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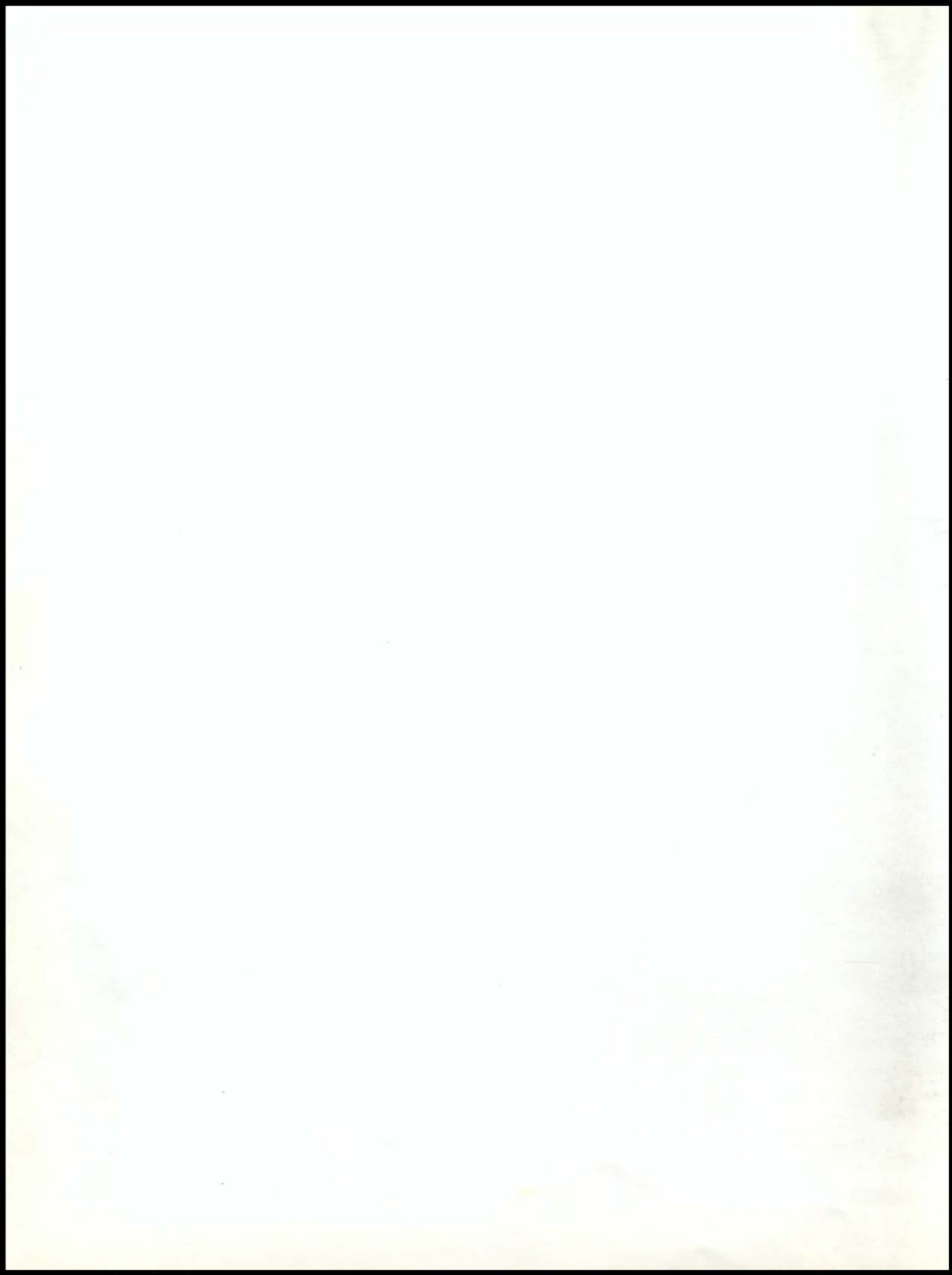


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# T H E F I N A L S O N



Freshman John Davenport cheers for Chrisman's varsity football team on Oct. 9. "I was happy because we were making a touchdown," he said. Chrisman lost to Blue Springs 54-24. Photo by *Katye Okerstrom*

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Freshman Raefell Smith flips over another student after school Oct. 8 "I learned how to flip while living in Kansas City," Smith said. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**



Above: Sophomore Jacob Passman plays the drums after school. **Photo by Andrew Gore**

Below: Sophomore Tasha Cort shows her school spirit by going pink. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**



Top right: Senior Jamie Sullins practices for one of the lead roles in "Into the Woods." **Photo by Andrew Gore**

Bottom right: Junior Christy McCormick stops to get a cold drink during a hot summer day at Santa-Cali-Gon. **Photo by Andrew Gore**

# Going out with a...

Story by Jessica Wells  
and  
Clarissa Vaughan

A year of spontaneous changes helped us go out with a bang. Filled with anticipations of the new millennium and our desires to make an everlasting impression, we took our school spirit to a whole new level. School pride filled the minds and souls of the students. Joining the spirit club was a must for the many enthusiastic students. Students called it WCPC, which stood for William Chrisman Pep Club. The new club helped the students prove their amount of school spirit. The lively bunch was kept busy with the athletic teams shooting to victory. With greater attendance at home as well as away games, you could feel the spirit soar through the halls, out to the bleachers and sometimes even onto the Spirit Couch.

## BANG!





The girls softball team enjoys a rare moment of relaxation before practice on Aug. 25. "I'm proud of the team because we work really well together, and I'm looking forward to next year," sophomore Amy Peck said. **Photo by Rachel Powell**



Above: Junior James Riddell and a few friends play a game of pool at junior Clayton Williams' house. Riddell tries for the winning shot. "Eight-ball in the corner pocket and I win the game," Riddell said. **Photo by Keli Morgan**

Right: Junior Jeremy Kahler practices a kick flip outside of Movie Gallery. "I try and skate as much as I can," Kahler said. **Photo by Blake Gwinn**







The occasional Spirit Week also helped energize the student body. From the traditional Hat Day to the new King and Queen Day, students were introduced to the different sides of their classmates. The number of painted faces and colored hair seemed to double as the season went on. With the help of three new coaches, it wasn't long before the athletes had worked their ways toward improved seasons. They were made on the field as well as in the school. Bumping classes back five minutes was one of a few adjustments made. We eagerly approached the new millennium with open arms. We were ready to leave an unmistakable mark in history. We were ready to begin

## The Season Finale.

Design by Laura Mika



Above: Junior Evelyn Jenkins fills an Icee for a customer at Mr. Bulky's in the Independence Center. "I like working there but after serving twenty Icees or so I want one," Jenkins said. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**

Left: Senior Josh Herbert shows a young student proper form at Pak's Tang Soo Do Academy. Josh teaches children's classes at the academy three times a week. "I'm glad that I have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young children," Herbert said. **Photo by Blake Gwinn**



Freshman attendant Rachel Wait and her chosen escort Nate Rodgers  
Photo by Katye Okerstrom



Sophomore attendant Brooke Boldizs and her chosen escort Jared Hines  
Photo by Katye Okerstrom



Junior Attendant Tiffany Sparks and her chosen escort Ryan Evans  
Photo by Katye Okerstrom



Homecoming Candidates Silya Siniawski and Rennie Gordon  
Photo by Staff



Homecoming  
Candidates April  
Brinkoetter and  
Nate Smith  
Photo by  
Katy Okerstrom



Homecoming  
Candidates  
Amanda Dotson  
and Jason  
Butherus  
Photo by  
Katy Okerstrom



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(Left): Nicole Rice is crowned after being announced Queen at halftime during the Park Hill game Oct. 24.

Photo by Katy Okerstrom

(Right): Homecoming King Junior Tali poses with Homecoming Queen Nicole Rice after their victory over Park Hill.

Photo by Katy Okerstrom



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Candidates  
Nicole Rice  
and Kit  
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Homecoming  
Candidates  
Kristin  
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Junior Tali  
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(Above) The junior class shows how they want to 'Wipe out the Trojans.'  
 Photo by Staff



(Above) Showing Park Hill what they were made of, the 'Senior World Order' lets them know that they aren't going out without a fight.

Photo by Andrew Gore

(Right): The varsity football team gets ready to take the field as the band, cheerleaders, and Beartrackers cheer them on. Photo by Katye Okerstrom

(Center): Seniors Brett Simmons, Aaron Amato, and Junior Tali present the Wagon Wheel Trophy to the student body that was won at the Truman game. Photo by Katye Okerstrom



# Waves of triumph

Story by Clarissa Vaughan

Eighteen years went by before we saw a change, but this was our year and it had finally come. We defeated Park Hill 34-23. Although the game was a success there was still the worries of the rest of the day.

Beginning with a Homecoming pep assembly Oct. 22, Mr. Ruddy presented the Varsity football team with the Wagon Wheel, returned from Truman's trophy case.

"Whoever wins—Chrisman vs. Truman—gets this trophy to keep for a year," senior Aaron Amato said.

From early Saturday morning floats, the sophomore class winning most original, to our defeat against Park Hill, the anticipation arose to who would be the next Homecoming Queen.

"When I heard that I had won it was very shocking. I was so surprised and very happy. It was a huge honor," senior Nicole Rice said.

The day was completely full with something to do, but after the victory on the field students were still alive for the dance.

The gym was packed with people of all different groups brought together to dance the night away.

"After the whole thing I was so tired, but it was all worth it. It was an event I'll never forget," sophomore attendant Brook Boldizs said.

Design by Amanda Dotson



Above: The freshman class cheers in "Waves of triumph" for their homecoming float. Photo by Andrew Gore



Above: The sophomore class prepares for the waves of triumph by sporting their life jackets and surf boards. Photo by Katye Okerstrom

Left: The music from the band sets the mood for all those involved in the Homecoming parade. Photo by Katye Okerstrom





# HOT TRENDS

Photos by Silya Siniawski and Tara Mannen  
Design by Amanda Dotson

(Above) Sophomore Peggy Noland shops at Old Navy, The Limited, and The Buckle. Noland said, "I dress very stylish but yet I'm very picky." One word describes sophomore Kelly Allen's comfortable, punk rock style: "Cheap." She spent \$69 on her outfit. Junior Trina Rodriguez spends an average of \$150 on an outfit. Rodriguez said, "I feel I have expensive taste, and hate it when people wear the same things as I do." Five minutes is all it takes for Junior Nathan Mapel to pick an outfit out at a department store. Mapel spent \$130 on his outfit.

(Right) Junior Olaea and senior Lini lousa dress in a very traditional way. Their mother had made their outfits. When dressing normally, Olaea throws anything on, and Lini is very picky with her clothing.



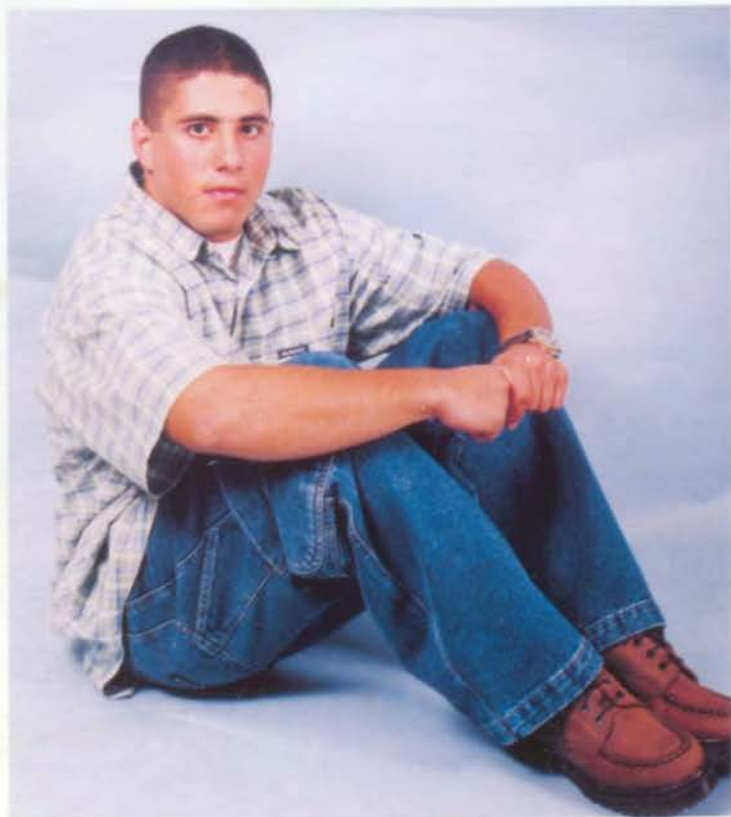


(Above) Junior Leslie Shipley's favorite places to shop are The Limited and Express. Her preppy yet casual outfit cost \$200.

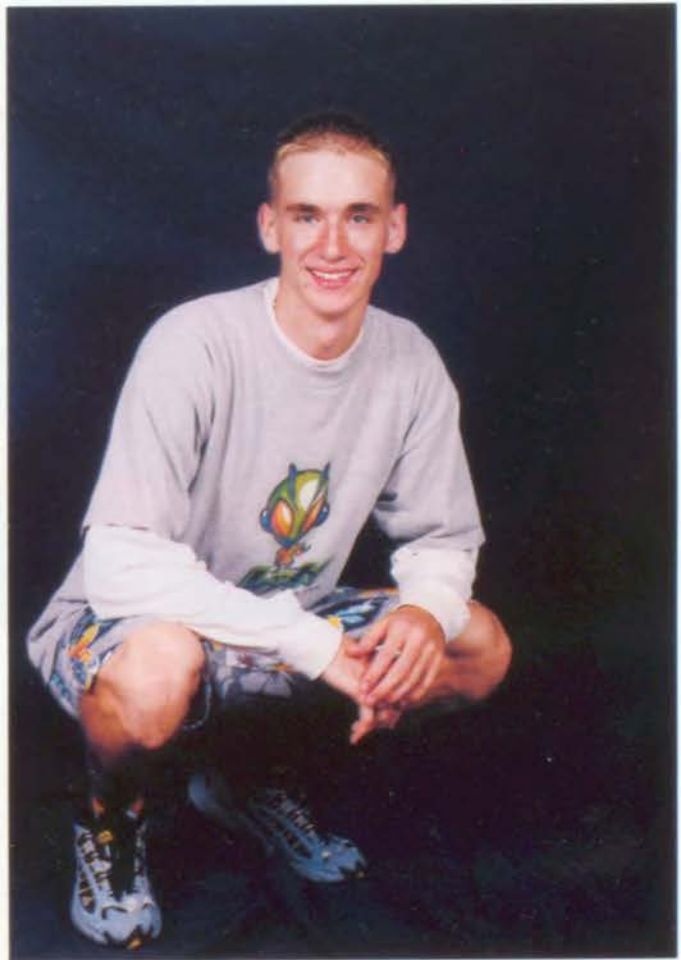


(Above) Junior Leslie Shipley, senior Josh Gonzales, junior Susan Lorbecki and senior Zeyad Hayyeh group together for a snap shot.

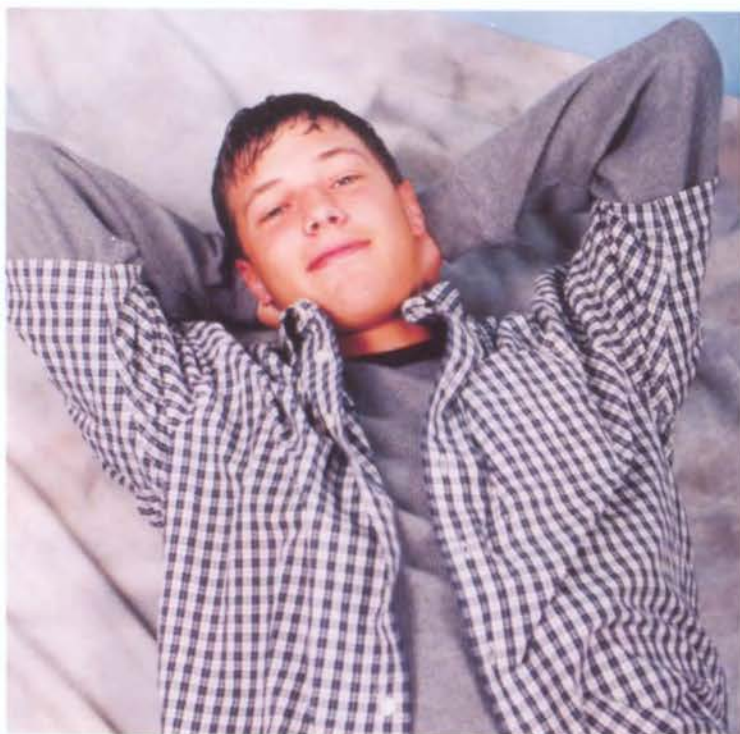
(Below) Senior Zeyad Hayyeh said his classy outfit from Manhattan's, where he works, cost him \$255.



(Below) Senior Josh Gonzales likes to shop at Pacific Sunwear. His outfit cost him around \$150. Gonzales said, "My style is cool and it's original. It's me, Gonzo."



(Right) Junior Susan Lorbecki spent \$14 on her outfit at the Thrift Store. Lorbecki said "I like to dress fun and look different."



(Above) Junior Sean Gaulter spent about \$200 on an outfit. Gaulter said he dresses how ever he feels that day.

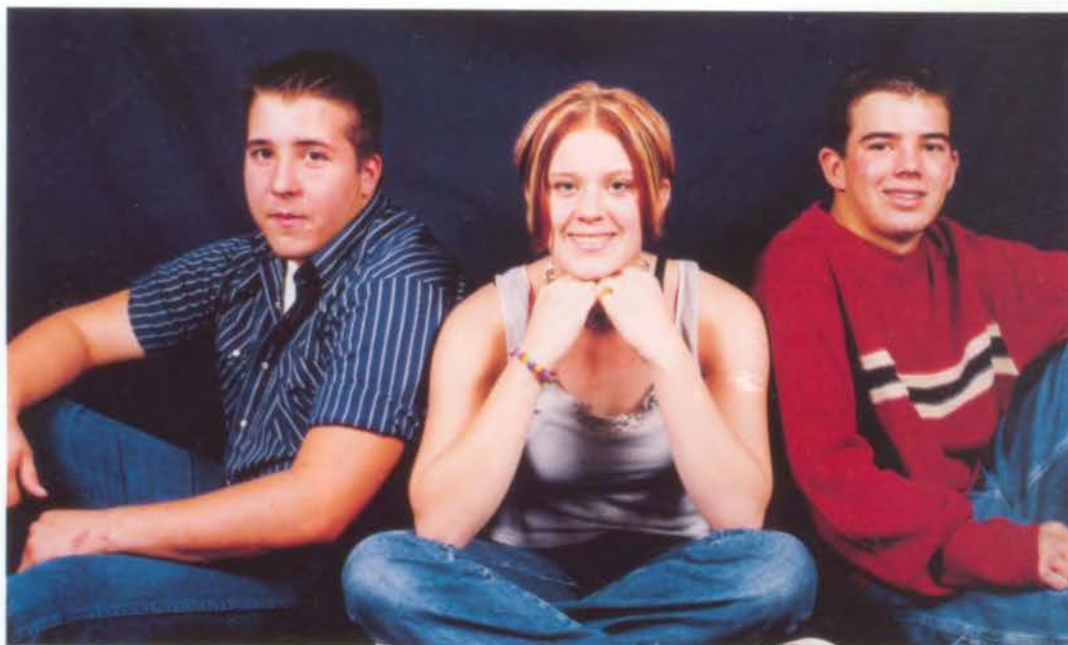
(Right) Junior Daniel Richards spent \$150 on his outfit, including his boots. Sophomore Kelly Allen's outfit included clothes from DAV Thrift Store and shoes from Vans Outlet. "Preppy" is how freshman Stanley Thresher describes himself. Favorite places to shop are Gap, Old Navy, and Abercrombie and Fitch. He spent \$220 on his outfit.

Design by

Amanda Dotson

Photos by

Silya Siniawski  
and Tara Mannen







(Above) A penny here, a nickel there, senior Amber Bolt spent \$20 at a thrift store to create her comfortable look.



(Top-right) Junior Angel Appleby feels she has a mature sense of style. She shops at Dillard's and Jones. Her flowery dress cost \$50.



(Bottom-right) Junior Daniel Richards describes himself with one word "cowboy". On the unique side, Richards always wears boots and never wears shorts. He shops at the Western Army Store and Tractor Supply Co.

# Bear pride intensified

Story by Stacey Osborn

Break out the spirit and the bouncy balls and let the games begin. These were only a few things needed to have a great time at the fall pep assemblies. Many students agreed that this year's assemblies were a little more motivating and had a more positive effect on our school.

"At our pep assemblies we can learn about the sports teams, get pumped, and show our support for Chrisman," junior Nathan Rapp said.



Laura Noble, Seyko Bond and Jami Sullins sing "The National Anthem" at the Sept. 10 pep assembly, the first of the year. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**

The athletes participated in games including: bouncing on a bouncy ball; or becoming a frog, hopping around blindfolded, trying to find their long-lost partner.

"My favorite part is when I had to waddle and quack like a duck in the sport skit," freshman Megan Wales said.

"It is so funny to see people make fools of themselves during the skits," junior Jerry Skinner said.

There were tons of ways for everyone to get involved. Students could cheer with the cheerleaders, participate in a skit, or just enjoy the craziness and energy.

Crowd involvement was huge this year. Anyone near the gym could hear the crowd of students screaming for their class. Needless to say, the ever-powerful seniors were the big mouths each time.

The new spirit club and a successful football program were among the reasons why Chrisman pep assemblies took a new image.

Design by Aaron Budd

The assemblies began with "The National Anthem," sang by some of Chrisman's finest.

Whether students came to watch the cheerleaders or to yell for their class, they filed into the gym with one intention- to get loud, show their spirit, and have some fun. One feature of the assemblies, and a lot of students' favorite, were the sport skits. The



Above left: A crowd shot of the senior section shows our blue and gold spirit along with our school involvement.

**Photo by Sesly Dowell**

Above right: Junior Kelli Martin gives junior T.J. Key a balloon as the varsity cheerleaders present the varsity fall sports with gifts.

**Photo by Phillip Archibald**

Right: Junior Tali, Olaea Iosua, T.J. Key, and Melvin White sing and awe the crowd.

**Photo by Katye Okerstrom**

Far right: Freshman Megan Wales bounces to the finish line during a skit.

**Photo by Sesly Dowell**





The varsity softball team takes the field at Adair Park.  
Photo by Staff



# F A L L S P O R T S



# Steps to improvement

Story by Clarissa Vaughan

Good things come to those who wait. That old phrase had many perspectives for the boys soccer team. For the seniors, who hadn't won a game since the 1995-96 school year, it took four long years to be recognized for their hard work and a winning season. It had finally come: Maybe not a winning season according to the score board, but they had found someone who believed in them and stood behind them.

"No matter what happened, our coach never gave up on us and stuck up for us when people put us down. He is a good role-model and a good leader," senior Brian McMillian said.

Of course every team has its ups and downs, and this team had its strengths and weaknesses just like any other.

"I feel they never gave up, and they improved throughout the year; I also feel they deserved much better than they got. They all wanted to be out there and had a desire to get better as a team, there was also the weaknesses of the number of players and team concept," Coach Mike Schnieders said.

Practicing everyday after school did help with their individual skills, though. Running many sets of sprints and participating in games of



Junior Chris Thompson runs past a defender at a soccer game. Thompson said, "The new coach was good, but we just couldn't pull it together. Everybody wanted to go their own way." Photo by Andrew Gore

scrimmage also helped the teams with its positive outlook towards improvement.

Although the team left the field with a record of 0-21 it always held on to the good luck and faith that kept it running strong on the field.

"For good luck I had my luck duck, I don't know if it was really lucky but it always kept me positive," senior Jared Daniel said.

With each stride taken on the field there were steps toward improvement for future years to come, and it looked like Schnieders was going to take them there.

"I believe our coach will turn our team into a winning organization," McMillian said.

Design by Laura Mika





Above: Freshman Jeremy Newgard keeps the ball away from a defender in the junior varsity game against Harrisonville Sept. 10. "We learned how to play better as a team," Newgard said. **Photo by Silya Siniawski**

Left: Senior Brian McMillian heads a soccer ball at a game. McMillian said, "Coach Schnieders is a really good coach. He gave lots of support, and always stuck up for us." **Photo by Andrew Gore**

## Varsity Soccer

Liberty Tour.	7-0, 4-3
Hickman Mills	2-1
Harrisonville	5-1
Park Hill	5-0
St. Joseph Central	4-0
Southwest Challenge	5-1, 4-1
Lee's Summit	6-1
Oak Park	5-1
Blue Springs South	10-0
Truman	8-0
Indep. Tour.	5-0, 7-0
Park Hill	3-0
St. Joseph Central	3-1
Blue Springs	5-0
Lee's Summit	8-0
Oak Park	3-1
Blue Springs South	5-1
Districts	8-0



Bottom: Jeremy Newgard, Andre Martinez, Eric Branson. Second: Jared Daniel, Micheal Doile, Jon Netter, Daniel Cavin, Jordan Gwinn, Randy Robinson, Ryan Robinson. Third: Ross Donaldson, Kody Jasper, Matt Wilson, Rob Large, Kyle Jasper, Aaron Budd. Top: Coach Crowell, Daniel Littlewood, Doug Seaver, Nathan Maple, Nathan Rapp, Brian McMillian, Geoff Willard, Coach Schnieders.

Left: Senior Kyle Jasper does his own unique throw in a game against Harrisonville Sept. 10. "I saw a guy on my brother's high school team do this throw -in, and I always wanted to do it, so I learned how," Jasper said.

**Photo by Silya Siniawski**

# Over the net

Story by Jessie Warner

"TWEET!" The sound of the whistle blows, signaling the beginning of another girls varsity volleyball game. The ball is served over the net, returned, and now the Chrisman girls are trying to get it back over to the other side.

Teamwork was a big part of Bears volleyball. Junior Jenny Younghans thought the team did well as a whole.

"I love it," Younghans said about playing.

Sophomore Michelle Terry said she just liked the game,

"It's intense. There's a lot of team spirit," she said.

"It's fun playing with your friends," junior Tanya Letuli said.

All of these were just some of the reasons the girls played volleyball.

The team had a 0-5 record in mid-season, but placed second in a tournament Sept. 26, at Bridger Eighth Grade Center. The girls worked hard and had a lot of spirit. Winning or losing was not always what mattered, but how they played. On the court they had to play together as a team, and if they couldn't do that, then they couldn't do their best. This meant being able to get along with your teammates.

"We're pretty good, we're all close friends," Younghans said about the team.

The girls practiced every day for three hours. Coach Donna Shuler said

they were concentrating on basics to run a faster offense. The girls did not always like practicing. Terry said she hated running. Letuli said there was sometimes confusion about what was going on. But the practice definitely paid off when they played teams like Blue Springs.

"They're hard competition," Terry said.

Getting ready before a game was fun. The girls sometimes went out to eat at Pizza Street, had screaming contests and crossed their arms and prayed before games. These were ways of getting them psyched up ahead of time. They also had team talks and cheered, Letuli said. Some of the things



Jenny Younghans digs a ball at the home game against Truman. Photo by Blake Gwinn

they did during the school year to show their spirit were dressing up or wearing school colors.

Younghans has played volleyball for six years and is excited about next year.

This kind of sport takes teamwork, and that's exactly what they worked hard for all season.

"It's hard, sometimes you just want to give up, but you have to keep going for the team," Letuli said.

Design by Ashley Conrow



Above: Coach Shuler, Sesly Dowell, Stacey Osborn, Michelle Terry, Carrie Blevins, Coach Sword.





Left: Carrie Blevins runs through the tunnel of cheerleaders' pom-poms for the call of the starting lineup at the Sept. 10 varsity volleyball game at home against Park Hill. Blevins said, "All I was thinking is we are ready to take on another game." **Photo by Katie Ramsey.**

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

FORT OSAGE	L	0-2
PARK HILL S.	L	1-2
TRUMAN	L	0-2
PARK HILL	L	0-2
ST. JOE CENT.	L	0-28
BLUE SPRINGS	L	0-2
LEE'S SUMMIT	L	0-2
OAK PARK	L	0-2
WCHS TOURN.		2nd place
BLUE SPRINGS S.	L	0-2
TRUMAN	L	0-2
WARRENSBURG T.		1-1-2
PARK HILL	L	0-2
ST. JOE CENT.	L	0-2
BLUE SPRINGS	L	0-2
LEE'S SUMMIT	L	0-2
TRUMAN TOUR.		0-4-0
OAK PARK	L	0-2
BLUE SPRINGS S.	L	0-2



Above: Bottom: Beth Seaver, Beth Fullbright, Tara Banham. Middle: Coach Shular, Melanie Gover, Cori Edwards, Emily Jensen, Coach Sword. Top: Jennifer Youngmans, Heather Wales, Janelle Postnikoff, Andrea Rust.



Above: Tanya Letuli hammers the ball past a St. Joseph Central blocker. The Bears fell to St. Joe in the second game. "We could have won more games if we had more fun playing as a team," Letuli said. **Photo by Blake Gwinn.**

# Set to go

Story by Jessie Warner

What would you do to get excited before a volleyball game?

"Scream, yell, get loud." These were the words from junior Cori Edwards. The junior varsity girls volleyball players kept the excitement going any way they could.

"It's fun, it's active, and challenging," Edwards said.

Like most sports, volleyball took a great deal of work from everyone. The whole team did pretty well together. Janelle Postnikoff, sophomore, thought they had good teamwork skills. Working together was a big part of sports.

"We have group get-togethers to bond, but we fall apart on the court sometimes," sophomore Beth Seaver said.

Once the girls went to Pizza Street before a game as a bonding experience. Seaver thought they played better after that, because all of the girls got a chance

to talk to each other away from the court, without the pressure of competing.

"It helped us work together," Seaver said.

Another thing that probably helped the team was showing school spirit. One thing the girls did was have a crazy sock day.

Showing spirit could always help you get excited about a game. But why play volleyball?



The freshman team showed Oak Park what they were made of. Photo by Silya Siniawski

"It's exciting. I like sports," Seaver said.

Postnikoff also thought it was fun. With playing a sport there also came practice. This team practiced every day during the season. Not everyone liked everything about practices, though.

"I hate doing sprints," Edwards said.

Of course these things had to be done to keep the girls in shape and ready to play. Exercises were the basics of this sport. Running was part of the conditioning process these girls had to go through to be a part of the team. They ran many miles during the season, including several sprints up and down the gym floor.

Seaver, who has played for two years at Chrisman, was planning on playing again next year. Many things could change by that time, including players and attitudes. Some of the girls might work harder to beat other teams, and some might not give it all they've got. But by then it'll be a whole new team and a whole new season.

Design by Ashley Conrow



Above: Bottom: Beth Seaver, Cassie Soper, Rachelle Bridges, Kristi Youngmans. Middle: Janelle Postnikoff, Courtney Timms, Lindsey Kleyh, Audrey Webb. Top: Coach Shuler, Coach Sword.

## J.V. VOLLEYBALL

FORT OSAGE	L	2-0
PARK HILL S. L.	L	2-0
TRUMAN	L	2-0
PARK HILL	L	2-0
ST. JOE CENT.	L	2-0
BLUE SPRINGS	L	2-0
LEE'S SUMMIT	L	2-0
OAK PARK		
WCHS TOURN.	2ND PLACE	
BLUE SPRINGS S.	L	2-1
TRUMAN	L	2-1
WARRENSBURG T.		1-1-2
PARK HILL	L	2-0
ST. JOE CENT.	L	2-0
BLUE SPRINGS	L	2-0
LEE'S SUMMIT	L	2-0
TRUMAN TOUR.		
EX. SPR. JV TOUR.		
OAK PARK	L	2-0
BLUE SPRINGS S.	W	2-0



Top left: At a William Chrisman junior varsity volleyball game, the players congratulate each other on a fine play against St. Joseph Central Oct. 8. Photo by Katie Ramsey



Above: Bottom: Kelly Tripp, Amanda, Rachel Whitmire, Jenny Blankenship. Middle: Erin Laughlin, Amanda Buffalow, Shannon Cantrell, Kellie Bunch, Erin Elliott, Maci Grice. Top: Megan Wales, Sarah Shultz, Laura Treloar, Melanie Hodges, Crystal Dotson.



Above: Freshman Crystal Dotson digs for the ball in a game against Blue Springs South Sept. 29. "We tried hard and worked together. Our coaches were a big influence on us," Dotson said. Photo by Silya Siniawski

# Wheel it on back

Story by Amanda Dotson

Long, hot summer mornings were on the itinerary every day for the football team. Much time and effort was put into making a successful team. This year it finally paid off.

Three weeks into the season, the Chrisman varsity football team had an unbelievable winning streak. Its record was 3-0.

"This year we worked together and played as a team," junior Johnny Holt said.

Some things changed in the play book to the Bears' advantage.

"We ran a brand new defense this year, and that helped us to our victories," senior Kevin Cantrell said.

Chrisman's victorious beginning brought on many spectators. Not only were the loyal, spirited fans present at every game, but also the team was visited by the well-known sports reporter Len Dawson. Dawson and his crew came to the Park Hill South game, which we

won 48-20.

After one loss to Blue Springs South, nobody lost their spirit. The Bears weren't going to let anything or anyone stand in the way of the ever-anticipated rival game against Truman. It had been three years since they had beat them.



Len Dawson signs a few autographs at the Park Hill South football game on Sept. 18. Photo by Phillip Archibald

"Our desire to beat them was high," Cantrell said.

The final score to that game was 34-15, leaving Chrisman with another great victory. The win brought us back a unique prize, the Wagon Wheel. The Wagon Wheel is passed back and forth to the winner each year between Chrisman and Truman.

"We felt proud and honored when we were returned the Wagon Wheel and were able to present it to the student body," senior Aaron Sanders said after the Homecoming Assembly. Even losing the last two games, the team still felt that this was a good season. It had went 6-4. The fans were still satisfied with the spirit they had brought back with the winning season.

Third year varsity offensive line coach Micheal Spoehr said, "I felt with my one-on-one coaching, the players had an understanding of what needed to be done to achieve what we wanted. Hopefully we can take it futher next year."

Design by Laura Mika





Above: Senior Brett Simons prepares to throw the ball during a varsity football game. "I'm very proud of everyone cause we really played as a team, we had a great season," Simons said.  
 To the left: Junior Ashley Blum runs the ball down the field for a victory over Park Hill South Sept. 18. "I thought we did good this year even though we didn't win districts. We had a lot of team confidence, and a lot of guys who stepped up," Blum said.

Photos by Kayte Okerstrom

### Varsity Football

Fort Osage	W	31-13
Kickapoo	W	48-0
Park Hill S.	W	43-20
B.S. South	L	20-30
Lee Summit	W	28-23
Blue Springs	L	24-54
Truman	W	34-15
Park Hill	W	35-23
Oak Park	L	7-42
S.J. Central	L	29-43



Bottom row: Ashley Blum, Aaron Sanders, Kit Sinthusy, Kevin Cantrell, Mike Cornish, Zeyad Hayyeh, Dustin Tompkins, Jon Francis. Second row: Daniel Brown, Donovan Bulter, Landon Earl, C.J. Warren, Lucious Mondaine, Clayton Williams, Boyd Wheeler, Orlando Nammaualy. Third row: Jeff Smith, Brian Rapini, Johnny Holt, Shannon O'Brien, Brad Fullbright, Brett Simons, Nick Hilton, Ryan Yount, Jared Hines, Nate Donaldson. Top row: Adam Leopold, Pio Malaeulu, Kia Tuala, Brett Tali, Toetu Tali Jr., Melvin White, Tantusi Key II, Olaea Iosua, Matthew Tali, Paul Robbins Jr.

Left: It would take more than just one of Truman's defenders to bring Chrisman down in its quest to win back the Wagon Wheel at the Truman game Oct. 16. Photo by Phillip Archibald

# Hit 'em hard

Story by Melanie Bean

Although neither the junior varsity nor the freshmen football teams made it all the way, there were few complaints or regrets about the season.

"It was a fun season," freshman Beau Smith said.

Both teams tried to focus on the positive rather than the negative.

"We were very supportive of each other. We were like a big goofy family," sophomore Paul Robbins, Jr. said of the junior varsity team.

The goal of the players was to encourage one another when they did well, without criticizing them too much if they did something wrong.

The main thing the players wished they could have changed about the season was the number of games they won. The junior varsity team was 4-1 for the season.

"I wish we could have won a few more games," junior Brad Fullbright said.

The freshman team struggled through many of its problems during the season only to remain short of wins.

"We could have tried harder, played more as a team and wanted it more for ourselves," Smith said.

Another goal of the junior varsity team was to make itself better.

"A lot of us achieved that goal, even though it was through many mistakes," Robbins said.



Coach Peterson instructs freshman Vincent White while at the freshman football game against Fort Osage. Photo by Sesly Dowell

The freshman team had a few more problems to deal with, but all together its season went well. The freshman 'A' team was 1-7 for the season, while the 'B' team was 5-1-1.

"I thought we did all right, but we could have done better in some areas," freshman Adam Kelsey said.

Some of the players took more responsibility on themselves.

"I wish I would have been more dedicated at the practices, I kind of slacked off," Robbins said.

Few members of either team relied on luck for success.

"I don't believe luck wins games, it is hard work and determination wins them,"

Fullbright said.

The teams had an educational season, and they look forward to winning next season.

Design by Laura Mika



Sophomore Quentin Leavoy hands off the ball to his teammate at the ju October 17. Photo by Rachel Powell



Junior Melvin White dodges his opponents during the junior varsity game at Truman. "We didn't win much even though we worked our butts off."

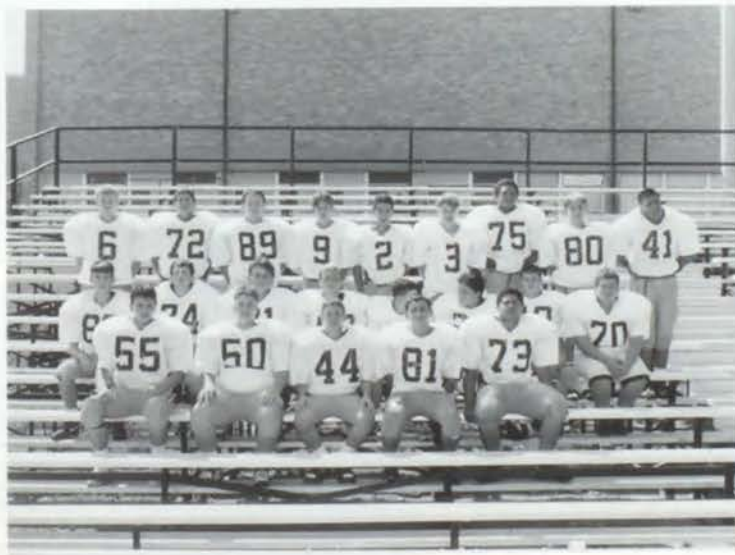
Photo by Rachel Powell

### Junior Varsity

Fort Osage	L	26-0
Blue Springs South	L	20-0
Blue Springs	L	26-0
Truman	L	6-0
Park Hill	W	7-20

### Freshman

'A' Fort Osage	L	21-12
'B' Fort Osage	W	0-8
'A' Oak Park	L	38-8
'B' Oak Park	L	8-0
'A' Park Hill South	L	36-14
'B' Park Hill South	W	0-16
'A' Blue Springs S.	L	26-6
'B' Blue Springs S.	W	0-8
'A' Lee's Summit	L	28-6
'B' Lee's Summit	W	0-8
'A' Blue Springs	L	24-14
'B' Blue Springs	T	6-6
'A' Truman	W	8-30
'B' Truman	W	0-8



Freshman Tyler Shultz dives for the 50-yard line at an away freshman football game. "We tried our best. Maybe we'll get it next year," Shultz said.

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Bottom: James Shaw, Billy Bell, Shaun Rice, Mario Grialdo, Derek Malaeculu. Middle: Adam Kelsey, Ross Nichols, Donald Habermehl, Michael Smalley, Jeremy Terry, Andy Ayala, Beau Smith, Larry Davis.  
Top: Nate Rodgers, Joseph Ivy, Devin Arendt, Russ Wiley, David Tapia, Shawn Adams, Andrew Tofaeano, Kyle Frazier, Vincent White.

# You win some, you lose some

Story by Gabby Beckler

Gretchen Welch stepped on the court ready to take on her next opponent. What was she doing? It looked like she was picking her wedgie.

"I pick my wedgies for good luck," Welch said.

Christy Lipowicz used something a little bit more normal for good luck.

"I use my baby ring and tennis racket on my necklace for good luck," Lipowicz said.

Whether it was matches or practice, Lipowicz said she spent about 10 hours a week playing tennis. Spending all this time playing didn't affect how much they enjoyed the sport though.

"It is well worth the time we put into the sport," Lipowicz said.

After all, she must enjoy the sport because this is her third consecutive year.

"It was not only fun but it kept me in shape," Lipowicz said.

Welch, who has been playing for two years, said, "I just wanted to try out a new sport to have fun."

All of the girls had a pretty good outlook for the year.

"This year was the first year that we did any team bonding or together and that helps us work better as a team," Lipowicz said.



Junior Crystal Lusher talks to senior Stephanie Iser about her plans that Friday night at Blue Springs, Sept. 17.

Photo by Shannon Jancek

The tennis team had their ups and downs. With the record 8-9 and coming in third place at the Hickman Mills tournament, they had a really good year.

The tennis team had a lot of highlights, one coming from Wendy Robello.

"One of our highlights was when we brought home a plaque for third place from Hickman Mills," Robello said.

There comes a time for every thing to end and we move on with our lives keeping those memories buckled down deep inside of us. This is what happens at the end of everyone's senior year.

"I will miss the team I have been with for four years," Robello said.

"I will also miss all of the team talks we had on the bus to and from matches," she said.

