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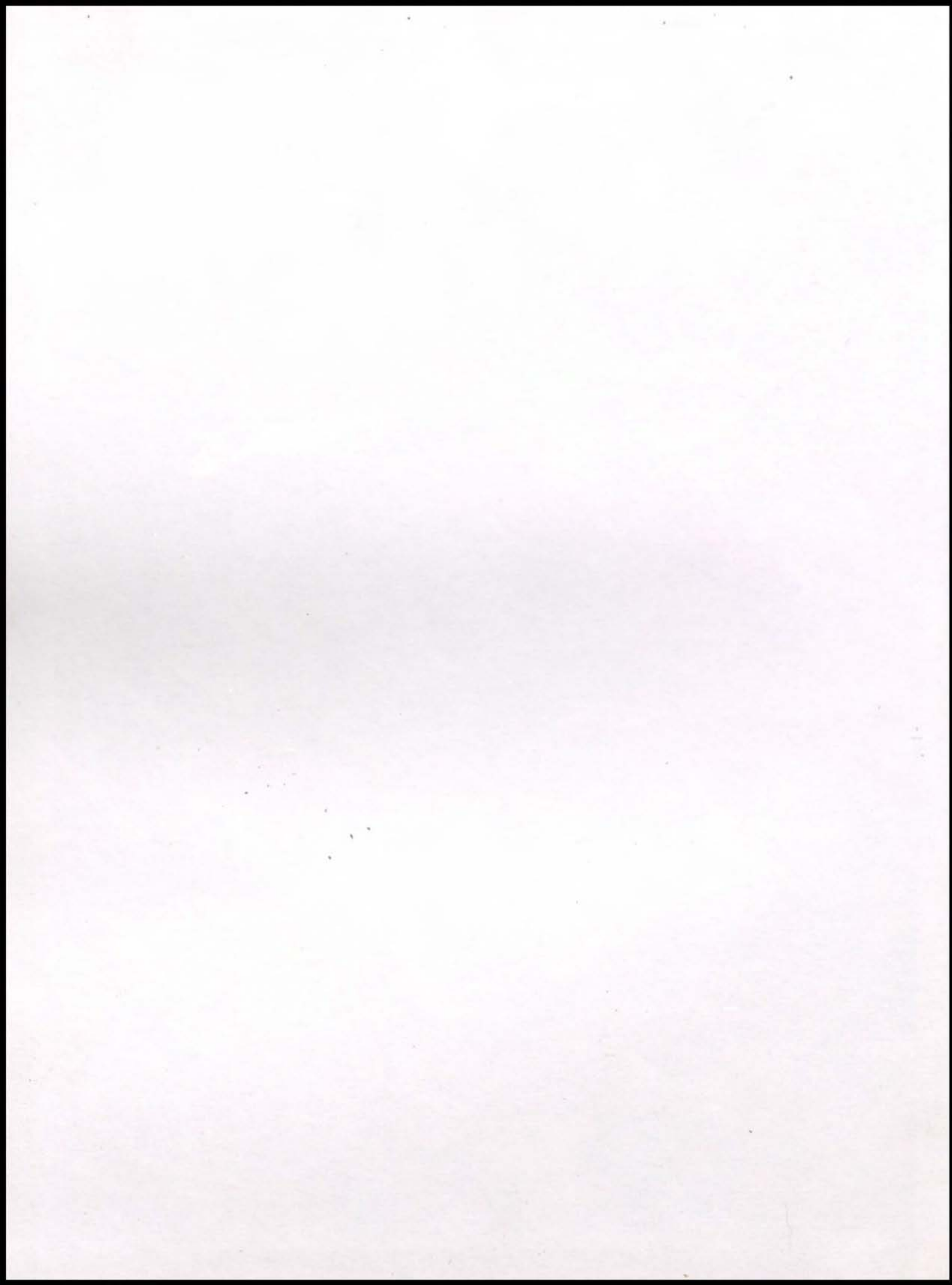


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Throughout high school, everyone searches for who they are, what they want to be, and what makes them their own person. From that rowdy football player at the first opening game you can hear from the other side of the gym to the drum major conducting the band, and the captain of the dance team to the Hot Box Chicks in the school musical, we are all different. Whether we notice it or not, we use high school as an experimenting environment to test out various IDENTITIES. We discover one, test it out, and try to FIND a new one until we are satisfied. We may even mix and match a little. This book shows how we, as students, are...

DEFINING ONES IDENTITY.

Sophomore Anna Baynham smiles to the camera during the homecoming parade. Baynham enjoys cheering for her team. She has been a cheerleader since freshman year. Baynham works hard at practice, and it pays off. Photo by Justin Gibbs



There are two sides to **Sophomore Anna Baynham**: being a Varsity Cheerleader and the other being in the Blue Jay Pride Marching Band. **Baynham** plays the saxophone. "I like wearing my cheerleading uniform on the field. It makes me stand out." Photo by *Justin Gibbs*

Sophomore Anna Baynham loves making people laugh. "I love the fact that when I'm not in the best mood I have friends who can always cheer me up no matter what it is I'm going through, and I can do the same for them when they need me to," said **Baynham**. Photo by *Rekate Wheeler*

"Band is completely different than cheerleading," commented **Baynham**, "In band, you can't be yourself like you can in cheerleading. Cheerleading is fun, and we never have a dull moment thanks to 'Fricky.'" Photo by *Justin Gibbs*



showing School Spirit

"I've been a cheerleader since freshman year. Cheering is fun, and you learn to love the girls...and Spencer," stated **Sophomore Anna Baynham**.

"The girls on the squad are so fun. We went to camp over the summer, and that's where we actually bonded and became a squad," said **Baynham**.

Baynham loves her coaches. She thinks that **Ms. Frinsthal** and **Ms. Livingston** are great. She is also really close with all the girls on the squad.

"Our captain **Amber Thompson** is probably the girl that everyone is super close to. I see her as the big sister I never had. I'd probably have to say that **Bethanie** is the sweetest out of all us," said **Baynham**.

"We all love each other, and if any of us have a problem we usually try to solve it. It's like we're one big family," explained **Baynham**.

The cheerleaders usually practice

for upcoming games or events that the school asks them to perform at.

"I love all of our performances even though sometimes they mess our music up, it's still fun," exclaimed **Baynham**.

Baynham is working hard to do her best to be the best she can be. She hopes by her senior year she can become captain.

Baynham has not only lived in Raytown. She used to live in North Kansas City and in New York. She thinks that North Kansas City is really different from Raytown.

"The drama in North Kansas City is slim to none, and if there is, it's resolved in a day. In Raytown, the drama seems to go on forever," stated **Baynham**.

Her favorite classes she is taking right now are Enriched English II and Geometry.

"I like Enriched English because it's one of the only classes that actually gives me a challenge," **Baynham** stat-

ed, "I like Geometry for the same reason, and because the teacher is fun."

Baynham would like to take Parent and Child Development and Psychology later on in high school.

"My coach said Parent and Child Development would be fun and educational," started **Baynham**, "I want to take Psychology because I might decide to be a Psychologist when I grow up."

If **Baynham** doesn't become a Psychologist she hopes to become a lawyer because she is a people person and she is very argumentative and she always gets her way.

Anna Baynham



"I'm a pretty random person, but that's what makes me who I am," said **Best**. **Best** participated in Forensics this year. She got to use funny accents and crazy facial expressions. *Photo by Jenna Duckworth*

Best enjoys her family, especially her four little brothers. "They drive me insane, but they know I'll always love them," said **Best**. **Best** is very close to her family. *Photo by Jenna Duckworth*

Best participated in the fall musical, "Guys and Dolls." "It was really fun, and I met a lot of cool new people," said **Best**. The musical was a great success this year. *Photo by Jenna Duckworth*

Kylie Best stood on the front steps of Raytown High School; she didn't quite know what to expect on the inside. She could feel those jittery butterflies churning in her stomach, but then again she always did on the first day at a new school. She held her head high as she walked with confidence into the school.

Now, a year later, **Junior Kylie Best** certainly accomplished a lot over her first year at a new school. **Best** joined the Forensic team where she met then **Junior Michael Smith**. **Smith** and **Best** worked together on their forensic pieces and even qualified for Nationals this past summer.

"**Kylie** is not only a fun person to hang out with, but she has strong faith and is a good role model for kids seeking religion," said **Junior Lindsey Lyons**. **Best** belongs to the KCBT Midtown church where she enjoys helping kids.

"I like church because I love Jesus, and on Sunday mornings we get doughnuts! I'm going to start playing guitar on the praise team, so that will

be fun," said **Best**.

In recent years, **Best** has gone on mission trips to help others. She plans on traveling to Costa Rica in March for another mission trip where she will go door to door evangelizing others the word of God. It will be interesting because **Best** will be speaking in Spanish while down in Costa Rica spreading the word.

"**Kylie** is the type of person who is always there for you and extremely loyal; she's kind of like a golden retriever," laughed **Senior Michael Smith**. **Best** is just a normal girl trying to make a difference by helping out kids, or just being a good friend. She loves her family even though her four brothers drive her insane at times.

"My family and I are really close; my Dad is my best friend," said **Best**. In **Best's** free time she loves riding her bike, and hanging out with friends.

This year **Best** was in the musical, "Guys and Dolls," she played a hot-box girl. **Best** chose to tryout for the musical because she enjoys them and the people who are in the them, and

they are really fun. She also participated in National Honor Society where she helped out in ACES as a tutor. **Best** likes tutoring other kids her age, because she cares about helping improve their grades. She also continued in forensics where she gets to have silly accents looking stupid and then gets awarded for it.

Next year when **Best** graduates she plans on staying in Kansas City for her college years, although she says there is a slight chance she'll attend college in Alaska. She hasn't yet settled on a particular career, but she knows she wants it to do with missionary teachings or a school teacher or possibly a vineyard.

"**Kylie** has a bright future, she's smart, funny, and I know she will do good things down the road," said **Junior Lindsey Lyons**. With a last name like "**Best**," she is bound to accomplish many obstacles.

Story by Molly Walsh

raytown's Best

Kylie Best



At the football pep rally, Best enjoys cheering in the crowd with her friends. "At most assemblies, Camerata has to perform, so I don't usually get to sit with my friends," said Best. Best joined Camerata her junior year and plans to continue with it her senior year.

Photo by Jasper Cookworth

away from SU CASA

When he first came to America, **Freshman Eric Olvera** didn't struggle to mesh with the crowds. Even though he was a new student to Raytown from Mexico, City, Mexico, **Olvera** adjusted quickly

He came here, after thirteen years in Mexico, to be with his parents although they had already been in America for a while. **Olvera** had stayed in Mexico to complete a program there.

"I don't remember how long [my parents] were there, but I just went to school while they were gone," **Olvera** admitted.

"I wasn't nervous about coming here. I wasn't scared either," explained **Olvera**.

Olvera enjoys Raytown because it's a lot easier than

his school in Mexico.

"If I was in Mexico, I would have to take Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Algebra II and Trig, and of course, Spanish," **Olvera** explained.

He enjoys being around his classmates and was grateful to make friends with the swimmers.

"I'm friends with just about everybody on the swim team," said **Olvera**. Although he had a rough swimming season, he did enjoy the transition.

"It was rough swimming with all the yardage. You have to swim a lot of yards," **Olvera** said.

"I started with a 1:20 in the butterfly and ended with a 1:11," **Olvera** said. Though **Olvera** works hard, he also plays hard in soccer, his favorite sport. He doesn't play for the school, but he finds time to play for a local league.

"I have been playing since I was five, and I play for a league. I love it," said **Olvera**.

Olvera's life is pretty busy. He balances spending time with his friends, classmates, and teammates, with school, sports, and church. He attends The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

"I wake up at five o'clock in the morning to go to Seminary, since I'm Mormon, and then it's over at six-thirty. After that, I ride with my friends to come to school," said **Olvera**.

Olvera looks forward to the rest of his high school years. He wants to experience much of American high school to the fullest.

Story by Chauntee Clark

Eric Olvera



Freshman Eric Olvera doesn't mind being one of the shortest students in the hallway. "I don't know how tall I am, it doesn't bother me," said **Olvera**.
Photo by Kayla Wilson



Olvera enjoys meeting new people and having fun with his friends. "A way to get to know more about me is to introduce yourself," said **Olvera**.
Photo by Kayla Wilson



Olvera loves going to Ms. Post's World Geography class. "She makes it so much fun. She's a really good role model for me and the things I do," **Olvera** explained.
Photo Kayla Wilson



Freshman Eric Olvera is happy that he's been able to come to an American school. "School here is similar to the school I went to in Mexico," said Olvera.

Photo by Kayla Wilson

behind the SCENES

When students hear the name **Johnny Foster**, they automatically think about him chugging down cases of Mountain Dew, eating burritos filled with mace, and being one of the stars of the theater department. Out of those three things, theater is what impacts **Senior Johnny Foster** the most.

"It's helped me realize what I want to do with my life. It's been a lot of fun and I love it," said **Foster**. **Foster** has been Abner Dillon in the play "42nd Street".

"That role was fun because I could be as goofy as I wanted to be," said **Foster**. **Foster** has been the director of many different plays of his own. He has a hard time choosing what's best of the two.

"That's a hard decision. I think I like being on stage better because

of the instant gratification," said **Foster**.

All those things represent **Foster**, but there's another side to him that many don't know about. **Johnny Foster** has a soft side.

"I have a lot more of a poetic and sensitive side that most people don't see," explained **Foster**, "I like to look at the positive side of everything and try to be happy no matter what's going on."

Senior Cory Hinesley has known **Foster** since elementary school, and said, "He will never make you feel uncomfortable even if you don't know him. He'll give you a big hug, and then magically, you're friends."

Foster also has many other interests. **Foster**, **Rocky Rigoli**, **Tad McLanahan**, and others

created a group called "Your-mother," a group who videotape themselves performing skits and doing daring stunts.

"**Rocky** and I were inspired by the MTV show *Jackass*, and we decided we wanted to be like them," said **Foster**.

In this group, they also make films and pull off comedic antics. The smiley face with the patch over the eye can be commonly seen everywhere around RHS. This is the "your-mother" emblem.

There are many layers to **Johnny Foster**. Some are more visible than others, but they all create the total package.

Story by *Tinisha Rhodes*



Senior **Johnny Foster** hugs his friend **Senior Mike Shannon**. They have just won the spirit stick for the first time. "It was pretty awesome that we won the spirit stick, but the seniors always win so we knew it was coming," said **Shannon**. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*

Senior **Johnny Foster** runs for the spirit stick; he accompanied the football captains in going out into the middle of the floor to get their prize. **Foster** is a big part of the cheering section for the seniors. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*

Seniors **Matt Hamblen** and **Johnny Foster** cheer one last time for the spirit stick. "We had to cheer like crazy, but I was pretty excited to win the spirit stick. Yeah, the whole thing was pretty exciting," said **Hamblen**. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*

Senior Johnny Foster runs for the spirit stick. After three years, the senior class has finally won. "Ever since freshman year, I've been waiting to be a senior just to win the spirit stick," said Foster. (Photo by Alex Kuhn)





acquiring your lifestyle



Lifestyles differ from student to student. While some spend their Friday nights at football games **cheering** in the stands, others are being thrown through a mosh-pit. **Jaywalkers** dance in the middle of the football field parading their school spirit. Meanwhile, a **freshman** entertains a crowd of people in the stands along with the marching band. Sounds of cow bells and blow horns are heard in the background as the cheerleaders shout, "Hustle, hustle." **Senior Ian McClafin** leads the drum line at the Raytown vs. Raytown South fall pep rally. These are the pages that show students working outside of school, different **fashions** throughout the school, and how you **acquire** your lifestyle...

styling your couture

Waking up at five-thirty each morning, **Candace**, **Camille**, and **Charde Stephenson** examine their outfits planned the night before.

Picking up a brown cotton blazer, a floral tank top, and embroidered jeans, **Camille** prepares to get dressed. She runs to her bedroom to retrieve her favorite pair of camel sling backs to complete the outfit.

Chardé examines her black, cotton slacks, and a black crocheted shrug, judging the fabrics. Knowing her choices match, she rushes to get dressed.

As **Candace** runs to her closet to retrieve a burgundy and mauve floral top and a dark denim waist-jacket, she remembers her dark denim jeans lying on the floor. She casually tosses them onto her shoulder, running to the bathroom to get dressed.

After finishing their outfits and checking their makeup in the mirror, they rush to school. "I consider myself fashionable and like to look good, so it takes me an hour to get ready, while it takes others as little as five minutes to prepare for a school day," said **Camille**.

These sisters are definitely trendsetters, turning heads with each step they take in the hallway. They have their opinion of fashion, and display it proudly. They stick to basic rules of fashion, like simplicity and color coordination. "I hate it when people put too many trends together," said **Chardé**.

"I don't wear things just to wear them. I wear what fits best on me," said **Candace**, making sure she fits her outfits the night before in order to prevent any frumps in her clothes at school.

Chardé knows the importance of a quality appearance. "I always dress up and that reflects my style, who I am. And I make sure I always look nice," said **Chardé**.

All sisters agreed that fashion shows schools could be a benefit. "It would be a good idea," **Candace**, **Camille** and **Charde** replied, saying that it would be a fun and fashionably educational experience for all students.

They enjoy wearing trendy outfits but deem creativity as their main motivation. **Candace**, **Camille**, and **Chardé Stephenson** are examples of creating couture.

Story by Chauntee Clark





Senior Lauren Pecina enjoys the sunshine during celebrity look-alike day. "I want people to remember me for what I wear, and my great sense of fashion," said Pecina. She is currently involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, and the fall musical, "Guys and Dolls."
Photo by Ali Saylor



"A lot of people often say that school isn't a fashion show, but they are wrong. Life is a fashion show, and I'm always on the runway," commented Junior Bethanie Conley. Conley feels that first impressions are important, and they can tell a lot about a person. She is currently a Varsity cheerleader and a member of FCCLA.
Photo by Rikae Wheeler



"Fashion isn't about what you wear; it is about who you are and how you choose to show that to everyone," stated Junior Monika Redmond. Redmond believes that accessories are important to any and every outfit that is put together because they change the mood and look of an outfit.
Photo by Rikae Wheeler



Senior Lindsey Schwarz works at Scott E. Thomas Photography. She has been working there for two and a half years.

"I am going to major in photography when I go to college," said Schwarz, "and then I am going to open my own studio when I get enough experience."

Working at Scott E. Thomas Photography gets Schwarz some of the hands-on experience she is going to need if she wants to be successful.

"It's really fun interacting with the kids," said Schwarz.

Schwarz enjoys the flexibility that comes with her job. She plans on going to school locally, then transferring to another college for photography.

Photo by Jenna Duckworth



Senior Jessica Baskett tends to a stray puppy who was left at the door of the animal hospital. "I feel so bad when I take care of the stray animals because I know they don't have a home," said Baskett. After the strays are fed, they are given baths and checked out by the doctor. Photo by Jenna Duckworth



Senior Kelsey Murphy has been working at Sonic for two years. She enjoys working with her good friends and enjoys the pay. She carries the food to the customers' car, known as carhopping.

"Sonic isn't the greatest place to work," said Murphy, "but since I get to work with my girls and get paid, it isn't too bad."

Murphy plans on working there until she graduates to save up money.

"I think it's a good first job because you deal with customers and being on time. You also have to work fast, but efficiently so the order isn't messed up," said Murphy.

Photo By Ali Saylor

making that profit

By 6:00 a.m., Senior Jessica Baskett is up and preparing for her seven hour day at Raytown High School. From there, Baskett goes to work until six at the Raytown Animal Hospital, and then she is off to finish the rest of her day back at the school for her lead role in the fall play *Guys and Dolls*.

This may sound like a day-to-day basis for many high school students: working, participating in school activities, and going to school five days a week. The places Raytown High School students work at vary as much as they do. From fast food to hardware, students work at all kinds of places.

Baskett's favorite thing about her job is the surgeries.

"I love it when Dr. Rose lets me assist in the operating room!" exclaimed Baskett. Baskett's job is really stressful because she is in charge of feeding the animals, walking the dogs, doing paper work on blood tests and samples, cleaning and preparing instruments for surgery, and sometimes assisting in the

operating room.

"Sometimes it is very hard to do certain physical aspects of my job like when it comes to some of the animals that will not cooperate or are really mean," told Baskett.

Of all the places that Baskett could have applied, she applied at an animal hospital rather the typical teenage job at Hollister, or a fast food place like McDonalds.

"I was hesitant to apply at the hospital; I figured I was way too under qualified to work here. Plus, there were a lot of other people applying, and I didn't think I had a chance," said Baskett.

"I love going to work because I know that every day I go in there will be something to see and new to learn," said Baskett. She plans on going into the medical field after high school.

"Since I was in elementary school, I knew the medical field was for me!" exclaimed Baskett.

Story By Samantha Bockelman

an arabian romance

"It was the best game that I have ever played," said **Senior Demonte' Whitley** when asked about his performance in this year's homecoming game. Whitley ran for two hundred and eighty-nine yards and scored four touchdowns in their 24 to 27 loss to Excelsior Springs.

Even though the football team lost, they were still able to enjoy themselves at the dance the next night. The theme for this year's homecoming dance was an Arabian Romance.

"The dance was a chance for me to see all my friends dressed up. At the same time, I was having fun dancing to the music and seeing all of the decorations," said **Whitley**.

Before the dance could take place, a few things had to happen. For example, spirit week had to take place. This year, some of the themes included dressing up like an actor or actress and dressing up

like a certain occupation.

On the last day of spirit week, the homecoming assembly took place. This was where the nominees were announced. This year's king and queen were **Seniors Demonte Whitley** and **Erica Rockley**.

Finally, the last thing before the dance was the homecoming parade. It started down on 63rd street and continued up past the school. The parade consisted of all of the clubs that made floats. While they rode on the floats, everybody threw candy at the people standing along the route.

"It was fun because we got to throw candy to everybody in the crowd," said **Whitley**.

Even though the game didn't turn out like everyone hoped, it was still a week to remember. *Story by Brandon Zoellers*



The 2006 Cross Country girls got together before the Homecoming dance to take pictures in their spikes, or running shoes. The girls posed for the pictures to say, "Yeah, we're athletes. We run, and yes, we are cute." The girls on the team got really close this year by singing at meets and dancing to music. "This year was one of my favorite years running cross country," said **Senior Brandi Simpson**. *Photo by Krissy Mortari*



Juniors **Tad McLanahan** and **Callie Tuck** were nominated for homecoming prince and princess. **McLanahan** stepped up his outfit this year and wowed the crowd with his black dress. Both nominees decided to give the crowd something to remember them by. *Photo by Taylor Allen*



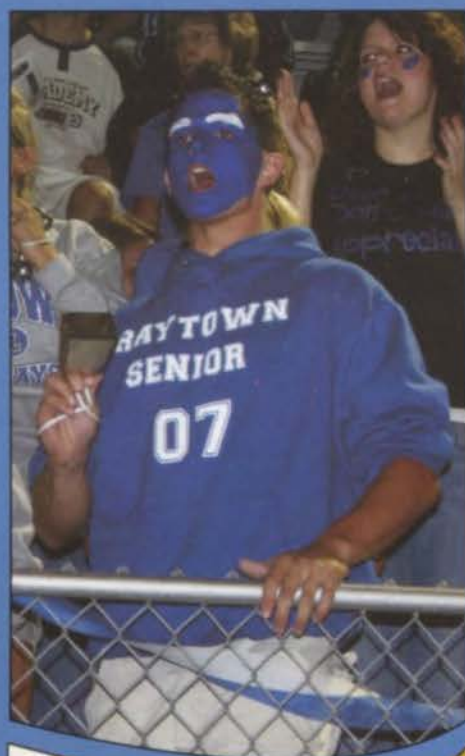
Left: Seniors Demonte Whitley and Erica Rockley stand in the middle of the gym during the homecoming dance. Whitley and Rockley were crowned King and Queen. Every one of Rockley's friends were excited to hear of her win. "It was amazing. I was so happy she had won! Everyone who is close to her were crying!" said Senior Mandy Hernandez.

Photo by Kayla Wilson

Top: Senior Jake Shepard cheers for his team during the homecoming football game against Excelsior Springs High School. "I like painting my face and showing my spirit for the team," said Shepard. Shepard tries to attend as many games as possible.

Photo by Ali Gayles

Bottom: Seniors Mandy Hernandez and Lauren Pecina get ready to go on stage at the homecoming assembly. "It was a lot of fun being nominated for homecoming queen my senior year and then also being able to organize the dance with Student Council. Even though it was alot of work though, I had a lot of fun too," said Pecina. Hernandez is the Vice President and Pecina is the Secretary of Student Council. Photo by Kayla Wilson



a new surrounding

Senior **Fatimah "Jasmeen" Alih** came from Tawi Tawi, an archipelago in the Philippines. She has come to America to learn more about the American culture.

"I wanted to bridge the gap between the differences I've known with Americans before. I wanted to have new experiences to deal with people I've never seen before to know differences and similarities between two countries," said **Alih**.

Having friends in the Philippines is similar to having friends here because they do the same activities and talk about the same things.

"We just usually go to eat some snacks at our hang out, go to the beach because I live on an island, and it's right there, and we talk about everything under the sun," said **Alih**.

Although she will have to be a senior again in the Philippines, she enjoys her senior year at Raytown.

"Sometimes my classes are easier here in America, but most of the time, they're just almost the same."

Alih is excited about her year here at Raytown, and she hopes to have many memories to share and bring home.

Story by Chaunteé Clark Photo by Taylor Allan



Senior **Yusuke Suzuki** plays ping-pong at his host family's house. Junior **Emily Abouhalkah** and Freshman **Luke Abouhalkah** host **Yusuke** in America. "Yusuke is great. He's really funny," said both **Abouhalkahs** who have hosted three exchange students over the years. *Photo by Emily Abouhalkah*





Left: Being one of five foreign exchange students, Senior Debora Pellegrini has the chance to make her English better before she has to return home. "I like the way that the American English sounds," said Pellegrini. Pellegrini also enjoys the driving privileges in America. "In Italy, we do not get the advantage of driving at the age of sixteen. We have to wait until we are eighteen," said Pellegrini. *Photo by Taylor Allen*

Below: Senior Nita Pangestuti has the chance to sit and work on an assignment that was given to her. Nita has experienced things that she would never get to enjoy or learn in her home country of Indonesia. "I learned every thing about America, the culture, and I love Raytown," said Pangestuti. "I can't wait to go home. This was my first Christmas here and it was my first time to see snow and I love it now," said Pangestuti. *Photo by Taylor Allen*



Senior Dio Carneiro, an exchange student from Brazil, works on a lawn mower in Small Motors class. "We eat brown beans, black beans, and meat, a lot of rice, and farofa [a barbecued-flavor maize and cassava mixture]. It's awesome, and it's very good," said Carneiro. He is also on the Boys' Swim team. Carneiro also enjoys taking pictures and playing soccer in his spare time. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*

time to krump

Krumping to his favorite song at his best friend's house, **Sophomore Steven Pulluaim** could not wait until the "Pack the House" dance.

"I was excited about going to the dance because I would have a chance to 'krump' and dance with all of my friends," said **Pulluaim**.

Peers recognize **Pulluaim's** talents as a dancer and enjoy watching him.

"He's a great dancer, and he knows how to wow a crowd. All the girls love watching him do his thing on the dance floor," said **Junior Britney Thompson**.

Pulluaim enjoyed dancing even more fun at his older brother's party after the game.

"I love dancing, and I enjoy getting to dance with every opportunity I have," said **Pulluaim**,

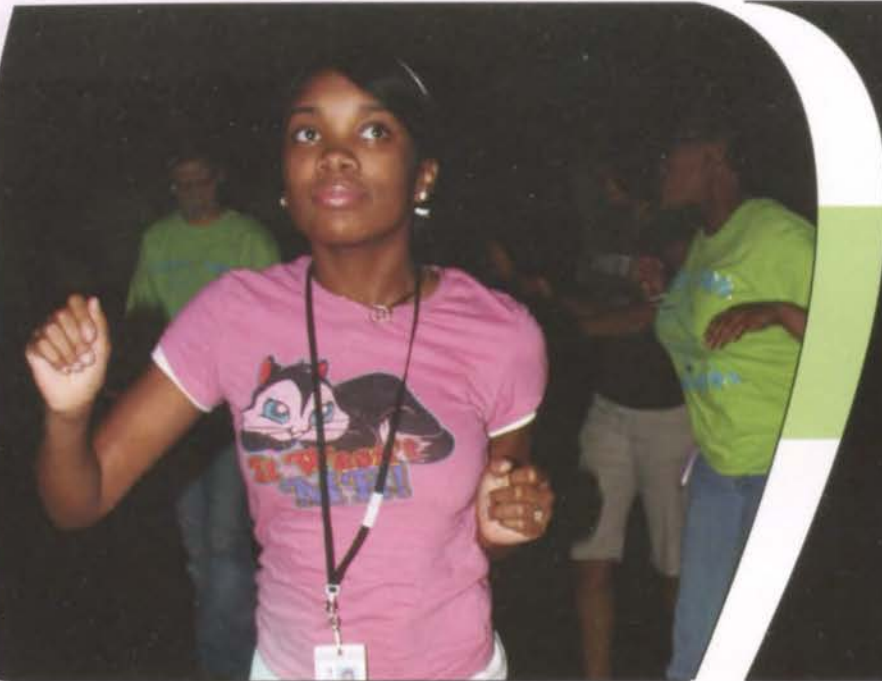
Story by Chaunteé Clark

Sophomore **Steven Pulluaim** krumps in front of his friends during the Pack the House dance. "I went to the dance with my boys because they are fun to be around. It's easier to dance with my friends," said **Pulluaim**. **Pulluaim** likes to krump to music on the radio. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*



Sophomore Dewanna Wilson leans and rocks to the music in the middle of a crowd at the Pack the House dance. "I like my beat down low. I like the top let back. I love dancing to music 'cause it's fun, especially when everybody watches you," said Wilson. Wilson also enjoys dancing at home. Photo by Alex Kuhn

Freshman Kara Moreland and Freshman Dylan Wadeigh dance together during a slow song. "The music was great and there was lots of room to dance," shouted Moreland. Moreland is a Novice Debater and played volleyball on the A-team. Photo by Alex Kuhn



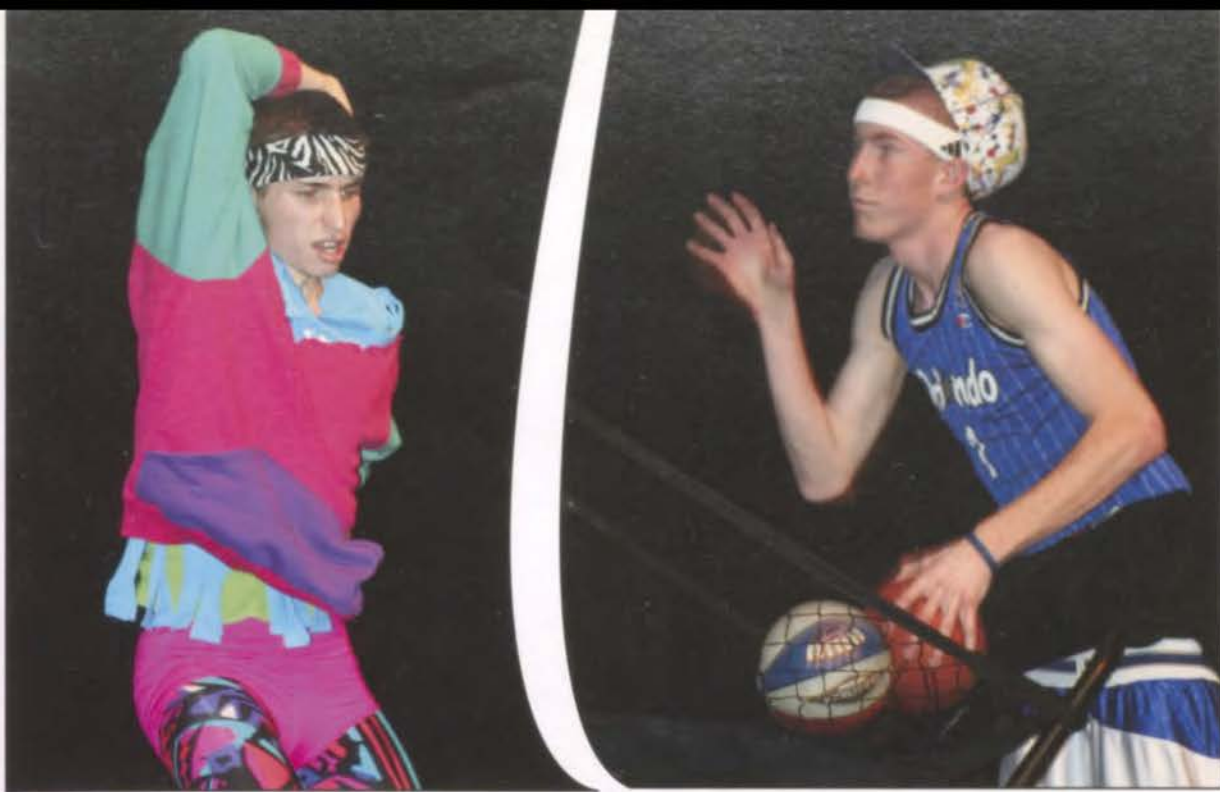
Freshman Maureen Holland participates in the "Macarena" with a circle of her closest friends. "The dance was intense," said Holland. She plays volleyball and enjoyed being on the volleyball A-team. Photo by Alex Kuhn





Junior Tad McLanahan won Mr. Raytown 2007. McLanahan poses with Senior Johnny Foster and later gives a small shoutout to everyone that helped him. "I couldn't have done it without my mom, sister, Lisa, and of course, Darter," said McLanahan.

Photo by Alex Rubin



Sophomore Zach Wilson dances to "It's Raining Men." Wilson and his friends, Sophomores Donovan Luther and Josh Gonzalez practiced after school every day to perfect the dance. "I thought the costumes made a good impression," said Wilson.

Photo by Alex Kuhn

Senior Kevin Collins showed the audience his talent of shooting hoops. Collins was nominated by his newspaper class. "I thought I'd make an addition to my costume by rolling our real school newspapers for my club costume section," said Collins.

Photo by Alex Kuhn

Mr. Raytown 2007

"Mr. Raytown" is an honor for male students at Raytown High School. It is a pageant based on five contests: formalwear, swimwear, best talent, question/answer, and fundraising. Twelve of Raytown's finest are competed for the title. The candidates included Seniors Ian McClafin, Johnny Foster, Daniel Wilkes, Rocky Rigoli, and Kevin Collins, Juniors Tad McLanahan, Hilary Ikpe, and Austin Alonzo, Sophomores Alexis Santos and Zach Wilson, and Freshmen Luke Abouhalkah and last but not least Alan-Michael Johnson.

The gentlemen collected money from classmates prior to the contest; the winner of fundraising and formalwear was Foster. During

the pageant, the candidates showed off their modeling skills by walking across the stage in their best swim and formalwear, battled it out to see who has the most unique talent, and the question/answer portion allows the gentlemen to show off not only what's on the outside, but what's also on the inside. McLanahan not only won best talent with his dance routine, but also won the question/answer portion by singing, "It's Your Love" by Tim McGraw. Second runner up was Rigoli, first runner up was Foster, but the crown was handed to Tad McLanahan. McLanahan based winning on the fact that "he had Darter."

Story by Samantha Bockelman



Top: Seniors **Cherakie Barrett** and **Reggie Chamberlain** pose together as courtwarming king and queen. **Barrett** was excited to win the crown. She "walked it out" down the risers to accept her crown. *Photo by Alex Kufri*

Bottom: **Junior Lindsay Vaters** pauses during the Jaywalkers' dance to their hip-hop routine. "I had a lot of fun with all of the girls. This was a fun routine!" said **Vaters**. This is **Vater's** third year dancing for the Jaywalkers. *Photo by Alex Kufri*

Right: The cheerleaders displayed blue and white spirit by dancing to a mixed-tape during their routine. They displayed personality, and the crowd loved it. **Junior Camille Stephenson** is a second year varsity cheerleader. *Photo by Alex Kufri*



takin' it back

"A Vintage Affair," the courtwarming theme, inspired students to dress in clothes worn in previous decades. Students anticipated the dance and participated in "Spirit Week."

Spirit week included a variety of crazy outfits. Students varied from vintage attire for "Great Depression Day" and to aluminum foil for "New Millenium Day."

Courtwarding was even more exciting because the boys' varsity basketball team had a spectacular season. The boys desired to excel past Districts and advance into the post-season. They nominated **Senior Reggie "Automatic" Chamberlain**, team captain, as their senior candidate.

On Friday, students shuffled to the courtwarming assembly to observe the candidates up for the crown. The assembly included the

traditional routines from the Cheerleaders and Jaywalkers, but this year, there was an exciting twist. **Senior Jay Cram, Junior Antonio Newbill, and Sophomore Patrick Byrd** performed a remarkable drum routine. The performance included a surprise: the auditorium darkened, and their neon drumsticks illuminated in the dark. The entire crowd cheered in awe.

After Saturday's game, many students prepared for the dance, blending both modern and vintage attire. Nine thirty arrived and the royalty were announced: **Seniors Reggie Chamberlain** as king and **Cherakie Barrett** as queen.

Courtwarding is a memory that every Raytown student will cherish.

Story by Chaunteé Clark and Brandon Zoellers



Junior Bethanie Conley belts out the lyrics to Mariah Carey's "Hero" during the final performance in the courtwarming assembly. "I was nervous, but I love to sing," said **Conley**. **Conley** is a varsity cheerleader, is in Concert Choir, and is in FCCLA. She was also a "Hot Box Girl" in the musical *Guys and Dolls*. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*



Senior Jesse Hamilton sings his heart out during the Camerata Boys' rendition of the Beach Boys' "Help Me, Rhonda." "It was great being onstage in my pajamas. I had fun," said **Hamilton**. **Hamilton** is a Studio Drawing/Painting student, a first year Camerata student, and played a gambler in the musical *Guys and Dolls*. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*



Junior **Aldon Smith** takes a free-throw shot during sectionals. Raytown played Rockhurst for the sectional game, which **Smith** was a starting player for. The sectional game was played at the William Jewell College. *Photo by Alex Kuffin*



Coach **Mark Scanlon** coaches his team during the sectional game. He is telling the team what play to execute. "At the end, I just thanked the seniors for their outstanding leadership and the class they showed on and off the court," said **Scanlon**. *Photo by Cory Hinesley*



Senior **Ryckey Harper** makes a lay-up while under pressure from Rockhurst. **Harper** is a starter on the varsity team. This was **Harper's** fourth year playing basketball for Raytown.





our time to shine

Raytown boys basketball had the second seed in Districts. For the first round of the tournament, they had a bye. On Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the team played the third seed, Lee's Summit West, who also had a bye the first round. This was Raytown's second and final time playing Lee's Summit West this season, and they had a lot to prove. Earlier this season, LSW defeated Raytown, giving the Blue Jays the first loss of their season. The boys refused to lose to Lee's Summit West again, especially in the same season.

Determined to defeat their competition, the Blue Jays upset LSW with a 83-76 victory. Leading scorers of the game were **Senior Reggie "Automatic" Chamberlain** with twenty points, **Junior Domonique "Slo Mo" Morrison** with sixteen points, and **Juniors Aldon Smith and Brandon Scaife** with fourteen points each. By beating Lee's Summit West, the Blue Jays moved on to finals and had to take on the winner between the first seed, Raytown South, and fourth seed, Lee's Summit North. Raytown South had beaten Lee's Summit North, leaving Raytown and Raytown South to battle on the court once more.

The Cardinals and the Blue Jays had already rivaled against each other twice in the season, splitting the games between a win for Raytown and a win for Ray-South. Both teams competed, hoping to see who would advance to sectionals and who would retire their shorts and jerseys. The game wasn't an easy battle, but the Blue Jays were victorious and defeated the Cardinals with a 75-60 triumph. By succeeding over the Cardinals, the Blue Jays won the title of District Champions. This is the first time since 1995 that the Blue Jays have won a district championship. **Coach Mark Scanlon**, who has led the Jays to their numerous victories over past seasons, celebrated his 300th win this year.

"I'm proud of these guys. They have worked hard to make it this far and to succeed in their season. They deserve this," remarked **Scanlon**.


Story by Cherakie Barrett and Chaunteé Clark.



examining your academics

"Can you explain how to conjugate this word again?" asked a Senior as the teacher passes through the class checking on his student's progress on their new assignment. At the same time, Senior Matt Hurst buckles down on the construction of his bird house and metal tool box made from scratch. Meanwhile, Camerata students receive new music to "Build me up Buttercup" and practice the rhythms for the homecoming assembly. All the while longer, upperclassmen giggle about their art projects involving different warm and cool colors. These are the pages that identify who Raytown is inside the classroom from metals to math, foods to science, english to communications, and gym to social studies and history. These pages examine your academics...





Senior **Bethany Fensom** sits on the wheel where she makes a clay bowl for extra credit. **Fensom** took Pottery I last year and decided to take Pottery II. "I don't like taking pictures and I don't like drawing. Pottery is the only class I can enjoy," said **Fensom**. Photo by Kayla Wilson

Senior **Courtney Clark** works on her still life project for Studio Drawing and Painting. This is **Clark's** second time taking Studio. "I like this class because I get to use oil pastels. It's my favorite art supply," said **Clark**. Photo by Kayla Wilson

creating
with perfection



Expressing herself with steady brush strokes and perfect lines and textures, not only does **Senior Courtney Clark's** artwork represent her individuality but her emotions as well.

"I like to do my own thing and express myself through my art," said **Clark**. She is a student in Raytown's Studio Drawing and Painting class. Instead of focusing on their academics, many of the studio art students would much rather focus on their artwork.

"I always put effort in all my projects, but whenever I finish I feel as though I could have done more," said **Clark**. Studio art classes are working hard on their art portfolios to apply for possible art scholarships to schools they are interested in.

Ms. Harrison, the Studio Drawing and Painting teacher, gives her students plenty of time to finish their projects.

"**Ms. Harrison** is part of my motivation to get all my projects done. Plus, I always want perfect scores on all my projects," said **Clark**.

"You need to know how to use paints before you can make a beautiful piece," explained **Clark**. From Drawing and Painting 1 and 2, Pottery 1 and 2, or Graphic Design 1 and 2, these advanced art students deserve to be in studio classes. The displays of art around the school prove their abilities.

Story by *Katie Harris*

abstract thinking

Scrounging for newspaper and textured materials to use and working her creativity, **Junior Brittney Ernst** manages to use everything to finish her pieces in art club.

"I like expressing myself creatively through paintings and collages. I mostly enjoy using my friends in pieces," said **Ernst**, "Art classes are what got me involved in art and art club is helping stay involved."

I have been involved in art since elementary school. It's what I love to do," said **Ernst**. She joined art club hoping it will help prepare her for a possible future career in art.


"Being in art club gives me even more hands on experience with all different kinds of art," stated **Ernst**, "but I mostly love painting with acrylic paint."

Art Club is always open to any students interested wanting to be involved in art. Members don't even have to be in an art class. *Story by Katie Harris*



Junior Brittney Ernst decides her approach for her still life project. Students have two weeks to complete their projects, "I chose to join art club because I can show more expression through drawing and painting rather than speaking a foreign language or helping with community service," said **Ernst**. *Photo by Kayla Wilson*

Senior Julianne Finn uses her view finder to get the right angle for her Studio Drawing and Painting project. "Studio really helps me express myself through art. I like to express myself in different ways and art is one of them," said **Finn**. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*



Students trudged into math class just as the tardy bell rang, slowly digging out their last night's homework, **Mr. Swartz** had assigned them. As he prepared for the lesson planned, **Senior Heather Thompson** fidgeted with her homework to make sure she didn't make any mistakes.

"This class is fun, and I like the way **Mr. Swartz** teaches; he makes things seem less stressful than they seem to be. However, there is a lot of reading and the class is more student lead rather than teacher lead," **Thompson** explained. For **Thompson**, she learns by taking notes and listening during class discussions.

"I would recommend underclassmen to take AP Calculus because it will prepare them for college and challenge students to do well in class," said **Thompson**. She knew this class would take a lot of work, but she realized that by taking AP Calculus she would benefit in the long run.

One advantage to taking AP Calculus in high school is that it gets it out of the way for college. Also, since it's taught to high school students, the curriculum is a little bit easier and shorter than a normal on-campus college class.

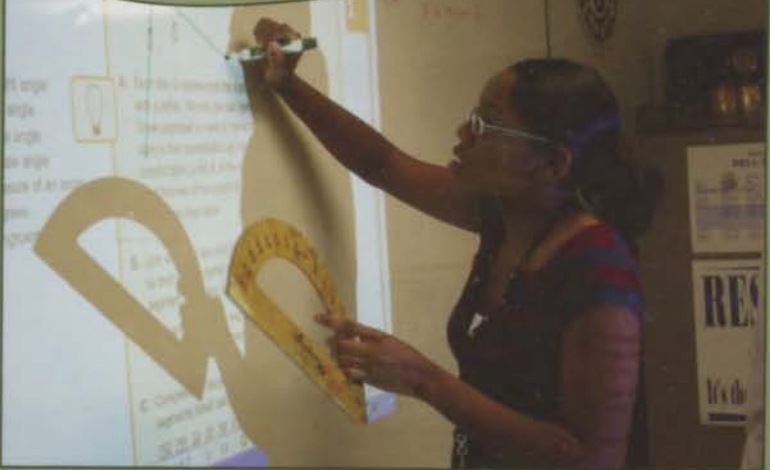
"Math is very important to learn nowadays because almost every career requires some math knowledge. So just take notes and pay attention, and it will definitely pay off down the road," informed **Thompson**.

Story by Molly Walsh

more than
numbers



Senior Heather Thompson is in AP Calculus. "It's really not as scary as it seems," said Thompson. Taking AP classes in high school prepares you for college by letting you experience the rigorous course work. Photo by Jenna Duckworth.



Sophomore Mario Pecina works intently on his assignment in Algebra 2. "I always try to get as much work done in class as I can," said Pecina. Between football practice and his busy social life, Pecina can find it difficult juggling homework in the mix. Photo by Jenna Duckworth.

Sophomore Nick Hunt actually enjoys geometry. "Mr. Nevinski's a cool teacher. He makes geometry more bearable than I think any other teacher could," said Hunt. Mr. Nevinski tries to teach the lessons so that they relate to the students lives, making it easier for them to understand. "I still hate shapes though," said Hunt. Photo by Jenna Duckworth.

Sophomore Tierra Hogan writes on the marker board during math races in Mr. Nevinski's geometry class. Math races help students solve problems efficiently and quickly. "Last year I didn't enjoy math. Mr. Nevinski helps make math a lot easier," said Hogan. Photo by Kayli Wilson.



buenos dias estudiantes!

Spanish is a functional language in most of the Western Hemisphere and necessary for jobs where international communications occur," stated **Junior Austin Alonzo**.

Alonzo is in **Señora David's** Spanish III class. He thinks that taking Spanish class will help him in the future if he decides to travel Latin America or go to Spain. He thinks it will be extremely essential.

Alonzo learned a little bit of Spanish in middle school but Spanish is the only language besides English that he knows. **Alonzo** enjoys earning puntos de participation or in English participation points. **Señora David** gives puntos, or points, to her students for answering questions throughout the class period. At the end of the trimester, the students' "puntos" are averaged into an overall grade for participation points.

Señorita Rosisella Villegas has been teaching Spanish I and II for two years now.

"I teach Spanish because it is excelente! I love teaching people about my language and culture," stated **Villegas**.

Villegas' favorite part about Spanish are Cultural Experience Days, but she doesn't like grading a lot of papers.

"A lot more people speak Spanish nowadays. I think it would be really cool to talk to my boss or co-worker in Spanish in my later career," said **Alonzo**.

"Several of my students are able to make more money because they are bilingual or are able to market themselves better for job opportunities," said **Villegas**.

"The most interesting thing I've learned about was the La Tomatina Festival in Bunol, Spain. This is a festival where people throw tomatoes at each other for days. This is probably the coolest thing to ever happen," **Alonzo** suggested.

Villegas' favorite activity is the market day where the students bring in an item to barter and trade with other students while speaking Spanish.

"Day of the Dead is the most interesting thing to teach because it looks scary with all of the skeletons, but learning about the symbolic meaning of the holiday is quite interesting also," announced **Villegas**.

Villegas would love to get more students interested in Spanish. *Story by Lindsay Vaters*



Substitute **Josh Reichert** waits for Spanish II to complete their conjugations worksheets. He is married to Mrs. Reichert, a Spanish I and II teacher. "Raytown High School students are the best people to hang out with. Just don't tell my wife I said that," said **Mr. Reichert**.
Photo by Justin Gibbs

Sophomore **Racheal Rice** is taking notes for her Spanish class. "Spanish is a lot of fun," **Rice** admitted. **Rice** wants to make sure she gets good grades so she can continue to participate in Varsity Cheerleading. *Photo by Justin Gibbs*

Junior **Austin Alonzo** attempts to concentrate as he takes his Spanish III test. **Alonzo** is also busy with Key Club, Debate, Football, and Track and Field. "I take school serious, and you should too," said **Alonzo**. *Photo by Justin Gibbs*



"I wish people would take Spanish. It's a fun class because I teach it," said Señorita Villegas. Señorita Villegas is a big fan of fashion. She loves coordinating outfits to wear them to school. She also enjoys shopping for heels, or "tocantes," because they often compliment her outfits. *Photo by Justin Gibbs*

making a difference

This year's Foreign Language Club is sponsored by French teacher **Laura Sheldon**. **Sheldon** enjoys sponsoring this club so much that this is her fourth year sponsoring it.

"I used to sponsor the 'French Club,' but the Spanish department wanted to get involved, so we expanded to all foreign languages and cultures," said **Sheldon**.

In the Foreign Language Club, the students are provided with opportunities for leadership and teamwork and to explore the world. In this club, the members eat, talk, watch movies, and learn about new people, places, things, and activities from other cultures.

"My favorite part about Foreign Language Club is eating! I also enjoy getting to know the kids that aren't in my French classes," stated **Sheldon**.

"The students in this club are a pretty diverse group of kids. They are lively, talkative, and very curious!" laughed **Sheldon**.

Ms. Sheldon would love for all foreign language students to join this club. They have a lot of fun and learn many new things about different languages and cultures.

"Did I mention that we eat a LOT?!!" ended **Sheldon**. With each other, more students join the club and enjoy making new friends and memories.

Story by Lindsay Vaters



Freshman **Joe Farrand** takes time to read his Spanish I book. He is also on the Raytown Boys Swim Team and looks forward to the upcoming track season. "I love every moment of Spanish, even the teacher. She is a lot of fun, and she can dress," said **Farrand**.
Photo by Justin Gibbs

welcome all aboard!

As **Senior Carey Lewis** boarded United Airlines, she could only think about one thing: Europe!

"The flight to Paris was long and boring, but when we arrived, it was morning, and we hopped right into sight-seeing," said **Lewis**.

Lewis spent five days in France and five days in Spain, making the Europe trip a total of ten days long.

"I didn't miss my family that much because of the excitement of being in Europe. The only time I really missed them was when I was trying to buy them souvenirs for them, and the language barrier made me wish I was home," said **Lewis**.

In France, **Lewis** was first thrown into the heart of Paris. She was left on her own to explore the center of the city and to shop. The next day, she visited the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and explored even more of Paris.

After being in Paris for two days, **Lewis** traveled to Provence, France by the TGV train, the fastest train in Europe. Provence is more of Europe's countryside.

After Provence, **Lewis** boarded the bus for Barcelona, Spain.

"Barcelona was not what I'd expect-

ed it to be. It felt dirty and chaotic," said **Lewis**.

However, **Lewis** had quite an experience in a Barcelona elevator along with **Junior Austin Alonzo** and **Seniors Emma Wimmer** and **Kayla Wilson**.

"After breakfast on the fifth floor of the hotel, we got on the elevator. Our elevator doors broke between the fifth and fourth floor, and we were stuck. We could hear the hotel maintenance using crowbars to break us free. We couldn't understand anything because they were speaking Spanish! I remember **Emma** cuddling up in the corner of the elevator, **Kayla** pulling out her iPod, and **Austin** screaming at our classmates on the outside because they were laughing. After about twenty minutes, we were free," laughed **Lewis**.

After two days in Barcelona, **Lewis** traveled to Costa Brava for the final days in Europe.

"Costa Brava was relaxing. We walked around the town and hung out at the beach by Costa Brava. We were all ready to go home," said **Lewis**.

Having to read signs and talk to people was a difficult task in Europe.

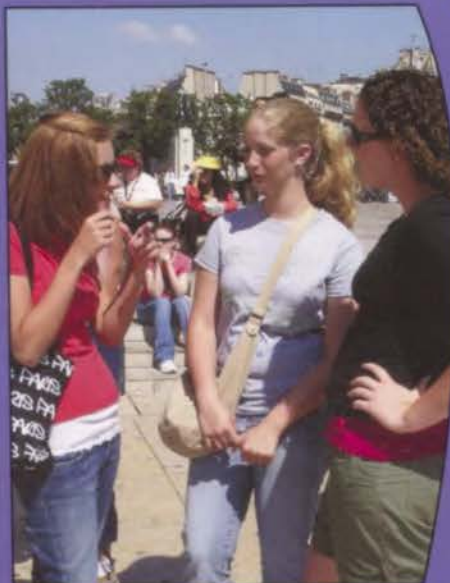
"This trip made me appreciate my culture and my country. I want to visit again soon, though!" concluded **Lewis**. *Story by Kayla Wilson*

Left: **Juniors Brittney Ernst, Alyce Skidmore,** and **Rachel Braga** converse while they wait to board their bus. "The bus tours took us to some really amazing places," said **Skidmore**.

Photo by Kayla Wilson

Right: **Senior Becky Beitling** and **Mrs. Cobden** enjoy some French food after a rest in their bus tour. French food is common to American food, they have foods like pizza and mashed potatoes. "On our first day in France, we had flam pizza. It was the worst food ever," said **Beitling**.

Photo by Kayla Wilson





s'il VOUS plait?

Putting three years of French under her belt, **Junior Kayla Lapointe** walks into school right before fifth hour starts. She's been at home, being schooled by her mother.

"My mom doesn't know Math or French very well, so she sends me to school during the last half of school," said **Lapointe**.

Lapointe's heritage is French. Having a grandfather who speaks fluent French, **Lapointe** chose French so she can communicate with him in another language besides English.

"I tried learning Spanish, but I didn't pick it up as well as I did French. Besides, my whole father's side of the family is French/Canadian," said **Lapointe**.

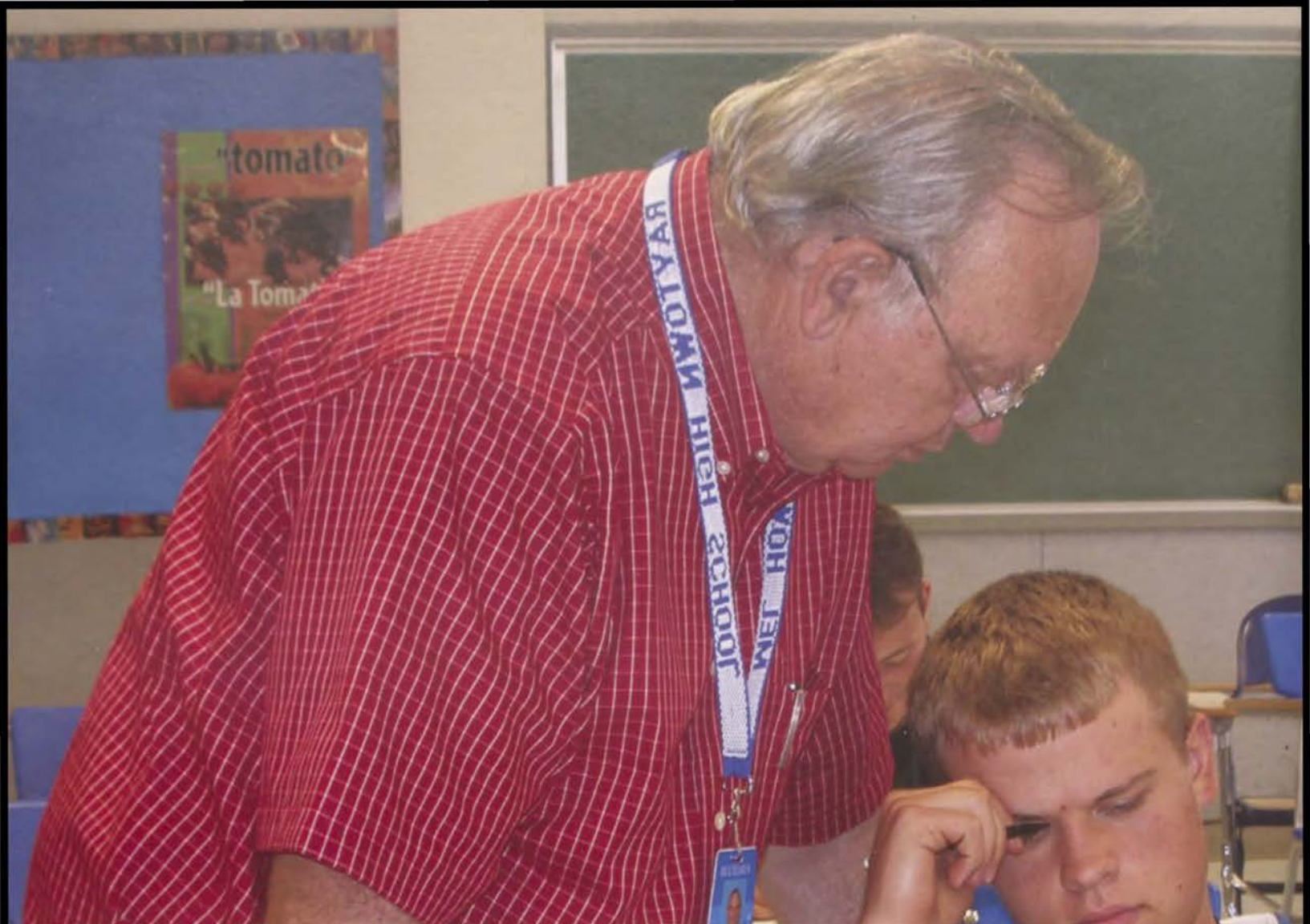
Lapointe is enrolled in French 3/4, the highest level of French a student can take.

"French 3/4 is a lot more interactive because there's fewer students in class. Ms. Sheldon is able to work with us one on one," said **Lapointe**. Taking a foreign language has actually helped **Lapointe** with English.

"It's helped me figure out how sentences go together. I've also noticed a lot of the English vocabulary looks like the French Vocabulary, and vice versa of course," said **Lapointe**. While memorizing the vocabulary is the toughest part of learning a foreign language, **Lapointe** loves French.

So, is **Lapointe** interested in traveling to Europe? "I would really like to sometime soon!" concluded **Lapointe**. *Story by Kayla Wilson*

Junior Kayla Lapointe sits in French 3/4 thinking about what she needs to write down on her worksheet. "Memorizing French is the hardest part of learning the language. Once you get it, everything's fine," said **Lapointe**. *Photo by Kayla Wilson*



Auf Wiedersehen Herr Howell!

Herr Howell sits down at his desk, fiddles his fingers, and ponders his last 37 years he's spent teaching. He thinks of his motivation, which are his students.

"I get up looking forward to going to school, and that's what I've been doing," said Howell. Although people may speculate why he's leaving, he's not bitter.

"I feel great, I can handle most of anything. I just keep telling myself this is the last time I'll have to do something like this," said Howell.

He has enjoyed watching his students mature in the German language.

"I like taking the students from knowing very little and having them

become able to speak the foreign language so that native speakers would understand them," said Howell.

His favorite memory is of his second and third year German students.

"We had a German food day, and the students were very good. We spent the entire hour without a word of English, and I also had two students that were selected to represent at the World Expo in 2000," said Howell.

He will always have a memory of his students, and his students won't forget the impact he's had on them. "Auf wiedersehen und haben sie ein gutes Jahr!" said Howell. In German this year means, "Goodbye and have a good year!" *Story by Tinisha Rhodes*

continuing tradition

Senior Lindsay Petersen lugs her backpack in the room, sits at her desk, and taps her pencil on her notebook as she listens to **Mr. Howell** call out the German vocabulary for the week. Petersen has been in German for the last four years.

Petersen wanted to take German for many reasons. One reason was because so many people were enrolled in French and Spanish, so she wanted to be different.

"My dad and brother also speak it. So it's part of my family background," said **Petersen**. Petersen has visited Germany, and she has many memories from her trip.

"My favorite memory was when my class went out to eat at a German restaurant. The food was so good," said **Petersen**. She also shares embarrassing moments.

"When I was in Germany, I used German to order french fries, and the German people laughed and began talking to me in English," said **Petersen**, "so I guess next time, I shouldn't assume that they don't speak English! At least I got to use what I learned in German class though."

Although this is **Petersen's** last year to take German in high school, she plans on revisiting Germany and wants to continue taking classes in college.

Photo by Dasha Moshko

Senior Lindsay Petersen works on just perfect tense problems in German class. Petersen has taken German since her freshman year. "I chose German because it's my heritage, my family speaks it," said Petersen.

Junior Daniel Fuending asks for help from **Mr. Howell**. As a freshman, Fuending hopped right into German II, rather than taking German I first. "By the end of my freshman year, the whole class was asking me questions," said Fuending.



Being able to take care of animals at school is something Sophomore Jade Flebbe loves to do. Besides taking care of animals at school, Flebbe also loves to take care of them at home. "It's harder at home because you have more distractions. Instead of your focus being on ten different things, you have to concentrate on the animal," said Flebbe. Photo by Tisha Rhodes



upholding friendships

Dusting rabbit fur off her sweater, Sophomore Jade Flebbe sits at her desk during the ACT meeting. She taps her nails on the desk in anticipation of finally being able to handle the animals. Flebbe enjoys being around animals.

"My rabbit Jewel is nice and doesn't bite," said Flebbe. Flebbe joined the ACT because of the familiarity with Ms. Miller.

"I had known the teacher because she used to teach horseback riding and I love animals," exclaimed Flebbe.

Taking the animals home, however, can be difficult.

"It's harder at home because you have more distractions," said Flebbe.

Three days a week, Flebbe cleans cages, supplies water, and feeds turtles, chinchillas, guinea pigs, snakes, hamsters, and gerbils. Over the summer, Flebbe takes the animals home to provide them with care.

While cleaning out her rabbit's cage, Flebbe looks forward to the upcoming year and to see how the animals have grown.

Story by Tisha Rhodes





balancing interests

Waking up in the early hours of the morning, **Blaine Lewis** overlooks the lesson plans for chemistry class. Holding his mug of steamed coffee, he walks into room 129, preparing worksheets for his seventh hour. Teaching both math and science this year, **Mr. Lewis** finds a balance between quadratic functions and Dalton's Atomic Theory.

"I enjoy teaching science, seeing people understand it, providing something to my students, and then hearing them say they never heard it before," said **Lewis**.

Spending his college career at Clark University, **Lewis** had the opportunity to participate in a research seminar for organometallic chemistry, the study of compounds containing bonds between carbon and a metal. It allowed him to enjoy science more and have a passion to pursue a career in it.

"I was always interested in how things work and why things are as they are," said **Lewis**, "I think everybody should take science and understand it so they can know what's going on around them and in society."

Science is a great way to explore different aspect of the world. From chemistry to biology, science surrounds students in every way. The importance of science continues to grow as new discoveries are made each day. *Story by Tinisha Rhodes*

Being able to juggle back and forth between quadratic formulas and chemistry equations is something **Mr. Lewis** does very well. "Because of my understanding of science, I am able to understand and provide help to my students," said **Mr. Lewis**. *Photo by Kayla Wilson*

time to rewind

At 11:27 a.m., the third hour bell rings and students walk from third to fourth hour. **Freshman Nigel Colliver** goes from Math Academy to Civics, Room 5 with **Ms. Christenson**. Nigel is a very opinionated person. According to his fellow classmates, **Colliver** doesn't say much, but when he has something to say, it's usually something he feels strongly about.

"If we do not know our past, then history may repeat itself," said **Colliver**. **Colliver** is in Civics, a required freshman class. He feels that history is an important subject and enjoys going to class every day.

Civics goes in-depth about the government and the changes it undergoes throughout time.

"I like learning about the government," said **Colliver**, "I don't think that the teachers really go into detail enough, but when they do, it's really exciting and interesting!" exclaimed **Colliver**.

Colliver thinks the easiest part of Civics is the states and capitals.

"At the very beginning of school we had to name all of the states and then their capitals and then place them all on a map accordingly. It was easy, but it's difficult having to remember each and every state, its capital, and where it is located," explained **Colliver**.

"I don't sleep in that class because I may miss something important, and I know as soon as I shut my eyes it will happen." said **Colliver**.

History offers an opportunity to look through the past, cultures of other countries, and the lives of heroic persons who changed the world.

"I plan on taking more history classes later on because I like learning about my past; I think it will prevent future mistakes!" said **Colliver**.

History is the connection from past to present. It is who we are and where we come from. Every student is required at least two Social Studies credits to graduate. There are plenty of Social Studies' classes offered ranging from American history to Ancient Civilizations. *Story by Samantha Bockelman*





Freshman Nigel Colliver prepares for his future visit to the White House Decision Center. During freshmen year, Civics class introduces students to history. "I like Civics class because I like learning about our government," said Colliver.

