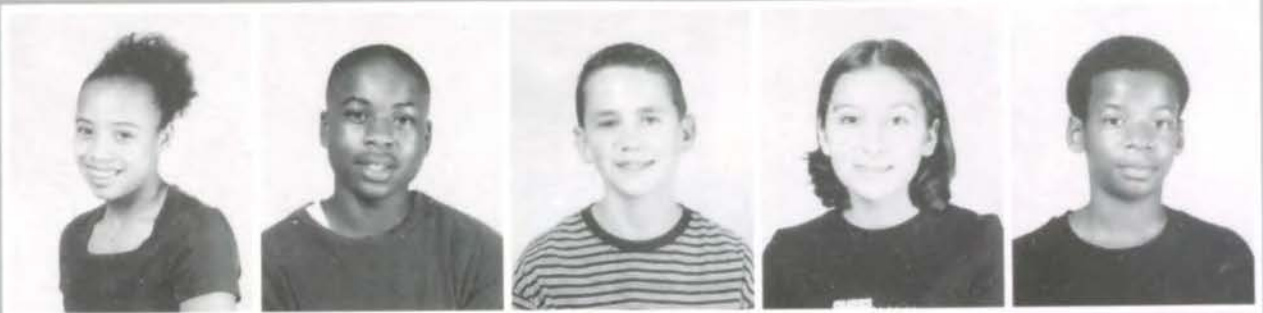


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Stephen Skinner
Tyla Smalls
Christopher Smith



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Roger Warren
Joni Frix
Roshay Griffin
Antonio Keith

Gabrielle Smith
Alvin Spotwood
Jeremy Spring
Shereen Taheri
Andre Thomas



Briana Walters
Jesse Weber
Sonjel Williams
Jayme Wills
Antwoine Wright



Class of 2002 Team 2



Duane Fritchie
Science

Ken Hedicke
Mathematics

Kelly Pittard
Language Arts

Kim Sixta
Social Studies

Angela Anderson
Rashondra
Banks
Derek Beckett
Julie Buie
Andriene Brown



Carl Canaday
Adam Carniels
Kevin Carroll
Lashia Castle
Kristen Cole



LaToya Coleman
Colleen Collins
Justin Coonce
Dashea
Crawford
Trynise
Crawford





Chris Dattillo
Elisha Drone
Shaneka Fikes
Andrea Francis
Kelsha Frazier



James Gant
Chris Gaston
Tyler Gehrke
Eric Gemmill
Dominique Giles



Ayana Glaze
Francisco Guzman
Danielle Hardin
Isaiah Henderson
Jonathan Hendrick



Amber Hess
Dasha Holliman
Jon Hopkins
Christal Hopkins
Rebecca Hoskins



Key Jerron
Darryl Jones
Isaiah Kalu
Sherry Krieger
Dustin Livingston



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Kalliah Malone
Rachel McGill
Timothy Meehan
LaChanda Moore

Ryan Moore
 Kyle Oliver
 Stacy Porter
 Oscar Roberts, Jr.
 Alica Saunders



Latasha Smith
 Morgan Sudnor
 Brandon Thorton
 Tyler Dominic
 Stephen Vaughn



Shayla Watson
 Cassie Wait
 Genel Williams
 Kalika Williams
 Maria Williams



Kenie Woodard
 Antonio Helms
 Kenneth Jones
 Megan Kelley
 Danny Milton



Mitch Monath
 Cherita Moore
 Allyssa Marsenburg
 Terrance Price
 Dewain Whitmore



**Class of
 2002
 Team #3**
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Christy Darter
 Science

LuAnn Miller
 Mathematics

Jill Vest
 Language Arts

Heather Woodson
 Social Studies



Tammy Anders
 Tope Awopetu
 Brandi Beachem
 Lauren Boggess
 Tim Braselton



Lacie Brockmeier
 Anthony Brown
 Bridget Brown
 Jessica Caver
 Michael Cheadle



Natalie Chuku
 Austin Collins
 Deangelo Collins
 Michelle Criswell
 Ashley Cundiff



Claire Dalton
 Corey Dallon
 Andrea Davis
 John Davis
 Michael Davis



Andrew Dawn
 Julia Dodd
 Corey Drane
 Ashley Elliott
 Derek Farnsworth



Dewarren Faulkner
 Henry Ford
 Charles Greenwood
 Melissa Grogman
 Maribel Gusman

Alan Hardin
 Gerricka Herring
 Mandi Hill
 Nicole Houts
 Ashley Johnson



Lindsey Johnson
 Tiffany Johnson
 Leland Jones
 Kynadi Kemp
 Andre Lewis



Zack Livinston
 Jarron Mablin
 Marie Maddux
 Lance Madison
 Jennifer May



Schlesa McDaniel
 Randy McDonald
 Jordan Mills
 Ryan Nixon
 Jason Odneal



Simone Parker
 Stephen Person
 Brittni Price
 Leo Quarles
 Jennifer Ralston



Jeremy Ray
 Amber Riley
 Mike Rodriguez
 Ben Rudolph
 Ashley Russell





Rachel Sheets
Jamel Sims
Angel Smith
Cierra Smith
Jamisha Smith



Lindsay Smith
Pamela Smith
Adam Snedden
Elizabeth Sperry
Dale Starks



Lauren Steward
Melissa Swigert
Miranda Thomas
Delon Thorton
Brandy True



Micah Thomas
Keysha Tyson
Brianna Warford
Sequoia Williams
Woodrow Woodruff



Eric Whiteman
Eric Williams
Eric Williams
Kalila Williams
Larry Williams



Chris Wygas
Al Boggess
Kristol Brown
Roosevelt Coleman
Damien Dunbal

Sophomores Break On Through

No longer the new kids on the block!





Class of
2001



Break on Through With Sophomore Spirit

by Jimmy Ratliff

Cooperation was the key as the sophomores tried to build their float during the September monsoon. This was the second go around for the sophomores as they had not yet mastered the art of float building, but their happy go lucky approach gave them the strength to pull through.

The Class of '01 gathered at Natasha Derakhshanian's house for three days searching for quality ideas that would catapult them into the Homecoming spotlight. The lack of supplies, along with the lack of experience was an obstacle for the sophomores, but their democratic approach allowed them to accomplish this overwhelming task. A big plus for the sophomores was the enormous amount of support within the class. Thirteen students worked on the float. On the third and final day of work, the sophomores idea bank was

Sophomore Float Trip!

Above: Laura Buckholz and Becky Rhodes were among the sophomores who helped decorate the class float for the Fall Homecoming Parade. The Sophomore Class Float placed third in the float competition.

overdrawn. They decided on a theme of orange and white. Laura Buckholz summed it up best saying, "We just covered the thing with orange and white. There was nothing else we could do."

The sophomores faced a plethora of obstacles along the way. Not only were they forced to work in the gruelling drizzly weather, but when the parade was about to begin, the wind picked up and blew some of their balloons off the float forcing Katie Wunch to run the balloons down and hold them to float for the duration of the parade.

For these 13 sophomores, winning wasn't their main priority. They had fun working together, and that's what it was all about. Each one of them is looking forward to next year when they will have another year of experience under their belts.

- Nelca Crockett
- Nick Cruise
- Erica Dahmer
- William Dancer
- Jennifer Davidson





Ashley Adams
 Jessica Agular
 Darrin Alder
 Dwight Alder
 Nick Ambrosius
 Nathan Anderson
 April Antoine



Christian Arquello
 Vance Ashworth
 Amanda Baglin
 April Bagwell
 Irene Banks
 Matt Beach
 Steven Bellah



Stephen Berger
 Mike Blake
 Catrina Boardman
 Eboni Broom
 Brandon Brown
 Rebecca Brown
 Laura Buckholz



Mychael Burns
 Brian Byers
 Adam Cain
 Brad Campbell
 Brian Carroll
 Kareem Castle
 Lacey Chaney



Sarah Clouse
 Deborah Coates
 Tyrell Colbert
 Tyrem Coleman
 Zach Coleman
 Nathan Cundiff
 Amanda Corniels



Paula Davis
 Saul Davis
 Rickey Davis, Jr.
 Russell Deason
 Patrice Deckard

Demal'e Gadson
 Ali Akbar
 Amos Charon
 Harish Anderson
 Wayne Blackman



Reshad Blankenship
 Adam Borden
 Scott Boswell
 Jake Bowman
 Chris Brown



Kevin Brown
 Rachel Brown
 Tiffany Brown
 LaToya Carpenter
 Teddy Calhoun



Gabriel Carroll-Dolci
 Victoria Cavlovich
 Gissela Coca
 William Dale
 Deja Davis



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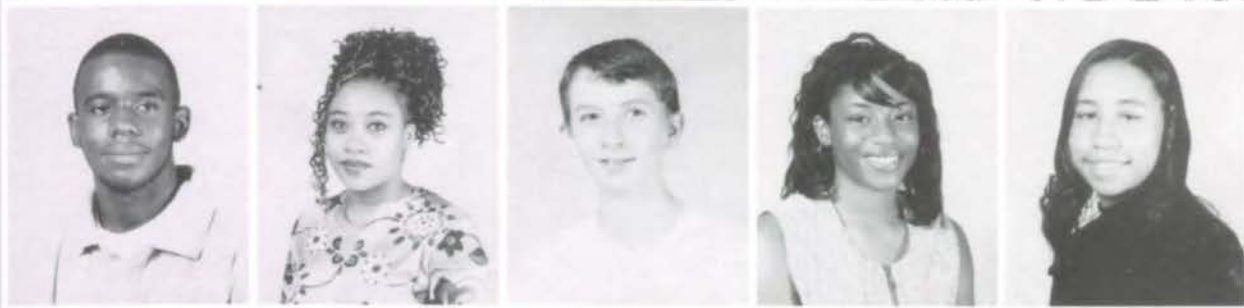


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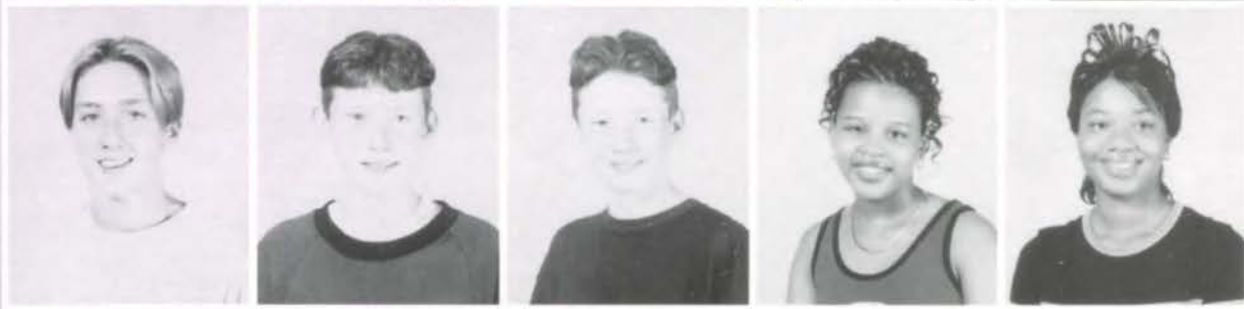




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Callie Fines
Carrie Fines
Shanan Finley
Stevyn Fisher



Kevin Fontleroy
Talaunda Francis
Mike Gibeson
Demetra Godson
Lakesha Gorson



Jimmy Grapes
James Greene
Jason Greene
Rachel Gregory
Taniece Griffin



Collins Gray
Maria Guzman
Christa Hageman
Sonja Hall
Crystal Hardwick



Nathan Harper
Brandon Harris
Candance Harris
William Harris
Seneca Harrison



Kenneth Harvey
Marcus Hawthorne
Dorothy Hendrix
Terrence Higgins
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Ishmael Hilliard
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Stephanie Hollins
David Haskins
Steven Hoskins

Laban Howard
Chris Hughes
Dion Jackson
Jerry Jackson
Joseph Jackson



Kenneth Jackson
Rupert James
Latrice Jackson
Rochelle Jennings
Annie Johnson



Christina Johnson
Jason Jones
Kevin Jones
Leslie Jones
Sheena Kelley



Daniel Kennedy
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Seth Kruse
Amy Kudia
Pierre Liggett



Jana Lomax
Eric Lott
Adam Lovinggood
Shalishia Lovelace
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Steven Madden
Malcolm Malone
Taron Marburgh
Ashley Martin
Robert Martin



Aaron Martinez
Darielle Mason
Cynthia May
Rasheda McDaniel
Mervin McNeal





Shaun McNeal
 Brian Miller
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Luqman Muhammed
 Hollie Narron
 Nechelle Nelson
 Howard Neely
 David Noriega



Ben Olney
 Charlene Olney
 Dante Owens
 Angela Pacheco
 Essence Parker



Jessica Paszkiewicz
 Lilia Penafiel
 Christina Pettus
 Richard Pierson
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 Johnny Rogers

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Tamisha Ross
Patrick Rudaitis
Jenny Schneider



Daniel Scott
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Staphanie Seay-
Williams
Samantha Sellers
Mary Seutter



Joel Shafer
Michelle Shields
Ashley Smith
Emily Smith
Hertis Smith



Josh Soward
Stephanie Spurgeon
Vickie Stafford
Gesika Stephanek
Allan Stokes



Steve Stone
Veronica Sullivan
Denise Taylor
Kristy Taylor
Randy Taylor



Jessica Theran
Cristina Thomas
Stephanie-Lauren
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Laroso Thornton
Kiya Tindall



Erica Tremble
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Erika Turner
Quentin Turner





Joaquin Tyler
Sara Vanzandt
Chree Verhelle
Melanie Vester
Van Waan



Meredith Walker
Nathaniel Walker
Tamika Walker
Paul Walker
Amber Wait



Tamaki Ward
Camille Wate
Courtney Webb
Monique Whatley
Kyle White



William White
Jermian Whitmore
Frank Wille
Gete Williams
Tamika Williams



Tanisha Wilson
Richard Wiseman
Galen Workcuff
Dusty Wright
Katie Wunsch



Mike York
Diana Zamora

Class of 2000!

Juniors Break on Through with Spirit and Pride

"We don't have the responsibilities of a senior, but we ain't an underclassman, either," said Chris Camacho (11). That may be true, but this year the junior class got to be the test takers of the school. They took the SAT, the ACT, the PSAT and the MAPS test in three areas. It was tough, but the juniors managed. "I took the PSAT. It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be, but I'm glad I took it to get me ready for the real test," said Jimmy Ratliff (11).

In other areas, the juniors showed their capacity for leadership. The Cougar Football Team was led by a junior quarterback. The Cougar Soccer Team was led by a junior center-mid, and the Cougar Cross-Country Team was made up entirely of juniors! When it came to moving quickly, the junior girls ruled. Three junior gals brought home medals from the State Track Meet in Jefferson City, one of which was golden! (See pages 174-175.)

Then there was planning and putting together the Prom.





Junior Homecoming candidate Shanetra Neeley, Crystal Saulsberry and Dawn Stevenson were all smiles for the parade.



Above: Hickman quarterback Alan Diehl (11) felt some pain during the Homecoming game. Above left: C.J. Hartsock (11) was proud to be a Cougar!



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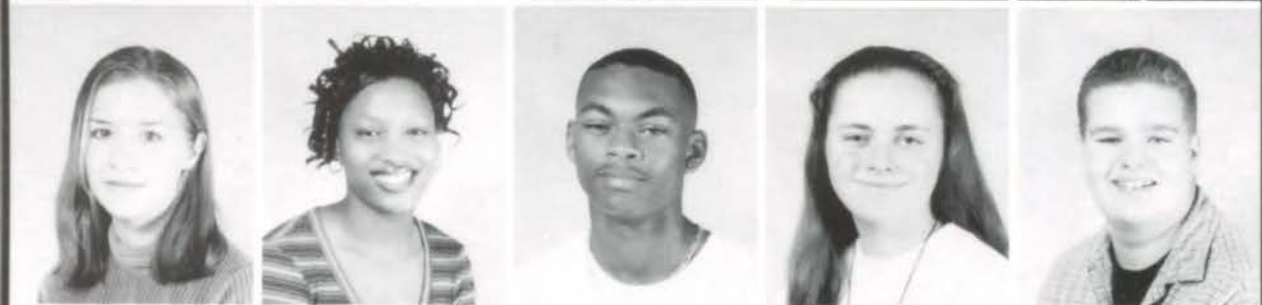
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Tim Buckholz
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Chris Camacho



Alex Campo
Caryloone Canaday
Jesse Card
Tyler Carr
Deniko Carter





Tiffany Chichuk
 Joni Clark
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 Miriam Coates
 Erin Cole



Glen Cole
 Samuel Cole
 Shantel Cooper
 Vern Corbett
 Christy Crittenden



Cavell Crosby
 Talisha Cummings
 Casey Cunningham
 Brian Dao
 Nick Davis



Stefanie Davis
 Tanise Davis
 Gaybriel Day
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 Marlaina Deckard



Jerry Deering
 Bob Dell
 Alan Diehl
 Kevill Eason
 Sara Eggers



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 Katy Fisher
 LaDawn Ford
 Frederick Francis



Katrina Fry
 Chris Galkwad
 Jon Galkwad
 Joseph Geddes
 Misty Gibeson

Jon Giese
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 Temeka Givens
 Aaron Goheen
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Matt Greenwood
 Heather Gustafson
 Desiree Hack
 Danielle Hall
 Rachel Haggerty



Anthony Hardwick
 Mitchell Harris
 Ruth Harris
 Steven Harris
 Margo Harrison



Shakira Harrison
 C.J. Hartsock
 Tera Hatcher
 Brandon Hayes
 Jason Heffernan



Randall Henderson
 Rachel Higgins
 Jared Hill
 Michael Hill
 Cynthia Holmes



Kevin Hood
 Heather Hopkins
 Amber Horn
 Alex Horne
 Michelle Hubbard



Ronnie Hughes
 Liz Humphrey
 Aaron Hynds
 Erica Jackson
 Jasmine Jackson





Jamila Jackson
Kaleena James
Rashay James
Jeremi Johnson
Lavour Johnson



Natasha Johnson
Shavon Johnson
Shyla Johnson
Jessica Jones
Lynita Jones



John Kaczur
Mike Kemp
Jennifer Kennedy
Shaun Kennedy
Steven Kerr



Jassel King
Kristie Lambert
Tarik Lartey
Charles Leach
Ray Lenoir



Todd LeRoy
Barry Maddux
Johnny Maurer
Brandon Mayes
Derrick McGee



Jamie McGeehan
Leon McLeon
Shawn McQuillen
Kristin Milan
Gene Miller



Tanisha Mitchell
Chris Mohr
Mark Montford
Arienne Moore
Brad Moore

Roxanne Moore
Rubin Moore
Sarah Moreland
Edward Moses
Angelique Murrell



Larry Myers
Heather Narron
Shaneatra Neely
Ben Newman
Mike Page



Jennifer Palmisano
Jeremy Parker
Julie Paszkiewicz
Aretha Perry
Allyson Piggie



Kevin Plummer
Tianna Poulder
Isaac Poole
Tasha Porter
Shelton Poteat



Tanika Rand
Michelle Randall
Jimmy Ratliff
Shanielle Redmon
Marlowe Rhodes



Clarice Richardson
Andre Robinson
Terrence Roland
Marqus Rose
Tarra Rose



Carol Rudolph
Takeylia Ryan
Matt Salary
Percilla Sanders
Crystal Saulsberry





Joe Schmieder
Jason Scott
Lindsay Scott
Krystal Scroggins
Tiara Scroggins



Tawana Seay
Kierra Shelby
Cassandra Shillingford
Krashawnda Singleton
Kristina Simmons



Amber Sistrunk
Kiana Skinner
Erin Sloan
Alea Smith
Angela Smith



Clarence Smith
Lawrence Sodeinde
Dawn Stevenson
Noah Stigall
Brandon Stubbs



Ernest Sullivan
Katie Taylor
Jesse Tharp
April Thomas
Melissa Thomas



Valon Thompson
Maria Tollener
Jenn Tosatto
Eoles Trice
Latoya Troy



Angela Tyler
Marco Tyler
Delton Utsey
Pat Vanzandt
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Ben Waldrup
 Eric Walker
 Jonathan Walker
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Daric Watson
 Amanda Weathers
 Ginger Weigand
 Calvin White
 Travis White



Rita Wilks
 Jason Williams
 Tandra Williams
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Charity Wiseman
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 Cathy Wright
 Mitchell Wright
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The
 Class
 of



2000!

Some
Cowgak
Smiles





Hickman Sports

For Cougar fans the 1998-99 seasons were sort of like "A Tale of Two Cities." It was best of times, and it was the worst of times. The varsity football team exceeded all expectations by ending the season as District Champions, while the soccer team, which was looking to improve on the 1997 season, met obstacle after obstacle. Although the girl's volleyball team didn't post a great record, they found a bond that allowed them to play together as a team, and as a result, they found improvement. The boy's basketball team found the good life when they spent much of the season ranked as one of the top five teams in the city. The girl's team enjoyed improvement as they began to gel and, in the process, began to win. The wrestlers fought off injuries, but still were able to win the Center Tournament and place third at Grandview. As usual, HMHS Track and Field was ready to put on a show. The team had seven state performers return for more action in Jefferson City. Cougar fans cheered on their teams through thick and thin because regardless of the scores, we loved our teams!



Breakin' on Through



Cougar Football Breaks on Through

Varsity Wins District Championship Loses to Belton in Sectional Play-offs

by Alan Diehl (11)

In 1998 the Varsity Cougar Football Team broke through the regular season and made it to the play-offs for the first time in three years. They ended up with an even slate of five wins and five losses in the regular season. It was the first season in three campaigns that the team didn't compile a losing record.

The season had potential to be great, but mistakes proved to be the downfall of the team. By the end of the season, however, the Cougars improved enough to win the District Championship and head on to Sectionals. When the Cougars met the Belton Pirates in early November, the game was all Belton, and our hopes to advance to State were dashed.

This team had a lot of talent, and the majority of the players will return next year to pick up where this team left off, State play-off bound!

Conference Honors-1998

First Team:

Mitchell Jemison (12), Offense/Defense

Matt Salary (11), Offense

Lee Shepard (12), Offense

Second Team:

Jimmy Ratliff (11), Kicker

Danny Mason (12), Offense

Glenn Warford (11), Offense

Demetrios Walker (12), Defense

Matt Salary (11), Defense

Kevin Smith (12), Defense

Edward Coody (12), Defense

Honorable Mention:

Steven Arterberry (11)

Mike Burns (11)

Alan Diehl (11)

Matt Greenwood (11)

Damien Simpson(12)

Kevin Smith (12)

Jai Turner (12)

Paul Walker (10)

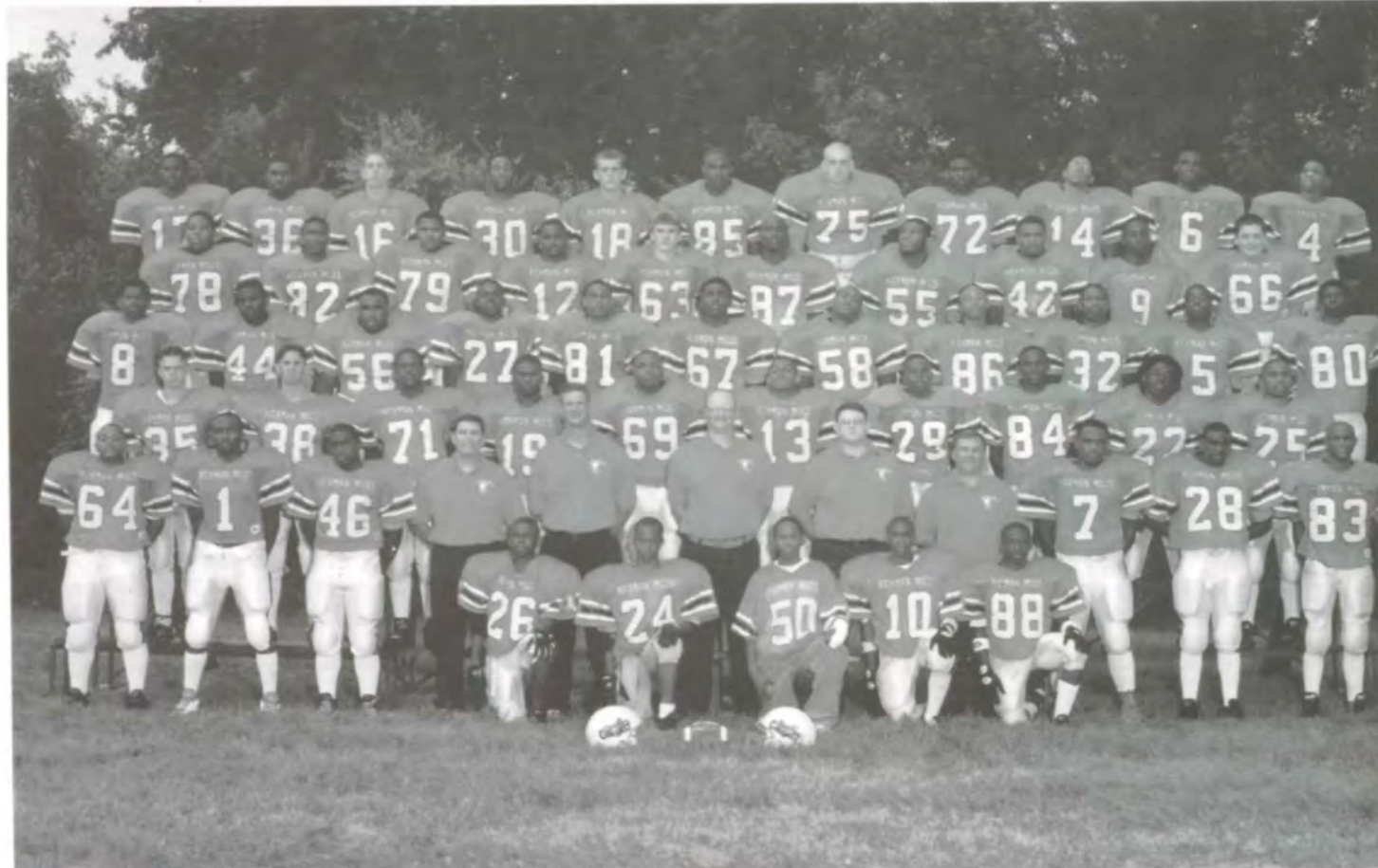
Zach Waterman (12)

Theodia Watson (12)

Rudy Wesley (12)

Calvin White (11)

Keith Williams (12)





*"I'll miss playing ball with my boys, and I'll miss Friday night."
— Zach Waterman (12)*



*"Thank God for letting us play 11 games successfully and good luck to the Cougars of '99."
— Demetrios Walker (12)*

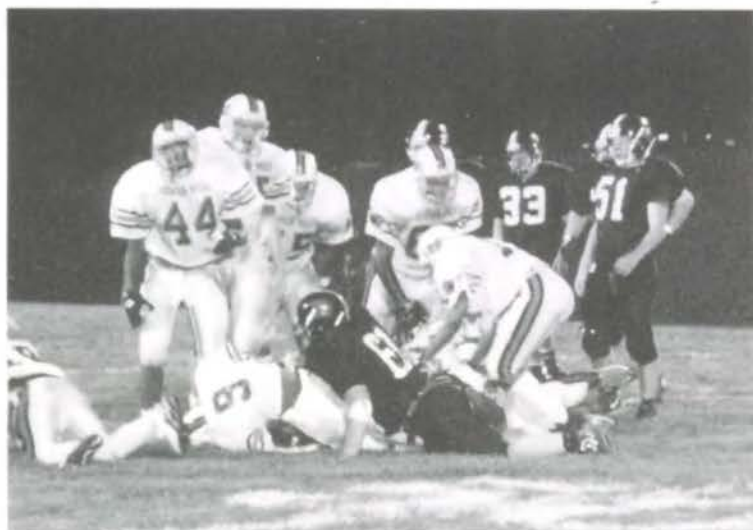


*"It's all good because I'm looking forward to bigger things at a higher level, but I'll miss Hickman Mills."
— Rudy Wesley (12)*



*"I'm not going to miss the practices, but I'll miss playing the games."
— Damien Simpson (12)*

*"This year was a satisfying year. The team didn't give up, and the underclassmen contributed a great deal. They have set up a good foundation for next year's team."
— Coach Pepple*



JV Team Went Undefeated

by Alan Deihl (11)

The 1998 Junior Varsity Cougars had a short, but successful season. Coach Darin Hall put it best when he said, "Sunday monsoons dampened our hopes of playing a full eight game schedule." Despite Mother Nature, the team ended up with an unblemished 4-0 record. The skill position players looked promising for the 1999 varsity season. The JV's offense relied on a passing attack to do most of the scoring, although the defense showed improvement throughout the season.



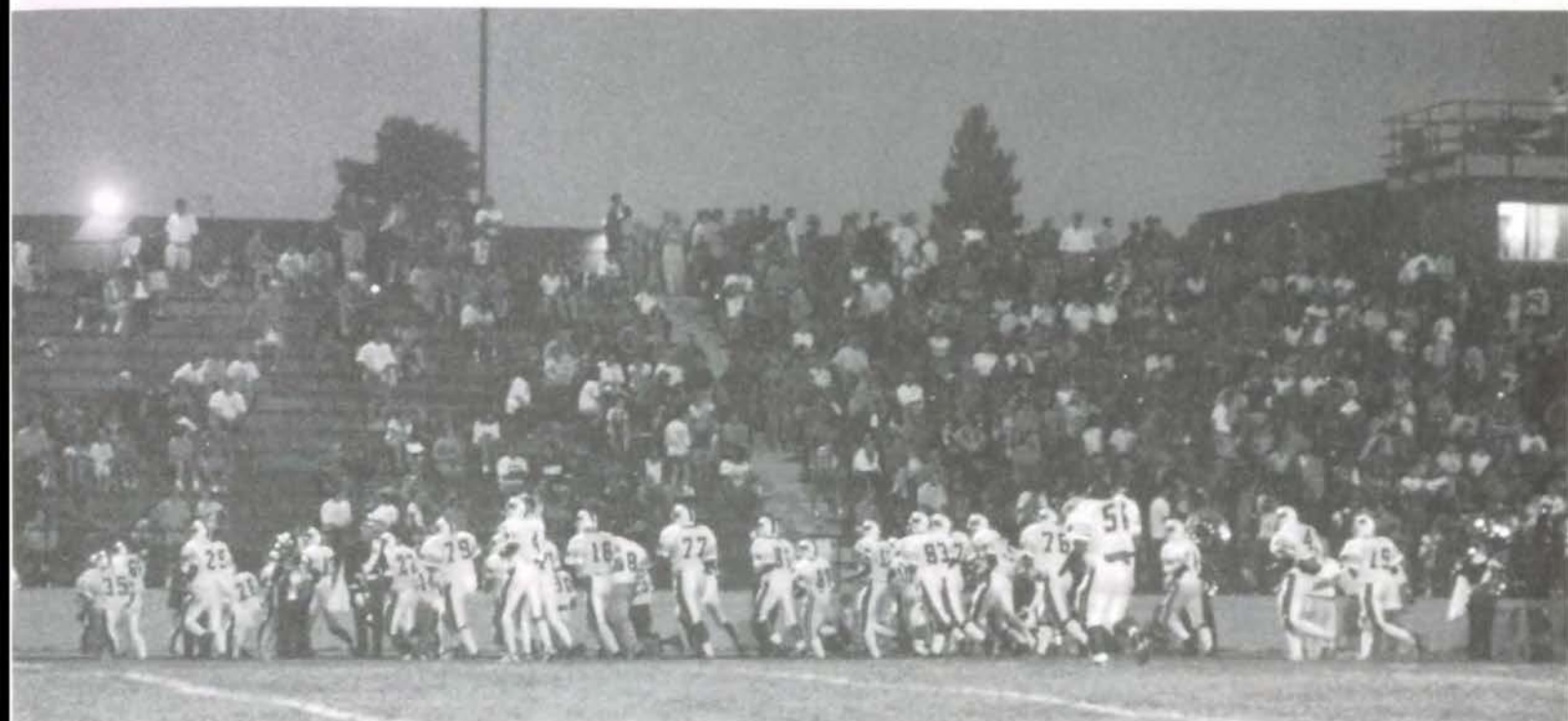
"It's been great going undefeated for two years and, hopefully, we'll keep it going next year."

— Marlowe Rhodes
(11)



"Our offense is our strong point for next year. Our defense will be our main test."

— Tarik Lartey (11)



"Next year we're gonna continue the on the undefeated JV tradition."
 — Bobby Logan (9)



"Our offense improved a lot, but we need to work on our defense for next year."
 — Roger Warren (9)

Frosh Improve But Need to Play as a Team

by Alan Deihl (11)

The 1998 Freshman Cougars broke on through the losing freshman tradition by posting a 4-2-1 record. With a team built on speed, the freshman should make a nice addition to the 1999 Cougar varsity team. That is, if they learn to play as a team. "If only these Cougars learned to play as a team, they would be a force to be reckoned with," said Coach Dan Dervin. Experience should teach the young Cougars to gel together, but only time will tell.

Hickman Volleyball Teams

*Break on Through
the Frustration of
a Long Season*

by Shalyce Smith, (12)

The Hickman Mills Volleyball squad found consolation in attitude improvement during the 1998 season. The Lady Cougars played many close games, but only managed to come out on top one time. In the game against arch-rival Ruskin, the Cougars won the match in three games. The Lady Cougars also took Center to three games, but lost the last match during both meetings against the Yellowjackets.

Some help for the varsity came in the form of younger junior varsity players. Carlyoone Canady, (11) helped out with her defense and Paula Davis, (11) and Ashley Adams, (11) helped with blocking and offense. Jesse Tharp, (11) became a valuable asset to the varsity squad. She worked her way up from being on the junior varsity team to becoming a starter for the varsity. The junior varsity squad was coached by Heather Woodson, a former Hickman volleyball player. The JV squad won four games in 1998 beating Center twice and Ruskin twice during the season.

"I felt our biggest achievement was the drastic improvement in the girl's attitudes."

— Head Coach Lisa Cunningham





Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Gabrielle Smith (9), Shaneatra Nealy (11)

Middle Row: Brandi Kerr (12), Roxanne Moore (11), Shalyce Smith (12)

Back Row: LaDawn Ford (11), Head Coach Lisa Cunningham, Rita Wilks (11), Megan Forbes (12), Kim Walker (12), Taneka Rand (11), Coach Heather Woodson



"Our attitudes were better than last years team. Sometimes I feel like we gave up too easily."

— Rita Wilks (11)



"It was fun. We didn't have very many returning varsity letterwomen, but working with the younger people made me feel like a leader."

— Megan Forbes (12)



"I tried to set an example. I felt an added responsibility because I was voted Captain by my teammates. This season was a lot more fun because the team got along."

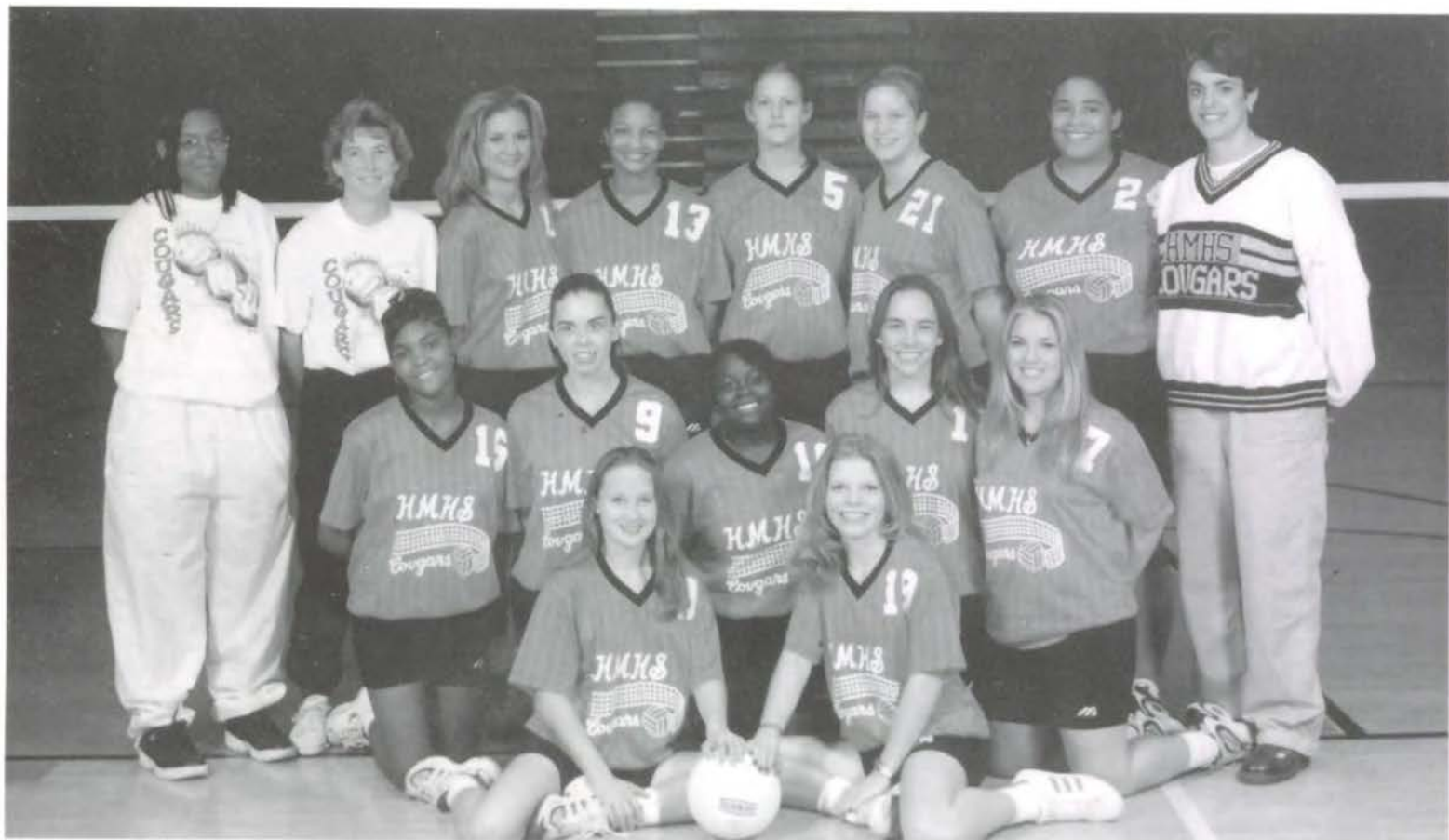
— Kim Walker (12)



"Volleyball is the best sport. It requires teamwork and court awareness. I felt my performance needed to be improved a little. We needed work on our hitting skills."

