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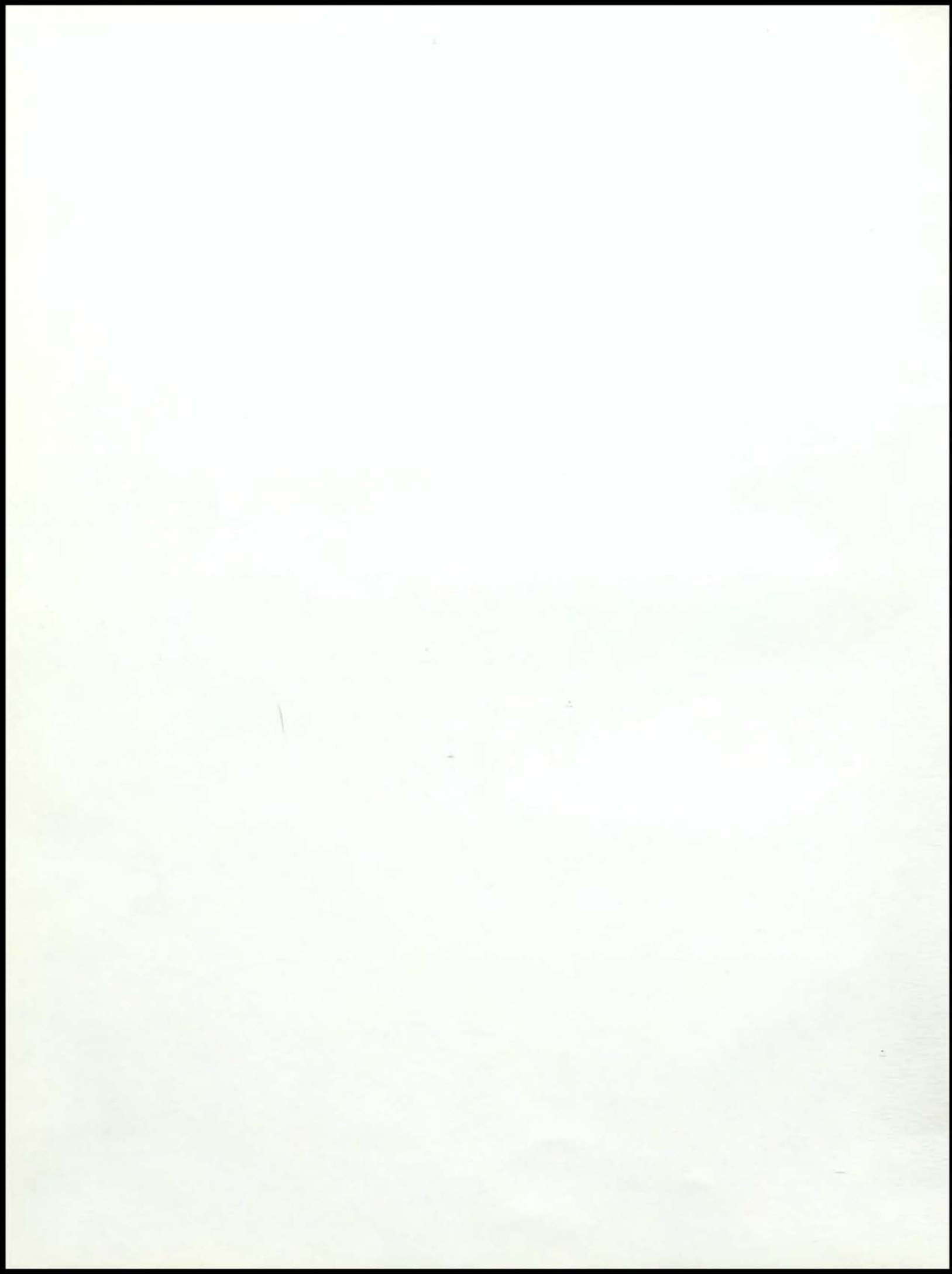
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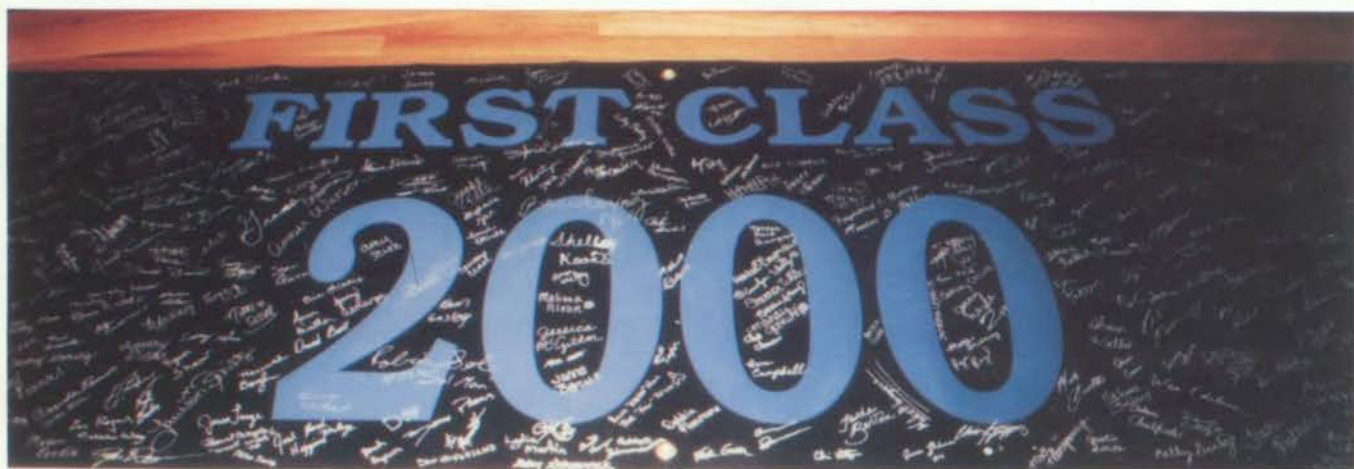
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➤ Junior Tyler Beane shows his Panther spirit while wearing his soccer warmups and his class ring.

Photo by Dustin Pence

✔ The retired Panther Beanie Baby, Velvet, was a popular item for students who attended Park Hill South.



▲ Josten's presented the Junior class with a Class of 2000 banner to be signed during their ring ceremony. Photo by Dustin Pence

➤ Due to the changing of schools and new colors, Park Hill South had to buy new equipment for all of the sports teams, including the football team. Photo by Sara Ruzicka





◀ At the first assembly at Park Hill South High School the entire students body shows their spirit during the class shouts.
Photo by Dustin Pence

✔ Junior Jenny Almarez signs her name on the Class of 2000 banner at the ring ceremony. The juniors turned in their Park Hill rings and exchanged them for Park Hill South rings. Photo by Dustin Pence



▲ Representing the Panther Marching Band the Drum Major Lance Harper, junior, displays the new uniforms.

Changing colors

New school brings changes

Red to purple, Trojans to Panthers, change was a large part for students attending Park Hill South High School.

"I was happy to leave Park Hill, but it was sad leaving my friends I've been with for so long," said junior Skye Geer.

Changing colors also meant changing clothes.

"I bought a couple of new things, but I still wear my Park Hill stuff," said sophomore Jon Woods.

Those students who lettered took a different approach to getting a new wardrobe.

"I traded my letters in because I wanted to have school spirit as a Panther and not as a Trojan," said junior Susan Burton.

For other letterman mixing red on purple and purple on red seemed to unite the two now competing schools.

"I didn't trade my letters in because when I get older I want to know what I did and where I did it," said junior Tommy Hottovy.

Just like the green leaves turning to fall oranges and yellows, Trojan red gradually changed into Panther purple.

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Change of location

New sights to see from the river bluff

The location is spectacular. Rising high on the bluff, Park Hill South overlooks the Missouri River and downtown Kansas City. Windows line the outside of the library, cafeteria and hallways.

The building itself is impressive, with 254,000 square feet. The auditorium seats 900 students, gymnasium 1,600, media center 240, and commons 400.

For students and faculty parking their cars each morning, they are sure to get a front row space with 925 spots for approximately 250 permits.

Those students who are involved in sports have new places to play including two softball/baseball fields, one soccer field, one football practice field, one track and four tennis courts. Indoor sports teams compete in two gymnasiums, an all-purpose room, a weight room and a fitness/dance room.

Park Hill South has four academic houses. These houses include ten classrooms, one large group room, two small conference rooms, two computer resource areas with twelve computers in each, two science labs and one teacher planning center.

The administration is located together in offices for the principals, counselors, career center, nurse, attendance, bookkeeper, registrar, in-school suspension and security.

The magnificent school will be enjoyed by students for lifetimes to come.

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▲▲ The Park Hill South building was approved in April of 1996 and groundbreaking was October 10, 1996. Nearly two years later the building was ready for students on August 26, 1998.

▲ Four panthers stare down South's opponents as they enter the gym. The Panther Pride mural was designed by James D. French at the American Institute of Architects and painted by Larry Leslie at Leslie Advertising.



◀ As students walk down the main hallway they are gazed upon by a prowling panther. The panther was purchased by attendance clerk Margaret Reichart at Village Gardens, who repainted it black and brought it in to be mounted.
Photo by Liana Lyons

✔ Students may have a hard time focusing on their work from the new media center because of the view. They will most likely find the book they are looking for because of the 9,000 new volumes.



▲ The large windows that line the cafeteria create a beautiful skyline image of downtown Kansas City that students and faculty can enjoy. Photo by Liana Lyons

✓ Junior Chad Whitman and freshman John Letourneau await patiently to begin playing the drums in their first performance at the new school.



✓ Dr. Carruth recognizes Walt Darling, the building supervisor, for his countless hours spent building the new school. The school was designed by DLR and built by J.E. Dunn.



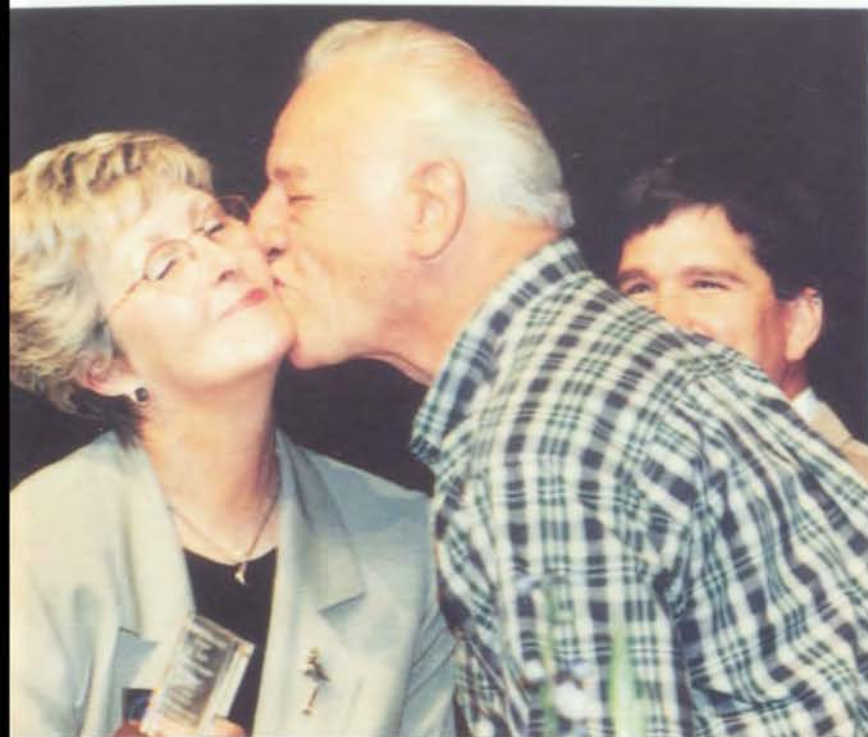
▲ The auditorium filled with students, parents, and administrators as the dedication began. Most of the students had to stand because of the large crowd who gathered for the dedication.

➤ Sophomore Shelby Bartels performs the fight song routine at the dedication. This was the premiere performance of the fight song.



GRAND OPENING

Dedication opens doors to a new beginning



As Park Hill South cheerleaders handed out programs, hundreds of people crowded into the auditorium on Sunday, August 23.

The dedication began with the band playing the new *Alma Mater*. The crowd enjoyed the performance even though most of them didn't know the lyrics yet.

"The band did an awesome job. It sounded really good," Junior Josh Gorombey said.

Superintendent Dr. Gayden Carruth recognized board members, architects, and Park Hill South's Principal, Dr. Brad Tate, for their efforts to make Park Hill South come alive.

During the first 45 minutes of the dedication, Park Hill South's Dance Team stood on stage motionless with locked smiles on their faces.

Sophomore Jennifer Colley had to step off stage for a moment, "I locked my knees. It was my first performance in front of our whole school. When I walked off stage, I fainted. They shouldn't have left us standing there for so long," Colley said.

Colley returned to the stage and performed to the fight song with the rest of her squad.

"I loved the way the whole crowd stood up and got so into the fight song, that was the most exciting part of the entire dedication," junior Amy Stice said.

Representatives from the school community, including students, faculty, and parents, gathered on the stage to cut the purple ribbon to officially open the new school. The \$25 million building features the latest in educational technology.

Dr. Tate stepped on the stage to give thanks and to wish the students good luck for the upcoming school year.

The band played as the crowd left to go on tours of the quarter-of-a-million square foot school and to eat Papa John's pizza.

"The dedication could have been a little more exciting, but it was a great way to start off the new school year," junior Blair Witt said.

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▲ Junior Class President, Caleb Graves thanked the community for the new building at the dedication ceremony. Caleb was the only student to speak at the event.



▲ Juniors Allison Smither and Blair Witt sing Park Hill South's *Alma Mater* for the first time. "We did really well for having to learn off an audiotape. It would've been easier with sheet music," Smither said.





◀ The winner of Big Cat on Campus, junior Tyler Beane, is escorted by sophomore Anne Torpey during the formal wear competition. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

▲ Junior Chris Utterback shakes speaker Mark Scharenbroich's hand during an inspirational speech at the first school assembly. Mark Scharenbroich started our traditional "Boomba-Hey." Photo by Dustin Pence

➤ Juniors Dustin Pence and Blair Witt talk about their characters' future plans during the first play, "Our Town." Photo by A.J. Raine



◀ Park Hill senior Ryan Wetschensky and South junior Danielle Chapman dance during the Homecoming dance. Photo by Michael Newburger

✓ Junior Matt Harper swing dances with his mother at the Panther Prowl. Photo by Sara Otwell



Changing Tradition

Park Hill South has made many traditions and special memories for the students and staff.

A View of the Future was South's first Homecoming. The dance was sponsored by Student Council. They decided to have the dance in the commons area because of the beautiful view of downtown Kansas City.

Big Cat on Campus was South's version of Mr. Park Hill. The event was also sponsored by Student Council. It sold over 600 tickets.

Student Council failed to have something prepared for the audience's entertainment during the ballot counting.

"The guys did a really good job entertaining the crowd when we had nothing planned. They took turns going across the stage doing the worm," junior Lindsay Letourneau said.

The PTA sponsored the Panther Prowl dance for mothers and sons to have a special evening together. Many door prizes were given out including Chiefs tickets, movies passes, and apparel.

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Starting new traditions during Spirit Week

Students weren't sleepwalking when they wore their pajamas to school on Monday of Spirit Week, they were showing their school spirit.

Tuesday students were wishing they were on a tropical island wearing their hula attire. Wednesday students got comfortable in their cowboy boots and overalls on country day. Thursday, the student body's least favorite day, a few wore brown, pink, and white to represent wafer cookies.

"I liked all the choices except the wafer day. The Freshman didn't participate because they had to wear pink," said junior Alison Smither.

And Friday, students wore the traditional purple and black.

"The colors on wafer day weren't very good and I didn't like country day very much, but the rest of the week were pretty good," said sophomore Jessica Retter.

Another part of Spirit Week was the traditional Homecoming assembly. What wasn't traditional was having the assembly on Thursday during seminar, instead of on Friday.

The tradition of having just Homecoming queen candidates was broken when ten Panther men were nominated.

"It felt really good to be nominated and I was surprised that I got selected," said junior king candidate Caleb Graves.

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SPIRIT WEEK



Sophomore Jennifer Colley



Junior Christina Giamalva and sophomore Todd Gutschow



Sophomore Desree May, junior Alison Smither and freshman Lequecia Riggs



Junior- Chocolate
 Sophomore- Vanilla
 Freshmen- Strawberry



◀◀◀ Queen and king candidates Ashlee Seymour and Ryan Shaw walk arm-in-arm at the homecoming assembly.
 Photo by Dustin Pence

▲▲ At the Homecoming assembly members of the dance team, sophomore Lindsey Stuetelberg, sophomore Katie Baker, junior Stacia Barajas, and sophomore Shelby Bartels performed to "Twilight Zone."
 Photo by Dustin Pence

▲ The Football Booster Club lined the entrance to school with a football-shaped sign recognizing each member of the team.

Monday- Pajama Day
 Tuesday- Hula Day
 Wednesday- Country Day
 Thursday- Wafer Day
 Friday- Purple Day

HOMECOMING PARADE

Bringing new sights and new sounds
for the city of Riverside

Riverside residents were very pleased at the sight of decorated floats, cheerleaders throwing candy, and the vocal music department singing the Alma Mater and the fight song.

Saturday, September 26 was Park Hill South's first Homecoming parade and the first homecoming parade ever in Riverside.

Students, administrators and parents arrived at 8:30 to prepare for the upcoming parade. The parade started at City Hall and lasted approximately 30 minutes.

The parade was organized by Junior class sponsor Kris Smither.

"We had a lot of student and staff participation and that was great. It will be better next year because we will have more clubs

established. I am organizing the parade again next year, so hopefully I'll do an even better job," Smither said.

The Panther Marching Band guided by Majorette Maggie Passig lead the chanting cheerleaders and the singing choir through Riverside.

"It's exciting to know that I am starting a tradition at Park Hill South. It's good to know that all my hard work is going for something that people will remember," Passig said.

"I think the parade went well, but I think next year it will be even better," Passig said.

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▲ Juniors Ashley Watson, Jennifer Waller, and Chad Whitman show their class spirit on the Junior float. The theme of the float was "A View of the Future."

➤ Freshmen Aaron Bond plays the tuba while marching at the parade on September 26.





◀ Junior Molly Montgomery, sophomore Jennifer Hopper, junior Stacey Rickert, freshman Stephanie Bock and sophomore Ashley Newsom show their school spirit by decorating the tennis float.

➤ Junior Mandy Jennings and sophomores Allison Lewis and Natasha Vogel from the Purple Varsity cheerleading squad wave and pass out candy to the crowd lined along Gateway in Riverside.



▲ Coach Chris Frammer, the junior varsity soccer coach rides in a new VW Beetle in the first Homecoming parade. The soccer team won the most spirited float.

◀ Juniors Becki Pietsch and Allison Smither sing the Alma Mater at the Homecoming parade. The choir float won second place in the float competition.

FIRST VICTORY

Homecoming game first win for football team

The Panthers defeated Tarkio Acadmey 62-6 at the first Park Hill South Homecoming game on Saturday, September 26.

"It was really exciting winning the first Homecoming football game and we won by so much," junior Libby Weiss said.

At half-time, the Homecoming candidates lined up on the field waiting for the results.

The queen and king were announced by Paul Distaffano: Elle Toye and Doug Posey. They were crowned by Dr. Brad Tate and Mrs. Cathy Vandepopulier.

"It was an honor just to be nominated. I didn't care if I won or lost, just being on the field with the other candidates was the happiest feeling ever," junior Elle Toye said.

The crowd seemed pleased that Toye and Posey were the first queen and king at South.

"I am so glad we voted for someone who truly deserved it," junior Ann Bird said.

The first Homecoming queen was overwhelmed.

"It's just one of those feelings when you can't stop smiling," Toye said.

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◀ Sophomore Danny Setler, junior Chad Whitman, freshman Meredith Roberts and freshmen John Letourneau play a drum roll as the kick off begins.

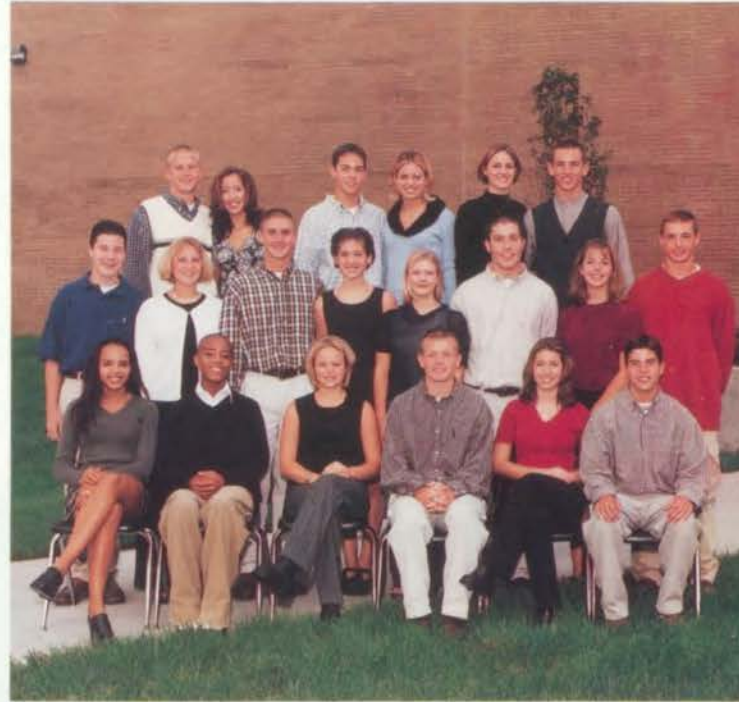
✔ During a timeout, Coach Greg Jones talks to his players about the game. The Panthers won their first game 62-6 against Tarkio Academy.



▲ King Doug Posey and Queen Elle Toye stand smiling while the crowd congratulates them. They were the first King and Queen at Park Hill South High School.

◀ The Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams stood on the sideline holding their helmets high before each kickoff. The Junior Varsity team had a chance to play in front of the crowd because of the high scoring of the Panthers.

✔ **Homecoming Candidates** **Row 1:** Tasha Benton, Doug Posey, Shelley Knoos, Tyler Beane, Ashlee Seymour, Ryan Shaw **Row 2:** Caleb Graves, Carolyn Shutty, Tommy Hottovy, Crissy Elder, Jessica McGilton, Chad Doyle, Elle Toye, Chris Steppig **Row 3:** Shane Sachs, Stacia Barajas, Kyle Sebus, Katie Ketelsen, Christina Giamalva, Virny Ginestra



▲ Mrs. Cathy Vandepopulier and Dr. Brad Tate await the announcement of the King and Queen. Mrs. Vandipopular was the 1972 Courtwarming Queen at Park Hill High School.

A VIEW OF THE FUTURE

Homecoming dance overlooks downtown Kansas City inspiring the magical evening

As many students entered the commons, they saw stars, glitter, streamers, and balloons sparkling and glistening in the moonlight. The glittery stars only mirrored the spectacular view of downtown Kansas City. This was A View of the Future.

The dance was sponsored by Student Council and was set up in the commons because of the beautiful view.

"The view was the best part of the dance," junior Arian Taherzadeh said.

Many of the students at the dance had never seen Kansas City lit up from the school's point of view.

"You could see the whole city, it was so pretty all lit up, I hadn't seen it at night before," junior Dana Bailey said.

The DJ wasn't a success according to students.

"The music could have been a lot better. It sounded like 93.3 over and over," Taherzadeh said.

"He played a few good songs, but we could have had a better DJ," sophomore Jake Pruett said.

Even though the variety of music wasn't the students favorites they didn't let that get in the way of dancing and having a good time.

"It was the very first Homecoming at Park Hill South and all we wanted to do was have fun," junior Melissa Nolan said.

Students had fun on the dance floor and off.

"It was so fun watching everyone dancing and having such a good time," junior Krysten Morrow said.

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▲ Juniors Matt Cross and Rachel Wetschensky take a rest after dancing. Many students decided to sit a few out after dancing.

➤ Freshmen Shawn Kent and Megan Miller dance close to each other along with other couples.





◀ Queen Elle Toye and her date Chris Steppig receive congratulations from her mother (partially hidden), step father, and his grandmother.

▶ Homecoming candidates lead the dance floor at the first dance at Park Hill South.



▲ Junior Crissy Elder, sophomore Kasey Chavez, and freshman Hollee McGilton and freshman Maggie Elder discuss their plans for after the dance. "I went to a party until 2:00 a.m., then went to a sleep over at a friend's house," said junior Krysten Morrow.

➤ Park Hill South junior Danielle Chapman and Park Hill student Senior Ryan Wetschensky dance at the first Homecoming dance at South.



BIG CAT ON CAMPUS

Big Cat Contestants

Tyler Beane	FBLA
Philip Esposito	Power Lifting
Noah Favaregh	Spanish Club
Vinny Ginestra	FHA
Tommy Hottovy	Natural Helpers
Eddie Perez	SAC
Brandon Romines	Environmental Club
Shane Sachs	Wrestling
Kyle Sebus	STUCO
Robin Sol	Football
Arian Taherzadeh	Debate
Dean Yzon	Cross Country

Competition starts male pageant tradition

Twelve South guys prowled the auditorium stage during the first male beauty pageant, "Big Cat On Campus."

The Big Cat On Campus was a competition title for male students who represented a club. Each contestant had to participate in five different categories: swimwear, interview, club costume, talent, and formal wear.

Only one would be judged worthy to call himself the Big Cat. Many of the guys were entertaining, but Tyler Beane caught the judge's eye and won the title of Big Cat.

"It was an honor, but it wasn't winning it that made it fun. It was the week that we practiced, when all the guys made fools of themselves and just had a good time. That was the best part," said junior Tyler Beane.

The Big Cat contest was based on Mr. Park Hill. It was a first at South and was sponsored by STUCO and Mrs. Jennifer Wilson. Mrs. Wilson spent nearly a

month preparing for the big event. The show was rehearsed at least two times a night and practices normally lasted 6 to 8 hours.

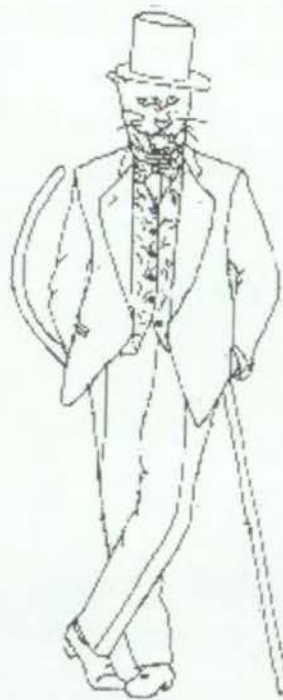
Stuco members juniors Carolyn Shutty and Caleb Graves were the masters of ceremony. They entertained the audience by telling jokes while the votes were being tallied. The guys back stage decided to do the worm, started by Eddie Perez, to keep the audience rallied since nothing was prepared.

The group dance at the end of the show was choreographed by junior Stacia Barajas. Junior Ashlee Seymour arranged the music and sound effects for the show.

Those who didn't win Big Cat weren't upset though.

"Everyone did real good and we all knew someone was going to get it, just who was it going to be," junior Philip Esposito.

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▲ Junior Vinny Ginestra, representing FHA, and sophomore Ronald King are "Kung Fu Fighting" during the talent competition. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

➤ Wrestling participant, Shane Sachs, junior, lifts Danice Brown a junior from Park Hill during their "Dirty Dancing" routine for the talent competition. Photo by Sara Ruzicka





▲ Representing FBLA, junior Tyler Beane does his rendition of "Saturday Night Live's" Spartan cheerleaders on stage at Big Cat. Photo by Sara Ruzicka



◀ Cross country runner Dean Yzon, junior, and South's version of the Village People perform "YMCA" during the swimsuit competition. Photo by Jenny Frazee

◀ Bill (junior Kyle Sebus from Stuco) and Hillary Clinton (junior Steffany Kovacs) dance during the club costume portion of competition. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

OUR TOWN

First play brings the residents of Grover's Corners to life on South stage

After about a month of rehearsals South students brought the characters of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* live on stage, in the first play at the school.

"At first we all goofed around but by the end we were a well-oiled machine" sophomore Michael Garfield said.

The 30 cast members put on the play with a limited amount of money, costumes and props. They let your imagination run wild with a few tables that were placed on stage.

An inexperienced cast of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who had not deeply involved at Park Hill productions put on the play.

Junior Linda Herron said, "Park Hill may have more experience but we have formed a family that will last forever."

The few who were involved at Park Hill gladly stepped up into leadership positions.

"At Park Hill I was one of the underdogs, but now that I'm a leader I have to set an example for the younger actors," said Junior Blair Witt.

When asked about doing plays in the future most of the actors interviewed said the same thing, but Freshman Ashley Douglas summed it up in one word

"Definitely!"

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▲ During the funeral friends and family mourn over the death of Emily Webb (Blair Witt). Photo by A.J. Raine

➤ The first act brings the audience information about Grover's Corners, when the Stage Manager (Ruth Smith) speaks with Professor Willard (Mike Garfield). Photo by Sara Ruzicka



▲▲ **Row 1:** Blair Witt, Dustin Pence. **Row 2:** Justin Cantrell, Kellye Loethen, Ruth Smith, Phil Ross, Julie Mann. **Row 3:** Cindy Kelley, Jenny Colley, Allison Smither, Marissa Sievert, Jenny Winkler, Nick Gentry, Lindsey Estes. **Row 4:** Brooks Schroeder, Katie Maasen, Ashley Douglas, Kaycee White, Hannah Owens, Kara Ehlers, Mrs. Vicki Witt. **Row 5:** Derek Meseke, Matt McCormick. **Row 6:** Stacie Dawson, Karen Burton, Mike Garfield, Tommy Carter, Linda Herron, Leah Chapin, Eric Archer, Jason Boman.



◀ Mrs. Gibbs (Katie Maasen) feeds her children George (Dustin Pence) and Rebecca Gibbs (Linda Herron) before sending them off to school. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

✓ George Gibbs (Dustin Pence) and Emily Webb (Blair Witt) kiss after exchanging their vows during the second act of *Our Town*. Photo by Sara Ruzicka



◀ Dr. Gibbs (Matt McCormick) stops and talks to Joe Crowell (Jason Boman) the paper boy on his way home from delivering a baby. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

✓ Junior Vinny Ginestra and sophomores Amanda Hostikka and Alison Lewis hold up sophomore Natasha Vogel during the cheerleading routine at the Courtwarming assembly. Photo by Lara Packett



➤ The dance team has a swinging good time with some Panther guys at the Courtwarming assembly. Photo by Megan Keadle

➤ Mr. James Godfrey leads the school in the new rendition of "Boomba Hey," "Panthers Go," at the Renaissance assembly. "Boomba Hey" was started by Mark Scharenbroich. Photo by Dustin Pence



Students gather to rally teams during school assemblies

◀ The Panther Dance Team performs the kick line at the Homecoming assembly. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

✓ Sophomore Ronald King flips out during the Courtwarming assembly while leading the student body in the cheer, "Boomba Hey." Photo by Dustin Pence



"You can tell were the freshman are because they are all looking around to see if anyone else is raising their hand...."

"I'm going to Courtwarming with Kyle Sebus!!!...."

"My left side is Boomba my right is Hey.....".

These are just some of the familiar things heard at assemblies this year.

The first assembly featured inspirational speaker Mark Scharenbroich, who commented on how nice the school was and how people can tell the difference between a freshman and a junior. Mr. "Shake and Bake" also started South using the cheer "Boomba Hey."

Mr. James Godfrey continued using "Boomba Hey" at every assembly after that.

"When Mark Scharenbroich came, we wanted to get the students in to it. I got to do "Boomba" because I was the first M.C." said Godfrey

Towards the end of the year students began to think that the cheer "Boomba Hey" was getting a little boring.

"It's gotten old. It was fun the first time, but now it's rather redundant," said freshman Rachel Hern.

At the Renaissance Assembly Mr. Godfrey changed the saying to "South Panthers."

"I got tired of Boomba because Park Hill was doing it too so I changed it to South Panthers," said Godfrey.

Student Council put on the Homecoming and Courtwarming assemblies.

"It took us about a month of planing to pull off the Courtwarming assembly," said Junior Kyle Sebus.

Students differed on what their favorite assembly was.

"My favorite assembly was the Renaissance assembly because it was a lot different from the others," said freshman Trisha Taylor.

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ASSEMBLIES



▲ Inspirational speaker Mark Scharenbroich kicked off the school year at the first school assembly. Photo by Dustin Pence

◀ Sophomore David Sexton plays the game at the Homecoming assembly. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

➤ Sophomores Julie Mann, Katie Maasen, Rachel Carter, Alison Spinden, Erin Cory, Sunny Eubanks, Lindsay Stuetelberg and Sara McKain participate in Tuesday's Hula Day. Photo by Jenny Frazee

➤ Junior Tyler Beane gets comfortable in the hall on Monday's PJ Day. Photo by Jenny Frazee



▲ Freshmen Colleen Driver and Ashley Schwarz dress up for Pajama Day. Photo by Jenny Frazee

➤ Juniors Katie Handley and Shelley Koons show school spirit by dressing up for Dress-Up Day on Thursday. Photo by Jenny Frazee



March madness hits South with entertainment and fun

March madness infected the school when students were asked to participate in Spring Fever week.

Some students thought that Spring Fever week was almost the same as Spirit Week.

"I think it would be better if we would have different themes. More people would get involved and it would be more fun," said junior Cindy Kelley.

For example, instead of dressing up like wafers students dressed up like the colors of the M&M's Student Council handed out free M&M's to those who participated on that day.

On Wednesday students camouflaged themselves by wearing their favorite camos. Monday and Tuesday were repeats of Spirit Week by wearing pajamas on Monday and hula attire on Tuesday. Thursday was Dress Up Day, when boys were asked to wear nice shirts and khakis and girls to wear skirts or dresses.

Wednesday morning, teachers could sign up to take their class to see hypnotist Kevin Wharem.

It was also the baseball team's first home game against North Kansas City. They celebrated before the game by having a tailgate party offering drinks, chips and hot dogs for only a dollar.

On Saturday South held its first three-on-three basketball tournament encouraging students, teachers and administrators to think as a team.

"I think it was a big success. It helped the students and faculty get involved in a school sponsored activity. It was fun to play in and watch for all who was involved," said Mr. Chad Jones, security guard.

In the end the teachers had won the tournament.

After the tournament Student Advisory Committee sponsored an all school dance.

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◀ Juniors Ashlee Seymour and Amy Powers, sophomore Joni Martin, freshman Mary Nero and sophomore Katie Chen sport the camo on Wednesday's Camouflage Day. Photo by Blaire Hines



SPRING FEVER

SWEETHEART

Lunch room turned into fantasyland

"It feels good to get to represent the school as the first Courtwarming king. It is neat to think that 20 years from now, I can look back on my high school career and remember this exciting time," said junior Tommy Hottovy.

The first Courtwarming court at South had a set of twins, sophomores Craig and Stephanie Dieso and a set of brothers junior Tommy Hottovy and freshman Timmy Hottovy.

"It was really exciting. I hoped we would win together," said Timmy.

The candidates were introduced during the assembly on Tuesday, Feb. 16 and the court was crowned during halftime of the boys' varsity basketball game against Center Friday, Feb. 19.

"When they announced my name as queen my stomach did summer saults. I just stood there

and couldn't believe it. I would have started crying, but all the girls came up and started hugging me," said junior Carolyn Shutty.

"I was in total shock. I didn't know whether to cry, jump up and down or turn flips. There were so many mixed emotions I could hardly stand up," said sophomore Krystal Allan.

Perhaps encouraged by the excitement of the boys basketball team exploded into action during the second half, with freshman Ryan O'Conner showing off his three point shooting ability. The crowd showed their spirit by holding pieces of paper with a three printed largely on it.

"It felt great. I love when we have a big crowd. I think it really gets the team to play harder," said Ryan.

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▲ During the Courtwarming assembly, juniors Vinny Ginestra and Amy Stice entertain the audience by swing dancing. Photo by Dustin Pence

➤ During the tipoff of the boys' basketball game, junior Tommy Hottovy reaches for the ball. Photo by Megan Keadle



◀ At the first Courtwarming dance sophomore Liana Lyons dances closely with her date. The theme was Sweetheart. Photo by Jessica Regan



◀ During halftime of the varsity basketball game junior Tommy Hottovy and junior Carolyn Shutty were crowned king and queen. Photo by Megan Keadle

✓ Junior Tommy Hottovy, freshman Ryan O'Conner, and junior John Howell move toward the ball in hopes of defending the basket. Photo by Lara Packett



△ Freshmen Alicia Coker, Tiffany Hildebran and Elizabeth Greim performed a stunt during their routine at the first Courtwarming assembly. Photo by Lara Packett

◀ Freshman Timmy Hottovy and sophomore Krystal Allan smile for the crowd after receiving the titles of prince and princess. Photo by Megan Keadle.

PTA-SPONSORED EVENTS

Parents dance with their sons and daughters

South's PTA wanted parents and students to spend time together. Many parents signed up for all of the group's planned events.

One of the events that PTA sponsored was the Panther Prowl for fathers and their sons. The dance was held on October 24. Since it was a new event, no one was sure what to expect.

"I wasn't too excited at first, but by the end of the night I was having a blast," said freshmen Jimmy Peeler.

The next dance was for fathers and daughters which was held on February 5. This event, "A Night With the Stars," was intended to give the daddies an opportunity to have a fun night with their little girls.

"I thought that the dance was a wonderful idea. My dad and I really

got to spend some quality time together. That doesn't happen that often because we are both so busy," said junior Marissa Shand.

At the dances the PTA gave away lots of door prize donations. Some of the door prizes were AMC theaters tickets, coffee mugs, Panther Beanie Babies, and gift certificates.

"It was arranged beautifully. Everything from the place settings to the movie posters were wonderful," said Shand.

PTA also sponsored a dinner and auction for both Park Hill and Park Hill South to raise money to sponsor a drug and alcohol-free After-Prom party.

"We are trying to make this party the only place to be after Prom," said Mary Barnes PTA president.