Photo By Lindsey Leggio

Senior Molly Troop works diligently on a Declaration of Independence worksheet. In AP US History, students have to depend on themselves for most of their grade. "I like history because we talk about what's relevant to what's going on in the world today," said Troop.

Photo by Lindsey Leggio



Sophomore Kayla Preston stands in front of the class to present her history project. Mrs. Cobden's fourth hour World History class researched famous people in the Renaissance era. "This project was a lot of fun. All of the Renaissance people dress funny," said Preston.

Photo by Kayla Wilson

Junior Eric Fisher leads group discussion with Junior Brad Precht. In Emerging America, students learn about how America became what it is today. "American history is awesome, because of the intense battles," said Fisher.

Photo by Lindsey Leggio



Sophomore Ellen Skidmore presents her project in World History class. This year Mrs. Cobden's students learned about the Renaissance Arts. "It was fun learning about the Renaissance Arts. I researched two different people and learned a lot about them," said Skidmore.

Photo by Kayla Wilson

Current president of FCCLA Senior **Keisha Henson** enjoys here lunch in the senior eating are. "I enjoy leading this years FCCLA members. They seem like a really good group to be around," said **Henson**. **Henson** has been a member of FCCLA for three years. Photo by Alyse Pactor



taking the lead

As the members of FCCLA rushed around the auditorium trying to calm their nerves, the models ran around looking for their shoes and accessories while the guys tried fixing their ties. Their anxieties escape as the first stiletto hits the runway. The crowd erupts as the first model struts down the runway to the music of R&B singer Usher.

"It took us about two to three months to prepare for this show, and I was so proud of the outcome that we accomplished as a club," said **President Keisha Henson**. Everyday after school at 3:00pm, **Henson** would work on putting the fashion show together. She also put some extra time in her weekends to work on it. She went to all different kinds of malls to choose the dress that would impress her audience at Raytown High School.

"Our trend we were looking for were the seventies styles like classy dresses," said **Junior Bethanie Conley**. **Conley**, the host, felt pressured because the script was not officially ready and edited until the night before.

Story by Melissa Johnson



Members of FCCLA at the homecoming parade proudly display their posters. "I can't wait until the fashion show comes around," says **Junior Monika Redmond**. The fashion show comes around April and May later in spring.

Photo by Justin Gibbs

early prepara

"I enjoy taking sewing classes through my high school years because I can express myself through my own fashion and style," said **Senior Shanell Leigh**.

Leigh plans on using everything she learns in class to help her in college and major in the fashion industry.

Leigh feels it helps her figure out more and different styles. The sewing class helps her express her creativity.

Leigh's assignment of the year is making her own vintage jeans and her new accessory purse for her 2007 trend. As her fingers work hard in class seam-ripping the thread around the machine, she thinks of more creative ideas for the fashion industry. **Leigh** also takes a Parenting and Child Development Class.

"Parenting and Child Development is a very fun and interesting class that is helping me prepare on how to raise kids in the future and how take care of my own family," said **Leigh**. In this class, **Leigh** is able to learn more about how a baby is developed and what process the mother goes through. **Leigh** also learned about practicing abstinence and different birth control methods in Parenting and Child Development. Our FACS classes touch just about everything that young adults should learn about and use through their everyday life.

Story by Melissa Johnson



"I love to sew. I hope to become a fashion designer after I graduate," said Senior **Shanell Leigh**. Leigh has always been passionate about sewing and fashion.
Photo by Alyse Proctor



"I took Foods II cause I love cooking and this class is fun. I like being able to eat what I cook," said Pecina. Pecina is very active at school. She is a part of Student Council and The National Honor Society. *Photo by Alyse Proctor*



Junior **Kenicia Martin** flips through magazines for a poster in Senior Decisions. "This class is a helpful resource because it help with lifetime skills that you will definately need and use," said Martin.
Photo by Alyse Proctor



Sophomore **Jaimie Johnson** cuts potatoes for their spinich dip in foods class. "I love foods class because cooking is one of my favorite things to do," said Johnson. Johnson is a manager of the Varsity Football team.
Photo by Alyse Proctor



Junior Daniel Rabon starts his welding process. The yellow curtains are required to be shut when welding. "Welding can cause color blindness, so you have to wear appropriate eye wear," explained Rabon.

Photo by Janelle Ryken

Getting your tools ready is very essential in welding. Without the proper procedure, nothing gets done. As a first year welder, Junior Daniel Rabon realized this very quickly.

Photo by Janelle Ryken

Right after the welders get done on some practice welds, they have to cool off the plate. "Right when the plate is done, it is extremely hot, so be careful," said Junior Daniel Rabon.

Photo by Janelle Ryken

becoming a welder

Most students go to school like it's just another day, but for some the day is a little different than the average. For example, **Junior Daniel Rabon** goes to school first through fourth hour, and then he heads to the Herndon Career Center across town. There, **Rabon** learns a trade that he will take with him after high school. That trade is welding and metal fabrication.

"It's like work. When I get there, I clock in, and when I leave, I have to clock out. It's exactly like having a job," said **Rabon**.

In a sense, it is kind of like a job because the students that attend classes at the Herndon are learning skills that will allow them to get jobs later in life. In **Rabon's** class, the students learn how to apply the different types of welding to the correct projects. They also learn how to weld things properly so that they don't come apart after vigorous use and damage. Another thing that the students are taught is how to be safe while working with the welding materials and the actual welding machine.

Rabon also learns another skill called metal fabrication. Metal fabrication is where the students take metal and shape and form it into something that can be put into use. This skill allows them to use metal in many different ways. It also allows them to make several objects that an average metal worker could not. They make things like toolboxes, fences, and mailboxes.

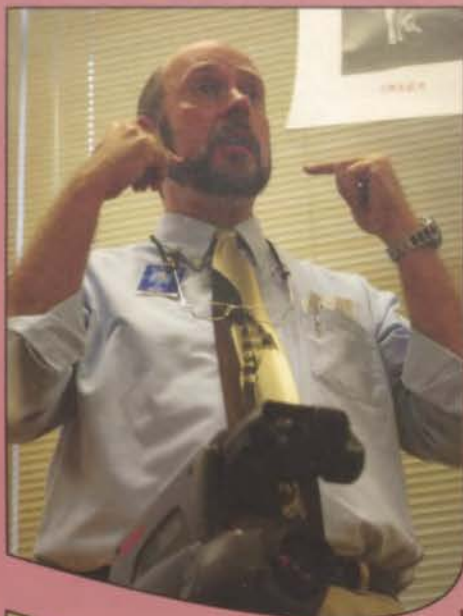
"It's just basically taking metal and turning it into something that a person can use," said **Rabon**.

The Herndon Career Center offers many other programs that students can choose from. They offer everything from culinary arts to welding to cosmetology. Each year, many students attend the Herndon, and many more find good jobs after high school.

For **Rabon** and students like him, the future is pretty clear when it comes to job choices. Although he is only a junior in high school, he is well on his way after he graduates. **Rabon** said that he plans on attending a school that will allow him to further his knowledge in welding and metal fabrication. *Story by Brandon Zoellers*



Every welder at Herndon has their own personal booth. This is very crucial at Herndon. Welding is a very independent tactic, and keeping others out of your way is considered safe.
Photo by Janelle Ryker



Mr. Harris demonstrates what areas of the face have the most impact on facial expressions to his Advanced Forensics class. "I am excited that we have an Advanced Forensics class this year because the students can get more work done and have more time to focus on themselves, which is very important for success," said Harris. He has been both the Debate and Forensics Coach since he started at Raytown and has led the squad to four consecutive Conference victories. Photo by Kayla Wilson



Junior Lacey Kritz contorts her face during a facial expressions activity in her Advanced Forensics Class. "I love acting, and that's why I took Forensics. Working on a piece is a lot of work, and I practice a lot before a tournament. I read plays and novels to choose a piece because I like to look for something different," said Kritz. Kritz is also involved in Theatre and enjoys singing. Photo by Kayla Wilson

her focal point

Junior Lacey Kritz rushes to her fifth hour Advanced Forensics class everyday, hoping Mr. Harris will give her time to perfect her Duo Interpretation.

"I think that I am probably the best at Duo," Kritz said about her talents.

She looks forward to going to tournaments each semester because she can compete against other students there.

"There are students EVERYWHERE at tournaments! By the end of it, though, our table has all the trophies on it," laughed Kritz.

Kritz feels forensics is great for actors because of the experiences they get.

"Someone outgoing who likes to act is perfect for Forensics. You have to be able to perform in front of people you don't know," said Kritz.



Senior Kei-Shae McCrary discusses her Public Forum argument with Mr. Harris before a tournament. McCrary has been in Debate for four years. "Debate is a big part of my life," said McCrary. Photo by Kayla Wilson



Practice and preparation are two words that **Senior Kei-Shae McCrary** has heard for her entire high school career. As a fourth year Debate student, she is well-adjusted to walking into room 116: **Mr. Harris' Debate Class**.

"I wasn't afraid to take this class because, honestly, when I signed up, I didn't know what I was getting into," said **McCrary**.

Debate has given **McCrary** the chance to evolve throughout high school, and she has learned more about herself.

"**Mr. Harris** has helped me improve in a lot of ways, some of which are only Debate, but he has helped me to see how strong of a person I am," admitted **McCrary**.

McCrary looks forward to each tournament in the season because it gives her the opportunity to improve her skills.

"I can't wait for Conference and Districts. Everyone has been working hard, and it will be fun. We should do great," said **McCrary**.

"I think the easiest part about composing an argument is writing the argument, but the hardest is sometimes deciding what the best argument is," commented **McCrary**.

McCrary loves her event, Public Forum, and she enjoys being around her partner **Senior Elyssa Brogdon**.

"**Elyssa** has been my teammate since I started debating at Raytown. Her weaknesses are my strengths, and her strengths are my weaknesses," said **McCrary**.

The knowledge she has gained from being in Debate is incomparable because of the benefits of learning argumentative communication skills.

"I plan to use my communication skills for everything I do in life because good communication skills are useful for everything you do in life. **Mr. Harris** has taught me so much, and taking Debate has been very beneficial," said **McCrary**.

Story by Chaunteé Clark

leading
to success

practice makes perfect

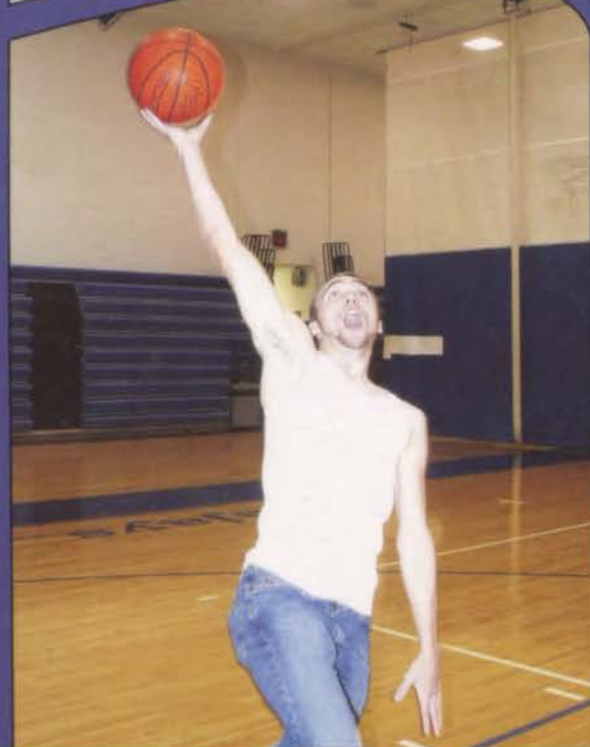
Senior Jesse Mack builds his muscular physique in his weight training class. Mack plays JV football and enjoys his position as running back. "I love to work hard, and I want to play football in college," said Mack.

Photo by Justin Gibbs



Senior Spencer Isackson attempts a lay-up in Lifetime Sports. Isackson has been playing basketball his entire life. "I got some skills for a white guy," said Isackson. Although he doesn't play for the school, he enjoys playing in his free time.

Photo by Justin Gibbs



Junior Brad Miller has been bowling since he was eight years old and has dreamed to be the best bowler in the world. To prepare for being in a professional league, Miller has to make Junior Team USA and Bowling Regionals, which is a hard accomplishment to make.

"I just have to get my mental game up so I can stay competitive", said Miller. During the fall, Miller is a soccer player on the Boys' Soccer team. He also bowls for a local league.

"All I do is bowl trying to get better so I can fulfill my dream by making Team USA before I go to college," said Miller. Although bowling isn't a contact sport, Miller enjoys getting in shape.

"A lot of people say you don't need to be in shape for bowling," said Miller, "but when you bowl ten games in a row, your whole body aches."

Miller is strictly an individual sport type of player. He believes that self-reliance is very important and being competitive allows him to stay focused.

"I am a very competitive person about everything. I hate losing," said Miller.

"When I lose in something, whether its soccer or bowling, I need time to cool off and rethink my strategies," said Miller.

"With a sport such as bowling, you need to practice everyday to be consistant with everything you do," said Miller. *Story by Demonte Whitley*



Junior Brad Miller prepares to release the ball in hopes of getting a strike. "I've practiced and come up with my own technique," said Miller. He practices as much as he can when he's not playing soccer.
Photo by Kyla Wilson

the road to SUCCESS

AS Junior Brittany Porter stacks t-shirts in the Bird's Nest, she thinks of how business class will affect her.

"I wanted to be in business class because someday I would like to own my own hair salon and call it "Sassy Styles," participate in hair shows and see my own hair and skin products," said Porter.

Porter has developed a lot of skills from working in the school store.

"I plan to use my skills by showing everyone what I can do and how I do it. I will attend hair shows for people to see my talent and pride for cosmetology," said Porter.

Porter has been doing hair for seven years now.

"At first I was experimenting with my own hair, then my mom got me some mannequin heads on my fifteenth birthday, and I practiced on those," said Porter.

Porter has experimented with many hair styles. Her most difficult hairstyle has been "water falls with shell curls, double twisties and crimps in the back."

Porter looks forward to going to cosmetology school after high school.

"I'm not sure yet, but I know I would love to go to one in Florida, California, or Georgia," Porter commented.

She would love to be a celebrity stylist in the future because of the opportunity she would have.

"I would style Beyonce or Christina Milian because you could do a lot with their hair. And plus, sometimes, Beyonce's hair is sprawled out, all over her head, so I would love to put it in a 'neat' style," admitted Porter.

Her experience with hair and business have prepared her for a future in being a business owner, something she looks forward to.

"I plan on owning my own brand of products called Younique & Chic. The line would consist of oil, holding spray (not spritz), and jam," said Porter.

As Porter learns more about owning a business and improving her hair styling skills, she prepares herself for a successful career. *Story by Tinisha Rhodes*





"From this class, I hope to gain a lot of knowledge and skills on running and owning my own business. I know owning my own business is something that I want to do. I know that if I put my mind and heart into it, then I will accomplish my dreams," said **Junior Brittany Porter**. Porter helps run the Bird's Nest during fourth hour every school day. Photo by *Rosalee Wheeler*

a part of something

Senior Tim Franklin sits in room 23 as the FBLA meeting is called to order. He gazes at all the new faces around him as he thinks of his reasons for being there.

"I'm in FBLA because I wanted to find an activity where everyone is 'truly' welcome. It [FBLA] grabbed my attention because of its organization, leadership, and its accomplishments," said **Franklin**.

Franklin has been in FBLA for two years.

"I've seen the accomplishments of FBLA, and the school spirit it brings to the students at RHS," said **Franklin**.

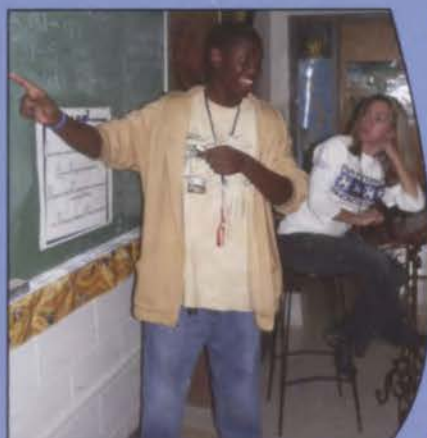
There are many aspects of FBLA that **Franklin** strongly likes.

"My favorite part of FBLA is the sense of unity. No one feels as if they are bearing the responsibility alone. There is a change of a close family bond, and everyone is welcome," said **Franklin**.

Franklin is looking forward to the upcoming events this year.

Although there are many different clubs for students to join here at RHS, **Franklin** thought FBLA suited him the best.

"FBLA is very different from other clubs. The first thing that stands out is our sponsor **Ms. Arnold**. It's because of our sponsor's love for the program that creates the morality and dedication towards this activity. This is a club that does not send messages that you have to be a certain color, size, shape, or personality to join. I suggest to anyone who is not currently involved to join FBLA. The Future Business Leaders of America will set your future, make you a leader, and no one will leave empty handed," said **Franklin**. Story By *Tinisha Rhodes*



"For me, I would have to say that FBLA is my ticket to success. FBLA is a wonderful organization, and I'm proud to be a member," said **Senior Tim Franklin**. Tim joined FBLA because he wanted an activity where everyone was welcomed. Photo by *Rosalee Wheeler*



Franklin is excited about the progress the organization is making. "It's something I feel that everyone should be involved in, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of the new members at our next meeting," said **Franklin**. Photo by *Rosalee Wheeler*

Senior Cory Hinesley directs the Children's Plays for Theater 3/4. Hinesley wanted to direct The Great Cross Country Race for her classmates. "I felt powerful being a director. My classmates made the play so much fun!" said Hinesley.

Photo by Kayla Wilson



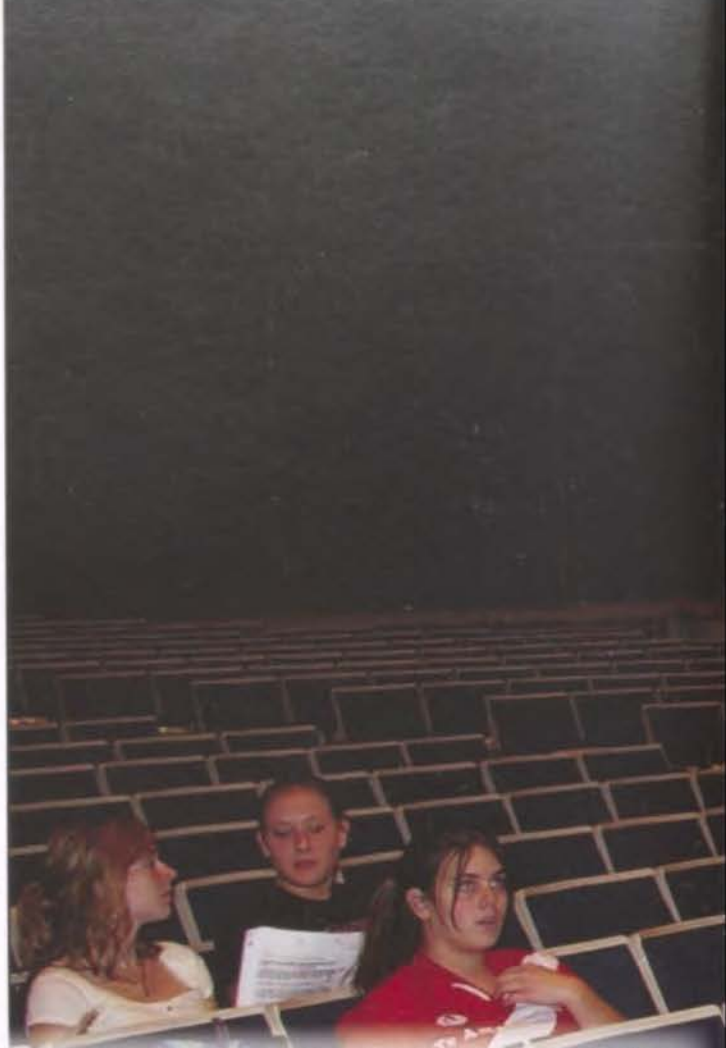
Senior Carey Lewis reads over The Great Cross Country Race. Lewis listens, while Senior Cory Hinesley directs her to move across the stage. "Children's Plays are student directed. Cory did a great job," said Lewis.

Photo by Kayla Wilson



Theater 3/4 sits behind the stage and reads over their script as they get ready to perform their One Act, The Hairy Man. One Acts can also be called Storybook Theater. "Our class works so well together!" said Senior Becky Beilting.

Photo by Kayla Wilson



People have many reasons for doing the things they do. So of course kids have their reasons for why they love to act.

"I love making people laugh, and I love for them to enjoy themselves," said Senior Clint Whalen. Whalen is in Theatre 130, which is the top theatre class offered to seniors wanting to take drama for college credit.

"Theatre is my life. I don't want to be stereotyped into one part," said Whalen. Whalen has been in theatre for a long time and is used to RHS's theatre department. Newcomer Senior Sam Miller, however, wasn't as used to this school's theatre department.

"There are a lot more resources at your disposal. The stage is big, and you have bigger productions," said Miller who moved here from Wisconsin. "Students made me feel welcome, and theatre has been a good way to get to know people. It's not such a formal classroom setting."

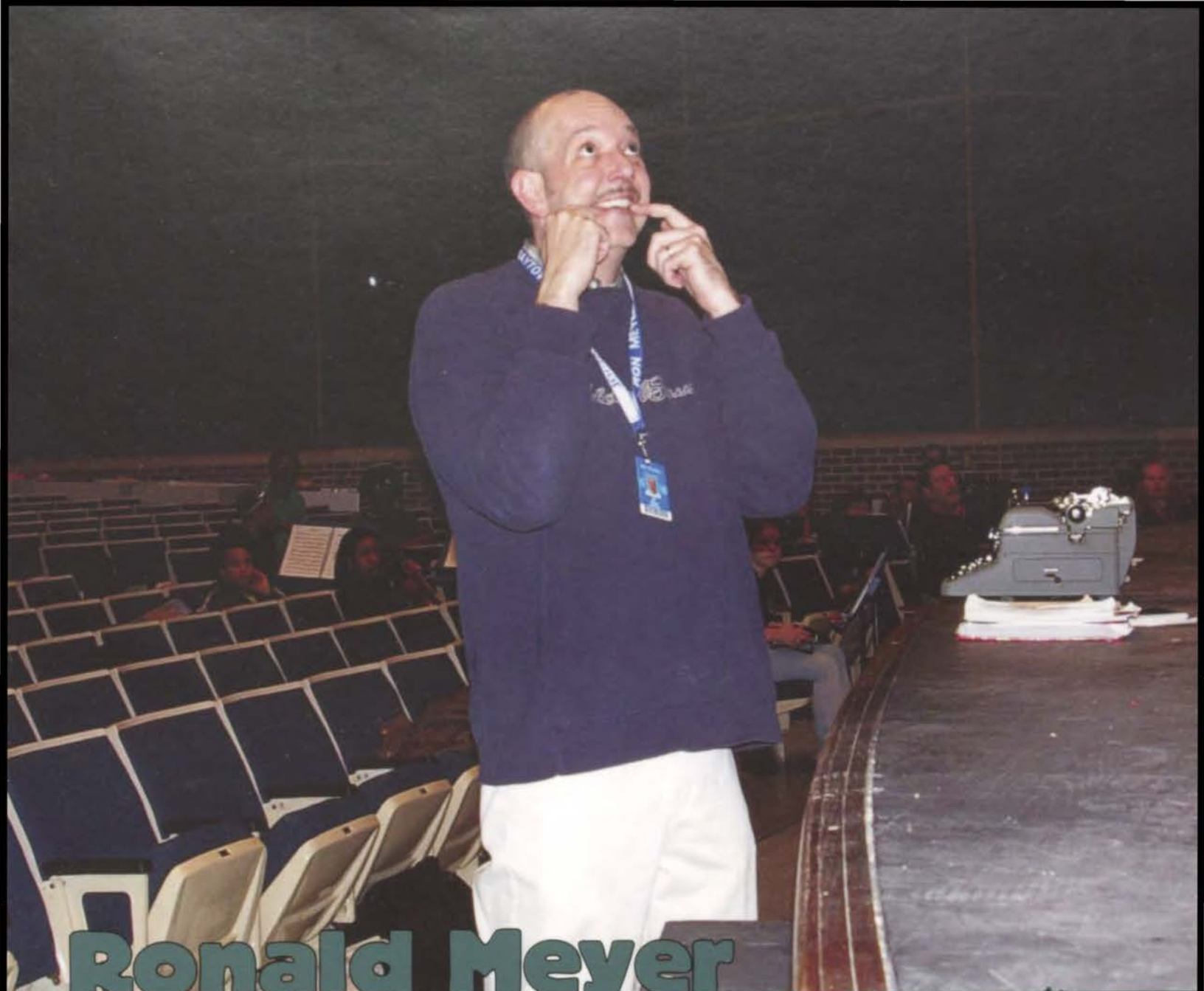
Freshman Courtney Hinsel is another newcomer to Raytown High, and she enjoyed learning blocking in

Ms. McGehee's Theatre I class. Theatre I is an excellent class for student who aren't comfortable performing.

Once you get past theatre, then you get to the field trips. Theatre classes II-130 went to see a play about high school students who were six blocks away from the World Trade Centers on September 11, 2001. Theatre II through Theatre 130 also have the opportunity to perform for the public. The Theatre II class performs Reader's Theatre, which is a style of theatre where the actors talk to the audience and are not to look at each other.

The Theatre 3/4 class performed One Acts, which is where two large groups perform short skits for the public. What most students look forward to the most is making it into the select group which is the Theatre 130 class. They perform the Children's Shows throughout the year. That's what theatre is about: making people feel what you want them to feel. It's a good way to express their feelings. *Story by Ashlee James*

a way to express yourself



Ronald Meyer

“That’s theatre baby!”

Ronald Meyer is a respected figure in the halls of Raytown High. He was once a professional actor until he decided to give it up to teach. **Meyer** decided to teach because he was asked by the department chair at Marymount College to direct one of the mainstage productions and to serve as a guest instructor for two acting classes.

Meyer really enjoyed working with the theatre students and found it much more rewarding than the experience he had as a professional actor. However, **Meyer’s** least rewarding experience while teaching is dealing with students who are not prepared or who show no effort.

“It is very frustrating when you know a student could perform at a certain level, and they fail to do so,” said **Meyer**. If the manpower and funds were available, **Meyer** would like to teach an upper level class that is totally production based. The class would be a

small class of eight to twelve auditioned students who would perform year round.

“It would be intense study. I like hands-on experiences. Let’s face it, you learn much more by doing it,” explained **Meyer**. **Meyer’s** philosophy is urging students to work to their fullest potential.

“I despise mediocrity, and I want my students to use their talents to the fullest,” said **Meyer**. Raytown High School has become famous around the community for it’s top notch professional looking productions. The credit can go to **Ronald Meyer**.

Meyer’s favorite show that he’s directed at Raytown High School so far has been “The Foreigner.” **Meyer’s** productions are always so excellent because he is all about work ethic. Every time he does something, he gives forth his all, and he expects his student’s all in return. Raytown High School is lucky to have **Meyer**. *Story by Ashlee James*

building a winner

As the Robotics Team opens the box of scrap metal, **Junior Ethan Roy** begins his technical planning of how he wants to execute this project. It's only the Robotics Team's second year, but that didn't stop them from taking third in regionals last year.

"Last year was very difficult because we weren't sure how to do everything. We kind of had to do a guess and check kind of thing," said **Roy**.

There are two sides to the Robotics Team. **Roy's** position on the team is to manage the technology side. Some of his goals for this year is to keep everything organized and have it planned out before they begin to start the building of the robot.

"This year I want to know what we're doing before we just start building. I think if plan more efficiently this year, we will do even better," said **Roy**.

Although Robotics is a fairly new organization, a lot of people are applying to be a part of the robot-building action. Many of the people on the team graduated last year, so there will be a lot of new people on the team.

"Robotics isn't as easy as people may think. There are a lot of man hours, labor, and technical planning that goes along with robotics," said **Roy**, "you really have to have a desire to learn to be on the team."

The Robotics Team is funded by the **Kauffman Foundation**. For the first three to four years, they will fund the team, but after that time is up, it is up to the team to become self-sufficient. *Story by Samantha Bockelman*

During the Robotic Teams meetings, **Mr. Wadleigh** talks about the upcoming workshops that are available for the students to attend. **Mr. Wadleigh** chooses the lucky students to attend in order to help out with the robot in the near future. He discusses that while during competition, other schools will tend to lend a hand on what the team could do to help their robot become better.

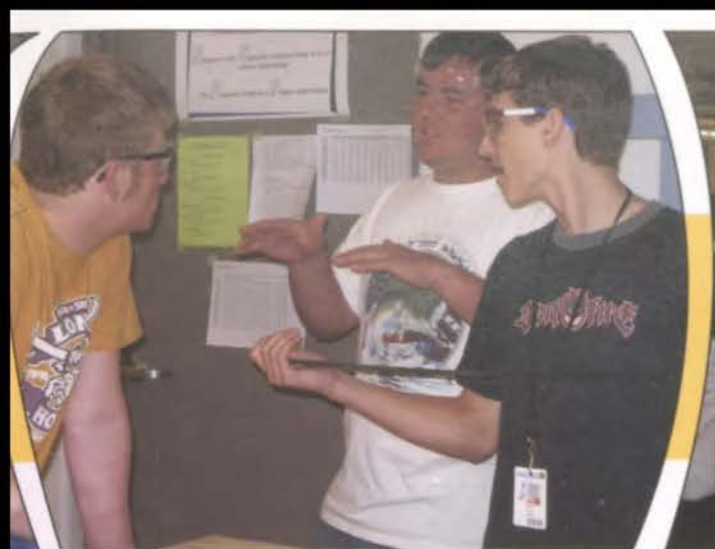
Photo by Taylor Allen



Junior Ethan Roy works on the technical side of the Robotics Team. **Roy** works with the publication side also. If you see **Roy** during the meetings, he is constantly on his computer figuring out stuff that the Robotics Team needs to do, for example fundraisers, competitions, banking. "Robotics isn't as easy as people think it is," said **Roy**, "you really have to have the desire to learn to be on the team."

Photo by Brandi Simpson





Left: **Junior Clayton Staley** and **Mr. Wadleigh** prepare to solder an item from **Staley's** home. They start the burner in order to help with the soldering. "I like being able to fix things that are broken," said **Staley**. *Photo by Taylor Allan*



Middle: **Senior Matt Hurst**, **Junior Michael Wait**, and **Sophomore Shawn Rains** deliberate on measurements of the piece of wood. The students also get help from one another in order to get the finished product. *Photo by Taylor Allan*

Right: **Junior Kasey Jenkins** talks to another student to see how she did on her extra credit project. "I have been the only girl in this class for three years," said **Jenkins**. *Photo by Taylor Allan*



Junior Spencer Bockelman smooths down a piece of wood. "In woodworking, you get to teach yourself," said **Bockelman**. In wood working, students get to work at their own pace. *Photo by Taylor Allan*

hands-on learning

Rather than sitting in a desk reading a text book, students like **Junior Spencer Bockelman** use a table saw to cut pieces of wood in hopes that it will be the right size for the corner cabinet he is in the process of building.

"In woodworking, you get to teach yourself. The teacher tells you how to work the machine, and from there, you're on your own," said **Bockelman**, "which makes this class really stressful. There are a lot of measurements, and the wood is really expensive."

In Industrial Art classes, students are taught how to use various types of equipments, and then they design something they want to build.

"It's kind of like art," said **Bockelman**, "but instead of having an easel, paintbrush, and paint, you have some wood and a machine."

Students take classes like Industrial Arts to get out of the typical learning atmosphere.

"There is more to learning than just sitting at a desk and listening to a teacher lecture. With woodworking, it's more self-taught. I find that with more hands on learning, I retain more knowledge," said **Bockelman**.

Although there is a lot of freedom to a class like woodworking, there can be accidents. For example, **Junior Michael Wait** dropped a blade on his leg and sliced it open. He had to go to the hospital and get eight stitches. If the normal sitting at a desk doesn't sound appealing, give an Industrial Arts class a try.

Story by Samantha Bockelman

poems galore

Grasping a new poetry entry for the literary magazine, **Senior Emma Wimmer** reflects on her past three years on Literary Magazine.

"My favorite memory of being in Lit Mag was sophomore year. We made crazy shirts to sell at lunch for our fundraiser. I was confident about my poetry then," admitted **Wimmer**.

Wimmer is inspired by her own creativity, which helps her choose better entries for the magazine.

"I remember sophomore year I wrote poems more. Sometimes I write poems, but it's hard for me now that there's not a creative writing class anymore," commented **Wimmer**.

Wimmer is excited about her final year on Lit Mag because of a few changes.

"We might be changing the name from 'A Gathering of Birds.' We have a lot of new members this year. It's my last year, and I hope we can make it a good one," said **Wimmer**. *Story by Chauntee Clark*



Senior Emma Wimmer attempts to balance a workload of papers she is carrying. "It's kind of sad, but most people don't really care about literary magazine. I'm glad that we have a space in the yearbook for the second year in a row. It makes me happy," said **Wimmer**. *Photo by Lindsay Leggio*

As he grabs his silver notebook and blue mechanical pencil from his locker, **Junior Joseph Guzman** hurries to his third hour Expository Writing class. He slides into his desk and pulls out his comparative essay that he has been working on for five days.

"I start writing my paper with a lot of brainstorming, followed by a brief outline. Then, I make a rough draft and a more detailed outline. Finally, I make revisions until I think it's done," said **Guzman**.

Although **Guzman** doesn't enjoy English as a class, he understands its value.

"Although I really don't like English all that much, it is important because it helps you articulate yourself better and helps you grow," commented **Guzman**.

He uses his life as motivation for writing, and he enjoys using his personal life as support.

"Most of my inspiration is from personal, everyday life, and I write most of my papers in the school library because it is quiet there," said **Guzman**.

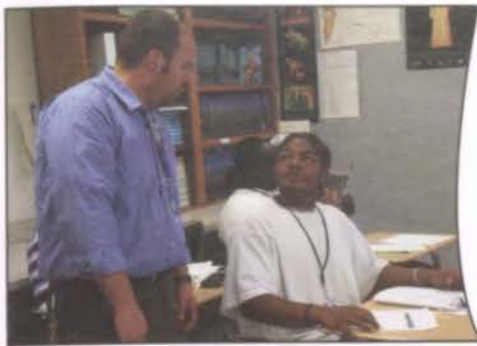
There are some things **Guzman** doesn't enjoy about his Expo class.

"I don't like writing descriptive essays because I don't see the purpose in describing what something was like. It has no relevance to anything that will help anyone," laughed **Guzman**.

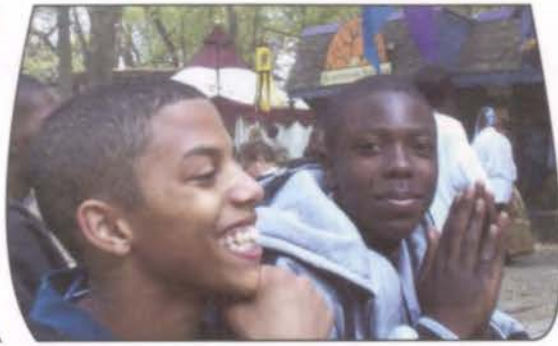
Guzman enjoys using creativity during Expository, but he looks forward to using his logical thinking skills in his future.

"I want to be a chemical engineer. Although I enjoy using creativity in Expo, I like to use logic because I am a logical thinker. I use logic to solve all problems," said **Guzman**. *Story by Chauntee Clark*

turning the page



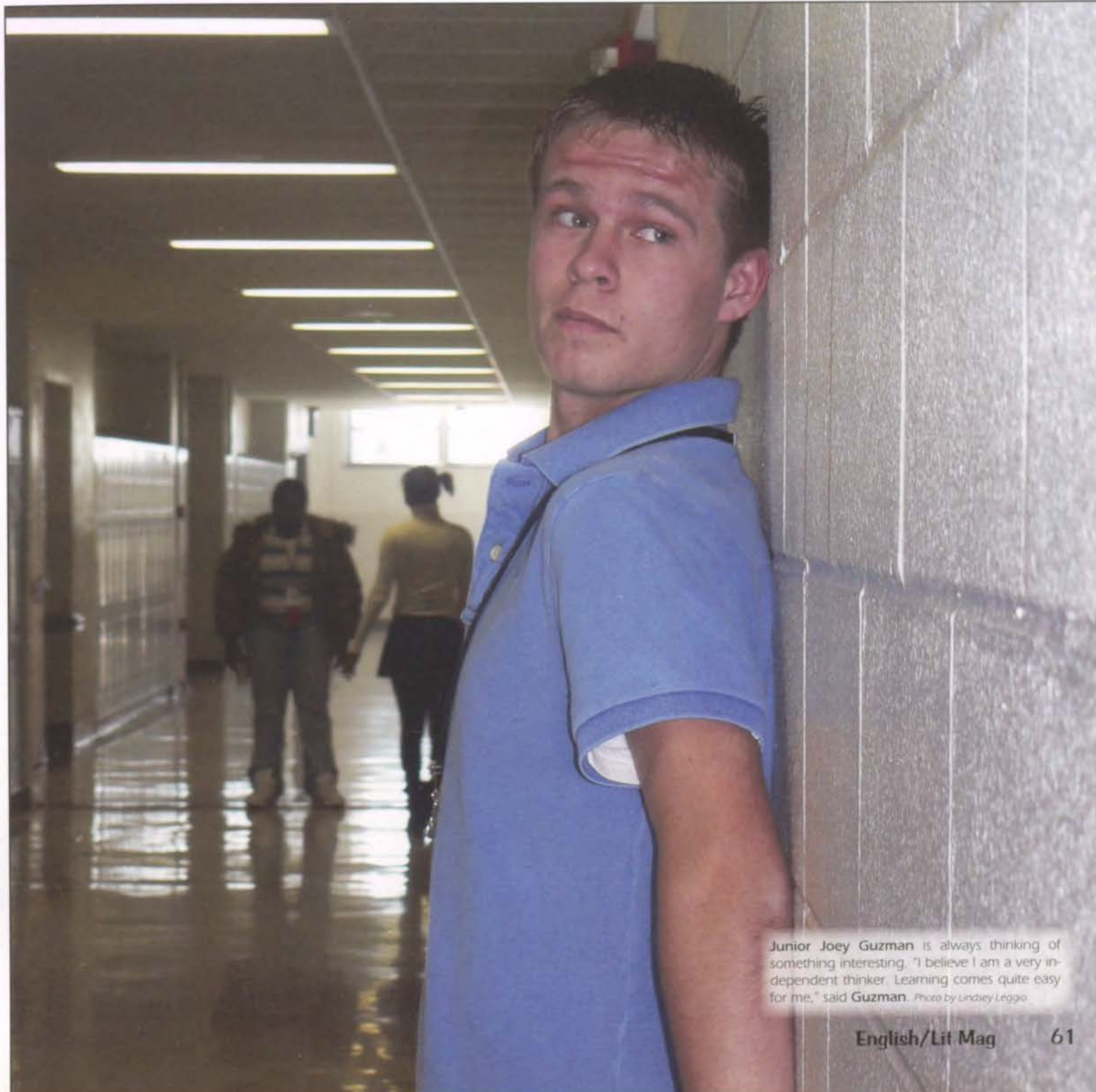
Senior Justin Richardson and Mr. Dierking discuss sentences in English IV. "Having Mr. Dierking is an interesting learning experience because he makes it fun," said Richardson. Photo by Lindsey Leggo



Freshmen Michael Goodrich and Isaiah Lester enjoy their surrounding while attending the Renaissance Festival. "It was fun and dirty, but I learned alot about Renaissance era," said Goodrich. He is currently in Mrs. Davidson's English I Class. Photo by Maureen Holland




Junior Markita Mays relaxes with her book "Flew in from Neptune." Mays sits quietly and reads during her fourth hour English class with Miss Moore. Mays works hard to get the book finished in the allotted time she has. Photo by Kayla Wilson



Junior Joey Guzman is always thinking of something interesting. "I believe I am a very independent thinker. Learning comes quite easy for me," said Guzman. Photo by Lindsey Leggo



pursuing your sport



From football to basketball, soccer to cross country, swimming to wrestling, or even softball to track, Raytown has them all. The sports **teams** give students a chance to express themselves by striking out **three** batters in a row, by talking to teammates at practice, or in other ways that go unnoticed in an ordinary classroom. Whether **Senior Angelica Chuon** climbs a steep hill at the Ottawa Invitational, a **soccer** player steals the ball on the soccer field, or a swimmer **dives** in to a pool of water, students at Raytown are able to **display** their hidden talents. These pages show how hard the Raytown Blue Jays work and **strive** to become the best. Not only are these teams formed to **work** hard and win, but the teams are formed to create friendships. These are the pages that **pursue** your sport...



As Senior Brandi Simpson winds down the race at the Ottawa Invitational, only one thing was on her mind: taking first place. "Since this is my senior year, I really wanted to take home a first place medal," said Simpson. As she crosses the finish line in exhaustion, she took home a first place medal.

Photo by Samantha Bockelman

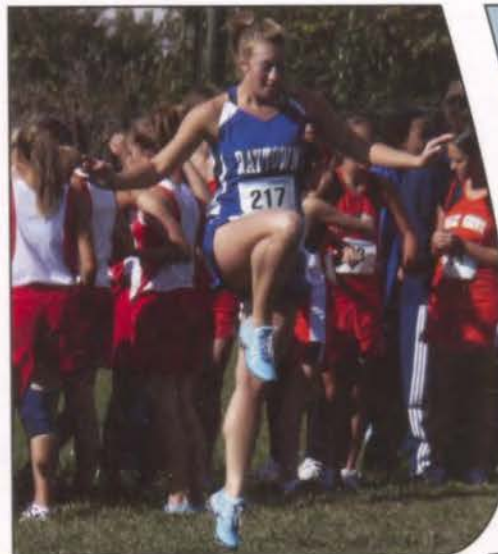
Before the beginning of the race, Senior Molly Troop strides out to stretch her muscles and gets her blood flowing. "I loved running cross country. So many funny things happened, and there was never a dull moment," said Troop. "The running was fun, but I did it for the more social aspect of it." *Photo by Brandi Simpson*

As the gun fires, Senior Brandi Simpson, Junior Samantha Bockelman, and Sophomore Mallory Mullaly begin the race. "The starts of the race always make me so nervous, just the anticipation of what I'm about to do makes me want to throw up, but I love running. It's great," said Bockelman.

Photo Courtesy of Dorsey Simpson

With only a mile to go, Sophomore Mallory Mullaly picks up the pace in hopes to stay in a medaling spot. "I love running cross country. Sometimes, it's really hard for me to finish the race because I hurt my knee my freshman year, and since then running hasn't been the same!" said Mullaly.

Photo by Brandi Simpson



striding to victory

With one mile left, **Senior Brandi Simpson** pushes her body to finish the race in first place at the Ottawa invitational. The finish line is in sight, her legs feel like lead, and her body screaming to just give up. Cross-country is not something everyone can do. It takes a lot of strength to run 3.16 miles in under twenty-one minutes.

"People underestimate the endurance and physical strength you must have to run cross-country," said **Simpson**.

Simpson has been running cross-country since seventh grade. During her junior year, she placed 28th out of about 100 girls in districts and 53rd out of 120 girls in sectionals. **Simpson** has placed ranging anywhere from first to fifty-third.

"I really enjoy running cross-country because all the kids on the team are fun to be around, and there is never a dull moment. All of the people on the team get along really well, and we never fight," said **Simpson**.

Simpson's favorite memory was at the Ray-Pec invitational. All the Raytown runners were at the tent, and foreign-exchange student **Yusuke Suzuki** was using **Sophomore Chris Jensen** as a pillow. **Suzuki** poked at **Jensen** and started saying "Negleekt, you negleekt," meaning that **Jensen** wasn't taking care of his body.

"A lot of people won't understand why that was so funny, but if you're on the team, you would understand," said **Simpson**.

Even though **Simpson** is an extremely talented runner, she does not plan on running in college. She plans on attending the University of Missouri to begin her pre-med studies, and she feels that running will only distract her from accomplishing her dream of becoming a doctor. *Story by Samantha Bockelman*



With the startling sound of the gunshot, the Raytown Boys Cross Country team is off on their 5K race up and down the hills of the dreaded Ottawa course. "This course wasn't like other courses. This race will be one of my most memorable," said Freshman Lucas Albouhalkah. Photo by Brandt Simpson



through the woods

On your mark, get set, runners hear the sound of a gun, and they're off. Freshman **Lucas Abouhalkah** was always in the front of the pack, **Abouhalkah** was considered to be the hardest working person on the team by fellow teammates. No matter the practice, whether it is easy or hard, he pushed himself to the limit. Taking into consideration that he is just a freshman, his future looks bright.

"If you're not in first, you're in last," explained **Abouhalkah**, "this is what keeps me running my hardest when I feel like the task is impossible, and my body just wants to give up."

Abouhalkah doesn't like to lose. No matter whether it is practice or a race, **Abouhalkah** wants to win. At the Ottawa Invitational, **Abouhalkah** was in sight of his first victory, as he was winding down on his second mile a spectator told him to go the wrong way, and he ended up taking one of the last places in the race.

"This was a hard loss for me, I was in first place, but I had never ran this course. I didn't know where I was going, and some old man tells me to go the wrong way. I was in first, and I know that if it wasn't told to go the wrong way, I would have a first place medal," said **Abouhalkah**.

Abouhalkah is a talented athlete in general. Not only does he run cross-country, he also plays basketball and baseball.

"Sports are just a good way to stay out of trouble, and if your good enough, they can help pay for your college tuition," said **Abouhalkah** "I am going to play sports all through high school."

Story by Samantha Bockelman



Top: Freshman **Luke Abouhalkah** began in the front of the pack at the Grandview Invitational. "This was tight course. I liked at the end there was a begdown hill, so that when you were finishing you had a lot of extra momentum," said **Abouhalkah**. Photo by Brandi Simpson

Middle: Freshman **Chris Turley** pushes through to finish the race. Although **Turley** is one of smallest runners on the team, his size hasn't stopped him from running and taking medaling places at the meets. Photo by Brandi Simpson

Bottom: Senior **Zach Tuck** finishes out the race with a strong kick. With less than 800 yards to go, **Tuck** sprints to the finish line after running a 5k. **Tuck** has ran all four years of high school, and has a had a successful record. Photo by Brandi Simpson

Senior Kelly Kueser checks her putt on the green. Kueser checks for any slants in the green that will make her ball roll to the hole. "Golf is a quiet sport. You have to be fully focused on what you're doing," said Kueser. Photo by Kayla Wilson



her final SWING

AS Senior Kelly Kueser steps onto the putting green at Teetering Rocks, she prepares to swing on the ninth hole. As she swings back her driver, "Big Bubba," she reminisces about her final season of Girls' Golf.

"This season was the greatest because I did my best as well as the whole team did their best. Everyone worked so hard, and it really did pay off," said Kueser.

Kueser has been playing golf since her freshman year and has been motivated to play on the team.

"My motivation to play golf was because I knew it was the sport that I could do well at, and even though it can be difficult these are moments that are rewarding," said Kueser.

Kueser's teammates were a big part of her season, too.

"I loved spending time with my teammates. They are the greatest, and Coach Gum is a wonderful teacher, coach, and friend," said Kueser.

Kueser's golf career is full of memories she has spent with her team.

"I will miss going to breakfast with the team, singing songs with the team in Coach's truck, and other hilarious moments during practice or before and after matches," said Kueser.

"I'm sad that this season is over because I will miss being a team with my amazing teammates, but I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet these people," said Kueser.

Kueser's motive to play golf was because she knew she had the opportunity to succeed. She didn't have to run long distances or sprint as fast as she could. She didn't even have to tackle another player or get tackled.

"I'm happy that the golf team won ten matches!" exclaimed Kueser.

She hasn't lost a positive attitude though she may have had struggles in her season.

"I believe that my overall season was the greatest I have had. I did my best, even though I did have my bad days. I still did my best to be able to go to state. As for the team, this was our best season, since we all did our best and won most of our matches, as well as placed second in Conference," commented Kueser.

Kueser has maintained a positive attitude throughout everything she has been through. As she finishes her senior year, she will have memories of spending sunny afternoons on the green.

Story by Melissa Johnson and Chaunteé Clark



Senior Lauren Anderson practices hitting the ball before a game. Anderson has been on Raytown's golf team since her freshman year. "I'm sad this is my last year playing golf for Raytown. It's been a great season," said Anderson. Photo by Kayla Wilson



Freshman Dominique Romirez and Senior Cory Hinesley joke around before a game. This is Hinesley's last year on golf and Romirez's first year. "There are too many hilarious moments to mention. All I have to say is that we brought sexy back," said Hinesley. Photo by Kayla Wilson



Freshman Shannon Bowers prepares to tee off at the start of her game. Bowers is playing a par 3 course, so she uses a pitching wedge to make her swings short. "Playing golf has taught me to be patient," said Bowers. Photo by Kayla Wilson



Captain Senior Jimmy Herrman protects the ball aggressively against a mid-fielder. Onlookers wait to see the outcome. "Don't make soccer a difficult game. Have fun and just play the game," said Herrman. Photo by Taylor Allen

playing the game

Leading the Varsity Soccer team this year was **Captain Senior Jimmy Herrman**. The Blue Jays won the infamous game against rival team Raytown South in double overtime with a goal by **Junior Bradley Miller**.

"This year's Raytown-Ray South game was a great game, and in the end, we won in overtime. It felt good to beat them," said **Jimmy Herrman**.

Herrman has been playing soccer for twelve years. He plans on playing soccer on into college. He chose to play soccer because size doesn't matter; someone can be small but fast and still beat a much bigger opponent.

"My favorite thing about playing soccer is shaming the other team with my amazing skills," laughed **Her-**

rman. Skills are very important when playing the game, they help players get past their opponents.

"My teammates help me play better in the games," said **Herrman**. The soccer players get along great, like a family. Every player knows his role on the team, which gives Raytown an advantage because they work so well together.

"I would tell the younger soccer players of Raytown to not make soccer a difficult game: play simple, just play the beautiful game, and don't let anything discourage you," informed **Herrman**. Like most sports, players are seen certain ways like football players are big, but soccer players come in all shapes and sizes, ready for the game. *Story by Molly Walsh*



Left: **Junior Stefaan Jefferson** can get through any obstacle that is put in his way. "Soccer is the real futbol," and it's my anti-drug," said **Jefferson**. "People don't know how tough the soccer team is until they've been to one of our games." *Photo by Taylor Allen*

Right: **Junior Jarrod Bennett** watches the ball to every extent in order to be able to know where the ball is going to go. "We beat South in a conference game, and it felt good to rub it in," said **Bennett**. *Photo by Taylor Allen*

"My goals for my team are to score some goals and win games because we don't do that very often," stated **Freshman Brent Thomas**, "I expect my team to play their hardest every game." **Thomas** was the goalie on the JV soccer team. He has been playing soccer for over ten years.

"I play soccer over other sports because I live it, and I've played it longer than any other sport," stated **Thomas**.

"I play soccer because it's the only fall sport, besides swimming, that actually wins games," laughed **Sophomore Tad McLanahan**. He is on the JV boy's soccer team, and this is his second year on the team.

Freshman Zach Kapp is striker on the JV soccer team. He has been playing soccer for about seven years.

"My goal this year is to play at top expectations, score, get assists, and to be a better team mate. I hope to make the varsity team next year," said **Kapp**.

"My relationships with my teammates are good. Sometimes we argue, but by the end of the day, we're all cool," remarked **Kapp** about his team.

The boys thought that the most exciting game this year was the Rockhurst game. **Kapp** and **Thomas** both agreed that it was the most challenging. Rockhurst has not only a really good varsity team, but they also a really good JV team. Raytown tried their hardest to get all of their assets and score goals. After an eventful game the boys lost.

"I just hope that we will not hang our heads when we let a goal in and keep playing our best no matter what the score is," said **McLanahan**, "I expect us to sparkle and shine like the team I know we can be." *Story by Lindsay Vaters*



season of growth



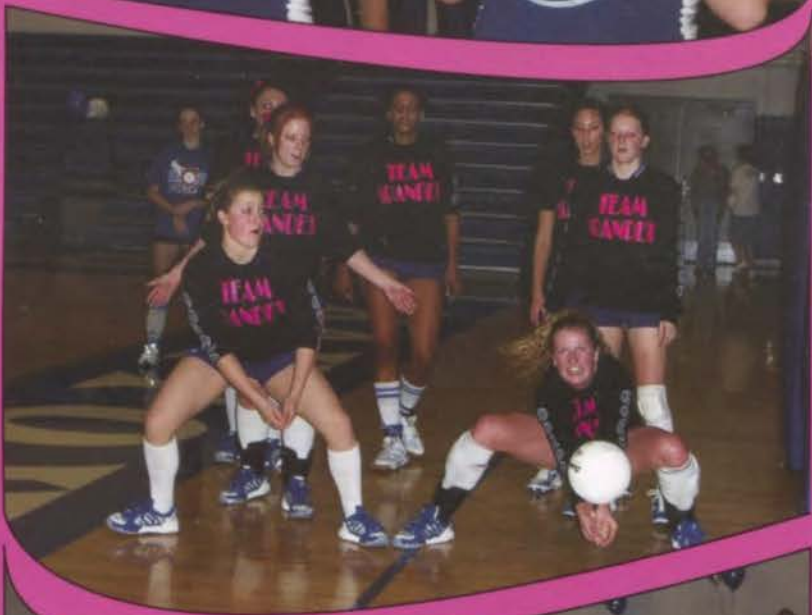
Left: Freshman **Thomas Hoffman** works hard to get the ball away from Raytown South's forward. In order to do well in the games, the players including **Hoffman** had to work hard. "I like to run; I run to help build up my strength in my legs," said **Hoffman**. Photo by Taylor Allan

Middle: Sophomore **David Clark** fights his way through the offensive forwards in order to move the ball forward. "I love to play in the games and being apart of it," said **Clark**. "The one thing that I hate the most is that I don't like to get beat," said **Clark**. Photo by Taylor Allan

Right: Senior **David Cathcart** takes a breather on the sideline while watching his fellow teammates. **Cathcart** watches in despair as his team falls behind in the game. "I am proud to be the only senior representing the JV Soccer team," said **Cathcart**. "I just wish I could have started playing soccer sooner." Photo by Taylor Allan



Freshman **Zack Kapp** stays two feet away from the defender. In order to watch the ball, **Kapp** has to be calm and patient. "My goal this year is to play at top expectations, score, get assists, and to be a better team mate," said **Kapp**. Photo by Taylor Allan



team SPARK

The Raytown Varsity Volleyball team went head-to-head against the Raytown South Cardinals in an unforgettable match. In the first game, Raytown scored the first four points, dominating the Cardinals. The varsity team didn't expect anything less than a victory against their cross-town rivals.

"It was really intense, and that was the best volleyball game I have played all season," said **Sophomore Moriah Jones**. Jones played an outstanding game scoring numerous points to help keep the lead over the Cardinals. The Blue Jays won the first game 25-23.

In the second game, **Senior Katie Harris** assisted the Lady Jays by setting the ball to the front row and scoring many points.

"You have to work as a team to be successful. Good passes help me to make good sets, and good sets give the hitters kills. When we set everything up right, we are untouchable," said **Harris**. However, the Jays ended up losing the second game 25-18.

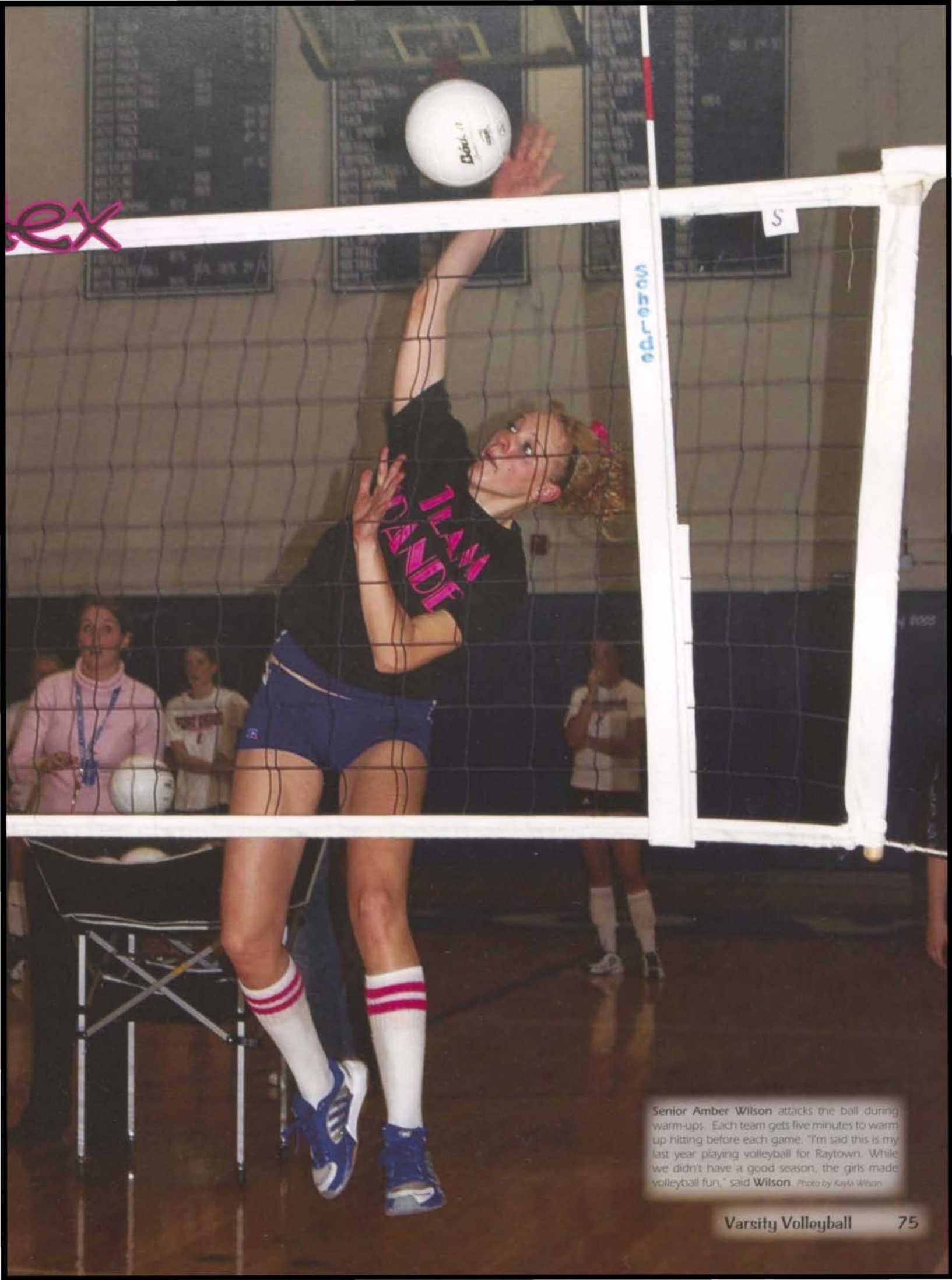
"We should have beat them the second game, but it was harder than we expected. At least we played as a team," said **Senior Linnsey Lipps**. Since the Jays lost the second game, they had to kick it up a notch and play their hearts out.

"I think they started to get scared when they saw us working together and having fun while beating them," said **Lipps**. Leading 22-14, the Jays could smell victory in the air. The Lady Jays won 25-15. *Story by Demonte Whitley*

Senior Mandy Hernandez subs in for **Senior Katie Harris**. Hernandez hits right side in front row, and Harris sets from the back row. "Occasionally, Mandy wouldn't sub in for me because I'd set from front and back row, and she would be my opposite on the court and play front and back row as well," said **Harris**. *Photo by Wylie Proctor*

Senior Linnsey Lipps digs a hit during warm-ups right before Raytown's last game against Fort Osage. "All varsity players were fired up for the intense match, especially the seven seniors! Emotions were getting the best of us to push hard during the game. We played hard and ended on a good note," said **Lipps**. *Photo by Kayla Wilson*

Seniors Jessica Goldammer and **Mandy Hernandez** are playing defense to cover the hitter. "Coverage is important in volleyball incase of a block. The volleyball season didn't go as well as we planned, but at least we beat Raytown South in districts," said **Goldammer**. *Photo by Kayla Wilson*



Senior Amber Wilson attacks the ball during warm-ups. Each team gets five minutes to warm up hitting before each game. "I'm sad this is my last year playing volleyball for Raytown. While we didn't have a good season, the girls made volleyball fun," said Wilson. Photo by Kayla Wilson

setting them up

Hustling to set every ball for her hitters, **Sophomore Karen White**, the junior varsity volleyball setter, helped lead her team to a winning season.

"I remember at the Raytown vs. Raytown South game, I gave [**Sophomore**] **Kelly Lagrant** a perfect set, and she slammed it to the ground, and we won," said **White**.

White was inspired to begin playing volleyball three years ago after her older cousin **Junior Megan Reynolds**, a varsity starter, began playing in eighth grade.

"When **Megan** went to high school and continued playing, I decided to give it a try my eighth grade year," stated **White**, "and my dad continues to motivate me also."

It was her first year playing JV volleyball, and she plans to play off season volleyball to help prepare her for next season.

"The hardest part of playing my

position is getting to every second ball and giving my hitters a good set so they can put the ball down, but if someone does make a mistake, you have to keep encouraging your teammates, and don't get down on yourself if you mess up," commented **White**.

White believes playing volleyball will help her learn to work as a team in the future.

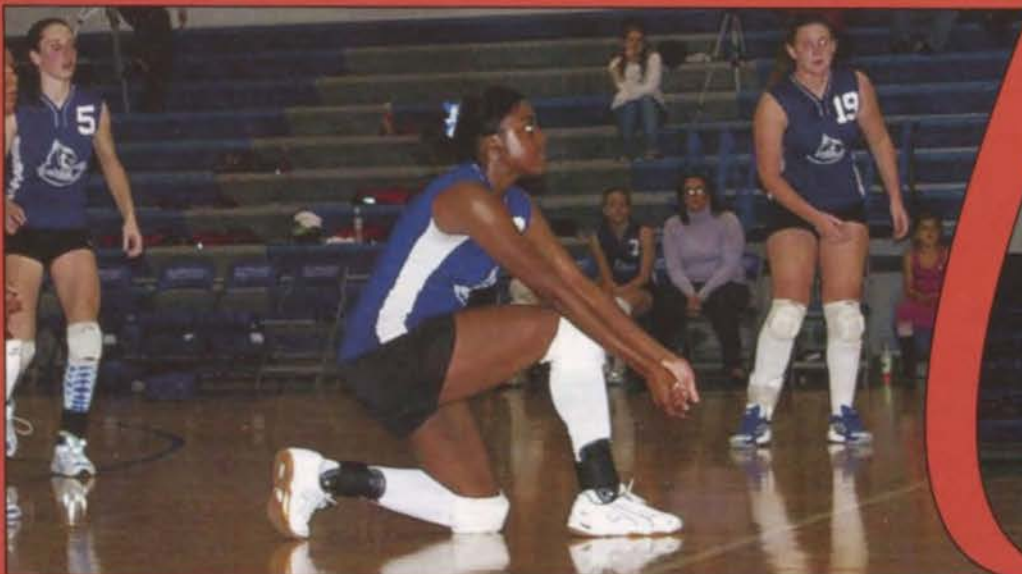
"It has made me stronger as a person, and I hope it will help me in the future when I have a job and need to work well with other people," stated **White**.

White thought this year's volleyball was going to be tough having new coaches, but it wasn't as bad as she thought it would be.