— Brandi Kerr (12)

Junior Varsity Volleyball



Junior Varsity Volleyball

Row 1: April Bagwill, Crystal Hardwick

Row 2: Emily Smith, Rachel Higgins, Carlyoone Canaday, Katie Wunsch, Gesika Stephanek

Row 3: LaDawn Ford, Head Coach Lisa Cunningham, Amber Sistrunk, Monique Thomas, Ashley Adams, Jesse Tharp, Paula Davis.



"It was really great helping out the sophomore's with their correct positioning and things like that. I felt like I was being looked up to."

— Carlyoone Canaday
(11)



"Even though we weren't great, it was a lot more fun than past seasons.

The team was very different, but we played together. It's also more fun to win every now and then."

— Jesse Tharp (11)

Freshmen Volleyball



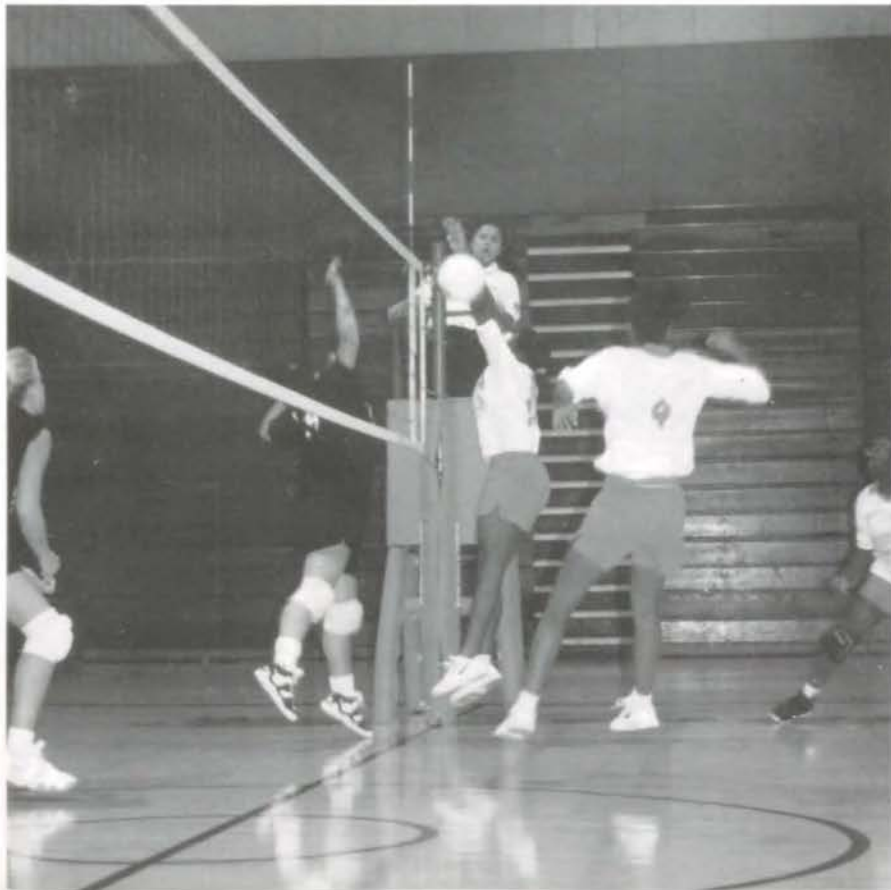
Freshmen Volleyball Team

Row 1: Teairra Cummings

Row 2: Kynadi Kemp, Megan Chewning, Amie Carroll, Amber Hess, Simone Parker

Row 3: Kalilia Williams, Bridget Brown, Kenie Woodard, Lindsey Johnson, Danielle Agin

Row 4: Coach Paula Erickson, Jenni May, LaKisha Tyson, Kalika Williams, Emily Price, Jayme Wills



Cougar Softball and Cross Country Teams

Numbers Were Low, But Morale Was Good!



Varsity Softball

Back Row: Ebony Broom, Heather Reber, Cheree Verhelle, Meredith Walker, Kim Walker, Talisha Cummings, Cynthia May, Jennie May, Cyrstal Saulsbury, Teairra Cummings, Angela Pacheco Front Row: Tamara Matfield, Camille Wates, Casie Howard, Amber Hess, Alaina Everage, Jennifer Davidson, Jessica Stephanik

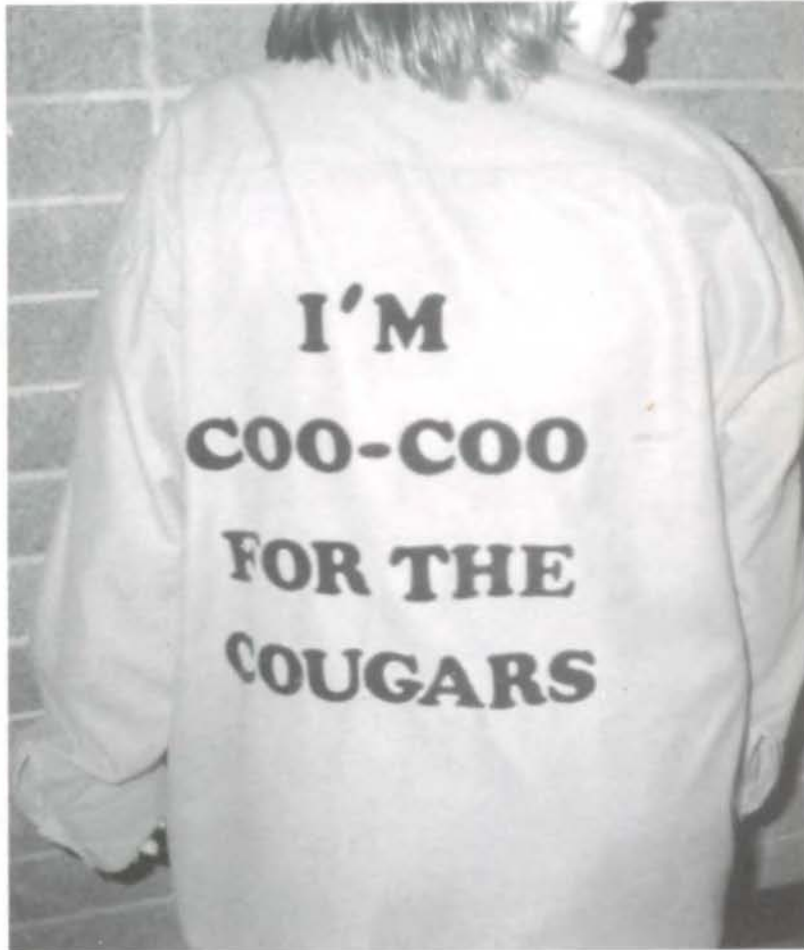
by Casie Howard (12)

In 1998 the Hickman Cross Country Team was a three man project. Sophomore twins James and Jason Greene and Allan Stokes (10) made up the whole squad. "We were good individually. If we would have had like ten guys we would have been better because most cross country meets are won by team points," said James Greene (10). Stokes, who played soccer and cross country, hurt his knee early in the season, so the squad diminished by one-third for the early part of the season. Stokes came back to take second place in the Conference Junior Varsity Division. "1998 was a good year for the young Cougars. Both Jason and James Greene improved on their times from their freshman years. All runners will return for their junior year," said Head Coach Troy Kreiling.

The Lady Cougar Softball Team fell victim to the fall rains. "We had a short season because of all the rainouts, and it was kind of disappointing," said Assistant Coach James Hunsaker. However, the torrential rain didn't keep the team from accomplishing their main goal. "We toughed it out and practiced hard during the hot preseason, and although the season was cut short, our goals of becoming a team was accomplished," said Head Coach Danny Miller.



Hickman Fans Were #1!



Top: Our Booster Club was behind us all the way! Above Left: Vern Corbett (11) and Joe Schneider (11) displayed their Homecoming Spirit during the parade. Above Right: We were all "Coo-Coo for the Cougars." Left: The student body was psyched-out for the home opener during football season.

Break Throughs Were Few for Cougar Soccer Team

A Season of Crucial Injuries Leaves Cougars Wondering What Went Wrong

by Jimmy Ratliff (11)

The 1998 Cougar Soccer team started the year with a goal to improve on last years 7 and 9 record. Returning were seven lettermen and three seniors. The future looked bright. But, alas, it was not to be.

Injuries plagued the team almost as soon as the season began. "In the first four weeks we had six injuries, and so we played the majority of the season without our starting line-up, which effected the team as a whole in many ways," said Head Coach Clay Staires. One key player who was injured was returning letterman and former All-Conference selection Justen Adams (12).

"I was angry I couldn't finish the season with my team this being my senior year and all, but I was really glad they didn't stop trying. Despite our record, this was the first year we really yelled and played together as a team. I'll miss playing, and I'll miss my teammates," explained Adams.



1999 Soccer Honors

First Team All-Conference: Jimmy Ratliff (11)

First Team All District: Jimmy Ratliff (11)

Honorable Mention Conference: Lorenzo Rameriez(12)

Honorable Mention All District: Anthony Hardwick (11), Lorenzo Rameriez (12), Justen Adams (12), C.J. Hartsock (11)



Above Right: Head Coach Clay Staires' body language said it all. Above: The team gave a rally call before each game. Opposite Page: Jimmy Ratliff (11) was a bright spot for the Cougar Soccer team. Ratliff was a First Team selection for both Conference and District teams. Here Ratliff prepared to score a goal. He was the team's leading scorer.



Cougar Soccer Team

Row 1: C.J. Hartsock, Jason Heffernan

Row 2: Coach Jim Ratliff, Chad Brown, Tope Awopetu

Row 3: Brian Miller, Joe Ray, Anthony Hardwick, Jimmy Ratliff, Lorenzo Rameriez, Tim Buckholz

Row 4: Coach Jerry Richardson, Edwin Nichols, Brandon Didde, Justen Adams, Nathan Anderson, Noah Stigall, Head Coach Clay Staires



Girls Tennis Break on Through to Rebuild

*Loss of '97 Seniors
Hurt the Team, But With
Determination, Came
Improvement...*





by Sagirah Whitley, (11)

Although the Girls' Tennis team suffered the loss of some solid players due to graduation, the team showed true grit and determination to make the most of a rebuilding season. "We were really young and very inexperienced, but we had girls with the potential to become better players," said Coach Tom O'Brien. The team compiled a record of 3-9 with wins over arch-rivals Ruskin and a very good Ray-Pec team. The team culminated the season at the District Tournament by tying for sixth place with Park Hill South, beating O'Hara, Ruskin, Center and Lincoln Prep. School. Those scoring points for the team at the District tournament included freshman Schlesa McDaniels and the doubles team of Anya Doyle (12) and Sagirah Whitley (11).

Varsity team members included Adrianna Andrews (12), Jessica Carver (9), Rachel Clouse (12), Anya Doyle (12), Jessie Doyle (10), Katrina Fry (11), Schlesa McDaniel (9), Janell Mosby (12), and Sagirah Whitley (11). Junior Varsity players included Serita Belton (11), Heather Hopkins (11), Heather Gustafson (11), Danielle Milton (11), Angel Smith (9), Emily Smith (10), Brieanna Warford (9), and Gete Williams (10).

Although the girls will again lose valuable varsity players to graduation this year, the team looks forward to next year. "There is no doubt that the highlight of this season was the sixth place finish at the District Tournament. We learned a lot this season, and should be a little stronger when next season begins," commented O'Brien. "We will be looking to improve from this season."

Opposite page: Lower Left- The 1998 Girls' Tennis Team

Anya Doyle (12) was a senior leader on this neophyte team. Across the gutter; Schlesa McDaniel and Katrina Fry worked as a double team. This page: Below- Emily Smith was one of the sophomores on the team.



"As a senior I truly enjoyed my second year in tennis. It was fun, and the team had great Cougar Pride."

— Adrianna Andrews (12)



As a junior and this being my first year on the team, I think I did pretty well. I had so much fun."

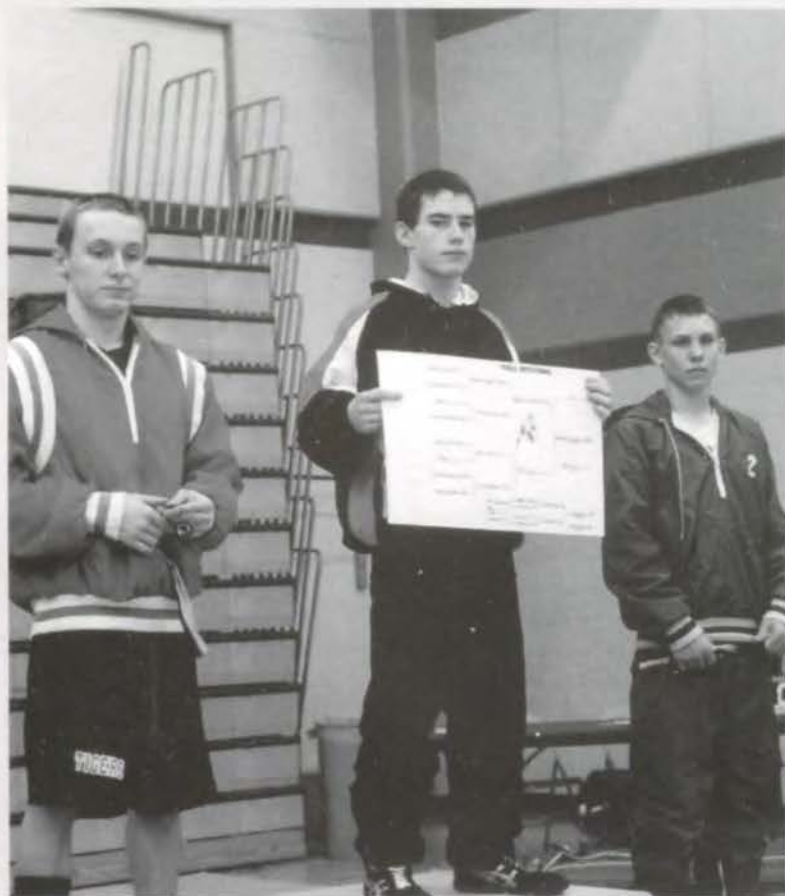
— Katrina Fry (11)

Cougar Wrestling Broke on Through With All the Right Moves!

by Coach George

Despite the fact that the team was hampered by not having many experienced wrestlers, the Cougars faired well during the 1998-1999 season. The dual meets saw the young Cougars at a .500 season. The team placed 5th at the Truman Tournament, and 6th at the ever tough Belton Tournament, which hosted 12 teams. The team won the Center Tournament and placed 6th at Paola and 3rd at Grandview. The team recorded their first dual victory on December 12 against Rockhurst with a 44-34 win. The next dual was against conference rival, Excelsior Springs. Although the Cougars lost 13-53, they began to come together as a team. At the Belton Tournament, the highlight for the Cougars was when Alan Stokes at 119 pounds defeated the 1st seat, Scott George, of Smithfield. Although the team placed sixth out of 12 teams, no wrestlers made the final round. At the Center Tournament the team took first place outscoring the second place team by 100 points. A complete team effort was given with thirteen wrestlers placing in the top four places of their weight classes. Alan Stokes (10), Jason Heffernan (11) and Jerry Deering (11) took first place with Brian Carroll, Tony Latta, and Mitch Harris placing second. Third place finishes were tagged by William Dancer and Charles Williams. Those placing fourth included Leo Quarles, Randy Taylor, Jamel Sims, Kevin Carroll and Matt Greenwood. The Paola Tournament saw the Cougars finishing 6th place in the Kansas tournament. Strong showings were made by Randy Taylor, who won his weight class, Jason Heffernan, Jerry Deering and Brian Carroll. The tournament featured Kansas powerhouses teams from different class divisions. Districts were held at Excelsior Springs and eight Cougar wrestlers qualified for Sectionals. The top four finishers went on to sectionals. The Cougar team sent Leo Quarles, Randy Taylor, Alan Stokes, Tony Latta, Jerry Deering, William Dancer, Mitch Harris, and Charles Williams. The only Cougar wrestler to come out of the Sectional Tournament to advance to the State Tournament in Columbia was Alan Stokes. At State, Stokes' first match was against a defending state champion. Although Stokes lost the match, he was also the first wrestler to take down his opponent all year. Stokes ended his season with a 30-8 record—not bad for a sophomore!

With 12 out of 14 wrestlers coming back next year—barring any injuries—the team should have a banner year next year.



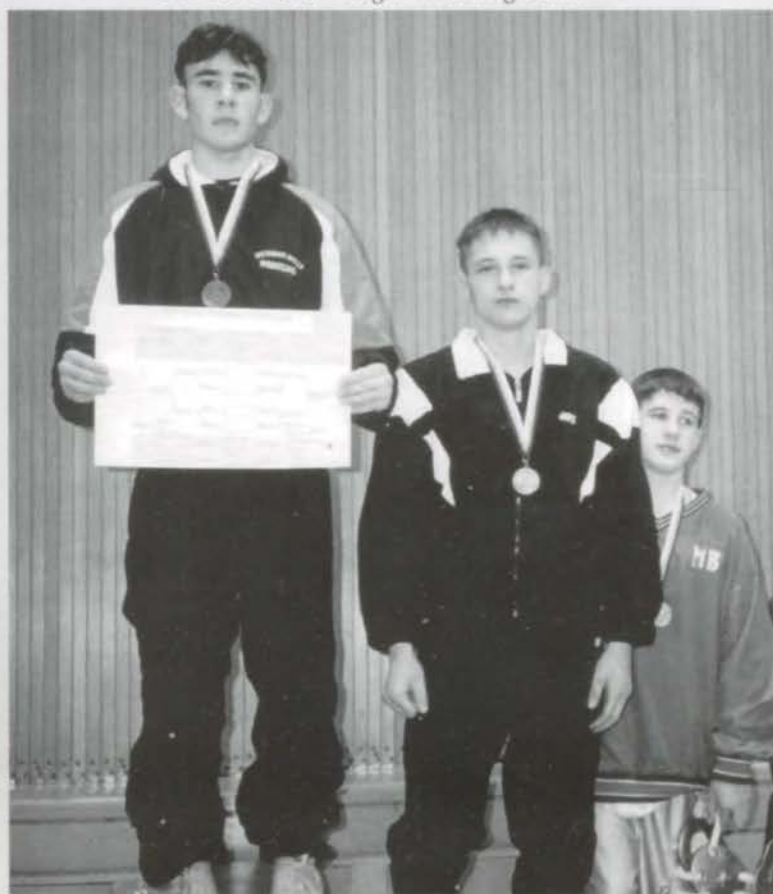
Randy Taylor (10), Paola Champion



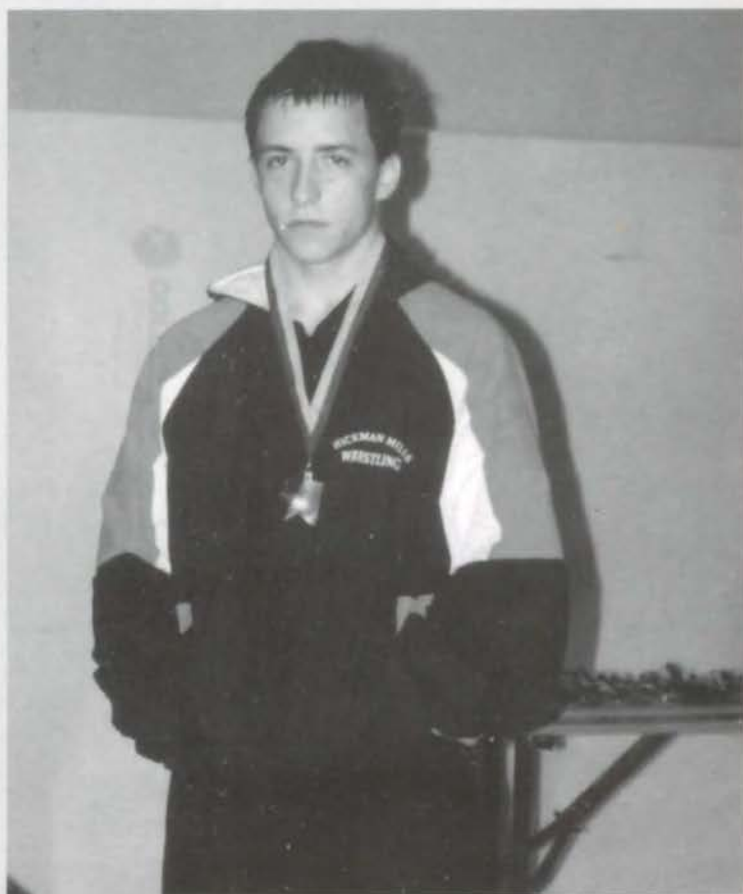
Jerry Deering (11), Center Champion



The 1998-1999 Cougar Wrestling Team

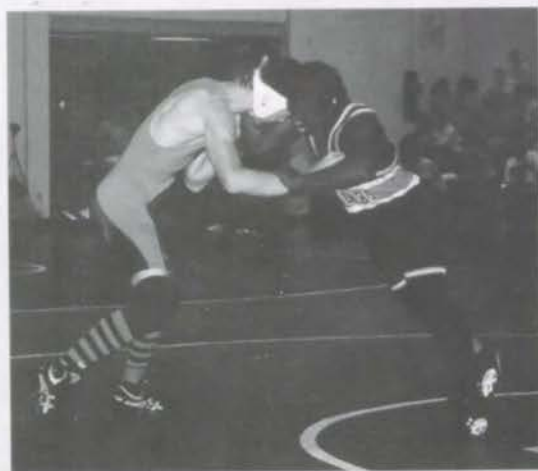
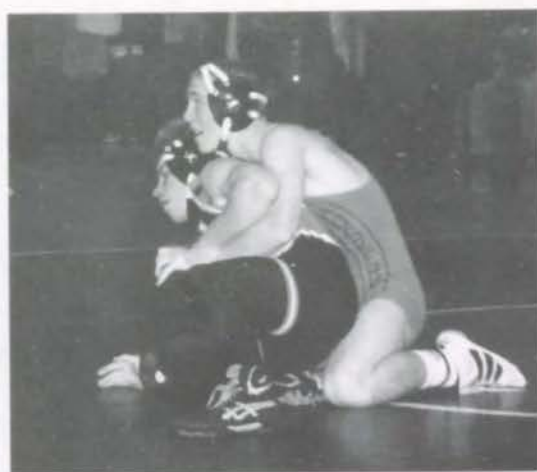


Jason Heffernan (11), Center Champion



*Alan Stokes (10), Center and Grandview Champion
State Qualifier— Season Record of 30-8*

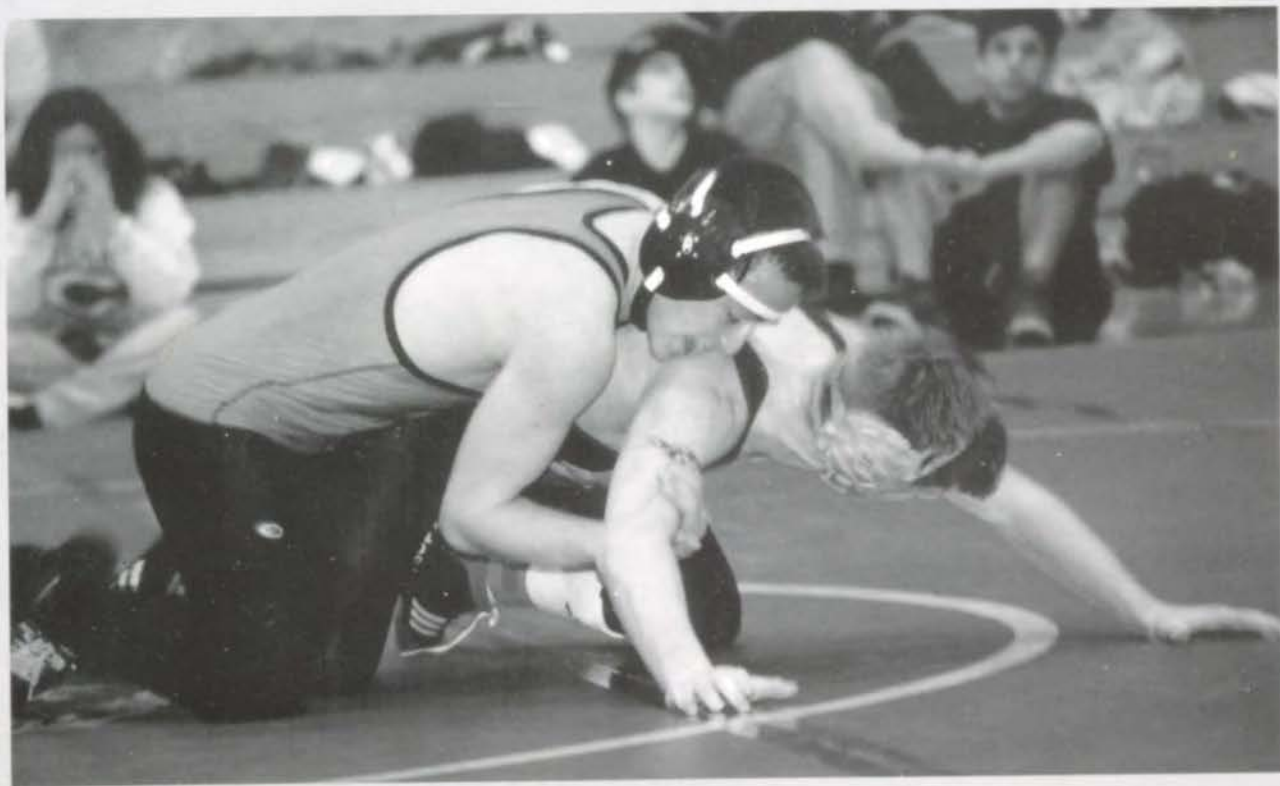
"Wrestling is by far the most demanding sport that I know. I truly feel that we have made great strides this year, not only in preparing them for next year, but more importantly, for the future."
—Head Coach George



No, it is not Leonardo DiCaprio as the "Man in the Iron Mask." It's Hickman's Jason Heffernan (11) as the wrestler in the "No More Nose Bleeds" mask!



*The 1999 Center Tournament Champion
Hickman Mills Cougars*



Alan Stokes (10) led the team in take downs and pins.

A Season on Top Hickman Hoops Repeat as Distric Champs!

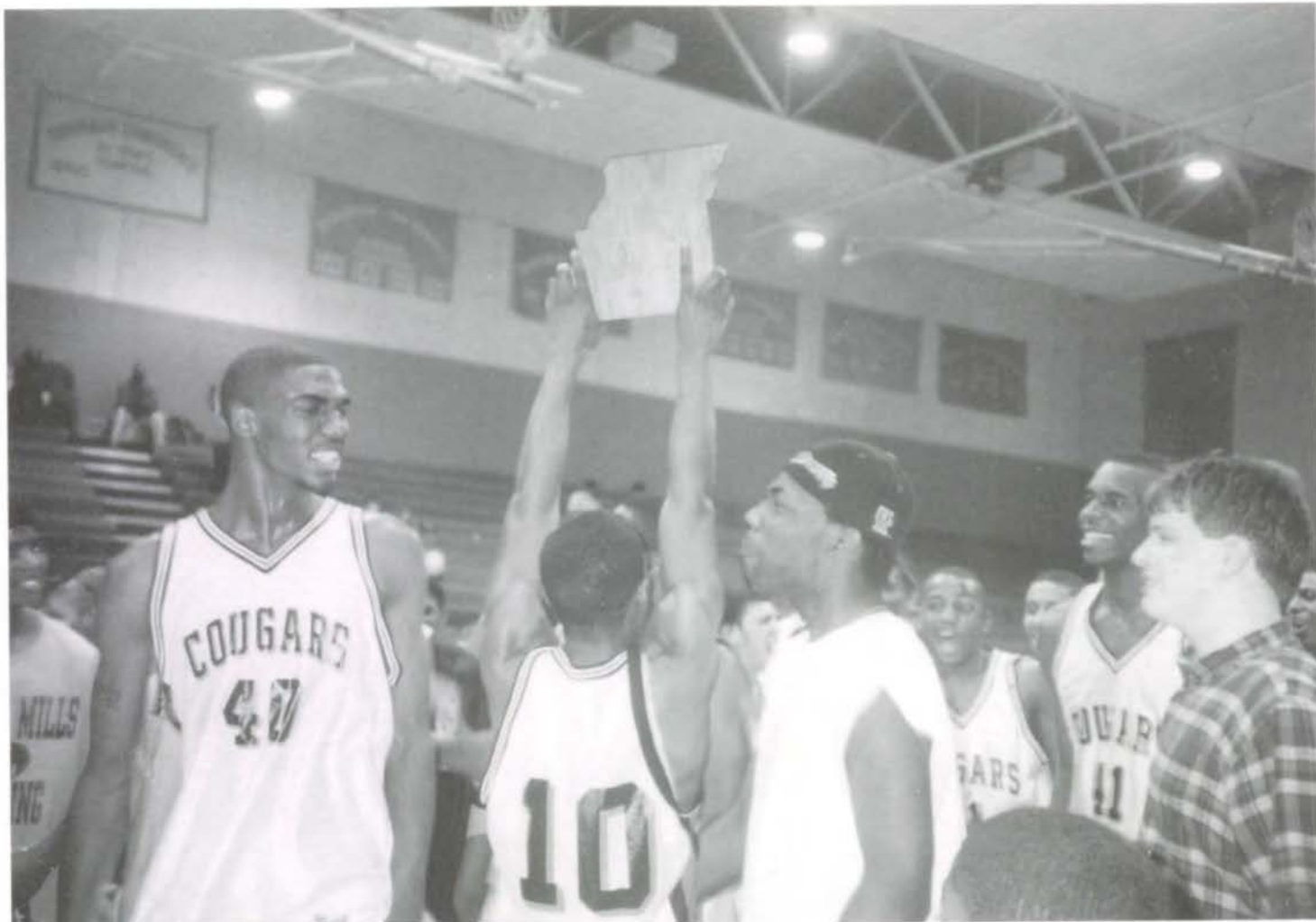


For the majority of the year, the Hickman Mills Cougar Men's Basketball Team was ranked in the top ten teams in our classification in the State. For the majority of the year, the Cougars were also ranked in the top ten teams in the Metro-Area, but it all came crashing down during the first game of the Sectional Tournament held at Blue Springs High School. After making an amazing come back, the Cougars lost the first round game to Warrensburg High School by one lousy point. As disappointing as the season may have ended, it was one of the best years Hickman has ever had. The team posted a 23-5 record and won the District Championship in a game against Center on their home court. Coach Danny Miller felt the high point of the season was the District Championship game and when "Jason Friday scored 32 points and had 13 rebounds against Rockhurst."

In all, the players handled the pressure of being the team to beat well. "There was a lot of pressure on us to make it to the State Championship game. Every team knew we were good, so they played us the hardest. We had to come up good every game. It was fun," said Leonard Reed (12). Teammate Byron Moss (12) agreed. "We couldn't think about it. All the rankings are is what people think. If you're not producing, it doesn't really mean anything. We were the team to beat and we were better knowing that everyone wanted to beat us. It made us play harder," Moss said.

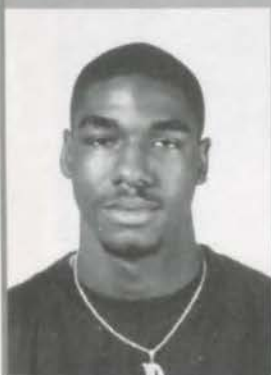
As good as the season was, however, the last loss still stung. "I would have rather lost by a whole bunch of points than just that one. It was really disappointing. I think if we had lost by a bunch, it wouldn't have been so hard to take," explained Moss.

Raheym Walker (12) agreed. "We just didn't play well the first half of the game like we should have, and it cost us."



*1999 District Champions
Hickman Mills Cougars*

Cougar Basketball Seniors



*Jason Friday
#40*



*Jarroll Fonteroy
#41*



*Byron Moss
#30*



*Leonard Reed
#10*



*Raheym Walker
#21*

"All five seniors have been involved in our program for four years. They have been associated with a Conference Championship or District Championship every year. We will miss them. They are all good people."

—Head Coach Danny Miller



"The best part about playing at Hickman was we learned how to be winners. We never had a losing season and we learned a to have a good work ethic."

—Byron Moss (12)

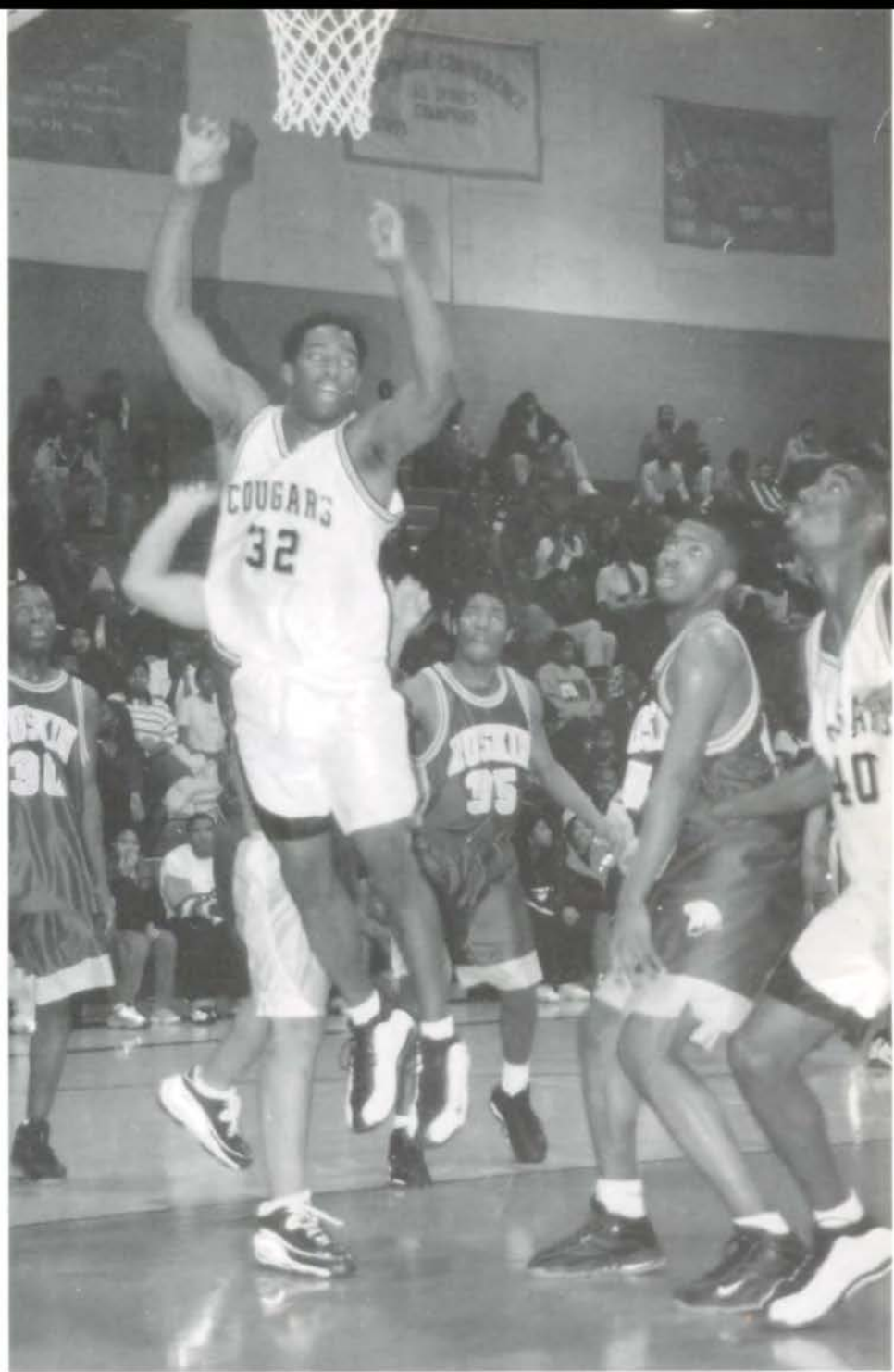
"The hard work made us better in the long run. Everybody we played with were like a big family. We ran with each other."

—Leonard Reed (12)

"We learned greater discipline and a whole lot of patience. We took it one game at a time and tried not to worry about the pressure."

