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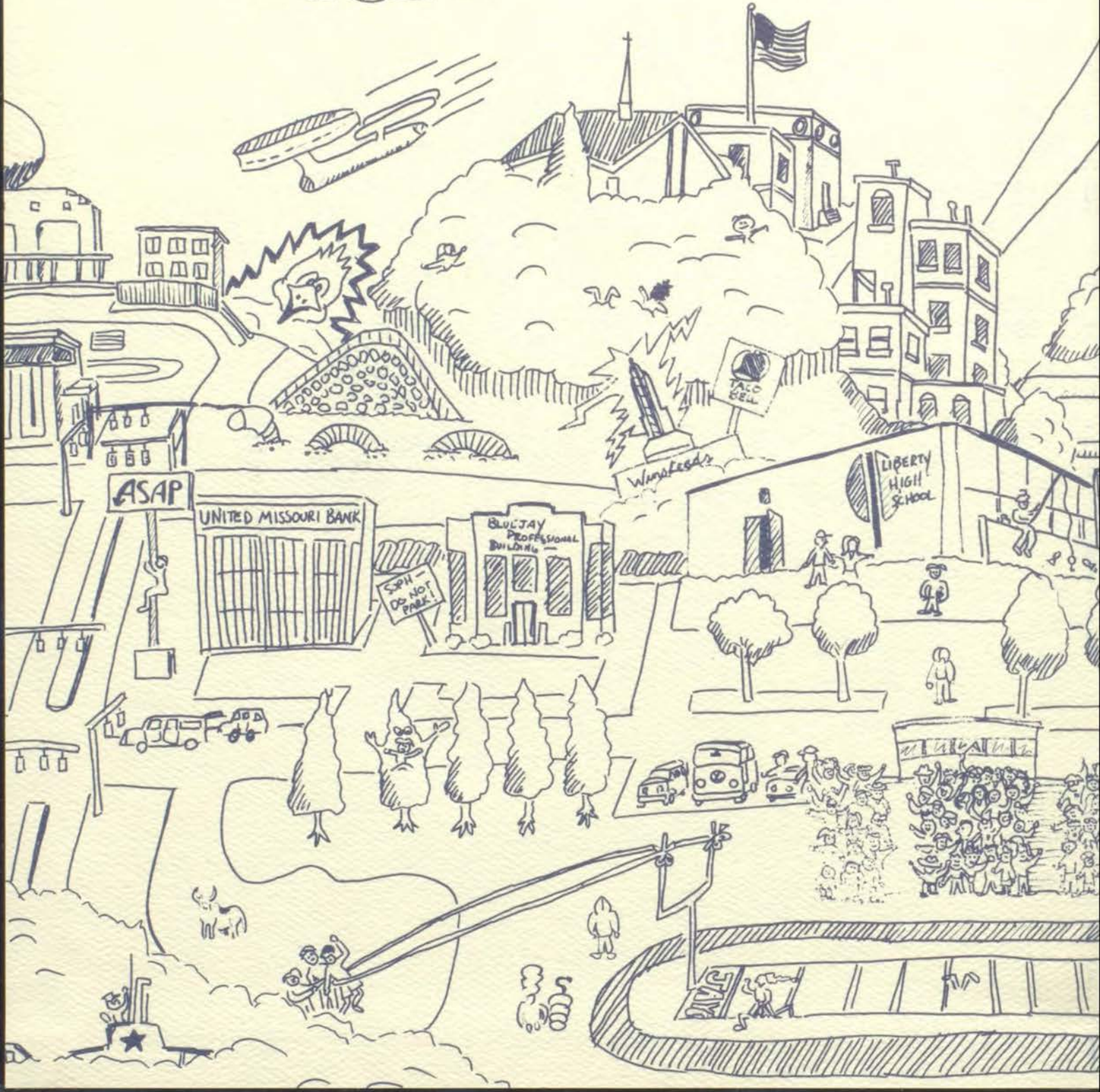
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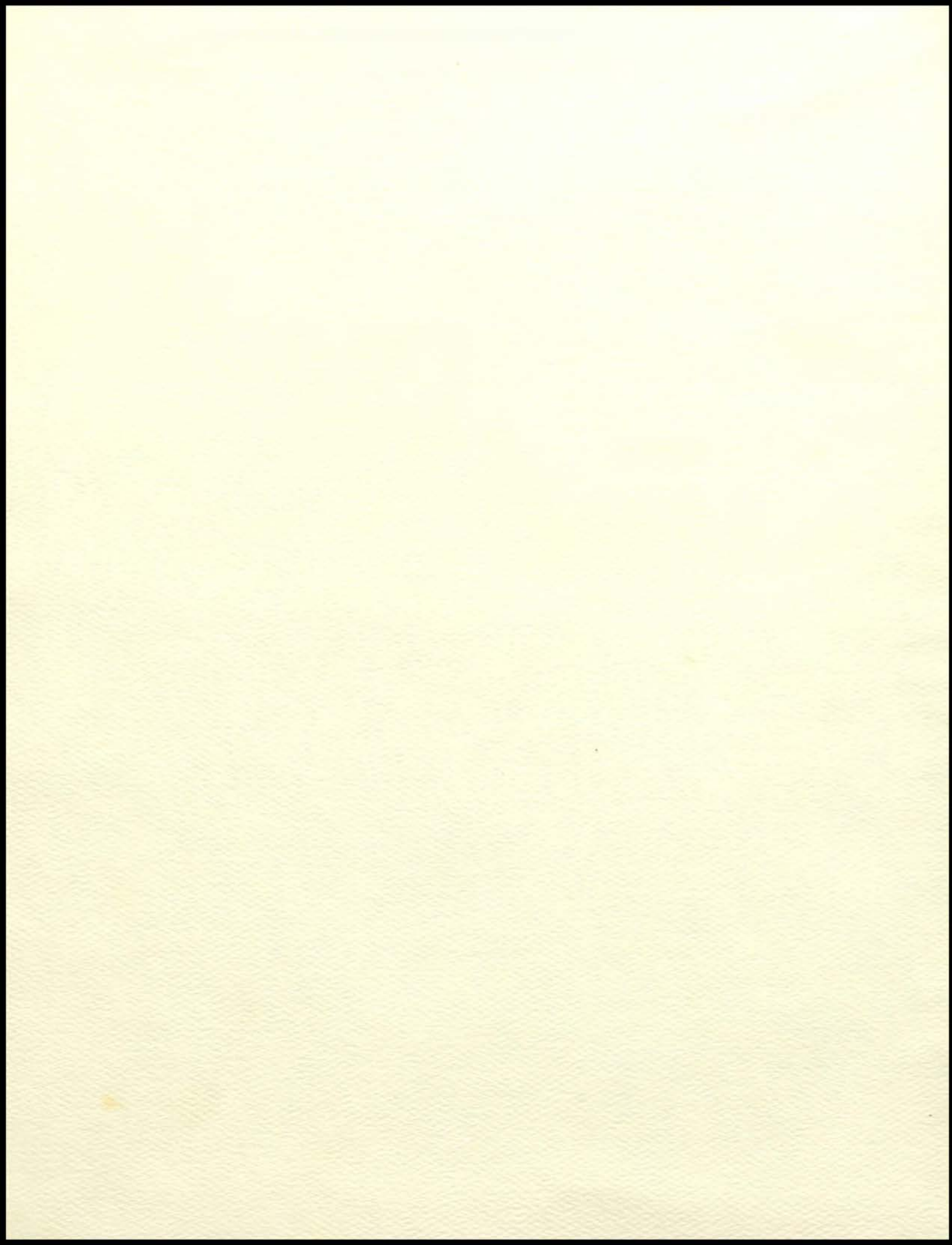
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We worked hard to see that spirit at LHS increased compared to past years. Seniors Darren Lee and Andy Perez show their school spirit by painting their faces for the Pistols game. The Jays won 38-0. *Photo by Kim Cook*

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In one sense we, at LHS, were moving *backward*. We could see that classes were overcrowded, that some teachers didn't have home rooms, that doors and walls enclosed the "open" library, and passing periods were shortened to

four minutes. Over the last few years traditions such as senior skip day and open lunch had been canceled. Even fashion took a turn backwards as some of us wore clothes much like those of the 60's.

On the other hand, we were moving *forward*. KLHS-TV moved us closer to technology with televisions in every class room. And the library added more computers and an electronic card catalog.

Liberty's population increased and spurred new housing developments. The long-awaited community center was completed in the spring. Voters approved a new recycling program.

Tradition and progress. 1992 saw us moving in two directions at once. And you will get a complete picture of the year as you read this book

Backward & Forward.



The long-awaited community center was scheduled to open in February. Liberty has not had a public pool since the Kennedy pool shut down in the summer of 1985. *Photo by Kim Cook*

Taking a step forward. Both the flag corp and the marching band received new uniforms. This is the first time they have had new uniforms for many years. *Photo by Kim Cook*





A winning football team made it easy for Nikki Helmezi and Angie Jones, jrs, to be excited at the home football game. The booster club helped increase school spirit by hanging up "Blue Jay Pride" banners at home and away games. *Photo by Kim Cook*



Pom pon practiced after school on a regular bases. During the Homecoming pep assembly they danced with senior guys to the song "Run Around Sue." *Photo by Kim Cook*

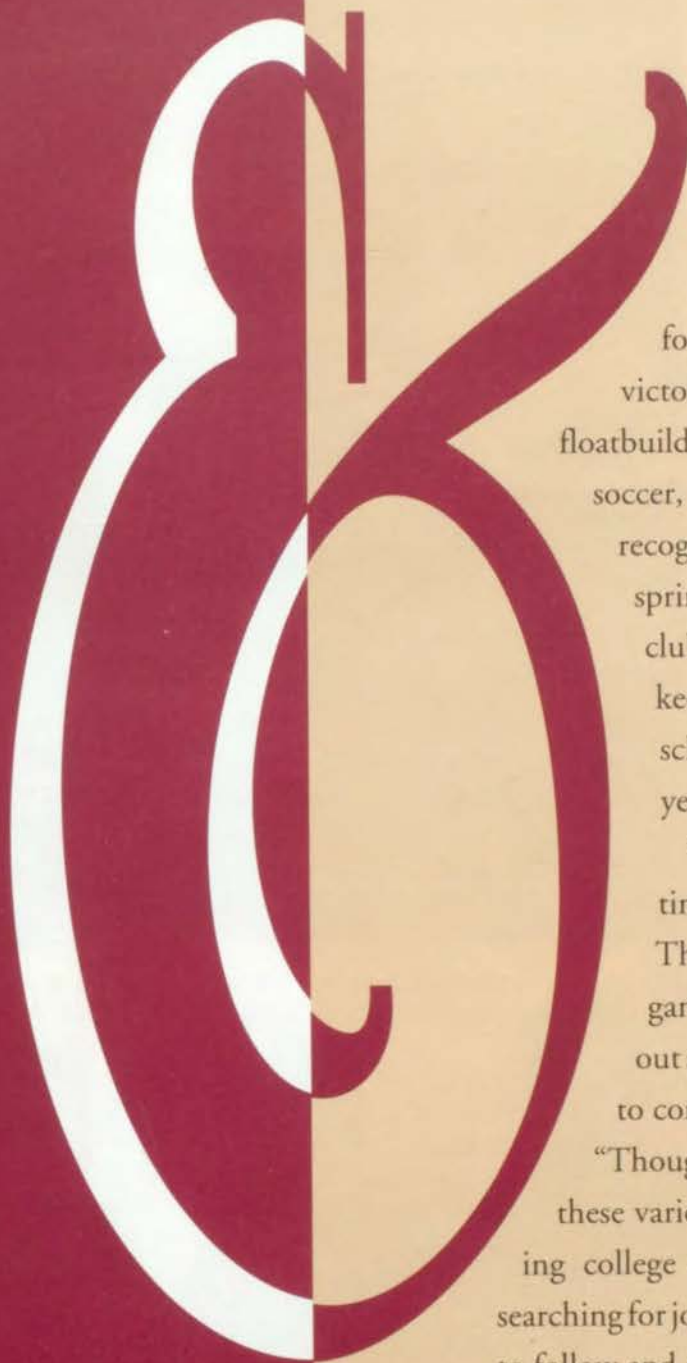
As James DeWees, soph, turns around to get a kiss, Jenny Peters, jr, throws a pie in his face during a Young Life skit. The non-denominational youth group meets every Wednesday and usually draws a crowd over 100 people. *Photo by Kim Cook*



As individuals and part of the larger student body, students are able to prove through their involvement and enthusiasm that they are more than just faces in a crowd. Jason Phillips, jr, isn't afraid to express his school spirit at the football game against Hickman Mills.



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From Channel One to Young Life, student life included an array of activities and past times. Tal Curry, sr, Student Council President, certainly knows Student Life *Backward & Forward*:

“Hey! You wild and crazy people!

“Life at LHS provided many options, from participating in athletics to developing personal and academic skills, while jobs and social life with friends continued after school.

“School spirit began early this year with the successful return of the dueling pistols. The Homecoming football victory was preceded by senior victories in the powder puff game and floatbuilding. Along with football's great start, soccer, girls' tennis, and cross country were recognized for their records. Winter and spring sports, choir, band, forensics, school clubs, the school musical, “Damn Yankees,” and the spring play — all kept school spirit high through the rest of the year.

“Students lived for the weekends, a time with friends and significant others. They went to Royals, Chiefs, or Blades games. Other times were spent hanging out at McDonald's or the Mountain, going to concerts or the movies, and partying.

“Throughout the year, Seniors were involved in these various activities while they were completing college applications, taking AP courses, or searching for jobs. They were looking for a future path to follow and making memories to take with them.”

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▶ **Beam it down, Scotty—**

During Mrs. Jones' second hour class, students watch Channel One, a nationally syndicated satellite news program for teens. The show is recorded the previous night. *Photo by Jennifer Mallon*



▲ **Ready, set, roll —**

Larry Renyolds, jr, technical support, operates the camera for one of the many shows broadcast live every day from the studio inside the library office. *Photo by Jennifer Mallon*

▶ **Ain't no stoppin' now —**

The KLHS-TV Staff was pumped up and ready to go at the beginning of the year. Pictured are technical director Ryan Calder, soph; special reporter April Brendle, sr; technical support Angi Kosa, sr, Nick Davis, jr, Larry Renyolds, jr; anchors Jon Sweetwood, jr, Andy Longstreth, jr. Not pictured are special reporters Justin Makemson, jr, Jill Logan, jr, Jenny Peters, jr; technical support Josh Ellis, sr; anchor Johnna Dahlberg, jr. *Photo by David Dice*



► Let's go live —

Ryan Calder, soph, technical director, operates the editing equipment during a live broadcast and cues up the feature clips for live playback before Channel One. Photo by Jennifer Mallon



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KLHS television

The show, the staff and the sponsor

The four tones sounded to end first hour. In rushed the KLHS-TV staff members. As the students arrived, Mr. Stessman began giving directions. "Who's running the camera today? Who's got the feature clip? Do we have an interview today?" Amidst all this confusion, the bell to begin second hour was barely audible.

"Ready? Here we go!" warned the director as he stuck the "ON THE AIR" sign in the window. The theme music boomed throughout the school when the intro started rolling. As the tape neared completion, the director said, "Frame 'em up!" And so the broadcast began.

1991 was the first year that such a broadcast took place. The shows took the place of the daily announcements and were designed to keep the student body informed and aware of the happenings in and around school.

The broadcasts were possible because the school district installed Channel One, a nationally syndicated satellite news program shown in all classrooms.

Whittle Communications, the people behind Channel One, provide free TVs and wiring to districts who agree to show nine out of ten daily programs, including

commercials.

The show got mixed reviews from the students. "I thought it would be a good idea at first, but it is becoming just an overrated way of doing the announcements," said Jason Shoemaker, soph.

KLHS was accepted better overall by the faculty. Mrs. Phyllis Chatlos, math teacher, said, "The students are paying attention to the announcements for the first time ever."

"The students are doing a remarkable job, considering they have never seen the material before [air time]," said Mr. Richard Hensel, social studies teacher.

Mr. Robert Marquardt, science teacher, said, "I think its a very positive tool to get the information to the student body. Students seem to be more attentive because of the novelty and the fact that they are visual learners."

C.W. Stessman, sponsor of KLHS-TV, said that the main goal was to provide an opportunity for students to participate in either the on- or off-camera responsibilities that go into a minor television production. Stessman said that the long term goal is to make KLHS a class in broadcast journalism. —Ryan Calder



"I'm learning a lot about broadcast journalism and one day I hope to go into a related career. It's also a lot of fun."

— Andy Longstreth, jr

► **Let's get physical —**

Lori Chance, sr, practices doing "figure-8" drills at soccer camp. Girl's and boy's soccer camps were held at the high school to prepare the teams for this year's soccer season.

Photo by Kim Cook



▲ **Improving design technique —**

Aleatha Ezra, jr, and Dennis Esser, sr, complete yearbook design assignments. This was Esser's second year to attend the journalism camp sponsored by Northwest Missouri State University. *Photo by Mindy Chapman*

► **A moment of concentration —**

Football team members build strength at football camp by lifting weights and scrimmaging. Shane Coon, jr, lifts weights in the high school weight room. Camp was held in late July from 3 to 5 p.m. at the high school. *Photo by Kim Cook*





▶ Working out —

Michele Carlson, soph, works out on the weight machines at football camp. Carlson was the only female to attend this camp. She sports a T-shirt from Track and Field camp which she also attended in the summer. Photo by Kim Cook

Summer camps

Vacation time spent improving skills and having fun

Getting a headstart on the school year, a multitude of students chose to attend summer camps. Many wanted to learn or improve a skill, meet new people or to spend time with old friends. Some went just to have fun.

Nearly 40 Liberty students attended Young Life camp at Frontier Ranch located in Bueno Vista, Colorado. Students were bussed out to stay for eight days in a western-like setting. Activities included repelling, mountain climbing, horse-back riding, completing a rope course, attending "club" and riding Honda Odysseys.

From football camp to soccer camp, the athletically interested student was able to find almost any kind of sport camp. Football camp was held in late July at the high school. Players practiced basic techniques such as handoffs and blocking.

The soccer teams attended soccer camp at the high school where they scrimmaged and drilled. Other athletic camps included tennis, cheerleading, pom pon, basketball, and track camps.

Students prepared for camp by taking

off work, getting forms sent in and packing. In some cases teams spent time preparing to compete at a camp.

"All summer we got up at 6:30 a.m. to practice at Bennett Park for pom pon camp," said Rebecca Chase, sr. "We were practicing our home routine that earned a superior (the highest rating) trophy." Chase attended Universal Dance Association camp at the University of Nebraska — Lincoln with seven other squad members.

Some students attended academic camps. Journalism staff members attended a four-day journalism convention at the KCI Marriott Hotel to catch up on the latest trends and plan publications for the next year. Cathy Bussjaeger, sr, was selected to attend Girls State, a statewide leadership convention, based on her academic performance and leadership potential. Jeff Steinmeyer, jr, attended a leadership seminar in Washington D.C. over Independence Day where he participated in Mock Congress with over 300 students from all over the country.

—Mindy Chapman

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"I loved it. I made new friends that will last a lifetime. I thought that people from different corners of the United States would be totally different, but they weren't."

—Jeff Steinmeyer, jr



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◀ Late again? Oh, well —

Caroline Powell, soph, resigns herself to the fact that she's going to be late and decides not to hurry. Some students took their time and just hoped their teachers went easy on them.

Photo by Jennifer Mallon

Passing periods

Was four minutes long enough to get everything done?

Students this year had to adjust to a passing period of only four minutes as opposed to last year's five.

This change was caused by the necessity to find twelve extra minutes to add to second hour so that Channel One and KLHS could be broadcasted. The administration considered many places to find these twelve extra minutes. They considered adding it to the end of the day and causing school to stay in session until 2:45, but this interfered with athletic competitions. Another idea was to add time to the beginning of the day. This idea was turned down due to the early start of the school day already, according to the administration.

So in order to add as little time as possible to the school day, the administration decided to take one minute off of each passing period, one minute off of each lunch period, and add a mere three minutes to the end of the day.

This caused much commotion among the student body. "Four minutes just

didn't give us enough time to go to the rest room and do all the other things we need to do," Luther Soloman, jr.

"Everybody complains that we have no school spirit, but what do they expect when we don't have time to make or talk to friends?" Adam Alderson, jr.

Some students said that it was unfair of the administrators to pull this on them without giving Student Council the opportunity to voice their opinion.

"There's no communication between the administration, the faculty, and the students, but hopefully things will change in the future," Tal Curry, sr, said.

The shorter passing periods, coupled with the school's new, tighter tardy policy have also caused an increase in the number of detentions according to some teachers.

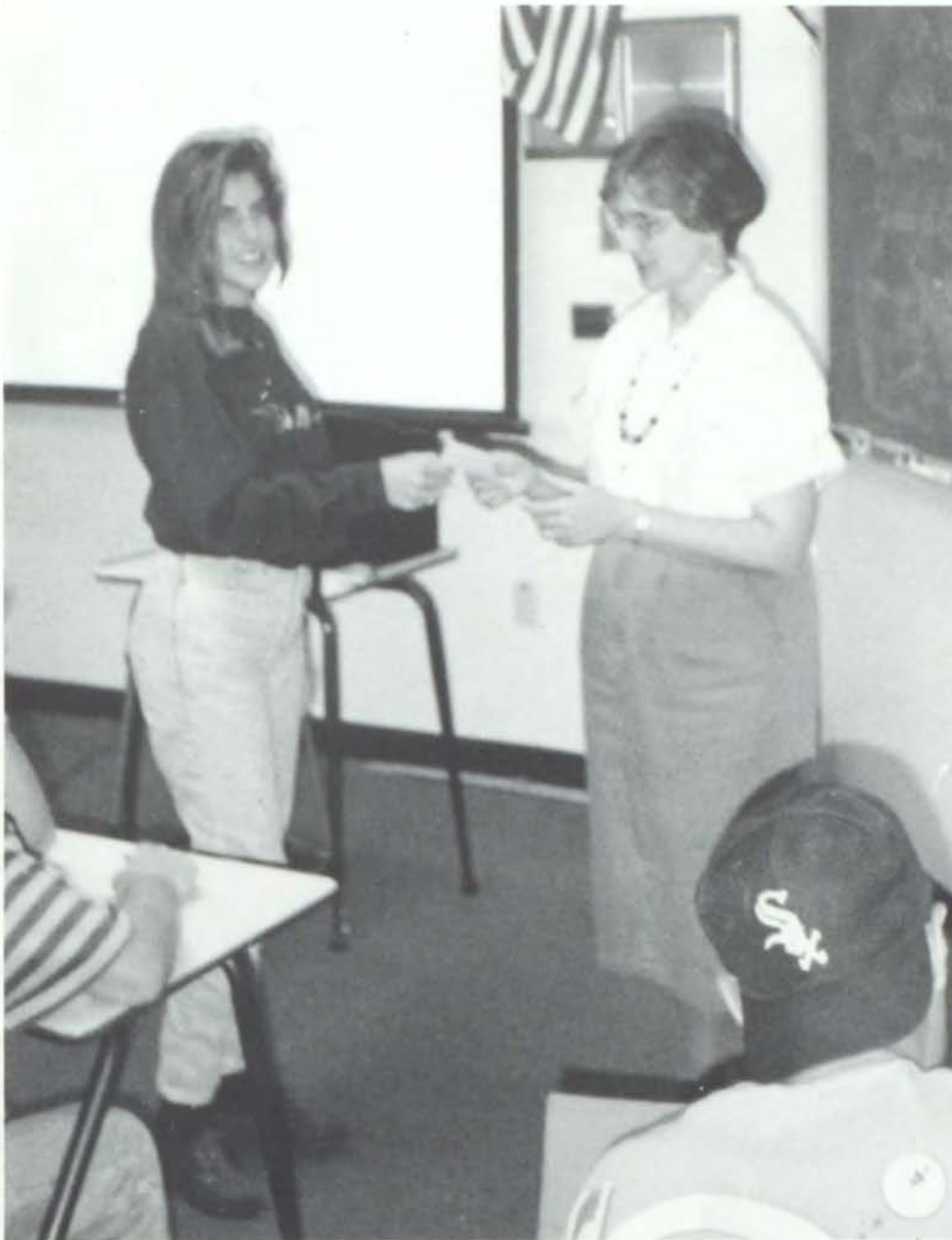
"It's not fair that they count tardies when we have to run to get to class. It's insane," Todd McDonald, jr.

In summary, students may not have been happy with the shorter passing period, but they all learned to cope or they faced the consequences. —Jeff Chatlos

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—Adam Alderson, jr





◀ **Sorry I'm late, but I'm excused!** —
 Kate Isley, soph, hands a pass to Mrs. Phyllis Chatlos, math teacher. Many students were able to get passes from other teachers or from the office if they knew they were going to be late. *Photo by Jeff Chatlos*



▲ **Get outta my way—**
 Shane Coon, Lou Noble, and Adam Curnow, jrs, rush to make it into the classroom and into their seats on time. Many students found it especially hard to get to class due to the school's stricter tardy policy. *Photo by Eric Glenn*

◀ **"It's just not worth hurrying!"—**
 Kurt Wettstein, Melissa Plummer, Brad Boone, and Jennifer Cartmill, jrs, saunter to class while Blake Tompkins, sr, leisurely opens his locker. Some students refused to hurry, even though they knew that they would have to serve detentions. *Photo by Tracy Barron*



▶ **Wardrobe musts —**

Every girl needs a suede skirt like junior Johnna Dahlberg's, and assorted leggings like ones worn by sophomores Lindsay Evans and Amy Sorensen. *Photo by Kim Cook*



▲ **Classic styles—**

Some things never go out of style such as soft and colorful sweaters as shown by Sarah Capps, jr, or saddle shoes worn by Amy Cole, jr. *Photo by Kim Cook*

▶ **Comfort comes first —**

Sarah Tietjens, Jeff Cain, and Melissa Bean, sophs, show that being comfortable in loose fitting clothes can also be fashionable and colorful. *Photo by Kim Cook*





► **Trendy threads—**

Justin Makemson, jr, keeps up with the latest styles by wearing a hot item this year, plaid. Lori Chance, sr, is dressed in a V-neck sweater and matching skirt. Photo by Kim Cook.

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Fashions

Freedom of expression mixed
with personal taste

In the life of a teenager, the many rules and laws set were sometimes hard to understand and accept. There was a driving age, a voting age, and a drinking age, state curfews and parental curfews. So just when it seemed that everything was already decided until the year 2000, one thing was mostly decided by personal taste. Clothes could be more than just material. They could represent a person's personality, creativity, and style.

"I definitely think that clothes reflect the kind of person you are and are constantly making an impression on someone," said Gillian Hanson, sr.

There were many different fashions this year in all colors and materials. Some hot items this year for girls were all types of leggings, filmy blouses with patchwork colors, v-neck sweaters, tight skirts with oversized tops, and Sam and Libby ballet flats.

Some popular clothes for guys were wild-patterned shirts, loosely rolled pants, assorted rugby shirts, and all types of hats.

Many fashions were worn by both sexes, such as plaids of any type: from

shirts, to shorts, to socks, to bags. Some other unisex items were denim shirts, K-Swiss tennis shoes, and Mexican ponchos.

Although there were rules set in the student handbook about clothes, such as no cut off jeans, students still tried to be original.

"I like wearing things that are original, wild, and in the latest styles. I like clothes that most people don't have the nerve to wear," said Michelle Young, jr.

Some people would ask if clothes should be really important but to students they were.

"Clothes really do matter. I notice clothes on other people and when they look good on them and when they don't," said Young.

Style means many different things to different people, but one main thing students have always had in common is an interest in clothes.

"People should have their own sense of style but its not the clothes that make the person, it's the person who makes the clothes," said Hanson. — *Aleatha Ezra*

"My style fluctuates, but it's basically clean-cut and well-rounded with a little something different every now and then.

— Andy Revell, sr



▶ **A lion head, an eagle's wings —**

Shane Biggs, sr, has a color tattoo of a griffin which covers most of his right shoulder. He also has a cross with a heart on his left wrist. Biggs said two of his tattoos needed to be redone because they faded. *Photo by Jennifer Copeland*



▶ **A peachy tattoo —**

Cheyenne Barbee, sr, has a tattoo of a peach on her left ankle. She also has a ying-yang on her hip. Unlike the peach which has significant meaning in her family, the ying-yang she got simply because she wanted to. *Photo by Kim Cook*

▶ **Judo champion —**

Brian Potter, sr, brandishes a tattoo of the Welcome Mat Judo Club mascot on his back. As a member of the club, Potter has won state, national and international judo awards, including United States Judo Association High School National Champion for his weight class. *Photo by Tracey Barron*



► **A butterflyer—**

Chris Elbow, sr, a competitive swimmer, has a tattoo of a butterflyer on his right ankle, and he also has a dolphin on his hip. Elbow said he would like to get a third tattoo, but he hasn't selected what it would be. *Photo by Kim Cook*



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Getting tattoos

Students strive for ways
to be unique

Just like a manufacturer or artist, many individuals want their own trademarks. An earring in his nose or a tattoo on her hip reflects the personalities these individualities stand for.

Nikki Helmeczi, jr, said tattoos bring out one's personality. "A tattoo is not to be weird. It just gives you a sense of uniqueness," she said.

"I wanted to be original. I got something that represents me," said Matt Carter, sr, who has a Led Zepplin tattoo on his hip. "Zepplin is my inspiration."

Cheyenne Barbee, sr, agreed with Carter, but her tattoo has a deeper meaning than just being based on inspiration.

"I got the peach on my ankle because my mom had one and I thought it would be neat if I got one too," Barbee said. "My tattoo has significance. I know that in 20 years I will still want it and if I have a kid who wants it, it would also be really neat. It would have sort of a family bond."

As with many fashions, a trend may come and go, but a tattoo is an obviously more serious, permanent statement. Students may worry about becoming a victim of the hazards.

Joyce Fessler, school nurse, said many risks are involved. Three main concerns are sterilization of needles, infection and reactions to the dye.

Others may change their minds. Shane Biggs, sr, admits his first tattoo was one he wasn't going to want in the future. "The tattoos I have now, I got to cover up what I had before. Now I have a griffin and a cross, and I know those are things I will still want and believe in a long time from now."

For some students getting a tattoo is an impulsive decision they later regret. For others, getting a tattoo is a long thought-out process, which might include building up the courage to do it.

"My brother had a tattoo and I thought it was cool, but I was scared to get one because of AIDS, but finally I just didn't think about it and got one," said Adam Curnow, jr, who has a Grateful Dead symbol on his hip.

Curnow added, "It is what I wanted, and my body, and other people should have an open mind about it." — *Lisa Smithmier*



"The tattoos I have I know I won't regret.

In the future I think I will still believe in them, and it is neat to look at them and know they will not come off."

— Matt Carter, sr

► **Scaling the wall —**

Spiderman is one of the few well-known super heroes hanging from the AT&T building as a promotional advertisement last fall in downtown Kansas City. Spiderman was displayed until Dec. 31. *Photo by Kim Cook*



▲ **It's Superman —**

Hanging on the wall in Mr. Forrest Bertoldie, Mr. Mike Chambers, and Mr. Lee Hunold's rooms in the language arts pod is this Superman poster made on a Macintosh computer by Mr. Chambers. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

► **Three Stooges are back —**

Jennifer Cartmill, jr, models Moe of the Three Stooges, while Kerrie and Kassie Kelly, jrs, model Curly and Larry on their T-shirts. Larry, Moe, and Curly used to be popular slapstick comedians. *Photo by Tracey Barron*





► M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E —

Kelly Kerr, jr. wears a Mickey Mouse sweatshirt, which represents her idol. Mickey, who has been around for 64 years, is a well-known hero throughout the world. Photo by Rachel Chambers

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Favorite heroes

The heros, the idols,
and the role models for generations

They may not be faster than a speeding bullet or more powerful than a locomotive, but our heros leave a lasting mark on our lives. Many have different ideas about who their heros are, whether it be Bart Simpson, their mom, or even Superman.

"What do students look for in a hero?" Pat Taylor, sr. replied, "I look for honesty, sincerity, someone who is fun and popular, when I think of a hero."

Often students think of parents or siblings when naming heros or heroines.

"If I had to pick one person to be my hero, it would probably be my mom, because she likes to do things with me and helps me out a lot," said Nicole Steinmeyer, sr.

"My dad is my hero," said Jeni Klamm, sr. "He has a good heart and appreciates the decisions I make even if they are not always the right ones."

Some might even look up to other relatives. Sara Oberkrom, sr. said "My hero I would have to say is my grandmother because she is so outgoing and proud of life and lives it to a full."

On the other hand, many students picture celebrities, such as actors, actresses, or other performers, as their heros.

"My hero is Mickey Mouse because he's cool and I like him," said Deanna Grider, jr.

"I like Danny Devito because he's funny and not embarrassed about being candid," said Josh Palmer, soph.

Many high school students look up to athletes as their heros. In the July '91 issue of *Seventeen* magazine, a poll showed many students chose well-known athletes as ideal heros.

"Derrick Thomas, Chiefs linebacker, is my hero only because he beat the odds and excelled to be the best," said Chad Jones, sr.

"I look up to Joe Falcon, from Belton," said Todd McDonald, jr. "because he won the world record in running."

Students' ideas about who their heros may change from year to year. After all, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles might not be popular next year, but some heros stay legends forever. —Lynn Jones



"My mom is my hero because she would do anything for anyone and she always stands behind me. She's not only a mom but a person I can talk to."

— Nicole Tankesley, sr

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Environment

Recycling programs and environmental awareness



◀ Environmental concern —

Liberty residents pick up blue recycling bins in the city hall parking lot. Bins are set out weekly with the rest of the trash for a truck to pick up. The program went into effect Nov. 4 after being approved on Aug. 6. Photo by Hanna Palmblad

"Helping the environment is not hopeless, but we do have to start now. I'm glad Liberty has started to recycle, but a lot of people still aren't participating."

— Becca Ahrens, sr



Is environmental concern simply a fad? Some students such as Rachel Chambers, sr, and Kelli Valdez, jr, think that if it is one, it shouldn't be.

"A lot of people treat it more as a passing fad than a new style of living," Valdez said.

"To some people it's a fad. For me, it's not really a moral but more like an attitude," said Chambers, a two-year member of Greenpeace.

Whether a fad or not, environmental concerns such as recycling have hit Liberty through the aluminum can recycling barrel in the lunchroom and the new curbside recycling program in the community.

The barrel was introduced last year while the curbside program was added this year to make recycling easier for the community. This access didn't prompt all residents to participate, however.

"We need to recycle, but who wants to waste their time on things like sorting out the litter?" said Stephanie Fischer, sr.

"I think there are some Liberty students who are concerned about the envi-

ronment, but the basic attitude is 'why bother?'" said Becca Ahrens, sr.

The environment is not just a fad for Ahrens — she's been recycling for years. She also holds membership in many environmental groups such as Sierra Club, Greenpeace, World Wildlife Federation, and Audoban Society. These organizations are concerned with protecting and nurturing the environment — not just saving the whales, said Ahrens.

Public awareness was raised through advertisements, television programs and even fast food restaurants. The efforts of the environmentally concerned paid off as students and teachers participated in paper recycling at school. Many teachers had recycling boxes in their classrooms and once a week volunteers took paper to a bin at the junior high.

"It seems as though people are doing the best they can to improve the environment where it is possible," said Valdez.

Ahrens summed up her attitude toward people who don't recycle. "They should have to live in their own landfill," said Ahrens. —Mindy Chapman



▼ **Weighing down the earth—**

Every year the average Liberty citizen generates about 1,200 pounds of waste. This adds up to about 24 million pounds of waste per year from the community.



◀ **Save the planet—**

Cole Wheeler, sr, and James Dewees, jr, do their part by throwing their aluminum cans in the recycling barrel. The barrel is for aluminum cans only and was put out for the first time last year. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*



◀ **Recycling mania—**

Lisa Cain, sr, loads her recycling bin with newspapers, plastic containers, glass jars, and aluminum cans. The curbside recycling program was voluntary, but every household had to pay \$2.25 per month for voluntary yard waste pick up. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

► **Loading up—**

Pat Mendoza, sr, loads cans into cardboard boxes in the library. Collecting and loading the canned goods were some responsibilities of the project. On the last day of the food drive some students brought cases of food to school. *Photo by Lisa Cain*



▲ **Posting the results—**

Phillip Dorsey, sr, staples up the daily results. Mass media students collected donated money from all second hour classes and posted their results in the library. *Photo by Lisa Cain*

► **Sweet taste of success—**

The mass media class eats pizza in the Student Council room. The third hour class received the pizza party as a reward for the project's success. *Photo by Tammy Welch*





► **Living it up—**

Jimmy Elliott, jr, entertains Mr. Jim Dunn's second hour communications class at the donut party they earned for raising the most money overall. The second hour classes of Mr. John Morrison, science teacher, and Mr. Forrest Bertoldie, English teacher, tied for raising the most money per student and also received parties. *Photo by Tammy Welch*

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Joy of Giving

**The project, the hard work,
and the results**

"The Joy of Giving — coming December 20"

Overnight signs with this message were posted throughout the school— in the lockerbays, halls and commons areas. Questions such as "What is the 'Joy of Giving' and what does it have to with me?" were echoed in the halls. Students soon found out the meaning behind those pink and green signs when the program was announced as a food drive to aid the needy.

The Joy of Giving program was also a class contest. Second hour classes competed for a pizza party by trying to collect the most food and money. The program was initiated and run by the first semester mass media class, taught by Mr. Jim Dunn. The third hour class decided to make a video and show it to the school for their second quarter class project.

Michelle Edwards, sr, and Cheree Tate, sr, volunteered to be in charge. They made the many assignments for the students such as editing the film, collecting food and money, and taping the video. Also, a chart was made and posted in the library to show daily class results.

Not everyone agreed with the pizza party prize however, as teachers and students questioned the incentive of giving to the less fortunate.

"The project overall was good and the incentive was not all that bad. Students still gave and that was the important part, what it was all about," said Dennis Esser, sr.

The campaign collected more than 10 times as much as the traditional Thanksgiving food drive. The use of class competition may have contributed to the more than 3,740 cans that were donated.

Money raised was given to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund and a check of \$1300 was presented to the mayor at a city council meeting. Food was taken to the Spirit of Liberty building for Love Inc.

"It (the Joy of Giving) went really well. The whole school was behind it," said Mike Carroll, sr. "The results were surprising. We didn't expect to get that much. I was really happy with it because everybody worked together and it turned out really well." — *Mindy Chapman*

"Even though the party was fun, I think



people should want to give things for the sake of giving, not just to get something in return."

—Bryan Lawler, jr

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Friendships

Qualities students look for,
and their thoughts about them

"I look for someone who is loyal and trusting. My best friend cares about me and she is a very good listener. I care about what my friends think about me and I also care about how they feel."

—Susan Kehoe, soph



◀ Telling jokes —

Kris McDonough, Allison Hunter, Karri Cull, and Todd McDonald, jr, laugh at each other's new jokes and talk about the day's activities while standing in front of McDonald's locker. Photo by Tabby Hale

"Friends are friends forever," that is how the song goes. Friends are an important part of a teen's high school career.

A good friend is somebody to tell all of your deepest and darkest secrets, you know the kind, the secrets about who you have a crush on, who you think likes you, who has asked you out last year and you totally regret not going out with them because they look so much better this year.

There are many different qualities that people look for in a friendship. Teens look for someone that they can trust and someone that will be a loyal friend.

"I look for someone that is honest and caring and also someone that has good personal hygiene because I don't want to be friends with someone that really stinks," said Brian Robertson, sr.

"The qualities that I look for in a friendship are honesty, someone that will be there for me and listen when I need them, someone that is fun to be around, and I also look for someone that is faithful to me and won't stab me in the back," said

Cindi Huxtable, sr.

People choose their friends according to many different things. Some people look for friends that have the same common interests as them, while other people say that they really don't choose their friends but their friends chose them.

"I choose my friends very carefully and I think that the relationship that my best friend and I have right now is an example of a perfect friendship because we can talk to each other and tell each other our problems and try to help each other through them," said Sonja McBath, jr.

"My friends and I like to shop with and share secrets with each other and we don't talk about each other behind our backs," said Kristina Maupin, jr. "If my best friend has a problem with something that I do, she will tell me instead of just getting mad."

That is what students had to say about friendships, and like the song ends, "A friend will not say never and the welcome will not end, because a lifetime's not too long to live as friends." — Amy Martin



◀ **Nice hair —**

Jennifer Brunz, sr, tries a new hairstyle out on senior Alicia Forby's long hair while Christina Anderson, sr, watches. Friends often ask each other about how they look or how they are dressed. *Photo by Tabby Hale*



▲ **Let's go —**

On their way out of school, Angi Kosa, sr, talks to her friend, Susan Waters, sr, about the day's events. Students socialized after school with friends they couldn't spend time with during the day. *Photo by Tabby Hale*



◀ **Sports buddies —**

Aaron Cramer, sr, and Chad Winfrey, soph, became friends from being on the soccer team last year. Many students become friends with people that are on their sports teams from spending so much time together. *Photo by Tabby Hale*

► **Political Viewpoints—**

Tom Coleman, Missouri's U.S. Senator visited LHS on Dec. 17. He discussed political issues on Channel One and then spoke to American Government classes. Here he is speaking to Mr. Hensel's 4th hour class. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*



▲ **Marketing—**

The Marketing Education class, taught by Larry Beldin, dealt with many problems of marketing, business, and the economy. Many students in Marketing Ed. left on the student work program. *Photo by Angie Wright*

► **Gas Money—**

Justin Makemson, jr, makes a quick stop at ASAP gas station after school. Although the recession caused problems for some, decreasing gas prices were a benefit to students. *Photo by Lisa Smithmier*





► All work, no play—

Students experience some difficulties in finding jobs. Karri Cull, jr, fills out an application for a Liberty business. Photo by Kim Cook

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Recession

The facts, the future,
and the effects on students

In 1930, thousands were out of work, the income of the nation had decreased by half, and the people of the country had become victim of the Great Depression. While the Depression seems only to be something we study about in history books, the hardships that were felt 60 years ago are the same things the generation of the 90's could have ahead.