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Above: Melissa Nelson prepares to hit the ball in her tennis match at home on Sept. 22. **Photo by Jennifer Adams.**

Left: Marianne Stuck goes for the ball against Blue Springs South, on Sept. 29. **Photo by Jennifer Adams.**

Bottom left: Gretchen Welch hits the ball at the Blue Springs South game. **Photo by Jennifer Adams**



## TENNIS TEAM SCORES

GRANDVIEW	WON
ST. JOE CENTRAL	LOST
LIBERTY	LOST
PARK HILL SOUTH	LOST
TRUMAN	LOST
BELTON	WON
PARK HILL	LOST
LINCOLN	WON
HARRISONVILLE	WON
BLUE SPRINGS	LOST
LEE'S SUMMIT	LOST
HICKMAN MILLS	3rd PLACE
OAK PARK	LOST
FORT OSAGE	WON
CONFERENCE	8th PLACE
BLUE SPRINGS S.	LOST
FORT OSAGE	WON
CENTER	WON
NORTH K.C.	WON



Bottom: Megan Kemp, Audrey Arnold, Nancy Willis, Katye Okerstrom, Haley Daniel, Alaina Denney, Melissa Palmer, Melissa Thompson, Amanda Salmon.

Second: Lori Smith, Kaycee Cole, Gretchen Welch, Marianne Stuck, Christy Lipowicz, Wendy Robello, Jennie Davis, Monica Anderson.

Third: Lyndsey Main, Cherie Crawford, Christine McCane, Jennifer Morehouse, Crystal Lusher, Stephanie Iser, Riana Nichols, Nicki Barber, Lacy McDowell.

Last: Coach Jewell, Coach Barber

# Running and...more running

By Gabby Beckler

Did you ever wonder who the group of boys were that you always saw running down your street or passed while driving by? They were the one and only varsity cross country team. The team spent anywhere from two to four hours a day after school running around neighborhoods or the school hallways, if it was raining.

"During practice Blake and I run together and we talk about everything...you know, guy stuff. But during meets I try to concentrate on the guy in front of me to pass him and move up one more place," senior John Savage said.

Because the team was so small, making time for team bonding wasn't very hard.

"Before a big race we go to The Olive Garden because it is good food and it gives us energy to run with," freshman Matt Richardson said.



The boys varsity team, Brandon Kalthoff, Blake Gwinn, Shannon Janeck, and Johnny Savage, run a warmup before the meet. **Photo by Tara Mannen**

The team not only went out to eat, but on days before a big meet, they would play volleyball or football.

"I like the games we played every two weeks because it gives us a break from running and it's fun," Zach Fatool said.

Every team needs a goal.

"Our team goal this year was to progress throughout the season, to get better and better at each meet. The athletes did a great job reaching the goal." Ron Jones said.

Every year new freshmen come in and some get involved. For the cross country team the freshmen were the highlights of the year.

"Our younger runners really excelled and made a lot of progress," Jones said.

When athletes go out for a sport, most of them want to get something accomplished.

"Running is a life time skill. Even if they don't run on a team they can still use the skills that were built to keep their body healthy." Jones said.

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Above: Sophomore Daniel Smith races in the JV meet at Blue Springs Lake. "We didn't have much team success, but individually we all did pretty well."

**Photo by Tara Mannen**

To the Left: Junior Brandon Kalthoff races to finish well in the districts. "For being a first year runner I had a great season," Kalthoff said. "It also helps me keep in shape." **Photo by Tara Mannen**

Athlete	Grade	P.R.	3.1 miles
Blake Gwinn	12	18.52	3.1 miles
Brandon Kalthoff	11	18.26	3.1 miles
John Savage	12	20.46	3.1 miles
Danigi Smith	10	20.35	3.1 miles
Brad Patton	10	22.04	3.1 miles
Spence Wendleton	10	21.11	3.1 miles
Russell Sampson	9	12.15	1.5 miles
Matt Cooper	9	12.48	1.5 miles
Zac Fatool	9	11.48	1.5 miles
Matt Richardson	9	12.18	1.5 miles



Front row: Russell Sampson, Zach Fatool, Spencer Wendelton, Matt Richardson, Second row: Shannon Jancek, Johnny Savage, Blake Gwinn, Brandon Kalthoff.

To the Left: Senior Blake Gwinn stretches before the meet at Pleasant Hill. "Cross Country is a really enjoyable sport. Most other athletes look at running as a punishment, we look at it as a pleasure."

# Not for the light-hearted

Story by Kristen Stoneburner

She stood there, poised and ready for the signal to begin. There it was, she took off. She could hear her friends, family, and coach cheering for her. She knew it would be one of her best times, she could feel it in her bones.

For cross-country runners, it was like that at every meet, the anticipation and hoping that you would beat your own personal time and possibly receive a medal. Junior Mindy Dent did both.

"My best time was 20:40 for 3.1 miles, and I got six varsity medals," Dent said.

Practicing helped the runners beat their times and stay in top physical condition.



Junior Mindy Dent runs in the varsity race at the Truman Invationals. "I liked that race because it was only two miles instead of three, and I have trouble with the last mile," Dent said. Photo by Doug Seaver

"The team practiced once a week before meets, and I practiced all the time on my own," Dent said.

Coach Nedra Jeffress found a lot of benefits to being a cross-country coach.

"It helped me stay in shape, when I ran with the girls, and it was also exciting to see people improve their times and achieve their goals," Jeffress said.

Runners and coaches got to know each other well, like a family.

"This sport has a real family atmosphere.

People cheer for all competitors, whether they're first or last," Jeffress said.

"Cross-country takes a lot of dedication and practice. It also helps with my track running," Dent said. "Right after track, when I started running 3 miles, it became easier and I liked it more."

Dedication was a necessary element for the runners. During practices, they ran between 5 and 6.5 miles and an average meet was 3.1 miles.

While the team didn't make districts, one of its runners did. Dent made the all-district team. Amy Sloan also qualified for sectionals.

"I was very excited, I didn't expect it. I had my own personal record that day, too," Dent said.

"As a team we didn't do great, we didn't place in districts or anything, but individually we all did good," sophomore Mary Vaughan said.

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Above: Sophomore Kristin Smart runs at the Oak Park cross country meet Oct. 9. "I was doing better then, I got my time back up," Smart said. To the left: Senior Amy Sloan, runs in the Pleasant Hill Invitational Sept. 19. "I was trying to be in the top ten," Sloan said. **Photo by Doug Seaver**

- Girls Cross Country
- Saturday, September 5  
Truman Invitational
- Varsity
- 49 14:00 Mindy Dent
- 59 14:11 Amy Sloan
- 101 15:31 Kristin Smart
- 110 16:48 Mary Vaughan
- 112 16:57 Audra Sharifi
- Junior Varsity
- 92 17:18 Hillari Higginbotham
- 108 17:59 Rosie Ryan
- 110 18:10 Rachel Herbert
- 111 18:33 Anna Webb



First row: Kristin Smart, Hillari Higginbotham, April Weeks, Mindy Dent. Second row: Coach Jeffress, Emily O'Dell, Mary Vaughan, Rachel Herbert. Third row: Kristi Cardinas, Rosie Ryan, Amy Sloan, Audra Sharifi-Isfahnai, Anna Webb.

Left: The runners sprint out of the starting line at the Oak Park cross country meet Oct. 9. **Photo by Doug Seaver**

# Tee time

Story by Kristen Stoneburner

A hush fell over the crowd as she confidently walked up, swung and connected with the ball. The crowd stood up and cheered as the ball sailed through the air and landed on the green as the third season of girls golf swung into action.

Coach Bill Jonas came into his third season of coaching girls golf.

"The school decided they were going to start golf three years ago. I played in high school, and I enjoy coaching," Jonas said.

Senior Amber Bolt came into her second season poised for action. Bolt unexpectedly broke the nine-hole record.

"I really wasn't trying to break the record. It just kind of happened," Bolt said.



Junior Kelly Peterson practices her stroke at Family Golf Park. "It takes a lot of mental practice, which is something I don't have much of," Peterson said. **Photo by Rachel Powell**

Golf might be a game that required practice, dedication, and skill, but a good luck charm never hurt.

"I carry a bead lizard and say a prayer before I play," Bolt said.

Jonas said the team as a whole didn't do anything for luck, but the player with the best score received an award.

"We have a bear award for the player with the best score, a pretty blue hug-me bear," Jonas said.

Like other sports, it was important to set goals for the season.

"Our goal this season was to learn as much about the game as possible and to set personal goals for future improvement," Jonas said.

Bolt's goals this season included the desire to do better than she already had, and to lower her score.

"My personal goals for this season were to do good, maybe shoot a 48," freshman Tyler Stewart said.

Everybody had someone who had inspired or helped them along the way. For Bolt, it was her boyfriend who inspired her to play.

"My boyfriend wanted me to try it, and I ended up liking it," Bolt said.

As her ball sailed through the air, she silently wished that it would land somewhere near where it was supposed to and that she would make it under par. As she watched, she remembered what her parents had always told her: 'It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game'. Then she smiled victoriously as her ball landed on the green—right where she was aiming.

**Design by Ashley Conrow**



## GIRLS GOLF SEASON'S BEST

AMBER BOLT 57  
SCHOOL RECORD  
AGAINST TRUMAN.

ANGEL BLAIR 66  
AGAINST RICHMOND.

ASHLEY CONROW 59  
AGAINST TRUMAN.

KELLY PETERSON 68  
AGAINST TRUMAN.

TYLER STEWART 59  
AGAINST RICHMOND.



Sophomore Angel Blair takes a mighty swing at the Blue Springs South Tournament Sept. 24. "We improved a lot this season, and I had a lot of fun," Blair said. **Photo by Rachel Powell**



Above: Ashley Conrow, Angel Blair, Amber Bolt, Kelly Peterson, Coach Jonas

Top left: At the Blue Springs South Tournament Sept. 24, freshman Tyler Stewart removes the flag from the pole so the other golfers can putt. **Photo by Rachel Powell**

Bottom right: Practicing at Family Golf Park on Sept. 17, junior Alicia Scott watches closely as Coach Bill Jonas demonstrates proper form. "It's a lot harder than it looks," Scott said. **Photo by Rachel Powell**

# Diamonds are a girl's best friend

Story by Melanie Bean

Although they weren't always victorious, the softball team never let it get them down. The team never lost sight of the big picture.

"We tried really hard, but we couldn't get it together on the field," sophomore Penny Hicks said.

Despite the fact that the softball team struggled, the players agreed that they were still happy with their performances.

"Even though we didn't win a lot, this has been the happiest season I have had. As a team we just clicked. We got along, and that made it a happy season," sophomore Cathy Hayes said.



After a tournament at Adaire Park Chrisman players show their excitement for a win against Belton on Sept. 18. Photo by Keli Morgan

The main problem the team faced was a lack of players. There were only four players on junior varsity and 18 on varsity.

"The pitching situation hurt us. We needed to have a pitcher on J.V.," Hayes said.

Another problem for the team was injuries.

"I got a black eye during a game because the girl up to bat bunted and I went to cover first base. The ball tipped off of my glove and hit me," freshman Valerie Tittsworth said.

The practices proved somewhat hazardous also.

"We were catching pop-flies at practice and our pitcher was behind me. I missed the ball and it hit her and broke her nose," Hayes said.

There was a sense of family within the team. The girls who had been playing for awhile tried to help the younger girls make all the adjustments.

"We were a whole, not all best friends but we got along. I love the coaches, too. I look up to them. If I ever had a problem I know I could go to them," Hayes said.

The feeling of being part of a real team, even through the losses, was what kept the softball team going strong and the outlook for the future positive.

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During the varsity softball game Sept. 12 at Adair Park, junior Jacque Drummond returns the ball to the outfield. Photo by Susan Simmons





Sophomore Penny Hicks makes an out at second against the Celtics at Adaire Park on Sept. 12. "It makes me feel really good when I get someone out," Hicks said.

Photo by Susan Simmons



Bottom: Jacque Drummond, Penny Hicks, Sara Palmer, Renà Burriss, Beckie Cavanaugh.

Middle: Katie Slimane, Rachel Powell, Meagan McClain, Ashley Cauthon, Karla Johnston, Lauren DeHart, Amy Fortner.

Top: Coach Estle, Amy Peck, Tara Mannen, Lindsey Ramsey, Nikki DeShazer, Valerie Tittsworth, Jannie Griffin, Coach Habben.

#### GIRLS SOFTBALL

Truman	L	8-1
O'Hara	W	3-2
Park Hill	W	3-2
St. Joe Central	L	4-3
Lee's Summit	L	12-2
Blue Springs	L	4-1
Belton	L	5-2
Oak Park	W	4-3
Blue Springs S.	W	8-2
Truman	L	12-2
Park Hill	W	6-3
St. Joe Central	W	14-6
Blue Springs	L	6-3
Lee's Summit	L	5-2
Oak Park	L	5-0
Blue Springs S.	L	5-1
Districts		
Blue Springs	L	5-1
GKC Tourn.		
Grandview	W	10-0
Liberty	L	5-2
Belton	W	6-2

# Pep it up!

Story by Jessie Warner

Being a varsity cheerleader meant showing a little school spirit. The girls hung up posters for games, wore their uniforms the day of a performance, and participated in spirit week.

Being a cheerleader might have taken a little influence from somebody to help get involved. Maybe an older sister, or a mother who had cheered before.

Senior Amy McGlasson said her friends influenced her to join cheerleading. "They wanted to help me get back on track," McGlasson said.

Other squad members had people who had gave them the idea to join cheerleading.

Senior Monica Neal said Laura Neely, who was a varsity cheerleader two years ago, gave her the idea to cheer.

"She was a role model for me before high school," Neal said.

Being a varsity cheerleader was much more difficult than the other squads.

"It's a lot more work, and we practice just as hard as any boys," junior Kelly Martin said.

They practiced three times a week for 2-1/2 hours. They worked on cheers, dances, gymnastics and conditioning. These girls considered cheerleading a sport because of all the work they put into it.



Junior Tiffany Sparks performs at the Chrisman vs. Truman home game. "I get scared when I'm in the air because I'm afraid they might drop me," Sparks said. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**

Martin's favorite thing was the competition, too. She didn't like the stress of having to do a performance perfectly, though.

Neal said her favorite thing was the performance itself, but she didn't like the nervousness of it.

The squad did good this year as a whole, McGlasson said.

"When things need to get done, everyone works as a team," McGlasson said.

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All of that hard work and practice helped them when they went to camp over the summer. There, they won a spirit stick and placed first in their home pom routine. They also placed third at regionals.

"We try real hard," McGlasson said.

For McGlasson, whose been cheering since her sophomore year, this being her first year as a varsity cheerleader, she thought it was a lot different.

"It's a lot more serious," McGlasson said.

The things McGlasson liked most about cheering were the pep assemblies and the competitions. She also liked performing because she thought it was fun.



The varsity cheerleaders dance at a fall pep assembly. "Pep assemblies were so much fun. They are one of my favorite times at Chrisman," senior Nicole Rice said. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**



The varsity cheerleaders cheer the guys on at a home football game. "It was so exciting because the boys were doing a great job. I wanted to show school spirit," junior Angie Thomas said. Photo by Sesly Dowell

**Varsity  
Cheerleading  
Awards**

**CAMP**  
First place  
Home pom routine  
Spirit stick

**REGIONALS**  
Third Place



First row: Tiffany Sparks, Kristin McIntire, Nicole Rice, Jessica Farris. Second row: Cipporah Yaghoubian, Kelli Martin, Monica Neal, Susan Simmons. Third row: Jennifer Ryan, Kirbi Sherman, Amy McGlasson, Coach Debbie O'Renck.



Senior Amy McGlasson holds up a sign to get the crowd involved. "We try to get the crowd excited during the games," McGlasson said. Photo by Sesly Dowell

# Go Bears!

Story by Jessica Wells

"We got spirit yes we do!"

This phrase echoed through the crowds as the cheerleaders yelled as loud as they possibly could, in hopes of spreading their school spirit. They had the responsibility of keeping the crowds' spirits high and giving the athletes more support than they knew what to do with.

"I wanted to show my school spirit and be a leader," senior Julie Burris said.

Whether they were on the junior varsity squad or the small varsity-girls' sports- squad, the girls showed everyone that they were born to cheer.

Sophomore Patricia Keith was well prepared to take on the small varsity squad.

"I've cheerleaded since fifth grade. I've been on four different squads and the last one I was captain," Keith said.

Burris tried out for the first time this year and was surprised when she made junior varsity. She wanted to experience something new during her senior year. Her good attitude made her last chance at becoming a cheerleader worth while.

"I enjoy performing during half-time and getting the crowd pepped up," Burris said.



At Bingham Field on Oct. 20 at the Varsity soccer game, the JV cheerleaders practice their stunts. "I was just thinking, I hope I don't get dropped," senior Delynna Vann said. Photo by Katie Ramsey

Practicing everyday during the junior varsity squad many awards. Four blue superior ribbons, one gold superior ribbon, a spirit stick, and a spirit trophy proved that all of their practicing paid off.

During the school year, though, practices were cut to about three times a week, or maybe more depending on upcoming events.

Neither of the squads had any difficulty with bonding with the other girls. Their spirit didn't stop after games, instead it continued on into their everyday lives.

"We have Spirit Sisters and we do things for each other like Spirit Grams," Burris said.

Trying out for cheerleading was something that many people wanted to do. For those who didn't, did enjoy standing in the crowds and showing their own individual enthusiasm.

"We got spirit, how 'bout you?!"

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JV Cheerleading: First row: Tania Follet, Delynna Vann, Heather Port, Hip Huynh. Second row: Amber Courter, Couch Schick, Jessica Jones, Julie Burris.



At the Oct. 10 Soccer Tournament at Bingham, the JV cheerleaders pump up the crowd. "I was just doing my best to cheer on the soccer team, hoping they would win," Freshman Hip Huynh said. **Photo by Katie Ramsey**

## Small Varsity Awards

### AT CAMP

4 Blue Superior Ribbons  
 1 Gold Superior Ribbon  
 a Spirit Stick  
 a Spirit Trophy



Girls Sports: First row: Carly Spydell, Ashley Wilbur, Rachel Waite, Samantha Battaglia, Second row: Coach Ashton, Patricia Keith, Rachael Brunner, Colby Hosman.



During the September 29 Volleyball game, at Blue Springs South, the Small Varsity Cheerleaders cheer loudly to keep spirits up. "I was doing my best to cheer on the volleyball players," sophomore Samantha Battaglia said. **Photo by Katie Ramsey**

# TRACKIN THE BEAT

Story by Amanda Dotson

Why wake up at 5:30 for practice during your summer break? That was on the minds of the dedicated, spirited, and motivated drill team. Over the summer, the drill team spent much time and effort at this school perfecting their moves. Members were taking part in summer school, which meant early-morning practice. They chose to dance their hearts out before the sun came up. Dancing for their school gave them a sense of school spirit.

The Beartrackers attended camp at William Jewell in June. This gave the girls a chance to compete against other schools. They also had begun to learn many difficult dances until bad weather interrupted their practice. Severe weather and a tornado cut off all the power at camp and the girls went home the second day.

"We all had to sit in the dark basement in our pajamas and try not to get upset or scared. I think it ended up bringing us closer," captain Tina Smithers said.

The Beartrackers are sponsored by publications teacher Christy Little. This was her first year involved with the squad.

"The most difficult part was giving drill team the same amount of my time as I gave the newspaper and yearbook," Little said.

Three days out of a week the girls practice after school. Members make up dances to teach the squad, or they use previous dances learned at camp.

"The most challenging part is getting everyone to listen at the same time, making sure everyone is at practice, wearing the right outfit, and everyone knows the routine. The responsibilities are hard to handle sometimes and can seem too stressful," Smithers said.

Chrisman's drill team is well known for having fun. Whether it be the times when one forgot the most 8-counts in a half-time performance, or the only one who dropped her pom-pom while dancing. Sometimes it may seem difficult to remember all the steps but somebody always remembers a certain part.

"I like knowing I got involved and I belonged to a group. I got to know people I would have never talked to before. We got to be pretty close and were supportive of one another. We all worked really hard and were there to pick everyone up when they were down," senior Shari Andrews said.

"Being on drill team for three years gave me a lot of confidence. The first year I tried out and didn't make it, but I never gave up. It helped me realize, if you keep trying you will succeed," Smithers said.

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The Beartrackers performed a dance they learned at camp during the summer for the fall assembly. Photo by Sesly Dowell



The Beartrackers hosted a Jr. Beartrackers clinic for the second year as a fundraiser. Jr. Beartrackers strut their stuff at halftime of the Jan. 8th boys basketball game. **Photo by Susan Simmons**

The Beartrackers received an excellent trophy for their home routine at camp in June.

Kari Kent qualified for the UDA All-Star



While the band played, the Beartrackers performed a kick routine during half time at a football game. **Photo by Kristen Stoneburner**

for the fall  
 First Row: Maria Molina, Cammie Brennan, Lynsey Porter Second Row: Eliza Fitzpatrick, Emily Penrose, Keli Morgan, Gwyn McPherson Third Row: Mandy Curtis, Kristen Kent, Kari Kent, Tina Smithers, Brooke Boldiz, Shari Andrews.

Tanya Letuli, Beth Seaver, Janelle Postnikoff, Sariah McCune, Courtney Timms, Cassie Soper, and Melanie Gover take a break to enjoy their lunch. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**





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Tina Smithers escorted by  
Josh Gonzales



Clarissa Vaughan  
escorted by Andrew Gore



Anna Webb escorted by  
Chris Beets



Laura Hinkle escorted by  
Johnny Savage



Senior Kit Sinthusy shows his spirit by dancing and cheering at the Courtwarming pep assembly Feb. 16.



Sophomore Audra Alexandra, junior John Schroeder, junior T.J. Key, and senior Kyle Jasper break it down at the Courtwarming dance Feb. 19.

# Royalty of the court

Story by Amanda Dotson

Where were you the on the night of Feb. 19th? The answer to that for close to 1,500 people would be in the hot, jam packed, intense, spirited gym here at William Chrisman.

"It felt like our school filled up 3/4's of the gym with the amount of spirit our school had," senior John Haney said.

But the amount of space the fans and the players had didn't affect the game a bit. The walls still echoed with cheers louder than ever before.

"I was pleased with the team, they didn't give up. Even without a winning record we still had an awesome turnout. The crowds were always big, because they played their hardest and they put on the best show. Our school has pride in our players. It really says a lot about our coaches, team, and our kids," Activities Director Dan Ogle said.

The game followed Thursday's pep assembly where the boy cheerleaders rocked the gym. With bright makeup and big wigs, the boys danced their hearts out. They even practiced to be as good as the girls. Their routine consisted of a cheer, dance and even stunts. They were putting their manly muscles to use. The assembly also introduced the candidates for the 1999 Courtwarming Queen.

"The experience was a lot of fun. I enjoyed representing my school. It being the senior night and Courtwarming, too, made it memorable," senior Ashleigh Vader said.

During halftime, the crowd, along with the candidates and their friends and family, were filled with much anticipation. They rooted for the girls as they waited for the crowning. Last year's queen Jovanna Carter slowly walked out on the court and crowned the new queen, senior Laura Noble.

"I was glad I could share that moment with my parents. I was happy that my friends and family were there to support me. I was very honored to represent my senior class, it was an exciting experience I'll never forget," senior Laura Noble said.

Ending the most desired game without a victory didn't bring the fans down.

"The game was exciting. It was great to see the shortest player on our team, Jeremy McNurlin, jump above some of their tallest players. Chrisman put up such a good fight and kept it interesting. You couldn't take your eyes off of the game for one second," Haney said.

It is proven that the night of the 1999 Courtwarming is one to not be forgotten. With the amount of spirit at the game and the fun memories of the dance circles that night, Chrisman had a victory without the game.

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Lini Iouasa escorted by Aaron Amato



Krystal Douth escorted by Kyle Jasper



Laura Noble escorted by Khushal Latifzai



Ashleigh Vader escorted by Brett Rust



(Above) Last year's queen, Jovanna Carter crowns the new 1999 Courtwarming Queen, Laura Noble, at the Feb. 19 basketball game.

"I was very honored to represent my senior class, it was an exciting experience I'll never forget,"  
Courtwarming Queen  
Laura Noble said.



Lisa Ables



Jennifer Adams



Tara Adams



Ryan Allen



Aaron Amato



Shari Andrews



Khristopher Apley



Phillip Archibald



Joshua Arnold



Nicole Arnold



Christopher Arnone



Karina Arrowood



Michael Atherton



Steve Bailey



Paul Ballance



Nicki Barker



Misty Baughman



Gabrielle Beckler



Christopher Beets



Barbara Benedict



Bonnie Bennett



William Bernhardt



Brad Best



Christina Beutler



Above: Senior Jason Shawhan fills out his signup form for the upcoming February ACT. Photo illustration by Andrew Gore

## What it takes

Story by Amanda Dotson

What does it really take? It takes four years of hard work, four years of those up and downs, four years of putting up with the homework and teachers. But most of all it takes four years of courage and ambition to make those final steps across the stage as you receive your diploma, because you did it, you finally graduated. It's during this short year that seniors make some of the most important decisions of their life. Facing the future may seem too stressful for some seniors to handle.

"All it takes to be a 'good' senior is dedication, effort and commitment," senior Jason Shawhan said.

Shawhan attended M.P.I. and will graduate with 25 credits. He also took college credit classes to get them out of the way. "The courses are easier in high school, plus they are cheaper, so take them while you can," Shawhan said.

"Never give up because it does get better," were Shawhan's words of wisdom to the underclassmen.

Throughout the school year some seniors have a little thing called senioritis that creeps up on them. Being bored or just plain sick of school is the case. It makes you less focused and can make your life miserable.

"Have a positive outlook and a good attitude about school and you will get through it," senior Nikki Caudill said.

Procrastination also can affect seniors. The main problem with seniors, is they don't give themselves enough slack. Thinking you can just slide by is not the way to go.

"Your senior year is stressful at school and at home. And you are becoming more of an adult with more freedom. Some can handle this responsibility and others can't," Principal John Ruddy said.

Sometimes your senior year may get to be a hassle. Cap and gowns, announcements, scholarships and college choices can seem overwhelming. It can also get to be very expensive. Deadlines and when everything is due is hard to remember.

One good way to think of it is "It is totally worth it. You only graduate once," Caudill said.

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April Bias



Joshua Bird



Erica Blake



Deanna Bohon



Amber Bolt



Samantha Bradley



April Brinkoetter



Erika Brockman



Jason Brown



Michael Brunson



Aaron Budd



Julie Burris



Jason Butherus



Christopher Campbell



Kevin Cantrell



Kirsti Cardenas



Heather Carman



Tara Carpenter



Lakecia Carson



Brandi Cartee



Nickie Caudill



Ashley Cauthon



Ryan Cavin



Shannon Childress



Senior Mike Quick works on a project in woodshop. He took woodshop because he hopes to become a contractor. Photo by Blake Gwinn

## What now?

Story by Paul Ballance

You've been watched over for 18 long years, waiting for your first day of freedom, your first day away from your parents, and first day alone in the world.

For some, graduation day was a time for partying and having fun. For the others now the studying begins in college. The hard part is finally over our whole life ahead of us. Now college or work? Some people had it made.

For senior Chris Stowell the road ahead was planned with care. Stowell will attend Graceland on an academic scholarship. On the other hand, senior Mike Quick is going right to work as a contractor, no vacation and have little time for fun.

Other students have bigger plans for the future.

"I'm on the move to California to attend college and enjoy the weather and beaches in my beach condo," senior Mary Pese said.

Regardless of the plans, higher education wasn't on a lot of seniors' minds.

"In '96 one of my classes tallied up how many people were going to college, and over 50 percent said they were. I later found out only 2 percent still attended any college at all," marketing teacher Jane Brown said.

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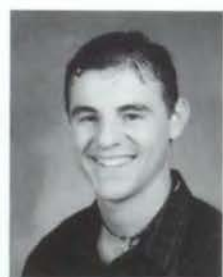
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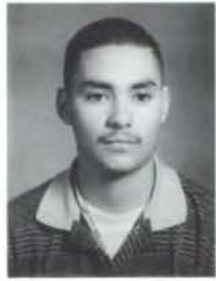
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Sarah Faris



Christopher Fatool



Above: Chrisman student buys condoms at an area store.

Photo illustration by Doug Seaver

## *Sex before marriage: Is it right?*

Story by Jessie Warner

It's one of the most important decisions teenagers sometimes have to face: Sex before marriage. Even if you're in a very serious relationship, you might not be ready for the responsibility of having sex.

"I think it's right for some people, but not everybody. You have to be ready for it," senior Aaron Hixon said.

"There's nothing wrong with it, but I think you should wait until you're married unless you're ready for children," senior Deanna Bohon said.

Senior Jared Daniel said it was up to the person to decide if they're ready for sex or not.

"I want to be able to have an intelligent conversation with the person," Daniel said.

If you can't speak maturely with the person you are with, then you're not mature enough to have sex.

"If it's ever done, it has to be for the right reasons. I admire anyone who can accomplish that," senior Sarah Lorbecki said.

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Chad Ganson



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**Arlon Gray**



**Sarah Greene**



Brooke Gibson's favorite memory of high school was meeting her boyfriend Chris Wiley.  
Photo by Doug Seaver

*Thanks for the memories*

**Story by Aaron Budd**

Some will look back on high school and think, "I did it the best I could, and loved it." Others might think, "High school, I went there, wish I could remember it." For others it hasn't been all that memorable.

Senior Brooke Gibson had to put some time and effort into her precious moment.

"Meeting Chris Wiley my freshman year is my most memorable experience," she said, "because three years later we're still together, and are expecting a baby boy."

For football seniors their last year was one to remember.

Senior Boyd Wheeler said, "Having a winning season was very memorable, and when we beat Truman, we all got together and played like a team."

Memories come in all shapes and sizes, so get out there and experience life. Get involved, play a sport, find a boyfriend or girlfriend, make some friends, graduate, make a difference, leave a legacy, and most of all have some fun. It's all worth it, because once those four years are gone, baby, they ain't never coming back.

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**Laura Hinkle**



**Aaron Hixon**



**Jamie Hobbs**



**Stephanie  
Hobbs**



**Kristen Holler**



**Christopher  
Holmes**



**Erin Hosman**



Principal's secretary Susie Vader helps her daughter, Ashleigh, with her homework assignment. Photo by Silya Siniawski

## *Do this, do that...*

Many students got tired of their parents telling them how to run their life. Every teen has had some kind of pressures from their parents, but being a senior it seemed as if they were pressured more than ever on their grades.

"With graduation coming soon my mom keeps on me to keep up my grades, especially in my college courses," senior John Haney said.

Parents did not want to be supporting their kids all the time, so they pressured them to get jobs.

"My parents want me to get a job and keep my grades up, but how do I do that if I am working all the time?" senior Nick Church said.

Some people don't have any pressures from their parents because they don't live with their parents. Maybe they live with their grandparents, or in this case, their aunt.

"I live with my aunt and she supports me in everything, but when it comes to being pressured I put the pressure on myself." senior Nicole Hyden said.

So seniors have pressures to get jobs and do well in school, but what about being a leader?

"In my family, I was the first to graduate, so of course my parents expected a lot from me," senior Rachell Houser said.

So when it comes to parents telling us to do this or do that, everyone gets tired of it. But our time is coming to pass on the tradition of telling people to do this and do that.



**Rachell Houser**

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Jerome Jennings



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Donovan Kamp



Adam Kemner



Kari Kent



Scott Kunzler



Amanda Larkin



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Adam Lawson



Above: A lot of students have part-time jobs like Jamie Hobbs. She works at Hy-Vee.  
Photo by Jennifer Adams

# Cha-ching!

Story by Jessica Wells

Just as you were heading out the door to meet some friends, you decided to take a quick glance at your wallet. Luckily, you still had some money left over from your last pay check. Many students felt the satisfaction of earning their own money to spend in any way that they chose.

"I wanted to feel like a grown up. I could buy my own clothes," senior Amy Howell said.

Howell had worked at Creative World Day Care since the previous July.

"I really love kids," Howell said.

Some working students spent their money on CDs and clothes, while other portions went straight to important necessities. Senior Justin Waddle started working at Drug Emporium to pay for his car and worked there for over two years. Senior Jamie Hobbs hadn't quite made it to the two-year marker but managed to stay at Hy-Vee for a few months.

Deciding on a job was not always a simple task. Students had to think about their wages and availability, as well as the job itself. Certain jobs came with certain advantages. Working in a day care, Howell was provided with a fun atmosphere.

"Being able to act like a kid and have fun at it," Howell said.

Waddle, however, found that the highlight of his job was the moment he was able to clock out. Cashiering was a part of his job that he wasn't quite fond of.

"Cashiering, you have to deal with rude people. It makes time go by slow," Waddle said.

Whether the jobs were entertaining or even boring, it all payed off when the time came to receive the big pay checks.

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Stacey Mann



Cesar Martinez



Bryan Maze



Amanda McCarrison



Patrick McDermed



# My greatest regret



Lacy McDowell



Jamie McGee



Amy McGlasson



Jeremy McGrail



Kristin McIntire



Shawn McKindra



Brian McMillan



Jean Mendoza



"Taking only five classes this year instead of six; I hate having to worry about passing all of them in order to play basketball."  
Senior Ethan Shull

"Not getting more involved in my school. I feel like there were a lot of things I could have gotten involved in, but didn't, like sports, music, and clubs."

Senior Matt Mills



"I wish I would of opened up more, especially my freshman year. I should have gotten involved and met more people."  
Senior Audra Sharifi-Isfahani

Story by Rosie Ryan  
Photos by Silya Siniawski  
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Tiffany Miesse



Rocket Miller



Matthew Mills



Maria Molina



April Morris



Monica Neal



Robert Neal



Kellen Neely



Logan Neely



Laura Noble



Giang Nguyen



Kelly O'Camb



Jennifer Oldberg



Lindsey Olson



Sara Palmer



Rachel Pasquale

# Say What?

Were you ever accused of something you didn't do?



William Peach



April Perdue



Robert Perrin



Mary Pese



Courtney Philips



Brian Porter



Eric Preston



Jessica Ramsey



"I was accused of being pregnant. People started asking questions and started rumors. I got mad, but didn't overreact. I knew it wasn't true. People would stare at my stomach, but they probably felt stupid after they realized that I wasn't getting any bigger. It's amazing how people will believe anything."

Senior Brooke Cooley

"I was accused of TPing somebody's house. I was there, but I was just the get away car. I never did get out. So when I was asked about it, I was kind of scared. (The person who got TPed started going psycho and was trying to get everyone there in big trouble). We did a good job TPing though."

Senior Christina Lipowtz



"I was accused of writing death threats on somebody's house. I won't say who, but it definitely wasn't me. I got in some trouble but it wasn't because of that. The death threats weren't meant to be anything serious. The person who wrote them didn't know that it would be taken seriously."

Senior Megan Galloway

Story by April Brinkoetter

Design by Stacey Osborn

Photos by Philip Archibald



Leah Rathbun



Nicole Rice



Wendy Robello



Jason Robertson



Crystal Rodriguez



Brett Rust



Rosemary Ryan



Stephanie Ryken



Aaron Sanders



Dale Sanders



Shawn Sanders



John Savage



Lynsey Schnetzer



Kory Schuerman



Johnathon Scott



Douglas Seaver



Kadir Seibest



Roxanne Shaffer



Audra Sharifi-Isfahani



Jason Shawhan



Cynthia Shoemaker



Ethan Shull



Harley Simmons



Brett Simons

# By any other name



"People call me Red because of my initials (Rachel Elizabeth Dye)." senior Rachel Dye

"My friends call me Cheesy because in 7th grade I stole a bag of Cheez-its TM from the counter." senior Angela Stribling



"My mother calls me AC (ace) because of my initials (Adam Cody Lawson)." senior Adam Lawson



Story by Melanie Bean  
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Jeffery Smith



Nathan Smith



Steven Smith



Tina Smithers



Marie Solary



Allison Sole



April Spears



Stephanie Sterling



Christopher Stowell



John Strown



Mwanaidi Stutzer



Jami Sullins



Jonathon Summers



Latoya Surry



Barbara Sutton



Joseph Swaim



Douglas Swearingin



Kristin Thresher



Brandy Thurman



Heather Tignor



Frank Treece



Senior AJ Gray reads about the current violence in the newspaper during Contact Time. Photo by Blake Gwinn

## The blinders

Story by Barbara Sutton

The continuous violence reflected on TV shows as well as the news demonstrated just how much times have changed.

"The world would be more peaceful if there was no violence of any kind and we could all get along and share ideas," senior Stanley Paprocki said.

A show's content, or even what footage a news show should broadcast, made for bitter debate. Many Chrisman students thought watching should at least be an option.

"It should be everyone's choice to watch it, or not watch it," senior Amy Coale said.

On the other hand there were those who thought violence should not be allowed on any programs.

"No one needs to see it on T.V. We have enough of it already," senior Kory Schuerman said.

The newly formed network rating system eased the minds of a few.

"I think any intelligent parent would use the rating system," senior A.J. Gray said.

The question still remained whether or not to allow the youth of America to be exposed to the violence we portrayed through the media.

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Lanette Turner



Ashleigh Vader



Joshua Vanartsdalen



Delynna Vann



Clarissa Vaughan



Andy Vest



Justin Waddle



Blair Wales



Michael Walker



Matthew Ware



Jessie Warner



Anna Webb



Jordan Webb



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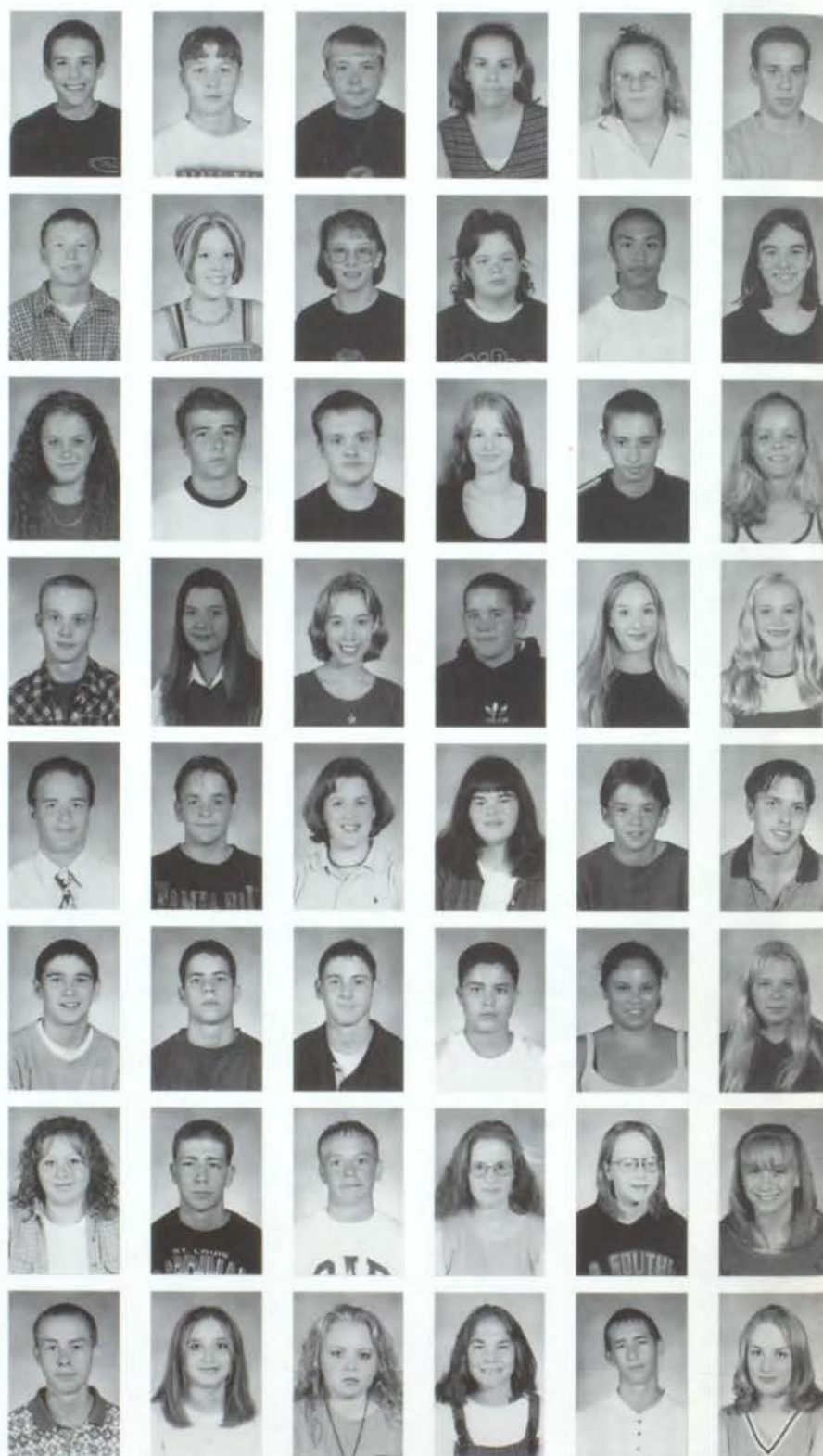
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Above: A lot of twins share the same things. In this case Randy and Ryan share the love for soccer as they practice their juggling in the hallway after school. Photo by

Jennifer Adams

## Double trouble

Story by Kyle Jasper

Have you ever looked in the mirror and just stared at that exact spitting image of yourself and wondered, what it would be like to have another person around who looks just like you? For identical twins Randy and Ryan Robinson this is their everyday life.

Exactly what are twins? There are two different kinds of twins, identical and fraternal. Identical twins are twins who look almost exactly alike. Fraternal twins have different and distinct features about themselves.

Both of the brothers (Randy and Ryan) are freshmen and athletes at Chrisman. The Robinson twins both have played soccer for the Bears.

















































"My brother and I are always competing to be the better of the two, and sometimes we even fight about it," twin Ryan said.

The twins are also involved in the Chess Club. They both have previously placed at the state finals when they were in junior high.

"It's really confusing for people to figure out who is who between my brother and I. The only ones who really know us is our family," Randy said.

For twins like Randy and Ryan, you could imagine the complications of trying to figure out which twin is which and as for the underclassmen and the coaches they will play for, they've still got a few more years to figure out which twin is Randy and which one is Ryan.

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# What's With That?

