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LAUGH-IN.
Language Arts teachers Joanne Anderson and Myra Reisinger share a laugh at the faculty retreat on the Thursday before school started. Anderson and Reisinger were the program leaders that day. *photo by Mary Jo Hornaday*

FRESH FACE.
Principal Dr. Bart Albright had his hands full getting familiar with his new school. He was a vice-principal at Benton High School before coming to Central to take over after Principal Sam Carneal retired. *photo by Ashley Summers*

MIRROR IMAGE.
Freshman Jordan Smith draws a self-portrait in Art Concepts. This class gave students a sampling of all art media offered as electives. *photo by Zach Zillner*

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Everywhere students turned they were faced with new policies

ONCE THE MORNING BELL RANG, STUDENTS ANTICIPATED

and regulations. A stricter advisement period was enforced to

THE ENDING OF SCHOOL, STUDENTS SAT TOGETHER

make the class more effective and to benefit students with time

PLANNING OUT THEIR WEEKENDS, WHETHER IT WAS

to organize for pending tests. Some struggled to get by on the

DECIDING WHEN TO LEAVE FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME OR

allotted one sick day to avoid the pressures of finals. The new

WHAT TIME TENNIS MATCHES STARTED, STUDENTS SUP.

smoking contract forced some to kick the habit of smoking as

PORTED THEIR SCHOOL, INDIAN PRIDE WAS SEEN

opposed to paying a fine and being suspended from school.

CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT HOMECOMING WEEKS

Students learned to face the music and abide by the rules. For

AND PEP RALLIES, STUDENTS WORE INDIAN APPAREL

the first time, the student body voted for Homecoming king.
CRAM TIME.
Seniors Alicia Ross, Kyle Clower and Natalie Stevens study for their first physics test. Seniors felt it was important to do well academically. (photo by Ann Marie Brooks)

SHOWING OFF.
Juniors Jaclyn Patterson, Tiffany Burns, Jennifer Hibler and senior Lacy Brittingham provide entertainment for the guests at the Airshow. The show was held in August at the Rosecrans Memorial Airport. (photo by Derek Davis)

TAKING NOTES.
Seniors Jean Yu, Lee Gilgour and Sandeep Hindupur look at slides of layout examples projected on the wall. The group went to the KU Journalism camp in June. The camp provided the editors with new ideas for the Outlook. (photo by Mary Jo Hornaday)
HIS MAJESTY.
Senior Holly Chinnery crowns first Homecoming King Garret Hart at the coronation assembly. Maid of Honor Tia Meredith Prince Zach Zillner look on as the crown is placed on his head. Phyllis Brooks

TAking TIME.
Juniors Amy Pittman and Valerie Valencia talk at Young Life. Young Life gave students a chance to socialize with friends and take an hour to relax from daily schoolwork. photo by Zach Zillner
As students turned the corner towards the new year, they were met

TO SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT. ONCE THE 2:40 BELL RANG,

with a new and unfamiliar face, as the new principal introduced

STUDENTS SCATTERED FROM THE BUILDING TO

himself on the Channel One announcements. Drivers came upon a

ATTEND TO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. JUNIORS

traffic problem which forced them to find new routes to school due

AND SENIORS TIGHTENED THEIR SCHEDULES TO MAKE

to the road construction between the Belt and Frederick Boulevard.

ROOM FOR FULL TIME JOBS, WHILE OTHERS TOOK TO THE

Students dealt with a shorter Christmas break which left many with

PRACTICE FIELDS TO PREPARE FOR THEIR NEXT OPPONENT.

fewer days to recuperate from an exhausting first semester. Seniors

WHETHER IT WAS THROUGH LECTURES, DEBATES, SPORTS

spent months making college decisions and finding extra time to fill

OR JOBS EVERYONE CAME FACE TO FACE WITH LIFE...

out applications while still fighting to keep their class rank high.
After a summer of camps, the Atlanta Olympics, sand volleyball
games and sleeping in, students reluctantly returned to school where
they were enveloped by the smell of fresh paint and greeted by the fresh
face of the new principal, Dr. Albright. When time was up, the 2:40 bell
turned students loose to their outside lives. Weeknight schedules
brimmed over with jobs, sports practices, study groups and club
meetings. Working students received larger paychecks as minimum
wage went up from $4.25 to $4.75. Weekends found students visiting
downtown coffee shops or just hanging out at home with friends.
TELL A STORY.
Freshman Amy Brychta reads her writing to sophomores Laura Good and Taylor Miller. Members of the Creative Writing Club met at Hazel's Coffee Shop to relax and compare stories. photo by Ashley Summers
Showing It Off

For whatever the reasons, Cody Eggers strutted his stuff in his own kind of way: rollerblading.

by Sara Cates

Landing a perfect flip in front of 140 people in a national rollerblading competition was not something that most students did, but sophomore Cody Eggers tumbled, turned and twisted for the sport he loved.

"The main reason I like to rollerblade is because it impresses chicks. Tricks give you a rush also," sophomore Cody Eggers said.

When Eggers got to go for his chance at a national competition, it turned out differently than anyone may have thought.

"The NISS Tournament was in Venice Beach, California. About 140 people competed, amateur and professional. As a kid from St. Joseph and the Midwest, it was surprising I got twenty-third. By doing well, I might have earned a sponsor, Cryptonics Wheel Company, and they'll pay my entrance fee of $85 to other national NISS competition," Eggers said.

Paying the $85 for an entrance fee is small compared to all the money Eggers pays for top quality equipment.

"The skates with all the added features or the ones built for tricks, and that can take a lot of damage usually cost around $300. Padding can go anywhere from $30 to $100 for just a pair of knee pads," Eggers said.

Even with all the money spent and all the falls taken, Eggers still finds reasons that prove he will always love the sport.

"I love to do different flips off the ramps. My friend has ramps in his driveway and that's where I go. People drive by and sometimes almost get in car wrecks looking at me, watching me, and wondering what I'm doing. I guess the best way to put it is that I love to do this, just mainly to show-off," Eggers said.
FLIP OUT.
A flip off of a ramp takes timing and hours of practice. Sophomore Cody Eggers performed stunts like these in competitions. *photo by Ashley Summers*

ROLLERBLADING TERMS

- Backslide: a royal on one foot with the other held in your hand
- Bio: a flip done off a ramp with 1 and a half turns at a horizontal angle
- Grinds: any trick done while going down a railing or curb
- Mistiflip: flip done off a ramp with a half-twist
- NISS: National In-line Skate Service
- Royal: sliding down a rail or curb on the side of feet, while feet are slanted to the left
- Soul: a skate is hooked on the side of the wheel to a railing or curb and slide down like any of the others
- Trick: any kind of thing done on rollerblades (flip, grinds, etc.)
- Unity: sliding down a railing or curb with legs crossed in an X

GET READY.
Warming up before doing stunts, is important for sophomore Cody Eggers. He practiced every other day. *photo by Ashley Summers*

GRIND IT UP.
Sophomore Cody Eggers performs a grind. He placed 23rd in a national competition. *photo by Ashley Summers*
UNWIND.
Sophomores Hillary Linneweh, Sara Beth Meyers and Lydia Kessler laugh together at Hazel's. Like many other students, they found it a place to relax and enjoy each other's company.  

photo by Ashley Summers

COFFEEHOUSE

DRINKS

✓ Almond
✓ Amaretto
✓ Apple Pie
✓ Mocha Latte
✓ Borgia Latte: orange-chocolate
✓ Chocolate Monkey: banana-chocolate
✓ Almond Joy: coconut-almond chocolate
✓ Cherry Mash
✓ Irish Cream
✓ Hazelnut
✓ Butternut
✓ Vanilla
✓ Irish Sodas:
✓ Raspberry
✓ Strawberry
✓ Banana
✓ Peach
✓ Blueberry
✓ Blackberry
✓ Orange

10 Student Life
Mocha Mix

For studying, talking, or just playing games, coffeehouses were great for all.

by Ashley Taylor

Their relaxing atmosphere provided enticing smells, friendly camaraderie, and the opportunity to step back from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Coffeehouses seemed to be making a comeback locally. The java rage hit sophomore Sara Beth Myers, who enjoyed going with her family and friends to Hazel's, a small shop located downtown.

"The first time I went to Hazel's my father took me...that's why I associate coffee with comfort."

"The first time I went to Hazel’s my father took me. I had had a really bad day. I talked and he listened, offering very helpful advice, like fathers do. I suppose that's why I associate coffee with comfort," sophomore Sara Beth Myers said.

When Myers and friends went to Hazel's they studied, socialized, and occasionally played Jenga to unwind.

"We talk about life situations, offer advice; and many times we ponder on philosophy. I guess we are looking for answers. Sometimes we play Jenga, but it's very prudent to

Myers felt she could tell all to her friends when she was truly relaxed.

"Hazel's friendly atmosphere allows you to feel enough at ease that you can confide in your friends your deepest secrets," Myers said.

Whether it be for fun or serious talking, Myers and friends enjoyed as well as looked forward to going to Hazel's.

"Sometimes if we are in the right mood we get down and dance to the music, but sometimes we are more mellow and just talk," Myers said.
Bound To Win

Going just for fun or to get closer to God, summer camps were great fun.

by Ashley Taylor

The ritual camp song, "Kumbaya," sung with actions, 40 times through; cold disgusting cafeteria food green from its three week shelf life; and the ultra-sensitive counselor who is partial to the rules and staying within the lines and boundaries. These are typical when reflecting on a camp experience.

"I developed a closer relationship with God while having the greatest time"

Not so for junior Katie Brunker and several other campers who attended the Kanakuk and Kanakomo camps rooted deep in the heart of South Missouri. When they drove down the long winding paths through the hills of the Ozarks they found something exciting and unexpected.

"I was greeted with a great big sign which yelled out for my attention. 'BOUND TO WIN' it shouted," Brunker said.

This was the chosen theme for the summer's activities; its purpose was to encourage campers that they were "bound to win" with Christ.

"The two week camp experience started from the moment I entered the gates. I was welcomed by motivated counselors who were ready to have some fun. I shared a cabin with 11 other girls who were soon to become my lifelong correspondents. During the course of my week, I specialized in the training of a triathalete, which meant I was swimming, running and biking. I preferred swimming to all the other activities. Parties ended our day with a ton of dancing, singing and laughs," Brunker said.

To Brunker, camp meant a combination of fun and life long lessons.

"I made many irreplaceable friends, and learned lots of valuable lessons. Camp gave me the chance to develop a closer relationship with God, all while having the time of my life," Brunker said.
COOLING OFF.
Seniors Ann Marie Brooks, Kristin Heater and Jean Yu cool off in a fountain at KU, while Laura McEnaney looks on. They attended journalism camp to improve the school's publications. photo by Mary Jo Hornaday

SUMMER CAMPS

✓ MU Basketball Camp
✓ KU Basketball Camp
✓ Nebraska Football Camp
✓ Pittsburg State Football Camp
✓ Young Life Camp
✓ Kanakuk Camp
✓ Kanakomo Camp
✓ Nebraska Basketball Camp
✓ KU Journalism Camp
✓ Leadership Camp
✓ KU Tennis Camp
✓ Camp Gilead
✓ Cramer Athletic Training Camp
✓ Broken Barriers
✓ Fine Arts Camp
✓ Boys State

ROAST 'EM.
Junior Katie Brunker roasts marshmallows at the Kanakuk summer camp. Brunker has attended this camp for four years. photo courtesy of Katie Brunker

SHAPE UP.
Junior Joeritta Crowley, Jamie Ray, and seniors Les Van Dellen, Laura Lord, Jason Millenbruch, and Melissa Mattson on an obstacle course. photo courtesy of R.O.T.C. department
RESULTS.
Seniors Neda Varga, Lizzie Nelson, Elizabeth Pierce, Rachel Kerford and Haley Chapnick talk about the results of their assignments. The group told each other everything that went on in their lives. *photo by Ashley Summers*

PLACES TO HANG OUT

- Winstead's
- Perkin's
- Applebee's
- Country Kitchen
- Taco John's
- Bowling Alleys
- Movie Theatres
- Hastig's
- East Hills Mall
- On the Belt Highway
- Kansas City
- Concerts
- Any unchaperoned house
Never Let Go

A group of friends formed a support system which they hoped would last for their entire lives.

By Elizabeth Westrich

Early in the morning or after school a group of friends could be seen in front of the main office. They huddled around their lockers while they laughed and talked.

"To me, it's like they are my best friends," senior Rachel Kerford said.

Six seniors Lizzie Nelson, Neda Vargha, Lydia Truxal, Elizabeth Pierce, Hayley Chapnick, and Rachel Kerford were a diverse group who overcame differences to become friends.

"Lizzie and I were friends first, then we brought the others together. Once we were together that was it," Kerford said.

Kerford and Nelson were credited with pulling the group together. They met at Bode and grew together over the years.

"My friends were a support group for me. They cheered me up when I was sad and helped me out when I needed it," Kerford said.

Over the years the group developed a support system. When one participated in a recital or cross country meet, they all went and gave encouragement.

"It's just kind of fun being with my friends. Some of our favorite activities included eating at Winstead's and shopping. It's difficult for the other-

"It's sad to know that I won't be able to call them up ... and ask if they want to go to a movie."

Chapnick, and Rachel Kerford were a diverse group who overcame differences to become friends.

One tradition started when Pierce got her car.

"We drove around looking for bumps. During the year, we jumped in a car and searched for them," Kerford said.

Going to college would be hard and meeting new friends too.

"It was very sad to know that I won't be able to just call them up on the phone and ask if they wanted to go to a movie. It will be very difficult and hard to get used to," Kerford said.
Get to Know
Him

Dr. Bart Albright revealed his outlook on education, students and life.

By Elizabeth Westrich

The big brick lined halls, three large buildings, 1600 students, and the one man who found himself in charge of it all. Even with all the nervousness and worrying that went on, Dr. Bart Albright found the students to be welcoming.

"I found students to be friendly, open, and interested in education," Albright said.

Albright has always enjoyed the field of education and believed it was a challenge.

"I found students to be friendly, open and interested in education."

"I look upon education as though it were a giant experiment that always unfolds and leads to new discoveries about education and life," Albright said.

Within his career, Albright has seen many situations in which a student was neglected. "As an educator, I try to step in and make up for the emotional emptiness in a student's life," Albright said.

He revealed one instance at Benton in which a student displayed the need for friendship. As an administrator, Albright loaned him lunch money and was there for him in good as well as bad times.

"We became good friends," Albright said.

He was described as a man who wanted to help others and never gave up on students. "I'm the eternal optimist. You can never give up on any student," Albright said.

He felt everyone wanted to succeed, some students just had more obstacles to overcome than others.

"A person who fails today, could be a success tomorrow," Albright said.

He felt his personal faith helped him strive for greatness and was the driving force in his life.

"My goal for Central is to make it a better place," Albright said.
INFO FACTS
ON
DR. ALBRIGHT

✓ Dr. Barton Albright grew up with five brothers and sisters
✓ He was the first in his family to attend college
✓ Albright attended Baker University
✓ At Baker, he was in choir, band and played sports
✓ Albright began his career in the Shawnee Mission district
✓ He has held administrative positions in Kansas, Colorado, and Missouri schools
✓ He enjoys gardening, cooking, old movies, opera and the Chiefs

FIRST YEAR.
Reviewing messages after a meeting was what principal Barton Albright did. He attended many meetings to prepare for his first year. photo by Ashley Summers

ON THE JOB.
Principal Barton Albright makes copies in the main office. He has worked to learn the daily operations at Central. photo by Ashley Summers

PREPARING.
Principal Barton Albright applauds faculty members who finish a presentation. Faculty attended a retreat to prepare for the upcoming school year. photo by Mary Jo Hornaday

new principal 17
Thrift shopping gave Annie Beeman a way to fit her style with her budget.

by Sara Cates

Different. Old. One of a kind. Cheap. These are clothes bought at thrift stores. Thrift shopping was one thing that gave senior Annie Beeman a way to show her style and do it inexpensively.

“I first started thrift shopping because I had very little money to spend. As I got into it, the clothes I bought gave me a style. I knew no one would have the same thing as me, because thrift searched for. As often as Beeman went shopping it still took work for her to find the right clothes.

“You have to be really patient, look through every rack, try on every shirt or pair of jeans. These clothes were shaped for other people’s bodies and now you’re trying to wear them. Also, sometimes you’ll find lots of clothes, and other times you won’t find a

"I think that it's a great way to get a bunch of clothes that are new to you, for cheap,"

stores hardly ever have two of the same thing," Beeman said.

Not only did Beeman have to locate the stores, but they had to fit her taste. Good stores were hard to find.

“I started out just looking in the phone book, then I started listening for word of mouth about different places. But for me the best way is the places I happen to come upon. That’s usually where I find the best stuff," Beeman said.

Thrift shopping took patience. Good clothes had to be thing," Beeman said.

As much as Beeman loved to thrift shop, lots of other people thought thrift shopping was disgusting or wrong in some way.

“A lot of people think that thrifting is dirty. These are clothes that other people have worn, and then you’re buying them. People think it’s kind of gross. Also, people think that if you go thrifting, that means you’re poor. I just think that it’s a great way to get a bunch of clothes that are new to you, for cheap," Beeman said.
PLACES TO THRIFT SHOP

- Dorkus: 719 Francis; Wed.-Fri. 10-3
- Second Season: 702 Messanie; Mon.-Fri. 10-4 and Sat. 10-2
- Goodwill: 3615 Faroan; Mon.-Sat. 9-9 and Sun. 12-5
- St. Vincent de Paul: 1722 Commercial; Mon.-Sun. 9:30-4:30
- Tossed and Found: At the Civic Arena; once a year in the Fall
- Salvation Army: 810 N 22nd; Mon.-Sun. 9-5
- Budget Basement: 1619 Mitchell; Tue.-Fri. - 10-5 and Sat. 10-4
- Fashion II: 300 S Belt Highway; Tue.-Fri. 10-5 and Sat. 10-4
- Jean Queen: 718 Francis; Mon.-Sat. 9-5
- Garage Sales: any place around the city; look in newspapers
- Charlie's Bargains: 513 S 6th; Mon.-Fri. 9-4:30 and Sat. 9-4

CHEAP PRICES.
Senior Annie Beeman looks at clothes at Second Season. She used thrifting to find cheap, one-of-a-kind clothes. photo by Derek Davis

STYLISH.
Sophomore Jessa Ericson goes through racks at The Goodwill. Ericson found that thrift stores fit her style. photo by Derek Davis

PLACES TO GO.
Seniors Andrea Schieber, Amanda Kent and Melanie Athens shop at Salvation Army. It was a place they went thrifting. photo by Laura McEnaney
DAY TO DAY.
Junior Abby Quinn puts information into a computer while volunteering. She enjoyed volunteering because "It shows me what life is like day to day in a hospital."  

photo by Ashley Summers

PLACES TO VOLUNTEER

✓ Heartland Hospital East:
  ✓ Emergency Room: help nurses
  ✓ Radiology: help file x-rays
  ✓ Nursing Floors: help patients
  ✓ Escort: transport patients
  ✓ Health Information Services: help with filing and patient records
✓ Food Kitchen: help with passing out food
✓ Krug Park: collect money at lights display during Christmas

WORKING O.B.
Junior Abby Quinn puts a new patient’s chart together. Quinn volunteered on Saturday afternoons in the Obstetrics unit at Heartland.
photo by Ashley Summers

WARM WRAPS.
Junior Jennifer Haasis stocks blankets in the warmer at Heartland Hospital. The blankets are taken to new mothers by volunteers such as Haasis.
photo by Ashley Summers

20 Student Life
An Emotional Job

Even though the break was shortened, Haasis still found time to help others.

by Tommy Alderson

When the Christmas break rolled around, many students looked forward to a long awaited vacation. Sleeping, hanging out and having fun were on some students' lists, but junior Jennifer Haasis found herself volunteering at Heartland East Hospital.

"I have been volunteering for the past two years. This was the first time I was given the six hour week. During this time, she was around many people who were sick, which allowed her to see into herself.

"By working here, I have came to appreciate life more. I am thankful that I am not in the hospital due to illness," Haasis said.

On past Christmases, Haasis had always seen the Christmas spirit to be one of receiving,

"...I have come to appreciate life more. I am thankful that I am not in the hospital due to illness,"

opportunity to help over the holidays," Haasis said.

After she agreed to work over Christmas, she doubted herself on that decision. Since break was shortened to only 10 days, she wondered if she would have time for everything.

"I figured that volunteering over Christmas would not allow me to sleep late, which is what I wanted to do. However, I found myself getting up early anyway," Haasis said.

Over the break, she worked a rather than that of giving. After volunteering over the break, her view of the true Christmas spirit changed.

"When I was young, I was always thinking me, me, me. Since this Christmas, I find myself trying to find ways in which I can help others who might not be able to help themselves," Haasis said.

Once Christmas came around, Haasis gave out different types of gifts.

"To patients, I give them gifts of caring," Haasis said.

Short Christmas break
Shape It Up

Burning calories and getting in shape is what LaCrisa Downey did in her free time.

by Jason Haynes

As the school day ended, most students used the free time to relax; to get away from the stresses of school. When the 2:40 bell rang freshman LaCrisa Downey knew the day was only half over, as she didn’t go home to relax, but went to work out. Downey has been busy ever since she can remember.

“I have been busy since second grade. When I was three, I started dance down at the Dance Arts Center. In second grade I started track as well as basketball and still kept doing dance. In middle school I joined the cross country team and the cheerleading squad,” Downey said.

Downey kept on adding things to her already busy schedule without taking anything off. She did not quit anything she started.

“It’s not that I don’t want to quit some of my activities, I just can’t… it’s addicting. Also, I love to try new things, especially if it’s really fun,” Downey said.

Downey was often so pre-occupied, she forgot to do everyday activities.

“Sometimes I get so busy I forget to eat dinner and don’t start on my homework until 11. But that comes with exercising 20 hours a week,” Downey said.

Over the summer, Downey’s family received a free membership at the YMCA. Not wanting to waste it, Downey went there to swim. By limiting her time for other activities, she made time for it. Since she started high school Downey started aerobic and power stepping classes which she attended three times a week.

“The best part about being physically active is that it keeps me in shape, it gives me more energy to do other things. It boosts my self-esteem knowing that I have accomplished something,” Downey said.
EXERCISING FACTS

- Health experts recommend at least 20 minutes of exercise three to five times per week.
- Percentages of body fat for young men are between five and 20. Percentages of body fat for young women should be 12 to 30.
- Exercise strengthens a person both physically and mentally.
- Exercise enables the body to withstand stresses that otherwise could cause physical and mental problems.
- Vigorous exercise strengthens muscles and improves the function of the circulatory and respiratory systems.

KEEPING UP.
Junior Amy Pittman runs on a treadmill at the YMCA. Working out and staying in shape were important for her to be able keep up with all her activities. photo by Derek Davis

PACK LEADER.
Freshman LaCrisa Downey leads the freshman race. Running is one of many activities she participated in as a form of exercise. photo by Nick Sundet.

IN SHAPE.
Senior Holly Chinnery works on the lat pull exercise at the YMCA. Keeping in shape was essential for her to perform as a cheerleader. photo by Derek Davis
ON THE ROAD.
Senior Fred Grier and his partner Wendy Kirtley pass the time on their way to the next tour location. Grier often spent around eight hours a day going from place to place. photo by Erika Strasser

YOUTH GROUPS

✓ New Generation Singers: meets at Ashland Methodist Church at 6 p.m. on Sundays. They go on tours during the summer as a choir to places like Canada and the East Coast.

✓ Young Life: meets at Brookdale Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Goes to camps in Colorado, Minnesota and North Carolina in the summers.

✓ Dunamis: meets at Caring First Assembly Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Goes on Mission Trips during the summer to places like Cuba and Russia.

FEEL THE LOVE.
Senior Shawn Gann and junior Travis Allen sing at Young Life. Young Life is a youth group where kids go to have fun and learn about God. photo by Zach Zillner

TIME TO RELAX.
Senior Fred Grier and fellow New Gs member Jon Rhoad sing in a talent show. On tours the group got some nights off to relax and have fun. photo by Erika Strasser
A Choir for God

New Gs gave senior Fred Grier a new outlook on God's word.

by Sara Cates

Traveling to different places, singing God's word, or just hanging out with the group are experiences senior Fred Grier has had through New Generation Singers. Although New Generation is mostly thought of as a choir, it was really a type of youth group.

"New Gs is really a youth group that just happens to enjoy singing. We're not really considered a choir, we just want National Park and the views we saw were absolutely breathtaking," Grier said.

New Generation Singers gave people different things. Out of Grier's three years with this group, one thing he got was a new set of friends.

"My favorite part of New Gs has to be the people in it. Not just the other singers and members, but the sponsors as well. They are all really friendly.

"Through New Gs I've really been able to witness God's work and how it affects people's lives," so we always get along great and that makes it really fun for all of us," Grier said.

And besides those new friends, the group has influenced Grier's life. From the way he lives to the things he believes, Grier credited part of it to that organization.

"Through New Gs I've really been able to witness God's work and how it affects people's lives. I never used to have the strength to really believe everything about God, but New Gs is one of the things that has given me that strength," Grier said.
Just Say ‘Call Me’

Cellular phones gave senior Christy Honeycutt a way to stay in touch and still keep going.

by Sara Cates

Staying out late, not coming home after school, going to a friend’s house, or even just going for a drive, students got their share of independence by never being home. Students found ways to get around this problem of never being home. Senior Christy Honeycutt found her own way—by having a cellular phone.

"...when it rings at a restaurant or in the mall. People look at me like I’m strange..."

"I run around all the time so my friends could never talk to me and my parents got worried about me always being gone at night. So, we figured a phone would be the best choice. They can get in touch with me and I can get in touch with them," Honeycutt said.

For Honeycutt, having a cellular phone brought annoyance as well as the help.

"A phone is really expensive. I use around 1,000 minutes a month, which comes to about $80 a month. Even though my parents pay for it, the money still causes a lot of headaches. Also, my parents can find me in places that I don’t really want them to find me. I can’t ignore the phone when it rings because it might be important,” Honeycutt said.

Cellular phones are not usually something owned by students and Honeycutt gets her share of looks when she pulls out her phone.

"It gets embarrassing when it rings at a restaurant or in the mall. People look at me like I’m strange. Plus, people at school have taken to calling me ‘yuppie,’” Honeycutt said.

Honeycutt did not think she could get by without a phone and would recommend getting one to anyone with a busy schedule.

"Having a cellular phone has made life easier. I’ve had fewer fights with my parents over where I go and what I do. Also, I feel a lot safer driving at night with it in my car. So, as much as it costs, it is still a really good thing to have, and it saves a lot of time,” Honeycutt said.
CONNECTED.
Junior Jaclyn Patterson talks with her friend on her cellular phone. Patterson found her phone helped her stay connected with her friends at all time. *photo by Zach Zilner*

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE

- Average cost for a cellular phone: $150 for the phone itself, $50 for activation, and $23.50 per month plus 32¢ for every minute during peak time.
- Peak Time: any time between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday-Friday, costs around 32¢ per minute.
- Off Peak Time: every night after 8 p.m. and all weekends, calls are free during this time.
- Average cost for a pager: $80-$110 for the pager itself, $10 for activation, and then around $8 per month for the service.
- Cost to rent a pager: $40 initial fee (phone and activation), and $14 per month to keep the phone and service.

EASY LIFE.
*Senior Christy Honeycutt* chats with friends on her cellular phone. She got her phone to make life easier. *photo by Zach Zilner*

BEEPER BOY.
Junior Jerry Hoffman checks his pager for messages. Like other students, he found a pager useful. *photo by Zach Zilner*
LEND A HAND.
Senior Pete Rippey works the voting polls during the ‘96 Presidential Elections. Rippey, as well as other students, spent the day out of classes to help with working at different precincts around town. 

photo by Nick Sundet

Presidential Election

‘96: the issues

CLINTON

TAXES
Social policy, Advocating credits for college tuition, urban investment, and home buying.

DOLE

Supply-siders, 15% across-the-board tax cut, a 50% capital gains cut, a $500 per child tax credit.

TOBACCO
Supported the FDA’s regulation of tobacco, restrictions on cigarette advertising, and a campaign to curb teenage smoking.

Opposes the FDA’s regulation of tobacco and all other restrictions on tobacco.

WORKING DAYS.
Among students that had the chance to work at the polls were seniors Kristin Heater and Eric Runde. These students will have the chance to work again in the future.

photo by Nick Sundet

FIRST THRILL.
Senior Amy Hoge waits in line to receive her voting ballot. Seniors who turned 18 before Nov. 5 had the opportunity to vote for the first time.

photo by Nick Sundet
Whose Issues Win
First time voters looked for help in many places, from their parents and the media.

by Bryan Gower

It was Tuesday, Nov. 5. Senior Amie Hoge stepped up and received her first ballot. She walked into the voting booth and made her selections.

"It was exciting. I was thrilled about turning 18 because it meant that I would be able to vote," Hoge said.

Many first time voters were excited and proud when they were handed the ballot, although some young voters were nervous.

"I was kind of nervous. I kind of knew what to do, but my mom was there to help me. I thought the ballot was really long," Hoge said.

For young voters, their parents had some kind of influence on the way they voted. Some went their own way and did some research on the candidates.

"My parents and I talked a lot at home around dinner time. It gave me a view for both sides which helped me make my decision for what side to vote for. I also went to a panel discussion at Missouri Western which helped," Hoge said.

Voters are turned or swayed to a candidate by remarks the candidates make. Some voters need more than just a statement on reform. Some need strong points on why one is the right candidate for the position. Voters made decisions based on remarks candidates made during their campaigns.

"It was exciting. I was thrilled about turning 18 because it meant that I was able to vote."
Imagine saying good-bye to everything familiar and known. … getting on a plane, wondering what the new people and places would be like. … seeing and living new sights and experiences daily. These are things senior Alexia Tsomplektsis experienced when she came to America as a foreign exchange student.

“I really wanted to do this so Tsomplektsis said. But no matter how different things got for her, Tsomplektsis still had a great time doing things with her new friends and her host family, the Nelsons.

“I've done quite a lot since I've been in America. I've gone to Kansas City, to places like the Hibachi, and I even saw Smashing Pumpkins and Rusted Root in concert there too. We also went to the Renaissance Festival. I've never been to anything like that before,” Tsomplektsis said.

Since Tsomplektsis was only scheduled to stay in America until January, she hoped to make the best out of the rest of her stay.

“I think in the beginning it was really hard. I didn’t know anyone or anything about living here. But now I’ve got a group of good friends that I’ve had a lot of fun with and I hope to make the most out of my last month here by just having fun with my friends,” Tsomplektsis said.

"... I wanted to do this so I could see what another lifestyle was like and live in another culture..."
WHAT AN ART.
Senior Alexia Tsomplektsis sketches a picture for an art class.
She was in the U.S. for only a semester, but still have time to make friends and learn something about living here.
photo by Nick Sundet

HOW TO BE A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

✓ apply at the NACEL organization for initial information
✓ attend a meeting between parents and student
✓ submit grades, essays, forms, background information and goals
✓ complete and submit second set of forms
✓ attend a preparation and problem solving meeting between all foreign exchange students going to the same country
✓ fly to the destination and experience the chance of a lifetime

DIFFERENCES.
Senior Alexia Tsomplektsis studies for one of her classes.
Tsomplektis adjusted to the differences between school here and at home. photo by Nick Sundet

PICTURE THIS.
Senior Elina Hakkerainen works on negatives for photography.
She was able to take classes not offered in Finland like journalism and photography.
photo by Nick Sundet
AN APPLE A DAY.
Senior Adam McClure eats an apple during class. McClure brought an apple to school every day in his lunch.

photo by Ashley Summers

FACTS ABOUT DIETING
✓ to join a weight loss organization (like Weight Watchers, etc...) a person must be 16 years old and be at least 25-30 pounds overweight.
✓ No person should ever lose more than 2 pounds a week.
✓ Everyone should drink at least 8 glasses (64 oz.) of water a day.
✓ To figure the number needed of calories per day: take weight x 100 = desired amount of calories per day.
✓ At the point when a person begins to eat again after starving themselves, all the weight they have lost comes back.

HUNGER PAINS.
Senior Jennifer Thompson drinks water for her lunch in the cafeteria. Many students decided to skip lunch during the day while on diets. photo by Ashley Summers

WILLPOWER.
Seniors Holly Allen talked to friends at lunch in the cafeteria. Allen often watched her friends eat while she was on a diet. photo by Ashley Summers
War Against Fat

Insecurities come with being a teenager and senior Holly Allen changed one through her weight.

by Sara Cates

Everyone, no matter how much they lied, had at least one thing that they would like to change about themselves. The one thing that senior Holly Allen wanted to change was her weight.

"I wanted to go on a diet so I would look better on the outside. But deep down I also wanted it as something for myself," Allen said.

For Allen, going on a diet was like a ritual. She would get off one diet, gain the weight back, and then get back on another diet and try again.

"I've been on a serious diet three times because it seems like every time I get off one I gain the weight back. At first I went on a diet where I hardly ate anything, maybe two or three pieces of bread and some carrots but that was it, that was all I would eat all day long. Now I just watch what I eat. Nothing with fat in it, no fast food, just lots of vegetables, fruit and things like that. So far though, this is the only one that has really worked," Allen said.

Just like anyone else, Allen had problems staying on a diet, but after all the different things she tried, she thought she had finally found a way to stay on one.

"For myself, I just keep thinking and telling myself that if I get off this diet, I'll get fat. I know it seems really bad to think, but it's really the only way I seem to be able to stay on my diet and actually lose the weight that I want to," Allen said.

Maintaining a proper weight is a good idea for everyone, and for Allen it helped her feel better in a really big way.

"Losing weight has really helped me to feel a lot better about myself, and look better too. Out of anything losing weight could have done for me, I'm really glad it helped me feel better about myself and my appearance," Allen said.
Get It To GO

Busy students found fast food cheaper and faster than going to a restaurant or cooking.

by Melissa Morgan

She closed her book and was ready for a break from homework. With only a short time to rest she contemplated making something to eat or going through the drive thru at Burger King. Once again she decided to go the fast food route. With full honors classes junior Hilary Smith found little time to eat, making fast food restaurants more convenient. It was common for students like Smith to rely on the speed of the fast food restaurants to enable them to grab a quick bite.

“My junior year has given me a lot of homework. I also have a lot more responsibility around the house now that I’m older. Grabbing something from the drive thru that I can just eat in the car allows me more time to get things done,” Smith said.

Smith found when her mom did not feel like cooking, fast food was better than cooking herself. She especially enjoyed Thursdays at Burger King, better known as Whopper Day. Smith thought the fast food restaurants came in useful during the week when she was swamped with homework. However, she found that fast food came in most handy on the weekends.

“My mom really doesn’t like to cook on the weekends so most of the time I don’t eat dinner before I go out. However it seems like every night I go out someone inevitably gets hungry so we always stop somewhere to get a bite to eat,” Smith said.

Smith and her friends found the drive thru better when they were in a hurry to get somewhere. When they did have more time they still chose fast food over a sit down restaurant because it was cheaper and it did not require leaving a tip.

“For me, eating fast food on the weekends gives me a chance to sit down and relax with my friends while I eat my fries,” Smith said.
### FAST CASH.
Junior Mary McMurray works at the cash register at Fazoli's. Many students work at fast food restaurants to earn extra money. *photo by Zach Zillner*

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### FRY TIME.
Juniors Hilary Smith and Hayley Thomas grab a bite to eat. Students found eating fast food gave them more time for other things. *photo by Zach Zillner*

### QUICK BITE.
Junior Eric Hopp takes a bite while junior Blake Roth and freshman Emily Kiburz talk. Students visited with friends at restaurants. *photo by Zach Zillner*
APPEARANCES.
Sophomore Tiffany Barmann talks to junior Cara Kropp between classes. Barmann dyed her hair several times to change her appearance. *photo by Derek Davis*

☐ WAYS TO CHANGE APPEARANCES

☐ Dyeing hair: any color possible; blond, red, blue, purple, brown, black, etc... Can be done at home or at a salon. salon dyeing, $25-30, highlights, $35-45; home, $7-25.

