Seniors Collin Root and Brad Harris concentrates on a group assignment in Kris Miller's government class. The switch to 85 minute class periods gave teachers more flexibility in choosing classroom activities. photo by Jill Wieneke

Senior National Honor Society Members Danny Brock and Laura Hamilton attempt to count an endless pile of pennies collected during the annual United Way fund drive. NHS members collect over $1,300 for the United Way during the week of Oct. 3-7, photo by Jill Wieneke
The sun rises on the senior parking lot's new additions. Students wishing to park in this lot's newly repainted spaces were required to buy a $15 parking card which activated the automatic arm. photo by Jill Wienke

Junior Michael Henderson runs an agility drill at football practice. The football team began competition in the Big Seven Conference when they met Truman on Noyes Field Sept. 23. photo by Jill Wienke

Along a popular route toward school, Ashland Avenue, students drive by and watch the changing of fall leaves. Ashland Avenue is part of a scenic tour route that runs the length of the city. photo by Jill Wienke

Standing outside room 105, junior Dustin Sollars buys a Coke between classes. Everyday students were found lining up at one of the three pop machines with 50 cents, waiting to quench their thirsts. photo by Jill Wienke
Hoping to clear away the dust that settled on their brains overnight, many students reached deep within their backpacks, scanned the floor with their eyes or bummed quarters off a friend. Lines formed quickly in front of the Coke machine. It was 7:35 a.m. Even before the first class began, we were living on change.

Before the student body arrived, faculty members pulled together trying to find the right amount of change—
just enough to revive burned out students,
while making the transition smooth for everyone. Athletic teams rejuvenated their spirit of competition by joining the Suburban League; changes from longtime local rivals to distant opponents kept athletes practicing harder, living with the uncertainty of what they would meet on the field. 85 minutes allowed for more flexibility within a class period, bringing new life to old assignments and lesson plans. Students thrived on the extra time given to complete projects and assignments. Experiments, recipes and tests could now be completed successfully, without the 55 minute race against time. But the changes didn’t stop after the newness of the school year faded. Short days and all days, mixed in with odd and even, made sure that not even the revised schedule stayed the same. Although changes in the routine became something to count on, living with them meant students continually searched for at least 50 cents more. by Natalie Hammer
Senior cheerleader Ryan Koerner helps fellow senior Tarith Kline get ready for a toss during the fourth hour pep assembly. Along with being switched to the middle of the day, pep assemblies were often held on Thursdays during the first part of AAP. This was a drastic change from the traditional Friday spirit events. photo by staff photographer

Band members junior Cassie Gaddie, sophomore John Farnsworth, juniors Jen Garcia, Sarah Jamison and Jill Stock step off the bus after returning from the Ozarko Band Day in Springfield, MO. The band, with their largest enrollment ever, practiced for the competition in the newly remodeled band room. photo by Jenni Lineburger

Cameraman senior Ridgley Fitzsimmons films the morning announcements from atop the couch in the Fine Arts Office. The televised morning announcements, made possible with the addition of Channel One, were taped each morning before third hour on odd days and fourth hour on even days. photo by Liz Tobin

5 theme living on change
Interest Rates. It is not just how well teachers hold our attention inside the school's walls. It is all around outside.
The bells have rung. The students have gone home; home to their lives, to family, to friends and jobs— to be themselves no matter where their interests lie.

- Wednesday night, homework or not, these seniors find their way to a pool table and a card game just right for a guys night out.
- Dec. 16 the doors closed for the holiday break. Students found themselves wrapped up in seasonal spirit in more ways than one.
Camps

BECOME SUMMER CLASSROOMS

Remember when summer camps were a time for the parents to kick back and relax while the kids could go away and play? Most students now go to camps requiring a great deal of time and hard work.

"We'd wake up and eat breakfast and then go practice the rest of the day. We would only take breaks to eat a little more," junior Ken Nash explained.

Nash was referring to the camp the drum line attended early in July. Camps are not just crafts and nature walks anymore and are commonly referred to as work camps.

So why do them?

"Going to camp brought us closer together as a squad. The harder we worked, the closer we became," sophomore pom pom Holly Chinnery said.

"It's worth it to work one on one with an expert. It feels worth while to work hard at something," Nash said.

Besides sports, students traveled to retreats like Boys and Girls State, Missouri Scholars Academy and Science and Math Camp designed to increase knowledge in an area of study or improve leadership and thinking skills. Other students sought a different kind of knowledge attending or volunteering at Young Life or church sponsored camps.

by Robbie Corder

Junior Ann Pittman performs with camp sponsor Jana Campbell during the week of Camp Wyatt Park. Pittman, who performs in both community theatre and at Central was able to use her talents for the benefit of the campers. photo by Gerald Small
"We must use time creatively and forever realize that the times is always ripe to do right."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Summer
VACATIONS PROVIDE RELAXATION

After the stress of a nine month school year, many students find it therapeutic to leave town and simply "get away from it all."

"I love taking vacations with my family. We do not go to really exotic places, but we always find something fun to do," sophomore Fred Grier said.

Some people like their vacations to be more unique and different than the last.

"We go some place different every time we travel. Sometimes it is California, sometimes it is a lake and other times it is just Kansas City," senior Alicia Crabtree said.

Although vacations are meant to be stress free and relaxing, stress does sometimes interfere.

"Planning a vacation and planning the amount of money you are willing to spend are two big things we come across a lot," Susanne James, travel agent, said.

Yet another of these factors is transportation.

"My parents like to fly because they cannot stand how the kids fight in the car," senior Kyle Martin said.

No matter how much planning, stress or back seat fighting goes along with a family vacation, students and teachers still take advantage of the summer months away from school to travel and vacation.

by Jenny Warren
"The city has a face, the country has a soul."

Jacques DeLacretelle
Summer in the city is different for every student. To some it is a time to make money or as a time to fulfill their dire need to sleep. Many students choose to work in the community.

Junior Moxi Upadhyaya turned to the theatre. At the Missouri Theatre she participated in CAP, short for Creative Arts Program. Drama teacher, Garry Tiller, was one of the directors for this program.

“This was my first year, but I hope to do it again next year. I was able to learn from very talented people. The instructors were the greatest,” Upadhyaya said.

Other students choose to help other teens with their problems. C-CAP members worked on the teen hotline out of the YWCA.

“It gives a chance for teens with problems to talk to their peers and work out what is bothering them,” C-CAP sponsor Nancy Piercey said.

Besides theatre and C-CAP some students chose to work as a volunteer at the hospital, Albrecht-Art Museum, or at Trails West. Students also find that the job experience they receive will look good on college applications and scholarships, as well as on future job applications.

by Robbie corder
To the amazement of his campers, senior Nathan Stuber promises to eat a can of dog food during a skit at Camp Wyatt Park. Many students like Nathan gave up vacation time to volunteer in the community.

"By helping somebody climb a mountain of problems, I solve some of mine too."

Anonymous

Senior Jonathan Miner paints the side of his barn. Many of his friends spent this summer practicing their painstaking works of art.

Junior Josh Hamilton finds time this summer to practice the art of graffiti. He worked on the walls of Jonathan Miner's barn.
Whether it is their artsy talent, creativity or just plain messiness, students feel their bedrooms say something about themselves.

"My room reflects my personality because my art is everywhere," senior Mike Craig said.

Some feel it is the personal aspect of their room that makes it special.

"My room shows that I like to party. I have all kinds of Bud Light stuff. I also have a sign that says Cope Road," senior David Cope said.

Many students feel their room is a comfortable place to retreat to when bonding with the family doesn’t sound appealing and the rest of the world is filled with stress. For some that stress never includes worrying over a messy room.

"My favorite thing about my room is my big bed. It is surrounded by a huge mess," junior Kaci Russell.
"Don't straighten up my mess, you'll mess up my system."

Anonymous
Senior Craig Sinclair lines up his shot during a doubles game of pool. Competition between Sinclair and his friends is fierce during their Wednesday activities, whether it be a pool game or a hand of poker. photo by Brett Sundert

Seniors Mike Craig and Billy Coder look over their cards as a new hand of a weekly poker game begins. Trapped in friend's basement, these guys get together once a week for poker, pool and movie watching. photo by Brett Sundet

"In similar water, similar fish are found."

Ruysch
Teens sometimes take a break from one of their most popular pastimes, dating.

Take a look at what happens when guys and girls go their separate ways.

"A girls' night is a time for us girls to get together and have fun," junior Sue Ray said.

For one group of junior girls, Campaigners brings a time they can get together with just the girls.

Guys also enjoy a fun, free time away from girls and girlfriends to talk to their male friends and just act like guys.

"A guys night out really helps us open up and express our true feelings for each other," senior Mike Craig said.

Junior Bob Brown believes the purpose of a guys night out is to relieve frustration and bond with the fellas.

"I used to go out with the guys because I was extremely shy and it made things less complicated without girls," language arts teacher Barry Reynolds said.

The guys feel they do not have to worry about their actions when they are around only their male friends.

"I offered a girl on a corner five dollars and she actually got in with us. We didn't do anything with her, though. She scared us," senior Billy Coder said.

by Jessica Dailey
Senior Tori Christgen shows the tattoo she had placed on her lower back earlier this year. Tori got the tattoo of a stick figured girl to match the stick figured boy.

Senior Ridgley Fitzsimmons has on his upper left shoulder. photo by Shannon Flurry

Nikatea Shreeves displays her variety of ear rings, along with her nose ring and lip ring. Body piercing has made Nikatea into somewhat of a celebrity around the halls this year. photo by Shannon Flurry

"There is a time in our lives when we arrive at the conviction that envy is ignorance; and imitation is suicide."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
TATTOOS
AND BODY PIERCING SHOW INDIVIDUALITY

When thinking back on high school activities, a variety of memories come to mind. Pep assemblies, basketball games, parties and people. In some instances, a few certain people are more memorable than others.

"I remember this guy I used to see every day during my sophomore year. He had purple hair and a nose ring too. I used to think it was weird but I don't anymore," senior Erin Clark said.

Over the years, our society has become less apprehensive and more open to individuality. Belly button rings and tattoos have become common and are no longer considered to be worn by only 'freaks' and 'weirdos.'

"I love my tattoo. Every time I see it I am reminded of what a bonding experience it was for me and two of my friends. We all got together my junior year," one anonymous senior said.

Some students feel these acts, although exciting, have become nothing more than grasps for attention.

"It used to be cool, different, to know someone actually had a part of their body pierced. Now it is kind of annoying because everyone is doing it," senior Becca Svuba said. "When I see someone with a ring in their eyebrow I don't think about how cool it is. I can only think about how painful it must have been."

by Jenny Warren

Sophomore Tom McElhaney models the eyebrow ring he got this year. McElhaney had his parents sign a permission slip in order for him, as an under age teen, to legally get the ring. photo by Shannon Flurry
Students at Central shared their classes with their siblings. They felt it was not a real big problem. Since they got along at home it was no big deal to have classes with them at school. “We kick it at home so we are basically kicking it together at school,” sophomore Krissandra Parker said.

Junior Katy Frampton and senior Danielle Frampton were in Law and the Citizen together during first semester. At times, they had opposing views and ended up in a “sisterly” quarrel.

Students had classes with their parents as their teachers. Teachers viewed their kids as any other student. “I feel like my daughter is an excellent student and I am delighted to have her in my classroom,” coach Charles Taylor said. Their parental role was forgotten until the bell rang and they went home.

Sometimes, their family life interfered with their relationship in the classroom. “She’s only called me Mom once,” teacher Shirley Roueche said.

Playing golf is a family tradition for senior Jill Perry and her father, golf coach Jim Perry. Jill has played on the team, under the guidance of her father for four years. Photo by Brett Sundet
Art teacher Charlie

Taylor answers questions of his daughter, Camara Taylor, in his Art Concepts class. Few students get the chance to share class time with a parent. photo by SBrian Kimes

"Education has really only one basic factor, ... one must want it."
George Edward Woodberry

After school senior
Jennifer Weipert gives her brother, freshman Nathan Weipert, a ride home. Many students drove their younger siblings to and from school activities. photo by Shannon Flurry

Freshman Mindy
Porter waits to walk to class with her sister senior Angela Porter. The sisters has a chance to discuss the school day after they got home. photo by Shannon Flurry.
Senior Kyle Martin prints a Central soccer shirt while working at the Market. Martin has worked at The Market for about three years. photo by Brian Kimes

Senior Lameka Robinson concentrates on making a burrito at Taco Bell. Robinson works up to 35 hours per week. photo by Brian Kimes

"If you want to be successful, look for work after you get a job." Anonymous

Senior Tara Hendrix pours picante sauce into a bowl for some customers at Rancho Sante Fe. Many seniors at Central have jobs to help earn money for college. photo by Brian Kimes
She throws on her work shirt and hat and runs out the door five minutes late hoping her boss will not yell at her.

Teens with part time jobs experience this scenario every week working at such places as Taco Bell, ITI, Twister Treats and Barbosa’s.

Teens never seem to have enough money for things such as food, gas and other expenses.

"It may not be the best job in the world, but it is money," Twister Treats employee junior Erin Christie said.

Students with after school jobs say keeping on track is not as easy as it appears. Cleaning up and closing can make it difficult, especially if an employee faces a big test the next day.

"I worked around 15 hours a week at Bonanza and it was hard to keep up with all my school work," Junior Christy Culver said.

Some parents will not allow their children to work for fear it will interfere with academics.

"I would rather have Toni Lynn (Dudik) concentrate on her school work now and maybe get a job over the summer," coach Tony Dudik said.

by Rachel Richey

Senior Jennifer Brown organizes displays at Capezio’s in the mall. Brown manages her time with school, poms, work, and other activities. photo by Brian Kimes
"There were two things running through my head when I regained consciousness after my car wreck. 'Am I all right?' and 'My parents are going to kill me!"' junior Alison Campbell said.

Driving brings fun and exciting experiences to students. Unfortunately, it also brings its share of disaster and tragedy. Tickets and wrecks cause worry in drivers.

Campbell had an accident in her father's car after failing to yield. It demolished the car, tore her lip and broke her nose.

"Now I really, really watch for red lights," Campbell said.

Students find they must face their fears and deal with the situations driving brings to them.

"I wrecked my mom's van once, and I got a speeding ticket on my way to work," junior Todd Milbourn said. "I am much more careful now."

Junior Shauna Collier believes she drives well. "I make everyone wear their seatbelts and, although I am driving my third car, it is not because I wrecked my other two," Collier said.

by Summer Sander
Sophomore D.J. Christgen pays for his license at the DMV office downtown. Some students take their drivers test many times before finally obtaining their license. photo by Jill Wienke

Senior Ben Highby wrecked his 1982 Volkswagon Sirocco by hitting a tree during the winter. Ice, snow and rain cause problems for many young drivers. photo by Ben Highby

Senior Jenni Linebarger studies her parking ticket left because she parked too long. With the gated lots, many students must find a place on the street to leave their cars for the day; photo by Shannon Flurry

"Trust in God but lock your car."
H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
Deadly

Consequences due to image alterations

Beer: found at parties all over St. Joseph in the possession of minors, showed up as a common form of amusement and abuse for teenagers.

Underage students obtained alcohol by one means alone—false identification.

Although fake IDs break the law, students who wished to obtain one did so without much difficulty.

"I used the birth certificate and Social Security card of a friend to get my fake ID," an anonymous junior said.

"No one was ever suspicious that it wasn't really me even though my handwriting didn't even come close to matching what was on the Social Security card."

Members of the St. Joseph Police see the results of fake IDs as a deadly problem.

"There has been a steady stream of people who continue to use fake IDs," Sgt. Jim Conners said.

"The reason for law enforcement is to establish a no tolerance policy. Alcohol is a drug and it will probably end up killing most teenagers. If you die young it will probably be in an accident, due to drunk driving."

By Cheryl Bailey
While many students get together with friends, some students feel they must include alcohol at parties or during an evening out. Junior Hayley Green and senior Erin Clark pose for the WAKITAN photographer as if they were at a party where alcohol was served. Photo by Brian Kimes.

Drinkers often find that the price of getting drunk includes nausea, vomiting and a disappointing end to the evening. Even though drinking is illegal for high school students, many teens still find ways to get alcohol. Photo by Brian Kimes.

To demonstrate what some students do to obtain alcohol, junior Aaron Adams pretends to offer a fake ID to a convenience store clerk. Students used colored pencils to alter birthdates on licenses or traveled to Kansas City, where specialty shops make fake IDs.

"This above all; to thine own self be true And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to anyman." Shakespear
Senior Sara Pierce
works with other students in the on the second floor of the Main building, more hallway. Many students found working as a team on a project a good way to learn.
photo by Brian Kimes

Sophomore Jonathan
Truxall studies for an upcoming exam. The pressures of maintaining good grades, high tests scores, and finished homework assignments have many students full of stress.
photo by Darci Weddle

"Stress is like an ice cream cone - you have to learn how to lick it!"
Anonymous

Sophomore Jake
Camp stares down an opponent in a class competition during Mrs. Northup's Modern and Contemporary history class. Northup often pits one side of the room against another in competition to review for an upcoming test.
photo by Shannon Flurry

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student stress
Students found stress in all aspects of their lives ranging from sports to academic requirements. Underclassmen experienced responsibilities and activities that demanded more effort than ever before.

“I thrive on stress - it makes me work harder than I otherwise would,” freshman Tara Kelly said.

Members of the junior class attempted to attain jobs as they joined the ranks of fellow upperclassmen.

“Even though I already have a lot of stress, I’ve found that I need a job for the extra money,” junior Heather Brady said.

For the first time seniors found themselves making extra time for college planning.

“This year there’s more added stress, because I not only have my normal schoolwork, but I must also plan and make preparations for college,” senior Ben McClure said.

With added stress, students learned to push themselves harder and live up to expectations.

“Stress in my life pushes my potential to the extreme,” sophomore Paul Graham said.

by Cheryl Bailey

Sophomore Sara
Mollus finishes an assignment before the bell rings to start class. No matter when teachers assigned homework, many students found ways to hold off on it until the very last minute. photo by Durci Weddle
Senior Ben Horn plays his guitar in a concert at Night Grooves. Horn was the lead guitarist for the band Diversity. Photo by Laura Campbell.

Jazz musicians including seniors Joel Mooney, Brent King, junior Brian Vieth, seniors Seth Hall and Evan Mullins, jam on stage during the "No Frills Talent Revue." Evans and Hall also performed in other acts during the show. Photo by Shannon Flurry.

"Music has been my oldest friend, my fiercest foe, 'cause it can take me so high, and it can make me so low."

Stephen Chapin

Living out his dream of becoming Billy Idol, senior Joe Pilgrim sings during the No Frills Talent Revue in '80s rock-star attire. During the talent revue students got a chance to express musical tastes—anything from gospel to hard rock. Photo by Shannon Flurry.
The lights dimmed and the music blared. Five guys jammed on the balcony of a local bar, doing a sound check for an upcoming concert. Helpful members of another band waved their arms and mouthed the words “too grungy.”

Mood, Face Plate, Krazre and Diversity are all bands composed entirely of students. Playing music allows the members to have fun with their friends while doing something constructive.

Sophomore Eric Hartley plays in Face Plate. “The people in the band and just being able to play make it fun,” Hartley said.

Part of the band members play only for enjoyment while others practice with serious musical aspirations.

“I get a thrill from playing, especially in front of people,” sophomore Shaun Weir said.

Students who do not find fulfillment in local concerts travel to concerts in Kansas City, where they have more variety in types of music.

“Music is a big part of my life,” Hartley said.

by Summer Sander
Cars wind cautiously down Ashland Ave. in the days after the storm. Ice broke many branches and downed power lines in many streets, leaving them impassable. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

A Christmas wreath hangs on a door covered with ice. The storm left holiday decorations with an eerie appearance. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.

-Robert Frost

Power lines and often fell under the stress and strain of layers of ice. Downed power lines made driving difficult during the days after the storm. photo by Jonathan Miner
The evening of Dec. 5 brought ice and tragedy to St. Joseph. Ice covered trees, roads and electric wires over most of the city. The inch thick ice knocked down power lines cutting off power to 15,000 homes. As a result, school was canceled for three days.

Left without power, heat, cable and even telephones people adjusted to keep warm and fill the time.

“We shut all our blinds and bought a kerosene heater. We used 15candles to light one room so we could see,” junior Renee Thomas said.

People searched for ways to fill the empty days.

“I tried to make a hand warmer because it got kind of cold. I used a battery, a piece of wire and some metal. But it was either too hot or too cold,” junior Dominic Frank said.

“I slept, then I went to the YMCA to play basketball, but when their power went out I came home and watched a candle burn out,” freshman Eric Hunter said.

The storm also gave people the opportunity to help others.

“We ran a big extension cord across our alley so our neighbor could run her furnace,” sophomore Lizzie Nelson said.

by Kate Koenig
HOLIDAY

TRADITIONS HOLD SPECIAL MEANING

Shopping centers rang with the sound of cash registers, the air filled with the crisp scent of firing chimneys and kitchens smelled of warm apple pie and turkey. The holiday season had hit St. Joseph.

"For me, the holiday season was a way for me to enjoy the gift of giving. As a member of student government, I was able to adopt a family and also give presents to a little boy who was in the hospital," senior Kelly Bliley said.

Sophomore Tia Meredith agreed that, "the most important part of the holidays is not what you receive, but rather what you give to others. That is what this time of year is about."

by Jenny Warren

A group of boys decorate for the door decorating contest. One class was chosen as the winner from each building based on their creativity and imagination. photo by Shannon Flurry
Senior Ann Burns puts a few holiday finishing touches on the counseling center doors. The door decorating contest was sponsored by the student government. Photo by Shannon Flurry.

Senior Darcie Weddle and her father chop down the “perfect” Christmas tree. Darcie and her family made an all day event out of finding their tree this year. Photo by Shannon Flurry.

"Every time a bell rings, an angel gets their wings."

It’s a Wonderful Life

The Krug Park entrance came alive with bright lights and festive decorations. The lighting ceremony was delayed two days due to the ice storm. Photo courtesy of the St. Joseph Convention Bureau.
ESCAPADES
ALLOW FOR OUT OF TOWN VARIETY

For a variety of teens, the night life in St. Joseph is simply not an attraction anymore. A large number of students feel they must travel outside the city limits to have a good time, as well as try new things.

"St. Joseph after hours used to be fun when we were younger because it was new to us. Soon we were doing the same things over and over every weekend," senior Josh Joseph said.

"Now we try to go to Kansas City or Columbia often because of all the things to do," he added.

Students agreed the attraction of new places was strong.

"Heck, I am only a freshman and I am already getting bored with it here," freshman Kara Kropp said.

why teens leave the area in search of a good time. New surroundings brought forth new activities, new faces and new personalities, all of which were what students seemed to crave.

No matter what reasoning students had when they traveled miles away on the weekend, they are now doing it more often than not.

Senior Gana Vishwanath had her own reasons behind traveling to other communities for fun. "I like to travel down the dusty road of adventure. I am too wild for this town," she said.

by Jenny Warren

Senior Gana Vishwanath gets in her car in order to drive to Kansas City for the weekend. Spending the night with friends out of town became a popular trend this year.
Juniors Melissa
Milling, Kelly Nichol, and Erin Moore try on a few dresses at Saks Fifth Avenue in Kansas City. The girls took a day off to shop, eat and enjoy themselves outside St. Joseph. Spread photo by Kate Koeing

Junior Erin
Moore shows off her "pig gloves" to some friends while visiting the Plaza. Students found it relaxing to travel out of town to take a break from school and homework. photo by Kate Koeing

Junior Carrie
Chisolm collapses in a chair at the GAP after a long day in Kansas City with friends. Carrie found how exactly how tiring a full day in another city with a group of girls can be. photo by Kate Koeing

"Don't stay home and putter around the house. You need a change a change of scene,"
David M. Ogilvy

37 student life out of town
Testing his skills at the video arcade, junior Josh Sipe also watches passersby in the mall. This form of entertainment was popular among students because it only cost a quarter a game.

People of all ages enjoyed Trails West as a unique summer celebration held behind City Hall. This year the Trails West steering committee added new activities to attract teenagers to the festivities.

"Become a tourist for a day in your own hometown. Take a tour. See the sights."

H. Jackson Brown
At the end of a busy week the question, "What are we doing this weekend?" always rings through the halls.

"Most of the time, my friends and I see what is happening for the weekend and then come to a mutual decision," sophomore K. D. Smith said.

Not all students had the option of leaving town on the weekend so they made-do with what they could find for activities in St. Joseph.

"There's a lot of loser things to do like cruise the Belt, but I do like all the community festivals that St. Joseph has, like Trails West," junior Jessica Fenner said.

Whatever a student did do, many times the decision hinged on the money factor.

"Although it is not cheap to stay in St. Joseph, it is a lot more expensive to go out of town on the weekend," junior Mike Parmer said.

For students with a bit of creativity and a little cash, they could always find something to do.

"I spend most of my free time at the movies. Plaza 8 or Hill Crest Theatres usually have some pretty good shows playing," freshman Lindsey Perez said.

by Andrea Ferry
TOILET
PAPER TREND BECOMES TRADITION

It is two o'clock in the morning, you are wearing a spandex leotard complete with sequins and sparkles, a wool ski mask covers your head, you are squatted by a tree in someone else's front yard and you have a roll of toilet paper in your hand.

Sound like a twisted nightmare? To some, maybe, but to others it is a normal and somewhat frequent occurrence.

"I teepeed so many people. When I do it, I do my art work good," senior Sarah Pickerel.

For every group of teens who perform this "yard art", there is a family who must clean it up the next morning.

"There was a period when my family had to clean up the yard every Saturday," Latin teacher Nancy Briggs said.

One new trend in practical joking is to use not only toilet paper, but also yard ornaments such as chairs and flower pots. Another trend is to "get" your friend. No longer is teepeeing an act of bitter vengeance aimed at an enemy, but rather a teasing and show of affection.

These new trends have lead to the installation of new traditions. It has become a given that the Homecoming court teepees their escorts, students in clubs teepee their sponsor and the pom pon squad and football players destroy each others lawns before the last game of the season.

"All I can say is I am glad I was not the one who had to clean up 56 rolls of toilet paper out of a certain pom's yard," sophomore Zach Zillner said.

by Jenny Warren

Freshman Haley
Thomas and a friend place a "for sale" sign in a friends yard. Yard ornaments like this sign were popular items used in pranks this past year. Spread photo by Darci Weddle
Freshman Haley
Thomas throws toilet paper in a tree located in the front of a friend's yard. Students found teepeeing to be a fun and creative way to spend their late nights. Spread photo by Darci Weddle

Latin Teacher
Nancy Briggs ties a bow around the neck of the cement goose that was placed on her front porch by a group of friendly students. Briggs has grown extremely fond of the goose and adorns it with a different bow for every season. Spread photo by Darci Weddle

Senior Sara Pickereel, dressed in her best 007 disguise, stocks up on bathroom condiments to use on an unlucky friend's yard. The outfits were a new trend this year for students who wanted to not only feel as if they were on a mission, but look the part too. Spread photo by Darci Weddle

"Pulling a prank on someone is the best way to compliment them because it shows them you are thinking about them."
Jerry Lewis

student life 41
practical jokes
On Wednesday nights some students face the question of what to do, while others know exactly where they belong—youth group.