—Raheym Walker (12)





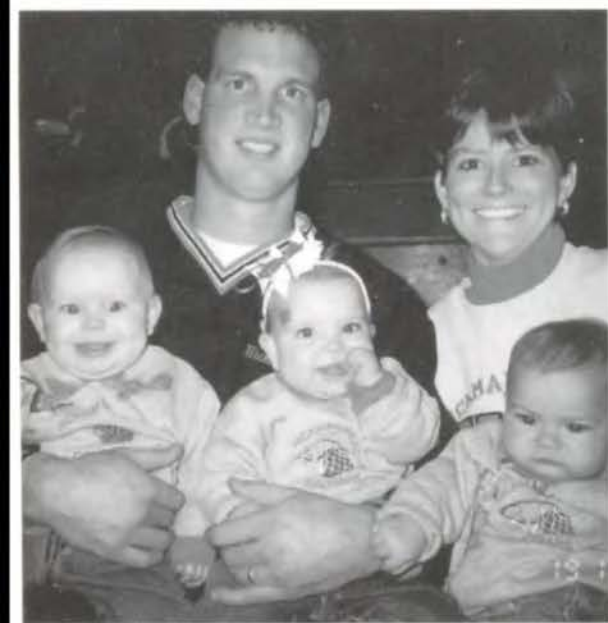
Lady Cougar Hoops Break on Through With Teamwork

The Hickman Mills Lady Cougars put forth a season filled with close games, and tons of excitement, but highlight of the season came when the Cougars handed Ray-South their only conference loss of the season. The Ray-South Cardinals were consistently ranked in the Top Ten Teams in State through out the season.

"Overall, we worked hard during the season. We lost some close games, but we kept working hard," said Head Coach Darin Hall. The hard work was acknowledged when Cougar Ja'Nia Finney was elected Southland Player of the Week by sports writers for the Kansas City Star. In addition to that honor, Finney was also elected to the All-Conference Team along with teammate Shanea-tra Neely.

"We had a really good season this year and a lot of good games. It was a great way to end my basketball career."

—Marissa Hunter (12)

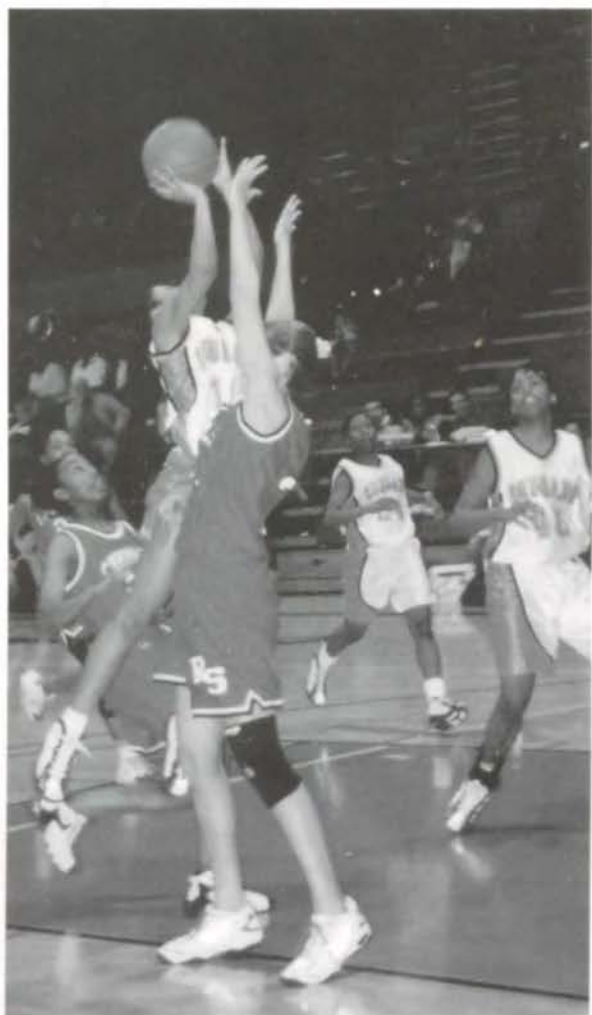


Top Left: Marissa Hunter(12) was one of the senior leaders on the team. Above: Ja'Nia Finney (12) took the ball inside. Right: Coach Hall and his #1 Fan Club— Harrison, Haley and Hunter and his wife, Lucinda.





The 1998-1999 Varsity Lady Cougar Basketball Team



Hikers!

Break on Through with All the Right Moves!



1998-1999 HMHS Hikers

Front Row: Michelle McKinney, Tekila Brown Middle Row: Bianca Ash, Tiarra Scroggins, Ashema Haley, Back Row: Tarra Rose, NaShay Irven, Kristina Silvers, and NeKa Crockett



"I'm happy I got to be a Hiker this year because it is fun, and I get to help support the school."

— Ashema Haley, (12)



"It was different this year because we had fast learners. The underclassmen learned quickly, which was a good thing because we had more routines and more variety."

— Michelle McKinney, Captain, (12)

By Tekila Brown (12)

5-6-7-8 Dance! The Hickman Hikers Dance Team a/k/a "The Notorious Nine" was challenged from the start. At Dance Camp, held at William Jewell in June, the girls were stuck in a tornado. After a scary night, the camp was evacuated, and the squad returned home. A private camp was held for the dance team in August, and the Hikers earned Superior Trophies. All-Star selections included Tekila Brown and Michelle McKinney. The squad did a variety of dances through out the year including jazz, kick and hip-hop routines. They also performed some of the routines they learned at camp.

"Basically, the squad's focus was to perform well and get the crowds hyped," said senior Tekila Brown. The Hikers were coached by Michelle Sumpter. They broke on through with a new style and received many compliments during the year.

Varsity Cheerleaders!

Enthusiastic and Ready!



1998-1999 Varsity Cheerleaders

Front Row: Krissy Tabron (12) and Crystal Bray (11) Middle Row: Jessica Aggular (10), Sara Eggers (11), and Rachael Clouse (12) Back Row: Desiree Hack (11), Amanda Baglin (10) and Cynthia Holmes (12)

By Krissy Tabron (12)

Over the summer the Varsity Cheerleaders attended a private camp at HMHS where they learned an array of difficult stunts and numerous new and exciting chants and cheers. The Varsity squad received many blue superior ribbons and a Superior Trophy in chants and stunts. Krissy Tabron and Cynthia Holmes won the All-Star Award for outstanding skills in cheerleading. The Varsity Cheerleaders performed at many functions besides games. They were raising Hickman Spirit at Freshman Orientation, Fall Meet the Squad, and Teacher Orientation. The Varsity squad also held a mini-camp for new cheerleaders at Grandview Christian School in October. Members of the Varsity squad included Captain Krissy Tabron (12), Co-captain Crystal Bray (11), Cynthia Holmes (11), Amanda Baglin (10), Sara Eggers (11), Desiree Hack (11), Rachael Clouse (12), and Jessica Aggeler (10). The Varsity squad was coached by Gail Howe.



"The 5:30 am practices almost killed me, but the positives definitely outweighed the negatives. I have learned to encourage and support, but most importantly, to put on that smile."

— Rachael Clouse, (12)



"Cheerleading is my life. Cheerleading is more than girls in little short skirts. It's about dedicating yourself to hard work and supporting your school."

— Krissy Tabron, (12)

Varsity Cougarettes

Cheering on Volleyball and Wrestling Teams!



Varsity Cougarettes

Front Row - Crystal Thomas, Ja'nell Persley

Back Row: Erica Tremble, Jennifer Palmisano, Jassel King



"It's great being a Cougarette because the wrestlers appreciate us so much. I think we're the most appreciated squad."
— Jennifer Palmisano, (11)



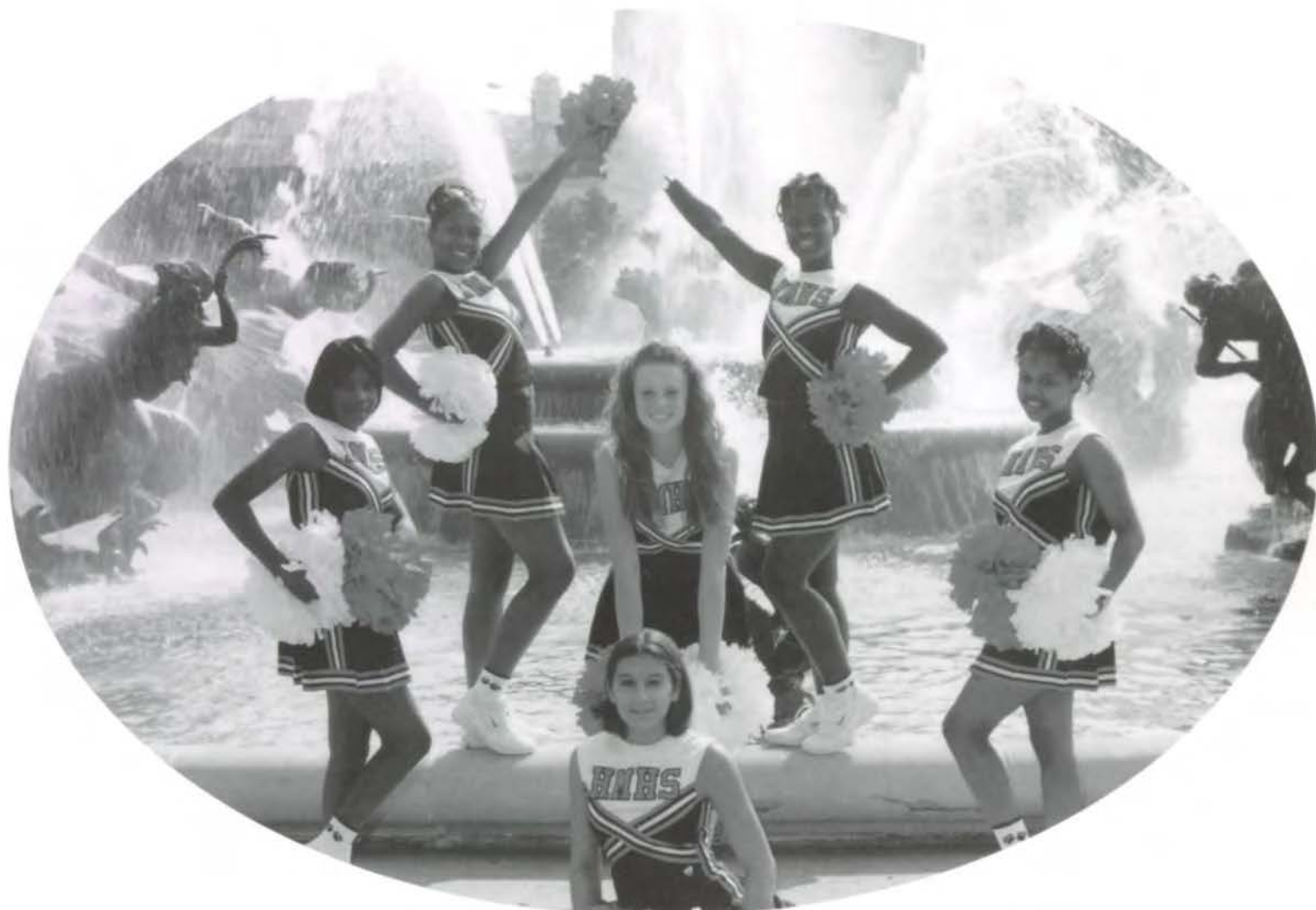
"Being a Cougarette called for things in me I never thought were there."
— Jassel King, (11)

by Casie Howard (12)

The Varsity Cougarettes were a hard working group this year. They were the only Hickman Cheerleading Squad who attended camp during the summer. The squad went to CMSU in Warrensburg where they earned a Spirit Stick everyday of the camp. They also had the Best Decorated Hallway, and earned a Most Improved Squad Trophy. The Cougarettes cheered for the varsity volleyball games and at wrestling meets during the week and wrestling tournaments during the weekends in December, January, and February. The Cougarettes were coached by Georgia Gilman during the summer, by Linda Durant during the volleyball season, and by Jill Vest during the wrestling season. "They were a fun and spirited group of girls to work with. I really enjoyed going to camp with them because they were far and away the most spirited group there," said Gilman.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

Learning and Leading!



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

Front: Shereen Taheri(9) Middle: Lindsay Jamison (9), Laci Brockmeierer (9),
Rachel Gregory (10) Back: Kerbie Gordon (9), Gerrika Herring (9)

by Hannah Smith (12)

The Class of 2002 ruled the Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad this year as five peppy freshmen cheered the JV football and basketball teams on into battle. The Class of 2001 was represented by Rachel Gregory. They also cheered during home varsity football games. The squad practiced after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:00. The squad attended camp in Liberty, Missouri, but the camp got cancelled due to a tornado, so the girls attended a private camp held at Hickman with the Varsity Cheerleading Squad and the Hikers. United Cheerleading Association held the camp, and the JV squad won awards for spirit and formations. The JV Cheerleaders have a rotating captainship with captains changing every week. The squad was coached by Karen Black.

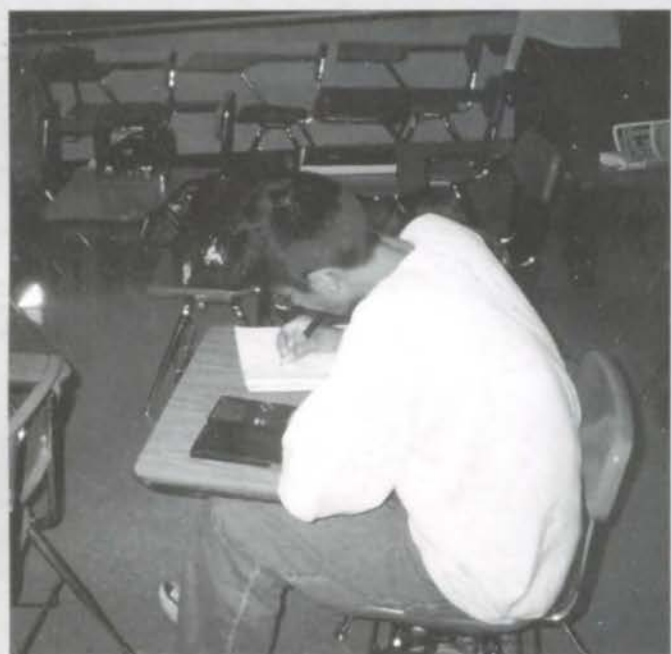


"It was a lot of hard work, but after practicing we get it and it is a lot of fun."
— Laci Brockmeier, (9)

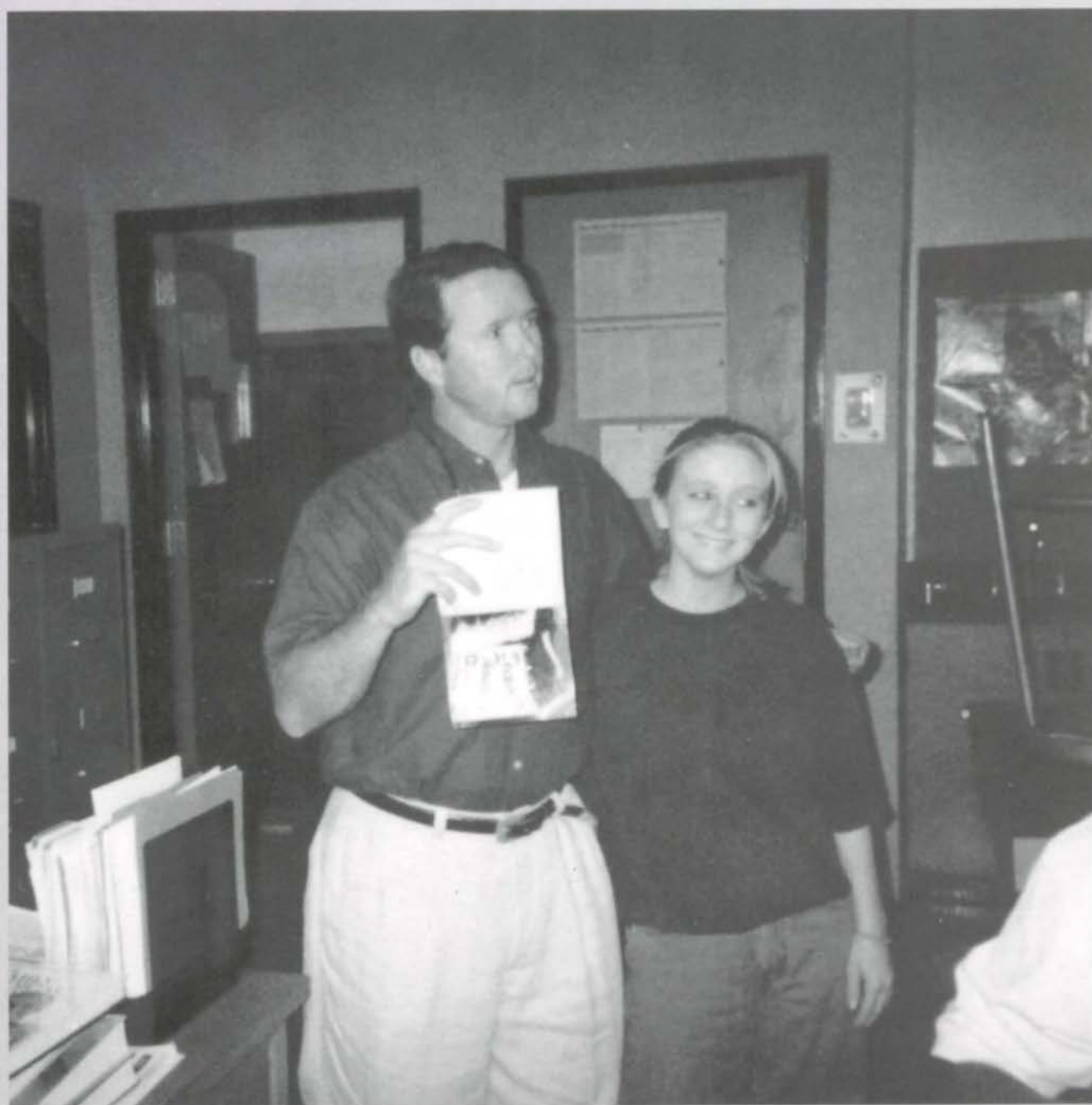


"Cheerleading is fun, but it is hard work. It takes lots of dedication and practice."
— Kerbie Gordon, (9)

Academics



Breakin' on Through with Learning





*Marcia Connaughton
Department Chairperson
World History*



*Tom O'Brien
District Chairperson
American History,
Civil Liberty (Law)*



*John Jones
American Government,
World Geography,
World History*



*Richard Lehmer
World History,
Psychology,
American Government*



*Judi O'Neill
American History 101
and 102
Western Civilization 100
and 102
American History*



*Jeff Ralls
American History*



*Kim Sixta
American Government
World Geography
American History*



*Chas Vincent
Adv. Psychology
Psychology
American History*



*Heather Woodson
American Government,
World Geography*

by Jeff Wunsch

Infidelity, murder, betrayal and conquest. No, you were not watching the latest NYPD Blue or reading the latest John Grisham novel. You have indulged yourself in the past. History classes made up a majority of the Social Science classes at Hickman Mills. Other classes, such as Psychology, helped us learn more about ourselves and the others around us.

Requirements at Hickman included American Government, World Geography, American History, and World History. From there it was all up to the student whether to pursue more classes such as Advanced Psychology or Civil Liberties. College credit was offered for seniors with two classes, American History 101 and 102 and Western Civilization 101 and 102. Both college classes were taught by Ms. O'Neill. "I like teaching these classes because I can set really high expectations for the students. Plus, there are only four tests per semester, so that cuts down on grading, she said." O'Neill will retire at the end of this year, but, as one would expect from one as energetic as she, O'Neill won't be sitting around doing nothing. Her plans are to begin law school and to volunteer at the Kansas City Zoo.

Interesting comments could be heard from Mr. Vincent, who teaches Psychology and American History teacher. Such quotes as "My brother got ate by a pig" and "My uncle works for the FBI" were heard, but the classic line in Vincent's class was "Goodbye, and don't let the door hit you on the way out." But, in the words of Ms. O'Neill, I digress.

Social Sciences

*Learning From Yesterday
To Prepare for Tomorrow*



A Matter of

R.O.T.C.

Personal Pride

by Captain Ken Gipson

The 1998-99 school year was the type of year that dreams and fairytales are made of...drama, compassion and love. The ROTC Cadets were at the forefront leading Hickman Mills students, staff and administrators through it all. The Cadets started the year with a trip to Whiteman Air Force Base to participate in the annual Earth Day event. They provided security and operational support for this event, which culminated with the Cadets guarding the ultra-modern, highly technical stealth bomber, the B-1. This was part of the DRAMA the in which the Cadets participated this year.

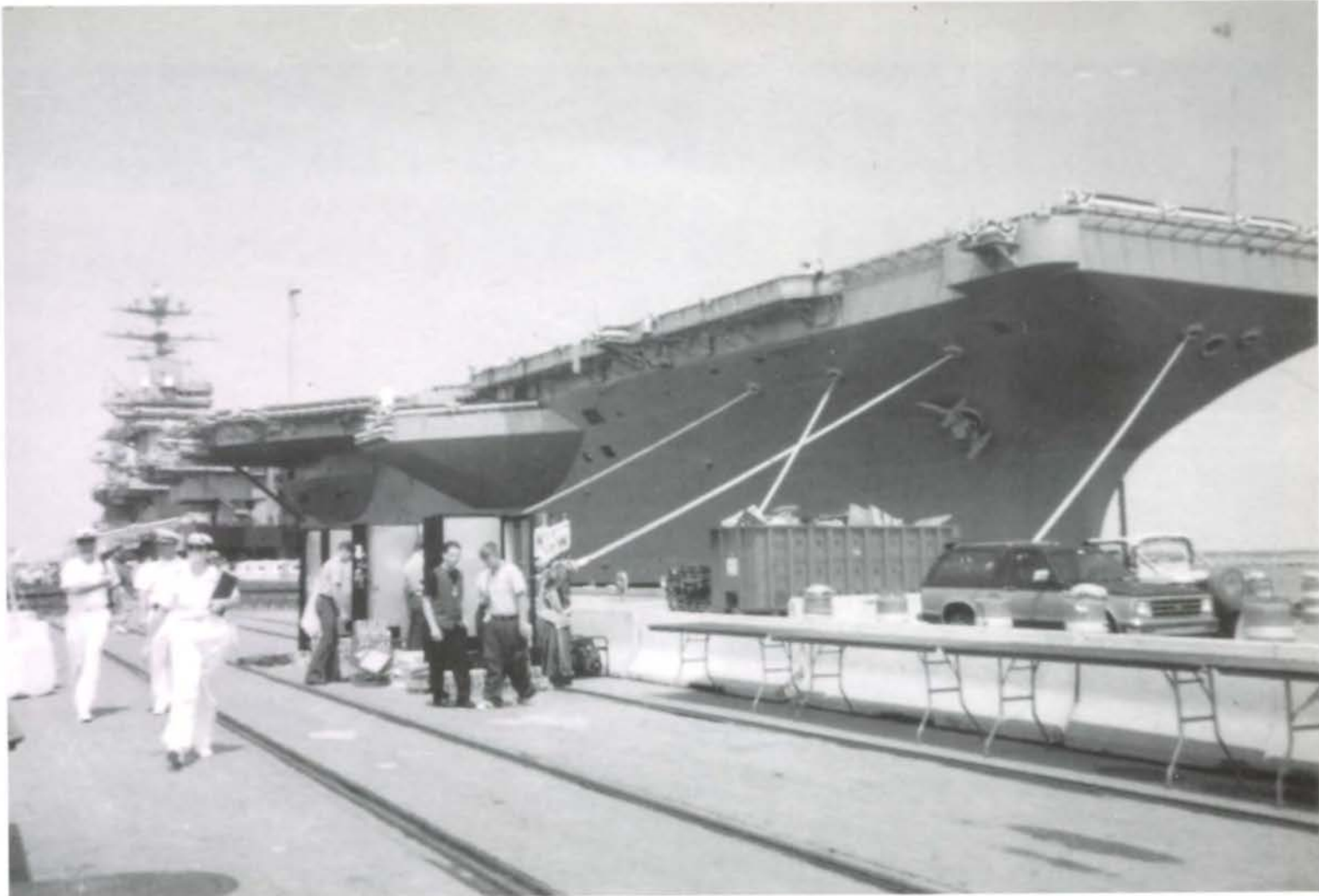
When the Cadets were informed that a fellow student had a terminal disease and needed a double lung transplant to survive, they started a fundraising campaign. Students worked alongside Cadets at the first fundraiser by working at Worlds of Fun raising \$586.67. When the Cadets were informed that \$75,000 was needed for this transplant operation, they believed they could not raise that kind of money alone, so Captain Gipson and Helen Byram together formed "Operation Santece Moore," which became more than a school fundraising project. It became a community fundraising project as well. Many television reports were done on "Operation Santece Moore" by local television channels 3 (KCTV), 5 (WDAF), and 41 (FOX). The city's most widely read newspaper, "The Kansas City Star," also ran an article on the school and community project of love. The ROTC students along with the community had raised over \$40,000 by the final yearbook deadline, and, by the time this yearbook is published, all \$75,000 will be raised and "Operation Santece Moore" will be completed. That was the example of the "LOVE" the cadets have shown for others.

The Hickman Mills MCJROTC Cadets have participated in several drill meets, marksmanship matches and have traveled to Kentucky, Virginia and Washington, D.C., but of all the things they have done together, the community service is what has served the Cadets best helping them to build their character, commitment and learning responsibility for the community. The ROTC has plans to start a community based program called "Operation Helping Hands." This campaign will be used to raise funds for students who may be in similar situations like that of our fellow student, Santece Moore.

Together, the Cadets of Hickman Mills Marine Corps JROTC will make this program happen. Together, the Cadets of the Hickman Mills JROTC will make this school and this community come together to make tomorrows brighter and give hope to those most need it.



Hickman Marine Corps JROTC started the ball rolling for an all school and community fundraiser for Hickman student Santece Moore (11).



Top: ROTC Cadets got to see the ins and outs of Marine life during summer trips to Kentucky, Virginia and Washington, D.C. In the photo at top, Cadets explored an aircraft carrier off the Virginia coast. Left: ROTC provided the Color Guard for many school and community functions. Top: Capt. Ken Gipson showed Cadets he still had what it took when he ran during one of the ROTC summer trips.

ROTC Breaks on Through with Drama, Compassion and Love!



It was a job most people will never get a chance to do, but Hickman Mills Marine Corps JROTC was up to the task. The ROTC was chosen to guard one of the most highly technical and elite stealth bombers ever made, the B-1. Cadets provided the security when the B-1 made an appearance for Earth Day celebrations at Whiteman Air Force Base outside of Warrensburg, Missouri.





Break on Through Leading the Way!

The Administration

What a year to be in charge! Break throughs were everywhere. To help broaden the teacher knowledge base, Mr. Greene implemented a mandatory Wednesday after school inservice for all teachers in the building. Topics at these inservices ranged from inclusion training to the S.A.F.E. program. MoSip testing was also a topic. Teachers got hands-on training by breaking into small groups to determine the best ways possible to prepare the student body for the new Missouri testing procedure. Although the student body referred to these Wednesday after school meetings as "teacher detention," the educators knew better.

"I really enjoyed the small group work especially. I think I got more out of those than anything, but we had some good speakers. They made good presentations and were entertaining as well as informative," said science teacher Dennis Bishop. Jerry Richardson added, "It's an excellent time to exchange ideas, opinions and information." Math teacher Mario Hernandez found the inservices helpful, too. "That old saying 'great minds think alike' isn't true. We have tons of creative and intelligent minds on our staff from lots of different backgrounds, so getting together weekly and exchanging ideas usually meant good things would happen." In addition to teacher training, the administration was called upon to help our sister school, Ruskin. At the end of the first semester, Ruskin found itself without any assistant principals, so they called upon Hickman for help. Help came in the form of Raymond Hairston, who came to their rescue in January. Hairston did so with one provision; he would return to Hickman in the fall of 1999.

Planning for the future of Hickman was taking place every day this year. Administrators charted expected growth for the district and looked at ways to handle the needs of all the students who attended this year and for those students who will attend in the future.



Lynn Gordon
Assistant Principal



Jack Garvin
Assistant Principal



Ken Johnson
Head Maintenance



Joyce Johnston
Secretary



Madeline Martin
Secretary



Marilyn Shipley
Secretary to Mr. Greene



Jan Witte
Attendance Secretary



Valerie Davenport
Secretary to Mr. Greene
First Semester



*Mr. Charles Greene
Principal*



*Dick Plymell
Assistant Principal*



*Raymond Hairston
Assistant Principal*



*Tony Henderson
Athletic Director
Administrative Assistant*

Scientific Break Throughs!

HMHS Science

The Hickman Science Department offered course work for many different interests. The curriculum offered the basics in the form of Freshman and Sophomore English and more advanced and technical classes for upper classmen. Included in the upper level classes were College Bound Science, Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and a seminar class that dealt with problems in science. According to Department Chairperson Tim Pepple, Environmental Science was the most popular elective science class this year. "It's probably because most students are not following a science tract, but they need another elective so the Environmental Science class is a good choice," he said. The curriculum at Hickman this year was designed to require two classes of science as a graduation requirement. The Class of 2002 will be required to take three science classes due to MoSip requirements. In addition to the current classes offered, the science department was in the process of determining whether an Advanced Physics course would be beneficial to the curriculum in the future.



They have a little buddy in anatomy! Kaleena James, Tanisha Mitchell, Crystal Bray, and Kristie Lambert were friends with Incredible Science man!



*Pat Pepple
Department Chairperson
College Biology,
Environmental Science,
Advanced Biology*



*Dennis Bishop
Sophomore Science*



*Christy Darter
Freshman Science,
Environmental
Science*



*Paula Erickson
Sophomore English,
Environmental Science*



*Duane Fritchie
Freshman Science,
Environmental
Science*



*Troy Kreiling
Advanced
Chemistry,
Chemistry*



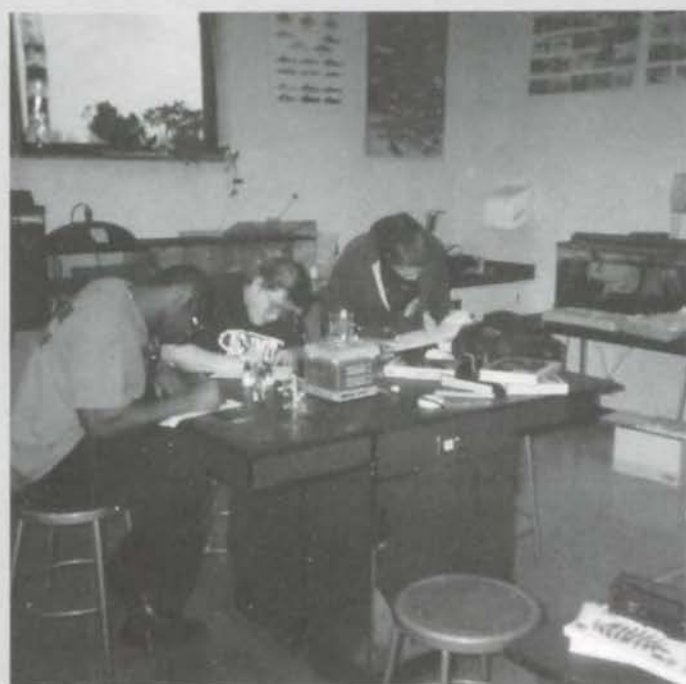
*Tim Pepple
Life Skills*



*Jerry Richardson
Freshman Science,
Physics*



*Clay Staires
Sophomore Science,
Anatomy*



A Scientific Study

T.R.U.E. BLUE

by Jeremy Parker (11)

The study of the Little Blue River continued. Students from Tim Pepple's Environmental Science and Advanced Biology Classes gathered samples from the river to test the water for a variety of different components. Testing the water temperature and stream flow could be done at the site. Testing for acidity, E-Coli and benthic invertebrates had to be completed away from the site.

Hickman was one of 16 different area high schools to participate in the study. The project got its start when a grant was given to Jim Betz to study the Blue River. The full name of the project is Teaching Rivers in an Urban Environment, and students test the water four times per year, which corresponds with one trip to the river each quarter.

Results of the testing were sent to the T.R.U.E Blue web page and posted so all 16 schools can compare and contrast the results from each section of the river.



Students collected samples from the Blue River, and some of the samples were tested at the site. Other samples were tested in the classroom, and the results of the testing were sent to the T.R.U.E. Blue web page.



Members of Tim Pepple's Science Class gathered samples of water to test for various elements.



Walking the river bank!



Shalyce Tivis saw something nasty in the river!

The Media Center

After a rocky first semester, the Media Center reopened with new carpet, a new roof and no mold! Students and staff rejoiced when Media Specialist Glenda Swaffar returned to the helm in January. "It was nice to come back," she said.

In order for the library to be disinfected, workers carried all of the contents of the library into the hallways and other storage areas. Then the new carpet was installed, the moldy ceiling tiles were replaced and the new light covers were added. In addition, Mr. Greene continued the library update by adding new tables and chairs. When the workers were finished and the tables and chairs added, the Media Center had a brighter appearance and healthy air to breath.

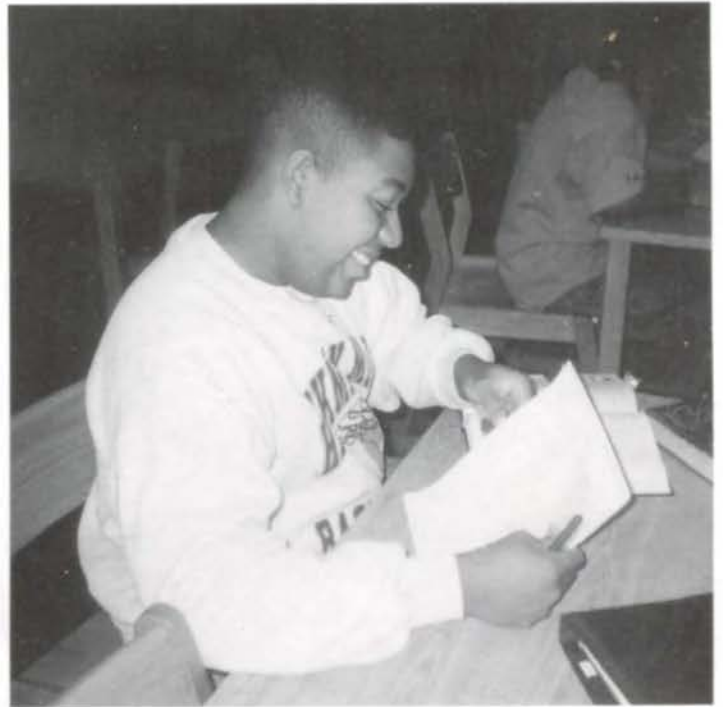
In January, Swaffar trained library aides and it was back to usual in the library as students researched, read and printed up research papers for various classes.



Students and staff were relieved when Glenda Swafford returned to her duties as Media Center Specialist. Due to the renovation of the library and to allergies she suffered from the mold problem there, Swafford spent the first semester doing various jobs for the district. She was the principle grant writer for C-1 Hickman Mill District, and she worked in the library at Smith-Hale Junior High.



Students got busy in the library second semester after a long break. The library was recarpeted over the Winter Break. The roof was repaired in November and December.



Herndon Career Center

Vo-Tech Gives Students Career Choices Today

By Donald Ratliff (11) and H.M. Deihl (11)

Vocational technical training programs were offered to students attending Hickman along with Center, Lee's Summit, Lee's Summit North, Raytown, Raytown South, Ruskin, Truman and William Christman High Schools. A wide range of career placement opportunities were offered at both campus sites. Some of the programs offered included Auto Collision, Auto Technology, Business Computer Technology, Child Care, Computer Programming, Construction Trades, Cosmetology, Diesel Mechanics, Electronics Technology, Health Services, Printing/Graphics Communications, Technology Information, and Welding/Metal Fabrication.

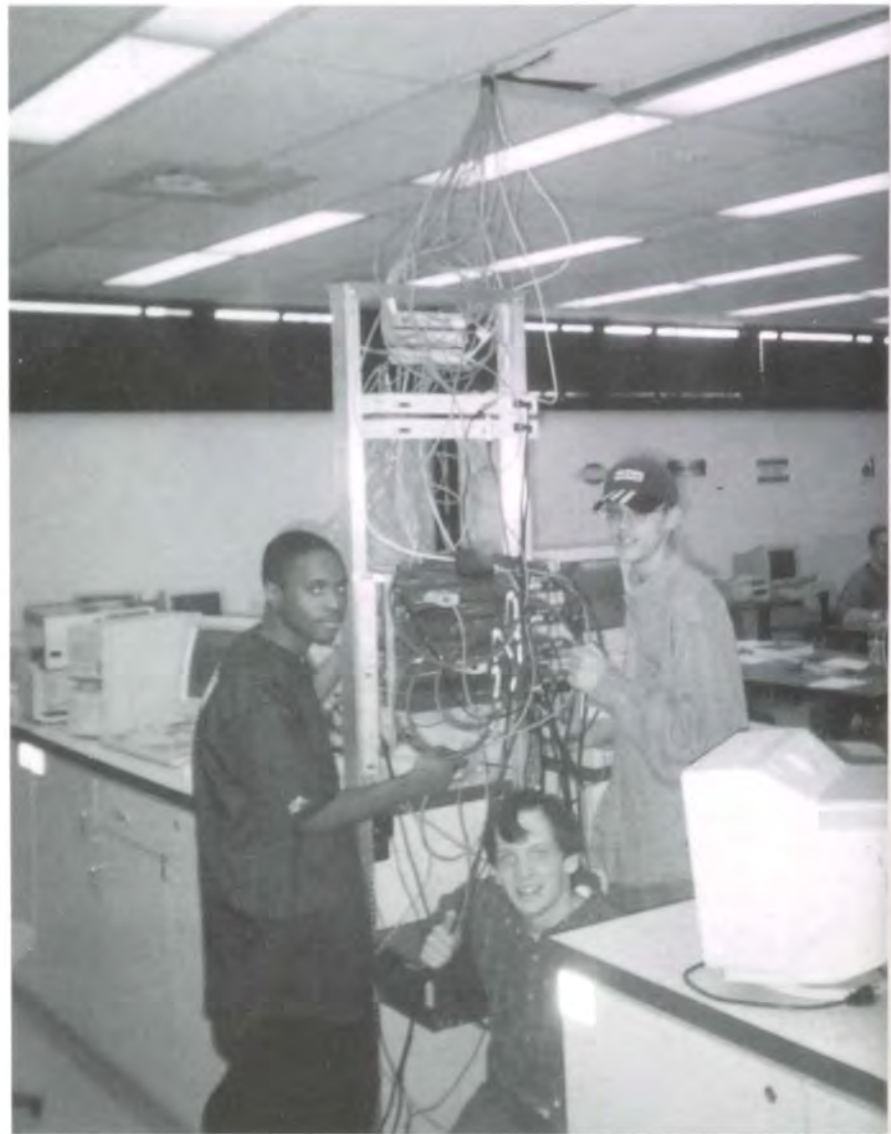
Internships were offered to seniors in any of the fields during their second semester giving them a great opportunity to be placed in a job right after graduation.

