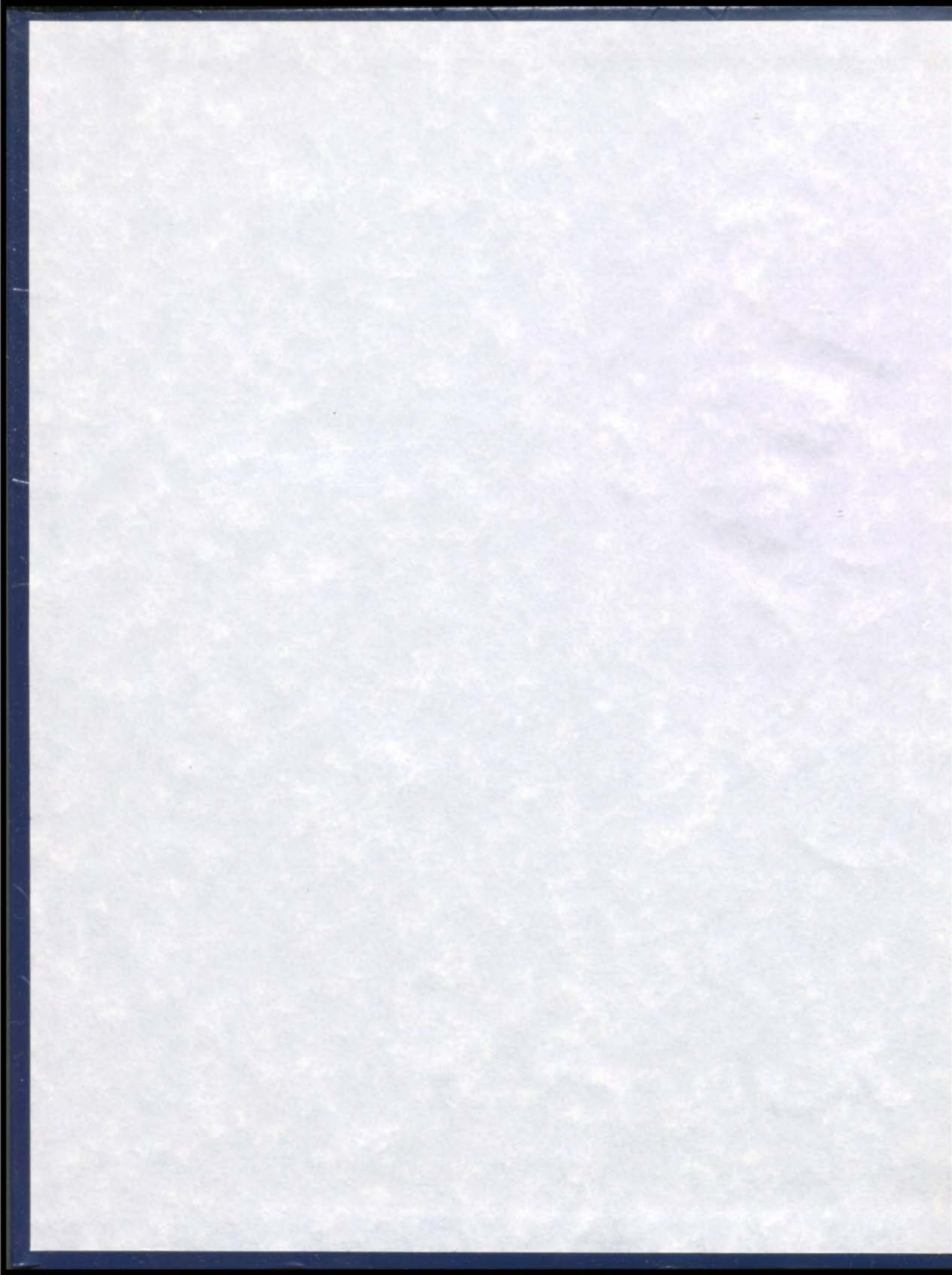


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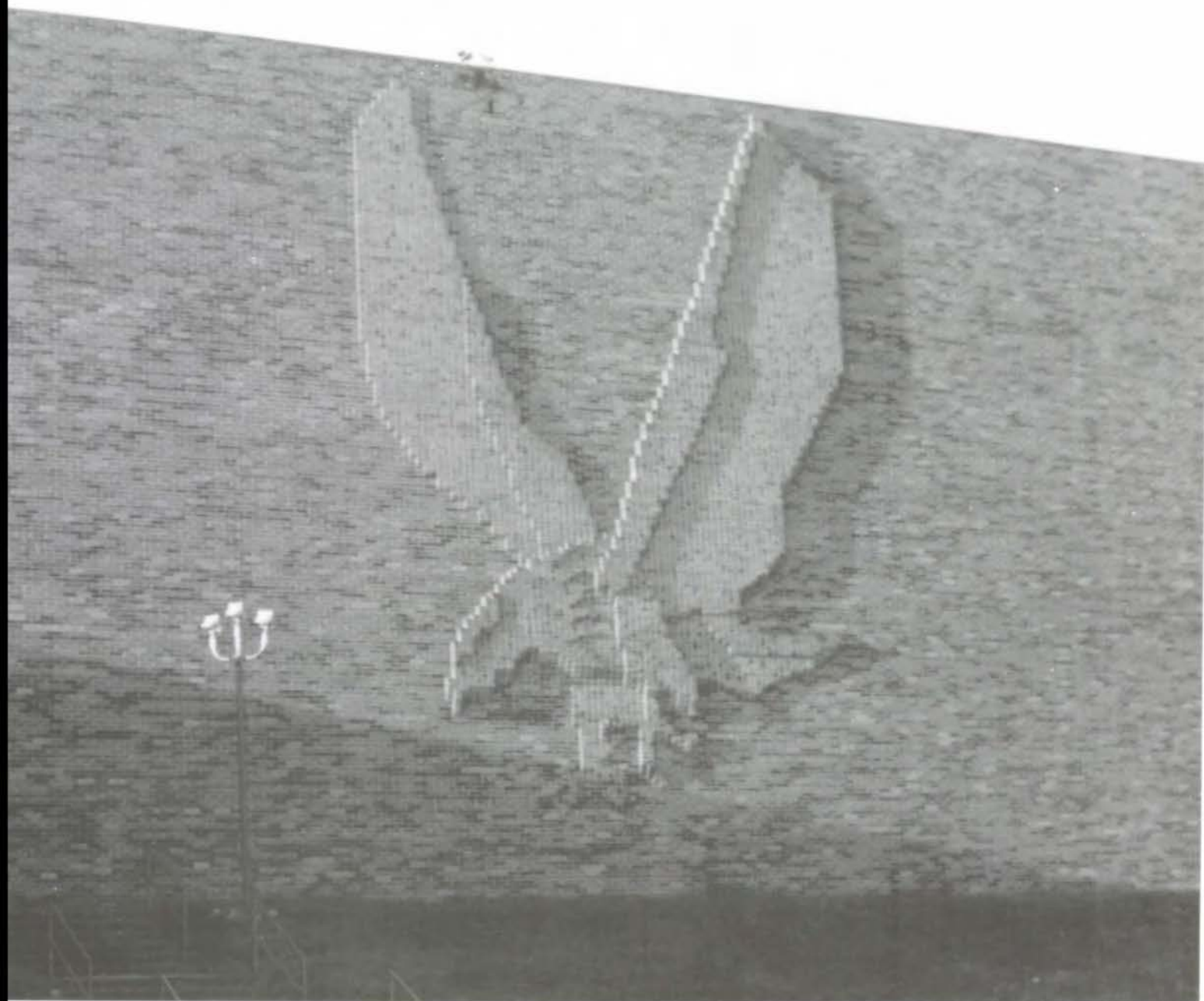
Enigma

Mirage 99





e-nig-ma (i-nig'mə) *n.* 1. An obscure riddle. 2. An obscure speech or writing. 3. One that is puzzling, ambiguous, or inexplicable. [Latin *aenigma*, from Greek *ainigma*, from *ainisesthai*, to speak in riddles, hint, from *ainos*, tale, story (see *ai-* in Appendix*.)]



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Ruskin High School
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Population 900*

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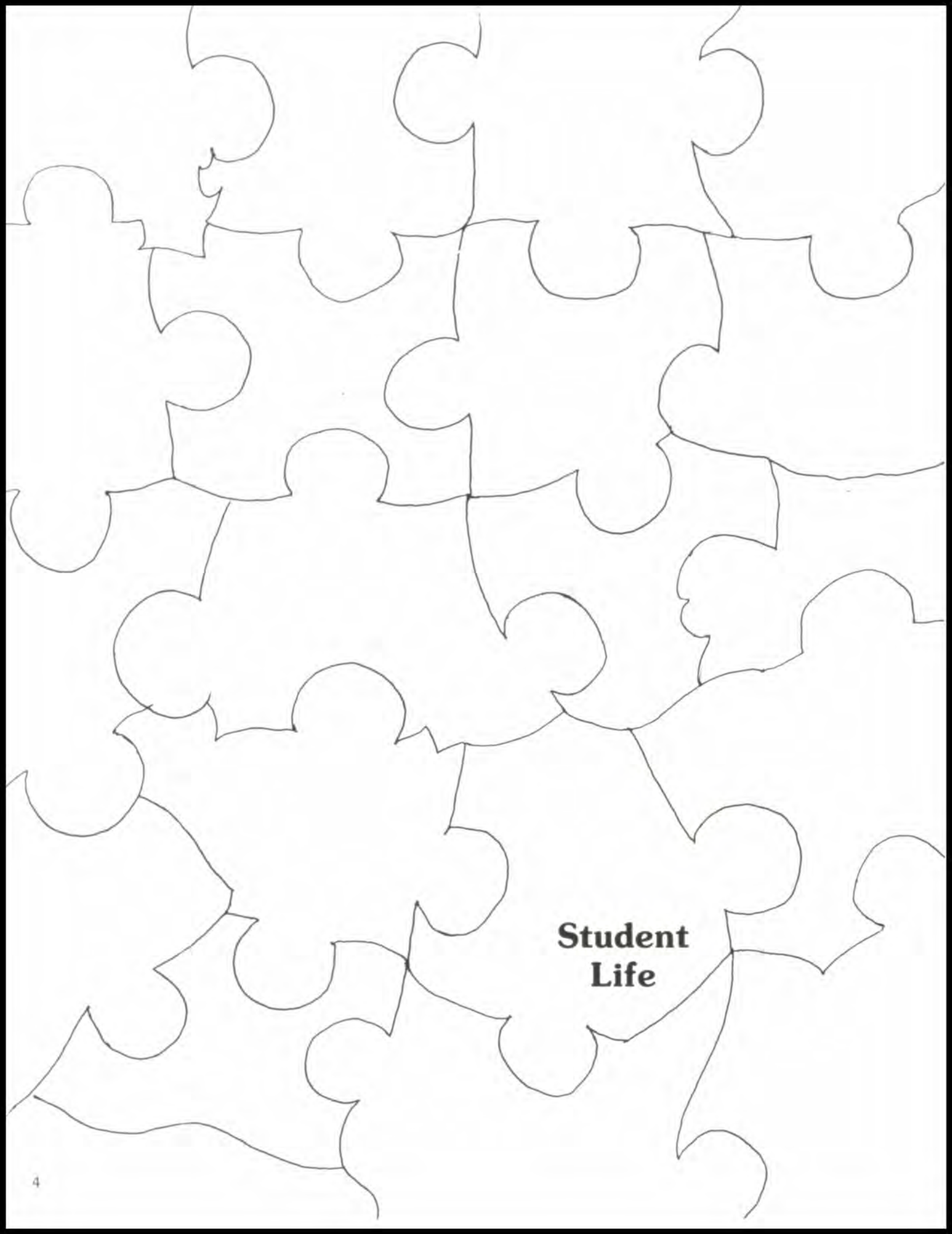
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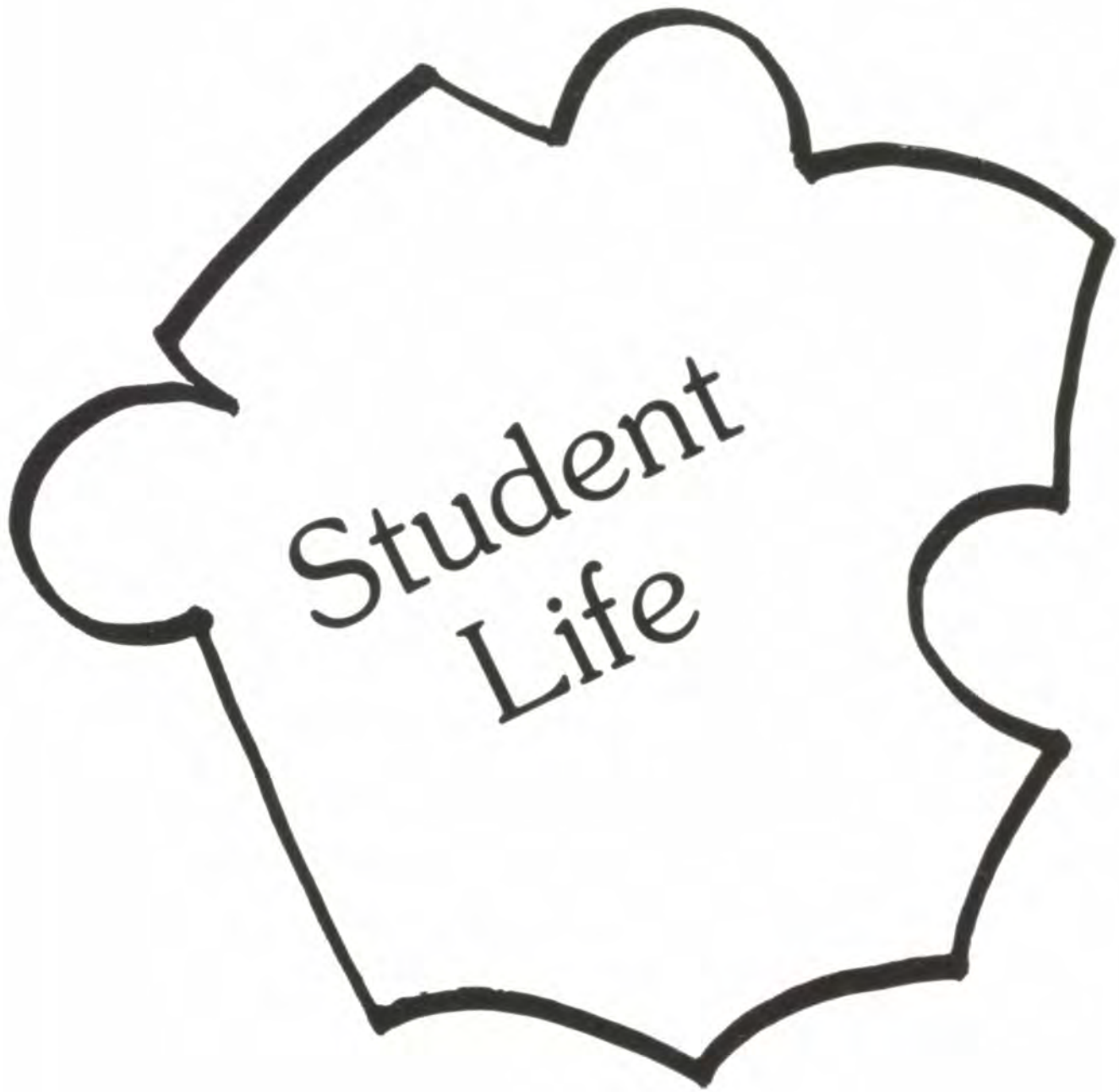
Throughout life we are confronted with many things that we question from day to day. “Enigma” is an obscure riddle, piece of writing, or unexplainable puzzle that you question; which parallels what many of us are finding out that life is becoming and will become to all of us.

We are all part of this mysterious puzzle at Ruskin High School. As we journey through our lives, we will encounter many other puzzles and riddles, but we shall all remain a piece of this one.





**Student
Life**



Putting the Pieces Together

The 1998-99 school year at Ruskin High School was filled with a collaboration of exciting events, fashion statements and the little things that do not mean much when looked at separately, but you will always remember. From the newly added freshman class of 2002 to the senior class of 1999, Ruskin High School had no problem this year putting the pieces together.





...and
Seeing What
Ruskin
is All About



The solution is clear...



Top left: Ruskin welcomed new principal Bruce Thezan in August. Mr. Thezan had been a principal in Kansas and Odessa, Mo., before coming to Ruskin. Top right: Ruskin also welcomed these new teachers in 1998-99: Seated, from left: John Minnick, Jay McGovern. Standing: Bob Neely, Blaise Long, Amy Slaughter, Susan McKee, John Swanson, Jana Boerger, Larry King, Rod Young, and Rochelle Scott. Right: Tosha Byers looks for a break against a basketball opponent.





Top left: Ruskin's MCJROTC program celebrated the Marine Corps' 223rd birthday on Nov. 10. Shown above are from left, Lt. Col. Delare, Cadet Capt. Anthony Lee, Cadet Lt. Col. Darnell Johnson, and Capt. Robert Houston. Top right: Social studies teacher Chad Ryerson celebrates his 30th birthday with his students. Left: Eli Silfies gets instructions during a timeout from wrestling coach Jay McGovern. Right: Jessica Freeman-Coldiron cheers at the football game against Hickman Mills. Jessica went to London, England, this year to participate in a cheerleading event.

...it's got to be Ruskin High School

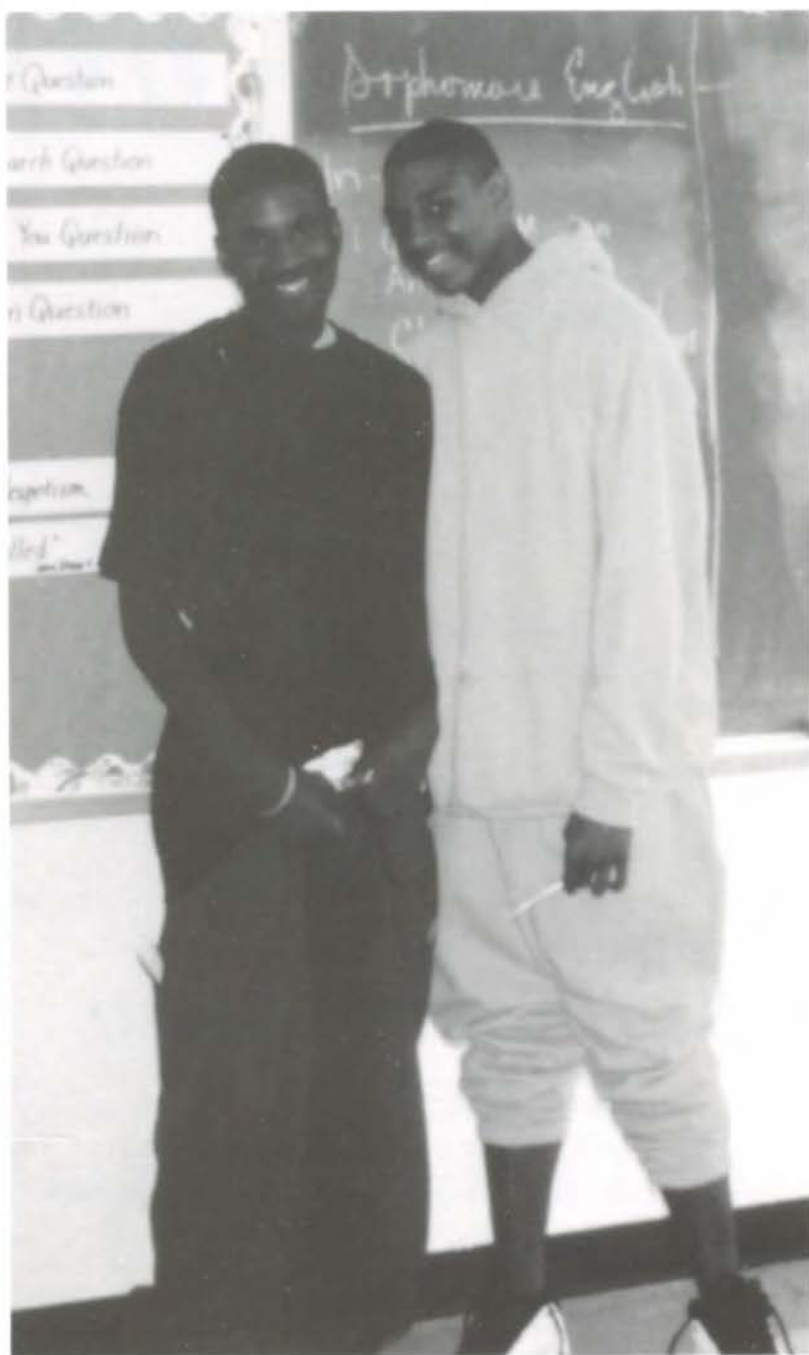
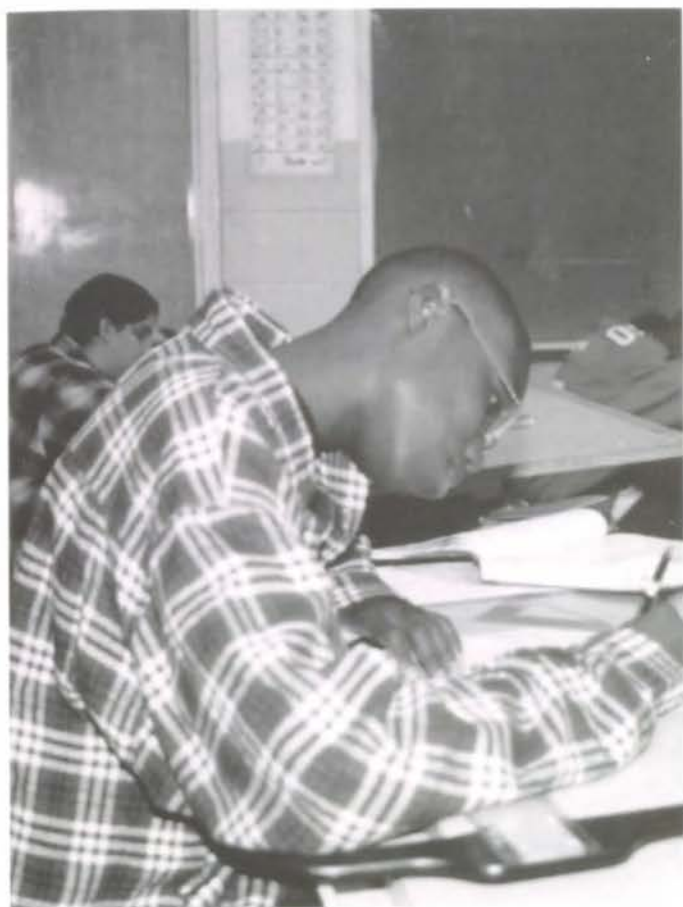
Up, down, across, diagonally:



This page, top: Kyle Colvin hands off the ball to Mark Smith during Ruskin's football game with Ray-Pec. Bottom: Coordinator Joan Hinkebein and POWERS students Nicole Black, DeAnna Williams, and Emily Andreasen hold a reading group in the school's day care center.

Opposite page, top left: Freshman Jeffrey Jones works on a drafting project. Top right: Jason Malone and Ali Wilson pose for the camera in Mass Media class. Bottom: Administrative Assistant Terry Scott and Hickman Mills Schools Superintendent Dr. Jerry Cooper hold plaques signifying Scott's induction as the newest member of the Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches' Hall of Fame.





...Ruskin students and teachers put it together



IN YOUR

FOOD:

1. Applebee's
2. I.H.O.P
3. Gate's
4. Tippin's
5. Olive Garden

MOVIES:

1. *Enemy of the State*
2. *I Still Know....*
3. *Ever After*
4. *Urban Legends*
5. *The Water Boy*



OPINION



MUSIC:

1. Dru Hill
2. Busta Rhymes
3. N Sync
4. Korn
5. Shania Twain
6. Total
7. Lauryn Hill
8. Trinity 5:7
9. Timberland
10. Tool

CLOTHES:

1. F.U.B.U
2. Tommy Hilfiger
3. G.A.P
4. Old Navy
5. Nautica



Solving the Puzzle that is Ruskin High





Opposite page, top: Kerry Dixon was a new assistant principal at Ruskin this year. Opposite page, bottom: Tellis Bolton (from left) Maurice Carpenter, Dion Williams, Richard Hardley and Antoine Gillum make a fashion statement of their own. The Diggers perform at a volleyball game. Top left: Drama teacher Tom Leith shows his style on dress-up day during Homecoming. Top right: English teacher April Flowers (who had a baby son, Dylan, during the school year) makes a point to her Sophomore English class. Left: The Diggers perform at a volleyball game.



Prom 1998



Top left: Prom Queen Robyn King and Prom King Aaron McDaniel. Top right: Sharif Brown and Rashaunda Patton are all smiles. Above left: Promgoers show their stuff. Above center: Misty Jimenez and Lorenzo Ramirez enjoy the Prom. Above right: Albert Keane and his date take a break from the dance floor.

Homecoming 1998

SPIRIT DAYS

Monday: Hat Day

Tuesday: Twin Day

Wednesday:

Way Back Day

Thursday:

Dress-up Day

Friday:

Blue & Gold Day



Top right: Brandon Brown, Estelle Johnson, Rashaad Smith, Lydia Myers, Donnye Booze, and Kamille Jefferson show school spirit on Hat Day. Middle right: I think I'm seeing double! Above: Ali Wilson and Monique Pearson show off on Blue & Gold Day. Bottom right: Marshon Draughn, Marquetta Stewart, Kamika Milligan and Maria Draughn pose around a very "GQ"-looking Tellis Bolton.

Homecoming Parade

Left: The Class of 2000's float won first prize and carried a regal theme.

Middle right: Seniors shout "Bow Down to the Class of 1999!"



Middle left: The class of 2002 made sure they were seen in their first Homecoming Parade.

Bottom: Sophomores used their float to ask, "Can you stop the reign?"

Fall Homecoming Royalty



Seniors: Antwon Scott and Ali Wilson.
Not pictured: Crystal Clayton and Glennae Harvey.



