

The Big Picture



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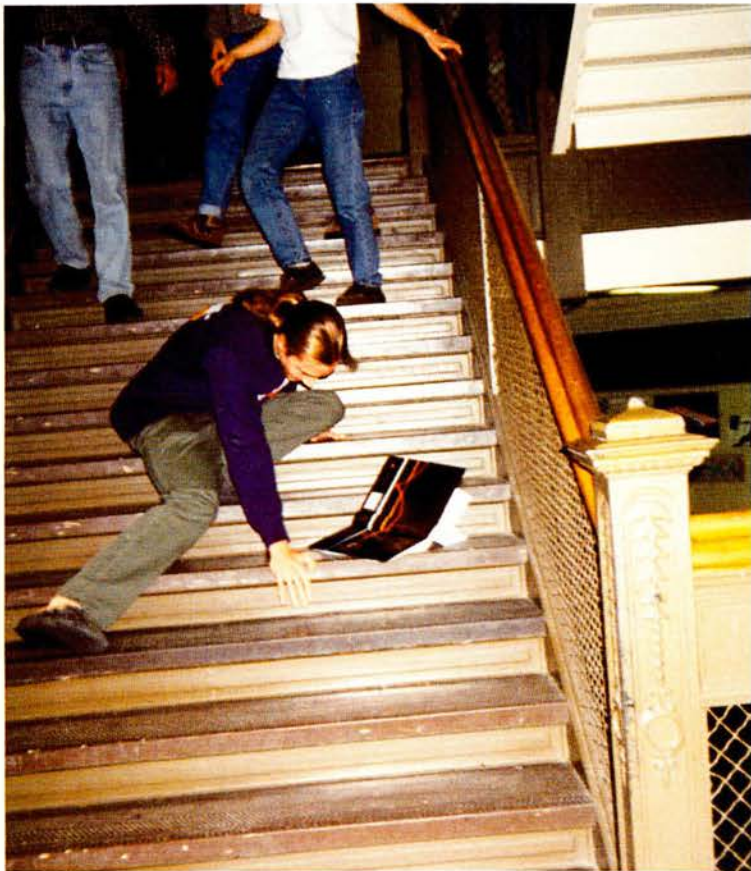
a thousand words



THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE,

By Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

We've all had them. The days when everything that could possibly go wrong, does. The days that seem to last an eternity, when every second seems to take a year. The days when you feel as though it might have been a better decision to stay in bed and sleep. Whether the cause is a test, a trip over the dreaded doorstep, a forgotten lunch or a mishap with a hairdryer, we can all relate. But don't get discouraged, no matter how bad your day may seem, nothing can compare to the ultimate terrible, horrible, no-good, very bad day.



Above: **Some falls you just can't cover up.** Rhaym Keel (12) takes a nasty spill down the stairs. Stairs and doorstops are the most common walking hazards at Central. Even seniors like Rhaym have problems getting through Central's obstacle course...the hallways! (Photo: Shoshana Wees)

Right: **"Don't you just hate it when this happens!"** Jason Hoberman has achieved his senior status, yet he is still being stuffed into lockers. (Photo: April Santon)

Confessions of Embarrassing Moments

"Me, Jenny Phillips, and Kristin Bauer were talking before school one day. I wasn't paying attention to where I was going and I smacked my head right into a metal pole. The sound reverberated for a good minute!" -Liz Monohan (12)

"My lab partner spilled formaldehyde all over my lunch and nobody bothered to tell me. It was disgusting!" -Jen Houlden (12)



NO-GOOD, VERY BAD DAY



Above: Senior Lacey Pruitt is mortified at the sight of her violin. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Top: "My car!!!!!!!" Sarah Newell (12) is distraught over the condition of her car. Needless to say, her accident didn't start her day out on a happy note. (Photo courtesy of Sarah Newell)



"Some days seem to drag on forever. You need all your strength just to keep your head together. Soon you'll see that things are gonna get better at last. This too will pass."
-Peter Himmelman

Above: Senior Jen Houlden knows how to end the ultimate terrible, no-good, very bad day. After a bunch of grueling tests, which happened to all fall on the same day, Jen takes a nap. (Photo: Mary Hill)



What are YOU doing after the bell rings?

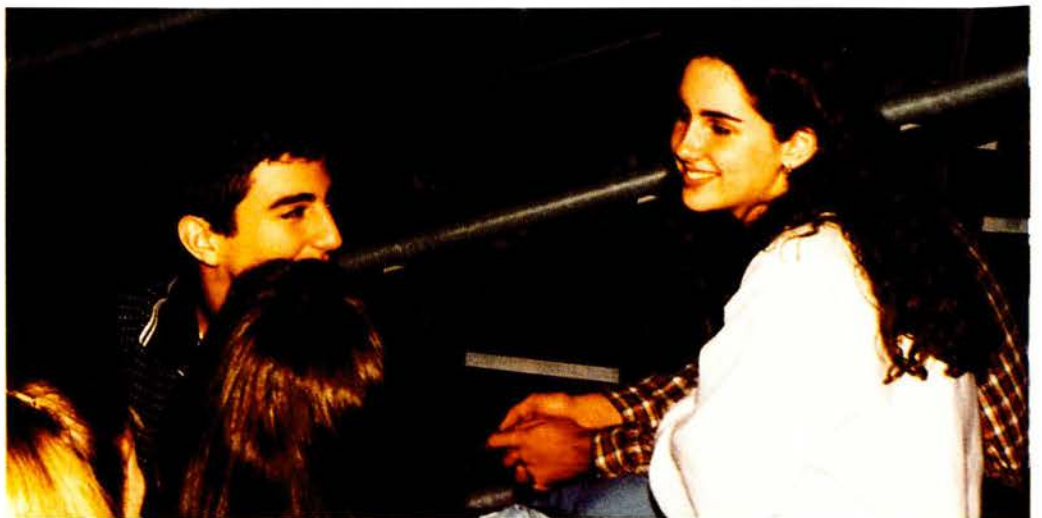
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The final bell does not mean the end of a day for many Central students. Sports, jobs, hanging out, and even homework occupy student's time for hours each day. Weekends, of course, are the most popular time to participate in outside activities. No matter what the activity, each contributes to the big picture, creating a memorable high school experience for all.



Above: Mrs. Judy Storm reminds us that teacher's lives don't end after the bell rings. Here, she and her husband enjoy sightseeing Nebraska while at Arbor Lodge. (Photo courtesy of Judy Storm)

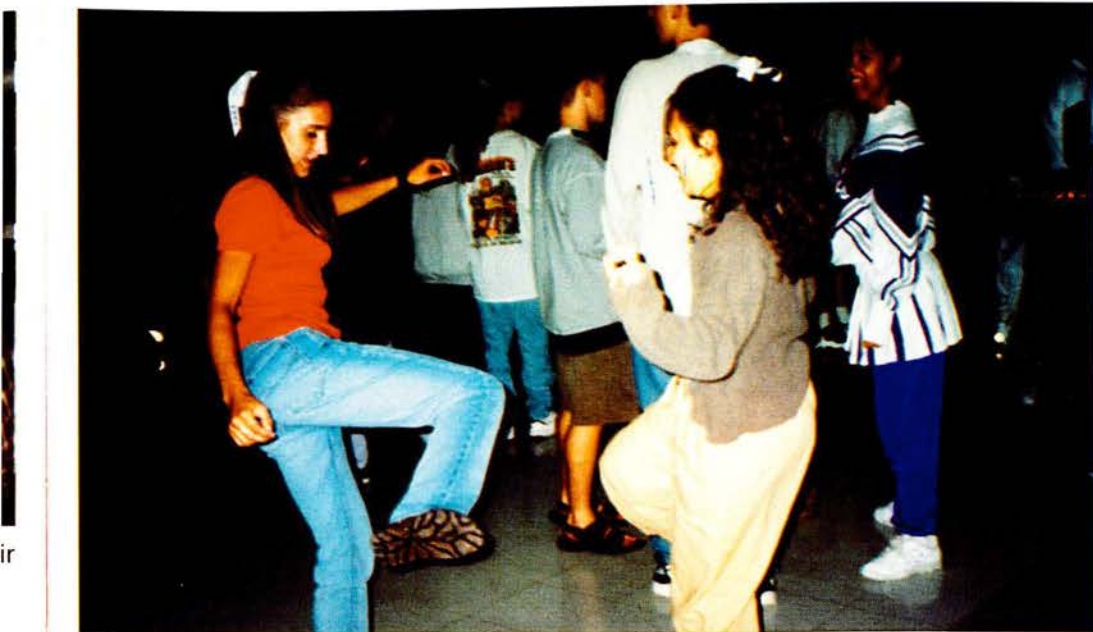
Other Page Left: **Dancin' the night away.** Kara Spoonhour (11) and Maria Theophilopoulos (12) shake it on their Friday night at a school dance. (Photo: Mary Hill)



Above: **Go Eagles!!!** Seniors Cara Medley, Jon Anzalone and friends spend their Friday night supporting Central's football team. (Photo: April Santon)



Below: Central students relax in Memorial Park after school, and enjoy each others company. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



Top 5 Recreation Spots

- 5. Coffee shops*
- 4. Memorial Park*
- 3. Mall*
- 2. Old Market*
- 1. Friend's house*





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“Give me a head with hair, long beautiful hair.”

Above: Gail Braddock (11), Nick Rowland (12), Bryan Handlos (12), Melissa Grabow (9) and Chris Chamberlain (10) show off the different colors of their hair, a popular trend among students this year. (Photo: Shoshana Wees)

Right: Central High School is comprised of many diverse people. They are the individuals that make up the big picture of Central. (Photo: Shoshana Wees)





TOP 5 TRENDS

5. OVERALLS
4. UNIQUE SHOES
3. HILFIGER
2. BAGGY CLOTHES
1. JEANS (ALL BRANDS)



Top: Overalls were very popular among many students. "I like them because they are so comfy!" MariaTheophilopoulos (12) said. She, along with Quiana Mitchem (12) and Sarah Price (11) display their favorite trend. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Above: **Ouch!** Doesn't that look painful? But the pain doesn't stop Erika Coates (12) and Gary Hendry (12) from getting numerous piercings. (Photo: Mary Hill)



Above: Seniors Lindsey Myers and Emily Broom display their matching outfits. Denim and khakis were very popular this year. (Photo: Shoshana Wees)



Central Favorites

By Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

Favorite Restaurants

5. Brueggers/ Garden Cafe
4. Taco Bell
3. Applebees
2. Olive Garden
1. Burger King

Favorite Movies

5. *Dazed and Confused*
4. *Princess Bride*
3. *Happy Gilmore*
2. *The Rock*
1. *Independence Day*



Favorite Bands

5. Tupac
4. Smashing Pumpkins
3. 311
2. Pearl Jam
1. Bone Thugs and Harmony

Above: Seniors Ben Weiduwilt and Matt McLarney have started their own band. Many students prefer original compositions, written by their peers, to the songs of famous groups. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Top Right: Caroline Foley (12) engages in a routine breakfast run at Brueggers, one of Central's favorite restaurants. (Photo: Lei Brown)



SIBLING RIVALRY

What would you do if you had to share the school with your sibling?

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There are many seniors who have freshman siblings going to Central this year. Most do not mind sharing the school. For a freshman, it can mean an immediate tour guide. For a senior, it can mean a trip down memory lane. All in all, the siblings agree that it is a positive experience.



Above: Chris Ochsner (9) has learned that it pays to be nice to his older brother, Andy (12), who can drive. (Photo courtesy of Andy Ochsner)

Top Left: Niki (12) and Deanna (9) Gibson are as cute as can be. (Photo courtesy of Niki Gibson)

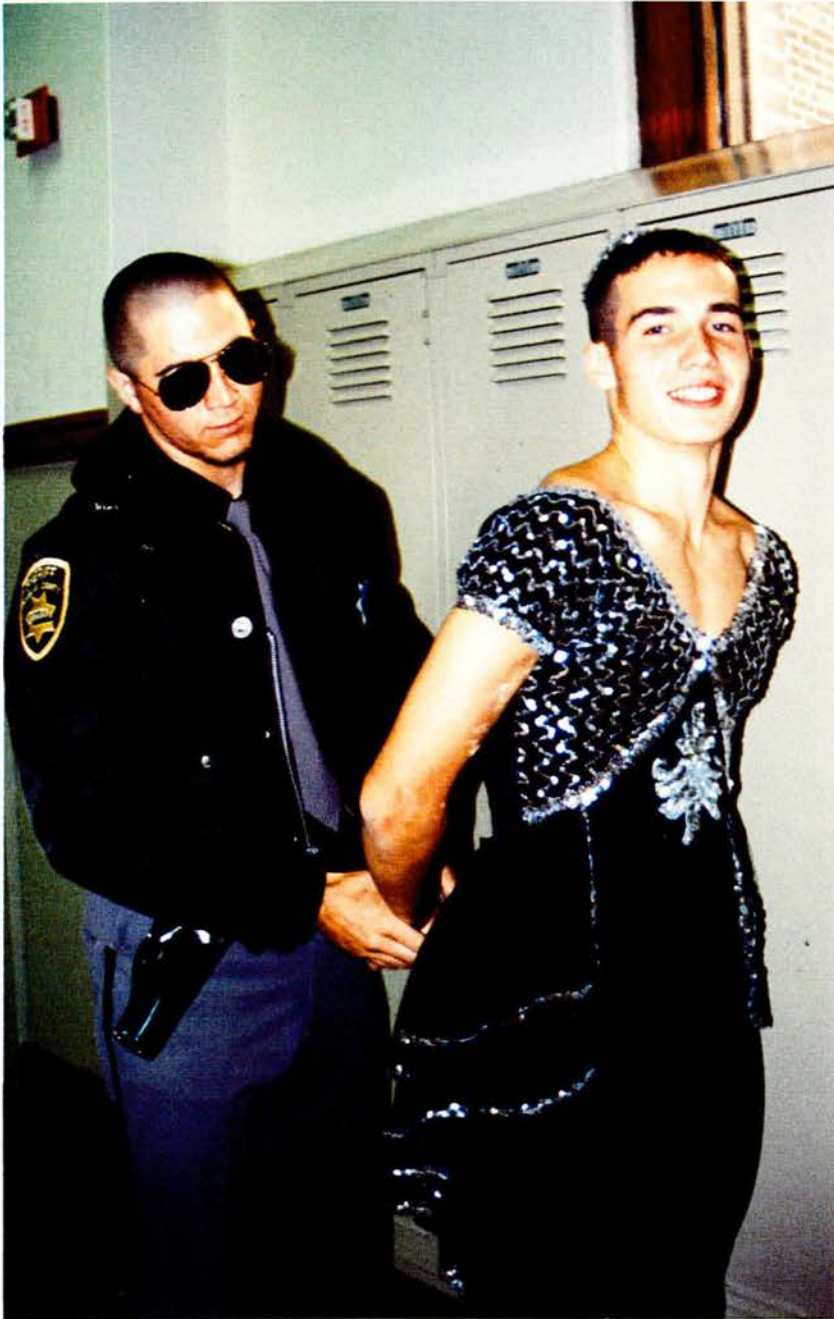
Top Right: Rachel Achelpohl (9) and her brother Sam Achelpohl (12) aren't afraid to demonstrate their friendship. (Photo: Mary Hill)



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Spirit Week

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Above: **You have the right to remain silent!** Luke Denney (12) busts Jeff Ludwig (12) for an extreme dress code violation. (Photo: Lei Brown)

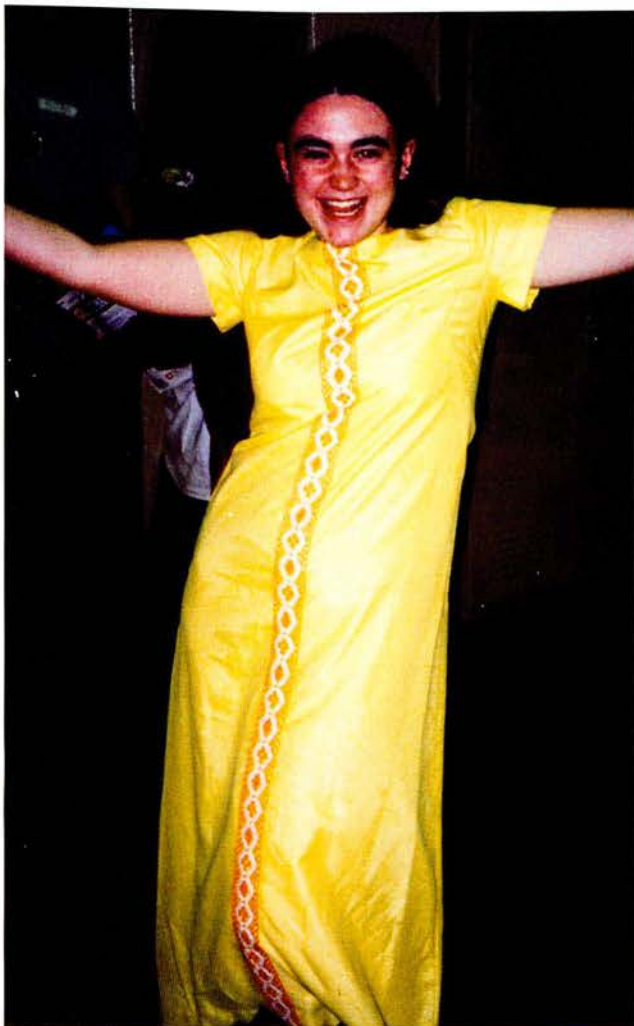


Top Right: Zach Johnson (12) plays it cool in his shades. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



Bottom Right: Gaylen Morrison (12) flashes back to much bigger hair days. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

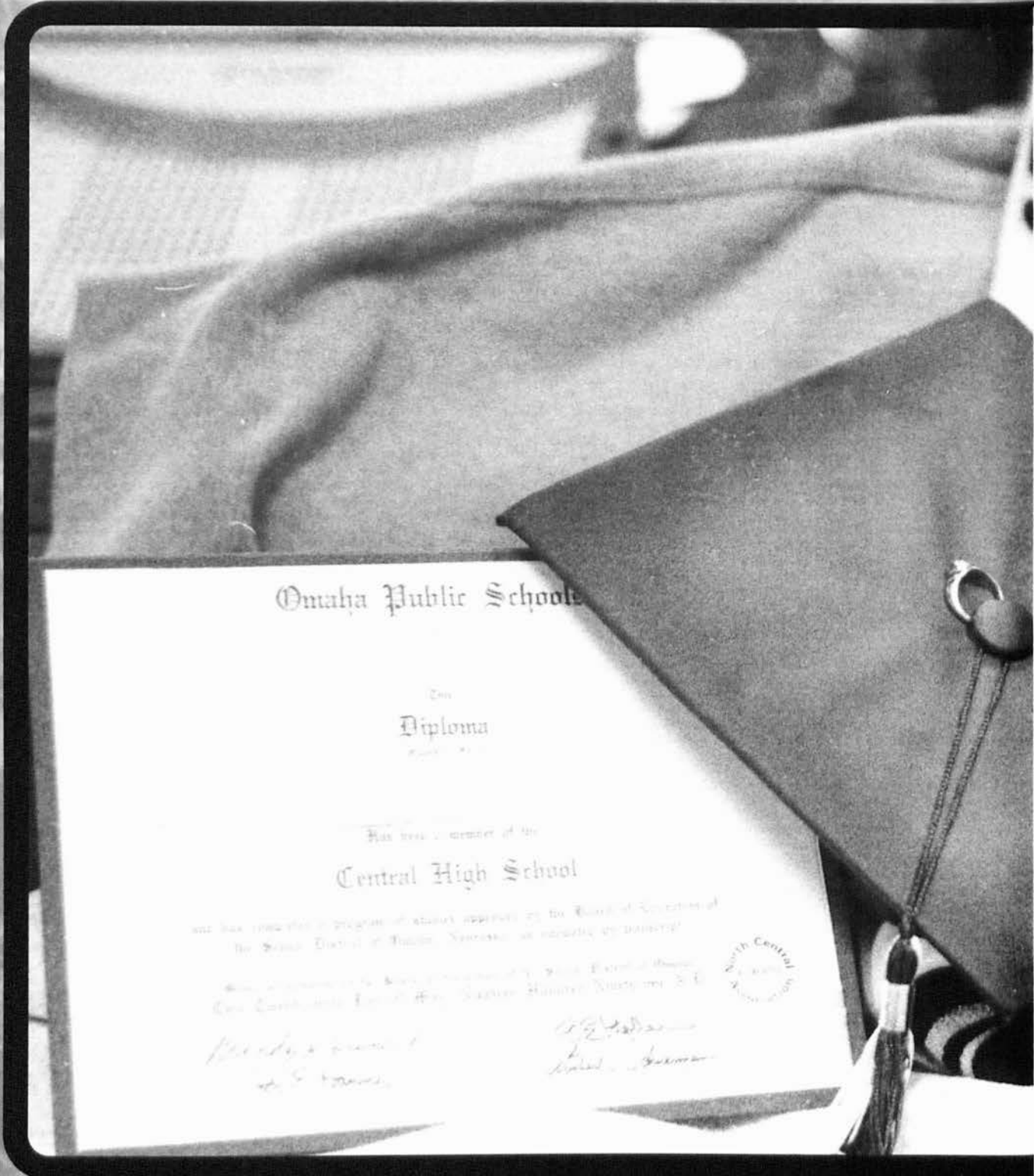




Above: Central students really got into spirit week this year. Here, Central students gather in the courtyard and are truly a blast from the past. (Photo: April Santon)

Top: Central seniors Matt Hayduska, Chris Darst, Aaron Kaisershot and Luke Denney show their **Saturday Night Fever**. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Left: **Groovy!!** Patrice Turbes (12) shows off her very groovy dress. (Photo: Mary Hill)



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Has been a member of the
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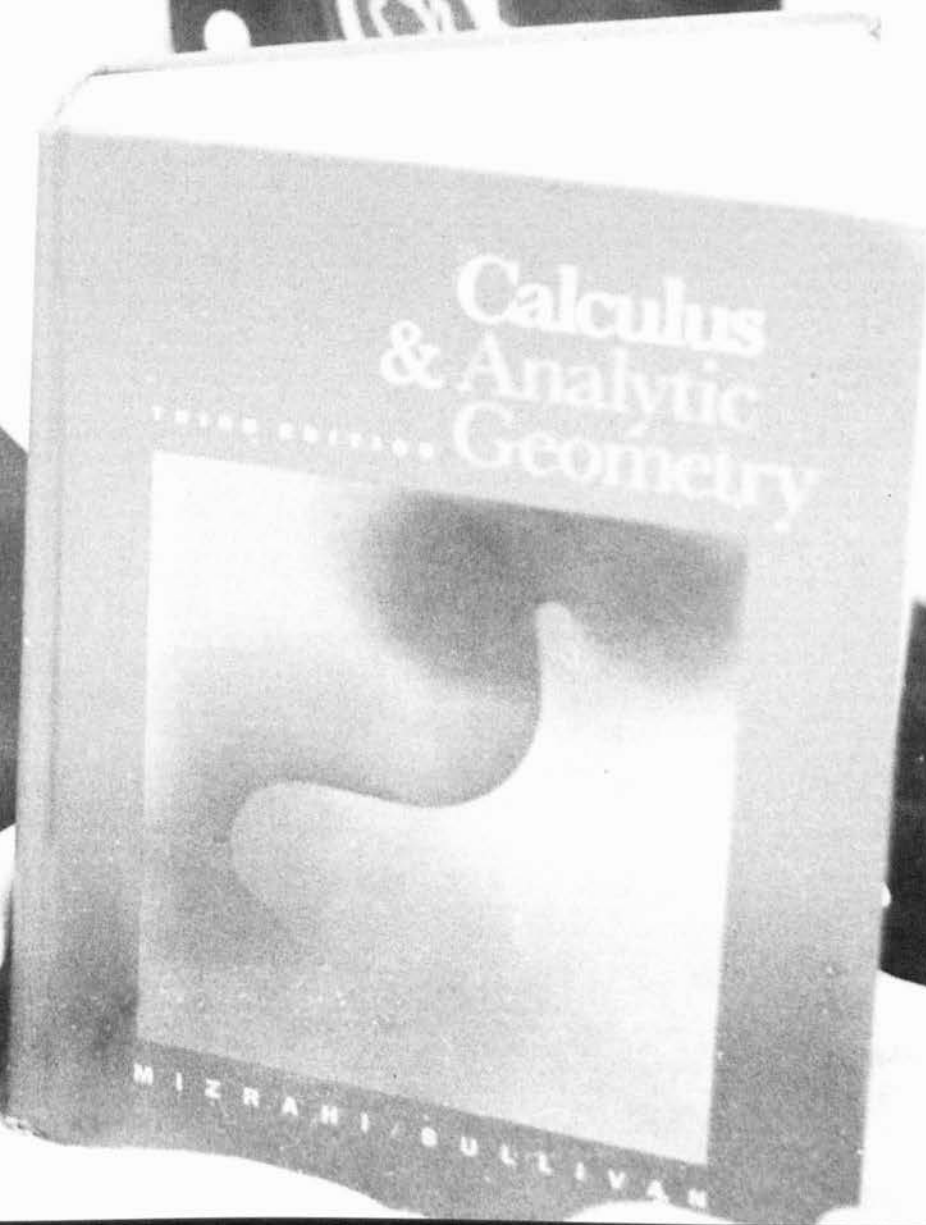
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and the Board of Regents, State of Nebraska, for the year 1953-54.

W. E. ...
Superintendent

W. E. ...
Principal



Seniors



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 Achelpohl, Sam
 Agosta, Vito
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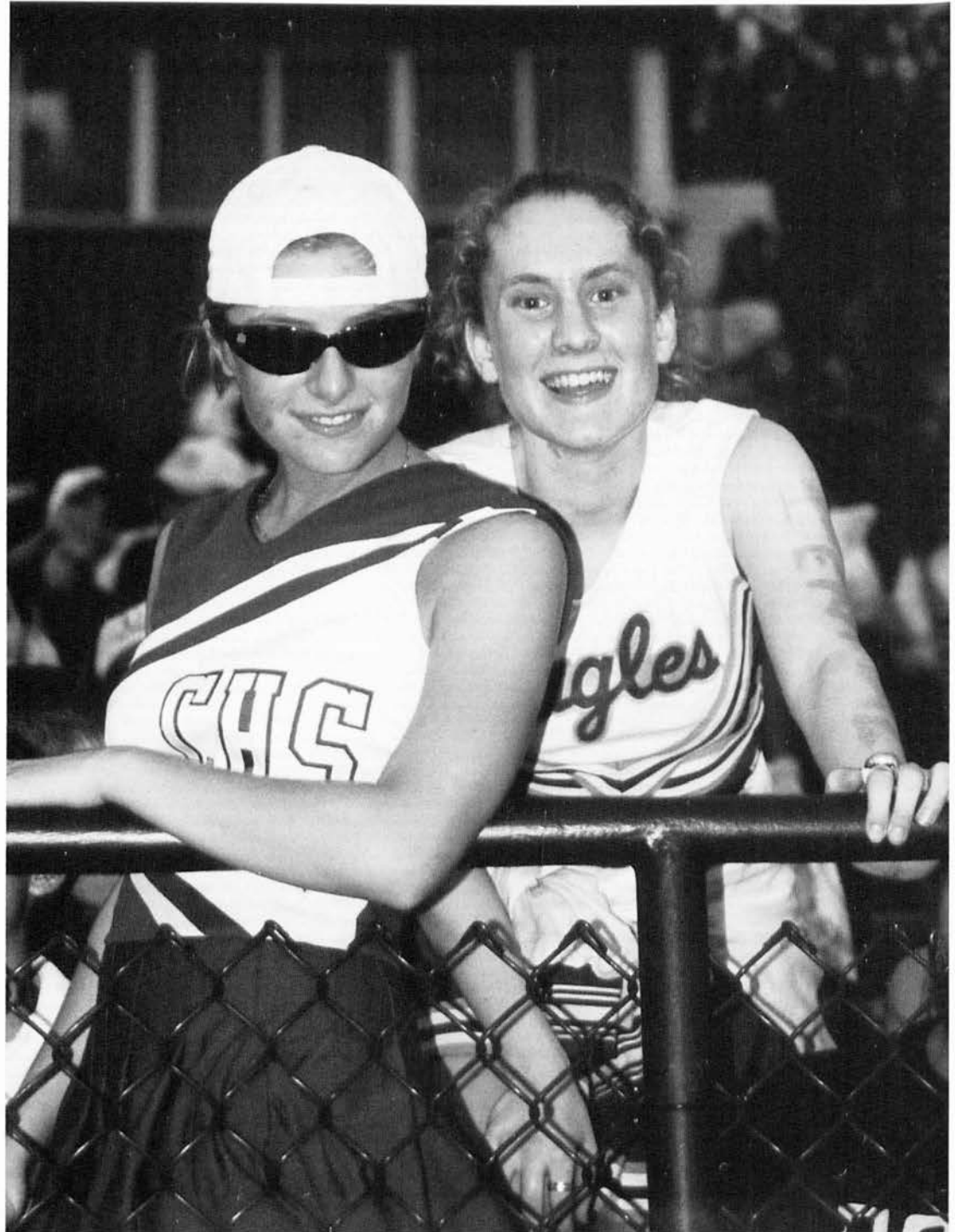


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 Allen, Kelly
 Anderson, Andy
 Anderson, Ben



Above: Amber Mallett (12) warns the photographer to back off, or she'll attack with her giant Pixy Stick. (Photo: April Santon)

Right: Seniors Andrea Friedman and Karen Kazor show their school spirit at a football game. (Photo: Lei Brown)





Anderson, Nicholas
 Anderson, Thessa
 Andikasim, Yana
 Anich, Les
 Anthis, Jennifer



Anzalone, Jon
 Avant, Danial
 Bacome, Amy
 Bacon, Marie
 Baddorf, Mary



Above: Seniors Josh Cohen and Jason Hoberman demonstrate how a chemistry tool can be used as a weapon. (Photo: Shoshana Wees)



Left: Shoshana Wees (12) gulps down a quick lunch before heading back to class. (Photo: April Santon)

Left: Lupe Perez (12) tests out her camera during photography class. (Photo: April Santon)

Right: Liz Honig (12) fixes her hair 80's style for spirit week. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Below: Senior Kim Boylan demonstrates her ability to balance her food on her nose. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)



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Barnhard, Angela
Bauer, Kristin
Baxter, Sean

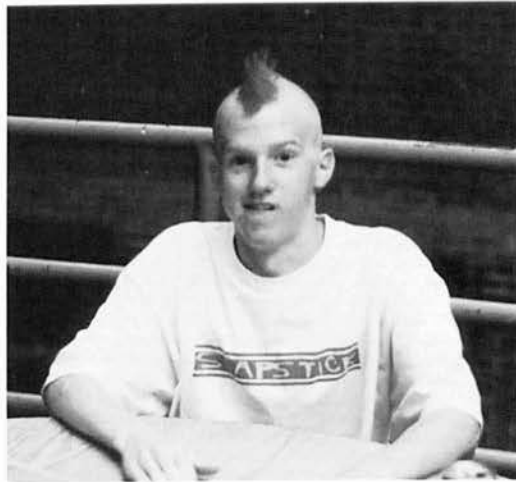


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Beaudette, Allen
Beck, Ashley
Behrens, Ryan
Bell, Troy



Bentzen, Cheryl
Berg, Sarah
Blank, Ralph
Blanke, Alicia
Blazek, Mary





Far Left: Christina White (12) shows off the solid gold era. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Left: Senior Nick Rowland is thoroughly surprised by the camera. (Photo: April Santon)

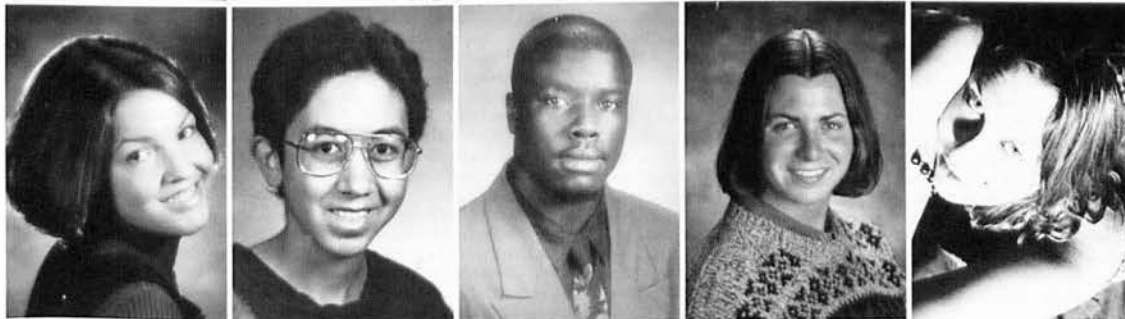
Below: Senior lunch buddies, Lindsey Myers, Steffen Hooi, Amanda Wieler and Emily Broom discuss the trials of life. (Photo: April Santon)



Blue, Scott
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Boylan, Kim
Bradley, Christopher
Brasch, Mark



Broom, Emily
Brown, Katrina
Brown, Lei
Brutsche, Melissa
Buchan, Megan

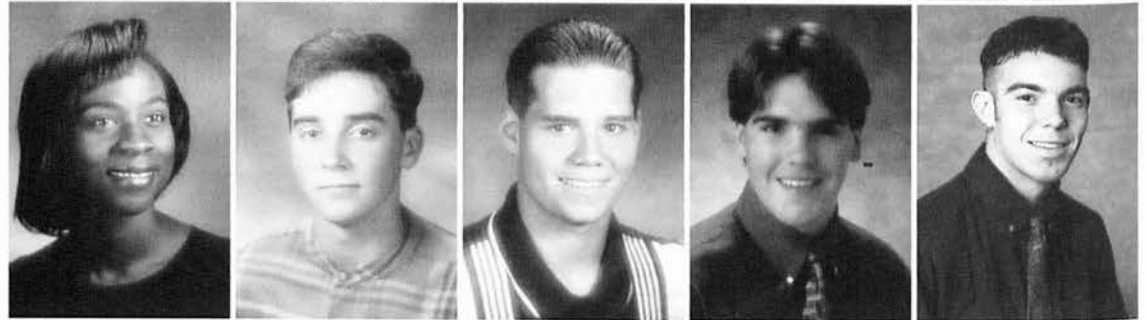


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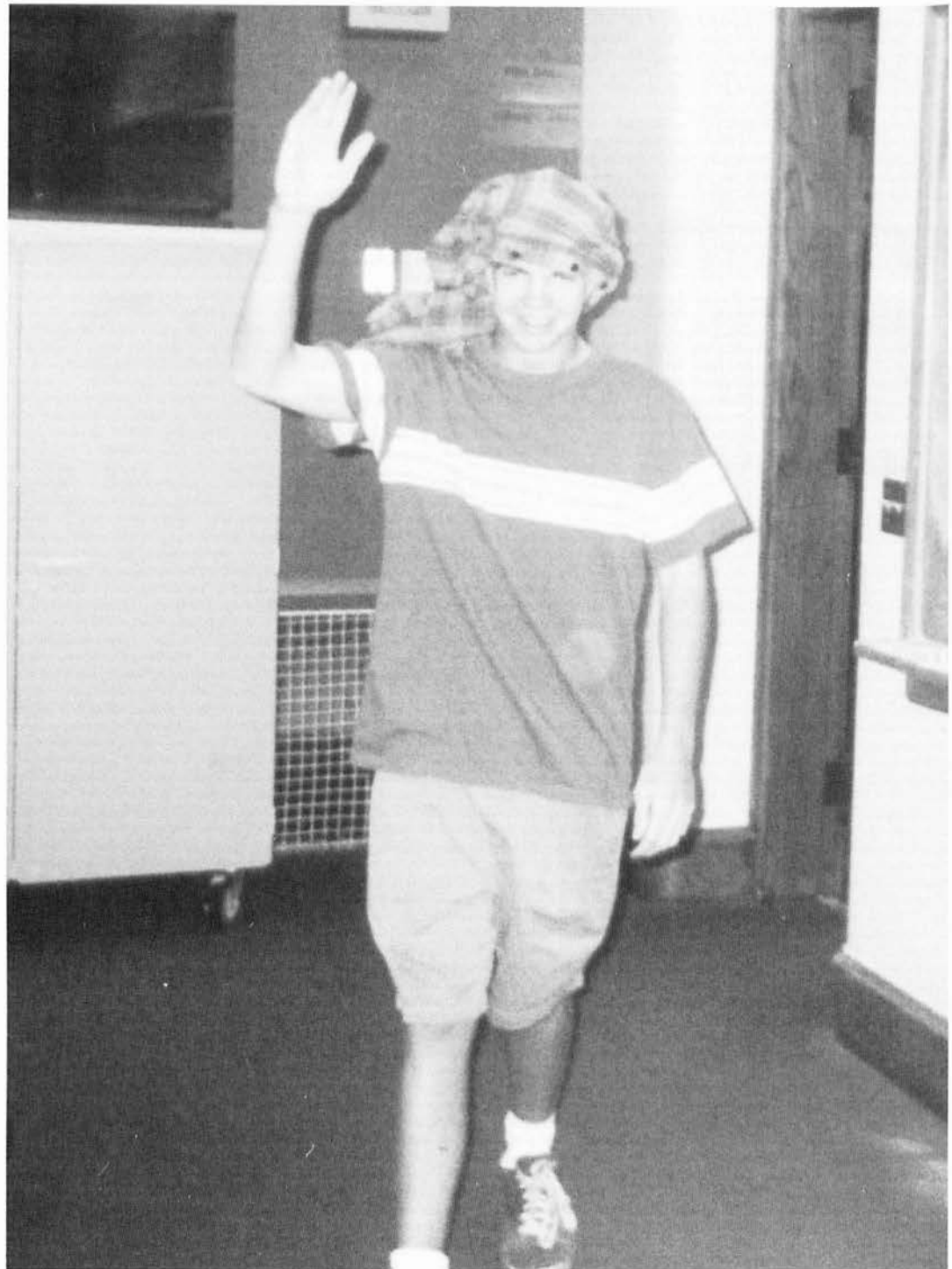


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 Casady, Jason
 Cerone, Mike
 Chambers, Matt
 Chase, Duane



Above: Angie Cammarata (12) examines some negatives. (Photo: April Santon)

Right: Senior John Gaskins models his creative style of headwear. (Photo: Omar Nazem)





Christiansen, Paula
 Cipperley, Jon
 Clanton, Kim
 Clark, Heather
 Claussen, Erick

Clogston, Brandon
 Cohen, Josh
 Colvin, Jeremy
 Conway, Caryn
 Corwin, Melissa



Above: Willie Glasser (12), desperate for a ride to school, stuffed himself in the trunk of a friend's car. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



Right: Quiana Mitchem, senior, expresses her close, personal attachment to her locker. (Photo: April Santon)



Costello, Joe
 Crockett, Candice
 Crozier, Brandi
 Culver, Max
 Curry, Kirlisha



Czapla, Michelle
 D'Agata, Reagan
 Dall, Scott
 Dalrymple, Chad
 Darst, Chris



Above: Senior Andy Ochsner is mesmerized by one of Mr. Daly's wonderful lectures. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Right: Kirlisha Curry (12) warns her classmates that they need to be attentive. (Photo: Niki Gibson)

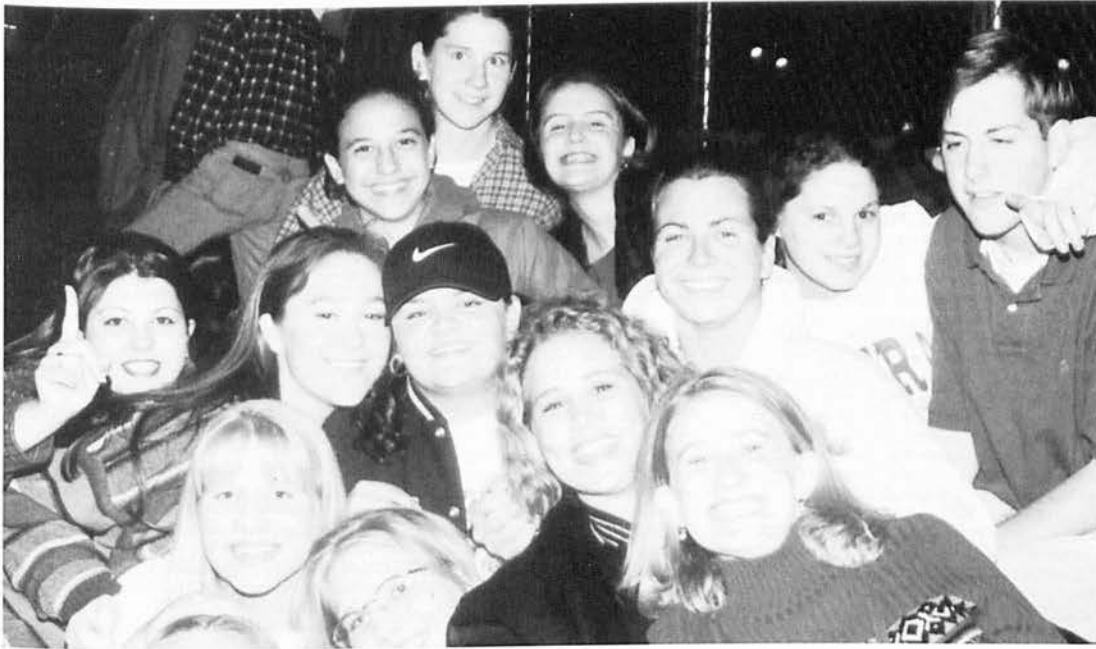




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Deacon, Sarah
Deane, Megan
Denney, Luke



Detwiller, Kristina
Dickes, Jessica
Dinin, Abbey
Dubas, Randy
Duffy, Nicole



Above Left: A group of seniors huddle together to show their school spirit at a game. (Photo: April Santon)

Above: Sarah Newell (12) is a model of fashion with that groovy shirt. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

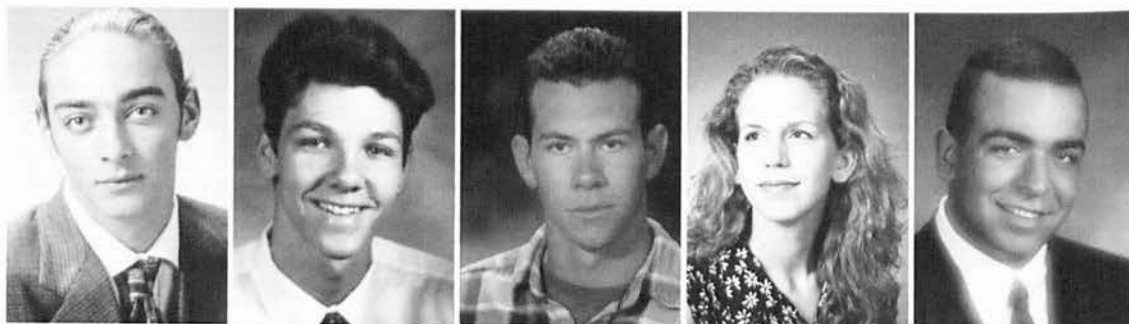


Above: April Santon (12) reacts to a long stressful day. (Photo: Jason Hoberman)

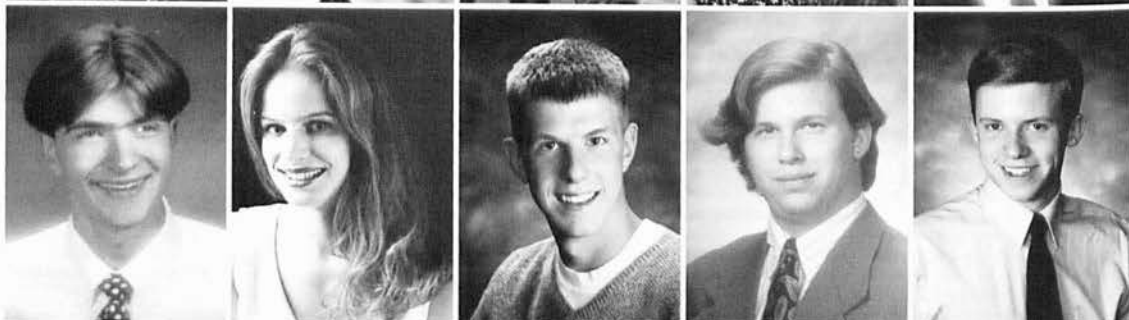
Left: Senior Caroline Foley is thoroughly shocked by a cameraman. (Photo: Lei Brown)



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 El-Kachouti, Sherif



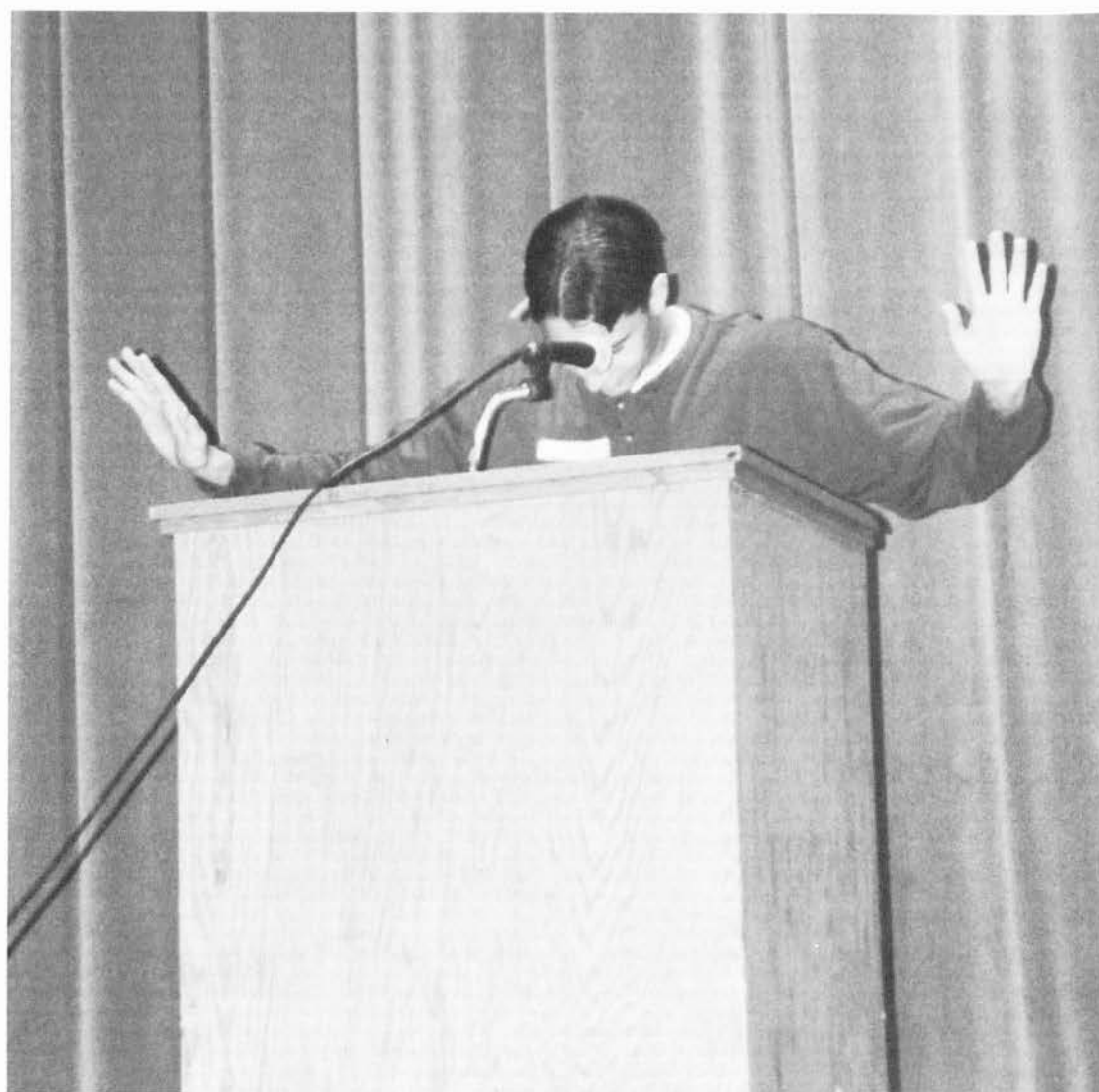
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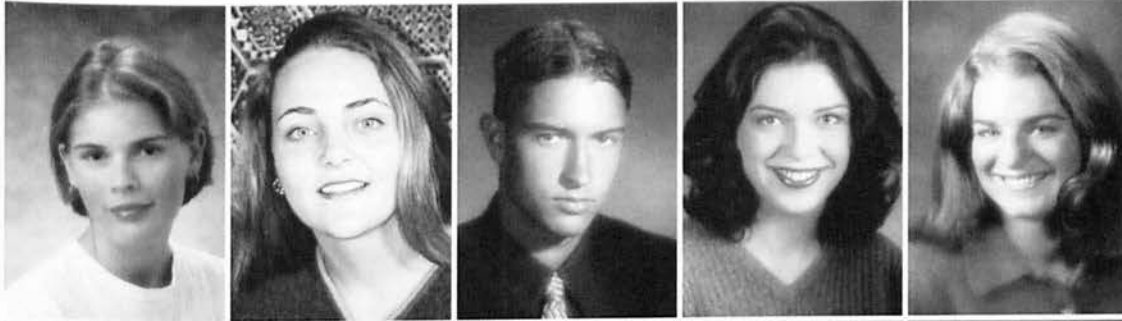


Above: Tim Faulkenberry, senior, hopes that his school lunch really is digestible. (Photo: April Santon)

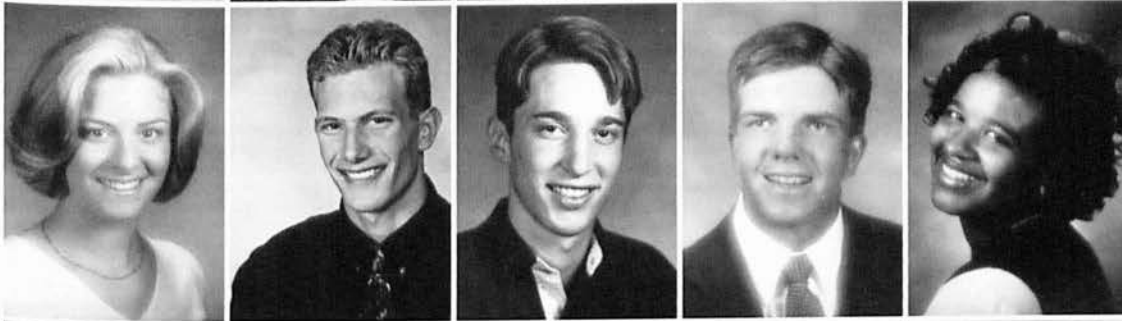


Right: Dane Foster (12) asks the crowd to hold their applause while he continues his speech. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)





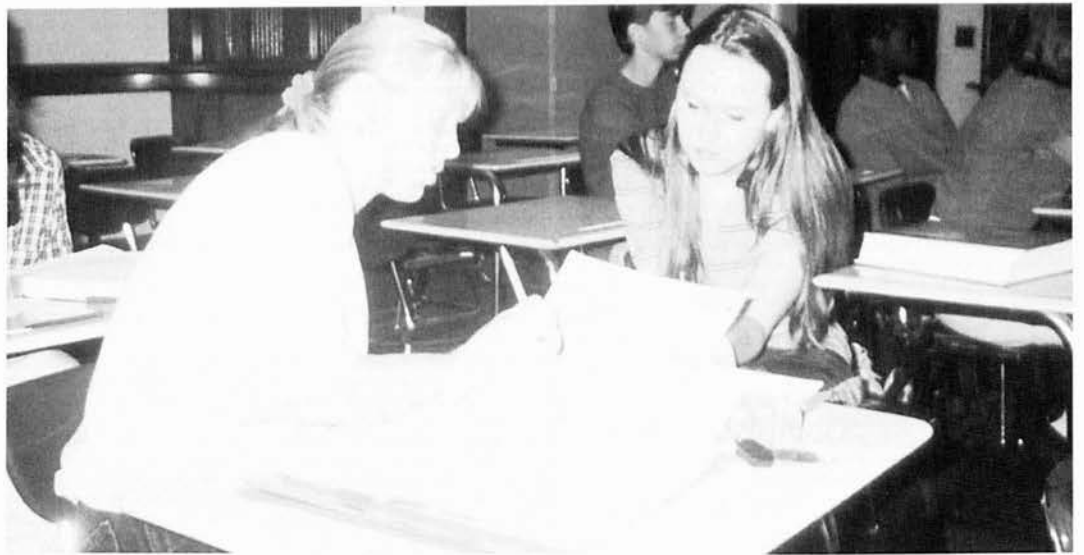
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 Girthoffer, Zach
 Glasser, Willie
 Gleason, Jennifer
 Godbolt, Alicia



Above: Erika Mullen (12) helps Leigh Riley (12) with one of those difficult Calculus problems. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)

Above Left: Seniors Mohammed Husain and Ben Johnson do their impression of fighter pilots. (Photo: Niki Gibson)

Left: Kelsey Keith (12) shows off her shiny new purse. (Photo: April Santon)



Right: **Ahh, aren't they cute?** Seniors Courtney Worrell and Damien Thompson escort each other to class. (Photo: April Santon)

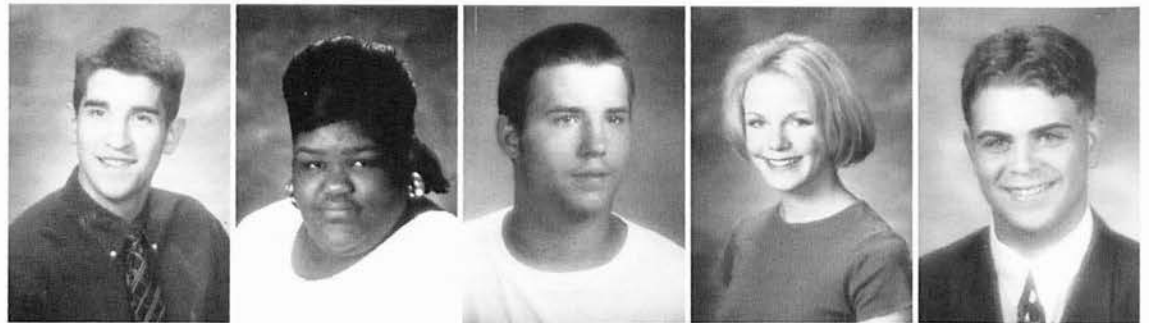
Below: Quincy Welchen (12) is never too busy to smile for the camera. (Photo: April Santon)



Below: Patrice Turbes (12) is able to find a moment of relief in her lunch hour. (Photo: April Santon)



Gottschalk, Steve
Green, Jermetta
Green, Tim
Griess, Krista
Griffin, David



Grogan, Bernie
Gruidel, Janna
Gruidel, Julie
Gunter, Mario
Gutierrez, Michael





Left: Senior Luke Atkinson shows the camera how charming he can be. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Below: Sean Baxter (12) tries to figure out exactly how Erika Coates' (12) hair tastes. (Photo: Mary Hill)



Haling, Melody
Hallgren, Jill
Hardy, Warren
Harness, Angela
Harris, Rick



Harshbarger, Chris
Haubrich, Ted
Haverman, Jessica
Hayduska, Matt
Hayes, Megan



Below Right: The courtyard is totally decked out for senior elections. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Below: Lisa Prosterman (12) pours her heart out to Erin Beal (12) after a long day. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)



My Favorite High School Memory is...

☞ *When Ed Miller ate a dissected worm in biology class.*

- Jen Houlden

☞ *When 200 people joined the soul train line in the courtyard during blast from the past day.*

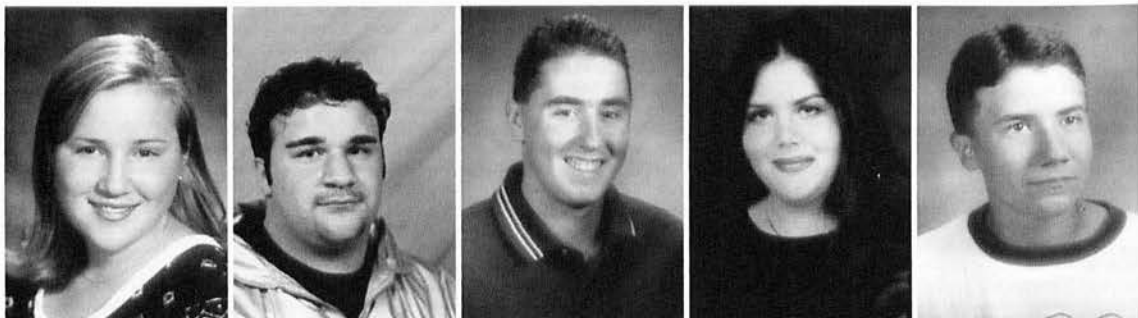
- Quiana Mitchem

☞ *When two guys on the swim team put on tutus.*

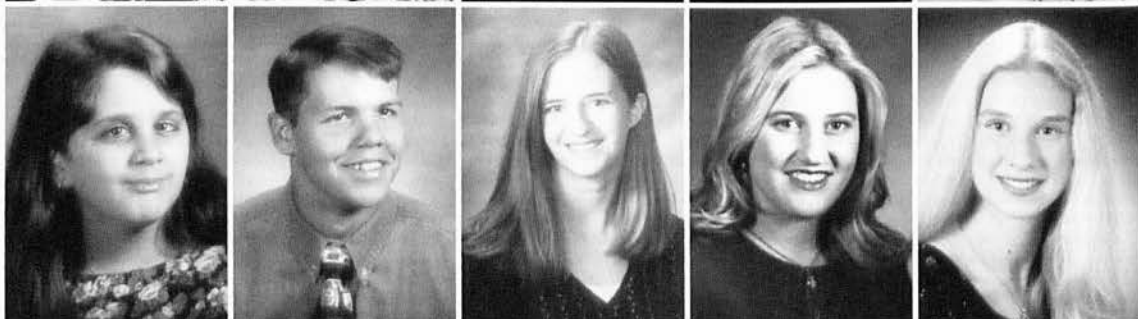
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Headlee, Joy
Hendry, Gary
Henkel, Ryan
Hennings, Lea
Henson, Jason



Hernandez, Sarah
Hernandez, Steve
Herzog, Sarah
Higgins, Katie
Hill, Mary



Hoberman, Jason
Holm, Adrian
Honig, Liz
Hooi, Steffen
Houlden, Jennifer





Left: **What a cool little cowpoke!** Lei Brown(12) definitely knows what she wants to be when she grows up. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Below: **Attacked by the purple monster?** Seniors Danial Avant and Candice Crockett know how to show school spirit. (Photo: Niki Gibson)



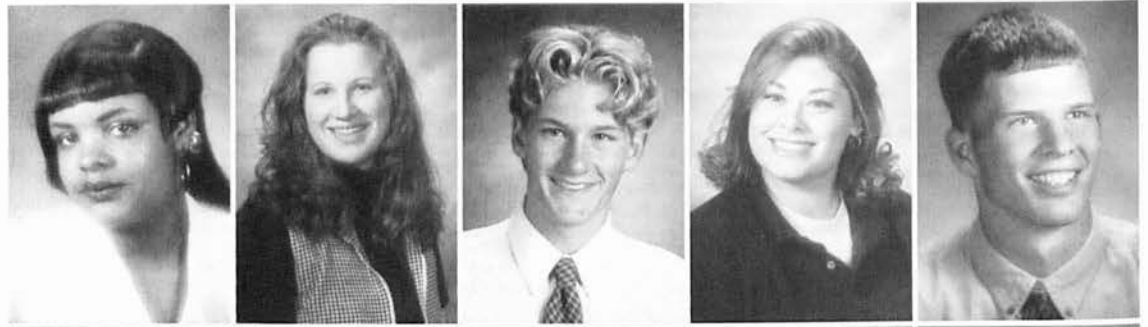
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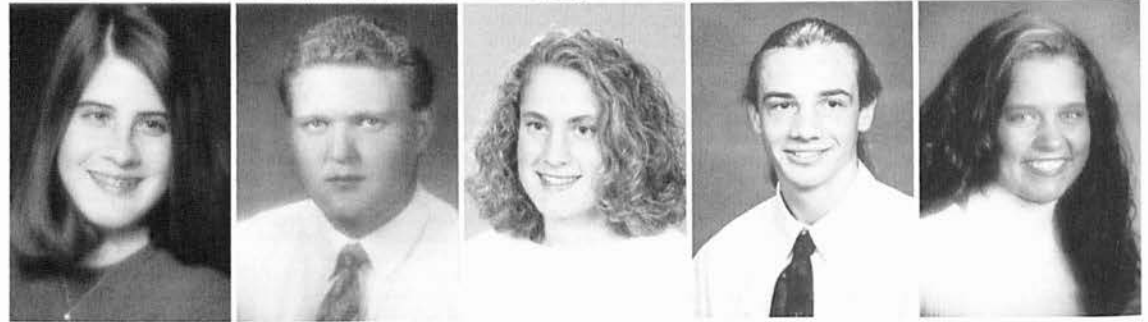
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 Johnson, Zack
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 Kaisershot, Aaron



Kane, Kiley
 Kass, Stephen
 Kazor, Karen
 Keel, Rhaym
 Keith, Kelsey



Above: Matt Hayduska (12) checks his pager during lunch. (Photo: Lei Brown)



Above Right: Senior Megan Hayes focuses on a good shot. (Photo: April Santon)



Above: Seniors Niki Gibson and Kirlisha Curry dress up for career day. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)





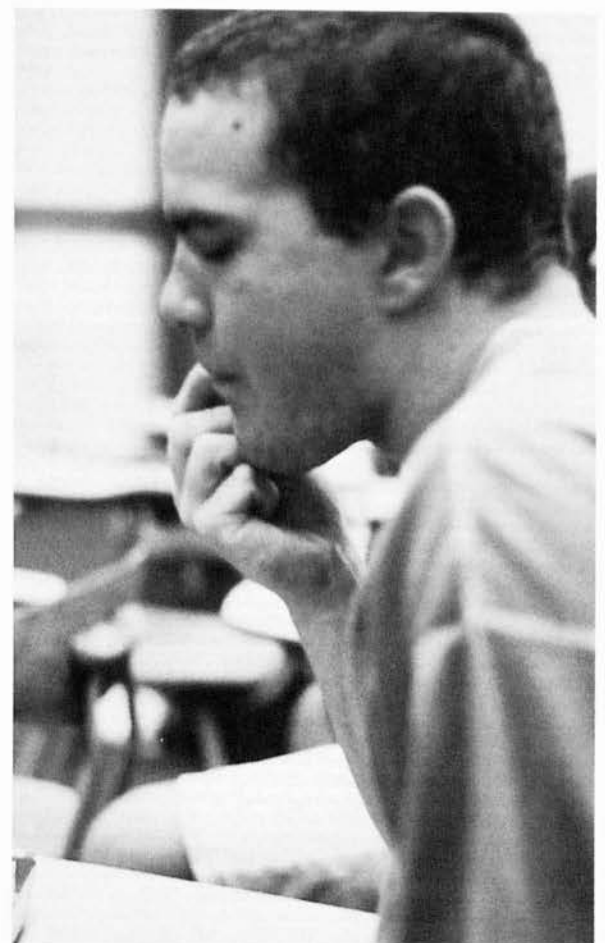
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 Knapp, Sarah Anne
 Koenig, Jessica



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 Kotok, Steve
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 Kyler, Hilary



Above: Jessica Cerny (12) sneaks up on Ryan Watzke (12) to play a practical joke. (Photo: April Santon)

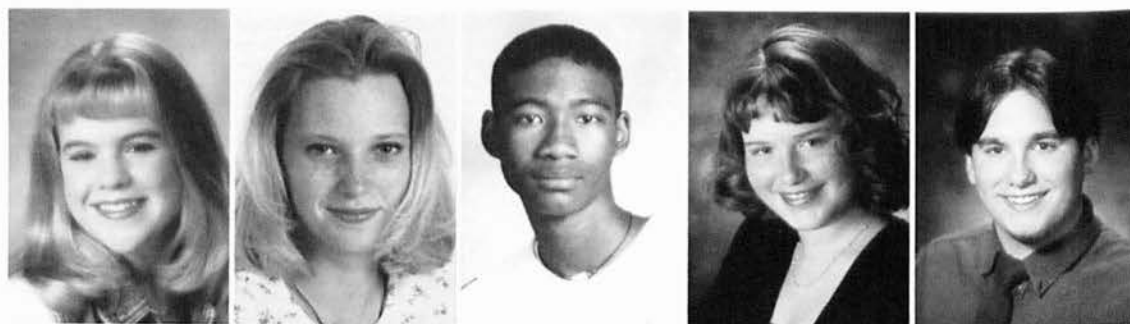


Above: Mike Kelly (12) licks the last bits of his morning snack off his fingers. (Photo: April Santon)

Left: Senior Kelly Porter concentrates hard in class. (Photo: Mary Hill)



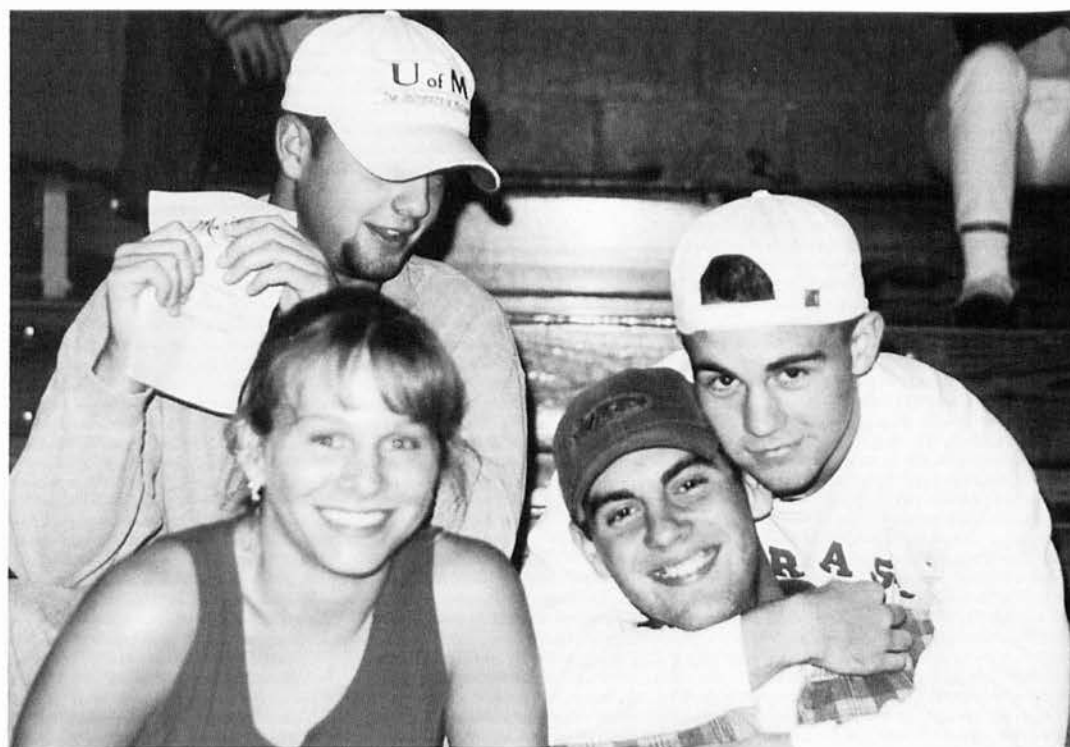
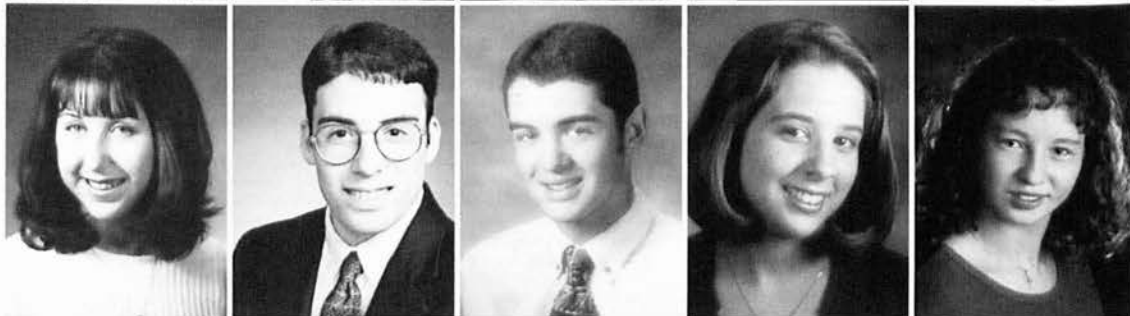
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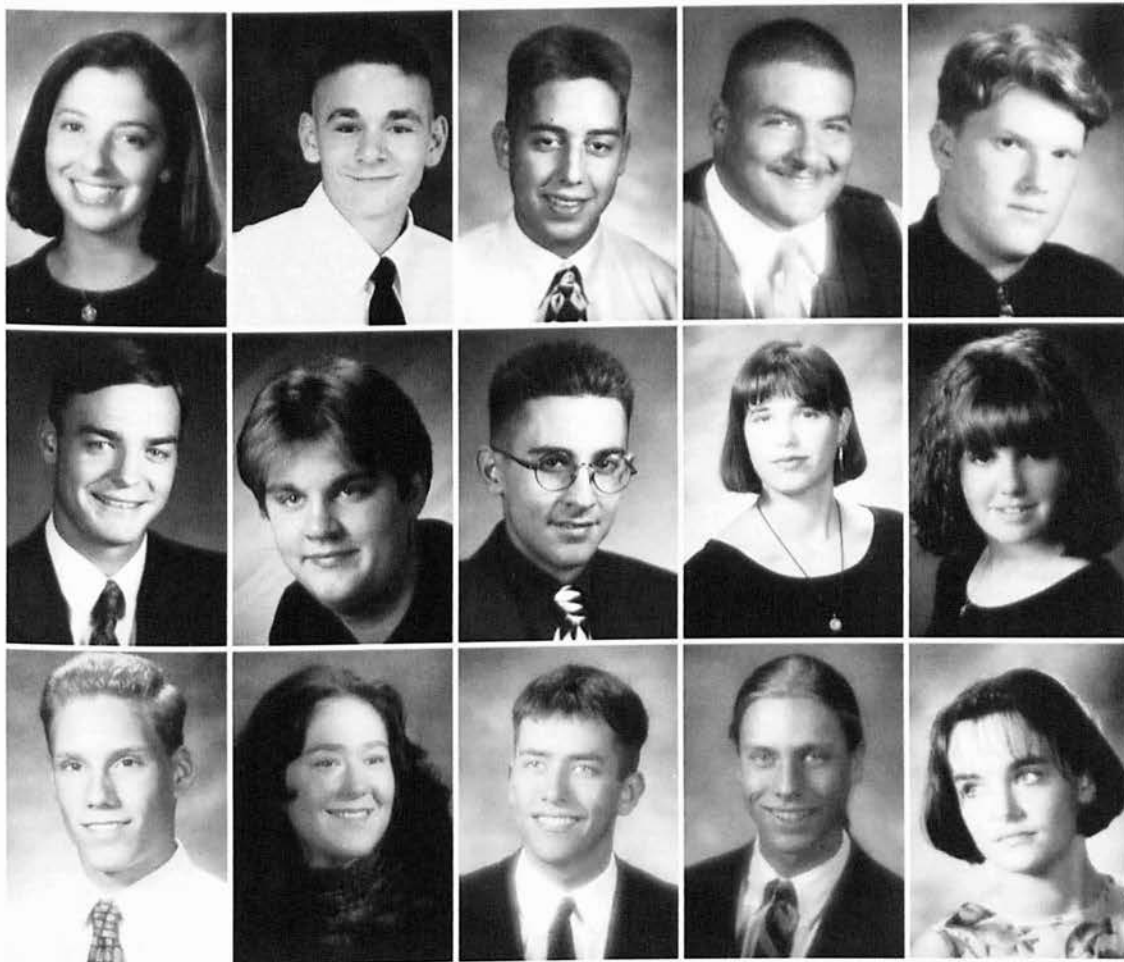


Lueth, Serena
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 Malik, Robert
 Maliszewski, Kelly
 Mallenby, Cori



Above: It is a regular lovefest whenever seniors Jimmy O'Connor, Jennifer Phillips, Sam Farrington and Ryan Behrens take in a game. (Photo: April Santon)

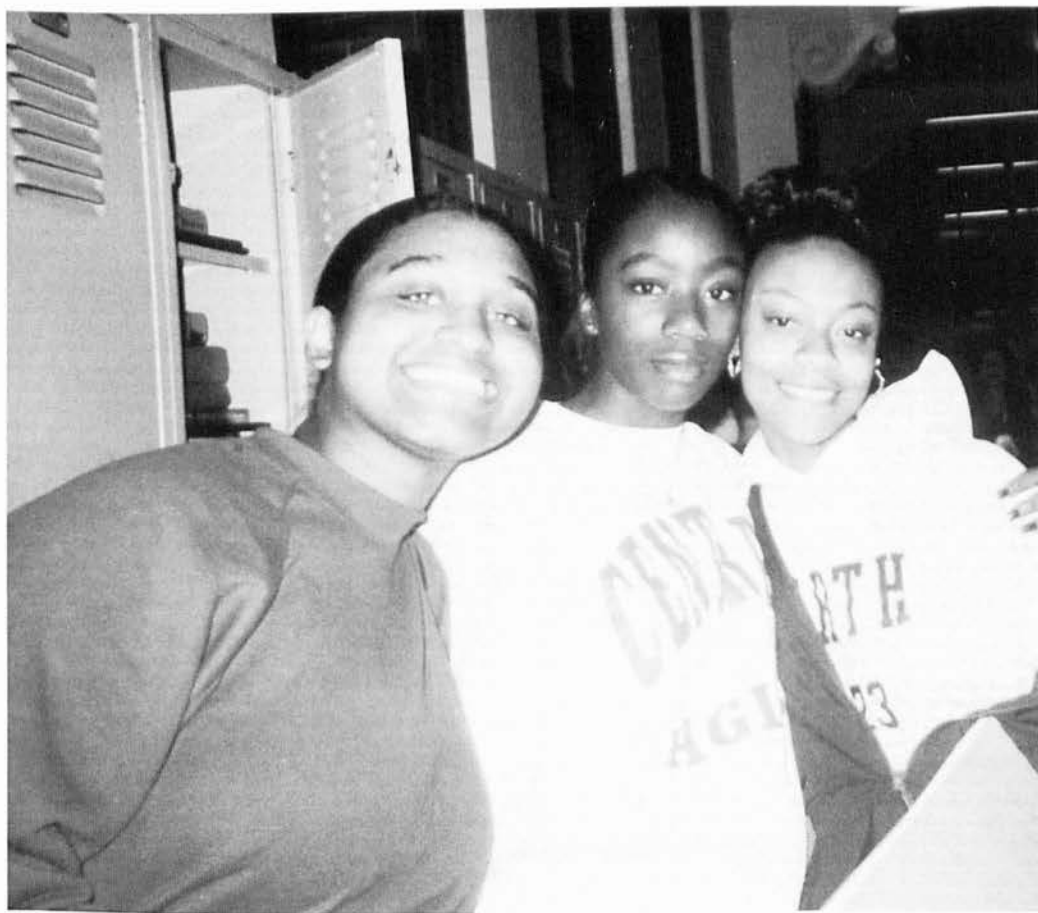
Left: Jen Houlden(12) is seriously considering entering the priesthood after the stress of Central. (Photo: Mary Hill)



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 Mancuso, Marqus
 Marshall, Jason
 Martinez, Emeldo
 Mattson, Andrew

Maulick, Patrick
 Mauro, Luke
 Maxey, Chris
 May, Cameron
 McCarthy, Leslie

McFee, Mark
 McGinty, Colleen
 McGrane, Ryan
 McLarney, Matt
 McMahan, Dana



Above: Seniors Doris Caldwell, Reisha Vanterpool and Thessa Anderson love smiling for the camera. (Photo: Niki Gibson)



Right: Sarah Herzog (12) shows that she is a maniac for eighties fashion during spirit week. (Photo: Mary Hill)

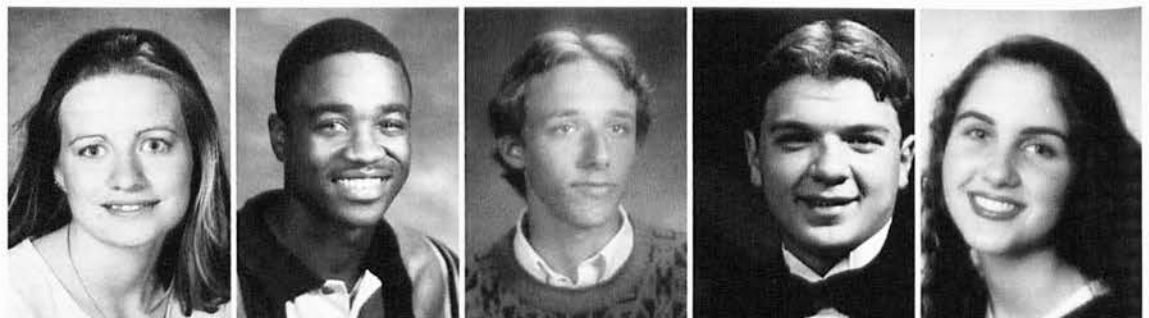


Right: T.J. Ernst (12) pauses for a picture in the hall. (Photo: Niki Gibson)

Below: Math class just takes senior Heidi Cain's breath away. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



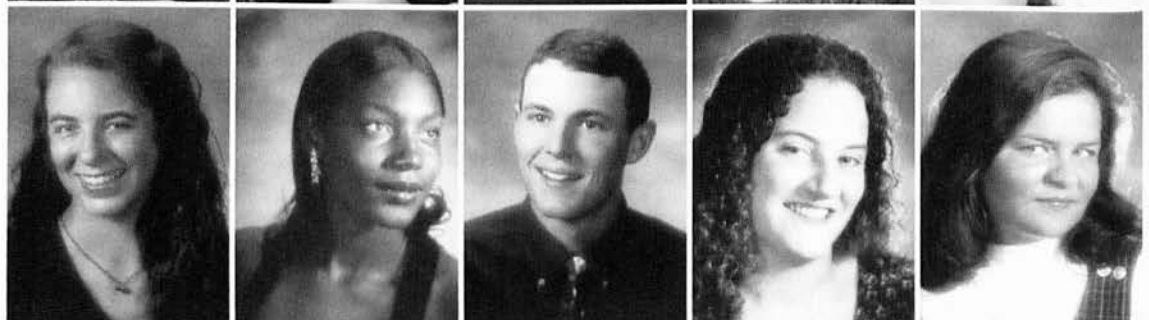
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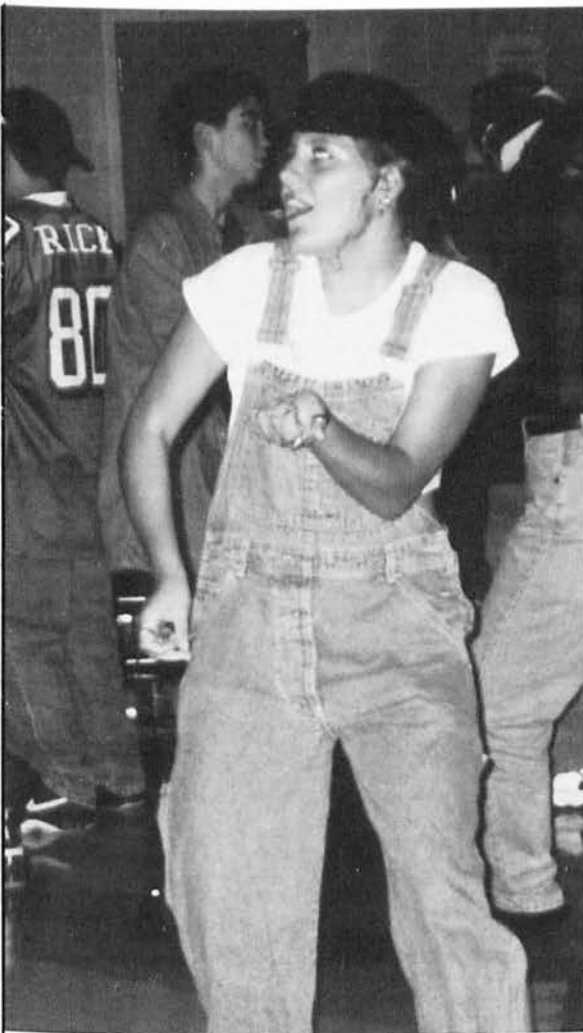


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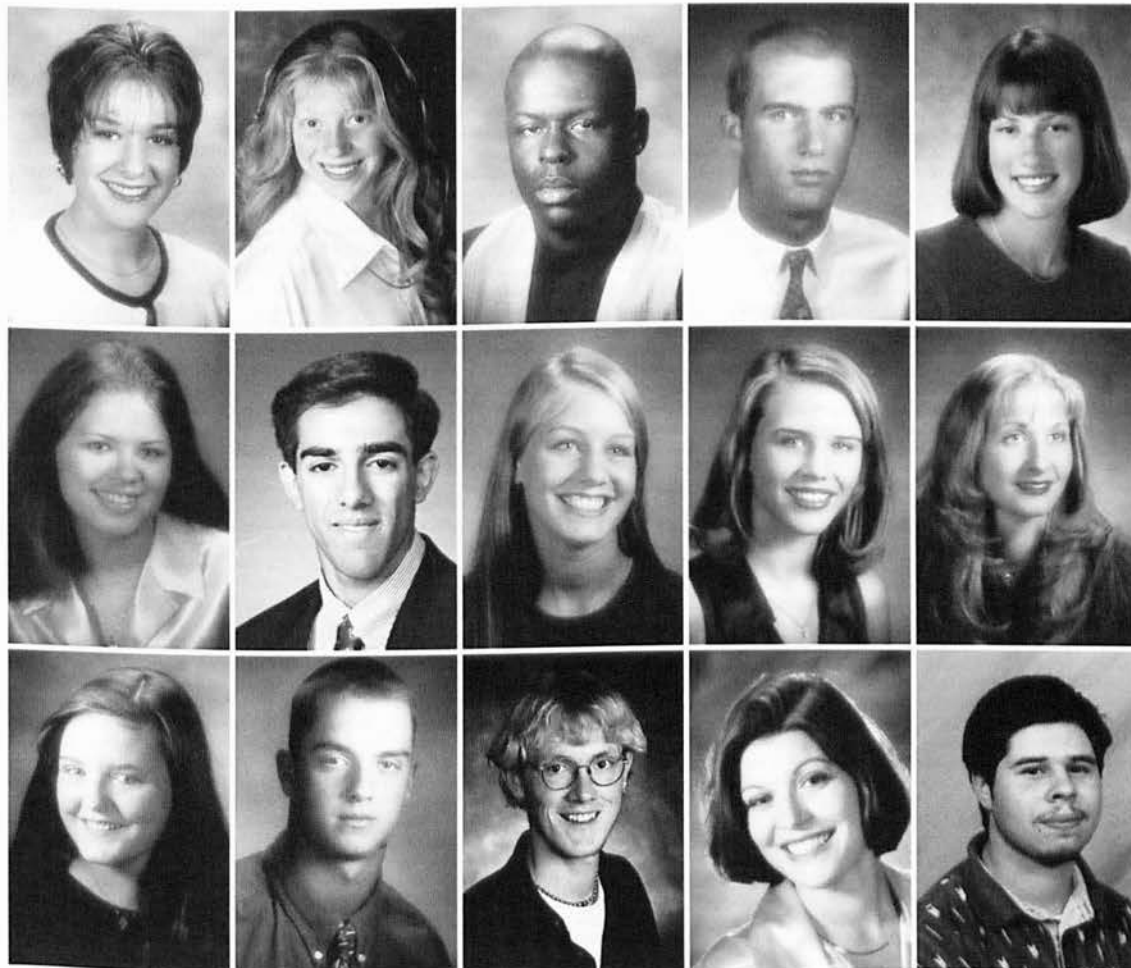
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Monaghan, Elizabeth
Montalvo, Sirena





Left: Seniors Stacy Rushton and Erin Riley break it down at a school dance. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Below: Dejah Floyd (12) puts on her baby face and shows off her dimples. (Photo: Mary Hill)



Morris, Amber
Mullen, Erika
Murry, Ladarius
Myers, Brandon
Myers, Lindsey

Naab, Holly
Nazem, Omar
Nebbia, Celeste
Newell, Nichole
Newell, Sarah

Nichols, Megan
O'Connor, James
O'Donnell, Ian
O'Donnell, Jennifer
Ochoa, Alberto



Ochsner, Andy
 Onkka, Ben
 Orsi, Christy
 Ortega, Lori
 Ortmeyer, Jed



Overgaard, Becky
 Owens, Dan
 Paley, Lauren
 Parks, Thomas
 Partridge, Scott

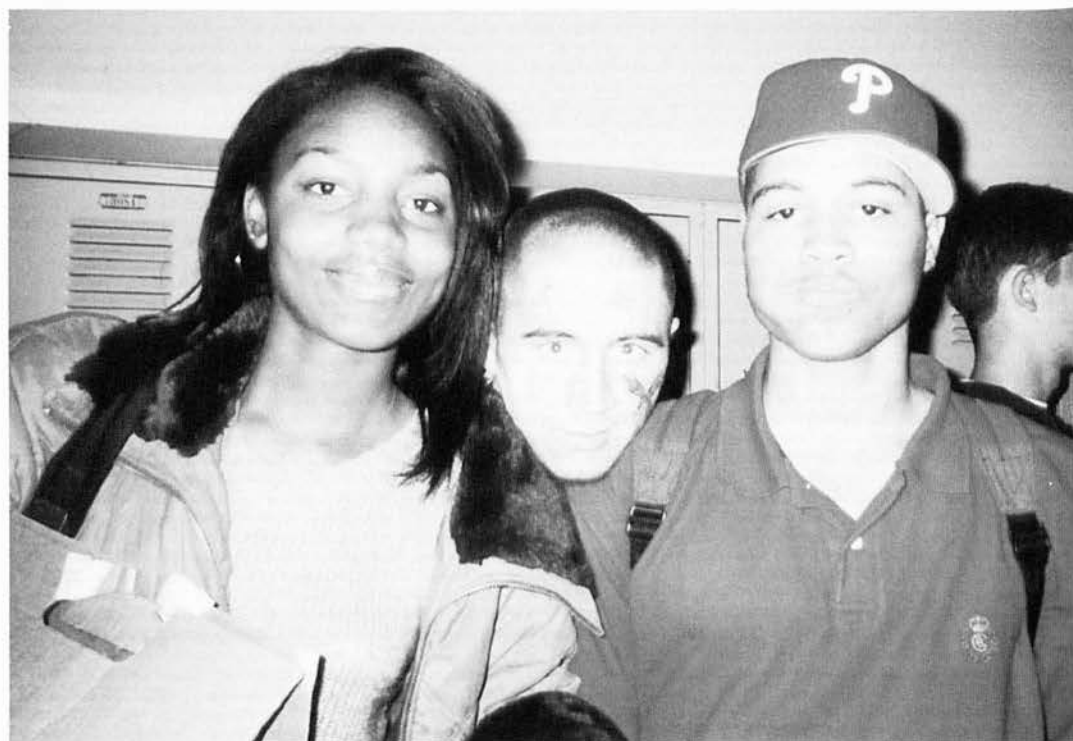


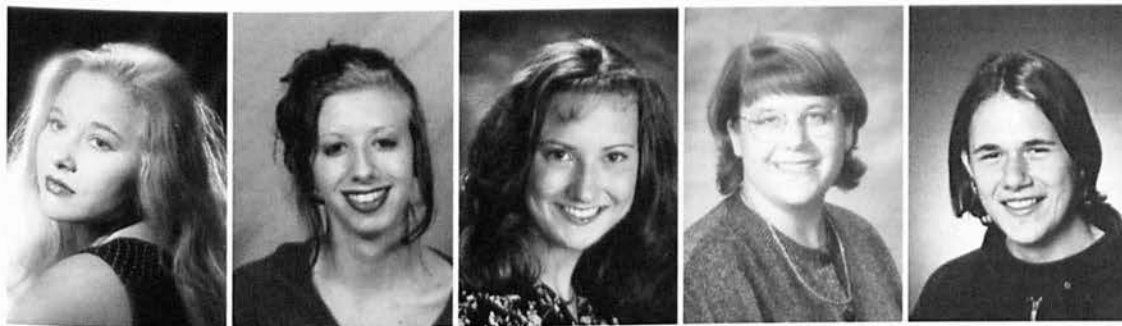
Above: Mary Hill (12) loves shining her smile for the camera. (Photo: Shoshana Wees)



Above right: Angie Barnhard and Jennie Link show they think two heads are better than one. (Photo: April Santon).