"My youth group is not very big, but we are all best friends, like a big family," junior Chad Langdon said.

Students felt church youth groups and Young Life affected their lives positively.

"I've found being in a youth group helps make high school easier. I'm a freshman so I get to know older Christians from school at church," Tiffany Farrow said.

Youth group members often help people in the community.

"We do a public ministry of hand puppets and we also have a drama team," sophomore Rachael Parks said.

Students felt a change of atmosphere helped them sort out their lives.

"Young Life allows me to relax from my busy schedule," junior Amber Schubert said.

Leaders of these groups highly recommend them for high school students.

"In my opinion, the things we talk about at Young Life are more important than what we say at school. If I didn't believe that, I wouldn't be there," Young Life leader Roger Price said.

by Andrea Ferry
The "Fire-Team"
Street Drama Group from First Assembly of God performs a Human Video. Human Videos are one form of community outreach sponsored by the church for youth to participate in. photo courtesy of First Assembly of God

Junior Rachel
Lipira practices her swing for mud softball at Grace Evangelical Church. Youth groups specialize in out-of-the-ordinary activities to keep teenagers interested in their programs. photo courtesy of Grace Evangelical Church

Senior Nathan
Stuber, junior Jamie Altizer, Jay Oswald, Roger Price, senior Kyle Martin, and sophomore Neil Stuber pose for a team picture during practice with other members of the Wyatt Park Baptist Church basketball team. Team sports are a popular activity for youth groups. photo courtesy of Wyatt Park Baptist Church

"Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth."
Ecclesiastes 11:9
Tia is different.” Instead of apathetic, Tia is involved. A member of the Optimist Club, Spanish Club, Forum Club and student government, she also participates in track, throwing shot and discus. “Track is where I get my exercise,” Meredith joked, “When the season is over, I am shot.”

Beyond school, Meredith enjoys hanging out with her friends. “My friends and I have made a tradition of going to Young Life every Wednesday night. “Before we go we head to Taco Bell for dinner. We go there so much that the employees know us by name,” she said.

Although high school has only half begun for Tia, she already has plans for her future. “I will probably go to MWSC. I am not sure what I want to major in specifically, but I do know I want to work closely with people who have the AIDS virus,” she said.

Meredith is willing to jump any hurdles that may come along her path in life. “Getting through school is going to be hard enough on its own. The only thing is, it won’t be on its own. I’ll have to get a job and hold all of the responsibility that comes along with being a young adult,” she said.

Whether you believe her to be a “regular” teen, or a spectacular exception in a changing world, her philosophy on life is straight and to the point. “I take what comes in life and try to do the best I can. Simply put, I get fired up!” she said.
At left, sophomore Tia Meredith stands outside her AAP class. Meredith devotes much of her time to school organizations but still finds time for her friends. Photo by Brian Kimes.

Meredith and her friends, Sara Cates, Erika Wollenman and Kim Bolley, discuss their plans for the weekend. Friends are an important part of Meredith's life. Photo by Brian Kimes.
At face value. Everyday you walked down the hall.

Who was there? How did you treat them? The people in the halls were your friends, your enemies, your colleagues—but no one knows everyone.

Did you look deeper or did you take those you did not know at face value?

An eagle scout, honor student and rock singer? Yes, and junior Josh Goodman is an accomplished poet, too.

For the second time in a row CHS boasts the Support Person of the year. This year's winner can boast more than just bringing efficiency to the main office.
Erika Wollenman
What was your biggest change from freshman to senior year?
"Not to worry about what people think."

Alexander, Amanda
Algaier, Timothy
Allen, Amber
Atlakson, John
Augustyn, Kimberly

Barmann, Anthony
Barrow, Erika
Barry, Megan
Bass, Lester
Bates, Rebeckah

Beers, Jeremy
Bentz, Robert
Birmingham, Megan
Black, Darcy
Black, Nicole
"Paying for tuition and books is enough," Bambi Meek

memories can cost into the hundreds of dollars, depending on the amount bought.

"After shopping for outfits for my photography appointment and ordering my pictures, I had spent over $400," senior Tamiki Santos said.

Some students are just beginning to comprehend the expense of a college education. Even applying to university or other institution is not free. Most have non-refundable application fees between $15 and $35. If a senior applies to several schools, the dollars can pile up quickly.

"To me, paying for tuition and books is enough without having to send in money with your application. Colleges make enough money as it is," senior Bambi Meek said.
Kelly Bliley

What was your biggest change from freshman to senior year?

"Technically, I've grown an eighth of an inch."

Chu, Shiang Lien
Clark, Erin
Clayton, Deborah
Cluck, Lisa
Coder, William

Collings, Sonya
Conant, James
Conley, Jamie
Conroy, Andrea
Consolver, Bryson

Cook, Justin
Cope, David
Cox, Jeffery
Crabtree, Alicia
Craig, Michael
BY KATIE POWER

Walking the hallways and opening your locker early in the morning; seeing friends all day and attending the pep assemblies are experiences exclusive to the four years of high school.

Seniors were a part of the high school experience that came to an end sooner than most expected.

Seniors left a lot behind after becoming so closely involved with people and organizations. It was these organizations and school activities that made an impact on them.

“My favorite teachers, friends and working with the play is what I will miss the most,” senior Alison Thornton said.

One student thought the most memorable moment was the spring prom.

“I will never forget my junior prom. I had so much fun decorating for prom and prom night was the best,” senior Taunya Teschner said.

“I will miss everyone I became so close to.”
Taunya Teschner

Another student will miss being in drama and will always remember her favorite character.

“I will miss the All-School Musicals and my friends the most. I could never forget Sue Ewing, the drama goddess!,” senior Kelly Bliley said.

To many seniors the main focus of school was preparation for college.

“Getting good grades and preparing myself for college was important to me,” senior Rachel Taylor said.

To leave friends and the high school atmosphere worried many seniors.

“I will miss everyone I became so close to throughout the years. I am going to miss the games and dances because it all seems to end once you leave high school,” Teschner said.

Curtain, Todd
Cuzzort, Raven
Davis, Aaron
Davis, Cecilee
Davis, Christine

DePriest, Amanda
Denver, Phillip
Dibble, Shalich
Dick, Amy
Dodd, Audrey

Dulcan, Kathleen
Dunning, Elizabeth
Earl, Shawna
Easter, David
Edson, Toni
Bambi Meek

What was your biggest change from your freshman to senior year?

"I feel I have gained more individuality."

Edwards, Glenn
Elrod, Dawn
Embrey, David
Euler, Megan
Evans, Chad

Evans, Douglas
Faber, Lamar
Farnsworth, Tamara
Faulkner, Michael
Feuerbacher, James

Fidler, Alexandria
Fitzsimmons, Ridgley
Flesham, Holly
Flurry, Shannon
Ford, Karen

Amber Allen, Tisha Fuston and Jennifer Price discuss materials they receive at senior registration. They are among those who have viewed many changes. photo by Jill Wiese
BY JESSICA DAILEY

Seniors saw a myriad of changes over the four years they attended high school. They experienced changes in parking, study halls, work permits, vending machines, the test exemption policy and the schedule.

The first year the schedule changed from the six period day, which offered a zero hour, to the seven period classes. Along with these classes, came the test exemption policy, where students were allowed to miss two, but no more than three days in order to be exempt from taking finals.

Then, their senior year, they were hit with a brand new schedule to follow. Because of the new schedule, pep assemblies were held during AAP.

This was an unpopular idea with the seniors because most liked having the assemblies seventh hour, the Friday of the game, as they were in the past.

"How many people... can get pumped up at 9:00 AM?"
Craig Hicks

"How many people do you know that can get pumped up at 9 in the morning?" senior Craig Hicks said.

Another big change came with the installation of the parking arm in the senior and sophomore lots. Students were allowed to buy a parking pass for $15 and be assured of a parking space in the mornings. There was a lot of discussion on whether or not there are enough parking spaces for the entire driving population, however.

"I don't really see a parking problem. There are more than enough spaces in the parking lots. I think we should work on filling those spaces up," senior Isabella Lee said.

Hicks agreed with this point, "I just don't see where there is a problem."

Foster, Angela
Foster, Jeremy
Frampton, Danielle
Frankum, Elizabeth
Freeman, Sara

Fuston, Tisha
Gaddie, Chantel
Gamble, Donna
Gann, Diana
Gardner, Robert

Gatton, Shannnon
Gee, Rhonda
Gentz ell, Rachael
Gergeni, Angela
Gibson, Joseph
Laura Hamilton
What was your biggest change from freshman to senior year?

"I have a new prospective about life."

Girtz, Angel
Goldman, Brandy
Green, Angela
Griffin, Jennifer

Guthals, Karla
Hall, Bruce
Hall, Seth
Hamilton, Laura
Hamlin, Jacy

Hammer, Natalie
Hanabury, Brian
Harris, Jennifer
Hauser, Bradley
Hauser, Erika

Senior Jeremy Sharp practices to achieve a dream he has thought about throughout his lifetime. He feels God is leading him toward a musical preaching ministry. He has faith that through his dedication and commitment he will someday reach this goal that he believes is planned for his life. photo by Darrell Weddle
BY ROBBIE CORDER

"Now, announcements from the guidance center..."

Applications, college information and probably most important scholarship information comes to the student body via the counseling center.

Financial aid has become a number one priority for college bound seniors. With all the scholarships out there, which one is the best for you? Five Central students were chosen this year to be finalist in a local unique scholarship; the Cotillion for Achievement Scholarship.

"I think it will help me learn about how we can work together in our society," finalist Hannah Kessler said, "No matter where I live I will know what goes into a successful society."

The scholarship was formed to recognize outstanding young students and how to get along with other people around your society.

"The best part was that you meet people that you wouldn't otherwise," finalist Jenni Linebarger said.

For three hours each Saturday, Bruce Hall, Laura Hamilton, Kessler, Linebarger and Neelay Shah attended classes with subjects ranging from proper silverware formations to waltzing lessons. In the end one boy and one girl were awarded a $1500 scholarship out of 20 other students from the Andrew and Buchanan county area. Remaining finalist will be awarded $500 each.

"I'm spellbound, weaving the intricacies within the web of life surrounded by such brilliance as these St. Joseph area scholars," finalist Bruce Hall said.
David Cope

What was your biggest change from freshman to senior year?

"Not much. I'm still in freshman English."

Mullins, Evan
Murawski, Andrew
Najafi, Maryam
Nell, Mary
Nelson, Nikki

Nichols, Michael
Nigh, Kimberly
Norton, Cody
Orr, Andrew
Osborn, Jason

Owens, Shelley
Pankau, Billi
Pankau, Bobbi
Pierce, Sarah
Parker, Kristella

Junior Darby Meehan stands in uniform, while waiting for a command. Meehan hopes that ROTC will help him achieve his lifetime dream of being in the military. Photo courtesy of Darby Meehan
BY JADA KUSCHELL

Students head off for college after graduation, go straight into the work force, or seek future job and education stability by enlisting in the military.

"One advantage to entering the military directly after high school is that you are actually joining your profession and being trained. The job opportunities are limitless," Colonel Kenneth Nash the head of the ROTC department said.

The military aids in education as well as job opportunity.

"If you are planning to go to college they’ll pay for it," junior Darby Meehan said.

Joining the military has been a long term goal for Meehan. "It’s something I’ve always strived for. I know I’ll never be called a bum for not having a job because the military will supply that along with lifetime benefits," Meehan said.

Starting at a young age is the key to success for many students.

"It certainly makes you grow up quick," Industrial Technology instructor Don Piveral said.

Travel is another popular reason for joining the military.

"By joining the Marines at a young age, I’ll start my career sooner and be able to see the world," senior Bambi Meek said.

Although leaving home may be a memorable and exciting experience for students it is often traumatic for the parents.

"The toughest day of my life was when I had to drop my son off at the Naval Academy. There were a lot of tears shed. We are a very close family and it was very hard; but he calls once a week and I write him every Sunday as well," coach Tony Dudik said.

Parks, Robin
Perry, Jill
Petree, Latricia
Phillippe, Brian
Pickerel, Sarah

Pilgram, Joseph
Pontius, Joseph
Poppa, Shannin
Poter, Angela
Posey, Lateesa

Power, Katie
Pratt, Bradley
Price, Jennifer
Pulley, Karamane
Quinn, Patrick
BY CHARRAYLE GRAYSON

Finishing term papers, taking exams and daily homework were just a few of the demands that went along with this school year. High school was not only demanding but became stressful at times. There were some students who had added stress—a baby.

"Getting up to come to school has become a difficult task for me," senior Devona Weston said.

Being tired is just one of the minor problems that these teens will be facing.

"It is going to be real hard for me to care for this baby. The price of diapers is amazing," junior Zara Cox said.

Connie Neal, home economics teacher taught Positive Parenting classes. It gave the soon to be parents an idea of what was in store for their future.

The curriculum was designed to show the prenatal stages up to the child of age three. It also focused in on the development of the baby.

"I hope it will help eliminate the fears regarding pregnancy," Neal said.

The goal of the class was to give students an education for themselves and their babies.

"It has happened. So, now it is time to deal with it," Neal said.

There were a few students who had already experienced the trials of parenthood.

"It was real hard at first but, it is getting a little easier now that he is older," junior Areasha Huff said.

Her son, Devante, will be two in June.

Getting up late at night, finding a baby-sitter, and changing diapers are a few of the responsibilities that go along with parenthood. But, each have their own personal fears that go along with their pregnancy.

"I am just worried about the contractions," eight months pregnant Janiasha Williamson said.

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"The price of diapers is amazing."
Zara Cox

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Students pay close attention in Connie Neal's Positive Parenting class. Neal teaches what is to be expected of parenthood. Photo by Dacri Weddle

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Shalich Dibble

What was your biggest change from freshman to senior year?

"The biggest change was my looks."
Tori Christgen

What was your biggest change from freshman to senior year?

"My style, appearance and priorities."

Sollars, Scott
Sorensen, Soren
Southern, David
Spence, Kara
Spicer, Cory

Spiek, Alyson
Stallard, Craig
Sterner, Cinda
Stuber, Nathan
Sullwold, Mary

Summers, Bradley
Sundet, Brett
Svuba, Rebecca
Taylor, Rachel
Taylor, Misty
BY DANA LESLIE

A common excitement among seniors is moving out after high school either to go away to college or to live out on their own.

"I think the best part of moving away from home is starting a new life of my own," senior Isabella Lee said.

Certain seniors just like the fact they will not need their parent's consent about every little thing they do.

"I'm going to love the freedom I'll have. No curfews and no answering to my mother all the time," senior Shelly Owens said.

There are dark sides to leaving home; the most of which deal with money.

"I won't be used to having a job and it will be hard to pay for everything without my parent's help," senior Shalich Dibble said.

"I am going to love all the freedom I'll have."

Shelly Owens

Other worries of leaving home and going to college are grades.

"I am scared of not passing my classes. They will be so different and much harder. As long as my grades are good, I'll be happy," senior Katie Dulcan said.

Along with leaving family and friends comes being homesick. Stories of older friends and personal fears had seniors concerned.

"I am afraid of not meeting any new friends and leaving my old. I will also miss my parents," senior Rachel Taylor said.

There are those who see both sides of this step.

"There are disadvantages of moving away but I think it will be an exciting and a good experience for me," senior Philip Denver said.

Teschner, Taunya
Thomas, Mark
Thornhill, Claudia
Thornton, Alison
Tietz, Albert

Tobin, Elizabeth
VanHorn, Timothy
VanVacter, Matthew
Vanderhoecen, Hildert
Veenendaal, Michelle

Vibbert, Carolyn
Viestenz, Andrea
Vishwanath, Gana
Vogel, Joshua
Vogel, Timothy
BY CHERYL BAILEY

Character is developed over long duration by the combination of simple conviction and the more complex process of maturity. As freshman entering high school, the senior class was timid, quiet and oh so shy.

As time wore on, however, a transformation took place, replacing the frightened, reluctant individuals of yesteryear with bold new recreations possessing the capability to express their opinions, assume greater responsibility, organize their hectic lives and be their true selves without hiding behind the masquerade of anonymity.

"As a freshman I saw myself as a nonexistent person, but now I'm confident that I am important, and I'm going to succeed," senior LaVesca Love said.

Some looked back on their past four years and remembered their character then as opposed to their final year.

"I was probably more susceptible to pressures my freshman year whereas now I'm not. I still consider what others think, but now I determine the consequences before I make decisions. I realize that my actions will come back to me and I must accordingly take the responsibility, therefore, my judgment is ultimately the most crucial," senior Cindy Johnson said.

Overall, high school was the key factor in changing these people into confident, focused individuals with true substance behind who they were and for what they stood.

"My experiences throughout high school have taught me to be a individual, given me confidence to express my opinions and allowed me to be my true self," senior Nathan Stuber said.

Waddell, Emily
Waggoner, Christina
Waller, Joseph
Warren, Jennifer
Warren, Leah

Weddle, Darci
Weipert, Jennifer
Wells, Brandon
Weston, Devona
Weston, Raymond

Weyer, Holli
Whittacker, Amy
Wieneke, Jill
Wilcoxson, Penny
Williams, Ashley
Wilson, Zachary Windmeyer, Emily Winters, Matthew Wollenman, Erika Wood, Jamie
Woods, Kimberly Wright, Corey Wright, Jeremy Yarborough, Katrina Young, Susan McBride, Laura

BOokeeping
Rewarding For

30 Students, 20 ranks

Kelley Bliley
Danny Brock
Amy Dick
Liz Dunning
Chad Evans
Shannon Flurry
Bruce Hall
Laura Hamilton
Natalie Hammer
Cindy Johnson
Hannah Kessler
Brian Kimes
Jeremy Kohlman
Jenni Linebarger
Michael Lockard
Christine Martin
Ben McClure
Molly McGinley
Billi Pankau
Adam Selkirk
Neelay Shah
Jennifer Shear
Craig Skoch
Becca Svuba
Liz Tobin
Carolyn Vibbert
Tim Vogel
Jennifer Weipert
Hollie Weyer
Emily Windmeyer

I will attend MU after graduation, but I would like to go to graduate school at Edinburgh University in Scotland.

...plans after high school... college 100% MU 17%

Intended majors
undecided 17%
physics 13%
education 8%
journalism 8%

Most difficult academic year...
junior 52%
senior 26%

I feel knowledge is the straightest path to wisdom, so I've combined academic learning with a mighty dose of Star Trek to help get me there.

Timothy Vogel

67 personalities
seniors  wilson-young/top 20
ACTIVITIES

Senior Directory

A

- Alexander, Amanda: Chem./Physics Club 2, Latin Club (Secretary) 4, Junior Classical League 4, Certamen 3, C-CAP (Board of Directors) 3, Teen Hotline 3
- Austin, Kimberly: Marching band 4, Drumline (Bass Drum Section Leader) 4, District music contest 4, State music contest 2, All-School Musical 3, Camerata, Latin Club 2, French club, Chem./Physics Club 2, Brown Bag Theater

B

- Barrow, Erika: All-School Musical 4, Fall play 2, Drama Club 2, Thespian Society (Vice-President) 2, Mime Troupe 3, Spanish Club 2, Chem./Physics Club, Show Choir, Talent show, Brown Bag Theatre, Camerata, MoneyMakers
- Barry, Megan: Tennis (State championships 4, All-Conference 4), Basketball, Latin Club, Chem./Physics Club, Spanish Club, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers
- Bass, Lester: Football (Captain) 4, Basketball 3, Baseball 4, Intramural Basketball, Lift-a-thon 3
- Benz, Robert: Track, Ceramics Club
- Birmingham, Megan: Spanish Club 2
- Blair, Nathan: Football 4, Track 4, Wrestling
- Biley, Kelly: Cabinet, National Honor Society 2, Brush & Pencil Club 2, Chem./Physics Club 2, Latin Club 4, Drama Club (Vice-president) 4, International Thespian Society, Mime Troupe 4, Talent show, Brown Bag Theatre 2, Fall play (Crew 2, Student Director) 3, All-School Musical (Student Director/Dance Captain) 2, MoneyMakers 2, Prom Committee
- Bolley, Kimberly: Spanish Club 2, Prom Committee, Cheerleader (NCA All-American, MCCA 4-A Open State Champions 2, MCCA Regional Champs 3), Talent show 2, All School Musical, Snow Frost Homecoming Court
- Brauron, Kirk: Camerata (tenor section leader) 3, Die Meister Singers, Show Choir 3, All-District choir 3, All-State choir (Alternate), District music competition 4, C-CAP 2, All-School Musical 2, Band 4, Drumline 2, FTA (Cadet Teaching) 2, Central Singers
- Briggs, Elizabeth: Student Body Secretary, Junior Class President, Senate 2, Tennis (All-Conference, State Championships 3), National Honor Society 2, Missouri Girls State Delegate, Outlook (business manager), Harvest Homecoming Court, Latin Club (Historian) 4, FTA (Secretary) 3, District music contest 4, State music contest, Camerata 2, All-School Musical 2, Die Meistersingers
- Brock, Daniel: National Honor Society 2, Chem./Physics Club (Secretary) 2, French Club 2, Socc 3, Wrestling 2, National Forensics League, MoneyMakers, Science Knowledge Bowl, Outlook (news editor), Senate, All-School Musical
- Brown, Jennifer: Prom Pons (Co-Captain), Team Leader Award 3, Harvest Homecoming Court, Prom Chairman, MoneyMakers 4, Tennis, Swimming, Spanish Club 3, Chem./Physics Club, FTA (President, Cadet Teacher), Outlook (business manager)
- Buffey, Samantha: Band 4, District band 4, 4-A State band 2, All-State band, All-School Musical (pit orchestra), District music contest 4, State music contest
- Burns, Amy: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, All-School Musical, One Act play, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers

C

- Carstensen, Nicole: Brush & Pencil Club 4, Drama Club 2, Eco Club 2, Creative Writing Club 2, Ceramics Club, MoneyMakers
- Chu, Shiang Lien: Flag Squad (Band Competitions, Fund Raiser, ROTC), Battalion-S2, Assistant Battalion S2 Officer, Drill Meets 3, Drill Teams: Drill without weapons 2, Drill with weapons, Exhibition 3, Summer Camp 2, Military Police 2, Sather Guard, Fund Raiser 3, Adventure Training 4
- Clark, Erin: Latin Club 4, MoneyMakers 4, Prom Committee, Cheerleading, Eco Club
- Collins, Sonya: National Forensics League, Drama Club, Chem./Physics Club
- Conley, Jamie: Orchestra 4, Strollings Strings (Assistant teacher) 2, All School Musical 2, Camerata 2, State music contest 3, District music contest 3, Missouri Music Teachers State Contest (one rating), German Club, Spanish Club 2
- Conant, James: Swimming (Co-Captain) 4, Tennis 2, Cross Country, Math Olympiad, Missouri Math League 2, Latin Club 3, Chem./Physics Club 3, Creative Writing Club (Executive board, Ink Streams) 3, Forum Club 3, Eco Club, Ceramics, Outlook (opinion page editor), Talent Show, Cabinet, MoneyMakers
- Cox, Jeffery: Swimming 2, Latin Club, District music auditions 2, District music contest 2, Fall play, All-School Musical 2, Camerata
- Crabtree, Alicia: Spanish Club 4, Latin Club 2, Brush & Pencil Club 4, Prom Committee, Eco Club, Fall play (technical crew), All-School Musical (publicity committee)
- Christen, Victoria: Cabinet, Senate, Eco Club (President) 2, Central Singers, Camerata, Trauma Trend Prevention/Trauma Trend Healthy Partnership, Swimming (Captain) 4, WAKITAN, Outlook (graphic designer), Fall play (artistic design) 2, Talent Show, French Club 2, Ceramics Club, MoneyMakers, Prom Committee (chairman)

D

- Davis, Aaron: Football (Manager) 2, Lift-a-thon (first Place) 5
- Dewitt, Philip: All-School Musical 4, Fall play 2, Drama Club 4, International Thespian Society, Brown Bag Theatre, One Act play 2, Camerata
- DePriest, Amanda: Volleyball (All-St. Joseph Volleyball Team), Johnson County All-Tournament Team 2, 2nd District Tournament Team 4, Spanish Club: Drama, One Act play 2
- Dick, Amy: ROTC (Army JROTC) 1, Senior Position 5, S-3 Officer, freshman drill squad, Infatry Drill Regulation without weapons 1, Infatry Drill Regulation with weapons, Exhibition without weapons 2, Spanish Club 2, Chem./Physics Club 2, National Forensics League 2
- Dibble, Sally: Volleyball (All City Volleyball 1st team 2) 4, Basketball 4, Track (State, Districts 2, Sectionals 2, All-City 3), Talent Show, MoneyMakers 2, Snow Frost Homecoming Queen, Brush & Pencil Club 4, Spanish Club 2
- Dodd, Audrey: French Club, National Forensics League, Central Singers, Prom Committee (chairman), MoneyMakers, Chem./Physics Club, WAKITAN (assistant business manager) 2
- Dunning, Elizabeth: Band (Concert band) 4, Pep band 4, All-School Musical (pit orchestra) 2, All-District band 3, All-State Orchestra 2, District music contest 4, State music contest 4, Science Olympiad, Chem./Physics Club

E

- Earl, Shavon: C-CAP, ROTC (Color Guard), Exhibition without weapons 2, Spanish Club 2
- Edwards, Glenn: Jazz band 4, Pep band 4, All-School Musical 4, All-District band 3, Spanish Club, Outlook (assistant business manager), Four State Honor band 2, Intramural basketball 2, Band Council, All-District jazz band, Band 4, District music contest 4, State music contest 3
- Evans, Chad: Cross Country 3, Latin Club (President) 4, Chem./Physics Club 2, Band 4, All-City band 4, All-District band 3, All-State band 2, All-National band, Beta Chi 5,3, Science Investigations 4, Creative Writing Club, Chem-A-Thon, Missouri Academy of Science, National Honor Society 2
- Evans, Douglas: Band 4, Wind Ensemble 4, Swimming/Diving 3, Pep band 4, All-School Musical, Outlook (business staff), Spanish Club 3, Chem./Physics Club 2, Forum Club, All-District band 3, Four State Honor band, State music contest 3, District music contest 3, Pit orchestras
- Euler, Megan: Volleyball 2, Basketball, Track 3, All-School Musical, Outlook (feature editor), Spanish Club 4, Thespian Society, Prom
Committee, One Act plays 2