Juniors: Runners-up: Marcus Butts and Andrea Smith.
Attendants: Larry Washington and Diedra West



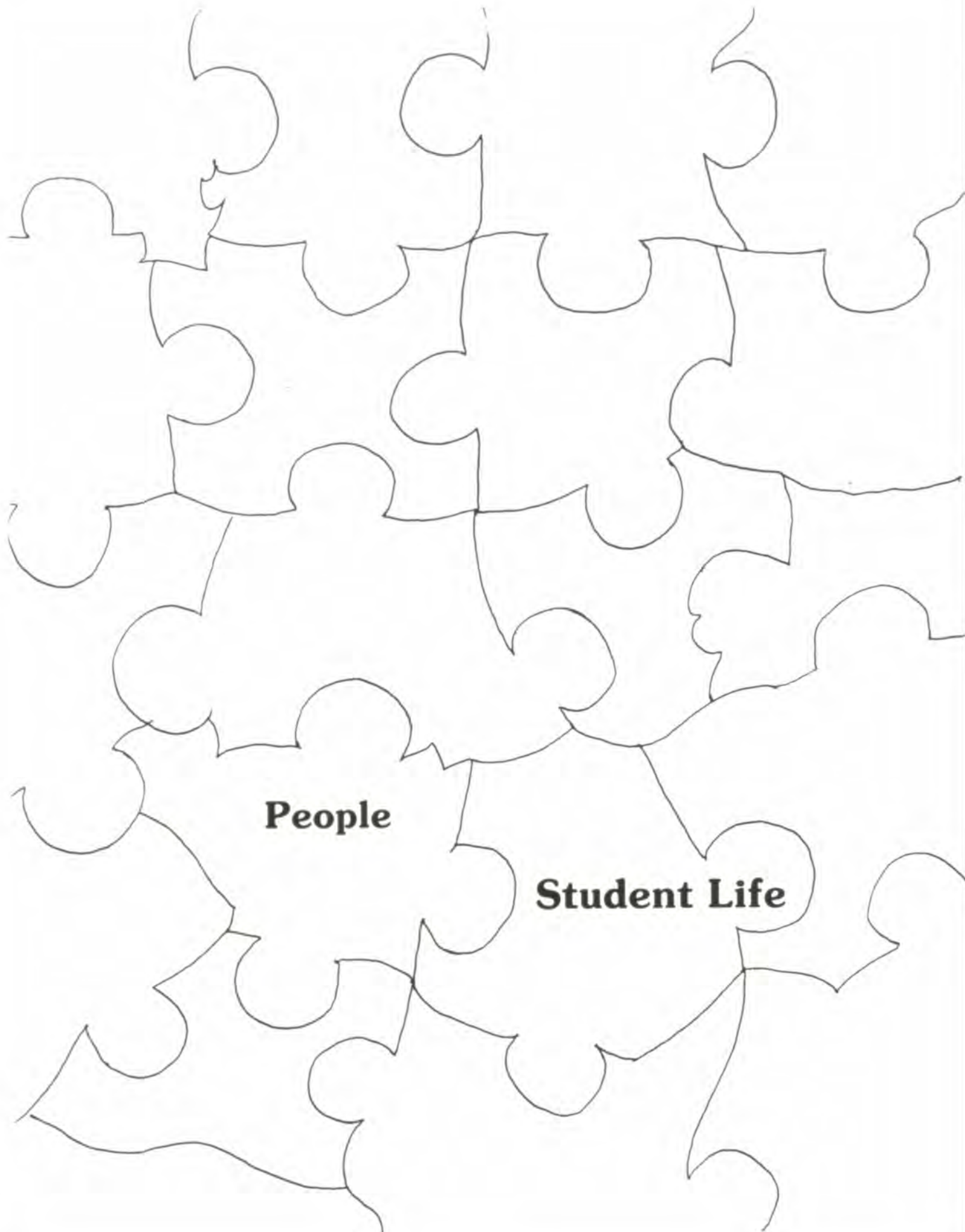
Sophomores: Attendants: Charles Washington and Lashonda Brunson. Runners-up: Amber Davis and James Spencer



Freshmen: Runners-up: Tyson Strong and Danielle Gray. Attendants: Glenn Rucker and Megan Bledsoe



**1998 Fall Homecoming King and Queen:
Brandon Smiley and Nikita Woodley**



People

Student Life





Funnilayo
Adewumi



Marvin
Allen



Tichelle
Anderson

So, it is finally our turn to prove to everyone that we could do it. That we could make it through our senior year and go on to college, the armed forces, or anything else we have been dreaming of doing since we were six. The time has finally come for us to make that final decision that will determine our future. We think of all the times we've been through, all of the mistakes we've made, and all of the accomplishments that we have had through these first twelve years of school. We all hope that we have learned from these things and that they will encourage us to make choices that will help those dreams come true. With all of the determination that we show, all of the effort we put forth, we will succeed. All the while, remembering those talks from our teachers telling us to do our best, to try our hardest. All of the support from our parents, who want nothing more than our happiness and our good judgement. We remember all of the friends that we have made, the ones that are still with us, and have helped us through the years. Those are the friendships that will always be cherished. We also remember those that we have lost, James Love for example. Those are the ones that will be in our hearts as we walk across that stage on May 25th.

So, now the time has come for us to move on to start all over in the 'real world', and see what becomes of us then. While we leave Ruskin behind, we take with us all of the memories we have made into the next stage of our lives. Now, it is all about the class of '99.

Beth Mohler



Theodore
Bass



Tamika
Bates



Tellis
Bolton



Katesha
Box



Erica
Bradshaw



Brandon
Brown



Candace
Brown



Patricia
Brown



Bobby
Burt



Tosha
Byers



Maurice
Carpenter



Aaron
Carr



Christen
Chandler



Shantra
Christener



Casandra
Chutes



Alysia
Clayton



Crystal
Clayton



Jason
Cooperider



Lakeisha
Cutchlow



Jennifer
Davis



Lakeisha
Dodd



Tiffany
Dooley



Maria
Draughn



Danielle
Driver



Alicia
Everage



Candace
Forbes



Jessica
Freeman-Coldiron



Laveta
Gardner



Rashad
Givhan



Brianna
Grant



Robert
Gray



Dione
Greene



Aaron
Grigsby



Arnett
Hall



Forrest
Head



James
Hereford



Toni
Higgins



Kahlil
Hill



Janae
Hobley



Taressa
Hockaday



Charity
Hodges



Kimberly
Holmes



Sabrina
Hughes



Kiera
Hutton



Michelle
Hyde



Damarcus
Iverson



Jade
Jackson



Jasmine
Jackson



Antonio
Jenkins



Misty
Jimenez



Christina
Johnson



Darnell
Johnson



Kqualiaque
Johnson



Nathan
Johnson



Jennifer
Jones



Michael
Kates



Elisha
Kelley



Joshua
Knippa



Kevin
Kralicek



Angela
Ladwig



Jason
Lee



Senea
Leonard



Terrell
Lopez



Melissa
Loteckie



Dacamon
Lumpkin



Alisha
Madison



Yolanda
May



Chris
Mays



Charmetria
McDaniel



Jeanette
McElroy



Rachel
Meyer



Alisha
Mitchell



Bethany
Mohler



Samantha
Moody



Devynn
Moore



Tyrone
Moore

Salma Adamu
Funnilayo Adewumi
Marvin Allen
Darin Andersen
Tichelle Anderson
Emily Andreasen
David Atchley
John Barrera
Theo Bass
Tamika Bates
Tellis Bolton
Erica Bradshaw
Brandon Brown
Brandy Brown
Candice Brown
Patricia Brown
Bobby Burt
Tosha Byers
Maurice Carpenter
Aaron Carr
Bobbi Carter
Christian Chandler
Shantra Christner
Casandra Chukes
Alysia Clayton
Crystal Clayton
Laquyn Collier
Barbara Cooksey
Jason Cooperider
Christopher Crow

Lakeisha Cutchlow
Jennifer Davis
Jon Denny
Catherine Dobbins
Lakeisha Dodd
Tiffany Dooley
Danielle Driver
Michael Faust
James Ferguson
Candace Forbes
Jessica Freeman-Coldiron
Laveta Gardner
Rashad Girhan
Brianna Grant
Robert Gray
Dione Greene
Aaron Grigsby
Arnett Hall
Sarita Harris
Glennae Harvey
Forrest Head
Tashonda Henderson
Toni Higgins
Darlene Hill
Khalil Hill
Robert Hill
Janae Hobbey
Taressa Hockaday
Charity Hodges
Kimberly Holmes

Kinderly Holmes
Sabrina Hughes
Kiera Hutton
Michelle Hyde
Damarcus Iverson
Jade Jackson
Jasmine Jackson
Antonio Jenkins
Misty Jimenez
Christina Johnson
Darnell Johnson
Kqualiaque Johnson
Nathan Johnson
Jennifer Jones
Randy Jones
Michael Kates
Betsy Keane
Elisha Kelley
Brandon Kinney
Joshua Knippa
Kevin Kralicek
Angela Ladwig
Anthony Lee
Ivan Lee
Jason Lee
Senea Leonard
Mario Lewis
Chanise Lockett
Terrell Lopez
Melissa Loteckie

Class of 1999:



We Saved the Best for Last!



David Louis
Dacamon Lumpkin
Alisha Madison
Yolanda May
Christopher Mays
Takeisha Mays
Raymond McCoy
Charmetria McDaniel
Jeanette McEbrov
Walter Meridith
Rachel Meyer
James Miles
Alisha Mitchell
Bethany Mohler
Samantha Moody
Devynn Moore
Tyrone Moore
Brandon Mosley
Michael Moss
Brenna Nichols
Ramon Nichols
Yolanda Nicholson
Robert Nickson
Christopher O'Conner
Takeia Paige
Adrian Payne
Angela Perkins
Willard Ralls
Lorenzo Ramirez
Le'Quisha Ramsey

Taquisha Richardson
Matthew Rog
Donte' Ross
Monique Rounds
Melvin Sanders
Jamie Santomasso
Michelle Sawyer
Christopher Schley
Antwon Scott
George Scott
Matthew Shaw
Bradley Shelton
Elisha Silfies
James Slone
Brandon Smiley
Cherise Smith
Darryn Smith
David Smith
Rashaad Smith
Larry Stafford
Christopher Stallman
Marquette Stewart
Frederick Strother
LaDonna Sykes
Latesha Talifero
Paula Talley
Phillip Thomas
Brandon Thompson
Carole Vaughn
Michael Visoesky

Jewel Wade
Sharonda Walker
Becky Ward
Ruth Washington
Brandy Watkins
Daniel Watters
Amanda Weldin
Odessa Wembley
Chad Wheat
Heidi Widmer
Cara Wiesler
Anthony Wiggins
Aaron Williams
DaNeisha Williams
TiShana Williams
Ali Wilson
Nikita Woodley
Jason Woosley
Paul Wooten
Tammy Yearby
Amy Young
Cynthia Younger



Brandon
Mosley



Yolanda
Nicholson



Ramon
Nichols



Robert
Nickson



Christopher
O'Conner



Takeia
Paige



Adrian Payne



Joshua
Peeler



Angie
Perkins



Willard
Ralls



Lorenzo
Ramirez



Taquisha
Richardson



Matthew
Rog



Donne
Ross



Monique
Rounds



Jamie
Santomasso



Michelle
Saywer



Antwon
Scott



George
Scott



Matthew
Shaw



Brad
Shelton



Elisha
Silfies



James
Slone



Brandon
Smiley



Cherise
Smith



Darryn
Smith



David
Smith



Rashaad
Smith



Tara
Smith



Larry
Stafford



Christopher
Stallman



Marquetta
Stewart



Frederick
Strother



Latesha
Talifero



Paula
Talley



Brandon
Thompson



Michael
Visocsky



Sharonda
Walker



Becky
Ward



Ruth
Washington



Brandy
Watkins



Amanda
Weldin



Honey
Wembley



Chad
Wheat



Heidi
Widmer



Cara
Weiseler



Da'Neisha
Williams



Tishana
Williams



Ali
Wilson



Nikita
Woodley



Jason
Woosley



Paul
Wooten



Tamira
Yearby



Amy
Young



Cynthia
Younger



Not Pictured

Salma Adamu, Darin Andersen, Emily Andreasen, David Atchley, Peter Baldwin, John Barrera, Brandy Brown, Latoya Renee Brown, Steven Callahan, Barbara Cooksey, Christopher Crow, Vincent Davis, Jonathon Denney, Michael Faust, Glennae Harvey, Tashona Henderson, Darlene Hill, Robert Hill, Kinderly Holmes, Randy Jones, Elizabeth Keane, Brandon Kinney, Anthony Lee, Mario Lewis, David Louis, Takeisha Mays, Walter Meredith, James Miles, Patricia Moore, Michael Moss, Brenna Nichols, Melvin Sanders, Christopher Schley, Justina Smith, LaDonna Sykes, Phillip Thomas, Carole Vaughn, Jewel Wade, Anthony Wiggins, and Aaron Williams

SENIOR



SUPERLATIVES

MOST ACADEMIC



Antwon Scott
and Angela Ladwig
Runners up: Kahlil Hill
and Christen Chandler

MOST INVOLVED



Aaron Williams
and Christina Johnson
Runners up: Arnett Hall
and Christen Chandler

MOST SHY



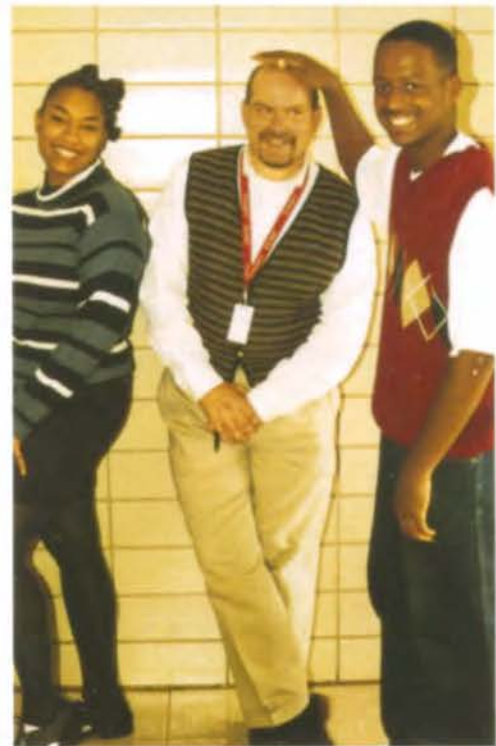
Darryn Smith
and Charmetria McDaniel

BEST PERSONALITY



Tellis Bolton
and Erica Bradshaw
Runners up: Rashad Givhan
and Danielle Driver

TEACHER'S PET



Kahlil Hill
and Alisha Madison

Runners up: Aaron Williams
and Monique Rounds

BEST SMILE



Tellis Bolton
and Glennae Harvey
Runners-up: Mike Smith and
Sabrina Hughes

MOST LIKELY



BEST



Rashad Givhan
and Danielle
Driver

DRESSED



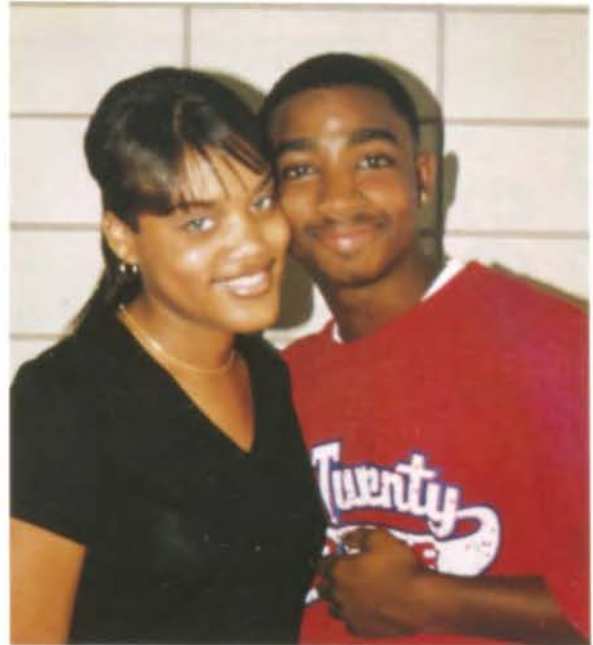
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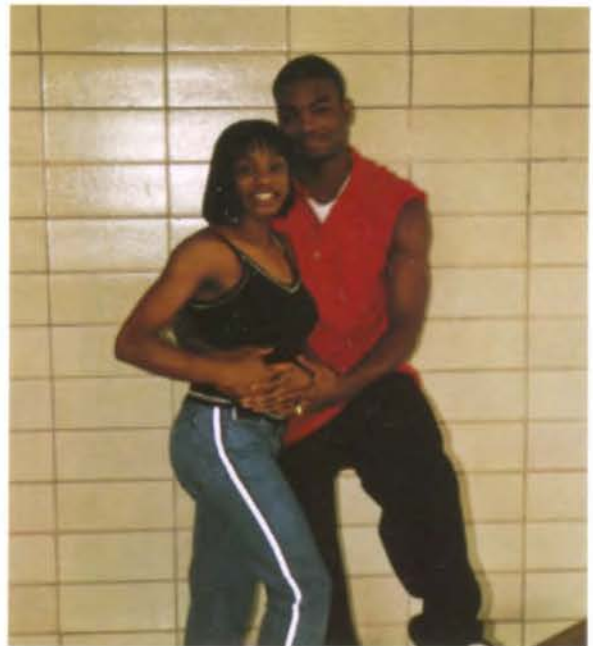
1999

PRETTIEST EYES



Randy Jones
and Nikita Woodley

BEST BODY



Brandon Thompson and
Glennae Harvey

Class of 1999

MOST ATHLETIC



Brandon Smiley and
Ruth Washington

Runners up: Nathan Johnson and Nikki Williams

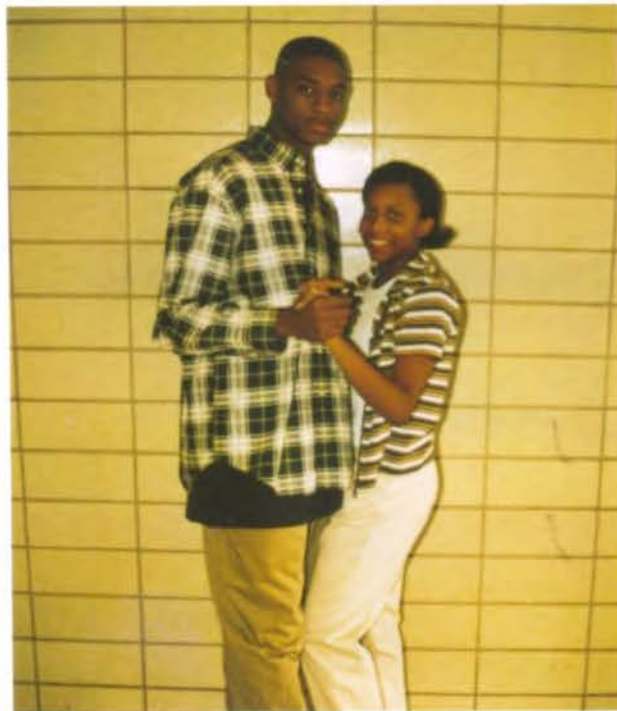
MOST MUSICAL



Aaron Williams and
Glennae Harvey

Runners up: Rashad Givhan and Nikita Woodley

BEST DANCER



Ali Wilson and Paula Talley

Runners up: Arnett Hall and
Casandra Chukes

BEST FRIENDS



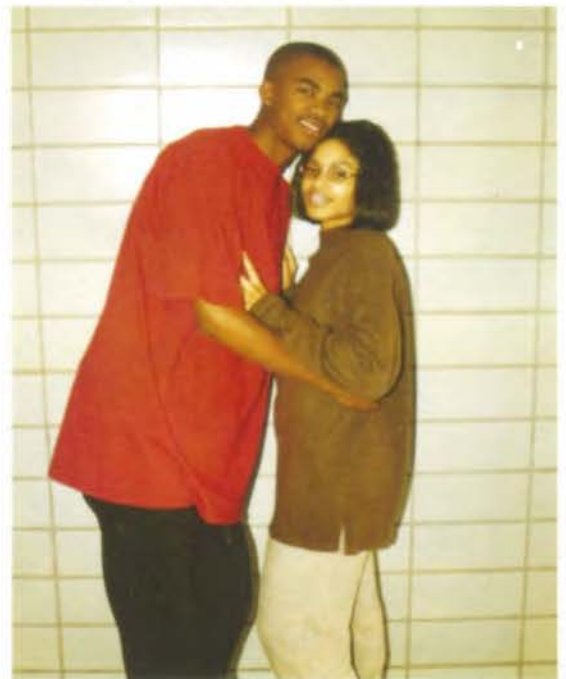
Brad Shelton and Jason Lee
Paula Talley and Janae Hobley

MOST ARTISTIC



Ali Wilson and
Janae Hobley
Runners up: Dacamon Lumpkin and
Tarëssa Hockaday

CUTEST COUPLE



Nathan and
Kqualiaque Johnson

CLASS CLOWN



Nathan Johnson

and Ruth Washington

Runners up: Darnell Johnson
and Takeia Paige

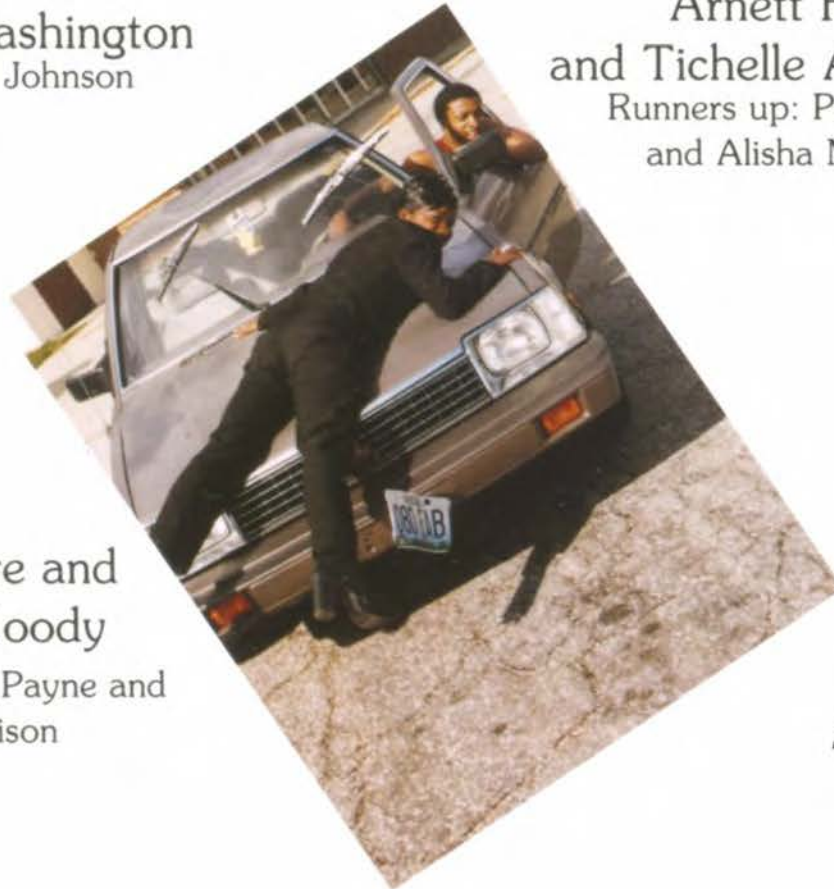
BIGGEST GOSSIP



Arnett Hall

and Tichelle Anderson

Runners up: Paris Payne
and Alisha Madison



Tyrone Moore and
Samantha Moody

Runners up: Paris Payne and
Alisha Madison

WORST DRIVER

3

BIGGEST KUTZ



BIGGEST FLIRT



Mike Kates and Tosha Byers

Tyrone Moore and
Adrian Payne
Randy Jones and
Keisha Cutchlow

WILDEST PERSONALITY



Arnett Hall
and Tichelle Anderson
Runners up: Forrest Head
and Jamie Santomasso

MOST DRAMATIC



Rashad Givhan
and Cara Wieseler

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John Glenn



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Mark McGwire



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The Dixie Chicks

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Peace in the Middle East

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



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Hurricane Mitch

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



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Jesse Ventura

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

Embassy Bombings

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



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North Ireland Peace Accords

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



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Russian Economy

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

farewell & goodbye

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

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



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War over Iraq

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



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Swiss Air Flight 111

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



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Newt's farewell

Newt Gingrich

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

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Crisis in the White House

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

John Glenn

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



International Space Station

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



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movies



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Enemy of the State

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

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Antz and A Bug's Life

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

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The Waterboy

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



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Dr. Dolittle

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

Saving Private Ryan

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

Top Ten Movies

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



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Armageddon

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



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Shakespeare in Love

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

music



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Alanis Morissette

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



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Brandi and Monica

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



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Garth Brooks

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



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Dixie Chicks

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

Beastie Boys

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



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Dave Matthews

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



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Mariah Carey

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

Top Five Albums

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

television



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Dawson's Creek

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



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Jessie

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



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Drew Carey

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

Felicity

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



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Friends

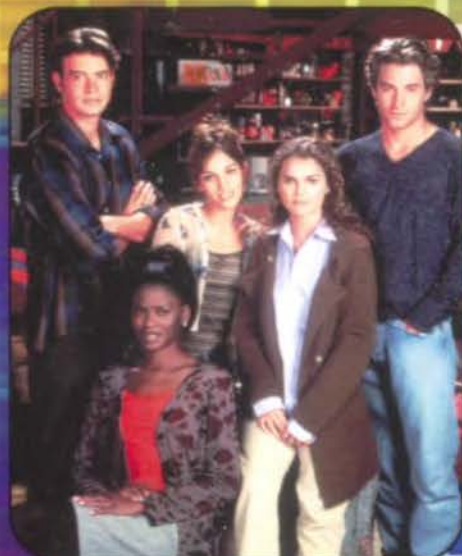
The cast of *Friends* continues to amuse audiences with a fresh approach to comedy and hilarious stories of everyday life.



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Ally McBeal

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



AP/Wide World Photos

Spin City

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



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SportsCenter

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

sports



AP/Wide World Photos

Super Bowl XXXIII

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



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Jana Novotna

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



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NBA Lockout

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

Mark McGwire

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



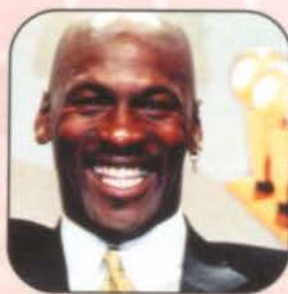
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Jeff Gordon

Jeff Gordon wins the 1999 Daytona 500. With three championships under his belt and a new video game, *Jeff Gordon X5 Racing*, Gordon remains NASCAR's most popular driver.



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Michael Jordan

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



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World Series

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



AP/Wide World Photos

World Cup

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

trends



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Furby

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



AP/Wide World Photos

Jesse Camp

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



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Jewelry

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



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Rogue Squadron/ Tomb Raider III

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



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iMac

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



AP/Wide World Photos

WWJD?

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



AP/Wide World Photos

Cargo Pants

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



MOST CHANGED SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR



Brad Shelton and Monique Rounds

Runners up: Rashaad Smith and Beth Mohler

Class of 1999 Senior Wills

A

I, Tichelle Anderson, will my pimpology playaology to all the underclassman. To JJ keep it real you have been there for me through thick and thin and I love you for that. R.G. I love you like a brother because you have always been by my side. To my road dogs T.Y. and the ghetto twins J&J, and Lil' Cutchlow holler at me cuz I'm going straight to the top! To all those hater's y'all need to quit because playa's like me always succeed in the game. To all the true playa's, pimp's, and hustler's tip y'all glasses cause y'all know how true gee's do it. Last but not least to my mother who kept being on my back to keep me in school. To everyone that I missed keep it real and love always.

Activities: 9-12 Choir, 11 Safe Tutoring

B

I, Theodore E. Bass, will leave my spectacular art work and pray that you may one day reach my level.

Activities: Football, Track, Art Club, Octagon Club, Peer Mediator, Games Club (not chess)

I, Tellis Bolton, will all my boys and ladies (female friends) the best of an after school life. I pray you all will stay out of trouble. To my little sister, be good and keep the good work in school.

50/Wills

I, Katesha Box, will Camillia Miller, Ceyona Patton, Tara Walker, Ashley Morris, Nikita Woodley, Angel Harris, Larry Washington, Tiffany Johnson, Sidney Bradley, Terrell Roe, Narisha Woodley, Yendi Wright, Fannel Lewis, Jasmine, Jade, Tammy Yearby, and Cassandra Chukes all for being the coolest and for being TRUE. To my peoples in the class of 2000, keep y'all heads up, and represent to the fullest. I want to say sorry for leaving in '99' but it's still all good. 2000 will always be #1. I also will Maria and Marshon Draughn, Aaron Copes, and Refina Haywood who I have known for more than five years. I love you guy's and I always will. I wish you all the best and all the happiness in the world! I'm signing off now. Love Always Katesha Box A.K. A. Goof

Activities: Cheerleading

I, Erica Bradshaw, will try my best to keep in touch with my fellow classmates especially someone like Tosha Byers. She has been my play daughter for 4 to 5 years. To all my other play kids I wish you the best in life and DON'T have any real kids any time soon. I love everyone and I will see you when the sun is at its fullest peak. God Bless!

Activities: National Honor Society, Drama Club, Vice-President of the Senior Class 99, S.A.F.E. tutor, STEP, One year in Pals, cheerleader, cheerleader coach

I, Patricia (CeCe) Brown, will that I am so happy I'm leaving all you playa hater's

behind. I know that all of the one's being left behind will miss me! I want to say good-bye and I love you CLASS OF '99'

I Tosha Byers, will to God for letting me live to make it this far. To my family thanks so much for your love and support, even though I didn't cooperate. To Rev. and Mrs. Albert Colbert thank you so much for everything. I will you my love, friendship, and sense of humor (ha/ha!) Thoren Powell, I will you all the strength, love, success for you love ya! My girls, E. Bradshaw, B. Grant, L. Boards, and Sylver W. thank you for always being there for me. Our friendships are forever. To my boys (you know who you are) I will you all the success in your lives. To Richard P. invites me to yours Michelle's wedding (love ya both). Bianca keep your head up you got two more years, Love ya! To those who downed me, grow up! To my teachers and coaches thanks for pushing me to do better and work harder. To Erica and Michelle, I will always treasure our friendship. I couldn't have been blessed with more wonderful friends. To the rest of c/o 99 we have made it!!!! I will all of you best wishes in your futures. To my best friend E.L.W. may you rest in place until I join you someday. Love ya bookie. Brena N. you be always be one of my hommies. It was fun kickin' it with you. Our friendship will last always. L.Y.L.A.S. I will myself an attitude adjustment, more rest and relaxation, and success in my future ahead.