☐ Colored contacts: any color; light blue, violet, jade green, baby blue, light green, hazel, etc... Can get at an optometrist, with or without a prescription. For fitting and contacts $200-250

☐ Tan: time varies from 10 minutes to 60 minutes.

Rates vary for each tanning salon, but are around $2.50 for the first 15 minutes and then another 50 cents for each additional five minutes.
Color It Red

Wanting to make a change in her appearance, sophomore Tiffany Barmann colored her hair. by Jason Haynes

Feelings of accomplishment and uncertainty filled sophomore Tiffany Barmann as she looked into the mirror to see if her hair color had turned out right. Perfect. Barmann had accomplished something she wanted to do for a while: change her hair color; yet she was uncertain how people would react to it.

After two days my mom noticed that my hair color was different and she was furious. But my dad didn’t care really, he thought it was stupid,” Barmann said.

Seeing different colors in advertisements, Barmann found herself changing the color of her hair quite often. “I saw these colors on people in magazines and I wanted to see what I would look like…”

“Some of my friends were changing the color of their hair. I didn’t do it just because they did, however it helped me to decide to do it. I didn’t like the color of brown that my hair was originally. I wanted to try something new,” Barmann said.

Not exactly sure how her parents would react to the new hair color, and figuring that they would not approve of it, Barmann went ahead and tried it anyway.

“I wasn’t sure how my parents would react so I colored my hair just one shade of blonde lighter so it would hardly be noticed. Since the first color change, Barmann has changed her hair color five times. She went from blonde, to red, back to her original color of brown and then back to blonde again.

“The days I changed my hair color my friends would ask, ‘What happened to your hair?’ But after that they didn’t say anything else. By now my mom is at the point where she doesn’t care anymore. I think she figured out that I was going to do it regardless,” Barmann said.
Youth Speak Out

Wanting to better society for teens, Bloss continued as a member of the Youth Academy.

by Tommy Alderson

“Train the leaders of today, for tomorrow.” This phrase has served as the motto for the Youth Academy since it began, five years ago. It consisted of 50 members from the area high schools. For junior Jeremy Bloss, he has stood by this motto since he has been a member for four years.

“I was unsure at first of how to become a part of this. I just trained by the counselors. The purpose of this was to turn me into a leader,” Bloss said.

Each year, the Academy tried many projects around the city. Their purpose was to try and better the society for the teens.

“I just finished working on a project to keep trash out of the sewers. I wrote sayings and drew pictures on sewer drains on the side of roads so people

"I wrote sayings and drew pictures on sewer drains...so people would get the message..."

began to talk to other members and convince them to give me a recommendation,” Bloss said.

After Bloss received his recommendation, he joined 19 other new members and went to a summer retreat. The retreat lasted for two weeks and they then met every weekend. He had to go to a summer workshop, which lasted for two weeks. The purpose of the retreat was to take the 19 new inductees and turn them into leaders.

"At the workshop, I was would get the message to not pollute,” Bloss said.

Along with the meetings, Bloss also had the opportunity to go to Chicago for a seminar where he visited a teen center. He went along with four other members and the group leader.

“In Chicago, I went to view a teen center. This was a small room were teens could go and hang out. The Academy is trying to have one of those here. We hope that that this would give a place for belt-cruisers and those who park in parking lots,” Bloss said.
BREATHEING.
Pratik Patel participates in a CPR demonstration of the Heimlich maneuver. The Youth Academy does many activities to help them with everyday activities. Sponsors, Pam Canterbury, Don Miller, and David Jones help these students at their meetings. photo by Pam Canterbury

PROJECTS OF THE YOUTH ACADEMY

✓ Violence Prevention Convention: Identify the different issues that are on youth's minds
✓ Alcohol survey: Survey to see how easy it is for students to buy alcohol and other thoughts youth had related to that issue
✓ Tobacco Stings: changing city ordinances making it harder for minors to buy tobacco
✓ Project Fishy: keep people from throwing trash down the sewers

LISTENING.
Junior Jeremy Bloss sits at a Youth Academy meeting. The Academy meets every other Tuesday at the United Way building. photo by Nick Sundet

SPEAKING.
Erynn Nicholson gives a speech at her Youth Academy Graduation. Erynn graduated this past August from Youth Academy V. photo by Pam Canterbury
Students cheered as the first cross country championship was brought home after years of struggle. The stands were filled as dreams of a state summer heat were the foundation of football playoff spot yet reality was after a disappointing 35-28 loss to fall success. The constant guidance top ranked Oak Park. The Twin Towers, worked together to dominate the coaches provided helped to lead teams court and their opponents while hoping to walk away with a district title. A to unity and success. Whether it was junior learned a valuable lesson in life after an injury in January restricted learning new plays, overcoming age, her involvement in basketball and track. The girls tennis team brought defeating a nemesis or adapting to home an undefeated season for the fourth consecutive year, while volley-new rules, athletes played it by ear. ball fought for depth, leadership and experience, yet prevailed.
CELEBRATE.
Seniors Dwayne Blakely, Eric Weston and Aaron Crittendon celebrate with a victory dance after scoring a touchdown in their victory against William Chrisman. Dreams for a state playoff diminished after a 35-28 loss to top-ranked Oak Park.
photo by Ashley Summers
LOOKIN’ OUT.
(opposite page) Junior Zach Fisher and senior Matt Fisher enjoy the view from 11,000 feet on Green Mountain, Colorado. 
*photo by Ron Fisher*

HEADS UP.
Junior Tommy Alderson pretends to balance a rock at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado. *photo by Dr. Tom Alderson*

BREAK TIME.
Sophomore Jake Lindley takes a break from hiking at Flat Top Mountain. Lindley and his family took the trip to Rocky Mountain National Park near Estes Park, Colorado over the summer. *photo by Karen Quigley*

CLIMBING UP.
Senior Matt Fisher and junior Zach Fisher hike across some of the mountains in Colorado. The Fishers took their vacation at Green Mountain Reservoir, which is about 7 miles north of Dillon, Colorado. *photo by the Fisher Family*

NATURE WALK.
Junior Jacob Thorne goes hiking through the mountains at Rocky Mountain National Park. *photo by Ann Thorne*
Looking for a peaceful, fun and stressless way to get exercise, students and faculty hit the trails in the lazy days of summer.

Most students hear the word "Colorado," and picture mountains, winter and fun. Many have not thought of Colorado as a summer workout spot.

Senior Matt Fisher felt differently. He takes annual trips to the Rockies not just to have fun, but to get in shape. A number of students and faculty found out hiking was not only a way to enjoy nature but a way to burn calories.

"It's a way to get away for a while," Fisher said. "It's a different way to get exercise."

Hiking became a new adventure that really interested Fisher. Matt and his family have turned hiking into a yearly event. They have found a place in Colorado where they return every year.

"The view at 13,000 feet is incredible. Nothing can describe it," Fisher said. "I was the only one in our group to climb to 13,000 feet. Nobody else had the endurance."

They hiked up to 11,000 feet where they set up camp. In 5 hours, they hiked 6 miles and climbed 1000 feet. Fisher went by himself to 13,000 feet.

"I have found many advantages associated with hiking. The biggest is being able to enjoy a part of nature I can't enjoy sitting in my living room," Fisher said.
**Eyeing the Score**

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**FAST FEET.**

(opposite page) Senior Ann Marie Brooks sprints to a first place finish at the State cross country meet. Her time of 18:35 was the fifth fastest time in the history of the state meet. *photo by Ruth Barber*

**BREATHE IN.**

Junior Jason Haynes hold off competitors at the state meet. Haynes placed eighteenth. *photo by Nick Sundet*

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**PREPARATION.**

Seniors Pete Rippey, Garret Hart and Matt Fisher stretch before their home meet. In cold morning air, stretching and warming up their muscles was vital for cross country runners to avoid injuries. *photo by Nick Sundet*

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**A STEP AHEAD.**

Freshman Kristin Pashik and junior Lindsay Walter pace each other at the Central Invitational. The varsity team won the meet. *photo by Nick Sundet*

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**REASSURING HUG.**

Senior Ann Marie Brooks gets a hug from Coach O'Brien after winning state. "A hug from Coach is my gold medal," Brooks said. *photo by Ruth Barber*
Ann Marie Brooks sprinted across the finish line in her last race becoming Central's first ever cross country state champion.

With the finish line in sight, senior Ann Marie Brooks was in a dead heat with Amy Wiseman, her longtime rival from Lee's Summit High School. Suddenly, Brooks pulled ahead in a sprint. Wiseman, losing ground, gave up as Brooks flew past and finished the race as Central's first ever cross country state champion.

"I was really happy that my last race was good and that I finally beat Amy Wiseman," Brooks said.

Even though Brooks and Wiseman had run against each other all through high school, the State meet was the first battle that Brooks won. She saved her best race for last.

"I had a great feeling at the beginning of the race. I was able to stay relaxed and confident. It made me feel invincible!" Brooks said.

Since the State course was extremely hilly, and Brooks was especially strong on hills, Coach Tom O'Brien came up with a strategy for the race.

"My strategy was to run with the leaders for the first two miles and try to pass them on the hill in the last mile," Brooks said.

As she ran, Brooks' thoughts were not only on her race plan. When things got tough she relied on thoughts of teammates for inspiration. Sophomore Jake Lindley and junior Lindsey Walter were unable to run due to injuries.

"It made me realize how much running means to me and how much I take it for granted," Brooks said.
With no seniors to guide them, the girls golf team pulled together to have some fun and send two to the state tournament.

Amy stepped to the tee and looked over to the cup. She was five feet away. Her team was silently rooting for her in the background. As the only upperclassman on the team, the younger members looked to junior Amy Whittington for guidance.

"I didn't really lead them, I showed them the ropes and they pretty much led themselves," Whittington said.

And Whittington knows the ropes well. She has played golf for most of her life. She played on the varsity golf team and has gone to the state tournament for three years.

"I started playing and taking lessons when I was seven because my parents started playing," Whittington said.

For the team, winning was not everything. They just wanted to have fun and make some new friends.

"We all had a lot of fun because we got along really well and when one person got down everyone else would cheer her up. Before each tournament we would sing ‘We Are the Champions’ for good luck. We also have made a lot of friends through competition especially with Blue Springs North," Whittington said.

Being on the team has left a lasting impact on Whittington.

"Being on the team taught me a lot about teamwork and cooperation, and to be less serious and just have some fun with it," Whittington said.
TEEING OFF.
(opposite page)
Junior Amy Whittington tees off in the district tournament at Fairview Golf Course. The team took third at the meet. photo by Nick Sundet

THINK HARD.
Sophomore Jessa Ericson thinks carefully before putting. The team focused on the goal of going to the state tournament. photo by Nick Sundet

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HARD PRACTICE.
Junior Amy Whittington practices her skills after school. After school practices helped Whittington go to state. photo by Nick Sundet

CHIP THE BALL.
Sophomore Jessa Ericson chips a shot on the sixth hole at Fairview Golf Course. Ericson had been a member of the varsity golf team for two years. photo by Nick Sundet

PUTTING IT IN.
Freshman Taira Roth puts the ball. Roth helped lead the team and hoped they go to State in later years. photo by Nick Sundet
Eric Weston rushed over 1,600 yards in his final football season leaving behind a 5-4 record and dreams that became his memories.

"A good memory to end with,"
...senior Eric Weston

Bright lights... yard lines... scoreboards, they were all a part of football. To some, football was just a fall sport, to a select few, it was a chance to shine.

Senior Eric Weston shone as a running back who accomplished his rushing goal.

"One of my goals this season was to beat Doug Dudley's rushing record of 1,536 yards," Weston said. "I beat it by rushing 1,687 yards, and that felt good."

The team ended with a record of 5-4, leaving Weston's dream of attending state behind.

"I always wanted to go to state with an undefeated season," Weston said, "I don't think we finished business the way we were supposed to."

Chapel before the last home game was Eric's final opportunity to attend the team's focusing time and motivational prayer before a game.

"Knowing it's your last time to see your team together, players and coaches, affects you," Weston said, "but it makes you proud to end a season standing up with your team."

This senior's playing time had come and gone, but football still left an impact on Eric Weston's life.

"I started playing in fifth grade with some of the same people I will graduate with," Weston said. "That makes football mean a lot to me and a good memory to end my senior year with."
DOG PILE.
(opposite page) Senior Eric Weston gets squashed under Benton players after a fumble. Central won the Jamboree by beating Benton 21-6. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

LEADING SPIRIT.
Senior Brandon Nichols gets the crowd fired up after running through a spirit banner. The Jamboree was Nichols’ debut as quarterback. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

CLOSE BEHIND.
Senior Chris Guthrie attempts to tackle a Lee’s Summit running back in the Homecoming game. Central lost the game 16-21. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

GUIDING FORCE.
Coaches Gary Soske and Randy Morlock yell instructions to members of the football team. Coach Morlock was known for getting excited during games. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

INTENSE SPEED.
Senior Eric Weston runs the field while looking for blocks from his teammates. Weston led the Indians in rushing with 1,687 yards. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

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## WHAT A STEAL.

(opposite page) Senior Jeff Falk tries to steal as Matt Halford guards an opponent. Halford was the starting goalie. *photo by Neil Kimes*

## TAPE TIME.

Senior Matt Halford sits as senior Tia Meredith tapes his ankle. Halford suffered a sprained ankle during soccer. *photo by Derek Davis*

## CATCHING IT.

Senior Matt Halford defends against a Lee's Summit opponent. Central lost the game 0-3. *photo by Neil Kimes*

## LEAD THE WAY.

Senior Jeff Bonebrake, defender, watches as teammate Jeff Falk leads the ball down the field. "The best thing about soccer is that it gives you a chance to work together as a team," Bonebrake said. *photo by Neil Kimes*

## GUARDING IT.

Seniors Jeff Falk and Matt Halford defend their goal. Halford made first team All-St. Joseph and All-Conference Honorable Mention. *photo by Neil Kimes*
For the third year in a row, senior Matt Halford returned to the field as the starting goalie with a new role on the team as a co-captain.

The goalie squats down and squares up between the ball and the goal. The ball flies toward him and he catches it firmly. His strong kick sends the ball to the other end of the field. Senior goalie and co-captain Matt Halford had done his job.

“I started playing soccer in fourth grade at recess. It was very competitive and I met a lot of friends. I learned to like the goalie position when I played for the Jefferson City Knights, a 12-and-under team,” Halford said.

Halford, the starting varsity goalie, enjoyed his position. He also enjoyed his vocal role on the field and sharing his co-captain title with Nathan Weipert.

“I liked being a leader for my senior year and being a role model for the younger players,” Halford said.

The team did not meet all their expectations, but Halford felt the team had fun and bonded well. In his last year, he made numerous memories.

“Looking back on the season my fondest memories were the bonding times with teammates on road trips, the adrenaline rushes from making good saves, and when I made an assist to a goal,” Halford said.

“Soccer taught me a lot about life, how to deal with problems on and off the field, how to cope with loss, and how to get along with people who have different personalities,” Halford said.
Eyeing the Score

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Lee's Summit 9-0
Oak Park 8-1
Leavenworth 5-1
SMNW 4-2
CHS Tournament 1st
Truman 9-0
Conf. Tournament 4th
Blue Springs South 5-3
Districts 2nd
Sectionals 1st
State (Team) 4th

POWER.
Senior Ellen Stubbs prepares to serve against her opponent at the Noyes Tennis Courts. The tennis team had an undefeated season for the fourth straight year. photo by Nick Sundet

TEAMWORK.
Senior Hillary Glauser awaits her return after junior Kelly Meierhoffer returns a serve. The doubles team helped the team qualify for State. photo by Nick Sundet

FOREHANDED.
Junior Kelly Meierhoffer returns a serve during practice with the rest of the varsity team. photo by Derek Davis

SETTING UP.
(opposite page) Junior Kelly Meierhoffer practices. She was the only non-senior on the varsity team. photo by Derek Davis

GET READY.
Seniors Lindsey Remington and K.D. Smith warm up for a match. They played No. 3 doubles. photo by Nick Sundet
Surrounded by seniors, Kelly Meierhoffer, the lone junior, picked up valuable tips that helped her during the season as well as in life.

When students enter high school, they are surrounded by people that are older. This is frightening to many, but it usually only happens to them once during the four years: as freshmen. However, Junior Kelly Meierhoffer went through it for a second time as the lone junior out on the tennis courts. The girls varsity and junior varsity squads consisted of all seniors, except for Meierhoffer.

Talent was the deciding factor for many of the matches, not age. “I felt age did not matter when it came to sports. It is talent,” Meierhoffer said.

Meierhoffer stormed up the ladder to the number two varsity position, which she held the entire year. “I was really happy to play at the ability of the seniors. I was scared that they would overpower me at the beginning of the season,” Meierhoffer said.

When practice started, Meierhoffer felt that she would be out of place. All of Meierhoffer’s teammates had grown up together.

“I was surprised at the way they treated me. They acted like I was a senior as well and did not talk down to me because I was a year younger,” Meierhoffer said.

As time passed, Meierhoffer picked up valuable tips from the seniors. After the season was over, Meierhoffer looked back to gain anything she could.

“In a way, I was glad that I was the only junior. I gained a lot of experience that will propel me into next year,” Meierhoffer said.
Junior Tiffany Theiss became a leader of the volleyball team, helping to pull her squad through a tough season of competition.

The clock ran and intensity rose as the match neared its end. Chants and sounds of teamwork filled the air encouraging leaders to keep the team going.

Junior Tiffany Theiss stepped up, becoming a leader of the volleyball team and making her season special.

"I saw people looking up to me who were sophomores," Theiss said. "That made the season special and I knew then I had to be a leader."

Theiss was a team player doing the best she could in every game.

"I consider myself a team player and I do the best I can. I don't pretend I'm perfect. If I mess up I get up and try harder the next time," Theiss said.

Mental work went into Theiss's playing which helped her focus before a game.

"I picture myself doing basics before every game. I then meditate with the team as Coach Mooney reads inspiring quotes. These things helped me concentrate," Thiess said.
SET AND GO.
(opposite page) Junior Tiffany Theiss practices her blocks before a home game. Tiffany mentally viewed techniques before every game. photo by Derek Davis

DOUBLE TEAM.
Sophomores Cristie Cordero and Erica Orf try to save the ball. The JV team won their final home match. photo by Zach Zillner

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WARMIN' UP.
Sophomore Micah Hatcher finishes a routine block before a game. The volleyball team went through a series of warm-ups everyday. photo by Zach Zillner

POWER SPIKE.
Sophomore Michelle Parlett spikes the ball at a home volleyball game. The girls enjoyed having the support of family and friends when the games were in town. photo by Zach Zillner

BUMP ACTION.
Sophomore Mackenzie Ramsey bumps the ball as Sophomore Erica Orf prepares to assist. Both girls played on the JV team. photo by Zach Zillner
ROYALTY.
(opposite page) Seniors Aaron Crittendon, prince, and Anna Clark, first attendant, are presented in the coronation. photo by Heather Carter

COURT.
Seniors Brandon Nichols, Angie Gilliland, Shawn Gann, and Hillary Atkins await the coronation. photo by Heather Carter

CORONATION.
Seniors Jason Gentzel and Lacy Brittingham are presented before the student body in the Harvest Royalty Coronation. Other seniors presented were Knight Nick Sundet, Attendant Brooke Richey, Prince Zach Zillner, and Maid of Honor Tia Meredith. photo by Heather Carter

HELPING OUT.
Juniors Emily Roberts and Beky Tobin work on the float for the Homecoming parade. The junior class won the float competition. photo by Bob Tobin

DECORATING.
Seniors Neil Stuber and Sandeep Hindupur make a banner for the Homecoming dance. photo by Derek Davis
HONOR BY JACOB HENSON
OF THE SPIRIT WEEK

Homecoming court prince, cabinet member, and varsity football player were senior Aaron Crittendon's titles during Homecoming.

Many members of the Homecoming court were looked up to by the student body. One in particular was senior Aaron Crittendon who stood a head above the rest.

"It was a great honor to be a member of the Homecoming court as well as participate in the week's activities," Crittendon said.

Besides being on the court, Crittendon, a cabinet member, helped make Homecoming posters to hang in the hallways at school.

Being prince of the Homecoming court, cabinet member and varsity football star, it was obvious that Crittendon liked to get involved. He also liked to see others being a part of the week and showing their school spirit.

"I thought the best dress-up day was Career Day. I enjoyed seeing what everyone wanted to be. I also liked 'Super Phat' Day," Crittendon said.

The dress-up days were the biggest hit of the week. Even though the themes were weird, most of the students seemed to dress up.

"It made me feel good to see everyone dressing up for dress-up days to show their spirit," Crittendon said.
As class president and a football player, freshman Josh Zillner worked hard to create memorable experiences for Homecoming.

His stomach turned as he heard his name being introduced to the crowd of fans. He ran out on the football field to the sound of thunderous cheers. It was Freshman Class president Josh Zillner's first Homecoming game and an experience he will never forget.

"The game really taught me how much a loss actually affects the team. A lot of the coaches and the players were crying. It was a big upset, but I think everyone still had a good time at the dance," Zillner said.

Aside from suiting up for the game, Zillner was also in charge of the parade float for the Freshman Class. "All of the meetings were at my house and it was really hectic getting everything for the float organized, but our class had a lot of spirit and everyone helped out a lot. I was really surprised at the turnout for the game, but we could have had more people there," Zillner said.

Homecoming was one of the highlights of high school that left a lasting impression on those who participated. "The parade was a lot of fun. Some of the floats from other clubs and classes were very strange and interesting. Homecoming was a great experience. It was exciting, a lot of fun, and I'm glad I got to be involved as much as I was able to," Zillner said.
WORKIN' HARD. (opposite page) Freshman Josh Zillner makes a sign for his class float. Zillner put in hours of hard work for Homecoming. *photo by Nick Sundet*

GETTING DOWN. Sophomores April Thomas and Lydia Kessler and juniors LaTonya Williams and Tiffany Theiss dance at the Homecoming dance. *photo by Nick Sundet*

ACTING GOOFY. Sophomore Amy Breeden, Mr. Chavez, and Senior Matt Fisher dance the Macerena during the Homecoming parade. The Spanish Club’s entry was a banner that said “Macerena on the Tigers.” *photo by Nick Sundet*

INDIAN PRIDE. Junior Rebecca Schilling gets into the spirit of Homecoming by dressing out in her best Indian costume for the Junior Class float. *photo by Nick Sundet*

ROYALTY. King Garret Hart assists Queen Ann Marie Brooks as she steps out of the carriage at the Homecoming parade. The parade around the track at 5:30 p.m. featured class and club floats as well as the Homecoming court. *photo by Nick Sundet*
After cheering on JV for two years, junior Tiffany Burns stepped up to varsity, reaching her goals of raising spirit and unifying the state team.

The crowd's energy rose and adrenaline rushed through junior Tiffany Burns' body. As the crowd's spirit increased, she had done her job as a varsity cheerleader.

"I have taken dance since I was two. I am one of those girls who dreamed of being a cheerleader," Burns said.

Dedication meant the squad practiced two hours each day in the summer and two days a week during the school year. The squad finished fourth in state competition.

Burns began cheerleading in the eighth grade and felt her experience helped her on the varsity squad.

"JV cheerleading helped me the most. We started preparing for state," Burns said.

Crowd participation played an important role in Burns' cheerleading success.

"At pep rallies, I like to get the crowd's spirit up. If someone is sitting there frowning I feel like I am not doing my job," Burns said.

Burns felt unity was an important component of a good varsity squad.

"We had to unify 11 people as one. It was important and had to be done. We had to put bad times behind us and move on to the good times," Burns said.
POWER PUNCH.
(opposite page) Juniors Brook Drennen and Tiffany Burns execute a punch during the Basketball Jamboree. photo by Zach Zillner

READY TO GO.
The squad prepares for their routine by marching around the perimeter of the court at Hearnes Center at state competition. Nine teams competed in their class. photo by Zach Zillner

PUMP 'EM UP.
Senior Stephanie Boeh and Sophomore Katie Shuter perform during a time out at the Basketball Jamboree. The cheerleaders helped pump up the crowd during the game and time outs. photo by Zach Zillner

SPRINT CHANTS.
Sophomore Jennifer Hibler cheers at the Missouri state cheerleading finals. The squad started working on their state cheer the previous spring and performed it in competition at camp, regionals in August and finally state in November. The squad took a fourth place finish at the meet. photo by Zach Zillner

LIFTING SPIRITS.
Senior Lacy Brittingham stands on top of a pyramid at state competition in Columbia, Missouri. photo by Zach Zillner
"To be on Poms you have to love to perform, you also have to learn to overcome your fears. You have to remember the crowd is there to enjoy you."
Those words ran through her head as she walked onto the football field, the butterflies in her stomach grew stronger. The sea of people in the stands screamed as the formations went through her head. Before she knew it the dance was over with a flawless performance.

For junior Hilary Morris, practice and preparation took over half her time. Morris practiced four or more hours a week with the squad and sometimes more than five hours on her own.

"You just can’t go to practice for an hour then forget about the entire dance. It’s like studying for a test. Everything has to be drilled into your brain," Morris said.
Many of the pom girls have been dancing and taking lessons for years. Morris says poms was great because she could be involved with school while doing something she loved the most.

"I have been dancing for 13 years, and I didn’t want to throw it all away. Poms helped me to keep doing the thing I love the most, and get involved with school. I also made a lot of great friends that share the same interests I do. We also like to spend time together outside of practice," Morris said.

There was nothing more important to the pom girls than performing. That was when all the hard work and dedication paid off. "When we perform we get to show all the hard work we’ve done. It’s great to see all the smiling faces in the crowd," Morris said.
ON TEMPO.
(opposite page) Junior Hillary Morris performs during the halftime of a basketball game to help boost spirit. *photo by Ashley Summers*

IN A LINE.
Sophomores Tiffany Pierce, Andrea Cole, juniors Erynn Nicholson and Amy Pittman perform at halftime. *photo by Ashley Summers*

ALL TOGETHER.
Seniors Carissa Ratliff, Laura McClure, Junior Hayley Thomas and sophomore April Thomas dance at the boys basketball game against Lee's Summit. These girls enjoyed performing at halftime to entertain the entire student body and staff. *photo by Ashley Summers*

TIME OUT.
Senior Anna Clark practices for the half time performance during the last football game of the season. Clark was on the squad for three years and co-captain her senior year. *photo by Ashley Summers*

BOOGIE DOWN.
Juniors Amy Pittman and Hayley Thomas break it down during halftime. Performing was when all the hard work paid off. *photo by Ashley Summers*
IN THE HALL.
The Pom Pon squad practices in the Freshman Lobby after school. Senior Carissa Ratliff and Anna Clark were the co-captains of the squad. photo by Derek Davis

PRACTICE TIME.
Senior Elina Hakkarainen and Sara Mollus wait to return the ball. The girls practiced after school at the Noyes Tennis Complex. The team practiced an average of 11 hours a week which contributed to an undefeated season for the fourth consecutive year. photo by Derek Davis

CLEAN IT UP.
Sophomore Jeff Millenbruch cleans the mats in the wrestling cages. Wrestlers made sure the mats were sanitized before practice. photo by Derek Davis

STRETCH IT OUT.
Senior Pete Rippey stretches his legs before a cross country meet. Stretching helped the runners to avoid injury. photo by Derek Davis

ON THE MAT.
Sophomore Jeff Millenbruch wrestles with a teammate during practice. The wrestlers learned new techniques during practice to help secure a win. photo by Derek Davis
Most people involved in sports spend after school, Saturdays, and most free time practicing and preparing for the competition.

As he dragged into the locker room after a long day, his mind quickly changed pace. It went from school work to physical work.

"When I started practice I changed my train of thought completely around and think of how I can better myself for any upcoming meets," sophomore Jeff Millenbruch said.

Most after school practices started with warm-ups led by the upperclassmen and coaches, then on to a drill practicing moves. Last, they started with the hard work of seeing who will hold what position for the next tournament.

"I've been wrestling Exhibition most of the year, but I've had a few opportunities to wrestle junior varsity which has been a challenge for me," Millenbruch said.

When the times got tough and things were not happening as they should, the coach brought the team in for a little reminder. In addition to two hours after school, practice increased to long Saturday mornings and an hour before school.

"A role model of mine went to state and placed twice which is pretty good and I've always tried to prepare much like he did to be the best," Millenbruch said.

It's not all about the match but what goes on before the match ever takes place, the practice and preparation before hand.

"I'm usually in bed by 9:30 the night before a match and I always try to eat all the right foods for energy the night before and right before a match begins," Millenbruch said.
A conditioning class consisting of weight training and working out targeted the physical fitness of females during a third hour class.

Most students at 9:20 a.m. were thinking about waking up enough to hear a lecture. The exception became 40 girls in the main gym who moved their bodies in the new girls' conditioning class.

"We stretched as a group, jumped rope and lifted weights every other morning," senior April Barmann said. "We also worked with medicine balls and strength shoes."

Barmann was one of these girls who felt working out improved her body condition.

"Conditioning class made me feel stronger and better about the fact that I was doing something for my health," Barmann said.

The separation of guys from the girls while in fitness classes provided her with a sense of comfort.

"I felt a lot better about lifting without the guys with us," Barmann said, "because I think I would have gotten teased for not lifting as much as they do."

Weight training and conditioning became a new experience for April and resulted in raising her general attitude.

"I had never really lifted weights that consistently before, but it gave me more self-esteem and raised my energy level," Barmann said.

Barmann was one of the few seniors who took the class. Being her last year of high school, April felt more of a reason to work out.

"Being one of the oldest people in the class I felt like I had seniority over the other girls," Barmann said. "In a way, being a senior pushed me to work out."
MAXIN' OUT.
(opposite page) Senior April Barmann lifts on the lat pull-down machine. She felt comfortable lifting weights in a girls' only class.
photo by Nick Sundet

DAILY WORK.
Junior Amanda Nikes and sophomore Lindsay Mooney do sit-ups during class. This was part of their routine. photo by Nick Sundet

SKIPPIN' ROPE.
Girls of all ages jump rope in the girls' body conditioning class. These girls not only lifted weights, but also used medicine balls and strength shoes to improve their health. photo by Nick Sundet

PUMPIN' IRON.
Junior Charisse Vaughn, Sophomores Melissa Kalantar and Luv Love spend their mornings pumping iron. Forty girls elected to take the class so they could workout during their third hour class. photo by Nick Sundet

REACHIN' HIGH.
Junior Amanda Fisher stretches before entering the weight room. Stretching was important in preventing injury. photo by Nick Sundet
GOSSIPING.
(opposite page) Juniors Heather Horn, Tara Lloyd, Amanda Matthews and Cassie Peterson talk during AAP. Horn’s injury gave her a new outlook on her life. *photo by Derek Davis*

GAME TALK.
Junior Heather Horn, wearing her halo brace, chats with junior Tara Lloyd during a pep assembly. *photo by Laura McEwaney*

DANCE MOVES.
Junior Heather Horn and senior Annie Beeman get their groove on at the Harvest Homecoming Dance. After her injury on New Year’s Eve, Heather, was taken to the hospital, but was released in less than a week. Horn felt this accident truly made her appreciate life. *photo by Heather Carter*

HELPING OUT.
Juniors Heather Horn and Tara Lloyd help each other during AAP. Lloyd helped Horn carry her bag to class and provided her with friendly support. Horn missed the last week and a half of the first semester due to her accident. *photo by Derek Davis*

PASS THE BALL.
Junior Heather Horn prepares to pass the ball back in bounds. Horn played center and has been on varsity since her sophomore year. *photo by Heather Carter*
Junior Heather Horn battled back from a broken C-2 vertebrae received during a basketball practice on New Year's Eve Day.

New Year's Eve day... Another basketball practice... A three-on-three block out drill. Three players go up for a rebound... Junior Heather Horn hits one of her teammate's shoulders knocking her off balance. As she falls she hits her teammate's arm snapping her neck back. Horn lies motionless and unresponsive. The team knows there is something wrong. That something was a concussion and a fractured C-2 vertebrae with the threat of paralysis.

"I can't remember much of what happened that day. I woke up and ate a banana, then everything is foggy from then on," Horn said.

When a person suffers from a life threatening injury, the victim looks at life differently.

"I always knew life was special, but the injury brought it out more. I look at what has happened to me and what the doctors have told me and I just say it could have been worse," Horn said.

Athletic injuries set back training. The types of exercises Horn could do were limited by the halo brace she wore.

"I can't lift much besides on my lower body. The exercises that work the upper body put too much stress on my spine. The doctors said that the brace can come off in three months and that is when I get back to normal activities," Horn said.
**Eyeing the Score**

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Wm. Chrisman 54-64

**JUMP-SHOT.**
(opposite page) Senior Dwayne Blakley shoots over a Lee’s Summit defender. Blakley was a top scorer on the team. *photo by Heather Carter*

**ON ATTACK.**
Senior Aaron Crittendon fights off Lafayette players after rebounding. Crittendon was one of the top rebounders. *photo by Heather Carter*

**BLOWN AWAY.**
Senior Neil Kimes dribbles toward the lane for a basket during the Jamboree. The team went on to defeat both Benton and Lafayette at MWSC. *photo by Heather Carter*

**G-SHOT.**
Senior Garret Hart goes for a lay-up during a basketball game. Fast breaks and passes inside were keys to scoring for the team. *photo by Nick Sundet*

**SHAKE N’ BAKE.**
Senior Jason Mudd gets ready to shake a defender at a home game. Mudd played on varsity for three years. *photo by Heather Carter*
Two players stood face to face at the center of the basketball court. The referee tossed the ball into the air, signaling the opponents to jump for the basketball. The game had begun.

Senior Dwayne Blakley felt the aspects of basketball came naturally to him.

“I’ve been playing basketball since I was in kindergarten,” Blakley said, “so playing seems natural to me.”

Blakley has kept a relaxed attitude on the court, not forcing anything he did.

“I’m pretty laid-back when I play and I don’t try to do things I can’t do,” Blakley said, “I don’t force the game I let it come to me.”

Blakley’s sports talent landed him heavy recruiting offers to play for several college teams.

“I’ve had offers from Wichita State, UMKC, West Illinois, North Texas and Missouri Western to play basketball,” Blakley said.

Though the recruiting may have seemed like a dream to others, it posed some problems for Blakley.

“People look at having these choices as a dream come true, but it’s not all that fun,” Blakley said. “The phone rings all the time and every coach tells you different things to make their offer seem like the best one.”

Through it all, Blakley believes basketball has had a lot of influence on his life.

“Basketball has always had a lot of influence on my life,” Blakley said. “It has kept me busy, out of trouble, and around the right people.”
Kristy and Kelly Hernandez, otherwise known as the Hernandez twins, gave their hearts and souls to basketball as first year varsity players.

Twins are known for sharing everything. The Hernandez twins shared the spotlight on the court. Sophomores Kristy and Kelly Hernandez started playing basketball together in the fourth grade and have not stopped. From Amateur Athletic Union to Summer Jam and every basketball season the two have played together, but last season was the most difficult. The twins both agreed the varsity level was the most intense and competitive.

"These teams are more competitive, and the girls we play are giants. We still gave it our best each time," Kristy said.

Two particular frustrations stuck out in the twins’ minds. One was a heart breaker, a loss to Benton by one point. Kelly remembers that moment well.

"Benton is our biggest city rival, we wanted to beat them badly. The moment Benton sank a shot in the final seconds of game my heart stopped," Kelly said.

The second frustration was a mind boggler. With two people looking so similar, it was hard for O’Steeby to tell them apart. To solve this problem, the twins were forced to put their names on the back of their practice jerseys.

"It got old being called the wrong name every day. Coach Steeby put names on the back of our jerseys so she could learn them. I don’t think we look that alike," Kristy said.