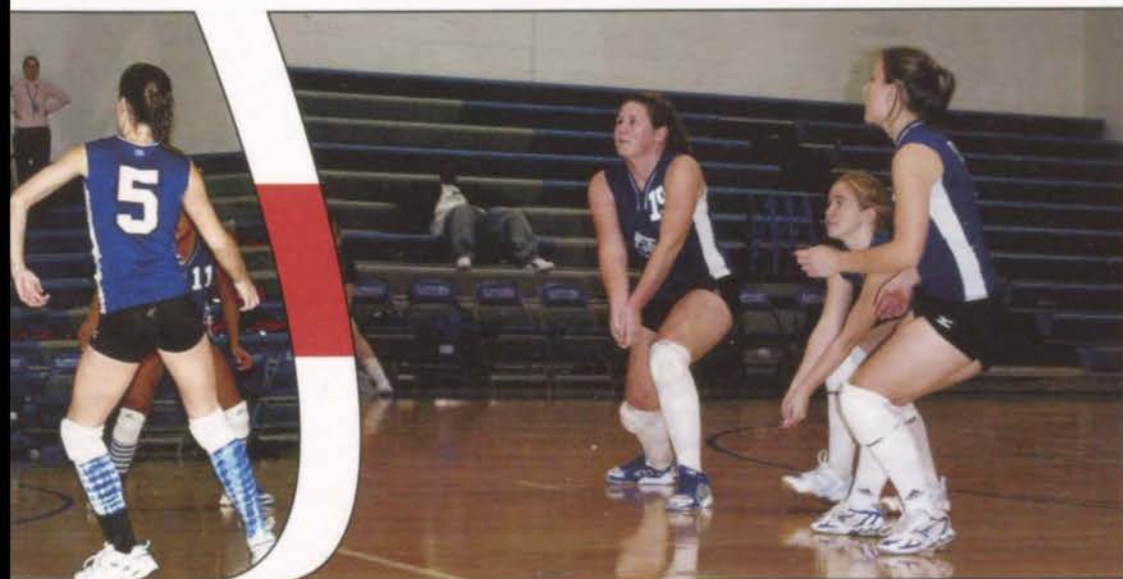
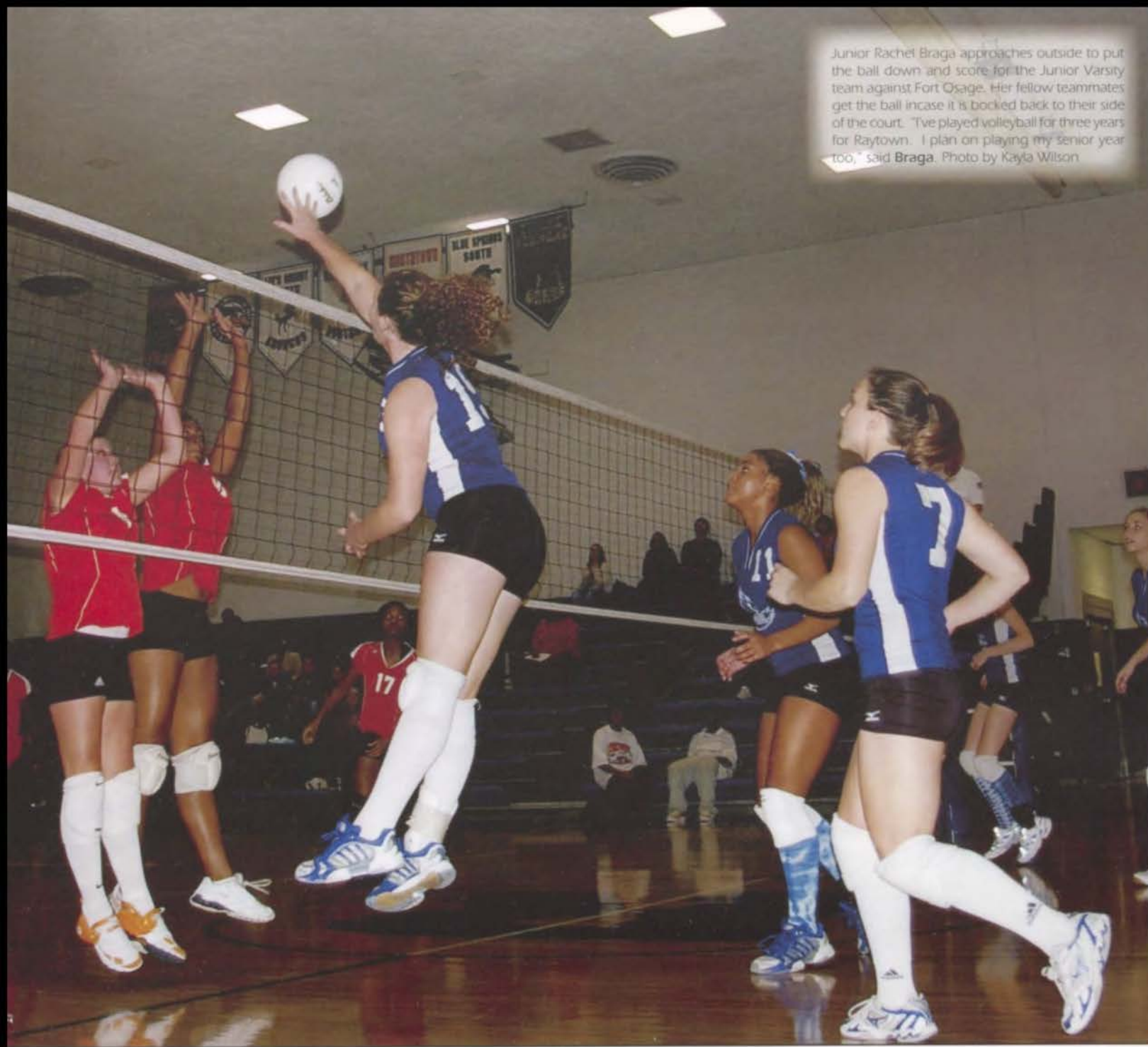
"It was hard at first, but after **Coach Woodson** told us stories and about her experiences, it was fun!" exclaimed **White**.

"This season was great. The team was great. I can't wait until next year," said

White. *Story by Katie Harris*



Junior Rachel Braga approaches outside to put the ball down and score for the Junior Varsity team against Fort Osage. Her fellow teammates get the ball in case it is blocked back to their side of the court. "I've played volleyball for three years for Raytown. I plan on playing my senior year too," said Braga. Photo by Kayla Wilson



Freshman Jessica Eley sets herself up to dig the ball. Eley is the only freshman on Raytown's JV squad. "I tried out for volleyball because being tall was to my advantage. I think I help out the team a lot," said Eley. Photo by Kayla Wilson

Juniors Rachel Braga and Tiffany Matthews and Sophomore Kristen Woolery prepare to dig the ball. They're backing each other up during a game in case one of them misses the dig, and they have to prepare another play. Photo by Kayla Wilson

Junior Tiffany Matthews dug the ball during a JV volleyball game against Fort Osage. Matthews played defense during the game. "I've played defense all three years for Raytown," said Matthews. Photo by Kayla Wilson

Juniors Billy Lee and Brian Couch, Sophomore Chad Hayes, and Senior Eli Parker head back to the sidelines as the defense players take over. "I enjoy playing center, but sometimes I get to play defense," said Parker. Most of the team members play both offense and defense. Photo by Ali Saylor

Taking a break from the homecoming game, Senior Corey Allen listens closely as Coach Marshall explains the next play. "I love playing football, and being a senior makes it that much better," said Allen. The team put up a good fight this year. Photo by Ali Saylor

Junior Daniel Perkins and Senior Marshaun Pinson work together to retrieve the ball from a Belton player. "We work really hard to get better during practice. We've come a long way as a team this year," said Pinson. Photo by Ali Saylor



the best year to come

Fighting for a victory, our varsity football team may have had a losing season, but they gave it their all. Despite the record, goals were still accomplished like with Senior Aaron Clark, a varsity receiver and corner back. He had more reception yards than he did in any of his previous years on the team.

"We may have had a rough season, but I still benefited and worked hard to try to make our team as successful as possible," said Clark.

Clark has played football all four years of his high school career. He originally started out as a quarterback, but was then made a receiver and continued with that position for the rest of high school. Although he may not always be on the field, he still tried hard to motivate his team from the sidelines.

"It's not always about how much playing time you get. You need to do what you can as a player to keep your team's intensity up and to keep them focused on what you're there for," stated Clark.

As one of the few returning varsity players, Clark was honored to be a captain this season. At the beginning of each game, he and his fellow captains Seniors Demonte Whitley, Eli Parker, Calvin Johnson, Franciou Nicklas, and Junior Ovie Oghenejobo

give inspirational speeches to get the team focused obtaining the victory.

"Being a captain meant that we had the responsibility of keeping our team on track so there wouldn't be any distractions on the field. We have to keep the team as close together as we possibly can, like a family," said Whitley.

To keep the team close, they go to Mama China or Buffalo Wild Wings for team bonding.

Being with your teammates outside of school is different because you learn their true personality on and off the field," said Johnson.

On Mondays, the captains get the opportunity to pick what conditioning the team will be doing at practice that afternoon.

"We play freeze-tag, capture the man with the ball, and have 'crump sessions'," said Oghenejobo.

On Tuesdays, they scrimmage against each other most of the time. Every other practice, they begin by stretching, and then they work on things like kick-offs and kick-off returns.

Over the summer, the team is going to continue working hard and pushing one another to try to make it an incredible season for next year. Story by Katie Harris



Junior Nathan Peterson snaps the ball to the quarterback during the homecoming game. "I like that I am right in the center of the action. Also, that I'm an upperclassman this year, and sometimes it's a lot of pressure," said Peterson. Photo by Ali Saylor



Coach Kating called time out to talk to the defense on there performance. "Nobody talk. Now you need to go a man-to-man coverage, and don't let them get pass you at all. Now go out there, and kick some butt," said Kating. Photo by Justin Gibbs



Sophomore T.J. Taibi prepares to start the play on varsity. "I've been working and listening to each play so I could start varsity. It's hard because everyone counts on me for the play," said Taibi. Photo by Kayla Wilson



The Junior Varsity boys stand on the sidelines waiting to go into the game. They watch as their teammates play and strategize to improve what they need to do. "It's like watching yourself playing and correcting it so that you can play better," said Sophomore Josh Gonzalez. Photo by Kayla Wilson





gotta be TOUGH

At the sound of the 2:15 bell, **Sophomore Devin Heier** rushes to the Chittwood for study hall. After spending thirty minutes of completing his homework, he dashes to the locker room to prepare for practice. He puts on his football gear and hustles onto the field. "The best part about football practices is seeing people progressing and getting better," said **Heier**. Although the season did not meet expectations, they did meet a lot of their goals.

"The Excelsior Springs game was the best game because our team came together, and was victorious at the end," said **Heier**.

Heier had not started off his season perfectly, but he did manage to perfect his actions.

"I could have matured faster and stopped playing around earlier in the season, but I made it through all the practices, two-a-days, and became a great football player," said **Heier**.

The junior varsity team continually worked at perfecting their game and used the motivation to win as their driving force. "Tough as hell" was a common phrase heard through the locker room.

"We got the quote from the army, and it just kind of stuck," said **Heier**. This is **Heier's** second year playing football for RHS.

"My goal next year is to start varsity wide receiver and going to state," said **Heier**. This season meant a lot to **Heier**, and he enjoyed being part of it.

"In the end, we really became a great football team, growing together as a whole, and developing leadership," said **Heier**.

Story by *Tinisha Rhodes*



Sophomore Devin Heier is patiently waiting for his change to get in the varsity game against Fort Osage. "I only get in on the kick-off team. I think the coach is saving me for next year where he will play me on both sides of the ball," said **Heier**. Photo by *Justin Gibbs*

keeping spirit alive

"I like playing softball because it's so different from other sports. It's more mental and thinking than anything. I have to know how many outs, where the runners are, how fast the runners are, where I'm throwing the ball, if it comes to me: everything. If I'm ready mentally, the physical ability will fall in place," said **Junior Christina Romero**. **Romero** has been playing softball since she was five. She plays first and third base.

"The best part of softball is getting dirty. Sliding, diving, or even falling over laughing at each other is always good," said **Romero**.

"I love being part of the softball team. The girls are amazing! I like being a part of something more. People look at me and see something special," said **Senior Shanna Clausen**. **Clausen** has been playing softball for fourteen years. She plays catcher, pitcher, and third base.

This year's Lady Jays are expecting to step it up and be more united as a team. After losing a key player **Erica Rockley**, the girls have had to make a few changes. **Rockley** got injured in one of the

first games this season after being slammed into by another player while playing catcher. The injuries caused her to be hospitalized.

"I really need to step up this year since we lost one of our key players. I need to do whatever's best for the team. Also, this is my first year in two years because of ACL surgery, so I want to make sure I make a strong come back," stated **Romero**.

The Varsity Softball team is coached by **Mark Scanlon**. He is the ACES coordinator for Raytown.

"**Scanlon** is one of the most amazing men I have ever met. He is a great coach," said **Clausen**.

"**Scanlon** is the best! He makes sure we bond together and work together as a team and that we carry a good attitude on and off the field. He's really fun too!" added **Romero**.

"We are very loud. Umpires tell us they enjoy our games because our dugout is always yelling and screaming for each other," started **Romero**.

"We have a good time teasing each other about everything. We laugh all the time, and when we get started, we don't stop," **Romero** exclaimed. *Story by Lindsay Vaters*

Left: As a member of Varsity Softball, **Sophomore Kayla Hamblen** is the pitcher for the team. Maintaining accurate speed and good precision is vital for **Hamblen**. "Overall, we had a pretty good season. **Erica's** injury made a big impact on our team because she was a leader and key player. I still felt like I did the best I could on varsity as a sophomore," said **Hamblen**. *Photo by Janelle Ryker.*



Right: **Senior Shanna Clausen** is anxiously awaiting for the batter to make her last strike so she can catch the ball. Being the catcher requires a lot of strength, endurance, and agility. **Clausen** plans on continuing softball in college after high school. *Photo by Jenna Duckworth.*



Junior Christina Romero concentrates as the ball flies towards her. **Romero** impressed the team this year especially with a great recovery of her knee. "I plan to continue softball beyond my senior year," said **Romero**. *Photo by Janelle Ryker.*

Sophomore Courtney Bigler awaits patiently for the batter to hit one her way. She plans on playing softball throughout the rest of high school. "I have high hopes to be on varsity next year," said Bigler. Photo By Lindsey Leggo





team bonding

Sophomore **Courtney Bigler** stood on first base anticipating where the ball would be hit. Suddenly the opponent hit the ball towards her, she scooped it up in her glove and tagged the girl out as she ran to first base.

"It feels good to get someone out and to win games," said **Bigler**. **Bigler** has been playing softball since the third grade. She played on the junior varsity team this year, and she looks forward to next season when she hopes to make varsity.

"**Coach Drace** knows how to keep us focused, but he still knows how to have fun," said **Bigler**. This year was **Mr. Drace's** first year coaching the JV softball team. He worked hard to help improve all the girls' game.

"The best part about this season was the girls; we all had so much fun together," said **Bigler**. The girls showed team unity by learning that teamwork means the most when it comes to playing games.

"Softball is a really great game to play. It helped me keep my grades up so I could stay on the team," said **Bigler**. If sports players do not have good enough grades they are forced to go to ACES sessions, or they won't be able to stay on the team.

"I plan on playing softball for the rest of my high school career and maybe into college. I would encourage girls to come out for the team because everyone is really nice, and you'll have fun," said **Bigler**. *Story by Molly Walsh*

Top: Being a true team player is what keeps everyone upbeat. The girls all join together as their fellow teammate makes a run home. "With everyone cheering, it's easier to have a lot of fun," said **Junior Amy Alewel**. *Photo by Kayla Wilson*

Middle: **Sophomore Shannon Scarlett** pitches for Raytown's JV softball team. **Scarlett** has been playing softball since she was little. "I also play basketball and soccer for Raytown," said **Scarlett**.

Photo by Janelle Ryker

Bottom: **Freshman Cierra Hearron** plays on JV this year. Getting ready to bat, **Cierra** laces up her cleats. "I am one of the few freshmen to be on the JV softball team this year," said **Hearron**.

Photo by Janelle Ryker



making a splash

With tons of adrenaline rushing through his body, **Senior Ryan Myers** steps up to the block. Not only does he have hopes of defeating his opponents, but also of improving his previous times. As he stands on the block getting ready for the signal to take their marks, it hits him that there is no turning back—he is fully committed to an all-out, body-aching sprint. After diving into the water and swimming as fast as he possibly can, he ends the race by touching the wall first.

Myers swims the 50 free style, 100 butterflies, 200 relays, and the 400 relays. He made it to state his junior year, but he didn't place

"Swimming is a big part of my life. Me and the other boys are like one big family," said **Myers**, "I've been swimming for four years, and I wouldn't

change a minute of it."

The swim team has one exciting tradition. For example, freshmen initiation is when the upperclassmen shave the freshmen's heads.

"Now that I am a senior, I get to shave the freshmen's heads, and it's going to be awesome," said **Myers**.

A memorable moment was getting pulled over with eight swimmers in **Myers** five seater truck on the way to swim practice at the YMCA. The police officer wasn't too upset with the swimmers. He simply said, "Wow! You're packed in there like sardines, huh?" and let them off with a warning.

Nine swimmers qualified for state this year. All have hopes of placing, and some are hoping that this will insure a scholarship to swim in college.

Story by Samantha Bockelman



Junior Tyler Smith finishes a front pike. **Smith** is Raytown's only diver, and he has set this year's diving record. He was seated fourteenth at the state swim meet this year. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*



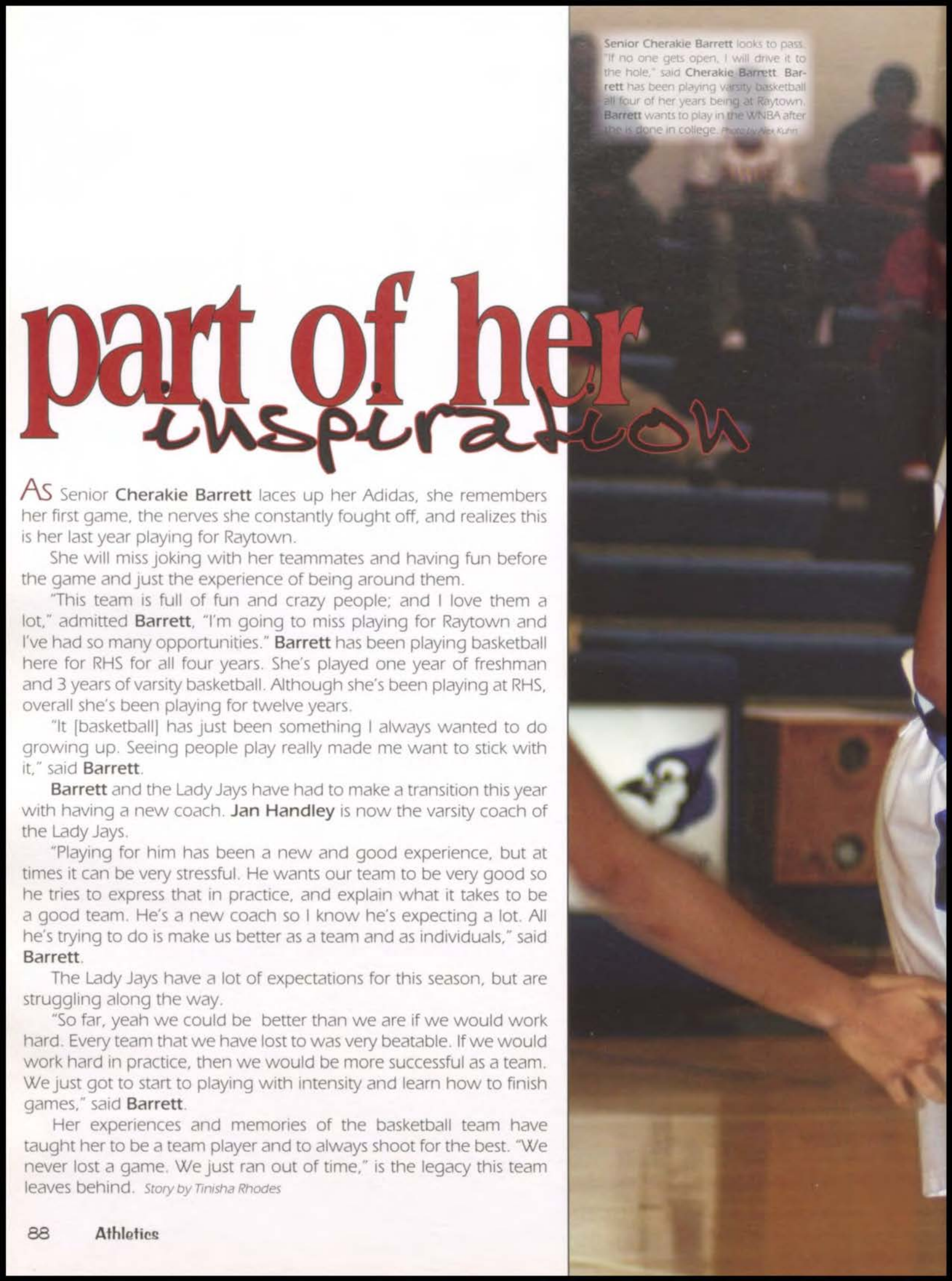
Sophomore Heath Finny takes a breath as he turns at the wall during the 100-yard breast stroke. **Finny** went to state this year as an alternate swimmer. **Finny** also dropped the most time at conference. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*



Senior Matt Hamblen swims the end leg of the 200-yard relay. **Hamblen** also swims the 100-yard butterfly stroke. "State was really fun this year because I got to swim. I was really glad I rememberd my towel," said **Hamblen**. *Photo by Kayla Wilson*



Sophomore Taylor Frymire dives into the Super Splash pool during summer training. Frymire went to state this year in two relays and in the 100-yard freestyle. "The best part of the morning practices were the biscuit sausages, but only if Matt remembered his towel," said Frymire. Photo by Alex Kuhn.



Senior Cherakie Barrett looks to pass. "If no one gets open, I will drive it to the hole," said Cherakie Barrett. Barrett has been playing varsity basketball all four of her years being at Raytown. Barrett wants to play in the WNBA after she is done in college. Photo by Alex Kuhn.

part of her INSPIRATION

AS Senior **Cherakie Barrett** laces up her Adidas, she remembers her first game, the nerves she constantly fought off, and realizes this is her last year playing for Raytown.

She will miss joking with her teammates and having fun before the game and just the experience of being around them.

"This team is full of fun and crazy people; and I love them a lot," admitted **Barrett**, "I'm going to miss playing for Raytown and I've had so many opportunities." **Barrett** has been playing basketball here for RHS for all four years. She's played one year of freshman and 3 years of varsity basketball. Although she's been playing at RHS, overall she's been playing for twelve years.

"It [basketball] has just been something I always wanted to do growing up. Seeing people play really made me want to stick with it," said **Barrett**.

Barrett and the Lady Jays have had to make a transition this year with having a new coach. **Jan Handley** is now the varsity coach of the Lady Jays.

"Playing for him has been a new and good experience, but at times it can be very stressful. He wants our team to be very good so he tries to express that in practice, and explain what it takes to be a good team. He's a new coach so I know he's expecting a lot. All he's trying to do is make us better as a team and as individuals," said **Barrett**.

The Lady Jays have a lot of expectations for this season, but are struggling along the way.

"So far, yeah we could be better than we are if we would work hard. Every team that we have lost to was very beatable. If we would work hard in practice, then we would be more successful as a team. We just got to start to playing with intensity and learn how to finish games," said **Barrett**.

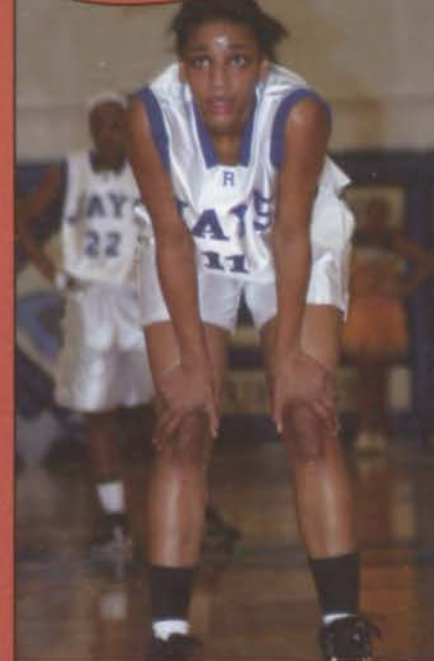
Her experiences and memories of the basketball team have taught her to be a team player and to always shoot for the best. "We never lost a game. We just ran out of time," is the legacy this team leaves behind. *Story by Tinisha Rhodes*



Freshman Aroya Harris goes up for a lay up. The Lady Jays play O'Hara High School at home. This is Harris's first year playing for Raytown. She plays for junior varsity and varsity basketball. Harris has been playing basketball since she was a little girl. "Yes I consider myself as a 'baller'. I'm going ball until I can't ball no more," said Harris. Photo by Kevin Wilson.



Sophomore Lakeisha McKnight looks to pass the ball. The Lady Jays play Raytown South at home. McKnight has been playing basketball for years, but this is her first year playing for Raytown. "Lady Jays are always ballin'. When we go to Districts, we are going to come back saying we're number one," said McKnight. "We're going to win all of our District games and go to state just like the boys' basketball team," said McKnight. Photo by Alex Rubin.



Sophomore Moriah Jones takes her time as she waits for the other team to shoot their free throw. This is Jones's second year playing varsity basketball. Jones also runs track and plays volleyball for the school. "I'm going to play all four of my years here and try to have the most blocks and rebounds in high school. I can't wait until we go to state," said Jones. Photo by Alex Rubin.



Sophomore Jamie Johnson jumps for the rebound against Raytown South. Johnson helped the Lady Jays to a successful win. "Playing against South was intense, so I'm glad we beat them," said Johnson.
Photo by Kayla Wilson





Sophomore Arianda Ravell steals the ball from a Park Hill South opponent. "Basketball is a fun sport because it is very competitive and aggressive," said Ravell. Being aggressive is an important factor to remember when playing basketball. Photo by Lisa Wilson

Sophomore Shea Staples shoots a layup during the Raytown vs. Raytown South JV game. "I loved playing South because it's our rival school," said Staples. This is Staples's second year of basketball. Photo by Kelli Wilson

Freshman Atoya Harris attempts a shot during a JV basketball game. "I enjoy playing basketball, especially shooting the ball because then I know I put a good effort in the game," said Harris. Harris plans to continue basketball for the rest of her high school career. Photo by Kelli Wilson

making adjustments

"I enjoy playing basketball for RHS because it keeps me busy, and it's something I look forward to do every single day," said Freshman Raven Mulwee. Mulwee has so much to adjust to playing on the freshman team for RHS such as learning all the different kind of plays, the coach's techniques, and a lot more running. Almost every day after school, Mulwee has practice with her team including weekends. In practice, she focuses on her shooting, reading plays, and how to pass the ball. Mulwee also plans to play until her senior year and hopefully earn a scholarship.

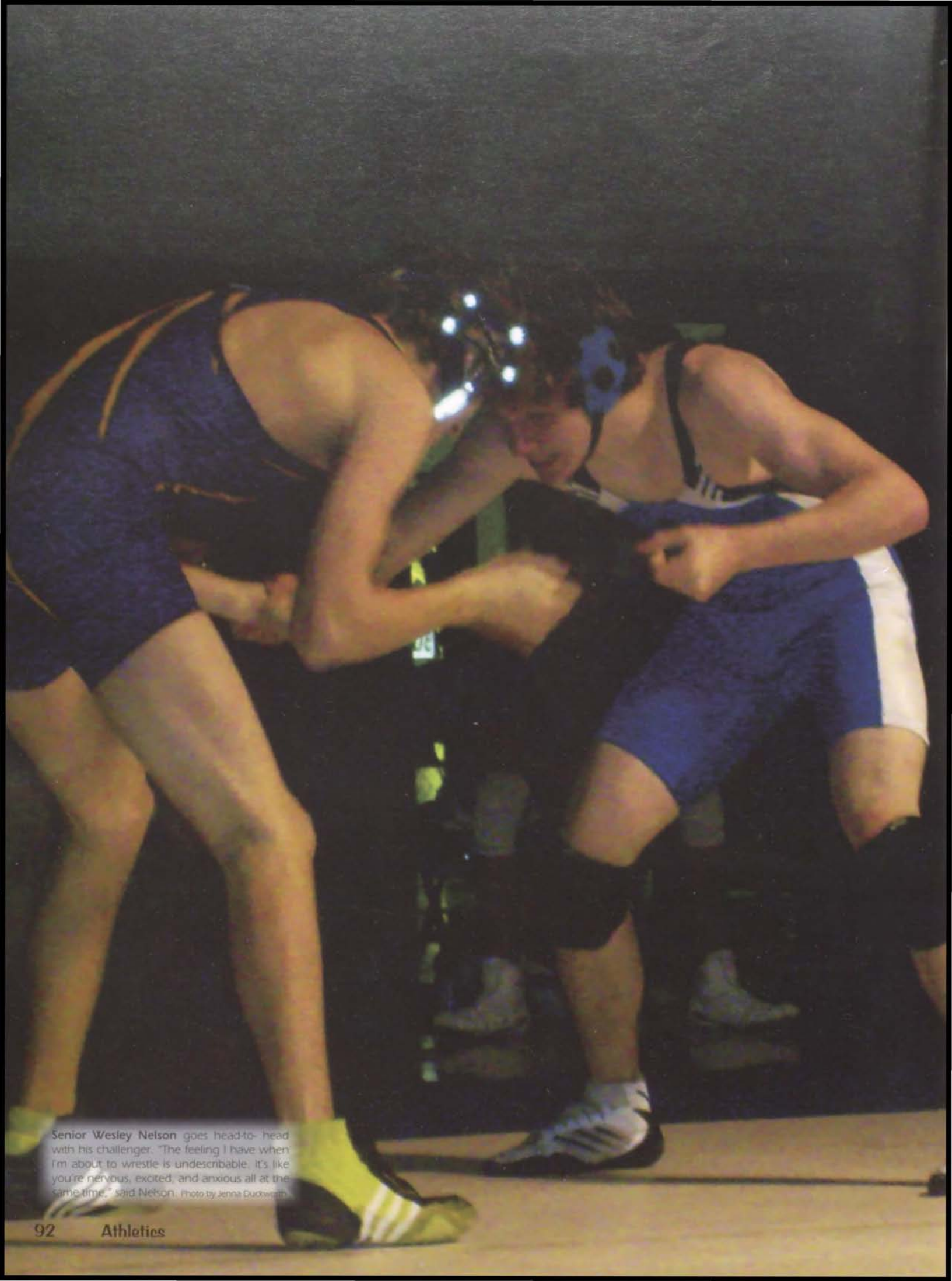
"I enjoy playing basketball against my team because it builds team work," said Mulwee. Mulwee also believes that it is a privilege to represent her school and plans to learn as much as possible, and receives most of her advice from her other team mate from the JV team Freshman Mariah Jackson.

"My experience as a freshman playing basketball is overwhelming because I have played basketball for five and a half years," said Jackson.

Jackson explained how the high school coaches are way stricter than her middle school coaches. Jackson is a freshman that plays on the JV team for Raytown High School. On Saturday mornings, Jackson goes to practice working on correcting her shot forms for the team when gametime comes. Jackson also plans on playing until her senior year to earn a scholarship.

While playing for the JV team Jackson learns how to adjust her time to make it to all her practices and games and learn some other techniques from her friend Freshman Danielle Pulluaim.

"Some skills that I learned from the upperclassmen is not to pass judgment on people and stay true to myself," said Pulluaim. Pulluaim had to adjust how she shot the ball in order to make her shots for the team. Story by Melissa Johnson



Senior Wesley Nelson goes head-to-head with his challenger. "The feeling I have when I'm about to wrestle is undescrivable. It's like you're nervous, excited, and anxious all at the same time," said Nelson. Photo by Jenna Duckworth.

AS Senior Wesley Nelson approaches the mat, his heart begins to race, he shakes his opponents hand, and waits for the whistle to blow.

"When I'm about to wrestle, my heart begins to pound, but I'm calm and in the zone," said Nelson.

Nelson has been wrestling since eighth grade. He is considered by other wrestlers to be a very hard worker and a great role model. Now that Nelson is a senior, his goal is take first at a tournament.

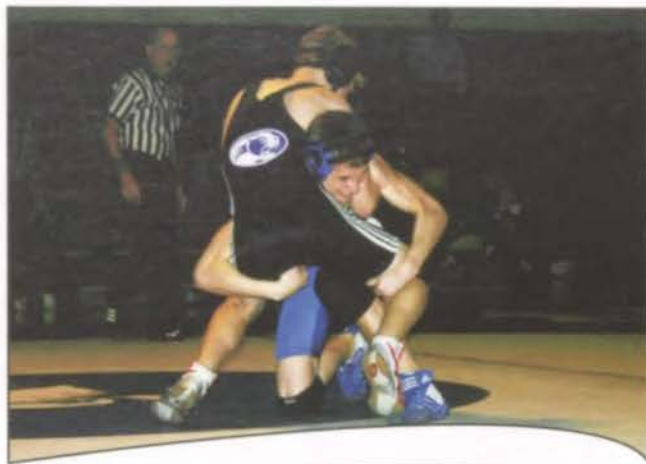
"I've never taken first, but I'm hoping to change that this year," said Nelson, "I have been working really hard, and I think I deserve it."

Although Nelson considered the entire season to be a blast, his fondest memory was at the North Kansas City Tournament.

"We were on a break for lunch, and me and Junior Nathan Peterson were watching the Oak Park cheerleaders do some stunting on the mat. Well we watched them show off for a while, and then we decided that Nathan could show them up. So we cleared the mat, and Peterson did a whole bunch of flips, and the whole crowd went wild. It was amazing, and I couldn't quit laughing!" exclaimed Nelson.

Nelson isn't planning on wrestling in college, so he is making the best of his senior year and getting as many pins as possible. *Story by Samantha Bockelman*

pinning them down



Top: Junior Bryan Zionskowski pulls at his opponents knees taking him to the ground. Zionskowski has been on the wrestling team since his freshman year. "Wrestling takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but it's all worth it when you win," said Zionskowski. *Photo by Jenna Duckworth*

Middle: Sophomore Carter Willis tackles his challenger to the mat. "This year, we were growing as a team," said Willis. With the majority of the team being underclassmen, the team had a lot of room to improve. "I think next year will be a good year, and we'll be a lot better as a team," said Willis. *Photo by Jenna Duckworth*

Bottom: Junior Nathan Peterson struggles in his match, yet he managed to pull a "W." "Wrestling is awesome, everyone should do it," said Peterson. Peterson will be a senior next year and a leader of the team. *Photo by Jenna Duckworth*

bringing the spirit

Senior Amber Thompson prepares to rev up the Bluejay crowd during the Homecoming game. "By the end of the year, I will learn how to do a backflip," said Thompson. Thompson is the captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad and she is also the Student Body President of Student Council.

Photo by Justin Gibbs



Junior Alyse Proctor cheers on the crowd during the Homecoming Parade. "Cheering at the parade was fun. I can't wait to cheer at the game tonight," said Proctor. Proctor is on the Varsity Cheerleading Squad and has been cheerleading for three years. She is also involved in FCCLA, Student Council, and Yearbook. Photo by Justin Gibbs



"Go Blue Jays, Go!" cheered Senior Amber Thompson. Thompson, who has been cheering since her freshman year, is one of the two captains on the Varsity Cheerleading Squad.

"I've always been in love with cheerleading, long before high school," said Thompson. "My favorite part of going to a sporting event when I was little was the cheerleaders."

Thompson has learned a lot from cheering, especially about school spirit. Some people may think cheerleading is just about going to events and yelling chants, but they are representing Raytown and our school pride.

"When I travel to other schools with our team, I see the school's spirit and pride, I want to bring that back to Raytown. I want our school to be known for our school spirit," explained Thompson.

She understands the value of possessing school spirit because it makes her high school career easier and more fun.

"Cheering makes school go by faster because you look at a school year in seasons instead of months. So that way, the time flies by faster," said Thompson.

Thompson hopes to become a cheerleader in the future because of the experiences she has had on the Raytown squad.

"I look forward to going to college, and hopefully I will cheer there," said Thompson.

Although many people think cheerleading is about smiling and chanting, it takes dedication and determination to pull it off. Story by Chaunteé Clark



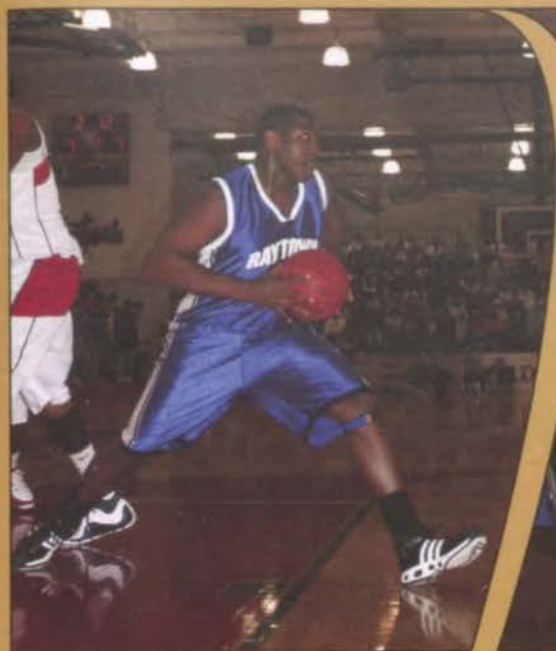
Juniors Camille Stephenson, Tiffany Collins, Alyse Proctor, and Charde Stephenson have Bluejay spirit as they cheer on the football team during the Homecoming game. "We've got spirit! Yes we do! We've got spirit. How about you?" chanted all cheerleaders. All have been on the Varsity Squad for two years. Photo by Justin Gibbs



The varsity squad cheered on the football team as everyone gets situated in the stands. They did an assortment of cheers and added their own spice to the dances. This year's squad was very into the games and cheered as loud as possible. Photo by Justin Gibbs

Senior Ryckey Harper plays defense for varsity. He sets his stance as he gets ready to block the Grandview player's shot. This is Harper's second year as a varsity player at Raytown.
Photo by Kayla Wilson





Junior Brandon Scaiffe goes in to make a lay-up. After beating the Raytown South defensive player, Scaiffe is an influential player to the team. Photo by Kayla Wilson.



Junior Dominique Morrison successfully jumps high enough to out reach Goode's block and another player from South. Morrison manages to make the shot look like a piece of cake. Photo by Kayla Wilson.



Senior Reggie Chamberlain out runs and scores with a lay-up. This game was one of the last games Chamberlain will play against Raytown South, he works with the team in order to pull a win, but in the end, working the hardest will not always help with a win. Photo by Kayla Wilson.

another winning season

Shooting their way into a remarkable season, Raytown's Varsity Boys Basketball team showed everyone what they are made of this year. Senior Rycky Harper, a shooting guard and a returning varsity player, helped keep his team motivated during the season.

Harper has been playing basketball for as long as he can remember.

"My father inspired me to start playing basketball," said Harper. "My family loves sports and is very competitive." The team usually celebrates their wins by talking about the good things each player did during the game.

"We believe we are the hardest working team in the area," said Harper. "Because we work so hard in practice, games seem easier. We are playing hard and becoming a better team."

Harper would love to play college basketball.

"If I am fortunate to play basketball after college I would jump at the opportunity," said Harper.

Harper isn't the only one on the team who loves his sport. All players on the team are just as passionate for basketball. The team's unity on the court has resulted in an extraordinary outcome on their season.

"The teammates are like family to me. We all are one big family to each other," said Harper.

A big game for the team was the rival game against Raytown South. With an ending score of 66 to 64, we again came out on top.

"The crowd was nervous, but the team knew we were going to win," said Harper.

With the season ending in a winning season, our team has worked hard, and it has shown. Story by Katie Harris

putting it to the test

"Working with the team and knowing the players are going to back you up on whatever decisions you make is the best part of playing basketball," said **Junior Jamal Jackson**. **Jackson** was a part of the JV basketball team this year. The team had a season that the boys will remember.

When it comes to basketball, **Jackson** has a lot of experience considering he has been playing since he was in second grade, even then he was on the fourth grade team. That is what really set the foundation for him, and it also allowed him to be the player that he is now.

As for this year, **Jackson** starts on the JV team, and he feels that the team is an all around good team, and that there are different talents that the coaches utilize during each game.

Jackson said that the hardest part about basketball would have to be the running and making the wrong decisions because "making the wrong decision can make or break the whole game."

"The thing that helps us the most is when Coach pushes us and motivates us to be good and play as a team," said **Jackson**. Although **Jackson** just recently moved here from Hickman Mills, he is still making a big impact on the basketball court.

When it comes to his basketball career, **Jackson** has had several influences ranging from his uncle to his cousins and even Michael Jordan. All of these people have inspired him in some way when it comes to playing the game he loves.

As for the freshman team, they had an average season. Unfortunately, both JV and freshmen seasons were overshadowed this year by the incredible season that the varsity team had. *Story By Brandon Zoellers*





Junior Jamal Jackson is a Junior Varsity member this year. Jackson plays on Varsity as well some of the time. Jackson came to Raytown from Hickman Mills this year. "Being on Junior Varsity has helped me to learn a lot and know what to expect next year as a Varsity teammate," said Jackson.

Photo by Kayla Wilson



Coach Ford and the team maintain a close relationship on the court. Discussing plays and making sure that everyone knows exactly what to do is crucial. Keeping good communication throughout the whole game is just as important. Photo by Kayla Wilson



Junior Jordan Hopkins dribbles down the court, trying to block the guard. Hopkins plays on JV this year and is also new to Raytown. Hopkins, playing against Raytown South, hopes to make the upcoming shot. Photo by Kayla Wilson



Freshmen Dominique Mason is a member on the freshman team this year. Mason shoots a free-throw right before the buzzer goes off with just thirteen seconds left in the game. It looks like another victory for the freshman boys. Photo by Kayla Wilson

Senior **Tony Reed** hits the golf ball across a lake. **Reed** has played golf since his freshman year and is currently the captain. "Since my freshman year, the motto for the team has been 'Put it in the brown stuff,'" said **Reed**.
Photo by Kayla Wilson



teeing off

The game of golf teaches honesty, patience, logic and common sense. One outstanding player is **Senior Tony Reed**. He has been playing golf for eleven years. His experience makes him an important asset to the team.

"My grandpa started teaching me to play when I was seven," said **Reed**.

Reed enjoys playing golf. It is his favorite sport.

"I love golf more than any other sport I have played," said **Reed**. To **Reed**, playing golf is a breeze. He thinks its easy but hard at the same time.

"It's a very easy sport to learn, but an almost impossible sport to master. I have been playing for a long time, but I know I still have a lot to learn about the sport," commented **Reed**.

Story by Katie Harris



Senior Dallas Urich prepares to hit the ball towards the hole. This is **Urich's** third and final year playing golf for Raytown High School. *Photo by Kayla Wilson*



Freshman Keenan Kahler swings his golf club towards the ball. **Kahler** has been playing golf since he was five years old and will continue throughout high school. *Photo by Kayla Wilson*



just keep swimming

Water dripped from Senior **Adrienne Leak**'s body as she bolted out of the pool with excitement. **Leak** had beaten her time in the free-style at conference finals, with a time of 1:03 in the 100m, and a 2:22 in the 200m.

"Finals were amazing, I hit really good times, and I made the top six," said **Leak**. **Leak** has been swimming ever since she was little. She learned to dive in the deep end when she was just five years old. Swimming has been a huge aspect of her life.

"Swimming has defined my high school career; I love the pride that comes with fulfilling a goal, the friendships that are built, the support, the craziness, and the unity that comes from being part of a team," explained **Leak**. Being part of the swim team gives girls the ability to achieve goals, while boosting their confidence.

The girls swim team made it out of the season with a rewarding record of 11-4 and earning second place at conference. The girls on the swim team worked hard by accomplishing goals, and winning in both self and team. *Story by Molly Walsh*



Senior **Lauren Villareal** swims free style in the 400-free style relay. **Villareal** is one of the four captains on the swim team. Her normal events are the 50-yard free style and the 1000-yard free syle. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*



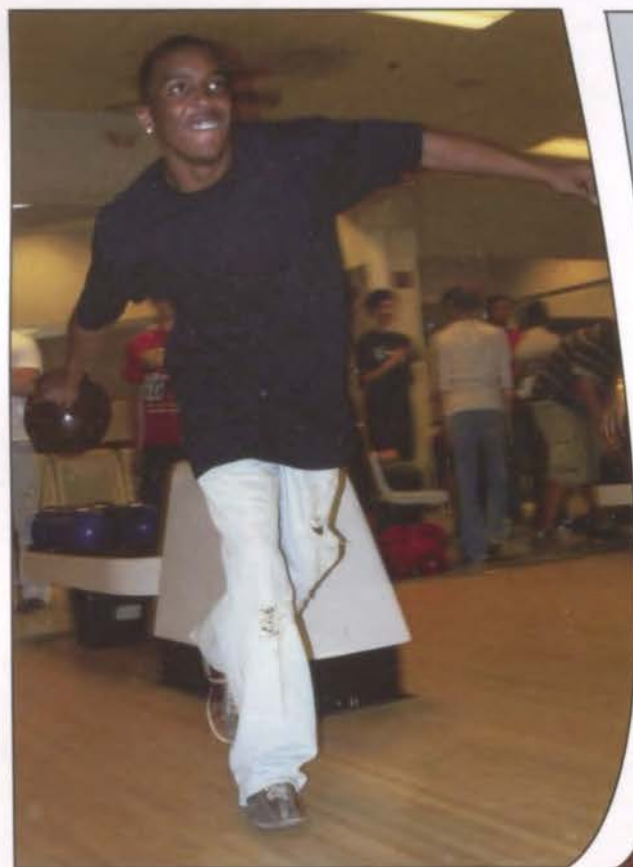
Freshmen **Anna Wimmer**, Senior **Mandy Hernandez**, and Freshmen **Katie Rogers** cheer on one of their teammates. They cheer at the end of the lane, then they walked along the side of the lane to keep supporting the swimmer. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*



Senior **Lauren Villareal** and Senior **Emma Wimmer** congratulate each other after **Villareal** finishes her part of the 200-yard freestyle relay. The team was less than a second away from qualifying for state this year. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*



Senior Lakendra Hill is working hard on improving her timing on her sprints. "It's kind of bittersweet that it's my last year, but that makes me want to strive even harder to do my best and leave a lasting impression," said Hill. *Photo by Rekate Wheeler*



Junior Justin Gibbs throws a strike at the bowling alley fundraiser. "The fundraiser helped us get to know people on the team too, not just get money for uniforms," said Gibbs. The coaches wanted the fundraiser to bring the team closer together. *Photo by Jenna Duckworth*



Senior Aaron Clark runs his two laps to warm up for track practice. "I love running the 300 hurdles, even though I fall sometimes," says Clark. Clark has been apart of track for all four years. *Photo by Alyse Proctor*



Junior Ethan Yates is warming up before he goes to practice in his separate event for track. "Besides football, running is something that I really enjoy doing, and it keeps me in shape," said Yates. *Photo by Rekate Wheeler*



ready set, THROW!



AS Junior Lindsey Lyons steps onto the platform, she constantly runs these thoughts through her head, "... Head up...Stay low...Steady arm... Slow turn fast...And point forward" as she prepares to throw the shot.

"Ever since I stepped in the ring, it's just become a part of me," said Lyons.

Lyons started throwing in the seventh grade at Raytown Middle School.

"It was fun then, but I have definitely gotten a lot more competitive," said Lyons.

Every year she has gradually gotten better, but this year, she is hoping for an outstanding season.

"Last year I went to districts and made it to finals, but unfortunately I scratched all my throws. This year will be different. I'm devoting all my time to track and I WILL succeed!" said Lyons.

Lyons has a lot of expectations with throwing on the high school level and

even in college.

"I really want to go to college throw, but it probably won't happen. There are a lot of great girls throwing just in Missouri. But if it's God's will, anything is possible," said Lyons.

Although track has been a highlight for Lyons, but there are some aspects that are not so good.

"You can make a lot of friends at track meets but probably more enemies than friends. Girls will do anything to win; steal your disc or shot, talk while you are throwing, or try to sike you out before you throw," said Lyons.

With these negative aspects involved, Lyons still has a positive attitude.

"I plan on making the best of this season and to come out a winner in the end," says Lyons.

Story by Melissa Johnson

taking care of business

"Midfield and back; goal line and back; goal line and back; midfiel and back; twice," yelled **Coach Andrew Fletcher**. This year's girl's soccer started off their season with heavy amounts of running to prepare them for a victorious season.

"This year we have a good chance of winning with all the talented players we have," said **Captain Senior Molly Troop**. **Troop** has been playing soccer since she was four years old; she plays "sweeper." **Troop** worked hard every year, and she received the "Defensive MVP Award" and "1st Team All-Conference."

"The worst part at the beginning of the season is the running, but running pushes us harder, and it proves we have strength in ourselves to finish. Soccer can be a hard sport to play; you have to have endurance, cooperation, and patience," said **Troop**. Soccer teaches teamwork, and it shows that hard work pays off in the end.

"Next year when I go to Truman State, I'm going to miss all the girls on the team because over these last four years we have created not only a team but a family; its going to be hard to leave all of that behind," said **Troop**. *Story by Molly Walsh*



Senior Molly Troop prepares to kick the ball to another Lady Jay during soccer practice. The girls soccer practice takes place at Robinson Elementary after school. "Practice is tough, but it makes us all the more better when we play," said **Troop**. *Photo by Taylor Allen*



Sophomore Lindsey Sieg and **Freshman Breanna Withers** play keep away during practice. The girls have to work on fast quick touches: two touches only. The Lady Jays work hard at every practice to get better. **Withers** is one of two freshmen playing on varsity this year. *Photo by Taylor Allen*

Junior Bryan Couch pitches the ball during practice one day after school. Couch has been playing baseball for Raytown for three years. Photo by Lindsey English



Inspiration to play a sport comes in many different forms. It can be from a player or a parent.

For **Senior Dale Austin**, the inspiration to play baseball comes from his father. Although his favorite player is Derek Jeter, his dad was the one who took him into the yard to play catch in the summer sun.

Austin's dad was also the one who taught him how to throw and to swing a bat.

Austin has been playing baseball since he was six years old. He has played all for years of high school and has

been on varsity two years. The position he enjoys playing the most is third base. He also thinks that he plays that position the best.

"Just being on the field with my teammates and playing the game is what I enjoy most about baseball," said **Austin**.

There were many things the baseball team wanted to improve on from last year, the most important was obviously the teams win to loss ratio, which can always be better unless the teams perfect. *Story by Brandon Zoellers*



Senior Dale Austin prepares to catch the ball during baseball practice after school. "I want to keep playing in college because it's what I love to do," said **Austin**. Photo by Lindsey English

Junior John Smith throws the ball to one of the other members on the boys baseball team during practice. "Our team will be awesome this year," said **Smith**. Photo by Lindsey English

for his
dad





discovering your arts

"I hope I can hit that high note," worried play lead **Senior Julianne Finn** before opening night of this year's musical *Guys and Dolls*. Meanwhile, drum majors direct the **band** into formation at a state band competition, and **masters** of the violin perfect their music in orchestra class for their upcoming holiday concert. All around Raytown High School, **students** revealed talents that amazed and astounded the **audiences** they perform for; whether students were singing their lungs out for the Fall Choral Concert, playing their violins until their arms were numb for All-Districts, or Jaywalkers were **practicing** their dances until they can perform the dance in their sleep for the pep rally, Raytown has **talents** that go unmatched by others. These are the pages that show off your talents, these pages **discover** your arts...

doin' it for some doll

"It was the greatest experience of my life," commented **Senior Brandon Reddick** on his lead role in this year's musical *Guys and Dolls*. **Reddick** played Nathan Detroit who was a love-sick gambler trying to keep his girlfriend and his "hood status" at the same time.

"We had fun backstage because we got to hang out with people we don't normally get to hang out with. The males of the cast went into the choir room and performed a "secret ritual" started by **Tyler Banks** when he attended RHS.

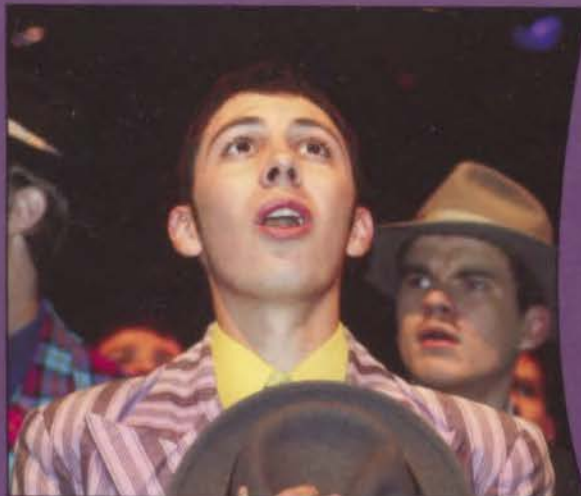
The dolls of the show went into the band room and had a dance off. *Guys and Dolls* had a lot of memorial moments and several tense scenes that director **Ron Meyer** had to re-work several times. The scene that was most nerve racking for **Reddick** was the gambling scene where he first meets Big Jule (**Senior Laron Jackson**). **Reddick** has been acting since second grade, but his freshman year was when he first seriously got into theatre.

The other leads of the cast included **Senior Kenny Grasher** (Sky Masterson), **Senior Jessica Baskett** (Sarah Brown) and **Senior Julianne Finn** (Miss Adelaide). The whole cast did a wonderful job and lived up to Raytown's reputation for putting on excellent theatrical productions.

The bonds that the cast and crew created throughout the duration of this show are bonds that will not soon be forgotten. Every scene had a purpose and the entire show left the audience feeling giddy. **Reddick** however did have a scene that he didn't look forward to.

"It was the last scene. It never seemed to reach the point it was supposed to. It's like "Whats the point of this?" said **Reddick**. From catchy tunes such as "Rockin the Boat" and amazing choreography displayed in "Luck Be a Lady", *Guys and Dolls* is said to be the best musical put on at RHS. **Reddick** commented.

"It was kinda sad when it was over, but I knew we did an excellent job." said **Reddick**. *Story by Ashlee James*



Sophomore **Corey Thomas** sings "Oldest Established," as one of the many gambler friends of Nathan Detroit. "It was great dancing in *Guys and Dolls*," said **Thomas**. This is **Thomas's** second year in Theatre. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*

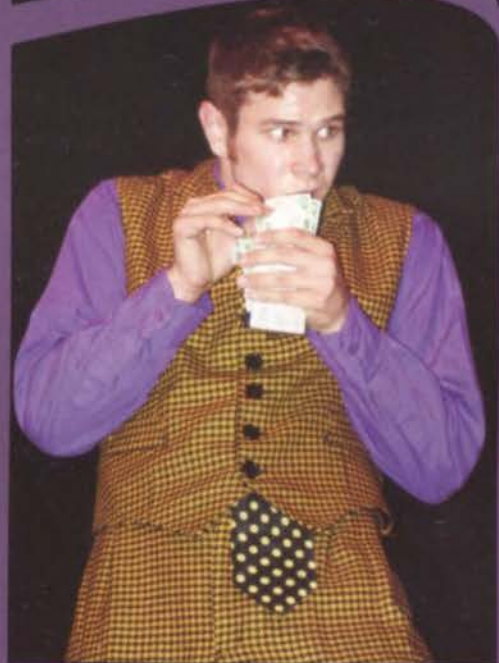


Senior Kenny Grasher and **Jessica Baskett** share a romantic night in Havana as Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown. It was **Baskett's** first lead in a musical. "It taught me a lot about team work and looking out for each other, more than any sport I've ever played!" said **Baskett**. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*





Senior Laron Jackson plays the "Big Julie" in the musical. Jackson is friends with "Harry the Horse" played by Junior Tad McClanahan. Jackson intimidated all of the other gamblers, and when he never wanted to stop playing craps until he would win. Photo by Alex Kuhn



Junior Ben Holderby clutches to his money during the craps game. His character is "Tricky Dickey," the over paranoid gambler. A lot of people enjoyed his voice and character during the play because they thought it was funny. Photo by Alex Kuhn

Senior Brandon Redick and Kenny Grasher are the two male lead roles in the musical. Reddick's character made a bet with Grasher so that he could play for a place to play craps at. Photo by Alex Kuhn

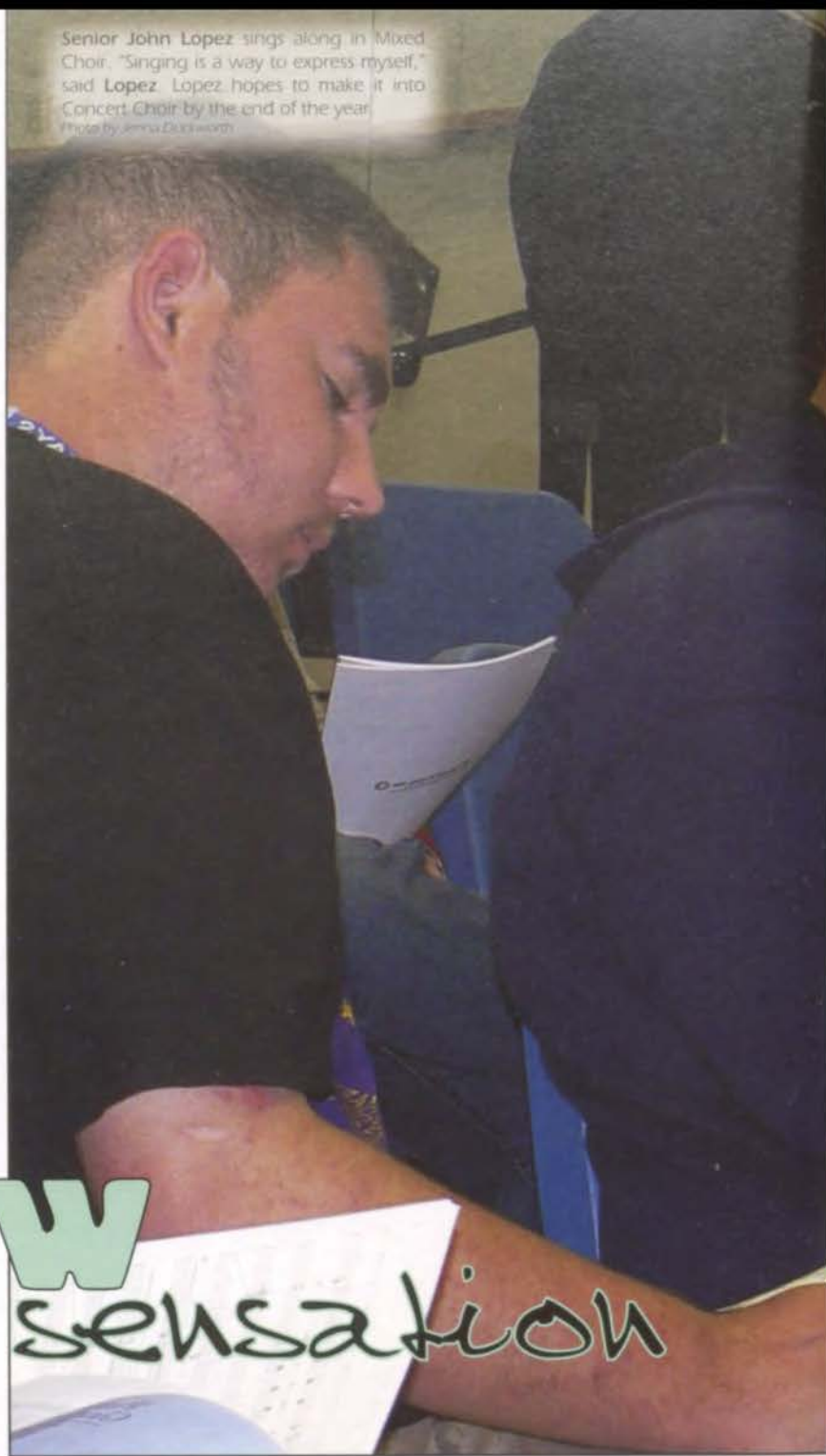
"I became interested in Mixed Chorus because of my friends plus I heard positive things about the call it self," said **Senior John Lopez**. There are two people who inspire me which are **Mr. Gilpin** and **Senior Mike Smith**. When **Lopez** feels that one of his notes are off, **Mr. Gilpin** is also by his side telling him to just try it over, and it will come out in a better sound the way he expects it. **Lopez** loves singing is what motivates him in life and school. **Lopez** is not only involved in Mixed Chorus but also Boulevard Singers and Concert Choir.

"I just don't sing for the school. I also sing in my shower and for my church occasionally," said **Lopez**. Mixed Chorus has taught **Lopez** how to work on his notes more for his church choir and all his performances that come up in his schedule.

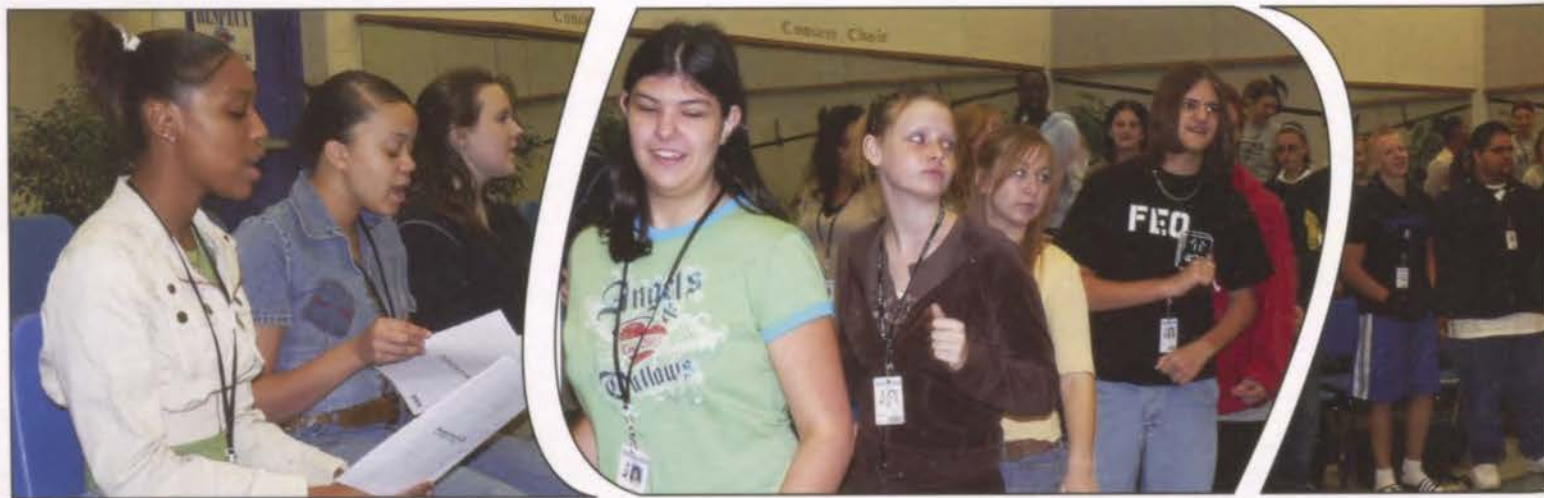
"**Mr. Gilpin** has made me love school more because I look forward to coming to his class every morning, and he always explains to me not to give up on anything that I put my mind to," said **Lopez**. Religious songs and The Beatles are the common songs performed in the chorus class. When **Lopez** is done with the choir, he explained how he will miss looking forward to something to do. **Lopez** goes to practice every Monday morning at seven in the morning to work with **Mr. Gilpin**. In the future, **Lopez** hopes to enhance a career in vocal music.

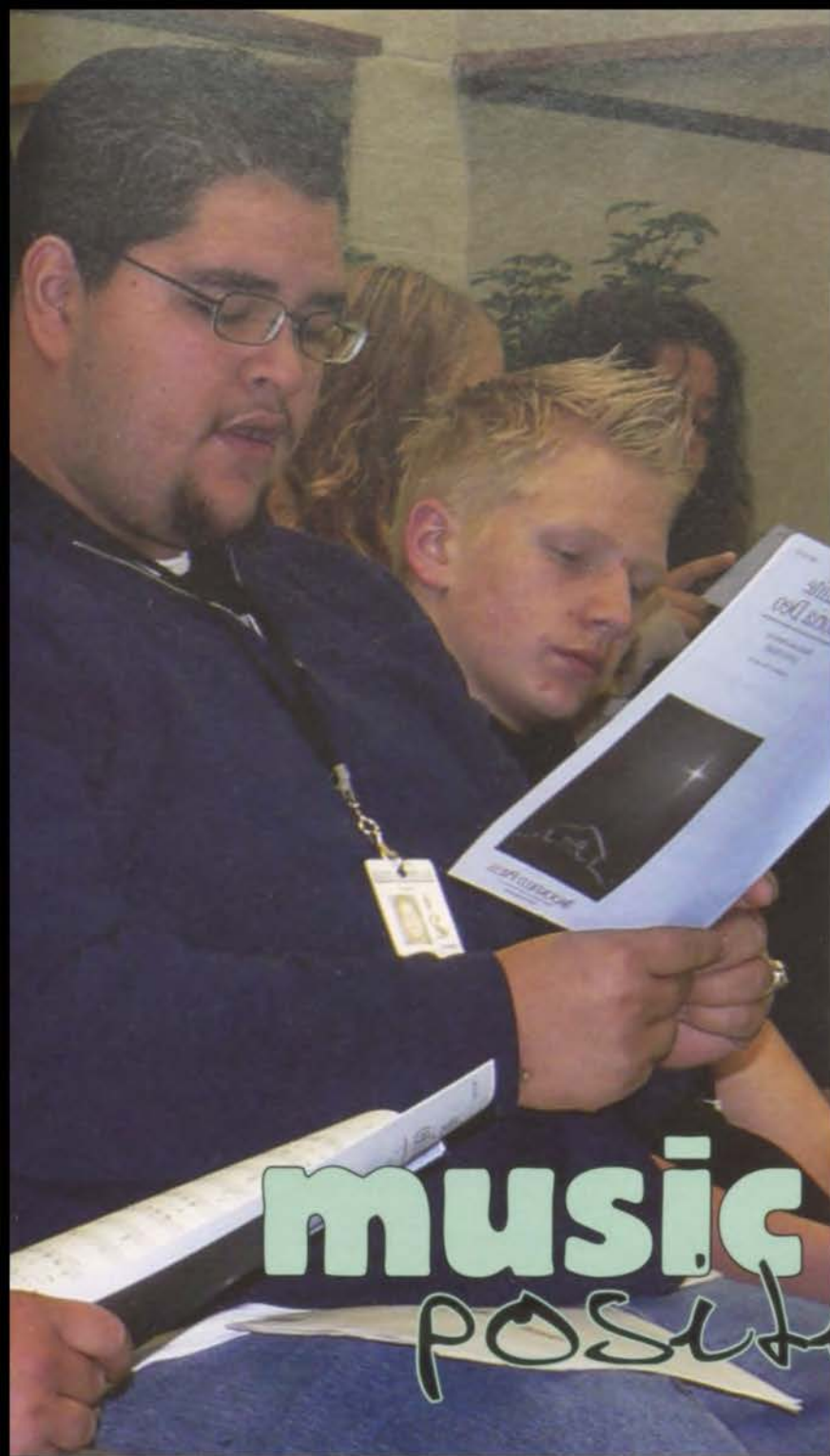
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Senior John Lopez sings along in Mixed Chorus. "Singing is a way to express myself," said Lopez. Lopez hopes to make it into Concert Choir by the end of the year.
Photo by Jenna Dickworth



the new singing sensation





music is a positive thing

Rushing to Mr. Gilpin's choir room, Senior Kalynda Baumgarden prepares to sing in the morning.