Activities: Volleyball 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Track 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, Who's Who 9-11, Orchestra Club 10-11

C

I, Maurice S. Carpenter, will all the ladies, J.L., T.J., K.R.C., C.M., Yendi, and the ladies I forgot much love. To my boys the Jones Brothers, Big D., Lil D., J.M., A.H., J.P., C.B., D.W., and to all the football player's, keep it real. To the wrestling team, keep on fighting. My little sister, Chense, you have been through thick and thin. I love you and I will miss you. To all my boy's of class of '99, R.M., DaDa, ES, B.S., A.S., D.J., A.H., P.T., T.S.L., N.J., A.C., A.W., R.S., R.G., D.C.G., P.L., E.S. To the class of '99 ladies, A.L., D.D., G.H., S.M., H.W., L.R., M.K., C.J., P.T., C.C., M.M.S., M.L., C.W., L.H., T.P., A.M., N.E., N.W. Much love. Everyone else in the class of '99 good luck in your life ahead and keep God in your life. To all the underclassman that still here much respect.

Activities: Lettered 2 years. Wrestling, 1 year. Football, 1 year. Tennis, 1 year. NHS, 1 year. Deca, 4yrs. Band, 1yr. Drama Club, Blood Drive (97-99), Mediator (97-99).

I, Christen Chandler, will all of the underclassmen much success. Follow your dreams and don't ever lose faith. To my female best friends, J.H., P.T., A.M. I will all of you the power and self-determination to be successful in every aspect of your life. Even though we

will be departing each other, God will find a way for us to meet on the same path again. To J.H. I hope you and M.C. have a relationship as good as mine. To A.M. and P.T., I hope you find the man of your dreams and he has everything you want. To my male best friend R.G., I will you determination and success keep God in your heart, never lose sight of the important things. To all my Drill team sisters much success keep up the good reputation that we have. To the NHS officers best wishes. To the NFL's stay on top. To anybody I've missed. Much love, Knowledge and respect. May Happiness always be apart of your life, keep your eyes on Jesus.

I, Shantra Christner, will my brother, I love you and hope we can become better friends. My parents, luck in everything. My whole family, all the wisdom and help that you all need. To everyone, your life is yours listen and learn. To my friends we will always party. I will all my teachers, my spirit when things get tough. To Mr. Ryerson all my good taste in books and thanks for being a friend. Mr. Pohlman I give you my art ability. Thank you for being a great teacher. To all the guys I flirted with, it was fun. I hope you find your one and only. To the underclassman knowledge in the coming years.

Activities: NHS 11-12, Drama Club 12, NFL 11, Octagon Club 12.

I, Casandra Chukes, will to the class of '99 the ability to never forget where you came from always represent '99. I also will to my sister Angel Harris the strength to keep going forward and never look back and always know who your true friends are. My mom and uncle Thank you for being there. My brother Chris Chukes always stay on top of things don't let nobody take you down. My

sister Sade Morris, Keep on learning all the fundamentals of life. TiShana Williams you have been my friend and stood by me for a long time now and I stood by your side when you was still finding out who your true friends are. You are my best friends and I would do anything for you. Samantha, Nikki, and Merika remember who your true friends are. I wish you all much success in the future. T.B., D.W., M.W., and T.M., keep it real when I'm gone and always represent stay away from all player haters. T.R., wish you much luck with you the baby and your man. Katesha Box thank you for being there and being a true friend. Wish everyone much luck and happiness in life. Anthony Broom, I will always love you. Love always Chukes

I, Alysia Clayton, will miss all my dogs. Ya'll know who you are. To Danielle and Takeia...Shake it off! To Monique I'm sure you'll be #4. To My S.P., my heart, you know who you are. You always hold a special place. I want to wish the whole class of '99... good luck. It's been fun kickin' it with those of ya'll that I've kicked it with. Everybody else... just keep it real! Don't get into trouble you can't get out of. In other words, don't do anything I wouldn't do. We made it ya'll! God Bless.

Activities: National Honor Society

I, Crystal Clayton, will never forget all my top dogs, my real friends that were true from the time I came to Ruskin, till now. They never got mad, or hated me in any way and always had my true dog Keisha Coleman and my best friend and sister Ivye Clayton. I'm coming out but I still got you back and don't trip off all these jealous hater, keep yo head up and mug all females because their not to be trusted or made a friend so forget all females and

their hating n****s. That goes for Keisha and Refina too. I'm gonna miss ya stay up.

I, Jessica Coldiron, will A.L. summer of 1997, Taco Bell, all the Kool-Aid you can drink and my friendship forever. To J.L.: sisterly love, understanding, and my never-ending friendship. M.L.: sisterly love, understanding, strength, and all the Mexican guys in the world kissing the ground you walk on. C.W.: hope, determination, and strength in all life may bring you. Thanks for being one of the few people that believed in me and that I could talk to. To M.S.: Your voice on an audiotape for when you become old and can't speak anymore My sisterly love. To my little sister Amy Coldiron, 15-foot Christmas trees, summers at grandma's, late-night talks, corks, your own docks, a tuck, and a kiss goodnight. To K.K.: I will you the ability to tell the truth. PS. Look up commitment. To Mrs. Swift: First of all, I leave you Amy to take care of for me, you mean more to me than you'll ever know, you're my role model, THANKS for all that you have done for me! To my snookie bear, James Malcolm Slone Jr., I will three my heart, soul and my love for all eternity. Thank you isn't a big enough word to show my gratitude for all that you have done for me. Thanks for being my best friend and the love of my life. I love you.

Activities: Freshman Choir 9, Varsity Softball 9, Varsity Cheerleader 10-11-12, Treble Choir 10, Drama Club 11-12, Octagon Club 11, NHS 10-11-12, Anything Goes 10, Vital Signs 12, A Capella Choir, 11-12, Swim team 11, MYT 10-11-12, Science Club 11

I, LaQuyn Collier, will my hugs and kisses to my skink Jeshawn. My relatives 'Lili Fred, Tyson, and Raelaunda my skills, my playfulness and most of all, my realism (keep it real). To all my jealous

fans (upper and underclassmen male and female you know), to you my time because it seems you don't have enough of your own (thanks for thinking about me). To my Lil dog's Tierra Osborn give you my dressing, looks and flaunting skills, cause I see these hater were on your heels makin' you stay on your toes (stay up). Two my Friend Martwan I will you my late night off the hook phone conversation (feel me) they would understand! Kendrick, my D.L skills to you (you know why). Shawntee Baldwin, Ke-Ke, my calmness, stays out of my calmness. Y'all only got two more years (chill out). Class of '99.

I, LaKeshia Cutchlow, will my homegirls, Twins, Tichelle, Sammy, Brandy, Marika, L. Roose, and Reese for being on my side for four years. To all the haters grow up. To Ms. Nunn, and Mrs. Jackson, thanks for begin there for me. To my husband Dereck Wilson, I love you Boo! To my children Daish and Dereck, Momma loves you for life. I thank all the folks that knew I would make it this far. I thank God for what he has done for me and my family and for keeping me strong. To the people with children please grow up and take care of them kids. I'm going to the top!

D

I, Jennifer LaVonne Davis, will my girl, Rachel Meyer, all the FBM, a hand of green, a trip to 81st and Brooklyn, a night of boxing, a night long trip to house #1 and house #2, a journey to the city without getting lost, an evening without the POSBR overheating, and a trip around Ruskin without seeing all of them. Good luck with C and the best with the future. Just remember: Keep ya head up!

C.Y. sup Girl! I will you a man to treat you right and freak dances with you know whom! Keep ya life on track. To N.S. my love even though I know it's gone as far as it ever will, you will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for all that you've taught me. J.T., I know you don't go here but you've got all my luv! You're my heart girl! Keep me laughing! Can I holla? To L.J. the third time at bat- I'll hit a home run. R.M., a never-ending trip to QT and 7-11! Class of 199 it's been great! Best of luck! To all you scandalous haters- HaHa! I got mines and that's all that matters! Don't hate me because you aren't me!

Activities: Code 9-12, Orchestra 9&10, Drama Club 9.

I, Lakeisha Kade Dodd, will up and foremost all my love to Christ. Without him, I couldn't have made it this far. I will all my love to my boo, A.J., my love and peace stay between us forever. To my best friend, Candace Forbes, the mother of my Godson, you are the best. May we have more good times and long convos. Christian Moody, for your friendship and advice, no tongue can explain. Monique Rounds a.k.a. 10 cavs! I will all the gum in world. There is not a piece of gum I chew that I don't think of you. To my brother, Rashad, you are wonderful. May you go far in life and keep singing for the Lord. To R.S. and L.M., C.J. and K.B., may your love for each other stay strong. I will some of my height to D.D. and G.H., you two need it!! To all my friends in NHS, y'all know who y'all are, the best of luck and all my love. Love and Peace to class of 199!

Activities: Choir 9-12, NHS 10-12

Wills/52

I, Tiffany Dooley, will Robin McKinnie, Terri Spears, Margaret Williams, Sharon White, Jennifer Dalton, Amy Schultz, and Holy D. my friendship. I'm going to miss you guys. Hopefully, we will keep in touch with each other. A special thanks to my best friend Robin McKinnie, we have been through a lot together. It's going to be hard to say good-bye to you. But, we will still write to each other. And I also will to you, my playa skills, because you need them. God Bless! I will never forget you. To the Class of 199, hope your dreams come true and you will accomplish your goals.

I, Maria Draughn, will to my number one ace, crib nuts from deep down under of God's grace, started out in Blue Valley to 69th, 43rd, Hanover, 7908, to Gatehouse. My #1 roll dogs my twin, my best friend Marshon AKA Shon. I will her, God's grace, love, and word. More testimonies on Sundays. The strength to keep on the road of success, the qualifications for Spellman, the hair off my Barbie dolls. Last but not least more beautiful, long, color #4 weave. To my Boo, my world, my HEART, A.J., rainier skip days, more spots, Ranger Joe's, more anniversaries, love, kisses, and hugs. Gods love and faith. The choice of any college and last but not least Pooh Bear lover you always. To all the juniors even though I'm graduating with 199. A piece of me still lies with 2000. I'll always think of y'all but when the time comes you gotta do what you gotta do. To the cartoon crew F.L., M.D., and B.M. I will more Phillips 66 pumps. To M.W. and M.D. with J.C. and Marcus. To D.Bo's more kicking it at H.S.N. and with C.C. To G.J., grades and strength to get through the next two years. Much love to K.B., I've been knowing for 5 years, keep it real. See ya!

Activities: ROTC 9-10,

Cheerleading 10, Leo Club 10, Drama Club 10-11, Step Group 10-11, Gospel Choir 9

I, Danielle Driver, will Alisha Madison all my friendship forever. You are a great Best friend! I will Cynthia Younger a lot of good advice and long talks about life. To Alysia and Takeia to shake it off!! To all of the crew, I will a lot of good luck because you all need it Ha! God Bless the Class of 1999 and keep on keeping it real.

Activities: Cheerleader 9, IV Cheerleader 10, Student Council 10,11,12, Drama Club 10,11,12, Octagon Club 10,11, NHS 11,12, Tennis 11.

G

I, LaVeta Gardner, will to the underclassmen the class sophistication, integrity, intelligence, and super athletic ability of the Class of 199. To C.S. and L.R. it's been fun these 4 years. Despite all the haters, we made it and are still friends. To Lucretia, Angela, and Jennifer step-up and represent in track. After 100 leaves it up to you, to keep the tradition alive. To R.H., leave Jay alone; you don't need to be anyone's mama. To T.P., you know I'm mad, but I wish you and the baby good luck. Also, you better send me a picture! To the Class of 199, although we don't always see eye-to-eye we made it. Remember to always keep your head up and strive for your goals. To my mama, I know I put you through a lot, but I am here and will continue to be successful. God Bless and love you all.

Activities: Volleyball 9-12, Cross Country 10-11, Basketball 9, Wrestling 11-12, Track 9-12, Choir 9-11, Gospel Choir 11-12, Drama Club 12, ROTC 9,12

I, Rashad Givhan, will my love for God to everyone. He is the only one who has helped me through these

hard years. I praise the mighty Lord of hosts. I will my sister Estelle J. a mirror so you can see how beautiful you are and strength to keep on striving for the right. Glennae H. a digital clock (have you ever heard of being on time?). Nikita W. a steady boyfriend (Paaaa!). I will my boys Rashaad S. and Antwon S. some you know what! To the J.J. twins a life. My best friend Christen C. some baggy jeans. Monique R. 1,000 lbs. of sugar. Alysia C. a loud and obnoxious laugh! CJ short, nappy hair! Beth M. a white boyfriend. My sister Kade a bad hair day. Narisha W. wisdom to not get played by these boys. My nephew Dominick (Gerald) a hall pass to go pimpin. (runs in the family). Taressa H. 1,000,000 letters written from me. Alisha Mitchell a kiss. Marcus B. and Cornelia B. a very off and ugly note. To all those who've always been there, I offer Christ's love to you, (Antwon, Taressa, Christen, Sabrina, Rashaad, Pa'Queshia-C/o 98). To my "Road Dogs," I will a 3-day weekend, (D.L., DJ, DJ B.S., J.L., A.S., R.S., L.S.). To my N.H.S. clique, I will success (P.T., A.C., A.S., D.D., J.J., J.H., R.S., T.B., C.C., E.B., C.J., E.K., A.W., A.L.). To all those people who are fake as can be, and act like they're too good, I urge and challenge you to be real. To all of those who I go way back with, I hope you remember me, (Jade and Jasmine, Tammy, Brandy W., Jennifer, Glennae, Nikita, Jason, Darryn, Darnell, Billy, Antwon, Christen, Rashaad, Alisha Mitchell). To all those who I have forgotten, I will you everlasting peace. In the immortal words of Camille M. and my other sister/best friend Pa'Queshia Miller, Don't worry about what no one else thinks or says about you. You are somebody!

Activities: Choir 9-12, Drama Club 9-12, NHS 11-

12, Octagon Club 12, Gospel Choir 10-11, Step Group 11

I, Robert Gray, will the Senior Class of 1999, good luck in the future.

Activities: Vo-Tech 11, FBLA 11, and Drama Club 12

I, Dione C. Greene, will my soul to Terri Spears. My eye to Tamika Greene. I will flesh to the Ruskin Football team, and my spirit to God. I will my bones with splinters to all my competition buried for twelve years with repercussions of preservation. To all my comrades I will my mind with a revolutionary cause to excel against all principalities. I will my money to myself cause it's better than birds. Last but not least, I will D.C.G. an eternity of happiness without partial reflections in my little big reality.

Activities: Football 9-12, Track 10, NHS 11-12, Basketball 9.

H

I, Charity Hodges, will to my son all of my love and good luck in whatever you do in life. J.W., a free class in drivers Ed. KC, let's go to the city and get stuck there just one more time. J.B., I will you and R.B. the best of luck in the future M.H. good grades like your sister and keep your head up. D.W. take care of my daughter and pimp all those dudes. L.R. a closet full of clothes form to came and borrows. I'd like to will all Seniors good luck and a free trip to the juice bar.

Activities: Drama Club 9-10, Thespian 10-12.

I, Janae Hobley, will to all the underclassmen the exciting moments and memories I've had during my last four years at Ruskin. To my Boo

M.K., I will always love you, and I will our love to go on forever and ever. To my cousin S.W., I will you and your friends T.S. and M.W. a wonderful senior year. To my best friend P.T., C.C. A.C., I will you guys a wonderful future and I hope all your dreams come true. I also want to thank you for supporting me through all these years, helping out with my problems, letting me copy homework, and making me laugh. I hope I've been as good a friend to you all as you've been to me. To AM, DD, TP, GH, RW, NW, HW, EB, AL, and all my girls I will never forget all of you, and I'm glad I got to know you all. I know we all won't keep in touch, but it's important for us to hold on to the memories. To all my boyz B.S., J.L., B.B., C.B., A.W., A.C., D.G., R.G., R.S., R.J., R.N., L.G., T.B., A.S., D.J., and to anybody else I forgot, I will you guys focus, keep focus on your goals and I'm sure you'll all achieve them. Thank you to everyone who's made my high school years enjoyable. I also thank the teachers who worked hard to prepare me for college. God Bless you all.

Activities: Track, Cross-Country, Basketball, Orchestra Club, NHS, StuCo

I, Taressa Hope Hockaday, will my love, honor and greatest respect to Mrs. Clementine Nunn, Vivian Brooks, Steve Schlutov, and Sherrie Richmond-Jackson. I can never thank you enough for all you've done for me. To my heart, Bryan Ross Bolden, love you- always will. To all my TRU friends, and those who are, SOMETIMES- I'll always be here, just remember: It's within yourself true judgment lies, BELIEVE, trust in God and you will make it. (I know I'm still here!) To the haters- (especially the president and vice-president of the crew, you know who you are.) Much love, cause of you I

continue to succeed. Brine- keep him first and just do your thing. Sey-jaioffakus, you don't know but you've taught me a lot. (PROMISE YOU WON'T CHANGE.) RaShadG., hold your head up, you got A LOT more than what you think, thanks for being there. N.W. five dollars (HUH?) Nikita- an R.L. Stine, an ear to update me on your love life, much love. Kqualiaque- stay crazy! (P.S. Don't forget to invite me to the wedding. ANTE DOGG!!) Tellis- a prayer cause, you need one. A.E.- cuz, we've been through it all, regardless I've always been here/ will always be here. To next years Diggers- have fun, it's HELL. The underclassmen-N.W., A.H., T.M., L.M.- keep your head up. T.B., A.S., S.L., B.B., C.C., G.H., A.H., A.W., B.S., T.W. and everyone else I forgot, Ressa love you baby (SMILE). C/O 1999

Activities: Basketball, 9,11 Diggers 12, Choir 12, Yearbook 11-12, Debate 10, StuCo 9-10, Pep Club 11, Newspaper 11, Color Guard 10, ROTC 9-10

EZ, sorry I have to leave you up here. And last but not least I will my everlasting love and friendship to all that I mentioned, but specifically to two TRU females that haven't let me down, yea we go through but we never stop, this is for Timika B. and Marquetta S. Good looking out. I leave nothing but my heart for all the PH'ers. I hope y'all pick it up and learn something from it, it's all your P.H.Ding that gave me the prescription to succeed.

Activities: NFL, MYT, Drama Club, S.A.F.E tutor, Diggers Squad

I, Michelle Hyde, will go to college and help make the world a better place! I hope to become a vet, and maybe help others reach there goals too! Remember, if you want the world to change, you have to change it! You do

make a difference! C/O '99
Michelle Hyde

J

I, Jade Jackson, will thank god that I made it through. Thank my girls T.A., S.H., T.H., B.C., T.B., A.M., K.B., Cutch, J.J., Y.M., and to the rest of y'all that's cool, I will also thank those who didn't like me, because all y'all made me stronger and more real. Big thanks to my comrades Jasmine Jackson and Tammy Yearby- the reals- forever and always keep it real and always remember that you have to be the better person. Much love to you all. I would like to thank all my folks and hope that all of C/C 99 will be blessed.

I, Jasmine Jackson, will nothing but the best to my best friends. To Jade, my twin and Tammy, I want to thank you for everything you all have done for me and for standing by my side no matter what. To Bighead Brandy, I will you a life, because you work too hard. But there's nothing wrong with that. Go make that money, because if you go get it, nobody's going to get it for you. To Raebare, I will you the very best to you and your body. Keep your head up and don't let the haters get you down. To Tichelle, stop being so ghetto. Go out there and make that money. To Cutdog, don't forget about me when you make it big. Keep taking care of your kids and stay strong. To my Mom and Dad, thank you for giving me a chance in life, because without you all, and God, I would not be here. To Ante Dog, grow up! Just playing, don't ever let anyone change you. To all the underclassmen, remember it will be your turn soon. Stay strong and hold on.

I, Christina, (See-Jay) Johnson will E.K. eternal

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happiness in anything you choose to do, and my love (stupid). B.M. another 10 years like these, a trip to KU with no stray dogs, much love, and a gee like mine. B.W. a life with fingers in the wrong places and a successful future. A.L. cute Bally guys and great times at K-S: We're going! G.H. chicken, all of our love and a successful future. R.G. and E.J. a party in a bag and love. I will miss you (And hopes of finding your real mother E.) N.W. thanks for being my strength and giving me courage in my times of doubt and my times of survive, much love, Kade, my love and lots of luck with A.J. thank you for everything! C.P. as many trips to see T that you want, my love and words of wisdom. Remember, Listen to your heart, but follow your brain, for your heart can lead you into deception and then the only option is to lose. M.B. \$20 for all of your future W.O.F. trips and \$200 for prom. A.S. & J.D. the C.G.-with lots of luck! Ms. D. all of my love and gratitude without you I don't know if I could've made it through this alone. Congrats on your accomplishments, I love you. Mr. W. luck with future bands (left, left, LEFT), a C.G. as good as this one and lots of love you're the greatest. Coach: all that you ever wanted to know about Euclidean Geometry and my thanks for pushing me. To anyone I forgot, you know I love you and will miss you. To the Class of 1999, go for your dreams, and set your goals high, WE can master ANYTHING!

Track 9, NHS 11-12, Choir 10-12, Marching Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 9-12, Color Guard 10-12, Thespian 10-12, Octagon Club 10-12, Drama Club 9-10-12, Who's Who Among America's High School Students 11-12, Mixed Nuts 10, Anything Goes 10, National Scholar Merit

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Leader 11-12, STUCO 9-10, Spint Club 11-12.

I, Kqualiaque Johnson, will the class of '99 and God for helping me make it this far. To my little brother Duluan and my little cousins Domonick, Renisha, and Roger. To all my little junior girls and boys, Kelly, Ciana, Nicky, Jennifer, Keosha, Yendi, Rodney, Larry, and crazy black boy (Sidney), yaw stay up and be cool and I wish yaw the best of luck. To my best friends, Nathan and Nikita I love yaw, please don't ever change on me. To my good friend Glenna I love you too, be cool with T.B. Ha! Ha! Nikita I wish you the best with your man problems. To my cheerleading squad I really love yaw even though I don't show it. I appreciate yaw for putting up with me. Ms. Connor and Ms. Edens I really appreciate you two or being there for the squad and me. Nathan whatever goes wrong remember that I will always love you. To the girls who hate me I love yaw too. Y B MAD.

Activities: Cheerleading, Gold 11-12, Blue 10, Leo Club 12

I, Jennifer M. Jones, will miss all my teachers, family, friends. I hope that every body keep their dreams and hold ya head up high. To all my friends BW, JM, KC, I will miss ya'll dearly. And I can't forget about my two Best Friends of all RG, GH, much love for ya. And to everybody in the graduating class of 1999 keep it real!!

Activities: NHS, MYT, and AC Choir

K

I, Michael Kates, will to my little sister Shawnta Davis the will power and patience to make it through her years here at Ruskin. To my Tru

Doggs Brad Shelton and Jason Lee I will rides around the city and free samples of cappucino coolers after school everyday and trying to weekend!!! To my girl Janae I will our undying love for one another, your are my world and my future. To all the teachers counselors and officers who put up with me and my boys thanks for the memories much love to Meisenheimer, Ryerson and Pohlman. A shout out to all my boys on 117th champagne keep it real!!!! That includes B.S., D.L., M.C., R.N., J.W., P.T., C.C., R.S., D.L. M.S., T.M., G.S., J.P., M.D., C.F., F.S., R.W., S.B., O.J., M.L. My Dogs!!!!

I, Elisha Kelley, Will C.M.J. more adventures downtown in unknown cars, a steering wheel cover, all the luck w/ K.B., and cakes w/ your sign - I love you babe! Aluminum! S.C.M. more trips to hypermart. J.A.R. to my best friend, my life! More trips to the Ozarks, and the men you can truly handle, more trips to R.L.G. to you all the credit you deserve. I leave you candy, gum, paper, and pens. No matter what anyone tells you, you're gorgeous and have and a wonderful voice. Veinte! J.M.W. the ability to forever be a "cookie" and someday earn a chocolate chip. T.S.L. all of Wendy's you can stand, more red boxers, and men's sections in Crown Center. Don't forget Usher's words! R.T.B. I'm gonna hug the **** out of you. The ability to become a massu love ya! J.A.S. will to you - hair dye! Chris S. big bro, thanks for always being there! I love you. Darren Bo always got love for you! A.C. Choir the ability to leave attitudes at the door. To the class of '99 we are the end of an era, but it's the beginning of a lifetime. Make it good. Activities: Choir 9-12, Choral Connection 10-12, Volleyball

9-11, NHS 11-12, Who's Who 10-12, Octagon Club 10, Newspaper 12, Vice Pres. Choir 12, Anything goes (musical)10, Blood Drive 12, Vital Signs 12.

L

I, Angela Ladwig, will J. "Stunky" F. A car ride with one contact, a flight a window, my bug bite theory and a TB and Somic grub fest. From dwub, thanks for all the memories chickie! To G.H. HHEEY!! Good luck with your "friend" and oh! Lock my door (To A.M. lookie, crying over cars, and don't worry, we'll eventually find decent mens! To C.J. driving on the wrong side of the road. To B.M. H.C.C. is freezing coatroom playing hours of spades and tossing cherry stems in the closet. To J.S. Kool-Aid. To C.W. Great years of dance class, thanks for always being there! To B.W. scary movies and garage doors. To J.W. Titanic. To E.J. Korean Rice. To J.D. instructions to knee slappers and a batch of cookies. To A.C. Good luck lil sis! To A.H. eye, cross, u man! To my #1 competitor, A.S. someone else to rival with and remember, I'm number 1. To J.L. a new squad. To all the girls on my squad: K.J. - Banana, Stunky, Jenna, Glenna, and Nikita & ho, and M.S. & Michellie & Thanks for being a great squad! Lastly, to all my friends and the entire senior class of '99, I will all the luck and success in the world. SMILE (

JV and G. Varsity Cheerleading 9-12, Marching and Symphonic Band 9-12, Conflict Mediators 9-12, PALS 10-12, Octagon Club 9-10, SAFE tutor 12, NHS 11-12, CODE 9-12, M.Y.T 10 and 12, Prom Committee 11, Mixed Nuts 10, StuCo 11, Yearbook 12, Who's Who 11

I, Jason Big Hersey Lee, will my boys Brad Shelton and Mike Kates the willing to get free haircuts at the chair of James Lee. And free samples of cappuccino and chaw and looting from guys houses. And to Janae Hobley you are wrong you to Paula. To all my junior girls T.S. and C.B. keep Ruskin hype. To Maria D. and Antonio J. I hope you get married in the near future. To Tyrone M. keep the jokes coming. To Carl R. Chris B. Gary H. you know I'm you're daddy. To Glenna and Nikita the best of luck in your singing career. To Heather D. keep it real. To my favorite teachers Mr. Frazier and Ms. Flowers you're not teachers you are more like brother and sisters. To Narisha W. you know you want me. To Brandon S. don't hurt 'em in college. I give all my ballin' skills to Ante J. And my macking ability to Tellis B. And to Darnell J. Don't forget about the night we went to the haunted houses. And to everybody I forgot, get over it. All the girls remember the tall, dark, and sexy brother named Jason Big Hershey Lee.
Basketball 9, Football 9, Step Group 11

I, Melissa Loteckie, will HW driving lessons cause we have come close to crashing too many times. And I'll leave you a whip to keep Carlos in check. To JL I leave you the power to get over no good guys, I will also leave you my parking place at school and home. To JS I'll leave you my circus tickets so I don't have to go with JF. To JF I leave you my circus tickets to sell. To JS and JF I will JS the power to keep up with JF I know she can wear you out.

I, David Louis (Number 1), will continue 2 strive 2 do my best and succeed in this

game called life. I'm gonna stay and not copy anyone. I do not follow the bandwagon. I gotta stay real with everybody I'm down with. Larry Stafford, Oscar Lynch, Rashad Givhan, Dj, Mike Kates, Aaron Williams, Antwon Scott, Tellis Bolton, That murrillo hed Eddy, Hassan Zinn a.k.a. LIAR, LIAR, Jonathan See, Iarius, Chris, Brandon, Yogi, Scott, My main partner Pimp C stay TRU and always keep it on "GP." And all the rest of my crew. Now 2 a couple of ladies: Carmen, I remember having some good times with you. We'll have some more. Yo Tiana, I'll share something with you too. It will come real soon. Mad love to the class of double-nine. We gotta stay real like it was still nine-duece. But that's it for the DL the one they call D and Double Seize.