Despite all of this, the twins felt they had a good season.

"The team worked well together. We were a true team that along with each other. We are all friends and we always will," Kelly said as Kristy agreed.
FAMILY TIES.
(opposite page) Sophomores Kristy and Kelly Hernandez wait to rebound a ball at half time. As sisters, they helped the team in many ways. photo by Nick Sundet

SUPERSTAR.
Sophomore Micah Hatcher goes up for a rebound against a Lafayette player. Hatcher provided the team with rebounding and scoring because of her height. photo by Nick Sundet

Eyeing the Score
Jamboree 2nd
Fort Osage Tour. 7th
Oak Park 73-34
Benton 45-46
Lee's Summit 42-60
Park Hill 44-59
Lafayette 51-47
Oak Park 56-42
Truman 61-76
Park Hill 31-46
William Chrisman 63-53
Blue Springs South 66-52
Shawnee Mission Tourn. 5th
Blue Springs 45-55
Lee's Summit 57-52
Benton 48-52
Truman 60-56
William Chrisman 57-70
Blue Springs South 65-46
Blue Springs 42-64
Districts
Oak Park 73-45
Park Hill 49-63

GRAB IT.
Sophomores Micah Hatcher and Erica Orf fight for a rebound. These two lead the team in rebounds. photo by Nick Sundet

HELPFUL HINTS.
From the side-line Coaches Marsha Steeby and Mindy Young give words of advice to the players on the floor. The two kept the team on their toes this season with communication. photo by Nick Sundet

WHAT A SHOT.
As sophomore Michelle Parlett sinks a three point shot a Lafayette player watches. Parlett was a high scorer for the varsity team. photo by Nick Sundet
A RIPPLE OF SUPPORT

BY JAMIE RAY

For most swim team members, swimming is not only a sport but something that inspires them to be motivated in their personal life.

He steps on the cold starting block with his heart pounding. As he pulls down his goggles his mind is as clear as the water before him. Suddenly, the starting gun goes off, and he dives into the crystal clear pool. With his teammates cheering him on he rips through the water, leaving everyone behind. As his hand smacks the side of the pool he is lifted up by his teammates and patted on the back for the good job he has done.

Senior Chris Hecker has experienced this at swim meets this season.

"Swimming is like any other sport," said senior Chris Hecker.

"Swimming is like any other sport it requires practice, confidence, and consistent team effort. I've never tried any other activities besides ROTC and when I finally overcame my fears of the outside world, my family has been beside me, helping me and supporting me," Hecker said.

From swimming lessons at the Y when they were little to their first dive off the high diving board, many swimmers have had plenty of practice.

"I would have never reached the endurance necessary to swim if I weren't a life guard at Deer Park Pool," Hecker said.

For many swimmers, swimming is not only a winter sport, but something they can use year around to relax and have a good time with their friends.

"I chose to do swim team this year because I've been swimming all my life and when I'm not in a pool I feel like a fish out of water," Hecker said.
Eyeing the Score

Park Hill 55-111
Washington 92-50
Tournament 2nd
Tournament 3rd
Park Hill Inv. 11th
Tournament 1st
Washington 91-52
Independence Inv. 21st
Con Var. Finals 6th

TAKE A LEAP.
Freshmen Brett Perry, sophomore Nathan Mizell and junior Tim Windmeyer jump off the starting block to begin in a hundred yard free style race. The swim team had a successful season and qualified a State swimmer for the third consecutive season. photo by Derek Davis

TAKE A DIVE.
Sophomore Blake Hann, Junior Tim Windmeyer and senior Eddie Akabane spend an afternoon practicing. photo by Derek Davis

IN THE WATER.
(opposite page) Senior Chris Hecker practices at the YMCA during a snow day. This was Hecker's first year on the swim team. photo by Derek Davis

TAKE A BREATH.
Sophomore Zachary McClain perfects his butterfly stroke during practice over Christmas break. photo by Derek Davis

STROKE IT.
Senior Eddie Akabane finishes the last 25 yards of his breast stroke. The swim team practiced everyday for an hour at the YMCA. photo by Derek Davis
Eyeing the Score

Park Hill 40-42
Truman 60-15
Lee's Summit 42-36
Oak Park 23-43
William Chrisman 46-29
Blue Springs South 33-36
Blue Springs 21-45
Liberty Dual 15-60
Winnnetouk Tournament Sixth
Districts First
State Tournament

PEP TALK.
(opposite page) Coach Dudik talks to senior Brett Swope after a match. Dudik acted as a mentor and motivator for his athletes. photo by Zach Zillner

HEAD ON.
Senior Brett Swope wrestles in a home competition. His ability led him to a fifth place state finish and a record of. photo by Zach Zillner

ALL BALLED UP.
Senior Jeff Pratt wrestles against an opponent. The squad had several state qualifiers: freshman Nate Morrow and seniors Brett Swope, Jeff Pratt, Nick Murphy, Jeremy Myers and Matt Fisher. photo by Zach Zillner

TAKE DOWN.
Senior varsity member Nick Murphy pins down an opponent during a home competition. Murphy was a returning state team member. photo by Nick Sundet

WINNING WAYS.
Senior Nick Murphy is declared winner of a match at Central. Murphy was a vital part of the varsity squad. photo by Nick Sundet
As a three time returning state team member, senior varsity wrestler Brett Swope assumed the role of team leader and role model.

Determination and dedication. Senior Brett Swope felt these qualities led him to a successful high school wrestling career.

"I have been on varsity for four years and have gone to state four years," Swope said.

As a returning state team member, Swope found his role on the team had changed.

"When you qualify for state, you are looked at as a leader," Swope said.

Swope was able to achieve many of his goals.

"I wrestled against the state champion from Oak Grove and won in 30 seconds," Swope said.

Though Missouri Western, where Swope plans to attend on a football scholarship, does not have a wrestling program, he plans to use his talents to help the community.

"I plan to help out the little kids in the Metro Kids wrestling program. It is where I started wrestling," Swope said.

Swope felt his senior year put more pressure on him to succeed at state.

"I knew I was going to state for the last time," Swope said.

Swope plans to take many memories with him long after he has worn the blue uniform for the last time.

"I will look back on doing well and traveling on overnight trips," Swope said.
Groovin' by Ashley Taylor

On the Court

Homecoming, Senior Night and the last home game gave senior Jason Mudd, a Homecoming knight, a chance to shine on and off the court.

For senior Jason Mudd there were only two obstacles to overcome to get Snowfrost Homecoming off without a hitch. One was a win against his homecoming rival, William Chrisman, the other was Senior Night where he give a thank you to his mom.

"It was exciting getting dressed up. It's a very rare occasion for me to get dressed up so when I did I felt good," Mudd said.

The spirited crowd helped him keep his energy high. Energy was not all it took to win the game, however.

"We were playing William Chrisman, a team we knew we could out play. It was important that we didn't underestimate them, because they are a strong team.

We kept an intense focus on the game despite the cheers of our fans and the inhibitions that will confront us later on," Mudd said.

Mudd played consistently as a starter through the entire season, and felt he must step up for his last home game.

"When the fans expect me to play well, I expect myself to play even better," Mudd said.

Besides looking forward to a big win, the Homecoming game was also Senior Night.

"Handing my mother her rose on Senior Night was something I will cherish forever. It was my little way of saying thank you to my mother for always supporting me," Mudd said.
WAITING.
(Senior Jason Mudd waits for a teammate to rebound during the Homecoming game. The varsity team defeated William Chrisman 55-53. photo by Nick Sundet)

YOUR MAJESTY.
Seniors Stephanie Boeh and Dwayne Blakley were crowned king and queen during the Coronation assembly Wednesday morning during AAP. photo by Heather Carter

TIME TO SHINE.
Seniors Holly Chinnery, Matt Fisher, Ashley Summers, Nathan Weipert, Carissa Ratliff and Nick Murphy are acknowledged at the Coronation Assembly. The theme for Homecoming week was ‘Central Through the Decades.’ photo by Heather Carter

SAY CHEESE.
Seniors Jason Mudd and Lindsay Andrews are introduced to the student body. Mudd was named First Knight and Andrews was Maid of Honor. Mudd was an active participant in school events and sports. photo by Heather Carter

WINTER COURT.
Seniors Laura McClure, Neil Kimes, Kortney Smith and Brett Swope were among those on the Snowfrost Homecoming Court. photo by Heather Carter
DECORATING.
(opposite page) Junior Brooke Hansen helps hang up a sign for the pep rally. *photo by Ashley Summers*

DANCIN’.
The pom pon squad performs before the Homecoming game to get the crowd excited for the big game. The team won 55-53 over the William Chrisman Bears. *photo by Derek Davis*

'80S ON PARADE.
Senior Lee Gilgour dresses as an Ewok to go with his class’s decade theme, the ‘80s. The Homecoming theme was “Central Through the Decades.” *photo by Derek Davis*

MAKIN’ FLOATS.
Sophomores Nick McClean, Matt Sollars, and Zach McClain make a “mini float” for the Homecoming pep assembly. The Sophomore theme was “The Future: 2050.” *photo by Ashley Summers*

SHOWING OFF.
Seniors Lee Gilgour, Chris Demarest and Jedd Schneider show off their float to the Junior Class during the pep rally. *photo by Derek Davis*
Junior Brooke Hansen took time to help her class recreate the '50s for the Winter Homecoming theme “Central Through the Decades.”

The jeep pulls up; she steps out of the passenger seat. Junior Brooke Hansen’s job was to watch the doors. Hansen looked, the coast was clear so she gave the signal. At that moment members of the junior class jumped out of the jeep. Their mission: to get the shopping cart without being seen.

“We went through all the trouble to get the shopping cart and we were so happy when we didn’t get caught. We decided to use a Barbie car instead so we could drive it around. We had to go to all the trouble again just to take it back to the store without getting caught,” Hansen said.

Hansen spent much of her free time working on Homecoming decorations for her class. Whether it was spending a weekend making banners and blowing up balloons or getting to school at 6:30 a.m. to decorate. Hansen was always there. She held meetings at her house to build the float and also helped find poodle skirts and saddle shoes for the '50s theme. She even helped find an Elvis costume for junior Katie Brunker to wear at the pep rally.

“I’ve learned our class has some good people. Whether we’re putting them in tights as Batman, dresses or bear suits they are still willing to help out and go wild. Our class had really good spirit, and this Homecoming was no exception. When I look at the people decorating in the morning and at class meetings it makes me proud to be part of this class,” Hansen said.
Vocational Agriculture students judged grades of meat cuts and dairy foods, striving to be perfect in their evaluations. Upperclassmen became breathed a sigh of relief upon discovering that news anchors in the new broadcast journalism classes as they produced more calculators would be allowed for the first time. Informative and watchable morning announcements. Dodging the flu on the acts. Students in wheelchairs attended a became a priority because of the new one-absence finals policy. In every wider variety of classes after the elevator in classroom, students joined the quest for knowledge: the overall goal was sophomore hall was constructed. Homework re-to understand. After all the papers and projects had been handed in with search on the internet increased with the installa-sighs of relief, and every last test question had been answered, the scholars tion of netscape on the sem center computers. hoped their gradecards would prove they had been right on the nose.
MORNING NEWS.
Sophomore Ryann Summerford and Seniors Travis Cox and Terra Hecker produce the morning announcements. Summerford, Cox and Hecker were in charge of the announcements on even days and another class created them on odd days. The two classes were the first announcements classes ever and called themselves the "Wakeup Crew." photo by Derek Davis
SPARE TIME.
Senior Nathan Weipert shovels manure on his grandpa's farm with his three legged dog. Weipert helped with the farm after school and during the summer. *photo by Zach Zillner*

TALK IT OVER.
Agriculture teacher David Hoy talks to his Ag-Science class. The Ag-Science class was a new class offered to students. *photo by Zach Zillner*

JUST FOR FUN.
Freshman Brandon Patrick rides on his four-wheeler. Patrick took time away from his farm work to relax. *photo by Zach Zillner*

JUDGING MEAT.
Freshman Jeremy Pratt listens to instructions. The class judged different grades of meat and dairy products. *photo by Zach Zillner*
Students opened their minds to learn about farming for the future.

The sun beat down on his brown shoulders, the engine of the tractor hummed in his ears, and sweat trickled down his red freckled nose as he threw a bale of hay off the trailer.

Students were able to learn more about farming and raising animals through Vocational Agriculture classes. Future farmers were able to take a class to help teach them the traits of farming. Brandon Patrick took advantage of the new class to prepare for his future.

"I heard about the class from the principal and decided that it would help me for my career in farming," freshman Brandon Patrick said.

Though he lives in the city, over the summer he experienced work on a farm. Working on the farm with his dad helped him learn how to do many things.

"During the summer my dad and I worked on a farm. We would work from 8 a.m. until dark. I learned how to chisel plow a field and condition the soil. I also had to help put up hay. It was hard work but I loved it," Patrick said.

He aspired to become a farmer because of his love for the country and animals.

"I enjoyed learning about the land and animals through my Vocational Agriculture class. I decided I want to become a farmer because I love the outdoors and it would definitely keep me busy," Patrick said.

In class, farms were used to help teach and learn, but being out on the farm wasn’t always taken seriously.

"When I wasn’t working on the farm I enjoyed riding my four-wheeler through the fields and hunting. I took advantage of the environment and had some fun," Patrick said.
Sitting against the wall in the hall of the second floor, senior Jean Yu studied diligently for an upcoming test. She was on her way to Harvard University and knew she had to continue to make good grades in high school.

"There is a good chance that I will attend medical school at Harvard, but I also enjoy writing," Yu said.

Yu was accepted to the university based on her high school grades and activities as well as her excellent test scores. On the SAT on which she received a perfect score of 1600, a rare occurrence among high school students.

"I was recognized as a semifinalist according to my score on the PSAT. I then submitted an essay and a transcript and was chosen to be a finalist, or National Merit Scholar," Yu said.

Being a National Merit Scholar, Yu's grades and test scores were compared with other students on the national level as well as locally.

"I was honored to be chosen because I was recognized at the national level. All my years of hard work have finally paid off," Yu said.

Some of the activities Yu participated in were French Club, Chem Physics Club, and Forum Club. She was also president of the National Honor Society and editor of the Outlook.

"I don't know yet if I will receive a scholarship from Harvard but I plan to go there either way," Yu said.

Many colleges and universities offered scholarships based only on PSAT scores of the National Merit Scholars.

"I also play the piano and am a black belt in Tae Kwon Do," Yu said.
SPEAKING OUT.
Senior Charlie Perkins speaks to students during a Forum Club meeting. Perkins was a nominee for the National Merit Scholar like Mark Wurtzler and Jean Yu based on their high test scores on the PSAT. photo by Nick Sundet

LEADING.
Senior Jean Yu helps with the penny drive in October, assisting her are seniors Sandeep Hindupur and Amie Hoge and other members of the National Honor Society. Yu plans to attend Harvard University next year. photo by Laura McEnaney

STUDYING.
Senior Jean Yu studies in the second floor hallway during a down time on the Outlook. She served as editor of the first semester staff. photo by Derek Davis

TAKING NOTES.
Senior Mark Wurtzler looks through notes during Photography class. Wurtzler was notified of his Merit Finalist status in February. photo by Derek Davis
CRAMMING.
Juniors Jenni Poe, Kristy Poggemiller and Becca Goekking cram for a trigonometry test. These girls often got together to study. photo by Derek Davis

TEAMWORK.
Seniors D.J. Christgen and Gary Wright try to explain physics to each other. There were many physics study groups throughout the year. photo by AnnMarie Brooks

DEDICATION.
Junior Cassie Petersen works with her study group. The group includes Amy Whittington, Marlee Kober, Tyler Stanton. photo by Derek Davis

LUNCH CREW.
Seniors Ellen Stubbs and Fred Grier review for a quiz, while sophomore Hillary McGinley supplies the correct answers. photo by Ashley Summers.
As the test papers were being passed out, she gripped her pencil tightly. She recalled the voices of her friends as they had gone over the test material.

This memory is clear in junior Cassie Petersen's mind, who decided to take Chemistry II with Dr. McLaughlin. The class was challenging, so Petersen and some of her classmates decided to form a study group. Petersen said it helped her study immensely.

"It helped a lot when I didn't understand something, then others would teach it to me. I do the same with them," Petersen said.

Study techniques were used in this group not offered in class. They quizzed each other and explained concepts in different ways that were easy to understand, using memory hooks and silly sentences.

"We try to come up with different ways to remember equations and terms. We laughing and make studying fun," Petersen said.

Study groups have many different meeting places, and some work as better studying environments. These places range from restaurants to classrooms at school. If Petersen had a choice, the group would always meet at school.

"The location really matters because when we go to a restaurant we choose food over studying. We concentrate better when we are in an environment that is not so distracting," Petersen said.

However, no matter where the group met the members agreed they got more studying done together.

"My chemistry grade wasn't the greatest, but I felt really good about my tests. Our group helped me and everyone else in it," Petersen said.
The first day of school, the students moved from class to class meeting their new teachers and classmates. As junior Krista Abernathy walked into her fifth hour chemistry class, she encountered more students than there were chairs.

“It gets kind of rowdy sometimes. People get to talking and it is hard to calm the class down. I have to get there before all the chairs get filled up,” Abernathy said.

Teachers had to work with the larger classes more than with smaller classes. Teachers don’t always anticipate how many questions are going to be asked in the 85 minute class period.

“My chemistry teacher, Mr. Paolillo, was pretty amazed when he saw the large class. He tried to get everybody’s questions in,” Abernathy said.

Large classes made it harder to concentrate and understand the material covered in class. This made it stressful on the student as well as the teacher.

“In my fifth hour chemistry class, it is hard to be heard. My questions don’t always get answered and that is very frustrating,” Abernathy said.

As the student, being in a large class will make the student study and concentrate more than as they do in a normal size class. The students had to fight against the clock to get their questions answered. Sometimes the student will leave the class without an answer.

“It is harder to learn in an overcrowded class because if you don’t understand something, then it is hard to understand the material covered in class that day,” Abernathy said.
TEACHING.
Chemistry teacher Gary Paolillo explains notes on the overhead. Teachers found it harder to teach larger classes than smaller classes. photo by Zach Zillner

TAKING NOTES.
Junior Chris Coder studies his chemistry notes. Students had to study more on their own because of the difficulty of getting questions answered. photo by Zach Zillner

RUSHING.
Junior Krista Abernathy hurries to finish her notes. Students found it hard to get questions in with the overcrowded classes. photo by Zach Zillner

STRUGGLING.
Sophomore Zach McClain fights for arm space. Students had to run to certain classes so they wouldn't have to stand in the back. photo by Zach Zillner
A training for Careers AT Hillyard's

by Melissa Morgan

Senior Jeremy Walters climbed up on a rafter and prepared for class to start. His assignment: to build a house. Following in the footsteps of his father, Walters planned to pursue a career in construction, so he took classes at N.S. Hillyard Area Vocational-Technical School.

"I believe Hillyard's has personally prepared me more for what I want to do than a full day at Central could do," Walters said.

For two years, Walters has attended Hillyard's in the mornings taking Construction Technology I his junior year and Construction Technology II his senior year. In Construction Technology II, Walters helped build a house on the corner of 6th and Hall streets. The class did all the work on the house except the electrical and plumbing work.

Walters admitted there was not as much homework at Hillyard's and only having two classes at Central, as opposed to what he would have had attending Central all day. However, he believed his class at Hillyard's offered a mature atmosphere and he learned more in his construction class.

"If you are serious and work hard you learn a lot more that will be useful in the future," Walters said.

After graduation, Walters planned to become an apprentice, also known as a Journeyman. Through this, Walters would be able to receive training for work while getting paid for it rather than go on to college and pay to learn.

"Hillyard's has given me my start into construction and hopefully one day I will be able to start my own construction company," Walters said.
IN CLASS.
Senior Jeremy Walters converses with his peers at his morning Hillyard's class. Hillyard's classes such as these gave students a start into their future careers. photo by Zach Zillner

NAILING UP.
Jeremy Walters hammers a nail into the frame of a house. Walters is building a house on the corner of 6th and Hall streets for his construction technology II class. photo by Zach Zillner

SET IT UP.
Senior Jeremy Walters sets a nail into the roof of the house he is building. He gained skills by hands on training. photo by Zach Zillner

CARRYING ON.
Senior Jeremy Walters grabs a piece of plywood. Walters plans to become a carpenter's apprentice. photo by Zach Zillner

Hillyard's Talk
- Number of students attending: 53
- Founder: Newton Scott Hillyard
- Founding date: 1943
- Moving date: 1982
- Cost of new facility: $6 million
- Director: Doug Stewart
- New Programs: Vocational Agriculture
The fast world of the computer age was growing more advanced than ever. With the frequent and numerous changes that occurred, it may have been difficult for some to keep up on the cutting edge of the exciting new technology, but for sophomore Jason Squires this new technology was found to be fun and useful.

"I found the Internet very helpful when completing many homework assignments. It allowed me to research topics more thoroughly, and provided me with different sources that not all other students have, which proved to be a great advantage," Squires said.

Squires used the information superhighway to complete his homework without needing to leave his desk. It was convenient. When chatting on-line, privacy was crucial, so he was taking advantage of the system and not being taken advantage of.

"Despite some disadvantages, the information superhighway is moving forward very rapidly. It would not surprise me to see my children go to school where every student had their own personal computer, and would learn from it rather than a teacher," Squires said.

Squires' prediction may prove to be correct. The SEM Center offered students, for the first time, the opportunity to browse the Web.

"With computer technology rising in popularity, as the means by which it is accessed become easier, more convenient, less expensive, and more essential, I would definitely consider an occupation in this field of interest," Squires said.
HUNGRY EYES.
Sophomore Erica Orf watches sophomore Jason Squires as he teaches her how to use the Internet. Some students found using the new computers confusing to get used to. *photo by Zach Zillner*

LOOKING IT UP.
Freshman Christina Haasis uses the computer in the SEM Center. The SEM Center just recently added 16 new Internet connections. *photo by Zach Zillner*

SETTING IT UP.
Sophomore Jason Squires and freshman Taylor Marolis help set up the computer in the SEM center. The Internet was new to students. *photo by Zach Zillner*

SURFING.
Sophomore Jason Squires surfs the Web at his home. Squires liked to use the Internet to complete homework assignments. *photo by Zach Zillner*

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**Chatting Online**

: ) a person smiling  
:-) a happy person with a nose  
 (--->) a happy person  
 : -) a person who can still smile after losing an eyeball  
 : -) a person winking  
 : -D a person laughing  
 : -D* a person laughing so hard that he doesn’t notice that a 5-legged spider is hanging from his lip  
 : -( a sad person

Courtesy of Outlook Staff
TABLE WAITIN'.
Senior Crystal Davey waits tables at Country Kitchen on a Wednesday night. Davey has worked there for a couple of years and enjoys it. *photo by Derek Davis*

SCHEDULING.
Seniors Tisha Leaton and Kristy Jones talk about getting a work permit at registration. Leaton worked at J.Michael's. *photo by Derek Davis*

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**Work Permits**

- How many people have work permits? 38
- How long have there been work permits? 6 years
- What time do you get to leave school? 1:10 p.m.
- How can you get a work permit? Fill out an application, talk to your counselor, get parent's and employer's signature.

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RING IT UP.
Senior Eric Akins works as a cashier at O'Reilly's Automotive. Akins usually worked around 36 hours a week. *photo by Derek Davis*

CUTTING OUT.
Senior Cathy Campbell prepares to leave school with her work permit. Campbell left during her lunch hour to work at Thomas Market. *photo by Derek Davis*
Work permits benefited Akins FOR Life

by Jennifer Halling

Work permits allowed seniors free time to catch up and continue working.

After school Eric jumped into his brown flatbed truck and peeled around the corner on the way to his house. Once he got home he plopped down on his couch and gave a sigh of relief. He now had time to catch up on his homework and sleep before he headed off to O’Reilly for his long shift.

Students found it difficult going to school, holding down a job, doing homework and finding time to sleep.

“It is very demanding going to school and working. I feel like I am always busy and there is never enough time in the day to get everything done. I help customers find things, stock the shelves and run the cash register at work. Then when I get home all I want to do is sleep. It takes a lot out of you,” senior Eric Akins said.

Seniors were able to get work permits to allow them extra time to catch up on homework, study for a test or to just relax before they went to work in the evening.

“I get to leave after fifth hour to go home and relax. It gives me extra time to do my homework, so I don’t have to stay up all night after I get home from work and lose sleep,” Akins said.

The benefits to having a work permit were much greater than the disadvantages. Akins felt that it was better for him in the long run.

“I don’t feel like I am missing anything by leaving school early, but I do feel that I am learning responsibility and time management outside of class for my future,” Akins said.
A change with Learning IN Class

by Jennifer Halling

One student sat in government vigorously taking notes and listening to a lecture. Another was working independently, in English, to make deadlines. Jake was doing a lab experiment.

There were several different ways to structure a classroom. Which one actually was more effective? All structures had their advantages and disadvantages.

“I like to have more freedom and to be able to work more independently. I like to work at tables rather than desks because the class seems more open and if we have questions we can ask the people at our tables. It keeps me from getting bored,” sophomore Jake Lindley said.

In a more restrictive environment he found it to be redundant and boring.

“I tend to learn more in a more structured class, but they get boring and we do the same thing every day. Homework, lecture and notes every class period. We don’t get to do group work or anything and the lectures and notes seem to drag out way too long,” Lindley said.

Many of the classes changed and mixed the traditional style with independent work and study.

“In my chemistry, genetics and drafting classes we get to do labs and actually work on things rather than just talking about them. It breaks up the 85 minutes. That way it isn’t as boring. That, along with a few notes, is the best way for me to learn,” Lindley said.
HELPIN’ OUT.
Sophomores Archie Jeter and Sean Cowman work together on their assignments. Working together at tables gave students a chance to help each other. *photo by Zach Zillner*

DISCUSSIN' IT.
Juniors Katie Nelson and John Waller sit outside their English class discussing a topic. Being able to work in the hall gave students a more open atmosphere. *photo by Zach Zillner*

EXPERIMENTIN’.
Sophomores Jake Lindley and Korey Martin work on a chemistry lab. Labs helped students to understand their work. *photo by Zach Zillner*

CHECKING.
Senior Chad Wallerstedt compares answers before handing in his homework. Groups gave students a chance to help others. *photo by Zach Zillner*
CREATIVITY.
Freshmen Josh Gabbert and Brett Weipert work on a project in Woods class. These classes gave students an opportunity to be creative. photo by Derek Davis

KICKIN' IT.
Freshman Jeff Knadler takes a break to relax and to read the newspaper in his Power Tech class. Knadler took the class sixth hour. photo by Derek Davis

SAWING METAL.
Sophomore Josh Dunbar works on his project in Metals class. Shop classes gave students opportunities to construct whatever they wanted. photo by Derek Davis

IMAGINE.
Freshman Jamie Brewer works on his project in Power Tech. Imaginations were used to create projects. photo by Derek Davis
Obtaining the skills to shape THE Future

by Jamie Ray

Students strove for the finish of their long term projects.

As the hacksaw cut into the metal, the pieces of a future porch lantern began to form. This is one of many projects students in Industrial Technology can work on. They have the choice of either one basic project lasting all year or several different projects started and completed during the school year.

"I started my porch lantern in September and hope to finish by Christmas break, then I'm on to bigger and better things," sophomore Josh Dunbar said.

There are many different varieties of classes to choose from in the Industrial Technology department. From Woods I clear to Metals III each shop class provided students with the opportunity to make many different objects starting from your very basic materials.

"I took Woods last year and Metals this year. I found Metals to be much more difficult because in Metals you weld and sandcast which allows you to deal with more risk. It makes things a lot more interesting," Dunbar said.

As the years went by many students found the skills obtained during the Industrial Technology classes were useful in many different aspects of life.

"I use most of the things I learned in shop class, at home on projects and in ROTC, and hope to some day use it in my career what ever that may be," Dunbar said.

Many times the projects came to a halt when they decided on which shade of black they want to complete their project in: black, blacker or blackest. Once the paint was applied the sight of their complete project gave them a feeling of satisfaction.

"I will be completely satisfied when I add the final coat of the darkest shade of black. That will finish my semester long project," Dunbar said.
LOOKING OUT.
Senior Amy Carpenter gazes at the lower sophomore hall. Carpenter was able to take classes that she couldn’t have taken before. *photo by Zach Zillner*

GETTING ON.
Senior Amy Carpenter is helped into the elevator. The elevator gave Carpenter a chance to see more of the building. *photo by Zach Zillner*
For her first three years of high school senior Amy Carpenter never saw more than the upper sophomore hall. Like five other students, Carpenter was confined to a wheelchair. However, with the help of the new elevator she was able to explore more of the school and to take some classes that were inaccessible before.

"I never had a class outside of room 122 and 122A before. This year I have four in different parts of the building," Carpenter said.

The start of the year was exciting for Carpenter, because she was anxious to see what the rest of the school looked like. The elevator not only gave her a chance to get out of the same classroom she had been in for three years, but it also helped her to get to know more students. Carpenter felt she was able to get more of a real high school experience.

"The elevator gives me a greater sense of freedom and I can actually go to regular classes," Carpenter said.

Under the American Disabilities Act (ADA) state and federal law required schools to be accessible to all. Before the installation of the elevator, required classes had to come to Carpenter and her classmates. Now the students are able to go to them.

"I have enjoyed my years at Central very much and I am glad the elevator came before I graduated so I could see the rest of the school," Carpenter said.
Members of the new Archaeology Club, sponsored by Chris Kelley, learned about the discovery and preservation of ancient artifacts through solving school-wide problems concerning litter, museum visits and guest speakers. Agricultural Science teacher David smoking in the restrooms and AAP abuse.

Hoy created St. Joseph's first chapter of Future Farmers of America as the national honor society encouraged students to students flocked to join and organize it. Chem-physics and Forum Clubs made the heart choice and raised over $1,000 for their first Star Wars Theme dance sponsored by the letter W and the United Way. Members of organizations learned number two and featured Tim Shelley as the best-dressed Princess Leia.

It was all a matter of communication: more was

During second semester, the smallest Outlook staff ever, 12 members, accomplished when they were seeing eye to eye.

adopted a new staff organization plan to create the paper with fewer people.
WHOLE NEW WORLD.
Sophomore Cody Eggers backs up as senior Ellen Stubbs and junior Elizabeth Crow dance towards him as they sing a medley from Disney's Aladdin. The Encore Show Choir performed at East Hills Mall during Education Week in December. It was necessary for the singers to see eye to eye as they worked together coordinating dance moves, song lyrics and music. photo by Ashley Summers
Opening...
THE COMMUNICATION LINES
by erika strasser

Trust. Communication. Taking jobs seriously. All of these words describe things that must happen when any group works together. They also apply to the student government system that Charlie Perkins became a part of as a senior.

"Being asked to be on Cabinet gave me an opportunity to work with many kinds of people. I wanted to serve the student body in a way other than being on Senate," Perkins said.

Since Perkins was inexperienced with student government, he was surprised by a few things. One thing was the lack of communication all around, including Cabinet, Senate, SBOs and the administration.

"I think student government needs to work on trust. With the new student wagon, I see student government being phased out. To prevent this, the people in student government need to take their positions seriously and trust each other," Perkins said.

While planning for the student body activities, such as Homecoming Weeks and dances, student government anticipated the communication problem early in the year. They set a goal to re-establish the lines of communication as a goal.

Perkins' fellow Cabinet member Ashish Shah suggested a remedy for this problem.

"Ashish had the idea of breaking the Senate down into committees, for example, the Dance Committee. This allowed us to use our talents in better ways and improve communication," Perkins said.

Though the committee system got a late start, Perkins felt the student government gave the idea a fair chance.

"We did our best to get the ball rolling. Hopefully, it will gain momentum and continue in future years," Perkins said.

HELPING OUT.
(above) Senior Charlie Perkins serves the student body by helping out with registration. This was Perkins' first year on student government. photo by Derek Davis

SWEARING IN.
(right) Freshman Josh Zilmer takes his oath of office during the first Senate meeting of the year. The Senate meets about once a month. photo by Derek Davis
What's in your head?

What they saw:
I saw how everyone on Cabinet and Senate got together and got great ideas on certain things. ...freshman Taira Roth

What they heard:
In Senate I heard a lot of creative ideas, such as interesting Homecoming ideas and new ways to decorate for dances. ...sophomore Ryan Stanton

What they learned:
On Cabinet I learned that you should never go to PoGo’s without calling ahead first to see if they are open!...senior Annie Beeman


Focusing...
on
STUDENT ISSUES
by sarah russell

All summer long sophomore Katie Palmer waited for the decision. Her answer came in late August when she found out she was a new member of student wagon.

"It was a long selection process. We got surveys during third quarter last year. They wanted to know what our main concerns were as students and how we would fix them. Then they wanted me to come to an interview during registration where current members interviewed me," she said.

When Palmer attended the introductory meeting, she found wagon members would meet with the teachers on early-out days and voice their opinions to faculty and administration about issues students were concerned with. Palmer was pleased she was selected to share her ideas.

"I felt honored, and I thought that I would bring my leadership skills and my good ideas to the group," she said.

Palmer voiced her opinion well in student wagon due to her former experience as a member of the St. Joseph Youth Academy and was one of the advocates of going to AAP's to get other student opinion.

Palmer was one of the four sophomores chosen. Each class, with the exception of the freshman, has four members. Their aim was to make the school a better place for the student body.

"I would like to get the commons area started and make improvements in AAP. I hope that being in student wagon will help me be more involved in activities," Palmer said.

SPEAKING UP.
Sophomore Katie Palmer talks with Student Wagon sponsor Nancy Briggs. This was Palmer's first year on Student Wagon and she said she hoped to bring her leadership skills to the group. photo by Derek Davis.
DRAWING IT OUT.  
(left). Senior Lee Gilgour and Student Wagon sponsor Valorie Stokes laugh as they draw visual representations of their goals for the year. Among their goals, Student Wagon hoped to make improvements in AAP. photo by Mary Jo Hornaday.

HUMAN KNOT.  
(upper right). Members of Student Wagon do a group activity, called the human knot. This was among the many activities they did at the Faculty Retreat, which took place before school started. photo by Mary Jo Hornaday.


What's in your Head?  
•What they saw:  
The faculty has become more open to the student’s ideas and I think that we can get a lot more accomplished because of it... senior Tiffany Patrick said.

•What they learned:  
I learned it takes a lot of teamwork to solve the problems that need to be solved. It also takes a lot of cooperation to get untangled from a human knot... junior Tasha May said.

•What they heard:  
I heard that they were trying to make some improvements in AAP like cutting down on the number of people roaming the halls during class and I thought it was a good idea... sophomore Dustin Gossett said.
What's in your head?

What they saw:
The Thespians saw Mr. Daniel perform. It showed us the many types of characterization you can use in acting alone. ...junior Amanda Fisher

What they learned:
We learned how to act in many different ways than we knew before in order to play our characters. For example, I played the part of a homosexual man in the Fall Play. ...junior Craig Buhman

What they heard:
While I was on light crew, I heard Anna Clark teaching me how to waltz while the other people were acting on stage. ...senior Sandeep Hindupur
Finishing up with pom practice, senior Anna Clark rushed over to the auditorium to put in another two hours of practice for the fall play "Musical Mystery Murders of 1940." This was something Clark did every day for two months.

"I played the part of Marjorie Baverstock in the fall play. She was an interesting character," Clark said. Clark auditioned for the play in September and it was performed in early November. The cast rehearsed every day from three until six but Clark, captain of the poms squad, started at four.

"I was busy with the play practice, school work and Homecoming activities. It was tough to balance all of that," Clark said. Besides having a lead role in the play, Clark was also president of the student body and first attendant on the Homecoming Court.

"I didn't mind being so busy because it was a lot of fun working with the cast of the play as well as the director," Clark said.

Clark enjoyed acting and planned to try out for the all school musical in the spring, to continue her acting career.