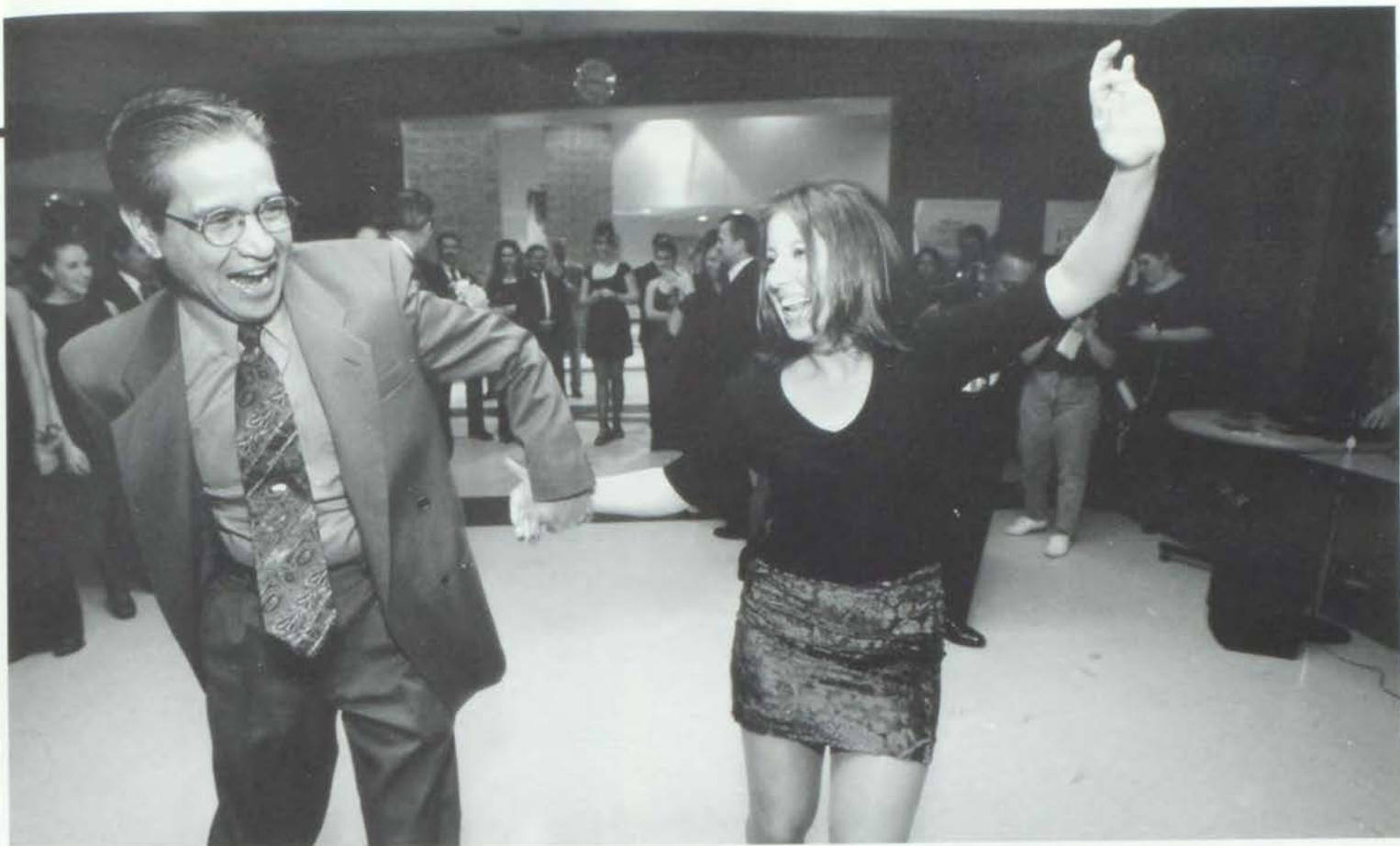
Story and design by Susan Burton



▲ Freshman Ashley Newsom, junior Carolyn Shutty, freshman Abby Disselhoff, freshman Julie Becker, junior Shannon White and freshman Emily Hoffman gather at the Father and Daughter dance. Photo by Matt Nichols of the Sun Gazette.



▲ After the dedication ceremony, PTA president Mary Barnes told Dr. Brad Tate that she was excited about the number of parents who had signed up to be PTA members.



▲▲ Mr. Art Barajas swing dances with his daughter, junior Stacia Barajas, during the Father and Daughter dance. Photo by Matt Nichols Sun Gazette.

▲ South men show their mothers their dancing skills during the Panther Prowl. Photo by Sarah Otwell.

▼ Mr. Robert Wagner dances a slow dance with his daughter Michelle Wagner, freshman. Photo by Matt Nichols of the Sun Gazette.

➤ "Romey hit me on the head, Mary Call, and it hurt," said six-year-old Ima Dean (sophomore Jenny Colley).
Photo by Sara Ruzicka



▲▲ Sophomore Kevin Goff, and freshmen Robyn Solly, and Tylor Pyles move the set off stage in between scenes.
Photo by A.J. Raine

▲ Alma Graybeal (junior Kim White) tries to stabilize her lovesick brother Gaitther Graybeal (junior Dustin Pence) during the school scene while sophomore Kaycee White and freshmen Jenny Winkler and Kara Ehlers play the role of extras. Photo by Sara Ruzicka



WHERE THE LILIES BLOOM

Small North Carolina family brings problems to the stage

The spring play took the audience and cast members from the South auditorium to a small North Carolina town.

"Where the Lilies Bloom" shows how Mary Call Luther (junior Allison Smither) tries to keep her promises and her family together after the death of her father.

"The hardest part about having the role of Mary Call was having to learn all of those lines," said junior Allison Smither.

The group of actors put in two hours a night for about eight weeks.

"The long hours after school and having to do homework to keep up your grades was one hard thing," said sophomore Kaycee White.

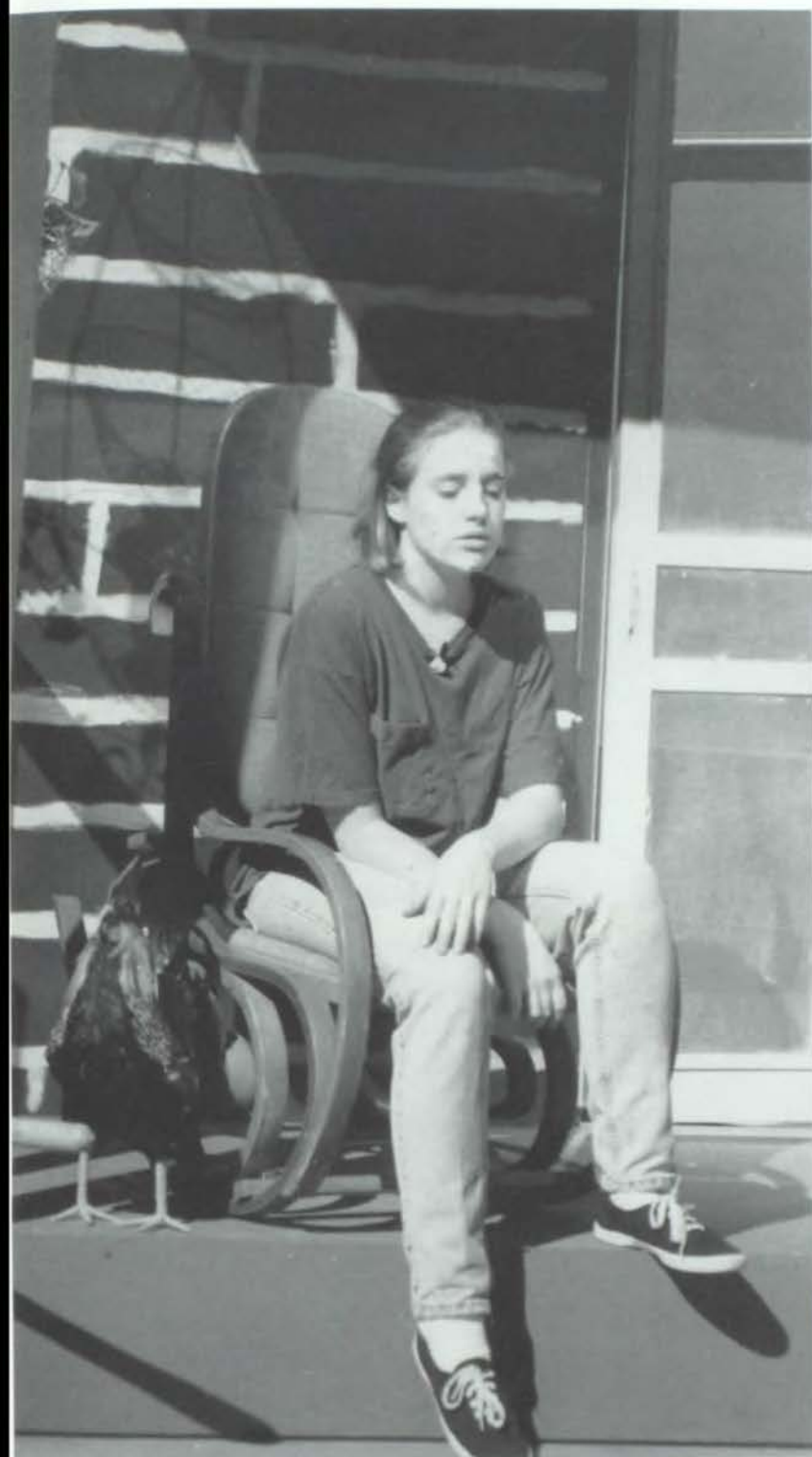
"I had to cancel a lot of my plans to be here for practices," said freshman Andrea Cornett.

Having done two plays, the actors feel that they had learned something about themselves and their ability to act.

"Respecting everyone and knowing in theater there is a bound and you have to work together as a family to make this play work or else everything would fall apart," said Cornett.

The show was a success bringing together a group of people who had nothing in common, but were still able to work together and pull it off.

Story and design by Dustin Pence



◀ After going wildcrafting for roots and herbs, Mary Call (junior Allison Smither) asks her dead father for help after she was stung by bees and yelled at her three siblings. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

▲ A familiar face during the play, "Ralph the Rooster" appeared somewhere on the set in every scene. Photo by A.J. Raine

◀◀ **Row 1:** Leah Chapin, Jenny Colley, Allison Smither, Mike Garfield. **Row 2:** Lara Packett, Jenny Winkler, Eric Archer, Kellye Loethen. **Row 3:** Justin Cantrell, Megan Keadle, Kim White, Tommy Carter, Ruth Smith, Andrea Cornett, Ashley Douglas, Tylor Pyles. **Row 4:** Mrs. Vicki Witt, Kaycee White, Hannah Owens, Kara Ehlers, Brooks Schroeder, Linda Herron, Matt McCormick, Morgan Massingale. **Row 5:** Nathin Burns-Sprung, Jason Boman, Kyle Aaron, Derek Meseke, Phil Ross, Julie Mann, Kevin Goff. **Row 6:** Robyn Solley, Emily Burton, Lindsey Estes. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT

Together one last time

The combined Park Hill and Park Hill South Junior-Senior Prom was the last time the two schools would be together as one.

"Many of my friends go to Park Hill, and it was a lot of fun to see all of them," said junior Erin Lichty.

Prom was more than just a dance. Students were able to reunite with old friends or have a night out with their significant other.

"The most enjoyable part of prom was seeing all my old friends," said junior Nikki Sissel.

The Caribbean music during dinner kept students excited for the evening that was to come.

The DJ kept the music up beat and fun by playing remixes of "old school" music and recent hits.

"I didn't really like the music during dinner, but the DJ was pretty good," said Sissel.

As the music died down students gathered together and many enjoyed the benefits of After-Prom.

From bowling to billiards and comedy to karaoke, there were a wide variety of things to do. Prizes ranged from a phone card to a car.

"The odds of winning the other stuff was 1 in 4, and I hadn't won so I thought there was no way to get the car," said junior Phil Esposito.

He added, "I'll probably sell it. I'm still unsure."

As the night came to a close, most found different places to stay the night and others went out for breakfast at a local restaurant.

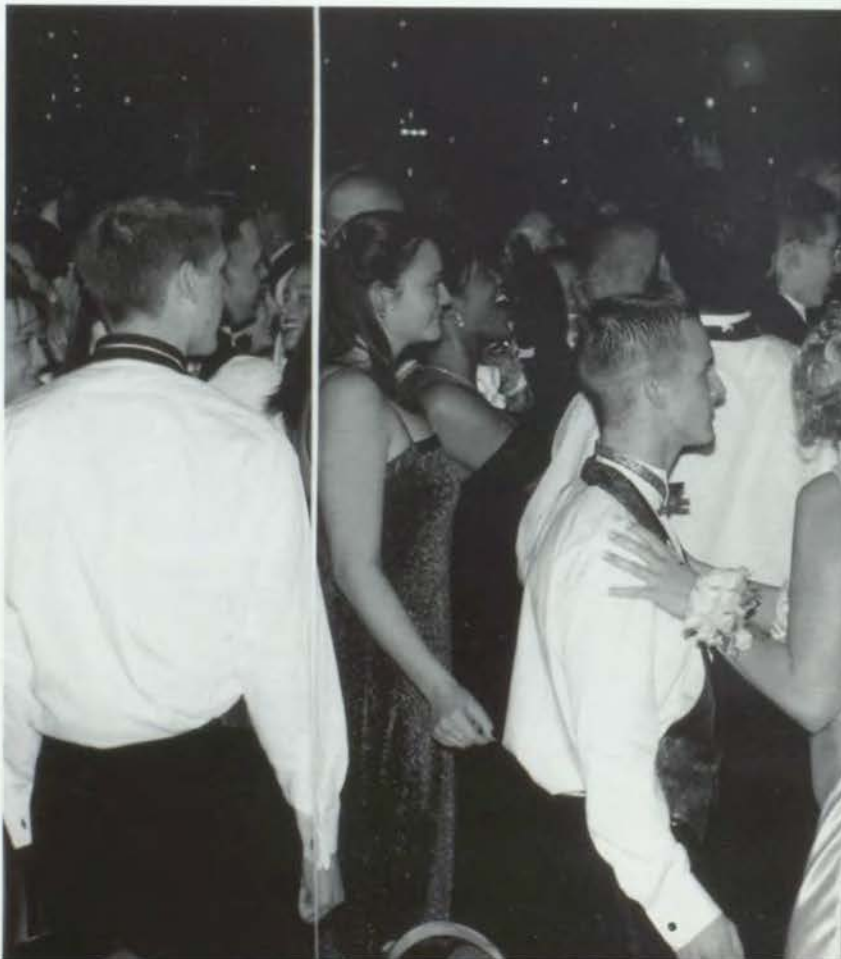
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➤ During After-Prom students played games in the arcade, played pool, bowled, much more. Photo by Megan Keadle

➤ Junior Phillip Esposito wins a car in the After-Prom drawing. Photo by Megan Keadle

➤ Students gathered with their friends to show off their best dance moves. Photo by Dustin Pence





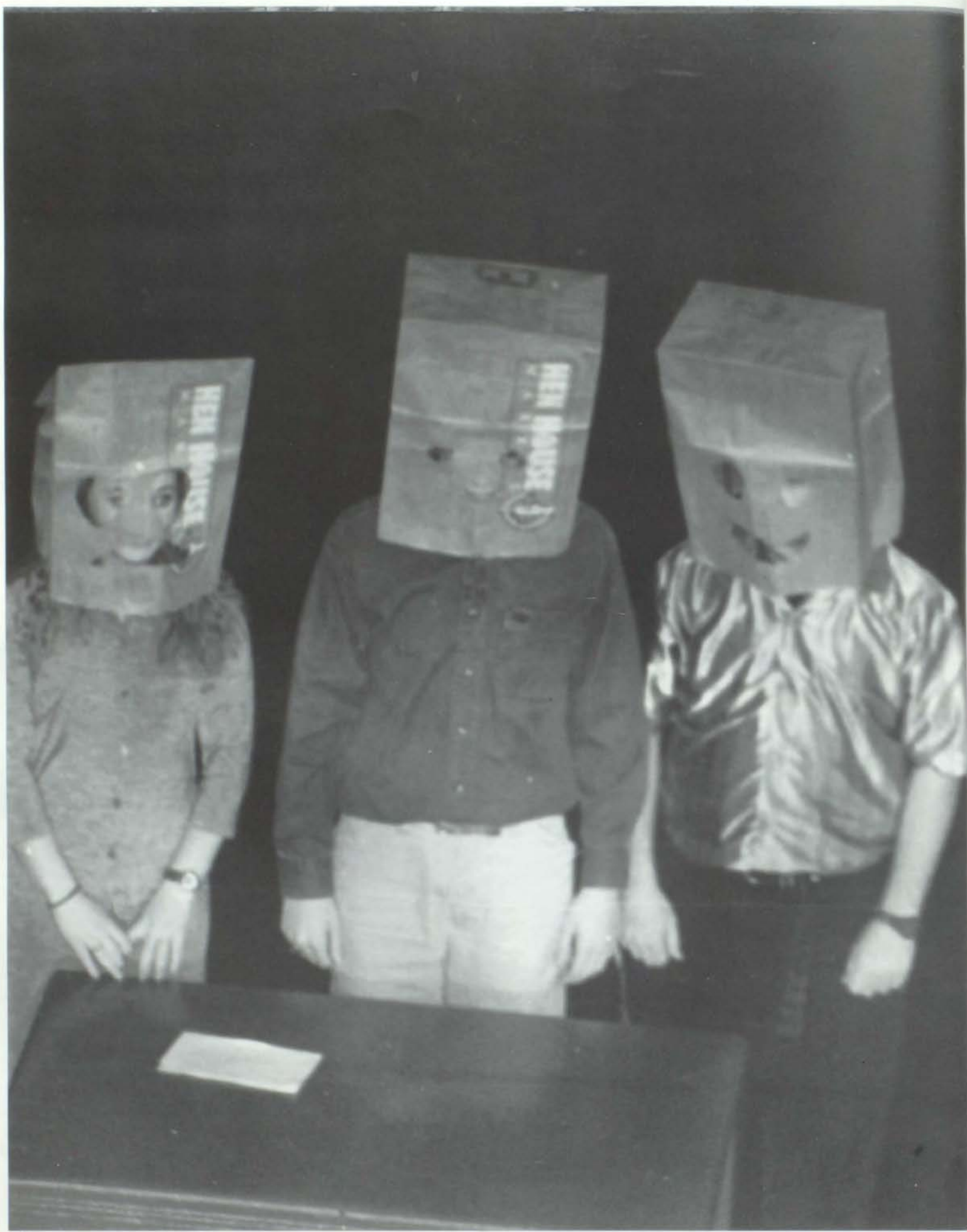
◀ At the registration table junior Libby Weiss and her date Mark Dominguez decide what picture package they want.

✔ Junior Eric Bradley picks up a roll during the dinner portion of Prom.



▲ Park Hill junior Ryan Parisi and South junior Erin Lichty have a good time talking with friends.
Photo by Dustin Pence

◀ Junior Allison Smither and freshman Tommy Carter swing dance in the lobby of the Embassy Suites.
Photo by Dustin Pence





▲ During the final game of the varsity soccer team at state, freshman Annie Klein cheers for the team. Photo by Kari Fetters



◀ During a Photojournalism field trip sophomores Krystina Matteson and LeAnna Kemp take photos of the Plaza. Photo by Michael Newburger

✓ During Creativity and Caffeine, freshman Tommy Carter waits anxiously behind stage before reading a poem. Photo by A.J. Raine



➤ During passing time at South, Assistant Principal Scott Combs talks to students in the hallway. Photo by Dustin Pence

◀ During Creativity and Caffeine, junior Linda Herron, junior Dustin Pence and freshman Tommy Carter put bags on their heads to represent their character's embarrassment. Photo by A.J. Raine



Changes in Life

"It's a great day to be a Panther." That was South's morning motto each day.

"I know your stomachs are growling for lunch today," Dr. Brad Tate concluded. Each morning Dr. Tate's announcements set the pace for the rest of the day.

Students at South were also influenced by the ins and outs of the fashion scene.

"Guys and girls dress in a way that they think is cool and that they feel comfortable in. They also dress to please their friends. Everyone pretty much wants to look good and be in style," said junior Carolyn Shutty.

For a large part of 1998 retro was the fad, but entering 1999 the millennium fashion rave was gradually shaping closets of South students.

"Fashion is constantly changing. It changes every day. People start trends unconsciously. It can be as simple as tying a sweater around your waist and next thing you know everybody has a sweater tied around their waist. It's kinda funny," Shutty said.

Story by Ann Bird
Design by Susan Burton

In The Beginning

Park Hill South High School opened its doors to students for the first time on August 26, 1998, and by 7:20 that morning the main halls were flooded with chaos and confusion.

The chaotic morning was caused by the fact that no one knew exactly where they should be. Where were their lockers, where were their classes, and most importantly, where was the best place to hang out to see and be seen?

All kinds of excited students strutted their new fall wardrobe like they were attending the MTV Music Awards. Then the bell rang and it was time to lower their heads and file off to their first class of the first school year at Park Hill South.



▲ Mrs. Gayle Gentry shows her tour group the main gym after the dedication ceremony.

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✓ At the Junior class meeting Vinny Ginestra and Karen Toburen examine Karen's new class ring.



▲ Freshman Heather Flenker realizes she was in the wrong class on the first day of school.



◀ Freshman Brian Brazil gets a pass from the attendance clerk, Margaret Reichart.



◀ Parents and students tour the building so students wouldn't be lost on the first day back to school.

Some students had a more memorable first day of school. Freshman Brian Brazil found his first day of school to be just a little more difficult.

"I went to bed early thinking I could use the extra sleep in order to wake up at 5:30 in the morning. Well, I didn't set my alarm, so I slept until about 9:15." Brian managed to catch the last few minutes of first block.

Other students encountered bigger problems, going to the wrong class. Heather Flenker, freshman, found that her first block was incredible. "I walked in the room, and saw so many of my friends I was in shock, even the teacher seemed cool..." After sitting in the class for fifteen minutes, much to her dismay, she found out that she was in the wrong class.

*Story by Jamal Grigsby
Design by Jamal Grigsby*



▲ Juniors Aaron Jones and Eric Morton listen to Mike Nichols share a story about last summer before the Junior class meeting.

TRADITIONS

How do you name a high school?

By definition a tradition is a custom that is handed down through generations. But at South, this was the first generation. How do you create a tradition?

"We are starting good traditions. They won't be traditions until they are in effect for a couple of years," said Rachel Hern, freshman.

South had to create its own name, mascot, colors, fight song and special events.

Before South opened most of these decisions had been determined by students, teachers, faculty, senior citizens and the Board of Education.

The entire school community voted for the school name. Using at least 60 different names from community recommendations, the naming committee then elected a short list of ten names which the Board of Education approved.

Students at the middle schools and Park Hill High School voted on this short list. More than 42% voted for Park Hill South. The voters felt that the name would allow them to develop an individuality, yet be recognized as part of the Park Hill School District, and would

not divide the community.

The district decided to choose school colors that no other school had within the Small Seven division. No other school had the colors black and purple.

The Panther mascot was chosen by the students and Board of Education. The Board looked at the mascots within the state of Missouri and the conference. The Panther was used only five times in the state, but it wasn't used at all in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

"I like it, but I think all the Panthers should look the same," said Hern.

The school turned to the talents of the band director John Bell to write the "The Park Hill South School Fight Song" and the "Alma Mater." Both songs debuted during the dedication ceremony.

Other school activities needed to be named as well. Junior Kyle Sebus won the competition to name of the newspaper, "The View." Unfortunately, no one suggested an acceptable name for the yearbook, so the staff decided to call it "South Paw."

*Story and design
by Susan Burton*

➤At the Renaissance Assembly the students got to sign a banner after they received their award.

➤The Renaissance Assembly was the first time that the school saw the Panther mascot, which was performed by sophomore Ronald King. Photo by Dustin Pence.



✓ At the dedication ceremony Bob Weidt, president of the school board, presents a plaque to Dr. Brad Tate recognizing South's first faculty and staff members. Photo by Reed Photography



Voting Results

Eagleview	3.3%
Hillside	8.5%
Riverfront	7.9%
River Hill	3.9%
River Park	4.9%
Riverview	10.7%
Lewis and Clark	6.2%
Parkside	5.6%
Parkview	6.5%
Park Hill South	42.4%



▲ During the dedication the band played the "Fight Song" and "Alma Mater." The performers were sophomore Zach Berg, freshman David Haeker, freshman Kat Wagner, sophomore Jessica Shannon, junior Abby Schoenrock, and freshman Shawn Magee. Photo by Reed Photography

Sepra



Once they were across the hall, and now they are miles away. Having boyfriends, best friends and siblings attending Park Hill caused a few problems that South students and faculty faced for the first time.

"When school started I was upset about not seeing my best friend as well as other friends. However, as the year has passed, we've begun seeing the positives. We've had more opportunities with the school split," said junior Stacia Barajas.

When the boundaries were set for this school year, students and faculty had to prepare for the separation from some of their closest friends.

"At first it was hard not seeing her inbetween every class, but our friendship is so strong that we continued making up for our missed time on weekends and after school," said Barajas.

Balancing the activities of Park Hill and South sometimes kept parents of split siblings on their toes and from attending all the events.

"Usually Ryan's cross country meets and my softball games didn't overlap, but it probably still was hard for my parents. They were busy almost every night," said junior Rachel Wetschensky.

One of the hardest parts of the separation was leaving a significant other.

"Sometimes it feels like we're worlds apart. He



▲▲ During the Homecoming Parade Principal Brad Tate waves to the crowd.

▲ At the Homecoming football game freshman Adam Henderson represents both schools by painting "South" on his forehead and painting one side of his face purple and the other side red.

➤ South junior Karen Toburen and Park Hill junior Tristan Meck-Gilbert talk about their plans for the evening.
Photo by Dustin Pence



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only lives 15 minutes from me, but I usually only see him once or twice a week," said junior Molly Montgomery.

At the beginning of the 1997-1998 school year faculty and administrators gave their requests for which school they wanted to teach. In February 1998 teachers were told which school they would be sent to. Some received their request, others didn't.

"I taught at Park Hill for 23 years. It was a good chance for me. I miss my friends that are at the old school, but I still see them, just not as often. It only takes me five minutes to get to school instead of 20," said Mr. Bob Packett.

There was one event that brought us all together one last time. This event was Prom.

Sports events during the year were rarely played against Park Hill because South was in a different conference. Sports such as girls' golf, boys'/girls' swimming, boys'/girls' cross country, and volleyball were a few teams that played Park Hill in scheduled games or tournaments.

The most memorable game that was played against Park Hill was when the Varsity volleyball team defeated them 2-1 in a district match.

From heartaches to happiness some students were still unsettled by the separation.

*Story and design
by Ann Bird*

At the After-Prom party Park Hill Principal Brad Kincheloe and South Principal Brad Tate draw names for different prizes. Photo by Dustin Pence

During the dinner portion of Prom, Dr. Brad Kincheloe, Park Hill principal, fills his plate.

On August 26, 1998, during the dedication ceremony, sophomore Shelby Bartels stands on stage waiting to perform the fight song. Photo by Reed Photography

Super Bowl of academics

When South's student body flowed into the gym for the Renaissance assembly February 24, students were awarded for good grades, attendance and citizenship.

The program, a first for the district, was started by Josten's. Mr. James Godfrey called it "a Super Bowl of academics."

Mr. Mike Howell, the committee chairman, lined up more than 30 Renaissance sponsors.

Awards ranged from a candy bar for perfect attendance to a coupon from Courtesy Chevrolet for \$500 to those students who had a 4.0 grade point average.

Students applied for a Renaissance card during enrollment. There were four varieties of cards: Purple, silver, black and white.

The Renaissance program was more than just an assembly. Each Thursday, four randomly chosen students had a minute to report to the office to claim cash prizes for perfect attendance or an up-to-date planner. If a student didn't win the week earlier, \$10 was added to the stash of cash.

Junior Danielle Reiter won \$30 for filling in her planner.

"It came as a surprise that they actually called my name. Spend, spend, spend," said Danielle.

"A high level of academic achievement recognizing a number of kids doing well is what I hope people will understand about the Renaissance program," said Mr. Howell.

Story and design by Cathy Fleming



▲ Sophomore Joey Smith joins the crowd in the all school participation of the song "YMCA." Photo by Dustin Pence

➤ Emcee Mr. James Godfrey changes the "Boomba Hey" to "Go Panthers." Photo by Dustin Pence





◀ The student body is rallied during the song "YMCA." Photo by Dustin Pence

✓ Sophomore Joey Smith and juniors Robin Sol, Matt Harper and Kevin Easley carry "Dr. Tate," freshman Mitch Kytasaari, into the Renaissance assembly. Photo by Blaire Hines



△ Dr. Brad Tate congratulates sophomore Sarah Williams and freshman Darcie Fitzgerald who won the first drawing of the Renaissance "Show Me Your Planner" and "Perfect Attendance" awards.

◀ Sophomore William Way is congratulated by Mr. John Sedler while walking down the red carpet to get his award. Photo by Blaire Hines

What's IN and OUT



What's in

Piercing ears and cartilage
 Chunking hair
 Color nail polish
 Dawson's Creek
 Party of Five
 7th Heaven
 Jerry Springer
 Pickup trucks
 Thrift stores
 Bug cars
 N'SYNC
 Back Street Boys
 Oak Park Mall

What's out

Melrose Place
 South Park
 Wrangler jeans
 Hanging out at the mall
 Dying hair
 Roots
 Old lady glasses
 Spice Girls
 McDonald's
 Big belt buckles

It's cool, it's uncool. It's hot, it's not. The students could have talked forever listing everybody's favorite this and that.

This and that included favorite types of entertainment like music and TV shows.

"I wonder who's on Jerry today."

"Springer has the best guests."

Conversations like this could be heard about the Jerry Springer Show. It was on Monday through Friday, during the afternoon and 10 at night. Students watched it or taped it for later on.

"I think he had too many women on that show that reveal too much information," said junior Melinda Atkins.

Most students at South think that their favorite prime time shows would be *Dawson's Creek* and *ER*. *Dawson's Creek* is a teenage soap opera. *ER* is a adrenaline rush.

"I like *ER* because it's full of lots of action," said Atkins.

"I like *South Park* because Cartman shows other people how to fight other people," said sophomore Leah Radar.

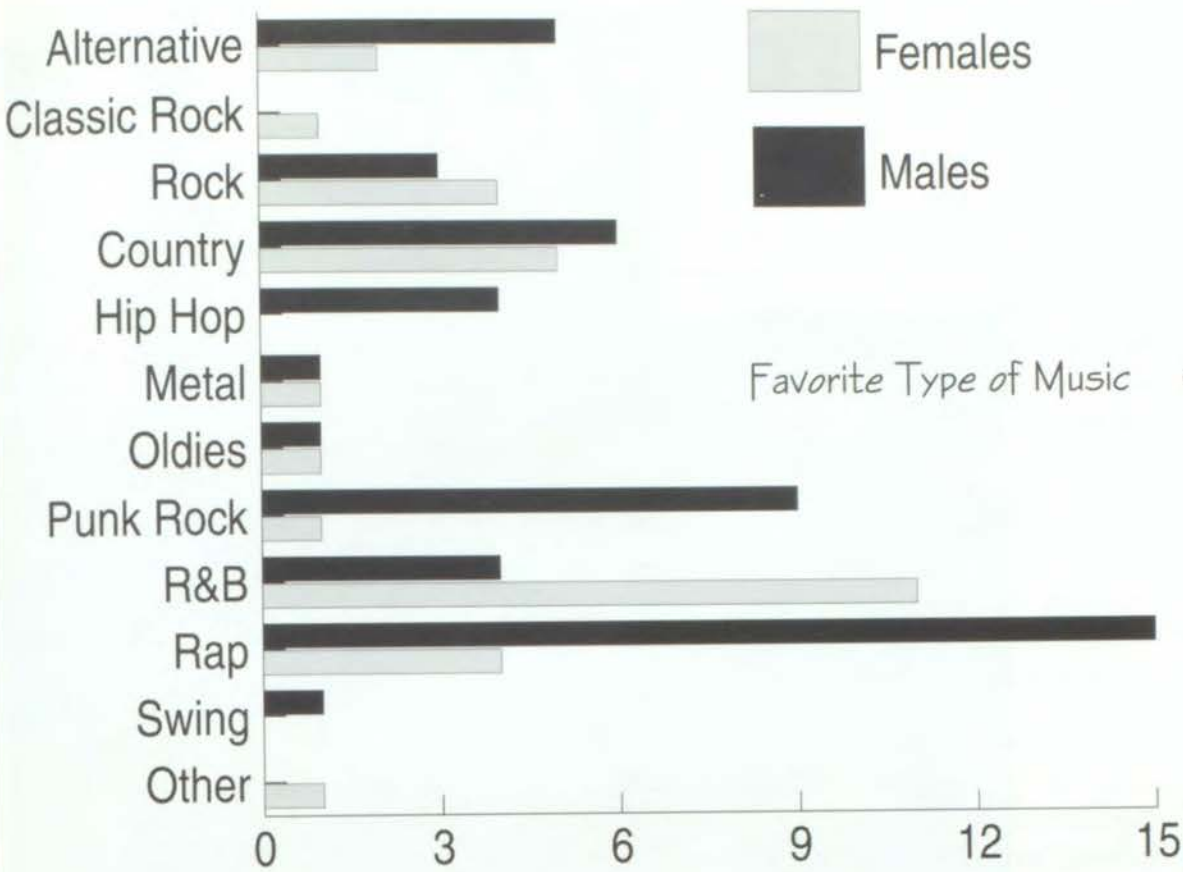
When there wasn't anything interesting to watch on TV, there were favorite movies to watch at home or at the theater.

"My favorite movie is *Saving Private Ryan*. It's a realistic outlook of World War II and shows the emotions the soldiers felt," said sophomore Hanna Park.

"The movie I don't like is *Varsity Blues* because it was a movie made more for guys. It had too many girls in that were revealing their bodies a little more than usual," said junior Melinda Atkins.

What students saw on the screen influenced what styles they liked, including how they wore their hair. It seemed like all the girls were cutting their hair short. It was really interesting to see what could be done with the hair styles. Some girls used clips, claw head bands and jeweled bobby pins to control their hair.

Finding a favorite radio station could be a little hard, especially since they kept changing formats. For example, 102.1 FM changed three times from rock to alterative to soft



Favorite Type of Music

rock. But some the best hits were by the Backstreet Boys, and N'SYNC.

"My favorite band would have to be the Counting Crows because the sound and lyrics could describe anyone. I tend to like a wide range of music types because I dance. With dance you have to be versatile in order to fully express the idea," said junior Sara Campbell.

What's not so hot? The non-favorite things include South Park, dying hair, Spice Girls, and big belt buckles.

Story and design by Susan Burton



BOTTOMS' P

Bottoms were top fashion news because there were more choices than ever.

Girls had to choose between skirts or slacks. The decision was based on the answers to several questions: how cold was it outside, how late did she oversleep, and how long had it been since she shaved her legs?

Even guys had choices: khaki or denim, fitted or flared, cargo or carpenter, washed out or overdyed.

No matter the gender, most students wore jeans every day. Convenient, comfortable and cheap, jeans formed the bottom half of the basic wardrobe.

But there was a change there as well. The old stand-by Levis and hip-hop baggies were on their way out. They were replaced by designer labels from Old Navy, Tommy Hilfiger and The Gap.





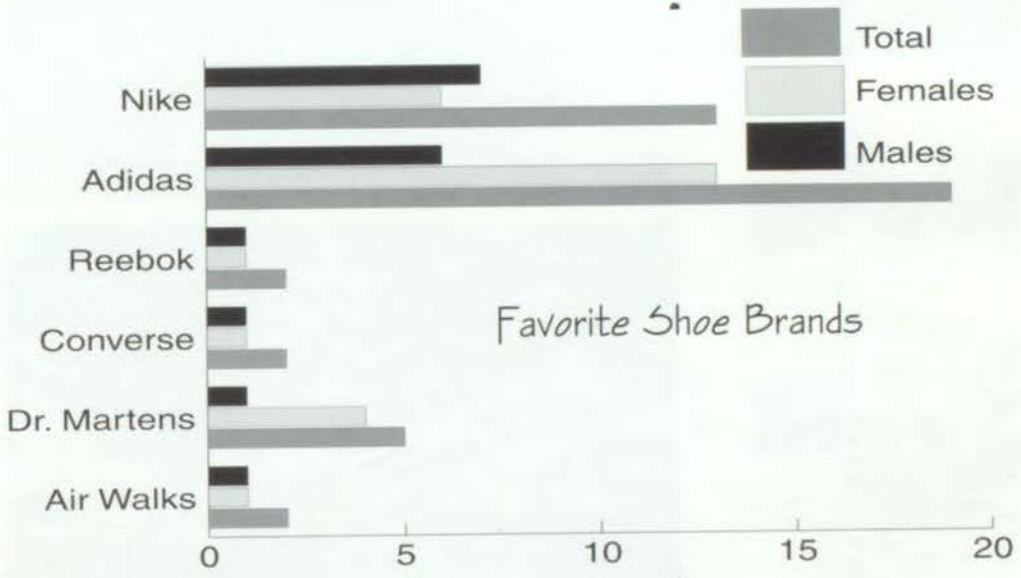
Shoes were big news ... BIG as in large, clunky and chunky footwear.

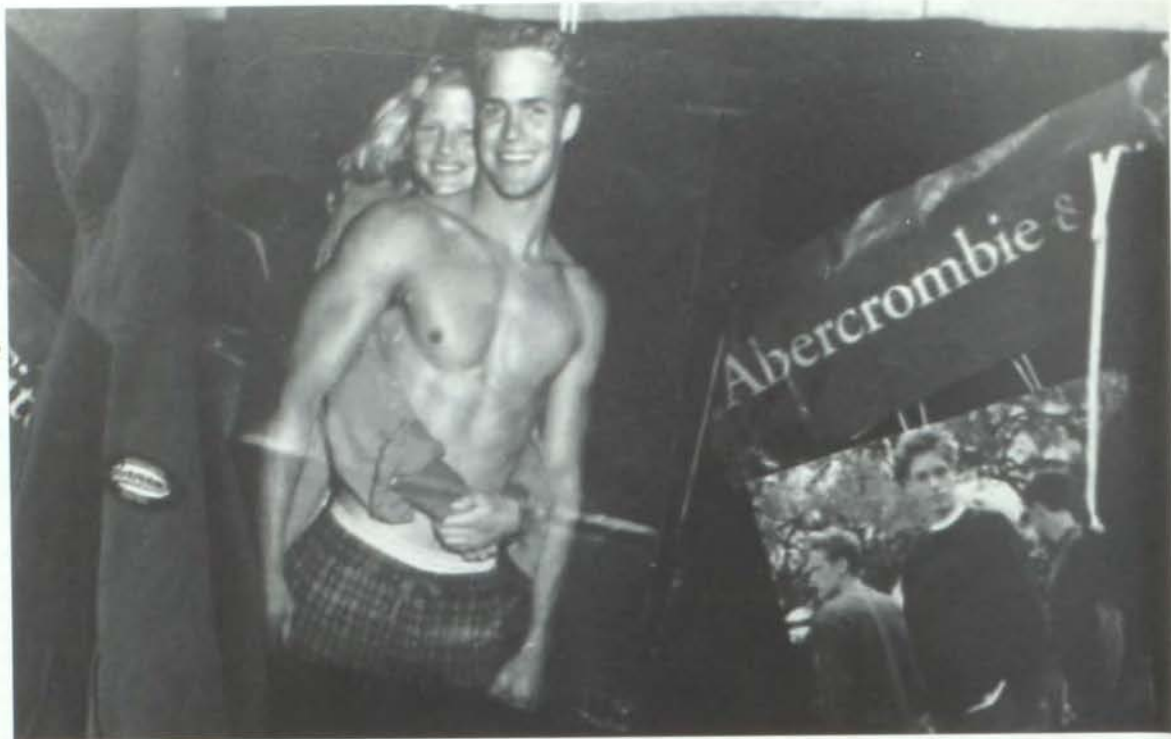
The most popular brand of shoes, Doctor "Doc" Martens, were notable for their thick tread and big yellow stitching, shoes from boots to sandals.

"They're the most comfortable for walking all day," said junior Tom Novak.

On the other hand, the platform shoes that girls wore were more fashionable than comfortable.

But for comfort and fashion, athletic shoes were unbeatable. Besides that, they made it easier to run to class after the one-minute bell rang.





Pulling something out of your closet and throwing it on wasn't as easy as it once seemed.

Now you have choices. More than just wearing pants or a skirt, you have to choose between brand names such as Tommy Hilfiger, Old Navy, Abercrombie and more.

"It's harder now because you have to have a theme," said sophomore Jessica Regan.

Although Abercrombie and Tommy Hilfiger can be expensive, most will pay the price to look good.

"If I had to buy my own clothes then I probably wouldn't shop at Abercrombie," said junior Lindsay Letourneau.

The Gap hasn't had much business since Old Navy has opened up and since the prices are so much cheaper. Students enjoy their shopping instead of wondering what MIGHT be on sale.

Old Navy also meant a lot of jobs for South students.

"It's a lot of fun. I enjoy working and meeting with people that go to my school," said sophomore Alicia Commer.

Shop 'til You Drop

Abercrombie & Fitch has been around for a long time, but you couldn't tell by looking at their selection of clothing.