Activities: Yearbook Staff, Octagon Club, Drama Club, Leo Club

M

I, Yolanda May, will like to send a shot out to all the underclassmen and that it will be your turn soon. But most of all I would like to say good-bye to my cousin Cynthia. You know I will never forget you. Also to the Jackson twinz, TY, JJ, TA and everybody else, love to seniors and congratulations to us all.

C/O 99 Has Come!!

Activities: Track

I, Jeanette McElroy, will the class of 1999 the best years of our lives and success throughout life; CY- Friday night movies, a stethoscope of your own, help when you need it, near misses on the road, never ending friendship, and more fun to come; CP, PE, LE, & AF- a great big thanks for inspiring me to teach; LW & AM- skills to pay the bills; TB- the ability to overcome the fear of the Ninja Dinosaur and

luck as a starving artist; DA- the strength to go all the way down 420 puffin all the way; DS- luck in whatever comes your way; CP- a lifetime of love and happiness and an armful of children; CC, BB, JD, & PW- fun in history, and endless Spades games; RM- the knowledge of knowing you're white; MR- a *@#! Load of novels that make you rich; MS & CB- tickets to Broadway; SS- a heap of books to keep you company by the fire; KK, JD, MW, & NR- fun at Tuba Christmas; AB- worthiness; FH- a rainbow of dyes for your hair and spikes for your coat; The Mudwuks- successful drafting careers; and last but not least the class of 2000 success in your senior year.

Activities: Drama Club- 10,11,12; Octagon Club 10,11,12; Band 9,10; NHS 11,12; Art Club 9,10,12; Spirit Club 11; Thespians 10,11,12; Yearbook 11,12; Cadet Teachers 12

I, Rachel Meyer, will Jenny D. a man who will give to you as much as you give to him, an eternal friendship W/ the house, a new list of excuats, trips to 7-11, Alpine Coastal, Club 31, half the rent, a back window for the POSBR, unbreakable game, and a TRUE friend till the end; much love. WGC. To CY a real man. To Flowers and Pohman another student to keep you on your toes. To all the FBM all my love and my phone #. To everyone else I'll see you around 'cause I get around and you know this man.

Activities: National Honor Society 11,12; CODE 9-12; Tennis 10

I, Alisha Mitchell, will leave to my little sis FL to have the ability to not worry about the haters and worry about getting yours. To all my friends TR, CS, JH, LC, YN, SL, stay out of trouble when we get into the real world.

To the class of '00' I know you will miss '99' being around. To all the haters I hope you learn to stop hatin' on people and mind your own business. To my other friends DI, AC, and MC stop being such flirts. LOVE ME

Activities: MYT, Spirit Club, Peer Tutor, Homecoming Committee, Leo Club, Band 9-10

I, Bethany, 6-8 Mohler, will (M.E.D. many more summers in my T-Bird, unbroken cerfeews, hot Cheetos & sips, my love and friendship always. (M.O.D. more days off work, time spent with me and your sister without your other Ω, and my love and support always. (Derrick B. another cast party, Shoney's, a kidnapper. (Darren B. another rainy afternoon with M.H., D.B. and me. (D. & D. B. another prom like i97, I wish the best of luck to you two in life, I love you both. (F.L. an e.p.t., another B-day party, nights out past curfew, my love and friendship always, good luck in life. (#12 (B.T.) another afternoon at the park, to learn to be straight with your emotions, and much love. (N.W. another J.F.F. (J.F.S.) crew like summer i98, and to be my sister always. (A.R. longer rides home from work, new headlights, driving lessons, and your friends not to be nose. (See-Jay another 10 yrs. like the ones we have already had, another trip to K.U., You not to get lost in my car again, a night at Applebee's with no curfew, more nights of going to the movies, for us to be close always, much love. (B.W. endless early dismissals painted fingers, trips to the bank, your pin #, no more lies, a pack of M.L. 100s, getting locked out, no more stories of J.W. no more trips to Belton, and my love always. (A.H. much luck in your last two years here, Good Luck!! (A.S. a pot for

P.P., an extended graduation night, and another 4th grade year. (J.D. And A.S. the C.G., (D.W. a hoe named C.W., and a faithful relationship. (R.G. a 3rd blk. To talk about people, another trip to Burger King, and the ability to go far in life. (E.J. stories for you to hear, a fun weekend, you to have a relation. (To the Class of 1999 we finally made it, I love you all and I hope you are all successful in life.

Activities: Cheerleading 10-11, Drama Club 10-12, Octagon Club 10-12, Marching Band 9-12, Color Guard 10-12, Symphonic Band 9-12, Mixed Nuts 10, Anything Goes 10, Godspell 11, Who's Who Among Americas High School Students 11-12, Treble Choir 10, A Capella Choir 11-12, Yearbook 12, Boys B-ball Manager 11-12.

I, Devynn Moore, will all the homework Mr. Schlutow gave me to anyone who takes his class. To T. G. and K.D., a long-lasting, fulfilling relationship that will last through all of the stuff you have to go through. To K.H., S.D. and the biggest wedding I can plan. To M.S., R. P., lots of ghetto children, Taco Bell, and Pizza Hut. To my brother and all his friends, friendship, Play Stations, Monday Night Football, WCW, WWF, the ability to graduate on time like me, and the choice to go to the college of your dreams. To all my ROTC people, Camp Crowder, a trip to Norfolk, Va., Washington, DC, Fort Knox, Ky., and all the fun I had when I was in ROTC. To the newspaper staff, the ability to meet deadlines. To AL, WC and SW, lots and lots of gossip. To RY and PH, all the woman you could ever want. To PM, WS, a twin sister for life, the

biggest wedding I can plan, LOTS of ghetto children, my everlasting friendship, KU, and plenty of Wayne stuff. And to any one of the little people I've issued, I will to you the ability to reach your goals, have all your hopes, wishes, and dreams come true. And to the beautiful Class of 1999, I will to you, your chance in the spotlight, cuz baby, it's your time to shine!

Activities: Treble Choir 10, A Capella Choir 11-12, Drama Club 9-12, MCJROTC Silent Drill Team

N

I, Yolanda Nicholson, will that my three sisters (Sholanda S. Nicholson, Mioshi R. Nicholson, and Shawnteka D. Nicholson) have even better years than when I did in school. Although people do hate and teachers aren't always the best, you can still make it through, and believe me it's worth it. I would not tell none of you to do anything that I didn't do (except for do better), because I'm not even going to front. I love y'all! -Don-Don

P

I, Takeia Paige, will Lamont and Derrick Paige to have the best years at Ruskin High School. I wish y'all the best of luck. Stay focus and kick it but not too hard. To Derrick stay off the F list, do all you can. To Lamont, yes, you only have one more year so please do right, because I know you will. I love you two. Alysia you the best of luck with Chris. It's been fun when we kicked it but since old boy came in the picture its been nothing but hard times. Alicia way to come back and be a friend. Thanks for all your advice and help. Danielle stay a pimp but pimp those of your age and not younger. Toya

and Kelli stay out of trouble. Have fun and keep the laughter in the group Lucretia and Jennifer y'all was my favorite Freshman and I will miss playing and running together. To the rest of the crew, shake it off and have fun wherever you go. To my mother, father, grandma, Shelly, and Aunt Betty, I love y'all and thanks for being there when I need y'all and thanks for the support in school. To Juliet, thank you for coming to my games after school when my parents were not there. To the class of '99 hope y'all kick it as much as I will.

Activities: Basketball 9-12, Track 9,10,12, Volleyball 10-12, Drama Club 11-12, Octagon 11-12, Leo Club 12, Cadet 11-12, Who's Who 9-12, Prom Committee 11, Yearbook staff 12, Stuco 9-10, Choir 9-10, Diggers 11-12, NHS 12, National Merit 10-11.

R

I, Taquisha Richardson, will to the class of '99 much success and the ability to keep going forward. I will to my brother KC the strength to keep it real while I'm gone, for I'll make sure all is well when you make it where I am. I will to my two younger sisters the ability to tell who your "true" friends are and the strength to keep your head up. I will to my child a happy and everlasting life and to be just like your mommy. I will to my baby David much love, we have been blessed with a child and therefore we are blessed. I will to JW, CC, AM and JM the strength to hold on to your "don't take no %#@ attitudes", I got one too. I will you the strength to be better than those who try to hold you back. I will to my cuzzins "the Twinz" and BS good lives and stay in sports, your a life, get married or something. To

MS you are a good friend you listened to my problems and kept it true. For my dogs. To all my other little Ruskin homies I'll send you a T-shirt with my picture on it so you can represent while I'm gone. To Ruskin as a whole, I will you the power to open the door and "Let me out!"

I, Monique Amanda Rounds, will my life to the almighty God, thanking him for all that he has done for me. I will my KT hommies Toia Banks, Lydia Myers, and Carrie Myers to stay my true friends and sisters 4 life. I will my lil' cousin Ramone B. success up here. You can make it up here. I will Kade my 4 year schedule and life with A.J. I will N.W. money to buy me over 100 packs of gum, not to mention everybody else. I will my job, "The Hut," another great employee, and all my co-workers. To R.G. stay true and with God always. I will all my teachers thanks for all the help. Special thanks to Stephen Schlutow. Stay true and one of the best teachers at Ruskin. I will peace and love to all of the underclassmen. I will Alysia C. protection (#2). To my peeps, D.D., T.P., T.H., C.C., P.T., J.H., E.B., G.H., A.M., J.J., A.S., T.B., R.S., D.L., A.W., B.S., D.J., J.L., T.M., and everyone else I forgot. I still love you. I will all my love to my family and friends. I will Ruskin my Spanish talents, science of humor, charm, wit, intelligence, etc. Ha. Ha. Most importantly I will the class of '99' much success and love. Always remember they saved the best for last.

Activities: Choir 9-12, National Honor Society 11-12, Safe 10, 12, Leo Club 12, Cadet Teachers 12, Drama Club 12, Octagon Club 12, Yearbook Staff 12

S

I, Jamie Santomaso, will JJF- a horn that works, duct tape, nights on the back porch, Skip-Bo, parties at Subway, dine-and-dashes, female would domination. KMM- Scully, the ability to strip, EverLast, squirrels that won't run away. JSW- Nolant, concert-sluts, a bottle cap we can actually use, Adrienne-Hunting, dine-and-dashes, later curfews. CMG- coffee cans from Mexico, wild trips dine-and-dashes. CCW- my friendship, xxox, the ability to keep looking inside people. EDK- my regrets that a good friendship ended on bad terms. ZSJM- my heart, a phone card, and peace within yourself. Roach- a can of RAID. MJS- sound proof walls. RTB- the Little Green Man, parties at your house, the baby voice, Capitol, horse trailers and pool tables.

Activities: Cheerleading 9, 10; Choir 10-12; CODE 9-12, Drama Club 10-12; Mixed Nuts 10, MYT 10, 11; Steel Magnolias 11; Theatre Showcase 9; Thespians 11, 12; Yearbook 11, 12

I, Antwon Scott will my humungous thanks to my family for all the support, care, and love you have shown me all of my life. I love you all very much. All of my love to my mother, Jenee' for showing me what love is all about; for instilling in me the values of life, as well as the concept of self-respect, and love for myself. Mama, I couldn't have done it without you. All of my love, respect, and knowledge to my big-headed sister Latasha Scott, little sis. you'll finally get to get away from me. Don't forget though, you're still crazy and dumb, but on that same note very smart and intelligent, and that's going to take you high.

I'm always there for you, your big brother. My trumpet skills to my section. My hard work and appreciation to my #1 teacher, Steve "Mr. Kucok" Schlutow, thanks for everything. Nastiness to the Puss "P.P." Posse, you know who you are. I'm P.P. in the pot. To all my boys much appreciation and love for being there, D.J. ("Pretty boy"...Fat Tunsy!), R.G. (Keep those vocal skills up, and keep God #1 in your life like your doing. Thanks for being a positive influence on my life.), T.B. (I'll teach you how to beep-box, you teach me how to play the drums.), M.C. (Get some Rogaine! "Ricey"), B.S. ("Chipmonk"... Arabian crumb snatcher), A.C. (Hand clap), D.G. (Mr. Manager), J.L. (A dib-ba-dib-ba-dab), C.M. (Dippin in the highway), R.N. (Mitsubishi), B.S. (Booahh!), R.S. (Much love 2 you, "Boys the bathroom, girls by the bedroom!"), F.S. (I'm still getting that c.d. player), P.T. (Make it hot!!), A.W. (Learn 2 freestyle), B.S. (Stay black), J.W. (Peace), A.W. (Silly boy), 2 all my girls, much love, E.B., C.C., K.D., G.H., T.H., N.W., A.M., A.E., J.J., J.J., M.R., C.J., K.K., A.P., J.H., N.W., P.T., D.D., C.F., B.M., A.C., S.H., and T.P. To my competitor A.L., I'm #1. Much love to my underclassmen friends, especially my Junior friend "Sloutchy" (A.A.), as well as K.C. "Kiesha's Sister", E.J. "sister Johnson", J.D. (Amy), and A.S. (Jennifer). Much love to my office girl, Mrs. Salinas-I know you want me! Love and respect to those in the prayer group. To those I didn't mention, I haven't forgot you; much love. Toughness to the stepgroup, "Stomp! Stomp!" A special shoutout to the c/o '99. "It's our time 2 shine!" Most importantly, a very, very special thanks for the focus and determination put on me by #1 love of all, GOD. Without him, nothing is possible.

Activities: Jazz Band 9-12,

Marching Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Step Group 11-12, NHS, 11-12, Prayer Group (Eagle's Wings) 11-12, Who's Who 10-12, National American Scholar 10-12, Basketball 9, Track, 11-12, Homecoming 11-12, Knowledge Bowl 11-12, INROADS 12

I, Elisha Silfies, will D.S. some common sense and an alarm clock, M.R. the sense of humor to put up with my jokes. T.B. the heart you need to have get through life that I know you have. J.P. any skills I have in math and on the field on the mat, M.C. a role of tape to shut you up E.B. all the love and friendship I have towards you. L.C. the strength to survive any situation. L.J. all my speed, skill, knowledge and love for the game. D.I. no more injuries and an attitude. D.B. and D.B. all my respect and love for the game, ability to keep cool and common sense. C.R. another wheelchair. J.M. my neck pad, knowledge, experience and ability to take control of any situation. D.T. all the heart I have, being short and the will to show the skill I know you have. C.R. the ability to deal with your big bro, a sense of humor, and being able to back off. Thanks for all the help Thad. And my respect to all my past teachers, coaches, and class mates.

Activities: Football 3 years, Track 1 year, Wrestling 2 years, NHS 10-12, Eagle Renaissance 1 year. Missouri Boys Stater.

I, Brad Shelton, will my 2 son's Jason and Mike a good life and all the chaw you want. To my sister Krystina, I will you luck in the upcoming years of school. Don't give up. To Glennae, you've been real cool the past couple of years and I wish you luck in all you do. To Tasha, I hope you have fun in your last year of

school. It won't be as fun without me. To T.M., N.J., C.M., and all the other class clowns, hope y'all stay the same and keep crackin jokes. I will all the ladies of Ruskin High, a sexy white boy to have after I'm gone. I especially will all the teachers I ever had my Thanks for putting up with me all these years. Especially Ms. Flowers who helped me change the way I acted in class, even though she may not realize it. To everyone I didn't mention, you all know who you are. I'm sorry I didn't put you down but you know I won't forget you. Wu-Tang Forever, Brad.

Activities: Football 9,

I, James Slone, will JH a Slurpee and better luck finding that someone, KK: a smokebomb, fishing, and my friendship.; I will AL all the Kool-aid you can drink. I will Melissa L. more Spanish lessons with your boyfriend. To JL, days in orchestra, advice, hang in there. To Darryn S: football games, best of luck with the girls in college. CW: a soulmate and summer nights in Longview 97. To RW: years in orchestra, Austin Powers movie quotes: "Yeah, Baby". To CY: courage and luck in future endeavors, To Quarter: a penny for luck. To Amory: a better planet. To CB: memories. To Shermae/ Sherilyn D.: all the "barrel men" you can imagine. To RB and NR: future memories and each other. To Geoff: h/v and my friendship. To SS: football games and Applebee's: watch out for lamps. To Roach: all my government work. To HW: Mrs. Shippee's class. To Mrs. Swift, Ornes, Epstein, Woodson, and Ramos: gratitude, love, and respect. To Mrs. Swift: thanks for inspiring me to succeed. To my brother, Matt: philosophical debates, lugio,

strength, my respect and a movie career. To Amy: wisdom in love, a sympathetic ear, shoulder to cry on, all my love, li'l sis. Most of all to my dwub, my Jessebear: I will homework, four long years, Mrs. Ramos' classes, Pocohontas' braids, New Year's 98, secrets, long talks, Spanish help, laughter, sunsets, dreams together, wrestling matches, wedgies, "sparks", movies, dates, 10-10-98, two pink roses, Symington playground, oatmeal raisin cookies, cartoons, Dopey, flowers, all my heart, soul, trust, friendship, support, and love unconditionally. It's rate to get close to angels, but I'm lucky to have found mine. I love you. To all of you who touched my life: look me up when I'm a psychologist. no charge.

Activities: Drama Club, MYT, Science Club.

I, Cherise Smith, will my thanks to God for letting me make it this far. To my mother thank you for being hard on me. To Latrice Roston even though you left me here with no true friends, you are still my best friend, and my sister. I hope you and Theodis stay together forever (ha! ha!) To Arian my brother I will you my love(you are my best friend). To Mike M. you are my sweetheart now and forever. To D.J., B.J., and S.C. (my little cousin's) keep your head in your books and watch out for all of these RHS haters. To B.J. Hereford you are cool call me you know my number. To Sabrina H. you are still my even though you don't act like it! To Alisha M. even though we had a problem we looked over it and became cool again! too bad you and T.B. can't to the same. To Deidra West you are my dog even though you don't like me (ha! ha!). To Ashely Morris my friend stasy cool and don't change. To

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Marshon D. even though you for got to do my hair for my picture's you are still cool. To Mr. Minnick: thanks for being a cool teacher! To Kendrick Stone you are fine keep your head in those books and please don't mess with any tac head females. You are still my heart(I had fun with you) To the class of 1999 we are the best class that ever walked threw the doors of Ruskin High School. To Cutchelow my doggs since 6th grade. I love you and much luck to you and your family and now you can laugh in everyone's face. I'm out!!!!

Activities: Newspaper 12, Yearbook 12, Gospel Choir 9, Leo Club 12, MCJROTC 9-11

I, Darryn V. Smith, will leave you underclassmen with no knowledge but my destiny that is known as Y.W.I.S.M. To DM, best of luck to you in high school and I wish you all the best. JM, always believe in the Ninja Dinosaur; PT, strong people need strong leaders. It is an angel with only one wing.; EP, power is the ability to achieve purpose; CP, Nothing succeeds like success Woodchuck; IS, success has power of it's own; CC, If you set out to be successful, then you already are; SS, Bonjour! Merci Madame et meilleurs vieux a vous; SL 3:16; LR, when the mouse laughs at the cat, the there is a hole nearby; PE, Bonjour! Madame merci beaucoup et meilleurs vœux a vous; LS, I wish you best of life & luck; Anyone I know I left out lose not courage, lose not faith, go forward.

Activities: Science Club 11-12; Drama Club 12; Spirit Club 11; Art Club 12

Activities: Choir, Drama Club, Octagon Club, Yearbook, National Honor Society, and Leo Club, Step Group

I, Larry Stafford will

remember all my friends, and all the people that helped me throughout the years as a Junior and at the present a Senior. Even though I did not have a lot of friends, the friends that I did have were the best that anyone could ever have. When I was down there were there to pick me up, and when they had something on their mind I was usually always the one to ask them what was wrong. Even though my friends David Louis, Rashaad Smith, Rashad Givhan, DJ, (which I never knew his last name), Oscar Lynch, and. Ohh, by the by I seriously hope that Rashaad and Lydia do stay together in life, peace to y'all, no matter what happens stay together you gu make a cute couple. Well, I guess you could say we had some good times, there were also some bad times that I could not ever forget. Hey! Were past that now right? No matter what happens in life or in school us guys all have to stick together, even though some of us might not be the best of friends and we need to bring back the burning friendship that shoul've never been put out. Moving on, I also will never forget those snotty stuck-up girls that I seemed to have a crush on, and well one time in the past tried to talk to. It's all good ladies when I'm about 6foot 4, and I'm looking good and all, it'll be the other way around you'll see. Right now before I go I thought that I should write a poem that never misses to amaze me. It is called "MEMORIES".

ACTIVITIES:Band: 11th and 12th Track: 11th and 12th Octagon Club: 12th Drama Club: 12th Basketball: 9th and 10th

I, Marquetta Stewart, will successfully finish high school and attend college. Most likely I will major in the accounting field, Dr. maybe in child care since I

love children. Until then I'm going to kjack-it-to-the-fullest, party every weekend and work hard during the week. I hope to leave my mark on Ruskin by influencing people. To let the under classmen know that the coolest people are those that complete their work, not the one's crowding in the hallways: they're for entertainment. Finish school. Stay out of trouble and do what you have to do. Love Always! You'll remember me going across the stage in '99 'cause it's the one and only year.

I, Fred Struthers, will leave nothing but my loving memory.

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I, Becky Ward, will BM all the rides to school and to the Buffet Garden and all the sisterly love for you(fingers as toes); JPW my love for you and the friendship we share and all the talks we have(teddy bear); IMW my pillow(nick name) and all the fun in EOC I wish you and DM a long and happy relationship; ARW all the interviews in ECC and the laughs; EMK, all the advice and support you've given to me; CS all the trips to Taco Bell with BM on B-days, and leaving the cups from Taco Bell on the road to go pass EK on the highway; MB all the laughter in Choral Connection and '97 the shivers on the song; AS PP in the Pot, to the RHS Colorguard (band) all the fun we have at games and Applebee's. JD Applebee's and the ward ***sss that BM says. Last but not least DB #1 all the long talks in CC and being partners, I'll miss you. DB #2 I wish you luck next year and in everything you do.

Activities: Volleyball 9;

Cheerleading 10; Choral Connection 11-12; Choir 9-12; Band 9-12, Who's Who; Colonguard 10-12

I, Heidi Widmer, will Melissa The power not to drink coke & ? every Friday night and .35 to call a friend and ride home!! To Jennifer L. The power to find and keep a good man!! And keep your playin skills together!! Candace & Arnett a good life together. Jenny D. All the CRAZY memories from Olathe and the ability to keep on pimpin your guys. Jason Lee A napkin to wipe your eye a finger nail raphad G. The ability to keep on dressing. Estelle J, I know you will miss us nexted year so start pimpin Ruskin and don't forget your (coche). Rachel M. The luck to find a true F.B.M.. Maurice C. Hope you find a girl soon. Paula T. Thanks for teaching me how to spell! Jessica F. much luck with you and Jim never lose your attitude. Glenna H. A good piece of Chicken!!!!!! To Elisha S. You need to talk more, thanks for all the homework help through the years! And to all the SENIORS who didn't want me as class president BOW DOWN !!!!!!!

Peace & Love to the rest of '99"

Activities: Freshman Vice-President, Class President 10,11,12, Drama Club 9,12, Orchestra 9,10, Strolling Strings 9,10, Conflict Mediators 9,10,11,12, S.A.F.E. tutor 11, Debate 10,11,12, Multicultural Youth Team 10,11,12, Octagon Club 12, Track 9,10,11, Basketball 10,11,12, Yearbook 12, SBE 12, Leo Club 12, Who's Who Among America's High school students 10,12, Cadet Teachers 12, Hoby scholarship 10, Prom Committee 11, Spanish Club 12, Mock Trial 10,11,12,

Model United Nations 11,12.....

I, Nikki Williams, will much love to the class of '99! The era has come to an end but our lives are about to begin. To C. Cole, my friend sister, cousin from the beginning; I will you everything you'll ever want in life. Times seem hard now but what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. To T.S, I will the hurdles, run em 'over. To the rest of the girls track team, we know we da' bomb even if no one else does; its championship time in '99'. To T.B. I love your smile, and I will you hugs when I see you & even when I don't. To the twins, the football team L.J., J.L., L.W., T.M., T.J., R.H., N.W., G.H., L.G., A. LA. and whoever I forgot I got nothin' but love for ya. To C.I. you've been my strength through the hard times and I love ya girlie. Ruth Ann, much happiness with A.D. you've been my sista friend through it all, LYLAS always, much success in everything, A.E. it's been some thick times but we grew past the stupid stuff and I'm glad for that, thanks for having my back, and you know I got yours. My lil sister Rebecca Page step up and run Ruskin. Give and Demand all Respect and you too will be Respected. To all the peeps that follow me, cherish these years, Ruskin will only be what YOU make it. RIP T.R.S., your lil sister loves you. God bless everyone, I'M OUT!!!!!!

Activities: Band 9-11; Basketball fresh. varsity 10-12, NHS 11-12, ROTC 9-10, STUCO 10-11, Football trainer 10-12, Track 9-12, Homecoming Princess 11.

I, Tishana Williams, will the class of '99 to never give up, always keep it real and to represent '99 at all times. I will to all the haters you will never be me, don't hate just congratulate. I will to my children a great life and will always be in name brand

clothes never Payless. I will to Diedra West, TB, MW, AH, all my playaristic skills. To TR you name that baby what you want to name your baby. To IC what you think you got I will always have. To MS & DS we're out of school now and can definitely do whatever. To TM, girl it's going to be okay 'cause we know who he really wants. And to my best friend Chukes, you were the one who was there for me when I needed you. You were the one I trusted and if you stay true I will always make it through. To KA it's been six years and some more on the way. Love is always at home.

Activities: Basketball 10, 12

I, Nikita Woodley, will my lil' sis "Big Juice" all my ability to shield the haters, ughes & losers. Always stay on top and keep my name up 'til '01. I thank my heavenly father for giving me life and also letting me reach my senior year. To the 11 twinz don't make too much \$ on Troost(stop being schooes), BM stay my mixed sister, K Box I'm still coming over for the free hook-up hairstyles, MB, CB, & D-BO's my vocals up for AC & CC, C) a pair of scissirs, TM a new card & a girl, JF easy on the sugar, JL MD & NW my spirit stick, B) still got love for ya babe, KJ & NJ love forever, YW all the tommyes you can buy, RG & GH remember all the long hot summer days at Jazz Camp & "extracredicken" nights at my house-stop "extracerdiken" & love my momma for all the fried chicken she fed you. To my underclass dawgz- KB, KE, YW, AM, TS, TW, MD, & CP keep it real for the '99). BT learn some Spanish, MR-100 packs of chewing gum, JL an older man & a good new squad(sorry), the Millers longer skirts, all my Just 4 Slaves co-workers "Clock out and go home." D-BO's stop getting mad, to the Gold-Varsity h**, to the love & cool beans, Blue-Varsity bigger uniforms. To

my sweetheart Mario at NE all my heart and affection, I thank C. Salinas, L. Edens, T. Hagen, Mrs. Epstein, and Mrs. Griddine for all the encouragement to do what I do best. To the class of '99 love, prosperity & success cause u' know they always save the BEST-4-LAST!!

Activities: Choir 9-12; Choral Connection; Cheerleading 11-12; Anything Goes 10; Gospel Choir 9-12; Who's Who 11-12; Homecoming Princess; Homecoming Queen; Newspaper 12; Musical 10,12

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I, Tammy Yearby, will all my best friends Jade & Jasmine Jackson, Brandy Watkins the beast of luck in life and to rise above all the bad things that life has in stored. We've been the best of friends since lord knows when. We stick together through thick and thin that's why we remain the best of friends. Always and forever much love to one another. And to Ce-ce keep it real.

I, Amy Leigh Young, will give my heart to God. To God to be the glory. It hasn't been friends that have gotten me this far. It's him, the Great Spirit. To everyone in Ruskin I wish a great year. And remember don't let anything stop you from reaching your goals. And I wish for everyone to know more about their creator. To my family, Wado, for your support. And all your encouragement, a proud Tsa La Gi.