Right: Seniors Quiana Mitchem, Luke Denney and Galen Morrison can't help but smile around the camera. (Photo: Niki Gibson)





Perez, Guadalupe
 Perry, Jeanine
 Petersen, Lisa
 Petersen, Nicki
 Peterson, Josh



Philbin, Rachael
 Phillips, Jennifer
 Platz, Lea
 Ponec, April
 Porter, Kelly



Above: **Oops!** Marne Merolla (12) accidentally put her nylons on in the wrong place. (Photo: April Santon)

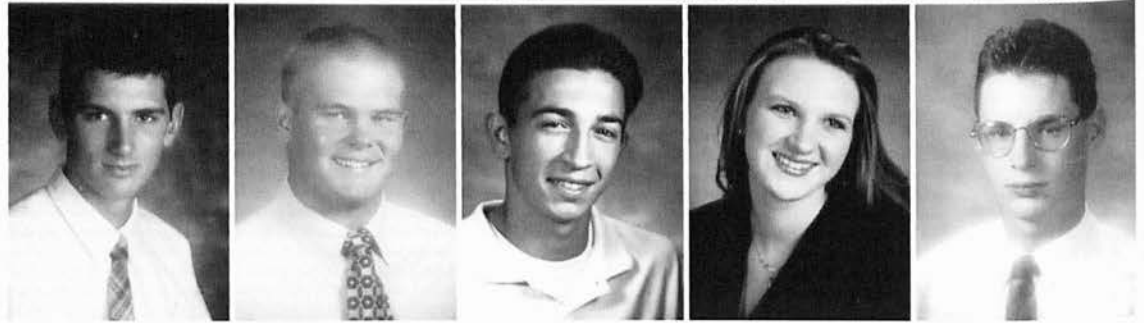
Left: Senior Jennifer Day welcomes the hungry masses to her candy sales. (Photo: April Santon)



Poyner, Stuart
 Price-Polson, Celeste
 Price-Polson, Lauren
 Prosterman, Lisa
 Pruitt, Lacey



Quackenbush, Steve
 Quigley, Brent
 Renze, Philip
 Reynolds, Anne
 Reynolds, Sean



Above: Ryan Ellis (12) relaxes with a cold pop during lunch. (Photo: April Santon)



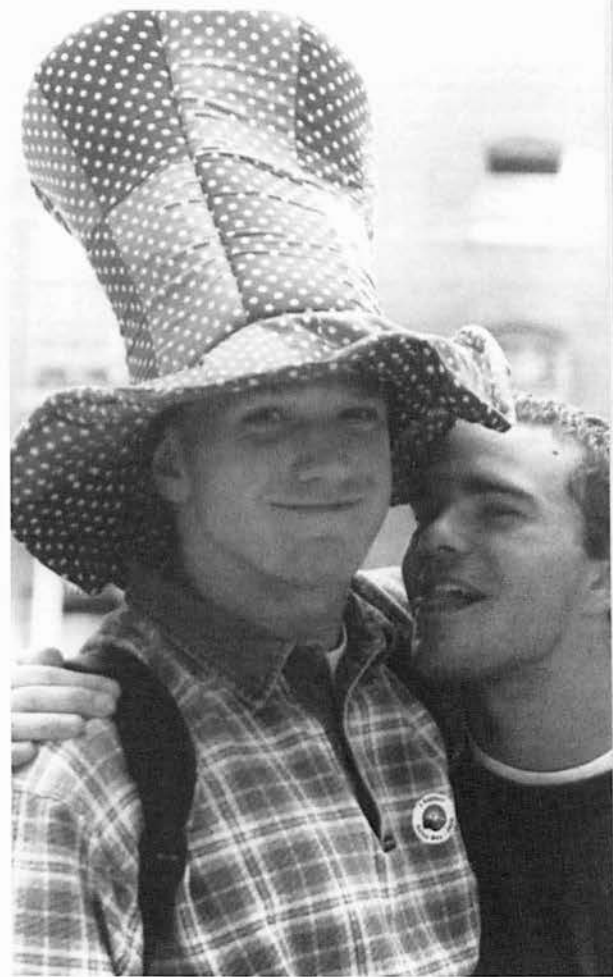
Right: Senior Maria Theophilopoulos does the Egyptian. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)



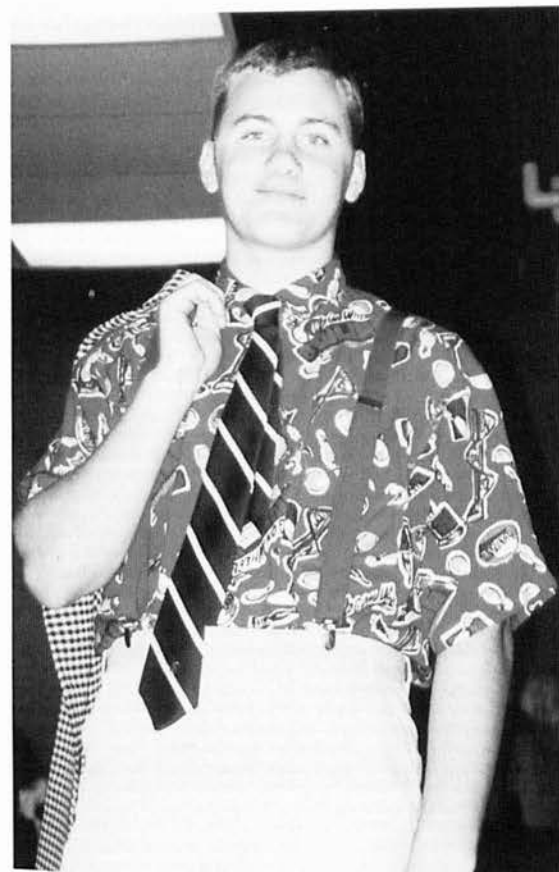
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 Riley, Leigh
 Riley, Michael
 Riveria, Tim



Roberts, Rachel
 Robertson, Rachael
 Robertson, Tammy
 Rogers, Mike
 Rose, Samonna



Above: Seniors Josh Norcutt and Mike Kelly get crazy on hat day. (Photo: April Santon)



Above: Omar Nazem (12) dozes off during one of those boring lectures. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)

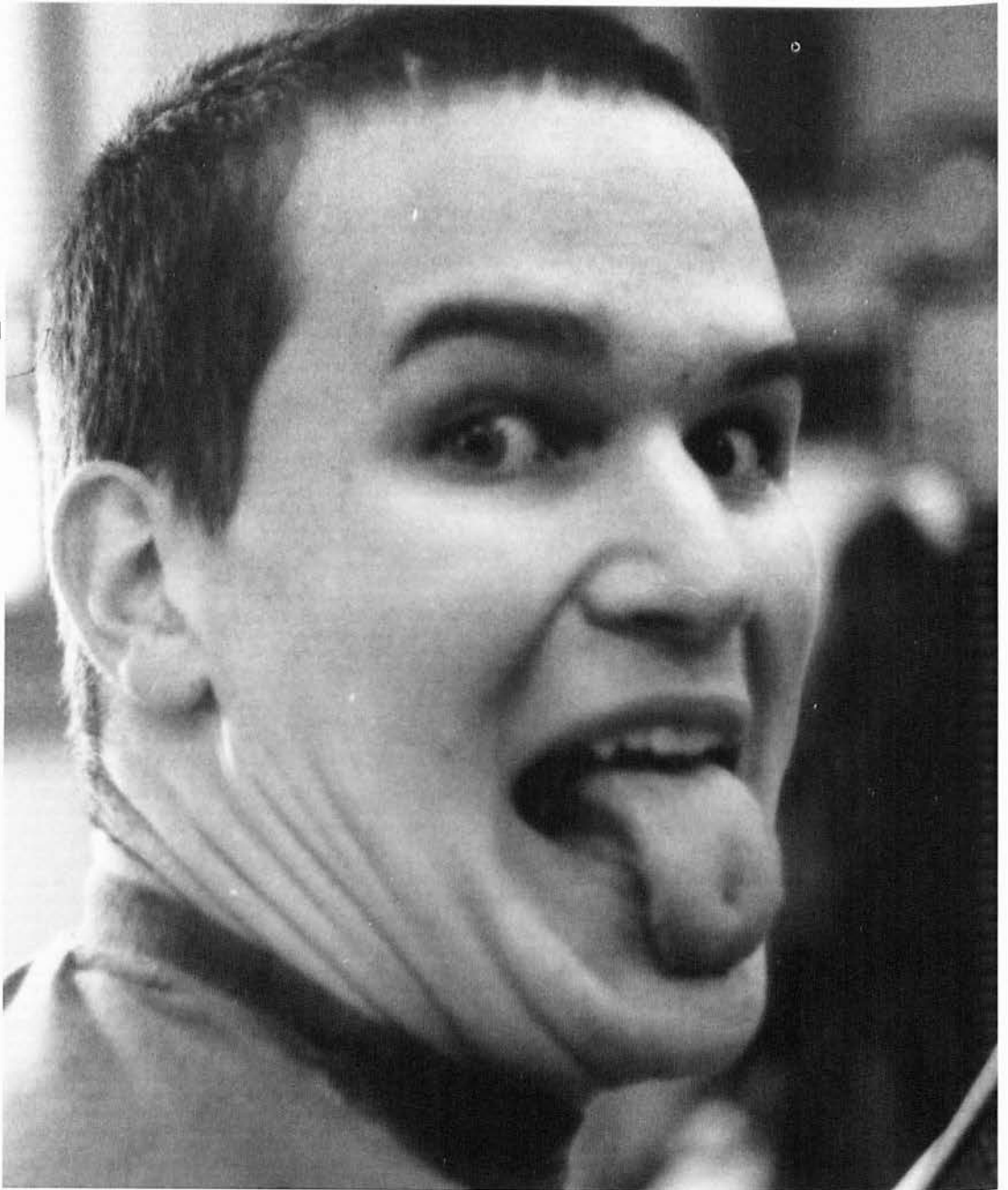
Above Left: Liz Honig (12) and Rachel Roberts (12) show their strong attachment to their food. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)

Left: **Oops.** It appears that senior Kevin Finken got dressed in the dark. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)



Right: Karl Richstatter (12) does his best impression of a snake. (Photo: April Santon)

Below: Seniors Cheryl Calimlim and Kelly Allen team up with Unique Williams (11) to fill the halls with school spirit. (Photo: Niki Gibson)

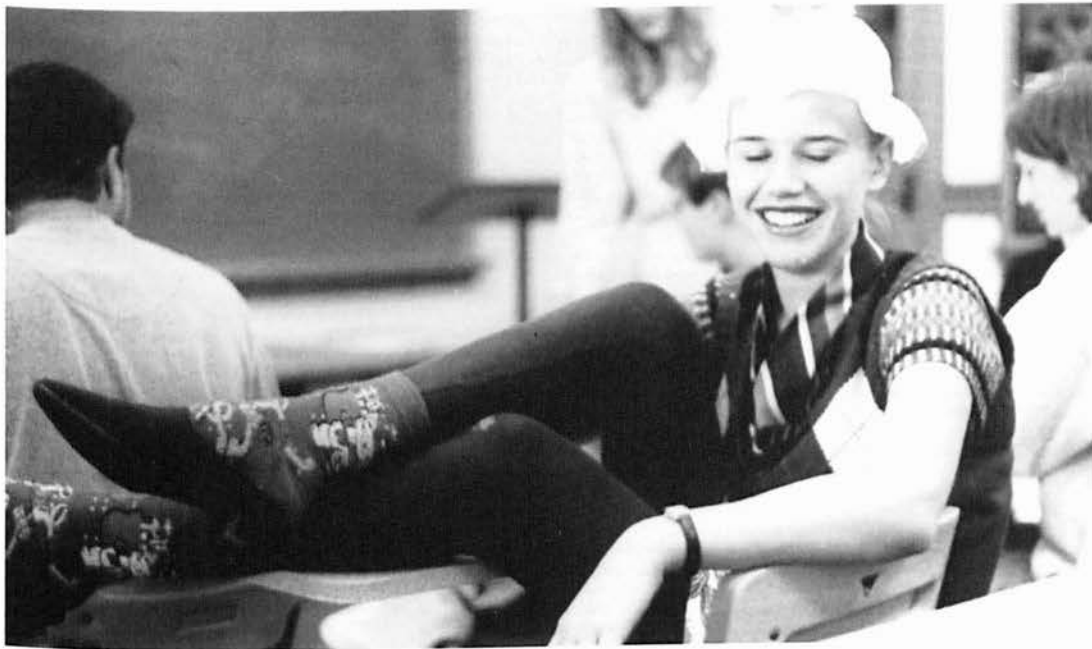


Roustai, Hamid
Rowland, Nick
Royer, Laura
Rushton, Stacy
Santon, April



Sanwick, Tamara
Sayers, Damion
Saylor, Claire
Schnake, Matt
Seiter, Michelle



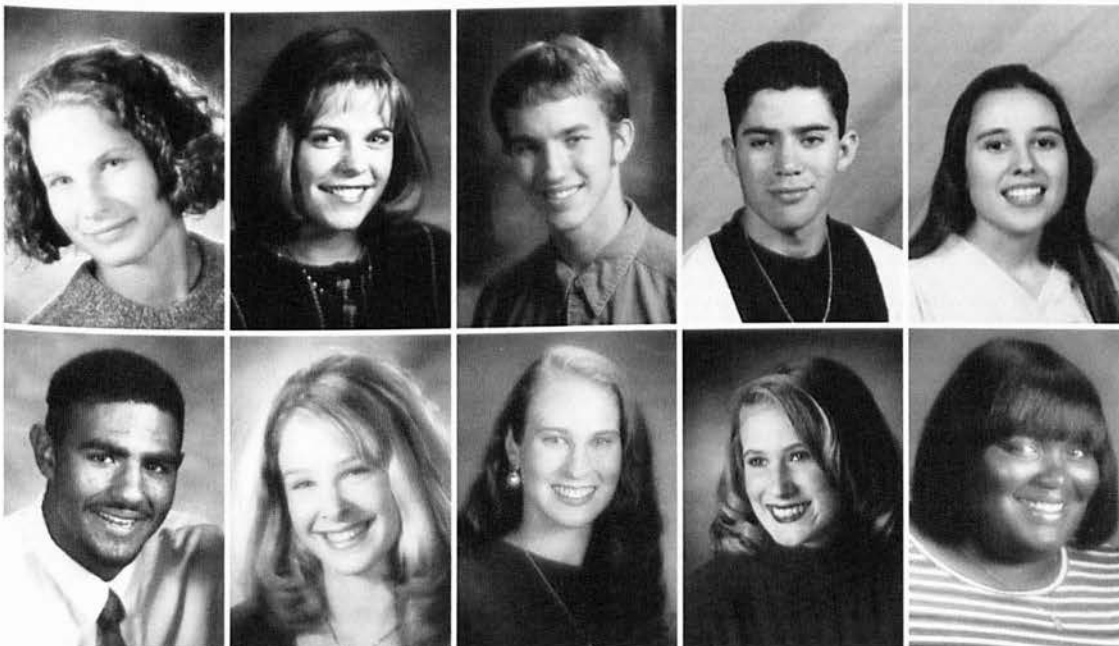


Left: Nichole Newell (12) goes all out for clash day. (Photo: April Santon)



Below Left: This group of seniors are always willing to "back" up their team. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Below: Thessa Anderson (12) is all ready to jump into her role as the next tooth fairy. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



Sheely, Jody
Shelton, Heather
Simmons, Ian
Solis, Jesus
Sousa, Nicole

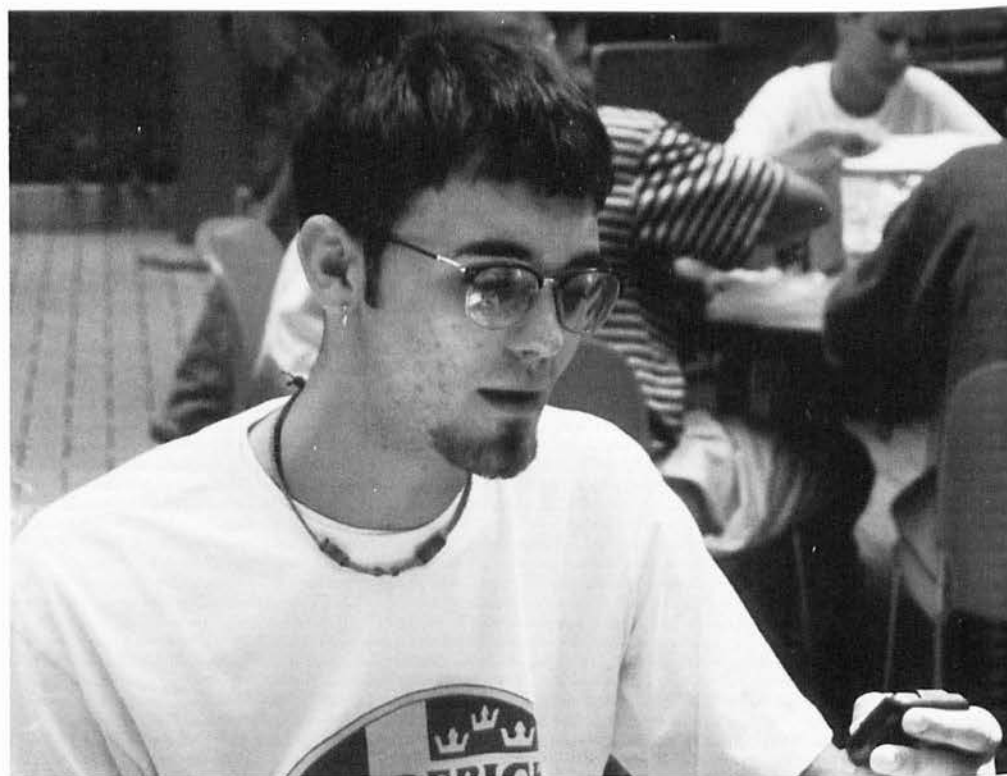
Spears, Tyrone
Stary, Collen
Stryker, Mary Beth
Sundberg, Natalee
Suttle, Patrice





Left: Ben Onkka (12) grins as he thinks about the upcoming weekend. (Photo: April Santon)

Below: Senior Chad Jacobsen receives a message on his pager. (Photo: Lei Brown)



Taylor, Tiffany
Theophilopoulos, Maria
Thomas, Kyle
Thompson, Damien
Thompson, Ginny



Thompson, Leia
Trexler, Sarah
Turbes, Patrice
VanArkel, Ryan
Vannier, Renee



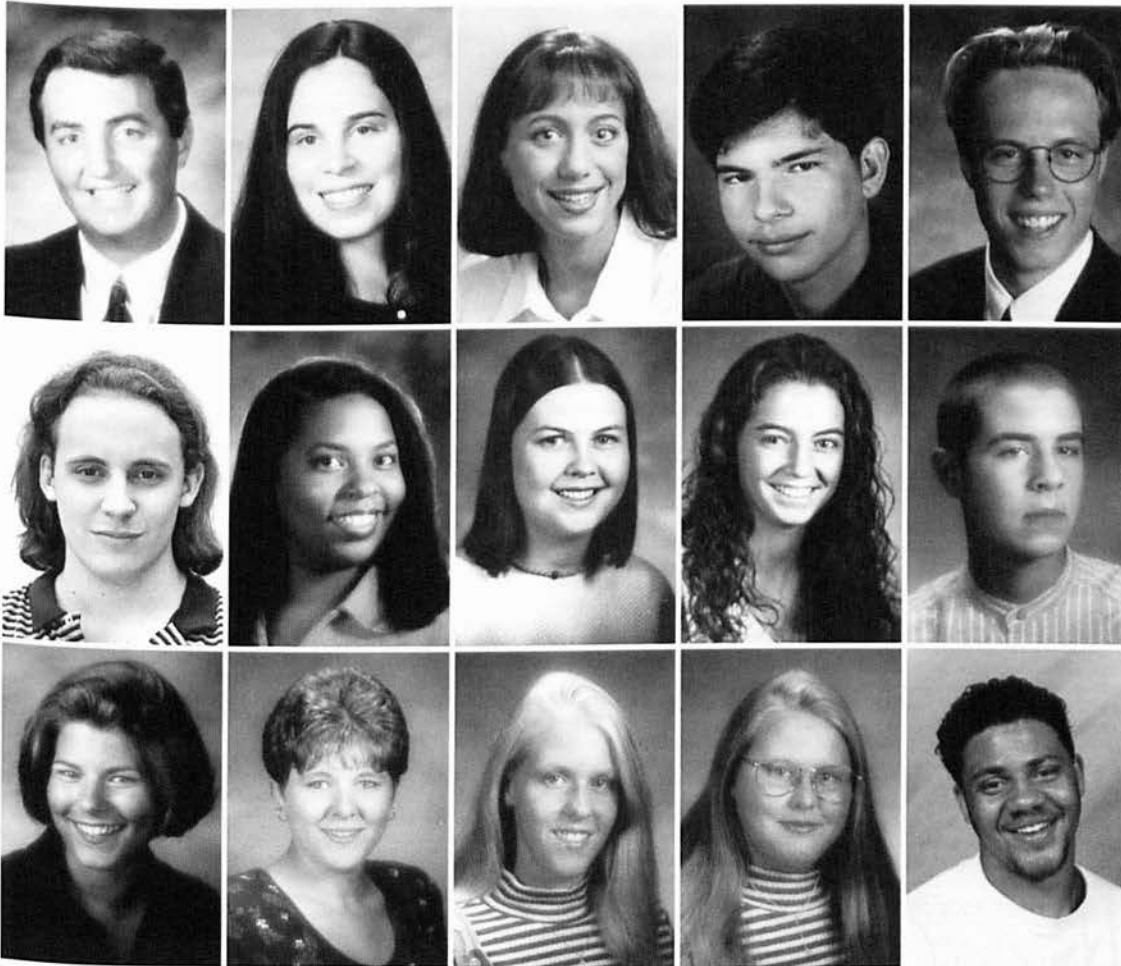
Vanterpool, Reisha
Vaughn, Marques
Vencil, Marci
Vu, Dzao
Walter, Carrie





Left: Seniors Mike Riley and Ladarius Murry carry on a private conversation in the hall. (Photo: Niki Gibson)

Below: Kiley Kane (12) shows her appreciation for Greek headwear. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)



Watzke, Ryan
Wees, Shoshana
Wells, Andrea
Wenberg, Michael
Went, Nils

White, Aaron
White, Christina
Whittle, Melissa
Wiczorek, Danielle
Wieduwilt, Ben

Wieler, Amanda
Williamson, Trina
Willms, Jenny
Willms, Joann
Wilson, Clarence



Wilson, Daron
 Wolfe, Bobby
 Worms, Chris
 Worrell, Courtney
 Wulff, Erika
 Wyldes, Wayne



X Zendejas, John
 Binke, Karsten
 Dube, Nosimilo
 Gibilisco, Chris
 Krafka, Brandon
 Orsi, Matt



Senior Superlatives

Boys

Girls

Most Likely to Succeed:

Andy Ochsner

Sarah Fischer

Biggest Comedian:

Aaron Kaisershot

Thessa Anderson

Biggest Klutz:

Ryan Watzke

Sarah Berg

Most School Spirit:

Chris Darst

Maria Theophilopoulos

Best Personality:

Mike Kelly

Mary Hill

Most Talented:

Luke Denney

Kelly Allen

Best Looking:

Colin Duggan

Anna Jane Kerns

Best Dressed:

Ryan McGrane

Maggie Jacobson



1997 Senior Class Officers

By Mary Baddorf and Niki Gibson



First Row: Chris Darst, Hilary Kyler and Emily Broom. Second Row: Thessa Anderson and Lei Brown. Third Row: Caroline Foley, Mike Kelly and Candice Crockett. Fourth Row: Lea Platz and Quiana Mitchem. (Photo: Mary Baddorf)

After a week of posters, stickers, speeches and ballots, the senior class elected their 1997 officers and representatives. At the end of the hectic week, the winners were: President Quiana Mitchem, Vice President Chris Darst, Secretary Thessa Anderson, Co-Treasurers Lei Brown and Emily Broom and Sergeant-at-Arms Andrea Friedman and Hilary Kyler.

The senior class also elected seven representatives including Dane Foster, Caroline Foley, Candice Crockett, Lea Platz, Karen Kazor, Maria Theophilopoulos and Mike Kelly.

These thirteen students met regularly throughout the year with Dr. Thompson and Mrs. Crawford to discuss graduation announcements, the senior class picnic and T-shirt and plans for the graduation ceremony.

"This year's group of senior class officers better represented the class of 1997 because we held diverse backgrounds and ideas," Quiana Mitchem said. "The goal of the officers this year was to plan events to bring the senior class together."

The officers will continue their job in the future as well by organizing class reunions for the class of 1997.

President: Quiana Mitchem

Vice President: Chris Darst

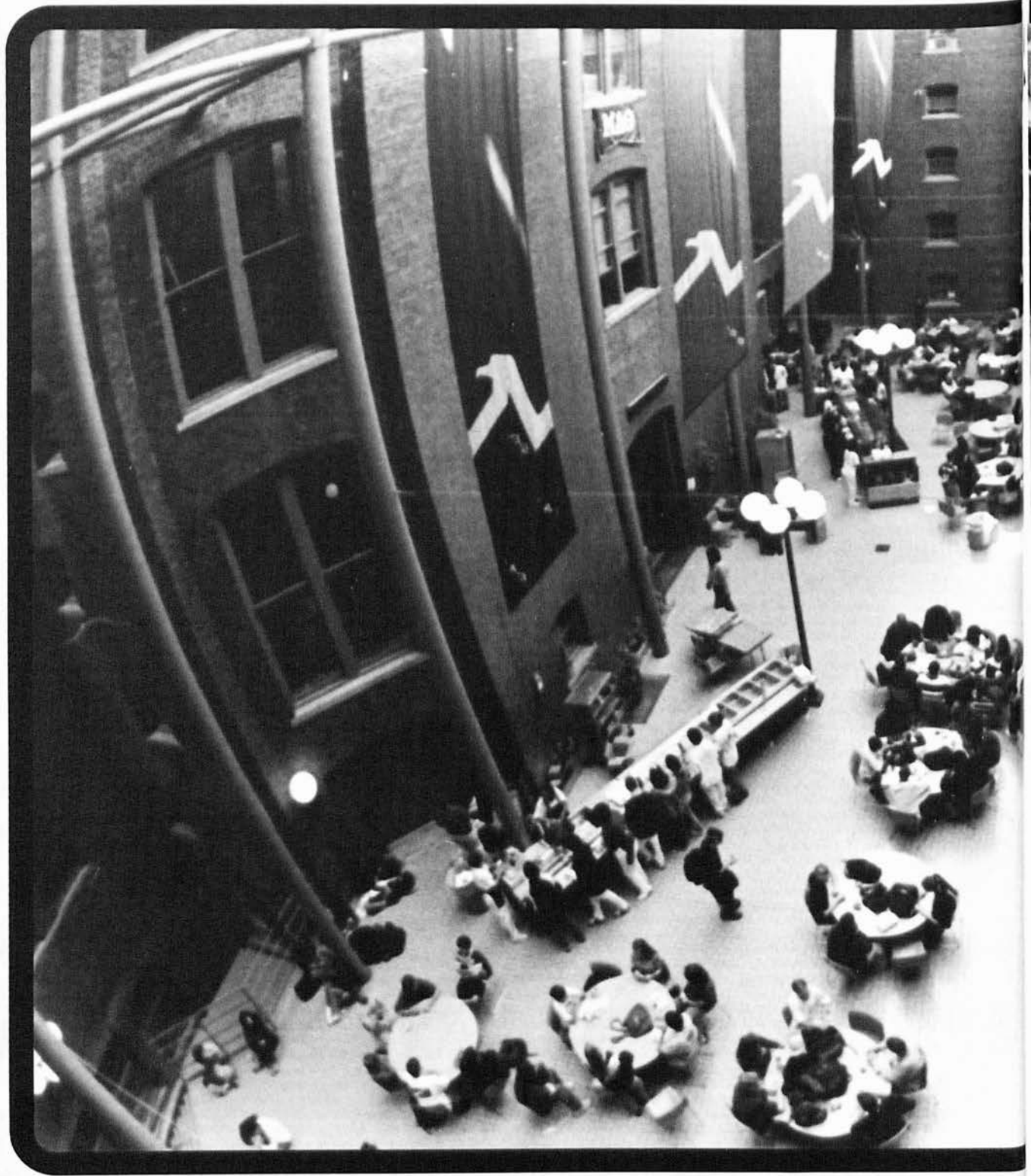
Secretary: Thessa Anderson

**Co-Treasurers: Emily Broom,
Lei Brown**

Sergeant-at-Arms: Andrea Friedman, Hilary Kyler

**Representatives: Candice Crockett, Caroline Foley, Dane Foster,
Karen Kazor, Mike Kelly, Lea Platz, Maria Theophilopoulos**





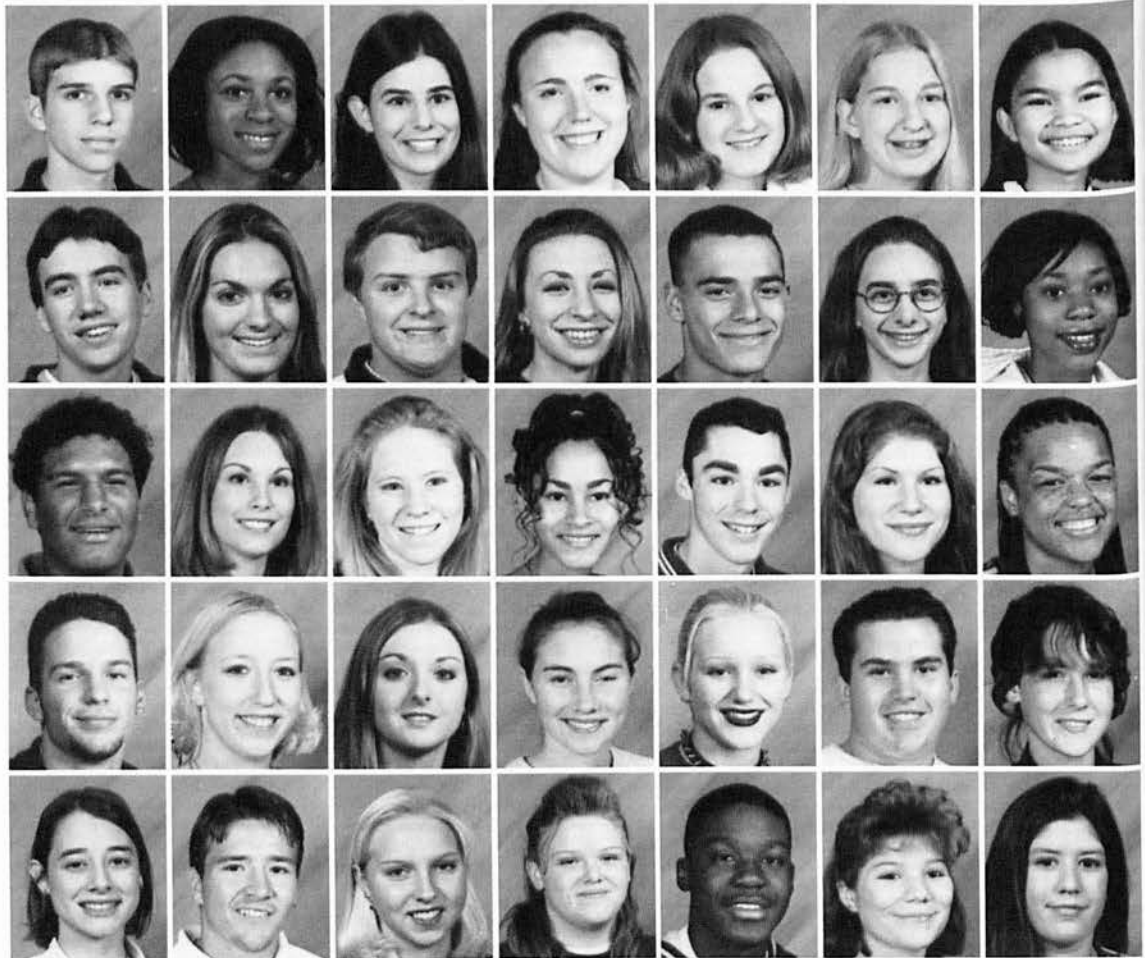
Underclass



Below: Netta Bailey (11), Alexa Christon (11) and Emily Anderson (11) enjoy their classes so much that they can't contain their smiles. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)



Adams, Jonathan
 Adams, Kayleta
 Alseth, Kathryn
 Anderson, Emily
 Anderson, Lynn
 Anderson, Sarah
 Andikasim, Marlene
 Andrews, Paul
 Arthur, Alyssa
 Ashford, John
 Auch, Amber
 Axelrod, Jay
 Backman, Jennifer
 Bailey, Vanetta
 Bainbridge, Eli
 Baines, Rebecca
 Barrett, Valerie
 Barsell, Sarah
 Becher, Jason
 Best, Nicole
 Bishop, Lashanti
 Bladt, Kory
 Blair, Shawna
 Bothwell, Amanda
 Boylan, Meghan
 Braddock, Gail
 Brasch, Shane
 Brazda, Lisa
 Brown, Summer
 Buckles, Josh
 Burdick, Brandi
 Burget, Amy
 Butler, Lawrence
 Cabrales, Michelle
 Calhoun, Christina

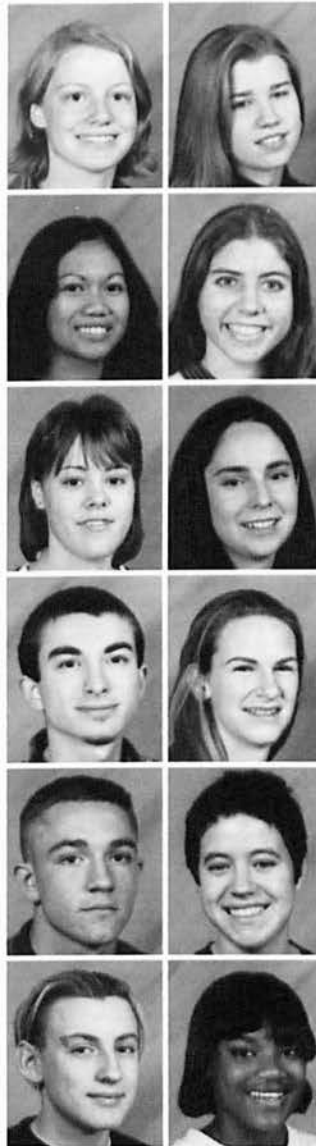


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Below: Tony Smith (11) was not difficult to pick out of a crowd.
 (Photo: Allison Jessing)



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 Carter, Carrie

Castro, Jennifer
 Childers, Sara

Chrystal, Jaime
 Christon, Alexa

Clouse, Matthew
 Coatsworth, Lauren

Coleman, Thomas
 Connor, Kelly

Conry, Christopher
 Cooper, Demetria

Cronopolois, Steve
 Croskey, Joseph
 Crossman, Allyson
 Cummins, Sandra
 Cyr, Alyssa
 Davis, Joey
 Davis, Tiffany
 Deacon, Molly
 Digiacomio, Jaclyn
 Dixon, Latisha
 Dubas, Nicole
 Dumes, Lamaka
 Dunson, Arbrina
 Eakins, Nicholas
 Edwards, Jesse
 Elsasser, Melissa
 Enright, Faith
 Felix, Sarah
 Finley, Jennifer
 Fitch, Trevor
 Forsman, John
 Franzese, John
 Fraser, Samantha
 Freed, Aaron
 Fuller, Lamare
 Galaska, Jason
 Gebbie, Bo
 Gentle, William



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Grixby, Deantae



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Guhde, Nicholas



Gutierrez, Tina
Hakanson, Timothy



Hall, Philip
Hamilton, Daniel



Hancock, Courtney
Handlos, Mary



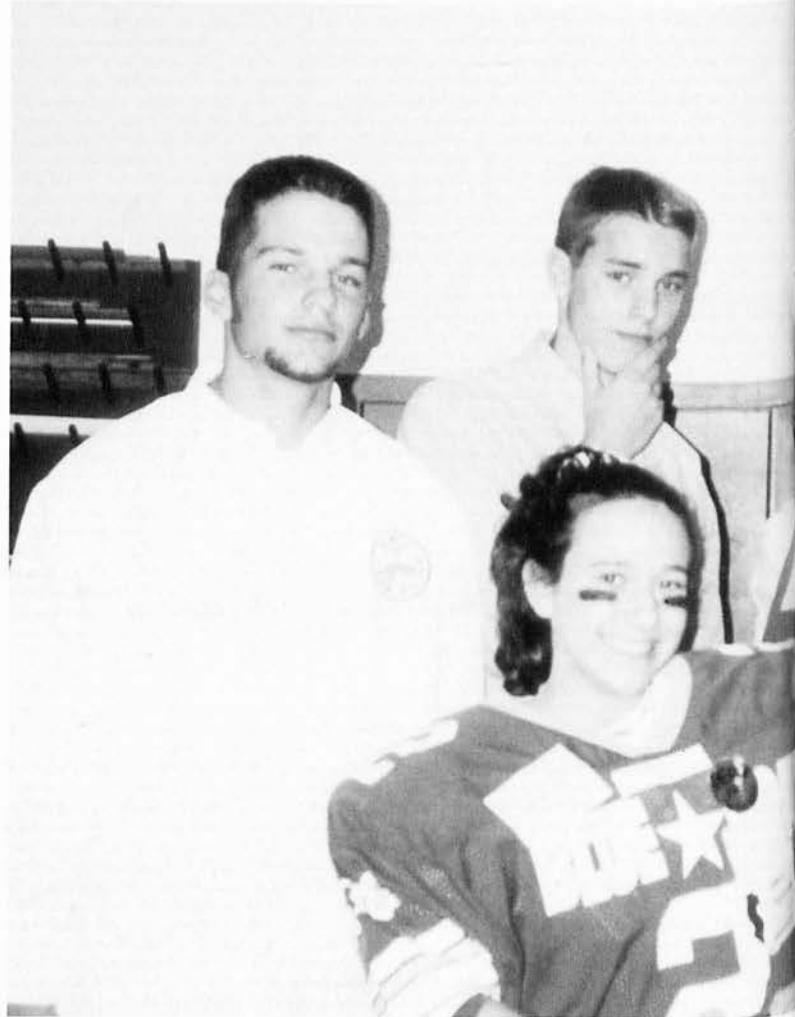
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Harmon, Rebecca



Harper, Decia
Harris, Megan
Hart, Jacqueline
Harwood, Larry
Hauger, Tara
Heard, Toni
Heese, Siri
Henderson, Jasmine
Herrera, David
Herrera, Isela
Hill, Aaron
Hoeft, Bethany
Holzapfel, Thomas
Houston, William
Howde, Sarah
Hruban, Nicole
Hruska, Robert
Hubbard, Thomas
Hudson, Roselyn
Huff, Stacy
Hutfless, Susan
Ingram, Amber
Insinger, Stephanie
Jacobson, Sara
Jacobson, Todd
Jenkins, Erin
Jessing, Allison
Johnson, Andrew



Below: Kory Bladt (11), Matt Miltner (11), Sarah Schrad (11), Florina Mosenkis (11), Maria Theophilopoulos (12) and Erin Jenkins (11) reveal their current or future careers during Spirit Week. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)



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Kensler, Megan



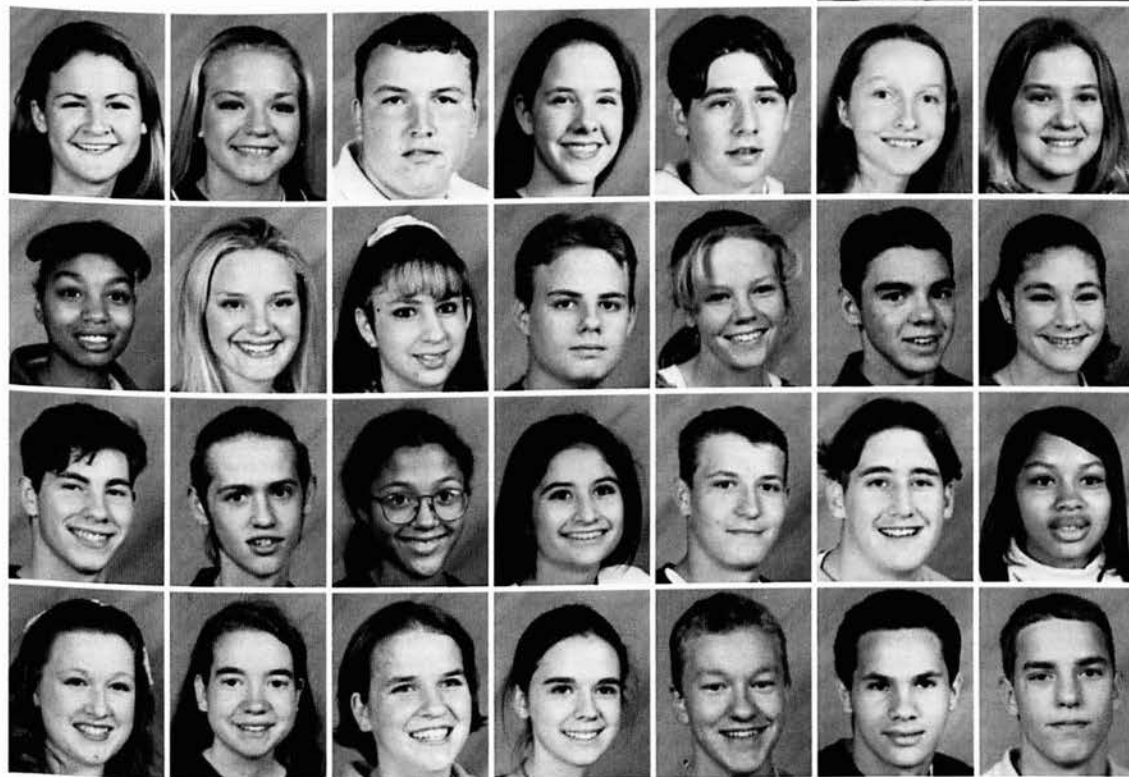
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Kovarik, Nathan



Kruger, Samuel
Kudrna, Frankie



Latta, Jason
Lawrence, Christopher



Leavitt, Denna
Leptien, Shannon
Leuschen, James
Lewis, Elonie
Lewis, Ryan
Linenberger, Lisa
Link, Jennifer
Long, Shanta
Lowitzer, Christine
Lucero, Antonia
Lundin, Grant
Lykke, Kimberly
Malik, Timothy
Mancuso, Christina
Markle, Christopher
Markus, Ryan
Martin, Emily
Martinez, Sarah
Maslo, Todd
McCarthy, Jason
McClinton, Lavonda
McCollum, Christine
McDermott, Frances
McMahon, Katelyn
Medokovich, Molly
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Mosenkis, Florina
Moser, Aaron



Mullen, Megan
Murry, Rashaun



Narvaez, Jesus
Nasr, Nicole



Nguyen, Emily
Nguyen, Stacey



Okolotowicz, Lon
Osuna, Anakarina



Otis, Sally
Owens, Sean

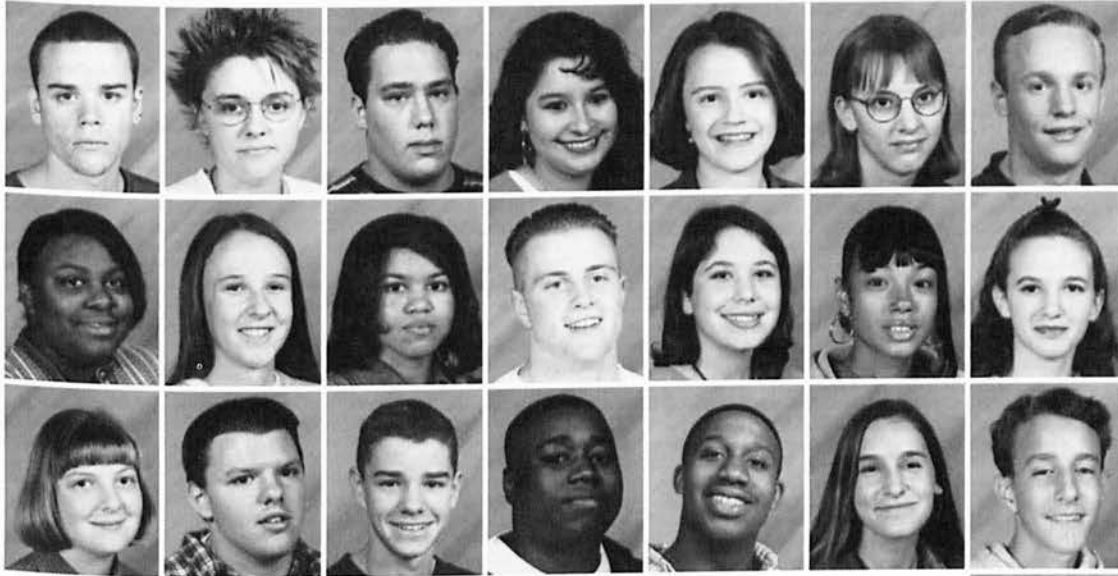


Pagan, Allison
Pedersen, Andeline
Perilo, Nathan
Petersen, Sean
Piatt, Edward
Picard, April
Potter, Julie
Powell, Chad
Preiksaitis, Philip
Price, Sarah
Priluck, Josh
Privitera, Aaron
Proski, Jennifer
Queen, Jennifer
Quinlan, Erin
Raful, Anna
Ramirez, Alexandra
Ramsey, Marisa
Regan, Jason
Revenaugh, Amy
Rhoads, Nathaniel
Ridge, Melissa
Roberts, Brandon
Robeson, Brian
Robinson, Tia
Rosenthal, Kevin
Rubek, Katrina
Rutten, Shanna



Below: Jill Zavorka (11) smiles sweetly after orchestra. (Photo: Mary Hill)





Samaniego, Mark
 Sanders, Jennifer
 Santon, Ely
 Sarellano, Gloria
 Schrad, Sarah
 Schulte, Kimberly
 Scofield, Christopher
 Scott, Tameika
 Scurlock, Melissa
 Shamilia, Lindsey
 Shevlin, Cody
 Shukert, Rachel
 Simonds, Latisha
 Sip, Kelley
 Slosburg, Rachel
 Slowik, Matthew
 Smedra, Brent
 Snell, Joseph
 Spencer, Jonathan
 Spoonhour, Kara
 Stacy, John



Starr, Rebecca



Station, Keith



Synowiecki, Jaycee



Szawicki, Gina



Tekesky, Jennifer



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Above: Becca Baines (11), "You ought to be in pictures." (Photo: April Santon)

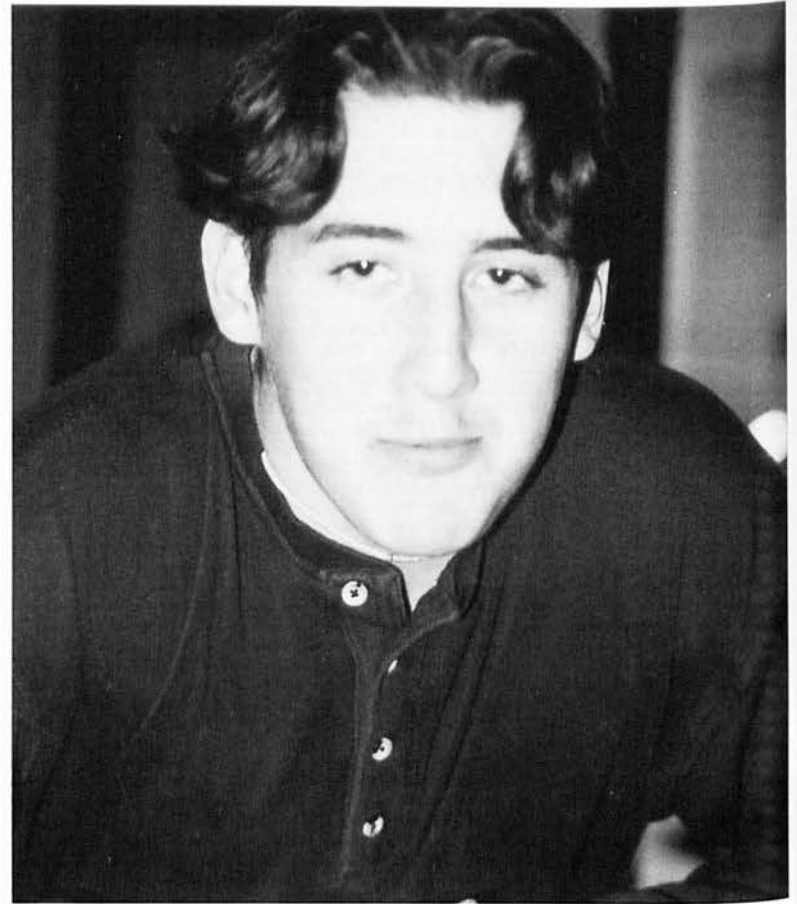
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Left: Jennifer Quandt (11) and Jasmine Henderson (11) take a break from dancing at Homecoming. (Photo courtesy of Jasmine Henderson)

Below: "I am not having a good day," Jason McCarthy (11) said. (Photo: April Santon)



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Terhune, Delaina
Thies, Brandee



Thomas, Ian
Thompson, Justin



Thorson, Anne
Thrasher, Jill



Tice, Gavin
Tubrick, Tony
Tuttle, Teri



Tworek, Andrew
Ujhely, Leslie
Vaughn, Corina
Vaughn, Leigh



Vlasak, Brian
Waite, Robert
Ward, Randall
Watzke, Nicole
Weeda, Brian
Welker, Jesse
Wells, Bethany



Wengert, Sarah
Westling, Andrew
Weston, Julie
White, Lucas



Williams, Ebonie
Williamson, Timothy
Winey, Sara
Winrow, Ron



Wise, Tanesha
Wojtkiewicz, Joseph
Yard, Joseph
Zajic, Brandi
Zavorka, Jill
Zendejas, Brooktynn





Abbott, Patricia
 Abersfeller, Rebecca
 Adair, Toni Marie
 Akers, Kathryn
 Akiens, Amber
 Akin, Patrick
 Allen, Christopher
 Allen, Joseph
 Almazan, Efren
 Almazan, Hector
 Alukonis, Rachel
 Anderson, Chris
 Anderson, Edward
 Anderson, Mary
 Anderson, Melonie
 Anyaegbunam, Jennifer
 Arndt, Chad
 Arroyo, Amanda
 Ascencio, Adriano
 Bacome, Tara
 Baines, Jody
 Barnes, Darius
 Barth, Brandon
 Baldwin, Tiffany
 Beck, Jeramy
 Beckius, Cory
 Berman, Emily
 Berning, Brooke
 Berzins, Kristoff
 Besch, Megan
 Biben, Elizabeth
 Black, Lataya
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 Bogacz, Jeffrey
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Above: Ben Rinaker (10) and Jane Swirzinski (10) contemplate the meaning of life. "To be or not to be? That is the question." (Photo: Mary Hill)



Bradshaw, Antwan



Brandt, Christina



Brandt, Niki



Bresel, Michael



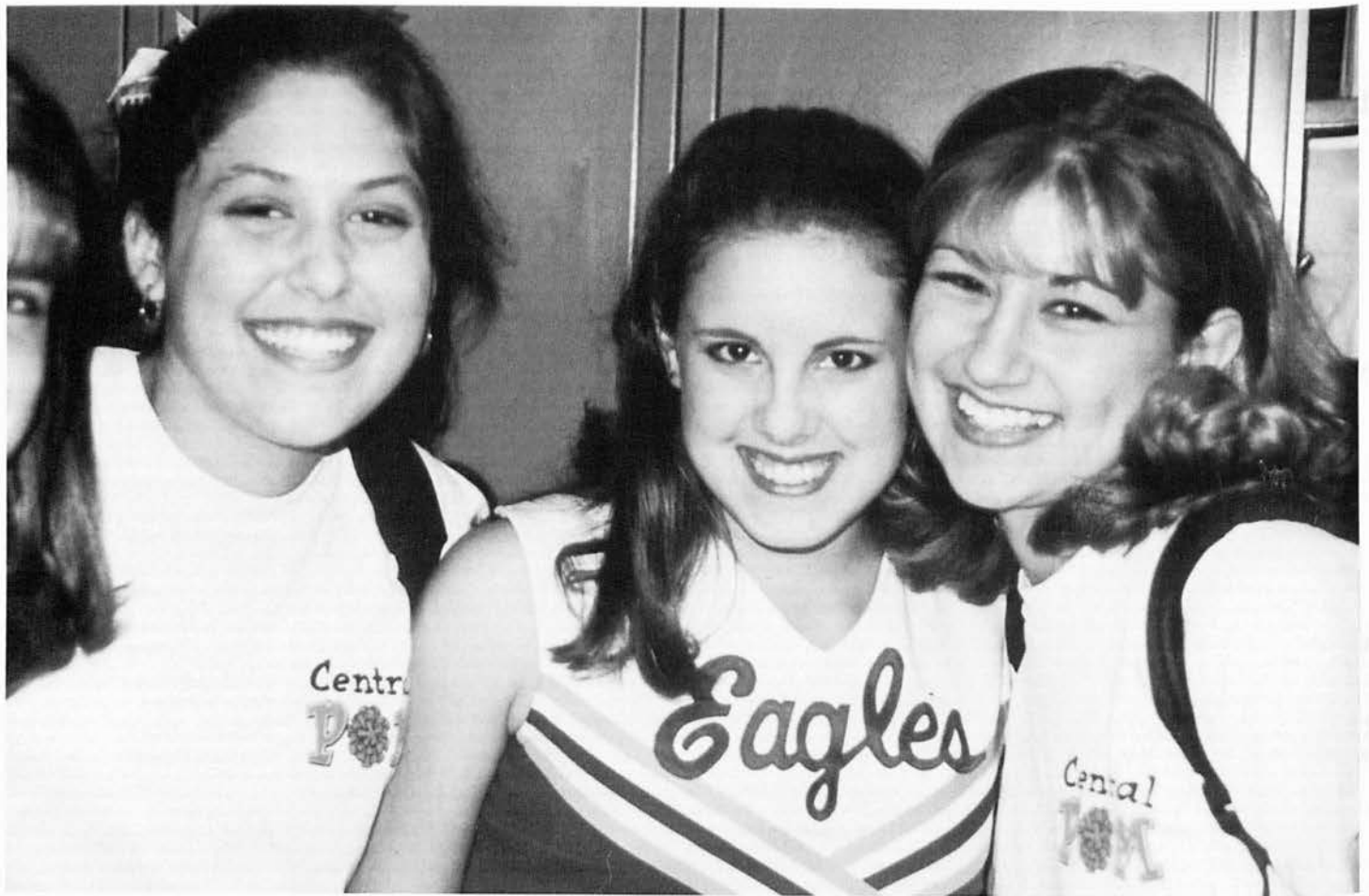
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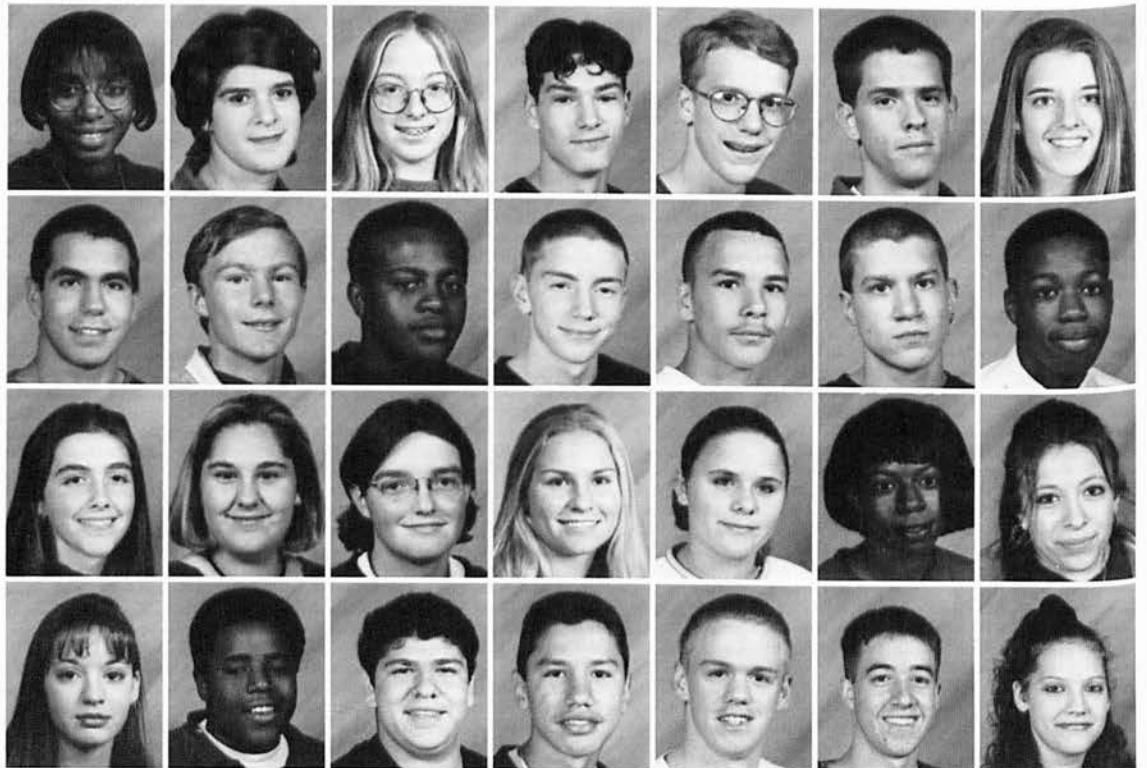
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Below: Nicole Driscoll (10), Brooke Ponec (10) and Jessica Stanek (10) are ready to cheer for Central. (Photo: April Santon)



Briggs, Donette
 Bright, Kathryn
 Bringe, Tanya
 Brown, Matthew
 Buckley, Andrew
 Bullard, Gary
 Buller, Jennifer
 Bullington, Nathaniel
 Burson, Andrew
 Butler, David
 Calabro, Domenic
 Caldwell, Travis
 Callaghan, John
 Calloway, Jereese
 Campbell, Taylor
 Caniglia, Kristen
 Carlin, Charles
 Carlson, Annika
 Carmichael, Shona
 Carpenter, Dariel
 Carrizales, Victoria
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 Carroll, Sidney
 Chaidez, Rafael
 Chamberlain, Donald
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Below: Cara Steffensmeier (10), Lauren Pettit (10) and Stephanie Holm (10) believe that, "School can be fun!" (Photo: April Santon)



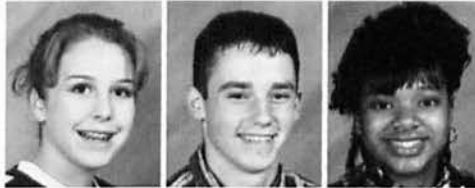
Chunn, Tameka
Cieciorca, Tyler
Clark, Dayna



Clark, Zachary
Clay, Kenderick
Clemetson, Zachary



Coates, Katrina
Cody, Meagan
Colegrove, Chris



Collingnon, Elizabeth
Connor, Brian
Cooper, Jamilia



Cordova, Giancarlos
Cramer, Stacy
Crews, Andrew



Dahlheim, Joshua
Dalley, Denver
Dalrymple, Cara



Damasauskas, Robert
Darling, Matthew
Davenport, Richard



Davey, Gregory
Dawson, Courtney
Deery, Jaime
Denny, Morgan
Dillon, Sarah
Douglas, Megan



Driscoll, Nicole
Dudley, Karin
Duffy, Meghan
Duffy, Neal
Dumes, Junell
Dworak, Melody
Ellis, Felecia
Emshwiller, Travis
Ferris, Julie
Fisher, Brianna
Fisher, Jennifer
Fogarty, Sean
Foster, Jennie
Franklin, Dontae
Fraser, Elizabeth

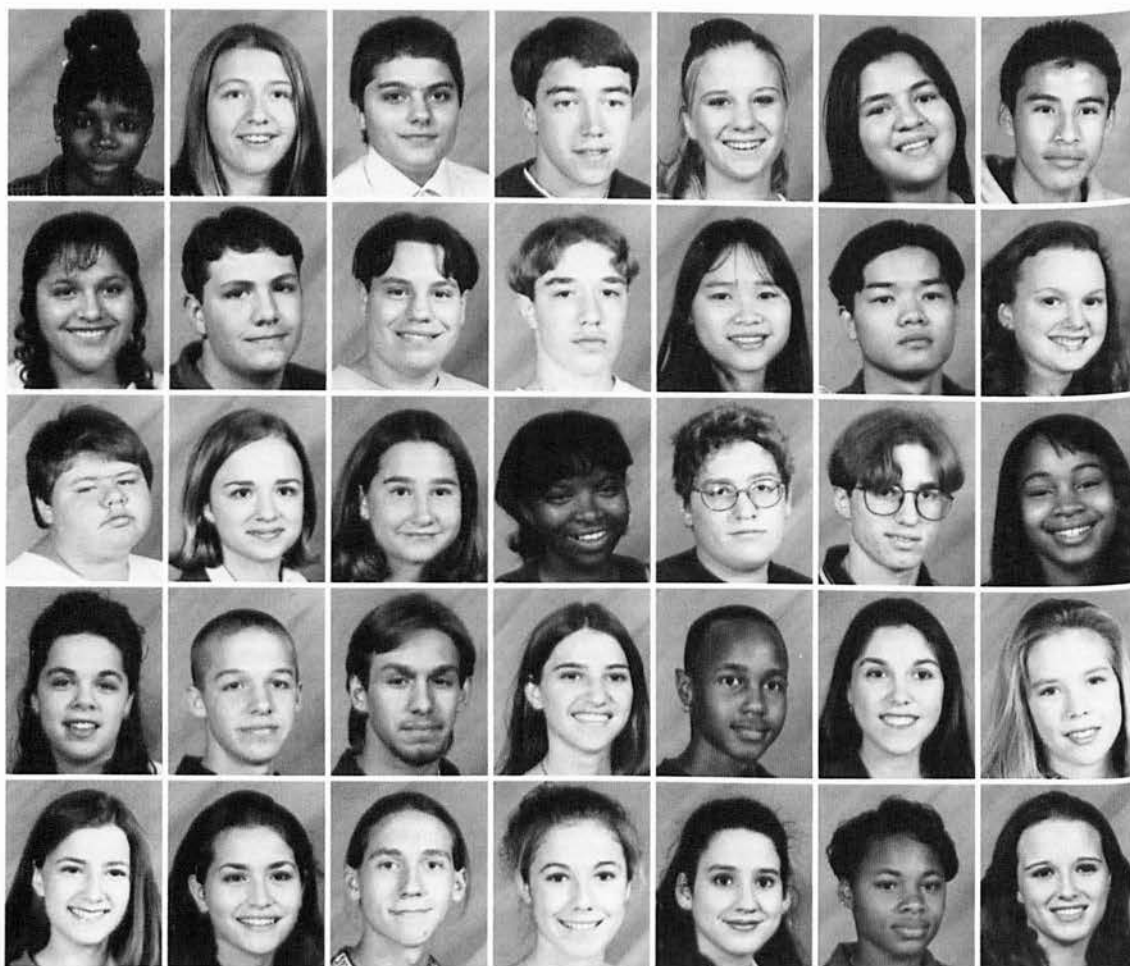
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Below: Cielita Thomas (10), Unique Williams (11) and Aggie Davis (11) love Spirit Week because they can show off their teddy bears. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Freeman, Kristin
 Fry, Tegan
 Fryer, Randall
 Fuchs, Thomas
 Fuhs, Paula
 Galloway, Amanda
 Galvan, Juan
 Garcia, Olga
 Garrison, Ryan
 Gass, Robert
 Getty, George
 Giap, Thao
 Giap, Tho
 Gibilisco, Meghan
 Gilbert, Jason
 Gillespie, Terra
 Girthoffer, Brittney
 Glaze, Quiana
 Gonsler, Zachary
 Graber, Douglas
 Grace, Nicole
 Graser, Shayla
 Greco, Joseph
 Greer, Bryan
 Guerrero, Mysti
 Gunter, Trenten
 Guzman, Rachel
 Haataja, Sarah
 Hager, Alison
 Halpine, Nicole
 Harbison, Eric
 Hargens, Liza
 Harrison, Michelle
 Harrold, Tynessia
 Hartnett, Brandy



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Left: Neal Duffy (10) has something very important to remember. (Photo: April Santon)

“Hold on to 16 as long as you can. Changes come around real soon make us women and men.”