Although, the recession of the 90's is obviously a part of American life, many students had a difficult time understanding the effects upon them.

"I don't quite understand it (the recession), but I don't really think it has affected me, so I don't really think about it," said Angi Kosa, sr.

"I know the money and economy isn't the same as it used to be, but I don't think about it that much," said Scott McBurney, jr. Like Kosa, McBurney said he doesn't think the recession has affected him personally.

While some students notice almost no effect of this recession, some still have strong opinions.

"I think the Republicans and Democrats are fighting back and forth too much

and aren't dealing with the problem," said Eric Schriever, jr.

Karie Samples, jr, said, "I just don't understand how the Government can't stop it."

Some economists have found that actually only 25% of the economy and jobs, in America are being hurt by this recession. Prices of many things are being reduced to coincide with the job cuts and students are finding positive effects.

"I guess the main way I have been affected by the lower prices, is by the gas prices," said Jenny Davis, jr.

Also feeling effects, Christi Poffenberger, jr, said, "It has been good. The mortgage payments and taxes have gone down, and it means more money for me from my parents."

Some stressful effects were for the seniors who found difficulties while deciding on after high school plans.

"I was planning to go into business after high school, but now, with the problems of the economy, I am not going to," said Rebecca Chase, sr. — Lisa Smithmier



"I don't think it's very real. It's just ironic that jobs happen to be hard to get or gone. It hasn't affected many people, but the few it has affected, have felt it."

— Bill Sudholt, sr

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Damn Yankees

A musical, a show, and a story of
baseball

"I liked the main cast
of characters and
the actors that
played them.
They seemed
so real, like
the Devil, Lola,
and Joe."

—Scott Preston, sr.



◀ Angry Joe from Hannibal, Mo. —

Joe, Kevin Tulipana, sr, is a little upset with his newly found friend Applegate, played by Jack DeWees, sr.

Photo by Jennifer Mallon

"The story line was great, there was a lot of talent, and I really liked it. I also thought it was definitely outstanding, artistic, and funny," said Lana Ross, jr, about the 1991 LHS musical, *Damn Yankees*.

Damn Yankees ran Nov. 14 through 16 with a matinee benefit for the Performing Arts Theater Nov. 17. All performances were at the Liberty Junior High auditorium.

The setting was in the Mid-West in the late 1950's. The basic story started with a middle-aged man, his television, and his dream. This man, Joe Hardy, was a faithful follower of the baseball team the Washington Senators until one day he had a wish to play as he had when he was younger on that team. His wish came true with the help of another man (as one may put it), a Mr. Applegate.

Basically, Joe is transformed into a younger man, gets to play baseball with the Washington Senators, meets a beautiful woman yet stays in love with his wife (with no help from Applegate), and in the

end Joe is reunited with his wife and is transformed back into his own middle-aged self.

The cast numbered plenty with a named cast of 34 and a chorus (crowd) of 16. The cast had several practices including some that lasted late into the night and others which started early on a Saturday morning.

Along with the musical came the usual needs like make-up, costumes, and lighting and the people to handle these things. Also, for this production background music was provided by the high school symphonic band.

With these elements the Liberty High School Vocal Music Department brought off another large musical in the same year as the madrigal feast although in the past the tradition has been to do these on opposite years with a small musical in between.

"Usually in high school productions you have one or two outstanding leads and the remainder of the cast is adequate, but this cast was really solid top to bottom," said Mrs. Debra Burnett, vocal music teacher and director. —Cindy Hansen



◀ **Athletes with ambition—**

Some of the baseball players show their love of "The Game" by singing a song of that title.

Photo by Jennifer Mallon



▲ **Questioning the coach—**

Justin Makemson, jr, and Joe Sipe, soph, portray their baseball characters in a scene.

Photo by Tammy Welch



◀ **Final scene—**

The show has come to an end and the cast and chorus (crowd) sing the closing number, a reprise of "Heart".

Photo by Rachel Chambers

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Your Turn

These pages have been set aside for you to record the people, places, things, and events that were important to you during the 1991-1992 school year.

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Homecoming

The game, the court and
the week in general

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was a week of school spirit and class rivalry. It was a week brimmed with floatbuilding, powder puff practice and dress-up days. It was an anxiety ridden time awaiting the results of the football game and the Homecoming Court, while it was a relaxing time to spend with classmates.

The wave of Homecoming week was washed in by pirate theme dress-up days. The classes competed by dressing up for Pirate Day, X Marks the Spot Day, Clash Day and Long John Day. Friday marked the traditional Blue and White Day. The faculty won the dress-up competition, followed by the juniors, seniors, and sophomores.

Float building kept students busy each night. The seniors won the float building competition with their Blue Jay, canon, and pirate. "I think the time I spent on Homecoming was worthwhile because it was fun and because the senior float turned out great," said Karen Klemme, sr.

The annual Powder Puff game was held Thursday with the undefeated se-

◀ Floatbuilding—

Todd Crossley, sr, works on the senior float. Floats were built in the shop room over a three day period using the pirate theme. The senior class took first place, followed by the sophomore class and the junior class. The sophomore float featured a Blue Jay while the junior float featured a treasure chest and an "X." Photo by Kim Cook



"It was stressful standing up in front of everyone at the pep assembly, but it felt good to be in the (Homecoming Court) top ten.

— Tim Honey, sr



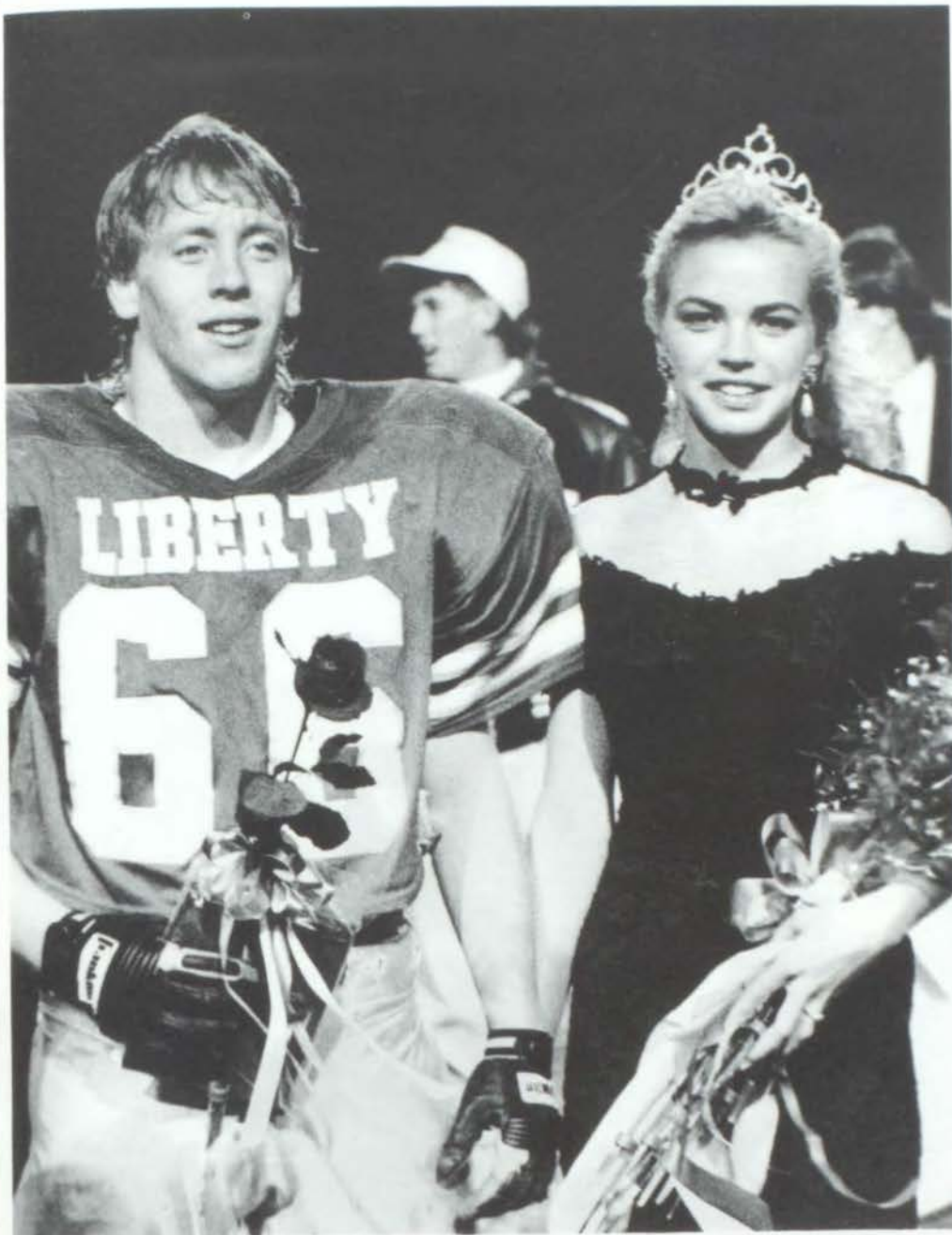
niors stomping the junior class, 13-6.

Friday was the day of the pep assembly and the parade. The top three Homecoming court candidates were announced at the assembly and the King and Queen were crowned at the game. Although the weather was rainy and cold, students braved the parade from the high school to the square.

The Homecoming game against the Belton Pirates was held Friday night at Greene Stadium. The Jays dominated the Pirates to win the first Homecoming game in three years with the score of 35-26.

The week was capped off with the Homecoming dance Saturday night from 8:00 - 11:00. The dance cost \$5 per couple and \$3 for singles. Student Council decorated the commons with blue, silver, and hot pink balloons and streamers. "The decorations were bought the day of the dance so it was a little stressful," said Amy Kelly, jr.

Although Homecoming brought hard work, limited homework time, and class rivalries, most agree, backward and forward, it was a week to remember. —Mindy Chapman



*Homecoming King
Brent Snyder*

*Homecoming Queen
Brandy Comley*



▲ "Run-Around Sue" —

Darren Lee, sr, performs at the pep assembly. Students were released from their third hour classes to attend. The assembly featured spirit leaders, fall sport recognition, Homecoming Court finalists and senior powder puff cheerleaders. *Photo by Tammy Welch*



Attendants

J.P. McBurney, Jeni Klamm,
Lisa Smithmier, Kevin
Tulipana

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◀ Dress-up days—

Jon Sweetwood and Chris Goll, jr., display their school spirit by wearing sheets on Toga Day. Other dress-up days were Goddess of the Sea Day, Hercules Day, Goddess of Love Day, and traditional Blue and White Day. Photo by Tammy Welch

Courtwarming

The senior girls lock-in,
the dress-up days, and the court

grif•fin (grif'en) *n.* a mythological animal with the body and hind legs of a lion and the head and wings of an eagle

As the Blue Jays prepared for their duel with the Winnetonka Griffins, the main question was "What's a Griffin?" The halls of Liberty High were transformed into a mass of mythology that lasted the duration of Courtwarming week.

The week was launched with the dress-up day competition. The theme, "A Night on Mt. Olympus," was used because of the mythological nature of the Griffin. The faculty prevailed in the dress-up competition, followed by the juniors, seniors and sophomores.

"I really didn't participate in dress-up days this Courtwarming week," said Becky Battles, sr. "I think the reason the seniors came in third was because it wasn't as important to us this time. The senior girls were more interested in the senior lock-in than anything else. It was a chance to all be together before we graduated and moved on."

The annual senior girls lock-in was held Thursday night. Senior girls arrived

at the gym and were "locked in" from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. to decorate. Signs such as "We know what a Blue Jay is, but what's a Griffin?" covered the gymnasium. Before any sign could be posted, approval had to be given by the chaperones. Chaperoning the event were seven faculty members: Mrs. Lora Ackerman, Ms. Tracy Atkinson, Mrs. Joyce Fessler, Mrs. Jennifer Holferty, Mr. Lee Hunold, Ms. Karen Mabery, and Mrs. Karla Schaeffer.

Sweatshirts asking "It's 3:00 in the morning... Do you know where your senior girls are?" were purchased by many lock-in participants and worn the following day. All participants were required to attend school Friday, despite lack of sleep.

The pep assembly was held Friday. The assembly featured winter sport recognition, performances by the cheerleading and pom pon squads, and the announcement of the courtwarming top three candidates.

The Courtwarming King and Queen were announced at halftime of the basketball game Friday night where the Blue Jays decisively defeated the Winnetonka Griffins, 63-35. — *Mindy Chapman*

"For Courtwarming we went to the Olive Garden and then to the dance. It was a lot of fun. I liked it a lot better than Homecoming."
— Angie Dunnaway, soph





Courtwarming Queen
Jeni Klamm

Courtwarming King
J.P. McBurney



▲ **Sign making—**

Senior girls paint their names on a banner signed by all the lock-in participants. The girls paid \$1 for admission to cover the cost of art supplies. Powder paint and paper were used in making their decorations. *Photo by Lisa Cain*



Attendants
Jack DeWees,
Lisa Smithmier,
Cathy Bussjaeger,
Tim Honey

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◀ **Moral Support** —
Kim Cook and Anne Cole, srs, embrace each other during the pageant after Cole was announced as one of the seven finalist.
Photo by Jennifer Mallon

Spectator Queen

Women
compete in
the annual
yearbook
queen
pageant

According to contest rules, Spectator Queen should be someone who best represented ideals valued by students and teachers at Liberty High School.

The girls were judged on poise, personality, communication skills, involvement in activities, and appearance. A personal interview was also conducted with each of the six finalists.

"I think this is a good competition because it's not

a popularity contest," said, Aleatha Ezra, jr.

The announcement of queen was traditionally withheld until the evening of the spring music concert.

"I believe that Spectator Queen was a good experience. I feel that it brought us all together as friends. We weren't really competing; it was all for fun." said Nicole Tankesley, sr.



Finalist
Anne Cole



Finalist
Angi Kosa



Finalist
Jennifer Nye



Finalist
Nicole Tankesley



Spectator Queen
Jill Logan



Attendant
Mindy Chapman



Attendant
Amber Grimes

E nvironment

“If we don't watch it, we are going to kill ourselves with the pollution.”

—Kim Moore, jr

Environmental pollution problems have been local and minor because of the Earth's own ability to absorb and purify minor quantities of pollutants. But more recent industrialization, more motor vehicles, and a growth in population have led to a growth in production of goods and an increase in waste products. This has caused the pollution to grow worse.

Environmental concern and awareness peaked with the 20th celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 1990. Now, environmental planning is required in almost all new construction and manufacturing that might cause an ecological disturbance.

Not only is pollution get-

ting worse, rain forests are being cut or burned at an alarming rate; 55,000 acres are lost every year. Once a rain forest is burned, nothing can ever grow there again.

Scientists believe that rain forests hold cures for cancer, AIDS, and other diseases, but if forests continue to be misused, the cures will never be found.

Water pollution in some parts of the U.S. has led to an excess of dissolved solids in the water, making it undesirable for drinking and irrigating. — Amy Martin

Brazilian rain forests have been almost ruined by slash-and-burn farmers. Once a rain forest is burned, nothing will ever grow there again.



When Extreme released their second album, *Pornograffiti*, not many people had heard of them until their first single, "More Than Words", went to number one.

Magic Johnson vowed to be a spokesperson for AIDS after he tested positive with the AIDS causing HIV virus.



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Music Awards

The Nineteenth Annual American Music Awards were held this year in January. The results were based on record sales and polls.

The favorite albums results were:

Pop/Rock— "Time, Love and Tenderness" by Michael Bolton

Rap— "Homebase" by D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince

Adult Contemporary— "Unforgettable" by Natalie Cole

Heavy Metal/Hard Rock— "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge" by Van Halen

Soul/R&B— "Power of Love" by Luther Vandross

Country— "No Fences" by

Garth Brooks

Favorite singles results were:

Soul/R&B— "I Wanna Sex You Up" by Color Me Badd

Dance— "Gonna Make You Sweat" by C&C Music Factory

Pop/Rock— "Everything I Do, I Do it for You" by Bryan Adams

Country— "The Thunder Rolls" by Garth Brooks

Other awards were given out in various other categories including favorite artist and favorite band/duo or group.

The American Music Awards also gives out an award of merit for an artist's past work, which went to James Brown.

Close to Home

MAGIC

AND

AIDS

■ Magic Johnson shocked the nation when he said in November that he had AIDS. For years he was a basketball player for the Lakers.

Johnson, who is 6 ft. 9 in. tall and 32 years old, delivered his message at a press conference at the Great Forum, home to the Los Angeles Lakers.

When he announced that he had AIDS and was going to have to retire from basketball, "the nation was stunned", according to many magazines. In an interview with *Time* magazine, November 18, 1991, Johnson said, "I'm going to miss playing but my life is going to go on. I'm going to go on a happy man."

Johnson's wife, Cookie, was pregnant at the time he made his announcement. So far, no sign of HIV has been detected in her or the unborn baby.

Time best summed up this incident by saying, "It can happen to anybody. Even Magic Johnson".

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Rivers
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Floods
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■ *And the rain, rain, rain, came down, down, down,*

on Texas as it did in A.A. Milne's books about Winnie-the-Pooh.

Across southeast Texas, the Brazos, Trinity and Colorado rivers overflowed their banks for miles due to the downpour of non-stop rain.

Over 9 inches of rain, in a month, caused tens of millions of dollars of damage, 15 deaths and 25 counties to be declared national disasters by President Bush.

Experts said the flooding in Texas was inevitable due to the already soaked region and the size of downpour.

Also the rampant pavement of the country-side and the new developments have robbed the natural terrain of its ability to absorb rainwater.

For those insured, rebuilding will be easier, for those less fortunate the ending is not as happy.



Winter Games
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You hold your breath, you feel all your muscles stiffen and your fists clench, your eyes are fixed and dilated, you are one with the skater and as the music begins you eagerly watch the performance take off.

The 16th Winter Olympics got underway Feb. 6, 1992, in Albertville, France.

Some of the highlighted events included skiing, speed skating, hockey, bobsled, ski jump, the luge, biathlon, and figure skating.

Out of all the Olympic hopefuls representing America no one was profiled and cheered on more than 21 year old figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi.

She was the National champion in 92' and led the American ladies to sweep the medals at the World Championships.

Yamaguchi, a fourth-generation Japanese-American, will be up against another Japanese, Midori Ito.

One medal already won by an American competitor was the gold in the 500 meter speed skating competition by Bonnie Blair. She was the first American to win any kind of medal.

Slowly your muscles relax, you smile as you watch the grand finale and know that they have made you and your country proud.



Blazing Oil Fires

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lack of time. Even the best predictions made by scientists spelled disaster if something was not done quickly.

A massive oil-slick spread down the coast of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, which could not be stopped until the fires were put out and the broken oil-heads replaced. Severe pollution caused by the smoke could affect the whole world and have irreversible damage on Kuwait.

Contrary to scientists predictions, by November the last of the 714 fires had been capped. That ended the greatest unnatural disaster in the history of the world, leaving the people of Kuwait with economic and environmental problems for decades.

—Aleatha Ezra

As the Americans were pushing the Iraqi soldiers back, hundreds of Kuwaiti oil fires wreaked havoc upon the immediate area and potentially harming the environment for years to come.

Three companies, Red Adair, Inc., Boots & Coots, and Wild Well Control, were sent to fight the oil fires.

The most difficult obstacle facing the workers was the

The Kuwait fire fighters had to protect themselves from deadly gas, 4,000 degree temperatures, and sand so hot it turned to glass.

“I saw coverage on

television and it

made me mad

because the fires

could ruin our

future.”

—Robert Eshleman, soph.



After the Texas rivers began to flood, many people were left to pick up the pieces of what was left of their homes and possessions.

Heavy metal band, Guns n' Roses released two albums simultaneously this year, *Use Your Illusion I and II*, which has already garnered awards.

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Bush Lifts Sanctions

“Now everybody
is free of apart-
heid. Now it
belongs to history”
—F.W. DeClerk

On July 21, 1991, President George Bush announced that he had lifted all economic sanctions against South Africa that had been in effect since 1986. According to Bush, the sanctions were lifted because South Africa's government had met all of the demands.

The first demand to be met was the termination of the state of emergency that has been in effect since 1981. The state of emergency gave the police the power to enter into communities and destroy homes that were suspected of housing political opponents.

The second demand was to abolish all laws dealing with racial segregation. Many of these laws, such as the Group Area Act, forbidding blacks to live in certain areas. Other

laws dealing with the segregation of schools, still exist.

The third demand was to legalize outlawed political groups. This demand was achieved, although the now legal groups still don't have the right to vote.

The freedom of all political prisoners was the fourth demand. Although some prisoners, such as Nelson Mandela, have been released, the majority of them are still imprisoned.

The final demand was to set up talks with black majority leaders. To date, only one has been set up. —Jeff Chatlos

Paul Simon performed in front of 750,000 fans in Central Park during his Born at the Right Time Tour.



The New York Stock Exchange had a phenomenal year, finally closing at over 3000 points, despite the economic recession.

F.W. DeClerk, president of South Africa, has been responding to U.S. demands on the abolishment of segregation in South Africa.



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Paul Simon

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1991 was a great year, if you were Paul Simon. Near the beginning of the year, he released the collected works of Simon and Garfunkel which compiled all five of their albums together.

Then, in April, he released his new solo album, *The Rhythm of the Saints*, which utilized African drum beats and background singing.

In August, he performed a free concert in Central Park for over 750,000 people. The concert was broadcast simultaneously on Home Box Office (HBO) and over several radio stations. This was a landmark concert since it was the first free concert in the park

since he and folk duo partner Art Garfunkel staged their reunion concert ten years ago.

Even though the concert was free and Simon donated \$400,000 to the city of New York, he still managed to gain a profit from the live radio broadcasts and from HBO. He was also able to release a concert album, *Paul Simon: The Concert in Central Park*, available on two C.D.'s or two cassettes.

Toward the end of last year he performed a groundbreaking concert in South Africa, the first American to perform there since the beginning of the economic sanctions.

Close to Home

STOCKS

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ECONOMY

Last year was a record year for the stock exchange. The markets finally closed at over 3000 points, a record most experts thought would take years to achieve. In fact, it reached a record high of 3168.83.

These figures surprised many people because the economy has been in a recession for most of this year.

"The Stock Market shouldn't be tied to the economy but it is," said Jim Nail, economics teacher.

The reason for the stock market growth is attributed to the crash of 1987. From there it had nowhere to go but up.

"The Stock Market has done well because of optimism," according to Nail. His theory of optimism involves the thought that if people think that the market will do well it, will.

Does this rising market indicate economic recovery? Perhaps only time will tell.

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THOMAS
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■ Having overcome rural poverty, she became a professor of law at the University of Oklahoma.

He was a lawyer for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission who later became a judge.

Anita Hill accused Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment, when they worked together at the EEOC.

No one was told of the accusation until Thomas was faced with the Supreme Court Judge hearing.

The Congressional hearing was publicized on every television station, mesmerizing the nation for the duration of the hearing.

Due to the back grounds of both Hill and Thomas, the public was split on what they thought the verdict should be; however, Judge Thomas was confirmed and is now serving on the Supreme Court.

Anita Hill resumed teaching at the University of Oklahoma



Beverly Hills

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The hottest new TV show around was shown every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Beverly Hills 90210 covered many sensitive and controversial issues. Some of these included teen sex, alcoholism, and peer pressure.

With all the return stars, *BH* was bound to succeed.

Jason Priestley (Brandon Walsh), 22, started in TV movies like *Teen Angel*, *Teen Angel Returns*, and *Sister Kate*.

Luke Perry (Dylan McKay) was on daytime soaps, *Loving* and *Another World*, before being cast for *BH*.

Shannen Doherty, 20, (Brenda Walsh) played in the *Little House on the Prairie* and

Our House when she was younger.

Ian Ziering (Steve Sanders) 27, was cast in *Guiding Light* and *Love of Life*.

Tori Spelling (Donna Martin) guest-starred in *Love Boat* and *Fantasy Island*. Now 18, she was cast for *BH*, where her father is producer.


Jennie Garth (Kelly Taylor), 19, was in *Growing Pains* and *Teen Angel Returns*.

Gabrielle Carteris (Andrea Zuckerman), 30, is the oldest main actor in *BH*. She starred in *Another World*.

Brian Austin Green (David Silver), 18, has played in *Bay Watch* and *Highway to Heaven*.



H ostages Set Free



The yellow ribbon on the White House was finally taken down after seven years.

Mr. Terry Anderson was the last American hostage to be released from the Middle East.

Anderson was held hostage for 2455 days, almost seven years, in Lebanon.

Anderson went to Vietnam

The homecoming of Terry Anderson was awaited by many people for seven long years. He is shown here with his sister, Peggy.

as a Marine and came back a journalist. In 1982, when he was 34 years old, he went to Beirut, Lebanon, to become the chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press.

On March 16, 1985, after he finished a tennis game with a close friend he was abducted.

Anderson admitted he had a fear that everyone had forgotten about him.

Hostages are rarely physically tortured. They are usually mentally tortured by not being able to move around or talk with their families.

Anderson missed his father's and oldest brother's, deaths. Both died of cancer, during his imprisonment.

—Lesley Hobbs

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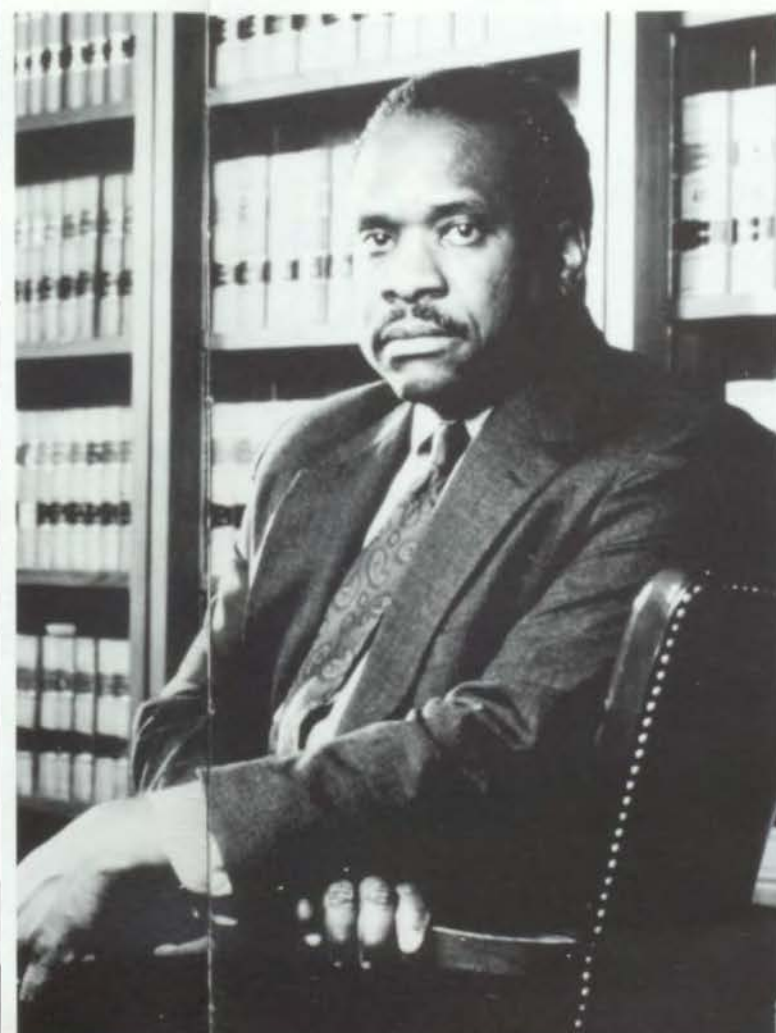
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—Rob Ger



Best new rap artist, L. L. Cool J won this award on the MTV Music Awards. He was also nominated for awards on the American Music Award.

“I would prefer an assassin's bullet to what I have been put through,” said Clarence Thomas, tearfully, at the Senate confirmation hearings.

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Russia Dissolves

“ It (USSR) has potential to become like the U.S., but it'll take work.”

—Jason Groves, sr

Last December was a month that put all map makers back in business and put Mikail Gorbachev out of a job.

Major changes began to unfold in the USSR starting Dec. 1, when approximately 90% of the Ukraine people voted for independence.

Following on Dec. 8, the Commonwealth of Independent States was formed. The first three incorporated republics were Belorussia, Russia, and the Ukraine.

The time came when map makers began the task that would keep them busy as all 12 Soviet republics joined the Commonwealth Dec. 21. The Soviet Union no longer existed. Boris Yeltsin took the job of presiding over these states, and former Soviet

president Gorbachev resigned Christmas Day.

President Bush granted recognition to all 12 and said diplomatic relations would be opened between the U.S. and Russia, Ukraine, Belorussia, Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, and Armenia. Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan will receive ties when they commit themselves to “responsible security policies and democratic principles,” according to Time magazine, Jan. 6, 1992.

—Kerrie Kelly

Barbara Bush became a part of childrens' lives when she began to broadcast a program that promoted reading. It was called *Mrs. Bush Story Time*.



Independence rallies were held all over the USSR before it dissolved. Lithuania had them, even though a free Baltic State already.

At 15, Amy Grant had no idea she'd have a singing career. She envisioned a simpler life until her recording was sent to Word Records by a friend.



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Grant In Motion

Different worlds united when Christian singer Amy Grant took a chance and sang a new tune in music.

Having released 12 albums since 1977, Grant placed on the pop and adult contemporary charts — not just Christian — after releasing her 13th, *Heart in Motion*. In fact, her song "Baby Baby" hit number one on all three.

However, controversy arose, and some Christian radio stations omitted her songs, according to *People Weekly*, July 15, 1991.

Other stations differed, including KWJC of William Jewell College, which played her three songs "Every

Heartbeat," "That's What Love is For," and "Good for Me." The Christian Recording Co., which dealt strictly with Christian music, didn't issue them "Baby Baby." Sharon Johnson, KWJC music director said, "If they sent it to us, we would have played it."

Many listeners first assumed this song was about her two year old daughter Millie, but Grant said she visualized herself singing in a video with a roomful of diapered babies.

Instead, she decided to make a sexier video. Grant saw nothing wrong with it. "Christians can be sexy. What I'm doing is a good thing," she said in *People Weekly*.

Close to Home

KIDS

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Kids who love to listen are kids who'll love to read. Sound familiar? First lady Barbara Bush promoted this saying and others as she took on current causes of today.

Being the President's wife was one of her jobs, but she also tried to influence all children of the United States by broadcasting a show titled *Mrs. Bush Story Time* on ABC Radio networks. She chose stories that were popular among children and starred characters such as Bugs Bunny, Big Bird, and Norman Schwarzkopf. The Childrens' Literary Initiative helped in the production, which was made possible with the help of the Founding Sponsors of the Chase Manhattan Bank, and Time Warner Inc.

Bush also kept busy acting upon issues such as her anti-child abuse campaign. Her message was simple: "Take time out. Don't take it out on your kids."

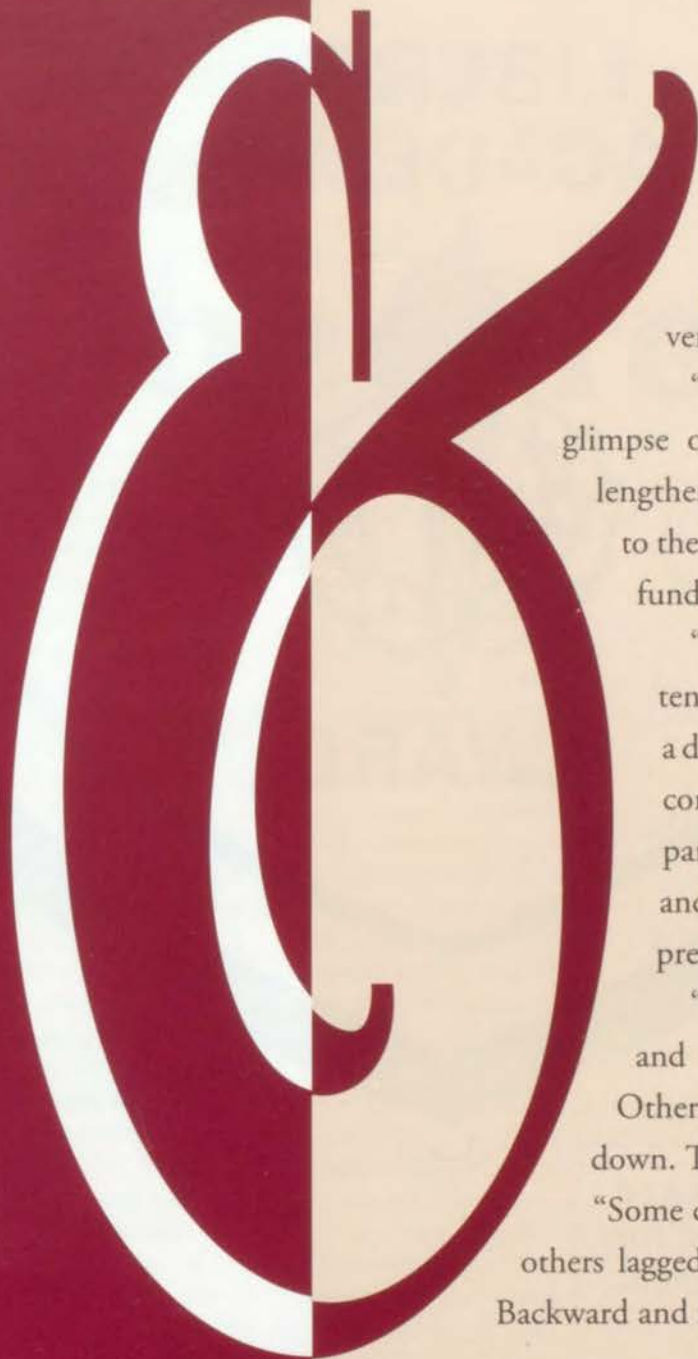


Photo by Rachel Chambers

Some students choose to pursue their interests through an academically orientated activity. Lindsay Evans and Tami Lamkins, sophs, perform with their Drama I class at Manor Hill. The story was designed to teach that no one likes someone with bad manners.



Backward



From the changes in social studies curriculum to the new marching band uniforms, each gave academics a contemporary touch. Jim Dunn, communications and mass media teacher, certainly knows academics *Backward & Forward*:

“There was no looking back for academics in 1991-92.

“We were entering a new age. Suddenly the library was a media center with two computer labs and exotic technologies. CD ROM, electronic encyclopedias, video term papers and satellite classes crept into the vernacular. TV's were in every room.

“Looking forward we caught our first glimpse of the future. Legislators talked of lengthening the school year and adding hours to the day, though Proposition B for school funding failed two to one at the polls.

“We were told foreign students attended school six days a week, ten hours a day, over 250 days a year. That was our competition. Kids in Germany and Japan, Korea and France wanted our jobs and our standard of living; they were preparing to take it.

“Some students sensed the urgency and dug into studies like never before. Others threw their hands up - their books down. The gap between them grew.

“Some caught the techno-train to the future; others lagged, searching the past, falling behind. Backward and forward we moved at one time.”

Forward

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AWARD

"The Academic Award Program is a reward system for academic growth achievement and attendance,"

-said Mr. Jacobs, principal.

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Businesses get involved. Mr. Jacobs, principal works in his office on the Academic Award program. He sent letters to area businesses seeking support for the program's student discount cards. *Photo by Kim Cook*

Get the Crest

"The Academic Award Program is a reward system for academic growth achievement and attendance," said Mr. Martin Jacobs, principal.

The academic crest was given to qualified students. A form was sent out to the students. If they wanted to accept the crest they would fill out the form and send it back to Jacobs.

In addition to receiving the crest students received color-coded identification cards.

First, the white card would give students discounts at selected business. This card was obtained by having a 95% attendance rate and an increase of two tenths in the student's grade point average. To keep the card for

the next year, students had to continue to increase their grade point average by two tenths of a point.

Next the blue card gave students more discounts than the white card at selected businesses around Liberty participating in the Academic Program. Students could get the blue card if they had a 95 percent attendance rate and had a 3.5 grade point average. Students could get the card again if they continued to make the 3.5 grade point average.

Finally, the gold card would give students similar discounts, but of greater value and on more items than the white or blue cards. Students needed a 4.0 grade point average and also a 95 percent attendance rate. To

keep the gold card the student must continue to have a 4.0 grade point average.

"Not everyone is good at sports and this gives an opportunity for the intelligent people to get a letter, too," said Stephanie Fuller, jr.

"When people think of a letter they usually think that they got it in a sport. I think that academics need to be recognized, I just don't think that it should be with a letter," Michelle Fillinger, jr.

"I don't think that it is a good idea. It seems like anyone can get a letter for almost everything they do. Letters are not as special as they used to be," said Scott Anderson, jr.

The Academic Program involved about 350 to 400 students.—*Lesley Hobbs*

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Seniors step back in time. Concert choir members display their Renaissance costumes for seventh graders. Also, included in the performance a little history on music in the Medieval church. *Photo by Jennifer Mallon*

Practice makes perfect. The choir practices for their big concert Feb. 18. They met fifth hour to learn and practice their music. *Photo by Tracey Barron*



Concert Choir

Here a sound, there a sound, everywhere a sound, sound

Imagine a time of castles, and moats. A king, queen, young ladies in long velvet dresses, and youthful men in tights and tunics stand as candlelight fills the room. Roast pig, greenbeans, and chocolate cheesecake to feast upon.

At the Madrigal Feast, one of the events concert choir participated in, this is what people saw, heard, and tasted. Also, in that same attire, the choir's members performed at the Annual Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs, Kansas, at an assembly in the middle school for seventh graders learning about the Renaissance time, and at a Republican women's luncheon in December.

The medieval costuming wasn't always the dress for

their performances. Their traditional outfit of oxblood colored shoes, beige pants or skirts, blue Oxford type shirts, and navy blue blazers were seen at events, such as the Christmas performances at Crown Center and the Heartland Nursing Home, concerts, and contest.

"It's nice to have our own original outfit for the choir. It makes other schools know who we are," said Johnna Dahlberg, jr.

The size of the choir was 50, containing 14 sopranos, 15 altos, 10 tenors, and 11 basses. In those sections were section leaders, the students last year's concert choir members picked to head sections for this year. Leaders were Brandy Comely, sr, and Alana Saylor, sr, sopranos; Jeni Klamm, sr, and Holly Messinger, sr, altos;

Ryan Monroe, sr, and Cole Wheeler, sr, tenors; and Jason Groves, sr, and Kevin Tulipana, sr, basses.

Another tradition carried on this year was new members being greeted with a "rookie" gift of some sort. Some received candy, others mugs with candy, and even some of the guys acquired razors.

One other tradition continued was the official concert choir initiation. New members were drug out of bed early in the morning, fed breakfast at Perkins, and taken back home to get ready for school.

"Concert choir on the whole this year is a really mature ensemble in sound and attitude," said Debra Burnett, vocal music instructor.

—Cindy Hansen



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"In this year's concert choir the people seem more motivated, responsible, and there's more of a together sound rather than individual ones."

— Holly Messinger, sr, alto section leader.

"Concert choir is very rewarding and a lot of fun. We're like a nice, big, happy family."

—Beth Ferry, jr.

"I think concert choir gave other choirs the incentive to try out for the class. They had hard literature to do and I think they did it well."

—Andrea Brose, soph.

"This is my second year and after one year I knew what to expect. What I really know is that it's awesome. It also teaches you more than just to sing."

—Kevin Tulipana, sr.

"This is my first year in this class and I really like it. I think it's neat to be in a group that produces such a wonderful sound quality."

—Beth Wicklund, sr.

Step up on the stage. At its Feb. 18 concert, the choir performs religious pieces, traditional tunes, and an African based song entitled *O Si Funi Mungu*. In May the choir also performs a spring concert at which all seniors are presented with a rose. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

Playing while the class sings. Mrs. Burnett helps her students keep in tune by playing the piano while they sing. Photo by Eric Glenn

Practice makes everything perfect. Brandy Millsap and Laura Bires, srs, practice their music during class for the upcoming concert. Photo by Eric Glenn



"We spent half of our class time working on the upcoming concert's songs, the rest of the time we worked on reading music."
—Tabby Hale, sr, said about what she did during her choir class.

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Choir class is not all singing. Before you can sing the music you have to be able to read it. Mrs. Burnett teaches students: Bryan Miller, Robbie Dickerson, Brian Williamson, srs, and Jeff Hall, jr, the proper way to read their music. Photo by Dennis Esser

Men's & Women's Choir

Tromp , tromp, stomp, chitter chatter, dong dong, and silence. May, me, ma, mo, mou, "One more time," May, me, ma, mo, mue. These are some of the sounds you may have heard from Mrs. Burnett's 2nd, 6th and 7th hour classes of men's and women's choir.

Men's and women's choir classes covered many different topics, not just singing. Students were focused on singing techniques and voice building exercises. They also learned the language of music, reading and comprehension of musical signs and symbols.

Throughout the year men's and women's choir performed many times. Major performances were, fall concert, December concert,

state music contest at William Jewell, and the spring concert at the new civic center. The music they sang was a mix of many different styles, musical time periods, and composers chosen by Mrs. Burnett.

For some students the classes meant much more than just a class.

"I've been in choir for four years and just basically like the way Mrs. Burnett teaches," said Janet Pate, sr.

"I've been singing for about eight years and have gone to contest many times. When I signed up for the class I wanted to see the difference from this and the class at my other school. I found out quickly this class is definitely better," said Tami Lamkins, sr.

Although choir was just another class.

Through the hard work some exciting moments and memories were made.

"The funniest time I had in choir was when one of my friends, Stacy, and I were making stupid faces at each other. Mrs. Burnett stopped the class to find out what we were doing. She told us to stop and we kept doing it so she got up and threw an eraser at us," said Sheila Porter jr.

"One of my favorite times every year is our traditional closing song at the December concert. Entitled "Peace, Peace," the students scattered around the auditorium, holding candles and united with audiences as they sang "Silent Night." It's a lovely scene." said Mrs. Burnett.