- Fairbanks, Thomas: Symphonic band 4, Marching band 3, Liberty Bowl 4, Flag corps 3, All-School Musical (makeup committee, publicity committee, Optimist Club, District music contest 4.
- Feuerholz, James: Spanish Club (Historian) 2, Chem / Physics Club, Forum Club
- Fitzgerald, Sid: Cabinet, Eco Club (President) 3, Prom Committee, Brush & Pencil Club 3, Forum Club 2, Spanish Club 2, Chem / Physics Club 2, Outlook (news editor).
- Flurry, Shawn: National Honor Society 2, Volleyball (Co-captain) 4, Swimming 4, Basketball, Outlook (sports editor), WAKITAN (photographer), S.T.A.R. Athlete, Chem / Physics Club 2, Latin Club 4, Science Olympiad, Junior Faculty Games, All-School Musical 2, Drama Club
- Ford, Karen: WAKITAN (personnel editor) 2, Spanish Club 2, Band 2, MoneyMakers 2.
- Foster, Angela: Volleyball manager, Basketball manager, All-School Musical, French Club, Fall play, National Forensics League 2, Brothers and Sisters Club, Talent Show
- Frankum, Elizabeth: French Club 2, National Forensics League 3
- Fuston, Tisha: Prom Committee, MoneyMakers 2, Spanish Club, Teen Hotline
- Gamble, Donna: Eco Club, Spanish Club 4, Chem / Physics Club, Swimming 2, Golf, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers 3, Prom-Pons (unofficial chairman) 2.
- Gainer, Daina: Spanish Club 2
- Galton, Shannon: National Forensics League (President) 4, French Club 2, Chem / Physics 2, Science Olympiad, Creative Writing Club
- Gev, Rhonda: C-CAP, French Club, Drama Club, Prom Committee
- Gentz, Rachael: WAKITAN (sports editor) 2, Outlook (sports editor), ETA (cadet teacher) 3, Wrestling (manager, trainer), Chem / Physics Club, Spanish Club 2, Optimist Club, MoneyMakers, Track, Volleyball, Prom Committee (chairman)
- Gergeli, Angela: Spanish Club
- Gertz, Angelique: District music contest 3, State music contest 2, All-School Musical (artistic design crew) 2, Iowa State District Vocal Trio Contest, Creative Writing Club, Camera Club 2, Die Mieter Singers, Talent Show, Ceramics Club
- Goldman, Susie: Creative Writing Club, Forum Club, Fall play (props), All-School Musical (prop manager), Camera Club, H.L. Club, Pierre Isolsson Flager Igeon Association, Olaf Palme Dinner Club
- Green, Angela: Spanish Club 2, UTCA (Vice-President), FTA (historian, cadet teacher), Prom Committee
- Hanbury, Brian: Cross Country, Baseball 2, Basketball 4, Outlook (business staff), MoneyMakers, Prom Committee, Chem / Physics Club, Latin Club 4, Junior Classical League 4, Boys State Delegate
- Hamilton, Laura: Volleyball 4, Future Problem Solving 4, All-School Musical 3, Chem / Physics Club 3, National Honor Society (Vice-President) 2, Forum Club 2, Latin Club 2, Outlook (copy editor), Class Secretary / Treasurer (freshman, junior) 2, Senator, Cabinet (Chairman), All-District choir, State music contest 2, Girls State Delegate
- Hammer, Natalie: Future Problem Solving (State champions 2, International semi-finalist 2), All-School Musical (artistic design, props, makeup) 2, WAKITAN (editor-in-chief) 2, Outlook (layout & managing editor), Creative Writing Club, (ruling council) 3, Forum Club 3, Latin Club 4, High School Writing Day 2, Eco Club, Prom Committee (chairman), Senator 2
- Hartig, Nathan: Lift-a-thlon 2
- Henderson, Cristy: Marching band 4, Concert band 4, Pep band 4, All-District music contest (Division one rating) 3, State music festival (Division one rating) 2, All-School Musical (pin orchestra) 2, Chem / Physics Club, Latin Club 2, Liberty Bowl 2
- Hitzius, Andrea: JROTC (JDR with weapons, Honor Guard), Marching band, All-District band
- Holcomb, Todd: Symphonic band 4, Marching band 4, Liberty Bowl 2
- Hoyt, Undert: Track 4, Cross Country 3, Soccer, Spanish Club 4, Chem / Physics Club 2
- Hoskins, Paige: French Club 2, Chem / Physics Club, WAKITAN (academics editor) 2, Fall play (publicity committee), Prom Committee
- Hoyt, Terrace: Football 4, Lift-a-thlon 4, Spanish Club 3
- Irion, Brian: Wrestling 4, Lift-a-thlon, MoneyMakers
- Johnson, Cynthia: Chem / Physics Club (President) 3, Forum Club (Treasurer) 3, Beta Chi Pi 3, National Honor Society 2, Mid-America Regional Science and Engineering Fair (first place) 2, All-District choir, Missouri Scholars Academy, French Club 4, Creative Writing Club 4, National Merit (semifinalist), All-School Musical (costumes) 2, Madame Curie Contest (first place) 2, DuPont Science Essay (honorable mention) 2, first place 4, Clark Scholars Program, Missouri Math League 4
- Justice, Tyler: JROTC (military police 4, fund raiser 4, squad leader 3)
- Kessler, Hannah: Student Body Treasurer, Senate, National Honor Society 2, Optimist Club (President, Treasurer) 3, Forum Club (Vice-President) 3, FTA 2, Chem / Physics Club, Outlook (news editor), Basketball manager 3, All-School Musical, Snowfront Homecoming Court
- Kimes, Brian: Baseball (All-District team) 3, Soccer (All-District, 2nd team), Prom Committee (chairman), Latin Club 3, Spanish Club, Chem / Physics Club 2, MoneyMakers 2, Senior Faculty Games, National Honor Society 2, Cross Country, All-School Musical (usher), WAKITAN (photographer)
- King, Brett: Drumline (section leader) 2, Jazz Band 4, All-School Musical (pit orchestra) 4, Chem / Physics Club 2, Spanish Club, Creative Writing Club, Football, Talent Show 2, Brown Bag Theater, National Honor Society 2, Symphonic band 4, Lift-a-thlon
- Klein, Tari: Cheerleading (Co-captain), MCCAA 4A Open State champions, Diving team, Senate, Spanish Club (President) 4, Latin Club, MoneyMakers 3
- Koerner, Ryan: Cheerleading (Co-captain), MCCAA Regional Champions 3, MCCAA State Champions 2, MCCAA Scholarship Recipient 4, National Honor Society 2, Outlook (editor-inchief), WAKITAN (assistant editor) 2, Chem / Physics Club 2-CAP, Spanish Club 3, Prom Committee (chairman), MoneyMakers 2
- Kohlmann, Jeremy: Latin Club 2, Chem / Physics Club 2, Fall play, All-School Musical (student director) 2, Cross Country 3, Track 3, MoneyMakers, Prom Committee, District music contest 4, Show Choir, Camera Club, Die Mieter Singers
- Kollega, Kristi: Chem / Physics Club 2, Prom Committee, Latin Club 2, Outlook (feature editor), MoneyMakers 3
- Lease, Krista: Band 4, Flag Corps 3, C-CAP 3, District Music contest, All-School Musical (student director, usher, pit, makeup 2) 4, Fall play (student director, makeup), International Thespian Society 2, Spanish Club
- Lee, Isabella: Spanish Club 4, French Club 2, Forum Club 2, Chem / Physics Club 2, Creative Writing Club, Junior Science Academy (second place) 2, Mid-America Science and Engineering Fair (second place, third place), Beta Chi Pi 2, Junior Science, Engineering and Humanity Symposium 2
- Lewis, Kelly: STF, All-School Musical 2, Fall play 2, Mime Troupe 2
- Liles, Megan: Latin Club 4, Spanish Club, Prom Committee, Brush & Pencil Club (President) 4
- Linebaugh, Jennifer: Band (section leader) 2, All-District band (first chair) 3, All-State band (second chair, alternate) 2, Outlook (editor-inchief), National Honor Society 2, Fall play (student director), All-School Musical (pit, props, student director) 3, Future Problem Solving (state champions 2) 4, Prom Committee, Science Olympiad 2, District music contest 4
Drama Club 2, Latin Club 4, Forum Club 3, Chem./Physics Club 3

**Lord, Andrea**: Football 4, Wrestling 4, Baseball

**Losson, Mandy**: FBLA (Treasurer) 2

**Love, LaVesia**: Optimist Club (Treasurer) 2, Track (manager), Band 2, Flag Corp, Camerata 2, Spanish Club 3, C-CAP, Upward Bound 3, Chem./Physics Club

**Markus, Kerre**: Latin Club 4, Swimming 2, National Forensics League 4, FTA, MoneyMakers, Prom Committee, Chem./Physics Club

**Martin, Christine**: Latin Club (Treasurer), Cross-country 1st place 4, Missouri Math League 4, Orchestra 3, Forum Club 3, All-School Musical (pit orchestra) 2, Prom Committee, National Honor Society 2, Junior Classical League 4

**Martin, Kyle**: Talent show, All-School Musical (pit orchestra), Latin Club (President) 4, Basketball, Golf 2, Jazz band 3, Senate 3, Cabinet, National Honor Society 2

**Massou, Katya**: All-School Musical 3, Chem./Physics Club 2, Drama Club 3, Eco Club 2, French Club 2, Latin Club 2, Prom Committee, Fall play

**Mayhew, Erin**: All-School Musical 4, Fall play (student director), Central Singers, Camerata 2, Show Choir (President) 3, All-District choir, All-District music contest 4, All-State music contest, Chem./Physics Club, FTA (Vice-President) 4, International Thespian Society 4, Spanish Club 2, Mime Troupe 4, Marching band (conductor 4) 4, Color Guard

**McClure, Mikael**: Swimming 4, French Club 2, Wrestling (manager), Athlete Trainer (basketball, football) 2, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers

**McGrath, Chad**: Swimming, Cross Country, JROTC (Honors Squad 3-Commander 2, staff 2, Executive officer, Assistant Operations officer, freshman Dillons Squad 2-Commander, Color Guard, Company Company, First Sergeant), National Forensics League

**Meek, Bambi**: Swimming 3, Spanish Club 2, Optimist Club 2, C-CAP (STTI), Missouri Business Week, Missouri Western Business Day, MoneyMakers, Chem./Physics Club

**Meyer, Tiffany**: Flag Corps (Co-captain) 2, STTI, Liberty Bowl

**McGinley, Molly**: Marching Band (symphonic band 4, Drum major 3) 4, All-District band 4, All-State band (honorable mention) 2, District music contest 4, State music contest 3, All-School Musical 3, Fall play, Latin Club 4, Chem./Physics Club 2, Forum Club 3, Missouri Scholars Academy, Senate 2, National Honor Society 2, Future Problem Solving 4

**Midjett, Sara**: C-CAP, Latin Club 2, Chem./Physics Club, Forum Club 2, Eco Club, Drama Club 2, Senate, Swimming, All-School Musical (artistic design, stage crew) 3, Fall play

**Miller, Ryan**: JROTC (Rifle Team 4-Commander, Company Commander, Battalion S-4 Assistant, Battalion S-4, IDR without weapons Drill Team, Saber Guard, Military Police 4, Adventure Training, Drill meet) 4, French Club, Chem./Physics Club, Science Fair

**Miner, Jonathan**: Cross Country, Tennis 2, Brush & Pencil Club 2, Chem./Physics Club, Outlook (photographer)

**Mooney, Kelly**: Youth Academy 3, Students for Preventing Teen Pregnancy (co-chair 2) 3, Youth Voice, Mime Troupe, Spanish Club, Volleyball (statistician) 2, STTI 4, Secret Soccer Girls

**Munoz, Andrea**: Basketball 4, Golf 3, Spanish Club 2

**Najafi, Margan**: French Club 2, Chem./Physics Club 2, Prom committee, SAD 2, BUMS 2, Science Club 2, Computer Club

**Nichols, Michael**: Spanish Club 2, Chem./Physics Club 2, Forum Club, Drama Club, Jazz Ensemble 3, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers 2, Committee

**Orr, Andrew**: Latin Club 3, Forum Club, Brush & Pencil Club 2, Eco Club, Outlook (opinion editor)

**Oshorn, Jason**: Talent Show, Latin Club, Chem./Physics Club

**Pankau, Billi**: National Honor Society (Treasurer) 2, Outlook (copy editor), Chem./Physics Club (Teacher Rep) 2, C-CAP (Treasurer, Facilitator 3) 4, French Club 4, Project Youth 2, Science Olympiad 3, Chem-a-thon, Madame Curie, Math Olympiad 2, Missouri Math League 2, Missouri Business Week

**Pankau Bobbi**: Outlook (news editor), JROTC (Battalion Commander, Personnel Officer, Company Commander, Regulation without Weapons Commander, Command Sergeant Major, Color Guard Commander, Assistant Special Activities Officer, Assistant Color Guard Commander, Choir, Color Guard 4, Exhibition without weapons 4, Exhibition with weapons, Regulation without weapons 3, Regulations with weapons 3, Queen, Freshman Drill Squad 4), C-CAP 2, Spanish Club 2, MoneyMakers, Prom Committee

**Parks, Robin**: Band 4, Show Choir, All-School Musical, All-District Band 2, All-District contest (band, choir) 4, All-State contest (band), All-District choir, Jazz band

**Perry, Jill**: Golf 4, Basketball (manager), Band 3, Latin Club 2, All-School Musical (artistic design), Prom Committee

**Pocher, Sarah**: Cabinet, Outlook (feature editor), Harvest Homecoming Court, All-School Musical 2, Fall play, Eco Club (Vice-President), Secret Soccer Girls 2, Latin Club, Spanish Club, Basketball, Swimming 3, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers 4, National Forensics League

**Pratt, Bradley**: Wrestling (City Champion 3, sectional qualifier) 4

**Poppe Fr. Shanin**: Ceramics Club, Track, Golf

**Porter, Angela**: Latin Club 3, MoneyMakers, All-School Musical, Prom Committee, Chem./Physics Club 2

**Power, Katie**: Spanish Club 2, WAKITAN (personalities editor) 2, Tennis, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers, Chem./Physics Club

**Pulley, Karamaneh**: Flag Corp (Co-captain, Captain) 3, Band (Liberty Bowl, Clarinda Band Competition 3, Ozark Band Festival 3, Carrollton Flag Competition 2) 4, Symphonic Band 2, Woodwind Ensemble 2, Spanish Club 3, Optimist Club, FTA 2, C-CAP (Tutor, Teen Institute) District music contest 4, Chem./Physics Club

**Quam, Patrick**: All-School Musical 4, Fall play 2, Science Knowledge Bowl, Science Olympiad 2, International Thespian Society, Forum Club 3, Creative Writing Club 4, National Forensics League 2, Chem-Physics Club 2, German Club, Future Problem Solving (International Competition), alternate State

**Rich, Erin**: Spanish Club 2, All-School Musical 2, STTI, Prom Committee, One Act plays

**Rivas, Teodora**: Baseball, Spanish Club, Foreign Exchange Student - Dominican Republic

**Roesle, Aaron**: Latin Club 3, Junior Classical League 3, Brush & Pencil Club (Sergeant at Arms), Chem./Physics Club, Intramural Basketball 2

**Root, Colin**: Wrestling 4, Spanish Club 2, Chem./Physics Club 2, Baseball, Brush & Pencil Club, Lift-a-thon 4

**Roth, William Randall**: National Honor Society (Secretary) 2, Cabinet, Boys State, Outlook (sports editor), S.T.A.R. Athlete, Football (captain) 4, Golf 4, Basketball, Intramural Basketball 2, Latin Club 2, Chem./Physics Club, Brush & Pencil Club (Secretary) 2, Eco Club, Prom Committee (Chairman)

**Rouche, Stephanie**: National Honors Society 2, Prom Pons (Historian) 2, Brush & Pencil Club (Vice-President) 3, Spanish Club (Secretary), Basketball 2, Volleyball 2, French Club 4, Optimist Club, Forum Club, Eco Club 2, Harvest Homecoming Court, Chem./Physics Club, Prom Committee

**Sundaysky, Jason Paul**: Basketball 2, Latin Club 3, Intramural Basketball 2, All-School Musical (crew)

**Santos, Tamiki**: Spanish Club 3, MoneyMakers (games 2) 4, Track Manager 2, Brush & Pencil Club 3, Prom Committee, C-CAP (Teen Institute 2)

**Savino, Joseph**: Chem./Physics Club, Latin Club 3, Lift-a-thon 4, Prom Committee

**Scott, Jennifer**: Flag Team 3, Optimist Club, French Club 2, District music contest 4, C-CAP (Teen Hotline, STTI) 2, Band (Symphonic
Band 4, Liberty Bowl, Carroton Flag Competition - first place 2, 4, Chem/Physics Club

- Scott, Jessica: Chem/Physics Club, Forum & French Club 2, Eco Club, Prom Committee
- Shah, Neelay: Chem/Physics Club (President, Secretary), 3, Forum Club (Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms), 3, French Club (Sergeant at Arms) 3, Future Problem Solving 4, All-School Musical 2, Senator 3, Senior Class President, Creative Writing Club (officer) 2, 4, National Honor Society 2, Beta Chi Pi 3, Westinghouse Science Talent Search (semi-finalist), Science Fair (alternate grand-prize winner) 2, Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium (first in physics and mathematics), Science Knowledge Bowl 2

- Sharp, Rebecca: Wrestling cheerleader
- Shear, Jennifer: Latin Club 4, Chem/Physics Club 2, Science Olympiad 2, Prom Committee
- Shipley, Sarah: Chem/Physics Club 3, Spanish Club (Secretary) 2, Prom Pons (Moneymaker committee, Secretary) 2, Thespian Society, Prom Committee, Mime Troop, Fall play, All-School Musical, Camerata 2, Senator
- Silcott, Safren: Chem/Physics Club, French 3, Cheerleader (Co-captain, MCCCA 4A Open, State championships) 2, Regional Champions 3, Prom Committee, Moneymakers
- Sinclair, Craig: Golf (State Champions) 2, 4, Spanish Club, Latin Club, Moneymakers, Intramural Basketball 2, Prom Committee
- Skok, Craig: Westinghouse Science Talent Search (semi-finalist), Missouri Math League (first place) 1, 4, Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium, Beta Chi Pi 2, All-District band 3, American High School Math Exam (highest scorer award) 1, Science Olympiad (third place general chemistry) 2, Junior Academy of Science (first place award) 2, Mid-American Regional Science and Engineering Fair (third place award) 2, Band (Jazz Band) 4, French Club 2, Chem/Physics Club 3, Forum Club, National Honor Society 2
- Smith, Tiffany: Band (marching band, Liberty Bowl) 1, Flags (Captain) 3, All-District music contest 4, All-State music contest, Chem/Physics Club 2, Spanish Club 2, Latin Club, Optimist Club, All-School Musical (make-up, publicity committee)
- Sollars, Scott: Track 4, Football 3, Basketball, Lift-a-thon (third place) 2, Spanish Club (Treasurer) 2, Intramural Basketball 4, French Club, Chem/Physics Club
- Sorensen, Soren: Soccer 4, Basketball, Chem/Physics Club 2, FTA 2, Prom Committee, Lift-a-thon 2, Intramural Basketball, Senior Faculty Games
- Spence, Kari: Camerata, Spanish Club
- Sterner, Cindy: National Forensics League (President, Co-President) 4, Spanish Club (Treasurer), Chem/Physics Club, Forum Club, Senior Class Secretary/Treasurer, Prom Committee
- Stuber, Nathan: Swimming, Cross Country 3, Track 2, Chem/Physics Club 2, Tennis, Latin Club (Vice-President) 3, Outlook (opinion editor, cartoonist), All-School Musical (student director)

- 3, Brush & Pencil Club, Cabinet
- Silliard, Mary: Geo Club (Vice-President) 4, Prom Committee, Senate, Moneymakers, Chem/Physics Club, Talent show, Fall play (artistic design), Ceramics Club, Brush & Pencil Club 4, Volleyball
- Sundet, Britt: National Honor Society 2, Soccer (Captain, Districts) 4, Basketball (Captain) 4, Baseball (All-City) 4, WAKITAN (photographer), French Club 2, S.T.A.R. Athlete, Prom Committee (chairman), Chem/Physics Club 2
- Sorensen, Rebecca: All-School Musical 4, Band (marching, concert, pep) 4, French Club 3, International Thespian Society 2, Forum Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Prom Committee, Future Problem Solving (State, International) 2, Fall play, District band contest 4, State band contest, National Forensics League 4

- Taylor, Rachel: Basketball, Volleyball 3, Prom committee
- Teschner, Tanya: Spanish Club 2, Moneymakers, National Forensics League 4, Prom Committee
- Thornhill, Claudia: FBLA
- Thornton, Allison: Fall play 2, All-School Musical 2, French Club, Moneymakers, Prom Committee, National Forensics League (judge), One Act plays
- Tietz, Albert: Spanish Club (photographer) 2, C-CAP, Project Excel (photographer)
- Tobin, Elizabeth: National Honor Society 2, Cheerleading (MCCCA 4A Open, State Champions) 1, Regional Champions 2, Prom Pons (uniform chairman, All-American Nominee)
- Harves Homecoming Queen, Student Body Vice-President, Vice-President (sophomore class), Senator 2, Latin Club 2, Optimist Club, French Club, Outlook (feature editor), WAKITAN (business manager) 2, Prom Committee (chairman), Senior Faculty Games

- Vahbert, Carolyn: Marching band 4, Drumline 4, FTA, Cadet (cadet captain), Spanish Club 3, Chem/Physics Club, Missouri Math League 4, American High School Math Exam
- Vlahov, Gana: Basketball 3, Latin Club 4, Eco Club, Forum Club, Snowstorm Homecoming Court, Chem/Physics Club, FTA, Congressional Youth Leadership Award, Moneymakers
- Vogel, Timothy: National Honor Society 2, Beta Chi Pi 2, Chem/Physics Club 2, Latin Club (Ceremony) 3, Lift-a-thon, Science Olympiad 3, Math Olympiad, Missouri Math League 3

- Wagner, Christine: Yearbook (Hilliard's) 1, Walzer, Joseph: Brush & Pencil Club 2, Ceramic Club, Chem/Physics Club, French Club 2
- Warren, Jennifer: Cheerleading (Co-captain), Music Makers 4, Optimist (President) FTA (Treasurer) 2, Outlook (editor-in-chief), WAKITAN (student life editor) 2, Prom Pons (Historian) 2, Captain, All-American 2, 3, Harvest Homecoming Maid of Honor, Chem/Physics Club 2, Eco Club, All-School Musical (costume, makeup), Cabinet C-CAP (T-shirt design committee) 2, Prom Committee (chairman)
- Weddle, Darci: National Honor Society 2, Cross Country (State) 3, Basketball 4, Track (State) 4, Golf (State, District champion), WAKITAN (photographer), Latin Club 3, Moneymakers, S.T.A.R. Athlete, Senator
- Weipert, Jennifer: National Honor Society (President) 2, Spanish Club 3, Chem/Physics Club 2, National Forensics League, Beta Chi Pi, Moneymakers 4, Prom Committee, Science Olympiad 2, Volleyball (Co-captain) 4, Swimming, Snowstorm Homecoming Maid of Honor, Senator, Class Vice-President (senior)
- Wells, Brandon: Football 3, Wrestling, Track
- Weyer, Holli: Basketball, Volleyball 2, Band (flute section leader) 3, 4, Pit band, 2, All-District band 3, District music festival 4, State music festival 3, Senior Faculty Games, Liberty Bowl, Camerata 2, Spanish Club 2, Chem/Physics Club 2, All-School Musical 2, Pep band 4
- Whittaker, Amy: C-CAP (SFIJ, Book tutoring 2, Conflict mediation), VICA
- Wimer, Jill: Senator, WAKITAN (photography editor), Outlook (production editor), Prom Committee, All-School Musical (student director) 2, Spanish Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Forum Club 2, Basketball
- Wilkinson, Penny: Chem/Physics Club, Prom Committee, Latin Club
- Wilson, Zachary: Eco Club (Vice-President) 2, Moneymakers 2, Prom Committee, Football, Brush & Pencil Club 4, Intramural Basketball, Latin Club, Spanish Club
- Wind سور, Emily: Swimming, National Honors Society 2, Band 4, Latin Club 4, Chem/Physics Club 2, Maidam Curie
- Wollensmann, Erika: Athletic Trainer 2, Swimming 4, Volleyball 2, Wrestling Manager 3, National Honors Society 2, Latin Club 3, Chem/Physics Club, Outlook (sports editor), Senator, Snowstorm Homecoming Court, Prom Committee, Moneymakers, United States National Football Award 2
- Woods, Kimberly: Color Guard/Flag Squad 3, Swimming 4, Diving 4, Symphonic band 3, All-School Musical (make-up, publicity committee), French Club 2, Eco Club 2, Optimist Club (board chairman) 2, Latin Club, Chem/Physics Club, District Music Contest 2, Student Fortnightly 3, Liberty Bowl

- Young, Susan: Tennis 2, Senator, Latin Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Spanish Club, Moneymakers 4, Prom Committee, Snowstorm Homecoming Court, Eco Club
by Kate Koenig
Senior Micah McClure will never forget Mar. 30, 1994. The first day of spring break her junior year, Micah’s whole world crashed in front of her eyes as her house burned down.

A problem with the wiring in the attic of her 140 year old farmhouse caused it to smolder and burn all morning. When the fire was first detected by someone coming to buy land from the McClures, he attempted to save the family pets by kicking in the door. Immediately, like a scene out of Back Draft, the house exploded with flame.

“I remember getting sick to my stomach as I turned the corner to my house. All I could see was smoke. My house was gone. The only thing left standing was our chimney,” she said.

The scene caused an immediate reaction from McClure.

“I just sat in my car and cried and cried. All I could think was, ‘What are we going to do?’”

There was no time for grieving in the days ahead. McClure had to rebuild her life. Few people seemed to understand what she was going through.

“Everyone kept saying that it would be all right, but I kept thinking, it’s not okay. I have no pictures, no clothes, no things, I even lost my pets. They didn’t understand. They didn’t know.

“One thing that really helped me get over it was when my family and I went out and sifted through the ashes. We never found anything, but at least we tried,” McClure said.

Months later they returned to the same site to rebuild a home. Friends and family have helped McClure start her life over.

“My mother and I have become closer through this experience. She has helped me a lot. My friends threw a shower for me and bought me things that I needed like a toothbrush, hairbrushes and a hair dryer,” she said. “You don’t really think about needing things like that, but I did. I had nothing.”

Those around her have noticed McClure’s courage.

“I saw her going through a lot of heartache. She held her head up and came through,” friend Laura Keller said.

“Still, when I drive down the road to my house I can see the old one. Even though it’s replaced by my new house, I still see it as clearly as ever.”