Several computer classes were offered at the West Campus location. Internships for computer programmers and graphic designers could bring an income for promising students of up to \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year.

Many students attend Vo-Tech to get a start on their career plans. "Vo-Tech is a chance to get away from Hickman, but also a chance to learn hands-on training in whatever area interests you. It's also lots of fun," explained Kelly Lundberg (12). Lundberg was enrolled in the Health Services Training Program to become a Certified Nurse Assistant. Upon graduation she will have completed all state requirements for her CNA. Cosmetology program graduates also will have met state requirements upon graduation, making graduates eligible for employment directly after graduation.

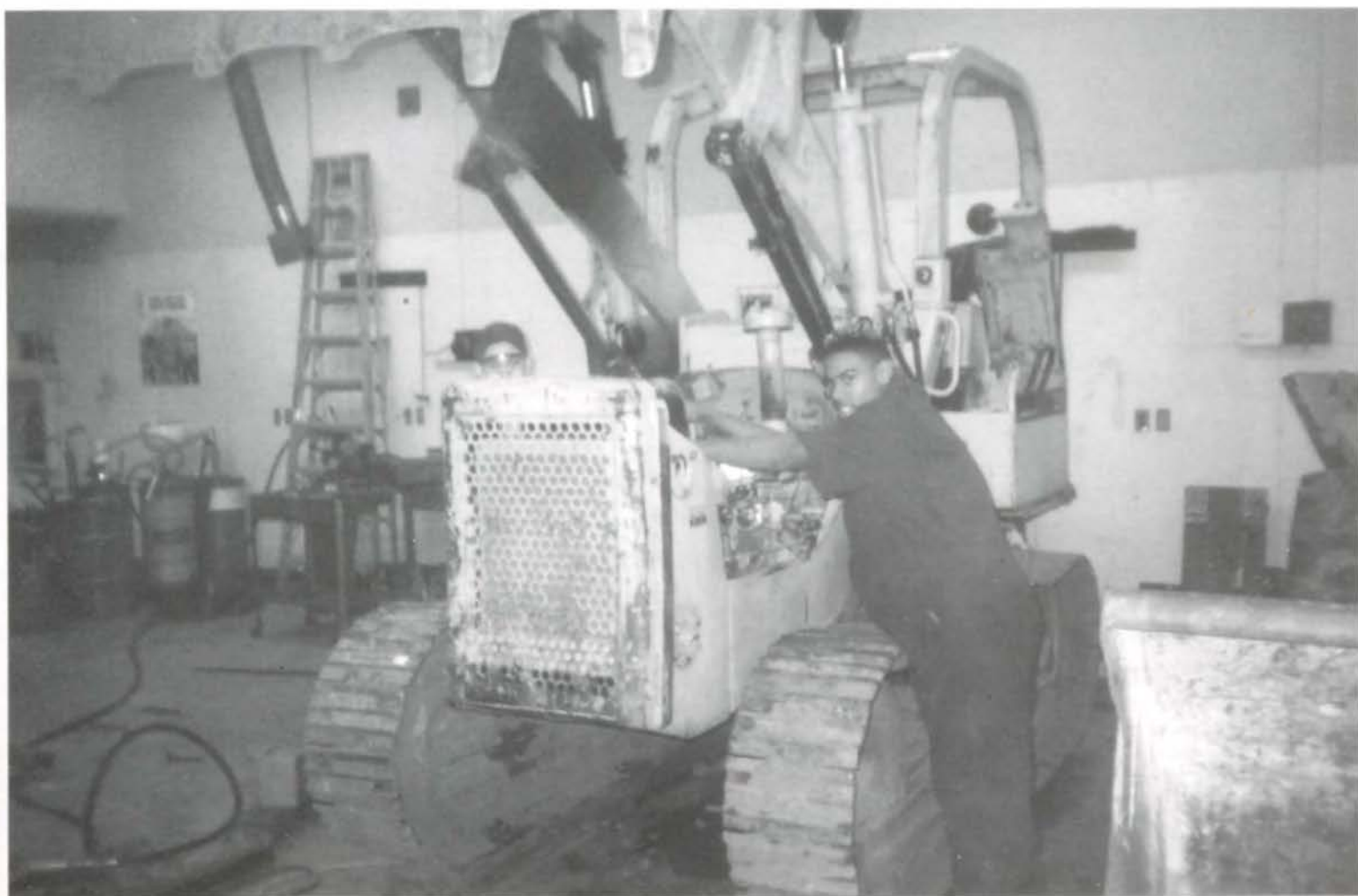
This page: Above- Jeremy Blake (12), Joel Penafiel (12), and William Thomas (12) were a part of the Technology Information program offered at Herndon.

Left- Benita Hughes (11) and Charity Farnsworth (12) enjoyed working in the Child Care program. Opposite page: Top- Jason Hill (12) learned car repair in the Auto Body program. Bottom- Kassim Carney (12) and Brian Roper (12) got preparation for work in the Diesel Mechanics program offered at Herndon.



Education For The REAL World

“Making \$30,000 a
year as a student
intern isn’t all
bad.”
— Joe Fitzgerald,
(12)



Speech Class — Where You're Supposed to Talk!



Dale Knowlton helps students put their research facts into their speech in an effective manner.

"The ability to communicate is a very important tool in society. Without effective communication, it would be very difficult to succeed in life."

—Dale Knowlton, Speech and Debate teacher



*Dale Knowlton
Department Chairperson
Speech I, Debate,
Essentials of Communications*



*Hannah Cusick
Theater, Speech,
Competitive Drama,
Essentials of Communication*

by Cortez Chism (11)

"Communication is a vital skill for today's students that will be used their entire lives. The classes we offer are to help benefit them with their future jobs and careers," said Speech and Drama teacher Hanna Cusick, and for those very reasons, Hickman students were required to take at least one Oral Communications class. Classes offered this year ranged from Speech I to Competitive Drama.

Goals for the classes included having students gain confidence in public speaking, to learn to listen more effectively and to understand the strengths of effective communication.

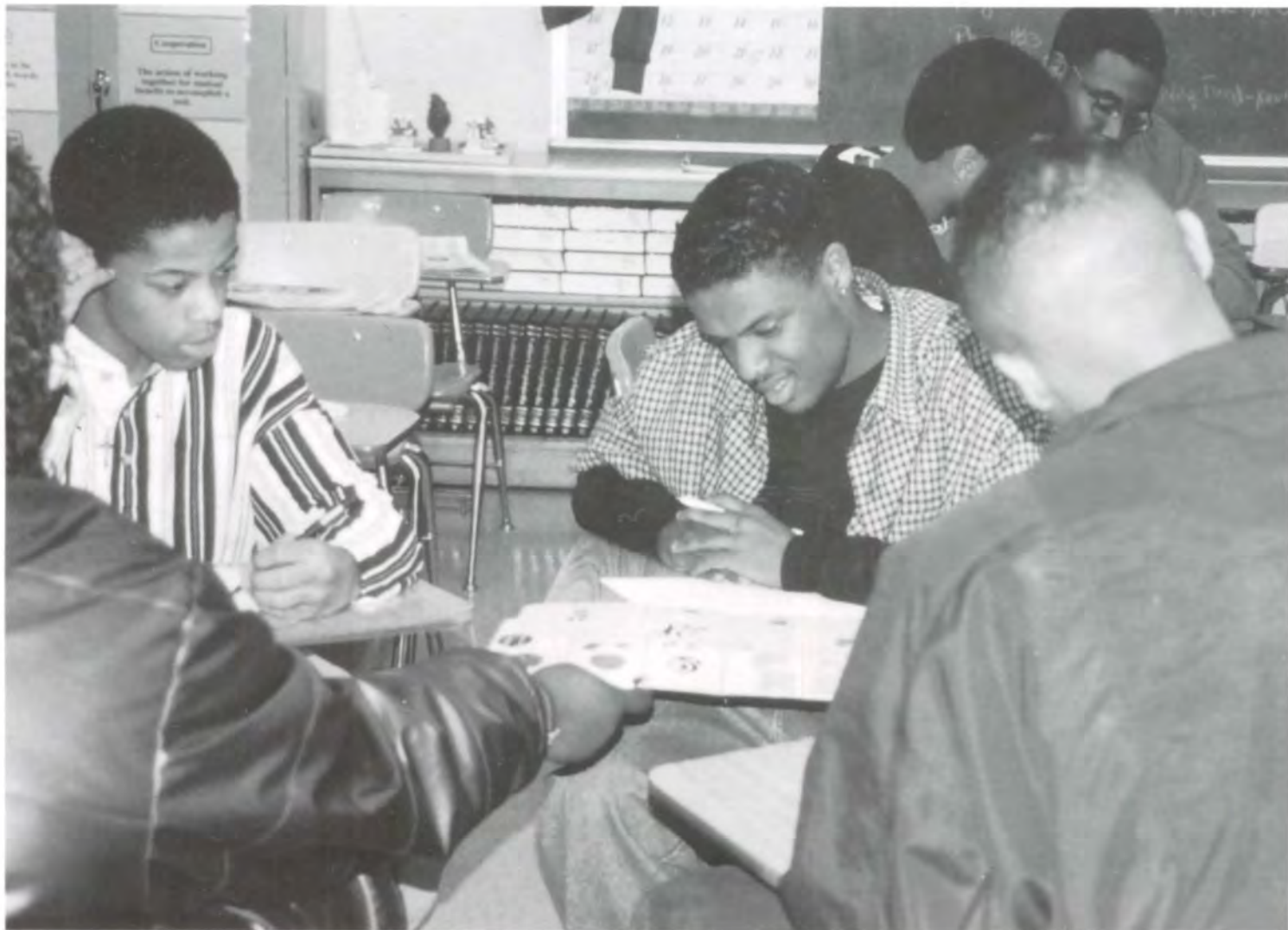
"Speech isn't hard as long as you work at it," said Carlos Taylor (11). Dale Knowlton, speech and debate teacher, thought the Speech Department offered a little for everyone. "We have Essentials of Communication, which teaches a more generalized topic, and we have Debate, which is good for those who want to research a topic all year and represent the school at tournaments," he said.



Learning to Communicate Effectively...

Language Arts

You can't get past it. It's required. It's English. For freshman and sophomores, the Language Arts curriculum offered basic year-long courses in which all the elements of literature and writing effectively were covered. Upper classpeople were given several options from which to choose. Modern Literature, World Literature, American Literature, Composition and Research, Mass Media and Introduction to Newspaper were offered to juniors and seniors. Seniors were offered College 110 for college credit and College Preparation for those who planned to attend college after graduation. Although the curriculum was varied this year, changes were being planned to take place over the next three years. A proposed junior English class was the topic of much discussion among the Language Arts teachers and administrators. "The English department districtwide has written a curriculum for a new year only course for the Junior English classes. It will be a writing and literature class and the focus will be on composition and research, grammar skills and English and World Literature. The class was created to satisfy state requirements for the Missouri Assessment Program Testing Program, which occurs on the junior level," said Karen Black, district chairperson for the English Department. The new class will become effective when the Class of 2002 become juniors.



Above: In Introduction to Mass Media, Andre Robinson (11) and Leon Nelson (11) looked at design techniques used in print media. Top Right: Rudy Wesley(12), Alaina Everage (12) and Keith Williams (12) discussed character traits of Willie Loman in Patricia McClain's College Prep. class. The class held a wake in honor of Loman, who was the main character in Arthur Miller's classic play, "The Death of a Salesman."



*Karen Black
Intro. to Mass Media,
Newspaper, English 110
District Departmental
Chairperson*



*Georgia Gilman
Yearbook, Sophomore
English,
Modern Literature,
Composition and
Research*



*John Latta
English 110*



*Patricia McClain
Sophomore English,
College Prep.*



*Stephanie Melius
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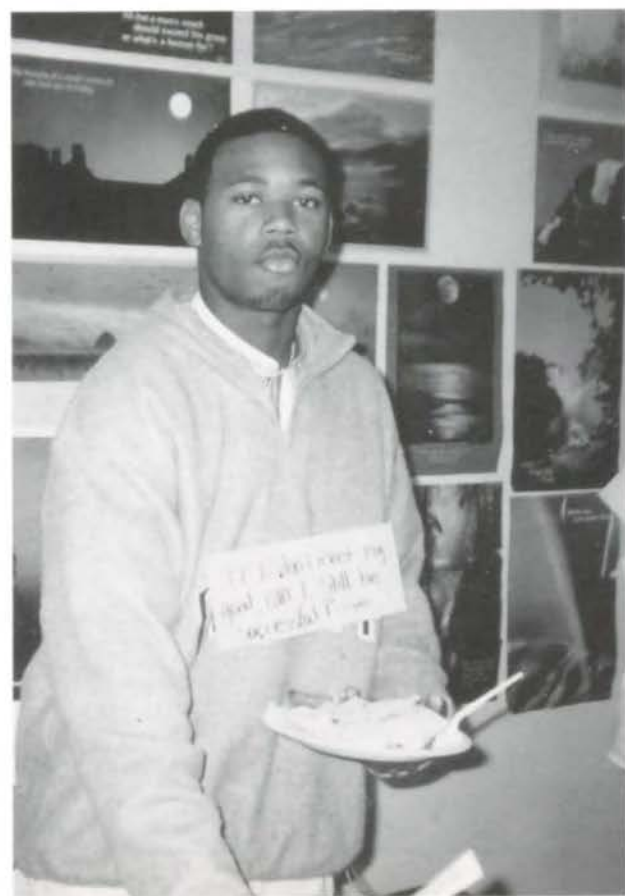
*Kelly Pittard
Freshman English*



*Michelle Sumpter
Freshman English,
Modern Literature*



*Jill Vest
Creative Writing, World
Literature,
Freshman English*



*At left: Lee Sheperd (12) helped himself to some snacks at Loman's wake.
Above: Vance Ashworth (10) played the role of a grieving Marc Antony in
Shakespeare's famous play, "Julius Caesar."*

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"I think Karen may have the best high school newspaper in the state," said Principal Chuck Greene, and we agreed. "The Criterion" was once again the best of the best among high school newspapers. However, putting it all together was no cake walk. Students wrote and edited stories and turned the stories in to Mrs. Black, who did the final editing. After the editing process, students layed-out pages on the computers in the classroom with the PageMaker lay-out and design system. The pages were printed out at least five times before they got the okay to go on to the newspaper printer.

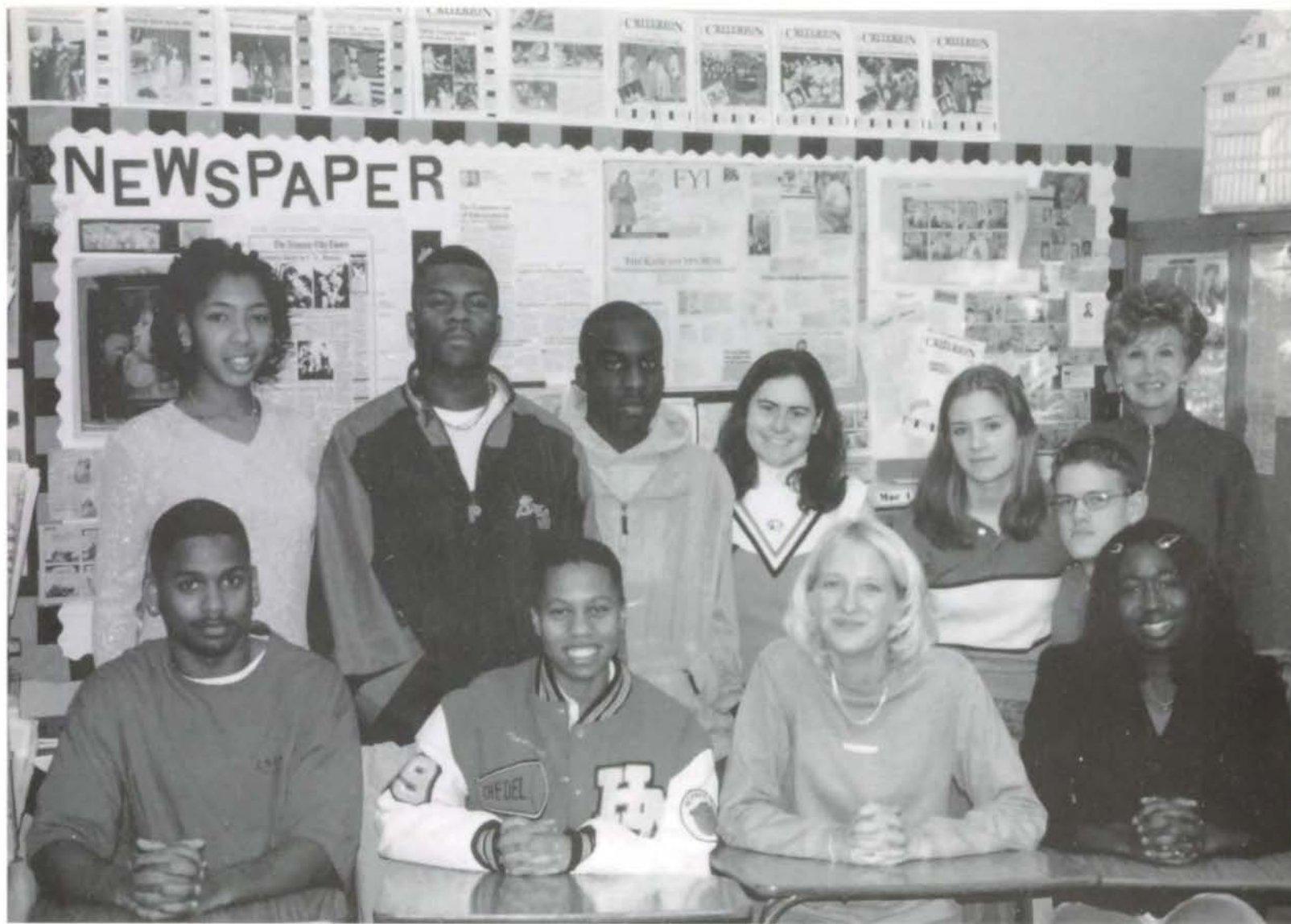
Getting the newspaper finished on time for printing deadlines was the staff's biggest worry, so it was a normal occurrence to have young journalists and Mrs. Black working into the wee hours of the morning and on weekends as deadlines drew closer. "It's very stressful because we have stayed at school until 4am," said Lynita Jones (11).

So, why did they do it? "At first I didn't think I'd like it, but now I'm glad I took it. It's been hard work, but it has been fun," said Alea Smith (11). Junior Lynita Jones said the pride of job well done is what she enjoyed. "A lot of people do not understand how difficult it is to produce a newspaper, but when it is finished, it's worth it," she said.

Mrs. Black liked to teach newspaper because she "gets some of the most intellectual thinkers in the school, and they keep me interested in teaching." Some of Black's former students have gone on to get college degrees in Journalism. Black has a background in journalism and was on the newspaper and yearbook in high school.

In order to get on the newspaper staff, students were required to take Introduction to Newspaper or have the recommendation of an English teacher. The class produced the February 19, 1999 issue for competition this year. Results of the competition were not available for yearbook deadlines, but if the previous issues were any indication, success was found in competition. After all, "The Criterion" was among the best of the best.





The 1998-1999 Criterion Staff

Front Row: Kevin Smith (12), Chedel Townsend (12), Alea Smith (11), Lynita Jones (11) Back Row: Jade Meredith (11), Mitchell Jemison (12), Byron Higgs (12), Rachael Clouse (12), Erin Boyle (11), Justin Adams (12), Karen Black, teacher



Foreign Languages



Gail Howe
Spanish I and II



Dana Murdock
French I and II
Spanish I



Lucia Ramirez
Department Chairperson
Spanish I and II

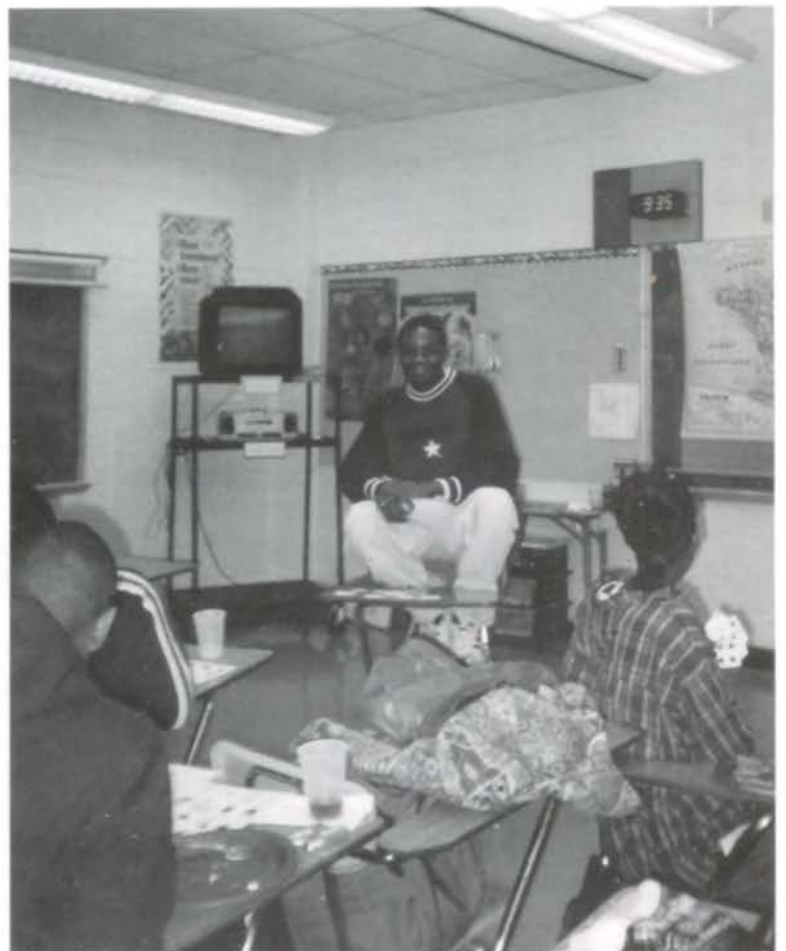
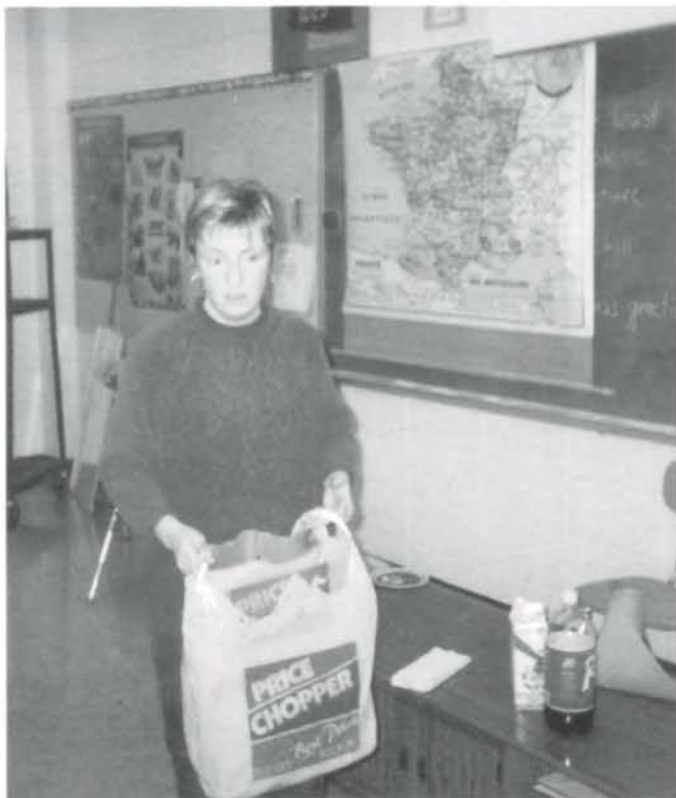
Students preparing for college found solace in the fact that Hickman offered beginning and advanced coursework in two foreign languages. Students who were planning to attend out of state colleges found that a foreign language was required for application.

Dana Mardock has been taking Master's Level classes with the hope that she may one day be able to offer a French class for college credit. Why? "French is my passion, and I really enjoy my students," she explained. In Ms. Ramirez's Spanish classes students attended authentic dance performances and ate at a Mexican restaurant as part of an annual field trip. "I have the best students because they are interested in what I love to teach," Ramirez said.





Above: Members of French classes celebrated Christmas by learning Yuletide French customs and traditions. Below: Dana Mardock taught French and Spanish classes this year. Right: Lawrence Sodeinde prepared himself to answer questions for French class.





Shirley Gilland (12) worked on her coiled clay pot.

by Adrianna Andrews (12)

The 1998-1999 school year was a very productive year for the Art Department. A new class was added through Longview Community College for college credit called Art 112. The Art Department won two silver medals and an Honorable Mention at the Scholastic Art Contest, and won second and third places at the South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Art Show. Artists Gabriel Carroll-Dolci (10), Sarah Moreland (11), Ginger Weigand (11), Ivory Poole (11), Justin Coonce (9), and Vern Corbett (11) were featured in the December 17 edition of the Southland Kansas City Star.

Mr. Adelman was proud of the accomplishments of all the Hickman artists, but he was especially proud when Megan Forbes (12) was chosen as a featured artist on the Corel Corporation Website for her computer graphics design called "Train." Hickman Mills was awarded the Corel Draws software, which featured computer graphics. "The art class has taught me new concepts, and art has also taught me about myself," said Forbes.

Art and Computer Graphics





David Adelman
Department Chairperson
Art 112, Drawing,
Computer Graphics,
Computer Lab, ISS



Marcia O'Connor
Art Connection, Clay



Doug Urban
Art Foundation

"...art has
also taught
me a lot
about
myself."
—Megan Forbes
(12)



Above: Nathan Wolf (11) worked on his personal portrait in Art Connection class.



Mixing colors to reproduce Van Gogh's famous painting "Sunflowers" was Chris Durante (11).

"The best the Art Department can offer students is to exercise the creative process, which is so valuable in problem solving in the real world yet is not taught or even appreciated by most in our society. This type of thinking, which often involves working through many alternatives at the same time, is especially suited for working with modern technologies that allow us to make mistakes and changes."

—David Adelman, Department Chairperson



*Diane McDougall
Department Chairperson
Word Processing, Computer
Application,
Intro. to Business*



*Felicia Andrews
Typing, Business Law,
Computer Application,
Intro.
to Business*



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Marketing,
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*Robin Gray
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Application,
Computer Application, Word
Processing*



*Lisa McCoy-Cole
Note Taking, Word
Processing, Accounting,
Intro. to Business*

by Adrianna Andrews (12)

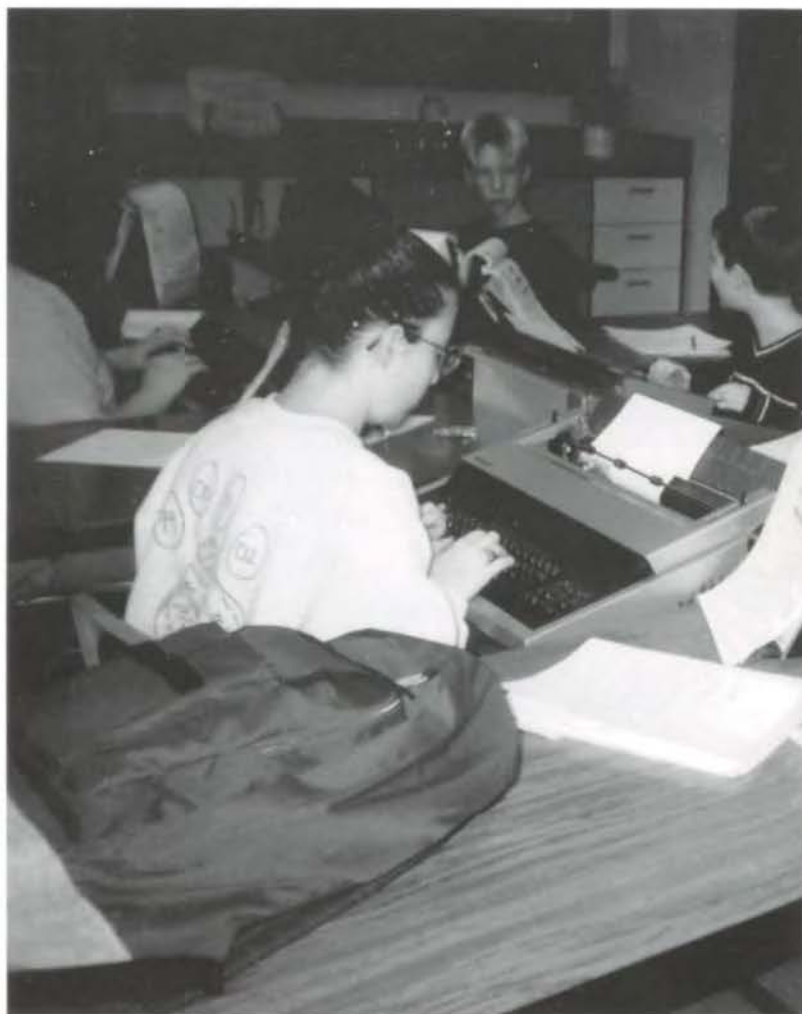
The Business Department had numerous classes this year including Accounting, Word Processing, Typing, Computer Applications, Introduction to Business, Business Law and Business Management.

Business Law class was designed to teach students the basic principles of law that apply to business activity. The class went on field trips to courtroom trials and had guest speakers. "I feel that I prepare my students for the future, and that they get an introduction to what the business laws are really about," said Felicia Andrews, teacher. "The class allows the students to reflect their values and attitude toward society in the law concerning business activity," she continued.

Each quarter the Business Department chose a student who had good character and good grades for an award called "Business Student of the Quarter." NaShay Irving (12) won the award for the first quarter of the school year. "I was surprised when I found out, but it felt good to have my hard work recognized," she said.

Intro. to Business and Accounting were two very popular classes this year. "Intro. to Business was a good introductory class to take for students to see how business works in the real world," said Diane McDougall, Department Chairperson. Lisa McCoy-Cole, Business teacher said, "I enjoy the kids, and I had very productive students in my classes this year."

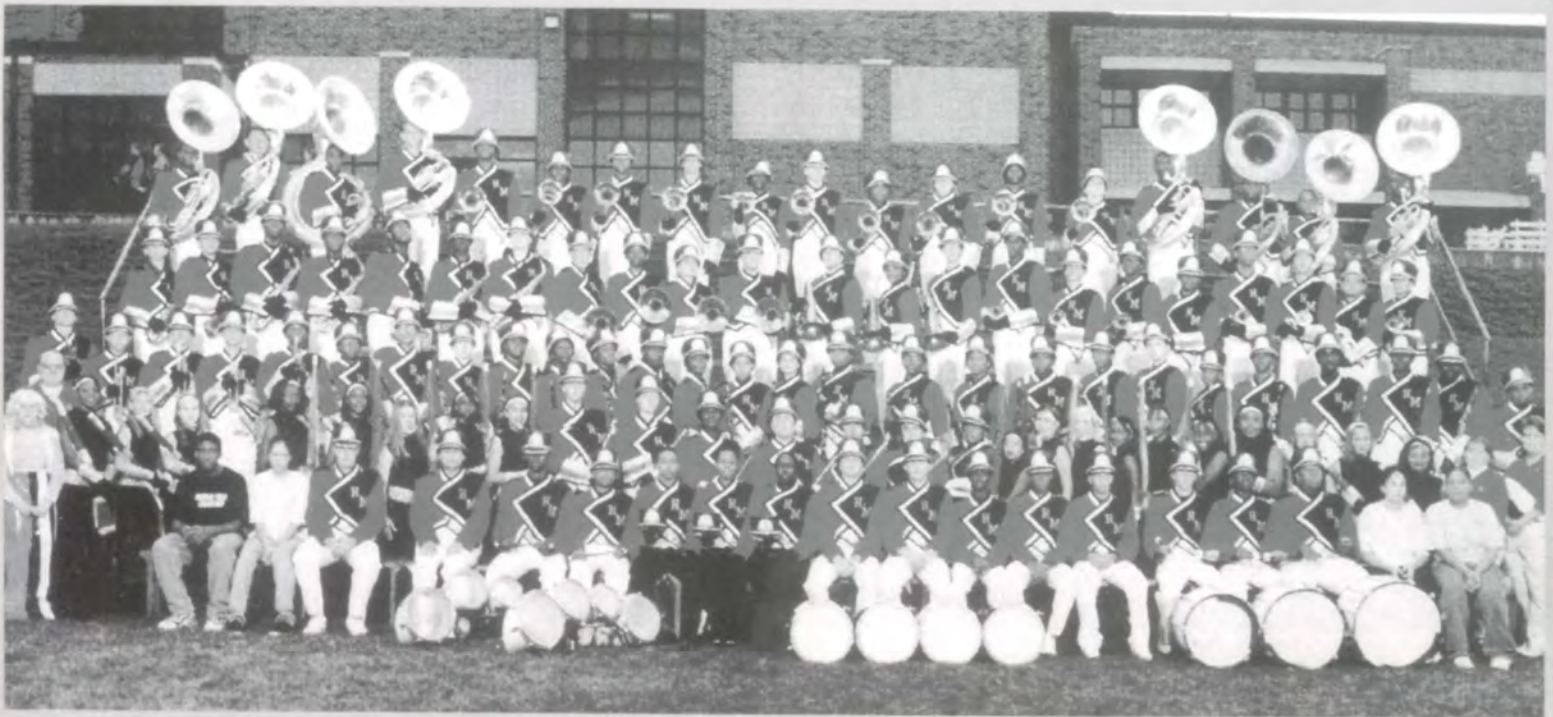
Overall, the Business Department was helping HMHS students learn to use computers and to have the skills required for America's work force. As Robin Gray, teacher, said, "The Business Department was striving to create a curriculum that educates kids for the 21st Century."



Takin' Care of Business



Band Breaks on Through With a Circus Theme





The 1998-99 Cougar Band used "A Day at the Circus" as their theme this year. The band marched in the Homecoming Parade, at St. Francis-Howell, Washington, Rolla, and Carrollton. The band place 2nd at St. Francis-Howell, 3rd at Washington and 4th at Carrollton and Rolla. "The season went pretty well, and the band gets better every year," said Chedel Townsend (12), Drum Major.





*Marcus Crosby
District Chairperson
Orchestra*



*Jennifer Gerding
Choir*



*Michael Wright
Band*

Music Makers!



Band, Choir and Orchestra





Louanne Miller
District Chairperson
Algebra 1A 10-12
Algebra 1A, Algebra 1



Pam Boone
Department Chairperson
Algebra 1B, Algebra I,



Helen Byram
Calculus, College
Algebra



Donna Bullock
Algebra II, Algebra 1A,
Geometry Foundation



Linda Durante
Algebra 1, Algebra 1A,
Algebra II



Darin Hall
College Geometry,
Algebra 1B, Algebra



Ken Hedicke
Algebra 1, Algebra 1A,
College Geometry



Mario Hernandez
Consumer Math I and II,
College Geometry, Algebra
1B



Danny Miller
Algebra 1B, Algebra II,
Advanced Math,



Mathematics

Cyphering Out the Numbers!

by Casie Howard (12)

Math was like eating liver and onions. You either really, really liked it, or you despised it, but in either case, the fact remained that it was good for you. At Hickman, math requirements for graduation included taking two courses, but if students were planning on going to college, three credits were necessary because most colleges required incoming freshmen to have three high school math credits to apply. Of those three credits, at least one had to be in Algebra. Why would Algebra be so important to colleges? According to Donna Bullock, Algebra I and II teacher, "algebra teaches students to learn to think and solve problems logically.

It disciplines the mind." Pam Boone, Department Chairperson, said Algebra II gave students "intuitive understanding concerning relationships dealing with figures. Math relates to just about every job. Students really need it in just about any career they choose. I try to help them map out a course work plan to head them in the right direction." Darin Hall, Geometry teacher, said his subject matter "gets the kids ready for the ACT. Math opens doors for them in college and their majors." So, even if the mention of fractions caused shivers to go down your spine, remember that it may be difficult, but it's good for you, too.