"I would also like to do some acting in college," Clark said.
Singing...

in

PERFECT

HARMONY

by erika strasser

"He is definitely one of the most focused, artistically connected students I've ever had." That was how St. Joseph's Teacher of the Year, and Central's choir director, Mr. Darin Drown, described senior Jon Bokay.

"Jon is a leader. He has always been incredibly dedicated to the program," Drown said.

"The program" is the choral music program, which underwent a change. This change came in the Missouri State High School Activities Association rules for participating in school activities. Choir students had to sign forms stating that they would not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco while involved in the activity, which for choir students is all year. A major disappointment came to Bokay through the new rule.

"I was seen smoking across the street after school. I was told that I wouldn't be able to try out for All-State Choir, which really hurt me, since it was a big opportunity for scholarships," Bokay said.

However, putting aside that one setback, Bokay was able to succeed musically throughout high school. He credits a lot of this to Mr. Drown.

"I've always been interested in music, but Mr. Drown has definitely had the biggest influence musically in my life in the past four years," Bokay said.

After being in Freshman Choir, Show Choir, Die Meistersingers, Camerata, Music Theory, and Cadet Teaching for Mr. Drown, Bokay decided to continue with music in college. He said that being a cadet teacher for Mr. Drown really influenced him.

"Mr. Drown puts himself on the same level as his students. That's a really respectable thing, and I hope to use his ideas when I become a teacher," Bokay said.
What's in your head?

What they saw:
In June of 1996, the choirs took a trip to New York to sing at Carnegie Hall. Along the way, we saw all the sights of New York... senior Sheila Thiele.

What they heard:
Camerata got the chance to hear Mr. Drown's quartet, FREEFALL, in class one day. They sounded awesome... sophomore Cody Eggers.

What they learned:
Show Choir learned how to put up with each other after spending several hours together on road trips. We had a lot of competitions, and we spent straight days listening to each other whine! senior Ellen Stubbs.

SHOW CHOIR

DIE MEISTERSINGERS

CAMERATA

Choir 113


**ALL THAT JAZZ.**

(above) Senior Sam Henson concentrates as he plays a solo during Jazz Band. The trombone was among several instruments Henson played in high school.

*photo by Derek Davis.*

**TAKE A BREATH.**

(right) Senior Travis Gibson takes a break between notes as he marches with the band during the Homecoming Parade. The Band planned a special show for the last time at Homecoming. *photo by Leigh Ann Bryson.*
What's in your head?

What they saw:
Our late practices were bad enough to make you quit, but seeing David Davis and Laura Keefer goof around made it all worth while. They were really funny. ... freshman Thomas Perkins

What they heard:
The most amazing band I've ever heard was the SMSU marching band. They performed Phantom of the Opera. They rolled an organ out on the field with fog rolling behind it... senior Alicia Ross

What they learned:
"I have learned that one person alone, can accomplish little. Many people together can accomplish a lot." ... sophomore Lydia Kessler

Hitting... the HIGH NOTE
by elizabeth crow

The Blue and White Regiment, otherwise known as Central’s marching band, was made up of 165 students. One of those students was Sam Henson.

Henson has been playing and marching for eight years. In the beginning it was not his choice. Growing up in Waco, Texas Henson took band as a mandatory class.

"I had no idea that band would become such a major part of my life," Henson said.

His band career began in the fourth grade with the trumpet. He has progressed by learning to play four more instruments: the trombone, tuba, mellophone and the baritone.

"The trombone is my favorite because it’s the easiest to be creative with," Henson said.

Being able to play more than one instrument was not his only skill. He was also a section leader of the low brass.

"Section leaders have a lot of responsibility. They have to set an example for the whole band," Henson said.

In marching band, directors strayed away from their usual field show. They decided to play the theme from Last of the Mohicans. This show was successful in competition and half time shows.

"Overall I just wanted my senior year to be the best it could be, and I think that the entire band would agree in saying that it has been successful," Henson said.
Debating...

to

RESOLVE

ISSUES

by jamie ray

He stands to state his side of the issue, his voice calm and steady, all eyes and ears on him, listening to his voice. Senior Chris Demarest was preparing to debate.

"I've learned a lot of organization skills and time management, how to think through ideas quickly and present them with style," Demarest said.

One part of debate that Demarest had to organize was the method of debate he would use. The two types are Lincoln Douglas and cross examination.

"I prefer cross examination where there are two groups of two people: one affirmative, the other one negative, debating about the same topic," Demarest said.

There are different tactics and strategies used in preparing for a debate. Demarest had his own special way to research and accumulate information for a debate, which for him was half the fun.

"One way I decided on a topic was to throw many different foreign and domestic issues into a box and draw one out. That was the first step for me in developing a case," Demarest said.

Many people have a role model they work beside and look up to.

"One person that has impacted my life is our debate coach. He debates with such a sense of style, and I've learned a lot from the advice he has given me," Demarest said.

Many debate students develop a certain phrase they refer back to while they perform their debate.

"My favorite is 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.' I feel you can relate this topic to any problem in turmoil," said Demarest.

DYNAMIC DUO.
Junior Anand Patel listens as his debate partner, junior Josh Heckman, debates their issues. This year's debate topic was "Juvenile Crime."
photo by Erika Strasser
STRESSING IT.
Senior Chris Demarest stresses his point in the debate tournament by using expression in his voice and on his face. Demarest participated in debate all four years in high school, and obtained many awards from his accomplishments. photo by Erika Strasser.

What's in your head?

What they saw:
It was neat to see in the Forum club meeting how many people actually care about what is going on in the school and around the world...senior Jon Carter.

What they heard:
I've been a time keeper for debate tournaments and I've heard and seen things get really tense in a debate...sophomore Stormy Mixon.


What's in your head?

• What they saw:
  On second semester OUTLOOK staff, I saw that when we all pulled together, the new method used for staff organization really worked! ...senior Brook Weber.

• What they heard:
  I heard a story by Katie Nelson about how her childhood imagination had changed as she grew. It made me think of how my imagination had dwindled and it made me realize that even teenagers need dreams. ...senior Rachel Kerford.

• What they learned:
  On first semester OUTLOOK staff, I learned a lot about how to use Pagemaker, and I also learned the REAL meaning of teamwork. ...senior Kelly Watkins.
Working...

to
REORGANIZE
THE STAFF
by erika strasser

"What in the world are we going to do?" That was the question on all of the second semester Outlook staff's minds when they realized they had only 12 people as opposed to the normal 14-person staff. It seemed impossible, but due to advisor Mary Jo Hormaday and her creative thinking, the Outlook staff for second semester was structured to be run a totally new way.

"We have four main editors, and under them are section editors, as opposed to the normal page editors. Last semester they had one editor in chief, two managing editors under them, and page editors under them. I think our system will spread responsibility among the staff," senior Content Editor Mark Wurtzler said.

With his new responsibility as one of the four on the management team, Wurtzler was the person to lead staff meetings help the staff decide on what would go into the paper. Wurtzler said he realized his sophomore year he disliked writing long, drawn out stories sometimes required in Language Arts classes.

"I have always loved writing, but I hated stories that were too wordy. Journalism allows you to be succinct, and use the as few words as possible," Wurtzler said.

Wurtzler added he hoped to be able to maintain the high quality of work past Outlook staffs had done by bringing his skills at managing to the staff.

"I do well at breaking things down in to what needs to be done. If someone wants to communicate an idea, it is my job to make sure that the idea comes out as planned and stays true to the original vision," Wurtzler said.

At the beginning of the semester, the staff was eager and hopeful for their chance to create their own paper.

"I think the system will work out well. The management team gets along and we are looking forward to trying to keep up with how the other staffs have worked together to put out a great paper," Wurtzler said.
TEAMING UP.
Junior Tommy Alderson gets some help from senior editors Erika Strasser and Jennifer Halling during class. The staff tried the new method of teaming to accomplish more goals and to cover stories more thoroughly. *Photo by Derek Davis*


What's in your head?

- **What they saw:**
  I've seen how much work goes into making a yearbook. I saw tension building as deadlines approached, and people working harder and harder to make everything perfect. ... junior Tommy Alderson.

- **What they learned:**
  I learned that being a senior editor for the WAKITAN was a lot harder than it looked when we were juniors. ... senior Sara Cates.

- **What they heard**
  At journalism camp, the phrase 'I love my publication!' was drilled into our heads over and over. That was all we heard for a week. ... senior Jennifer Halling.
Jason Haynes began his junior year with several goals. He hoped to succeed at Cross-Country and maintain good grades, but one of the goals that stuck out the most was to make a contribution to his school. Jason felt by joining the WAKITAN staff, he could accomplish that goal.

"The WAKITAN contains memories for the entire student body. I thought it would be neat to make a contribution to recording these memories," Haynes said.

Haynes found that not only was recording memories one of the main goals of the staff, but so was reaching every deadline.

"I didn’t think the junior staff would be included in helping with the first deadline; I thought we’d still be in the learning process. We felt kind of thrown into it at first, but we learned as we went along," Haynes said.

The staff also tried a new method for completing their deadlines. This process, called "teaming", involves all members of a section working together to be sure each topic is well covered.

"The teaming process was a good idea. Other people on your section helped remember things that you might have forgotten or overlooked," Haynes said.

Altogether, how did Jason feel about his decision to join the staff?

"It was a unique, fun class, and it was so much different from any other class I’ve ever had. I’d recommend it to anyone who wants to work hard and be rewarded at the end," Haynes said.
Pushing... for MAXIMUM POTENTIAL

by elizabeth crow

"I'm here to keep you motivated, to keep you in school, and make you learn responsibility," Sgt. Maj. Conley West tells his cadets after a long hard day of physical training. West tries to do a lot more than that for his JROTC cadets, but to pass on what he has learned the cadets have to be on task and ready to go at all times.

West has been involved in the military for 31 years. He was drafted in January of 1963 and hasn't turned back since then.

"It wasn't my choice or dream to be in the military, but I'm glad I stuck with it," West said.

From that moment on, he had a long road ahead of him. He was stationed in such places as, Hawaii, Vietnam, Japan, Panama, Australia, and Puerto Rico.

"I think that the most interesting place I've been in is Vietnam. There were so many different people there to meet and there wasn't a dull moment," West said.

There have also been those heart-stopping moments in West's life that he deems most exciting.

"One time a helicopter of ours was shot down in Chuli, Vietnam. I was scared, but you have to overcome your fear and live your life, not let it pass you by," West said.

Through all this hard work West has become a motivating teacher. He pushes every cadet to his or her maximum potential everyday they are in class.

"I want to continue working with kids. After the life I have led, I want to keep the spirit alive for the next generation," West said. "If you're willing to live by the high standards I have set, you'll make it."

WORKING UP.
(right) First Sergeant Ashlie Hammond reports to Company Commander Melissa Mattson at the beginning of class. Cadets had to work their way up from the bottom to the top to be in leadership positions. photo by Derek Davis.
PASS IT ON. (left) Sgt. Major Conley West hands out papers to his 6th hour class before their PT exercises. West was in the military for 31 years, and planned to continue teaching to pass his knowledge from one generation to the next. *photo by Derek Davis*

AT ATTENTION. (upper right) JROTC cadets stand at attention during the Pledge of Allegiance. JROTC taught students to respect the flag and as well as their country. *photo by Derek Davis*


What's in your head?

- **What they did:**
  Selected cadets went to a JROTC summer camp in Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. It was a challenge and a lot of fun... junior Joritta Crowley

- **What they heard:**
  When we arrived in JROTC, we heard the instructors tell us they weren’t trying to put us in boots, just trying to make us better Americans. ... senior Laura Lord

- **What they learned:**
  I learned to respect my elders. If we get out of line, we have to do a number of push-ups... freshman Brandon Mencik


What's in your head?

I have seen a lot of good things come from Ceramics Club. People have come in not knowing anything about ceramics, and at the end, have created great pieces of art. . . . junior Abby Quinn.

I have learned that you don't need artistic talent to be a member of Brush and Pencil Club. All you need is desire and you can turn out work similar to those who have a greater artistic talent. . . . sophomore Lacy Hochenauer.

I have become interested in making t-shirts. They resemble my personality. My latest design was PHISHISGAY. . . . senior Eric Stoll.
Many students look forward to any chance they get to go down to Kansas City. However, most of them would forego the opportunity to go there for a class on the weekends. Junior Ben Edwards felt differently about this as he started his second year of art classes at the Kansas City Art Institute.

"It didn’t matter waking up early on Saturday mornings, I already had to do it for school. The reason I went down there was to try something new," Edwards said.

This new art was computer graphics and multimedia animation. He became interested in this when he saw examples of computer animated art on the Internet. It still uses the same techniques as drawing, however he used a mouse instead of a pencil.

"Drawing on a computer takes a lot of patience. It’s harder to draw with a mouse rather than a pencil," Edwards said.

Edwards felt it was relaxing and soothing to him when things were hectic. He used art as an outlet for anything that bothered him. Whenever he needed a way to express himself, he did it through art.

"Art has been a way for me to relieve stress," Edwards said.

Though he was still an amateur, he began to think as a businessman. He sold a couple of his works and planned to sell more.

"I feel that art is a way to make a little money on the side," Edwards said.
Planning...

for a

BETTER

ENVIRONMENT

by jason haynes

With the previous club sponsor Jiney Trotter transferring to Lafayette, the Eco Club was almost nonexistent.

"I, along with other club officers were extremely concerned that there wasn't going to be an Eco Club," senior Natalie Stevens, Eco Club President said. "But that was until Mrs. Dudley assumed the position as the new club sponsor."

Being the club president, Stevens had many duties.

"I was in charge of the club meetings, making sure everyone has the opportunity to express their ideas," Stevens said. "I also delegate the responsibilities, making sure that everything gets carried out."

Since the sponsor problem was resolved, the Eco Club operated normally, brainstorming new ideas.

"A lot of new ideas are coming up this year," Stevens said. "One of them is buying a piece of the rainforest through project Green Peace. And another idea that will be more noticeable to students is the planting of shrubs this spring in the areas where the smokers like to go. This will hopefully cut down on the trash the smokers leave behind," Stevens said.

Stevens enjoyed her experiences being in the Eco Club over the past years.

"I have been in Eco Club since my sophomore year," Stevens said. "I was the club's vice president my junior year and president my senior year."

"I've really learned a lot. It's made me really aware of the environment. It has also showed me that the smallest things, like recycling, can make the biggest difference," Stevens said.

CARRIED AWAY.
(above) Senior Natalie Stevens carries a box used by the Eco Club for recycling to empty it. Eco Club helped with school-wide recycling and other environmental projects. photo by Ashley Summers

STOMPIN' AGAIN.
(right) A Tribe Called Blue performs for the first time this year in a pep assembly. This was the second year for Stomp Team, and the team had 32 members. photo by Heather Carter
What's in your head?

What they saw:
I saw that Stomp Team accepted you no matter what grade or race you were. Also, we would practice hard till we got it down how Coach Hunter wanted it. ...freshman Cynthia Foster

What they heard:
Before I was on Stomp Team, I heard that the team was supposed to be really fun, exciting, and a good experience. ...freshman Tamika Foster

What they learned:
Eco Club has made people aware of what we're facing environmentally and some alternatives to these problems. ... junior Amanda Fisher


EXPLORING.
Juniors Jenny Brychta, Katie Lutz, Brooke Sherrill, and Wendy Ellington explore the Nelson Art Gallery during the Archaeology Club field trip. Lutz said the club was very educational. Photo by Chris Kelley


What's in your head?

What they saw:
Chem-Physics Club saw how to work with the estimation of various substances and how to play a science game similar to Wheel of Fortune. ...junior Taylor Swanson

What they learned:
Archaeology Club learned to appreciate ancient artifacts and how they were made and preserved. ...senior Matthew Fisher

What they heard:
I heard from my friends about all the fun and educational games and activities that went on at the Chem-Physics Club meetings that I missed. ...junior Emily Roberts
Indiana Jones swung across the river on a vine and continued running. After a brush with death, he was still holding the idol he had recovered from the ruins of the ancient city. Junior Katie Lutz watched Indiana Jones movies as a child and recently became vice-president of the Archaeology Club. She hoped to finally learn about her childhood curiosities.

"Ever since I was a kid I have liked the idea of digging in the dirt," Lutz said.

The club met about once a month in either the LMC or Hazel's Coffee Shop to plan and organize field trips.

"If we can raise enough money we plan to go on a trip to Arizona," Lutz said.

Early in the year, the club had already taken a field trip to the Nelson Art Gallery in Kansas City.

"It was a lot of fun. We saw many interesting things," Lutz said.

Lutz, though interested in archaeology, did not plan to make it a career. She had other goals in mind.

"I want to be a news broadcaster or a reporter, but I will always be interested in archaeology," Lutz said.
Quizzing...

on

HISTORY KNOWLEDGE

by ashley taylor

Down by 20 points with two minutes left, senior Jedd Schneider took a deep breath as his History Bowl team struggled to regain the lead. Four consecutive correct answers were needed just to tie, five to pull ahead. As the clock ticked on, Schneider did not break a sweat.

"Sometimes competition can become rather tense. I think our team performs well under pressure," Schneider said.

The team competed against many other teams, some coming from Kansas City schools as well as other area high schools, and always finished well.

"Mrs. Northup organized team parties which allowed us to get to know one another. I feel this helped us form friendly bonds enabling us to work together better," Schneider said.

The team was made up of a group of close-knit friends who shared in victory and defeat.

"Though it is a team activity, there is much responsibility placed on the individual to perform well at meets, as well as keep fresh on facts and historical events," Schneider said.

Schneider was glad to be on the successful History Bowl team. He felt it was a privilege to be one of the few chosen to be on the team.

"I am happy I can represent my school well when the History Bowl team attends a meet. I make a constant effort to be a responsible and active individual member of the team," Schneider said.

ANSWERING IT.
(above) Senior Jedd Schneider practices with the History Bowl team. The team competed with surrounding schools, as well as a few Kansas City schools. photo by Ashley Summers

GET IT RIGHT.
(Right) Senior Charlie Perkins works on getting as many answers right as possible during History Bowl practice. Perkins was the team captain. photo by Ashley Summers
What's in your head?

- What they saw:
  We saw people who were actually more nerdy than ourselves. It was scary and yet very amusing...senior Lee Gilgour

- What they heard:
  The History Bowl Team was excited to hear member Charlie Perkins explain how smart the team actually was!... senior Kyle Clower

- What they learned:
  Everyone learned how to put up with each other and work as a team. It was difficult since the team consists of many leaders, some of us had to step down and let the stubborn ones take charge!... senior Jean Yu


Do You Know Your History?
(These are some sample History Bowl questions you might face if YOU were on the team.)

1. Who was the first American honored in the Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey?
2. What radioactive isotope is most often used to date archaeological artifacts?
3. Name either of the 2 items that the eagle has grasped in its claws on the Great Seal of the United States.

\[ \begin{align*}
1. & \text{ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow} \\
2. & \text{ Carbon-14} \\
3. & \text{ Olive branch} (\text{right), Arrow (left) on} \\
\end{align*} \]
OCTAGON CLUB

NHS

What's in your head?

What they saw:
In Octagon Club I saw that people our age can really make a difference. Doing community service made me feel good about myself. ... senior Lacy Brittingham

What they heard:
I heard that one of the national goals of Optimist International (Octagon’s affiliate) is to promote optimism as a philosophy and way of life throughout the country, ... senior Haley Chapnick

What they learned:
I learned that it was pretty hard to get people involved with the NHS fundraisers, but once they got started, we had great results... NHS President Jean Yu

What were they thinking?
The NHS Penny counting committee found MANY more objects besides coins while counting after school. Whether they were confused or just plain ornery, students of all grades placed these odd things in the jars:

- 3 rusty screws
- 4 nails
- 1 piece of glass
- 1 ten-cent piece from Israel
- 1 Buffalo Nickel
- 1 gray button
- 1 Canadian Penny
- 1 pen end
- 1 pencil eraser

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Serving...
the
ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY
by erika strasser

Walking out of the school building at four o'clock in the afternoon, her hands smelling of copper, senior Kristin Heater was tired, but felt good about the service she was doing for the United Way. Being on the penny-counting committee, Heater was at school late every day for a week simply counting pennies for the annual Penny Drive. This was just one community service project that Heater had the chance to participate in through the National Honor Society.

"Counting the pennies was tedious and sometimes sort of boring, but being with the other people on the counting committee and knowing that I was doing something to help the community made it better," Heater said.

The NHS penny drive was very successful. The student body contributed over 30,000 pennies alone, and donated over $1000 to the United Way. The members of NHS were glad that they could be a part of such a profitable effort.

"It's really great to know that you are helping with a project that really benefits people in the community. It was neat how the student body got behind the effort and helped us out," Heater said.

One of the main purposes of NHS is to do community service projects, and this was what interested Heater in the Honor Society when she was a junior.

"I knew that getting into NHS would be a real honor. I wanted to help with all of the projects I'd seen the other NHS members before me doing. It's great to be in a Society which has recognized me for some of my achievements, and yet I still keep getting more and more good experiences from it," Heater said.
Speaking...
with
SPANISH ACCENTS
by erika strasser

As the freshman boy walked hesitantly into the crowded restaurant, he wondered what his first meeting of Spanish Club would be like. Senior Nathan Weipert confessed he felt this way at his first Spanish Club meeting at La Mesa Restaurant four years ago. However, Weipert soon realized that this was a club he would enjoy throughout high school.

"The first time I went to Spanish Club, after the initial anxiety wore off, I realized people in the club were outgoing and fun; they didn't hold anything back and they always had a great time, no matter where they were," Weipert said.

One thing Weipert credited to why the large club ran so well was the number of officers. Unlike any other club, Spanish Club had an overall president and vice president, but also had a secretary and treasurer from each of the four Spanish classes, making 10 officers in all.

"I had always wanted to be an officer in Spanish Club, especially since I saw how fun the past officers had made it. I was glad that I had the chance to be the secretary from Mr. Chavez's class this year," Weipert said.

Weipert's most frequently remembered meetings were when the club ate at La Mesa. His favorite meetings, though, were the Halloween Hayrides held each year.

"I loved eating at La Mesa, but I had the most fun on the hayrides. Maybe it's because I'm such at country boy," Weipert said.

Why should a person join Spanish Club?

"Any person in Spanish should join the club because it gives you a lot of experiences you otherwise would not have. You have the chance to meet so many people, and get a little crazy with them once in awhile," Weipert said.

DANCING. (above) Senior Nathan Weipert practices the Macarena with his sombrero on. Weipert's interest in Spanish led him to be one of the club's secretaries. photo by Zach Zillner

FLAMING. (right) Senior Chris Demarest and junior Jacob Thorne, along with other members of the French Club, ride on the club's Homecoming float. Their float theme was "Torch the Tigers" and it received the award for most participation. photo by Diane Ford
What's in your head?

What they saw:
I saw that in French Club, a lot of fun things happen because everyone becomes so close. A lot of friendships were formed. ...senior Jedd Schneider.

What they heard:
Mrs. Briggs told me that I should join Latin Club because it is fun, and I'd have a chance to hear 'the ancient language.' ...sophomore Zach McClain

What they learned:
In Spanish Club I learned not to hold food in front of Mr. Chavez's face unless you are planning on giving it to him! ...junior John McGinnis


THE 1996-97 SPANISH CLUB HAD OVER 200 MEMBERS.
Its sponsors were Mr. Chavez, Mrs. Pickerel, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Roueche.

What's in your head?

- What they saw:
  FFA went to the national convention in Kansas City. This was our first year to go. We got ideas for next year's competition. It was an exploratory trip. ...freshman Mike Dunlap

- What they learned:
  I learned about a lot of good paying jobs in the agriculture field and areas I like. I also learned about breeds of cattle, livestock, and agriculture itself. ...freshman Jacob Dunbar

- What they heard:
  FTA heard a speaker who told us teaching is more than teaching. It is about relationships between teachers and students. ...senior Sarah Webb
Shaping...
the
WORLD'S
FUTURE

by elizabeth westrich

While cadet teaching at Coleman Elementary School, senior Rachel McQuown gained new life skills and intrinsic rewards.

McQuown became involved in the cadet teaching program through Future Teachers of America.

"I learned about the club my junior year. I got involved in FTA, then I signed up to be a cadet teacher," McQuown said.

She was supervised by her favorite elementary school teacher while she cadet taught in her old classroom. She felt being in her old classroom brought back many fond memories.

"Mrs. Herzog was my favorite teacher in elementary school. I remembered things we did when I was at Coleman. I loved the way she taught and I wanted to teach just like her," McQuown said.

Though she did not plan to become an educator, McQuown felt cadet teaching would help in her chosen major.

"Cadet teaching and FTA helped me establish leadership skills. I want to go into psychology and cadet teaching shows me how to relate to different types of people," McQuown said.

McQuown's class made a lasting impression on her heart and mind. She learned many things about herself while she taught.

"They are so innocent, open, and uninhibited. They don't have the obligation of being tactful. A high school student would never ask their teacher for a hug. Children have a cool perspective," McQuown said.
Freshmen entered the building with a class population well over 400 and a
underclassmen cheered on their seniors as they
new beginning in the palm of their hands. They were filled with dreams, goals
tried to end the teacher domination in the senior/
and expectations and began to make their mark as they won the NHS poker
faculty games. A few teachers were put in the
game during the Penny Drive. Sophomores looked forward to receiving a
position of being both instructors and students
driver’s license, freedom and moving one step closer to becoming upperclass-
as they headed back to college to gain extra
men. Juniors awaited preparations for prom while working constantly on
credits, teachers, students and staff worked
raising money and class spirit. Seniors looked back on their past years with
harder to prove that they were no longer just
sorrow and happiness while still anticipating the day when they would walk
another face in the crowd.
out the doors for their last time and be on their way to their new world.
CHEER 'EM ON.
A group of students cheer on the football team as they defeated William Chrisman 56-17 in front of 2,000 fans. The student body showed their support for the team at the last game of the year. photo by Ashley Summers
What were your feelings on the first day of school?

12% indifferent
35% nervous
53% excited

survey approx size 50

DECORATING.
Freshmen Candice Lee and Molly McMurray help put up signs for the Moneymaker games. The Freshmen made posters and signs cheering on their team. photo by Laura McEnaney

TEAMWORK.
Freshmen Elizabeth Beeson, Emily Kiburz, Tarin Atkins and Blair Dudik help each other with their homework outside of their classroom. photo by Derek Davis
MAKING PLANS.
Freshmen class officers, La Crisa Downey, Neil Pai and Josh Zillner make their final preparations for the Moneymaker games.
photo by Laura McEnaney

class size: 434
males: 216  females: 218
year of graduation: 2000
class sponsors: Mrs. Briggs (Chairperson), Mrs. Conard, Mrs. Ford, and Mr. V. Perry

class officers:
president: Josh Zillner
vice-president: Neil Pai
secretary/treasurer: La Crisa Downey

"I am excited that we are the class that gets to graduate at the turn of the century!"
freshman Josh Zillner
LUNCH TALK.
Freshmen Justin Early, Ryan Early, Justin Brever, Chris Schmidt and Mike Thomas find lunch time is not only a time to eat, but also a time to visit with friends. Along with other privileges of high school, freshmen enjoyed longer lunch periods. *photo by Derek Davis*

Acord, Michael
Adams, Kodie
Adams, Kurt
Alpers, Donny
Anderson, Christina
Argo, Candace

Atkins, Tarin
Ballin, John
Barnes, Amy
Barnes, Jason
Barr, Melissa
Bassitt, Nicholas

Bauer, Dan
Bayer, Lynnetta
Beattie, Holly
Beck, Joan
Beeson, Elizabeth
Benedict, Charles

Berkowitz, Leah
Birmingham, Colleen
Blake, Nathan
Blakeney, Darien
Blessing, Rebecca
Blizzard, Chasity

142 personalities-freshmen (Acord - Caton)
"The best part of being a freshman is meeting all of the older guys!"

"It would have to be being out of middle school and only having four more years of school left!"

"The best part of being a freshman is I get to meet older people and learn from them!"

"I like the longer class periods and freedoms that we did not have in middle school!"

"The best part of being a freshman at Central is there are a lot of hot older guys!"

Freshman
La Crisa Downey

Freshman
Daniel Seboldt

Freshman
Natalie Smith

Freshman
Andrea Ross

Freshman
Katie Wills

Boley, Alexander
Bolinger, Chad
Bonebrake, Kathryn
Booker, Jana
Borger, Erik
Brewer, Donald

Brewer, Javan
Brooks, Jennifer
Brooks, Stephanie
Brown, Kara
Brown, Linsey
Brown, Melissa

Brown, Nicole
Brunner, Jennifer
Brychta, Amy
Buckles, Christopher
Buhlman, Nicholas
Burley, Nellie

Burris, Rachel
Burnett, Jeremiah
Campbell, Sarah
Carrel, Tearany
Casady, Daniel
Caton, Erin
As the high school doors opened for an unfamiliar freshman, opportunity became available.

"I feel there is more of an opportunity to learn. I'm in honors and find it more challenging then Odyssey was at Bode," freshman Nicholas Sawin said.

Sawin began to discover the teachers did care if their students were doing well. Many teachers got involved with the students and understood what was going on in their lives.

"I've talked with the new principal and a few teachers. They spend the extra time it takes to get us interested," Sawin said.

High school was a stepping stone for the freshmen. It was a time for them to accept responsibility outside of school.

"I'm in the marching band. We spend time putting our performance together. I've learned a lot about time management," Sawin said.

Overall, Sawin's first year of high school proved to be a valuable learning experience.

"I feel more mature and can handle anything that comes my way," Sawin said.
Chamberlain, Christopher
Chaney, Preston
Chapala, Shelly
Christ, Charles
Christian, Jeremy
Christie, Jennifer

Chu, Kuofeng
Clark, Andrea
Clark, Shawnte
Cleggett, Stephen
Clements, Alexis
Coate, Heather

Colgan, Baile
Condon, Adra
Constable, William
Cotton, Drew
Coulter, Nina
Courter, Tammy

Courtney, Michelle
Cox, Andrew
Cox, Michael
Crabtree, Stacy
Crawford, Amanda
Crosley, Jannette

Cross, Reuben
Crossfield, Marjorie
Crow, John-David
Cruz, Courtney
Culp, Brandon
Curtis, Tara

Davis, Tim
Dean, William
Deleon, John
Deleon, Reginald
Dempster, Leah
Denton, Craig

Derks, Candace
Deschepper, Jason
Downey, Lacrisa
Drennen, Dustin
Dudik, Blair
Dudley, Maurice

Duke, Jeffrey
Dunbar, Jacob
Duncan, Jennifer
Dunlap, Cole
Dunlap, Michael
Dunning, Naomi

freshmen (Chamberlain - Dunning) 145
"I would definitely go to Paris. Ever since I was nine years old I have wanted to go there. I have heard it is really beautiful!"

"I would go on a Caribbean cruise all by myself. The cruise would last a year, all expenses paid!"

"I would like to visit California. There are a lot of beaches, and I could have tons of parties and never come home."

"I've seen pictures of Ireland and it looks to be really beautiful. My dream is to someday visit my family over there."

"I would like to fly to Hawaii and spend all my time relaxing on the beach with hot guys."

Freshman
Christy Gilmore

Freshman
Brad Powers

Freshman
Becky Blessing

Freshman
Robin Smith

Freshman
Rochelle Price

Dupre, Jamie
Durham, Brad
Dysart, Dana
Early, Justin
Early, Ryan
Edwards, Anthony
Eldredge, Crystal
Ellington, Dana
Euler, Christie
Euler, Derek
Evans, Sarah
Fikelley, Christina
Findley, Kyle
Fisher, Sara
Fisher, Sarah
Fisher, William
Flach, Ashley
Flanagan, Kimberly
Fossee, Katie
Foster, Bryon
Foster, Cynthia
Foster, Tamika
Frampton, Nathan
Frans, Danny

146  personalities-freshmen (Dupre - Hann)
VACATION.
Freshman Shawn Davis looks through Florida brochures. Davis has been to Florida before and plans to visit again.
photo by Derek Davis

Freeman, Mary Beth
French, Christopher
Friger, Melissa
Fry, Preston
Gabbert, Joshua
Gawatz, Barbara

Geha, Amy
Gergen, Leslie
Gibson, Angela
Gilmore, Christy
Gilpin, Michael
Goodwin, James

Grasty, Bad
Green, Forest
Grippando, Josh
Griswold, Julie
Grooms, Mindy
Grooms, Tiffany

Gross, Travis
Haasis, Christina
Hague, Robert
Hainfield, Shane
Hallowell, Amanda
Hann, Blake
Hanway, William
Harbord, Jason
Harris, Kimberly
Harrison, Jane
Hartig, Paul
Hartley, Annelise
Hartley, Benjamin
Haskey, Heidi
Hatfield, David
Haynes, Leah
Haynes, Robyn
Heater, Bradley
Hecker, Timothy
Hendrix, Jennifer
Henke, Jessica
Henson, Shannon
Henton, Keenan
Hernandez, Tyson
Hicks, Gabriel
Hill, Russell
Hinman, Timothy
Hoff, Lindsay
Hoffman, Autumn
Hoffman, Danielle
Hoffman, Tasha
Holcomb, Terry
Hollars, Brandi
Honeycutt, Jeremy
Horn, Tasha
Hower, Julie
Hubbard, Julia
Huffman, Aubrey
Hupp, Melissa
Hurst, Bernadette
Inceo, Travis
Irwin, Maegan
Irwin, Ryan
Jackson, Ashely
Jackson, Christina
Jackson, Keli
Jackson, Nichole
Jennings, Stacy
Jensen, Joshua
Jobes, Elizabeth
Jochum, Michael
Johnson, Chad
Johnson, Christina
Jones, Amber

148 personalities-freshmen (Hanway-Jones)
Sweat dripped down his face as he lifted the 200 pound bar over his head completing his third and final set of push press. Freshman Brad Durham worked all summer preparing for the upcoming football season. All his hard work did pay off, however, as he earned a spot on the varsity team. Some of his main motivations through all the hard work were the accomplishments of his role model.

"I would have to say my role model is Derrick Thomas," Durham said.

Leadership was something Durham strived for in his own life. He felt one way to be a leader off the field was to stay away from drugs and alcohol.

"I look up to Derrick because he shows leadership on and off the field and he leads a good moral life," Durham said.

Following in the footsteps of his role model, Durham planned to someday help with charity work as well.

"I would like to be a professional football player and help underprivileged children just as Derek has done," he said.

**HIGH HOPES.**
Freshman Brad Durham lifts in his weight training class. Durham worked hard because he would like to play pro football like Derrick Thomas, *photo by Zach Zillner*
TRASH TIME.
Freshman Vinnie Schuette helps take the trash out. Taking out the trash is one of the most dreaded chores by students. photo by Zach Zilner

Jones, Jase
Jungk, Amanda
Keller, Ryan
Keller, Sara
Kennon, Danielle
Kiburz, Emily

Kimble, Jacob
Kinder, Joel
King, Tayler
Kirk, Jared
Knadler, Cody
Knadler, Jeffery

Kneib, Erin
Koenig, Jackie
Koenig, Kyle
LacKamp, Jonathan
Lamb, Barbara
Lamb, Theresa

Lee, Candace
Lee, Carly
Leggio, Joanna
Lesny, Bryan
Liles, Benjamin
Lipira, Sara

150 personalities freshmen (Jones - Michaels)
"I hate cleaning the bathroom! It seems like I always end up being the person who gets that chore!"

"I hate taking out the trash! It smells really bad!"

"I hate cleaning out my guinea pig cage. I have to clean it every three days, and it smells so bad!"

"I hate making my bed. I am supposed to make it everyday. I never do because there is always junk on it."

"I hate cleaning the bathroom! It is just plain gross!"