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personal accounts
Senior Micah McClure stands in front of the dresser in her new room. McClure's family rebuilt their house on the same site after their old house was destroyed by a fire. photo by Darci Weddle

McClure looks through a picture album at pictures of her and her fiance, Jason Pendleton, who is in Marine bootcamp. Pendleton and McClure plan to be married within a year. photo by Darci Weddle
Inset photo: Juniors Kristin Orf and Leewai Wacek get a headstart in searching for the perfect prom dress. In order to find the best selection, many upperclassmen began shopping for prom in January.

Spread photo by: Darcie Weddle
PLANNING prom jitters felt early

BY KATIE POWER

A night filled with memories. Picking out the right dress or tux was the goal of students getting ready.

"I planned to go shopping early so I could have plenty of time to choose the perfect dress," junior Maureen McMurray said.

When it came to picking out the right dress, one student feared having the same dress as someone else.

"I would be embarrassed to walk in and see someone else in the same dress, that was why I decided to have my dress made," junior Toni Lynn Dudik said.

Others feared their evening might not go as planned.

"I had the fear of everything turning out wrong and the whole night being a total disaster," McMurray said.

Double dating or going in a large group was popular.

"I wanted to double date because if I wasn't going to have a good time with my date, I wouldn't be stuck with just him," junior Emily Francis said.

Whether it was the boy or the girl that did the asking, students planned how they were going to ask their date to prom.

"I chose to ask my date face to face, the girl might be more influenced to say yes if she saw me in person," junior Bob Brown said.

To make the night the magical event students expected, there was a price to pay.

"I tried to spend enough money to make the night as memorable and fun as possible. You only live once," Brown said.

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Castor, Matthew
Cathcart, Chaney
Cathcart, Kristin
Chavez, Tara
Chisolm, Carrie
Christie, Erin
Clabaugh, Wayne
Clark, Kristi
Clark, Roen
Claxton, Brian
Coker, Jessica
Colgan, Mark

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"When you have more people around with different backgrounds and beliefs, you will see more turmoil..."

junior Marcus Fizer

BY KAREN FORD

"Everyone encounters problems no matter where you go to school. Don't pinpoint Central as being the most violent."

Senior Shalich Dibble shares the opinion of many Central students. They are aggravated Central has a bad reputation because of a few isolated incidences.

"When I first came to Central from Lafayette, I was nervous because everyone makes a big deal about how Central is bigger and has more violence," junior Stacy Carr said. "Then I got to know my way around and met people. I found out Central isn't as bad as people say it is."

Central's size contributes to some of the problem. Both Bode and Truman feed into Central compared to Benton and Lafayette with only one feeder school each.

"When you have more people around with different backgrounds and beliefs, you will see more turmoil simply because of that," junior Marcus Fizer said.

Fights and outbursts do occur during school hours. When problems arise, the administration prevents violence from escalating.

"It is the purpose of the administration to make Central a safe environment for education," vice-principal Jim Wallerstedt said.

"When you get right down to it and put all stereotypes aside, Central is a wonderful place to get an education," senior Cecile Davis said.

Insert photo: Sophie
more girls share gossip while sitting by their lockers. Many students felt comfortable in the halls and found them a good place to catch up with their friends. spread photo by Jonathan Miner

Collier, Shauna
Conaway, Nicole
Cooksey, Mindi
Coon, Michael
Corder, Robert
Cotrel, Beth

Coulter, Heather
Covington, Christopher
Crawford, Janey
Crie, Ryan
Crouch, Wesley
Crowover, Kevin

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juniors collier-crownover
Junior Amy Stegall is caught dropping her papers in the middle of the hallway as Travis Hoggatt looks upon her and laughs. Students sometimes experienced embarrassing moments while rushing to get to class. photo by Dacy Weddle
BY JESSICA DAILEY

Any student feels red faced and mortified when something embarrassing happens to them at school. From tripping up the stairs to falling on your face, it happens to everyone.

"My sophomore year, some seniors tied my hands behind my back and shoved me into the hallway, wearing only a towel," junior Jamie Altizer said.

Students feel most of these events are funny, until it happens to them.

"I was walking up the stairs in the freshman lobby one day. Then I tripped and fell all the way up them. By the time I got to the top, I was crawling. I was so embarrassed I wanted to die," junior Bryon Rouhidoux said.

Sometimes an entire classroom witnesses the moment you would rather forget.

"The skirt I was wearing was so short, it got caught in my backpack and I mooned my entire chemistry class," junior Jacie VanNess said.

Angel Gertz remembers embarrassing herself one afternoon.

"One time I hung toilet paper from the back of my jeans on purpose and went walking down the hallway. I was fine until I walked into class, and then I got embarrassed," said Gertz.

The embarrassment grows larger in proportion to the number of people aware of your actions.

"One day in band, I had to go to the bathroom. We were on the field, so I went to ask my teacher if I could use the stadium bathroom," junior Candi Robinson said.

"I forgot that he had a microphone and I spoke right into it. 'I have to pee' sounded all over the field. There was a gym class running and an art class on the bleachers. When I came out, they all clapped," junior Candi Robinson said.
"The best part of the games was when Adam Johnson led the class in the aerobicizing game. The whole junior class went crazy." junior Mary Swope

BY DANA LESLIE

Gobstoppers, Twizzlers, M&M's, Skittles and Reese's were all sold for two weeks in mid-November. The team, which consisted of four students, who sold the most candy from each class, was able to represent their class for the Moneymaker games.

"My only disappointment in the games this year was that I have been in the games for the past two years and this year I wasn't," junior Sara McClure said.

Many students willingly paid an admission fee to get out of AAP and watch the games.

"All of the kids in my class went to the games. My teacher even went," sophomore Brooke Richey said.

Many students like all of the spirit shown during the games and like to get involved. "The best part of the Moneymaker games was when Adam Johnson led the junior class in the aerobicizing game. The whole junior class was going crazy," junior Mary Swope said.

Other students did not like the lack of spirit from the Senior Class.

"It really makes me mad when some of the senior guys run over and tear up the other classes totem poles after people spend so much time on them," junior Kristin Orf said.

The Junior Class won the games and the Sophomore Class won the spirit award.
at the annual Moneymaker games. The junior class won the games this year. photo by Shannon Flurry
BY CHERYL BAILEY

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." - II Chronicles 7:14

This was the focus for a group of dedicated students who came together each morning to pray for the needs of the school. This group of devoted Christians felt it was very important to begin their day by talking with God.

"I know God hears my voice and answers my prayers because there's a difference in my day and needs when I start off my day talking to Him," junior Olivia Linneweh said.

Prayer was also the tool these students used to ask for the boldness and courage to become better witnesses of their faith and convictions.

"It helps me to get focused on God and not myself, so He may use me throughout the school day," junior Andrea Ramsey said.

As the matter of prayer in school became a rising national issue, many considered the extent of their freedom to publicly pray. For this close group of students, their right to pray was exercised in the gazebo area daily -- as they continued to rely on God for strength.

"I like it that prayer hasn’t been totally taken out of school and that some people still see the need for God’s help in our lives," junior Lori Smith said.

Robinson, Candi
Robinson, Lameka
Robinson, Leslie
Robinson, Shane
Rockers, Bradley
Roe, Devon

Roever, Lynsey
Rogge, Augusta
Rognon, Stefanie
Rush, Kelli
Russell, Kaci
Russell, Rebecca
"Adri was a very outgoing, unique and loving individual."

Ashley McEnaney

BY CHARRAYLE GRAYSON

Adriannne Hart left school in May looking forward to her junior year. The sudden development of a heart infection last summer resulted in her unexpected death. Those who had the chance to know her, felt strongly about her.

"Adri was a very outgoing, unique and loving individual," best friend Ashley McEnaney said.

Students who had been in classes with her could not believe the news.

"It was a shock, I had to go through the yearbook and see if it was really the Adriannne I had in class," senior Devona Weston said.

Adriannne was a part of the Upward Bound program and some of the members attended her funeral. "She looked at peace. The flowers around her face really brought out her beauty," senior Kristella Parker said.

Students showed their love for Adriannne in special ways. The girls' swim team had a carwash during the summer to raise money for the family. "Adriannne was a fighter, but the Lord had other plans for her. She will truly be missed by me and others," swim coach Barry Brady said.

At school, the student body officers organized a concert where local bands volunteered to play. The money earned from the concert tickets helped her family pay medical bills.

She was not only loved by students but by the teachers as well. "She was very caring and kind and volunteered her time to help and do things for other people," teacher Nancy Piercy said.
Inset photo: Adriane Hart is pictured with best friend, Ashley McEnaney. The picture was taken last Christmas before Adriane became sick with an infection in her heart that caused her death in August. Photo courtesy of Ashley McEnaney.

Schubert, Amber
Seipel, Jeremiah
Shalz, Aron
Shapiro, Richard
Shea, Devin
Sherman, Melanie

Sherrill, Brandy
Shipps, Angel
Shoemaker, Jill
Simpson, Angel
Sipe, Faith
Sipes, Francesca

Sipes, Michael
Smith, Heather
Smith, Jason
Smith, Lori
Smith, Nakesia
Smith, Tylisha

Sollars, Dustin
Sourk, Katy
Spencer, David
Sperry, Heather
Spiek, Jason
Spilliman, Tressa

Stanton, Chad
Stapleton, Shauna
Starr, Meresisa
Stegall, Amy
Stening, Ryan
Stevens, Natalie

Stigall, Kathleen
Stock, Jill
Stojovich, Darren
Stout, Mike
Strahm, Leah
Strueby, Kimberly

Summers, Sara
Sunderman, Wesley
Swaney, Robert
Swanson, Eric
Swindler, Rebecca
Swope, Mary

Taft, Jennisen
Teaney, Matt
Teater, Angela
Thomas, Christopher
Thomas, Kenneth
Thomas, Renee

85 personalities
schubert-thomas juniors
Thomas, Scott
Thornhill, Jennifer
Turner, Kristin
Upadahayaya, Moxlia
Valenti, Karla
Vandermolen, Rebecca

Vanness, Jaclyn
Vibbert, Kristin
Vieth, Brian
Violett, Brad
Voigt, Brad
Voltmer, Lucas

Wacek, Leewai
Wallace, Crystal
Wann, Ian
Warner, Regina
Watkins, Lori
Webb, Sarah

Weston, Emily
Weston, Michael
Whiting, Nicholas
Wilfong, Robert
Williams, Bobbie
Williams, Tona

Williamson, Janiasha
Wilson, Heather
Wood, Holly
Worrall, Michael
Young, Rachel
Beacken, Jeremy

Hopkins, Christopher

Foreign Exchange Students
Andrea Hitzig,
Victoria Kosovitseva,
Suzie Goldman,
Hildert Vanderhoeven,
and Carol Pittman
gather at the Foreign Language dinner dance. photo by Natalie Hammer
BY RACHEL RICHEY

Every day as you walked down the halls, you saw unfamiliar faces. In a diverse student body, it was not always easy to realize some of these faces came from different countries—visitors living in the United States as foreign exchange students.

One of the biggest changes exchange students met as they switched countries for the school year, was the structure and format of their new American school.

"Your schools are a lot bigger and we don't have a twelfth grade," said sophomore Victoria Kosovtsevia of Gomel, Belarys, who studies eighteen subjects in her country and speaks seven languages fluently.

Susie Goldman, an exchange student from Stockholm, Sweden, also found the organization of the American school system very odd.

"Our schools are set up quite differently," Goldman said. "Everyone goes for nine grades before ever receiving evaluations or what are called grade cards here. In the ninth grade you must apply to a Gymnasium, like a high school, that focuses on the subject you want to study such as the Arts or Math and Science. From there, students may apply to a University or go to work."

Some of the other differences exchange students found were in the laws and government of the United States.

"Here you can talk about the government a lot more than you can in my country," said Senior Teodoro Toribio of Santiago, Dominican Republic said.

Although there are adjustments that need to be made after coming to America, these Foreign Students feel that it is easy to fit in at school and with the families in which they are staying.

"I am very lucky to have the host family I was placed with," Goldman said. "They are warm and generous and just like a real family for me."

Each of the exchange students had a different idea of what making the journey to the United States would be like.

"In Sweden, we are already very 'Americanized' and I thought I knew how everyday people in America lived like," Goldman said.

"It was better than, I expected. I guess everyone in Sweden assumes that America is just like they see on 90210," she said.

"Your schools are a lot bigger and we do not have a twelfth grade."

sophomore

Victoria Kosovtsevia
Josh Goodman

Personal Accounts

by Natalie Hammer

If you attended this year's "No Frills Talent Revue" or keep up with the local music scene, you know junior Josh Goodman as the lead singer of Seventh Sign. If all you see is a typical member of a high school rock band, you have never stopped to talk with Josh.

Goodman has found playing in a band means living with a "legend." Many times, he said, people assume the worst about his life beyond the band, and rarely believe him when they learn the truth.

The truth is— besides being a hardworking student with an outstanding academic record—Goodman is an Eagle Scout, member of the marching band and an accomplished poet.

"Usually when I tell people I'm an Eagle Scout, their jaw drops," Goodman said.

Although, he admits his sense of style is something of a rarity among the Scouts, Goodman, spontaneous by nature, describes himself as "sensibly decadent."

"School is important to me, but between work, my activities, practicing with the band, and spending time with my girlfriend, I find myself having to hurry to get things done at the last minute," Goodman said.

His creative and sensible sides come together with his love of music and poetry because he is backed up by talents in both areas.

"I have always enjoyed music and started playing saxophone in fifth grade," Goodman said. "At the same time I was playing my father's old guitar. I didn't have money for lessons, so I taught myself out of the book."

Recognized by the Library of Congress, Goodman will have one of his poems published in a journal this spring. With this combination of talents he composes the lyrics for all Seventh Signs' original songs.

"Josh writes really well and works closely with me in writing our songs," fellow Seventh Sign member, senior Jason Ozborne said. "He is also the responsible one who keeps us working."

One teacher can attest he is genuine and hardworking, something she realizes others do not see because of the rock singer stereotype.

"I've learned that Josh is an intelligent and responsible student with a great sense of humor." Latin teacher Nancy Briggs said. "I felt good one day in class when she told me I was cool, because I knew he meant it."
Junior Josh Goodman spends his free time writing lyrics for his band's original songs as well as composing poetry. His writing ability has been honored by the Library of Congress. photo by Darci Weddle

Goodman performs with his band Seventh Sign at the talent show. Seventh Sign often composes songs for Seventh Sign and says performing is his favorite part of being in a band. photo by Shannon Flurry
Alitzer, Jeffery
Anderson, Aaron
Anderson, Nathaniel
Anderson, Claire
Andrews, Lindsey
Archdekin, Jessica
Asmus, Nichole
Athans, Melanie
Atkins, Hilary
Augustin, Jonathan
Axtell, Crystal
Babcock, Christopher
Bagby, Heather
Baldwin, Andrew
Barmann, April
Barmann, Derek
Barnes, Angela
Barnes, Haley
Beck, Robert
Beeman, Andrea
Beeman, Josh
Beeson, John
Benedict, Jeremy
Benfield, Amanda
Benward, Jason
Blake, Casey
Blakley, Dwayne
Bode, Danielle
Boeh, Stephanie
Bokay, Johnathan
Bolendar, Brian
Bonebrake, Jeffery
Bonnet, James
Bowen, Janell
Brandt, Valerie
Brittingham, Lacy
Brooks, Ann Marie
Brown, Adam
Bruckshaw, Justin
Bryant, Seth
Rundle, Eric
Burrow, Clayton

Inset photo: Sophomore Bobbi Jo
Reiner works on a drawing with her left hand. The few left-handed students were recognized for their abilities of being different. Photo by Darci Weddle
LEFTIES doing it right

BY KATIE POWER

Left handed desks, scissors, backward check marks and left handed students playing sports were rarely heard of.

When lefties were asked to raise their hand in class the survey results were two out of 20.

"I didn't mind when people asked me who was left handed in class because to me it is something that makes me different from other people," sophomore Amie Hoge said.

Students who were lefties faced problems when it came to class. It becomes difficult for them to use right handed desks.

"It was very uncomfortable and I got frustrated when I wrote on the right handed desk. One time I was taking a test and my teacher thought I was cheating because I was totally turned the opposite direction to write," sophomore Carly Green said.

Lefties sometime in their lives got teased from their family or friends for being different. One student was nick named by her family.

"I usually got called 'South Paw' but so do other lefties in my family, that way it was not too embarrassing," sophomore Nancy Pilgrim said.

When left handed and right handed were compared, one student came down to one simple conclusion.

"I always heard of who was smarter. People said right handed were smarter, then others would say left handed were. I don't think it matters," Hoge said.

"I usually got called 'South Paw' but so do other lefties in my family, that way it was not too embarrassing.

sophomore
Nancy Pilgrim

Cabeen, Robert
Campbell, Catherine
Campbell, Laura
Capps, Amy
Carpenter, Amy
Carter, Adam

Carter, Johnathan
Cassity, Charles
Cates, Sara
Caton, Robert
Chapnick, Hayley
Chinnery, Holly

personalities

Cabeen-Chinnery Sophomores
"We just started talking and forgot about the time and neither one of us were wearing watches."

sophomore Erika Strassser

BY KATIE POWER

Late at night, parents worry where their children could be. No phone call. Walking in late with just an old excuse, students took an advantage of their curfews.

"The guy that was supposed to take me home left with someone else so I had to find another ride," sophomore Laura McEnaney said.

A common excuse students used was forgetfulness.

"We just started talking and forgot about the time and neither one of us were wearing watches," sophomore Erika Strasser said.

The most common curfew that students wished they had was 2 a.m.

"To have a curfew a few hours later would be better because I had to hurry home to be on time and I would be more relaxed with a later one," Strasser said. Almost every student hated to be home at a certain time.

"I think my curfew was too early. I hated to be home earlier than my friends," McEnaney said.

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Christgen, Dennis
Chu, Yu-Ju
Clark, Christopher
Clemmons, Frederick
Clevenger, Amy
Clower, Kyle

Coker, Aaron
Cost, Samantha
Cox, Travis
Crabb, Jason
Critendon, Aaron
Cruz, Ashley
Cunningham, Tracy
Dale, Thomas
Daly, Shawn
Darr, Christina
Davey, Crystal
Davis, Amber
Davis, Derek
Davis, Misty
Dawson, Robby
Dedrickson, Jamey
Delaney, Ashley
Demarest, Richard
Denton, Christopher
DePriest, Casey
Dew, Amber
Dewese, Bridget
Dickens, Eric
Drag, Sherry
Drake, Danielle
Drennen, Stacey
Duering, Holly
Dunlap, Kendra
Dunlap, Meredith
Durham, Tabitha
Durkin, John
Eldridge, Kyle
Elliot, Dylan
Eilrod, Christopher
Eilrod, Hillary
Eilrod, Sherry
Esley, Jay
Evans, Scott
Falk, Jeffery
Farnsworth, Erin
Farnsworth, John
Feuerbacher, Leigh Ann
Finley, Michelle
Fisher, Matthew
Flanagan, David
Frazier, James
Freeman, Corey
Frost, Jeromie
Gann, Shawn
Garret, Bradley
Geha, Michael
Gentzelle, Jason
Gero, Jennifer
Gilgour, Steven
"Re-runs are so much cheesier than the new television programs. They are a lot more fun to watch."

sophomore Sarah Huffer

BY ANDREA FERRY

When a student goes to a television to find their favorite program chances are they will be watching a re-run.

"I just love The Brady Bunch, it's the best re-run on television. My favorite character, Greg Brady, is really cute!" junior Angie Higgins said.

Even though there are new programs on television every season, students still prefer past shows.

"Re-runs are so much cheesier than the new television programs. They are a lot more fun to watch," sophomore Sarah Huffer said.

Many students will go to great lengths to find a good program they can view.

"When I go to the television I'll flip through the channels until I find a show I like. It usually ends up to be a re-run of an old favorite of mine," freshman Mitchell Schubert said.

Some students have a very practical reason for watching a re-run.

"I watch re-runs to see if it is funnier the second time around," junior Greg Sanders said.
BY ANDREA FERRY

Students’ bookbags are not merely something to carry books, they are lifesavers.
“I am a very unorganized person and I find it very useful to not go to my locker, so I keep everything in my bag,” senior Whitney Ide said.

Some students choose their bags for the convenience.
“I picked my bag because it has lots of pockets to put all my stuff in,” junior Heather Smith said.

Others use their bags as a personality statement.
“My backpack says I am strange and original because of the sequined flowers I have put all over it,” senior Emily Waddell said.

Of course there is a price to be paid for owning a bookbag.
“Backpacks make my shoulders hurt and are always bumping into other people,” sophomore Carrie Roberts said.

No matter what type or kind of a bag a person has, it always fulfills its purpose.
“I have put my backpack through a lot. I don't appreciate its value,” sophomore Rachel Kerford said.

"I have put my backpack through a lot. I don't appreciate its value." 
sophomore
Rachel Kerford

Sophomore
Marie Brooks displays the new way of carrying her backpack on two shoulders rather than one while walking to class. Many students felt this way was more comfortable as well as easier to get around. photo by Darci Weddle

Meredith, Tia
Meyerdick, Billy
Midyett, Adam
Millenbruch, Jason
Miller, Amber
Miller, Amy

Mollus, Melinda
Mollus, Sara
Morehead, Kelly
Morris, Paul
Moskau, Meredith
Moss, Jeremy

97 personalities
meredith-moss sophomores
Mudd, Jason
Murphy, Nicholas
Myers, Jeremy
Nelson, Sonya
Nichols, Brandon
Nolan, Alicia

Nordin, Autumn
O’Conner, Jennifer
Olvera, Amy
Osborn, Brett
Overfelt, Geoffrey
Ozenberger, Jason

Paolillo, Andrew
Papp, Daressa
Parker, Krissandra
Parks, Rachael
Pasley, Angela
Patrick, Tiffany

Perkins, Charles
Perks, Kimberly
Pickerel, Hilary
Pierce, Elizabeth
Pike, Aaron
Pilgram, Nancy

Pinzino, Chad
Plowman, Angela
Powell, Malinda
Powell, Summer
Pratt, Jeffery
Price, Justin

Ramer, Vanessa
Randall, Bradley
Ratliff, Carissa
Ray, Jeremy
Raymond, Heather
Redmond, Jason

Reinert, Bobbi Jo
Reinert, Daniel
Remington, Lindsey
Reynolds, Cristan
Richards, Douglas
Riche, Kevin

Richey, Brooke
Riley, Corey
Rippey, Peter
Ritzinger, Melissa
Rivera, Joseph
Roach, Megan

inset photo: Sophomores
Tim Lawrence and Valerie Brandt
cook in the foods lab. The Home
Economics department offers stu-
dents a wide variety of courses.
photo by Shannon Flury
BY JESSICA DAILEY

Let us play a little role reversal. Guys in the kitchen, girls in the garage. It is happening in your school.

"I think that guys take home economics for the same reasons girls do. About 40-45 percent of my classes are guys. I don't want to turn this into a boys against girls thing. Although, some guys refuse to do the dishes. They say it's a girl's job," home economics teacher Pam Hanabury says.

Students agree the attitudes in these classes are fair. Boys and girls are equally capable of completing these tasks.

"I think women are stereotyped because we've been so underrated in the past, but now we are earning more privileges. Most of the girls in my drafting class want to pursue a career in that area. We are definitely as capable as the guys. A lot of us get better grades, too," sophomore Tiffany Patrick said.

Students agree the teachers give them equal help and they have not had to deal with any sexist attitudes.

"Neither group is more successful in any of my classes. Whoever tries will make a good grade," Hanabury says.

These classes have only recently begun to be offered to both sexes. In previous years they were not.

"I would be very angry if I weren't allowed to take home economics because I'm a guy. That would be sexist. I would take action by talking to counselors, and even going to Mr. Carneal himself and figure out why. It would be unfair, and I would do whatever I could to get into the class," sophomore Keeyon Weathersbee said.
"A lot of people can't even believe we have the same parents."

BY JESSICA DAILEY

Many students attend school with their siblings, but sophomore twins, Annie and Josh Beeman, would have it no other way.

"It's handy going to the same school with Annie. If I ever need help, I turn around and she's right there," Josh said.

They may look alike, but they claim to be very different. They have different hobbies, interests and attitudes towards academics.

"People who just look at us see a strong resemblance between us, but people who really know us see us totally different. Our personalities are completely opposite. Our interests are very different. I like to read a lot. He never reads. A lot of people can't even believe we have the same parents," Annie said.

Each twin feels they have developed their own identity. They have their own friends and ideas for a good time.

"I wouldn't go to a different school than Josh. It seems like there is a link for me. If something would go wrong, even if my friends were there, Josh is always there for me to turn to," Anne said.

There are a few downfalls.

"If I ever get in trouble at school, Annie is the first one to run home and tell my parents," Josh said.
Warman, Ashley
Waterman, Michael
Watkins, Kelly
Weathersby, Keeyon
Webb, Sarah
Weber, Brook
Weed, Adam
Weipert, Nathan
Weir, Jodi
Weir, Shaun
Welborn, Tammy
Wells, Angela
Welsch, Benjamin
Werner, Jeffery
West, Michael
Weston, Eric
White, Jeremy
White, Randy
Whitmore, Jima
Wiedmaier, Jeremy
Wilfong, Amber
Wilhite, April
Willis, Jeremy
Willoughby, Shannon
Wilson, Brain
Wing, Julie
Wollenman, Robert
Wood, Matt
Woods, Christopher
Worley, Kylene
Worley, Michale
Wright, Gary
Wurtzler, Mark
Young, Marc
Young, Trisha
Yu, Jean
Zellner, William
Zillner, Zach
Zinn, Brett
BY KAREN FORD

Being a teenager in high school means getting a driver’s license.

Students have many different perceptions about the whole experience. For some it is a traumatic experience. For others it is a time to celebrate.

"After I had taken my driver’s test, the only thing I could think of was relief," senior Nathan Blair said.

Even though a license means freedom, students learn about responsibility.

"I'm scared to death when I'm out on the road with heavy traffic. I'm afraid I'll get into a wreck," Hillary Elrod said.

A license can also be expensive. Many students have to pay for insurance, gas and any repairs.

"Once I get my paycheck, the money goes right out the door for my car," senior Nicci Black said.

For many students driving becomes more of a burden than an enjoyment.

"Getting my license just means more people to take home after school," junior Mindy Cooksey said.

Even though some students worry about being on the road the good outweighs the bad.

"When I get my license everybody better look out because Lameka's rollin'," junior Lameka Robinson said.

"Everybody better watch out because Lameka's rollin'."

Junior Lameka Robinson
also a certain pressure to do well from his parents.

"No matter what kind of grades I make or activities I am involved in, my parents will support me, but I know they hope I will do as well as my brothers and sisters," he said.

As with many large families, Neil's shared special bonds between certain brothers and sisters.

"Bob is the oldest, but we were always close. I always looked up to him. When I would see him play football at Central it made me look forward to high school," Neil said.

Knowing he would attend high school with at least one of his brothers never bothered Neil.