— *Kassandra Perrette*

Many voices get involved with vocal music

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New teacher alters drama class. Mrs. Lora Ackerman was the new theater arts teacher. She said she was going to continue with the format of her drama classes because she thought it worked really well. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

Back to back. Gillian Hansen, sr, and Robbie Davidson, jr, perform a scene from "Beyond the Fringe" in acting class. They took this scene to St. Joseph Central for forensics competition, taking first place in duet. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*



Not just drama

Format of drama classes changes with new teacher

From the finger warm-up exercises to the circle everyone made strange noises in, drama was just not the same class as it was last year.

Mrs. Lora Ackerman is the new theater arts teacher this year, making some changes in the drama department.

"We start with basic voice and body activities to diminish the student's inhibitions. It also serves as a confidence builder," Mrs. Ackerman said.

Before Ackerman came to LHS she was an assistant in a freshman public speaking class at Central Missouri State University.

"In most circumstances, the differences between high school and college students are positive. High

school students are more enthusiastic. I have more students, and I have them every day, so I get to know them better as people instead of just students," Ackerman said.

"Mrs. Ackerman is a good teacher, she knows what she is talking about and she helps you improve your acting abilities. I have learned a lot from her," Justin Thomas, sr, said.

"Drama is pretty fun. If you are bored all day in your regular classes, you can come in here and get it all out of your system. You can freely express how you feel," Eric Stewart, jr, said.

Drama is the class that students can laugh at their peers in and that their peers can laugh at them in, without causing any

hard feelings or embarrassment.

"Improvisations are always funny, but my favorite part about drama is going to the forensics tournaments," Jeff Driggers, soph, said.

Ackerman also has her students do warm-up exercises before performing. These include finger, body, and voice warm-ups.

"In one of our warm-up exercises, we made a big circle, and one person had to go into the middle and make a strange noise and gesture with their voices and their arms. Then they had to go stand in front of someone else and the other person had to mirror them," Lindsay Holley, soph, said.

Most students agreed that drama is an enjoyable class.

—Amy Martin





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"Drama is not hard. When I took it, I didn't think that it would be that much fun. People that don't feel good about themselves should take it. You get to know people in your class. You also get to know yourself. It really helps your self-confidence."

— Kristi Buhler, jr.

"I think drama is a good class, but I feel sorry for Mrs. Ackerman because of all of her responsibilities with the debate and forensics team, on top of everything else."

—Nathan Dotson, jr.

"The best part about drama is being able to relax and do improvisations. You can act weird in class without anybody thinking that you are strange. But the funniest thing that has happened in class was the time that the substitute fell off the chair"

—Sarah Woody, sr.

"The funniest thing that happened in drama was when Amy tripped over the radio cord in our first children's theater performance."

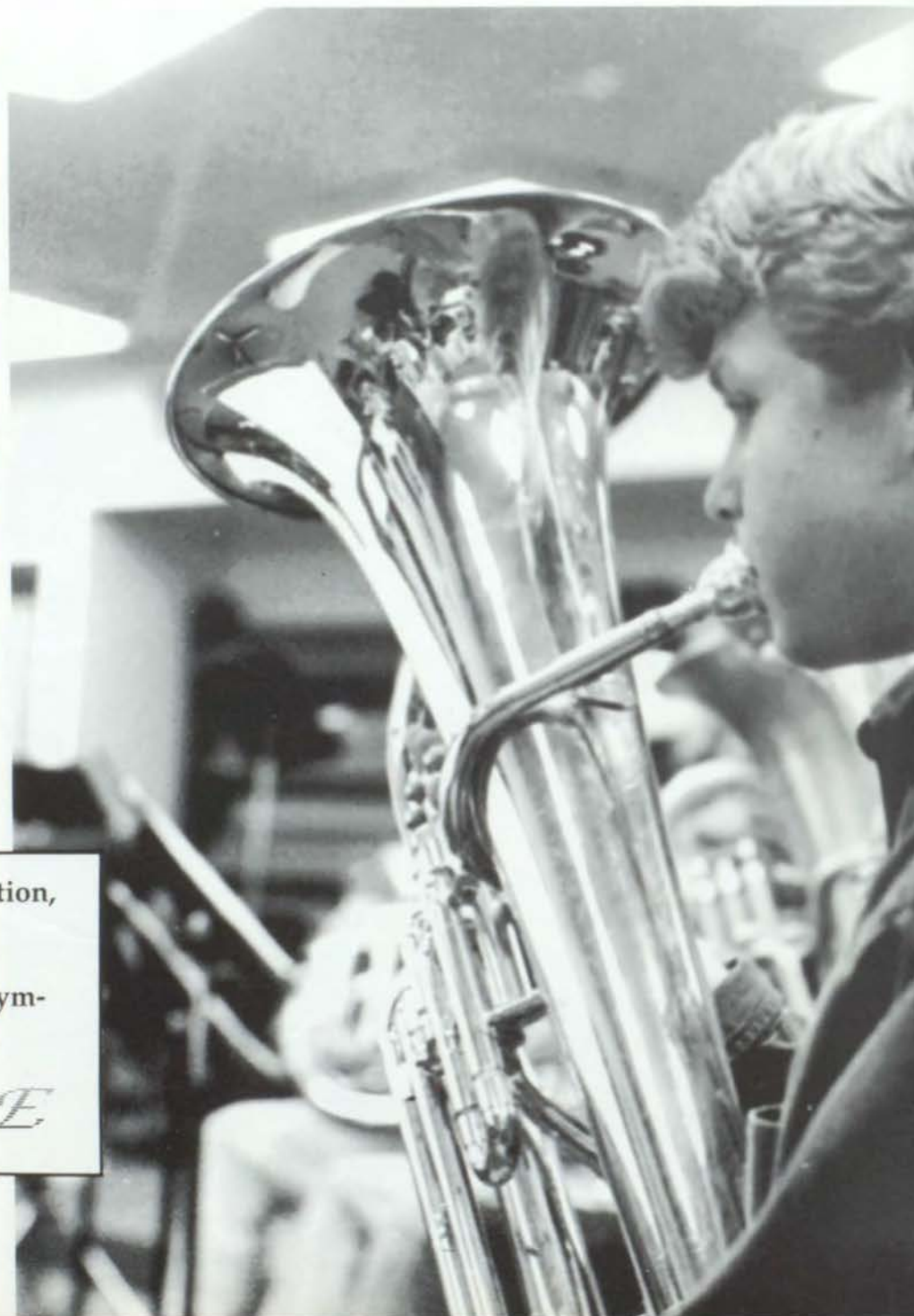
—Tim Buchholz, jr.



Manners Matter. Johnna Dahlberg, jr. and Kathy Burr, jr. perform in a children's theater production for a Drama I class. This production was taken to elementary schools and performed at the high school. Burr portrayed a princess without any manners. Dahlberg was "Miss Magnificent Manners" and took the princess to "No Manner Land" teaching the princess that nobody likes someone with bad manners. *Photo by Kim Cook*

Those magic flutes. Becky Battles, Sarah Stevenson, sr, and Wanda Washburn, soph, played their flutes in the band. Both Battles and Stevenson performed in the District Band concert on Jan. 4. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

A one and a two. Mr. Paul Warnex has been Symphonic Band director for three years. He has led them through Nationals in St. Louis last year and through the competition at Worlds of Fun this year. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*



"It (tryouts) takes lots of dedication, but once it's over, you have an extreme feeling of relief."

— Sean Tulipana, soph, made symphonic band and was a District alternate as a sophomore.

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Rat-a-tat tat. Brett Rinker, Craig Reynolds, James DeWees, sophs, and Todd McDonald, jr, played percussion. They were often referred to as the backbone of the band. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

Symphonic Band

"I hope I make it!"

"This is so nerve-racking."

"I practiced all night last night for this audition."

"If I don't make it I'm gonna die."

"Well, there's always next year."

These and other thoughts ran through every band member's mind Oct. 14 and 15 during tryouts for symphonic band. Musicians were then forced to wait until the 21st to find out if they had made it into the selective symphonic band.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's worth it," said Jim Hill, jr.

The next major event for the symphonic band was tryouts for All-District Band at William Chrisman High School on Nov. 9. Musicians were not required to try out but they were

encouraged to.

Those that made All-District were clarinets: Angela Hedrick, soph; Allison Hunter, jr; Corrie Ledger, jr; Jenny Nye, sr; Michael Turner, jr; Lisa Untch, sr; Sarah Woody, sr; and Kelly Valdez, jr; flutes: Becky Battles, sr; and Sarah Stevenson, sr; trumpet: Eric Johnson, sr; trombone: Rebecca Chase, sr; euphonium: Mark Rooney, jr; French horn: Jennifer Holt, jr; tubas: David Blackmore, soph; and Collin Walker, soph; and percussion: James DeWees, soph. Alternates were Jack DeWees, sr, trombone; and Sean Tulipana, soph, euphonium.

Those who made All-District proceeded to try out for All-State Band on Dec. 5 at Columbia-Hickman High School. Liberty All-State members

were clarinets Hedrick, Nye, Untch, and Woody; and French horn Holt. Alternates were Johnson, trumpet, and Rooney, euphonium.

The symphonic band's concerts were on Jan. 27, and May 7. They also performed at the civic center dedication April 7 and at World's of Fun April 11.

"I think that the January concert is used more for the band to get to know each other than to show off their abilities," said Curt Blanc, sr.

District contest was March 28. All students were required to take an ensemble in order to earn a passing grade and a solo to earn an "A."

"It's a lot different from junior high band. It's a lot of fun and I like it," Melissa Bean, soph. — *Jeff Chatlos*

The band upholds the outstanding tradition of Liberty bands from years past

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Brent Davis, jr, broke his drum, but continued to play at a home football game. This accident happened at the football district playoff game against Oak Park. Photo by Lisa Cain



Marching On

Moving to the beat of a new look

"Presenting the Liberty High School Marching band. Under the leadership of Mr. Paul Warnex and Ms. Cynthia Price. Stephanie Davidson, the field is yours." These were the words that echoed through William Jewell stadium during half-time at home football games.

The marching band performed at several events. At a contest in Carrolton the Liberty band finished third in the Street Band Competition. They also played in the Fall Festival parade, where they finished second; Liberty's Homecoming parade; and William Jewell's Homecoming parade. In addition, they took turns playing at home basketball games for the boys.

The band began to practice a month before school started. Music had to be memorized along with the routine. Also when they were marching, all 101 band members had to be on the same foot.

For the first time, marching band stayed at games until third quarter to help increase school spirit.

The band had basically three different songs that they would play at halftime. Eric Johnson, sr, trumpet player, would play a solo in "Feather Bed" and "I Can See for Miles." "At your Disposal" featured the percussion section, which played trash can lids as drums.

For the last football game, seniors

wore the overlay (cape) backwards, with the white side facing out.

Stephanie Davidson, jr, drum major, said, "Due to the excitement that occurs at the games, several of the drums have been broken. I can remember when Mark Coulter broke the quads."

An addition to the band this year was new uniforms. The uniforms consisted of black socks and shoes, black pants with a white stripe, white gloves, a black hat, and an overlay. The overlay had a black back and a white front with a black diagonal stripe with Liberty printed in white.

The uniforms were costly. One uniform cost \$297.14. The 175 uniforms cost the school district \$52,000. -Lesley Hobbs





Marching band members are pictured at left. **Front row:** Stephanie Davidon, **Second row:** Amy Phipps, Bryan Field, Craig Reynolds, James Dewees, Andrew Revell, Curt Blanc, Todd McDonald, Matt Nichols, Melissa Rizek **Third row:** Kelly Taylor, Tammy Welch, Amanda Mendenhall, Mark Coulter, Brett Rinker, Bryan Lawler, Stewart King, Matt Beckman, Melissa DeLeal **Fourth row:** Helga Stumpenhau, Wanda Washburn, Suzanne Misasi, Brian Mason, Jennifer Farrett, Sarah Stevenson, Beth Ferry, Vicky Rendon, Stephanie Ford, Jeff Mayhew, Brooke Quigley **Fifth row:** Sonja McBath, Angela Miller, Andrea Brose, Denise Travis, Sara Oberkrom, Jennifer Miller, Taja Guthridge, Micah Young, Jennifer Nye, Laura Stockham, Mindy Overman, Corrie Leger, Heather Highland, Jennifer Holt **Sixth row:** Mark Rooney, Kate Isley, Tricia Erickson, Jennifer Matthews, Jennifer Brunz, Tracy Meseberg, Carole Mathis, Andrea Vanleuvan, Angella Hedrick, Jamie Scarborough, Melissa Hill, Amy Sales, Kim Brown, Ellen Bartlett **Seventh row:** Becca Ahrens, John Crosby, Kim Moore, Scott McBurney, Jami Masonbrink, Ross Landuyt, Bryan Kitahara, Brian Carey, Kelley Holler, Mike Adams, Melissa Bean, Loren Cunningham, Robert Eshleman, Lana Ross **Eighth row:** Sarah Woody, Allison Hunter, Kelli Valdez, Abby Young, Johnathan Manes, Sean Tulipana, Lynn Stull, Jeff Wingo, Jim Hill, Becky Battles, Cole Wheeler, Chris Collins, Rebecca Robinson, Neal Ross, Lashona Hines **Last row:** Jeff Driggers, James Meirowsky, Brian Hetherington, James McDonald, Jeff Ray, Eric Johnson, Eric Miles, Michael Turner, Jared Williams, Brent Odell, Chris Mackey, Jeff Cain, Adam Alderson, Daniel Emig, Chris Griese *Photo by Dice Photos*

The Marching Band played at all home football games. Jim Hill, jr, and Adam Alderson, jr, play "I Can See for Miles" at halftime. The song was the season opener, as well as the first song that was played at every game. *Photo by Tammy Welch.*

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"We (the band) went to the Carroliton Band Contest this year for the first time."

—Lisa Untch, sr, commented when asked what was something new that happened this year.

"I liked the people in band, playing at the games, and performing at parades."

—Sarah Woody, sr, said on what she liked most about being in Marching Band.

Going under cover. Matt Wilson, sr, utilizes the knowledge he has gained from VoTech to try to resolve the vehicle's problem. Being able to do this was part of Auto Technology requirements. *Photo by Tracey Barron*

Readily awaiting a printout. Chad Howerton, jr, applies what he has learned in the drafting program at VoTech. Drafting is a course offered to juniors and seniors. Air conditioning and marketing are also two year courses. *Photo by Tracey Barron*



"VoTech provided me with entry level skills that I needed to know to become a nurse," said Cheyenne Barbee, sr, pictured with Krista Cutler, sr, (far right).

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What is the problem? James Whitham attempts to determine what has gone wrong with this refrigerator while applying the methods he has learned at VoTech. *Photo by Tracey Barron*

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Career Bound

While some students took various classes in preparation for college, others took a different route. Some high school students decided instead of training for college, they would train for a career.

The Excelsior Springs Vocational-Technical school, now called the Excelsior Springs Area Career Center, was developed in the 1970's.

VoTech provided hands-on experience to students in various areas.

"The majority of high schools only train students to go to college when, in actuality, only about 50 percent of the students end up going," said Mr. Chuck Smith, counselor at Excelsior Springs Area Career Center. "VoTech gives

students the opportunity to learn and train in the area they are interested in."

A variety of courses were offered ranging from carpentry to electronics. All courses offered were two year courses with the exception of Health Occupations.

Health Occupations, offered to seniors, gave students the opportunity to explore one or more of 200 health-related occupations. Students later had the chance to take an exam allowing them to become certified nursing assistants.

"I decided to take health occupations because I thought it would be a good start for me," said Aaron Niepman, sr. "I figured it would help me decide if working in a health related career was really what

I wanted to do."

Auto Mechanics proved popular among students. During this two-year course students received training in all areas of automotive technology. About fifty percent of this time was spent in an actual shop, applying mastered skills to customer-owned vehicles.

"Auto Mechanics is a fun course. I have learned how to use machines that I never thought I would be able to touch," said Chad McCorkle, sr.

Drafting was also another course offered. This program trained students in areas of basic drafting theory and techniques.

"I like getting to see the buildings being built and having real clients come in," said Chad Howerton, jr.

—Kassie Kelly

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She's working in the dark. Rachel Chambers dusts a negative in the dark room. Students used the light-tight darkroom for developing film and making prints. *Photo by Lisa Cain*

These are the faces behind the flashes. Front row: Rachel Chambers, Kelli Delahunty, Eric Glenn, Lisa Cain, Jennifer Copeland. Second Row: Jennifer Mallon, Tracy Barron, Kim Cook, Angela Wright, Tabby Hale, Tammy Welch. *Photo by Mike Chambers*



Photography

Photographers strive to capture an accurate history of the school year

Click! Click! We hear all around us but who are those people taking the pictures? It's 3rd and 7th hour photography classes.

Photography class was not just taking pictures; students learned how to load film, take pictures, and make prints and contact sheets.

Photography is considered part of the journalism department.

"It's neat being in this class because we are still considered a part of the journalism staff," said Jennifer Mallon, jr.

Students put in many hours after school working on pictures for newspaper and yearbook deadlines.

One of the major goals of photography students is to portray an accurate account of the school year's

events.

"We try to catch the hidden moments throughout the school," said Lisa Cain.

Classes weren't all hard work; there were good times, too. After deadlines the class often celebrated with parties and gifts from Mrs. Jan Hensel, adviser, such as candy for good work.

Secret pals were another activity of the class. "We just pulled names out of a box and that was our secret pal," said Angela Wright, sr.

Some students' best memories of photography class will be funny things that happened.

"We were learning how to dodge and burn pictures (technical terms for making the pictures better) and Lisa Cain fainted," said Kelli Delahunty.

"When Jennifer and I took pictures just to

learn how to crop and to focus, we ruined a whole roll of film," said Hanna Palmblad, sr.

"And remember the time when Tracey Barron, sr. developed a volleyball picture backwards?" said Mallon. Many students had admired Barron's photo, but no one noticed the reversed numbers.

Students have taken pictures of subjects besides students, classes, and sports. Plates of food, elementary students, and faculty activities were covered. Barron was assigned Wacky Woods at Halloween.

"By the time we got there it was too dark to take pictures, so I took pictures of the costumes and the people getting ready inside. It was a lot of fun," said Barron.

-Kassandra Perrette





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"It's great being able to take pictures that people will remember from now on."

— said Lisa Cain, sr, when asked what she liked best about being a part of photography staff.

"I plan to carry on with photography as a hobby and plan to continue with it during college."

—Rachel Chambers, sr, said when questioned about her future plans after this year's photography class.

"I think I had to draw names about six times because I kept drawing myself," — said Angela Wright, sr, when asked about her secret pal, one of the extra activities of the class.

"I'll never forget the time when Angie made me go on top the court house to take pictures and I got so scared I thought I would be sick, because I'm afraid of heights,"

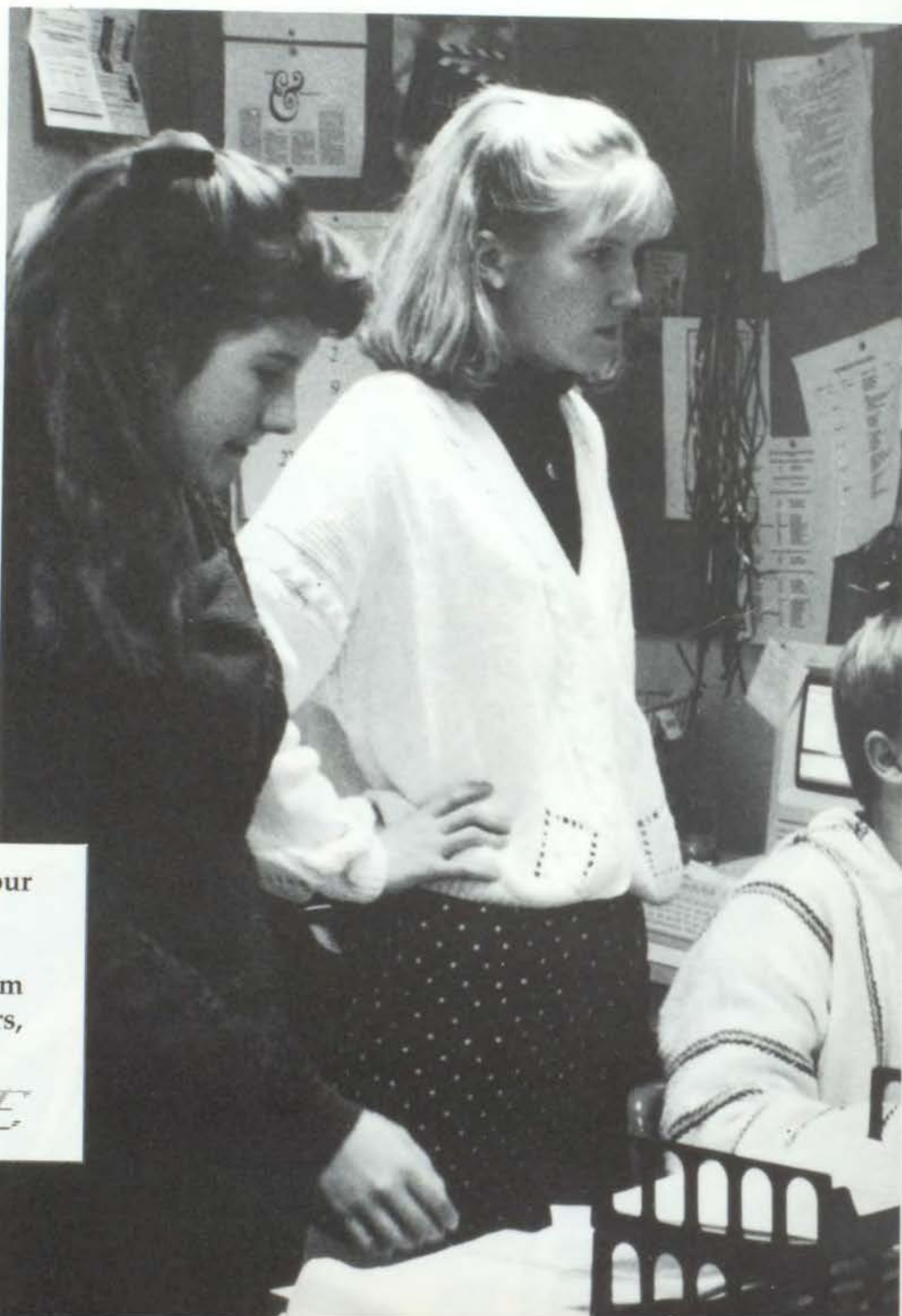
—Kelli Delahunty, sr, said when asked about her most memorable moment.

Locating the prints. Kim Cook checks her mailbox before class for picture orders. Photography students received picture orders daily in their mailboxes, from newspaper and yearbook editors.
Photo by Lisa Cain



The Bell Staff — Front row: Janet Hensel, Susan Waters, Jennifer Holt, Jenny Peters, Meagan Pack, Tracy Meseberg, Kelly Conwell, Alicia Kinser. Back row: Joe Sipe, Mike Cull, Jill Logan, Charles Anderson, Ellen Bartels, Brent Wood, Andy Longstreth. *Photo by Angie Wright*

The Editor — Jill Logan, sr, was the new editor of *The Bell* this year. Staff members agreed, that she proved to be a good editor and helped them when they needed her. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*



"We try to help each other with our assignments so that we can get home early."

— Mark Rooney, jr, gets help from Jenny Peters, jr, and Susan Waters, sr.

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Creating her spread — Meagan Pack, soph, entertainment editor, works on her page for the next issue of *The Bell*. The newspaper was published 12 times a year, once every two or three weeks. Photo by Tammy Welch



Bell Staff

Late nights, stressful deadlines, time consuming interviews and beats. These are just some of the things that go into producing a newspaper.

There were some changes that have occurred this year with *The Bell*.

One of the many changes is in the journalism mac lab. It has been rearranged to make better use of the space and for the addition of four new Macintoshes, making deadlines easier so more students could work at one time.

This year *The Bell* also got a new editor, Jill Logan.

"Jill is one of the friendliest people I have ever met. She is nice to everyone. Ever since the first staff meeting, she has been wonderful. She is one of the easiest people to

get along with and you feel like you can tell her anything. I love her," said Angela Miller, sr, staffwriter.

Even though newspaper consumes a lot of free time before and after school, the students on staff said that for the most part it was worth the time and effort to see their stories in print and their names on them.

"From being on staff, you get the satisfaction of seeing your work in print," said Alicia Kinsler, jr, staffwriter.

"We all work together to put out a good product. I put the ads together and try to help other people when I get done," said Ellen Bartels, soph, ad manager.

When they have to stay late on deadlines, they find ways to keep

themselves entertained.

"We eat pizza; someone always brings food for us to eat," said Tracy Meseberg, jr, staffwriter and distribution manager.

"There is an endless supply of suckers for us, or we have pizza, or something else to eat," said Meagan Pack, soph, entertainment editor.

Some newspaper students went to Chicago for the National Scholastic Press Association journalism convention, Logan won first place in newspaper layout and Pack won honorable mention for newspaper writing.

Kelly Conwell, jr, business manager, sums it up best by saying, "We are just one big happy family."

—Amy Martin

It's a stressful job on deadlines but they say it's worth it

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Working diligently. Kassie Kelly, jr, works on the fourth deadline during her fourth hour class. All of the work is done on Macintosh computers. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

Yearbook staff: Mindy Chapman, Dennis Esser, Aleatha Ezra, Middle Row: Jan Hensel, Ryan Calder, Jeff Mullennix, Jeff Chatlos, Lynn Jones, Lisa Smithmier, Amy Martin, Cindy Hansen, Last Row: Kassie Perrette, Kerrie Kelly, Brent Taylor, Lesley Hobbs, Wendy Robinson. Not Pictured: Kassie Kelly
Photo by Rachel Chambers



Spectator

Journalism took on a new meaning to the yearbook staff of '92

The word journalism means the work of gathering, writing, editing, and publishing the news to the average students but to the yearbook staff of '92 it meant concentration, dedication, inspiration, motivation, procrastination, imagination, creation, blood, sweat, and tears.

"The yearbook requires so much more than just the 50 minutes we have for class. We're lucky if we are only here for one day out of a weekend on deadlines," said senior, Dennis Esser, editor-in-chief.

All the students who were on staff this year had to write stories, pick pictures, write captions, headlines, and do many other things for every single spread. Some deadlines students had two spreads apiece.

"I least enjoy the double deadlines because they are stressful and require the use of all of my energies to complete a relatively difficult job," said Ryan Calder, soph.

Although yearbook took up so much time and energy there were some good times, too.

"I'll never forget when our group went to Chicago. The day before we were to leave our airline went under and so we were all rushing around trying to make other arrangements. Most of us ended up spending \$120 more just for a ticket," said Kerrie Kelly, jr.

The friendships formed between staffers made the time go faster and the load a little lighter.

"When I leave yearbook I'll miss the new friends I've made.

I'll always remember them because they are real friends. We mean more to each other because we spend so much time together," said Kassie Kelly, jr.

During a normal deadline students might have to spend up to four hours after school to finish their pages and still be expected to finish other homework.

"It's hard balancing your schedule in order to finish everything in such a short time period," said Kassie Perrette, sr.

Even with all the hardships students on staff felt it was worth it.

"I enjoy the satisfaction I feel when I see the finished product, and all our hard work is in print for all to see," said senior, Mindy Chapman, assistant editor.

— Aleatha Ezra





QUOTABLE

"An ulcer."

—Jeff Mullennix, soph, when asked about what being a part of yearbook staff had given him.

"I enjoy the end of the year when it's all done and you get to see what you've created."

—Lisa Smithmier, sr, on what she enjoys most about yearbook.

"The people, the freedom we have to move around and talk with each other."

—Lynn Jones, sr, on what she will miss most.

"Are you sure you can quote me? I'm on yearbook staff."

—Jeff Chatlos, jr, said when asked for a quote for the yearbook story.

"The comradery among all the staff."

—Brent Taylor, jr, when asked what he enjoys most about yearbook.

"Staying after for deadlines, it takes up a lot of time especially if you're a busy person."

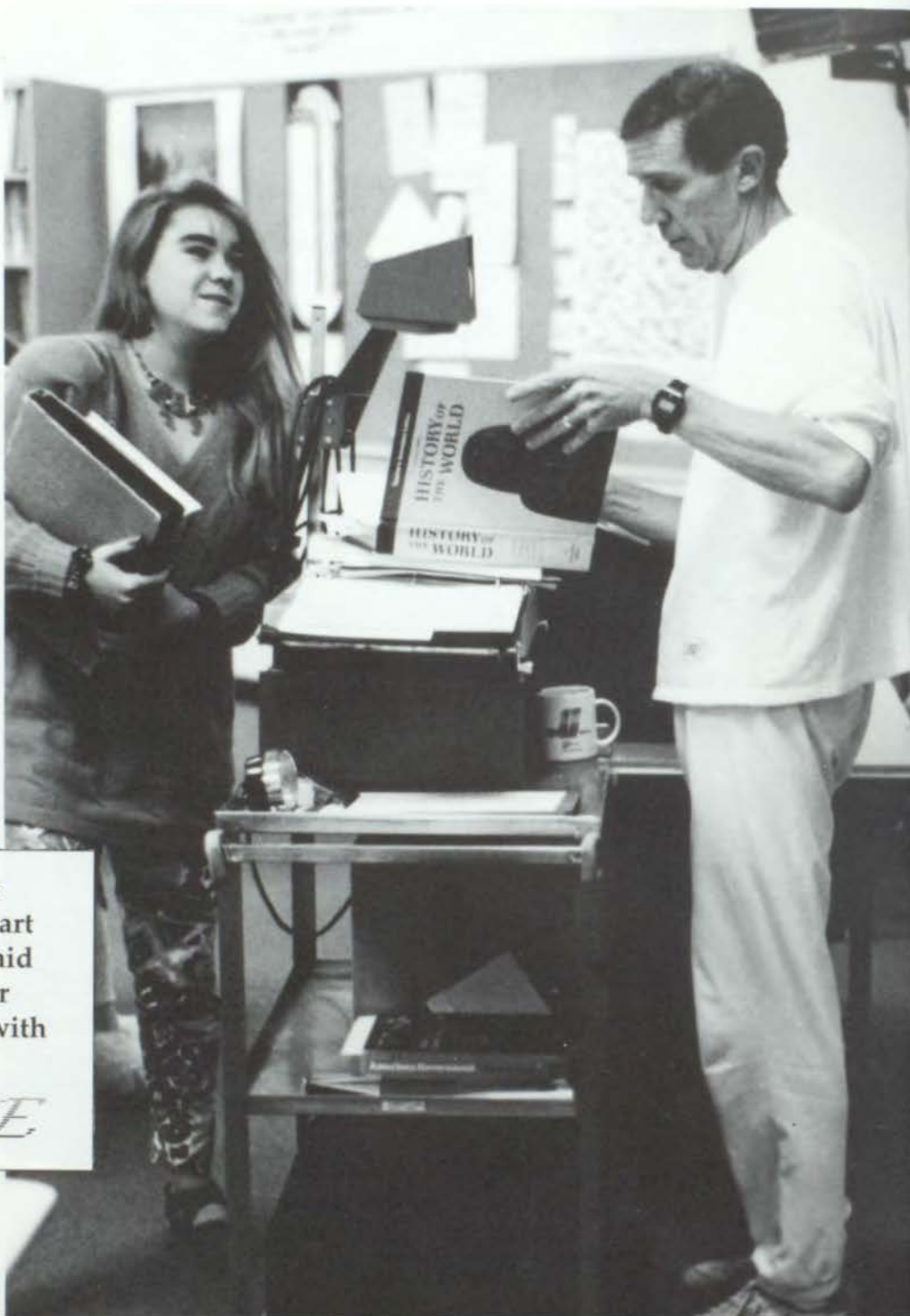
—Amy Martin, jr, when asked what was the hardest part about being on staff.

Total concentration. Looking at contacts for a clubs spread, Lisa Smithmier, sr, student life editor, decides which pictures are to be used on her pages.
Photo by Kelli Delahunty



Working together — Working in groups was used to enhance learning in many history classes. Mr. Ed Older helps Lori Harnett and Amber Koury, sophs, while working in groups. *Photo by Hanna Palmblad*

Paying attention — Sophomores Rebecca Preston and Andrew Helm make sure not to miss out on any important information during Mrs. Joyce Bishop's American government class. *Photo by Jennifer Copeland*



"I'm enjoying the age group, but how can I nicely say pushing a cart around six times a day is fun," said Mr. Frank Hester. Dressed up for Homecoming, Mr. Hester talks with Sara Gonzalez, sr.

QUOTABLE

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Wide awake — Jennifer Brunz, Layfe Haney, srs, and Eric Havens, jr, look over the new books while listening to Mr. Hester's sixth hour lecture in world history. Photo by Jennifer Copeland

Social Studies

Question #1: Why were farmers in trouble in the 1920's and who tried to help them?

Question #2: In the 1860's what steps did women in Great Britain take in their efforts to win the right to vote?

Students that took the new social studies classes should be able to answer these questions.

One new class was world history, which replaced the former twentieth century and European history semester classes.

The other new class, American history, was required for sophomores.

More changes are planned for the future. Starting next year American government is going to be taught to freshmen at the junior high. Mr. Jim Nail,

head of Social Studies department, said, "This year will end the transitional period. American government will no longer be taught."

Mrs. Irene DeArman, Director of Curriculum, stated, "The history curriculum needed to be changed to meet the needs of state tests."

Teachers had found that questions over government were being asked on the freshman MMAT test, while juniors were being taught the information.

With all these changes, what did students think about the new classes and books? Everyone liked the new books. But as far as classes went, it was still work, although many said they thought the curriculum was important.

"World history is important for everybody," said Sara Gonzalez, sr, an exchange student from Spain. "People must be interested in all cultures, not just American."

"American history applies more to us than to anyone else. It matters because we are living in America," said Stephanie DeLong, soph.

Teachers had opinions concerning the changes, too. "As far as classes go, I don't think the score is in on it yet," said Nail.

In addition to new classes, Mr. Frank Hester, formerly a teacher at the junior high, transferred to the senior high. Because of overcrowding, Mr. Hester had no designated room. — Kerrie Kelly, Jeff Mullenmix, Kassie Perrette

History classes were revised to fulfill the MMAT requirements.

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Getting down to business — During sophomore library orientation, James Dewees, Kate Isley, Stuart Ludlow, and Conrad Stumpfenhaus, sophs, learn how to use NewsBank. *Photo by Jennifer Mallon*

Busy at work — While Mr. Jim Dunn's intermediate composition class works in the Mac Lab, Jay Lewis, soph, times out of the library. Timing out was required by all teachers before returning to class. *Photo by Angie Wright*



Then & Now

Various changes took place in the library over the 1991 summer

"Wow! What happened to the library? There are walls where there aren't supposed to be walls, and there are doors where there aren't supposed to be doors," said Jenny Cartmill, jr, the first day of school.

Some of the changes that the library went through included the newly constructed walls and doors. In addition, the Macintosh lab was moved to the library and the checkout area was also moved toward the new door leading to the junior locker bay.

"In 1972, the library was open on all four sides," said Mrs. Marie Rychzek, former librarian who is now retired. "This caused books to be stolen because the library personnel were not able to supervise well.

This cost the school \$22,000 which was \$6000 over the budget at the time."

Half walls were built in 1976. They were affordable and still left the library partly open.

Mrs. Georgia Botts, present librarian added, "The walls were built for privacy, and the doors were added for safety purposes."

Before the changes, the Macintosh lab was located in room 11. The lab was often unavailable to students. After the Macintosh lab was moved to the library, it stayed open daily until at least 3:30 p.m.

The checkout area was also relocated near the back doors by room 23. This was mainly for student convenience. "It also enabled the library personnel to keep a better eye on books entering and

exiting the library," said Botts.

In addition, a new information network was added. In November, students and staff members were able to sit at a computer to locate and retrieve important information more efficiently.

An electronic card catalog and electronic magazine index supplemented NewsBank and the Electronic Encyclopedia.

"The physical changes are what you see, but they are not the most important," said Botts. "The techniques students are using to retrieve, locate, and utilize information are what is important."

—Cindy Hansen, Lesley Hobbs, Kassie Kelly, Wendy Robinson



QUOTABLE

"I don't like the walls. They make the building seem smaller and more claustrophobic."

—Lisa Livingston, sr, said about the newly constructed library hallway.

"The doors don't really affect me because I am usually late to class any way."

—Jason Phillips, jr, said about how crowded the new doorways were during passing period.

"I think the doors are a waste of time because the students have to walk all the way around to get to their classes."

—Marta Sarver, soph, said about the rule that students can't walk through the library.

"I like the Mac lab in its new location. It seems like it is in a better location."

—Brandy Comley, sr, commented when asked what she thought of the new location of the Mac lab.

"The hallway through the doors are too crowded, and besides that I can no longer look over the wall and bother my friends."

—Mark Summers, sr, said about the library doors and walls.

Hitting the books — Courtney Thompson, jr, spends time in the library seventh hour gathering ideas for a psychology research paper. Teachers found different ways to use the library to supplement their curriculum.

Photo by Jennifer Mallon



Photo by Kim Cook

Winning 38-0, the football team brought the Pistols back from Excelsior after they had been there for two years. The football team continued to keep their success rolling all the way to the first round of the state playoffs against Oak Park.



Backward

From pre-season workouts to the annihilation of the Excelsior Springs football team, athletes spent time outside of school enduring practices and games. Jonathon Knauss, senior varsity soccer player, certainly knows Sports *Backward & Forward*:

“Looking back at sports in 1991-92 brings back pleasurable memories.

“In a year when some schools across the United States were forced to institute a “pay to play” system and professional athletes earned higher and higher salaries, Liberty athletes worked hard and accomplished new feats while restoring respect to other sports where it was thought to have been lost.

“Practices intensified as the seasons persisted. Athletes didn't have free time after school like others, but worked at least two hours daily on their respective sports in addition to their schoolwork. In a day and age when high school sports have become more competitive, we stayed with the pack, seeing our hard work pay off in conference and district championships.

“Looking forward, athletes saw more practicing for future seasons. Whether hoping for another conference championship next year or dreaming of a college scholarship, they knew that more work remained.

“Such sports memories will always remain, whether it was the football team winning the pistols or the last second basket to win the game, all remind us of a successful year in Liberty athletics.”

Forward

EYEING OPPONENTS

Russ Morrill, jr, keeps his eye on his competition at the Excelsior Springs meet. Morrill placed 30th in the state meet. *Photo by Kim Cook*

Varsity & J.V.

Truman	7th	Truman	5th
Park Hill	9th	Park Hill	7th
Liberty	10th	Liberty	NA
KC Metro	7th	KC Metro	NA
Grandview	NA	Grandview	4th
Excelsior Springs	3rd	Excelsior Springs	4th
St Thomas Aquinas	6th	St Thomas Aquinas	4th
Conference	1st	Conference	1st
Regional	7th		



PACING IT

Bill Sudholt, sr, and Brent Wood, jr, pace each other at the Excelsior Springs meet. Many runners found racing to be easier if they raced along side of someone close to their own ability. *Photo by Tabby Hale*

TEAM PHOTO

Front row: Bill Sudholt, John Peterson, Chad Drew, Tom Pierce. **Second row:** Zach Kramer, Jon Boschert, Bryan Lawler, Mark Rooney, Danny Bonikowski, Shawn Campbell, Joe Sipe. **Third Row:** Assistant Coach Robert Marquardt, Mike Cull, Todd McDonald, Charles Anderson, Eric Oscarson, John Crosby, Head Coach Tim Nixon. **Fourth Row:** Jason Shoemaker, Chris Collins, Russ Morrill, John Maher, Chris Griese, Jim Clemenson. **Back Row:** Brent Wood, Jim Still, Cody Winter, Steve Gottfredson, Jeff Mullennix, Jeff Cain, Robbie Davidson. *Photo by David Dice*





Dashing to the finish line with hopes of winning standing out there for them to take

CROSS COUNTRY

IMAGINE YOU ARE RUNNING down a narrow path in a field while being chased by a hundred other people. At the end of the path is a ribbon. Suddenly, you slam into the ribbon and break it. The crowd goes wild while you collapse from exhaustion.

Is this your idea of fun? Maybe. Maybe not. But to Liberty's cross country team this was a fact of life almost every Saturday for the first month and a half of school.

"Running on Saturday mornings kind of upset me because I didn't get to sleep in, but I did sleep well on the bus ride back," said Jeff Cain, soph.

Because of the enormity of the team, a new assistant coach was needed to aid Head Coach Tim Nixon and Assistant Coach Robert Maquardt. This position was filled by Ms. Marla Smith, science teacher at the junior high.

"When Coach Smith first came in, she was quiet, but then when she got to know what we



"I decided I was going to do my best and that's all I could do. I was pretty relaxed about it," said Russ Morrill, jr.

were like, she became more outgoing. I thought it was a big help having three coaches," said Robbie Davidson, jr.

Another difference of this year was the shortage of upper classmen runners. There were four senior boys running and no senior girls. There was also a surprising drop in the number of juniors running as well.

"It was a good experience. I thought since there were only four seniors there wouldn't be much support but they really proved me

wrong," Mike Cull, soph.

The team managed to have a successful season. The girl's team again qualified for state led by sophomores Stefanie DeLong and Jennifer Miller. Other varsity girls were Jennifer Jarrett, Amy Sorensen, Angie Dunnaway, Lindsay Holley, sophs; and Robin King and Sarah Kobbermann, freshmen.

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ALMOST THERE

Bryan Lawler, jr, strains to cross the finish line ahead of the competition. Lawler contributed to the varsity win at Conference. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

STAY AHEAD

Chris Griese, soph, heads the pack at the Excelsior Springs Invitational J.V. meet. Griese was one of the many sophomores that contributed to the J.V. team's first place at Conference. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

Running to state! The young girls varsity team trampled the competition while excelling at state

CROSS COUNTRY

"I was really nervous before I ran at state but the rest of the time it was really fun. It was exciting to get to go up there and run again," Jennifer Jarrett, soph.

The boys team also enjoyed a successful season even though only one boy, Russ Morrill, jr, qualified for State.