— John Mellencamp —



Hartso, Adam
 Hawkins, James
 Healy, Teri
 Hegarty, Danyelle
 Helland, Erin
 Hendee, Dana
 Henggeler, Joshua
 Hensler, Jennifer
 Hepburn, Kirsten
 Hernandez, Makayla
 Herndon, Fawn
 Hesser, Jennifer
 Hilson, Brandis
 Hodges, Amy
 Hoefft, Ronald
 Holm, Stephanie
 Holmes, Marcellene
 Holmstrom, Sarah
 Housh, Shannon
 Houston, Rasheed
 Howell, Nicole
 Humphrey, Joshua
 Huskey, Sarah
 Imig, Elizabeth
 Ingraham, John
 Ingram, Ashley
 Inserillo, Kerri
 Jackson, Ryane
 Jacoby, Martin
 Jelken, Amy
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Johnson, Kendra
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 Kardell, Jackson
 Karpf, William
 Kearney, Mikala
 Keeney, Stephanie
 Keeton, Joseph
 Kelley, Stephanie
 Kelley, Terrell
 Kelly, Christopher
 Kelly, Heather
 Ketelsen, Brian
 Kiel, Shaun
 Kimball, Katherine
 Kirk, Jamey
 Kirk, Jennelle
 Kirkpatrick, Brody
 Kirkpatrick, Buffy
 Knapp, Joseph
 Kukula, Margaret
 Kush, Michael
 Kwekel, Martin
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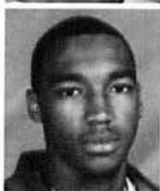
Lockerby, Autumn



Long, Dashaun



Lowery, Ryan



Lowman, Richetta



Lueth, Jennifer



Above: Felicia Ellis (10), Makala Ross (10) and Christina Nwaju (10) enjoy a few restful minutes while talking in the courtyard. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Below: John Spencer (11), Nicole Grace (10) and Versi Vaughn (10) help each other get ready for underclass picture day. (Photo: April Santon)



Marasco, Erin
Martin, Kristin



Mattea, Meggin
Matus, Mayra



McCann, Katie
McCourt, Erin



McDonald, Kevin
McFarland, Jason



McFee, Jill
McGuire, Mary



McLaughlin, Sunshine
McMahon, Tara



McMorris, Lorenzo
McQuinn, Douglas
Meigs, Katherine
Mercado, Raul
Mickles, Ashanta
Miles, Chrystal
Miller, Cara
Miller, Jennifer
Minnifield, Larahn
Mitchell, Daniel
Moeller, Adam
Montag, Elizabeth
Moran, Michelle
Morgan, Dylan
Morris, Tasha
Moses, Emil
Moses, Mitch
Mueller, Elisha
Munderloh, Brian
Murphy, Kathleen
Murray, Phillip
Myers, Jeffrey
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 O'Boyle, Matthew
 O'Connell, Elena
 O'Connell, Regina
 O'Day, Charles
 Oliver, Chianti
 Oliveto, Anthony
 Olson, Tara
 Owens, John
 Padilla, Erin
 Papst, Melissa
 Parker, William
 Parrott, Emilie
 Peacock, Ricardo
 Peasinger, Carrie
 Pettit, Lauren
 Phalen, John
 Philamalee, Paul
 Philbin, Randa
 Phillips, Jaru
 Pierce, Benjamin
 Pina, Adriana
 Podjenski, Christopher
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 Pratt, Carrie
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 Pruett, Hope
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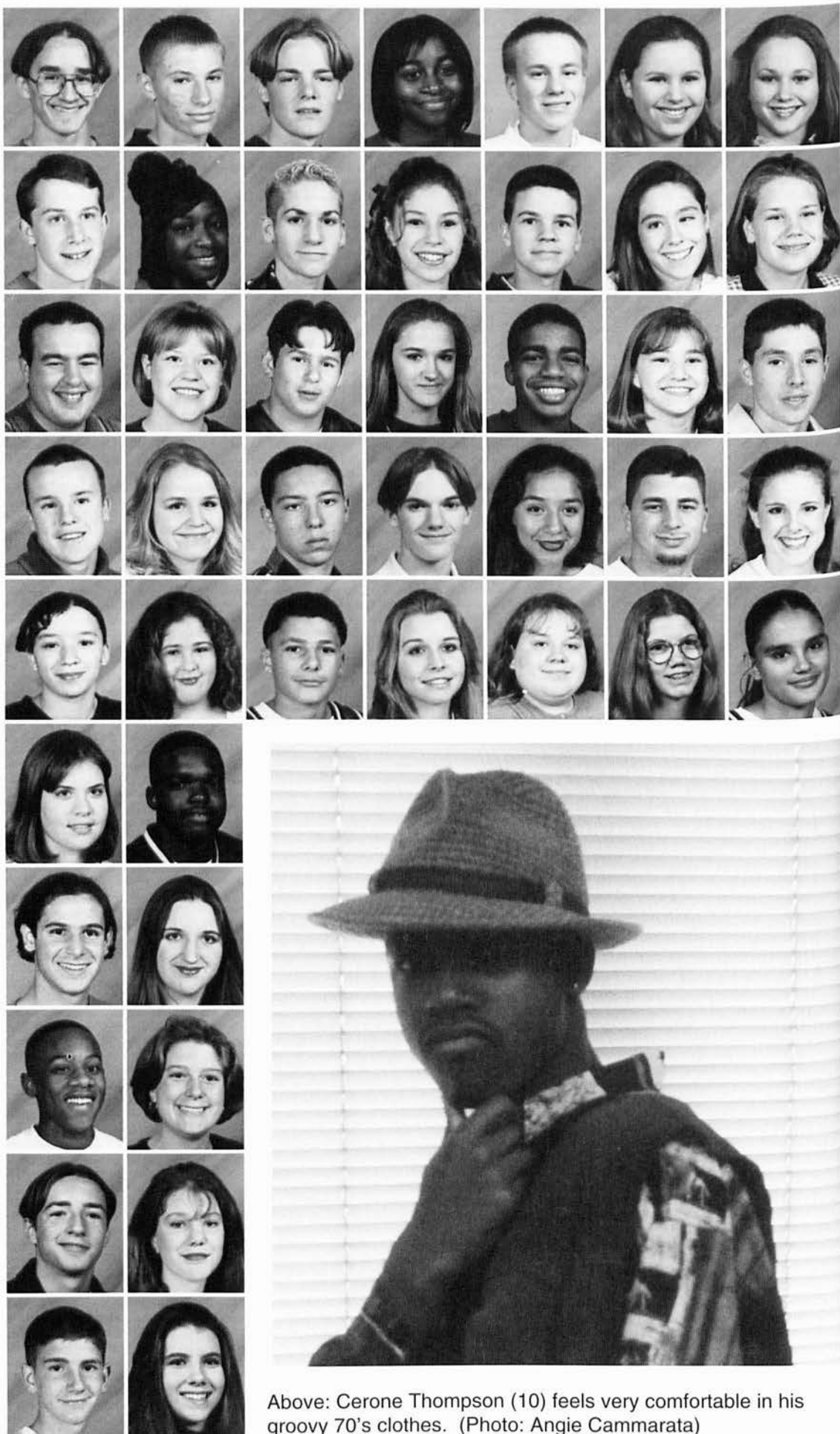
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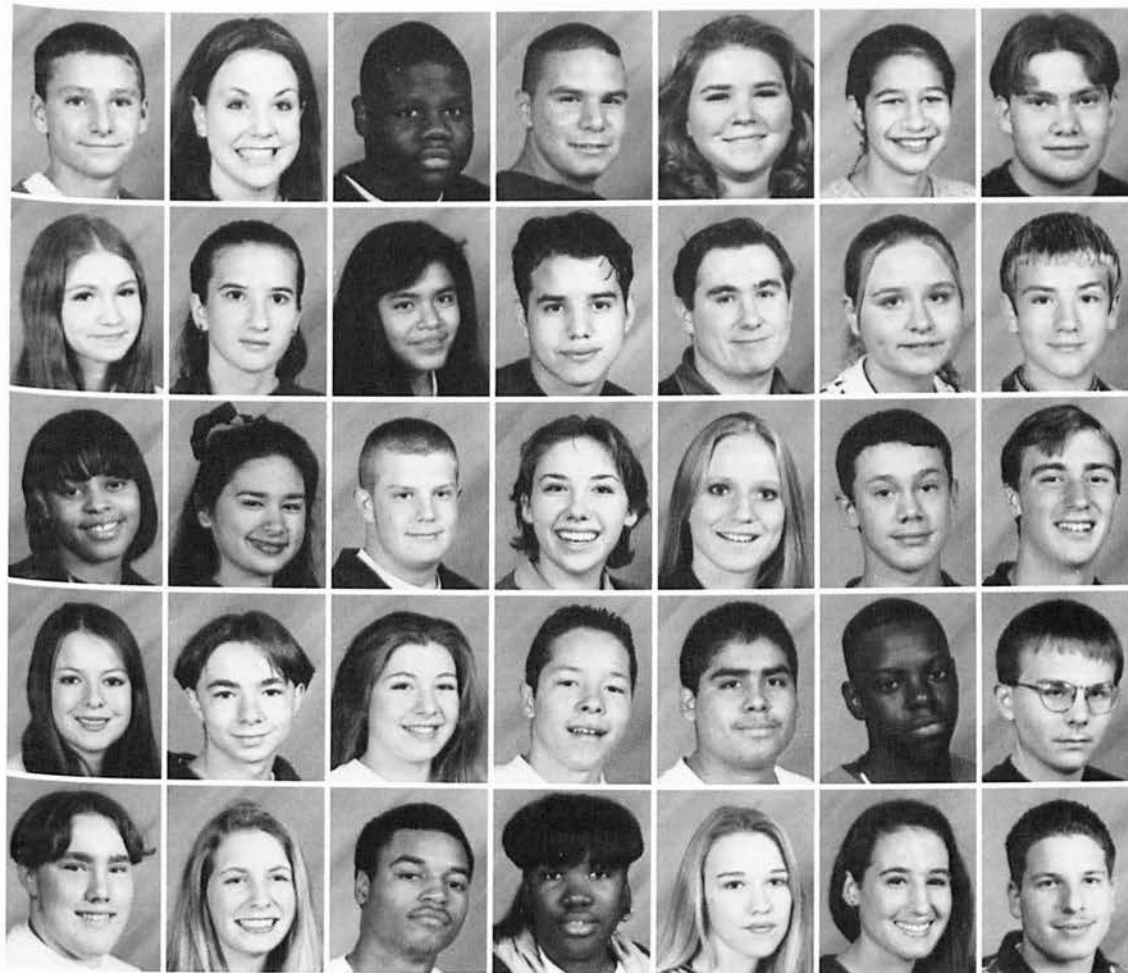
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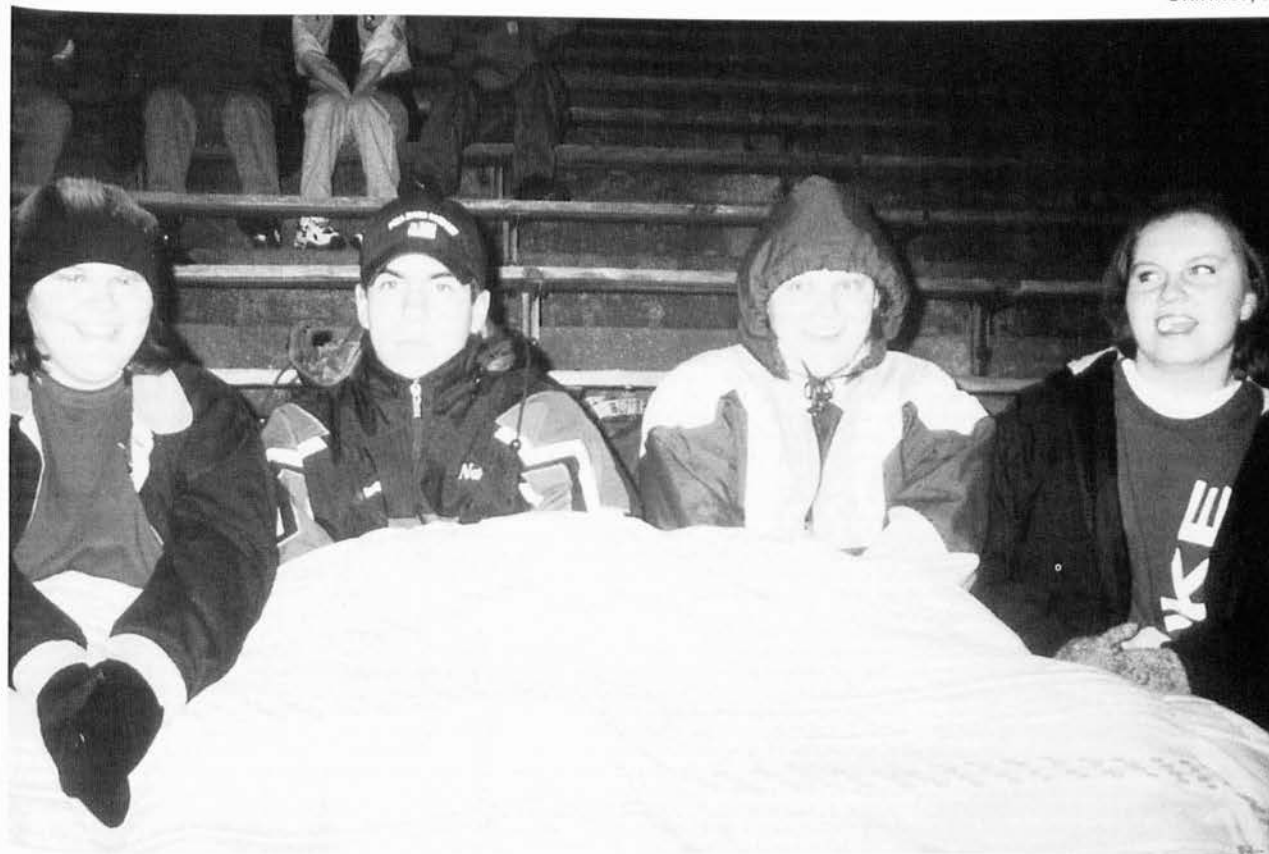
Above: Cerone Thompson (10) feels very comfortable in his groovy 70's clothes. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)





Rinaker, Benjamin
 Robertson, Stephanie
 Robinson, William
 Rocha, Steven
 Rohmeyer, Katie
 Roman-Nichols, Elsi
 Rose, Jayme
 Rosenthal, Jessica
 Rosenthal, Tracy
 Ruiz, Inocencia
 Salgado, Armando
 Samla, Douglas
 Sams, Sarah
 Sayles, Christopher
 Scaife, Veranick
 Schaffer, Judith
 Schramm, Matthew
 Schroeder, Kathryn
 Schulte, Kara
 Schultz, Jeremiah
 Seefus, David
 Selin, Dusti
 Sena, Jordan
 Sequenzia, Sara
 Serrano, Adalberto
 Serrano, Oscar
 Serrant, Lee
 Shadden, James
 Sheehan, Michael
 Shelstad, Sonja
 Shephard, Lydell
 Simmons, Christina
 Simmons, Michaela
 Siskin, Mandy
 Skinner, Augustine

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Above: Nate Bullington (10) and his friends, who do not attend Central, brave the cold to support Central's football team.
 (Photo: April Santon)

Sophomores



Slowik, Jeremy
Smith, Jacky
Smith, Joshua



Below: Maybe Mary Tritsch (9) has a future in journalism.
(Photo: April Santon)

Smith, Lillian
Smith, Matthew
Sorys, Kyle



Speck, Michael
Sperry, Loretta
Spielmann, Stephanie



Stanek, Jessica
Stearns, Jason
Stecker, Lucas



Steffensmeier, Cara
Sternberg, Aimee
Stoffel, Colin



Stoll, Christian
Strickland, Minsu
Strobel, Marnie



Stump, Kelsey
Sullivan, Shaun
Super, Mary



Swirzinski, Jane
Tatum, Courtney
Taylor, Daniel
Taylor, Desiree
Teeters, Shelly
Thomas, Aaron
Thomas, Cielita
Thomas, Jeremiah
Thompson, Andrew
Thompson, Cerone
Thompson, John
Thompson, Kellie
Thornburg, Noelle
Tippets, Sara
Torpy, Jeremy
Totzke, Constance
Tritsch, Derek
Trotter, Derek
Tworek, Alisa
Ubaldo, Enriquez
Varner, Jennifer
Vaughn, Versie
Vessels, Henry
Voss, Sonya



Below: Crystal Whalen (9) raises her fists in protest because she is fed up with this new technology. (Photo: April Santon)



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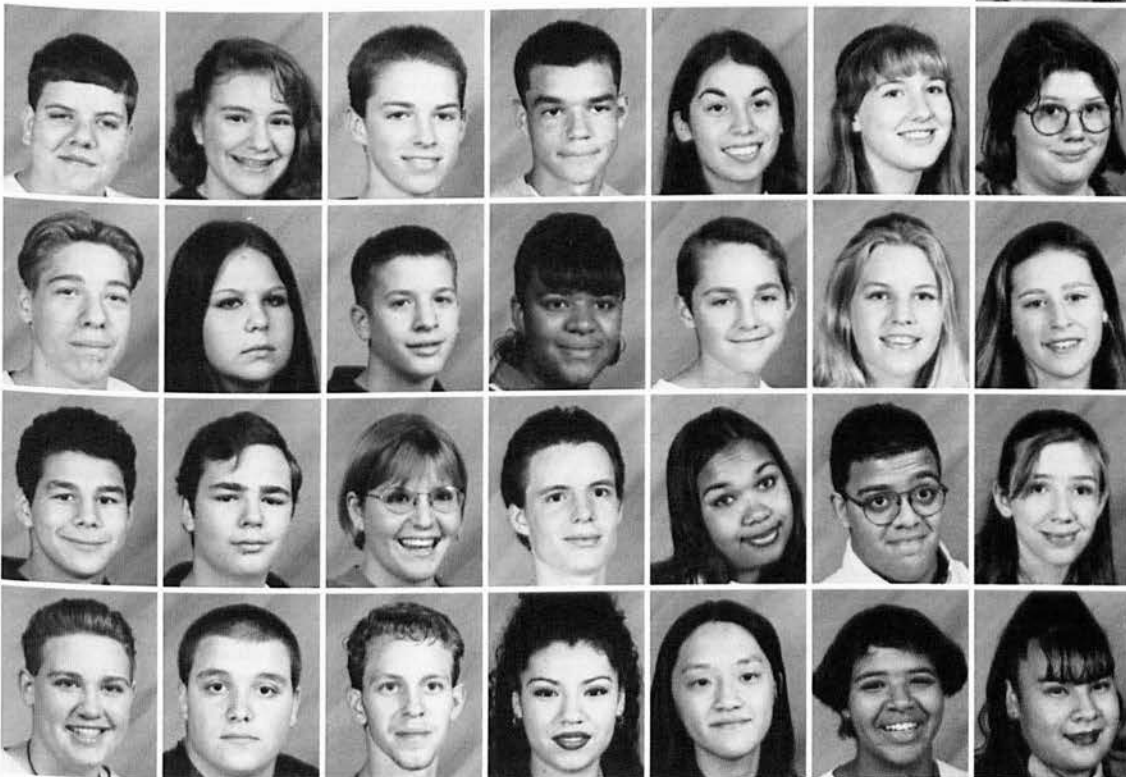
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 West, Jennifer
 Wheeler, Jesse
 White, Tamay
 Whitehill, Derek
 Whitmyre, Amy
 Wiedman, Sarah
 Willcoxon, Michael
 Williams, Brandon
 Williams, Emily
 Willits, Chad
 Wilson, Shayla
 Windom, Logan
 Wolff, Norene
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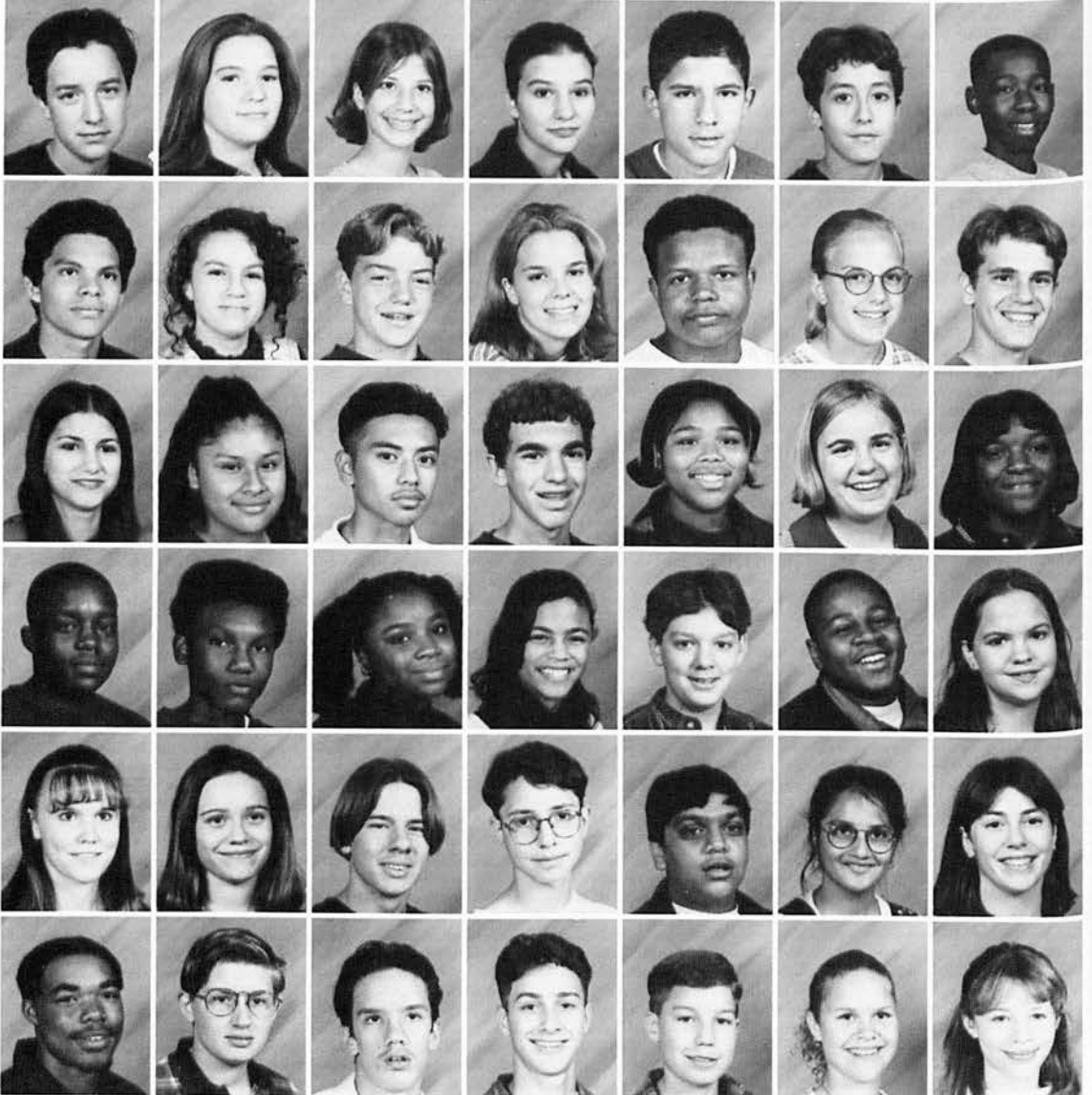
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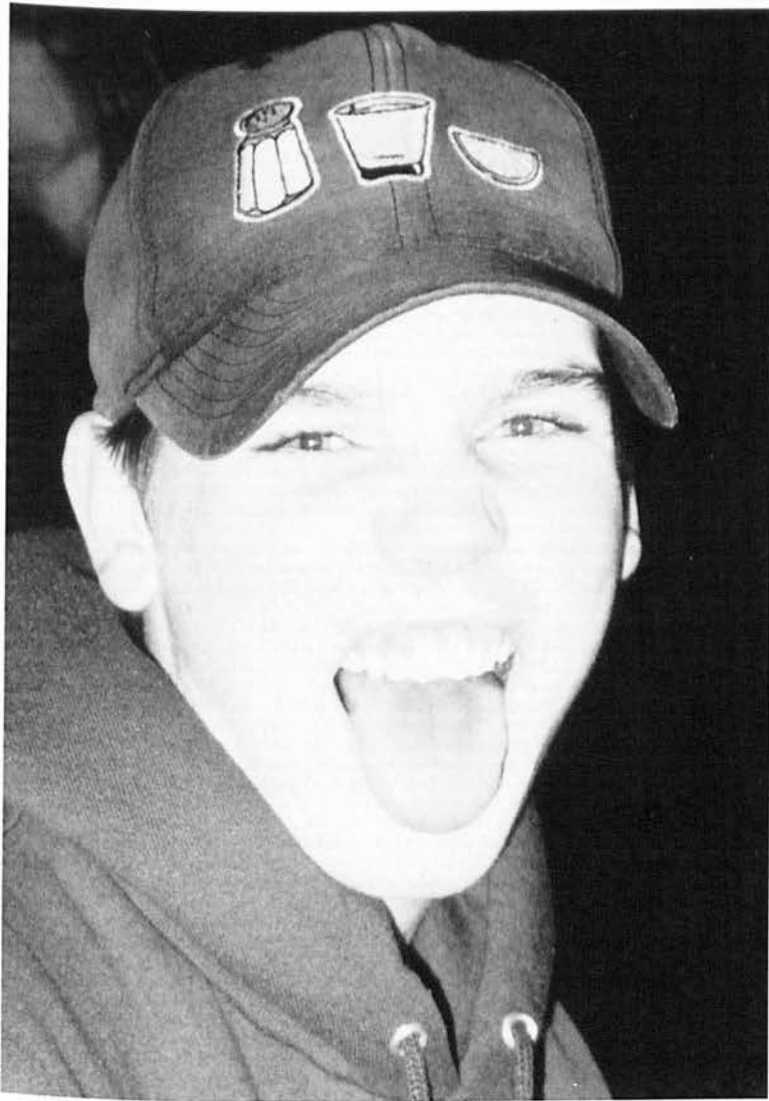


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 Achelpohl, Raechel
 Adams, Julie
 Alba, Alec
 Alexander, Justin
 Alford, Carnell
 Alvarez, Maurice
 Amaya, Beyra
 Anderson, Aaron
 Anderson, Donna
 Anderson, Kevin
 Anderson, Mary
 Andrews, Bobby
 Anthis, Anna Maria
 Antunez, Delia
 Aquino, Julius
 Arthur, Aaron
 At Amin, China
 Atkinson, Jillian
 Avery, Selease
 Avery, William
 Banks, Cody
 Banks, Iris
 Barsell, Jessica
 Bartsch, Justin
 Bass, Roderick
 Bates, Valerie
 Beck, Andrea
 Becker, Katrina
 Benson, Timothy
 Berman, Jeremy
 Bhakta, Advait
 Bhakta, Sarjari
 Billotte, Taylor
 Billups, Jamaine
 Biodrowski, Zachary
 Bivens, Joseph
 Black, Ryan
 Blue, Christopher
 Bogers, Lori
 Boro, Jessica



Left: Deanne Gibson (9) and Tai Burleson (9) enjoy their first year at Central and look forward to future challenges. (Photo: Margaret Gibson)

Below: Joe Croskey (9) says, "Yes, lunch is that bad." (Photo: April Santon)



Bowers, Nicole
Boylan, Michael

Braun, Erin
Brewer, Marlon

Brewer, Takela
Brittain, Aaron

Brown, Charmar
Brown, Clyde

Brown, Cody
Bunnimit, Jilawan

Burleson, Tai
Burns, Tanesha

Burrell, Nathaniel
Bushon, Dustin

Butler, James
Campbell, Oscaretta
Carmichael, Craig
Carreno, Sara
Carson, Teresa
Carter, Netesha
Cerny, Brandon
Chacaranda, Abasolo
Chambers, Mikayla
Chasen, Jeremy
Chasen, Mathew
Chatley, Brad
Christiansen, Jennifer
Chunn, Ambreya
Cleasby, Jesse
Clemons, Makaela
Coder, Elizabeth
Coffin, Latasha
Cohn, Calli
Colton, Melissa
Colvin, Ryan



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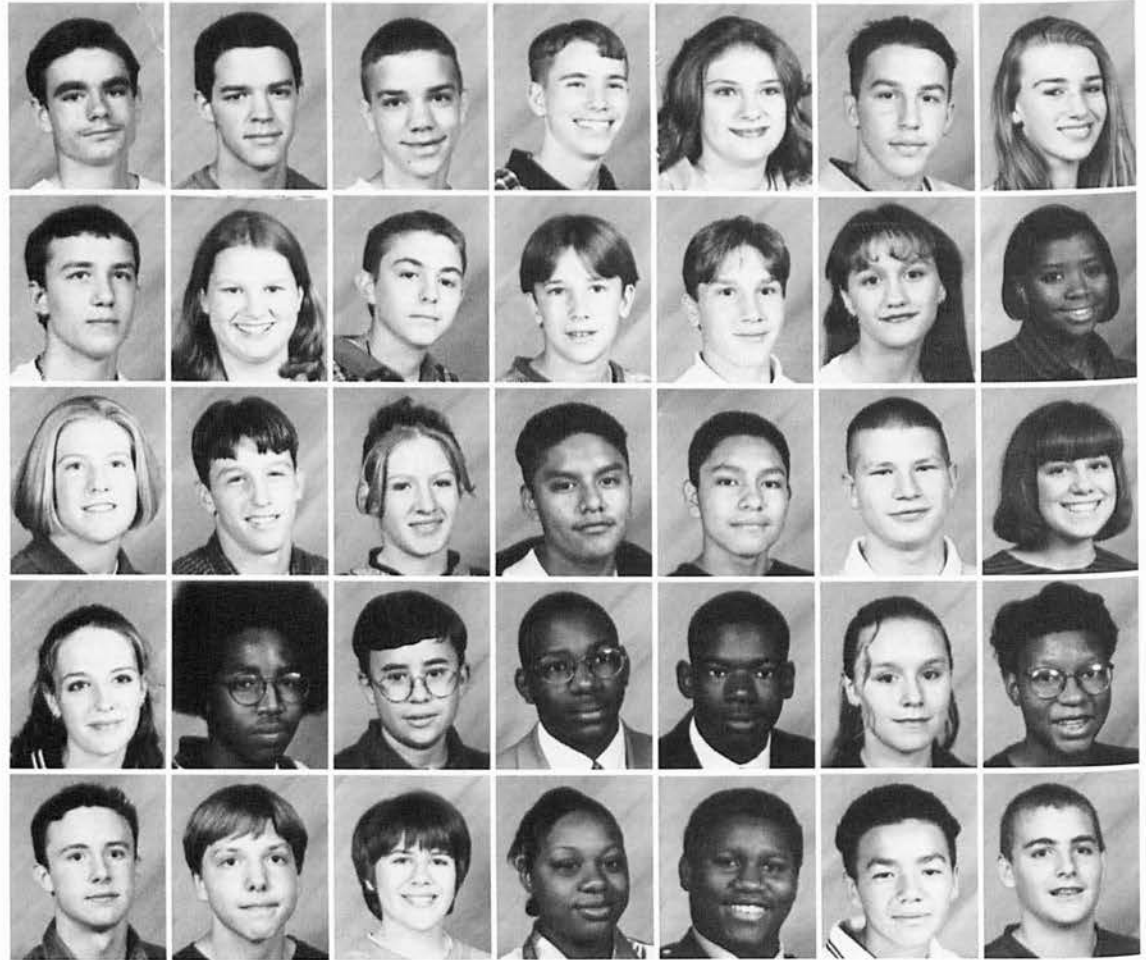
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 Dainowski, Robert
 Davenport, Gregory
 Davis, Benjamin
 Davis, Jamie
 Davis, Tiffany
 Day, Margaret
 Day, Thomas
 Deane, Marda
 Degante, Balfre
 Degante, Delfino
 Delezene, Glen
 Derrick, Kristina
 Dixon, April
 Dixon, Joel
 Domonkos, Jason
 Dotson, Jeffery
 Dotson, Timothy
 Drey, Shawna
 Dumas, Jacqueline
 Dwyer, Robert
 Dyer, Anthony
 Eakins, Elizabeth
 Easterling, Stephanie
 Echols, Mario
 Edds, Gregory
 Edwards, Scott





Egeland, Olivia
 Eiserman, Lori
 Ellingson, Tara
 Elston, Kelly
 Emery, Danyelle
 Espinal, Brenda
 Estrada, Steven
 Eubanks, John
 Evans, Tamera
 Favilla, Magaly
 Fikar, Keri
 Fisher, Paul
 Fitzpatrick, John
 Flowers, Dukhan
 Foley, Erin
 Francis, Angela
 Franco, Juan
 Frank, Mandy
 Freeman, Jordan
 Freemont Eddie
 Friedman, Dustin



Above: Jeff Dotson (9) and Tim Dotson (9) show they are ready for the business world. (Photo: April Santon)

Left: A big picture of Central's courtyard reveals that it is bustling with activity during the lunch periods. (Photo: Lei Brown)



Galaska, Justin
 Gallup, James

Galvan, Danielle
 Garcia, William

Gardner, Erich
 Garner, Michael

Gasaway, Nathan
 Gayer, Mandy

Gibson, Deanna
 Gilbert, Steven

Gittins, Emily
 Glasser, Andrew

Glover, Suzanne
 Gonzalez, Graciela

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Far Right: Phuoc Dam is ready to learn as he completes his homework. (Photo: Jill Jensen)

Right: Amy Linenberger (9) has an interesting new hairstyle. I wonder if her friends will notice?! (Photo: Mary Hill)



Grabow, Melissa
Grant, Armando
Gray, Maurice



Griffel, Marvin
Grogan, Jenelle
Gross, Tanya



Guss, Angela
Haffke, Tanya
Hakanson, Jeffrey



Hakanson, Mark
Hamilton, Michael
Hanson, Jeremy



Hanson, Michael
Harris, Sophia
Harrison, William



Hart, Jared
Hart, Jennifer
Hart, Monett

Hauger, Jeremy
Hayes, Lekeysa
Heikes, Cale



Henderson, Racquel
Henderson, Scott
Hernandez, Anthony



Hervey, Tierra
Hickman, Andrew
Himelic, Kari

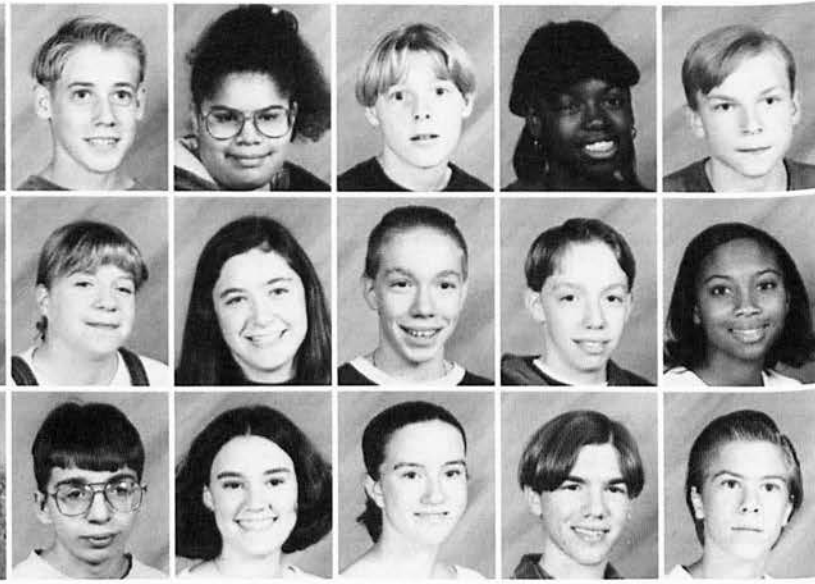
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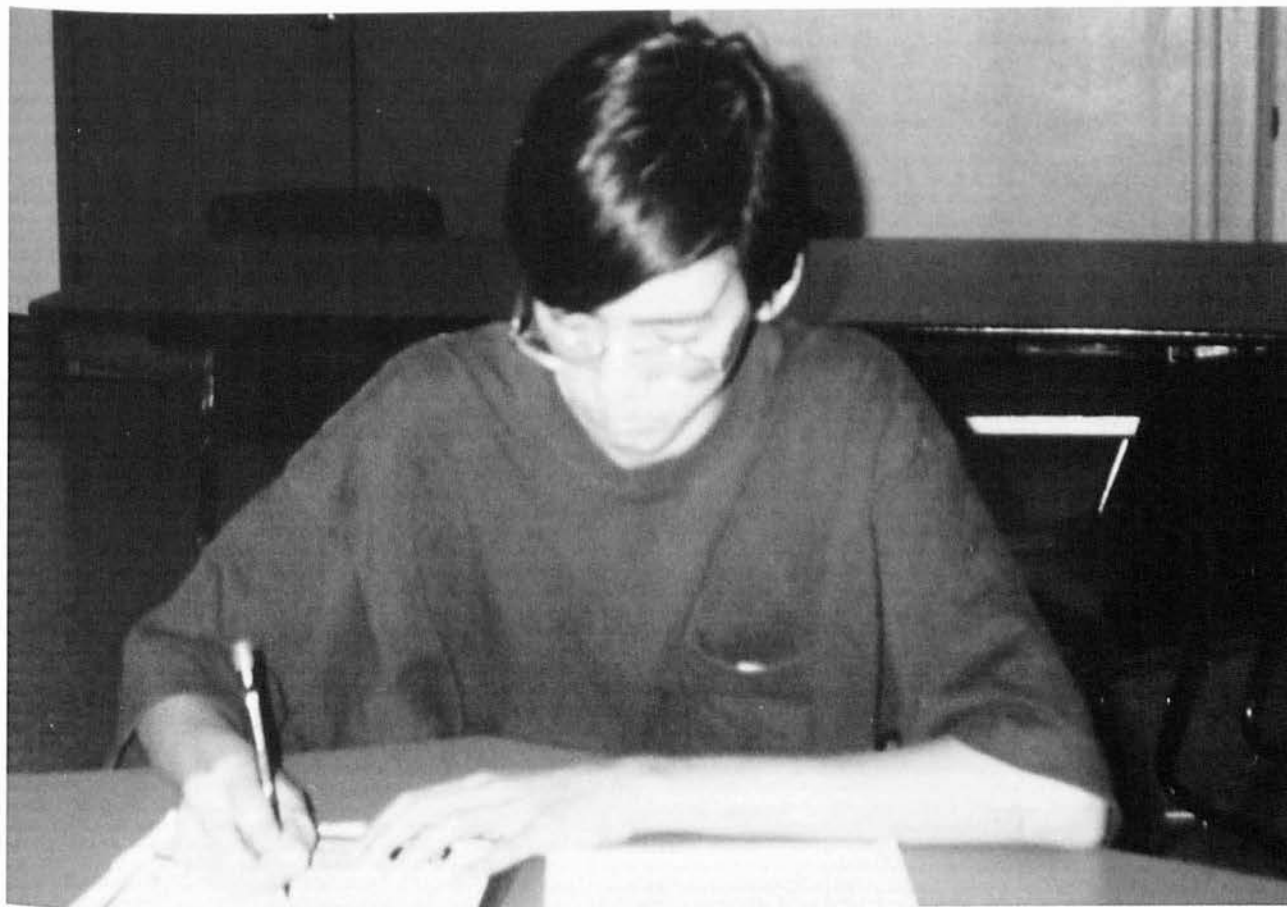


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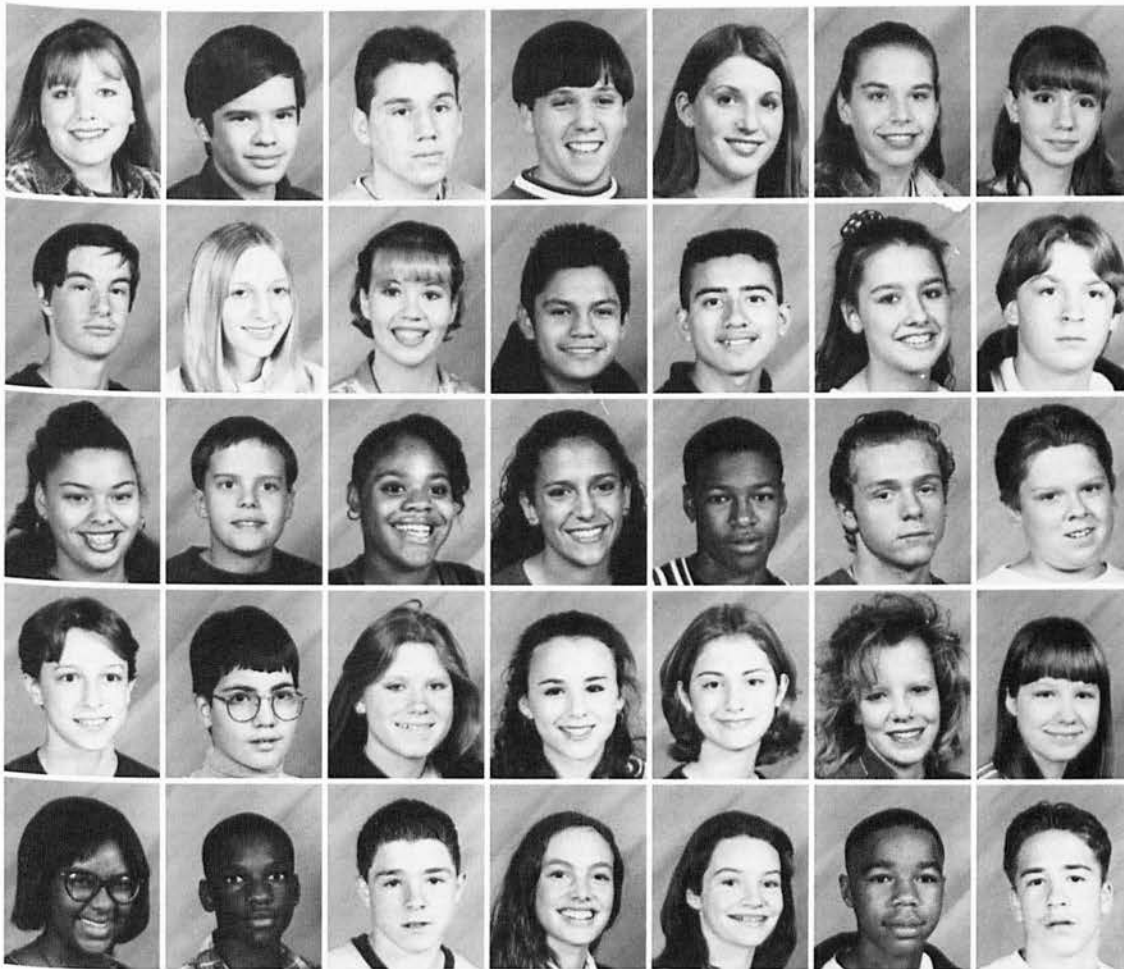
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Homann, James
Hosford, Lena

Ingersoll, Laura
Iwen, Benjamin
Jacks, Nathan





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 Jacobs, Daniel
 Jacobson, Benjamin
 Jacoby, Joseph
 Jahn, Julia
 Jamrozy, Danielle
 Janovich, Jessica
 Jansen, Anthony
 Jeffers, Carissa
 Jensen, Laura
 Jimenez, Jesus
 Jimenez, Juan Carlos
 Johnson, Bobbi
 Johnson, Joseph
 Johnson, Natalia
 Johnson, Patrick
 Johnson Young, Shantal
 Jones, Angela
 Jones, Bradley
 Jones, Daniel
 Jones, Justin
 Jones, Nicholas
 Joyce, Paul
 Joychester, Shana
 Kammerer, Emily
 Karpf, Chloe
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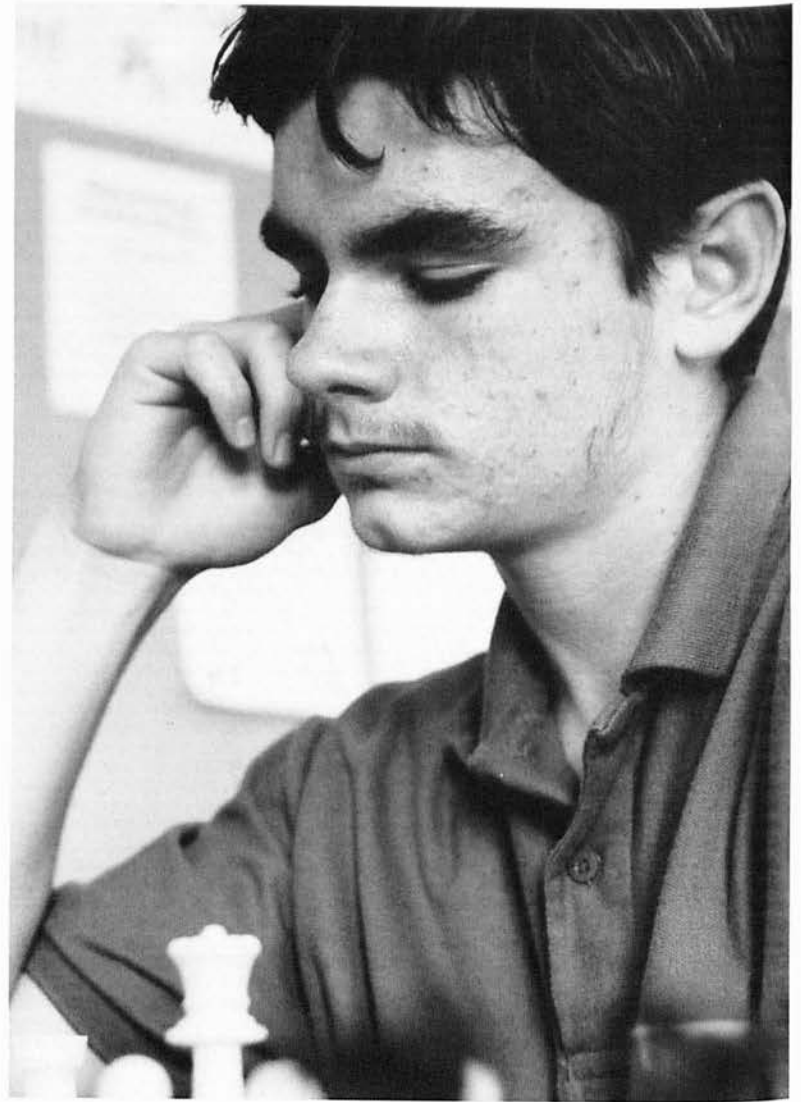
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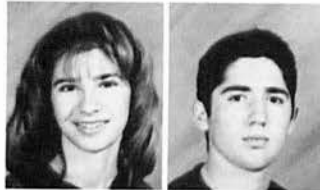


Far Right: Jared Hart (9), Jackie Hart (11), Corey McCallan (11) and Emillie Parrott (10) say "Peace man" during Flashback Day. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Right: William Conyers (9) concentrates intently before he makes his next move in chess. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



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Kniewel, Ryan



Koenig, Lucas
Kolozsvari, Nandor



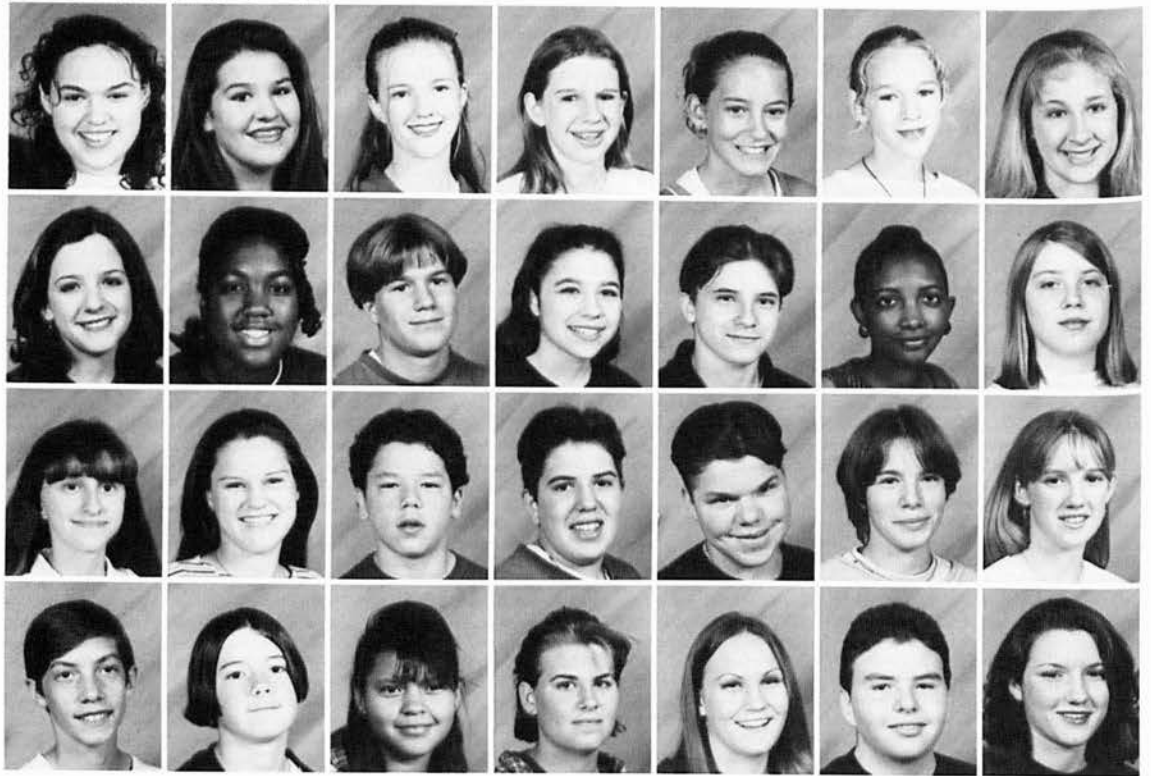
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Kowalewski, Kortney



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Lane, Lindsey
Larsch, Shawna
Latoza, Amber
Lave, Tiffany
Lawson, Alexis
Lebens, Colin
Leonard, Bobbie
Leonard, Ronald
Lewis, Jennifer
Lewis, Monica
Linenberger, Amy
Linke, Allison
Littell, Michael
Littrell, William
Lohmann, Eric
Losee, Cecy
Lubauskas, Katie
Luken, Cary
Malerbi, Matthew
Mancinas, Maria
Manczuk, Rebecca
Manners, Sarah
Martin, Scott
Matney, Kerry





Mattan, Kendra
 Mattson, Kelli
 Maxwell, Marina
 McAlister, James
 McAllister, Melody
 McCormick, Nicole
 McCready, Kirsten
 McWhorter, Jeffrey
 McWilliams, Adam
 Meyer, Margaret
 Micek, Amanda
 Miller, Amber
 Miller, Matthew
 Mills, Joshua
 Mills, Tomika
 Mininni, Michaela
 Mitchell, Andrew
 Miyeno, Julie
 Monico, Leigh
 Moore, Russell
 Mora, Olivia
 Morehouse, Heather
 Morgan Jacquelyn
 Muldoon, Kelli
 Mullen, Andrea
 Mumm, Patrick
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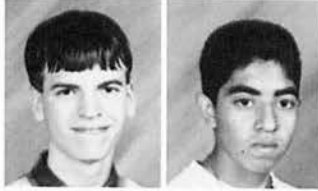
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Below: Lunch is the only time when Kerry Olson (9) and Molly James (9) can catch up on the day's news. (Photo: Jill Jensen)

Nicol, Kevin
Noahr, Scott



Noland, Jonathan
Novelo, Hugo



Nwju, Chinyere
Ochsner, Christopher



Olson, Kerry
Orsi, Brian



Ortiz, Emily
Padilla, Mauricio



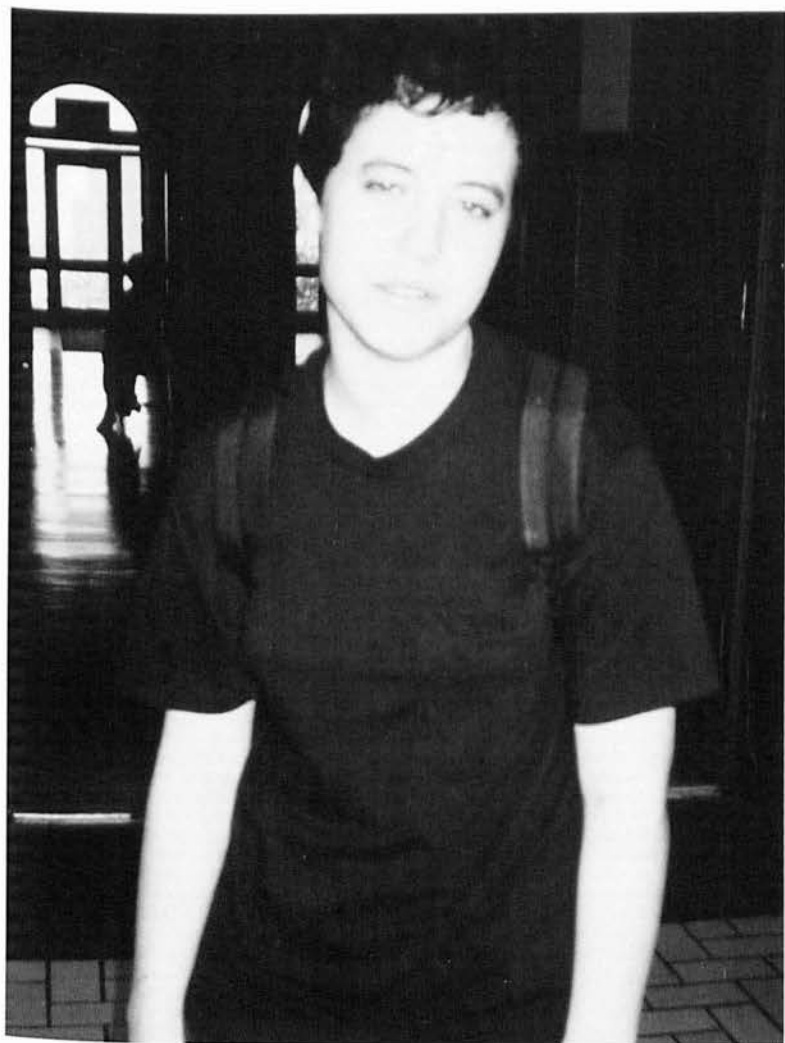
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Piskac, Anton
Pohlman, Travis
Potter, Rebecca
Prescott, Simon
Proski, Sarah
Prosterman, Audry
Prouty, Juli
Quandt, Kayla
Rahaman, Brian
Rainer, William
Ramsingh, Owen
Reinthal, Evelyn
Rennard, Rebecca
Rhoads, Jon



Below: Kelly Connor (11) is anxious to go home, and it's only lunch time. (Photo: Allison Jessing)



Rhodes, Jeffrey
Rich, Aaron



Richard, Keonte
Rider, Kari



Ridge, Jennifer
Riederer, Richard



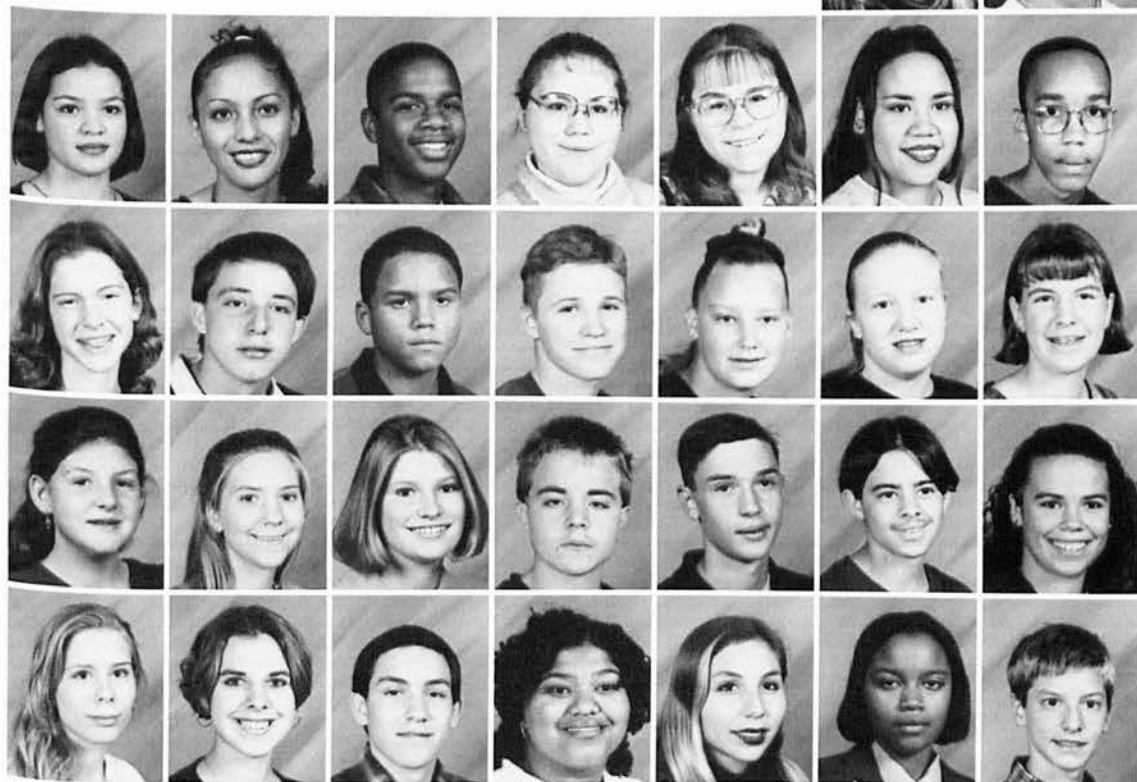
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Robinson, Deandre



Rock, Melissa
Rodriguez, Ben



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Rodriguez, Sheila
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Rolfes, Cassandra
Rolfes, Crystal
Roman, Ana
Ross, Brandon
Russell, Julie
Ryks, Shane
Sanders, Mike
Saylor, Louis
Schill, Margie
Scholting, Candra
Schroeder, Jessica
Schulte, Kristy
Schumacher, Angela
Schuman, Mikala
Scott, Michael
Scurlock, Jeremy
Sena, Levi
Shank, Kari
Sharp, Shayla
Shockey, Kiya
Shrader, Matthew
Simmons, Amara
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Smallwood, Rashawn
Smith, Erik

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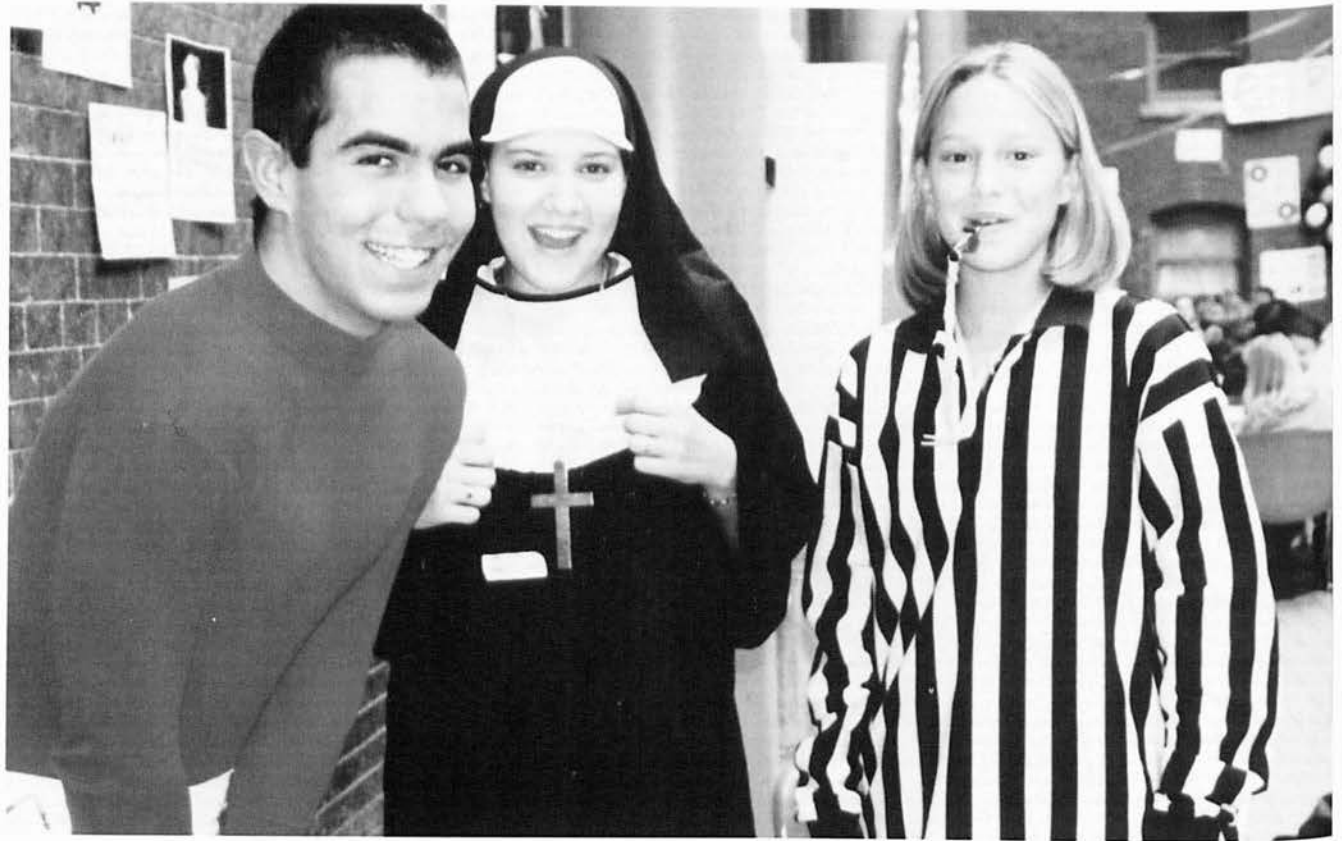
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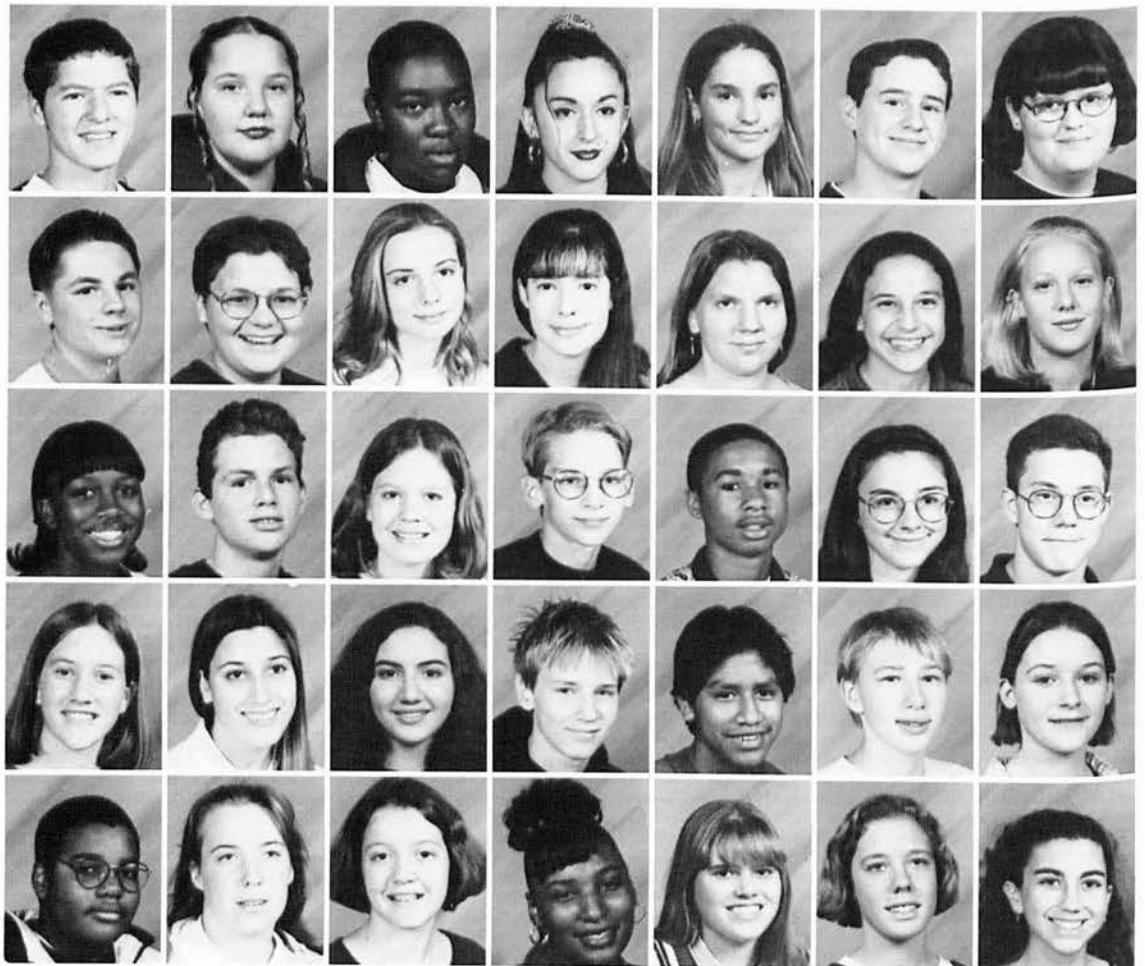
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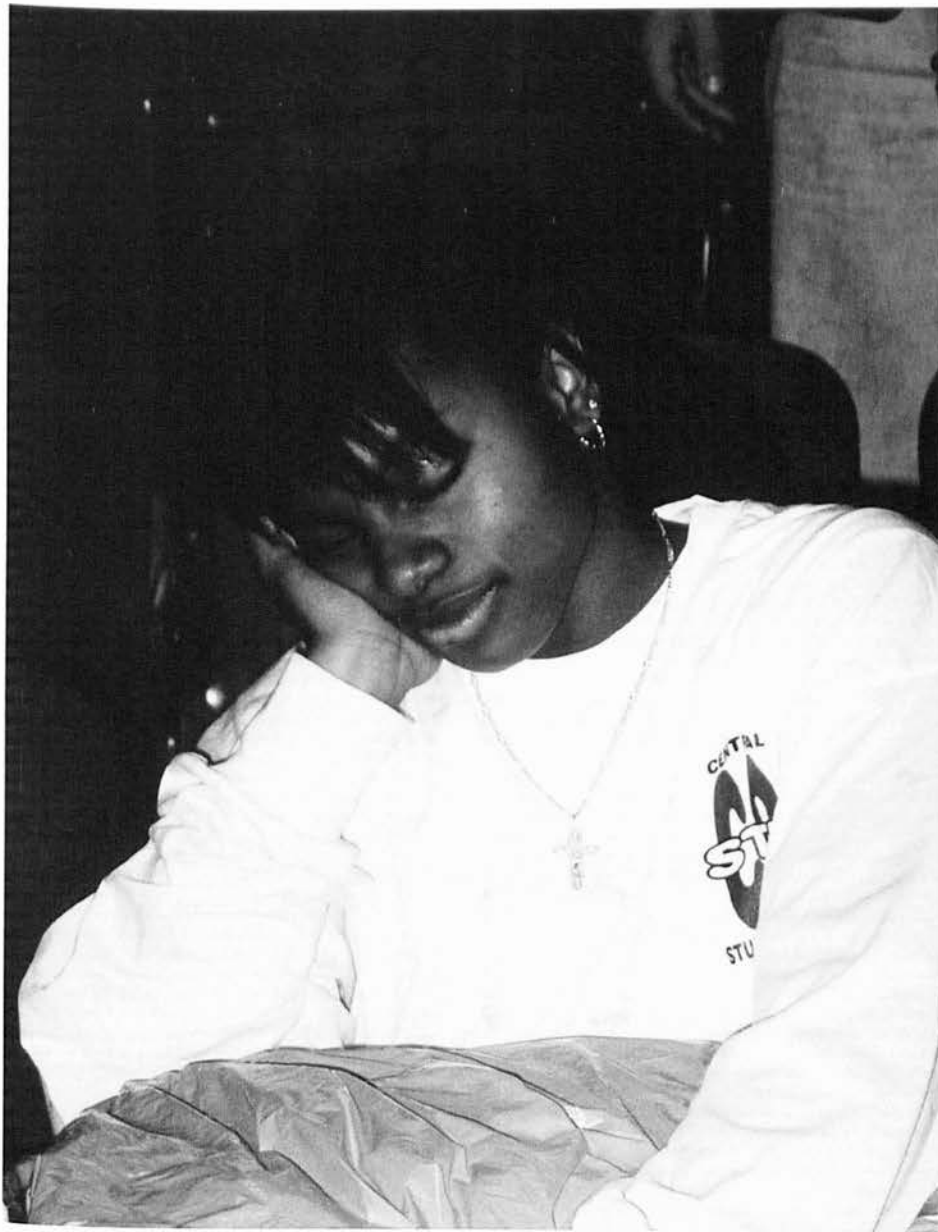
Below: Career Day brought out creativity in Nate Bullington (10), Jenny Link (11) and Meghan Duffy (10).
(Photo: Lei Brown)



Smith, Matthew
Smith, Nicole
Smith, Tameka
Soto, Maricruz
Spoonhour, Katie
Stogdill, Shawn
Storm, Rebecca
Sweet, Aron
Swendroskiwitt, James
Tackitt, Danielle
Talia, Maurice
Taylor, Julie
Theophilopoulos, Sophia
Thomas, Callie
Thompson, Andrea
Thompson, Destry
Thompson, Elyse
Thompson, Jason
Tolbert, Keith
Treatos, Anastasia
Trevise, Peter
Tritsch, Mary
Trummer, Trisha
Tsed, Marina
Tulson, Adam
Uriosteque, Nereizo
Vandebrake, Derek
VonMcknelly, Leah
Wagner, Brandon
Wagner, Victoria
Waldmann, Emilie
Walker, Tomika
Ward, Amanda
Watson, Catharine




Below: It is difficult for Felecia Ellis (10) to fit sleep into her schedule, so she catches up at a student council conference. (Photo: Mary Hill)




"A Picture shows me at a glance what it takes dozens of pages of a book to expound."
Ivan Turgenev

Juniors



Tiffany Davis



Corey McCallan



Watson, Sara



Waymire, Celina



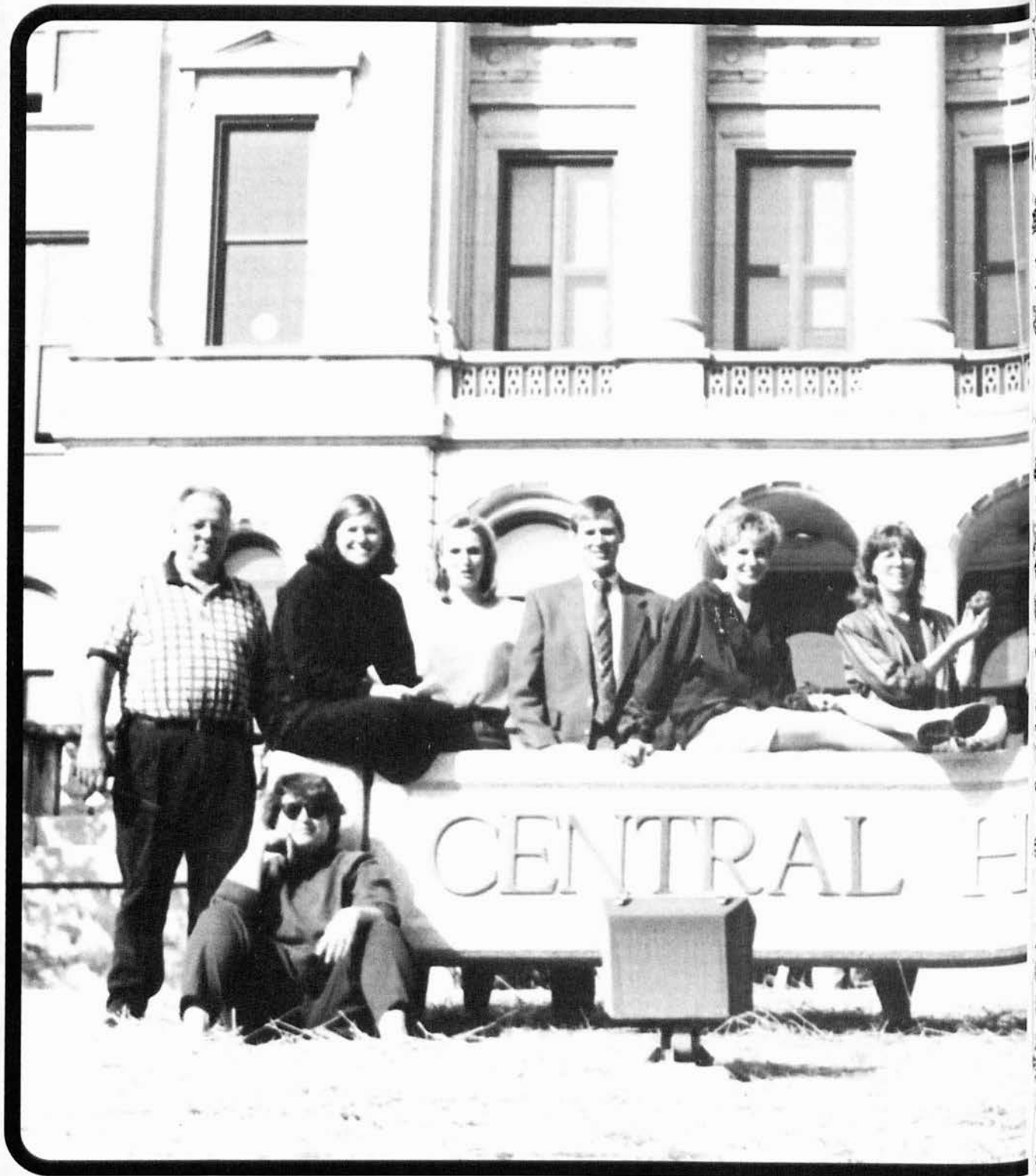
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- Williamson, Becky
- Willits, Rebecca
- Wilson, Erika
- Winford, Dominique
- Wolcott, Catherine
- Woods, Garlin
- Wulff, Stefanie
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- Zendejas, Aliscia
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- Zielinski, Joseph
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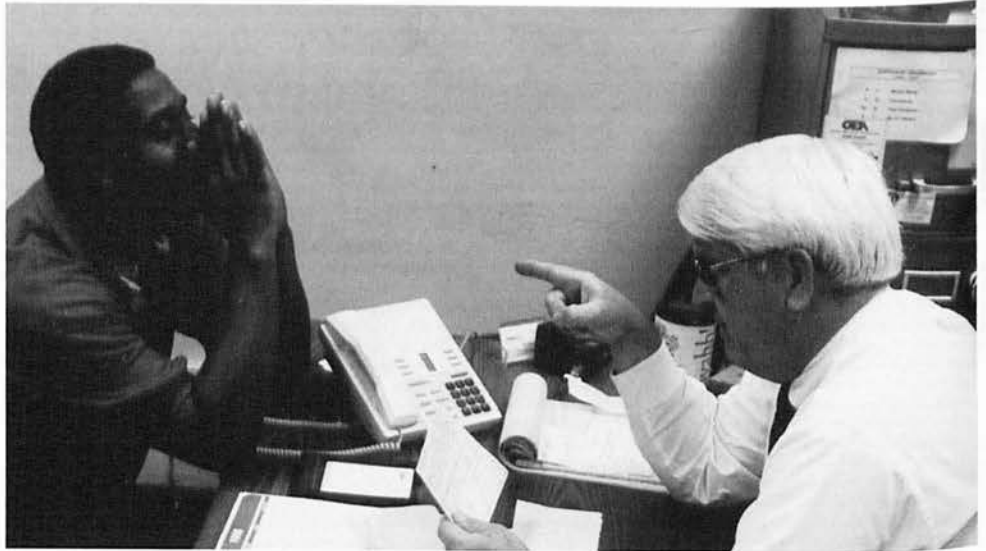
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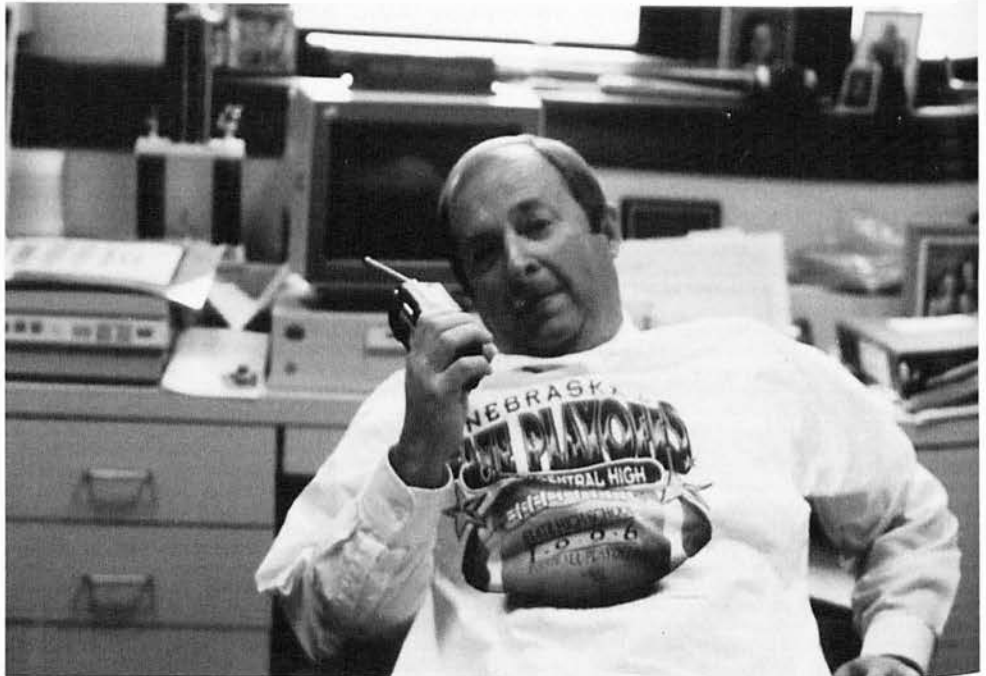
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Dr. Gary Thompson



Top Right: Mr. Lahmann vents his wrath upon the pleading Ian Spencer (11). (Photo: April Santon)



Right: Mr. Pennington makes good use of his walkie-talkie while modeling his new t-shirt. (Photo: April Santon)

Mr. Darrel Lahmann

Mrs. Bernice Nared

Mr. Paul Pennington

Mr. Paul Semrad



Security



Left: Ms. Brenda Pope takes time out from playing with her walkie-talkie to celebrate her school spirit on clash day. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Below: Mr. Charles Williams finds himself grasping for security as he cries "Catch me!" (Photo: Allison Jessing)



From Left to Right: Mike McWhorter, Brenda Pope, Russell Lane, Joe Venditta, and Charles Williams.



SECRETARIES

Below: Front Row: Lois Koehn and T.J. Greenlee. Back Row: Gail Granger, Ginny Bauer, Linda Casey, Joy Plummer, Vicki Lund, Jackque Swirzinski and Sharlene Rosenthal. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Right: Sharlene Rosenthal keeps her cheery disposition throughout the dozens of phone calls she takes every day. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



PARA PROFESSIONALS



Above: Julie Johnson, Deanne Haffke, Rose Kobza, Gene Enger, Delores Mohamedzein, Pat Allender, Sally Seals, Joan Pilus, Kathy Thompson and Natalie Love. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



CAFETERIA



Left: Front Row: Donna Blake and Leona Delzene. Second Row: Jody Smith, Julie McGeorge, Jan Monaeo, Hong Le and Marcella Hendricks. Third Row: Gwendelyn Wells, Cory Mimms, Debby Knight and Thelma Haywood. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

PERSONALITY

CUSTODIANS



Left: **Central's Daytime Custodians**—Front Row: Mrs. Dunkins, Jamie Lindsey, Louis Sanders and Dave Marlan. Back Row: Mike Cammel, Steve Eisenhower and Howard Willis. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Left: **Central's Nighttime Staff**—Front Row: Earnton Meeks, Bill Sole and Al Gunter. Back Row: Clarence Crader, Rufus Haynes, Frank DeGeorge and Lorenzia Woods. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Allner, Mark
 Anderson, Kristi
 Anderson, Vickie
 Andrews, Larry
 Bayer, Daryl



Behrens, Richard
 Bertch, Kris
 Bigsby, Keith
 Blanke, Jack
 Blazeovich, Paul



Bode, Richard
 Bouma, Lyn
 Branson, Mary
 Brizendine, Patricia
 Bunz, Alice



Left: Mr. Daly and Andrea Friedman (12) take time out to contemplate Platonic Philosophy and straighten their suspenders. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Above: Mr. Deabler ponders Central's yearbook sales. (Photo: Mary Hill)





Carlson, Bob
 Chamberlain, Levetta
 Cipperley, Sharon
 Cirulis, Karen
 Crawford, Sharon



Custard, Norman
 D'Agosto, Dolores
 Daly, Dan
 Deabler, Matt
 Deniston-Reed, Vicki



Dewaele, Raymond
 Dieckman, Sandra
 Doctor, Jerry
 Dowding, Richelle
 Dusatko, Jo

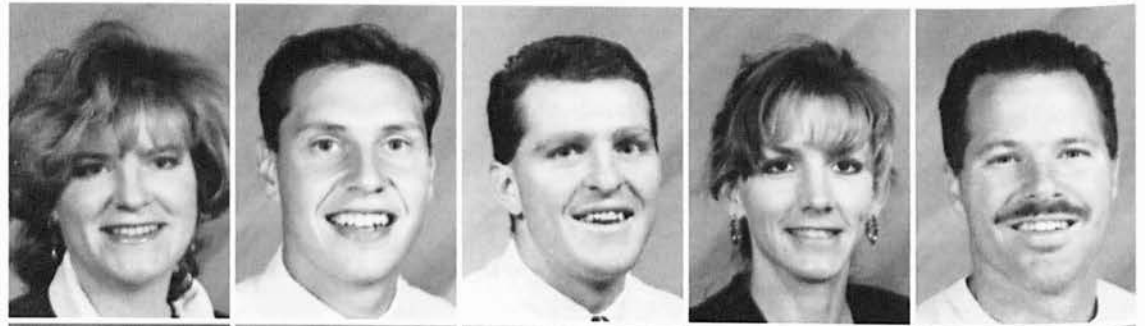


Left: Ms. Tieger and Ms. Wade try to make the statement that teachers have friends too! (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Above: Mr. Eubanks celebrates spirit week with a hot cup of java. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Eck, Johnna
 Endorf, Dan
 Eubanks, Steve
 Farr, Jodie
 Felici, David



Fellman, Beverly
 Fenn, Murray
 Fitch, Lloyd
 Franta, Glen
 Franzen, Sharon



Galus, James
 Gaylor, Harry
 Georgeson, John
 Georgeson, Pegi
 Golden, Michelle



Above: Erin Riley (12) is captured by security guard Charles Williams. (Photo: April Santon)





Grillo, George
Hansen, Greg
Harrington, Jim
Herbert, Tim
Houston, Sheila



Humphries, Cheri
Hug, Lisa
Johnson, Faye
Johnson, Julie
Johnson, Sonja



Jung, Heidi
Jurin, Carey
Karpf, Amanda
Kelly, Trent
King, Pam



Far Left: Mrs. Whitten gets in touch with her past. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Left: Security guards Joe Vendetta and Michael McWhorter get ready to enforce their powers as Heidi Cain (12) tries to pull a fast one. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Left: Ms. Proksel and Mrs. Skoog celebrate spirit week with their scrubs. (Photo: Erin Riley)



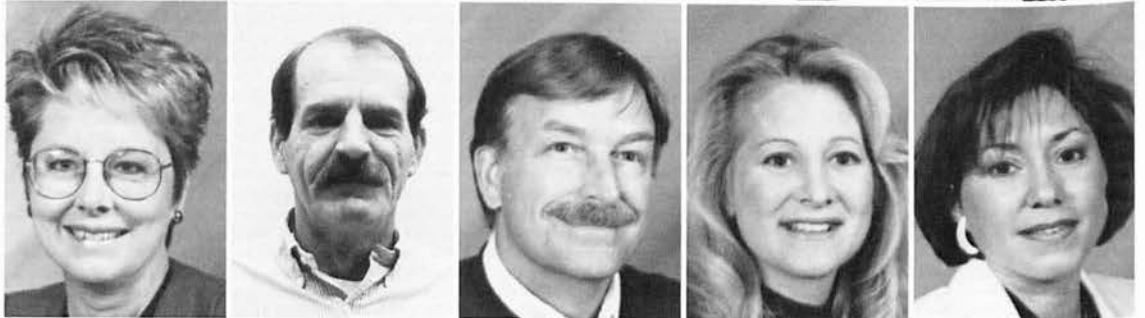
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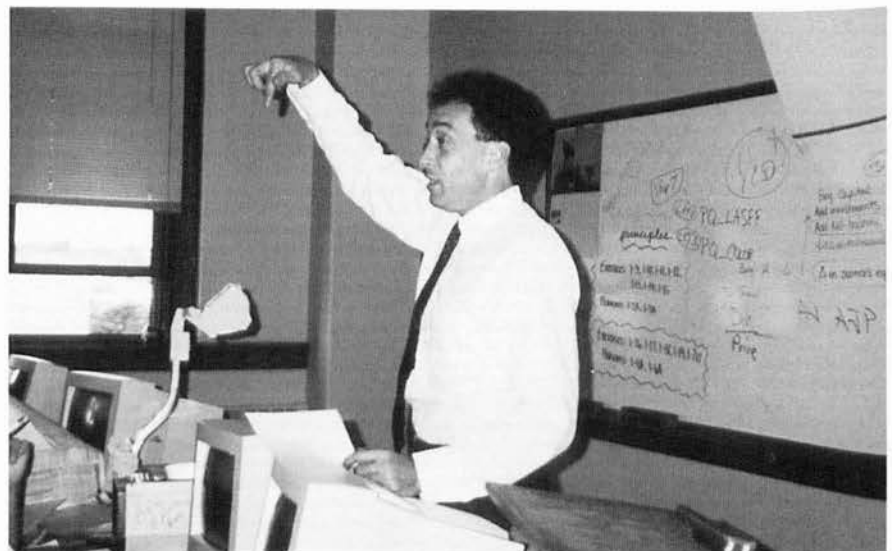
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Above: Mr. Allner takes a refreshing water break between classes. (Photo: Jody Sheely)



Above Right: Mrs. Kovarik and Mr. Carlson get caught clashing in the courtyard. (Photo: Erin Riley)



Right: Mr. Bigsby gives a visual demonstration of the effects of poor study habits on your grades. (Photo: Jody Sheely)





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 Moriarty, Molly



Mourning, Kate
 Neff, Dean
 Newberg, Cindy
 Olson, Wendy
 Perina, Joe



Above: Mr. Deabler takes a moment to ask, "Where is your dominant element?" (Photo: Mary Hill)

Left: Ms. Olson flashes back to the sixties during spirit week. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



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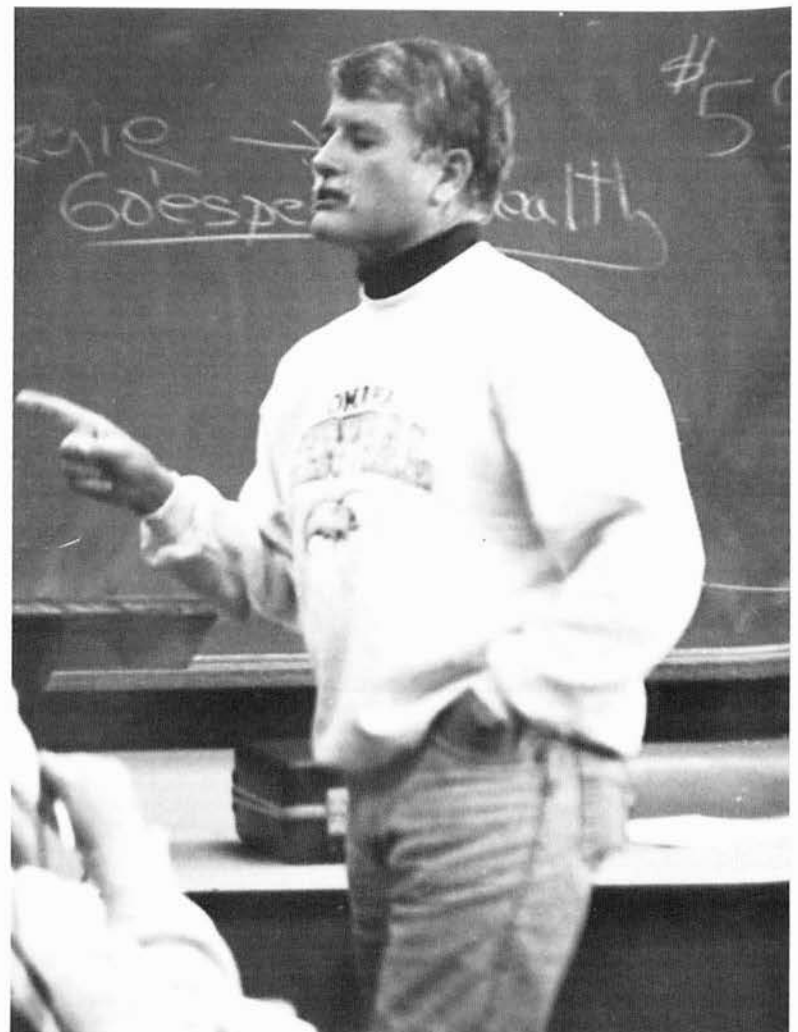


Above: ISS facilitator Thom Covos takes time out of his day to give *O-Book* photographers a smile. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Far Right: Mr. Watson proves that he's "**Stayin' Alive.**" (Photo: April Santon)



Right: Mr Lincoln glares at a student in the hallway who doesn't have a pass. (Photo: April Santon)





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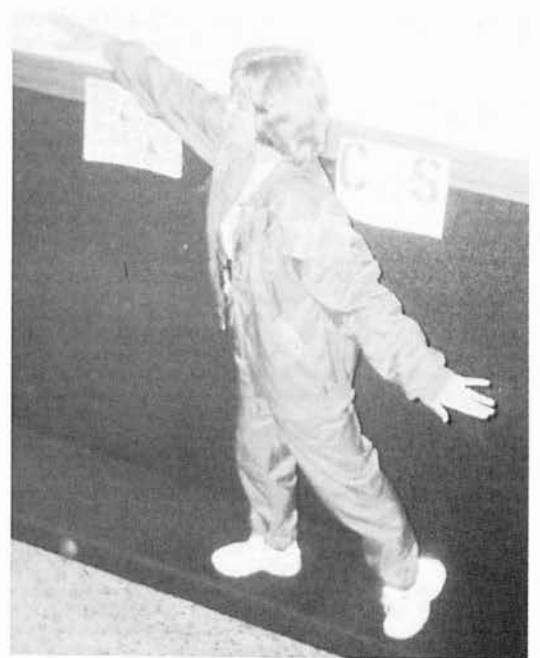
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Above: Miss Ryan wonders how she'll ever wade through her copious piles of paperwork.
 (Photo: Erin Riley)



Above: Mrs. Kovarik demonstrates what she has been practicing in her Olympic training sessions. (Photo: Jody Sheely)



Picture this...