"They have about the same clothes every year, but they are a little bit different depending on the new styles," said Letourneau.

Not only does Abercrombie have great clothes, they also have great bags. Just ask any girl.

"I like them. The bags set them apart from other stores. And the guys are really cute," said Letourneau.

Another choice when shopping was what mall to go to. Most would probably choose Oak Park Mall because of the larger selection of stores, but those who didn't feel like driving 20-30 minutes would choose Metro North Mall.

"I would rather go to Oak Park. They have a lot more of the stores that I like," said Letourneau.

There have been a few new additions to Metro North including Shark's Surf Shop.

"I like the Adidas bucket hats and the other Adidas apparel they have," said junior Matt Sharp.

Fashion changes constantly and staying in fashion could be fun or boring. It depends on how you look at things.

Story by Ann Bird
Design by Susan Burton



Holidays

bring fun and festivities

Students at South spent their holidays with friends at school.

On Halloween most students went to haunted houses or trick or treating. On October 30, Mrs. Joann Barker's French II class created a haunted classroom. Students experienced it by crawling through a tunnel of darkness to find their way out.

"For Halloween I worked at the Riverside Community Center to make a safe place for children to trick or treat. It was a lot of fun seeing all the kids dressed up," said junior Kristin Chettle. "Later I got together with my best friend and spent time with my family," said Kristin.

After Halloween, the students munched on their trick or treat candy.

Couldn't wait to open up those presents? Christmas was just around the corner two months later. Stuco

adopted two families and created an angel tree. Students picked an angel and gave the adopted family wished for gifts.

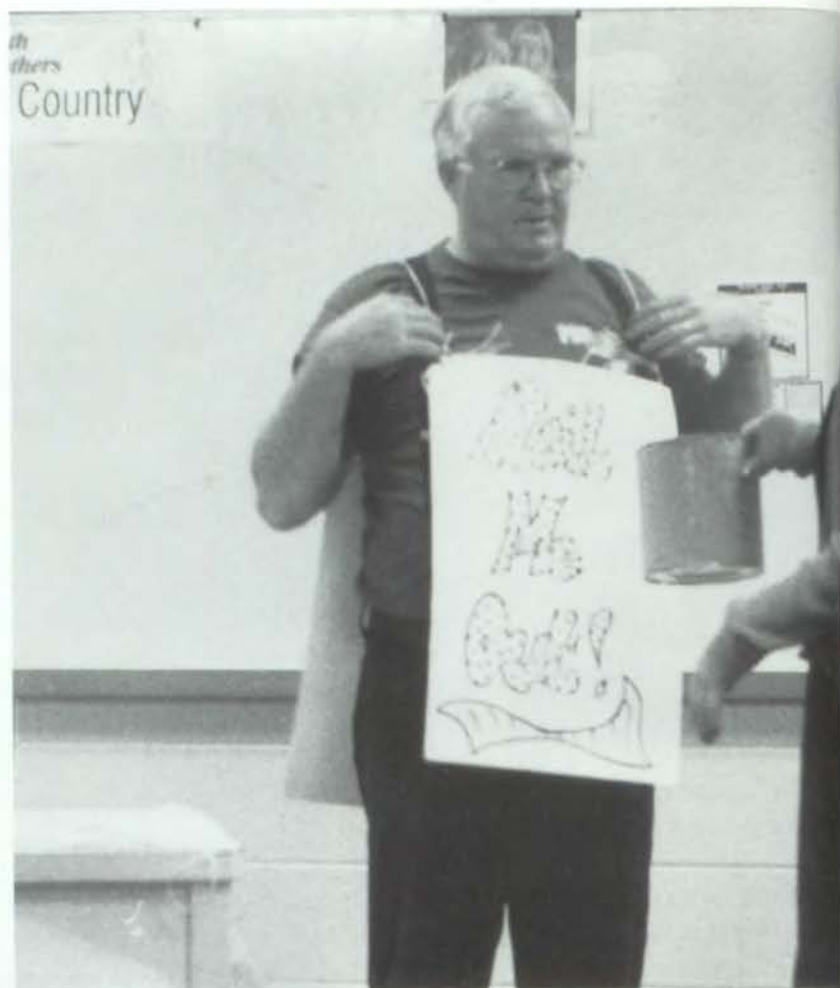
It was also a time to exchange gifts with friends and families. But this year was different due to two snow days just before Christmas.

"I was very upset because my club was throwing a party and never exchanged gifts with Secret Santas," said sophomore Carol Sparks.

Students got to have a longer vacation time to study for finals over break. During the New Year some students made a new resolution.

"I made a resolution to hug my mom more. I guess this year college has been on my mind, I think I already miss my family," said Kristin.

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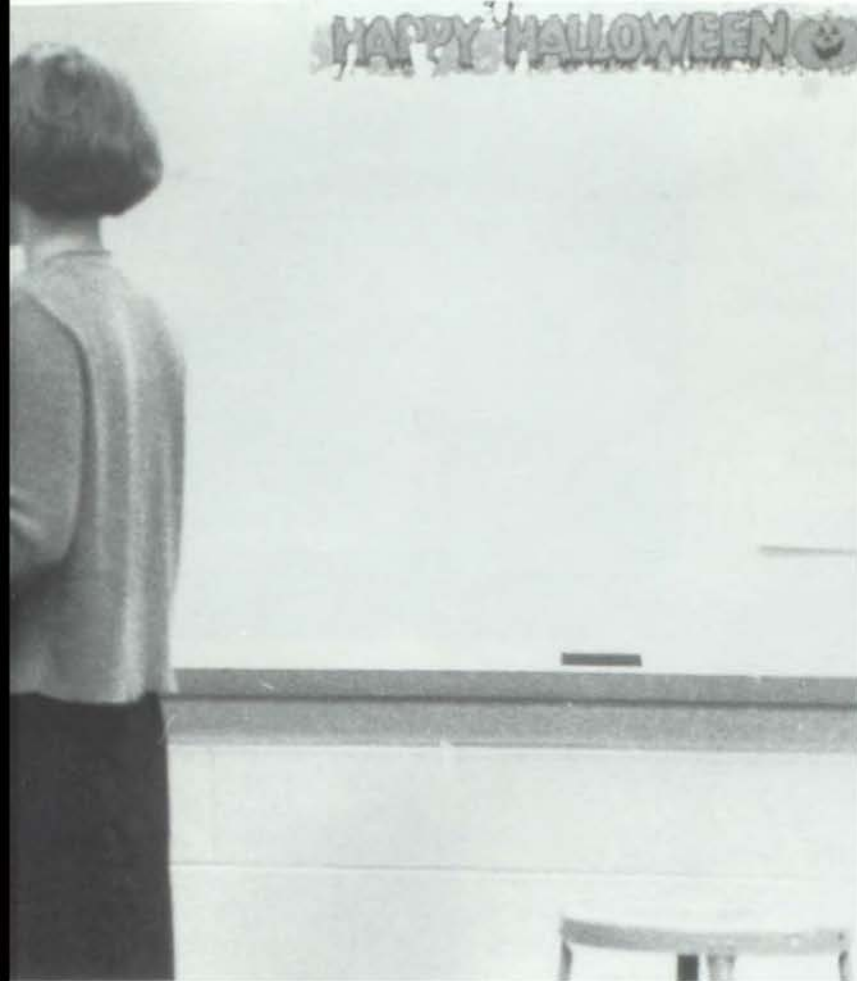


Mr. Tim Busenhart's fourth block class decorated his door to try to win a pizza party. The decorations featured a musical door knocker and a Santa Claus who looked a lot like Mr. Busenhart.

Stuco members gather around and put up the Angel Christmas tree while sophomore Andy Vandepopulier attaches the top piece of the tree. Photo by Reed Photography.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



✧ Junior Jessica Mikulich puts a donation in Mr. Bob Ballard's can. Mr. Ballard was trying to get out of jail by raising money for United Way. Photo by Abby Vowels

✧ Juniors Ray Alvarez and Marcus Hollins wear dance squad uniforms as Halloween costumes. Photo by Abby Vowels



✧ Stuco members freshman Stephen Caruso, freshman Matt Malley, freshman Nicole Deister hang the angels on the Christmas tree. Each angel listed the Christmas wishes that students could fulfill for a needy family. Photo by Ashley Ballard

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY?

The signs were everywhere: "Help Wanted"

And the help that most businesses wanted were teenagers who might be interested in a minimum wage job without benefits.

But even the stereotypical McDonald's burger flipping job was a victim of the booming economy. They advertised jobs at \$6.50, well over the minimum wage base of \$5.15 an hour.

"There are many other jobs much better than working in food," said sophomore Katie Parrish.

The most popular places to work were clothing stores.

"Everyone works at Old Navy," sophomore Toni Findley. "A lot of my friends work there and I got an application to work there too. But I left it in my car until the paper got all crumpled."



Some people were attracted to jobs with interesting fringe benefits, like getting to see movies for free.

Junior Tiffany Pica worked at AMC Odyssey 24 saw the blockbuster *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* days before the general public.

"I have to set up the reels in order before the movie can be shown," she said. "Sometimes on a busy week with lots of openings I'll watch movies for more than 12 hours straight."

Regardless of the benefits, work was still work. And the worst thing was that students had to be careful to balance their after school time between homework and work.

*Story by Cathy Fleming
Design by Susan Burton*

◀ "Paper or plastic," that is a common sound coming from junior Nikki Sissel as she bags groceries at Hen House.





◀ At the BarryWoods AMC Odyssey 24 junior Amber Watson tears tickets stubs. When the theater first opened many students applied for a job. Photo by Jessica Regan

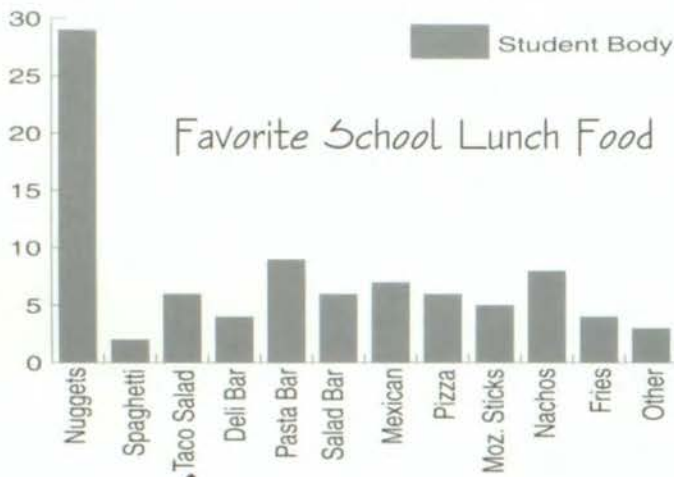
✔ Junior Dustin Pence works the cash register while helping another customer on the phone at Photographx Unlimited. Like some South students Dustin worked at a family-owned small business.



◀ At the Parkville Sonic sophomore Karin Ziembiec takes orders while car-hopping.



◀ At the meat counter at Hen House sophomore Liana Lyons helps a customer with a chicken. Students had to learn customer service techniques.



A L W A Y S H U N G R Y

"I know that your stomachs are growling for lunch today," Dr. Brad Tate would say on the announcements every morning before he read the lunch menu.

The choices at lunch were the Panther Plate and the International Bar, consisting of the pasta bar and macho nacho bar every other day. We also had the choices from the grill, which was a cheeseburger and other sandwich choices. Also there was a pizza choice every day.

"My favorite school lunch is the chicken fingers, mashed potatoes and a roll," said sophomore Kaycee White.

"The deli bar is my favorite," said sophomore Jenny Colley.

For most of the students their favorite part of lunch was being able to hang and talk to their friends without teachers yelling at them.

When students can't feed their hunger in the school lunch room, most would find either a fast food or sit down restaurant.

"My favorite fast food restaurant is Taco Bell," Jenny said.

➤ Mr. Mike Culver enjoys his pasta for lunch. It just goes to show that students do the same thing students do. Photo by Dustin Pence

➤ Megan Keadle and Lara Packett eat their lunch with friends, while also enjoying food items from the vending machines. Photo by Dustin Pence



Favorite Fast Food Restaurants

"I love the roast beef sandwiches and curly Q fries at Hardees," said junior Tina Richard.

When not looking for something quick and fast students would look towards sit down restaurants.

"My favorite restaurant is Applebee's because of the great food and good service," said Tina

"I like On the Border because of their taco salads," junior Shawna Johnson said.

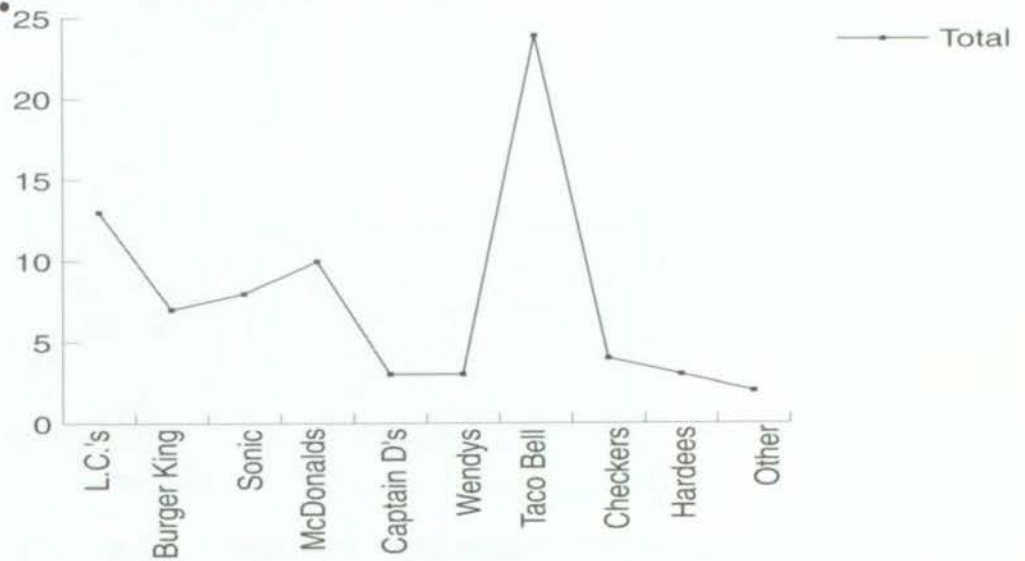
Even though we all like to eat out, most of our favorite foods are things that we can make at home.

"My most favorite food is Kraft Blue Box Macaroni and Cheese the Cheesiest," said Jenny.

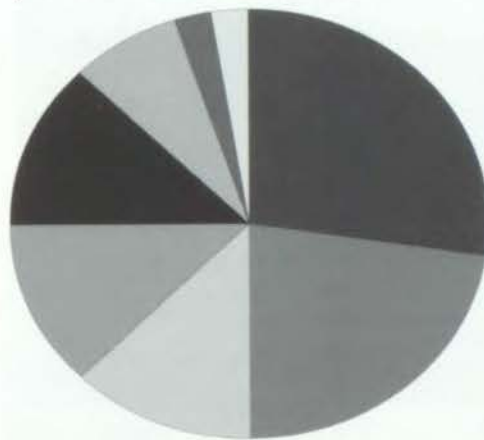
"Barbecued chicken is the best food," sophomore Kelli Wiley said.

No matter what your favorite food or where you choose to eat most teenagers were ALWAYS HUNGRY.

*Story and design
by Dustin Pence*



Favorite Restaurants



Total



◀ Juniors Ruth Smith, Linda Herron, Marissa Stevert and Sophomore Brooks Schroeder relax at McDonald's for an after school snack. Photo by Dustin Pence



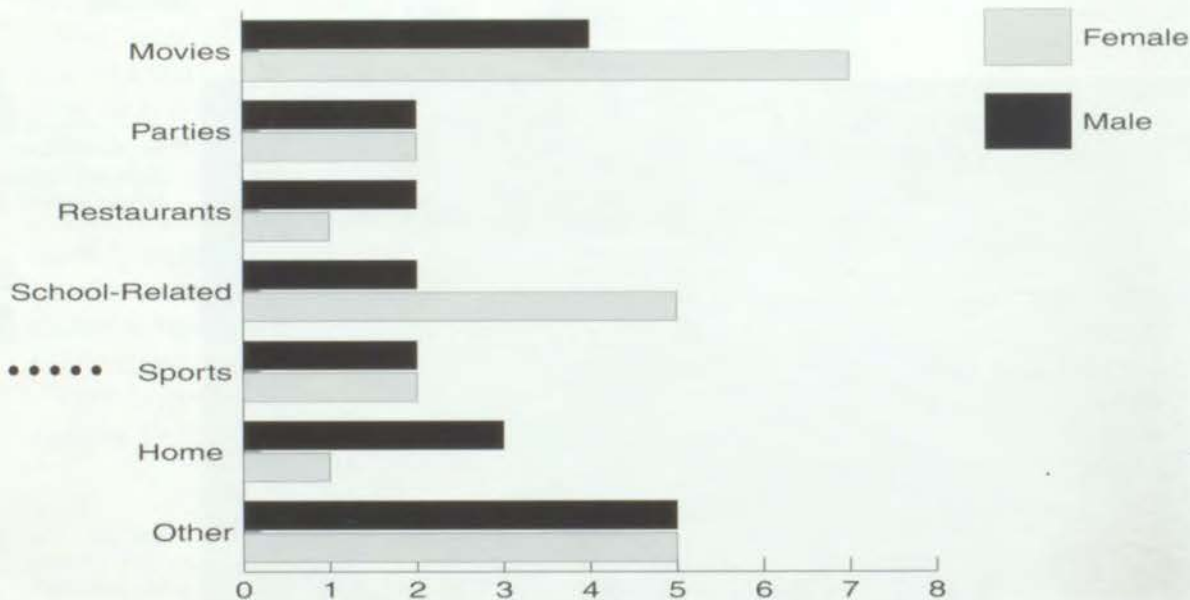
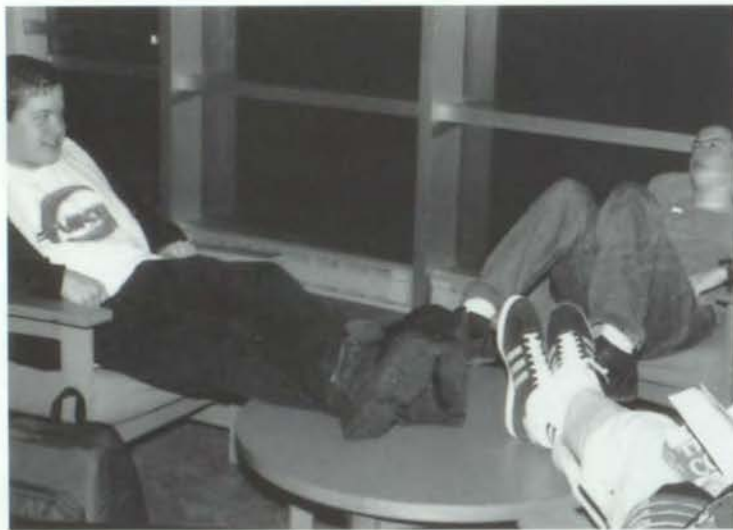
◀ Freshmen Hannah Owens, Emily Burton and Lily Fleming hang out at their lockers during school. Photo by Dustin Pence

◀◀ Sophomores Trent Brewer and Brad Roberts lounge around in the media center before school starts. Photo by Dustin Pence

Finding somewhere to hang out on the weekends always seems to be a problem in this section of town. Most people either go to the movies or attend a party at someone's house. There isn't much of a variety of entertainment, which makes it rather hard to find something to do.

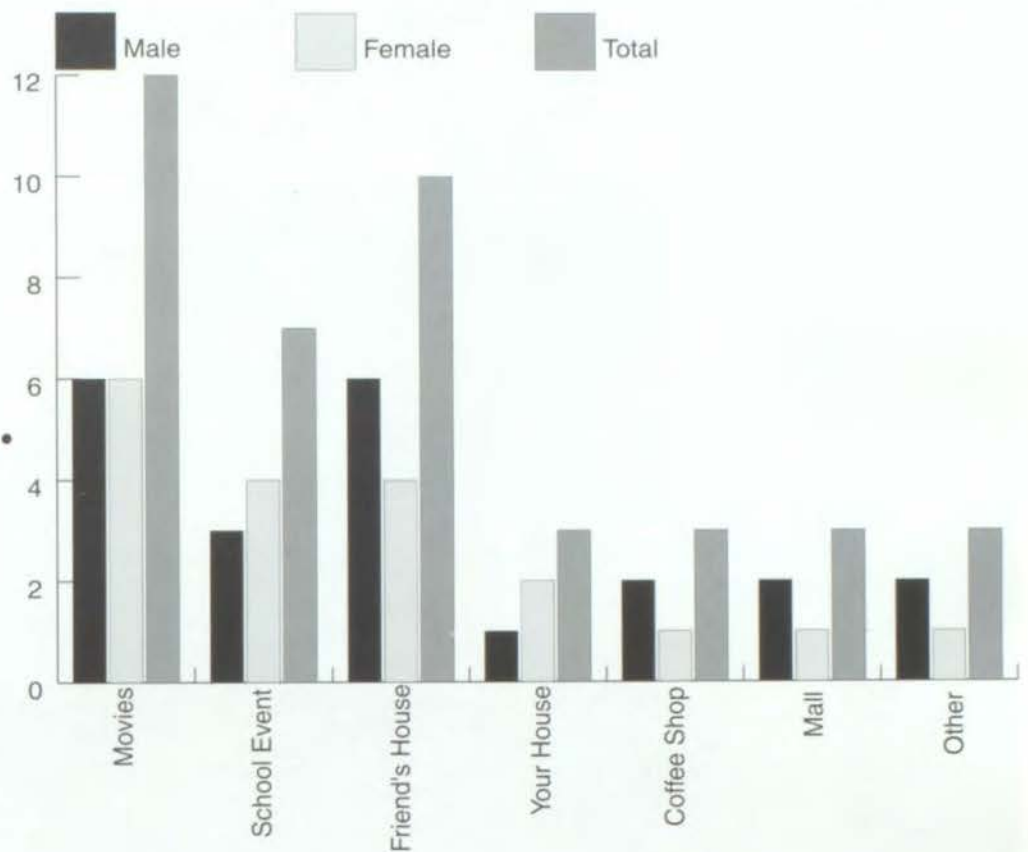
During the week, most people hang out at friend's houses. Others attend Young Life or other religious meetings during the week to keep themselves busy and to enjoy the company of others.

On the weekends some students find the movies to be entertaining. Plus they can meet up with a lot of other people and watch it with them. It's also an alternative if nothing else is happening.



Favorite Places to Hang Out on the Weekends

Favorite Places to Hang Out on the Week Nights



The AMC Odyssey 24 has two to three new movies that come out weekly, so there are always a variety of movies to watch.

Another option that teenagers are finding is dancing at Road House Ruby's. There is a downside to it, though. The only offered teen night was on Sundays, plus it was all the way out in Kansas. Most parents wouldn't let their kids go because it was a school night and because of the location.

Finding somewhere to hang out wasn't always easy. To find that certain place you have to have some sort of interest in it, and enjoy whatever it is you end up doing to go back there and call it a place to "hang out."

*Story by Cathy Fleming
Design by Susan Burton*

➤ Sophomore Ashley Ballard and freshmen Kim Slack, Donna Drake and Brandyn Beaman hang out under the stairs before the start of school. Photo by Dustin Pence



Favorite Hang Outs





▲ Sophomore Kyle Wiseman studies during class time instead of saving it for homework. Photo by Ashley Ballard



◀ While in science class juniors Brian Retherford and Lance Harper stand by Mr. Tim Busenhart to help them with their Physics assignment. Photo by Lara Packett



➤ During Child Growth and Development junior Sarah Lam teaches her preschooler how to use a stapler to complete his project. Photo by Cindy Kelley



✓ During Team Sports class freshman Justin Kirkendoll runs laps around the gymnasium. Photo by Abby Vowels.

◀ Bride Annie Bennett, junior, is escorted down the aisle by Mr. Scott Combs, who was pretending to be her father during the mock wedding held by the Marriage and Family Class. Photo by Annie Aust

Change of Mind

Memorizing math equations, chemical formulas, vocabulary words and historical events. Students at Park Hill South had to cram a lot of information into their brains.

Throughout their four years of high school, students memorized different facts that their teachers told them would be on a test. And making good grades in classes was the number one goal of every student.

In order to collect the 28 credits necessary for graduation, students took a variety of classes to fill four 92-minute block classes each day. From freshman-required Government and Economics to Advanced Placement Biology, students chose classes that matched their interests, skills and schedules.

A change from previous years, the school week included seminar every Thursday for the students to have a study hall for time to make up work and get extra help.

"I like the way seminar is run right now. It gives you time to study and time to catch up on classes," said junior Chad Doyle.

Story and design by Susan Burton

Extra Help

Personalized Learning

For some students, the stress of some classes can be a burden. This can result in lower academic performance for these students and possibly cause the same for others, through their disruptive behavior.

To combat the possibility of disturbing students and teachers and the entire school system, there have been a variety of programs initiated by the school.

Programs such as Class-Within-a-Class and Alternative School were formed to allow students to continue their academic achievements, while creating an environment that makes learning more comfortable, as well as easily accessible.

These classes are more one-on-one with fewer than 15 students. This helps to ensure that each

class adopts a personalized air, encouraging greater learning and easier access to teachers.

The classes often maintain a point system, with points for attendance, behavior and the work that is turned in. These three factors combined create the student's grade.

The new building was designed specifically for these programs. For example, having a telephone within the classroom allows teachers to call students or parents. This enables the students to gain a positive learning atmosphere that gives them a personalized feel.

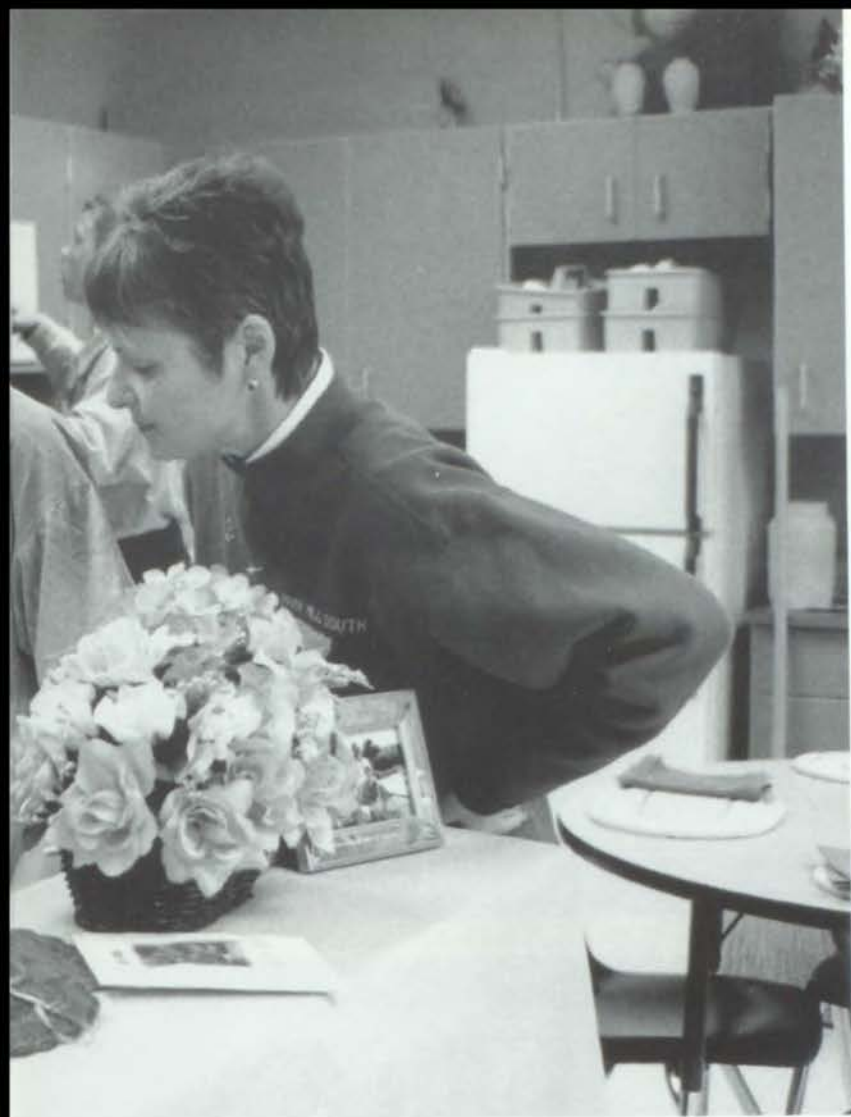
The programs also encourage participation in outside activities like sports and national arts and crafts contests.

*Story by Travis Uzynski
Design by Megan Keadle*



▲ Mr. James Gilsdorf helps Cassy Brown, freshman, Government Economics, a Class-Within-a-Class situation where there were two teachers assigned to the classroom. Photo by Megan Keadle.





◀ Heather Grogan, sophomore; Rosey Brown, freshman; and Christina Scott, freshman, get help from Mrs. Leona Dean during their Transitional Living Skills class. The students made spaghetti salad. Photo by Megan Keadle.

✓ Heather Grogan, sophomore, irons during her Transitional Living Skills class. Photo by Megan Keadle.



△ Alternative school students Steve Davis, junior; and Joe Flint, freshman, do research on the Internet for a science paper in Mr. James Godfrey's class. Photo by Megan Keadle.

◀ Students in Mrs. Carol Cobb's math class work on their assignment. Photo by Megan Keadle.



Required class

Everybody does it

Every day students come to school and sit through all four, 93 minute classes. Usually, most of these classes are required ones, such as Algebra or Language Arts.

Usually students don't think about why they have to be in these classes. However, most students would rather spend their time doing something they enjoy, not just something they have to do.

"Some classes are too hard," said freshmen Sean Molenkamp.

And for some students, this was true. With all of the activities students go through like sports, dance, or work, it was sometimes hard to get through classes, and try to enjoy them.

"I think I get way too

much homework," said freshman Misty Chastain.

This is probably the biggest complaint coming from students. Most students just don't have that much time anymore.

Once students get a job and a car, it was "hard to spend your time doing homework," said sophomore Erin Richardson.

Regardless of the problems that the required classes caused, they still had to be endured.

"Some are okay, but I'd rather not have them because they may not help me in the future," said sophomore Paul Meadows.

Whether you like them or not, your just going to have to live through them.

*Story by Melissa Alsept
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➤ Mr. Mike Nelson's, fourth hour, first term World History class reinvents a Macedonian phalanx during their Hellenistic Wars unit. Photo by Cindy Kelley

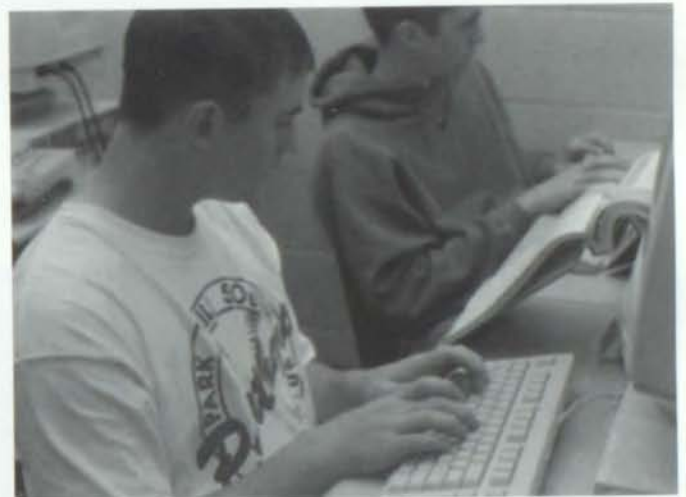
➤ Juniors Jessica Mikulich and Christina Giamalva participate in Weight Training. Weight Training is recommended by coaches for athletes. Photo by Liana Lyons





◀ Freshmen Sarah Alderman, Amanda Sellars, Jeff Downing, and Jason Davis practice the play "Romeo and Juliet" for their fourth hour class. "Romeo and Juliet" is required reading for Freshmen. Photo by Liana Lyons

✓ Freshman Chad Black types paragraphs out of a typing book. Keyboarding is primarily a Freshman-based class. Photo by Liana Lyons



◀ Juniors Shelley Koons and Mandy Flowers work together to finish a homework assignment for Science Interactions. Science Interactions is an easier class for students not pursuing a science career. Photo by Jenny Frazee

◀ Sophomores Crystal Swafford and Heidi Blair work together with freshmen Andrea Hernandez to finish an assignment. Group work is a big part of learning in Algebra. Photo by Liana Lyons

Split Blocks

Purple and Black Days

Today is a Purple Day. Tomorrow will be a Black Day.

These colorful names for alternating days throughout the school year indicate the phenomena known as split blocks.

"I love having choir all year long, but it's really hard to remember all the homework from my history class since it's every other day," said junior Elle Toye.

Instead of attending a class every day for a semester, some students went to a class every other day for an entire year.

Why does the schedule include split blocks?

"We started having them to help out people who are in band or some other music class," said junior Justin Smith.

That changed this year when several students were given split block classes for two academic courses, such as Academic History and Language Arts.

"In spring, with some students gone for several sports activities, they miss

several days, and I have to adjust the pace," said American History teacher, Mrs. Roseanne Gargotta, about the difference of required split blocks.

Several students with musical split blocks felt that the class is more beneficial this way, though.

"Band is still good, but we don't have to play everyday, so we don't burn out," said junior Ryan Freeman.

Students of required split blocks feel that they have more responsibility put on them throughout the year.

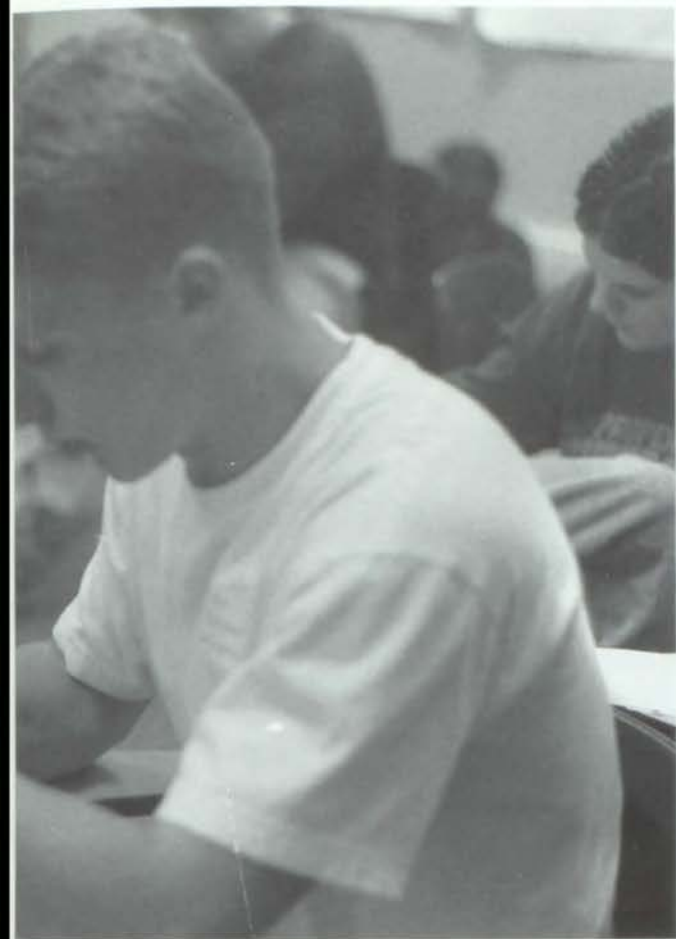
"Sometimes I don't want to do any of my work, but if I don't do it, I would get so behind that I could never catch up."

With split blocks, missing one day was like missing two days of class, and so it seemed that musical classes benefited more from split blocks than required did.

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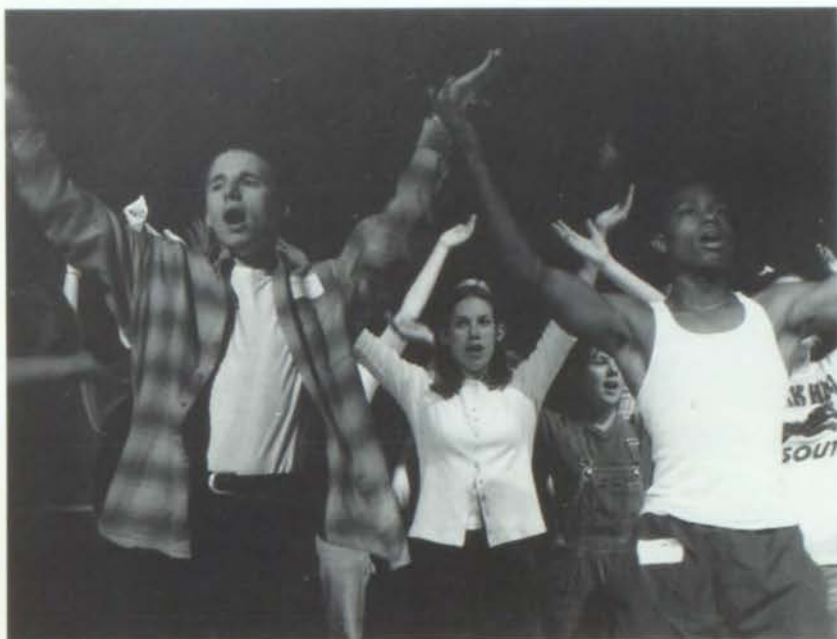


Marilyn McGinnis, sophomore, dances to "Disco Medley" during a "That's Entertainment" choir practice. Photo by Lara Packett



◀ During an interesting Language Arts lecture, Ryan Freeman, junior, takes notes. Photo by Lara Packett

✔ The A Capella choir performs their version of the "YMCA" with sophomores Kevin Goff, Ronald King, and Marilyn McGinnis in front. Photo by Lara Packett



◀ Ryan Freeman, junior, concentrates on the drum music during a band rehearsal. The band class was the main reason the school created split block. Photo by Lara Packett

◀ While waiting for a test to begin sophomores, Marilyn McGinnis, Tyson Wallace and Ben Boehner playfully study. Photo by Lara Packett

Technology

Helpful or stressful?

Technology in school: is it helpful or stressful? That's a question many have asked at South this year.

The most familiar sound that came across the intercom was Miss Leslie Hinton saying, "At this time will everyone please turn off your computers."

"Since everything's done on computers, it really messed things up," said junior Marissa Shand.

Her class, Exploring Technology, is based on computers, so when the computers had to be turned off, they couldn't work.

"It just slows us down a bit. But we don't rely on it (the computer network)," said Mr. Robin Hellig, Exploring Technology teacher said.

"It takes a while to get kinks out," said Mr. Jim Belch, counselor.

He also thinks we have a lot more technology than other schools and better quality.

So what is the cause of these problems?

Mr. Ryan McLaughlin, consultant from AmeriComp said, "Since it was South's first year, there were a lot of stuff people weren't educated for."

Another new school device used to this year were monitors that watched what each person was doing on their computers.

"I think they treat us too kiddish. It's invading our privacy. If they don't want us to look at something, why don't they lock the program instead of watching us?" said sophomore Andy Hardisty

To Mr. Belch's knowledge, the kinks are out. The school still had a few problems towards the end of the year, but it was the first six months that really tried the students and staff.