"Bob used to get excited because Doug was a freshman when he was a senior. He talked about making him scrub the Indian for initiation. I never worried much about it. I was the youngest and was used to getting picked on," Neil said.

No amount of advice would prepare Neil for when he came to Central.

"I feel honored to play varsity as a sophomore. Hearing the crowd cheer and clap is my favorite thing whether I'm on the court or not," he said.

With his junior year rapidly approaching, Neil was forced to set goals for himself, high school and college.

"I would like to be in NHS, keep my GPA up, and keep playing basketball. As far as college, I would like to attend the University of Indiana and study physical therapy, but that could change."
Sophomore Neil Kimes stand in the main gym where he spends many after school hours at Varsity Basketball practice. Neil was one of five sophomores who dressed for Varsity play. photo by Brian Kimes

In front: Brian, class of '95; Michelle, class of '89. Back row: Doug, class of '93; Jeanette, class of '91; Bob class of '90 and Neil, class of '97. With Brian’s graduation May 28, Neil will be the last of this Kimes generation.
BY JADA KUSCHELL

Boyfriends, girlfriends, fast food and cars. This is how most time is spent among teenagers on the weekend. Friday and Saturday nights after nine the Belt Highway becomes a melting pot of teenagers from everywhere. Some sit in parking lots and wave as their friends drive by. Others go to parties, catch up on sleep, or fit in some bowling or miniature golf.

Whatever the case, weekends are for relaxing and taking a break from the stress of homework and tests.

“I like to work on the potters wheel with my friends,” junior Rick Gehring said. Others pack up and head out of town for the weekend.

“I go to Worlds of Fun with a bunch of Burger King employees,” junior Sara McAllen said, “or I go on dates.”

Dating is a big part of spare time with students. Some have had wonderful, memorable experiences. Others have crashed and burned pitifully.

“My best dating experience was with Ryan Crie. He bought me a dozen roses and took me to dinner in Kansas City,” junior Katy Frampton said.

Some had a more negative outlook on dating and had similar worst experiences.

“Dating David Cope,” junior Erin Christie said.

“Dating Erin Christie,” senior David Cope said.
"The worst thing is the way the older kids treat you, sometimes they are real mean." — freshman Aaron Gilmore

BY CHARRAYLE GRAYSON

Starting a new school brought freshmen a chance to make a new start.

"A new school made it more enjoyable for me," freshman Andre Garbes said.

In high school, the teachers treat students and teach in a whole new way. Freshmen were given a lot more responsibility than they had in middle school.

They had to finish assignments on their own; teachers did not check up on them as much as they did in their earlier years.

"I really like how they treat you more grown up. Most of the time they explain things better too," freshman Tim Freeman said.

The seniority gained in middle school was lost among the upperclassmen.

"The worst thing is the way the older kids treat you, sometimes they are real mean." — freshman Aaron Gilmore said. Also, they had to start all over to establish themselves in a new environment.

There were negative and positive aspects to sum up the year for the freshmen. Most freshmen liked the new sense of freedom they had this year. "I liked the freedom," freshman Jesse Farbes said.
inset photo: Freshman Chris Weston
plays a game during Team Time. Freshmen
had time this year to get to know students
during Team Time held every Friday. photo
by Brent Sundet

Conroy, Ryan
Constable, Brandy
Cook, Leslie
Cottrell, Cristy
Coulter, Trisha
Coy, August

Craig, Eric
Crawford, Mitch
Cris, Tracy
Cross, Amanda
Crow, Elizabeth
Crawley, Joeritta

Cunningham, Kelly
Curtis, Kristen
Dale, Kristie
Darner, Ashley
Davis, Cory
Davis, David

Davis, Michelle
Davis, Stephanie
Dean, James
Deets, Brandi
Denton, Charlotte
DeShon, Damon

DeSpain, Tony
Dorsey, Misty
Dougherty, Clinton
Drennen, Brooke
Dryer, Sara
Dudley, Shauna

Dugger, Danielle
Duke, Shawn
Dunbar, Jeremy
Eddy, Shawnda
Eddy, Steven
Edwards, Benjamin

Reno, Mark
Elliott, Danielle
Ellis, Leslie
Embrey, Chris
Estes, Brian
Estes, Leigh Ann

Euler, Mark
Euler, Rayme
Evans, Trent
Everett, Matt
Fanning, Kyle
Farrow, Tiffany

109 personalities
freshmen conroy-farrow
BY KAREN FORD

You suddenly jump up looking for the alarm clock. “Where am I, and why don’t I have my pajamas on?” Then it hits you, you realize you have fallen asleep during a lecture again.

“The only way I can get through 85 minutes is to sleep,” junior Andrew Pruett said.

One reason students at Central sleep during class is because they feel the 85 minute period is too long and the teachers lecture the whole time.

“Last year the teachers said they wouldn’t lecture the whole 85 minutes, but they do,” senior Shawna Earl said.

“It is extremely boring when you have to sit through a lecture. I always fall asleep,” freshman Chris Woods said.

How can teachers make class more excitable for their students? And if they did, would the students still sleep?

“If my teachers would involve our opinions it would make class more interesting,” freshman Leslie Ellis said.

The reasons students sleep in class are not just boring lectures and longer periods, working long hours after school contribute to the problem.

“When I work until 10 or 11 on a school night, the next day all I can think about is how tired I am and how much homework I forgot to do,” senior Chantel Gaddie said.
Irion, Christi
Israel, Sarah
Jamison, Joshua
Jarvis, Nathan
Jasper, Jeffery
Johnson, Alisa

Johnson, Nikia
Johnson, Sara
Judd, Megan
Kalantar, Melissa
Kalantar, Sara
Kastrup, Caleb

Keefer, Laura
Keller, Thomas
Kelly, Kristen
Kelly, Tara
Kennedy, William
Kiburz, Adam

Kirkland, Bradley
Klein, Talia
Knudler, Stephanie
Koblizej, Marlee
Kolonic, Jessica
Korell, Ashley

Kretzer, David
Kretzer, Stephanie
Kropp, Cara
Laflollette, Brent
Lanning, Heidi
Lawson, Eric

Lee, Joseph
Leslie, Daniel
Levy, Sandra
Libel, Charlene
Lloyd, Tara
Lockard, Brittany

Long, Kasie
Lovell, Angela
Loving, Eli
Lowe, Corey
Lutz, Katherine
Till, Travis

Marriott, Jason
Martin, Christi
Martinez, Heather
Martinez, Raven
Mason, Meredith
Masters, Bryan

personalities
freshmen iron-masters
Freshmen
Jennifer Haasis, Rebecca Goeking and Katie Brunker eat their lunch outside with their friends. On nice days students took their lunch outside.
photo by Brett Sundet

Matthews, Amanda
May, Latasha
May, Walter
McCormack, Audrey
McCracken, Jason
McDowell, Katherine
McGeorge, Ian
McGinnis, John
McGinnis, Keesha
McKinley, Kristen
McKnight, Shannon
McMurray, Mary

113 personalitiesfreshmen matthews-mcmurray
McMurry, Christopher
Meade, James
Meadows, Raychel
Meierhoffer, Kelly
Merrill, Kelly
Meyer, Donita
Middleton, Jesse
Mignery, Shannon
Milbourn, Michael
Milbourne, Megan
Miller, Bryan
Miller, Crystal
Miller, Jennifer
Miner, Caroline
Minnick, Autumn
Modlin, Scott
Moles, Brandon
Montemayor, Amy
Moore, Spring
Morgan, Melissa
Morgan, Sam
Morris, Hilary
Mudd, Lafonna
Murphy, Heather
Murphy, Nathan
Nash, Kristina
Neighbours, Jennifer
Nelson, Katherine
Nelson, Mary
Nicholson, Erynn
Nigh, Cherish
Nikes, Amanda
Nowlin, Jessica
Ohlensehlen, Bryan
O’Meara, Nicole
Osborn, Crissy
Palmer, Danielle
Pasch, Clint
Patel, Pratik
Patterson, Jaclyn
Patton, Shawn
Peacock, Justin
Pearl, Thomas
Pearson, Jackie
Perez, Lindsay
Perry, John
Petersen, Cassandra
Phillips, Drew

Inset photo: Freshmen do their homework in their AAP class. Students had plenty of time in AAP to finish their homework. Photo by Brian Kimes.
FEARS

BY KATIE POWER

The anxiety, the fears of a new high school, the change in life is part of a freshman.

The thought of not knowing where to go, where to turn, or to find someone you know in the crowd was what freshmen had to face during their first year in high school.

Many students had fears in coming to a new school.

"I was really scared to come to a new school not knowing anyone," freshman Ruschell Wilson said.

As the year passed there was a special moment for almost everyone to remember.

"The most memorable moment of my freshmen year was when I made new friends," Wilson said.

Freshmen had many fears coming the first day of school. The biggest fear was to find their classes in time.

"Getting lost was my biggest fear, even though it was easy to find my classes the first day. I had gone through my schedule 10 times," freshmen Ashley Taylor said.

Even though many students had fears and conflicts, some students were lucky to have an older sibling at school.

"To have an older brother was good because I got a ride to school, I was more informed of school activities and I had a chance to meet his friends," freshman Kristi Poggemiller said.

One thing freshmen enjoyed during the year was the school spirit.

"I liked the school spirit at school. Everyone was always happy and fired up," Taylor said.

"I was really scared to come to a new school not knowing anyone."

freshmen
Ruschell Wilson

Pinzino, Andrea
Pinzino, Matthew
Pittman, Amy
Plummer, Jason
Poe, Jennifer
Poggemiller, Kristy
Pope, John
Porter, Mindy
Price, Shane
Pryer, Sara
Punzo, Jared
Pyles, Tracy
ADVENTURE

experience offers thrill

Freshmen
Kristy Pogge
Stephanie Davis, Brooke Drenner and Katie Brunke
and the Orient Express at Worlds of Fun.
Many students went to Kansas City for activities.
photo by Worlds of Fun

Quinn, Abigail
Rankin, Clinton
Ratliff, Jenny
Ray, Jamie
Reed, Amy
Reid, Matthew

Reidy, James
Renkin, Kenneth
Renken, Tiffanie
Rhoads, Sarah
Riggs, Brendon
Riggs, Joshua
Spire, Joseph
Stagg, Joseph
Starr, Angela
Stockwell, Steven
Stoll, Stephanie
Stone, Heather
Stuart, Jennifer
Swafford, Joel
Tassi, Sean
Taylor, Ashley
Taylor, Chamera
Teschendorf, Theresa
Theiss, Tiffani
Thomas, Bradley
Thomas, Hayley
Thompson, Jonathan
Thorne, Jacob
Thornton, Lauren
Tobin, Rebekah
Trammell, Tristan
Turner, Sara
Uketui, Afam
Valencia, Valerie
Vaughn, Charisse
Vogel, Darrin
Voltmer, Andy
Waller, John
Wallingford, Quintone
Walter, Lindsey
Wells, Carissa
Wentz, Justin
Westcott, Shay
Weston, Christopher
Weston, Nicholas
Westrich, Elizabeth
White, Jordon
Whittington, Amy
Widener, Melinda
Wieneke, Nathan
Wiley, Eric
Wilhite, Daniel
Williams, LaTonya
Williams, Ricky
Wilson, Michael
Wilson, Ruschell
Windmeyer, Timothy
Winans, Celia
Witt, Bryan

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freshmen spire-witt
BY DANA LESLIE

What do initiations and bizarre outrageous rumors have in common? Freshmen.

Among the other various worries of entering high school, one of the freshmen's greatest concerns was being initiated.

The tradition of initiation has been around a long time. Common concerns include stepping on the tile Indian heads and join an athletic team as a first-year freshman player.

Rumors of washing the Indian with toothbrushes or having to do older player's laundry filled the halls during the first week of school.

Some initiations are reported to be more physical. "I saw some seniors kick and hit some freshmen boys one day. They tried to get me too, but I ran," freshmen David Cassidy said.

But why do seniors initiate? Some senior guys just initiate so they can show the freshman where their place is on the totem pole.

Other seniors initiate for different reasons.

"I just do it for a joke. Craig Sinclair and I shaved some of the freshmen boys eyebrows one day after school," senior Josh Joseph said.

Initiations are against school rules and anyone caught initiating could be suspended from school, and if they are athletes, they could be suspended for an entire sports season.

"Initiations are childish and I don't condone the actions of those who do so," Athletic Director Mike LaFave said.

"I saw some seniors kick and hit some freshmen one day."

freshmen David Cassidy

Wood, Amanda
Woodhull, Emma
Words, Jason
Workman, Jason
Young, Kelly
Younger, Joel
Zellmer, Chris

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freshmen wood-zellmer
by Liz Tobin
Winter Olympics, the year 2002. You may observe a former student competing on the United States team. Freshman Russell Sale distinguishes himself as that Olympic hopeful.

Sale joined the St. Joseph Figure Skating Club in 1988. Six years later, he has advanced to the top third in the country for novice pairs. In 1992, Sale received a third place medal in the National Figure Skating Competition in Great Falls, Montana.

Initially, Sale took lessons once a week. Now, after advancing in levels of difficulty, Sale practices daily from 6:30-8 a.m. and 3:15-6:30 p.m., with a break on Saturdays. "I really have to organize my time in order to get my homework done. The free time I have means a lot to me. I appreciate the little things most people take for granted," Sale said.

This fall Sale advanced to the Midwest skating division. The top four medalists at the competition will go on to Nationals and qualify for a tryout with the Junior World team.

Sale expects a move to the senior level soon. "The senior level is the Olympic level. I could go on to that level now, but I wouldn't be competitive. I know I can compete in the Olympics in 2002," Sale said.

Tom Zakrajsek, Sale's coach feels a move to a bigger city would benefit his pupil. Colorado is a big opportunity for a young skater. "I want to continue skating and if I'm going to advance, I'll have to move. My coach is probably moving soon and he wants me to go with him. I'm seriously considering it," Sale said.

Why continue such a demanding activity? "I sometimes think I'd go back and do it over. I never realized how much commitment skating required. I often think I would have picked something else, but I'm devoted and I plan on going as far as I can."
Zakrjevec, Sale's coach, plans to move to Colorado and wants his pupil to go with him. Many young athletes move to an area that better suits the sport in which they are involved.

Sale prepares to go into a jump in one of his routines for a competition. Hours of hard work were required to perfect each spin, jump, and leap and ready Sale for the intense pressures faced that day.
**Freshman Class**

population: around 430

Class Officers: President Hayley Thomas; right to left: Vice-President Kelly Meierhoffer, Secretary/Treasurer Becky Tobin

**Sophomore Class**

population: around 410

Class officers: President Zach Zilner; right to left: Vice-President Valerie Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer Liz Thornton

Senior Cabinet

Members Seth Hall Eric Bradley and Laura Hamilton work together to keep the January Senate meeting under control in the JROTC room. Class officers, Cabinet members, Student body officers and senators worked together to represent the ideas of the student body while creating Homecoming Week themes, and activities for upcoming service projects. Photo by Brian Kimes
Junior Class
population: around 390
Class Officers: President
Kristin Orf; right to left: Vice-President Adam Johnson, Secretary/
Treasurer Dominic Frank

Senior Class
population: around 360
Class Officers: President
Neelay Shah; right to left: Vice-President Jennifer Weipert, Secretary/Treasurer Cinda Sterner

123 personalities
class accounts
BY KAREN FORD

Shocked! That was algebra and geometry teacher Angela Pfleiderer’s first impression of Central. “The school Where I taught before was small so there was always control. Central is more liberal than I’m used to, but people get to act like who they are. Students don’t conform to one certain style,” she said.

Being new to school can be difficult for anyone, even teachers. Besides endless lesson plans to create, papers to grade and meeting to attended, there are the added pressures of learning your way around the building and meeting new students and faculty members each day.

“This year I’m just trying to survive without getting in the middle of my students’ fist fights,” language arts teacher Laura Westhusin said.

“Students don’t conform to one certain style.”
Angela Pfleiderer

Students often wonder what makes people desire to teach. Teaching is a demanding profession which often requires work outside of the school day. But for teachers, seeing their students progress and gain knowledge throughout the year is worth the time and effort.

“My favorite aspect of teaching is watching the students learn and understand new and difficult concepts,” Pfleiderer said.

New teachers have high expectations for themselves and their students. As a role model, a teacher strives to motivate students to achieve at their highest potential.

“If students could learn anything from my class, I would want them to be respectful of others as well as themselves,” Westhusin said.
A group of students study in class. With the longer period, many students found it helpful to work in groups. Photos by Jill Wieske.

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Connie • Neal

If you could buy anything for your family, what would it be?

"I would buy my family a vacation cruise to the Gulf of Mexico."

Baker, Karen
Barr, Lynette
Barton, Barbara
Black, Shirley
Beaulieu, Franeece
Beco, Keith
Blakley, Charles
Blunt, Leigh Ann
Bottorff, Sharon
Bowles, Terri
Brady, Barry
Briggs, Nancy
Brown, Jill
Burns, Nadine
Carneal, Sam
Chavez, John
Conard, Carol
Correa, Sandrea
Charles Taylor works on grading papers in his art and photography class. Taylor has worked on the side doing contracting and being a remodeling specialist. Photo by Jill Wieneke.

Bill McLaughlin is a co-editor of Physical Science textbooks for highschool and eighth grade students. This year he worked on his sixth book. Photo by Jill Wieneke.

Couldry, Shirley
Crenshaw, James
Criswell, Dianne
Dedrickson, Randall
Dudik, Tony
Dudley, Mary Ann
Evans, Robert
Ewing, Sue
Ford, Diane
Foutch, Larry
George, Jim
Gerhardt, Marilyn
Griffin, Kevin
Groenke, Margery
Gross, Darci
Haenri, Lucille
Hanbury, Pam
Hilton, Tinker
BY KATIE POWER
The school days went by while work piled up on the desk in the form of papers to grade and assignments to be made.
One teacher taught at Missouri Western State College while teaching at Central.
"I was busy and it was hectic but it was a fun experience to teach at both places," chemistry teacher Mary Ann Dudley said.
Dudley’s job of teaching at both schools was quite an adjustment.
"It was hard for me to teach at college one day then come to teach high school because of the different levels," Dudley said.
Dudley enjoyed teaching her first year.
"I enjoyed watching the students try to figure out problems that they didn’t understand. I liked Central because there are different types of people," Dudley said.
Another teacher had refereed basketball games and sold real estate on the side while teaching geography.
"I am a sports fan and that got me interested in being a referee. While going to the games through the week, I also sold real estate in the evenings and on the weekends," geography teacher Gary Sprague said.
While Sprague was busy with his jobs, teaching was important to him.
"To watch the students become successful was great. It was interesting to teach my students because I had some of their parents in class," Sprague said.
While some teachers found their second job as work, one found it as a hobby.
"I own my own import shop, it has been a great experience for me. I traveled to Mexico and bought my own merchandise," Spanish teacher Shirley Rouche said.
Rouche started thinking about her own store when she traveled to Mexico.
"I studied Spanish in Mexico for several summers and I traveled around to look at merchandise. It took me five years to decide to have my own store," Rouche said.

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Shirley • Rouche
If you could buy anything for your classroom what would it be?
"I would buy my class a Macintosh computer and a good tape recorder with counting numbers."
BY DANA LESLIE

Every year just before students are let out for Christmas vacation, the annual Senior-Faculty games are played. With students cheering and music playing, the games begin. The starting five male teachers and the starting five senior guys, go at it one on one in a challenging game of basketball.

"Last year the senior guys took the games so seriously, but this year the guys were funny. I loved watching Doc Crenshaw," sophomore Liz Thornton said.

The male teachers have not lost a game in many years. "The teachers were good; we could have beaten them if we tried. The games were a lot of fun," senior Josh Joseph said.

This year the senior girls defeated the female teachers in a new game called Pillow Polo.

"I want to play in the Senior-Faculty games next year. The girls look like they had a lot of fun," junior Mary Swope said.

The fact that Christmas vacation is right around the corner some students say make the Senior-Faculty games are more exciting than other assemblies.

"I really enjoyed the senior-faculty games. I can't wait until I am a senior so I can play in them, especially against Coach Schmitt and Coach Hook," freshman David Cassidy said.
The senior girls walk off the court after they were introduced before the Pillow Polo match began. The seniors defeated the teachers in the games. Photo by Darii Wadde

Senior Shannon
Flurry, Leigh Ann Blunt, Marcia Steeby, and senior Liz Tobin lunge for the ball. Pillow Polo was added to the ladies' competition. Photo by Darii Wadde

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Andi Mooney
If you could buy anything for the school, what would it be?
"I would buy a new gymnasium with a pool, six volleyball courts, a weight training center and racquet ball courts."

Harless, Terry
Hornday, Mary Jo
Huffman, Trisha
Jackson, Susan
Johnson, Jean
Kapps, Mike

Kelly, Chris
King, Bonnie
King, Debbie
Kvam, Janet
LaFave, Mike
McLaughlin, Charles
Mackey, Sharon
Maxwell, Roy
Meyer, Jeannie
Miller, Kris
Millward, Candace
Modis, Jamie
BY JESSICA DAILEY

Twenty-four staff members know firsthand about the changes that have occurred over the years. Among these are Carol Pittman, Kris Miller, Garry Tiller, John Vanderpool, Toby Lawrence, James George, Barry Reynolds, Jay Oswald, David Stouffer, Paul Athens, Karen Baker, Frances Beaulieu, Charles Blakely, Nancy Briggs, Kevin Griffin, Gary Teitz, Margery Gronke, Robert Evans, Charles Taylor and Barbara Beggs. They are all graduates who have returned to teach at their former high school.

Miller, who graduated in 1989 feels she can really relate to her students, having graduated so recently.

“It’s fun to teach! I love being around young people," Miller said, "It’s really funny now because Mr. George, one of my old teachers, insists that I call him Jim."

George, who graduated in 1962, remembers how different school was.

“The biggest differences are in the physical plant. The school used to be much smaller, but the student body was the same size. We had locker partners. We had to buy lunch tickets and our milk came in small glass bottles. It was only two cents," George remembers.

Some rules were different.

“Everyone who smoked was allowed to go outside and smoke. The sophomore parking lot was always filled between classes with students who would run out to smoke,” George said.

Many of these students had influences in high school that brought them back to teach.

“Being in Mr. Lecil Carroll’s biology class made me realize that I wanted to be a teacher and caused me to want to be a better person,” George said.
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Neal Hook

If you received a $100 bonus on your paycheck, what would you buy?
"I wouldn't buy anything. I would save it and put it towards paying bills."

Mooney, Andi
Murphy, Diane
Murphy, Pauline
Neal, Connie
Nelson, Sonya
Northrup, Kathy

Norton, Dorothy
Nothstine, Sue
O'Brien, Tom
O'Callaghan, Bob
Oswald, Jay
Ozenberger, Jim

Paden, Ken
Perry, Clarence
Perry, Jim
Perry, Vince
Pfleiderer, Angela
Piercey, Nancy
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TOM • O'BRIEN

Throughout your life, have you ever invested in anything strange or unusual?
"Yes, one time I invested in a place that produced hair tonic, but it turned into a diamond mining company. Someday I'll be rich!"
OBSTACLES
overcoming hardships

BY CHERYL BAILEY

Most things done in life rely upon the body's physical strength and capability. From running a 3.1 mile race to ascending a small flight of stairs, one experiences the body's efficiency that enables the performance of everyday tasks and functions.

But what if suddenly a life-threatening illness confronted the body making every endeavor more difficult? What if the body were suddenly enslaved and unable to freely choose its movements and activities?

This was the condition of Tom O'Brien who was respected and admired by those who knew him. He was a man who consistently came through for those to whom he was committed.

This unusual disease reactive arthritis caused by a rare type of food poisoning affected O'Brien's health, but he refused to accept the idea of giving up on life. He continued to teach and coach, despite the fact he was in chronic pain and discomfort.

"If I simply give up on myself, then I'm not doing things for others, I'm only helping myself. In any profession you should attempt to help and serve others, be a good example and motivate people to make society better than what it is. I also want others to see that I don't give up, so perhaps they won't give up in whatever situation they face," O'Brien said.

Throughout this entire ordeal, one thing O'Brien realized was a deeper appreciation of those close to him and the things he valued in his life. He considered himself lucky to experience the mere joy of waking up each morning.

"This situation has made me appreciate everything I hold dear to me more deeply. I feel lucky that this is all that has happened to me. Even if I were in a wheelchair, I would still be lucky because of the chance I've gotten to live my life and already accomplish success. No one should feel sorry for me, because there are so many others who need more attention than I do. I'm still fighting it," O'Brien said.

Although O'Brien's future health is uncertain, he continues to rely on his faith in God for strength and comfort in hard times.

"I know God has a plan for me, and whatever it is, I have to go with it. I may have my own plan, but that is meaningless. To be totally honest, I don't even think about my future. I could easily get depressed dwelling upon what could be. I don't try to predict what I'm going to be like or what's going to happen. I just consider it a great day if I wake up in the morning. I have faith that eventually things will get better," O'Brien said.

His unwillingness to give in to pain and obstacles was an inspiration to all he encountered. His integrity and commitment was conveyed in his attitude and lifestyle.

"You must always remember to never give up, have faith that you will overcome hardship, and learn to appreciate what you have before it is taken away," he said.
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GARY • SPRAGUE

If you had a $100, how would you spend it on your AAP class?
"I would have them vote on a party or giving the money to needy persons. I'm sure it'd be a close race."

Rouche, Shirley
Schmidt, Eric
Schroeder, Carolyn
Schroeder, John
Sharp, Nancy
Simpson, Joyce

Sprague, Gary
Sprouse, Kay
Stenger, Linda
Stokes, Valorie
Swartz, Ruth
Taylor, Charles

Tietz, Gary
Tiller, Garry
Trotter, Jincy
VanHoozer, Chris
Vestal, Robert
Wagers, Martha

Weber, Jeanne
Wilkinson, Ken
Wright, Donna
Young, Mindy
Zimmerman, Bobbi
EXPLORING biology changes

BY CHARRAYLE GRAYSON

Teachers experienced a new twist in their biology classes this year. Biology was transformed into a one-semester class called BioGate. In this class, students learned the basics they would have learned in a full year of Biology I. If they passed the course or had already taken a full year of the old biology classes, they had the choice of taking one of the five BioExplorer classes.

BioExplorer classes differ from the normal biology classes in many ways. They were a semester course instead of a full year. Students could choose between Botany, Ecology, Genetics, Microbiology or Zoology. The class focused in on only its specific topic instead of many units. There were more labs and more emphasis put on careers that went along with that particular field.

The program was used all across the city. Biology teachers along with the School Board agreed to try the new program for two years. If it is successful new courses may be added. This was the biggest change in the science curriculum in over 30 years.