By Jody Sheely

Here's the story... Maybe what we caught these teachers doing with their free time is actually an indication of interests they have beyond the classroom. Never fear, none of these educators are planning to quit their day jobs, This glimpse into the secret lives proves to be quite comical.

Right: Mr. Semrad gears up for his first Alaskan dog-sled race. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Below: Mr. Herbert dresses up for his Central High School band audition. (Photo: Erin Riley)



Right: Mr. Waterman has his photo taken with his fellow great philosophers and mathematicians. (Photo: Jody Sheely)



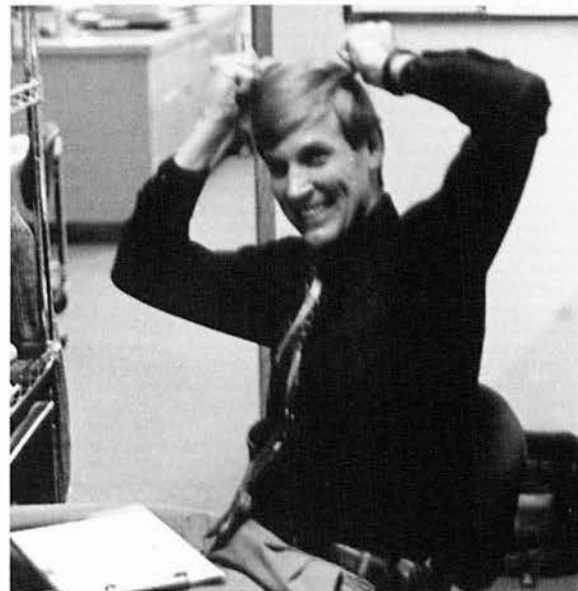


Left: Mr. Watson puts on his toughest face for a quick shot with his baby. Well, he polishes it with diapers anyway. (Photo: Lei Brown)

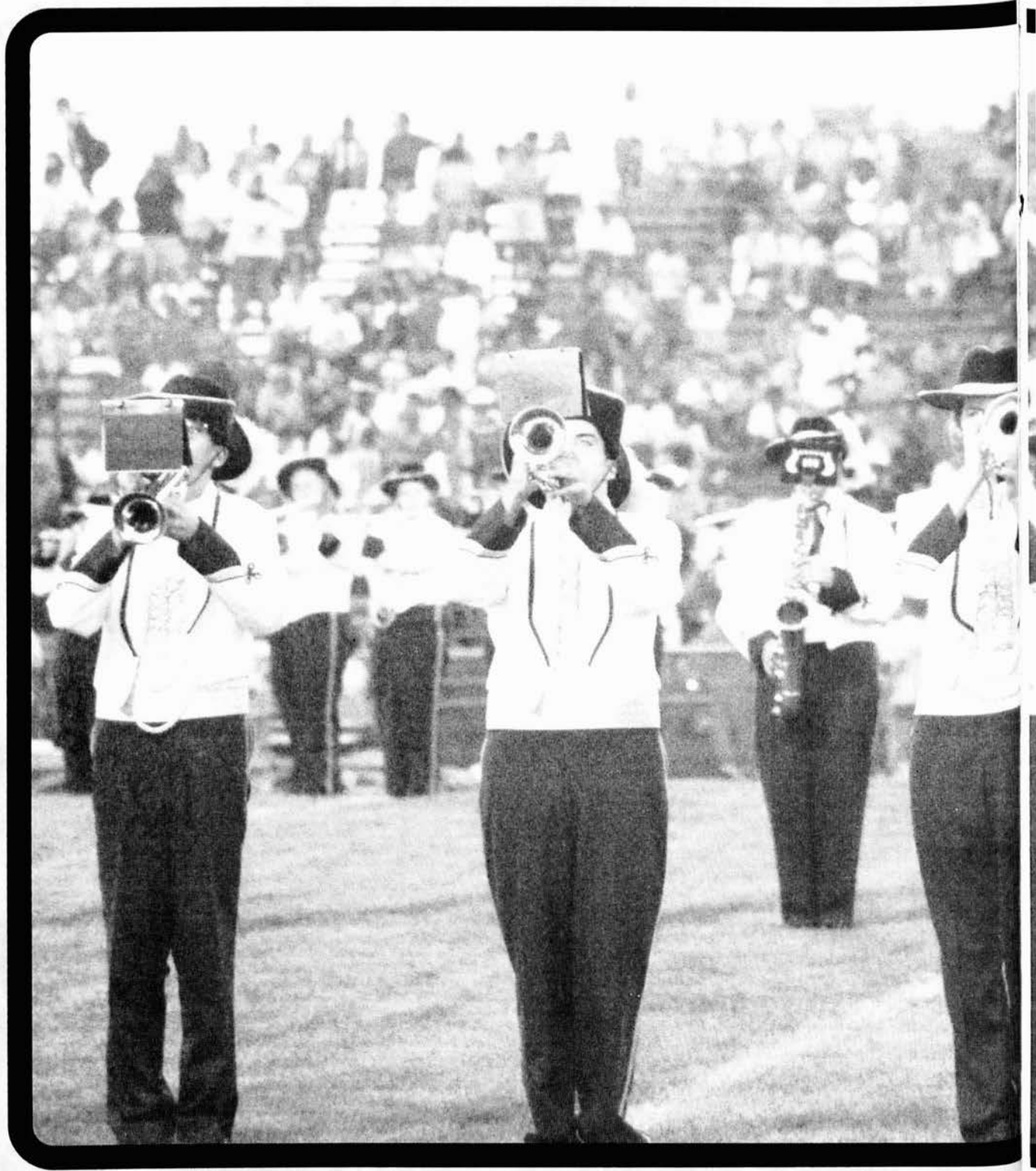
Left Below: Miss Brizendine imitates her usual waitressing pose. Perhaps she moonlights as a happy hostess after school hours. (Photo: Jody Sheely)

Bottom: **I'm pulling my hair out!!** Mr. Fenn demonstrates what he did in his appearance on the Montel Williams episode featuring Stupid Human Tricks. (Photo: April Santon)

Below: Mr. Lahmann's true colors are coming through...wax-on, wax-off. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



CHEER, CHEER FOR CENTRAL!



Activities



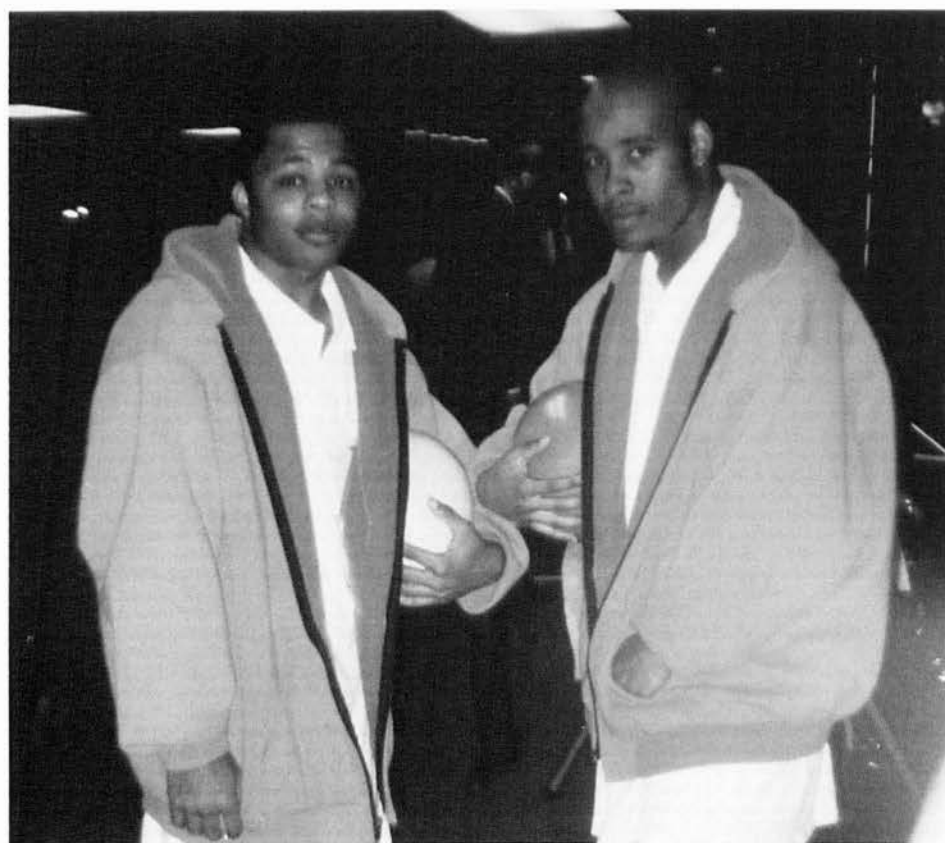
SHOW YOUR LOYALTY!

Homecoming Spirit Swings Through Central

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

Right: Central students dance enthusiastically to the Macarena, one of the year's most popular dances. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)

Below: Damion Sayers and his friend Jonah Orange slyly smuggle balloons out of the clubhouse. (Photo courtesy of Jasmine Henderson)



Homecoming was an exciting event at Central this year. Homecoming activities began on Oct. 7 with Spirit Week.

Each day Central students displayed their school spirit by dressing in various outfits according to the theme for that day.

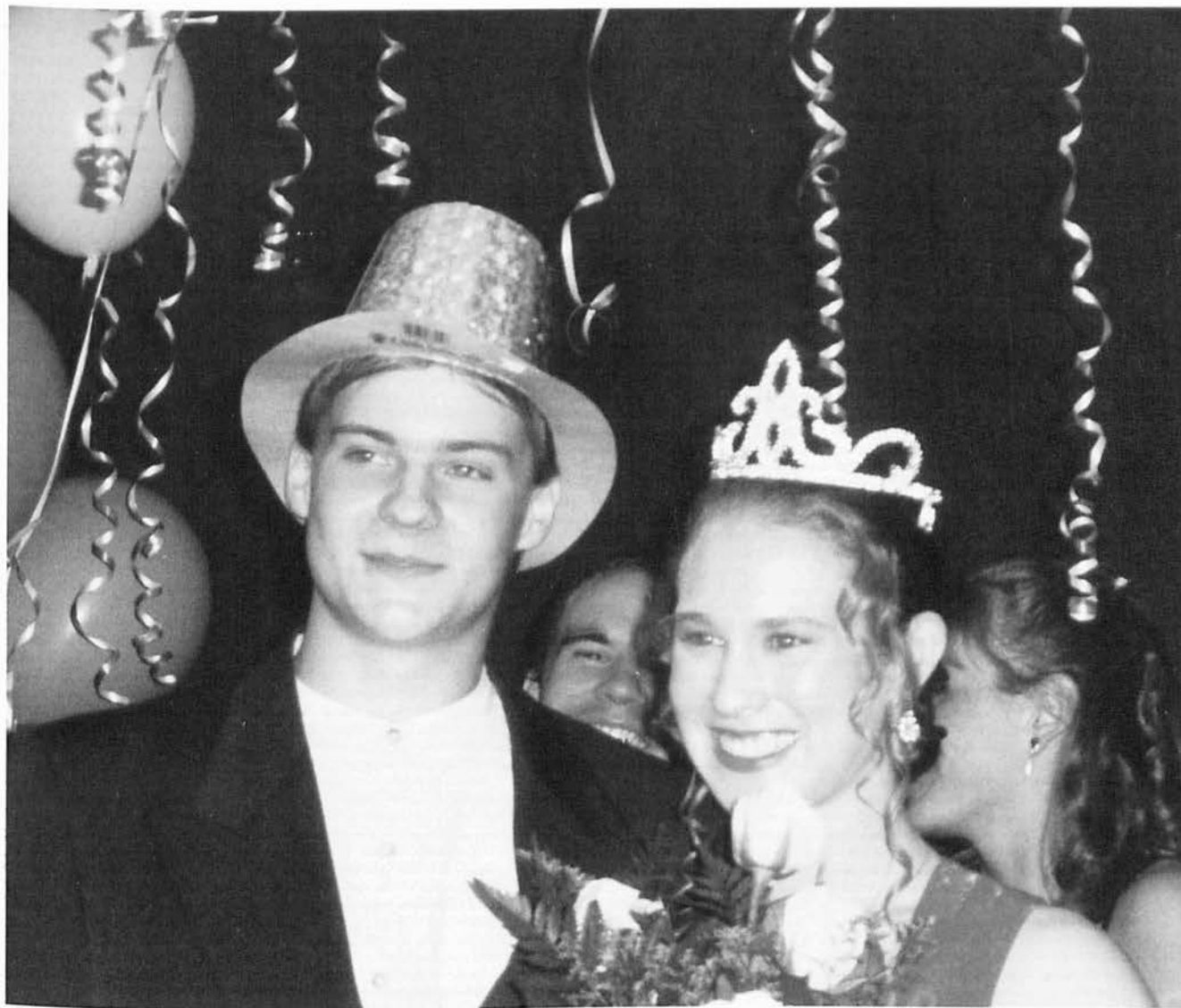
The homecoming game took place on Friday, Oct. 11. Central was victorious over South with a final score of 35-21. The king and queen candidates were announced at halftime.

The candidates for king were Vito Agosta, Chris Darst, Mike Kelly, Ben Onkka and Ryan Watzke. Candidates for queen included Angie Barnhard, Nicole Duffy, Jennifer Phillips, Mary Beth Stryker and Maria Theophilopoulos.

The homecoming dance was held on Oct. 12 at the Aksarben Clubhouse. The theme for the dance was "Candyland," and the cheerleaders, pom squad and color guard spent the morning before the dance transforming the clubhouse into a beautiful world of candy. At 9:45 p.m. the dance floor was cleared to present the crowning of Chris Darst and Mary Beth Stryker as the 1996-97 homecoming king and queen.

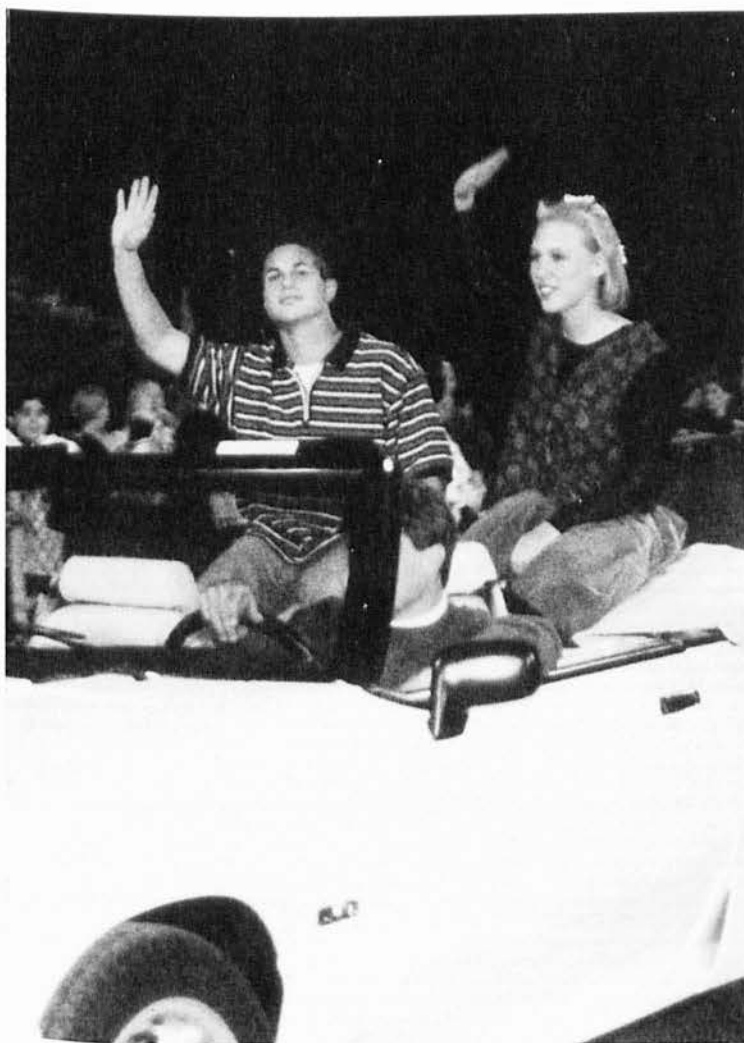
"I had a wonderful time," Jenny Backman (11) said. "I got to dance and have fun with all of my friends."





Right: Seniors Chris Darst and Mary Beth Stryker are crowned homecoming king and queen. (Photo courtesy of the Darst family)

Lower Left: Vito Agosta (12) and Angie Barnhard (12) enjoy a cruise around the football field as homecoming king and queen candidates. (Photo: April Santon)



Above: Students crowd together and give their most beautiful smiles at the homecoming dance. (Photo courtesy of the Darst family)



SHOUT THE PRAISES OF YOUR SCHOOL,

STUDENT COUNCIL SPREADS SCHOOL SPIRIT

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

The student council worked hard to unite the students and faculty of Central, as well as develop a positive relationship with the downtown community.

Student council members contributed a lot to the school this year by planning the prom, organizing a food drive, selling spirit items, planning dances, sponsoring two Red Cross blood drives and many other activities. Student council members also attended the National Association of Student Council's state convention held on Nov. 22 and 23 in North Platte. The convention included leadership workshops and motivational speakers.

Student council members were chosen by their classmates through an election at the end of the 1995-96 school year. Although the members don't receive a credit, they sacrifice seventh hour everyday and have occasional meetings after school.

"The members this year showed excellent leadership abilities," Mrs. Judy Storm, student council sponsor, said. "We also received a lot of support from students and faculty."



1996-97 Student Council members—Front Row: Mrs. Judy Storm (sponsor), Luke Denney (12), Aaron Kaisershot (12), Christina White (12), Quiana Mitchem (12), Lashanti Bishop (11), Jane Swirzinski (10), Jasmine Henderson (11) and Netta Bailey (11). Second Row: Chris Darst (12), Sarah Price (11), Mary Hill (12), Ben Rinaker (10), Felecia Ellis (10), Kyle Thomas (12), Lauren Pettit (10), Janelle Orange (11), Tia Robinson (11), Matt Hayduska (12), Ryan Lewis (11), Maria Theophilopoulos (12) and Augie Skinner (11).

(Photo: Sarah Anderson)





Top: Sarah Price (11) merrily washes a car during the student council carwash early one Saturday morning. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Left: Aaron Kaisershot (12) helps to sweeten up Central by selling candy to raise money for the group's trip to North Platte. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Above: **1996-97 Student Council Officers**—Sgt. at Arms Kyle Thomas (12), Treasurer Mary Hill (12), President Christina White (12), Vice President Chris Darst (12), Secretary Maria Theophilopoulos (12), Historian Sarah Price (11) and Parliamentarian Quiana Mitchem (12). (Photo: Sarah Anderson)



URGE YOUR TEAM TO VICTORY--

NHS enhances CHS

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

During the 1996-97 school year, the National Honor Society continued to be one of Central's most distinguished organizations. One of the major activities that the group focused on was their peer tutoring program. NHS members were available during most periods of the day to tutor students during their study halls.

"The peer tutoring program gave me an idea of what being a teacher must be like. It was also a lot of fun," Becki Iwen (12) said.

Members of the NHS must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, demonstrate leadership abilities and work to better the community. The group held meetings on the first Tuesday of every month in order to plan their activities and to interact with the other students.

"NHS is important because it gives students an opportunity to help the school," Angie Barnhard (12) said.



Top: Sgt. at Arms Elizabeth Monaghan, Vice President Erika Mullen, President Mary Beth Stryker, Secretary Erin Beal and Treasurer Caroline Foley.

Right: Caroline Foley (12) and Lei Brown (12) look at the colorful diagrams in a biology book. (All Photos: Mary Hill)

Above: Latecomers Nicole Duffy (12) and Natalee Sundberg (12) hurry in and scan the room for open seats at one of the monthly meetings.





Above: **1996-97 National Honor Society**—Front Row: Nick Rowland, (graduated senior), Cara Medley, Lauren Price-Polson, Celeste Price-Polson, Jill Jensen and Cheryl Bentzen. Second Row: Dzao Vu, (graduated senior), Melissa Whittle, Jody Sheely, Rachael Kellet, Lacey Pruitt, Sarah Berg, (graduated senior), Rachel Roberts, Colleen McGinty, Lisa Prosterman and Erin Beal. Third Row: Lei Brown, Andrea Friedman, Maggie Jacobson, Emily Broom, Alicia Blanke, Lindsey Myers, Sarah Fischer, Karen Kazor, Becki Iwen, Jessica Haverman, Brandi Crozier, Lisa Petersen and (graduated senior). Fourth Row: Patrice Turbes, Kelsey Keith, Mary Beth Stryker, Marcie Vencil, (graduated senior), Sarah Deacon, Maria Theophilopoulos, Steffen Hooi, Claire Saylor, Lauri Ortega, Elly Miller, Natalee Sundberg, Angie Barnhard, Kirlisha Curry and Erin McMahon. Fifth Row: Krista Griess, Josh Cohen, Jessica Dickes, Sarah Newell, Elizabeth Monaghan, Amanda Wieler, Tim Faulkenberry, Jeff Evans, John Gaskins, Andy Ochsner, Omar Nazem, Niki Gibson, Megan Nichols and Mike Wenberg. Sixth Row: Mary Hill, Abbey Dinin, Erika Mullen, (graduated senior), Christina White, Candace Crockett, Cheryl Calimlim, Mary Baddorf, Kelly Allen, Kiley Kane, Cori Mallenby, Philip Medeiros, Mike Kelly, Tom Parks, (graduated senior) and Andrew Anderson. Seventh Row: Nichole Newell, Ryan Ellis, (graduated senior), Kelly Porter, Sarah Herzog, Heather Clark, Dakota Bailey, Jason Hoberman, (graduated senior), (graduated senior), Ryan Watzke, Vince Bogener, Brandon Myers, (graduated senior), (graduated senior), Robert Malik, Ralph Blank, Les Anich, Andy Mattson, Rhaym Keel and Sean Baxter. Not Pictured: Shoshana Wees, April Santon and Nicole Duffy. All seniors unless otherwise marked. (Photo: The Picture Man)



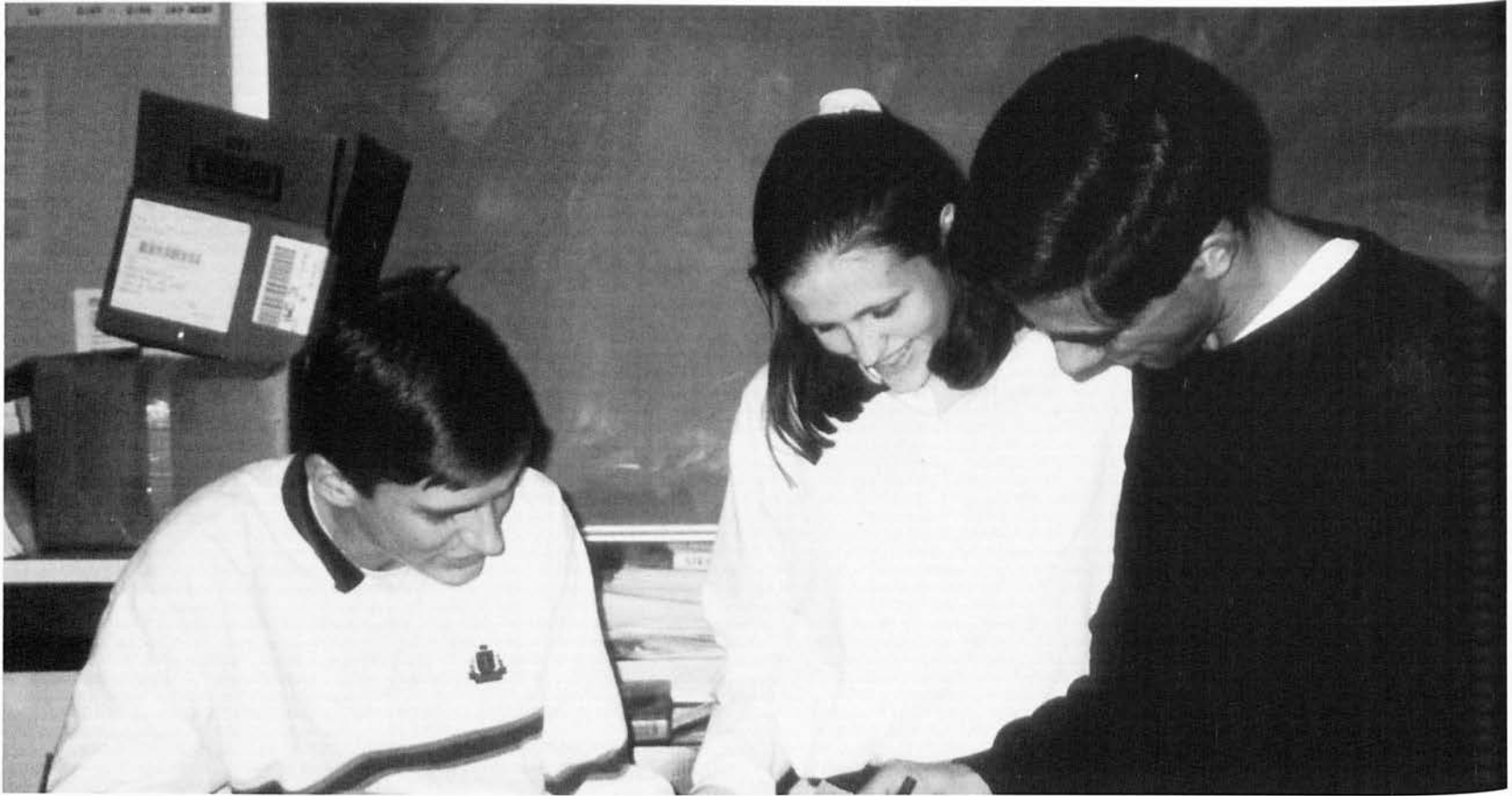
Left: Erika Mullen (12) signs up for one of the activities that the group took part in to improve Central. (Photo: April Santon)



RAH, RAH, RAH!

Debate dominates competition

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger



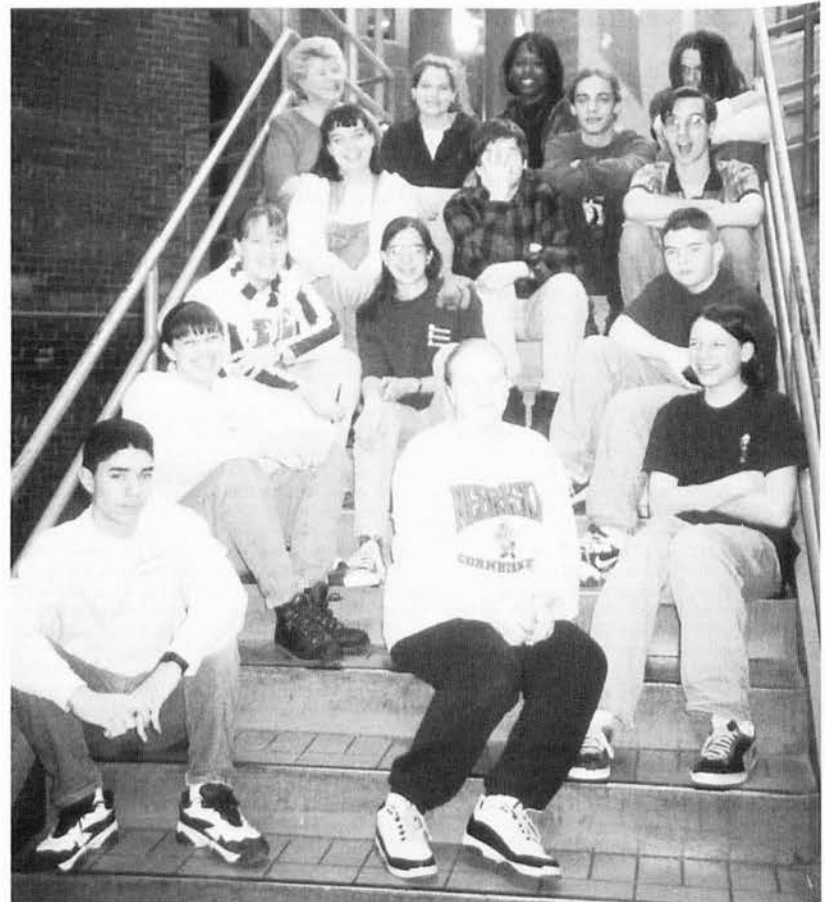
The 1996-97 Debate Team was successful in tournaments at both the local and national levels.

The topic this year was juvenile crime. The students debated this issue at weekend tournaments against schools from Nebraska and all around the nation.

One of the highlights during the year occurred when Mary Fran Blazek (12) and Kiley Kane (12) won the Fremont Invitational. The debaters also gained some valuable experience at the national level with participation in a tournament in New Trier, Illinois.

There were three classes of debate offered at Central. The beginning debaters met every day during ninth hour, the advanced debaters during tenth hour and another debate group met after school.

"The junior and senior teams this year were really strong and dedicated," Omar Nazem (12) said.





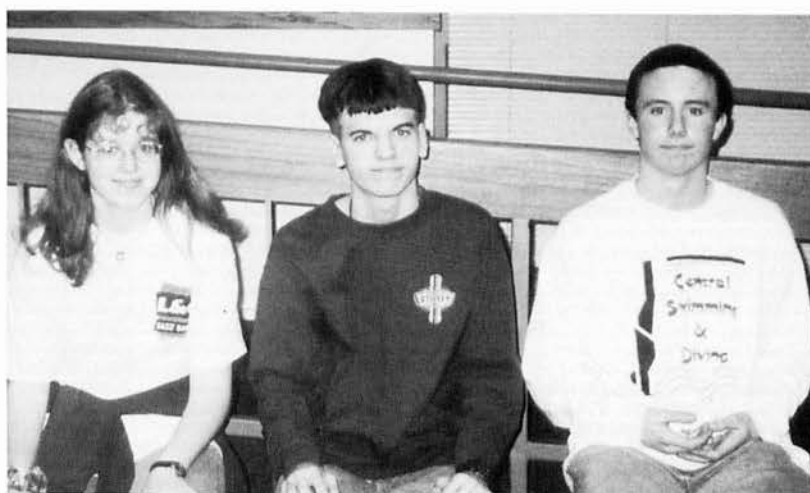
Left: **1996-97 Advanced Debate**—First Row: Dave Herrera (11), Sam Kruger (11) and Mary Fran Blazek (12). Second Row: Charles Carlin (10), Kiley Kane (12) and Mrs. Kris Bertch (sponsor). Third Row: Ryan Lewis (11), Cara Dalrymple (10), Brooke Ponec (10), Omar Nazem (12) and Dan Danberg (11). Fourth Row: Emily Martin (11), Rebecca Iwen (12), Dave Rennard (10) and Ryan Watzke (12). Fifth Row: Chris Ochsner (9), Zach Girthoffer (12) and Joe Girthoffer (12). (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Opposite Page Top: Sam Kruger (11), Mary Fran Blazek (12) and Omar Nazem (12) discuss their debate strategy for an upcoming tournament. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)

Below: Dave Rennard (10) and Ryan Watzke (12) show the teamwork that is essential to debate. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)



Above: Kiley Kane (12) intently concentrates on the important points of her argument. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)



Above: **1996-97 After School Debate**—First Row: Alli Pagan (11), Jonathan Noland (9) and Leo Dwyer (9). Not pictured: Melody Dworak (10), Elizabeth Montag (10), Rachel Ortmeyer and Sonya Voss (10). (Photo: Sarah Anderson)

Left: **1996-97 Beginning Debate**—First Row: Matt Miller (9). Second Row: Kristina Derrick (9), Candra Scholting (9) and Zach Peterson (9). Third Row: Heather Anderson (9), Samira Nazem (9) and Scott Martin (9). Fourth Row: April Dokmonovich (11), Danny Jacobs (9) and Phil Hall (11). Fifth Row: Tony Smith (11). Sixth Row: Mrs. Kris Bertch (sponsor), Rachel Alukonis (10), Lamaka Dumes (11) and Josh Peterson (12). (Photo: Sarah Berg)



COME ALL YOU EAGLES,

O-Book freezes moments in time

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

The 1996-97 *O-Book* staff brought new and innovative ideas to capture Central High School's memories.

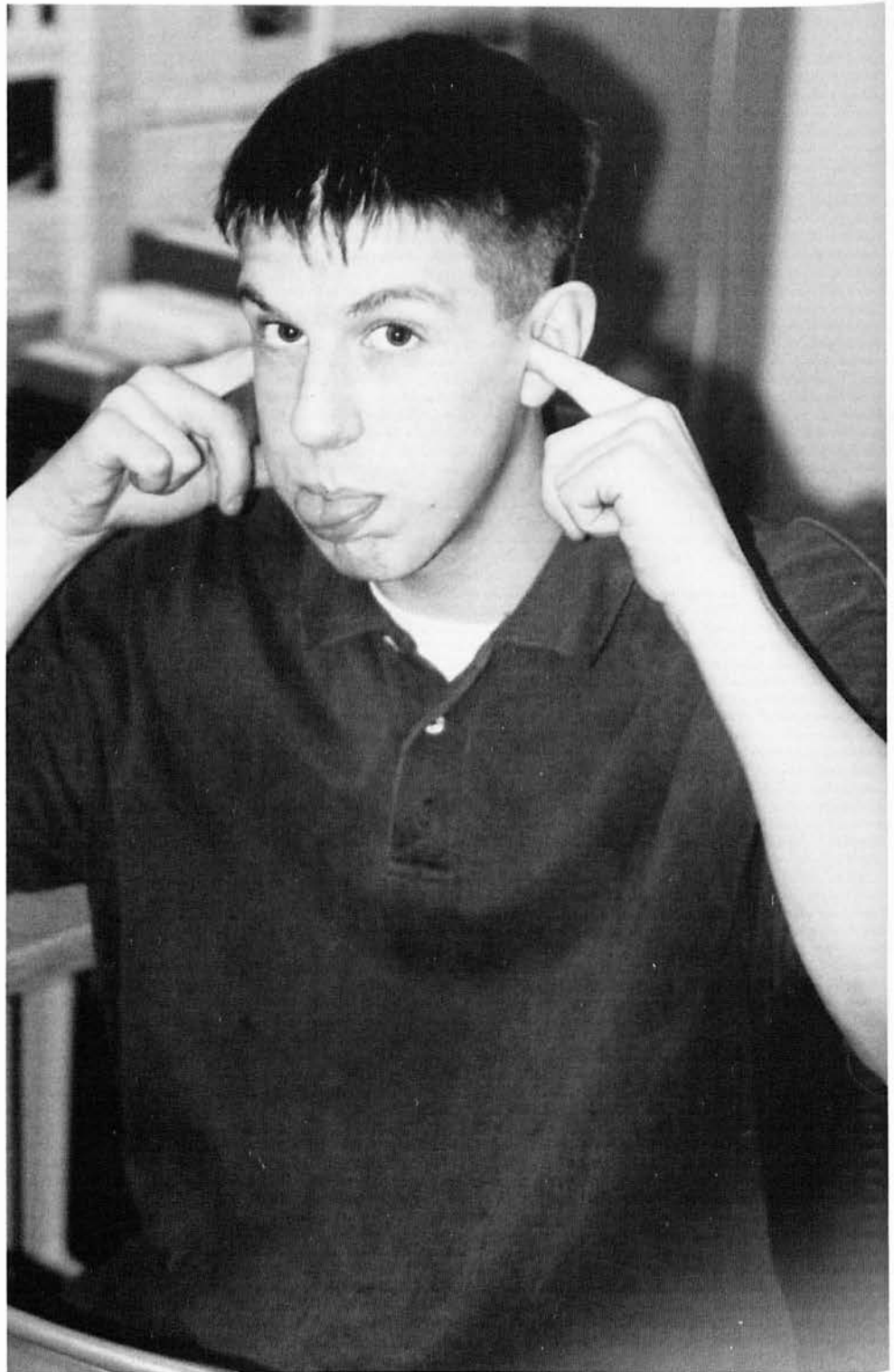
The staff met everyday during eighth hour, spending countless minutes organizing their stories and layouts to meet deadlines. Despite the large time commitment, the students felt that in the end it was all worthwhile.

Members of the staff were impressed by how well the group worked together, and how much they accomplished during the course of the year.

"This year's staff was very organized and focused," advisor Mr. Matt Deabler said. "It seemed like they solved potential problems before they occurred."

"I can't even describe how well we all got along this year. I can only hope that next year's group will have as much fun as we did," Mary Hill (12) said.

Students must complete a semester long journalism class and submit a written application in order to become a member of the *O-Book* staff.

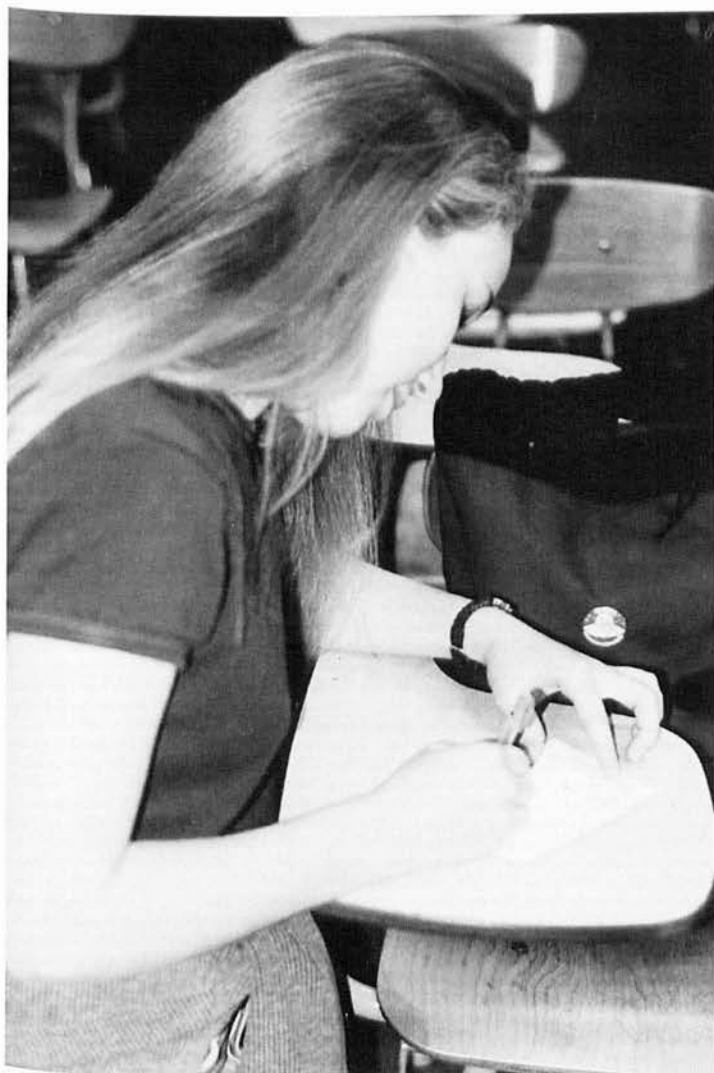


Right: TJ Ernst (12) displays the humorous side of the *O-Book* staff. (Photo: April Santon)





Left: **1996-97 O-Book staff**—First Row: Mr. Deabler (advisor), Andrea Friedman (12), Sarah Berg (12), Shoshana Wees (12), TJ Ernst (12), Mary Hill (12) and Steve Gottschalk (12). Second Row: Jenny Gleason (12), Jill Jensen (12), Mary Baddorf (12), Niki Gibson (12), Sarah Anderson (11), Tara Hauger (11), Erin McMahon (12), Jody Sheely (12), Sarah Newell (12), April Santon (12), Karen Kazor (12), Angie Cammarata (12) and Ben Anderson (12). Not Pictured: Erin Riley (12). (Photo: Josh Cohen)



Above: Mary Hill (12) and Shoshana Wees (12) show the relief felt when another deadline is over. (Photo: Mr. Deabler)

Left: Tara Hauger (11) works hard to produce another intriguing story for the *O-Book*. (Photo: April Santon)



FIGHT TO WIN THAT GAME,

Register reports on another year

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger



1996-97 Registerstaff: Back Row: Josh Cohen (12), Mike Kelly (12), Aaron Favara (12), Luke Atkinson (12), Emily Martin (11), Becca Starr (11), Brian Joseph (10), Tim Hakanson (11), Thomas Parks (12), Carolyn Bullard (12), Rachel Slosburg (11), Caroline Foley (12), John Gaskins (12), Sam Achelpohl (12), Dave Echternach (12) and Josh Priluck (11). Middle Row: Lea Platz (12), Erika Wulff (12), Jen Houlden (12), Erin Beal (12), Lei Brown (12), Allison Jessing (11) and Less Anich (12). Front Row: Mr. Matt Deabler (advisor). (Photo: Mary Hill)

The Register, Central's newspaper, has upheld a tradition of excellence for over one hundred years and this year was no different.

The staff began working early in the school year and produced the first paper of the year on Sept. 30.

The Register is published once a month and has articles on everything from entertainment to editorials. The staff never missed a deadline. They spent many late nights at school in order to get the paper out on time.

"This year's staff was probably the best that Central has seen yet," editor-in-chief, Josh Cohen (12), said. "We all worked well together and accomplished a lot this year."

To be a member of *The Register* staff, one must complete a one-semester course in journalism and submit an application. The staff meets every day sixth and seventh hour. Many members come to work during their study halls as well.

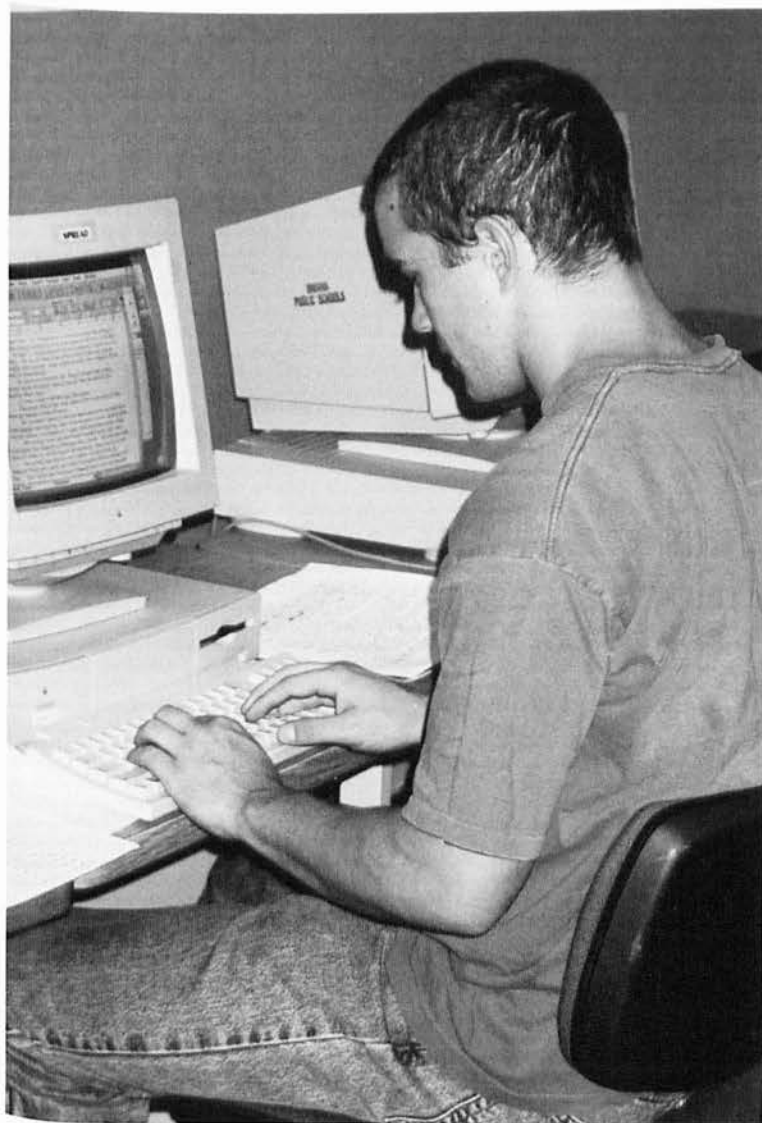
"I had a blast working on *The Register*," associate editor, Rachel Slosburg (11), said. "At times it got stressful (especially at deadlines) but we still managed to have fun."





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Executive Editor/Columnist	Erin Beal
Design Editor	Luke Atkinson
Buisness Manager	Thomas Parks
Editorial Editor	Jen Houlden
Assistant Editorial Editor	Lea Platz
Entertainment Editor	Rebecca Starr
Assistant Entertainment Editors	Carolyn Bullard
	Sam Achelpohl
Associate Editors	Rachel Slosburg
	Tim Hakanson
	Erika Wulff
Assistant Design Editor	Josh Priluck
Sports Editor/Columnist	Les Anich
Assistant Sports Editors	Mike Kelly
	Dave Echternach
Assistant Buisness Manager	Emily Martin
Columnist/Writer/Buisness Staff	Josh Gaskins
Artist	Aaron Favara
Chief Photographer	Lei Brown
Photographer	Allison Jessing
Photographer/Columnist	Caroline Foley
Advisor	M. Deabler



Top Left: Lei Brown (12), John Gaskins (12), Caroline Foley (12) and Erika Wulff (12) take a break and share jokes. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Left: Senior Mike Kelly keeps his cool while preparing for a deadline. (Photo: Becca Starr)

Above: *Register* staff members plan for an upcoming issue as tension fills the room. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



WE CAN MAKE IT--WE CAN TAKE IT

STUDIO ART MAKES MASTERPIECES

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

"Studio art was great because it gave the students the freedom to express their creativity without a lot of restrictions," Megan Mullen (11) said.

Studio art members were artists who had taken at least two years of art classes. They were chosen to be in studio art by submitting a journal of their artwork to the art department.

Members worked independently throughout the year with guidance from Mr. Larry Andrews and Mrs. Margaret Quinn, studio art sponsors. Because they worked individually, the artists needed to be self-motivated and disciplined.

This year the members of studio art competed in the Bellevue University Metro Seniors Art Exhibition, Scholastic Art Awards, Billboards, Youth Art Month and Joslyn Student Exhibition. Some students were also chosen to have their work published in *Totem*.

"I think that studio art is an ideal class because it gives the students a chance to be an individual," Stacey Nguyen (11) said.



Above: **1996-97 Studio Art Members**—Back Row: Mrs. Margaret Quinn (sponsor), Sally Otis (11), Lindsey Myers (12), Brandan Carrell (12) and Tammy Robertson (12). Middle Row: Annie Houston (12) and Heidi Cain (12). Front Row: Emily Meyer (12), Erika Coates (12), Sam Fraser (11), Ian O'Donnell (12) and Meghan Boylan (11). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Upper Right: Sam Fraser (11) concentrates on the perfect blend of oil pastels. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

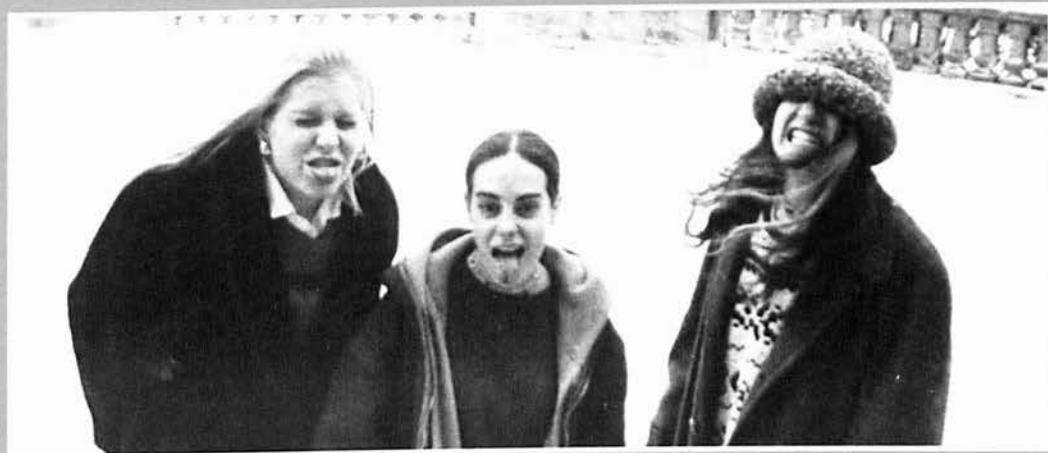


Above: **1996-97 Studio Art Members**—Back Row: Annie Houston (12), Christa Lowitzer (11), Cassy Koziol (12), Faith Enright (11), Kristina Detwiller (12) and Megan Mullen (11). Middle Row: Stacey Nguyen (11), Jessica Haverman (12), Delaina Terhune (11), Meghan Devlin (11), Ted Engles (12) and Melissa Corwin (12). Front Row: Manizheh Aarabi (12). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



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CENTRAL HIGH IS BOUND TO WIN!

Orchestra Makes Marvelous Music

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

Central's orchestra is an elite group of musicians. The group meets sixth and seventh hour every day. Despite the problems of having a period split over the lunch hours, the group learned many new things this year.

"Each year the group gets bigger and better, and this year was the best," Miss Molly Moriarty, conductor of the orchestra, said.

The orchestra contained both wind and string instruments which was a definite advantage over other orchestras that only have strings.

The group performed for various concerts throughout the year including the Winter and Spring concerts, Road Show and joint fundraising concerts with Benson High School's orchestra. Some members also took part in the All-City Concert, the All-State Concert and the UNO Honors Orchestra.

"I met most of my really good friends in orchestra," Lacey Pruitt (12) said. "I also learned a lot about the music world."

Right: Lauren Paley (12) masters a difficult piece for an upcoming performance. (photo: Jenny Gleason)





Top: **1996-97 Orchestra**- First Row: Lacey Pruitt (12), Cathy Watson (9), Dejah Floyd (12) and Christine McCollum (11). Second Row: Angie Francis (9), Becky Potter (9), Abbey Dinnin (12), Mary Hill (12), Lisa Prosterman (12), Maggie Day (9), Amy Linenberger (9), Toni Adair (9) and Miss Molly Moriarty (sponsor). Third Row: John Foresman (11), Jana Gruidel (12), Lashanti Bishop (11), Julie Taylor (9), Michaela Clemmins (9), Lilian Nelson (10), LaShundra Oakes (9), Audrey Kosmicki (9), Katrina Kerns (9), Jenny Kline (9), Ben Sommers (11), Paul Fisher (9) and Stacey Cramer (10). Fourth Row: Jill Zavorka (11), Makayla Hernandez (9), Amy Revenaugh (11), Cori Mallenby (12), Jill Atkinson (9), Stephanie Keeney (9), Jenny Sanders (11), Gary Hendry (12), Erika Coates (12), Thessa Anderson (12) and Sean Baxter (12). Fifth Row: Johann Johnson (10), Tara Hauger (11), Julie Weston (11), Katie O'Neill (11), Jackie Hart (11), Minsu Strickland (9), Jason Thompson (9), Krista Griess (12), Zack Clark (10), Chuck Meyers (11), Lisa Linenberger (11), Marina Tsed (9), Jared Hart (9), Nicole Watzke (11), Sarah Schrad (11) and James Carrig (11). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Left: Erika Coates (12) tunes her bass and prepares for another fun-filled orchestra rehearsal. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



GO CENTRAL GO GO CENTRAL GO

Band plays to new heights

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

The Central High Band included many dedicated and hard working musicians.

The band started the year with the marching season. They prepared over the summer at the Eugene Salvation Army Camp and had rehearsals at school to learn marching fundamentals and the halftime show.

During the school year, the band rehearsed for an extra hour three days a week. The theme this year was, "Fiddler on the Roof."

The band performed at the Omaha Marching Invitational, the Omaha Marching Exhibition, the Nebraska State Marching Tournament, the River City Roundup Parade and at halftime for football games.

This year was successful with the band earning a high "2" ranking at the state competition.

"Even though band took a lot of my time, it was worth it because it was fun and rewarding," Alli Pagan (11) said.

When the marching season was over, the band practiced for the Winter and Spring Concerts, Adjudication and the District Music Contest. They also performed as a pep band at basketball games.



Above: Simon Prescott (9) impresses the crowd with his stunning marching techniques. (Photo: April Santon)





Above: Anna Raful (11) perfects her cymbal roll at the halftime show. (Photo: April Santon)

Above: **1996-97 Band Members**—Front Row: Michelle Weiss (Color Guard sponsor), Danny Jacobs (9), Pat Johnson (9), Doug Graber (10), Stephanie Keeney (10), Ben Pierce (10), Tara Hauger (11), Rhaym Keel (12), Erik Smith (9), Ryan Watzke (12), Kevin Finken (12), Sarah Schneider (11), Adam Nelson (9), Katie O'Neill (11), Joe Knapp (11), Jenna Jackson (9), Sarah Wengert (11), Jamie Veach (11), Randy Henderson (Drumline sponsor) and Pete Wilger (Band sponsor). Second Row: Jesse Cerny (12), Angie Barnhard (12), Nicki Newell (12), Jenny Backman (11), Sarah Schrad (11), Sarah Anderson (11), Rachel Philbin (12), April Ponec (12), Julie Weston (11), Amy Bacome (12), Jenny Link (11), Connie Totske (10), Evelyn Reinthaler (9), Jenny Anthis (12), Leslie McCarthy (12) and Emily Anderson (11). Third Row: Nicole Duffy (12), Jenny Hesser (10), Makayla Hernandez (10), Jenny Pallat (9), Amanda Hansen (11), Taylor Campbell (10), Erin Helland (10), Shana Voycheske (9), Liz Eakins (9), Jill Atkinson (9), Raechel Achelpohl (9), Cecy Losee (9), Mary Baddorf (12), Gina Szawicki (11), Heather Anderson (9), Amy Linenberger (9), Noelle Thornburg (10), Becky Iwen (12), Tomika Mills (9), Suzanne Glover (9), Nicole Watzke (11), Becca Manczuk (9), Mary Tritch (9), Tara Bacome (9), Meghan Devlin (11), Debra Slape (9) and Gary Hendry (12). Fourth Row: Ben Onkka (12), Zak Davis (12), Meagan Cody (10), Jimos Reese (10), Doug Samla (10), Lisa Linenberger (11), Zack Clark (10), Jason Thompson (9), Sharif Elkachouti (12), Mark Hakenson (9), Dave Rennard (10), Nate Kovarik (11), Nick Eakins (11), Chuck Meyer (11), Lauren Coatsworth (11), Jeff Hakenson (9), Ben Teply (11), Eddie Piatt (11), Erin Jenkins (11), Andy Johnson (11), Brooke Kelly (11), John Neville (10), Rosalind Rhoades (10), Melissa Scurlock (11), Kerry Komar (9), Chris Lawrence (11), Charlie O'Day (10), Tim Malick (11) and Chris Scofield (11). Fifth Row: John Ingraham (9), Jeremy Stuzka (10), Tim Hakanson (11), Jenny Queen (11), Erin Riley (12), Matt Smith (9), Kristoff Berzins (10), J.D. Westerholm (9), Kelly Connor (11), Mike Wenberg (12), Thomas Parks (12), Jason Sterns (10), Simon Prescott (9), Brandon Barth (10), Junell Dumes (10), Jeremy Scurlock (9), Willie Karpf (10), Matt Chambers (12), Kristina Derrick (9), Jeremiah Schultz (9), Sirena Montalvo (12), Ben Iwen (9), James Akers (12), James Gallup (9), Earl Nelson (9), Alli Pagan (11), James Carrig (11), Heather Nehrig (9) and Samira Nazem (9). (Photo: Jolesch Photography)

*"Band was the only reason I came to school,"
Willie Karpf, sophomore*



HIT 'EM HIGH HIT 'EM LOW

All-State honors gifted musicians

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

Central's musical talent was abundant at the 1996 All-State Concert. A total of 24 students were chosen through an audition process on Oct. 12. Central had seventeen participants in the All-State Choir, five in the All-State Orchestra and two in the All-State Band.

The All-State program was held on Nov. 21-23 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The program consisted of six rehearsals before the final concert on Nov. 23. The concert was three hours long, and some of the musical selections were Wasson's "American Fanfare" performed by the band, Grotenhuis's "Song of Triumph" performed by the choir and Stravinsky's "Berceuse" performed by the orchestra.

"All-State helped me to meet musicians from all over Nebraska and improve my performance skills," Sarah Schrad (11) said.



Above: **1996 All-State Instrumentalists**—Krista Griess (12), Johann Johnson (10), Abbey Dinin (12) and Lisa Petersen (12). (Photo: Sarah Anderson)

Right: **1996 All-State Vocalists**—First Row: Damien Thompson (12), Courtney Worrell (12), Ryan McGrane (12), Jennifer Kniewel (11), Anna Jane Kerns (12), Chris Darst (12), Sarah Schrad (11), Sarah Hernandez (12) and Philip Medeiros (12). Second Row: Rachel Shukert (11), Leigh Riley (12), Jessica Dickes (12), Sarah Felix (11), Karl Richstatter (12), Jason Hoberman (12), Yvonne Jackson (12) and Bryan Greer (11). (Photo: April Santon)



Top Right: **1996 All-State Instrumentalists** — Becki Iwen (12), Nicole Watzke (11) and Alli Pagan (11). (Photo: Sarah Anderson)



Jazz band jazzes up Central

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

The jazz band was extremely busy this year with performances at several concerts, competitions and other community events.

The jazz band participated in the Winter and Spring Instrumental Concerts and performed for an elementary good-citizenship assembly in November. They also competed in the Great Plains Jazz Band Festival against several other OPS jazz bands. In addition, the jazz band entertained the downtown community by playing for the opening of a business in January.

Members of the jazz band were also involved with Central's band or orchestra and the All-State music program.

"Jazz band helped to increase my knowledge of jazz music," Jamie Veach (11) said.



Above: **1996-97 Jazz band**—First Row: Jason Hoeft (10), Jason Stearns (10), Lisa Linenberger (11) and Nicole Watzke (11). Second Row: Andy Johnson (11), Jason Thompson (9), Nick Eakins (11), Chuck Meyer (11) and Tom Parks (12). Third Row: Ben Teply (11), Lauren Coatsworth (11), Alli Pagan (11), Jenny Queen (11) and Zack Clark (10). Fourth Row: Ryan Watzke (12), Kevin Finken (12), Zak Davis (12), Jamie Veach (11) and Willie Karpf (10). Fifth Row: Mr. Pete Wilger (advisor). (Photo: Lei Brown)

Left: Ben Teply (11), Chuck Meyer (11), Lauren Coatsworth (11), Nick Eakins (11) and Zack Clark (10) play their trumpets with tremendous talent. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Above Left: Zak Davis (12) and Kevin Finken (12) serenade the jazz band with their saxophones. (Photo: Lei Brown)



GO CENTRAL GO

Color Guard twirls to top rating

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

The 1996-97 Color Guard performed flag routines, which took many rehearsals and a great deal of hard work to master.

The group participated in several competitions, football games and a parade with the band. These competitions included the Omaha Marching Exhibition (OME), the Omaha Marching Invitational (OMI) and the State Marching Contest. In addition, the students performed in the River City Roundup Parade in September.

At the OMI competition, the Color Guard received a superior rating, the highest possible. At the State Marching Contest, the group received a good, or II, rating along with the band.

"I have formed many friendships through my experience in Color Guard," Rachael Philbin (12) said.



Above: Amy Bacome (12), Leslie McCarthy (12) and Julie Weston (11) smile for a quick picture before they perform a dazzling routine. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)

Upper Right: Sarah Anderson (11) and Sarah Schrad (11) show their pearly whites before OME. (Photo: Courtesy of Sarah Schrad)



Above: 1996-97 Color Guard—First Row: April Ponec (12), Jesi Cerny (12) and Angie Barnhard (12). Second Row: Michelle Weiss (coordinator), Emily Anderson (11), Rachael Philbin (12), Jenny Anthis (12), Evelyn Reinthaler (9) and Leslie McCarthy (12). Third Row: Sarah Schrad (11), Connie Totzke (10), Jenny Link (11), Julie Weston (11), Amy Bacome (12), Nichole Newell (12), Sarah Anderson (11) and Jenny Backman (11). (Photo: Jolesch Photography)



Concerto competition begins a new tradition

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger



Top: Amy Linenberger (9) and Maggie Day (9) practice in style for their competition duet. (Photo: Tara Hauger)

Above: **Concerto Competition Winners**—Back Row: Amy Linenberger (9) and Maggie Day (9). Front Row: Abbey Dinin (12) and Lisa Linenberger (11). (Photo: Tara Hauger)

The Central High Orchestra started a new tradition this year: the concerto competition.

Students in orchestra auditioned before a panel of judges with a memorized solo. Four musicians were chosen for the competition.

Lisa Linenberger (9) played a piano piece accompanied by the Omaha Chamber Symphony at Central with the Music Mentors program. Abbey Dinin (12) performed a cello solo and Amy Linenberger (9) and Maggie Day (9) played a duet at the Spring Concert.

"It was a good opportunity to perform with the orchestra," Abbey said.

The competition was a special honor that recognized students with outstanding leadership, determination and playing skills.

"The concerto competition is one of the most rewarding and memorable experiences a music student can have," Miss Molly Moriarty (sponsor) said.



CHEER, CHEER FOR CENTRAL

A Cappella supplies a noteworthy year

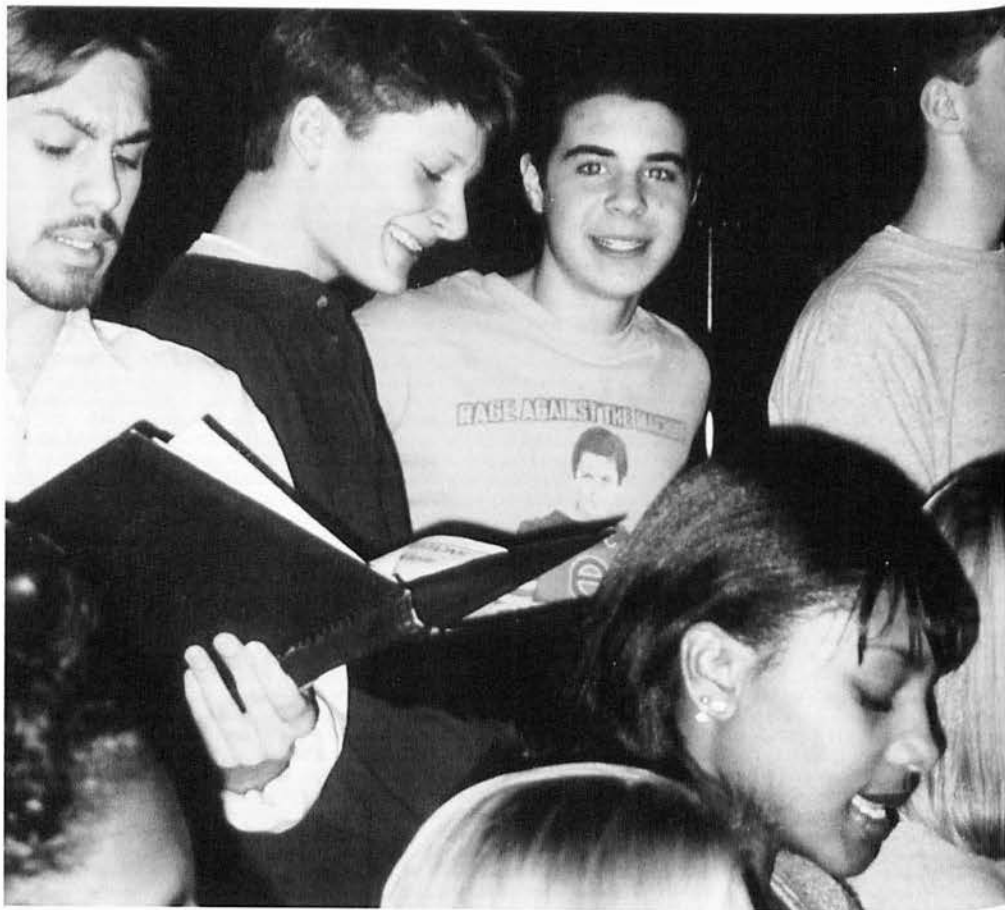
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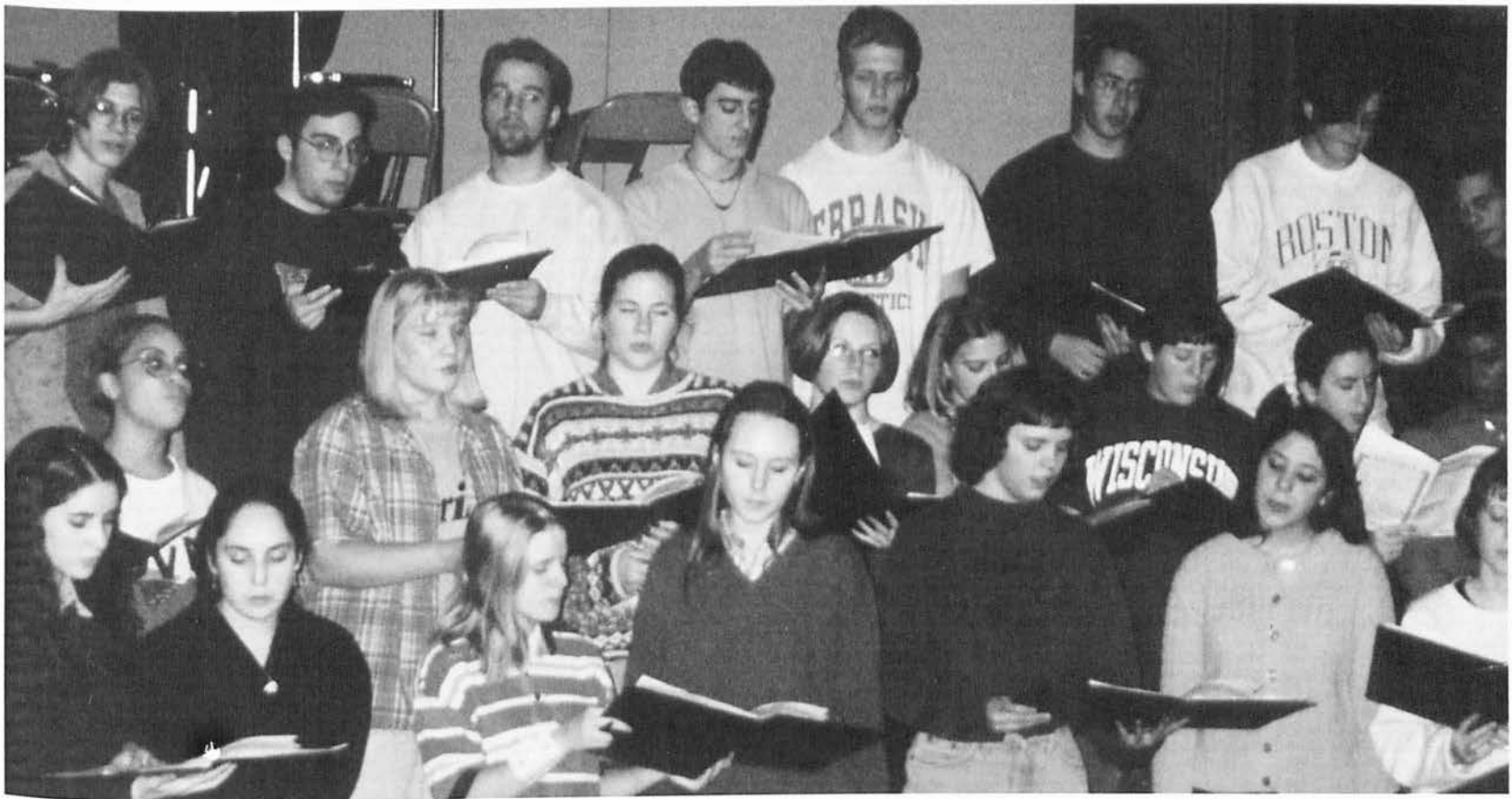
A Cappella provided enjoyment to many audiences with its music throughout the 1996-97 school year.

The students participated in numerous concerts and competitions to share their vocal talents. They took part in the annual Fall, Winter and Spring Vocal Concerts, as well as the Central High Road Show. The choir also competed in the OPS District Music Contest, which provided the members with the opportunity to perform solos or in small groups for a rating. In addition, A Cappella members went on a retreat in order to improve their performance skills and to become better acquainted with one another.

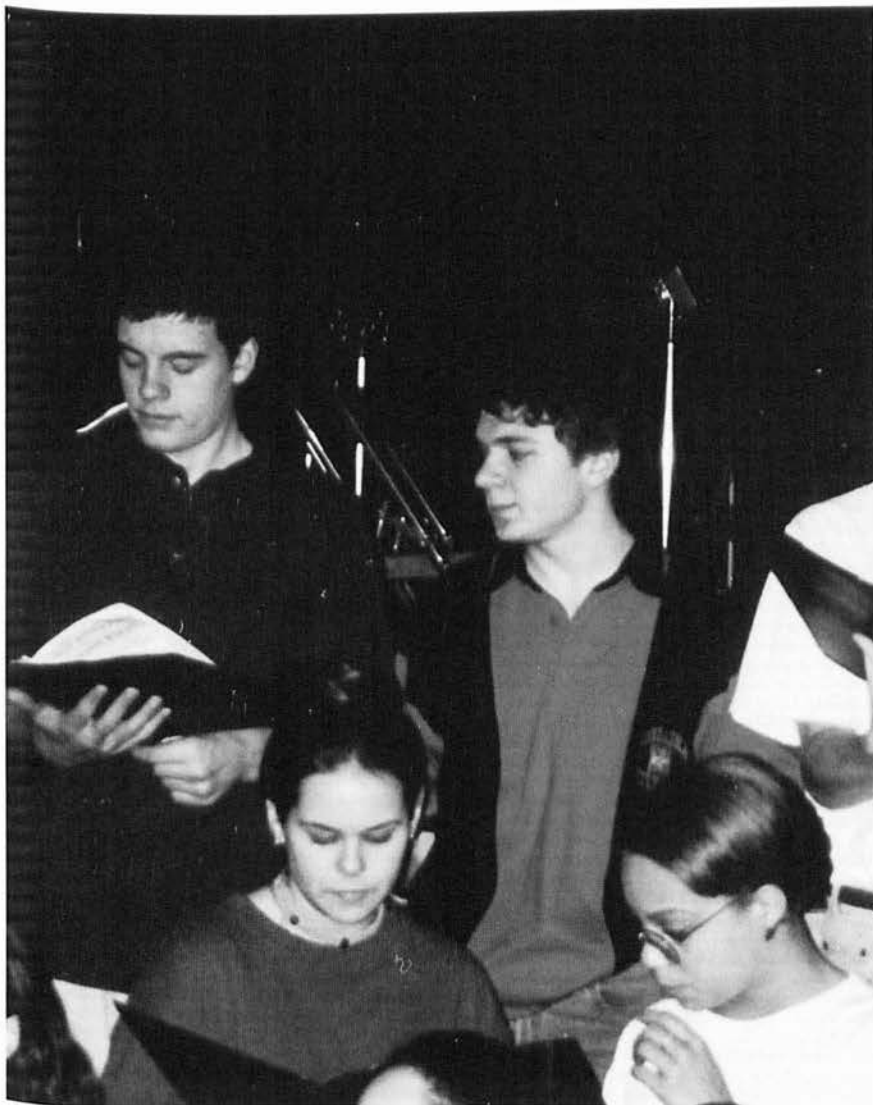
The group surpassed the language barriers through the performance of several songs in foreign languages. These pieces included "O Vos Omnes," sung in Latin and "Erev Shel Shoshanim," sung in Hebrew.

"A Cappella was a very positive experience for me, and it helped me in working with others," Corey McCallan (11) said.





Above: A Cappella members concentrate intently on their music for an upcoming concert. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Opposite Page Bottom: **1996-97 A Cappella Members**—First Row: Mrs. Lyn Bouma (sponsor), Paula Christiansen (12), Christina Housh (12), Sarah Barsell (11), Sarah Schrad (11), Alexa Christon (11), Lucas Stecker (10), Philip Medeiros (12), Ryan McGrane (12), Gary Hendry (12), Nate Perilo (11), Damien Thompson (12), Chris Darst (12), Alex Wolfson (10), Dejah Floyd (12), Anna Jane Kerns (12), Julie Gruidel (12) and Jamila Davis (11). Second Row: Adrian Holm (12), Kelly Porter (12), Leigh Riley (12), Marisa Ramsey (11), Sarah Hernandez (12), Sarah Carse (11), Alex Lund (12), Corey McAllan (11), Nick Gunde (11), Jon Anzalone (12), Vito Agosta (12), Doug Samla (11), Angie Barnhard (12), Jill Jackson (12), Alex Ramirez (11), Lacey Pruitt (12) and Yvonne Jackson (12). Third Row: Serena Lueth (12), Erin Jenkins (11), Cassy Koziol (12), Cara Medley (12), Bryan Greer (11), Sean Baxter (12), Max Culver (12), Jason Hoberman (12), Karl Richstatter (12), Joe Wojtkiewicz (11), Charles Carlin (10), Josh Hare (12), Sarah Price (11), Jenny Link (11), Shameka Tate (12), Courtney Worrell (12), Cameron May (12) and Hilary Kyler (12). Fourth Row: Jessica Dickes (12), Heather Clark (12), Sarah Felix (11), Janelle Orange (11), Jenny Kniewel (11), Sandra Cummins (11), Rachel Shukert (11), Nicki Petersen (12), Quiana Mitchem (12), Elly Miller (12), Rachel Roberts (12), Sara Childers (11), Elonie Lewis (11), Brandi Crozier (12), Teri Tuttle (11), Krista Griess (12) and Amber Frank (12). (Photo: April Santon)

Left: Lucas Stecker (10), Philip Medeiros (12), Sarah Price (11) and Dejah Floyd (12) practice perfect pitch. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Opposite Page Upper Left: Sam Achelpohl (12) and Ben Weiduwilt (12) make the most out of their classtime. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



SHOW YOUR LOYALTY!

Bel Canto brings beauty to music

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

Bel Canto was a choir which consisted of female students with impressive voices. They were guided by Mrs. Lyn Bouma.

Bel Canto performed in many performances, both competitions and concerts, throughout the year. The choir sang in the Fall, Winter and Spring Vocal Concerts and Central's Road Show. In addition, the group competed in the annual District Music Contest.

One important event that Bel Canto participated in was the Madrigal Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 14. This dinner also included performances from the CHS Singers and a woodwind quartet. The Madrigal Dinner was a fund-raiser which benefited Central's vocal music department.

"Bel Canto was a unique class because it gave me the opportunity to sing music with other female students," Jessica Dickes (12) said.



Above: Bel Canto members enthusiastically sing their favorite song. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Upper Right: **1996-97 Bel Canto**—First Row: Tynia Brewer (10), Jody Baines (10), Alison Hager (10), Angie Barnhard (12), Emily Williams (10) and Amber Frank (12). Second Row: Sarah Felix (11), Tegan Fry (10), Brandi Crozier (12), Stephanie Keeney (10), Cara Medley (12) and Kelly Porter (12). Third Row: Nicki Petersen (12), Lacey Pruitt (12), Leigh Riley (12), Jenny Kniewel (11), Amber Rager (10) and Jessica Dickes (12). Fourth Row: Marisa Ramsey (11), Christian Nwaju (10), Felecia Ellis (10), Sara Childers (11), Kerri Inzerillo (10) and Emilie Parrott (10). (Photo: Mary Hill)

Left: Marisa Ramsey (11), Jody Baines (10) and Kelly Porter (12) memorize a glorious song during a fourth period rehearsal. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



Junior Choir sings to successful year

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger



Junior Choir gained musical knowledge and made many improvements during the 1996-97 school year.

Junior Choir was made up of students who were recommended to Mrs. Lyn Bouma, Central vocal music instructor, by their junior high music teachers. The choir's purpose was to prepare the students for A Cappella.

The group's focus was to learn basic vocal and performance skills such as sight-reading, multiple rhythms and singing in foreign languages.

Junior Choir met every day during second hour in order to prepare for their two performances in the Winter and Spring Vocal Concerts.

"Junior Choir gave me the chance to meet new friends and sing," Catie Wieczorek (9) said.



Above: Junior Choir members project their harmonious voices throughout the halls of Central. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Left: Jamison Richart (10) and Adrian Hartso (10) sing their scales until perfection. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Upper Left: **1996-97 Junior Choir**—First Row: Mary Anderson (9), William Avery (9), Melissa Bobzien (10), Tai Burtleson (9) and Brad Chatley (9). Second Row: Amber Chunn (9), Sandra Czapla (9), Megan Douglas (10), Shawna Drey (9) and Leo Dwyer (9). Third Row: Mario Echols (9), Lori Eiserman (9) and Katie Foley (10). Fourth Row: George Getty (10), Terra Gillespie (10), Christine Grable (9), Jennifer Hart (9) and Adrian Hartso (9). Fifth Row: Teri Healy (10), Lauri Hedland (9), Cale Heikes (9) and Jennifer Hensler (9). Sixth Row: Kristen Hillman (9), Amber Hughs (9) and Jessica Janovich (9). Seventh Row: Natalia Johnson (9), Katrina Kerns (9), Shaun Kiel (10), Jamall King (10) and Amber Latoza (9). Eighth Row: Bobbie Leonard (9), Andrew Leonard (9), Mike Mackey (9), Kirsten McCready (9) and Fran McDermott (9). Ninth Row: Heather Morehouse (9), Jacqueline Morgan (9), Kelli Muldoon (9) and Heather Nehrig (9). Tenth Row: Andrew Nelson (10), Hugo Novelo (9), Chi Chi Nwuju (9), Kerry Olson (9), Andi Pedersen (11) and Shana Renfrow (10). Eleventh Row: Jamison Richart (10) and Rick Riederer (9). Twelfth Row: Melissa Rock (9), Cass Rolfes (9), Crystal Rolfes (9), Julie Russell (9), Kiya Shockey (9), Tina Simmons (10), Nicole Smith (9) and Andrea Thompson (9). Thirteenth Row: Trisha Trummer (9), Tamika Walker (9), Catie Wieczorek (9), Tanell Williams (9), Becky Williamson (9), Larry Wilson (9) and Shayla Wilson (10). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



SHOUT THE PRAISES OF YOUR SCHOOL, *CHS Singers create magical memories*

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

The CHS Singers had a year filled with numerous concerts and other community performances.

The CHS Singers were a select group of juniors and seniors that met every day during third hour. This group was considered the highest choir in Central's vocal music department.

The CHS Singers showcased their vocal talents at many sites around Omaha. They performed at the Western Heritage Museum, the Scouler Grain Ballroom and the Rose Blumkin Nursing Home. In addition, the choir participated in the District Music Contest, the Central High Road Show and the Madrigal Dinner.

"CHS Singers was fun because I got along with everyone and we sounded great together," Janelle Orange (11) said.



Above: CHS Singers let their voices be heard. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Upper Right: **1996-97 CHS Singers**—First Row: Erin Jenkins (11), Anna Jane Kerns (12), Amy Revenaugh (11), Erin Beal (12), Janelle Orange (11) and Elonie Lewis (11). Second Row: Damien Thompson (12), Corey McCallan (11), Karl Richstatter (12), Jason Hoberman (12), Chris Darst (12) and Bryan Greer (11). Third Row: Rachel Shukert (11), Cassy Koziol (12), Philip Medeiros (12), Hilary Kyler (12) and Sarah Hernandez (12). Not Pictured: Yvonne Jackson (12), Ryan McGrane (12) and Courtney Worrell (12). (Photo: Sarah Anderson)



Right: Courtney Worrell (12) prepares to amaze the audience at an upcoming performance. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



Pit orchestra provides perfect performances

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

The 1996-97 pit orchestra members demonstrated their instrumental talent and determination through the hard work they put forth to help make the fall musical, *Oklahoma!*, a success.