Activities: Drama Club 9; Debate

I, Cynthia Marie Younger, will to my best friend ever, a ton of extinct dinosaurs, trips to the movies, Star Trek, and a place to stay anytime. Jim S.(man in tights), thank you

for being there for me all these years. I wish you nothing but the best! To J.D. & R.M.- all the F.B.H. that will treat you right and some duck tape for your car. To D.D.- a good man, driver's license (if you don't have one yet), and a thank you for being my "Dear Abby." To K.K.- thank you for listening to my problems with B.C. Good luck to whoever or whatever you do. Toni S.- keep singing the oldies and carry on the Vanilla Ice tradition. Ms. Flowers- thank you for inspiring me and being a challenge. Good luck on wherever your path leads. Ms. Swift- I appreciate you teaching me a little French. I hope the kids don't kill ya! To Steph.- I will you a glass of Sprite. Don't spill it. To my Blockbuster folks, "Blockbuster in Grandview, how may I help you?!" K.J.- a free cup of ice with every meal. To all the rest of my seniors I'll see ya in about 10 years. To everyone else keep Ruskin true blue and gold. Peace & Love!!

Activities: Drama Club 9-12;
National Honor Society
11,12;
Multicultural Youth Team 10-
12; Peer Tutor 9-12; Vo-Tech
Honor Society 11; CODE 2-
12

Senior
Informals



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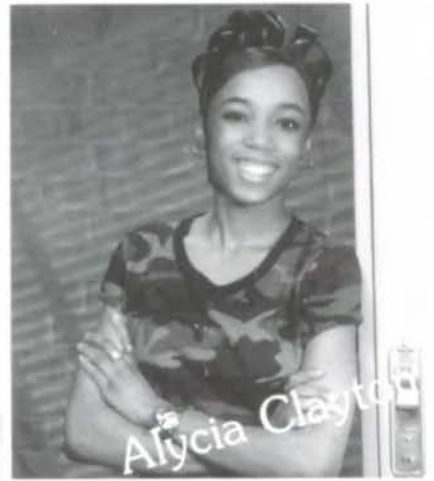
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Erica Brads



Patricia Brown



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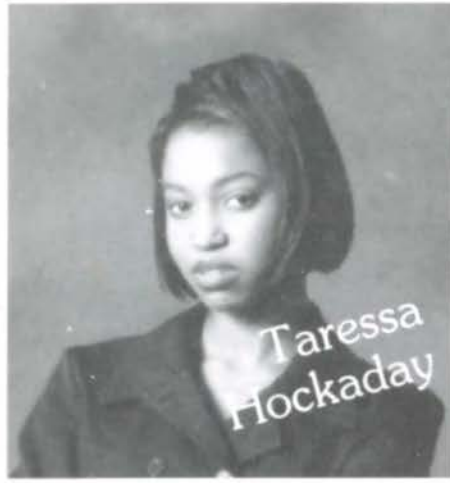
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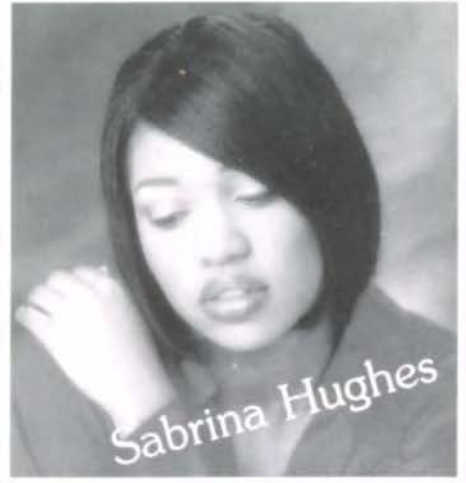
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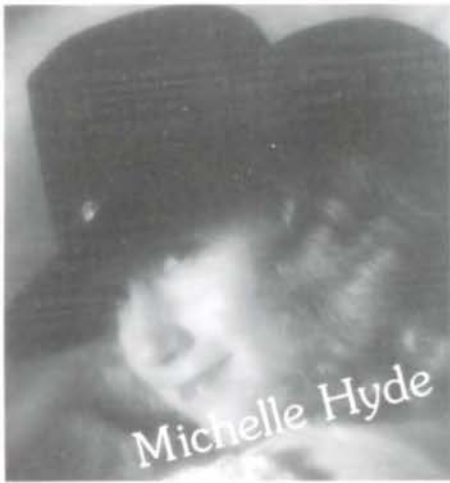
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Taressa Hockaday



Sabrina Hughes



Michelle Hyde



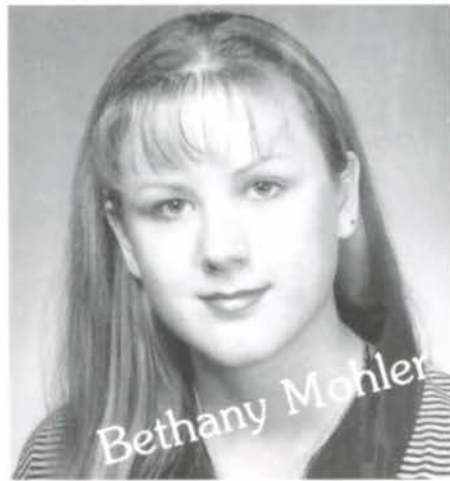
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Elisha Kelley



Alisha Madison



Bethany Mohler



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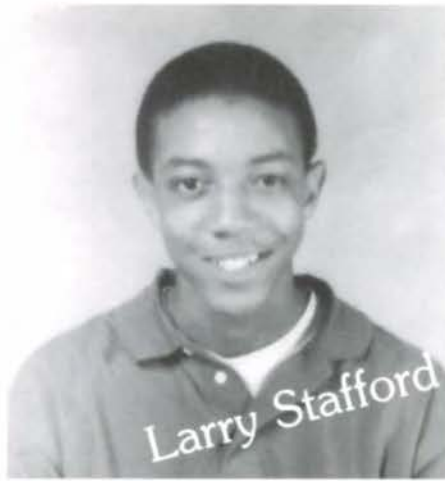
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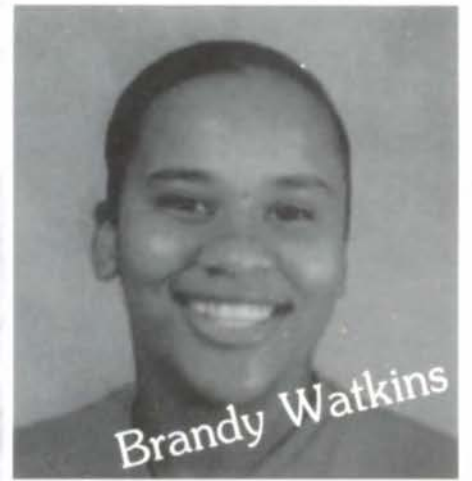
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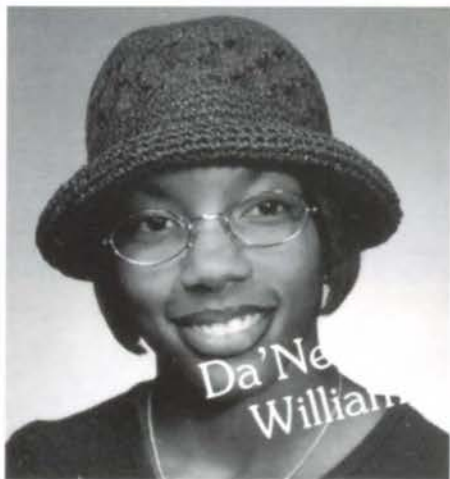
Cherise Smith



Larry Stafford



Brandy Watkins



Da'Ne Williams



Cynthia Younger

JUNIORS

CLASS OF 2000



A few juniors
to take a
moment to
pose for the
camera.

Amrine, Marika
Armstead, Chloe
Armstrong, Angel
Bailey, Kristy
Baker, Tyrelle





Banks, Toia
 Barry, Gerard
 Baumgartner, Jacob
 Bennett, Harlon
 Beverly, Eugena



Bivens, Chris
 Black, Antonio
 Blewett, Roger
 Block, Rodney
 Bolton, Cornelia



Bottorff, Amory
 Bowen, Darren
 Bowen, Derrick
 Bradley, Sidney
 Brockman, Misty



Broom, Thomasean
 Broome, Tiisha
 Brownlee, Dominga
 Buie, Christen
 Burris, Ryan



Butts, Marcus
 Carpenter, Bryan
 Caudle, Cynthia
 Clark, Chrystal
 Clark, Ronell



Clayton, Ivey
 Cole, Cynthia
 Cole, Jeffrey
 Coleman, Lakeisha
 Collins, Kevin

Connell, Carrie
 Copes, Aaron
 Crawford, La Quanta
 Culpepper, Stephanie
 Cummings, Kiria



Dalton, Jennifer
 Daniels, William
 Davis, Michael
 Dean, Mike
 Delos Santos, Sherilyn



Diggs, Lynell
 Dillard, Jeshawn
 Draughn, Marshon
 Drone, Andrea
 Dujakovich, Holly



Dye-Servioria, Chester
 Dye, Robert
 Edwards, Keith
 Edwards, Michael
 Essex, Anton



Farley, Clarence
 Feist, Tasha
 Fletcher, Mika
 Ford, Shannon
 Garrett, Tiffany



Gillum, Antoine
 Gordon, Suzanne
 Graves, Larence
 Green, Renisha
 Griffin, Henry





Haggerty, Thomas
Hampton, Bertha
Hardley, Richard
Hardy, Cameron
Harris, Paul



Haywood, Refina
Heyberger, Landon
Hildebrand, Gary
Hinkle, Christopher
Hodge, Melissa



Hokey, Latoyia
Hooks, Ryan
Horne, Brandon
Hunter, Sarah
Hyde, Monica



Jacks, Ryan
Jefferson, Aaron



Jefferson, Kamille
Johnson, Estelle

Junior Michael Davis
takes a quick nap in Ms.
Swift's chair.

Johnson, Kenesha
 Johnson, Terrance
 Johnson, Tiffany
 Willis, Johnson
 Jones, Justin



Jones, Leon
 Jones, Shaneice
 Jones, Shasee
 Kanyingi, Anthony
 King, Nicole



King, Phillip
 Lavender, Jessica
 Lee, Susannah
 Lewis, Fannell
 Loteckie, Jennifer



Lund, Kevin
 Malone, Jason
 Martin, Byron
 McDaniel, Ray
 McGroarty, Yolanda

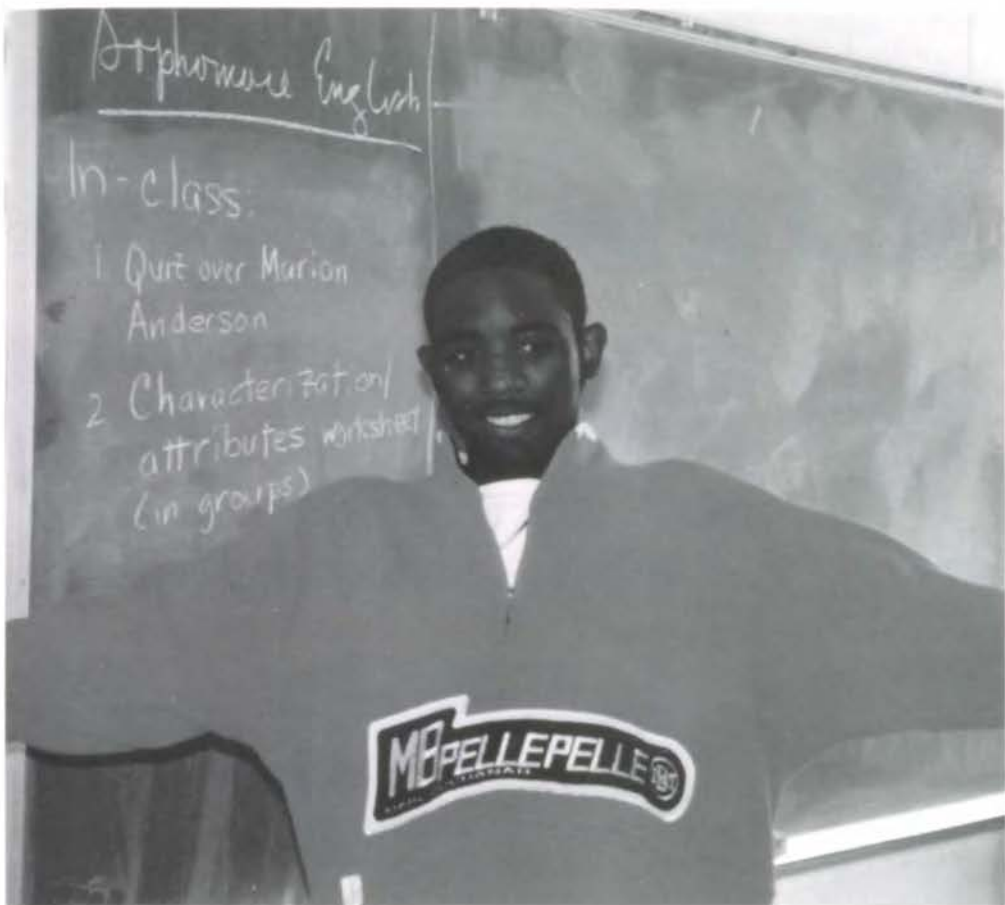


McKinnie, Robin
 Miller, Camilla
 Miller, Shameka
 Miller, Tameka
 Milligan, Kamika



Mitchell, Alisha
 Mitchell, Justyn
 Michell, Natasha
 Morris, Ashley
 Nguyen, Hoang





Tyrelle needs a hug. Any volunteers?



Nichols, Robyn



Nicholson, Sholonda



Nix, Jamilah
Nixon, Ashley
Nixon-Valentine, Alexia
O'Connor, Michael
Pacheco, Liliana



Paige, Lamont
Patton, Ceyona
Peterson, Marenus
Phillips, Johnny
Pickman, Michael



Pope, Richard
Puno, Maria
Ralls, Marcus
Reed, Nicole
Riley, Denisha

Roe, Terrey
 Ross, Carl
 Ross, Corey
 Rush, Adam
 Rush, Leon



Russaw, Michael
 Russell, Maurice
 Schutz, Amy
 Scott, Latasha
 Shaughnessy, Stephanie



Smith, Andrea
 Smith, Jennifer
 Smith, Marc
 Smith, Thomas
 Snipes, Tiffany



Spears, Terri
 Terrones, Kimberly
 Thelander, Joseph
 Thomas, Silky
 Thomas, Stephanie



Thompson, Tiffany
 Toney, Tiffany
 Turner, Kelly
 Wade, Leanna
 Walkup, MaryElla



Warrior, Keeisha
 Washington, Larry
 Weaver, Jesse
 West, Deidra





White, Monica
Wieseler, Adam
Williams, Anthony
Williams, Jerome
Williams, Margaret



Williams, Matthew
Williams, Rod
Williams, Sarah
Williams, Sylvia
Williamson, Jesse



Willoughby, Larry
Wilson, Jay
Wright, Yendi
Wulff, Johnathon
Yocklin, Robert

Not Pictured

Mario Alvarez, Crystal Anderson, Shawntae Baldwin, Deandre Baylis, Penny Beesley, Katesha Box, Bridgett Brooks, Ian Brown, Briana Bruce, Kacy Burt, William Carey, Kelley Cooper, Eric Cruse, Kimberly Evans, Daniel Fletcher, Nathan Gunn, Tashonda Henderson, Amber Hilbus, Donald Hunter, Keosha Johnson, Danielle Johnston, Joejuan Lawrence, Mario Lewis, Dustin Matlock, Tameka McCloskey, LaDonna McCullough, James Miles, Kevin Moore, Penny Moore, Tyrone Moore, Christy Mori, Michael Moss, Lydia Myers, Adrian Payne, Monique Pearson, Joshua Peeler, Nicole Powell, Martel Ray, Mario Snipes, Byron Smith, Dawon Smith, Michael Smith, Toni Smith, Donyale Starr, Nirome Starr, Tara Walker, Khalil Ware, Donsull Watson, Tina Watters, Myles Wells, Sharron White, Deanna Williams, and Myeshia Williams.



Zamora, Stephanie
Zantello, Alada



Zinn, Yah-Hassan

Sophomores: Class of 2001

Abdullah, Ibrahim
 Adams, Latasha
 Adger, Dee
 Alvarez, Chesango
 Anderson, Kendra



Anderson, Latrese
 Baker, Judi
 Baker, William
 Barlaan, Tomas
 Bidwell, Bobby



Black, Nichol
 Blair, Terra
 Booth, Tina
 Booze, Danye
 Bough, Jamie



Boyton, Jennifer
 Bradley, Ruben
 Bronson, Aries
 Brotherton,
 Shellane
 Brown, Damon



Brown, Joy
 Brunson, Lashunda
 Bush, Maurice
 Butler, David
 Byrd, Audrey



Caldwell, Sunnie
 Carpenter, Sonya
 Carson, Melissa
 Cheadle, Kenneth
 Cheatham, Lateka





Christner, Ronald
Clark, Holly
Cleave, LaTonya
Cole, Nathaniel
Coleman,
Marc Anthony



Conway, Erika
Cooperider,
Jennifer
Cornley, Eric
Cothran, Micheal
Coulter, Janelle



Crain, Rhonda
Crain, Robin
Crawford,
Matthew
Crockett, Tamekka
Daise, Heather



Davis, Alonzo
Davis, Amber
Dillard, William
Dotson, Phillip
Dozier, Sherita



Farmer, Dominic
Feist, Sheena
Fiddmont, Norman
Fitzpatrick, Ariel
Fogarty, Andrea



Forte, Tiffanie
Garrett, Jessica
Gates, Telicia
Goodlett,
Christopher

Gordier, Stephanie
 Grant, Stanley
 Grantham, Melissa
 Graves, Elizabeth
 Griddine, Antjuan



Hall, Monique
 Hampton, Charles
 Hardin, Lakesha
 Hardy, Le'Cletia
 Harrington, Robert



Harris, Angel
 Hatten, Phillip
 Henderson, Ellie
 Hill, Anthony
 Hodges, Michelle



Holzendorf, Caleb
 Horne, Jordan
 Howard, April
 Hubbard, Onika
 Hudson, Chavez



Hughes, Jason
 Humprey, Paula
 Hurla, Joshua
 Jarvis, Jeff
 Jenkins, Ginea



Johnson, Craig
 Jones, Lance
 Jones, Melvin
 Jones, Vernon
 Kalantar, Pejmun





Karioki, Robert
Katlin, William
Kelley, Robery
Kinchelow, Delbert
Kirkwood, Adell



Kuhn, Karli
Lopez, Jennifer
Marti, Lonnelle
Mathews, Dana
McDowell, Ameer



McGee, Aleisha
Menjivar, Walter
Michalski, Emilian
Mikle, Heather
Millentree, Kelli



Sophomores Melissa Grant-
ham, Joy Brown, Erika Con-
way, Judi Baker, and Adminis-
trative Assistant Terry Scott
work hard at a Leo Club Meet-
ing.

Miller, Frank
 Mitchell, Darell
 Mitts, Jeremy
 Monnig, Gary
 Neal, Tamika



Nelson, Rachel
 Newman, Lenell
 Nichols, Bianca
 Odum, Lakeesha
 Page, Joel



Page, Nathan
 Page, Rebecca
 Parker, Wendell
 Patel, Khyati
 Payne, Ashante



Phillips, Te'Micka
 Pickens, Kelly
 Pleasant, Jennifer
 Powell, Raena
 Pulido, Maria



Rabuse, Megan
 Ramirez, Carmen
 Reedus, Kierra
 Revels, Kanesha
 Rivas, Kelly



Roker, Krystal
 Ross, Carmen
 Ross, Shannon
 Rush, Al
 Santomasso,
 Matthew





Sophomore Omar Stigler shows off his creative art ability.

Latrese Anderson, Narisha Woodley, and Jeshawn Dillard pose for the camera.



Saxton, Daniel
Schilling, Mathew
Schover, Kera
Scholz, Jeff



Scott, Jason
Seaton, Chamika
Shelton, Krystina
Simmons, Gloria
Skillman, Jennefer



Slone, Matthew
Smallwood,
Micheal
Smiley, Shaneece
Spears, Stephanie
Spencer, James

Stewart, Jermaine
 Stigler, Omar
 Stone, Kendrick
 Street, Eric
 Stringberg, Darren



Summers, Christopher
 Talifero, Linda
 Tate, Zulekha
 VanDeusen, Kelly
 Wade, Laterrance



Warburton, Matthew
 Ward, Nicole
 Warner, Valerie
 Washington, Charles
 Washington, Micheal



Weldin, Erin
 Williams, Dion
 Williams, Sheree
 Williams, Toni
 Woodley, Narisha



Wright, Chris
 Wright, Deonna



Not pictured: Keyione Allen, Jason Barrera, Larone'E Boards, Wesley Boggess, Bradley Brown, Jessica Brown, Leon Burnett, Heather Bybee, Bryan Carpenter, Ivye Clayton, Anthony Clifton, William Cooper, LeShon Dunn, Jmichael Griffin, LaToya Harlan, Lawrence Harper, Clark Hill, Melissa Hodge, Eric Holmes, Darshaun Jackson, Jason Jefferies, Antwon Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Jermaine Johnson, Antwanica Jones, Floyd Jones, Ezekiel Karioki, Jeffery Knippa, Shakiesha Landrum, Fannell Lewis, RayJeana Lewis, Jolene Miles, Christopher Miller, Cornelius Moore, Travis Morcha, Kililia Morton, Richard Nelson, Sholanda Nicholson, Anthony Painter, Lakiya Paul, Martwan Porter, Marisa Robinson, Shannon Seaton, John See, Coshawn Session, Kimberly Terrones, Veronica Trog, Montez Turner, Cliff Vaughn, Tiara Wallace, Maurice Williams, Niesha Williams, David Winter

Wulff, Justin
 Wulff, Michelle



Freshmen: Class of 2002



Freshmen (from left) Tiara Mabery, Bianca Eallom, Shalonda White, Marland Wilson, Jennifer Graham and Crecia Bates seem to have adjusted well to their first year at Ruskin High School.



Acklin, Chris
Adams, Jannell
Agee, Angela
Allen, LeChelle
Atwood, Daniel



Bailey, Stacy
Barbee,
Christopher
Bates, Crecia
Baylis, LaShaye
Bellamy, Kenneth

Bidwell, James
 Black, Ricky
 Blackburn, Kaleena
 Bledsoe, Megan
 Bledsoe, Michelle



Boatright,
 Stephanie
 Boone, Brittany
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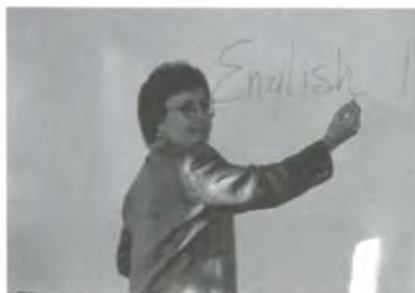
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Varsity Football: First row, from left: Nikki Williams, Kendra Anderson, Heather Daise, Tony Essex, Mark Smith, Dione Greene, Eric Cruise, David Tillmon, Tiffany Thompson, Elisha Everage, LaVeta Gardner. Second row: Eric Cornley, Maurice Carpenter, Coach Ashley, Coach Gunther, Coach Washington, Coach Jenkins, Coach Hogan, Coach Noland, Jewel Wade, Rudolph Shelby. Third row: Elisha Silfies, Tyson Strong, Charles Washington, B. J. Hereford, Mike Kates, Chris Rog, Brandon Smiley. Fourth row: Lance Jones, Keith Edwards, Damarcus Iverson, Brandon Horne, Brandon Thompson, Kyle Colvin, James Meloy, Matt Rog. Fifth row: Leon Jones, Darren Bowen, Derrick Bowen, Jeff Cole, Eric Holmes, Anthony Hill, Terry Wade. Sixth row: John See, Mike Cotharan, Joel Page, Aaron Carr, Theo Bass, Mike Edwards, Ali Wilson, Sidney Bradley.



Freshman Football: First row, from left: Heather Daise, B. J. Smith, Thomas Taylor, Damien Williams, Kyle Gray, James Carr, Gary Thompson, David Tillmon, Chris Declue, Kendra Anderson. Second row: Clarence Lee, Neman Smith, Chris Thomas, Eddie Murillo, Eddie Greer, John Wayne, Montae Roe, Coach Hogan. Third row: Tyson Strong, Danny Dean, Chris Rog, Alonzo Mason, Jarvis Gillum, John Moreno, Nick Hurla, Trey Shelby, Bret Mullins. Fourth row: Kyle Colvin, Jay Jackson, Corey Felix, Kevin Cole, Corey Wieseler, Anthony Hogan, James Meloy, David Prewitt.

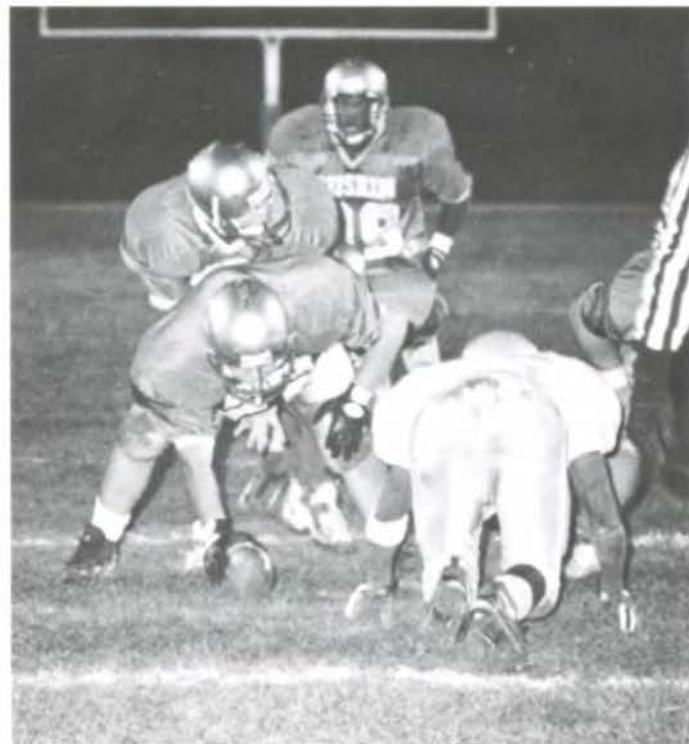
Ruskin Football

Ruskin's football team has faced a tough year. The schedules were long and hard and the team was made up mostly of sophomores and juniors. Coach Carl Jenkins, despite the hard year, has seen "great progress." Jenkins also said "Our record does not indicate the year we've had. Our young team has made significant progress." All in all the Ruskin football team put together a great season.

SCOREBOARD

Center	W	20-0
O'Hara	L	22-6
Ray South	L	42-6
Excelsior Springs	L	20-12
Park Hill South	L	20-0
North Kansas City	L	20-14
Hickman Mills	L	25-0
Ray-Pec	W	35-21
Belton	L	35-30
Grandview	W	20-10





Top left: #59 tries to intercept the ball.
Top right: #17 passes the ball to #39 in a flash.
Middle left: Ruskin and Hickman face off.
Middle right: Ruskin players fight to get the ball.
Above left: La Veta Gardner keeps score during a game.
Above right: Mr. Jay McGovern carefully watches to see where he'll have to go next.
Right: Ready?! Hutt!!!

Freshman Football

WHAT'S THE SCORE



Jontez Turner, Chris Thomas, Corey Wiesler, Damien Williams, David Prewitt, Montae Roe, Namen Smith, Jay Jackson, Edie Murillo, Corey Felix, Alonzo Mason, and Byron Smith all take time out before boarding the bus to a game, to pose for a snapshot.

O'Hara	L	25-6
Ray South	W	35-14
Excelsior Springs	W	Forfeit
Park Hill South	W	35-0
North Kansas City	W	32-0
Hickman Mills	L	35-14
Ray-Pec	TIE	6-6
Belton	W	Forfeit



Above left: Two players face off during a practice.

Left: Coach Terry Scott talks to the freshman players during half time.



Varsity & Junior Varsity Volleyball



You Know!!