Teachers had high hopes and expectations for the new program. "It is innovative, creative and beneficial for the students," science teacher Charles McLaughlin said. Although, it caused more work for the teachers, it caused the class to be more fun and exciting. Teachers agreed it would cause the students to learn in an enjoyable way. "I feel it will be very successful, the students will like it," Biology teacher Gary Paolillo said.

"It's innovative, creative and beneficial for the students."

Bill McLaughlin

Ann Pittman, Jason Beeson and Pete Hassal work with student teacher Mr. Lorenson. The new BioGate classes incorporated more labs into the curriculum.

Mark Wurtzler and Eric Runde work on a Chemistry lab in class. Students liked working in groups in all the science classes.

photo by Jill Wieneske
by Paige Hoskins
Lucille Haenni has been the bookkeeper of Central for 15 years. Her job entails handling all of the money and paying all the bills for downtown. She also takes care of registration fees and money for the games and fundraisers. She is assisted by Martha Wagers.

“This job keeps us very busy,” Haenni said.

In her 15 years Haenni fondly remembers a special monetary gift she received from some of the faculty. Her husband was very ill and she was having a difficult time. She had trouble making ends meet and the teachers gave her a special present.

“That gift drew me closer to the faculty. That is the spirit of Central. It was so special it showed me the kindness of the teachers of Central,” Haenni said.

Haenni truly loves her job. “I have always enjoyed my job because of the contact with students, teachers and faculty. I feel just great that I can work with such beautiful young people and getting to know them is a wonderful thing,” Haenni said.

Before her current job, Haenni worked in the credit department at Sears part time for eight years. She applied for her current job at Central when Mr. Tarply, former principal, told her about the position.

“This job allowed me to work full time, plus at the time my son was a student here so that was an added blessing,” Haenni said.

Even with her busy schedule Haenni remains involved in her church. Haenni felt honored when she was chosen as Support Person of the Year.

“I guess you have to know me,” she said. “I prayed that I could honor God and do good for others,” Haenni said.

Students have come to know and love Haenni.

“Last year I worked for Mrs. Newhart and I had to go to the office to get supplies, and I got to know Mrs. Haenni. She’s a really nice lady, always willing to help me out,” junior Laura McCrery said.
Lucille Haenni looks up from her paperwork. Haenni, bookkeeper for Central, her job entails paying all the bills for downtown. Photo by Jill Wienke.

Lucille Haenni works hard paying bills for the past 15 years. Haenni has been the school's bookkeeper. Photo by Jill Wienke.
Making sense. It's 7:45 a.m and your homework is due in five minutes.

Hurry, finish it. Fill in the blanks with the right answer.

It does not matter if you understand. The test is next Tuesday. You can wait till then to decide if it all makes sense.

- It took some adjusting, but students finally got it right. Almost. The mixing and matching of the odd, even, all and short days, made everyday seem a little odd.

- Of all electives offered, who would choose standing on rooftops, hammer in hand in the 30 degree weather of November? Hillyards students found they liked doing exactly that.

- Students in Don Piveral's small engine class watch him demonstrate the next step in reconstructing an engine. Industrial arts classes found the 85 minute period allowed them to complete projects in a fewer number of days. photo by Shannon Flurry.
Has your opinion of the schedule changed?

"I thought we would have more homework, but you are able to stretch out your homework and have less."

sophomore Chris Demarest

"I thought sitting in class for 85 minutes would be too long. I thought I would fall asleep, but really I'm learning more."

junior Robin Readenour
Odd or even? Students found themselves asking this question many times as they adjusted to the new scheduling system. The switch to the new schedule took time.

"I was late to class. I forgot whether it was an even or odd day and went to the wrong class," freshman Kristen Kelly said.

Some students like this schedule better than the seven period day.

"At first, I didn't feel like 85 minutes with one teacher, but now I have less homework because I get a lot done in class," sophomore William Zellmer said.

Many students like the time the scheduling allows.

"You get to interact with teachers," senior Penny Wilcoxson said.

Teachers also like it. "We teach fewer classes and gain one-on-one time with students," teacher Diane Ford said.

Students said the day feels shorter. "The day goes faster. Days when I have all my classes seem to take forever to get through," junior Robin Readenour said.

The schedule also forced the faculty to change.

"I have longer planning time, but I need it to plan for the longer periods. I have had time to use some additional supplement or extra creative things to make learning more interesting," Ford said.

Administrators have tried to change their job focus.

"We've had to change the way we look at things. Our role is changing from disciplinarian to instructional leader," vice-principal Joyce Piveral said.

"I thought the new schedule would make the day longer and be boring. Now, I think it makes the day shorter.

freshman Pratik Patel
Catching students up with homework and the world news.

by Kate Koenig

Two years ago, students completed a survey about their school lives. Many felt they had too much homework and not enough time for extra activities. They had little time to get extra help from teachers.

The faculty sought to help by building an Academic Advisement Period (AAP) into the schedule. Many students use this time to work on projects.

"I use all my AAP hours for Science Investigations," junior Erin Kimble said. "Last year's shorter time period made it hard to finish what I started and I had to work after school many days. Now I have 85 minutes everyday I can work on my project."

Teachers have their own opinions about AAP.

"My students seem to be taking good advantage of their time, but I thought more would go get individual help," teacher Jincy Trotter said.

Students watch the news during daily Channel One broadcasts.

"Channel One should cover more topics, because it's boring listening to just one," sophomore Brian Bolender said.

Channel One and AAP changed the way students handled the day.

Do you like Channel One?
"Channel One is repetitive and talks down to us."

sophomore Tracy Cunningham

"Channel One pales in comparison to other news. They don't have the capabilities of other shows."

junior Marcus Fizer

"Channel One talks about the same things everyday."

freshman Hannah Hutmacher
Q What is the best thing about new class periods?

A "I don't have to do homework for each class every night."

sophomore Nathan Weipert

"We have more time to learn something the first time instead of going back over it."

junior Scott Thomas
"The day goes by much faster with only four classes a day."

by Summer Sander

Class structure changed dramatically from years past. For each class the schedule incorporated two 85 minute periods and one 40 minute period per week. Teachers and students adjusted to the new agendas.

"The biggest challenge has been trying to figure out how to do the extra work in order to cover the amount of material that needs to be covered in that day," teacher Dave Stouffer said.

Students had positive and negative reactions to the classes.

"We cover a lot more chapters, but I'm not sure that everyone understands what we covered," sophomore Laura Campbell said.

The class of '98 faced a changed school day this year.

"I like the 85 minute classes because the teachers are not lecturing all hour," freshman Drew Philips. "They give us time to do our homework and give us lots of help."

"The longer classes help if you are having a big discussion," freshman Matt Collier said.

Students experienced new opportunities within their classes such as more group and lab work, and breaks during class.

"I've gotten used to getting to 'water the elephants' in Doc's class," junior Wes Bowen said.

Students and teachers have observed a favorable reaction to the new agenda.

"Overall the students responded pretty well," Stouffer said.

Spanish teacher
Shirley Rousche prepares donuts and juice for her AAPlclass. Her students were allowed treats on Fridays.

Photo by Brett Sundet.
Policies

by Summer Sander

The bell rang announcing the start of eighth period. A student ambled into the classroom seven seconds after the bell.

"That is tardy number five," said the teacher. "If you do not make this one up you get to take my final."

This year a new tardy policy was introduced. If a student had five unexcused tardies to a class they had to take the final in that class.

"I think the tardy policy is fair," freshman Katie Brunker said. "If you don't think it is important enough to make up, you deserve to take finals."

The tardy policy and the absence policy determine whether a student must take finals. If a student missed no more than two days of class they were exempt from the final. With the new schedule many students were pleased to learn they could miss four days if they missed only two days of each class.

"When I stay home sick I'll try to miss the appropriate odd or even day," sophomore Erika Strasser said.

Some students would like to amend this policy.

"If you are ill for an extended amount of time but worked hard enough to get your grade to an 'A' you shouldn't have to take finals," Strasser said.

If seniors took a college day they still had to take finals.

Although it is difficult to come to an agreement on the policies, many students felt they were designed with their best interests in mind.

Q

Do you think the college day policy is fair?

Counselor Jean

Johnson files scholarship information. Counselors keep busy with college information. Photo by Jill Wiehe. 
"No, it's unfair because we are being punished for preparing to further our education."

senior Brett King

"No! I think we should be allowed as many days as we want as long as we can prove we were really there."

senior Sara Midyett

"No, we don't have time to visit colleges over the weekend without missing other events."

senior Emily Waddell
Q: How do you feel about In-School Suspension?

A: "I will never do anything wrong again, just to avoid going there."

junior Jennifer Thornhill

"It's not that bad, it is just too boring. The punishment is the boredom."

sophomore Clayton Burrows
Adapting

by Paige Hoskins

Students walked in the doors to a brand new atmosphere.

Class periods were longer and In-School-Suspension took effect.

These changes presented students with a need to adapt.

One junior felt she handled the change well.

"In AAP I have more time to study, so I have leisure time at home," junior Emily Weston said.

Academic advisement period (AAP) was a time when students could catch up on homework or get tutoring from teachers by getting passes to those classes.

Randy Dedrickson, accounting teacher, found AAP productive.

"Students feel more comfortable asking questions in a one-on-one situation," Dedrickson said.

In School Suspension (ISS) was instituted to stop students from breaking school rules.

Junior Amy Foulk feels ISS can be good for students.

"ISS is better because it's a more constructive environment," Foulk said.

When asked how ISS compared to regular suspension, students preferred regular suspension.

"It's ok, but time goes by too slowly," freshman Sam Morgan said.

"I like out of school suspension better, but ISS is better for me."

sophomore Eric Hartley

After 85 minutes of hard work as a office aide, senior Kelly Lewis staples the homework she completed between running errands. Although study hall was eliminated this year, classes such as Office Aide and AAP allowed students to complete homework during the day. Photo by Jill Wienke
Q: Why would or wouldn't you take TAG, Sci-I, or College Composition?

A: "I would take them because they would be a challenge."
"I wouldn't take them because complicated names lead to complicated classes."

freshman
Elizabeth Crow

junior
Jason Evans

Senior Amber Allen listens as Dave Stouffer takes time to give individual attention. The college algebra course gave students a head start on their college education. photo by Shannon Flurry

Performing for his class, senior Seth Hall hopes to get an A on his assignment. This year's TAG class had many chances to show their individual talents in class projects. photo by Shannon Flurry
"I don't think I'm smart enough to be in those classes."

sophomore
Laura McClure

by Jada Kuschell

Students who sought a challenge tackled advanced and college credit classes.

Science Investigations, Sci-I, is an independent research class requiring three basic qualities. Intelligence, persistence and creativity.

Sci-I is hard work with lots of mixed emotions involved.

"The feelings I associate with Sci-I are frustration and depression when errors are made and time runs out," senior Isabella Lee said.

A class for those who wished to further enrich themselves was Lynette Barr’s college composition class. The current 16 students passed a writing placement exam to be eligible for enrollment. The yearlong class is a three hour credit course typically a semester long at MWSC.

"The cost is one-half of a regular college course, $135.00...A bargain!" Barr said.

If you are the type of person who likes reading, writing, and group work Talented and Gifted, (TAG), is a humanities course that would be a good choice. The class steers away from what is taught at the core of other humanities classes and focuses on the utilizing of talents.

"The thing I remember most about TAG is trying to perform a musical based on the children's story Where the Wild Things Are and watching others in class perform musicals based on other short stories," Clark said.

Making careful measurements, senior Neelay Shah works to make sure his lab experiment is precise. Science Investigations was a way for students to expand on their research and laboratory skills. photo by Shannon Flurry
Why did you decide to teach kids in special services?

I started working with kids with special needs when my own son needed therapy, I saw other children and decided to help them.

Nadine Burns

When I was in high school we had a program where we went to elementary schools and I helped students with special needs.

Terri Bowles
Extra teacher works harder to help students with special needs

by Paige Hoskins

Hard working, patient and caring describe Special Services Chairperson Bonnie King.

King has taught at Central for 19 and a half years. She decided to go into the field of teaching students with special needs because of the satisfaction it brings.

“If you can work hard enough with a student and get them in school you get a feeling of success,” King said.

King has encountered many things, but one of her favorite experiences is graduation.

“I have a tremendous amount of satisfaction and joy at the graduation ceremony because I know what the students have gone through to get there,” King said.

Although her job has times of happiness, it also has its times of frustration.

“I hate to see kids drop out of school. Then they come back and say they should have listened and stayed in school because they can’t find a job,” King said.

At moments like this, it would be easy for most to give up, but King realizes the importance of her job and would not quit.

“I never give up. I think if you go long enough you will find a way to succeed,” King said.

I feel sorry for kids who need help because people don't usually want to work with them. It feels good to help them in the long run.

Sonya Nelson
Building students work towards the future

by Jada Kuschell

"On the road to success, academics are the cars and electives are your destination. The electives you choose have to do with your career decisions in the future," Counselor John Schroeder said.

If your career plans include carpentry, Hillyards would be a suggested elective. Hillyards is a popular elective for those who enjoy building and working with their hands. Building Trades II became a popular elective, with enrollment increasing gradually over the past few years.

"The kids like to get out of the class rooms and work with their hands," Building Trades II teacher Sam Wright said.

The students get to do just that as each year the class builds a house for low income families. The house currently being built is located at 1610 North Fifth Street. For 14 years, the house building has been sponsored by a non-profit organization called Echo.

Finishing the house was rewarding for both student and teacher.

"The most satisfying experience is watching the progress the students have made as a building rises up out of the ground," Wright said.

Senior David Cope works on sawing boards during his Building Trades II class. Students in this class at Hillyards are assigned to build and complete a house. photo by Hillyards staff

Q Why did you choose the elective you did?
"I took Family Foods because I like to eat and I want to cook for myself."

junior
Chad Langdon

"At Hillyards classes are small and you know who you're working with."

senior
Shawn Sisco

"At Hillyards I'm not trapped in a classroom all day."

senior
Dave Cope
Senior Neelay Shah enters information he gathered while working on a project for Science Investigations into the computer. Shah is the winner of the Westinghouse award, a prestigious award for those who excel in science research. photo by Jill Winkel

Seniors Ben McClure, Mike Lockard, Neelay Shaw, Becca Svuba and Patrick Quinn study for their Future Problem Solving competition. They researched and work to solve problems like homelessness and children and violence. photo by Shannon Flurry

Q Why do you participate in academic competitions?

A History Bowl is like a game show, it gives you a chance to learn new things about the world.

junior Kate Koenig

I enjoy Future Problem Solving and I've had so much success with it in the past.

senior Jenni Linebarger
Intellect

by Paige Hoskins

Hard work, concentration and striving to be the best are all qualities possessed by members of academic teams. “Academic teams are usually overlooked, but they work just as hard as any other team,” senior Latricia Petree said.

Future Problem Solvers is a team of students who work together to solve problems that might occur in the future. They are given a futuristic problem and are allowed to research it in preparation for state competition. Once they arrive at state they are given only a dictionary, a thesaurus and the research they have collected. Then they must write a paper with the most logical way to solve the problem, then they perform a skit to show that their solution is the best.

History Bowl is a competition in which students partake in tournaments. History bowl is sponsored by Kathy Northup. Junior Moxi Upadhyaya and sophomore Jedd Schneider are the two captains of the teams.

The Science Fair and Chem-a -thon are two other competitions for the science minded.

Academic competition go beyond teams from rival schools competing. Some teachers use classroom competition to motivate students.

“Last year if a test was coming up Mrs. Northrup would divide the class and ask a question, each side tried to answer it,” junior April Deets said.

Sophomores Jed Schneider, Lee Gilgour, Kyle Clower and junior Moxi Upadhyaya study for History Bowl Tournament. Team A came in first place in a tournament at Missouri Western last fall. photo by Shannon Flurry

History Bowl allows me to share my omniscient knowledge with the world.

junior Moxi Upadhyaya
Growing students wonder what their future holds

by Paige Hoskins

Filling out college applications, scholarship applications and registering for college entrance exams are all part of preparing for life after high school.

While in high school students can not wait to get out, but as their senior year approaches they start to realize how scary real life can be.

“When I was a sophomore I couldn’t wait to be a senior, now I would give anything to go back,” senior Latricia Petree said.

Upperclassmen get worried as graduation day approaches, because they realize they might soon be leaving home, friends and family.

“I know I can’t spend the rest of my life here, just to avoid leaving home, but it’s going to be very hard leaving everyone behind,” senior Jennifer Scott said.

The counselors helped seniors by setting up conference sessions to guide them in their decisions concerning the future.

“I’m glad the counselors are helping so much, because I don’t know very much about how to apply for scholarships or which colleges to apply to,” senior Kelly Searcy said.

“Even though I’ll be nervous and scared for awhile, I’ll get used to it eventually and enjoy college as much as I’ve enjoyed high school,” Petree said.

Senior Michelle Goodman gets the facts on different colleges from Barron’s Profile of American Colleges. The guidance center recommended to students they make use of their many catalogs and books on getting ready for college.

photo by Shannon Flurry
"I'd like to go on to college, but I'll have to work which will be very difficult."

senior
Nikki Nelson

"I plan to go on to college to become a recording engineer, because I love music and want to work in that field."

senior
Ben Horn

"College is definitely in my plans for the future, however, I'm not real sure what I want to do once I get there."

junior
April Deets

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Senior Jennifer Brown looks through the vertical files in the guidance center for college scholarships. Students fill out many scholarship applications in hopes of receiving assistance in paying for college. photo by Shannon Flurry

Senior Jordan Bassit talks to counselor Susan Jackson about college plans. Counselors met early in the year to help seniors get started on applications for colleges and scholarships. photo by Shannon Flurry.
Papp, but her attitude and dedication make all the difference.
Papp, a sophomore in the Special Services Department, knows the challenges that lie ahead as she dreams of her future. She is trying to make the most of her high school education, taking classes including reading, math, health, skills center and ROTC. She hopes working hard in these classes will prepare her for life after high school, which includes post secondary education. Papp knows the special difficulties she may face with her education, but she is ready to confront them.

"Nobody's going to stop me from getting more education. I would love to eventually have a career in the military," Papp said.

Not only is Papp a B student, she also plays a special role to her classmates in the Special Service department.

"I try to help them whenever I can with whatever they need help with. If I get my work done, I see if someone else is having problems."
Papp also adds to the classroom with her personality.

"She's always happy. She has a real bubbly personality and shows great compassion towards the other kids," Special Service head Bonnie King said.

Daressa feels lucky because many of her classmates have greater problems than she has. "It always makes me angry when other kids make fun of my friends in wheelchairs. I wish I was the one in the wheelchair instead of them so they wouldn't not be teased all the time," Papp said.

"I try to listen whenever someone in my class has a problem and needs to talk about it. I guess I'm like a counselor. I may not always be able to help them with schoolwork, but I can always listen to what they have to say," she said.

Papp continues to work hard and dedicate herself. The Special Services department has a
After hours investments. In one corner of the building, the rifle team practices their marksmanship. Two floors up, the newspaper staff puts the final issue to bed. The work, laughter and planning had just begun for those who invest their time—after school hours.

From a dance at the Moose lodge to a progressive dinner of French cuisine, the foreign language clubs invested their time abroad.

With a new look and a newly remodeled room, the Blue and White Regiment adapted to performing with the largest number of musicians in the band's history.
celebrities
by Rachel Richey
Sitting in AAP finishing homework due next hour, the TV comes on. The room gets quiet and heads turn to watch the daily announcements.

Every day Bruce Hall, president; Liz Tobin, vice-president; Betsy Briggs, secretary; Hannah Kessler, treasurer let the school know of meetings, sports practices, important events, and deadlines over the airways. The Student Body Officers (SBOs) became TV personalities.

"Even though I don’t feel like a celebrity, people I don’t know will come up to me in the halls and make requests of things they want to see changed in the school and it is nice to know that I can try to have them changed," Hannah Kessler said.

Announcements were a part of the SBOs job, but not the only one. They held a dance every month, sent candygrams and flowergrams, hosted the Spring Olympics and sold new candy for the Moneymaker games.

The SBOs shared a main goal of keeping Central organized and in
have inspired more spirit. They also helped to make money in the Money Maker games and have better organized school functions.

Although this is the last year for these seniors involved in student government, they took with them many memories. "The best memory that I will take with me was getting to know the people better and being able to put forth an effort for Central," said Kelly Bliley said.


Brush and Pencil Club


investment incentives

BRUSH AND PENCIL CLUB
• yearly dues: NONE
• meetings: EVERY OTHER WEEK
• activities: SKETCHES IN THE PARK, POETRY READINGS, RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

"THE BRUSH AND PENCIL CLUB IS FUN BECAUSE IT GIVES US TIME OUTSIDE OF CLASS TO WORK ON ART."
— President
Allison Campbell

165 groups—brush and pencil
investment incentives

**C-CAP**
- yearly dues: $10.00
- meetings per month: EVERY WEEK
- activities: TUTORING AT BODE
  CONFLICT MEDIATION
  VOLUNTEERING

"C-CAP is a great way for me to help people!"
— freshman Danielle Dugger

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Cabinet and Senate


Dedicated to the fall play tradition. "We do sneeze previews for the musical and this year so many people asked, 'Why don't you do a preview for the play?' So we did," Tiller said.

You Can't Take It With You gave students another experience in theatre for those involved. "The play has philosophically broadened our horizons, and it has given me a memory I will never forget," senior Phil Denver said.
Student Director
Jenni Linebarger runs the light board during a nightly rehearsal. One of five student directors, Linebarger was in charge of technical crews. Photo by Shannon Flurry.

Blair Lee helps Moxi Upadhyaya put the finishing touches on her costume. The dress rehearsals allowed the cast to practice their numerous costume changes for opening night. Photo by Shannon Flurry.

Staring into each other’s eyes, Bruce Hall and Erika Barrow act their part of an engaged couple at a dress rehearsal of the fall play. You Can’t Take It With You offered a variety of characters, with unique personalities. Photo by Shannon Flurry.
ROCK vs Classical

By Jada Kuschell

Music study:

It rings through the halls from the band and choir rooms, thunders at games and pep assemblies, booms from cars stereos and pounds through the headphones of the Walkman you smuggled into school.

What is this element that is so important to our lives? Music. Two classes offering music to the ears and hearts of the students are jazz band and orchestra—whether they prefer rock or classical.

The orchestra class, directed by Dr. Janet Kvam, includes students with advanced musical skills, primarily with stringed instruments, while the jazz band is a performing ensemble with extensive emphasis on improvisation.

"Every student has an independent part and this requires responsibility, dedication and participation. A lot of jazz bands in the state are just stage bands. To teach true jazz you have to understand its unique quality of improvisation," director Kevin Griffin said.

Griffin is new this year to the...
Griffin has taught at big schools before, but teaching here was always his goal.

"This was always the place to teach in my eyes," Griffin said. "I would like to see the size of the bands continue to grow. So far I've enjoyed seeing the students mature in their playing and self-confidence."

The jazz
Band practices for an upcoming concert. Practice is held on odd days during 3rd hour. photo by Jill Wienke

Seniors Jeremy
Sharp and Joel Mooney play trumpets in jazz band. Jazz band practiced after school frequently. photo by Jill Wienke

Senior Brett
King plays drums during jazz band. The band plays contemporary music and has a much different style than the marching band. photo by Jill Wienke
perfect... and friends

by Kate Koenig

After hours of practice, the Blue and White Regiment take the field for their halftime show. The band's hard work pays off in friendships and music.

"We began practice with our two week band camp this summer.

During the school year, practice is almost non-stop," junior Shayna Henry said.

Besides building better musicians, band builds friendships "Band is like a family. Everyone know each other," sophomore Fred Grier said.

Assistant director Kevin Griffin sees their relationships and has his own opinion about their beginning.

"I think the family atmosphere comes from the common goals they share and from all the time we spend together. These students put in time during school, Tuesday nights, weekends and even the summer," Griffin said.

Creative Writing Club


Die Meister Singers


investment incentives

DIE MEISTER SINGERS

• yearly dues: NONE
• meetings per month: DURING CLASS PERIODS
• activities: COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES, CONCERTS AND X-MAS CAROLING

"WE EXPLORE DIFFERENT MUSIC. IT IS AN HOUR OF OUR HECTIC DAY WE CAN ENJOY."

— junior

Olivia Linneweh

group 170

creative writing club/die meister singers
Close friendships make working in band easier. "Knowing that when you go to band you have friends waiting for you, makes the work easier," freshman Tracy Teschendorf said.

The Blue an White Regiment updated their appearance this year with new uniforms. "Because of all the different activities in the past-parades, games, and the Liberty Bowl-the school district saw how well the band was doing and purchased them for us," Griffin said.

Students are appreciative of the uniforms. "We all agree they’re really neat. They are easier to put on and sparkle," Grier said.

Beside new uniforms, the band room was also remodeled by rearranging the offices and practice rooms, and adding more space for storage of instruments and uniforms.

"The new band room gives us room for a better rehearsal. We get more done because it allows us to be more organized," sophomore Annie Beeman said.
Die meister sings new songs

by robbie corder

"I love it," junior Ann Pittman said about her new music class.

Pittman is referring to a new class taught by Darin Drown. Drown, who is a relatively new faculty member, also conducts Show Choir.

"It (Die Meister) is a choir class that places emphasis upon country day music. Whereas show choir is mainly circus melodies," Drown explained.

Throughout the years if students wanted a high quality choir, Show Choir was the main one, which mainly consists of song and dance. Many students who prefer not to dance while they song chose Die Meister.

"Die Meister is a higher level choir. The biggest difference between the two is that there is more class experience in Die Meister," junior Ryan Poe said.

Many students still enjoy the thrill of dancing while they sing. "I have enjoyed dancing throughout my entire life. Singing just wouldn't be the same if I wasn't moving to it," sophomore Holly Chinnery said.

investment incentives

CERAMICS CLUB

• yearly dues: $5.00
• meetings per month: every Tuesday after school until 8:30
• activities: field trips to art galleries and experiments involving firings and dyes

"CERAMICS CLUB OFFERS STUDENTS A CHANCE TO WORK OUT OF CLASS ON A HIGHER LEVEL."
— sponsor Jeanne Meyer

Seniors Bruce Hal
and Erika Barrow
dances to the song
Show Choir sang
for the Harvest Queen assembly.
Hall has been a member of Show Choir for three years.
The Die Meister singers are being conducted by Darin Drown at a performance. Drown has been teaching choir classes for two years.

Senior Erika Barlow sings along with other members of Show Choir during the Harvest Queen assembly. Show Choir practiced after school because the class was changed to an extra-curricular activity.

Members of the Show Choir: E. Maybee, E. Barrow, A. Warman, H. Chinnery, J. Van Ness, E. Stubbs, R. Parks, K. Branson, J. Schneider, K. Nash, J. Bokay, B. Hall, C. Elifrits and J. Tallie perform an adaptation of Show Fly Pie as the entertainment during a coronation assembly. The tradition of the Show Choir serenading the queen has been an element in the assemblies for many years. Photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.
An active 155 JROTC cadets keep the main building basement filled with activity.