Being a part of Boulevard Singers for three years, she has adjusted to waking up at five o'clock in the morning in order to sing in the morning.

"Mr. Gilpin has helped through rough spots in music, and he has encouraged me to keep trying," said Baumgarden.

On Mondays, Baumgarden arrives at school at in the morning for practice and Thursdays at 6:45 a.m.

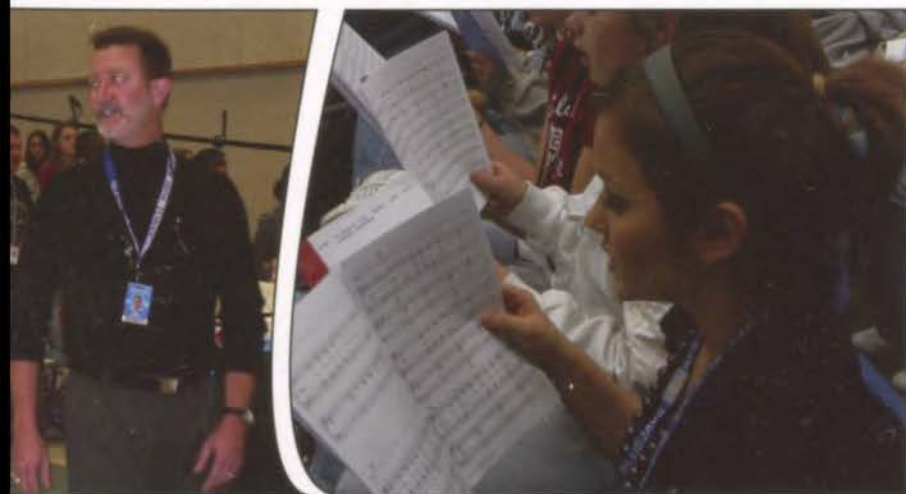
"My family inspires me to sing at school as well, and choir helps me get involved a lot," said Baumgarden.

Baumgarden sings many different contemporary music, and her family inspires her to sing at school every day. The contemporary music helps Baumgarden with her everyday life. All the positive experiences throughout the school with singing motivated Baumgarden to continue singing.

"My freshman year, I watched the Boulevard Singers and decided that I would audition my sophomore year," reminisced Baumgarden.

Baumgarden has enjoyed being in Boulevard Singers and wishes all future members of the group well as she bids them farewell.

Story by Melissa Johnson and Chauntee Clark



Far Left: Junior Takara Gordon enjoys being in choir. "I love singing. Choir is great," said Gordon.

Photo by Jenna Duckworth

Left: Senior Devon Peltier, Junior Mike Wait, and Senior John Lopez practice their song in Mixed Choir. Peltier has been in choir for three years now. He likes to use music as a way to clear his mind.

Photo by Jenna Duckworth

Right: Mr. Rick Gilpin shows his mixed choir class choreography for their song. "Choreography really brings the songs to life," said Mr. Gilpin.

Photo by Jenna Duckworth

Near Right: Sophomore Caitlin Frank is in mixed choir. "I like being in a class with people in different grades," said Frank. "It gives me a chance to get to know people I might not have known otherwise."

Photo by Jenna Duckworth

Junior Victoria Hambrick sings her alto part in the song "It's the Holiday Season." Hambrick has been involved in choir for three years at Raytown. "Without Concert Choir, I would have never been given the chance to sing at competition," said Hambrick. Photo by Kayla Wilson

Sophomore Corey Thomas rehearses "Do You Hear What I Hear?" for the holiday choir concert. Thomas is one of two sophomore boys in the bass section. "Concert Choir has allowed me to meet new people. Everyone should try out for choir!" said Thomas. Photo by Kayla Wilson

Sophomores Sara Mabry and Lisa Hakes practices "A Child is Born in Bethlehem." This is Mabry's first year in a choir class. "All of my best friends are in choir with me; it's perfect! Plus, I like music!" said Mabry. Photo by Kayla Wilson



To show off their amazing voices, during the Thanksgiving break, Raytown's Concert Choir and Camerata flew off to New York to perform at Carnegie Hall under the direction of composer **John Rutter**, the writer of one of the pieces the choirs sang there. **Junior Brooke Ebert**, a member of Concert Choir, joined the choirs in this unforgettable experience.

"Preparing for the the trip was hectic for Concert Choir, and when it came to packing and everything else. I was very last minute about it," said **Ebert**.

The choirs practiced every day with other choirs, who joined them in the performance, until early Sunday afternoon when they performed.

"Performing at Carnegie Hall was exhilarating. **John Rutter** was an interesting individual, but pretty easy going," explained **Ebert**.

The choirs, for the most part, behaved well for being in an exciting city such as New York. They toured New York City, saw the Rockettes live at Radio City Music Hall, took a boat ride on a Yacht around The Statue of Liberty

and Ellis Island, and saw The Drowsy Chaperone on Broadway.

"My favorite part of the trip was Sunday night after we performed when we were on the yacht. We ate dinner, danced, and looked at the New York City lights at night," said **Ebert**.

The city wasn't quite what the students expected. It wasn't as busy as they thought, and it wasn't as clean.

"The city was bigger than what I thought, but it wasn't as clean as I thought it would be," said **Ebert**.

The day soon came to head home, but many of the students weren't ready to leave. The last day was one of the busiest.

"The money and the trip were completely worth it," said **Ebert**, "We just felt like we needed more time to do what we wanted to do. I could definitely live there." Story by Katie Harris

practice, practice, practice



Junior Brooke Ebert reads over the music of "Psallite Gloria Deo" as Mr. Gilpin starts the class. Ebert has taken choir since her freshman year at Raytown. "Choir is not an easy class that you can push to the side. It takes discipline and a lot of practice," said Ebert. Photo by Kayla Wilson.

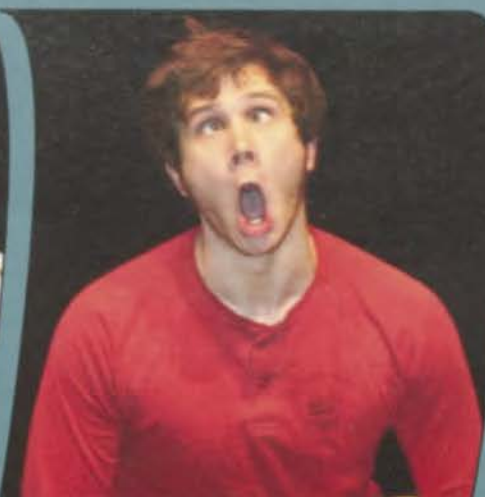
Conductor Rick Gilpin sings a male part in the girls' camerata song "Beauty School Dropouts." Gilpin had fun singing with Camerata for the first time on stage.
Photo by Alex Kuhn



Junior **Kylie Best** and Senior **Katie Harris** pose during the courtwarming assembly performance of "Beauty School Dropout." "It brought the girls a lot closer working on the choreography for this song," said **Harris**. Photo by Alex Rubin.

Junior **Ben Holderby** belts the bass section of "Help Me, Rhonda" during a Camerata performance. This is **Holderby's** first year in Camerata, and he is happy to have had the experience. **Holderby** also participates in the school plays. Photo by Alex Rubin.

Junior **Amy Alewel** and Senior **Samantha Sengvong** pose in their last formation in the girls' Camerata song "Beauty School Dropout." "It's fun to dress up and act gooly and to have the school applaud us for it," said **Sengvong**. Photo by Alex Rubin.



directing a master piece

In June 2004, Raytown High School's vocal music instructor, **Rick Gilpin**, suffered two strokes almost causing him to retire from his job. When he was faced with the fact he might have to retire, he remembered all the wonderful things being a choir teacher has done for him.

"Sometimes you work so hard, you forget how much you really enjoy it," said **Gilpin**, "My students and the music are my motivation to keep me going everyday."

In **Gilpin's** chamber choir, Camerata, his favorite part is the "interaction with the students." He believes they are his life. **Gilpin** spends time with his Camerata students outside of school also.

"It's not just a class, it's a relationship that is almost family oriented; since freshmen year, I have raised them. It's about singers motivating singers," said **Gilpin**. Camerata students push each other to improve themselves.

Although he has a different bond with his Camerata students, contrary to rumor, he does not give them any "special treatment".

"In fact, he is harder on Camerata students because of the high expectations that come with being in this group," said Raytown's Accompanist **Brenda Yeates**.

Everyday, during fifth hour, the melody of the Camerata voices flow through the hallway.

"It's not always about talent," said **Gilpin**, "You need to have dedication to be successful." Camerata means more hard work for him and the students.

"I look forward to the energy of Camerata everyday to rejuvenate me after half a days work," said **Gilpin**. Although he may be a little kooky at times, many of the Camerata students consider him a unique, but hard working individual.

Everyone wonders where on earth Camerata comes up with those weird dances. Well, that is the infamous "Gilpin-ography" named after the choreographer himself. "He is a lot of fun to work with. He is caring and very driven," said **Yeates**. **Gilpin** confessed with sincerity, "I don't know how I will ever retire and leave all of this behind." Story by **Katie Harris**



jaywalk OUT

"Jaywalkers are a team of talented, young women who represent the best of Raytown High School. They are fantastic dancers, students, and young women," stated **Assistant Coach Arianne Moore**.

This year's Jaywalkers Squad is full of school spirit and talent. Although the squad is not as big in number, the girls are still just as good, if not better than they have been in the past. The squad this year consists of three seniors, two juniors, three sophomores, and one freshman, and the squad is led by **Seniors Jackie Sharp and Shelly Southworth**, and **Junior Andrea Swan** as captains.

Jaywalkers not only dance at football and basketball games during half time, but they also perform at pep rallies, regional and state competitions, and also com-

pete at a summer dance camps. This year the girls took first place at camp in their Team Dance performance.

Every girl on the squad agrees that the team this year is full of amazing girls that are all very talented.

"Our squad is very friendly. We are all very close, and we have a great time when we are all together," said **Swan**.

"Our squad is like a little family. We're all best friends!" added **Southworth**, "My favorite part about Jaywalkers is the fabulous girls and doing what we love to do together. We have a good time laughing and dancing."

"The squad is like eight sisters to me. I love them all so much! We have so much fun together," said **Senior Kayla Wilson**. *Story by Lindsay Vaters*



The squad marches through the streets of Raytown in the homecoming parade. "This has been a fun year. I'm glad I got to be a captain," said **Senior Jackie Sharp**. The Jaywalkers always dance in the Homecoming parade. *Photo by Ali Saylor*

Sophomore Kailey Young demonstrates what the Jaywalkers call a "backbreaker." "Being on the squad makes me more excited for pep rallies," said **Young**. The Jaywalkers practice continuously to perfect each dance. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*

"I wish I would have tried out for Jaywalkers my freshman year," said **Senior Kayla Wilson**. The Jaywalkers are known for doing the kickline at every event. "The kickline is worth the work because it looks really cool in the end," stated **Wilson**. *Photo by Alex Kuhn*

Junior Andrea Swan smiles for the crowd at the first pep rally of the year. Swan is also a co-captain this year. "Being a co-captain is hard, but in the end, it pays off because of all the girls, and I have fun dancing," said **Swan**. *Photo by Ali Saylor*





Sophomore Shelby Brim plays "The National Anthem" on her flute before a home football game starts. Brim has played her flute for five years. "I like playing the flute, especially with my section. Everyone is nice, and we all have a family-like relationship with one another," said Brim. Photo by Kayla Wilson

Freshman **Lizette Cox** and Junior **Tiffany Phillips** stand still for the National Anthem at a football game. **Cox** chose to be on color guard this year because she wanted to keep active. "Sometimes the girls on the squad hit me with the flag, but it's all in good fun," said **Cox**. Photo by Kayla Wilson

RHS's Drumline waits steadily for the marching band to file off the football field. Junior **Devon Ross** has been in drumline for three years, and he plans to participate his senior year too. "Drumline is going to take home the most titles this year!" said **Ross**. Photo by Kayla Wilson

Freshman **Aaron Babusa-Lucas** plays in the half-time show during a home football game. **Babusa-Lucas** has been in band since fifth grade. "I started out playing the trombone, but the band needed a tuba, so I switched my instrument," said **Babusa-Lucas**. Photo by Kayla Wilson



twirl the flag

With numb fingers and sweaty palms, Senior **Rocky Rigoli** begins to blow. **Rigoli** plays the trombone and has for seven years.

"I enjoy playing in the band," said **Rigoli**, "I get to be with my friends and play fun music. It's just overall a great experience."

Rigoli considers the band to be one great big happy musical family. During a huge performance, Director **Andrew Wilson** stopped directing, and the band became silent. Senior **Tony Reed**, not realizing the song was over, yelled "Gastopo" at the top of his lungs, and everyone heard.

"We didn't lose any points, but it was hard to focus afterward because all of us couldn't stop laughing," explained **Rigoli**.

Rigoli enjoys performing, especially since his section is placed right next to the "all girls" flute section.

While in high school, **Rigoli** received the Best Marcher Award his junior year and Drum Major his senior year.

"We play with the big W, we roll with the Big W," said **Rigoli**. Story by Samantha Bockelman

As the time runs short, and the pressure runs high, Senior **Ashley Wallace** feels the tension as the Color Guard perfects their routine.

"Last year, our drills were changed a week before competition, and we had like no time to get it down and memorized," said **Wallace**, "This year we had a lot more time, and are way more prepared."

Wallace has been involved in flag for four years and has loved every minute of it.

"The girls get along for the most part," said **Wallace**, "I mean there are those times when we've just had enough. But then again, what team doesn't?"

The team competes at a lot of different schools all through the district. At a competition during her sophomore year, it was a really rainy day, and the field was really wet. During their performance, one of the girls slid across the field and got stuck.

"It was so funny. It was hard to get composed after that because she was literally stuck in the mud," said **Wallace**.

When **Wallace** feels like the pressure is too much and feels like giving up, she thinks to herself, "It's a new day," and she continues on.

Story by Samantha Bockelman

conduct the rhythm

working to the top

Determined to get started right away, Senior **Carey Lewis** decided to join orchestra versus band. Orchestra started in fourth grade while band didn't start until fifth grade. The first day of many people's orchestra experience began with the veteran orchestra teacher Ms. Holiday yelling, "Come in, sit down! Sit up straight! This is boot camp!"

A lot of students don't make it past the end of their fifth grade year. What separates these students from those who go on to Symphony Orchestra is usually a private teacher.

Lewis started lessons with her private teacher when she was in sixth grade.

"I think that it helped that I played the piano. I read music before I could read a book." In orchestra, they need all the advantages they can get. **Lewis** is considered the top dog in Raytown's Symphony Orchestra, the official title being "The Concert Master." **Lewis** is following along in the footsteps of talented predecessors such as Raytown graduates **Erica DeVilbiss**, **Co-**

rey Reames, and **Erik Hassell**.

"It feels good to know I've worked up to this point. I've definitely put in my time." One of **Lewis'** fondest memories is of **Corey Reames** running around the orchestra room pretending to be a raptor. Raytown's Orchestra Director **Amy Sadler** is proud of all of her students especially **Eric Olvera**, **Angela Handy**, **Lewis**, and **Selene Hernandez** who made All-District Orchestra this year, which is a top honor. One of **Lewis'** favorite things about orchestra is going to state competition in Columbia.

"I've gotten a one on the piano solo every year, and I got a two as a freshman on my violin," said **Lewis**. A one is the highest someone can score at competition, and a eight (disqualification) is the lowest. It was hard for **Lewis** to prepare for All-District Orchestra this year because she was involved in the musical at the same time.

"All District Try-Outs were weird because you walk into this room, and these three judges have their backs turned. At least I didn't have to sight read though," said **Lewis**. **Lewis** has worked hard and achieved many accomplishments through orchestra. *Story by Ashlee James*



Senior **Amy Chambers** concentrates on her piece during a concert. She worked in and out of school to perfect her piece. "I'm glad I stayed in orchestra through high school," said **Chambers**. *Photo by Ashley James*

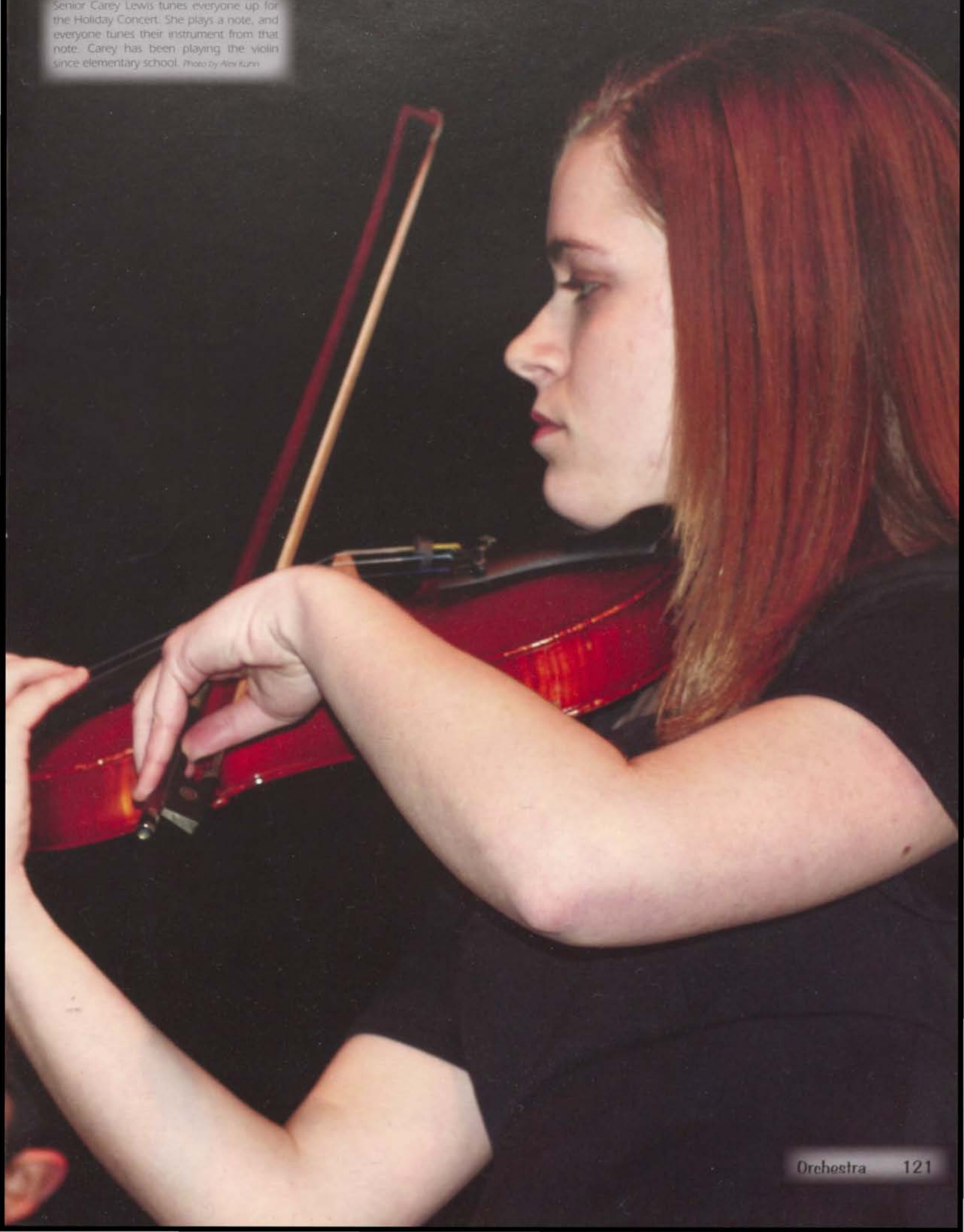


Freshman **Eric Olvera** plays the "African Bell Carol." This is his first year in Symphony Orchestra, but he is the second chair first violin. His parents have been his teachers up until this year. *Photo by Ashley James*



Sophomore **Carter Willis** plays the cello. He is one of the few cello players in orchestra. "I love playing the cello. It's so big, and I think it's better than a violin or viola," said **Willis**. *Photo by Ashley James*

Senior Carey Lewis tunes everyone up for the Holiday Concert. She plays a note, and everyone tunes their instrument from that note. Carey has been playing the violin since elementary school. Photo by Alex Kurni





the boys

next door

Interpreting a character isn't the easiest task for an actor, but **Junior Ovie Oghenejobo** manages.

"Trying to stay in character for him was the hardest part because it's hard to play a mentally handicapped person when you're the exact opposite," said **Oghenejobo**. **Oghenejobo** was skeptical about trying out for the play.

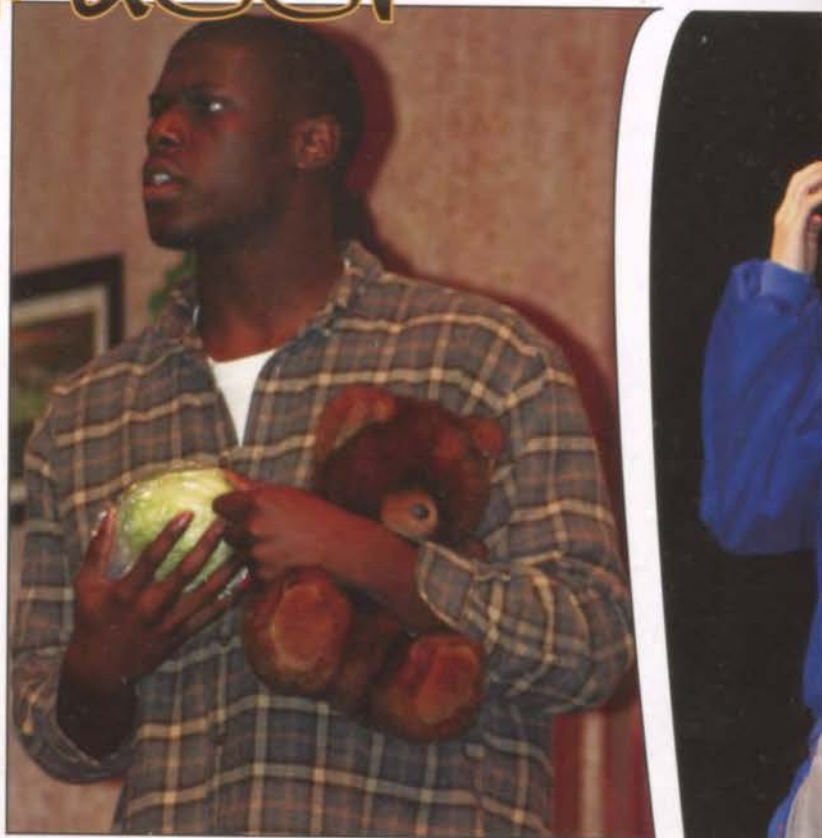
"I was hurt, so I couldn't play basketball, and Tad McLanahan verbally harassed me, so I tried out for the play," admitted **Oghenejobo**. **Oghenejobo** enjoyed playing "Lucien P. Smith," his character, because they are so different.

"**Ovie** is athletic, wild, crazy, and confident. Lucien is calm, collective, and he's not aware of his surroundings," said **Oghenejobo**.

He has been in theater for three years now and had yet to try out for a play.

"Some days I like it; some days I don't, but I like theater because I get to act," he said.

Story by Chauntee Clark





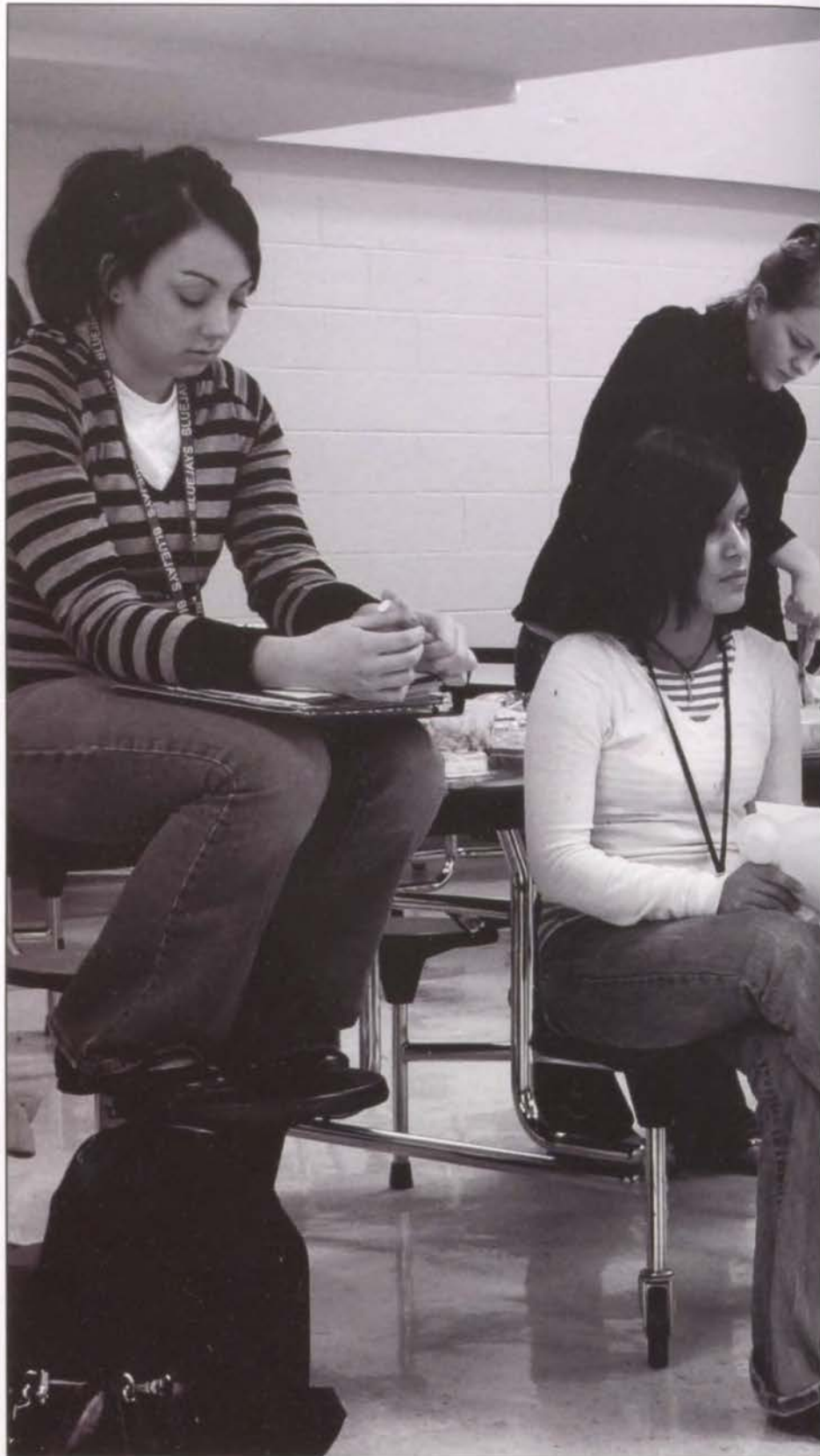
Senior Tony Reed's character was a donut maker. He had a crush on Sam Miller's character, "Sheila." "This was a fun play to be in. I liked having to step outside of who I was," said Reed. Photo by Alex Kuhn



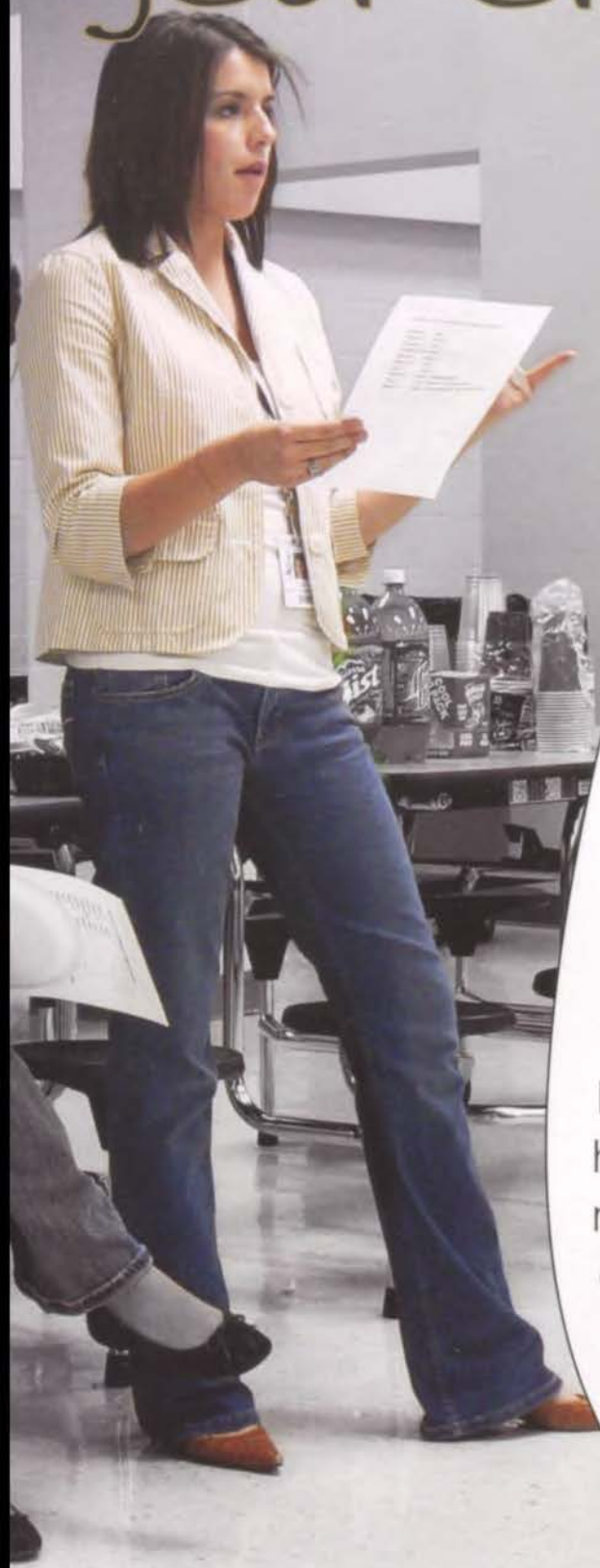
Junior Ovie Oghenejobo portrays "Lucien P. Smith" during the opening act. He is trying to hide some heads of lettuce from "Jack," played by Junior Ben Holderby. This is Oghenejobo's first main role in a play. "Lucien and I are so different," said Oghenejobo. Photo by Alex Kuhn

Senior Daniel Wilkes plays "Arnold Wiggins," a mentally handicapped man living in a home with three other men. He tends to get over-excited about things and overreacts. Wilkes participated in theatrical productions since his freshman year," said Wilkes. He is also a member of Student Council and National Honor Society. Photo by Alex Kuhn

Freshman Joe Ferrand plays "Barry" in the play, the golf expert. He tries to give golf lessons to people ranging from a nine-year-old kid, to an old deff lady. He is very serious about his work. He has an abusive father played by Senior Kenny Grasher. Photo by Alex Kuhn



seeking your organization

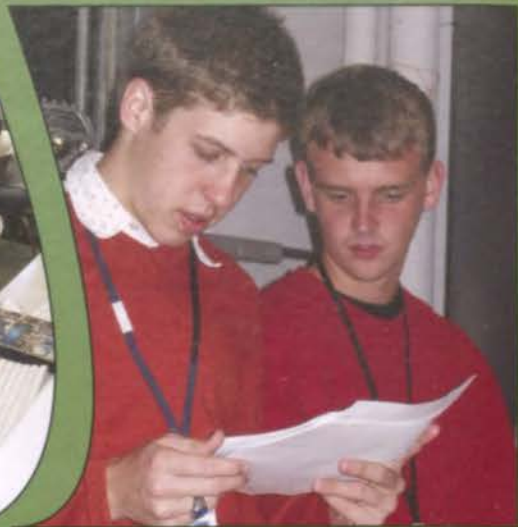


"I'm going to start this meeting by talking about the blood drive," said **Senior Amber Thompson** at a Student Council Meeting. After the bell rings at 2:15 p.m., **students** rush out of class, and while some head for their bus or car, others **hustle** to their after school organization. Whether a student likes to **volunteer** their time to the community, wants to show off their **leadership** skills, or even wants to learn how to start a **business** right after graduation, there is an organization for everyone. Students at RHS have the **opportunity** to service the community with Key Club or National Honor Society, lead the student body in Student Council, help other students solve problems, document the school's history with journalism classes, and learn how to run a business from the **Bird's Nest**. These are the pages that show the organizations students belong to. These pages **seek** your organizations...

Seniors Linnsey Lipps and Kayla Wilson discuss what pictures need to go on the class pages. "This year's yearbook is extremely better, more organized, and I have some of the best editors in the world," said Wilson. Photo by Taylor Allen

Seniors Samantha Sengvong and Brandi Simpson work on designing pages for the upcoming yearbook. "This year's staff is really ahead, and this yearbook will be the best ever," said Sengvong. "My editors make my job a lot easier." Photo by Alex Kuhn

Seniors Alex Kuhn and Brandon Zoellers configure which pictures need to be on the pages. "I am glad to be back this year, and I feel like this could be the best yearbook out of the four years that I have been here," said Zoellers. Photo by Taylor Allen



puttin' it all together



Kayla Wilson
 Brittany Tilander
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"The hardest part about yearbook is making sure that everything meets deadline. Everything from the largest to the smallest details count. After I get the proofs back, I do a check for final mistakes," said **Senior Samantha Sengvong**.

Sengvong was the Editor-in-Chief, along with **Senior Linnsey Lipps**, for the 2006-2007 school year. **Senior Kayla Wilson** was the Photography Editor with co-editor **Senior Alex Kuhn**, **Senior Brandi Simpson** was the Design Editor, **Senior Demonte Whitley** was the Sports Editor, and **Junior Lindsay Vaters** was the Business Editor.

As an editor, she does more than assign tasks and make sure deadlines are met. There are many more responsibilities that come with the job.

Sengvong is involved with every aspect of the yearbook. One day she may be helping someone fix their story, and the next she may be fixing a page that has just come back from the plant. Although being the editor has many jobs involved with it, there are also many perks. One good thing about what she does is she gets to see all of the pages before they get sent away, so she gets to decide what stays in the yearbook and what doesn't go in the book.

"Last year, I was a writer, so all I had to do was write stories and fix the mistakes I was told to fix by the editors. Towards the end of the year, I wanted to be more in-

involved, so I started doing little tasks for the editors. I'd help send pages and stuff, and that's when I decided I wanted to be one," said **Sengvong**.

Although **Sengvong** was the editor of the yearbook, it wasn't easy getting to that position. Over the summer, she attended camp where she learned all of the skills to being a editor and gained the knowledge to create a good yearbook.

"Camp was a good experience because we got to see what everyone else was doing with their yearbooks, and we got a lot of good ideas. Our yearbook ideas were the best though," said **Sengvong**.

At camp, many valuable skills are learned.

"The most valuable skill I learned was organization. If you don't know what's going on, then you might as well back off. I have to know who writes what story, who photographs what, and when everything is due. If a deadline is missed, then that is the yearbook at stake, not just someone's grade," said **Sengvong**.

From writing stories to taking pictures, there are many jobs that take place while making a yearbook, but the most important job is that of **Senior Samantha Sengvong**. Without her, there'd be a different editor, and the yearbook wouldn't turn out the same way. *Story by Brandon Zoellers*



Part of the yearbook staff works on an upcoming deadline. Some are looking at the proofs that came back from the plant. "Deadlines are stressful and a pain in my butt," said **Senior Linnsey Lipps**. *Photo by Taylor Allan*



There are many different types of cliques at Raytown High School. There was the Fab 5, now the Fine 9, and in the Electronic Journalism department, it's the Fantastic 3. As Seniors **Amanda Hernandez**, **Adrienne Leak**, and **Cory Hinesley** strut in the Electronic Journalism room, they go to separate destinations. **Hinesley** trots to the editor's desk at the front of the room 211, **Hernandez** goes to the seat farthest left, and **Leak** sits next to **Hernandez**.

As seniors on the EJ staff, **Hinesley**, **Hernandez**, and **Leak** all bring different things to EJ.

"I hope that I bring a comfortable vibe to the class and teach what I can to everyone," said **Hinesley**.

"I bring ideas skills to the EJ team," said **Hernandez**.

"I bring excellent back-up skills. I basically do whatever needs to be done," said **Leak**.

They also all have their own reason for being in electronic journalism.

"I'm not good with words, so I can express myself through other medias," said **Hinesley**.

"I joined because I like working with cameras and making movies. I also had a lot of friends in it that wanted me to join," said **Hernandez**.

"I was really interested in journalism and

graphic design so I wanted a class that could offer me a good mix of both," said **Leak**.

"I'm planning to go into photography, so it helps me with design and how to get into the journalism field," said **Hinesley**.

"At first I wanted to go into graphic design, but since I'm not doing that anymore, I'll be able to use all that I've learned to take pictures and make fun movies for like friends and graduation," said **Hernandez**.

"I was planning to go into graphic journalism, however, I recently decided to be a nurse, so I hope that I can use my creative skills somehow in pursuing a nursing career," said **Leak**.

Although they all have different aspects of the class, they all agree that the actual taping is the hardest part.

"It's hard to plan people in my schedule. I'm involved in so many activities that it's hard to schedule the extra time to visit a sport or club that I'm not already part of," said **Leak**.

Hinesley, **Hernandez**, and **Leak** have enjoyed their careers in EJ and look forward to using the skills they've learned in their future.

"We really want to capture the best parts of Raytown and what all of us do during our years," said **Hernandez**.

Story by Tinisha Rhodes

the fantastic 3



Far Left: **Senior Tinisha Rhodes** has been involved in almost every aspect of the Raytown High School's publications. "I have been in Electronic Journalism for two years. I really enjoy this class because I can express what Raytown is through videos," said **Rhodes**. **Rhodes** is also a part of the Raytown High School Yearbook staff. "I'm excited because I am a senior this year, so I have more responsibilities," said **Rhodes**.
Photo by Rekale Wheeler

Middle: "Electronic Journalism is one class that I believe I do the most work in," said **Sophomore David Marshall**. "When I'm creating my video, I feel like I have to work twice as hard to make my video good just because this is my first year, and everyone has had a little bit more experience than me." *Photo by Rekale Wheeler*

Left: "There is so much hard work that goes into being on the Electronic Journalism staff. This class is fun, but it's tough when you have to put clips together to get a video," said **Senior David Cathcart**. "It's more than recording school events." **Cathcart** was also a member of the Raytown Blue Jays Boys Soccer Team. *Photo by Rekale Wheeler*

Bottom: **Seniors Adrienne Leak, Amanda Hernandez, and Cory Hinesley** watch and laugh at one of their Electronic Journalism videos. "Electronic Journalism is a really good way to stay informed on what's going on around the school," said **Leak**. *Photo by Rekale Wheeler*



Senior Clint Whalen is in charge of advertising for this year's newspaper. "It's fun to be the 'Advertising Man,'" said Whalen. "People get to see a different side of me instead of the funny goofy guy." Whalen has been apart of newspaper for two years. Photo by Alyse Proctor

"Writing is my passion," said Senior Christina Daniel. "I take this class as a prerequisite for my goal of becoming a journalist." Daniel is currently this year's Editor-in-Chief. Photo by Alyse Proctor

Sophomore Tierra Hogan looks over a paper for newspaper. "Newspaper is hard work, but I enjoy it anyway," said Hogan. This is Hogan's first year of newspaper. Photo by Alyse Proctor



For the Rayflector Newspaper Staff, deadlines are everything. If a picture isn't placed right or a story isn't written, then the newspaper cannot be published on time. There's no "I" in newspaper; it's all about teamwork. Everyone on the staff has to work together to complete the issue. The 2006-07 staff were lead by Seniors Christina Daniel and Christine Trewhitt as the Editors-in-Chief.

"To complete an issue, first we make up story ideas, then we discuss them. Once we have discussed them, we decide on which ones we want to use in the issue and then find interesting ads to use. After that, we interview people for the stories, and then write the stories. Finally, we place the stories on the layout pages," explained Daniel.

The staff chose interesting stories like current events that are going on in the world such as war or ongoing issues throughout the school like PDA (public display of affection) or under-aged drinking. Whatever the story, the issues are always perfected and edited in time for the deadline.

The newspaper is a great outlet for ambi-

tious students who enjoy writing or taking pictures. It can teach a student a little bit about journalistic writing and how important deadlines are when it comes to getting an issue out.

"Being on the Rayflector has taught me to be real; I won't write a story I don't like or find incorrect," said Senior Clint Whalen. Whalen was in charge of all the advertising in the newspaper this year; he brought in more ads this year than in previous years.

"Doing all the advertising has helped me for the future. It has showed me how to use my money and what to use my money on if I were to open up my own business," said Whalen.

"I would describe the staff as laid back, talented, and entertaining. We all help each other out. When times get rough, we get through them. It's like that quote, 'Whatever doesn't kill you, makes you stronger'," said Daniel. Being on the staff teaches one another how to grow through writing or photography and helps students understand discipline while expanding their social lives as well. Newspaper gives a new meaning to hard work. Story by Molly Walsh

depending
on each other

"I like being creative and designing pages," said Senior Katie Harris. "I love being a part of newspaper." This is Harris's first year of newspaper.
Photo by Lynn Proctor



lending a hand

Grabbing the agenda, the members of Student Council took their seats ready for their meeting. At the Student Council meetings, Student Body President **Senior Amber Thompson** explains what events are in the future such as a blood drive or a fundraiser to help buy needy children Christmas presents. The Student Council coordinates all of the blood drives, which have been successful in the past. Numerous students and teachers find an hour to give up one pint of blood to help save lives. Student Council is always trying to help out the school and many others around it. The presidents and vice presidents hold very important jobs in each class.

"I wanted to be on Student Council because I wanted to help out my school by planning some of the dances and helping others," said **Junior Samantha Bockelman**. **Bockelman** was the Junior Class President this year, and she would like to run for Student Body President next year. Even though it's a lot of hard work, she wants to make things happen her senior year.

"My favorite thing about being involved in Student Council is meeting new people and learning how to organize important events. For example, the juniors planned prom this year. At first, I was a bit intimidated, but in the end, it worked out great," laughed **Bockelman**. The prom theme was, "Lost in a Dream." It was decorated with white and blue tulle made to look like clouds.

"I would recommend any student to apply to be on Student Council that has strong goals and fresh ideas for the school. Because of Student Council, I have become a good leader and a hard worker; I have grown as a person, and I have learned how to work better with others," said **Bockelman**. Being a part of Student Council benefits students by helping them learn leadership skills and communication.

Story by Molly Walsh





Junior **Samantha Bockelman** decorates before the girls' varsity basketball game. **Bockelman** enjoys decorating for the game to get the fans pumped up. **Bockelman** also plays on the varsity basketball team and has been playing since freshmen year. "Keeping the fans pumped and motivated also helps me play better," said **Bockelman**. **Bockelman** has been on Student Council for three years and plans on being on it next year as well. *Photo by Janelle Ryken*

Seniors **Samantha Reinig** and **Lindsay Petersen** participate at the Student Council meeting. The main focus of this meeting was R.E.A.P. **Petersen** has been on Student Council since her freshman year, and **Reinig** has been on Student Council since her sophomore year. "Being on Student Council for four years has taught me a lot about interacting and helping others," said **Petersen**.

Photo by Janelle Ryken



Junior **Christina Romero** counts the money to see how much they can spend for the few children they are supporting. All together the junior class raised two hundred and fifty dollars. This money went toward education toys and dolls and building blocks since the children are less fortunate. This is **Romero's** first year of being on Student Council. "This year has been a lot of fun for only being my first year," said **Romero**. *Photo by Janelle Ryken*

Senior **Lauren Pecina** is the Student Body Historian for Student Council this year. The historian's job is to keep record of everything. This is also **Pecina's** second year of Student Council. **Mr. Drace**, sponsor of Student Council, helps **Pecina** with picking out her reward for helping to raise money for R.E.A.P. "Sometimes Student Council can be stressful, but it can be fun at the same time," said **Pecina**.

Photo by Janelle Ryken



let's make a motion

Helping the community is something Senior Amanda Hernandez holds in high regard. Being accepted into NHS her sophomore year and becoming involved in volunteer activities her junior year, Hernandez understands the value of being a volunteer in her community.

"I liked going to Habitat for Humanity. How cool is it to build a house for someone who really needs it?" exclaimed Hernandez.

She has been inspired to stay into NHS because of the opportunities she has to help other people.

"I enjoy being able to tutor and recycle," said Hernandez.

Hernandez has managed to maintain her GPA by "doing my homework and paying attention in class," said Hernandez.

She has had many memories of doing community service and making friends with members of the society.

"My favorite memory of being in NHS has been going to the Chiefs' re-

cycling contest," said Hernandez.

Since she is NHS Secretary, she understands the value of being a strong leader.

"I feel I have good leadership skills and it helps. Along with the many other students, we like to make things a better place for the rest of society."

She plans to use her experiences in NHS to benefit her success in college.

"National Honor Society is really good to join because it looks good on your college application and has fun community service," said Hernandez.

Hernandez hasn't regretted being in NHS for one moment, even though remaining academically sound isn't also an easy task to achieve; yet NHS offers her the inspiration to succeed.

"I'm inspired to help others and no other organization that I've been in has truly offered that," admitted Hernandez.

Knowing that she has accomplished much by staying focused and helping, she looks forward to continuing community service projects in college.

Story by Chaunteé Clark

While waiting for Chiefs players to arrive, the senior girls decide to play a game of "Hi." The girls try to make the other one laugh. Raytown High School was one of a hundred schools to be offered an award for our recycling the Chiefs. "It was alot of hard work recycling, but it was worth it getting to meet the Chiefs players," said Senior Brandi Simpson. Photo by Debbie Allen





Top: Senior **Ashley Patrick** reads off information during a morning meeting. "NHS is a great organization that helps build leadership, character, and responsible individuals. I would want all students to strive to be in National Honor Society," said **Patrick**. *Photo by Taylor Allan*

Middle: Junior **Matt Hazelwood** helps NHS with recycling. NHS members get the chance to recycle every Monday morning. **Hazelwood** also has a successful career in the Debate and Forensics team. "I like being on NHS. It lets me get involved with my community," said **Hazelwood**. *Photo by Taylor Allan*

Bottom: Members of National Honor Society prepare to pose for a picture with a Chiefs player at the Chiefs' recycling events. "Getting a chance to out recycle the Chiefs was cool, and next year we get another chance to beat them again," said Junior **Victoria Umoren**. *Photo by Taylor Allan*

working

"Being a mediator isn't as easy as I thought it would be," said **Junior Ethan Yates**. With a heavy load of leadership and responsibility, **Yates** along with **Junior Brandon Scaife**, make critical decisions with students in conflicts. Such decisions affect how the school is operated, especially when students are in troubling situations.

"We deal with a lot of problems. The most popular one is fighting," said **Scaife**. Those who are active in a fight have to sign a four year contract stating that they won't have conflicts. However, if a contract is violated, those students can receive detentions to suspension.

"It's hard to make decisions when you know the person. They expect you to take their side," said **Yates**, "but you have to be fair, which is a hard responsibility." The mediators meet when there is a conflict to determine the right way to handle the situation.

"Every situation isn't the same, so you have to know how to handle the problem," said **Yates**. "You have to put yourself in that person's shoes and see the problem in their point of view. By doing this, I have a better understanding of how to react," said **Yates**.

Yates has been a mediator for two years and has enjoyed learning communication skills.

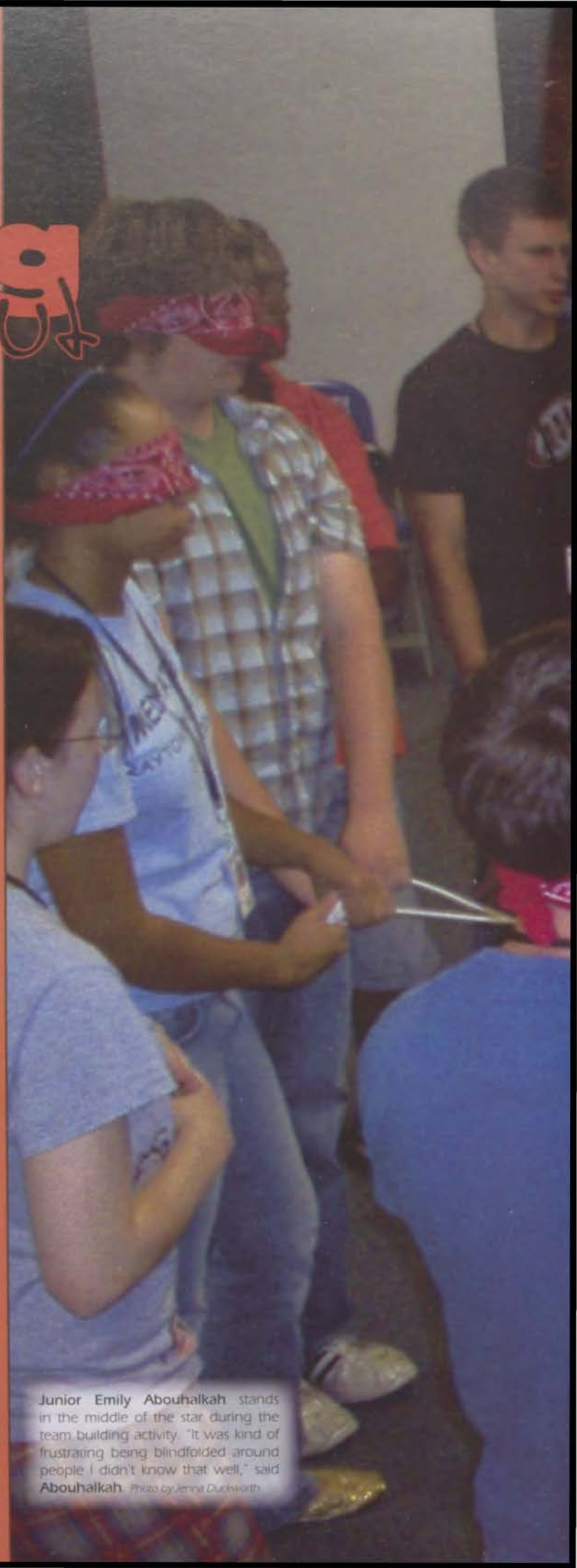
"I continue to learn new things with each session of mediating," said **Yates**. "It helps me understand more about the people around me and even how to prevent my own conflicts."

Yates hasn't always had it easy with refraining from conflicts, but he finds it easier to remain calm or even make a joke to lighten the mood when in an argument.

"I try to stay calm, you know, not get to angry at someone for something. If all else fails, just walk away. It's better to leave and be the bigger person than to look foolish by continuing a petty argument," commented **Yates**.

Yates looks forward to becoming a stronger leader in the Mediators and to helping others remain calm.

Story by Demonté Whitley and Chaunteé Clark.



Junior Emily Abouhalkah stands in the middle of the star during the team building activity. "It was kind of frustrating being blindfolded around people I didn't know that well," said **Abouhalkah**. *Photo by Jenna Duckworth*



Top: Junior Nathan Peterson and Sophomores Jordan Demoss and Zack Wilson work together in the trust building activity. "It was alot of fun with everyone," said Demoss. *Photo by Jenni Duckworth*

Middle: Sophomore Sara Mabry works diligently during a meeting. "Mediators is a lot of fun for me," said Mabry. "I like being able to help people with their problems." Mabry enjoys Mediators a lot and the friends she has made there. *Photo by Jenni Duckworth*

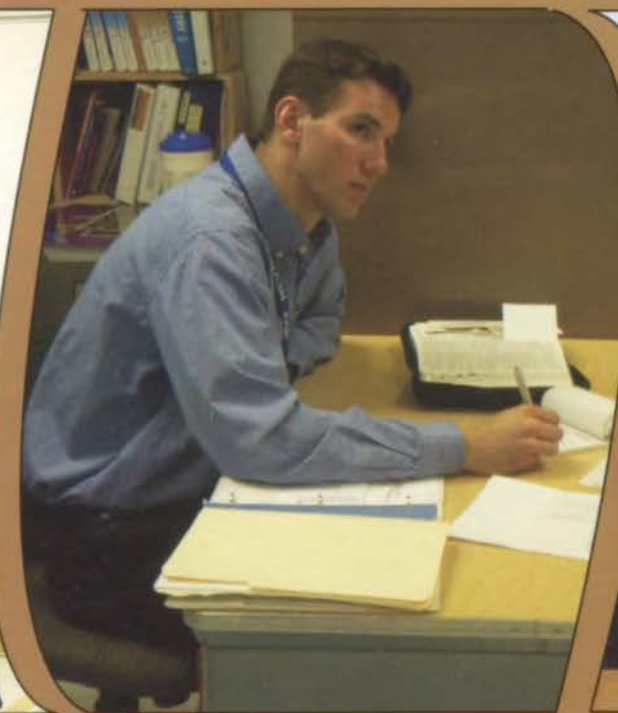
Bottom: Seniors Darcio Campos and Rocky Rigoli discuss special situations. "Mediators is really cool and neat-o," said Rigoli. "I enjoy it a lot." Rigoli has been in Mediators since his junior year. *Photo by Jenni Duckworth*



Key Club sits and listens to a guest speaker during a meeting. In the meetings, they talk about upcoming events and what they're going to do to get involved. Key Club is a very helpful club to Raytown High. *Photo by Alyse Proctor*



Seniors Ashley Cox, Victoria Meade, and Junior Britny Couzens stand to recite their pledge to Key Club. "The pledge helps build leadership skills," said Cox. Cox is excited to help out with Mr. Raytown this year. *Photo by Alyse Proctor*



Geometry teacher Mr. Nevinski is the new advisor for Key Club. "Key Club is a great way for students to give back to their community," said Nevinski. Nevinski enjoys leading this year's club. *Photo by Alyse Proctor*



"Sue Fine helps with our volunteer work," says Junior Britny Couzens. "She is the Volunteer Coordinator of the Crossroads Hospice program." Couzens is the president for Key Club. *Photo by Alyse Proctor*



a thing called help

At Raytown High School, the Key Club members gather every Wednesday to discuss important events. They participate in helping organizations such as Hope House Children, Habitat for Humanity, Race for Excellence, The Miss Blue Jay Pageant, and others.

"Every year, we present the Miss Blue Jay Pageant. We really get into it; it was probably the biggest event for Key Club this year. I enjoy helping plan it because it is so much fun, and it's for a good cause," said **President Junior Britny Couzens**.

"Key Club is a great way of helping the community and giving back to less fortunate people. I've met so many people who want to help others, they have inspired me to think of others before myself," explained **Couzens**. **Couzens** decided to join Key Club because she loves to work with people and help make the community a better place.

"Key Club is a lot like the movie, 'Pay it Forward.' I think that because the Key Club gives back to the

community by making a difference in others' lives, and the people we help out pass it on by helping someone else," said **Couzens**. Key Club can help students realize how much they are blessed with, and it makes a difference in the community by helping people who need assistance.


"When we see things that we believe in, we do something about it by contributing in the community. Key Club is a great way for students to show their leadership by involving themselves in the community," explained **Senior Alyssa Sams**. **Sams** joined the Key Club because she wanted to be a part of community service. She found out that Key Club provides skills such as leadership and communication, but it also helps students meet new people.

"You have to have a lot of commitment to be a part of the Key Club, but it definitely pays off in the end because helping others is a great feeling," said **Sams**. Key Club is a family made up of different kinds of people that loves helping other families. *Story By Molly Walsh*



becoming

Raytown



"We're gonna get the spirit stick!" said **Senior Mike Shannon** during the fall pep rally. People all over the school take part in before and after school **activities** from directing the Blue Jay Pride Marching **Band** to getting **down** at the Homecoming dance, and even nailing together **bookcases** to seniors cheering their lungs out to win the spirit stick at the Pep Rally. All around Raytown High School students have **embarassing** moments and hidden talents while teachers build **special** friendships with their students. From falling up the stairs to coating yourself with glaze, from **flipping** down the hall way to cheering on rowdy football players, theses are the pages where students share their experiences, these are you becoming **Raytown...**

identifying faculty

Christina Abney
Miranda Adwell
Marilyn Aikins
Carrie Allison
Mark Altman



David Aramovich
Angela Arnold
Gayle Ashworth
Matthew Bakey
Susanna Barchak



Bart Bates
Kim Beets
Nina Bloecher
Rhonda Bonifield
Ashley Burden



Roger Burris
Sandy Butcher
Amber Christenson
Brian Clark
Natalie Clayton



outrageous- [out-rey-juhs] passing reasonable bounds; intolerable or shocking



Ken Clemens
Tracy Cobden
Paula Conroy
Denise Corse
Mike Cox



Christy Darter
Nicole David
Lauri Davidson
Jeff Dierking
Mariah Dierking



Linda Dowdy
Melanie Dowell
Brad Drace
Shirley Earley
Debbie Falke

keepin' friendship alive

Between vacationing together, shopping, and the many conversations they have shared, this dynamic duo has an exceptional friendship that has carried over from teaching together at Hickman Mills. Science Teacher **Christi Darter** and Social Studies Teacher **Heather Woodson** can only explain their friendship in one simple word.

"That's easy, love," said **Darter**, "We just have that kind of connection, and she never makes fun of my ears, ever."

Darter loves working at the same place as **Woodson** because she gets to see her everyday.

"If I am ever upset, she is always here to make me feel better," said **Darter**.

Everyone, especially students, knows them for the interesting pranks they play on each other.

"One time she sent a freshman to my class telling me he was my student teacher, and I believed it the entire day," said **Darter**.

Needless to say, they have a unique, but awesome friendship. *Story by Katie Harris and Photo by Taylor Allan*



spontaneous- [spon-tey-nee-uhs] without effort or premeditation

Andrew Fletcher
Terri Friebohle
Stacy Frienthal
Sharnee Garner
Tom Garth



Craig Gillison
Rick Gilpin
Jennifer Grotewiel
David Gum
Mindy Guthrie



Diane Hackett
Jan Handley
Phyllis Harrel
Mark Harris
Laura Harrison



Christen Heater
Gina Holland
Kristin Horstmann
Jann Howard
Mel Howell



startin' new

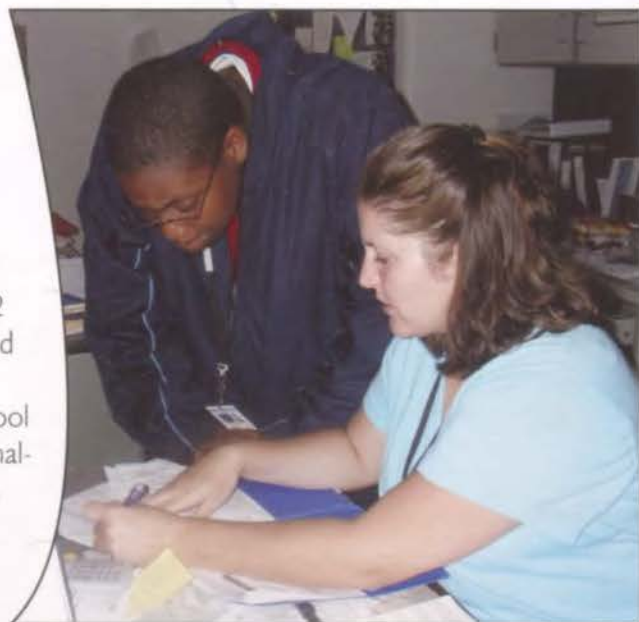
Coming from the middle of this school year, Jill Divirgillio, neice of English teacher Tom Garth was completely thrilled to come to Raytown. With her two children and teaching, what better word to describe Divirgillio than busy.

"This school is fast pace, a lot bigger, and more ethnicities compared to Odessa," said Divirgillio.

Divirgillio has a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University. She teaches math to the SPED students. Being certified for K-12 grade in math, the job suited her and seemed appealing.

"It was exciting to join a new school and students. I knew it would be a challenge, but I enjoy it," said Divirgillio.

Story by Katie Harris and Photo by Taylor Allan



innocent- [in-uh-suhnt] not involving evil intent or motive



Patricia Jackson
Sandi Jeffries
Stacy Jemison
Mark Johnson
Denny Keaton



Eric Keller
Lisa Langland
Kelly Lepert
Blaine Lewis
Lisa Livingston



Beth Lowther
Lucy Magee
Tracy Maloy
Danny Marshall
Haley Martin



Mike McBain
Annette McGehee
Wendy Mejia
Ron Meyer
Jim Milburn



Cassandra Miller
Christine Miller
Missy Miller
Arianne Moore
Becky Moore



Hiliary Morris
Kristy Morton
Jeffrey Nevinski
Micheal Oglesby
Susan Oncken

leavin' behind a legacy

Dedication is a big part of what made **Jann Howard** the amazing teacher she is now.

Inspired by her junior English teacher at Pittsburg High School, **Howard**, now an English teacher here at Raytown, has continued teaching in the Raytown School District for 31 years.

"She interested me in literature and writing, and she was so passionate about subject matter," said **Howard**.

Outside of school, **Howard** is laid back, fun-loving, and very family-oriented. She plays the roles of a daughter, a sister, a mother, and a grandmother. Here at school, when she is teaching, she is a more "tell it like it is" kind of person.

"I've been told many times that I don't beat around the bush about my opinions," said **Howard**.

This year, however, **Howard** will be leaving with the seniors because she is retiring. Although she has many memories, one in particular she is her favorite. "I will always remember Mrs. Sutherland's retirement tea," said **Howard**.

Story by Katie Harris and Photo by Rekale Wheeler



Jamie Oyler
Ann Peacher
Melissa Phillips



Jay Playter
Chelsea Post
Gina Prowell



Lavergne Rami
Cassie Reichert
Cheryl Reichert



Margie Rivera
Emily Roberston
Bonita Rose



Brad Roselli
Tim Rothwell
Beth Rudolph



Kelly Rule
Jaime Sadich
Amy Sadler



scholastic- [skuh-las-tik] of or pertaining to schools, scholars, or education



Judy Saling
Mark Scanlon
Laura Sheldon
Steve Shelton
Cate Short



Brooke Shull
Debbie Squires
Michelle Sumler
John Swartz
Jessica Taul



Felecia Taylor-Smith
Jim Thomas
Sarah Thompson
Rosisella Villegas
Mike Wadeigh



Maryfrances Wagner
Crystal Ward
Eric Warren
Lissha Westmoreland
Cynthia White



Trudy Willard
Maureen Williams
John Wilson
Heather Woodson
Brenda Yeates



Nancy Young
Leslie Youngs

identifying students

Matthew Aamodt 11
Rebecca Aamodt 9
Melissa Abbott 10
Ahmed Abotteen 11
Emily Abouhalkah 11



Luke Abouhalkah 9
Ian Abundis 9
Stephanie Acheampong 11
Andres Acosta 11
Avery Adair 9



Brandon Adams 9
Bret Adams 10
Jumoke Adebayo 11
Stevie Adrian 11
Alexander Ahmad 9



Zackary Albin 11
Hanin Aldiabat 11
Amy Alewel 11
Janea Alexander 11
Lauren Alexander 11



unique- [yoo-neek] existing as the only one or as the sole example



Taylor Allan 11
Bradley Allen 11
Timesha Allen 10
Austin Alonzo 11
Melissa Alsup 10



Dominique Anaya 9
Stephanie Anaya 9
Megan Anders 10
Tyra Anders 9
Alyssa Anderson 9



Erin Anderson 11
Jennifer Andrews 11
Laura Apple 11
Jeremy Armstrong 11
Jerome Armstrong 10



Joshua Arnall 10
Jon Ashley 11
Lawrence Authorlee 9
Amanda Avery 9
Tracie Babbitt 11



Aaron Babusa-Lucas 9
Joshua Bailey 9
Zeldon Bailey 9
Angel Baker 9
Katie Baker 9



Kimberly Baker 10
Micheal Baker 10
Rayshawn Bangham 10
Stephane Bankston 9
Jasmine Barbour 10

extraordinary- [ik-strawr-dn-er-ee] beyond what is usual, ordinary

Audrey Barnard 9
Charles Barnett 9
Stephanie Barney 11
Amanda Barnhart 11



Whitney Barr 10
Diego Barra 9
Jaleisha Barrett 10
Wilford Barrett 11



Keenan Bartee 10
Ryan Baxter 10
Henry Baylis 11
Anna Baynham 10



Ieley Beck 10
Zahie Beeks 10
Jessica Belgarde 10
Eric Benavides 10



Jarrold Bennett 11
Elisha Beraiah 9
Jarrel Berryman 11
Shanette Berryman-Buford 9



Kylie Best 11
Courtney Bigler 10
Robert Bigler 10
Branden Blackburn 9



A photograph of two young women laughing heartily. The woman on the left has long brown hair and is wearing a denim jacket over a blue shirt. The woman on the right has long blonde hair and is wearing a light blue t-shirt with a white graphic that says '04 APR'. They are standing in front of a brick building with windows. The text 'laughin' it up' is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

laughin' it up

Sophomores Lindsey Sieg and Shannon Scarlett have been best friends ever since middle school. They met when Scarlett spit water on Sieg while in line for the water fountain. After Sieg was all watered down, she pointed out to Scarlett that she had gum stuck to her pants and helped her get it off. Isn't that a bizarre way to meet? Ever since that moment, Sieg and Scarlett have been inseparable.