*Story by Cortie Allen
Design by Cortie Allen
and Cindy Kelley*



▲ A computer with a bad drive is a good example of the problems the school's technology faced. Photo by Cindy Kelley

➤ Mr. Ryan McLaughlin and Mrs. Cheryl Gentry, who were computer technicians, discuss the computer devices in the library. Photo by Cindy Kelley

◀ Sophomore Brooks Schroeder, with freshman Justin Cantrell, work together in the light and sound booth. Photo by Cindy Kelley



◀ Junior Rocky Sa'o calls his mom to get him checked out of school. Photo by Cindy Kelley

✓ Sophomore Andy Hardisty models his award winning bread box. Photo by Cindy Kelley



▲ Junior A.J. Raine shows off his award winning photo. He also won the blue ribbon for his photography in the district's Art Fair. Photo by Cindy Kelley

◀ Junior Kelly Gentry and freshman Dane Broadie look up information for their Power Point presentation. Photo by Cindy Kelley



➤ During a game of tug of war, juniors Cathy Fleming and Marissa Sievert stand watch to decide the victor. They spent the day with the kids at Southeast Elementary's field day to earn A+ credit hours. Photo by Jessica Regan

➤ The kids eagerly await as sophomore Ken Calhoun hands out ribbons to the winners. Photo by Jessica Regan



▲ Mrs. Jennifer Orlowski, the A+ coordinator, schedules events for students to attend. Photo by Jessica Regan

➤ Juniors Marissa Sievert and Cathy Fleming plan a course of action before helping out in a winner-take-all match in the tug of war. Photo by Jessica Regan

A+ program

Earning money for college

For anyone who is not interested in spending large sums of money on college, the A+ program offers an alternative.

In May 1993 the Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 380, also known as the "Outstanding Schools Act." From this act the A+ program was born.

In order to be designated an A+ school, South had to prove that it was worthy. On March 26, a team from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education reviewed the request for A+ certification.

After examining the school and interviewing students, they decided that South was indeed an outstanding school. On April 15 South was officially A+ certified, opening new doors for hundreds of students.

The benefits of the A+ grant are undeniable. A student can easily earn two years' worth of college education at any Missouri community college.

However, students must fulfill a few requirements in order to receive these benefits. They must attend at least three years at an A+ school. They also must sign an A+ letter of intent.

Additional standards have been set by the A+ coordinators. First, students must be able to maintain at least 2.5 GPA

over four years of high school. There are also attendance requirements. A student must have at least an average 95% attendance record, which is less than six missed days per year. Also, students must be able to maintain a record of good citizenship, avoiding drugs or alcohol during their high school careers.

The key to A+ eligibility is the community service that accompanies the program. In order to receive A+ status, students must accumulate 50 A+ mentoring and tutoring hours. They must first attend a mentoring and tutoring workshop. After that they can contact their A+ coordinator, Mrs. Jennifer Orlowski, for chances to earn hours.

Despite the challenges posed by the A+ program, many students signed up.

"The A+ program is very well worth the time invested for two years of college," said junior Chris Utterback.

Other students use it as a fallback crutch, in case they run out of dough.

Some students have an easier time gathering apples. Junior Aaron Ginther, who already has all 50 hours didn't have a problem with it because he did it over the summer, allowing some flexibility.

*Story and design
by Jason Gubbins*

◀ Juniors Aaron Ginther, Chris Utterback, Delle Hines, Josh Higgins and A.J. Raine have all completed their 50 A+ hours and are eligible for A+ benefits. Photo by Jessica Regan



Seminar



A time to sleep or work?

At the beginning of the year, students received their class schedule with a fifth block added, called seminar. Students were assigned to a seminar class alphabetically and to a certain teacher for the rest of their high school career.

Seminar was also an added hour to have assemblies, speakers and testing.

"I like Seminar because it gives us a chance to get extra help without staying after, and people have a chance to get their homework done," said junior Natalie Way.

During the seminar schedule, each class was shortened by approximately 20 minutes. The lunch schedule was shifted so that lunch was worked in, allowing third block to go the full 92 minutes.

"The seminar schedule affects the rest of my day because lunch is later, and

it makes the classes seem longer," said freshman Ashley Schwarz.

Most students took advantage of having the extra hour to do their homework from the night before. Some visited their teachers to get help on certain materials that they didn't understand. There were also those who did sleep.

"It gives me a break from class. If you don't have homework to do, you can sleep," said junior Ashley Collins.

Seminar has been such a success that the administration might add an extra seminar during the week.

"Having an extra day for seminar would be good on those days that you actually have work to do, but it gets boring when you don't have anything to do," said junior Jesse Trader.

Story and design by Cathy Fleming



▲ Freshmen Kerry Gould and Janine Gorombey are stopped by Mrs. Lee Dean while she checks their passes. Photo by Dustin Pence

▲▲ Sophomore Sarah McKain catches up on her homework from past night. Photo by Dustin Pence.

➤ Juniors Jason McKay and Matt Taylor finish up the previous days assignments. Photo by Dustin Pence

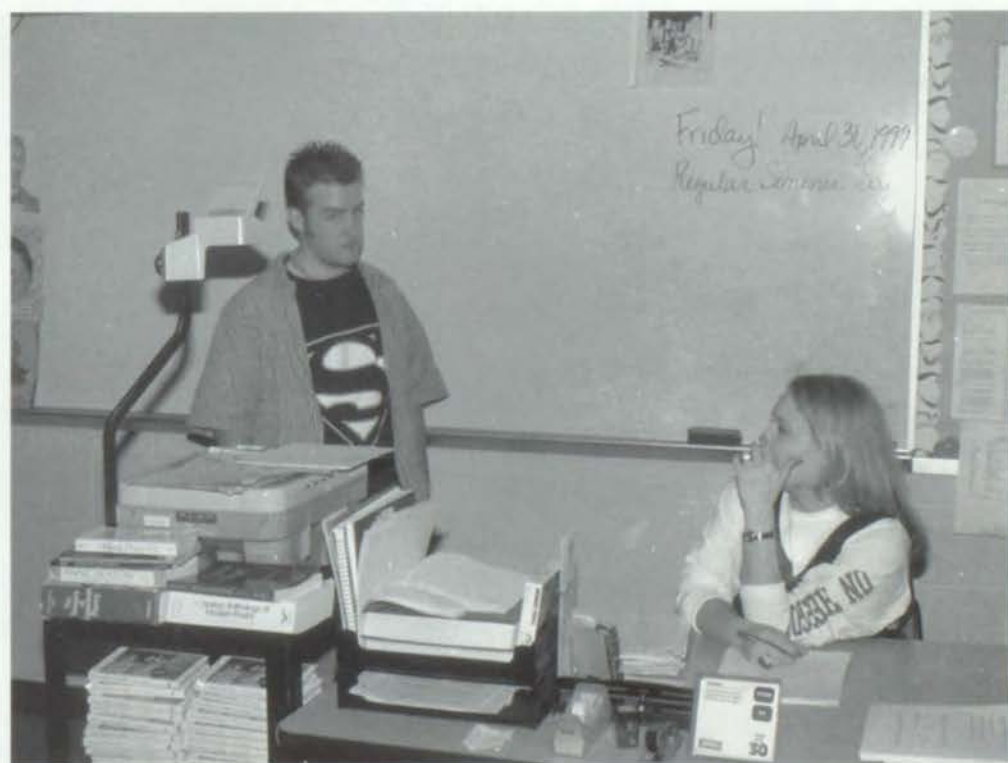


✧ Freshman Jesse Chettle finds information on the computer. Photo by Dustin Pence

✧ Juniors Eric Morton, Kevin Moore and Adam McCully take advantage of using the computers during seminar. Photo by Dustin Pence

✧ Freshman John Drowns and sophomore Eric Archer work on current assignments. Photo by Dustin Pence

✧ Freshman Tommy Carter talks to Ms. Piper Wilson during Seminar. Photo by Dustin Pence



Field Trips

Leaving school to learn

Many students at South were fortunate enough to attend a field trip with one of their classes this year. The experiences that they had on these trips provided students with an alternative to just doing boring book work in the classroom. Instead they got a hands-on look at things that could not normally be seen at school and had fun with their classmates.

One thing that students don't get a look at every day were the cadavers and organs that Mr. Ken Kerwin's Anatomy class viewed at the Cleveland Community College on their annual class trip. They got a close look at seven cadavers and even got to touch a heart, liver and even a brain.

This field trip gave the students an overview of how they could go on in life using anatomy and what the insides of their bodies looked like.

"We learned about the human body and how it works and how fragile it can be," said junior Lara Packett.

It was truly a learning experience for the anatomy students.

Mrs. Susan Newburger's Photojournalism class also took a field trip to the

Plaza during first semester of this year. It was a great opportunity for the amateur photographers to take pictures of the beautiful fountains and building structures found only on the Plaza.

"The best part of it was that we got to walk around, shop in the stores and miss the whole day of school," said junior Jenny Frazee.

The students learned a lot about pictures and got to take in a lot of pretty scenery on the way.

Mrs. Kris Smither also planned a similar field trip for the students in her water color class. They traveled to the nearby city of Parkville to paint the buildings, parks and other surrounding scenery. It gave them a chance to get outside and paint things that they couldn't see during school. It also allowed them to paint colors as they occur in nature.

By taking these types of field trips, it enhances ways of learning and makes everything more interesting for the students. It gives them a better grasp on reality and allows for an escape from their daily schedule at school.

*Story by Natalee Haug
Design by Alison Lewis*



▲ Sophomore Christie Taylor sketches scenery from downtown Parkville on her Watercolor field trip. Photo by Alison Lewis

➤ Junior Brian Retherford looks at bones from a cadaver on his Anatomy field trip. Photo by Lara Packett



✦ Sophomores Emily White and Tami King walk through Parkville with paintings they drew during their Watercolor field trip. The class went during early spring. Photo by Allison Lewis

✦ Junior Adam Westfall along with Park Hill student Amish Patel examine bones. Their Anatomy class went to the Cleveland Community College to observe body specimens. Photo by Lara Packett



✦ Sophomore Krystina Matteson and junior Dustin Pence take picture of the scenery on the Plaza. Their Photojournalism class had to make a photo essay about the Plaza.



▲ Junior Dustin Stauffer and his child care student work together to open a can of tomato paste. They are going to make a pizza together. Photo by Cindy Kelley

➤ Freshman Fran Thompson checks the directions in Foods class to make sure that she is making her apple crisp correctly. Photo by Lara Packett



Hands-on

Interactive Learning can be fun

Every year, students take the same type of classes: language arts, science and math. How about a little change to break up the days with a hands-on class?

South offers many hands-on classes that allow students to work with kids, learn the basic home necessities, and express their creativity.

Child Growth and Development is one of these classes. This class allows the students to work with preschool children to learn parenting skills, and remember fun from the good old days.

Phil Esposito, junior Child Growth student, described his experience in a hands-on class as a way to learn more and get into the class.

Phil also came to the conclusion that "being a parent is tough," and that now he feels like he is "going to be a great parent," because he is more prepared.

Other types of hands-on classes are in the art department. Katie Rhaesa, freshman, spoke highly of her experience in

Drawing II class.

In the beginning, Katie took art for the fine arts credit, but she realized how much she liked the class. This year Katie received a silver key in the scholastic arts festival.

Foods and Sewing are also a part of the hands-on program. Jessica Laber, sophomore foods student likes her hands-on class, because, "It is more fun, and you get your results right then and there."

Not all hands-on classes offer immediate results, but many do offer a sense of gratification because students get a chance to express their creativity and talent, and they can also just have fun.

"In sewing, you learn more for the future, because you learn how to make your own clothes," said Desiree May, sophomore.

Hands-on classes can be a great experience because they are fun and they, "make school less boring," said Katie.

*Story and design
by Jennifer Hopper*



▲▲ Michael Colle, sophomore, works hard to glaze the finishing touches on his pitcher in Ceramics class. Photo by Jenny Frazee

▲ In Watercolor class, Tami King, sophomore, paints delicately on her self portrait project. Photo by Lindsey Quiltemer

▲ Ashley Douglas, freshman pushes the hair out of her eyes as she works on her sewing project. Ashley is making a dress in sewing class. Photo By Dustin Pence

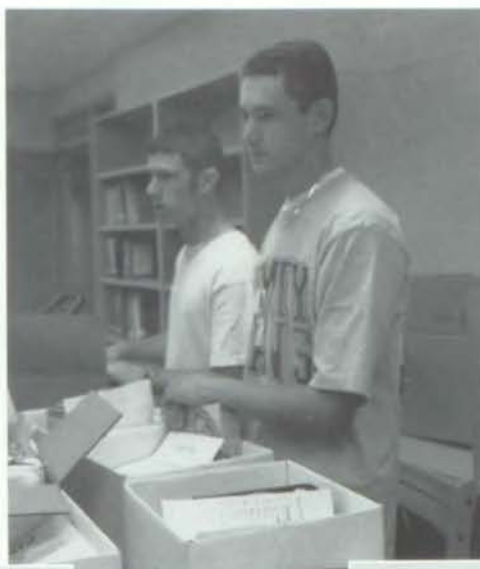




▲ Sophomores Liana Lyons, Audra Runyon and Jessica Regan represent Peer Mediation during Club Awareness day. Photo by Dustin Pence

➤ Sophomores Jennifer Hopper, Thomas Hagen and Alicia Commer sit and discuss future plans during a Natural Helpers meeting. Photo by Liana Lyons

◀ Freshman Jennifer Winkler sings "Once Upon a December" during the December choir concert. Photo by Liana Lyons



◀ Juniors Mario Urruela and Eddie Perez help the Salvation Army to collect food during the Adopt-A-Box week. Photo by Jessica Regan

✓ Sophomores Alison Spinden and Mei Suen wait for students to come and gather information about Student Advisory Council. Photo by Dustin Pence



Change of Interests

All clubs at South were generated from the students' own interests and talents. Although some may have the same names as the clubs at Park Hill, the new school needed new organizations. For example, drama students petitioned to form Center Stage to give them something to turn to while they earned participation points to become Thespians.

New clubs like Center Stage must meet certain expectations such as having an enrollment of 10-15 people and helping the community with service projects. To start a new club, students have to fill out a form, find a sponsor, and schedule regular meetings.

Students were encouraged to join a club or activity. For some activities, students attended classes and earned credits. Choir, orchestra and band members attended classes every other day on a split block schedule. In addition, they practiced in after school sessions and performed in evening concerts.

Students' clubs and activities at South reflected a wide range of interests.

Story by Cathy Fleming
Design by Susan Burton



CLW 121

Row 1: Melody Murphy, Blair Witt, Allison Smither, Linda Herron, Katie Maasen, Cindy Kelley, Ashley Ballard, Kara Ehlers, Dustin Pence, LeAnna Kemp **Row 2:** Ruth Smith, Justin Tanner, Kristin Chettle, Marissa Sievert, Ashley Douglas, Andy Smith, Marilyn McGinniss, Michelle Hagen, Michael Garfield, Jenny Toth, Hannah Ho, Christina Johnson **Row 3:** Sean Molenkamp, Andy Witt, Erin Archer, Katie Chen, Stacia Barajas, Stephanie Williamson, Karin Ziemblec, Aaron Haugen, Carol Sparks, Brianne Cowden, Baaba Jackson-Koufie, Abby Holmes, Jessica Retter **Row 4:** Amy Hees, Allison Maag, Sarah Lam, Jennifer Bascombe, Brianna Belke, Morgan Massingale, Kirsten Highbarger, Becki Keadle, Stephanie Houghton, Shawna Barklage, Michelle White, Aaron Cordell, Megan Keadle, Adam Smith, Sarah Sauer **Row 5:** Crystal Swafford, Beth Pintner, Jessica Regan, Liana Lyons, Jeremiah Samborski, Robert Benkert, Jesse Chettle, Angie Hann, Jill Richardson, Erin Hey, Tarah Pettjohn, Tim Hottovy, Heather Moore, Amy Brandis, Mrs. Michelle Bickelhaupt, Mrs. Nancy Wallace, Brian Retherford, Abby Vowels, Emily Fotovich, Rachel Hern, Meredith Roberts, Katie Rhaesa, Justin Kuhl, Nathan Carrier, Shanna Meyer, Lindsey Kirkpatrick, Alicia Commer



Ceramics Club

Row 1: Casey Francis, Lauren Abrams, Lindsey Quidmeier, Alison Lewis, Natasha Vogel, Sarah Edelbaum
Row 2: Erin Burns, Rogelio Espinoza
Row 3: Melissa Williams, Tina Richard, Michael Colle, Angie Kovach, Stephanie Locker, Katie Parrish, Mrs. Laura Lenhert

Debate

Row 1: Andy Smith, Eric Page, Jessica Weidman, Ashley Douglas, Andrea Blank, Jessica Newman, John Drown, Aaron Cordell, Krystal Allan, Amy Hees
Row 2: Chris Green, Matt Frailey, Arian Taherzadeh, Frank Garcia, Johnathon Barnes, Linda Herron, Allison Smither, Katie Maasen, Alison Spinden, Carmen McDonald, Karin Ziembiac, Michelle Fitzgerald
Row 3: Mrs. Shelly Evans, Jeff Downing, Mike Zordan, Kim White, Erin Cory, Matthew Hampton, Michael Garfield, Chris Jack, Josh Sewell, Jeremy Miller, James Bozeman, Matt McCormick, Scott Clark, Tim Reid, Brett Robertson, Mrs. Jennifer Holden



◀◀ At Club 121, sophomore Jessica Retter reads the announcement about an upcoming concert. Club 121 met every Thursday before school in the choir room. Photo by Dustin Pence

◀ At a Debate tournament, freshman Matt Hampton prepares his case before presenting it. Photo by Alison Spinden



Environmental Club

Row 1: Lydia Martin, Maggie Passig, Shelby Bartels, Stacia Barajas, Ashlee Seymour, Kathy Gentry, Kelly Gentry, Stacy Rickert, Scott Goodwin **Row 2:** Hannah Bogle, Chris Steppig, Katie Ketelsen, Kevin Easley, Jennifer Waller, Christy Kaiser, Carolyn Shutty, Lara Packett, Megan Keadle, Leslie Bratton, Ms. Marcia Umscheid **Row 3:** Chad Whitman, Chad Doyle, Brandon Romines, Dean Yzon, Kevin Moore, Sarah Lam, Mei Suen



Natural Helpers

Row 1: Robin Sol, Shelby Bartels, Amber Watson, Debbie Plemmons, Elle Toye, Ashlee Seymour **Row 2:** Kelly Gentry, Molly Montgomery, Courtney Nelson, Jennifer Hopper, Rachel Hern **Row 3:** Liana Lyons, Krystina Matteson, Jennifer Colley, Emily Fotovich, Meredith Roberts, Erin Haber **Row 4:** Jake Pruett, Carolyn Shutty, Sunny Eubanks, Ashley Collins, Alicia Commer, Sarah Lam, Ashley Newsom **Row 5:** Krystal Allan, Katie Ketelsen, Karen Toburen, Lori Jarowitz, Lindsey Nelson **Row 6:** Kevin Moorek, Tommy Hottovy, Todd Gutschow, Matt Twardowski



➤➤ Girls' Glee practices for their upcoming concert during third hour on Black days. Photo by Dustin Pence

➤ At a Natural Helpers meeting before school, Mrs. Melody Patterson discusses upcoming plans for the club. Photo by Jenny Colley





Girls' Glee

Row 1: Jennifer Winkler, Michelle Pate, Sabrina Tackett, Maria Mustakiewicz, Christina Jarowitz, Kelli Morales, Meghan Denney, Shawna Barklage
Row 2: Annie Klein, Kathleen Tuck, Amanda Hostikka, Holly Chesnut, Ashley Waters, Ashleigh Balter, Echo Baska, Rebecca Silvers, Micki Truesdell
Row 3: Arica Reed, Trisha Taylor, Shanna Rypel, Samantha Passler, Jennifer Botta, LeTosha Swopes, Miranda Wheeler, Angie Harn, Amy Brandis, Charlotte Walz
Row 4: Mrs. Michelle Bickelhaupt, Heather Flenker, Kaycee White, Emily Burton, Nikki Gallup, Ashley McDonald, Candace Crawford, Andrea Corrutt, Brandy Hans, Stephanie Houghton, Kara Ehlers, Kirsten Highbarger, Trisha Cook
Row 5: Kaleena Enochs, Leah Chapman, Liana Lyons, Jessica Regan, Morgan Massingale, Katie Rhaesa, Ashley Douglas, Stephanie Shaffer, Ashley Petty, Donna Drake, Leah Bader, Francesca Rypel, Kayla Craft, Sarah Harrison, Accompanist Nancy Wallace





Symphonic Band

Row 1: Katie Slavik, Nikki Sissel, Tanys Bruns, Allison Doores, Erin Haber, Tanya Harper, Lindsey Kirkpatrick **Row 2:** Eric Peters, Sarah McKain, Lance Harper, Daniel Bruns, Kat Wagner, Abby Shoenrock, Colleen Driver, Allyson Roberts, Becky Schaefer, Lauren Phillips **Row 3:** Alicia Commer, Matt Saladino, Lucie Lovesee, Kellye Loethen, Ben Hodges, Emily Owens, Rachel Horn, Lilly Fleming, Blaire Hines, Brad Marvel, Mike Slavik, Jason Gubbins, Megan Douglass, Trent Brewer **Row 4:** Tiffany Hildebrand, Taylor Pyles, Sara Canseco, Matt Mihalka, Brian Retherford, Devin McCollum, Kevin Reddy, Tony Mena, David Becker, Matt Wilber, Brad Roberts, Phil Stehly **Row 5:** Jason Baskin, Meredith Roberts, Chad Whitman, Josh Slavin, Mr. John Bell



French Club

Row 1: Abby Vowels, Alicia Commer, Veronica Croan, Mel Suen, Kristin Chettle, Tiffany Pica
Row 2: Mrs. JoAnn Barker, Allison Maag, Michael Colle, Kiersten Andrews, Krystina Matteson, A.J. Raine



'Future Business Leaders of America

Row 1: Corey Gehrt, Katie Ketelsen, Annie Augur, LaQueta White
Row 2: Phil Pinkasavage, Jennifer Waller, Joe Parvin, Tyler Beane
Row 3: Anne Torpey, Stacy Rickert, Mike Svetlic, Ms. Tony Fisher
Row 4: Ato Jackson-Kuofole, Tamra Childress, Jared Nook, Chad Doyle



◀◀ Freshman Meredith Roberts plays the trumpet at a band concert. Photo by Lara Packett

◀ Junior Anne Auger dances with incoming freshman Joel Fisher at the FBLA-sponsored eighth grade dance. Photo by Dustin Pence



Scholar Bowl

Row 1: Allyson Roberts, Ruth Smith, Matthew Ebbert, Chris Barreto, David Becker **Row 2:** Kellye Loethen, Michael Garfield, Mr. Bob Packett, Tim Reid, Ben Hodges, Wes Kauble



At the Courtwarming assembly juniors Lori Jarowitz, Elle Toye, Blair Witt and Allison Smither sing "Let's Hear It For the Boys" to the wrestlers who were on their way to state. Photo by Dustin Pence

Singsations

Row 1: Ruth Smith, Blair Witt **Row 2:** Alison Smither, Melody Murphy, Elle Toye





Symphonic Orchestra

Row 1: Emily Fotovich, Nicole Deister, Veronica Croan, Kara Dark, Katie Parrish, Jeremiah Meizis, John Russell, Dane Broadie **Row 2:** Susan Crouch, Stephen Caruso, Skye Geer, Samatha Schmidt, Jeff Miller, Allison Maag, Tammy Rash, Abby Holmes **Row 3:** Michael Colle, Steven McClaim, Mattie Snelling, Cole Fox, Amy Hees, Joe Fox, Tim Reid, Toni Gray, Shanna Meyer

◀ During their Christmas concert, Symphonic Orchestra plays in front of a large crowd in the auditorium. Photo by Abby Vowel



Concert Choir

Row 1: Jessica Retter, Jamie Schooler, Angela Calandrino, Katie Chen, Candi Blair, Donna Woods, TeAndrea Tombs, Jamie Brown, Jessica Shannon **Row 2:** Jessica Conrad, Krista Gloe, Heather Harper, Teresa Saving, Valerie Courtney, Erin Hey, Nicole Graves, Jennifer Bascombe **Row 3:** Mrs. Michelle Bickelhaupt, Brandi Leggio, Erin Richardson, Julie Mann, Jessica Newman, Lindsay Phillips, Heidi Blair, Accompanist Nancy Wallace



Student Advisory

Row 1: Eddie Perez, Michelle Fitzgerald, Sara Ruzicka, Heather Tillman, Ashley Watson, Stacia Barajas, Shelby Bartels, Debbie Plemmons, Erin Lichty, Lori Jarowitz, Christy Kaiser, Allison Doores, Mei Suen **Row 2:** Veronica Croan, Jessica Mikulich, Andy Vandepopulier, Jennifer Waller, Mitch Blecha, Jason Toye, Carolyn Shutty, Robin Sol, Krystal Allan, Tiffany Hildebrand, Erin Cory **Row 3:** Lindsey Nelson, A.J. Raine, Katie Ketelsen, Jared Nook, Corey Gehrt, Ato Jackson-Kuofie, Mike Svetlic, Phil Pinkasavage, John Howell, Laura Sloan, Aaron Ginther, Alison Spinden, Sara Campbell, Lindsey Stueleberg



Future Homemakers of America

Row 1: Beth Pintner, Elizabeth Greim, Tami King, Vinny Ginestra **Row 2:** Fran Tompson, Andrea Blank, Shelby Bartels, Jessica Retter, Brooke Still, Joni Martin **Row 3:** Katie Chen, Emily White, Lindsey Stueleberg, LeAnna Kemp, John Nero, Annie Augur **Row 4:** Sasha Summers, Christie Taylor, Ben Boehner, Jared Cross, Anne Torpey, Stephante Dieso **Row 5:** Mitch Blecha, Craig Dieso



Center Stage

Row 1: Ruth Smith, Linda Herron, Hannah Owens, Kellye Loethen, Kaycee White, Mrs. Vicki Witt, Derek Meseke **Row 2:** Jason Boman, Kara Ehlers, Jennifer Winkler, Karen Burton, Dustin Pence, Marissa Sievert, Jennifer Colley, Allison Smither **Row 3:** Taylor Pyles, Danielle Schrader, Allison Spinden, Nick Gentry, Sara Ruzicka, Phil Ross, Blair Witt, Cindy Kelley, Lilly Flemming, Michael Garfield **Row 4:** Veronica Croan, Nathan Burns-Sprung, Katie Maasen, Ashley Douglas, Kevin Goff, Tommy Carter, Erin Archer, Brooks Schroeder, Trisha Brooks, Leah Chapin, Lindsey Estes, Jalle Mann, Matt McCormich



Writer's Club

Row 1: Michael Garfield, Ruth Smith, Blair Witt, Darcie Fitzgerald **Row 2:** Michelle White, Brianna Belke, Brooks Schroeder, Karen Burton, Robyn Solley, Alexis Hejna **Row 3:** Tim Reid, Tyler Carrington, Nathan Burns-Sprung, Miss Piper Wilson, Marissa Sievert, Allison Smither, Tommy Carter

➤ During the Activities Day at South, junior Ruth Smith and Sophomore Mike Garfield talk about what it is like to be in Writers Club. Photo by Dustin Pence

◀ During third block, junior Candi Blair and sophomore Jenny Bascombe practice a song for their upcoming Concert Choir performance. Photo by Dustin Pence



Panther Prowlers

Row 1: Jeff Lowden, Amanda Marshall, Luciender Lovesee, Casie Palma, Lindsey Watson **Row 2:** Kimberly Slack, Melinda Atkins, Jennifer Winkler, Mei Suen, Laura McCawley, LaTosha Swopes, Carol Sparks, Ashley Schwarz **Row 3:** Darcie Fitzgerald, Crystal Larrabee, Shanna Rypel, Sue O'Neill, Krystal Sturm, Ms. Deitre Taylor



Future Educators of America

Row 1: Kelly Gentry, Molly Montgomery, LaQueta White, Luara Hayes, Aaron Cockriel **Row 2:** Kathy Gentry, Cindy Kelley, Sarah Lam, Mei Suen, Beth Pintner, Crystel Swafford, Jessica Leader, Courtney Nelson, Stephanie Brandis



A Cappella

Row 1: Ronald King, Karen Toburen, Lori Jarowitz, Elle Toye, Robin Sol, Phil Ross **Row 2:** Kevin Goff, Melody Murphy, Jessica Weidman, Teresa Pont Burgoyne, Stephanie Zian, Marilyn McGinniss, Ryan McCauley, Krystal Allan, Jesse Balmer **Row 3:** Mrs. Michelle Bickelhaupt, Randy Goff, Sarah Otwell, Allison Smither, Blair Witt, Becki Pietsch, Ruth Smith, Accompanist Nancy Wallace



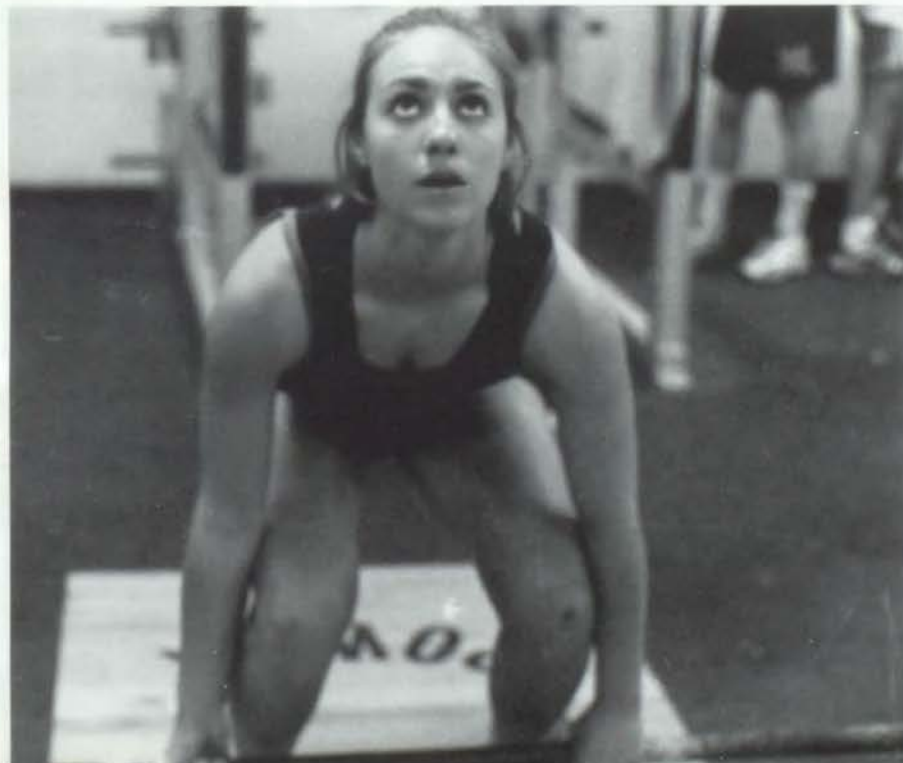


Powerlifting

Row 1: Chad Doyle, Phil Esposito, Jon Woods, Ben Estes **Row 2:** DeJuan Moore, Ben Sol **Row 3:** Jason Man, Noah Favaregh, Jerin Higdon, Robin Sol, Joey Smith, Josh Garner **Row 4:** Ben Tew, Janson Rhodes

Science Club

Row 1: Chad Whitman, Lara Packett, Ben Hodges
Row 2: Justin Smith, Ryan McCauley, Amber Hearn, Kellye Loethen, Hannah Bogle **Row 3:** Aaron Ginther, A.J. Raine, Akil Srinivasan, Andy Witt **Row 4:** Mr. Tim Busenhart, Noah Favaregh, Mike Slavik, Brian Retherford



◀ Junior Christina Giamalva practices her dead lift for the Powerlifting Nationals. The Powerlifters practiced after school and during Advanced Weight Training classes. Photo by Jenny Frazee

Computer Club

Row 1: Dean Yzon, Matt Malley **Row 2:** Yi Yin, Adam Chatfield, Akil Srinivasan, Mr. Shawn Nelson



Boys' Glee

Row 1: Thomas O'Sullivan, Josh Ryun, Tim Clark, Aaron Cordell, Jason Davis, Meran Mustafa, Clay Renfro **Row 2:** Matthew Gaynor, Luke Gravel, Nathan Phillips, Justin Cantrell, James Carter, Mike Grady, Chris Garnett, Ben Sol **Row 3:** Mrs. Michelle Bickelhaupt, Brandon Webb, DeJuan Moore, Casey Williams, Ben Tew, Jake Irvin, Zac Cram, Jason Regan, Accompanist Nancy Wallace

➤ Boys' Glee performs at the choir's winter concert. The boys meet fourth hour on Purple days. Photo by Jessica Reagen



Key Club

Row 1: Heather Tillman, Dan McFarland, Chad Whitman, Brian Retherford, Emily Fotovich, Shanna Meyer, Mike Slavik, Karen Renyan **Row 2:** Kathy Gentry, Debbie Plemmons, Erin Lichty, Kelly Gentry, Danielle Schrader, Alicia Commer, Susan Crouch, Megan Keadle, Amber Hearn, Nick Gentry **Row 3:** Amy Wegner, Taylor Pyles, Christina Johnson, Alison Spinden, Christy Kaiser, Katie Ketelson, Kristin Chettle, Phil Ross, Lara Packett **Row 4:** Erin Burns, Sasha Summers, Jessica Conrad, Kiersten Andrews, Brad Roberts, Blair Witt, Sarah Lam, Sara Ruzicka, Karin Ziembiec, Jared Nook, William Ruzicka, Lauren Phillips **Row 5:** Stephanie Dieso, Chris Steptig, Corey Gehrt, Erin Haber, Justin Smith, Jennifer Waller, Allison Maag, Scott Goodwin, Adam Chatfield, Ryan Freeman, Lauren Abrams **Row 6:** Laura Hayes, Eddie Perez, Brian Collins, Phil Stehly, Mr. Don Baker, Michael Colle, Lance Harper, Arsen Kharatyan, Eric Peters



Exchange Club

Row 1: Abby Vowels, Alicia Commer, Veronica Croan, Mei Suen **Row 2:** Mrs. JoAnn Barker, Allison Maag, Michael Colle

Spanish Club

Row 1: Mrs. Lillian Genovese, Lydia Martin, Natalie Way, Stacia Barajas, Mike Svetlic, Mitch Blecha, Phil Esposito, Kevin Moore, Eddie Perez, Dustin Racen, Danny Seiler **Row 2:** Danielle Dodson, Andrea Holez, Richard Schaber, Laura Sloan, Phil Pinkasavage, Jared Nook, Chris Utterback, Matt Slesman, Todd Gutschow, Matt Twardowski, Mike Zordan





Peer Mediation

Row 1: Brian Morgan, Jason Lakey, Eddie Perez, Mario Urruela, DeJuan Moore **Row 2:** Audra Runyon, Ann Bird, Miranda Flowers, Amber Hearn, Susan Burton, Officer Michael Costauzo **Row 3:** Lindsey Watson, Rachel Carter, Jessica Regan, Liana Lyons, Erin Hey **Row 4:** Desiree May **Row 5:** Rachel Winters, Candi Blair, Donna Woods, Rhonda King, Phil Esposito **Row 6:** Matt Fratley, Kimberly Slack, Katie Maasen, Jessica Newman, Natasha Green **Row 7:** Derek Meseke, Daniel Tomasich, Heidi Blair, Ashley Ballard, Phil Ross, Emily Estes.

Student Council

Row 1: Laura Sloan, Ashlee Seymour, Shelley Koons, Holly Chesnut, Christy Kaiser, Stephanie Dieso, Lindsey Stuetelberg **Row 2:** Kyle Sebus, Carolyn Shutty, Christina Giamalva, Brian Collins, Lindsay Letourneau, Katie Ketelsen, Stephanie Bock, Jennifer Waller, Mary Nero, Kara Dark, Katy Handley, Mrs. Jennifer Wilson **Row 3:** Steffany Kovacs, Jessica Mikulich, Lindsey Nelson, Andy Vandepopulier, Jennifer Hopper, Stacy Rickert, Abby Davis, Erin Haber, Alison Spinden



Science Fiction Club

Row 1: Derek Meseke, Sean Colard, Lucas McCartney **Row 2:** Hannah Owens, Jeff Benish, Emily Burton



Concert Band

Row 1: Christina Johnson, Danielle Schrader, Abby Vowels, Natalie Way, Michelle Lane-Ash, Lindsey Phillips, Shea Boudreaux, Linda Tran
Row 2: Sean Quinn, Tarah Pettijohn, Jenny Petty, Alexis Hejna, Nicole Wieland, Brittany Morrow, Stephanie Hopper, Jessica Shannon, Hanah Park, Devin Mathews, Bill Daniels, Stephanie Heckman, Heather Ryan, Josh Burton, Hannah Bogle
Row 3: Cara Wheeler, Dan McFarland, Chrissy Foutes, Heather Moore, Sarah Sauer, Nick Baker, Tyler Carrington, Pat Weidt, Joe Gold, Daniel Kirkpatrick, Josh Harris, Tommy Carter, Jeff Dahm, Michelle Hagen, Aaron Bond, Tim Hayslett, Thomas Hagen
Row 4: Mr. Charles Boyd, Anna Bierman, Toby Bradhurst, Kyle Baker, Bryan Reilly, Joey Kanne, Sherry Bowen, Tristan Seiter, Sean Magee, David Haeker, John Letourneau



Concert Orchestra

Row 1: Melissa Green, Tricia Cook, Chrystal Levens, Cassy Allen, Christina Lindow, Janney Mills, Te'Andrea Toombs
Row 2: Lauri Pietsch, Andrea Nickisch, Stephanie Bade, Adam Slonka-Mainus, Mrs. Valerie Bell, Joe Fox, Megan Boise



◀ During the holiday season Peer Mediators encouraged classrooms to donate food for families in need. The classroom that donated the most got a bagel party.
 Photo by Liana Lyons



National Honor Society

Row 1: Amber Hearn, Rachel Wetschensky, Phillip Esposito, Tyler Beane, Stacia Barajas, Ashlee Seymour, Debbie Plemmons, Stacey Rickert, Hannah Bogel, Sara Campbell, Ato Jackson-Kuofie **Row 2:** Ben Hodges, Tommy Hottovy, Kyle Sebus, Lara Packett, Megan Keadle, Katie Ketelsen, Linda Herron, Erin Lichty **Row 3:** Brian Collins, Kevin Easley, Lydia Martin, Jennifer Waller, Christy Kaiser



Thespians

Row 1: Linda Herron, Nick Gentry **Row 2:** Allison Smither, Marissa Sievert, Blair Witt, Dustin Pence

➤ During the National Honor Society induction ceremony, junior Arsen Kharatyan passes the light of knowledge to junior Sara Lam.
Photo by Photographix



Campus Band

Row 1: Ashley Clutts, Kerry Gould, Erin Burns, Amy Martin, Rachel Edwards
Row 2: Erin O'Connell, Brittnie Herring, Katie Wyer, Seth Wylie
Row 3: Jamie Leseman, Erin Cory, James Rhodus, Therese Reilly, William Reeves, A.J. Jones, James Bozeman, Nathan June, Heidi Taylor, Abby Holden-Mucker, Jeremiah Samborsky, Stacey Anderson, Danielle Dodson, Steven Edwards, Maggie Elder
Row 4: Justin McDaniel, Nathan Carter, Lucas McCartney, Mr. John Bell, Robyn Solley



Newspaper First Semester

Row 1: Alexis Henja, Stacia Barajas, Mrs. Susan Newburger
Row 2: Jesse Lange, Sara Otwell, Phil Pinkasavage



Newspaper Second Semester

Row 1: Nikki Sissel, Sara Otwell, Chrissy Foutes
Row 2: Tom Novak, Blaire Hines, Jesse Lange, Desirae Murrillo



Creativity and Caffeine

Poetry, short stories and songs on stage

While the audience drank cups of coffee during the January evening performance, students performed poetry, short stories and songs from the creativity of their own minds.

Ms. Piper Wilson brought the event, known as "Coffee Talk" at Park Hill, to South as "Creativity and Caffeine."

"We had really excellent writings coming in this year. I don't know if we had more concentration and talent or just more confidence, but Park Hill South's writers are great," said Ms. Wilson.