People have many misconceptions about JROTC.

"Most people think it's just marching and pushups," sophomore Jon Carter said.

In reality, much more is learned. "We try to instill integrity, dependability, discipline, courtesy, doing things in moderation, taking the initiative, carrying oneself well and the ability to use tact in all our students," Col. Kenneth Nash said. "We learn about things that will help us in real life. Right now we're learning how to write resumes to colleges and about first aid," Carter added.

Many JROTC students participate in drill teams. "The drill teams give you a chance to compete with other schools and..."
"How you match up," sophomore Melissa Mattson said.

Among JROTC's facilities is their own rifle range. The rifle team uses the range during their morning practices.

"For Rifle Team, we come to school at 6:00 a.m. to practice until 7:30. Near matches we also practice after school," Carter said.

Trophies offer some reward for hard work, but students agree personal victories are the best reason.

"Just seeing someone feel good about themselves is a great reward," Nash said.

Increased self esteem comes from the work in the program. Mattson feels she learned how to be a better leader, how to communicate well, and to be more tactful.

"Our mission is to motivate young people to be better Americans," Nash said.
change aids staff production
by Andrea Ferry
Change echoed throughout the year and the WAKITAN was no exception.
“The ’95 WAKITAN has a very modern appearance with great quality that flows together to make a unified page,” junior staffer Kate Koenig said.
The increased number of the junior on the staff was one of the many changes.
“The extra staff helped make production more smooth,” Academics Editor Paige Hoskins said.
The addition of a business staff eased the pressure of making extra money for the yearbook.
“The Vanity Ads that we have added helps us to make money for all the extra yearbook expenses,”

Assistant Business Manager Audrey Dodd said.
Photographers became regular staff members replacing last year’s volunteers.
“We don’t have to run all over the school to find photographers or the yearbook staff now that we have daily contact with each other,” Photography Editor Jill Wieneke said.
And what contributed the most to the success of the WAKITAN?
“We were better organized,” advisor Mary Jo Hornaday said.

investment incentives
NATIONAL FORENSICS LEAGUE
• yearly dues: $10.00
• meetings per month: THURSDAYS BEFORE TOURNAMENT
• activities: TOURNAMENTS
BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS

"NFL lets me step out of myself for five minutes and become someone else!
— senior Holly Fleshman

National Forensics League

National Honor Society

group 176
wakitan
Seniors Audrey Dodd and Liz Tobin discuss business for the WAKITAN. They handled finances and distribution for the staff. photo by Jill Wienke

Senior Brian Klimes looks over his photography assignment for the October deadline. Five seniors were added as on-staff photographers. photo by Jill Wienke

Juniors Robbie Corder and Jessica Dailey discuss plans for a new layout. Staff members worked not only during class but after school to meet deadlines. photo by Jill Wienke

177 groups wakitan
What draws students to this rich history? Many say it is because they want to be able to publish their work. Being a part of the staff is similar to playing a sport. It requires many hours after school and everyone's cooperation.

"Ever since I was an underclassman I wanted to be a part of a publication that was so professional. It made me feel like a big part of the school," production editor Jill Wienenke said.

"I thrive on stress. I can't begin to tell you how many hours we put into this. Although it is all work while seeing the finished product," Co-Editor-In-Chief Jenny Warren said.

Even though there are personality differences among the staff, each group pulled together publish...
the paper.

"I think our group works well together. I think we will work to be an all American paper," Editor-in-Chief Jenni Linebarger said.

Even though the staff has differences they strive to put together the best quality work. What is the driving force behind them?

"We're all one big happy family," Conant said.

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**Assistant Business Manager**
Senior Doug Evans and Copy Editor senior Billi Pankau work together to design a spread for the *Outlook*. Staff members had many individual responsibilities during second semester, but worked together on revision as deadline neared. Photo by Shannon Flurry

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**Senior Business**
Staff member Brian Hanbury and Jennifer Brown look over threads they have created for the *Outlook*. Hanbury and Brown were responsible for helping raise the funds needed to publish the paper. Photo by Shannon Flurry

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**Seniors Megan**
Euler and Erika Wollenman work on the computers for the *Outlook* while they know deadline is right around the corner. The 17 member *Outlook* staff produced 6 papers for the student body during first semester. Photo by Shannon Flurry

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179 groups outlook
through fine arts
by Summer Sander

Student writers were published, artists studied at the Art Institute, Vice Principal Joyce Piveral learned how to throw a pot.

A person may not think they can use their creativity at school if they are not athletic or academically inclined, but this is not so. Brush and Pencil, Creative Writing, and Ceramics clubs allow students to express themselves through different mediums of art.

Brush and Pencil had more activities than in years before. Among these were a field trip to the Nelson-Adkins Art Museum and a Christmas party. They raised funds by collecting money at an intersection.

"Brush and Pencil has become more active and alive because of the energy and involvement of the members and officers," sponsor Renee Beggs said.

Brush and Pencil Club sent three art students to Kansas City Art Institute for Saturday morning art classes. Justin Alvarez, Alison Campbell, and Evan Mullins were chosen to attend the eight weeks of specialized instruction.

"I hope to better my technique, gain recognition from the school, and form a good portfolio from this experience," junior Alison Campbell said.

Chem-Physics Club

Optimist Club

investment incentives

CHEM-PHYSICS CLUB
• yearly dues: $3.00
• meetings per month: ONE
• activities: DANCES, MR. PRICE IS RIGHT, CHEMICAL JEOPARDY

"CHEM-PHYSICS IS FUN AND YOU CAN WIN HIGH QUALITY PRIZES"
—President Cindy Johnson
Ceramics Club, a new group meets after school Tuesdays to make various works of pottery. Students used the extra-curricular time to perfect their work, making it more suitable for competitions. Ceramics Club sent several pieces to Scholastics competition in January.

Senior Rob Bentz enjoys art in general. "Ceramics is cool. I like to be able to see the things I have made with the clay," Bentz said. Bentz also enjoys acrylic painting.

Another organization which allows students to express their creativity is Creative Writing Club. The students read poetry, short stories and other work to their peers.

"Creative Writing Club is a place where young writers present their work without the threat of a grade," sponsor Myra Reisinger said.

Creative Writing Club met monthly and consisted of 25 to 30 people. Students could share their work with others and get constructive criticism in return. The club hoped to publish a magazine of the work of their members in the spring.

"My involvement in both Brush and Pencil and Ceramics has given me more experience developing my art skills with other people, as well as having a good time," Campbell said.
Devoting time to help other people makes students feel good about themselves. National Honor Society and Optimist Club organize projects to benefit others.

"Optimist Club makes me feel grateful for what I have and good about helping people who have less than I do," president junior Kate Koenig said.

Adopt an Angel, the Krug Park lights and a Halloween party for underprivileged kids are just a few of the Optimist Club activities.

"The Halloween party at Horace Mann was my favorite activity. It would make me sad if the kids did not celebrate because it was too dangerous to trick-or-treat in their own neighborhood," junior Kristin Orf said.

Another group that provided service to the community was National Honor Society (NHS). The group...
NHS organized door prizes for freshmen at the icebreaker dance, a penny drive for the United Way and the Christmas canned food drive.

"The members are all good role models," senior NHS president Jennifer Weipert said.

Members of NHS were selected last spring. Many worked hard throughout high school with NHS in mind.

"It is an honor for me to be involved in NHS and it helps me feel more involved in my school and the community," Weipert said.

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NHS members
Seniors Jenni Linebarger and Billi Pankau box cans for the annual NHS Christmas canned food drive. Other service projects sponsored by NHS included a Saturday morning clean-up of the Salvation Army Thrift Store on 22nd Street and Frederick Avenue. photo by Brett Sundet

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Forum Club

First Semester Outlook

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investment incentives

OUTLOOK STAFF
- yearly dues: HOURS OF WORK
- meetings: IN CLASS AND AFTER SCHOOL
- activities: PUBLISHING 6 NEWSPAPERS A SEMESTER

"THE OUTLOOK IS SO MUCH WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY THAT IF YOU CAN DO THIS YOU KNOW YOU CAN DO ANYTHING."
— senior Doug Evans

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183 groups
forum club/ first semester outlook
language clubs seek members

by Andrea Ferry

School clubs are constantly faced with the challenge of keeping students interested in their activities. The French Club has experienced this problem as well, but has over-

Sophomores
Carolyn Green, Molly Stans and Kristy Hontz, along with Spanish teacher Trisha Haff, usually display the Spanish Club's Harvest Homecoming parade banner. All three foreign language clubs, Latin, French and Spanish, had entries in the parade. Photo by Jill Wielke

2nd semester Outlook

Orchestra
come the obstacle.

“Our advisors, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Pittman, support us in all we do and because of this support we are able to keep students interested in our club,” sophomore Sheila Thiele said.

An increased number of club meetings included a progressive dinner, a bonfire, a Mardi Gras film fest and a Christmas party complete with a yule log cake kept students coming back for more.

“French Club has organized a variety of several different activities that have something in common with every French student,” freshman Heather Scott said.

The French Club participated in the float competition of the Harvest Homecoming parade.

“We’re not a big, advertised club like some of the others. Winning the float competition not only won us some money for our treasury but also put us in the spotlight,” junior Jenni Jones said.

The French Club aspired to even greater feats after a successful year.

“There are an unlimited amount of possibilities that the French Club can attempt and we’re willing to try anything,” Thiele said.
all the rage
by Jenny Warren

Throughout the years, the halls of have been filled with varieties of styles. A few years ago, blue eye shadow and mini-skirts were the rage. A few years before that, belly-shirts and bellbottoms found their way through the halls and into class.

One specific piece of fashion, however, has lasted the test of time. This fashion can be found everywhere; from the third floor science rooms to the FAB rooms tucked away in the basement.

This timeless piece of clothing is the club T-shirt.

“I like club T-shirts because they are neat looking and they are also a way to support your group or organization,” senior Jamie Conant said.

Despite the name, club T-shirts are a symbol of almost every sport and activity.

A number of sport T-shirts, declaring bold ideas such as “Respect all, fear none,” can be spotted daily on the backs of athletes sprinting down jock hall.

“I love to wear my football shirts the most. They have the best, inspirational sayings written on them.”

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Senior Nathan Sluder doodles in his notebook while resting on the staircase in between classes. Nathan, an accomplished artist, was the originator of this year's Latin club T-shirt as well as the Chem/Physics club T-shirt. (Photo by Brian Kimes)

Senior Cabinet members Jamie Conant and Kelly Billey observe the decorations hanging in the junior hall during Winter Homecoming week. Cabinet members decided to use the word "pantry" on their shirts as a play on "Cabinet." (Photo by Brian Kimes)
junior Charlie Blakely said.
To a variety of other students, club T-shirts are simply a fun, easy way to show their school spirit.

"Club Tee's are an inexpensive way to show you are an active member of a group that you are proud of. I mean, I'd hope you wouldn't be embarrassed of something that is written all over your back and front," sophomore Anna Clark said.
by Summer Sander

"I think others know me as the strange person with a kookie laugh," freshman John McGinnis said.

Many know McGinnis as a talented actor who is fun to work with and has a good attitude. He is active in National Forensics League, Thespian Society and Band. He was cast as Ed Carmichael in the fall play You Can’t Take It With You and played Joe Boyd in the All-School Musical Damn Yankees.

"John is very advanced for a freshman, but I don’t think of him as such because I had already directed him in three plays before this year. He is the first freshman I have ever cast in a leading role," director Garry Tiller said.

McGinnis planned to go to Leblond but chose Central, setting a goal to get the best roles he could. With two strong roles in his freshman year, he was well on his way.

"I chose Central for its drama program only, but after coming here I have found it has much more to offer," McGinnis said.

John has been acting for several years. He decided to become an actor after seeing the play Peter Pan in third grade. He participated in several Creative Arts Production (CAP) plays starring as the lead in The Great Ghost Chase.

"My parents support me 100 percent. They sacrifice for me and I appreciate it because acting is really important to me," McGinnis said.

John hopes to continue acting through high school, then obtain an acting scholarship to the University of South California or Juilliard in New York.

"When I first realized I wanted to be an actor I wanted to be in movies. The first time I worked with Mr. Tiller he inspired me to excel and go to Broadway instead of the screen," McGinnis said.

While acting is the main focus of his talent, McGinnis also sings, plays the oboe and French horn. He enjoys reading science-fiction and fantasy books and listening to classical music. Piers Anthony is his favorite author, while Dvorak and Beethoven are his favorite composers.

"In real life I like to be me, someone no one has ever been before, but in acting it is neat to become someone else in a world where people are not themselves."
Freshman John McGinnis is active in drama as well as in the Thespian Society and Band. McGinnis chose Central for the drama department.  photo by Brett Sundell

McGinnis rehearses for the All-School Musical, <em>Damn Yankees</em>. McGinnis played Joe Boyd, an older man who sold his soul to become a young baseball player.  photo by Brett Sundell
one quarter at a time
One quarter at a time. It does not make any difference how far behind you are. It matters only how hard you play to catch up. Pressure up the defense or put you fastest man in for the final relay; no matter what, do not forget the match isn't over until the pin is called. You have to play it one quarter at a time to win.

Dedicating the year to former coach Donnie Bell, the soccer team stepped up to an all new playing regime.

Senior Erika Wollenman tapes the ankle of junior Preston Buckley during football practice. Erika served as an athletic trainer for football, basketball and wrestling both her junior and senior years. photo by Jill Wiencke

Senior Billy Coder took his time in athletics. From football to wrestling to soccer he saw almost every phase of competition.

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"I feel Homecoming can be a fun and sometimes romantic evening,"

junior Jeremiah Seipel

Freshman Sarah Rhoades twirls the baton during the halftime show of the Homecoming game against Columbia Hickman. Rhoades made her debut as Central's individual baton twirler. Photo by McBea
Freshman Rebecca Schilling, dressed in Indian attire, performs a war chant while riding on the freshmen float in the Homecoming Parade. Each year student government sponsors a float competition among the classes. Photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.

Senior running back Doug Dudley powers his way past Columbia Hickman defenders. Dudley went on to rush for 279 yards in the game that ended in a 49-35 loss. Photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.

Juniors Tara Chavez, Toni Lynn Dudik, Sara McClure and sophomore Carissa Ratliff perform a dance routine the pompon squad prepared especially for Homecoming. The routine was choreographed by juniors Kristen Cathcart and Summer Campbell to a mix of entirely Price music. Photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.

Junior quarterback David Haasis rolls out of the pocket to his left and looks for an open receiver in the third quarter of the Homecoming Game. Haasis completed six of 19 passes that game for a total of 108 yards passing. Photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.

Seniors Rachel Taylor and Shelly Owens enjoy themselves at the Homecoming Dance held immediately after the game against Columbia Hickman. The couples only dance was deejayed by physics teacher Roger Price. Photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.
Week calls for success

by rachael gentzell

Gowns, banners, crazy days and school spirit. It must be Homecoming Week.

"I think the whole week went well," coach Mary Kay Hyde said.

"There was a lot of participation in the dress-up days and we had a good turnout at the dance."

The parade included a variety of organizations, as well as representatives from each class in the float competition.

Roughly 250 couples turned out for the dance and had a good time.

"I thought the dance was fun," sophomore Sara Cates said, "the music was good and we all had a good time."

Administrators agreed the behavior at the dance was good and that the whole week was successful.

"I think we had an exceptionally spirited homecoming week," Vice-principal Jim Wallerstedt said.

"The students were well behaved and most took part in all the activities."

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*Senior Craig Stallard stuffs bananas into his mouth during the cheerleaders' skit. The pep assembly was part of the Fall Homecoming Week activities. photo by Jill Wienke*

*Craig Stallard escorts attendant Jennifer Brown to her place on the stage during the coronation. They were surrounded by the ROTC Saber Guard. photo by McBee Photography*

*Student Body President Bruce Hall, and Maid of Honor Jenny Warren help Queen Liz Tobin to her feet after she was crowned. The coronation was Sept. 29 in the auditorium. photo by McBee Photography*

*The Homecoming Court and their escorts take time out to smile for the cameras. Queen Elizabeth Tobin was crowned before the student body in two assemblies. photo by McBee Photography*
"We had an exceptionally spirited Homecoming Week," Vice-Principal Jim Wallerstedt.

Harvest Homecoming Queen Elizabeth Tobin talks with two of her younger sisters before the coronation. Lauren, 10 and Gillian, 8, were both crown-bearers in the assembly marking the first time in four years the queen chose two crown-bearers. Photo by McBee photography.
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Junior David Haasis launches a spiral pass to one of his teammates. Central went on to defeat Benton for second place in the Jamboree. Photo by McBee Photography
"It is the closest to college we can get."

-Coach Tony Dudik

As Central entered a new school year the football teams added another dimension. The Big Seven entered Central High.

"It is the closest to college as we can get," Head Coach Tony Dudik said in referring to the level of play.

The conference brings league play that Central has never seen before. It also gives national exposure to Central athletes.

"Colleges around the country come to Kansas City to recruit. Recruiters will see films of our kids. Hopefully this will open up opportunities to us," Dudik said.

Central also received two new coaches, Randy Morlock and Toby Lawrence.

"He gets more pumped up during games than some players. He is always jumping up and down on the sidelines," Quarterback David Haasis said trying to describe Morlock.

Although both coaches are very talented they have two distinct coaching styles.

"Toby brings a role model for the players. He has experienced college football. All of them respect what he has to say," Dudik said.

Twenty nine lettermen are returning next year. Only ten seniors saw playing time this year.

"There is a lot of good things to expect from this conference next year," Dudik said.
The varsity volleyball team takes advantage of a time out during the Blue Springs game. Despite high morale, the team went on to lose 16-14, 6-15, 5-15. Photo by Darcie Weddle.

A look of concentration crosses junior Megan Foster's face as she prepares to serve the ball. Foster tallied five aces throughout the volleyball season. Photo by Darcie Weddle.

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Lee's Summit  15-13, 8-13, 2-15
Oak Park  7-15, 8-15
Park Hill  5-15, 8-15
JCCC tournament  4th Place
Lafayette  3-15, 15-5, 15-6
Blue Springs  9-15, 16-14, 2-15
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William Chrisman tourney  4th Place
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Lafayette  15-7, 14-16, 15-9
Park Hill  10-15, 4-15
Benton  15-11, 18-16
Blue Springs  6-14, 6-15, 5-15
Districts  2nd Place

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volleyball
players spike
into successful season

"This year we all got along and really felt like a team."

by dana leslie

Team was a familiar word for the 1994 varsity volleyball team, they felt they had one thing other teams lacked in the past--togetherness.

They all had a strong relationship and no one was left out.

"We all got along really well, in the past there was one girl who intimidated all of the others and didn't fit in. This year we all got along and really felt like a team," junior Megan Foster said.

Throughout the season the team's spirits would sag, but everyone would stay positive and help each other keep their spirits high.

"I think since we were all so close, we were able to talk to one another and keep each other up," senior Shannon Flurry said.

The volleyball team's biggest accomplishment was taking second place in districts.

"This was the first year I have had a team go this far in districts. I am really proud of the girls," coach Andi Mooney said.
Returning the serve. Sophomore Erika Strasser works to win the match at Park Hill. Strasser played on the Junior Varsity team.

Senior Megan Barry practicing a powerful serve. Barry won third in state this year.

photo by Katie Powers

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sports 200

girls' tennis
"I am really looking forward to next year with her."

sophomore Ellen Stubbs

Members of the girl's tennis team received a new partner. Coach Mary Kay Hyde joined the team this year. She guided them to an undefeated season in the new conference play.

"I thought she did a really good job. She was always there supporting us. Whenever we seemed to be going down hill she was there to get us pumped up again," senior Megan Barry said.

Hyde has been the girl's tennis coach before, but returned this year after coaching basketball. In her first year back Megan Barry went to state along with Holly Allen and Ellen Stubbs as the doubles team.

"I was surprised at how fun it was. The girls seemed to get along really well. Everyone seemed to cooperate," Hyde said of the team.

"I really enjoyed being coached by Ms. Hyde. I am looking forward to next years with her. It should be a blast the next two years," sophomore Ellen Stubbs remarked.

Although the girls went undefeated they failed to go to state as a team. They were narrowly defeated by Blue Spring at sectionals. Barry placed third and Allen and Stubbs placed fifth in the state tournament.

Senior Betsey Briggs
works on her backhand during tennis practice. The girls tennis team was undefeated for their first year in the Big Seven Conference. photo by Jill Wienke
Senior Tyson "Corky" Scheidegger battles for the ball. Scheidegger started out playing forward, but switched to defense toward the end of the season. Photo by Bruce Sundet.

Senior Brett Sundet shields the ball while waiting for the open man. Central lost the game to William Chrisman 3-0 in the Liberty tournament. Photo by Bruce Sundet.

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Sports 202

Soccer
"We had to learn to finesse and move the ball,"

coach Hamilton Henderson

A new season introduced a new strategy to Central soccer. Coach Hamilton Henderson focused on strengthening and improving the team's defense, getting the players to dribble the ball up to the midfielders so they can score.

"Considering our physical size, we couldn't just play heads up. We had to learn to finesse and move the ball," Henderson said.

While concentrating on the new strategy, Henderson continued a policy of team work and dedication as in years past.

"Successful teams are communicating teams. I always tell them there is no 'I' in the word team and that is how they need to play," he said.

Although the team did not end the season with a winning record, the younger players have found a way to look ahead. "Even though we did not have a very good record, we all played hard and worked well together. All we can do now is look forward to next year," sophomore Geoff Overfelt said.

Cutouts of the senior soccer players were displayed at the awards ceremony. The likenesses of Danny Brock, Soren Sorenson, Ben Highby, Brian Kimes and Brad Summers greeted guests as they enjoyed the evening. photo by Brett Snedet
Pushing towards the finish line, junior Adam Johnson and sophomore Pete Rippey race against each other at the Central Invitational. Their efforts helped clinch the win against visiting teams. Photo by Dares Weddle

Fighting to keep her hands warm during the chilly October weather, junior Lana Goy runs at the Central Cross-County Invitational. Runners met stiffer competition at their meets after joining the Big Seven. Photo by Dares Weddle

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sports 204

cross country
"In practice we really had to push ourselves. We couldn't let down no matter how tired we were."  

junior Leewai Wacek.

by dana leslie

A lack of senior runners could have been viewed negatively, but the Cross Country team took it in stride and had a successful season.

Cross country runners find running an exciting and strenuous sport.

"We all had to really push ourselves. In practice we couldn't let down no matter how tired we were," junior Leewai Wacek said.

The teams, both boys and girls, had little confidence in the beginning of the season, but they went much further than they thought they would.

Central has run against many of the Suburban League teams for several years so there was little adjustment to the league competition.

"I didn't have much confidence in myself or the team at first. Last year we had seniors to look up to but this year we had a young team. I was really happy with how things turned out," sophomore Ann Marie Brooks said.

Brooks, a second year State qualifier, and the rest of the girls team qualified for the State meet in November where they placed fourteenth.

The teams supported each other and became rather close. "We all got along pretty well and I'm really looking forward to next year," junior Andy Bassit said.
Senior Jill Perry and junior Sue Ray take time out to relax during a match. The team had more confidence this year which helped them to place sixth at State. photo by Brett Sundet

Junior Sue Ray chips onto the green during practice. Sue was a strong number three player, but lead the team at the State match while finishing 29th individually. photo by Brett Sundet

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girls golf
"Nothing is more frustrating, fun, and friendship producing than golf,"

-junior Ashley Glenn.

by cheryl bailey

Focus and determination due to team unity and improved playing spelled success for the girl’s golf squad’s.

The team scored better than they have in 10 years.

“We met all of our goals this year and accomplished what we set out to do. Maybe we should have set higher goals,” Coach Jim Perry said.

The team drove into their season with a win over Kearney and did not let up. Their season came to a close with a record of 10-1, including a first place victory in the District match and a sixth place finish at State.

“It was an overwhelming experience to be able to play with other girl golfers with such a high ability,” senior Darcy Weddle said.

Many of the squad members believe the friendships formed are important as well.

“Nothing is more frustrating, fun, and friendship producing than golf,” junior Ashley Glenn said.

Even with the season finished, golf remains in the lives of those who love to play.

“Golf is a great game to play. It’s a lifetime sport. I’m glad we’ve found some girls who have shown interest in playing,” Coach Jim Perry said.
Second Win
sweetened by adversity

by Kate Koenig

Overcoming setbacks led the cheerleading squad to its second consecutive 4A Open state championship.

After perfecting their regional cheer, the squad was ready for state competition. A few weeks before competition, junior Karla Valenti moved. The squad had to relearn many of their placements. Then, sophomore Stephanie Boeh broke her collar bone in a car accident and was out for 6 weeks.

“I was disappointed because I couldn’t contribute, but the girls were really understanding,” Boeh said.

As competition neared, the squad turned toward tradition. “Tradition is the best motivator. No one wants to end them,” coach Jaime Modis said.

The week preceding state, Modis often sent the squad inspirational notes with trinkets or candy bars in them.

“I knew we were good, but the competition was tough,” senior co-captain Tarih Klein said.

Some tried not to be overconfident.

“I thought we had a good chance, but you can’t base three months of practice on 2 1/2 minutes,” junior Rachel Lipira said.

The girls focused on relaxing. “We were calm before competition, we didn’t watch any of the others squads, so we had nothing to compare with,” Klein said.

The squad anxiously waited through the awards ceremony. “I hadn’t seen the other squads. In my eyes they had a perfect routine,” Modis said.

As the win was announced, there were a few tears and many hugs and laughs.

“Last year, we sailed through competition and won with desire. This year we had a lot of adversity to overcome, but that made the win sweeter,” senior co-captain Ryan Koerner said.

“I thought we had a good chance, but you can't base three months of practice on 2 1/2 minutes,”

-junior Rachel Lipira

Juniors Becky Vandermolen and Sara Summers and sophomore Lacy Briningham plan for the upcoming game. It took much preparation to keep the squad organized. Photo by Brian Kimes

Sports 208
Cheerleading
Junior Becky
Vandermolen cheers with enthusiasm during the basketball jamboree. The squad's energy led the fans in support of the sports teams. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Senior Tarih Klein
stands atop a pyramid supported seniors Ryan Koerner and Sabrena Silcott. The cheerleaders did many stunts to help raise. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Members of the cheerleading squad complete a cheer made up by juniors Becky Lucas and Rachel Lipira. the squad relied on their own creativity to create cheers. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

for the record

NCA Top Team
NCA Spirit Stick
NCA T.E.A.M Award
1st Place 4-A Open MCCA Regional
1st Place 4-A Open MCCA State
NCA All American Team Member: senior Kim Boley

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cheerleading
Seniors Sarah
Shipley and Donna Gamble hang locker banners the morning of the basketball jamboree. Their banners help raise student awareness of athletics and also brighten up the hallways. photo by Brian Kimes

Junior Toni Dudik
and sophomore Carissa Ratliff perform during the football homecoming game. The dance was choreographed tribute to the poms on homecoming court. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Sophomore Carissa Ratliff, senior Sarah Shipley, juniors Tara Chavez and Toni Dudik dance during a pep assembly. Poms performed for each assembly. photo by Jill Wiencek

NCA Top Team
1st Place Home Routine
Officers/Team Leaders Winner
Bid to Nationals
NCA All-American Team Members:
  senior Jenny Warren
  junior Kristin Cathcart

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sports 210
pom pons
"The best part of poms is the friendships you make and the experiences, good and bad you share,"
-senior Stephanie Roueche
teamwork
builds swimmers' goals
by jada kuschell

Cutting through the water at breakneck speed sets off the boys swim team.