"Shannon is my best friend because she can make me laugh until my stomach hurts. We just laugh for no reason, and people think we are crazy. We don't care though, as long as we're having fun," said Sieg. Sieg and Scarlett are two of the funniest sophomore girls when they are together. They do wild, random, funny, daring, and off-the-wall things.

One time, Sieg and Scarlett went skiing together in the Rocky Mountains. Scarlett got lost, thinking the ski lift wasn't coming back. Sieg, eventually, found Scarlett sitting somewhere in the snow. They both

started laughing and were happy they found each other.

"I love Lindsey! She's my best friend because we are so much alike, and I can relate to her. I can talk to her about anything and I know she'll always be there for me," said Scarlett. Sieg and Scarlett have been playing sports together for a long time. They both share the love for soccer, and last year they both made the varsity team together.

Every friendship has its disagreements, even the best of friends argue. "Shannon and I don't always get along. When we fight, she always thinks she is right, even though a lot of the time she isn't. In the end, we always become friends again," laughed Sieg.

These two girls are going to be best friends for a long time because they have proved that friendship means more than having a common interest. For these girls, friendship means always having someone to laugh with even if something isn't all that funny, having someone to talk to and know they will understand, and having someone be there for you through everything.

Story by Molly Walsh and Photo by Kayla Wilson

peculiar- [pi-kyool-yer] strange; queer; odd: peculiar happenings.

Danielle Blakey 9
Kaci Bloss 10
Toni Bobo 11
Samantha Bockelman 11
Spencer Bockelman 11



Gregory Bolder 11
Kelsey Bonifield 9
Kori Bookout 10
Jessica Boulware 9
Angela Bowers 9



Shannon Bowers 9
Jesse Bowlen 10
Blake Bowman 9
Elizabeth Bowne 9
Emily Bowne 10



Denise Boyd 10
Irene Bozikis 9
Rachel Braga 11
Jesse Brandsma 9
Jeremy Bridgewater 11



Angelica Brim 11
Shelby Brim 10
Jeremy Brizendine 10
Anicia Brown 10
Ebony Brown 10



Julian Brown 10
Lee Brown 9
Trey Brown 11
Courtney Bruenger 11
Dewaine Brunson 10



diverse- [di-vurs] of a different kind, form, character, etc.; unlike



Arrin Brunts 9
Brandee Bryant 9
Chelcee Bryant 11
Daniel Buechter 11
Madeline Buechter 9



Elizabeth Bugh 10
Stacey Bunch 11
Christopher Bunn 10
Roman Burciaga 10
Deandre Burditt 10



Dominick Burgess 9
Jamila Burrage 9
Jason Bury 9
Lucious Bush 9
Brittany Butler 9



Lacrechia Butler 10
Nicholas Butler 9
Shelton Butts 9
Patrick Byrd 10
William C. Caldwell 11



Samantha Callahan 9
Gary Cameron 11
Tikorya Campbell 11
Precious Cann 9
Ciera Cannon 9



Ayla Carneal 10
Felice Carr 9
Pernell Carr 10
Lorraine Carter 11
Martha C Carter 11

strange- streynj unusual, extraordinary, or curious; odd; queer

Shanblissia Carter 11
William Casselle 11
Akieri Castle 10
Marlaina Catalano 10
Kristianna Cato 9



April Causey 9
Michelle Causey 11
Jimmy Caycho 9
Mauricio Celedon 10
Manuel Chacon 11



Robert Cheatum 9
Alex Chibogwu 11
Julian Childs 9
Darrell Chism 9
Scott Chrisman 11



Paul Christensen 10
Ramos Christian 10
David Clark 9
Helen Clawitter 11
Brittany Clayton 10



Joshua Clement 11
Teagan Clement 10
Matthew Cobbins 10
Chancellor Cochran 11
Dawson Cochran 11



Justin Cochran 10
Arielle Cofield 11
Lauren Cole 11
Amanda Collins 11
Lynn Collins 10



individual- [in-duh-vij-oo-uhl] a single human being distinguished



Tiffany Collins 11
Nigel Colliver 9
Seth Colston 10
Danielle Combs 11
Amber Conley 10



Bethanie Conley 11
Brandon Conley 9
Derrick Conn 11
Alexandra Cooper 9
Camille Cooper 9



Dezeria Cooper 10
Bryan Couch 11
Mona Couch 9
Jerod Couts 9
Britny Couzens 11



Lizette Cox 9
Ian Coy 10
Aaron Crabtree 11
Heather Craven 11
Brianna Cress 9



When Sophomore Vincent Spilker was asked who would he would trade lives with he said a baseball player. "I would trade with Alex Rodriguez because he is a professional baseball player," said Spilker. Spilker plays baseball for Raytown's varsity team.
Story by Brandon Zollers and Photo by Lindsey Leggio



Freshman Alexandra Torres takes Visual Arts as a freshman. She prepares herself to take up photography next year as a sophomore. "I like to draw outside of school, it lets me express what I feel," said Torres.
Story and Photo by Kayla Wilson



To most people Junior Anthony Jenkins is just like every other student, but what many people don't know about him is that he plays the piano. "I play the piano and write songs even though I can't sing them," said Jenkins.
Story by Brandon Zollers and Photo by Janelle Ryker

different- [dif-er-uhnt], dif-ruhnt not alike in character or quality

Karshonna Crosby-Dowdy 10
 Nakeisha Crump 11
 Jonty Cubley 10
 Emily Cummings 9
 James Cummings 9



Bridgette Cunningham 11
 Kortney Cunningham 11
 Matthew Cunningham 10
 Carisa Czervinske 9
 Cathleen Czervinske 10



Autumn Dancy 10
 Jonathan Daniel 9
 Kara Daugherty 9
 Callie Davern 9
 Kristen Davern 11



Allyshia Davidson 11
 Cierra Davis 9
 Jasmine Davis 11
 Kathryn Davis 10
 Matthew Davis 11



Nicholas Davis 9
 Sheilagh Davis 9
 Stephanie Davis 9
 Tiffany Davis 11
 Sharron Dawson 9



Sean Day 11
 Dorian DeFrance 10
 Brandon Deggs 9
 Jordan Demoss 10
 Rachael Dessent 9



weird- [weerd] involving or suggesting the supernatural; unearthly



Shelby Diaz 9
Katherine Dingman 10
Tamarah Dixon 11
Tiphani Dixon 11
Christian Dominick 10



Amanda Doty 11
Nickolas Doughty 10
Tyler Dowell 11
Brendon Drew 11
Jenna Duckworth 11



Kelsee Duffee 11
Darla Dunn 9
Darian Dunnell 9
Angus Ebert 10
Brooke Ebert 11



Brittney Edwards 10
Chris Edwards 9
Jessica Eickhoff 11
Christopher Eithun 11
Montez Elbert 9



Jessica Eley 9
Martz Ellingburg 9
Emily Elliott 9
Devin Ellis 9
Michael Ellis 10



Sarina Eng 10
Brittney Ernst 11
Karina Esparza 9
Thomas Ethridge 9
Brandon Evans 11

cool- [kool] great; fine; excellent: a real cool comic

Leshelle Evans 9
Raymon Evans 10
Trejuanna Evans 11
Jessica Evilsizer 11
Byron Eyerly 9



Jane Eyerly 11
Janssen Faelske 10
Scott Farnham 10
Joseph Farrand 9
Kaitlyn Fast 9



Brittany Feo 9
Mikhail Fetterolf 10
Rashid Fielder-Bey 11
Courtney Fields 9
Heath Finney 10



Jacob Fischer 9
Eric Fisher 11
Taylor Fisher 11
Jessica Fisk 10
Jade Flebbe 10



Ciara Flowers 11
Anthony Floyd 11
Adam Flynn 11
Dakota Ford 9
Alexander Foster 9



Alexandra Foster 9
Kiara Foster 9
Lauren Francis 10
Caitlin Frank 10
Katie Frank 10



idiosyncratic-[id-ee-uh-sing-kruh-see]habit, mannerism, peculiar to an individual



Edward Frank III 11
Carmellia Franklin 9
Michelle Frazier 11
Merrisa Fritz 11
Andrew Frojd 9



Taylor Frymire 10
Daniel Fuending 11
Jamell Funderburke 10
Brianna Funderburke 9
Jameka Funderburke 11



Harry Gafford 10
Zachary Gamble 9
Lucki Gant 10
Amelia Garcia 10
Lindsay Gardner 10

flippin' around

At the age of three years old, Junior Anthony Mitchell started flipping. He taught himself at an early age to master such a difficult talent.

"At first it was hard, but it got easy once I got the hang of it," said Mitchell. Mitchell took gymnastics classes to seek professional help and advice.

"The class was simple, but it was a waste of time," said Mitchell, "because they were teaching me stuff I already knew." Mitchell was ahead of his class, so he decided to leave. As of now, Mitchell flips for our RHS Cheerleading team.

"Flipping for the school allows me to show my talents during sports. I get to do something constructive in my life that I like to do and feel apart of something," said Mitchell. Mitchell also uses his knowledge of flipping to teach those who want to learn.

"Teaching somebody how to flip isn't easy. You have to work with them day after day and be patient with them until they get it," said Mitchell.

"Once they get it, I feel I helped them out." Mitchell feels good about such accomplishments and is willing to teach anyone who wants to learn.

Story by Demonte Whitley and Photo by Taylor Allan



needin' a sugar fix

Sophomore Ellen Skidmore is on the girls' swim team and has been for the past two years. She has also swam on a neighborhood swim league for four years. She mainly swims in her spare time, but she is also involved in choir and band. She has been in Boulevard Singers for two years, and she just started Concert Choir this year. She has also played the flute in the band since fifth grade.

"I am so excited to perform and spend time with all of my friends in New York!" stated Skidmore.

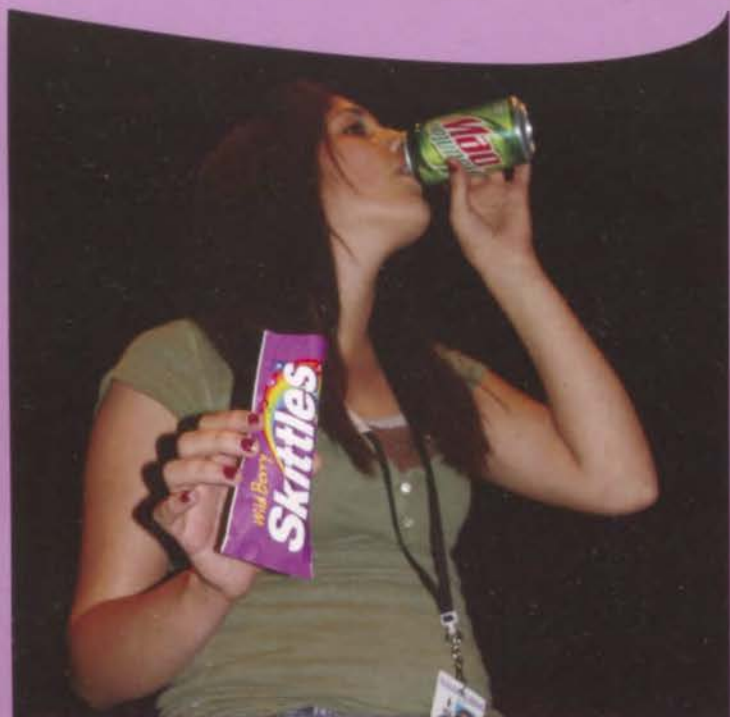
All of the choir classes are spending Thanksgiving break in New York City. They plan on singing in the Carnegie Hall, seeing a Broadway Musical, and ice-skating in central park.

"If I could create my own holiday it would just be called "Sugar Day," started Skidmore, "Everyone would sit around and eat Skittles and drink Mountain Dew all day long. And of course, no one would go to school."

"I had one day like this. We didn't just sit around all day but I'm pretty sure everyone was loaded on sugar," laughed Skidmore.

This year's musical cast party was definately a "Sugar Day." Everyone ate candy all night and drank cases of Mountain Dew. The cast stayed up till about 6:30, and then everyone crashed for like an hour until they left.

"Sugar makes life interesting! Who wouldn't want to have a day where all you do is eat and drink a bunch of sugar?" asked Skidmore. *Story by Lindsay Vaters and Photo by Kayla Wilson*



Brittaney Garrett 9
Jasmine Garrett 9



Alysha Gaston 11
Krista Geary 10



Jahron Gee 9
Michael George 10



Josh Gibbs 10
Justin Gibbs 11



Garret Gillespie 10
Sherria Gilliland 10



Nashea Glynn 9
Robbie Goines 11



smooth- [smooth] elegant, easy, or polished



Judith Gonnello 9
Adaluz Gonzalez 11
Daniela Gonzalez 9
Elizabeth Gonzalez 10
Joshua Gonzalez 10



Tanna Goodman 10
Michael Goodrich 9
Michaela Goodrich 10
Brittany Goodwin 10
Joya Gorden 10



Takara Gordon 11
Taylor Gordon 10
Patrick Goss 9
Tara Graham 11
Jeffrey Crasher 10



Eric Graves 11
Alana Green 11
Breyhana Green 10
Courtney Green 9
Damion Green 9



Deandre Green 10
Gabrielle Green 9
Kendall Green 10
Wesley Gregg 10
Ashland Gregory 11



Anthony Griffith 10
Timothy Griffith 11
Paul Griffith Jr 11
Ryan Grigsby 10
Kristyn Grimsley 10

odd- [od] differing in nature from what is ordinary, usual, or expected

Holly Grimwood 10
Joseph Grindstaff 11
Alicia Gross 11
Dillon Gumm 9
Aaron Guthrie 10



Joseph Guzman 11
Thorin Hacker 10
Jasmine Haggins 9
Lisa Hakes 10
Estel Halterman 9



Candace Haltom 11
Kayla Hamblen 10
Victoria Hambrick 11
Andrea Hamilton 11
Jordanne Hamilton 10



Valeria Hamilton 10
Justin Hammonds 11
Rebecca Hampton 11
Tyler Hampton 10
Angela Handy 9



Tyler Haney 9
Andrew Hanke 9
Chanelle Hanks 10
Dustin Hardy 9
Adam Harper 9



Santissa Harper 10
Stephanie Harrington 9
Atoya Harris 9
Kenya Harris 10
Myesha Harris 9



original-[uh-rij-uh-nl] belonging or pertaining to the origin or beginning



Shakiera Harris 11
Shelby Harris 10
Tayanna Harris 10
Aaron Harrison 10
David Hartley 9



Justin Hartley 9
Clint Hartzler 11
Zachary Harvey 11
Jarren Haskins 10
Kristie Hatcher 11



Dequan Hawkins 9
Chadwick Hayes 10
Daron Hayes 9
Stephen Hayes 10
Ronnie Hayes 10



Damian Hays 11
Matthew Hazlewood 11
Laura Healy 11
Ciara Hearron 9
Devin Heier 10



Delshaun Henson 9
Andrew Hernandez 11
Carlos Hernandez 11
Esveidy Hernandez 11
Michael Hernandez 10



Selene Hernandez 9
Jeremy Herrman 10
Roxanne Hickson 9
Aaron Hill 10
Anthony Hill 10

peculiar- [pi-kyool-yer] strange; queer; odd

Kee'Arra Hill 10
Wesley Hill 11
Sarah Hinesley 9
Robert Hinton 9
Duong Hoang 11



Asheley Hockman 9
Joshua Hockman 10
Dakota Hoffman 9
Monteario Hogan 9



Tierra Hogan 10
Xavier Hogan 9
Elizabeth Holder 11
Benjamin Holderby 11
Maureen Holland 9



Brittney Hollins 10
Jeremie Hollins 11
Darius Holmes 9
Keith Holmes 9
Kevin Holmes 11



Benjamin Hood 11
Jordan Hopkins 9
Kahlika Hornsby 11
Candice Howle 10
Samuel Hubbard 11



Zachary Hudson 11
Kyle Huffman 10
Nicole Huffman 9
Samantha Huffman 10
Allison Hugill 11



drawin' and singing

When it comes to expressing emotions, Junior Amanda Barnhart finds her own way to show how she feels. Unlike some students, Barnhart enjoys listening to music and drawing.

"I love using art work as a way to express myself because art is something I'm good at," said Barnhart, "Instead of wearing black clothes and make up or acting out, I like to draw."

Music as well as art is very im-

portant to Barnhart. When drawing isn't an option, she enjoys mellowing out to her favorite songs.

If Barnhart could exchange places with anyone in the entire world, it wouldn't be with an actress or a famous singer, it would be with the director of the world's largest symphony.

"Music is a way to just let go," said Barnhart, "and if I got to provide music to people who feel the same way as I do, I would feel on top of the world."

Story by Sam Bockelman and Photo by Ali Saylor



Courtney Hunsel 9
Nicholas Hunt 10
Adam Hutchinson 10
Krystle Hutchinson 11
Kameron Hylton 10



Hilary Ikpe 11
Robert Ingram 10
Tommy Isaia 10
Robey Isbell 10
Erin Jackson 10



Jamal Jackson 11
Marian Jackson 9
Melvina Jackson 9
Nathaniel Jackson 11
Nicholas Jackson 9



Walter Jackson 11
Ashlee James 11
Dawnavyn James 10
Sydney Jeffers 10
Stefaan Jefferson 11

uncommon- [uhn-kom-uhn] not common; unusual; rare

Anthony Jenkins 11
Arielle Jenkins 9
Jessi Jenkins 9
Kasey Jenkins 11
Katheryn Jennens 9



Christopher Jensen 10
Elena Jimenez 9
Adrian Johnson 11
Alan-Michael Johnson 10
Andre Johnson 10



Anthony Johnson 9
Desmond Johnson 9
Ida Johnson 9
Jaimie Johnson 10
Mariah Johnson 10



Marvel Johnson 9
Ray Johnson 11
Sarah Johnson 11
Shawntae Johnson 9
Torin Johnson 9



Yearbook is usually only offered to juniors and seniors, but Freshman Tylar Polson begs to be in the class even though she is only a freshman. "One thing I dislike about being a freshman is you can't do many after school things like yearbook and newspaper," said Polson. *Story by Brandon Zoellers and Photo by Alyse Proctor*

Sophomore Nick Hunt remembers his most embarrassing moment during school. "I had just sneezed and accidentally blew a booger into a girl's hair!" said Hunt. "I was so embarrassed. I couldn't even tell her!" *Story by Demonte Whitley and Photo by Alyse Proctor*

Freshman Nikki Langland is a new student at RHS who was quick to make friends. Her best friend Freshman Kelsey Bonifield made her feel comfortable by talking to her in volleyball try-outs. "Since then, we've been friends ever since," said Langland. *Story by Demonte Whitley and Photo by Taylor Allan*

special- [spesh-uhl] of a distinct or particular kind or character



Wyatt Johnson 11
Adrian Jones 11
Amy Jones 9
Antanisha Jones 9
Cassandra Jones 11



Jazmyne Jones 11
Moriah Jones 10
Robert Jones 10
Sarah Jones 10
Shawntre Jones 11



Taelor Jones 11
Travis Jones 10
Aaron Jordan 11
Adaline Justus 10
Keenan Kahler 9



Kevin Kandola 11
Zachary Kapp 9
Christian Kaulen 10
Keshia Keaton 10
Dustin Kelly 9



Javaughn Kelly 9
Latasha Kelly 10
Patrick Kelly 10
Colin Kemp 11
Conor Kennedy 10



Kayla Kennedy 9
Terence Key 10
Thomas Key 11
Rahmya Kindle 11
Krystal King 10



gettin' caught up

"I really like art, so I decided to try something new by taking pottery class," said Sophomore Sarina Eng. Currently enrolled in 3-D Pottery II, Eng talks about an embarrassing experience she had in 3-D Pottery I.

"One day in pottery, I had to finish a project on the wheel. I walked to the back of the room, put my apron on keeping the strings untied. When I went to push the wheel with my foot, the apron strings wrapped around the center and it started choking me!" exclaimed Eng.

"It happened a couple of days right after I got my neckbrace off from a soccer accident, too," said Eng.

As Eng was being strangled by her apron, Juniors Hilary Ikpe and Stefaan Jefferson watched and laughed.

"Everyone thought it was funny, but I turned bright red!" said Eng. "Thankfully Mrs. Taul was there to help me!"

Story and Photo by Kayla Wilson

complicated- [kom-pli-kit] to make complex or intricate



Kayla Kinnison 9
Kirsten Kinnison 9
Brittani Kirkpatrick 9
Michael Kirsch 10



Heather Kleiman 11
Jensen Klemenz 10
Jordan Kleoppel 11
Elisabeth Kluepfel 10



Tamira Kluepfel 9
Mark Knudsen 11
Bergundy Konnen 10
Janae Koury 11



Lacey Kritz 11
Chase Kuehl 10
Kyle Lading 9
Kelly Lagrant 10



Jayneiah Lair 9
Nicole Langland 9
Candice Lanius 11
Melinda Lanius 11



Cj Lara 10
Bradley Latz 9
Donovan Law 9
Briana Lawson 9

meticulous- [muh-tik-yuh-luhs] taking extreme care about minute details

Ronald Lawson 11
 Kevin Le 10
 Billy Lee 11
 Eric Lee 10
 Lindsey Leggio 11



Shelby Leshner 11
 Isaiah Lester 9
 Akeira Lesure 10
 Briana Lewis 10
 Christina Lewis 9



Glen Lewis 11
 Herbert Lewis 9
 Sha'Niece Lewis 9
 Brittany Liggins 10
 Blake Limback 10



Kristina Lincoln 10
 Ryan Lindsay 9
 Darrick Lindsey 10
 Kevin Lindsey 11
 Jatavia Liner 11



Taylor Linn 9
 Tyler Locke 11
 Jeramiha Lockhart 9
 Darrah Logan 11
 Shawn Logsdon 10



Richard Lomas 9
 Stephen Lomas 9
 Steven Long 10
 Jaylon Love 11
 Twydell D Love 10





Cody Loveall 10
Diana Luevano 10



Ebony Lumpkin 9
Gunnar Lund 9



Jamillia Lunn 9
Jessica Lunn 9



Donovan Luther 10
Kylie Lyle 11



Lindsey Lyons 11
Sara Mabry 10



Taylor Macdonald 11
Justen Mack 10



defyin' stereotypes

Junior Nathan Petersen might as well reside inside Raytown High School because of everything he's involved in. Petersen has been involved in Mediators for two years, Academic Team for three years, and NHS for two years. On top of that, he's played on Raytown's football team, wrestled, and has ran for track since his freshman year. It's no wonder he never has time for anything!

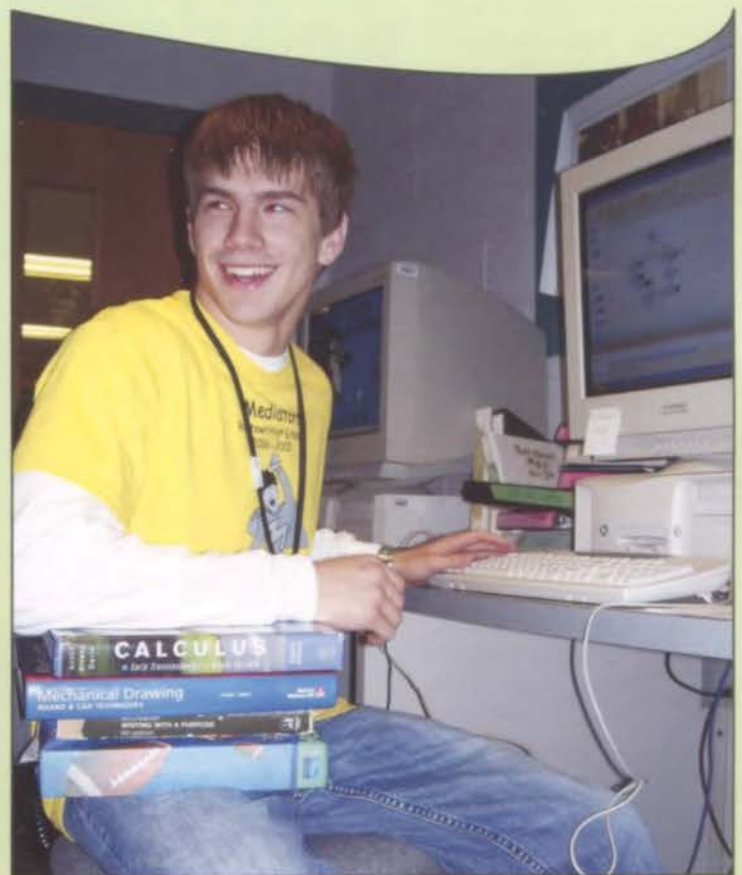
"I never really get overwhelmed with everything I do," Petersen said, "Sometimes it's hard to keep track of everything, but I'm able to manage it all."

During his sophomore year, Petersen applied himself towards the ACT. A couple weeks later, his results were in: Petersen received a 33 on his ACT test, guaranteeing him some sort of honors scholarship automatically.

"When I do have free time, I go out to eat with my friends and I sleep," Petersen said nonchalantly.

Petersen defies the 'nerd' stereotype on a whole new level. He thinks he might as well pack everything into his high school years.

"It's going to be hard to leave high school, being this involved in everything," he concluded. *Story and Photo by Kayla Wilson*



kooky- [koo-kee]like, or pertaining to a kook; eccentric or strange

John Madden 11
Barry Maddock 10
Daneice Mahan 11
Abby Mahnke 10
Ernest Mang 10



Eunice Mang 9
Dawn Marengo 9
Richard Marks 10
Ruth Marquart 10
Samantha Marsh 11



David Marshall 10
James Marshall 11
Patrick Marshall 11
Derelle Martin 9
Elijah Martin 9



Heather Martin 10
Kenicia Martin 11
Rashia Martin 11
Edward Martinez 10
Jessica Mascari 10



Joshua Mason 9
Joshua Masoner 10
Keenan Massey 10
John Masters 10
Tiffany Matthews 11



Anthony Maucelli 9
Mindy Mawhirter 9
Christopher Maxon 10
Justin Mayberry 10
Ryan Maycock 10



eccentric- [ik-sen-trik] deviating from the recognized character, or practice



Markita Mays 11
Rodney Mays 9
Heather Mazza 10
Dylan McCarty 9
Cody McCaslin 11



Jennifer McChan 11
Laura McClafin 10
Brett McClung 10
Alonda McCoy 10
Flavia McCoy 11



Ashley McCrorey 10
Leanna McDaniel 11
Chavae McGee 11
Victoria McKindra 11
Desirae McKinney 11



Lekiesha McKnight 10
Tad McLanahan 11
David McMillian 10
Sebastian McMurray 9
Stormie McMurray 10



Cordell Medellin 9
Jarrod Medley 11
Chase Meier 11
Guillermo Mejia 10
Matthew Melson 10



Kirsten Merrick 9
Jamie Messenbrink 9
Sasha Messerschmidt 10
Cody Meyer 9
Donte Mickelsen 11

magnificent- [mag-nif-uh-suhnt] splendid appearance of exceptional beauty

Dustin Milburn 11
 Dazhan Miles 9
 Naporsha Miles 9
 Abigail Miller 9
 Bradley Miller 11



Logan Miller 9
 Miranda Miller 10
 Ryan Miller 11
 Stephen Miller 11
 Stephen Miller 9



Molly Mills 11
 Anthony Mitchell 11
 Danielle Mitchell 9
 Cyren Mitchell 9
 Jaron Mitchell 9



Tahnee Mitchell 10
 Daniel Moline 11
 Cameron Moore 10
 Carlando Moore 10
 Matthew Moore 11



Nicholas Moore 10
 Sonia Moral 9
 Kara Moreland 9
 Summer Moreland 10
 Fernando Moreno 10



Natalie Morerod 9
 Robert Morris 11
 Dominique Morrison 11
 Jasmin Morrow 10
 Ryan Morrow 10



lovin' animals

Freshman Shelby Stephens adores animals. At the age of five, Stephens grew up with thirty-seven animals!

"I used to live on a farm. My family raised horses, dogs, cats, cows, hamsters, and birds," said Stephens. Until the age of nine, when she moved out of her family's farm to Blue Springs, Stephens has lived around all sorts of animals.

When she lived on the farm, Stephens took an agricultural/science class at her school.

"The agriculture class taught students how to raise and take care of animals," instructed Stephens.

"Horses are my favorite. I've ridden horses since I was two years old. We used to own a barrel racer, and I used to ride it all the time," said Stephens, "One time, I was giving a horse a kiss, and it sneezed all over me! It was gross, but it was funny too!"

Although Stephens had to start fresh in a completely different town and school this year, she's kept her love for animals close at heart.

"I'd love to work at an animal shelter someday. If I needed to take an animal home for a couple of days, I would," said Stephens, "I definitely want to be a veterinarian when I grow up." *Story and Photo by Kayla Wilson*



Jeremy Mott 11
Michelle Mroz 9
Brennan Mulcahy 9
Mallory Mullally 10
De'Andre Mulwee 10



Raven Mulwee 9
Cody Munkers 9
Javon Murray 11
Danielle Murray-Moore 9
Clarissa Nations 9



Shelbi Neel 9
Victoria Neel 11
Jamie Nelms 10
Abigayle Newberry 10
Nathaniel Newbill 11



spinnin' in circles

Junior Tiffany Matthews has enjoyed being sixteen years old because of the experiences she has had in her life. She's even had her share of embarrassing moments.

"I'm sixteen. I was making fun of one of my friends by imitating her. I ended up spinning around and landing on my butt. In the end, everyone was laughing and I was turning red," said Matthews.

Although she enjoys certain aspects of being a junior, she doesn't enjoy it all.

"I enjoy the fact that juniors get more freedom. I hate that the classes are harder and you have to start dealing with the ACT," said Matthews.

If she could trade lives with anyone who wasn't a junior, it would be a celebrity.

"I would trade lives with Victoria Beckham (Posh Spice) because she is married to David Beckham! Who wouldn't want to be married to him?" said Matthews. *Story by Chauntee Clark and Photo by Kayla Wilson*

Matthew Newbold 10
Jessica Newman 10
Christina Nguyen 9
Jessie Nichols 11
John Niclas 10



Andrew Nieman 9
Beau Nossaman 11
Tanner Nowell 10
Samantha Ochoa 9
Ovie Oghenejobo 11



Christopher Ogle 11
Courtney Ogle 9
Sandra Ohale 10
Eric Olvera 9
Kristopher Orr 10



Tabitha Osborne 9
Robert Otte 9
Osraybel Palacios 9
Natoshia Palmer-Graber 10
David Parker 10



abnormal- [ab-nawr-muhl] average or typical; deviating from a standard



Kayla Pasquarelli 10
Dominique Patterson 10
Latonya Patterson 11
Donald Patton 9
Mario Pecina 10



Aurora Peck 9
Jessica Peola 11
Erik Peraza 10
Crystal Perez 9
Desiree Perez 10



Christopher Perkins 9
Daniel Perkins 11
Brandi Peterson 9
Lacey J Peterson 10
Nathan Peterson 11



Olivia Petkash 9
Simone Petty 10
Logan Phillips 10
Rachel Phillips 9
Ryan Phillips 11



Tiffany Phillips 11
Matthew Pierce 10
Michael Pinzino 11
Joseph Pisciotta 10
Harmony Poire 10



Tylar Polson 9
Jose Ponce 9
Jasmine Ponder 10
Alexandria Poole 9
Laura Porras 11

cheerful- [cheer-fuhl] full of cheer; in good spirits

Brandi Porter 11
 Brittany Porter 11
 Latoya Powell 10
 Bradley Precht 11
 Kayla Preston 10



Damon Price 9
 Alyse Proctor 11
 Keenan Proctor 10
 David Pugh 10
 Andrew Puleo 10



Danielle Pulluaim 9
 Steven Pulluaim 10
 Drew Punjabi 11
 Mikayla Purnell 9
 Daniel Rabon 11



Madelyn Rabon 10
 Emily Rader 10
 Shawn Rains 10
 Glennise Rambo 10
 Dominique Ramirez 9



Alexis Ramos 9
 Amanda Raveill 10
 Jeremy Ravenscroft 11
 Cassandra Read 10
 Jamal Redd 10



Monika Redmon 11
 Duane Reed 9
 Spencer Reese 9
 Jean Reyes 9
 Megan Reynolds 11





Michael Rhodes 9
Cialan Rhodes-Hood 9



Rachel Rice 10
Dale Richardson 11



Elizabeth Richardson 9
Tara Richardson 11



Matt Riddle 10
Kristen Ridinger 11



Brady Rife 10
Callie Riggs 11



Christopher Ritter 11
Sarah Roberts 10



jokin' with friends

Junior Ben Holderby doesn't have just one best friend, he has many! Holderby's friends make his years at Raytown High School fun and hilarious. He estimates about twenty friends have helped him share goofy experiences. Holderby remembers his friend, **Junior Tad McInahan**, dressing up for homecoming prince during the assembly.

"Tad dressed up like a girl and wore a dress and make-up. Everyone thought it was the most hilarious thing he's ever done!" said Holderby. Holderby's friends keep him smiling and laughing.

"[Senior] **Mike Smith** is so funny! He always making fat jokes and his timing for jokes are perfect! Plus, he can do the fairy spin!" laughed Holderby. Holderby also mentions his friend **Senior Ian McLaffin** being funny and serious at the same time.

"Ian has a good combination for making people laugh," said Holderby. "[Senior] **Daniel Wilkes** is also really funny. He uses his intelligence to tell the most amazing jokes.

Holderby has so many friends because they all make him laugh.

"My friendships are like banana trees loving apple trees, and squirrels bouncing about the ground," concluded Holderby. *Story and Photo by Kayla Wilson*



clumsy- [kluhm-zee] awkward in movement; without skill or grace

Tiffany Roberts 9
Alisa Robinson 9
Cody Robinson 10
James Robinson 9



Joyce Robinson 10
Koreyon Robinson 10
Makayla Robinson 9
Damond Roe 10



Danielle Roethler 9
Christian Rogers 9
Kathryn Rogers 9
Shinobu Rogers 10



Vanessa Roland 9
Christina Romero 11
McKayla Romo 11
Ashley Rorrer 9



Deja Ross 10
Devon Ross 11
Austin Rowan 11
Ethan Roy 11



Julian Roy 9
Kimberly Russell 11
Jacob Ruth 9
Janelle Ryken 11





feelin' the MUSIC

At fifteen years old, Freshman Joe Farrand is an expert at music. He became interested in music from listening to Johnny Rivers and his dad's Santana CDs. When he was ten years old in the fifth grade, he knew he wanted to play guitar. Farrand slowly taught himself how to play guitar, but then he moved down and learned the bass.

In middle school, Farrand played on stage with his friends in the talent show. His only real embarrassing moment playing the bass is when he strums a wrong chord.

"The bass is really low and loud, so when I mess up, everyone can hear it," said Farrand.

Farrand's music could be heard at swim meets, in Raytown's Jazz Band and in the pit for the musical, *Guys and Dolls*. Not only does Farrand play the guitar and bass, he also knows how to play the alto saxophone, trumpet, and piano. Backstage before *Guys and Dolls*, the *Rugrats*' theme song could be heard throughout the choir hallway. As I peek my head around the corner...oh yes, it's Joe Farrand. During swim meets, Farrand and Senior Kenny Grasher would play on their guitars.

"It was very much a bonding moment for all of the swim boys. It gets us pumped for a meet," said Farrand.

"I plan on going to MU and playing for their jazz band. I would also like to learn stand-up bass for the Kansas City Symphony," Farrand concluded.

Story and Photo by Kayla Wilson

delightful- [di-lahyt-fuhl] giving great delight; highly pleasing

Emma Rys 11
Anthony Salinas 11
Kirsten Salisbury 9
Alejandra Sanchez 9
Ricardo Sanchez 9



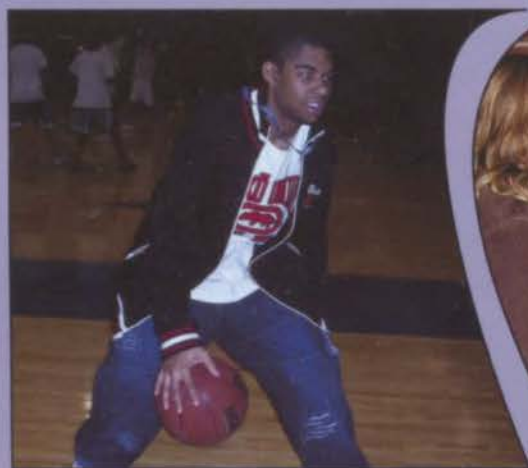
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Hiram Sanders 10
Robert Sanders 11
Alexis Santos 10
Danielle Sargent 9



Kwamain Saulsberry 11
John Saunders 10
Brityni Saxton 11
Caitlin Saxton 11
Brandon Scaife 11



Logan Scarlett 11
Shannon Scarlett 10
Bradley Schamback 9
Christian Schamback 11
Hayley Scheerer 10



In his free time, Freshman Jordan Hopkins plays basketball. "I like to play basketball because it runs in my family; it's how my parents met," said Hopkins. Hopkins is very tall for being a freshman, so it's an advantage to play. Story and Photo by Kayla Wilson



"I have five best friends at school. We have a traditional girls' night out every Friday," said Bowers. Bowers believes it's better to have more than one best friend so you know you'll always have someone to confide in. Story and Photo by Kayla Wilson



Rushing up the stairs to her sixth hour class Freshman Na'Kita Banks missed the third step and fell. Attempting to smooth her ruffled shirt and jeans, Banks arose and quickly ran off. "It was horrible; it was my most embarrassing moment," said Banks. Story by Tinaia Rhodes and Photo by Rekale Wheeler

educated- [ej-oo-keyt] to develop the faculties and powers of by teaching



Caroline Schelp 11
 Jeffrey Schlotzhauer 10
 Brett Schoonover 11
 Alexander Schroder 10
 Sean Schroder 9



Hannah Schultz 9
 Christopher Schwab 9
 Coby Schwartz 9
 Davidlee Schwartz 10
 Keegan Scott 10



Aaron Searcy 9
 Nicole Self 10
 Scott Self 9
 Matthew Sell 10
 Tiffany Sengvong 9



Rebecca Settle 9
 Hannah Sevart 10
 Logan Shackelford 11
 Daniel Shapiro 10
 Caitlyn Sharp 9



Myriah Sharp 9
 Jeron Shaw 9
 Madeline Shaw 11
 Joshua Shepherd 11
 Sidney Shepherd 10



Anya Shindler 11
 Lindsey Sieg 10
 Rodney Sigars 9
 Kea Silvers 10
 Marceena Sims 9

energetic- [en-er-jet-ik] possessing or exhibiting energy, esp. in abundance

Reava Sims 11
 Thomas Sims 10
 Tyler Simsheuser 9
 Calitha Siris 9
 Alice Skidmore 11



Ellen Skidmore 10
 Ashley Skinner 10
 Krystal Slater 11
 Jessica Sloan 10
 Jennifer Smart 9



Garrett Smedley 9
 Chelsea Smethers 9
 Adam Smith 9
 Aldon Smith 11
 Amber Smith 9



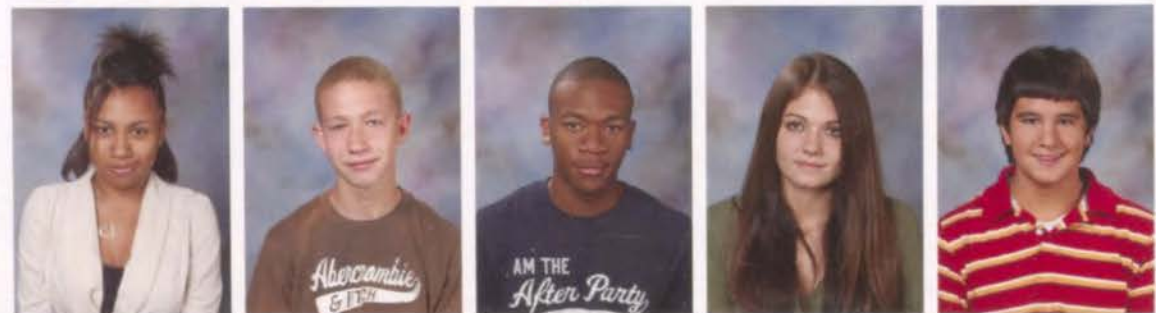
Anthony Smith 9
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 Cory Smith 11
 Egypt Smith 11
 James Smith 9



Jennifer Smith 11
 John Smith 11
 Julee Smith 10
 Kaitlin Smith 11
 Mickelle Smith 10



Ramanda Smith 9
 Robert Smith 10
 Trey Smith 11
 Madison Smotherman 10
 Zachary Soliz 10



enthusiastic- [en-thoo-zee-as-tik] full of or characterized by enthusiasm



Christopher Spaulding 11
Corey Spaulding 9
Ronald Spears 11
Taylor Spears 9
Vincent Spilker 10



Michael Springer 9
Aaron Stacy 11
Clayton Staley 11
Aaron Stallman 10
Daniel Stanfield 11



Christopher Stanford 9
Brandi Stangle 10
Meredith Stanze 10
Shea Staples 10
Ja'Ron Stearns 10



Emily Stebbins 9
Jennifer Steele 11
Joe Steiner 10
Chris Steinly 9
Jillian Stephens 10



Camille Stephenson 11
Candace Stephenson 11
Charde Stephenson 11
Stephen Stephenson 9
Jerrell Stevens 11



Paula Stimach 10
Austin Stitt 9
Erika Stockman 9
T'Era Stokes 11
Rusty Straw 10

entertaining- [en-ter-tey-ning] affording entertainment; amusing

Katie Street 10
Charell Strong 11
Darrell Strong Jr 9
Nicole Stuart 11



Dontae Stubblefield 9
Daniel Stubbs 10
Leandra Stuckey 10
Michelle Stump 11



Andrew Sugrue 10
Wesley Suydam 10
Andrea Swan 11
Daniel Swank 10



Anthony Sylvan 10
Cecelia Taibi 9
Thomas Taibi 10
Raphael Taliferro 11



Ryan Tanner 10
Caleb Tarwater 9
Christopher Taylor 10
Jackie Taylor 10



Jonathan Taylor 10
Joseph Taylor 9
Keyairra Taylor 11
Lavell Taylor 10





gettin' involved

Some kids enjoy watching television, others enjoy skating. Freshman Tiffany Sengvong enjoys reading and playing on the computer. Sengvong is also on the cheerleading team and intends on playing soccer.

"I really like cheerleading. It is a really good way for me to relieve stress," said Sengvong. "I can't wait to play soccer though because it is my all-time favorite sport. Plus my sister and one of my best friends play. I know it is going to be fun."

Not only is Sengvong in sports, she is also a dedicated member of the student council staff.

"Being on Student council gives me a great sense of pride," said Sengvong. "It is very important to me, and I like knowing that I'm making positive decisions for my school."

Freshmen sometimes have a hard time transitioning from middle school to high school because of the responsibilities that come with high school, but Sengvong's older sister, Senior Samantha Sengvong, made the change easier.

"My older sister is my best friend," said Sengvong. "She is always there for me, and she knows me better than anyone. She always gives me good advice, even if I don't want it."

"As amazing as it is, my sister and I get along really well for the most part," said Senior Samantha Sengvong. "She's really easy to talk to because now that she's in high school, she understands some of the things I go through."

In a social environment, being cool or "popular" tends to make people forget what is important. Fitting in is more important than your morals, but not Sengvong. She is an avid church member and is involved with the community.

"Church is really important to me. I like going and learning about God and the bible," said Sengvong. "My church is really involved in the community too, which is something that is really important to me as well."

People tend to base their opinion on you by your appearance, people would have never known Sengvong was an avid church member, a talented soccer player, and a genuine down-to-earth kind of girl.

Story by Samantha Bockelman and Photo by Kayla Wilson

fearless- [feer-lis] without fear; bold or brave; intrepid

Orlando Taylor 10
Victoria Taylor 11
Thomas Temple 9
Michael Terrell 10
Joshua Terry 11



Tiara Terry 10
Dwayne Theison 9
Matthew Theison 11
Montane Thibeaux 9
Brent Thomas 9



Clare Thomas 11
Corey Thomas 10
Jesion Thomas 9
Johnathan Thomas 9
Seth Thomas 11



Amber Thompson 10
Anesah Thompson 10
Britney Thompson 11
Jimmy Thompson 11
Michael Thompson 9



Aitya Thornton 9
Tevin Thornton 9
Brittany Tilander 10
Jasmine Tinner 11
Amanda Tope 11



Alexandra Torres 9
Ashlee Trader 11
Hanh Tran 11
Blake Troop 10
Kalem Trotter 11



flawless- [flaw] a feature that mars the perfection of something; defect



Patrick Trueblood 10
Callie Tuck 11
Johnathan Tucker 10
Patrick Tucker 11
Jacob Tungate 11



Kaitlin Tuqan 10
Christopher Turley 9
James Turley 10
Jason Turner 9
Matthew Turner 9



Melvin Turner 10
Robert Turner 9
Victoria Tyrer 10
Victoria Umoren 11
Tierney Utley 10



Julian Valdivieso 11
Taylor Van-Norman 9
Jerry Vanausdall 10
Shannon Vanlanker 11
Lindsay Vaters 11



Kamau Vaughn 10
Cassandra Vaughn 11
Robert Vaughn 10
Chad Vigola 10
Dominique Vincent 11



Jennifer Waddy 9
Dylan Wadleigh 9
Lashay Wagner 9
Michael Wait 11
Brandon Walker 9

glamorous- [glam-er-uhs] full of glamour; charmingly fascinatingly attractive

Byron Walker 9
Chelsea Walker 9
Rachel Walker 11
Robert Walker 9
Shelby Wallace 9



William Wallace 9
Eric Wallen 9
Molly Walsh 11
Kaytie Warburton 10
Robert Warburton 9



Earl Ward 11
Jessica Warfield 10
Kenneth Warfield 10
Deann Warren 9
Kayleigh Washam 10



Austin Washington 10
Clarissa Washington 9
Ebonique Washington 10
Brittany Weatherspoon 9
Cody Webb 10



Sitiria Webb 9
Stephanie Weiss 11
Stephanie Weissman 9
Tiffany Wells 10
Andre Wells-Smith 9



Avery Wesley 11
Bricanna Wheat-Lunn 10
Rekale Wheeler 11
Benjamin White 10
Brittany White 9





Karen White 10
Kristin White 11



Drew Whiteman 9
Tyler Whiteside 9



Deandre Whitley 9
Vernard Whitley 11



Christopher Whitlow 11
Marcus Wicks 9



Desiree Wienke 10
Alanna Wigfall 10



Sharon Wilkes 9
Chloe Willett 9

lookin' upwards

As she entered the door of Raytown High School, Freshman Selene Hernandez thinks of what her first day of high school will be like.

"I was scared, I didn't know what to expect," said Hernandez. Hernandez has had many expectations for this school year.

"My expectations were to get good grades, meet new people, and join after school clubs. They've been met, I've been getting good grades. I've met a lot of new people, and I've joined FCCLA," said Hernandez.

As the year has progressed, she had felt more comfortable being here at RHS.

"I feel more freedom than in middle school, and I get to meet more people," said Hernandez.

She likes being in high school, but there are some things she doesn't like.

"I feel really young and short. I have to look up to people to talk to them, and I also can't drive to school, so I have to walk," said Hernandez.

Although Selene has had her share of intimidation, as a freshman, she looks forward to expanding her horizons.

Story by Tinisha Rhodes and Photo by Justin Gibbs



Students

cheerin' on the crowd

AS Sophomore Lucki Gant flies through the air, the Birdcage goes wild, and there is cheering on both sides of the field as Raytown scores a touchdown.

Gant has cheered both her freshman and sophomore years, and she plans to cheer for Raytown until she graduates high school.

Currently, Gant is labeled as a base and a flyer for the squad. Flying in the air can be scary at times.

"Being up that high feels like you are ten feet up in the air! But, I know

I'm not that far up; it just makes me nervous," said Gant.

Gant and her fellow cheerleaders went to cheerleading camp before school started to learn routines and to bond their squad together.

"I loved camp because we got our own dorms. We stayed up really late, even though we weren't suppose to, and we gossiped and laughed all night. The winter sleepover was another time that we bonded. I have so much fun with the squad," concluded Gant.

Story and Photo by Kayla Wilson



Rachael Willey 9
Christopher Williams 9
Erica Williams 11
Franklin Williams 9
Jasmine Williams 10



Kayla Williams 10
Lee-Michael Williams 10
Marcus Williams 11
Paul Williams 9
Thomas Williams 10



Tiffanisha Williams 11
Timothy Williams 11
Tyrea Williams 11
Sidney Williams-Moss 9
Carter Willis 10



Miles Wilmore 11
Shawniece Wilmore 10
Andrew Wilson 11
Dewanna Wilson 10
Zachary Wilson 10



imperfect- [im-pur-fikt] pertaining to, or characterized by weaknesses



Anna Wimmer 9
McKenzie Winders 9
Daniel Wingate 10
Michael Wist 10
Breanna Withers 9



Luke Wolfe 11
Joel Wolken 11
Kayla Woods 11
Kenya Woods 9
Kyle Woods 9



Samantha Woods 11
Rachel Woodward 9
Samantha Woodward 11
Kristen Woolery 10
Julia Wooster 10



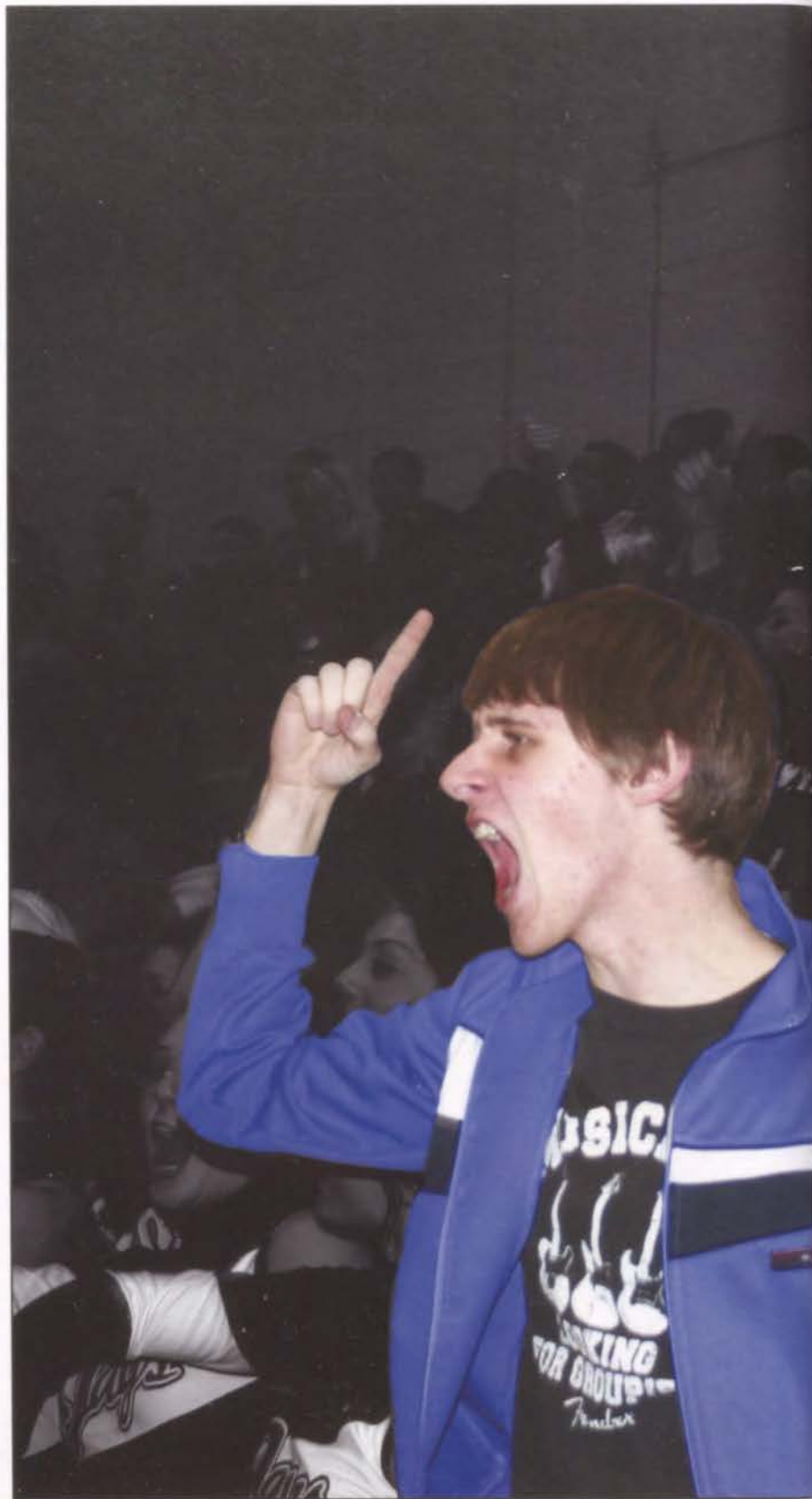
Alice Xiong 11
Chao Xiong 10
Ethan Yates 11
Crystal Ynda 10
Erin York 11



Gregory Young 9
Kailey Young 10
Samantha Young 10
Tony Young 9
Darrell Zanders 11



Bryan Zionskowski 11





exploiting Seniors

"Yes, we nailed it!" shouts a senior Jaywalker after a killer performance during the Raytown/Ray-South pep-rally. Meanwhile **Senior Daniel Wilkes**, along with the rest of the Class of 2007, show that seniors are number one at RHS and deserve the always desired "Spirit Stick" as the band strums out "Will You Be My Girl?" On the other side of the school, seniors duel it out with their Poke'mon on spirit day as others perform their hearts out in "Guys and Dolls." These are the pages that show of the Class of 2007 and what they stand for. This shows the elite of Raytown High and the memories of their final year. This is **exploiting seniors...**

Marisa Abundis
Fatimah Alih
Corey Allen



Dustin Allen
Tanya Anders
Lauren Anderson



Floyd Austin
Kayla Bailey
Natasha Banks



Dale Bardwell
Alicia Barnard
Cherakie Barrett





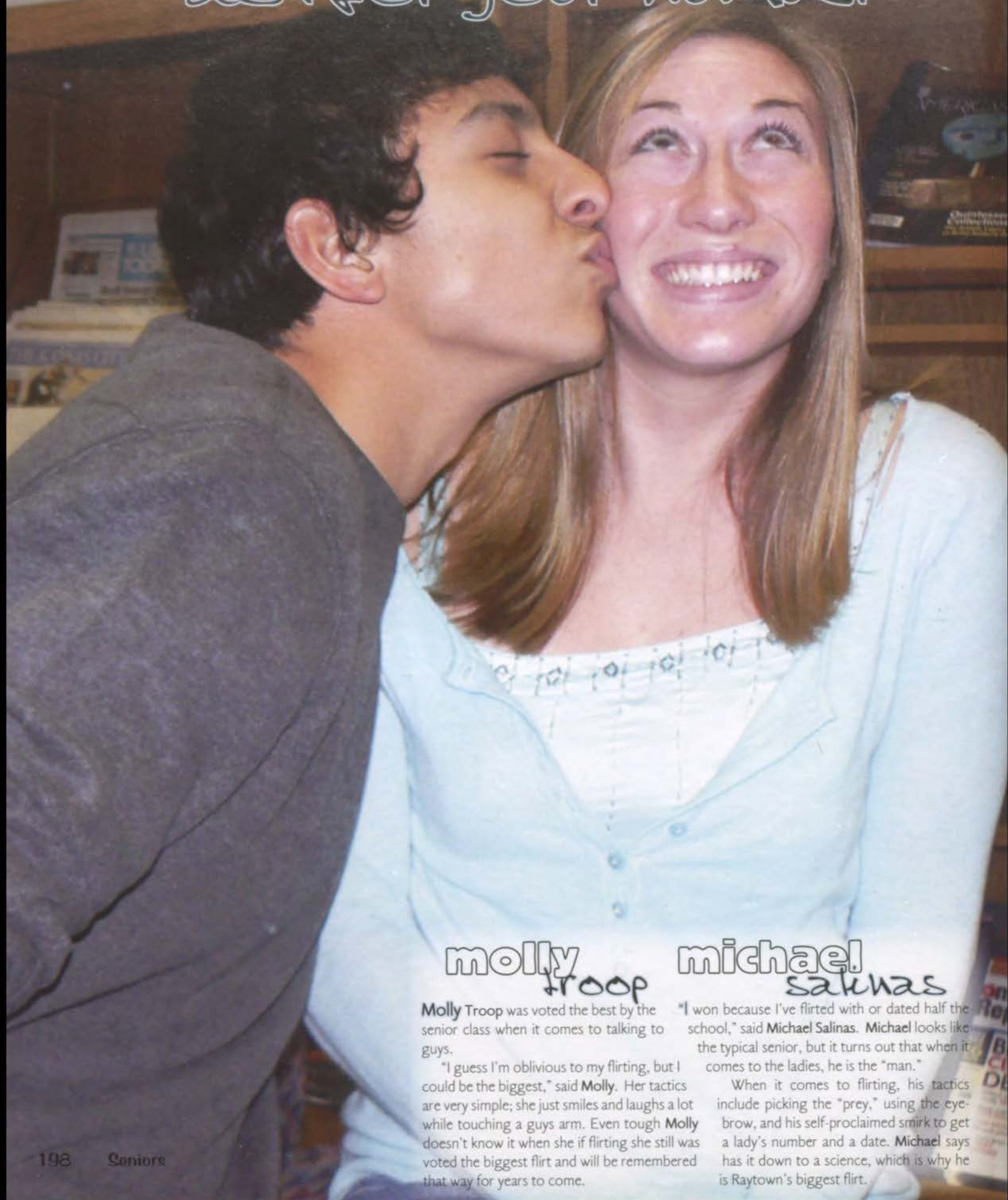
Amanda Barrier
Krysten Barton
Kalynda Baumgarden
Laura Baumgarden



Rebecca Beitling
Ethan Beltz
Janey Bobak
Tanner Boogher



most likely to ask for your number



molly
troop

Molly Troop was voted the best by the senior class when it comes to talking to guys.

"I guess I'm oblivious to my flirting, but I could be the biggest," said **Molly**. Her tactics are very simple; she just smiles and laughs a lot while touching a guy's arm. Even though **Molly** doesn't know it when she is flirting she still was voted the biggest flirt and will be remembered that way for years to come.

michael
salinas

"I won because I've flirted with or dated half the school," said **Michael Salinas**. **Michael** looks like the typical senior, but it turns out that when it comes to the ladies, he is the "man."

When it comes to flirting, his tactics include picking the "prey," using the eyebrow, and his self-proclaimed smirk to get a lady's number and a date. **Michael** says has it down to a science, which is why he is Raytown's biggest flirt.



Erica Bootka
Ashya Boyd



Kristin Brand
Elyssa Brögdon
Tracy Brown



Tyre Brown
Vannessa Brown
Alma Burciaga



Brenda Burciaga
De'shawn Burditt
Darcio Campos Jr.
Delisa Cannon
Ebony Casteel



David Cathcart
Victoria Cato
Reginald Chamberlain
Amy Chambers
Angelica Chuon

Aaron Clark
Chauntee Clark
Courtney Clark
Shanna Clausen



Kevin Collins
Ashley Cox
James Cram
Latoyia Cummings



amber thompson

As Amber Thompson dashes out of last week's Student Council Meeting, she rushes to attend cheerleading practice. Amber is the Student Body President of Student Council and a captain on the cheerleading squad.

"I've helped organize blood drives, cheered at numerous pep rallies, created themes for dances, and decorated the school for games," said Amber.

"I knew I wanted to be involved in Student Council when I was in middle school, but I never thought I would be this busy and involved. I love the opportunity to help others," said Amber.

Amber has done a lot for Raytown but still have hope of doing more before she graduates.

Amber knows the importance of staying involved because being active leads to more opportunities.

daniel wilkes

Between choir, student council, NHS, and theater, Daniel Wilkes has a lot on his plate. Through it all, he's still motivated to help Raytown.

Daniel was in Student Council for a year, hosted a homecoming assembly, hosted Ms. Bluejay, participated in plays, and built multiple sets for the plays.

"Daniel is a one-of-a-kind person because he knows how to be smart and funny at the same time. He's really helpful if you need him to do something, and that's why I voted for him," said Senior Chauntee Clark.

Daniel doesn't regret becoming involved with different clubs because it made high school more memorable, more enjoyable, and more exciting.

most likely to
lead a world peace revolution



Katie Cureton
Christina Daniel
Megan David
Phillip Denny



Jennifer Douglas
Giera Dunnell
Camesha Duren
Elisa Elias

“I suppose I am outgoing because I’m not afraid of a challenge. If someone wants to see how far I can hit golf balls in the dark, then I will go and attempt it. If on summer night my friends challenged me to a karate chop dual, I would totally put on my gear and head to a grassy area. I love challenges and unusual activities or hobbies. Even if Martha Stewart wanted to challenge me to a chocolate chip cookies match, she would go down,” explained Lauren Anderson.

Lauren sees herself graduating from a four-year university college and hopefully beginning her career as an amazing event planner in the next five years. She also sees herself in a white wedding dress marrying her high-school sweetheart.

“I’m pretty sure it’s my fluffy rabbit Louis that makes me so outgoing,” said Lauren.

lauren
anderson

What makes Mike Smith so outgoing is his attitude. He has always had the attitude of “I don’t care what other people think or say about me.” The thing Mike enjoys the most about being at Raytown is the basketball team.

“Scanlon is a GOD to Raytown, and I love being a heckler; it’s awesome,” Mike said.

Mike sees himself going to college and working as a sports broadcaster over the radio or T.V. and maybe even a sports writer.

“I want a job so I have enough money to buy Chiefs season tickets,” explained Mike. He thinks he is outgoing because of his grandpa. It is like grandpa always said to him, “Do what you want to do, and do it how you want it, and if people don’t like you for it, then they have some serious mental issues.”

mike
smith



most likely to
talk your ear off

courtney clark

People look at "Most Changed" as just being an outward change, but for Courtney Clark, it has been an inward and outward change.

"I think that since my freshman year, my attitude has changed the most, but my attitude towards getting the grades that I want has changed even more," said Courtney. "I don't really know why I won most changed, but the first question that popped into my head was, 'Is it a good thing or a bad thing?'"

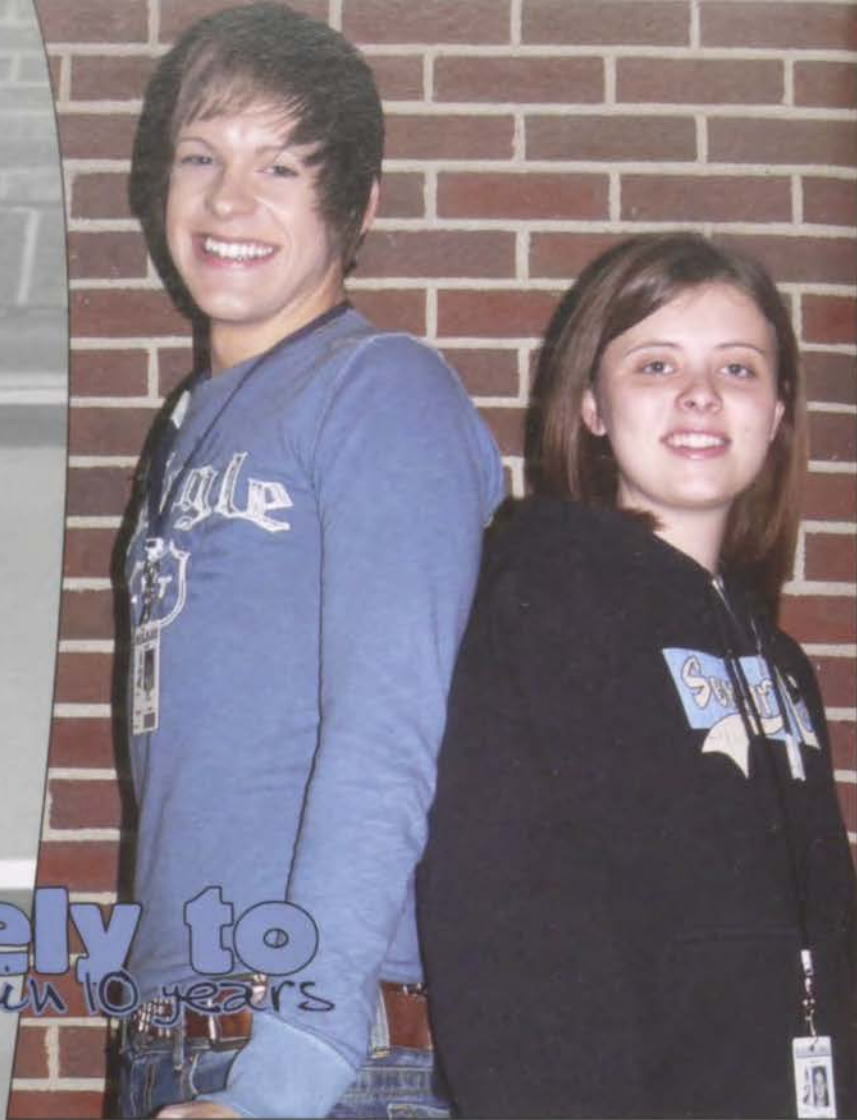
dustin allen

Sometimes with a student's change can be a bad thing, but for Dustin Allen, it has been a good thing.