Other boys on the varsity team were Zach Kramer, fresh; Bryan Lawler, jr; Tom Pierce, sr; John Peterson, sr; Jon Maher, soph; and Chad Drew, sr.

"I loved running at state because there were tons of people cheering everywhere. I was pretty relaxed about it. I decided that I was going to do my best and that's all I could do," Russ Morrill, jr.

Some people went out for Cross Country for the first time this year even though they were upperclassmen. Other students transferred in from other schools.

"I joined Cross Country as a junior because I wanted to see what it was like. I grew so much



"It was exciting to get to go up there (State) and run again," said Jennifer Jarrett, soph.

more as a person in those few short months than I did in the first 16 years of my life," Steve Gottfredson, jr.

"There's a lot more friendship and camaraderie here. It was a lot more fun," said Stefanie DeLong, sophomore transfer student from England.

The team was also encouraged by other activities outside running throughout the season. These included a pancake breakfast at Jennifer Miller's house after time trials, the 24 hour relay, going to a Blades game, the junior varsity pizza party at Godfathers,

and a golf tournament.

Both teams have already begun setting goals for next year.

"Next year I think the boys will have a shot at qualifying for the state meet as a team," said Morrill.

"My goal is for us to get in the top three teams at state," said DeLong. — Jeff Chatlos and Brent Taylor

ON YOUR MARK

Stefanie DeLong, Angie Dunnaway, Amy Sorensen, Jennifer Jarrett, Lindsey Holley, Jennifer Miller, sophs; and Robyn King, fresh, line up at the starting line. Photo by Jennifer Mallon

ALL FINISHED

Amy Sorensen, soph, concentrates solely on the finish line. Many athletes found that running put them in a trance-like state, thinking only of finishing the race. Photo by Lisa Cain



LEADERSHIP

Michelle Fillenger, jr, was one of a few junior girls on a team dominated by sophomores. The girls qualified for state and placed 8th. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*



Varsity & J.V.

Truman	4th	Truman	2nd
Park Hill	7th	Park Hill	1st
Liberty	6th	K.C. Metro	6th
K.C. Metro	7th	Grandview	1st
Grandview	1st	Excelsior Springs	1st
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Conference	1st		
Regional	2nd		
State	8th		



NEW ADDITION

Coach Marla Smith takes running times during practice. Because of the increasing numbers of runners participating each year, Coach Smith was added to the staff to aid Head Coach Nixon and Assistant Coach Marquardt. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

TEAM PHOTO

Front row: Karri Phillips, Amy Phipps, Jennifer Jarrett, Michelle Fillenger, Amy Sorensen, Michelle Murphy, Mary Xu, Kelly Crowley. **Second row:** Assistant Coach Robert Marquardt, Lindsay Holley, Ann Pierce, Melissa Hill, Tracy Meseberg, Stefanie DeLong, Rebecca Anderson, Head Coach Tim Nixon. **Third Row:** Angie Dunnaway, Andrea Anderson, Robyn King, Jodi Denney, Heather Larson, Taja Gutherige. **Back Row:** Lora Daily, Jennifer Copeland, Melissa Bean, Sara Skinner, Jennifer Miller, Sarah Teitjens, Tessa Sudholt. *Photo by David Dice*



CHEERING

One tradition of Powder Puff is for the junior cheerleaders to wear the girls skirts. This year the administration said the guys could not wear the skirts unless they asked the girls. The junior cheerleaders decided to wear skirts that a parent had made. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*



LEAPING

Eric Johnson, John Peterson, J.P. McBurney, and Bill Sudholt, srs, cheered after the senior girls score a touchdown. "Real men are seniors" appeared on the senior cheerleaders' shirts. *Photo by Tabby Hale*

CELEBRATING

After the seniors won by 7 points, Kelly Delahunty, sr, embraces Lisa Livingston, sr. Sherry Younghanz, sr, and Lynn Jones, sr, show the tradition of placing a nickname on the back of the players shirts. *Photo by Lisa Cain*





T H I N K I N G

Jason Groves, sr, discusses the strategies of the game with the Blue Jay. Jason is wearing the traditional outfit for the senior cheerleaders. All cheerleaders paid \$13.50 for their sweat shirts. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

T A C K L I N G

Although the game was flag football, Johnna Ferguson, jr, takes Cathy Bussjaeger, sr, to the ground. Kathy Burr, jr, is hurrying into help out her teammate. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

P O W D E R P U F F

One way that the rivalry between juniors and seniors can be fought out is in the Powder Puff Game, Homecoming week.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AT LEAST FIVE YEARS, the graduating class of 1992 won the Powder Puff games both their junior and senior years.

The final score of the game was seniors 13, and juniors 6.

The rainy weather played a major part in the low-scoring game. Slippery grass caused players to lose their footing.

Juniors scored few points. Sarah Capps, jr, scored the only points for the juniors late in the 3rd quarter.

Seniors dominated the scoring. Cathy Bussjaeger, sr, made the first touchdown and the extra point. Jeni Klamm, sr, made the second touchdown, but the seniors missed the extra point. Jenny Brunz, sr, said, "The juniors lost because they were too arrogant. We (the seniors) just went out there (the game) to have fun. We didn't care who won the game until it was over."

Juniors and seniors attended practices which occurred after school everyday for a week.



"The game was really fun. I adored the cute guy cheerleaders with those short little skirts," said Wanda Washburn, soph.

"Practices were really fun, even when we were ballooned by the seniors," said Heather Edgerton, jr.

"The funniest part of the game was watching the junior and senior guys cheer for their female classmates who were playing," said Christy Miller, soph.

Even though many things went wrong for the juniors, they always had something else to try. The junior cheerleaders entertained the crowd. Junior guys played twister at half-time. They also made a human pyramid, but it tumbled to the

ground. John Woods, jr, showed everyone that he could do the splits.

Jason Groves, sr, said, "We (the senior cheerleaders) tried to learn the routines, but they never seemed to work out the way we wanted them to."

Powder Puff was more than a game. It was a way for the students to show support for their classes, not just for their school.—Lesley Hobbs



P I G G Y B A C K

For practice? Cathy Bussjaeger and Lori Chance, srs, practice dribbling the soccer ball for girls soccer during soccer camp last July. Technique and conditioning were worked on strongly. Photo by Kim Cook



J U M P I N G R O P E

Their way to the top. Zac Wolfer and Pat Taylor, srs, get in shape for basketball at Iron Club. Iron Club, which began a month before basketball started, is the preseason training for basketball. Photo by Kelli Delahunty



P R E S E A S O N

Preseason training for any sport, whether it's football or golf, takes a lot of time, dedication, and a desire to get in shape

SWIMMERS RUNNING, CROSS country runners playing Geezles and Goffles, and soccer players sliding around in the mud. Some preseason training like this might seem unusual, but coaches usually have a good reason for them.

Each of the individual sports and their coaches have different requirements. Although all sports require teamwork, coordination, and a good attitude, some need a little more of each than others.

Iron Club. This name is familiar to all students who participated in preseason for basketball. Basketball players spent their time lifting weights and playing basketball.

For football, the players could be found in the weight room, on the practice field, or running laps. Training started in the summer in the weight room the players worked on building their muscles and on the field they worked on plays.

The soccer teams had a preseason training



"Preseason is almost necessary to do well in any sport," said Robbie Davidson, jr, a cross country runner.

camp held at the high school during July. Both the guys and girls participated. At the camp, they practiced soccer techniques and conditioning.

Training for the cross country team is different than others. Running around everywhere and playing games is hardly a workout to some, but to cross country runners, it's the perfect training. Instead of spending their days in the weight room lifting weights, cross country runners could be found on the roads or at any of the local parks.

What's the best way to get in shape for swimming? Most would probably guess that the answer to this question would be to swim. On the other hand, lifting weights to build arm and leg muscles and running laps around the Mabee Center should also be added to the list of ways to get in shape.

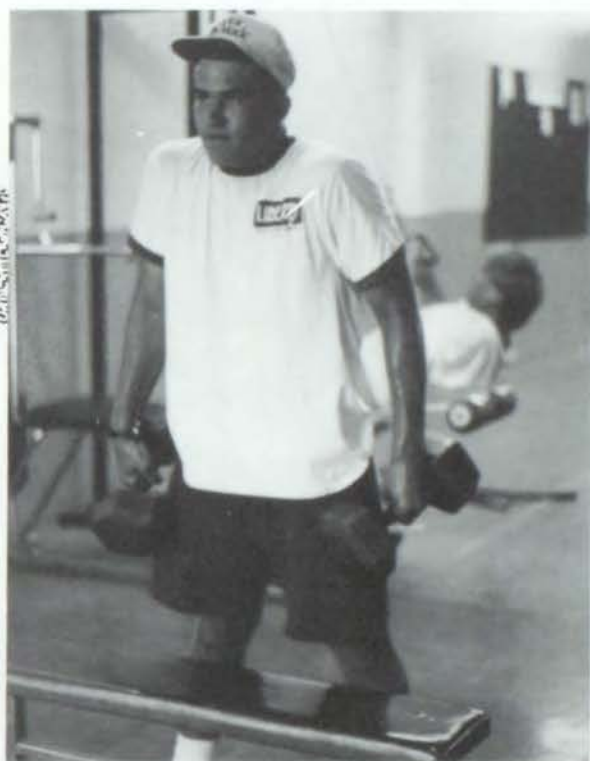
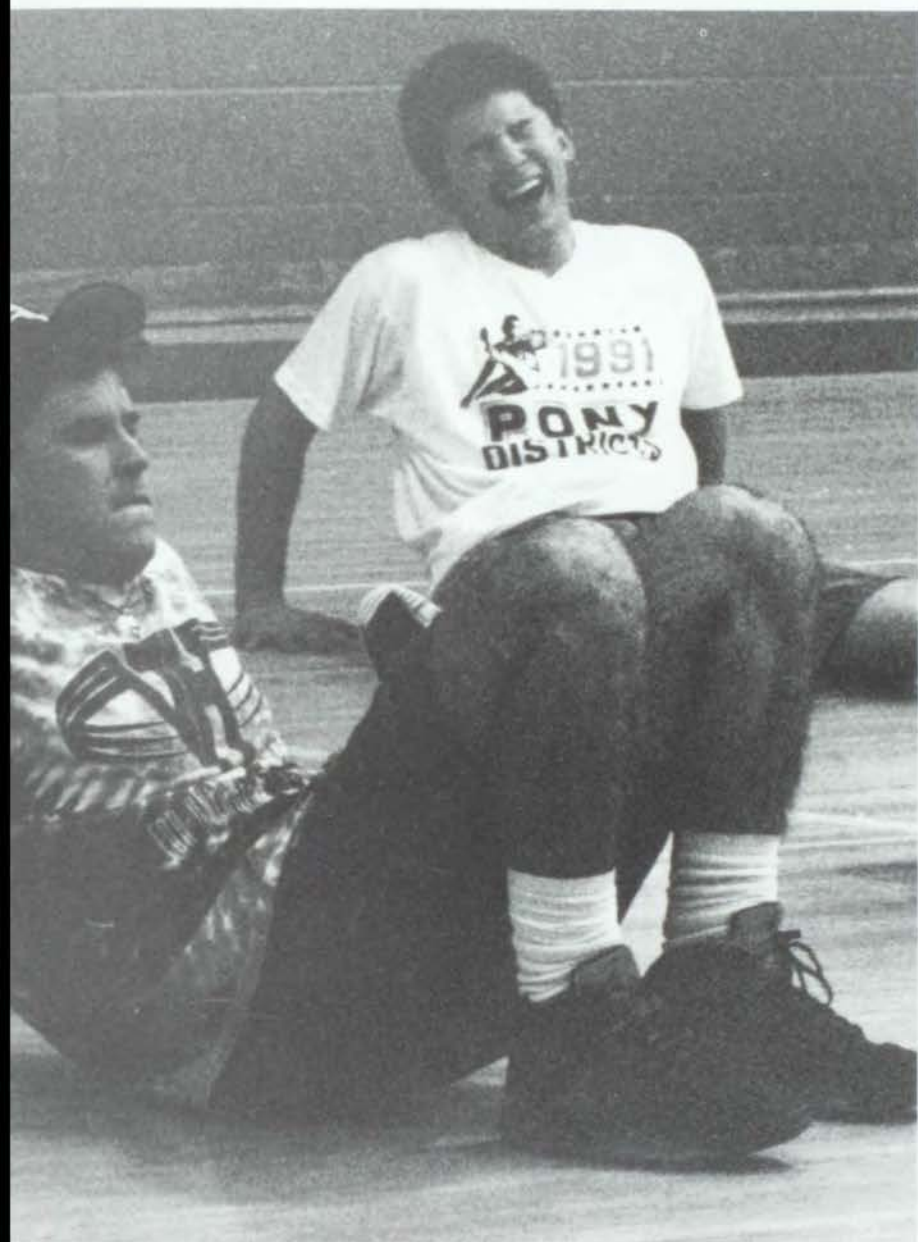
Whatever the sport might be, preseason training was usually the best way to get in shape for a sport. — Jeff Mullenix





S WEATING IT OUT

The soccer players sweat it out on the practice field during one of July's hot spells. Stacie Peterson, soph, practices her kick for girls soccer at the soccer camp that was held at the high school this summer. *Photo by Kim Cook*



H E A V E H O !

Chad Overman, sr, lifts weights to get in shape for football. During the summer, football players lifted weights, ran, and practiced in their equipment to get in shape. Overman played linebacker on the varsity team. *Photo by Kim Cook*

S TRETCHING OUT

Ryan Gustafson and Chris Kenney, jrs, stretch out for preseason track. Track's preseason started in December and participants lifted weights and ran to prepare themselves for track, which started in March. *Photo by Eric Glenn*

COURT WARMING

Jamie Smith, Caroline Wolfer, Sophia Stefanini, and Nickole Stark, sophs, perform during the Courtwarming assembly. Many hours of practice were spent preparing for assemblies. Photo by Eric Glenn



SQUAD PHOTO

JV Blue: Nickole Stark, Stacie Peterson, Erin Mark, Jamie Smith, Caroline Wolfer, Sophia Stefanini. Photo by David Dice

ENTHUSIASM

During the game between Liberty and Ruskin, Stacie Peterson, Caroline Wolfer, Erin Mark, and Nickole Stark, sophs, attempt to get the crowd psyched up. Stark does a toe-touch to support the team. Photo by Tammy Welch





PRACTICING

Danica Keller, soph, and Morisa Wilson, soph, attempt to perfect their cheer for the Homecoming assembly. All cheerleaders were required to practice at least two days a week.
Photo by Tammy Welch

SQUAD PHOTO

JV White: Jessica Gooch, Morisa Wilson, Danica Keller, Jennifer Loyd, Trisha Willis. *Photo by David Dice*



Dedicated to the home team, junior varsity cheerleaders helped spark a little extra school spirit in the crowd

CHEERLEADING

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADING was all about spreading school spirit. But according to Sophia Stefanini, soph, doing this took a lot of hard work and dedication.

JV cheerleading consisted of two squads: JV White, which cheered for volleyball and wrestling; and JV Blue, which cheered for boy's soccer and girl's basketball. JV White had five members at the beginning of the year. However, later it dropped down to three. JV Blue had six members.

Members from both squads established their own ideas about what was the best and the worst about being involved in cheerleading.

"Cheerleading takes a lot of time but I like the friendships that I have gained by being on the squad," said Stacie Peterson, soph.

Jessica Gooch, soph, former JV White member, said, "At the beginning of the year when I tried out for cheerleading, I didn't know it would interfere with volleyball and track, which I



"Sponsoring cheerleading allows me to get to know students I wouldn't otherwise," said Tracy Atkinson, sponsor.

wanted to do."

Although not every aspect of cheerleading was perfect, squad members still managed to agree that they would have many memories.

"I will remember camp the most," said Erin Mark, soph. "It was a lot of hard work but I had a lot of fun with the squad."

Some helpful advice was offered to anyone who was interested in cheerleading.

"Before you try out for cheerleading you need to know what you are getting into and you have to have a lot of dedication," said Jamie Smith, soph. "It is a lot of hard work."

"Don't let it bother you if someone thinks that you are bad at first. You have to put it behind you," said Danica Keller, soph. "If you start thinking that you are doing a bad job, then you will do a bad job."

Nickole Stark, soph, said, "Cheerleading is a commitment which you have to want to do. Otherwise it won't be any fun." —Kassie Kelly

STRIKE IT UP

Mindy Chapman, sr, and Jennifer Wendl, jr, dance at the soccer Homecoming game against Ruskin. The squad performed to C & C Music Factory's "Strike It Up." Photo by Jennifer Copeland



WE LIKE IT

Amy Cole, jr, dances to "We Like It" by Oaktown 3•5•7. This dance was performed at the Homecoming pep assembly as well as at the community pep assembly. Photo by Tammy Welch

Dancing their way to national qualification, the squad performed at football and basketball games as well as pep assemblies

P O M P O N

"YOU NEED TO BE SHARPER! Take it from the top again... 5-6-7-8!"

The pom pon squad drilled like this nearly everyday to rehearse for their football and basketball halftime performances as well as their pep assembly performances.

The squad started practicing early. Two weeks into the summer, part of the squad met at Bennett Park every weekday at 6 a.m. The group practiced a competitive routine that eight of them took to Universal Dance Association camp at University of Nebraska-Lincoln in August. Their work paid off when the squad was awarded a camp trophy and the chance to compete at the national dance competition in Orlando, Florida held in February.

Once school started, the squad had some problems with their sound system. On several occasions the squad performed to a song that was barely audible.

"I remember the football game where we



"Through the year all of us have become close friends," said Amber Grimes, senior co-captain.

couldn't hear at all. When they announced our names, we had to guess whose name was being called. When it was time to dance we couldn't even hear the music, but we tried to keep dancing. We ended up jogging off the field together on the count of four," said Kristi Buhler, jr.

Besides dancing at the usual football and basketball games, they performed with the Powder Puff cheerleaders at the Homecoming pep assembly, the Excelsior Springs basketball game, and the last home basketball game. The squad

also performed at the Ruskin soccer game.

The squad wasn't dancing all the time, however.

"We tried to do as many things together as we could," said Brandy Comley, senior co-captain, "We have had several slumber parties, gone out together, and we also try to go out to eat before the games. It has been a lot of fun!"

—Mindy Chapman





P O M P O N S Q U A D

Front row: Korisa Bandalan, Brandy Comley, Amber Grimes, Brandy Millsap, Mindy Chapman. Middle row: Sarah Capps, Amy Cole, Jennifer Wendl, Kelly Kerr. Back row: Kristi Buhler, Rebecca Chase, Melissa Plummer. Photo by David Dice



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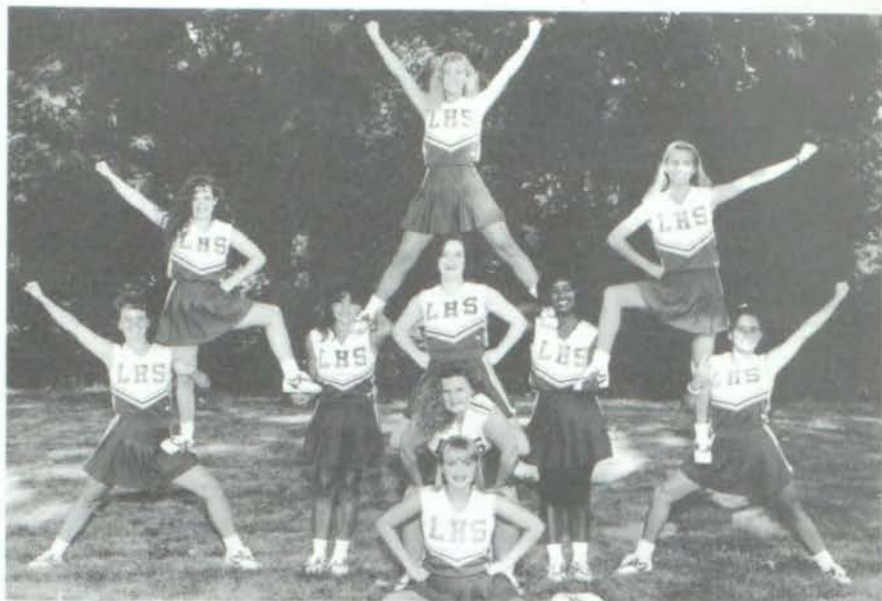
Kristi Buhler and Kelly Kerr, jrs, drill after school. In the summer the pom pon girls practiced in the parking lot, but when the weather got colder they had to move their practices indoors to the commons area. Photo by Mindy Chapman

P E P A S S E M B L Y

Korisa Bandalan, sr, and Amy Cole, jr, perform at the Homecoming pep assembly. The squad also performed a routine with the male Powder Puff cheerleaders to "Run-Around-Sue." Photo by Tammy Welch

TEAM PHOTO

Back row: Mindy Overman, Kassie Kelly, Nikki Hoover, Kary Fowler, Michelle Young, Jessica Ferry, Angi Kosa. **Middle row top to bottom:** Kerrie Kelly, Angela Miller, Cheyenne Barbee
Photo by David Dice



PISTOL PACKIN'

The Blue Jay mascot looks on as the cheerleaders perform a stunt during the Pistols game. They lead the fans in cheering the team on to a successful victory over Excelsior. *Photo by Kim Cook*

HOMECOMING

Varsity cheerleaders perform their dance at the Homecoming assembly in support of the athletic teams. This was the first time the squad was allowed to perform a choreographed routine. *Photo by Tracey Baron*





SPIRIT LEADERS

Cheyenne Barbee, sr, shows her school spirit by cheering on the football team during the Pistols game. The squad was also a major part in leading the fans in chants during games. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

RAH, RAH, RAH

Michelle Young, jr, helps lead the crowd in cheering the football team on to yet another victory against the Raytown South Cardinals. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

CHEERLEADING

Through wins and losses the cheerleaders could always be found cheering the athletes on to successful seasons

Games, hallways, pep assemblies fans, and fun; what do all of these have in common? If they were at LHS then they all were related to spirit which was the backbone of the cheerleading program. Dressed in blue and white on game days they could always be seen with a smile.

Beginning with tryouts at the end of last school year the squad was able to learn new routines, then in late July the group trekked off to Lincoln, Nebraska, to attend camp and learn chants and routines, by starting out the day with conditioning and advancing to stunts and cheers. After sitting through seminars on different ways to lead the crowd, the girls looked forward to freetime at the end of each day.

Angela Miller, sr, said "Camp is one of the toughest weeks of the year, both physically and mentally. Not only does your body go through constant physical workouts but the squad has a chance to discover strengths and weaknesses



"We communicated and worked with each other a lot better than in past years," said Mindy Overman, sr.

and to get to know each other better."

One of the most memorable things to take place this year was for the squad to lead the crowds in cheers at the football games. The success of the team led to an increase of spirit around the school and so the combined squads were able to organize pep assemblies and lead the school.

"I really enjoyed the pistols game because I was able to lead the crowd and cheered the best I'd done all year," said Kerrie Kelly, jr.

"I learned how to get along with others and to compromise on problems," said Kassie Kelly, jr.

Many of the girls agreed that the main lesson learned was how to cope with people and to provide leadership to the student body. Whether it be leading cheers or lending that helping hand or just flashing a friendly smile they could be seen at all school functions.

— Brent Taylor



BLOCKING IT

Kary Venable, soph, a strong side hitter, is making one of several blocks in the Excelsior Springs game. Photo by Kelli Delahunty



Varsity & J.V.

Winnetonka 2-1	Winnetonka 2-0
Ft. Osage 0-2	Ft. Osage 0-2
Park Hill 0-2	Park Hill 0-2
Raytown 0-2	Raytown 0-2
Hickman Mills 1-2	Hickman Mills 2-1
Excelsior Springs 0-2	Excelsior Springs 1-2
Ruskin 2-0	Ruskin 2-1
Belton 0-2	Belton 1-2
Center 2-0	Center 2-1
Hickman Mills 0-2	Hickman Mills 2-0
Ruskin 2-0	Ruskin 2-1
Belton 1-2	Belton 2-0
Excelsior Springs 0-2	Excelsior Springs 0-2
Center 2-0	Center 2-1



SETTING THE BALL

Michele Edwards, sr, a setter, back sets to Allison Hunter, jr, a strong side hitter, who is waiting to spike the ball while the rest of their teammates prepare themselves for the ball to be returned to their side of the net. Photo by Angie Wright.

TEAM PHOTO

Front row: Sheila Mendyk, Michele Edwards, and Jeni Klamm. **Second row:** Angella Hedrick, Courtney Thompson, Jennifer Mallon, Jennifer Wendi, Marta Sarver, Melissa Brunz, Lynn Stull. **Third row:** Head Coach Wanda Potter, Wendy Robinson, Karri Cull, Kary Venable, Rebecca Preston, Courtney Farum, Allison Hunter, Asst. Coach Jodie Witt. **Fourth row:** Sarah Stanfield, Mindy Johnson, Heather Smith, Brooke Quigley, Stacey Morrison, Sarah Sires, Beth Ferry. Photo by David Dice



Bumping, setting and spiking their way to a great success, varsity ends the season 15-11

VOLLEYBALL

At 2:33 she would dash to the locker room, throwing her books into the locker. Then she prepared herself for another mysterious volleyball practice...

"One time we got dressed for practice, and we were talking about upcoming events on our schedule. Then the coach began talking about a cookout she gives for the team once a year, and today was the day, and instead of having practice we had a cookout," said Angella Hedrick, soph.

The Lady Jays' practices were not all fun and games.

"Practices were very difficult and important for us to do well in the games," said Rebecca Preston, soph. Both teams accomplished enough to have records with varsity 15-11 and JV 8-18 overall.

"The best thing about the team was that we were all friends, and we didn't try to compete against each other," said Michele Edwards, sr.

The Lady Jays were 4-6 for their conference record.



"Being part of the team was what I liked most about volleyball," said strong side hitter Marta Sarver, soph.

"I thought that we weren't aggressive enough, and we got down and couldn't get back up," said Allison Hunter, jr.

Several awards were received by volleyball players. Karri Cull was named All-Conference 2nd team. Honorable mentions were given to Edwards and Jeni Klamm, srs.

Mrs. Wanda Potter, head volleyball coach, is leaving the district this year. Heather Smith, a soph setter, said, "Coach Potter had a unity in our team, and with her leaving she'll be missed."

...but the next day, at their practice they got down to business. As the ball was slammed to the ground a Lady Jay would dive to save it. She would kill the ball as a sign of revenge to her opponent, finishing the play, the game, and the season. This Lady Jay went to practices, and did what she could to succeed during the entire season, and finished on top. -Wendy Robinson.

GETTING UP

Courtney Ranum, jumping high above the net, works hard to get another block. She reaches over the net, and gets her third block of the game during a big competition with the Belton Pirates. Photo by Kelli Delahunty

KILLING IT

Melissa Brunz, soph, a weak side hitter, kills the ball in the game against Hickman Mills. Kary Venable, soph, a strong side hitter, and Jennifer Wendl, jr, a strong side hitter, are making sure that Brunz attempted attack is covered. Photo by Tracey Barron



Struggling through a new coach, the team developed technique to achieve higher recognition

TENNIS

THE NEW SEASON BROUGHT A series of changes for the girls tennis team. Along with Jane Pfeiffer, the new coach, came new experiences.

The new coach brought with her new insight, and fresh ideas. "She had more experience and could help us more with our technique," said Becca Ahrens, sr.

Lisa Smithmier, sr, said, "We had a lot to learn about her, just she had a lot to learn about us."

"It was rough at first," said Mary Knauss, soph, who lettered as a freshman, "getting used to the new techniques, and all. But it turned out to be a really fun time."

Knauss had the opportunity to play Pfeiffer's daughter in a meet against Oak Park. "I was really nervous, because I didn't know how people would cheer," Knauss said. Knauss also took lessons from Pfeiffer's husband. Knauss beat Pfeiffer's daughter, 9-7.

The team had many underclassmen playing,



"The season was very memorable. I improved greatly, and I'm glad I played." Kathy Gawronski, soph.

and the upperclassmen took time to help build a foundation for future teams. "They encouraged us, and they always took an interest in our meets," said Kathy Gawronski, soph.

"We wanted to especially welcome the freshmen and to support everybody," said Ahrens. Ahrens was named to the All-Conference second team.

Jennifer Rumsey, jr. said, "There were only two juniors [on the team], and we could really sense the way the underclassmen looked up to us."

Tennis players often took time out to help and support each other. Carolyn Wepler, soph, said, "The team was really close, and there was a lot of support from other players." Wepler had lettered as a freshman as well.

With a final record of 8-6, the team had a good season overall. Varsity placed third in the Winnetonka Tournament and second in conference, losing but one conference match to Winnetonka, 2-3. —Ryan Calder

STRIKING A POSE

Mary Knauss, soph, puts all of her energy into this shot during a meet against Hickman Mills. Varsity went on to stomp Hickman Mills, 5-0. JV also beat Hickman Mills, 4-0. Photo by Kim Cook



HERE IT COMES

Lisa Smithmier, sr, prepares to return a shot in a doubles match with Jenni Green, soph, against Lee's Summit at Bennett park. The varsity Jays lost the meet, 4-5. Photo by Kelli Delahunty





C O M I N ' O V E R

Becca Ahrens, sr, hits the ball back over the net during the meet with Hickman Mills. The Jays went on to beat Hickman, 5-0. *Photo by Kim Cook*

Varsity & J.V.

William Chrisman 9-0	William Chrisman 9-0
Lee's Summit 4-5	Lee's Summit 1-5
Oak Park 2-7	Oak Park 1-8
Excelsior Springs 3-2	Excelsior Springs 5-0
North Kansas City 1-8	North Kansas City 1-8
Ruskin 5-0	Ruskin 4-0
Hickman Mills 5-0	Hickman Mills 4-0
Winnetonka 2-3	Winnetonka 0-9
Grandview 3-2	Grandview 4-1
Truman 6-3	Truman 6-2
Belton 4-1	Belton 5-0
Center 3-2	Center 4-1
Park Hill 0-9	Park Hill 0-9
Blue Springs 0-5	Blue Springs 0-5
Winnetonka Tourn. 3rd	
Conference Tourn. 2nd	
District 7th	



H A P P Y R E T U R N S

Jennifer Rumsey, jr, lunges for the ball in a meet with Excelsior Springs at Bennett Park, as one of the opponent's fathers looks on. Varsity went on to win the meet, 3-2. JV beat Excelsior Springs, too, 5-0. *Photo by Kim Cook*

T E A M P H O T O

Front row: Lisa Smithmier, Cathy Bussjaeger, Sarah Mark, Becca Ahrens. **Second row:** Kathy Gawronski, Sarah Reed, Amy Corsale, Ann Pierce, Jennifer Rumsey, Mary Knauss, Jill Gleason. **Back row:** Coach Jane Pfeiffer, Denise Maskill, Amilia Powell, Helga Stumpfenhaus, Carolyn Wepler, Jenni Green, Kate Isley, Mackenzie Martin. *Photo by David Dice*

Varsity & J.V.

Raytown South25-7	Raytown South 6-35
Wm. Chrisman34-20	Wm. Chrisman 0-36
Hickman Mills 13-18	Hickman Mills 0-22
Ex. Springs38-0	Ex. Springs29-29
Belton35-26	Belton 6-12
Ruskin23-22	Ruskin22-8
Center48-8	Truman 12-16
Truman41-20	
North K.C.34-0	
Winnetonka44-6	
Oak Park0-14	

TEAM WORK

The Blue Jays burst through the Truman defense at the first district game of the season. After a slow start, the Blue Jays came back to crush the Truman Patriots with the score of 41-20. *Photo by Lisa Cain*



TEAM PHOTO

First row: Dan Ewing, Matt Wilson, Butch Haberman, Blake Tompkins, Josh Ellis, Brent Snyder, Mike Carroll, Dennis Eisenbarth, Jack DeWees. **Second Row:** Melissa Razak, Dan Engel, Tal Curry, Coach George Hoover, Coach Dan Anderson, Coach Pat Hansen, Coach Anthony Perkins, Coach John Morrison, Coach Steve Butler, Travis Bowring, Brian Wozniak, Tanya Richardson. **Third Row:** Chad Overman, John Hatfield, Jason Jones, Maurice Morse, Landon Worthy, Gary Meschon, Kenny Gawronski, Michelle Carlson, Bobby Taylor, Scott Martin. **Fourth Row:** Leon Haile, Garrett Westfall, Mike Snyder, Shaun Symmonds, Eric Stewart, Chris Kinney, Brandon Dolt, Eddie Lenhardt, Jay Lewis. **Fifth Row:** Danny Zook, Chad Reeder, Brandon Bachtel, Nat Ash, Chris Crowley, Pat O'Neill, Shawn Manfre. **Sixth Row:** Barrett Deonier, Chris Goll, Matt Grundy, Eric Glenn, Greg Buhler, Matt Moyer, Brandon Wilson, Brad Wilkinson, Joseph Warren. **Seventh Row:** Brad Matney, David Blakemore, Conrad Stumpfenhaus, Brock Tompkins, Ryan Gustafson, Jason Wheeler, Brooks Smith, Jerry Woodruff, Steve Fahring. **Eighth Row:** Shane Coon, Brian Beard, Tim Shields, Brian Gray, John Etherton, Jeremy Martin, Ian Throckmorton, Mike Velder, Lary Reeves, Alan Welles, Paul Devine. *Photo by David Dice*



From a 1-9 season, the Jays make complete turn around to boast a 9-2 winning streak

FOOTBALL



BLUE JAY PRIDE, BLUE JAY POWER— This motto, which the team carried all the way to sectional playoffs, was a spirit booster for both the team and the crowd.

Chris Kinney, jr, said, "The season was a surprise turn-around from last year and without the leadership of the seniors, we wouldn't have been so successful."

Many players said that the crowds' enthusiasm was a great help to get them in the spirit of winning.

"The fans helped the team out a lot. They believed in us, kept coming to our games, and most of all they wanted us to win," said Brian Wozniak, sr.

Dennis Eisenbarth, sr, said, "We were all really happy with the crowd and spectators support."

The team, with their 9-1 record, played Oak Park in sectional playoffs. The Blue Jays lost 0-14. Although they lost sectional playoffs, they took first in the conference standings with the



"We really appreciated all the support of the fans this season," said Travis Bowring, sr.

total of four wins and one loss.

"At the beginning, we weren't sure how the year was going to go, but by the middle of the season, we basically knew we would win the games. We had a positive attitude so that helped us win games and the team played as a whole. We had good team effort," said Jack DeWees, sr.

First year coach, Mr. Steve Butler, encouraged the team to turn their season around overnight.

Coach Butler said, "I had total confidence in the players, school, and the community

that through our efforts we could develop the spirit of success and excellence."

Mike Snyder, soph, said, "Coach Butler was a big help to our team. He inspired us to do well throughout the season. I would really be happy to see him back next year."

This wish, like the Creed of the Blue Machine said after every game by Coach Butler, may be answered. —Lynn Jones



CONCENTRATION

Chad Overman watches his teammates at the Truman vs. Liberty game with enormous concentration. Overman, a senior linebacker, waits on the sidelines to be put in the game. Photo by Lisa Cain

EMOTIONAL LOSS

Dennis Eisenbarth and Travis Bowring, srs, show emotional distress after losing their last game of the season to Oak Park in the sectional playoffs. The score of the game was 0-14. Photo by Kelli Delahunty

ON THE MOVE

Brent Snyder, a senior offensive guard and defensive tackle, downs an Excelsior Springs player on their 20 yard line. Snyder was one of fifteen seniors on the team. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*



PUNT THE BALL

Scott Martin, sr, punts from the 15 yard line on a fourth down in the second half of the Excelsior Springs game. Martin punted for the varsity team throughout the season. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

F O O T B A L L

After losing to Excelsior Springs the past two years, the Blue Machine scored 38 points to win the Pistols

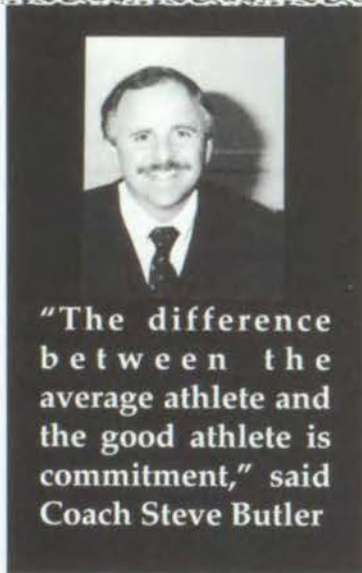
THEY'VE GOT 'EM. WE WANT 'EM. LET'S GET 'EM BACK!— This slogan was posted all over the school and in short, sums up Liberty's pep and anticipation for the 53rd game of the Dueling Pistols.

"That game set the tone for the rest of the season," said Dennis Eisenbarth, a senior offensive tackle.

The Pistol's game is probably one of the most anticipated games of the season to coaches, players and fans. "It was the game the whole team was pumped up for," said Eisenbarth.

The game was played at Excelsior Springs Roosevelt Field, Sept. 27. Each player participated in the game, varsity as well as junior varsity. Brandon Dolt, who ran for 167 yards, scored twice. Touchdowns were also made by seniors Jack DeWees and Blake Tompkins and junior, Jerry Woodruff. Mike Carroll, sr, kicked five successful extra points and a field goal.

Seniors on the team all expressed the same



"The difference between the average athlete and the good athlete is commitment," said Coach Steve Butler

emotional sentiment on the game.

"To win them (pistols) back was special because we hadn't had them for two years and it would have been the worst nightmare to lose our senior year and have to live with that feeling," said Tompkins, tight end and outside linebacker.

Chad Overman, linebacker, expressed his incentive for the game, "The fact that we hadn't had them for two years and we needed them before we graduated, was the main thing."

Rudy Gustafson, jr, free safety, explained what was one of the highlights, "My biggest inspiration to the Pistols game was the pre-game meeting. Coach Butler turned off the lights in the locker room and we said the 'Blue Machine Creed'. Leaving for the field you could sense the intensity."