Members of the pit orchestra were chosen through an audition process in late September. Once the group was assembled, they practiced after school in order to prepare for the opening night.

First, the pit orchestra practiced alone to learn the music, and then they began rehearsing with the cast in the auditorium. All of the time that they devoted to the musical was evident through their performances on Nov. 13-15.

Aside from the many rehearsals, the students had a chance to meet other members of Central's band and orchestra.

"The group was small enough for everyone to get to know each other and big enough to meet a lot of new people," Rhaym Keel (12) said.



Above: **1996-97 Pit orchestra**—First Row: Christine McCollum (11), Toni Adair (10), Abbey Dinin (12), Lisa Petersen (12), Jenny Queen (11), Zach Clark (10) and Johann Johnson (10). Second Row: Lisa Prosterman (12), Becki Iwen (12), Amy Linenberger (9), Heather Nehrig (9), Nicole Watzke (11) and Lisa Linenberger (11). Third Row: Rhaym Keel (12) and Tara Hauger (11). (Photo: Sarah Anderson)

Upper Right: Johann Johnson (10) helps keep the beat while playing his bass in the pit. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)



1996-97 Pit Orchestra

Flute

Krista Greiss

Clarinet

Nicole Watzke
Heather Nehrig

Trumpet

Zack Clark

Horn

Lisa Linenberger
James Carrig

Trombone

Jenny Queen
Jason Stearns

Violin I

Lisa Petersen
Amy Linenberger

Violin II

Lisa Prosterman
Christine McCollum

Viola

Makaela Clemons

Cello

Abbey Dinin
Jason Casady

Bass

Johann Johnson

Harp

Toni Adair
Becki Iwen
Julie Weston

Percussion

Rhaym Keel
Tara Hauger
James Veach



URGE YOUR TEAM TO VICTORY--



Oklahoma! gallops onto Central's stage



By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

This year's production of *Oklahoma!* was full of humorous characters and light-hearted songs which contributed to its popularity among audience members.

"I really enjoyed the musical; it was funny, and the cast did a great job," Siri Heese (11) said.

The musical included a cast of 75 actors, singers, pit orchestra members and a volunteer technical crew. The cast received guidance from Mrs. Pegi Georgeson (head director), Max Culver (student director) and two assistants. The actors performed a student matinee on Nov. 13, followed by two evening performances on Nov. 14 and 15.

This year the students also received help from a new choreographer, Ms. Kristel Mayberry. She choreographed the dances, positioned the dancers on the stage and helped with the costume selection.

"Being in the musical was a wonderful experience and something that I will never forget," Erin Jenkins (11) said.

Right: Anna Jane Kerns (12) and Damien Thompson (12) beautifully sing about one of the peaceful mornings on the Oklahoma plains. (Photo: April Santon)



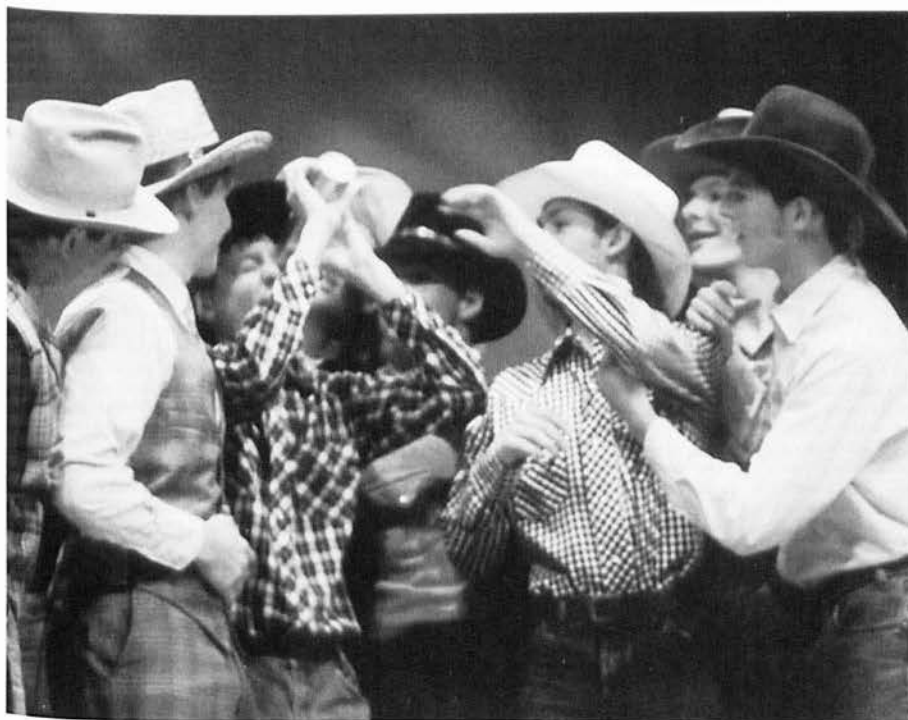


Left: Leigh Riley (12) tries to save her beau, Matt Smith (9), from death at the hands of Shaun Kiel (10) during a dream sequence. (Photo: Ally Jessing)

Lower Left: Erik Smith (9) gazes into the magic kaleidoscope as the rest of the male chorus looks on. (Photo: Ally Jessing)

Bottom Left: Liz Eakins (9), Alison Hager (10), Lori Eiserman (9) and Jennifer Kniewel (11) sing together in perfect harmony. (Photo: April Santon)

Below: Chris Darst (12) tightly clutches his bag full of gifts while having a conversation with Courtney Worrell (12). (Photo: Ally Jessing)



RAH, RAH, RAH!

ROTC teaches life skills

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

ROTC taught students skills that were different from every day classes.

First aid, map reading, weapon safety and instructional techniques were just a few of these skills. ROTC members also learned military curriculum such as military history, drill and marksmanship.

Throughout the year they participated in field trips, parades and physical training. The Military Ball gave ROTC students a chance to polish their shoes and dance the night away. Some members were also a part of the Rifle Team, Color Guard, Courtesy Patrol, Orienteering and Drill Team.

Major Richard Yost, ROTC sponsor, said the goal of ROTC members was to strive to perfect their leadership abilities, responsibility and self discipline.

"ROTC has taught me how to be a better citizen," Mario Hunter (12) said.

Right: Bobbi Jacobsen (12), ROTC Battalion Commander, demonstrates a perfect attention position. (Photo: April Santon)

Below: **ROTC Colorguard Members**—Front Row: Chris Keyser (10), Craig Carmichael (11), William Garcia (9), Adam McWilliams (9) and Nicole Perry (9). Back Row: Rory Curtis (9), Andrew Buckley (10), Zac Chapin (10), Heather Clark (12), Tim Robertson (9), Jon Nebel (10) and Andrew Mitchell (9). (Photo: April Santon)





Left: **ROTC Secondary Staff**—Zac Chapin (10), Shannon Housh (10) and Jamie Veach (11) show off their medals. (Photo: April Santon)

Below: **Courtesy Patrol**—Front Row: Roselyn Hudson (11), Scott Martin (9), Christina Housh (12), Rachel Ortmeyer (10), William Garcia (9), Adam McWilliams (9), Nicole Perry (9), Justin Alexander (9), Laura Ingursoll (9), Randy Fryer (10) and RaShaun Smallwood (9). Back Row: James McAlister (9), Tia Robinson (11), Jeremy Slowik (11), Jonathan Noland (9), Charles Hollingsworth (9), Jon Nebel (10), Brian Wilson (10), Heather Clark (12), Rory Curtis (9), Terrel Kelley (10), Jared Hart (9) and Mike Ziemies (9). (Photo: April Santon)

Bottom: **ROTC Primary Staff**—Mark Brasch (12), Heather Clark (12), Patrice Suttle (12), Pat Lawson (12), Sean Reynolds (12), Christina Housh (12) and Tia Robinson (11). (Photo: April Santon)



COME ALL YOU EAGLES,

RIFLE TEAM SHOOTS FOR SUCCESS

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

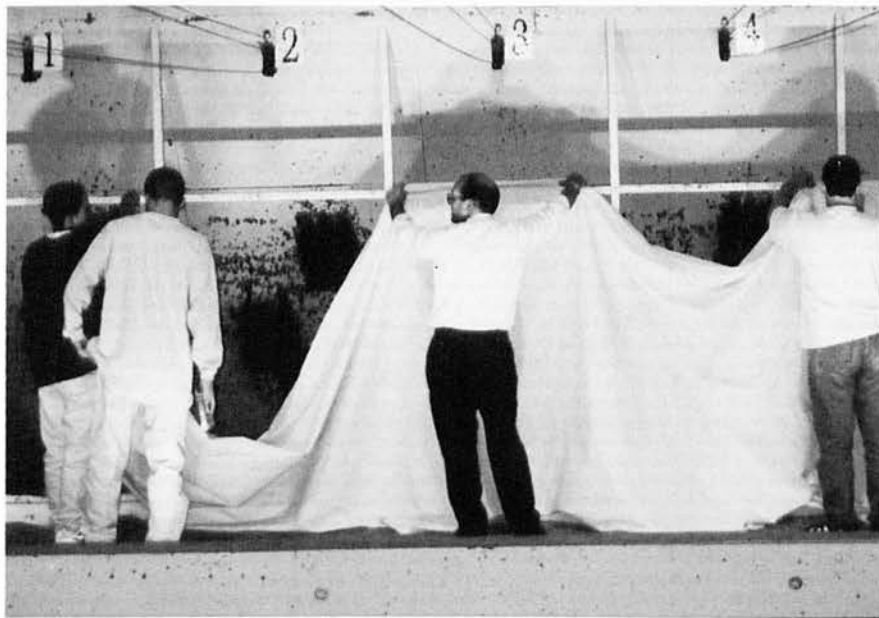
The Rifle Team was a very different activity at Central.

Team members met tenth period every day to practice for meets. They learned shooting skills as well as important safety techniques.

Students learned the positions for shooting 22 caliber rifles: prone, kneel and stand. The team was also taught to shoot air pistols in the stand position.

Mental ability was the most important part of being on the Rifle Team. Members must have a lot of discipline.

Rifle Team was a very educational sport," Rifle Team Commander Marcus Brewer (11) said. "It taught me self control."



Top Right: **1996-97 Rifle Team**—First Row: Bobbi Jacobsen (12) and Heather Clark (12). Second Row: Andrew Mitchell (9), Mark Brasch (12), Pat Lawson (12), Zac Chapin (10), Jon Nebel (10) and Mark Schepker (12). (Photo: April Santon)

Right: Marcus Brewer (11) diligently cleans the rifles before a tenth hour practice. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Above: Rifle Team members demonstrate their team unity that's right on target! (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



DRILL TEAM COMPETES WITH EXCELLENCE

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger



"The Drill Team worked well together this year," Varsity Drill Team Commander Jamie Veach (11) said. "It was an excellent team."

The Drill Team was an activity open to all students enrolled in ROTC. Members of the team practiced executing military commands simultaneously and quickly.

Competitions held throughout the year included an OPS competition, the Bellevue East Invitational and the UNO Invitational.

This year there were two levels of the Drill Team, the Freshman and Varsity.

Jamie Veach (11) and Freshman Commander Rory Curtis (9) said they agreed that this year was filled with numerous accomplishments.

"Drill Team was all about following orders instantaneously and teamwork," Major Richard Yost (sponsor) said.



Above Left: Andrew Buckley (10) and Shannon Housh (10) show Louis Saylor (9) the correct way to march. (Photo: April Santon)

Above: **Varsity Drill Team**—Front Row: Bobbi Jacobsen (12), Shannon Housh (10), Christina Housh (12), Jamie Veach (11), Rachel Ortmeyer (10), Randy Fryer (10) and Brian Wilson (10). Back Row: Sean Reynolds (12), Pat Lawson (12), Andrew Buckley (10), Jon Nebel (10), Zac Chapin (10) and Heather Clark (12). (Photo: April Santon)



Left: **Freshman Drill Team**—Front Row: William Garcia (9), Scott Martin (9), Adam McWilliams (9), Craig Carmichael (9), Nicole Perry (9), Erin Braun (9) and Sarah Carreno (9). Back Row: Charles Hollingsworth (9), Louis Saylor (9), James McAllister (9), Tim Robertson (9) and Rory Curtis (9). (Photo: April Santon)



FIGHT TO WIN THAT GAME!

Dimension finds new boundaries

By Sarah Anderson, Tara Hauger and Leslie Ujhely

"Out of all the projects given to us in Creative Writing, *Dimension* was quite possibly the most time consuming," Sarah Wengert (11) said.

Dimension is Central's literary magazine, published yearly by the Creative Writing classes. The chief editor of *Dimension* was Mrs. Peggy Wheeler, English 7-8 and Creative Writing teacher.

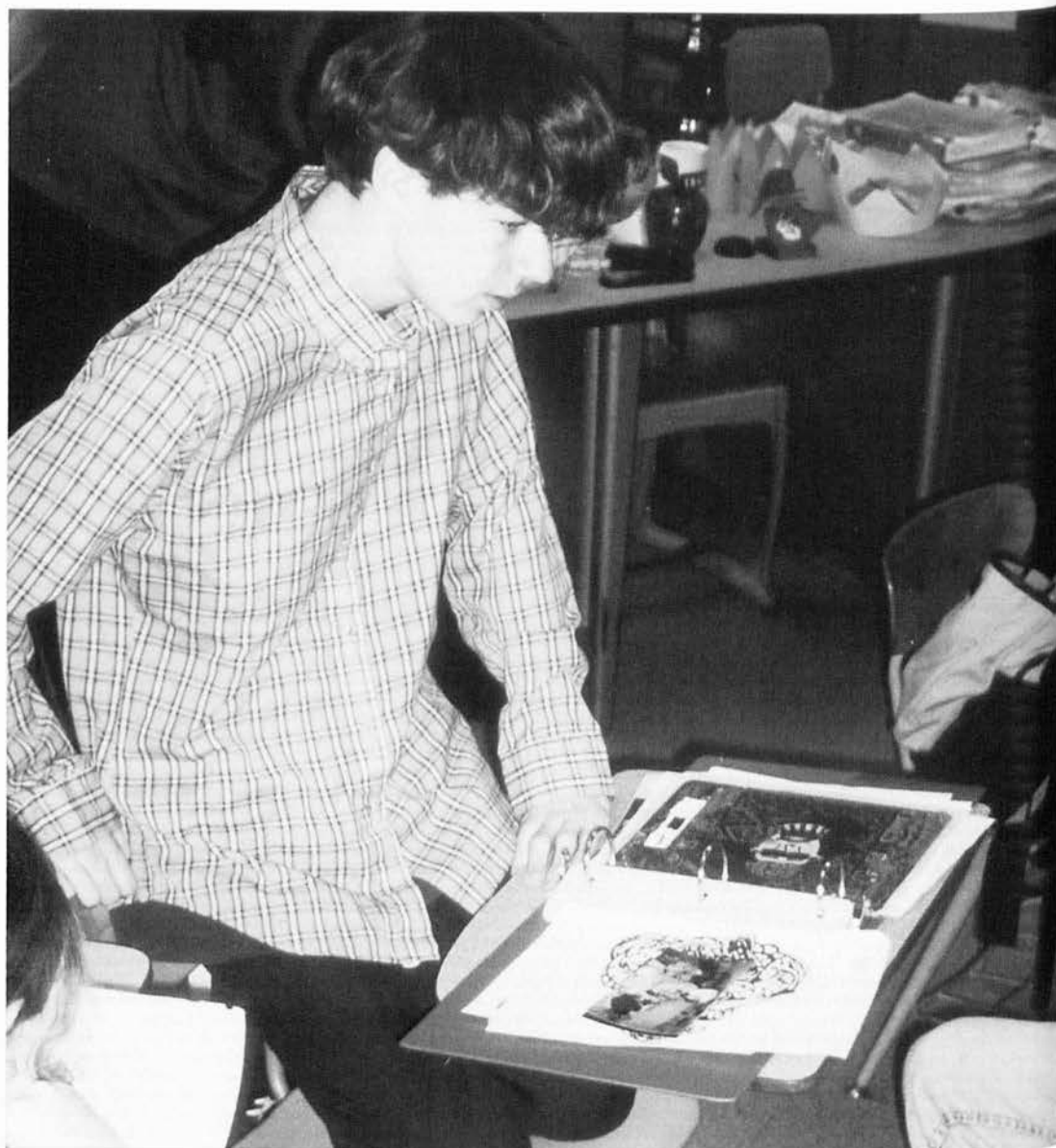
"*Dimension* made me feel like a better human being," Bill Gentle (11) said.

Dimension gave students and staff the chance to publish poems, essays, short-stories, artwork and photography, as well as the chance to learn about the process involved with publications.

"I think the students worked well together," Mrs. Wheeler said. "*Dimension* production calls for maturity and sophistication, and I always see growth in the students at this time."

Above Right: Joe Knapp (11) looks over art entries for the 1996-97 *Dimension*. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Below Right: **1996-97 *Dimension* Members (Fourth Hour)**—First Row: Aaron Privitera (11). Second Row: Courtney Collins (11), Lea Platz (12), Mary Hill (12), Sam Achelpohl (12) and Amy Hester (11). Third Row: Sarah Wengert (11), Leslie Ujhely (11), Bill Gentle (11) and Ashley Beck (12). Fourth Row: Mrs. Peggy Wheeler (sponsor), Jason Friedrichsen (11), Jessica Koenig (12), Aaron Moser (11) and Julie Potter (11). Fifth Row: Andrew Leiben (12), Ian O'Donnell (12), Molly Deacon (11), Josh Peterson (12), Courtney Hancock (11) and Liz Montag (9). (Photo: Becca Starr)





Above: 1996-97 *Dimension* Members (Ninth Hour)—
 First Row: Stacey Nguyen (11), Melissa Whittle (12)
 and Ben Onkka (12) Second Row: Jeff Ludwig (12),
 Jon Adams (11), LaTisha Glass (12), Rachel Orton-
 Bigfire (11), Willie Glasser (12), Ryan Ellis (12),
 Debra Slape (9) and Lisa Slape (12). Third Row:
 Mrs. Peggy Wheeler (sponsor), Kenneth Booth (12),
 Sirena Montalvo (12), Marne Merolla (12), Jeremy
 Hanson (9), Sarah Johnston (12), Janelle Orange
 (11), Joe Wojtkiewicz (11), Andy Hickman (9) and
 Bryan Heller (10). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



**"If ignorance is bliss
 and you don't know
 what's going on,
 then it must be
 good."**

Andy Hickman (9)



Above: Willie Glasser (12) attempts to concentrate on sales strategies, but Mrs. Wheeler has to keep him on task. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Left: Lea Platz (12) and Sam Achelpohl (12) try different layout techniques. (Photo: Mary Hill)



WE CAN MAKE IT--WE CAN TAKE IT

Decathlon students love to learn

By Sarah Anderson and Tara Hauger

"Decathlon was a great experience and I learned a lot this year," Rachel Roberts (12) said.

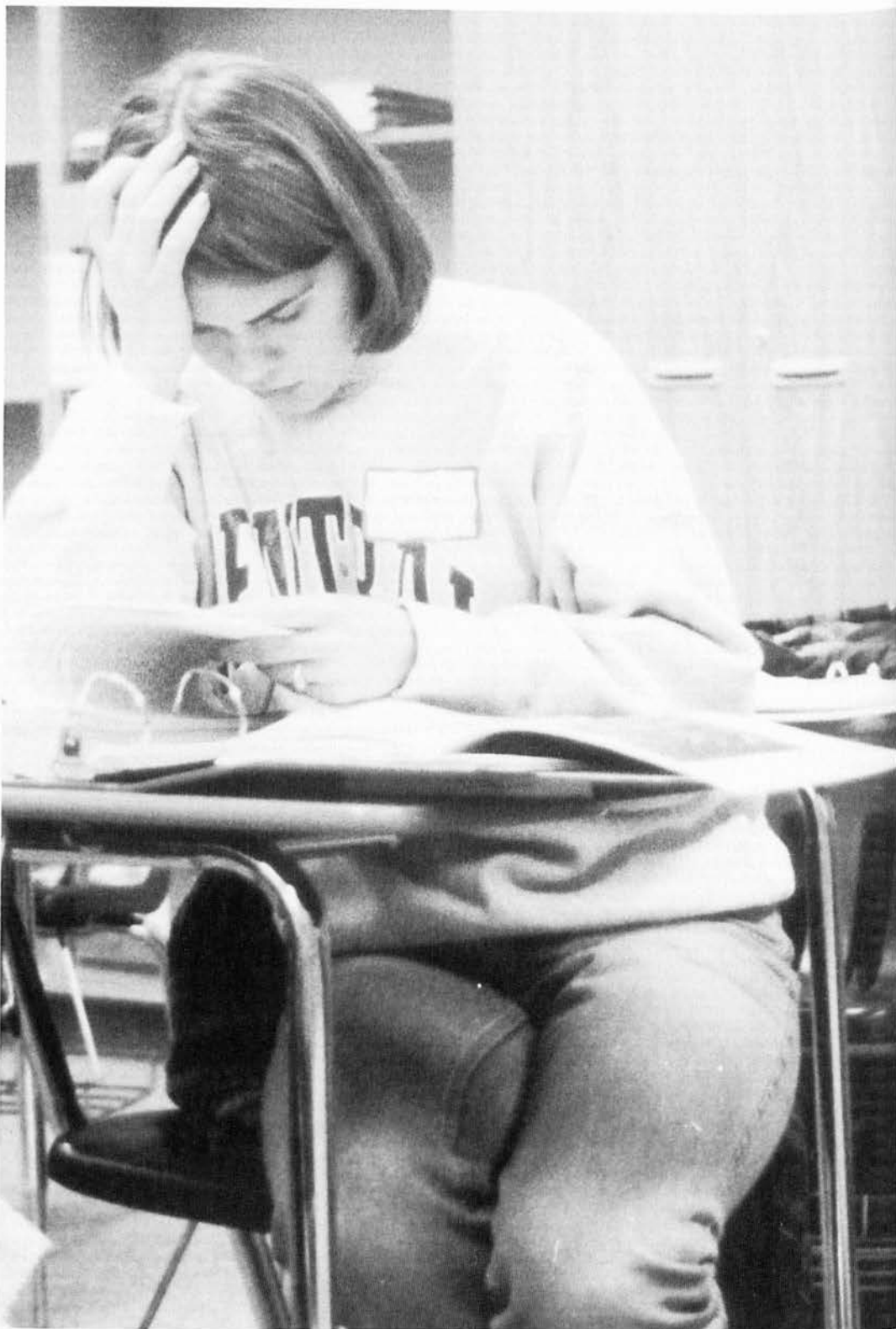
Every morning during zero hour faithful decathlon students met to study and prepare for competitions.

Students in decathlon studied ten different subject areas: mathematics, physics, language and literature, social science, economics, fine arts, speech, essay, interview and super quiz. They prepared for regional, state and national competitions.

This year's theme was "The Information Revolution." Mrs. Dee Kovarik (sponsor) helped the students learn all they could about the ten subject areas and competition strategies.

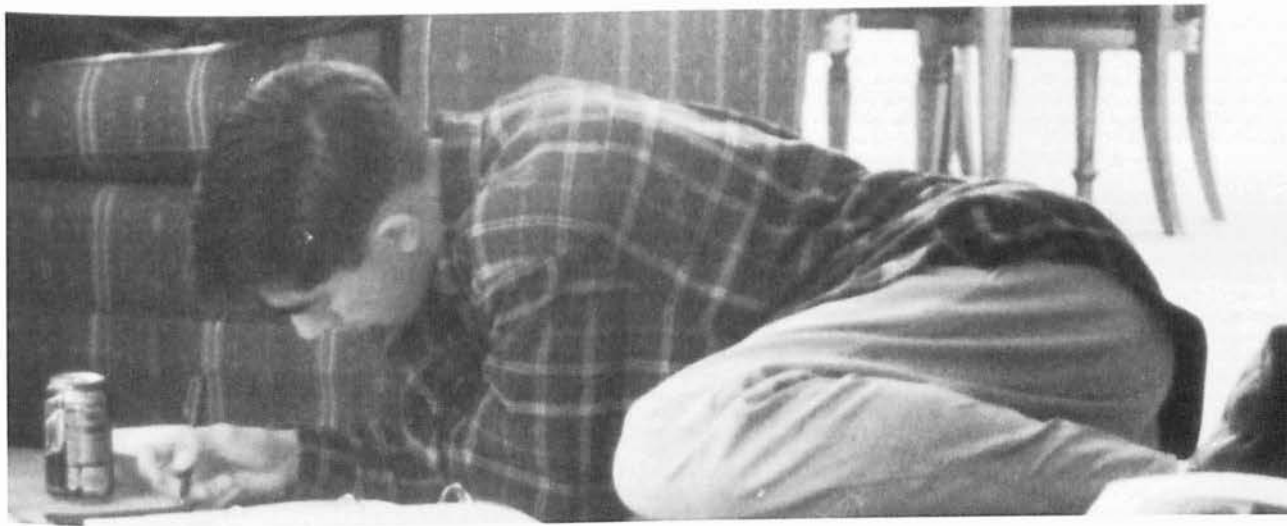
Students were divided into three teams: Honors, Scholastic and Varsity according to their G.P.A. and practice test scores.

"Everyone on the team worked really well together and accomplished a lot," Sarah Fischer (12) said.



Above: Sarah Fischer (12) stresses over an upcoming test at the district meet. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Kovarik)





Decathlon members competed in the district competition and scored high. They advanced to the state competition and took third in the Super Quiz. Team members did very well individually and earned medals.



Above: **1996-97 Decathlon Team Members**—Front Row: Jeff Evans (12), Andy Ochsner (12), Leigh Riley (12), Rachel Roberts (12) and Tara Hauger (11). Back Row: Josh Priluck (11), Jason Hoberman (12), Omar Nazem (12), Lisa Prosterman (12), Sarah Fischer (12), Jessica Dickes (12) and Rhaym Keel (12). (Photo: April Santon)



Left: Lisa Prosterman (12) looks over her study materials briefly before taking a test. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Kovarik)

Top Left: Omar Nazem (12) gets comfortable to review artwork. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Kovarik)



CENTRAL HIGH IS BOUND TO WIN!

Road Show celebrates 83rd anniversary

By Sarah Anderson, Tara Hauger and Jane Swirzinski

Many students took a Sentimental Journey in this year's eighty-third Road Show. No other high school had a presentation with such diversity throughout its acts.

"Judges were astonished at the amount of talent that Central students demonstrated," Pegi Georgeson (director) said. "They were able to see the students in a whole different light."

Out of the sixty-four acts that auditioned, twenty-four acts of evenly distributed talent were accepted. Judges had to keep into consideration that all the acts must appeal to a wide range of people.

Some highlights of the 1996-97 Road Show were: Steppin' Sweepers, Spartan Cheerleaders, White Room and Rayne.

All of the student acts were performed on Feb. 14 and 15 at 7:00. They also performed a student matinee on Feb 13.

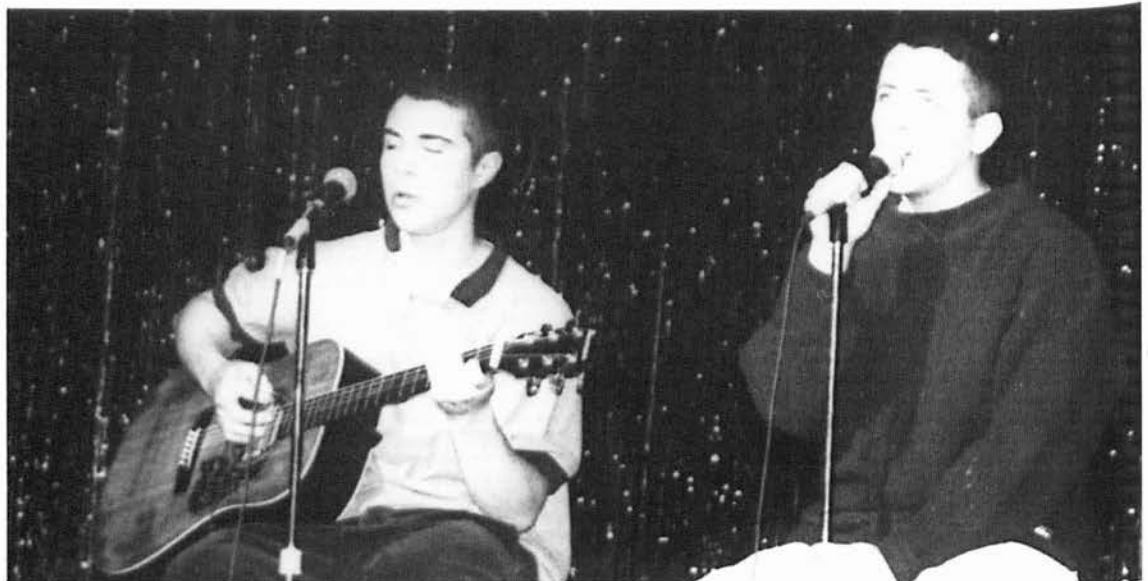
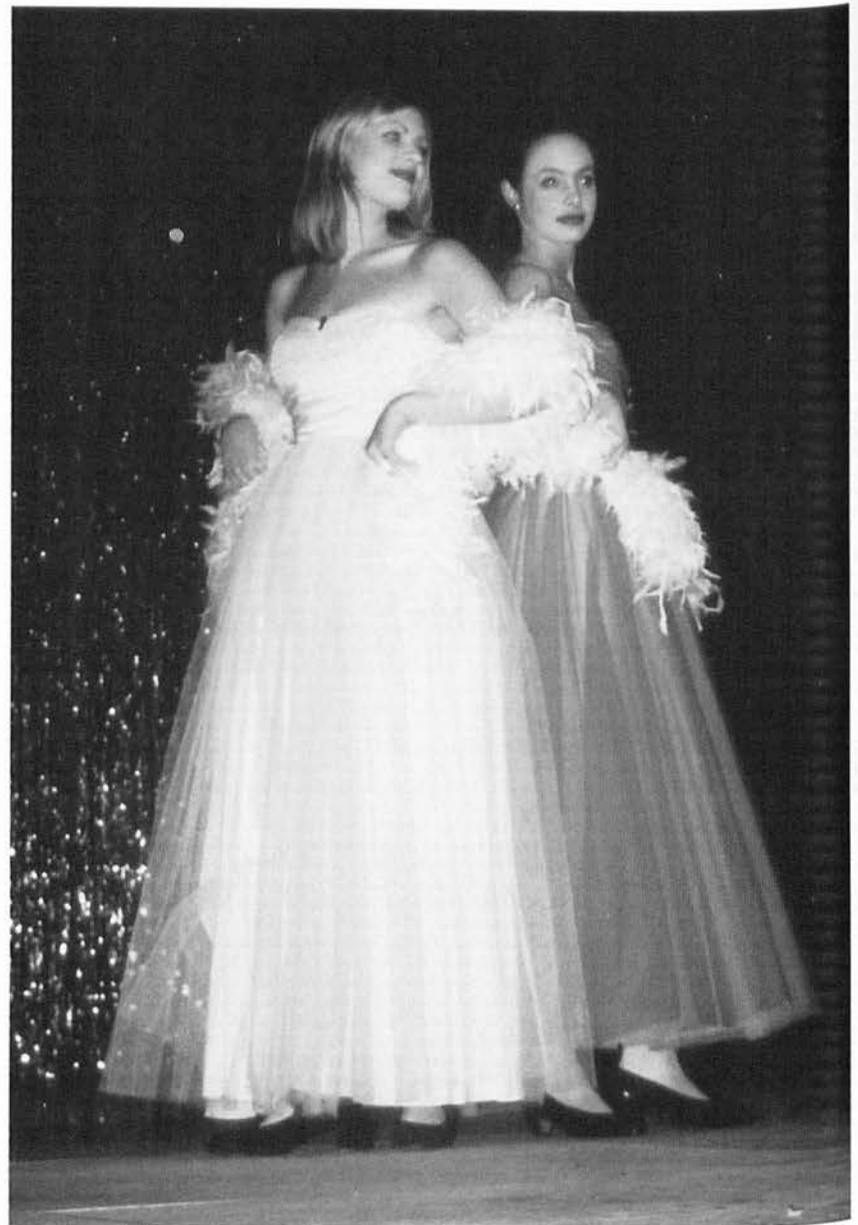
"It was my senior year and I knew there might never be a chance for me to participate in something like this ever again," Damien Thompson (12) said.



Above: Dave Rennard (10) and Nate Kovarik (11) demonstrate the sword fighting techniques from *Monty Python*. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Upper Right: Anna Jane Kerns (12) and Katrina Kerns (9) show the ideal relationship between sisters. (Photo: Mary Hill)

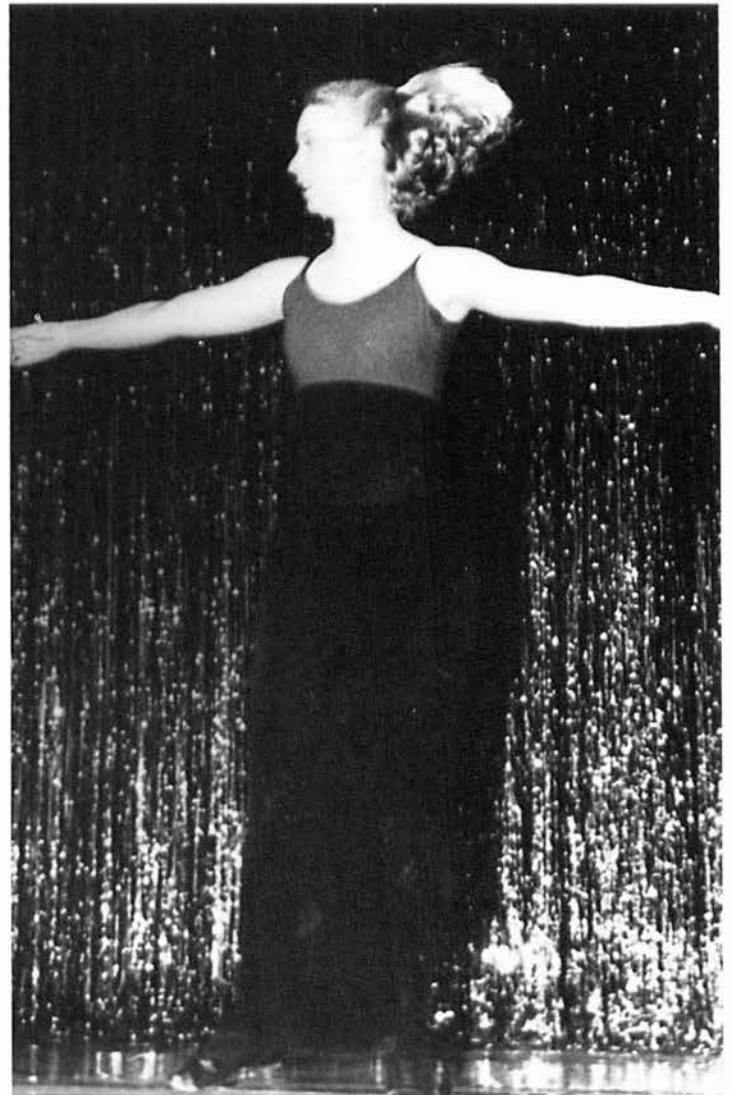
Right: Ben Wieduwilt (12) and Ryan McGrane (12) sing their version of "Friend of the Devil." (Photo: Lei Brown)





Far Left: John Gaskins (12) could predict that we would take this picture. (Photo: Lei Brown)

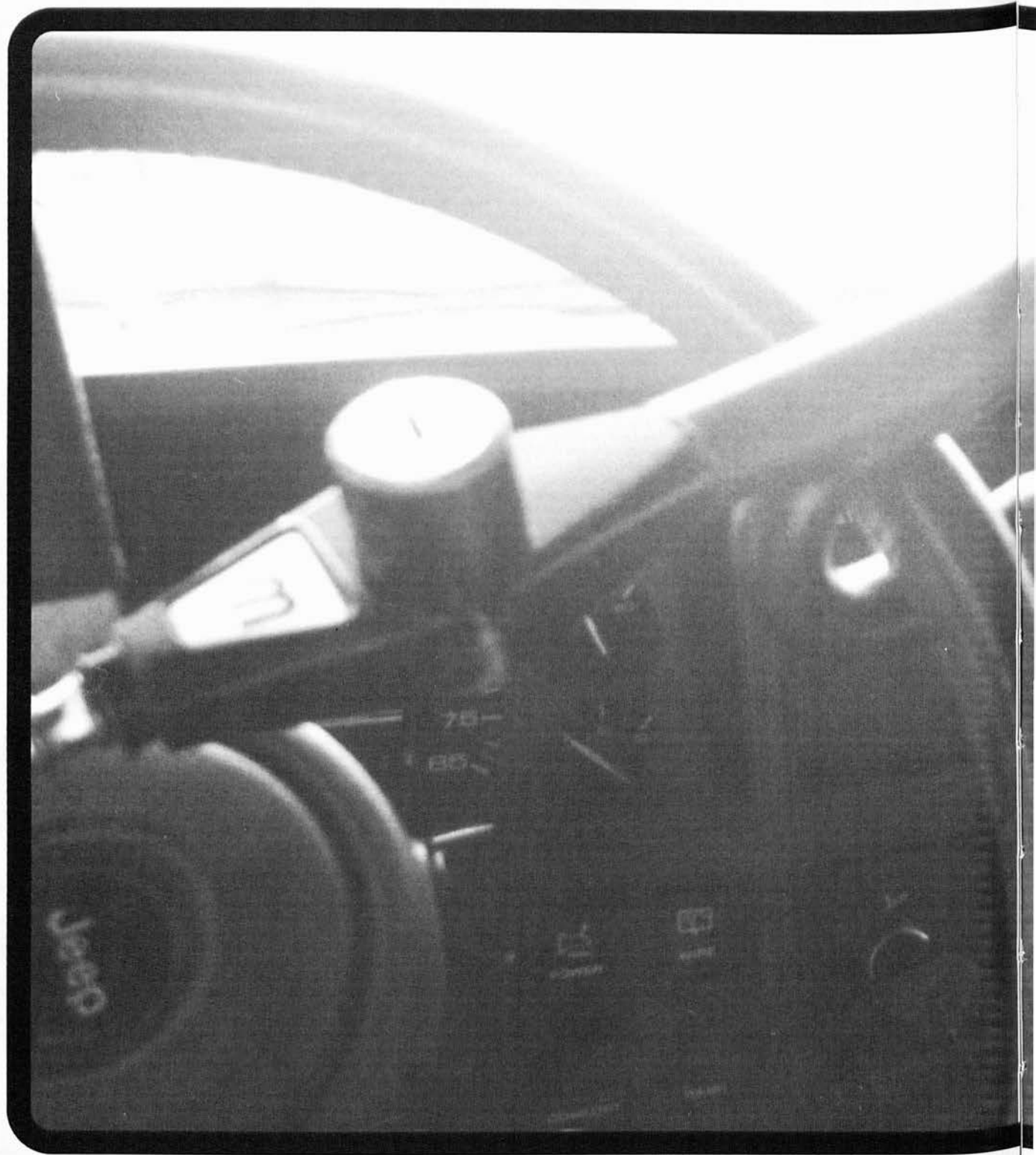
Left: Amy Linenberger (9) amazes the audience with the glittering sound of her violin. (Photo: Mary Hill)



Above: Mary Hill (12) spins like a tornado in her modern dance entitled "Storms." (Photo: Lei Brown)

Left: Sean Baxter (12) is ready to sweep. Ahh yeah! (Photo: Lei Brown)





Clubs



FRENCH CLUB CELEBRATES CULTURE

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

French club had an active membership and offered a variety of fun activities. A major cause of excitement occurred at the Foreign Language Soccer Tournament on Oct. 26.

"Although there weren't many of us, we put in a valiant effort and won!" senior Ryan Watzke said.

Social programs of the year included a progressive dinner, a mad scavenger hunt and a road rally. French club realized the importance of community and school and showed this through their volunteer work and help in the CHS auction. Annual candy sales served as the main French club fund-raiser. A cultural event held by French club involved can-can dancing.

"The French Convention was a celebration of French culture," Sergeant at Arms Jody Sheely (12) said.

Students recited poems, sang French songs and performed French folklore.



Top: **1996-97 French Club Members**—Sarah Anderson, Nicole Best, Linda Boulanger, Kim Boylan, Meghan Boylan, Gail Braddock, Carolyn Bullard, Nicole Dubas, Sarah Felix, Tara Hauger, Marci Holmes, Audrey Kosmicki, Elonie Lewis, Jenny Link, Cameron May, Corey McCallan, Florina Mosenkis, Alli Pagan, Lauren Paley, Celeste Price-Polson, Karl Richstatter, Hamid Roustai, Rachel Slosburg, Aimee Sternberg, Lindsay Fischer, Daryl Kroulek, Marvin Griffel, Leo Dwyer, Minsa Strickland, Natalee Sundberg, Marina Tsed, Dzao Vu, Nicole Watzke, Ryan Watzke, Jessica Boro, Katrina Kerns, Dayna Clark, Meghan Giblisco, Julie Adams, Elizabeth Coder, Julie Russell, Liz Montag, Jane Huang, Cassandra Rolfe, Melissa Papst, Margaret Kukula, Jaime Chrastil, Heather Anderson, LaShondra Oakes and Elsi Roman Nichols.

Above: **1996-97 French Club Officers**—Back Row: Designers Nicole Watzke (11), Carolyn Bullard (12), Ryan Watzke (12), Corresponding Secretary Corey McCallan (11) and Recording Secretary Karl Richstatter (12). Front Row: Vice President Natalee Sundberg (12), Historian Kim Boylan (12), President Celeste Price-Polson (12) and Sergeant at Arms Sarah Anderson (11). (Photos: Karen Kazor)

Above: Corey McCallan (11) and Lauren Paley (11) enjoy a French Club meeting. (Photo: Karen Kazor)



FNHS serves the community

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon



French National Honors Society, FNHS, was an elite group of French students with GPA's above 3.5.

"This year there were several new members with new ideas and great possibilities," junior Rachel Slosburg said. "It was great working with Madame Bayer and spreading the French culture throughout Omaha."

FNHS placed community service as a key priority in their club this year. On Oct. 26, FNHS teamed up with United Way and threw a Halloween party for kids being helped by Salvation Army.

"It was wonderful seeing the look on the kids' faces," senior Abbey Dinin said. "That's what FNHS is all about."



Top: 1996-97 FNHS Members—Front Row: Rachel Slosburg (11), Elly Miller (12) and Celeste Price-Polson (12). Middle Row: Lauren Paley (11), Sarah Anderson (11), Ally Crossman (11), Abbey Dinin (12) and Kim Boylan (12). Back Row: Ryan Watzke (12) and sponsor Mrs. Bayer.

Left: 1996-97 FNHS Officers—Treasurer Sarah Anderson (11), Secretary Ally Crossman (11), Vice President Rachel Slosburg (11), President Abbey Dinin (12) and Sgt. at Arms Kim Boylan (12). Not pictured Historian Sarah Felix (11) and Senior Reps Carolyn Bullard and Jody Sheely. (Photos: Karen Kazor)



GNHS

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

E R M M A N C L U B

Below: **GNHS Officers**—Front Row: Megan Mullen (11), Amanda Wieler (12), Jackie Hart (11) and Erika Mullen (12). Back Row: Andy Oschner (12), Mark Eyman (12), Niles Went (11) and Josh Priluck (11). (Photo: April Santon)

Bottom Left: **German Club Officers**—Josh Priluck (11), Jackie Hart (11), Megan Mullen (11), Rebecca Harmon (11) and Emily Martin (11). (Photo: Mary Hill)



Top Right: **1996-97 German Club**—Front Row: Andrea Mullen (9), Lindsay Whitmore (9), Justin Bentzinger (9) and Beth Phillips (10). Second Row: Andi Pederson (11), Melody McAllister (9), Eugenia Sumnick (10), Melody Dworak (10) and Norene Wolff (10). Third Row: Emily Martin (11), Josh Priluck (11) Jackie Hart (11),

German Club cont...Emilie Parrott (9), Rebecca Harmon (11) and Toni Heard (11). Back Row: Mrs. Dieckman, Nils Went (12), Megan Mullen (11) and Derek Vanderbrake (9). (Photo: Mary Hill)

Above: As a part of their induction ceremony, GNHS members form a "candle chain." (Photo: April Santon)





German Club started the year with a Septemberfest party representing an annual celebration held in Germany. Recreational activities included a camp-out at Platte River State Park and participation in the Foreign Language Soccer Tournament in October.

German Club's main fund-raiser consisted of candy sales and advent calendars. Members went caroling during the Holiday season.

German National Honor Society or GNHS, enjoyed a variety of cultural events such as a film fest and attending the Bodoner exhibit at Joslyn. Social activities included horseback riding at Shady Lanes and a progressive dinner. GNHS, along with German Club, sang German songs for the residents at the Lutheran Home.

"GNHS is an outlet for students who want to delve further into the German culture," senior Erika Mullen, GNHS president, said.



Top: Erika Mullen (12) speaks her mind as president of GNHS. (Photo: April Santon)
 Above: **The 1996-97 German National Honor Society**—Front Row: Netta Bailey (11), Rebecca Harmon (11), Emily Anderson (11), Lisa Linenberger (11), Aggie Davis (11), Molly Deacon (11), Erin Quinlin (11), Jackie Hart (11) and Sarah Schrad (11). Second Row: Megan Mullen (11), Sarah Carse (11), Alyssa Arthur (11), Josh Priluck (11), Rebecca Goldberg (11), James Levshan (11) and Nate Kovarik (11). Back Row: Zach Githoffer (12), Emily Martin (11), Niles Went (11) and Joe Girthoffer (12). (Photo: April Santon)



SPANISH CLUB HITS THE SLOPES

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon



Spanish Club escaped to a winter wonderland this year with a ski trip to Winter Park, Colorado. This fun getaway gave Spanish Club members a chance to bond and enjoy a recreational weekend on the mountains.

Spanish Club also participated in the 30 Hour Famine, a nationally sponsored program used to raise awareness of the third world countries' starving peoples. Members fasted for thirty hours, spending part of the time together and celebrating with a party of success at the end.

The Stephen's Center Towel Drive also gave members a chance to give to the needy community. Social activities included a trip to the new Fun Plex Scream Park in the fall and participation in the Foreign Language Soccer Tournament on Oct. 26.

Right: **1996-97 Spanish Club Members**—Front Row: Cara Medley (12), Erin McMahon (12) and Rachel Roberts (12). Second Row: Mary Beth Stryker (12), Jackie Hart (11), Stephanie Wulff (9), Tanya Bringe (10), Sally Otis (11) and Jeff Evans (12). Third Row: Debra Slape (9), Samira Nazem (9), Kate Kimball (10), Brian Joseph (10), Erin Padilla (10) Sara Huskey (10), Molly Hoberman (9) and Lena Hosford (9). Back Row: Ben Johnson (12), Becky Storm (9), Erin Jenkins (11), John Stacy (11) and Jessie Dickes (12). (Photo: April Santon)



Above: **1996-97 Spanish Club Officers**—Secretary Mary Beth Stryker (12) and Vice President of Events Kelly Albers (12) show their Spanish spirit. Vice President of Funds Cara Medley (12) and Treasurer Jeff Evans (12) show their amigo Garfield. (Photos: Karen Kazor)



SNHS

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

The 1996-97 Spanish National Honor Society contained a multitude of students who had a desire to learn more about the Spanish culture.

SNHS made a trip to El Museo Latino, the Spanish history museum, to view Latin American toys. El Baile Folkorico, or folk dancing, captivated the interest of many SNHS members. Highlights included the Mexican Deer dance and the Inca and Aztec dances.

Inductions were held Nov. 6 for the new members. Dr. Thompson spoke along with Mrs. Anderson, SNHS sponsor. The requirement to be in SNHS is three semesters with a one in Spanish.

SNHS sold Spanish candy as a major fund-raiser. Social activities included a dinner at El Alamo and the attendance of a Hispanic Concert.

"Spanish National Honor Society gave me the opportunity to experience Spanish culture outside of the classroom," Vice-President Erin Beal (12) said.



Lower Left: Seniors Laura Royer and Candice Crockett show their enthusiasm for SNHS.

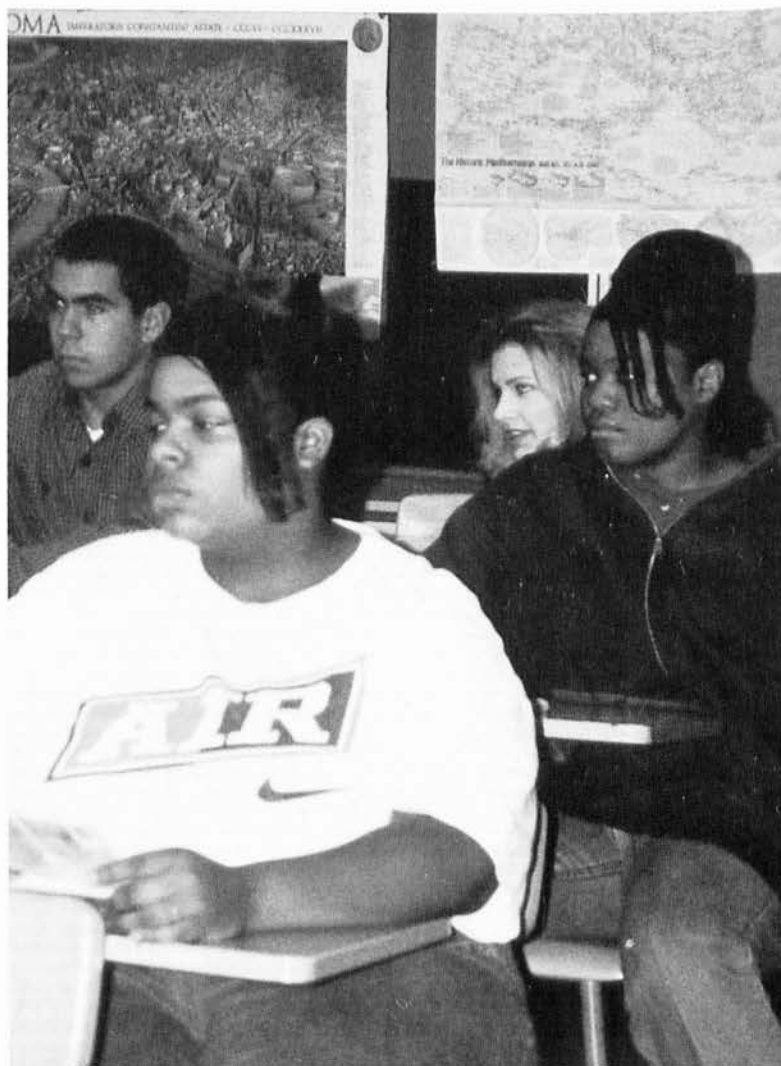


Upper Left: **1996-97 SNHS Officers**—Secretary Lisa Prosterman, Events Chair Jeff Evans, President Caroline Foley, Vice President Erin Beal and Treasurer Cara Medley. Above: **SNHS New Inductees**—Sarah Hernandez (12), Kirlisha Curry (12), Cara Medley (12), Erin Jenkins (11), Amber Ingram (11), John Stacey (11) and Tim Hakanson (11). (All Photos: Karen Kazor)



JCL STAYS STRONG

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

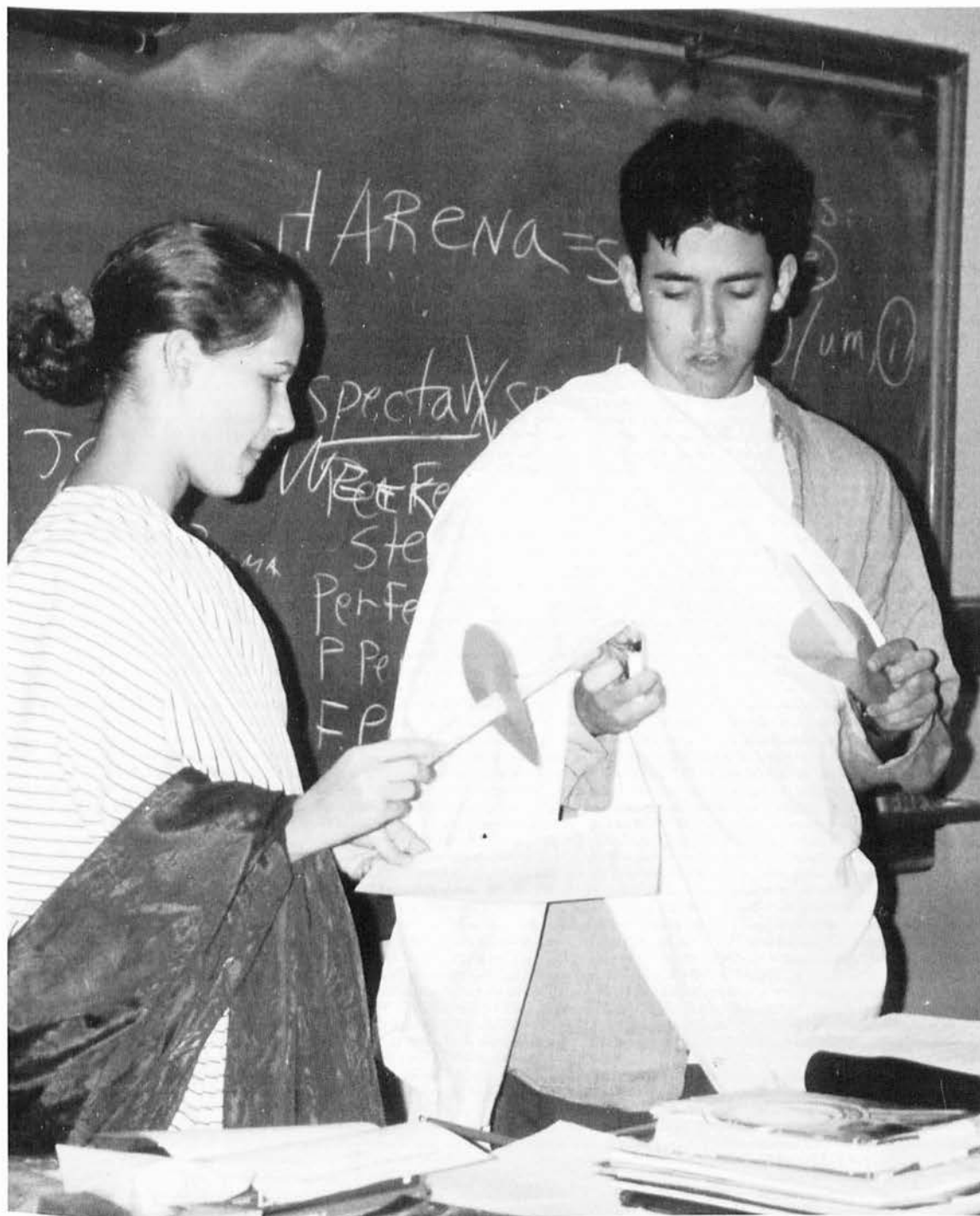


Top: Jody Sheely (12), Ryan Mcgrane (12), Katie McCann (10), Chad Jacobsen (12), Mary Fran Blazek (12), Tim Faulkenberry (12), Kiley Kane (12), Emily Martin (11), Colleen McGinty (12), Colin Duggan (12), Kelly Allen (12), Toni Adair (10) and Dave Rennard (10).

Above: **JCL Underclassmen**—Front Row: Abby Perrin (9), Kathryn Schroeder (10), Kit Meigs (10), Mikayla Chambers (9), Tracie Vu (10), Marda Deane (9), Scott Edwards (9) and Toni Marie Adair (10). Back Row: Peter Trerice (9), Chris Kelley (10), Jennifer Anyaebunam (10), Katie McCann (10), Nate Bullington (10), Amy Yin (10), Beth Weis (10) and Nicole Neumann (10).

Right: Alicia Godbolt (12), Jennifer Anyaebunam (10), Nate Bullington (10) and Kit Meigs listen attentively. (All photos courtesy of JCL)





Junior Classical League, JCL, has always been strong, and this year was no exception. The first activity was the creation of a club t-shirt which members wore with pride.

"It brings us together and shows others our interest in Latin," senior Chad Jacobsen, JCL Junior Council member, said.

The club expressed it's community concern by serving dinner at a homeless shelter in the winter. Social events included a barbecue and the annual hayrack ride. JCL members displayed their athletic talent at a club volleyball game, and relaxed together on a dinner and movie night. A highlight of the year was JCL Week, a week where members show their dedication and knowledge of the Latin culture.

"JCL had active members this year that will ensure the growth of JCL in the future," senior Colin Duggan, JCL photographer, said.

Left: **"Come on baby light my fire."** Jody Sheely (12) and Ryan Mcgrane (12) engage in a ritual candle lighting ceremony.

Below: Front Row: Susie Hutfless (11), Kristina Livingston (12), Emily Martin (11), Cheryl Bentzen (12), Kelly Allen (12), Jody Sheely (12), Erin Riley (12),

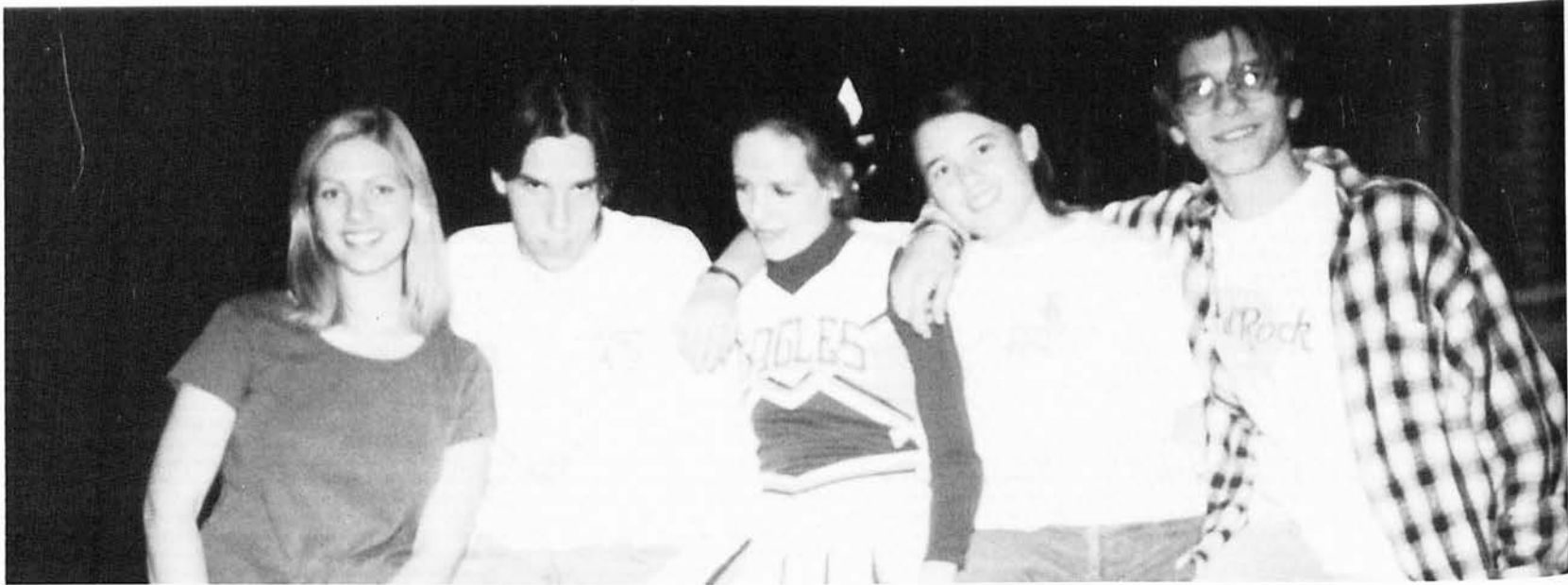


Kiley Kane (12), Alyssa Arthur (12) and Megan Nichols (11). Back Row: Luke Denney (12), Steve Quakenbush (12), Dane Foster (12), Tim Faulkenberry (12), Chris Harshenbarger (12), Chad Jacobson (12) and Matt Chambers (12). (Photos courtesy of JCL)



Drama and Thespians act up

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon



Above: **The 1996-97 Drama Club**—Front Row: Nathan Perilo (11), Sally Otis (11), Lacey Pruitt (12), Corey McCallan (11) and Anna Jane Kerns (12). Second Row: Philip Medeiros (12), Heather Nehrig (9), Mikayla Chambers (9), Elizabeth Eakins (9), Erin Helland (10), Rachel Achelpohl (9), Summer Brown (11), Audrey Kosmicki, Jane Swirzinski (10), Alison Hager (10), Margaret Kukula (10) and Cielita Thomas (10). Third Row: Becky Storm (9), Evelyn Reinthaler (9), Norene Wolff (10), Jenny Anthis (12), Rebecca Harmon (11), Anna Raful (11), Chris Darst (12), Julie Adams (9), Heather Anderson (9), Debra Slape (9) and Elizabeth Coder (9). Fourth Row: Sara Winey (11), Julie Russell (9), Marisa Ramsey (11), Elonie Lewis (11), Emilie Parrott (10), Rachel Shukert (11), Abby Perrin (9), Kelsey Stump (10), Mikayla Kearney (10), Lauren Paley (12), Tia Nelson (9) and Jared Hart (9). Fifth Row: Jackie Hart (11), Bryan Greer (11), Cameron May (12), Lucas Stecker (9), Harley Easton (12), Beth Weis (10), Megan Mullen (11) and Jonathon Noland (9). Sixth Row: Leigh Riley (12), Nicki Peterson (12), Max Culver (12), Jason McCarthy (11), Matt Smith (9), Shaun Kiel (10), Katrina Kerns (9), Noelle Thornburg (10), Alex Wolfson (10) and Mrs. Pegi Georgeson. Back Row: Phillip Hall (11) and Erik Smith (9). (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



Above: **Fiesty!** Drama Club members Lacey Pruitt (12) and Nathan Perilo (11) act up during a drama club meeting. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Top: **The 1996-97 Drama Club officers**—Anna Jane Kerns (12), Corey McCallan (11), Lacey Pruitt (12), Sally Otis (11) and Nathan Perilo (11). (Photo: Angie Cammarata)





No other club at Central can find the same enjoyment in hitting each other with socks as Drama and Thespians can. This game is called the Raptor Game.

This year, Drama Club and Thespians kept busy by putting on the fall and spring plays, along with the Road Show. Drama and Thespians held their annual lock-in in November. At the lock-in an initiation ceremony was held for the new members. The only requirement was that the members had to pay their dues.

Other activities included secret santas and the spring trip. The spring trip gave the members a better chance to get to know one another.

"In Drama Club you can get to know people. You can make it what you want," Drama Club President, Lacey Pruitt (12), said. "It's awesome!"

Left: Cameron May (12) goes a little crazy after spending a good twelve hours at school for the musical. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Below: **The 1996-97 Thespian Officers**—Nicki Peterson (12), Anna Raful (11), Marisa Ramsey (11) and Emilie Parrott (10). (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



Above: **1996-97 Thespians**—Front Row: Anna Raful (11), Cameron May (12), Jason McCarthy (11), Corey McCallan (11), Phillip Hall (11) and Nicki Peterson (12). Second Row: Sally Otis (11), Lauren Paley (12), Elonie Lewis (11), Jonathon Noland (9), Anna Jane Kerns (12), Chris Darst (12) and Heather Anderson (12). Third Row: Emilie Parrott (10), Jackie Hart (11), Elizabeth Eakins (9), Rachael Achelpohl (9), Harley Easton (12), Rachel Shukert (11), Abby Perrin (9), Alex Wolfson (10), Lacey Pruitt (12), Marisa Ramsey (11) and Mrs. Pegi Georgeson. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



MESA builds the future

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

Math Engineering Science Achievement, otherwise known as MESA, is a club geared toward minorities who are interested in math and science.

MESA offered students the opportunity to visit colleges such as UNL. Students also had a chance to take a class to prepare for the ACT test and attend meetings on financial aid.

Throughout the year freshman and sophomores participated in activities dealing with math and science. In December juniors and seniors were able to talk with former MESA members about the positive and negative aspects of college life.

Officers included President Nikia Matthews (11), Vice President Colvin Blake (12) and Secretary Tameka Chunn (10).

"I've been in MESA for four years," Candy Crockett (12) said. "MESA helped students with their schoolwork and will help them get into college."



1996-97 MESA Members—Ms. Pam King (sponsor), Thessa Anderson (12), Colvin Blake (12), James Butler (12), Tameka Chunn (10), Candy Crockett (12), Felecia Ellis (10), Carmen Evans (11), Makayla Hernandez (10), Nikia Matthews (11), Scott Partridge (12), Nikki Perry (9), Lupe Perez (12), Tim Rivera (12), Janine Smith (10), Cielita Thomas (10), Leigh Vaughn (11), Versie Vaughn (10), Christina White (12) and Tiffany Williams (11). (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Top Right: MESA members Candy Crockett (12) and Thessa Anderson (12) take a break after a long meeting. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)

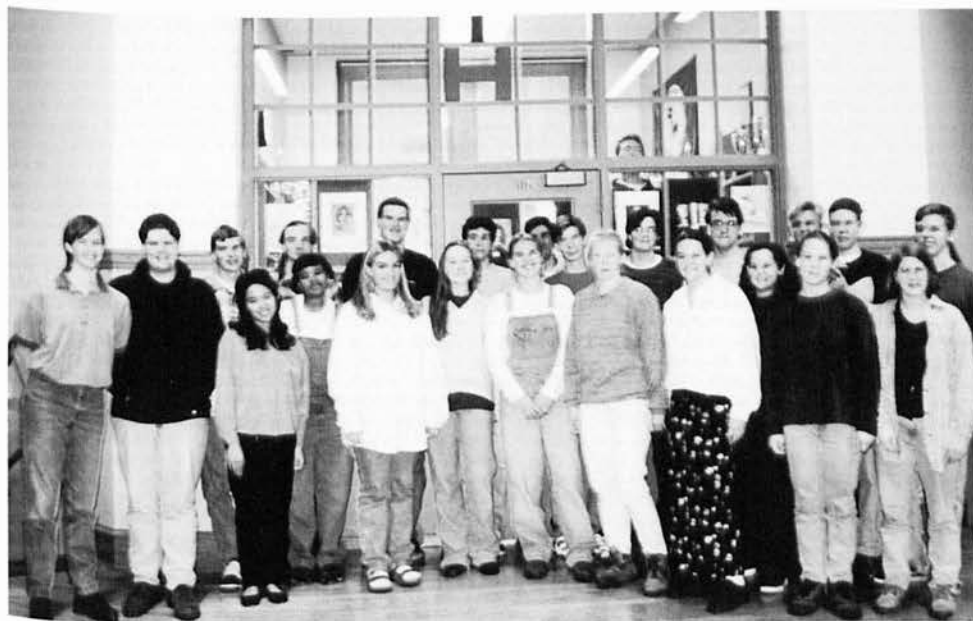


Above: MESA Secretary Tameka Chunn (10) and Vice President Colvin Blake (12) are proud to be officers. (Photo: Sarah Anderson)



Math Club Wins Big

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon



Above: **1996-97 Math Club**—Back Row: Sam Krueger (11), Rhaym Keel (12), Karl Richstatter (12), Ryan Van Arkel (12), Omar Nazem (12), Nate Kovarik (11), Charles Carlin (10), Dakota Bailey (12), Andy Ochsner (12), Ralph Blanke (12) and Jeff Evans (12). Front Row: Sarah Herzog (12), Vince Boegner (12), Cheryl Calimlim (12), Niki Gibson (12), Alyssa Arthur (11), Leigh Riley (12), Sarah Fischer (12), Erika Mullen (12), Andrea Mullen (9), Rebecca Rennard (9), Jody Sheely (12) and Kiley Kane (12). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Top: **So this is how he does it!!!** Andy Ochsner (12) dreams about differential equations. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Math Club participated in a variety of educational and social activities this year.

One event held was the Middle School Math Olympiad. The Math Club made up the test and questions for the Olympiad. They also set up the event and played master of ceremonies.

"It was a huge success," senior Omar Nazem said. "It's great to see these kids excited about math."

Another event Math Club participated in was UNL Math Day. All members competed in Probe One which was an hour long test of forty questions. The top 50 then proceeded to take Probe Two which was an hour long test of eight questions. Math Club President Andy Ochsner (12) placed third overall.

Other Central students who qualified were juniors Dave Rennard and Sam Krueger and seniors Cori Mallenby and Dakota Bailey.

This year, Central's Math Club had two math bowl teams that competed with other high schools across the state. Math Club also served as tutors in the math office daily.

Senior Ralph Blanke confessed that his favorite part of the math office was the newly added orange couch, deemed a necessity by all Math Club members.



History Club blossomed in its first year

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

History Club was a new club at Central this year. The purpose of the club was to make connections between history and modern times in a way that was not boring. The club was founded and led by students. History Club did not have officers, instead they rotated the position of chairman at each meeting. An overwhelming interest in the club created large attendance at club meetings.

History Club members participated in games of Trivial Pursuit, Joslyn trips and analyzing historical movies. They also had the opportunity to watch a guest speaker do a Civil War reenactment.

"History Club provided different ways of experiencing history without a textbook," Mrs. Vicki Deniston-Reed said.

Right: **1996-97 History Club Officials**—Front Row: Allison Pagan and Delaina Terhune. Back Row: Mrs. Deniston-Reed, Jennifer Sanders and Rebecca Harmin.



All 1996-97 History Club Members—Kate Alseth, John Ashford, Mary Blazek, Vince Bogener, Alexa Christon, Dan Danberg, Melody Dworak, Becky Goldberg, Rebecca Harmin, Siri Heese, Sara Jacobson, Todd Jacobson, Kiley Kane, Rachael Kellett, Nate Kovarik, Sam Kruger, James Luschen, Aaron Moser, Meghan Mullen, Allison Pagan, Josh Priluck, Amy Revenaugh, Dave Rennard, Jennifer Sanders, Katie Schroder, Rachel Slosburg, Ben Tepley, Delaina Terhune, Leslie Ujhely, Jamie Veach and Mrs. Vicki Deniston-Reed. (Photos: April Santon)



Minority Scholars Program

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon



The Minority Scholars Program was a mentoring plan developed to keep African American, Hispanic and Native American students in challenging classes. Mrs. Kathy Maloney and Mrs. Terrie Saunders launched the scholars program noticing the low number of minority students enrolled in Honors English.

"We hope it will be a support system where students can develop their leadership skills in a comfortable environment," Mrs. Saunders said.

The Minority Scholars Program allowed students to get acquainted with college-bound peers and get help from older students. A main emphasis was to support the students in their desire to be successful and smart.

The group met daily in the student assistance room during the lunch periods. Students were able to find information on colleges and careers, practice people skills and network with minority community leaders.

Fridays were reserved as an open time when students could use computers, get help with assignments, share ideas or spend some quiet time eating lunch.

Top: Mrs. Kathy Maloney helps Keith Station (11) and Leah Myszkowski (10) review for their test. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Above: Mrs. Terrie Saunders points out an important part of the lesson to Cielita Thomas (10). (Photo: Angie Cammarata)



FBLA: Proud to be an American

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

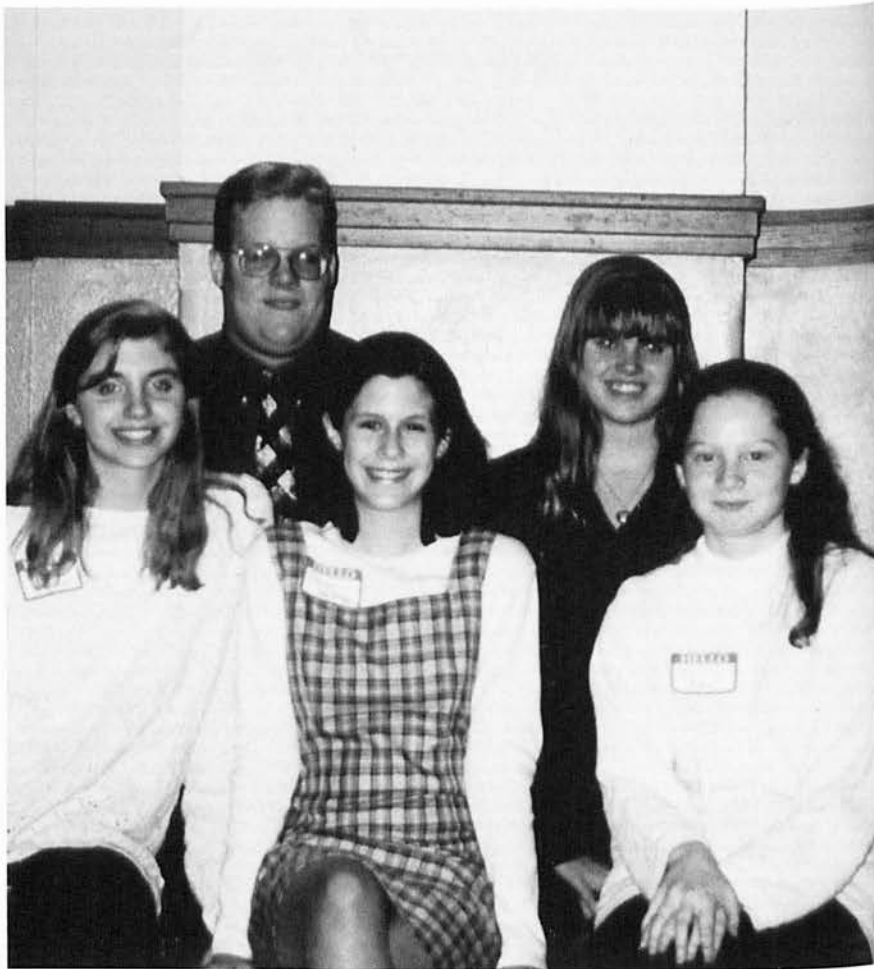
The Future Business Leaders of America, FBLA, gave students the chance to develop leadership skills and to further their business education.

Activities included professional and civic services. Members attended city-wide meetings held at area high schools. Students wore business attire and listened to guest speakers. Civic service activities included collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program, selling honey for Honey Sunday and ringing bells for the Salvation Army during the month of December.

The induction of new members and the installation of officers was held in December. A speaker from the Oriental Trading Company spoke on the global view of toys at the induction ceremony.

Other activities for the year included an ice cream social, fund-raisers and participation in state and national leadership competitions.

"We prepared the students for the working world," Ms. Colleen Lenner (sponsor) said. "Students had the opportunity to create business skills."



Top Right: **1996-97 FBLA Officers**—Amber Miller (9), Bo Gebbie (11), Evelyn Reinthaler (9), Justine Walton (9) and Toni Marie Adair (10). (All Photos: Karen Kazor)

Above: **1996-97 FBLA Members**—Front Row: Elizabeth Coder (9), Chloe Karpf (9), (guest), Evelyn Reinthaler (9), Toni Marie Adair (10), Makayla Hernandez (10), Tara Bacome (10), Lindsay Whitmore (9) and Raquel Barajas (9). Second Row: Amber Miller (9), Justine Walton (9), Bo Gebbie (11), Chris Cosgrove (11), Doug Graber (10), Anne McCormick, Kathy Mingo and Colleen Lenner (sponsors).





Top: FBLA members Chris Cosgrove (11), Doug Graber (10), Tara Bacome (10) and Toni Marie Adair (10) decide to play follow the leader during the induction ceremony.

Above: Justine Walton (9) and Amber Miller (9) watch over Ms. Lenners to make sure she gets her job done.

Right: Chloe Karpf (9), Justine Walton (9) and Elizabeth Coder (9) show off the toys donated for the Toys for Tots program.



DECA

AN ASSOCIATION OF MARKETING STUDENTS

By Karen Kazor

DECA was a club for marketing students that allowed them to participate in a variety of activities including leadership, civic, social and professional development.

Civic activities included Customer Appreciation Day on Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Saturn dealership where students volunteered to help serve barbecue luncheon, greet guests, serve beverages, entertain the young children and create a friendly overall atmosphere.

Marketing students participated at the Crossroads Sear's Grand Re-Opening celebration on Saturday, Sept. 14. When the doors opened, DECA members greeted customers with helium balloons and painted children's faces.

Marketing students also volunteered their time to the Omaha Children's Museum as the museum celebrated its 20th birthday. Students scooped sundaes and then distributed them to over 650 children and adults.

DECA members rang bells for the Salvation Army on Dec. 7, 14, 16 and 17 at Service Merchandise and Crossroads Mall.

Thirty marketing students participated in the annual DECA Fall Leadership Conference held in Kearney, NE. Sara Micek, state secretary, conducted her workshop using multimedia presentation technologies.

The annual DECA Central Regional Leadership Conference was held in Minneapolis, MN. Students attended a variety of workshops and leadership academies. The entertainment included a stop at the Mall of America, an NBA Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Los Angeles Clippers game and evening dances.

DECA members also participated in various competitions such as the Millard South Invitational which was held on Nov. 10.

The 1996-97 DECA officers were: President Ryan McGrane, Sr. Vice President Maria Theophilopoulos, Jr. Vice President Sam Kruger, V.P. Civic Activities Dan Danberg, V.P. Finance Mary Blazek, V.P. Social Activities Cara Medley, V.P. Public Relations Sarah Newell and V.P. Professional Activities Jenny Day.





Principal Advisory

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon



1996-97 Senior Principal Advisory Board—Back Row: Ladarius Murry, Doris Caldwell, Carolyn Bullard, Ryan Ellis, Chad Jacobsen, Matt Hayduska, Karen Kazor, Andrea Friedman, John Anzalone, Cori Mallenby and Rachel Roberts. Fourth Row: Andy Ochsner, Chris Darst, Tom Parks, Nikki Gibson, Lindsey Myers, Emily Broom, Sarah Berg, T.J. Ernst, Mary Blazek and Elly Miller. Third Row: Maggie Jacobson, Kyle Thomas, Mike Kelly, Patrice Turbes, Jody Sheely, Thessa Anderson, Kirlisha Curry, Andrew Mattson, Lea Platz and Andrew Leibman. Second Row: Jill Jackson, Adrian Holm, Maria Theophilopoulos, Liz Micek, Kristen Bauer, Sarah Deacon, Jill Halgren, Kim Larsen, Brandon Krafka, Alicia Blanke, Natalee Sundberg and Christina White. Front Row: Corey Mattea, Mary Hill, Cheryl Bentzen, Shoshana Wees, Rachel Kellet, Rachael Robertson, Becky Overguard and Cameron May. Not Pictured: Lei Brown, Candice Crockett, Jennifer Day, Jessica Dickes, Colin Duggan, Jeff Evans, Jennifer Gleason, Krista Griess, Steffen Hooi, Neshat Husain, Zack Johnson, Sarah Johnston, Cassy Koziol, Lori Ortega, Lisa Peterson, Jaron Smith, MaryBeth Stryker, Chiquita Vinson, Kelly Warner, Andrea Wells and Erika Wulff. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

“Principal Advisory Board gave me a great feeling, knowing that my opinion counts in the school,” freshman Dusty Friedman said.

The purpose of Principal Advisory Board was to give students the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns on issues relating to and affecting Central High.

Dr. Thompson, Central High principal, listened to the students and took their ideas seriously. His goal was to do as much as possible to make positive changes for the well-being of Central High.

Among other things, topics discussed included parking, disciplinary problems, cafeteria procedures and food and school spirit.