"I thought it was challenging and interesting. I plan on using this class for college."

—Kenya Dean (10), commenting on College Bound Algebra

Top Five Reason We go to the Nurse

1. Sore Throat
2. Headache*
3. Upset stomach
4. Nasel Congestion
5. Need a Band-aid on Fce

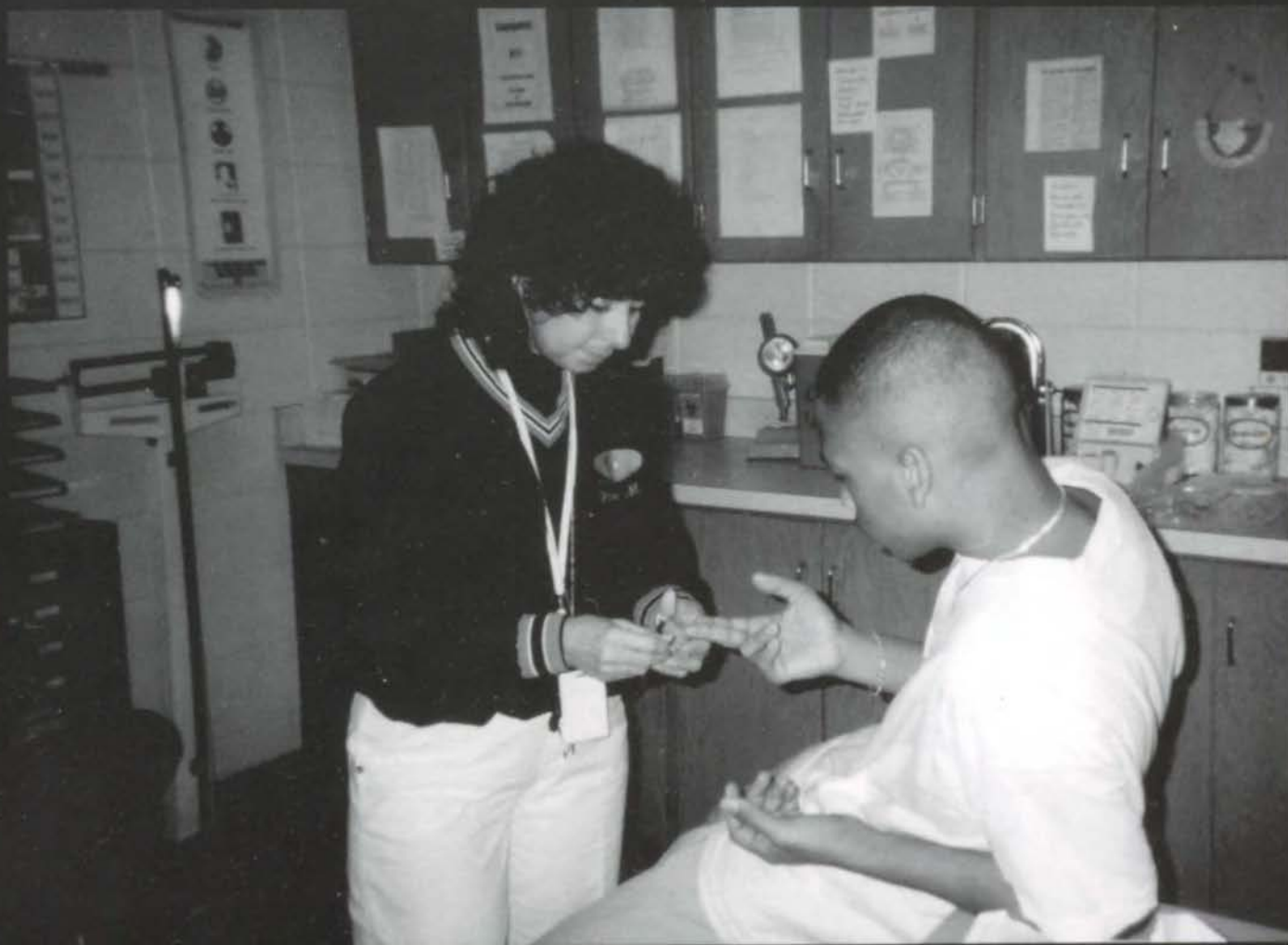
* Number 1 reason for teachers to visit the nurse



She had files on all of us. Not for some top secret spy job, but because she had to record our health. Ramona Nelson, school nurse, may be the one person who knows the entire student body, entire faculty and administration and the entire staff by first, middle and last name. Every time one of us visited her office, she had to record the time, the illness and how the illness was treated. That's a ton of work when you consider how many us of visited her this year. "I want students to come when they're not feeling well, but I don't like to be used as reason to get out of class," she said. With all the paper work she has to do with one visit, who could blame her for being annoyed by students who aren't sick? Sick or not, she had to record every visit. However, for those who were ill, the nurse was a Godsend. Everything from Tums for upset stomachs, Tylenol for headaches and ice bags for sprains could be found in the Nurse's office.



Ramona Nelson, R.N.
HMHS School Nurse



Special Services



*Pam Johnson
Departmental Chair
Class within a Class
Resource Room*



*Marla Converse
Resource*



*Dan Dervin
Teams 408, 409, 410, 411
Class Within a Class*



*Lynn Newell
EMH, OH, and
Resource*



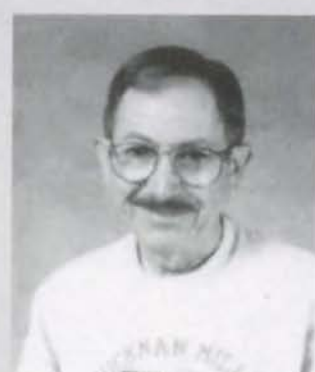
*Chris Rupprecht
Teams 206, 208, 217
Resource, Class within
a Class*



*Candace Thomas
EMH, Life Skills*



*Gwen Swoope
Special Services Coordinator
for HMHS and Ervin*



*Larry Woody
OH*



Counselors



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District Chairperson
Counselor H-M



Rubbie Brown
Counselor N-Z



Mike McCall
Counselor A-G

The school counselors provided more than just a source for finding classes. Besides enrolling the entire student body, they were also the source making certain the Missouri Guidance Curriculum was in place for every student. The program planned for the future careers of students by making sure needed coursework was in place. The counselors also worked with the Herndon Vo-Tech school by giving applications to the vo-tech programs and by conducting the interview process required for admittance to the school. In addition, the counselors were in charge of administering all the various testing needed to be done to meet requirements for the State of Missouri, including the MoSip. For upperclassmen, the counselors had information on college financial aid and various scholarships offered to students. They served as a liaison between parents and faculty, between students and faculty, and between faculty and administration.



Diane Scoville, Secretary



Physical Education Stress Busters!

by Treone Robinson (11)

For some students gym class was heaven. It helped them get stronger and also built skills in the sports they played. For others it was torture, but however students viewed the class, at least one credit was required.

Conditioning was a class offered to help get and keep students in top shape. "Conditioning helps students work on strength and endurance," said James Hunsaker, teacher. Tanzy Moore (10) agreed with Hunsaker. "That conditioning class helps increase your strength and endurance. Also, you can work at your own pace." Jaron Jordan (12) liked the class because "conditioning increased strength, but it also help build your body for the ladies."

Another popular class was Lifetime Sports. Lisa Cunnigham, teacher said the class "helps students work on teamwork and introduces them to sports they may not have ever tried." Eric Walker took the class and recommended it to his friends because "you get to go bowling and just chill and have fun."



Does Coach George know where you are?

"There aren't many jobs out there where they pay to teach kids how to play. I love it because it's fun to watch the kids get better."

—George George,
Phys. Ed. Teacher





*Lisa Cunningham
Department Chairperson
Girl's Phys.Ed.
Lifetime Sports
Recreational Team Sports*



*Anna Alexander
Required Phys. Ed.
Aerobics, Recreational
Team Sports*



*George George
Recreational Team
Sports,
Personal Fitness,
Required
Phys. Ed.*



*James Hunsaker
Required Phys. Ed.
Conditioning,
Instructional
Team Sports*



One of the Recreational Sports classes mugged it up for the camera.



*Judy Carlton
Department Chairperson
Independent Living,
Child Development,
Powers*



*Heather Heiss
Family Consumers,
Marriage and Family*



*Kristin Huber
Foods I and II,
Family Consumer*



"A real baby would not have been as easy. A real baby would have had real diapers."

—Mike Hill (12)

Family and Consumer Sciences Learning about the Real World

by Alan Deihl (11)

We all saw the computer babies, and we know we all heard them, but did you know where the computer babies came from? They came from the Consumer Science Department, headed by Judy Carlton. She taught the Child Development Classes where the computer babies were just one of many various projects. Students in the Child Development Classes had the choice of taking a baby for two days or writing a report about child care. The computer babies were able to show the signs of abuse, neglect and lack of cleanliness, so the babies used in previous years. Mike Hill (12), who cared for one of the babies, said it best when he said, "If it were real, it wouldn't have been as easy. The diapers would I would have been changing would have been real, too."

Heather Heiss taught Marriage and Family classes where the mock weddings were held. This class was helpful for students to learn to find the qualities they would look for in a prospective spouse. The class also dealt with parenting and the computer babies. Karen Bartling (11) took the class and the computer baby. Her advice was "don't take the baby. It's awful." The class also taught techniques in how to deal with family crisis situations. Students heard many guest speakers who relayed real life experiences. Kristin Huber taught the Food I and II classes that focused on the food pyramid and seasonal foods. The more advanced classes also got to enjoy exotic and foreign foods. In addition, students learned about food common in different American regions. They learned in detail the do's and don'ts of food preparation.

In all, this department was one which taught skills beneficial to all students for life after high school.



Organizations



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Breakin' on Through by Being Involved



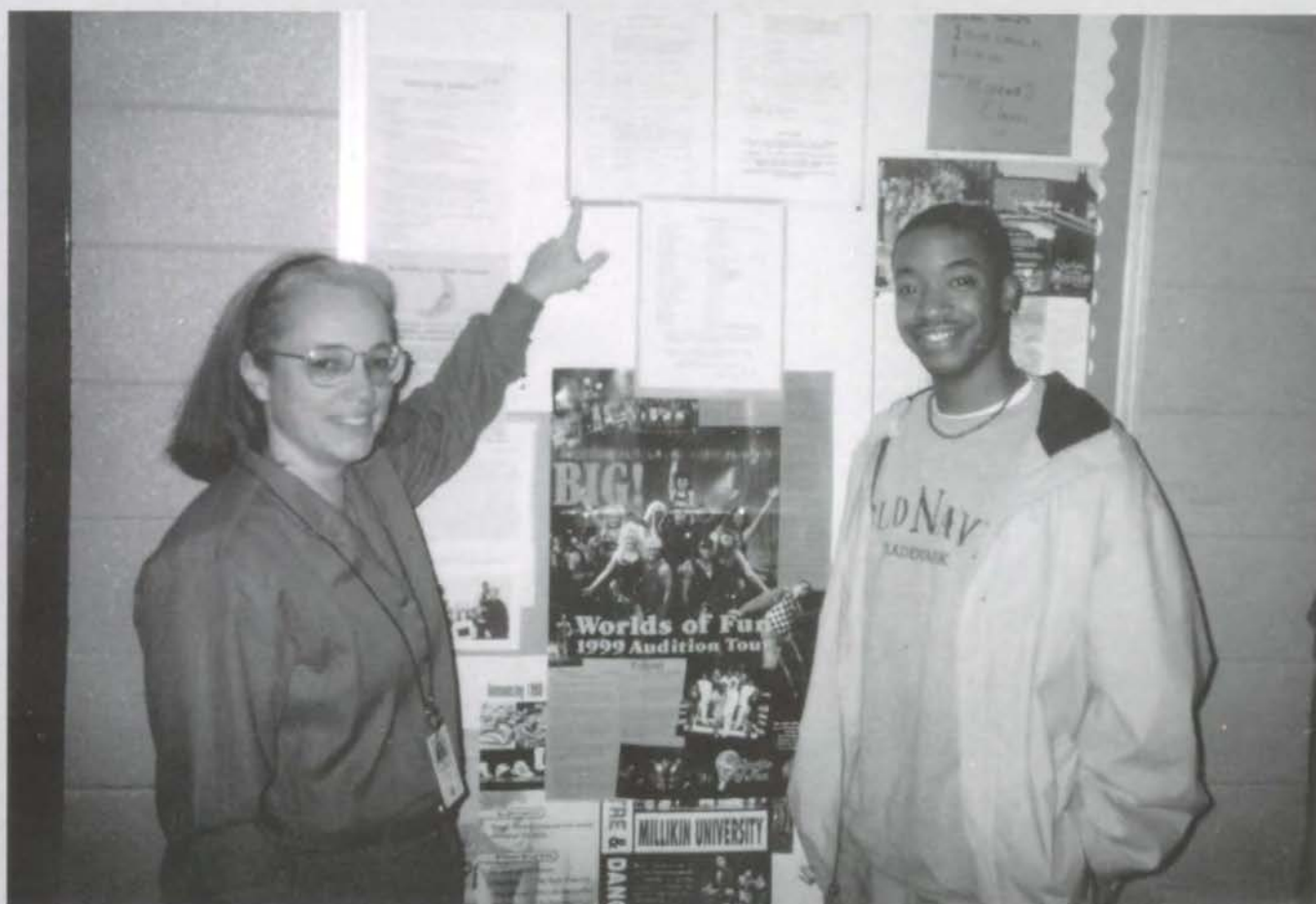
1998-1999 The Year We Broke on Through With Love and Laughter

During the 1998-1999 year Cougars were giving love and bringing hope all across the globe. The International Club raised funds for the victims who incurred the wrath of Hurricane Mitch. The money was used to buy food and provide temporary shelter for Hondurans. Locally, many organizations raised money for the MJROTC project, "Operation Santece Moore." It was too cool when we got recognition on the local air waves for our dedication to raising the money for Santece.

We found success in many other areas too. The fall play, "Cinderella," was a magical experience for both the actors and the viewers. The spring play, "Our Town," involved many student actors and set builders. The Choir was its usual magnificent entity, and StuCo did more this year in terms of helping others than it ever had before. The Debate and Competitive Drama squads brought home over 100 trophies. Wow! For Cougar organizations, this was a blessed year for breaking on through the challenges.



Her Ladyship, Stacia Deckard (12).



Marlon Neal(12) and Hanna Cusick, Drama Club



Spirit Club members yelled at the Court Warming pep rally.

Debate

"Resolved: That the United States should substantially change its foreign policy with Russia."

by Hannah Smith (12)

The 1998-1999 Debate Season was full of breakthroughs. Four returning Varsity debaters led the novice, teaching the young debaters with the experience gained from previous years. The varsity debaters included Julie Paszkiewicz (11), Jennifer Kennedy (11), Justin Adams (12) and Hannah Smith (12). The novice team included Jessica Paszkiewicz (10), Christina Thomas (10), Erin Boyle (11), Anya Doyle (12), Angie Smith (11), Marvin Fernandez (12), Reggie McBride (12), Josh Mills (11), Aretha Perry (11), Valon Thompson (11) and Jennifer Palmisano (11).

The season opener, an overnight to Springfield, was one full of adventure and experience. The novice got their first taste of competing, and the varsity got their competitive juices flowing. "Debate is a dog eat dog situation. Whoever is more hungry, wins," said Jennifer Palmisano (11). Though debate and Competitive Drama tournaments were usually held together, the sports were really very different. According to Justin Adams (12), "Debate is very different from Forensics in that we must know a wide variety of factual information, and not just memorize one piece."

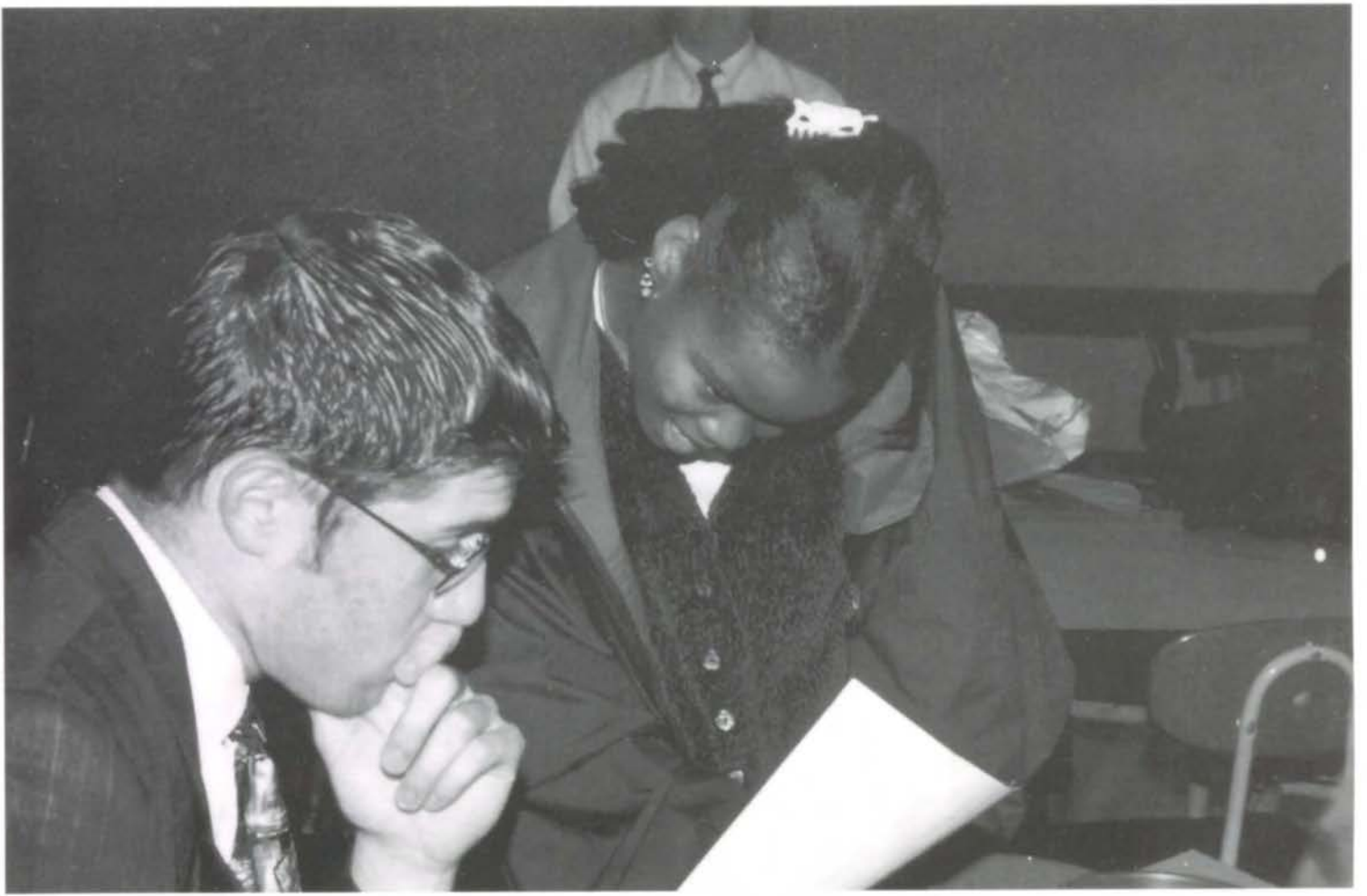
While researching and debating, the team had much fun. "This group is so full of life and that makes all the difference," said debate coach Dale Knowlton.

Below Left: Julie Paszkiewicz was an active member of the Debate Team. Below: Judges and Coaches were busy in the Tally Room at the annual HMHS Debate and Competitive Drama Tournament, "The Blizzard Classic." This year, however, the weather was almost springlike for the tournament.



The Combined Competitive Drama and Debate Teams





Debaters Josh Mills (11) and Neka Crockett (11) looked over their case.



Picking up trophies after competitions was fairly regular for HMHS.

Tournament Forensics

by Shalyce Smith (12)

The 1998-1999 season brought about many changes for the Tournament Forensics Squad. First, the program got a new name, Competitive Drama. In previous years the squad was comprised of mostly seniors, but this year a breakthrough was made when the squad consisted of sophomores, juniors and seniors. The squad traveled to various tournaments throughout the Kansas City area and made an out of town overnight trip to Springfield, Missouri to compete in the Kickapoo/Glendale Tournament. Success was found nearly everywhere they went. The Hickman Competitive Drama Team collected over 100 trophies this season.

Tournaments occupied almost every weekend of the first semester. "Sometimes we would get back at 11:00 at night just to get up early and meet back at 4:45 or 7:00 in the morning. People don't realize how much hard work and discipline it takes," said Natasha Derkhshanian (10). Competitors from as many as 40 schools competed on Varsity and Novice levels in categories such as Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo/Duet Acting, Monologue, Poetry and, at some tournaments, Storytelling. The objective was to get the best scores in each round. After the rounds were completed, the competitors waited for the posting of who would continue into the semi-final and the final rounds.

All my pieces required hard work and hours of preparation. Solo events are great, but Duo/Duet is best because I've got a goddess of a partner who covers me when I mess up," said Jenn Tossato (11). Because of the young squad's experience, the team looked forward to next year. "The squad shows so much promise because we all still have one or two more years left," said Jesse Card (11).

In addition to traveling to other tournaments, the Cougar team hosted the annual "Blizzard Classic" over the weekend of February 5-6. There were 26 schools who competed. Blue Springs was the overall Sweepstakes winner.



Member of the Competitive Drama Team enjoyed the hot tub at the Springfield Tournament.



International Club

Break on Through by Learning about Diversity

Lucia Ramirez showed her Cougar pride by sponsoring the Spanish Club and Spanish Honor Society. This year the Spanish Club held a Halloween Party for the Santa Fe Elementary students, and they raised money for the Honduras Relief Project to help the victims of the Hurricane Mitchell.

The International Club was sponsored by Gail Howe and Dana Mardock. Students explored many countries such as Argentina, Germany, Nigeria and Ireland. At Christmas the club went Christmas Caroling, and they sang the carols in Spanish and French.

"International Club gave me the opportunity to learn about numerous cultures," said Carlyoone Canaday. The club continued the "Country of the Week" program that they started last year. Each week a question would be put on the announcements about the country the International Club was studying. The first person to give the correct answer to Ms. Mardock won a prize. "The object of the Country of the Week was promote world diversity among the students," said Gail Howe, sponsor.

Marlon Neal (12) won one of the questions. "I thought the questions were fun, and they helped me think about other cultures."

*"Spanish is educational
and I enjoy learning
about other cultures."
—Mike Wolf (12)*



International Club Leadership Team

*Carlyoone Canaday(11), Katrina
Frye(11), Heather Hopkins (11),
Ginger Weigand (9), LaDawn
Ford (11)*

*"I like International
Club because we focus
on all cultures and
diversities from
around the world."*

*— Gail Howe, International
Club Co-Sponsor*



Spanish Club Officers

*NaShay Frwin — President
Famila Jackosn — Vice President
Janell Mosby — Secretary
Imika Hopkins — Treasurer
Marissa Hunter — Chairperson*

*Spanish Honor Society
Tekila Brown — President
Tyson Taylor — Vice President*



Choir and Band on the Weekends!

Okay, Band and Choir ARE classes, but they require much weekend and before school time, too. The Band went to three competitions during the fall and did some serious representing for Hickman. The Choir sang at various activities throughout the school year. One of the more fun excursions was the annual retreat back through time at the Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs, Kansas.





Color Guard Broke on Through!

Young Squad Took First at Washington, Mo.

by Sagirah Whitley (11)

The Color Guard was a highly experienced dance and flag squad that competed against various schools. They worked with the marching band and set high standards and goals for the group. They were coached by Sherri Wright, who gave the girls her very best to help them succeed. "Without Mrs. Wright we would not have been able to practice with the intensity and hard work she inspired," said Andrea Davis (9).

Members of the Color Guard this year included freshmen Amie Carroll, Megan Chewning, Jenni May, Sherie Taheri, Jennie Rashen, Lashaunda Moore, Lashaunda Richardson, Amber Riley, Andrea Davis, Amber Hess, Iasha Castle, Becca Hopkins, Natalie Chuku, Amanda Marshall, and Cassie Wait. Sophomores on the team included Katie Boardman, Michelle Shields, April Bagwell, Ashley Adams, and Gesika Stephanik. Juniors were Crystal Thomas, and Tasha Johnson. The squad was lead by Michelle McKinny (12)

The Guard traveled with the marching band. One of the seasons biggest success stories occurred when they brought home the First Place Trophy in a competition held in Washington, Missouri. "The win at Washington really surprised me, but it gave me more confidence to go out and do the best I could," said Michelle Shields (10).



Winter Guard Breaks on Through with a New Look!

by Chedel Townsend (12)

The 1998-99 Winterguard bit on through with the show "Interview With a Vampire," featuring vampires and musical excerpts from the original motion picture of the same name. The guard included 15 girls, most with previous experience, who were under the instruction of Sherri Wright and Tim Gee.

"Even though it was my first year in guard, I feel we should do well in our competitions. From what I have heard, we're a lot further along than last year. I had a lot of fun in guard even though at times there was a lot of tension, which makes it hard to get along with each other. Winterguard was more difficult than it looked," said Tracy Downs (12).

The guard started the season with a performance for the student body and faculty at the Winter Court Warming pep rally. Allen Stokes (10) commented, "There was more liveliness. The show got my attention a lot quicker than last year and actually kept me interested until the very end. The music fit the program and made it more entertaining. I enjoyed it."

Marrisa Hunter (12) agreed. "The guard has really improved over the years that I have been here. They have a very unique and entertaining show. I gave them a standing ovation."

Freshman guard member Andrea Davis said, "We were so nervous, so I think that made us perform better. I'm glad the school responded the way they did. They made us feel like we performed for a reason, not to just go out and make fools of ourselves. Guard is not as simple as everyone thinks. You have to be dedicated and work hard."

The guard hit the road on February 6 when they traveled to Kickapoo High School in Springfield, Missouri, where they placed fourth. "Our first competition could have been better, but I know we'll do better at our other meets because we're the bomb. It will be hard, but it's worth it," remarked Amie Carroll (9).



Student Council

Community and School Service Were Top Goals

by Julie Paszkiewicz (11)

The Hickman Mills 1998-1999 Student Council played important leadership roles in the school and community this past year. Successful in their two constant priorities, fundraising and community service, the group also managed to join with various other school organizations and MJROTC to help meet the needs of a fellow student, Santece Moore.



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and Committee Chairpersons

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Natasha Derakshanian, Luqman
Muhammed, Katie Wunch

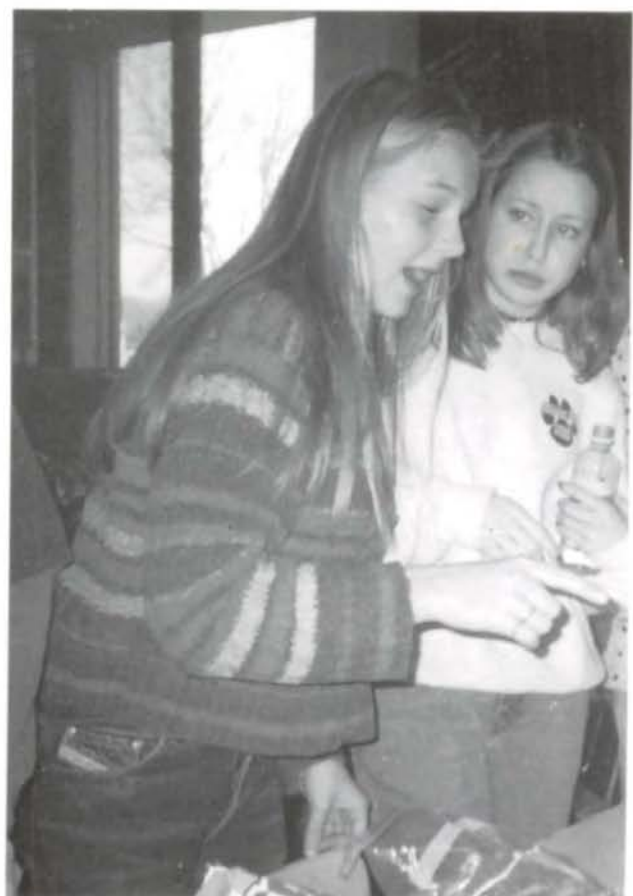
Freshman Representatives

Iashia Castle, Ashley Elliot, Jenny
May, Stephen Skinner, Lindsay
Johnson

Committee Chairpersons

Lindsay Tharp-Special Events
Autumn Holmes-Community Service
Laura Seppanen-Community Service
Danielle Milton-Fundraising
Anya Doyle-Dance





Top: StuCo members planned their annual Christmas gifts for the City Union Mission. Each year HMHS StuCo members collect gifts for underprivileged children and take the gifts to the children at the mission. Above left: StuCo President Lesley Sharon spoke with StuCo sponsor Tom O'Brien about one of the many projects StuCo sponsored this year. Above right: Exchange student Laura Seppanian made a point with Julie Paszkiewicz at a meeting. Opposite page: Right- Members voted on a procedure for StuCo. Left- The annual StuCo Christmas Party had the usual goodies to eat.

Student Council

Breaking on Through the Expectations

by Julie Paszkiewicz (11)

The main fundraisers for StuCo this year were the annual summer car wash, pickle sales in the lunchroom, the Oreo Challenge and Winter Court Warming. With the exception of the car wash, these fundraisers brought forth new ideas and excitement to Hickman. The Oreo Challenge, created by Gabriel Day (11), was one of the more fun money makers. The idea was to pay a quarter to StuCo to receive an Oreo cookie. If you could twist the cookie apart with all the cream on one side, you would get your money back. "I thought it was a cute idea, and I'm glad we made some money off it," said Day.

Some students thought they had an Oreo edge. "I am the master at twisting Oreos, so it wasn't much of a challenge. Nevertheless, it was a cool idea," said Marlon Neal (12), who participated in the challenge.

Although the Winter Court Warming has been a yearly event for StuCo, this year it was full of firsts. Rather than just the entertainment of one DJ, the dance consisted of a live band and a live rap group. Danny Sweeney (12) and his band, "Pipeline," performed as did C.J. Henry (11) and his group, "TAO" (Together As One) in addition to the DJ.

"It was a great opportunity to be able to be one of the firsts at Hickman. The guys and I were very honored," said Sweeney.

With a turn out of between 200 to 300 students, the Winter Court Warming was considered one of the years most successful dances.

Executive Board



Lesley Sharon—President
Julie Paszkiewicz—Vice President
Kenisha McIntosh—Secretary
Marissa Hunter—Treasurer



"I was pleased with our participation with the soup kitchen and the Leukemia Run. This was probably our most involved year in community service."

— Tom O'Brien, sponsor

Committee Chairpeople



Autumn Holmes (12)
Community Service



Laura Seppanen (12)
Community Service



Lindsay Tharp (12)
Special Events

"I think working the soup kitchen was one of the most rewarding things we did."

— Laura Seppanen (12)

Representing Hickman



Senior Class Officers

"I am very happy with the group of people I have been able to work with this year. We understand the true nature of teamwork."

*Jennifer Kennedy
Junior Class President*



Sophomore Class Officers

"We have managed to work well together as one, despite the separation of our class due freshman teams. We were a good spirited class who got involved right away."

*—Amy Carroll
Freshman Class President*

"Our biggest accomplishment was being able to fundraise as a group. Our class has always been able to work well together."

*—Chedel Townsend
Senior Class President*



Junior Class Officers

"As sophomores we understand our second year of high school is like no other, and it is because of this I take great pride in being sophomore class president."

*Nathan Anderson
Sophomore Class President*



Freshman Class Officers

Spirit Club Breaks on Through

Spirit Club Says Goodbye to Spirit Czar Dale Knowlton

by Rhonda Woodfork (12)

This year the Spirit Club consisted of 120 members. For a fee of \$35.00 members received a Spirit Club sweatshirt and a card, which allowed them to attend home games free of charge. This year's sweatshirt was designed by Audrey Murdock, a 1998 graduate of HMHS. The 1998-99 year was the last for Hickman Spirit Czar Dale Knowlton. Kim Sixta spent the year as his understudy because she will take over Spirit Club duties for the 1999-2000 school year.

The Spirit Club choose "Swinging in the 40's" for this year's fall Homecoming theme. The Senior Class won first place in the float contest. "At first it was hard to come up with ideas for a float because of the theme," said Kenisha McIntosh (12). Senior Shalyce Smith added, "I was a little worried at first because we kept getting rained out, but as soon as I saw it, I knew the other class floats could turn around and go back home."

Although smaller than last year's club, this year the Spirit Club broke on through by showing more school spirit and more participation by attending games than in recent years.





After six years of leading the Orange Charge at Hickman, our beloved Spirit Czar is stepping down. Dale Knowlton, who made up the name "Spirit Czar" after learning that other leaders of organizations were calling themselves Czars, is calling it quits after six year. "The title 'Spirit Czar' originally started out as a joke, but it caught on and it has been used ever since," said Knowlton.

Knowlton was in charge of Fall Homecomings and dances along with being in charge of the annual Homecoming Parade. Though the job required much off school time, Knowlton said he enjoyed the dances and "the kids having fun in a safe environment."

He also was in charge of arranging buses, so Spirit Club members could attend away games.

One of the most funny things to happen to Knowlton during his tenure as Spirit Czar had to do with a mix-up on dates with Central Office. "We have to pay the policemen for the parade and that particular year Central Office and I had a mix up on when the actual date was, so I ended up paying the ten policemen each an \$80 check out of my personal account. The police said they absolutely wouldn't allow the parade without getting paid for their time. Everything ended up fine. Central Office paid me back and they were very apologetic, but it was a good thing it was payday, or I don't know what would have happened," said Knowlton.

Knowlton will be missed. "Dale rejuvenated school spirit. He put a lot of time and effort into getting the kids to the games. I don't think saying, 'Thanks for a job well done' is enough. He really did a lot for the whole school," said Assistant Principal Dick Plymell.

It's a
SENIOR
Thing!



They Must Have Been Some Beautiful Babies!

'Cause, Baby, Look at Them Now!

Can you match the baby with the senior?



The following seniors are located on this page. Can you match the names to the pictures? Shalyce Smith, Kim Walker, Makila Lindsay, Rudy Wesley, Casie Howard, Andre Stevenson, Janelle Mosby, April Langhammer, Chedel Townsend, Edward Coody, Eric Richardson, Aaron Lacy, TaNisha Casey, Kristyn Hawkins, Kenisha McIntosh, Autumn Holmes, Rhonda Woodfork, Shontel Walker, JaNia Duncan, Ashema Haley, Katrina McClain, Lesley Sharon, Brandon Gines, Nicole Dahmer, Tracy Downs, Leonard Reed, Kelly Gibbs, Mia Yarbough, and Michelle McKinley.

The Class of 1999...

Justin Adams



Olubukola Aljoheye

Adam Anderson

Adrianna Andrews



Victoria Ashford

Karen Bartling

Jeremy Blake



Rachel Bogeart

David Bottemueller

Tekila Brown



Kassim Carney



We Saved the Best for Last!



Tanisha Casey
LaTashia Castle
Rachael Clouse



Kameron Cobbins
Edward Coody
Weslee Cottrell



Nichole Dahmer
Rayshaun Davis
Tracy Downs



Anya Doyle
Chari Duncan

The Class of 1999...

Jania Duncan

Lacie Duncan

Byron Dunn



Melissa Ethridge

Alaina Everage



Charity Farnsworth

Marvin Fernandez

Jermaine Fields



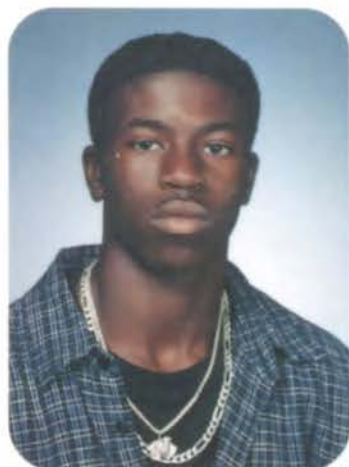
Janaya Finney

Jarroll Fontleroy

Megan Forbes



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Jason Friday

Thomas Gadson

Kelley Gibbs



Pamela Gill

Brandon Gines



Danielle Greenleaf

Karon Guthrie



Elizabeth Guzman

Ashema Haley

The Class of 1999...

Kristyn Hawkins

Derik Henderson

Erika Hendricks



Byron Higgs

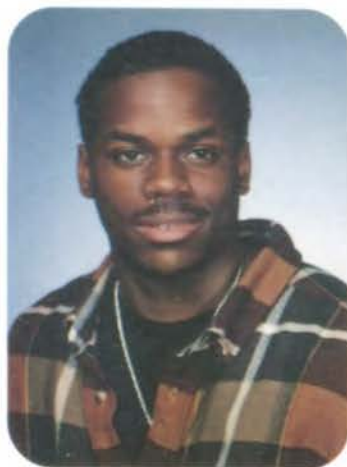
Jason Hill



Ryan Hooker

Aisha Hopkins

Tmika Hopkins



Daniel Hoskins

Casie Howard

Cathaleen Hughes



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Marissa Hunter
Mitchell Jemison
Nadine Johnson



Tamica Johnson
Chase Jordan
Jaron Jordon



Sherri Jordan
Brandi Kerr
Gianna Kilbey



Sheree King
Tiffany King
Aaron Lacy

The Class of 1999...