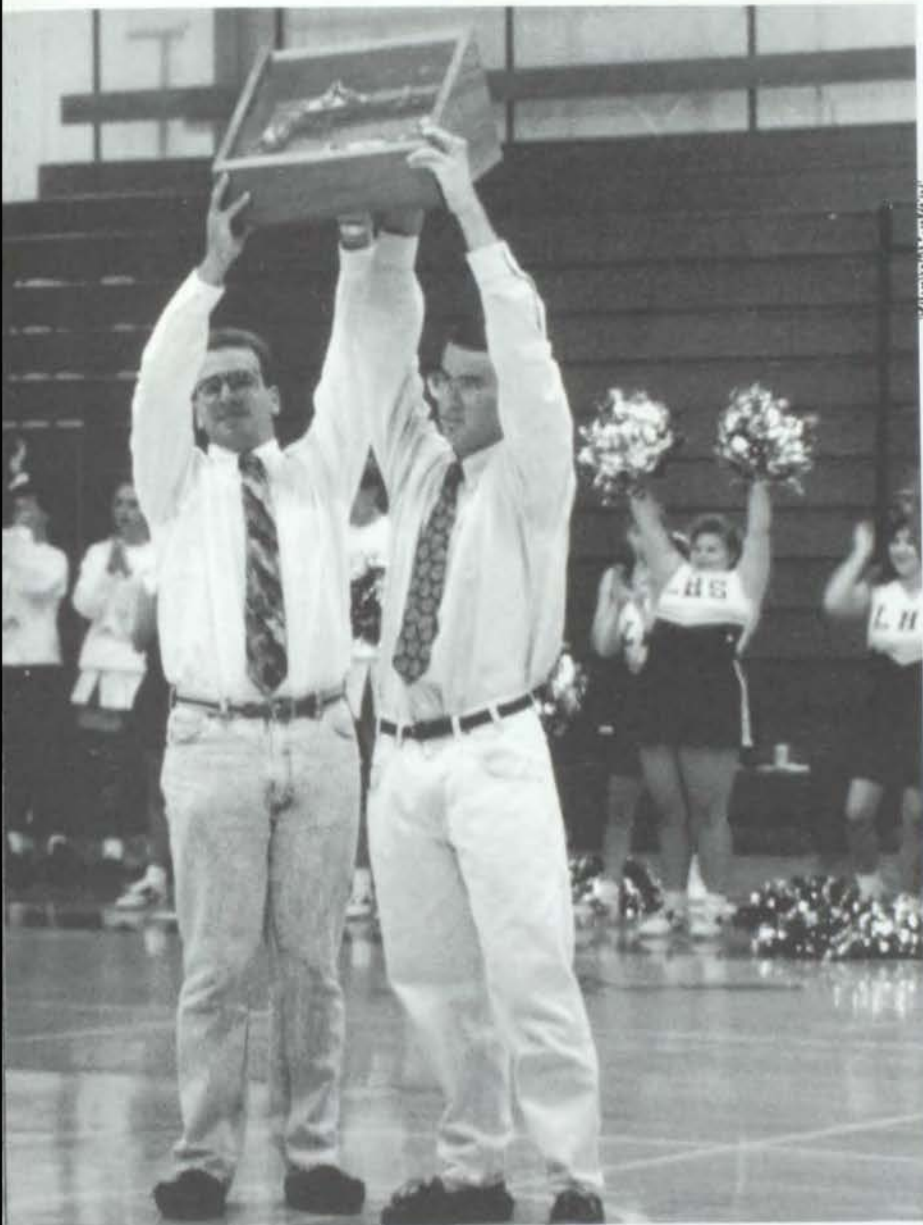
Gustafson and other players designed T-shirts for anyone to buy after the Blue Jays won. The shirts explained the win: "They had 'em. We wanted 'em. Enough said!" —Lisa Smithmier





ENTHUSIASM

Before the 7:30 game many students got together and painted faces and bodies, blue and white to symbolize the Blue Jay pride. It was a competition for spirit. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*



CHEERLEADING

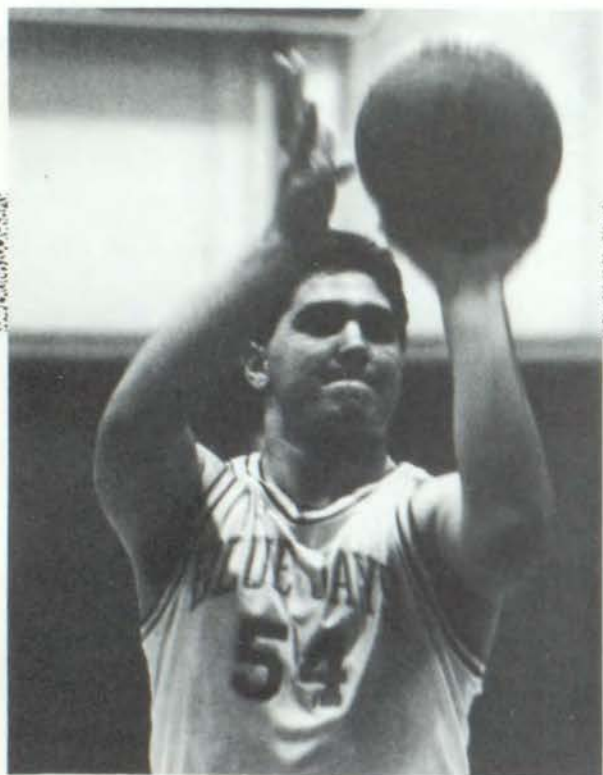
James DeWees, soph, plays the part as Liberty's mascot, the Blue Jay. This Excelsior game was the first time the mascot appeared at an away game. Angi Kosa, sr, cheers with him. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

TEAM RIVALRY

Seniors Jack Dewees (left), and Chad Overman display the Pistols in an assembly the week after Liberty was victorious. *Photo by Tammy Welch*

R U N N I N G

Stefanie Delong, sophomore cross country runner, runs in the Liberty Invitational. A top runner, Delong qualified to run at state. The varsity team, comprised of four sophomores, finished sixth in the state meet. *Photo by Kim Cook*

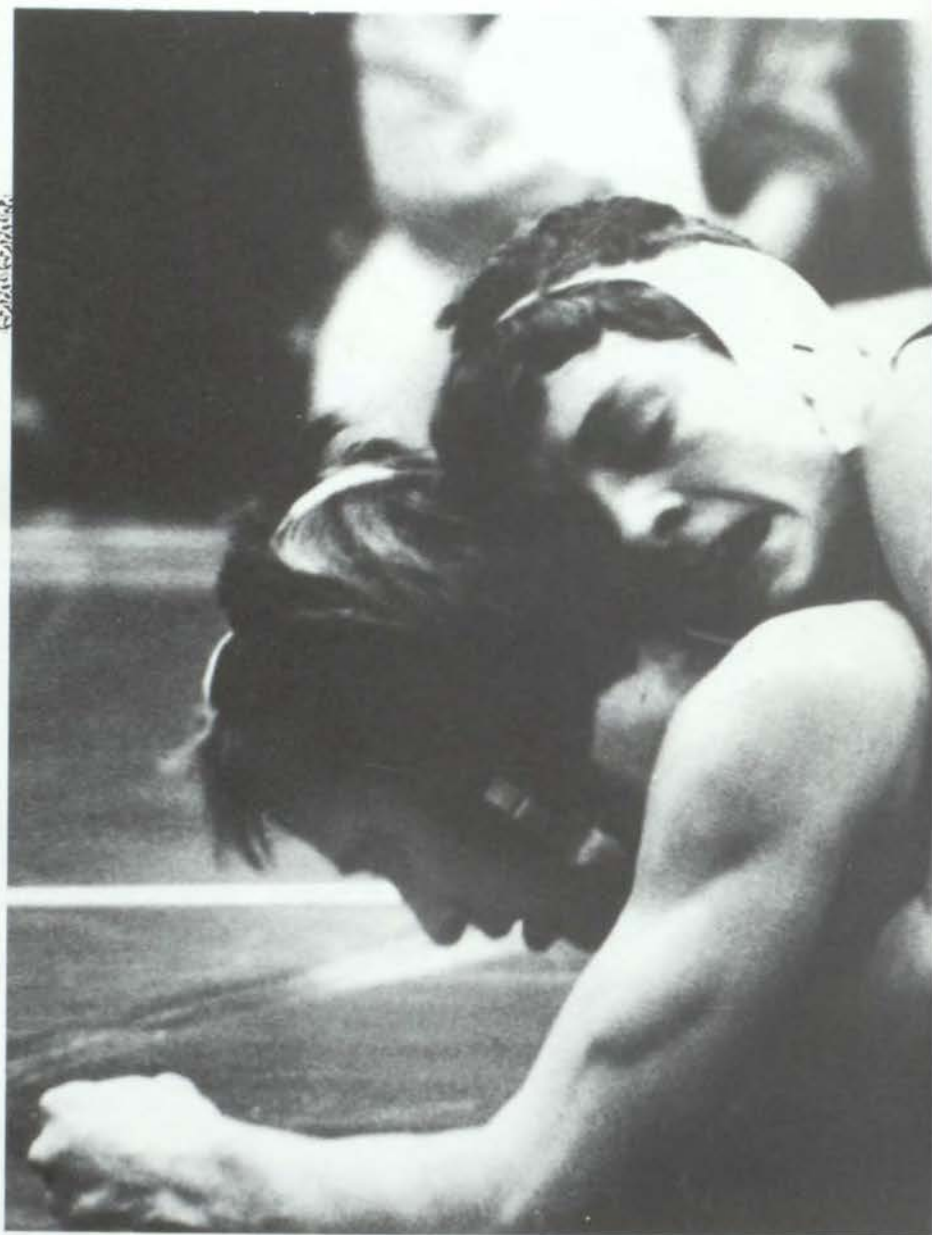


S H O O T I N G

Jeremy Martin, a sophomore power forward on the boy's basketball team, takes his time, and concentrates to put in his free throw during the Excelsior Springs game in the Liberty Invationals. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

G E T T I N G D O W N

John Hatfield, sophomore varsity wrestler, is trying to pin his opponent during a home meet with Fort Osage Indians. Hatfield said that the meet was a tough one. Liberty ended up getting defeated. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*





I N T H E A I R

Brooke Quigley, sophomore setter, sets to Rebecca Preston, a sophomore strong side hitter in a varsity game against the Center Yellowjackets, with Liberty ending up with another defeat. Photo by Lisa Cain

P I V O T I N G

Kary Venable, sophomore varsity center starter, pivots around to the ball to her teammate during a game against the Hickman Mill Cougars, with the Blue Jays getting another loss for their season this year. Photo by Tammy Welch

R O O K I E S

Sophomores get a chance to make their contributions during games on the varsity level

PLAYERS COME in several shapes, sizes, and colors, and when it comes to varsity don't leave out the sophomores. Sophomores played on every varsity fall and winter sport teams.

"Playing on varsity has taught me to get a faster swim time and self-esteem," said Collin Walker, sophomore swimmer.

"I've learned how to work together as a team," said Jennifer Miller, sophomore cross country runner.

Sophomores that play on a varsity team said it was a learning experience and took a lot of dedication. Eddie Lehnardt, sophomore football player, said, "Playing varsity has taught me to take defeat and rise again to the top."

John Hatfield, sophomore wrestler, said the key to playing varsity and being a wonderful player is to work hard in practice.

Playing on varsity can and will give you an enormous amount of pressure. "You always



"Since I'm in the littlest weight class people tease me, so it's hard at times," said wrestler Bobby Taylor, soph.

have to be playing your best, and other people depend on you to motivate the team," said Mary Knauss, sophomore tennis player.

Jon Maher, sophomore cross country runner, said pressures in running varsity is trying to keep his spot, and doing my best against other teams.

Playing varsity brings a large variety of feelings. Brian Grey, a sophomore football and basketball player, said, "I feel playing varsity is the same as playing on any other level, but it's more competition, and gives a higher feeling of success for

all your hard work."

"It feels terrific to play on varsity, but it's extremely different from playing on the junior high level," said Brandon Dolt, sophomore football player.

What advice do these sophomores have for those working to play on varsity? Jeff Cain said, "Work hard, and run during the whole off season." — Wendy Robinson

S O C C E R

Blue Jays have best record in years,
but suffered dissappointing loss in
district tournament

"THESEASON came off with such a big hit because we did it as a team — together," said Mike Carroll, sr.

Although the team had a disappointing loss in district finals, their season as a whole, the players said, took a turn for the better. Liberty came in second place in their District Tournament, while Park Hill took first. The score was 0-1 in penalty kicks with four overtimes.

Tim Honey, sr, said, "We had to turn it up a notch and play harder than we had all year because we knew we were going to be playing Oak Park and Park Hill and they have always been tough."

"We worked as a team and not as one person. We had the best record in a long time," said J.P. McBurney, sr.

Many of the players said they enjoyed having Coach Alex Aiman as a coach and that he helped the team out a lot.

"Coach Aiman has been very helpful to our team. He turned the soccer program around in



"I gave what I had to give and what I didn't, I've lost forever," said Alex Aiman, varsity soccer coach.

the night. The whole team looks up to him. He is very well-respected," said Zane Zismer, jr.

A quote Coach Aiman said throughout the season was, "I gave what I had to give and what I didn't, I've lost forever." He used this famous quote, orignally by Vince Lombardi, to help encourage the team before every game.

The players said that the season as a whole was very successful and a year to be remembered by everyone.

"The season came off so well because of the great attitude

we formed over the year. In years past people have looked at LHS soccer as a team with a bad attitude and this year we turned that around. Also the team had not been noticed as a very good team in the Peoples City area and I believe we turned some peoples ideas about the program around. I know that in years to come LHS soccer will be a team to contend with," said Tal Curry, sr. —Lynn Jones

CUTTING THE BALL

Mike Carroll, sr, is dribbling the ball past his opponent from Belton, while Daniel Kellermeyer, jr, looks on. Liberty took Belton with the score of 1-0 in this game. Photo by Rachel Chambers

SHIELDING

During the district game against Park Hill, Tim Honey, sr, shields the ball from his opponent. The Park Hill game went into four overtimes as did the semi-final game against Oak Park, which the Blue Jays won 3-2. Photo by Rachel Chambers





H I G H F I V E
 Mike Carroll, sr, Eric Schriever, Brandon Bell, jrs, J.P. McBurney, Tal Curry, srs, cheer after winning their game against Belton. Photo by Rachel Chambers

Varsity & J.V.

North Kansas City2-1	Winnetonka3-0
Park Hill1-3	Oak Park3-2
Belton1-0	Park Hill0-1
Raytown South1-1	JV
St. Joe Central2-1	North Kansas City2-1
Grandview1-0	Park Hill0-4
Ruskin7-0	NLT JV Finals1-4
North Kansas City1-1	Belton5-0
Luthern5-1	Raytown South0-1
Lee's Summit2-0	St. Joe Central1-0
Center1-0	Grandview0-1
Hickman Mills3-0	North Kansas City1-1
North Kansas City1-0	Lee's Summit0-1
Belton1-0	Center3-0
Oak Park1-2	Hickman Mills1-3
Ruskin8-0	Belton1-0
Center0-0	Oak Park0-1
Hickman Mills1-0	Hickman Mills1-0



U S I N G H I S H E A D
 Zane Zismer, jr, heads the ball away from his St. Joe Central opponent. The Jays won 2-0, playing one game to compensate for their game and tournament that was scheduled back to back. Photo by Rachel Chambers

T E A M P H O T O
Front row: Bryan Guggenmos, Aaron Benson, Mike Carroll, J.P. McBurney, Tal Curry, Jonathan Knauss, Chris Jones. **Second row:** Tyler Davis, Andrew Kellermeyer, Zane Zismer, Brandon Bell, Daniel Kellermeyer, Brent Taylor, Andy Spence, Eric Schriever, Tim Honey. **Third row:** Randy Grego, Mike Thorne, Matt Denison, Cliff Ridout, Robb Kraft, Lance Carkeek. **Fourth row:** Nathan Douglas, Doug Miller, Sean Price, Scott McBurney, Paul Brink, Jeff Steinmeyer, Blake Flickinger, Greg Russell. **Top row:** Josh Palmer, Todd Boyer, Bobby Boatman, Luther Solomon, James DeWees, Andrew Stumm, Andy Kendrick.



F R E E S T Y L E

Adam Alderson, jr, strives for perfection as he contributes to his relay team's qualification for the state meet. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

Varsity

Raytown South	1st	Central Invt.	2nd
Rockhurst	2nd	Truman	2nd
Center Relays	3rd	Raytown	Tie
Grandview	1st	Blue Springs	2nd
Park Hill	2nd	Lee Summit	2nd
Center	1st	Conference	4th
Wm. Chrisman	1st	State	12th



S T A R T I N G

Jeremy Tietjens, sr, concentrates on getting quickly off the starting blocks. A swimmers start is an integral part of the race because it can mean the difference in placing or losing. *Photo by Jennifer Mallon*

T E A M P H O T O

First row: Eric Brant, Scott McBurney, Chris Elbow, Adam Curnow, Jeremy Tietjens, Aaron Lund. **Second row:** John Crosby, Mike Adams, Adam Alderson, Collin Walker, Cody Winter. **Third row:** Bryan Svetlecic, Kris McDonough, Justin Makemson, Jason Fowler, David Buchen. *Photo by Cathy VanBerg*





Breaking records and winning meets, the swimmers competed with heart and beat all expectations

S W I M M I N G

THE SWIMMING and diving team walked away from the state final this year with one individual title and a courageous twelfth place finish overall. Despite small numbers, the team was able to compete well this year with larger schools by putting the emphasis on quality instead of quantity.

"I think the best accomplishment this year, was the twelfth place finish at state with only four individuals who qualified for state," said Mike Adams, jr.

With only seventeen boys on the team this year it left more time for the coaches to work with individuals. Committing to show up for morning practices also paid big rewards when the state meet came into picture. They were able to overcome their size problem by working together and emphasizing quality. "Even though we had a small team we pulled together and had a swell season," said Adam Alderson, jr.



"It was my best season yet. I achieved my lifetime bests and broke the LHS 100m backstroke record" said Chris Elbow, sr.

Much hard work and dedication was put forth by the swimmers this year by getting up at 4:30 everyday for morning practices (the athletes either lifted weights or got extra pool time) and then practicing again in the evening. "Morning practices gave us a chance to improve and showed our dedication to the team," said Kris McDonough, jr.

"Swimming was successful for me, because I broke some records, placed high at state and helped the team succeed," said Collin Walker, soph.

The swimmers were also able to form a bond between themselves and coaches Keith Moore and Tammy Tapp. Though much of the time was spent practicing hard for upcoming meets athletes could be found joking with coaches and other members of the team. "The thing I enjoyed most was working with Keith and improving my individual times," said Bryan Svetlecic, jr. — Brent Taylor



P E R F E C T I O N

Adam Curnow, jr, works on perfecting the form that won him the Missouri State Diving title. He also broke the state record with a score of 510 points in an eleven-dive meet. Photo by Rachel Chambers

C O A C H I N G

Coaches Keith Moore and Tammy Tapp compare times and results of the competitors during a meet. The coaches introduced and designed new techniques to help improve the overall times of the swimmers. Photo by Jennifer Mallon

The varsity Lady Jays adjust to a new coach and end season with 2 conference wins

BASKETBALL

SHE WAS SHOOTING and running up and down the court while all the other girls were sleeping, going shopping...

This year the Lady Jays experienced the feeling of having a new coach. "At first I was skeptical, but after adjusting to him and seeing how he wanted us to win, I believe in him a lot more," said Kary Venable, sophomore varsity center.

The team has faced defeat several times during their season this year, but along with their defeats players have said that they have grown from them, too. Junior Karri Cull, varsity forward, said, "I think we have greatly improved from when we started in November. Our fundamentals are there and we've become extremely more aggressive."

"Our defeats pushed us more to do better in getting ready for the next game," said junior Lynn Stull, varsity guard. The Lady Jays had several opinions about their victories and de-



"Each girl has worked hard this season and we've had a stronger work ethic," said Head Coach Jim Baker.

feats throughout the season.

Sheila Mendyk, a senior varsity guard said, "I hated losing because I knew that our team had the ability to do it, and our hearts were there and the effort wasn't." Losing wasn't everything the Lady Jays noticed after playing on the varsity team this season.

"I think this team had a great attitude and fought till the very end in our games. Everyone on the team really got along so well. We know that we're all in this together, and we never exclude anyone from our activities," said Cathy Bussjaeger,

senior varsity point guard.

Ten Lady Jays were on the court early every Saturday morning. This practice was to prepare the team for their Monday games.

The Lady Jays ended their season with a record of 7-18, and a conference record of 2-8. The team still ended up with two conference wins at the end of the season against Center and Ruskin.— Wendy Robinson

GET THE FOUL

Jennifer Mallon, junior varsity guard, gets the foul while attempting to get the ball to her teammates during the first conference game of the season against the Excelsior Springs Tigers. Photo by Kelli Delahunty



DOWN THE COURT

Marly Dailey, senior varsity point guard, dribbles to the open spot, so she can get the ball passed to the open player during first half of the conference home game against the Hickman Mills Cougars. Photo by Kelli Delahunty





LOOKING TO PASS
 Cathy Bussjaeger, a senior varsity point guard, looks to Sheila Mendyk before passing the ball during the game against Oak Park. Photo by Kelli Delahunty

Varsity & J.V.

Grandview	38-60	Grandview	27-29
Oak Park	24-22	Oak Park	38-28
Park Hill	35-56	Park Hill	17-24
St. Pius X.	38-41	St. Pius X.	34-21
North K.C.	43-40	North K.C.	48-43
Excelsior Springs	27-46	Excelsior Springs	40-35
Hickman Mills	27-68	Hickman Mills	45-16
Center	33-34	Center	50-12
Belton	33-40	Belton	41-27
Ruskin	33-44	Ruskin	45-8
Excelsior Springs	27-59	Excelsior Springs	31-28
Hickman Mills	38-58	Hickman Mills	42-24
Raytown	33-55	Raytown	27-33
Center	49-47	Center	50-12
Belton	36-46	Belton	27-34
Ruskin	51-39	Ruskin	46-24



FREE THROWS
 Beth Wicklund, a senior varsity guard, gets prepared before the Lady Jay's first home conference game against Hickman Mills Cougars by concentrating at the free throw line before she attempts to throw. Photo By Kelli Delahunty

TEAM PHOTO
 Front row: Marly Dailey, Cathy Bussjaeger, Jeni Klamm, Sheila Mendyk. Middle row: Melissa Brunz, Amy Boettcher, Jennifer Mallon, Wendy Robinson, Mary Knauss, Denise Travis, Lindsay Holley, Danica Keller. Back row: Assistant Coach Whitney Beckett, Assistant Coach Darla Houstead, Jamie Smith, Karri Cull, Kary Venable, Courtney Ranum, Lynn Stull, Head Coach Jim Baker. Photo by David Dice



C O N C E N T R A T I N G

During the junior varsity game against the Belton Pirates, Wendy Robinson, jr, attempts to pass the ball to Lynn Stull, jr. The Lady Jays played the Pirates two times throughout basketball season. *Photo by Lisa Cain*

P R E S S U R E D

During the home game against Ruskin, Danica Keller, soph, center, struggles to keep possession of the ball. The junior varsity Lady Jays won both conference games against the Ruskin Eagles. *Photo by Tammy Welch*



B A S K E T B A L L

With support from teammates and the school, the junior varsity Lady Jays achieved a winning season with a record of 12-6

"A REAL ADVANTAGE to coaching is the relationships that you develop with the kids," said junior varsity coach Whitney Beckett. "Being able to witness their skills improve as well as watching them mature as young ladies is very rewarding."

After coaching two years at Fort Osage, Beckett came to LHS and lead the JV Lady Jays to a winning record of 12-6.

The JV Lady Jays laid the groundwork for a great program at Liberty, according to Beckett.

According to most JV players, doing this took much time and effort.

"I have to sacrifice a lot of time from my social life but being a part of the team has given me a chance to meet a lot of people I didn't know before," said Amy Boettcher, soph.

Many players depended on teamwork to overcome the sacrifices.

Lindsay Holley, soph, said, "I think that it helps when the team is supportive. It helps



"Basketball is very rewarding. Competition helps you learn to do your best," said Denise Travis, soph.

keep me motivated."

Teamwork may be the most important aspect of being successful as a team but JV players also expressed the need to be successful as individuals.

"In order to be successful you should work harder off-season, never say you can't do something, and always strive for the best," said Wendy Robinson, jr.

Special recognition was given to some JV players.

Most valuable player was Mary Knauss, soph. Wendy Robinson, jr, was the player to score the most points; most im-

proved was Melissa Brunz, soph; and the best defensive player was Lindsay Holley, soph.

JV Lady Jays were encouraged to continue playing basketball in the future.

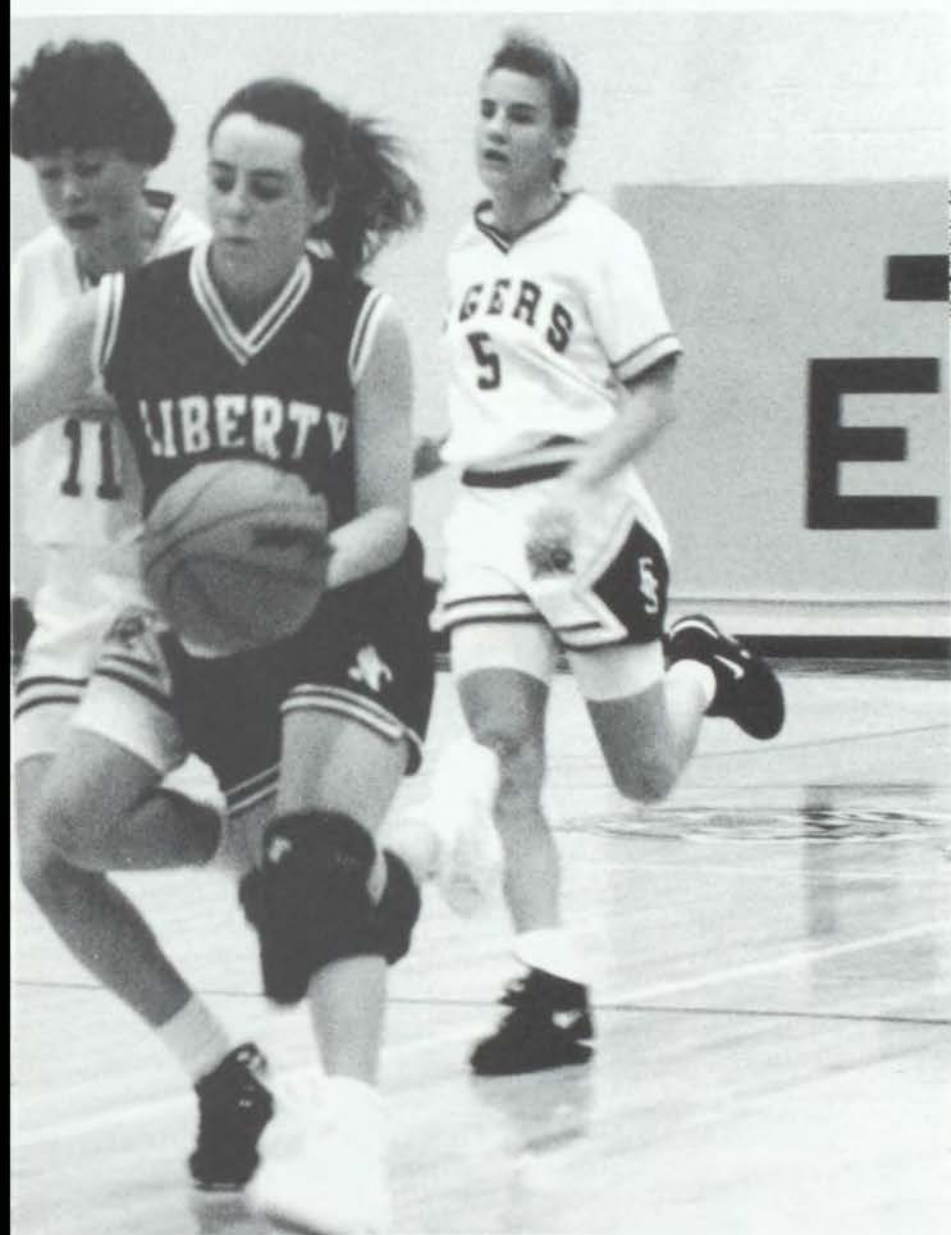
"Athletics can be a very rewarding part of a person's life," said Beckett. "My high school coach had a positive impact on me and I hope to be able to turn around and do the same for someone else." — *Kassie Kelly*





D E T E R M I N E D

Relying on teamwork, Lindsay Holley, soph, and Melissa Brunz, soph, attempt to seize the ball from the Excelsior Springs offense. The JV Lady Jays crushed the Excelsior Spring Tigers by a score of 31-28. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*



F O C U S I N G

Keeping an eye on the basketball goal, Courtney Ranum, jr, attempts a free throw during the first game against Excelsior Springs. Although Ranum started the season as a junior varsity Lady Jay, she ended playing varsity. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

B R E A K A W A Y

While being pursued by the opposing team from Excelsior Springs, Mary Knauss, soph, races for the basket. The JV Lady Jays ended up with a winning score of 40-35 during the first game against Excelsior Springs. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

D E F E N S E

Eric Sharp, jr, plays defensively in the JV game against Center. The Blue Jays were defeated by the Yellow Jackets, 38-45. Photo by Lisa Cain



Varsity & J.V.

North K.C.	40-39	North K.C.	49-42
Oak Grove	68-54	Oak Grove	58-42
Ruskin	45-49	Ruskin	29-50
Ft. Osage	46-38	Fort Osage	66-48
Ex. Springs	55-37	Ex. Springs	53-40
St. Pius	58-55	St. Pius X	38-43
Hickman Mills	49-63	Hickman Mills	39-63
Center	51-61	Center	29-51
Odessa	82-34	Odessa	36-39
Winnetonka	63-35	Winnetonka	49-47
Belton	58-44	Belton	51-37
Ruskin	45-63	Ruskin	54-52
Ex. Springs	34-36	Ex. Springs	35-41
Hickman Mills	36-49	Hickman Mills	31-56
Center	63-65	Center	38-45
Belton	64-36	Belton	36-40



T R A D I T I O N

It was a tradition for the Blue Jays in the varsity games after each player on the team was announced for the Blue Jays to fall on the floor to say a few words of inspiration before tip off. Photo by Kim Cook

T E A M P H O T O

Front row: Zac Wolfer, Brad Matney, Chad Evans, Brandon Tankesley, and Andy Longstreth. Back Row: Brett Schroer, Tim Lewis, Pat Taylor, Paul Morford, Brian Gray, and Jeremy Martin. Photo by David Dice



New starters, coaches, and the team as a whole made some noise and clinched a winning season

BASKETBALL

AS THEIR T-SHIRTS READ, "Makin' Some Noise" was the theme to the Blue Jays basketball season which began October 28 and lasted through the first week of March with District play. The varsity team finished their season with a 14-12 record, while JV finished with the record of 7-9.

Varsity players and mixed opinions about the outcome of the season.

"I felt the season was a little disappointing because I thought we would do better than we did," said Tim Lewis, jr, varsity player.

Chad Evans, jr, varsity player, said, "I thought the season went pretty well. We did better than everyone thought we would."

Approaching the season with five new starters, only two seniors among them, the Jays had a young team to work with in the three month season ahead.

"I knew we would struggle at times, but I also knew we would work extremely hard,"



"Just being on the team and helping them win was my favorite part," said Robbie Wildhaber, soph.

said varsity coach Mark Matney.

"The most memorable game was against Northtown. In our first game as starters on varsity we won by one point on Pat Taylor's shot. The feeling was great," said Brett Schroer, jr, varsity player.

Many of the players remember important games throughout the season.

"There were a lot of games I remember but I remember the home game against Fort Osage best. We set a record on defensive points, we ran over offense and we pressured them

a lot. We were executing our defense perfect," said Greg Buhler, soph, JV player.

Pat Taylor, sr, varsity player, remembers the home game against Center, "It was Senior Night and even though we lost, I thought it was a great game and a memorable part of my career."

The Blue Jays experienced some very close
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J U M P S H O T

Andy Longstreth, jr, starting guard, shoots a jump shot in the home game against Excelsior Springs. The Blue Jays jumped ahead of the Excelsior Tigers with a 55-37 victory. Photo by Kim Cook

S T R U G G L I N G

Mike Snyder, soph, struggled against his opponent in the JV game against Winnetonka. The Blue Jays defeated Winnetonka for the second time in the Courtwarming game Feb. 7. Photo by Rachel Chambers



T E A M P H O T O

Front: Eddie Lehnardt, Mike Snyder, Marty Kelsey, Robbie Wildhaber, Blake Flickenger.
Back: Greg Buhler, Eric Sharp, Ryan Casserly, Jurg Von Deschwander, Chris Scott. *Photo by David Dice*



F R E E T H R O W

Paul Morford, jr, starting center, lined up for a freethrow shot in the last home game against Center on Feb. 25. Morford was the high scorer for that game with 23 points. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

S E N I O R S

Zac Wolfer (right) and Pat Taylor play offensively against the Excelsior Springs Tigers after Wolfer's rebound. The Tigers defeated Liberty in a close game, 34-36. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*





D E T E R M I N A T I O N

Chad Evans, jr, shown here plays point guard in a JV game early in the season against Ruskin Eagles. Evans who started for the JV team also played for the Varsity team. Photo by Jennifer Mallon

T I M E O U T

The Blue Jay's coach Wayne VanDyne calls a time out mid-way through a varsity game against Kearney in the first round of the Raymore-Peculiar tourny. Liberty defeated Kearney 54-51. Photo by Angie Wright

Victories and success were just one side of what was gained throughout the season, friendships had strong value.

B A S K E T B A L L



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wins and losses for both JV and varsity. Players agreed that the games against Hickman Mills and Center were two of the most challenging games of the season. The Center game, Jan. 31, was televised as Game of the Week on American Cablevision, channel 30.

"Hickman Mills has been the hardest team to play," Eddie Lehnardt, soph, JV player, said, "They have good defense and they can jump and they are quick, but I also think they have some kind of curse on our team. We've never beaten them."

The coaches had an effect on each player in a different way. The coaches were Wayne VanDyne, head coach, and Mark Matney his assistant. John Vickers, an assistant coach last season, took over as head JV coach this year.

"The coaches push us hard to do our best and to win, so I think the way they pushed us was a big effect on us," said Robbie Wildhaber, soph,



"My favorite part of being on the team is the sence of being a part of something very special," said Pat Taylor, senior.

JV player.

"The coaches help to give us plays, to run, to score. They help us play better in practice and do better in the games," said Blake Flickinger, soph, JV player.

The players not only possessed good memories of the athletic and competitive sides to the season but they remembered all the off court closeness they gained.

"My favorite part about the season was hanging out with all the other guys on the team," said Schroer.

Zac Wolfer, sr, varsity player said, "My favorite part about being on the team is the friendships that I made this year and the good times we had together."

Andy Longstreth, jr, varsity starting guard, summed up the dedication and reward of the basketball season and his favorite part of it, as "Just being a part of the team trying to accomplish one common goal." —Lisa Smithmier and Lynn Jones

U P AND O V E R

Sophomore Bobby Taylor flips an opponent in the match against Excelsior. Taylor's turnaround season earned him the title of Most Improved from last season. *Photo by Eric Glenn*

Varsity & J.V.

LaFayette 28-42	LaFayette 60-18
Kearney 39-22	Kearney 45-30
Ft. Osage 32-33	Ft. Osage 36-36
North K.C. 19-41	North K. C. 48-24
Ruskin 54-9	Ruskin 60-18
Center 48-19	Center 64-6
Hickman Mills 46-19	Hickman Mills 60-18
St. Joe Central 26-35	St. Joe Central 28-33
Belton 18-45	Belton 48-29
Excelsior Springs 3-56	Excelsior Springs ... 39-37
Liberty Quad 1st	Ft. Osage Tourn. 8th
O'Hara Tourn. 3rd	St. Joe Cntrl. Tourn. ... 6th
Winnetonka Tourn. 7th	Oak Park Tourn. 3rd
Oak Park Tourn. 6th	Ex. Springs 9-10
District 7th	Kearney 9-10



F O R T H E P I N

Senior Brent Snyder places his Hickman Mills opponent in a cow catcher hold. *Photo by Tracy Barron*

T E A M P H O T O

Front row: Brent Snyder, Andy Perez, Aaron Benson, Matt Essary, Pat Mendoza, Justin Thomas, Todd Crossley, Demetrius Harris. **Second row:** Chris Braughton, John Hatfield, Glendon Ferry, Landon Worthy, Danny Bonikowski, Max Deal, Brandon Dolt, Kenny Gawronski, Jason Jones, Travis Stone. **Third row:** Kathy Gawronski, Kim Brown, mngrs; Dustin Yeates, Calvin Buhler, John Roseberry, David Soto, Carrie Brown, mngr; Bobby Taylor, Coach George Hoover. **Fourth Row:** Coach Dennis Blochlinger, Eric Glenn, Chris Goll, Brett Rinker, Layfe Haney, Larry Reynolds, Brian Beard, Wayne Hayes, Shane Coon, Jim Clemenson, Coach Chris Choice. **Back Row:** Chris Ramsey, Bobby Armstrong, Frank Mendoza, Shaun Haney, Josh Gillespie, Steve Fahrng, Wes Hamerlee, Joe Compton, Shaun Symmonds. *Photo by David Dice*





WRESTLING

Overcoming a disappointing season, the Grapplers, nonetheless, show tremendous improvement

IMAGINE THIS TYPICAL pre-meet morning: A wrestler enters the weight room and steps on the scale. After toying a bit with the balances, the scale finally evens out. He inspects it carefully; he has made weight! He can wrestle tonight!

Although the team did not have a winning season, they performed much better than last year.

"The same eight returning lettermen who had 30 wins between them last year had 119 wins this year," said Head Coach George Hoover.

The majority of these wins came from Demetrius Harris, sr, with 20 wins; Brent Snyder, sr, with 18; Matt Essary, sr, with 16; and Josh Ellis, sr; Aaron Benson, sr; Josh Gillespie, jr; Chris Goll, jr; and Andy Perez, sr, all with 8.

"My goals were to make first team All-Conference, which I got, and to qualify for State, which I didn't do," said Brent Snyder, sr, who earned the title of Mr. 101 Percent.



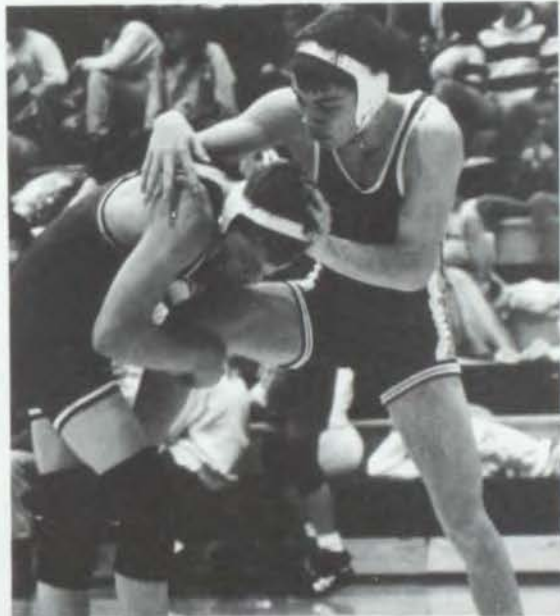
"Being in the upper weight classes you get pressure laid on you to win the last match," said Shane Coon, jr.

Maybe Snyder didn't qualify for state, but sophomore Bobby Taylor did. Taylor made a huge turn around from last year's disappointing record of one win and 12 losses to this year's record of 27 wins and 12 losses. Taylor not only qualified for State but managed to place 6th in his weight bracket, 103 pounds.

"At the beginning of the season, I looked at last year's record and told myself that I wanted to do better. Little did I know, three months later I would be 6th at State!" said Taylor.

"I think I did really well. I wish I could have gone to State, but I have two more years to do that," said Hatfield.

A few Grapplers made the All-conference team. Snyder made first team in the 160 lbs weight class. Perez (130), Essary (135), Harris (145), and Layfe Haney (171), jr, earned 2nd team. Honorable mention was given to Taylor (103). —Jeff Chatlos



VICTORIOUS

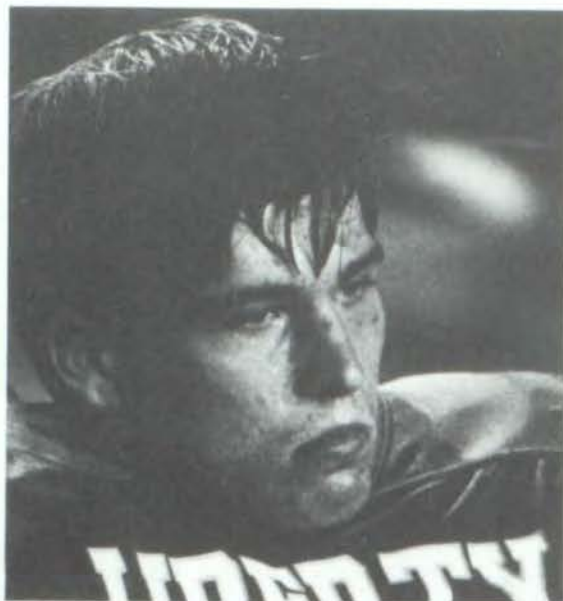
Brent Snyder, sr, stands victorious after winning a match against Fort Osage. Snyder had a winning record with 18 wins and 14 losses. He managed to place first in the Liberty Quad meet in his (160) weight class. Photo by Tracy Barron

OH THAT HURTS!

Sophomore John Hatfield places his opponent in a single leg hold during Sectionals. Hatfield had a winning season this year with a record of 20 wins and 14 losses. He was one of four Sectional qualifiers. Photo by Kim Cook

EMOTIONS

For Danny Engel, sr, the football sectional game was an emotional loss. Oak Park won with the score of 14-0. For the Blue Jays this was the first game of the state play-offs. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*



WINNING

Winning the match, Demetrius Harris, sr, took the victory against his opponent from Hickman Mills. Harris is one of the Blue Jays' first-time sectional qualifiers. *Photo by Tammy Welch*



DETERMINATION

Winning and losing, it's all in how you play the game, what feelings go into the season, and a little determination

YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING EVERYDAY AND WORKING HARD TO KEEP YOUR STATE RECORD. IT'S A WEEK BEFORE THE BIG GAME AND EVERYONE IS COUNTING ON YOU TO PULL THE TEAM THROUGH....

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat go into all sports students participate in.

Winning and losing bring out many anxieties.

"When a team wins an important game, there is a natural high that comes with the win. We bond as a team and come out victorious," said Eric Schriever, jr.

"Sometimes losing makes you work harder to improve yourself," said Anne Cole, sr.

Significant wins or losses are easily remembered by athletes.

"My most memorable win was the district championship baseball game last year against Oak Park," said Brett Schroer, jr.

Jeni Klamm, sr, said, "Our girls basketball game against North Kansas City was my most



"Winning makes me feel like all the early morning practices were worth it," said Jennifer Wendl, jr.

memorable game because we went into overtime which made it even better because we haven't beat them in ten years."

"Last year at swimming conference preliminaries my time dropped from 1:15 to 1:12, which meant I made it to finals. At first I didn't believe it; my body ached from pain and also from excitement," said Lynn Stull, jr.

A past season, in some cases, might affect a player's performance and the amount of effort put into the present season.

"Since this year was my senior year, I tried harder to do well because it's my last year for high school sports," said Sheila Mendyk, sr.

Jonathan Knauss, sr, said, "I always try to go above and beyond what I accomplished the year before. If the season ends with a memorable loss, I try to learn from my mistakes and make sure they don't happen again."
— Lynn Jones





C H A M P I O N S

Cross Country varsity runners John Maher, soph, John Peterson, Tom Pierce, srs, Russ Morrill, jr, Chad Drew, sr, Zac Cramer, frosh, and Brian Lawler, jr, came in first at the Suburban Conference Championships. *Photo by Angela Wright*



M E D I T A T I N G

Chris Elbow, sr, meditates before getting ready for his next event in swimming. Elbow's best events are 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard backstroke, and 200-yard medley relay. He qualified for state in both individual events and got second in backstroke last year. *Photo by Kelli Delahunty*

C O M R A D E R Y

Zane Zismer, Brandon Bell, jrs, and Tim Honey, sr, congratulate each other after a good play. The Blue Jay soccer team was narrowly defeated in this game against Oak Park with the score 1-2. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*



Photo by Jennifer Mullon

StuCo was just one of the clubs that tried to help the community by moving forward with the highway cleanup. Elizabeth Walsh, soph, and Nathaniel Hunold did their share of picking up trash along 291 Highway in front of McDonald's and Walmart.



Backward



From tasting French pastries or tacos in Spanish Club to volunteering at the Nature Sanctuary with NHS, clubs offered a diversion from the more structured environment of classes. Curt Blanc, sr and president of National Honor Society, certainly knows Organizations *Backward & Forward*:

“Different extracurricular clubs at Liberty High School continued to be a fun way for students with similar interests to spend their time. Although clubs had always been well received, this year was even better. Art club was bigger than ever and FCA became a well-attended club.

“Liberty presented a wide range of organized clubs this past year, many of which were open to any student at LHS. Liberty also had clubs with prerequisites and or qualifications such as National Honor Society, Mock Trial, and Scholar Bowl. Clubs, like French Club and Spanish Club, allowed students to share interests and to exchange knowledge on a common topic, while other academic clubs competed in events relating to their interests, including debate which was not only an extracurricular club but now was offered as a class. Still other clubs, like NHS, PTSA, and Stu-Co worked to improve their community through voluntary service.

“LHS has a wide variety of different clubs and organizations, enough to meet just about anyone's interests. The clubs at school this year obviously seemed to be moving not backward but forward.”

Forward

Class action

With memories in the making, students found StuCo was a way to voice their opinions and to make a difference in the history of LHS.