Above: **1996-97 Junior Principal Advisory Board**—Back Row: Lauren Coatsworth, Allison Jessing, Becky Goldberg, Bo Gebbie, Ashira Jones, Ryan Sneckenberg, Ryan Lewis, Eli Bainbridge, Corey McCallan, John Forsman, Sarah Felix and Sara Jacobson. Third Row: Faith Enright, Amanda Hansen, Tia Robinson, Alyssa Arthur, Jennifer Sanders, Stacey Nguyen, Amy Revenaugh, Kayleta Adams, Dan Danberg, Sandra Cummins and Staci Johnson. Second Row: Siri Heese, Jennifer Castro, Gloria Sarellano, Leslie Ujhely, Matt Smith, Michelle Cabrales, Ali Crossman, Jaclyn DiGiacomo and Sarah Price. First Row: David Herrera, Sam Kruger, Jasmine Henderson, Erin Quinlan, Alexa Christon, Marlene Andi-Kasim, Vanetta Bailey, Meghan Boylan and Dr. Thompson. Not Pictured: Becca Baines, Lisa Brazda, Amy Burget, Bryan Greer, Isela Herrera, Shamelia Lindsey, Shanita Long, Linda Nguyen, Janelle Orange, Allison Pagan and Rachel Slosburg. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

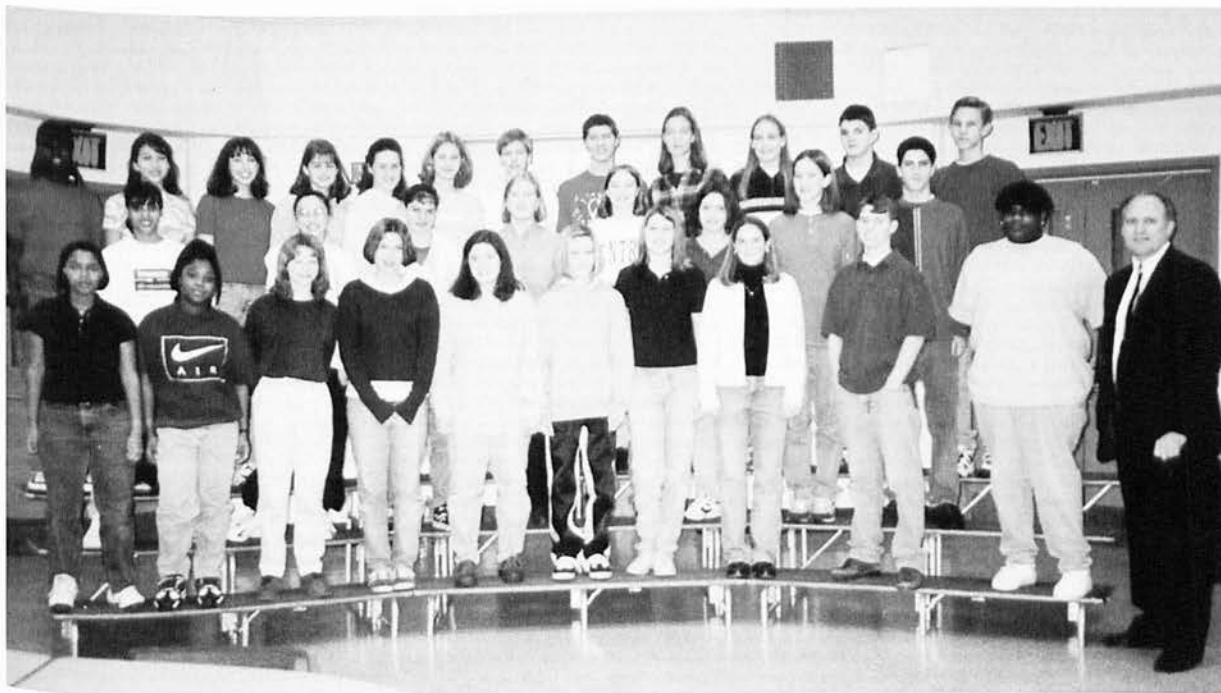


Board Speaks Out



“Principal Advisory Board gave me a great feeling, knowing that my opinion counts in the school.”

—Dusty Friedman



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Top Left: **1996-97 Sophomore Principal Advisory Board**—Toni Marie Adair, Emily Berman, Tynia Brewer, Taylor Campbell, Dariel Carpenter, Tameka Chunn, Stacy Cramer, Matt Darling, Megan Douglas, Karin Dudley, Neal Duffy, Julie Ferris, Nicole Grace, Alison Hager, Dana Hendee, Stephanie Holm, Keri Inserillo, Mikala Kearney, Kate Kimball, Margaret Kukula, Christina Lewis, Jennifer Lueth, Krysti Martin, Katie McCann, Jill McFee, Katherine Meigs, Ashanta Mickles, Cara Miller, Fareedah Muhammad, Katie Murphy, Andrew Nelson, Nicole Neumann, Christian Nwuju, Emilie Parrot, Richard Peacock, Adriana Pina, Christina Radi, Amber Rager, David Rennard, Kelsey Stump, Jeremy Stutzka, Jane Swirinski, Aaron Thomas, Cielita Thomas, Versie Vaughan, Stuart Waters, Elizabeth Weis and Emily Williams. (Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Above: **1996-97 Freshmen Principal Advisory Board**—Iris Banks, Nicole Bowers, Jill Bunnimit, Stephanie Easterling, Mario Eckols, Mandy Gayer, Raquel Henderson, Laura Ingersoll, Amber Miller, Calla Pappas, Dominique Winford, Kari Rider, Chloe Karpf, Erik Smith, Matt Smith, Megan Myers, Stephanie Wulff, John Eubanks, Chris Ochsner, Tai Burtleson, Anastatia Treantos, Mary Tritsch, Maggie Day, Mandy Frank, Emilie Waldman, Dusty Friedman, RaShawn Smallwood, Jessica Boro, Sara Watson, Molly Hoberman, Laura Werkheiser, Julia Jahn, Katie Spoonhour, Jono Croskey and Dr. Gary Thompson. (Photo: Mary Hill)



Film Club reels in another year

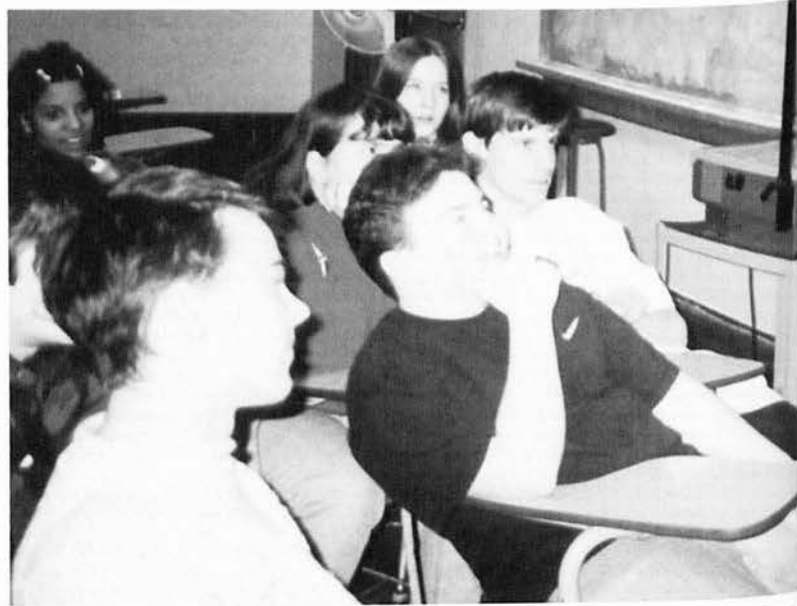
By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

Film Club had its second successful year at Central. Members had a great year with their new sponsor, Mrs. Carol Krejci.

At meetings held every Friday, members watched movies and had a chance to analyze film techniques used by professionals. Students were also able to write and direct their own movie, *Operation Sting*.

Operation Sting was about a bee experiment that had gone wrong. Bees took over the country and then the whole world. Every member had a chance to participate in the making of the movie. Phil Hall (11) was the director, Danny Jacobs (9) was in charge of computer animation, Nick Anderson (12) was the props master and Jennifer Sanders (11) was light designer.

"We had a fun year," Paula Christiansen (12) said. "The best part was making our own movie."



Top Right: Film club members are intrigued as they listen to a lecture on film editing. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Above: **1996-97 Film Club Members**—Front Row: Danny Jacobs (9), Paula Christiansen (12), Scott Martin (9), Angelica Francis (9), Margaret Meyer (9), Elizabeth Coder (9) and Mrs. Carol Krejci (sponsor). Second Row: Becky Goldberg (11), Jennifer Sanders (11), Nick Anderson (12), Ted Haubrich (12), Molly Helgessen (9) and Phil Hall (11). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Bottom: **1996-97 Film Club Officers**—Front Row: Scott Martin (9), Paula Christiansen (12) and Ted Haubrich (12). Second Row: Jennifer Sanders (11), Nick Anderson (12), Becky Goldberg (11) and Phil Hall (11). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



International Club explores the world

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

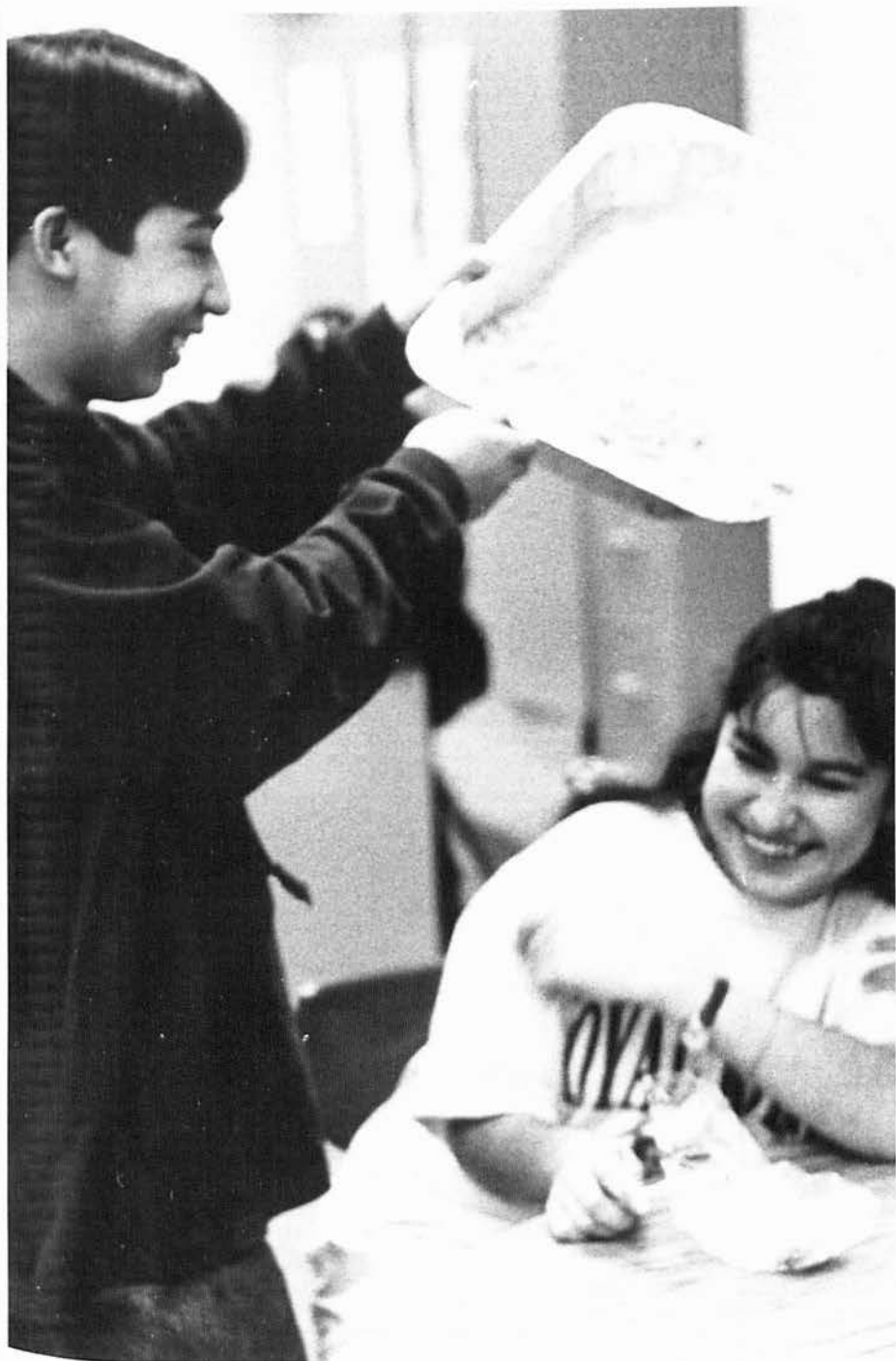


International Club was for students interested in learning more about other cultures. Students who participated in the activities included ESL (English as a second language) and foreign language students.

The club held meetings to plan its monthly activities. Some activities were a dinner at the Great Wall before a football game, ice-skating at Tranquility Ice Arena and bowling.

Students participated in several fund-raisers such as selling rice crispy treats weekly and Valentine candy in February.

"The students enjoyed focusing more time on volunteer activities through International Club," Ms. Shiela Houston (sponsor) said.



Top Left: "Please don't let me fall!!!" Jennifer Castro (11) holds on to Miss Golden while trying to enjoy a night of ice-skating. (Photo courtesy of International Club)

Above: **1996-97 International Club Members**—Front Row: Linda Boulanger (12), Dzao Vu (12) and Maria Mancinas. Second Row: Ms. Sheila Houston (sponsor), Gloria Sarellano (11), Jennifer Castro (11) and Ms. Michelle Golden (sponsor). (Photo: April Santon)

Left: "Don't you dare dump that on my head!!!" Gloria Sarellano (11) tries to protect herself from Dzao Vu (12) as he tries to decorate her in rice krispies during a club fund-raising session. (Photo: April Santon)



Physics Club accelerates into the future

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

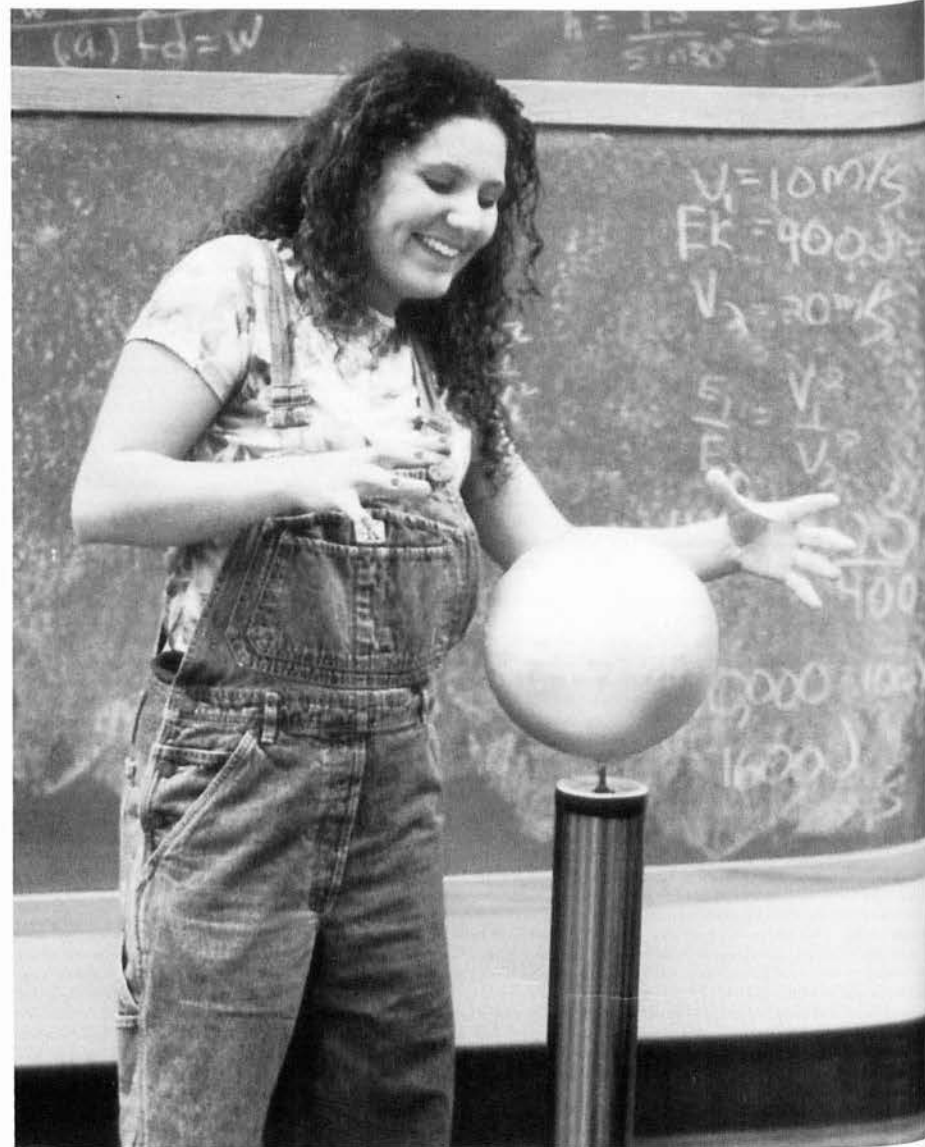
Physics Club gave students an opportunity to utilize their knowledge and skills while having fun.

"If things seem under control, then you are not moving fast enough," Candice Crockett (12) said.

Activities of Physics Club included the UNO Car Pull where students were given small motors and asked to build a car that would pull more weight than the car's weight.

For the Creighton Field Day, students were divided into different teams and competed in a variety of categories. Topics for the categories covered everything from an egg launch to building a mousetrap car.

"We were all looking forward to participating in the Creighton Field Day," Erin Jenkins (11) said.



Top: **Feel the force!!!** Erin Riley (12) tests the static electricity on the power generator. (Photo: April Santon)

Right: **1996-97 Physics Club Officers**—Treasurer Nils Went (11), Chairman Lei Brown (12), Vice Chairman Sarah Anderson (11), Secretary Siri Heese (11) and Sgt. at Arms Sarah Schrad (11). (Photo: April Santon)

Opposite Page Top: Becca Baines (11), Sarah Felix (11) and John Foresman (11) work hard on calculating the mass of a crushed pop can. (Photo: Erin Riley)

Opposite Page Lower Left: **Be Careful!!! Don't Spill!!!** Lauren Paley (11) tries her hardest not to spill any water as she pours it into her pop can. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)





Above: **1996-97 Physics Club Members**—Front Row: Tara Hauger (11), Alyssa Arthur (11), Amanda Hanson (11), Lei Brown (12), Erin Jenkins (11), Ben Teply (11), Florina Mosenkis (11) and Sam Kruger (11). Second Row: Lauren Paley (12), Megan Mullen (11), Rebecca Harmond (11), Dan Danberg (11), Nils Went (11), Siri Heese (11), Kelly Porter (12), John Stacey (11), Paul Andrews (11), Nate Kovarik (11) and Josh Priluck (11). Third Row: Sally Otis (11), Amy Revenaugh (11), Kristin Bower (12), Candice Crockett (12), Elizabeth Monaghan (12), Sarah Schrad (11) and Sarah Anderson (11). (Photo: April Santon)



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By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

"This year the purpose of African American History Club was to make the school aware of the achievements of the students involved. The club also informed the people of the activities involved in the African American History Month," President Christina White (12) said.

"We hope it (African American History Club) has a positive influence on Central," Candice Crockett (12) said.

The month of February is known as African American History Month. Much of the club's time was devoted to planning for this month. Activities included a soul food taste and a film festival.

"I hope my impact in the club will influence others to join next year," Candice said. "It was fun and exciting."

Top: **The 1996-97 African American History Club**—Front Row: Christina White (12), Alicia Godbolt (12), Jasmine Henderson (11), Mrs. Brizendine (sponsor), Christian Nwuju (10), Shamilia Lindsey (11) and Jamona Keeton (12). Second Row: Felecia Ellis (10), Cielita Thomas (10), Keturah Nwuju (12), Said Ali (12), Qiana Glaze (10), Amara Simmons (9), Carnell Alford (9), Makayla Ross (11), Dejah Floyd (12), Jennifer Anyaegbunam (10), Candice Crockett (12), Yvonne Jackson (12), Ben Anyaegbunam (12) and Netta Bailey (11). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Top Right: **1996-97 Officers**—Alicia Godbolt (12), Jasmine Henderson (11), Christina White (12) and Christian Nwuju (10). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)
Above: **1996-97 Heads**—Head of Committee Keturah Nwuju (12), Head of Advertisement Shamilia Lindsey (11) and Head of Committee Candy Crockett (12). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



CHESS CHECKS INTO CENTRAL

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

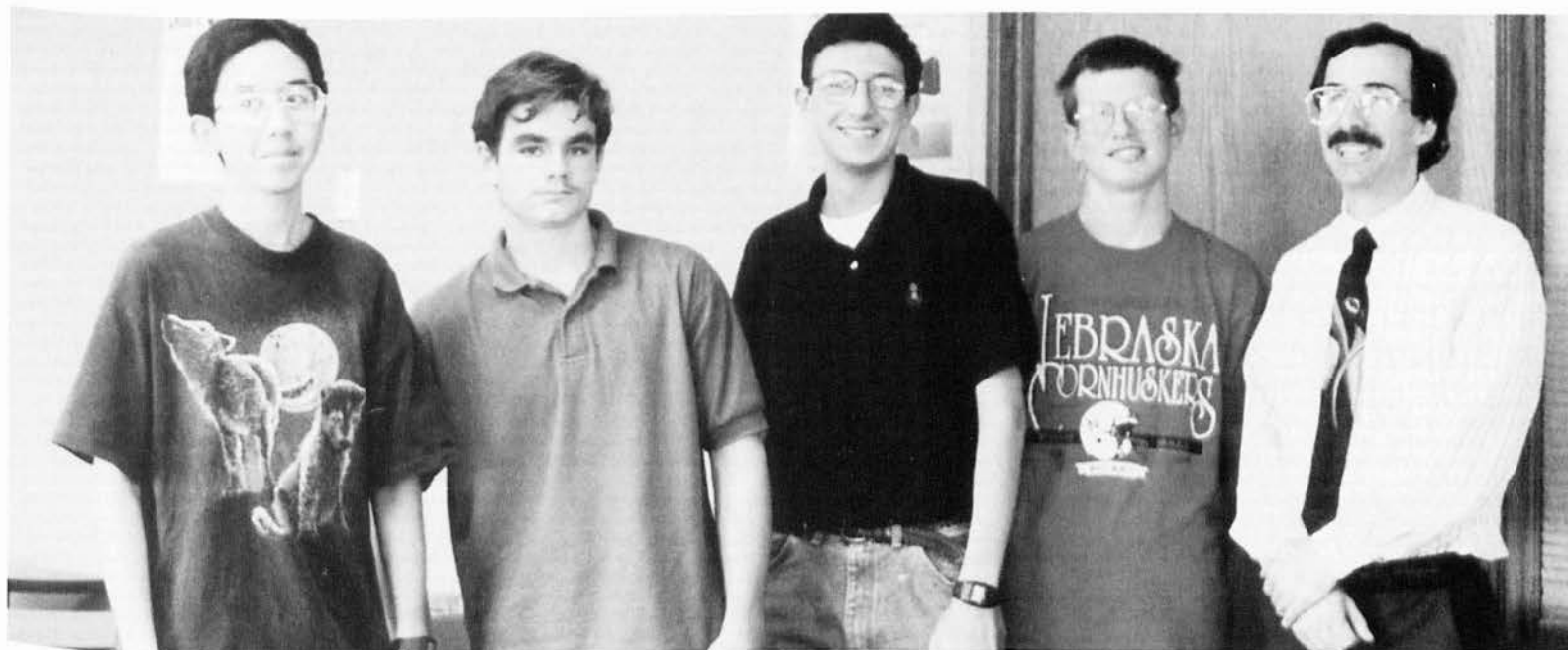
Chess Club's first year at Central was a success. Members met every Wednesday after school to practice their chess skills.

The members of Chess Club belong to the Chess League in Omaha. They competed within the club and participated in city-wide tournaments.

In November, the Chess Club took part in the Cornucopia Scholastic Chess Tournament at Brownell-Talbot Preparatory School. In February, the members attended the Chess State Championship.

Chess Club was fortunate to have two high achievers as members. Tony Dutiel was the fifth highest rated player in Nebraska. Joe Knapp finished second in the City Championship.

"Although this was the first year competing, I expected them to do very well," Mr. Drew Thyden, club sponsor, said.



Top: **The 1996-97 Chess Club**—Manit Bunnimit (12), William Conyors (9), Joshua Priluck (11), Tony Dutiel (12) and Mr. Thyden (sponsor). Not pictured: Joe Knapp (10), Andrew Liebmann (12), Katie Murphy (10), Holly Naab(12), Albert Ochoa (12) and Joe Zielinski (9). (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Above: **Checkmate!** Manit Bunnimit (12) makes his move as William Conyors (9) plans his next move. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)
Top Right: Josh Priluck (12) smiles at the camera letting us know Tony Dutiel (12) will not outsmart him. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



VOLLEYBALL-NOT

By Karen Kazor and Erin McMahon

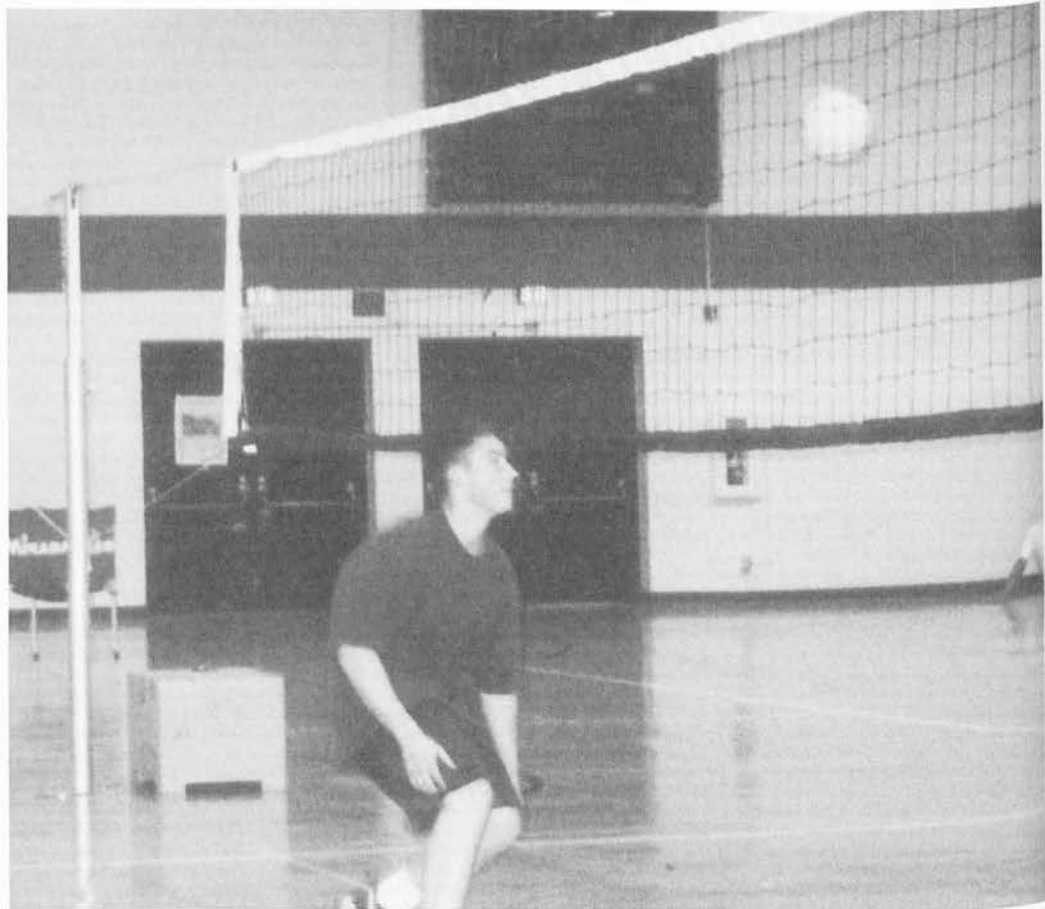
The 1996-97 Central men's Varsity volleyball team was strong this year. The main goal of the team was to repeat its status as state champions and go to Denver for the national tournament.

"The one thing that stuck out about this year's team was the physical abilities of the players. The majority of the team could touch higher than ten feet," senior Steve Hernandez (volleyball co-captain) said.

Seniors Steve Hernandez and James Nelson were the only returning members this year. However, the team's great athletic ability made up for its lack of experience.

The men's volleyball team held Tuesday and Thursday practices that consisted of shuffles, wall sets, passing, hitting and blocking.

"My favorite part of the team was the winning," senior James Nelson (volleyball co-captain) said.

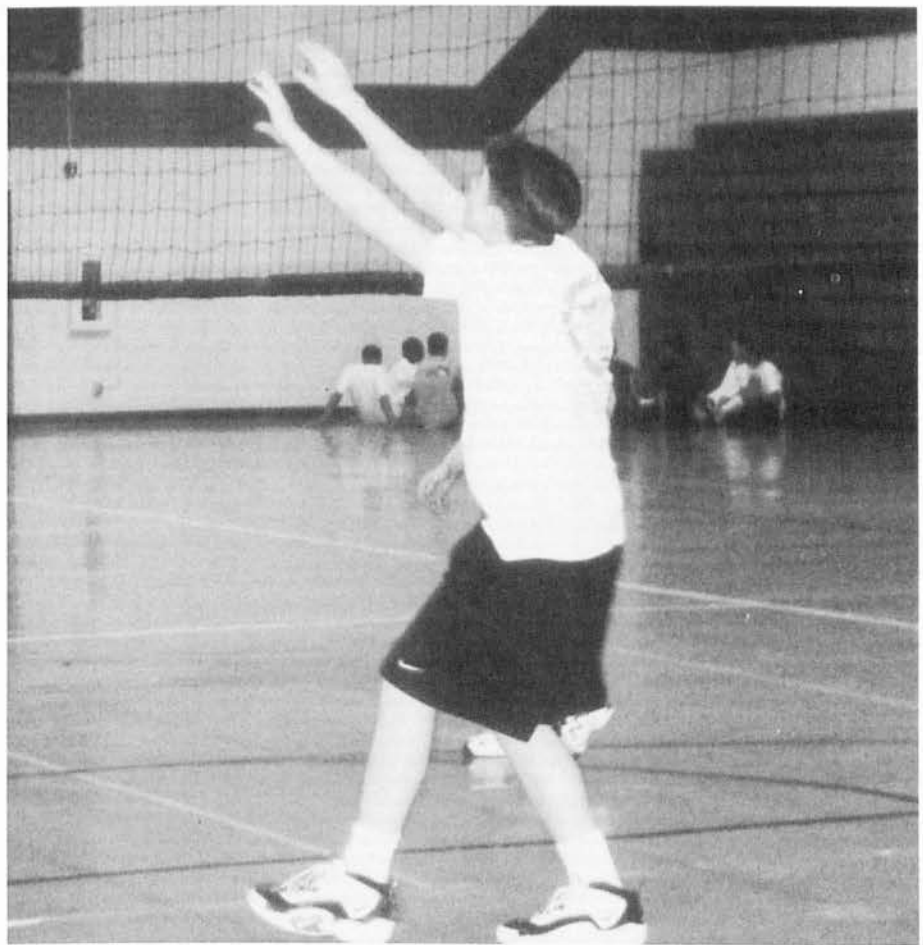
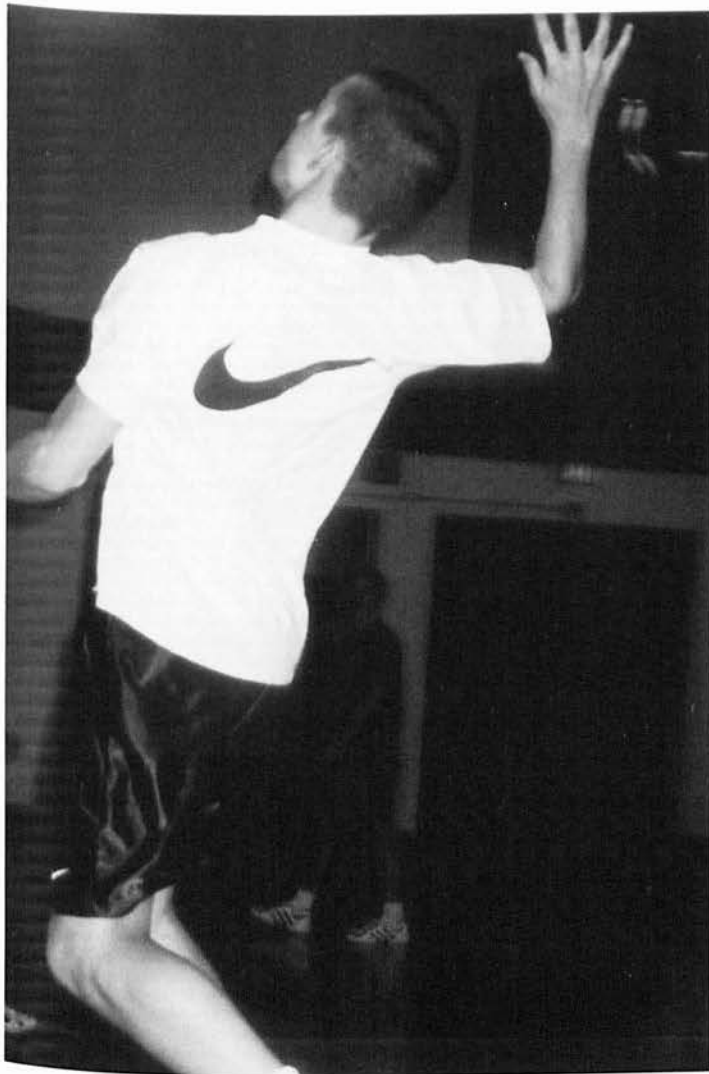


1996-97 Men's Volleyball Purple Team—Jay Axelrod (11), Gary Bullard (10), Steve Hernandez (12), Bobby Malik (12), James Nelson (12), Steve Quackenbush (12), Stuart Waters (10), Luke Denney (12), Joey Greco (10), Ben Rinaker (10) and Coach Brad Reichmuth.

1996-97 Men's Volleyball White Team—Chris Kerres (10), Nate Kovarik (11), Ryan Lewis (11), Matt Miltner (11), Chad Powell (11), Nick Taylor (11) and Coach Wendy Melcher.



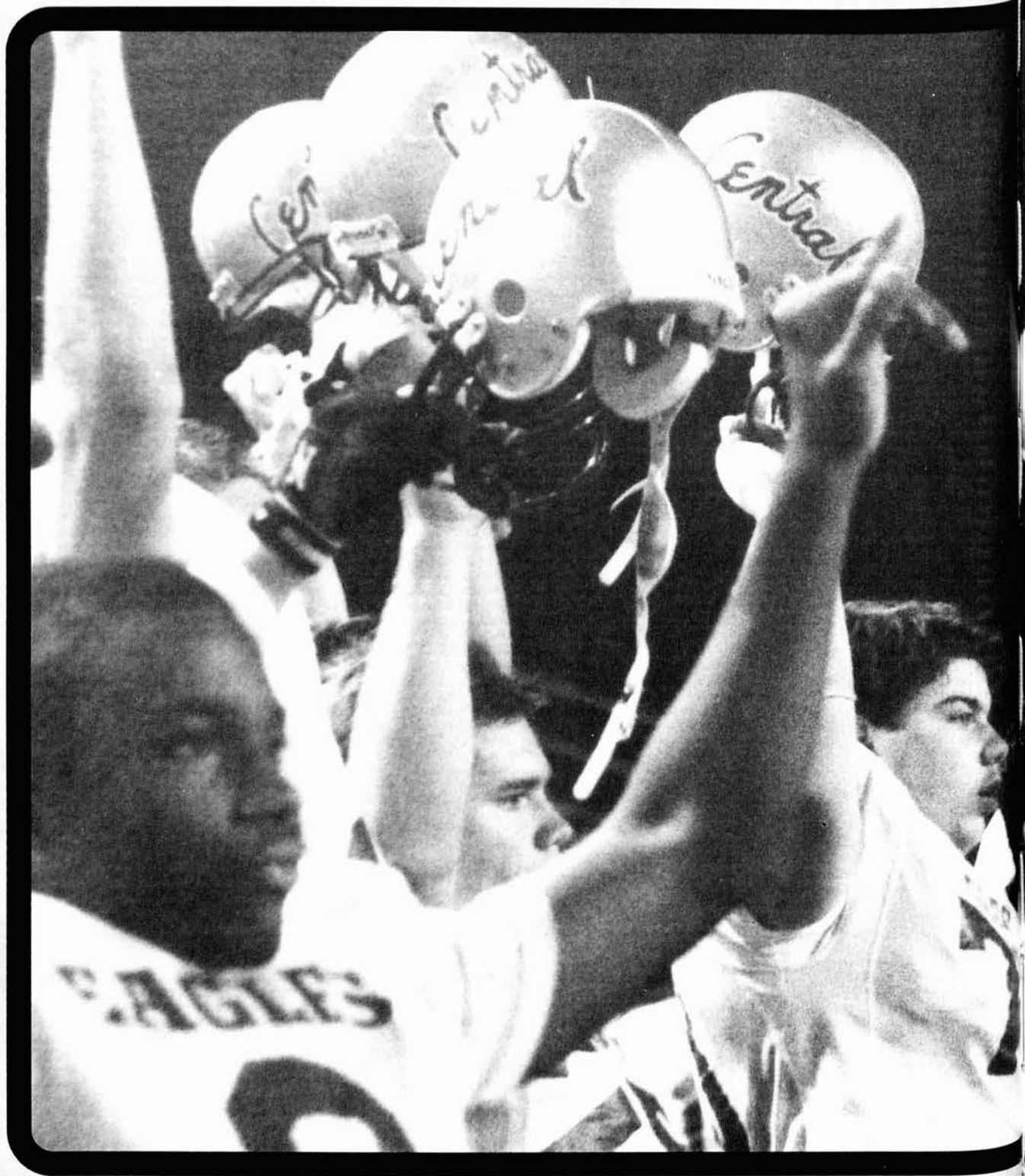
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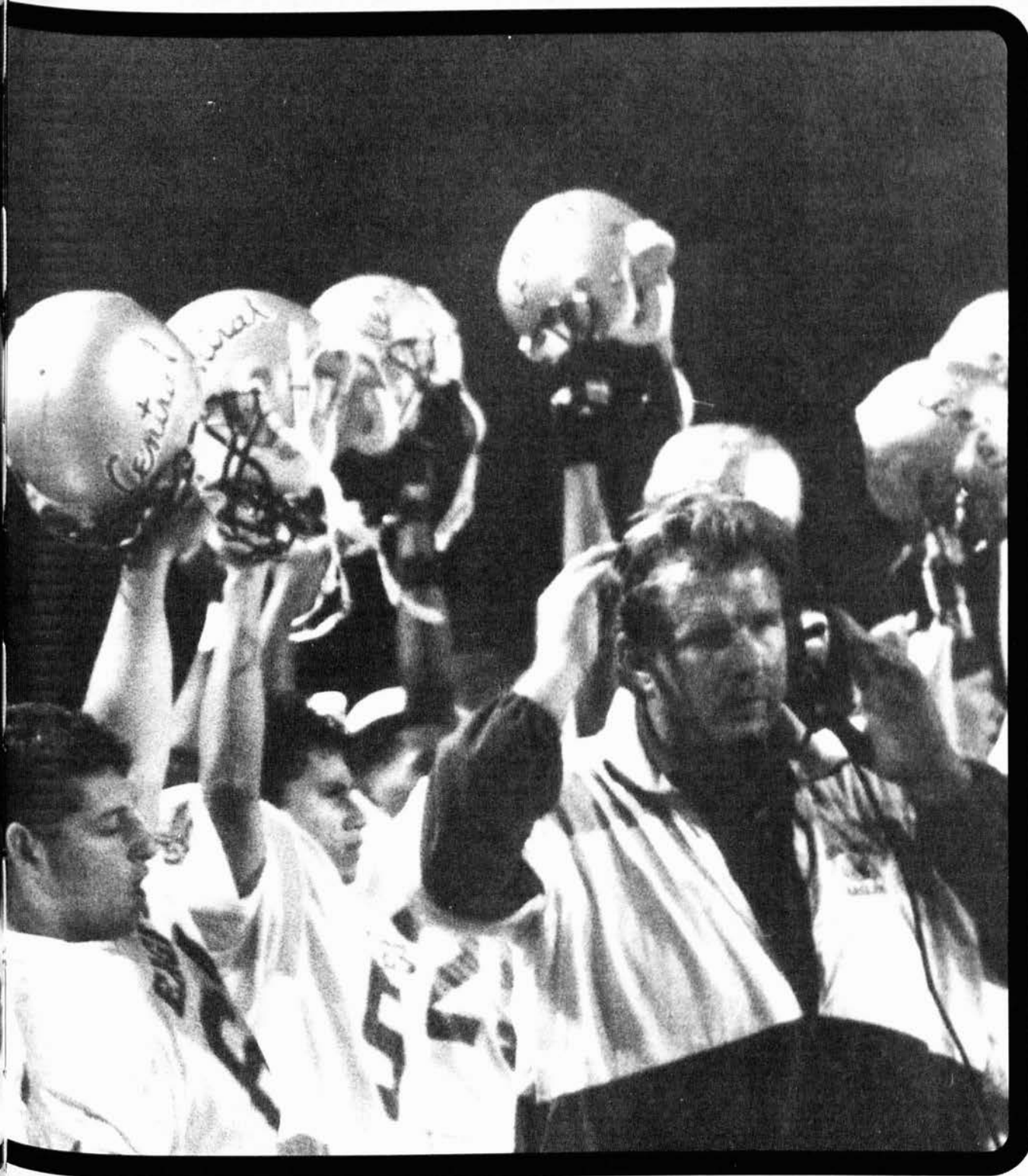
1996-97 Men's Volleyball Junior Varsity Team—Nate Curran (9), Chris Anderson (10), Cory Beckuis (10), Justin Bentzinger (9), Brian Connor (10), Nick Davenport (10), Andrew Thompson (10) and Coach Trent Lodge.

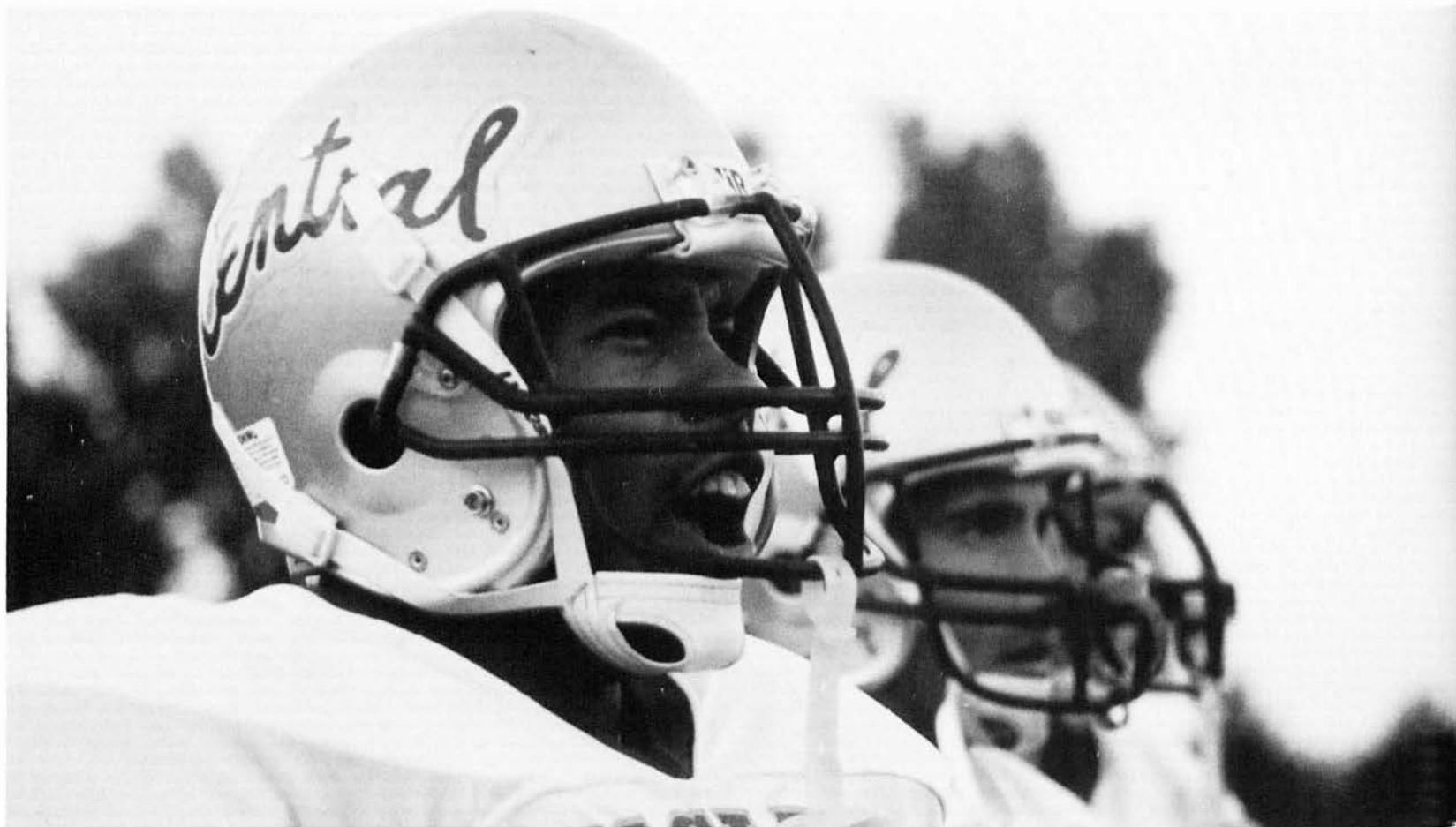
(All Photos: Shoshana Wees)





Sports





Varsity football kicks off a great season

By Andrea Friedman

The 1996-97 Varsity football team charged through the season to finish with an 8-3 record. When the final polls came out the Eagles were ranked fifth in the state due to their impressive performance against top rated teams.

"Because we had one of the toughest schedules in the state, the team was forced to play at their highest level every game," senior Brandon Clogston said.

One prominent event of the season was the Central vs. Prep game. This was the first time in twelve years that the Eagles defeated the Bluejays. The team also set a new Class A play-off record for total offense against Norfolk.

Many key players contributed to the Eagle's successful season. Junior Deantae Grixby was the team's leading rusher with 1244 yards. He was also named to the second team All-Metro and All-State teams. Senior Robert Jefferson lead the offensive line and was named to the All-Metro team. Senior Luke Denney was the team's leading receiver and was named to the All-Metro and All-State teams. Senior Josh Norcutt was the team's MVP on defense and received second team All-Metro honors. Overall the team agreed that their strong unity was the most important factor in their success.

When asked to describe the Eagles successful season senior Luke Denney said, "There's only one thing that can sum up the season, Central 28-Prep 7!"



Above: Senior Luke Denney kicks off to begin the game. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Top: **In Your Face!** Senior Damion Sayers shows the other team who's boss. (Photo: Lei Brown)





Left: **1996-97 Varsity Football Team**—Front Row: Josh Cohen (12), Carlos Nuno (12), Dan Hamilton (11), Jason Regan (11), Aaron Freed (11), Phillip Burrell (12), Kris Keyser (11), Tim Williamson (11) and Adrian Oropeza (11). Second Row: Scott Partridge (12), Damion Sayers (12), Thomas Hubbard (11), Jamaine Billups (9), Jon Dunson (11), Bob Hruska (11), Cecil Evans (11) and Stuart Poyner (12). Third Row: Ryan Lowery (11), Coach Allner, Coach Bass, Coach McMenamain, Coach Standifer, Coach Hanson, Tegan Fry (10) and Les Annich (12). Fourth Row: Jason Friedrichson (11), Lance Griffin (11), Rasheed Houston (10), Mario Gunter (11), Deantae Grixby (11), Mike Cerone (12), Cody Shevlin (11) and Joe Girthoffer (12). Fifth Row: Jason Galaska (11), Ely Santon (11), Lawrence Butler (11), Marcus Brewer (11), James Leuschen (11), Bob Akers (12), Jay Axelrod (11), Kyle Thomas (12) and Randy Ward (11). Sixth Row: Jeremy Garrison (12), Emil Moses (10), Rashod Sherman (12), Jeremy Colvin (12), Dave Echternach (12), Zach Girthoffer (12), Steve Kass (12) and Joe Wojtkiewicz (11). Seventh Row: Scott Dall (12), Josh Norcutt (12), Djuon Johnson (11), Luke Denney (12), Brandon Clogston (12), Steve Larson (12) and Tillman Baldwin (10). Eighth Row: Andy Anderson (12), James Hawkins (10), Robert Jefferson (12) and Eric Claussen (12). (Photo: Photographic Enterprises)



Far Left: **He's off to the races!** Junior Deantae Grixby rushes for the end zone. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Left: Quarterback Jeremy Colvin (12) breaks away from defenders and sprints down the field. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Bottom: The Eagles storm the field in pursuit of another victory. (Photo: Lei Brown)



Underclass football shows

By TJ Ernst

This year the Junior Varsity, Sophomore and Freshman teams came on strong and showed the competition that they could handle anything. All three teams showed talent that will develop into a strong varsity squad in years to come.

"The Junior Varsity team improved steadily throughout the season," Coach Stan Standifer said. "A classic example would be the final game of the season against undefeated Millard South, we lost 17-14 in overtime."

"The competition I have gone against has prepared me for the next level of play," sophomore Ryan Garrison said. "My coaches gave me a lot of support throughout the season."

All the younger teams did well this year and look forward to improving their records in future years. All this prospective talent will give the varsity many players to choose from next year.



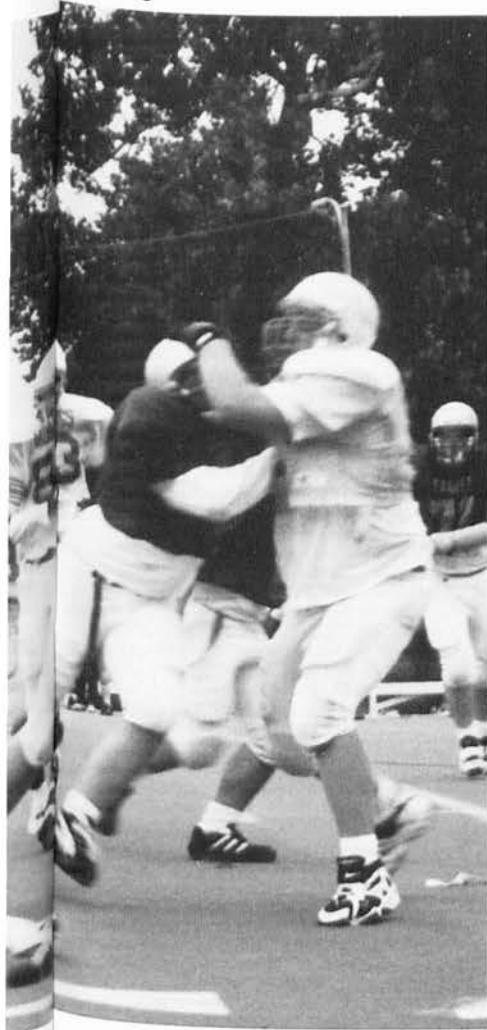
Above: Cecil Evans fakes the pants off an opponent, while making a run up the field. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)



Above: **J.V. Team**—First Row: Tim Williamson, Kris Kyser, Aaron Freed, Jason Regan, Josh Smith and Jamain Billups. Second Row: Rob Hruska, Cody Shevlin, Adrian Oropeza, Cecil Evans and Jon Dunson. Third Row: Marcus Brewer, Coach Mark Allner, Coach Stan Standifer and Rasheed Huston. Fourth Row: Emil Moses, James Leuschen, Ryan Lowery, Lance Griffin and Jason Friedrichsen. Fifth Row: Randy Ward, Joe Wojtkiewicz, Tillman Baldwin, James Hawkins and Ely Santon. (Photo: Photographic Enterprises)



promise for the future



Left: Christopher Kelly (10) warms up before his star performance while everyone else watches in awe. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)

Far Left: The J.V. football players can hold four of Millard Norths players before going down! (Photo: Andrea Friedman)



Above: **Freshman Team**—First Row: Travis Hanson, Aaron Anderson, Keith Tolbert, Willie Metcalf, Muhammed Husain, William Gregory, Nate Burell and Travis Pohlman. Second Row: Justin Bentzinger, Justin Galaska, Aaron Brittian, Dustin Friedman, Terry Jr. Evans, Aaron Perilo, Tim Robertson, Nate Curran, James Roark and Tywon Terrell. Third Row: Willie Scott, Jessie Cleasby, Coach Mr. Davis, Coach Mr. Evans, Coach Mr. Drew, Head Coach Mr. Dan Endorf and Mike Garner. Fourth Row: Ron Leonard, Curtis Edwards, Steve Edwards, Corey Chandler and Mike Corcoran. Fifth Row: William Coyers, Garlin Woods, Matt Miller, Patrick Mumm and Andre Jack. Sixth Row: Bobby Andrews, Andrew Mitchell, Glen Delezene, James McAllister and Jared Westbrook. (Photo: Photographic Enterprises)



Above: **Sophomore Team**—First Row: Lee Cerrant, Aaron Thomas, William Coon, Mitchell Moses, Jay Rose and Joey Giero. Second Row: Kyle Sorys, Andre Mimifield, John Nebel, Erol Randolph and James Medlock. Third Row: David Seefus, Coach Jim Galus, Coach Steve Eubanks and Matt Brown. Fourth Row: Collin Stoffel, Josh Humphrey, Pat Akin, Minsu Strickland and Josh Smith. Fifth Row: Dave Walker, Chris Allen, Johann Johnson, Kevin McDonald, Georg Getty and Mike Sheehan. Sixth Row: Derek Tritsch, Matt Leibman, Jeff Myers, Ryan Garrison and Matt Womacque. (Photo: Photographic Enterprises Corporation)



Varsity softball soars under new coach

By Andrea Friedman



Right: 1996-97 Varsity Softball Team—Front Row: Jessica Cerny (12), Nicole Duffy (12), Cheryl Bentzen (12), Sirena Montalvo (12), Julie Gruidel (12) and Cari Cain (12). Middle Row: Maggie Day (9), Chris Calhoun (11), Sophia Theophilopoulos (9), Nicole Langfeldt (12), Amber Ankiens (10), Stephanie Spielmann (10) and Kari Shank (9). Back Row: Coach Mike Ripa, Coach Cheryl Ripa, Ally Crossman (11), Kim Higgins (11), Jenny Queen (11), Kim Lykke (11) and Coach Diane Miller. (Photo: Photographic Enterprises Incorporated)



This year's Varsity softball team underwent many positive changes. With the new coaching style of Head Coach Diane Miller, the girls posted a 14-14 record.

"Everyone improved from Coach Miller's instruction," senior Sirena Montalvo said. "She helped us come together as a team too."

Coach Miller agreed that the team improved both mentally and physically.

A key highlight of the season was winning the North Invite.

"The girls really pulled together to defeat some good teams," senior Nicole Langfeldt said.

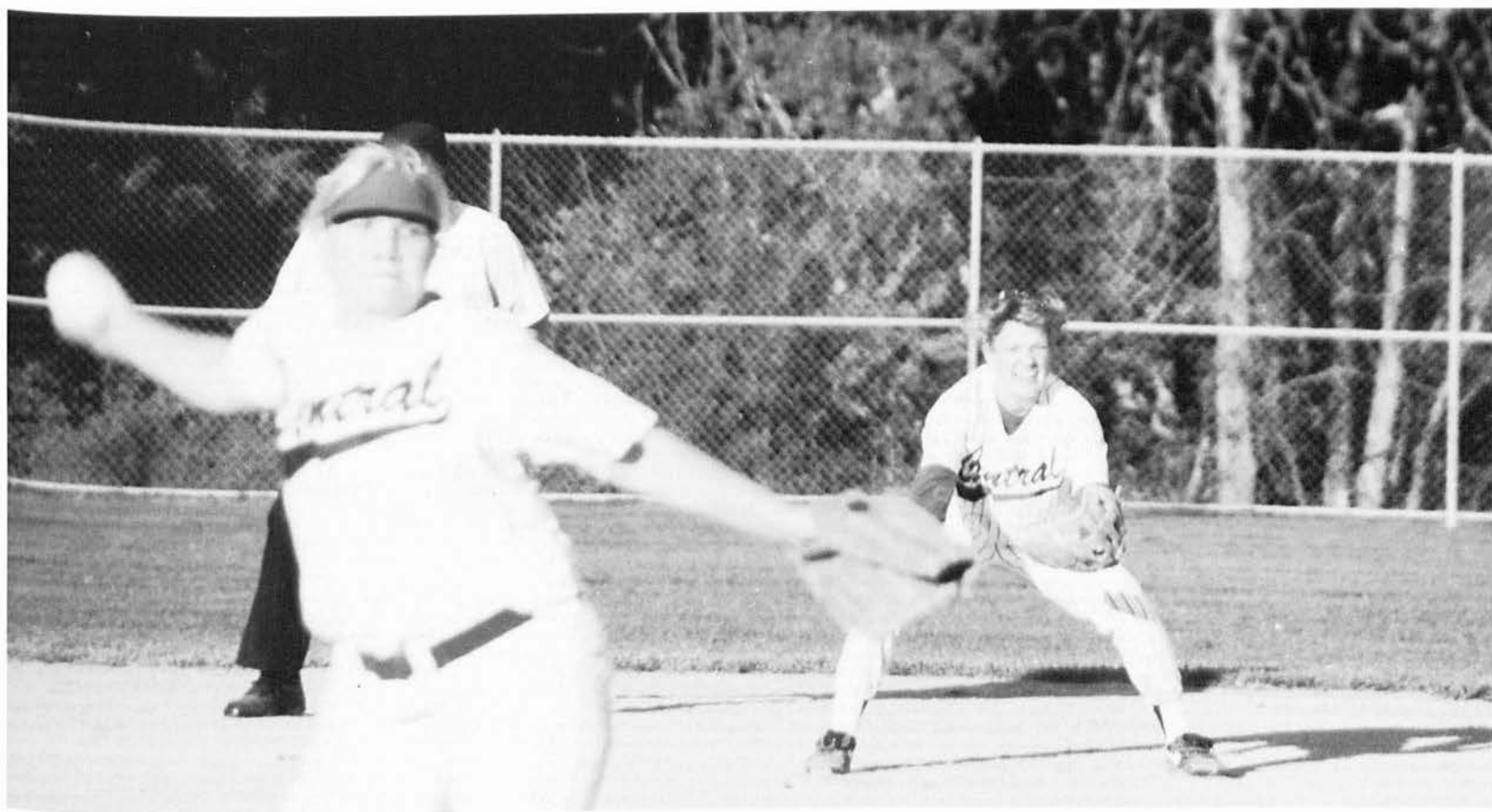
Many players received recognition for their outstanding playing during the season. Cari Cain (12), Cheryl Bentzen (12) and Kari Shank (9) were named to the first team All National Division team, and Sirena Montalvo (12) and Jenny Queen (11) received honorable mentions.

Overall the team agreed it was a very progressive season, and the program will only get better in the years to come.

Varsity Softball Schedule

September	5	Lincoln Southeast	
	6-7	Marian Invite	
	9	South	
	10	North	
	12	Benson	
	14	North Invite	
	16	Millard West	
	19	Millard South	
	20-21	Metro	
	26	Westside	
	30	Bellevue East	
	October	1	Mercy
		5	Ralston Invite
		7	Marian
8		Bryan	
10		Lincoln High	
11-12		Bellevue East Invite	
14		Burke	
15	Northwest		
16-17	Districts		





Above: **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!** The Lady Eagles show off their medals after winning the North Invite. (Photo courtesy of Rusty Crossman)

Top: Julie Guidel (12) concentrates on getting the runner out while Ally Crossman (11) backs her up. (Photo courtesy of Rusty Crossman)

Left: The girls show their team unity after winning a game. (Photo courtesy of Rusty Crossman)

"This was the hardest-working group I have ever coached,"
-Coach Diane Miller



Working through the

By T J Ernst

Right: **1996-97 JV Softball Team**—Top Row: Coach Tieger, Kellie Thompson (10), Maggie Day (9), Morgan Denny (10) and Coach Ripa. Middle Row: Elisha Mueller (10), Kim Lykke (11), Lacie Hansen (10), Stephanie Spielmann (10), Meghan Duffy (10) and Dana Herdee (10). Bottom Row: Casey Wolcott (9), Sophia Theophilopoulous (9), Mary Anderson (9), Kim Higgins (11) and Callie Thomas (11). (Photo: Photographic Enterprises)



This year's JV softball team had a great year. Throughout the season, there was a lot of good competition to keep the players on their toes. Their record proved their success was from determination alone.

"The JV team has improved a lot since last season," sophomore Meghan Duffy said. "I can't wait to see how good we are next year."

The team had many leaders that helped keep the spirit high. The experience also taught the girls what teamwork could do to maintain a successful group of athletes.



Above: Sophomore Callie Thomas shows off some skills while fielding a great ball. (Photo courtesy of Meghan Duffy)



seventh inning stretch



Sept.	5	Lincoln SE
	6-7	Marian Invite
	9	South
	10	North
	12	Benson
	14	North Invite
	16	Millard West
	19	Millard South
	20-21	Metro
	26	Westside
	30	Bellevue East
Oct.	1	Mercy
	5	Ralston Invite
	7	Marian
	8	Bryan
	10	Lincoln High
	11-12	Bellevue East Invite
	14	Burke
	15	Northwest
	16-17	Districts
	24-25	State

Left: Sophomore Dana Herdee plants her foot and gets ready to blast a double. (Photo courtesy of Meghan Duffy)

Below: The team enjoys just relaxing and getting some munchies before the big game. (Photo courtesy of Meghan Duffy)



All is fair in

By TJ Ernst

The Central High boy's tennis team had a great record this year. The Eagles went 6-2 this fall with a couple of nice wins over Bryan and Westside.

"I think we had a very solid team this year," head coach, Mr. John Waterman, said.

Sophomore Stuart Waters, the team's number one singles player, completed the year with a 7-1 record. His only loss was given to him by Millard South.

"As a team, we are glad we have stayed free of injuries this year," senior Jason Hoberman said. "We all stayed in good shape."

The team worked very hard this year and they deserved the record they earned. They plan on doing equally as well next year.

Opposite Page Top: Front Row: Ben Teply (11), John Owens (10), Jason Hoberman (12), Chad Powell (11) and Stuart Waters (10). Middle Row: Omar Nazem (12), Charles Carlin (10), Jeremiah Schultz (10), Nils Wentsumegi (12) and John Ashford (11). Back Row: Coach John Waterman, Andy Ochsner (12), Chris Ochsner (9) and Nick Eakins (11).

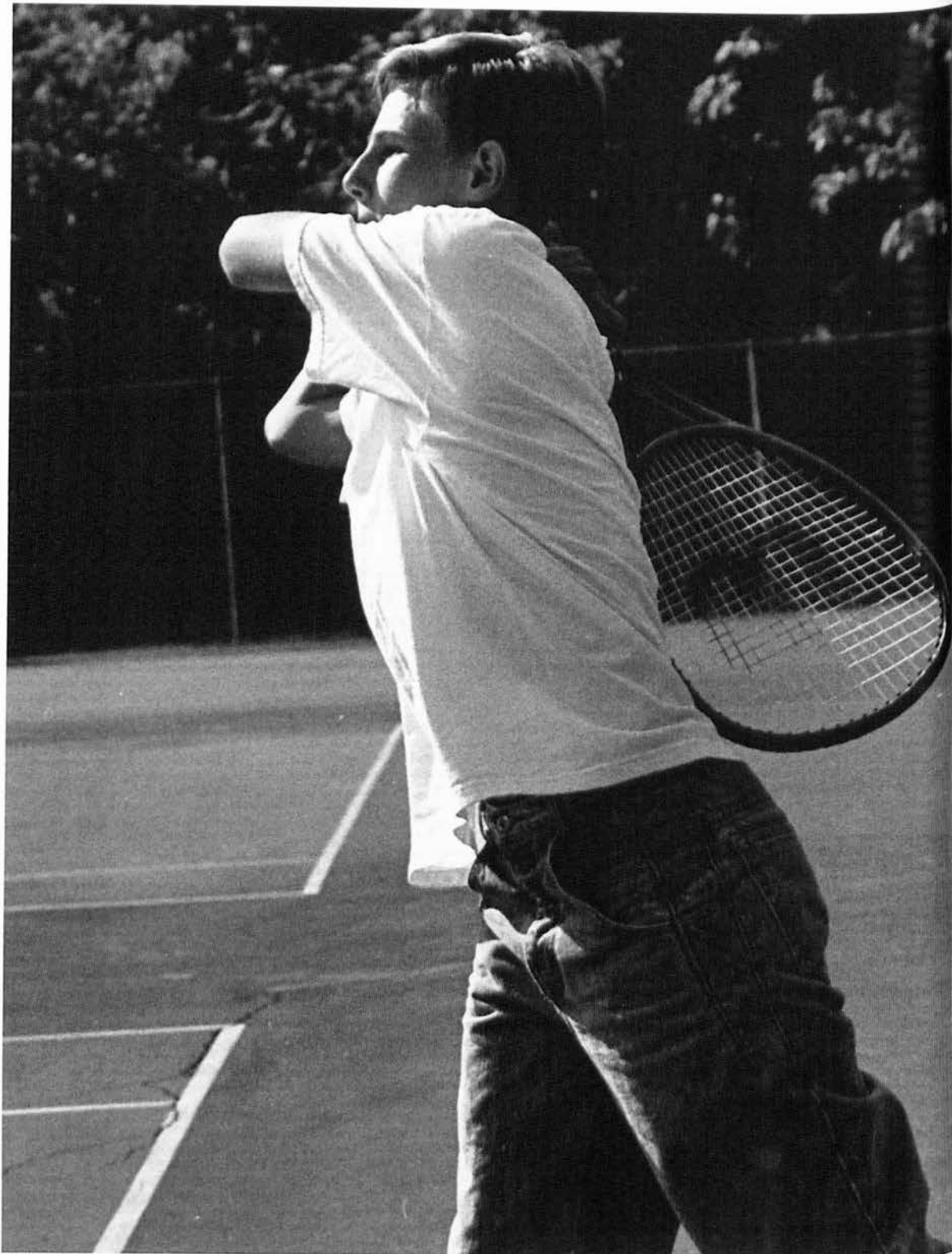
(Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Right: Freshman Chris Ochsner shows the team how to hit the little yellow ball over the net.

(Photo: Angie Cammarata)

Opposite Page Left: Senior Jason Hoberman laughs hysterically while his opponent trips over his own shoelaces.

(Photo: Angie Cammarata)



Love and tennis



Above: Sophomore Stuart Waters gets down low to smash the ball back toward his opponent. (Photo: TJ Ernst)



Tee it high, let the spirit fly

By Sarah Berg

The 1996-97 girl's golf team was surprisingly small with only three seniors and two juniors.

"It is unfortunate our team was so small. However, we had five dedicated players who contributed to a fun and successful season," Rachel Slosburg (11) said.

Success was what Rachel definitely achieved. She placed ninth in the Abraham Lincoln tournament at Dodge Park. Because of her 10th place finish at districts, Slosburg was able to advance to state.

The team ended the season with a 2-6 record. Although the golf team as a whole did not win many matches, their spirits remained high.

"My goal for the team was to have fun, and I am proud for the exceptional team spirit that was carried on throughout the season," Coach Jo Dusatko said.



Top Right: Alicia Blanke (12) admires her drive down the fairway.
(Photo: Allison Jessing)

Right: Sarah Berg (12), Amanda Wieler (12) and Rachel Slosburg (11) attempt to steal the cart from Coach Dusatko.
(Photo courtesy of Mrs. Dusatko)





Top: Amanda Wieler (12) will do anything to par the hole. (Photo: Sarah Berg)

Left: Rachel Slosburg (11) concentrates hard on her golf swing. (Photo: Sarah Berg)

Above: **1996-97 Girls Golf Team**— Top: Rachel Slosburg (11). Left to Right: Amanda Wieler (12), Staci Cramer (10), Sarah Berg (12) and Alicia Blanke (12). (Photo: Allison Jessings)



Cross country

By Sarah Berg

The 1996-97 Cross Country team completed a top-notch season. The girls won their first ever Central Cross Country Invitational meet. The meet was held at Memorial Park in September.

"Both teams did exceptionally better this year. I'm very optimistic for next year's team," Coach Shipman said.

Annika Carlson (10) and Danniele Jamrozy (9) both qualified for State.

"I liked cross country better since it was my second year," Annika (10) said. "My goal for next year is to place higher in my meets."

Captains for the boy's team were Tim Riveria and John Zendejas.

Captains for the girl's team were Sarah Fischer (12) and Annika Carlson (10).

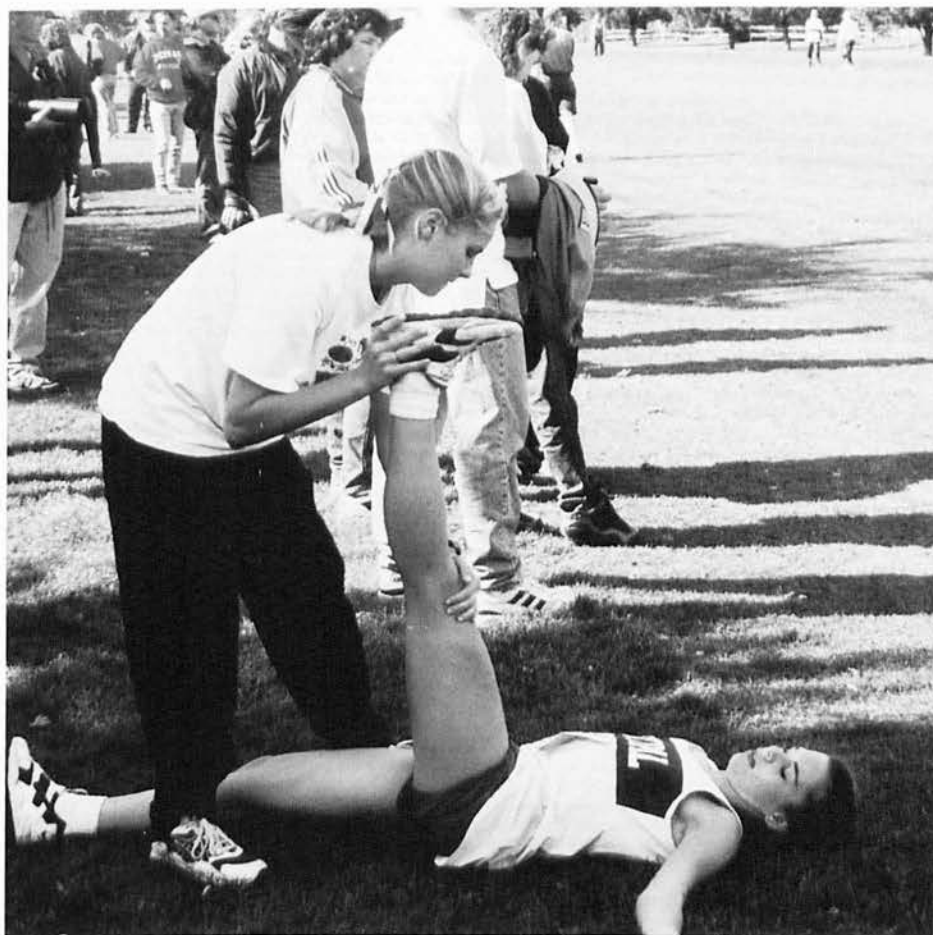
Right: Sarah Fischer (12) runs to the finish line.

Below: Tim Riveria (12) concentrates hard on finishing the race.

Bottom Right: Mr. Shipman gives his team a pep talk. (All photos courtesy of Jane Fischer)



strides to victory



Upper Left: Jamison Richart (10) gives all he has. (Photo courtesy of Jane Fischer)

Above: Annika Carlson (10) helps Danniele Jamrozy (9) stretch before the big race. (Photo: Mr. Shipman)

Left: Annika Carlson (10) and Danniele Jamrozy (9) show how they get through the long meets. (Photo: Mr. Shipman)



Girls varsity volleyball

By Andrea Friedman



Young and talented are two words that describe the 1996-97 Girls' Varsity Volleyball team. With three sophomores and one freshman starting, the girls learned how to work together as a team.

"Although this was an inconsistent season, I was very satisfied with the overall result," Coach Brad Reichmuth said.

The team finished their season with a 7-16 record.

"We didn't have a winning record, but our young players show a promising future," sophomore Lauren Pettit said.

Many of these young players lead the Metro Conference in different skill areas. Sophomore Cara Steffensmeir consistently stayed in the top ten for kills and service aces per game. Sophomores Stephanie Holm and Lauren Pettit also were in the top ten for service aces and set assists per game.

The team agreed that much of their success was due to the exceptional leadership of the upperclassmen.

With so many young-talented players the Lady Eagle Volleyball Program is on an uphill road for the future!



Above: The players take advantage of a time-out to discuss their winning game plan. (Photo: April Santon)



serves up an ace season



Above: The team practices serving before a big match. (Photo: Sarah Berg)

Left: Senior Emily Broom spikes the ball through the opposing teams blocks. (Photo: Sarah Berg)

Above: The Lady Eagles attempt a block against rival team Marian. (Photo: Sarah Berg)

Opposite Page Top: **1996-97 Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team**—Front Row: Kari Rider (9), Brooke Ponec (10) and Lauren Pettit (10). Middle Row: April Santon (12), Stephanie Holm (10), Rebecca Abersfeller (10) and Erika Mullen. Back Row: Cara Steffensmeier (10), Emily Broom (12), Coach Brad Reichmuth, Rebecca Baines (11) and manager Stacy Huff (11). (Photo: Photographic Enterprises Corporation)



Underclass teams discover

By Andrea Friedman



The 1996-97 Junior Varsity, Reserve and Freshman volleyball teams all displayed impressive seasons. The players agreed that the skills and experience they acquired will help prepare them for the varsity level.

The junior varsity team was both determined and disciplined.

"The team was willing to improve by my instruction, and worked hard at every practice," Coach Wendy Melcher said.

The girls agreed the season was a good learning experience.

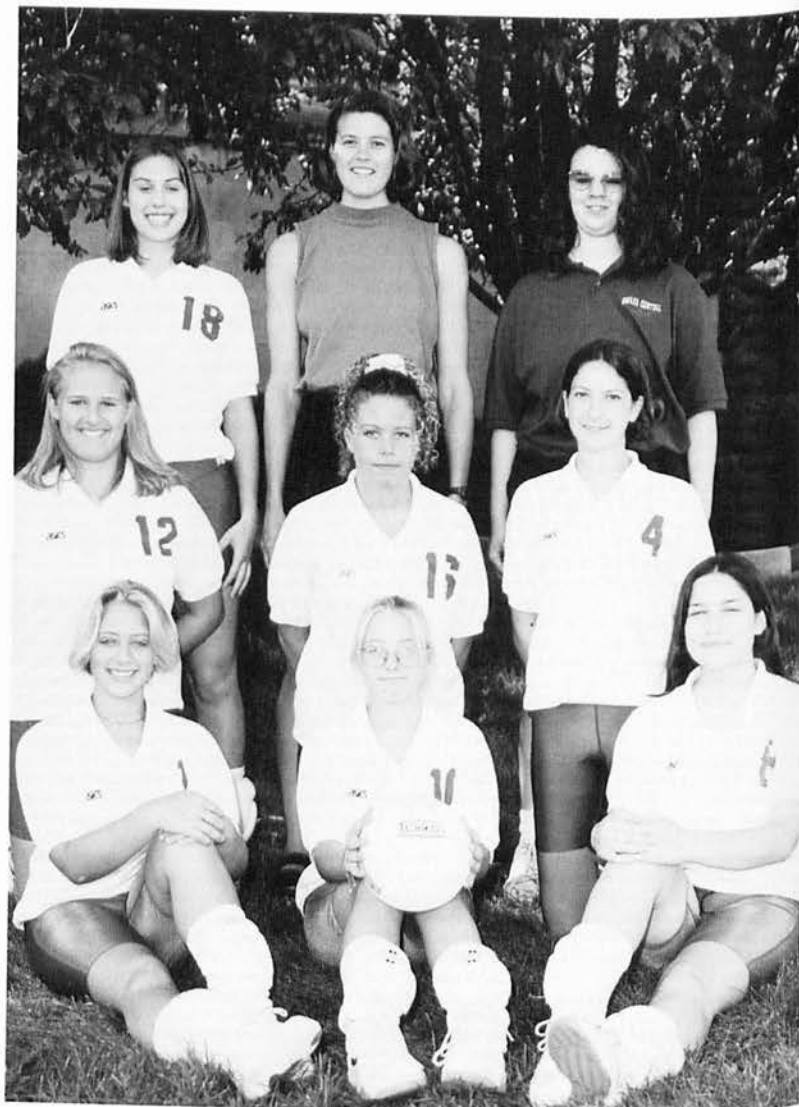
"Many of our goals were accomplished by keeping a positive attitude," junior Sara Childers said.

The reserve team ended the season with a 3-8 record.

"The girls played with a lot of heart and desire; they were a pleasure to coach," Coach Kristi Anderson said.

The freshman team had a winning season posting a record of 8-7.

"This team was very talented and enthusiastic," Tammie Wade said.



Top Left: **1996-97 Junior Varsity team**—Front Row: Jessica Colton (11), Meghan Gibilisco (10) and Brook Ponec (10). Middle Row: Sara Childers (10), Becky Abersfeller (10), Kari Rider (9) and Cara Dalrymple (10). Back Row: Rebecca Baines (11), Coach Wendy Melcher, Karin Dudley (10) and manager Stacy Huff (11).

Top Right: **1996-97 Reserve team**—Front Row: Erin Helland, Tanya Bringe and Katherine Foley. Middle Row: Kerri Inserillo, Vanessa Kruse and Sarah Johnson, Back Row: Amy Jelken, Coach Kristi Anderson and manager Stacy Huff (11).

(Photo: Photographic Enterprises Corporation)



r formula for success



Above: 1996-97 Freshman team—
 Front Row: Kristin Lalley, Amanda Micek, Rebecca Willits and Catherine Wileczorek. Middle Row: Stephanie Wulff, Amanda Ward, Liz Kieffe, Kristy Schulte and Andrea Mullen. Back Row: Nicole Bowers, Coach Tammie Wade, Talia Maurice, Julie Russell and manager Stacy Huff. (Photo: Photographic Enterprises Corporation)

Top: Sophomore Sarah Johnson argues her point about a bad call.

Above: Sophomores Kerry Inzerillo and Vanessa Kruse block the ball over the net.

Right: Freshman Kristin Lalley times her jump so she can spike the ball through the defenders.

Opposite Page Left: Sophomore Meghan Gibilisco focuses on hitting the ball over the net.

(Photos: April Santon)



GYMNASTICS GOES FOR THE GOLD

By Andrea Friedman



The 1996-97 gymnastics team proved once again that they were a force to be reckoned with. With the help of Coach Randy Mitsunabi, the combined team of North and Central posted a winning season.

The Central team consisted of seniors Kelly Allen, Cori Mallenby, Tiffany Taylor, Kiley Kane, Zack Johnson and Omar Nazem.

"With the addition of Zack and Omar, the team really excelled," senior Kelly Allen said.

The team practiced every day after school at North and competed in many competitions.