## student pet peeves



















































"Most of the fountains don't work and teachers don't give much time to get a drink. The cookies were raised in price and the tables are dirty in the lunchroom. Some people just amble through the halls taking their time like no one has any homework to finish. Also, there are no doors on the stalls in the guy's restroom."  
 - freshman Daniel Cavin

"What irks me is in the lunchroom, people just stand there and I want to get in and out! And when people stand in the halls and you have to push to get through and they get all mad. I hate it when people spread rumors or hear rumors and then go off on you when they don't even know the truth."  
 -sophomore Cyndi Douglas



"What irritates me is the rude teachers that always babble during class and when they never give enough time to finish an assignment. What drives me crazy about the students is their attitudes and how they walk very slowly in school. The people that cut in the line in the lunchroom really bug me."  
 -junior Michael Pruett

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Junior Holly Hempfling fits time in to do some homework. Photo by Sesly Dowell

















































*Day in the life of...*  
*Holly Hempfling*

Story by Laura Mika

6:15 a.m. sounds the wake up call of junior Holly Hempfling's alarm. Hempfling, like the average student, had a packed school day.  
 6:15 Holly wakes up and takes a shower.  
 6:35-7:00 She gets ready for school.  
 "I usually find something that is clean and make sure it looks good," Hempfling said.  
 7:30 She leaves for school.  
 7:45-2:15 She is at school learning Algebra II, American History.  
 2:30 She gets home from school and gets ready for work.  
 2:45 Leave to go to work at Home Quarters. At HQ, Hempfling is a cashier, and she helps any customers who need customer assistance.  
 9:00 She gets off work and goes right home.  
 10:00 She watches "Mad About You" and eats dinner.  
 10:30 She washes her face and gets ready for bed.  
 11:00 She goes to sleep, and dreams about tomorrow.

Now you know being Holly Hempfling isn't all that easy. Just like any other students, she was capable of finding time for all of her activities.

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Aaron Collins and Jeremy Weaver illustrate how they skip class. Photo by Tara Mannen

*Here today, gone tomorrow*

Story by Jennifer Oldberg

Do you ever find yourself sitting in class wishing that you were somewhere else? For some students that freedom is only a car ride away.

Skipping is a popular activity for some students, but they risk being caught.

"I've only got caught once. I went to work, and my teacher was in there shopping," sophomore Jeremy Weaver said.

"We just walk out and drive away, we are slick and just don't get caught," junior Aaron Collins said.

Some students start off skipping early in the school year.

"I skipped the second day of school, because I hate school and would rather be other places instead," Weaver said.

When most students leave school the main idea is to go and have a good time, without having to sit at a desk all day.

"We sometimes go to a friends house, or we go someplace and look at car stuff, skipping is always fun," Collins said.

Passing your classes is hard when you aren't there to do the work, so sometimes it is a better thing to be in class than goofing off with your friends.

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Megan Fisher 10  
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 Adam George 11  
 Daniel German 09  
 Gabrielle Giffen 09  
  
 Genesis Giffen 11  
 Joseph Giffen 11  
 Scott Gillespie 10  
 Charles Ginnings 10  
 Mario Giraldo 09  
 Gloriana Glover 09



# Student fears

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 Michael Goldesberry 09  
 Nicole Gonzales 11  
 Jason Gooch 09

Daniel Goodman 11  
 Joseph Goodman 09  
 Regina Goodman 11  
 Stephen Goodwillie 09

Katie Gore 10  
 Elis Gorley 10  
 Autumn Goucher 09  
 Jennifer Goucher 09

Melanie Gover 10  
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 Jesse Grado Jr. 11

Natasha Grammer 09  
 Bobbie Gray 10  
 Laura Gray 10  
 Rachel Gray 10

Mike Green 10  
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 Trisha Green 11  
 Jessica Greenwood 11



"I don't like poisonous anything. Spiders because some of them are poisonous and can kill you. When I was little I woke up with one on my chest and ever since then I've been scared of them," freshman Autumn Goucher said.

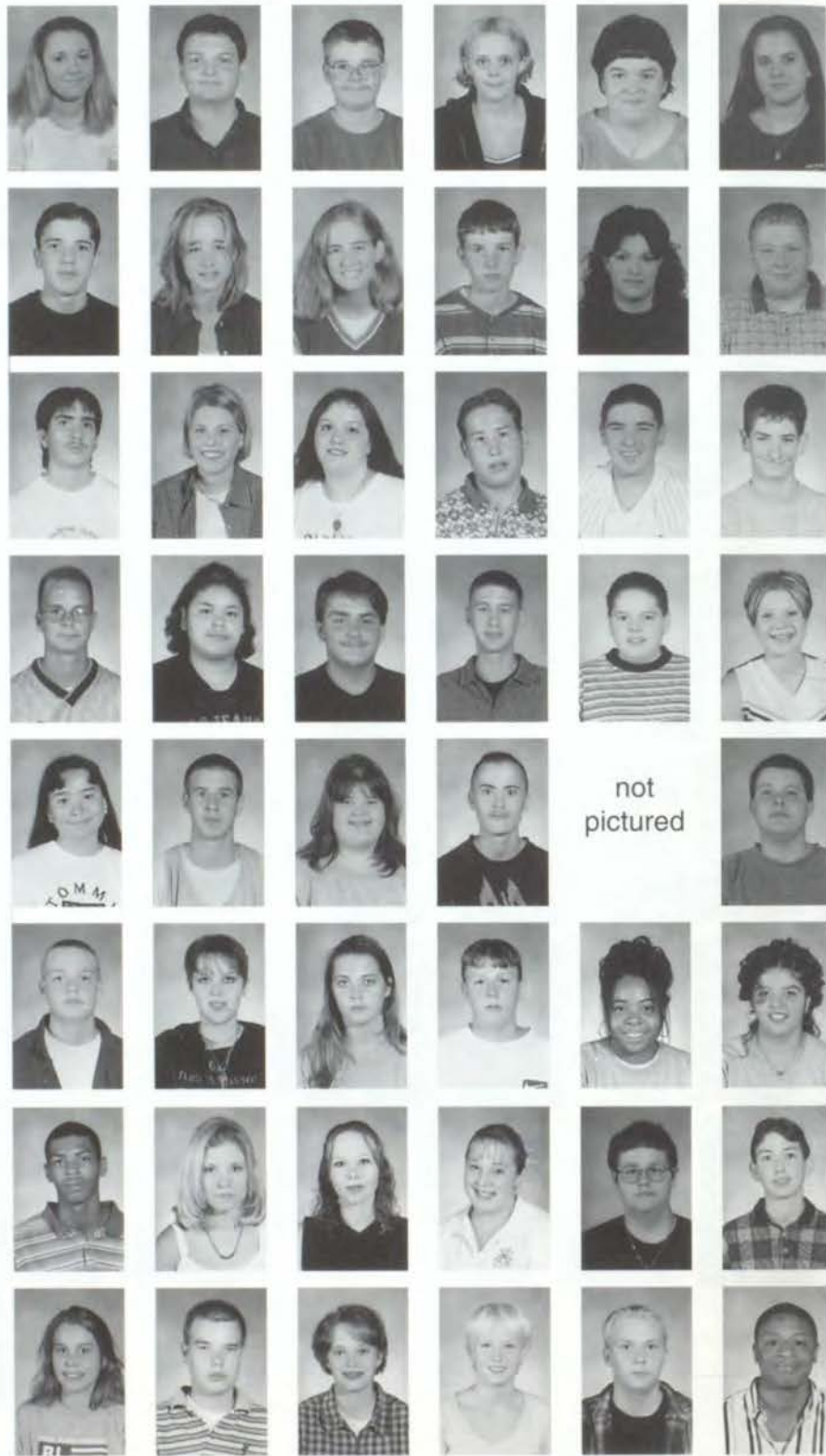
"Everytime I walk down stairs I am afraid of falling. I think I was pushed down some stairs when I was a kid," sophomore Rachel Herbert said.



"I am afraid of clowns because they look funny and you can't tell what they look like under all that make-up. They could be big ugly monsters or something," junior Joseph Shawhan said.

Story by Jessica Wells  
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Amy Greer	10
William Greer	09
Jason Gregg	09
Katrina Gregg	11
Sarah Gregg	11
Laura Grett	10
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David Grisham	09
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Jordan Gwinn	10
Karin Guardiola	09
Donald Habermehl	09
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Ellesha Hayner	11
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Eric Haynes	11
Eugene Hayslett	10





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 Carl, Jr. Heath 10



Sarah Heath 11  
 Daniel Heide 10  
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Holly Hempfling 11  
 Shaun Henderson 11  
 John Henry-Rhoads 09



Rachel Herbert 10  
 Ivan Hernandez 11  
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Joshua Herron 10  
 Rose Hewitt 09  
 Jonathan Heyer 11



Penny Hicks 10  
 Hillari Higginbotham 11  
 Matthew Hill 09



June Hillig 09  
 Nicholas Hilton 10  
 Jared Hines 10



Jeremy Hinken 11  
 Melanie Hodges 09  
 Branda Hoerschgen 10



Freshman Lori Smith volunteers at Independence Regional Hospital. Photo by Keli Morgan

## *Volunteering is a work of heart*

### Story by Kristen Stoneburner

"Every day I see people and I wonder what it would be like if they had help," freshman Lori Smith said.

Smith volunteered at Independence Regional Hospital. A few of Smith's duties at the hospital included bringing ice water to patients, making beds, and wheeling patients to surgery.

"I volunteered at the hospital six days a week, five hours a day for about six months," Smith said.

Sophomore Adam Laughlin also volunteered around the community.

"I think it's fun. It makes me feel good," Laughlin said.

Laughlin was involved in A.C.E. and did most of his volunteer work with the club. Mainly he volunteered at the Groves Retirement Center.

"We bring residents from their rooms and serve them refreshments, then we take them back to their rooms and talk to them. It's a lot of fun," Laughlin said.

Volunteering gave Smith and Laughlin a sense of pride and accomplishment.

"It's really fun. You feel good about yourself when you're done," Laughlin said.

















































Like most people, Smith and Laughlin had role models, someone who inspired them to volunteer. For Laughlin it was Ken Johnston, sponsor of A.C.E. club; for Smith it was her mother.

"My mom was always telling me how good I am with children and elderly people, and she thought it would help me," Smith said.

Smith and Laughlin enjoyed their time as volunteers, and patients appreciated seeing their smiles and feeling their energy while in the hospital.

"I've been in their shoes before; I've been in a lot of hospitals," Smith said.

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Emily Jensen	11						
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Tamecia Johnson 09  
Victoria Johnson 09



Deborah Johnston 10  
Isaac Johnston 09  
Karla Johnston 09



Nicole Johnston 11  
Stephen Johnston 11  
Vanessa Johnston 10



Cassie Jones 10  
Daniel Jones 09  
Jessica Jones 11



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Joshua Jones 09  
Robin Jones 09



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John Juarez 11



Jason Juszczuk 10  
Kanani Kahananui 10  
Brandon Kahler 10



Jeremy Kahler 11  
Brandon Kalthoff 11  
Amanda Keeton 09



Sophomore Brian Strader stands back far enough to catch the action of a few students caught up in a car fight.

Photo illustration by Keli Morgan

## In the moment

Story by Clarissa Vaughan

What could be more fun? Getting kicked out of school and sleeping in for three days, or the feeling of victory when your opponent is dragged away by his friends. Whatever pushes you to the point of fighting must always be worth the consequences. Even over the pettiest of things it always seemed important to the one holding the first punch.

"Your priorities change depending if your the one in the fight or in the crowd," freshman Sara Doubt said.

You always wondered what could have possibly started a brawl between two students, but as the crowd gathered around you seemed to forget the real reason you were there. Most fights seemed to be started in the heat of the moment without a single thought of what was being said.

















































"You never think about the things you say, your just in the moment. I've never thought there was ever a good reason to fight, I just really like watching them," freshman Daniel O'Dell said.

What starts a rumer? Either by means of complete accident or starting things out of jealousy it all seemed to go back to the same place.

"Talking, people going around trying to start stuff," sophomore David Born said.

Whether you choose to fight or work out the problem just remember for every cause there is an effect.

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Megan Kemp	11						
Tautasi (TJ) Key	11						
Chandra Kleoppel	11						
Joshua Kolanchick	11						
Derrick Lande	11						
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Ryan Lawson	10						



*What is the weirdest dream you ever had?*



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Tanya Letuli  
Jennifer Lewey

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Neeley Lotam  
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"I dreamed that there was this huge monster under my bed and it came out and woke me up but it didn't do anything. It just kept kicking my bed keeping me up all night."  
Junior Eva Davis

"It was game seven of the World Series, two outs, and two on. They brought in Randy Johnson, and I went yard on him to be the World Champions."  
Junior Greg Frazier



"We were in the state football game and the guy dropped back to pass on third down so they could run the clock out, but I intercepted it and ran it back for a touchdown to win by 1 point."  
Junior Jeb Brunner

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Michael Meade	09						



Pedro Medina  
Jared Meihls  
Rachel Meisinger  
Joel Melling

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*I want to be like...*



Nicole Melling  
Andy Metz  
Crystal Meyer  
Gina Meyers

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Lisa Meyers  
Zachary Middleton  
Laura Mika  
Kelly Miles

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"I want to be just like Eleanor Roosevelt; because she was bright and intelligent women, and also a good role model."  
junior Jesse Erickson



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James Miller  
Jilian Miller  
Jonathan Miller

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Melissa Miller  
Timothy Miller  
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Nichole Mills

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"I dont want to be like anyone else; I want to be my own person."  
sophomore Joshanna Price



















































Sara Mills  
Shane Mills  
Ryan Milum  
Michelle Mitchell

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"When I grow up I want to be just like Bill Gates, the richest man in the world."  
-freshman Kyle Frazier

Story by Ashley Conrow  
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Jennifer Owings 09  
Natasha Pace 09



Ashley Pair 09  
Ryan Pair 10  
Melissa Palmer 11



Sarah Paprocki 09  
Mike Parden 09  
Elizabeth Parks 09



Freshman Brandon Smith draws his self portrait in Ann DeYoung's Art 1 class. Smith said he could do without art because it's not needed later on in life. **Photo by Rachel Powell**

## What's your opinion?

Story by Tiffany Miesse

Many students have wished for a time when they could choose the class they took. Many feel that the current curriculum makes them take a class they think they could do without.

Some students feel that some of the classes they have to take will not help them in the future.

"I think we could do without algebra because it doesn't have anything to do with what I want to do later on," freshman Mario Giraldo said.





















Some students said if they are not going to college then they should not have to take classes that would be helpful in preparing them.

"I would rather take woodworking classes because that is what I want to do; classes like English are not important because they have nothing to do with me," freshman Richard Bohemer said.

"The classes that are offered are for the few people who like that type of stuff," Bohemer said.

Even though students were not able to choose their classes, teachers and administrator all agree that the classes will be useful in the future for the students.

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Paige Rich 09



Junior James Walter takes some advice from his favorite teacher, Sara Crump. Photo by Rachel Powell

## First rate teachers

Story by Barbara Sutton

Sophomore Amanda Andrus comes to the door of her third block. This is not just any class; it is her favorite teacher.

When it came to a favorite teacher everyone had a different choice. Whether an English, health, or computer science teacher; one thing stayed constant, a great teacher knew the students and material they taught.

"Mrs. Fricks knows what she is teaching and wants it to be fun because she cares about her students," junior Kenneth Moore said.

"The HIV game was the most interesting thing Mr. Cummings ever let us do in his health class. We learned a lot about the illness, one another and him," Andrus said.

















































One lesson many students have learned is that you should never test a teacher's tolerance.

"Mrs. Crump hates when people mosh at the door before the bell rings. If you are caught doing it, you get the speech," junior James Walter said.

"The best part of the class was when Crump taught us how to write essays we could use later on," Walter said.

The one thing everyone could agree on was that all students have a teacher that made school fun for them. The teachers were different and made the classes they taught different, too.

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# Hidden talents revealed



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Samantha Schopf 09  
Stefanie Schott 11  
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Crystal Sellars 09



"I love to write poetry. I started when I was 11 years old. I've entered in church contests, and won a gold medal at youth fest."

Freshman Crystal Sellars

"I can skate good. I've been doing it for about six years. I like it because not a whole lot of people like it. I like to be different."
















































Sophomore Jacob Taylor



"I can roll my stomach. I found out I could do it in the fifth grade. I do it when I'm at parties or if someone asks me to do it."

Sophomore Brandy Yuille

Story by Jessie Warner  
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 Amy Stefancik 09

## How do your parents get on your nerves?



"A thing that me and my parents fight about is school. If I bring home anything close to a B, they get upset. They know I try as hard as I can, but they still bug me about it. No matter what I do. This pretty much is all we fight about. We hardly ever fight at all, so I guess my grades are fine. For now, anyway."

Junior April Weeks

"I have a twin brother, and when he dropped out of school he got favored. When he left school, they bought him a car and I had to wait. When they do this I don't think they realize it, but we fight about it often. Over all, my parents are cool. If it wasn't for Steve, we probably wouldn't have anything to fight about."


Junior Kelly Williams



"A thing that my parents and I fight about is curfew. We don't fight a lot, but we do fight. When we do, I just yell back or I leave. They are usually about my brothers, curfew, or attitude. I don't think they realize what they do. When they upset me I usually don't say anything. I'd rather not argue with them."

Junior Becky Cavanaugh

Story by April Brinkoetter  
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Junior Julie Sims reads the Bible in the library.

Photo by Susam Simmons

# Between you and me

Story by Melanie Bean

Should you, or should you not? This can be a hard question to answer depending on how strong your moral beliefs are.

"Everyone is their own person. They all have their own ways of thinking; they believe in different things", sophomore Amy Greer said.

"I get my morals from my parents. I learned from them, and what they did," junior Julie Sims said.

Sometimes a persons' beliefs came from other kids.

"Some kids believe in doing drugs because of older people that do drugs," freshman Chris Armburst said.

As for the morality level at Chrisman, the students thought it could use a boost.

















































"The morality level here isn't very high; to me, it just doesn't seem that many people have good morals I'm sure some do, but a lot don't," Sims said.

No matter what a persons' beliefs were, it was evident that they could play a big part in their daily lives.

"In some ways morals affect your life, a lot, but sometimes, it depends on the decision that needs to be made," Sims said.

Whether or not they affect your daily life there is no doubt they are important, so do your best to do the right thing.

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# TEACHERS TELL ALL!

English teacher  
Kelli Goldsmith



Social studies teacher  
Carl MacDonald

Math teacher  
James Beard



Story by Stacey Osborn

Have you ever wondered what your favorite teacher really thinks? Kelli Goldsmith, Carl MacDonald, James Beard, Becky Hawksley, Keith Peterson, and Ray Ettinger joined together to share some unusual ideas. Would you ever believe that Beard would be a pig, or that Hawksley thinks Mel Gibson is pretty interesting? Read and smile as you learn about these teachers' deepest, darkest secrets.

## 1. If you were trapped on a deserted island, who and what would you want with you?

**Goldsmith:** I would probably take a lot of fresh water, a blanket, tootsie rolls, and pen and paper to write for help.

**MacDonald:** I would take my wife, and I would take music, and books, and tools so I'd have something to do.

**Hawksley:** It's going to get boring so I would need Mel Gibson, he's really funny I'm sure! A case of books that I wouldn't mind rereading.

**Peterson:** My wife Katy- enough said.

**Ettinger:** I would need books, good ones, to occupy my time. I would want the Swiss Family Robinson's house, a cook, and a doctor.

## 2. If you had one day left to live, what would you do? What would your last meal be?

**MacDonald:** I would come to WCHS and transform the cafeteria. We would have steak, double-baked potatoes, and really, really mashed potatoes, with green beans, no, peas that you could put in there.

**Beard:** Bratwurst and orange Kool-Aid.

**Hawksley:** I would need all of my kids around like my husband's last day.

**Peterson:** Try to make amends with people who say that I have wrong so them. Make peace with my maker.

**Ettinger:** I would do everything I could. And truthfully, I would make sure that my affairs were in order.

## 3. If you won \$1 million, what's the first thing you would buy?

**Goldsmith:** The first thing I would buy would be my dream house, and all of the furnishings.

**MacDonald:** I think I'd buy a big pen and some paper so I could figure out what I wanted to buy.

**Beard:** A 52-inch screen television and a La-Z-Boy.

**Hawksley:** A million isn't very much, so I would be conservative. Baby's college, travel very far away for a long time.

**Peterson:** A classic Corvette Stingray.

## 4. If you were an animal, what animal would you be? Why?

**Goldsmith:** I would be a koala bear because all I would have to do is sit in a tree all day, every day.

**MacDonald:** I'd like to fly, I'd like to be a bird, an eagle, a bald eagle!

**Beard:** This should come as no surprise to anyone that I would be a pig. Because I would continue living the life of not having to clean up after myself.

**Hawksley:** I don't like cats but I'd probably be one because they are so spoiled.

**Peterson:** A cheetah-- I would love to run at 70 miles per hour.

**Ettinger:** A male lion because the lioness hunts for him, he doesn't have to do anything. And he's the king of the jungle.

## 5. If you could be any age you wanted, what age would that be?

**Goldsmith:** I haven't lived very long, so I don't know what's to come. Probably right now.

**MacDonald:** I'd go back to high school, and I'd be a teenager.



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English teacher  
Becky Hawksley

Social studies teacher  
Keith Peterson



Math teacher  
Ray Ettinger

**Beard:** I would be 18 forever. I peaked then, and it's all been down hill from there.

**Hawksley:** Um, 20s I was having babies, that was exhausting, 30s, no. I like the age I am now, I'm having fun!

**Peterson:** Twenty-five and know what I know now.

**Ettinger:** I would be 25 and out of college with so many possibilities ahead of me. I still have possibilities, but I had more then.

#### 6. If you could be invisible for a day, what would you do?

**Goldsmith:** I would go to places and watch. Probably hang out at school and see what the students really say about me.

**MacDonald:** I'd probably still put on clothes. And whisper in ears and say things like, "You're a good person," "You're special," and "God loves you."

**Beard:** I would challenge the heavyweight champion of the world to a fight.

**Hawksley:** Sometimes the way the students act I think I am invisible, and I don't know what else they would say that they aren't saying now.

**Ettinger:** I would try to get my photos and resumes into every casting agency in Hollywood.

#### 7. If you could choose another profession, what would it be?

**Goldsmith:** I used to work at a bank. I love the feel of money, I don't even have to do anything but smell it and I'd get teary eyed because I know I will never have it.

**Beard:** I would be one of two things. I would be the center fielder for the New York Yankees, or I would be a Neilson Viewer.

**Hawksley:** I've been a professional mommy, didn't pay well but the rewards I'm living now are my grandchildren. I probably would sell travel since I use this product a lot.

**Peterson:** I don't know what it would be because I really enjoy what I'm doing.

**Ettinger:** I would be a full-time professional actor.

#### 8. If you could change one thing about WCHS, what would it be?

**Goldsmith:** I would hire more teachers.

**MacDonald:** Realistically if I could change one thing it would be myself.

**Beard:** In the three years I've been here I have never understood with kids, staff, everything is apathy. I would eliminate apathy everywhere.

**Peterson:** The attitude of the student body. The school spirit needs to be higher. It started to change this year, which was a great sign.

**Ettinger:** I would like to see more pride both individually and in our school. Students need to have pride in themselves that they can do the work and join in the clubs.

#### 9. If you could accomplish one great feat before you die, what would it be? Why?

**Goldsmith:** Have a home, family, husband, be able to provide for my family.

**MacDonald:** I'd want world peace for 200 years.

**Beard:** To make a difference for the better in other peoples' lives.

**Hawksley:** My goals aren't huge. I want my kids and my grandkids to be comfortable, educated, moral, and that they have a good foundation.

**Peterson:** Make young people understand that us old folks do know what we are talking about. A lot of the mistakes they are making now, we have already made and want to help them avoid.

**Ettinger:** I'd like to establish a foundation that would assist physically disabled students in joining performing arts.

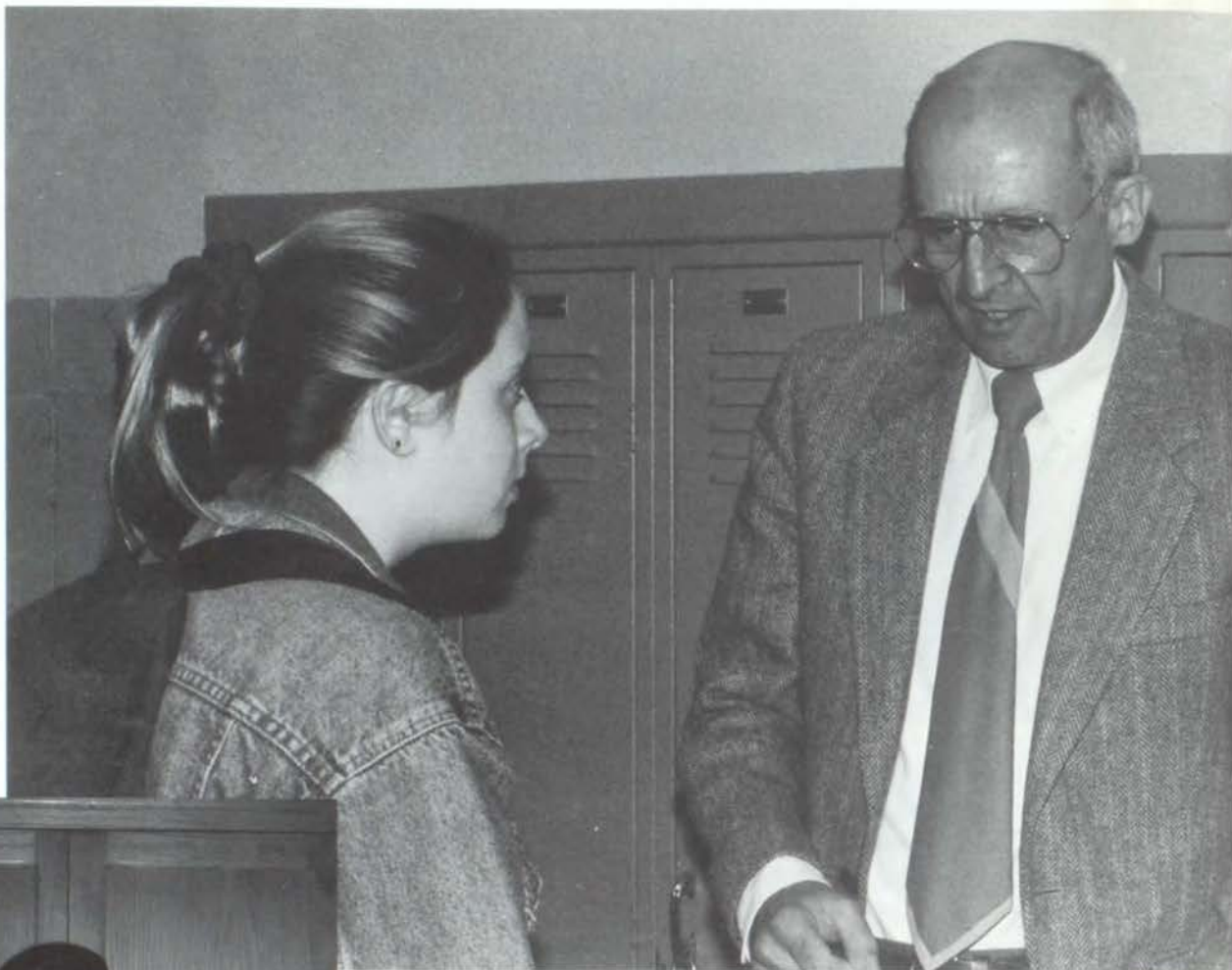
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Right: Dennis Stewart talks to senior Tara Adams in the hall after the announcement about his true identity.

Photo by Catrina Clarke

Below: Dennis Stewart poses for the camera to take a picture before his transformation. Stewart had been growing out his hair for a year in preparation.

Photo by Tara Mannen



**Before**



Above: Teacher Ray Ettinger puts the final touches on Stewart. Photo by staff

Right: Dennis Stewart performs an experiment in Microbiology class. Photo by Blake Gwinn

# Surprise Stew

Story by April Brinkoetter

Have you ever wondered what would entice someone to shave the top of his head, dye the rest white, put on make-up to change wrinkles and age of his face, wear unusual clothes, change his cologne, wrap his leg up to walk with a limp, carry a cane, and act as a mute substitute for one day? Science teacher Dennis Stewart thought it would be a fine way to spend his birthday.

To celebrate turning 50, Stewart completely changed his identity to a wrinkled, crippled, and mute old man. This process took him a total of two and a half hours altogether. It took an hour alone to shave his head, 45 minutes for his make-up, and 30 to get dressed.

"For every decade-birthday I have, I always do something unusual. I had this planned for two years. That's why I had let my hair grow so long. I wanted to make a total transition," Stewart said.

The day before Stewart's "sub" came, Stewart informed his classes that his "sub" had a speech impediment of some kind but he didn't know what it was. And that he expected them to behave and be nice. But this was a far stretch from what he had up his sleeve. When he got to school that day, the only people that knew about Stewart's surprise was math teacher Ray Ettinger, journalism adviser Christy Little, and principal's secretary Susie Vader, who handled the paperwork. When the day started he thought he'd be recognized in 5 or 10 minutes.

"I'm really surprised that he made it through the whole day. When he walked into class the thought that it might be him never even crossed my mind, no one I know would have pulled a stunt like that, until now, I guess. His outfit and make up made it all seem so real," junior Gwyn McPherson said.

But to Stewart's surprise, he made it through the whole day, making the announcement that the "sub's" true identity was really him.

"Nobody knew or thought it was him. We all felt really sorry for the man, he just sat there and said absolutely nothing, we thought he was going to die. We seriously thought he couldn't hear or talk. When I found out it was Stewy, I couldn't believe it," sophomore Jennifer Harvey said.

In all of Stewart's 28-1/2 years of teaching, 17-1/2 of them at Chrisman, he has never pulled a stunt like this.

"I've pulled some occasional stunts that would be a joke, but as far as long term things, I haven't ever done anything like this," he said.

Stewey greatly impressed both teachers and students with his plot.

"You just don't ever expect to see a grown-up do something so crazy. It just isn't something that an average teacher would do," sophomore Ryan Early said.

But there is news that the joke stops here as Stewart said that Chrisman should expect no more surprises.

"This was by far the most outstanding thing I have ever done. Nothing else compares to it. It is one of my favorite things to do, but I'm afraid there will be no more surprises for this year," Stewart said.

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 Suzanne Crews, Math  
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 Becky Hawksley, English  
 Kim Hayes, Theater  
 Lowell Heide, Math  
 Rose Hewitt, Photography  
 Jennifer Hilman, Special Education



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 Gene Jewell, Science  
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 Janet Knapp, Special Education  
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 Carl MacDonald, Social Studies  
 Sherry Malloy, Special Education



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 Terre McPheeters, Vocal Music  
 Malle Medina, Paraprofessional  
 Nate Moore, Industrial Tech  
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 Christina Nagel, Music  
 Doris Negaard, English



Debbie O'Renck, Business  
 Kim Parker, Social Studies  
 Terry Parker, Science  
 Pete Peterson, Special Education  
 Keith Peterson, Social Studies  
 Laura Petit, Math  
 Michele Ratcliff, Math



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 Kathryn Reck, English  
 Debra Rust, Nurse  
 Mary Sapp, Family and Consumer Science  
 Kathy Sartain, Special Education  
 Lucy Scherer, ISS Facilitator  
 Micheal Schnieders, Math



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 Dennis Stewart, Science  
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 Warren Utsler, Art  
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Above: Dial looks out the door while standing by his 60th birthday sign.  
 Left: Dial takes time to mop the floor by the cafeteria.  
 Below: Dial spends a lot of his time listening to students' concerns.  
 Photos By Doug Seaver and Tara Mannen

## MAKING THE MOST OF HIS DAYS

Story by Jessie Warner

Practical jokes, both given and received, are just one of the many things vice-principal Al Dial loves to do. One of the funniest pranks he pulled was at a class reunion. Mr. Miller, a vice-principal at the time, was tricked into wearing a tuxedo to the dance while all of the other men just wore suits. Miller was teased all night about looking like one of the waiters. This is typical of one of Dial's pranks.

Dial described himself as easygoing, and not too thorough.  
 "I'm not the most organized person in the world," Dial said.

Outside of school Dial is an active deacon in his church. He also liked to play golf and do woodworking.

It wasn't Dial's first idea, though, to become a teacher. When he was younger he wanted to be a pilot in the Air Force. Because of an illness in high school, he couldn't go into the service. After that Dial decided to teach.

"The students at Chrisman are different from other schools because they're more down-to-earth and I can relate to them," he said.

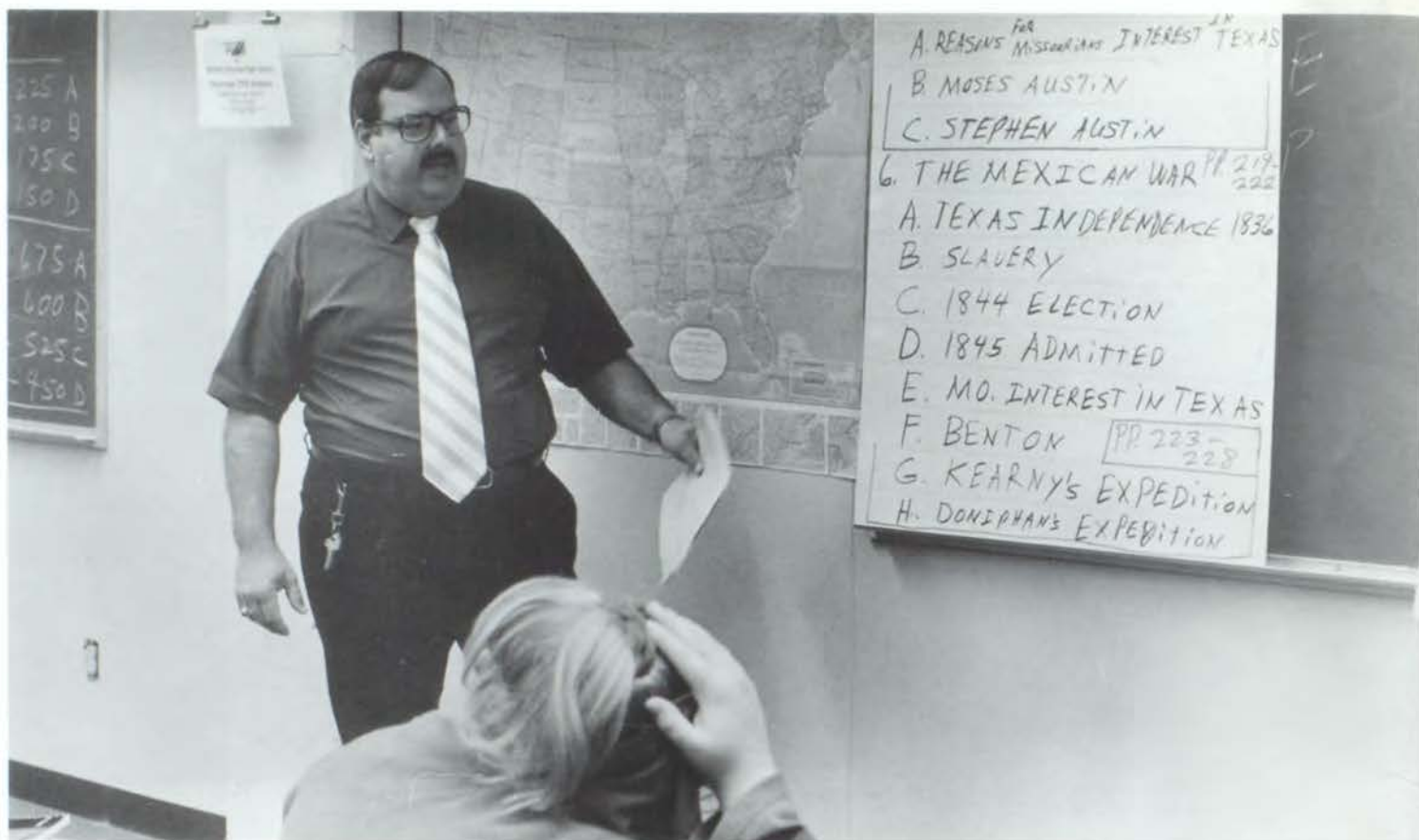
After Dial retires he is planning on traveling a lot.

"I'm going to sell new cars, I jokingly tell my wife," Dial said.

He plans on relaxing and working more with senior citizens in his church.

"I want so if I can sleep in one morning, I can do it," Dial said.

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Gene Hoppe reviews class material during his second block. "I feel privileged to be a teacher at Chrisman for the past 25 years," he said. Photo by Susan Simmons

# LOOSEN UP THE TIE

Story by Aileen Cooper

Before the sun rises, Gene Hoppe hops out of bed at 5 a.m. He rechecks the assignments in his planner for the oncoming day. He then proceeds to read the morning newspaper. Last but not least, he picks out one of his notorious ties, making sure that he always matches.

Social Studies teacher Hoppe prefers to arrive later and stay longer than the other teachers after school. He also has a unique way to achieve complete attention in his class.

Hoppe follows the "Zaps" method of classroom control. When a student misbehaves, he points at them and zaps them. Ten zaps means Hoppe will be getting in touch with your parents. Fifteen zaps means your extra credit is no longer worth anything.

Hoppe said there are three parts of teaching that he loves the most. The first is the interaction with the students. The second is the subject matter. The third is the teacher's association activities.

In Hoppe's opinion, "The worst part of teaching is the fungus of misbehavior, in other words, student misbehavior. You can't possibly teach if there is someone constantly acting up."

Hoppe's view on a good teacher is simply put. "I think you have to want to work with people and also like your subject matter."

For the past 25 years Gene Hoppe has always made his students feel welcome in his classes. He can easily be heard coming down the hall laughing or talking with present or former students.

Hoppe represents Chrisman as one of the board members of the National Teachers Association, NEA.

Hoppe is the junior class sponsor. He helps with their prom and with their float in Homecoming.

In the few spare minutes that Hoppe has, he enjoys working on his family farm. In this peaceful environment Hoppe can easily relax and concentrate on that day's events.

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## CRUMP'S CORNER

Sara Crump has not always been an English teacher, but she soon decided that would be what would make her happy.

"My love for people and for literature would make this a good vocation," Crump said.

"I love the interaction with the students the most. It's an opportunity to meet new people," she said.

We all have our own opinion on what a good teacher is. Crump's feelings are determined by a couple items.

"The first thing is interpersonal skills, accepting, non-judgmental, and good communication. Flexibility is also very important," she said.

Sara Crump is a former soccer coach at Chrisman, and STUCO sponsor. Though she is no longer involved with those activities, she fully supports the students.



English teacher Sara Crump helps one of her students with the computer.

Photo by Keli Morgan

## REASONING WITH RECK

Kathy Reck has a college degree in both English and in history. Reck started teaching history until she came to Chrisman. She wanted to teach both English and history, though.

"I love the interaction with the students. I really enjoy the material and love to share it with others," she said.

According to Reck, "You need a lot of patience and a willingness to be flexible," in order to be a good teacher.

Reck is a former sophomore class sponsor and AFS sponsor. She is currently involved in the NEA, National Teachers Association. Until recently she was a board member.

During her spare time Reck enjoys settling down to a good book, or taking a nice long walk.



Kathy Reck talks to one of her English III students about a class assignment.

Photo by Keli Morgan

## POLITICALLY CORRECT

When it comes to experience, Jim Gray has it all. He has worked in elementary education, banking, and then to high school education.

"I love working around the kids. You have to in order to be a good teacher," he said.

Gray is the senior class sponsor, Project- Grad sponsor, and the social studies department chairman.

In his spare time he works on the computer, coaches, and plays an active roll in politics.

In order to keep up the school spirit Gray plays an active roll in football. During the football games Gray's voice can be heard announcing all the plays throughout the game.

"I believe you have to care about your students most of all," Gray said.



Jim Gray sits back in his small quarters of an office during his plan hour to relax and wait for the next class period.

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Right:  
Sophomore  
Katie Gore  
works on her  
microscope  
assignment in  
Ken Johnston's  
biology class.  
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Silya  
Siniawski



# Testing Time

Story by Barbara Sutton

As the experiment was being set up, the students that were standing around the table put on their gloves and eye goggles. The bag was opened and everyone was overcome by a foul smell. Reluctantly they began the dissection.

Some students thought that taking a science class meant tons of paper work, while others saw it as a more hands-on approach. With many dissections, experiments and activities, these classes were one of a kind.

"We have done a lot of labs so far this year. We have done a bean, carrot and potato lab in Biology," senior April Morris said.

Some science classes had hardly any rules at all, while some hadn't any set curriculum. Some teachers taught the way they saw fit.

"I teach whatever I want in physics. The most interesting unit to teach is wave phenomenon," science teacher Michael Spoehr said.

Students had many different types of science classes to choose from. One of most popular classes was Botany.

"I heard Botany was a fun class, where we study about plants and

stuff," junior Chad Hunt said.

Science was not only fun for the students, it was also interesting to the teachers. Ken Johnston has taught science for 22 years in this district.

"I have always loved science, and I like to teach others to love it," Johnston said.

The science classes studied plants, trees, and flowers. Not all students thought that this class was a necessity for their futures, but Johnston thought otherwise.

"Because a lot of science is technology and technology is the way of life," Johnston said.

Whether or not it was a necessity, science was always considered fun.

"You learn more stuff and have more fun in that class, than any other," Chad Hunt said.

As the class started to clean up their tables the smell started to fade away slowl. The instruments were cleaned up and put away and the halls flooded with students.

# Master It

Story by Barbara Sutton

As students faced the front, chalk went across the board. It was only a matter of seconds before the chalkboard was covered with many equations. With eyes on the teacher, students sat in for another hour of math. All students had their different reasons though. Many students who took classes like Algebra I and Geometry were preparing for the future without even knowing it.

"Right now we are learning how patterns and formulas relate to everyday life. The students had, no idea that Geometry was a part of sewing, cooking, and landscaping when they came in the first day," Kathy Verburgge said.

Some took the class trying to advance for later on.

"I am taking Algebra now, so that I can take trig later in school," freshman Ashley Bryant said.

Other options in the future included college level Calculus at the Math-Physics Institution.

"I wanted to take this class to get college credit for Calculus, before I got to college," senior Brian McMillian said.

At the institute, math took new forms, on paper and in life.

"Right now we are learning about derivatives in Calculus," McMillian said.

"It is what I expected. You don't take this class unless you are willing to work hard," senior Adison Loving said.

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Below: Senior Giang Nguyen works on an experiment in Nedra Jeffress's second block AP biology class. Photo by Silya Siniawski



Above: Senior Jim Henry-Rhodes shows his dad and brother what he's been learning at MPI at the Open House November 8. Photo by Silya Siniawski

Below: Debbie Rust, the school nurse, shows Ken Johnston's botany class what happens to the lungs of people who smoke. Photo by Silya Siniawski



Sophomore  
Kassie Shaw  
creates a scrape  
book.  
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# Preparing for the future

## Story by Barbara Sutton

As you walk into the room you see four different assignments on the board. Book level one, two, three or four. Which one is yours?