South's students who participated were pleased with the performances. A few variations were made to the previous years' event, such as doing some poems with the addition of

bongos, said sophomore Michael Garfield.

"There were a few differences from last year's performances, but mostly that we had some music and the spirit was lighter," said Garfield.

Some of those who were in the show had so much interest in it that they couldn't get enough.

"I enjoyed the whole show. If I wasn't reading my poems, I was sneaking out of the backstage area to get coffee or listen to the poetry of other students," said junior Dean Yzon.

From the students own minds and talent, they brought together excellent performances showing their creativity with some added caffeine.

*Story and design
by Cathy Fleming*



Junior Kristen Chettel and Park Hill junior Alexis Rower talk to Kristen's mother before the performance. Photo by A.J. Raine

Freshman Justin Cantrell sets up a microphone for that night's performance. Photo by A.J. Raine

Junior Allison Smither and freshman Tommy Carter perform "One Late Night," a song written by them. Photo by A.J. Raine





◀ Freshman Justin Cantrel works the spotlight. Photo by A.J. Raine

✓ Freshman Tommy Carter reads the poem "Hair" while juniors Linda Heron, Alison Smither and Ruth Smith flop their hair around. Photo by A.J. Raine



△ Freshman Brianna Belke read's her piece "The Light." Photo by A.J. Raine

◀△ Freshman Tommy Carter and junior Dean Yzon walk off the stage after reading their piece. Photo by A.J. Raine

◀ Sophomore Michael Garfield was the MC for the night. Photo by A.J. Raine







▲ Freshman Chelsey Garnett and sophomore Abby Holcomb waiting to block the ball to the Excelsior Springs team. Photo by Michael Newburger

➤ Freshman Sarah Alderman makes a jumping lay-up for the Freshman Panthers in their game against Hickman Mills. Photo by LeAnna Kemp

◀ Junior Shane Sachs blocks the ball from going into the goal. Photo by Reed Photography



◀ Sophomore Todd Gutschow (#40) runs down the field with the football with the time of 6:47 left in third quarter in the game against Washington. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

✓ Junior Tom Novak is checks his time after he finishes his laps during swim practice. Photo by Sara Ruzicka



Setting the Pace

Running, jumping, walking, treading or racing, athletes in all sports discovered a change of pace as Panthers.

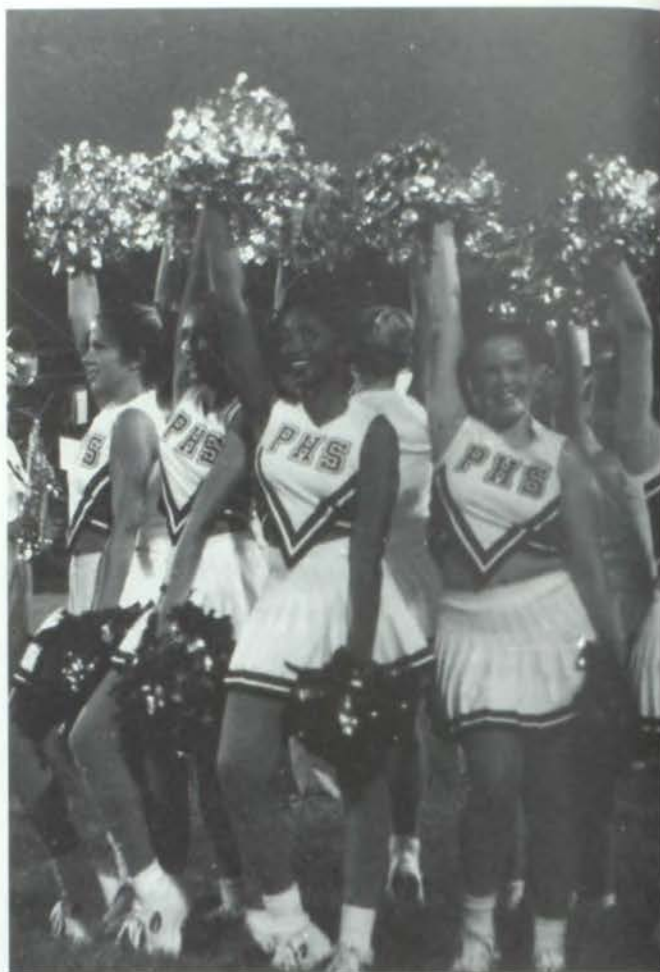
The competition wasn't what they expected, since they were going up against teams in smaller school districts in the state as a 3A school instead of 4A and playing in the Small Seven Kansas City Suburban Conference teams instead of the Big Eight as they did at Park Hill.

The Panther teams were at a disadvantage since their competitor's teams included senior players who had a year's more experience, maturity and play time. Most Panther sports teams had few returning lettermen and little varsity experience.

However, this didn't keep the Panthers from establishing a winning tradition. Teams set a winning pace as the season progressed. For example, the girls' tennis team was the Panther's first conference champions and boy's soccer team won conference, districts, sectionals and placed second in state competition. But all the teams can be proud of the pace they set as the Panthers.

Story and design by Susan Burton

✔ Junior Trisha Brooks swing dances with junior Joshua Higgins to the music of "Zoot Suit Riot" during the Courtwarming assembly. Photo by Lara Packett



Row 1: Jennifer Colley, Stacia Barajas, Lindsey Stuetelberg **Row 2:** Alexis Derrossett, Erin Haber, Maggie Passig, Shelby Bartels **Row 3:** Mandy Flowers, Amy Stice, Krystal Allan, Katie Ketelsen, Trisha Brooks, Katie Baker

➤ Sophomore Katie Baker stands at attention during the dedication. The squad was on stage during the event, dancing to the fight song and holding the ends of the ribbon for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Photo by Reed Photography



◀ The dance team forms a tight circle on the football field during halftime. Photo by Sara Ruzicka

✓ During the Homecoming assembly, the squad danced to "Twilight Zone." Photo by Sara Ruzicka



▲ The squad begins to enter the basketball court to perform during halftime of the girls' varsity basketball game. Photo by A.J. Raine

POM PON *Dance fever*

Being a new squad at a new school with inexperienced people would come with an expected difficulty, but the Pom Pon squad took advantage of their fresh members and worked hard to come up with current material that would captivate their audience.

"It was very difficult as a first year squad, but we worked diligently to attain a level of greatness," said team captain Krystal Allan, sophomore. "Overall, despite the hardship of being a first year squad, I think we beat the odds."

This was apparent when the squad took second place at a Lee's Summit North competition.

All the girls got had to go through tryout the previous year in order to claim a space on the squad, which was nerve-racking and vigorous, according to Allan.

The girls got the crowd and sports teams pumped up to win and had fun doing so.

"It was really exciting performing in front of a lot of people. It really got our adrenaline going," said team captain, Katie Baker, sophomore.

The season was interrupted midway through by a change in coaches.

"It was a difficult transition getting a new coach midway through the season," said Baker. "But the team worked together and great team spirit, which helped a lot."

The best thing about being a new squad, according to Baker, was the new uniforms and new equipment.

"Despite the hardship of being a first year squad, I think we beat the odds," said Allan.

Story by Nikki Shelledy

Flag Corps Row 1: Amber Hearn, Marissa Stevert, Nicole Graves **Row 2:** Mei Suen, Jamie Leseman, Elizabeth Smith



CHEER

Working together

Since it was their first time together, freshman cheerleaders and flag corps had to learn to come together as a team and support each other.

It's important to do this because cheerleading can be very challenging. This is especially true for freshman because they have to cheer for every sport that has a freshman team, and can wind up cheering up to three times a week.

"Even though the year was frustrating and challenging, it was fun, but I will miss my friends," said freshman Andrea Blank. She will not cheer with most of her friends next year because they all made different squads.

Freshmen also have to go to summer cheer camp, which is much more cheerleaders have to get up early and cheer nearly all day, and they don't get to sleep until late at night.

The challenge helps to bring the squad together though, and the extra practice is very beneficial.

All the work must have paid off because freshman cheerleaders did "great in regionals," said Lindsay Seymour. "I wish I could've competed too, but I sprained my ankle."

Cheerleading can be very hazardous, inducing such injuries as the aforementioned sprained ankle.

Cheering for every game can be difficult but according to Nicole Cervantes, it has advantages: "We get to meet a lot of people, because we cheer for every sport."

Flag Corps also did well, and it was a new experience for everyone on the team. "We were all first time members, and we all learned a lot," said Nicole Graves, freshman.

Story and design by Rick Schaber



At the Homecoming parade freshmen Andrea Nickisch, Nicole Cervantes and Allison Dooves throw candy at their friends.





✧ At the Homecoming football game freshmen Nikki Ross, Annette Klein, Jennifer Toth and Trisha Taylor watch the game.

✧ During the Homecoming halftime junior Marissa Sievert stands holding her flag steadily in the wind.



Freshman Squad Row 1: Elizabeth Greim, Heather Ryan, Tiffany Hildebrand, Andrea Nickisch, Andrea Blank, Nikki Ross
Row 2: Lindsay Seymour, Jenny Toth, Trisha Taylor, Kirsien Highbarger, Allison Dooves, Shannon Hill, Annette Klein
Row 3: Ashley Balter, Kara Wheeler, Sherry Occhiuzzio, Nicole Cervantes, Sarah Landrum, Kellye Loethen

✧ At the Courtwarming assembly sophomore Mei Suen waves her flag in time to the music. Photo by Lara Packett

Black Varsity Row 1: Lori Jarowitz, Emily White, Annie Aust **Row 2:** Danielle Chapman, Kari Fetters, **Row 3:** Ceresce Soule, Lindsay Letourneau, Sara Wyrick, Rachel Carter **Row 4:** Angie Kovac, Deborah Landyt, Sara McFerran
Photo by Dice Photography



CHEER

Panther proud

Cheerleaders had their work cut out for them this year. Their job was to get the whole school excited and proud to be Park Hill South Panthers.

They paraded their purple, black, white and silver uniforms to classes, assemblies and games. Everywhere they went their school spirit followed and eventually it began to rub off on the other students.

Being a cheerleader, however, was more than smiling and waving your arms around.

It requires a lot of hard work. Both purple and black varsity squads practiced two or three times a week for up to two hours on top of games.

Sophomore Angie Kovac said that there's something that involves cheerleading every night.

Being a cheerleader also taught both squads some important lessons they can take with them.

Junior Natalee Haug said that it required a lot of teamwork. "Everyone has to be willing to put 100% forward. Otherwise you're not a team."

Being a cheerleader is fun, according to sophomore Alison Lewis. "You can make a lot of friends, plus you get into the games free."

Many athletes like playing better when cheerleaders are present, because it draws a bigger crowd, said sophomore Andy Vandepopulier.

Purple varsity cheered for football and boys' basketball, and black varsity cheered for boys' soccer, volleyball, girls' basketball and wrestling.

For their first year in a new school, Lewis said they did a "really good job" considering there were a significant number of first year cheerleaders.

Story and design
by Abby Davis



▲ Sophomores Angie Kovac and Rachel Carter cheer with excitement in order to get the crowd enthusiastic at a girls' basketball game. Photo by Dustin Pence





◀ *Natasha Vogel, junior, winds up to throw as Natalee Haug, junior, points to the next winner as squad members toss footballs into the crowd during the Homecoming game.*

✓ *Angela Calandrino and Stephanie Hopper give the crowd a break from the many short speeches at the Homecoming assembly. By Lindsey Quitmeier*



Purple Varsity Row 1: *Natasha Vogel, Jamie Benner* **Row 2:** *Alison Lewis, Mandy Jennings* **Row 3:** *Amanda Hostikka, James Johnson, Natalee Haug* **Row 4:** *Gretchen Lane, Angela Calandrino, Stephanie Hopper.* Photo by Dice Photography

◀ *Sophomores Angela Calandrino, Alison Lewis and Natasha Vogel decorate the purple varsity's jeep for the homecoming parade. By Lindsey Quitmeier*

BOY'S X COUNTRY

Running Start

SCOREBOARD

	V	JV	F
Truman Invitational			
Park Hill Invitational			
Liberty Invitational			
St. Joe Central Invitational	6th		1st
Blue Valley Invitational	4th		
Excelsior Springs Invitational			
Clinton Invitational	11th		
Kearney Invitational	15th		
Conference	3rd	1st	
Districts	5th		

PAGESETTERS



"We had a great team this year. The exciting part about next year is that everybody will be coming to run again"

Freshmen Wes Kauble

On August 10, 18 boys got up before 7:00 a.m. to run three miles through English Landing Park in Parkville. Head Coach Brad Banning and Assistant Coach Shawn Berry ran with the team to get in shape too.

"It makes you run faster so you won't get beat by the teacher," said freshman Jesse Chettle.

It was the first year that Banning coached the cross-country team. He previously was the head cheerleading coach.

"Cross country takes a lot less time getting away from home, and the season is shorter for me" said Coach Banning.

When school started the boys gathered up at 6:00 in the morning, running until 7:00, just before school started.

"The only reason I ran in the morning is because I want to put in extra miles" said junior Ryan Freeman.

The team had their first meet on September 5 at the Truman Invitational at Swope Park. It turned out

to be a great success for the team to run for South for the first time.

At conference the team finished third and had two all-conference runners: junior Adam Chatfield who placed fifth and Ray Alvarez who placed ninth.

At districts the boys placed fifth out of seven teams. Adam Chatfield was recognized as all-district and placed ninth. It was the first year that Adam Chatfield has qualified for state.

"We had the talent. We just didn't work hard enough. If the guys run the same track, we will have a good chance of going to state as a team next year," said Adam.

State was held in Jefferson City on November 7. Adam placed 87th out of 130 runners. "I feel very proud about it. I just hope next year more of my teammates can go with me, hopefully as a team," he said.

Story and design by Susan Burton



Row 1: Ryan Freeman, Adam Jones, Curt Clauser, Jesse Chettle, James Rhodus **Row 2:** Adam Cushman, Ray Alvarez, Jason Toye, Aaron Cordell, Matt Saladino, Wesley Kauble **Row 3:** Coach Brad Banning, Robert Benkert, Shawn Lobdell, Dean Yzon, Adam Chatfield, Matt Shatto, Assistant Coach Shawn Berry

➤ Park Hill South runner Jesse Chettle stands behind the finishing line cheering on his teammates. Photo by Rachel Carter





◀ On September 12 at the Park Hill Invitational Dean Yzon and Jimmy Walker are on their way to the finish line. Photo by Ashley Ballard

✓ During the race at Excelsior Springs junior Adam Chatfield tries to pass a opponent from St. Joe Lafayette Photo by Ashley Ballard



▲ Representing Park Hill South, Ray Alvarez leads the pack at the Park Hill Invitational. Photo by Ashley Ballard



▲ Wes Kauble, Jimmy Walker, Ray Alvarez, Dean Yzon, Adam Jones, Ryan Freeman, Adam Chatfield and Coach Brad Banning look relaxed before the varsity race starts at Excelsior Springs. Photo by Ashley Ballard

X-COUNTRY

Running Wild

Starting on the first day of practice, the girls' cross country team realized what they were facing. The team was to compete with 3A schools instead of 4A. Each and every day they would show what the team was all about the way they run by.

"I was extremely excited to begin the season and help develop our new team at Park Hill South. Coach Ballard and I were waiting anxiously for the first day of practice, and we could not have been more pleased with the 13 girls who showed up," said Coach Heidi Metz.

During practices Coach Metz would run with the team. "I thought it was more inspiring, and it helped set a pace for the rest of the team," said freshman Amanda James.

The season started out well because the team had three returning lettermen: Ashley Ballard, Michelle Hagen and Susan Burton.

"I thought the season was really going well and we had a great team," said junior Erin Lichty.

In the middle of the season, four freshmen got hurt. The injuries included a hip problem, shin splints, and a stress fracture.

When conference was around the corner, the team had a lot of spirit. When the conference meet finally occurred on October 15, the team was ready to run all the way to be conference champs. "It was super. Everyone was running around hugging each other. I will never forget it," said sophomore Michelle Hagen.

At districts the team placed third and had two all-district players. At state Ashley Ballard placed 19th and got all-state honors. "When I got all-state it didn't really settle in, but I was excited," said sophomore Ashley Ballard.

*Story and Design
by Susan Burton*

➤ *Sophomore Marilyn McGinnis runs in the Park Hill Invitational and places 33rd. Photo by Rachel Carter*



Row 1: Amanda James, Sarah Mckain **Row 2:** Coach Bob Ballard, Katie Rhaesa, Marilyn McGinniss, Erin Lichty, Elle Toye, Susan Burton, Assistant Coach Heidi Metz **Row 3:** Michelle Hagen, Jill Richardson, Emily Fotovich **Row 4:** Franchesca Harris, Ashley Ballard, Melissa Hatem



▲ At the state meet Ashley Ballard runs at the Jefferson City golf course, places 19th and receives All-State honors.



SCOREBOARD

Truman Invitational	incomplete team
Park Hill Invitational	4th
Liberty Invitational	9th
St. Joe Central Invitational	6th
Excelsior Springs	3rd
Oak Park Invitational	1st
Conference at Raytown South	1st
Districts at Kearney	3rd

PAGESETTERS



"Being conference champs was the greatest feeling of accomplishment in the world! Next year we'll have another great season and hopeful state qualifiers"
Junior Elle Toye



▲ Katie Rhassa, Jill Richardson, Erin Lichty, Susan Burton, Coach Heidi Metz, Elle Toye and Ashley Ballard waiting to start the race. Photo by Rachel Carter

◀ Representing Park Hill South Melissa Hatem runs in the JV race at the Park Hill Invitational and placed 27th. Photo by Rachel Carter

FOOTBALL

Rising Hopes

Eleven young men lined up on the field and await anxiously for the kick off. Parents, grandparents, students and administrators cheered as the ball sails through the air.

With a slight disadvantage, the team with no senior players try to pull off a win. When the season started people predicted that they wouldn't win a game. But they did, beginning with an impressive win against Tarkio Academy 62-6.

"I think the other teams have somewhat of an advantage, experience wise. Most of them have played four years of ball and we haven't," said junior Tommy Hottovy.

To make up for the differences of size and experience, for more than half of the summer they

practiced almost everyday from 2:00 pm to almost 9:00 pm.

The long hot practices really helped the team become one. During each practice they stretched their legs so they can run faster and be stronger. The whole team usually ends the practice doing push-ups and stretching their arms because they hit a lot.

"The practices helped us out a lot. They kept us fit and strong. We have a lot more conditioning than any other teams," said junior Robin Sol.

"We're one of the most disciplined offenses in the state, so we'll be ready for anything thrown at us," said junior Adam McCully.

*Story and design
by Ann Bird*



SCOREBOARD

Varsity		Junior Varsity	
Washington	0-14	Washington	0-36
Ray-Pec	14-31	Ray-Pec	0-28
William Chrisman	20-43	St. Joe Central	0-48
Tarkio Academy	62-6	Excelsior Springs	0-28
Ruskin	20-0	Ray-Pec	8-22
Center	27-7	Freshman	
Nevada	20-56	St. Thomas Aquinas	26-6
Ray-South	25-45	Ray-Pec	22-18
Hickman Mills	14-49	William Chrisman	34-14
Excelsior Springs	7-43	St. Joe Central	22-6
		Ruskin	0-14
		Center	16-20
		Rockhurst	14-20
		Ray-South	8-14
		Hickman Mills	0-20

PACESETTERS



"I think we did very well as a team even though we didn't win many games. We worked good together so I think we will do better next year as a team."

Junior Robin Sol



^^ The Panthers defeated Tarkio Academy 62-6 for the first win of the season. Photo by Sara Rizicka

^ Junior Tommy Hottovy lays on the ground in pain as trainers surround him. Photo by Sara Rizicka



Varsity/Junior Varsity Football

Row 1: Brett Sharp, Shane Sachs, Adam McCully, Damien Fortenberry, Kyle Sebus, Ben Estes, Jason Woods. **Row 2:** Anthony Lundgren, Jake Pruett, Kyle Delong, Philip Esposito, Vinny Ginestra, Eli Caselman, Joe Spirk, Tommy Hottovy. **Row 3:** Sean Dickerson, Todd Gutshow, Mario Urrella, Chad Doyle, Jon Woods, Ron King, Adam Ratcliffe, Ben Sol, Jesse Balmer. **Row 4:** Kevin Morre, Jason May, Jeff Dahm, Jeremy Theas, Jason Carrier, Chris King, Jerin Higdon, Tony Mena. **Row 5:** Kevin Easley, Jason Rhodes, Robin Sol, Ben Tew, Joe Parvin, Tyson Wallace, Josh Garner, Matt Kenyon, Matt Harper. **Row 6:** Brodie Orth, Tim Elder, Patrick Weidt, Will Reeves, Aaron Cockriel, Jason Gubbins, Chris Steppig, Barry Crilley, Jessie Gieseke, Joey Smith, Robert Zimmerman. **Row 7:** James Godfrey, Clay Lenhart, Tom Kruse, Greg Jones, Joe Maass, Stacy Mostrom.

Freshman Football

Row 1: Zach Cram, Tim Hottovy, Jordan Hobbs, Tom Eblen, Noumwi Ghomsi, Corey Brunk. **Row 2:** Bobby Schwarz, Ryan Piggie, Bob Birmingham, Shawn Kent, Joe Fox, Brian Brazil, Josh Colombo. **Row 3:** Steve Toth, Henry Talley, Cale Hunnicut, Bryan Shaffer, Tyler Dowell, Jeff Miller, Drew Maughmer, Gary Crainshaw. **Row 4:** Justin Kirkendoll, Andrew Romero, Jason Davis, John Drowns, Roger Tillet, Cliff Clarke, Chad Wilcoxson, Ryan Hill, Brandon Beaman. **Row 5:** Brad Staples, Adam Prentice, Ryan Springer, Josh Walker, Rick Wasinger, Andy Keefer, Robin Heilig, Zach James, Jason Regan, Kyle Miller.



✓ Panthers attack Washington High School at the first home football game at Park Hill South. Photo by Sara Rizicka



◀ Junior Vinny Ginestra attempts to make a tackle during an away game against Ray Pec. Photo by Sara Rizicka

GIRLS' GOLF

Premier Season

The rest of South's sports teams were constantly compared with Park Hill's previous performance. However, one team did not have to worry about comparisons. The girls' golf team was competing for the first time ever for the Park Hill School District.

Natalie Allison, Freshman golf player said, "Girls' golf this year was a fun new experience. We all had fun, even though not many people acknowledged us as a whole. It was our first year, and I believe we did rather well."

The team managed to pull off thirteenth place (out of 15) in conference, and a tie with Park Hill during a regular season match.

According to Larry Torgerson, "It was a learning experience. The team showed improvement throughout the year. They dropped the team average

32 strokes from the beginning to the end of the season."

The varsity team finished with a 271 average for 9-hole matches, a 589.5 in 18-hole Tournament. Junior varsity averaged 329 for 9-hole matches.

Katie Wieland said, "Golf was really fun, and this being the first year I think that thirteenth place isn't all too bad. Coach Torgerson had never worked with ladies before so he learned a lot, but he also taught us a lot. He always encouraged us to do our best."

Of all of the girls who participated in golf, not one did not plan on going back. Sarah Sauer said, "I plan to return to the team next season, the other girls and I are already practicing."

Story and design by Jamal Grigsby



SCOREBOARD

Team Match Scores

Varsity	
Liberty	301-188
Truman	298-218
Lee's Summit	273-258
Park Hill	227-227
Liberty	265-231

Junior Varsity

Truman	329-291
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Team Tournament Scores

Sedalia	6th place
District 8	13th place

PACESETTER



**"It was cool. We got all the recognition and all the new traditions set for the new school."
Junior Kristen Chettle**

◀ Freshmen Natalie Allison hits her ball farther down the fairway while her partner freshman Morgan Massingale and their two Park Hill opponents watch. Photo by A.J. Raine

✔ Freshman Natalie Allison watches freshman Morgan Massingale putt out before taking her own shot. Natalie had a 80.5 overall average for the season while Morgan averaged 75.9 for 18 holes. Photo by A.J. Raine



✔ Coach Larry Torgerson gives pointers to Katie Wyer and Kara Ehlers as they prepare to tee off during the match with Park Hill. The golf team was one of the few South teams to compete head-to-head against Park Hill during regular season play. Photo by A.J. Raine



▲ **Girls' Tennis Row 1:** Morgan Massingale, Colleen Driver, Nicole Deister, Katie Wyer, Kristin Chettle. **Row 2:** Coach Larry Torgerson, Kara Ehlers, Rachel Hern, Sarah Sauer, Nicole Wieland, Natalie Allison

◀ Freshmen Natalie Allison and Morgan Massingale trudge up the hill at River Park Golf Course. Golfers had to carry their own bags full of golf clubs during matches. Photo by A.J. Raine



SCOREBOARD

JV Soccer		Varsity Soccer	
Lee's Summit North	3-1	Winnetonka	5-0
Ray-Pec	3-2	Kearney	4-0
Belton	4-0	Liberty	0-2
Oak Park	3-2	Oak Park	1-2
Raytown South	2-1	Chaminade	0-2
NKC	0-1	St. Dominic	2-2
Ray-Pec	1-0	Duchesne	0-2
Blue Valley North	2-2	Hickman Mills	5-0
Center	4-0	Raytown South	2-1
Raytown South	0-1	NKC	1-0
Platte City	3-0	Excelsor Springs	6-1
Ray-Pec	0-0	Ray-Pec	3-0
Center	4-0	Lincoln Academy	8-0
		Center	3-1
		SM-East	1-1
		Hickman Mills	7-0
		NKC	3-2
		Raytown South	2-3
		Platte County	11-1
		Excelsor Springs	4-0
		Ray-Pec	3-1
		Center	6-1
		KC-Lutheran	8-0
		Englewood Chr.	10-0
		Kearney O'Hara	4-0
		Bolivar	3-1
		Aquinas-Mercy	2-3

PACESETTERS



"We got everything we wanted except state, but we have one more year together and next year we'll bring home the trophy."

Junior Ryan VanDever



▲▲ Junior Daren Stewart celebrates after making a goal during the state final games against Aquinas-Mercy. Photo by Angie Kovacs

▲ Junior Ryan Shaw runs down the field dribbling the ball while attempting to keep it from the opponent. Photo by Angie Kovacs

➤ The varsity soccer team celebrates after defeating O'Hara guaranteeing them a shot at the state title. Photo by Angie Kovacs



BOYS' SOCCER

Kicking Their Way to State

With a record of 20-6-2, Park Hill South's varsity soccer team earned second place at state. The players had higher expectations. "We expected to get first," junior Tyler Beane said.

The team was 15-5-2 before they went to districts. There they defeated KC-Lutheran and Englewood Christian to win the title of district champions. They defeated Kearney at sectionals and O'Hara in the quarter finals. This made them 19-5-2.

Shane Sachs, the team's goalie, brought a green football to one of the practices, and it became Firley, the good luck charm for the entire team.

"Someone decided that we should all kiss the football for good luck, so before every game, Shane would pull out the football and pass it around for everyone to kiss," junior Adam Westfall said.

The team was on their way to state and they needed all the luck they could get to defeat the defending state champions, Aquinas-Mercy.

By halftime the Panthers were 2-0. Aquinas-Mercy kept their champi-

onship title by making their winning goal with one minute left in the game. They defeated the Panthers 3-2.

"It was a state of shock, being up by two goals, blinking your eyes, and all you can see is blur because you're crying while watching the other team celebrate," Beane said.

The team had worked so hard all season to win the championship title but it was over and second place wasn't good enough for them.

Although they had an outstanding season the team just wasn't satisfied.

"I had so much confidence in the team, I never thought about losing," Westfall said.

Next year the team is determined to be the state champions.

"We want to light everybody up, have a zero in the second column of our record, and get fingerprints all over the trophy that has a big one on it," Beane said.

"Welcome to the jungle, now that everybody's in, they can't find a way out," Beane concluded.

*Story by Mandy Flowers
Design by Susan Burton*



Varsity Soccer

Row 1: Matt Twardowski, Matt Slesman, Jason Lakey, Matt Sharp, Shane Sachs, Ryan Shaw, Tyler Beane, Ben Boehner, Ryan VanDever **Row 2:** Coach Chris Farmer, Kyle Baker, Kyle Sebus, Ken Calhoun, Jared Cross, Steven House, Daren Stewart, Adam Westfall, Coach Joe Toigo

Junior Varsity

Row 1: Chad Clauser, Jason Ensley, Josh Higgins, Blake Sachs, Jonathan Barnes, Travis Jennings, Kyle Canon, Brian Rails **Row 2:** Justin Tanner, John Nero, Eric Morton, Chad Black, Jimmy Peeler, Justin McDaniel, Stephen Lindenberg, John Ross, Andy Witt, Coach Joe Toigo **Row 3:** Coach Chris Farmer, Dean Broadie, Eric Archer, Mitch Blecha, Arsen Kharatyan, Danny Selter, Joe Gauer, Brian Laourangroch, Ato Jackson-Koufle

◀ Junior Daren Stewart, sophomore Jared Cross, junior Tyler Beane, and junior Ryan Shaw celebrate another victory. Photo by Angie Kovacs



SOFTBALL *First Out*

Someone had to be first. As the girls' softball team took the field against St. Teresa's on the first day of school, they were the first to compete as Panthers. Junior Lara Packett connected for the first hit.

It was also the first year for them to complete against 3A schools. Since they had never played these teams before, they didn't realize what kind of teams they were up against until the season started.

The girls' softball team started their season out well by winning one game in their first tournament.

"We started our season out really well. We played against some tough teams like Excelsior Springs and Truman and made a huge improvement from last year since most of our players had only played on JV," said Junior Brooke Still.

The players tried their hardest to win. "Even though we didn't win all of our games, we never gave up, and we always performed our best," said Junior Sasha Summers.

Many of their games were cancelled due to rain and the team didn't play much at all. "Our main goal was to become a better team, play together, and do our best," said Junior Jessica McGilton.

The team made it all the way to districts. When the season was over, three softball players were recognized: Shelly Koons, honorable mention second base; Lara Packett, honorable mention right field; and Rachel Wetschensky, second team all-conference utility.

Story and design by Susan Burton



Varsity Row 1: Shannon White, Shelley Koons, Jessica McGilton, Vanessa Summers **Row 2:** Lara Packett, Rachel Wetschensky, Jessica Mikulich, Jenny Frazee, Cathy Fleming **Row 3:** Coach Bob Packett, Sasha Summers, Melissa Nixon, Brooke Still, Sherry Bowen, Assistant Coach Jennifer Wilson

➤ During a softball game Junior Jessica McGilton is ready to catch a ball to make a out on third base. Photo by Jenny Frazee





SCOREBOARD

Junior Varsity

St. Teresa	10-2
Excelsior Springs	3-7
Excelsior Springs	2-7
Raytown South	0-10
Raytown South	5-3
Sedalia	10-2
O'Hara	3-8
Ray-Pec	0-9
Ray-Pec	5-7
Oak Grove	5-10
Truman	forfeit

Overall 4-7

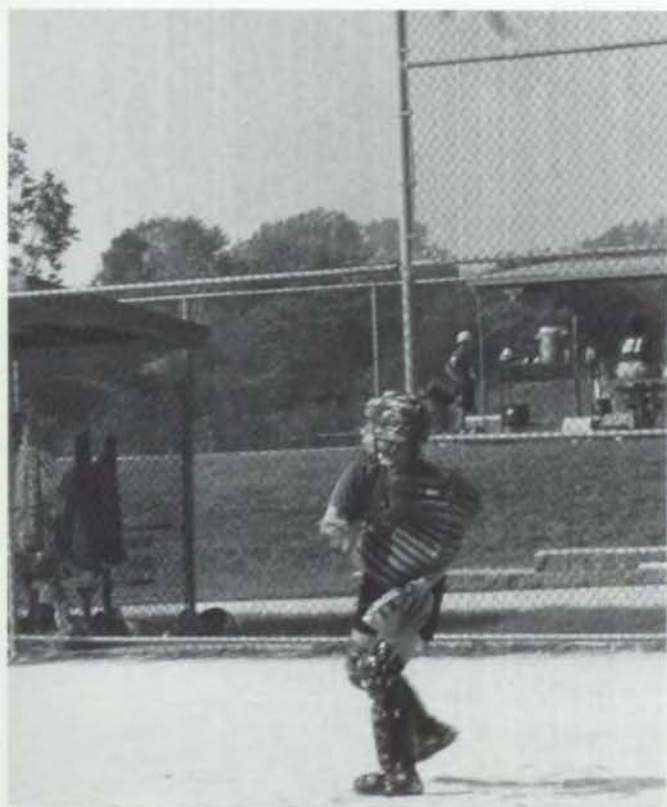
Varsity

Truman	0-5
Harrisonville	7-8
O'Hara	1-3
St. Joe Central	18-0 8-7
Hickman Mills	18-0 22-6
St. Teresa	2-8
Excelsior Springs	3-7
Ray South	0-10
Ray South	1-12
Truman	win
Excelsior Springs	1-8
Sedalia	7-8
Grandview	4-5
Warrensburg	6-10
Ray-Pec	0-10
Ray-Pec	1-12
Richmond	3-5
Ruskin	3-10
Ruskin	21-2
Overall	8-13

PACESETTERS



"This year in softball was exciting, and next year we have a chance to be great. We will have a lot of seniors next year and have high expectations for our team"
Junior Rachel Wetschensky



▲▲ In the dugout Juniors Brooke Still, Cathy Fleming, Jessica McGilton, Shelley Koons, Melissa Nixon and Shannon White cheer on their teammate who is batting. Photo by Jenny Frazee

▲ While warming-up before the tournament Junior Brooke Still throws the ball to second base. Photo by Jenny Frazee



Junior Varsity Row 1: Stephanie Shaffer, LeAnna Kemp, Niambi Rivers, Melissa Sharp **Row 2:** Katie Maasen, Lindsey Stuetelberg, Kim Sartain, Jessica Laber, Hollee McGilton, Samantha Cleeton **Row 3:** Coach Bob Packett, Abby Disselhoff, Michelle Wagner, Lauren Phillips, Lindsey Phillips, Assistant Coach Jennifer Wilson

GIRLS' TENNIS

Outstanding Performance



Varsity

Row 1: Kat Wagner, Stephanie Bock, Steffany Kovacs **Row 2:** Leah Chapin, Molly Montgomery, Ashley Newsom, Stacy Rickert, Sarah Edelbaum **Row 3:** Coach JoAnn Barker, Kiersten Andrews, Brooks Schroeder (trainer), Alicia Commer, Shanna Meyer, Marissa Shand, Abby Davis, Nisha Patel, Christy Kaiser, Lindsay Quitmeier, Assistant Coach Pam Voelker



Junior Varsity

Row 1: Jillian Reiley, Megan Carr, Caroline Colson **Row 2:** Amy Wegner, Leah Rader, Meghan Bailey, Krystina Matteson, Tarah Pettijohn **Row 3:** Coach JoAnn Barker, Meghan Denney, Bonnie Montgomery, Abby Vowels, Hannah Ho, Bryan Reilly (trainer), Andrea Hernandez, Coach Pam Voelker

➤ Lindsey Kirkpatrick is about to hit the ball to her opponent. Photo by Abby Vowels

It was the first year for every one but for the girls' tennis team it was something special. They were the first team to win a game as Panthers and the first South team to become Small Seven Conference champions.

The tennis team got off to an unexpected good start when they won their first two matches. Coaches JoAnn Barker and Pam Voelker didn't really expect the team to do so well their first year.

"Most of the players were freshmen. They worked really hard for the season and trained," said Head Coach Barker.

"I agree that we had a lot of strong freshman and could do better next year."

said junior Molly Montgomery.

"We do really great when we were excited and happy," said freshmen Leah Chapin. The team had something to be happy about since they had a 12-2 overall record

"I expect every player to have a healthy competition," said Coach Barker.

"We have a lot of fun together and had a fun year," said Montgomery.

At conference they had three champs. They were Stephanie Bock who placed 1st in singles, Jennifer Hopper and Ashley Newsom got 1st in doubles and in Junior Varsity Steffany Kovacs got 1st in singles.

Story and design by Susan Burton



SCOREBOARD

JV Tennis

Ruskin	forfeit
Excelsior Springs	2-3
Ray-Pec	3-6
Center	6-0
Lincoln Academy	4-1
Hickman Hills	2-5
Fort Osage	7-0
Excelsior Springs	3-4
Ray-Pec	4-3
North Kansas City	1-8
Winnetonka	win
Overall	6-5

Varsity Tennis

Excelsior Springs	5-2
William Chrisman	8-1
Ruskin	8-1
Hickman Mills	7-0
Ray-Pec	7-0
Center	8-1
Lincoln Academy	9-0
Hickman Mills	7-0
Excelsior Springs	3-4
Fort Osage	7-0
North Kansas City	3-5
Center	6-1
Winnetonka	7-2
Overall	12-2

PAGESETTERS



"I was proud to be a part of the first Park Hill South tennis team. To win our school's first conference championship was even a greater honor."

Freshman Stephanie Bock

Y Kristen Andrews plays a match at Northland Racquet Club. Photo by Abby Vowels



A Megan Carr, Carolyn Colson and Bonnie Montgomery sit and drink water while waiting for their matches to begin. Photo by Abby Vowels



A Stacey Rickert and Sarah Edelbaum put finishing touches on the tennis teams' float for the Homecoming parade. Photo by Lindsey Quitmeier

VOLLEYBALL

Surprising Finish



Park Hill South's varsity volleyball team was the only team to compete at the 4A level. They played 3A during the regular season and 4A in post season. They were also the only team to play and defeat old teammates at Park Hill.

"We had an excellent season, it was very productive and I can't wait until next year so we can beat Park Hill again," junior Chrissy Elder said.

Elder was co-captain of the varsity team and she was also the Northland's player of the year.

"It was really a surprise. I was really happy when I found out," Elder said.

The varsity team was 22-1-10. At district finals

the Panthers beat 4A Liberty and Park Hill before they lost to Oak Park, 15-1 and 15-4, for second place.

The junior varsity team had a record of 17-6-1. This was a major accomplishment for first year players who had little or no experience.

"I was really proud to be a part of the first junior varsity team," sophomore Becky Schaefer said.

The team worked very hard for their goals and accomplishments.

"I think we all did a great job working together and cooperating in order to accomplish our common goal...to win," Schaefer said.

*Story by Mandy Flowers
Design by Susan Burton*



^^ JV/Varsity Volleyball

Row 1: Tiffany Cronek, Sunny Eubanks, Stefanie Carson, Tasha Benton, Chrissy Elder, Ashley Britscoe, Maggie Elder, Sara Canseco, Jennifer Dougherty **Row 2:** Coach Bill Brooks, Becky Schaefer, Tami King, Christy Taylor, Stephanie Dieso, Abby Holcombe, Chelsey Garrett, Kasey Chavez, Anne Torpey, Coach Debbie Fay

^ Freshman Volleyball

Coach Megan Larry, Lindsey Nelson, Fran Thompson, Michelle Fitzgerald, Ashley Schwarz, Jessica Kennon, Erin O'Connell, Melanie Clouser, Megan Miller, Julie Becker, Stacey Anderson, Coach Paul Distefano. Not picture: Ashley Adams

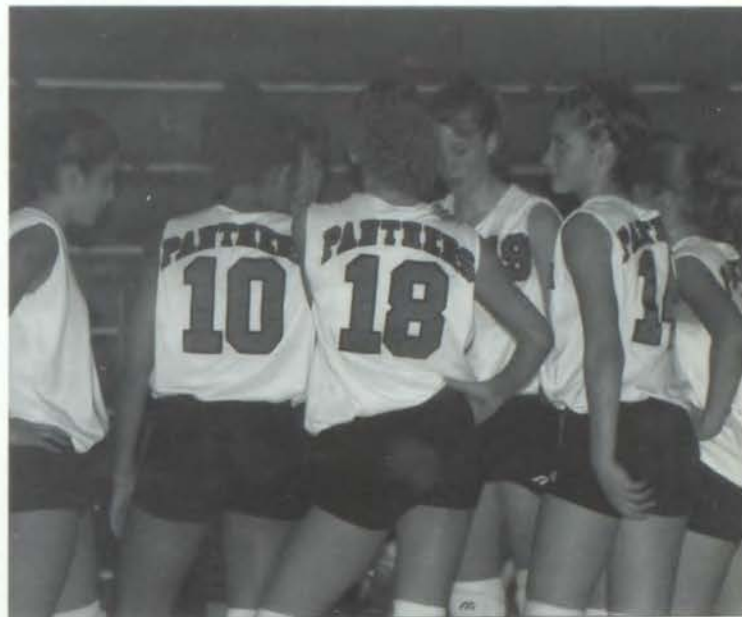
➤ Junior Ashley Britscoe and sophomore Abby Holcomb deflected the ball back into the net on the other side.