Freshman
Christina
Johnson

Freshman
Brandon
Patrick

Freshman
Keenan
Henton

Freshman
Alex
Boley

Freshman
Rachel
Burris

Lovell, Christina
Lovig, Kacey
Lovig, Rebecca
Lucas, Mary
Mackie, Barbara
Manson, Jennifer

Marks, Stephen
Marolis, Taylor
Martin, Thomas
Massey, Steven
May, Korey
McAvoy, Kevin

McBrayer, Erin
McCush, Lindsay
McGinnis, Brendan
McMillian, Tommie
McMullan, Heather
McMurray, Molly

McMurtry, Hayley
Meadows, Elijah
Mencik, Brandon
Meyerdirk, Christina
Meyers, Lauren
Michaels, Aaron
DREAMS.
Freshman Danny Frans dreams about his goals for the future. Frans hopes to attend the University of Michigan and go to medical school.

photo by Zach Zillner

motormouth

Q What have you always wanted to do but couldn’t?

A “I always wanted to be in the Olympics for gymnastics.”

freshman Kelly Riley

achieving the dream

By Bryan Gower

Younger children primarily base their goals on occupations that fascinate them. Professional ballplayers, movie stars, dancers, models, politicians, and astronauts catch the attention of younger children. As students mature, their goals may change.

“In middle school, I dreamed of playing football in the NFL,” freshman Danny Frans said.

Frans realized his goal was not obtainable, and geared his goals toward something he could achieve.

“I plan on going into the medical field. My goals are important because I plan on having a family and I want to be able to support them,” Frans said.

Once his goal was set, Frans planned out his courses and activities for his four years of high school.

“I figure that these are the most important years of my life, so I study a lot more,” Frans said.

Dreams are fun to have, but goals set the framework for life.

“My goals are like a road map for my life. My road map takes me to the University of Michigan,” Frans said.

Freshmen find that their goals change throughout their high school career.
"My worst fear is that I will not be able to find a good husband."

"I am afraid of getting caught because I would not be able to go out anymore."

"I am really afraid of haunted houses. They are scary. I don't like the ugly monsters."

"My worst fear is school lunches. They are really nasty. A school lunch made me puke last week."

"I am afraid of falling into a bottomless pit and not being able to get out!"

Freshman
Emily Kiburz

Freshman
Liz Beeson

Freshman
Nate Morrow

Freshman
Ben Liles

Freshman
Anthony Seim

Rivera, Jesse
Romer, Matthew
Root, Cody
Ross, Andrea
Roth, Taira
Rudisill, Trisha

Ruhnke, Ashely
Rush, Shellie
Sawin, Nicholas
Scheidegger, Kyle
Schieber, Jacob
Schiermeyer, Nicole

Schmidt, Chris
Schneeflock, Andy
Schneider, Jacob
Schreck, Nicholas
Schriner, Alex
Schroeder, Tim

Schuele, Vinnie
Schurman, Loren
Scott, James
Seaboldt, Daniel
Sears, Chad
Seever, Christa

154 personalities freshmen (Rivera - Spafford)
INITIATION.
Freshmen Ben Liles, Will Dean and Brett Weipert scrub the Indian Head under the supervision of seniors Dwayne Blakely and Neil Stuber. Many freshmen feared initiation. *photo by Nick Sundet.*

Seim, Anthony
Shanks, William
Shapiro, Peter
Shaw, Jody
Shea, Reagan
Shuman, Josh
Shutts, Matt
Sigler, Myron
Simpson, Abigail
Siron, Rachel
Smith, Amber
Smith, Brittany
Smith, Cory
Smith, Elgin
Smith, Erin
Smith, Erin
Smith, Jordan
Smith, Kira
Smith, Kristen
Smith, Natalie
Smith, Robin
Snead, Laura
Sourk, Allison
Spafford, Gregory
Spence, Jarod
Sperry, Casey
Sperry, Stacey
Stams, Nick
Stapleton, Kristina
Steeby, Gary
Stetler, Marilyn
Stevens, Brandon
Stone, Mary
Strueby, Keith
Strueby, Kristopher
Stubbs, Scott
Stufflebean, Anna
Stufflebean, Nannetta
Sturges, Joshua
Sullwold, Marcy
Swope, Brandy
Swope, Kenny
Thomas, Mike
Thompson, John
Thorne, Devon
Thornton, Douglas
Tichnor, Kala
Timmons, Brycen
Trout, Ronnie
Truxal, Hannah
Underwood, Josh
Unger, Kate
VanHoutan, Daniel
Vieth, Christopher
Voigt, Nathan
Vulgamott, Nathan
Waller, Scott
Ward, Jennifer
Warden, Todd
Wardlow, Rachel
Watkins, Andrea
Weddington, Christa
Wehner, Amber
Weigler, Luke
Weipert, Brett
Wells, Erin
Welsh, Rachel
Wheat, Jesse
White, Clayton
White, Scott
Whitlock, Joshua
Whitten, Natasha

156 personalities-freshmen (Spence - Whitten)
Movies. Sports. Television. Friends. Music. All can be time consuming, but freshman Jordan Smith chose to spend his extra hours focused on the Kansas Jayhawks.

"My parents grew up in the Kansas City area and are big fans of the Kansas Jayhawks also. It seems as if the Jayhawks have always been a big part of my life," Smith said.

Smith had always been an avid sports fan, but his fascination with the Kansas Jayhawks was triggered by their 1988 victory in the National Basketball Championship.

"This game put sparks in my eyes. I felt so proud for them. Ever since that game I have always been a dedicated fan," Smith said.

Smith's obsession has resulted in collecting Jayhawk shirts and cups. He also met several players and has a collection of their autographs.

"I hope to get personalized license plates that say OFF2KU," Smith said.

Smith will continue to show support in as many ways as he knows how until his goal of attending Kansas University is met.

KU Dreams.
Freshman Jordan Smith's bedroom is filled with KU memorabilia. Smith and his family are ardent fans of KU. Smith hopes to attend the University of Kansas when he gets older. photo by Derek Davis

motormouth Q What are you obsessed with?
A "My hair. It has to be curled. If not, I don't leave the house.*

freshman Leslie Gergeni

hawk habit

By Brooke Richey

Smith's growing up in a Jayhawk environment led to the creation of one of the most dedicated Kansas fans ever.
SHOPPING.
Freshman Sarah Lipira looks for clothes in the Brass Buckle. She loves to shop at the mall for new clothes. Lipira preferred to shop at the Brass Buckle over any other stores. photo by Laura McEnaney

Wilfong, Michelle
Williams, Tara
Wills, Katherine
Wilson, Jamie
Wilson, Jason
Wilson, Ryan

Windsor, Kathryn
Wise, Aubrey
Wood, Michelle
Woodhull, Dee
Worsham, Bradley
Wyble, Kristen

Wyeth, Huston
Young, Lesley
Zillner, Joshua
Prokop, Joseph

158 personalities-freshmen (Wilfong - Zillner)
"I like to go and shop at Metro North Mall. East Hills does not have stores like the GAP and 5-7-9."

"I prefer to shop at Oak Park Mall. I like the shopping atmosphere there. I like the GAP the best!"

"I like to shop at Brass Buckle, Gadzooks, Deb, and Maurice's. These stores sell the good clothes!"

"I like to shop at East Hills mall. They have everything there. I go shopping about three times a month."

"I go to Oak Park Mall about once a month. I always stop at Banana Republic, GAP, and Abercrombie."

Freshman
Joni
Moyers

Freshman
Josh
Zillner

Freshman
Aubrey
Huffman

Freshman
Michael
Dunlap

Freshman
Candice
Derks

PENNY DRIVE.
Seniors Stephanie Boech and Jason Taylor watch as students contribute to the NHS penny drive. The freshmen won the poker hand that went along with the penny drive. photo by Zach Zillner

Students Not Pictured:
Boudreau, Robby
Buntin, Brian
Calvin, Terry
Combs, Waneta
Cox, Aaron
Davis, Darrell
Davis, Mary
Elliott, Leila
Holt, Jessica
Hutchinson, Ricky
Jarrett, Derick
Johnson, Darrel
Kamler, Scott
Lillie, Susan
Lynch, Darby
Marshall, Jeremy
Meyer, Nathan
Mooney, Michael
Mullin, Ryan
Patel, Beenal
Propes, Brandon
Reinert, Abraham
Roddie, Randy
Shaw, Rodric
Snapp, Douglas
Squires, Noelle
White, Julius
Williams, Cara
Williams-Cooley, Natasha
Wilson, Latoy
Witrock, Kerry
Yarnell, Melissa
What do you think about the new attendance policy?

100% disagreed

survey approx size 45

LUNCH TIME.
Sophomores Jake Lindley and Kristy Hernandez take a seat to eat lunch. Many students used their lunch time to take a break and visit with friends. photo by Zach Zillner

MAC WORK.
Sophomore Megan Ashley works on a paper for sixth hour Language Arts II. Working in the Mac Lab allowed students to get more work done at school. photo by Derek Davis
BRIGHT IDEAS.
Sophomore class officers Zach McClain, Matt Sollars and Ashley Brittingham go over plans for upcoming meetings. The officers provided leadership for the class in the Money Maker games. *photo by Laura McEwaney*

class size: 422
males: 227  females: 195
year of graduation: 1999
class sponsors: Mrs. Groenke (Chairperson), Mrs. Couldry, Mrs. Bottorff

class officers:
president: Matt Sollars
vice president: Ashley Brittingham
secretary/treasurer: Zach McClain

"I can't believe that one year has already passed! Only three more to go!"
sophomore Ashley Brittingham
CRUISING.
Sophomores Jake Humphreys and John Howery leave basketball practice in Humphreys' Explorer. Humphreys received his license on his second try and enjoyed his new-found freedom.
photo by Ashley Summers

backtalk
Q What big mistake did you make during the driving test?
A "I forgot to turn my wheels when parking down hill!"
sophomore
Todd Tipton

driving
By Karla Griggs
Sweat dripped off his face, his hands gripped the steering wheel so hard they began to turn white. He slowly eased the car into the parking spot. He did not need to be told; he knew he had flunked. This was a common nightmare for most teenagers who were preparing to take the driver's test.
"I was really nervous about the test. I had already flunked once," sophomore Jake Humphreys said.
Before Humphreys was allowed to take the driving portion of the test he had to pass the written test.
"The written test was easy. I had read through the book twice," Humphreys said.
With teens being allowed to get their permit at age fifteen and a half they had plenty of time to practice before taking the driving test.
"My dad took me downtown a couple of times to practice, I was familiar with the course," Humphreys said.
Humphreys agreed that getting his license has paid off for all of his hard work.
"Since I have my own car I do not have to depend on others for rides I do not feel like such a kid anymore," Humphreys said.

Humphreys learned driver's licenses are not just handed out to sixteen year olds. They have to be earned.

162 personalities-driver's license
what is the best part about being a sophomore?

By Melissa Morgan

"I enjoyed seeing the freshmen come in and look as lost as we were our freshman year."

"I got to have Mrs. Briggs for Latin II."

"I got my license and a car and didn't need to depend on others for rides anymore."

"I got to flirt with the freshmen girls."

"The best part was it was less stressful because I knew how high school worked."

Sophomore
Jenny Hibler
Sophomore
Zach McClain
Sophomore
Janie Wessling
Sophomore
Brandon Guardado
Sophomore
Lacey Hochauer

Carter, Brent
Carter, Corinne
Carter, Marshall
Cartwright, Levi
Cates, Jessica
Cates, Thomas
Caton, Michael
Caw, Ciera
Caw, Tamara
Chambers, Andrew
Christie, Andrew
Claessens, Jessica
Clark, Blakeley
Clark, Tyler
Claff, Jacob
Coats, Cassie
Coffman, Aaron
Cole, Andrea
Colhour, Kristina
Conner, Lindsay
Cook, Alexa
Cook, Amber
Cordero, Cristie
Costello, Sean

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IN CLASS.
Modern and Contemporary history teacher Kathy Northup tells one of her many humorous stories to her class. Northup taught honors as well as regulars sophomore history classes.  photo by Zach Zillner

Cowman, Sean
Cox, Christina
Crumbaugh, Christina
Cruse, Shahariah
Danford, Jennifer
Davidson, Amy

Davis, Andrea
Day, John Mark
Delanty, Derick
Dial, Andre
Domino, Joseph
Douglas, Troy

Downing, Joshua
Dudley, Deana
Duin, Jefferson
Dulac, Cassie
Dulcan, Michael
Dunbar, Joshua

Duty, Greg
Dyer, Jared
Dyedell, Felicia
Edwards, Barbara
Eggers, Cody
Elardo, Damon

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Eldredge, Clint
Ellis, Karin
Englezos, Eva
Ericson, Jessa
Esely, Ryan
Estes, Brad

Evans, Erin
Falk, Christopher
Farnsworth, Jeff
Faulkner, Jason
Filbert, Hermione
Filley, Michael

Fisher, Jesse
Fisher, Robert
Flinn, Nicole
Flurry, Jodi
Ford, Rebecca
Foster, David

Fowler, Ellen
Freeman, Brienna
Freeman, Candous
Fulton, Matthew
Gann, Vena
Garman, Sara

Gentry, Travis
Good, Laura
Gossett, Dustin
Green, Barry
Green, Michael
Grinstead, Bethanie

Griswold, Andrea
Guardado, Brandon
Hagler, Jason
Hales, Anne
Hammer, Lindsay
Hangartner, Janell

Hanken, Brent
Hankins, Amy
Harden, Joshua
Hardin, Shantel
Harman, Tyler
Hart, Darla

Hatcher, Micah
Hatfield, keytra
Hawkins, Aaron
Hawkins, Elizabeth
Hayes, Jeremiah
Heckman, Joshua

166 \boldsymbol{p} \textit{ersonalities-Sophomores (Eldredge - Heckman)}
In many peoples' lives there is one thing that means the world to them. Music is that thing in Sophomore Jessica Borgmeyer's world. She has been playing the piano and singing since she was a small child.

"The first choir I performed in was a church choir when I was six. I loved it, but I did not know that it was the beginning of a new life for me," Borgmeyer said.

Besides her singing experiences, years of piano lessons have helped develop Borgmeyer's musical talent, which has advanced her to bigger and better choirs like All-District choir.

"My mother made me take piano lessons when I was little. I didn't really like them, but they have helped me with my sight reading and tone memory. Those are two big elements in making All-District choir," Borgmeyer said.

Borgmeyer participated in Die Meistersingers and Camerata and was pleased with the way things turned out.

"I hope that everything that I have and will be involved with will help me get into a good music program in college. I love to sing and I will never stop," Borgmeyer said.
TASTY TREATS.
Sophomore Marcus Howat converses while eating his school lunch.
Students had different meals they considered their favorites. *photo by Zach Zillner*

Hedge, Matthew
Heitman, Bryan
Helton, Russell
Hendrix, Barbara
Hernandez, Kelly
Hernandez, Kristy

Hibler, Jennifer
Hochenaer, Lacey
Hofmeister, Mary
Holcomb, Stephanie
Holliday, Christopher
Hoppis, Elizabeth

Horn, Joan
Hoskins, Matthew
Hostettler, Brandi
Howat, Marcus
Howery, John
Huff, Neil

Hull, Donald
Humphreys, Jacob
Ingram, Jami
Jackson, John
James, Alexis
Jensen, Bradley

168 personalities- Sophomores (Hedge - Linebarger)
what is your favorite school lunch?

"My favorite school lunch is chicken nuggets. I don't know why, I guess they just taste good."

"I like the pretzels and cheese. That's the only thing that doesn't make me sick before I run."

"I like chicken nuggets because they're the only food that tastes good in the cafeteria."

"I like the pizza because I'm too lazy to take the time to pick out anything else."

"I like the cheeseburgers. They're the easiest thing to throw in the lunchroom."

Sophomore
Matt Sollars

Sophomore
Graeme Smith

Sophomore
Mary Hofmeister

Sophomore
Felicia Dydell

Sophomore
Cody Gess

Jeter, Archie
Johnson, Aaron
Johnson, Albert
Johnson, Brian
Johnston, Jill
Jones, Kasey
Jones, Kevin
Jones, Lashelle
Juhl, Doris
Kerner, Cassie
Kessler, Lydia
Kingsley, Jeremy
Kolega, Chad
Kotwani, Amy
Kretzer, Chris
Kretzinger, Adam
Kretzinger, Dawn
Kromko, Carly
Landes, Beth
Langdon, Andrew
Lawhon, Alison
Lee, Abigail
Lindley, Jacob
Linebarger, Eric
Sophomore Audrey Meier got involved in protecting the earth after a fourth grade project.

"It was a general study of ecology and the environment. We had a can drive and raised money to buy thyme bushes. We planted the thyme in the city parks," Meier said.

During the unit, Meier learned that certain materials were not biodegradable.

"We gathered paper, food, and plastic then put the items in a box and buried it. We dug it up two months later. This was done so we could see how much of each item had decomposed," Meier said.

After the environmental study, Meier decided to start recycling.

"I told my parents that I wanted to start recycling," Meier said.

After recycling for six years, Meier admitted that it had become a habit.

"I think about the earth more when I conserve water or recycle paper at school than when I recycle at home," Meier said.

She felt recycling could become a city-wide effort.

"I think the city should offer free, curb side pick-up of recyclable goods," Meier said.

Environmental education at an early age helped Meier become an avid recycler.
Linneweh, Hilary
Long, Matthew
Love, Luv
Mackie, Bryan
Marks, Michael
Marmaud, Joseph
Marsh, Jeffrey
Martin, John
Martin, Korey
Massin, Brandon
Mattson, Jennifer
May, Loren
May, Tessa
Mayer, Daniel
Mayer, Ernie
McClain, Zachery
McCloud, Dustin
McCrary, Jared
McDaniels, Kevin
McDowell, Lindsay
McElhaney, Michael
McGinley, Hillary
McGlothin, Donna
McKee, Nathan
McKinney, Joshua
McKinney, Joshua
McKnight, Jeremy
McLean, Nicholas
McMaster, Tricia
McPherson, Dustin
McQueen, Irvin
Meier, Audrey
Merten, Ingrid
Messa, Sierra
Metzinger, Bryan
Meyer, Dana
Meyer, Shelley
Michels, Beth
Midyett, Amy
Milbourn, Andrea
Millenbrunch, Jeffrey
Miller, Dennis
Miller, Sarah
Miller, Taylor
Minton, William
Mizell, Nathan
Mollus, Michael
Mooney, Lindsay

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"I never miss *Golden Girls*. It comes on at 11:30 p.m., and I make sure that I'm up to watch it."

"I can never miss *Scooby Doo*. That's my favorite cartoon to watch."

"I never miss *ER* because it gives me an idea of what really goes on in a hospital."

"My favorite show is *Third Rock from the Sun*. It's really funny and it puts me in a better mood for the upcoming school week."

"I always watch *Saved by the Bell*. A.C. Slater is so hot! I think he's what keeps me so interested."

Sophomore
Doc Williams

Sophomore
Justin Power

Sophomore
Ashley Riddle

Sophomore
Erica Orf

Sophomore
Kelly Hernandez

Moore, Jennifer
Moore, Kerri
Moore, Kristi
Morgan, Shawna
Morrow, Erin
Moutray, Joshua

Mullin, Christopher
Myers, Jeremy
Myers, Sara
Nagle, Grant
Najafi, Zinat
Nelson, Joel

Nelson, Ludwig
Newton, Nicholas
Newton, William
Noble, Harold
Nold, Luke
Nordbye, Kristie

Nordin, Nina
Odom, Devin
Orf, Erica
Ostroski, Tyson
Paden, Melina
Paden, Melissa
A MUST-SEE.
Sophomore Brandon Burnett relaxes while watching a football game on ESPN. Burnett had a routine for his TV viewing, watching at least two hours a day.
photo by Zach Zillner

Palmer, Katie
Parlett, Michelle
Pascua, Rona
Patel, Anand
Peacock, Megan
Pease, Mary

Pierce, Andra
Pierce, Tiffany
Pierpoint, Kent
Pittman, Clayton
Poage, Stephanie
Potter, Shannon

Powell, Jeffrey
Power, Brett
Power, Justin
Powers, Andrew
Powers, James
Preston, Maurice

Price, Susan
Pribe, Darcy
Ramsey, Mackenzie
Ray, Andrew
Readeenour, Ryan
Remington, Justin
Reule, Megan
Richmond, Andrew
Ricker, Philip
Riddle, Ashley
Ridge, Caleb
Ridpath, Chris
Rippey, Nicholas
Ritter, Jeffery
Roberts, Amanda
Roberts, Kristin
Rogers, Michael
Root, Teon
Ross, David
Rotterman, Laura
Runnels, Brett
Russell III, John
Santos, Tyiese
Sauvage, Jessica
Schreer, Kenny
Schneider, Jeremy
Sedlacek, Tim
Sell, Maggie
Shanks, Brett
Shewmaker, Jaide
Shuman, Patrick
Shuter, Katie
Sigler, Timothy
Silcott, Bridgett
Sipe, Melody
Sisk, Ronnie
Smith, Brett
Smith, Callie
Smith, Graeme
Smith, Tabitha
Smith, Tiffany
Snider, Aaron
Snider, Douglas
Snuffer, Tracy
Sollars, Brooke
Sollars, Matthew
Sollars, Tara
Sperry, Jason
Squires, Jason
Stanton, Ryan
Starke, Melissa
Starkel, Rebecca
Starr, Nina
Steele, Erica

174 personalities-Sophomores (Reule - Steele)
On a cold winters' morning, sophomore John Howery could be found in his kitchen reading his horoscope out of the newspaper. Howery tried to read his horoscope every day just for fun.

"My horoscope isn't a huge part of my life. I think that it is fun to read to see if any of it comes true. Sometimes I take it really serious," Howery said.

Often times, people read their horoscopes in hope of something good to come into their lives. Sometimes it was not always good news, for instance when there is a warning to watch out or be cautious.

"I remember one time I read my horoscope and it said something bad was going to happen. I psyched myself out all day long," Howery said.

Some people place great faith in their horoscopes, and take it to a higher level, such as seeing a psychic weekly, studying it or living by it. Some plan every move to make the prediction come true or fail.

"I don't think that I will ever be really serious about my horoscope," Howery said. "I just think they are really fun."
SHOOTING HOOPS.
Sophomore Jake Lindley attempts a shot. He was injured in a car accident over the summer and had to have surgery. He was disappointed when he discovered he could not play basketball because of a fracture in his neck. However, he planned to make a strong comeback his junior year. *photo by Nick Sundet*

Steffens, Bryan
Steffens, Jodi
Steidel, Elizabeth
Stillman, Ramone
Stock, Annie
Strahm, Kyle

Sturges, Dustin
Summerford, Ryann
Summers, Brett
Sundet, Matthew
Sutton, Jason
Swanson, Taylor

Swenson, Travis
Teater, Joshua
Tedlock, Jacob
Thomas, April
Thomas, Emily
Thompson, Kenneth

Thorburn, Jannessa
Thornhill, Vanessa
Tompkins, Michelle
Turner, Nathan
Uptegrove, Sarah
Vanbelkum, Michael

176  p  Personalities - Sophomores (Steffens - Woolery)
"When other people around me are sad. Especially when my friends are sad."

"It makes me sad when other people are left out. When they sit alone in a corner."

"It depresses me when several bad things happen at the same time. When a family member or close friend is sick."

"It makes me sad when people insult me or put me down."

"I get sad when I think about people in school who are persecuted or put down because of their appearance."

Sophomore
Jill Johnston
Sophomore
Amy Kotwani
Sophomore
John Mark Day
Sophomore
Andrew Ray
Sophomore
Josh Moutray

VanDorn, Josh
Vargha, Amin
Velazquez, Benjamin
Vey, Alexandra
Wacker, Lindsay
Waller, Christy
Wallerstedt, Casey
Wann, Emily
Warner, Mia
Warner, Misha
Wessling, Janie
Wheatley, Josiah

White, Jeremy
White, Justin
Whitehorn, Beth
Wilcox, Amber
Williams, Aaron
Williams, Cassie
Williams, Ila
Williams, Shalea
Willis, Elizabeth
Wiloughby, Kelly
Winters, Jonathan
Woolery, Jessica
The 2:40 school bell finally rang and the weekend had started. For sophomore Matt Sundet this meant going home to grab some clothes, a tent, and a sleeping bag. Sundet spent many weekends camping with five or more friends.

"It started last summer when a bunch of us got bored. We wanted something different to do so we started camping on Mike Bourneuf's land. Since then, we have gone up there two to three times a month," Sundet said.

Most of the camp outs were spent with a bonfire cooking hot dogs and roasting marshmallows. They felt this was a good way to have fun without getting into trouble.

"The only time anything bad happened was a night this kid followed us out there. He was drunk and went to get Tiffany Barmann food and got arrested. The cops came up there and we all had to go home. It ruined the whole night," Sundet said.

Sundet enjoyed the time spent outdoors. He enjoyed staying up with friends as long as he wanted.

"I liked that we didn't have to worry about parents and curfews, we could stay up and have fun," Sundet said.
CAMPIN' OUT.
Senior Neil Stuber, sophomores Matt Sundet, Aaron Young, Barry Green, Josh Blinde and Mike Bourneuf sit around the campfire hoping to keep warm. This group of friends liked to spend many weekends camping out. *photo by Nick Sundet*

Wright, Terri Jo
Yokley, Jeffrey
Young, Angela
Young, Nathanial
Young, Tiffany

Students not pictured:
Allen, John
Brown, Jessica
Clark, Joseph
Conner, Holly
Davis, Amber
Davis, Deborah
Fletcher, James
George, Sara
Guess, Cody
Hart, Steven

Henderson, Joshua
Hendricks, Joshua
Hicks, Frankie
Holmes, Tru
Jackson, Dorian
Kramer, Kevin
Kleckner, William
LaBryer, Kenneth
Linder, Brandi
Logan, Shara

McKinney, David
Mixon, Stormy
Navinskey, Shawn
Nejad, Mehran
Olivia, Sandra
Palma, Richard
Phillips, Christopher
Podrasky, Christopher
Prashak, Angela
Roddie, Kevin

Root, Abutundi
South, Matthew
Stein, Clint
Symington, Patrick
Taylor, Andrew
Tipton, Todd
Vinson, Christopher
White, Samantha
Wolzeski, Rebecca

Sophomores (Wright - Young) 179
Is the parking situation at Central fair?

5% Yes
5% Don’t care
90% No

Survey approx size 40

WRITING TIME.
Juniors Brittany Lockard and Katie Nelson read each other's stories during a Creative Writing Club meeting. Students found a variety of clubs to participate in.  

REGISTRATION.
Juniors Lindsey Walter and Cara Kropp register for school. Students registered with their friends so their lockers could be next to each other and provide a place to socialize.  

Photo by Derek Davis

Photo by Heather Carter
Juniors get serious

Class Act.
Junior class officers Betsy Tobin, Hayley Thomas and Kelly Meierhoffer worked on the junior/senior prom. This was one of their duties as the officers of their class. Photo by Derek Davis

Class size: 372
Males: 170   Females: 202
Year of graduation: 1998
Class sponsors: Carolyn Schroeder (Chairperson), Neal Hook, Don Piveral, Del Murphy

Class officers:
President: Hayley Thomas
Vice President: Kelly Meierhoffer
Secretary/Treasurer: Betsy Tobin

"It was a hectic year but we all made it through!"
Junior Hayley Thomas
what is the best part about being a junior?

"Having your locker in the main building."

"Beating on the freshmen because they can't do anything about it."

"Having the fun of an upperclassman without the pressures of being a senior."

"I finally feel that I am being recognized as a part of Central in the eyes of teachers and students alike."

"Having only one year remaining."

Junior Josh Jamison
Junior Neil Fisher
Junior Katie Nelson
Junior Bryan Witt
Junior Evan Schilling

Abel, Cliff
Abels, Karla
Abernathy, Krista
Adams, Amy
Addington, Kyla
Akers, Ryan

Alderson, Thomas
Alexander, Adam
Allaman, Mark
Allredge, Lara
Allen, Travis
Ambrozi, Kimberly

Archdekin, Michael
Archdekin, Robert
Bailey, Stephen
Baldwin, Benjamin
Bartley, Alex
Bassett, Brandi

Baugh, Courtney
Beasley, William
Behan, Paul
Beisinger, Angela
Bloss, Jeremy
Blue, Alexa

182 personalities - juniors (Abel - Chambers)
CONVENIENCE.
Junior Zach Fisher opens his locker. He liked having his locker in the main building this year unlike other years because it was more convenient. *photo by Nick Sundet*

Bohlander, Alyssa
Booker, Brandon
Bowen, Joshua
Bowman, Nathan
Brooks, Roger
Brooks-Parker, Krishandra

Brown, Carmelita
Brown, Eric
Bunker, Katherine
Brychta, Jennifer
Buhrman, Craig
Bunnes, Tiffany

Burnett, Melissa
Burton, Andrea
Butler, Morgan
Butrick, Chad
Camp, Adam
Campbell, Jennifer

Carriger, Melissa
Carter, Marlon
Casey, Melissa
Cassity, David
Cathcart, Casey
Chambers, Jason
Sitting in a desk for four hours, filling in tiny circles with a No. 2 pencil probably does not sound like an ideal way to spend a Saturday morning. Most students took the ACT, but few of them studied for it. But, for junior Pratik Patel, there was always time to squeeze in a little studying.

“It doesn’t bother me to take this test. It’s like all the others, only this one takes a lot longer,” Patel said.

Unlike tests taken for school courses, the ACT consisted of four different sections: English, Math, Reading and Science Reasoning.

Patel did not ignore or single out any specific area.

“I have always scored highest in math, but I still spend time studying it,” Patel said.

Once the seal was broken on the test booklet, emotions ran high. Test takers would be frantically figuring out problems, or stressing out over which form of a verb they should choose.

“When I would begin the test, I felt very nervous. I was thinking of how hard it would be. After I had answered the first few questions, my nervousness went away, and I was able to concentrate a lot better,” Patel said.
RUNNING.
Junior Lindsey Walter runs down Ashland Ave. She ran varsity cross country and track for three years. Success, to her, was doing well at meets. photo by Zach Zillner

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

Findley, Amy
Fisher, Amanda
Fisher, Jeffrey
Fisher, Neil
Fisher, Zachariah
Flaska, Paris

Fletcher, John
Foster, Justin
Frakes, Jesse
Freeman, Timothy
Gastineau, Derek
Gilmore, Jenni

Gilpin, Jason
Ginn, Preston
Glynn, Nathan
Goeking, Rebecca
Goin, Aaron
Gower, Bryan

186 personalities-juniors (Euler-Hopkins)
what is success?

"Success is carrying out the goals that you have set for yourself."

"I think success is being content with what you are doing and your surroundings."

"Success is accomplishing what matters most to you. It does not matter what you do, it matters if you accomplish it."

"I think success has to be achieving the goals you have set for yourself. You also have to feel good about yourself."

"My definition of success is where you try something and you accomplish what you tried."

Junior Emma Woodhull
Junior Jesse Frakes
Junior Kelly Cunningham
Junior Paris Flaska
Junior Abby Quinn

Graves, Brett
Graves, Kathryn
Gray, Sara
Haasis, Jennifer
Hallowell, Jeremiah
Halter, Jenna
Hammond, Ashlie
Hansen, Brooke
Hanson, Sarah
Hargens, Ryan
Hargis, Gina
Harmon, Christa
Hart, Andrea
Hart, Brandy
Hawk, John
Haynes, Jason
Hensley, Diana
Henson, Jacob
Hernandez, Kristina
Hillman, Jamie
Hilksenbeck, Sarah
Hoffman, Jerry
Hollingsworth, Lyndsey
Hopkins, Kimberly
LOOK UP HIGH.
Junior Emily Roberts teaches a dance class at Allison’s School of Dance. Roberts hopes to pursue working with children as a career.
photo by Derek Davis

backtalk

Q If you could have any job you wanted, what would it be?

A “I would travel to Israel and be an archaeologist.”

junior Marlee Kobzej

dancing through life

By Sarah Russell

She runs into the house after school, throws her bag on the floor, grabs her clothes for work, and runs out the door hoping she won’t be late. Many students found trying to hold jobs during the school year brought this picture to life. Junior Emily Roberts spent her afternoons baby-sitting and then teaching dance at Allison’s School of Dance.

“A typical school day for me is going to my boss’s house to baby-sit until 4:15 and then I go to the studio and work there until 9 p.m. Then I go do a work out at Missouri Western. When I get home, I start my I homework and I don’t go to bed until around one,” Roberts said.

Some students found parents wanted them to have jobs to earn their own money and become responsible. But getting a job for Roberts was her decision

“Getting a job was my idea because when I got my license I realized that there would be added expenses for my car and I needed extra money,” Roberts said.

Enjoyment was the main thing that kept Roberts going at her job.

“I enjoy dancing and that makes it fun,” Roberts said.

Juniors found that having a job did not always allow time for extra activities.
Hopp, Eric
Horn, Heather
House, Jessica
Hoy, Jason
Hoyt, Derek
Huff, Belinda
Hughes, Elizabeth
Hundley, Dovey
Incoe, Megan
Irion, Christi
Israel, Sarah
Jamison, Joshua
Jenkins, Shanna
Johnson, Alisa
Johnson, Jenna
Johnson, Nikia
Johnson, Sarah
Jones, Becky
Jones, Casey
Judd, Megan
Kalantar, Melissa
Keeler, Laura
Kelly, Kristen
Kelly, Tara
Kennedy, William
Kiburz, Adam
Klein, Talia
Kline, Jonathan
Knader, Stephanie
Kobzej, Marlee
Kolomic, Jessica
Korell, Ashley
Kretzer, David
Kretzer, Stephanie
Kropp, Cara
Lauritzen, Sarah
Lawson, Eric
Leslie, Daniel
Levy, Sandra
Libel, Charlene
Lloyd, Tara
Lockard, Brittany
Loving, Elijah
Lutz, Katherine
Marriott, Jason
Martin, Christi
Martin, Jamie
Martinez, Heather

juniors (Hopp - Martinez)  "189"
what is your favorite fast food restaurant?

By Tommy Alderson

"I usually don't eat fast food. Once McDonald's started making the chicken sandwich, I started eating there all the time."

Junior
Amy
Pittman

"My favorite restaurant is Fazoli's because the food is good and the atmosphere is grand."

Junior
Blake
Roth

"I like Wendy's because the malts are tasty and are good to dip fries in."

Junior
John
Waller

"I like Subway because it has healthy food and gives an alternative to other fast food restaurants."

Junior
Stephanie
Stoll

"I like Taco John's because the Potato Olés are greasy, salty and scrumptious."

Junior
Tristan
Trammel

Martinez, Raven
Mathews, Amanda
May, Latasha
May, Walter
McBride, Shawn
McCormack, Audrey

Cracken, Jason
McDowell, Katherine
McGeorge, Jan
McGinnis, John
McGinnis, Keisha
McKinley, Kristen

McKnight, Shannon
McMurray, Mary
McMurry, Chris
McQueen, Kyle
Meade, James
Meadows, Raychel

Meierhofer, Kelly
Merrill, Kelly
Mick, Aaron
Mignery, Shannon
Milbourn, Michael
Miller, Bryan

190 personalities-juniors (Martinez-Palmer)
EATING QUICKLY.
Junior Katy Graves eats dinner at Burger King. For students with busy schedules and small budgets, fast food restaurants provided a way to get food quick and save money. *photo by Zach Zillner*
Pasch, Clint
Patel, Pratik
Patterson, Jaclyn
Patton, Melody
Peacock, Justin
Pearl, Thomas
Pearson, Jackie
Perez, Lindsey
Perry, John
Peterson, Cassandra
Pinzino, Andrea
Pinzino, Matthew
Pittman, Amy
Poe, Jennifer
Pogge, Kristy
Pope, John
Porter, Mindy
Price, Shane
Punzo, Jared
Quinn, Abigail
Ray, Jamie
Reed, Amy
Reid, Matthew
Reidy, James
Reno, Mark
Rhoades, Sarah
Riggs, Brendon
Riggs, Joshua
Roades, Michael
Roberts, Emily
Rock, Jeffrey
Rodriguez, Trisha
Roe, Jennifer
Roe, Lisa
Roth, Blake
Roubideaux, Iasha
Rouech, Nicolas
Russell, Sarah
Ruth, Barbara
Salcedo, Daniel
Salmon, Sandra
Sandusky, Jameson
Sawin, Jennifer
Schilling, Evan
Schilling, Rebecca
Schlorff, Justin
Scholtz, Jason
Schubert, Mitchell

192 personalities-juniors (Pasch - Schubert)
**BATTY GIRLS.**
The junior MoneyMaker team of Tiffany Burns, Jaclyn Patterson, Stephanie Stoll and Brooke Drennen smile for the camera, as they prepare to strut their stuff at the games. The Juniors' theme was Batman.