"We teach depending on the individual needs of each student. Every student is on their own level," teacher Cathy Sartain said.

The students' levels changed as the classes changed.

One of the largest classes was the reading class. It was mandatory, but was always kept interesting. The students had the opportunity to read Charlotte's Web.

The students' favorite part of class was all the unusual stories that Diana Villerup read to them.

"I want to teach others to learn to read things they will need in life. We have read maps and bus schedules this year," Villerup said.

This has already come in handy in history class.

"We have learned to use maps, memorize locations and describe places like South America so far this year," teacher David Joslyn said.

These students have learned about the world around them, both far and wide. They use community trips to their advantage. They learn

about their many different surroundings. However, they preferred to see their science instead of read it.

The teachers played a big role in the classes. Sartain has been teaching for 23 years. She enjoys being able to teach every subject at some time during the year. She even dislikes teaching anything on paper work.

"We work with the individual student's ability to learn," Sartain said.

Students looked to their teachers for help in class, but were also able to see them as friends.

"He's a nice and cool teacher," freshman Matt Smith said of Joslyn.

After a days work of studying their maps and memorizing material the students were ready to go to their lockers, get their books, and head on home.

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# Getting in shape

Story by Jessica Wells

Students did not have to be involved in a sport just to get good workouts. For those students who were required to take a gym class, it was an additional opportunity to work their bodies and get in shape.

Sophomore Lindsey Kleyh enjoyed the class because of the many varieties of activities that were in class.

"I like the different units we do. I like the different sports," Kleyh said.

Running, playing basketball, and tackling other classmates in a friendly game of football were just some of the events that were a part of the class. Students were actually able to have fun while working out.

"It's a good way to get physically fit," junior Brett Keller said.

Going bowling and playing badminton were some of the most popular activities that took place during the semester-long class.

Coach Donna Shuler taught the girls' gym classes and enjoyed every minute of it.

"We want to teach them physical fitness so they won't just sit at home when they're older," Shuler said.

Just like all things, there were bad sides to the class. Most students liked the idea of getting in shape, but running the track just wasn't very appealing to the students.

Gym wasn't the only class that was required as underclassmen. As freshmen, students had to take a health class as well. This was where they learned all about the human body and other subjects.

"It's important that people know what's going on with their bodies," freshman Amanda Keeton said.

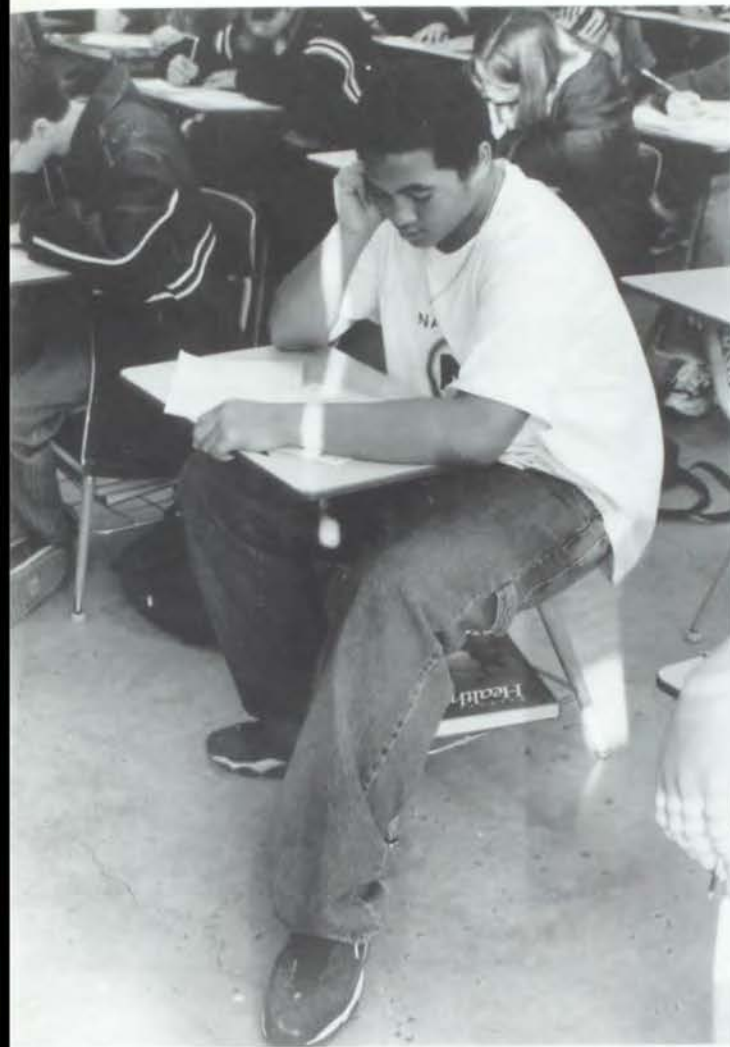
Along with the basics, students were also taught the important aspects of more serious subjects such as drugs, drinking and AIDS.

"I've learned that AIDS affects a lot more people than it used to. I take it more seriously now," Keeton said.

Learning about your physical health and practicing good exercise and fitness fit perfectly together.

Most required classes were disliked, but not in this case. Although these classes were a must, students enjoyed learning new things and having fun at the same time.

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Above: Freshman Andrew Tofacono considers the answer to the next question on his health test. Photo by Phillip Archibald

Below: Sophomore Lucious Mondaine drives his way to the basket in a friendly game of gym basketball. Photo by Phillip Archibald



# Business makes the world go round



Above: Senior Lena Wiley concentrates on her book work in business and computer class.

Photo by Tara Mannen

Below: Freshman Chris Webb focuses on typing in his keyboarding class. Photo by

Tara Mannen



Story by Jennifer Oldberg and  
Stacey Osborn

Although most students have no clue to what they are going to do when they get older, the students taking business classes are looking towards the future.

"I took Accounting because it gives me practice in math and that will help me when I get older, it teaches us stuff we will need in the future, even though some people don't think it does," senior Mandy Griffin said.

When most people think of a business class they see themselves staring at a computer the whole class or reading boring books. But students who take the classes describe it as anything but that.

"We get to play Monopoly and play games. It is a really fun class to be in," Griffin said.

"Its easy, We don't do a lot of book work and I like that," junior Jonathan Heyer said.

For Bill Adams, who teaches three of the business classes, choosing to teach came easy.

"I was interested in business, and all aspects of it, and I knew that they would be useful classes and students would use them in their futures. I liked the thought of teaching something that would be useful to somebody," Adams said.

From learning to account money, run a business, or just learn about how business will affect you in the near future, business classes can teach you all of that and more.

"They give us practice in math and a lot of other subjects that we will need in the future," Griffin said.

Some students think that just because you take a business class you need to have a lot of time to study, and you would have a lot of homework to do.

"The classes are pretty easy as long as you have a good teacher who isn't boring and doesn't give you a lot of homework," Griffin said.

If you like to type, want to learn how to run a business, or just want to learn the laws of business, the business department may not sound that enjoyable but it is the place for you.

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# Life's little lessons

Story by April Brinkoetter

Does baking, cooking, carrying around a plastic, crying baby, learning about life, marriage, sewing, and taking care of an egg sound interesting to you? Home Economics, Family Relations, Child Development and Foods will interest you.

These classes outline the important points of raising a family, children, love, parents, making decisions, friendships, and being a teenager. Altogether, they teach you the social and practical skills that will lead you through life.

"I use all the information that I teach in my own marriage of 38-1/2 years. I have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way. The skills I have learned from my classes helped me raise a healthy family," Evelyn Coleman said.

An activity that Child Development does is take care of a plastic baby that cries and screams, recording everything you say or do to it. Or you can have a choice of an egg baby you decorate, make a bed for, and give a name.

"Having an egg baby is really fun, but you have about 20 people come up to you every day and threaten to kill your baby," junior Joann Trombino said.

In Foods class, there are labs in which foods such as crepes, peanut butter cookies and apple cobbler are baked.

"My teacher is Mrs. Kuiper. My favorite part about it is eating. That is if Kevin Cantrell doesn't burn the food," junior Dominic Escobar said.

Whether learning to cook, care for a baby, or you just plain and simply love to eat, family and consumer's science is the place for you.

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Above: Sophomores Dawn McNeil and Sarah Otto prepare spaghetti in their Foods 1 class. "I like that we get food in the morning," McNeil said. **Photo by Tara Mannen**

Left: Junior Joy Mullikin concentrates on sewing in her Focus on Fashion class. **Photo by Tara Mannen**



Actor Mark Robbins does a rap while performing some of the "Christmas Carol" for the seniors on Nov. 12.

Photo by  
Katie  
Okerstrom



# What in the world!?

Story by Melanie Bean

Sometimes history really does repeat itself. This is especially true in some social studies classes.

"I wish we didn't do so much bookwork all the time," freshman Jody Baker said.

This is why most social studies teachers try to give other types of assignments to keep the kids awake, although some of the projects they come up with are not always improvements.

"I tried to do artwork with each assignment to teach about the Romans and Greeks, for example," American and World History teacher Larry Allen said.

Most of the social studies classes make posters at some point to illustrate a historical event or time. The world history classes got in groups and made posters which were to show some part of Egyptian life and explaining the objects importance.

"I enjoy projects where we get to make models and draw instead of doing worksheets," junior Charles Thomas said.

Keith Peterson's American History classes have to memorize all the American presidents in order and write a report on each one to put in their presidential notebook.

The majority of students understand why social studies classes are required, even if they don't like them.

"Everyone should know about their history. It's important to know your rights now," Thomas said.

Even though students understand the importance of taking social studies classes, few students view them as being as important as the other classes that are required.

"I don't think they're as important; you have to use English and math a lot more when you're older," Baker said.

The most common complaint about the social studies classes is the constant repetition of activities, such as bookwork, worksheets, and videos.

"Some of the videos are too boring to sit through," Thomas said.

The good news is that teachers understand this and are doing their best to entertain with education.

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# Something to think about

Story by Melanie Bean



Above: Mark Robbins plays the part of Scrooge for the seniors in November. The seniors saw the "Christmas Carol" play on stage in December.

Below: Advanced placement and College Preparatory English students watch a skit from "A Christmas Carol" performed by Missouri Repertory actors.

Photos by Katie Okerstrom



Is not! Is too! Why? Because I said so!

How many times have you had this happen to you? You are arguing with someone trying to get them to see things your way and the best reason you can come up with for why they should, is because you say so.

The American Literature and Composition classes did a project on persuasive writing.

"We had to find a two sided argument and then persuade people to see the side we believed was right," junior Paul Restivo said.

The goal was to teach them how to present their point of view effectively and share it with others.

"It was very stressful, but it was a lot of fun to do," junior Sarah Robinson said.

As challenging as the project was, most of the students agreed that they enjoyed the project.

"It was a good assignment. I learned a lot and I liked working in groups," junior Amber Joslyn said.

By large the hardest part was getting the groups to decide on a topic.

"We only picked the city curfew because we were short on time and couldn't think of anything else," Robinson said.

Time limitation played a big part in the assignment, and how the presentations turned out.

The advanced placement and College Preparatory English classes did projects in collaboration with the Arts Partners. As part of the project, the students went to two plays during the year: "A Christmas Carol" and "The Miracle Worker," performed by the Missouri Repertory Theater at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. The project was required by the school district for all seniors in college English classes.

Mark Robbins, one of the actors from the play, came to Chrisman and did a presentation for the students.

"It (the performance) was very creative and I'm greatly looking forward to seeing the 'Christmas Carol,'" senior Kelly O'Camb said.

For the most part the students enjoyed the project.

"I think they like going downtown to the Repertory," Chrisman English teacher Doris Negaard said.

After they saw the play, the students picked a part of the play and created an adaptation that was unique and entertaining.

"I like the freedom we have been given to express this any way we wanted," O'Camb said.

Teachers and the students agreed that the project being mandatory for the students was a good idea.

"It gives us opportunities that we might not have had otherwise," O'Camb said.

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# Dog houses and Go-Karts



Above: Senior Pam Leung helps senior Lindsey Olson look over a piece of art work in Warren Utler's AP art class. **Photo by Andrew Gore**

Below: Senior Jeremy Gist gets a woods project together in Larry Lasater's woodworking class. **Photo by Andrew Gore**



## Woods

Loud noises, big machines, sharp edges, and saw dust flying everywhere. That is what you saw when you enter Mr. Burke's classroom.

The woods classes at William Chrisman were very productive. Junior Storm Martin won first prize for his wooden bowl at a state contest, and sophomore Josh Warner won a grand prize for his wooden bowl. But wooden bowls were not the only thing students create class.

"We build saw-horses, dog houses, garden barns, Build out of structural materials, and many more little projects," Warner said.

Were these two high school students looking for a career in this line of work after high school?

"I will probably use wood-working as a hobby or around the house, but not as a profession," Martin said.

New technology had enhanced the woods class.

"One of the new machines we had this year to work with is a 36- inch computer operated lathe. You draw on the computer what you want the object to look like and then push a button, and it does it all for you," Burke said.

But technology wasn't all Burke wanted for his class.

"In here I would want students to learn the basic skills of machines and have better problem solving," Burke said.

One of the most important things to learn was how to work together with other people.

"This class also makes students aware of of the career opportunities in the field of woods so they can maybe start planning for their future," Burke said.

## Metals

Do you enjoy working with big machines and building projects with your hands? Well, you've come to the right place.

"We learn how to cut and fit metal together," junior Jeb Brunner said.

In these classes they made pretty cool stuff like a meat tenderizer or a tool box. Some of the bigger projects were a Barbeque grill and smoker or a go-kart.

"I not only took the class to widen my view of metals but to get a head start on my future profession as a Mill Right, working on machinery in a power plant," junior Daniel Brown said.

Some people didn't get themselves interested in metals, but maybe a friend or a family member did.

"My brother and I work in a metals shop and so I already knew a little bit when I signed up for the class," junior Kevin Clark said.

Stories by Gabby Beckler

## Classical, Rock, and Jazz

Where do you learn about Beethoven, Metalica, and B.B. King and lots of other types of music? In a class called Music Appreciation.

"Besides taking the class for the credit, I took it to learn about the music in the past," senior J.T. Conrow said.

William Chrisman was not the only school to have a class like this. Kadir Serbest took some music classes in Belgium.

"I love music. Even though I've taken music classes in Belgium, I came to America to broaden my horizons and I am accomplishing that very well," Serbest said.

Another reason people took this class was because they might use it as a profession, like junior Eva Davis.

"I want to go to college to be a music teacher and I need to know the things that Mr. Ralston teaches in class. It never hurts to get a head start," Davis said.

## Lights, Camera, Action

As he stood out in the middle of the stage, looking out to the audience, he could see everyone was looking at him. He went blank. He couldn't remember any of his lines.

Yes, this can happen to anyone. But this didn't stop junior Jeremy Snead from accomplishing his goals.

"When I was younger I would watch movies and dream about being in all the action," Snead said.

That is why he took Acting I. While Snead took the class to build a dream, sophomore Tammy Letuli just took it for the fine arts credit.

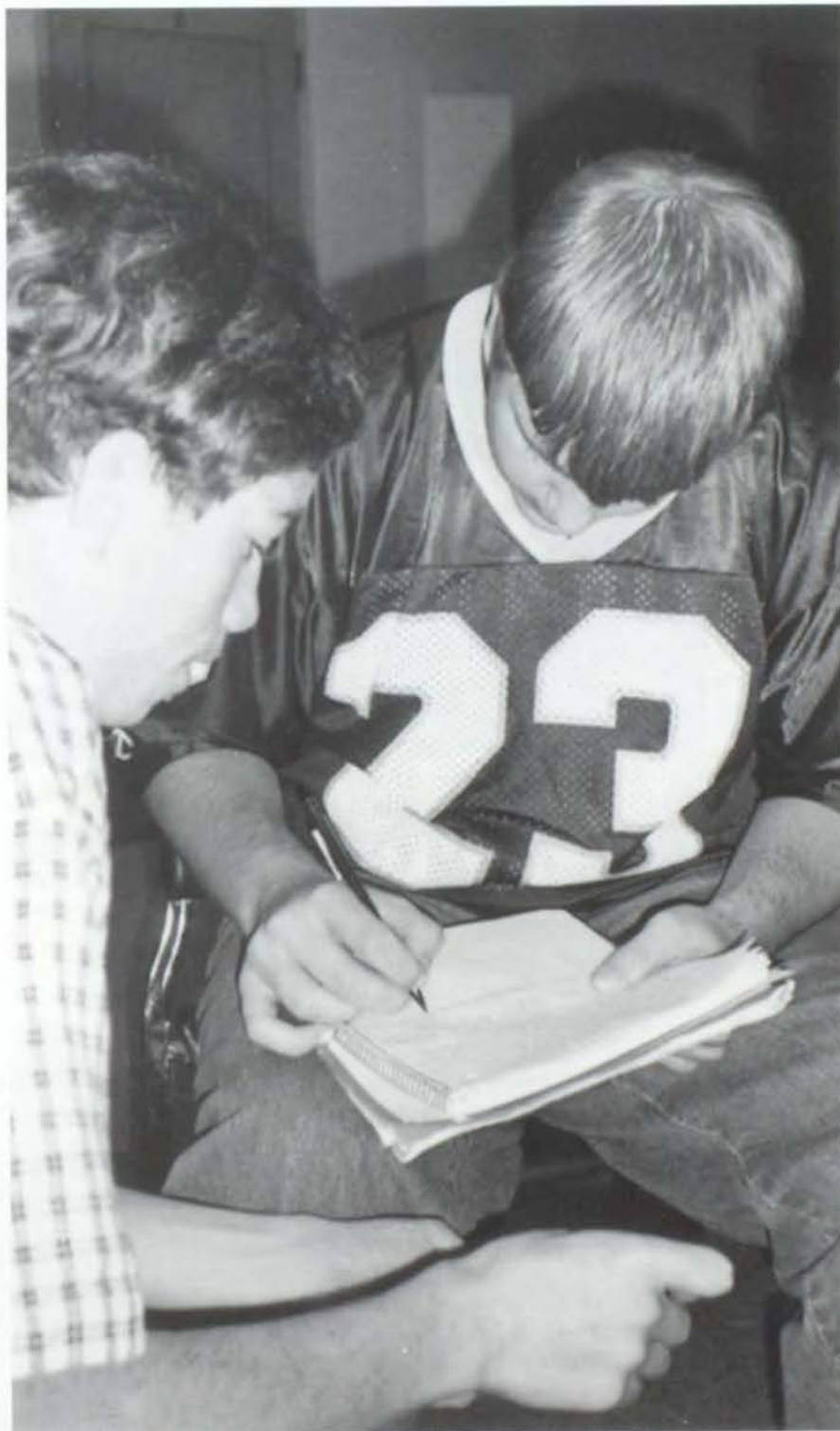
"Even though I took it for the credit, I'm glad I did. I'm doing better at getting up in front of an audience," Letuli said.

Hayes used many techniques to teach her class.

"We perform monologues, which is performing by yourself and play theatrical games," Hayes said.

"The most important thing I would want students to get out of the class is to be able to get up in front of people to present something," Hayes said.

# Lights, Camera, Beethoven



Above: Junior Daniel Goodman and sophomore Daniel Smith use additional time in Dave Ralston's music appreciation class to work on an assignment. **Photo by Andrew Gore**

Left: Nate Moore helps junior Jeremy Bozerocki on an AutoCad drawing problem in architectural drafting. **Photo by Andrew Gore**



Keyboarding teacher Pat Davis lends a hand to junior Jeremy Bozerocki during seventh block.

Photo by Rachel Powell



# Lingo around the world

Story by Jessica Wells

As students walked past the foreign language rooms they could hear words from many different cultures. Students had the options of taking these classes starting in their freshman year. Some students even had the option of starting a little earlier than the rest.

"I lived in Louisiana in 5th grade and it was mandatory to take French. I loved it and have been taking it ever since," senior Aaron Griffith said.

Learning to communicate in another language may have been difficult, but in the end it was very helpful. Spanish, German and French classes were all offered to any students that were interested in expanding their minds.

"I needed the credits to graduate," junior Melissa Palmer said.

Palmer, who was in her second year of Spanish, worked hard in class but did not intend on pursuing the language into college.

"Obviously in the Midwest and here in K.C. we have lots of Spanish speaking people. It offers tremendous business opportunities," Spanish teacher Nanette Smith said.

Most students wanted to get a good start on the new subject and started their freshman year.

"It's not as hard as everyone thinks. The earlier you start the easier it is," French teacher Anne Haines said.

As tough as it may sound, the teachers made sure to squeeze in fun activities to keep the students' spirits up.

Smith had her students memorize tongue-twisters to help with pronunciations, and sometimes they even got on the Internet to do research assignments.

There were even times when the foreign language classes helped with the language that students were most familiar with, English.

"You learn things you don't learn in English. You learn more about sentence structures and about tenses you don't even know exist," senior Heather Tignor said.

Tignor worked hard to make it to her fourth year in German.

"My dad was stationed in Germany for two years and was always talking about how beautiful it was, so I figured if I couldn't afford to go there then I could at least learn the language," Tignor said.

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# Students prepare for the future

Story by Kristen Stoneburner

In this high-tech day and age computers have taken over our jobs, our homes, our lives, and our school. We take attendance, keep grades, and do research for classes on computers. Chrisman offers classes to keep students current with technology.

"In my Windows class we did a project over the Internet on Independence or Kansas City, telling about what sights there are to see for tourists," junior Jody Jackson said.

Most businesses expect their employees to be able to use a computer, know how to type, and use software.

"My classes learn how to use Software Office '97 and Windows '95, they also learn how to use Word Excel Access and Power Point software; all of these are used in the business world," business teacher Kizan Williams said.

Students who opted to take the new Windows class learned how to use software, use the Internet, and design web pages. They gained an understanding of the computer world and advanced a step into the real world of business technology.

"It was an important class to take to prepare me for the future, when I start working in the business world," Jackson said.

A lot of students tend to think that business classes are hard and only for those who plan on getting a business degree in college, but that wasn't necessarily the case.

"I thought it was a fun class. It was more interactive than most classes, and I'm not planning on majoring in business when I get to college," junior Nicole Gonzales said.

While the classes were interesting and educational, it also helped prepare students for the future. Even if you don't plan on going into a business career, chances are you'll need to know how to use a computer.

"The more experience you have with computers, the better off you'll be; our lives are completely centered around computer technology," Williams said.

While Gonzales thought it was a fun class to take, she also thought it useful.

"I felt it was a necessary class to take to prepare myself for the future," Gonzales said.

Jackson agreed with her on that.

"I think everybody should take this class, to prepare them for the future," Jackson said.

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Above: Sandy Hografe and Jane Fricks help students during Hografe's Introduction to Multimedia class. Photo by Rachel Powell

Below: Sophomore Neeley Lotam searches for answers during Anne Haines' French II class. Photo by Rachel Powell





Above: Senior Brian Maze puts his skill to the test in diesel engineering class. **Photo by Keli Morgan**



Right: During construction class at vo-tech senior Bobby Hunt learns the skill of drilling perfect holes. **Photo by Susan Simmons**



Above: While in afternoon vo-tech at Joe Herndon, senior Cindy Shoemaker does paper work for her child development class. **Photo by Keli Morgan**



Above: Senior Jeff Smith puts thought into which colored pencil is the right one for his project in his advertising art class. **Photo by Susan Simmons**

# MOVE AHEAD THREE SPACES

Story by Barbara Sutton

An eighteen-wheeler pulls up; it is totally run down. The mechanic walks out and pops the hood. The truck is in desperate need of a tune-up. The mechanic climbs up into the casey.

Situations like this are what make up all of the vo-tech classes. Hands on experience was the name of the game. It was a surefire way to a great career straight out of high school.

"I am getting started to my career by doing this. I get a lot of hands on experience, too," senior Mike Nix said.

Nix had started repairing the big rigs at the Raytown campus to prepare for his future career as a diesel mechanic.

With hands on projects as the main source of their education, everyone seemed to really like the classes offered.

"Yeah it is worth it by far. You get a lot of training there. They also help the students with job placement after graduation," senior Chris Fatool said.

Fatool is fulfilling his long term dream of going into construction at the Raytown campus.

Most people came to class not knowing what to expect. One day you rebuilt a heater with hardly any trouble at all and, the next time a whole project came crashing down.

"On our first electronic graphing project, everything went wrong. Just as we began to pour in the cement the whole structure came crashing in. It was funny," senior William Bernhardt said.

Bernhardt had also taken advantage of the construction department in the Raytown campus.

Despite everything that could have gone wrong, vo-tech was a great way to make new friends.

"You get to meet different people from different schools. None of them are your run-of-the-mill student you can get used to," Fatool said.

Classes ranged any where from seven to 25.

"Right now in my construction class, we have 25, or 26 guys. It is one of the largest classes this year at Joe Herndon," Bernhardt said.

Friends were not the only perk to the vo-tech program. Some people thought a change in scenery made the classes better.

"One of the best things about vo-tech is that you get to get out of regular school," Nix said.

While others thought that the larger number of credits you could earn by the end of the year was the best part of vo-tech.

"I will get three and a half credits. That's all I'll need to graduate this year," Fatool said.

The mechanic tightens one last bolt just as the class ends. He climbs down and the hood is shut with a thump.

Design by Ashley Conrow



Above: Senior Jeana Hand learns how to use one of the machines in her printing press class. Photo by Keli Morgan

# THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO ROUND AND ROUND...

Story by Gabby Beckler

If school's not out yet, why are they getting on the school bus in the middle of the day? Has this question ever come to mind when you see the Vo-tech students leave in the middle of the day? Well, they weren't going home any earlier than we were. They were headed to the Joe Herndon Vocational and Technical School. This is a school where you don't sit there and do book work all day but hands on training.

"I signed up to here hoping to get a head start on my future profession," junior Robert Pastor said.

Pastor took a construction class and enjoyed it a lot.

While Pastor is training for a future profession, junior Sean Gaulter is not.

"I like working on motors, but I don't plan on making it a profession. It is just something to do on the side to make a little bit of money," Gaulter said.

Senior Erica Blake also does not plan to work in Health care for a profession.

"Everyone in my family is in the health field, so I kind of wanted to try it out," Blake said.

Blake plans on working in health care during college while she takes classes to become a sign language teacher.

Getting enrolled in Vo-tech just so you don't have to be at school doesn't mean it will be easy.

"I want to work in child care, so I enrolled in the childcare class. If I would've known it was so hard, I wouldn't of enrolled. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication, if you are up to it," junior Mara Smith said.

Have you ever been in a class where you are the only girl or the only boy?

"It is a lot of fun being the only girl in the welding class. I get in on a lot of interesting conversations," junior Ratrice Morrow said.

Morrow didn't take the class just to play with fire but to do something challenging.

"If you want to do something, do it. Don't let anyone tell you, you can't," Morrow said.

Design by Ashley Conrow







Above: While in cosmetology at Vo-tech, senior Jenessa Hunter practices washing hair.

Photo by Susan Simmons

Left: Bob Ward fixes a few dents on a car during afternoon class at Joe Herdon Vocational School. Photo by Keli Morgan



Above: Junior John Juarez takes a quick look at his text book while working on a computer.

Left: Junior Steve Sharp works on a project at Joe Herdon Technical School during his computer technology class. Photos by Susan Simmons





Above: Sophomore Kanani Kahanani discusses with her group about what they would think if they saw the person in the picture on the street. Right: Patricia Tavares leads her group, including senior Amal Hayyeh, freshman Jeremy Terry, and freshmen Jacob Lindle in a discussion on flash judgments. **Photos by Keli Morgan**



At the Unitown overnight (sponsored by S.A.I.D.), sophomores Brandi Yuille and Dallas Beck play a game. The object of the game was to be the first person to bring a specific item to the counselor. **Photo by Keli Morgan**

Sophomore Katrina Apley represents the girls involved in the Unitown activities. They had their chance to ask the guys three inquiring questions about being male. **Photo by Keli Morgan**

# TAKE ME AS I AM

Story by Jennifer Oldberg

Seeing people pile up in the hall, the first thing that pops into almost everyone's minds is that there is a fight. Everyone rushes to the edge of the crowd hoping that they can see a glimpse of two kids throwing each other around. Do you ever wonder why they are fighting, and why nobody is stopping the fight?

"With so many types of people here in Chrisman, it is hard for everyone to get along. We need to take more responsibility in what is going on around us, and try to teach everyone to get along better," sponsor Sheryl Guth said.

Unitown is a two day workshop by the NCCI (National Conference for Community Injustice). It tried to teach students that they have differences and that just because they are different they don't have to hate each other for it. It also tried to help students get along better with each other, and taught them how to accept the differences they have.

"Students need to learn how to understand other peoples' perspectives besides their own, and learn how to let differences become strengths in our school rather than reasons to dislike each other," Guth said.

Getting people to attend the workshop wasn't the problem. It was getting people to learn and understand what the focus of the workshop was, and what they can do to help fix the problem.

"More people should go to Unitown because it teaches you so many things. Maybe if more people went then we wouldn't have so much violence in our schools," freshman Karen Guardiola said.

Unitown is a workshop put on by SAID (Students Accepting Individual Differences).

SAID was started three years ago, by a group of students who wanted to try and express individual differences, also sponsored by Guth.

"I'm was a volunteer facilitator for the Kansas City Harmony, and that made me realize that everybody has individual differences and that everybody needs to get along together. That's the main reason that I sponsor both," Guth said.

SAID participates in many activities that try and make the school a better place. SAID sponsored Unitown, brought in a motivational speaker to talk to freshmen, and every other year they send members out to contact times to have group discussions.

"I think it is good for students to discuss their difference with each other. It may be awkward at first but after a while things just start to come together and the discussion goes really well," Guardiola said.

Getting along with everyone is a hard thing to do, but learning how to accept everyone as an individual with their own beliefs is something that would make Chrisman a better school and a safer place to be.

Design by Laura Mika



It's the battle of the sexes! Senior foreign exchange student Maria Molina listens to what sophomore Jordan Gwinn and junior Jerney Lindle had to say about the differences between men and women in the workplace.

Photo by Keli Morgan

# CLUB 121 WAS THEIR FIRST PRIORITY

Story by Kristen Stoneburner

Club 121 was a student-led Christian ministry that allowed students to share their beliefs openly and freely.

"It was a good thing to do, a way to step out in faith, and help out," freshman Laura Treloar said.

This was the club's second year at Chrisman, but this was its debut year as Club 121. It had recently made the switch from First Priority.

"We found out that First Priority was a copyrighted non-denominational name, so we held a contest and Club 121 won," sponsor Stewart Sullinger said.

The club had around 25-30 members, a decrease from the previous year; however, the club had hopes of gaining more members.

"We would like to get more people involved, we need the club to grow, we want more people to know God," Treloar said.

The club met every Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the choir room. Members enjoyed donuts, had fun participating in skits and playing games.

"We had a lot of fun. It was a place for Christians to share their beliefs at school," Treloar said.

This club resembled others as far as setting goals for its members and itself.

"We would like to share the gospel with at least one person a month, and increase our commitment to God," Sullinger said.

Sullinger has been sponsor of Club 121 since its debut last year.

"I believe it was a calling God gave to me to help our spiritual growth here at Chrisman," Sullinger said.

Design by Laura Mika



First Row: Abby Friz, April Weeks, Ashley Wilbur, Jacob Dube, Daniel Heide, Sponsor Stewart Sullinger. Second Row: Shawn Cooper, Michelle Terry, Joy Mullikin, Amanda Keeton, Amanda Ray, Rachel Houser, Julie Burns, Nicole Haylen. Third Row: Maria Molina, Cyporah Yaghoobian, Misty Haste, Angie Arnold, Laura Treloar, Christina Scott, Elise Gorley. Fourth Row: Derrick Heide, Naomi Parr. Fourth Row: Shawn Olesky, Tim Wagner, Melanie Hodges, Lucious Mondaine, Seyko Bondi, Brad Follbricht, William Treloar, Mike Tweedie, Chad Ganson.

# WE KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN

Story by Kristen Stoneburner



Left: Melissa Palmer carves a pumpkin at the F.C.A. Halloween party held at sponsor Kim Parker's house. Above: F.C.A. members enjoy Christmas caroling at sponsor Nedra Jeffress' house on Dec. 4. Below: First Priority members gather into groups to go out in the halls to pray. These meetings must be before school due to separation between church and state. **Photos by Doug Seaver**



FCA was a non-denominational club for those students who enjoy sports and like to have a good time. There was no initiation required or an invitation to join; anybody who wanted to be a member was welcomed with a friendly smile.

"FCA is a club for people who want to have fun but do it responsibly, Christian kids that want to have fun," junior Alicia Scott said.

FCA was the fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Scott was the publicity officer for FCA.

"It's given me an opportunity to know more people like me and make new friends," Scott said.

FCA members had regular meetings once a month and had FCA nights at games.

"We just wanted to join Christians throughout the school, give them a place to join together and have fun, and learn about God," sponsor Kim Parker said.

FCA wasn't like many other clubs. It was not sponsored or funded by the school, nor did they meet at school.

"Because we are not school sponsored or funded, we chose not to meet at the school, but at members homes," sponsor Kim Parker said.

Other than meetings FCA participated in holiday caroling, pumpkin carving, and shared prayers and scriptures.

"I like FCA because it's a combination of C-Club and Club 121. It's great and all my friends are in it," Scott said.

Design by Laura Mika



First Row: Dallas Beck, Kristen Kent, Christy McCormick, Alicia Scott, Cammie Brennan, Emily Penrose.  
Second Row: Nicole Hyden, Rachell Houser, Brad Fullbright, Keli Morgan, Melissa Palmer, Kai Kent, Gwyn McPherson.  
Third Row: Julie Burris, Sponsor Nedra Jeffres, Brandon Stowell, Beth Fullbright, Cody Crank, Ashley Conrow, Lesley Shipley, Sesly Dowell, Angie Thomas.

# DISCOVERING HIDDEN TALENT

Stories by Clarissa Vaughan

You wait nine long months to get your yearbook, filled with pictures of you and your friends. It also includes the writing wonders of the Gleam staff themselves. But, unless you were enrolled in a journalism program you really didn't a chance to show your writing skills, that was until now.

All year students were asked to write or share their artistic abilities with the rest of the school by submitting them to room 96 to be chosen for the school's literary magazine, Voices.

"It's neat to see the stuff students send in. We get stuff from students we never knew could draw or write," Treasurer junior Stacey Osborn.

Quill & Scroll was in charge of getting the banquet together along with learning many different ways of journalism including visiting Z-95 radio station.

Quill & Scroll was composed from the students involved in the Journalism program. This included the Gleam and Envoy staffs. This years officers were Rosie Ryan, President; Rachel Gregg, Vice President; Stacey Osborn, Treasurer; Clarissa Vaughan, Secretary.

So if you were one of those few people at Chrisman with hidden talent, just remember there's always next year.

## WRITE 'TIL YOUR HEART'S CONTENT

Have you ever sat down ready to write a story or a paper and you just couldn't get what you wanted to say across. You sat and sat waiting for the perfect words to grace your presence .

This was also true for the members of the writing club, although it only consisted of four members, it was open all students. If you loved to write poetry, short stories or just write you were perfect for this club.

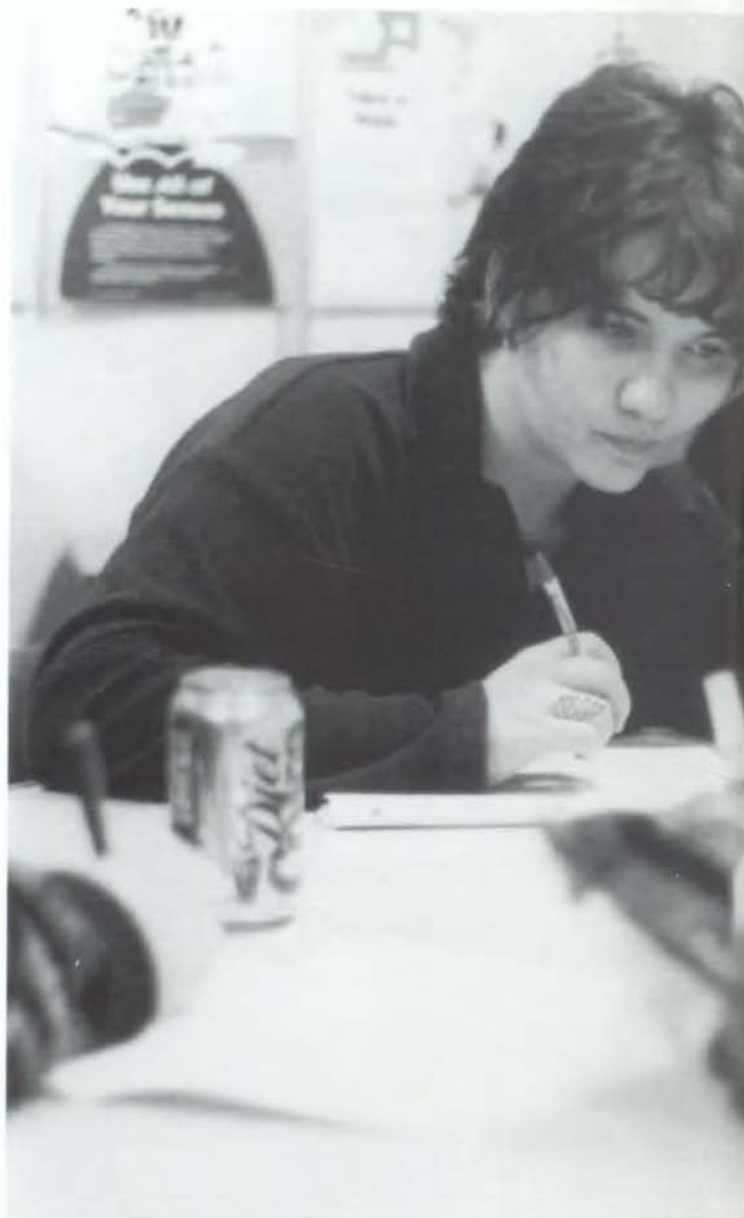
"My favorite thing is the fact that anything you write can get published and you can go out for competitions and other stuff," sophomore Dallas Beck said.

Everyone had something new to bring to the group, no two people seemed to be the same, which for some made the club interesting.

"I like it because nobody writes the same way, some write comics some write poetry, I like the diversity, everyone writes their own style," junior Maryanne Stuck said.

When you feel your creative side start to kick around, come join the writing club, and release your very own style.

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Top: Senior Rachel Gregg concentrates on what the next line in her story will be during a Write Night Jan. 13.

Above: (left to right) Sponsor Sheri Peterson, Marianne Stuck, Rachel Gregg, Kelly O'Camb

# SHARING THE WISDOM

Story by Clarissa Vaughan



Above: Laura Vernon talked to future Youthfriends to prepare them for the things they would be involved with this coming year. Photo by Silya Siniawski

Below: Senior Rosie Ryan and junior Stacey Osborn hang up posters advertising for Voices, literary magazine. Photo by Andrew Gore



First Row: Kelly Peterson, Amanda Dotson, Lori Summers, Keli Morgan, Tina Smithers, Clarissa Vaughan, Rosie Ryan Second Row: Brian Porter, Sesly Dowell, Jessica Wells, Stacey Osborn, Andrew Gore, Ashley Cauthon, sponsor Christy Little

Everything I know I learned in kindergarten, or that's what the book reads. Some lessons you were taught, some you developed on your own, and some you were taught not to do but did anyways. Throughout life the lessons you learned in elementary school will be carried with you for years to come. When you were little you were told what to do and when to do it, you weren't given many of the choices you though you so willingly deserved. But, when that day came and it was your turn to pick out your own outfit or to choose what you were going to eat that day, you went by the only things you had ever known most likely being, what your parents had taught you.

"I like being a role model for the little kids," senior Matt Mills said.

Youthfriends was a program designed to give kids someone extra to talk to, someone they could tell their problems whatever they might be, along with the things they were proud of.

Plenty of students were more than thrilled at the idea of helping out a student younger than them.

"I think Youthfriends is an excellent idea, I think it really helps kids who are set apart from the others," Mills said.

YouthFriends picked a good time that worked with their schedule and met with them once a week. They were paired up with one student from the elementary school of their choice. It was sometimes confused with the A+ program, which also helped kids after school except instead of tutoring they stuck strictly to the basics of talking and playing games.

After seeing your person every week for a year you would eventually make a close bond that would be something that would be pretty hard to break.

"I have one special little girl in particular that I help, it's hard not to get to attached to them," senior Rachel Dye said.

While not everyone in a class room help had a YouthFriend to help them out it was kind of cool watching the ones who did.

"My kids name is Ryan White and he's a sixth grader at Mill Creek Elementary. It makes him feel special when he sees how the other kids react when I come in the room," Mills said.

There were somewhere from 35-40 students involved in the Youthfriends program. It lasted all school year and will be something that will come back and stay for years to come.

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Above: Freshman Cello player Don Habermehl studies his music for the spring concert.

Right: An orchestra class listens to a guest speaker from the Visiting Artists on Feb. 4 in the auditorium.

Photos by Katie Ramsey



The violin section practices playing a piece in orchestra class during 5th block.

Photo by Katie Ramsey



Row 1: Don Habermehl, Amanda DeBrot, Michelle Warrington, Angie Spohn, Abby Fries, Kristen Kent, Angie Arnold, Cori Edwards, Adam Kemner, Dave Ralston. Row 2: Charles Smith, Ross Donaldson, Pan Leung, Kari Kent, Amanda Salmon, Jeremy Wade, Jeanna McCubbin, Sandra Rader, Mary Vaughan, Heather Tignor, Roy Byrd. Row 3: Casey Cole, Ala'n Williams, Amber Bolt, Rose Hewitt, Dana Evenson, Stephanie Kelley, Rianna Nichols, Gretchen Welch, Tieman Lindsey, Meagan Fisher, Ashley Moore, Paige Rich, Erin Boyed.



# Having fun with music!

Story by Gabby Beckler

Have you ever wanted to get involved in something but was scared to do so, because you were afraid that you wouldn't have any friends to talk with or it wouldn't be any fun? You won't have any problem making friends or having fun in orchestra, according to Charles Smith.