◀ Co-captain junior Chrissy Elder is focusing on her opponent's serve.

✔ During a time-out The varsity volleyball team listens to Coach Debbie Fay's instructions.



▲ During the varsity volleyball game against Excelsior Springs junior Chrissy Elder spikes the ball and junior Tasha Denton waits to recover a block.

SCOREBOARD

JV Volleyball

William Chrisman	15-7 15-8
Raytown South	15-6 15-11
Ray-Pec	13-15 15-11 14-16
Center	15-1 15-0
Excelsior Springs	16-14 15-3
Lee's Summit	tied for 5th
Winnetonka	15-2 15-4
O'Hara	15-13 4-15
Belton	15-7 15-2
Lee's Summit	15-13 8-15 7-15
Hickman Mills	15-2 15-7
Blue Valley North	8-15 11-15
Ruskin	15-3 15-1
St. Teresa	3-15 1-15
Raytown South	15-3 15-8
Ray-Pec	15-8 15-11
Center	15-3 15-10
William Chrisman tournament	
O'Hara	15-8 15-5
William Chrisman	15-13 13-15
Belton	15-7 15-5
O'Hara	15-3 15-2
Park Hill	15-8 13-15 12-15
Excelsior Springs	15-6 15-12
Hickman Mills	15-3 15-5
Ruskin	15-4 15-3

Varsity Volleyball

William Chrisman	15-11 15-8
Raytown South	15-10 15-13
Center	15-1 15-4
Excelsior Spring	16-14 15-10
Winnetonka	15-2 15-8
O'Hara	15-9 6-15
Truman	12-15 9-15
NKC	15-12 15-13
Oak Grove	15-8 15-9
Platte County	15-3 15-3
Hickman Mills	15-3 15-4
Blue Valley North	15-13 15-10
Ruskin	15-7 15-2
Blue Springs South	9-15 7-15
Blue Springs	7-15 13-15
St. Joe Central	17-15 15-5
St. Joe Central	7-15 5-15
St. Teresa Academy	9-15 14-16
Raytown South	15-3 15-13
Lawrence	15-7 16-14
SM Northwest	3-15 13-15
St. Thomas Aquinas	12-15 10-15
Lee's Summit North	4-15 15-8
Ray-Pec	15-9 15-3
Center	15-1 15-0
Excelsior Springs	17-15 14-16
Hickman Mills	15-0 15-3
St. Thomas Aquinas	15-3 15-4
Ruskin	15-0 15-4
Liberty	8-15 15-13 15-10
Park Hill	17-15 5-15 15-11
Oak Park	2-15 4-15

PAGESETTERS



"We finished higher than we expected to. I'm really proud of the way we finished and really proud of our team. Next year we'll be ready for state."

Junior Chrissy Elder

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Reaching for the goal

Winning wasn't everything when it came to the boys' basketball season.

"I felt that the season went well even though we only won one game. We improved as a team a lot," junior John Howell said.

Like all of the Panther teams, the boys' basketball team had no seniors.

"We would have won maybe a couple more games because of their experience and probably would have beaten Smithville. I am glad that we didn't have seniors. I don't think they would of helped us that much," said freshman Ryan O'Conner.

The boys' basketball team played in the Small Seven Conferences. Unlike football and some of the other sports, the Small Seven is a tougher basketball conference than what the team would have

played in the big eight.

"At times we would dig a hole and couldn't get back out, but we usually all pulled together, which made us the team we are," said sophomore Craig Dieso.

The basketball team played with only one person, Junior Tommy Hottovy, who had any varsity experience and with a group of four freshman.

"I think it was a great experience for me. I had a great time, and I learned to grow up very quickly. Hopefully I get to do it again next year," said O'Conner.

The team hopes to improve next year.

"Next year we will be more experienced and will improve on our mistakes," said Dieso.

*Story by Dustin Pence
Design by Susan Burton*



SCOREBOARD

Varsity

North Kansas City	39-83
Hickman Mills	27-68
Kearney	57-75
Winnetonka Tournament	0-2
Hickman Mills	21-72
Raymore-Peculiar	49-53
Excelsior Springs	44-78
Raytown South	51-73
St. Joe Lafayette	59-63
Ruskin	36-77
North Kansas City Tournament	0-2
Center	35-69
Nevada Tournament	0-3
Winnetonka	46-58
Raytown South	34-70
Raymore- Peculiar	65-71
Excelsior Springs	60-58
Ruskin	62-88
Center	57-79

PAGESETTERS



"The season got better as the games went on. By the end of the season we were looking good."

Freshman Ryan O'Conner



^^ Freshman Timmy Hottovy tries to fool his opponent from Center during the Courtwarming game. Photo by Lara Packett

^ Junior Tommy Hottovy gets the tip at the beginning of the game against Center High School. Photo by Megan Keadle

Varsity

Row 1: Dave Sexton, Mitch Blecha, Tommy Hottovy, John Howell, Craig Dieso, Andy Hardisty. **Row 2:** Coach Jed Frost, Coach Anthony Perry, Ryan O'Conner, Timmy Hottovy, Bobby Birmingham, Aaron Haugen, Laura McCauley, Mitch Kytasaari.



Junior Varsity

Row 1: Eli Caselman, Nate Richerson, Pat Weidt, Chris Steppig, Corey Gehrt, Matt Slesman. **Row 2:** Coach Anthony Perry, Miguel Diaz, Tyler Kytasaari, Andy Vandepopulier, Ryan Piggy, Mitch Kytasaari.



Freshman

Row 1: Tyler Dowell, Josh Colombo, Wes Kauble, Jeff Downing, Issac Sootalo, Andy Johnson. **Row 2:** John Ross, Anthony Kinder, Carlos Stewart, Curtis Clauser, Jesse Chettle, Adam Herndon. **Row 3:** Coach Mike Nelson, Jeremiah Sambovski, Robert Benkert, Matt Shatto, Justin Kirkendall, Kyle Brady, Clint Switzer, Joe Spirk, Coach Chad Jones.





Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball

Row 1: Laura Sloan, Stephanie Dieso **Row 2:** Vanessa Summers, Emily Hoffman, Jessica Leader, Sonny Eubanks, Shannon White **Row 3:** LeAnna Kemp, Jessica Laber, Sherry Bowen, Kim Sartain, Carolyn Shutty, Kelly Gentry, Kathy Gentry, Shea Boudreaux **Row 4:** Coach Ken Kerwin, Katie Maasen, Abby Disselhoff, Abby Holcomb, Lindsay Nelson, Chelsey Garrett, LaQueta White, Sasha Summers, Coach Tom Cruise



Freshmen Basketball

Row 1: Ashley Douglas, Carrie Arnold, Jennifer Becker, Jenny Dougherty, Jill Richardson **Row 2:** Abby Holcomb, Carlyle Miller, Jackie Howard, Angie Hann, Brittnie Herring **Row 3:** Stephanie Bock, Lequicia Riggs, Ashley Adams, Melissa Green **Row 4:** Coach Shawn Nelson, Sarah Alderman, Melissa Hatem, Michelle Wagner, Michelle Fitzgerald, Brittany Morrow, Coach Courtney Stepp

➤ At halftime, Coach Ken Kerwin gives his team a pep talk. Photo by A.J. Raine



➤ Freshman Jenny Dougherty shoots for the goal to score. Photo by Dustin Pence



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Making goals

The girls' basketball team played a lot of games and pulled through with a lot of wins. They defeated some of the toughest schools in the league and even got to play Park Hill in a tournament.

Junior Laura Sloan said, "It was a little bumpy at first, but as the team matured and we started playing together, our improvement showed in our record."

As the season continued for the team, they had some ups and downs, but showed improvement as it came to a close.

"I thought that towards the end of the season we really came together and played as a team," said junior Kathy Gentry.

Those who were on the bench gave a lot of support and spirit to those who were playing the games.

"We had a great team support. If you weren't playing you were always cheering your team on from the bench. I think that motivated us," said sophomore Sherry Bowen.

The team captains,

sophomore Stephanie Dieso and junior Laura Sloan had a pretty unstoppable pick and role move that they named "PANTHER," and used it quite frequently out on the court.

The game that upset many of the players was the one against Excelsior Springs, when South lost in the second half, 48-60.

Districts also seemed to be tough for the Lady Panthers to take on. They won the first game against Smithville and advanced to play Savannah and lost in the second half, 42-60.

"I thought that we had a pretty good season for the first year. The second half of it we improved a lot," said sophomore Abby Holcomb.

The girls felt that they had a great first year. The team improvements as the season progressed and learned to play together as team not as individuals. They surprised other teams, and presented some spectacular wins.

Story and design by Cathy Fleming

SCOREBOARD

Junior Varsity

Lee's Summit North	57-54
North Kansas City	42-29
Blue Springs South	28-29
Kearney	26-46
Hickman Mills	42-39
Ray-Pec	38-45
St. Joe Lafayette	45-42
Raytown South	42-36
Ruskin	39-7
Center	46-10
Excelsior Springs	44-27
Hickman Mills	23-24
Ruskin	42-30
Excelsior Springs	45-40
Center	49-31
Ray-Pec	51-43
Raytown South	21-40

Tournaments

Park Hill	2-1
Lee's Summit	2-1

Varsity

Lee's Summit North	47-65
North Kansas City	48-36
Kearney	35-41
Hickman Mills	59-43
Ray-Pec	33-41
St. Joe Lafayette	47-49
Raytown South	58-69
Ruskin	72-11
Center	66-43
Excelsior Springs	48-60
Hickman Mills	52-51
Ruskin	63-36
Excelsior Springs	67-68
Center	39-50
Ray-Pec	49-54
Raytown South	59-73
District Tournaments:	
Smithville	61-53
Savannah	42-60

Tournaments

Winnetonka	0-2
St. Joe Benton	0-3
Raytown	2-1

PAGESETTERS



"We were a team with strong fundamentals who played with a lot of heart."

Junior Laura Sloan



▲ Freshman Chelsey Garrett tips off against Excelsior Springs at a home game. Photo by LeAnna Kemp

◀ Sophomore Katie Maasen reaches for a jump ball against the Cougars. Photo by Alison Lewis

BOY'S SWIMMING

Swimming to the finish



With only three returning letterman from last year's team and a new coach, nobody knew what to expect out of the boys' swim team.

The three returning lettermen were juniors Chad Whitman, Ryan McCauley and Tom Novak. Tom and Chad had qualified for state last year in the 200-meter medley, 400-meter free, and 200-meter free relay.

The lettermen formed the core of a successful team.

"We had an awesome season toward the end," said Chad. "We became a lot closer which helped us become stronger at conference."

The swim team placed first at the Small Seven conference

"It felt really good. We had a tough time at conference. We barely won

but we did it, which was pretty awesome," said freshman Joe Fox.

After conference, the team swam in the state meet. Surprisingly, South's state squad included a freshman, Matt Hampton. He was the first South swimmer to qualify and he completed in two events, the 100-backstroke and the 200-freestyle relay.

"I was so proud, not only for my time, but that I did it for my school. I hope we as a team will bring more and more people each year," said Matt.

Before Matt came to South he had some exceptional swimming experience. He set records and at age twelve he set three state titles in Colorado and placed seventh at Nationals in California.

Story and design by Susan Burton



▲▲ Junior Chad Whitman, freshman Matt Hampton, junior Tom Novak, and freshman Joe Fox hold up their Assistant Coach Amy Parriswick at the state meet. Photo by Linda Whitman

▲ Standing in the pool is junior Chad Whitman, freshman Matt Hampton, and freshman Joe Fox, who are part of the 200-meter freestyle relay. Photo by Carrie Hampton

➤ While at the state meet, junior Chad Whitman jumps for joy when he finished the 200-meter freestyle relay. Photo by Linda Whitman





Row 1: Ryan McCauley, Joe Fox, Matt Hampton, Tom Novak, Chad Whitman, Noah Favaregh **Row 2:** Megan Earnhart (Manager), Becky Pietch (Manager), Head Coach Justin Makemson, Nathan Carter, Corey Brunk, Travis Jennings, Ben Marx, Joe Gauer, Dive Coach Suzy Proctor, Assistant Coach Amy Parriswick, Lauren Abrams (Manager)

SCOREBOARD

Dual meets
Wins 7, Loses 17

Invitationals	
MOKAN Invitational	25th
Park Hill Invitational	10th
Park Hill Invitational (Junior Varsity)	8th
Olathe Invitational	16th
Ozark Invitational	13th
Raytown Invitational	7th

Small Seven Conference
1st place

State Qualifiers
Matt Hampton in 100-meter backstroke, and 200-meter freestyle relay
Tom Novak, Joe Fox and Joe Gauer in 200-meter freestyle relay



▲ The 200-meter freestyle relay team that qualified for state holds their conference first place trophy. From left to right the swimmers are junior Thomas Novak, junior Chad Whitman, freshman Joe Fox and freshman Matt Hampton. Photo by Blaire Hines.

PAGESETTERS



"No one can do everything but everyone can do something, that is what a team is all about."
Freshman Matt Hampton

Varsity/Junior Varsity Wrestling

Row 1: Nicole Deister, Colleen Driver, Holly McGilton, Stephanie Heckman, Jessica Shannon, Stacey Anderson, Crystal Swafford, Samantha Cleeton, Katie Wyer

Row 2: Shawn Kent, Kyle Baker, Kris Prince, Ben Boehner, Tony Mena, Steve Robinette, David Ball, Steve Toth **Row 3:** Joey Stokes, Blake Sachs, Matt McDonald, Jordan Hobbs, Shane Sachs, Tommy Elden, John Yurchak, Jeremy Theas, Chris Green, Cole Fox

Row 4: Coach Mike Gilsdorf, Paul Shoopman, Nick Fast, Phil Esposito, Jon Woods, Josh Karther, Sean Molenkamp, Jon Kesler, Ryan Boever, Josh Adkins, Coach Jim Belich

Row 5: Coach Mike Hoffman, Coach Scott Bartels, Anthony Lundgren, Jessie Gieseke, Kevin Easley, Jason Woods, Tim Elder, Coach James Godfrey, Coach Doug Little



▲ At a home wrestling meet sophomore Ben Boehner attempts to pin his opponent. Photo by Jenny Colley

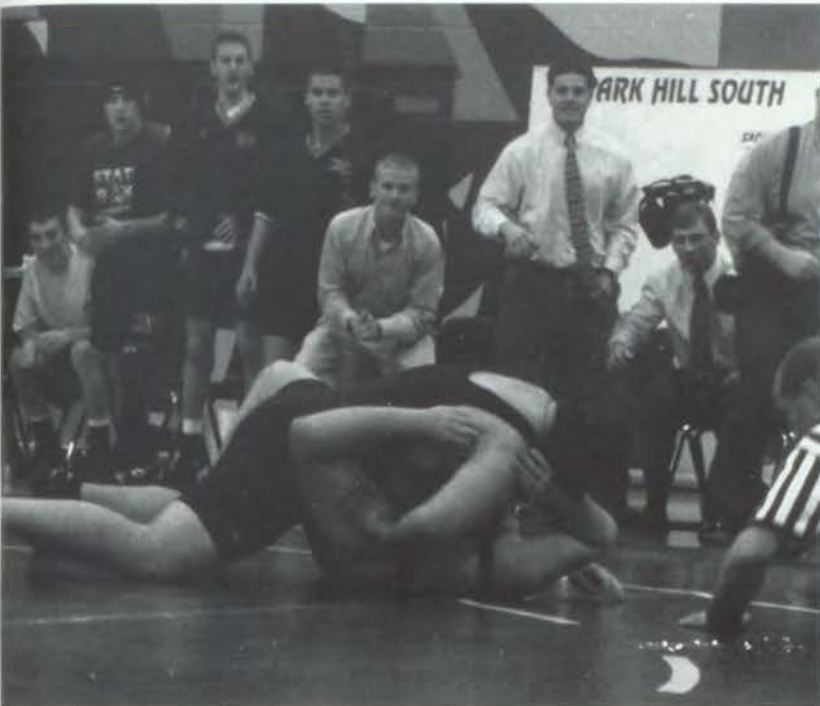
➤▲ After winning a match junior Kevin Easley acknowledges the crowd for their support. Photo by Cindy Kelley

➤ During a home meet against Ray-Pec, freshman Josh Karther attempts to pull his opponent to the ground. Photo by Jenny Colley



WRESTLING

Taking it to the mat



The rush and the strength of competition kept the Panther wrestling team on top.

"The rush of all the people screaming and yelling felt great," said junior Jason Woods.

The first wrestling team at South to go to state consisted of three guys, juniors Tim Elder and Jason Woods and sophomore Jon Woods. The championships were held in Columbia on Feb. 20.

"It was awesome being one out of the three to be the first-ever wrestlers to go to state in Panther history," said junior Tim Elder.

"It was a great feeling, but I wish I could have finished a little stronger. But there's always next year," said sophomore Jon Woods.

Sometimes the guys would get a little sleepy at the away tournaments.

"I used to bring my pillow and blanket, so about four or five of us would get underneath and snuggle," said Jason Woods.

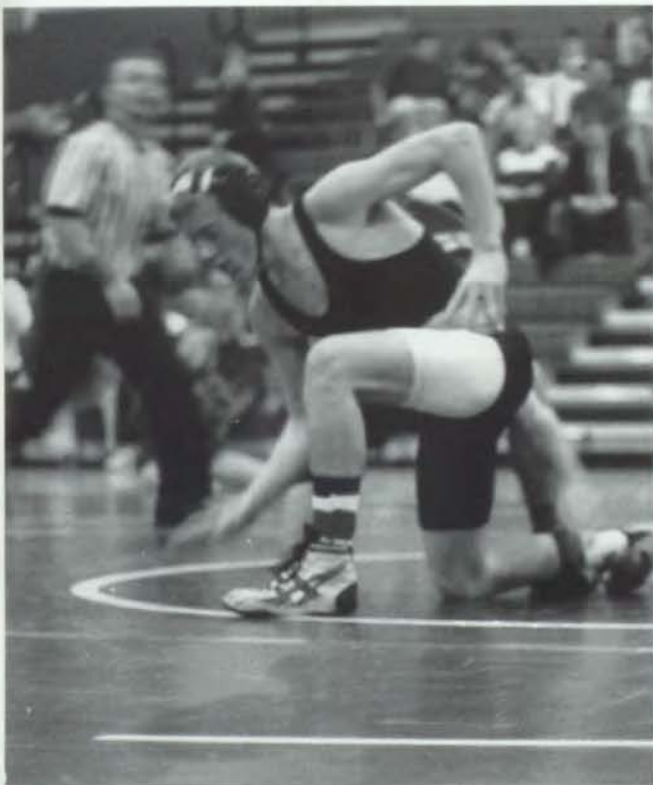
As far as the overall season the varsity team had a 7-3 record in dual matches.

"The season went really well. We had a lot of freshmen step it up and do very well," said Jason Woods.

The team has a few personal goals for next year's season.

"I hope to motivate myself, to work hard, and not lose, and place in the top three at state," said Elder.

*Story by Ann Bird
Design by Susan Burton*



▲▲ Junior Kevin Easley tries to pin his opponent with the support of his teammates. Photo by Cindy Kelley

▲ Sophomore Ben Boehner shakes free of his opponent from Center High School. Photo by Jenny Colley

SCOREBOARD

Varsity Duals and Tournaments

North Kansas City	27-40
Smithville	48-32
Hickman Mills	54-24
Raytown South	36-33
Rockhurst	63-18
Truman	37-34
Ruskin	77-6
Excelsior Springs	15-53
Ray Pec	14-56
Center	70-12
Park Hill Invitational	12th
Smithville Tourn.	2nd
St. Joe Lafayette Tourn.	1st
North Kansas City	4th
Platte City	5th
Districts	4th
Small 7 Conference	3rd

Small 7 All-Conference

103 Jon Woods
Co-First Team
130 Ben Boehner
Co-Second Team
135 Jason Woods
First Team
140 Jordan Hobbs
Co-Second Team
145 Shane Sachs
Co-Second Team
152 Tim Elder
Second Team
160 Tommy Eblen
Honorable Mention
171 Tony Mena
Honorable Mention
189 Anthony Lundgren
Honorable Mention

PACESETTERS



"We had a great season as a young team. We placed third in conference and fourth at districts so next year we should do great."

Sophomore Jon Woods

Varsity Baseball

Row 1: Ato Jackson-Koufie, Tommy Hottovy, Chris Steppig, Andy Vandepopulier, Corey Gehrt **Row 2:** Coach Steve McDaniel, Brett Robertson, Mike Svetlic, John Howell, Jerry Schlotzhauer, Vinny Ginestra, Jake Pruett, Coach Jerry Vansell **Row 3:** Coach David Baker, Casey Nelson, Phil Pinkasavage, Shaun Waters, Brandon Romines, Eric Bradley, Coach Mike Culver



Junior Varsity Baseball

Row 1: Andy Hardisty, Caleb Graves, Kyle DeLong, Timmy Hottovy, Daren Stewart, Justin Kearns **Row 2:** Coach Josh Walker, Randy Goff, Brian Retherford, David Sexton, Tylor Kytasaari, Frank Garcia, Chad Pearson



Freshman Baseball

Row 1: Brad Staples, Ryan Boever, Jacob Cook, Shawn Kent, Dane Broadie, Casey Martin **Row 2:** Adam Henderson, Joel Kanne, Jason Regan, Scott Clark, Chad Black, Andrew Vega **Row 3:** Coach Rick Wasinger, Brian Shaffer, Joe Spirk, Ryan O'Connor, John Drowns, Justin Kirkendoll, Zac Cram



BASEBALL

Following through

Starting off fresh for the baseball team meant that they stayed strong and stuck together.

With only two returning letterman, the team was still unstoppable, reaching many personal goals.

Lots of rain caused the baseball team to have many rescheduled games.

"It got a little boring staying inside, but in the long run it helped our hitting more than anything," said sophomore Andy Vandepopulier.

Hitting is a big factor for playing baseball. Without the ability to have good batters, winning the game can be almost impossible.

"We came together as a team and played every game like it was our last. Everyone gave 110%, and

we all supported each other," said junior Phil Pinkasavage.

Most were surprised to see such a great baseball team, considering the new school factor.

"Overall it was a good season. We kept a good attitude and pulled together as a team, and surprised people winning conference," said Andy.

Having no seniors didn't affect this year's team. It meant that next year they will be stronger and even better, having set certain goals in mind.

"We set a good tone and we now have our goals set for next year. I think we've got a good shot at state," said Andy.

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by Cathy Fleming*

SCOREBOARD

Varsity

North Kansas City	2-5	Excelsior Springs	0-2
Ray-Pec	6-1	Excelsior Springs	10-6
Blue Valley Northwest	5-6	Ray-Pec	11-2
Blue Valley North	10-14	Center	12-6
Ruskin	14-0	Hickman Mills	3-0
Ray South	3-0	Hickman Mills	10-0
Bishop Miege	2-4	Ruskin	9-3
Bishop Miege	2-3	Ray South	12-10
		Center	7-5
		Districts	
		Oak Grove	3-0
		Excelsior Springs	3-5

PAGESETTERS



"We set a good tone and we now have our goals set for next year."

Sophomore Andy Vandepopulier



▲ After hitting the ball, junior Ato Jackson Kuofie takes off to first.

◀◀ Sophomore Tylor Kytasaari pitches the ball during warm-ups.

◀ Junior Jerry Schlotzhauer smacks the ball and watches where it goes.



BOYS' GOLF

Driving range

The boys' golf team faced many obstacles, including no home course and no seniors this year. For the first year the team showed potential strength compared to last year.

"We had a lot of people try out. We came a long way. Everybody improved from the first of the season," said junior Tyler Beane.

The team practiced at Long Ball Driving Range almost everyday, due to the fact they didn't have a home course. The range was very convenient to the school so the team could spend more time practicing.

All of their meets were played at Shiloh Springs or Tiffany Green's golf courses.

"I loved playing courses I knew nothing about. Everything was just new."

said sophomore Todd Gutschow.

The team would play a round of golf at either course in practice once a week.

Varsity finished third at conference out of seven teams. Juniors Matt Frailey and Ryan VanDever were named to the All Conference Second Team

The golf team had one state qualifier, sophomore Bob Grove. At state he finished 79th out of 121 players. Having a golfer qualify for state was one of the biggest accomplishments this year.

"I believe with Bob Grove going to state and the success in tournaments and matches more people will try to join in on the winning tradition that was set," said Beane.

*Story and design
by Susan Burton*

➤ *Head Coach Larry Torgerson talks to sophomore John Letourneau about how to ease his back pain before the next tournament.*



Row 1: John Letourneau, Gary Crainshaw, Todd Gutschow, Jeremy Miller, Jimmy Peeler, Patrick Casey, Bryan Brazil **Row 2:** Head Coach Larry Torgerson, Ryan VanDever, Bob Grove, Patrick Weidt, Matt Frailey, Tyler Beane



▲ *The golf team lines up their official golf bags while they are at the driving range. Team members had to carry their own clubs during matches, since they could not use carts or caddies.*

SCOREBOARD

JV Results

Team Tournament Scores

Lee's Summit & Lee's
Summit North Invit. 11th
Ray-Pec HS Invit. 7th
Suburban Small 7 2nd

Team Match Scores

Raytown 190-188
Oak Park & Winnetonka
193-175-188
Liberty 188-211
St. Joe Central & Oak Park
383-358-384

State qualifier: Bob Grove

Varsity Results

Team Tournament Scores

Truman-Commerce
Bank Invit 14th
William Jewell Invit 9th
Winnetonka HS Invit 7th
Ray-Pec HS Invit 2nd
Raytown Tourn. 17th
Suburban Small 7 3rd
Richmond Invit Tourn. 14th
District 8 4th

Team Match Scores

Raytown 185-166
Rockhurst & Park Hill
335-292-315
Liberty 174-175
Oak Park & Winnetonka
346-351-360
Liberty 182-176
St. Joe Central & Oak Park
348-340-357

PAGESETTERS



"We struggled as a team this year, but we hope to go to state next year"
Sophomore
Bob Grove



▲ Sophomore Bob Grove Discussing the upcoming match against Richmond to his teammate.

◀ Junior Ryan VanDever practicing his pitching wedge at the Long Ball Golf Course. During each practice the golfers wood cycle through their clubs, starting with their drivers and with there wedges

GIRLS' SOCCER

Scoring goals

Unstoppable wins propelled this year's girls' soccer. With only four returning letterman, the only ones having varsity experience they had a strong winning team.

"I think our biggest strength was our skills, because our team had a lot of them. Our biggest weakness was our passing ability because everyone wanted to carry the ball," said junior Amy Powers.

The girls' soccer team rarely played in the sunshine. Most of their games were played in the rain and mud. Some rainouts were never rescheduled.

Following in the footsteps of the boys' soccer team, all seemed to be credited to Coach Joe Toigo.

"The boys made us feel that we could do it too," said junior Stefanie Carson.

Going to districts was the first of the long journey ahead of them.

"I feel the season went really well, though we weren't really challenged for the fact that the majority of the schools we played were first year schools," said Powers.

They had made it all the way to quarterfinals and lost against St. Theresa's Academy 1-0, due to a penalty kick in the last half of the game.

Closing the season meant that next years team will have strong players who will carry on the winning traditions.

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Design by Susan Burton



SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Blue Springs South	1-0	Platte County	3-1
Lee's Summit	0-1	Excelsior Springs	5-1
Fort Osage	0-3	Smithville	3-1
Raymore Peculiar	0-0	St. Theresa's	0-1
Raytown South	2-1		
Kearney	10-0		
Hickman Mills	10-0		
Excelsior Springs	4-0		
Center	5-1		
Blue Springs South	0-0		
Liberty	Rain		
Raytown	Rain		
Raymore Peculiar	2-1		
Hickman Mills	10-0		
Olathe East	0-6		
Excelsior Springs	7-1		
Smithville	Rain		
Center	5-0		
Raytown South	2-1		

Overall Record: 14-4-2

PACESETTERS

"We had a young team and hadn't played together. Next year I think that we will have a good team."

Junior Stefanie Carson



▲ Freshman Sara Alderman fakes out her opponent during a game against Olathe East High School. Photo by Cindy Kelley

▲▲ Sophomore Kattie Chen heads the ball during a home game. Photo by Cindy Kelley



Varsity

Row 1: Katy Handley, Emily Hoffman, Julie Becker **Row 2:** Sarah Alderman, Shelley Koons, Stefanie Carson, Ashlee Seymour **Row 3:** Coach Chris Farmer, Nicole Gallup, Anne Opanasyuk, Kathy Gentry, Coach Becky Parkinson **Row 4:** Amy Powers, Mary Nero, Joni Martin, Coach Joe Toigo, Keir Troncoso, Colleen Driver, Katie Chen

Junior Varsity

Row 1: Ashley Newsom, Annie Augar, Kelly Gentry, Lindsey Quitmeier **Row 2:** Marilyn McGinniss, Katie Baker, Ashley Carpenter, Kat Wagner, Jill Reiley **Row 3:** LeAnna Kemp, Baaba Jackson-Koufie, Karen Runyan, Alicia Hietbrink, Angela Kovach, Meghan Bailey **Row 4:** Coach Becky Parkinson, Stephanie Heckman, Katie Slavik, Tanya Harper, Erin Cory, Coach Chris Farmer



✓ Freshman Baaba Jackson-Koufie dribbles the ball while attempting to keep it from her opponent. Photo by Cindy Kelley



◀ Freshman Ashley Carpenter kicks the ball passed her opponents in an attempt to make score a goal. Photo by Cindy Kelley

GIRLS' SWIM

Saving the best for last



South's swim team often felt like David going up against Goliath. They started their season swimming against 4A teams while they were really supposed to be with other 3A schools. It wasn't until conference that the team got to actually compete against teams from schools the same size, and the team won the championship.

"During the season we swam against Park Hill every time and other schools of that size. When you are not able to have the numbers right then it is harder to complete," said sophomore Danielle Schrader.

Another hurdle they faced was competing

against a team that they practiced with daily.

"We were different because we didn't have seniors, and the seniors always pushed everyone else to do good. Plus it was hard practicing together and then not getting to complete with them," said junior Mandy Jennings.

"I felt wonderful. It was probably one of the most exciting things someone can be involved in," said Schrader.

Sophomore Joni Martin was a state qualifier in the 50 freestyle. She qualified in the "last chance meet" and she swam exact time she needed for state.

Story and design by Susan Burton



▲▲ Park Hill and Park Hill South swimmers huddle after practice is over to discuss the next meet.

Girls' Swimming:

Row 1: Abby Spornitz (Manager), Mandy Jennings, Joni Martin, Danielle Schrader, Lauren Abrams, Jenny Petty, Nicole Shelledy (Manager) **Row 2:** Assistant Coach Amy Punswick, Chrissy Foutes, Jennifer Bascombe, Tarah Pettijohn, Megan Earnhart, Erin O'Connell, Head Coach Justin Makemson, **Row 3:** Hanna Park, Lydia Martin, Teresa Bursoyke, Blaire Hines, Becky Pietsch, Megan Miller, Kiersten Andrews, Krystina Matteson

➤ Park Hill swimmers practice their warm-up laps before the meet started.



SCOREBOARD

Dual Meet Records 3-17

Conference Records

JV 1st
Varsity 1st

State Qualifiers

Joni Martin

PAGESETTERS



"We had a strong team with great girls that improved every meet. Next year we will be back again to win conference and send more people to state."

Sophomore Joni Martin



▲▲ During practice juniors Jennifer Bascombe and Becky Pietsch are about to do their warm-up laps.

▲ Park Hill swimmers Kristen Mack and Shannon Smith and South swimmer freshman Tarah Pettjohn became close after the meet.

▲ While standing in line sophomore Danielle Schrader waits until it's her turn to dive off the blocks.

BOYS' TENNIS

Serving each other

This year's boys' tennis team came together with only two players ever having any experience in competition play.

The players expected a long and difficult climb to become a team and play together.

"We had many players who were dedicated and had fun playing the game. Also, we all developed friendships, which helped to make us successful," said sophomore Stephen Lindenberg.

Maneuvering around the rain was also a problem for the boys' tennis team.

"It caused a lot of games to be rescheduled and it seemed like we were playing for two weeks straight," said sophomore John Barnes.

The coaches claimed that this year's team had progressed more than any other team that they had seen. Sticking together was a plus to pull through with some quality wins.

"There is always a possibility of a better turn out next year, depending on the freshman class, but the core of the team will be the same," said John.

Next year's team should be strong and powerful, with the help of strong and dedicated coaches pushing behind the team.

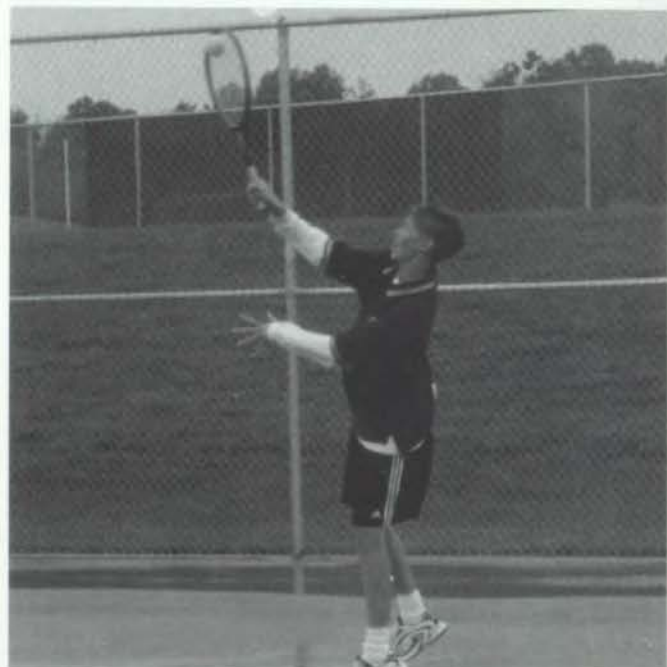
"I feel the season was a huge success. We developed as players over the season a respect for the game, and we owe it all to Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Voelker," said Stephen.

Story and design by Cathy Fleming



Varsity/Junior Varsity

Row 1: Mitch Kytasaari, Matt Sharp, John Barnes, Daniel Tomasich, Jason Miller, Ben Windsor, Eric Morton **Row 2:** Coach JoAnn Barker, Andy Witt, Brad Roberts, Akil Srinivasan, Matt Harper, Jeff Dahm, Stephen Lindenberg, Coach Pam Voelker



While playing a game in the rain, sophomore Stephen Lindenberg serves the ball to his opponent. Photo by Dustin Pence

Freshman Mitch Kytasaari, Coach Pam Voelker, sophomore Ben Windsor, sophomore Daniel Tomasich and freshman Jason Miller stand and wait for the next match to take place. Photo by Dustin Pence



SCOREBOARD

		Junior Varsity	
		Park Hill	0-9
		Ruskin	3-0
		North Kansas City	0-9
		Ray-Pec	1-6
		Winnetonka	2-4
		Hickman Mills	4-0
		Excelsior Springs	3-2
		Center	2-1
		Ruskin	3-0
		Ray-Pec	0-7
		Hickman Mills	4-0
		Excelsior Springs	3-2
		Center	3-1
Varsity		Conference	
Park Hill	2-7	Truman	0-5
Ruskin	8-0		
North Kansas City	3-6		
Ray-Pec	0-7		
Winnetonka	1-8		
Hickman Mills	2-5		
Excelsior Springs	5-2		
Ruskin	7-0		
Ray-Pec	0-7		
Hickman Mills	2-5		
Excelsior Springs	5-2		
Center	5-2		
Conference			
Truman	8-0		

PAGESETTERS



"We all developed friendships, which helped to make us successful."

Sophomore Stephen Lindenberg



▲ Freshman Andy Witt serves the ball to his opponent. Photo by Dustin Pence

▲▲ During practice in the rain, sophomore Jeff Dahn follows the ball that sophomore Stephen Lindenberg hit. Photo by Dustin Pence



▲ On the other side of the net, freshman Andy Witt returns the ball to his opponent from Hickman Mills. Photo by Dustin Pence

✓ **Row 1:** Jason May, Ben Tew, Jason Carrier, Barry Crilley, Ryan Hill, Matt Shatto, Zach Michtell, Tim Clark. **Row 2:** Adam Chatfield, Chad Clauser, Ronald King, Jummy Walker, Joe Parvin, Eddie Perez, Kris Prince, Josh Colombo. **Row 3:** Jason Toye, Matt Slesman, Matt Twardowski, Wes Kauble, Joe Gauer, Ryan Freeman, Adam McCully, Tyler Dowell. **Row 4:** Bobby Birmingham, Nat Richerson, Jeff Hahn, Adam Cushman, William Reeves, Clifford Clarke, Edwin Vega. **Row 5:** Coach Andy Keefer, Aaron Cardell, Brain Laorunagoch, Henry Talley, Chad Coyle, Jon Woods, Jeremy Dulle. **Row 6:** Assistant Coach Brad Banning, Assistant Coach Greg Jones, Paul Shpman, Joe Fox, Tony Mena, Tyson Wallace, Assistant Coach Jennifer Hayes, Assistant Coach Robin Hilig. **Row 7:** Assistant Coach James Godfrey, Curtis Clauser, Sean Lobdell, Dean Yzon, Jarrett Griffin, Miguel Diaz, Assistant Coach Heidi Metz, Coach Clay Lenhart.



The boys' track season started out different than last year.

First, about a hour of practice was spent traveling back and forth from South to Park Hill's stadium and track. Another thing against them was the few returning letterman and number of injuries.

"We were unfortunate to have many injuries this year," said junior Ryan Freeman.

The boys' and girls' track teams practiced together at Park Hill and also when the track was competed at South. When the teams practiced, the coaches divided them up into the events that they would be competing in. For example, the high jumpers would jump together and the members of the 4 by 100 meter relay would practice their hand-offs.

Although the boys didn't go to state they did give

the season their all. JV got Third and Varsity got seventh at conference, and the freshman placed first at conference.

"The boys' were OK we never gave up, and we gave 110% of are effort forward," said freshman Henry Talley.

Although no one from the Boys' track team made it to state, the guys' felt confident that with the experience they earned this year that some one will go far in the future.

"Of course it's always disappointment to run your hardest every day after school and all day every Saturday just to be beaten, but we will get better," said sophomore Chris Prince

The boys' track season didn't go as well as planned but with the experience that the team has gotten this year, they will go running into the future.

Story by Dustin Pence
Design by Susan Burton

SCOREBOARD

Warrensburg Relays	6th
Blue Valley Northeast	11th
St. Joseph Lafayette Invataional	2nd
Smithville Invataional	3rd
Platte County Invational	2nd
Freshman Conference at Raytown South	1st
JV Conference at Ray-Pec	3rd
Varsity Conference at Ray-Pec	7th
Districts at Kearney	10th

PACESETTERS



"We did good but this is one of those sports where seniors really play a big part."