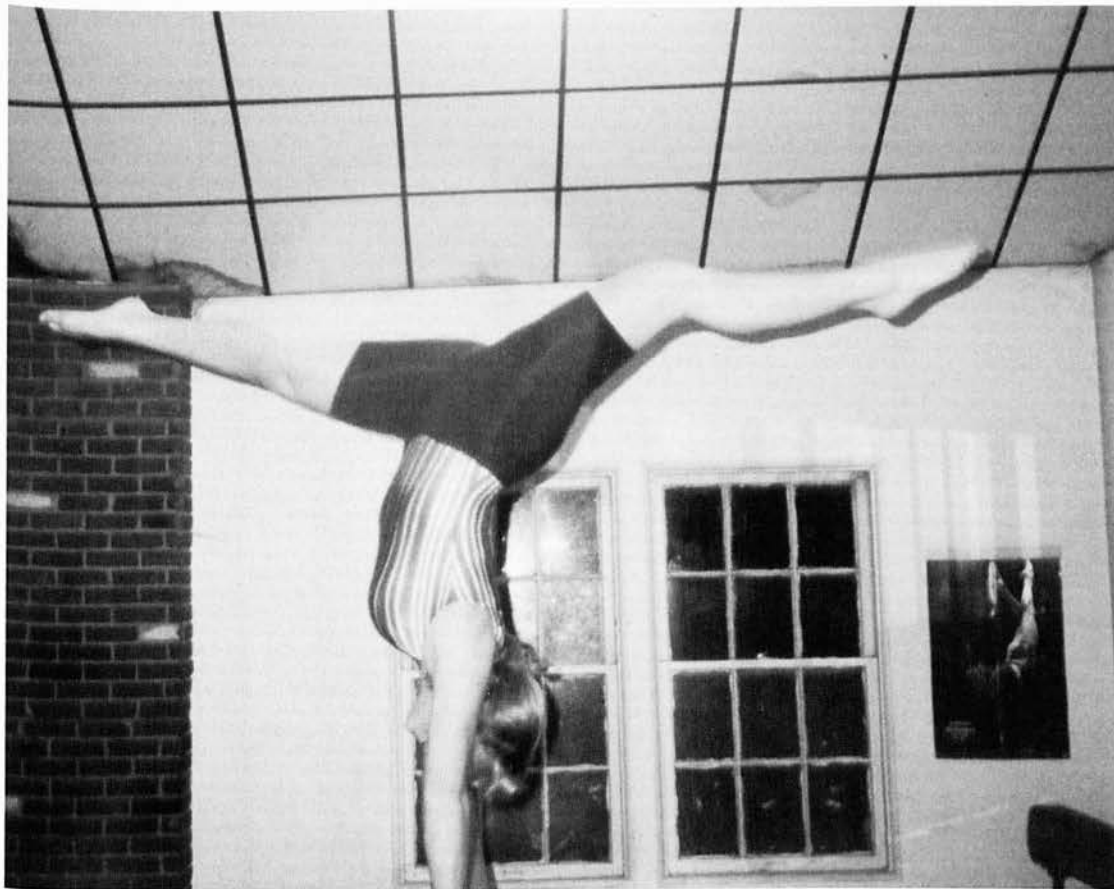
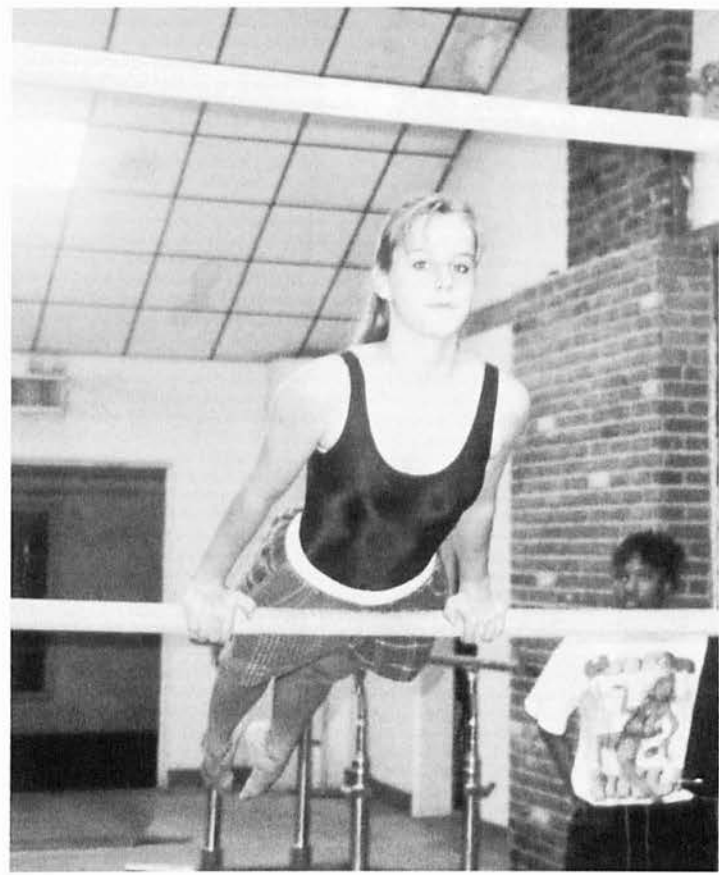
"Everyone made a positive impact at all the meets," senior Tiffany Taylor said.

Overall, the team said that the season was a lot of fun and a huge success.



Above: Cori Mallenby (12) attempts a difficult dismount off the beam. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Allen)





Opposite Page Top: Front Row: Coach Randy Mitsunabi, Kelly Allen (12) and Tiffany Taylor (12). Back Row: Cori Mallenby (12) and Cielita Thomas (10). Not Pictured: Kiley Kane (12), Zack Johnson (12) and Omar Nazem (12). (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Allen)

Top Left and Right: Seniors Cori Mallenby and Tiffany Taylor say, "Look mom I can fly!" (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Allen)

Above: Kelly Allen (12) shows off her balance and flexibility on the beam. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Allen)



Get up, cheer

By TJ Ernst



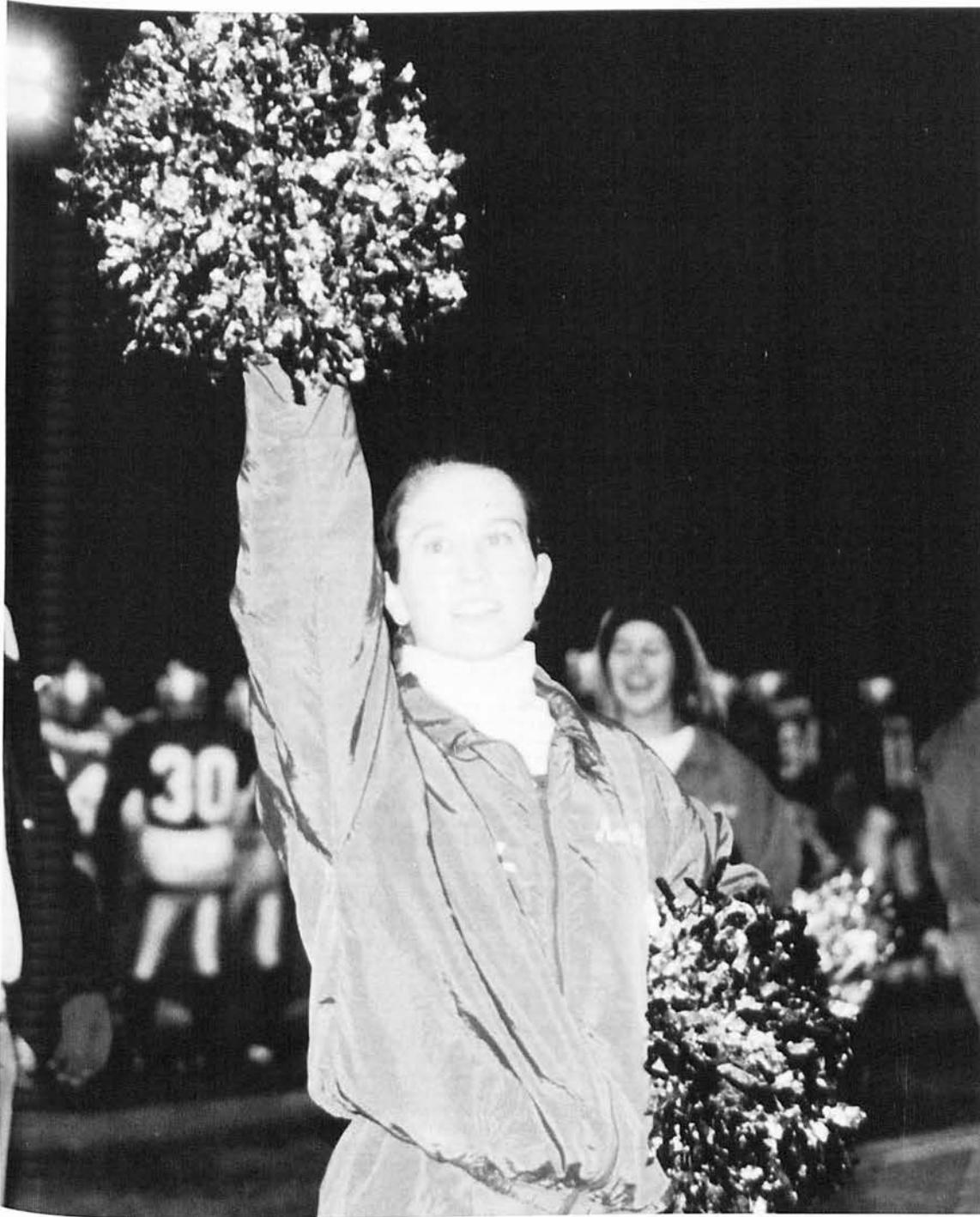
To say that this year's Varsity cheerleading squad worked hard would be an understatement. This year's squad was an extremely spirited group who showed Central how to be true fans.

Their year began in the summer with practices from 6:00-8:00 a.m. every morning. They also participated in an All American Cheerleading Summer Camp earlier last summer. At the beginning of the year, they helped in setting up the Aksarben Hall for this year's homecoming dance. As a squad, they participated in team dinners before the games, followed by a parade to the game.

"This year's group of girls were extremely spirited and they worked hard all year," Ms. Rene Proksel (sponsor) said.

Their success was a result of their hard work, and they served as great role models for the younger squads.





Opposite Page Top: **Girl's Varsity Cheerleading**—Back Row: Kelly Allen (12), Tiffany Taylor (12), Vanetta Bailey (11), Cheryl Calimlim (12), Stacy Rushton (12) and Mary Beth Stryker (12). Front Row: Jennifer Quandt (11), Stephanie Putnam (11), Amanda Backora (11) and Jasmine Henderson (11). (Photo courtesy of Arnold Clark)

Left: Mary Beth Stryker (12) riles up the crowd at a home football game. (Photo: Sarah Berg)

Opposite Page Lower Right: The team strikes a pose at the fall pep rally. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Below: Jasmine Henderson (11) jumps for joy after the Central football team scores the winning touchdown. (Photo: Sarah Berg)



Spirit keeps squads together

By Sarah Berg

Junior Varsity squad showed that their hard work and cooperation paid off. This year's cheerleading squad attended camp at Okiboji. They had a successful time, leaving with numerous spirit sticks which were awarded to the squads with the most spirit. Captains this year were Melissa Blair and Amber Auch.

"We got along very well this year," Amber Auch (11) said. "It helps to have all your friends on the same squad."

Even though the squad experienced a year full of accomplishments, they are looking toward the future.

"Our goal for next year's squad is to work a lot harder on improving the squad's skills, which includes jumps and cheers," Nicole Dubas (11) said. "Being more prepared is also a key factor in achieving our future goals."

The Reserve squad put in a tremendous amount of time to make the small squad successful. This year's squad had only seven people, five of whom were new.

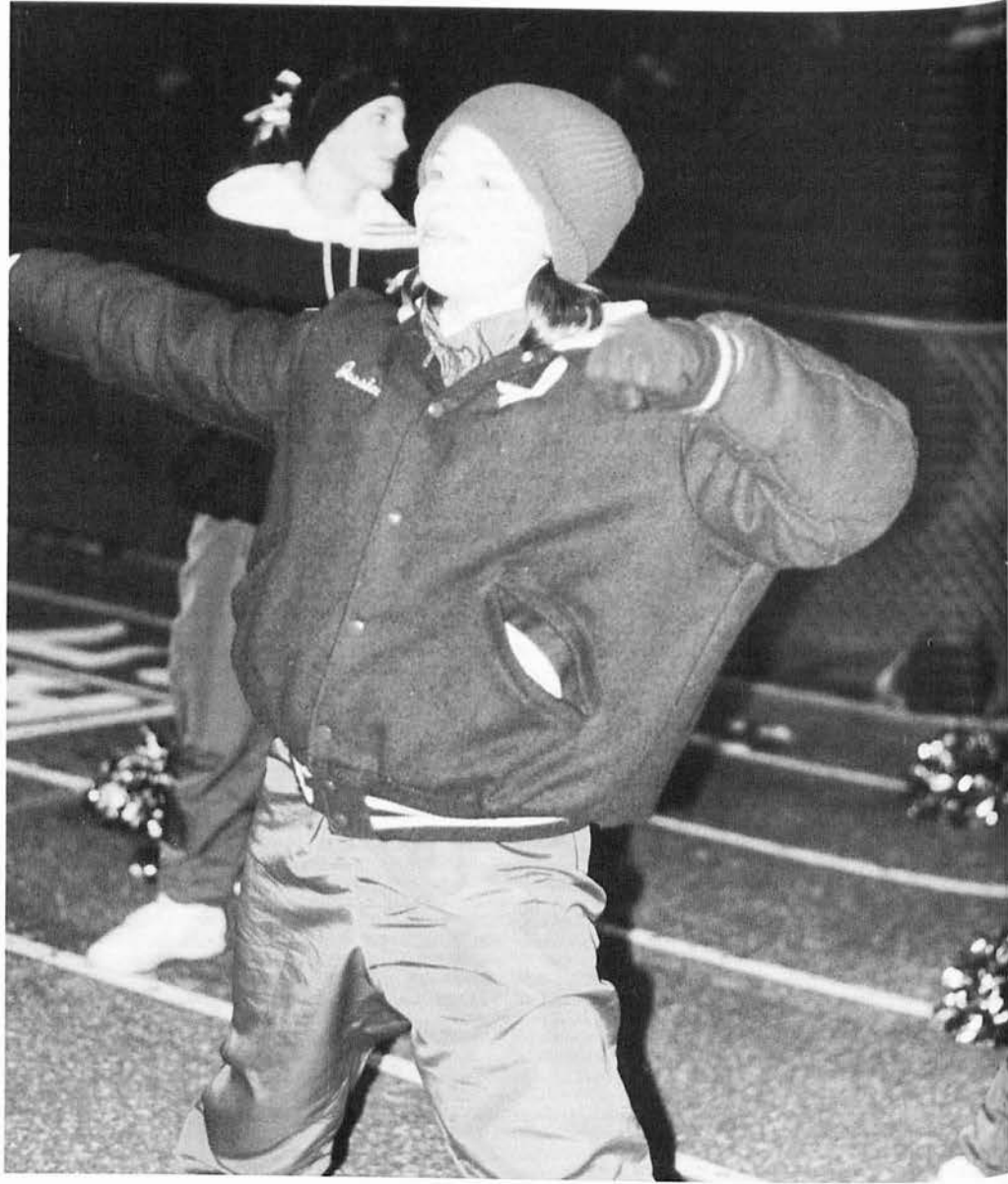
"We worked really hard to support as many teams as we could," Alison Hagar (10) said. "A big commitment was cheering for sophomore basketball games on Saturday mornings."

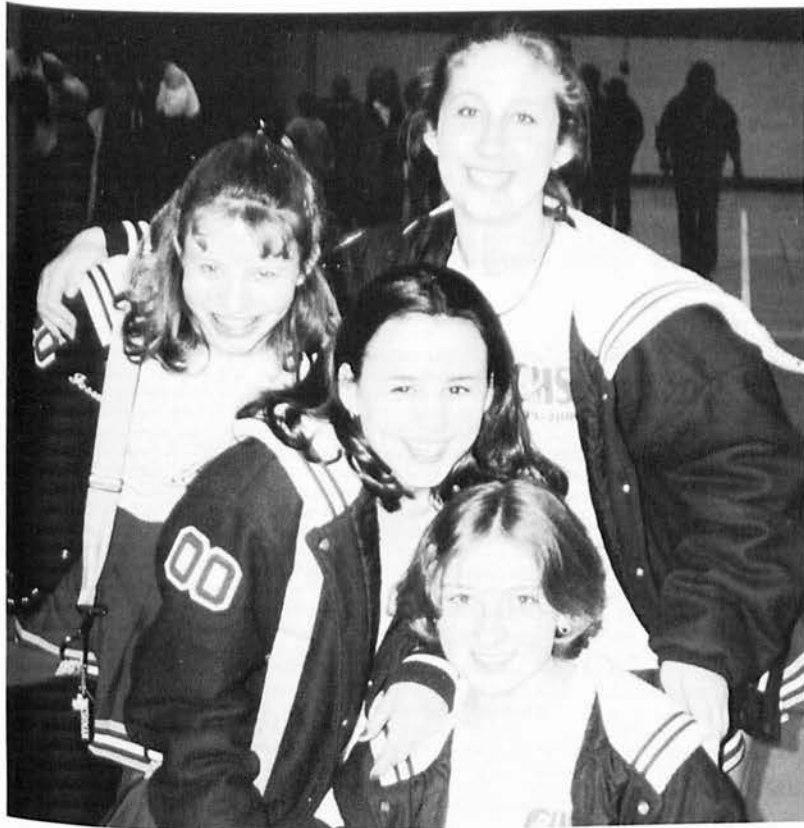
Mikayla Ward and Alison Hagar served as captains.

The Freshman squad also completed a successful year. The squad was also small, with only seven freshmen. The captains were Jessica Boro and Julie Miyeno. Goals for next year include having a bigger squad along with having a lot of fun.

Upper Right: Jessica Boro (9) displays her stiffness during a football game. (Photo: Lei Brown)

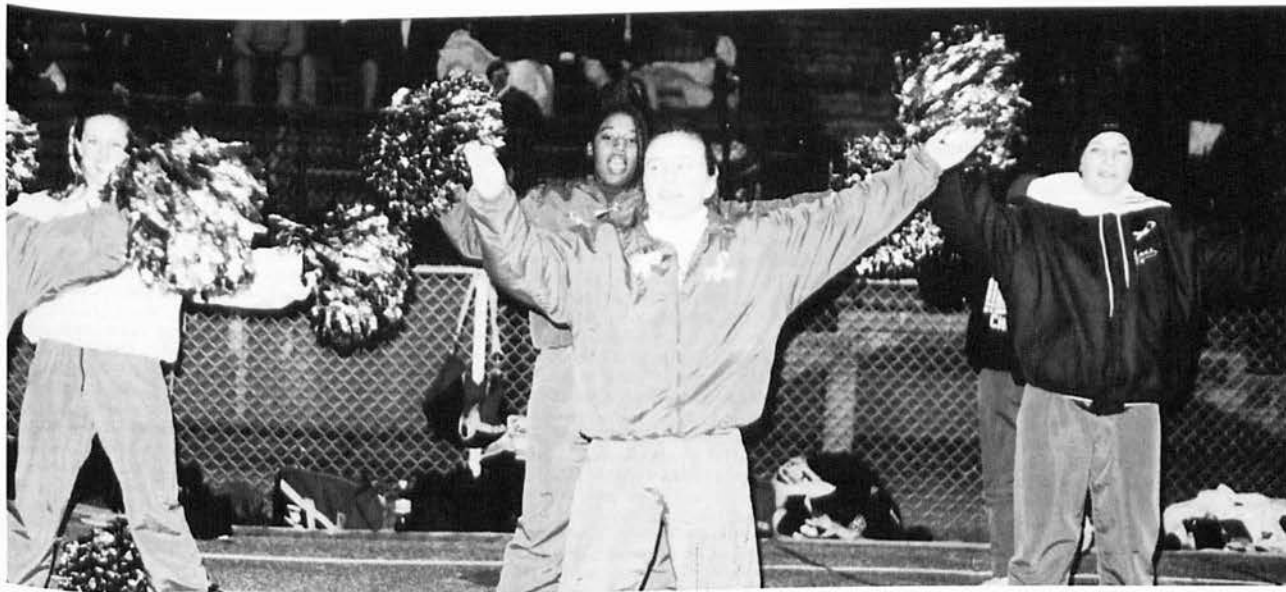
Right: **1996-97 Freshmen Squad**—Front Row: Julie Miyeno and Brandie Hollingsworth. Back Row: Jessica Boro, Emily Kammerer and Julie Prouty. (Photo courtesy of Arnold Clark)





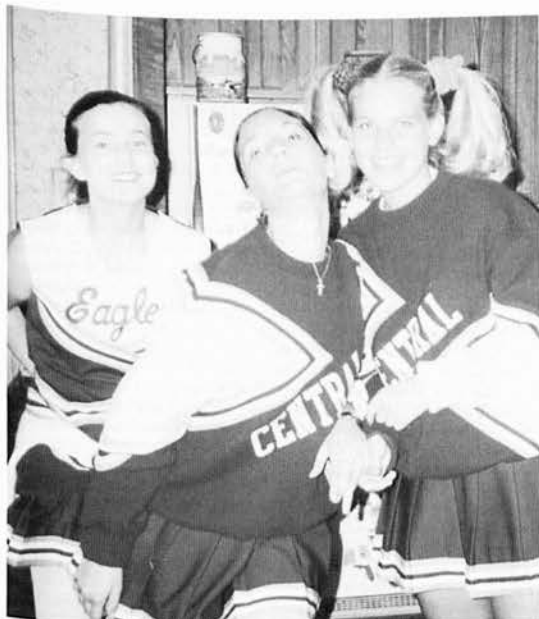
Left: Freshmen strike a pose after a game. Amber Latoza, Jessica Boro, Emily Kammerer and Julie Prouty. (Photo: Stacy Rushton)

Below: **1996-97 Sophomore Squad**—Front Row: Mikayla Ward, Judy Schaffer and Alison Hager. Back Row: Cielita Thomas, Brooke Ponec, Jane Swirzinski and Amy Whitmyre. (Photo courtesy of Arnold Clark)



Left: Mikayla Ward and squad cheer hard during a football game. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Lower Right: **1996-97 Junior Varsity Squad**—Front Row: Missy Elsasser, Nicole Dubas, Amber Auch, Unique Williams and Melissa Blair. Back Row: Brandee Shirley, Aggie Davis and Jenni Jekesky. (Photo courtesy of Arnold Clark)



Left: Sophomores Alison Hager, Jane Swirzinski and Amy Whitmyre cheese it up before the game. (Photo: Stacy Rushton)



Pom squad dances,

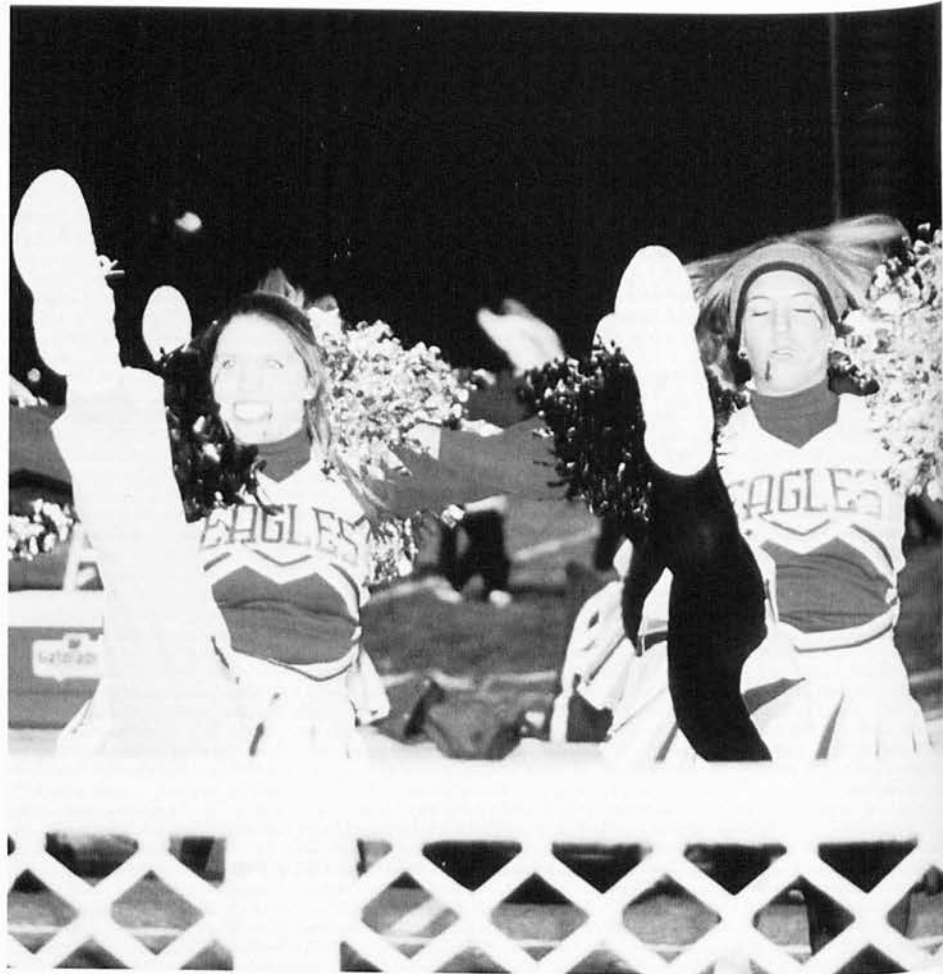
By Sarah Berg

This year's Pom Squad proved to be very motivated. They placed second for their home routine at camp during the summer. They also worked hard to participate in Metro which took place on Nov. 9.

"This year's squad had a lot of potential that was displayed at Metro, summer camp and all of the games and pep rallies. We worked hard together, and even at the last minute we always pulled through to perform our best," Natalie Sundberg (12) said.

The squad agreed that being on Pom Squad not only taught responsibility, but also brought everyone closer together.

"Coming from a different school, I had to make new friends. My fellow pom squad members helped make my junior year at Central a great experience," Jenny Kniewel (11) said.



Right: Maggie Jacobson (12) and Liz Micek (12) show their flexibility while performing their football dance on Halloween. (Photo: April Santon)

Right: **The Pom Squad shows their pearly whites for the camera at camp.** Back Row: Ally Crossman (11), Carolyn Bullard (12), Lindsey Myers (12), Sarah Berg (12), Natalee Sundberg (12), Amber Ingram (11), Sarah Wiedman (10). Middle Row: Jacyn Digiacomio (11), Michelle Moran (10), Jessica Stanek (10), Jenny Kniewel (11), Liz Micek (12), Nicole Driscoll (10). Bottom Row: Maria Theophilopoulos (12), Staci Johnson (11), Meghan Duffy (10), Lacey Pruitt (12) and Kara Spoonhour (11). (Photo: Mrs. Skoog)

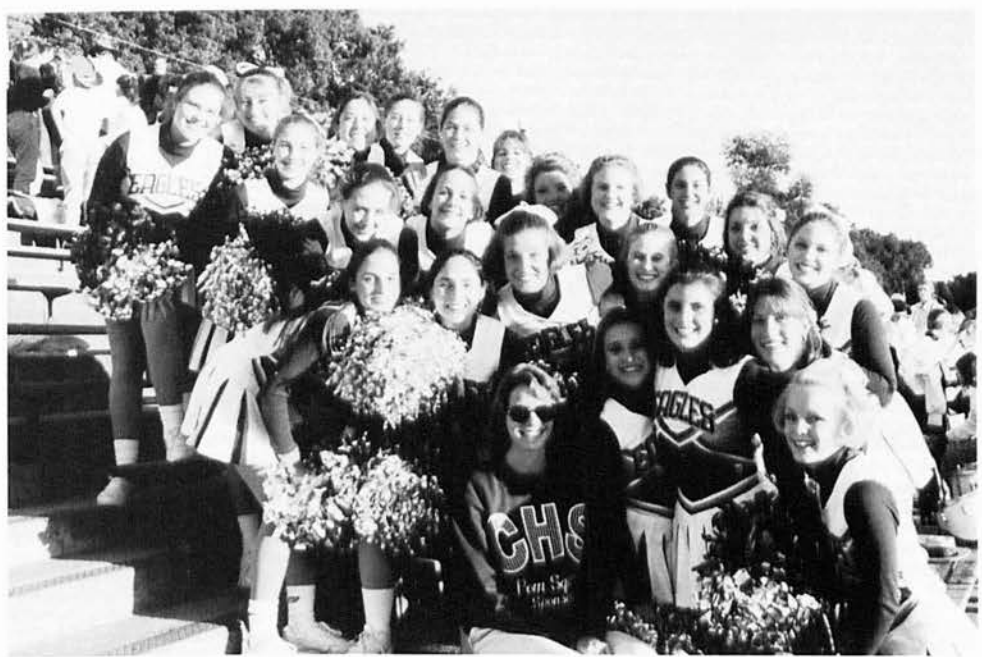


motivates crowd



Left: Sarah Berg (12) and Maggie Jacobson (12) show their school spirit on the way to a football game. (Photo: Lindsey Myers)

Left: Jessica Stanek (10), Michelle Moran (10), Carolyn Bullard (10), Nicole Driscoll (10), Jaclyn Digiaco (11) and Ally Crossman (11) are all bonding at camp. (Photo: Lindsey Myers)



The 1996-97 Pom Squad—Front Row: Kara Spoonhour (11), Alexa Christon (11), Maria Theophilopoulos (12), Erin Quinlan (11), Krista Griess (12) and Mrs. Skoog (Pom Squad Sponsor). Middle Row: Meghan Boylan (11), Lacey Pruitt (12), Maggie Jacobson (12), Natalee Sundberg (12) and Lindsey Myers (12). Back Row: Michelle Moran (10), Jessica Stanek (10), Nicole Driscoll (10), Sarah Wiedman (10), Amber Ingram (11), Jenny Kniewel (11), Ally Crossman (11), Sarah Berg (12), Jaclyn Digiaco (11), Carolyn Bullard (12) and Liz Micek (12). (Photo courtesy of Rusty Crossman)



Experience--

By Sarah Berg

This year the men's Varsity basketball team was one of the best in Central's history.

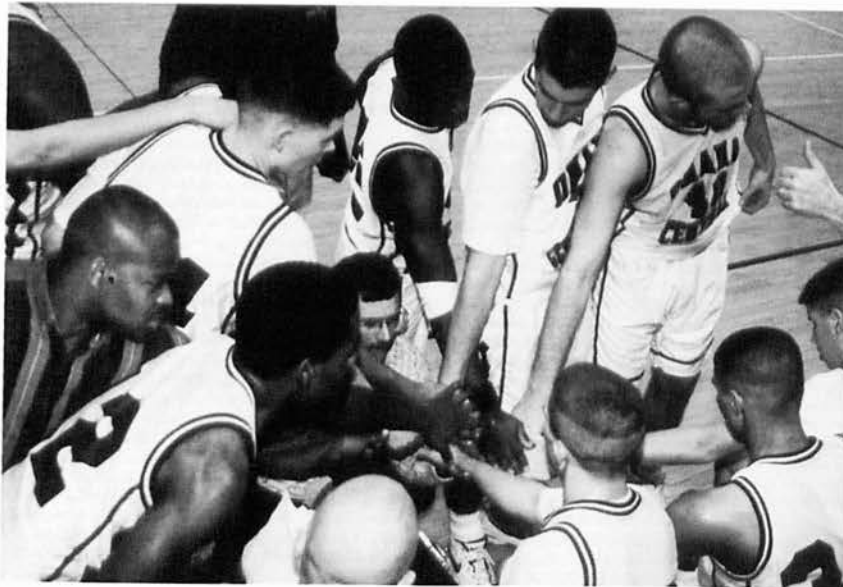
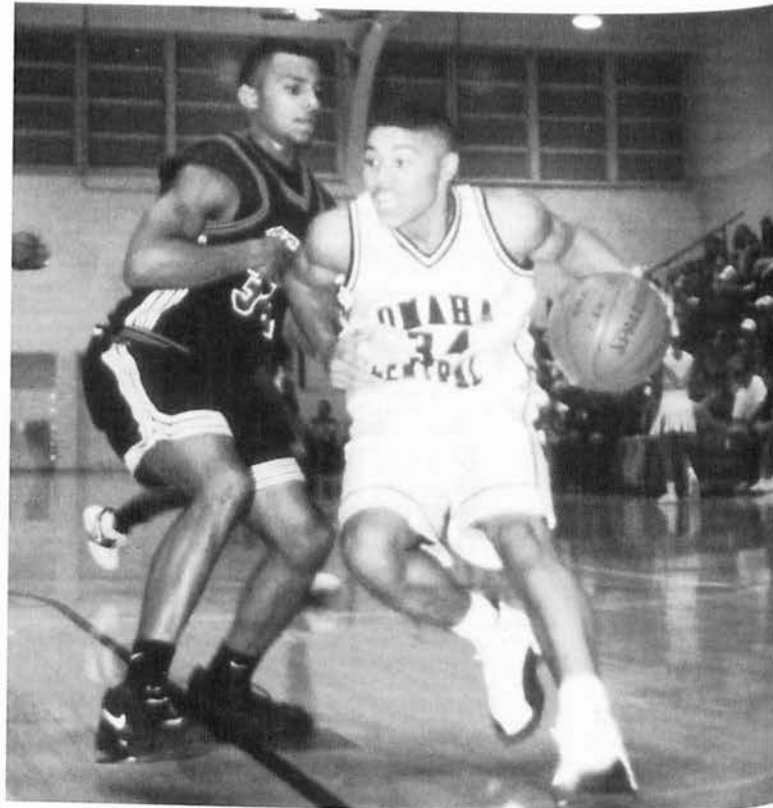
Central made an impressive show at the Metro Holiday Tournament. In the final game against Bryan, Central forged ahead, beating them and winning the tournament. Not only did they win the tournament, they also showed how team unity and experience was the key to their success.

"Last year we got frustrated, which led to losses. This year we were more confident and we learned to respect each other," Galen Morrison (12) said. "This led to a greater amount of team unity, which helped us to win our games."

Their record halfway through the season was 13-2, earning a number one ranking in the state. This has not happened since the 1970's.

The players weren't the only component to the team's success.

"The power of the home court advantage and the support from our crowd helped us defeat many of our opponents," Ryan Behrens (12) said.



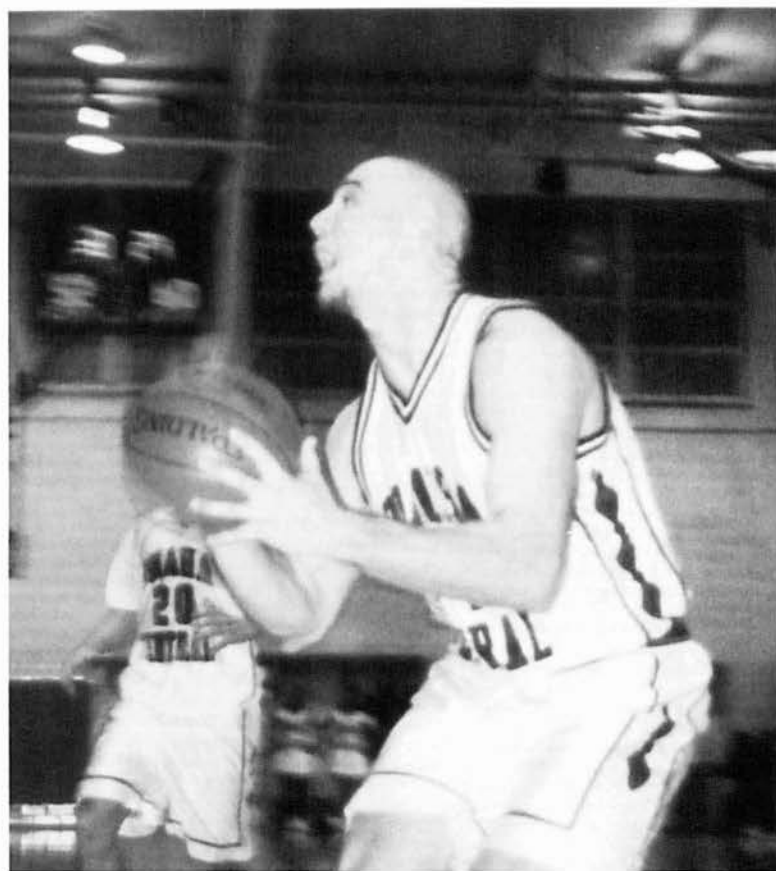
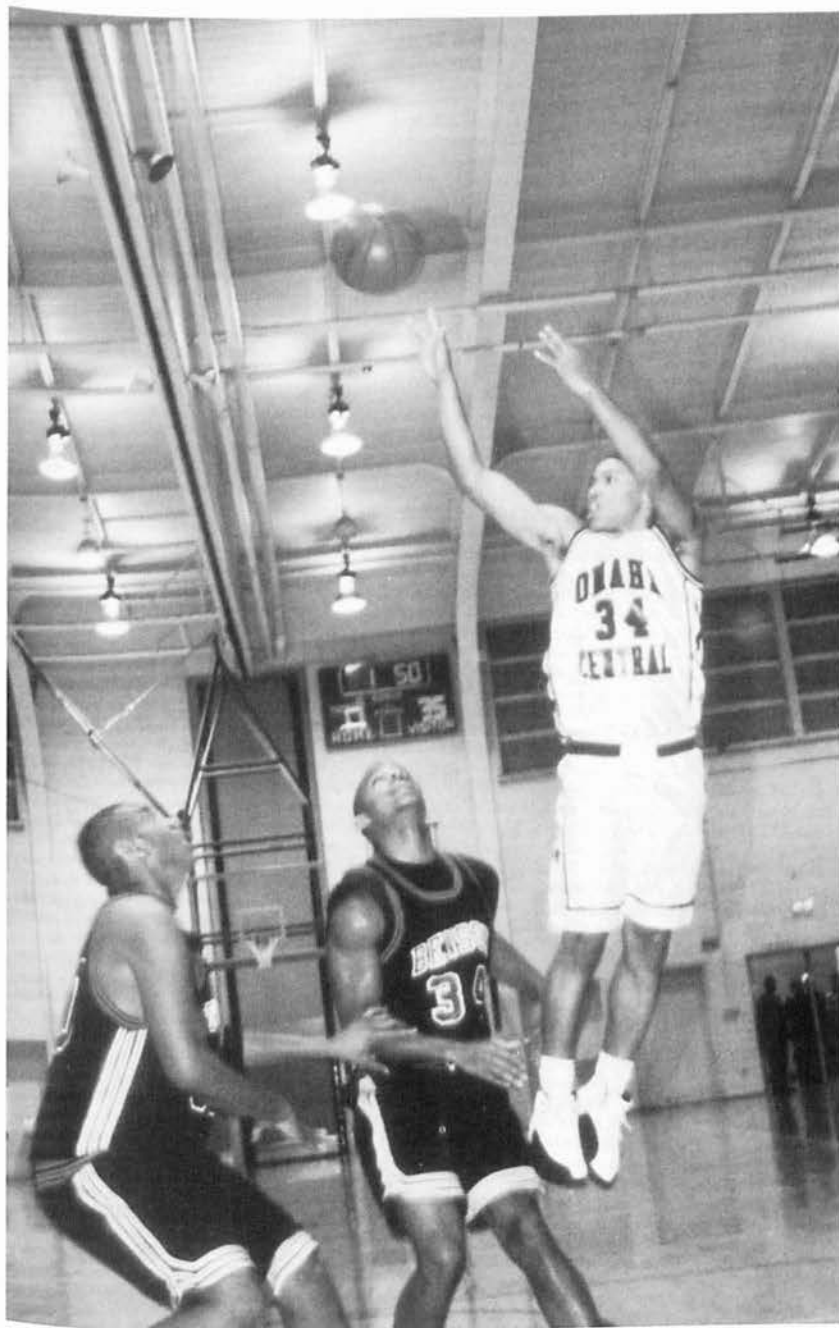
Above: Central Eagles show their team unity. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Top Right: Galen Morrison dribbles his way to the top. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Right: Kenny McMorris fights his way to the basket. (Photo: Lei Brown)



Key to winning



Above: Luke Denney (12) takes his time to make a perfect shot. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Left: **AIR MORRISON.** Galen Morrison (12) proves he can fly. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Below: **1996-97 Varsity Basketball Team**—Back Row: Robert Jefferson (12), Joe Yard (11), Sam Farrington (12), Coach Rick Behrens, Assistant Coach Dan Archie, Luke Denney (12), Ben Jacobsen (9) and Brandon Myers (12). Front Row: Daron Wilson (12), Lawrence Butler (11), Galen Morrison (12), Ralph Blank (12), Kenny McMorris (12), Ryan Behrens (12) and William Parker (11). (Photo courtesy of Vicki Wiles)



Underclassmen basketball

By Sarah Berg

This year's Junior Varsity, Reserve and Freshmen basketball teams focused a lot of their attention on team unity.

The Junior Varsity team prepared hard for their season. Their record goal was 10-4.

"I was really impressed with our team this year. Despite the many injuries we had, I think our team got right back on track," John Franzese (11) said.

The Reserve Team made many improvements this year. Team goals helped the team go far this season.

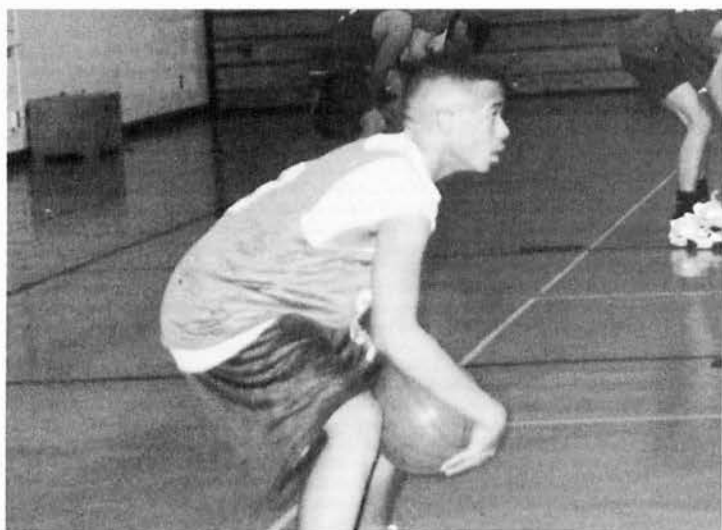
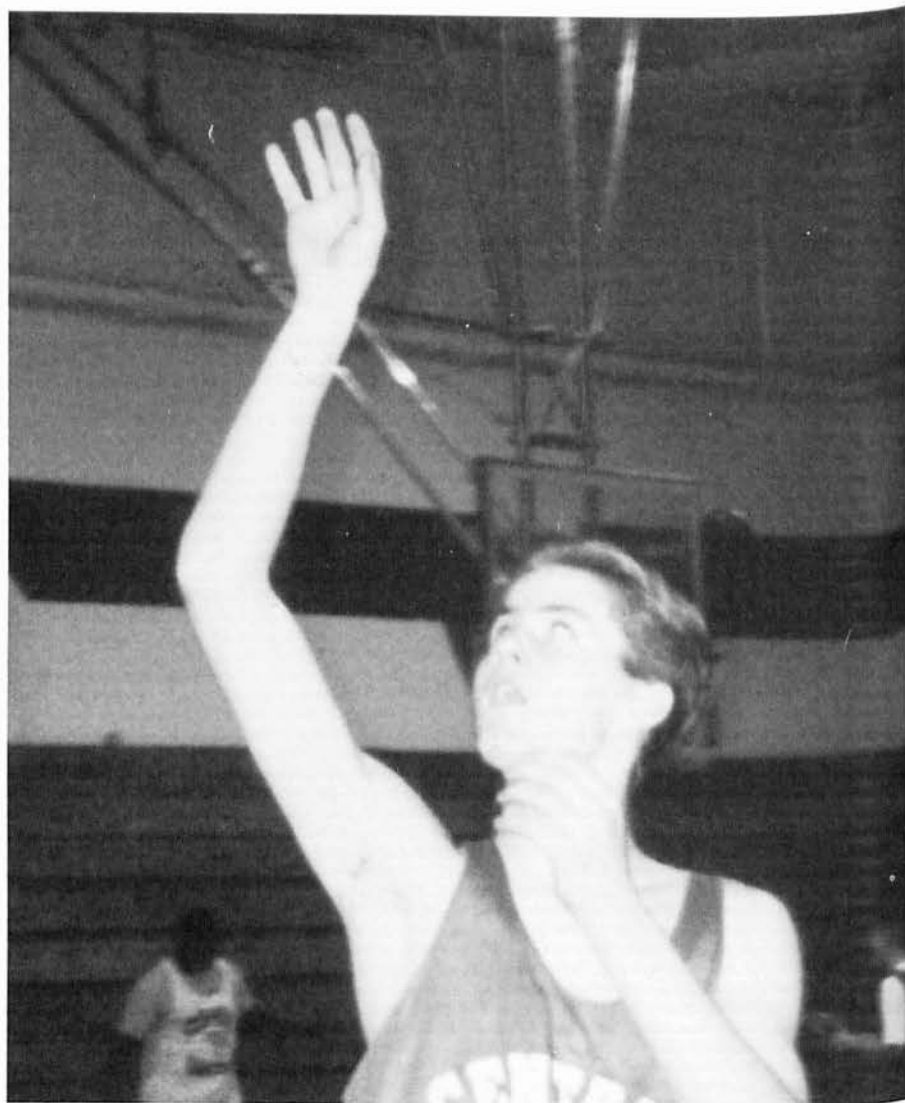
Experience and talent was the focus for this year's Freshmen A and B teams. Because there was such a turnout during tryouts, they were forced to have two teams.

"I wasn't so concerned with our record. I decided to focus on the basics of the game, which will help these players prepare for the future," Coach Tim Herbert said.

Coach Herbert also commented that the team's defense intensity had improved remarkably.

The Freshmen B team also had a successful year.

"The goal for the year was to have fun and work as a team," Coach Trent Lodge said. "Next year's goal will be to continue the strong freshmen basketball program."



Top Right: Kason Latta (10) shoots with perfection. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)

Above: Lorenzo McMorris (10) practices his Harlem Globetrotter skills. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)



Above: **1996-97 Junior Varsity Team**—Back Row: John Franzese (11), Matt Miltner (11), Lawrence Butler (11), Coach Dan Archie, Jason Latta (10), Junell Dames and Joe Yard (11). Front Row: Lorenzo McMorris (10), Brian Rahaman (9), Lamare Fuller (11), Shann Israel (11), Kaun Johnson (11) and Manager Bill Parker. (Photo courtesy of Vicki Wiles)



aims to new heights



Left: **1996-97 Reserve Team**—Back Row: Trenton Gunter (10), Robert Canion (10), Derek Tritsch (10), Coach Stan Standifer, Assistant Coach Anthony Jones, James McAlister (9), Cerone Thompson (10) and Jacky Smith (10). Front Row: Larahn Minnifield (10), Jimos Reese (10), Kevin McDonald (10), Terrell Kelly (10), John Owens (10) and Willie Metcalfe (10). (Photo courtesy of Vicki Wiles)

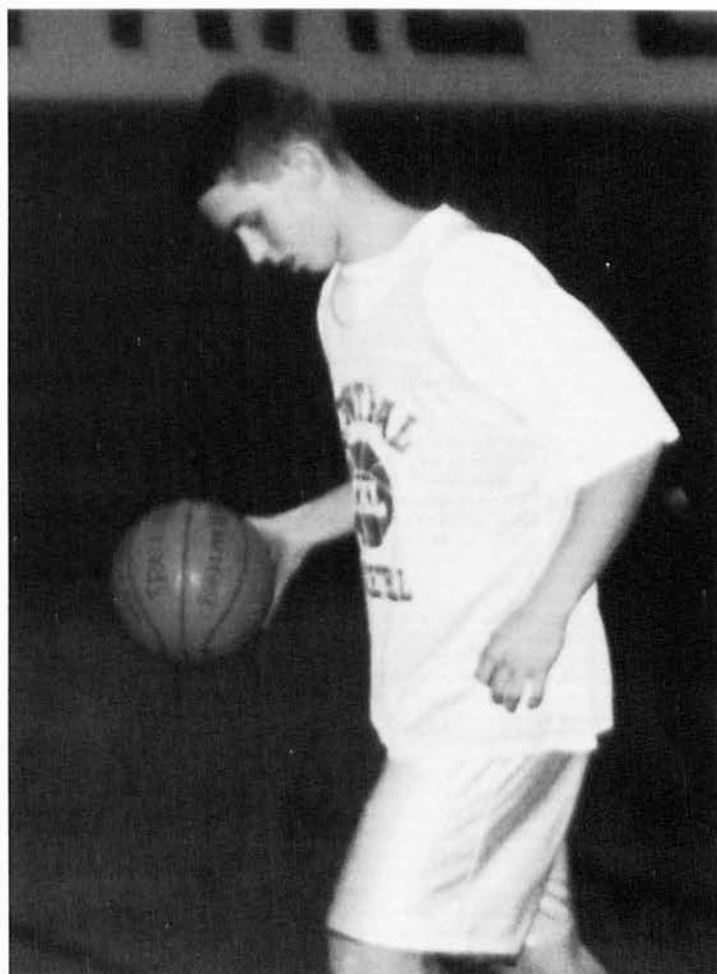


Middle: **1996-97 Freshmen Team A**—Back Row: Lornell McPherson, Nate Gasaway, Coach Tim Herbert, Durrell Williams and Charles Meade. Front Row: Jaye Lewis, Earnst Harrington, Marlon Brewer and William Gregory. (Photo courtesy of Vicki Wiles)



Bottom Left: **1996-97 Freshmen Team B**—Back Row: Bobby Andrews, Jeff Hakanson, Coach Trent Lodge, Mark Hakanson and Brian Pfefer. Front Row: Paul Padrnos, Gregg Edds, Jordan Freeman, Keith Phillips, Jimmy King and Clyde Brown. (Photo courtesy of Vicki Wiles)

Below: Matt Miltner (11) concentrates hard while dribbling down the court. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)



Women's basketball, a promising future

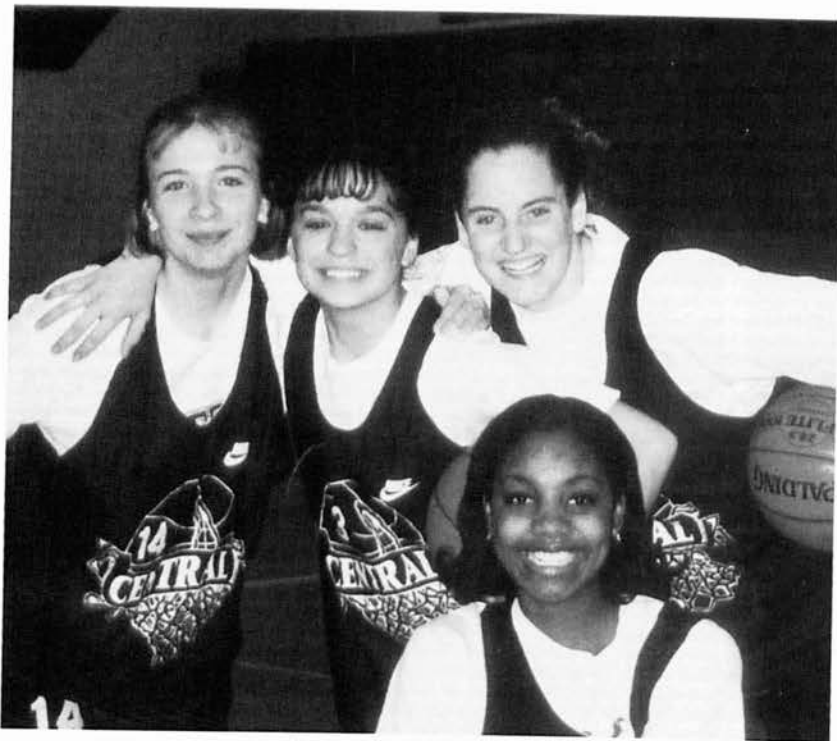
By TJ Ernst

The women's Varsity basketball team worked hard all year at practice and at their games. They persevered and proved they could handle the ball well in tough situations. This year's team also had some great shooters and rebounders.

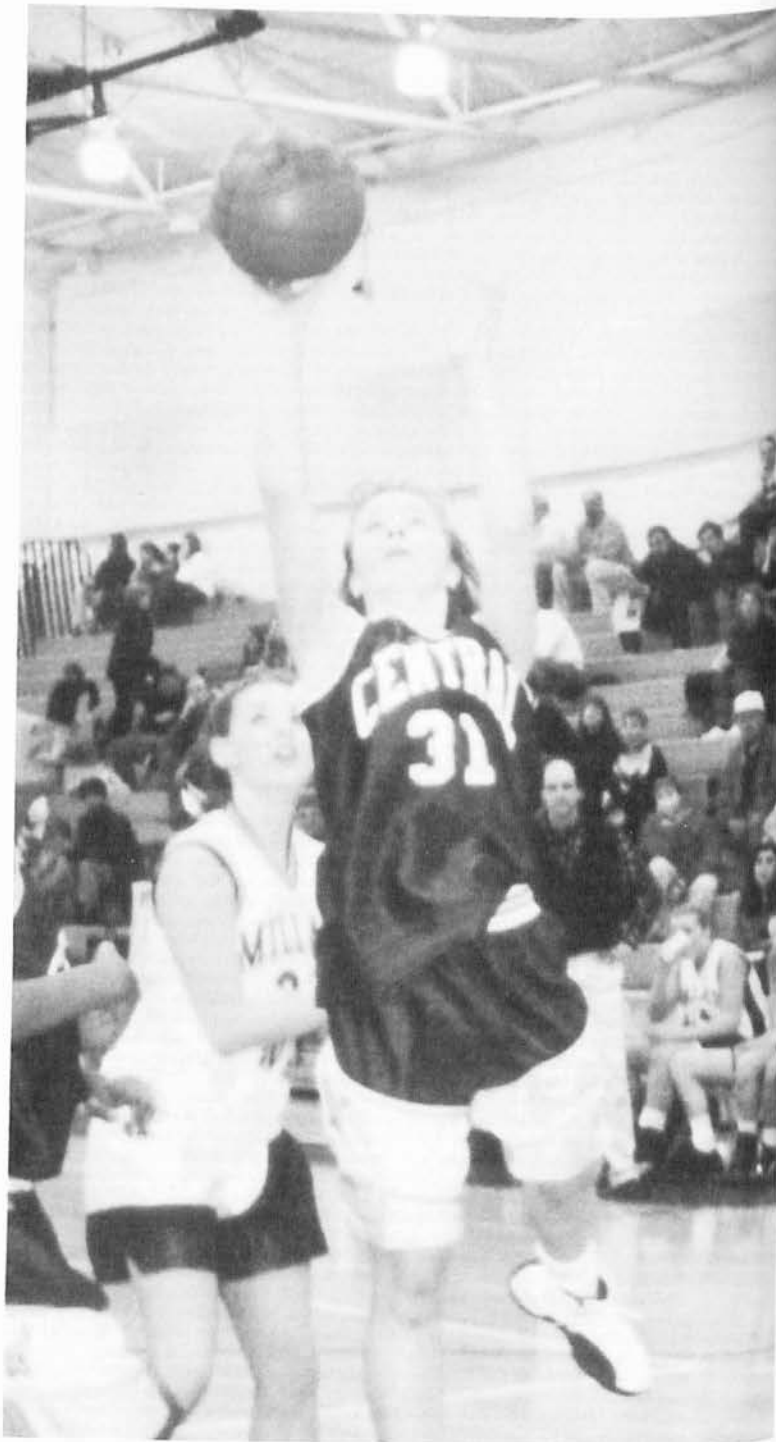
Quiana Mitchem (12) averaged thirteen rebounds per game. She set records at Central for rebounds per game and ranked among the top in the state. She also had a forty-seven percent shooting average.

Emily Broom (12) is a nineteen for twenty-five shooter on the floor, which put her at seventy-six percent. She led the team in scoring.

"The girls never gave up all season," Coach Dave Felici said. "They gave one hundred and ten percent all day, every day."



Above: Emily Broom (12), Joey Davis (11), Elizabeth Monahan (12) and Quiana Mitchem (12) show the camera the great team unity the women's team has. (Photo: Lei Brown)

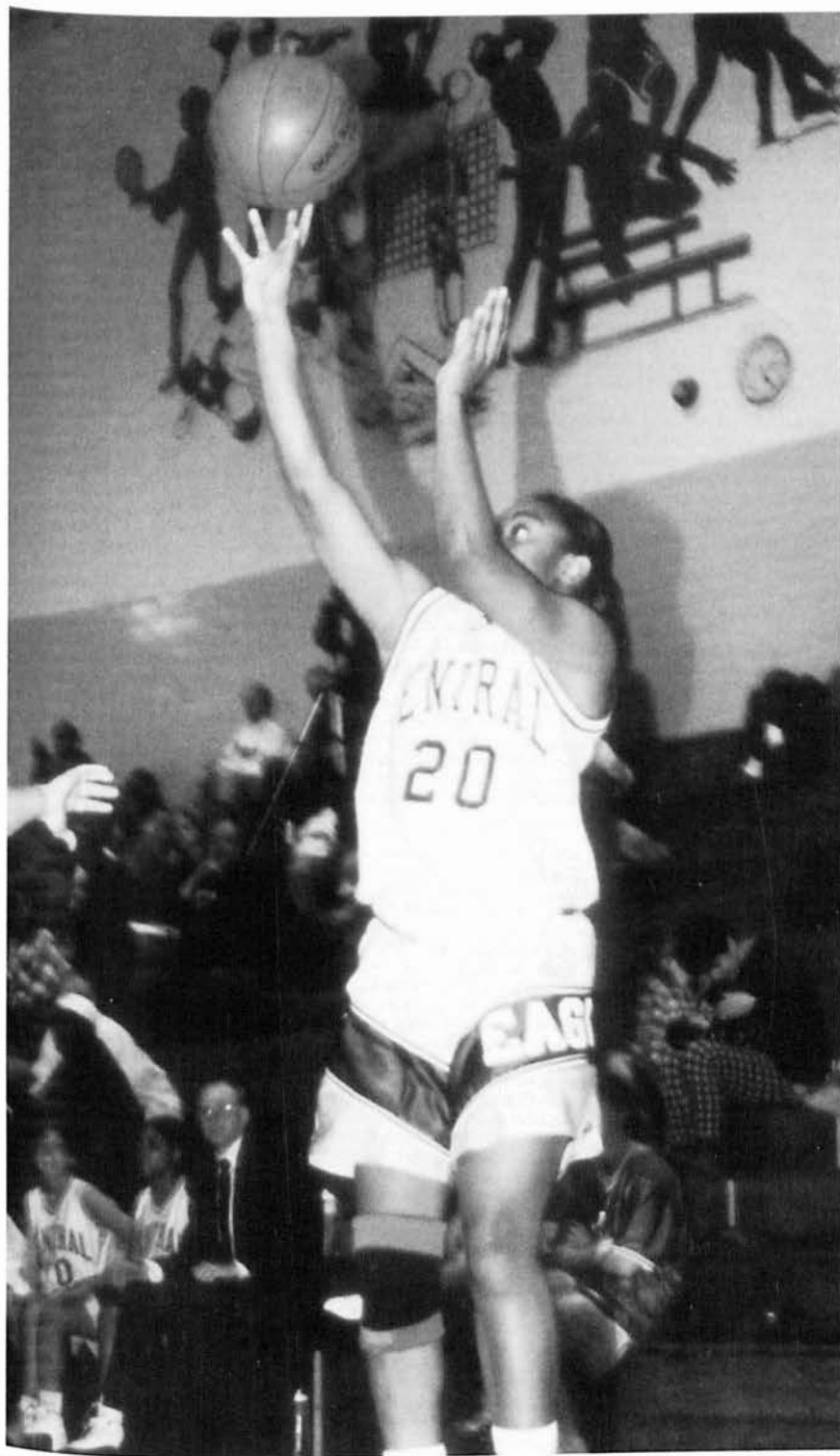


Above: Emily Broom (12) powers up to rally extra points for the Eagles. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Right: **1996-1997 Women's Varsity Basketball**—Back Row: Amanda Hansen (11), Cassandra Lathan (11), Coach Christy Anderson, Coach Dave Felici, Manager Stacy Huff (11), Lamaka Dumes (11) and Quiana Mitchem (12). Front Row: Jenny Queen (11), Tiffany Lucas (11), Joey Davis (11), Tai Burlison (9), LaVonda McClinton (11), Keshia Valentine (11), Elizabeth Monaghan (12) and Emily Broom (12). (Photo courtesy of Vicki Wiles)



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Above: LaVonda McClinton (11) drives past her opponent to get an extra two points for her team, while the opponent's Coach can only throw his hands up in disbelief. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Left: Cassandra Lathan (11) shows off her perfect technique while leaving her opponent wondering what she is going to do next. (Photo: Lei Brown)



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Girls' underclass basketball

By Andrea Friedman

The 1996-97 girls' Underclass basketball teams learned the fundamentals of the game and had fun doing it. With the combination of hard work and dedication, the teams achieved many of their goals.

"The Reserve team got along really well and in the process had a lot of fun and won some games," Amy Yin (10) said.

Coach Dan Endorf said he was very lucky to coach such tremendous student-athletes.

The Junior Varsity and Freshmen teams also enjoyed success throughout the season.

"The JV team worked very hard, had good attitudes and showed improvement daily," Coach Kristi Anderson said.

The Freshmen team also showed steady improvement in their games.

"This season was a learning process for everyone on the team," Anastasia Treantos (9) said.

With so much young talent, the Lady Eagle program looks promising for the future.



Top: **1996-97 JV Team**—Front Row: Mary Anderson (9), Liz Keefe (9), Kari Rider (9), Tai Burleson (9), Jenny Quandt (11) and Joey Davis (11). Middle Row: Jessica Benak (10), Lynn Anderson (11), Manager Kristen Hillman (9), Tiffany Lucas (11), Manager Tanisha Burns (9), Oscaretta Campbell (9) and Selease Avery (9). Top Row: Amanda Hanson (11), Lamaka Davis (11), Coach Kristi Anderson, Coach Michelle Roberts, Lauren Coatsworth (11) and Mary Tritsch (9).

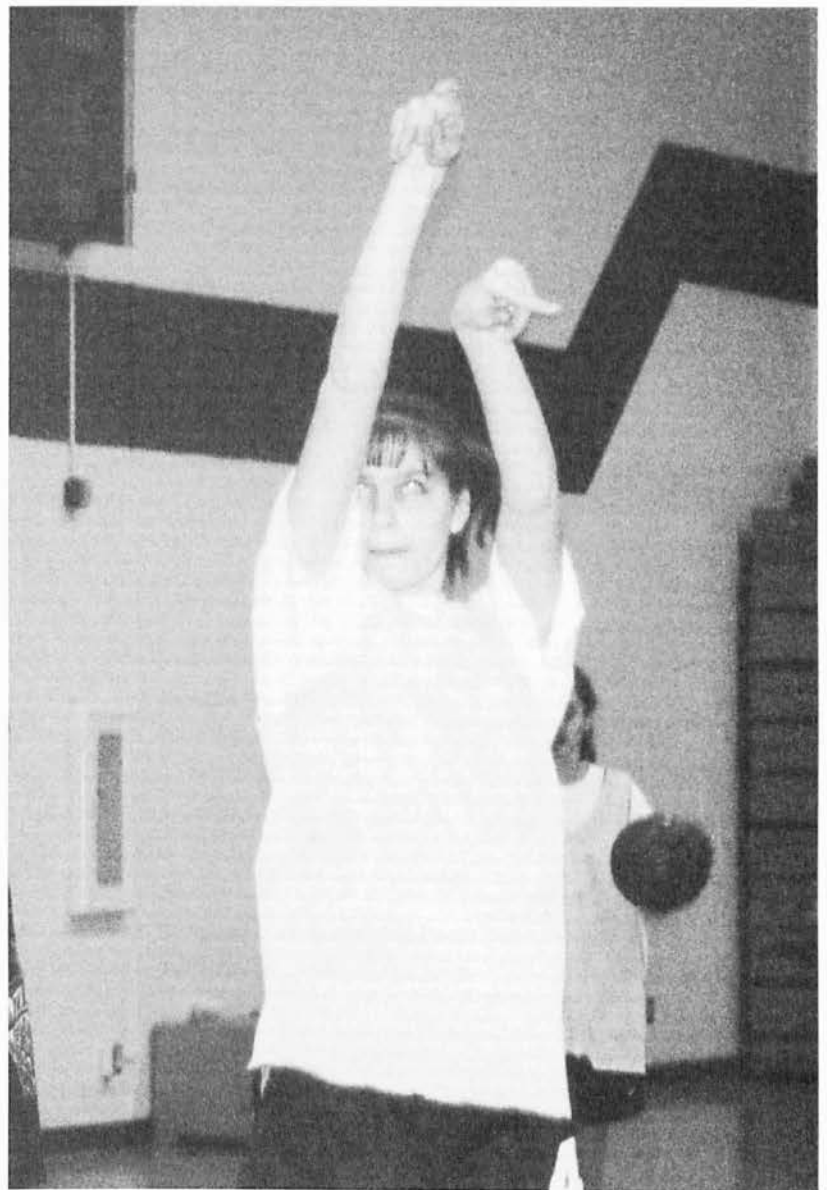
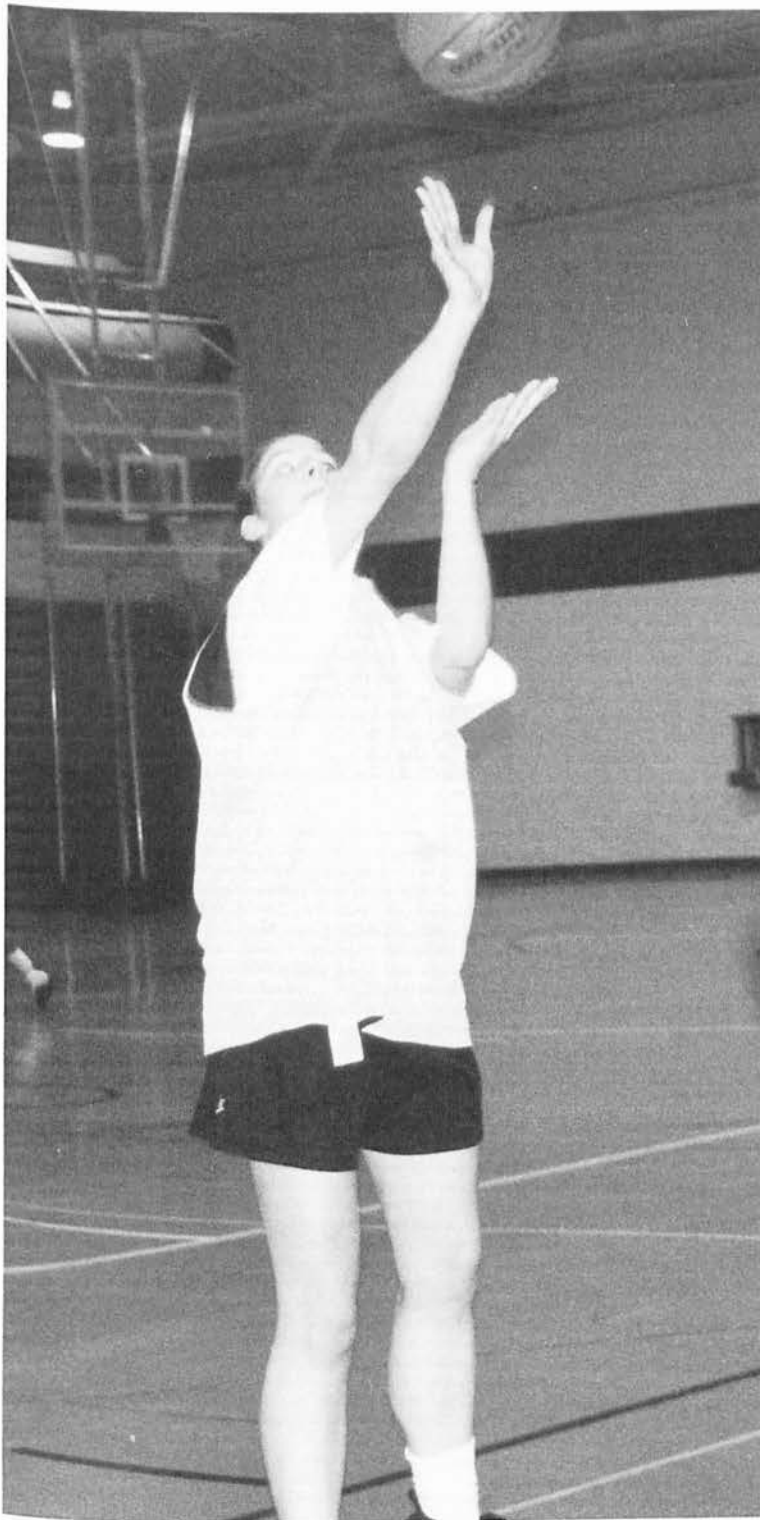
Above: **1996-97 Freshmen Team**—Front Row: Kristen Lalley, Kerry Olson, Sarjari Bhakta, Anatasia Treantos, Julie Miyano and Iris Banks. Middle Row: Kayla Quandt, Shawna Drey, Vickie Wagner, Angie Jones and Meredith Zendejas. Top Row: Mandy Frank, Andrea Mullen, Coach Bob Carlson, Coach Michelle Roberts, Kari Shank and Mikala Schuman. (Photos courtesy of Vicki Wiles)



Left: Freshman Liz Keefe concentrates on the basket before she attempts a three-point shot. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)



teams show improvement



Top Right: **1996-97 Reserve Team**—Front Row: Lashundra Oakes, Kristin Freeman, Dayna Clark, Lea Myszkowski, Metoya Shropshire and Meghan Gibilisco. Middle Row: Temia Moten, Taylor Campbell, Amy Yin, Stacy Cramer, Annika Carlson and Becky Abbersfeller. Top Row: Brandis Hilson, Stephanie Kelley, Coach Endorf, Sophia Cartwright and Brittny Girthoffer. (Photo courtesy of Vicki Wiles)

Above: Junior Amanda Hanson practices her jump shot before a big game. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)

Right: Freshman Kari Rider shows her follow-through after making a basket. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)



Swim team duals to the finish

By TJ Ernst

This year's swimming and diving team gave its competitors something to talk about. Several state-qualifiers returned from last year including Eddie Piatt (11), Nate Bullington (11) and Abbey Dinin (12).

The swim team had a great turnout with almost all of the swimmers from last year returning to do it again this year. The captains for this year's team were Zack Johnson (12) for the boy's team and Nicole Duffy (12) for the girl's team. Both teams placed high at every swim meet.

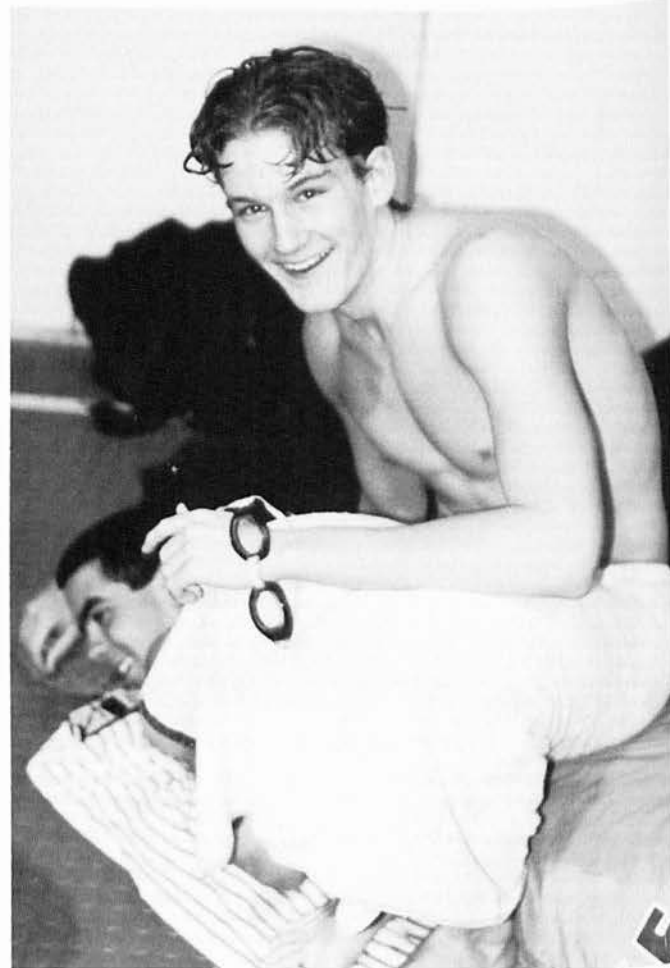
"We practiced a lot harder and longer this year," Jenny Link (11) said. "We all had a great sense of team unity and got along really well with each other."

The 200 meter relay team of Zack Johnson (12), Eddie Piatt (11), Mike Gill (11) and Nate Bullington (11) qualified for state this year.

"We have a tight group of kids," Assistant Coach Kat Laughlin said. "There was some great leadership from our seniors this year."

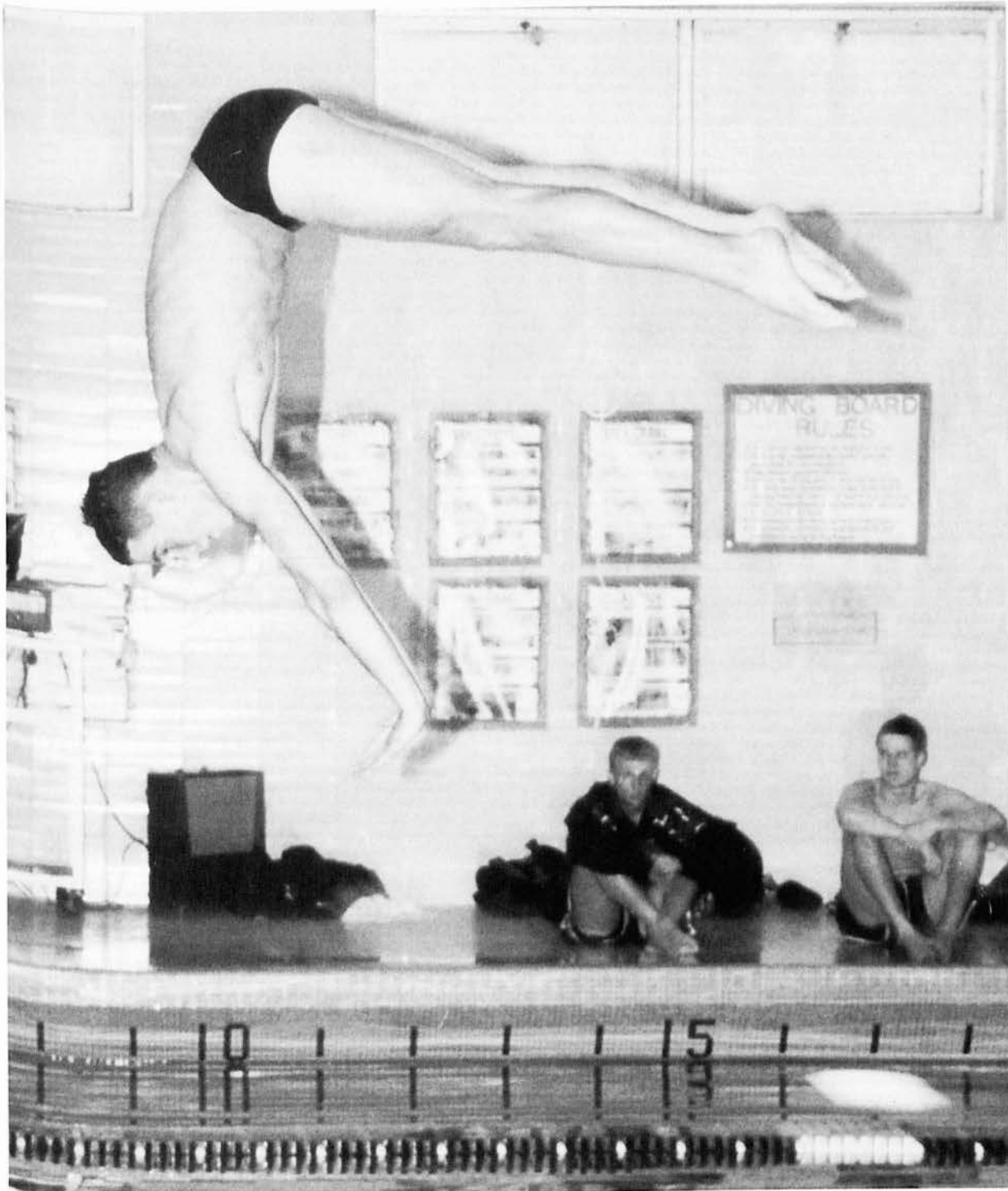


Above: **1996-97 Swimming and Diving Team**—Top Row: Eddie Piatt, Colleen Williams, Christa Lowitzer, Beth Weis, Karl Richstatter, Nate Bullington, Jeff Ludwig, Zack Johnson, Jeremy Scurlock and Jaru Phillips. Second Row: Tiffany Taylor, Heather Clark, Chris Scofield, Kerri Inzerillo, Jon Anzalone, Abbey Dinin, Marci Holmes, Brooke Kelly and Chris Darst. Third Row: Coach Mike Steele, Heather Morehouse, Meghan Duffy, Jody Baines, Cari Cain, Gabe Johnson, Tegan Fry and Leo Dwyer. Bottom Row: Jessica Cerny, Erin Quinlan, Nicole Duffy, Fawn Herndon, Danielle Tackitt, Loral Dean, Erin Jenkins and Jenny Link. (Photo courtesy of Vicki Wiles)



Above: Zack Johnson (12) catches his breath after a tough swim while Nate Bullington (10) tries to recover after a quick nap. (Photo: April Santon)

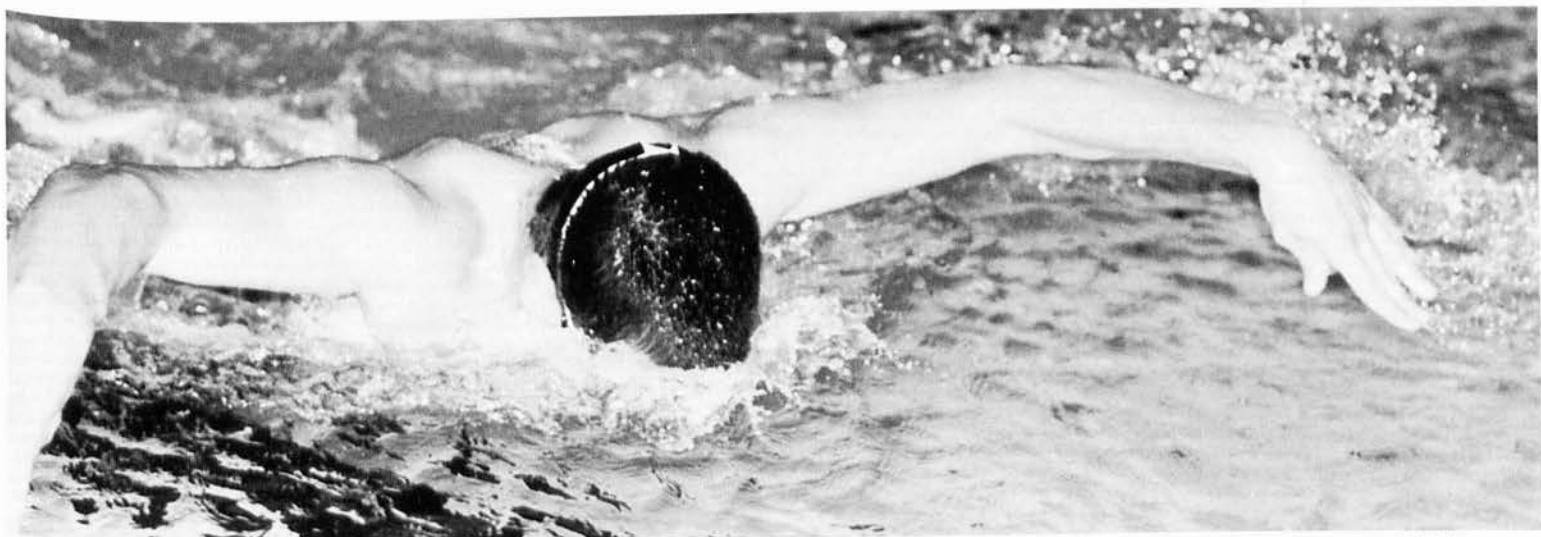




Opposite Page Top: Meghan Duffy and Kerri Inserillo stop to smile for the camera while the Eagles lead the meet to victory. (Photo: April Santon)

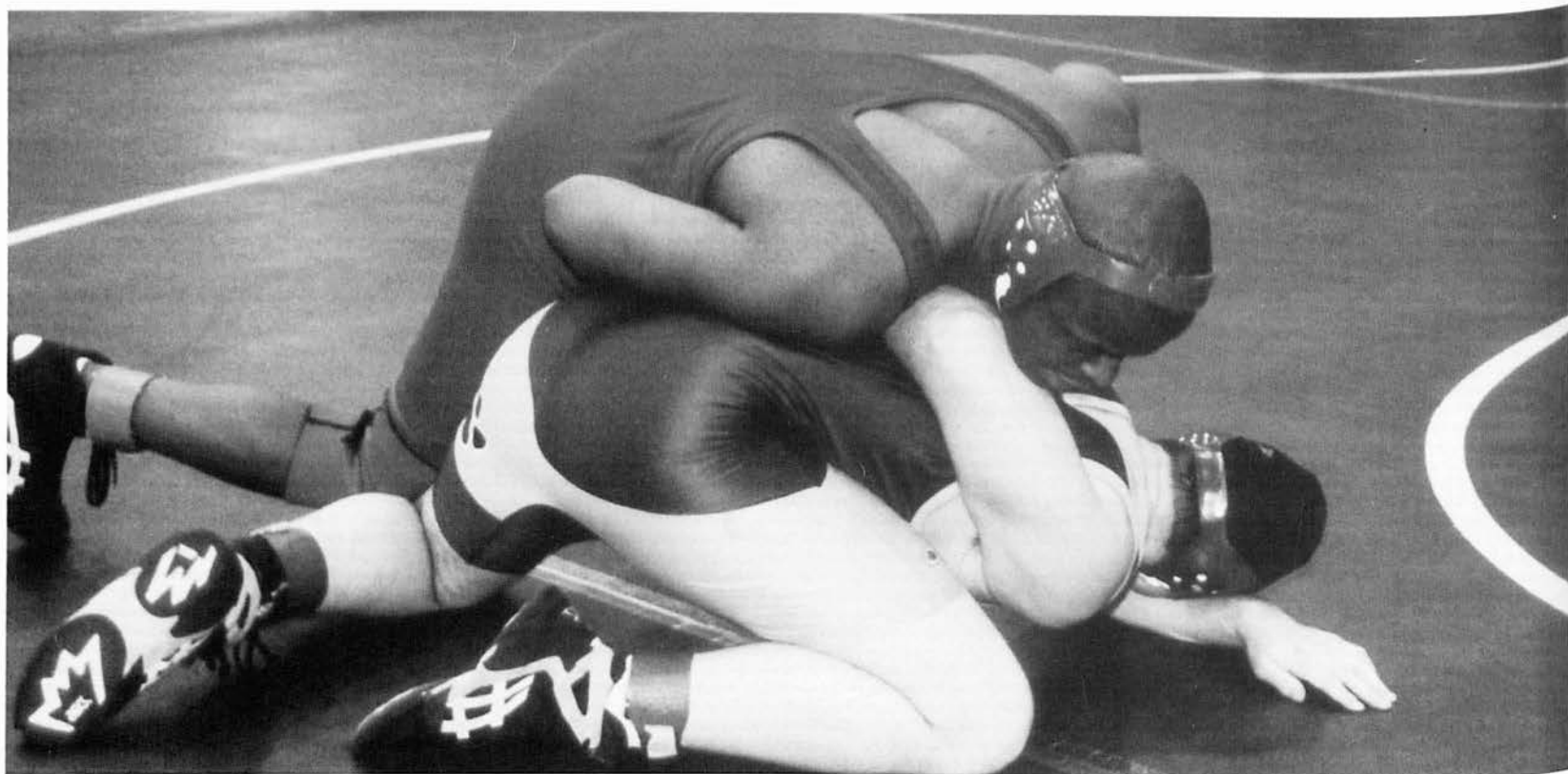
Left: Jeff Ludwig shows his great form off the diving board as the opponents can only stare in awe. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Below: Nate Bullington practices his breathing techniques underwater. (Photo: April Santon)



Let's get ready to rumble

By Andrea Friedman



Dedication and the desire to win were the main elements of the 1996-97 Varsity wrestling team.