"I like that class because there are a lot of cool people in there. The class has a lot of diversity in it so that makes it fun," Smith said.

Every orchestra that plays really good music must have a great director directing them.

"If it wasn't for Mr. Ralston I don't think I would still be in the Orchestra. He explains things so well. He knows what he is talking about. When he talks to us he talks on our level, and I like that," Sanders said.

The students like the teacher, but does the teacher like directing the students?

"I love conducting my students. Especially in Orchestra because the music we pick to do is so beautiful. There is a big variety we have to pick from for the different concerts we do," Director Dave Ralston said.

One thing you have to do in order to be good is to practice. Practice must have paid off for Smith because he was first chair the whole year. In order to get first chair you have to try out against the people in your section. Depending on the chair you are in tells how good you are.

"I practice every day for about 30 minutes. When competition comes around in the spring I practice for 45 minutes to an hour, so I won't look bad," Sanders said.

Sanders plays the bass violin. He has played it since sixth grade. He says he likes it a lot because the bass always has a small part so he doesn't have to do much.

Here's something you might not have known; people can go to college on a musical instrument scholarship.

"I want to play in college and the only way to do that is to go with a scholarship. So far the outlook looks good," Smith said.

Ralston is very proud of his students and expects them to do great at districts.

"All of my students work so hard, they deserve everything they get whether it's at districts or in first chair, they deserve all," Ralston said.

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Bass players Roy Byrd, Cassie Cole and Ala'n Williams concentrate while playing their piece in orchestra class.

Photo by Katie Ramsey



Above: Senior Sara Palmer and junior Alaina Denny play their clarinets during the winter concert.



First Row: Amanda Buffalo, Hillari Higginbotham, Joe Seerden, Jacob Passman, Alaina Denny, Kim Anthony, Toni Choate, Lyndsey Main, Nick Church Second row: Adam Vader, Brandi Morales, Bridget Breedlove, Adam Huhe, Melanie Hodges, Laura Treloar, Joel Molina Third row: Nicole Stricker, Jon Schellinger, Cody Greer, Sara Palmer, Melissa Oberlick, Sara Clavert, Courtney Timms, Neely Lotam, Tania Follet, Breia Morales, Emma Kinny Fourth row: Olaea Iosua, Suzanna Yeakey, Triston Wilson, Lindsey Kleyh, Heather Luthery, Stephanie Heath, Casey Leonard, Blake Gwinn, Sean Olesky, Carl Grabeil, Tana Hagelin.



First row: Mike Brunson, Nikki Turner, Jonathan Miller, John Smith, Jason Shawhan, Ricky Stansill, Beau Smith, Matt Hill Second row: Joe Ivy, Zach Middleton, Aaron Bullard, Shawn Mitchel, Adam Kelsey, Jordan Gwinn, Rosie Ryan, Steve Smith, Ryan Main, Mark Alfrey sponsor Dave Ralston Third row: Pat McDermid, Jared Pressier, Steven Goodwillie, Aaron Adams, Nick Perez, Lucious Mondaine, Gabe Brown, Tim Wagner, Christy McCormick, Katie Sltmane, Aaron Rust, Stacie Ware, Phillip Pement Fourth row: Ross Nichols, Ryan Pair, Matt Ware, Derek Webb, Jonathon Shields.

# MARCH WITH PEP!

Story by Gabby Beckler



1,2, ready, play! Those are typical sounds coming from Dave Ralston's band class. In band you will find a little bit of everything, from loud drums to high-pitched clarinets.

"I like band because it is an easy class that I can associate with my friends in," sophomore Jordan Gwinn said.

Even though Gwinn said it is an easy class, junior Bridget Breedlove thought differently.

"The hardest part about band is when we march for football games. It has taken me three years to finally be good at it. Playing my instrument and marching to the beat is really hard, but I enjoy it," Breedlove said.

The reason why the band sounds so good at the football and basketball games is because there are dedicated students behind the instruments.

"I have been playing the trombone for seven years. I like taking an instrument and making it sound good," senior Matt Ware said.

Even though Ware has always played the same instrument, some people don't. They may start with a different instrument and then decide they don't like it.

"I started out with the clarinet because the saxophone was too big for my fingers and my mouth. But playing the clarinet didn't last long because I hated it. After a year I was on the saxophone ready to play," Breedlove said.

Every year the band is a little different because of the different personalities and talents.

"With great freshmen that came in this year along with the awesome leadership from the seniors has made a really big difference this year," Ralston said.

With the band's normal load of band concerts and contest, they haven't done anything different. Every other year they go on a road trip to places overnight, but this happens to be the "every other year."

"This year at contest we will hopefully be taking the biggest group ever. It is really awesome for a teacher to sit back and watch students get together on their own to work on their music and help each other out. With everyone working hard I think we can do really well at contest this year," Ralston said.

Isn't it great to know behind a great band, who plays great music, comes dedication and success?

"Band is most fun when you play it well," Ralston said.

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# RISING TO THE TOP!

Story by April Brinkoetter

As you walk up to the risers, hundreds of people watching your every move, a bead of sweat crawls down your back, and you get faint. You feel everyone's eyes on you burning the back of your head. What do you do? As this question appears in your mind you visualize tripping on your robe and the last thing you can think of is singing another song. This is a common feeling of the choir student as you approach a concert or an audition in front of the choir.

"As a freshman I was extremely scared when it came time to perform. I couldn't believe I was going to have to stand in front of so many people. You know that the day will come, but it never really hits you until the big night comes along," freshman Louis Noble said.

Freshman Men's, Women's, and Women's Glee choirs work hard at overcoming this feat, but it does take some work. Every class starts off with warming up for about five minutes to get those vocal cords in shape, followed by a rehearsal for the rest of the time period. Each class does a total of four to five songs for every concert and practices these songs for months at a time. None of these choirs go to contest, so their thought are set solely on their concert songs. There are three concerts every year: fall, Christmas and spring. This may sound like being in this class would be nothing but a chore, but choir director Terre McPheeters says it's not all about having your head in a music book for 90 minutes every other day.

"I believe that my students are the best students in this high school. They work so hard and well together that by the end of the year they can remember every face, songs and concert that we had. It also helps that this is not a high-tension class. I try to make it as fun as possible," choir director McPheeters said.

With 12 years of teaching under her belt, McPheeter's students have faith that they will be led to be a big hit in every concert.

"I think that since McPheeters keeps us working so hard that we get a sense of confidence in ourselves. We know we are not the top choirs out of the school, but in the end as long as we work together and do a good job we believe that we're just as good as any other choir with just as much potential," junior Bonny McGraw said.

So when you reach the top of the risers, turn around and realize that not everyone is looking at you, notice that the burning sensation was really from the hot spot lights, and that you're not the only one sweating. You can take a big breath, plaster a big smile, look at McPheeters, and get ready to put on a performance of a lifetime.

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Men's Choir: First Row: Doug Swearingin, Jeremiah Hamilton, Aaron Hawes, Jared Miehls, Jeff Redford, Andy Smith, Shawn Peacher, Tyler Schultz, Chris Ingram, Kia Tuala. Second Row: Orlando Nammavaly, Reginald Faamoe, A.J. Amato, Derek Malauleu, Stephen Diamond, Scott Mortenson, Ryan Lawson, Joe Schaal, Jacob Wait, Jon Ory, Warren Buchanan, Eric Robinson, Matt Wilson, Jason Hunter. Third Row: Luis Noble, Lief Tuala, Olae Iosua, Vincent White, Melvin White, Jr. Tali, Derek Heide, Anthony Brawdy, Matt Richardson, John Schroeder, Jerry Skinner, Nathan Rapp, Pio Malauleu, Kellen Neely, Jared Hines.



Above: WCHS Choir Director Terre McPheeters speaks to the audience between songs to let them know what is coming up next during a choir concert.

Left: Women's Glee members senior Jessica Francis and sophomore Melissa Watkins practice a piece during an after school jam session in the choir room. **Photos by Katie Ramsey**



Freshman Choir: First Row: Shaina King, Shannon McMillan, Samantha Schopf, Erin Elliot, Melissa Miller, Rena Burriss, Tish Chambers, Jackie Bishop, Crystal Smith, Melissa Carter, Aleathe Pope, Amber Graddo, Kelli Bridges Second Row: Barbara Tigner, Ariel Sawtell, Rachel Mesinger, Kaycee Cole, Mindy Sherma, Rosanna Fau, Laura Savage, Chrystina Scott, Denise Kolanchick, Naomi Parr, Lori Smith, Katie O'Leary Third Row: Jennifer Wiggins, Tricia Lockhart, Jennifer Holler, Melissa Knight, Elizabeth Parks, Shannon Cantrell, Natasha Gramme, Robin Joner, Crystal Holmes, Rachel Whitmire, Layrell Faiva, Gina Myers, Crystal Dotson, Maci Grace, Dima Salinas



Women's Choir: First row: Hilary Butterfield, Tasha Court, Penny Hicks, Effie Born, Sandra Ramirez, Sarah Otto, Dawn McNeil, Heather Looker, Tiffany Brown, Amber Saale Second row: Melissa Watkins, Jennifer Goff, Sara Hamilton, Brandi Cartee, Debbie French, Judy Wallace, Tessa Jackson, Tiffnee Bishop, Amanda Wilson, Melissa Cornet Third row: Jennifer Savorelli, Katrina Carson, Brandi Coon, Misty Baughman, Easton Schrolls, Dazell Ward, Samantha Sutton, Jennifer Johnson, Bonny McGraw, Lisa Meyers Fourth row: Heather Quick, Stephanie Allison, Christina Bramlett, Jessica Walker, Jamie Jackson, Angela Gennings, Crystal Miller, Ashley Pitman, Joy Alfrey, Sautupu Tauillil, Shelly Sanders, Cassandra Heun

# SINGING IN STYLE

Story by Shanna Brogdon and  
Kristen Stoneburner

The 28 members of Blue and Gold had the chance to experience first-hand an audience's complete attention at places such as Carnegie Hall, Kauffman Stadium and the Mix 93.3 radio station.

"I was honored to represent our school at Carnegie Hall in New York," senior Aaron Griffith said.

Blue and Gold singers also performed in school concerts, participated in contests and delivered singing grams during Contact Time in December.

"I think it's a fun group because it's pretty small, so you can get closer with everybody," senior Jami Sullins said.

"It's kind of like a family," added senior James Flowers.

With concerts and contests, these singers can't have stagefright.

Concert Chorale is an honorary choir that required an audition.

"In auditions, you had to sight-read your part in a song that Terre McPheeters picks out," junior Eliza Fitzpatrick said.

Concert Chorale members, all 93 of them, performed in school concerts, and had a few goals.

"My fifth grade teacher made me sing a bunch of solos, and I wanted to become a better singer," senior Pio Malaeuulu said.

"I wanted to letter and help do good at contests," sophomore Kory Buys said. "Just knowing the fact that I earned to be in it. It's good to see others try just as hard."

Now just imagine a crowded auditorium, listening to the sound of vocals. Fifty sopranos and altos harmonizing for one reason... because they want to.

"When I was about 10 years old, I fully recognized that I liked to sing and I might want to get somewhere with it," junior Seyko Bond said.

"I've been singing since I was talking. I've been performing all my life and here I can sing with all my friends," junior Amanda Curtis said.

"Ever since I was little, my mother sang, so I would hear her. And when she went to her vocal lessons I was with her," junior Jessica Greenwood said.

"At the age of six, my parents took me to church and I started singing," added junior Joy Mullikin.

But it's not just singing. These talented females learn things everyday.

"I knew *nothing* of dynamics or music theory before my freshman year. There are different things on my record from being in choir that will help me for college," Bond said.

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Blue and Gold Bottom row: Laura Noble, Spencer Brown, Nathan Rapp, April Weeks  
Second Row: Ross Donaldson, Laura Hinkle, Jillian Joseph, April Brinkoetter, Olaei Iosua  
Third Row: Gwyn McPherson, Paul Restivo, Seyko Bond, James Flowers, Pamela Lueng, Pio Malaeuulu Back Row: John Schroeder, Lini Iosua, Jerry Skinner, Aaron Griffith, Mara Smith, Adam Brown, Sara Palmer Not Shown: Chris Arnone, Eva Davis, Rachel Pasquale, Emily Penrose, Jared Presler, Nate Smith



Left: Members of Women's Choir perform a special dance with the help of some Blue and Gold singers on Nov. 2, 1998.

Above: The auditorium fell silent at the Fall Concert as Ross Donaldson accompanied the choir on his violin. **Photos by Rachel Powell**



**Concert Chorale** First row: Jillian Joseph, Erin Hossman, Ross Donaldson, Kristen Kent, Nathan Rapp, Alicia Scott, Laura Noble, Spencer Brown, Sara Palmer, Carrie Blevins, April Weeks, Nicki Gaahlil, Laura Hinkle. Second Row: Andi Smith, Nichole Hykes, Brooke Carter, Ashley Tackness, Shaun Sanders, Heather Hines, Marianne Stock, Charis Claves, Emily Penrose, Becky Cavanaugh, Lucious Mundane, Lindsey Kiech, Sara Smith. Third Row: Olaca Josua, Jean Ann Merckova, Deanna Huffman, April Brinkoetter, Gwyn McPherson, Van Danielson, Janelle Postnikoff, Eliza Fitzpatrick, Emily Penrose, Paul Restivo, Seriko Bond, Pamela Lucing, Melissa Palmer, Chad Ganson, Chris Stowell, Joe Seeyken, Brandon Stowell. Back row: Aaron Griffith, James Ruddell, Melvin White, Junior Tal, Karl Kent, Lani Josua, Andrea Rust, John Schwesler, Jerry Skarner, Dustin Thompson, Kelly Jo Williams, Jeremiah Hamilton, Daniel Heide, Dong Swazungui, Amanda Larkin, Adam Brown, James Flowers, Kaye Boes, Pio Makarali. Not Shown: Kelly Allen, Aaron Arzobis, Chris Arzobis, Jason Barberis, Brooke Coates, Nate Donaldson, James Fitzpatrick, Christey Gooch, Bernice Gordon, Elin Gordon, Sara Hadler, Holly Hempling, Sekeia Kelch, T.J. Key, Benny McGraw, Missy Nelson, Christina Igonovic, Yujana Otte, Yonery Otte, Rachel Pasopael, Sasha Pearce, Jarell Wesler, Nate Smith, Patricia Taveras, Will Taylor, Aina Wolf.

**Women's Choir** Bottom Row: Colby Hossman, Grace Amos, Laura Noble, Kelly Allen, Meagan McClain, Abish Fries, Sandra Ramirez, Jessica Sellers, Jamie Rendos, Dorinda Chamberlain, Amanda James. Second Row: Dallas Beck, Michelle Terry, Danielle Davis, Shannon Rowe, Christy Scott, Joy Mullikin, Lacy McDowell, Stephanie Haldiman, Jane Kirk, Cherie Crawford, Jamie Riordan. Third Row: Tara Banham, Danielle Bearwright, Crystal Orender, Amanda Brockman, Geri Hollinshead, Brooke Boldizs, Amber Oaks, Maria Molina, Chessie Holman, Sarah Hull, Meagan Fisher, Crystal Meyer, Becky Stamberger, Lucille Ekeroma. Back Row: Lena Wily, Latoya Surry, Karani Kahanani, Sarah Gregg, Renae Mitchell.



Above: Senior Sara Hamilton reads along from her music sheet during Bears All Star choir practice. **Photo by Jennifer Adams**



Right: The choir performs with the Women's Choir in their concert before winter break. **Photo by Jennifer Adams**



Above: Junior Sandra Ramirez holds the sheet music for herself and junior Debbie French during practice while Chris Nagel directs the class. **Photo by Jennifer Adams**



Front row: Brandi Cartee, Brandi Coon, Debbie French, Jennifer Goff, Tessa Jackson Second row: Sara Hamilton, Misty Baughman, Jamie Jackson, Angela Ginnings, Judy Wallace. Back row: Katrina Carson, Jessica Walker, Joy Alfrey, Scott Mortenson, Samantha Sutton, Melissa Cornett



# VOICES OF STARS

Story by Jessica Wells

They might not have the tour buses like Mariah Carey. They may not even make as much money as the Spice Girls or Master P, but the Bear All Stars sang just as well as the pros. They were a group of who all had the same interest in singing.

Sophomore Judie Wallace had been a part of Bear All Stars since her sophomore year at Chrisman and planned on pursuing it until her senior year.

"People said it was a lot of fun. I like singing a lot and think that music is a lot of fun," Wallace said.

The All Stars spent their time singing in class and an occasional contact time to perfect themselves as much as possible. They started every practice with little singing activities to get them on the move.

"It's easier and they help you more. The teacher is always right there to help," senior Brandi Cartee said.

Along with the singing came the practice of actually performing in front of audiences and crowds. For senior Jamie Jackson, singing in front of people was the best part. Jackson had also been a part of the group in previous years all the way back to her freshman year.

"I like music a lot. I have friends in here, too," Jackson said.

Although they did not get to tour the country, they were able to sing in other places than the choir room. For junior Samantha Sutton, the concerts were the highlight of the group. The All Stars had sung on the Independence Square as well as the Sermon Center and the Groves.

"We get to go places and meet a lot of people," Cartee said.

The choir sang many different songs but to Cartee, "The Rose" was her favorite.

"It's a real pretty song," Cartee said.

The All Stars may not have tried to pursue a career in singing, but they all felt that it was a good experience and that they really enjoyed the class.

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Above: Choir members practice the songs, "Love is a Gift" and "The Little Drummer Boy" in preparation for their December concert. Photo by Jennifer Adams

# FROM FAR AND AWAY

Story by Paul Ballance & Rosie Ryan

Are you ready to move out and away from your parents? How about hundreds of miles away? Or go across oceans? What about for a whole year? It's almost like having a new beginning, but in a different country. Starting out with a new home, new family, and learning a new language sounds scary to most people, but Belgium's Kadir Serbest and Argentina's Maria Molina were ready to take on this challenge.

Kadir stayed with junior Donovan Butler and his family while Maria lived with junior Alicia Scott and her family.

I feel its a great experience for any teenager, and it will help me grow up and fell more mature," Molina said.

Chrisman students also enjoyed getting to know the foreign exchange students.

"Its so fun to talk to Maria about her culture because its so different from ours," junior Susan Lorbecki said.

By being AFS students, they were able to learn things that they could not learn back home.

"By coming over here I am able to understand my culture and other cultures," Molina said.

The AFS students stay with a host from the time they arrive to their final goodbyes. When Serbest arrived Donovan Butler could not wait.

"I thought it would be fun to have a brother for a year," Butler said.

The two foreign exchange students were welcome and accepted here at William Chrisman. They were introduced to the whole school during the AFS assembly in the fall.

"I was very scared when they introduced me to the whole school, but the applause did make me feel welcome," Serbest said.

Serbest, Molina and the top four contact times who raised the most money competed in the AFS Olympics. There were several events including a hula hoop relay race, balloon race, and even a magic carpet ride

"The olympics were so fun to watch! I liked the magic carpet ride the best," freshman Phillip Pement said.

The main focus of AFS was for the club to help support the foreign exchange students that are not only here, but the ones that went from our school to other countries.

"I think AFS is a great thing because it makes us culturally aware of other countries," senior Stephanie Iser said.

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Above: Junior Trina Rodriguez, sophomore Amy Greer, senior Aaron Sanders, and junior Heather Ward prepare to compete in a series of events during the AFS assembly.  
 Left: Negaard's Annihilators compete in the hula hoop relay race the AFS assembly Nov. 24.  
**Photos by Andrew Gore**



Above: First Row: Sponsor Sheryl Guth, Cammie Brennan, Ha Huynh, Alicia Scott, Maria Molina, Kadir Serbest, Donovan Butler Second Row: Kristen Kent, Cipporah Yaghoubian, Regina Goodman, Shanna Breakhill, Cassie Woodward, Melissa Oberdick, Kelly Peterson, April Brinkoetter, Gwyn McPherson, Jesse Ericson Third Row: Shannon Baird, Kari Kent, Megan Kemp, Melissa Palmer, Emily Penrose, Christy McCormick, James-Henry Rhodes  
 Left: Sapp's Black Knights competes in the balloon race during the AFS assembly Nov. 24  
**Photo by Andrew Gore**



**"Into the Woods" Cast**

**Witch- Seyko Bond**  
**Baker's wife- Jami Sullins**  
**Baker- John Schroeder**  
**Cinderella- Gabby Beckler**  
**Jack- Chris Arnone**  
**Harp- Amanda Salmon**  
**Jack's mom- Heather Hines**  
**Florinda- Marianne Stuck**  
**Lucinda- Becky Stamberger**  
**Cinderella's dad- Johnny Scott**  
**Rapunzel- Amanda Larkin**  
**Rapunzel's prince- James Flowers**  
**Cinderella's prince- Paul Restivo**  
**Snow White- Kristen Kent**  
**Sleeping Beauty- Mandy Curtis**  
**Giant- Lindsey Kleyh**  
**Red Riding Hood- Sara Palmer**  
**Wolf- Kris Apley**  
**Cinderella's mom- Lini Josua**  
**Steward- Doug Swearngin**  
**Narrator/mysterious man- Jason Butherus**  
**Cinderella's step-mom- Pam Leung**  
**Red Riding Hood's grandma- Angie Arnold**  
**Stage Director- Samantha Bradley**  
**Director- Kim Hayes**



Right: Cast members, Pam Leung, Becky Stamberger, Marianne Stuck, Johnny Scott, Sara Palmer, and Jami Sullins, of "Into the Woods," perform a scene during the opening night. Photo by Silya Siniawski



Senior James Flowers works on his finishing touches before performing the role of the prince in the fairy tale "Rapunzel". Photo by Katye Okerstrom



Juniors Marianne Stuck and Becky Stamberger participate in a dress rehearsal of "Into the Woods." Photo by Silya Siniawski

# A NIGHT AT THE THEATER

Story by Jessie Warner and Stacey Osborn

Lights...camera...action! These were the words from the cast of the fall musical, "Into the Woods," a production consisting of various, twisted fairy tales. These fairy tales ranged from Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, Sleeping Beauty, and Snow White and the Seven Dwarves.

The characters were played by Chrisman students, some amateurs and some experienced. Among those was lead actress senior Gabby Beckler, playing Cinderella.

"This was my senior year and I have always wanted to be in a musical. I love to sing and let people hear my voice," Beckler said.

For some it was the love of the theater, for others it was a lot deeper.

"I had a phobia of getting in front of people, so I wanted to face my fear," senior Pam Leung said.

"I like to sing and act. So the best way to show that was to get involved with the theater," Restivo said.

Just like any Broadway production, lots of time and effort went into this musical to perfect it. Students spent three hours a day after school, five days a week, for over a month. And with a few minor distractions, the show had to go on.

"When you get involved your life is the musical. You stay until the show is done," Restivo said.

Whether it be the costumes or the actual performance that you liked, the cast had a few likes of their own.

"I was in competitive drama, and I thought it was cool. I liked the costumes, it looked neat," junior Marianne Stuck said.

"I like how it feels being up there. It feels really good," Restivo said.

If experience is what you want, it's experience they can give you. There are several people that have been involved in the theatre productions for a good portion of their high school career.

"I knew a lot of friends that did it. I've always enjoyed acting, in fact, I've been in three plays at Chrisman," senior Johnny Scott said.

The musical, "Into the Woods," was featured November 19th, 20th, and 21st in the Chrisman auditorium. Many attended and many laughed. As the final curtain closed and the actors and actresses took their bows, their hard work and effort shined through their performance and success.

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Junior Seyko Bond portrays the part of the witch during the fall musical, "Into the Woods." "I enjoyed my character, and it was an excellent."

Photo by Katye Okerstrom



Above: Senior Samantha Bradley, the stage manager of the fall musical, directs the cast during a dress rehearsal.

Right: Sophomore Alissa Hughes and junior Megan Kemp work on scenery for the winter production *Hide and Shriek*. Photos by Silya Siniawski



Junior Amanda Salmon and senior Paul Haworth begin working with lighting equipment for the school production. Photo by Silya Siniawski



Stage manager Lindsey Olson tells the actors and actresses what they were doing wrong during a practice of the winter production *Hide and Shriek*. Photo by Katye Okerstrom

# A LOOK FROM BEHIND THE SCENES

Story by Jessie Warner  
and Stacey Osborn

If you've ever been to a Christmas play, then you've seen the magic our student actors and actresses made. But what you didn't see were the students behind the scenes helping to make every act perfect. From set designers to sound and lights crew, these students were never credited for their hard work and patience.

The crew members who worked on the musical Into the Woods spent long hours painting sets, checking the lighting, and getting everything ready for opening night. They were important yet unseen people working on the play.

"I worked at least three hours a day, five days a week as the stage manager," senior Samantha Bradley said.

Isn't it nice to know that our productions were in the hands of an experienced stage crew? Most of those who ran things behind the curtains had participated in other various productions as designers and directors.

"I've been stage manager for other Christmas plays before," Bradley said.

"I did it last year, I had a lot of fun with it. I like working with my hands," sophomore Alissa Hughes said.

Hughes and others worked as set designers making props, painting backgrounds, and building certain scenes to make each act look precise. Some stage crew members also have to wear those annoying head sets, the talk to each other about where things go and when they go there. They wear black during the production so that they are not noticed and so the attention is on the performance.

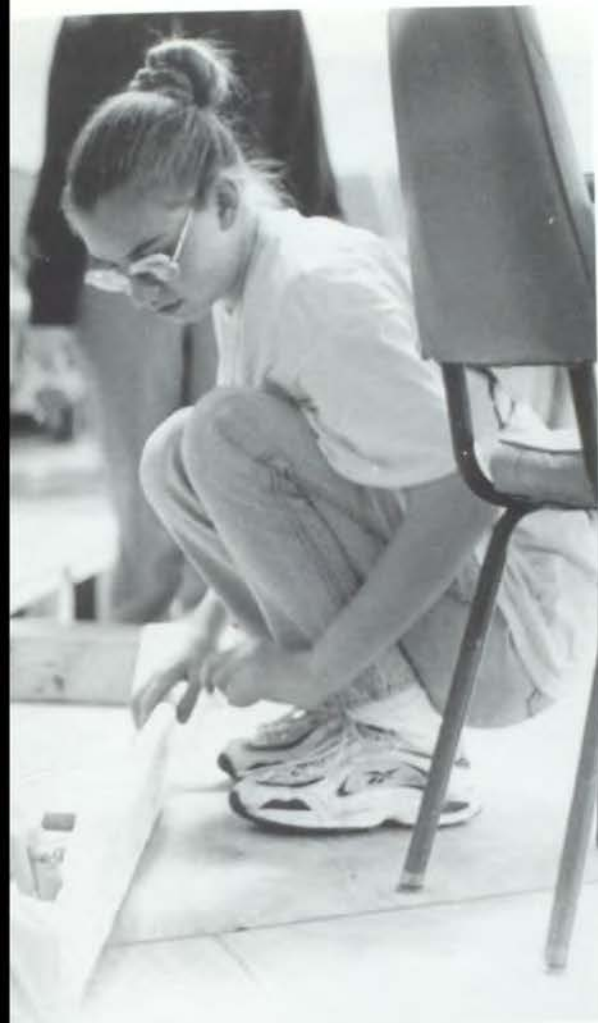
Creativity and organization are musts to be on the stage crew, but a lot of the crew members enjoy creating things and watching the actual performances.

"I like getting to be around all of the actors and actresses and watching them perform each night," Hughes said.

"My favorite thing is watching the production come together at the end. Knowing that I helped with it," Bradley said.

Next time you go to see a play, don't underestimate all of the time and energy put forth to make the background and the time spent directing the actors. For if it weren't for them it wouldn't turn out so smoothly.

Design by Laura Mika



Senior Khris Apley (wolf) and senior Amanda Larkin, cast members of Into the Woods perform in the production. Photo by Katye Okerstrom

# DRAFTING BLUES

Story by John Graus

A new club was introduced to William Chrisman this year called VICA. Introduced by drafting teacher Nate Moore, VICA is a program for advanced drafting students to belong to an organization with other students from around the country, to compare their work with others.

With this being their first year members didn't know what to expect. In their first meeting they elected John Haney as VICA president.

"It was a really big honor for me to be selected by my peers, plus it was something that I really wanted to do," Senior John Haney said.

While it was fun for most, some members were more active than others.

"I really didn't do a whole lot of the things with the club because I was busy going to work so I could make some money," junior Joey Shawhan said.

The most fun was had, not at a school meeting, but at meetings with other schools and advisers.

"Personally I liked going to the meetings at Truman to meet their students and compare our work and equipment with theirs," Haney said.

VICA wasn't just fun and games either, it was important for to learn how to work in the "real world."

"It stresses job application in a school setting," sponsor Nate Moore said.

Some of the members were frustrated about the gender gap in the club.

"We need some girls in here," Haney said.

Whether male or female, sophomore or senior or the president or not, fun was had by all. So if you're in drafting and want to become a member sign up and join.



First Row: John Haney, Brad Fullbright, Brian Rapini, Cody Crank, Rick Klopferstine, Josh Arnold, Dale Sanders Second Row: Nathan Strong, Adam Leopold, Jeremy Bozerocki, Nate Kettlewell, Joey Shawhan, Doug Seaver, Jeff Witte, Andrew Gore.



# BZZZ!

Story BY John Graus

Striving to place at the state competition, or even a medal or a school trophy isn't just for athletes anymore. Electronics Club participated in several areas.

Many people joined to have fun and to learn a new trait or to polish up skills they already had.

"If you think you might be an electrician or something like that, it would be a good start to learn about hooking wires and other things like that," junior William Noland said.

Others joined for other reasons.

"I joined because I had a friend in it last year and he really liked it, plus we eat food and pretty much do what we want to," sophomore Jack Henry-Rhodes said.

Electronics Club meet twice every month to work on their projects or go to a good electronics company like a computer shop.

"We went to a computer-repair shop in Blue Springs for awhile, we watched as one of the guys took us through the main parts of the computer," Noland said.

Although working on motherboards or anything of that kind Electronics club also did a lot of fun stuff around the school.

"We put up Christmas lights for the holidays and we do a couple of displays throughout the year," sponsor Richard Hampton said.

Although some students didn't have the same interests as the people in Electronics Club, it all evens out.

Design by Laura Mika



Left: During Electronics class Jan. 13, Nick Church quietly works on a circuit board. **Photo by Katie Ramsey**

Top: Every year the Electronics Club puts up the Christmas lights to decorate the building for the holidays. **Photo by Mike Sapp**

Below: Joey Shawhan concentrates while working in drafting class. **Photo by Katie Ramsey**



First Row: Anthony Fero, Doug Hudson Second Row: Nick Church, Jerome Jennings Third Row: Mike Walker, Brad Best, Jim Henry-Rhodes Fourth Row: Richard Hampton, Jack Henry-Rhodes, Triston Wilson, William Noland.

# STRIVING FOR THE BEST

Story by Clarissa Vaughan

It was always said that the things you do on the outside reflect what kind of person you are on the inside... or maybe the type of school you go to. Everything you do will always come back to you everything you say will always be heard; maybe that's why, when it came down to William Chrisman's StuCo, they didn't waste anytime going straight for the top to be the best in Independence.

You're getting ready in the morning, most likely in your regular t-shirt and jeans and to top it off a Chrisman's letter jacket so everyone will recognize who you are. Whether it was your cheerleading uniform, your jacket or a simple sweatshirt promoting school spirit, the things you did, said and wore always showed what school you were representing. Just like Bill Clinton represented the White House and our government, it was up to our StuCo to show what WCHS was made of.

"We represent William Chrisman and the community to the best of our ability," president senior Khushal Latifzai said.

Although it seemed it was all work and no play, these class officers enjoyed what they did something to be proud of.

"Stuco is lots of fun, we all get along really well, and we all try to make our school the best place in Independence," senior Sarah Faris said.

School involvement seemed to be something that every school was striving for. The feeling that the whole school was behind every game played and all clubs and activities was something every school lacked in. Although not every student was interested in the same things Stuco made it a sure thing to keep the positive feedback coming in from the student body.

"We try to ask for student opinions more. We're all in clubs and different school related activities, so we're constantly around the student body asking them what would make the school more enjoyable," Latifzai said.

By the end of the year, students who weren't in the student government, but were affected by it felt they had a very successful year and the goals set were fulfilled; they had achieved what they had gone out to do. This included the basketball shootout during halftime of the intramural game, the BBQ tailgate before the football games, and face painting during the basketball season promoting school spirit and Courtwarming.

"We appreciate the effort of keeping our school spirit going throughout the year," sophomore Brandi Yuille said.

So on a field trip, watching a game at your rival school, or just out shopping with your friends the things you do always went back to the place to spent most of your teenage lives, school. But, not to worry because the StuCo of William Chrisman was sure to show our school spirit right along with our bear pride.

Design by Laura Mika





Left: Student Council President Khushal Larifzai listens to fund-raising ideas. The Student Council executive board met every Monday in sponsor Kim Parker's room. **Photo by Blake Gwinn**

Above: Junior Cipporah Yaghoubian discusses Student Council activities with Parker. **Photo by Doug Seaver**



Left: Student Council executives find time to have fun during an after school meeting.

**Photo by Blake Gwinn**

Above: Cipporah Yaghoubian (top), Rosie Ryan (middle) Kari Kent, Emily Penrose, Sarah Farris (bottom) Jason Butherus, Cody Crank, Khushal Larifzai, Joshua Herbert. **Photo by Blake Gwinn**



# School spirit shows pride

Story by Clarissa Vaughan

Throughout the school year awards and honors were handed out left and right. All the way from MVP (most valuable player), and most improved to those senior awards for class clown and shyest girl, whatever award you received, some were earned and some were given through the polls of popularity.

But when it came to Mr. School Spirit and Miss Pep, it was given to the student who throughout the months of the school year had shown they had earned the award. From attending the games to just showing up for school activities, it showed who really cared about their school and took pride in everything they did. Some thought that there were requirements to being a good representative.

"First of all you have to have a lot of school spirit, you have to be a little crazy. You have to try to make it to as many games as possible, or at least home games. And you must wear your school colors," senior Josh Gonzales said.

Stephanie Iser showed she was full of spirit and wanted to share it with the student body, by starting up a pep club to get more people involved.

"I'm really happy that the student body thought I had school spirit. Even though I didn't win, I was glad Stephanie got it because she deserved it," senior April Brinkoetter said.

Up for Mr. School Spirit were seniors Jason Butherus, Blake Gwinn and winner Josh Gonzales. Up for Miss Pep were April Brinkoetter, Laura Hinkle and winner Stephanie Iser.

The awards were given at a girls home game against St. Joe Central during the halftime show.

No matter who was to win it would have been a shock to whomever was crowned.

"I was nervous at first because I wasn't sure, but everybody told me they voted for me, but I didn't want to get my hopes up," Gonzales said.

Then there were people who took the comic approach to things.

"I'm thankful for everything I have, unfortunately I didn't win. Dang it. Got any donuts?," senior Jason Butherus said.

After the whole night was complete it turned out to be one that the six candidates would never forget.

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Above right: Khushal Latifzai presents Josh Gonzales the Mr. School Spirit award while Stephanie Iser stands aside and celebrates. **Photo by Keli Morgan**

Below right: All three couples wait patiently as the room fills with excitement. **Photo by Keli Morgan**





April Brinkoetter and Josh Gonzales await the other four candidates to be introduced. Photo by Keli Morgan.



Stephanie Iser and Jason Butherus anxiously wait for the winners to be claimed. Photo by Keli Morgan.



As the last couple, Laura Hinkle and Blake Gwinn come out onto the gym floor in anticipation of who will be the winners grows. Photo by Keli Morgan.



# THEY THINK, THEREFORE THEY ARE

Story by Melanie Bean

Not everyone can be considered a true scholar, but for the students in the Scholars Bowl it is a natural ability to know almost everything.

"I haven't learned anything being in the club. I already knew everything; that is why I was in it," senior Eric Preston said.

First year Scholars Bowl coach Michael Spoehr had his own way of describing the group members.

"We have the biggest brains of them all," Spoehr said.

Other members had different reasons for joining.

"One of my best friends was in it and asked me to come to a meeting, I decided that I liked all the members, so I joined," senior Heather Tignor said.

Scholars Bowl members all deal with misconceptions that the student body has of them.

"People think we're all stuck-up and don't do anything else, they think that we don't have lives outside of the club, but we are normal kids. We do other stuff," sophomore Tiernan Lindsey said.

Tignor wished that the other students would be more open and non-judgmental of them.

"They (the other students) think we're all nerds and we're not; we just have obscured knowledge trapped in our minds," Tignor said.

All in all, the members were happy with the way the club had been run.

"I like the freedom of it because you don't have to go to all of the practices," Lindsey said.

The members enjoyed themselves at all the practices and meets.

"Some of the schools take it very seriously, they all dress alike and bring brain food to the meets. We have more fun with it," Tignor said.

There are many ways that the Scholars Bowl and the people in it and however odd they may seem they were all most always positive.

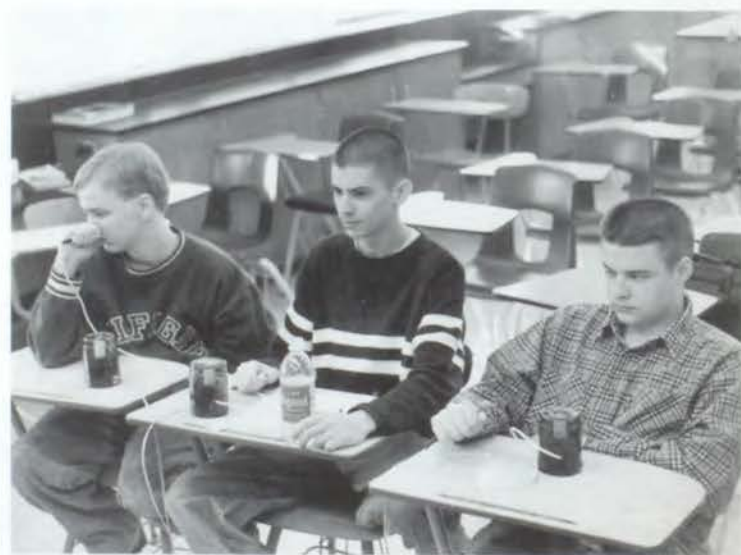
"It is kind of like Jeopardy on crack. The kids are really fun," Preston said.

The only possible improvement, was the number of people who had joined.

"We need more students to come out because we would have a good chance at going to state," Preston said.

Whoever said that learning wasn't fun obviously never spent any time with this group of scholars.

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Sophomore Tiernan Lindsey, senior Eric Preston and senior Brad Best contemplated an answer during a Scholars Bowl meeting. Photo by Silya Siniawski

# WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Story by Melanie Bean

The parents, teachers and students of the PTSA were able to put the generation gap aside and work toward the common goal of improving William Chrisman.

"Having the students involved in the PTSA helps the parents know what we (the students) want and what is important to us now instead of what was important to them in their time," sophomore board member Jennie Davis said.

The PTSA sponsored the backs to school dance, the legs contest (students matched teachers with their pictures of their legs), and the chili supper at the Chrisman versus Truman football game.

"The activities were all fun and interesting to be involved with," freshman board member Chris Chidester said.

Reberry felt that over all the year was a success, but he wished that they could have sponsored more activities for the students.

The PTSA is the Parent Teacher and Student Association, which means that the student board members have to work closely with the adults on the board. The students on the board got along well with their older counterparts with few problems.

"We got along pretty well, we all talked our problems out usually, and had very few conflicts," freshman board member James Reberry said.

All the student board members felt that it was important to keep the students active in the PTSA.

"We had pretty good student involvement, but we could have used more student board members," Reberry said.

Students joined for different reasons, which ranged from it looking good on a college application to wanting to have fun being involved.

"I wanted to join in on more school activities," Chidester said.

Board members would like for the students at Chrisman to know that even though they are not all on the board, their ideas and suggestions will still be considered.

"We're open to suggestions, if a student has any ideas or comments then they should notify us with them," Reberry said.

The PTSA is a living example that students can work with their adult contemporaries to reach common goals without worrying about the generation gap.

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Senior Adam Kemner takes notes after a question at the Dec. 15 Scholars Bowl meeting.

Photo By Rachel Powell



First Row: Jessi Erickson, Melissa Nelson, Jennie Davis, Jilian Miller Second Row: Melissa Thompson, Chris Chidester, James Reberry, Paul Restivo

# A.C.E. of our Hearts

Story by Jennifer Oldberg

What is something that most people don't like to do? Volunteering, spending time helping people for free, not getting paid for working. Sound like fun? Maybe not for some people but for A.C.E. (Association of Christian Excellence) members the joy of helping people is all they need to keep them going.

Members say that volunteering gave them a chance to letter and a sense of pride for helping in the school and in the community.

"Some people think that volunteering is a waste of time, but you get such a rush out of helping people who really need it," sophomore Adam Laughlin said.

A.C.E. was a volunteer organization that participated in various community services and activities around the school and in the community.

"We went to K.C. Promise, one of the model schools out of the Greater Kansas City area for volunteering," sophomore Audrey Arnold said.

Members also participated in other activities around the school, and they helped with freshman orientation.

"We try to encourage positive attitudes, and help inspire excellence throughout the student body and the faculty," sponsor Ken Johnson said.

Joining A.C.E. was easy, and almost every member had a different reason for joining.

"I decided to join A.C.E. because I thought that it sounded like fun and because I knew a lot of people that were already in it," Laughlin said.

Helping people and the community is the main objective of A.C.E. but it also gave the students a chance to get a letter in the process.

"Students have been able to letter in A.C.E. for three years now. We think that it gives them something to look forward to and gives them a goal to reach," Johnson said.

To get a letter isn't easy though. Members have to be dedicated and enjoy what they are doing. To get a letter members had to do 15 hours of community service, 10 hours of school service, five hours of meetings, and 10 hours of miscellaneous.

Members participated in many activities including: Peer Mediation, Coupons for Kids, helped with horseback riding, did doughnut sales, picked up trash, and sent out candy and cards for each member's birthday.

Some people may think that A.C.E. is just another club to put on your college transcripts, but for those who truly like helping then it's the club for them.

Design by Laura Mika







Left: Junior Ha Huynh, Thomas Lancaster, Freshman Hiep Huynh, Sophomore Jamie Howe, and Junior Megan Kemp have a group discussion after finishing their A.C.E. projects. Above: Junior Thomas Lancaster has a little fun making a project during one of the A.C.E. meetings. Below: Sophomores Jamie Howe, Christy Arel, and Katie Cole help set up for the freshman orientation.