Bottom row, left to right: Tosha Byers, Andrea Smith, Sarah Williams, Takeia Paige, and Nicole Ward. Top row, left to right: Coach Bob Neely, LaVeta Gardner, Lucretia Rimmer, Jennifer Graham, Melissa Lockhart, Angel Armstrong

Varsity

Grandview	0-1
K.C. Central	0-2
Belton Tournament	0-4-1
Ray-Pec	0-5-1
Center	1-5-1
Notre Dame	1-6-1
Hickman Mills	1-7-1
Raytown South	1-8-1
Park Hill South	1-9-1
Pleasant Hill Tournament	1-13-1
Excelsior Springs	1-14-1
Ray-Pec	1-15-1
Center	2-15-1
Hickman Mills	3-15-1
Raytown South	3-16-1
Park Hill South	3-17-1
Excelsior Springs	3-18-1
District vs. Notre Dame	3-19-1



Junior Varsity

Grandview	0-2
Ray-Pec	0-2
Center	1-2
Notre Dame	0-2
Hickman Mills	1-2
O'Hara	1-2
Winnetonka	0-2
Park Hill South	0-2
Ray-South	0-2
Park Hill South	1-2
Excelsior Springs	1-2
Oak Park	0-2
Truman	0-2



Looking back on the 1998-99 season, Head Volleyball Coach Bob Neely said his goal was to improve the team's record from the previous year. Neely said, "I wish I was more knowledgeable about volleyball, because the young women on the team were so awesome. They deserved a more experienced coach." The coach's strategy for the wins were to have PASSION and put his best diggers and passers on back row because that is where the play begin. Coach Neely said that his strongest players were Tosha Byers for her all around, natural ability; Ruth Washington for her strength and height; Takeia Paige for her quickness; Alisha Madison who drew the team together; and Jennifer Gimm, a freshman, started on varsity.



Top left: Coach Neely motivates the team before a match.
 Middle left: Tosha Byers gets ready to return a ball as Ruth Washington looks on.
 Middle right: Ruth Washington goes up for a serve.
 Bottom left: Alisha Madison waits for a return.
 Bottom right: From left, Ruth Washington, Tosha Byers and Takeia Page set up a return.

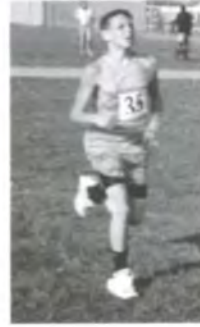


Cross Country

Coach Jay McGovern said of his first year coaching experience “ I’m a first year coach, but as far as improvements our times are coming down and the runners are getting faster. We had a late start on the season and that really hurt us.” However as the season progressed, the team worked very hard to put together a great team. The team met twice a day every day for practice, including a 6:15 a.m. practice. Not all the students run for fun, some joined cross country to get in shape. All in all the team had a very successful year and some members will be returning next year.



Back row: Coach Jay McGovern, Justin Wulff, Aaron Jefferson, Ruben Bradley, Kahlil Hill
 Front row: Walter Karioki, Ezekiel Karioli, John Peterman, Daniel Roach, Geoffrey Scholz



Right: Justin Wulff, Geoffrey Scholz, Aaron Jefferson, Walter Karioki, Ruben Bradley, and John Peterman take time out during a meet to pose for a snapshot.

Top from left to right: John Peterman, Walter Karioki, Ezekiel Karioki, Geoffrey Sholz, Daniel Roach, and Aaron Jefferson participate in a cross country meet.



Softball



Top row: Kiesha Hinkle, Amber Still, Keri Kuhn, Rebecca Paige, and Coach Chad Ryerson
 Bottom row: Eugena Beverly, Robin Nichols, Cara Wiesler, Dana Matthews, and Ashley Caswell

The softball team has come a long way since last year. Even though they only won one game this year, it was the first victory for Ruskin in several years. Coach Chad Ryerson feels that the team is on its way to becoming a contending team. There were a lot of freshman surprises this year, including Amy Moore and Stacey Bailey. One thing is for sure, the Ruskin softball team has a long road ahead of them.



Top left: Rebecca Paige waits for the pitcher to make her move.
 Top middle: Amber Still goes up to bat.
 Top right: Dana Matthews stands ready to swing.
 Bottom left: Amber Still braces herself to catch a strike.
 Bottom middle: Robin Nichols is ready to run!
 Bottom right: Some of the team take a rest while the others are out playing the field.

Girls Tennis

The girl's tennis team tried their best this season but ended up with a 0-9 season. Despite the losing season, coach Chris Williams said that he saw a lot of improvement on the team. "Tennis hasn't been a popular sport at Ruskin before, but with players like Venus Williams making national headlines, there is more interest," said Williams. All players this year gave it their all and played their best. All girls were new to the sport except Sherilyn Delos Santos, the only returning letterman. All in all the team is reved up and prepared to go for next season.



Back row: Sherilyn Delos Santos, La Tonya Cleave, LaToia Hokey, Ashante Payne, Natasha Mitchell

Middle row: Crystal Clark, Diana Buie, Carmen Ramirez
Front row: Penny Beesley



Boys Freshman & Junior Varsity Basketball



Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball. From left: Justin Wulff, Lenell Newman, Terrell Roe, Terry Wade, Cameron Hardy. Second row, from left: Jay Michael, Kevin Cole, Dee Adger, Leon Jones, Coach Jeff Meisenheimer.



Freshman Boys' Basketball. From left: Kendall King, Brandon Dooley, Alex Rush, Chris Thomas, Darrell Henderson. Second row, from left: Coach Carl Jenkins, Steve Thomas, Kevin Cole, Kirk Braden, Kyle Colvin, Thomas Bentley.



Dee Adger (51) goes up for the shot as Justin Wulff (30, foreground) watches for the rebound.

Boys' Varsity Basketball



Boys' Varsity Basketball. Front row, from left: Nate Johnson, Tellis Bolton. Second row, from left: Darren Bowen, Anthony Hill, Sidney Bradley, Jerome Walker, Ray McCoy, Derrick Bowen, Coach Sherman Wofford.



Above left: Darren Bowen plays stiff defense against an opponent. Above middle: Ray McCoy gets a shot by a defender. Above right: Anthony Hill goes up for a rebound. Opposite page, top: Dee Adger makes a fast break. Opposite page, below: Darren Bowen tries to get around a defender.



THE SCORE



Grandview	W	45-41
Blue Valley	W	69-57
Center	L	47-58
Ray-South	L	49-64
Hickman Mills	L	46-49
Park Hill South	W	77-36
Park Hill	L	55-70
Excelsior Springs	W	76-58
Ray-Pec	W	74-45
Center	L	61-74
Ray-South	L	50-52
Blue Springs Tournament		
Blue Springs South	L	59-67
Lee's Summit	L	65-69
Sedalia-Smith-Cotton	W	61-54
Warrensburg Tournament		
Boonville	W	77-44
Springfield: Kickapoo	L	54-56
Van Horn	W	72-42
North Kansas City tournament		
North Kansas City	L	54-69
Oak Park	W	45-44



Varsity Girls Basketball



First row: Takeia Paige, Latasha Scott
 Second row: Ashley Morris, Jessica Lavender, Kendra Andersen, Tosha Byers, Angela Armstrong, Kira Cummings
 Third row: Coach Derek Scott, Nikki Williams, Alicia Everage, Shanice Smiley, Nicole King, Kamika Milligan, Coach Chad Ryerson
 Not pictured: Ruth Washington, Heidi Widmer



Top row L-R:
 Angel Armstrong adds a little force to her moves.
 Former coach Chuck Pohlman shows off his baby girl at a home game.
 Tosha Byers goes for the "goal"
 Bottom row L-R:
 Nikki Williams thinks "Nothin' but net!"
 LaTasha Scott looks for someone to pass to.
 Ruth Washington tries to gain an advantage.

Girls JV Basketball



First row: Kendra Andersen, Latrese Anderson, Shanice Smiley
 Second row: Angie Agee, Nicole Ward
 Third row: Coach Derek Scott, Kaleena Blackburn, Nicole King



Although the girls' basketball teams might not have shown much success on the scoreboard this season, Coach Chad Ryerson said he was pleased with how his teams' improved throughout the season and we're able to play four quarters of basketball competitively. "Coach (Derek) Scott and I saw a lot of improvement at both ends of the court, and while I was disappointed with the final score, there was definite improvement shown by our underclassmen."



Top far left: Scoreboard says... "We won!!!"
 Top right: Nicole King tries for a free throw.
 Far left: Kaleena Blackburn goes up to make the shot.
 Middle left: Shanice Smiley goes around the block from St. Pius.
 Left: Nicole King aims for the goal.

Girls Freshman Basketball

The Freshman Girls Basketball kicked it into high gear this year. Both the coach, Amy Slaughter, and the girls were all new to the game at Ruskin. Coach Slaughter felt that all of the girls had a great deal of dedication which helped them get through the season. Some of the girls moved up to JV mid-season which helped boost team morale. Next year looks to be just as good for all the girls moving on to JV.



First row: Mayata Moody, Megan Bledsoe, Christal Carpenter, Mikki Montgomery. Second row: Malisse Lockhart, Destiny Carter, Latoya Hildrebrand, Jennifer Graham. Third row: Lucretia Rimmer, Toia Mosley, Crecia Bates, Coach Amy Slaughter.

POWER



Congratulations, Coach Wofford!



Head Boys' Basketball Coach Sherman Wofford celebrated his 300th career victory during the 1998-99 basketball season with a 68-62 home victory over Van Horn. Athletic Director Gerald Partridge presented Coach Wofford with a plaque commemorating the victory. Above, Coach Wofford (third from left) accepts congratulations from Phillip Thomas, Jerome Walker, and Anthony Hill.

Victory #1: 46-44 vs. Hickman Mills, 1981

Victory #100: vs. Hickman Mills, 1986

Victory #200: vs. Winnetonka, 1991

Victory #300: 68-62 vs. Van Horn, 1999

300 Career Victories at Ruskin as Head Basketball Coach

Wrestling

The Wrestling team had one tough year.

The team worked hard during practices after school, but was not consistent enough to pull off a spectacular season.

Some stars did shine though. Senior

Elisha Silfies

emerged as a leader in both wrestling and

as a mentor. Joel

Page and Martel Ray

also were strong

players this year Joe

Page qualified for

state. Coach

McGovern and the

returning team

members will keep

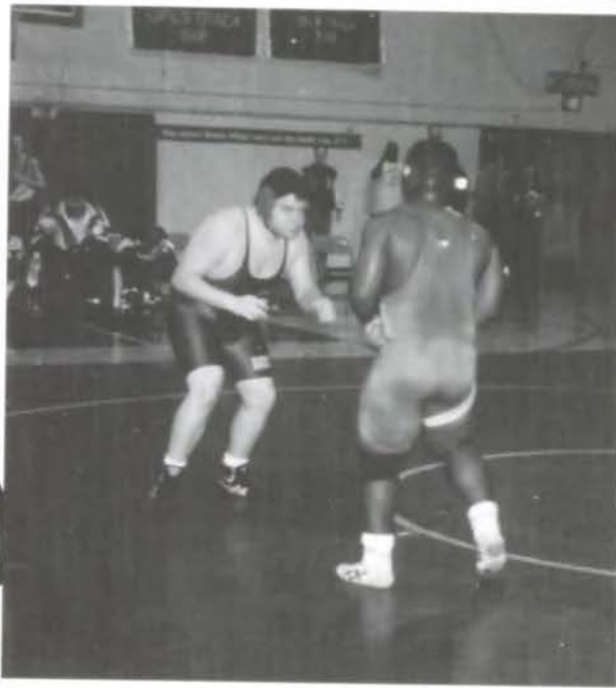
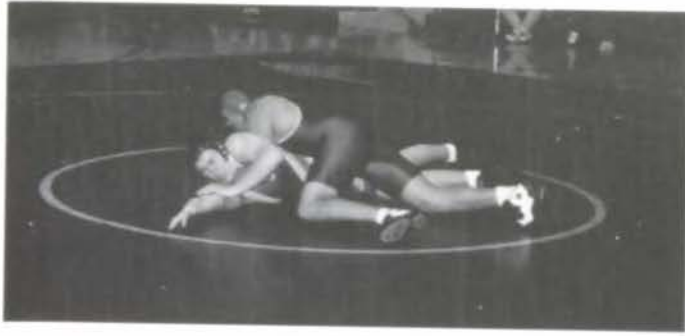
practicing to be even

stronger next year.



Back row: Coach Jay McGovern, Lance Jones, Joel Page, Jon Wulff, Adam Weisler, Coach John Sanders
Middle row: Geoffrey Sholtz, Jesse Tucker, Ruben Bradley, Ricki Black, Tom Smith
Front row: Marie Chapel, Rhonda Crain, Daniel Roach, P.J. Peterson, Namen Smith, Elisha Silfies

ON
the
WILD
Side!



NO PAIN NO GAIN

Counter clockwise: Lance Jones tackles his opponent.

Chris Rog fights off an attack from his opponent.

Elisha Silfies fights back.

Elisha is rearing to go.

Again, Elisha trips up the opponent.

The team takes a breather during a meet.

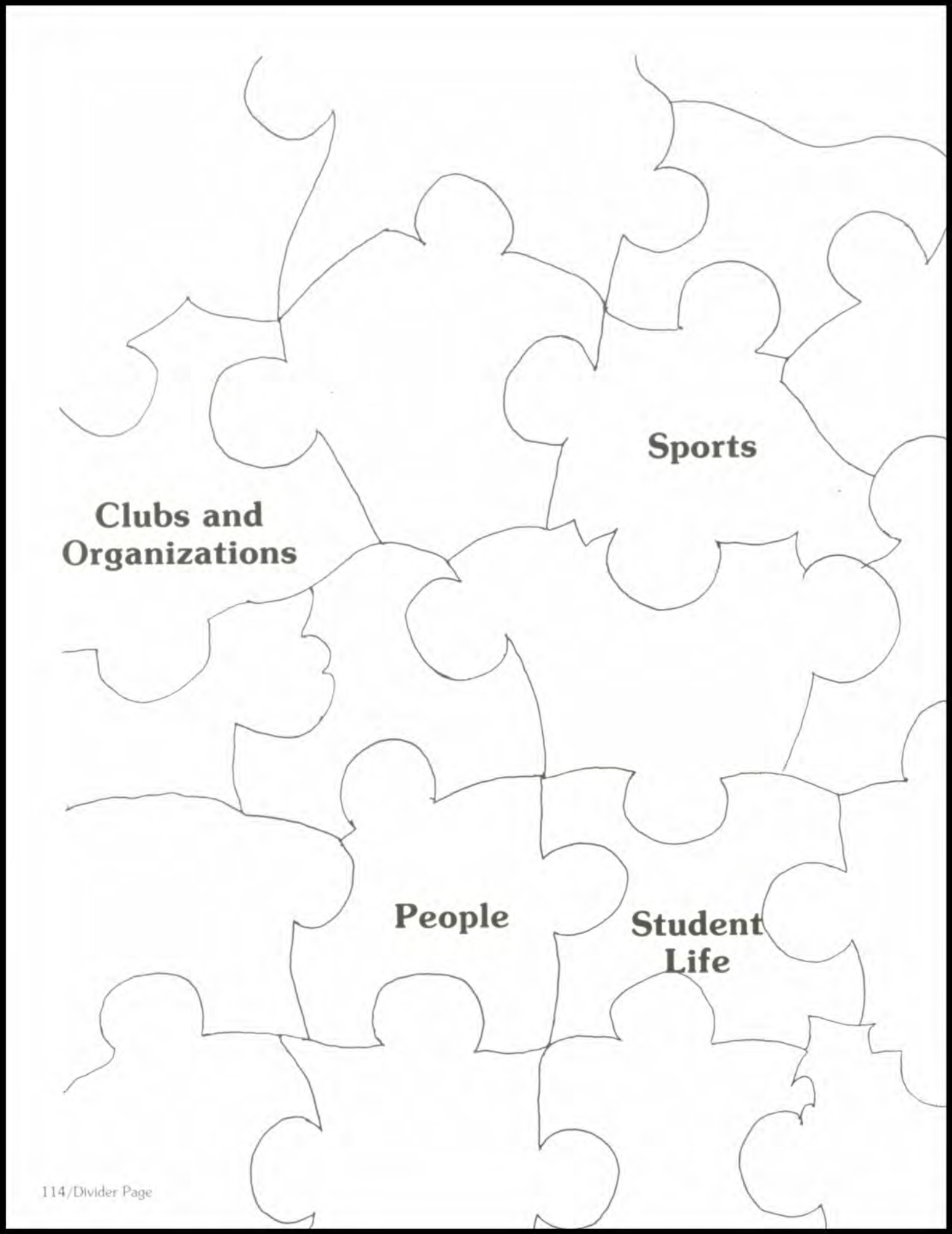
Elisha just can't let them win!

Ruben Bradley won't let go.

Elisha tries to gain an advantage over the wrestler from the opposing team.

Elisha takes his hold on Center.

Middle: Elisha Silfies prepares for his attack.



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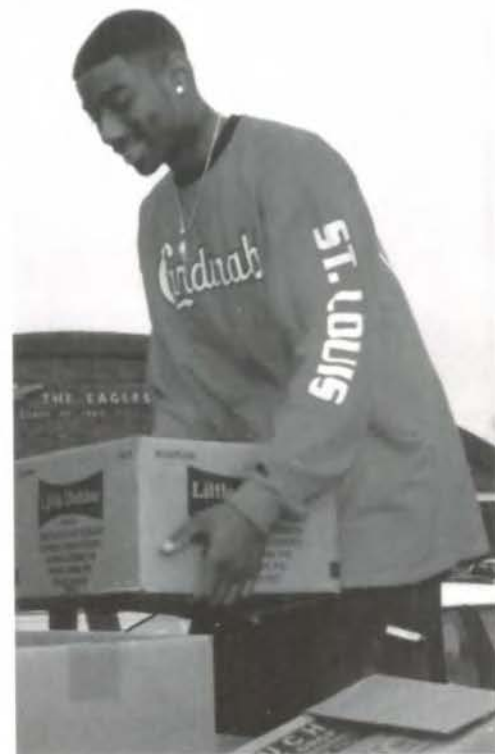
Leo Club



Leo Club: From left: Tiffany Snipes, Jennifer Cooperrider, Christina Monroe, Danielle Gray, Megan Bledsoe, Michelle Bledsoe, Kelvin Craft, Chrystal Carpenter, Melissa Carson, Joy Brown, Erika Conway. Second Row, from left: Aleisha McGee, Elizabeth Graves, Tiffany Forte', Tamika Phillips, Marshon Draughn, Carmen Ross, Monique Rounds, Andrea Smith, Christina Calhoun, Eileen Bradshaw. Thrid row, from left: Fanell Lewis, Sherilyn DeloSantos, Takeia Paige, Patricia Brown, Alicia Everage, Tiffany Johnson, Latrese Anderson, Lashaunda Brown. Fourth row, from left: Maria Draughn, Myles Wells, Jennifer Smith, Gerald Gray, Lance Jones, Raina Powell, Camillia Miller. Fifth row, from left: Judy Baker, Darrell Mitchell, Lydia Myers, Rashaad Smith, Lakeisha Hardin, Carrie Myers, Wesley Boggess



Left: From left, Leo Club Sponsor April Flowers, Tamika Phillips, Tiffany Snipes, Melissa Hodge, and LaToya Harlan staff Leo Club's booth at Hickman Mills Community Days. Leo Club raised several hundred dollars of flood relief for victims of October's flash floods in Kansas City. Above: Antonio Jenkins loads food onto a truck for a Leo Club project.



Cadet Teachers



Cadet Teachers: First row, from left: Kamille Jefferson, LaKeisha Hardin, Takeia Paige, Jennifer Smith Second row, from left: Eugena Beverly, Tanesse Booze, Kierra Reedus, Tiffanie Forte', Maurice Carpenter Third row, from left: Christen Buie, Lance Jones, Dana Matthews, Omar Stigler, Delbert Kinchelow, Jeanette McElroy

ROTC Drill Team



ROTC Drill Team First row, from left: Capt. Houston, Andy Vincent, Jerwejn Fuentes, Eriane Adams, Tiffanie Forte', Byron Martin Second row, from left: Chris Hinkle, Darren Stringberg, Chris Summers, Del Kinchelow, Bobby Yocklin, Charles Henderson Third row, from left: Antwon Johnson, Marcus Dixon, Billy Scott, Jeremy Gunning, Kaleena Blackburn

Octagon Club



Octagon Club. From left, Mr. Sanders, Danielle Driver, Monique Rounds, Takeia Paige, Dan Roach, Casey Dean, Sarah Williams. Second row, from left: Rashaad Smith, Sherrilyn DelosSantos, Maria Pulido, Brianna Grant, Kesha Hardin, Robin Crain. Third row, from left: Lydia Myers, Angela Agee, Jennifer Smith, Malisse Lockhart, Gloria Simmons. Fourth row, from left: Margaret Williams, Darrell Mitchell, Brandon Horne, Carrie Myers, Kelvin Craft, Montae Roe, Amanda Spruell.

Multicultural Youth Team



Multicultural Youth Team. From left: Jessica Freeman-Coldiron, Jim Slone. Second row, from left: Cynthia Younger, Sherrilyn DelosSantos. Third row, from left: Angela Ladwig, Heidi Widmer. Fourth row, from left: Rashad Givhan, Yolanda McGroarty, Christen Buie, Maria Pulido.

National Forensic League



National Forensic League. From left: Stephanie Spears, Christen Chandler, Alisha Madison, Crystal Clark. Second row, from left: Natasha Mitchell, Jessica Lavender, Kiria Cummings, Penny Beesley. Third row, from left: Aleisha McGee, Carmen Ross, LaTasha Scott, Kahlil Hill, Mrs. Henry. Fourth row, from left: Holly Clark, Rachel Nelson, Leon Rush, Ashley Morris, Richard Hardley, Amory Bottorff. Fifth row, from left: Aaron Williams.



Above left: Matt Slone and Alisha Madison put on an impromptu floor show at the Model United Nations Conference at the Palmer House in Chicago. Below left: Alisha Madison (from left), Matt Slone, and Amory Bottorff, represented the island nation of Dominica at the Model UN Conference. Above: Winners of the VFW oratory contest, (from left) Aleisha McGee, Christen Chandler, and Amory Bottorff, pose with NFL sponsor Mrs. Henry, and Nancy and Damien Kirby from the local VFW post.



National Honor Society Front row, from left: Sarah Williams, Kamille Jefferson, Tasha Scott, Sylvia Williams, Christen Chandler, Paula Talley. Second row, from left: Sherrilyn DeloSantos, Terri Spears, Robin Nichols, Angel Armstrong, Crystal Clark, Penny Beasley, Takeia Paige, Monique Rounds, Alysia Clayton, Danielle Driver Third row, from left: Margaret Williams, Sharon White, Stephanie Shaughnessy, Christen Buie, Cara Weiseler, Erica Bradshaw, Cynthia Younger, Janae Hobley, Rachel Myers, Jennifer Jones, Elisha Silfies. Fourth row, from left: Robin McKinnie, Cynthia Caudle, Crystal Anderson, Jeanette McElroy, Aaron Williams, Melissa Loteckie, Bobby Burt, Patricia Brown. Fifth row, from left: Christina Johnson, Angela Ladwig, Jessica Freeman-Coldtron, Rashad Givhan, Rashad Smith, Antwon Scott, Deneisha Williams, Tellis Bolton. Not pictured: Elisha Kelley.



Above: National Honor Society members take time to pose for the camera while working at Harvesters, a local food bank. Right: From left, Monique Rounds, Antwon Scott, Dione Greene and Elisha Silfies keep their noses to the grindstone at Harvesters. Opposite page, top left: From left, Christen Buie, Rashad Givhan, Erica Bradshaw, Cynthia Caudle, Crystal Anderson, and Christen Chandler pose with the gifts they donated to a local family at Christmas. Opposite page, far right: National Honor Society members pose with sponsor Linda Ornes. Opposite page, top right: Eli Silfies rests after working at Harvesters.



National Honor Society



Conflict Mediators



Conflict Mediators. From left: Marcus Butts, Camille Jefferson, Tasha Scott, Andrea Smith, Paula Talley, Christen Chandler, Christina Monroe. Second row, from left: Kevin Moore, Fanell Lewis, Angel Armstrong, Derrick Bower, Darren Bowen, Kesha Hardin, Alisha Madison, Heidi Widmer. Third row: Kevin Collis, Miles Wells, Jessica Lavender, Ashley Morris, Kiria Cummings, Sarah Williams, Kahlil Ware, LaToya Hildebrand, Christal Carpenter. Fourth row, from left: Jennifer Pleasant, Latesha Mitchell, Dominga Brownlee, Lance Jones, Aaron Williams, Kahlil Hill, Angela Agee, Malisse Lockhart. Fifth row, from left: Theo Bass, Robert Gray, Maurice Carpenter.

PALS



PALS. From left: Brooke Warner, LaDonna Sykes, Stephanie Spears, Larone'e Boards. Second row, from left: Gloria Simmons, Diana Buie, Kendra Grigsby, Lashonda Brunson. Third row, from left: Eriane Adams, Kesha Hinkle, Marcus Dixon, Adell Kirkwood.

Art Club



Art Club. From left: Mrs. Theis, Bobby Yocklin, Tiffany Snipes, Toia Banks, Monique Miller, Kendra Grigsby, Maurice Bush, Darryn Smith. Second row, from left: Lakesha Hardin, Caleb Holzendorf, Carmen Ross, Thomasean Brown, Carrie Myers, Alicia Everage, Jeanette McElroy. Third row, from left: Thomas Haggerty, David Louis, Yah-Hassan Zinn, Hoang Nguyen, Fred Strothers, Omar Stigler, Theo Bass.



Left: Jeanette McElroy works on a ceramic tile for the "World Without AIDS" project. Mary Ella Walkup gets some ideas for her "World Without AIDS" tile from Art Club sponsor and Kansas City artist Christopher Frye.

Cheerleaders and Diggers



Top left: Freshman cheerleaders fire up the crowd during a freshman football game. Top right: Lydia Myers performs a Diggers routine. Above left: Cheerleader sponsor Leah Edens with Angie Ladwig. Right: Jessica Freeman-Coldiron and Michelle Sawyer cheer to keep warm during a late-season football game.





Left: Angie Ladwig (left) and KQualiaque Johnson, cheer at a basketball game at Hickman Mills High School. Below: Narisha Woodley (left) and Heather Daise take a break during a basketball game to talk about their Sophomore English assignment. Bottom left: Sharon White, Terri Spears, and Takeia Paige take time out from a Diggers performance. Bottom right: Sabrina Hughes (front) and Taressa Hockaday perform at a basketball game.



Blue Varsity and Gold Varsity Cheerleaders



Blue Varsity Cheerleaders. From left: Tiffany Snipes, Stephanie Zamora, Keesha Hinkle. Second row, from left: Sylvia Williams, Narshia Woodley, Heather Daise.



Gold Varsity Cheerleaders. From left: KQualiaque Johnson, Angela Ladwig, Glennae Harvey. Second row, from left: Michelle Sawyer and Nikita Woodley.



Diggers & Freshman Cheerleaders



Diggers. From left: Paula Talley. Second row, from left: Taressa Hockaday, Christen Chandler. Third row, from left: Toya Harlan, Lydia Myers, Takeia Paige. Fourth row, from left: Kamika Milligan, Kelli Millentree, Sharon White, Terri Spears.



Freshman Cheerleaders. From left, Danielle Grey. Second row, from left: Michelle Bledsoe, Christal Carpenter. Third row, from left: Sharon Robinson, Shawnta Davis, Megan Bledsoe.

Student Council and Class Officers



Student Council. From left, Tasha Scott, Andrea Smith, Danielle Driver, Dan Roach, Jerwien Fuentes, Christal Carpenter. Second row, from left: Natasha Mitchell, Marcus Butts, Kiria Cummings, Audrey Byrd. Third row, from left: Ashley Morris, Jessica Lavender, Kamille Jefferson, Brooke Warner, Malisse Lockhart, Jennifer Graham. Fourth row, from left: Erica Bradshaw, Janae Hobley, Alisha Madison, Lance Jones, Terry Wade.

STEP Group



STEP Group. From left, Camille Miller, Darnell Johnson, Antwon Scott, Marshon Draughn, Latrese Anderson, Raena Powell, Maria Draughn. Second row, from left: Kelvin Craft, Rashad Givhan, Rashaad Smith, Erica Bradshaw, Maurice Carpenter, Cornelia Bolton, Naman Smith. Third row, from left: Darrell Mitchell, Montel Nelson, Lucretia Rimmer, Jennifer Graham, Nicole King, Robin McKinnie, Lakesha Hardin.