Sophomore Chris Prince

BOYS' TRACK

Running towards the future



◀◀ Freshman Brian Laorvangroch jumps to new heights when he practices the High Jump. Photo by Dustin Pence

◀ Juniors Jimmy Walker and Adam McCully practice their exchange in the 4x100 relay. Photo by Dustin Pence



▲▲ Junior Jason Woods stretches before he starts running at a daily practice. Photo by Dustin Pence

▲ Tony Mana practices pole vaulting form. Photo by Dustin Pence



▲ The boys' track team warms up with some of the girls. Photo by Dustin Pence

SCOREBOARD

Warrensburg Relays	3th
Blue Valley Northwest	8th
St. Joseph Lafayette Freshman Invitational	1st
Smithville Invitational	1st
Platte County Invitational	1st
Freshman Conference at Raytown South	3rd
JV Conference at Ray-Pec	2nd
Varsity Conference at Ray-Pec	4th
Districts at Kearney	1st
State Championships	6th of 97

PACESETTERS



"We had pretty good competition and it helped push all of us. We had people saying, 'Who is that purple team?'"
Sophomore Kim Brown



Row 1: Sunny Eubanks, Tasha Benton, Lauri Peitch, Mei Yung Suen, Christina Giamalva, Sasha Summers, Holly Chesnut, Carol Sparks. **Row 2:** Ashley Ballard, Michelle Hagen, Erin Hey, Abby Holcomb, Chelsey Garrett, Ashley Adams, Stephanie Bock, Melissa Hatem, Sara Consec, Kim Brown. **Row 3:** Shana Meyer, Allison Doores, Cara Wheeler, Crystal Evans, Andrea Mikinish, Susan Burton, Desirae May, Lequectia Riggs, Vanessa Summers. **Row 4:** Coach Andy Keefer, Kim Sartin, Heather Tillman, Dantelle Retter, Alison Spinden, Erin Haber, Susan Crouch, Amy Brandis, Assistant Coach Jennifer Hayes. **Row 5:** Assistant Coach James Godfrey, Meredith Roberts, Hollee McGilton, Amanda James, Tiffany Hildebrand, Katie Rhaesa, Katie Maasen, Assistant Coach Robin Heilig. **Row 6:** Assistant Coach Brad Barning, Assistant Coach Greg Jones, Abby Schoenrock, Brooke Still, Sarah Mckain, Assistant Coach Heidi Metz, Coach Clay Lenhert

GIRLS' TRACK

First state champ

The turnout in March for the girls' track season was great, and it was what started the season off on one long jump to state.

"I think the turnout for track was wonderful, especially for being at a new school," said sophomore Kim Brown.

Like other teams at South the girls' track team had "that no seniors" thing to deal with and the fact that other teams in the conference might look down on them like they could beat them

"They (other teams in the conference) thought they were going to win against us because we were a new school, but our competitiveness showed them differently. We went in confident and as underdogs and proved a lot of people we were a force to be reckoned with," said freshmen Chelsey Garrett.

Although some of the members of the team went to state, there is still room

for improvement when next year's season comes around.

"Attitude, because the other attitudes of you teammates can affect the way you perform. I think the coaches need to be a lot more strict and let the kids know what they want from them as an athlete and what the kids want from their coaches," said Brown.

The girls' track team had a good season, winning first at districts and having members of the team qualify for the state competition in Columbia.

"The best moment of the season was when I ran my 400 in 57 seconds. Then being able to stand on the top of that podium and receiving the gold medal that I had worked so hard for," said Brown.

The track season ended giving South another first, her first state champion.

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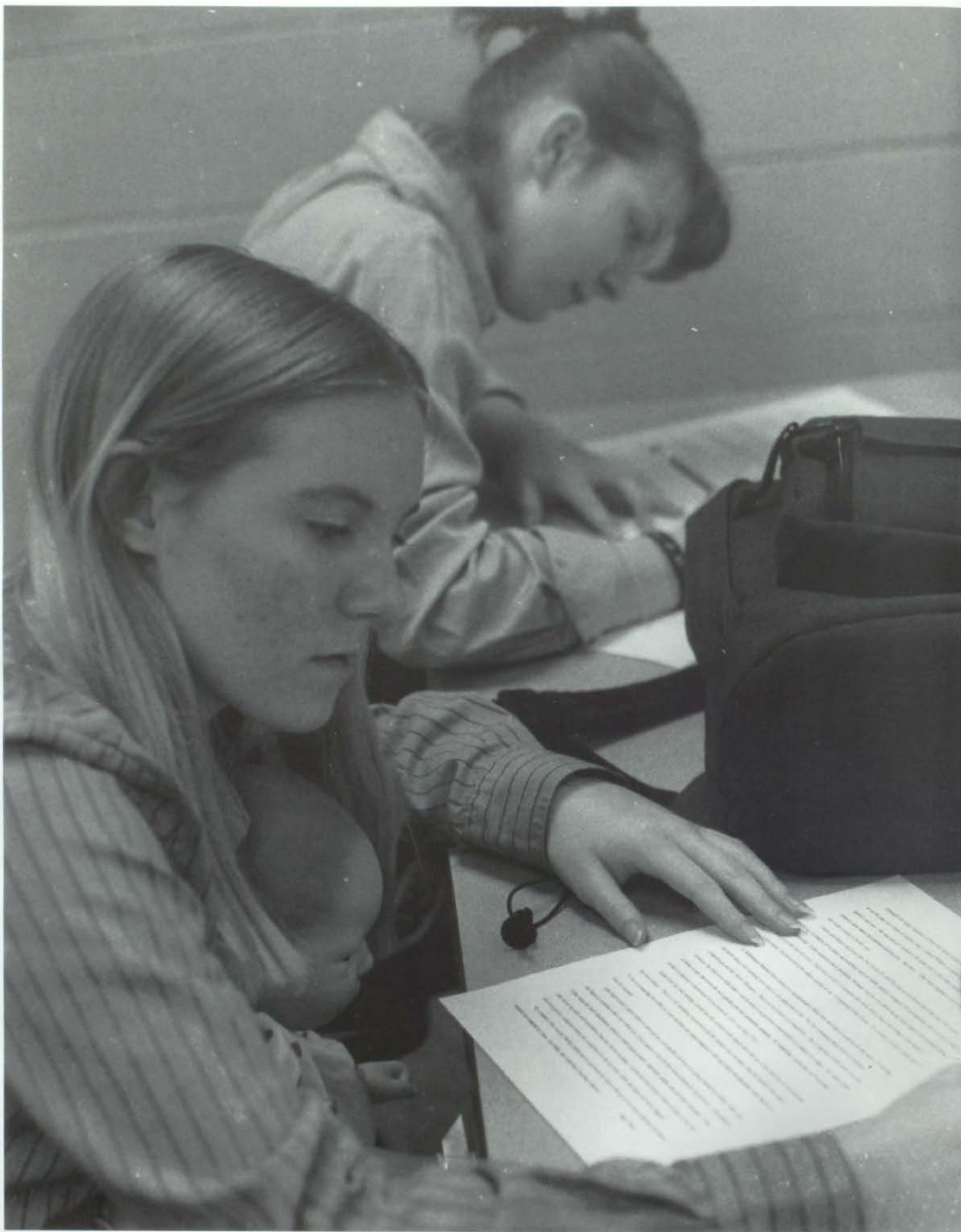
◀ *Sophomore Vanessa Summers leads the pack as she rounds the final curve during practice at the track at South. Photos by Dustin Pence*

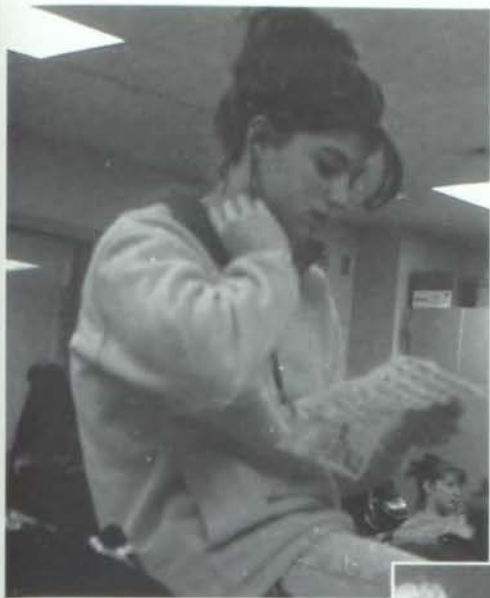


▲ *Sophomore Abby Holcomb practices the high jump at a after school practices. High jump is one of the field events that the track team has besides running Photo by Dustin Pence*

◀ *The shot put flies through the air as Junior Abby Schoenrock practices throwing. Photo by Dustin Pence*

◀◀ *Sophomores Sunny Eubanks and Ashley Ballard practice their last-second kick to reach the finish line. Photo by Dustin Pence*





▲ Sophomore Jessica Regan concentrates on editing a classmate's story in Journalism. Photo by Liana Lyons



◀ Freshman Justin Cantrell talks to friends before the bell rings in the morning. Photo by Dustin Pence

✓ Principal Dr. Brad Tate speaks at the dedication of the school on Sunday, August 23. Photo by Reed Photography



➤ Librarian Pat Osborn uses the new library technology to help junior Carolyn Shutty find a book. Photo by Jenny Frazee



◀ Juniors Lara Packett and Megan Keadle write their feature stories in Journalism. Photo by Jenny Frazee

Change of Face

The album section has gotten a face lift from previous years. With just over 1,000 students at South compared to more than 2,400 last year at Park Hill, there was considerable empty space which was not occupied by students. Another major difference this year was the absence of one entire group of faces: seniors.

When the year started there were many new and old faces around the new building. One new face was that of Dr. Brad Tate who came from Lawrence High School to be the first principal of Park Hill South High School. The teachers at South were either new to the district or they transferred to South for change in the faces and the environment around them.

The students faced change when they came to South because some had to leave best friends, boyfriends, girlfriends and other familiar faces. But all have managed, either by making new friends or keeping in touch with their old ones.

"I personally have been split from my best friend. We still see each other on the weekends, talk on the phone at night and participating in some of the same activities outside of school," said junior Stacia Barajas.

Story by Dustin Pence
Design by Susan Burton

Board of Education

Openings, honors and future plans

Much of the success South received this year is due to Superintendent Gayden Carruth and the Board of Education of the Park Hill School District.

Recognition and praise began pouring in as Dr. Carruth presided over South's dedication ceremonies. She also helped open Congress Middle School, which was created when Park Hill High School vacated the Congress building.

Other accomplishments included the addition of A+ program at both Park Hill and Park Hill South, a successful Kids Voting campaign and the recommendation that the district be recognized "with distinction" by the Board Association and the Missouri School

Administrators' Association.

On top of that, Carruth, her staff and the Board of Education spearheaded the successful the "no tax increase" bond issue, which was a \$21 million bond. Part of the bond will go to open an eleventh elementary school in 2001. Another seven million will be used to continue renewing Park Hill High School so they will have the same technology advancements as South. The last seven million dollars will go to additions for the elementary schools, excluding English Landing and Prairie Point.

To top it all off, Dr. Carruth received the Superintendent of the Year award for Missouri. She said that she was "pretty

overwhelmed. The staff and community had earned it, yet I get the actual plaque."

Carruth accepted two plaques, one of which she received at a convention in New Orleans. She also was given a medallion to wear around her neck when she wears a cap and gown during graduation ceremonies.

Carruth said her favorite thing about being superintendent is, "The opportunity to interact with students; to see them learn and achieve goals."

With all of these accomplishments plus more, Dr. Carruth has helped South and the entire Park Hill district have a very fulfilling year.

*Story and design
by Sarah Edelbaum*



▲ Assistant Superintendent Larry Gardner, Assistant Superintendent Brian Davis, School Board President Bob Weidt, Superintendent Dr. Gayden Carruth, Assistant Superintendent Al Tunis and South Principal Dr. Brad Tate



◀ Dr. Brad Tate thanks the representative of the architectural firm while Dr. Gayden Carruth looks on during the dedication.

✓ After the ribbon cutting, school board members Allison Wurst, and Eric Sorenson hold their souvenir part of the ribbon.



△ Assistant superintendents Larry Gardner, Brian Davis, Al Tunis sit during the dedication listening to the speaker. Davis and Tunis retired at the end of the school year.

◀ During the dedication, members of the board of education starts the cutting of the ribbon for the opening of the new high school.



✓ Mr. Dale Longnecker, Mr. Scott Combs, and Mr. John Sedler wait for the dedication ceremonies to begin.



First Principals

Setting new standards at a new school

The principals at South love to be involved in the students' lives.

"It's great to get to help create the environment that you want at your own school," said Mr. Dale Longnecker, administrative intern.

They seem to agree that being a part of the students' lives is the best thing about being a principal at South. They were all very happy with the level of support from teachers, students and parents.

"It was awesome. It was so great, and we got more accomplished than anyone

thought," said Mr. Scott Combs, assistant principal.

The only bad thing about the school year that anyone could think of was being worried about not being ready.

"We were worried about if they'd have everything ready because you're coming in new and starting out with nothing," said Dr. Brad Tate, principal.

"I thought everyone worked together more than any one dreamed. Everyone understood when things weren't there," Mr. Combs said.

All in all they agreed that the first year at South

went well. They agreed that everyone was very understanding. They hope that next year will be even better.

"Next year we'd like to get the whole operation running smoother. This year everytime you'd do something it was the first time. We're looking forward to refining the process," said Mr. Longnecker.

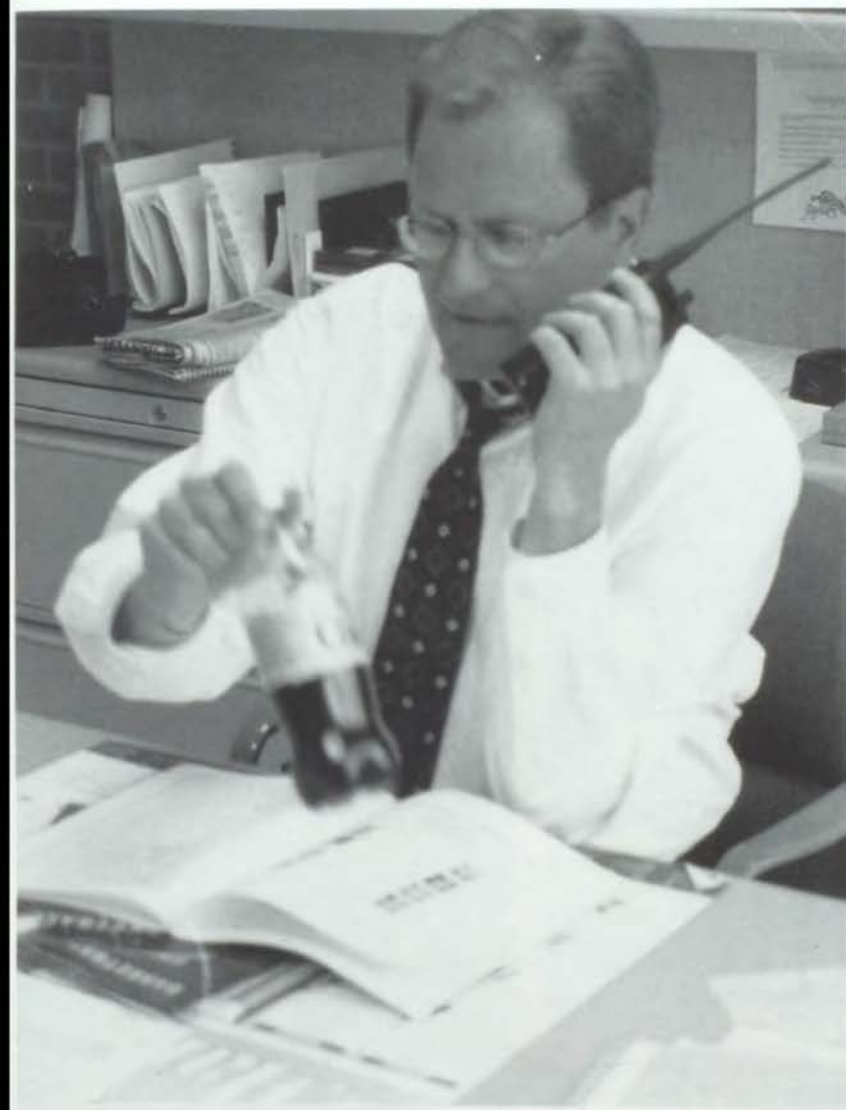
Besides getting everything into better order next year, they hope to make it a really special year for the seniors.

Story and design by Abby Spornitz



✧ During Teacher Appreciation Week, Mr. John Sedler, Mr. Scott Combs and Dr. Brad Tate cooked lunch for the teachers.

✧ The morning after the teacher lock-in, Mr. Scott Combs tries to wake up for breakfast. Mr. Combs spent the night in his office in a sleeping bag.



✧ During the Homecoming parade, Dr. Brad Tate waves to students on the sidewalk.

✧ While school was in session, Mr. John Sedler talks to security guards on the walkie-talkie.
Photo by Jenny Frazee

✓ Miss Leslie Hinton talks to Mrs. Sandra Finney at the receptionist's desk. Besides answering the phone, she had to greet and sign in all visitors to the school.



Support Staff

Working behind the scenes

Like any production, it takes a lot of people working backstage to make the play a success.

For example, before the students and teachers could begin the first day of classes on August 26, many employees of the Park Hill School District had already spent hours working at South to make that first day possible.

Some of the first people to move into the building were those who worked in the maintenance department. Mrs. Sharon Drews started working at South on June 20 to get the building ready.

"I felt at home right from the start," said Drews.

Part of her job was to make sure that truckloads of desks, chairs and books made it to the right rooms so that students and teachers would feel at

home too.

The rest of the staff moved into the building on August 3. But the building still wasn't totally ready, as the builders added finishing touches until just hours before the doors opened for the first day.

The cafeteria was still receiving new equipment until December.

"We were beginning to feel comfortable with our schedule and work load by October," said Mrs. Elizabeth Gianessi, who worked in the cafeteria.

Meanwhile, secretaries in the administrators' offices had to work with a newly installed phone and computer system.

"I was very nervous about all of the buttons on the phone panel at first," said receptionist Miss Leslie Hinton, "but now it's easy!"

Once the building was

complete and school year began, the staff settled down to a routine.

It was Hinton's voice that students heard over the intercom every day to dismiss for field trips or tell them about a rescheduled game. And she never failed to remind everyone to "Have a nice day!"

It was Drews who cleaned the cafeteria after every lunch.

And it was this day-to-day interaction with students, faculty and staff that created the South's personality.

"The best thing about my job is seeing all of the students each day," said Hinton. "It is a very friendly place."

Drews agreed. "I like talking, listening and being around the students."





◀ Mr. Stan Offield and Mr. Jim Claypool bag the trash in the cafeteria between lunch shifts. The staff had to set up the chairs and tables before lunch and then roll them out of the way after lunch so that they could clean.



▲ On Secretary's Day the staff received flowers and lunch. **Row 1:** Margaret Reichart, Jean Parrish, Sandra Finney, Valerie Davis. **Row 2:** Judy Kelly, Karen Burke, Gayle Young, Mindy Albright. Photo by Jenny Frazee



◀ Mrs. Rachel Bettis takes junior Mike Slavik's money for his lunch. Students could choose lunches from the Panther Plate, the International Bar or a la carte sandwiches.



◀ Mrs. Margaret Reichart talks on the phone to a parent about a student's absence. She handled the attendance records for more than 1,000 students and supervised the students who were attendance aides. Photo by Jenny Frazee

Mindy Albright
 Bob Ballard
 Brad Banning
 John Bell
 Valerie Bell
 Becky Belt
 Jim Belch
 Jeff Benes



Shawn Berry
 Rachel Bettis
 Michelle Bickelhaupt
 Bill Brooks
 Julie Bruenn
 Tim Busenhart
 Roberta Chase
 Scott Combs



Officer Michael Costanzo
 Mike Culver
 Debbie Curry
 Valerie Davis
 Leona Dean
 Paul Distefano
 Patti Erneste
 Shelly Evans



Anita Everly
 Velma Fast
 Debbie Fay
 Chad Fette
 Tony Fisher
 Jed Frost
 Jennifer Galetti
 Lillian Genovese



Cheryl Gentry
 Betty Gianessi
 Mike Gilsdorf
 James Godfrey
 Karen Haber
 Jennifer Hayes
 Nancy Hefner
 Robin Heilig



Betty Helm
 Susan Hiatt
 Leslie Hinton
 Mike Hoffman
 Jennifer Holden



➤ Mr. Tim Busenhart uses the overhead to explain a problem to his Chem III class. Photo by Dustin Pence



First Year at a New School

"The school is wonderful and the view is really exciting"

When the bell rang at 7:30 on the morning of August 26, 1998, Mr. Tim Busenhart started his Physics class. This was the first class that he taught on his own.

He was the only brand new teacher in the brand new school. All of the teachers here at South either came from somewhere in the Park Hill school district or had teaching experiences in other districts.

To Mr. Busenhart everything was new. In fact, he was so new that the school forgot to order his supplies to prepare him for his classes.

"It was very frustrating, but when the equipment did come in it was exciting to have everything brand new," said Mr. Busenhart.

He graduated from Truman State University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a Master of Arts in Education.

"My student teaching was a great experience. I taught in a very diverse school and received many resources," recalled Mr. Busenhart.

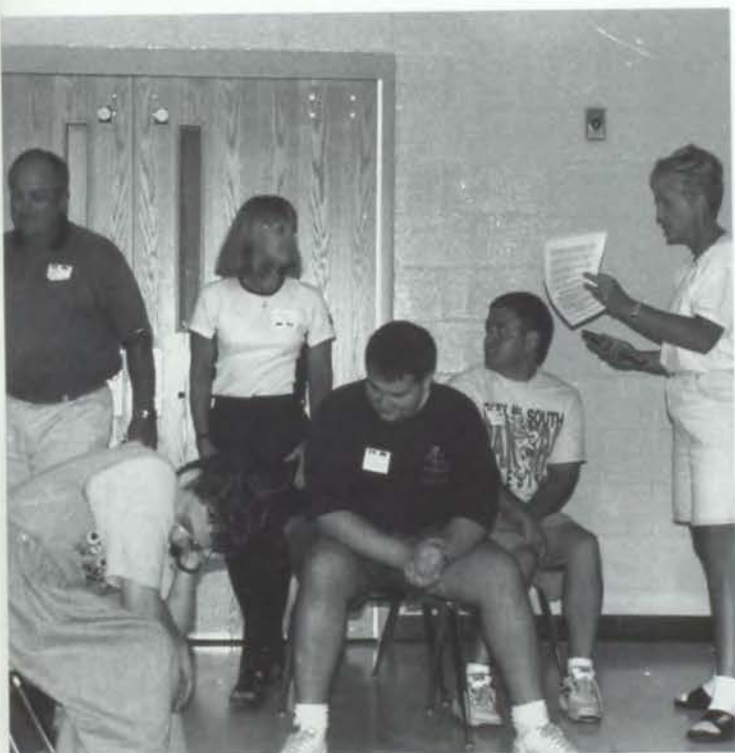
He claims that his first year has been difficult teaching classes he had never taught before, but overall it was an enjoyable experience. Mr. Busenhart taught

Physics, Science Interactions and Chemistry II and III. He also sponsored Science Club.

His classes for this school year seemed to run pretty smoothly. He had a few occasional disruptions every now and then, but that was to be expected with being a new teacher.

"Overall my first year of teaching has had its ups and downs, especially with preparation, but I have found it to be a very enjoyable learning experience."

Story by Cathy Fleming



▲ Mrs. Shelly Evans, Mr. Joe Mustiol, Mrs. Mary Kerr, Mr. Tim Busenhart and Mr. Mike Hoffman act like students in Mrs. Pam Voelker's classroom during a skit at the Lock-In.



▲ Mrs. Connie Von Ruden laughs at Miss Nancy Meyer while she attempts to write during the Teacher Lock-In on Aug. 20. Miss Meyer was injured in a summer soccer game.

Between Schools

*"It's less stressful than teaching
in one building"*

Students in the Park Hill district now attend either Park Hill or Park Hill South high schools. However, several teachers were at both schools everyday.

They were picked to move to the two different schools because of their teaching assignments. The teachers were Mr. Jeff Benes, Mr. Alvin Hoy, Mr. Rick Witt and Mrs. Peggy Mullins.

"It's not easy traveling from one building to the other," said Mullins.

The teachers didn't get to choose the traveling teaching assignment. The Park Hill School District decided the arrangement. So when the administration asked Mrs. Mullins if Mullins would be willing to switch

from building to building, "I told them I didn't mind, but it was their decision to make," she said.

When the two schools were preparing for the split, the teachers at Park Hill indicated their choice of two schools. Most choices were approved, but some didn't get what they wanted.

In February 1998 teachers received a notice from the district saying if they stayed or move to South. Most AP and Senior teachers stayed at Park Hill. Some will transfer to South next year when the school will have senior classes.

Mullins traveling assignment occurred because she is a Calculus, College Algebra, and Accelerated

Math Analysis teacher. At South some juniors were ready to take Calculus but it was considered a senior class. There were very few students who were in AP classes because of its high academic requirements.

"I'm glad I'm not doing it for more than a year, because it takes an hour away from my kids," said Mullins.

South is a great school for all the teachers including Mullins.

"It's less stressful then teaching in one building. I would rather stay at South because it has a good atmosphere here because it clicks more in personality," said Mullins.

Story by Susan Burton



▲ During the dedication Mr. John Bell and junior Lance Harper conduct the band while they play the fight song. Mr. Bell originally taught at Park Hill High School.

➤ During class Mrs. Peggy Mullins teaches a math formula to the students during Math Analysis class. Photo by Jenny Frazee





Janet Hubbard
Teri Hunnicutt
Greg Jones
Andy Keefer
Mary Kerr
Ken Kerwin
Kathleen Leibrand
Clay Lenhart

Laura Lenhart
Dale Longenecker
Shelley Malland
Steve McDaniel
Julie McMannas
Heidi Metz
Nancy Meyer
Stacy Mostrom

Joe Mustol
Susan Newburger
Julia Ockerhausen
Jenny Orlovski
Patricia Osborn
Bob Packett
Jean Parrish
Mela Dee Patterson

Becky Pippin
Linda Rasmussen
Donna Redder
Tammy Reed
Margaret Reichart
Phyllis Shannon
Kris Smither
Dietri Taylor

Joe Toigo
Larry Torgerson
Cathy Vandepopulier
Pam Voelker
Nancy Wallace
Shelley West
Joanne Whitney
Kathy Whitney

Meredith Williams
Kathy Wise
Vicki Witt
Gayle Young



At the dedication Miss Marcia Umscheid, Mrs. Sharon Kavanaugh, and Mrs. Donna Redden talk about the event. Students were not the only ones who had to leave people behind. Mrs. Kavanaugh was one of the many teachers who stayed at Park Hill.

Kyle Aaron
Ashley Adams
Garrett Aipperspach
Sarah Alderman
Cassandra Allen
Natalie Allison
Stacey Anderson
Carrie Arnold



Meghan Bailey
Ashley Balter
Shawn Barklage
Echo Baska
Jason Baskin
Brandyn Beaman
Julie Becker
Brianna Belke



Robert Benkert
Robert Birmingham
Chad Black
Andrea Blank
Stephanie Bock
Megan Bois
Jason Boman
Aaron Bond



Joell Bondurant
Joshua Boutwell
James Bozeman
John Brady
Kyle Brady
Amy Brandis
Jeremy Bravard
Bryan Brazil



Dane Broadie
Cassandra Brown
Anthony Broyles
Corey Brunk
Tanya Bruns
Erin Burns
Emily Burton
Thomas Campbell



Freshman Executive Council

Row 1: Wes Kauble, Jill Richardson, Chrystal Levens, Joe Fox, Mary Nero
Row 2: Michelle Fitzgerald, Abby Disselhoff, Ashley Newsom, Joe Gauer, Stephanie Bock, Ms. Connie Von Ruden
Row 3: Arnie Klein, Nicole Cervantes, Mel Clouser, Ashley Schwarz, Melissa Sharp, Kara Dark





Kyle Canon
Justin Cantrell
Tawnya Capper
Ashley Carpenter
Megan Carr
Thomas Carter
Stephen Caruso
Patrick Casey

Nicole Cervantes
Leah Chapin
Misty Chastain
Holly Chesnut
Jesse Chettle
Tamra Childress
Dustin Christy
Scott Clark

Timothy Clark
Curtis Clauser
Samantha Cleeton
Melanie Clouser
Ashley Clutts
Alicia Coker
Caroline Colson
Jacob Cook

Record Breaking

*"Whenever a problem presents itself,
build a bridge and get over it"*

Unlike most six-year-olds who spent summers in wading pools or at places like Coconut Cove in Oceans of Fun, Matt Hampton worked on his time trials to see if he had what it took to be a United States Swimmer (USS).

Now a freshman, Matt made progress very quickly in the swimming world. At 12, he held three state titles in Colorado and placed seventh at Nationals in California.

Although Matt has enjoyed competing in USS, he was excited to join the Park Hill South team.

When the season began, Matt realized that swimming for a school was much different than competing for USS. Actually, swimming in high school was much more relaxed than USS; this was partly because USS includes national competition.

This season proved to be great for Matt. He became the first swimmer to qualify for state on the South squad.

In the future Matt hopes to

receive a swimming scholarship to Duke or North Carolina. He does not plan to base his future on swimming. He realizes that an education and career are important so he works hard in the pool and during his time at school.

Surprisingly, Matt said that the Olympics are not a goal of his, that having the best time is. "No matter how big the meet is, bettering yourself, that is the best accomplishment!" he said.

Matt hopes that he has accomplished something other swimmers will do in later years, that winning conference will be included in the goals of swimmers to come. Matt still advises "bettering yourself is best."

When Matt is preparing for his competitions, he not only plans his races mentally, but he also has a personal motto for swimming and life as well. "Whenever a problem presents itself build a bridge and get over it."

Story by Jennifer Hopper



▲ Freshman Matt Hampton spends a lot of time under water at the pool, swimming laps and practicing his strokes. Photo by Lara Packett

Trisha Cook
 Aaron Cordell
 Andrea Cornett
 Brianne Cowden
 Rebecca Cox
 Kayla Craft
 Ronald Craig
 Gary Crainshaw



Zachary Cram
 Travis Cramer
 Candace Crawford
 Joseph Curtis
 Kara Dark
 Jason Davis
 Johnathan Davis
 Nicole Deister



Meghan Denney
 Kyle Devlin
 Abby Disselhoff
 Allison Doores
 Jennifer Dougherty
 Ashley Douglas
 Megan Douglass
 Deaven Dove



Music Man

*Playing musical instruments takes
 hard work and discipline*

Between the ages of 7 and 8 freshman Stephen Caruso became interested in music. At first Stephen only played the piano because his mom thought that it would be a good idea.

It turned out that Stephen liked the piano so much that stayed with it. In seventh grade Stephen decided that he wanted to take up another instrument. He chose to be in the orchestra because "band didn't appeal" to him.

Once in orchestra Stephen decided to play the violin. In eighth grade Stephen set a goal of trying out for and getting into the Symphonic Orchestra, which he accomplished.

He also is in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony that rehearses every week.

"With the orchestra, solo pieces don't have as much

contrast in parts as an entire orchestra piece," said Caruso.

Stephen enjoys playing and listening to classical music. Although he plays the violin in the Symphonic Orchestra, he still plays the piano.

He is very committed to his music. He takes private lessons for piano and also for the violin, on top of practicing with the school orchestra.

In the future Stephen would like to keep in touch with his music. He would also like to play in the orchestra while attending college.

At this point he has no idea how his music will be in the next few years, but he is hopeful about getting a music scholarship. Playing musical instruments takes hard work and discipline, both of which Stephen has.

Story by Megan Keadle



▲ Stephen Caruso, freshman, spends hours practicing his violin, both during his fourth block Orchestra class and at home. Photo by Megan Keadle.



Jeffry Downing
 Donna Drake
 Colleen Driver
 John Drowns
 Andrea Eaton
 Luke Eckman
 Rachel Edwards
 Kara Ehlers

Maggie Elder
 Kaleena Enochs
 Jason Ensley
 Lisa Farley
 Nick Fast
 Michelle Fitzgerald
 Lillian Fleming
 Heather Flenker

Elizabeth Foster
 Joseph Fox
 Stephen Fox
 Nicole Gallup
 Chelsey Garrett
 Joseph Gauer
 Chris George
 Travis George

Joseph Ginn
 Janine Gorombey
 Kerry Gould
 Joni Gray
 Melissa Green
 Elizabeth Greim
 Tiffany Gronek
 David Haeker

Jeffrey Hahn
 Matthew Hampton
 Ashley Hanley
 Angela Hann
 Tanya Harper
 Franchesca Harris
 Melissa Hatem
 Aaron Haugen

Shon Hawkins
 Timothy Hayslett
 Stephanie Heckman
 Amy Hees
 Alexis Hejna
 Adam Henderson
 Rachel Hern
 Andrea Hernandez

Adam Herndon
 Brittne Herring
 Kirsten Highbarger
 Tiffany Hildebrand
 Ryan Hill
 Shannon Hill
 Jordan Hobbs
 Emily Hoffman

Ryan Holcomb
 Abanique Holden-Mucker
 Timmy Hottovy
 Stephanie Houghton
 Jacquelyn Howard
 Jake Irvin
 Amanda James
 Zachary James

Nicholas Jansen
Christina Jarowitz
Travis Jennings
Andrew Johnson
Adam Jones
Haley Jones
Megan Jones
Peter Junjulas



Joel Kanne
Joshua Karther
Wesley Kauble
Rebecca Keadle
Jessica Kennon
Shawn Kent
Jonathan Kesler
Anthony Kinder



Daniel Kirkpatrick
Annette Klein
Joel Kloiber
Matthew Knuth
Baaba Koufie-Jackson
Kristin Kutnink
Mitchell Kytasaari
Sarah Landram



Brian Laoruangroch
Crystal Larrabee
Laura Leeper
John Letourneau
Chrystal Levens
Eric Libeer
Christina Lindow
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Kellye Loethen
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Sean Magee
Matthew Malley
Amy Martin
Casey Martin
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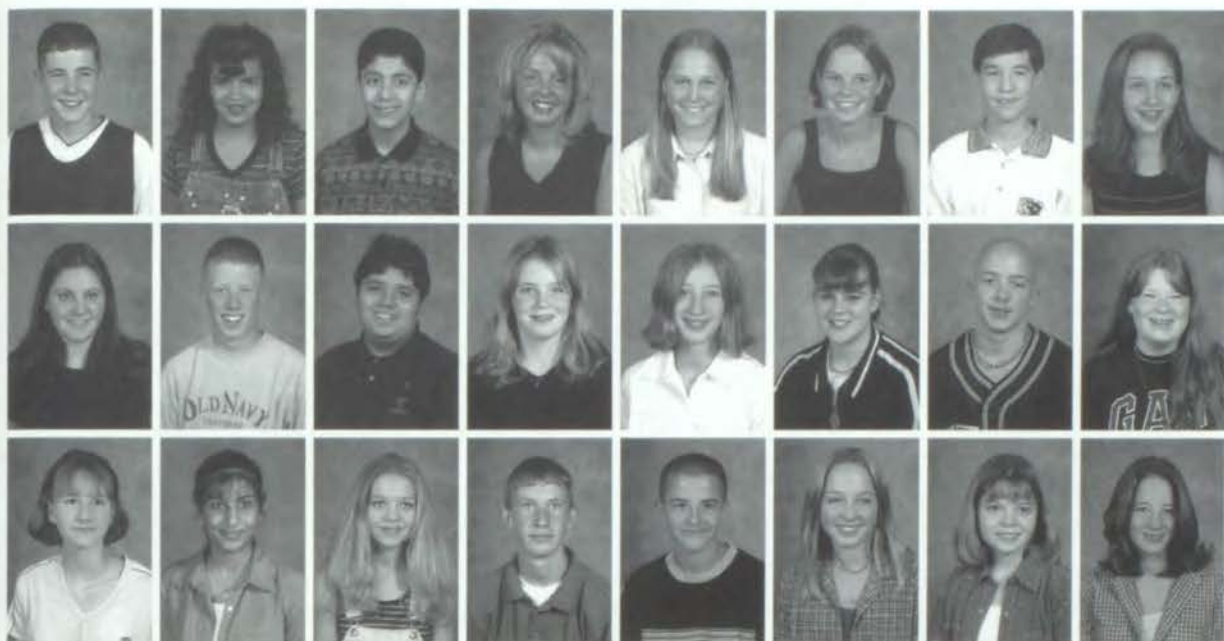


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Jeremiah Meizis
Derek Meseke
Carlyle Miller
Jason Miller
Jeffery Miller



Kyle Miller
Megan Miller
Janney Mills
Sean Molenkamp
Christopher Montalvo
Bonnie Montgomery
Heather Moore
Brittany Morrow





Andrew Mull
 Maria Musiakiewicz
 Meran Mustafa
 Lindsey Nelson
 Mary Nero
 Ashley Newsom
 Scott Nickell
 Andrea Nickisch

Erin O'Connell
 Ryan O'Connor
 Thomas O'Sullivan
 Sherry Occhiuzzo
 Hannah Owens
 Casie Palma
 Drew Parsons
 Samantha Passler

Michelle Pate
 Nisha Patel
 Nikki Paulson
 James Peeler
 Alexander Perez
 Tarah Pettijohn
 Ashley Petty
 Lindsay Phillips

Mastering the Arts

*"The hands-on feel of the cool cello
 as opposed to paper and pencil"*

Manipulating the cello to melodic chords involves more than smacking a few strings with one of those fiddling sticks. It requires years of determination to become one of the elite.

When one reads words such as "elite" the names of skilled people come to mind, people like Jeremiah Meizis. He is a freshman who plays first chair cello for orchestra.

One cannot become as skilled at musical arts as Jerimiah overnight. It takes a long time.

Meizis first started playing five years ago, when his parents made him try out for an elementary school orchestra program. Ever since, he has sharpened his abilities, practicing nearly everyday.

Someone would probably think a person who is as skilled as Meizis would live

and breathe classical music. This however, is not the case. Some of his favorite bands include Metallica, Blink 182, and KoRN.

Another musical influence of Meizis' is Apocalyptica, a group that plays a unique mix of modern rock music, with cellos and other classical instruments.

Although very challenging, playing the cello also has rewards. Jeremiah enjoys the hands-on feel of the sleek, cool cello, as opposed to using a paper and pencil towards education. He also enjoys the extracurricular work, and likes to talk with the other musicians that share his passion for the arts.

Looking ahead, Jeremiah can't see a point in his life where he will stop playing.

"I would like to keep playing as long as I can."

Story by Richard Schaber



^ Freshman Jerimiah Meizis plays a cello solo during the Christmas orchestra concert. Photo by Abby Vowels

Lauren Pietsch
Amber Pilcher
Ryan Podhorn
Adam Prentice
Taylor Pyles
Leah Rader
Brian Rails
Kevin Reddy



Jason Regan
Jillian Reiley
Therese Reilly
Clay Renfro
Katie Rhaesa
James Rhodua
Adam Richard
Jill Richardson



Lequecia Riggs
Katie Riley
Meredith Roberts
Andrew Romero
Sarah Rose
John Ross
Nichole Ross
William Ruzicka



Heather Ryan
Francesca Rypel
Laura Sabatino
Blake Sachs
James Samples



Dance Fever

"Don't give up and give yourself a chance"

There are many ways for people to express themselves: singing, painting, or acting. Freshman Andrea Cornett she reveals her emotions through the art form of dance.

Beginning at the age of 12, she took classes such as ballet, modern, jazz and Irish dancing.

"It is the best way I can reveal my feelings," said Andrea.

Dedication, hard work, and practice are some characteristics Andrea says characters have to have to make it in dance. "you really just have to love it."