For example, when the Pistols football game against our rival Excelsior Springs rolled around, cheerleaders, football players, and students were prepared for the annual pep assembly. The only problem was the administration hadn't scheduled it this year. It disappointed students when they found out, but StuCo had a meeting the day before the game and tried to change the decision.

"I and a few others talked to Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Butler about the problem. They said they'd try to work it out," said President Tal Curry, sr.

A faculty meeting was also planned for that same evening.

"Basically, all that happened is that the administration didn't know about it, and the faculty wasn't informed. At the faculty meeting, there was a vote for it, and the administration ended up making a schedule for the end of

the (next) day for the assembly," said Chad Jones, vice president, sr.

Other issues were discussed throughout the year. Treasurer Angi Kosa, sr, brought up a problem regarding cheerleaders and Pom-pon members. All squad members had to pay \$50 for uniforms which they borrowed until the end of the year. She and others felt that it was unfair when other athletic teams paid nothing.

"I brought the topic up in these groups we get into called action groups. We worked on certain topics and that was ours. I think it will happen," Kosa said.

Council gave people a chance to hold office, too.

"I liked my sign idea. It was fun because I felt like people were listening. I'm glad people liked it," said junior class secretary John Sweetwood.

"When I ran for Student Council, I really stepped out on a limb. I'd never done anything like that before. I've learned to take more risks," said Michelle Hoeseth, senior treasurer. —*Kerrie Kelly*



STUDENT EXCHANGE

day provides a chance for council members to meet students from Park Hill High School. Tal Curry, president, sr, takes time out to talk to a junior from Park Hill. Photo by Tabby Hale



WHAT WAS THE TOPIC?

Angi Kosa, Kevin Tulipana, Chad Jones, srs, and others discuss plans for the second annual Mr. Liberty pageant. Vice president Jones led this meeting. Photo by Jennifer Copeland





291 HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

is a service that StuCo does for the community. Sponsor Mr. Lee Hunold, Elizabeth Walsh, soph, and Melissa Deleal, jr, pick up litter. *Photo by Jennifer Mallon*

TIME FOR APPLAUSE

for John Sweetwood, who used this sign to end his election speech. Sweetwood was named Junior Class secretary. *Photo by Eric Glenn*



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

“There’s a lot of time and effort demanded throughout the year.

It’s a commitment — that’s the bottom line.”

Lee Hunold,
sponsor



STUDENT COUNCIL: BACK

row: Justin Makemson, Larry Reynolds, Jake Fichter, Jason Groves, Tal Curry, Chad Jones, Bill Sudholt. **Third row:** Cole Wheeler, James DeWees, Carolyn Wepler, Amy Kelly, Lisa Smithmier, Johnna Ferguson, Michelle Hoseth. **Second row:** C.W. Stessman, Kevin Tullipana, Leslie Boswell, Anne Cole, Melissa Deleal, Elizabeth Walsh, John Sweetwood, Lee Hunold. **First row:** Kelly Kerr, Johnna Dahlberg, Kate Isley, Matt Nichols, Stacey Morrison, Mindy Overman, Jenny Peters. **Not pictured:** Angi Kosa, Jennifer Wendl. *Photo by David Dice.*

Debate and Forensics

BETWEEN SESSIONS AT the conference meet in Lee's Summit, Tricia Willis and Jennifer Benskin, sophs, prepare negative evidence. Photo by Tracey Barren



FOR A DRAMATIC INTERPRETA- tion, Mikala Shipman, soph, imitates a bird during the conference forensics meet at Lee's Summit. Photo by Meagan Pack



Accepting change

The new season brought many additions to the debate team this year. Probably the most noticeable was the addition of forensics. Also new to the team was the coach, Lora Ackerman.

Ackerman said that the year's largest obstacle was the number of novices. The only two returning debaters were seniors April Brendle and Susan Waters. Everyone was new to forensics.

Ackerman said that her only strategy was to have an "ethical, cordial, and clear-thinking" team. According to Ackerman, everything else would come naturally. And it did.

Preparation was the key to success in competition. Brendle said, "If you don't know what you're opponents have got [to use against you], then you're not prepared."

Their experience helped Waters and Brendle to place

second overall at the meet with St. Joe Central. "It was rewarding to get some recognition for our work," said Brendle.

At the conference meet in Lee's Summit, Michelle Fillinger, jr, tied for sixth while Brendle placed second in prose and sixth in extemporaneous speaking.

At the district meet in Warrensburg, the team took third in sweepstakes.

In addition, two debate teams tied for third place. They were Marty Kelsey, soph, with Ashley West, soph, and Brendle with Waters.

Also, Brendle placed fourth in extemporaneous speaking, and Waters placed second in prose.

In preparation for the future, Ackerman said, "We're really counting on this year's novices coming back next year to help us out." —Ryan Calder





PICTURED ARE AS FOLLOWS: BACK ROW, from left: Kathy Burr, Adam Alderson, Lorraine Allen, Michelle Hoppe, Ashley West, April Brendle, Susan Waters, Michelle Fillinger, Melissa DeLeal, Jennifer Hendricks, Lora Ackerman, Christi Poffenberger, Amy Martin, Lisa Livingston. **Second row, from left:** Larry Reynolds, Tim Buchholz, Taja Guthridge, Sara Gonzalez, Lisa Scott, Jennifer Brunz, Meagan Pack, Chris Elliot, Jennifer Benskin. **Third row, from left:** Sarah Woody, Suzan Kehoe, Robby Davidson, Gillian Hanson, James McDonald, Layfe Haney, Jeff Driggers, Marty Kelsy. **Front row, from left:** Scott Martin, Kristie Buhler, Kathy Gawronski, Andy Dotson, Tricia Willis, Burton Smith. **Not pictured:** Phil Dorsey, Mikala Shipman, Leslie Boswell, Jack DeWees, Autumn Herrmann, Denise Maskill, Chris Collins, Jake Summers, Johnna Dahlberg, Rachel Chambers. *Photo by Tabby Hale*



“Forensics is a more individual thing. It really challenges you as an individual.”

April Brendle, sr

DURING THE CONFERENCE meet in Lee's Summit, Michelle Fillinger, jr, performs her dramatic interpretation of "The Belle of Amherst". *Photo by Meagan Pack*

APRIL BRENDLE, SR, MAKES A suggestion for a cross-examination question to her partner, Susan Waters, sr. The girls took second in districts. *Photo by Tracey Barren*

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Club de Español

Spanish Involvement

Would you rather have dinner at Chi-Chi's or play a soccer game against the rivaling French Club? Or are you more interested in playing Spanish board games or do you like to get out, maybe you would enjoy caroling at the Plaza. Do you like movies? Spanish Club watched *El Norte* during one meeting.

The members of the Spanish club were interested in all these and covered them all, plus more.

The Spanish Club and other Spanish students are planning a trip to Mexico, soon after summer begins. This will top off and wrap up the clubs activities for 1991-92.

Soon after the club festivities began to unfold in the fall, the officer's were elected. The club president is Pat Mendoza, sr, vice president is Tim Honey, sr, and Lisa Cain, sr, is the secretary. Justin Makemson, jr, is the Student Council representative.

"I think it's (Spanish Club) a fun way to bring the idea of foreign language into the regular school day and activities," said

Makemson.

"We get to go out with more people and socialize more," said Cain.

Mrs. Janice Cox was a first year teacher at Liberty and also took on the club sponsor responsibilities.

"It was a way to get to know all the Spanish students, not just my own," said Cox.

"She's really serious and spontaneous about club. She wants Spanish Club to be very active," said Lisa Cain.

Students agreed that the club had come a long way since last year but Cox still has plan's and expectations.

Cox said she would like to see more participation, but that was difficult because many of her most active members were involved in other activities. She said next year she would like to publicize it more. "To me Spanish Club is a way to do things I can't do with my classes. The club is a way to have fun with the Spanish language and the culture."

— Lisa Smithmier



CAROLING AT THE PLAZA

was the main event for the club during the holiday season. From left are, Dennis Chepumov, sr, Jeff Driggers, soph, Ross Landyt, jr, Mrs. Janis Cox, Amy Blumenheim, jr, Shannon Bissel, soph. Photo by Lisa Cain

MAKING THE MOST OF THE

food, Lisa Cain, sr, pretends to start a pleasant food fight with her friends at the fiesta at Chi-Chi's with her friends. Cain is also the club's secretary. Photo by Winona Gasswint





CHI-CHI'S MEXICAN

Restaurant was the location for the Spanish Club's dinner. John Nash (left) and Pat Mendoza, club president, concentrate on their Hispanic food.

Photo by Lisa Cain

SEÑORA JANICE COX IS

the new spanish teacher and the new Spanish and AFS clubs' sponsor. *Photo by Tabby Hale*

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“Mrs. Cox is really serious and spontaneous about the club. She wants us to be very active.”

Lisa Cain,
senior



CLUB MEMBERS PHOTO

Top row: Mrs. Janis Cox, Mikala Shipman, Tracy Meseberg. **Middle row:** Shawn Beecher, Lisa Cain, Amanda Mendenhall. **Front row:** Jeff Driggers, Justin Makemson, Alicia Forby. **Not Pictured:** Ellen Bartels, Amy Cox, Sarah Gonzalez, Tim Honey, Angela McCleish, Pat Mendoza, John Nash. *Photo by Tracey Barron*

Le Cercle Français

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Jamie Scarborough, soph, Amdt Brocker, sr, Cara Lovell, soph, and Wanda Washburn, soph, put this puzzle of Haiti together. Photo by Tammy Welch



CHECKING THE CONSISTENCY,

Holly Messinger, sr, observes the cheese while it is melting. Fondue is considered a famous cheese dip in France. Photo by Tammy Welch



Exploring new worlds

Vive la France! This famous French saying means "Long live France!" Many members of French Club learned this.

About 50 students belonged to the French Club.

The main purpose of this club was to provide French students the opportunity to do the things which there wasn't the time or the facility to do in French class. However, it was not a requirement for club members to belong to a French class.

Elected officers were Michelle Thomas, sr, president; Shelly Stumme, sr, secretary; and Jenny Peters, jr, StuCo Representative. Ms. Gaye McCarty-Stevick, French teacher, was adviser of the club.

The club was involved in various activities from sampling French cuisine to watching foreign films.

Also, as in the past, the club defeated the Spanish Club in the annual French/Spanish soccer game.

Another tradition for the club

was spreading a little extra holiday cheer throughout the Christmas season by singing Christmas carols in French. French carols were performed on the Plaza and on Liberty square.

Watching the film *La femme Nikita* was also one of the more popular activities.

"My favorite activity was watching the movies," said Mrs. Gaye Stevick-McCarty, French teacher. "It was interesting to see how much students understood."

According to most, preparing and sampling French food was the most enjoyable.

"I like the French food," said Autumn Hurman, soph. "It is interesting to see what other cultures have."

Other students admitted that they might use what they have learned in the future, too.

"I would like to take French all throughout college and spend a year studying in France," said Jenny Peters, jr. "I think it is important for people to be bilingual."

—Kassie Kelly





GROUP SHOT. FRONT ROW: Jason Groves, **SECOND ROW:** Kathy Gawronski, Jenny Peters, Carrie Brown, Lisa Untch, Alana Saylor, Wanda Washburn, Mindy Chapman. **THIRD ROW:** Kenny Gawronski, Michelle Thomas, Shelly Stumme, Taunya Zenz, Kim Brown, Mrs. Gaye Stevick-McCarty. **BACK ROW:** Jordan Groves, Kris McDonough, Mark Rooney, Michelle Martin, Charles Anderson, Jeff Steinmeyer, Jeff Chatlos, Andrew Gugler.



"I really enjoyed going caroling. We got to go places and have fun. I learned a lot of new French words."

Taunya Zenz,
jr

MICHELLE THOMAS, SR, MS. McCarty-Stevick, French teacher, Diana Erickson, sr, and Taunya Zenz, jr, go caroling during the holidays. *Photo by Lisa Cain*

LISTENING INTENTLY, DANNY Bonakowski, soph, and Shawn Campell, soph, learn new words with Ms. Gaye McCarty-Stevick's assistance. *Photo by Tammy Welch*

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The Culture Club

Want to bob for apples on a cold autumn day? No? Well, believe it or not, this was what AFS club did for their Halloween party Oct. 29 when it was unusually chilly out.

"That was my first time bobbing for apples. It was cold, but it was worth it. The apples were great," said Arndt Brocker, a senior from Germany.

To keep the club in full swing, other activities occupied the students' time. A Thanksgiving feast, a Christmas party, a foreign film, and more kept them busy.

"We had a lot of cultural food, and we got to know a little about Dennis Chepumov's culture and his government in Russia," said Lisa Cain, sr, who attended the Thanksgiving feast.

Jennifer Hendricks, jr, went to the Christmas party. "We played board games, ate snacks, and talked about what normal people talk about. It was fun," she said.

The gatherings served two main purposes. They provided exchange students and American students a chance to form new

friendships and to gain a broader knowledge about each other's culture while having fun at the same time, according to most members.

"I've learned about our differences with other countries, and although we are different, we still have a lot in common," said Alicia Forby, sr.

"American culture is such a combination of other cultures that learning European, German, etc. is important for understanding why we do the things we do," said Jake Summers, sr.

After leaving their families and friends for 11 months, exchange students had many reasons to get involved.

"I joined because I'm an exchange student and I wanted to learn more about people and their cultures," said Sara Gonzalez, who was from Spain.

"It's one thing to read about a country in a book, but I'd be getting someone else's opinion. It's not enough for a person who wants his own," said Chepumov.

—Kerrie Kelly



POPCORN AND A PEPSI

add to the entertainment while Alicia Forby and Lisa Cain, srs, watch the French film *Au Revoir Mes Enfants*. Photo by Tabby Hale.

A VOTE IS IN ORDER TO

contribute to the planning of activities like the Thanksgiving feast and the Valentines party. Days the activities would be held are decided. Photo by Rachel Chambers.



GERMAN STUDENT ARNDT

Brockner turns to talk with Tabby Hale (left), Jennifer Brunz, and Alicia Forby, srs. John Nash, sr. (far left) looks on. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

YOU DESERVE A BREAK

today. Dennis Chepurnov, a senior from Bukavo, Russia, pauses at the McDonalds statue at the country club plaza. *Photo by Lisa Cain*

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“It give’s me a broader view on life when I hear foreign students’ ideas.”

Jake Fichter,
Senior
Stuco Rep.



AFS CLUB: BACK ROW:

Mrs. Cox, Shawn Beecher, Jennifer Hendricks, Tracey Barron, John Nash.

Second row: Tabby Hale, Alicia Forby, Jennifer Brunz, Kelli Delahunty.

First row: Dennis Chepurnov, Arndt Brockner, Lisa Cain, James McDonald, Jacob Summers. **Not pictured:** Sara Gonzalez, Jacob Fichter, Hanna Palmblad, Mikala Shipman, Ellen Bartels. *Photo by Angela Wright*

ALL DRESSED UP FOR THE NIGHT
Andy Revell, sr. in rabbit suit, and Dennis Esser, sr. dressed as a bat, help with Wacky Woods and Wizard of the Woods during Halloween. Photo by Tracey Barron.



WAITING FOR THE ACTION
Michelle Hoseth and Diana Ericson, srs. arrived at Martha Lafite Nature Sanctuary early and had to wait for the beginning of activities at Wacky Woods. Photo by Tracey Barron



Aiming High

Hard work, character and determination are just a few of the requirements for students to be a part of National Honor Society.

NHS is for above average students who have at least a 3.5 GPA and are good citizens according to their teachers. A written essay and proof of active involvement in school and community are necessary for membership.

For example, the club helped with Wacky Woods, Wizard of the Woods, and the Community Christmas Tree, and gave Valentines and colored Easter eggs for a kids' hunt at Martha Lafite Nature Sanctuary.

Members also raised money for the Salvation Army at Christmas time, in cooperation with In-As-Much Ministries.

"Around different holidays we were volunteers for fun activities for kids," said Michelle Hoseth sr.

Wacky Woods was a children's trail at Earnest Shepherd for Halloween where members dressed up like trees and animals to tell the children about nature.

Wizard of the Woods, a haunted trail, was a night-tolder kids. During the day, adults could also walk through the trail.

A major change occurred when a faculty council decided to have an induction to the society mid-year, in addition to the May induction for juniors.

"We can have inductions whenever needed but we decided that the students didn't have a fair chance to get in their community hours and attend meetings before the end of the school year," said Mrs. Helen Winter, adviser.

"I think it is a good idea to give newly qualified seniors and new students the opportunity to become members," said Curt Blanc, president.

And, many members said they felt honor society really benefitted them.

"Participating in NHS can strengthen both communication and social skills which will be necessary for almost any career one might encounter," said Andy Revell sr. — *Kassandra Perrette*





THE GANG'S ALL HERE: FRONT

Row: Eric Johnson, Jonathan Knauss, Curt Blanc, Scott Martin, Tom Pierce, Bill Sudholt. **Second Row:** Sean Breecher, Leslie Boswell, Nichole Steinmeyer, Michelle Hoseth, April Brendle. **Third Row:** Lisa Unch, Diana Ericson, Shelly Stumme, Tory Norton, Karen Klemme, Amber Grimes, Mindy Chapman, Becky Battles, Michelle Thomas. **Back Row:** Scott Preston, Brian Guggenmas, Cathy Bussjaeger, Jennifer Nye, Marly Daily, Jenny Whitiker, Tracey Barron, Jason Groves. **Not Pictured:** Andy Revell, Dennis Esser, Cole Wheeler, Angi Kosa
Photo by Kassandra Perrette



“Being a part of the National Honor Society gives us the opportunity to volunteer in the community to build character.”

Marly Daily,
 sr

ATTENDING THE MEETING

Cathy Bussjaeger, Scott Martin, Jenny Whitiker, and Amber Grimes, srs, wait for the induction ceremony to begin.
Photo by Tracey Barron

BECOMING A MEMBER, MARLY

Daily shakes Curt Blanc's hand before signing the National Honor Society's scroll of members of the past and present. *Photo by Tracey Barron*

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Working together

The Parent Teacher Student Association, better known as PTSA, displayed the quality of their name this past year by getting the three main elements—parents, teachers, and students—working together.

Working together they gave us the jam sessions throughout the year, their number one money source next to memberships sold at \$3.00 per person. PTSA also sponsored other activities such as the back to school dance; back to school night for parents; a monthly newsletter; the local rendition of the nation-wide Red Ribbon Week, a week dedicated to preventing the use of drugs; the annual parent teacher conference dinner; a graduation gift to active PTSA seniors, and the yearly teacher appreciation week.

"We have succeeded in carrying out all of our plans we discussed at our meeting we had before school started," said Mary Edwards, adult president.

PTSA met the second Monday of every month in Room 10 to plan

activities and to discuss other possible programs for the school.

Officers included Michelle Thomas, student president and Mary Edwards, adult president; Cindy Hansen student senior vice-president and Judy McBurney adult senior vice-president in charge of hospitality; Jennifer Hendricks student junior vice-president and Judy Ferguson adult junior vice-president in charge of programs; the mother-daughter team of Kate Isley student sophomore vice-president and Carole Isley adult sophomore vice-president in charge of membership; student secretary Jean Vivian, jr, and adult secretary Belinda Turner; and student treasurer Michael Turner, jr, and adult treasurer Sue Berry.

As a result of the year's membership committee PTSA acquired 243 members.

"I think we had quite a few good ideas, but we needed more students to get involved," said Jennifer Hendricks, jr.—Cindy Hansen



MICHAEL TURNER, JR., STUDENT treasurer and Kate Isley, soph, student vice-president, attend the November meeting. Turner is reading the minutes of the October meeting to the group. During the meeting the jam session was discussed. Photo by Tabby Hale

STACY BERRY, JR., HER MOTHER Sue Berry, adult treasurer, Mrs. Mary Lou Fillinger, parent, Mr. Martin Jacobs, principal, and Mr. Mike Chambers, teacher, discuss the state convention attended by some of the leaders. Photo by Tabby Hale





THE PRESIDENTS OF PTSA, Mary Edwards, parent, and Michelle Thomas, sr, prepare for their monthly meeting with the other active members. *Photo by Tabby Hale*

THE CROWD WATCHES AS THE band Rattlebone performs at the fall jam session, one of the many projects the PTSA sponsors out for the school. *Photo by Eric Glenn*



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“We have succeeded in carrying out all of our plans we discussed at our meeting we had before school started.”

Mrs. Mary Edwards, adult president



ACTIVE PTSA MEMBERS ARE pictured at left. **Top Row:** Amanda Mendenhall, soph, Ryan Calder, soph, Michelle Thomas, sr, Buffy Woodson, sr, Jennifer Hendricks, jr, Carrie Brown, soph, **Middle Row:** Julie Whitaker, soph, Kim Amer, soph, Kate Isley, soph, Cindy Hansen, sr, **Bottom Row:** Jacklyn Ferguson, soph, Jeanne Vivian, jr, Kim Brown, soph. *Photo by Tabby Hale*

Future Problem Solvers

FOR THE SECOND PROBLEM sophomores Josh Palmer and Jennifer Jarrett brainstorm with their team. The team included Helen Johnson, Ellen Bartels, and Jason Shoemaker. Photo by Jennifer Mallon



"THE LEGAL EPIDEMIC" was the title of the second scenario. Jason Shoemaker, soph, writes out solutions to his team's problems. Teams compete at the state level to advance to nationals. Photo by Jennifer Copeland



Fix it before it happens

When asked exactly what she did to help the kids, coach Cecilia Patterson said, "Threats. Lots of threats." She also helped students with their research and encouraged them. "These students are so absolutely fascinating," said Patterson. "They defy explanation."

The students' goal was to identify and solve problems in a scenario. They were given a "fuzzy" situation that outlined a specific circumstance in the future. Students then brainstormed possible problems with the scenario and selected an underlying problem.

The students' next task was to brainstorm solutions to their problem. Then they wrote criteria by which to evaluate the solutions, and determine which was best.

This year's topics were Space Exploration, The Legal Epidemic, Sports Ethics, and Land Use.

Patterson spends an esti-

mated two hours working with individual teams, and has been known to spend over fifteen hours in instructing the sophomore teams on the process involved.

Patterson remarked that it was a lucky year for topics, considering that they were chosen three years ago. This year's students will choose the topics for use during the 1994-1995 school year.

Two out of this year's five teams received a first rating. Three of the teams were comprised of sophomores, having little or no experience at Problem Solving.

"We were goofing around a lot more than normal, and were worried about our work," said Jason Groves, sr. "Somehow, we still got a 'one' rating on that problem, though."

Patterson said, "It was a shame that we didn't get our results to learn from our mistakes." —Ryan Calder





PROBLEM SOLVERS ARE AS follows: **Back row, from left:** Jennifer Jarrett, Josh Palmer, Jason Shoemaker, Ellen Bartels, Jenny Peters, Mark Rooney, Bill Sudholt, and Ryan Calder. **Front row, from left:** Shelly Stumme, Brent O'Dell, Jordan Groves, Curt Blanc, Eric Johnson, Jason Groves, and Helen Johnson. **Not pictured:** Andy Revell, Jeff Cain, Jenny Matthews, Kate Isley, and Amy Sorenson. *Photo by Tabby Hale*



"It takes a lot of thought and at times I really had to challenge myself to meet the deadlines."

Jenny Matthews, soph

HELEN JOHNSON, SOPH. writes out her share of the problems. Her team divided up the list to speed up completion. *Photo by Jennifer Copeland*

WORKING ON THE TEAM'S solution criteria at right with Cecilia Patterson is Ryan Calder, soph. His teammates were Josh Palmer, soph, Jennifer Jarrett, soph, and Jenny Matthews, soph. *Photo by Jennifer Mallon*

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Fellowship and fun

"Are you going to FCA tonight?"

"FCA? What's that?"

"You'll just have to come and find out."

FCA, or Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is a national organization of athletes who have banded together to worship Christ. They have chapters all over the U.S. in both high schools and colleges. Liberty's chapter is relatively new.

"We've been around just over a year," said Mr. Dennis Blochlinger, Huddle Coach. "We do a wide range of activities. We have an activity night, a video night, a guest speaker night, and a Bible study night so we can vary our activities."

FCA met on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. at Winstead's or at somebody's house. From there they may go out on a Polaroid scavenger hunt or be spoken to by people such as Dan Meers, who plays Casey the Wolf, or Paul Hubbard, one of the area FCA directors.

"We average anywhere from

15-20 people per meeting. . . hopefully still growing," said Blochlinger.

The group was led by officers Robbie Davidson, jr, president; Lori Chance, sr, vice-president; Cathy Bussjaeger, sr, secretary; and Andrew Kellermeyer, jr, treasurer.

"FCA's basic purpose is to present Jesus Christ to athletes and coaches as their savior and Lord and to help them to grow in a relationship with him through activities and fellowship through church," said Davidson.

The club also did a number of other activities outside of their regular meetings which ranged from going to Royals or Chiefs' games to going to Liberty basketball games together.

"FCA is not just for athletes. It's for everyone that wants to strengthen their relationship with Christ," said Chance.

"FCA: The choice of a new. . . naah. How about FCA: Gotta have it!" said Daniel Kellermeyer, jr. —Jeff Chatlos



I GOT IT! JEFF CHATLOS, Russ Morrill, Todd McDonald, Justin Makemson, Brent Taylor, jr; and Cody Winter, soph, dive for the ball at the Royals versus Twins game. Photo by Kim Cook.

VIDEOS WERE OFTEN part of the evening's plan. Jamie Trapp, Brent Taylor and Robbie Davidson, jr, watch a video at senior Lori Chance's house. Photo by Kim Cook





AT THE WATERMELON

feed, Ann Cole, sr, Cathy Bussjaeger, sr, Erin Mark, soph, and Nikki Hoover, jr, talk and laugh together while gathered at Winstead's parking lot. *Photo by Kim Cook*

MARK ROONEY, JR, STUFFS

his face at the FCA watermelon feed before the Royals game in September. They participated in many activities such as this throughout the year. *Photo by Kim Cook*



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“FCA is not just for athletes. It's for everyone that wants to strengthen their relationship with Christ.”

Lori Chance, sr



FRONT ROW: Bryan Lawler, Brent Taylor, Josh Ellis, Andrew Jenkins, Dennis Eisenbarth **Second Row:** Dan Wohletz, Sean Price, Daniel Kellermeyer, Scott Lamberth, Matt Otto, Tom Pierce. **Third Row:** Tom Hufty, Bobby Taylor, Tim Honey, Cody Winter, Jamie Trapp, Jon Peterson. **Fourth Row:** Erik Poitras, Jeff Steinmeyer, Andrew Kellermeyer, Jeff Chatlos, Kris McDonough, Paul Wohletz. **Fifth Row:** Dennis Blochlinger, Robbie Davidson, Lori Chance, Kim Cook, Cathy Bussjaeger, Kari Cull. *Photo by Rachel Chambers*

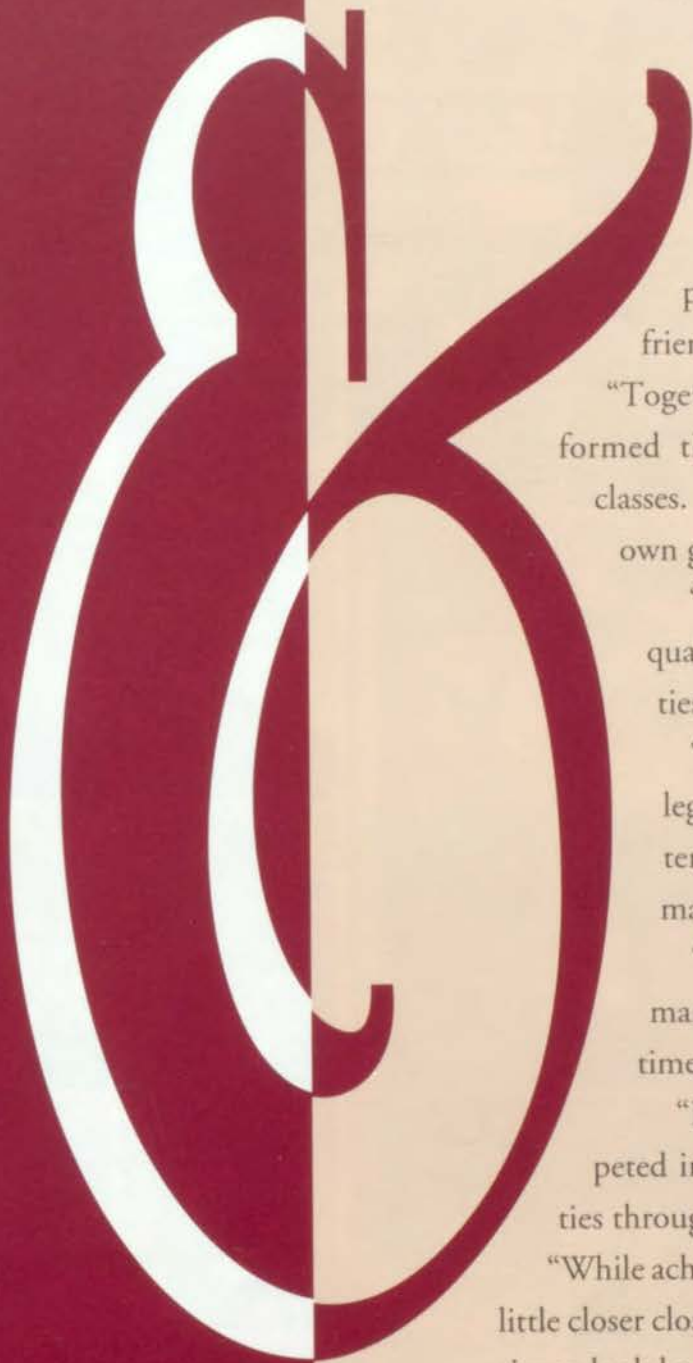


Photo by Tracey Barron

As sophomores, juniors, seniors and faculty, we knew each other backward and forward through the daily routine. Yet as a group we became "Blue Jay Pride – Blue Jay Power" as depicted in the banner that was hung at every home game.



Backward



From registering at the beginning of school to the graduation ceremony, students spent time learning about others and themselves. Jenny Peters, jr and feature columnist for *The Bell*, certainly knows *People Backward & Forward*:

“When we look back on our high school yearbook in future years, we will probably laugh at the clothes we wore or chuckle at the way we styled our hair. Some of us will remember fondly a time when we even had hair. Though we’ll get much joy from just looking at our pictures, they will trigger memories of friendships, parties and personalities.

“Together all the individual personalities formed the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. Each class, like each person, had its own goals for this year.

“Sophomores focused on getting acquainted with a new school and its activities, and meeting different people.

“Juniors struggled to prepare for college by taking harder classes and attempted to fund Prom with sluggish magazine sales.

“Graduation and college were goals for many seniors. Having fun in the meantime was also a priority.

“In addition to teaching, faculty competed in dress-up days and chaperoned activities throughout the year.

“While achieving these goals, each person moved a little closer closer to the future, while making memories to look back on.”

Forward

Leigh Anne Adams
 Becca Ahrens
 Stephen Alltop
 Susan Amos
 Christina Anderson



Julie Baldrige
 David Ballew
 Korisa Bandalan
 Cheyenne Barbee
 Kelly Barker



Tracey Barron
 Stacy Bartholomaeus
 Becky Battles
 Shawn Beecher
 Wendy Bell



Aaron Benson
 Troy Benson
 Toni Bernard
 Shane Biggs
 Laura Bires



Laura Blackwell
 Curt Blanc
 Heather Bolsenga
 Travis Bolton
 Leslie Boswell



Travis Bowring
 Angela Bradshaw
 Jeff Brecht
 Shawn Breit
 April Brendle



Missing Friendships & Activities

After the diplomas have been handed out and the graduation caps have been thrown, high school memories will linger. Seniors, whether willing to admit it or not, will find some aspect of high school to miss.

Seniors may miss the friendships they've grown and cultivated with underclassmen and classmates over the last three years.

"I'll miss the people. I'll miss seeing everyone everyday," said Diana Erickson, sr.

Some seniors will miss activities unique to Liberty such as the annual French-Spanish soccer match, dress-up days or KLHS. Seniors may also miss sporting events, attending games, cheering the players or participating in the sport.

"I'll miss all of the Liberty versus Excelsior Springs athletic competition we've had all through high school," said Angela Bradshaw, sr.

If attending college after graduation, seniors will have to get used to the idea of being freshmen again and having to learn a new set of rules at a different school. Seniors will no longer have the security of high school — the familiar faces, the familiar classes and the familiar halls. Whatever the senior's plans are for after graduation, they will probably experience a new environment.

"I feel torn between worry and anxiety," said Bradshaw. "I worry that I'll lose touch with everyone. Wherever I'm going after high school, I worry I won't hit it off with everyone like I have here. I'm nervous because of all the new responsibilities. It's not all this little high school stuff anymore."

"Along with high school comes a set of guidelines to go by," said Amie Oscarson, sr. "We do get to choose, but there's always a limit to those choices. I'll miss that because outside of high school and home we have to make our own set of guidelines to chose from. They aren't just laid out in front of us anymore."

Spending three years at LHS

causes some seniors

to reminisce

—Mindy Chapman



Taking time out—Andy Dotson, Christina Anderson and Buffy Woodson, srs, talk between classes in the senior locker bay. Seniors, who used the gray locker bay, usually kept the same locker for three years. Photo by Lisa Cain

Tassels, Class Keys & More to Buy

Digging deeper, seniors
face the high costs
of graduation

—Kassandra Perrette

Money! Money! It's what everyone wanted but what seniors absolutely needed this year. Money talks when it comes to the final year in high school.

Now at the top, seniors paid big bucks for their freedom.

Parents did help some students pay for some of the costs.

"Both my parents and I pay," said Eric Johnson sr.

Not only were a cap and gown necessities, but many extras were purchased. Tassels, memory books college applications and announcements are all common expenses.

Graduation necessities could have cost over \$100. Announcements cost 44 cents each. Premium name cards were \$16.95 for a box of 100; yet, if you wanted the traditional name cards, they are only \$10.95. Memory albums ranged from \$12.95 to \$14.95. Renting a cap and gown cost \$15.00. If you wanted a class key or an extra tassel, the tassel would have cost you \$4.50 more and class keys ran from \$10.95-\$16.95. These costs made up most of what the senior had to pay.

"It's too much! I think high school graduation is important, yet so is paying for college and college graduation for me," said Kathy Haley, sr.

High school expenses were not the only things seniors had to pay for. Many also spent time and money preparing for college. Application fees ranged from \$10.00 - \$50.00, depending on the college.

Students also took trips to the colleges they planned to attend. Depending on distance from Liberty, travel expenses varied. After being accepted to college students put a down payment for room and board to save them a spot in the fall. Along with application and these other costs, they also needed to save some money for college.

So, paying all this money towards getting out of high school was just the beginning. For most seniors the expenses of college now lie ahead.



Forking over the dough —Lisa Livingston, and Michelle Nye stand in line waiting to pay for their graduation announcements and accessories. The Herff Jones Company sold items during lunches and before school. Photo by Dennis Esser



Arndt Brocker
Jennifer Brunz
Jared Buchan
Amy Buchanan
Stacy Buchanan



Aaron Buchholz
Jennifer Burke
Cathy Bussjaeger
Renea Byrd
Lisa Cain



Mike Carroll
Matt Carter
Michael Castagno
Samuel Caudle
Rachel Chambers



Carole Chamblin
Lori Chance
Brett Chaney
Melinda Chapman
Rebecca Chase



Anne Cole
Randall Combs
Brandy Comley
Chad Conkling
Kimberly Cook



Aaron Cramer
Christy Crawford
Todd Crossley
Tal Curry
Krista Cutler

Marly Dailey
 Tyler Davis
 Christina Deal
 Kelli Delahunty
 Jack DeWees



Robbie Dickerson
 Jeff Doran
 Phillip Dorsey
 Andrew Dotson
 Chad Drew



Carrie Dyke
 Donna Edwards
 Michele Edwards
 Dennis Eisenbarth
 Chris Elbow



Gary Elliott
 Joshua Ellis
 Danny Engel
 Diana Erickson
 Matthew Essary



Dennis Esser
 Angela Evans
 Danny Ewing
 Jacob Fichter
 Stephanie Fischer



Alicia Forby
 William Foster
 Daniel Frazier
 Donna Freeman
 Mindy Gardner



When We Were Sophomores & Juniors

Take a look back, seniors, and remember the last three years of your life. Throughout the years many changes have taken place.

To start with, remember being a sophomore, being scared and confused?

"I didn't know where I was going, and getting used to having classes with juniors and seniors seemed strange," said Alicia Forby.

Yet some students thought high school a bit less challenging. Jennifer Brunz, sr, said, "I was never scared as a sophomore. I liked it here."

Also many physical changes have taken place to the school as well. When the class of '92 were sophomores they had no library walls, no snack bar.

"The lines were very, very long and we had to wait throughout the whole lunch period just to eat," said Stacy Buchanan, sr.

As juniors they had no Channel One and no better way to find out about careers and colleges than to just talk to college scouts. Now there are library walls and lighted library hallways made more colorful with the new Channel One billboards. Twenty minutes of entertainment and news come on every morning second hour, and the Discover ACT program helps students with college questions.

The Discover program is a computer-based career planning program made to help students learn more about themselves. Surveys are taken to measure students interests, abilities, experiences, and values.

"I think the program is helpful, to students not only going to college but for others as well," said Mr. Bill Quigley, counselor.

Altogether, many changes and good times have occurred. Now that seniors have made it this far, they are looking forward toward college and careers.

"I enjoyed my years at Liberty high, but I am glad to be graduating and moving on to bigger and better things," said Julie Baldrige sr.

Through the past three
years, seniors have
seen many changes

—Kassandra Perrette



Looking toward the future—Brandy Comley and Brandy Millsap work together on the ACT Discover program after school in the business computer lab. Photo by Kelli Delahunty

Early Graduation & Expectations

Jumping forward, seniors
get a head start on life
by graduating early

—Kassie Kelly

Moving on... this is what graduating early is all about. Early graduation for LHS seniors was usually at semester, Jan. 17, though it was possible for a student to graduate a full year early, too.

"They can still go to prom and use their activity cards. They are still considered to be Liberty High

School students," said Eileen Edlin, guidance counselor. "Most kids see it as a positive experience, but it isn't for everybody."

Juniors could graduate early with the Senior Class on May 31 as long as they obtained the required number of credits needed to graduate.

Students made the decision to graduate prematurely for various reasons: some for the freedom, others to get a head start on college.

"I had all of the credits needed and I wanted to get a head start on college to take a few general classes," said Buffy Woodson, sr. "I am also going to work to save money for a trip to Europe with my best friend."

The majority of students agreed about what they would miss the most and the least about high school.

"Grades will be a lot harder to keep up in college," said Laura Blackwell, sr. "You will have a lot more work to do."

Marquita Muse, sr, said, "I don't think the atmosphere in high school is independent enough. When you go to college you are on your own. A more independent atmosphere would better prepare you for college."

Although there were not many students who graduate early, the ones who do will all have one thing in common: the memories they share.

"When I think back at Liberty High School, I will remember how the teachers made me laugh, not because they were funny looking or their fly was down," said Jill Logan, sr. "They were not always so serious. It made it easier to learn."



Getting the scoop—Donna Freeman, sr, gathers information and advice from Keith Elmore, guidance counselor, about the requirements for early graduation. Photo by Kim Cook



James Gaudin
Angie Gibbs
Jim Ginnings
Sara Gonzalez
Amber Grimes



Jason Groves
Jim Guffey
Bryan Guggenmos
Kyia Guzman
Butch Haberman



Tabby Hale
Kathy Haley
Kelly Hall
Todd Hall
Cynthia Hansen



Gillian Hanson
Demetrius Harris
Kim Head
David Henderson
Stephen Henneberg



Jeremy Heuton
Erik Hilt
Kristy Hinrichs
Brian Hixon
Timothy Honey



Michelle Hoseth
Jerry Hughes
Christina Hull
Cindi Huxtable
Andrew Jenkins

Keith Jenkins
William Jensen
Eric Johnson
Chad Jones
Chris Jones



Lynn Jones
Sean Kelly
John King
Jeni Klamm
Karen Klemme



Jonathan Knauss
Angi Kosa
Tami Lamkins
Sarah Lane
Jennifer Larson



Darren Lee
Heidi Littlejohn
Lisa Livingston
Jill Logan
Robert Love



Carter Lovell
Chris Luthi
Sarah Mark
Bobby Martin
Scott Martin



Patrick Mathews
J. P. McBurney
Kimberly McCorkendale
Chad McCorkle
Amanda Means



Sharing Experiences & Advice

Picture this. . . you are a sophomore, in a school which is unfamiliar to you. Surrounding you are new teachers and new peers. Unknown expectations haunt your mind. Who do you call to get rid of your fears and frustrations? Of course, the upperclassmen! The upperclassmen, especially seniors, are experts on what high school is all about.

From the past to the present, high school has not exactly been easy. A typical high school student deals with many things, from academics to socializing. Some seniors advised the lowerclassmen on how to be successful and live through high school without getting overly stressed out.

"Be yourself and do what you want to do with your life," said Cole Wheeler, sr. "Don't let anyone tell you what you have to do or can or cannot do."

According to most high school students, it is not easy to think about dating, fitting in, and trying to be yourself at the same time.

"Don't tie yourself down to one person," said Andrew Jenkins, sr. "Date around and have fun!"

"When people first come to high school, they tend to do what everyone else does," said Jennifer Nye, sr. "Don't wait until your senior year to do what you want."

Andy Revell, sr, said, "Socially, it is important to be part of a group that you feel comfortable with, where you are able to freely express your thoughts and where you can develop yourself as an individual."

High school may be hard at times but it is also a place where precious memories are made.

Laura Blackwell, sr, said, "I will never forget when I almost broke the record for the 100 meter dash! I was a sophomore then."

"My most memorable experience was when I got hit by a truck after school by John Haddock," said Alana Saylor, sr. Luckily Saylor was not seriously hurt.