First Row: Neeley Lotam, Kristen Kent, Amy Launius, Ibbannika Bond, Hiep Huynh, Ha Huynh, Amy Fortner, Christy Arel, Regina Goodman, Donovan Butler, Cammie Brennan, Cipporah Yaghoubtan, Kim Anthony, Jordan Webb, Katye Okerstrom, Alaina Denney, Amber Grubb, Alissa Hughes, Monica Anderson, Brandon Stowell, Erin Laughlin. Second Row: Amy Stoll, Lauren DeHart, Audrey Arnold, Christina Bramlett, Katie Cole, Adam Laughlin, Stephanie Iser, Shari Andrews, Maria Molina, Emily Penrose, Alicia Scott, Christy McCormick, Melissa Palmer, Sarah Robinson, Paul Restivo, Tania Follet, Nicole Hyden, Julie Burris, Jennie Davis, Sponsor Mrs. Coleman, Sponsor Mr. Johnston. Third Row: Janie Griffen, Shanna Breakbill, Cassie Woodward, Rosie Ryan, Melissa Thompson, Stacie Ware, Melissa Oberdick, Aaron Rust, Jordan Gwinn, Chad Ganson, Khushal Latifzai, Blake Gwinn, Becky Gremillion, Maria Hulmes, Joy Mullikin, Jessi Erickson, Sara Hadley, Laura Noble. Fourth Row: Audrey Webb, Kim Bryson, Shannon Rowe, Tim Miller, Melanie Hodges, Tiffany Brown, Penny Hicks, Kaleb Everett, Mary Vaughan, Ton Lancaster, Amanda Sharp, Samantha Sutton, Amanda James, Karina Arrowood, Amber Birch, Rachelle Houser, Megan Fisher, Rachel Biggs, Sara Otto, Heather Looker, Drew Joplin.

# FREE EDUCATION

Story by Jessica Wells

Life after graduation has crossed in the minds of most students regardless of what grade they were in. Everyone had to face the big question sooner or later: Do I want to go to college? For others it was simply whether or not they could afford it.

By meeting a few requirements some students were able to earn two free years at any Missouri community college. Anyone who maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA, had an attendance record of at least 95 percent, had attended a Missouri high school for at least three years, and applied for the federal fund was eligible for the A+ scholarship. A major requirement was that the student tutor 50 hours or more.

"I tutor because I feel like I'm giving something back to the community and it seems like the kids keep me innocent," sophomore Peggy Noland said.

For those students who had transportation, they were allowed to leave during contact time to visit a nearby elementary school. This was when most of the tutoring took place. Tutoring during contact time was something that many students took advantage of. They gave up their extra study hall to help little kids with flashcards, reading, and other subjects.

"My favorite thing is just talking to the kids. It's fun to do work too but just talking to them and relating to them is what I like," Noland said.

If the students were not able to tutor during contact time, they also had the chance to tutor after school.

Two free years at any Missouri community college was enough to get these students interested. Some even tutored when they planned on attending a college or university.

"I like helping kids. I'll use it if I don't get accepted to Truman State," senior Christina Lipowicz said.

Whether or not the students planned on using the scholarship, they participated anyways for a back up plan.

"I'm not sure where I want to go to college yet, but I want to be prepared for anything," Noland said.

Design by Laura Mika



Above: Senior Jillian Joseph works with Ott Elementary students to earn A+ credit. Photo by Silya Siniawski

Far top: Senior Josh Herbert helps a student in the SASS lab to earn A+ tutoring hours. Photo by Sesly Dowell

# STEPPING FORWARD

Story by Jessica Wells



Above: Juniors Tiffany Sparks and Keli Morgan conduct a Hi-Step meeting before going to their first elementary school. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**

Below: Senior Ashley Tuckness tutors students at Orr Elementary. **Photo by Silya Siniawski**



Above: Sophomore Allissa Hughes attends a Hi-Step meeting in the library. "Helping little kids is awesome," Hughes said. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**

Being looked up to was something that intrigued many students. For those involved in Hi-Step, taking trips to elementary schools to talk to fourth-graders was something to look forward to.

"I like helping people. I think it's fun and I like seeing how it affects people," sophomore Allissa Hughes said.

During their trips to the elementary schools, the Hi-Steppers are able to talk one-on-one to the kids about important issues like drugs, alcohol, and peer-pressures. This club helped show younger kids that it was all right to be drug-free and gave them someone to look up to.

"It's good for the kids. You can try to keep them out of trouble and on the right path," junior John Schroeder said.

Without the help of a sponsor, none of this would have been possible. Renee Freers has enjoyed being a part of Hi-Step for four years and counting.

"Mrs. Kelly had done it the past five years and felt someone new should take over," Freers said.

Talking to the kids wasn't just helpful for the fourth-graders. The Hi-Steppers were also learning something at the same time. They had the opportunity to see how they can affect the lives of others and that they are always being admired by younger students.

"It's a good experience and helps their self esteem. They are also learning while teaching. They get hours for A+ too," Freers said.

For junior Keli Morgan, the one-on-one talking was her favorite part. Freers had felt that the discussion on peer pressure is the most effective.

"The message they send out about not having to be cool to fit in," Freers said.

All the topics that were discussed were matters that everyone will face sooner or later. By talking about them earlier in school, the Hi-Steppers hoped that the kids will know how to make good decisions and use good judgment later in their lives.

Design by Laura Mika



Above: Freshmen Stephanie Elliot and Misty Garrett show off their skills during the game, "Improv duet acting."

Right: Senior Khris Apley does some research during his Advanced Debate class. Photos by Keli Morgan



During advanced competitive drama class, sponsor Lindsey Cummings explains the rules to a game they're about to play. Photo by Keli Morgan



First Row: sponsor Lindsey Cummings, secretary Cypiorah Yaghoubian, vice president Ross Donaldson, historian Nicole Rice, historian Kaye Okerstrom, president Rachel Gregg, spirit chair Julie Burris, spirit chair Stephanie Isler, sponsor Patrick Carr Second Row: Erica Batton, Andy Ayala, Secret Bradley, Jessica Shoemaker, Forrest Green, Joy Mullikin, Bobbi Andujar, Callie Tompkins, Tara Bowed, Emily O'Dell, Mandi Curtis, Shari Andrews, Samantha Bradley, Eliza Fitzpatrick, Laura Moore, Amanda Salmon, Monica Anderson, Tania Follet, Sarah Kinney, Russ Sampson, Amber Grendo, Mike Bouegous, Joe Ivy, Josh Brown Third Row: Shanna Brugdon, Katie Cole, Ashley Wray, Amanda Keeton, Cathy Hayes, Tara Adams, David Taylor, Angelina Garcia, Emme Kinney, Seyko Bond, Angie Arnold, Sasha Pearce, Sarah Robinson, Katrina Apley, Erin Markley, Elizabeth Williams, Misty Garrett, Heather Biggs, Dale Sanders, Jessi Erickson, Suzanna Yeaker, Cody Greer, Fourth Row: Clint Scovel, Donald Habermel, Cassie Woodward, Melissa Scheel, Danny Barnes, Kristen Wood, Amber Burch, Becky Gremillion, Nicole Strucker, Angie Spohn, Nancy Willis Fifth Row: Audrey Wehlo, Melissa Thompson, Kim Bryson, Jim Henry-Rhodes, Megan Levoy, Angelica Harris, Sarah Farris, John Schroeder, Jason Butcherus, Brooke Boldizs, Sean Rice, Gloriana Glover, Joe Swaim, Khris Apley, Kelly Jo Williams, Aaron Minton, Jeremy Sneed, Tamika Bellard, Zach Middleton

# PRESSURE MAKES PERFECT

Story by Amanda Dotson

Did you ever think those long, indisputable arguments with your parents could come in handy? If you're good at talking trash, then take it to the NFL, National Forensic League. The league is made up of debate and competitive drama students. This involves politics and acting up. When competing in tournaments you earn points, and to be in NFL you need 25 points.

"I like the politics itself and running legislation in student congress," junior Jessica Shoemaker said. It is her first year in debate and is going great for her; she is already up to 33 points.

In one school year you have many opportunities to compete. There are 11 regular tournaments, the IWC tournament William Chrisman hosts in December, suburban conference in January, and then districts, state, and nationals.

"At one tournament I had domestic extemp, in which I had to draw a question, research on the topic, write, then memorize my eight minute debate all in 30 minutes," senior Ross Donaldson said.

In competitive drama you can chose from many types of acting. There is humorous interpretation, dramatic interpretation, duo interpretation, prose, poetry, and oratory.

This year, junior John Schroeder and senior Jason Butherus have performed a piece called "The complete works of William Shakespeare, abridged," in which they received two first place and two third place trophies.

During the whole year students in debate and competitive drama have put their hearts into working toward nationals. It was a priority for everyone along with having the time of their lives.

"We are like a great big family, and so many people get involved. We've had a lot of great memories. Plus when you compete it gives you such an adrenaline rush. Lindsey Cummings was my coach, and she is the type of teacher that becomes your friend as well as your teacher. You listen to her advice and you will always do well, even if it does sound crazy," senior Rachel Gregg said.



Junior Kristen Wood does her part by timekeeping during the Dec. 4 IWC tournament. Photo by Keli Morgan

Design by Laura Mika

# DON'T SIT NEXT TO AN ALLIGATOR

Story by Stacey Osborn

A passion for writing, design, photography, and a creative mind was all you needed to be a part of an unpredictable, intriguing, and goofy staff. The Gleam staff was involved all year long from summer journalism camps to pre-school staff meetings. We came out with an unexpected, one-of-a-kind yearbook. Our never-ending motto was: "Don't sit next to an alligator!" What it meant, know one knew, yet it was the motivational topic at our incredibly stressful worknights. Just saying it made some laugh. Others used different tactics to cope with worknights.

"Miss Little gets delirious about 10 or so on worknight. It's fun to watch!" co-editor and senior C.C. Vaughan said.

As with any other staff, there comes responsibilities. Some were to plan over the summer, work on a theme, put together spreads, write stories, and the list goes on and on. Editors prepared for the year by attending journalism conventions at semi-local colleges like MU and K-State. Many vigorous hours were spent in order to fine tune their writing and designing skills.

"Over the summer we went to K-State and we had the same yearbook class for about 10 hours a day for six days. It was horrible," co-editor and senior Jessica Wells said.

But the yearbook isn't all about writing. Pictures made up about 75 percent of the book, too. Thirteen talented photographers made up this year's staff, racking in this year's pictures. But what you don't see are the long, hard hours put in to the yearbook. Each person averaged about three assignments a deadline, making it a pretty tight schedule.

"It's a lot of hard work, but we still have fun because of me and Paul Ballance," senior Kyle Jasper said.

The ever-so-popular worknights were dreaded from deadline to deadline. Some disliked them so much that they would even cry to get to leave.

"I cried once at worknight, but I got over it," Wells said.

"Nobody ever likes worknights, but they are necessary to get the book out on time, before the seniors leave," adviser Rose Hewitt said.

From worknights and long stressful days to the interviews done during contact time, the Gleam staff put together our memories, both good and bad, to make this book, "The Season Finale."

Design by Laura Mika



First Row: Amanda Dotson, April Brinkoetter, Shanna Brogdon, Rachel Powell, Ashley Conrow, CC Vaughan, Rosie Ryan. Second Row: sponsor Rose Hewitt, Hannah Noland, Jessica Wells, Katye Okerstrom, Keli Morgan, Laura Mika, Jessie Warner, Kristen Stoneburner, Jennifer Adams. Third Row: Aaron Budd, Silya Siniawski, Stacey Osborn, Sesly Dowell, Tara Mannen, Gabby Beckler, John Graus, Andrew Gore, Doug Seaver, sponsor Christy Little

# WRITING MADE PERFECT

Story by Stacey Osborn



Above: Gleam photographer and senior Andrew Gore waits for his photos to dry.

Left: Senior Aaron Budd and junior Hannah Noland work on tagging photos during worknight.

Below: Envoy photographer and junior Mike Sapp takes a picture for the upcoming issue. **Photos by Katie Ramsey**



Picture this: A group of editors, photographers, and writers in room 96, at 10 p.m. on a Monday night. All of them were trying to wrap up their stories, find a catchy headline, and senior Brian Porter chases senior Dominic Escobar around the hallways!! This would be a typical Envoy worknight.

"He dropped my pizza, so I chased him through the school on worknight," Porter said.

This year's staff accomplished much more than just a mad manhunt on worknights. Thanks to the hard work and a few late nights, the newspaper came out biweekly. With the paper coming out every other week staffers had to be on the ball and ready for anything. The Envoy also received an excellence award and Escobar received a superior award for editorial writing.

"It's a lot harder to go biweekly because everyone is so involved with other things. Sometimes you're rushed and it's a stressful job, but most of the time it's fun!" junior Kelly Peterson said.

Putting together a 12 page paper covering various stories like the \$34.7 million bond, letters to the editor about attitudes, the football team's winning season, new movies like Psycho, and an activities calendar.

There's definitely one person on staff that knows how time consuming journalism can be: it's Envoy photographer/Gleam writer junior Kristen Stoneburner. Between shooting photos and writing papers, Stoneburner threw in some late hours.

"It's hard to get things done when students refuse to be interviewed. It takes up a lot of time but I don't mind the time I spend," Stoneburner said.

Writing adviser Christy Little held the key responsibility over this staff: to guide them without actually doing the work for them. She felt she developed a close relationship with the students better than other teachers because of the amount of time they spent together.

Through all of the writing, interviewing, and stressful worknights, the staff were able to grow closer together and develop new relationships.

"I liked talking to Kelly and Ashley about tips on getting a boyfriend," senior Tina Smithers said.

Whether writing articles or being a part of something really important was their motivation, the Envoy staff covered an outstanding and unforgettable year in their 1998-1999 issues.

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First Row: sponsor Rose Hewitt, Amber Bolt, Mandy Montavy, Kelly Peterson, Lori Summers, Steven Smith, Kristen Stoneburner, Emily O'Dell, Wendy Robello. Second Row: Brian Porter, Matt Mills, Mike Sapp, Shannon Jancek, Tina Smithers, Ashley Cauthon, Eric Harvey, April Perdue, Dominic Escobar, sponsor Christy Little.

# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Story by Melanie Bean

Helping others is the best way to help ourselves, or so it has been said. That was what the Futures Club did, the focus of the club was to help others when ever the situation allowed. Futures members did everything from recycling newspapers to helping under privileged kids make Halloween costumes.

"We raise money and send it to homeless shelters, we also buy presents for little kids on their birthdays and for Christmas," senior Shonna Grondahl said.

The Futures club had some problems getting started this year. Part of the problem was getting the various jobs they wanted to help with organized.

"We got off to a slow start this year, the person we were supposed to help never called us back and we had problems with our Christmas angels," club sponsor Bami Drinkwater said.

The other part of the problem was getting the members organized.

"We have had problems with members coming to the meetings and messing around, they don't want to work they just want the club on their records," Grondahl said.

Not all of the members were in it to have fun though, most had good reasons to join the club.

"I joined because it gave me the leadership abilities I was going to need to decide if I want to go into my own business," junior Shawntay Wilson said.

The main thing that the students wanted to see changed was the lack of interest that some of the members showed by not coming to the meeting and actively participating.

"I think that the club should get stricter about the people not showing up when they are supposed to," Wilson said.

Being able to help other people was the main purpose that most of the members were in it, whether it was helping a small business get off the ground or helping the kids at the Hope House.

"It is an interesting and helpful club to be in, we get to help the community by adopting families and helping the Hope House," junior Jessica Little Eagle said.

Drinkwater hopes that the club gets off to a better start next year, and that they don't encounter any of the problems that they have had this year.

Even with the problems they had the members are still glad to be part of the club.

"It makes me feel good to help someone else for a change," Wilson said.

Futures was definitely the club to join if you enjoyed helping others and having a good time doing it with your friends.



Lindsay Kleyh picks up her award from the Smith-Cotton math relays.  
Photo by Suzanne Crews



# COUNT ON US

Story by Melanie Bean



Suzanne Crews gives Jim Henry-Rhoads information on the Smith-Cotton relays held in Sedalia. The math club brought home several medals this year.  
Photo by Katy O'Kerstrom



First Row: Jim Henry-Rhoads, Heather Biggs, Wendy Robello  
Second Row: Amanda Salmon, Emal Latifzai, Jessi Erickson, Daniel Smith, Jeremy Hinken  
Third Row: Suzanne Crews (sponsor), Jack Henry-Roads, Eric Preston, Daniel Goodman, Lindsey Kleyh, Jason Wooster

"We are not just a bunch of nerds," senior Wendy Robello said

Like many of the other academic clubs the math club had the problem of being judged by the other students who weren't apart of the club.

"The students make sly remarks about us when they don't even know us, they need to come to a meeting and see what we are all about," Robello said.

Students joined the math club for a variety of reasons, one of which was to help them get prepared for college and their future careers.

"I want to be an engineer when I get out of college, I might as well start now while I'm still in high school," junior Amanda Salmon said.

Others joined just because they liked math and it happened to be one of their favorite and sometimes their best subjects.

"I joined because math has always been one of my strongest subjects, and it gave me something different to join," Robello said.

Robello felt that one of the most valuable things that a person could gain from being in the math club was all of the people that they might meet.

"You meet people that you probably wouldn't at school, a lot of the people that join are quiet and don't make themselves get noticed, even though they are really cool," Robello said.

The club members wished that they could have raised student interest in the group and gotten more people involved in the club. They felt that part of the reason for the lack of interest was because of the way the students viewed the club.

"A lot of kids think that we just sit down and do math all day, we actually have a lot of fun going to the relays with our friends; it's not like we carry our calculators around with us all the time," Robello said.

Math Club members all did well at the various math relays which they attended. This has raised the confidence level among the members.

"Overall we have done a lot better this year as a whole," Robello said.

So the next time you are looking to join a new club remember not to judge the others in it and take a chance on it. You may even learn something in the process.

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Above: Junior Michael Judge performs his piece in a Shakespearean Monologue competition at the Renaissance Festival.  
 Right: Juniors Monica Anderson and Shanna Brogdon perform a scene from Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare



Photos by Katie Ramsey



International Thespian Society: First Row April Perdue, Rebecca Stumberger, Samantha Bradley, Lindsey Olson, Jared Presler Second Row: Kim Hayes (sponsor) Eliza Fitzpatrick, Devon Jenison, Amanda Curtis, Jessica Greenwood, Shanna Brogdon, Laura Moore, Amanda Salmon, Monica Anderson, Sariah Kinney Third Row: Bobbie Andujar, Sasha Pearce, Paul Haworth, Adam Brown, Rachel Gregg, Emma Kinney, Sara Palmer, Pamela Leung Fourth Row: Russell Hill, Paul Restivo, Doug Swearingin, Jason Butherus, John Shroeder, Joe Swaim, Allissa Hughes, Sandra Ramirez

Seniors Johnny Scott, Joe Swaim, and Lindsey Olson lounge around in the Little Theater during a Thespians meeting Photo by Silya Siniawski

# ATTACK OF THE BIG "T"

Story by Rosie Ryan

Imagine this: It's Monday morning, 5 a.m. You wake up to the sound of a telephone ring: At first you're frightened, but then you remember, this is Thespian initiation week. On the phone is a "Big T" telling you the "Little T" good morning. You groan and want to go back to sleep, but you can't because you know the big T's will be over any minute to dress you up in costume for the day.

"On costume day, the Big T's dress the little T's up in all kinds of crazy things from the costume room. Believe me, there's some pretty crazy things in there, too!" senior Joe Swaim said.

A big part of being a Thespian is Initiation Week. The "Big T's" (those already accepted into the International Thespian Honors Society) get to boss around all the "Little T's" those being initiated all week long. The Little T's must do anything the Big T's say.

"Initiation week is the most fun. Its like the Big T's vs. the Little T's," senior Adam Brown said.

To be initiated, you must earn 20 points, and at least 1 stage point. You can earn points for working on crews and helping out with the plays.

Some of the events of the week include "Beanie Day," when all the Little T's must wear blue and gold beanies; "Candy Day," when all the Little T's must hand out candy to any Big T they see, and "Bring a Friend Day," when Little T's must carry around some sort of a stuffed animal all day long.

Other than the specific days, there are many other crazy things that Big T's make Little T's do.

"I was forced to sing the song, "Gray Squirrel" in front of all my classes," senior Lindsey Olson said.

"When I was initiated, the Big T's painted a big letter T on my forehead with glow in the dark puff-paint," Brown said.

Thespians also do many activities, which include going to the Renaissance Festival to compete in a Shakespearean monologue contest. They also go to "Theater Alive Day" at Worlds of Fun.

"We learn new techniques for stage fighting, dancing, and also improv," junior Becky Stamberger said.

The Thespians are all really close, whether it is a result of all the time they spent to together working on the productions or because of their strange initiation techniques.

"There's so much camaraderie in Thespians," Swaim said. "There's really something special about it. It's family."

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Kim Hayes, the Thespians sponsor, fills the Thespians in on the projects they would be working during the year. Photo by Silya Siniawaski

## SPANISH FOR THOUGHT

This year Spanish Club had about 50 members. Those who joined received extra credit points, along with the benefit of getting involved in the Hispanic culture.

Spanish Club members went to places like Annie's Santa Fe, a Mexican restaurant, and to haunted houses with the French Club. They also participated in a carnival for the foreign language festival. Students made skulls for the Day of the Dead, a holiday celebrated in memory of those who have died.

Mostly students liked Spanish classes and were likely to join Spanish Club to get involved with activities.

"I took Spanish because I liked it in eighth grade," sophomore Melissa Thompson said.

## FUN IN FRENCH

Bonjour! That's French for hello. Students who took French classes were encouraged to join French Club. They participated in activities like haunted houses and ice skating, and the foreign language festival in the spring, sponsor Anne Haines said. Students had plenty to do in French Club.

Senior Chris Campbell said he took French because he thought it would be cool to learn a different language.

"I want to be able to talk to people from a foreign country. I liked French Club because we went to haunted houses, and went ice skating," Campbell said.

Senior Josh Arnold was also in French Club. He was one of the students who went to France for 15 days in the spring.

"It's fun. There's a lot of activities," Arnold said.

## ONE OF A KIND

The German Club may not have been as well known as the other foreign languages, but that's why some students like junior Amber Burch took it.

"German was a class no one ever took, it was something different," Burch said.

The German club had a breakfast, where students brought food into class and had meetings whenever it was convenient for everyone.

"We plan on having a picnic in the park with Truman's German Club in the spring," senior Heather Tignor said.

Stories by Jessie Warner

Design by Laura Mika



Spanish Club: First Row: treasurer Richell Houser, president Melanie Bean, vice president Chris Stowell, secretary April Weeks Second Row: sponsor Pam Dicochue, sponsor Nanette Smith, Giang Nguyen, Cammie Brennan, Maria Molina, Cipporah Yaghoubian, Amy Fortner, Lindsey Main, Charles Smith, Emily Penrose, Paul Restivo, Melissa Palmer Third Row: Bobbie Andujar, Evelyn Jenkins, Meagan McClain, Laura Trekuar, Mary Taylor, Holly Ellsworth, Daniel Smith, Brad Fullbright, Chris Stowell, Edwin Sagastume, Jessica Williams, Jessica Jones, Jessica LittleEagle, Monica Anderson Fourth Row: Russ Donaldson, Chandra Kleoppel, Courtney Timms, Melissa Thompson, Shari Andrews, Heather Ward, Rachel Herbert, Audra Isaharri Sharif, Chris Pinick, Ross Nichols, Gabe Brown, Shanna Breakhill Fifth Row: Nate Rodgers, Matt Richardson, Katie Rensing, Laura Snyder, Christina Scott, John Schroeder, Matt Wilson, Josh Herbert, Kadir Serbest, Trina Rodriguez, Jesse Rensing, Keli Morgan, Jessica Wells, Beth Fullbright, Sarah McGarce, Lia Tuala



Above: Juniors Jennifer Youngmans, Jessi Erikson, Nathan Rapp, and Mandy Montavy try to repair the Eiffel Tower at the French Club meeting Jan. 7.

Left: Members of Spanish Club listen for important information at the meeting Jan. 7. **Photos by Tara Mannen**



French Club: First Row: secretary Tina Smithers, vice president Jilian Miller, Amanda Salmon, Laura Moore, treasurer Nathan Rapp Second Row: Abby Friz, Jessi Erickson, Becki Gremillion, Mandy Montavy, Amber Joslyn, Sarah Lorbecki, Anne Haines, sponsor. Third Row: John Schroeder, Riana Nichols, Kadir Serbest, Christy McCormick, Chris Campbell, Eric Preston, Josh Arnold, historian Jason Butherus

German Club: First row: Philip Grabiel, Melissa Bradley, Jennie Davis, Rose Hewitt, Christine McCane, Lynsey Schnetzer. Second row: Tom Lancaster, Danny Barnes, Paul Robbins, Katrina Apley, Andrea Rush, Jared Presler, Jeanna McCubbin. Third row: Ashley Moore, Michael Green, Angie Arnold, sponsor Pete Hile, Amber Burch, Heather Tignor.

# GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

Story by Amanda Dotson

Do you want to be your own boss, own your own business, or even learn about the ways of entrepreneurship? Students in FBLA, Future Business Leaders Of America, start preparing for the real life and becoming leaders.

To be a part of FBLA you need to have taken a business class such as Accounting, Intro. to Business, Personal Finance, and any computer class.

In the past FBLA students visited businesses such as Cool Crest and the Chamber of Commerce. They spoke with the owners to see how things are ran and what it takes to own a business.

"I like it because it helps me prepare to work with others in a job situation and teaches you a lot about the work field," junior Melissa Palmer said.

FBLA also participates in community services and then competes in the spring. There are different categories you can compete in, like written tested, business accounting, job interviews, and computer applications. To prepare the students for their particular category when competing, they are given practice tests to refresh their knowledge of the topic. Competing gets them motivated and also learn business as well.

"We went to an ethics convention where we were given problems and we had to decide how to handle the situation," junior Mindy Dent said.

Socializing and having fun is also a part of the club. The group takes trips bowling, and eating pizza has been an enjoyable event.

"We let the officers and members set and run the meetings to teach them more leadership skills. So far they have done a pretty good job but hope to get them more involved in the future. Helping them work their best with others and being aware of what is happening in the real world is our main priority," business teacher Jennifer Storm said.

Even if you are not planning on going into the business field, these classes and FBLA can help you in deciding what you are interested in or would be good at.



First row: Dan Smith, Dallas Beck, Michelle Grush, Ashley Bryant Second row: Melissa Palmer, Shannon O'Brien, Brad Fullbright, Jeremy Wade, sponsor Jennifer Storm.

# WORKING UP TO IT

Story by Amanda Dotson

Would you like to receive three credits for one class and get to leave school early? If the answer is yes, then the only thing you need is a job. For students in DECA, a marketing program, they worked and got credit for it.

The marketing class itself only requires you to work 10 hours a week per semester and receive 1/2 credit, or work 20 hours per semester and receive 1 credit. Then if you work 20 hours for an entire year you receive 2 credits. You also can earn another credit by taking the marketing internship class. The class also teaches you some pretty efficient skills. You are taught about the life of business, teamwork, communication, and how to run a business.

So far this year they have went to the Lake of the Ozarks in September, and attended classes on communication. Then in November they traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, and went to a leadership conference. Yet the biggest event for the students was the DECA breakfast held at the Loral Club at the RLDS Auditorium. All members had a chance to sit down with their employers to eat breakfast. This gave the kids an opportunity to thank their employers for supporting the program and working with them. Speakers were invited to come talk to them about how to be the most successful in developing life skills. In a sense their boss became their teacher while they were at work.

President of DECA senior Amanda Larkin said, "I had to write a 30-page paper on the blood drive William Chrisman put on for the category civic conscience. It will get sent to judges and then they will interview me over it. I had lots of fun being in charge of the publicity for the blood drive and was glad to see so many students get involved."

Many students seem to think they are forced to take classes that will not help them in their specific job area. Not in this case. This program is all about bettering yourself for the working world. Learning these skills early can only help advance you in the wonderful world of business.

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Above: Junior Brad Fullbright waits around for the FBLA meeting to start. "We plan our own activities. The teachers aren't really involved, it's more of a student leadership activity," Fullbright said. **Photo by Katye Okerstrom**

Left: At a DECA state leadership conference at the Lake of the Ozarks Ronald Copple and Jane Brown get seniors Shari Andrews, Paul Ballance, Alison Sole and Rachel Dye ready for the opening session. **Photo by Amanda Larkin**

Below: Pat Davis smiles as the pizza man sets down the pizza for FBLA members. **Photo by Katye Okerstrom**



First row: Amanda Larkin, Shari Andrews, Alison Sole Second row: April Bias, Nickie Spears, Jennifer Adams, Brooke Cooley, Jody Atherton, Keli Kidd, Matt Wilson, Jennifer Griffith, Dedrick Cole, Jason Weston Third row: Sponsor Jane Brown, Rachel Pasquale, Andrew Williams, Rachel Dye, John Taylor, Jeremy Gist, A.J. Gray, Justin Hatfield, David Douglas, Rocket Miller, Eric Baynes Fourth row: Sponsor Ronald Copple, Iddie Stutzer, Scott Kunzler, Jeremy Gregg, Jamal McNurlin, Doug Swearingin, Aaron Minton, Pio Malaclulu, Billy Eisenbarth, Jason Barlett, Donnie Haynes.

# CLICK THIS!

Story by Shanna Brogdon

Chrisman students had an opportunity to join a new honor society- the National Computer Honor Society.

CSHCS is a recognition group of students in advanced computer science classes who work hard and have the grades to prove it. These students must also be creative and responsible while showing leadership.

"Our chapter is in an infant phase," senior Joseph Heald said. "We go around school and fix computers."

With a shortage of school personnel to fix the equipment, the students came in very handy.

Their goal this year was to help students prepare for the future.

"It helps promote service to others and by that, they can learn more about technology," said sponsor and computer teacher Jane Fricks.

But membership was hard to come by. Your ticket into this club was by invitation only.

Senior Nick Church said, "I accepted the invitation because honors like it are rare. Plus, it looks good on any application."

Computers are getting so popular now, any job including one won't be hard to find. That's a good thing for Heald and Church because they both plan on having a career in technology.

"I want to go into a field of computer science and programming," Heald said.

"I intend on designing computers or being an electrical engineer," Church said.

As a result, participation in CSHSC made for practical, real-life computer experience.

"And what makes us unique is that you have to know computers well," Church said. "If you take the computer science class, you need to do good, which makes the nomination for CSHSC very difficult to obtain."

From hard drives to desktops, this honor society knew their stuff.



First Row: Holly Ellsworth, Nick Church, Stephanie Iser. Second Row: Joe Heald, Ryan McMillan, Jim Henry-Rhodes, Heather Tignor, sponsor Jane Fricks.

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# NOT JUST A BOARD GAME

Story by Shanna Brogdon

What are two words you will never hear in a room full of chess players?

King me!

The basic chess pieces are king, queen, knight, bishop, rook, and pawn. Each are worth a certain number of points and each has a specific purpose.

"It's not hard to learn, and we teach people how to play," junior Jon Schellinger said.

Not all games are timed. And there are a few vocabulary words in chess, such as notation, checkmate and stalemate.

Notation is writing down which piece goes where on the board; checkmate is the end of the game where a player captures his opponents' king, and a stalemate is when there is no winner or if there are certain pieces on the board, like king versus king.

With John Verburg as sponsor, Chess Club met on Wednesdays and Fridays after school until about 4 p.m. this year. But it wasn't the typical library-type silence everyone has been brought to believe.

"We're all friends and we have conversations when we play. It's rarely quiet in there," junior John Smith said.

Why join? Not just because there are movies about chess, but because it's a fun and challenging game.

"I love to play chess. It's a strategy game and comprehension club. It's increased my thinking and analytical skills," senior Dale Sanders said.

Chess club had a total of 12 members; seven boys, five girls, and that included two sets of twins.

Friends, fun. Whatever reason, you really ought to try this out!

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Junior Jon Schellinger works on installing an Ethernet card.

Photo by Andrew Gore



First Row: Randy Robinson, Melissa Scheel, Breia Morales. Middle Row: Allen Rose, Tana Hagelin, Brandi Morales, Ryan Robinson. Second Row: John Smith, Giang Nguyen, Emal Latifzai, Cody Greer, Dale Sanders, sponsor John Verburg

# AN ISLAND EXPERIENCE

Story by Kyle Jasper

Imagine yourself in a place where the sun glistens off the ocean and the sounds of the tropic echo for miles away. A place where bananas, pineapples, and coconuts grow. It seems like only a fantasy for some and for most of the kids here at Chrisman the closest they'll even get is to watch the native dances and to participate with our school's very own Polynesian Club.

If you don't know about our Polynesian Club here at Chrisman just stay after school one day, or go to the hall next to the Little Theater during contact time and that's where you'll find them. This club practices non-stop so it will perfect its native dances and rituals.

All of the dances that the Polynesian Club perform have a unique significance, in other words each dance has a different meaning.

Each year the Polynesian Club performs a special concert for the students and faculty at William Chrisman. It's a lot of devotion and hard work for these club members to perform their cultural dance.

The Polynesian Club performs a variety of dances. One dance the club performs is the "Tahitian Otear." In this dance the dancers use and move their hips to show affection. Another dance is the "Hawaiian Hula." In this dance the dancers use their hands to tell a specific story. In the dance the "Knife Dance" the dancers yell out Polynesian phrases and twirl a spear-like blade. This dance is only performed by males and the son of the chief or the "high chief."

"We like to party and dance. Sometimes we play around a lot, but we still get things accomplished," sophomore Brett Tali said.

The Polynesian Club experience many interesting things from eating pineapple and chop sui to drinking coconut milk. You don't have to be Polynesian to join, either.

"We have too much fun, but it's a blast and it's open to anybody," senior Lini Iosua said.

The Polynesian Club is a very active club and they really know how to put on a show, so don't ever say they don't keep things interesting. If you're looking for a break from school and a little bit of paradise you might want check into the Polynesian Club.



Front Row: Karen Guardiola, Lia Tuala Second Row: Laura Noble, Kristen Kent, Vai Danielson, Patricia Tauverez, Tammy Latuli, Katrina Appley Third Row: Ramon Oldberg, Jason Butherus, John Schroeder, Lini Iosua, Kari Kent, Junior Tali, Brett Tali, Kia Tuala

# A BETTER LETTER

Story by Kyle Jasper



Above: Senior Junior Tali, and 560 juniors T.J. Key and Mathew Tali performed a Polynesian cultural dance.

Left: Freshman Eddie Ashley and senior Lini Iosua participates in a dance teaching Polynesian culture.

Below: C-Club shows school spirit by cheering on our basketball team.

Photos by Susan Simmons



First Row: Jennie Davis, Stacey Osborn, Sesly Dowell, Ashley Conrow, Rachel Powell Second Row: Jessica Torlin, Wendy Robello, Melissa Oberdick, Alania Denny, Donavon Butler, Shannon O'Brian. Third Row: Bobbie Andujar, Cipporah Yaghoubian, Melissa Palmer, Emily Penrose, Alicia Scoy, sponsor Julie Crowell Fourth Row: Audrey Webb, Melissa Thompson, Christy McCormick, John Schroeder, Brad Fullbright, Josh Arnold

When the sweat, blood, and hard work are over and the feeling of satisfaction from receiving your varsity letter is gone, what do you do? You've achieved your goal, so what is next? Well it's simple, start going to the games and other school events to support your fellow athletes. Start going to the parties of your fellow athletes where you will be joined by other peers like yourself; and that is where you will call yourselves "The C-Club."

The C-Club is an inspirational club here at William Chrisman. It is there to support and discuss the other sports amongst the club. The recommendations are simple: you just have to earn a letter in any sport or program at Chrisman. It probably is easier than it sounds. The hard part is earning the letter. Participants range from letter recipients in technology to football.

"C-Club is fun. We support our school and even our city teams," senior Wendy Robello said.

The C-Club has gone to many events, including a Kansas City Blades game.

"I had a lot of fun at the Blades game. It was my first time ever seeing them," junior Nathan Rapp said.

There is a lot of things that go on in C-Club, but it's hard to enjoy them if you lack in that feeling called spirit. Spirit is what the C-Club is about. The members spend a lot of their time supporting the athletes at Chrisman and urging the athletes who are not busy to come and participate with this club.

If you're looking for a fun club and you're a sports nut you might want to try the C-Club. C-Club helps give other members a different outlook on the other sports in the school by discussing what is going on with the sport. They talk about the progress of the sport and discusses what could help the sport prevail. It's almost like a high school sportcenter.

You never know what could happen in C-Club, you might find out you like a different sport and decide to try out for it. You might even make some new friends and you know you are going to learn little more about the sports program at Chrisman. So if you need a little boost in spirit and you're interested in sports, C-Club is where it's at.

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# THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

Story by April Brinkoetter

As we approach the end of the year there is something that we all look forward to; the end of the year slide show. As you went to the games and watched an amazing play, or you went to a dance and someone had a new move, this all was probably all caught on tape.

Making a slide show took many vigorous steps. First, photos that are scanned for the video are chosen by the publications photographers; then these photos are scanned for the video. After that, they are transferred into video tape from a computer at Rose Hewitt's home, music is then put with the video and that completes the video.

"Making the end of the year slide show took a lot of work. You have to be at everything and make sure you get all the footage. It's not an easy job," junior Bobby Andujar said.

This year the video club ran into some problems when a tape with footage of events that was taped over with the winter musical.

"It was awful. We went to look for a tape with Homecoming footage of the parade and the game, but could find it nowhere. We were going to switch the tapes so the Into the Woods could be recorded, but when we found the tape recorder with the already recorded on film, we also found it being recorded over. We didn't know what to do so we were going to have to use pictures instead, unless someone had footage we could use," junior Keli Morgan said.

Unfortunately, this wasn't the only problem when it came to producing the video.

"We have to fit everyone in the auditorium at once, which is not possible, or have a dual assembly lasting no more than 25 minutes each. We have tried, and we just can't make the video less than 30 minutes long because it cuts too much out of the school year," video club sponsor Hewitt said.

In years past the video has been shown during contact time, but due to time constraints this will put a damper on the event.

The resolution to this problem has been to sell copies of the video, and possibly have a volunteer assembly that is not mandatory so that whoever can come, or will make time to, can. This would not be mandatory for the entire student body.

The biggest project for the club is making the senior video. In making this video, they must make sure to try and get every single senior possible in the video. With over 300 students in the senior class, this becomes quite a challenge.

Although this does require some effort, the biggest plus to this is that there is no time limit on how long the video can, and can not be. It is perhaps a memoir of the seniors' last year, but like the slide show it is still a question if this will be produced.



First Row: Bobbie Andujar, Stephanie Iser, Keli Morgan, Katye Okerstrom, sponsor Rose Hewitt. Second Row: Lori Summers, Blake Gwinn, Mike Sapp, Josh Gonzales.

# A NEW LEVEL!

Story by April Brinkoetter

For Photography Club students, taking photos these days consists more of just catching something spectacular on film. The Photography Club's members are some of the most dedicated photographers at Chrisman, going beyond the limits of taking pictures and developing them.

The Photography Club is active in a mentoring program called "Elementary Partnership Program" as a community service project. The basic point of this activity is to bring high school students and elementary kids together. The elementary kids are 3rd through 6th graders from four different elementary schools in the Independence school district. Each member is assigned to a kid and guides them on how to produce pictures.

"Basically what we do is go to the elementary schools and teach the little kids about a 35mm camera, how to work them, the techniques and take pictures. We teach them the basics of photography so they can take clear and good pictures. A few weeks after that we go back and bring them the developed film of the pictures they took. They paste their pictures on construction paper and decorate it for presentation. It's my favorite thing to do with the club. The kids seem to enjoy it and we all have fun," senior Doug Seaver said.

The posters that the elementary students make are displayed around the school for all the teachers and students so they can see their hard work.

"You get a lot out of this. I enjoy working with the kids since it's something that they're interested in and enjoy it's not every day that you can actually get a kid to listen to you and be interested in what you have to say," senior Matt Mills said.

Although this is a big part of what the Photography Club does, there are also other things on their agenda. As a group they go and visit various galleries and enter their best work into contests. These contests include the PTSA Reflections contest and the Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation contest.

"I have entered in many contests, but so far the results have not been sent back. I am very anxious to see how I've done," junior Mike Sapp said.

Like all other clubs, being in the Photography Club has its perks, but this time it's from helping others.

"The elementary kids benefit from this in which they have someone older that they can look up to, that is helping them with something. It also gives them a lot of self-esteem since they get to see the outcome of their pictures and know that they're good. The high school students benefit from this from getting a sense of "self" since they are teaching someone else with their knowledge instead of learning themselves," video club sponsor Rose Hewitt said.

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Left: Junior Wade Bedsaul works with his elementary school partner during the Partnership Program with Ott this past November. Above: Katy Okerstrom and Stephanie Iser hook up a video camera for the school video.

Below: Matt Mills works with his Ott student, teaching him about a 35mm camera for the Partnership Program. **Photos by Jennifer Adams**



First Row: Bobbie Andujar, Stephanie Iser, Lori Summers, Katy Okerstrom, Shawntav Wilson, Anna Griffith, sponsor Rose Hewitt Second Row: Katie Savage, Michelle Warrington, Jordan Gwinn, Blake Gwinn, Wade Bedsaul, Matt Mills, Mike Sapp.

## ANY BIDS ON THIS LOVELY PIECE ?

Story by Aaron Budd

Fact: The NAHS at William Chrisman was founded in the 1920s and was one of the first chapters in the nation.

Fact: It's still here today and going strong , starting new traditions and taking charge.

Sponsor Warren Utsler was destined to be in the NAHS. He said, "My father was part of the club way back inthe 30's." He's just helping live on the tradition.

He has seen a lot of changes in his three years. "There for a while the the club wasn't doing much, but these kids are the best bunch I've had in my three years . They're self motivated and self reliant, and they've took off with this club," Utsler said at the first ever art show.

He wasn't joking. " Utsler basically told us that the show was ours, 'you guys handle it, I'll just help you out with the materials needed to put on an art show,'" said senior Eric Harvey.