*photo by Nick Sandet*

**backtalk**

**Q** What drives you to excel?

**A** "My parents make me do well or else I'll be grounded."

*junior Sarah Rhoades*

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**make magic**

By Ashley Taylor

Door after door, block after block, junior Stephanie Stoll and her MoneyMaker team took candy to sell as a fundraiser for the many class projects. Stoll found being on the winning team for the MoneyMaker Games was incentive enough to go out and sell candy.

"This is the first year I've done the selling, but since I sold, I went all out, so we would win," Stoll said.

And win they did. The team beat out their candy-selling classmates, sending them to the games. Stoll was driven to win and ate too much junk food to do so.

"Since I was representing my class, I'd do anything to win. I never want to see another Ho-Ho or Pixie Stick for the rest of my life," Stoll said.

"The best part of the games was standing in front of my class and knowing that I was representing them, as well as the goals we would be setting out for later on," said Stoll.

The driving force was the Junior/Senior Prom, for which the Junior class was responsible.

"I can't wait until prom. It will be so exciting making it all happen, start to finish," Stoll said.

**Stoll's incredible effort during the MoneyMaker Games helped the magic of prom night to come alive.**
MODEL.
Juniors Jenna Halter and Stephanie Stoll talk with seniors Danielle Bode and Rachel McQuouwin at their lockers. "I usually have to wear cheerleading uniforms. I feel more like myself when I wear my own clothes," Stoll said. photo by Ashley Summers

Schuele, Matthew
Schuler, Cassandra
Scott, Heather
Selkirk, Scott
Shalz, Todd
Shalz, Trina

Shell, Mandy
Shelton, Jody
Sherman, Brett
Sherrill, Brooke
Sonnenmose, Richard
Spalding, Michele

Stagg, Joseph
Starke, Tiffany
Starr, Angela
Stetler, Erin
Stevenson, Heather
Stockwell, Steven

Stoll, Stephanie
Stone, Heather
Stuart, Jennifer
Swafford, Joel
Shutts, Christopher
Shipley, Adam
"I really like my shiny red Dr. Martens. I can wear those with about anything, like my jeans and a T-shirt.

"My black velvet because they have style while keeping me comfortable."

"I like Nautica shirts with Tommy boxers, and my Nike cheerleading shoes. Together they are somewhat fashionable, and yet comfortable."

"Shorts and a sweatshirt. They say a lot about my character. I'm laid back and casual, nothing ever phases me."

"I like to run around in my boxers without a shirt on. It makes me feel tough."

Junior
Scott
Selkirk

Junior
Beky
Tobin

Junior
AJ
Uketui

Junior
Heather
Horn

Junior
Mark
Allaman

Skidmore, Jason
Skidmore, Jeremy
Smith, Hilary
Tobin, Rebekah
Trammell, Tristan
Turner, Sara

Thorne, Jacob
Taylor, Ashley
Thomas, Bradley
Thomas, Hayley
Thornton, Lauren
Till, Travis

Taylor, Chamera
Theiss, Tiffani
Uketui, Afam
Valencia, Valerie
Varner, Ashley
Vaughn, Charisse

Vogel, Darrin
Volmer, Andrew
Waller, John
Wallingford, Quintine
Walter, Lindsey
Webber, Barbara
You don't win in practice, but you can't win without it. Practice alone was never enough, giving 100 percent while practicing was, according to junior Kyle Fanning. His biggest pet peeve was seeing people not wanting to commit themselves enough to work hard.

"There is no use playing if you aren't committed," Fanning said. "If you want to win, it takes work. Some people think they can go out and perform well against people that have been committed and hard working. They find out that they lose to these people."

Fanning noticed that by the end of his freshman football season, some people slacked. Seeing this, Fanning wondered why they had wasted the time to come out.

"I cannot believe people go out for football and don't give all they've got," Fanning said.

Lack of motivation is one reason for not working hard. As the season neared its end, it was more likely for people to slack at practice. Motivation wasn't a problem for Fanning.

"Seeing someone not working hard motivates me to work harder," Fanning said. "I feel when someone sees someone else working hard, it motivates them to do the same."

Junior Kyle Fanning used his biggest pet peeve as motivation to work harder.
Students not pictured:

Alexander, Walter
Ashford, Jon
Calvin, Adam
Carroll, Tommy
Catron, Julianna
Clark, Adam
Clark, Comita
Cox, Ricky

Dorsey, Misty
Fobair, Gary
Garber, Andrew
Griffey, Christina
Hales, John
Hardin, Jason
Hayes, Michael
Holler, Elaine

Jarvis, Nathan
Lanning, Heidi
Lee, Joseph
Lowe, Adam
McKay, Davey
Moore, Spring
Richards, Shaunnna
Ritzinger, Lisa

Schott, Richard
Sears, Amy
Simmons, Kara
Warner, Marshandra
Weston, Chris
Wilhoit, Jason
Wilkinson, Tawana
Zaby, Gottfried
Which high school year was most difficult?

Senior 24%
Sophomore 0%
Freshman 0%
Junior 76%
survey approx size 35

LEADERS.
Senior class officers were Chris Demarest, Lacy Brittingham, and Lee Gilgour. The officers were in charge of helping to prepare for graduation. photo by Derek Davis

NEW CLASSES.
Seniors Jeff Werner, Chris Hecker, Les Vanbelkum, and Jeremy Walters look at their class schedule and agenda at registration in August. photo by Derek Davis
RELAXING.
Seniors Tadd Taylor, Scott Jourdan and Nathan Weipert relax at their lockers during lunch. Most students used their lunch time as a time to visit with friends. *photo by Laura McEnaney*

class size: 341
males: 178    females: 163
year of graduation: 1997
class sponsors: Joyce Piveral (Chairperson), Barton Albright, Tony Dudik, William Hedge, Mary Jo Hornaday, John Schroeder, James Wallerstedt

class officers:
president: Lacy Brittingham
vice president: Chris Demarest
secretary/treasurer: Lee Gilgour

"I believe our class is the most intellectually diverse group Central has seen in a long time."

senior Lee Gilgour
In the wee hours of the morning while students were fast asleep, many seniors forfeited their precious spare time reserved for sleeping, to complete piles of college application forms. Senior Jason Taylor did not find filling out these forms any fun.

“I am interested in attending William Jewell or possibly Benedictine. I am looking at private schools close to home,” Taylor said.

As well as location, many other factors affected where Taylor would attend school. “It was not any fun completing the forms. The application process consisted of writing essays and finishing academic evaluations before the deadlines,” Taylor said.

The essays required not only a great deal of time, but a lot of thought.

“Essays are difficult. You need to express your ideas thoroughly and specifically,” Taylor said.

Although preparation for college was tedious, Taylor was ready to venture out to the real world on his own.

“College will be a wonderful opportunity to gain a greater perspective on the world around me,” Taylor said.
DIVIDING CANS.

Seniors Kyle Clower, Adam McClure and Ashish Shah help separate cans for the NHS food drive. Mr. Vanderpool's, Mrs. Roueche's and Mrs. Larson's AAPs collected the most cans and earned themselves an ice cream party. *photo by Nick Sandett*

Boeh, Stephanie
Bohall, Joshua
Bokay, Jonathan
Bonebrake, Jeffrey
Bowland, Brooke

Brandt, Valerie
Brewer, Leranda
Brittingham, Lacy
Brooks, Ann Marie
Brooks-Parker, Krissandra

Bruckshaw, Justin
Burrow, Clayton
Cabeen, Robert
Camp, Jacob
Campbell, Catherine

202 *personalities-Seniors (Boeh - Coker)*
what is the best part
about being a senior?

"Knowing that it's almost over!"
"Not having to deal with all the annoying underclassmen anymore!"
"Spreadin' the love!"
"Being able to graduate and to move on with my life!"
"I get to leave this school in a year!"

Senior
April
Barmann

Senior
Jamey
Dedrickson

Senior
Garret
Hart

Senior
Neda
Vargha

Senior
Jason
Benward

Campbell, Laura
Carpenter, Amy
Carter, Jonathan
Carter, Ryan
Cates, Sara

Caton, Robert
Chapnick, Hayley
Chinnery, Holly
Christgen, Dennis
Chu, Yu-Ju

Clark, Anna
Clark, Christopher
Clevenger, Amy
Clower, Kyle
Coker, Aaron

best part  203
who was your hardest teacher?

"Mrs. Hornaday because if you don't give 110 percent to your publication, you won't begin to get a B in her class."

"Mr. Ruele because biology was the most complicated, yet since it was my favorite I put the most into it."

"My most difficult teacher was Mrs. Larson because she made us use white out on everything instead of scribbling it out."

"Mrs. Larson was my most difficult teacher because the biggest percentage of your grade is your test."

"Mr. Ruele's class was very difficult for me because I couldn't follow his teaching techniques."

Senior
Lee Gilgour

Senior
Fred Grier

Senior
Valerie Brandt

Senior
Anna Clark

Senior
KD Smith

Cox, Travis
Crittendon, Aaron
Cruz, Ashley
Cunningham, Tracy
Dale, Thomas

Darr, Christina
Davey, Crystal
Davis, Amber
Davis, Derek
Davis, Misty

Dawson, Robert
Dedrickson, Jamey
Delaney, Ashley
Demarest, Richard
Depriest, Casey

204 personalities-Seniors (Cox - Farnsworth)
MOST DIFFICULT...
Senior Eric Runde chats with Modern and Contemporary History teacher Kathy Northup. Although she was a challenging teacher for many sophomores, students understood how much they had learned after the class was over.
photo by Ashley Summers

Dew, Amber
Dewees, Bridget
Dickens, Eric
Dunlap, Kendra
Dunlap, Meredith

Durkin, John
Elder, Andrea
Eldredge, Kyle
Elrod, Christopher
Elrod, Hillary

Elrod, Sherry
Esely, Jay
Estle, Stefanie
Falk, Jeffrey
Farnsworth, Erin

hardest teacher 205
MEETINGS.
Senior Holly Chinnery discusses school business with Cabinet members. Chinnery was in charge of the expenditures of the student body. *photo by Ashley Summers*

**Q** How well do you think the student body officers did their jobs?

**A** "They weren't very prepared in the beginning but they got better."

*senior Sandeep Hindupur*

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**taking time**

By Melissa Morgan

She checks her agenda. Friday: pep rally, set up for the dance, be early to the game, and try to get some homework done in between. This was the way of life for Student Body Treasurer senior Holly Chinnery. Between activities Chinnery found time to take an active role in student government.

"I thought a lot about the time it would take before I ran. I really wanted to do it and I knew I was the type of person that would make time for what I wanted to do," Chinnery said.

Chinnery's job put her in charge of the MoneyMaker games. Chinnery found the other officers to be helpful.

The officers had many accomplishments that benefitted both the community and student body. They helped organize a student government treasure hunt with the other local high schools to benefit the Salvation Army. The funds from the MoneyMaker Games went to class funds.

"I found as an officer you have to think of the school and the students first, but you still need to find time to have fun," Chinnery said.

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Heading the student body took time and hard work.

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*personalities-Student body Officers*
Farnsworth, John
Feuerbacher, Leigh Ann
Finley, Michelle
Fisher, Matthew
Flanagan, David

Freeman, Corey
Frost, Jeromie
Garrett, Bradley
Geha, Michael
Gentzell, Jason

Gero, Jennifer
Gibson, Travis
Gilgour, Steven
Gilletland, Angie
Glauser, Hillary

Grable, Andrew
Grable, Timothy
Grable, Travis
Green, Bradley
Green, Carly

Green, Joshua
Greiner, Angie
Grier Frederick
Griggs, Karla
Guthrie, Christopher

Haghiriian, Margaret
Hakkarainen, Elina
Halford, Matthew
Halling, Jennifer
Hanson, Jeramy
NAP TIME.
Senior Cory Riley takes time from class to catch upon some sleep. Many seniors felt moments like this would not be a part of life after high school. photo by Ashley Summers

Hart, Garret
Hausman, Andrew
Hawks, Mindy
Heater, Kristin
Hecker, Christopher

Hendrix, Matthew
Henson, Samuel
Higgins, Brian
Hindupur, Sandeep
Hobson, Travis

Hoerath, Ryan
Hoffman, Tommy
Hoge, Amie
Honeycutt, Christy
Honz, Kristina
"I'm going to miss Mrs. Reisinger, instant mashed potatoes with cheese and Mrs. Beggs' academic experience."

"I will miss the people I grew up with and have gone to school with the most."

"I'm going to miss Mrs. Larson and her cartoon films the most. But I will miss the time I got to spend sleeping in class too."

"I will miss Channel One, Mrs. Groenke, chicken nugget day and sleeping in AAP."

Senior
Neil
Stuber

Senior
Hillary
Elrod

Senior
Jeff
Falk

Senior
Natalie
Stevens

Senior
Eric
Stoll

Horstman, Jason
Housel, Mark
Huff, Erika
Huffer, Sarah
Hughes, Nicole

Johnson, Harold
Johnson, Michael
Jones, Kristy
Jones, Travis
Jordan, Scott

Jourdan, Kenneth
Kaiser, Russell
Keefer, Cara
Kent, Amanda
Kerford, Rachel
Kerner, Jennifer
Kerns, Matthew
Kimes, Neil
Kinard, Brandi
Kindle, Andrew

King, Brandon
Lamb, Haley
Larabee, Janice
Lawrence, Timothy
Leaton, Tishia

Lewis, Nicole
Liles, Peter
Linin, Susie
Long, Tonya
Lord, Laura

Loving, Christopher
Lucast, Jeramie
Maki, Ryan
Maner, Donnelle
Mannschreck, Mitchell

Mattson, Melissa
Maxwell, Brian
McClure, Adam
McClure, Laura
McDaniel, Keith

McEnaney, Laura
McMillian, Jannel
McQuerry, Rachel
McQuown, Rachel
Meredith, Tia
With sweat dripping down her face, senior Hilary Atkins raced down the court, feeling her government teacher on her heels. She passed to a teammate, who scored a point. This was a picture students watched over and over again during the women's Senior/Faculty Game.

"I always thought the Games were boring because there weren't good teams, but we thought we could win because we had a good team," Atkins said. "Most of us that signed up for the games have played on a team together, so we thought we had a decent chance.

Unfortunately, we were unable to win."

Although the girls played a good game, the teachers won. Atkins thought parts of the game were unfair.

"The teachers subbed when we couldn't and one time they had six playing instead of five. If we had played four quarters we would have won," Atkins said.

Despite the reason for playing, it gave seniors one more memory to cherish.

"The best part was when the five players from the Bode team were all on the court at once," Atkins said.

Seniors found the Senior Faculty Games a chance to have fun with their teachers.
HOCCHEY TIME.
Senior Ryan Hoerath and junior Melody Patton practices playing hockey during AAP. During AAP students used the period for study or to relax by playing games of all sorts. photo by Derek Davis

Midyett, Adam
Millenbruch, Jason
Miller, Amy
Mollus, Adam
Mollus, Melinda

Mollus, Sara
Morehead, Kelly
Moskau, Meredith
Mudd, Jason
Murphy, Nicholas

Myers, Jeremy
Nelson, Sonya
Nichols, Brandon
Noble-Wilfong, Amber
Nolan, Alicia
"I am insecure when I am in front of a lot of people who are watching me."

"What makes me insecure is when I doubt myself in high pressured situations."

"I am insecure about not knowing what lies ahead in the future."

"Not knowing what is going to happen in college makes me insecure."

"What makes me insecure is that I have no idea where I am going to college."

Senior
Alicia Nolan

Senior
Tim Lawrence

Senior
Jenni O'Connor

Senior
Brad Green

Senior
Jeramie Lucast

O'Connor, Jennifer
Olvera, Amy
Overfelt, Geoffrey
Ozenberger, Jason
Pardue, Rhonda

Parks, Rachael
Pasley, Angela
Patrick, Tiffany
Perkins, Charlie
Perks, Kimberly

Pickerel, Hilary
Pierce, Elizabeth
Pike, Aaron
Pinzino, Chad
Pratt, Jeffery
Gripping his gun tighter as the assailant crept closer to him, the agent finally got a glimpse of the man he had been tracking for months. Jumping out at the suspect, the agent exclaimed, "Freeze! FBI! You’re under arrest!" The months of hard work had finally paid off. The long chase was over.

While in high school, senior Jason Horstman fantasized about becoming an FBI agent. After graduating from Central, he planned to attend Central Missouri State University, where he would get the requirements he needed to become an FBI agent.

"I chose to attend CMSU because they are the only institution in the state the FBI recruits from," Horstman said. Horstman could not remember when he decided he wanted to become an FBI agent. But he knew why he wanted to.

"I believe the reason why God put me on this earth was to become an FBI agent, I have always wanted to do some good, being in the FBI, would give me that oppurtunity," Horstman said.
who influences you most?

By Brooke Richey

"Stephanie Boeh, because she's beautiful on the inside as well as the outside."

"Barry Reynolds, he opened my eyes to English and literature and made me realize that's the field I want to major in."

"Coach Dudik has always influenced me. He's always positive no matter what the situation is."

"Travis Cox is a big influence on my life. He inspires me to work hard, do all my homework, and make good grades."

"Coach Morlock has been a great influence on me. He always screams a lot."

Senior
Jason
Taylor

Senior
Ryan
Maki

Senior
Hilary
Atkins

Senior
Angie
Gilleland

Senior
Brandon
Nichols

Sipes, Francesca
Sisco, Ryan
Smith, Anthony
Smith, Brian
Smith, Chad

Smith, Kortney
Smith, Ryan
Snead, Justin
Snipes, Jeremy
Sourk, Elizabeth

Spears, Michael
Spencer, Christina
Stagg, Cathy
Stams, Molly
Stanton, Tyler

216 personalities-Seniors (Sipes - Taylor)
GUIDANCE.
Senior Vanessa Romer gets a little advice from Barry Reynolds. Romer said she felt that Reynolds offered her a lot and was her biggest influence in high school.

photo by Zach Zillner

Starr, William
Stein, Brandy
Stevens, Natalie
Stoll, Eric
Strain, Ashley

Strasser, Erika
Stubbs, Ellen
Stuber, Neil
Summers, Ashley
Sundet, Nicholas

Swope, Brett
Swymeler, Matthew
Tallie, Jermaine
Taylor, Jason
Taylor, Matthew
Taylor, Tadd
Thiele, Sheila
Thomas, Kristen
Thornton, Elizabeth
Thornton, Michael

Tipton, Chad
Truxal, Jonathan
Truxal, Lydia
Tsoplektis, Alexia
Uptegrove, Christopher

Valencia, Kristin
Vargha, Neda
Vincent, Shana
Wallerstedt, Chad
Walters, Jeremy

Watkins, Kelly
Webb, Sarah
Weber, Brook
Weipert, Nathan
Weir, Shaun

Werner, Jeffery
White, Randy
Whitmore, Jima
Willis, Jeremy
Willoughby, Shannon

Wilson, Brian
Wilson, Tamara
Wing, Julie
Wollenman, Robert
Wood, Matt

218 personalities-Seniors (Taylor - Wood)
Photos capture a visual image of time forever. Memories capture moments and feelings forever more. While memories are not always visible, they are always felt. Many memories were made throughout a student's high school career. One senior reflected on those memories.

"One of the many memories I have during high school would have to be the Pom pon squad. Poms took up a major part of my life over the last four years, and when I look back on all the people I have met and the memories we have made, I realize that no one could ever compare," senior Carissa Ratliff said.

While some students remembered their feelings heavy-hearted, most were anxious to share and reflect upon their memories with others. Ratliff expressed a truth that most seniors came to realize after their four years at Central.

"In high school, the big situations that you make the biggest deals out of, turn out to be the opposite. It is the little situations, that most take for granted, that leave the heaviest impact upon us and mold our characters forever," Ratliff said.

Seniors learned that high school experiences can teach them life long lessons.
The most significant change while attending Central:
1. block schedule
2. new principal

What they are majoring in:
1. Engineering
2. Medicine
3. Psychology
4. Physical Therapy
5. Undecided

Where they are headed:
1. University of Missouri-Columbia
2. Missouri Western State College
3. Northwestern University
4. Harvard
5. US Naval Academy

Changes the top 20 would like to see at Central:
1. more AP and college credit classes
2. smoking problem controlled
3. SBO’s

Should there be only one valedictorian?*

- yes 42%
- no 52%
- no opinion 6%

* The Class of 1997 had eight students with a 5.0 GPA.
Students not pictured:

Adams, Ryan
Altizer, Jeffrey
Augustin, Jonathan
Casity, Charles
Clemmons, Frederick
Daniels, Jennifer
Drake, Danielle
Gann, Shawn
Gardner, Betty
Hann, Blythe
Harrison, Christy
Hartley, Harrison
Hawks, Heather
Hecker, Terra
Henderson, Lyonell
Jones, Damien
Jones, Ellen
Jungk, Adam
Kitchens, Erin
Konasrky, Heather
Lee, Jonathan
Lundberg, Dustin
Martinez, Joshua
Matthys, Rachel
McCarty, Sandra
Otto, Karl
Paolillo, Andrew
Pasley, Troy
Plowman, Angela
Randall, Brandon
Reynolds, Christina
Rivers, Aaron
Ross, Alicia
Simpson, Michael
South, Christina
Tomas, Kenneth
Thompson, Jennifer
Timmons, Amanda
Vanbelkum, Leslie
Weed, Adam
West, Michael
Weston, Eric
Wilkinson, Sparkle
Woods, Christopher

CLASS SPIRIT.
Seniors Chad Wallerstedt and Rachel McQuown decorate the walls with banners for the MoneyMaker Games. The seniorteam ended up winning the Games. photo by Laura McEnaney

Seniors (Wright - Zinn) 221
Algor, Sean: French Club 2, All-District Choir, Chem/Physics Club, All-School Musical 2, Camerata 2
Allen, Holly: Tennis, Track 4, Swimming 2, Brush & Pencil Club 2
Anderson, Aaron: Football 4, Wrestling 2, Track 3, Baseball, Spanish Club 2, Brush & Pencil Club
Andrews, Lindsay: Track, Secret Soccer Girls 3, Latin Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Forum Club, Senate, GTA 2, Prom Committee, Senior/Faculty Games, Snowfrost Homecoming Court Attendance
Archdekin, Jessica: Swimming 2, Brush & Pencil Club 4
Assmus, Nichole: Swimming 3, Spanish Club 2, Brush & Pencil Club (Secretary), Camerata 3, Women's Chorus 2, Band 3
Athens, Melanie: National Honor Society 2, National Forensics League, Octagon Club 2, Spanish Club 4, Chem/Physics Club, Track 2
Atkins, Hilary: Senate 2, Volleyball 2, Basketball 3, Cross Country 2, Track 4, GTA, Ceramica Club, Harvard Homecoming Court Attendant
Axtell, Crystal: Spanish Club 2

Boeh, Stephanie: Cheerleading (Co-captain, All-American) 4, National Honor Society 2, Hugh O'Brien Leadership Ambassador, GTA 2, Latin Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Eco Club, Brush & Pencil Club 2, Prom Committee, Academic Letter 4, Snowfrost Homecoming Queen
Boball, Joshua: Football 2, All-School Musical 2, Spanish Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Lift-a-thon (Service Award), International Thespian Society, Camerata
Bokay, Jon: De Meistersingers 3, Show Choir 3, Camerata, District Music Contest 4, State Music Contest 4, Men's Choirs 2, Chem/Physics Club
Bonebrake, Jeff: Soccer 4, Spanish Club 2, Forum Club 2, Baseball, Choir 4, Academic Letter, Chem/Physics Club, Intramural Basketball
Brandt, Valerie: Volleyball, Basketball 2, Track 4, GTA (Secretary), Chem/Physics Club, Latin Club 2, Secret Soccer Girls 4, Senate 2, Junior Class Secretary/Treasurer, Prom Committee
Brittingham, Lucy: Cheerleading 4, Senior Class President, National Honor Society 2, Beta Chi Pi, Chemathon, Science Olympiad, Science Knowledge Bowl, Prom Committee, Chem/Physics Club, Forum Club, Eco Club, Spanish Club
Brooks, Ann Marie: WAKITAN (Editor-in-Chief) 2, Cross Country (District Champion) 3, All-Conference 3, All-Sectional 3, All-State 3, State Champion, All-American Honorable Mention 4, Fall Harvest Homecoming Queen, Outlook (Layout Editor) 1 semester, Drug-Free Super S.T.A.R. Athlete, Track (All-State 4, School Records in 3200m and 1600m run) 4, Academic Letter 4, Polar Bear Club 3, Forum Club, Science Olympiad, Spanish Club, GTA, Chem/Physics Club
Bruckshaw, Justin: Football, Eco Club, GTA, Latin Club, Morning Announcements Crew, Prom Committee, Senior/Faculty Games
Burrow, Clayton: Football, Archaeology Club (Treasurer), Brush & Pencil Club

Barmann, April: Cross Country 3, Swimming, Brush & Pencil Club 2, Archaeology Club 2, Spanish Club 3
Barnes, Angela: Academic Letter 2, French Club
Beeman, Andrea: Band Council 2, Cabinet (Parliamentarian), Chem/Physics Club 2, Ceramics Club, Eco Club 2, Forum Club 2, French Club 4, Marching Band (Drum Major) 3, National Honor Society 2, Pep Band 4
Beeman, Josh: Drumline 3, Concert Band 3, District Music Contest 3, State Music Contest 2, Jazz Band 3, Spanish Club, Academic Letter, Talent Show, JROTC (Alpha Company First Sergeant) 3
Beeon, J.C.: Missouri Boys State, Spanish Club (Vice President) 4, Octagon Club 3, Latin Club 3, Forum Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Tennis 4, Cross Country 2, Prom Committee (Chairman)
Benward, Jason: Baseball, Football 2, Basketball 3, Golf 2, Latin Club
Berkelheimer, Steven: Football, JROTC (Black Sabers, Honor Guard, Color Guard)
Bode, Danielle: National Honor Society 2, Latin Club (President) 3, GTA (Treasurer) 2, Brush & Pencil Club (Public Relations) 3, Chem/Physics Club, Octagon Club, Cadet Teacher, Secret Soccer Girls, Science Olympiad, Beta Chi Pi, Academic Letter 4

Camp, Jake: Basketball 4, GTA, Cabinet, Junior Class Vice President, Senate, Latin Club 2, Chem/Physics Club 3, Chemathon, Cross Country, Die Meistersingers 3
Campbell, Cathy: Senior/Faculty Games
Campbell, Laura: GTA, Brush & Pencil Club
Carter, Jon: JROTC (State Rifle Match 2, Drill Team 4, Rifle Team 3, Drill Meets 4, Memorial Day Salute Squad 4) Football 2, Band 3, Chem/Physics Club 2, Forum Club 2, Latin Club 2, Lift-a-thon 2, Academic Letter 4
Carter, Ryan: Basketball, Latin Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Football, Academic Letter, Senior/Faculty Games, MoneyMakers
Cates, Sara: Spanish Club 2, Octagon Club, Band 2, WAKITAN (Student Life Editor) 2, Athletic Trainer 2
Chappuck, Hayley: Octagon Club (Vice President) 3, Eco Club 2, French Club (President) 3, Forum Club, Creative Writing Club, All-School Musical, Secret Soccer Girls, MoneyMakers, National Forensics League
Chinnery, Holly: Student Body Treasurer, Cheerleading 3, Prom Poms, Die Meistersingers 3, Show Choir (Vice President) 3, National Honor Society 2, Senate 3, Chem/Physics Club 3, Forum Club 3, Swimming 2, District Music Contest 3, State Music Contest 2, Snowfrost Homecoming Court Maid of Honor
Christgen, D.J.: Soccer 3, Spanish Club 2, Chem/Physics Club 2, Academic Letter, MoneyMakers
Chu, Becky (Yu Ju): Spanish Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, JROTC (Black Sabers) 3, Octagon Club
Clark, Anna: Junior Class President, Student Body President, Eco Club 2, Latin Club 2, Forum Club 2, Fall Play, Prom Poms (Co-Captain) 3, National Forensics League (President 2, State 2, Triple Ruby Degree) 4
Clark, Chris: Archaeology Club, Talent Show, Latin Club 4
Clover, Kyle: Band 4, Soccer 4, Swimming 2, All-School Musical 3, senate, Chem/Physics Club 2, Spanish Club 3, Forum Club 3, History Bowl 4, Beta Chi Pi, Prom Committee, National Honor Society 2, International Thespian Society, Chemathon, Fall Play Crew
Crabb, Jason: Eco Club 4, Archaeology Club 2, French Club 2, Spanish Club 2, Octagon Club, Blues Club, Academic Letter, Chem/Physics Club 2, Latin Club
Crittenden, Aaron: Football 4, Basketball 4, Baseball, Track 3, Drug-Free Super S.T.A.R. Athlete, Cabinet
Cruz, Ashley: Eco Club, Ceramica Club, French Club 2
Cunningham, Tracy: Outlook (Business Manager) 1 year, Cross Country 2, French Club 2, Brush & Pencil Club (Secretary) 2, Chem/Physics Club, Forum Club, Octagon Club, Prom Committee (Chairman), MoneyMakers

Davey, Crystal: Basketball 2, Volleyball 2, Senate 3, prom Committee (Chairman), Academic Letter 3, Eco Club, Secret Soccer Girls, MoneyMakers
Davis, Amber: Latin Club 3, Archaeology Club 2, Eco Club (Treasurer) 3
Davis, Derek: Cabinet, Project Peace, Spanish Club 2, WAKITAN (Photography Editor) 2, Prom Committee
Delaney, Ashley: National Forensics League 2, Octagon Club 2, Track, Spanish Club 2
Bemest, Chris: National Forensics League (Historian, Secretary, Vice-President) 4, French Club (Historian) 4, Senior Class Vice President, Chem/Physics Club 3, Forum Club 3, Beta Chi Pi 3, National Honor Society 2, Science Investigations Fair 3, History Bowl 4, Academic Letter 3
Bennett, Amber: Basketball, Track, 4, Cross Country 4, Chem/Physics Club, Prom Committee, Academic Letter 3
DeWeese, Bridget: Eco Club, FTA 2, Ceramics Club, Teen Institute 2, Academic Letter
Dekens, Eric: Soccer 4, Basketball 2, Baseball, Spanish Club 4
Durkin, John: Baseball, Spanish Club
Doniap, Kendra: Swimming 4, Band 4, Color Guard (Co-captain) 3, Secret Soccer Girls, Spanish Club 4, Prom Committee
Funap, Meredith: Marching Band 4, Pit Orchestra 3, C-CAP 2, FTA, Cadet Teacher, Money Makers, Drumline, Symphonic Band 3, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band 4, Pep Band 4
Hender, Andrea: Camerata, All-District Choir, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, All-District Band, Four-State Honor Band, National Honor Society 2, FTA, Spanish Club
Hod, Hillary: Volleyball 2, Money Makers, Troy, Brett: Golf 4, Spanish Club 3, National Forensics League 3, Senior/Faculty Games, Intramural Basketball, Chem/Physics Club
Izelle, Jeff: Soccer 4, Wrestling 3, Track 2, Spanish Club, Prom Committee, Senior/Faculty Games, Intramural Basketball
Farnsworth, Erin: Camerata, All-School Musical, JROTC (Honors Guard) 2, Black Sabers 3, Color Guard 3, Spanish Club 3
Feuerbacher, Leigh Ann: Camerata, Track 3, Spanish Club 4, National Honor Society 2, Academic Letter 4, Money Makers
Fisher, Matt: Track 4, Wrestling 4, Cross Country 3, State Swedish Club, Spanish President 4, Archaeology Club, Chem/Physics Club 3, Lift-a-thon 3, Academic Letter 4, Snowfront Homecoming Court Prince
Geoff, Mike: Baseball 4, Chem/Physics Club, Pencel Club
Gonzalez, Jason: Baseball 4, Football 4, Basketball 3, Octagon Club, Harvest Homecoming Court King, Lift-a-thon 4
Haggard, Lee “Tito”: Missouri Scholars Academy, Outlook (Assistant Editor), Senior Class Secretary/Treasurer, Student Wagon 2, All-School Musical 3, Fall Play, National Honor Society 2, Chem/Physics Club (President) 2, Band 4, All-District Jazz Band 2, History Bowl 3
Gilleland, Angie: Cross Country (State 3) 4, Track 4, Basketball 3, Harvest Homecoming Court Attendant, French Club, Chem/Physics Club, Prom Committee
Glauser, Hillary: National Honor Society (Vice President) 2, Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium 2, Missouri Academy of Sciences 4, District Science Fair 4, Chem/Physics Club (Secretary) 3, Tennis 4, Beta Chi Pi 3, Future Problem Solving 2, Outlook (Sports Co-editor) 1 semester, Forum Club 3, Senate, Spanish Club 4, Prom Committee, Science Olympiad 2, Academic Letter 2
Green, Carly: Spanish Club 2, A-CAP 3, Project Peace, Conflict Mediation, Money Makers, Green, Joshua: JROTC (Rifle Team) 2, Spanish Club, National Forensics League, Grabbe, Travis: Soccer 4, Track 2, Latin Club, Brush & Pencil Club 2
Grier, Frederick: Beta Chi Pi, Track 2, Fall Play 3, All-School Musical 4, Marching Band 4, Show Choir, All-District Choir 2, Cabinet, Brush & Pencil Club, Forum Club (Secretary) 3, Chem/Physics Club 2, International Thespian Society (President) 4, MOLM, Chemathon, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society 2
Griggs, Karla: Spanish Club 4, Chem/Physics Club 2, WAKANTAN (Personnel Co-editor) 2, Track 3, Prom Committee, Academic Letter 4, Money Makers
Guthrie, Chris: Football (Captain) 4, Spanish Club (Treasurer) 4, Money Makers, Games (Two-time champion) 4, Senior/Faculty Games, Baseball, Track 3
Haghirian, Margaret: All-School Musical, Camerata, The Meistersingers
Hakkarainen, Elina: Tennis, Outlook (Sports Co-editor) 1 semester, French Club, Eco Club, All-School Musical, Track, Foreign Exchange Student from Finland
Hafford, Matt: Spanish Club, Latin Club, Soccer 4, Basketball 3
Halling, Jennifer: Track 2, Cross Country 2, Senior/Faculty Games, Spanish Club 2, Chem/Physics Club 2, Prom Committee, WAKANTAN (Academics and Vanity Ads Editor) 2, Senate 2, Beta Chi Pi, Academic Letter 4, C-CAP
Hart, Garrett “G-Love”: Cross Country 4, Basketball 4, Track 4, Latin Club, Cabinet, Senate 2, Harvest Homecoming King
Hausman, Andrew: Spanish Club 2, Basketball Manager 2
Heather, Kristin: Outlook (Features Page Editor), Forum Club 3, Spanish Club 4, Chem/Physics Club 2, Track, National Honor Society 2, Academic Letter 4
Hecker, Chris: JROTC (Color Guard 3, Company Commander, Drill Squad, M.P. 4, Saber Guards 4, Community Services 4) 4, Swimming, Camerata, Men’s Chorus, Brush & Pencil Club, French Club 2, Chem/Physics Club 2
Hecker, Terra: National Forensics League (Secretary, Captain, President) 4, Spanish Club, Chem/Physics Club, C-CAP, Morning Announcements Crew
Hendrix, Matt: Football 4, Wrestling 4
Henson, Sam: Student Body Secretary, Chem/Physics Club (President) 3, Forum Club 3, Spanish Club 2, History Bowl 3, Marching Band 4, Jazz Band (All-District) 2, National Forensics League 3, All-School Musical 4, Pep Band 4, Concert Band (All-District) 3
Hindupur, Sandeep: Cabinet (Chairman), Senate, Outlook (Managing Editor), National Honor Society 2, Forum Club (Treasurer) 3, Spanish Club (Secretary) 4, Chem/Physics Club (Secretary) 3, All-School Musical 2, Fall Play 2, Tennis 4, Science Olympiad, Chemathon 2, Academic Letter 4, Prom Committee, National Forensics League, Creative Writing Club, Beta Chi Pi 2, MOML 4, Cotillion
Hohe, Annie: Spanish Club 4, Forum Club 3, Chem/Physics Club 2, National Honor Society (Treasurer) 2, All-School Musical, Die Meistersinger, Camerata, State Music Contest, District Music Contest 4, Prom Committee (Chairman), Future Problem Solving 2, Science Olympiad, Tennis 4, Senate
Hoernath, Ryan: Football, Academic Letter 3, Spanish Club 4, Chem/Physics Club
Honeycutt, Christy: Band 2, Drumline, Spanish Club 2, International Thespian Society 2, National Forensics League 4, Fall Play Crew 2, All-School Musical Crew 2, Outlook (Focus Editor)
Huff, Erika: Tennis 2, Spanish Club 3, Eco Club, Prom Committee, Chem/Physics Club, Brush & Pencil Club 4, Secret Soccer Girls, Money Makers
Housel, Mark: Brush & Pencil Club (President) 4, Latin Club 3, Forum Club 3, Congressional Arts Competition 2, Scholastic Art Competition
Huffer, Sarah: Outlook (Feature Editor), All-School Musical 4, Fall Play, Eco Club 2, Spanish Club 2, Cross Country, Senior/Faculty Games, Secret Soccer Girls (President) 3, FTA (Vice President), Academic Letter, Cadet Teacher, Creative Writing Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Ceramics Club, Brown Bag Theatre 3, Camerata, Money Makers 2, Prom Committee, Forum Club
Johnston, Mike: Basketball 2, Track 3, Spanish Club 2
Jones, Ellen: Brush & Pencil Club (Vice President) 3, Ceramics Club (Vice President) 3, Spanish Club 2
Jones, Kristy: Volleyball, Latin Club 2, Outlook (News Editor), MoneyMakers 3, Prom Committee
Jourdan, K. Scott: Latin Club 2, Senior/Faculty Games
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Kent, Amanda: National Forensics League, Chem/Physics Club, Octagon Club, Latin Club
Kerford, Rachel: Cross Country 4, Track 4, French Club (Treasurer) 4, Creative Writing Club 2, National Honor Society (Secretary) 2, Secret Soccer Girls 2, Chem/Physics Club 2, Prom Committee, Outlook (Copy Editor) 1 semester, Octagon Club, Eco Club, All-School Musical, Archaeology Club, C-CAP, Academic Letter 4
Kimes, Neil: Basketball 4, National Honor Society 2, Latin Club 2, Spanish Club 2, Prom Committee, Junior Class Secretary/Treasurer, Senate, Snowfrost Homecoming Court Knight
Kiaard, Brandi: Eco Club 2, Brush & Pencil Club (Vice President) 2, Swimming
Kindle, Andrew: Chem/Physics Club 3, Spanish Club 3, Band (Section Leader) 4, Science Olympiad, Chemathon
Kitchens, Erin: Volleyball 2, Swimming, Prom Committee, French Club 2, Brush & Pencil Club, Academic Letter 3, Missions Business Week, MoneyMakers 2