Through thick and thin,
seniors were there to
provide support

—Kassie Kelly



Taking a brief moment to chat—Josh Pruett, sr, stops for a while to provide Stuart Ludlow, soph, with some helpful tips on how to be successful during his high school career. Photo by Angela Wright

Preparation for College & Real Life

What classes does this school offer to
prepare me for further education
or life beyond high school?

—Jeff Chatlos



Here today, gone tomorrow—Sarah Stevenson and Karen Klemme, srs, study during Mrs. Vicki Jones' second hour college-level English class. Students who took this class enrolled as students at Rockhurst College and got college preparation and training at the same time. Photo by Tabby Hale

Does this school offer any classes that will prepare me for college? And if so, what are they? This is what many seniors asked themselves before they enrolled in any classes.

The obvious answer, or so it would seem, is the advanced placement classes: biology, chemistry,

English. Along with these can be grouped college-level English and precalculus.

These classes may well prepare a student for college, but they have more prerequisites than the average college-bound student has room in his schedule to take. However, the school offers many classes that prepare a student for college and real life without all the prerequisites.

Advanced Composition is one class designed to aid students in learning how to write college level papers.

Another class that offers preparation for college is The Presidency, in which students are assigned essays to write on certain topics and are then expected to write college level essays.

"I think French IV helps prepare students for college because Madame McCarty-Stevick makes us work hard without any 'free' days," said Nicole Steinmeyer, sr.

Physics is another class that prepares students well.

"In physics we encounter problems that would come into play in the field of aviation. It would be a good prelude to an aeronautical job," said Jon Knauss, sr.

The school also offers many classes that prepare students for real life without preparing them for college. Among these is the principles of technology class which gives practical applications for physics.

Another class that prepares students is chemistry in the community which explains ways chemistry is used in everyone's life.



Pat Mendoza
Sheila Mendyk
Holly Messinger
Matt Meyer
Merideth Meyer



Angela Miller
Bryan Miller
Chris Miller
Brandy Millsap
Ryan Monroe



Kristina Montgomery
Melinda Moore
Bobbi Morgan
Marquita Muse
John Nash



Scott Nichols
Aaron Niepman
Torrey Norton
Jennifer Nye
Michelle Nye



Sara Oberkrom
Brent O'Dell
Daniel Ollier
Amie Oscarson
David Oswald



Michael Otis
Chad Overman
Melinda Overman
Hanna Palmblad
Janet Pate

Nickie Penn
 Andy Perez
 John Peterson
 Chad Phillips
 Tom Pierce



Scott Preston
 Josh Pruett
 Nicole Rafferty
 Michelle Ralston
 Andy Revell



Kathy Roach
 Brian Robertson
 Richard Robinson
 John Rutz
 Alana Saylor



Mark Schriever
 Lisa Scott
 Monty Seely
 Melea Seward
 Charity Shewmaker



Sarah Shiflett
 Jeremy Shook
 April Simmons
 Schelley Smith
 Todd Smith



Lisa Smithmier
 Brent Snyder
 Steve Stegall
 Nicole Steinmeyer
 Sarah Stevenson



Memorable Sayings & Phrases

"Excuse the interruption...."

Students heard these words over the intercom and knew a special announcement was coming. Often these memorable words preceded the news of early dismissal from school, a student's dismissal from class or maybe just a general interruption.

Seniors are graduating with memories throughout their high school years. Vividly remembered are those words of wisdom by their teachers, the slang that became popular or even the most remembered quotes.

"The chicks dig me."

"A man at my age, 25...."

Mr. Jim Gravina, math teacher commonly used these sayings, and students often repeated them.

Another teacher with popular coined phrases was Mrs. Vicki Jones. Jones was commonly heard saying "re-group" as her classes would begin to get off task.

Who will forget the KLHS News before the Pistols football game, when an Excelsior Springs student said, "I think we will win by at least twelve points. We have a victory dance planned for after the game." Liberty won the game 38-0.

These type of quotable quotes are not the only things that stand out in the minds of some.

"I'm ginna." "But your good." These are a couple of the phrases from the senior lingo basically known and used around the school. The phrases can be traced back to slang fanatics Zac Wolfer, Blake Tompkins and Mike Carroll, and also a small group of juniors guys. "We are glad that other people like our phrases and don't care that they use them as long as they are used in the right context," said Zac Wolfer.

As seniors graduate and underclassmen progress in their years of high school, the words of Coach Robert Lassiter at a pep rally for the 1991 pistols game, seem proper, especially since it's still a popular phrase: "You can put that in your pipe and smoke it."

Quotable quotes,
words of wisdom
and senior memories

— Lisa Smithmier



"Hey all you wild and crazy people"—Starting off with this remark Tal Curry's campaign speeches have been successful the past two years. As Stu-Co President Curry directs the sophomore, junior and senior class speeches. Photo by Tabby Hale

Attending High School & College

Seniors earn college credit
while still finishing
high school

—Mindy Chapman

For some seniors, taking high school classes just wasn't enough. Students found ways to earn credit through taking a college English class at the high school or attending a local college for other credits.

College level English, taught by Mrs. Vicki Jones, offered students a chance to earn a total of six credit

hours through Rockhurst College at an average of \$82 per semester. Students completed college level work in a college-like atmosphere, meeting deadlines and completing approximately one paper every two weeks.

"It's challenging. It's a lot more work (than most high school classes). I have various homework every night, so there's always something to do," said Sarah Mark, sr. "It's a good class. I recommend people to take it, but only if they're prepared to work. This kind of class comes first. You can't blow it off and you definitely can't procrastinate."

Seniors were also offered the chance to attend two area colleges — William Jewell College or Maple Woods Community College. William Jewell, a private institution, offered reduced rates to seniors who were interested in taking college classes there while Maple Woods offered a scholarship program to pay for the tuition.

Stephanie Fischer, sr, said her History I class at Maple Woods was similar to her high school classes.

"It's pretty much just like high school, but there's more responsibility on the student. All my teacher does is teach. It's up to the individual on what they want to achieve and how well they want to do in the class," said Fischer.

Along with the responsibilities of taking college classes came college credit and a chance to get a better feel for college expectations.

"I took my classes at William Jewell to prepare me for next year," said Nicole Steinmeyer, sr.



Style analysis—Stacy Buchanan, Kim Cook, Stephanie Fischer and Andy Revell, srs, analyze an excerpt on Prague from Patricia Hempel's memoir *A Romantic Education* during their college level English class. Photo by Tabby Hale



Eric Streeter
Shelly Stumme
William Sudholt
Jake Summers
Mark Summers



Nicole Tankesley
Cheree Tate
David Tate
Kelly Taylor
Patrick Taylor



Justin Thomas
Michelle Thomas
Jeremy Tietjens
Blake Tompkins
Robin Tompkins



Kevin Tulipana
William Turner
Lisa Untch
Jurg Von Deschwander
Dusty Walker



Susan Waters
Tammy Welch
Sunny Wellesley
Cole Wheeler
Jenny Whitaker



James Whitham
Beth Wicklund
Brian Williamson
Zac Wolfer
Karin Woods

Buffy Woodson
 Sarah Woody
 Randy Worth
 Bryan Wozniak
 Angela Wright



Sam Yeates
 Sherri Younghanz
 Michael Zang



Not Pictured:
 Beau Ballard
 Shay Bargery
 Heather Biggs
 Tina Bjorklund
 Melvin Butterworth
 Dennis Chepurnov
 Sherri Coleman
 Bill Covey
 Cheryl Denny
 Julie Ewing
 Jimmy Gabrielse
 Robert Gilbert
 Robert Goins
 Jay Grimes
 John Grotz
 Russell Lamma
 Aaron McGoyne
 Cory Mooney
 Sue Norris
 Steve Ollier
 Kassie Perrette
 Bryan Potter
 Markus Schneitz
 Chris Smith
 Stef Stefanini
 Jason Valdez
 David Vankeuren
 Richard Vantassel
 Paul Wilson



Hall monitors, hall passes— During each lunch, the hall monitors are seated outside of the commons doors. Their job is to check passes and hall wanderers for legitimate excuses. Phillip Dorsey, sr, has an excuse since he has an authorized pass to show Mrs. Donna Busey, hall monitor. *Photo by Dennis Esser*

School Changes & Improvements

If you could change one thing about the school, what would it be?

"The heating system," said Lori Chance, sr.

"Yeah, definitely the heating and cooling system," agreed David Oswald, sr.

The temperature regulation problem was just one example of what students believed should be changed. Three years of experience gave senior students the authority to express their opinions on changes in or about our school or lack thereof.

As Chris Anderson, sr, said the school needs windows. She added, "I think if we had more windows, the light and atmosphere would help us in learning."

"If I could change one thing I think it would be our lunches. I wish we could have open lunch and be able to leave to eat," said Ryan Monroe, sr.

Not only have students become victim to the lack of changes, but have witnessed changes for better and worse in three years of high school.

"I wish the passing periods hadn't been changed, (from five to four minutes)," said Sherri Younghanz, sr.

"It is interesting, but I don't think there is much of a point to Channel One," said Jason Groves.

Cole Wheeler, sr, said, "We should get the 'senior skip day' back."

It was new and for some it wasn't even noticed, but a change of great significance occurred in October, when the sign on Blue Jay Drive and 152 was painted for the first time after 20 years as a gift from the class of 1991.

Many students find aspects of school likely to come up when talking about what should be made different but in Jason Groves' opinion everyone should keep things in perspective. "It's kind of the way you look at things, we're only here for three years and by the time things change we're out of here. I just want to try and enjoy high school while I'm here," he said.

Seniors wish

for windows, realistic

indoor temperatures, & more

— Lisa Smithmier



Ole McCollough's Farm gets the sunlight—The animals in the science lab, kept for Advanced Biology research, are exposed to more light during the day than the students. Photo by Tracey Barron

Damon Abernathy

Michael Adams

Mike Adams

Greg Adrian

Taryn Alden



Adam Alderson

Lorraine Allen

Tish Amos

Andrea Anderson

Charles Anderson



Scott Anderson

Shelly Arnold

Brian Beard

Matthew Beckman

Brandon Bell



Michael Benne

Stacy Berry

Amy Blumenhein

Kevin Bonham

Bradley Boone



Brandi Bosler

Nathan Boyer

Eric Bradley

Paul Brooksher

Bill Bruner



Timothy Buchholz

Kristi Buhler

Katherine Burr

Jeffery Bush

Sarah Capps



Crips, Bloods, Latin Counts, Vice Lords. These gangs were found in most major cities like Los Angeles, Chicago, New York — and Kansas City.

So, growing problems in the Kansas City area motivated Principal Mr. Jacobs to take steps to prevent gangs in our area. He said that confronting the situation would be a good idea before it was too late. "We need to be knowledgeable about symbols they use to make certain we prevent gang activity in the community of Liberty," said Jacobs.

As a result, a faculty crisis management program, was held in December. There, facts on metropolitan area gangs were presented by Major Arthur Chevalier of the Liberty Police Department. He reported only minor gang related activity in Liberty.

"The research says you can keep this problem out if you are knowledgeable about indications and signs," Jacobs said.

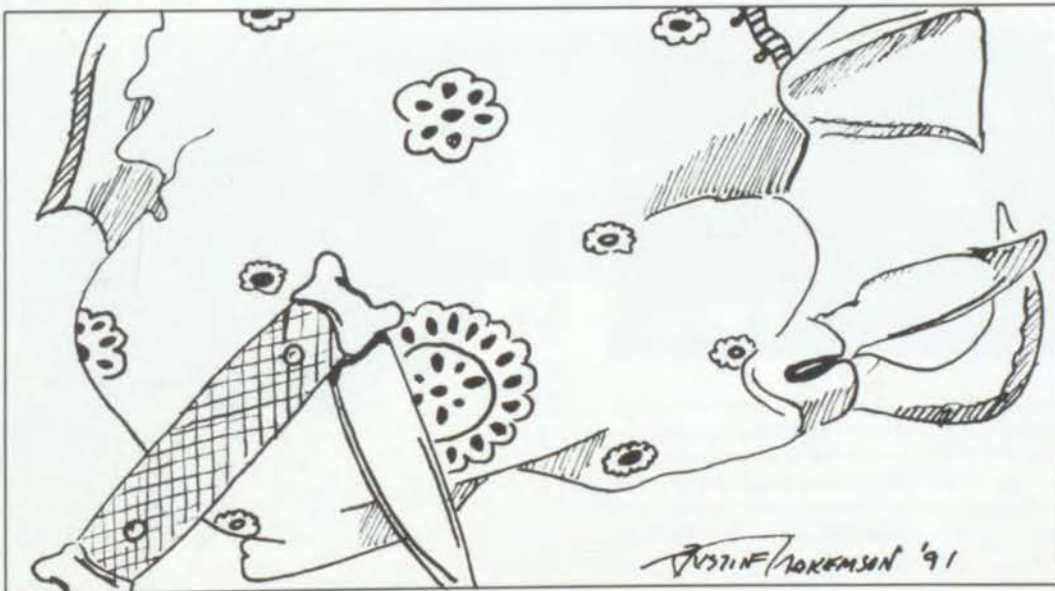
Students had different concerns. "There is a bigger problem at the junior high. I think it could become a problem in the future. We are becoming influenced by the inner city a lot more," said Jeanne Vivian, jr.

"Here in Liberty it's not a problem. In other places there is reason for concern," said Chris Goll, jr.

☞ Kerrie Kelly

ON THE WRONG PATH

*As gangs found their way to Kansas City,
measures were taken to prevent them
in Liberty*



Bandanas like this were worn by many of the gangs. Gang members could also be found carrying knives and wearing sports clothes like the Raiders jackets that were popular. Illustration by Justin Makemson

ONLY THE NAMES CHANGED

Whether they were on the back of a powder puff sweatshirt or part of a long-running joke between friends, students acquired many different nicknames



Junior cheerleaders, Kyle Smith, Matt Grundy, Jeff Chatlos, Larry Reynolds, and Jeff Hall, picked nickname for their sweatshirts, such as "Smitty" on Smith's sweatshirt.
Photo by Tammy Welch

Known for their nicknames, juniors Rudy Gustafson and Jason 'Wheels' Wheeler ham it up for the camera. Students nicknames are often versions of their last names. *Photo by Tracey Barron*

It was William Shakespeare who said that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. That theory could be applied to all students who have ever gone by nicknames.

Sometimes students went by different names than those given to them by their parents because they were more comfortable being called that.

"My father nicknamed me 'Rudy' because he said I reminded him of an old friend. I like being call Rudy more than Ryan by my friends," said Rudy Gustafson, jr.

Other nicknames came from participating in extracurricular activities or sports.

"Coach Aimen gave me the nickname 'The Ripper' because I scored in the district game against Winnetonka, which was a difficult shot to make," said Zane Zismer, jr.

Mostly students had or gave nicknames as a sign of friendship and camaraderie.

"One time at a Scholar Bowl competition Charles Anderson said 'Guadalupe' instead of 'Guatemala' which totally messed up our answer. So now as a joke we call him 'Guadalupé,'" said Mark Rooney, jr.

Whatever the reasons, a nickname was a personal thing and gave students something to remember for many years to come. *✿ Aleatha Ezra*





Jennifer Cartmill
Ryan Casserly
Jose Cervantes
Jeff Chatlos
Brian Childress



Craig Clinton
Hannah Coffman
Amy Cole
Richard Coleman
Michael Conner



Kelly Conwell
Shane Coon
Jennifer Copeland
Jenny Coriell
Robert Couch



Mark Coulter
Phil Cowick
Emily Crosby
Karri Cull
Adam Curnow



Johnna Dahlberg
Tricia Darnell
Robbie Davidson
Stephanie Davidson
Brent Davis



Jennifer Davis
Nick Davis
Melissa Deleal
Barrett Deonier
Jennifer Desko

Julie Detty
 Clay Dickerson
 Michelle Dorsey
 Heather Edgerton
 James Elliott



Amy Elwood
 Chad Evans
 Aleatha Ezra
 Steve Fahring
 Johnna Ferguson



Beth Ferry
 Jessica Ferry
 Michelle Fillinger
 Jason Fowler
 Kary Fowler



Brad Frank
 Linda Franklin
 Curtis Fuller
 Stephanie Fuller
 Julie Gerdes



Josh Gillespie
 Eric Glenn
 Chris Goll
 Nancy Gore
 Steve Gotfredson



Latoya Graves
 Angela Green
 Deanna Grider
 David Grooms
 Jordan Groves



Suppose it's the day of the big game and every one is dressed up for the event. Does this sound like something you do? Well at LHS dressing up or practicing a superstition is very common among the student body.

Jennifer Wendl, jr. said, "Every day before Pre-Calculus class I ate a Hersey's Kiss for good luck."

The football team as an established ritual had a pregame meal every game day at Golden Corral in preparation for the night ahead. "Before every game Rudy and I had a table in the back corner that we moved away from the hanging plant. I always had a salad and he ate nachos," said Jason Wheeler, jr.

The soccer team had various kinds of dinners regularly throughout the season at Eric Schriever's and Brent Taylor's houses in order to build team unity and prepare for the upcoming games ahead.

Said soccer player Luther Solomon, jr, "Before every game I wore my favorite UCLA hat since they were the 1991 NCAA national champions in soccer."

Many students practiced a superstition or ritual to prepare for success. In many cases a superstition gave confidence and actually helped a student. Students felt that the increased success in sports, the popularity of the musical (Damn Yankees), and prestige in many other Extracurricular activities was from practicing their superstition

☞ Brent Taylor

GOOD LUCK CHARMS

*Sometimes, if you're lucky
they come to you. To students at LHS rituals work
just as well*



Mark Rooney, jr. wore black & red argyle socks during a race in hopes of performing better. *Photo by Tabby Hale*

Jason Wheeler, jr., prepared for every game by eating in the same corner of the restaurant on Friday's. *Photo by Kim Cook*

THE CLEANUP CREW

*Custodians were responsible
for duties ranging from the everyday work
to special occasions like dances*



Head Custodian, Robert Houston nicknamed Brother Rob, helps out by scrubbing the sink in the kitchen. Houston opened the school every morning around 5:30. Photo by Kelli Delahunty

After school is dismissed, Paul Myers has tasks such as vacuuming. Sometimes he spent up to 12 hours working depending on activities that were taking place. Photo by Kelli Delahunty

"I always enjoyed floor work. There's nothing like a floor that looks good," said Head Custodian Robert Houston.


However, keeping floors and the building clean with 900 students and 100 other adults around can't be easy. Although, like any job, ups and downs did occur. "The thing that bothers me is when the kids unnecessarily throw things on the floor," said Kenny Waller. But, as he said, "It's a job."

Depending on activities and jobs that needed to be done, some custodians worked up to 12 hours after school. Paul Myers spent time cleaning while extracurricular activities were going on. "During games, I always tried to take a moment to see what was going on, and then I'd get back to work."

But, nonetheless, the hours our custodians put in were noticed by students.

"The school would be a wreck, and think about what the junior locker bay might look like. I wouldn't want to walk through it," said Shonli Harris, jr.

Junior Tash Smith had just one thing to say: "I wish they would get that gum away from my locker."

But, considering the 15 restrooms, 53 classrooms, cafeteria, commons, office, two gymnasiums and more that had to be cleaned every day, one locker was just a speck on a map.  Kerrie Kelly





Matt Grundy
 Ryan Gustafson
 Rebecca Halderman
 Jeff Hall
 Ryan Hall

Layfe Haney
 Marcy Hanna
 Natalie Harris
 Eric Havens
 Wayne Hayes

Ricky Heckadon
 Nikki Helmeczi
 Jason Hendricks
 Jennifer Hendricks
 Jennifer Hibbard

Jim Hill
 Melissa Hill
 Joel Hinson
 Lesley Hobbs
 Steven Hodges

Kelley Holler
 James Holmes
 Jennifer Holt
 Chad Holthouse
 Nicole Hoover

Chad Howerton
 Allison Hunter
 Brian Irminger
 Diashecia Jennings
 Allen Johnson

Angie Jones
 Carrie Jones
 Paul Jones
 Andrew Kellermeyer
 Daniel Kellermeyer



Amy Kelly
 Kassie Kelly
 Kerrie Kelly
 Andy Kendrick
 Chris Kenny



Kelly Kerr
 Stewart King
 Alicia Kinser
 Scott Lamberth
 Ross Landuyt



Pat Lauler
 Bryan Lawler
 Corrie Leger
 Grant Leighty
 Tim Lewis



Sam Lingo
 Scott Livingston
 Andy Longstreth
 John Lusan
 Casey Lyon



Billy Mabbit
 Chris Mackey
 Justin Makemson
 Jennifer Mallon
 Heather Maloy



Never do today, what you can put off until tomorrow! Such procrastination is often mistaken for laziness, which is why most people procrastinate about homework, housework, or any hassles that come their way.

Courtney Thompson, jr, said "I procrastinate when it comes to my homework, I just keep putting it off until it's too late."

"I probably procrastinate most about doing housework and cleaning my room," said Lynn Stull, jr.

Many people procrastinate often, either putting work off till the last minute or just not doing it at all.

Beth Ferry, jr, said, "Every time I don't understand my homework, I just put it off."

"I procrastinate about five times a week," said Amy Kelly, jr.

"I was 20 pages behind on my novel assignment and I put it off till winter break cause I thought I'd be able to catch up since I'd have all that free time, then the teacher assigned to finish the book over break. I ended up reading 90 pages the day before I was supposed to go back to school," said Kelly Kerr, jr.

When Matt Grundy, jr, was asked, how often do you procrastinate?, he replied, "I'll tell you later."

Procrastination isn't always made for everyone, but for those who do delay, there's always hope for another day. ❧ Lynn Jones

PUT

IT

OFF

You have known about that project for months but chances are, you will start it the night before



Coming in late, Amy Cole, jr, checks into the attendance office after the first bell has rung. Arriving by 7:35 a.m. was one of the tasks that didn't come easy for many students. Photo by Kim Cook

Brett Schroer, jr, is one of the many who use the computers in the LRC and Mac Lab to finish up reports. These facilities became busy the day before major assignments. Photo by Angela Wright

Jonathan Manes
Shawn Manfre
Paco Marley
Amy Martin
Mike Martin



Michell Martin
Carole Mathis
Brooke Maxwell
Sonja McBath
James McDonald



Todd McDonald
Kris McDonough
Tim McGuire
Jeff McHenry
Rachel McHenry



Michelle Medor
Frank Mendoza
Tracy Mesberg
Christie Meyers
Eric Miles



Doug Miller
Emily Miller
Jason Miller
Bill Miracle
Suzanne Misasi



Kim Moore
Paul Morford
Russell Morrill
Christine Nelson
Todd Nichols



Those awful kindergarten pictures are back! Growing up is often an embarrassing occasion for most, with parents showing everyone and their cousin your baby pictures, or talking about taking your drivers license test (maybe even flunking your driving test). But on the other hand, many students do look back and miss their childhood.

Ian Throckmorton, jr, said, "I wish I could start my childhood all over again because I would do a lot of things differently."

Many juniors said that they miss all the money their parents gave them when they were younger or that they miss all the attention they received as children.

"What I will miss most about my childhood is all the attention," said Lou Noble, jr.

Often we don't look ahead at times to think what the future will be like. What will juniors miss most about growing up ten years from now?

Allison Hunter, jr, replied, "I will miss all of my friends I made in school."

"What I will miss most is all the extra spending money my parents gave me," said Adam Alderson, jr.

Growing up and maturing can be a discouraging time coping with the ups and downs, but it is something we all have to go through, whether we would like to or not. *~ Lynn Jones*

Kindergarten Class of 1980-81



Taking the first big step were these juniors: **Top row:** Frank Mendoza, Emily Miller, and Russell Morrill. **Bottom Row:** James McDonald, Doug Miller, Michell Martin, and Todd McDonald.

ALL GROWN UP

As kindergartners, juniors thought they would never make it to high school, but look at them now



Lou Noble
 Wendi Nussbaum
 Jeromey O'Brien
 Diane O'Connell
 Ryan O'Dell



Kerri O'Neil
 Curt Parks
 Jennifer Paul
 Richard Pelkey
 Bryan Peterman



Jenny Peters
 Melissa Plummer
 Christi Poffenberger
 Erik Poitras
 Sheila Porter



Sean Price
 Courtney Ranum
 Jeff Ray
 Larry Reeves
 Vicky Rendon



Larry Reynolds
 Brian Richeson
 Ed Rivra
 Rebecca Robinson
 Wendy Robinson



Bill Rodgers
 Heather Rodgers
 Mark Rooney
 Lana Ross
 Jennifer Rumsey



Stan Sales
 Karie Samples
 Mia Sanders
 Mike Saye
 Eric Schriever



Biting nails, cracking knuckles, shaking legs, playing with jewelry, tapping fingers, chewing on the inside of the mouth, twirling hair, chewing on pens, and drumming pencils on the desk—these are some of the things that people do when they are nervous. Perhaps you identify with these students:

"When I am nervous, I bite my nails. I don't realize that I am doing it until someone says something to me or they start to hurt," said Rachel Zouk, jr.

"When I am nervous, I get into a hurry. I feel that I am rushed to do everything. I shake my leg because it makes me feel like I am getting everything done faster. It helps a lot when I am taking a timed test," said Paco Marley, jr.

"I used to chew on almost everything. I mean my nails, my pen, and even the inside of my mouth. I started chewing gum so that I would stop biting my nails because I hated the way they looked," said Jennifer Hendrick, jr.

"I giggle and my face turns red when I am giving a speech and I get nervous. One time I was trying to give a speech in chemistry class and I started laughing. I laughed so hard that I started snorting. It was really embarrassing," said Vicky Rendon, jr.

Lesley Hobbs

JUST

A

HABIT

From biting nails to giggling to chewing on things, nervous habits affect many students



*T*wirling her hair, Andrea Anderson, jr, studies for a Spanish test in the commons. Photo by Jennifer Copeland

*W*orking on homework after school, Jenny Coriell, jr, chews on her finger. Photo by Jennifer Copeland

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Many people read their horoscopes just for the fun of it, but can astrologers really predict a person's destiny?



Horoscopes are arranged in a chart of 12 signs of the zodiac and positions of the planets. However, most people don't read horoscopes because they believe in them, but because they are funny. *Illustration by Justin Makemson*



They say it's all in the stars, but is it? Astrologers try to determine a person's destiny by looking at the position of the planets in relationship to the stars, otherwise known as horoscopes.

Often times horoscopes are truly outrageous, which is the biggest reason that most people read them.

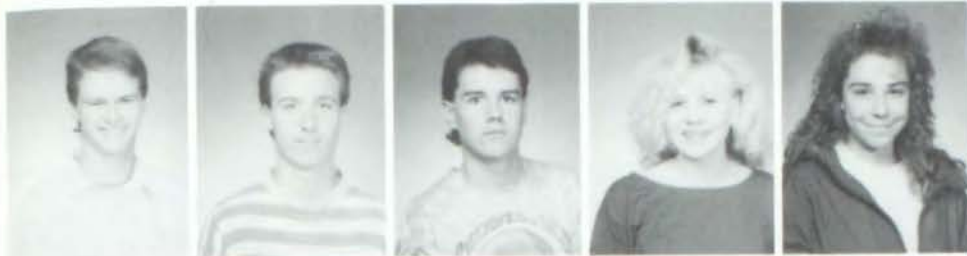
"I read them every morning in the newspaper. It's really funny when they say stuff about your husband and children. Then you know it's not true," said Jennifer Holt, jr.

Sometimes horoscopes are true and they seem to accurately predict the future.

"The day that I met my boyfriend I read my horoscope and it told me that a handsome man would be entering my life. I was really shocked when it came true," said Laura Stockham, jr.

Some people do actually believe that horoscopes are real and they carry it out to the extreme.

"A friend of mine totally believes in horoscopes. She even had a reading of her past life," said one anonymous junior. *by Amy Martin*



James Shroeder
Brett Schroer
Tom Schwed
Amanda Scott
Josy Selby



Eric Sharp
Bryon Shippert
Burton Smith
Brooks Smith
Chad Smith



Kyle Smith
Tash Smith
Terry Smith
Luther Solomon
David Sparks



Melissa Steger
Jeff Steinmeyer
Michael Stevenson
Shawn Stevenson
Eric Stewart



Laura Stockham
Lynn Stull
Helga Stumpenhous
Bryan Svetlecic
Jon Sweetwood



Russel Swofford
Tabita Talpes
Brent Taylor
Jeff Teeter
Adam Tholen



Molly Thomas
Courtney Thompson
Ian Throckmorton
Brock Tompkins
Jamie Trapp

Michael Turner
 Chris Urnes
 Kelli Valdez
 Jeanne Vivian
 Taishecia Waters



Jason Way
 Jennifer Wendl
 Curt Wettstein
 Jason Wheeler
 Jerry Whisenhunt



Lanai Wilson
 Jeff Wingo
 Latrice Winston
 Daniel Wohletz
 Brent Wood



Jerry Woodruff
 John Woods
 Abby Young
 Michelle Young
 Nathan Young



Taunya Zenz
 Jane Zimmerman
 Zane Zismer
 Rachel Zouk



Not Pictured

Lindy Berger
 Elbert Betz
 Tim Broughton
 Matt Calhoun
 Nathan Dotson

Mike Gaudin
 Jason Gukhool
 Shonli Harris
 Brent Heitman
 Neil Nakahodo
 Michael Rose

Michael Schwed
 Stacy Shannon
 Mike Steadman
 Peter Weiland
 Jim Young

Class is ready to begin, and some of your fellow classmates aren't there. Most of these people have legitimate excuses.

"I went to the counselors' office," said Shonli Harris, jr, one day last winter.

Other students may not be exactly going to the counselors' office, but they are doing something.

"When I wandered around in the halls, I practiced rap lyrics," said Bill Miracle, jr.

"We just tried to avoid the hall monitors," said a few anonymous juniors.

Other students spent their free time in the halls doing things to prepare themselves for their next class, or they went to their locker to get books for the class that they were in.

"When I wandered around the halls, I would sit at my locker and do my homework for my next class that I wouldn't get done otherwise," said Frank Mendoza, jr.

Third hour seemed popular for wandering.

"Third hour seems to be the time that most juniors came to my office. It must be the time that they start suffering withdrawal symptoms from school," said Joyce Fessler, school nurse.

Whether they are going to the counselors' office, the nurse's office, or just "wandering around", juniors seemed to find other things to do besides going to class.

☞ Amy Martin

ROAMING

THE

HALLS

During class time, juniors seem to find other things to do than working. Many manage to get passes and wander in the halls.



Julie Gerdes and Lori Allen, jrs, make an extra locker stop fourth hour. Students generally had to get a pass to get by hall monitors.

Photo by Kelli Delahunty

Back to his locker again goes Adam Curnow, jr. Teachers complained about juniors being at their locker during classes, especially seventh hour.

Photo by Kelli Delahunty



Neil Minor, soph, unlocks his parents' car. Minor was one of the many sophomores to get his license this year.
Photo by Jennifer Copeland

The Test

Picture if you will a strange man, whom you've never met before, asking you to sit down in the seat. You fasten your seat belt. He motions for you to roll down your window. From outside your window he asks you to turn on your headlights and signal for both directions. The next thing you know the strange man is getting in your car. Hadn't your mother always told you to never allow strangers to get in your car. This one will have to be an exception. That is, if you want to get your license.

It's a scenario that's all too familiar to most of us. It's usually followed by nervousness, bouncing butterflies in your belly, or anticipated relief that the driver's test is almost over.

Getting to drive became a little easier this year. On August 28, the new permit law went into effect. The law allows all fifteen and a half year olds to get their permits.

"Being able to get my permit gave me time to practice driving before I took the test. I learned a lot in driver's ed over the summer and getting my permit helped refresh my memory." said Kary Venable, soph.

Of course what would the purpose of taking a test be

Fasten your seat belt and hold on for your life, it's their turn to drive....

if there weren't the preparations necessary to pass the test. Jeff Cain, soph, said, "My parents required that I spend ten hours of practice before I could take the test. As for the written test, it was easy. I read the manual once and got a 100%."

"I think the worst part of the driver's test was getting over the fear of having the person sitting next to you and how you never know what he's writing or if you're messing up," Venable said.

"The parallel parking was the hardest. You couldn't tell if you were close enough to the curb or if you had enough space behind you to back up," said Chris Poitras, soph.

Most students agree, even if the test is hard being able to drive is worth it. —Jeff Mullennix



Rebecca Adams
Kimberly Amer
Angela Amos
Bobby Armstrong
Nat Ash



David Ayers
Brandon Bachtel
Staci Barlow
Ellen Bartels
Joe Bartlett



Melissa Bean
Jennifer Benskin
Chad Benson
Christina Benson
Jamie Berner



Shannon Bissell
David Blackmore
T. Blackmore
Scott Blake
Bobby Boatman



Darcy Boese
Amy Boettcher
Danny Bonikowski
Michael Boos
Janelle Bowles



Sara Boyer
Eric Brant
David Bratcher
Chris Braughton
James Brendle

Paul Brink
 Andrea Brose
 David Bross
 Carrie Brown
 Kimberly Brown



Melissa Brunz
 David Buchen
 Greg Buhler
 Tina Burditt
 Marc Burton



Vanessa Bush
 Jeff Cain
 Ryan Calder
 Shawn Campbell
 Brian Carey



Michele Carlson
 Jason Carney
 Katie Catlett
 Matt Cavanaugh
 Mandy Cedar



Chris Collins
 Danielle Comley
 Natasha Cornelius
 Tammy Covey
 Aimee Cox



John Crosby
 Chris Crowley
 Mike Cull
 Loren Cunningham
 Matt Dahlberg



Matt Dahlberg, soph, stands in line while Mikala Shipman speaks to Meagan Pack, sophs, during second lunch.
Photo by Tabby Hale



Lengthy Lines

Your knees feel like they are about to give out. You can sense your deodorant wearing off and you begin to get light-headed. The person behind you keeps bumping into you and the person in front of you keeps stepping back on your toes. Frustration sets in and you start popping your knuckles. The guy next to you attempts to start a meaningful conversation about what he did last night and how much fun it was. Finally as your patience is about give out, you get to step forward — a couple of inches.

It's a part of life that everybody hates, yet we all have to do it sometime. Yes sir, standing in lines. Whether it's to buy your lunch or to register for school, it's a fact of life. What's the worst part of standing in lines? Matt Cavanaugh, soph, said, "It's so time consuming and I usually could be doing something constructive instead."

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, the definition of a line is a row of persons waiting in turn to buy something, enter a theater, etc. If you ask your basic art teacher what the definition of a line is,

Patience is a necessity if you plan on standing in line....

they will most likely tell you it is an endless extension of a point. Although these two definitions are often connected by victims of these long lines, some feel there are a few good points about them. Sarah Tietjens, soph, said, "You can tell your friends the latest gossip and the more time you spend standing the hungrier you get and then you have a better appetite."

The longest line most likely to be seen during the typical school day would be the lunch line. That's right, the one where you stand in line and minutes later you get your lunch. And by the time you get your condiments and get back to your seat your chair is gone. Surely there has to be at least one solution.

In the words of Neal Ross, soph, That solution is this: "The best kind of line, is no line at all." — *Jeff Mullennix*

Wayne Davidson
 Stefanie DeLong
 Gina Desko
 Paul Devine
 Eric DeVore



James DeWees
 Cara Dickerson
 Jennifer Dickson
 Brandon Dolt
 Nathan Douglas



Jeff Driggers
 Angie Dunnaway
 Jason Durlington
 Brett Easley
 Chris Elliot



Donald Elliot
 Adrienne Ellison
 Daniel Emig
 Tricia Erickson
 Robert Eshleman



John Ethetton
 Lindsay Evans
 Clifton Farr
 Jaclyn Ferguson
 Marisa Fichter



Bryan Field
 Kelly Fletcher
 Blake Flickinger
 Stephanie Ford
 Kathleen Gawronski



Shannon Bissel, soph, has her Student of the Day picture taken by Courtney Ranum, jr, as Rebecca Adams, soph, and Shannon Minor, soph, look on. Photo by Tabby Hale



Unknown Givens

A bewildered sophomore (who shall remain nameless) walks into the Big High School. As vague senior faces breeze past, he wonders if this is the same school he saw during Orientation.

Most likely not. Some rather large maintenance man in the sky constructed three-too-many baffling walls designed specifically to render the hallways the look of prison passages.

He continues making his endless laps 'round the library, trying to remember which lockerbay conceals his virgin locker. He checks his Bic pen and Stuart Hall college-rule paper inventory, and moves on to a classroom, French IV. Madame quickly directs him to *his* class, Life Rec.

He appears (correctly) in Language Arts 10 second hour. Here he is greeted with a very blank-looking survey asking personal questions like, "What motivates you to get out of bed each morning?"

He replies to the survey with embarrassingly honest answers like, "I spend every waking hour

Sophomores
step into world
of confusion...

thinking about LHS, and how much I wish I lived here," ignorant of the fact that Jon Sweetwood would one day read his responses to the entire student body. Once he realizes the potential shock effect this form will create, he lives in perpetual fear of humiliation from his peers.

When that fateful day finally arrives, and the despairing student is selected as Student of the Day, memories of those first day jitters rush back to the forefront of his consciousness. And pretty well justified, too. His friends take care to remind him at least fifty times.

This kind of experience that other students understand as a given may just be part of the sophomore experience, but to some it leads to extreme embarrassment. —Ryan Calder



Robbie Davidson, jr, Michael Cain, '91, and Jeff Mullennix, soph, practice "Spirit of Radio" by Rush at one of their weekly rehearsals. Photo by Jennifer Copeland

Local Bands

From rock and roll to pop and soul, bands have been constantly in our culture including at Liberty High School. Local bands were comprised of sophomores, juniors, seniors, alumni, and junior high students.

Members of the band Carpe Diem were Casey Lyon, jr, on guitar; Donnie Elliott, soph, on bass guitar; Zack Schmitt, alumni, on drums; Rusty Divine, '91, on vocals and Scott Taylor, alumni, on guitar. Practicing for this band consisted of two or three days a week, four to six hours.

Another band was Innocent Blood. Their music was mostly Christian rock. Members were Jeff Mullennix, soph, playing bass guitar; Robbie Davidson, jr, playing lead guitar; Mike Cain, '91, playing drums; and Jeff Lamberth, '90 lead singer. They rehearsed two or three hours a day and performed at Second Baptist Church in Liberty.

Also there was the band Senile Gypsy with members Jeff Hall, jr, as lead singer; James DeWees, soph, playing drums; Conrad Stumpfenhaus, soph, playing lead guitar; Matt O'Hara, an LJHS student, also playing guitar; and

Musical groups add variety to LHS....

Jeff Sweetwood, another LJHS student, playing bass guitar. Their music consisted of rock, blues, funk, and alternative. They practiced once or twice a week and were heard at parties; an LJHS StuCo benefit; an under 21 club STARZ; and the radio station KY102 FM.

"It's boring practicing, but when we perform it's really cool," DeWees said. when asked what he thought of being in a band.

The band Behold consisted of Brian Hetherington, soph, on guitar; Bobby Boatman, soph, on bass guitar; Brian Field, soph, on drums; and Nat Ash, soph, also on guitar. They practiced once or twice a week and performed at various events, playing mostly rock.

Performing or practicing, bands became a part of LHS history, adding their variety of sounds. —Cindy Hansen



Kenneth Gawronski
Robbie Gentzell
Jessica Gooch
Ryan Grumpp
Brian Gray



Amanda Green
Jennifer Green
Patricia Gregory
Chris Griese
Andrew Gugler



Taja Guthridge
Leon Haile
Jennifer Hall
Shaun Haney
Lori Harnett



Elizabeth Harris
John Hatfield
Angella Hedrick
Andrew Helm
Jill Henderson



Brian Hetherington
Vince Higgins
Heather Highland
Lashona Hines
Lindsay Holley



Michelle Hoppe
Katherine Isley
Nicole Jackson
Jennifer Jarrett
Kelly Jarrett

Helen Johnson
Mindy Johnson
Jason Jones
Ryan Keith
Heather Larson



Eddie Lehnardt
Jay Lewis
Larry Little
Heather Littlejohn
Cara Lovell



Jennifer Loyd
Stuart Ludlow
Erik Lund
Angela Lynch
Jon Maher



Erin Mark
Joe Marquez
Laura Marsh
Jeremy Martin
Shan Martinez



Denise Maskill
Brian Mason
Jami Masonbrink
Brad Matney
Jenny Matthews



Kim Maupin
Andrew Mayhew
Jeff Mayhew
Scott McBurney
Angela McCleish





Caroline Wolfer gets embarrassed when she attempts to hit the birdie back to her opponent in her Life Rec. I class. Photo by Jennifer Copeland

On the Spot

Sophomores
share embarrassing
moments....

How embarrassing to walk out of a bathroom with your pants unzipped, drop your tray in the lunchroom, or misspell your name on a test.

When one gets embarrassed several different things may happen, such as turning red, getting hot, having a queasy stomach, and getting angry.

"My face turns red, and I start laughing," said Jason Parks, soph.

"When I get embarrassed my first reaction is to cover my face," said Angie Amos, soph.

Certain things make a person feel embarrassed, depending on the type of person you are.

"I feel embarrassed when I mess up on a cheer," said Caroline Wolfer, a sophomore cheerleader.

"When you are in front of several people and you do something wrong, and everybody laughs at you," said Jenny Loyd, soph.

Stephanie Ford, soph, said, "I felt most embarrassed when I was walking to my biology class on the first day of school and I walked in the wrong room. I

had to ask Mr. McCollough where the right class was. I was so embarrassed!"