Senior Class Officers: Heidi Widmer, President; Erica Bradshaw, Vice President; Janae Hobley, Secretary; Ruth Washington, Treasurer.



Junior Class Officers: LaTasha Scott, President; Ashley Morris, Vice President; Natasha Mitchell, Secretary; Jessica Lavender, Treasurer.



Sophomore Class Officers: Matt Slone, President; LaTonya Cleave, Treasurer; Lance Jones, Vice President.



Freshman Class Officers: Malisse Lockhart, Treasurer; Jennifer Graham, Secretary; Dan Roach, Vice President.

Band and Drums



Marching Band. From left: Alonzo Mason, Lynell Diggs, Marcus Rainge, Billy Scott, Charles Williams, Jordan Horne, Vernon Jones, Chris Edwards, Aaron Williams. Second row, from left: Jennifer Cooperider, Keisha Hinkle, Sarah Williams, Sharon White, Angela Ladwig, Lydia Meyers, Kera Schober, Jennifer Skillman, Michelle Hodges, Rachel Murray, Amy Moore. Third row, from left: Chris Hinkle, Amy Coldiron, Ashley Caswell, Megan Bledsoe, Crecia Bates, Ashante Payne, Rebecca Page, Amy Schutz, Daniel Saxton, Amanda Spruell, Brooke Warner, Tiffany Garrett, Keira Hutton, LaKeisha Hardin. Fourth row, from left: David Winter, April Howard, Marquita Johnson, Maurice Russell, Margaret Williams, Aaron Carr, Christina Johnson, Bethany Mohrwood, Bobby Burt, Darrell Mitchell, Omar Stigler, Terri Spears, Estelle Johnson, John Peterman. Fifth row, from left: Steve Holloway, Joe Thelander, Brandon Dooley, Adell Kirkwood, Becky Ward, Jennifer Dalton, Tiffany Dooley, Robin McKinnie, Nathan Gunn, Marcus Dixon, Jay Jackson, Nicole King, Eric Frizell, Eddie Greer, Darrell Johnson, Antwon Scott, Cara Wieseler, Kevin Kralicek, Matthew Williams, John Denny, Kahlil Ware, Aaron Jefferson, Albert Torrez.



Drums. From left: Alonzo Mason, Lynell Diggs, Marcus Rainge, Billy Scott, Charles Williams, Jordan Horne, Vernon Jones, Naman Smith, Aaron Williams

Color Guard



Color Guard. From left: Amy Schutz, Crystal Anderson, Becky Ward, Christina Johnson, Beth Mohler, Jennifer Dalton, Tiffany Dooley



Left: Bobby Burt keeps in step at a home football game. Above: Tiffany Garrett and Sarah Williams take a break from performing at the last home football game for a picture.

Band Candid

Right: Judging by her smile, Keesha Hardin really enjoys being in the band. Below left: Beth Mohler, Becky Ward and Jennifer Dalton were part of the band's Color Guard. Below right: Jonathon Denney makes himself heard on the football field with his tuba.



Orchestra



Orchestra. From left: Christen Chandler, Sunnie Caldwell, Stephanie Gordier, Rachel Nelson, Penny Beesley, Jessica Brown, Tiffany Snipes, Erica Bradshaw, Matt Crawford. Second row, from left: Christen Buie, Tara Banks, Tosha Byers, Angel Harris, Kelli Millentree, Kelly Turner, Paula Talley, Matthew Shaw. Third row, from left: Cynthia Caudle, Matt Slone, Jennifer Loteckie, Ruth Washington, Darin Strinberg, Janae Hobley, Kacy Burt, Jesse Williamson. Fourth row, from left: Amory Bottorff, Bradley Brown, Lance Jones, Mr. Young, Chris Schley, Orlando Barlaan, Jason Baumgartner, Adam Weisler.

9th Grade Orchestra



9th grade Orchestra. From left: Diana Buie, Anna Johnson, Amber Still, Jerwien Fuentes. Second row, from left: Brittany Boone, Shannon Hoskins, Karry Palmer, Eriane Adams, Chris Monroe. Third row, from left: Mr. Young, Kaleena Blackburn, LaToya Hildebrand, Læchelle Allen, Tarnika Green, Malisse Lockhart.

Choral Connection



Choral Connection. From left: Becky Ward, Derrick Bowen, Larone'e Boards, Brandon Brown. Second row, from left: Cornelia Bolton, Rashad Givhan, Yolanda McGroarty, Steven Lopez, Marissa Robinson, Robin Crain, Darren Bown. Third row, from left: Cara Weiseler, Aaron Williams, Nicole King, Marcus Butts. Not pictured: Glennae Harvey, Elisha Kelley, Nikita Woolley, Ryan Burris, Anthony Lee.

A Cappella Choir



A Cappella Choir. From left: Sheryllyn Delossantos, Nicole King, Camille Jefferson, Crystal Anderson, Jennifer Dalton, Jessica Freeman-Coldiron. Second row, from left: Cara Weiseler, Cornelia Bolton, Aaron Williams, Marcus Butts, Matt Crawford, Devynn Moore, Monique Rounds. Third row, from left: Janelle Coulter, Robin Nichols, Kaci Dean, Rashad Givhan, Kahlil Ware, Terrell Lopez, Yolanda McGroarty, Melissa Schutz. Fourth row, from left: Michelle Sawyer, Coshawn Session, Darren Bown, Derrick Bowen, Bobby Burt, Rashad Smith, Penny Beesley, Penny Moore, Sarah Williams. Fifth row, from left: Becky Ward, Kierra Hutton, Tiffany Garrett, William Baker, Yah-Hassan Zinn, Brandon Brown, Christina Johnson, Beth Mohler. Not pictured: Glennae Harvey, Elisha Kelley, and Nikita Woolley, Ryan Burris.

Treble Choir



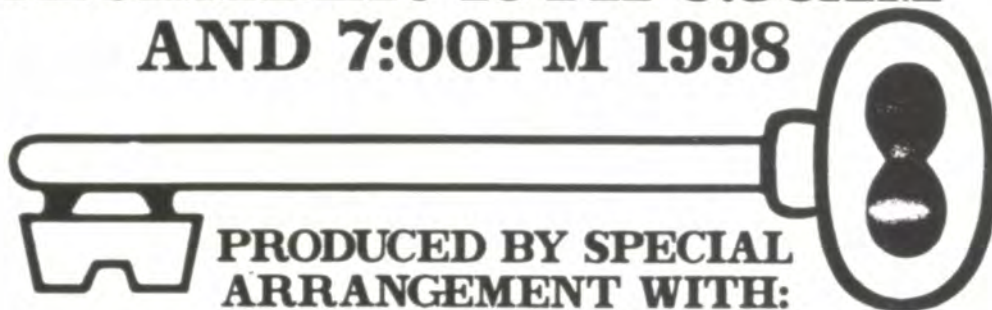
Treble Choir. From left: Marisa Robinson, Amber Davis, Robin Crain, Monique Hall, Gloria Simmons, Ginea Jenkins, Latoya Harlan, Erika Conway, Judi Baker, Lavonee Boards, Chamika Seaton, Latrese Anderson, Zulekha Tate, Tamika Neal.

Freshman Choir



Freshman Choir. From left. Christal Phillips, Nicole Mapp, Jese Holman, Ronnie Hodges, Kendra Grigsby. Second row, from left: Eileen Bradshaw, Janae Brower, Sha-Ron Perkins, Antonio Taylor, Brittney Cammack, LaToya Williams, Nakikio Briscoe. Third row, from left: Tara Martin, Stacie Bailey, El Jay Williams, Richie Burge, Naman Smith, Kyle Colvin, Josh Morain, Teri Edgely, Keyona Biggers.

**"UNLOCK THE SILENCE"
A BATTERED WOMEN'S
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DECEMBER 10TH 9:30AM
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Director
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Writer
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MEMORY IN
THE PAIN
Amory Bottorff
Penny Beesley
Jessica Freeman
Sarah Williams

Director
Susan McKee

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David Smith
Paul Wooten
LaDonna Sykes
Jessica Freeman

FRIED CHICKEN
Christen Buie

Director
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Writer
Jane Martin

RAGE
Aaron Williams
Diana Buie

Director
Tom Leith

Writer
Carlos Perez

BE THERE
Erica Bradshaw

Director
Tom Leith

Music and Lyrics
Tori Amos

TECHNICAL CREW
Paul Wooten
Monique Miller
Kendra Grigsby
Carrie Myers





Tom Leith's Drama class wrote five scripts on the topic of battered women. Two of the scripts were chosen to be performed at a benefit called "Vital Signs" that raised funds for a local battered women's shelter and a national hotline for abused women. Cara Weiseler wrote "Next Door" and David Smith, Paul Wooten, LaDonna Sykes and Jessica Freeman-Coldiron wrote "Memory in the Pain." The show also featured scripts written by local and national professional playwrights.



Top: Cast members look on as Aaron Williams and Diana Buie perform "Rage"
 Above left: Kendra Grigsby and Lydia Myers set the stage for the next scene.
 Above right: Erica Bradshaw goes solo in "Be There"
 Left: Mr. Leith thanks the audience for their support.



Director's Note

Try and remember that time in May of 1960. Late spring on the evening of the third day, for it was on that day, history was made. In the 152 seat Sullivan Street Theatre "THE FANTASTICKS" opened and has been running ever since.

No other musical in the history of the world has had a run as long as this one. It is the most frequently produced musical having been shown in all 50 states and in 68 foreign countries.

Tonight, we will add our version to the thousands of performances that have gone before us. And gladly so, for we have been given this opportunity to share this wonderful story of love and adventure with you, our friends and family. And I for one cannot think of a better way to spend an evening (unless it would be to go swimming in a clear blue stream or stay up all night and sing songs to the moon.)

So for now, sit back, relax and try to remember and if you remember then follow.

CAST & CREW

	<p>El Gallo Rashad Givhan</p> <p>The Mute Jessica Freeman-Coldiron</p> <p>Hucklebee Ryan Burris & Steve Lopez</p> <p>Luisa Christen Buie & Yolanda McGroarty</p> <p>Matt Aaron Williams</p> <p>Bellomy Marcus Butts</p> <p>Mortimer Khalil Ware</p> <p>Henry El-Jay Williams</p>	<p>Musicians Sharon Owen Lyndell Leatherman Charles Williams</p> <p>Direction Tom Leith</p> <p>Choreography Jay Combs</p> <p>Props Monique Miller Carrie Meyers</p> <p>Costumes Susan McKee</p> <p>Lights Paul Wooten MaryElla Walkup Megan Rabuse Stephanie Zamora Amory Bottorff</p> <p>Stage Crew Lance Jones</p> <p>Front of House Sarah Williams Jeanette McElroy</p>
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Left: Ryan Burris and Marcus Butts perform a duo.

Below left: Rashad Givhan sings to Christen Buie.

Below right: Sarah Williams and Tiffany Garrett stop for a snapshot while working the concessions.

Bottom left: Christen Buie sings a solo.

Bottom middle: Aaron Williams stops to ponder the meaning of life.

Bottom right: Khalil Ware helps El-Jay Williams out of the trunk while Jessica Freeman-Coldiron looks on.



Fall Plays

The Ruskin High Drama Department, under the direction of Tom Leith, presented two evenings of two plays in the fall. The first play, "If Men Played Cards Like Women," was a satire on how women socialize. The second play was "Vital Signs," a series of vignettes about the experiences women have during their lives.



Clockwise from top:
The cast of the fall plays takes a break from rehearsing;
Christen Buie and Khalil Ware perform in "Vital Signs";
Even art teacher Tina Theis got into the act;
The cast of "If Men Played Cards Like Women": Amory Bottorff, Aaron Williams, Matt Slone, and Dan Roach;
Jessica Freeman-Coldiron makes a point during "Vital Signs";
Paul Wooten provided technical support during "Vital Signs."



Drama Club



Drama Club: From left, Latasha Adams, Stephanie Zamora, Erica Bradshaw, Jessica Freeman-Coldiron, Cara Weiseler, Christen Buie, Sarah Williams, Jim Slone, Eric Fritzzell. Second row, from left: Crystal Clark, Ladonna Sykes, Diana Buie, Amory Botorff. Third row, from left: Terri Spears, Sharon White, Toia Banks, Robin Nichols, Andrea Smith, Sylvia Williams, Dan Roach, Sherrilyn Delosantos. Fourth row: Tanese Booze, Eugena Beverly, Marcus Butts, Jennifer Smith, Cynthia Younger, Lakesha Hardin, Heather Mikle, Jeanette McElroy, Penny Beesley, Lance Jones, Dana Mathews, Christen Buie, Darryn Smith, Rashad Givhan. Fifth row: Paul Wooten, Lydia Myers, Rashaad Smith, Carrie Myers, Yah-Hassan Zinn, Maurice Carpenter, Mr. Leith, David Louis, Tara Martin, Robert Gray.

Thespians



Thespians. From left: Penny Beesley, Cara Weiseler, Sarah Williams, Sherrilyn Delosantos. Second row, from left: Cynthia Younger, Jeanette McElroy, Amy Schultz. Third row, from left: Amory Botorff, Christen Buie, Christina Johnson, Mr. Leith, Jennifer Dalton.

SAFE Tutors



SAFE tutors: First row, from left: Amory Botorff, Carmen Ross, Penny Beesley, Stephanie Zamora, Alisha Madison, Christen Chandler, Shaneece Jones, Ashley Morris. Second row, from left: Casey Burt, Jim Slone, Jessica Freeman-Coldiron, Sylvia Williams, Eileen Bradshaw, Erika Bradshaw, Tasha Scott, Mrs. Henry, Jessica Lavender, Kyra Cummings. Third row, from left: LaTonya Cleave, Brooke Warner, Gloria Simmons, Sunnie Caldwell, Shaneece Smiley, Marcus Dixon, Angie Ladwig, Monique Rounds, Tellis Bolton, Takeia Page, Cynthia Younger.

DECA



DECA: First row, from left: Phillip Thomas, Chris Stallman, Tellis Bolton. Second row, from left: Crystal Clayton, Jasmine Jackson. Third row, from left: Jade Jackson, Mike Cates, Mr. Meisenheimer, Antonio Jenkins.

Yearbook: Mirage '99



Yearbook Staff. From left: Cherise Smith, Mr. Minnick, Beth Mohler, Monique Rounds, Takeia Paige, Heidi Widmer. Second row, from left: Christina Johnson, Angie Ladwig, KQualiaque Johnson, Taressa Hockaday, Jeanette McElroy, David Lewis, Rashaad Smith, Lydia Myers.



Above left: Christina Johnson, left, and Beth Mohler were two of the seniors on this year's yearbook staff. Christina and Beth were responsible for the senior pages. Above: Monique Rounds and Jeanette McElroy share a laugh while working on their pages. One of the sections Monique prepared was the sophomore mug shots, and Jeanette served as co-editor and prepared most of the sports pages. Below left: KQualiaque Johnson hurries to meet a yearbook deadline. KQualiaque worked on the senior superlative pages.

Hi-Light



Hi-Light Staff. Front: LaDonna Sykes. Second row, from left: Mr. Minnick, Devynn Moore, Denisha Riley, LaTonya McDaniel. Third row, from left: Michelle Sawyer, Charles Washington, Taessa Hockaday, Alisha Madison.



Above left: Devynn Moore and Charles Washington work on their assignments for the next Hi-Light. Above right: Jennifer Loteckie (right) interviews art teacher Christopher Frye for the Hi-Light. Right: Michelle Sawyer and Richard Pope worked on the Hi-Light.



Hi-Light Staff

Elisha Kelley, Editor
 Tanessa Hockaday
 Terrance Johnson
 Jennifer Loteckie
 Alisha Madison
 LaTonya McDaniel
 Devynn Moore
 Richard Pope
 Denisha Riley
 Michelle Sawyer
 Cherise Smith
 LaDonna Sykes
 Charles Washington
 Heidi Widmer
 Eli Williams
 Nikita Woodley
 John Minnick, Adviser



The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood,
And looked down one as far as I could
to where it bent in the undergrowth

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted
wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

By Robert Frost

*Just as seniors figure out the enigma of Ruskin,
it's time for them to graduate*



This page, top left: LaVeta Gardner gets ready for a serve. Top right: From left, Antonio Jenkins, Jade Jackson, Jasmine Jackson, Tellis Bolton, and Tichelle Anderson hang out during seminar. Right: National Honor Society members take a break from a community service project at Harvesters. Opposite page, top: Clockwise, Aaron Williams, Bobby Burt, Rashaad Smith and Antwon Scott show their classic style during Homecoming. Bottom: We just can't run too many pictures of Antwon Scott.





You know you're a senior when...

Your idea of a good night's sleep occurs every "B" day during seminar;

Your parents begin turning the lights out at 8 p.m. every night so they can send you to a fine institution of higher learning;

You get more junk mail than your parents;

You spend more time in the counselor's office than you spend in class;

All you ever think about is graduation;

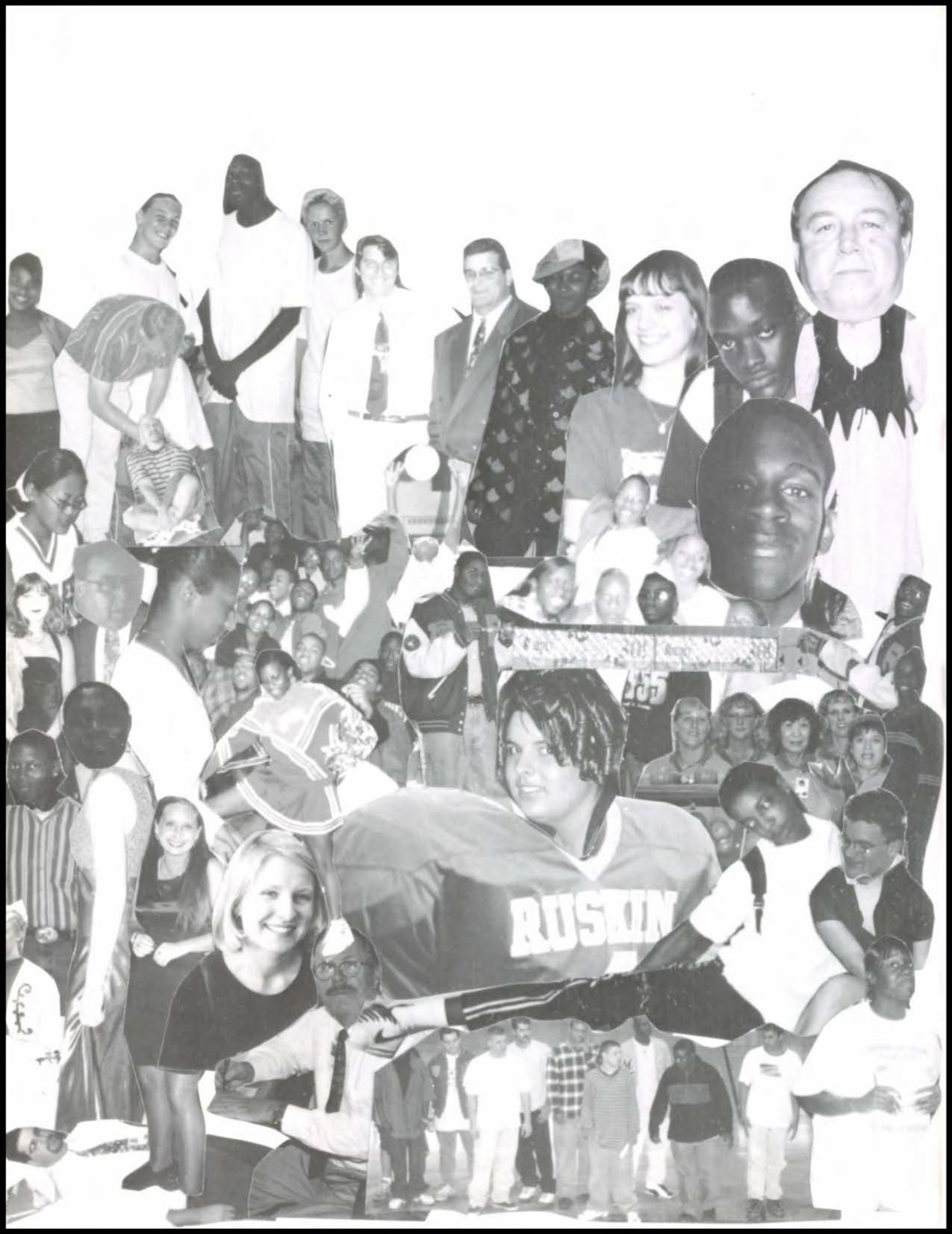
Everyone knows you, but you don't know them;

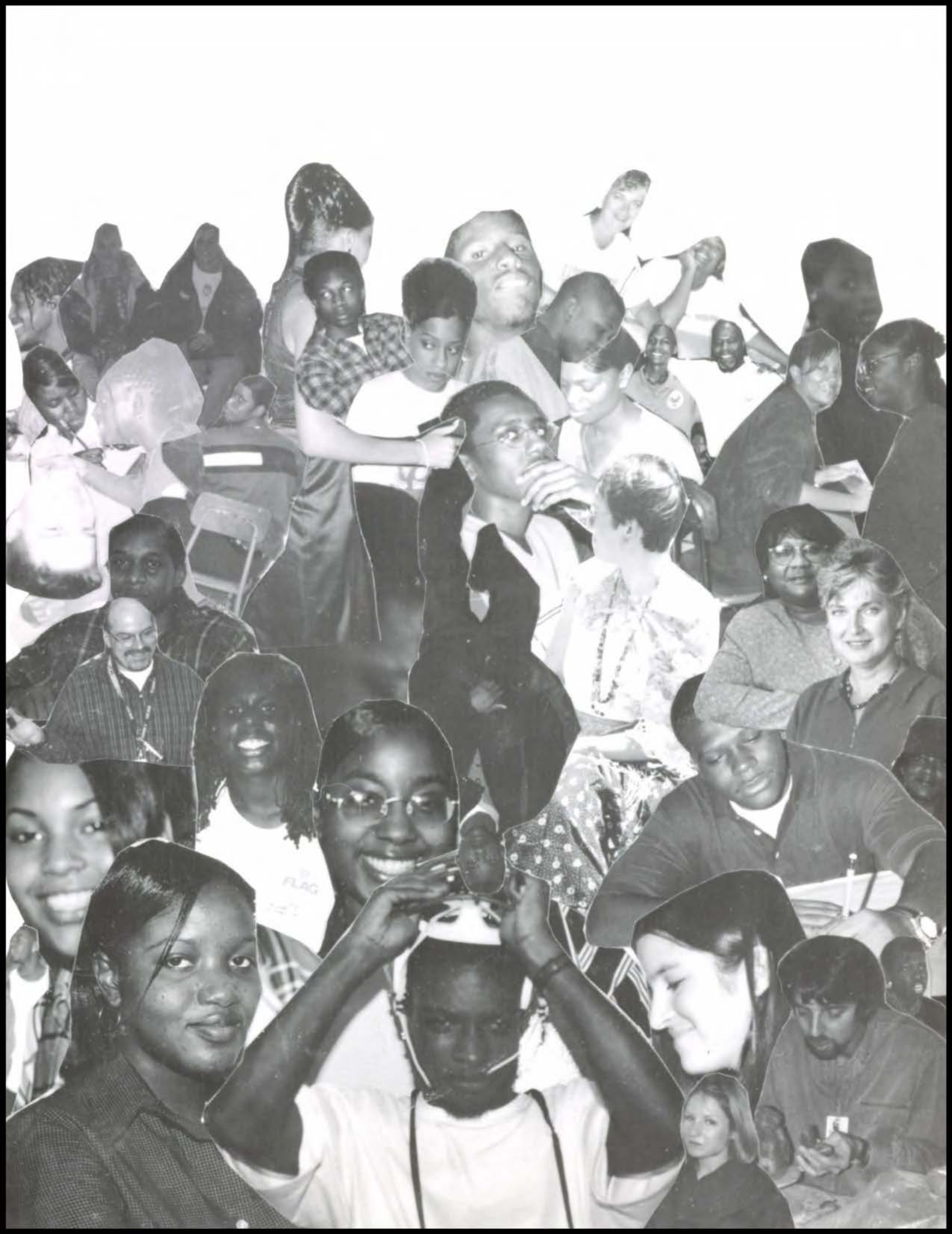
Your English 110 paper becomes your social activity for the weekend;

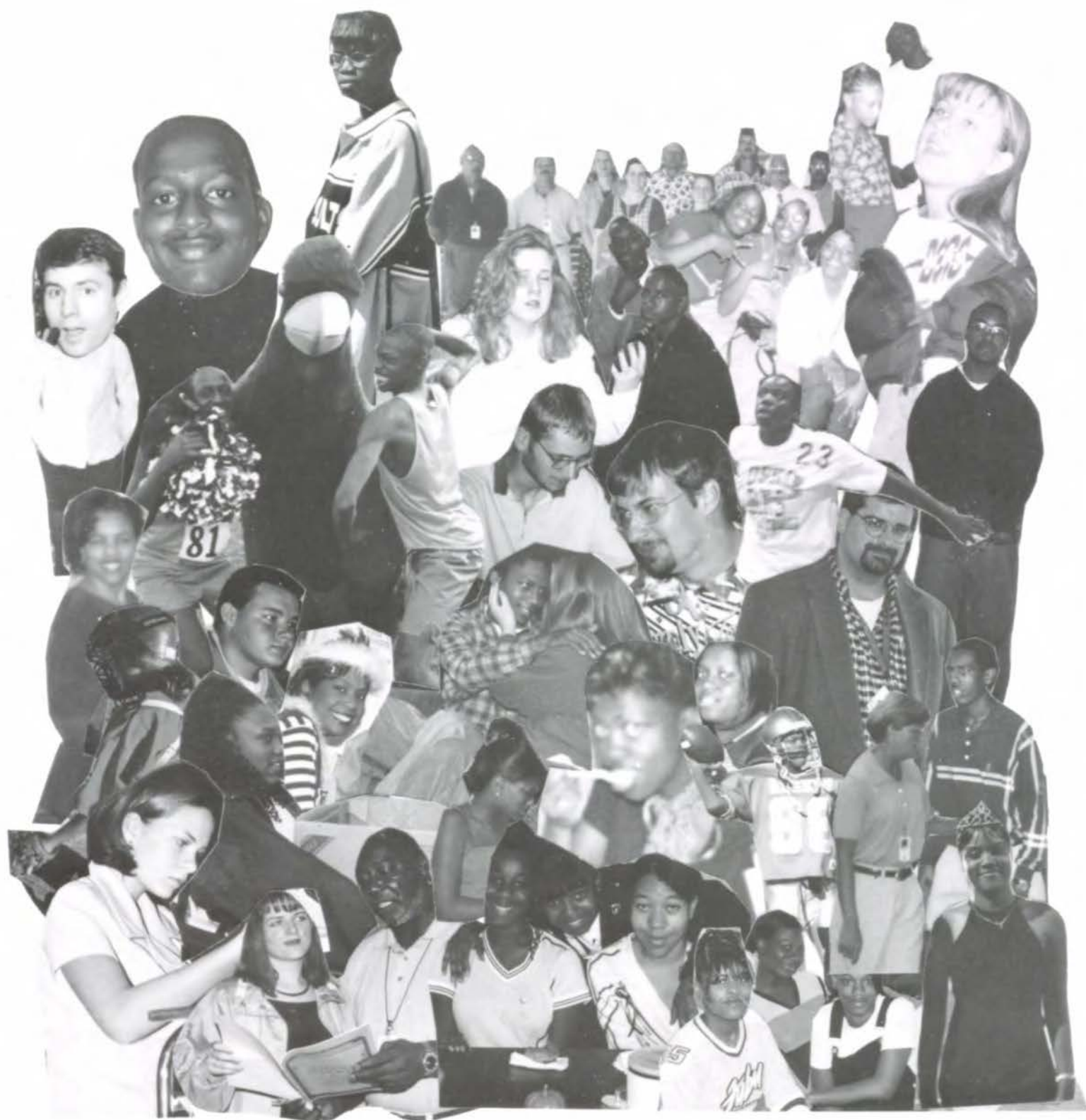
You're seen more out of school than you're seen in school;

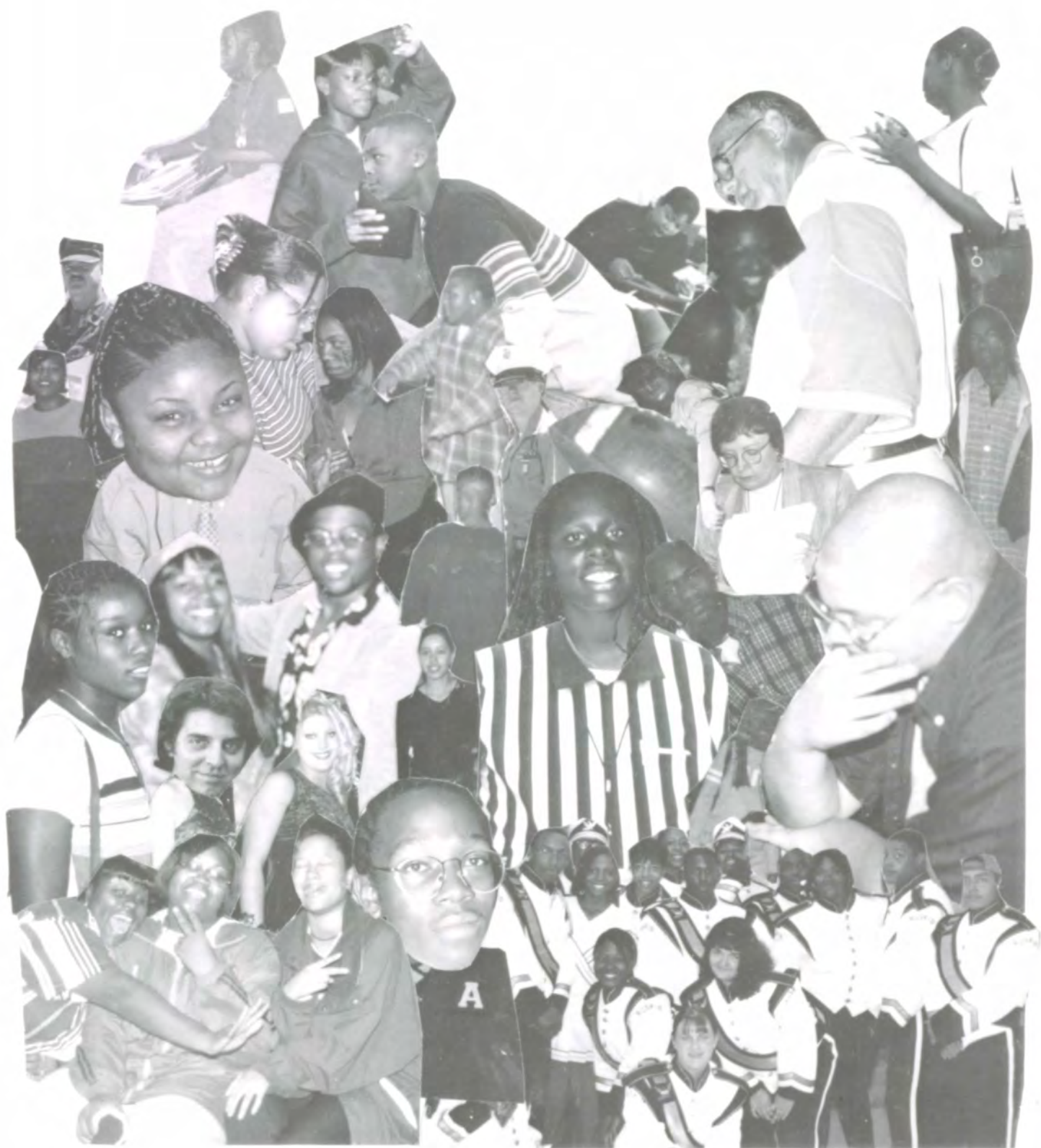
You hit the snooze button on your alarm clock again at 7:25 a.m.;

Your backpack weighs more than you do!