April Langhammer

*Katherine
Langhammer*

Karlton Lee



Cara Leiblie

Jasmine Lemons

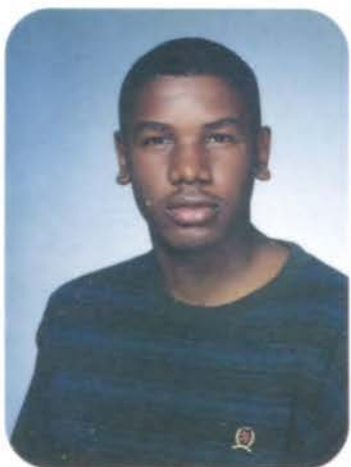
Makila Lindsay



Franklin Lloyd

Candace Lockett

Kelly Lundberg



Erica Madison

Rebecca Marchand



We Saved the Best for Last!



Samantha Martin

Tamara Matfield

Reginald McBride



Katie McBurney

Katrina McClain



Mindy McCullough

Crystal McFerrin

Kenisha McIntosh



Michelle McKinney

*Jacqueline
McLaughlin*

The Class of 1999...

Ja'lyn McMillin

Wesley Milburn

Matthew Mills



Tanya Moody

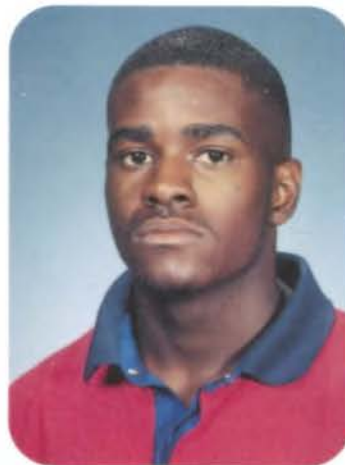
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Milika Moseley

Byron Moss

Monique Murrell



Danielle Nauman

Marlon Neal



We Saved the Best for Last!



Joshua Palmisano

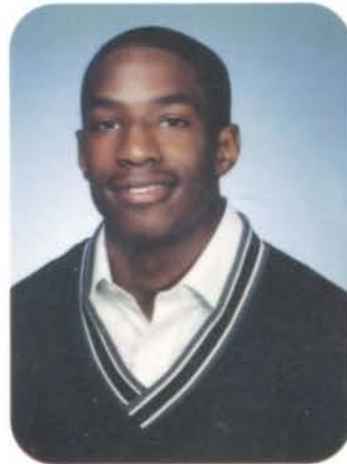
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Jeff Phi

Tiffany Phillips



Rachel Powell

Leonard Reed

Danielle Robinson



Kristen Robinson

Laura Seppanen

The Class of 1999...

Lesley Sharon



Andrea Shillingford



Kristina Silvers



Damien Simpson



Hannah Smith



Kevin Smith



Marcus Smith



Shalyce Smith



Tameka Smith



Jonathan Sparks



We Saved the Best for Last!



Jennifer Spurgeon

Andre Stevenson

Torrell Stokes



Susan Stone

Daniel Sweeney



Kristin Tabron

Brian Taylor

Carlos Taylor



Jacqueline Taylor

Tyson Taylor

Lindsay Tharpe

The Class of 1999...

Lakisha Thomas

Tamara Thomas

William Thomas



Courtney Thorton

Chedel Townsend

Vuthy Waan



Ruqaiyah Waliallah

Demetrios Walker

Kimberly Walker



Shontel Walker

Zachary Waterman



We Saved the Best for Last!



Marlon Watson
Theodis Watson
Kelly Weber



Krista White
Jennifer Whitney
Keith Williams



Brittany Winfield
Rhonda Woodfork
Joel Wright



Jeff Wunch
Mia Yarbough
Ryan Yonkman

More Beautiful Babies!



Can you match these baby faces with the faces in our graduating class? Pictured on this page are: Tameka Smith, Jaron Jordan, Brandi Kerr, Alaina Everage, Sherri Jordan, Leah Wilard, Marissa Hunter, Ja'lyn McMillin, Ruqaiyah Wali-Allah, Candace Lockett, Tamara Matfield, Cara Leiblie, Eshelle Ward, Gianna Kilbey, Rachel Bogeart, Kelly Lundberg, Katie Langhammer, Tanya Moody, Danny Sweeney, Rachael Clouse, Katie McBurney, Cathi Hughes, Jackie McLaughlin, Victoria Ashford, Tekila Brown, Adrianna Andrews, Jacqueline Taylor, and Lee Shepard.

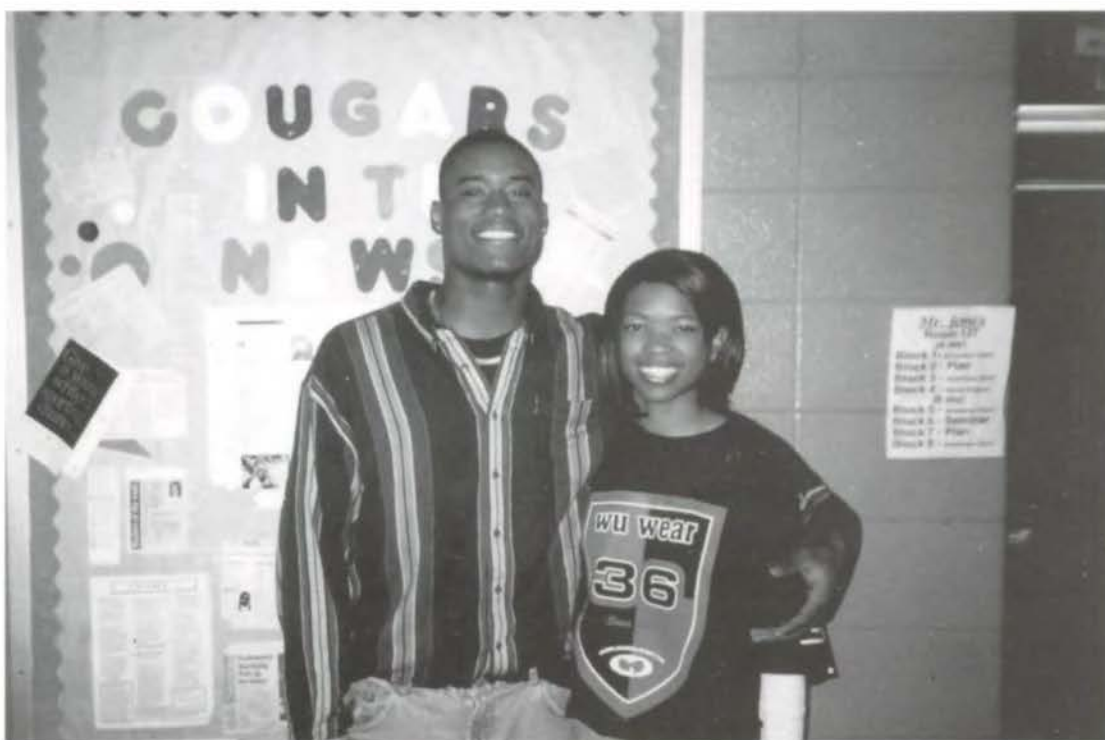


Class of '99 Superlatives

Seniors Vote on Class Honors



Most Likely to Succeed
Rachel Clouse and Jeffrey Wunsch



Most Changed Since Freshman Year
Demetrios Walker and Janell Mosby

The Best of the Best!

Nineteen 99



Biggest Flirts
Casie Howard and Kevin Smith



Best Dressed
Adrianna Andrews and Danny Mason



*Best Personality
Jania Duncan and Danny Sweeney*



*Most Artistic
Megan Forbes and Marlon Neal*

*Right- Class Clowns
Ruqaiyah Waliallah
and
Eric Richardson*



*Below- Best
Smiles
Pam Gill
and
Edward Coody*



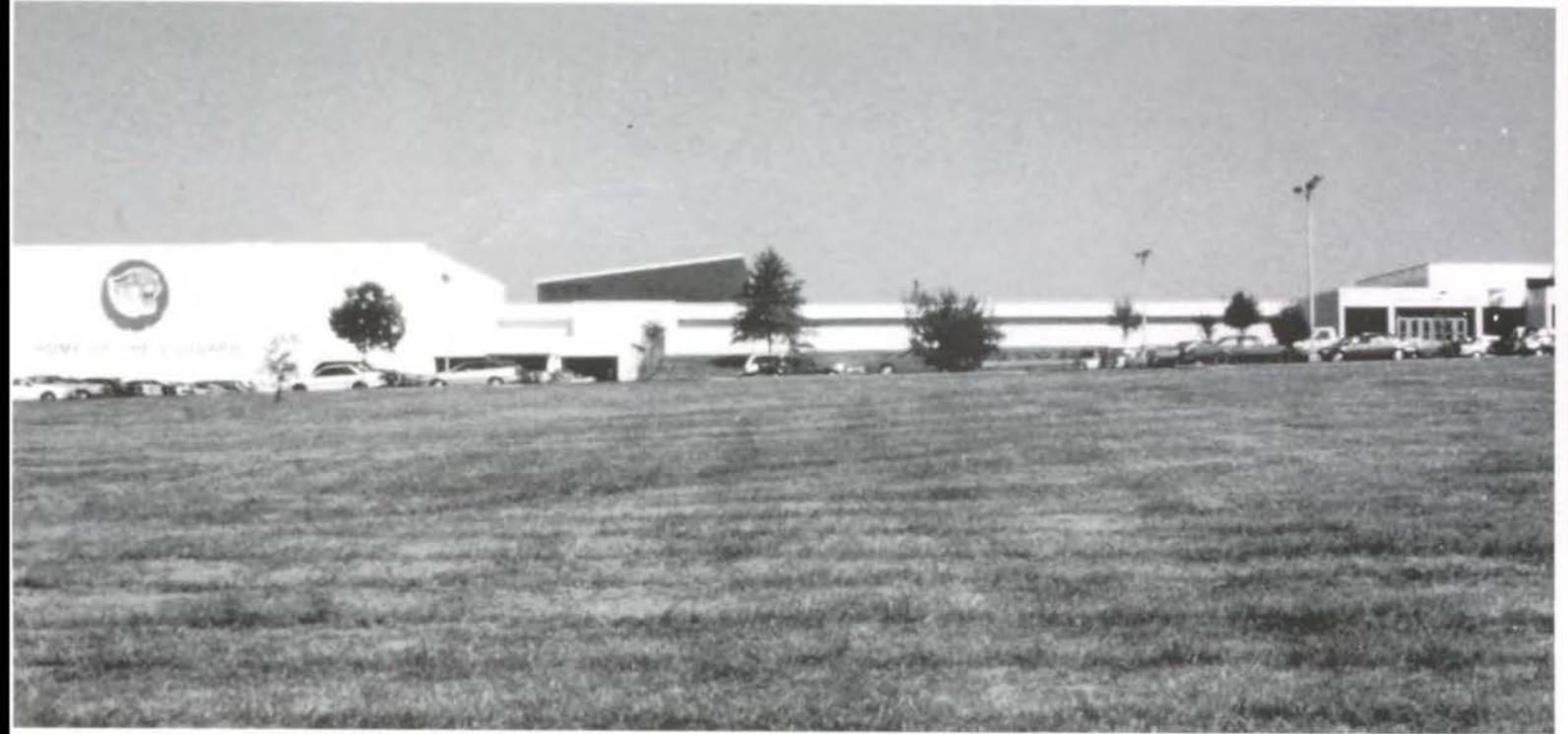
*Best Eyes-
Shalyce Smith
and
Mark Salary*

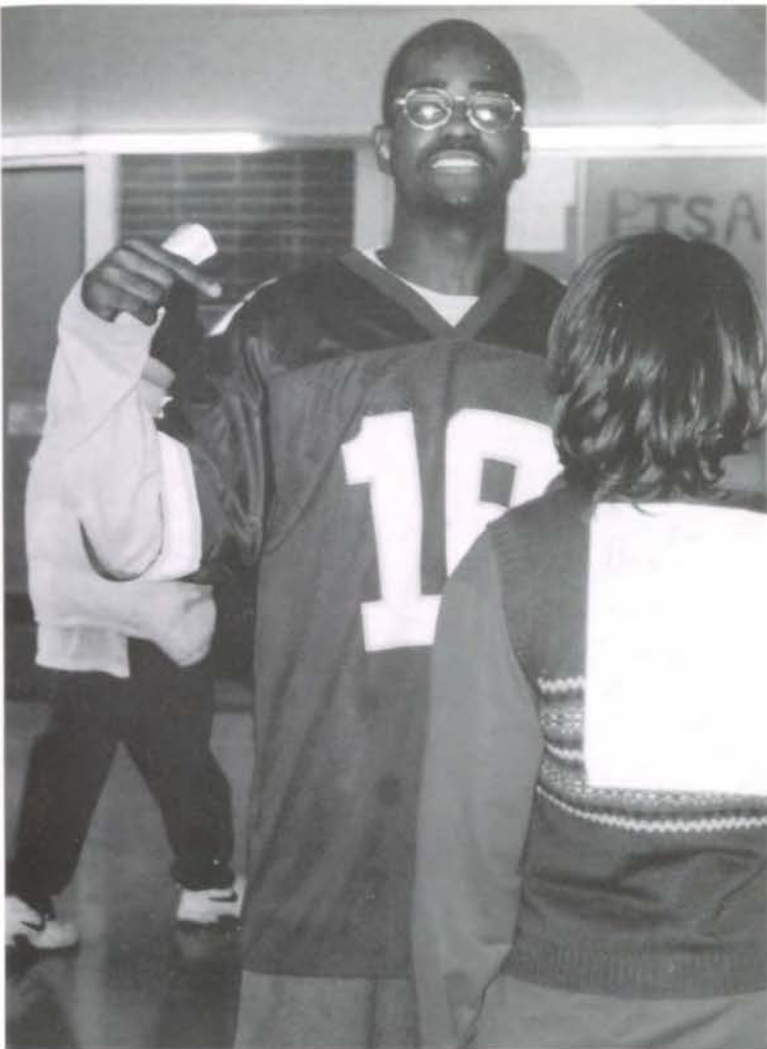


*Below: Most
Musical
Tammy Thoma
and
Mike Wolf*

"... and a goodbye makes the journey harder still."

Senior Candid





Top Left: Byron Moss got involved in College Prep's 1984 project. Top Right: Ruqayyah Waliullah and Lawrence the Cougar welcomed a future student to one of the home football games. Right: Rudy Wesley signed with CMSU to go to the university on a full football scholarship. Left: Senior class members got into the swing of things at Homecoming. Opposite page: Our school. We'll miss the Class of '99. Bottom: Ben Huevinkle and Joey Fitzgerald drove their "ride" in the Homecoming Parade to display their class spirit.

Winter Court Warming



Winter Royalty

From left: Kevin Smith (12) Runner up, Jania Finney (12) Runner-up, Tekila Brown (12) Runner-up, Queen Autumn Holmes (12), King Demetrios Walker (12), Rita Wilks Junior Princess, Marlowe Rhodes Junior Prince, Kenie Woodard Freshman Princess, Aaron Scroggins Freshman Prince



Queen Audi



King Michi



Top Left: Adrianna Adrews (12) treated the student body with a violin rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Winter Court Warming Pep Rally. Top Right: One of the many masked crusaders keeping Hickman safe for Cougars on Super Hero Day. Left: Super Hero Day was a new twist to Winter Court Warming Spirit Week. Several heroes "flew" through Hickman's halls. These four landed in the Media Center!

Teachers as Parents

Juggling School Life with Family Life

You were probably aware that C-1 Hickman Mills School District had a program called Parents as Teachers, but were you aware that many of the Hickman teachers were parents? The year started out with Mrs. Melius and her husband welcoming their first born, Mikolus Orion, on August 21. So, how did teachers balance family life with school life? "I wish there were about 48 hours in the day. I just don't have enough time. One rule I have is that I don't take anything from school home. My home time is Mikolas time," Melius explained. Melius wasn't the only teacher with the home time dictum. "Alexis is only going to be a baby once, and I don't want to miss it," said Paula Erickson. Erickson stayed at school until things were finished, but she, too, would not take school projects, like paper grading, home. "I might have to stay late, but it's worth it," she explained.

Sleep deprivation was a problem for teacher John Jones. His son was born two weeks early weighing in at 5 pounds and 3 ounces. Little Antwojuan-Markez Jones was born on January 18, 1999. Being a premie, he needed to be fed small amounts every two hours. "With a newborn, who needs an alarm clock," quipped Jones.

Parents with babies were not the only ones who felt a time squeeze. Georgia Gilman, who had daughters in 9th, 7th and 5th grades, had days when she felt "like the Pushme-Pullyou from Dr. Doolittle. Some days are tricky. My two older girls are participating in school activities of their own, and it can be difficult to get everything finished for work and be at their activities at the same time." So, what gives? According to Gilman, a little of both. "I've graded papers while watching my daughter play in basketball games, and I have had to take my daughters to Hickman functions so I can get my work there finished, too," she explained.

Does the time shortage ever get better? Ask Tom O'Brien, who had a 16 year old son and a 19 year old daughter. "It gets better because your presence isn't needed as much just for supervision's sake, but it could be worse because in the time I'm away and the errors the kids could make in that time are greater in terms of consequences," he said, "but in reality, I am with my 16 year old as much now as I was when he was eight. Plus, I trust my two kids implicitly. That helps."

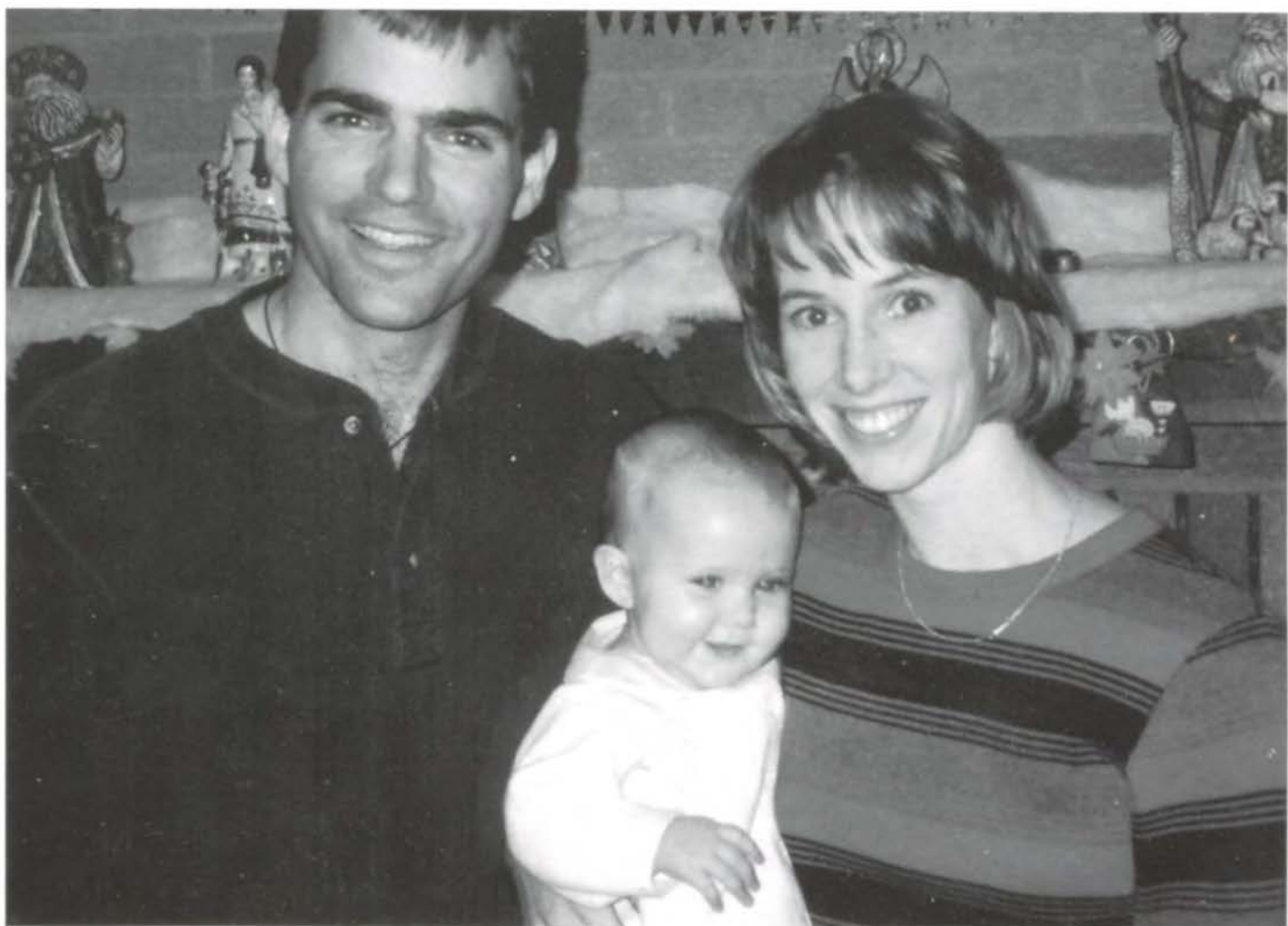
But all in all, teachers as parents have learned to appreciate the finer qualities of their students. It may be that the teachers know their students are someone's son or daughter. Jones may have summed it up best. "I appreciate my Freshmen more after having a newborn in the house. Being around them has a calming effect. That's funny!"



Above: John Jones welcomed his new son, Antwojuan-Markez, but with a new baby came less sleep.

Right: Georgia Gilman often threw in a load of laundry before coming to work. Trying to keep house and keep on top of her English classes wasn't always easy — something every working mom experienced.





Top Left: Paula Erickson helped daughter, Alexis celebrate her first Christmas.
Top Right: Stephanie Melius with her first born, Mikolas.
Above: Heather Heiss and her husband, Leo, posed with daughter, Brianna, at Christmas.

Cafeteria Broke on Through

New Manager Brought New Meals More Students Ate School Lunch

Hickman students noticed a big difference in the lunchroom this year. More variety, less sweets and a shorter line all contributed to a more successful lunch program than Hickman has seen in years. The overall amount of students who ate a hot lunch at school increased by nearly 200 students per day. "We really tried to give the students a good variety, but we were also trying to give them healthy choices," said new cafeteria manager Carla Porter. In addition to taking good care of the student body, the cafeteria staff also made homemade soups for the faculty four days a week.

"Soup just has a special way of just warming the soul. I've always felt being a teacher is a special job, and finally the cafeteria found a small way to make me feel special. I really appreciate it — especially on cold windy days," said Dale Knowlton.

Students, too, appreciated the new cafeteria. "They use more seasoning and the food doesn't taste generic anymore. I like it," said Tanise Davis (11).



The Culinary Staff clowned around during their fall inservice.

It's lunchtime!



Here's what the students thought...



"It is good. I like the French Fries best, but I also like the chicken nuggets."
— Samuel Olawaiye (9)



"I eat school lunch because I'm hungry. The variety this year was good."
— Nechelle Nelson (10)



"Most of the food has a better taste. There is more variety and better food preparation."
— Aaron Hynds (11)



"It is better than last year, but main difference is there is more variety. There is a lot to choose from."
— Mitchell Jamison (12)

She's fast. That's no lie. Junior Shaneatra Neely represented Hickman at the State Track Meet in Jefferson City, and when the dust had cleared, she came home toting three state medals, one of which was gold. Neely won the 100 meter high hurdles, got second in the 300 meter high hurdles and was the anchor in the third place 4 by 100 meter relay. "It felt good to win, but it was kind of scary because I had a bad start out of the blocks, but I came back," Neely said of her golden victory. "I felt I should have done better the year before when I went, so I made sure I was ready this time."

Neely joined fellow teammates Rita Wilks, (11) and Shavonn Johnson, (11) along with '98 Hickman Mills graduate Kristina Thomas to form the 4 by 100 meter relay team. Johnson, who ran the crucial first leg of the relay, said she was "excited,

HMHS Runners

**Break
on
Through!**

Finish Lines

terrified and crying," but once the race began, Johnson got herself under control. "I saw that girl from St. Louis ahead of me, and I thought 'I have got to catch that girl,' and I did." Wilks concentrating on her breathing before the race. "I practiced sucking air for the backstretch, so I got my breathing right," said Wilks. Wilks also competed in the 400 meter run, which is considered by tracksters to be the most difficult event in Track and Field. She made it to the semi-final round and hopes to go further this year. "I've got to think 'sprint, stride, sprint' and finish strong. I'm going to try to improve because I think I can do better," she commented.

So, how did the girls get so good? Neely's advice to runner runs along the lines of food. "I don't believe in diets. I may eat some potato wedges before a meet and pasta is always good, but no diets." Johnson believes in plenty of fluids. "You have to drink lots of water and eat a lot of fruit. I don't drink pop because it's bad for me, but I do drink tons of water. Gotta stay hydrated." Wilks works on her breathing skills. "I have to practice breathing because I know on the backstretch it's air sucking time." Another technique all three runners use before a race is to listen to music. They like an upbeat tempo to get them pumped. "Sometimes I listen to rap. Sometimes just whatever, but I got to have my music to get me hyped," said Neely.

And all three rely on a higher power. "I pray before a race," said Johnson. Wilks added that she prayed, too, but said she asked God to "help me do my best." Neely said she prays before and after races. "After a good race, I always have to thank Him for helping me," she explained.



Cougar Shaneatra Neely stood proudly on the winner's stand after winning the 100 meter high hurdles at the State Track Meet.

**"We took six
girls and got
fourth place.
That says it
all."**

—Clay Staires
HMHS Girl's Track
Coach



The Fab Four after the medal ceremony. Left to right: Shavonn Johnson (11), Kristina Thomas ('98), Rita Wilks (11), and Shaneatra Neely (11)



The Hickman Girl's Track Team took a fourth place finish at the State Track Meet in Jefferson City, Missouri. They posed here with their coaches and their trophy.

The

Debutantes

Added a little Class!

by Cathaleen Hughes (12)

Seniors Adrianna Andrews and Marrison Hunter were 1998 Alpha Kappa Alpha Debutantes. Their Debutante season started in May 1998 and was completed at the Ball held in November. The girls were chosen after filling out an application and going through an interviewing process. The two Hickman girls were part of a class of 31 girls who received the honor to debut. During the season they were featured in numerous newspaper articles, which covered the events of the debut. Such events included a talent show, and the Alvin Alley Ballet. Both girls received a \$600 book scholarship to be used for college. "I believe that being a debutante was a unique honor that most girls don't receive because they are unaware of it. I feel very special to have taken part in such a sophisticated and classy event like the Debutante Ball," said Adrianna. Each year Alpha Kappa Alpha crowns a "Miss Debutante," who wins a \$4,000 scholarship to the college of her choice, and a "Miss Academic," who wins a \$3500 scholarship to the college of her choice. "The girls learned many things through that season which can help them throughout their lives," said Vivian Bassa, General Chairperson of the Ball. "This was a great and exciting experience for me. I met a lot of new friends," said Marrison Hunter. Other participants were Kevin Smith, Glen Cole, and Weslee Contrell, who were escorts for the debs. The theme of the 46th Annual Debutante Ball was "Soaring into the Future." These girls were definitely soaring down the right path.



Above: Miss Adrianna Andrews Below: Miss Marissa Hunter Opposite Page Bottom left-Marissa Hunter makes her debut. Bottom Right-Adrianna Andrews makes her debut.



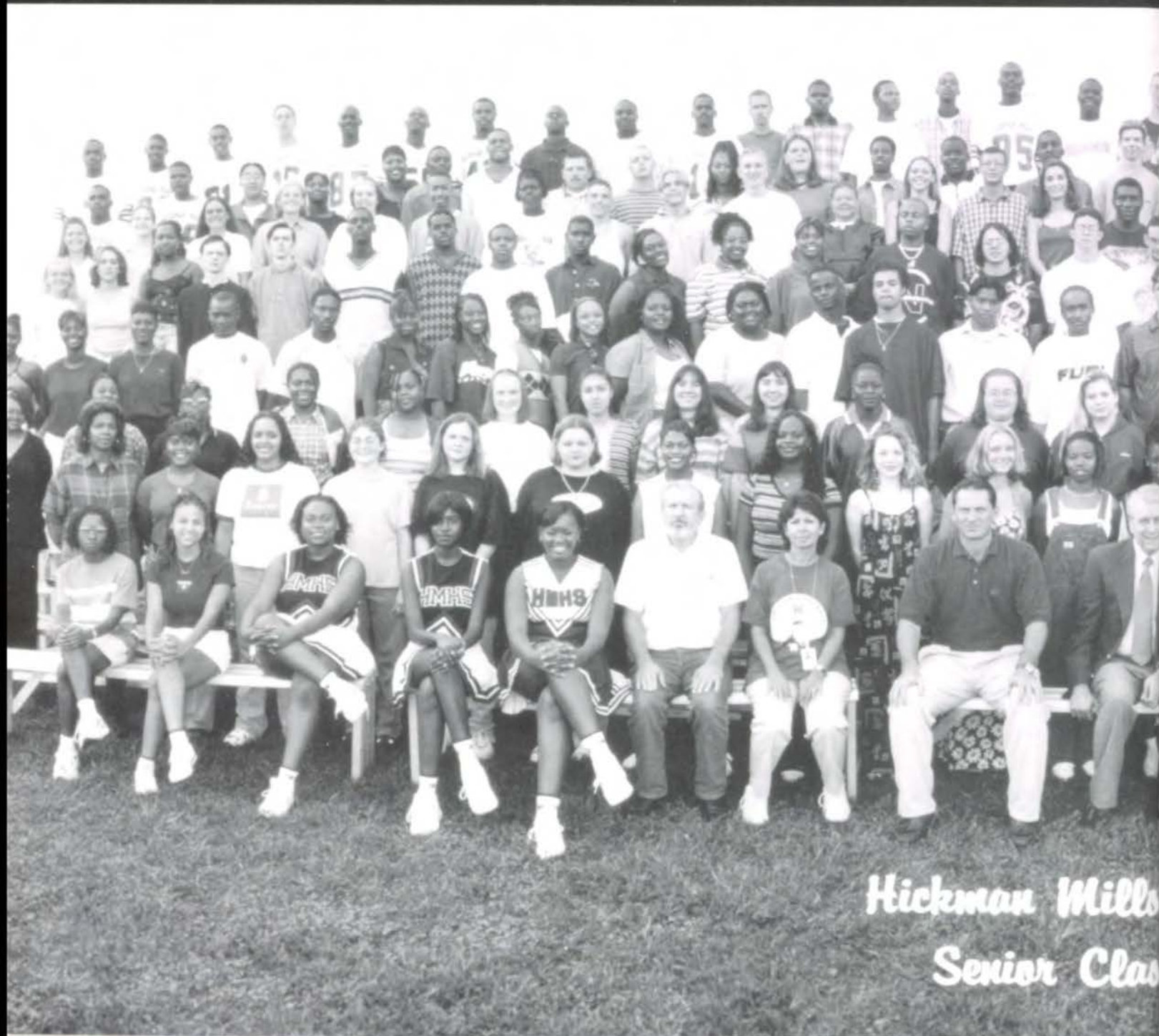
Marissa Hunter with her escort, Brian Falding



Adrianna Andrews with her escort, Glen Cole



Hickman Mills



Hickman Mills
Senior Class

Senior Class

High School



High School
of 1999

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Senior Goodbyes to the Class of '99



Adam Anderson,

It is hard to believe that you are now on the threshold of adulthood. You have been a joy and have made us proud of you. We love you and wish you the best in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Angela



Rach,

We've been best friends since 5th grade. Now, we must go our separate ways into the "world!" I never thought this day would come. Seems like yesterday we were dancing in the Dobbs Talent Show. We were so cute. Thank you for all the support, advice and memories. I love you, girl and wish you the best!

Love,
Katie McBurney (Kate-Dogg)
PS- Don't try putting any fires out! Okay?



Rachie,

As you were growing up there were a lot of ups and downs in our family. Through all that, you have somehow managed to become a respectable and hard working

person who definitely knows what she wants out of life. You have also proved to be responsible in every way. Thank you for being such a sweet and good daughter who never really gave us any worries. We know you will be successful in whatever career you choose—medical or other. Our family will always be proud of you.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Scruffy

Thanks to my Grandparents and my mother. Cara, we've been friends for so long. I hope I can put up with you through college. Jennifer, we've been through so much and yet we are still great friends. The older we get the wiser we grow. Sean, you have put me through so much, and I still care about you. Vern, we've been through more than I ever wanted, but if I had to do it again, I would. Laban, we've only been friends for a year or so, but I'm glad we are. Keep smiling. Ben, you're like a brother to me. I love you to death.

Between Vern and you, I'd do anything, and I did!

Love to you all!
— Victoria Ashford



Rachel,

We have been friends for awhile, and through all the ups and downs, we have still remained friends. You have always been there for me, and you know I will always be there for you. I will never forget all the fun we had throughout the years, and you know this is not the end.

Your friend always,
Samantha



Infant*Colic

Toddler*Mind of her own
Child*Verbal

Pre-teen*Non-verbal communication

Teen*Strong willed

All these traits make you who you are. I hope you keep letting your voice be heard and hold fast to your beliefs, hopes and dreams.

Love always and forever,
Mom



Dear Victoria,

You have been with us for 14 years. From pre-school to graduating from Hickman Mills High School. We have enjoyed the years with you. There were good times, and there were bad times, but the good times outweighed the bad. We love you dearly. You're a very special girl to us.

Love,
Shirley and Richard Ashford (Your Grandparents)



Rachel,

I want to congratulate you for being very successful in school and life. You are very independent and will succeed in whatever you do. I love you very much and am proud to have you as my sister and as my son's Godmother. God bless you and the Lord be with you always.

Love,
Chris (Your brother)

Anya Doyle,
I have had the pleasure of seeing you become a lovely young woman. You know what you want, and you know what you need to do to get there. Your future is what you make it, and I know yours will be great. I have been blessed by your presence in my home.

Love ya bunches,
Sharon

Tonsillectomy at age 7
 Regular on the Principal's Honor Roll
 Asking, "May I take your order?"
 Cougar Bands: marching, concert, pep jazz
 Yet another kennel to clean

Loving care at St. Vincent's Day Care
 Yep, a terrific big and little sis
 Never missing a camp opportunity
 Needing a Binky of your own

Drive #1 around the block
 Oscar the Grouch birthday cake and many more
 Winter survival with Girl Scout Chedel,
 Never forgetting THE 2nd grade perm
 Soccer, softball, volleyball and dance



We're so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! Remember, pursue your dreams and you'll go far. May God bless you.
 Love always,
 Mom and Dad



Little brother,
 Congratulations! I knew you could do it.
 And don't forget about the Llama Lick.
 Love,
 Janet



Kelly,
 The all night "Farkle" games, trip to Florida, Truman Lake, Pepsi cans, bowling and "cooking shows" are just a few of the things I'll never forget. We have had some good times and some bad, but no matter what, we are still there for each other. Gible, I love you!
 Ja'lyn Michelle

Kelly Gibbs,
 My little girl has grown up as the light of my life, and I'm so proud of you. Wish you a successful future.
 I love you always,
 Mom

We've watched your each and every step. Now you've reached a milestone. Congratulations, Byron. Continue to make us proud.
 Love,
 Mom and Dad



C.J.
 Where would I be without you? You are my life, my love and my happiness. No matter what has happened this year, you will still have a place in my heart. You have been and will be an inspiration to me always. Thank you for everything.
 Love,
 Amber

Ericka-
 Who would have thought in the 6th grade we would be friends now? Through everything you have always been there. Thank you for all the memories we've made, and I hope for more to come. Good luck for the future. LYLAS and BFFE,
 Ambie Bambie aka Waldo

Pam,
 All the memories: Girls Scouts, the Bicycle Gang, the creek, all the slumber parties, the late night talks, and singing along with Fleetwood Mac will never be forgotten. I'll always be here for you no matter what. You are a beautiful person inside and within. College awaits!
 Your buddy ol' pal,
 Katie McBurney
 PS-Shamma-shamma

More Senior Goodbyes...



Casie,
It's hard for me to write this to you. I can't believe it's time for you to graduate. There are so many things I'd like to say. From the minute you were born to the present, you have brought me so much joy. From my baby to such a beautiful young

woman, I'm so proud of you. Always strive to be the best as you have always done. I know you will go far in life. I wish you all the happiness in the future. May God always bless and smile on you. I will always be here for you in my heart, mind and soul. I love you,
Mom



Casie,
As you can see, you were a champion at a very young age. You learned then that hard work breeds success. Work hard, play hard was our motto long before it became popular. You've accomplished more in your young life than most adults have. I may have pushed you pretty hard when you were little, but I hope you see now what I was preparing you for. I am

now and always will be proud to say I am your dad. Always continue to work hard and play hard and your success will be unlimited!
Love forever,
Dad



Casie,
You're my best friend, and I love you. We have always been there for each other and I hope we stay that way forever. Have fun at college next year and all the years to follow. Good luck and love always and forever.
C/O 02
Emily
"Mouse-Ka-Witch"

Nadine aka Casie-
Can you hardly believe a cow and a farm hussy became friends? Thank you so much for being exactly what you wanted to be, regardless. You've given me so much, no one else could. Don't ever lose Nadine. All my love and best wishes are with you wherever you go.

Love,
Fern aka Hannah

Autumn,
Well, finally, I'm rid of you, not that I particularly want to be, but this is the end. Thank you isn't enough for all the advice and laughter you shared with me. I'll forever treasure your friendship throughout the years. Don't lose yourself in the crowd and always be ready to call 911 on a hater. Good luck and best wishes.

With all my love,
Hannah



Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Let me tell you why. "Real" friends are hard to come by these days, yet somehow I was lucky enough to find you guys. All the laughter and my tears are memories that will never fade. Hannah, Oh, I forgot SSllrrpppp! The best is yet to come. See ya next year! Audie, girl, all I gotta say is SERVE YASELF! and don't forget what we started - Operation Take No...
I love you,
Case "Cow"

Autumn,
This is your year. The year you have always told me you were waiting for. We have been through good times and bad times, but I wouldn't take anything back for the world. I love you and love that you stuck in there to become a goddess.