"Since my freshman year I have become more outgoing, more involved, and my clothing and hair style have changed," said Dustin. "I look better, and I feel better than ever."

Many people have different reactions or emotions to why they think that they won an award. When it comes to Dustin, he knows that he has changed quite a bit.

"I have changed so much over the years, and I just keep changing," said Dustin. "I haven't looked the same two years in a row."



most likely to be unrecognizable in 10 years

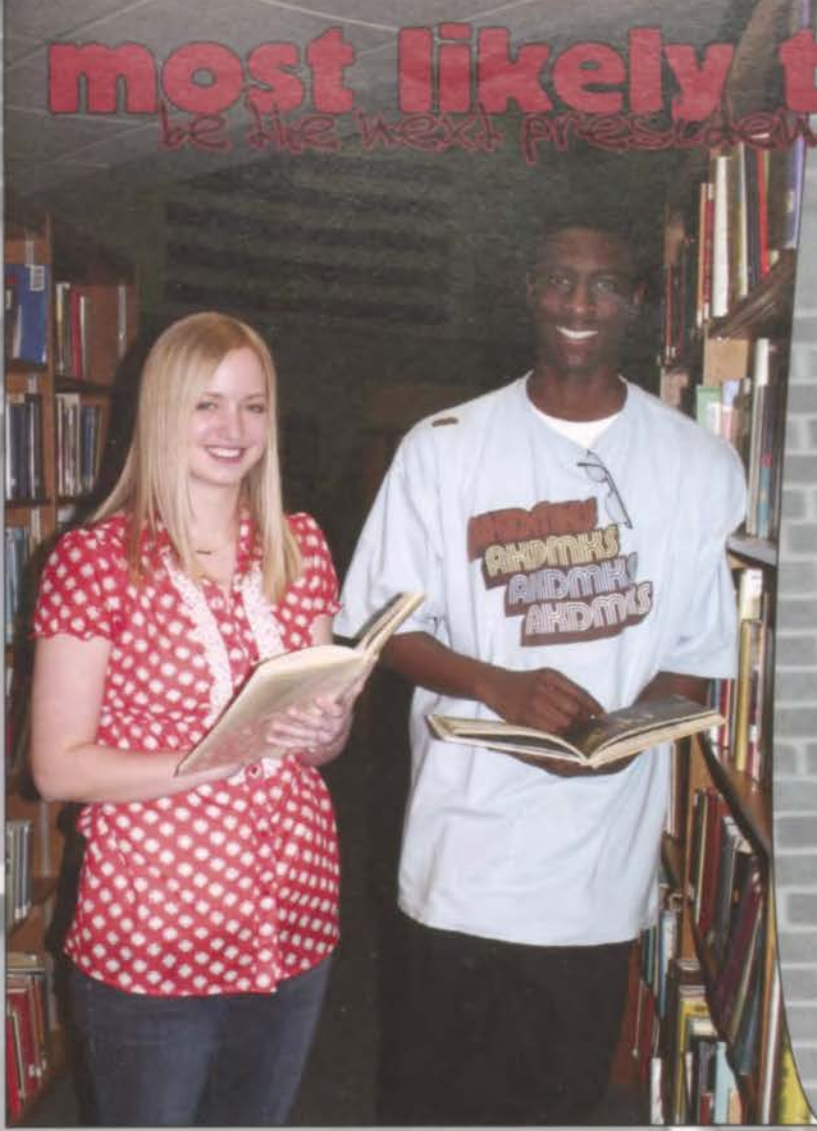
Bryan Engstrom
Kelly Falwell
Bethany Fensom
Kevin Finch



Julianne Finn
John Foster
Adrian Fowlkes
Brandi Fox



most likely to be the next president



As Katrina Jackson advances toward the end of her high school career, she prepares herself for a career in the medical field.

"I want to be a nurse with a specialty in Obstetrics," said Katrina. Katrina plans to attend Rockhurst University, pursuing a career in Pediatrics.

"I chose Rockhurst University because of the scholarships, location, and classes. It is a Jesuit University, and I feel I need to have a basic understanding of religions since I plan to travel as a nurse," explained Katrina.

Being successful isn't an option for Katrina; it's more like a necessity.

"Success shows that your accomplishments were worth the effort. Knowing that you can succeed in something may motivate you to try new things. I feel previous success is motivation for future obstacles," admitted Katrina.

**katrina
jackson**

"People tell me I'm smart, but I didn't know they would vote me most likely to succeed. I'm glad I won, I guess," said Tyre Brown.

Tyre is pretty modest when it comes to his intelligence, but he knows that being intelligent will help in him in Computer Science and becoming a professional soccer player.

"I love playing soccer because it's something I am good at and something I enjoy. Playing for a pro team would be a dream come true," admitted Tyre.

Nearing graduation, Tyre realizes the importance of choosing a career path and making goals.

"I know where I want to go and what I want to do. That's very important for people who want to succeed," said Tyre.

**tyre
brown**



Timothy Franklin
Merrisa Fritz
Michele George
April Giles



Shanelle Goines
Jessica Goldammer
Cecilia Gonzalez
Rosalinda Gonzalez

Mario Goodwin
Jasimeen Granville
Kenneth Grasher
Taylor Greenbank



Megan Grimwood
Walter Gumm
Christopher Hale
Matthew Hamblen



Alexander Hamilton
Jesse Hamilton
Shae Handley



Jacob Hanlon
Ryckey Harper
Katlyn Harris



Jacob Hartman
Jessie Hartzler



most likely to win a Grammy



Carey Lewis

Carey Lewis first learned how to read music in the first grade before she learned how to really read. She loves singing, playing the piano, and playing the violin. Her favorite type of music is alternative, and classic rock.

People who have influenced Carey are Becky Briggs, Doc, and her parents. The piano is Carey's favorite instrument to play because there are a lot of notes to play and you have to play the melody as well as harmonizing the bass line. Her favorite song to play on the piano is Cat and the Mouse by Aaron Copland.

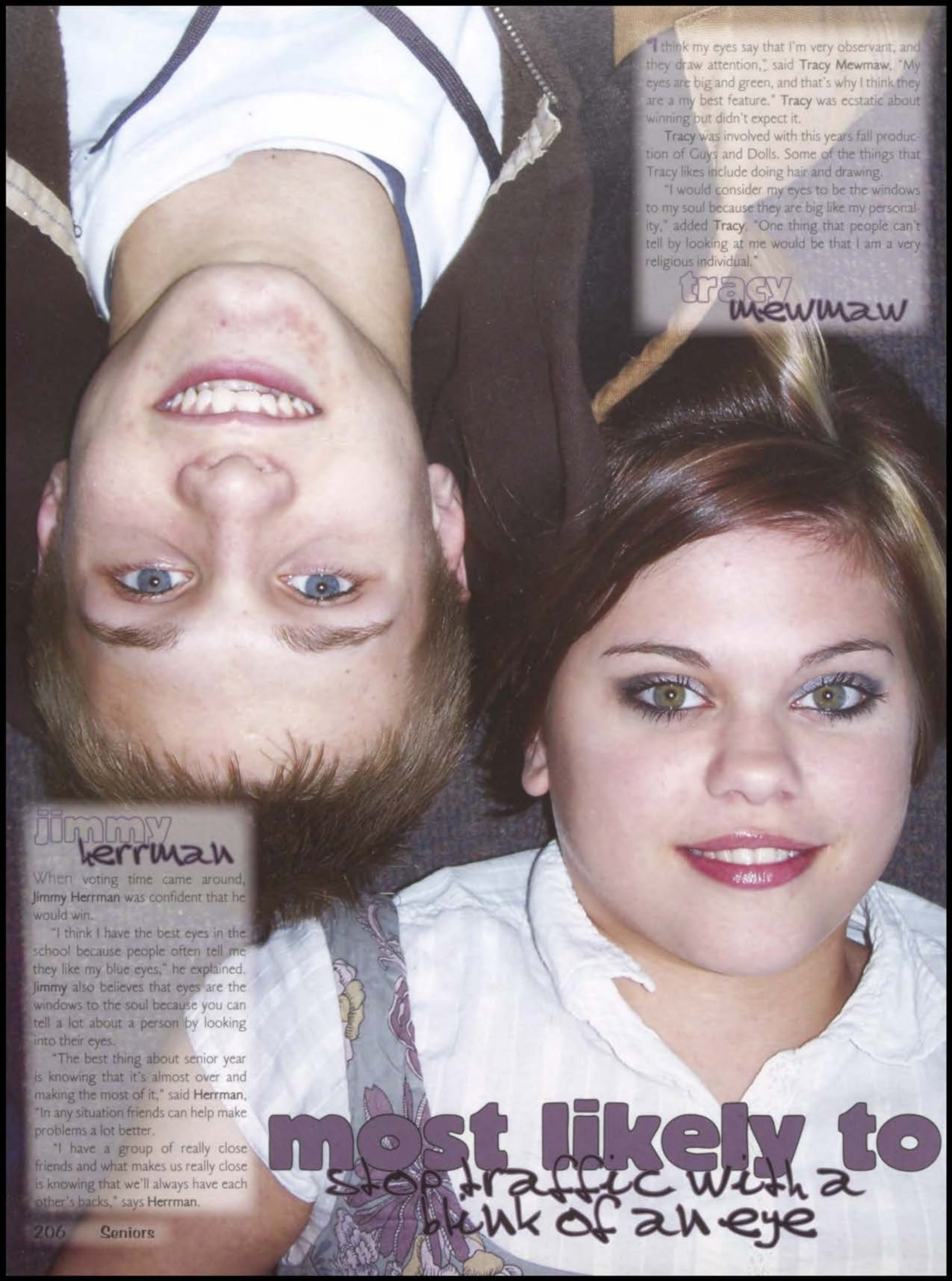
"Fiona Apple is my favorite artist because she sings and plays the piano. She has a unique style and type of music," explained Carey.

Ian McClafin

When Ian McClafin won "Most Musical," he was very surprised because there are many students who are very musical. But he was thrilled enough to jump up and down with excitement! Ian has been involved in music for ten years; he mostly plays percussion.

"Mr. McBain has influenced me the most through music, he has taught me so much and he is a great musician," said Ian.

Ian's favorite song to play is Tuo kaerf, which is a snare drum solo. Ian's favorite instrument to play is the Timpani big drums. His favorite type of music is classic rock, jazz, hip-hop, and the blues. Besides playing music, Ian also likes to pet his cat.



"I think my eyes say that I'm very observant, and they draw attention," said Tracy Mewmaw. "My eyes are big and green, and that's why I think they are a my best feature." Tracy was ecstatic about winning but didn't expect it.

Tracy was involved with this year's fall production of *Guys and Dolls*. Some of the things that Tracy likes include doing hair and drawing.

"I would consider my eyes to be the windows to my soul because they are big like my personality," added Tracy. "One thing that people can't tell by looking at me would be that I am a very religious individual."

tracy
mewmaw

Jimmy Herrman

When voting time came around, Jimmy Herrman was confident that he would win.

"I think I have the best eyes in the school because people often tell me they like my blue eyes," he explained. Jimmy also believes that eyes are the windows to the soul because you can tell a lot about a person by looking into their eyes.

"The best thing about senior year is knowing that it's almost over and making the most of it," said Herrman. "In any situation friends can help make problems a lot better.

"I have a group of really close friends and what makes us really close is knowing that we'll always have each other's backs," says Herrman.

most likely to
stop traffic with a
blink of an eye



Keisha Henson
Wesley Herman
Amanda Hernandez



James Herrman
Carrissa Hibbs
Lakendra Hill



Cory Hinesley
Clifford Hoaglin
Demondeea Holden



Skylore Holmes
Kristen Hunt
Mathew Hurst



Tiyonna Hutchingson
Spencer Isackson
Katrina Jackson



Samantha Jacobs
Calvin Johnson
Anthony Jones



Porsha Jones
Sean Kelley
Kelly Kueser



James (Alex) Kuhn
Keith Lading
Stephanie Lagrant



Katelyn Lang
Amanda Lark
Adrienne Leak



Abraham Leal
Shanell Leigh
Shakaela Levy





lauren
pecina

When Lauren Pecina won "Most Fashionable," she wasn't exactly expecting to win, but she knew she stood a good chance. Lauren's style is trendy, comfortable, chic, and vintage inspired; she loves to wear layers, necklaces, ballet flats, scarves, and long shirts.

"I used to go along with trends, but then I started to go outside the box and make my style my own. I just wear things that make me happy. I think if someone is confident with what they are wearing, and it is well put together, it makes an outfit 'most fashionable,'" explained Lauren. Some students use music or art to show their personalities, but Lauren likes to use fashion as an outlet to express how she feels.

emmanuel
thomas

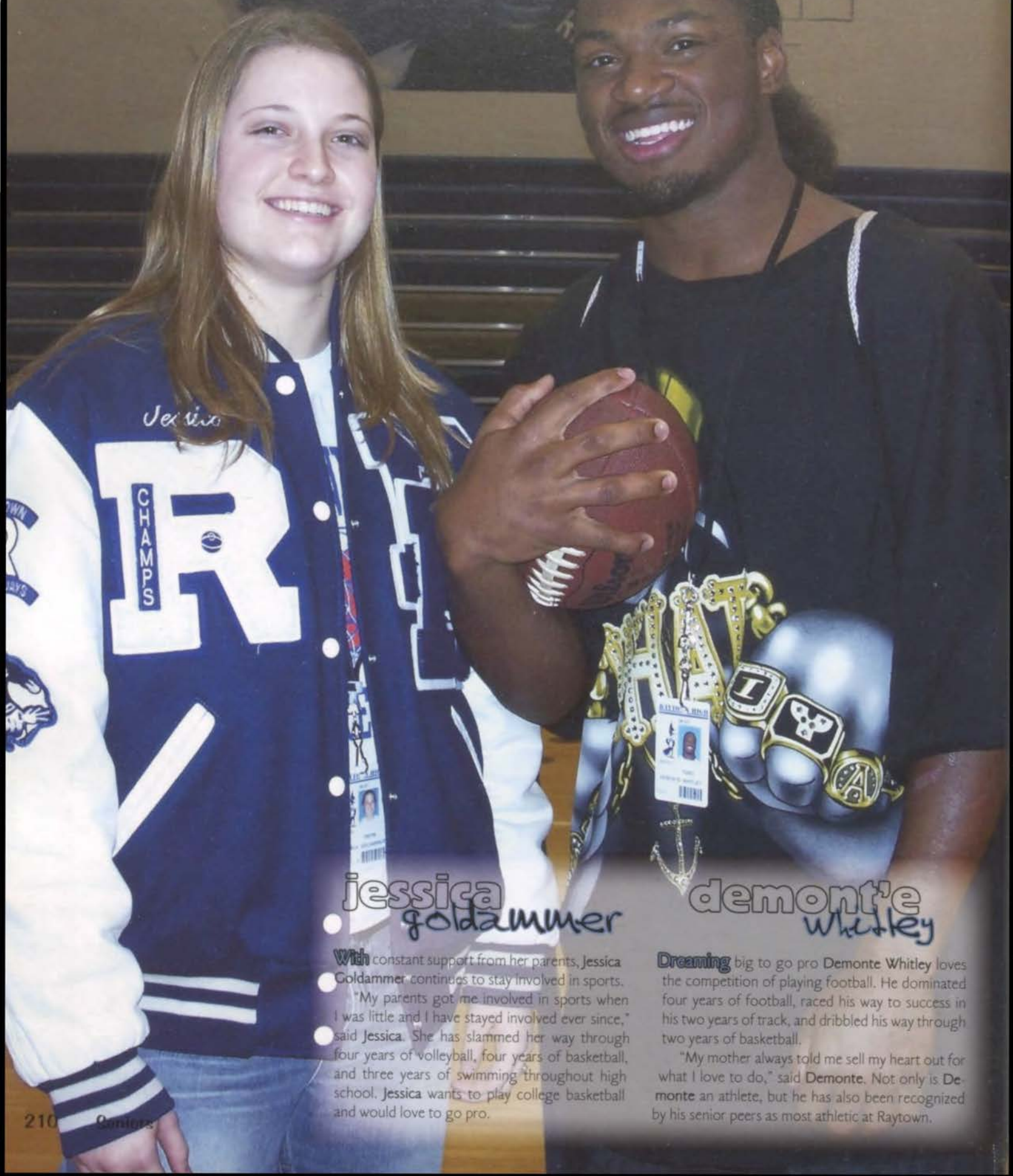
When I won most fashionable, I wasn't very surprised because people say they like my style; they think it looks classy and unique," said Emmanuel Thomas. Emmanuel likes wearing polos, dress shirts, and sweaters; people would say his style is preppy, but Emmanuel likes to think of it as casual. Emmanuel believes that everyone has his or her own style, and that nothing is right or wrong. Emmanuel likes to be comfortable in his clothes; he wouldn't wear anything that didn't feel right.

"I'm not into following the latest trends, I like to be original and start the trends," laughed Emmanuel. Simple brands like J. Crew or Lacoste are some of his favorite because they have a unique variety of clothing. Lacoste isn't the average brand that all teenagers are shopping at such as Hollister. Emmanuel feels that "style" is just an expression of who someone is, but we are all different.

most likely to
be in Vogue magazine

most likely to

win an Olympic gold medal



jessica
goldammer

demonte
whitley

With constant support from her parents, Jessica Goldammer continues to stay involved in sports.

"My parents got me involved in sports when I was little and I have stayed involved ever since," said Jessica. She has slammed her way through four years of volleyball, four years of basketball, and three years of swimming throughout high school. Jessica wants to play college basketball and would love to go pro.

Dreaming big to go pro Demonte Whitley loves the competition of playing football. He dominated four years of football, raced his way to success in his two years of track, and dribbled his way through two years of basketball.

"My mother always told me sell my heart out for what I love to do," said Demonte. Not only is Demonte an athlete, but he has also been recognized by his senior peers as most athletic at Raytown.



Carey Lewis
Curtis Liggins



Cyle Limbach
Timothy Lindsay



Linnsey Lipps
John Lopez
Byronita Lutman



Jesse Mack
Michael Lyons
Brandon Maddeck
Kayla Mahan



Curline Malveaux
Anthony Marshall
Jamesetta Martin
Amber Masoner
Lance Mather

most likely to be on SNL

clint whalen

Clint Whalen uses his charming personality to make others laugh. Clint enjoys making a person laugh because he understands that it causes them to get out of a bad mood.

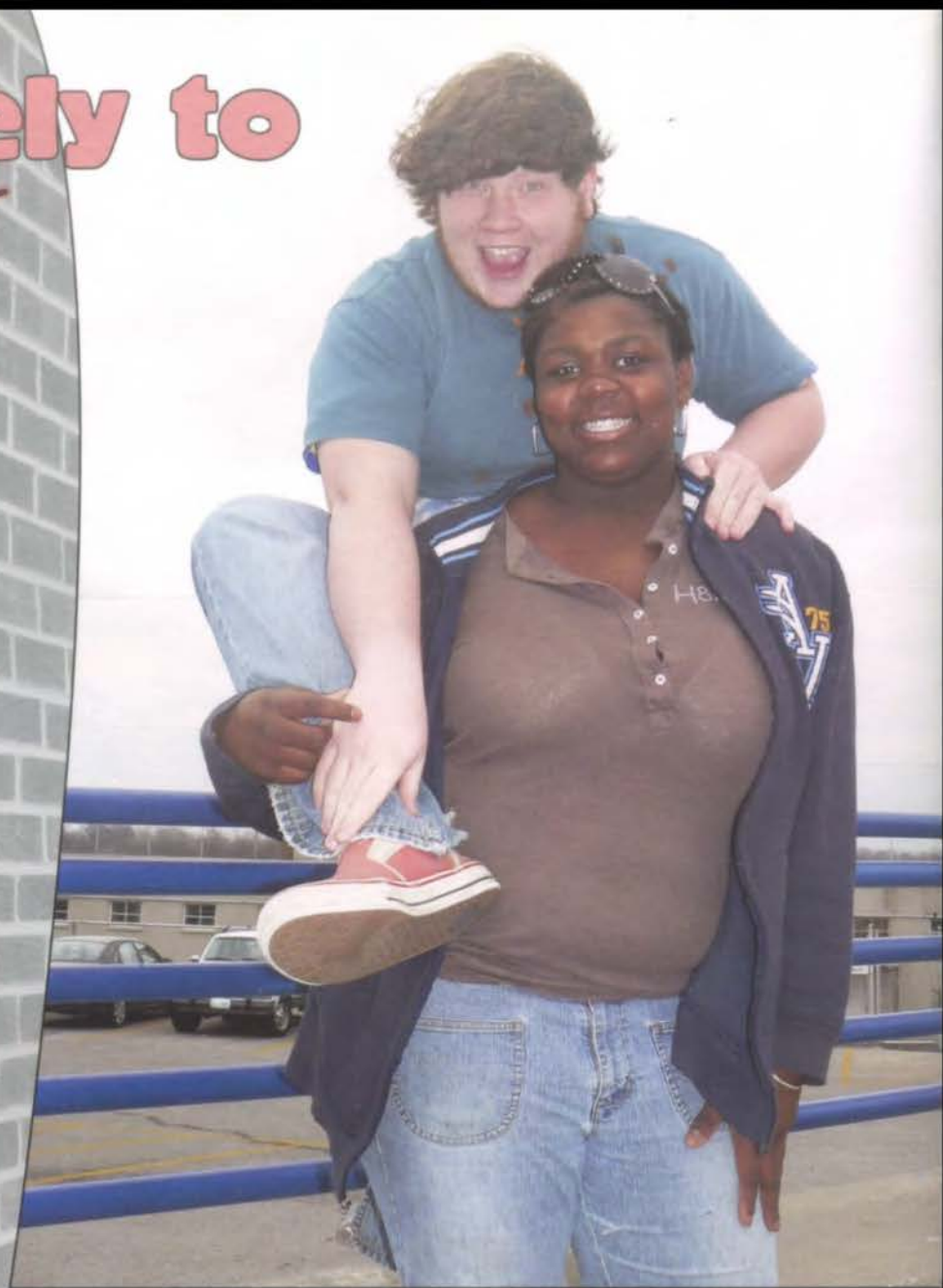
"I am told that I make people laugh," explained Clint. Clint enjoys being funny because he always makes people smile. However, his biggest fear is to snort like a pig when entertaining an audience.

"The only way to be fearless is to just be yourself," said Clint.

ebony casteel

"I don't have jokes; I just make people happy. It's just the way I am," said Senior **Ebony** Casteel. Acting silly every day, **Ebony** knows that the best way to not be fearful in front of an audience is to "just do it."

Ebony would enjoy continuing to make people laugh but wouldn't pursue a career for comedians. She wouldn't turn down a shot to make it to Hollywood, though.

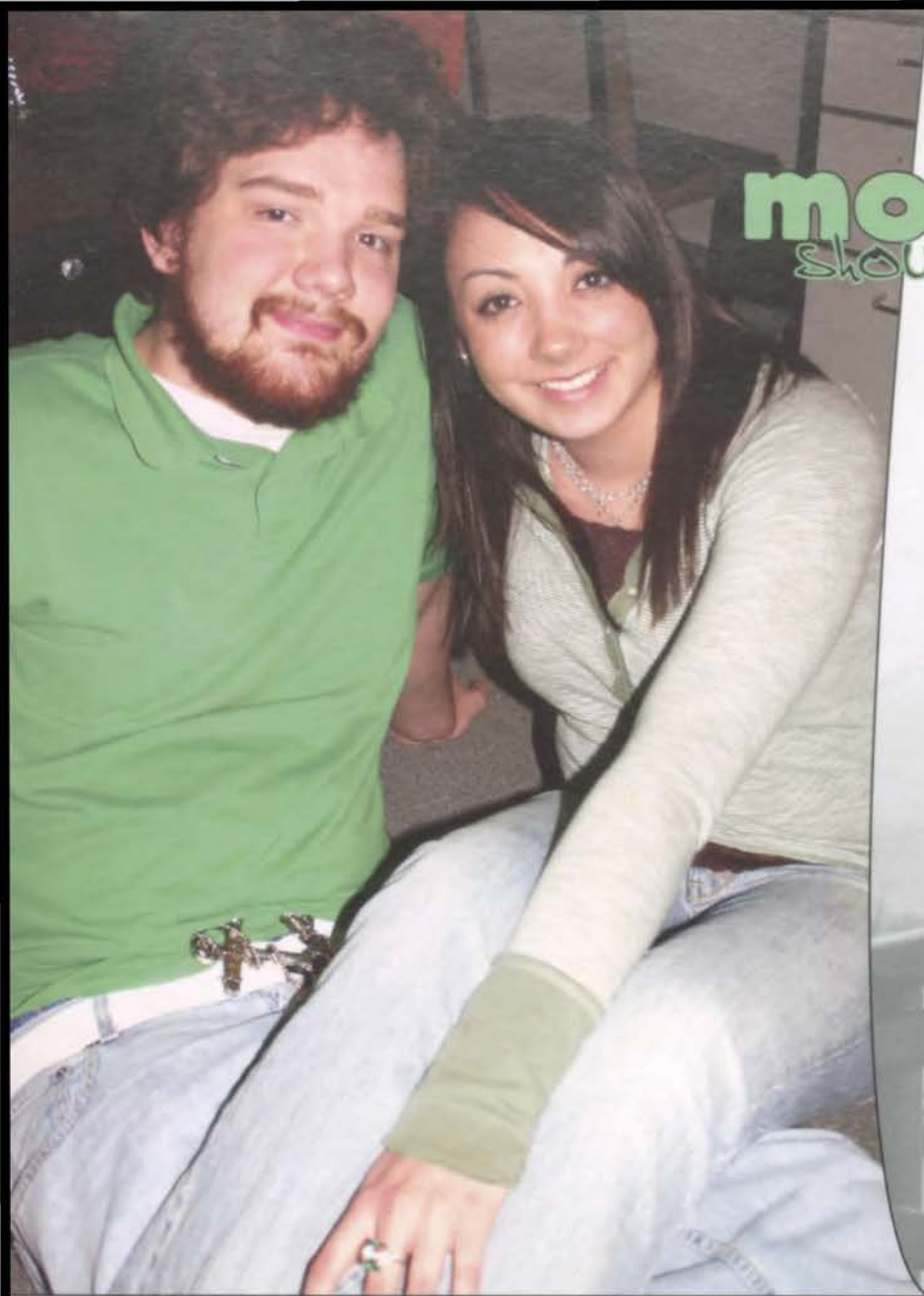


Ashley Mcarthy
Aquilla Mccain
Ian McClaffin
Kei'shae McCrary



Victoria Meade
Maurice Mejia
Rachel Melson
Jonathan Menough





most likely to shout out random stuff

amanda
hernandez

"The type of people that bring you down, bring me down as well," said Mandy Hernandez. Mandy was voted "Female Best Personality" this year.

The best personality is what some would say makes a person themselves. Being an individual is not so important to many students, but to Mandy, being an individual is very important.

johnny
foster

Johnny Foster was the male winner for the best personality of this year's senior class. Johnny says he pretty much gets along with anyone, and anyone who knows him will agree that he is himself 100% of the time whether he's in or out of school.

Leaving a mark at school is important to some students. As for Johnny, his mark is one that will be remembered for years to come.



Tracy Mewmaw
Lisa Michaels
Russell Miller
Samantha Miller



Erik Mitchell
Brian Moline
Courtney Monroe
Holly Moon

most likely to be the next Picasso



Cory Hinesley

Graduating with an internship through Hallmark, Cory Hinesley is no stranger when it comes to being artistic.

"I do what I do because I love it, I don't really expect anything from it," said Cory. This year she was accepted to the Kansas City Art Institute. She prefers photography and mixed media when it comes to her artwork.

When Cory won most artistic she was very surprised because it was very sudden. Cory has always been interested in art and has always participated in contests although she didn't always win.

"Sometimes taking a second look can show you who you are," said Cory.

Jesse Hamilton

As Jesse Hamilton sits with his paintbrush in one hand and a crayon in the other, he thinks of what his next masterpiece will be.

"Why did I win most artistic?" questioned Jesse. He just assumes his friend's love him a lot. That's why he won.

The truth is, his fellow classmates consider his being in a band and his creative work qualifies him to be the Most Artistic Male.

Hamilton doesn't know if drawing will be apart of his future career, but he would like to construct a beautiful piece of art in Africa.

"I'm glad I won though. It makes my senior year a lot better," said Jesse.



Kelsey Murphy
Ryan Myers
Wesley Nelson
Franciou Niclas



Krista O'Connell
Ashley Oden-Cheatham
Kathryn Ogrizovich
Nita Pangestuti



Elijah Don Parker
Adam Parrie
Lauren Pecina
Debora Pellegrini



Michael Pennington
Justin Perdue
Lindsay Petersen
Samantha Pfaffly

Sam Phillips
Carley Poison



Dyan Reardon
Anthony Reed
Samantha Reinig



Osiris Reyes
Tinisha Rhodes
Jennifer Rice
Denisha Richards



Justin Richardson
Tanya Rife
Rocco Rigoli
Alaina Robertson
D'Andrae Robins



Erica Rockley
Michael Salinas
Alyssa Sams
Breyonna Sanders
Ali Saylor



most likely to be on Broadway



julianne
finn

After Julianne Finn's performance in "Guys and Dolls," everyone but Julianne was positive that she would win the "Most Theatrical Female" at Raytown High School. She has acted in five plays and her favorite play is "A Midnight Summer Dream." Julianne didn't expect to win.

"There are a lot of people that were in just as many plays as I was but it's nice to win," said Julianne. "I'm sure that my lead in 'Guys and Dolls' had a lot to do with being discovered."

The future looks bright for her, and maybe one day we'll see her as a leading lady

rocky
rigoli

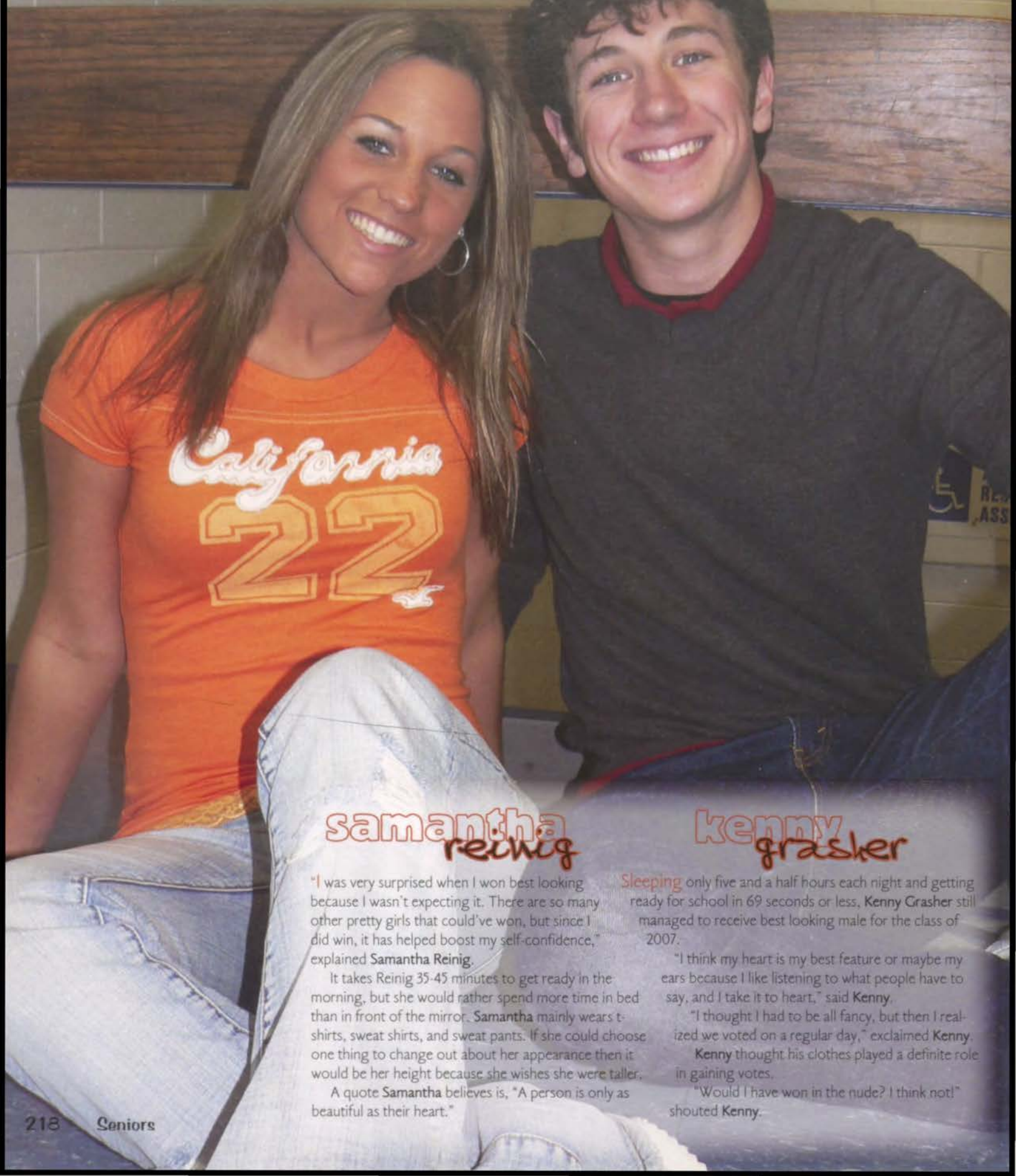
Being in five plays has allowed Rocky Rigoli to be voted the "Most Theatrical Male" for the Class of 2007. Rocky wishes to have a lead with actor Ralph Fiennes. His favorite play at Raytown High School was "Guys and Dolls."

"Guys and dolls was a lot of fun," said Rocky. "The acting was cool and all, but I really enjoyed the cast and hanging out in the back with everyone."

If Rocky could perform in any Broadway show, it would have to be Sweeney Todd. "What's not to love about villains, weapons, and murder? Maybe one day I'll be able to be in it!" exclaimed Rocky.

most likely to

to be on the cover of
GQ magazine



samantha
reinig

kenny
crasher

"I was very surprised when I won best looking because I wasn't expecting it. There are so many other pretty girls that could've won, but since I did win, it has helped boost my self-confidence," explained Samantha Reinig.

It takes Reinig 35-45 minutes to get ready in the morning, but she would rather spend more time in bed than in front of the mirror. Samantha mainly wears t-shirts, sweat shirts, and sweat pants. If she could choose one thing to change out about her appearance then it would be her height because she wishes she were taller.

A quote Samantha believes is, "A person is only as beautiful as their heart."

Sleeping only five and a half hours each night and getting ready for school in 69 seconds or less, Kenny Crasher still managed to receive best looking male for the class of 2007.

"I think my heart is my best feature or maybe my ears because I like listening to what people have to say, and I take it to heart," said Kenny.

"I thought I had to be all fancy, but then I realized we voted on a regular day," exclaimed Kenny.

Kenny thought his clothes played a definite role in gaining votes.

"Would I have won in the nude? I think not!" shouted Kenny.



Heather Scheer
Chelsea Schwartz



Lindsey Schwarz
Richard (Jake) Scifres
Samantha Sengvong



Michael Shannon
Jacqueline Sharp
Lori Shearer
Brandi Simpson



Celeste Sims
Awndra Smith
Deandra Smith
Michael Smith



Terell Smith
Shelly Southworth
Keirra Spain
Thomas Spreiz
Shamika Stamps

Mark Stillwell



Julian Stimach
John Stimpson



Ferran Stockman
Jazmine Storey
Arielle Surratt



Jared Suydam
Aaron Swanner
Anna Taylor
Joshua Taylor



Marissa Taylor
Taina Thatcher
Amber Thompson
Heather Thompson
William Toney



most likely to advertise for Crest



marshaun
pinson

A smiling person is judged to be more pleasant, attractive, sincere, sociable, and competent than a non-smiling person. Marshaun Pinson says that he has the best smile because it is "big and cheesy." To most students at Raytown High School Marshaun is known as a goofy, loud, and always smiling person.

"It takes years and years of practice to have a good smile," stated Marshaun.

Marshaun is glad to be remembered and recognized for his smile.



katie
cureton

Katie Cureton walks through the halls of Raytown High School with an ear-to-ear smile. A smile is a universal expression of happiness and recognized as such by all cultures. Many people have a different opinion of what makes a good smile.

"When someone just remembers your smile, that makes a good smile," said Katie. Katie's constant smile is what most remember about her.

"My friends are the reason I smile," explained Katie. As graduation approaches, Katie's smile grows each day.

most likely to

crowd surf at a basketball game



shanna
clausen

corey
allen

"I love my school!" shouted Shanna Clausen after winning "Most Spirited."

Shanna does not only go to as many sporting events as possible, but she is also involved in softball, basketball, baseball, theatre, and choir.

"I would describe myself as not only as most spirited, but I am also outgoing and loud," said Shanna.

Shanna thinks that people need to be more spirited by painting their faces at sporting events. Shanna would describe her school as "BALLIN!"

"I am glad that I won because it was a competition between a few of my friends," announced Corey Allen.

Corey is a heckler and is motivated to be "Most Spirited" because he likes making the players feel good. Corey thinks the reason his class voted him most spirited was because he dressed up like a Ninja Turtle for a spirit day, and he is always coming up with exciting outfits on each spirit day.

"In order to get others to be more spirited I would smash Mountain Dew cans against my head...Oh, wait I've already done that," laughed Corey.

Christine Trewitt



Molly Troop
Zachary Tuck
Dallas Ulrich



Gregory Velsor
Lauren Villarreal
Jamere Waddy
Ashley Wallace



Stephanie Walter
Rick Wehner
Teresa Ward
Megan Weickert
Clint Whalen



Howard White Jr.
Demonte' Whitley
Daniel Wilkes
Myjuan Williams
Nicole Williams



Siera Williamson
Amber Wilson
Kayla Wilson
Emma Wimmer



Zachary Winders
Sarah Wingate
David Woodward
Michael Zook



alicia barnard

"Personally, I have no idea why I won," said Alicia Barnard, winner of Teachers Pet. "Maybe because I make A's and maintain a 3.976 grade point average."

"I think she won because she is really emotional and cares about her grades and likes to impress her teachers," said a senior who voted for Alicia. Alicia's favorite subject is science because she wants to major in Bioinformatics.

"My favorite subject is science, but my favorite teacher is Mrs. Cobden. I have known her since civics and had her for three years," explained Alicia.

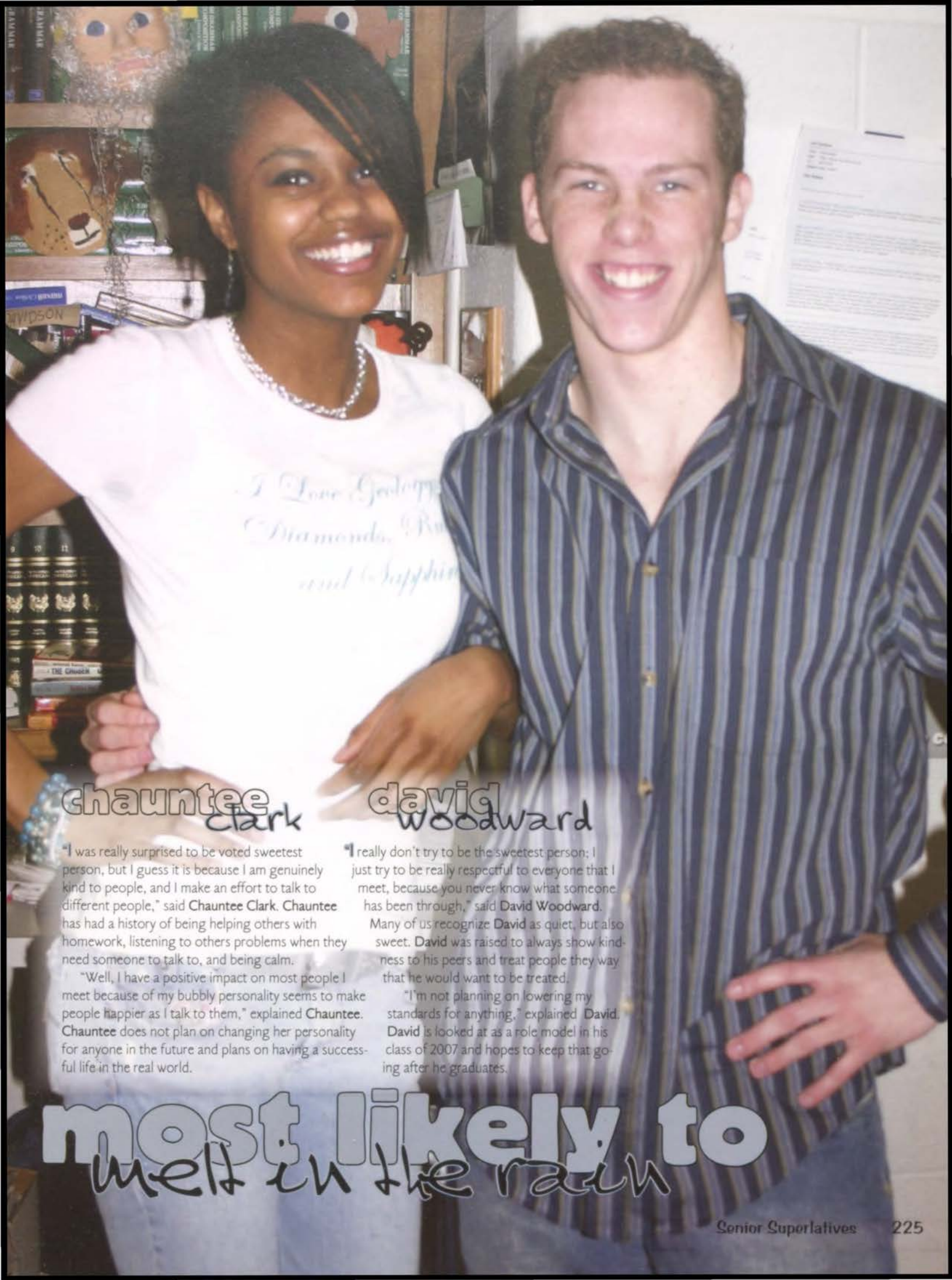
john stimpson

"I think I won because I spend a lot of time after school with teachers" said John Stimpson. "If a majority of the senior class sees me as a teachers pet, I can't argue with that." John's favorite subject is photography.

"I held off art classes until my senior year, but its really interesting. I'm finally getting the hang of it," said John. As any student, John has his favorite teacher.

"Mrs. Darter is my favorite because in tenth grade biology she was running around the room acting like a sperm. It was hilarious," laughed John.

most likely to
brown-nose a teacher



chauntee
clark

david
woodward

"I was really surprised to be voted sweetest person, but I guess it is because I am genuinely kind to people, and I make an effort to talk to different people," said Chauntee Clark. Chauntee has had a history of being helping others with homework, listening to others problems when they need someone to talk to, and being calm.

"Well, I have a positive impact on most people I meet because of my bubbly personality seems to make people happier as I talk to them," explained Chauntee. Chauntee does not plan on changing her personality for anyone in the future and plans on having a successful life in the real world.

"I really don't try to be the sweetest person; I just try to be really respectful to everyone that I meet, because you never know what someone has been through," said David Woodward.

Many of us recognize David as quiet, but also sweet. David was raised to always show kindness to his peers and treat people the way that he would want to be treated.

"I'm not planning on lowering my standards for anything," explained David. David is looked at as a role model in his class of 2007 and hopes to keep that going after he graduates.

most likely to melt in the rain

Katie Ogrizovich

Katie,

It seems like only yesterday you were a little girl heading off for her first day of school



And somehow almost magically between then and now, that little girl has grown into a beautiful young woman!
We love you!

Love Mom, Dad,
& Bubby

Katie Ogrizovich

Ode to Emma

The world is your oysterbed
Tend it well
and you will have treasures beyond a lifetime
Ignore it or fritter it away
And you'll have a big puddle of muck
Show us your necklace when it's ready!



Love you always
Rob & Jane

Emma Wimmer

Alyssa

Go for your dreams
Reach for your goals
You can achieve everything
I am proud of you and
love you very much!!
Mom



Alyssa Sams

Kenny Grasher

Since the moment we were blessed with you, the spirit of love within you has been genuinely magnetic. You have grown to use many of your gifts and talents wisely and compassionately. We are very proud of you for the progress you have made in your life's journey. We believe your dreams and visions will become reality if you continue to put your heart into them. You have truly helped to make our world more enjoyable. We pray we may share many more of your milestones with love and laughter.

Mom, Dad, Jeff,
Grandma, and Grandpas.



Adam Brian Parrie

Hey Rugrat...

From Life's High Moments like your winning the Gold Medal in Taekwondo at the AAU Nationals, to the lows that don't even matter, we have been your Biggest Fans.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
YOU MADE IT!!

Love From Dad, Mom, Heather, and Danielle
AND Conan and Trinity
The Parrie Family



TRACY LYNN

Congratulations! You bless us with much joy. We admire your many talents from **Theatre to Hair**. Your name means "**Courageous**" and above all that is **YOU!** Eccl 7:11 Being wise is good as being rich; in fact it is better. **Wisdom** or money can save you life. Remember **Matt 22:37 & 39**. You must love the **Lord your God** with all your heart, your soul and you mind. Love your neighbor as yourself. You are an inspiration to us all and a true gift of God! We love you Teej!

With all our love and pride,
Mommy, Daddy, Jordan, Grandpa Bob, Grandma Rita,
Grandma, Uncle Butch and Re Re



Tracy Mewmaw

Victoria Cato,

You have grown from an adorable little girl to a bright **beautiful** young lady who has made us very proud. As you end this chapter of your life, a *new chapter* begins with new opportunities and challenges, reach for the stars and you can achieve any goals. Remember wherever life takes you; you **always** have the love and support of your *family*.

Love always and forever,
Mom, Bud, AJ,
Buddy and Krisi
XOXO



De'Andra Smith

Congratulations Pookie,

We are so proud of all you have **achieved**. Continue to be a wonderful role model to your **sister**, always remember that we love you very much and we'll **always** be there for you. Whatever dreams you have for your **future** will come true as long as you keep god first in your life.

Love you,
Papa and Grama



De'Andra Smith



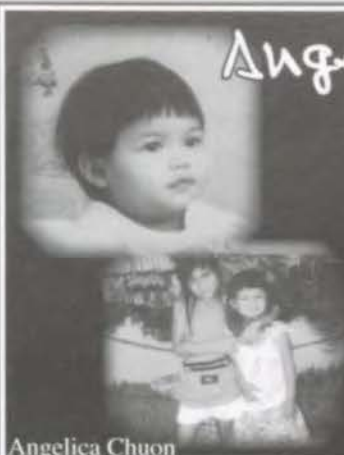
From a young girl full of hope to a beautiful, spirited young lady full of dreams. Those dreams will be reflected in the spirit of the star that shines only for you.

We are proud of you and love you very much.
Mom, Ashley, Matthew

Rachel Melson



Rachel Melson



Angelica Chuon

Congratulations Angelica,

You are so very precious to us all. We are proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Stay strong. Follow your dreams, keep God in your heart and you will have a great Future.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Richard and Monica

Angelica Chuon

Victoria

I look at you and wonder how a Grandmother could be so lucky. With every year, how blessed you've made our family. Experience your uniqueness, there is no one with your qualities, you are a beautiful person. May happiness and success always be with you.

Love,
Grandma and Family

Victoria Cato



Michael P. Salinas

We wanted to take this **opportunity** to congratulate you. We are so proud of the young man that you have turned out to be. We hope that you continue in the path in which we have **brought** you up. Remember **respect** others and most important respect yourself. You will now face many challenges ahead. **Always** keep in mind the faith of God as he will lead you through your triumphs of life. Never **forget** that we will always be here for you, and that hard work always pays off!!!

Love you always,
Dad and Mom



Michael Salinas

CONGRATULATIONS

PEE WEE!!!

You are an amazing young lady. You have given us so much joy. We are very proud of you. You have ran like the wind 1000's of miles and will run millions more in your journey in your future! Always reach for your dreams, and one day you will catch them. To finish first, you must first finish.

Peace, Love and Jellybeans

We love you,
Mom & Dad



BRANDI SIMPSON

Brandi Simpson

Molly Troop

As you approach high school graduation, we look back to when you first blessed our lives eighteen years ago. You have amazed us with your talents, determination, and sincere heart.

We pray that you live life abundantly and meet each new experience with all of your enthusiasm. Your life is yours to live as you choose.

We will always love you and support you.

Mom & Dad



Molly Troop

Lauren Pecina,

There are not enough words to express how proud we are of you. You have become an intelligent, caring, and giving person. We admire the commitment, dedication, and hard work that you put into everything you pursue.

As you prepare for the next stage in your life we wish you happiness. You have a bright future ahead of you. Remember we will always be here to support and encourage you. Follow your heart and dreams and remember how much we love you and how very proud we are of you.



Love,
Mom, Dad, &
Alicia

Lauren Pecina

Matthew Scott,

What joy, pride and laughter you have added to our lives. We are so proud of you. As you graduate and get ready for life remember that anything you want to do is possible. We will always be there for you.

Love, Mom & Dad



Matt Hamblen

"I love you"
 Jellybean**Binx**
 the fishy would sink**
 PEANUT** Champ Bear
 Turbo dynamite
 **Christmas with the
 Kranks** **Naruto****My
 Best Friend** **Chinese
 Food**** Red Robin**the
 Santa Clauso 3**
love you more than
 pizza** dumb like a bag of
 mosses in a box of hay**
 SMOOCH** Love YB**
 Zack Tuck and Brandi Simposn



Zack &
 Brandi

John B. Stimpson,

We're so proud of your successes, your skills and abilities, your hard work and accomplishments. But even more important than these, we're proud of the person that you are - the goodness and generosity, the thoughtfulness and caring which are so much a part of your daily life - you are a truly special person, and we feel very fortunate to have a son, brother and uncle like you.



Love.
 Papa, Mama
 and Laura
 Stimpson, and
 Katy Corum

John Stimpson

Jessie,

You couldn't wait to start your first day of preschool. Now you approach college with the same enthusiasm.

Wishing you the best in life,

Mom, Dad, & Clint



Jessie Hartzler

Lauren and Amber

Starbucks* Tiny Chica* **Cheer Camp*** Bamber* Trip to Florida* Boys* Girl's Night* Tony Gonzalez at the Plaza* **Legs*** Baking Cupcakes* **Icing Fight*** **Bubbly*** Amp* **Shots of Espresso*** Project Grad* Let's go shopping...* Doc's* **Air Band*** **Dancing in the car***
 Are you sisters?* James Franco* Chocolate fountain*
Sal-sa Sal-sa* The Simple Life marathon* **Tattoos*** Panera* Mr. Lewis' class* **Black and brown***
 Eva* Is this cheese?* Car games...one headlight*
 Sleepover* **Twister*** Mexican Dinner*



Lauren Pecina and Amber Thompson

Lindsay



You have given us so much joy. To see you grow from our cute little "Pumpkin" into a beautiful, confident young lady, it has been so wonderful. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. We look forward to seeing you accomplish many more exciting things in the future.

***We love you,
Dad, Mom,
and Brett***



Lindsay Peterson

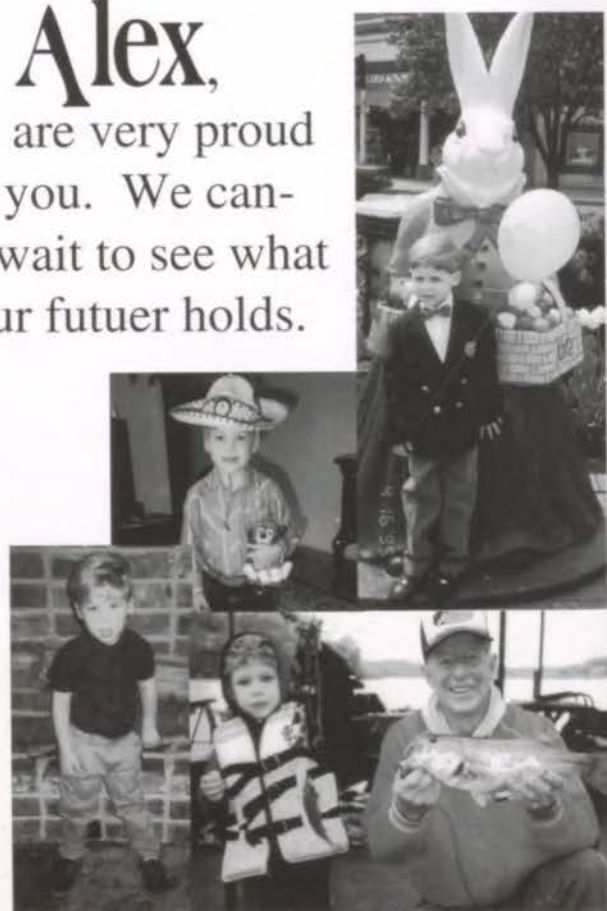
Samantha, you are still our baby no matter how old you are, they will never change, we will love you forever. You are one of our greatest accomplishments and source of endless pride. We loved watching you grow up to be such a beautiful young lady. We closed our eyes for one moment when you were a baby and opened them to find you all grown up. You are sensitive, caring, loving, and giving. You are a person whom people respect. We are so proud of you, please remember that. You and your sister are the greatest things to happen to us. No matter what happens in your life, we have confidence in your ability to make the right choices.

Love always,
Mom & Dad
P.S. Tiff loves you too!



Samantha Sengvong

Alex,
We are very proud of you. We cannot wait to see what your future holds.



Alex Kuhn

**ELIJAH
PARKER**



From bull ridin' and bronc bustin' on a broomstick to captain of the football team.

You've always had determination and grit. We're all proud of you!!! Your sense of style and easy going smile will take you anywhere you want to go.

*God Bless!!
Keep Your Powder Dry.
Your Loving Family*

Elijah Parker



Holly

*Holly Bear-
We watched you take your first steps as a toddler. Now we watch your first steps into your new life as you head off to college. We want you to know that we are proud of you and all you have accomplished.*

Strive to keep God first and God will guide you down the right path. Keep reaching for the stars, a song in your heart, God by your side, and you'll achieve your goals.

*Love Mom, Dad, Matt, & Shadow
John 16:33*

Holly Moon



**CORY
HINESLEY**

*Yoda. Mothra.
Golf ball tee.
Singing, dancing.
Photography.*

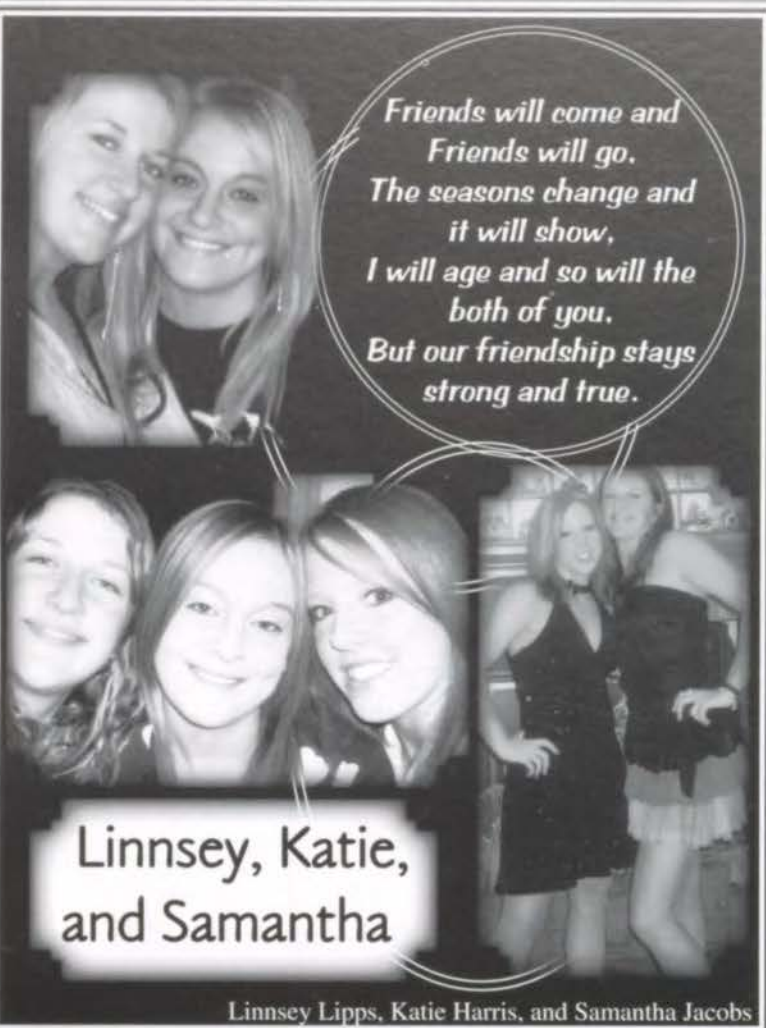
*Yoo-hoo, doughnuts.
Chocolate cake.
Mashed potatoes.
Rolls, and steak.*

*Laughing, crying.
Smiling, blonde.
Blue jeans, T-shirt.
Almost gone.*

*Love, Mom, Dad,
and Tayler*



Cory Hinesley



*Friends will come and
Friends will go,
The seasons change and
it will show,
I will age and so will the
both of you,
But our friendship stays
strong and true.*

**Linnsey, Katie,
and Samantha**

Linnsey Lipps, Katie Harris, and Samantha Jacobs

*Our Dearest
Amanda,*

I cannot believe how these years have flown by. It seems like only yesterday I was following the bus to your first day of kindergarten. I just want you to know how proud we are of you and what a fine young woman you are turning into. We love you so much.

I just want you to add these words sung by Tim McGraw because every time I hear this song, I think of you. "Your beautiful baby from the outside in.

Chase your dreams but always know the road that'll lead you home again. Go on, take on this whole world.

But to me you know you'll always be, My Little Girl."

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



Amanda Lark

William LaMont Toney

Wow! There are so many words we could use to describe you. Amazing, funny, quirky, and terrific are a few that instantly come to mind. How quickly you went from our blue baby to a blue jay. You have faced so many challenges along the way, but you always manage to rise up like the phoenix.

There has never been a dull moment in the Toney house with you around. Always follow your dreams, and one day you will be the great man we know you are meant to be,

*Love your family,
Mom and Dad*



EricaMichelle Bootka,

Memer,
From the day you
arrived, we have
known you would be
heard.
You are a loving
daughter and sister.
All are lucky to
have you in our lives.



Each day you show the
greatness inside of you.
My love for you is endless
Along with our pride.
Let no obstacle
hold you back and know
we are always with you!

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Rox,
Tyner, Tigger, Beanie,
Alley, and Magic



Erica Bootka

Kristin Brand Tanya Rife

Dimples* T-bone* Third grade
crutches* Fourth grade on the
desk* Fifth grade sleepovers* Why
do strippers always do
this?* They transformer* Late
night raps* Miguel* The
camper* Greece* Con air* The
caddie* French class* Sisters
I Love You!

Kristin Brand and Tanya Rife



Katie,

A blessing, a joy, a gift from God.
Katie, you have grown into a very
beautiful and compassionate young
lady. As you begin this exciting, new
chapter in your life, keep the Lord
first; always know that your family is
here for you, and that Mom will
cherish these last 18 years forever in
her heart. Much Love, Many Blessings.

Congrats!
Love you, Mom



Katie Cureton

Siera "Guido" Williamson

You have accomplished and
experienced many challenges
and life lessons. You are a strong
willed and determined young
lady. I knew that you would
achieve the goal of completing
your education. I know that you
will go far into whatever career
you choose. I am so proud of you.
Always strive to do the best you
can and leave the rest to God. In
words of Vince Lombardi, "Its not
whether you get knocked down,
but whether you get back up."

Love Always,
Mom, Big Brother,
and Steven



Siera Williamson

Linnsey,

As the years have
flown by we have
watched you grow
from our little angel
into a fine young lady,
whom we are very
proud of. You have
and will continue to
be an
inspiration to all who
you meet. No matter
what, we will always
be proud of you and
love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ashley,
Garrett, Grandpa &
Grandma Hubbard
and Grandpa &
Grandma Lipps



Linnsey Lipps

Congratulations baby,

You are my first born and it has been such a joy watching you mature into a beautiful and intelligent young lady. You are one of my most precious gifts from God. You are an amazing young lady, smart and creative with a great sense of humor and compassion for others. Look to the future with confidence, determination, and a positive attitude. Continue to keep God as your guide and all goals and dreams will be within your reach. And remember, "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me." Your Father and I love you very much and we are very proud to call you our daughter.

**Love you, "Pookey Bear"
Mom and Dad**



Lindz & Laina

ice

skating, backing up on ramps,

Christmas in the park, shopping for baby clothes,

ho-pochket, mustang boy, cookie night, snow angels, "If you say so, then I will!" Springfield, mall-madness, uno, movie nights, "The Mistake," go larks, window peeker and the pool boys, **Jake's**, bubble gum, long jump, sibling love- "we're going to be in-laws." I'll meet you in the middle, **The Roo**, church camp, Branson, Osceola cheese, sports clips, swim meets, hide and seek, midnight swims, **brunettes**, sprit, tagging, 6- wheelers, litle brothers, baby diapers, "It's a negative" white trash, **wallpaper**, bread-ins, band trips, "swear to god?" carving pumpkins, **dying easter eggs**, Fack's Laddies.



Lindsay Peterson and Alaina Robertson

Deandra

First and foremost I am very proud of you. You are nw joining and elite group by graduation from high schol. Do not underestimate what you have accomplished because it was no easy task in today's environment.

Even more empresseive, you have decided to jurther your education and life eperiences by attending college. As you continue on your journey of life, I would like to share with you very important statement that my mother shared with mee. I still live by these words today. she said, "You can do anything you set your mind to. don't ley anyone tell you anything differnt."

I am very luck to have a smart, intelligent niece-god-daughter in you. I lok forward to the next graduation.

With all my love,
Auntie Nora



The Theatre Kids

Tracy • Kelly • Stephanie • Carey
 • Janey • Becky • Lauren • Erica •
 Lauren • Megan • Clint • Tony • Johnny
 • Brandon • Anthony • Katelyn •
 Julianne • Rocky • Daniel • Tim • Cory •
 And the one and only DADDY MEYER!



"We started out with small duet scenes and really bad monologues. But we came together as a family. More have joined us, so we may not all fit on the crap colored couch at the same time, but we all leave the stage together."

"EVERYBODY GET DOWN! DON'T GET FROZEN!"

"PLACENTA?"

"Bad student teacher!"

"You look like the guy from The Notebook."

The your mother fetus

"This has been the best four years of my life. We have been through thick and thin. This, by far, is one family who cares for each other. We will always be here for each other even after high school. That's theatre baby."

"Theatre kids fo' eva'."

Theatre 130

Becky Beitling

What an amazing daughter you are! You are so talented and excel at everything you attempt. You have always been ready to try new adventure and push yourself to give it your all whatever the cost. Your compassion helps you to relate to others and when they hurt, you hurt. When things are going well, you're happy for them. Your love for the family and friends has always been evident by your loyalty and devotion you so freely give. Your faith has made you the strong individual that you have become. With God's leadership, you will achieve your dreams.

We love you with all our hearts and are so proud of you.

Love,
 Mom and Dad



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A Goldammer



From Ducky to Jesserz, your athletics, humor, and shyness have given you your own personality, which has us very proud.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Rachel,
Danny, and Bethany

Jessica Goldammer



You have lived a **Charmed** life thus far. May it always be so...
Praise the Lord!
Mom and Dad
P.S. **Love** those pops solos!

Daniel Wilkes



Daniel Wilkes



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"We're men of the Seal!"~
"Is that a newspaper stand?"~"To Entertain You!"~"Johnny, were you raised on a farm of pigs..."~"Da^^n it Rocky!"~"Hey Rocky, listen to this great idea!"~"Um... we need to have lunch."~"Don't worry Mom, Rocky got it all on tape!"~"**SEWEGSI!**"~
"Hey Johnny! Its Anthony Kiedis!"~ **LOUD YELLING**~ Your Mother-Dead Broke Comics~**Slap Mike Text Messages**~Bloody Steel Shelves~J.L. pees on carpet Hubee 22!~**SMASH BROS**~Pee your pants at Jack in the Box
I LOVE YOU MAN!!