TERRELL STEVEN LOPEZ



Steven-
 We've been together for a long time now and I know we'll be together forever. I want you to know that I love you and I believe in you. You are a remarkable person and I know you are going to get far in life. I'm very proud of you and what you've accomplished. You finally made it through high school and I know how hard you worked for it. Now is your time to shine.
 I love you Boo.
 Love always and forever,
 Yolanda Lopez



Dear Yolanda,
 Well, sweetheart my senior year has finally come, and I just wanted to say thank you for making me so happy all this time. We are going to have a great life together. So don't be sad that I'm leaving Ruskin. Just be happy, and know that this is not an end. It's just a beginning. I love you, forever and-always.
 LOVE,
 Steven

SLOPE

Alisha Mitchell

After twelve, actually thirteen, years of school, it has finally come to an end. It all went by so quickly. I can still remember being at Symington Elementary School playing with all my friends, or being at Smith-Hale getting sent to the principal's office or receiving a misconduct slip (which occurred on a daily basis). Being at Ruskin these last four years has taught me a lot about how to choose your friends, how important it is to study and work hard, and that we will need the information we have received in the real world. After graduation, I plan to go to college and live a long successful life. I hope I achieve all my goals and become the woman I've always wanted to be. May God give you the strength to accomplish things.

Love Always,
 Alisha R. Mitchell-'99'





Michelle Sawyer



Congratulations!

Melissa Rachelle Loteckie

Melissa,
I was blessed with a beautiful baby girl! It has been so fun watching you grow into a wonderful young lady! I am so proud of the person you have become. I know you will go far in life!
Love, Mom



Melissa,
I would like to thank you for the best 18 years of my life. I hope and pray I was able to give you half of the joy and happiness you have given me! I wish you all the best in the future.
Love, Bill

Melissa,
From the time you were born you've always been "Granny's little Angel," You have been such a special member of our family. We wish you success, love, and much happiness in the future.
Love, Granny Darline and Grandpa



Rashad Givhan & Christen Chandler







Lakeisha L. Dodd





Maurice S. Carpenter

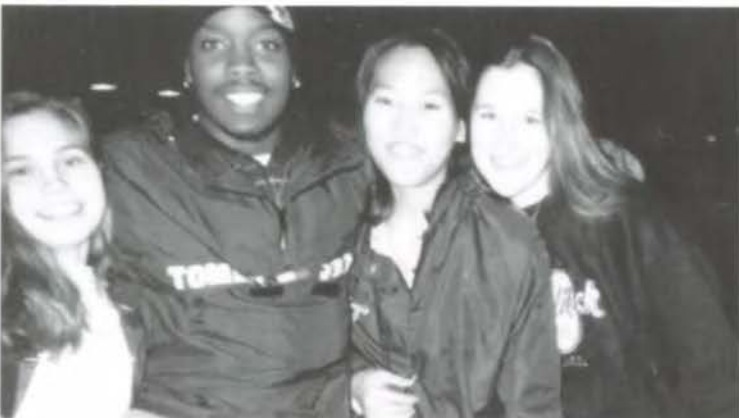


God Bless everyone at Ruskin. To the class of 2000 it's your world now. To the class of 1999 always remember God will be with you no matter where you go, and remember 'Ree C got love for you.

GOD BLESS!



"Ree C"



KQualiaque Monique Johnson



KQualique

Its been great knowing you. Even though we have been through a lot, you have always been there for me. I just want to thank you for everything you have done for me and hope you succeed in life.

Nate Johnson



Takeia C. Paige

To Takeia:

You are my first born and only daughter. I have truly been blessed to have such a beautiful person as my daughter. I know these years as a child, pre-teen, and teenager has been rough, but you made it. I know it was hard. It was hard for me, too. The burden was eased when you were able to drive yourself to games and practices. But, you will learn hard work pays off in the end. You have made excellent choices in the past and I will put my trust in you and my faith in God that you will continue to do this in the future. No matter what they are, I will always be there to back you (if God is willing) on them. For we learn from our good and our bad decisions. Thank you for making raising you so easy. I want you and the world to know that you are my Super Woman. I am very proud of you and I love you very much!

Mom



To The Class of 99:

I am not bragging. Yes I am! You should be very proud to have such a wonderful person as a member of your class. As she is to have each one of you as a friend an classmate. I am also proud of each and every one of you. I know it was hard, but it has only begun. High School is a little harder than Junior High but the real world is the mother of all challenges. You will face a lot of new and different challenges now, but remember as I tell Takeia. You will always have decisions to make. Some will be good and some will be bad. You can make all the decisions good if you learned from each and every one. Learning does not end in High School or College (where I hope most of you plan to go after high school). You will continue to learn until your last day on Earth. Make the best out of the time you are here. For tomorrow is promised to no one. Again, I am very proud of all of you. Good luck to you in the future!

Takeia's Mom, Cynthia Paige





Dear Jimmy,
I have never cared about anyone more than I do for you. You are more than I have ever dreamed of. From day one you have given me nothing but your unconditional love, understanding, and encouragement. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't thank God for giving me you. You're my knight in shining armor in my fairy tale. My Homeo (Romeo).
Love — Jess



Dear Jessica,
Well, it's the end of high school, and we've had some good times. Whether we were laughing or crying, we did it together. I never would have thought I'd be so fortunate to find you so soon. Words have never sounded so sweet nor has there been a single heart so complete. One day we will be old and gray, and I'll still be holding your hand as I look at you and say "I love you." Rien n'est plus partfait.
My love eternally — Jim



We grew up in the same house, but we grew up very differently. We've had some hard times along this road, but now "It's our time, our time down here." We know you'll always be there for us and we'll always be around for you.
Dr. Stone That's nice
Love — Matt and "Bean"



Jess: You've always found a place in your heart to make me feel better whether it was letting me hang out with your friends or tucking me in at night. When you leave for college, I will miss our late-night talks and you letting me cry on your shoulder. I have always admired you for everything you have ever done. I know I have always given you a hard time, but I want you to know YOU ARE THE BEST. Love — Your lil Sis

Congratulations, Jessica!
I am impressed with the goals you have set for yourself and the way you have achieved them. I want you to remember that success does not bring happiness, but that happiness brings success. Stay happy and keep your unique style.
Love, Dad



When you were placed in my arms at the time of your birth, I knew you were very special and would go far in life. You are indeed very special. You are a very caring, thoughtful and honest young man. Never lose those qualities, as they are very important and will benefit you in life. I want you to remember you always have one person in your corner. I know you will accomplish all the goals you set because of your self-initiative and motivation. I am very proud of all you have done and who you have become.
Love — Mom

Jess: We are all very proud of your accomplishments. You have grown to be a strong person with a tender heart. You have always brought joy to our lives with your crazy antics and a zest for life. So with reluctance, it's time for us to let the rest of the world share in our joy. We love you and will miss you being our little Miss Priss.
Love — Mom & Mike





Cindy,

*We have known each other for nearly ten years now and are about to graduate. Wow! Where did the time go? You have always been there to listen to me complain about the world and never once have you judged me, and for that I thank you very much. I hope to have many more years with you as a friend, no matter where we are in life. You are my one true friend. Thank for everything. Friends for all time,
Jeanette*



Cynthia and Jeanette

To All My True Friends

*You all know who you are out there. My friends spread throughout freedom, independence, justice and my senior class...!!! I hope you all know who you are very dear to me. Thank you for your support, laughter, encouragement, and wisdom. One of you will be my future psychologist (I'll need it!), one will be a long ahead examiner (Don't want time), some will be singers, and others will be classmates to really good people. I love you all and I hope you know that. Eternally Grateful to All of You,
Cynthia*



*To the classes of 2006, 2011, & 2012:
I have watched you all grow since the day you were born. My heart fills with joy when I am with you and feels empty when you are away, even though sometimes it seems that we do not always get along. I hope to see all of you grow into beautiful people which you are well on the way to becoming. Never forget that I will always be there for you no matter what happens. I love you RHO!
Love, with all my heart,
Jeanette*



*Jeanette,
You have been my best friend for so long that I have lost track of the years. You have always been there when I needed you the most. Never once did you let me down. You always stood by me and always I...stood by you. Soon we will be parting to head off to college, me at Ohio and you at Longview, but hopefully that won't change things. I hope you know that no matter how far apart we are from each other, you will always have a friend in me. You are my best friend, my older sister (by a few months), and my guardian angel. Thank You!
Friends Forever From Now Until
Eternity,
Cynthia*



Tosha Byers



Now that you're getting closer to walking across the stage, as you leave childhood memories and head towards a parent's dreams. You've done well at Ruskin and I'm very proud of you. I wish you all the best at Southern University in the fall of 1999. Congratulations.

Love, Mom



Seventeen years ago you were born. You were a beautiful baby that I could ever have held in my arms. Now you've grown into a charming young woman. I hope you succeed in everything you do.

Love, Your Daddy



Alisha Charon Madison



Birthdate:
August 17, 1981
LEO



Class of 1999

Best Friends

Class of 1999



Birthdate:
April 4, 1981
ARIES



Danielle Denise Driver

Two of a Kind

Janae Nicole
Hobley

&

Paula Lorraine
Talley



Dear Paula,
It's been 7 yrs and through the all this time our friendship has never faltered. We have grown and matured together. Some people have grown apart but so far we've grown closer and closer. I sincerely appreciate and truly value your friendship. As the saying goes a good friend is hard to find and I've found one. God has blessed me with many friends, and you truly are the best of them. You know my life has been there for me. Most people just see me as this really silly and crazy girl, but you really know me and see that I'm an over caring, and sometimes emotionally unstable nut. And I have always counted on you to smack me back to reality. I want you to know I admire you, and I know you'll be exceptionally successful on anything you set your mind to do. After we graduate I hope we stay close friends, even though I know it won't be the same. I'll miss our road trips to the mall, kickin' it at games, breakin' it down on the dance floor, double tearing Lop-A-Rop-Yop, and especially the comedy at the lunch table. I'll always remember the good times we've shared. I thank you for being the wonderful person you are, and for being my best friend.

Love Ya Girl,
Janae Hobley

Dear Hobs,
Thanks for being my best friend for the last seven years. We have had so many good times. We've made it through the bad. I'm sure our friendship will last long after high school and college because we have never let petty things tear us apart. You're more than just a friend you're my sister. I know that if I had never met you my life would have been empty. You have really been a key factor in my making it through the last four especially. High school has had some very rough times but you always helped me look on the bright side and you also helped me appreciate the good. hop o pop e yop o u gop e top top o hop itop lop gop. I hope we get into the same college or at least go to school in the same state because if we can't kick it on a regular basis I don't know what I'll do. You make me confident enough to loosen up and have fun. And I hope we can go to lots of bigger and better parties or maybe even have one of our own. I'm really going to miss you but I know we'll keep in touch. Because I plan on us being life long friends. I wop ou lop dop sop a yop sop top a yop a yop cop u top e but yop o u rop a lop lop rop aa dop cop u tope sop o top hop a top hop e lop pop sop.
Your Best Friend,
P T



CeCe

Patricia "Big Mamma" Brown



To my daughter Patricia C. Brown (whom I call CeCe):
 Job well done, I am so proud of you. You have and you are getting what's first in your life. God, self, family, education, career and I know you will make it all the way. Thank you for listening.
 Love you always — Mama and Grandmother

To family and loved ones:
 I finally made it! You all are a part of the reason that I'm here. I finally want to say Thank You and I love you for helping me find my way to the yellow brick road.
 CeCe
 P.S. Now, help me get to the end.



Taressa Hope Hockaday



The last four years of my life have definitely been ones I will never forget. From the worst to the best, I have seen it all but most important of them all I have seen 'myself'. Finding out who I truly am, I have taught myself more about me, my peers and life than I ever thought I would know. Taken through different trials, where at times I felt like giving up, I thank God for pulling me through as well as the few who were there, family included. It never amazed me all the 'fake' people I came across and just how childish people were. But now I realize in order to be true to anyone, you have to be true to yourself first. It's about your expectations, not anyone else's, your standards- right according to you, unless there is no 'you'.



Angela Marie Ladwig



Christina Marie Johnson



Chrissy,

You must have been born under the star of determination. To set a goal and pursue it has given you the drive to accomplish your dreams, yet your heart remains tender in spite of all you have lived through. This has given you the talent to write and touch people's hearts. You have the ability to take a firm stand on an issue which lets others know what you believe.

Continue to reach for your dreams. Love, Mom



Congratulations!!

I wish you the best of luck in life. You are a strong person. I believe you will succeed in whatever you put your heart into. You are my hero. You are the one I would lay everything on the line for, because you are my sister. As times will change for you, look back on your life now and remember all you have achieved.

Believe in yourself. Love, Beth





Angie
Becky
Beth
C.J.
Elisha
Heidi

Tunia
Barbie
Buggs
See-Jay
Leasha
Pooh



That's our cue to go!

Bethany Anne Mahler



"If I Could"

"If I could, I'd protect you from the sadness in your eyes,
give you courage in a world of compromise. . .
yes, I would, if I could.

If I could, I would teach you all the things I never learned,
help you cross the bridges that have burned. . .
yes, I would, if I could.

If I could, I would try to shield your innocence from time, but
the part to life I gave you isn't mine. I've watched you grow
so I could let you go. . .
yes, I would, if I could.

If I could, I would help you make it through the hungry years,
but I know that I can never cry your tears. . .
but, I would, if I could.

If I live in a time and place where you don't want to be, you
don't have to walk along that road with me. My yesterdays don't
have to be your way. . .

If I could, I would try to change the world I've brought you to,
but there isn't very much that I can do. . .
but I would. . .
if I could. . ."

I love you Buggs,
Mom





Amy Young



We are so lucky to have a granddaughter like Amy. We wish her a lot of success in what she does in life.
Love,
Grandma Junaita



I was 32 years old I was blessed by God with the gift of you. I'm proud to be your mother. I've watched you grow into your own person. A young person that loved culture and differences in all people. The colors of a rainbow! Your love of God, the earth, and the peoples that dwell in it is amazing. You possess a depth of soul, spirit and life, holding it sacred. You possess great wisdom and beautiful character. Schools can teach much knowledge but wisdom is a gift from God and you possess it. In carrying God close to your heart and holding wisdom in your right hand you'll always be okay. You'll grow. I know you will. I love you my precious daughter. I am so pleased...Mama

To our first born daughter "Sha"

Now that you're older and time passes by
We sometimes forget to help you see the "why"

You're facing new challenges in your life everyday
We hope we've prepared you to face them along the way

Always remember to believe in yourself
In your heart and your mind is an abundance of wealth

We find it hard not to walk in your footsteps each day
And make all the bad stuff just go away

Don't ever give up. . . Don't ever give in. . .
When you stand strong you can only win

Hold your head high give it all you got
You can't say you really tried 'til you give it your best shot

Remember we love you with all our hearts
We are pulling for you and have from the start.

With Love



Mom and Dad



Elisha Marie Kelley



Jenny:

Through everything we've been through you've always stuck by my side. For 14 years, I've been able to trust my life in your hands. Now we must go our separate ways. Whatever you chose in life, may you be very successful. Thank you for all that you've done.

Love Always,
'Sha

Best Friends Forever!



Leasha (Sha),

Let's see, how long have we known each other? Gee, let me think, 14 years, right? WOW!!...that's a long time. Since that's true then there is nothing in this letter that I'm gonna tell you that you don't already know. Oh, well, I'll tell ya anyway! No matter what has been put in front of us, we've always stuck by each other's side. That's what I've always loved about you...the fact that you've never stabbed me in the back or left me hanging. You're a one-of-a-kind true best friend and I would never trade you for the world. If I had the chance to go back in time and never have gone down the street to meet you, my life right now wouldn't be what it is. Thanks to you I've learned how to loosen up and be myself around others.

Ever since we were little girls, we would talk about the day we would get a place together. Well, that summer that we've always dreamed about is here and things have changed. Why? Because we've both grown up and realized that there are things that we want to do that aren't the same...which is okay...because that's just how life goes. I love you very much and wish you the best of luck in the Marines. Even though I don't want you to leave, I still have to give you much "props" for doing something you've always wanted to do.

Love always and forever,
Jennifer (Furr)
that Love ya'



Jennifer Ann Rule

Nikita Woodley (Niki-ho)



Glennae Harvey (Shorty)



Nikiho,

We've been best friends throughout our 4 years of high school. Even when we had our ups and downs we've always seemed to stick together. If we stay close I know we will accomplish our goal. You were blessed with a beautiful voice and intelligence. I know you will go far in life- hopefully we will go together

I Love You,
Glennae Bree
(Shorty)

Shorty,

Ever since we met at Smith-Hale we have clicked. With us both having an interest in Music it was easy. You are like a sister that I needed, to give me a "little" advice. I have watched you grow both musically and physically (2 inches (:). You always seem to keep a smile even when times are rough and you have been an inspiration to me to keep a positive attitude. Your angelic voice is a God-given talent-so keep using it to praise him. All the memories of high school will flash before me when my name is called to walk across the stage, and you will be in all of them. Glennae, you're my sister, confidant, singing partner and my very best friend. "One day we will be "sitting on top of the world" and we won't forget about the people that helped us all the way"

I Love You,
Nikita Vonee' (Nikiho)

Devynn Moore

A Thank You Letter

First of all I'd like to thank the Academy (oops, wrong thank you letter!)

First of all I'd really like to thank God, because without Him nothing is possible. I'd also like to thank my parents, Melvyn J. Burt and Kevin M. Moore for all their love and support. I want to thank my little brother, Kevin M. Moore II, for being himself. To all my aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents I say thank you for letting me be me.

I'd also like to dedicate this page to the memory of my grandma, Betty Ellen Moore. I love you grandma!

And to all my friends I say thanks for being the best friends a girl could have. Thanks for making these last four years the best four years of my life. I love you all!

Love Always,

Devynn

P.S. I mean every word.



Heidi Kay Widmer



To My Heidi,

Life has not always been easy for you or me, but you have made the best of what was given to you. So I know that this step you are about to take into the real world is not going to be tough on you as it may be for most people in life.

I am very proud of you with all the things you have done academically and athletically in school this I know is just one small thing in the long list of things you will accomplish in the future.

GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES
LOVE ALWAYS & FOREVER
STEVEN



Erica Bradshaw



Phase after phase and year after year has been a new challenge to overcome. I've grown to become a young lady with a head on her shoulders and have friends to be there when I needed a smile. I will miss everyone from the freshman to the staff, but most of all the senior class. We are the best class and they saved the best for last (C/O 99). You are my first, my last, and my everything. The Lord has blessed me with friends like you. See you in the future.

Erica Denise Bradshaw



Rashaad Rynell Smith



Class of 1999



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Rashaad, you have always loved, understood, and obeyed me, and was tender and beloved in the sight of your Mother. Thank you for being there for me through our trials and tribulations. You never failed me. I love you so deeply and always will. Thank you, Jesus, for the child you gave me.

God Bless You always,
Your father (Chief)

I just want to thank God for blessing me with two of the most wonderful parents anyone has ever had. I thank you for giving me strength through my trials and tribulations. Lord, you have made me a very strong person. To my mother, who will always be with me, I miss you and love you dearly — and I don't plan to see you again. And to my father, now it's just us and we can make it together through Christ. Thank you for everything you've done for me by raising to be the man I am today. I love you, Daddy. Last but not least, to my girl, Lydia Myers for being there with me in my time of need and supporting me. You will always be in my heart. I thank you and love you for that. And to my little boys of '99, keep your heads up and God bless you all.

Brianna Grant



To my sister Bri, You go girl!
I knew you could do it. I'm really proud
of you. It's the first step, college is the
second. May God bless you through it
all.

Love
LaTriviette



Go Bri-Bri
You did it
You got busy
congratulations
WWJD?
Graduate
God Bless You
Your Sis Tiffanie

Your day has finally arrived and I
especially know that you have worked
very hard to achieve this. Sometimes
the road was bumpy and full of curves
but Jesus, your good Shepherd, guided
you. There were struggles and
disappointments on this road but God
helped you to overcome. Just
remember honey "In all your ways
acknowledge Him." For "He is the
giver of your life" and "no good things
will He withhold from you." Your
qualities: kindness, goodness, loyalty,
compassion, determination, and beauty
are God given for you were
"marvelously and fearfully created."
As I've always tried to be there for
you, I will continue as you pursue new
goals and adventures. I LOVE YOU
Brianna Orlean Grant and I will to the
coming again of the Son of God.

With all my love
Your blessed and proud
Mother

Congratulations Brianna,
On overcoming any adversities,
any negative obstacles and any
shortcomings that may have
crossed your path in life. Also
on your great achievements at
school, at home and any place
you dwell. I'm not really
surprised of your achievements
because I've always had great
confidence in you as a person
and as my daughter. Please
keep these achievements up
which I know you are capable of
especially with God's help.

Love always
Your Dad
Stan Grant



Alicia, Ruth, and Nikki



Friendship
An everlasting bond that climbs the highest mountain and crosses the widest sea, to enter the forest of fun times and even days of darkness and misunderstandings finally coming to the beautiful valley of sunshine where it all began.



To my three daughters:
In order to lead the band, you have to turn your back on the crowd.
Love, Dad
A.K.A. Mr. Williams



You have made me very proud. I was always hard on you because I wanted the best for you in life. You are the daughter any mother would be proud to have. And guess what...you're all mine. Life is a whole world of surprises ahead of you... opportunities are waiting for you to knock. Never be afraid to take chances. Remember, a quitter never wins, and a winner never quits. As you start another chapter in your life, remember your teachings...they will take you far. Whenever you begin to feel weak—and you will—remember that God has not brought you this far to leave you. Choose your friends wisely, throw caution to the wind...I'll love you throughout eternity and most of all, I'm not just your mother, I'm your very best friend.

I love you—Momma



Cherise Nicole Smith



Cherise & Arian
 Till death do US part
 You will always be the first, the last
 Friends come and go, but you and I will always be together no matter how far apart we are.
 Your brother
 Arian



You know life is only what you make it. Love and Peace comes from within and you will do a good job. You graduated from high school and you're going to the Army. You know your mother in life is very proud of you, so do a great job. I want you to know that I will always be praying for you. Let the decisions you make in life give you the fulfillment you deserve. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1st Thessalonians 5:18).

Love—Cortez
 You have always been very special to me.



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Editors' Notes

Jeanette McElroy



Knowing hard work is being a member of the yearbook staff. Understanding hard work is being an editor. During my senior year, I have had the honor of being an editor along with my good friend, Christina Johnson. Together we have worked hard to produce a great yearbook for Ruskin.

Understanding has been the hardest part of my past two years on the Mirage staff. At first it was understanding what exactly goes into producing a yearbook. There is so much that people don't realize what goes into the book. In the beginning, I was like everyone else. I thought that all you had to do in yearbook was to take pictures and write articles. Boy, was I wrong! Producing a yearbook takes hard work and determination along with a commitment — a big one. You have to be committed in every way possible, or you will never achieve anything.

The next thing I had to understand is how a staff works together to achieve the same goal. I can say with the greatest confidence that this year's staff was a great one. Just about everyone contributed in their own little way, whether it was providing support or entertainment. But most of all it was the understanding that I had a friend as a co-editor. Christina helped with all the inner workings and was there to help straighten things when we went wild. Together, we were a team and without her support, I would have fallen apart. Another big piece of the puzzle was our adviser, John Minnick. Mr. Minnick did a great job in his first year at Ruskin, considering the problems we had last year. He has helped revive the Ruskin journalism department to the way it should have always been, and he even made some improvements.

As I leave Ruskin and the Mirage behind I would like to wish next year's staff a lot of luck in the coming year. May you be as understanding as I was, and may you have as much fun as I did.

Christina Johnson



As a freshman, the only thing I knew about the yearbook was it was 200 pages, and at the end of the year, I had all of my friends sign it. When I was a sophomore, I began looking into being a part of the staff, but I had no idea what it would take to produce it. As a part of the staff my junior year, I was overwhelmed. This year has shown me that a yearbook is really about the cooperation it takes, the rewards it brings, and most of all the enjoyment it creates. I want to extend my thanks to not only a fellow editor, but also a friend, Jeanette McElroy. Without Jeanette, this year wouldn't have gone as smoothly as it did, and the stress in room 225 would have been a lot higher. Thank you so much. To Mr. Minnick, what can I say? Not only do you deserve thanks for taking over a difficult situation, we also want to thank you for your help and understanding. I hope that future yearbook staffs are as appreciative of you as we have been. The 1999 Mirage staff is where the gratitude and recognition belong. We did a great job and I hope that everything you worked hard for shines through on these pages. Thank you for everything.

To anyone who wants to work on the Mirage staff, don't let the image of yearbook deceive you into thinking this isn't hard work. I wish you the best of luck.

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