Many people were there for the art show on Jan. 21. It was a formal, professional event, which in turn contributed to their show's success. There were 180 pieces, some were available to purchase , with small portions going toward the club members , and other portions going toward making the duplicates to sell and money to help the club exist. All the exhibits come from the club members which they have collected over the years, up until now. Everyone sold at least one piece at the show.

The club meets twice a month in room 99. There they plan events like the art show, plan trips to local art galleries and other area art shows like the one they held, also those murals that pop up spontaneously around school, say like the "What, When, Where Chrisman News" mural by the art rooms. It was drawn and painted by Matt Mills and Amber Bolt.

There are eight members in the club, six of which are seniors. Out of those six, four of them are going to follow up their high school art career in college, the other two are going to do other things in college, but plan to keep up the art in their spare time.

"Our inspiration comes from the help of everyone in the club. We use each other's praise and criticism. In each individuals work, there is everyone's style." Mills said.

Harvey said, "It was real easy to work with each other, we were like one big family we were able to work with each other and help one another out."

Design by Laura Mika



NAHS: First Row: Steven Smith, Jennie Davis, Wendy Robello, Susan Lorbecki, Matt Mills  
Second Row: Pamela Leung, Emal Latifzai, Eric Harvey, Amber Bolt, Lindsey Olson

# HONOR AND DIGNITY

Story by Jennifer Oldberg

National Art Honor Society members Steve Smith, Matt Mills, Amber Bolt, Eric Harvey, Jennie Davis, and Pam Leung discuss future events in Warren Utsler's room. "It is a small group but we are all friends, so we have a lot of fun," Senior Amber Bolt said. **Photo by Shannon Jancek**

Rewarding and fun, two things that most people don't think can happen together.

But students involved in National Honor Society say that participating in honor society's is not only fun but it is also rewarding.

Students involved in NHS volunteer their time to help the homeless shelters in Independence, and do various other community service activities that help William Chrisman and the surrounding community. This gave students a chance to give back to others, and see the reward that came with giving rather than receiving. It made them feel better about themselves that they could help someone else.

Taking time out from helping in the community and school, members found time to have fun, too.

"We try to make NHS fun for everybody involved, we try and give them something that they can look back and remember," sponsor Margret Cummings said.

The NHS members took time out for ice skating, and other fun activities. They had a chance to get away from everything and just relax and have fun.

Being in NHS and NAHS was a big responsibility for students involved. Making time to attend all the meetings and activities was hard, but the students involved were responsible and proved that they were.

To be eligible to be in National Honor Society students had to have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 over a six semester period. This also meant that you had to be a senior. Students had to show exceptional leadership skills, and had to participate in no less than four clubs over the same six semesters.

Being in an honor society took a lot from the students involved. Dedication and hard work was what made this club different from all others. The students who were members of National Honor Society proved themselves eligible to take on the responsibility of helping others as well as themselves.

Design by Laura Mika



NHS: First Row: Jared Daniel, sponsor Margaret Cummings, Wendy Robello, Eric Preston, Jim Henry-Rhoads Second Row: Kelly O'Camb, Brian McMillian, Steven Smith, Nick Church, Anna Webb, Audra Sharifi-Isfahani, Jordan Webb, Samantha Bradley, Pamela Leung, Sarah Palmer, Tina Smithers, Matt Mills, Amanda Dotson Third Row: Joseph Heald, Adison Loving, Silya Sinjowski, Brian Porter, Adam Kemner, Laura Hinkle, Sarah Lorbecki, Sarah Farris, Kari Kent, Ashleigh Vader Fourth Row: Heather Tignor, Chris Stowell, Blake Gwinn, Andrew Gore, Joshua Herbert, Jason Shawhan, Aaron Griffith, Khushal Latifzai, Amber Bolt, Ross Donaldson

## Timeline of Clinton & Lewinsky events

November 1992  
 Clinton Elected  
 May 1994  
 Jones files lawsuit  
 July 1995  
 Lewinsky starts at White House  
 Nov. 15, 1995  
 -Clinton-Lewinsky  
 affair starts  
 April 5, 1996  
 Lewinsky starts  
 at Pentagon  
 November 1996  
 Clinton reelected  
 December 19, 1997  
 Lewinsky subpoenaed for Jones  
 deposition  
 Dec. 24, 1997  
 Lewinsky leaves Pentagon  
 Jan. 16, 1998  
 Kenneth Starr appointed  
 Independent Counsel  
 Jan. 17, 1998  
 President testifies in Jones  
 deposition  
 Jan. 21, 1998  
 Lewinsky scandal hits press  
 July 17, 1998  
 Clinton testifies no involvement  
 with Lewinsky  
 Aug. 17, 1998  
 Clinton admits lie, apologizes to  
 U.S.  
 Sept. 9, 1998  
 Starr report published, calls for  
 impeachment process to proceed  
 September 1998  
 House Judiciary Committee calls  
 for impeachment process



The illustration above, first printed in the Oct. 1, 1998, Envoy, represents Clinton's apologetic manner with which the media had a field day testing its sincerity. After denying any "sexual relations" with Monica Lewinsky during his Paula Jones deposition, Clinton was forced to admit some contact with Lewinsky after physical evidence and Lewinsky's testimony proved his statements false. **Art** by Steven Smith

How do you  
 feel about  
 Clinton's lies  
 to the  
 American  
 people?



"We are ready to riot the  
 government," junior Anthony  
 Ferro said.



"He's kind of a big dork,"  
 freshman Brandi Finch said.





# Verdict Is In

Story by Barbara Sutton

Home at last, freshman Brandi Finch dropped her books on the floor, plopped down on the couch and was ready for a relaxing night of television. Click, click, click went the remote. Where's the movie of the week, a good cartoon or even a commercial? It was Clinton on every channel.

Again Clinton has made the headlines. This time it was for an alleged affair with a former White House intern, Monica Lewinsky. His admittance came after months of denial to the public and a grand jury. Still, there were mixed feelings over this sex scandal.

"It is really none of our business. He should be left alone. If it was someone else, it wouldn't be a big deal and it shouldn't be for President Clinton either," junior Anthony Ferro said.

The count of perjury that came up in the media coverage, however, changed this.

"People will be more into the election next time, so we won't elect such a big jerk," Finch said.

As changes of the government came into play, so did the thought of impeachment or resignation.

"He will be impeached for all of it," Finch said.

Some people think no action will be taken on this charge.

"I don't think he'll resign. He has been in office and power too long to quit now," Larry Allen said.

While Americans dealt with this news, another issue was how foreign countries see the United States now.

"We think they will make a big deal out of it, but they won't because we have a lot more on them than they do on us," Ferro said.

Our standards were also thought to have been jeopardized in the eyes of other countries.

"He has lowered what they thought of us, to losers," Allen said.

Whether he was impeached or not, this raised questions like what qualities or actions make a president a good president?

"He keeps his private life private because it is no one else's business," Finch said.

Some choose to focus on positive, like Allen.

"The economy has changed. We have more jobs and money,"

After a long day of school work, it was nice to finally come home and watch some good ol' cartoons, not the private business of our nation's leader.

Design by Kyle Jasper

## Survey results on Clinton & Lewinsky

Have you been following the Clinton & Lewinsky scandal at all?

YES 70% NO 30%

Do you think Clinton should be impeached?

YES 54% NO 46%

Did you read the Starr report?

YES 77% NO 23%

Do you think Clinton has been a bad president?

YES 30% NO 70%

The Envoy staff polled 75 students about Clinton & Lewinsky on Sept. 20, 1998.



"I feel sorry for his daughter." — teacher Larry Allen



"It is not right that he lied to the country." — sophomore Vanessa Johnston

## Local News

**Oct. 4** Kansas City was hit by heavy rain around 5 p.m. These rains produced around 7 inches in an hour's span. Creeks and rivers spilled over their banks. The Chiefs-Seattle Seahawks game was delayed for a little over an hour because of the conditions. Six people were killed while trying to cross a water-covered road on Brush Creek.

**Nov. 5** The 1998 Missouri State Election was between Kit Bond and Jay Nixon. This will be remembered for the mud-slinging from both candidates. Kit Bond was elected.

**Nov. 7** Six men escaped from Wyandotte County Jail after picking the locks on their cells and leaving using the fire exits. After a week of tips and search warrants all of the men had been recaptured and put back where they belonged.

**Fall 1998** The Kansas City Chiefs endured a rough season, losing five games in a row and humiliating themselves on national TV when Derrick Thomas lost his temper during the fourth quarter of the Chiefs-Broncos game, resulting in his suspension for the Nov. 22 Chiefs-Chargers loss.



Last summer two terrorist bombs exploded and killed 247 people in Nairobi, Kenya, and 11 people in Dar is Salaam, Tanzania. 5,500 people were injured in the blast. Osama Bin Laden is the man government officials believe to have been the mastermind behind the bombings.

Although the beginning of the year had brought record highs for the New York Stock Exchange. It recorded some of the most dramatic drops for a single day in history. This left people sitting around the television for the news to see how much it had dropped because that's where their retirement funds were.



# Events in 1998

By John Graus

## U.S.-Iraq

Saddam Hussein kicked out the United Nations inspectors, prompting the U.S. to send troops to Iraq. Just before they were ready to bomb, Iraq signed a peace treaty sending the United Nations back in to inspect the grounds.

## Hurricane Georges

Hurricane Georges was the most expensive disaster in the 117 years of the Red Cross, topping the \$81.5 million the agency spent on Hurricane Andrew. Georges blew up through the Florida Keys and into the Gulf of Mexico before it smashed into Mississippi and Alabama. Preliminary industry estimates put Georges' cost to insurance companies at \$2.5 billion, the third-costliest storm on record. Georges' costs rank behind Hugo in 1989 the No.1 hurricane for damage and 1992's Andrew.

## Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II began his 21st year as Pope in the fall of 1998. The 78-year-old continued to be a champion of economic justice and an outspoken defender of the Catholic Church in communist countries and remained uncompromising on moral issues. Noted for his energy and an analytical ability, he traveled to many countries, preaching to huge audiences. In 1981 he survived an assassination attempt, when he was shot during an appearance at St. Peter's Square.

## World Cup

The World Cup contest is held every four years. The 1998 games were in France and it was the French Team that won the Nations first-ever World Cup title by defeating Brazil 3-0. More than a million revelers packed the historic Champs-Élysées to commemorate the victory. The avenue became the focal point of celebrations and many called the impromptu street party the largest outdoor celebration since Liberation Day in 1944.



Top: Mark McGwire sets the single season record for home runs with 62. He hit his final homer in his final at-bat smashing No. 70.

Above: Sammy Sosa becomes only the second man in history to hit 62 homers in a season. He finished the season with 64 round-trippers.



A terrorist bomb exploded outside the American embassies in Kenya in the late summer; the bomb killed 247 people. Rescue workers search for survivors of this great tragedy.

Design by Kyle Jasper



A newly added cafeteria is just one of the many improvements that the approved bond issue will pay for.

Photo by **Katye Okerstrom**

## The Bond Issue

November 3, 1998

for new projects/Maintenance

Air Conditioning	\$11,700,000
Sixth Grade Center	\$11,300,000
<b>William Chrisman High School</b>	<b>\$4,765,000</b>
Special Maintenance Fund	\$2,200,000
Truman High School	\$1,935,000
Special Projects	\$1,650,000
Elementary School Libraries	\$1,250,000

## How will the money benefit Chrisman?

- \*Second gymnasium
- \*New cafeteria and kitchen
- \*Remodel current gym
- \*Convert old cafeteria to classrooms
- \*Air Conditioning
- \*Improved track
- \*New press box and concession stand for All School stadium
- \*School stadium
- \*General maintenance and updates



"The better a school is, the more likely parents are to bring their child into the school and school district," Principal John Ruddy said.



"I think quit frankly that the Independence school district is one of the best around," Vice principal Al Dial said.

# Take two

Story by Barb Sutton

Just imagine air conditioning, four new classrooms, a bigger cafeteria and a brand new gym. Thanks to a bond of 3.4 million dollars that was passed last November, Chrisman will see all of these changes.

"There was a need throughout the district for upgrades that we have not had the money for, before now," Principal John Ruddy said.

Some people thought that the old Chrisman was just fine and saw no reason to change.

"I really don't see why we need a new gym. It has been OK for a hundred years already," senior Robert Perrin said.

The school district has prioritized a long list of the repairs that will come. What the school needs and what people want tends to be one and the same.

"I would say that the cafeteria is the biggest need right now. However, it is really hard to decide what to do first. Everyone wants something different. No matter what you do first someone will be unhappy," Vice principal Al Dial said.

This bond was passed by a large margin by the whole city. 72 percent of the voters who came out to vote said; "Yes" to the bond.

"My parents voted for the bond because the school needed the bond to make needed repairs," junior Devon Jenison said.

Even the prospect of a higher income tax did not seem to affect the voters on Election Day very much.

"Any time you have a tax increase, you are going to lose voters because they don't like it no matter what the community gains. In the long run, though, most people thought this was worth any increase," Dial said.

No matter what the cost, people seem to believe that the positives outweigh the negatives greatly. Some thought the changes to the building would effect the school more.

"I think that the new look will help students learn to respect the school more when the repairs are made. They will look at the building and think, " May be I should not tear this up," Perrin said.

Others believed it would be good for the whole district.

"In the long run it will help the entire district. It will be most helpful in the Summer months," Dial said.

The changes are a big step for Chrisman and one that they have earned.

"Many people make a choice like this on confidence alone. They like what they see and want it to continue," Ruddy said.

Design by Jessica Wells



Money for the projects on this list will come from the special projects, special maintenance and Chrisman's allotted funds.



"This is going to be great for the school. Too bad I won't see the changes," junior Devon Jenison said.



"This is one of the better school districts that I have seen. This school is not nearly as over crowded as the ones in Jefferson City," senior Robert Perrin said.



Andrew Gore, Ethan Shull, Cody Crank, Josh Gonzales, Chris Beets, John Schroeder and Rennie Gordon take a seat on the spirit couch at a girl's varsity volleyball game against Truman Oct. 1  
**Photo by Keli Morgan**

Left: Shaun Rice takes a break from a hard day on the farm and plays with some symbols on HillBilly day. **Photo by Katye Okerstrom**



Right: Seniors Nicole Arnold, Nicole Rice, Stephanie Iser and Khri Apley show that seniors have spirit on Pep clubs Hill Billy day. **Photo by Blake Gwinn**



"Spirit Club is a great way for our school to get involved," Christy McCormick said, decked out in HillBilly wear. **Photo by Sesly Dowell**



Spikey and crazy hair, just one of many spirit days, is something that Jesse Rensing enjoyed participating in to show school spirit. **Photo by Keli Morgan**

# Spirit? Let's hear it!

Story by April Brinkoetter

"Bears are number one! Come on Bears, you can do it!! Way to go Bears!!!" This was something you wouldn't usually hear at a William Chrisman game, until this year. Stephanie Iser, Liz Rivera, and Katrina Apley put together the 1998 pep club. WCPC, the William Chrisman Pep Club, supported our Bears into victory as they held some outstanding records. To uphold enthusiasm about the team, they held various activities that brought students together—garage sales, spirit buses (which cost merely \$2), fun nights at Pizza Street, "dress different" days, and much more.

"Whenever I walked down the halls I would always hear people say things negatively about our school, and I thought it was high time that this change," senior and President of WCPC, Stephanie Iser said.

And it did. Many students were excited and glad to show the spirit they had with the whole school.

"I'm glad to be going to a school where everyone has great school spirit. When ever I would hear about Chrisman, it would always be about how our teams weren't very good, and no one ever went to the games, but from what I see, either they didn't know what they were talking about, or WCPC has made a big change," freshman Shaun Rice said.

The Chrisman attitude had made a big leap into spirit. Being a new club, WCPC got a big turnout

"There are about 60 members on an average, and pretty much everybody participates in the activities. It was a very easy club to join. All you needed was a good attitude, show up at at least two games per semester, go to meetings, be ready to cheer for the Bears. Do all of this, and you would get a membership card," sophomore and secretary of WCPC Katrina Apley said.

Compared to games in the past, the outcome of fans reached an ultimate high this year. Perhaps it was because WCPC inspired the students to come to the games in costume. This idea was the biggest hit.

"The most fun that everyone had, I think, is being able to come to school looking like we're insane! It was fun to see all the weird things people would do to themselves just to show their school spirit, but what's good about this, is that the crazier you looked, the better. I guess that's a plus for me," junior Bonny McGraw said.

Starting off, it was very hard to get things organized, there was a lot of controversy about officers and it led to much confusion and a late start.

"It was hard to get it all together I worked really hard over the summer to make flyers and get publicity, as far as I can tell, it has all worked out for the good and we're very happy that it was officially made a club," Iser said.

Design by Kyle Jasper

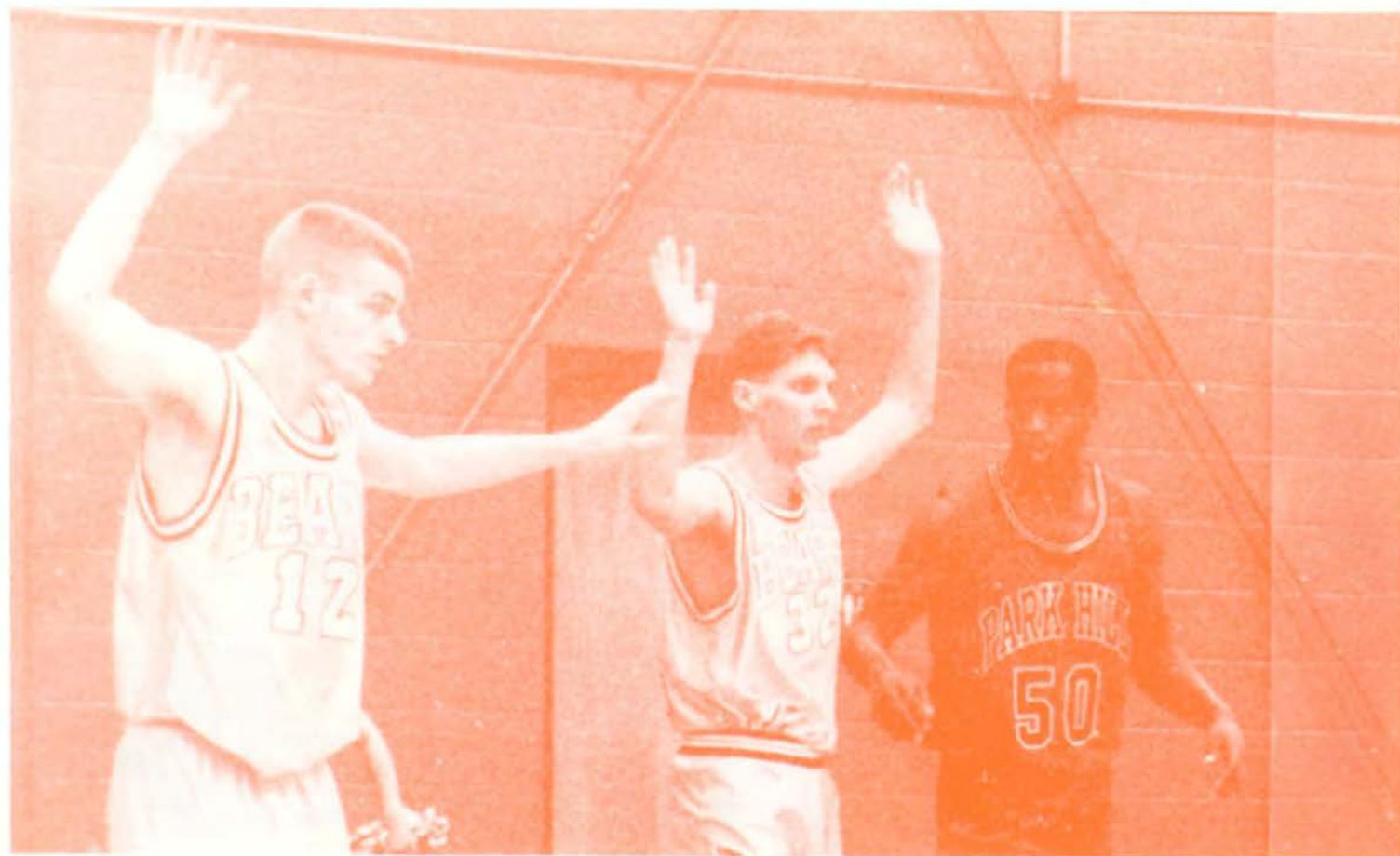


Even teachers get involved in the spirit days as Ray Ettinger straightens up his room wearing his best overalls for hillbilly day. Photo by Blake Gwinn



Working on her math work, Seyko Bond displays her spirit on HillBilly day. Perhaps she's totaling up her livestock. Photo by Blake Gwinn

The varsity boys basketball team showed what they were made of when they defeated Park Hill on January 15.  
Photo by Silya Siniawski





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# On top of the game

Story by Barb Sutton

There are three seconds left on the clock in the third quarter. Junior Katrina Carson is open. She takes her shot. You can hear the bump, bump, bump as the ball goes around the rim. Swish! It's good, and the Chrisman Bears win 20-0.

Winning was not everything for the Special Olympics team, however. Everyone's reasons for playing were different. Some played because of the team itself.

"I play because of the team. This is a great team to play for," junior Noah Rose said. Some played because of the benefits that it offered.

"I play because it is lots of fun, and it keeps me out of trouble," senior Sara Hamilton said.

No matter what the reason, most of the players agreed that it was just fun to play for a team and the school.

"I think the players get self-confidence when they do their best," Coach David Joslyn said.

Before every game there was also a lot of practice that payed off in the end. The team practiced twice a week during Contact Time to improve from game to game. They used this time to go over game plans and the rules.

"The coach's one rule is that the kids must never forget is to play their best, and not lose their cool during a game," Joslyn said.

The students have their rules that they play by, too.

"You must always remember to play by the game rules and never hit another player," senior Floyd Rainey said.

Some of the funniest things seemed to happen during their practices.

"In practice one day, I went up to get a rebound and ran into the wall," Rainey said.

With the fun there also came a truck load of hard work.

This game is not only fun for the players, but it is also a getaway from daily life for the coaches.

"I love the kids. They make it all worth it. I have been doing this since 1974. It has been fun, and it makes me feel good," Coach Diana Villerup said.

"I have gotten lots better at free throws and three pointers over the last couple of years. Now I am making great shots from every where on the court," Rose said.



Teammates Samantha Sutton and Sara Gregg play each other at Ridgwood Church. Photo by Katie Ramsey

Through the season, all hopes are high.

"I'd like to see everyone go out and do their best with the staff and the other students cheering them on as always," Villerup said.

The players also have their sights set high.

"This year we are going all the way to state. It is going to be fun," Hamilton said.

Design by Laura Mika



Front Row: Diana Villerup (Coach), Toni Delano, David Joslyn (Coach). Second row: Patrick Simpson, Jacob Passman, Brandi Coon, Debbie French, Kassandra Shaw, Sara Hamilton, Jason Gregg. Third row: Judy Wallace, Jemina Carson, Sarah Gregg, Samantha Sutton, Joy Alfrey. Raymond Wetzel, William Schanuth, Mike Garcia, Andrew Orton. Fourth row: Marsha Sterling, Tessa Jackson, Katrina Carson, Jamey Patton, Tylan Wilson, Floyd Rainey, Jason Ireland, Michael Chinnery, Anthony Blazie, Derrick Wright

## Special Olympics

### Women's Games

20 TO 0 W Game 1  
20 to 6 W Game 2

### Men's Games

26 TO 10 W Game 1  
21 to 14 W Game 2

### Medals

Debbie French	Gold
Tessa Jackson	Silver
Raymond Wetzel	Silver



"The boys full court team has successful effort against the Blue Springs team, as they came back and won," Sponsor David Joslyn said about the Special Olympic tournament at to Lee Summit Rec. Center.



During the Special Olympic tournament at Lee Summit Rec. Center, junior Noah Rose walks away after making a basket. "I get some good shots once in a while, and I try to be a good guard," Rose said. **Photo by Katie Ramsey**



At a Feb. 6 practice, junior Katrina Carson passes the ball to teammates while senior Sarah Hamilton tries to block the pass. "We tried our best but were unsuccessful at winning," Carson said. **Photo by Katie Ramsey**

# Basketball at a whole new level

Story by Stacey Osborn

Grandpa said to focus, play hard, defense wins championships, and beat Truman. Words to live and play by.

First-year coach and former William Chrisman basketball player John Vickers felt that the strongest parts of the team were its unity and their positive attitudes.

"If you watched our practices, you wouldn't be able to tell what our record was. The guys give everything they have all of the time," Vickers said.

This confident team was disciplined by a few new rules. Vickers wanted to teach these boys to be gentlemen on and off the court. It wasn't unusual to see the players sitting toward the front in class, or showing a little bit better manners to fellow students and faculty. Though some of the conditions were strict, most players felt that they benefitted from them greatly.

"I think his coaching style is fun, it keeps us playing intense and keeps us disciplined," junior center Danny Coulson said.

Throughout the season all of the hard work and determination started to

pay off. One unforgettable buzzer winning shot that help to beat Park Hill in the Liberty Tournament was one of those joyous results.

"I'll never forget Ryan's buzzer shot against Park Hill in the Liberty tournament," junior guard Jeremy McNurlin said.

And you think players didn't forget, what about those toga-wearing fans? The support of the fans was also a confidence builder for the team, the "Chrisman's Crazies" were there through rain or shine. The fans took on their own identity as the "Chrisman Crazies" this year to show their support.

"The way the student body supported us I thought was fantastic and I'm proud of the students and the faculty for



"We didn't do as well as we wanted, but coach was proud and we had fun," senior guard Brett Simons said. Photo by Keli Morgan

that," Vickers said.

Whether you were a grandparent, a "Chrisman Crazy," or just a dedicated fan, you definitely experienced an incredible change to the boy's basketball program as Vickers led his team to all around success.

Design by Laura Mika



First Row: Laura Hinkle, Jeremy McNurlin, Chris Beets, Ethan Shull, Ryan Evans, Gabby Beckler. Second Row: Bobbie Andujar, John Savage, Andrew Gore, Brett Simons, Danny Coulson, Adam Leopold, T.J. Key, Jim Henry-Rhoads. Third Row: Coach Bill Adams, Coach John Vickers, Coach Keith Peterson.

## Varsity Boys Basketball

Belton	W	70-47
Winnetonka Tourn.	L-W-L	
Park Hill	L	47-57
Blue Springs South	L	62-74
Fort Osage	L	48-62
Wm. Jewell Tourn.	W-L-L	
Blue Springs	L	36-58
Lee's Summit	L	59-74
St. Joe Central	L	57-67
Oak Park	L	52-61
Liberty Tourn.	L-W-L	
Truman	L	64-76
Park Hill	W	46-39
Blue Springs South	L	54-65
Blue Springs	W	62-50
Lee's Summit	L	59-74
St. Joe Central	L	57-67
Oak Park	L	52-61
Liberty Tourn.	L-W-L	
Truman	L	64-

Left: Senior guard Chris Beets takes a three point shot during a home game against Park Hill. "I always try to take good shots, and I just hope that they go in," Beets said. **Photo by Keli Morgan.**



The boy's team gets together before the start of a game to get pumped for their next victory. "Getting into the circle with the crowd going crazy gets me psyched to start the game," senior guard Andrew Gore said. **Photo by Keli Morgan.**



Above: Junior center Danny Coulson runs down court during a varsity game at the Liberty Tournament. **Photo by Keli Morgan.**

# Attitudes with Intensity

Story by Gabby Beckler

Junior Josh Sloan steps out of bounds to pass in the ball to sophomore Salum Stutzer. Stutzer brings the ball down while freshman Matt Habermehl and junior Nick Pettit get into position. Pettit comes to make a pick for Habermehl. Habermehl rolls around to receive a pass underneath the basket and then takes a step and goes up for two points scored to the Bears.

This is typical teamwork at a junior varsity basketball game. Coach Bill Adams said there were a lot of strong players on the team.

"You will see hard working players with good intensity and great attitudes on the court," Adams said.

Can you imagine the expectations you would have if you were on junior varsity as a freshman?

"Being a freshman on junior varsity, I feel a lot more is expected from me alone," Habermehl said.

While Habermehl feels a lot is expected from him, others may not feel they are good enough or have what it takes.

"I didn't expect to be on junior varsity as a sophomore because I figured the team was made up of better players than me. I didn't think I was good enough,"

Stutzer said.

Ever wonder what kind of coaches are behind a great team?

"Moving to a different team in the middle of the season was really hard, but with William Chrisman having a great coaching staff-better than my other school -made it a lot easier," Pettit said.

Basketball isn't as easy as everyone thinks it is, according to Sloan.

"The hardest thing about playing would have to be trying to focus on a play hoping you aren't the one to mess it up. Trying to prevent turnovers is another hard thing about basketball," Sloan said.

All in all this isn't an easy sport, but the players are



Junior Kyle Austin attempts to score a basket at the JV game against Park Hill.

Photo by Rachel Powell

dedicated and go out to have fun.

"God willing is kind of my motto on the court. Whatever happens, happens. Good things will come no matter what," Stutzer said.

Design by Laura Mika



## Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Belton	W	56-47
Oak Park	L	46-59
Raytown S.	L	37-60
Park Hill	L	35-56
Blue Springs S.	L	42-53
Fort Osage	L	39-56
Blue Springs	L	64-67
Lee's Summit	L	57-70
St. Joseph	L	58-60
Oak Park	L	54-61
Ruskin	W	67-57
Fort Osage	W	48-38
Liberty	L	62-77
Truman	L	47-54
Park Hill	W	50-41
Blue Springs S.	W	50-45
Blue Springs	L	39-48
Lee's Summit	L	41-54



Junior Varsity Basketball

Above: Second row(left-right) Coach Bill Adams, Bobbie Andujar, Justin Martinez, Nick Pettit, Matt Habermehl, Kevin Owens, Josh Sloan, Jim Henry-Rhodes. First row: Laura Hinkle, Chris Pinick, Clayton Williams, Aaron Farris, Gabby Beckler.

Left: Freshman J.R. Wells guards a Truman opponent at the James Bridger 8th grade Tournament.

Photo by Andrew Gore



Freshman Basketball

Third Row: Russ Wiley, Adam Vader, Stephen Goodwillie, Brandon Smith, Sean Harris, Lloyd Tucker, B.J. Surry, Matt Richardson, Marquise Lewis. Second row: Jack Henry-Rhoads, Steve Diamond, Warren Buchanan, Rolla Gene Wells, Adam Kelsey, Casey Moore. First Row: Jeff Kramer, Tiger Brasel, John Davenport, Shaun Rice, Mario Giraldo.



Sophomore Basketball

Second row: Coach Peterson, Nate Donaldson, Shawn Peacher, Quentin Leavoy, Jared Hines, Brad Patton. First row: Ashley Pitman, Josh Herron, Aaron Lamley, Rob Large.

# It's all in their heads

Story by Melanie Bean

Sports were not all about having fun. They required hard work, determination, and the athletes had to keep a positive outlook even after a tough loss or with a bad record.

"Wrestling is 90 percent mental; we couldn't build on a foundation of losing and low confidence," assistant coach Ronnie Jackson said.

Unlike most sports, wrestling doesn't depend on the team as a whole working together. It is more of an individual sport, where they competed by themselves, then after everyone was done the scores were combined.

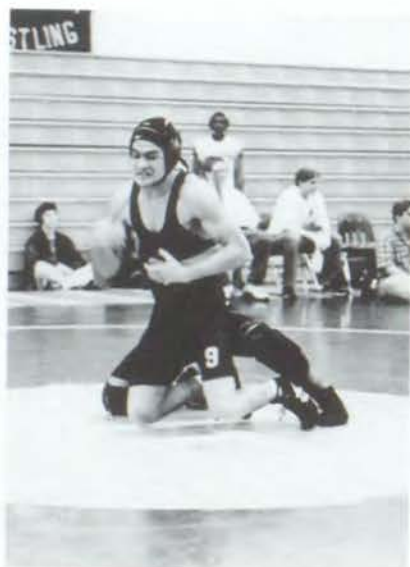
"You couldn't blame anyone else if you went out there and lost or made mistakes; you were the only one out there," senior Nick Foley said.

This didn't mean that they weren't a real team, though.

"Wrestling is an individual sport with a team concept built in at the end after everyone has done their job; you have to have unity in the team," Jackson said.

This was not the only advantage of wrestling, depending on the person there were all kinds of things to look forward to.

"My favorite thing was probably getting to go out and beat on people and not get in trouble for it," Foley said.



Senior Leifi Tuala tries to escape from a hold at the Oak Park Tournament Jan. 30. "I was doing my best. I pulled a muscle on my side."

Photo by Doug Seaver

practice on the junior varsity level; they had to go right in on the varsity team and hope for the best.

Like all sports, wrestling is hard, you use the same principles in sports as you do in real life, so no matter what people say there really isn't such a thing as a truly dumb jock.

Design by Laura Mika



The team faced many problems, including having a new coach to get acquainted with, and after losing most of the older wrestlers the team was young and lacked experience.

Jackson said that when a lot of the varsity wrestlers from past years didn't return it had caused a lot of problems.

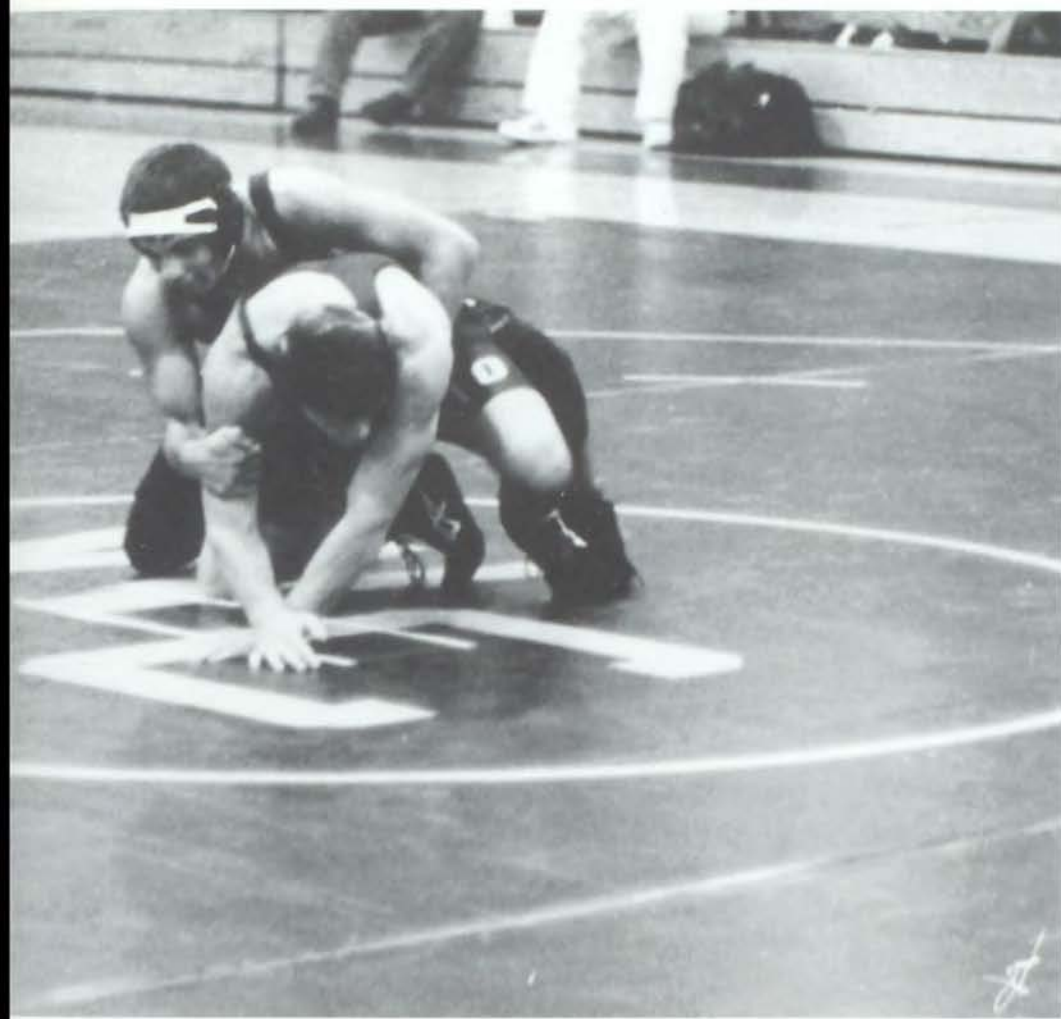
"It kind of hurt everybody, when we didn't have the older guys. We had to throw freshmen in to fill the weight classes," Jackson said.

The lack of experienced upperclassmen definitely didn't help the freshmen on the team because they weren't allowed the time to grow and



First row: Troy Houge (coach), Jeb Brunner, David Tapia, Paul Ballance, Jeremy Terry, Nathan Galloway, Jerry Hood (coach) Second Row: Andy Smith, Nate Rodgers, Aaron Collins, Nick Foley, Storm Martin, Cecil Stafford, Daniel Paster, Joey Schaal, Boyd Wheeler, Leifi Tuala





### Wrestling

B.S.South	L	18-65
Park Hill Tourn. 2nd	.	
L. Summit	L	24-58
Park Hill	L	27-52
B. Springs	L	0-80
Fort Osage	L	4-74
St. Joe	L	6-72
Raytown	L	18-54
Oak Park	L	12-65
Truman	L	25-49
Grandview	L	0-45
Districts	3rd Storm Martin	
	4th Jeb Brunner	

At left: Nate Rogers tries to flip his opponent over for a pin against Lee's Summit Dec. 8. "The year went by pretty good; that match was one of my wins."  
**Photo by Doug Seaver**



First Row: Jeremy Wade, Joel Molina, Zach Fatool, Gretchen Welch, Donald Habermehl  
 Second Row: Ryan Gumm, Brett Fatool, Billy Bell, Jason Brisco, Nick Perez, Zach Duvall, Mike Smalley



Sophomore Nathan Galloway attempts to take down his opponent Dec. 8 against Lee's Summit. **Photo by Doug Seaver**

# Making memories

Story by April Brinkoetter

When it comes to any sport, there are many things that contribute to a good team. These are more than the good, skilled players that sink every basket, steal every ball, and get all the rebounds. It's the closeness of the team and the amount of teamwork it has.

"I think we have really good teamwork. We work well together and always cheer on each other during the games; I think this is probably the strongest point in our team. We are very close-knit," junior Vai Danielson said.

This closeness goes beyond the court. Many of the team players have played basketball with one another for up to seven years and have made good friendships over the years, and those who are newcomers to the life-long friends feel just as much part of that.

"I've become very good friends with everyone on the team. We all get along like we've known each other for years. It's kind of like a family," junior Rachel Bradberry said.

This year's team is also a young one. Most teams over the years consist of at least five seniors; this year there is only two.

"It's weird that we only have two seniors just because it's never been that low of a number, but in a way it's good because the younger players are getting a lot of play time and will become a stronger team for next year," junior Sesly Dowell said.



Above: Junior Stacey Osborn anticipates the pass against the Truman Patriots.

Photo by Katye Okerstrom

This year's team has pulled together to have a winning record. The Lady Bears had many upsets; this includes blowing Blue Springs South way off the charts with two straight wins against them. (This was where the teamwork came in!)

Like every sports player, the Lady Bears follow a pre-game ritual.

"Before every game we all get together and meditate and talk about what we're going to do in the game, we say a prayer asking that we have a good

game and no one gets hurt, and we talk about our personal goals and team goals. It helps us all get our 'game faces' on," Danielson said.

With so much time spent on practicing and games, the team has made this a fun and memorable year.

"My senior year will always be memorable to me because I spent it with my good friends," senior Silya Siniawski said.

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Above: Bottom: Lindsey Ramsey, Rachel Bradberry, Silya Siniawski, Amy Sloan, Ashley Conrow Top: Fawna Harrison (coach), Vai Danielson, Stacey Osborn, Tara Mannen, Sesly Dowell, and Anna Webb

## Varsity Girls Basketball

Belton	L	48-40
Hickman	W	52-64
O'Hara	W	28-70
Park Hill	W	27-39
B.S. South	L	61-56
Oak Park	W	44-60
Central	W	25-62
Truman	L	58-38
B.S. North	W	42-48
Lee's S.	W	41-48

Left: Junior Tara Manning trying to decide where to pass the ball against the Truman Patriots.

Photo by Katye Okerstrom



Above: Senior Silya Sintawski prepares to defend a pass in the Lady Bears' victory over Central High School.

Photo by Katye Okerstrom



Above: Sophomore Rachel Bradberry makes a pass down court against Central High School.

Photo by Katye Okerstrom

# Tearing up the court

Story by Jessie Warner

Playing junior varsity girls basketball took lots of teamwork, effort, cooperation and hard work. This was what coach Russell Cummings tried to teach the girls to do on the basketball court. Cummings considered these things some of the most important in coaching, and also tried to transfer these skills into real life.

The members of the team spent almost every day practicing for 2 to 2 1/2 hours. This prepared them for the tough games they played, and the work it took to win.

"We don't have a lot of people out for the team, so we go all out at practice," sophomore Kim Bryson said.

With a team consisting of about 13 players, the girls had to put in more time.

"They worked very hard, and improved every game. I was pleased with their progress, but never satisfied," Cummings said.

"I love the sport, I like to play, and I'm good at it," Bryson said.

Each player had probably set a personal goal for themselves at the start of the season. Whether it was to be an improved player or just to score a certain amount of points a game, everyone had some kind of force pushing them throughout the game.

"I was hoping to prepare the girls to play varsity next season," Cummings said.

"At the beginning I was trying to make JV and varsity," Bryson said.

"My goal was to play my best and just be a part of the team. I've always liked playing basketball ever since I was little," freshman Laura Lynn said.

The junior varsity team had a record of 13-8 toward the end



Freshman Victoria Johnson attempts to score two points in the freshman game versus Oak Park.

Photo by Silya Siniawski

of the season, with still three games left to play.

Their coach was especially proud of what the girls had accomplished.

"The best thing is watching them grow as athletes and people. Seeing the look on their faces when they are successful," Cummings said.