Love always,
Kevin

To Tawana,
Even though we haven't been the best of friends long, we still kicked it and talked our little talk. You and Stephen keep your heads up. Don't let those haters bite 'cha. Steven, you can make it. Keep your head up and stop acting up. Remember God is on your side.

Love ya,
Brandi

First things first. I'd like to give thanks to God, Mom, Dad, Dee, Monya, and Grandma. Thanks for being there. If there was anything I needed you were always there to help and provide for me. Special thanks to the Banks family and Ron. Thanks to all the Class of '99. We're outta here. To the Class of 2000, you're up next. Steven K, you can make it.
Peace,
Brandi



Brandi,
 Congratulations! You're on an uphill
 journey with your education and doing
 quite well! I know you will succeed in
 whatever you pursue. Keep God first, one
 foot in front of the other and hold your
 head high!
 With love,
 Carmen



Gianna,
 Our high school years have gone by so fast
 and although we never really hung out
 together out of school, your friendship to me
 in school was very special to me. And you're
 definitely a bad influence on me! Ha-Ha. I
 hope to keep in touch with you after grad.
 Hey, maybe we'll have lunch at Denny's!
 Your friend,
 Mindy

From the moment I met you I knew you were special.
 It's been "madd fun" spending time with you,
 traveling together, hanging out and just loving you.
 You're a very beautiful young lady and I'm so proud
 of you. Let's continue our next phase (college) of our
 someday you'll not only be my doctor or nurse, but
 also my wife! I love you and you are the best! Let's
 keep it tight.
 Love always, (your future husband)
 Rodney L. Banks



To all my fellow seniors,
 I wish you all the luck with your future.
 Also, to all my underclassmen, I wish
 you guys luck, too. To my friends at
 Hickman, you all know who you are, I
 love you guys and I want you to keep in
 touch and never forget our memories at
 Hickman. To my girl, Jennifer Whitney, I
 wish you the best and I love ya. Mom,
 Dad, thanks for being there for me when
 I needed you. I love you. Carla, you are a
 cool sister and a good friend. Robert, I
 wish us the best of luck in the future. I
 love you. To all my teachers, thanks for
 getting me to where I am. Vickie and
 Kelly, I had a great time in NY. I'm
 never gonna forget that trip. If I forgot
 anything or anyone, don't take it to
 heart.
 Love ya,
 Cara Leiblie

Cara,
 We are so proud of you and all that you
 have done and the person you have
 become. We wish only the best for you.
 Welove you,
 Dad, Mom and Carla
 (Betsy, Lucy and Bert, too)

Cara and Vickie,
 It was so exciting to go on the greatest
 vacation of my life with you guys! I will
 never forget New York — especailly when
 we were at China Town and Cara dropped
 rice in her bra. We were all laughing for at
 least 20 minutes straight. I love you guys,
 and I'll miss you both.
 Love always,
 Kelly Lundberg



April Langhammer (Devil Twin),
 Well, We've finally made it! We have survived 18
 years and 22 high school classes together. Al-
 though we haven't always gotten along (duet
 practices, Peter etc.) we've always made up.
 Thanks for providing my competition for grades.
 You have helped me so much. Do you remember
 Jack-in-the-Box in kindergarten? Donalds!
 Donalds! Green Mill Candy Factory, Smurfs,
 Rainbow Brite, and Oscar and Ernie for Hallow-
 een. I won't let you forget Poopy Snoopy because
 you won't let me forget Big Dog. Pull tab, betting
 with Make and Stacy. Don't ever forget Wash-
 ington and the Strods that will be ours. I can't
 believe Mom survived 5th grade and our practic-
 ing. Now we're both first chair. Necesito alivar
 mi vejiga! Tu everything pedar! I wish you the best
 of luck in everything you do. I can't wait until
 we're both ER Docs. (Especially when they bring
 in MF with his broken leg.)
 Love,
 Katie (Angel Twin)

Candace,
 I'm very proud of the beautiful, strong, intelli-
 gent young lady you have become. Continue
 your eagerness for knowledge, wisdom, creativity
 and courage. These are fine qualities you exhibit
 and will need as you journey through life. I will
 always be there for love, guidance and support.
 God bless you.
 Love, Mom

"And a goodbye makes the journey harder still..."



Dear Katie aka Catbert,
We've finally made it! We have been the best of friends ever since we were little and I hope it always stays that way. We have been through everything together, good and bad. I wouldn't trade you for anyone else. We haven't always agreed on everything (orchestra, grades, Peter, etc), but we always settle our differences. Now that we both rule orchestra, we don't have to fight over who is better. I'll never let you forget Big Dog and what happened in kindergarten. I'll always remember the fun we had in DC with Peter, Space Camp, Chicago and everywhere else. Don't ever forget Happy Meals in preschool, Donalds! Donalds! Jack-in-the-Box, betting with Mike and Stacy at bingo. Mr Miller's mothers' wife, or Tubby. I'm ready for when we're both ER Docs, and they bring in Mike. Thank you for always being there for me.

Costa Rica, here we come!

Love, April aka Dogbert

PS- Peter's mine. You can have Nick and Dana.



Dearest Becky,
It's only been a quick blink of an eye since you were my sweet baby girl. So much has changed yet you're still that happy, smiling and determined person that you were 17 years ago. Keep your great sense of humor! That, your faith in God and your intelligence will see you through any challenges ahead and

guide you to success in making your dreams come true. Savour every moment of life and make each one count for good. You've given me lots of smiles and wonderful memories and I'll always be there for you. I am so proud of you as a person and I love you very much.
Mom



Samantha,

I am very proud of you. You are a very special daughter. Continue to reach for your goals. I love you.

Mom



Samantha Martin,

Over the years you've taught me a lot about myself and also about black folks! Remember gasoline tanks, throwing toilet paper and, of course, NEW YORK! It was all good. Now we have to grow up, but it's gonna be the bomb with the apartment.

Love ya, Rachel

Danny Laron Mason,

What's up, boy? It's over, but our game still carries on. We did too much our four years in high school and now it's over, but us kickin it will never stop. Sorry you and Shree didn't make it...haha. Latrice and me is still carrying on. Yo' cheap butt been there, though, and I gots to give it to you! You're the second person that I can call my best friend. Thanks for makin my years of high school ones I'll never forget. We've been called players, haters, conceited and even been mistreated. I'm out...Don't even trip, BIG BUH!

Otis



Dear Tamara,
Congratulations as a high school graduate, an event that is a first major milestone in your life. Look toward the future, but also remember to enjoy this time right now. Choose wisely, not on colleges,

but friends, jobs and everything else in life. Let the Lord be your hope and trust Him from your youth. We are proud of you and keep up the good work. May God bless you in all of your endeavors.

Love,

Mom and Dad and Aunt Jay



Well, I know what we have grown since the fifth grade will soon fade away as we leave. Remember our freshman year? It was the bomb! So was cheerleading, parties, dudes and getting excited about getting our licenses! I hope you never forget that because I won't.

Love, Rachel

PS- AHHH Yah-Yah-Yah



While other seniors are saying goodbye to each other and moving on, we are starting a new life together. Having grown up together, I find I love you more each passing day. When I look back I know the highlights of my senior year will be our wedding and the birth of our baby.

Love, Philip



*Ja'lyn, a senior goodbye, Oh, where shall I start?
A year of last things and sches of the heart.
A last dance, a last game, a last hug with a
friend,
Tears will be shed, never seeming to end.*

*But wait, it's not all sad, just look around,
A year of new beginnings can also be found.
A new spouse, a new life, a new baby I spy,
My baby is grown and beginning to fly.*

*I love you,
Mom*



Ja'lyn Michelle-

*We have been through some crazy, but fun
times (bowling, cruising and Pepsi cans)
and even through the bad, our friendship
has never changed. Whenever I needed
you, you were always there. I will never
forget it! When life gets hard, I will always
and forever be here for you. Thank you for
everything.*

*Love always,
Kelly*



Dear Matt,

*It seems like only yesterday that we were
sending out birth announcements and now
we're about to send out graduation
announcements! We are proud of your
accomplishments. We love you with all our
hearts and know that remarkable future
lays ahead of you. Get ready, world! Here
he comes!*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



Chris,

*Hey, boy! Well, this is tough for me to say
goodbye to you, so I'll just say I'll see ya
later. You've been a very close friend to me
and I'll never forget that. I've seen you
really grow as a person. You've helped me
through a lot and I'll always remember our
times we've shared together.*

*Love ya always,
Mindy*



Emily,

*Well, little Miss Mouskawitch, I must say
that I've known you forever. Just always
remember that I taught you everything you
know (Remember those school days?) You've
made life fun for me, and I will always love
you. Thanks for everything! If you ever need
anything, I'll only be a heartbeat away.
Keep trying. One day you may be just like
me. HaHa.*

Love you, Casie



Ben Rod,

*Even at 5 months you were laughing at
Grandpa. My life without you would not
be a life. You are everything to me. Thanks
for all your help. I think we will make it
after all. When you win your first race, I
will be there and be so proud. Always here
for you.*

*Love,
Mom*



Dear Lesley,

*From the second you came into our lives, you
were always non-stop. Such a beauty. Always
asking why? How come? and in later years
always wanting to have the last word of any
confrontation. And now you are about to begin
the journey of your adult life. When you are in
Montana, you'll be far, but always in our
thoughts. We love you.*

Mom, Dad and Melissa



Sweetie,

*You grew up when I wasn't looking. You
are as sweet and beautiful on the inside as
you are on the outside. I wish for you a
life filled with music, art, flowers and
sunshine. I will always be here to support
you in whatever life brings your way.*

*Unconditional love,
Mom*

Waving Bye-Bye



Amber Smith,

The moment she was born I knew she was special, she brought so much joy into my life, as she continues to grow I see what a fine young woman she is becoming, and know that she will succeed at whatever she chooses to do. I'm always proud of daddy's little girl.

Stephen D. Smith

For my Hannah,

I was blessed to receive a gift one day, all pink and new, crying, hungry and she was My Hannah. For the next 17 years, we have laughed, loved, cried, and cried some more. We have prevailed. You have been my snuggle-bunny and my Hannah. You have loved others, felt their pain, cared for those in need and met needs. You have given me great joy, great pain, and great longing to be young again. You make me laugh, angry, and when you cry, you make me sad. I admire your strengths, and wish away your weaknesses; I love your zeal, and grow weary of your never-ending energy. I thank you for seeing me through my painful times. I apologize for making you be strong when it was my responsibility to be strong for you. I promise to always be there for you, no matter what may come your way, regardless of the decisions, and choices you make. I have tried to come to accept the fact that they are your choices and your decisions. It will rest on you. I promise to stop protecting you from those who don't know or understand you, from those who would want to hurt you, rather than get to know you.

You are my best friend, my first-born, my daughter, a part of me, you are MY HANNAH, and you always will be.

I love you unto my death.

Mom (I get to marry) ☺



Danny,

These last years have been off the hook. I've really become close to you and I hope our friendship will

stay strong.

PIPELINE

Jason Hill



Amber Smith,
I love you! You are my best sister and I don't want you to leave, not one bit! Got it, Good!!

Love, Bailey & Killer (moew)
Congratulations! You are a great sister! Good Luck in college. Come home and visit sometimes!

Love, Angel
I know we've had our share of fights, but you're still my favorite sister.
Love, Alea

Dear Hannah-Leah,

On your graduation from Hickman Mills High School; just a note to say how much I love you and what a joy you have been for the past 17 years.

I remember the day you were born and when I held you in my arms and gave you to the Lord for his keeping. I pray that you will commit your life to Him and let Him lead you in the years ahead. Whatever you do and wherever you go I hope that you walk in His ways and listen always to His voice. I look forward to watching you grow and mature in Christ in the coming years.

To my first grandchild; I Love You....

Grahamcracker



Danny,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You have such a bright future ahead of you. Be proud of yourself!

Love,

Dad and Deb

Congratulations and good luck always,

Michael



To my sunshine,

You know this is how I always remember you. I am so proud of you! I have watched you go from being the little girl who enjoyed singing me songs to the young woman getting ready for college. You have always been the mature and dependable one but now it's time to take some chances and make the most of what lies ahead. Life is what you make of it so remember to have FUN on your way to success.

Love you more than the whole wide world,
Mom



Shaylyce,

Mere words cannot express the many joys you have brought to our lives.

I know you will not settle for anything less than the best life has to offer, because that is what you deserve. You light up my life. We love you.

Mom and Sis

Danny,

You know me better than everyone, and yet I still find you standing right next to me. Through the laughter and tears you remained a constant. Now in our separate ways the memories of Rockhurst plays and birthdays gone by will forever keep you in my heart.

I love you and always will.

Love,

Hannah

Susan,

The joy and unconditional love you bring to the family warms our hearts and brings smiles to us all. Your presence in our lives makes us all the richer. We appreciate and cherish your goodness, honesty, talents, humor, and caring. We know that your future is bright! We are confident you possess the drive, and the willingness to sacrifice what is necessary to be successful in whatever career you choose. Please know that you will always have the unconditional love, encouragement and support of your parents. We will always be here for you!

Love,
The family



Kristin,

I've watched you grow from a beautiful baby into a wonderful young adult. Remember to put your trust in God and your future will be less frightening. God will be beside you this day and everyday. You've done a great job, and I'm very proud of you.

Love forever,
Mom



Krissy,

We have not always been friends, but I am glad we are. We have had some wild times the past two years. I am glad to know that

I have a good friend to confide in. You better keep close contact with me when you are at MU.

Love Always,
Brittany Winfield
aka Bea-uh-Bear

Lindsay,

I'm afraid that this time it's a relocation of homestead.

Even as wordy as I am, I can't express enough thanks for all the laughter you've given me.

From nail polish gifts and proper notes to sad good-byes and far off colleges.

Know that I'll always be ready to hear any of your stories, no matter what.

Try to be good. I'll be checking up on you.

Love,
Hannah



Kimberly,

You have always been the sunshine of our lives. Your good nature and warm personality have served you well. We have nurtured you for 17 years and watched you blossom into a remarkable young lady. As you begin your journey through life, remember you will always have the shelter of our love. We are so very proud of you.

Love Mom, Dad, and Sister Meredith



Kimi,

It's been fun bothering you these last two years at Hickman. People say we look alike, I give in we do. I hope you succeed in life. If you ever need anything just come to your little sis. I love you like a best friend and a true sister.

Love ya,
Meredith aka Mere Bear

Dear Pumpkin Butt,
Although we've had our ups and downs, this past year has been one to remember. We've been through so much, but it's only made our love for each other stronger. But no matter what happens in the future, remember that I will always love

you, and be here for you. Keep your head up and don't let the haters get you down because if they aren't talking you aren't doing something right, so keep giving them something to be jealous of. Good luck.

Love,
Rhonda

PS- Don't forget about my Lexus jeep.



Jennifer Whitney-
Congratulations and best wishes. I am so proud of you!

Love,
Mom



Brittany,

Spunk and ambition describes you best. College days are coming. Remember to keep God first, seat belts, party on/not hard (that goes for Erica, Rachel, Krissy, too). Congratulations to you and to the graduating Class of 1999!

Love,
Mom, Eric, Rakisha, Snappy, Aka Fat-Cat,
Rambo-bobo, Grandma, Grandpa

"It's so hard to say goodbye..."



Rhonda,

Well, here we are at another crossroad of our lives. We have exchanged Barbie dolls, ice cream cones and coloring books. From decision making life struggles and peer pressure, life is a series of adjustments that have been shaped by the people around us. Look forward to your new challenges as you leave the nest of comfort and security. Remember the most important thing is to be yourself. Tell all them player haters these intelligent words, "Not to hate the player. Hate the game."

Love always, Ashley



Although we are not best friends, we have all shared some special times. I have known you all of my life. Don't forget about the fire truck and don't let the haters bring you down.

Luv,

Rhonda

PS- Beware of the green-eyed monster!



Rhonda,

We're so proud of you and your accomplishments. We love you very much. Always remember to keep God on your side in whatever you do. He will see you through.

Much love,

Mom, Dad and Gretchen



Rhonda-

Gee, I'm gonna miss you. Thank you for helping to keep it real. You've taught me the ways of someone who is proud to speak her mind without giving it a second thought. I know I'll carry these lesson with me throughout my life.

Much love,

Hannah



To Brittany Winfield and Erica Madison,

Bia- You are one of the best friends a person can have. You stayed true through everything. I'll always value our friendship. I hope one far away day you'll be babysitting my kids. If for some reason we lose touch, please remember the definition of a true friend. Erica- You have always been a good friend to me. We've always had each others back. Thank you and your mom for everything. I love you guys!

— Rachel



Britt-

To you the only one who stay true. Thru you I learned to value myself and never settle for less as I did in the past. You know our saying, "If he ain't got no car, money or job, we don't want him!" We've had fun over the past 2 and 1/2 years. Best of luck to you in the future. Stay true. Don't change like the rest. Keep in touch wit yo dady. You know who it is!

Much love,

Kris



Erica,
Hey, Omish! I can't believe it. We are finally graduating. We have been such good friends we shared tears together and a lot of laughs. There is one memory that I can't forget. It was when Kisha and I were a get away car for a crime committed. I am so glad I was lucky to keep a good friend like you through all four years of high school.

Love always,

Brittany Winfield aka Bee-uh-Bear



Mike,

It is the end of our senior year and soon you'll be off to MU, and I'll be off to SMSU. We've grown up together and have had some great times. We'll be brothers forever, and I will always be there when you need a good laugh.

— Jason Hill

Mike and Jason,

It seems like just yesterday we all walked through the huge orange doors of Hickman and started our high school years. Now in the last days of these good times, it seems important to tell you that forever you've left an imprint on our hearts. Thanks for always bailing me out. You will forever be our Mr. Carfixeruppers. Now as we leave you to go to college, remember these few things. Jason, don't wash your jeans with crayons in the pocket, and Mike, red jumper cables go on the positive side of the battery. Be good and always remember we love you!

— Case and Han



Bryan,

You've been my play daddy for three years now, and it still seems like a lot of times I'm looking out for you.

Matt,

Thanks for all the rides to school and stuff. You are a sweetie even if you do beat me up all the time.

Joe,

Last summer was fun. Thanks for all the movies and dinnners. Someday I'll pay you back all that money.

Anybody else I'm sorry. I ran out of words. I love you all, but you still s&*k because you're leaving me! I'll miss you lots.

Love and smiles always,
Alea



Ryan,

Just wanted to let you know how proud we are of you. It's been a long haul, but you made it! Congratulations!

—Mom, Grandma, Grandpa, Jack and Becky

PS- I love you, and I know you can go a long way if you set your mind to it.

— Mom

Dear Rhonda,

We've been through a lot of things together. Even though nobody wanted it to work between us, we're still together. They (haters) can't stop what is real. I'm glad you chose me as a friend and a boyfriend. You always keep it real. For that I love you.

I'll always be your big baby with an attitude. My heart has a special place in it just for you. I'm going to miss you a lot. I'm leaving to play football soon, but it won't be the same without you in the stands. Never forget the good times we had acting insane in public. While I'm away I'll be thinking about you constantly. I only hope you will do the same. I love you always and plan to stay with you for as long as possible. Remember to always put God first! I love you more than you know! In God we trust.

Your pumpkin butt,
Rudy Wesley

I'd like to thank God and my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for bringing me this far for without Him I would be nothing. To my parents, I am so blessed to have parents like you, and I want you to know I truly love you with all my heart and appreciate everything you have done for me. I wish there was some way to repay you for your kindness, but there is not, so just know I am always in your debt. Shareese and Ranae, I love you dearly, and thanks for trying to teach me right from wrong as I have grown over the years. Believe it or not, I've learned. Be strong and know I am always here for you and the kids. To the rest of the family, what else can I say but thank you. To my friends, thanks for the laughs. To Talisha, Shirley and Chalonda, you three are some of the greatest friends I've ever known, and I love you all. Sherri, Tameka, BH, Shawna, Kendra and JC, I didn't forget you. Thanks for all the laughs. Talisha, don't forget JY and Iron Kids cake. Shirley, remember "ashy thighs" and Theodis. Lastly, to my sweetheart Brandon aka Lil Bit, so far it's been ten very long months, and I want you to know I love you more and more each day. Thanks for all the laughs, arguments and talks. Remember Boyz to Men, Red Lobster and Prom. To finish it off, "You know where my heart is, so don't worry so much w/your BC! (Ha-Ha)." Love to all C/O 99, Tanya Marie Moody

First of all I would like to thank the Lord above and my parents, LaWanda and Marvin, for being there when times got tough. Jasmine, you are the most gullable and warm hearted person I know, and that's why I love you like a sister.

Shalyce or Miss Attitude, we have kicked it, talked and even worked together. Now we must "walk" together. Kaiya, goof troop, you always make me laugh, and that is what I love about you. Rayhem, since you didn't believe me in class I'll tell you now. I'm going to miss you. Even though you are mean, I like being around you. And to my cousin as well as my friend, Marqus, it is now your turn. Make us proud. Much love, sonny. Last, but not least, Rashawn. After all we've been through, I still love you, and no matter what happens, you will always be in my heart. I love you.

— *Shonte!*

PS-Good luck to all the C/O 99 because will represent.



Dear Jeff,

It's hard to let you know how proud we are of all you have become. You are a real gift from God and a blessing in our lives. We know whatever you choose to do in life, you will be successful. Your journey is just beginning. As you move on in life, remember you are loved and supported. We look forward to all that is to come.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Janell and
Adrianna

Always
imitated. Never
duplicated.

Hoochie-Co, first come first served* Sophomore Year* Backstage passes* Who's at character* Tape, tape, tape, tape* Simply Reggie* Butterscotch* I ain't got no clothes* Keeping it real* It's an adventure everytime* Road-dog Tapes* I need a new tire* Corporal* Welcome to Kids Footlocker, may I help you? All American* Brush Creek* Club Except* Broncos* The Guadeloupe Center* Hogan* Forest* The Red Barn* Let me read your palm* Hot Summer Nights* Minty, the Lord has plans for you* Tennis* Thick eyebrows* Don't tell nobody* Bennigans* Bums sleep in the park* The smoker crew* Westport* Master plan* Amoco* Hondas* Hyundais* Le Baron* Rental cars* Vans* Lizzy* Layla* Clarice* Lorin* Erika* Keya* Lori



Miss Janell Mosby,

You are so nice and sweet. We have a great friendship. I share everything with you, so there is not much for me to say except you are the third sister I have always wanted.

— Miss Adrianna Andrews

Saying goodbye... It's a senior thang, baby!



Adrianna,
The day has come for us to graduate. We have been waiting for four long years. I can't believe it! You are my first best friend I've had for a long time. I still don't know how we met, but I'm glad we did. You are like my first sister I've always wanted.
Love,
Janell Mosby



Adrianna Talise Andrews
Your years in school have been successful. We have watched your growth, maturity, intelligence and the strength of character you possess grow. The scripture says all good things come from God. Your father and I thank Him daily for you. You are our wonderful baby girl. Never stray from the path you are in, never lose sight in your faith in God.
Love,
Thomas and Brenda Andrews (Your loving parents)

To Adrianna Andrews
Anna,
Yay, you're leaving!! Ok, maybe I'll miss you a little, but not much. I'm glad that you graduated with good grades, so you can to that first choice college. Don't think you are special, though. You are not one of "the beautiful people" like me. You're learning though. Take it one step at a time.
YOU'RE FREE!
"Cousin Jana"



Rachel,
I have not known you but a few years, but you are one of my very best friends. We have finally made it. We are leaving all this madness behind and moving on with our lives. You friendship means a lot to me and will never be forgotten. I hope to keep close ties while we are in school.
Love always,
Brittany Winfield aka Bee-Uh-Bear



Ashema,
Congrats! You've made it thru the easy chapter of life. The time has come for you to turn your dreams into reality. You are smart, strong, kind, understanding and beautiful inside and out. You are one of many blessings in my life. Put God first and the rest will follow. God bless you.
Love you,
Mommie



Tanya,
Your beautiful smile represents the beauty you possess inside and out. Let your light continue to shine as you travel life's pathway to a joyous and prosperous future. We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished.
We love you always,
Mom and Dad

To The family, NO LIMIT PLAYERS CLUB. We ran the South Side for 5- years plus. To all my young soldiers, ya'll know who you are, keep it going. We fought together, got in trouble together and did some other things together. That's why I love ya'll soooo much. Ummmm!!
Much love,
Otis

Mission Accomplished
Times have been way too hard. Lots of struggles, family deaths and violence, but that's what makes me, you feel. But 4eel, I'm proud of myself cuz I know my freshman year I waz headin da wrong way. I've came through all dat and the death of my pops made me stronger and the love from my moms made me work harder, and I thank the Lord for dat. To my cuzzin, yaw know who he is (Chez).
Get it together, Homie, so was can continue to represent Da H together. But 4eel I'm movin on up out dis school, cuz I graduated. Mission accomplished, so wish me luck.
BKH Brian Harris
(Remember me) —



What's up Fat Boy! Remember...don't get mad, get even. That's the fun in running over hay bales and breaking fishing rod. I don't know, but we always seem to make the best of it. See ya tommorrow.
Danny
PS-Pipeline



00 Hunnies
I guess I'll start off by saying I love you guys. You've all left your imprint on my heart at some point in time and will always be remembered. I'm not sure what is going to happen to our friendships over the years to come, but no matter what your memories will always linger. My time is up and when I leave, I'm going straight to the top, so keep your heads up and I'll see ya there someday. Marko-Dawg, you know I could never forget my huney-baby. Marlowe-Dawg, I love you lots, Teddy-you're so cute. You big "crybaby." See ya at the Alter, Mr. Ice Cube Man. I'll miss you guys. Hugs and kisses, Case-Dawg



Elmo,
Well, baby girl, the time has come. I have to go and leave you behind. Cherish your junior and senior years. It will seem here, but you can't give up. If I can do it, you can do it. Have lots of fun and don't do anything I wouldn't do. Always know I love ya. I won't go too far away. Who knows when I'll need my BODYGLIARD. Love always,
Cas'em

What's up Macho, Tay, Ko all my boys left behind. Hold it down for the black fellas and while I'm gone making my moves keep crawlin'. Ya'll know what I'm talking about. Watch for the traps and watch each others backs. They only out to get you.
Leonard Reed, Jr. C/O 99

Well fellas, we made it. It's been so long, but yet so fun. Endless times we kicked it and made the best day the worst day. I'm saying big up to ya'll cause you cats have been by my side from day one, and we ain't never let nobody come between us. I wish success to everybody and hope we stay cool through the years. Peace to BM, CT, CC, TL, BT, and RW.
Leonard Reed, Jr.
C/O 99

To my loved ones,
First I want to tell my parents how much I love them. You've been nothing but supportive, so I just want to thank you for all your love and support. To my little brother, Wendell, I love you with all my heart. You are a gift from God. Kenisha, you are the best friend I have ever had. Through all the good and bad times we've remained friends. We have a bond stronger than friendship. You are my sister. Even though we'll be taking different paths next year, we'll always be the best of friends. I love you. And to Camille, I wish you the best of luck in high school after we're gone. But we will keep in touch because you are coming to visit me at college. So keep your head up and don't let these haters get you down! I love you.
Love always,
Alaina "Lana"

To my '99 Brothers,
Many of us have known each other for a lifetime and some of us since my sixth grade year. All of us have been through alot of good times and some bad times, but there is no doubt that it will stay good until the very end.
Remember to keep an eye out for ya lil' sis because I'll be all by myself after this year. EC, don't forget about third block. BH, you know what's up 'sweet thang'. DM, " Can I borrow a dolla?" LS Where is the Lexus? RW, remember when you went with that crazy girl Rachel? TP, Ima take your black self hom. KS, I guess this was you year of having the most accidents like falling down the stairs and rolling off the cars. AS Raw-dawg O, they don't know nothing about "Hogg-Daddy." If I miss anybody in the family, I'm sorry. I'll miss ya'll.
Ya lil sis,
Elmo



Baby Lins,
High school will always be remembered, but I'm all over the college. I'll never forget about the food fight at Baskin-Robbins. We were both covered in marshmellow creme, strawberries and smashed bananas. "Let's be stupid!" For real, though, I can't even begin to find the words that express what you mean to me. *Thank you, really. I mean it.*
"I love you, man!"
Katie-Moose
PS-We got a lot to show that country.

Jonesey-Poo,
"Can I have some candy?" At first you were just the "Candyman." Later you became a friend, and now as we are leaving, you are leaving a permanent imprint on our hearts. Whatever will do without us? hummmmmlearn how to cook. I suppose that every once in a while we'll come home to play Betty Crocker. Until then take care of your '02 soldiers and BE GOOD!! Never forget your girls from across the hall.
Much love,
Case and Han

Ya'll have been there for me through the roughest times. I know that everybody doesn't get along, but everybody gets along with me and that is the point. To my '99 sistas, keep an eye out for ya lil sis because I'll be home by myself after this year. CH, I know how much you liked the Class of 001! (boywise) KM, yes it was you that made Rhonda's car stink. AE, Buzzzzzz. KC, opps! AH, they don't know nothing about the imaginary line. CD, funny crucky, where ya at? RW, I say what cha say what cha say. JD, FW momma, I think we need to take some neds for that arthritis on for the SCS. Ima miss ya'll.
Ya lil sis,
Elmo

I wanna say keep it real to all 9-doubles that are leaving and to the 9-doubles who ain't, keep yo headz up, playaz. Much love to all those in other classes. If you ain't got love for me, then I'll let it pass. To all my 0-doubles get out this piece, 'cause you know I am. I want to say goodbye to some special people who I am going to leave behind in presence, but not in mind. Donisha Boswell, April Antwine, Demetra Gadson, Shannan Finley and Camille (Elmo) Wates and to all those I've missed, don't worry, I ain't forgot chall. Watson finally has to say thank you to all the teachers who have helped me and to those who tried to hold me down, ya'll need to get cho mind right. Much love to Flo-Jo. If you don't listen to anything hing else I say just remember, you ain't grown.
This year is in memory of Marguerite Stevenson. My beloved Great-Grandmother. May she be peaceful and love be with her.
— Marlon Watson

Goodbye Petite Ya-Ya Girls...

"Well, life on the farm is kinda laid back.
Ain't nothin' much happenin' that we can't back.
Early to rise, early in the sock,
Thank God, that we're COUNTRY GIRLS!"



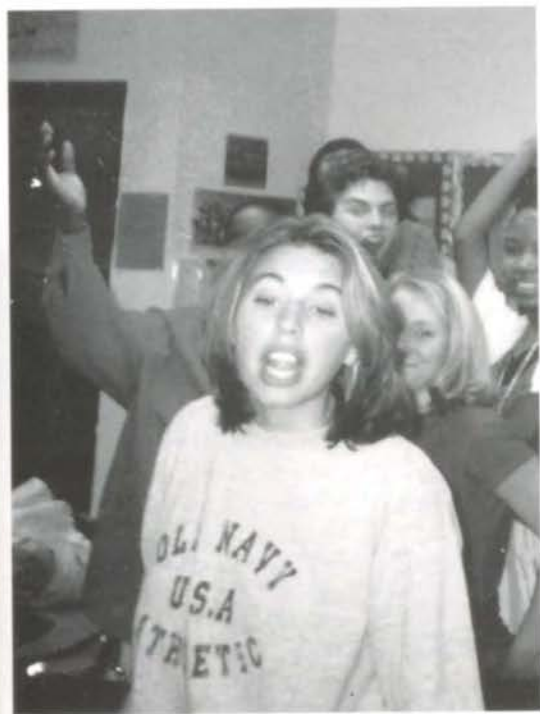
Well, it is time for my babies to leave the farm. Remember life isn't always easy out there in the big, bad city, so when you need a calm and quiet place to laugh and work hard, you're always welcome at the farm. Be careful in the adult world. There are all sorts of things out there that can get you...like hidden blankets of death, stars of torture and vans that don't have backseat windows. It's a cruel world! Actually, Momma isn't a tad bit worried about any of you because I know you all have what it takes to succeed, but I will miss you dawgs, so maybe I'll just pack me up a Hy-Vee sack full of church wearin' clothes and come on down and visit ya'll. Maybe, if you're lucky, I'll bring some tasty vegetables from the farm garden! YUM-YUM! Seriously, come back and see me and the Ya-Ya Goddess often, or I'll have to mail the blanket of death to you. YIKES! With my love and best wishes,
HRH, Momma, Queen of the Ya-Ya's and Yearbook

Ya-Ya Goddess and "Gusseena,"
By demonstrating brilliance and class all at the same time, you've taught us much more than history. You've taught us that striving for excellence while letting no "man" stand in the way of your dreams is the only way for a Ya-Ya to live. We look forward to the big "21" so we can become official Ya-Ya's. Remember, mingling with the common folk is a small part of your job. The big part is just knowing you're the Goddess.
Much love from your petite Ya-Ya's,
Hannah and Case



Momma Gilman,
To start at the beginning would be wrong because it would only bring us to an end, and as petite Ya-Ya's, we haven't reached our end yet. Day in and day out you have kept us laughing. When we were sick, you called. When we weren't passing, you pushed. When it was our birthday, you brought us cookies, even if Sojourner ate it all. You never allowed us to go one minute without a mom to call on. You were always there. Now don't think of it as us farm girls forever leaving, but instead think of it as us just taking our big trip to the city. We'll be back. Then you can take us out and we will drink the nectar of the Ya-Ya's!
Love,
Your best children forever,
Viola, Nadine and Fern





Far right: Krissy Tabrone, (12) lead cheers for HMHS for all of her four years at Hickman. Top: Ruqaiyah Waliallah, (12) and Jai Turner, (12) participated in Willie Loman's wake. Right: Chedel Townsend, (12) was a Drum Major for the Marching Cougars during her junior and senior years. Above: Hannah Smith, (12) was caught "yupaing." Big surprise.

Seniors Say So Long...

Class of 1999 Senior Quotes

I would like to thank God and my parents for guidance and support. I would also like to thank my best friend for being a real character and for not being a follower but a leader. As a Hickman Mills Cougar I had a chance to be educated or waste four years of my life. I chose the honorable gift of education. So, in 2009 at our ten year class reunion you may ALL call me DOCTOR.

— Adrianna Andrews

Keep your eyes on your enemies and watch your friends. Put your life in your own hands, or your life will end. Live life to the fullest. Be careful of the toes you step on today. They may be attached to the 5%* you have to kiss tomorrow!

— Victoria Ashford

Thank you to my mother and father and especially to Chris, my brother. I love you all with deep emotions. As I leave, the only thing I can say to those still here is stay clear of wrong doers, be proud of you and then you will achieve.

Love,

Rachel Marie Bogear

I would like to thank my heavenly Father for without Him, there would be no Class of '99. Seniors, we've all been through our ups and downs, trials and tribulations, but through it all we've been blessed. I will cherish the memories I've had at Hickman and use the knowledge I've gained here in the future. Much love to my family, the crew and especially my best friend and my on true love. It's time to fly. Let's spread our wings.

Love,

Tekila Marie Brown

To all those who passed judgement calling me stuck up before I even said Hello, your loss is unfathomable. I lost nothing. To my friends, especially Susan and Stacia, all I have to say is "my green car." Anya, baby, my cohort, I love you, alright!

— Rachel Clouse

At long last we've reached the last chapter, but we're ready for the sequel. But each of us has spun off into our own little book. Some of us won't have each other to hold on to

next time. Some of us will forget, but I won't. I absolutely refuse to forget you. Whether you liked me or I liked you or not, I will miss you all. I experienced things here that I can never replace.

So now I say goodbye to you. I say this to a special few:

To Danny, Wesley and Jeremy, You are my friends because we have to be friends. It's just destined to be that way. Always.

To Jenn, Valen, Crystal and Autumn, thanks for making me laugh, as well as making me think a little harder.

To Andy, you're a weirdo. Don't be normal. Just shape up a little for me.

To Juan, Eric, Stephanie, Both sets of Explorer Kids and the Camp Kids, you might not read this, but I hope you get the message that I think you guys are great.

To Mom and Dad and Janet, I make you miserable and elated all at once and you don't understand that. You're not supposed to. I love you so much

To the Band Kids, I had to leave you behind, but I think you did pretty well for yourselves.

To the Teachers, okay, you were right about some things, but what? I'm not saying!

To my "Special Friends," someday everyone will love you as much as I do. I mean it, M!

To God, You have so many names and so many secrets. Will You show them to me someday?

And to everyone I left out, I love each and everyone of you. I truly love you.

My best wishes to you all. I'll miss you dearly.

— Byron Dunn

First of all, I would like to thank my family for putting up with me and supporting my choices. I love you guys and couldn't ask for a better family. To my band friends RM, BH, SV, TW, MS, HN, CB, SH, JJ, WD, and EB, you guys mean so much to me, and I love you to death. Not seeing you everyday will prove a difficult task. I'll never forget all you have done for me. Thanks for being there through thick and thin. I will miss you all. Keep in touch. I love you. Keep it clean. Love always,

Tracy Downs

My life and unmeasurable thanks goes to my Savior, Jesus Christ. To the three beauti-

ful, strong and influential women in my life. I thank each of you for molding me into the woman I am today. With Momma's strength, Gina's compassion and Ginzi's charm, I've managed to make it this far, yet my journey has only begun. Jason, your wisdom has structured me more than you'll ever know. Rudy, your friendship is greatly appreciated. Maintain focus even in the midst of a battle. Brittan, I love you. Let actions speak

— JaNia Duncan, c/o '99

I attended HMHS for all high school years. Out of all my years, my freshman and senior years have been the best. I had family members get me ready for my first year in high school, and when I got here I had a lot of friends. My senior year was very good because I got to leave school early, but for 13 years of my life every September I came back to school and now it's over. It's time for the "Real World." So, for all you guys/girls under us, be careful. You have all your life to work full time. Please get it over with the easy way. It'll cost you in the long run.