Rocky Rigoli and Johnny Foster

Howard White

Congratulations
Howard, you did it! It's hard to believe you're graduating from high school. It seems like just **yesterday** you were graduating from kindergarten. As you see, life holds no end to what you can **achieve** when you just believe. We are very, very proud of you. We **stumble**, we fall, and we get up, but just know, we will always be here for you no matter what **life** throws at you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Sharrunia, and Ja'Vion



Howard White

Alaina Robertson



My Awesome Alaina!

*Eighteen years ago I was blessed with your arrival. Each day that passes you become more and more beautiful. I'm so proud of the young woman you have become and the paths you have chosen. Keep reaching! You can do anything?
I Love You! Mom*

Aliana Robertson

MyJuan Williams



MyJuan, I'm glad to see you doing well in school and everything. I love to hear the praises, to god that you sing but most of all I want you to know how proud I am of you for making wise decisions and following them through. This is you last year of Dancing, singing and playing at High School. But my son it opens the door so that you can't walk through. To lots of studying, singing and dancing in college you will do. But most of all I pray to God that you, MyJuan will just be you.

*Love you Mom, Dad
and Family*

MyJuan Williams

Ali Saylor



Ali,

You grew up so fast, so smart and beautiful. Still, it seems too soon for you to leave and go to college. We will miss you like you will never ever know.

**We love you,
Mom & Dads**

Ali Saylor

Senior Ads

Class of 2007

Tinisha Rhodes



Tinisha,

Congratulation on your High School graduation this is only the first of many successful achievements that you are destined for. I know that your achievements will continue to be a aspiration to other young women that come into your presence.

I love your Beauty
I love your thoughtfulness
I love your Bravery
I love you Honesty
Most of all I love your integrity.

These qualities equal success.

Love, Grandma

Tinisha Rhodes

Brandon Zoellers



Brandon,

All we can say is that
we were blessed when you
were born and have been
every day since.

Love,
Dad, Mom & The Whole
Family

Tinisha

You made it!
We always knew you would!

Tinisha, you are so special to us. And we love you so much. We are very proud of you.

So always know you're special and you deserve the best. Set a goal for yourself and work hard to make it real.

Love, Richard & Latasha Rhodes



Tinisha Rhodes

To my Tister,

I remember the day you were born and now you're graduating; does that make you or me old? LOL!!!

love,
Your Tister

Katie Bug,

I have watched you grow into a beautiful young lady that is blessed with a variety of talents. I love to hear you sing, watch you dance, cheer you on at volleyball, and see you put your artistic talent on paper. Your smile is captivating. Enjoy life, work hard, and dream big. Dreams can come true and I wish for you that yours do.

Love,
Momma



Anthony

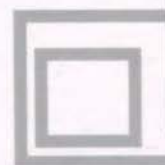
*We have truly enjoyed sharing
in each of your life adventures
from infant to manhood.*

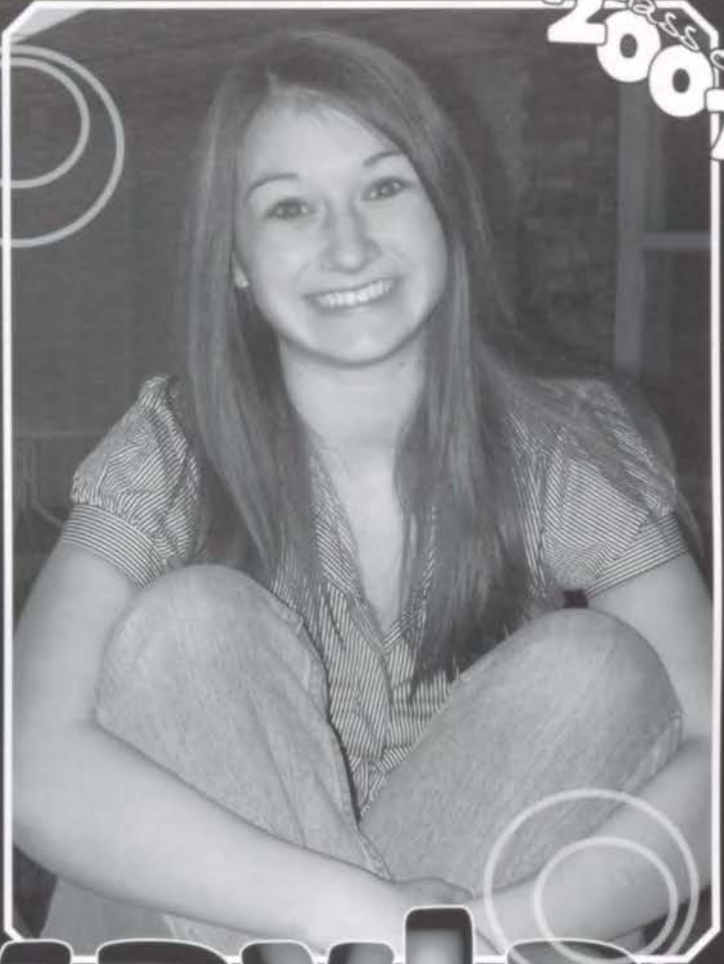
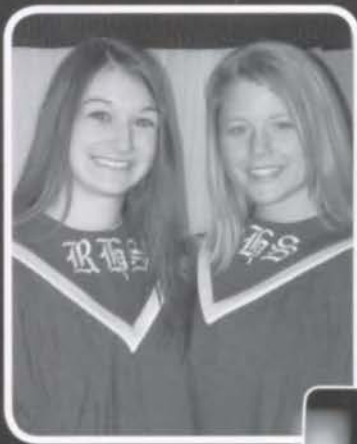
*Graduation from High School
is a new beginning.*

*Follow your dreams,
Embrace College,
Live! Love! Laugh!*

*Remember what a friend
you have in Jesus.
And take everything
To God in prayer.*

**Love Mom,
Dad, & Travis**





Kayla Wilson

Looking back, it's funny that your name came from a soap opera, because looking at these photos, these really were the "Days of Our Lives". Whether we were playing "Dale, the Bus Driver" (yes, it's going to hurt... REAL BAD!!), watching you dance in recitals, seeing the world as you see it through your photographs, teaching you to drive (although the dents say maybe a refresher course is in order), watching you perform in the musicals, choir concerts, or dancing as a Jaywalker, we have always enjoyed our days with you. May your honesty, integrity, intelligence, and talents carry you into this next phase of your life. We love you, Sweet Pea, and we are proud of the young lady you have grown up to be.

mom&dad





COREY Allen

*Weighing in at 10 pounds
No one could expect
What a wonderful person
Our family would get.*

*Before he could walk,
His brother would lead
Corey would follow
On knees that would bleed.*

*School was a struggle
But Corey wouldn't quit.
He dreamed of baseball
And just one great hit.*

*Competing in Debate,
Who would guess
To Texas he'd travel
And Derby no less?*

*Off to college we'll send him
A man with such drive.
We wish him the best,
We know he will thrive.*

*We love you Corey,
Mom, Cam, Curt, Grandma,
Grandpa, Gary and Darren.*





Katrina

Through the high school roller coaster ride, our love and support was constant. We are proud of all your accomplishments. Remember that success in life comes to those who adhere to standards of truth, justice, humility, service, compassion, forgiveness, and love.

*All our love,
Mom and Dad*

Katrina Jackson



Carey Lewis

Boat minions...Jerusalem Café...Spanish elevators and French balconies...the Freds...badminton wars...leaky convertible...Panera...Lullaby League and Ragamuffins...up on the roof...keys and strings...“Goob” and “Carey Bear”...bruised black hair Cuban dancer...Carnegie Hall...deli sandwiches...WWEDD...“I think it’s that tight underwear they wear”...Tico,Tico...“Carme”...Chipotle...“Cave Woman”...“Take Back Your Mink” and “Bushel and a Peck”...State Piano...All District Orchestra...“Ice cubes as big as continents”...Nano Salmon...“Be American”...Maria and Cha-Cha choreographers...tongue to nose...corn and parsley...graceful volleyball...lunch rambles...



Carey Lewis

Ryan

It seems just like yesterday that we were sending you off to Kindergarten! What a wonderful journey this has been so far. We are extremely proud of you and the wonderful young man you've become. We look forward to seeing where you go from here --you have a bright future ahead of you!

*Love, Mom, Dad,
and Grant*



Ryan Myers

Amber Thompson

Many memories! Cutting your birthday cake with a tooth brush, “Cry Baby” on stage, mastering pink Barbie car driving, golf cart parking & a car you couldn’t even drive. The best memory of all: the love and excitement in your voice whenever you called out “DA-IE.”

You’ve accomplished every goal you ever set with joy, pride and grace. You’ll continue to achieve great things! Remember someday is soon enough. Thank you for always enjoying your life and never asking “why?”

Thanks for being a great sister and letting me hang out with you!

*Love,
Dad, Mom and Zach*



Amber Thompson

Beth

A new chapter of your life is just beginning. Our little girl has grown into a beautiful young woman. Always stay compassionate, loyal to your friends and family and true to yourself.

We are so proud of the person you’ve become. Keep smiling and never stop telling your stories.

Love Mom, Dad and Kevin



Beth Walter

Rocky Rigoli

You have been the best gift from God, the light of my life, and joy of my heart. I've had so much fun being your mom, laughing with you, making traps, forts, messes! Watching you grow and be a gift to others is a delight. I treasure every minute I tenderly held you, and every one I tenderly let you go. You are a good man, and I'm so proud of you. Go shake up the world!

Love, Mom



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senior accomplishments

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Abundis, Marisa

2 years Newspaper, 2 years Concert Choir, 2 years Concert Orchestra, 1 year Cheerleading, 1 year Student Council

-I am known for reading all the time.

Amador, JD

-I am known for being kind.

Allen, Dustin

4 years Band, 1 year Track, 1 year FCCLA, 1 year Art Club, 1 year Foreign Language Club, House Manager in "Guys and Dolls", pit in "42nd Street", played role of Jose Rodriguez in "Up the Down Staircase"

-I am known for being outspoken and being who I am.

Anders, Tanya

1 year Choir, 4 years Enriched Mathematics, 4th place high school division in Jackson County with poem "Down", Medical Explores participant, 4 years Honor Roll, 4 years Breakfast Recognition attendee

-I am known for having two personalities: quiet and brunette at school but talkative and blonde at home and blocky, computer font handwriting as everyone states.

Anderson, Lauren

4 years girls golf. 3 years

varsity, 1 year captain, 2 years Newspaper, 1 year designer, 2 years NHS, 1 year Secretary, 2 years RHS musicals, "42nd street," Tapper, "Guys and Dolls" Hot Box Girl

-I am known for being an amazing member of the girl's golf team, a comp 110 addict, and the next Martha Stewart--minus jail time.

Bailey, Kayla

1 year Girls Swimming and

b



Diving Team and received my certified nurse's assistant certificate through Herndon

Barnard, Alicia

4 years Varsity Softball, 2 years Basketball, 2 years Symphony Orchestra, 2 years Varsity Soccer, 1st All-Conference 3 years 2 years NHS

-I am known for being random and remembering everything

Barr, Cierra

3 years Poetry Club at Central, 1 year Drill Team

-I am known for having the best hair style from Central to Raytown

Barrett, Cherakie

2 years Electronic Journalism, 4 years basketball, 3 years starter on varsity, 4 varsity letters in basketball, All conference, 1 year track

-I am known for being one of the best female basketball players in school and being goofy

Baskett, Jessica

4 years Marching Band, 4 years Symphony Band, 3 years Concert Choir, 1 year Camerata, 1 year Cheerleading. Played role of Sarah in "Guys and Dolls," 2 years Key Club

-I am known for my role as Sarah in "Guys and Dolls" and Camerata performances

Baumgarden, Kalynda

4 years Choir, 2 years Concert Choir, 3 years Boulevard Singers, Freshman/Sophomore District Choir 2004-2005, 2 years NHS, 3 years Academic Team

-I am known for liking math

Baumgarden, Laura

1 year Academic team, 1 year choir

-I am known for my crazy personality and how on any given day I can make my friends smile. Oh, and I'm the "twin" of my other half. Known as Kalynda's twin

Beitling, Becky

2 years Swimming, 4 years Marching Band, 4 years Symphony Band, 2 years NHS, 4 years Theatre, Cast in "Up the Down Stair Case," "Guys and Dolls," and "The Children's Hour".

-I am known for being sweet and smart.

Bootka, Erica

4 years Student Council, 2 years Orchestra

-I am known for being extremely random and spontaneous.

Bradley, Jewel

Played football my freshman year

-I am known for being nice.

Brand, Kristin

3 years Studio Pottery, 1 year Animal Club and 3.4 GPA all four years

-I am known for my dimples

and always smiling. Going mudding in Big Trucks!

Brown, Tyre

4 years Varsity Soccer, 3 years Symphony Orchestra, 4 years Varsity Track, 2 years NHS, Voted Most Likely to Succeed, 3 years 1st Team All Conference Soccer, 3 years 1st Team All District Soccer, "Elite Eleven" Soccer Team, Examiner All-American 1st Team, Honorable Mention Mid-West, Missouri West Honorable Mention, 2nd Team Missouri Western Region, 1st Team All Conference Hurdles, 1st Team All Conference Triple Jump

Burditt, De'Shawn

4 yrs. Basketball

-I am known for my kindness and willingness to do anything for anyone.

Campos, Darcio

4 years Mediators, 3 years Football, 3 years Swimming, 2 years Choir

-I am known for being the only Brazilian who is willing help people out with their

c



problems and being a great listener.

Cathcart, David

1 year Electronic Journalism, 1 year Soccer

-I am known for being called Cathy

Caycho, Joshua

2 years Concert Orchestra, 2 years Key Club, 1 year Baseball, 1 day Football Manager, 2 years Latino Club, 1

year DECA, 1 year Choir
-I am known for having the best darn dimples ever and being the sweetest person ever.

Chamberlain, Reggie
3 years Mediators, 4 years Varsity Basketball, 3 time 1st All-Conference, 2 time All-Tournament team

-I am known for being cool with everybody and being good at basketball.

Chambers, Amy
4 years Symphony Orchestra, 2 years Track and Field, 1 year FCCLA

-I am known for being really smart and having a goofy personality.

Chuon, Angelica
4 years Track, 4 years Cross Country, 1 year Senior Captain, 1 year Freshman Girls Basketball, 4 years Student Council-Senior Class President, 2 years NHS, 4 years Symphony Orchestra, 4 years Concert Choir, 1 year. Electronic Journalism, 1 year Newspaper-Advertising editor and photographer, 2 years Tri-M-1 year Treasurer, Musical pit in Annie, Wizard of Oz, Hotbox Girl in Guys and Dolls, 1 year Boulevard Singers, 1 yr. 1 Rating Girls Sextet

-I am known for being the skinny runner.

Clark, Aaron
4 years Football, 1 year Basketball, 3 years Track, 4 years Symphony Band, 4 years Marching Band, 1 year Student Council, Played in the pit in "Guys and Dolls" 1 year Varsity Football Captain, 1 rating at State Competition and assemble for Band, Who's Who in America for High School Students in 2006

-I am known for breaking my toe, playing football, and having a broken rib and being in the hospital with

Mike Parker.
Clark, Courtney
-I am known for being most changed.

Collins, Kevin
2 years Baseball, 1 year Marching/Concert band, 1 year Basketball, 4 years Raytown Hecklers, 2 years Art Club, 1 year Newspaper, 3 years Studio Art, 1 year Mr. Raytown

-I am known for looking like sherminator, my hair, being a jerk, and my funny personality.

Cox, Ashley
3 years Key Club-2006-2007 Treasurer, 2 years NHS-2006-2007 Vice President, 1 1/2 years of National Forensics League-State Qualifier in Humorous Interpretation 2006, Conference Squad 2006; 3 years Ambassador to Project S.O.S, 2 years Cheerleading, Captain; Founder of the annual Miss Blue Jay Pageant; 1 year Newspaper, July 2004, I was invited by Dr. Melvin Silverstein to view a prostate cancer surgery at the Keck School of Medicine at University of Southern California, 2 years of Medical Explorer.

-I am known for changing a lot since middle school, but the changes have all been worth it. Thanks, Raytown.

Cram, Jay
2 years Varsity Cross Country, 1 year Soccer, 4 years Band/Drum line, 2 years Percussion Club, 2 years Hecklers, 3rd Chair All-District Band

-I am known for drum line and all my music ability.

Cummings, LaToyia
-I am known for my grill.
I have top and bottom golds. Also if you know me, I'm crazy and cool. Everybody knows I get along well with everyone.

Cureton, Katie
1 year Softball at St. Mary's, 1 year Dance Team at St. Mary's, 1 year

Spirit Club at St. Mary's, 1 year DECA
-I am known for my smile.

Daniel, Christina
3 years Newspaper-1 1/2 years Editor-in-Chief, 4 years Choir, 3 years Concert Choir, 1 year Concert

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Orchestra, 1 year NHS, 2 years Volleyball, 2 years Mediators
-I am known for being laid-back, nice, the girl with the long hair, and always being hungry.

David, Megan
3 years Band, 1 year Girls Golf, 2 years FCCLA, set crew for "Guys and Dolls," 2 years Club 121

-I am known for being the nice, quiet girl.

Denny, Kris
-I am known for not being ashamed of embarrassed to share the word of Jesus with other people.

Denny, Phil
4 years Boys Golf, 2 years Band

Drake, Michael
4 years Varsity Soccer, 2 years Varsity Lacrosse
-I am known for being from New Jersey.

Dunnell, Ciera
-I am known for wearing braids and hanging out with Sean Kelley.

Ferguson, Monay
2 1/2 years Choir
-I am known for be a good student and have a 3.0 GPA, and I am known for being called cat eyes.

Finn, Julianne
4 years Choir, 2 years Camerata, Played the

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role of Miss Adelaide in "Guys and Dolls," 4 years Theatre, 4 years Golf, 1 year Swimming
-I am known for my super power.

Foster, Johnny
2 years Student Council, 1 year Prime Minister of Mixed Media Ninjas, Played Kholenkho in "You Can't Take It with You," Abner Dillion in "42nd Street," and Lt. Brannigan in "Guys and Dolls," 4 years Hecklers, 1 year Volleyball Manager, 6 years Your Mother

-I am known for my amazing personality, my crazy antics, Your Mother, theatre, my beard, and just generally being pretty amazing.

Fowlkes, Adrian
4 years Basketball.

Franklin, Tim
4 years Student Council, 2 years Debate and Forensics, 1 year FCCLA, 1 year FBLA, 1 year Animal Care Team, 1 year NHS, 2 years Foreign Language Club, 4 years Theater, 2 years Mediators, 1 year Academic Team, 1st Team All Conference Forensics 2006-2007, 2nd Team All Conference Debate 2005-2006, 2nd Team All Conference Debate 2005-2006

-I am known for being that smart, original, funny, compassionate guy that would always put himself before others.

George, Michelle
4 years good attendance, 4 years Honor Roll, 1 year A+ Tutoring at Eastwood Hills Elementary School

-I am known for being a funny person, caring, loving, and

G



the girl with the roman noodle hair.

Goines, Shanelle

1 year Freshman Cheerleader, 1 year Color Guard, 2 years Newspaper

-I am known for being an outspoken person but also always being there for the people I care about.

Goldammer, Jessica

4 years Girls Basketball, 4 years Volleyball, 3 yr swimming, 1 year Choir, 1 year Student Council, 2 years NHS

-I am known for sports.

Goodwin, Mario

1 year Track and Field
-I think I will be known for just being me and being laid back all the time.

Granville, Jasimeen

2 years Football, 2005-2006 All-Conference

-I am known for being from Alabama and being the only boy named Jasimeen.

Grasher, Kenny

4 years Band, 1 year Drum Major, 4 years Swimming, 1 year Captain, 4 years Water Polo, 2 years Captain, 3 years Jazz Band, 1 year Choir, 2 years Camerata, 1 1/2 years NHS, 2 years Pit (Wizard of Oz and 42nd Street), Played the role of Sky Masterson in "Guys and Dolls," 1 year Mixed Media Ninjas, 1 year Heckler

-I am known for loving everyone and never turning down anyone who wants

to be my friend!

Greenbank, Taylor

1 year Volleyball, 1 year Swimming, 3 years NHS, 2 years Art Club, 2 years NAHS, 2 years Literary magazine

-I am known for being artistic.

Grimwood, Megan

2 years Varsity Girls Swimming, 1 year Literary Magazine, 3 years NHS, 4 years Theatre: Chorus in "Wizard of Oz," "42nd Street," and "Guys and Dolls," Role in "Up the Down Staircase" and "Boys Next Door"

-I am known for having a zillion lunchboxes.

Gumm, Scott

1 year JV Wrestling, 2 years Varsity Wrestling, 1 year Freshman Baseball, 2 years JV Baseball

-I am known for being the most handsome Irish Redhead at Raytown High.

Hamblen, Matt

4 years Symphony Band, 4 years Marching Band, 3 years Soccer, 3 years Varsity Swimming, 1 year Captain, State Qualifier in

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Senior year, 1 years Girls Swim Manager

-I am known for Dynamic personality and boyish charm, plus I'm really sexy.

Hamilton, Jesse

2 years Choir, 1 year Camerata, Participated in "Guys and Dolls," 1 year Woodshop, Studio Drawing and Painting

-I am known for Rockin!

Hanglin, C.J.

-I am known for always being the quiet guy.

Harris, Katie

1 year Yearbook, 1 year Newspaper, 2 years Camerata, 3 years Concert Choir, 4 years Volleyball, 2 years Varsity Volleyball

Henson, Keisha

1 year choir, 2 years FCCLA-1 year President, 3 years Theatre

-I am known for being a teacher's pet, changing my attitude/life, caring about others being good advice and being creative.

Hernandez, Mandy

4 years Volleyball, 2 years Varsity, 1 year Varsity Swimming, 4 years Student Council (Class President 3 years, Student Body Vice President 1 year) 1 year Symphony Band, 1 year Concert Choir, 2 years Electronic Journalism, Newspaper, 2 years NHS

-I am known for voted Best Personality!

Herrman, Jimmy

4 years Varsity Soccer, Honorable Mention: Soccer 03-04, 2nd Team All-Conference Soccer 04-05, 1st Team All-Conference Soccer 05-06, 1st Team All-District Soccer 05-06, 2nd Team Missouri Western Region 05-06, 1st Team All-Conference 06-07, 1st Team All District 06-07, 1st Team Western Region 06-07, 1 year Heckler

-I am known for being the best soccer player in soccer and having many friends.

Himes, John

-I am known for the guy with a huge hole in ear.

Hinesley, Cory

4 years Varsity Golf, 1 year 15th all conference, 1 year 13th all conference, 1 year 2nd team districts, 4 years art club, 4 years THEATRE, 5 years Hall-mark explorers, 2 years Electronic Journalism, 1 year Editor-in-Chief, Gloria in "Wait Until Dark," Mimi in "Guys and Dolls," Mary Tilford

in "The Children's Hour," assistant director for 42nd Street, Tech crew for RHS Shows, 4 years Baseball Manager, 1 year Mixed Media Ninjas, 2005 Miss Bluejay, Inducted in Student Wall of Fame: 2006, Attended the Missouri Fine Arts Academ

-I am known for my theatre and artsyness.

Holden, Demondea

football, baseball

Holmes, Skyelore

-I will be remembered for being outspoken.

Hunt, Kristin

3 year choir, 1 year DECA

-I am known for my loyalty.

Hurst, Matthew

3 years Concert Orchestra, 2 years Football, 1 1/2 yea Debate

-I am known for blowing my knee out playing baseball for fun.

Johnson, Calvin

4 years Varsity Football, Ran for Mr. Raytown, 3 years Choir

-I am known for my good looks, makin people hap-

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py, being myself, respecting others, and knowing everyone.

Jones, Anthony

4 years Marching Band, 4 years Jazz Band

-I am known for my off-the-wall ideas and approaching to most situations.

Jones, Porsha

1 year Forensics

-I am known for being quiet and a very easygoing person.

Kelly, Sean

2 years JV Basketball, 2

years Varsity Basketball, 1 year band

-I am known for my fiery personality.

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Kuhn, Alex

3 years Yearbook, 1 year Photo Editor, 3 years Orchestra, 2 years Symphony Orchestra, 4 years Water Polo, 4 years Varsity Swimming, 2 years State Swim Team Conference Champion in the 500 freestyle, Eagle Scout, 1st runner up for model city at Boy's State

Lang, Katelyn

4 years Theatre, Played the role of Helen in "Up the Down Staircase," Played the role of Lois "The Children's Hour"

L



Lagrant, Stephanie

4 years Theatre, 2 years Concert Orchestra, 2 years Symphony Orchestra, Tech Crew for "42nd Street," "Wait Until Dark," and "Up the Down Staircase," Children's Shows, Reader's Theatre, and One Acts.

-I am known for being the smart, nice church girl who without any haste, helps anybody. I'm the girl with the crazy curly hair who cannot control it.

Leak, Adrienne

4 years Student Council, 1 year Student Body President, 4 years Swimming-1 year Captain, 2 years Symphony Orchestra, 1 year Choir, 1 year NHS, 2 years Electronic Journalism, and 1 year Student Wellness Committee

-I am known for being Mormon.

Leigh, Shanell

2 years Choir

-I am known for having a great personality and giving good advice. Also I am funny with a positive attitude all the time.

Lewis, Carey

2 years Student Council, 2 years NHS, 4 years Symphony Orchestra, 1 year Concert Master, 1 year Tri-M Music Honor Society, 1 year Concert Choir, 1 year Camerata All District Orchestra 2006-2007, 3 years State Piano Solo 1 Rating, 1 year State Violin Solo 1 Rating, Lullaby League in "Wizard of Oz," Lorraine Flemming in "42nd Street," Ellen in "Up the Down Stair Case," Lead Cuban Dancer and Choreographer in "Guys and Dolls," Karen Wright in "The Children's Hour," 4 years Theatre, 1 year Boulevard Singers.

-I am known for playing piano, violin, acting, and dancing.

Lindsay, Tim

4 years Symphonic & Marching Band, 2 years Section Leader, 4 years Baseball, 2 years Team Captain, 3 years Musical Orchestra

-I am known for playing baseball and being awesome.

Lindsey, Jess

2 years Boys Swimming, 1 semester Debate

-I am known for being flirtatious, understanding, and a teacher's pet.

Lipps, Linnsey

4 years Volleyball, 4 years Off-Season Volleyball,

Winning Most Blockes in 2005, Winning the HARD (heart, attitude, resillance, desire) award in 2004, 1 year Basketball, 2 years Yearbook, 1 year Yearbook Editor

-I am known for being very blunt and never holding back what I have to say. I'm also known for being very outgoing, athletic, and a volleyball player.

Lopez, John

1 year Basketball Manager, 2 years Football, 3 years Baseball Manager, 1 year Choir, 1 year Concert Choir, 2 years Wrestling Manager

-I am known for voicing my opinion, having a big mouth, being very outspoken, being nice but mean at times, and being the big brown Mexican.

Lutman, Byronita

4 years softball, 1 year basketball, 2 years Best Offensive Player, 2 years 2nd team All-Conference for softball at shortstop position.

-I am known for playing softball, being loud, crazy and outgoing.

Lyons, Mike

-I am known for being the guy who just comes to school, gets his work, and leaves.

Mack, Jesse

1 year FCCLA, 3 years Band, 4 years Football, 1 year Track and Field

-I am known for the strongest, most injury prone human in this school.

Maddock, Brandon

3 years Football, 1 year Key Club, 3 years Perfect

M



Attendance, 1 year Choir, 4 years Honor Roll

-I am known for being the mad-dog nose.

McCarthy, Ashley

-I am known for the girl that moved from Arizona!

McClaffin, Ian

4 years Band, 4 years Jazz Band, 2 years Concert Choir, 1 year Camerata, Frankie in "42nd Street," Calvin the Missionary Worker in "Guys and Dolls," 2 years Percussion Club, 3 years All-District Band, 2 years All-District Jazz, 1 year All-State Orchestra, 1 ratings at state solo contest, Drum Line Captain

-I am known for being that hip cat on the drum line and that kid who always played the drums.

McCray, Kei-Shae

1 year Softball, 1 year Young Democrats of America, All-Conference 2006-2007 Debate

-I am known for my outgoing personality and beautiful smile. I'm also known for my smart mouth and caring ways.

Meade, Victoria

2 years Young Democrats of America, 2 years Key Club, 1 year Art Club, Comp 110, Fiction 214

-I am known for my hair...or lack there of.

Melson, Rachel

4 years Softball (2 Varsity), 3 yrs. Debate (2 Varsity)-All Conference: Oratory, Poetry, Domestic Extemp, and Lincoln Douglas Debate, 2 years Young Democrats of America, District Semifinals Domestic Extemp, 2 years Student Council Representative, 2 years Basketball, 2 years Symphony Orchestra, District Orchestra "1" Rating

-I am known for always speaking my mind.

Menough, Jonathan

-I am known for being me.

Miller, Russell

1 year Baseball

-I am known for my crazy sense of humor and outgoing personality.

Moon, Holly

4 years Marching Band, 4 years Symphonic Band, 4 years Choir, 1 year Camerata, 2 years NHS, 2 years Tri-M, 3 years NFL, Played a mission band member in "Guys and Dolls," 9th and 10th grade Choir Member 2003-2004, 3 years, pit for the musicals, 1st and 2nd team in Forensics

-I am known for being the shortest girl in band.

Moua, Maikiia

-I am known for a quiet person.

Murphy, Kelsey

1 year Key Club, 1 year DECA

-I am known for always being happy and making people laugh and loving Tony Gonzalez

Myers, Ryan

4 years Swimming- 1 year Captain, All Conference, State Qualifier, 4 years Marching Band, 4 years Symphonic Band, 1 year Musical Pit for 42nd Street, 2 years, Tri-M, 4 years Jazz Band, 4 years Water Polo-1 year Captain, 1 year Football

-I am known for diving far, stroking fast, and finishing hard... and driving the purple truck.

Niclas, Franciou

3 years football, 3 years basketball, 1 year Track

W



-I am known for being very quiet in the weight room and being the hardest working player.

O'Connell, Krista

3.0 GPA or better all four years in school, A+ Program

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I am known for being the smallest/shortest girl in school. I'll probably be remembered as someone who's nice to everyone who's nice to me and as someone who's always there to listen.

Ogrizovich, Kathryn

3 years Theatre, 4 years Advanced Math

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Pangestuti, Nita

6 months Foreign Exchange Student, 6 months Key Club International, 2 months Basketball Manager, 4 months Literary Magazine, 6 months Foreign Language Club

-I am known for a 17 year old girl who learns more about herself and always try to be a real single fighter. I know it's hard to live in America, but I love it! I LOVE RAYTOWN! Thanks Raytown for teaching me about everything.

Pecina, Lauren

3 years Student Council, 1 year Student Body Secretary, 2 years Mediators, 2 years NHS, 2 years

Cheerleading, 1 year Electronic Journalism, 1 year Newspaper Designer, Played a Hot Box girl in "Guys and Dolls," Played role of Evelyn in "The Children's Hour," Make-up/Dresser for "42nd Street" and "Wait Until Dark," Box Office for "Up the Down Staircase"

-I am known for being fashionable and smart.

Peltier, Devon

3 years Choir. Lettered in 4 years Basketball and Track. First Team All-Conference in Track, First Team All-Conference in Basketball

-I am known for dressing unique and being in the gym. I will also be known for being from the Virgin Islands.

Pennington, Michael

2 years Raytown High School Band

-I am known for my respect for authority, being cool, helpful, and honest.

Peterson, Lindsay

4 years Student Council, Historian, 2 years Marching Band, 2 years Symphonic Band, 2 years NHS, 1 year Boys Swimming Manager

-I am known for reading the morning announcements.

Phillips, Sam

4 years Band

-I am known for being called Big Red.

Pinson, Marshaun

1 year Choir, 3 years Football, 2 years DECA, 1 year Track

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-I am known for my smile, of course, being a friendly person and a rebel.

Reardon, Dyan

-I am known for everyone pronouncing my name wrong and wearing pink every day.

Reddick, Brandon

Played role of Nathan Detroit in "Guys and Dolls." Played role of Lou Martin in "Up the Down Staircase," Played role of Dogcatcher in "Annie," 4 years Theatre, 1 year Debate, 1 year Baseball, 2 years Spanish, 4 years of Gym

-I am known for Playing Nathan Detroit in "Guys and Dolls."

Reed, Anthony

4 years Golf, 2 years Varsity, 4 years Symphonic Band, 4 years Marching Band, 4 years Pep Band, 2 years Theatre, 1 year Special Topics Theatre, Running crew for "42nd Street," Cast in "Wait Until Dark," Cast in "Boys Next Door," Crew for "The Children's Hour"

-I am known for the role of Norman Bulansky in "The Boys Next Door."

Reinig, Samantha

2 years Cheerleading 1 year Varsity, 1 year Forensics, 2 years Student Council, 2 years NHS, 4 years Symphony Orchestra, 1 year Hooligans, 1 year Hecklers

Rhodes, Tinisha

2 years Electronic Yearbook, 1 year Yearbook, 1 year Track, 1 year Freshmen Basketball, 2 years DECA, 1 year President of DECA, 1 year FCCLA

-I am known for being a flirt.

Rice, Jenny

4 years Choir, 1 year Camerata, 1 year Junior Varsity Soccer, 4 years Volleyball, 1 year Student Council, 2 years Theatre Arts, 1 year Swim Manager

-I am known for being Jynny!

Richardson, Justin

2 years Basketball

-I am known for making people laugh and getting on people's nerves.

Rife, Tanya

4 years Choir, 3 years Concert Choir

-I am known for being happy!

Rigoli, Rocky

6 years Your Mother, 4 years Band, 1 year Drum Major, 4 years Theatre, Munchkin Coroner in "Wizard of Oz," Fred the Thug in "42nd Street," Mr. McHabe in "Up the Down Staircase," Nicely Nicely Johnson in "Guys and Dolls," Dr. Joseph Cardin in "The Children's Hour," 1 year Mixed Media Ninjas, Senior Superlative-Most Theatrical, 2 years Mediators, 3 yrs. Masters of Comedy Improv Troup (Coterie)

-I am known for being in Your Mother, My Jovial Laugh, Theatre, Winning the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize, being fun, and being a nice dude

Robertson, Alaina

2 years Marching Band, 1 year Concert Band, 3 years Student Council

-I am known for being Emily Robertson's daughter.

Rockley, Erica

4 years Varsity Softball, 1st Team All-Conference 2006, All-Conference Honorary Captain, 2 years Varsity Baseball Manager, 4 years Theatre, 2 years Peer Mediators, 2 years NHS- 1 year President 2006-2007, 1 year Student Council-

Secretary, 2 year Marching and Symphonic Band

-I am known for my softball abilities and being The Rock!

Sanders, Brayonna

1 year Sophomore Choir, 1 year A Cappella Choir, 1 year FCCLA

-I am known for being the quiet girl.

Saylor, Ali

1 year Yearbook, 1 year Hooligans, 1 year Hecklers, 1 year Varsity Cheer (St. Mary's), 1 year Softball (St. Mary's), 1 year Spirit Club (St. Mary's), 1 year Student Council (St. Mary's)

-I am known for knowing the lyrics to every song.

Scheer, Heather

2 years Key Club, 1 year Club 121, Freshman Volleyball 1 year Vice President of FCCLA, 2 years Animal Club, Vice President

-I am known for how happy I am. I love to go around smiling and saying hi to random people in the hallway. I am also known for being very gullible. I am a person full of joy and happiness.

Schwarz, Lindsey

3 years Symphony Orchestra, Finished 50 hours of Community Service for A+. 1 year "Hooligan" for the Raytown High School Basketball Team.

-I am known for having a great personality and being friends with everyone.

Sengvong, Samantha

2 years Yearbook, 1 year Editor-in-Chief, 3 years Choir, 1 year Boulevard Singers, 2 years Concert Choir, 1 year Camerata, 1 year All-District Choir 2004-2005, 4 years Student Council, 2 years Vice President, 2 years NHS, 3 years Varsity Soccer

-I am known for being little and loud.

Shannon, Mike

3 years Varsity Soccer, 2 years Electronic Journal-

ism, 1 year Mixed Media Ninjas

Sharp, Jackie

4 years Jaywalkers, 1 year Captain, 2 years Choir, 2 years NHS, 1 year Vice President, Cast in "42nd Street" and "Guys and Dolls," 3 years Spanish

-I am known for being the girl who always has a smile on her face.

Simpson, Brandi

4 years Varsity Cross-Country, 1 year Senior Varsity Captain, 2nd Team All-Conference 2006, 4 years District qualifier, 1 year Sectional qualifier, 4 years Varsity Track, 1 year Distance Captain, 4 years Speech and Debate, 3 years on District Squad, 2 years NHS, 2 years Yearbook, 1 year Photographer 1 year Design Editor, 4 years National Honor Roll, 2 years Who's Who Among High School Students

-I am known for being a runner and the only girl distance track runner for 3 years.

Sims, Celeste

1 year Volleyball, 1 year DECA

-I am known for my odd personality.

Smith, Awanda

1 yr. Forensics and Debate, 1 yr. Track and Field

I am known for being nice.

Smith, Jay

-I am known for being the funniest kid in school, even though I didn't get voted class clown.

Smith, Mike

2 years Concert Choir, 1 year Camerata, 3 years Forensics, Duo National Qualifier 05-06, Duo Conference Champion 05-06, Duo First Team All District 05-06, All District Choir 03-04, Arvide in "Guys and Dolls," 1 year Heckler

-I am known for fatness and ability to turn my feet backwards.

Southworth, Shelly

4 years Jaywalkers 1 year Captain, 4 years Symphony Band, 1 year Student Council, Winnie in "42nd Street," Chorus in "Guys and Dolls," Choreographed dance numbers for "Guys and Dolls"

Spain, Kierra

-I am known for being funny, pretty, kind, and my beautiful smile.

Stamps, Shamika

3 years Debate, 2 year Choir, 3 years Track and Field

-I am known for having a positive attitude.

Stimach, Julian

2 years Concert Orchestra, 2 years NHS, 1 year Literary Magazine

-I am known for being commist.

Storey, Jazmine

3 years Forensics, 1 year Debate, 1 year Choir, 1 year Key Club

-I am known for being loud, silly, sometimes being mean but always having a smile on my face.

Suydam, Jared

2 years Basketball, 2 years Football, 4 years Baseball, 1 year Debate

-I am known for constantly being late for everything.

Swanner, Aaron

3 years Baseball, 1 year Basketball, 3 years Hecklers, 1 year Debate, 2 years Forensics, 2nd Team All-Conference Forensics Duo interp.

-I am known for my big head, my funny personality, my hair, and for my big, gigantic, enormously large heart.

Taylor, Josh

-I am known for being humorous and laid-back.

Taylor, Marissa

-I am known for my good hair, my personality, being with Chris Harris, being evil at times, acting silly, and just being me!

Thatcher, Taina

1 year Electronic Journalism

-I am known for being goofy and being ME.



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Thompson, Amber

2 years NHS, 4 years Cheerleading 2 years Varsity Captain, 4 years band, 2 years Drum Major, 3 years Track, 4 years Student Council, 3 years Treasurer, 1 year Student Body President, 3 years Mediators, Won AI Oetting Outstanding Junior Athlete Award
-I am known for being involved in a lot of activities.

Thompson, Heather

4 years Marching/Symphonic Band, 2 years NHS, 1 rating at District Band Contest, 1 year Track and Field, 3rd place VFW audio essay contest at post level

Toney, William

4 yrs. Wrestling, 1 yr. Baseball, 4 yrs. Orchestra
I am known for having superpowers.

Troop, Molly

3 years Varsity Soccer-2 years Captain, 2 years Concert Choir, 1 year Cross Country, 1 year Varsity Soccer, 3 years Student Council-1 year Class Vice President, 2 years NHS
-I am known for playing soccer, swimming, and being nice to everyone.

Tuck, Zachary

4 years Cross Country, 4 years track, 2 years Robotics, 1 year Basketball, 1 year Japanese Culture Club, 2 years Academic Team
-I am known for wearing shorts all of the time!

Urich, Dallas

3years Golf

-I am known for being the golfer no one knew about.

Villarreal, Lauren

4 years Girls Swimming, 1 year Captain of Swimming, 1 year State, Tapper and Munchkin in "Wizard of Oz," Tapper in "42nd Street", Babe in "Guys and Dolls," Francine in "Up the Down Staircase," Agatha in "The Children's Hour," 1 year Choir, 2 years Orchestra, 2 years NHS, 4 years Theatre, 2 years Art, 3 college classes through UMKC

-I am known for coming in last in relay in Raytown/Ray-

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South Assembly, being late, making wise choices, and being smart.

Waddy, CJ

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4 years Marching Band
-I am known for wearing my house shoes all the time.

Wallace, Ashley

4 years Color Guard, 1 year Captain, 4 years Symphony Band, 2 years Key Club

-I am known for being the quiet girl in class.

Walter, Stephanie (Beth)

4 years Symphonic Band, 1 year Soccer, 1 year Volleyball, 2 years NHS, Dresser for "Guys and Dolls," 1 year FCCLA

-I am known for talking.

Weickert, Megan

4 years Choir, 3 years Concert Choir
-I am known for being the typical blonde in my group of friends.

Whalen, Clint



2 years Newspaper, 1 year Advertising Editor, 4 years Theatre, "Wizard of Oz" (role: Munchkin and Ozian), "42nd Street" (Oscar), "Guys and Dolls" (Drunk, Joey Biltmore, Master of Ceremonies)
I am known for loving and eating Taco Bell everyday and dying my hair so many times each year.

Whitley, DeMonte'

2 years Track, 3 years Football, 2 years Yearbook, 1 year Debate, 2 years Basketball, 1 year Sports Editor, 1 year Newspaper
-I am known for being offensive player of the year in football for 2005-2006 season, very funny, giving, friendly, and lovable.

Wilkes, Daniel

4 years Choir, 2 years Camerata, 3 years Theatre, Cast Member-"Wizard of Oz," "42nd Street," "Wait Until Dark," "Guys and Dolls," "Boys Next Door, 2 years Academic team, 2 years NHS, 1 year Student Council-Senior Class Treasurer, 2003-2004 All-District Freshman-Sophomore Choir

-I am known for being a swell guy and a peachy dancer.

Williamson, Siera

1 year Key Club, 1 year Foreign Language Club
I am known for not caring what anybody thinks and wearing mismatched clothes.

Wilson, Amber

4 years Volleyball, 4 years Soccer, All District Volleyball 2006
-I am known for being athletic and playing varsity volleyball for 3 years and varsity soccer for 4 years.

Wilson, Kayla

1 year Jaywalkers, 2 years Yearbook, 1 year Photography Editor, 1 year Concert Choir, 2 years NHS, 1 year NHS Historian, Dancer and Chorus in "42nd Streeer," and "Guys and Dolls"

-I am known for always having a camera around my neck.

Wimmer, Emma

4 years Varsity Swimming, 1 year Captain, 4 years Symphony Orchestra, 2 years NHS, 3 years Literary Magazine, 1 year Senior Editor

-I am known for listening, bright eyes, drinking tea, writing post-its, attacking people for touching my food, and being a smart blonde.

Winders, Zach

4 years Baseball, 2 years Football, 4 years Band

Wingate, Sarah

2 years NHS, 3 years Art Club
-I am known for being the quiet girl.

Woodward, David

4 years Choir, 1 year Camerata, 2 years Wrestling, 1 year Varsity Wrestling, 1 year Academic Team, 1 year Robotics, "Guys and Dolls," "42nd Street"

-I am known for riding my motorcycle even when it was freezing, talking about the flag, debating in class, and being religious.

Zoellers, Brandon

3 years Yearbook, 1 year Sports Editor

-I am known for being the quiet guy that sat in the back of the room and didn't bother anybody unless I really wanted to.



This year in review

In November, a bill was finally passed to ban smoking in restaurants and bars in Independence and Olathe.



Windows released the Vista, a new line of PCs, notebooks, and media centers, to compete with Apple's Mac versions.

The Wii, a new videogame system from Japan swept the United States with its interactive games and controllers.



Former Kansas City Monarchs Negro League player John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil died. He played a major role in Negro Baseball.

Larry Stewart, mysteriously known as the Kansas City Secret Santa, died after giving away over \$1.3 million to random citizens.



The Daytona 500 was one to remember. The race came down to a tenth of a second victory for Kevin Harvick over Mark Martin.

Varsity Boys Basketball won the District 5 Section 16 championship game against cross town rivals, Raytown South.



Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt dies at age 74 after over 400 years of being the owner. Fans mourned Hunt's death.

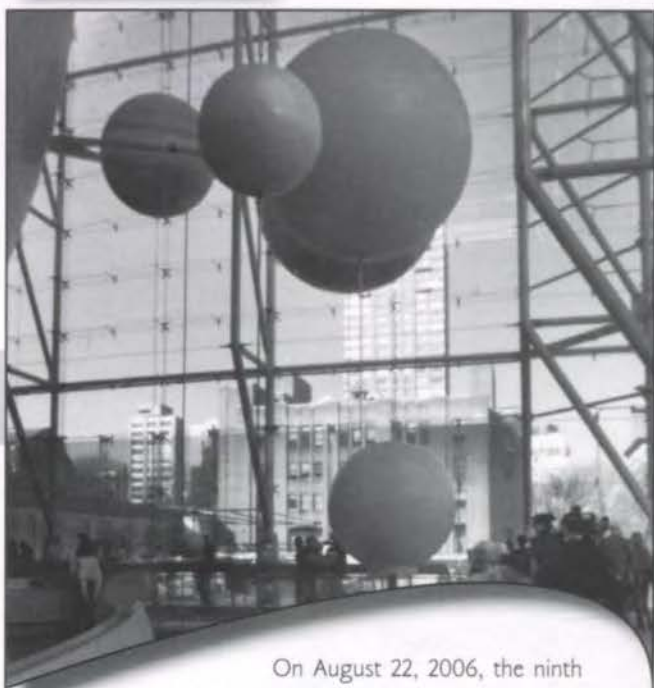
August



On January 8, 2006, Herman Edwards signed a four-year, 12 million-dollar contract to be the head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs. Herman would then replace the head, retiring, Coach Dick Vermeil.

In August, after months of hard training, the Chiefs started their season, Edwards coached the Chiefs through the first rounds of pre-season games. Later on, Edwards made his coaching debut with the Kansas City Chiefs. After losing the first two season games, Edwards finally lead the chiefs to victory to a 41-0 to the San Francisco 49ers. Edward would lead the chiefs to a season record of 9-7, losing to the Colts in the wild card pick for play-offs. Overall, this season saw many highs and lows such as main quarterback Trent Green being injured and backs up quarterback Damon Haud receiving the second best rating in the NFL.

Kansas City Chiefs head coach Herm Edwards gestures towards the clock in the fourth quarter of NFL football action in the Wild Card playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts in Indianapolis, Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007. The Colts defeated the Chiefs, 23-8. (AP Photo/Michael Corvay)



On August 22, 2006, the ninth planet Pluto was thrown out of the solar system as being defined as a planet because it did not meet all of the requirements for being a planet. In replace, it is now known as a "dwarf planet."

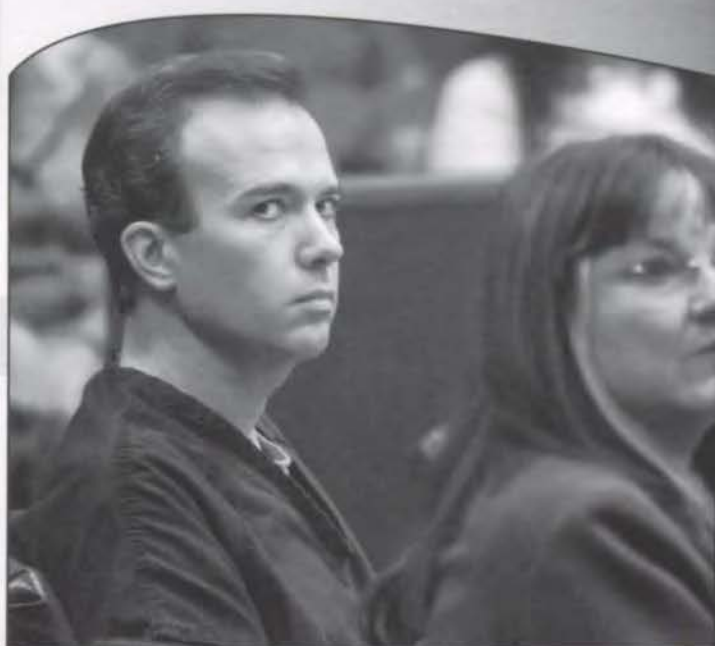
Many controversies occurred because some argued that Pluto does meet the requirements. For many years, scientists had thought that Pluto was actually larger than Mercury, but since the discovery of Pluto's moon Charon, scientists have concluded that Pluto's mass in comparison with the orbit of Charon is much smaller than what was believed. Thus, there remains only eight planets in our solar system and three dwarf planets, one being the newly added Pluto.

Planets dangle in the Scales of the Universe, a walkway that shows the relative sizes of galaxies, stars, planets and atoms, in the new Rose Center for Earth and Space at New York's American Museum of Natural History on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000. Museum officials unveiled their new planetarium, which is scheduled to open to the public Feb. 19. (AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

In August 2006, former schoolteacher, John Mark Karr confessed to the murder of six year old, JonBenet Ramsey. He faces first-degree charges for kidnapping, sexual assault and murder of JonBenet Ramsey.

Ramsey was a six-year-old beauty queen murdered in December of 1996 in her Boulder, Colorado Home. This case became national due to its strange details such as the way she was murder, the bizarre ransom note, and the mishandling of the crime scene. Karr was arrested in August of 2006 after he reportedly confessed to the crime, but was then released two days later when officials announced that the DNA didn't match that of the DNA found at the crime scene. The JonBenet Ramsey case is still an ongoing mystery.

John Mark Karr, left, appears with his lawyers Rob Amparan, right, and Gayle Gutekunst in Sonoma County Superior Court before Judge Cerena Wong on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006 in Santa Rosa, Calif. Karr, the man who confessed to murdering JonBenet Ramsey only to be exonerated, plans to fight the five year-old misdemeanor child pornography charges he faces in California, his defense lawyer said Thursday. (AP Photo/John Burgess, pool)



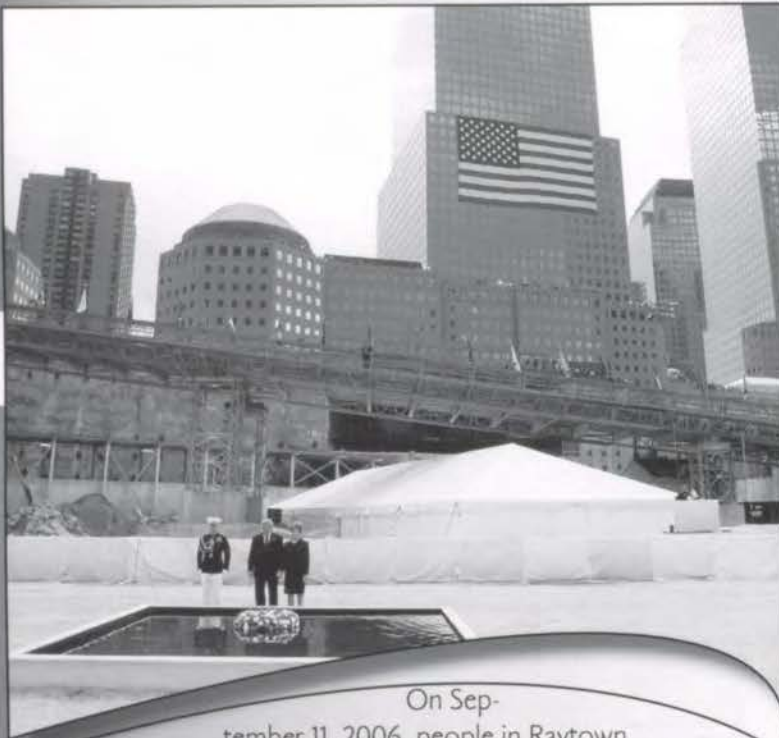
September



On September 9th the space shuttle Atlantis embarked on a twelve-day journey. The main objective of the 6-man crew was to add truss segments, solar arrays and batteries to the international space station. This mission was important because it had been pushed back once because of the Columbia accident in 2003 and once again for other reasons in 2006.

Left: The space shuttle Atlantis is moved from the Vehicle Assembly building atop the crawler transporter at the Kennedy Space Station in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007. Atlantis is headed for the launch pad where its scheduled for a March mission to the International Space Station. (AP Photo/Peter Cosgrove)

Right: Space Shuttle Discovery lifts off from launch pad 39B with a crew of seven at the Kennedy Space Center, Fla. Saturday Dec. 9, 2006 in the first nighttime space shuttle launch in four years. STS-116's twelve day mission will service the International Space Station. (AP Photo/John Raoux)



On September 11, 2006, people in Raytown wore their yellow ribbon and walked with heads held low. Churches and small youth groups gathered to remember and pray of the horrifying day. Prayers, cards, and hopes were sent out to the troops in Iraq. Hoping they will be coming home soon. Mothers, Fathers, kids, and grand kids all over Raytown remembered that day.

A military escort, left, stands at attention as President Bush, center, and his wife first lady Laura Bush, right, observe a moment of silence after laying a memorial wreath in a pool of water at ground zero Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006. Bush was in New York to help commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at ground zero. (AP Photo/Seith Wenig)

On September 4, the devastating news was delivered that the Discovery Channel star, Steve Irwin, had died. While filming shots for his upcoming movie "The worlds Deadliest", a stingray barbed him in the chest, piercing his left lung and heart. When they removed the stingray's tail, Irwin went into cardiac arrest. Kids all over the world were shocked to hear that a stingray had killed, our very own, The Crocodile Hunter.

Bindi Irwin, daughter of Australian environmentalist and television personality Steve Irwin, reads out a speech about her father at a memorial service for her father at Australia Zoo in Beerwah, Australia, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006. Irwin, known as the "Crocodile Hunter" was killed Sept. 4 by a stingray barb during a diving expedition on the Great Barrier Reef. (AP Photo/Steve Holland, POOL)

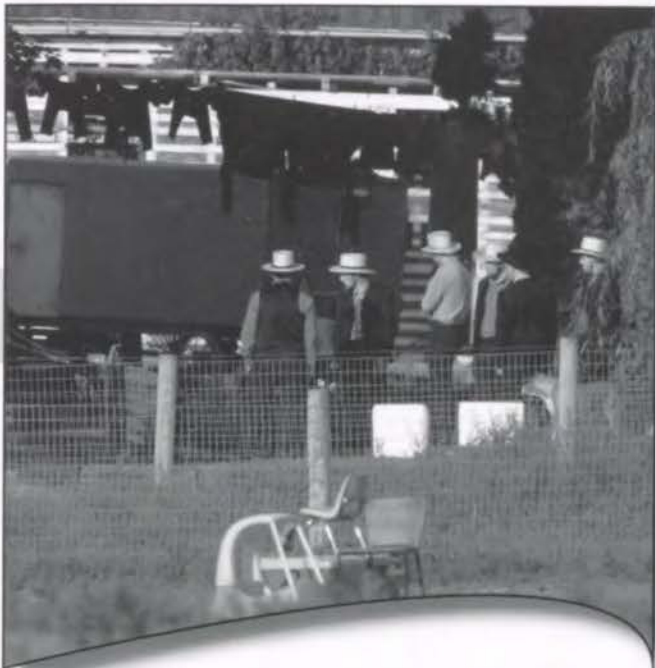


October



The President signed the Military Commissions Act on October 17, 2006, which will preserve the tools needed to help save American lives. This bill provides legal protections that will ensure our military and intelligence personnel will not have to fear lawsuits filed by terrorists simply for doing their jobs. It also recognizes offenses that would be considered crimes in the handling of detainees, so that our men and women who question captured terrorists can perform their duties to the fullest extent of the law.

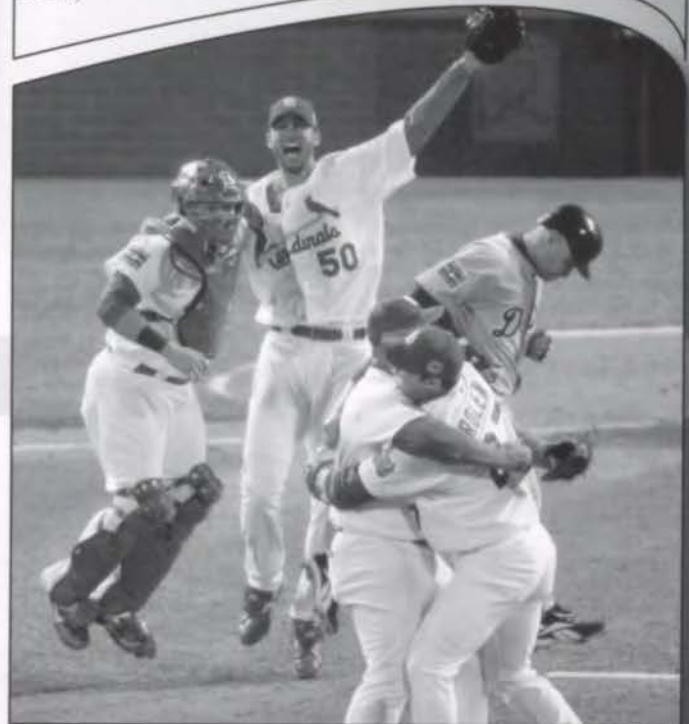
Right: Two AV-8B trimp May 22, 2006. The exercises held annually with this year involving with about 12,000 troops from the United States, Thailand and three other Asian countries from Singapore, Japan and Indonesia. The troops participate in a 12-day drill comprising with land, sea and air training. (AP Photo/ Apichart Weerawong) Left: President Bush, center seated, signs the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 during a ceremony at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, Friday, Dec. 17, 2004 in Washington. Bush signed into law the largest overhaul of U.S. intelligence gathering in 50 years, hoping to improve the spy network that failed to prevent the Sept. 11 attacks. Standing on stage with Bush are from left: Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., Vice Chairman, former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., Chairman of the 9/11 Commission Thomas Kean, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., and C.I.A. Director Porter Goss. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)



On Oct. 3, 2006 32-year-old Charles Carl Roberts IV injured six girls and killed one in an Amish schoolhouse. The shooting was located in Lancaster County, almost 60 miles west of Philadelphia. The wounded girls were taken to hospitals across the region, some with gunshot wounds to the head. State Police Commissioner Jeffrey Miller stated that Roberts had letters somewhat like suicide notes. The notes didn't make too much sense and when Robert's wife called him, he said that he was trying to achieve revenge for something that happened 20 years ago.

Children's toys sit in the foreground as Amish men gather early Tuesday morning, Oct. 3, 2006, in Nickel Mines, Pa. The Amish schoolhouse is right next door where Charles Carl Roberts IV killed five girls and wounding five others before turning the gun on himself. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

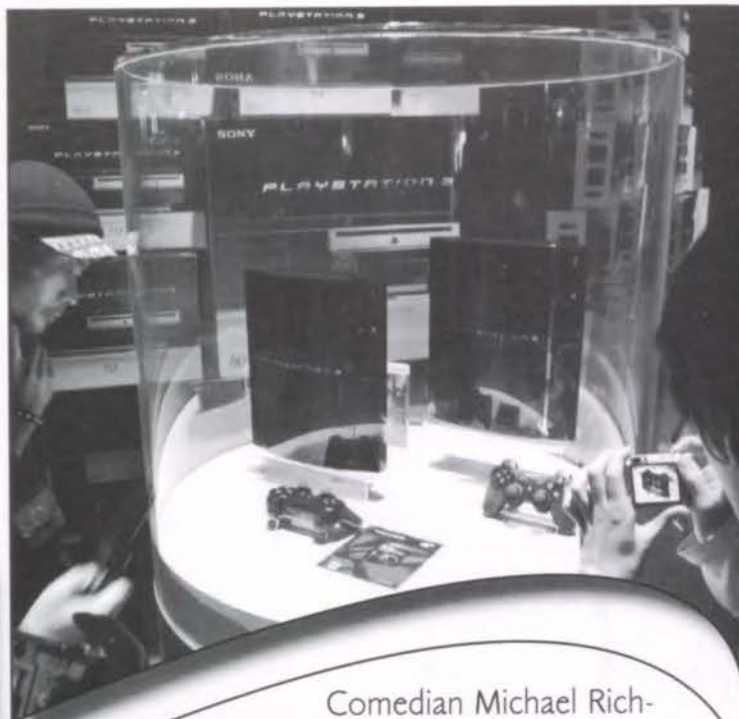
On October 27, 2006, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Detroit Tigers met in the 2006 World Series. After what seemed like an eternity of waiting for a championship, it finally came after 25 years. The Stl. Cardinals took the lead in the series 3-1. The Cardinals managed to hold that lead heading into the fifth game of the series. Two men out, bases loaded Brandon Inge up for Detroit Tigers was up. Inge fell behind in the count 0-2. Swung for the ball and made it the first world series to end in a stike out. The Cardinals beat the Tigers 4-2 for the championship. St. Louis Cardinals Adam Wainwright (50) celebrates with catcher Yadier Molina, right, as Detroit Tigers' Sean Casey walks off the field in the ninth inning of Game 5 of the World Series on Friday, Oct. 27, 2006 in St. Louis. At left St. Louis Cardinals Scott Rolen hugs teammate Albert Pujols. The Cardinals defeated the Tigers 4-2 to take the world series 4 games to 1. (AP Photo/Amy Sancetta)



November

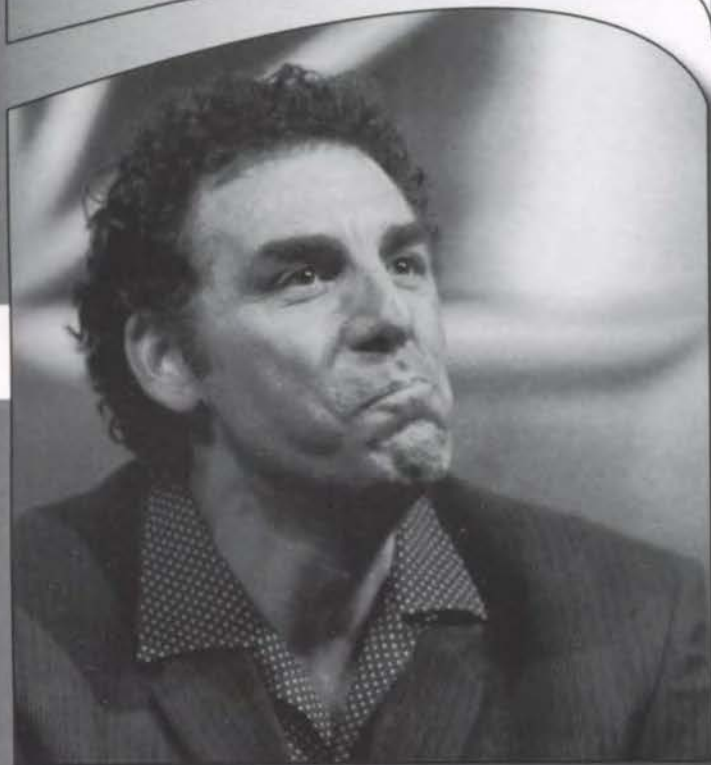
PlayStation releases the PS3 on November 17, 2006 in the United States. Reaching far beyond its past two systems, the PS3 is able to play Blue-ray Discs, an advanced technological disc, which improves the quality of the game. Two days later, Nintendo releases the Wii, a system without a traditional remote control. The Wii allows players to become part of the game by using the remote as an actual tool in the game.

Visitors at the Tokyo Game Show 2006 take photos of Sony's PlayStation 3 video game console on the opening day in Makuhari, east of Tokyo, Friday, Sept. 22, 2006. Sony announced that it will lower the price of its much-anticipated PlayStation 3 video game console, heating up the competition in the next-generation gaming war against rivals Microsoft and Nintendo.



Comedian Michael Richards, known as "Kramer," from *Seinfeld*, outbursts at a nightclub during a comedy skit, using racial slurs. Apparently, he was being "heckled" by black members of the audience. He stopped in the middle of his skit and began attacking the audience members. Later, after the incident, Richards apologized.

Michael Richards reacts after answering a question from a member of the Television Critics Association during NBC's portion of a press tour, Wednesday, July 19, 2000, in Pasadena, Calif. Three-time Emmy Award winner Richards returns to television series and teams with three former "Seinfeld" writer/producers in "The Michael Richards Show."



Missouri November 2006 elections: Republican Senator Jim Talent lost his senatorial re-election to Democratic candidate Claire McCaskill with a 50-47 vote. Senator Talent and Democrat McCaskill debated each other on Meet the Press, and because of their public debate, voters may have changed opinions of Talent's reaction to McCaskill's assertion.