Design by Jessica Wells



## JV Girls Basketball

Belton	W	56-45
L.S.N. Tourn.	L-W-W	
Winnetonka	W	55-20
Park Hill	W	35-28
Blue Springs South	W	47-37
Warrensburg	L	44-46
Ft. Osage	L	28-54
Blue Springs	L	32-46
Lee's Summit	L	37-40
St. Joe Central	L	43-59
Oak Park	L	36-42
St. Theresa's Tourn.	L-W-W	
Truman	W	39-29
Park Hill	W	39-11
Blue Springs South	W	54-50
Blue Springs	W	51-43
Lee's Summit	W	49-23
St. Joe Central		
Oak Park		
Truman		



Above: Sophomores Joshanna Price, Rachele Bridges, Michelle Warrington, Lindsey Kleyh, Kim Bryson, freshman Maci Grice

Left: Freshman Stacey Quirarte dribbles the ball down the court at Jan. 28 game against Park Hill. "JV girls basketball has struggled through the whole year, but all in all it was a fun year," Quirarte said. **Photo by Jennifer Adams**



Above: JV: First Row: Joshanna Price, Kelly Peterson, Megan Wales, Tyler Stewart. Second Row: Michelle Warrington, Rachele Bridges, Laura Lynn, Tara Banham, Mindy Dent. Third Row: Stacey Quirarte, Kim Bryson, Laura Savage, Lindsey Kleyh, Maci Grice, Coach Russell Cummings.



Above: Freshmen: First Row: Dima Salinas, Lori Tompkins, Amy Forther, Amy Stoll, Elizabeth Williams. Second Row: Chrystina Scott, Tamecia Johnson, Terra Larkon, Nicki DeShazer, Carla Johnson, Laura Treloar. Last Row: Angelica Harris, Rosanna Fau, Amanda Ray, Michelle Grush, Maci Grice, Lindsey Phillips, Melanie Hodges, Crystal Dotson.

# Swimming to the top

Story by Kristen Stoneburner

The buzzer sounds. Everybody's eyes are on you. You walk slowly to the end of the board, take a deep breath and smell the strong smell of chlorine, relax your shoulders, and jump. You hit the water with a splash and know you did it: the perfect jump, your best since you began swimming. You come out of the water in time to hear the audience clap their approval.

Members of the swimming and diving team could empathize with that feeling as they competed against other area high schools trying to swim their way to the top. The team participated in approximately 14 meets.

"Swimming definitely builds up your confidence," senior Dale Sanders said.

The team's size also had a lot to do with its confidence. There were only three members on the team, compared to eight members in past seasons. There were mixed emotions about the size from its members though. Some members felt it was harder having a smaller team because it's more difficult to win tournaments with only a three-member team. However, other members didn't have a problem with the size and actually felt it was better worked in their favor and helped them personally.

"I liked having a smaller team. There were no expectations, and I always got to be the best on our team. It was a lot of fun," sophomore Daniel Smith said.



Senior Logan Neely stands at the side of the pool watching his teammates practice their diving. "We got two more divers, and the season went pretty good," Neely said.

Photo by Sesly Dowell

But maybe it wasn't the size of the team that caused Smith to be the best on the team, maybe luck had a little bit to do with it.

"I always pull my swim cap over my goggles, and I wear two speedos for good luck during tournaments," Smith said.

Swimming wasn't always hard work and seriousness, the members also had a lot of fun together during practices and made a lot of fond memories throughout the season.

"My best memory is just goofing around before and during practices," Smith said.

Whether it was luck or otherwise, the swimmers

and divers had a good season, with only one request.

"I would like to go to state. I think that would be a lot of fun," Smith said.

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Dale Sanders, Daniel Smith

# Spring Sports

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# A score for spirit

Story by Cathy Hayes

Score! Balls flying through the air, sweat dripping, dirt everywhere. There are just some of the things you see during a girls soccer game, a game of stamina and competition among some rough and tough girls.

"We've got 54 girls on the team, and lots of talent," Coach Julie Crowell said.

With so many girls, there was always somewhere to turn to for help.

"Last year I had never played, and everyone taught me. Now I feel I have to do that for the new freshmen," sophomore Cammie Brennan said.

There were 24 freshmen on the team, and that meant that the freshmen had a lot of help and support.

"They're all my best friends. Everyone is constantly supporting one another," Brennan said.

As you can tell, there's a close bond. But, like always, there were the leaders of the team.

Seniors Anna Webb, Amy Sloan, and Rosie Ryan, junior Cipporah Yaghoubian, sophomore Haley Daniel, and the rest of the upperclassmen are considered the team leaders. And then we have the head leader of the team, the coach. Coach Crowell has been coaching for seven years, and she was enthusiastic about this year's team.

Some of Crowell's goals for the team were for them to play together as a team, have fun, and never give up. With all of the girls' effort she felt that it would happen.

"I think we will do good if we work together and keep our heads up," senior April Hunt said.

"With our aggressiveness, integrity, and team spirit, I think our team is going to do good thing," freshman Crystal Sellars said.

The main games they looked forward to are Truman, Blue Springs and Fort Osage.

Crowell expected a good season, and everyone was anxious to cheer them on. With all of the returning players, this team would go into this season with some experience, hopes of a great record and a lot of fun.

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Above: Sophomore Haley Daniel has a little fun while conditioning at an after-school session. Below: Senior soccer player Crystal Doult relaxes before practice.

Photos by Jordan Gwinn





VARSITY SOCCER Front Row: Mary Vaughan, Rosie Ryan, Christy Mendoza, Krystal Doutt, Haley Daniel, Lindsey Wilde, Cipporah Yaghoubian, Wendy Robello. Back Row: Coach Julie Crowell, Susan Lorbecki, Tyler Stewart, Riana Nichols, Audrey Webb, Sarah Robbinet, Anna Webb, Amy Sloan, April Sue Hunt, Crystal Sellars.



JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER Front Row: Brandi Yuille, Sara Doutt, Gretchen Welch, Cammie Brennan, Amy Fortner. Back Row: Coach Tim Moore, Laura Treloar, Melanie Hodges, Bonny McGraw, Alicia Scott, Beth Seawek, Becca Twitchell.

of practice at Ott Elementary March

# A serve above the rest

Story by Heather Lahtery and Katie Slimane

When you take 11 people with a lot of determination, a couple fuzzy yellow balls and some rackets, what do you get? The 1998-99 men's tennis team.

With only four returning players and seven freshmen, the team was young. Coach Gene Jewell had to change his coaching method to help the new members.

Not only did Jewell help out, but key players senior Josh Arnold, senior Jeremy McGrail, and senior Kadir Serbest worked hard to help the new players, also, all strived to become better and get ready for the first match.

"Getting ready for the first match is always the hardest. You have to work hard and be serious about it," McGrail said. Before matches the team prepared by stretching, running, hitting and serving a ball into a fence.

Team members set up personal goals to achieve by the end of the season. Some of those goals were to help them play to the best of their ability.

Junior Joe Seerden said one of his personal goals is to win more than three-fourths of the games.

"The team should go about half and half, win half, lose half," Seerden said.

"My personal goal is to become a better player and improve in every area. The team should do pretty good this year," McGrail said.

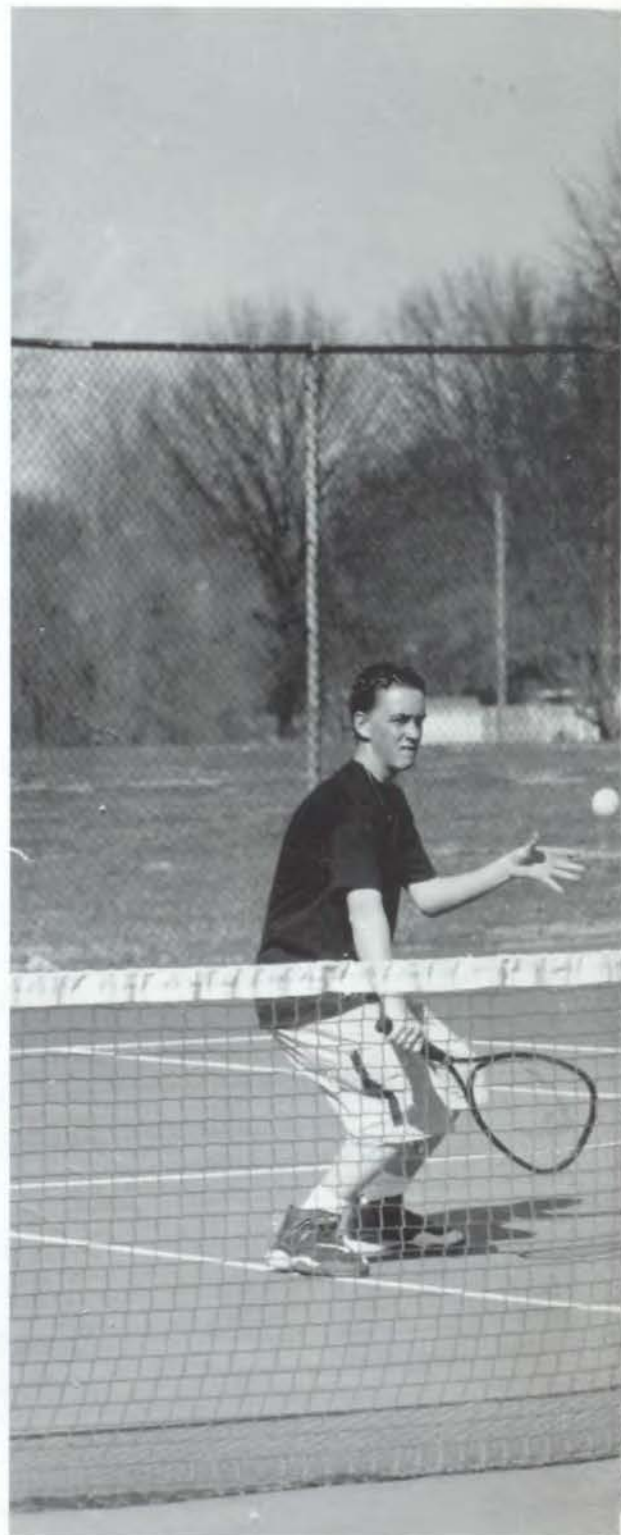
Some of their biggest rivals are, of course, Truman, but also Fort Osage and Liberty. In fact, Seerden's greatest accomplishment was when he beat Liberty last year.

Overall the team said, before the season had a chance to get underway, it should do pretty well.

"This year is going to be rough," Arnold said. "We have new players and lost some good ones."

"The team should do pretty good," freshman Gabe Brown said. "But I just like to have fun."

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Above: "Effort and hard work will lead you to where you want to go," senior Jeremy McGrail said during a tennis practice held at Mill Creek park. Photo by Laura Moore

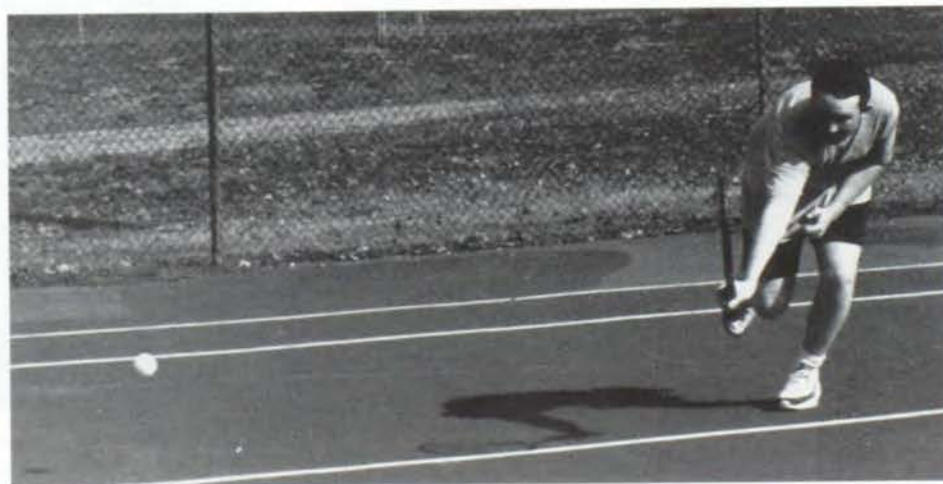


Front: Coach Gene Jewell, Middle: Penny Hicks(manager), Jerney McGrail, Kadir Serbest, Joseph Seerden, Kim Anthony (manager) Back: Omer Libich, Gabe Brown, Feremy Wade, Eric Preston, Chris Campbell, Rayn Main, Mark Alfrey



Above: Freshman Jeremy Wade practices at the McCoy tennis courts March 16. Photo by Laura Moore

Below: Fresman Ryan Main works on his tennis skills March 16. Photo by Laura Moore



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# Focus on winning

Story by Donovan Butler  
and Wade Bedsaul

The newly grown grass, the smell of old leather, the feel of the ball hitting your bat. It can only mean one thing: Baseball season has arrived.

This year the Bears had a new head coach. After the promotion of Dan Ogle to activities director, former JV coach Terry Parker took over the position.

Senior Chris Stowell was glad Parker was chosen as the new coach.

"Coach Parker is very focused on winning and improving not only as a team, but as individuals. He also expects a lot of us off the field and at school. He has also really worked on our mental toughness," Stowell said.

Coach Parker said the focus on mental toughness was due to the high number of errors last year.

Parker and Stowell both agreed they match up well with the other teams in the league.

"We think we can hit on anyone, and as long as our pitchers throw strikes and we keep the errors to a minimum, we can beat anyone in the league," Stowell said.

Sophomore baseball player Nate Donaldson said he chose baseball because he felt it was his stronger sport.

"If we win or lose, it is a team effort," Donaldson said.

After only one game into the season Coach Parker felt strongly that this year was sure to be a success.

"Our players show a lot of leadership and character, and they work real hard," Parker said.

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Crystal Lusher



Sophomore Jared Hines reaches for a baseball in the team's ball bag.  
Photo by Katie Savage



Seniors Brett Rust, Brett Simons, and Ashley Blum practice after school at Mill C



Junior Joey Schaal practices for the upcoming season.  
Photo by Alaina Denney



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VARSITY BASEBALL. Front row: Gary Kerley, Joseph Schaal, Jason Zern, Ashley Blum, Juan Pina, Greg Frazier, Sean Gault, Brandon Stowell. Back row: Bryan Maze, James Conrow, Brett Simons, Gary Jelinek, Brett Rust, Chris Stowell, Coach Terry Parker.



JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL. Front row: Kody Jasper, Stanley Thresher, Josh Herron, Brett Keller, William Treolar, Steve Baker, Brian Schinderling. BACK: Nate Donaldson, Jared Hines, Quentin Leavoy, Mitch West, Jordan Gwinn, Jeb Brunner, John Juarez.



SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN BASEBALL Front row: Adam Kelsey, Nate Rodgers, Shaun Rice, Rolla Gene Wells, Jimmy Gutzman. Back row: Coach Lowell Heide, Casey Moore, Matt Habermahl, Nick Tyler, Kyle Frazier, Cody Greer, Mike Doile

# Practice makes perfect

Story by Melanie Bean, Jacque  
Drummond and Spencer Brown

As the 1999 girls swimming and diving season began, the team had its doubts. With only eight swimmers and only one diver, the team lost a lot of valuable points, but it was determined to make up for the loss with lots of hard work.

Senior Ashleigh Vader and sophomore Melissa Thompson were two of the girls contributing to the team this year, and they understood that to win and you had to practice, practice, practice.

"Sometimes I'll practice for four or five hours a day before and after school," Vader said. "In fact that is one of the things I'm most proud of myself for; being able to make it to most of the practices."

Vader, who has been swimming for three consecutive years, participated in the 50 and 100 free stroke. Her best finish was 30.77.

"I remember being really nervous before that event, but I ate some pretzels, and stayed confident in my own abilities," Vader said.

Winning and cutting seconds off their time were not the only team goals. The main goal was to have fun and unify the team in the process.

"Because it's a small team, we're all friends and we get along really well; we were like a family," Thompson said.

Even with the lack of players the swim team was confident and counted on a successful season.

As with many of the somewhat less celebrated sports, the swimming team had a hard time getting support from the student body. A lot of the students were more interested in going to the baseball games, or they were too involved in other activities to be able to make it to the swim meets.

The swimmers never let this discourage them, they always tried their best and worked hard to accomplish the goals that were set for them as individuals and the goals of the team.

The swimmers and the coach all maintained a positive outlook on the season and on the seasons to come, and as with past years, they never lost confidence in their abilities.

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Above: Senior Ashleigh Vader swims the breast stroke in preparation for an upcoming freestyle in a practice at Bridger pool. Photo by Sara Calver



Sophomore Christy Arel practices diving for an upcoming competition at Bridger pool.  
Photo by Sara Calvert



ng meet. Below: Sophomore Melissa Thompson warms up  
t

Above: Ashleigh Vader breaks the water's surface during practice. Photo by Sara  
Calvert

# Bump...Set... Spike!

Story by Megan Fisher

Many people think volleyball is just one of those sports that you play in gym class. Well, it's not.

The Chrisman boys volleyball team might be small compared to other sports, and it might not be as popular as football, but it is just as important. So why are we not hearing about it as much?

"I think the reason why it's not looked on as an important is because it's a fairly new sport for the boys and a lot of people are just now finding out about it," Coach Donna Shuler said.

It takes a lot of strength to be a good volleyball player. You need to be able to run fast enough to get to the ball and then be able to hit it over the net.

"You need to be able to jump high to hit the ball," player Mike Tweedie said

Volleyball is a challenging sport. You have to learn to communicate with people and to listen.

"I think it's a challenging sport. There are six people on the court, and you have to learn to communicate with all of them. It's not easy," Tweedie said

A good volleyball player needs a variety of admirable qualities, too.

"I think a good volleyball player is one who is dedicated, will work hard, and will put as much effort into the practices as they do in the games," Shuler said.

The team's toughest competitor is Truman. They are also going to St. Louis for a tournament.

"I think that it will be more competitive in St. Louis than if we played against Truman," Shuler said

More people should probably come to the games, though.

"I would like to see people come out and watch them play. They need to see what this is all about," Shuler said.

Design by Daniel Heide



Junior Matt Wilson spikes the ball during practice. "I think we can build a lot of players from last year."

Photo by Haley Daniel





Varsity Boys Volleyball

First Row: (manager) Sarah McCume, Daniel Brown, Kit Sinthusy, Matt Wilson, Brian McMillian, Nate Smith, (manager) Jacob Passman. Second Row: (manager) Janelle Postnikoff, (manager) Katie Savage, Daniel Littelwood, Josh Gonzalales, Geoff Willard, Coach Todd Sword, Chris Anderson, Coach Donna Shuler.



Senior Josh Gonzalaz along with other team members try their best to block the ball. He thinks this will be one of their best years.

Photo by Haley Daniel

or team because we only lost one

# Let's go golfing!

Story by Amal Hayyeh

It takes talent, experience, and overall mental ability to play the game of golf. You need all of these to be an all around competitor in this game, and that's exactly what Chrisman's team focuses on.

"First harness the mental side of golf, and then the physical side," Ross Donaldson said.

Golf practice started several weeks before any tournament was played. This gave the golfers and the coach a chance to see their strengths and weaknesses.

"I try to get the boys to learn the rules and the basic fundamentals," Coach Bill Jonas said.

One of the ways Jonas liked to prepare was making sure they have confidence in their game by having them play and practice as much as they can.

One of their key returning players was Donaldson.

"I enjoy playing golf with my friends. That's why I play for William Chrisman," Lucas said.

Donaldson is the only player on the team who had played all four years at Chrisman. He played golf outside of school for about five years.

"I like playing golf because it is a life long sport," Donaldson said.

As a spring sport, golf is one of the smaller teams played at Chrisman.

"We have fewer playing this year than we had last. There was 12 last year, and now we have seven players," Jonas said.

Sophomore Beau Lucas has played golf for five years.

"Playing with people who are as good as me makes more competition," Lucas said.

This is Jonas' second year as a coach at Chrisman.

"This is a sport I enjoy playing, so I enjoy coaching it," Jonas said.

With all their hard work, they hope to defeat their rival Truman. Jonas had a simple recommendation for students who are considering playing golf in the future.

"Play as often as you can," Jonas said.

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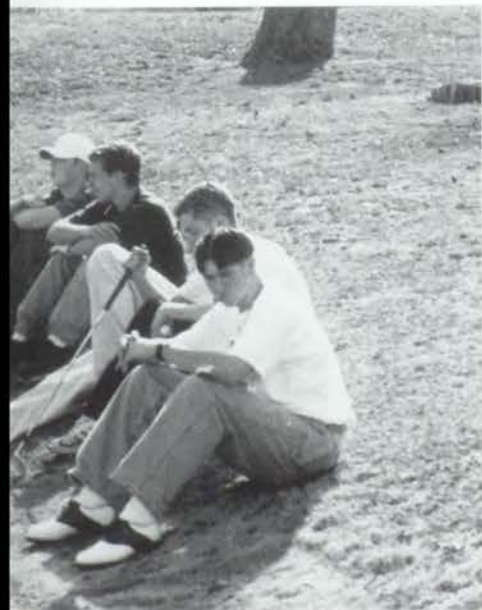


Coach Bill Jonas talks to his team during practice March 16 at Rockwood. Coach Jonas focuses on the fundamentals of the game.



Left: Freshman Matt Richardson practices his swing during practice March 16 at Rockwood.

Above: Sophomore Beau Lucas practices his golf swing while Coach Bill Jonas watches him. Lucas said, "I think this season will be better than last year."



Bill Jonas said, "I want to teach the players the rules and



BOYS GOLF: Ryan Pair, Doug Seaver, Beau Lucas, Matt Richardson, Ross Donaldson, Logan Neely, Jon Schellinger, Coach Bill Jonas

# Sprinting with spirit

Story by Meg Morris and Lauren Beckler

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to compete in a track meet? Your hair flowing in the breeze, your heartbeat racing, and looking over and seeing your opponent edge closer just as you cross the finish line.

Fifteen practices were required for the players to compete in the first meet. Weight lifting and conditioning were part of their rituals in order to be ready for the first meet. At a normal practice the runners warmed up, ran sprints, and then the coaches checked their time and form.

"Practices are going really well. We've got a lot of really good freshmen," sophomore Stacie Ware said.

Over 40 people made up the track team, and team spirit was said to be at an all time high.

"I love my teammates, and they love me," sophomore Andrea Rust said.

Participants in different events all took turns cheering and supporting one another.

"I'm confident in the team. By their senior year they should all be really good," junior Patrica Tavares said.

During the first track meet the coaches looked on with support as the team prepared. Nerves affected some of the competitors as they stepped onto the track and were ready for their event.

"Before a meet I feel like I'm going to puke," Ware said.

Team spirit, practice, and the surges of excitement led to actually competing. Whether jumping hurdles, running sprints, high jumping, long jumping, or throwing the discus; competition was still there. For most Chrisman students the competition against Truman has always been the strongest. For the track team the key rivals were considered to be Blue Springs and other schools in the conference.

"I think our biggest rival is Blue Springs. Truman isn't all that great," Ware said.

The track team is made up of different events. The team stuck together against its key rivals, and through their own personal struggle with nerves. Teammates led the way to victory with team spirit, and they basically "got by with a little help from their friends."

Design by Sara Hadley



Using all his strength, junior Nathan Maple practices pole vaulting after school.

Photo by Bobbi Andujar



Getting hot and sweaty doesn't keep freshman Ashley Moore from jogging to keep in shape for track.

Photo by Crystal Meyer



Up and over, senior Kellen Neely practices hurdles during track practice. **Photo by Bobbi Andujar**



Careful not to hit any passing cars on 24 Hwy, freshman Laura Savage throws a discus during practice. **Photo by Beckie Cavanaugh**



Working together, sophomore Andrew Waterfield and freshman James Arnold practice running relays after school. **Photo by Alaina Denney**



## Boys Track

Front row: James Arnold, Jonny Holt, Kellen Neely, Orlando Nammavaly, James Riddel, Marques Lewis, Adam Vader, Jon Francis, Daniel Smith, Billy Bell, Nate Mapel. Back row: Andrew Waterfield, Shannon O'Brien, Donovan Butler, Brad Fullbright, Brandon Smith, Adam Leopold, John Graus, John Savage, Brandon Koltoff, Chris Hampton, Derek Heide, Travis Miller.

## Girls Track

Front row: Ibbaanika Bond, Ashley Moore, Connie Wilson, Vanessa Johnston, Nikki DeShazer, Lissha Bond. Middle: Carrie Blevins, Kristin Smart, Tara Banham, Dorinda Chamberlin, Elis Gorley, Lia Tuala, Stacie Ware. Back: Laura Savage, Andrea Rust, Kim Bryson, Michelle Grush, Mindy Dent, Rachael Brunner, Rosanna Fau, Lucille Ekeroma, Michelle Terry.



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Logan Neely

1:98 min.

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Raytown Invitational

Daniel Smith

2:47 min.

200 IM

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Dale Sanders

2:45 min.

200 Free

Raytown Invitational

Senior Dale Sanders swims the freestyle at practice. "It was a rough season, but we made it through," Sanders said.

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Freshman Russ Sampson practices his dive for the upcoming meet. "Diving is 75 percent mental and 25 percent physical," Sampson said.

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Sophomore Daniel Smith competes at the Park Hill-Park Hill South swimming meet. "Even though I didn't beat anybody, I improved my times," Smith said. "Being on the team was great!"

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*We took the first big step from country to city. Now is the time for your next big step to make your dreams come true. Good Luck!*

*Love,  
Mom and all the family*



*Amanda Dotson*

*Oh, how the memories fill my mind and I thought Oh Lord. You've been so kind; yesterday a baby and now it's been 18 years. I will always love and be so proud of you.*

*Love,  
Mom, Andrea,  
Mikaela, Michael*



*Adam Lawson*

*Thanks for the memories, laughter, tears. You have overcome many obstacles to be the success you are today. Remember to believe in yourself and God to fulfill your dreams.*

*Dad, Mom, and Miranda*



*Gabrielle Beckler*

*The years have passed so quickly. You have been a joy to us as well as others. Keep up the positive attitude and you will accomplish much. Love you lots!*

*Mom and Dad*



*Erin Boyed*

*Dear Erin,  
We are so very proud of you and we wish you the very best!*

*Love,  
Dad, Mom, Sis,  
and Great-Grandmother*



*Monica Neal*

*Yesterday we held you in our arms and now you hold the world in yours. We are proud of you and your achievements. Keep following your heart and you'll reach your dreams.*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



*Tara Adams*

*We are very proud of you. You have grown up so fast. May you succeed at whatever you do.*

*Love, Always,  
Mom and Dad*



*Cindy Shoemaker*

*From Gully and Big Bird to New Kids On the Block to Brian White, John Travolta and Baby Neon we've always been so proud of our sweet daughter. Congratulations and may all your dreams come true.*

*Mom and Dad*



Rachel Pasquale

Dear Rachel,  
We've watched you grow and become more and more the special gift that God gave us. Always know whatever road he leads you to, you carry our hearts with you.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



Amber Marie Bolt

Amber,  
You are a gift from God above. We are so proud of the young adult you have become. May God continue to bless your life. We love you!  
Mom, Dad, &  
Adrean



Chris Wilson

Move over Bill Gates!  
Here he comes.  
Congratulations!  
The world wide web is yours!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom,  
Andy, & your  
PROUD family



Jennifer L. Adams

We are very proud of you and wish you happiness your whole life through. May God bless you, our precious daughter. We love you!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



Joshua Herbert

Joshua,  
I can't believe you're graduating already! Just yesterday you were my baby boy. I am so proud of you. You are wonderful! Good Luck! We love you!  
Mom, Dad,  
Rachel, &  
Brandy



Rosemary E. Ryan

Starting as a timid rose bud, you have bloomed and become a big, strong flower! Zita the Merry Rose.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



Christen A. Gooch

To our beautiful daughter and loving sister, you have come so far. Stay true to yourself and your dreams and you will go far. We love you and are very proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, &  
Jason



Paul Ballance

You've come a long way baby!  
Love,  
Dad





*I am so proud of you! Congratulations, may the rest of your years be happy ones.*

*I love you.  
Mom*

*Tiffany M. Miesse*



*You've been a blessing from the start. I am so very proud of you. Look to God always, a man of honor, strength, and kindness. A leader and a mighty man. The world awaits.*

*Love you,  
Mom*

*Matthew DeWitt*



*I am so proud of the young man you have matured into and I wish you much happiness and continued success in whatever you do. I love you!*

*Mom*

*Joshua Dolen*



*Wasn't this picture taken just yesterday? Its so hard to believe how time flies by. You've grown up nicely. I'm so proud.*

*Love,  
Mom*

*Nick Church*



*It has been so much fun watching you grow up. You have been a constant source of pride in our lives. May your future hold only the best life has to offer. You deserve it!*

*With our love,  
Mom and Dad*

*Justin Waddle*



*We want to tell you how very proud we are to have such a sweet, loving, generous daughter. We are also very proud of you for hanging in there. Reach for the stars!!*

*Love,  
Mom, & Jerry*

*Nicki Barker (far left)*



*As you travel down the road of life... Dream what you dare to dream. Go where you want to go. Be whatever you want to be. We have been so proud of you and love you more than words can express!*

*Mom and Dad*

*Ashleigh Vader*



*The years went by too fast! You are a smart, honest, talented and caring person! We're very proud of you! Reach for your dreams and live life to the fullest! You are loved!*

*Mom, Keith,  
Grandma &  
Grandpa*

*Jillian Rachel Joseph*

# NFL

Thanks to every student in NFL who has made the last few years so terrific.

-Lindsey Cummings



Dear Envoy Staff,

I sure am going to miss you guys! We definitely had some late, crazy nights on staff bonding over chinese food. Thank you so much for being so patient and putting in all the late hours on Mondays. I'm really glad I got to be part of such a friendly and dedicated staff. Thanks for putting up with my poems to some of your "significant others," and my song and dance routines. You were all really fun to work with! I wish you good luck in life to all those of you graduating and to the staff next year, good luck as well.

Tina Smithers

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Our senior year was filled with many memories, some good some bad. Overall our senior year has been the most memorable. After graduation we all will head off into our own directions. Some won't ever speak or see each other again, others will stay friends forever. But we can always look back at this picture and remember how silly we were and how much fun we had. All the partying we did was such a blast, but like all things, they have to come to an end. Yet our memories will stay in our hearts forever. We were the

# Senior Babes



**Beartrackers:** well this has been one crazy year; from tornados to slumber parties, we've only grown closer. Shari, you've made an incredible effort to brighten up our squad with your purple hair. Keli, you're our favorite cripple and an incredible choreographer. Gwyn(a.k.a. pig) you're always good for a laugh and we love you for it. Mandy, you'll always be Sleeping Beauty in our hearts. Eliza, your dedication and effort has been a great asset to the squad. Emily, we love your wonderful dancing skills and constant bright smiles. Maria, we're so glad our beauty from Argentina came to pep up our squad, sorry about your future husband. Lynsey you'll always be an animal cracker to us. Kristen, your constant smile always puts us in a good mood when we're frustrated. Cammie, your stupid jokes always crack us up. Brooke, we love your seductive skills and sweet compliments. Sara, we love you and baby Ben, too! We will miss all of you girls a great deal next year, but we wish you the best of luck. We love you!  
Your crazy captains, **Tina and Kari**  
P.S. Kari, I love you and your short jogging pants. Thanks for being so patient with me when I got frustrated. We've come a long way since the first grade. Good luck in life! -Love, Tina  
P.S.S. Tina, you really are a big pig, but I still love you. We made a great team this year and have gone through a lot together. Don't lose touch! -Luv, Kari

1998-99

Varsity Cheerleaders  
Keep that spirit up!



Front Row: Jessica Farris, Tiffany Sparks,  
Angie Thomas Second Row: Nicole Rice,  
Kristin McIntire, Cipporah Yaghoubian,  
Jennifer Ryan Third Row: Monica Neal,  
Kirby Scheurman, Susan Simmons, Kelli  
Martin, Amy McGlasson

## StuCo 98-99



This year has quickly come and gone,  
But our memories will carry on.  
Our school has always been number one-  
Bringing tons and tons of fun.  
We hoped to have improved this year for you.  
We did it with our heart, this much is true.

Thanks for a great year!  
We love you Ms. Parker

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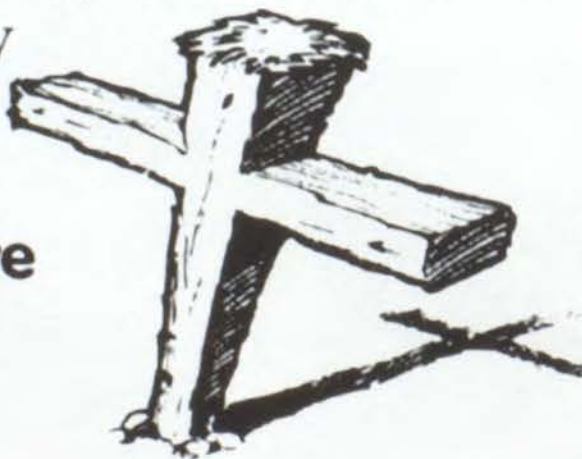
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*Love,  
Mom*



Dominic Escobar

*There are billions of stars and hundreds of rainbows, but in our sky there is only one son. Burn brightly little one! We love you.*

*Mom and Dad*



Courtney Phillips

*We're so proud of you. Reach for the stars. We know you can succeed in all you try for. We all love you and are behind you in all you do.*

*Love, Mom, Jen, Justin,  
Grandma, and  
Grandpa Wilkinson,  
Aunt Kim.*



Amy Howell

*From the first day I saw you I thought you were the cutest girl in the world and I knew we would be together forever. I'm proud of you.*

*Love Always,  
Jesse Weir*



Kristen Holler

*We have watched you grow from a precious little girl into a beautiful young woman. We are very proud of you and wish you the best in life.*

*Love you always!  
Mom and Dad*



Jeremy McGrail

*From your first day of school to your last, you've been a total success! Remember life has both ups and downs. Keep smiling and give it your best. We are always here for you! We love you, Mom, Danny, Tiffany Grandma & Grandpa*



Brett Simons

*You have come a long way. We are proud of you. Never stop reaching for the stars. Always believe in yourself.*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



Adam Lepker

*From the first beat of your heart, to the last beat of mine, you'll always be God's special gift to me. Dream big, be honest, love deep! You make me proud.*

*Love,  
Mama*



Blake Gwinn

What a handsome and responsible man you have become. We are so very proud of you! You've always been a bit of a free bird. Now it's time for us to loosen our embrace and let you truly fly on your own. Love, Mom, Dad Jordan and Brady



Lindsey Olson

Little one,  
The joy and laughter you've brought into our lives has made the years fly by. We cheer you on, on your journey.  
Love,  
Mon, Keith, and Heidi



Rachel & Jeremy Gregg

Rachel and Jeremy,  
We are so proud of you both. There is nothing you two cannot accomplish.  
Love,  
Dan, Mom,  
Misty, and Brett



Shannon Childress

We want you to know how proud we are of you. We wish you all the happiness life can bring.

We love you,  
Buddy & Denise  
(your parents  
by choice)



Carl Andrew Williams

Congratulations! What a year. We love you.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Rosemary



Stephanie Ryken

Life has been a challenge for you, but you made it—and we knew you would. Continue to be your own person. Follow your heart and don't let anyone stand in the way of your dreams.  
Love ya, Grandma & Grandpa



Tina Smithers

Yo Tina,  
You've come a long way baby. Go on girl! Tina (the one on the right) and her first "Boyfriend". Baby-Girl, you made it!  
I Love You,  
Dad



Patrick McDermed

Pat,  
We have come a long way but your job is not finished. Always remember to listen to your heart and follow your dreams.  
Love,  
Mom, Chuck,  
Kelli, & Amanda



*Brooke Cooley*

*Brooke,  
Congratulations! You  
made it!*

*Love,  
Mom*



*Chris Stowell*

*Congratulations!  
You've come a long  
way, Pherf, and you've  
done a great job. You  
will always have our  
love and support.*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



*Laura Hinkle*

*Your inner beauty is as  
great as your outer  
beauty and we are so  
proud of you. You are  
one of God's best  
blessings. We love you  
more than words can  
express.*

*Mom and Dad*



*Nicholas Scott Foley*

*Nicholas,  
We blinked our eyes  
and you're a young  
man. We are very  
proud of the person  
you've become. Always  
do your best and never  
forget, we'll always love  
you.*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



*Carrie West*

*Baby Girl,  
No words can express  
how proud I am of you!  
Follow your heart and  
all your dreams will  
come true. I will love  
you always.*

*Mom*



*Amy Sloan*

*To our daughter and  
big sister, we've always  
been proud of you.  
You're the greatest!*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



*Rennie Gordon*

*I can't believe the time  
has come for you to  
graduate. I don't know  
what I'm going to do  
without my big brother!  
I wish the best of luck in  
all you do. Your talents  
will take you far! All  
my love!*

*Your sis,  
Lori*



*Stacey Mann*

*Angels are the  
guardians of hope and  
wonder, the keepers of  
magic and dreams.  
May all your dreams  
come true. We love  
you.*

*Mom & Amber*





Jessica Wells

Jessica,  
We're all proud  
of you. Good luck in the  
future. Hope your  
dreams come true.  
Love,  
Dad



ROSIE RYAN,  
Steve Smith &  
ANNE Webb

Randy & Pork Chop, Thanks for being my bestest band sistas  
ever! 3 words... Cel-u-lite. Who's the man? 1-2-3 Lets go band!  
Anna's Overalls! We know all about the denial thing don't we  
Steve? Spread Eagle! Annie's Cafe. Trumpets kick brass! I love  
you guys! Thanks for the constant entertainment! Love, Rosie



Shaun Sanders

We are so very proud of  
all your achievements.  
You have the  
knowledge,  
discernment, and  
wisdom to achieve  
every goal you you  
choose. Thanks for the  
entertainment! We love  
you very much,  
Your Family



"Do you pawn cows?" "We can't let  
her marry him!" "Excuse me, miss,  
could you take this to the boy in the  
yellow sweater?" "I thought you  
were throwing up." "Do you have a  
fajita grill?" "No you can't have my  
scope!" "No, Mandy, don't look!

Dear Ashley, (Diana)  
Last year I had to say good  
bye to Dena and now I guess  
I have to say good bye to you.  
I don't know what I'd do  
without you. You've always  
been there for me, through  
everything. I always start to  
laugh when I think of all the  
stupid things we've done.  
You and Dena are the closest  
I've ever come to having  
sisters. I'll never forget you  
two! I love you and I always  
will!  
Love, Mandy (Sandy)



John Savage

Yesterday you were our  
little buddy starting  
school, now suddenly  
graduating! We're  
proud of you and all  
your accomplishments.  
Always follow your  
heart and believe in  
your yourself.  
We love you,  
Mom and Dad



Carrie West & Brooke Gibson

We've been through a  
lot together, I'll never  
forget you, I love you  
always. - Carrie  
I'm so happy we've  
been best friends all  
these years. I  
couldn't ask for  
anyone else. -Brooke



Brooke Gibson

Life is like a rosebud  
waiting to unfold. Each  
petal is a story waiting  
to be told. As you end  
this chapter of your life  
we wish you luck,  
success and happiness.  
All our love,  
Mom and Dad



Kelly O'Camb

What a privilege and a  
joy it has been to be  
your parents. We pray  
for God's blessing as  
you prepare to embark  
on life's journey as a  
competent young  
woman. We love you  
Kelly!  
Mom and Dad

The year gradually came to an end and the students of Chrisman looked back to see all that had gone on over the past nine months. The start of the football season brought the winning of the wagon wheel back to its home field.

Another season was left successful.

The spirit of the students was overwhelming as they filled the bleachers and supported all of the fall sports teams.

Independence passed a bond issue of \$34.7 million for overall district improvements. Chrisman will look forward to receiving a new gym, air conditioning and a new cafeteria.

Within the walls of Chrisman, the students worked hard to achieve their academic goals, while at the same time expressing their individuality to the student body and their peers. After spending their high school years with the same people, the seniors had a hard time saying their goodbyes. The underclassmen simply looked forward to their years to come. Everyone did their best to leave their mark as the millenium neared to an end. It was

## The Season Finale.

by C.c. Vaughan  
and  
Jessica Wells

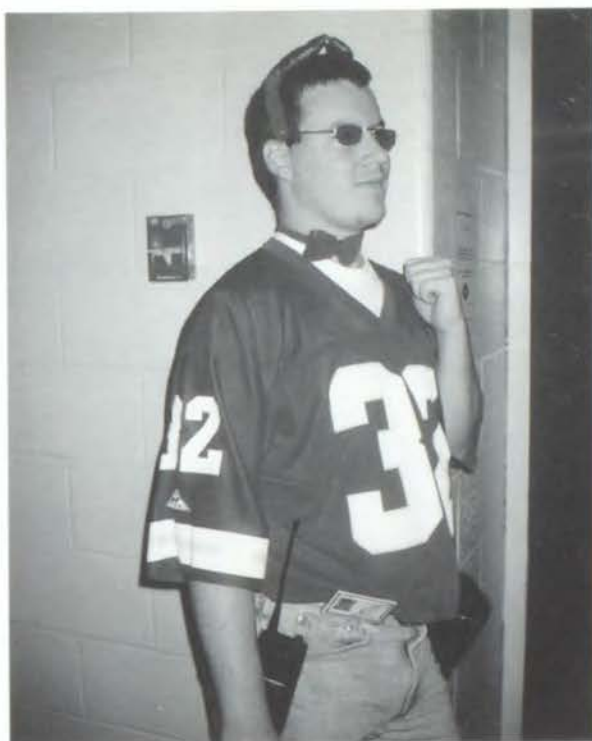


Above: Juniors Donovan Butler and Ryan Evans and soccer coach Mike Schneiders lift freshman Shaun Rice up for a stunt during the Courtwarming Assembly. **Photo by Staff**

To the Right: Senior Chris Arnone leads the WCHS marching band through the Independence Square during the Homecoming parade.

**Photo by Kayte Okerstrom**





Above: Hall monitor Chris Esch dresses up and shows his Chiefs pride for Spirit Week. **Photo By Silya Siniawski**



Above: Junior Jeremy Lindle takes time out of a sunny day to change the oil in his car. **Photo by Keli Morgan**

Below: Senior Adam Lawson and Junior Crystal Lusher eat pizza at Pizza Street before the back to school dance. **Photo by Doug Seaver**



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**THE  
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**Gleam**  
Not of the sunlight,  
Not of the moonlight,  
Not of the starlight,  
O, young mariner,  
Down to the haven  
Call your companions,  
Launch your vessels  
And crowd your canvas,  
And ere it vanishes  
O'er the margin  
After it, Follow it,  
Follow the Gleam.  
-Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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