— Lacie Duncan

I want to give thanks to the Lord because without Him nothing is possible, and to my mommy and daddy and sister, thank you for the encouragement. It's been hard, but I've made it through. My two years at Hickman have been the bomb. The parties and meeting my best friend, Tameka Smith. Girl, we kick it all summer long. It's been fun. Let's never lose touch. Class of 99, we going to party like it Nineteen Ninty-Nine.

The Cream of the Crop,

Nichole Dahmer

It's been tough getting through these four years, but I know I only survived by the grace of God. My friends have also been really supportive. So, I want to wish y'all the best of luck. Y'all deserve it, and to the haters, you might have thought I was a punk or whatever, but for real, I was just the bigger mature person. I'm more concerned with graduating than with what female is trying to mess with my man, but enough about those silly girls. All my people, stay real. I love y'all.

Alaina Everage

Every person is responsible for their own action. That is why I believe in the phrase "Everything happens for a reason." Now, here's a famous quote from Shakespeare, "Parting is such sweet sorrow."
— Marvin Fernandez c/o 99

As another year passes, I'm thankful it hasn't been too disastrous. Well, for most of masses I won't lie. I will reminisce of some classes. The teachers and the classes and how my first year was slow like molasses and my senior year went the fastest. Sometimes I feel if I'm being watched from above because for school and the people in it I truly do love. I'm gonna miss everyone. Love you always, Hickman.
— Jarroll Fontleroy

Hey, how is it going? Family, I love you. Thanks for being there. To all my friends, you mean the world to me. I know you guys know who you are.
— Megan Forbes aka Mego #7 and #32

This is to all my peeps out there. Keep it real and don't take *%# from no one. Except me!
c/o '99
— Jason Friday

To my mom and dad, thank you for the love, support and always being there for me. I love you! To Ja'lyn, thanks for all the great times. Good luck and to Rudy — shut-up!
— Kelly A. Gibbs c/o 99

Every senior soon finds out how fast high school flies by. I couldn't have made it through high school without the love and support of my family and friends. My mother, father, my two sisters and brother. My best friends KM, LT, TT, KW. We will be friends forever. Also, CB, who knows I'll always be there for him.
I love you all,
— Pamela Y. Gill

I am so happy for leaving and going on to a better life. And truthfully, I can say I love all of you who treated me badly. You guys made me into what I am, so thank you. I'll miss my friends KS, SM, TT, AB, CM, JT, MM and the others I didn't mention. I'm sorry for putting you guys through that Robert phrase, though I owe an apology. By the time this comes out, I'll be talking about another guy. We all need to keep in touch and say those words I love to say. METAL-LICA ROCKS. MARILYN MANSON RULES.
Miss you — Hugs and Kisses
— Karon Louise Guthrie

There is not enough room to thank all of the people who have helped me over the past years, but there are some musts. God, my mother, my granny and the rest of my family. If we were cool, and you know who you are, thanks for making these last four years great. Now that that's out of the way, I have one more thing to say, "If you bring forth what is inside you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is inside you, what you bring forth will destroy you."
— Ashema Haley c/o 99

I gave all this hassle just for a tassel. Huh. But for real, my folks, Brandon and Jerome, will keep it popping. And to my folks (SKCG'S) stay real cuz it was just us since day one. And keep the lost soldiers in your prayers. You know Shink, Al, Warren and the rest. I'm gone like wit da wind. Remember me.
— Brian Harris

Thank you Lord for Your blessing and allowing me to make it to my senior year. To my mother, thank you for your love, leadership and care all these years of my life. To my brother William, stay positive and remember Phil 4:13. Also, to my sister Nikki, I dedicate this year to you. I know you are proud of your little sister for making it. To all my other relatives, thaks for your support. Everybody I was cool with y'all know who y'all are. I'm going to miss you. Remember that JESUS is the answer!
Much love c/o 99
— Kristyn W. Hawkins

First of all I would just like to thank God, Mom and Dad for giving me life. To my dad who worked crazy hours just to support us, I love you and thank you. To Angie, I love you and hope to be with you forever. To all my friends like MW, DS, MN, RW, CM, CH, GK, LT, MM, KL, LL and SD, have fun at college. To Santece, good luck with the surgery. To Amanda and Dusty, have as much fun at Hickman as I did.
— Jason T. Hill

To God, my inspiration, my motivation and my everything, I am grateful for having You in my life. To my family, thank you for being there for me and being tough on me. I will make your hearts swell with pride. To all of you who love to hate me, I do not hate you. And to all y'all who know wsup, "SERVE YASELF!"
I love you all,
— "Audi" Autumn Holmes

I would like to say thank you to all of my

friends and teachers who have made these past four years at Hickman somewhat bearable. I've known many people and gained many friends and to the few who didn't like me just because, who cares?
"Life is full of unexpected adventures. We travel down the road of life not always knowing where we are headed, but with the power to choose our detination even though our true destination is sometimes unclear."
SENIOR,
— Marissa Hunter #42 c/o 99

They say all good things must come to an end, and our ride is almost over. I can't say I won't miss it, but my time here has expired. To my girlz Elmo, RW, Fern, and AH thanks for being real. To the boys of 99 and the guys of '00, I'll miss and I'll love you. My sista'z Lindz, Jen and Court, keep making me proud. I luv u Momma Gilman. Mom and Dad, it's because of you that I have the ability to make my dreams come true. Thanks for everything and I love you!
Love always,
— "Kase-dawg" Casie Howard

First, thanks to my parents for all their love and support. Gianna, you are my number one sidekick who is always been there and completely understood. Also, thanks to LS, BM, JH, KM, LT, KT, JH, DS, CM, RP, BW, CH, all of you were always willing to lend a caring shoulder. Friends like that are few and far between. To the Class of '99, nobody can break us, let alone touch us.
Thanks, Alan.
— Cathi Hughes

"The journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." I would like to thank God for making the path for me to begin my journey. To my family, thank you for guiding me in the right direction and encouraging me to do my best. To Ramon, the love of my life, thank you for everything. I love you. Finally, to all my friends, thanks for being there when I needed you. I want everyone to remember the secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes. He who is not ready today, will be lost tomorrow.
— NaShay Irven

It doesn't even seem like I've been in school for 12 years. I can still remember when I was in 9th grade wishing I was a senior, so I could be up out of here. To my partnas until the end Jarroll, Kevin, Jason, Marcus, Cory, Carlos (the survivorz), and to my other boyz Leonard, Slim, Chris and the rest of high Class and the rest of the surviving Class of 1999.
— Jaron Jordan

Senior So Longs

I would like to thank God for letting me get this far and my mother for putting up with my high school years. All my classmates, I wish you the best of luck in the future.

Class of '99"
— Sheree King

Mom, thank you for everything you have done. Katie and Chris, you are the best sister and brother anyone could ask for. Thank you to my family and friends for your love and support. Everyone else, I wish you would try to tell us apart.

— April Langhammer, the Angel Twin

Thank you, Mom, for everything. I wouldn't have made it without you. April and Christopher, you are the best. JW, thanks for being there. To my family and friends, thanks for you love and support. Everyone else, I wish you would try to tell us apart. Necesito aliviar mi vejiga.

— Katie Langhammer aka Angel Twin

I would like to thank my mom and, of course, my close friends who were always there. Without you and the help of a few good teachers, I don't know where I'd be. I wanna say what's up to CL, EC, AC, MM, and to my favorite guys MW, JH, DS, and Cook. I'll miss you all and if I forgot you, blame my mind, not my heart. Class of 99 Eternal.

Love,
Kelly Lundberg

First of all, I want to thank God. Mom, I love you. Dad, this is for you. Mr. Hairston, Ms. Gordon, thanks. To all y'all who doubted me, look! Lance, Marc your turn. BW, KW, DW, CD, love ya. I'm outta here.

— Erica Madison

Thanks to the Lord and my family. To my mother especially for all the love and support. RIP, Grampie. To all the friends past and present even my girls, thanks for the memories. To the one who holds my heart, thanks for everything. Much love to everyone.

— Rebecca Marchand

First I would like to thank God. To my

parents, to my big brother, I made it! Thanks for the tips. The rest of my family THANK YOU. Auty, good luck. CH, you're welcome. B-ball and softball, good luck. C/O 99 GOOD LUCK to those who made it. To the rest, see ya around. C/O 99 I am out for good.

— Tamara D. Matfield

These past four years have been real! RB, LT, PG, and LD thanks for helping me through the best and worst times of my life. I love you dearly, and I'm proud of you. To my favorite cheerleaders, good luck, and I love you guys! To the c/o 99, it's true! They did save the best for last!

Love to all,
Katie Ellison McBurney

There are haters everywhere. There's one in every group. If you don't know who it is, then it's you. Stay true always. Change for no male or female.

— Katrina McClain #10 c/o 99

First, I'd like to thank my parents for putting up with me throughout the years and supporting me. To all my friends, Chris, Gianna, Danny, Cathy, Leslie, Mike, Jason, Katie and Lindsay, I'm gonna miss you guys! Cara, Kelly and Vickie, you girls are the best! To the underclassmen, go all out your senior year 'cause it's your last chance! Goodbye to the Class of '99!

— Mindy McCullough

God, thank you for my wonderful life and all the opportunities You have given to me. Dad, Granny and Gramps, thanks for the support. You are the best. I love you all so much. Jake, you have kept me laughing. Thanks for lots of love. Erin, thanks for everything. You are a great friend. To my love, Steve, you've filled my life with happiness. I love you so very much. My friends you have made my school years fun. Thanks. I'm outta here with love.

— Crystal McFerrin

High school teaches you a lot of things. Well, it is suppose to. It's supposed to help you realize who you are, who your friends are and your goals in life. Unexpectedly,

these four years at Hickman have taught me all of these things, but the only thing that stays on my mind is how happy I am to be leaving this place. To the people who have been true throughout, many wishes to you and your future, but to those who haven't taken the time put to grow up, it is about time you did.

— Kanisha McIntosh

Thank you, Mom, for everything. You are very special, and I love you. Kelley, Cathi, Justin, Amber and Erin, you guys have been great, and I wish you the best of luck in the future. To Philip, may the rest of our lives be all we have dreamed of.

— Ja'lyn Michelle McMillan

Yea, yea, yea! The time has come for me to say the goodbyes, so dry your eyes. I would like to give a special thank you to ES. Thanks you so much. To all the others who have been there, thank you. LP forever and long live the Mexicans!

— Chris Montes aka "The Mexican"

To the Senior Class of 99, "Our journey has finally ended." I would also like to thank God for there when I called on Him. For my "Real Peps" including Jania D. aka Ja'Nigro, Autumn H. aka Audi, Shalyce S. aka "Pretty Brown Eyes," and of course Adrianna Andrews for turning my life around because I was headed for trouble. "My girls," I love you so much for bringing out the best in me.

Love always,
Janell Mosby

"Smooth!"

— Marlon Neal

This goes out to the Class of 99. May God bless you in everything you do. To my Monkeys, stay cool in your cages. Peace out TW, RW, RU-DB, AE, LH, EN, EC, LS, CH, DM and all the sexy girls. To my family, I love you. Thank you for being there for me, and the rest of the haters, I will wave at you from the Olympic 110 HH Champion, baby! 99 4ever.

— Eric Richardson

First, I wanna thank the Lord for bringing me this far, and to all my peoples, it's time for the next level. Peace to everybody in 99 and all my boys in the Class of 98, Keep it real.

— Leonard Reed, Jr c/o99

God and family first. Thanks for everything. Coming to Hickman three years ago was perhaps one of the greater learning experiences of my life. Class of 99, you've taught me so much. That's not necessarily a good thing. You've taught me that a smile is not always good intention and you have to be careful who you talk to. Thanks again.

— Shalyce Smith

Every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end. It's taken four years, but I've come to the end of my fastly fraying rope. Advice now for those before and behind. Dreams come and go, but mostly stay gone. Dream big, live large and don't forget the truly unique characters.

— Hanna Smith

To my true friends—Erika, Amanda, Ja'lyn, Kelly Danielle, Jenn— love and success always. To the boys at CODE, thanks so much. To my scorekeeper, Hannah, it had been real. CJ, I will love you forever. Is this really the end?

— Amanda Smith

To my friends Michelle, Jenny, Autumn, and Kelsey. Thank you! Kevin, thank you for teaching me what the world is like and supporting me. I love you! Mom, you stuck with me through everything. Nothing could have made you a better mom. HMHS, it's been real. Class of 99!

— Autumn Shupert

All through our school career we make friends. As we get older, we grow apart from some and closer to others. Now we are at the point where we all go our separate ways and follow our dreams. I wish all of the friends I have ever had the best of luck in succeeding with their goals. Gal 6:8 "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Love always,

Lesley Corinne Sharon

All for real...you thought I wasn't going to graduate. First of all I want to give thanks to God and my mom. I want to say hi to my uncle and grandma I lost at the beginning of the school year. I got a few things to say to all my children at Hickman. If you're hating, ya need to quit. To my closet TP, RW, MW, JW, JT, DM, FM. We're out this mug for good. And to everybody I forgot, my fault. I know ya'll won't forget a RAWDAWG like me. I can't forget my junior boys BAM, EW, TL, MR. I'm out.

— Andre Stevenson

Pipeline to Susan, Jason, Mike, Lindsay, Katie, Cathi, Gianna, Cris, Zack, Marlon, Matt, J-lynn, Becky, Dre, Lacie, Justin, and a pipeline to all the seniors names I couldn't fit!

— Danny Sweeney

To my true friends—Charles, Ja'lyn, Kelley, Amber, Erika, Danielle! Thank you for helping me through these four years. It has been fun. Hopefully, we'll all be friends forever. Stephanie, be good and stay out of trouble. Good luck in the future, Class of 99.

— Jennifer Spurgeon (FC)

First off, I would like to thank God because He is the creator and only He can judge me. What can I say? This is it. The end of the road. I would be lying if I said I wouldn't miss this place. We all have a fair share of problems, but nothing else matters now. All I can really say is have a nice life. But out of all there was one true friend and that was Nichole Dahmer. Last but not least, I owe a special thank you to the one person who has helped me become a better person — my Mommy! Thanks. And to all the people who hate me, you will never truly be a happy and complete person until you stop hating. The Unforgettable.

— Tameka Smith

To all the family of the No Limit Crew, I love all y'all. Y'all showed me the real meaning of the No Limit Crew because we fought together, Partied together and all that, so I know who is true and who is not. For the babies of the family, keep running things like yo older brothers did. Even though ya'll can't throw parts like me, Ya'll can still try. I'm out.

— Lee Shepard "Sherriff"

Mom and Dad, I love you and thank you so

much for never leaving my side. I couldn't have made it without you. Jesse, even though you don't like her, I'll always be here for you. Katie and Pam, what can I say? Ya'll are the best friends I could have ever had. Everyone else (you know who you are) thank you for making it real. Most of all, thank you, Lord, for helping me see that this is just the beginning.

Love,

Lindsay Tharp

Thank you, two-faced people, for making me strong. Guess what, Rhonda. I'm sticking my hair in my ears! J'ai du pet!

— Chedel Townsend

Representin that '99! These four years have been fun and taught us a lot. Especially who kept it real. Brittany, usup! You know you're the only one who kept it real. Old JV, it was fun cheering with ya'll and 97-98 cheerleading season, #58, you'll always have a place in my heart. Representin always.

— Krissy Tabron aka Krissy Lynn

I'd like to thank God for everything I am blessed with. To my mom and sister, without you two where would I be? I love you. Bia, you are more like a sister than a friend. I'll be sending my kids to you, ha! I love you. EM, thanks for everything. CH, GK, wish you two the best of luck. RW, I want a cheeseburger with no cheese. MM, I appreciate everything you have told and taught me. I love you. To some in '99, good luck. To others in '99, thank you. You have built my character and showed me what jealousy looked like. You know who you are.

— Rachel Powell

I'm finally out this piece! I would like to thank my parent for the love and support. The Lord above for all His blessings. And to all you haters, may God bless.

— Shontel Walker c/o 99 PS- Marquis and c/o/ 2000, it's your turn!

I would like to thank God, my family, my friends and the LP for helping me make it this far. Fro is outie, outie. How can you win if you ain't right within?

— Jeff Wunsch

Seniors Say See Ya!

These last past four years have been funny. I say that because people be all up in my face and talk about me behind my back. All I got to say is I know who you are so stop being fake! There are very few people who I want to wish well, so I'm not gonna say any names, but for everybody who has been real, just follow your dreams and you will succeed. Good luck! Goodbye to my step-sister, Ms. Gilman.

— Rhonda Woodfork C/O 99 #42

First I would like to thank God for giving me a chance to graduate, be with the people I have grown up with and the people I have grown to love. Thanks to my brothers Danell Watson, LS, DM, DH, KC, RB, DM, ER, RW, DS, BM, JT, TP, EC, LR, RW, DW, AS, and my lil sis CW. If I missed anyone, you know I still love y'all To my homey CC who has been there since birth, stay up. To the football, basketball and baseball teams, it's been fun. Special thanks to my moms, all three of them. To my pops and family for giving me a hard time and making me stay in school. To all the young ladies who made my four years of high school unforgettable, uhhhhh! c/o 99

— Theodis Watson

I wanna say keep it real to all 9-doubles who are leading and to the 9-doubles that ain't keep yo headz up, playaz. Much love to all those in other classes. If you ain't got love for me then I'll let it pass. To all my 0-doubles, get out this piece because you know I am. I want to say goodbye to some special people who I am going to leave behind in presence, but not in mind. Donisha Boswell, April Antwine, Demetra Gadson, Shannon Finley, and Camille (Elmo) Wates and to those I've missed, don't worry. I ain't forgot y'all. Watson finally has to say thank you to all the teachers who have helped me and to those who tried to hold me down, you all need to get 'cho mind right. Much love to Flo-jo. If you don't listen to anything else I say just remember, "You ain't Grown." This year is in memeor of Marguerite Stevenson, My Beloved Great-Grandmother. May she be peaceful and love be with her.

— Marlon Watson

Well, Well, Well! We finally made it! I would like to give all props to God first. To my real peoples, you know who you are. Everybody who was fake, I never knew you anyway. To my #1 Boo, Rhonda, I love you. Even though I'm leaving I'm still with you in spirit. I'm sideways. c/o 99

— Rudy Wesley #42

"In a world full of human beings people are an endangered species. So tell me do you dare to be a person."

— Wildchild

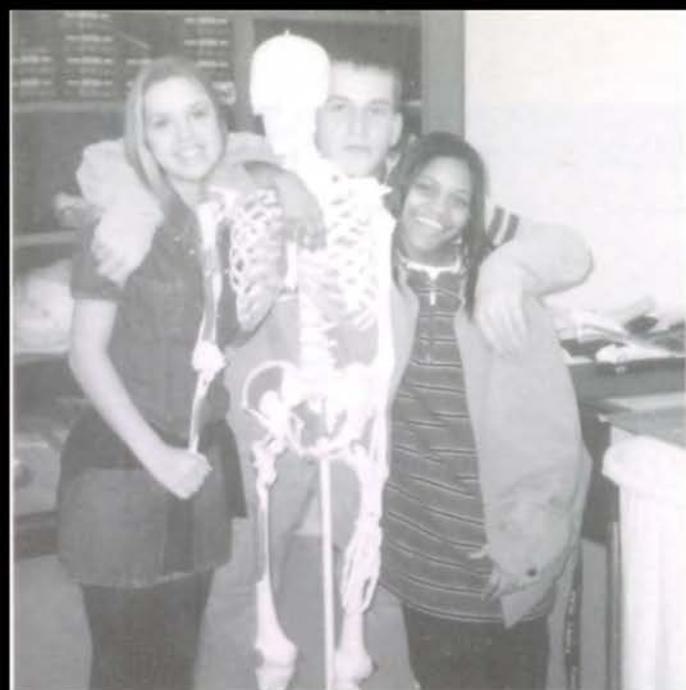
I just want to thank God that I am finally out of this booch. To all you haters that tried to keep me down, God bless you. The day of Judgement will come. To all of my true ones in '99 and 2000, much love. Also, 2000, it is your time to shine. To my step-sister, Ms. Gilman, get on!

— Ruqaiyah Waliallah "Crazy Kaiya"

Attention underclassmen: The Class of '99 is finally leaving. Hope you were taking notes. To the footballers, we are going all the way, boys. Mechi, Rudy, Fat Danny, Blockhead and everybody else, I love all y'all. Good luck next year, Alan. Take 'em all the way again. To all my ladies, I can't name you all, but you know who you are, and I love y'all, too. Crystal S, I hope when this comes out we're still talking and maybe more. Good luck to everyone. Until we meet again.

— Zack Waterman #16





Top Left: Kelly Lundberg (12), Alan Deihl (11), and Candace Lockett (12) poised with "Bones." Top Right: Rudy Wesley (12) shared his big day when he signed with CMSU with Ms. Gordon. Middle Left: Counselor Rubbie Brown worked at getting seniors to get their applications in for scholarship money. Below Left: Senior performers took time for a snapshot at the benefit for Santece Moore held at Benjamin Stables. Below Right: Pam Gill (12) showed her Cougar Spirit at Homecoming.





They Broke on Through...

It's never easy to say goodbye, but this year was especially tough. The Class of '99 will be missed. Rarely does a class combine compassion and fun so well, but these young men and women did just that. After following the lead of the ROTC Cadets, the senior class became instrumental in the success of "Operation Santece Moore." They had their own project in the form of the "Eat less. Save Moore Day." On that day students and staff could choose to skip lunch and give their lunch money to Santece. The idea began in English 110 and was implemented by the Class of '99.

As leaders of StuCo, the senior class helped the community by serving those less fortunate at the City Union soup kitchen, and they helped organize Hickman's volunteers for the Leukemia Run in the fall. Seniors taught the younger members in many organizations the importance of putting forth your best effort. In Competitive Drama, seniors partnered up with underclassmen to make certain the tradition of excellence the Hickman program had would continue. For the effort, over 100 trophies were brought back home from various tournaments through out the city and state.

Seniors led on the playing fields, mats, courts and pools of sporting events, as well. Senior Rudy Wesley was a shining example of what can happen when hard work meets preparation. Wesley signed a letter of intent to play football at CMSU in February, but Wesley was sure to make certain his grades were as good as his football skills. Because of his academic achievement combined with his finesse in football, he was able to reach his goal.

There is no doubt this class will be missed. They had a unique ability to laugh while they were working, to smile even when they were faced with great challenges, and to share their compassion with the school and the community. They took great pride in their work. One only has to look back at Homecoming Float competitions to see they had a spirit which was both fun and proud!

Staff, administrators and teachers will remember the 1998-1999 school year as the year the students showed their true colors. They showed great compassion, great love and great enthusiasm, but the student body was led by great examples,

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The goals for this book were different than in previous years. We wanted to accentuate the scholastic side of Hickman, really an easy job when one considered what a great school we had. The difficult part was in sorting through all the good ideas and good material the year provided us. We have recognized individual honors in this book not only to showcase our many talented individuals, but to give underclassmen and future Cougars something for which to strive...excellence. Although there were many seniors who led by deed and word, there were many underclassmen who broke on through the age barriers, and made some good things happen, too. We were proud of them all.

We have many thank you notes to send this year. First, and foremost, thank you to the staff of the 1999 Pride. I know there were times when I got down-right grouchy, but deadlines must be met in the journalistic world. A BIG thank you to my Delta Gamma sister, Karen Black, for pictures and advice. (Anchors Aweigh!) Thank you also to Jennifer Gerding for providing us with the New York trip photos and information, and to Capt. Gipson and Sherri Wright for all their help. Many other teachers and coaches provided us with needed information and photographs. Thank you. One final thank you to Kevin Garber, who was our Taylor representative this year. He was always there to answer our questions and send us more yearbook stuff.

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We hope you enjoy your book, and thank you for purchasing one! We'll see you next year when The 2000 Pride whips up a little "Cougar Magic."

Georgia Gilman, Yearbook Advisor

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Peace in the Middle East

In a deal brokered by President Bill Clinton and the late King Hussein of Jordan, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sign the Wye River Memorandum, the first step toward a permanent peace in the Middle East.



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Hurricane Mitch

Hurricane Mitch cuts a wide path of destruction through Mexico and Central America, causing millions of dollars in damage and leaving millions homeless.



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Embassy Bombings

Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, are ripped apart by terrorists' bombs that explode almost simultaneously. U.S. officials suspect renegade Saudi billionaire Osama bin Laden in the attacks.



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North Ireland Peace Accords

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and British Prime Minister Tony Blair shake hands after signing a historic peace agreement between Britain and Northern Ireland.



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Russian Economy

Political and social crises grip Russia as the economy tumbles. The value of the ruble drops by half, banks close and the stock market crashes.



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Jesse Ventura

Former professional wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura is elected governor of Minnesota in a stunning come-from-behind victory.

farewell & goodbye

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Phil Hartman
Florence Griffith Joyner
Lawton Chiles
Flip Wilson
Alan Shephard Jr.
Frank Sinatra

Roy Rogers
Gene Autry
Tammy Wynette
George Wallace
Barry Goldwater
King Hussein I



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War over Iraq

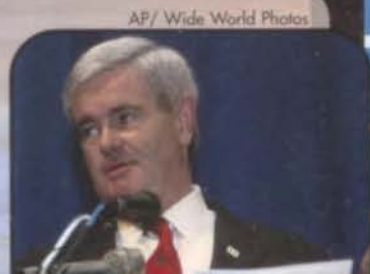
United Nations weapons inspectors arrive at the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad. After Iraq's refusal to cooperate with the inspectors, Allied planes and missiles were launched against Iraqi targets in Operation Desert Fox.



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Swiss Air Flight 111

Swiss Air flight 111, en route from New York City to Geneva, Switzerland, crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia just over an hour after taking off. None of the 229 passengers on board survived.



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Newt's farewell

Newt Gingrich

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., resigns after Republicans lose ground in the fall congressional elections.

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Crisis in the White House

Scandal rocks the White House as President Bill Clinton is accused of perjury and obstruction of justice. In an impeachment trial before the U.S. Senate, President Clinton is acquitted of the charges.

John Glenn

Thirty-six years after being the first American in orbit, retired U.S. Senator John Glenn returned to space aboard Space Shuttle *Endeavour*. At the age of 77, he became the oldest astronaut in space.



International Space Station

Space Shuttle *Endeavour*, shown in this NASA graphic, works on the International Space Station as it orbits the Earth during its 12-day mission.



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movies



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Enemy of the State

A chance encounter with a friend has Will Smith framed for murder and running for his life in the action thriller *Enemy of the State*.



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The Waterboy

Adam Sandler returns to the screen in the hit movie *The Waterboy*. Sandler plays Bobby Boucher, a 31-year-old college freshman who turns years of aggression into success on the football field.



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Antz and A Bug's Life

The box office was covered in insects as Dreamworks released *Antz* while Disney and Pixar released *A Bug's Life*.



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Dr. Dolittle

Eddie Murphy stars as Dr. Dolittle, a physician who is able to talk to animals in this remake of the 1967 classic.

Saving Private Ryan

Tom Hanks leads a squad of soldiers on a dangerous mission in the World War II movie *Saving Private Ryan*. The critically acclaimed film also stars Matt Damon, Edward Burns and Tom Sizemore.

Top Ten Movies

1. Armageddon
2. Saving Private Ryan
3. Something About Mary
4. The Waterboy
5. A Bug's Life
6. Dr. Dolittle
7. Deep Impact
8. Rush Hour
9. Godzilla
10. Lethal Weapon 4



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Armageddon

Touchstone Pictures blasts Bruce Willis and a band of oil-drilling misfits into space on a mission to destroy an earthbound asteroid in the fast-paced action thriller *Armageddon*.



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Shakespeare in Love

In *Shakespeare in Love*, Joseph Fiennes stars as the young playwright Will Shakespeare. Suffering from writer's block, he is unable to make any progress with his latest work until he meets the lovely Viola, played by Gwyneth Paltrow.



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music



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Alanis Morissette

Canadian bad girl Alanis Morissette releases *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, the highly anticipated follow-up to her multiplatinum debut, *Jagged Little Pill*.



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Brandi and Monica

Brandi and Monica spend 13 weeks at number one with *The Boy is Mine*.



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Garth Brooks

His newest album, *Double Live*, sells over one million copies in its first week of release.



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Beastie Boys

The Beastie Boys blast back onto the scene with *Hello Nasty*.



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Dixie Chicks

Their major label debut, *Wide Open Spaces*, shoots to number one on the country music charts.



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Mariah Carey

Mariah Carey fans get a double dose as Mariah releases *#1's* and appears on *VH1: Divas Live* with Aretha Franklin, Shania Twain, Celine Dion and Gloria Estefan.



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Dave Matthews

Dave Matthews and guitarist Tim Reynolds release *Live at Luther College* to critical acclaim.

Top Five Albums

1. VARIOUS ARTISTS:
Titanic Soundtrack
2. BACKSTREET BOYS:
Backstreet Boys
3. CELINE DION:
Let's Talk About Love
4. SHANIA TWAIN:
Come On Over
5. 'N SYNC
'N Sync

television



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Dawson's Creek

Set in the small town of Capeside, Massachusetts, *Dawson's Creek* follows the lives of four teenagers trying to make sense of their future and the world around them.



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Jessie

Christina Applegate sheds her ditzzy Kelly Bundy image by starring in the hit show *Jessie*.



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Drew Carey

Wednesday night has doubled the laughter as ABC's hit *The Drew Carey Show* is followed by Carey's new show, *Whose Line is it Anyway?*

Felicity

WB launched another hit show in the fall of 1998 with the college drama *Felicity*. Keri Russell stars as Felicity Porter, a young pre-med student who leaves home to face life in New York City.



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Friends

The cast of *Friends* continues to amuse audiences with a fresh approach to comedy and hilarious stories of everyday life.



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Ally McBeal

The hottest show on television stars Calista Flockhart as the lovable Ally McBeal, a young lawyer who is constantly entangling herself in humorous and touching problems that showcase the acting abilities of a first-rate ensemble cast.



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Spin City

Spin City's Michael J. Fox once again proves he has the "spin" on things by winning the Golden Globe's Award for Best Actor in a Television Series - Musical or Comedy.



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SportsCenter

With one-liners, funny commercials and total sports coverage, ESPN's *SportsCenter* has changed the way people get their sports information. From slam dunks to sports bloopers, *SportsCenter* gets the information out before the morning newspapers are off the presses.

sports



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Super Bowl XXXIII

Quarterback John Elway shows his excitement as the Denver Broncos defeat the Atlanta Falcons to win back-to-back Super Bowls.



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Jana Novotna

Jana Novotna hugs her Wimbledon trophy after defeating France's Nathalie Tauziat in the women's singles final.



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NBA Lockout

NBA Players Association Executive Director Billy Hunter and NBA Commissioner David Stern shake hands at a news conference in New York City, announcing a collective bargaining agreement to end the 191-day NBA player lockout.

Mark McGwire

St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits 70 home runs and breaks the single season home run record previously held by Roger Maris for 37 years.



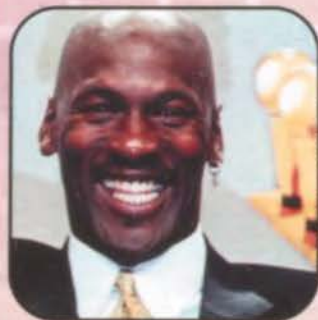
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Jeff Gordon

Jeff Gordon wins the 1999 Daytona 500. With three championships under his belt and a new video game, *Jeff Gordon XS Racing*, Gordon remains NASCAR's most popular driver.



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Michael Jordan

After great success with the Chicago Bulls, Michael Jordan announces his 99.9% retirement from basketball.



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World Series

The New York Yankees celebrate after winning the 1998 World Series. The win marked the team's 24th World Series title.



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World Cup

France defeats Brazil in a 3-0 upset victory in the World Cup Finals in July. France was the first host nation to win in 20 years.

trends



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Furby

Furby, the hottest new toy of the year, has six built-in sensors that allow it to respond to touch, light, sound, motion, or its horizontal or vertical positioning. It speaks its own language known as "Furbish," but can also be taught English as well as other tricks.



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iMac

In the fall of 1998 Apple released its new, affordable iMac computer. With multi-colored shells, easy setup and quick access to the Internet, the iMac quickly became the best-selling computer in 1998.



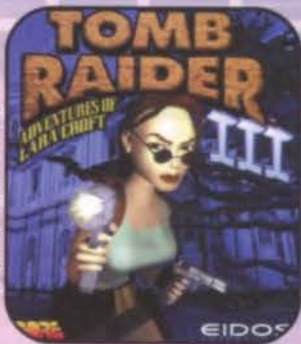
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Jesse Camp

Jesse Camp won MTV's *Become a VJ* contest and cashed in on the \$25,000 prize. He became one of the most popular personalities and host of his own show, *Lunch with Jesse*.



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Rogue Squadron/ Tomb Raider III

Nintendo's *Star Wars: Rogue Squadron* and Lara Croft's newest adventure, *Tomb Raider III*, became the hottest-selling games of the Christmas season.



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WWJD?

What Would Jesus Do? jewelry, clothing and posters became a hit with teens in 1998.



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Jewelry

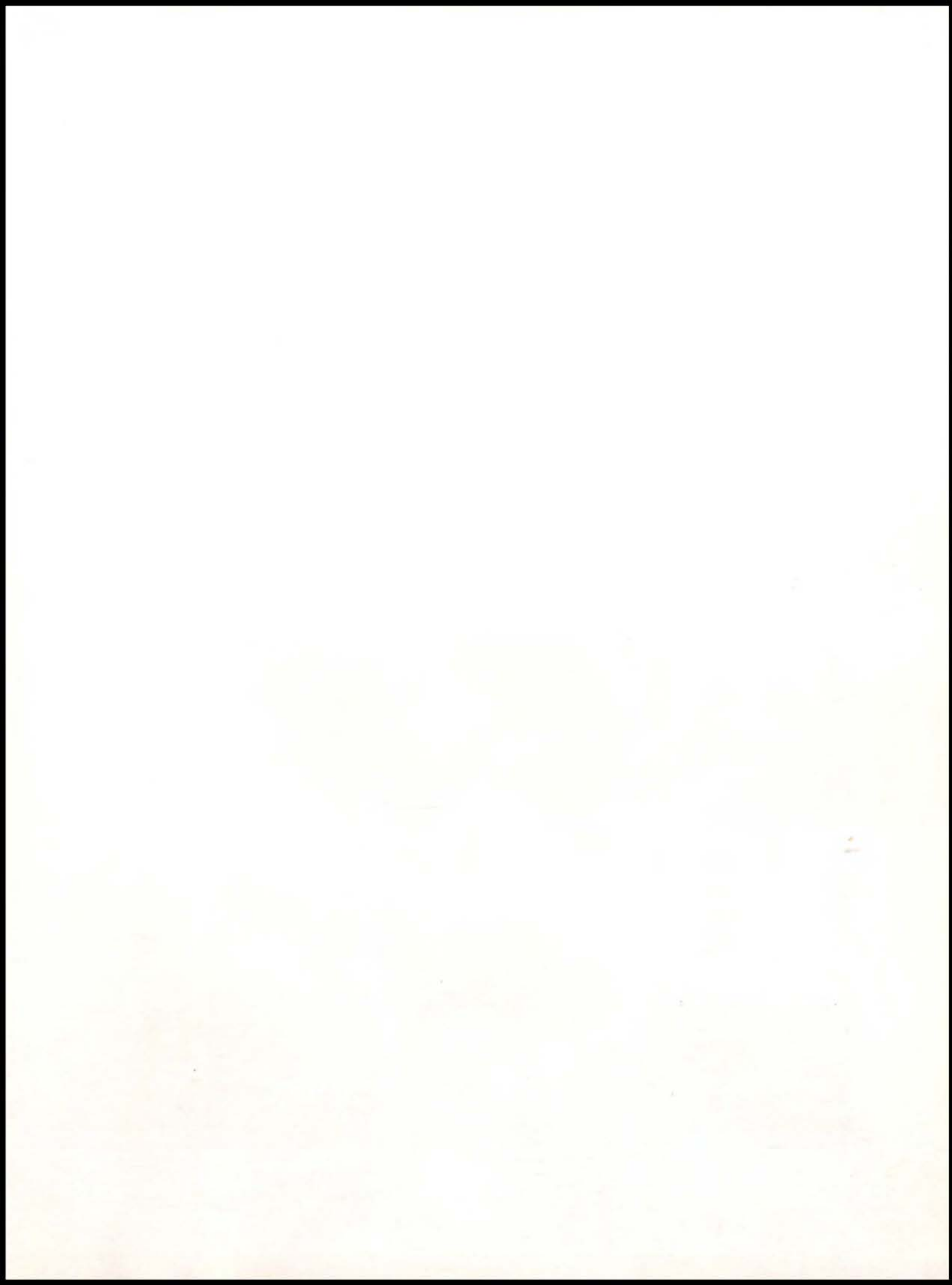
Jewelry designers saw a boost in sales when jewelry designed in the form of flowers and animals became the latest accessory rage.



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Cargo Pants

Comfort and style is what society demanded. The fashion industry responded with cargo pants, the hottest-selling style of the year.



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