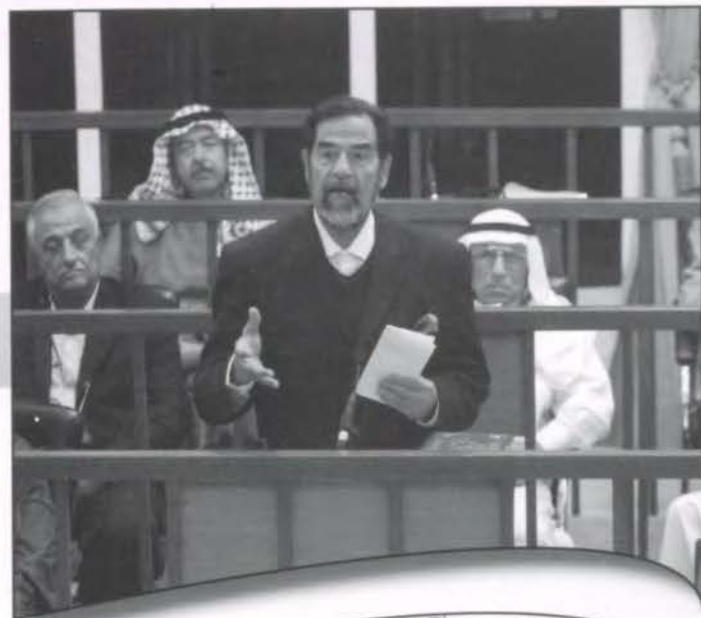
Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo., fields questions from the media after a campaign rally in Springfield, Mo., Friday, June 2, 2006. Talent, who is seeking his second term in office, formally launched his re-election campaign at the rally.

December



James Brown, "The Godfather of Soul," died at the age of 73 on December 25, 2006. Mr. Brown died of congestive heart failure after being hospitalized for pneumonia. Mr. Brown's career as a singer, songwriter, bandleader, and dancer lasted half a century. Throughout this career, he sold millions of records and regularly topped the rhythm-and-blues charts. Mr. Brown received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement award, BET Award for lifetime achievement and a Kennedy Center honor.

Left: The casket holding the body of James Brown is removed after his funeral service at the Carpentersville Baptist Church in North Augusta, SC., Friday, Dec. 29, 2006. Right: Paul McCartney, left, leans on James Brown's shoulder during the grand finale of the 31st Annual Songwriter's Hall of Fame Induction and Awards dinner in New York, Thursday, June 15, 2000.

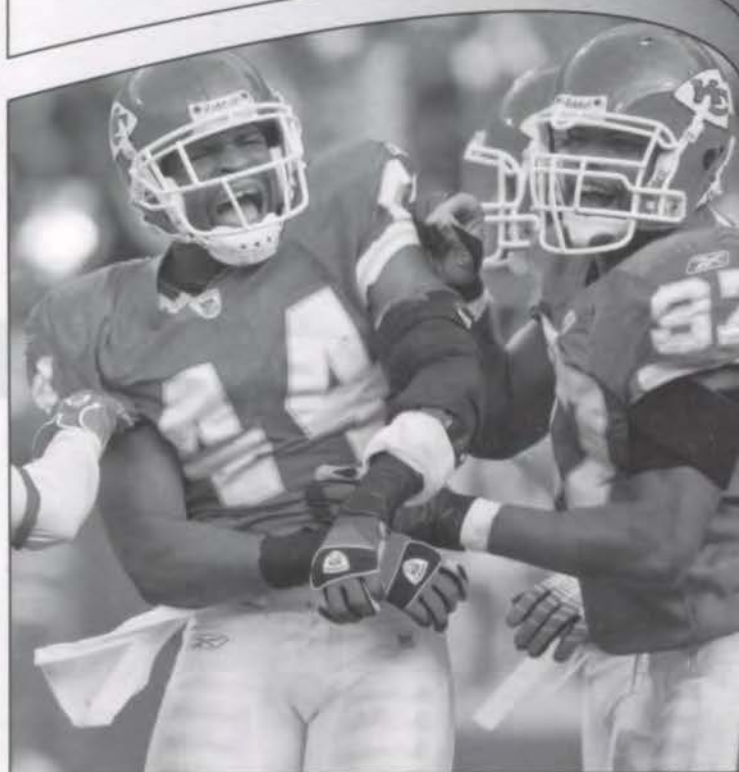


On the morning of December 30, 2006, Saddam Hussein was executed in Baghdad. Hussein was hanged for crimes committed during his reign as Iraqi dictator. Hussein was found guilty in Iraqi court for his role in the 1982 Dujail massacre where 148 innocent citizens of Iraq were killed when an assassination attempt against the former Iraqi president failed. Iraq's national security advisor, Mowaffak al-Rubaie commented to Iraqi television. "This dark page has been turned over. Saddam is gone," said Rubaie, "Today Iraq is an Iraq for all the Iraqis, and all the Iraqis are looking forward."

Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, center, testifies as his co-defendants look on during their trial on genocide charges at the fortified Green Zone in Baghdad, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006. Saddam's co-defendants are, front left, Sultan Hashim Ahmad al-Tai; middle row from left, Sabir al-Doori, Hussein Rashid Mohammad, Farhan Mutlaq Saleh; back row from left, Ali Hassan al-Majid and Taher Tawfiq al-Ani.

The game that brought tons of joy to the Kansas City area, right around the holiday season, was a success. On December 31, 2006, the Kansas City Chiefs played against the Jacksonville Jaguars and pulled through to win 35-30. After not making the playoffs in nine seasons, the Chiefs were very pumped to know that Denver let us into the playoffs. The Chiefs also needed New England to beat Tennessee, which in fact, did happen. While everyone was enjoying their New Year's parties, hanging on to the edge of their seats to see if Pittsburgh would overcome Cincinnati, and indeed did happen. Larry Johnson ended up setting an NFL record for carries in a season for the Chiefs. Trent Green, who missed eight starts because of a concussion, ended up leaving the game early for a sprained ankle in the third quarter, but returning shortly after Damon Huard gave us our lead on Jacksonville with 35.

Kansas City Chiefs safety Jarrad Page (44) celebrates with teammates cornerback Lenny Walls (35) and linebacker Keyaron Fox (97) following an interception during an NFL football game against the Oakland Raiders in Kansas City, Mo. on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006. The Chiefs won, 17-13.

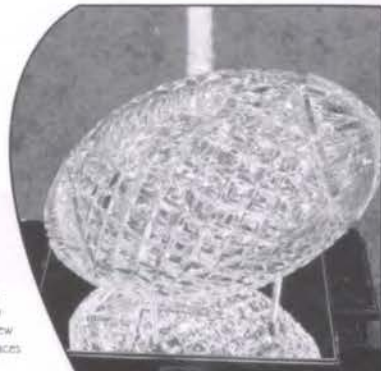


January



In New Orleans, Louisiana, the Sugar Bowl is an American college football game held every year. This year's championship game was a hard fought match between LSU and Notre Dame. The match eventually ended with the score 41-14, LSU winning the game. The Sugar Bowl has its Hall of Fame, and the awarded people who made achievement and contributed to a lot to the history.

Left: LSU coach Les Miles is dunked after a 41-14 win over Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl football game at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007. Right: The ADT National Championship Trophy is pictured during the 2004 Sugar Bowl Media Day at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans on Friday, Jan. 2, 2004. The Bowl Championship Series will conclude on Sunday when Oklahoma faces Louisiana State University in the Sugar Bow

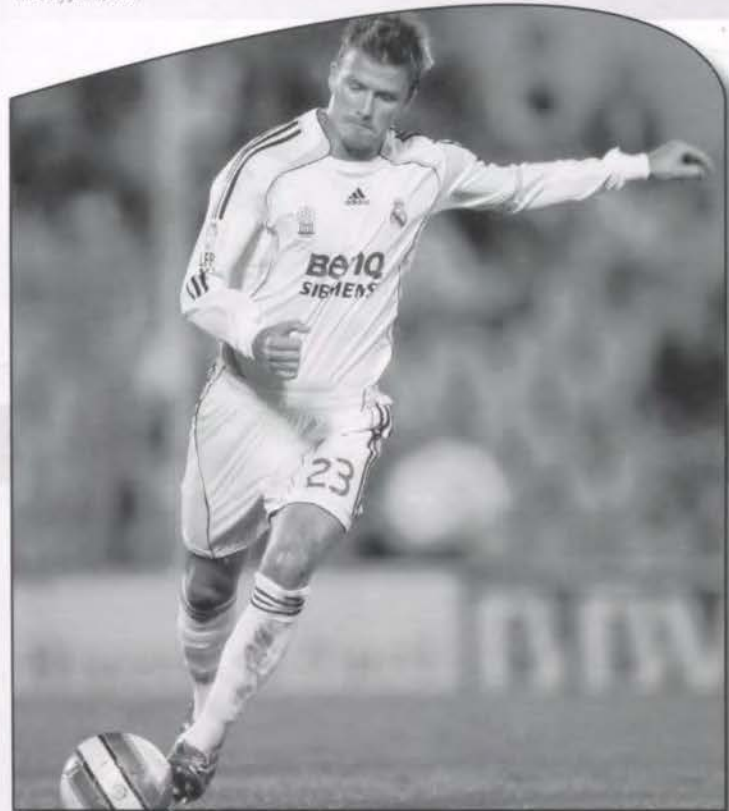


Senior Citizen Emma Faust Tillman, the oldest woman in the United States and daughter of former slaves, died on January 28, 2007 at 114 years old. She was born on November 22, 1892 on the plantation that her parents worked in Gibsonville, North Carolina. She died "peacefully" in Riverside health and Rehabilitation Center in Hartford. She lived independently until she was 110.

Emma Faust Tillman rests as her daughter, Marjorie Tillman helps prop her head back, at the Riverside Health and Rehabilitation in East Hartford, Conn., Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007. Tillman, 114 years old, had become the world's oldest person after Emiliano Mercado del Toro, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at his home on the northern coast of Puerto Rico. He was 115. (AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

One of the biggest events or moments that happened in sports history was the British soccer star David Beckham was to play in the United States, with the Los Angeles Galaxy. No one would have expected that Beckham would play in the United States, but it was a shock to everyone. One of the agreements that were given to David Beckham was that he had an agreement of a five year deal and a \$250 million contract with the Galaxy. David Beckham is the highest paid athlete in sports history.

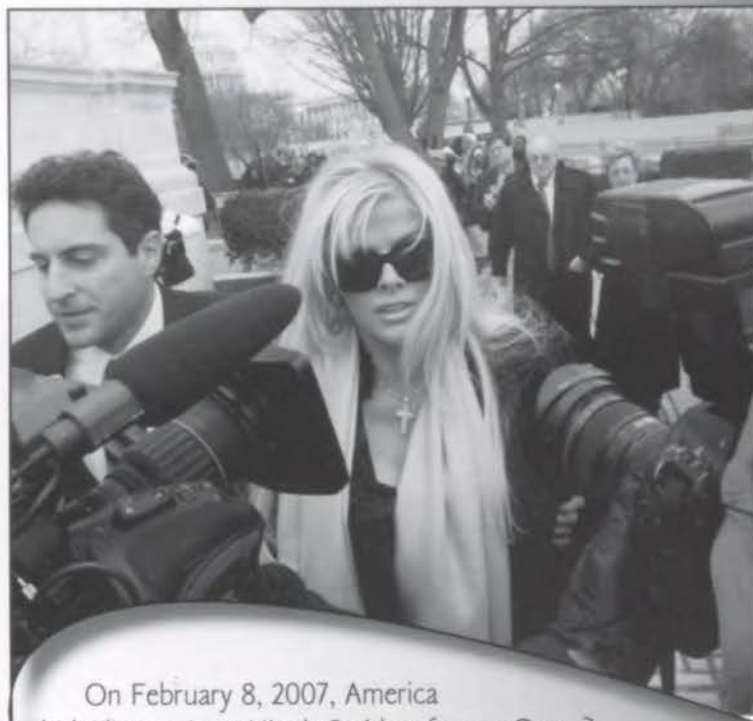
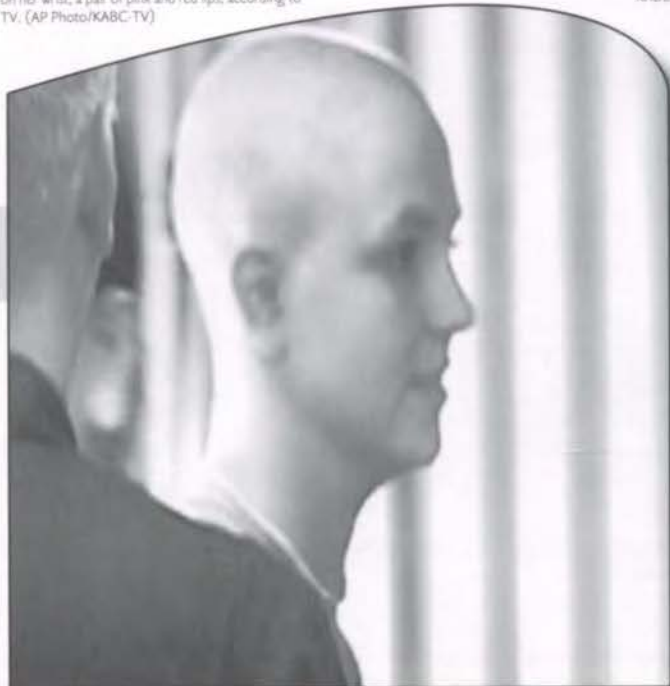
Real Madrid player David Beckham shots during a Spanish League soccer match against Getafe CF at the Coliseum Alfonso Perez stadium in Getafe, near Madrid, Spain, Saturday, Oct. 14 2006. English soccer player David Beckham will leave Real Madrid at the end of the season to join the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer in a five-year deal it was announced Thursday Jan. 11, 2007.



February

Britney Spears has shaved all her hair off! On February 17, 2007, Spears walked into a hair salon and shaved her own head after stylists refused. The reason? Apparently, she was sick and tired of people touching her, and following her around. Witnesses say that she was completely out of control, and she wouldn't stop screaming. In addition to her shaved head she also got two tattoos the following day. She is under a lot of stress and approaching a custody battle for her two sons, and her partying has not seemed to stop. She was recently seen checking into a rehabilitation center. Her behavior has turned upside down, from an innocent pop star to a smoking/drinking mother of two. Britney needs to clean up her act and put her wig on straight.

In this photo made from video provided by KABTV, Pop singer Britney Spears is at a Sherman Oaks, Calif., tattoo parlor Friday night, Feb. 16, 2007. Spears was there to get a couple of tiny tattoos on her wrist, a pair of pink and red lips, according to TV. (AP Photo/KABC-TV)



On February 8, 2007, America bid adieu to Anna Nicole Smith, a former Guess? model and mother of two. Smith and her new husband, Howard K. Stern, had just checked into the Seminole Hard Rock hotel in Hollywood, Florida. Shortly after, at 1:38 PM, Smith's nurse called hotel workers to report Smith unconscious. Later, at 2:10 PM, Smith was confirmed dead at Hollywood, Florida's Memorial Regional Hospital. Her cause of death, although still speculated, is suspected to have been due to a mixture of anti-depressants and alcohol. Smith left her estate to her late son, Daniel, and her Dannilynn, Smith's daughter, is now in the custody of her father after tumultuous fights and public battles. Smith is believed to have been grievous of her son's death.

Anna Nicole Smith, center, tries to shield herself from cameras as she arrives at the U.S. Supreme Court, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, in Washington with her attorney Howard K. Stern, left. Stern said Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2006, that he was the father of the reality TV star's newborn girl. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

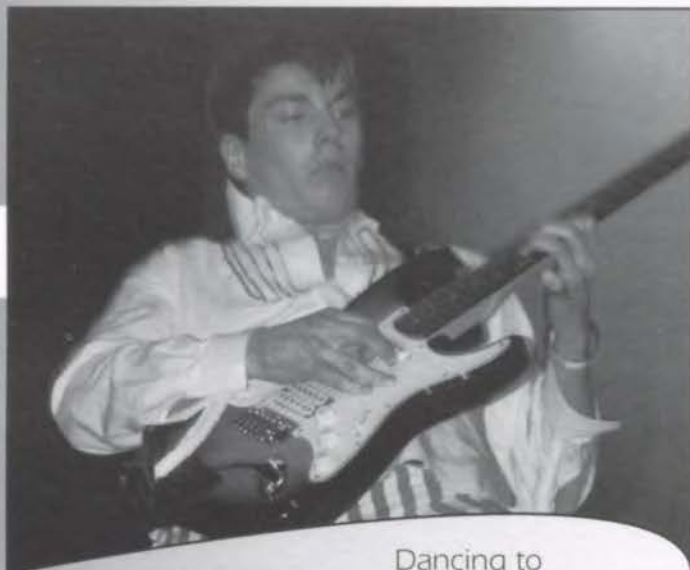
Several explosions engulfed a chemical power plant in flames February 7, forcing a two mile evacuation as the fire spread to nearby houses and released a toxic, sticky residue that residents were warned not to touch. It was later discovered that the toxic air and substance was not lethal to the surrounding areas and businesses.

The fire began after 55 gallon barrels containing chemicals exploded, causing even more explosions and fires, including three, 30,000 gallon tankers. No one was injured.

Smoke billows from a fire at a chemical plant in Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007. The explosions and fire at the Chemcentral plant in the area known as the East Bottoms, just northeast of downtown, billowed smoke that could be seen for at least 30 miles around the city. (AP Photo/Charlie Riedel) second picture for explosion



pops! concert



Dancing to "A Million Ways" by OK GO, **Junior Tad McLanahan**, and **Seniors Daniel Wilkes, Ian McClafin**, and **Mike Smith** in this dance troupe had the crowd gasping for air from laughing so hard.

"We got all the choreography from the music video. We actually had dance classes where we would all get together and practice at someone's house," said **Wilkes**.

"My mom and my sister helped us with learning choreography, and I really enjoyed working on it," said **McLanahan**.

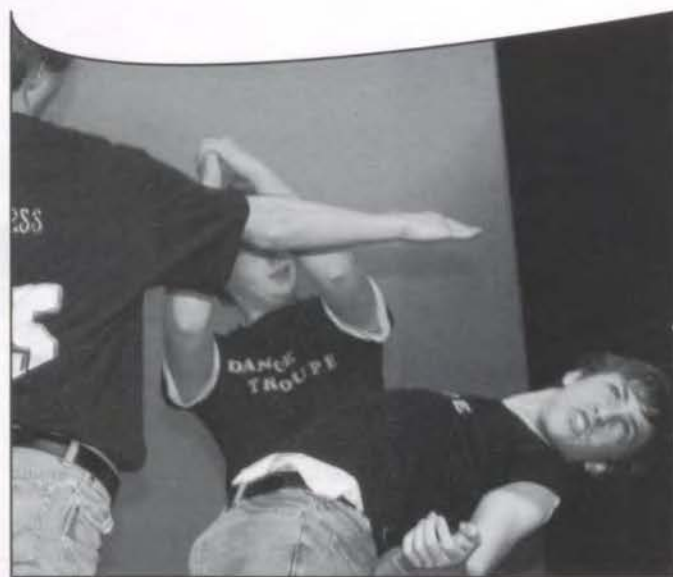
Because **McLanahan, Wilkes, Smith, and McClafin** used creativity and poise, their dance was the high-point of the evening. *Story by Katie Harris*

"I Believe In a Thing Called Love" by Darkness was performed by **Seniors Kenny Grasher, Ian McClafin, Jesse Hamilton, Junior Tad McLanahan**, and **Freshman Joe Farrand**. The performance had the audience standing on their feet constantly cheering.

"It was an amazing feeling being up there and doing that. I have only played the guitar for three years. I felt like a Golden God," said **Hamilton**.

"Standing backstage, I couldn't keep my eyes off the performance because it was so good. It was like being in concert," said **Senior Chauntee Clark**.

Story by Katie Harris



Singing "I Hope You Dance" by Lee Ann Womack, **Senior Samantha Sengvong** brought tears to the audience's eyes.

"When I walked out on the stage, before I even started singing I announced that I dedicated this song to my little sister and told her how much I love her. It's her favorite song, and I wanted to surprise her," said **Sengvong**, "and when I was finished, she came and found me backstage. Her shirt was all wet from crying."

Sengvong sang a song that had sentimental value to her and her family. The audience had tears in their eyes from listening to **Sengvong's** song to her sister.

It's no wonder parents and fellow students couldn't keep their cheeks dry. *Story by Katie Harris*



in review

Senior **Carey Lewis** plays an original piano solo she wrote herself. "My parents always wanted me to perform my piano solo. I figured senior year is the perfect time to do it," said **LEWIS**. Photo by Alex Kuhn



Senior **Calvin Johnson** sings a duet "What If," and original piece, with Senior **Andres Bledsoe**. "I was excited to go on stage and sing in front of the school. I finally got to show everyone what I am made of," said **Johnson**. Photo by Alex Kuhn

Junior **Ashlee James** and the Boulevard Singers sing "Ticket To Ride." "My schedule doesn't have room for any real choir classes so I enjoy being able to sing with Boulevard Singers," said **James**. Photo by Alex Kuhn



Junior **Bethanie Conley** and a small group of friends sing "Imagine" in a capella. "We did a good job with that song. We worked hard every day to get it right, and it shows our love for music," said **Conley**. Photo by Alex Kuhn

Senior **Julianne Finn** sings one of her contest solos, a fairy tale story, "The Green-Eyed Dragon" to a group of children. "It takes a lot of effort to look that cute, but it was fun to sing," said **Finn**. Photo by Alex Kuhn



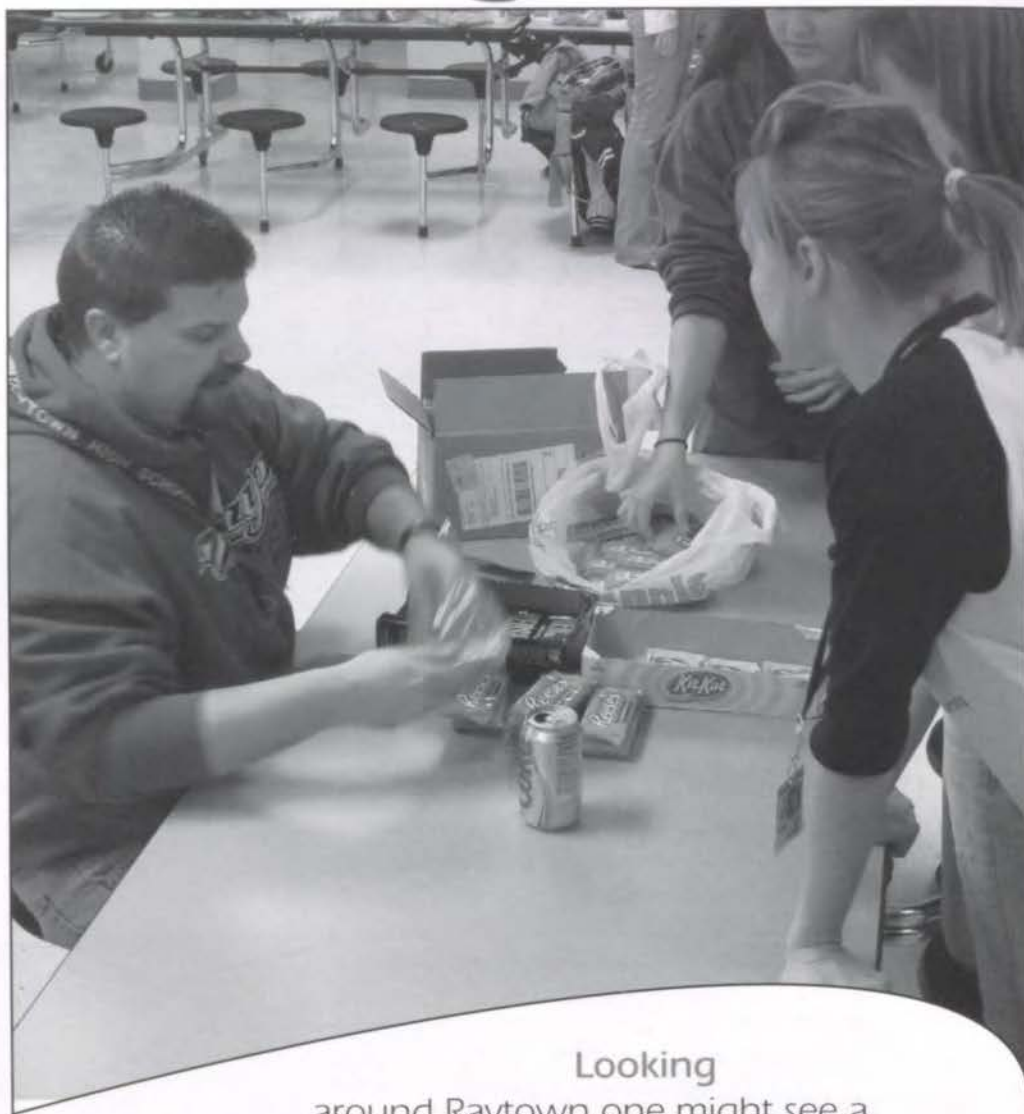
Seniors **Ian McClafflin** and **Mike Smith** dance and sing "Help Me Rhonda" with the Camerata boys. "Dancing is my secret passion. I love dancing with **Ian**. He is so wiggly," said **Smith**. Photo by Alex Kuhn

Senior **Kenny Grasher** sings "Love Song" with Junior **Corey Thomas** being one of the guitarists. "This song was for the ladies. I was satisfied with how this song turned out," **Grasher**. Photo by Alex Kuhn



Senior **Katie Harris** sings a heart touching solo "Beautiful Disaster." "I have never sang a solo on stage like that before, but that song means a lot to me personally, so I went for it," said **Harris**. Photo by Alex Kuhn

groups around raytown



Top: Junior Justin Gibbs gets a pep talk from the coach. The Blue Jays pulled together this year. "I think the team will be even better next year," said Gibbs.

Middle: Seniors line up for the pep rally. This is their last pep rally, and they won the spirit stick. "I'm so glad we won. I knew we were going to because seniors always win," said Senior Molly Troop.

Bottom: Students sit at lunch observing everyone else around them. There are four lunch shifts, and when one group leaves, another comes in.

Looking around Raytown one might see a bunch of high school students nonchalantly heading to class in the same fashion. However, on a closer look one notices that RHS is made up of students and teachers that belong to different groups and clubs from STUCO to Key Club and sports from football to golf. Students all around Raytown identify themselves through the activities they choose to do and groups they belong to. These pages show those people; these are the groups around Raytown...

Back Left: Kristen Davern, Kayla Hamblen, Kristin Lutman, Christina Romero In Car: Coach Mark Scanlon, Shanna Clausen, Erica Rockley Back Right: Curline Malveaux, Coach Jennings, Rachel Melson Front: Alicia Barnard, Jill Stephens



varsity softball

Opponent	w/l	Score
NKC	W	3-0
Grandview	W	15-0
Belton	L	2-6
Excelsior Springs	L	3-2
Ray South	L	3-8
Fort Osage	L	3-4
LSW	L	3-6
O' Hara	W	5-7
William Chrisman	L	0-1
PHS	W	13-4
Belton	W	2-0
Notre Dame De Sion	L	5-6
Hickman Mills	W	17-0
Ruskin	W	16-0

JV softball

Opponent	w/l	Score
NKC	L	15-13
Grandview	W	15-0
Belton	W	14-4
Excelsior Springs	L	10-8
Ray South	L	6-7
Fort Osage	L	6-7



Back: Lauren Cole, Abigail Newberry, Jasmine Ponder, Ciara Hearn Middle: Brandi Stangle, Alexandra Foster, Breanna Withers, Hannah Severt, Amy Alewel Front: Shannon Scarlett, Courtney Bigler, Shea Staples, Tierney Utley, Desiree Wienke, Amber Thompson, Coach Brad Drace

Back: Captain Zack Tuck, Rhan Baxter, Chris Jenson, Luke Abouhalkah Middle: Coach Kristy Mortin, Samantha Bockelman, Captain Brandi Simpson, Mallory Mullally, Brian Engström Front: Coach Missy Miller, Molly Troop, Captain Angelica Choun, Joey Guzman



cross country

Meet	Girls	Boys
<u>Bob Craddock</u>	Simpson 10th Bockelman 15th Mullally 16th	Abouhalkah 6th Turley 21st
<u>Ray-Pec</u>	Simpson 5th Bockelman 8th	Abouhalkah 16th
<u>Ottawa</u>	Simpson 1st Mullally 6th	N/A
<u>Grandview</u>	N/A	N/A
<u>Rim Rock</u>	Simpson 3rd Mullally 15th	Abouhalkah 15th
<u>Conference</u>	Simpson 8th	N/A

Back Row: Coach George Halsey, Captain Drew Carneril, Captain Kenny Grasher, Captain Matt Hamblin, Coach Jim Aziere, Captain Alex Kuhn, Captain Ryan Myers, Coach Kelly Rule
Third row: Blake Troop, Thomas Sims, Heath Finny, Cameron Moore, Taylor Frymire, Jeff Grasher, Tony Hernandez, Jeff Schlotzhauer, Rob Ingram
Second: Seth Thomas, Drew Whitemen, Joe Farrand, Robbie Otte, Logan Miller, Eric Olvera
Front Row: Manager Katie Rodgers, Manager Jenny Rice



boys swimming

opp	w/l
Truman/Chrisman	W
Liberty	L
Belton/St. Pius	W
LSW/Ray-Pec	W
O'Hara/Platte City	W
NKC/Winnetonka	W
Lee Summit	W

girls golf

opp	w/l
LSN Tournament	W
Ray-Pec	W
Belton	W
Ray-South	W
LSW	W
NKC/South	L
Truman	W
Grandview	W



Back Row: Coach David Gumm, Tracy Brown, Kelly Kueser
Middle Row: Dominique Ramirez, Sarah Johnson, Shannon Bowers
Front Row: Captain Lauren Anderson, Captain Cory Hinesley, Julianne Finn



Freshmen A team

opp	w/l	score
Center	W	25-21
PHS	L	15-25
Ray-South	L	11-25
Fort Osage	W	25-23
Belton	L	16-25
Grandview	L	19-25
Truman	W	25-20

Back: Gabrielle Green, Anna Wimmer, Maddie Buchter
Middle: Kara Moreland, Angela Bowers, Kara Daughtery, Coach Miller
Front: Maureen Holland, Alexandria Poole, Audry Bernard

Back Row: Irene Bozikis, Brianna Lawson, Clarisa Washington, Coach Chelsea Post Front Row: Emily Eliot, Kelsey Bonifield, Danille Mitchel, Erika Stockman

Freshman b team

opp	w/l	score
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Center	W	25-20
PHS	W	25-21
Ray-South	L	12-25
Fort Osage	L	15-25
Belton	W	25-23
Grandview	L	14-25
Truman	W	25-16
Excelsior	L	23-25
Platte C.	L	15-25
Pembroke	L	11-25



Back: Alicia Cross, Rachel Braga, Kristin Woolery, Jessica Eliot, Coach Heather Woodson Front: Tiffany Mathews, Karen White, Kelly Lagrant, Michaela Goodrich



JV volleyball

opp	w/l	score
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Center	W	25-14
NKC	W	25-18
PHS	L	21-25
Ray-South	W	25-23
Fort Osage	W	25-16
Platte County	W	25-20
Grandview	W	25-19
Belton	L	24-26
Pembroke	W	25-14
NKC	W	25-14
Ray-South	L	21-25
Grandview	W	25-16

Varsity volleyball

opp	w/l	score
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Center	W	25-19
PHS	L	21-25
Ray-South	W	25-21
Fort Osage	L	22-25
Pembroke	L	12-25
Platte County	W	25-22
Grandview	L	24-26
Belton	W	25-22
Excelsior	W	25-23
NKC	W	25-20



Back: Coach Cassie Reichert, Mandy Hernandez, Linnsey Lipps, Moriah Jones Middle: Christine Trewhitt, Captain Amber Wilson, Megan Reynolds, Captain Jessica Goldammer Front: Amanda Raveill, Jenny Rice, Katie Harris, Tiffany Mathews

cheerleaders

Captain Amber Thompson, Kortney Cunnigham, Spencer Bockelman, Caitlinanne Frank, Maddie Rabon, Kori Bookout, Keshia Keaton, Marlaina Catalano, Camille Stephenson, Charde Stephenson, Brittany Porter, Tiffany Collins, Rachel Rice, Anicia Brown, Bethanie Conley, Alyse Proctor, Deja Ross, Anna Baynham, Kayla Pasquarelli, Lucki Gant, Captain Katrina Jackson



Back Row: Brad Latz, Richard Lamas, Johnny Thomas, Caleb Tallwater, Deandre Whitley, Nick Butler, Courtney Green, Jacob Ruth, Sebastian, McMurry **Third Row:** Aaron Lucas, Julian Childs, Devin Ellis, Herbie Lewis, Ryan Robinson, Robert Turner, Darelle Matin, Stephen Lomas **Second Row:** Cordell Medelliun, Dustin Kelly, Kenya Woods, Damion Green, Dwayne Theison, Freddie Franklin, Damon Price, Chris Rogers **Front Row:** Coach Blane Lewis, Shelton Butts, Brandon Deggs, Sharran Dewson, Dustin Hardy, Courtney Feilds, Avery Adair, Coach Jay Plater



Freshman Football

opp	w/l	score
Fort Osage	W	14-7
Hickman	W	14-0
LSW	L	14-23
Truman	L	14-22
Belton	W	38-14
Ruskin	W	26-8
Grandview	L	8-12
Ray-South		

JV/Varsity Football

opp	w/l	score
Belton	L	21-49
Ruskin	W	18-6
Eccelsior (HC)	L	24-27
Grandview	L	0-21
Fort Osage	L	18-40
NKC	L	0-24
Chrisman	L	7-18
Ray-South	L	12-27
PHS	L	0-25
Truman	L	7-14



Back Row: Manager Glennie Rambo, Manager Taylor Gordon, Manager Jamie Johnson, Coach Tom Gatti, Coach Oresy Carter, Coach Jay Plater, Coach Ken Clemens, Coach Brian Clark, Coach Darryl Marshall, Coach Matt Kading, Coach Blane Lewis, Manager Kristen Grimley, Manager Lauren Francis **Fourth Row:** Brett McClung, Justin Coe, Alton Smith, Captain Ovie Ogberajo, Ethan Yates, Jordan Tucker, Cameron Hilton, Ahmed Abotteen, Robert Morris, Julian Brown, Avery Wesley, Kevin Holmes **Third Row:** Matt Davis, Conrad Ponder, Cody Laveall, Damon Rose, Anthony Sylvan, Josh Gonzalez, Cody Robinson, Mario Piroso, Matt Newbold, Austin Alonso, Billy Lee, Doris Mickelson, Patrick Trueblood **Second Row:** Daniel Perkins, Wesley Gregg, Matt Cunningham, Barry Medlock, Chad Vigoda, T.J. Talbi, Johnny Taylor, Justin Mack, Devin Hoar, Carter Willis, Terence Key, Robert Sanders **Front Row:** Aaron Clark, Joe Pisciotta, Tyler Marks, Robert Vaughn, Calvin Johnson, Adrian Jones, William Casella, Eli Parker, Brian Coock, Nathan Peterson, Jesse Mack, Francisco Nickles, Corey Allen, MarShaun Piroso

Back: Coach Jeff Dierking, Michael Salinas, Captain Tyre Brown, Coach Andrew Fletcher, Rodney Mays, Tony Young, Coach Roger Burriss Middle: Steven Long, Adam Parrie, Trey Brown, Stefaan Jefferson, Jordan Kloeppel Front: Hilary Ikpe, Brad Miller, Jarrod Bennett, Jeremy Herrman, Captain Jimmy Herrman, Tyler Dowell, Zach Wilson



varsity boys soccer

opp	w/l	score
Ruskin	W	12-2
Belton	W	2-1
Ray-South	W	2-1
Grandview	L	0-4
Truman	L	0-1
PHS	W	3-2
Fort Osage	W	3-2
Kearney	L	0-4
Excelsior	W	6-1

jv boys soccer

opp w/l score

Fort Osage	L	0-1
Rockhurst	L	0-6
Ray-South	L	0-2
Grandview	W	4-1
Truman	L	0-5
PHS	L	0-4
Kearney	Tie	2-2
Belton	L	0-2
Excelsior	Tie	2-2



Back Row: Coach Jeff Dierking, Coach Roger Burriss, Coach Andrew Fletcher Third Row: Stephen Hayes, David Clark, Tad McLanahan, Matt Sell, Taylor Mc Donald, Jordan Demoss Second Row: Thomas Hoffman, Michael Ellis, KJ Vaughn, Ian Abundis, Scott Farnham, Ben White, Paul Christensen Front Row: Zach Kapp, Billy Mejia, Brent Thomas, Keenan Bartee, David Cathcart, Robbie Walker



jaywalkers

Back Row: Coach Arianne Moore, Abby Miller, Hayley Scheerer, Coach Hilary Morris Middle Row: Brittany Tlander, Kailey Young, Lindsay Vaters, Kayla Wilson Front Row: Captain Jackie Sharp, Captain Andrea Swan, Captain Shelly Southworth

varsity boys basketball

opp	w/l	score
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Center	W	68-48
Hickman	W	75-51
St. Pius	W	71-43
Oak Park	W	78-67
Belton	W	78-67
Fort Osage	W	79-47
Ray-South	W	66-64
PHS	W	80-62
Ray-Pec	W	69-52
Grandview	W	77-47



Top Row: Deshawn Burditt, Dominique Morrison, Brandon Scaife, Aldon Smith, Derrick Conn, Jordan Hopkins, Joshua Gibbs
Front Row: Sean Kelley, Matt Theison, Reggie Chamberlain, Rycky Harper, Will Barrett, Austin Rowan

Top Row: Austin Rowan, Deshawn Burditt, Rycky Harper, Derrick Conn, Aldon Smith, Brandon Scaife, Dominique Morrison, Josh Gibbs, Reggie Chamberlain
Front Row: Matt Theison, Jordan Hopkins, Darrell Strong, Patrick Marshall, Will Barrett, Jamal Jackson, Sean Kelley



JV/Varsity boys basketball

opp	w/l	score
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Center	W	80-55
Hickman	W	62-57
Ray-South	L	44-58
PHS	W	43-41
Ray-Pec	W	53-35
LSW	W	46-45
Belton	L	59-39
Grandview	L	56-60
Fort Osage	W	78-58
Chrisman	W	61-59

varsity girls basketball

opp	w/l	score
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Ray-Pec	L	31-40
Grandview	W	37-31
PHS	L	27-40
Winnertonka	W	20-18
Center	L	31-33
Fort Osage	L	33-53
Ray-South	W	43-23
Ruskin	W	44-29
Belton	W	44-27



Farren Jasper
Jaleisha Barrett
Moriah Jones
Amanda Raveill
Jessica Goldammer
Cherakie Barrett
Adrian Fowlkes
Jenna Duckworth
Atoya Harris
Shea Staples
Lakiesha McKnight
Coach Handley
Coach Bloecher



Back Row: Coach Handley, Taylor Gordan, Jaimie Johnson, Jenna Duckworth, Coach Bloecher
 Front Row: Lindsey Sieg, Courtney Bigler, Amanda Raveill, Shea Staples

JV girls basketball

opp	w/l	score
Ray-Pec	W	54-38
Grandview	L	52-56
PHS	L	29-43
Winnetonka	W	50-30
Center W		35-33
Fort Osage	L	51-43
Ray-South	W	58-43
Ruskin	W	65-43
Belton	W	67-41

Freshman girls basketball

opp	w/l	score
LSN	W	34-23
Fort Osage	W	50-27
Kearney	L	11-45
Hickman	W	50-25
Pembroke	W	37-29
Excelsior	W	35-18
PHS	W	43-24
Ray-South	W	42-31
LSN	W	29-25
NKC	L	34-46
O'Hara	W	34-33



Angel Baker,
 Brandee Bryant,
 Cierra Davis,
 Stephanie Davis,
 Kaitlyn Fast,
 Atoya Harris,
 Marian Jackson,
 Jamilia Lunn,
 Raven Mulwee,
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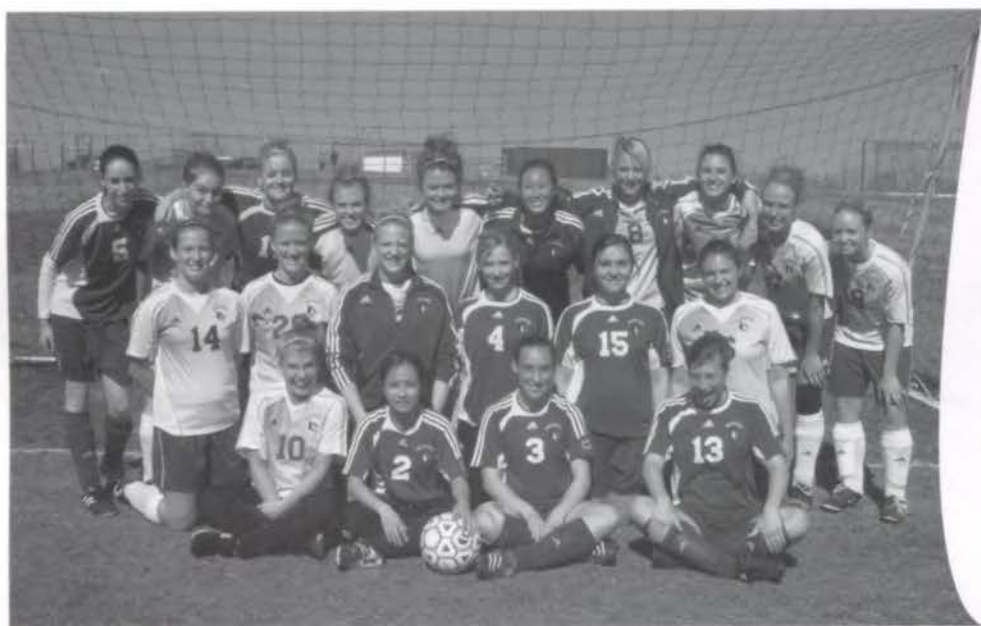


girls swimming

Rebecca Beitling, Janey Bobak, Angela Bowers, Carli Carter, Marlaina Catalano, Helen Clawitter, Brittney Ernst, Katie Frank, Jessica Goldammer, Judith Gonnello, Michaela Goodrich, Holly Grimwood, Lisa Hakes, Amanda Hernandez, Adrienne Leak, Sara Mabry, Danielle Mitchell, Kara Moreland, Mallory Mullally, Brandi Peterson, Kathryn Rogers, Hannah Severt, Caitlyn Sharp, Ellen Skidmore, Alice Skidmore, Emily Stebbins, Leandra Stuckey, Molly Troop, Lauren Villarreal, Chloe Willett, Anna Wimmer, Emma Wimmer

JV girls soccer

Bridgette Cunningham, Ida Johnson, Jessica Fisk, Re kale Wheeler, Shawnette Berryman, Tylar Polson, Hazzil Stephen, Fatimah Alih, Kenya Harris, Kori Bookout, LeAndra Stuckey, Lynn Collins, Sarina Eng, Rachel Neito, Shawntre Jones, Mal lory Mullaly, Madeline Shaw, Karine Esparza, Kara Moreland, Debora Pel legrini, Tiffany Sengvong, Ebonique Washington, and Brandee Bryant; *Coach Andrew Fletcher*



varsity girls soccer

Audrey Barnard, Alicia Barnard, Sa mantha Bockelman, Brenda Burciaga, Bethany Fensom, Alicia Gross, Liz Holder, Allison Hugill, Samantha Jacobs, Mindy Lanius, Candice Lanius, Tiffany Matthews, Taylor Allan, Brandi Porter, Shannon Scarlett, Samantha Sengvong, Lindsey Sieg, Meredith Stanze, Molly Troop, Molly Walsh, Amber Wilson, Breana Withers; *Coach Roger Burris*

boys golf

Daniel Buechter, Phillip Denny, Justin Hammons, Jeremy Herrman, Walter Jackson, Keenan Kahlerl, Jordan Kleoppe Gunnar Lund, Ryan Miller Matthew Newbold, Anthony Reed, Dallas Urich, Dylan Wadleigh; *Coach David Gum*





JV baseball

Coach Blane Lewis, Bret Adams, Robert Bigler, John Canty, Nick Doughty, Taylor Frymire, Tony Hernandez, Kameron Hylton, Chase Kuehl, Twydell Love, Cody Robinson, Wesley Suydam, Daniel Swank, Anthony Sylvan

varsity baseball

Coach James Olyer, Corey Allen, Dale Austin, Jarrod Bennett, Alex Chibogwu, Derrick Conn, Bryan Couch, Josh Gibbs, Stefaan Jefferson, Anthony Jenkins, Tim Lindsay, Logan Scarlett, John Smith, Terrell Smith, Vince Spilker, Aaron Swanner, Zack Winders

Managers: Kayla Hamblen, Courtney Bigler, Kayla Pasquarelli



Track and Field

Darrell Chism, Darrell Vanzandt, Eric Olivera, Tanner Nowell, Tevin Thornton, Aaron Clark, Hilary Ipp, Joey Guzman, Tad McClanahan, Yusuke Suzuki, Zach Tuck, Adam Flynn, Austin Alonzo, Billy Lee, Ethan Yates, Justin Gibbs, Kevin Holmes, Matt Davis, Michael George, Michael Lyons, Nathan Peterson, Ovie Oghenejorbo, Patrick Marshall, Trey Brown, Trey Smith, William Casselle, Austin Rowen, Barry Maddock, Brett McClung, Carter Willis, Devin Heier, Jerone Armstrong, Joe Pisciotta, Julian Brown, Justin Mack, Mario Pecina, Patrick Trueblood, Steven Long, Tyler Marks, Wesley Gregg, Aaron Lucas, Andrew Puleo, Chris Jensen, Chris Turley, Dakota Ford, David Clark, Dustin Kelly, JaRon Stearns, Joe Farrand, Johnny Thomas, Lawrence Authorlee, Luke Abouhalakah, Matt Melson, Robby Walker, Rodney Mays, Ryan Robinson, Shelton Butts, Terry Hampton, Briana Lawson, Amber Thompson, Angelica Chuan, Brandi Simpson, Cherakie Barrett, Keira Spain, Lakendra Hill, Melissa Johnson, Shanna Claussen, Jalesha Barrett, Keisha McKnight, Lyndey Lyons, Mallory Mullally, Rachel Rice, Amanda Ravell, Brandi Peterson, Desii Wienke, Julie Smith, Karshonna Crosby-Dowdy, Moriah Jones, Natalie Morerod, Tierra Hogan, Eunice Mang, Katie Frank, LaShay Wagner, Lauren Francis, Brittany Garrett, Gabby Green, Jazmyne Jones, Rachel Nieto, Tiara Terry, Tinisha Rhodes, Trejuana Evans

literary magazine



Back Row: Danielle Mitchell, Clarissa Washington **Middle Row:** Nita Adi Pangestuti, Fatimah Jasmeen Alih, Amanda Collins, Arya Schindler **Front Row:** Erin York, Emma Wimmer, Callie Tuck

key club



Back Row: Alan-Michael Johnson, Victoria Meade, Ian Coy, Tracie Babbitt, Brittney Ernst, Lauren Alexander, Jennie Hoang, Molly Walsh **Middle Row:** Sean Day, Crystal Ynda, Nita Adi Pangestuti, Jessica Fisk, Michelle Stump, Victoria Umoren **Front Row:** Ashley Patrick, Britny Couzens, Janae Koury

mediators



Back Row: Ethan Yates, Amber Thompson, Erica Rockley, Emily Amouhaukah, Jordan DeMoss, Brandon Scaife **Middle Row:** Zach Wilson, Christina Daniel, Lauren Pecina, Nathan Peterson, Rocky Rigoli, Callie Davern, Reggie Chamberlain **Front Row:** Charell Strong, Simone Petty, Ovie Oghenejobo, Joey Guzman, Christina Romero

art club



Back Row: Kelly Kueser, Erin York, Amanda Collins, Tamarah Dixon **Second Row:** Rachel Braga, Samantha Woodward, Brittney Ernst, Tiphani Dixon **Third Row:** Laura Healy, Willie Caldwell, Eric Fisher **Front Row:** Jessica Taul, Christian Dominick, Crystal Ynda, Callie Tuck

mixed media ninjas



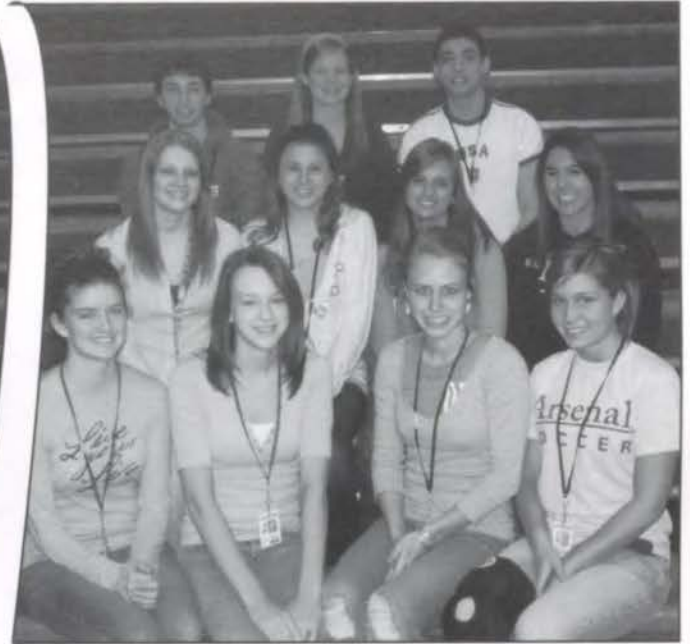
Back Row: Julianne Finn, Rocky Rigoli, Corey Hinesley, Kylie Best, Mike Shannon **Middle Row:** Kenny Grasher. **Front Row:** Johnny Foster

class of '08



Back Row: Candace Stephenson, Alyse Proctor, Charde Stephenson **Middle Row:** Christina Romero, Hilary Ikpe, Ovie Ogenejobo, Jenna Duckworth **Front Row:** Brooke Ebert, Molly Walsh, Samantha Bockelman, Lindsay Vaters, Camille Stephenson

class of '09



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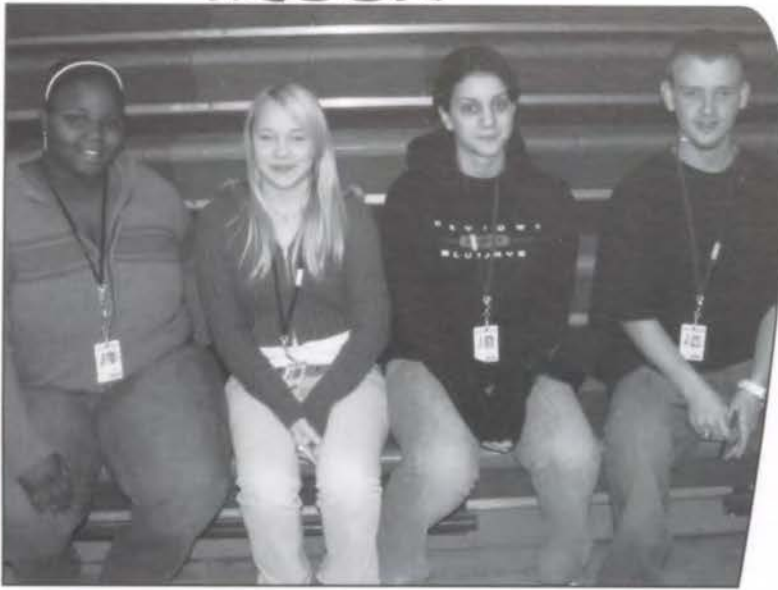
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Back Row: Heather Craven, Mike Smith, Samantha Sengvong, Chris Ritter, Jenny Rice, Paul Christensen, Carey Lewis, David Woodward **Middle Row:** Amy Alewel, Holly Moon, Kevin Lindsey, Jesse Hamilton, Ben Holderby, Jessica Baskett, Ian McClaffin **Front Row:** Julianne Finn, Kenny Grasher, Kylie Best, Katie Harris, Daniel Wilkes

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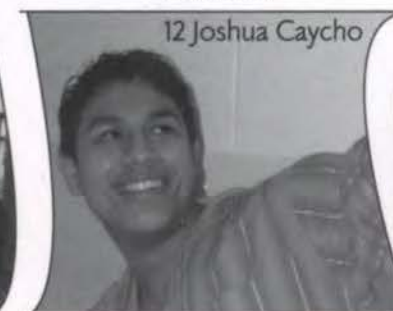
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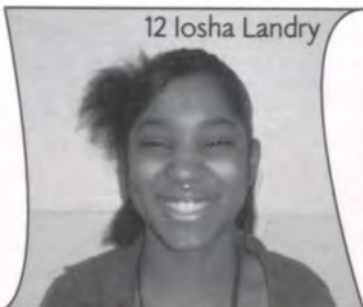
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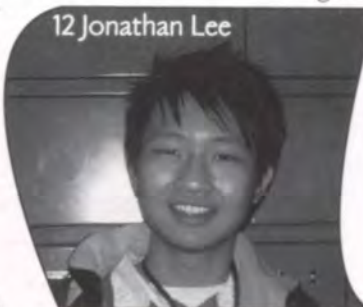
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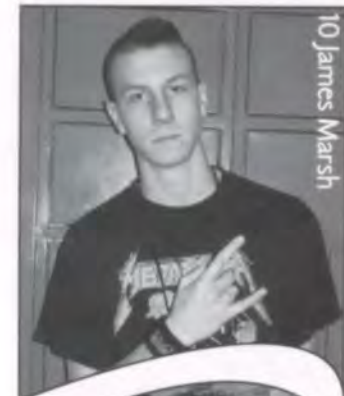
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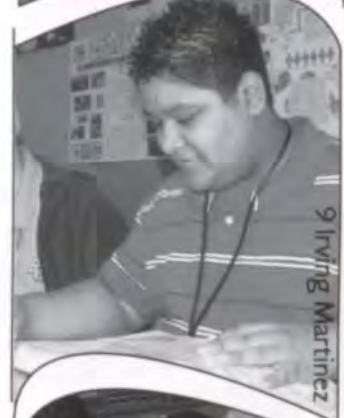
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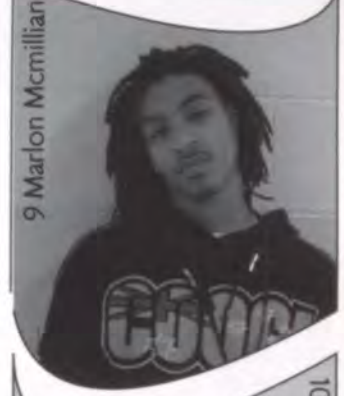
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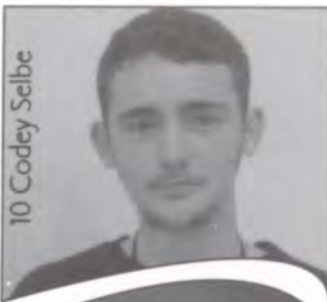


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First off, I would like to introduce myself. My name is *Samantha Sengvong*, and I am one of the two Editors-in-Chief of this year's Ramizzou Staff. I have three other strong and dedicated editors: Linnsey Lipps (Editor-in-Chief), **Kayla Wilson** (Photography), and **Brandi Simpson** (Design). I also have three hard-working supporting editors: **Alex Kuhn** (Co-Photography), **Lindsay Vaters** (Business), and **Demonte Whitley** (Sports). To top it off, I believe that I have the best and most talent-

ed staff of writers and photographers: **Taylor Allan**, **Samantha Bockelman**, **Chauntee Clark**, Jenna Duckworth, **Justin Gibbs**, Katie Harris, *Melissa Johnson*, **Lindsey Leggio**, *Alyse Proctor*, *Tiwisha Rhodes*, *Janelle Ryken*, **Ali Saylor**, *Molly Walsh*, **Rekale Wheeler**, and *Brawdon Zoellers*. Oh, and I can't forget our kick rear-end sponsor **Lauri Davidson**! Together, we all worked with **John Kelley** and **Walsworth Publishing**. With all of us working our fingers to the bone, we created this book for you!

Colophon

Last year, we were eager to start this book. So we did...right after the final deadline! We came up with our theme, our end-sheets, and **our ideas** for the book to make it "Raytown's." The editors went to **camp**, and by the last day, we had our ladder and cover completed. From then, the staff met up every few *Saturdays* to start lay-outs and ideas for the pages. This book contains 304 pages, of which 217 of them are color. This is the first year to have a book mostly in color. Our most signature item are the curves on every page. Another signature item we were obsessed with was having pictures as backgrounds and bleeding pictures off the pages. The fonts we chose to use were **Braddon**, **Ebony**, **Eddie**, **Helvetica**, **Jasper**, **Michael**, **Mixage**, and **One Child**.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank "D" for putting up with all of us and making sure we were on task because we did goof

around a lot. I'd also like to thank John for answering all of questions because everyone knows we had a ton. Thank you Walsworth and **Jolene Christy** for letting us know what we needed to fix and just helping out. Thank you Raytown High School for giving us something to make a book about. And lastly, I personally would like to thank my staff. You guys are amazing, and I couldn't be happier with this book. I know you all worked **ridiculously** hard, and power to you all for putting up with my crazy power fits. I love this staff, and it means a lot to me that you did your work and made this book the best, in my opinion of course! Basically, thank you everyone, your ideas, your effort, and enjoy this book that we all **worked together** to make!

Editors



Wow, where do I start? This staff has been nothing less but awesome. Okay, we're not perfect or anything, but we're freakin' close! :)

Kayla, my equal, my stress buddy, my editor who always has my back. You've done a splendid job on taking pictures and making sure we got the kind of pictures we wanted. You never let me down, and you were the one I came to when I needed to vent.

Brandi, you were there with me on every page. I must say, when it comes to layouts, my dear, you are a genius! The book looks great with your idea for "curves."

Linnsey, I never knew how organized you were until this year. Without you, we wouldn't know when deadlines were and what we needed to do.

Alex, you were a pain, but when it came to pictures, you had a unique eye.

Demonte, yearbook wouldn't have been the same without you. Thanks for getting things together toward the final deadline.

Vaters, you really stepped it up this year with making sure ads, accomplishments, and superlatives went smoothly. You're going to be a great editor next year.

For the rest of the staff, I said it in the colophon, and I'll say it again: I absolutely love all of you. Thanks to your hard work, extra time, and ideas, our yearbook is this fabulous piece of work! You guys will do great next year. I look forward to seeing what you guys come up with!

And lastly, Davidson. You freaked out more than anyone, but that was just for our entertainment. I hope you know that the whole time, we knew what were doing! Thanks for everything, and I'll call even though I'll be done with high school! I LOVE YOU GUYS!!!

*Samantha
Sengling
"TOP DUNG"*



I have enjoyed being in yearbook since the first day. It is a great class to push you and meet deadlines. Now that I am an editor, it makes everything seem that more important. The yearbook is basically in my hands as well as the other editors. Pictures need to be clearer, stories need to be more detailed. I find myself caring a lot more about the little things that make the yearbook that much better.

I want to thank the editors, the staff, and most of all, Mrs. D for giving me this chance to be the yearbook editor. Thanks everyone.

Linnsey Clippes



Curvy: the word I would use to describe this year's yearbook and staff that help put it together. Everyone was great to work with and fun to get to know; you guys help make this yearbook one to remember. The editorial staff has been amazing as well. Thank you, Linnsey for keeping us on track with and time with deadlines; Alex and Kayla for taking creative and unique pictures to fit my unusual layouts. Thank you, Sam for being the one to make final decisions that no one else could and for motivating the staff to get things done. And of course thank you Mrs. Davidson for putting up with my curvy designs, our perfectionist mindsets, and for freaking out when deadlines got close. Finally, thank you to all the students, teachers, and other faculty that put up with the yearbook staff through out the year, with out you guys the book wouldn't be what it is: I hope you think it was all worth it.

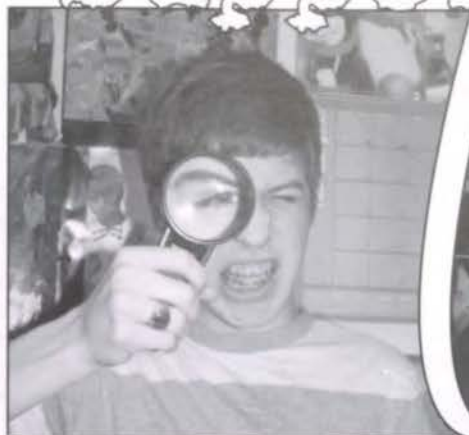
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I have been blessed to have such an amazing staff who worked so well with each other. We didn't want the drama we had last year, right? Although we've all had disagreements and confusion, we were just trying to make this yearbook the best it could be. Sam, my go-to girl, my head editor, my friend. You have done such an awesome job. You went above and beyond the title of *Editor* (ps. don't forget to RAJ!... or wait, LAJ!). Brandi, the creative curves really made our book amazing. Thank you for putting up with some layout changes to fit everyone's pictures. Linnsey, when did you get so organized, girl? Nonetheless, thank you for always being on top of things! And Davidson, thank you so much for putting up with me and Sam when we didn't want to hand over duties to others. We're perfectionists, what can we say? And to the rest of the staff, thank you for everything you've done for this yearbook. You worked hard for this. I appreciate it. I love you all!

Kayla Wilson

Supporting Editors



The last three years have been a lot of fun! I don't know how I would have survived without all the editors, especially with my captions. We pushed each other to finish all the pages on time. But, all the stress is worth it when the book is distributed. Thanks everyone!

There's no other way to put it. Yearbook was way better than last year! We were pounded with deadlines and stories, but that's how yearbook goes. Of course we made them with the finest staff and head honcho Mrs. Davidson. I loved this group, and I'll miss you all.

Yearbook this year has been great. I have enjoyed working with such a wonderful staff and I've loved every minute of it. Being the Business Editor, I enjoyed having the responsibility of senior and business ads, senior superlatives and accomplishments, and yearbook sales. I love everyone on the staff and we have created an amazing book together.

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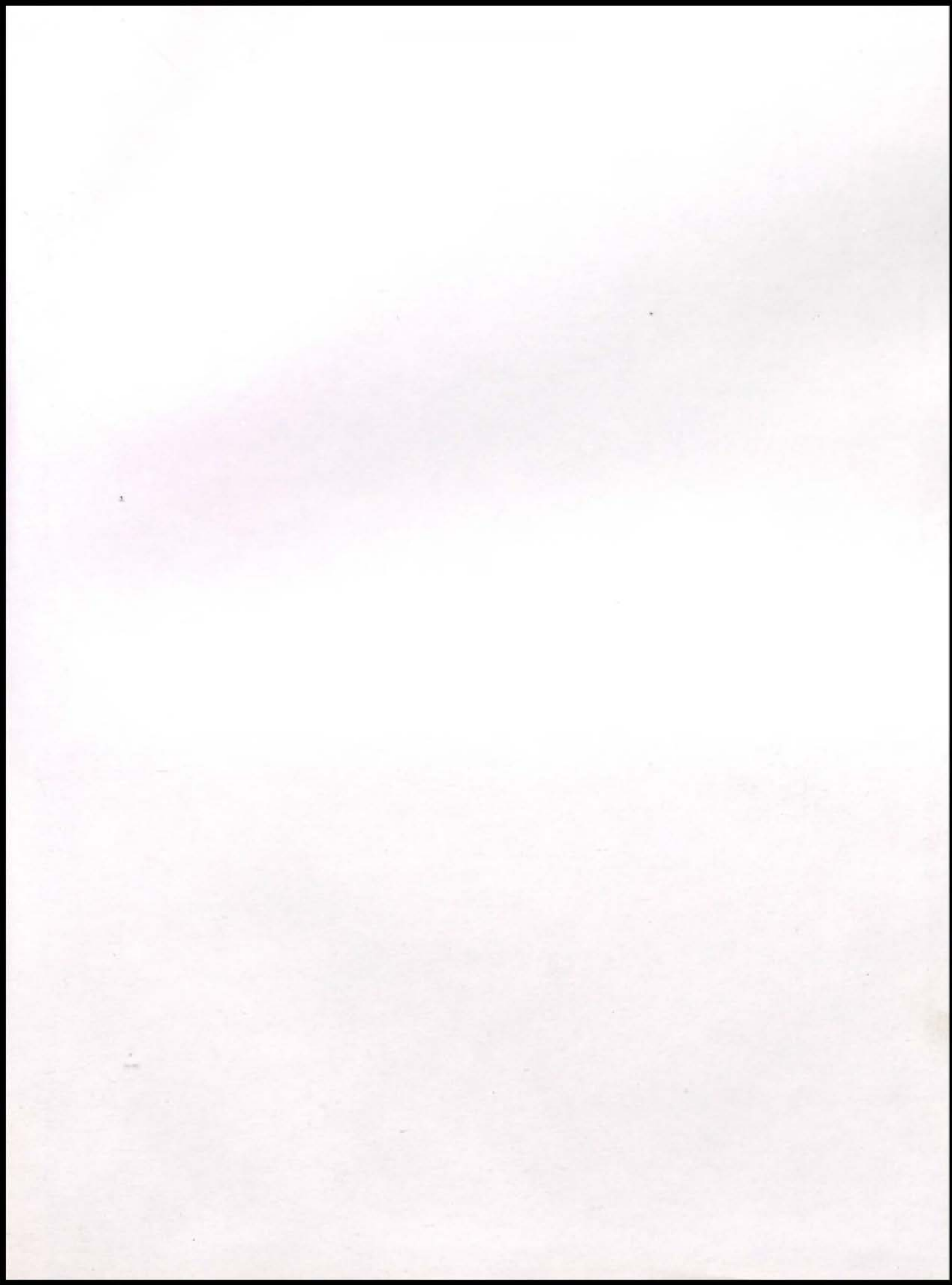


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