"It's really hard to get guys to join a swim team. It's like we have one just so that no sport feels left out," senior Jamie Conant said.

They may have only 13 members; but they are one of the best working groups coach Barry Brady has ever had.

"If I tell them to do a workout they get right to it...after a few minutes of horseplay! I've had several students from past years come in and exclaim how much better this team works than they did," Brady said.

The team faces a larger conference which means more competition for the boys. The Big Seven Conference includes seven teams, and most have an advantage over Central.

"Raytown and Raytown South are the only other schools who don't have their own pool; and still utilize the Y," Brady said.

The team has set many goals for themselves. They strive to beat their own personal times, do well during competition and, of course, go to State. There have been only four seasons since the swim team started they have not sent a player to state.

"They know that to succeed it has to come from their heart and their own initiative and drive. I can't do it for them," Brady said.

Neil Stuber prepares for a dive. Concentration was a key to success for the swim team.
photo by Jill Wincke

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coach
Barry Brady
Coach Barry Brady records times at a swim practice. One of the team's goals was to improve personal times. photo by Jill Wienieke

At left sophomore Neil Stuber and junior Todd Milborn talk after swim practice. The team practiced every day after school. photo by Jill Wienieke

Sophomore Eddie Akabane flies through the air in a dive. The team practiced fervently to perfect their moves. photo by Jill Wienieke.

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competition
intensity characterize wrestlers

by Rachael Gentzell

Someone once said athletics are 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical. Wrestling is a sport exemplifying that. A good wrestler has not only physical strength, but intelligence, patience and desire. It is a sport that builds character and a certain work ethic that is specific to true athletes. To wrestlers some of life's best lessons have been learned on the mat.

"Everybody is going to lose sometime and losing at wrestling is one of the hardest places to do it," sophomore Nick Murphy said. "Out there you're winning or losing one on one and you have no one else to blame your losses on but yourself. That's quite a character builder. But at the same time, it's what makes it such an addictive sport. It makes you want to come back and do better the next time."

The intensity and individual competition also adds to its addictiveness. In a match there are times the athlete has nothing left to go on but his will power. Their physical strength has been diminished and all they have left is a desire to win and a voice inside them telling them to continue on through the pain and disappointments.

"If your team score is down before your match the intensity and pressure to raise that score is so high. You want to do well for your teammates so you just explode out on the mat and try to get the job done," junior Shawn King said.

"Everybody needs to feel the rush once," -
-junior
Shawn King

Freshman Ian McGeorge wrestles against his Wm. Chrisman opponent. McGeorge wrestled on the J.V. team this season. Photo by Rachael Gentzell
Junior Dustin Sollars and several of his teammates work together to move the mats up the stairs for a meet. Laying out and rolling up the mats before and after meets and cleaning them were responsibilities of the entire team.

Sophomore Bret Swope battles during a heavyweight match against William Chrisman. Swope's size and determination helped him win many matches.

photo by Rachael Gentzel

photo by Brian Kimes

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**Senior Jeremy Foster**

Foster plays offense as Benton tries to steal the ball. Foster was one of two seniors who played in the starting five. Photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.

**Sophomore Dwayne Blakley**

goes in for the kill at the Jamboree at MWSC. Sophomores had lots of playing time. Photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.

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"This year the competition was tough, but beatable."

-sophomore

Dwayne Blakley

Basketball is not something that players can become good at overnight. It takes a lot of practice, work, strength and flexibility to become good.

As a former basketball player for Central, Athens felt because he enjoyed playing in high school, that it has carried over into coaching. Even though the team entered a new conference this year, they never let fear get in the way.

"We improved a lot this year and no matter who the team, we just tried our best and that is all we can do." junior Paul Idecker said.
Senior Shalich
Dibble races past a Benton player during the basketball Jamboree at Missouri Western State College. The girls lost 51-20 to the Benton Cardinals, but beat the Lafayette Irish 28-19. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Senior Shalich
Dibble blocks a shot by a Lafayette player during the basketball Jamboree at Missouri Western State College. Dibble’s height of 5’10” and junior Andrea Pritchett’s height of six feet made them the tallest players on the team. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

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girls basketball
goals
creates team determination

by andrea ferry

The new Suburban League, a new coach, a height deficit, and only four returning lettermen challenged the girls basketball team. Yet the girls were determined to do their best and hang in there.

"The girls all knew it would be a hard season, but they continued to work and they refused to quit," coach Marcia Steeby said.

The team set small realistic goals throughout the season in the hopes they would be able to remain positive about their progress.

"The Blue Springs game was very important to all of us on the team. Blue Springs is one of the better teams in the conference and we were very proud of ourselves when we only lost by a few points," junior Megan Foster said.

Personal goals influenced how well the team was able to perform.

"I refused to let anything get me down. I kept saying to myself 'Keep your head up,'" sophomore Hilary Atkins said.

The ability to always have fun helped the girls pass by the constant ups and downs.

"It's fun to compete against each other. We're able to see what we're made of," senior Shalich Dibble said.

No matter what the girls were up against they were always able to work together and get the job done.

"When we put our minds to it we could do anything," junior Andrea Pritchett said.

Sophomore Hilary Atkins discusses a play during an after school practice in the main gym with coach Marcia Steeby. Long practices helped the players learn how to work together and accomplish common goals for the season.
photo by Shannon Flurry

Center photo
Sophomore Crystal Davie, junior Amy Steggall and sophomore K. D. Smith scrimmage during an afternoon practice for the junior varsity basketball team.
photo by Shannon Flurry

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"Homecoming week was a great time for Centralites to show their school spirit and the win on Friday night was a great way to end the week,"

**Student Body Secretary, Betsey Briggs**

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**Senior Adam Selkirk moves the ball down the court during the Varsity boys Homecoming game. Selkirk was one of the few returning seniors on the team.**

Photo by Leigh Ann Bryson
Student Body President
Bruce Hall crowns Snowfrost Queen Shalich Dibble while members of her court and their escorts look on. Queen Shalich was crowned Jan. 25. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Senior Andy Murawski leans down for Cabinet member Jenny Warren to put on his boutonier. Murawski was an escort for attendant Erika Wollenman at the coronation assembly. photo by Brian Kimes

Senior pom pom girls Sarah Shipley, Jennifer Brown and Stephanie Roueche, along with the rest of the squad, strut their stuff at the Homecoming game. Most of the squad’s dance numbers were choreographed by captain Jenny Warren. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Seniors Billy Coder and Alicia Crabtree get close during a song at the Homecoming dance. One hundred and two couples attended the dance that followed the 57-52 basketball victory for the Indians. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Cheerleaders Sabrena Silcott, Kelly Griffith and Becky Lucas prepare to catch Tarih Klein from an extention. Partner stunts were an important part of the squad’s competition and performance routines. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson
memories shaped in a week
by rachael gentzel

"Since my freshman year when I watched the queen presented I've dreamed of being on the court. Now I'm the queen and I can't believe it!" Snowfrost Queen Shalich Dibble said. "I feel honored, blessed and extremely excited."

For those involved in the festivities surrounding Homecoming Week, it was full of excitement and unexpected events.

"I always thought it would be such an honor to be a part of the coronation, but I never thought I would get the chance. I was very honored to be a speaker," Senior Class President Neelay Shah said.

The theme of the week, "Lightning Strikes Twice," referred to the opponent, Park Hill, whose school building was struck by lightning last winter.

Besides the presentation of the court, the week included dress-up days such as Social Error Day.

Banners adorned various halls and competition erupted in the form of shopping cart floats. A couples-only dance followed the game in the freshman gym.

The boys game ended with a victory for the Indians with a score of 57-52.

Sophomore center Aaron Crittendon dribbles around a Park Hill opponent. Crittendon was one of several sophomores who saw varsity playing time this season. photo by Leighann Bryson

Senior Jeremy Foster looks for an open man. The homecoming game was Foster's last full game of the season, before he suffered a nagging ankle injury. photo by Leighann Bryson

The 1995 Snowfrost court and their escorts consisted of queen Shalich Dibble and escort Billy Coder, Maid of Honor Jennifer Weipert and Brad Pratt, First Attendant Hannah Kessler and Mike Lockard, attendants Erika Wollemann and Andy Murawski, Gana Vishwanath and Jamie Conant, Kim Booley and Collin Root, Megan Barry and Adam Setkirk and Susan Young and Brett Sundet. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Senior Erika Wollemann stands near the fine arts office as she prepares for the coronation assembly. photo by Brian Kimes

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homecoming
star athlete takes winter's reign as Snowfrost queen

"I feel honored, blessed and very excited,"
Snowfrost Queen Shalich Dibble

Junior Paul Ideker goes up for a layup while Jason Roberts of Park Hill attempts to block him. The game ended in a Central victory of 57 - 52 and was immediately followed by the Homecoming in the Freshman gym. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.
Senior Darci Weddle talks with students after her presentation about drug and alcohol awareness. The athletes acted as role models for the children. photo by Jill Wiencke

At right, Senior Shannon Flurry signs trading cards for the children. The S.T.A.R. athletes became heroes for the elementary students they helped educate. photo by Dolph Flurry

Senior Brett Sundet talks to a table full of youngsters at Webster elementary school. The super S.T.A.R. athlete toured a total of nine schools. photo by Jill Wiencke
"It takes more than being athletic to be a superstar."

Jincy Trotter

by Jada Kuschell

The S.T.A.R. (Students Teach Awareness and Resistance) athletes are four high school seniors with good grades and communication skills who serve as role models for the younger generation.

Two seniors chosen for each season. Shannon Flurry and Randy Roth were chosen for the fall, and Darci Weddle and Brett Sundett for the winter.

They provide drug and alcohol free role models to elementary age kids. The athletes are nominated by coaches who feel they exemplify the qualifications to be a superstar athlete.

"It takes much more than being athletic to be a superstar. It takes extracurricular activities, communication with small children and a promise to remain drug and alcohol free," sponsor Jincy Trotter said.

Once chosen the athletes tour nine elementary schools and talked to kids between the fourth and sixth grade. They also have their own trading cards with their pictures on the front and height, weight and achievements on the back.

The kids get copies of these trading cards and a chance to get autographs on a special night set aside for them to come see their favorite superstar play their particular sport. The athletes dedicate a lot of time and effort to the kids and are recognized at the sports banquet for this achievement.

Senior Randy Roth

signs autographs for students after a football game. The elementary students and their families were admitted free of charge to the game. photo by Susan Roth
skiing

creates lasting memories

by Andrea Ferry

The sun shone down upon the snow-capped mountain and the conditions were perfect for snow skiing.

"You feel like a bird when you are gliding down the hill. Skiing is exhilarating and addictive," freshman Sarah Rhoades said.

Skiing requires great coordination and concentration in order to make it down the hill, but the skier has to get to the top first.

"The first time I went skiing I was terrified that I would fall when I jumped off the ski lift," freshman Jenni Poe said.

The sub-zero temperatures and hard work required to lug around the equipment did not scare off the truly dedicated.

"The breathtaking view of the mountains makes all the downs falls to skiing seem minute," junior Megan Kobzej said.

Snow skiing was not the only option available to winter athletes who were drawn to the slopes.

"I prefer snow boarding to skiing because snow boarding is cheaper," sophomore Adam Carter said.

The experience of skiing always created memorable moments.

"One time Amber Schubert and I went skiing in Colorado. While there we kind of collided and she ended up tearing her cartilage. I'll never forget the sight of her skiing the rest of the hill with her injured knee," Kobzej said.

"You feel like a bird when you are gliding down the hill. Skiing is exhilarating."

-freshman Sarah Rhoades

Juniors Megan Kobzej and Amber Schubert place their ski equipment on the rack outside the lodge at Snow Creek. Skiers have the option of buying their own equipment or renting from the ski resort when they go skiing. Photo by Andrea Ferry

Center photo:
Junior Kesia Smith prepares herself to grab the rope tow at Snow Creek near Weston, MO. Snow Creek was a popular place for students to ski because of its close proximity to St. Joseph. Photo by Andrea Ferry
Junior Brad Blake and his friend from Grace Evangelical Church ride the ski lift to the top of a mountain in Colorado. Ski trips to Colorado are a common excursion among youth groups as a winter get-away. photo by Jill Wiencke

Freshman
Stephen Bailey falls down at the bottom of a hill while night skiing. Icy snow and too many skiers makes falling down a common occurrence on the slopes. photo by Andrea Ferry

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snow skiing
During the fall homecoming game, coach Morlock gives senior football player Terrence Hoyt advice on how to improve his strategy in the game. The desire to win is often the greatest pressure athletes face. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Senior Doug Evans prepare to swim at a meet held at the St. Joseph YMCA. Making time for homework and relaxing takes time management skills, as athletes must schedule around meets and practices throughout the season. photo by Brett Sundet

The three phases of senior Brad Pratt during the school year: student, wrestler and cyclist. Pressure to excel in all areas often causes Pratt and many other athletes, a great deal of stress. This pressure is placed upon athletes by teachers, coaches, parents and themselves. first and second photo by Brian Kimes, third photo courtesy of Brad Pratt

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athletic pressures
"There is a large amount of pressure to always do better than the last time... I felt like I was never doing enough,"
-junior Kristin Orf

School, practice, work, homework. School, practice, work, homework. High school students are placed under pressure from many sources. When students participate in athletics that pressure increases.

For some, the pressure comes from having so much to do in so little time.

Senior Brad Pratt works, wrestles, races bikes and maintains good grades.

"I have something going on all year long. Bike racing is more spring and summer, while wrestling is in the winter," Pratt said.

"I don't work during the winter, there is just no time with wrestling. In the spring and summer I work, train on my bike and then do any homework I might have."

"I get really tired at times and it's hard to keep going, but I have to make myself continue," Pratt said.

For other student athletes the pressure comes from demands to always be the best.

"There is a large amount of pressure to always do better than the last time," junior Kristin Orf said.

"My freshman year I had a great track season. I had a fast time and was an alternate for State. The coaches came to expect that speed from me."

"But a person's body changes a lot between their freshman and sophomore year. I had to work twice as hard and I still lost five seconds off my time. The coaches kept saying 'Kristin did so well last year. She'll get her speed back.' But I didn't meet their expectations or mine. I felt I was never doing enough," Orf said.

From an overflowing schedule to the high expectations of coaches, student athletes are faced with pressures every day.

"Balancing everything has been hard, but it was worth. These experiences have taught me not to give up. I know I can accomplish anything I want," Pratt said.
by Rachael Gentzell

"I want to look back and feel good about high school. I want to know I always did my best."

Senior Billy Corder learned life, athletics and how to be who he wanted to be in high school.

"The biggest mistake was doing what everyone else wanted instead of finding what really made me happy," he said.

Coder was involved with wrestling, football, baseball and soccer. "Wrestling is definitely my favorite. You’re on that mat by yourself; it’s all you. There’s no one to blame mistakes on besides me. When I win, I’m the one that fought for it and earned it."

Coder believes everyone should have someone to admire, but is embarrassed at the thought of the younger guys looking to him.

"As a freshman you start out on the bottom, you look up to the older guys. You never feel like you can reach their level, but you can. I try to find true athletes to look up to. The people who work hard--always. Those who have a real love for their sports and are willing to do anything; that takes a special person. I don’t know if the younger guys look up to me, I don’t feel like a role model."

Improvement comes by learning from mistakes. Coder suggests listening to coaches and building on their advice.

"When you really want something and it’s important to you, you have to work hard. I’ve had to learn to put things behind me, learn from mistakes and do better," he said.

With success, Coder faced difficult decisions. He made a senior year switch from football to soccer as his best and worst memory of high school athletics.

"I felt like I betrayed the coaches when I quit football, the hardest thing I ever did was tell Coach Dudik I was quitting, but I found I really liked playing soccer.

"You go through so much and learn so many things in high school. I’ve changed so much, learned lessons that will help me always and learned a lot about myself through sports. I now know it takes real love and dedication to succeed."
Senior Billy Coder has participated in four of the 17 varsity sports offered, from the freshman level on up. Although he does not plan to continue with athletics in college, he admits high school sports taught him life long lessons. photo by Brian Kimes

Coder attempts to take down fellow wrestling team mate senior Andy Lord during an after school practice. The team practices on non-meet days in the basement of the freshman building. photo by Brian Kimes
Back 2 Back State Champs

Becky, Rachel, Becky, Sara, Kelly, Lacy & Stephanie
Remember..... nothing ventured, nothing gained, sometimes you've got to go against the grain. You can really give them something to talk about because we think they hear you knockin' and we know you're comin' in. Go for it always, it's just a walk in the park. Keep that Central spirit!

-Love-
Ryan, Tarih, Kim & Sabrena

Old friends, New friends, Forever friends.
WAKITAN-
Senior editors, junior staffers, photographers and MJH,
Thank you for living with our constant changes!
-Natalie, Ryan, and Jill

Bruce, Betsey, Liz and Hannah-
NLC, PR man, Ba bye, long days in airports, 5,6,7,8, tie breaking, dance decorating, bulletin board making, trips to the print shop and to buy dance decorations, morning announcements and much more. We’ve made memories to last a lifetime!

Tarih, Ryan, Kim, Sabrena-
Thanks for the great year and the memories.
Keep the Spirit Always-
MO

We love you Dave!

Congratulations "Slick Tools"

LAWYER,
DOCTOR, OR INDIAN CHIEF (CEO)

WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE, Brian... YOU'RE THE MAN!
Love you, Mom and Dad

That's our baby!

We love you Jenny, Mom, Dad, Chris, and Amy
Albert,
We are so proud of you and love you very much. You made it in spite of everything.
Love,
Mom and Dad

"Home is where the Heart is."
We love you Micah.
Dad, Mom
and Jeremy

Erika,
You light up our life. We love you and we are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad
Jenni,
From the first day to the last, there have been memories to last forever.
We Love You, Mom, Dad and Eric

Becca,
You are so special to us!
Love You!
Dad, Mom, Doug and Matt

My Son and best friend,
Good Luck!
Mom.

Congratulations, dear child and friend, to your talents there is no end. Whatever in life you might pursue, I know that blessings wait for you!
Love,
Mom
Alicia and Zach,
"Believe in Yourself as much as we believe in you."
We love you!
Your parents,
Don, Ann, Suzy and J.E.

Pat,
You've made us proud, partner.
Love,
Mom and Ron

Jennifer,
Good luck and congratulations.
Love you always,
Mom, Dad,
Grandma Shirley,
Grandpa Ralph
and Great Grandma Evelyn
(Look Who's Talking Now)

Jenny Kerns
Always have dreams.
Always try to make them a reality.
Always know we love you.

Love,
Mom, Patt, Zac and Claire
Break a leg, Philip with your every endeavor.

We're very proud of you Sonya. Love always, Mom, Dad, Mindi and Tairyn

We love you, but don't call collect. Lots of love, Mom, Dad, and Lindsay

Farewell to the last Denver at Central High School!

We've had 18 years, to get ready for this day. It's never easy...

LETTING GO. I am so proud of you! CON-GRATULATIONS! All my love, Mom
Thanks for the memories in creating this year's WAKITAN
Natalie, Ryan, Jill, Karen, Katie, Rachael, Paige, Liz, Audrey...
and senior photographers Shannon, Darci, Brian, Brett...
What a terrific crew!!!
my thanks,
MJH

Congratulations, Karen!

May your future hold as much happiness as you have given us. We are so proud of and love you so much!
Mom, Dad and Rebecca

Rachael Ann Gentzell
Here are two poems that express our feeling for you, Mildred!
I'm proud of you
I'm proud of you
I hope that you are proud as we are!
*a poem by Mr. F. Rogers
I love you little
I love you big
I love you like a little pig!
**a poem by Rachael Gentzell

Love,
Mom and Jason

Mike,
GOD BLESS AND GUIDE YOU AS YOU "FLY" INTO YOUR FUTURE.
I'm proud of you.
I love you.
Mom

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.
-Psalms 17 v.8
Congratulations, We're very proud of you. Best wishes for a fine future.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Family

Our joy to see Scott graduate from high school is height-
ened by the fact that on the night of Dec. 26, 1992 he came very close to losing his life due to a senseless stabbing. We're very proud of the strength and courage he had to pull through and to work his way back to participating in weight lifting, football and other sports along side his friends of many years.

The doctor told us that he must have a special purpose in this world to fulfill.

May the future be happy, healthy and safe.

Love, Dad and Mom

CONGRATULATIONS
WHITNEY
WE'RE PROUD
OF YOU!!!!
LOVE
MOM & DAD

The OUTLOOK was always bright for outstanding journalism with this year's staffs. Thanks and 30, MJH

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Katie, It seems like only yesterday . . . We're so proud of you. Congratulations!

Love, Mom and Dad

239 senior ads

vanity ads
Congratulations to the graduates of 1995 from the graduates of years past.

Joyce Piveral
Varsity Cheerleader,
4 years
Sheridan High School

Jim Wallerstedt
Best in Sports
CHS
1962

Sam "Nails" Carneal
Carnival King
Nebraska City
High School

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CHS
1970
The best things in the world are your friends. You turn to them in times of need. They'll see you through until the end. From your problems they set you free.

Friendship forms a special bond, though it can be a rocky ride. A friend doesn't judge you as right or wrong, and they'll never leave your side.

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Junior Staff
Front Row:
Jessica Dalley
Dana Leslie
Robbie Corder
Cheryl Bailey
Janey Crawford,
2nd Semester
Back Row:
Jada Kuschell
Summer Sander
Kate Koenig
Andrea Ferry
Charrayle Grayson
Not Pictured:
Rachel Richey

Colophon-
The 24 member WAKITAN Staff, with Mary Jo Hornaday as advisor, worked with Jostens/American Yearbook Company of Topeka, KS, to produce a 9x12 yearbook of 264 matte pages. Pat Bozak was our Josten's Representative. 1,325 copies of the 107 volume of the WAKITAN were run on the press. The yearbook was also accompanied by a 16 page spring supplement, distributed the following school year.

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Freshmen Cheerleaders

Boys Swimming
Varisty Wrestling

Junior Varsity Wrestling
First Row: Nathan Murphy, Brian Higgins, Chris Guthrie, Jeff Pearl, Geoff Overfelt, Jeff Falk, Ryan Aker, Chad Langdon, Andy Paullillo, Second Row: Scott Jordan, Haivan Mcgauty, Charlie Perkins, Jeremy Dale, Brad Blake, Paul Beeman, Jason McCracken, Aaron Adams.

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### Varsity Boys Basketball


### Varsity Girls Basketball


### Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Junior Varsity Girls Basketball

Sophomore Boys Basketball
First Row: James Benward, Eric Dickens, Chad Walsdref, Second Row: Anthony Smith, Jason Gentzler, Eric Hunter, Stacie McQuerry.

Freshman Girls Basketball
Floor: Joerita Crowley, Christi Martin, Cecily Clark, Tasha Clag, Second Row: Lindsay Walters, Jessica Nolan, Krista Harmon, Kelly McKinney, Lauren Roubideaux, Third Row: Jenni Poe, Amanda Matthews, Meredith Mason, Lindsey Perez, Tara Kelly, Tiffany Thier, Kylie Ailman.
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Freshman Boys Basketball "A Team"

Freshman Boys Basketball "B Team"
Living
ON CHANGE

The problem with life is that nothing stays the same.

Everything changes

Even so, change is the only thing we can count on.

Embrace change-- love it, seek it, buy Pepsi with it at 7:30 in the morning.

After all, tomorrow it will still be running your world and if you're lucky, still jangling in your pocket.

by Kate Koenig

Senior Lester Bass and sophomore Mica Henderson cheer from the stands during a home basketball game in the Main Gym. Students often had to take time out of their busy school nights if they wanted to see the basketball teams play. photo by Jill Wieneke
began as students entered a new schedule and new classes. From the moment the first bell rang they began living on change—whether it meant searching through their backpack for a quarter to call home or deciding which class period would come next.

Freshman were allowed the opportunity to split their interests as the honors program was opened to students who wished to take weighted classes in one or two specific areas.

When second semester rolled around, the year-long Biology I classes were eliminated and replaced with BioGate, a program developed by the Science Department Chairman. The girls tennis team brought home the first Conference title after Central joined the Suburban Seven Conference, a plan in the works since 1993? The Drama Department decided it was about time to bring back the talent show in a 'No Frills' fall production. The Nov. 8 election caused teachers, FTA members and other students alike to adorn their clothing with "Hancock hurts kids" buttons.

On the local level, Hancock II,
the amendment to the state constitution that would gravely affect the role of education in MO, was defeated. Riverboat gambling became a reality and even slot machines were installed in the new Frontier Casino at the west end of town. Nationally, politicians and civilians were shocked when the political majority in Congress shifted abruptly to the Republican side. Jan. 24 the nation sat with open ear as President Clinton spoke to a freshman class of Congress as well as the nation in his second State of the Union Address. From classes to Congress, students stepped through their days while living on change.

*by Ryan Koerner*
Juniors Bob Brown and Aaron Adams walk down jock hall toward the doors to the senior lot at the end of the day. Brown was lucky enough to be one of the few juniors drawn to receive an opportunity to buy a parking card in the senior lot. All underclassmen who were not drawn were forced to park on the street. photo by Jill Wieneke

Junior Andrea Prichett directs Varsity cheerleader junior Becky Lucas to friends after the Homecoming game against Park Hill. The cheerleaders distributed miniature basketballs, with a drug-free slogan, donated by Coca-Cola to the remaining crowd after the game ended. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Sophomore and guard on the Varsity basketball team tosses a ball to a forward as he moves down the court. Kimes became starter mid-season taking over much of the responsibility on the court when senior point guard and leading scorer Jeremy Foster went down with an ankle injury. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

Juniors Ben Schilling and Andrew Liles celebrate the basketball victory over Park Hill Jan. 27. The game, which came down only a three point lead in the fourth quarter, ended in a 57-52 win bringing Central to a 2-5 record in the newly joined Suburban Seven Conference. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson
When you wake up, look in the mirror. Are you the same as you were yesterday, or even two years ago? Looks, like life, never stay the same. Change is all around you. The leaves on Ashland turned brown as you sat through the beginning of 9:30am pep assemblies.

Accept change. Keep it handy in the ashtray of your car— you never know when a little extra may make all the difference.