She loves dance so much,

that she can't choose which type of dance she likes best.

"Right now I'm experiencing them all, and then I'll make my decision," said Cornett.

Should future dancers begin lessons at a young age? This is a common question for a person unsure of whether or not to join.

"I would recommend it to anyone," said Cornett.

She even offered some advice she has learned from experience.

"Don't give up, and give yourself a chance!"

Story by Melissa Alsept



▲ Freshman Andrea Cornett warms up with a few steps of a traditional Irish dance, sending her scarf twirling in the air. Photo by Allison Lewis



Khizar Sardar
Sarah Sauer
Melyssa Savage
Ashley Schwarz
Robert Schwarz
Tristan Seiter
Lindsay Seymour
Bryan Shaffer



Stephanie Shaffer
Brett Sharp
Melissa Sharp
Matthew Shatto
Paul Shoopman
Carmelle Simpson
Kimberly Slack
Katherine Slavik



Adam Slonka-Mainus
Robyn Solley
Darrell Soule
Joseph Spirk
Ryan Springer
Akil Srinivasan
Brad Staples
Troy Strahan



Krystal Sturm
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Latosha Swopes
Sabrina Tackett
Henry Talley
Justin Tanner
Heidi Taylor
Trisha Taylor



Benjamin Thomas
Michael Thomas
Francesca Thompson
Jennifer Toth
Steven Toth
Kathleen Tuck
Robert Vandermillion
Andrew Vega



Katherine Wagner
Michele Wagner
Charlotte Walz
Ashley Waters
Shea Waters
Lindsey Watson
Amy Wegner
Peyton Westfall



Cara Wheeler
Michelle White
Alan Widner
Nicole Wieland
Matthew Wilber
Chad Wilcoxson
Melissa Williams
Kyle Wilson



Jennifer Winkler
Jeff Winters
Rachel Winters
Andy Witt
Katie-Ann Wyer
Seth Wylie
Caitlan Wyrick

Krystal Allan
 Mary Alsept
 Bradley Anderson
 T'Sharra Andino
 Kiersten Andrews
 Eric Archer
 Kathryn Baker
 Nicholas Baker



Ashley Ballard
 Johnathan Barnes
 Shelby Bartels
 Jennifer Bascombe
 David Becker
 Jamie Benner
 Zach Berg
 Heidi Blair



Mitchell Blecha
 Benjamin Boehner
 Jennifer Botta
 Sherry Bowen
 Leslie Bratton
 Chris Brenner
 Trent Brewer
 Adam Brown



Jamie Brown
 Kim Brown
 Thomas Brown
 Joe Bryson
 Nathan Burns-Sprung
 Joshua Burton
 Angela Calandrino
 Kenneth Calhoun



Sara Canseco
 Jack Capper
 Tyler Carrington
 Nathan Carter
 Rachel Carter
 Elijah Caselman
 Kasey Chavez
 Katie Chen



Bob Choe
 Aaron Clark
 Charity Clark
 Patrick Clark
 Michael Colle
 Jennifer Colley
 Alicia Commer
 Jessica Conrad



Erin Cory
 Valerie Courtney
 Veronica Croan
 Jared Cross
 Adam Cushman
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 Abby Davis
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 Miguel Diaz
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 Stephanie Dieso
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▲ Jessica Conrad, sophomore, peeks out from the flaps of her tent that she uses for Explorers. The Explorers troop participates in traditional Boy Scout camping as well as some non-traditional activities. Photo by Lindsey Quitmeier

The Explorers

"We wanted it to be a club where anyone can be in it without having to spend tons of money"

No teenager enjoys being told what to do or when to do it. The Explorers is a coed scout troop led by teenagers who plan exciting events and outings.

Jessica Conrad is the secretary of the Explorers. She is an outgoing, fun, outdoor-loving 16-year-old sophomore, who has a lot of responsibility. Jessica is in charge of the call tree to tell other members of upcoming events. She also takes notes at the meeting, writing down all important information.

She is also in charge of getting publicity for the Explorers. That means she arranges for schools to invite people to the meetings over the announcements. She also calls radio stations to try to get their group advertised on the air. She is now working on a Web Page for the Explorers.

"The hardest part is being on our own without an adult there to keep us in check," said Jessica.

Her friend, Krista Gloe, introduced her to the Explor-

ers. Krista's father, Paul Gloe, had heard about other groups like the Explorers and thought it sounded like a fun idea. So he started an organization like it of his own last summer.

The Explorers goes on camping, hiking, canoeing and ski trips. They also go to a place called IBEX where they can climb and repel off of a fake wall. They also have Christmas and pool parties.

The organization is now planning for a big trip during 2001. This is called the High Adventure. Their plan is to take a trip to Philmont Scout Camp in New Mexico. There they will hike hundreds of miles up a mountain, camp out and bond with the people who live there.

The troop has to raise their own money. So the group joins with other troops to lower the cost of events.

"We wanted it to be a club where anyone can be in it without having to spend tons of money," said Jessica.

Story by Sarah Edelbaum

Jeremy Dulle
Thomas Dunnam
Megan Earnhart
Matthew Ebberhart
Sarah Edelbaum
Steven Edwards
Rogelio Espinoza
Sunny Eubanks



Kari Fetters
Toni Findley
Emily Fotovich
John Franklin
Nicholas Frederick
Milissa Gabauer
Michael Garfield
Joshua Garner



Robert Garrison
Matthew Gaynor
Nicholas Gentry
Eric Geraghty
Jessie Gieseke
Brandy Ginn
Krista Gloe
Kevin Goff



Randall Goff
Joseph Gold
Patrick Gratton
Luke Grauel
Nicole Graves
Natasha Green
Matthew Griffin
Michael Griffin



Robert Grove
Todd Gutschow
Erin Haber
Michelle Hagen
Thomas Hagen
Brandy Hans
Andrew Hardisty
Joshua Harris



Matthew Hawkins
Joshua Herman
Erin Hey
Jonathan Hicks
Alicia Hietbrink
Jerin Higdon
Hannah Ho
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Abigail Holmes
Jennifer Hopper
Stephante Hopper
Amanda Hostikka
Jason Huff
Bobbi Hurley
Christian Jack
Christina Johnson



Nicholas Jones
Justin Kearns
LeAnna Kemp
Mark Kenney
Christopher King
Tami King
Lindsey Kirkpatrick
Angela Kovach



Tae Kwon Do

"Every aspect of my life has been affected by tae kwon do."

Lauren Phillips, sophomore, had always wanted to do some sort of martial arts. When a two-week free trial session came about her parents enrolled her.

"They were hoping to get it out of my system," said Phillips.

Lauren got deeply involved in tae kwon do and has stayed involved since that free trial session.

Tae kwon do is a technique of kicking and punching used in highly skillful methods for self-defense, but it is also a means of enlightenment.

It requires discipline, because participants have to show respect for teachers along with everyone else involved.

Each level of skill is arranged into belts with a black belt being of the highest achievement. At Millennium Martial Arts she is a second-degree black belt.

Martial arts competition plays a main part of Lauren's life. She has competed in many national competitions and the Junior Olympics. Lauren has received gold medals in national competitions since 1994.

There are two forms of competition: sparring in full

contact for two minutes and performing certain individual skills in a pattern for judges. She enjoys both of these events, but loves the way sparring gets her adrenaline pumping.

Aside from her own training Lauren has also assisted with classes since the age of ten and is now even teaching her own classes. This is a very rewarding experience for her because she can share what she learned with others.

To her it is amazing how little six-year-old kids can stand completely still and follow the discipline rules that are so heavily stressed.

"Every aspect of my life has been affected by it (tae kwon do)," Lauren said with great enthusiasm.

She believes it has made her more disciplined, which in result makes people, especially adults, take her more seriously.

It has also given her more self-confidence that she can do anything. Lauren has been given a sense of safety in the case she ever gets in a situation where she would have to use her skill, which she hopes will never happen.

Story by Abby Davis



*▲ Sophomore Lauren Phillips has become more disciplined by martial arts and in turn makes adults and other people take her more seriously.
Photo by Jenny Frazee*

Justin Kuhl
 Tylor Kytasaari
 Jessica Laber
 Jessica Leader
 Jamie Leseman
 Alison Lewis
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 Stephanie Locker
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 Jeff Lowden
 Liana Lyons
 Katherine Maasen
 Travis Maddox
 Jalie Mann



Casey Mannell
 Joni Martin
 Krystina Matteson
 Desiree May
 Laura McCawley
 Devin McCollum
 Matthew McCormick
 Justin McDaniel



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 Sarah McKain
 Terah McMillin
 Paul Meadows
 Tony Mena
 Shanna Meyer
 Matthew Mihalka



Jeffrey Miller
 Jeremy Miller
 Kristina Miner
 Melody Murphy
 Christopher Nauman
 Jesse Nelson
 John Nero
 Jessica Newman



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 Eric Page
 Katie Parrish
 Ebrahim Paryavi
 Maggie Passig
 Chad Pearson
 Raul Perez



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 Brycan Reilly
 Jessica Retter
 Jason Rhodes
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Miss Kansas City Teen

"It is a relaxed atmosphere, and everyone is basically just trying to get through the pageant,"

Playing dress up and wearing mother's makeup was a favorite hobby for little girls to enjoy. Everyone seems to grow out of it, but this is not the case for Alexis Derrossett.

This sophomore has continued on with her favorite pastime, turning it into a real profession.

Currently Miss Kansas City Teen of 1998, she has had other prestigious titles such as being fourth runner up in the Miss Missouri Teen Pageant.

Ever since she was a child, Alexis knew she wanted to compete in beauty pageants.

At first, her parents were unwilling to help her so she resorted to her friend, who is Miss Missouri, to teach her how to start.

There were several different categories she had to learn to compete in: evening wear, personal introduction, speech, talent and interview.

"We have about two months to practice, depending on what pageant you are entered in," she said.

After her first pageant, her

parents saw how it boosted her morale, and decided to help her in her decision.

Competition is a big issue when beauty pageants are mentioned, but Alexis was quick to protest.

"We are all friends. It is a relaxed atmosphere, and everyone is basically just trying to get through the pageant," she said.

Winning a title does have its rewards. Those rewards include a banner, a crown and money, ranging from \$1,000-\$2,500, depending on the pageant.

Alexis admits there is one downfall to winning. "I started assuming I was going to win, so when they didn't call my name in the Miss Missouri pageant, I was crushed."

Alexis does see competing in pageants in her near future, although she said nothing was set in concrete at this moment.

Advice for future participants is "Relax. Although, being nervous can keep you on your toes. Just remember, you don't have to win."

Story by Tiffany Pica



A. Sophomore Alexis Derrossett displays her beautiful gown and trophies from the Miss Kansas City beauty pageant. Photo by Lindsey Quitmeier

Nathan Richerson
 Chad Rinketts
 Kathryn Rinkoski
 Bradley Roberts
 Steven Robinette
 Phillip Ross
 Christina Ruby
 Karen Runyan



Audra Runyon
 John Russell
 Shanna Rypel
 Matthew Saladino
 Tonia Samples
 Tina Sandstrom
 Becky Schaefer
 Samantha Schmidt



Tommy Schmidt
 Danielle Schrader
 Brooks Schroeder
 Daniel Seiler
 Mary Seutter
 David Sexton
 Jessica Shannon
 Melyssa Sharpe



Nicole Shelledy
 Kathryn Shelton
 Veronica Shobe
 Stacy Silich
 Nathan Sittig
 Joshua Slavin
 Matthew Slesman
 Andrew Smith



Elizabeth Smith
 Joseph Smith
 Nicholas Snyder
 Benjamin Sol
 Virginia Soto
 Carol Sparks
 Alison Spinden
 Abby Spornitz



Ashley Stewart
 Joseph Stokes
 Rachel Streit
 Brian Stuetelberg
 Lindsey Stuetelberg
 Mei Suen
 Vanessa Summers
 Jaime Sutherland



Crystal Swafford
 Christie Taylor
 Benjamin Tew
 Jeremy Theas
 Justin Thompson
 Heather Tillman
 Daniel Tomasich
 Anne Torpey



Jason Toye
 Matthew Twardowski
 Travis Uzynski
 Andrew Vandepopulier
 Edwin Vega
 Natasha Vogel
 Abby Vowels
 Tyson Wallace



Scholar Bowl

"I didn't have any role models or trainers when I joined. I've done this all through my own inner fire."

The surge of a mind in action, sending information long stored within its depths to the surface for access of someone who is in direct competition in a Scholar Bowl.

The key to civilization and the entire world are knowledge, logic and information, ideas with which sophomore Matt Ebbertt is quite skilled. He has been in Scholar Bowl for nearly four years, which within the confines of teenage minds is quite a long time and so he is a veteran.

Matt began his trek of comprehension in seventh grade. Being a novice then, his first time was a bit odd. But his awkwardness was quickly replaced by skill and ability.

Now Matt is more skilled in the art of turning wits against another and has joined the team again for the simple love of the mind's ultimate feat.

Favorite memories are hard to come by since there are so many. However, perhaps one of the best is when Matt was given the title of "Captain," which recognized him as an intellectual leader.

To be so recognized takes work, effort, and overcoming

adversity against those who are some of the most intelligent students around.

The most formidable opponents that Matt has faced were from New Mark Middle School. With high intellects and higher abilities, the clash between these two forces was inspirational for all.

"It was hard being against them. But heavy practice and effort were the key to doing our best," he said.

"I didn't have any role models or trainers when I joined. I've done this all through my own inner fire."

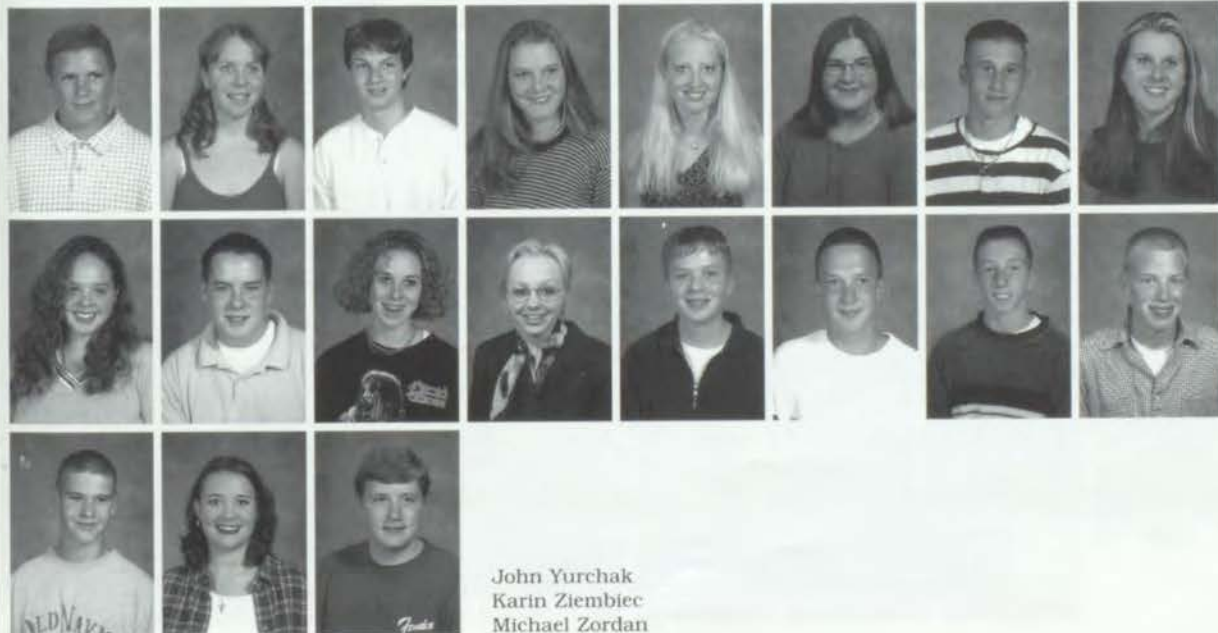
"It's always better to work for your goals and motivations, than to work for another's, as it is the true way for one to gain the most knowledge and experience from situations."

Matt advises other interested students to join the Scholar Bowl. It has been an experience that has altered his life, and he would be happy to help others to gain the maximum intellect and experience from both their own minds and from the knowledge of others.

Story by Travis Uzynski



▲ Sophomore Matt Ebbertt loves the thrill of matching his intellect against another student during Scholar Bowl competitions. Photo by Lara Packett



William Way
Jessica Weidman
Michael Wells
Rayna Wells
Emily White
Katherine White
Roger Wildberger
Gwynn Wiley

Kelli Wiley
Casey Williams
Sarah Williams
Stephanie Williamson
Benjamin Windsor
Kyle Wiseman
Jonathon Woods
Jason Wortman

John Yurchak
Karin Ziembiec
Michael Zordan

Lauren Abrams
 Corie Allen
 Jennifer Almaraz
 Melissa Alsept
 Rayminda Alvarez
 Melinda Atkins
 Annie Augur
 Annie Aust



Dana Bailey
 Kyle Baker
 Anthony Baldin
 David Ball
 Melissa Ballard
 Jesse Balmer
 Stacia Barajas
 Jenna Barcus



Stephanie Bauer
 Tyler Beane
 Anne Bennett
 Tasha Benton
 Ann Bird
 Candi Blair
 Robert Block
 Hannah Bogle



Kathryn Bornus
 Shea Boudreaux
 Eric Bradley
 Stephanie Brandis
 Ashley Briscoe
 Trisha Brooks
 Daniel Bruns
 Adam Buettner



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 Courtney Cassity
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 Adam Chatfield



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Row 4: Mrs. Kris Smither, Debbie Plemmons, Erin Lichty, Adam Westfall, Katie Ketelsen



Costume Design

"When you are in a play you should practice until you know everything there is to know about your character."

Karen Burton has been making costumes for four years. This was her first year to make them for the school, she has been making them for Civil War reenactments.

She makes the costumes at home, but she also gets some pieces of clothing from thrift stores.

Karen makes costumes because she has an idea on how the characters should look by studying the era.

Karen was in the play, "Our Town." This was her first play at school in which she has been on stage.

"Sometimes small roles are more fun. When you are in a play you should

practice until you know everything there is to know about your character," said Karen.

Karen believes that more people should get involved in plays.

"Performance arts get overlooked," said Burton.

She was also involved in stagecraft last year. She built the sets for "Phantom of the Opera" and "No, No, Nanette," at Park Hill.

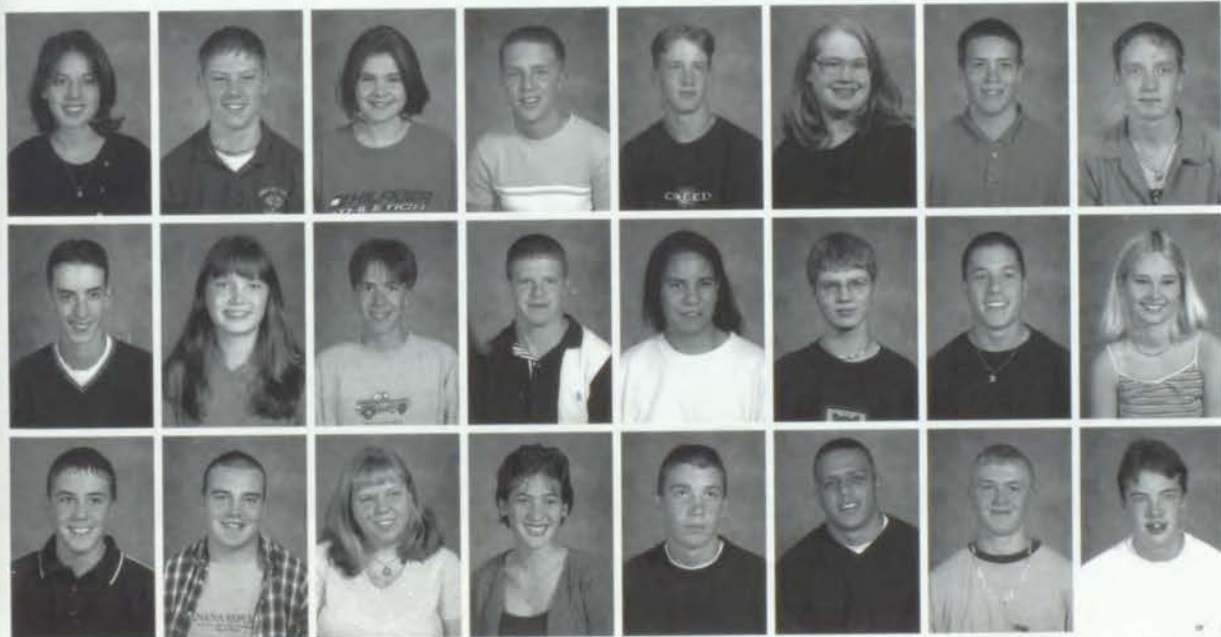
She also painted and helped others reorganize the wood pile.

She loves doing a lot of things involving theater. She wants to try to stay in theater for as long as she can.

Story by Jennifer Donegan



▲ Junior Karen Burton shows her creativity while painting in Mrs. Kris Smither's Watercolor class. Photo by Jessica Regan.



Kristin Chettle
Aaron Cockriel
Ashley Collins
Brian Collins
Curtis Cramer
Cassandra Crawford
Barry Crilley
Matthew Cross

William Daniels
Natasha Danilina
Ryan Day
Sean Dickerson
Dawn Ditges
Kevin Donahue
Chad Doyle
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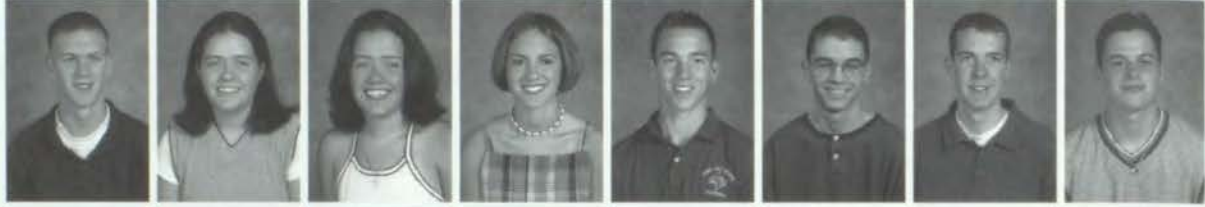
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 Ryan Freeman
 Michael Galate
 Jennifer Gant
 Frank Garcia
 Skye Geer



Corey Gehrt
 Kathy Gentry
 Kelly Gentry
 Christina Giamalva
 Vincent Ginestra
 Aaron Ginther
 Scott Goodwin
 Joshua Gorombe



Caleb Graves
 Luke Gray
 Dawnelle Greenamy
 Jamarsel Grigsby
 Jason Gubbins
 Daniel Haarup
 Emily Hamil
 Yulim Han



Katherine Handley
 Shane Harmon
 Lance Harper
 Matthew Harper
 Natalee Haug
 Laura Hayes
 Amber Hearn
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 Blaire Hines
 Dellie Hines
 Blair Hinkle
 Benjamin Hodges
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John Howell
 Mario Iafrate
 Tony Jablonski
 Ato Jackson-Kuofie
 D.J. Jahn
 Lori Jarowitz
 Marit Jensen
 James Johnson



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 Aaron Jones
 Christy Kaiser
 Melissa Kane
 Megan Keadle
 Jeffrey Keeley
 Cindy Kelley
 Kathleen Ketelsen



Moving to the United States

"The architecture is so beautiful here, especially the downtown skyline at night."

Moving to the United States opened up many new opportunities for junior Natasha Danilina.

A little over a year ago in February, 1998, her mother decided to marry an American man from Kansas City. They moved from Mari El in the city of Yochor-ola, Russia which is east of Moscow to start a new life in the United States.

Natasha speaks English quite fluently and has been taught the language for more than six years by taking private tutoring lessons.

She said "Speaking English was not so great like it is now."

She even enrolled in Spanish I in her junior year here at South. Her teachers were a little more lenient for her, though, and allowed some extra time for certain chapters she learned.

Natasha likes American high schools. The classes in Russia were the same all the time, with students staying in the same room all day with a few variations throughout the week, compared to South's schedule of switching classrooms and block scheduling.

She likes to meet new people and to introduce herself to others. In Russia she saw the same people all the time.

"Moving to the United States was a great experience in my life. The traveling gives you a chance to learn so many things about yourself and about other people," said Natasha.

Her attitude about life was completely different, but she now values her family and all the friendships she has made.

Some of her favorite things to do are playing volleyball and badminton, swimming and ice skating. She has never really played what Americans consider a high school sport, but she has attempted to play them just to see what they are like.

Natasha also likes to look around at Crown Center and the Plaza.

"The architecture is so beautiful here, especially the downtown skyline at night," said Natasha.

Being so far away from her country does have its down side.

"I miss a lot of my family and friends," said Danilina.

She still hears from them through e-mail and letters.

Natasha had always watched movies, and read books and magazines about the United States, but to actually move here was a dream come true for her, something she referred to as "being in the best country in the world."

Story by Cathy Fleming



Junior Natasha Danilina has lived on both sides of the world: Russia and America. Photo by Allison Lewis

Rhonda King
 Ian Kloiber
 Shelley Koons
 Steffany Kovacs
 Jason Lakey
 Sarah Lam
 Gretchen Lane
 Michelle Lane-Ash



Jesse Lange
 Caleb Lavine
 Christina Legault
 Lindsay Letourneau
 Erin Lichty
 Christopher Little
 Cassandra Longsdorf
 Anthony Lundgren



Allison Maag
 Zackarie Mackie
 Lydia Martin
 Ryan McCauley
 Paul McCracken
 Adam McCully
 Carmen McDonald
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 Jason McKay
 Jessica Mikulich
 Zach Mitchell
 Molly Montgomery
 De Juan Moore
 Kevin Moore
 Brian Morgan



Krysten Morrow
 Eric Morton
 Desirae Murillo
 Casey Nelson
 Courtney Nelson
 Melissa Nixon
 Jared Nook
 Tom Novak



Crystal Olson
 Ann Opanasyuk
 Sarah Otwell
 Lara Packett
 Joseph Parvin
 Dustin Pence
 Eddie Perez
 Nikki Perez



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 Debbie Plemmons
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 Sean Quinn
 Addison Raine



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 Tammy Rash
 Zachary Regan
 Timothy M. Reid
 Brian Retherford
 Tina Richard
 Stacy Rickert
 Allyson Roberts



Demolition Derby

*"It's cheap entertainment
for a redneck crowd."*

It takes more than just going to a mall with friends to entertain juniors Eric Bradley and DJ Adamson. For the past year they have been competing in demolition derbies, a rough sport that takes time, money and the willingness to live life on the edge.

Some drivers know how it feels to get rear-ended; most people don't find it to be very fun. Imagine that same feeling but multiple times in just seconds. That's what DJ and Eric love going through every derby.

That's not including the noise of crunching metal and loud motors. It must be deafening. While all of this is happening, DJ and Eric have to control their car and try to hit other cars.

"You gotta be an aggressive person," Eric advises, "you have to know how to maneuver well in a car."

To win a derby, you have to be the last car still moving. The downside to this sport is getting whiplash from being thrown around. While on the bright side, the winners usually get cash prizes.

These guys like the sport because of their love of building cars and earning cash prizes is a motive. Eric also enjoys the adrenaline rush he gets while being in the derby.

DJ has been going to demolition derbies for years. But two years ago, he asked Eric to start competing with him.

First they have to buy cheap, old, junky cars. They like Impalas the best because of their big size. Then they put in their own engines, which they're able to reuse; they just have to buy new junkers.

Next they have to remove all glass and moldings on the car because if not, glass would be flying everywhere and the moldings could become sharp and dangerous. It takes them about two full days to fix up a car.

Eric and DJ have competed in Horton, KS, the Platte County Fair, and in Dearborn. Derbies are held mainly in the summer and fall.

There seems to be quite a variety of spectators at these events. Eric must get a kick from just looking around since he said with a laugh, "It's cheap entertainment for a redneck crowd."

People who haven't gone to a demolition derby should try to attend at least one. Those who like checking out wrecks that occur on the sides of the road will definitely have a blast at these events. And who knows, DJ and Eric might just be there in the middle of all the action.

Story by Corie Allen



Junior Eric Bradley sits on the roof of one of the cars that he and DJ Adamson ran in a demolition derby last summer. Photo by Cindy Kelley

Brandon Romines
 Amber Roscher
 Jennifer Rule
 Sara Ruzicka
 Shane Sachs
 Kimberli Sartain
 Aaron Sauer
 Teresa Saving



Richard Schaber
 Lauren Schiltz
 Abby Schoenrock
 Kyle Sebus
 Joshua Sewell
 Ashlee Seymour
 Marissa Shand
 Matthew Sharp



Ryan Shaw
 Carolyn Shutty
 Marissa Sievert
 Nikki Sissel
 Michael Slavik
 Laura Sloan
 Justin Smith
 Ruth Smith



Allison Smither
 Mattie Snelling
 Christopher Sohm
 Robin Sol
 Ceresce Soule
 Dustin Stauffer
 Philip Stehly
 Dustin Steinhauser



Christopher Steppig
 Daren Stewart
 Amy Stice
 Brooke Still
 Sasha Summers
 Mike Svetlic
 Matthew Taylor
 Alissa Thompson



Jesse Tiffany
 Karen Toburen
 Teandra Tombs
 Elle Toye
 Jesse Trader
 Keir Troncoso
 Theresa Tuck
 Melissa Updike



Mario Urruela
 Aaron Van Wey
 Ryan Vandever
 Jimmy Walker
 Jennifer Waller
 Sara Walters
 Shaun Waters
 Amber Watson



Ashley Watson
 Brianna Watson
 Natalie Way
 Patrick Weidt
 Libby Weiss
 Adam Westfall
 Rachel Wetschensky
 Kimberly White



Driven Determination

*"Practice, practice, practice
and never give up"*

One student at Park Hill South has what some people might call natural talent and what others might call driven determination.

Junior Jesse Tiffany has been playing guitar for ten years and hasn't been able to put it down yet.

Since he began playing he has had four different guitar teachers but for the most part has taught himself.

He loves to play hardcore guitar riffs from bands like Megadeath, Rush, and his favorite, Metallica.

Jesse plays all different styles of music on his Samick Les Paul, everything from blues to rock 'n

roll to classical to heavy metal.

"Every since I was a little kid I've always wanted to be on stage and have the opportunity to feel the energy of the crowd while I played," said Tiffany.

His main focus is guitar, but that's not the only instrument that he plays. He also shows talent playing bass, drums, and piano.

He isn't currently involved with a band, but he is still pursuing a career in the musical field.

Jesse's advice to aspiring musicians is simple. "Practice, practice, practice, and never give up."

Story by Niki Shelledy



*Junior Jesse Tiffany has been playing the guitar for many years and hopes to someday make a career out of it.
Photo by Cindy Kelley*



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Life-changing events

Milestones alter everyday life

During the course of this school year many things happened in both our local community and in our world that changed our lives forever.

In the fall of 1998 the U.S. Congress started debating a subject, impeachment, that had not been brought up since the Nixon administration and had not been voted on since President Andrew Johnson.

President Bill Clinton was accused of perjury and obstruction of justice concerning his affair with Monica Lewinsky. The House of Representatives impeached the President on Dec. 19.

The trial then went to the Senate to see if the leader of the world's most powerful nation would be removed from office. After debating for almost two months, the Senate acquitted the President.

"I feel that the whole impeachment deal made people in general question their morals and beliefs more and more," said sophomore Beth Pinter.

Local politics were not as confrontational, but just as historic. Kay Waldo Barnes and George Blackwood ran in the Kansas City mayoral election. Barnes was sworn in as the city's first female mayor.

During the night of April 13, no one living in downtown Parkville knew they would wake up to a disaster. At about 11:35 p.m. 26 Burlington Northern-Santa Fe railroad cars derailed, spilling almost 2,600 tons of coal. It took the railroad days to get the coal and mangled railroad cars off the street.

The derailment missed most of the stores in downtown Parkville but destroyed the newly opened shop, La De Da's, that had only been open for 13 days. The derailment also shut off water to some parts of Parkville.

April 20 changed the way students felt about being safe in school. On that day in Littleton, CO, a suburb of Denver, students at Columbine High School were returning from lunch and or sitting in classes, when two students entered the cafeteria firing rounds from guns and throwing pipe bombs.

Many students fled the school while others were caught under desks, in teacher's offices, and anywhere else they could find to hide. The students still left in the building were there for the few hours until SWAT teams came and rescued those still alive.

When it all was over, 12 students and one teacher had lost their lives, and the two murderers had committed suicide.

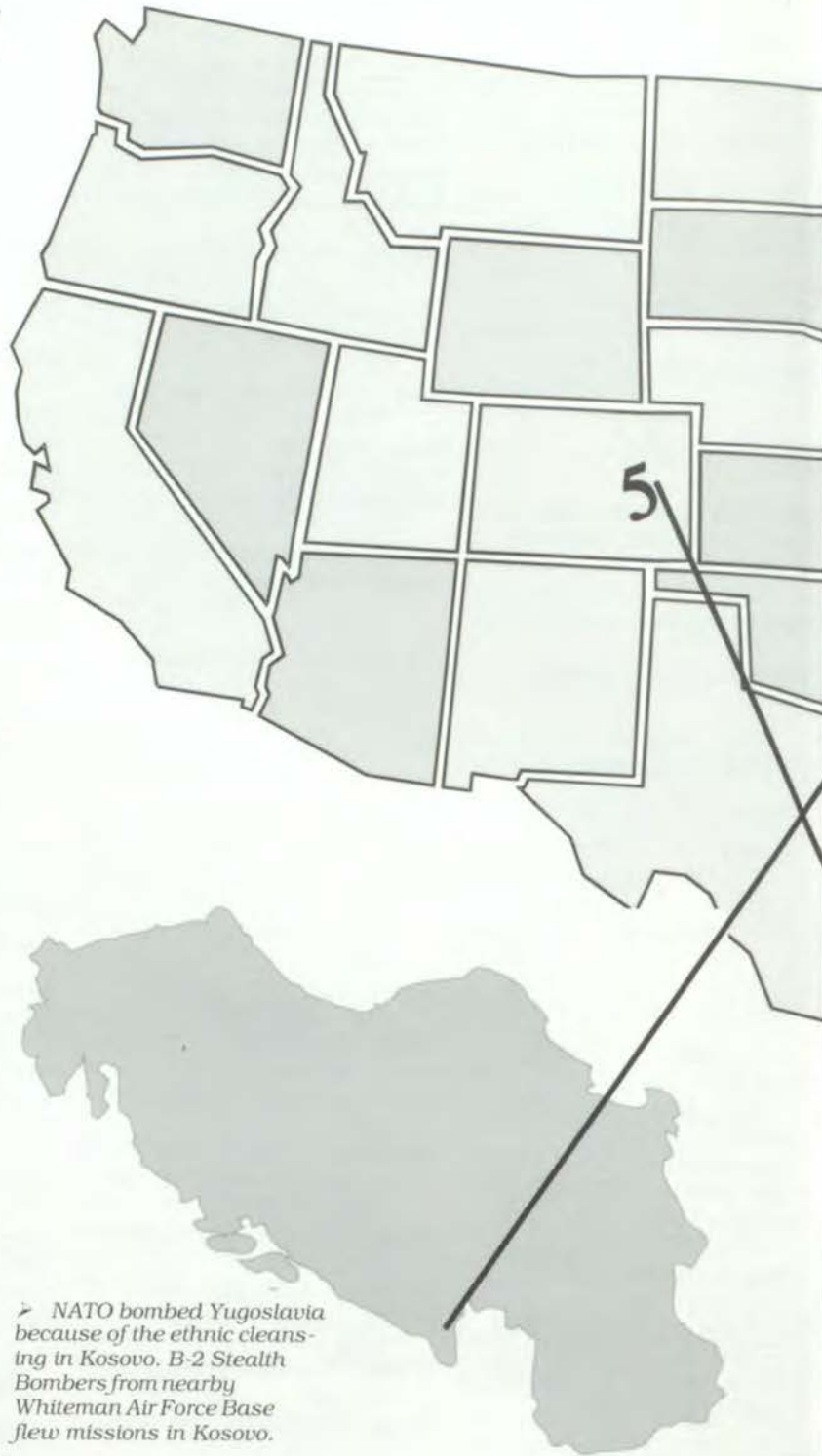
"The shooting in Colorado has changed a lot. The days following were very nerve-racking. As an athlete it was scary having to worry about what might happen. You also had to be careful what you said for fear it would rub someone the wrong way. It is something I hope we can avoid because I am sure nobody wants to be a part of that," said junior Chris Steppig.

Death thousands of miles away also changed our lives. The U.S., as a part of North American Trade Organization (NATO) forces, bombed Yugoslavia. The bombing occurred because Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic forcibly cleared ethnic Kosovars from the province of Kosovo.

South students pitched in when the Alternative School collected bottled water and other needed supplies for the Kosovar refugees.

"The bombing in Kosovo had had an affect on all of us in the fact that the thought of war scares many people. We have to fear not only war, but Americans that are risking their lives for us," said Chris.

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➤ NATO bombed Yugoslavia because of the ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. B-2 Stealth Bombers from nearby Whiteman Air Force Base flew missions in Kosovo.

➤ Peaceful Littleton, Colorado, was rocked on April 20 when two students from Columbine High School came into the school with pipe bombs and automatic weapons, killing 12 of their classmates, one teacher, and then themselves, making it the worst school massacre in U.S. history.

✓ President William Jefferson Clinton was impeached by the House of Representatives on Dec. 19, 1998. He was later acquitted in a Senate trial.



➤ On April 10, things changed at Kansas City's city hall. Instead of the familiar "Mr. Mayor" it was now "Mrs. Mayor" when Kay Waldo Barnes became the first woman mayor of Kansas City MO. Photo courtesy the Office of the Mayor

➤ At 11:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 26 Burlington Northern-Santa Fe coal train cars crashed into downtown Parkville destroying one store.



➤ Near Christmas, juniors Jennifer Waller and Phil Esposito untangle lights so they can decorate their teacher's classroom door.
Photo by Rachel Wetschensky



▼ During her second block Language Arts class, junior Kathy Gentry writes a short essay.
Photo by Dustin Pence



▲ At the Renaissance Assembly the entire school joined in with the cheerleaders and danced to the YMCA.
Photo by Dustin Pence

Changing times

Year of change comes to close

At the beginning of the 1998-1999 school year students and faculty didn't know what to expect. Changing the colors and location of schools also meant changing friends. This was just a small part of entering a new life at a new school.

"It was hard to not see my friends anymore. I miss them all, but by not seeing them I have met new friends at South," said junior Caleb Graves.

In many ways the two schools Park Hill and Park Hill South, were separated. We rarely competed against each other in sports and only one event, Prom, was held together. The relationship with Park Hill changed throughout the year.

"I don't think it would have been good to schedule more events because we are a separate school," said sophomore Danny Seiler.

When it was announced that South would not have any Seniors this year many expected that the sports teams would not do well without these experienced players. That was not the case. Almost half of the teams won conference, one team, boys' soccer, went to state. Sophomore Kim Brown became South's first state champion when she won the 400 race in track.

"It was an excellent experience for me and the rest of the team. Next season we will work harder so that we can hopefully bring home the state title," said Seiler, a member of the soccer team.

We had a successful first year at South and will always remember the change of pace.

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by Ann Bird



◀ During lunch, after the Renaissance Assembly, Mr. John Sedler adds toppings to his ice cream.
Photo by Dustin Pence

✓ During the fall play, "Our Town" junior Allison Smither feeds her daughters, junior Blair Witt and sophomore Jalie Mann



▲ On Thursday mornings during Club 121's "Seek Week" students listen to speakers.
Photo by Dustin Pence

◀ At the 1999 Junior/Senior Prom students from Park Hill and Park Hill South stand in line at registration.





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