Larabee, Janice: Spanish Club 2, Latin Club, JROTC (Color Guard) 2, Chem/Physics Club, Stomp Team, FTA, Cadet Teacher
Lawrence, Timothy: Intramural Basketball 2, Latin Club 2, Archaeology Club, Lift-a-thon 2, Football, Track 2, MoneyMaker Games 2, Basketball Statistician
Leaton, Tisha: Volleyball, Spanish Club, Eco Club, Brush & Pencil Club, Soccer Manager
Linin, Susie: Tennis 4, Cadet Teacher, FTA, Spanish Club, Secret Soccer Girls, Ceramics Club, Academic Letter 2
Loving, Chris: Chem/Physics Club, Soccer, Tennis
Lucast, Jeranie: Camerata 2, JROTC (Honor Guard, Black Sabers) 3, Swimming 3, All-School Musical, Marching Band 2, Symphonic Band 2, President's Physical Fitness Award 3, National Physical Fitness Award 3

Mannschreck, Mitchell: Football 4, Track 2, Wrestling, Spanish Club 2, Chem/Physics Club 2, Octagon Club, Prom Committee
Matthys, Rachel: Track, Outlook (Artist), Brush & Pencil Club, French Club 2
Mattson, Melissa: Band 4, Spanish Club 2, Brush & Pencil Club 3, JROTC (Black Sabers) 3
Maxwell, Brian: Football 2, Latin Club 2, Camerata, Mixed Chorus 2, Men's Choir 2, District Music Contest, Intramural Basketball
McClure, Adam: Golf (All-District 4, All-Conference 3, All-State) 4, French Club 3, Forum Club (Historian) 4, Chem/Physics Club
McClure, Laura: Track, Prom Poms 2, Chem/Physics Club, Eco Club 2, French Club 2, FTA 2, Prom Committee, Secret Soccer Girls 3, Senior/Faculty Games, Snowfrost Homecoming Court Attendant
McEmey, Laura: Tennis 4, Swimming 3, Basketball, Spanish Club 3, Latin Club 2, Eco Club 3, Octagon Club 3, WAKITAN (Assistant Editor) 2, MoneyMakers, Senior/Faculty Games, Prom Committee, Academic Letter 2, National Forensics League, Brush & Pencil Club, Secret Soccer Girls 2, All-School Musical, Chem/Physics Club 3, Forum Club
McMillan, Janelle: JROTC (Rifle Team 4, Color Guard/Assistant Commander) 4, Spanish Club 4, Chem/Physics Club 3, Brush & Pencil Club 3
McQuown, Rachel: Tennis 2, Senate, National Honor Society 2, Academic Letter 4, Cadet Teacher, FTA (Historian), Prom Committee, Junior Spirit Force, Octagon Club, French Club 4, Chem/Physics Club, Forum Club, Brush & Pencil Club, District Music Contest 2, State Music Contest, FTA Reflections Award (Art, Music) 2
Meredith, Tia: Student Body Vice President, Athletic Trainer 2, WAKITAN (Sports Editor) 2, Harvest Homecoming Court Maid of Honor, Track 2, Spanish Club 3, Octagon Club 2, Forum Club, Senate
Millebruch, Jason: French Club 2, Chem/Physics Club 2, Wrestling 2, JROTC (Color Guard) 5, Rifle Team 4
Mollus, Mindy: Spanish Club 4, Chem/Physics Club 2, Eco Club 2, Creative Writing Club 2, Latin Club, Track 3, Octagon Club 4, Forum Club 3, All-School Musical 2, Prom Committee, Teen Institute 2, C-CAP 3, Fall Play, Secret Soccer Girls, Children's Play (Assistant Director)
Mollus, Sara: Tennis 4, Track 2, Cabinet, National Honor Society 2, Outlook (Sports editor) 4 semester, Prom Committee (Co-Chairman) Chem/Physics Club, Spanish Club 2, Eco Club 2, Forum Club, MoneyMakers, Academic Letter 4, Beta Chi Pi
Morehead, Kelly: Secret Soccer Girls, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers, Spanish Club
Mood, Jason: Basketball 4, Baseball 2, Track, Cadet Teacher, Boys State Nominee, Beta Chi Pi, Missouri Regional Art Show, Latin Club, FTA, Snowfrost Homecoming Court First Knight
Murphy, Nick: Wrestling (State) 2, Football 2, Spanish Club, MoneyMaker Games (Two-time Champion Team), Snowfrost Homecoming Court Knight
Myers, Jeremy: Football 3, Wrestling 4, Baseball 3, Spanish Club
Nichols, Brandon: Football (Captain) 4, Basket-
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Sallisberry, Dustin: Outlook (Cartoonist, Page Editor) 1 semester, Student Wagon 2, Camerata.
De Meistersingers 2, JROTC 2

Simone, Adrian: Eco Club, Tennis 4, Track 2, Chem/Physics Club, French Club, Octagon Club 2, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers
Schieber, Andrea: Octagon Club 2, Track 2, Spanish Club
Schneider, Jedd: Football 4, Die Meistersingers All-District Choir 2, All-State Choir 2, All-District Band 3, Band 4, All-School Musical 3, Show Choir (Treasurer) 3, French Club 4, Forum Club (Treasurer, Vice President) 3, Chem/Physics Club 3, History Bowl (Team Captain) 4, District Music Contest, State Music Contest, Lift-a-ton
Shah, Ashish: Soccer 3, Tennis 2, MOLM 4, French Club 4, Chem/Physics Club 3, Forum Club 3, Blues Club, Cabinet, Senate, Fall Play, All-School Musical 3
Shelley, Timothy: Track 3, Latin Club 2, Chem/Physics Club 2, Pep Band 2, Marching Band 2, Symphonic Band 2, Jaz Band 2, Blue Club 2
Simpson, David: JROTC (Rifle Team) 4, Wrestling
Sisco, Ryan: Cross Country 2, Basket Ball, Spanish Club 2
Smith, Chad: JROTC (Rifle Team), Spanish Club
Smith, Kurtney: Tennis (State) 2, 4, Basketball, Swimming 3, French Club 2, Latin Club 2, Forum Club, Cabinet, Prom Committee, Snowfoot Homecoming Court Attendee
Strick, Elizabeth: All-School Musical 2, Spanish Club 3, Scholastic Photography Competition 2, Track, Forum Club 2, C-CAP

South, Christina: Spanish Club, Die Meistersingers, All-District Choir

Sperber, Christina: Volleyball, Spanish Club 2, Latin Club, Beta Chi Pi 4, MoneyMakers, National Forensics League, Chem/Physics Club, Prom Committee

Stevens, Natalie: Outlook (Opinion Editor), Eco Club (Vice President, President) 3, Octagon Club 2, Forum Club 3

Strassler, Erika: Academic Letter 4, Show Choir 2, Forum Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, French Club (Secretary) 4, National Honor Society 2, WAKITAN (Organizations Editor) 2, Die Meistersingers 2, All-School Musical, District Music Contest 4, State Music Contest 2, Swimming 2, All-District Choir

Stubbs, Ellen: Tennis (State) 3, Show Choir (Secretary/Treasurer, President) 3, District Choir 2, Forum Club 2, French Club (Vice President) 2, National Forensics League, All-School Musical, Outlook (Photographer), Die Meistersingers 3

Stuber, Neil: Cross Country, Track 2, Soccer, Swimming 2, Brush & Pencil Club 3, Forum Club, Latin Club 2, Senate, Cabinet, Senior/Faculty Games, Chem/Physics Club

Summers, Ashley: Tennis 2, Outlook (Photographer), WAKITAN (Photographer), French Club 4, All-School Musical, Cabinet, Senior/Faculty Games, Brush & Pencil Club, Forum Club 2, Secret Soccer Girls 2, Prom Committee (Chairman), Chem/Physics Club, Snowfoot Homecoming Court Attendee

Sundet, Nicholas: Soccer 3, Baseball 2, Senior/Faculty Games, Spanish Club, French Club 2, Forum Club, Chem/Physics Club, WAKITAN (Photographer), Harvest Homecoming Court Knight, Prom Committee

Swope, Brett: Football 4, Wrestling 4, Track 3, Brush & Pencil Club, Latin Club, Chem/Physics Club 2, Lift-a-ton 4, Prom Committee, Snowfoot Homecoming Court Knight

Taylor, Jason: Soccer 2, Spanish Club 2, Chem/Physics Club, Prom Committee (Chairman), National Forensics League

Taylor, Tadd: Basketball 3

Thiele, Sheila: Basketball, Track 2, Cross Country 3, French Club (Treasurer) 4, Chem/Physics Club, Camerata 2, Die Meistersingers, All-School Musical, Outlook (Page Editor), Prom Committee

Truxal, Lydia: Spanish Club 2, Forum Club, Eco Club 2, Cross Country 2, Track, French Club

Valencia, Kristin: Archaeology Club, Eco Club (Vice President) 2, 4, Octagon Club 2, Spanish Club 3, Academic Letter

Vargha, Neda: Cross Country 4, Track 2, Spanish Club 4, Forum Club 3, Latin Club, Eco Club (Secretary) 3, Octagon Club, Chem/Physics Club 2, Secret Soccer Girls, Prom Committee, Outlook (Section Leader, Focus Editor), All-School Musical, Archaeology Club, MoneyMakers

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Wallerstedt, Chad: Football 4, Basketball 3, Track 4, Latin Club (Vice President) 4, Chem/Physics Club 2, National Honor Society 2, Senate 2

Watkins, Kelly: Creative Writing Club, C-CAP, Spanish Club (Historian) 4, Outlook (Page Editor), Golf 3, Track, Prom Committee, FTA, Cadet Teacher, Secret Soccer Girls, Academic Letter 2, MoneyMakers

Webb, Sarah: Tennis 4, Track 2, Latin Club 4, Chem/Physics Club 3, FTA, Cadet Teacher, Prom Committee (Chairman), Forum Club 2

Weber, Brook: Swimming, French Club 3, Forum Club 3, Chem/Physics Club 2, Outlook (Feature Page Editor) 1 semester, Beta Chi Pi, District Science Fair 2, District Science Academy 2, All-School Musical, Academic Letter 4, Science Engineering and Humanities Symposium 2

Weir, Shaun: WAKITAN (Business Manager) 2, Ceramics Club, Prom Committee

Werner, Jeffrey: JROTC (Battalion Commander), Honor Guard 4, Saber Guard 4, Black Sabers 2, Color Guard 2, Salute Squad 2, Company Commander, M.P. 4, 4, Camerata, Spanish Club 2, All-School Musical

Willoughby, Shannon: Chem/Physics Club 3, Forum Club, Latin Club 3, Prom Committee (Chairman), Beta Chi Pi, All-School Musical, Science Olympiad, District Music Contest 2

Worley, Kylene: Basketball, Forum Club, Spanish Club 2, Track

Wright, Gary: Chem/Physics Club 3, Spanish Club 2, Forum Club, Die Meistersingers 3

Wurtzer, Mark: Cross Country, Tennis 4, Chem/Physics Club 3, French Club 3, All-School Musical 4, Fall Play 3, Outlook (Management Team), Forum Club 3, Academic Letter 4, National Honor Society 2, Chernathon

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Young, Trisha: Octagon Club (Historian), Spanish Club, Chem/Physics Club, Prom Committee, MoneyMakers

Yu, Jean: Outlook (Editor-in-Chief), National Honor Society (President) 2, French Club (Vice President) 2, 4, Forum Club 3, Chem/Physics Club 2, History Bowl 2, MOLM 4, All-School Musical, Brown Bag Theatre, Science Olympiad 2, Math Olympiad 2, Chernathon

Zillner, Zachary: Football 4, Wrestling 3, Track 4, Senior/Faculty Games, Eco Club, Latin Club (Treasurer) 3, Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class President, Senate, WAKITAN (Photographer), Outlook (Photographer), Harvest Homecoming Court Prince, MoneyMaker Games (Two-time Champion Team 2), Chem/Physics Club 2, Prom Committee (Chairman)
Has communication improved between faculty and students over the last three years?

79% - Yes
14% - No
7% - Indifferent

GAME PLAN.
Head football coach Tony Dudik and Athletic Director Mike LaFave discuss a previous football game. They worked closely together during the season.

photo by Nick Sundet

DOCTOR M.
Coach Randy Morlock gets pumped up during a football game.
Morlock played the main role in motivating the football players before and during games.

photo by Heather Carter

226 personalities
THE BLUES.
Charles McLaughlin and Jim George practice the blues. This was the first year the blues club was officially a club. photo by Nick Sundet

faculty size: 127
males: 52 females: 75
faculty member who has been here the longest: Gary Sprague-33 years

"I feel that with AAP the communication level has increased. The faculty tries real hard to help the students out in any way they can."
Nancy Briggs
Albright, Dr. Barton...Principal
Hedge, William...Assistant Principal
Piveral, Joyce...Assistant Principal
Wallerstedt, James...Assistant Principal
Anderson, Joanne...Language Arts
Arnold, Terri...Social Studies
Barrett, Lynette...Language Arts
Barton, Barbara...Mathematics
Beaulieu, Francee...Language Arts
Beggs, Renee...Art
Blakley, Charles...Social Studies
Blunt, Leigh Ann...Language Arts
Bottorf, Sharon...Language Arts
Bowles, Terri...Special Education
Brady, Barry...Counselor
Briggs, Nancy...Latin
Burns, Nadine...Special Education
Chavez, John...Spanish
Conard, Carol...Science
Correia, Sandra...Special Education
Coulery, Shirley...Language Arts
Crouse, Cindy...Counselor
Daniel, Shanye...Drama
Dedrickson, Randall...Business
Drown, Darin...Vocal Music
Dudik, Anthony...Business
Dudley, Mary Ann...Science
Dykes, Richard...Interpreter
Ford, Diane...French
Geib, Linda...Home Economics
George, James...Social Studies
Hanbury, Pamela...FACS
Hausman, Aimee...Language Arts
Henderson, Hamilton...Social Studies
Hook, Neal...Mathematics
Hornaday, Mary Jo...Publications
Jackson, Susan...Counselor
Kelley, Christopher...Social Studies
King, Bonnie...Special Education
Kreipe, Kathy...Language Arts
LaFaye, Michael...Activities Coordinator
Larson, Kristin...Social Studies
Mackey, Sharon...Social Studies
McLaughlin, Charles...Chemistry
Meinert, Matt...Physical Education
Meng, Melvin...Industrial Technology
Meyer, Jeanne...Art
Meyers, Jay...Science

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THE VILLAGE.
Geometry teacher, Jeanne Weber and her husband admired the sights at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. The Global Olympic Village was only one of the sights they saw. courtesy of Jeanne Weber

Q What do you remember most about the Olympics?
A “Michael Johnson’s 200 and 400 meter races.”
John Chavez

olympic spirit

By Tommy Alderson

The smell of food. The sound of exchanging money. All of the people in the world blending together for one thing: the Summer Olympic Games. The games were special to all Americans since the U.S. was the host country and also to Jeanne Weber, who made the journey to the games.

“It has always been a dream for me to go since I was a child and watched the games on television,” Weber said.

Over the summer, Weber had the chance to act upon her childhood dream. With the help of family and a lot of preparation, she was able to fulfill the dream.

“My husband and I had been planning on going to the Olympics for over a year. Also, my parents urged me to go because it would be a once in a lifetime thing,” Weber said.

With so many Olympic events, it was impossible to see them all. Weber was affected by this and also that she was only there for three days. However, she was still able to take part in the excitement for the time she was there.

“We saw Michael Johnson’s semi-final race. We could see the expressions of all of the runners as they finished,” Weber said.

With the chance of a lifetime, Jeanne Weber let nothing stop her from being at the Olympics.
what is your best memory?

"When I was a sophomore, Barry Nelson and I were big stars in the talent show."

James George

"Having M.J. Blakley as a history teacher. He taught me more than any other teacher I had."

Kathy Northup

"A Columbia Hickman football game was the first game I started. We lost on a field goal 8 to 7."

John Vanderpool

"New Year's Eve of my junior year was the first time I got to go out with my friends to celebrate a holiday."

Valorie Stokes

"The many Friday nights I spent at the city league basketball games."

Vince Perry

Modis, Jaime...Business
Mooney, Andi...Physical Education
Morlock, Randy...Science
Murphy, Delphine...Special Education
Northup, Katherine...Social Studies
Nothstine, Sue...Science
O'Brien, Tom...Mathematics
Oswald, Jay...Social Studies
Ozenberger, James...Mathematics
Paden, Ken...Speech/Debate
Paolillo, Gary...Science
Perry, Jim...Business
Perry, Vince...Mathematics
Pfleiderer, Angela...Mathematics
Pickerel, Cindy...Spanish
Piercy, Nancy...Language Arts
Pittman, Carol...Latin/French
Piveral, Don...Industrial Technology
Poppa, Rita...Counselor
Powell, Daniel...Science
Price, Roger...Physics/Chemistry
Reeder, Jan...Language Arts
Reissinger, Myra...Language Arts
Reule, Dennis...Science

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LOOKING BACK.
English teacher Barry Reynolds looks through a 1966 Central yearbook. Reynolds is one of many faculty members who graduated from Central. *photo by Derek Davis*
Hunter, James...ISS
Erickson, Michael...Para-professional
Heckel, David...Para-professional
Norton, Dorothy...Para-professional
Sharp, Nancy...Para-professional
Pitts, Janice...Audio Visual Aide

Staley, Julie...Research Aide
Black, Shirley...Secretary
Brown, Jill...Secretary
Folley, Ronica...Secretary
Gerhardt, Marilyn...Secretary
Haenni, Lucille...Secretary

Ideker, Debra...Secretary
Murphy, Pauline...Secretary
Wagers, Martha...Secretary
Hardin, Jerry...Engineer
Tinker Sr., Hilton...Engineer
Bisco, Keith...Custodian

Buggess, Katherine...Custodian
Clarence, Perry...Custodian
Ewing, Sue...Custodian
Harless, Terry...Custodian
O'Callaghan, Robert...Custodian
Poloski, William...Custodian

Vestal, Robert...Custodian
Mosser, Betty...Food Service Manager
Blue, Lee Ann...Food Service
Cox, Sherry...Food Service
Dryer, Joyce...Food Service
Gianetta, Irene...Food Service

Hall, Patricia...Food Service
Hansen, Brenda...Food Service
Harbison, Katherine...Food Service
Lotz, Betty...Food Service
McCurt, Pat...Food Service
Stillman, Virginia...Food Service

Walker, Susan...Food Service
Wharton, Cleva...Food Service

Faculty not pictured:

Athens, Paul...Business
Chamberlain, Christopher...Social Studies
Cove, Cynthia...Deaf/Blind
Griffin, Kevin...Band
Hoy, David...Agriculture
Hyde, Mary...Physical Education
Jones, Rachel...Spanish
Kvam, Janet...Strings
Maret, Kevin...Band
Nassen, Tim...Physical Education

Smith, Dawn...Language Arts
Vanderpool, John...Language Arts
Leistner, Gwen...ROTC
Kerner, Jeannie...Nurse
Heckman, Joan...Para-professional
Przybylski, Lisa...Para-professional
King, Deborah...Computer Aide
Bennett, Debra...Library Aide
Lairamore, Gari...Accompanist
Horn, Pamela...Secretary
Brown, Stephanie...Food Service
backtalk

Q Why did you decide to go back to school?  A "I would like to pursue a career in administration."  
Terri Arnold, Social Studies

Making the Grade

By Jacob Henson

Being a full time teacher and head varsity basketball coach, Paul Athens found it difficult finding time to go back to school. Despite his tight schedule, he received his master’s degree in High School Administration from Northwest Missouri State University.

“I had 23 hours of the 32 credit hours required for the degree when I got the job as head basketball coach five years ago,” Athens said.

The remaining nine credits were more difficult to obtain since so much of his time was devoted to basketball.

“I was no longer able to attend summer school in June because of basketball camps and in the winter I could not take night classes that met on Tuesdays or Fridays because of basketball games,” Athens said.

Taking class by class whenever time permitted, it took about six years to aquire the degree in administration.

“I would like to be a high school administrator someday. It is something I have wanted to do for a long time,” Athens said.

While teaching full time and coaching the varsity basketball team, Paul Athens went back to school to get his master’s degree.
Jason...

Wasn't it only yesterday you were this size?
What an adventure!
What good times and fun!

May all your hopes and dreams come true, filled with happiness and success.

Just remember the fun loving kid. Be yourself and follow your own heart.

God Bless

Love Ya!
Mom, Dad, Lisa

Jelly Bean & Edna Dean

Friends Now
Friends Then
Best Friends until the end.

jamey dedrickson and neda vargha

You are my sunshine.
Congratulations!

Love
Mom & Dad

natalie stevens

Angela,
Words cannot express the total joy you have brought into our lives. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We love you!

Mom & Dad

angela pasley
How do you feel about public displays of affection?

"I think moments of affection should be saved for private times only. When I see affection shown in public it makes me puke."

-Senior Brett Esely

"There is a time and place for everything and it is not at school."

-Senior Vanessa Romer

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Congratulations Amie!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Cameron

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Jason-
We've known it all along! You're our two sport superstar! We are so proud.
Mom and Rachael

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Brett,
We're so proud of you! Good Luck at MU next year.
Love,
Mom and Dad

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Adrian,
You are everything we could have wanted in a daughter. Believe in yourself and your dreams. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Ryan

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Lindsey,
We love you very much!
Mom & Dad

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What is your ideal car?

An Oscar Meyer Weinermobile because it's shaped like a hot dog.

Senior Jon Bokay

Congratulations Kelly!
a.k.a.: Ratnat-Brown-Queenie
Love,
Mom, Aye & Red

kelly watkins

Ashley & Andrea,
It seems only yesterday you were starting school...now our little girls are Graduating. Follow your dreams and always stay friends.

Love,
Your families

We wondered if you'd make the grade due to your favorite pastime- But you didn't disappoint us!! We're proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

We're proud of you!!

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Eric!
We're proud of you!!

Love, Mom & Dad

Travis,
We are so proud of you. Hold on to your dreams, the future belongs to you.

Love Ya!!
Mom, Dad & Shannon

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Dwayne
Congratulations on your many accomplishments. May God continue to bless you.
Love,
Mom

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Ellen,
You are truly a gift from God.
We love you.
Dad, Mom & Scott

Sara,
Always remember there's no place like home!
We are proud of you!
Love,
Mom & Thom

Lacy,
We are so proud of your many accomplishments and the young adult that you have become. Always keep your goals high and may all your dreams come true.
Love,
Your Family

Chris-
You have brought joy and laughter to our lives.
We love you.
Dad, Mom & Jeremy

Christy Honeycutt
How late can you stay out on weekends?
11p.m.- 20%
Midnight- 38%
1a.m.- 17%
Later- 25%

Jason-
Congratulations! You've made us both very proud of you.
We Love You,
Mom & Dad

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Eric,
We are so very proud of you. Continue to enjoy your music!
Love,
Dad, Mom and Stephanie

"Choose your steps wisely, Son, Follow God's plan. It won't always be easy, but with His help, you can."
Gail Copeland
I'm so proud of you and love you lots!
Mom

Presidential Election
"We've got a bridge to build, and I'm ready if you are." (President Bill Clinton after winning the election.)

"Tomorrow will be the first time in my life I don't have anything to do." (Republican Bob Dole after conceding the election)

"Take a little break, and then we'll climb back in the ring and keep the pressure on." (Independent Ross Perot)

Stephanie, Lacy & Holly-
(The 3 All-Americans)-
Your enthusiasm was contagious! Thanks for everything!
Keep the Spirit Always-Mo

This little girl grew up to be a special young woman.

Love you lots
Dad, Mom, Abby, Katy & Hannah

Erika Strasser
Melanie,
May your future be full of happiness and joy and may all of your dreams come true.
We Love you.
Mom, Dad and Ashley

Sara,
What you are becoming is more important than what you are accomplishing. We are proud of what you have become!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Wendy & Fox

Appreciation is a wonderful thing; it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."
-Voltaire

We appreciate you, J.C. You have chosen the path of excellence.
We swell with pride with every memory of you!
Mom, Dad, Elizabeth and Jeffrey

"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well- pleased." Matthew 3:17  
j.c. beeson

To the Roomies:
Never forget Mall cops, Easy Cheese and Easter Egg Lane.

"Friends Forever"
Chris and Kelly

Trisha-
You are a special blessing. We are so proud of you.
We love you!
Dad, Mom & Nichie
Crystal,
You’ll always
be our little
pookie bear.
We love you!!
Be happy!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jeff,
Congratulations! You’re
The “Keeper”
of Our Hearts.
We love you.
Dad, Mom &
Kate

Laura,
You will always be the “Sunshine”
in our life! We’re so proud of you!
Love and God bless,
Mom, Andy & Jake

Sandeep,
Congratulations on all your
accomplishments. May all your
dreams and wishes come true.
We love you.
Mom, Dad and Samantha
How do you feel about ebonics becoming an official language?

Everyone is entitled to their own language for that ethical group. It should be taught where it's used.

-Terrachester Chris Ridpath

I think it is not necessary, and I don't think they need to blow it out of proportion.

-Junior Joeritta Crowley

Had a bad hair day, dear?

We love you Neda!

Mom, Dad, Amin and Jalal

-Jason, Congratulations. We are so proud of you! May all your dreams come true. Good luck at MU. We love you! Dad, Mom & Kristen

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Yesterday to today seems like
minutes, and our memory of
those minutes are as special
as you are.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Rodman Suspended!

“Dennis will undergo no treatment
or counseling by any psychiatrist,”
Dwight Manley, Rodman’s agent
said.

Dennis Rodman, Chicago Bulls forward, was placed on an 11 game sus-
pension after kicking cameraman
Eugene Amos in the groin in a 112-102 victory at Minnesota on January 15th.
He later was reinstated by the league
to play 11 games for free.

Follow your dreams
and make them a reality.
All our love.
Dad, Mom & Carrie

With our memories at
CHS: X-mas ’94, Prom
’94 & ’96. Frat Parties
and roadtrips. May
there be more to come
at KSU!
Josh,

Remember...
A dream is like a river ever changing as it flows
And the dreamer’s just a vessel that must follow where it goes
Trying to learn from what’s behind you and never knowing what’s in store
Makes each day a constant battle just to stay between the shores.

Sail your vessel until the river runs dry
Like a bird upon the wind, these waters are your sky
You’ll never reach your destination if you never try.
So, sail your vessel until the river runs dry.

Too many times, we stand aside and let the waters slip away
Until what we put off until tomorrow has now become today.
So don’t you set upon the shoreline and say your satisfied
Choose to chance the rapids and dare to dance the tide.

There’s bound to be rough waters and we know you’ll take some falls
But with the “Good Lord” as your Captain,
You can make it through them all.
God Bless Your Future!
We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Faith, Melody & Megan

Choose you this day whom you will serve.....but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15

josh sipe
rachel kerford, elizabeth pierce, neda vargha, hayley chapnick, lydia truxal, lizzie nelson

Elizabeth  
Neda

Lydia

Each friend represents a world

Lizzie

Rachel

Hayley

rachel mcquown

Brooke and Carissa. For all that you have accomplished and for all we believe you will accomplish, we are proud of you both. Thank you for all the joy you have brought into our lives.

Love,  
Larry and Tammy

Rachel,  
You have brought us great joy. "To everything there is a season..." this is yours!

Love,  
Mom & Dad

april barmann

April,  
Congratulations!! Your hard work, loyalty and respect for yourself, have made us proud. It will make you successful. You're the BEST. "Love You"  
Virgil & Mom

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Congratulations to a loving, caring son and grandson. Your family loves you and wishes you all the best life has to offer.

Should girls be allowed to wrestle?

"Girls should be able to wrestle if they want too."
- freshman Christina Haasis

"I would wrestle a girl. It would be a fun challenge."
- sophomore David Allison

"Wrestling is a guys' sport. I would not wrestle, but if a girl wanted to wrestle she should wrestle other girls."
- junior Amber Combs

"It would not bother me as much if girls were wrestling other girls. I don’t like the thought of girls wrestling guys."
- senior Bobbi Jo Reinert

Jennifer,
You have made me very proud. Good Luck at KU. Always believe in yourself.
Love,
Mom
Shannie,
God blessed us with a wonderful daughter, granddaughter, and sister. We love you very much and could never be more proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Erin and Kelly

May your futures be bright, your outlooks positive, your lives meaningful.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Stacey

I CHERISH MY FRIENDS
FOR I KNOW THAT OF ALL THINGS GRANTED US...
NONE IS GREATER OR BETTER THAN FRIENDSHIP.
-Pietro Aretino

susie linin, tisha leaton, amber dew, jennifer kerner, brandi kinard, kristy jones
"The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it."
-John Ruskin

Jon,
Congratulations on your accomplishments. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Chris & Jon

Congratulations to our "little cowgirl."
May your every wish come true.
Love,
Mom, Laurie, Mel, Mike and Grandma

Who bombed Centennial Park during the Olympics?

"Richard Jewel had to have done it. All evidence points toward him. He is definitely guilty."
-junior Katy Lutz

"Nick Murphy bombed the park because he was mad that he didn't get to go to the Olympics for wrestling."
-senior Jeff Pratt

"Bill Clinton did it. He figured he could look like the good guy during the search for the bomber which would make him more popular."
-senior Spring Baca

Since the day you were born in Florida, you have been the "sunshine" of our lives.
Oodles of Love.
Susie & Skip

Oh, where is my little girl that I carried?
How did she grow to be a beauty.
Sunrise, sunset
swiftly fly the years
One season followed by another, as will years go by, with successes and happiness for the future.
Best Wishes.
Love,
Mom

Mindy,
We have had a lot of "ups" and "downs" over the last few years and yet through it all you have blossomed into a very beautiful young woman!!
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
Let nothing stand in your way...
I am so proud of you!
All my love,
Momma
Rachel,

We love you and we are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Keep pushing on and you will achieve all your goals, for "with God, all things are possible." Congratulations!

Love,
Daddy, Mommy, Alex & Christopher Brownie, Tammy, Fritzy & Russell

...And we'll all eat with Neil under the table!

Chad,

Time has passed much too quickly, but it was full of great memories that we will always remember.

Go after your dreams, and may life give you as much happiness as you have given us.

Congratulations #44! We are very proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Casey
Dearest Laura,
We look back at all you have accomplished and know how blessed we are to have a daughter such as you. Live life to your fullest dreams, for the world is your's for the taking.
Love always
Dad, Mom, Paul

Did you watch the Super Bowl?

31% no

69% yes

survey approx size 160

Take joy in small things-
for that is success.
Congratulations!
Mom, Dad, and Sally

With an increase in plane crashes would you ride one?

13% indifferent

24% no

63% yes

survey approx size 160

Amy,
From year to year
you’ve grown - you’ll always be our Valentine.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Los, Sean & Kyle
Ann Marie, You light up our lives
God bless you!

Mom, Dad, Stephanie and Grandma

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Jennifer,
May you always strive to be the best you can be and may your heart always be your guide. I love you and am very proud of you.

Jennifer Kerner

Hillary-
You are such a joy in our lives. We're so thankful for you and the fun-filled memories we've shared. We are excited for you as you enter a new time of life and we will be there to encourage you.

We love you, Dad, Mom and Emily

Jer. 29:11

In loving memory of
Elizabeth Kennis Meade
Who would have graduated with the class of 1997. A friend to all that knew her, her presence and character will be missed forever.

In loving memory of
Jordon Lee White 1980-1996

“ But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
Hebrews 11:6

You’re forever in our hearts.
Sara Johnson, Kylene Worly, Erynn Nicholson, R.L. Brooks,

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After the last chair was filled in physics, the lone table at lunch was occupied and the seats in the MAC Lab had been taken, we found ourselves doing a head count.

MANY HEADS.
The Drumline waits for the signal from the drum major to take the field during a halftime show at a home football game. The Marching Band received approval to go to the Fiesta Bowl next December. photo by Heather Carter

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It was a year of tragedies and technology, pride and politics. The year was the sum of experiences everyone faced: people and events, obstacles and goals, beginnings and endings. From history bowl to U.S. government, group and team members interacted one-on-one to reach a common goal; more was accomplished when they saw eye to eye.