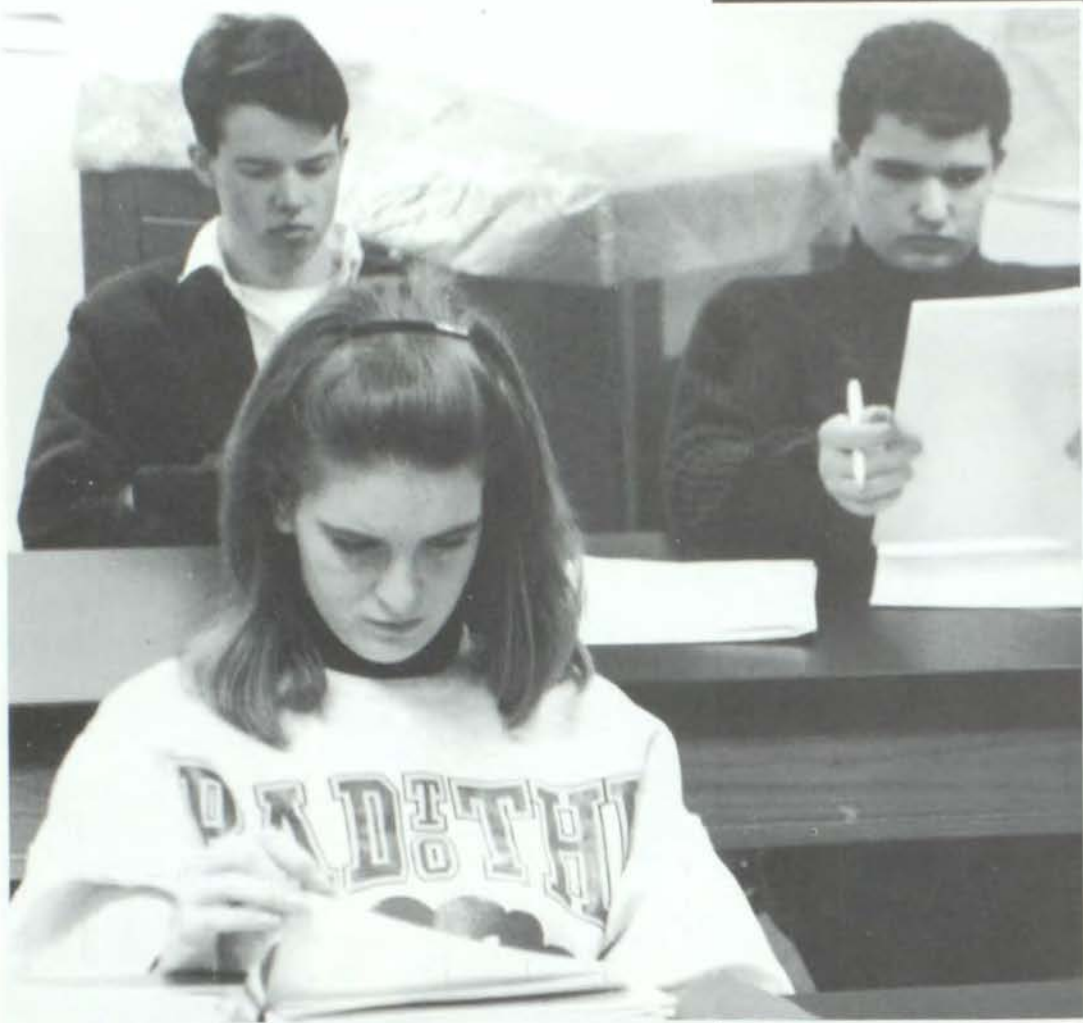
Many students claim they are most often embarrassed by parents and friends.

Susan Kehoe said, "My parents embarrass me the most. My dad is always let's the whole store know when he feels something I want is too expensive."

"I was embarrassed when I was daydreaming in class one day. The teacher had called my named five times supposedly and I didn't even hear her. So when I snapped back everybody was looking at me," said Lashona Hines, soph.

But when it comes to embarrassing others, some find it exciting.

Michelle Walsh, soph, said, "I like to have a good laugh, and to make people laugh." —Wendy Robinson



Jenny Mathews, soph, sits studying by Andy Revell, sr, and Allen Johnson, jr, two of the upperclassmen in her third hour micro-biology class.
Photo by Eric Glenn

Fast forward

Advanced placement (AP) classes are generally associated with seniors that are wanting to gain some college credit in high school without physically attending, but for different reasons some sophomores were also in AP classes.

One of this year's sophomores involved in a class of this type was Jenny Mathews. In ninth grade she took a test made up by LHS science teacher Mr. Gary McCoullough. Because of Mathews' high score on the test she had the opportunity to skip biology and go straight to Micro-Biology and Anatomy/Physiology.

"I like being in the class with upperclassmen and I also like Mr. McCoullough as the teacher," said Mathews.

Another AP class was Concert Choir. A sophomore in Concert Choir has been a rarity in the past. This year's Concert Choir sophomores were Elizabeth Walsh and Joe Sipe.

"Nobody treats me like I'm a sophomore. They treat me more like one of them," said Elizabeth Walsh, soph. Additional advanced placement-type classes for

Gifted
sophomores
become leaders
of the pack....

sophomores were available. Geometry and Algebra II could be doubled up and taken in the same year if the individual got written permission from their ninth grade Algebra I teacher and their parent(s). Also in the math department, those students who earlier skipped seventh grade math and went to eighth grade math instead advanced to Algebra II.

In the English department, with the permission of their ninth grade language arts teacher and parent(s) sophomores could also take Novel, a class usually reserved for juniors and seniors.

These sophomores in advanced placement were a rarity this past year, but not rare enough to be left out.

"For those sophomoes that qualified, I think it was a good way to challenge them with these classes," added Mrs. Eileen Edlin, counselor. — *Cindy Hansen*



Michelle McGuire
Susie McHenry
Sean McLaughlin
James Meirowsky
Amanda Mendenhall



Gary Meschon
Christy Miller
Jennifer A. Miller
Jennifer Miller
Neil Minor



Shannon Minor
Chris Milne
Jeff Morris
Stacey Morrison
Maurice Morse



Matt Moyer
Jeff Mullennix
Scott Nace
Matt Nichols
Todd Nichols



Kellie Norris
Angie Nye
Todd Odor
Patrick O'neill
Matt Otto



Meagan Pack
Josh Palmer
Jason Parks
Tim Parks
Danette Pedersen

Jason Pence
 Stacie Peterson
 Tiffany Peterson
 Amy Phipps
 Ann Pierce



Jason Piercey
 Tony Pique
 Amy Plummer
 Chris Poitras
 Shane Poston



Caralyne Powell
 Rebecca Preston
 Brooke Quigley
 Lee Rafferty
 Natalie Ramos



Tonya Ramos
 Eric Ramussen
 Chad Reeder
 Jason Reichert
 Craig Reynolds



Tanya Richardson
 Brett Rinker
 Melissa Rizek
 Melissa Roberts
 Tracy Roberts



Neal Ross
 Shawn Rulon
 Greg Russell
 Nikie Ryne
 Amy Sales





Mary Stoufer, soph, eats breakfast while she catches up on homework. Stoufer is one of the many students who ate breakfast at school because of a lack of time in the morning.

Photo by Eric Glenn

Breakfast

"Hey, do you know where mom keeps the Corn Pops?"

"No. Why should I know?"

"She has to know! She's not going to tell me so she can have them for herself. That hog!" he thinks.

"Have you checked the pantry?"

"No," he says and darts for the pantry. Opening the door he finds a brand new box and a smile appears on his face.

"I got to have my Pops."

Sound familiar. Unfortunately, all problems can't be solved as easily as this one. Sometimes it's not just the problem of finding something to eat for breakfast, but finding time to eat it. For those who do have time to eat breakfast, the size of the meal can differ.

"I get up at four-thirty in the morning and eat breakfast before swim practice. My mom fixes eggs, bacon, toast, and a glass of orange juice for me," said, Collin Walker, soph.

"I usually just eat an apple or an orange for breakfast," said Marc Burton, soph.

Finding time for the most important meal of the day....

Teachers, parents, and doctors have always said that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It helps students start the day off right and feel good. So, what about the students who didn't have enough time for a home-cooked breakfast before school? What could they do?

Well, for many the answer was the Dolly Madison rack or the vending machine in the commons. The Dolly Madison rack offered everything from the six-pack of powdered-sugar donuts to iced cinnamon rolls, whereas the vending machine offered popular items from Skittles to Snicker bars.

So, if that magic box of Corn pops didn't appear for students in the morning, most were determined to find some other source to start their day off right. —Jeff Mullenix



Ann Pierce and Angie Dunnaway, sophs, talk after school while they get ready to go home. Their locker was just one of many lockers decorated by students this year.
Photo by Rachel Chambers

Lockers

Three to the left, seven to the left, and eleven to the right. You open the door to find women in little bikinis posed on beaches covering the insides of your locker. Or are they muscular men in Speedos flexing while they lift weights to show off for a couple of bystanders? Of course, they could just be cute little posters, a string of Christmas lights, or maybe it's just a mirror positioned perfectly for a quick hair check between classes. Whatever the decoration might be, students usually found some way to brighten up their lockers.

"We put up little bows, all kinds of pictures, and little cards people had given us. We put our names on the locker with construction paper. And in the middle of our locker we had a mirror," said Brandy Shilt, soph, who was locker partners with Meagan Pack, soph.

For the three years the average student is at the high school, they are assigned the same locker and the same locker partner, although locker partners occasionally get into fights and one may end up moving out, another one will invariably move in. The combination of two teenagers, together in the same locker, usually brought about

Flashing lights,
vivid pictures
cover student
lockers....

the desire to make the locker more beautiful to look at. Unfortunately, as the end of the school year came around, the decoration had to come down for the summer.

"I don't have any problems with having to take the stuff down over the summer. That way you don't have to worry about any of it getting stolen or damaged," said Cody Winter, soph.

As you shut the door it occurs to you that you forgot your language book and you start to open it again. When you reach for your book your arm brushes one of the pictures and knocks it off. Oh, well, you think to yourself, it had to come down sometime. You simply kick the picture off to the side where someone else will step on it, shut your locker door, and hurry off to your next class.

— Jeff Mullennix



Marta Sarver
Jaimie Scarborough
Stacy Scarborough
Ty Schmitt
Chris Scott



Christina Scott
Remi Seal
Steve Shannon
Cathy Shaw
Tim Shields



Brandy Shilt
Lori Shinneman
Mikala Shipman
Jason Shoemaker
Becky Sidden



Joe Sipe
Sara Sires
Sara Skinner
Ron Sloan
Heather Smith



Jamie Smith
Sarah Smith
Shawn Smith
Susanne Smith
Mike Snyder



Amy Sorenson
Karie Sorenson
Sarah Stanfield
Dione Stariha
Nicole Stark

Sophia Stefanini
 Brett Stegall
 Mike Stevens
 Matt Stevenson
 Heather Stewart



Travis Stone
 Mary Stouffer
 Andrew Stumm
 Conrad Stumpenhaus
 Jimmy Surrette



Shaun Symmonds
 Leisa Tackett
 Brandon Tankesley
 Bobby Taylor
 Larry Taylor



Nathan Terry
 Mark Thomas
 Richard Thomas
 Sarah Tietjens
 Cindy Tomme



Toby Tomkins
 Denise Travis
 Sean Tulipana
 Chris Umscheid
 Jonathon Untch



Johanna Updike
 Andrea Vanleuvan
 Mike Velder
 Kary Venable
 Bryan Vogts



Dan Wade
 Collin Walker
 Elizabeth Walsh
 Michelle Walsh





Eric Devore and Kim Brown, sophs, attend the Homecoming dance together. For special school activities most students said they got a later curfew. Photo by Kelli Delahunty

Beat the Clock

"Dad, what's my curfew tonight?"
 "Oh, how about 11:30."
 "C'mon, maybe 12:30."
 "Well I don't know."
 "Please, it's Homecoming."
 "Well, all right, but no later than 12:30!"
 "Thanks!"

Sophomores
 learn art to
 extending
 curfews....

This conversation was recognized by many students in the sophomore class not only for school-sponsored event nights, but for any Friday or Saturday night. Still the problem most encountered was having to be in before their junior and senior counterparts.

"I feel degraded because I don't like being judged by a class and would rather be judged by maturity. It feels like 7th grade all over again," said Tricia Erickson, soph.

"After a date we would go to my house and watch television or talk for a awhile because I had an earlier curfew than he did," said Elizabeth Walsh, soph.

Most sophomores hoped for leniency in dealing with their parents about special occasions such as Homecoming, Courtwarming, and, for a few, prom.

"My curfew was extended to 2:00 for the Homecoming dance so that I could enjoy the evening with my date," said Craig Reynolds, soph.

Many sophomores were able to overcome these problems and have an enjoyable time. To many this was just one of the hazards they had to face in growing up.

— Brent Taylor



Jaclyn Ferguson, soph, concentrates on a semester final in her gym class. Required semester finals were new to many sophomores. Photo by Rachel Chambers

Study Hard

'Twas the day before finals and all through the school sophomores were studying for the days ahead..The library's were silent and Perkins was loaded with study groups scattered everywhere. Then as time dwindled, down one by one they all dispersed. Later that night all snug in their beds, thoughts of A's and B's danced in their heads, knowing that finals were next and grade cards not far ahead.

Along with being the newcomers to the school this year, sophomores also had to adjust to taking a required semester final in each class before the break. Whether it be studying in groups or by themselves most of them could be found preparing for those three days in mid-January; the pressure was on.

Students met on nights before major tests at Perkins in an attempt to exchange knowledge of the subjects to be tested over.

"Studying in groups is a lot easier than by yourself because you learn things your friends know and also give input on things you know. Most of all it's fun to be with your friends," said Scott Blake, soph.

Some cram,
while others
don't fret

Many students were also not only unprepared for semester finals but some found that cumulative finals were also a new experience.

"It's harder to study for finals in every class and there isn't enough time to studying for all of them," stated Danny Bonikowski, soph.

A few students weren't bothered by the pressures of finals and took them in stride.

"I just take them as normal tests and don't worry about it as if it were more important. My grades in some classes are also high enough to cover mistakes," said Sean Tulipana, soph.

This was just another new experience most of the sophomores encountered at the senior high this year and most likely one not forgotten soon. — Brent Taylor



Wanda Washburn
 Nancy Wassam
 Jennifer Waugh
 Brian Webb
 Alan Welles



Carolyn Wepler
 Ashley West
 Garrett Westfall
 Terra Westfall
 Russell White



Julie Whitaker
 Alys Whiteaker
 Robbie Wildhaber
 Brad Wilkinson
 Doug Williams



Trisha Willis
 Brandon Wilson
 Morisa Wilson
 Shannon Wilson
 Heather Wiltshire



Chad Winfrey
 Yvonne Winslow
 Cody Winter
 Paul Wohletz
 Caroline Wolfer



Andy Wood
 Alex Worth
 Landon Worthuy
 Micah Young
 Danny Zook

Not Pictured

Jenny Collins
 David Daniel
 Renee Donaldson
 Autumn Herrmann
 Gary Huggins
 Susan Kehoe
 Danica Keller

Marty Kelsey
 Jamie Kennedy
 Christy Kibbe
 Bryan Kitahara
 Mary Knauss
 Amber Koury
 Luke Kowalzek

Robert Lyman
 Marc McCaslin
 Chris Milne
 Nathan Phillips
 Joseph Warren
 Angela Wickline
 Jared Williams

Adventure Woods

Faculty Heads Outdoors



*New
&
Improved*

Mr. Keith Elmore, counselor, watches as Mrs. Donna Woolard, BD teacher, is helped onto the rope by Mr. Ed Older, government teacher. Ms. Tracy Atkinson, language teacher, and Mr. Dennis Blocklinger, Industrial Arts teacher, look on in preparation for their turns. All 11 group members had to make it onto a one meter square platform. *Photo by Jan Hensel*

The Wednesday before school started the faculty could be found romping through the woods— Adventure Woods.

Adventure Woods is supported by Crittendon, and is located on an acre of land just behind it. It was set up to teach people how to cooperate in groups in several unique ways. "Crittendon is a place where troubled teenagers go to get help," said Mr. C.W. Stessman, Vice Principal.

The first thing the faculty did when they arrived was to form smaller groups. This was achieved by giving everyone an animal name (rooster, cow, or cat). They then had to close their eyes and make the sound of the animal. Without peeking, teachers had to find others making their animal sound.

Once in groups, the faculty headed into the woods to do group problem solving activities.

"The first thing that our group had to do involved several stumps and two boards. We had to get from point A to point B without walking on the ground. The stumps were about seven feet apart," said Mr. Dennis Blocklinger, industrial technology teacher.

During the day, the faculty had many other obstacles to face. Some had to walk on a cable and get all the group members over a barrel that was hung in a tree. Other groups had to walk through the forest blindfolded, relying on the person in front of them.

Mr. Martin Jacobs, principal, said, "This activity was supposed to achieve working together, getting to know each other better, working together in a positive way, using everyone's talents to achieve the most out of them, and to learning sometimes it is better to ask for help than to do it by yourself." •Lesley Hobbs



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Jim Nail: American Government, World History, Applied Economics, American History



Faculty Look to Future

Mauer, Riggs Retire

*I*s ...Could...Did. Mr. Jack Mauer, Latin teacher, is retiring this year. Mr. Jim Nail, social studies department chairperson, could retire. Mr. Bill Riggs, a favorite bus driver, did retire.

In September of 1957 a young man name Jack Mauer began a career in teaching. He started teaching at St. Agnes High School, for 9-12 graders in Fairway, Kansas.

Mr. Mauer is not unhappy with his leaving because he had planned it all out when he came into the teaching profession. "I made a promise to myself that I would teach until I reached 60. I reached 60 in July of 1991," said Mr. Mauer.

Mr. Bill Riggs has been in Liberty's District for 24 years. He served 12 years as president of the school board and 12 years as a bus driver, Mr. Riggs was well-liked by all his passengers. He drove school routes, and transported athletes to and from their games, meets, or matches. "He always told the team good luck as we were getting off the bus, during track season," said Karie Samples, jr.

Mr. Jim Nail has taught for 34 year. He is eligible for retirement, but is still here for two main reasons. He proudly said that he enjoys teaching, and that he has two children still in college. Mr. Nail says he will be retiring within the next few years or so.

When Nail finally does retire he may agree with Mauer, who said, "In all honesty I plan to keep myself so busy as to miss nothing."

•Wendy Robinson



Mr. Jack Mauer teaches his third hour Latin I class. Mauer says that after retiring he is going to travel and get involved in the Literacy Plus Program.
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Mrs. Joyce Fessler, school nurse, sorts through a barrel for crisis intervention. Barrels are located throughout the school for emergencies. Photo by Tammy Welch

Ouch! I cut my finger, and it will not stop bleeding. It's okay, though. It's just a Level 1 injury.

During last school year, Mr. Martin Jacobs, principal worked with Mr. Stephen Butler, assistant principal, on the idea of a crisis intervention program for the whole school district. Butler and Mrs. Joyce Fessler, school nurse, were in charge of this organization. They both took part in training, teaching and demonstrating information to the high school faculty at special meetings held throughout the year.

Fessler said, "Our main goal is to provide an organized efficient first aid in case of an emergency."

They have involved administrators, the teaching staff, Campus Supervisor Karen Mabery, and Head Custodian Robert Houston in hopes of preparing all staff to respond to injuries and emergencies.

Barrels were set-up in seven different areas of the school building. "These barrels contain blankets, rubber gloves, tourniquets, flashlight, tongue depressants, medical tape, scissors, and eye wash. I think the barrels are the best thing that has happened to the school. They are life saving and we necessarily need them," said Mr. Lee Hunold, English teacher and pod coordinator.

There are the three different levels of injury: level 1, minor; level 2, not immediately life-threatening though 911 may be called; and level 3, a major problem and 911 is called right away.

Fessler said that the program will spread eventually to the entire district. • Wendy Robinson



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Donna Woolard: Special Services, B. D.

Not pictured

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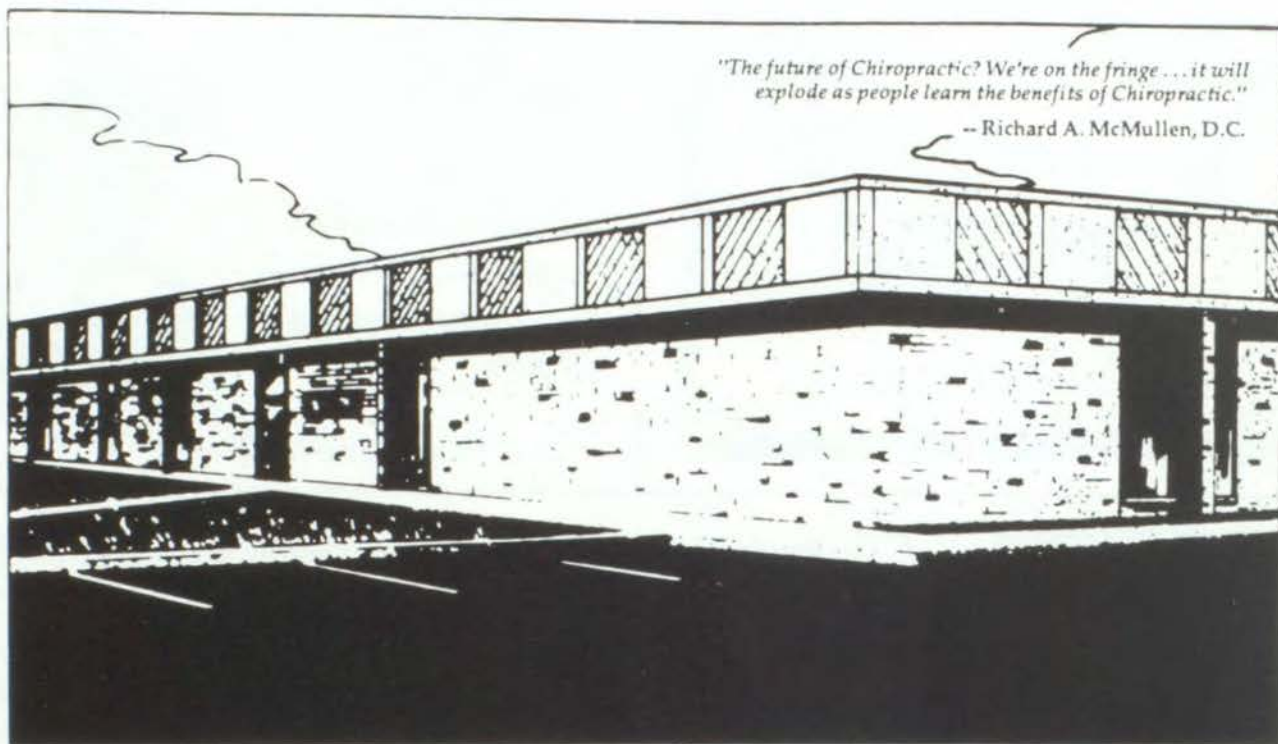
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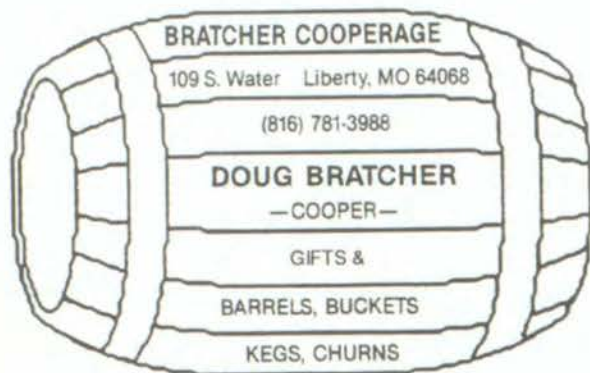
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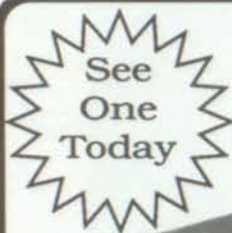
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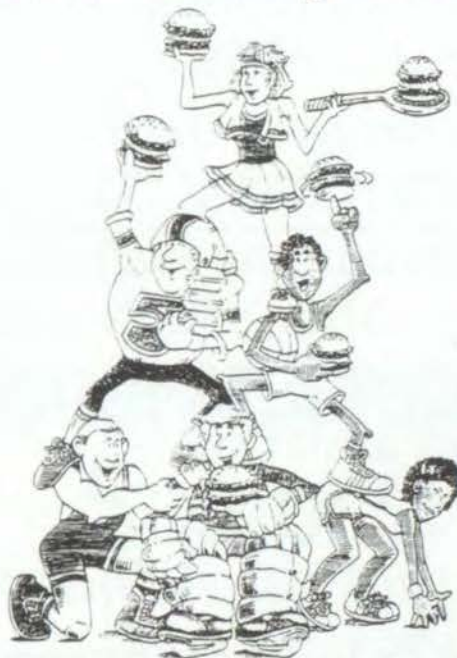
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Journalism has been my life for the past four years. People ask me why I do yearbook with all the problems and time involved. At different times over the years I asked myself the same question. For sure, it was not all the Saturdays spent answering endless questions, checking layouts for style and punctuation, recovering a page after the disk was mysteriously erased, cleaning up food strung from corner to corner, consoling staff members who were ready to pull out all their hair after losing their photos or needing more inches on their stories, ice cream sundaes, sub sandwiches, the progressive dinner, the action packed scavenger hunt, the yearbook plant tour, seeing my name in print, selling ads to local businesses, crowning the Spectator queens, selling yearbooks, distribution day, changing the ladder again and again, computer bombs, assisting with a computer class at the national convention, the end of the year picnic, the sagas of "As the 'tator' turns", the excitement of starting over with a new year, thinking up a theme that wouldn't make the staff vomit by the end of the year, staff T-shirts, the wonderful feeling of walking across the stage to pick up an award, the annual journalism banquet, visiting Northwest Missouri State University, the cancellation of plane tickets after Midway Airlines folded the night before the National Journalism Conference in Chicago, having the wrong year printed on the spine of the yearbook, trying to maintain a good sense of humor during stressful deadlines, and on and on and on. The memories are endless. Some good, some bad, but all are very memorable.

But I didn't experience this adventure alone or create these memories by myself. I owe a great deal of thanks to my staff and adviser. As a perfectionist, I expected too much at times, but you always pulled through, or at least I dragged you through. Although thanking the staff may sound trite, I truly do appreciate their hard work, long hours and dedication. Working as a team is what helped us to pull this book together. Although we might of had a few rough times each and every person deserves a big pat on the back.

However, it is to the section editors that I owe enormous thanks.

Ryan, for being the new kid on the block, you did a wonderful job on the clubs layout. Being a sophomore and a section editor was a great honor. However, marking on peoples heads with permanent markers, and posting interesting stories about others helped to remind us that you were a sophomore, but we still liked you. Thanks for everything.

Jilli, what can I say, your academics section came out a success. Your conspiracy to hide Aleatha's layouts with white boxes was worth a million laughs, even if it did cause a heart failure or two. Thanks for everything.

Lilli, from your fits of rage because everything was the stupid Mac's fault, to creating a wonderful student life section, you've come a long way. And by the way is that a computer talking to you or is someone else in the room? Thanks for everything.

Lynn, your ads layout worked out wonderfully. You, too, have learned a great deal over the two years and it shows. Thanks for sticking with it. Your smile was always encouraging. Thanks for everything.

Amy, you made it through another year and were usually the first done with your spreads making my life a lot easier. Your Mini-Mag layout turned out fantastic. Thanks for just accepting the job. Thanks for everything.

Aleatha, I am so proud of all of your people sections. You took on an enormous job and turned out wonderful layouts. Your work on the book has been superb. Thank you for all the hours you spent helping me correct layouts. Thanks for putting up with all the ridicule from dating me. A wise owl once told me to never date people on staff. Did I listen? No. Thank you for your friendship it has meant the world to me. Thanks for everything.

Milli, my wonderful assistant editor, what can I say? We made it! Your sports section turned out fabulous, but what else should I expect from such a talented person. You were there for me and listened to all my gripes, for that job, you deserve a medal. You were the yearbook cheerleader and helped me boost the staff morale. You always went beyond the call of duty. You were my friend and even my prom date my junior year. You're an all around good person. We will always be good friends. Thanks for everything.

I give my greatest thanks to the person who has helped me the most. Mrs. Hensel, thank you for teaching me about everything. You always went beyond the call of duty. You gave me endless guidance, understanding and friendship. I am sure that I took more than my share of your time and your family time. I'll always remember what you've taught me about journalism and life. Thank you very much.

I'd want to thank my family and friends for understanding how important this has been to me. Believe me it's been well worth it! Thank you God, for without you I could have never made it.

I wouldn't trade any of your friendships for four years of leisure. We started out as strangers, but after sharing food, hotel rooms, and many hours in the cramped J-lab, helped qualify us as family. I'll miss working, partying, crying, joking, and laughing with you.

We did a great job!

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Backward

With the year coming to an end we continued to look *forward*. Seniors made plans for college plans, juniors relished the idea of becoming seniors and sophomores would no longer be low man on the totem poll.



Forward

Teachers looked to the future, too, by contributing ideas for the proposed addition to the school. While some students looked forward to free time to relax in one of the new community center's four pools, others applied for summer jobs at Worlds of Fun, home of the world's number one roller coaster.

Looking back over the year we saw our lives as a mixture of school, family, and friends. Students enjoyed annual events like Sadie Hawkins and the Senior Breakfast.

Progress and tradition. 1992 saw us moving in two directions at once, all right.

The yearbook captured both the memories and the dreams, and reminders of everything that made up 1991-92. Looking through the pages you, too, can see the year *Backward & Forward*.

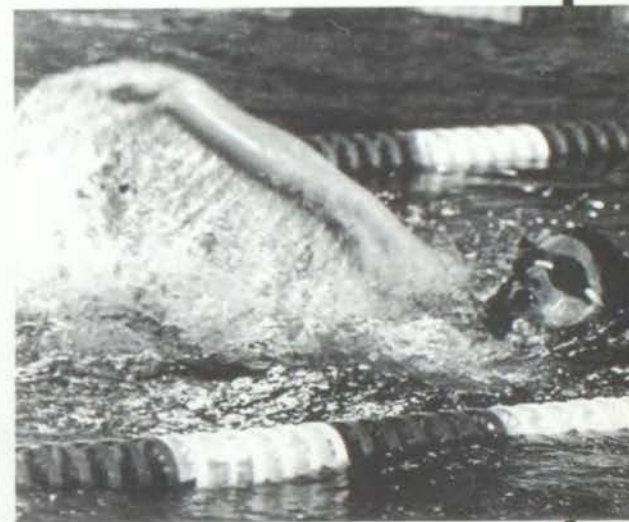


Liberty continues to grow. The city went forward with phase two of the construction plan for Mill street. The plan included widening the road between City Hall and the 7-11 store. Photo by Eric Glenn

With a population of 20,459, Liberty continues to grow. This photograph, taken from the hill that Liberty United Methodist church sits, gives an overview of Hwy 152 and the city. Photo by Jennifer Mallon



From the spring play, Robin Hood, Chris Collins, soph, and Stewart King, jr, perform standing backward and forward at the Feb. 27 production. Photo by Rachel Chambers



Chris Elbow, sr, took first in both the breast and back strokes at the Park Hill Invitational and placed first in the 100 back at the Shawnee Mission East Invitational setting a school record of :57.4. Photo by Kelli Delahunty

As many businesses moved forward into modern buildings with trendy signs, businesses on the historic square remained "backward" with old-style building fronts. Photo by Jennifer Mallon

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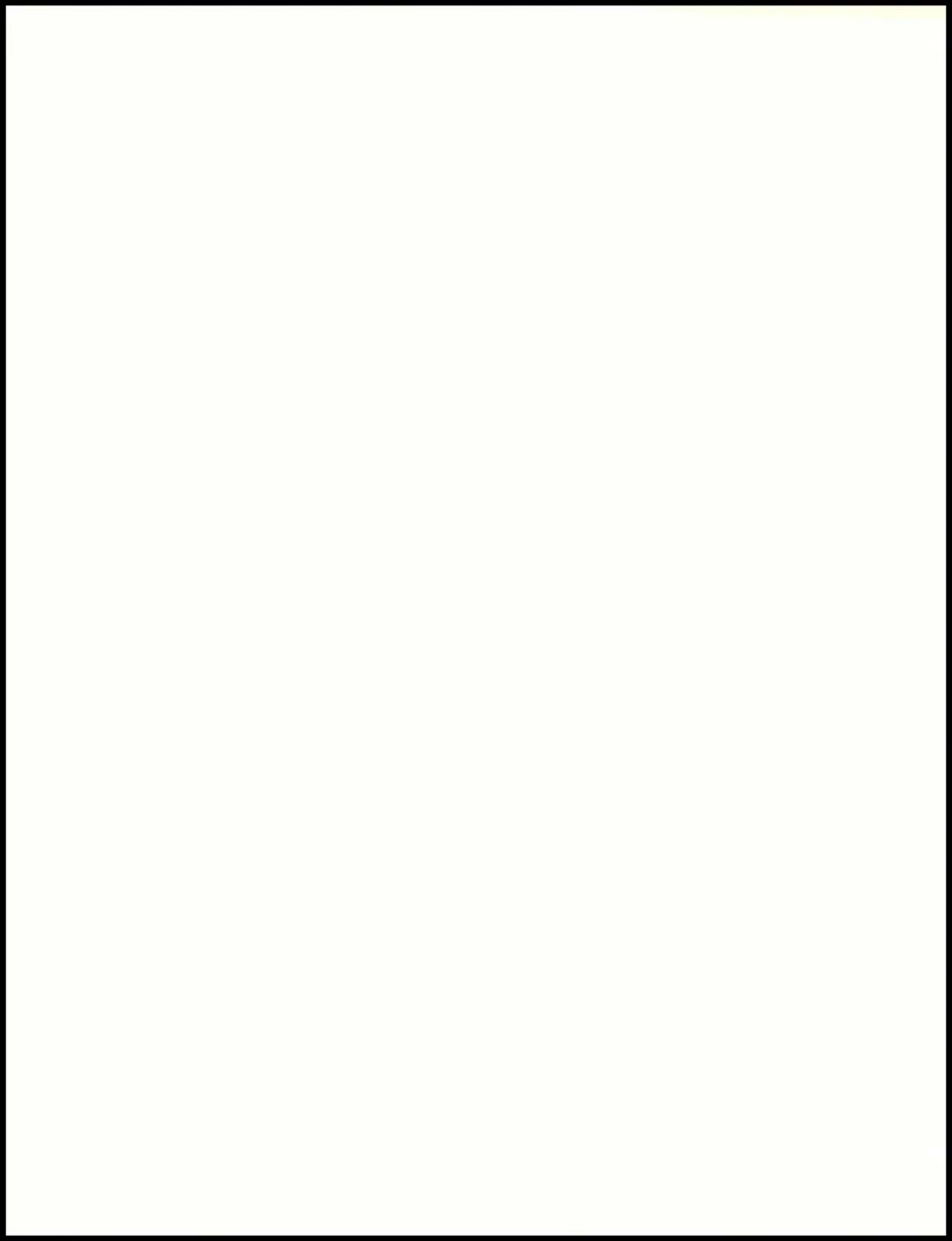
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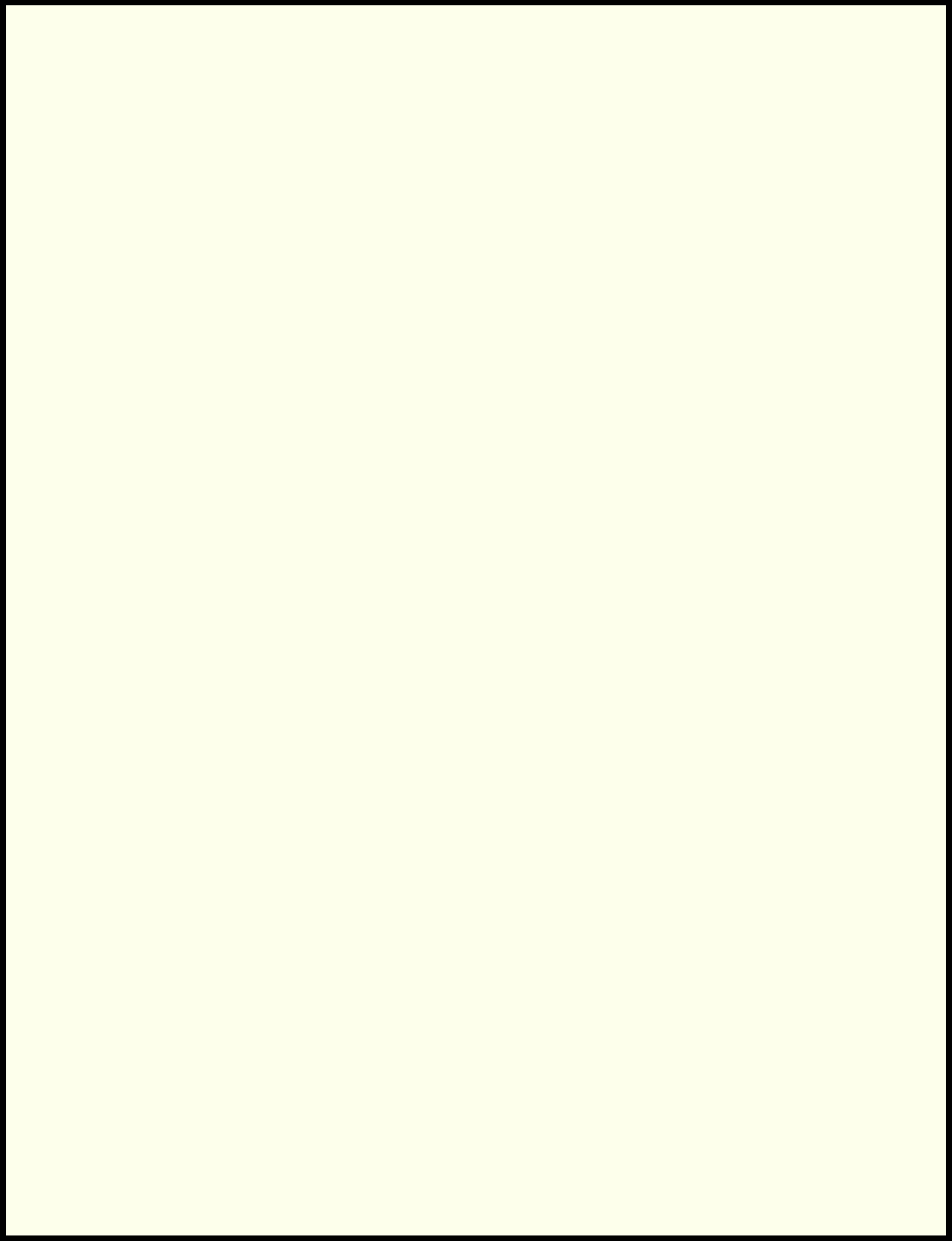
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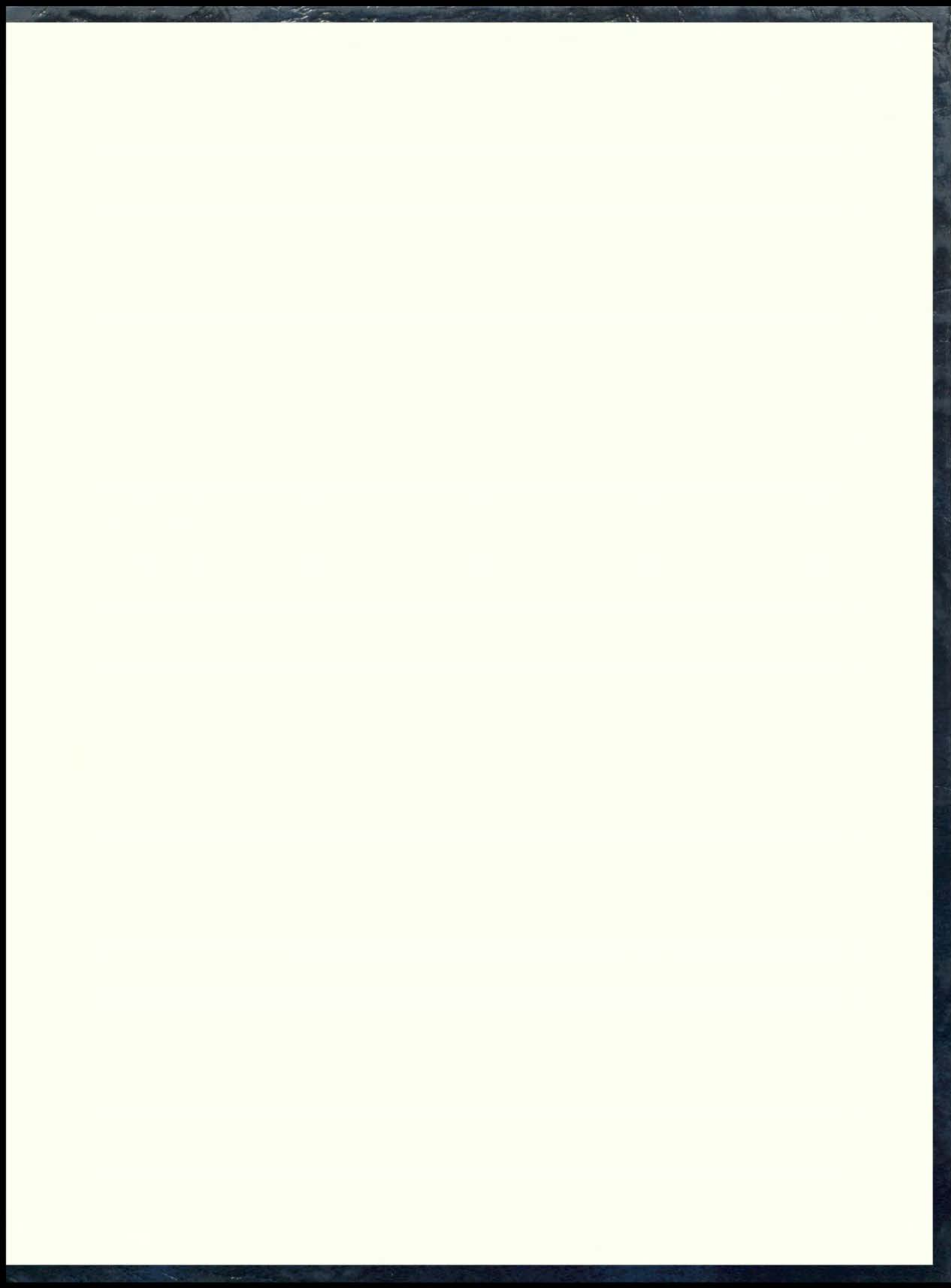
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Backward



Forward