NORTH CENTRAL EVALUATORS: BETTER COMMUNICATION

Students in the new Agricultural Science classes flocked to organize the city's first FFA chapter. In the political arena, leaders learned to come together despite differences: a Republican Congress and Democratic White House worked to compromise in response to the voters' pleas for a balance in the parties' power. On the local and world stages, we

AND WALKING TRAIL THROUGH ST. JOSEPH'S BOULEVARD

became confronters – whether it was to overcome an obstacle, or to accept a happening system were completed, providing recreation for we could not control. Modern reality forced us to accept events and their outcomes, good

STUDENTS AND FACULTY. TECHNOLOGY PUT AN END TO THE or bad. With the threat of violence, students were kept in classrooms as policemen

TRADITIONAL WAYS OF TYPING AND RESEARCHING, patrolled the halls and police cars surrounded the building to guarantee safety and order.
GEO-GOLF.
Freshmen Jase Jones and Dan Bauer play golf in Jeanne Weber’s Geometry class. For the first year students built their own golf holes and learned practical applications of geometry while playing. *photo by Zach Zilner."

GOODBYE.
Ruth Swartz looks at a book made for her by her co-workers of 14 years. Swartz retired at semester, and new nurse Jean Kerner took on the role. *photo by Derek Davis"

THE WAY IT IS.
Renowned newscaster Walter Cronkite answers questions for reporters outside of Twin Spires Church. Cronkite, 80, a St. Joseph native, came back to his birthplace to sign books as a fundraiser for Twin Spires’ renovation. Cronkite was a CBS news correspondent and anchor for 30 years, and announced such events as man’s first walk on the moon and the assassination of President Kennedy. *photo by Mary Jo Hornaday*
RUDY RUCKUS.
Seniors Sandeep Hindupur and Natalie Stevens interview Diane Criswell, Coordinator of Language Arts, about the possible banning of the book *Rudy*. Profanity and drinking made it questionable as good teaching material. *photo by Ashley Summers*

AWW-YEAH!
Seniors Chris Guthrie, Travis Cox and Brandon Nichols raise a little school spirit as senior swimmer Eddie Akabane is announced. *photo by Nick Sundet*
face to face

The possible presence of drugs on campus brought drug-dogs padding through the halls
THE OLD TYPEWRITERS IN TYPING CLASSES WERE RETIRED TO
to sniff out drugs hidden in lockers, but the school was reported “clean.” Over the summer,
MAKE WAY FOR NEW PC’S AND STUDENTS ON THE RESEARCH
despite the bombings in Atlanta’s Centennial Park, Olympic spirit was not dampened.
HUNT LEFT BOOKS ON THEIR SHELVES AS THEY LOGGED ONTO
National pride swelled as Michael Johnson’s gold shoes flew over the finish line, claiming
AND SURFED THE ‘NET ON POWERMACS. LOCAL AND WORLD-
a record-breaking gold for the U.S.A. Some events had no happy ending, such as the TWA
WIDE EVENTS BROUGHT REALITY HOME, AS WE ACCEPTED
Flight 800 crash in July, as the nation mourned for the 230 victims. As the times changed,
THE EVER-CHANGING TIDE OF THE TIMES, COMING TOGETHER
so did the faces. We welcomed new ones, and bid farewell to others. We welcomed Dr.
– FOR SOME IT WAS A WAY TO COMPROMISE, AND FOR OTHERS
Albright in his first year as Principal. On the national level, President Clinton returned
SIMPLY A WAY TO SHARE A COMMON INTEREST, SEEING,
to the White House as the first Democrat to win a second term since Franklin Roosevelt.
TASTING AND HEARING: LIFE WAS THE SUM OF THE THINGS
We greeted Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State, as she assumed the highest position
WE CONfronted. IT WAS ALL ABOUT THINGS WE
of any woman in American government. We also said our goodbyes: nurse Ruth Swartz
EXPERIENCED. IT WAS A TIME WE ALL CAME FACE TO FACE.
retired after 14 years of service and former principal Bill Tarpley, 64, died.

HEY, MACARENA!
Junior Jenny Sawin, sophomore Dana Meyer and junior
Joeritta Crowley Macarena at the Annual
Foreign Language dinner and dance. A
Macarena craze swept the nation over the summer and was a part of
get-togethers and dances all year-long.
The Los Del Rio hit was a Billboard Top 100 for
40 weeks and was even more popular than the
electric slide. photo by Derek Davis
The WAKITAN staff consisted of 23 members and was advised by Mary Jo Hornaday. Jostens/American Yearbook Company of Topeka, KS, assisted the staff to produce a 9x12 yearbook of 268 pages, the largest WAKITAN yet. Pat Bosak, our Jostens Representative worked with us diligently to insure the success of the 109 volume of the WAKITAN. The yearbook was accompanied by a 16-page supplement distributed the following year.

All black and white photos were developed by J. McBee Photography of St. Joseph, MO. Candid photos were shot by the four member photography staff. Group pictures and some shots of special school events were taken by Heather Carter of McBee's, color prints were developed by Wal-Mart and One-Hour Photo.

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Body copy was 12pt. Times throughout the book. Captions were 10 pt. Times, headlines for captions were 11pt. Times, bold, all caps with a 9pt. italicized photo credit. The “f” featured throughout the book on folio lines was done in 18 pt. Times italics and text rotation was used to make them face each other. The styles for the headlines were created by the Section editors to add personality and originality to each section.

The WAKITAN was distributed in May with sales ending in December. The book was sold during August Registration for $22 and the price increased to $24 in November. In all, 1,390 yearbooks were sold.

The 1996 WAKITAN was named All-American receiving four marks of distinction, as well as being named All-Missouri by the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association.

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VOTE FOR ME.
Junior Andy Archdekin ends his Student Body Secretary speech with Nixon's "V" for victory. Many juniors ran for one of four offices.
photo by Zach Zillner

HAM IT UP.
Choreographer Ham Henderson and Todd Shalz talk before a musical performance. The drama department performed *My Fair Lady* as its musical.
photo by Ashley Summers

CONGRATS.
Seniors Sam Henson, Jedd Schneider and Jean Yu congratulate senior Jake Camp on being tapped for National Honor Society. The day had its ups and downs as only 30 juniors and 48 seniors were tapped into the society.
photo by Zach Zillner
As the year moved toward its final days, students still faced new obstacles, good and bad, affecting both their in and out of school lives. A silent sustained reading program was instituted allotting 15 minutes at the beginning of the AAP period to catch up on a textbook or relax with a magazine. Student’s privacy in the bathrooms was not a guarantee as they came in contact with teachers as part of a new program to cut down on in school smoking. Each teacher was assigned a bathroom which they were to inspect for smokers at different times during the day.

Mother Nature caught everyone’s attention with a surprising snowfall in early April. Seniors were making their finishing touches to their four year career and looking forward to what was coming as the final college acceptance letters were opened.
SPEECH AND DEBATE.
Seniors Chris Demarest and Kristy Honeycutt talk with sophomore Ryann Summerford in the halls about an important issue during a debate tournament.
"We worked really well as a team and we got a lot of things done and we had fun," Summerford said.
Acting as captains for the speech and debate teams, they dealt with important decisions each day. One hundred students participated in speech and debate, with 12 chairmen. Nine teams went to state. Members showed dedication by taking the time necessary to think and be thoroughly prepared to present the argument in front of an audience with a judge.
*photo by Derek Davis*

SMOKING POLICY.
Senior Travis Cox poses to smoke a cigarette during his free time. The smoking policy placed a different outlook on free time. To discourage smokers, teachers began monitoring restrooms during their conference periods. *photo by Derek Davis*

STAR WARS.
C-3PO and R2D2 represented the Star Wars movies at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.. Star Wars came out in the big theater to bring the younger generation up to speed.
"I’m glad we got the chance to see it on the big screen, we watched it when we were little," senior Laura Lord said.
The movies came out in a sequential order with few minor changes. The new Star Wars movies continued the power of the force. *photo by Laura McEnaney*
Spring Fever
by Jamie Ray

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JAMBOREE.
(left) Seniors Garret Hart and Hilary Pickeral chat at the Pancake Jamboree. Students supported their school in the competition among St. Joseph high schools. The money went toward scholarships for each school. (far left) Senior Sam Henson eats a stack of pancakes at the Jamboree.

"The pancakes were pretty good for the price," Henson said. photos by Derek Davis

HALL MONITORS.
Teacher Kenneth Wilkinson stops a student during Academic Advisement Period (AAP) to make sure he is on task and not breaking the rules. Problems arose when students and teachers abused the freedom of AAP.

"I believe the new policy has worked really well. I've had to stop quite a few students because they were wandering the halls," Wilkinson said. photo by Derek Davis
Sectional basketball

by Jacob Henson

REBOUNDING.
Senior Neil Kimes watches as the ball bounces off the rim in the Sectional game against Hickman Mills at Lee's Summit High School. To get to the Sectional game, the Indians defeated the Oak Park Northmen in a close game at Winnetonka High School. Against Hickman Mills, the Indians fought hard but fell 54-49 in the fourth quarter to bring their successful season to a close.

"It was the most exciting game I have ever played in," Kimes said. photo by Nick Sundet

SHOWING SPIRIT.
Seniors Jason Gentzell and Matt Halford show off their school spirit during the Sectional basketball game. Many students, teachers and parents came to support the team at the District tournament as well as the Sectional game. Even though the Indians failed to advance further, their fans showed support until the very end.

"The game was more exciting because so many people came to watch," Gentzell said. photo by Katie Branker
HONORED.
Seniors Ann Marie Brooks and Dwayne Blakley show off their scholar athlete plaques. The plaques were awarded based on their successes in the classroom as well as on the playing field. Blakley participated in football, basketball and track while Brooks ran both cross-country and track. Each of the scholars received a $1,000 scholarship along with the award.

“I was surprised to find out that we were picked over so many other great student athletes,” Brooks said.  photo by Phyllis Brooks

Scholar athletes

by Jacob Henson

St. Joseph scholar athlete awards went to seniors Brooks and Blakley.

NOMINEES.
Seniors Garret Hart, Rachel Kerford, Dwayne Blakley, Ann Marie Brooks and Aaron Crittendon were at the awards reception. They were all Super S.T.A.R. Athletes from Central.

“I was honored to be chosen to represent Central,” Hart said.

The Drug-Free Super S.T.A.R. Athletes were nominated by their coaches and then voted on by a committee of coaches. Their responsibilities included visiting elementary schools to speak to children about being drug-free. photo by Phyllis Brooks
COACH BRADY GIVES THE GIRLS ENCOURAGING WORDS.

Coach Brady talks to the girls before they start practice at the YMCA. The girls had the biggest turn out on the team for the season, Over 50 girls went out for the team. Along with all of the new swimmers, the team had many girls return. Junior Katy Graves qualified early in the season for the state meet in the 100m breast stroke. Graves has swam for the Pony Express Swim Team for years.

"Swimming is something I can enjoy and do well," Graves said. photo by Derek Davis

Swinging into Action

Golfers drive to a conference title.

by Melissa Morgan

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SENIOR SWINGS HARD TO LEAD THE TEAM.

Senior Adam McClure takes a swing during a tournament. McClure represented the team at the state match along with senior Brett Esely, junior John Perry and sophomores Jake Humphreys and Andrew Ray. McClure was a role model for his teammates.

“My biggest memory of the season was when I beat Adam in practice,” junior Eric Hopp said.

The team also tried bonding during the season.

“I’ll always remember the night before the Sedalia Tournament. We decided it would be good luck to sleep naked together. It had to be one of the weirdest things we ever did,” McClure said.

photo by Nick Sundet


STEPPIN’ UP TO VARSITY.

Sophomore Jake Humphreys takes a swing during a practice at the St. Joseph Country Club. Humphreys was the newest member on the varsity team. The team placed second at the district match behind Winnetonka by one stroke. They sent five players to the state match and placed 7th. Varsity players had personal accomplishments during the season.

“My biggest accomplishments were when I took first place at the Truman Invitational and at the conference match,” senior Adam McClure said.

Junior John Perry also placed fourth at the Columbia Tournament and fifth in the Jefferson City Tournament. For the JV team junior Adam Kiburz took first place at the junior varsity conference match.

photo by Nick Sundet
IN THE SPOTLIGHT.
Juniors Sarah Rhoades, Todd Shalz and Katie Nelson dance with freshman Jacob Schneider while singing about the race at Ascot in My Fair Lady. Coached by Hamilton Henderson, the dancers performed in many scenes. While roles were diverse in nature, many felt the musical was a rewarding experience.

"Whether the musical that is chosen is really good or just fair, what makes it dazzling are the relationships you make, the things you do, and the secrets that you tell. That is what makes it such an addictive experience," sophomore Josh Moutray said. *photo by Ashley Summers*

BEHIND THE SCENES.
Sophomores Elizabeth Hoppis, Shawn Agnew and Josh Moutray talk with freshman Chip Mullican backstage at the drama department's March 1997 production of My Fair Lady. While actors, dancers and other participants in the musical production used backstage for costume changes and to freshen their stage makeup, others used the area as a place of relaxation between scenes. Throughout the production, chaotic backstage life became a place of fun.

"We had a blast! It was like one big party back there. We played games and listened to music from Phantom of the Opera to help us relax before scenes," junior Erin Stetler said. *photo by Ashley Summers*

BELTING OUT.
Sophomore leading lady Sara Beth Meyers takes center stage as she releases her frustration with Higgins in the song Just You Wait. As Eliza Doolittle in the spring musical production of My Fair Lady, Meyers had the opportunity to put her musical talents to work.

"Just You Wait was my favorite song perhaps because there was so much emotion in it," Meyers said.

Meyers shared the comical yet demanding role with senior Shannon Willoughby. While Meyers had participated in other drama department productions, she felt playing the lead was a great life experience.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life," Meyers said. *photo by Ashley Summers*
Spring brought talented student acts to the stage.

DISPLAYING TALENT.
Junior Katie Nelson performs during Brown Bag Theater. In April, the drama department continued the theatrical tradition of providing a meal and an evening of entertainment. Dual Brown Bag Theater performances allowed a wide audience to view the variety show. Though the drama department's production had few performers, Brown Bag Theater displayed a wide range of talent. Some scenes included teacher-student trios, varying theater acts and comical skits.

"I was in two Monty Python skits. Those were the most off the wall in Brown Bag," sophomore Sara Beth Meyers said. photo by Zach Zillner

MUSIC MAKERS.
Junior tenors Chad Butrick and John McGinnis sing and dance with junior bass Jared Punzo at the spring show choir concert in the auditorium while alto member Kristy Nash looks on. The performances at the "Broadway Review" ranged from peppy dance duets to melancholy ensembles. Show Choir members felt the evening was a success, due in part to audience participation and excitement.

"You could really feel the electricity coming out of the audience," junior Jared Punzo said. photo by Derek Davis
SBO ELECTION.
Many juniors were getting ready to go on stage to try and convince the student body in a two minute speech about why they were the best for an office. The four offices were Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President.
(right) Jason McCracken finishes his speech by demonstrating his slogan “Let Jason Russell flex his muscles for the student body.” McCracken was runner-up to Kelly Meierhoffer for the office of Vice President.
(opposite page) Nate Glenn shows the student body he was confident and casual by relaxing at the podium. Glenn was runner-up for the office of President, losing to David Davis. *photo by Nick Sundet*

BLOOD DRIVE.
Math teacher Barbara Barton finishes giving blood at the blood drive. Barton was one of over 70 people who participated in the blood drive.
“it is important that our students and faculty help out by giving blood. The blood is used throughout Buchanan County,” senior Tia Meredith said.

GIVING BLOOD.
Senior Melissa Mattson prepares to give blood at the blood drive that took place in the freshman gym on April 16.
Many seventeen year olds received a letter encouraging them to help out by giving blood. To be eligible to give blood, students had to weigh at least 110 pounds, eat healthy for two days before, have eight hours of sleep the night before and could not have taken medication in the last 48 hours. After 15 minutes, the volunteer was walked over to a snack table where they ate cookies and drank pop until they felt stronger. *photos by Ashley Summers*
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**PLANT A TREE.**

(Left) Senior Kristen Valencia helps fellow Eco Club members plant a tree in front of the school. Sponsored by science teacher Mary Ann Dudley, the club met after school on April 28 to plant 12 trees and shrubs around the campus. *photo by Nick Sundet*

(Left) Sophomore Kevin Jones digs a hole to plant a tree. “I joined Eco Club because I care about the world. I just want to do what I can to improve the school,” Jones said. *photo by Zach Zillner*

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**LET IT SNOW.**

Late snow in April made life difficult for students coming to school. It was unexpected and many were shocked to see the snow as they came to school. The sidewalks were covered with slush when it warmed up in the afternoon.

“I thought it was weird that it snowed in April. I was late to school the first day it snowed because I didn’t expect to have to scrape my windows that morning,” senior Jason Horstman said. *photo by Derek Davis*
MEDAL OF HONOR.
Senior Chris Demarest smiles as Principal Dr. Barton Albright places a medal around his neck while seniors Jean Yu and Hillary Glueas watch.

"It was an honor to represent the characteristic of service," senior Lee Gilgour said.

Honors were awarded to four seniors of the society who spoke at the ceremony: Ann Marie Brooks on Leadership, Sandeep Hindupur on Scholarship, Gilgour on Service, and Demarest on Character. The students who met the requirements were nominated by fellow members.

photo by Ashley Summers

STEADY HANDS.
Senior Jean Yu hands a candle to senior Haley Chapnick. Each member followed in Chapnick’s steps as they were called individually to center stage where they lit their candle, and then walked to their place on the risers. Many of the inductees were nervous when they went to light the candle.

“In the first assembly, I was very nervous. I was afraid I would mess up,” junior Jenna Halter said.

Once the members were on the bleachers, they raised their candles while accompanied by trumpets. After the ceremony, members had time to take pictures with friends and family.

photo by Ashley Summers

SENIOR INITIATES.

photo by McBees

JUNIOR INITIATES.

photo by McBees
waltz
with honor

With gathered bright minds for a night of honor and prestige.

TENSE TIME.
Senior Sandeep Hindupur stood with his arms outstretched as he looked at his friends. Hindupur was one of five seniors who were Cotillion for Scholarship finalists. Along with Hindupur was Holly Chinnery, Chris Demarest, Lee Gilgour, Fred Grier and Ashish Shah. They competed against 15 other finalists for the $1,500 scholarship. When the announcement came, only one male and female were chosen and Hindupur was the male.

"I was excited when they chose him because he was a fellow student and good friend," senior Ashish Shah said. photo by Ashley Summers

DRESS TO PERFECTION.
Senior Sandeep Hindupur stood patiently as government teacher Kris Larson adjusted his bow tie, while senior Lee Gilgour tried to perfect his attire by himself.

"It was fun getting ready for the ball and hoping that all my dancing lessons paid off when I got on the dance floor," senior Fred Grier said. The Cotillion finalists knew they had to look their best for the special occasion, the dinner, awards and the dance. Before the dance began, there was a special first dance, the Waltz. The members had to dance with their respective parents. They were prepared for this event by waltz lessons, which was a part of the course. After the all important first dance was over, the dance concluded the evening.

photo by Ashley Summers
MEETING OF MINDS.
Seniors Kyle Clower, Sam Henson, Charlie Perkins and Jedd Schneider compete with junior Katie Nelson in a city league history bowl competition at the School Board Office. Though the members focused on competing, they found the best moments to be those of fun.
"Watching the history bowl team cracking jokes at Mrs. Northup while trying to be serious was the best part of history bowl," senior Sandeep Hindupur said.
During the season, the team participated in two city league competitions, defeating both Benton and Lafayette by an average of 200 points. *photo by Elizabeth Crow*

READY TO SING?
Seniors Andrea Elder, Erika Strasser, Holly Chinnery, Elizabeth Pierce along with juniors Kristin Curtis and Kristy Nash await the judge’s approval to begin singing for the District Music Competition, at NWMSU in Maryville. Central competed with bands and choirs from all over northwest Missouri. Due to a late April snow, most of the competition was postponed and held later at Central. Each of the choirs and bands received a “1” rating at Districts.
"One of the judges liked Men’s Chorus so much that after we performed he came into the practice room to ask us to sing again," sophomore Josh Heckman said. *photo by Annie Hoge*

TELLING IT ALL.
Junior Jacob Thorne presents his science investigations project to a group of judges at the district science fair at Missouri Western State College. Though it was Thorne’s first year in Sci. I, he won first place in the microbiology category.
"A lot of my friends were already in or going to be in Science Investigations and I knew how much I loved science, so I decided to give it a try," Thorne said.
After districts, Thorne went on to present his project at the Science Symposium held in St. Louis. Thorne as well as three other Central students broke records by taking home three first place plaques. *photo courtesy of Dennis Reule*
Spring contests gave many students a reason to cheer.

HOW SWEET IT IS.
Junior Megan Insco receives a first place plaque from Dr. Charles Granger. Insco, a chemistry competitor, was one of the 36 students invited to present their research at the St. Louis Jr. Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium. Seniors Hillary Glauser and Brook Weber, junior Jacob Thorne, sophomore Aaron Johnson and Insco made up the largest group of presenters from a single school. Insco, Weber, Glauser and Thorne all received first place plaques while Johnson received second.

“It was a joyous moment,” Science Investigations instructor, Dennis Reule said. photo courtesy of Dennis Reule

AWARD OF HONOR.
Senior Chris Hecker receives the trophy for outstanding commander at the Bellview High School JROTC tournament in Nebraska. To win this award, Hecker and other regiment commanders were judged on their ability to lead drills. Drills were judged on the following areas: bearing, loudness, clarity and knowledge. Hecker, the first Central commander to win this trophy, received 99 out of 100 points. Hecker never believed he would get this far in JROTC.

“I only joined JROTC because I wanted to get out of gym class,” Hecker said. photo courtesy of Jeramie Lucast

Science fair/history bowl/jrotc
Speed

The boys track team had their most successful season in years.

by Jason Haynes

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Matt Fisher, 300 M Hurdles 3rd
David Davis, 110 M Hurdles 5th

LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

Sophomore Jake Lindley runs the second leg in the shuttle hurdle relay at the Blue Valley Relays. The team won the event. Lindley’s shuttle hurdles teammates included senior Matt Fisher, junior David Davis and sophomore Jesse Fisher. The shuttle hurdle team failed once in the past two seasons to place first.

“I was mad about not winning. Our team lost the shuttle hurdle race at the Liberty Relays. It was a rainy day and we did not focus, all four of us had a bad day. After the showing Coach Reynolds chewed us out,” Lindley said. photo by Zach Zillner


18 boys track
STRONG FINISH.

Freshman Melissa Hupp finishes third in the open 400 meter dash at the Freshman Conference Meet at Truman High School. Her placing provided much needed points that propelled the freshman team past Blue Springs South to win the Conference Championship. Besides the 400m, Hupp also competed in the 200m, 4x2 relay and 4x4 relay, all of which she ran at the varsity level.

“My favorite event out of all of my events is the 4x4 relay. It is the last event of the day and therefore is the most exciting,” Hupp said. *photo by Josh Zillner*

TAKING IN THE SCENERY.
Spanish Club members observe a herd of gazelle grazing at the Omaha Zoo during their visit in April. The park, known for its natural habitats, offered a variety of exhibits for students to view during their day trip. Students and teachers felt the visit was a worthwhile and educational experience.
"I think the students gained knowledge of the rain forest. It was about getting back to nature and saving all of it we can before we deplete it all. That was one of my main targets," Spanish teacher John Chavez said. *photo by Derek Davis*

BIRD'S EYE VIEW.
Junior Zach Fisher approaches two young ducks at the Omaha Zoo during a field trip with the Spanish Club. Fisher was one of many Spanish Club members who visited the zoo in April. While at the zoo, students were able to view varying habitats, many species of animals and unusual walks of life.
"I liked the aquarium, jungle and bears. It was interesting to look at the different species of animals," junior Nicole Cress said. *photo by Derek Davis*

*oops..... we messed up!*

Senior Terra Hecker
Sophomore
Angela Prakash

20 field trips
new view

Government and Spanish students ventured out to get a first hand look.

LEARNING THE LAW.
Senior Anna Clark presents her bill during the educational trip to the nation's capital. While in Washington, students were able to speak with senators and representatives, learning first hand about the government. Participants felt the activities had many educational benefits.

"I think when you see the governmental process in action it is more exciting," teacher Kris Larson said.

The Washington Workshops lasted one week giving each student a long-lasting appreciation for the government. *photo by Laura McEnaney*

Freshman
Frankie Heath

Freshman
Shawn Davis

Due to an unfortunate oversight, these pictures were omitted from the Wakan! The staff apologizes for the disappointment this may have caused.
SPORTS RAINY DAYS.
Senior J.C. Beeson prepares to hit a forehand during the District Tennis Tournament while his doubles partner senior Chris Loving looks on. The duo placed second at the tournament, earning the right to compete at the state tournament.

Many participants in Spring sports found it difficult to practice due to rain. They found games and tournaments were canceled one right after another. The season continued as usual with some last minute cancellations and rescheduling.

"The weather made the season seem shorter because of all the cancellations. It took me longer to warm up because of the cold air so I was never ready when the match started," freshman Shaun Patel said. *photo by Derek Davis*

SENATE SIGN-UPS.
Freshman Josh Gabbert signs up to run for class senate in the ASO office. Many students hoped for a position on the senate to help with dances and other school activities.

"I just signed up to see if I would actually make it. I didn’t really care, I mean it would be nice but, it doesn’t matter," Gabbert said. *photo by Derek Davis*

I.R. PROJECTS.
A bagpipe player visits an International Relations class for a presentation given by seniors Kyle Clower, Mindy Mollus, Anna Clark and Sara Huffer. The musician was a participant in a quarter long project given by teacher Kris Larson. Each project included a scrapbook, 35 minute presentation and a dish of international cuisine.

"I think the project is helpful on group building because you work with other people. It also helps with time management," Larson said. *photo by Zach Zillner*
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by Jamie Ray

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SENIOR'S DAY.
(bottom left) Renee Beggs checks a senior out on the last day of school for the senior assembly. Seniors were sad to leave behind the memories made in high school. Many were anxious to see what the future had in store for them.

"I was sad because I'm going to miss my friends but..." senior Laura Lord said.

photo by Derek Davis

YOUTH POWER.
(bottom left) Colonel Nash looks on as the helicopter prepares to lift off at a youth power assembly held at Noyes Field. It was attended by sophomores.

"It was a good program, but they needed it to fit the 90's. The message behind it was good if you got it," said sophomore Jenny Mattson.

photo by Derek Davis
Tennis team has winning season

by Sarah Russell

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PRACTICING HARD.

Junior Pratik Patel returns a serve from an opponent with a powerful forehand during a home match. Patel played the number five spot on the tennis team during the season. Patel thought the team pulled together well to make the season a success.

"Everyone on the team was really good friends. We worked well together and everyone was willing to give and accept advice on their game. It was nice," Patel said.  

PLAYING TO WIN.

Senior Anthony Smith hits a powerful serve to his opponent during a home match. Smith held the fourth spot on the varsity tennis team during their season. The tennis team had a slow start to their season due to the rainy weather in April.

"It was really difficult to have to go to a match one day when you haven’t had a practice to prepare yourself because it had been raining," Junior Shaun Patel said. "But we overcame the weather to have a great season."

The tennis team placed sixth in the CHS Tournament and won all but one of the 13 matches.  

hitting to win

Team kept a good attitude.
By Sarah Russell

SCOREBOARD

Liberty 2-15
Benton 8-18
Leavenworth 7-0
Truman 10-13
Oak Park 1-12
Wm. Chrisman 1-4
Blue Springs 0-18
Lee’s Summit 3-7
Blue Springs South 13-10
Park Hill 8-12
Lafayette 0-4
Oak Park 0-10
Liberty 0-3
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Truman 1-9
Oak Park 2-14
Wm. Chrisman 5-12
Blue Springs 2-14
Lee’s Summit 1-11
Blue Springs South 3-6
Park Hill 3-13
Districts 5-10

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL.
Senior Mike Geha waits for a ball to come his way during a game against Oak Park after school. Geha was short stop for the varsity baseball team during the season. Concentration was the key to having good practices and respectable game scores.

“Before every game we would have an infield practice to warm up and practice for the game ahead. It helped me get focused and concentrate on what we needed to do,” junior Brian Miller said. photo by Nick Sundet

POWER PITCH.
Senior Andy Powers throws a ball to an opponent during a home game against Blue Springs South. The varsity team went on to defeat Blue Springs with a score of 13-10. Powers was a pitcher on the varsity baseball team. The team stayed in high spirits during the season, even though they won only one game.

“We were disappointed that we didn’t win more games, but we tried to make our losses respectable. Our main goal was to just go out and have some fun,” junior Brian Miller said. “We practiced a lot but sometimes other teams just got the best of us.” photo by Nick Sundet

baseball 25
WORKING HARD.
Juniors Jaclyn Patterson and Lindsay Walter work hard on the back wall for prom. All of the juniors who wanted to participate in decorating were divided up into committees with each committee having two co-chairmen. Committees and chairmen were chosen by the Junior Class officers, which was not an easy job according to class President Hayley Thomas.

“It was very difficult choosing the chairmen and committees. We had to choose from many qualified people for the chairman position. We felt that from the information we collected, we chose the best people,” Thomas said. photo by Zach Zillner

WHAT NOW?
Juniors Kyla Addington, Hilary Morris, Jenna Halter and Casey Cathcart work on the entryway waterfall. With a theme that had land and sea, the entryway combined the two. Junior Kyla Addington found this task was not an easy one.

“We had all of our ideas written out on paper, the hard part was making the gym look like the paper. A few of the things we did were not even planned, just last second decisions,” Addington said.

Most seniors thought the hard work put in by the juniors made prom night special.

“I could tell that the juniors had worked hard, which made my evening very enjoyable,” senior Lee Gilgour said. photo by Melissa Morgan

UNDER THE SEA.
Junior Tiffani Thiess paints a tropical fish to make the cool ocean water more colorful. The entire Junior Class decided to make this year’s prom more colorful than years before. They accomplished this by using bright blues, greens and pinks.

“I enjoyed prom because you could see the people in front of you. I remember hearing stories last year how you couldn’t see anyone. The colors gave it more of an upbeat environment, it made me want to dance,” Theiss said. photo by Zach Zillner

26 Prom Preparation
Juniors and seniors dance the long night away.

PROM ROYALTY.
Seniors Pete Rippey and Tracy Cunningham were named the 1997 prom King and Queen. Being a couple for over a year, the senior class felt they were the best candidates for this honor. All of this added to the excitement of the couples’ night.

"I was very surprised. After we had gotten our picture taken and had started dancing, everyone was smiling at us. I knew something was going on. When I heard them call Pete’s name and a huge smile came across my face. I couldn’t believe I was Prom Queen," Cunningham said.

"I felt like John Travolta from Saturday Night Fever, the King of the dance floor. Luckily, I gave Tracy a quick lesson on dancing, just in case something like this happened. It’s a good thing they didn’t play a Tango," Rippey said. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER.
With prom night being the most awaited night for juniors and seniors, the gym was packed. Smiles were on everyone’s face as the music blared.

"Prom was everything I hoped it would be. I went with my boyfriend and we had a blast. There was only one problem with my prom. My dress strap came loose from my dress because it needed to be altered and they left it loose. It was embarrassing, but Mrs. Pivral stitched it up and I went back to dancing," junior Sarah Rhodes said.

With the school year coming to an end, prom was the last dance the seniors would attend. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson
THE FINAL REWARD.
Senior Chad Wallerstedt receives the Steven Scott Award for his achievements in sports and academics at the Senior Assembly. This award was one of many given in memory of students and faculty. Steven Scott was killed days after graduation in a motorcycle accident. He was a talented football player, as well as a good student.

"I felt honored getting this award. I had worked four years for everything that I have done and I am glad that I received this award," Wallerstedt said.

The administration and teachers had a difficult time choosing the award winners, but they felt they made wise decisions. photo by Sarah Russell

SPECIAL RECOGNITION.
Seniors Misty Davis and Tommy Huffman receive the Charles Cummings award at the Senior Assembly. This award was given to the most improved students in the Senior Class. Grades were not the only thing the students had to improve on. Citizenship and other characteristics were also taken into consideration. This award has been given since 1991, in the memory of Charles Cummings. Teacher Mindy Young, along with many others, helped with the improvement of the students.

"Misty strived to achieve her goals and successfully did so. All of her hard work and dedication has gotten her where she is today," Young said. photo by Sarah Russell

THE BIG PICTURE.
Juniors Beky Tobin and A.J. Uketui acted as gentle reminders for the Senior Assembly. By explaining all of the awards and scholarships received by seniors, they helped people attending the assembly understand more about them. The Junior Class attended the assembly to say farewell to seniors, and wish them luck with their future. For Uketui, it was a great honor to announce all of the awards and scholarships.

"I was honored to emcee the Senior Assembly because it allowed me to share with the seniors some of the most treasured memories they have experienced at CHS," Uketui said. photo by Sarah Russell

these are the days
Seniors remember the
good times along with the bad.

28 Senior Assembly
colors

of the spectrum

Seniors
say
farewell.

BEGINNING OF THE END.
As the seniors march up on stage to receive their diplomas, smiles come across their faces. After waiting years for this day it had finally come. Excitement filled the hearts of students along with parents. The long road of hard work lie ahead of them. New people, places and friendships are also along this road, as well as saying good-bye to others. All of these graduation jitters were not only the concern of students and parents. All of this was also new to Dr. Bart Albright.

“I had mixed feelings about graduation. It is both a happy and sad time. Also I remind myself graduation is a time for new beginnings,” Albright said.

The seniors’ high school career had officially come to an end. Plans for the future ahead come into effect, and the days of high school were over. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson

GETTING READY.
Seniors Jamie Dedrickson, Meredith Dunlap and Kendra Dunlap fix their traditional graduation hats. Primping for relatives and classmates was essential for the seniors. It was important to look their best for pictures and walking across the stage to receive their diplomas. Many seniors felt graduation day was a very important day in their lives. For senior Hillary Glauser this day will be a lasting memory.

“It was exciting to see what I will be doing in the future as well as what other people will be doing with their lives. All the new opportunities that are opening up for us are amazing,” Glauser said. photo by Leigh Ann Bryson
In memory of
Alicia Sue Ross

Alicia died on April 27, 1997 from a massive asthma attack on April 26. Alicia was active in the school band, the jazz band, a city band, a church band and was a Red Cross Volunteer for seven years where she taught swimming lessons.

"Alicia was like a sister to me. I could always go to her with my problems and she would always put whatever she was doing aside to listen and help me. I will never be able to forget her smile. Every picture I have of her she is always smiling. She was a person who always wore a smile even if the people around her weren't," senior Kyle Clower.

MAKIN' PROM.
Juniors Casey Cathcart and Justin Clark get the trees ready to stand for prom in the main gym. The junior class spent three months working almost every day to make prom perfect for the seniors before they graduated. photo by Melissa Morgan
As the end of the school year approached we saw the faces of the new student government take their oath and prepare for office. Sports teams battled on through the rain and the snow while the choir and the band went to the state music contest. Juniors and seniors sat down to watch consequences of drinking and driving and sophomores gathered to meet the governor. Juniors spent their last three months of the year constructing a night of paradise to take the seniors away before they graduated. The Senior Assembly gave the senior class a chance to say goodbye before their last day of high school was over. Then graduation came and the seniors went on to face the world beyond the walls of Central. Teachers and students both rushed to get all the work for the year done before May 29th and we all took time the last few weeks to get our yearbooks signed as we faced the home stretch.

SINGIN' BLUES.
Junior Nate Glynn and teachers Jim George and Bill McLaughlin sing the blues at the Brown Bag Theater. The trio gave an encore the last night. Mr. George retired at the end of the year. photo by Zach Zillmer

SAYIN' BYE.
Seniors Blythe Hann and Matt Halford look at their diplomas as they watched their classmates receive theirs. The Senior Class had 336 graduates. photo by McBee photography