"These wrestlers worked hard every day and always had positive attitudes," Coach Gary Kubik said.

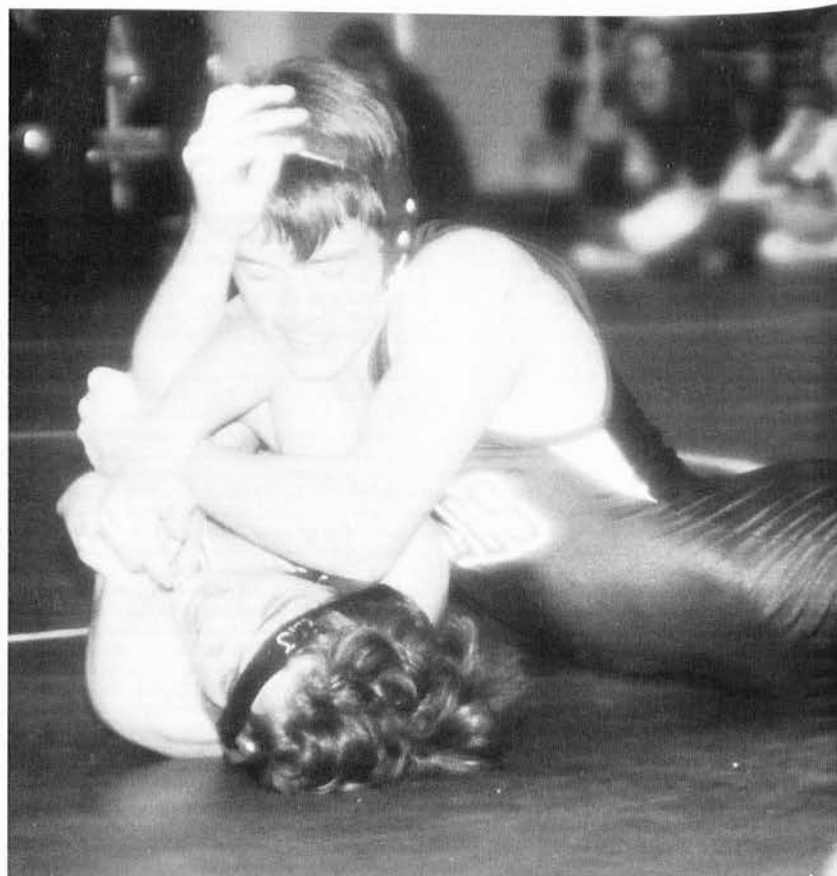
The team's devotion paid off for many of the wrestlers. Vito Agosta (12) topped off his phenomenal wrestling career by being consistently ranked number one in his weight class of 130 lbs. Josh Buckles (11) and Ladarius Murry (12) were also ranked in the top five of their weight classes in the state. Many underclassmen also provided a positive impact for the team. Freshmen Dusty Friedman, Max Kenny and Ishrat Hussain all placed at many of the tournaments during the season.

"With so many underclassmen returning next year the future of Central wrestling looks bright," Dusty Friedman (9) said.

Of course, none of the wrestling teams accomplishments would be possible without the excellent coaching of Gary Kubik.

"Being a champion takes both the dream and dedication, however I wouldn't have come even close to my goals without the help of Coach Kubik," Vito Agosta (12) said. "He has not only taught me a lot about wrestling, but life too."

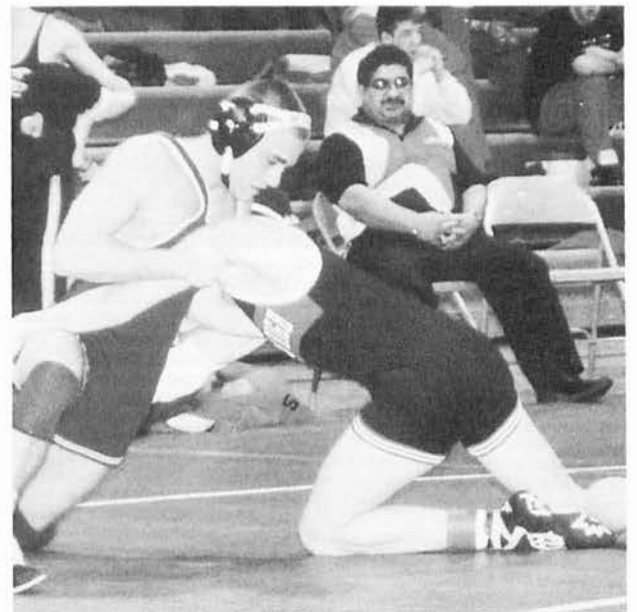
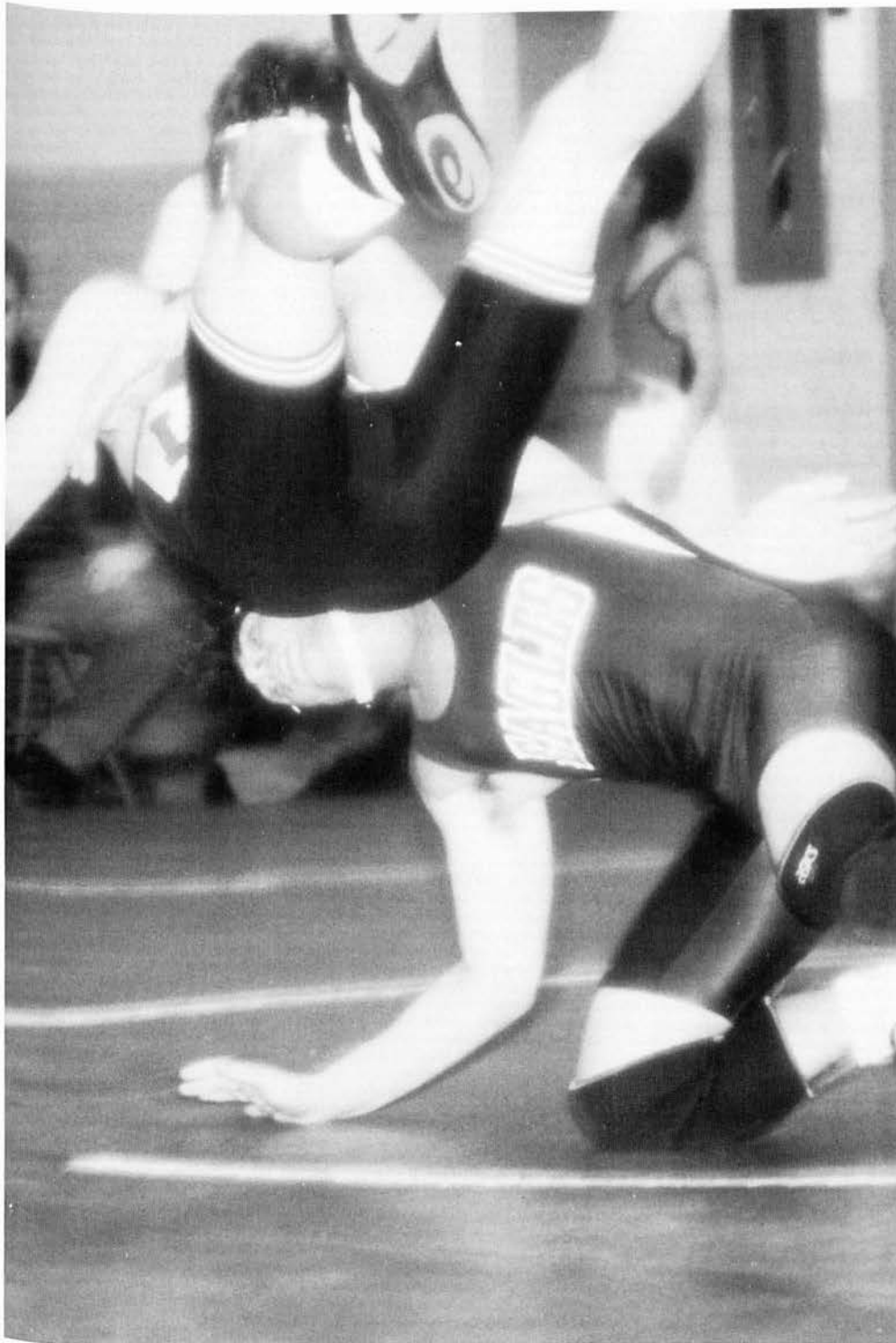
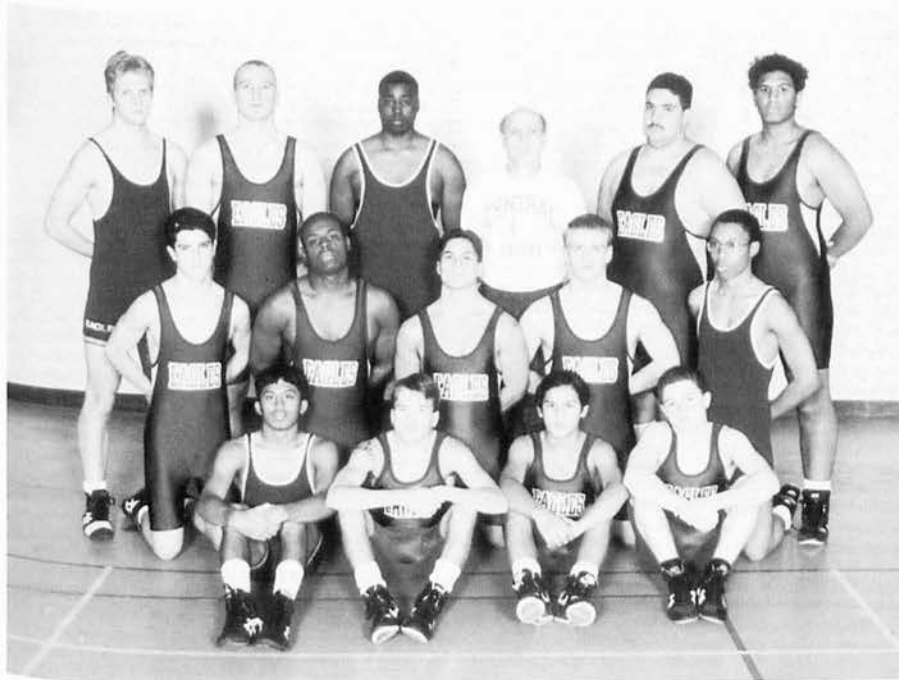
The team agreed that Coach Kubik was a great coach and mentor.



Top: Ladarius Murry (12) shows his strength by getting his opponent into a hold. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Above: Josh Buckles (11) prepares to pin his man. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)





Top Left: **1996-97 Varsity Wrestling Team**—Top Row: Joe Wojtkiewicz (11), Josh Norcutt (12), Joe Snell (11), Coach Gary Kubik, Emeldo Martinez (12) and Eli Bainbridge (11). Middle Row: Dusty Friedman (9), Ladarius Murry (12), Vito Agosta (12), Zach Chapman (10) and Colvin Blake (12). Front Row: Mohammed Husain (9), Josh Buckles (11), William Garcia (9) and Max Kenny (9). (Photo courtesy of Vicki Wiles)

Top Right: Dusty Friedman (9) terrorizes his opponent while going for the pin. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)

Left: **Ouch that's gonna hurt!** Vito Agosta (12) shows his great athletic ability by slamming his opponent to the mat. (Photo courtesy of Vito Agosta)

Above: Mike Gutierrez (12) attempts to take down his man and go for the pin. (Photo courtesy of Mike Gutierrez)



NO PAIN, NO GAIN

By Andrea Friedman

This year's Central High powerlifting team spent countless hours in the weightroom improving their strength and agility.

"I saw a huge improvement in all of the lifters throughout the year," Coach Joe McMenamin said.

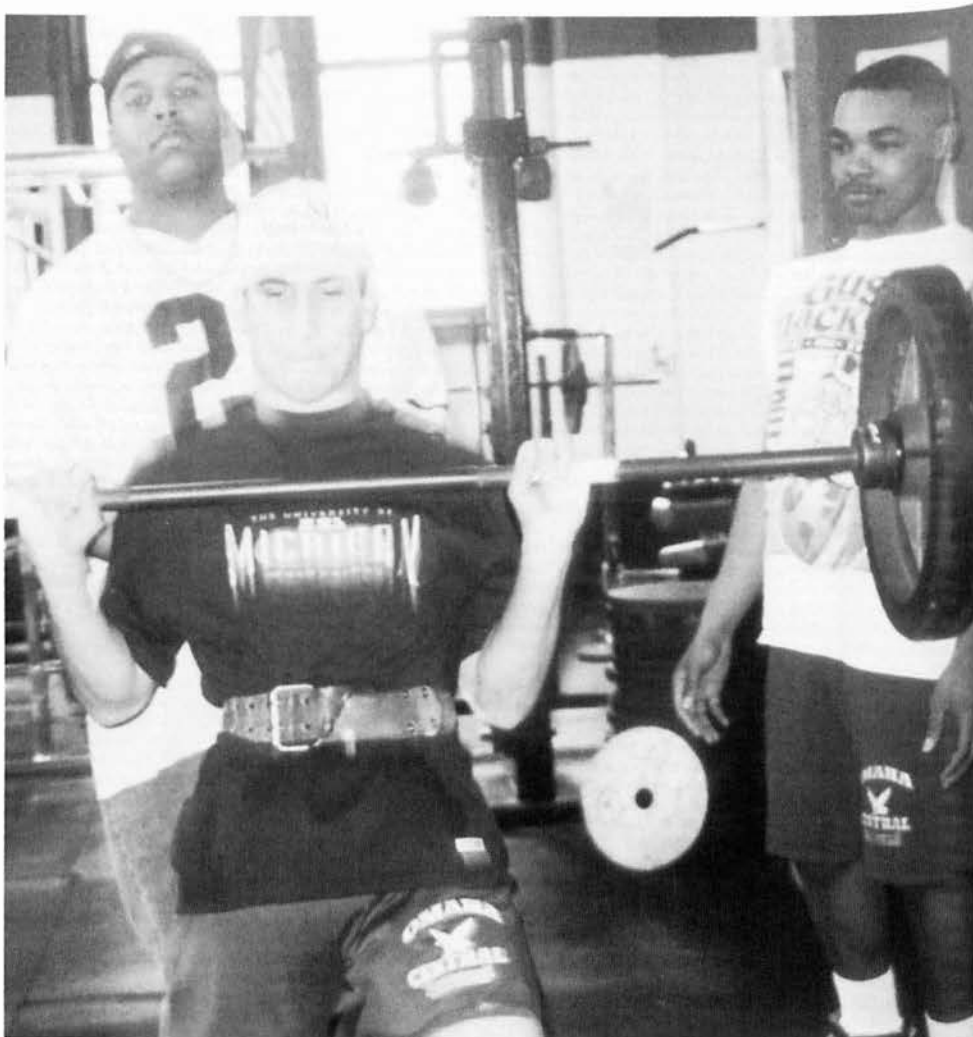
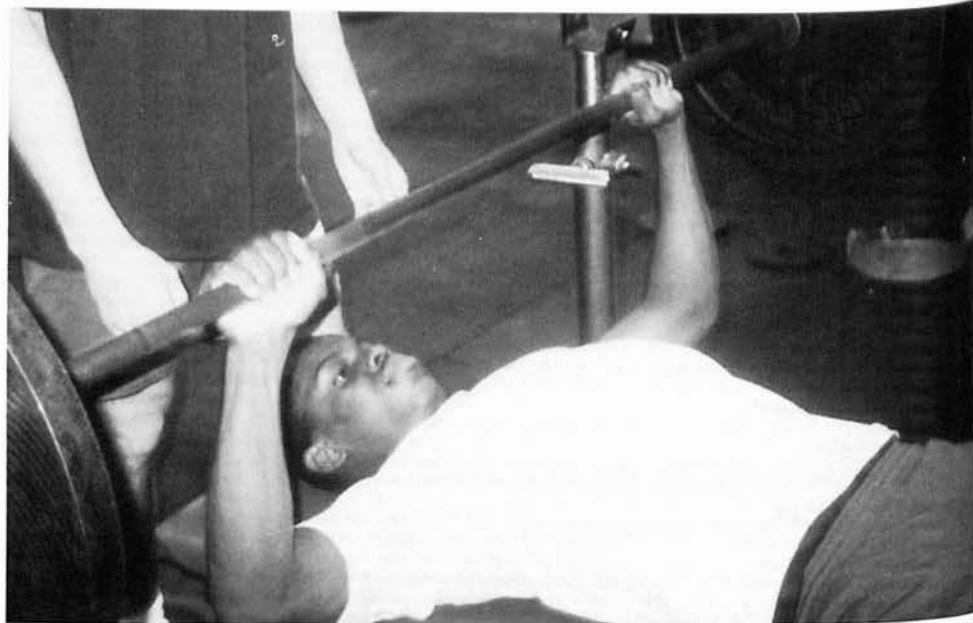
Many of the lifters agreed that their strength had increased.

"Powerlifting increased my speed, strength and endurance which will help me prepare for the upcoming football season," Deante Grixby (11) said.

The team practiced every Monday and Wednesday after school. They also participated in many powerlifting tournaments. The lifters posted impressive scores at the Thomas Jefferson Invite. Five Central lifters won their weight class: Lance Griffin (11), Clarence Wilson (12), Lee Serrant (10), Damion Sayers (12) and Jason Galaska (11) all took first place.

Overall the team agreed that powerlifting was a great way to keep in shape and work on their physique.

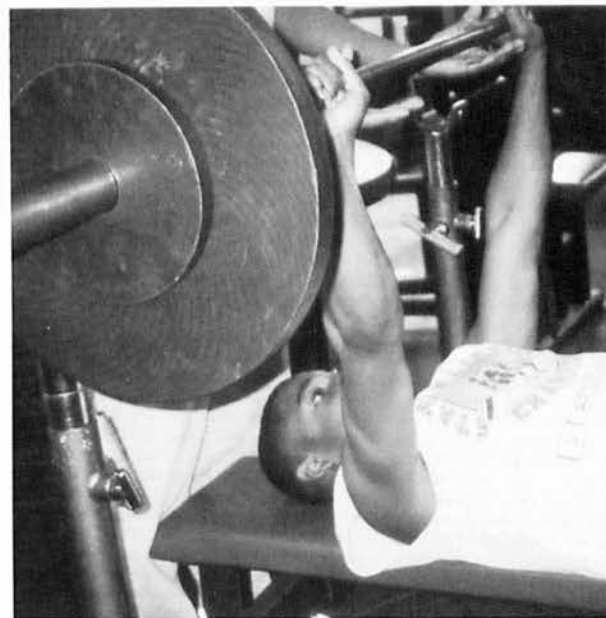
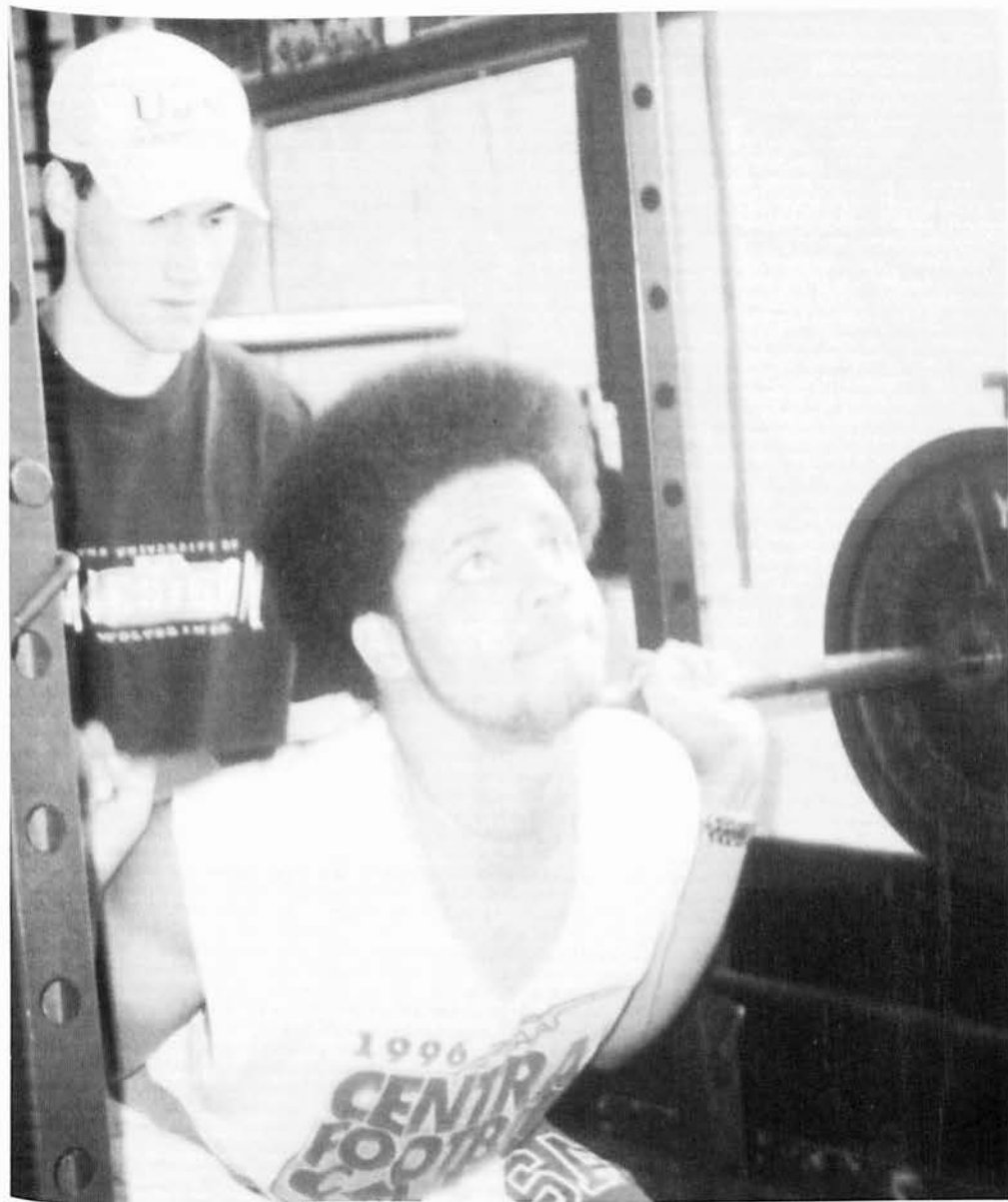
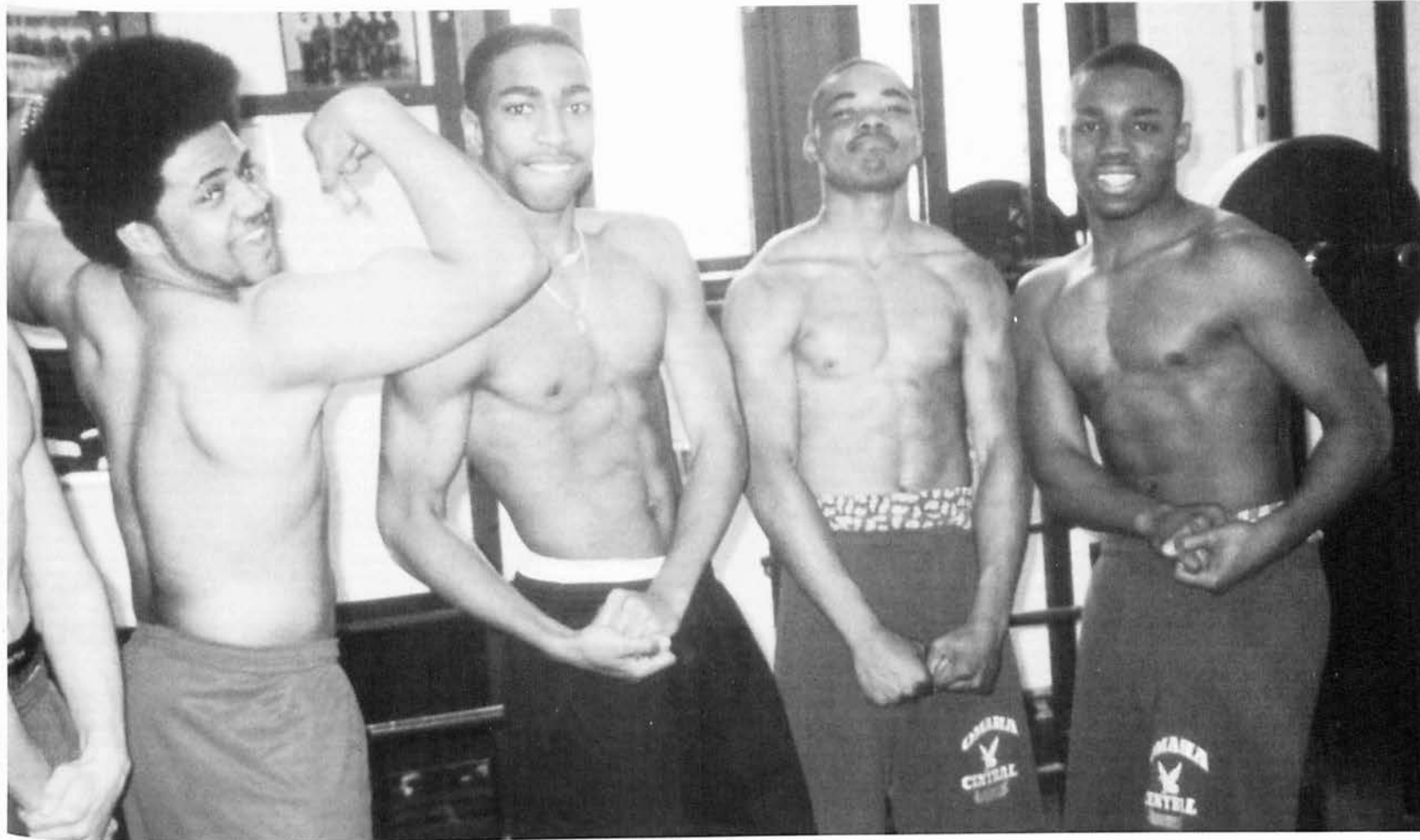
"Powerlifting helped everyone who participated become a better all-around athlete," Lance Griffin (11) said.



Top: Lee Serrant (10) struggles to get the bar up. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)

Above: Zach Girthoffer (12) displays his strength on the power clean. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)





Top: **Macho Macho Man!** Clarence Wilson (12), Brandon Williams (10), Jamaine Billups (9) and Deantae Grixby (11) show off their muscles. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)

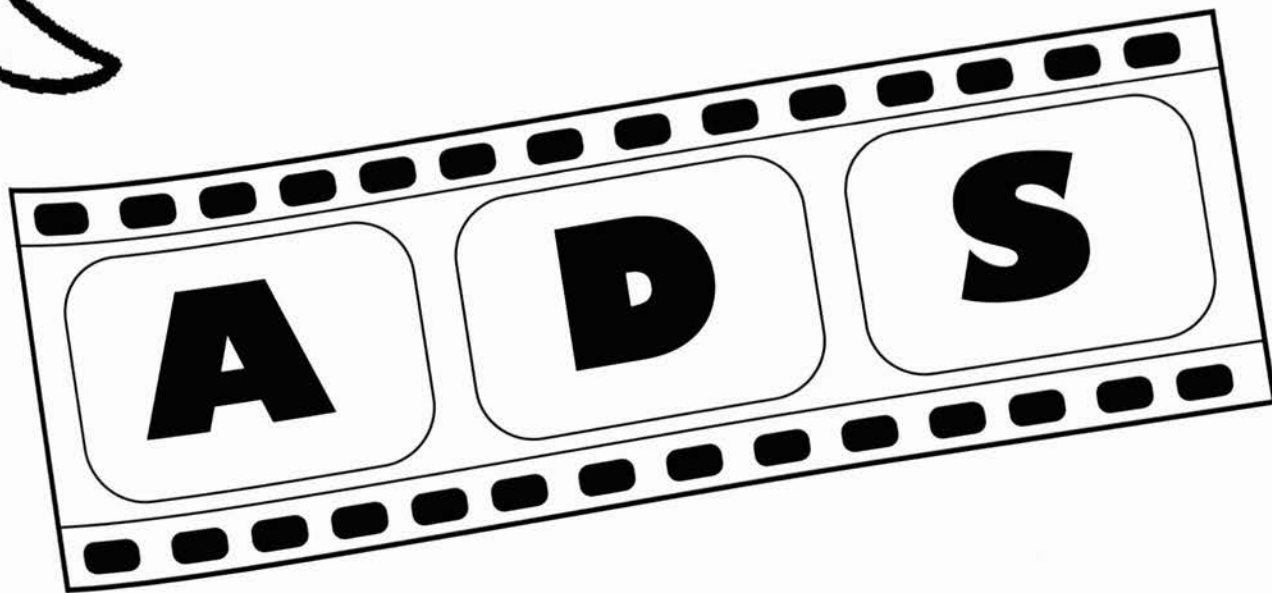
Above: Deante Grixby (11) shows his immense strength on the bench press. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)

Left: Clarence Wilson (12) concentrates on making his squat. (Photo: Andrea Friedman)





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*Love You, "E"!
Mom, Dad,
Stef and Murphy*

*"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord"
Psalm 127:3*



*Erin, You truly are a gift of the Lord...
It is our prayer as you enter the next
season of your life that you continue
to let your light and life shine for
Christ..We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Matt, ~ May 1997*



Congratulations

*~ Lisa! ~
"We knew you could do
it, because you're Lisa."
Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Audry,
& Megan
(Philippians 4: 4-9)*

GOOD LUCK LES ANICH!



*You have done well. We are proud.
Yet all you have done and seen to
this point is little compared to the
wonders and possibilities awaiting
you as you step beyond this first
threshold of life. Wherever you go
and whatever you do, remember
that you are loved.*

**Your loving Mother & Father
& Grandparents Anich &
Monares.**



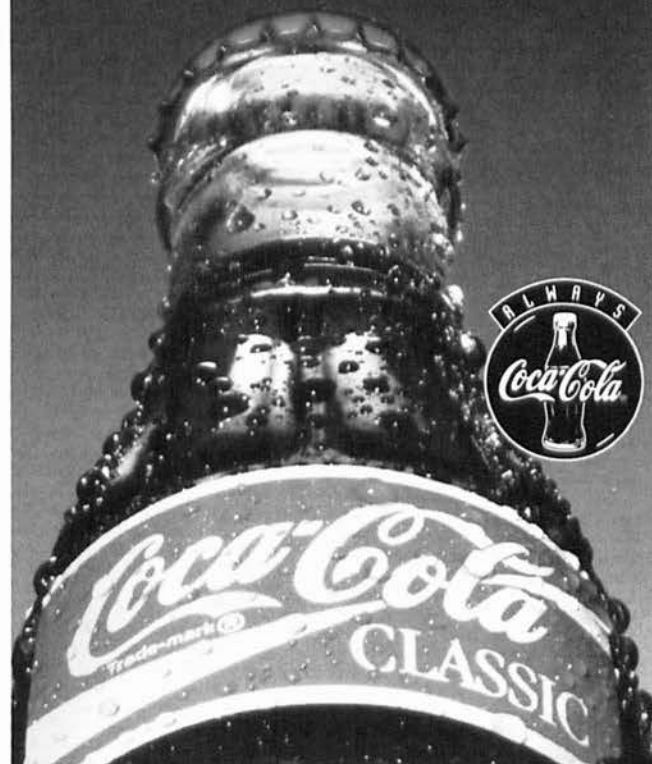
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Bucko!*

*Thank you for all
your smiles!
We're proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad*



*Rachael and Amy, Do not follow where the
path may lead. Go, instead where there is no
path and leave a trail. Thank you for the
memories. Congratulations & Good Luck
Mom, Dad, Tara & Mark*

ALWAYS AIM HIGH.



MATT,

**IT IS SO HARD TO BELIEVE
HOW FAST TIME HAS FLOWN.
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH ALOT
TOGETHER AND YOU'VE BEEN
MY BEST FRIEND THROUGH IT
ALL. HOLD ON TO THE MEMORIES
FOREVER. LOVE, AMANDA**

**We're proud of you, Matt !!
Congratulations and the
best of luck!
Love Mom, Dad, Betsy, Danielle
and Molly**





**JOSH
COHEN,
YOU'RE
THE
BEST!**



**LOVE,
MOM, DAD,
WHIT,
WALKER,
OGGIE,
BASIL,
CAMILLE,
GOLDIE,
& SUCKER**





*Congratulations
Baby "Anna" & "Tee-Tee"
We're Very Proud of our Central High
Graduates!*

Love, ~ Amy & Sandy ~ Debbi & Jon



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We're as proud of you now, as we were then!

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Love,

Dad, Mom, Chaz, Courtney, Chris

P.S. Louis, did I ever tell you you're my hero?



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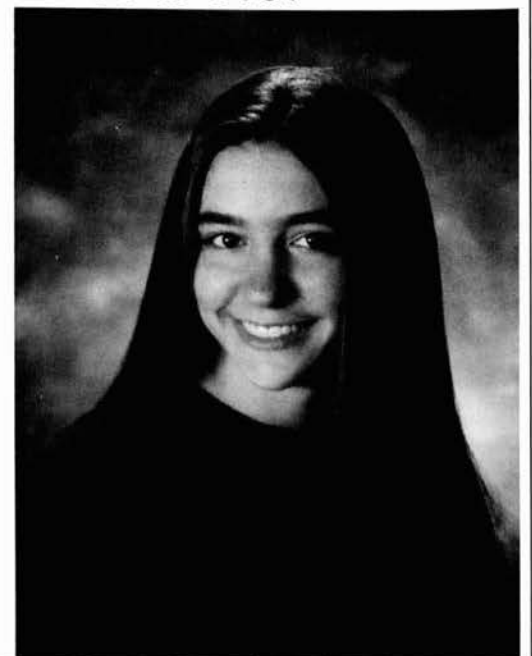


Trust in God and believe in your dreams and you can make them come true.

You're our best dream come true!



We're proud of you.



~ Love, Mom & Dad

ALICIA,

WITH THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES NOW FACING YOU, HIGH SCHOOL BECOMES A MEMORY FOR WHICH YOU CAN BE PROUD. BE THOUGHTFUL AND USE THOSE BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES TO SEE YOUR WAY INTO THE FUTURE.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE,
MOM, DAD, & AARON



*Maria,
Life became
sweeter when
you became
part of ours.*

We Love You,
Dad, Mom, & Sophia

The future is all yours



*The future is as
bright as your
smile. Continue to
follow your dreams.
We are proud of you,
Erin. & Love Mom,
Dad, Joshua, Dylan,
Ian, Monica & Taylor*



**Mary Beth,
Our love
and best
wishes for a
wonderful
future.
Mom & Dad**





*Climb High,
Climb Far,
Your goal the sky ~
Your aim the stars.*



*Congratulations, Kelly
on all of your many
accomplishments.*

*We are all very
proud of you.*

*Love, Mom, Dad,
Jason, & Ryan*



Congratulations Schmedrick!



*Sarah, We're really
proud of you!*

*Love, Mom, Dad, & John
~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~**





Shoshana,



These past 18 years have just zoomed right passed us. We hope along the way we remembered to let you know how proud we are to be your parents. Keep smiling! ~ Love, Mom & Dad ~

~ Congratulations Mary Sunshine ~



You have our love & admiration for a job well done. ~ Love, Mom & Dad



*From your first day of
Kindergarten to graduation
you've always been my shining*

~ star. ~

Always aim high!

Love, Mom



CONGRATULATIONS!



*To the class of 1997,
I have never been one
to be 100 percent seri-
ous, but I am now.
Please, reach for all of
your dreams & do noth-
ing that may cause them
to become nightmares.*

Love,

-Aaron

Kaisershot-



*Reagan,
I can't believe my baby
Rags is graduating. I'm
sure your attitude will help
you accomplish whatever
you set out to do. You're
very special & we'll always
be there for you. I'm very
proud of you & I know
that Mike would
be too, if he was
here. We love
you so much.
Congratulations!*



*Love Mom &
Courtney*



Aaron-

I am so proud & happy for you. You have overcome so many obstacles & turned out to be a wonderful person.

Love always
& forever,
Sandra

Marqus,

In all thy ways acknowledge him, & he shall direct thy paths. *Proverbs 3:6*
You'll always be a hit with us!

Love ya, Mom, Pops,
Christy, Melissa, Chelsie,
& Jake



"ONE CAN NEVER CONSENT TO CREEP WHEN ONE FEELS AN IMPULSE TO SOAR."

~ HELEN KELLER

Micki,

We are so proud of you ~

Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Sandi

PATRICE,

We are proud of all you've done, & know that this is only the beginning.

Love, Mom, Dad,
Amy, & Todd



JILL,

YOUR LIFE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU. WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT IS YOUR GIFT BACK TO GOD & OTHERS.

WE LOVE YOU AND ARE PROUD OF YOU!

MOM & BEN, JENNA, ELISABETH AND STEPHANIE



Ginny has become quite a lady. How quick she has grown. It hurts to see my little Gin go out into the world. A mother always wants to keep their little ones forever. I will stand behind Ginny on whatever

task she takes. I'm very proud of Ginny she's done so well. Good luck my dearest one, I Love you!! Mom



Aaron Lee Kaisershot,
Listen & pay attention to every detail, it will help you in the long run.
Love Dad & Mom

CONGRATULATIONS



DAN!
you made it!

We're proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Travis

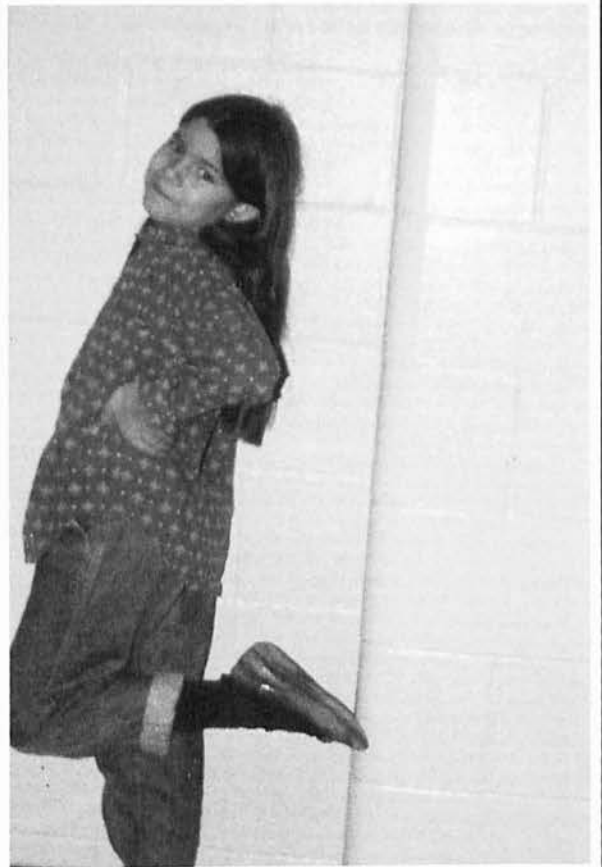
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Kevin!**



**Hold on to
your dreams
& you will
go far!**

Love, Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS



AMANDA!

*Kimberly,
You have made us very
proud! Continue to follow
your dreams!*

*Love, Mom, Dad,
& Mike*



*Lauren decided at an early age four
years of high school was one too
many...*



We're so proud of you Lauren!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Phillip, Nikki



**“Wherever you are,
it is your friends
who make your
world.”**

--Ralph Barton Perry



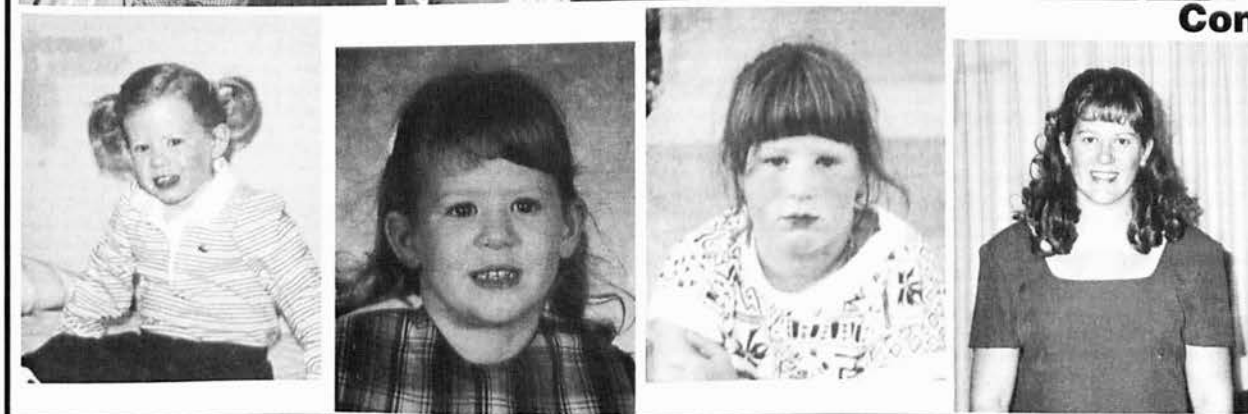
NICOLE,
EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER DONE,
YOU'VE GIVEN IT YOUR ALL.
ACADEMICS, DANCING, SOFTBALL,
SWIMMING, SOCCER, BAND, ETC.,
YOU'VE BROUGHT SO MANY
SPECIAL MOMENTS AND MEMORIES
INTO OUR LIVES.
CONTINUE WORKING HARD AND KEEP
SETTING GOALS FOR YOURSELF.
WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU WILL
BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE.

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AND MEGHAN



Erika, As your life opens up before you, always remember where you started! We'll always be proud of your accomplishments & the person you've become!

*Congratulations,
Mom, Dad,
Megan, Andrea
& Tom*



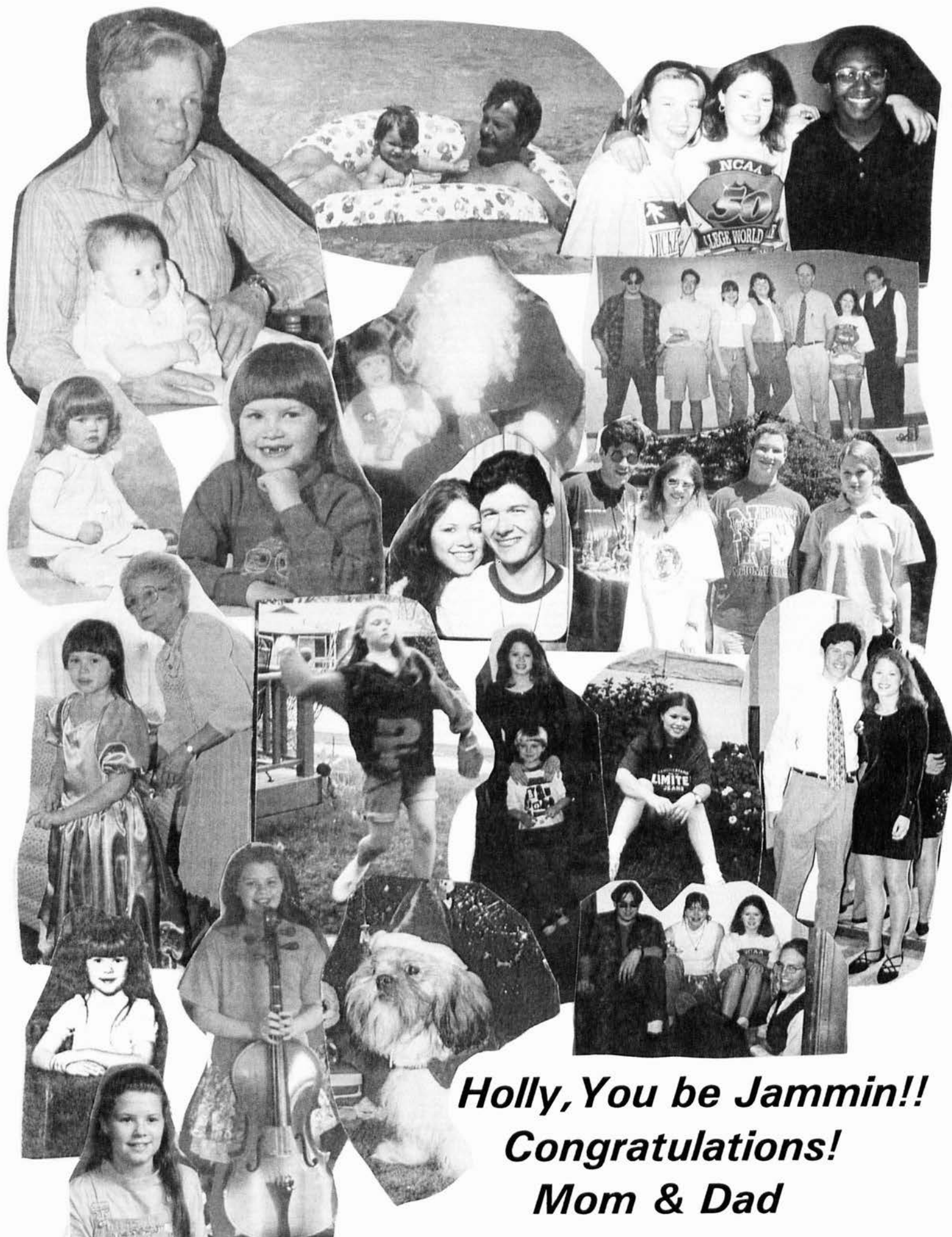
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Reach
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I love
you!**

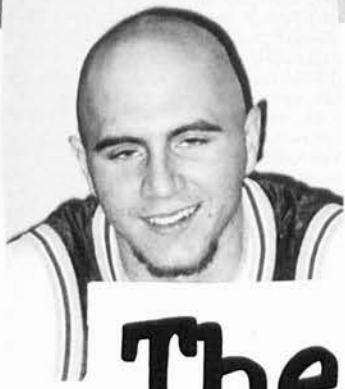




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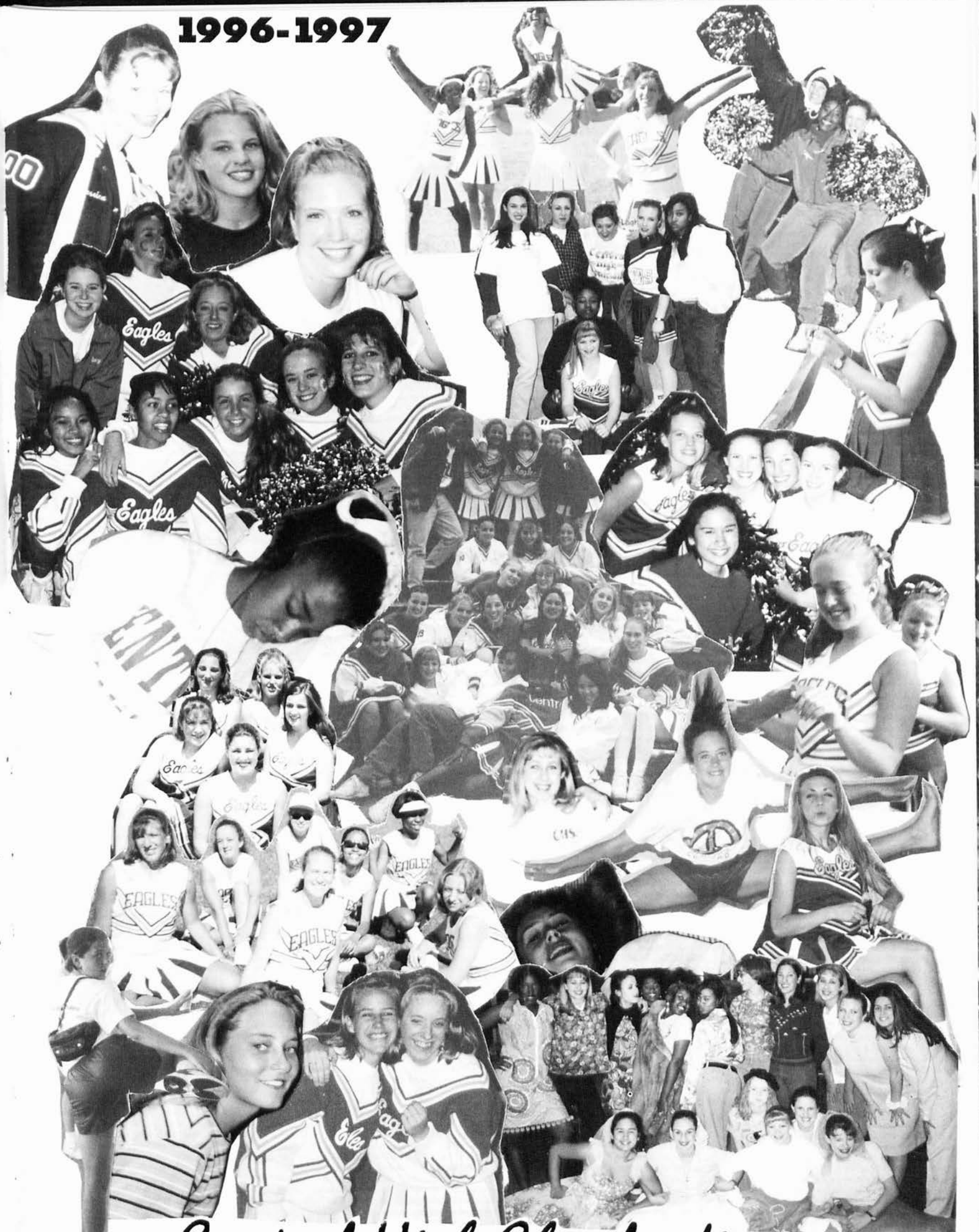


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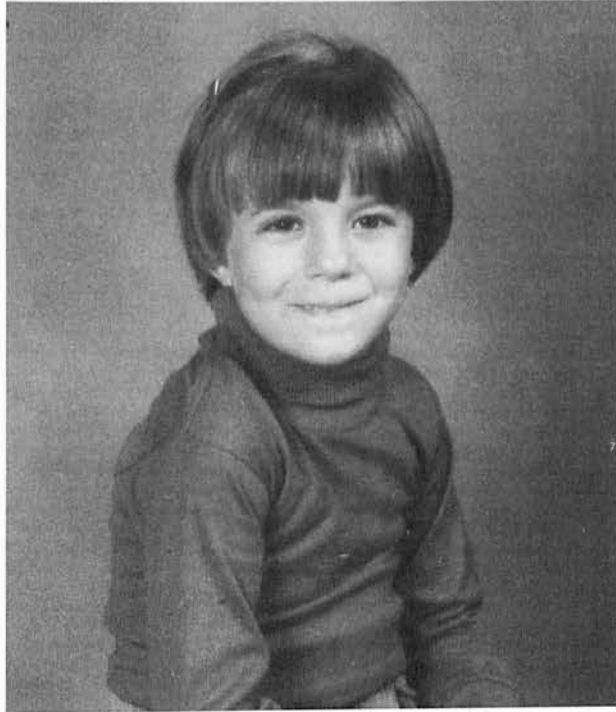
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 17 years ago my life changed..
 I would like to take this time to
 say thank you. Thank you for
 giving me a reason to fight, a
 reason to persevere, a reason to
 live. You are my sweetness, in
 good & bad times, & have
 always been my greatest source
 of joy. I know that this is merely
 one of many great achieve-
 ments in your life. Thank you
 for being a part of my life.
 Grow in grace, & in the knowl-
 edge of our Lord & Savior Jesus
 Christ. To him be glory both
 now & forever.*



*With all my love,
 Mama*



Congratulations, Elly!



**We're proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Julia, Emma**

you've worked hard to get what you want, take

● Strive for excellence not perfection ● After



the time to enjoy it ● Never buy a beige car ●

Lindsey,

**For all you've done & will do,
congrats & best of luck!
Love, Mom, Dad, Lori & Chris**



WHATEVER YOU CAN
DO,
OR DREAM YOU CAN,
BEGIN IT.
BOLDNESS HAS
GENIUS,
POWER, AND MAGIC
IN IT.

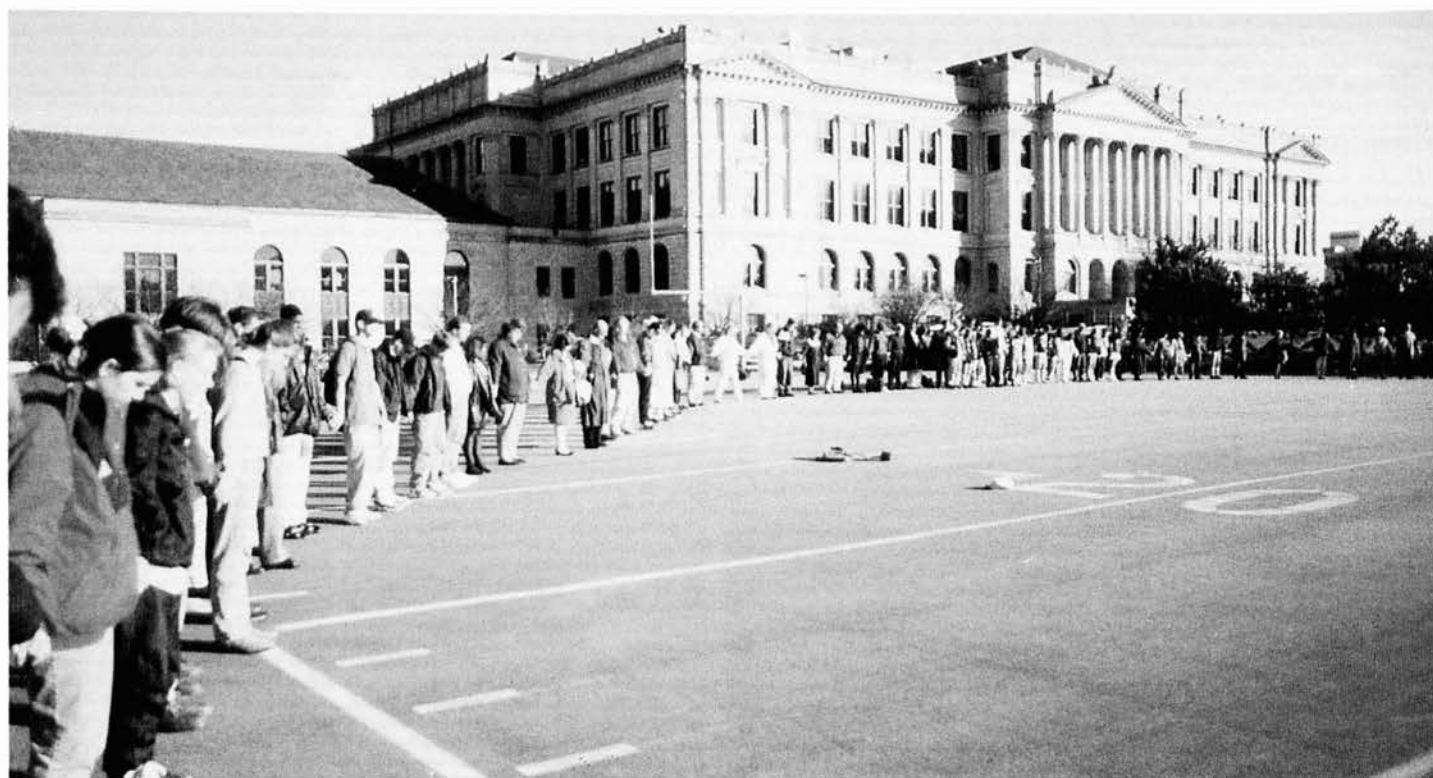
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**We believe in you.
Dad, Mom, Joel, & Chris**

*In Memory of Kelly Marie Allen:
We Love You, Miss You, & You'll always be in our hearts.*



*"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth & dies,
it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." John 12: 24*



Love ♡ Mom, Dad, Matt, & Chris

*Central High
JCL remembers
Kelly Allen*

*Noster micans stella
excedit.*

*Our shining star has been
★ ★ ★ taken. ★ ★ ★*

*We dedicate the
1996-97 O-Book
in loving memory
of Kelly Allen.*



*You will remain
in our hearts
always.*



Kelly,



*I Love you and Miss
you More and More
with Every Passing
Day!*

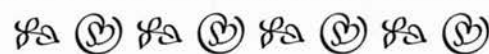


*The Bond Between
Best Friends Can
Never Be Broken!*

Love,



Jason



Dedicated, in loving memory, to Kelly Marie Allen



CAROLYN

*Princess, Ballerina, Camper
Artist, Musician, Writer, Dancer,
French Speaker, World Traveler,
Knowledge Seeker...*

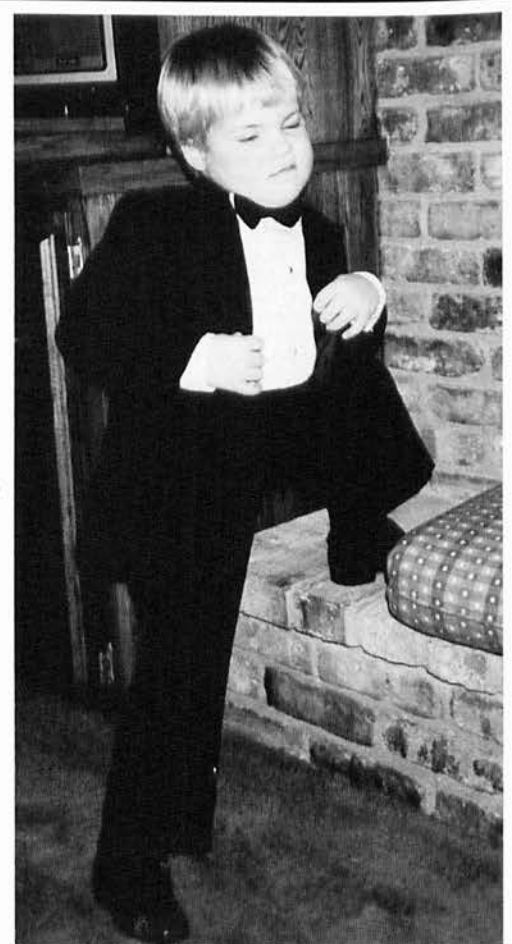
*As you drive off into the big world,
know that we love you,
we support you,
& we'll always be here for you.
You are a beautiful blessing
to our lives.*

Love, Mom & Dad



CHRIS
**You'll always
be our
Superman!**
Congratulations!

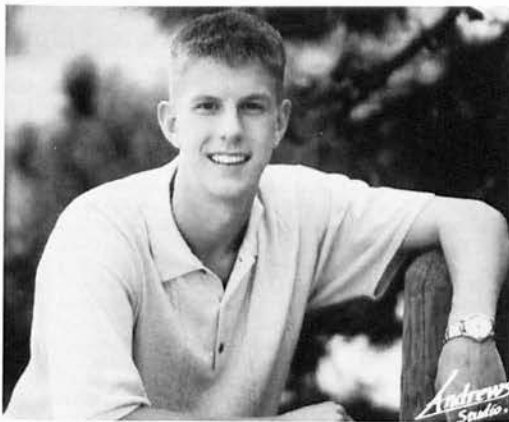
**Love,
Mom, Dad,
& Jeff**





**Behold,
Children are
a gift of the
Lord.
(Psalm 127:3)**

**Congratulations
& Good Luck
to all
the seniors!
from Maggie's
Mom & Dad**



**We Love
you, TJ
- Dad,
Mom,
Jamie**

**Congratulations Allen!
*Love Mom & Dad***



April
Congratulations!
*& Keep making us all proud
Love, Mom, Danny, Dad,
Pat, Johnny, & Peter*





Courtney,
Follow your dream...
If you stumble, don't stop
& lose sight of your goal,
press on to the top.
 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



For only on top ~
Can we see the whole view.
We love you now
& Always...
Mom & Dad
 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~





*O the joy of
my spirit ~
it is uncaged
~ it darts like
lightning.*

**Ben,
You're
the best!**

*Congratulations!
Love,
Mom & Dad*



~ ~ ~ ~ ~
With all our
Love
(Millions & Tons),
Mom, Dad,
& Will
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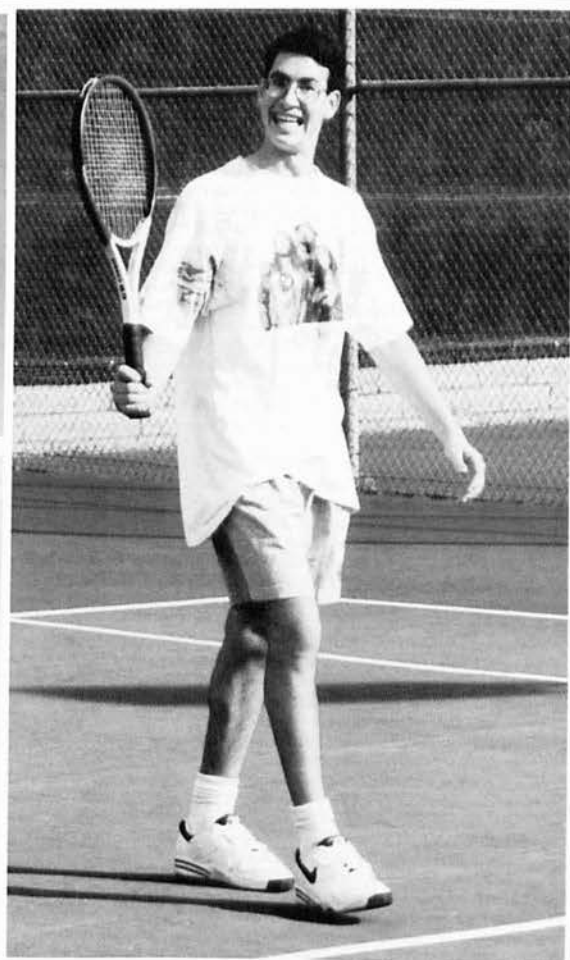


~ Congratulations, Melissa ~




*We're so proud of you,
& know you have
an exciting future
ahead of you,
Love,
Mom, Dad, Erica*

JASON,
We are so
proud of
you,
Mom
& Dad



Kimmy Ruth, We're so very proud of you and all your accomplishments.

Congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful future. Love,
 *Mom & Dad*



Sarah Herzog



Congratulations Honey, We are very proud of you.. May God bless you & guide you in the future. Love, Mom & Dad



What Lies Behind Us & What Lies Before Us Are Tiny Matters Compared To What Lies Within Us.

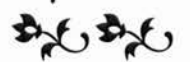
Karen, from kindergarten through 12th grade, we've watched you grow from that darling, thoughtful, bright young child into a mature, intelligent, talented, caring, loving, beautiful young woman. The years have passed so quickly. We are so very proud of all your accomplishments. You have brought such sunshine & happiness to our lives. Now you are getting ready to meet new challenges & attain success in college & beyond. We wish you the best of luck in all you do.



With Love, Mom, Dad, Mark, Stu, & Michelle



Congratulations on a great Accomplishment!



Angie, We Love you & will be there for you Always Love, Mom & Dad





ALICIA

LEA

MAGGIE

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CARRIE

The Marketing Program recognizes student's interest in being a leader at Central High School. The marketing course, Deca, the marketing club, and the marketing internship program offer students valuable experience and opportunities while in high school.

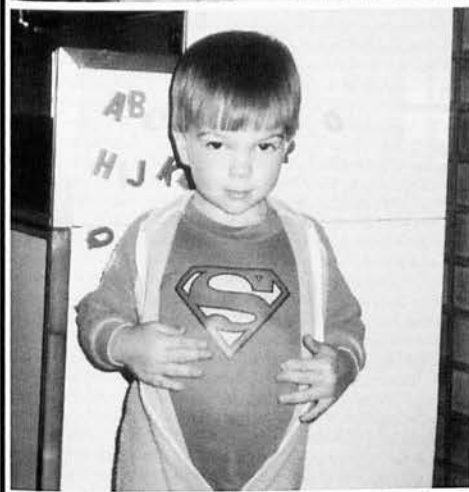
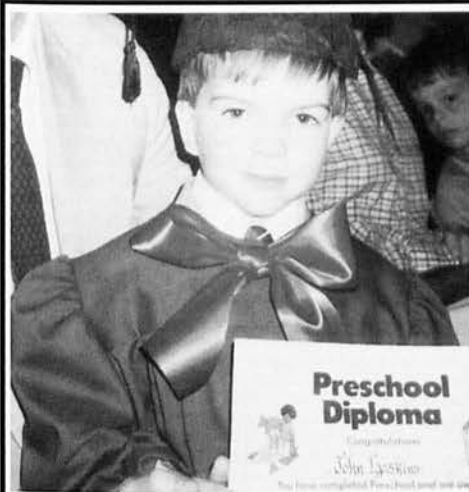
Students enroll in Marketing as a junior elective course. It is offered at 7:00 a.m. (zero hour) through 5/6 hour daily. The course is designed to compliment any field of study students may currently be pursuing--college prep, business, industrial technology or a combination of any of Central's programs. Understanding how economics, product development, business ownership, sales and management operate in today's global world, gives students the competitive edge in future endeavors. Also available is a course in Fashion Marketing which follows the fundamentals of marketing while adding the flair of the fashion industry. Designers, history, trends, men's/women's apparel, buying, display and retailing are among the topics explored.

Marketing Internships involve over 130 local businesses which provide employment opportunities in basic marketing skills. Internships also provide assistance in setting future goals from three qualified coordinators, as well as developing useful employment skills, work ethics, and a network of business people in the community who can help with future plans. Marketing Internships also allow students to earn money while receiving high school credit.

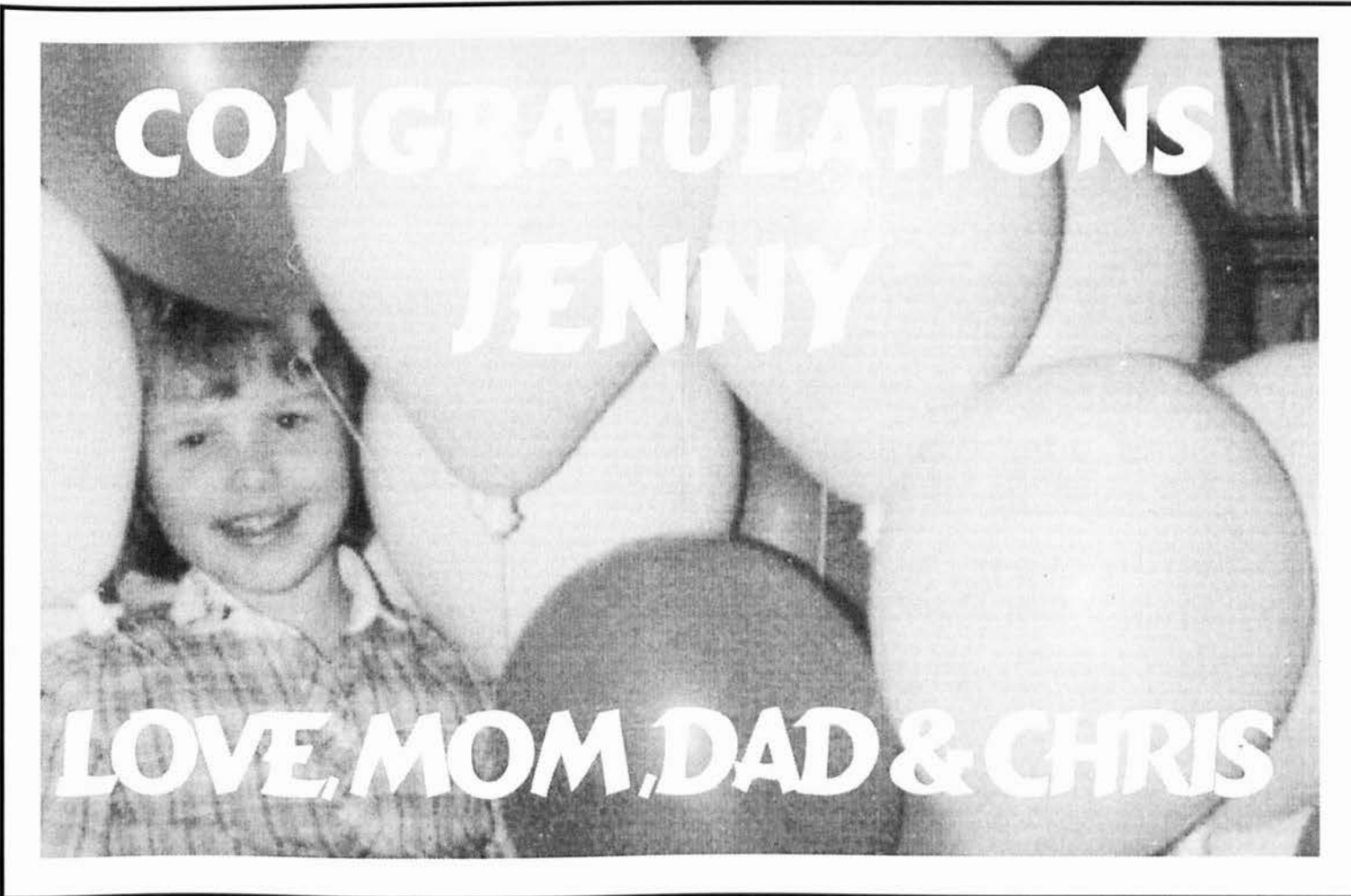
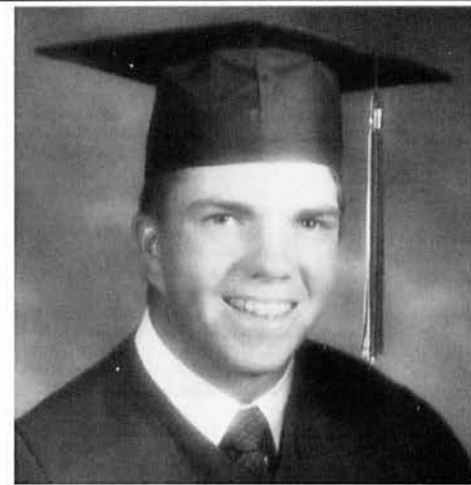


CHS DECA





**JOHN,
From Pre-School
to High School,
You've always been
our Superman !!
We are proud of your
achievements
& we love you !!
Congratulations !!!
Mom & Dad**



Central Wrestlers on Top of the Nation

By Steve Gottschalk & Sarah Newell

Six Central students traveled to Estes Park this past June for the "Top of the Nation" wrestling camp. Joe Wojtkiewicz (11), Eli Bainbridge (11), Anthony (9) & Vito (12) Agosta, Josh Buckles (11) & Randy Ward (11) attended the camp with head coach Mr. Gary Kubik. "It was challenging and trying, but everyone who went became a better wrestler because of it," Eli Bainbridge said. Mr. Kubik stated that the camp was very beneficial in helping each wrestler become exposed to other wrestlers' personal styles and also different coaching methods. Coach Kubik hopes that this exposure has helped the team during the regular season.

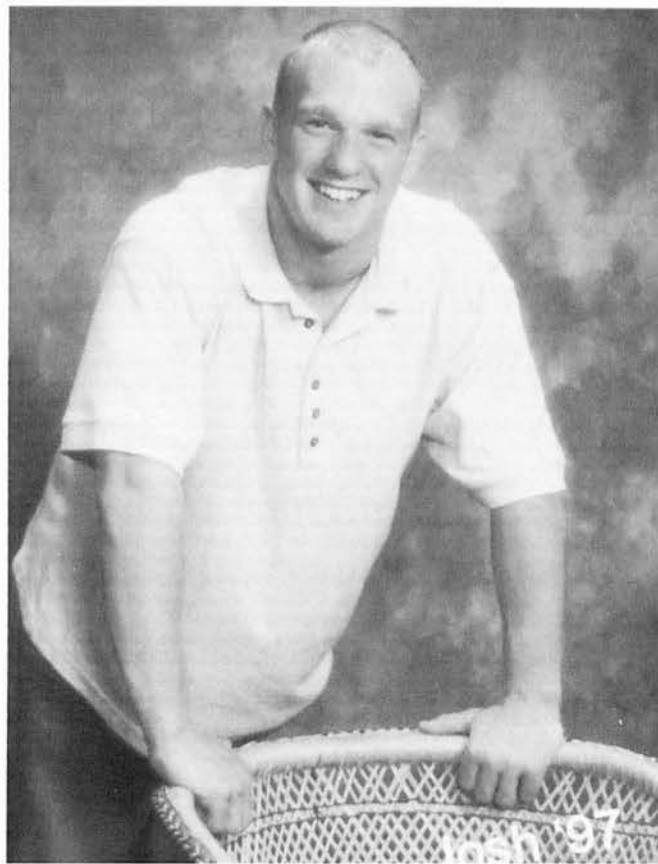




Erin,
Because of you,
We have laughed a little harder,
cried a little less,
and smiled a lot for no
special reason.
Because of you,
our world is a happier place.
We are proud of
the fine young woman you have
become!
Congratulations
Love, Mom, Dad,
Chris, & Sam



**FOPIE &
BACK
AGAIN!
FRIENDS
FOREVER,
ERIN,
STACY, &
LESLIE**



Joshua Robert Norcutt

Children are like kites.

You spend a lifetime trying to get them off the ground.

You run with them until you're both breathless

~ they crash ~ you add a longer tail.

~ they hit the rooftop ~ you pluck them

out of the spout ~ you patch & comfort, adjust & teach. You watch them lifted by the wind & assure them that someday they'll fly!

... Finally they are airborne, but they need more string & you keep letting it out & with each twist of the ball of twine, there is a sadness that goes with the joy because the kite becomes more distant & somehow you know that it won't be long before that beautiful creature will snap the lifeline that bound you together & soar as it was meant to soar. ~ free & alone.

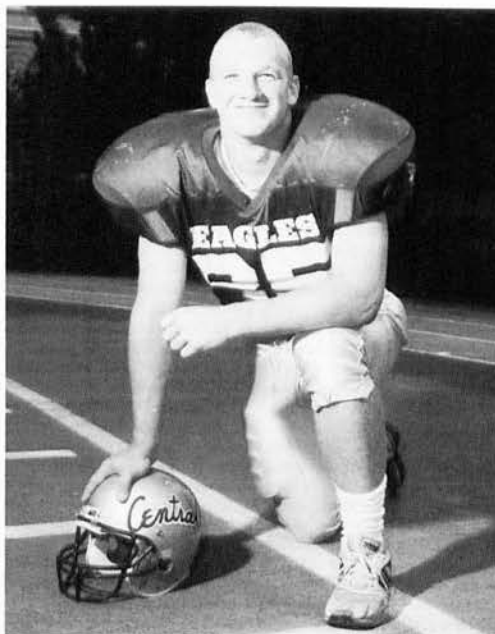
Congratulations Josh!

You've made us very proud. Thanks for all the memories. We Love You!



~ Mom & Bill

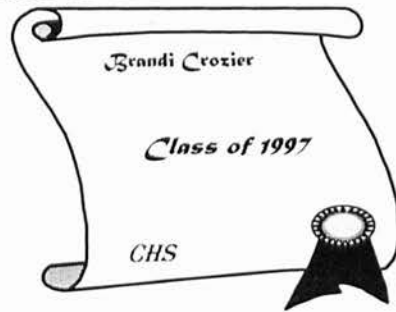
***In Loving memory of
Papa & Uncle Thomas.***





WRITING YOU THIS MESSAGE WAS TOUGH...
 WANTING WORDS OF WISDOM WITHOUT ALL
 THE FLUFF
 BUT THE REAL MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD TO
 KNOW
 IS WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, BRANDI, AND NOT
 AFRAID FOR IT TO SHOW

Love
 Mom & Dad



Keep on smiling
 Sarah,
 You did it!
 Congratulations!



We love you,
 Mom & Dad



**You've
 always had a
 good hold on
 things, Jess,
 keep it up-**

~~~~~  
**Persistence  
 will always pay  
 off**

*Precious Amber ☺ You've been our sunshine for the last  
 18 years. I Can't wait to see what God has planned for you.  
 We Love You! Mom, Dad, Dustin, & Christian  
 Jeremiah 29:11*





MARLENE

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From your proud & loving family

Congratulations Stacy  
We are very proud of you, and we know you are headed for great and wonderful things.  
Love Mom & Dad

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Psalm 37:4

You bring us great joy!  
XOX Mom, Kim, Calise,  
Katrina, Cassie, Jackie, & Adam




*Friends may grow separately, yet they will never grow apart.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
THE CENTRAL HIGH  
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# EAGLES SPRINTING TO VICTORY

By Jennifer Lueth, Jane Swirzinski and Leslie Ujhely

## Girls' Track

Team unity, persistence and dedication were all important factors in the success of the girls' track team.

The team was successful with the help of a few star runners: Tai Burleson (9), Reisha Vanterpool (12), Annika Carlson (10), Aggie Davis (11), Jessica Mouton (11) and Sirena Montalvo (12).

"Our goal was to rebuild the program back to the championship days of the eighties," Coach Tammy Wade said.

In response to how runners felt about the team, Dayna Clark (10) said, "We were aggressive, came out strong and worked together as a team."



Right: Thessa Anderson (12) and Kristin Freeman (10) race to the finish. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)

Below: **1997 Girls' Track Team**—Front Row: Lynn Anderson (11), Sirena Motavo (12), Samira Nazem (9), Catherine Wolcott



*Team picture continued*—(9), Iris Banks (9), Kristin Freeman (10), Lutricia Rollins (10) and Jessica Mouton (11). Middle Row: Dayna Clark (10), Aimee Sternberg (10), Augustina Davis (11), Danielle Galvan (9), Meredith Zendejas (9), Tai Burleson (9), Raquel Henderson (9) and Tameka Chunn (10). Back Row: Coach Roberts, Coach Wade, Elysia Brink (10), Sara Winey (11), Thessa Anderson (12), Reisha Vanterpool (12), Jill McFee (10), Mikala Schuman (9), Richetta Lowman (10), Shawna Blair (11), Coach Williams, Sophia Cartwright (10), Oscaretta Campbell (9), Janelle Orange (11) and Coach Lodge. (Photo: David Shillinglaw)





## Boys' Track

The 1996-97 boys' track team got off to a running start when they placed fourth in the Burke Relays.

Leading the team were senior co-captains Tim Rivera and John Zendejas. Rivera broke the school record in the 800 meter run and had the second fastest time at the state track meet last year.

The strength of the distance runners and hurdlers was essential for their team standings.

"The team had a lot of young players and in the next two years, we'll have enough experience to be a strong team," Brandon Williams (10) said.

Coach Dave Felici added, "We would like to improve our times throughout the year, be the top OPS track team and place in the top five at state."

Left: Lawrence Butler (11) is so focused on the finish line that he doesn't even realize he's losing his pants. (Photo: Jenny Gleason)



Above: **1997 Boys' Track Team**—Front Row: Coach Reichmuth, Chris Colegrove (10), Lee Serrant (10), Sirwayne Wardlow (10), William Gregory (9), Jaye Lewis (9), James Butler (9), Marlon Brewer (9), William Rainer (9), Lee Dwyer (9) and Coach Felici. Middle Row: Brandon Williams (10), James Medlock (10), Wayne Reynolds (10), Lornell McPherson (9), Josh Smith (10), Jamison Richart (10), Jon Nebel (10) and Doug Graber (10). Back Row: Coach Reynolds, Courtney Dawson (10), Adam Nelson (10), Errol Randolph (10), Jamaine Billups (9), Andy Buckley (10), James Hawkins (10), Terron Morrow (10), Kendrick Clay (10), David Rennard (10) and Coach Johnson. (Photo: David Shillinglaw)

*"We had a lot of depth in sprints, and good middle and distance runners. We also had a lot of fun!"*

*--Dave Felici*



# Central baseball hits

By Ben Anderson, Sarah Berg and Niki Gibson

The Central Eagles Varsity baseball team began the season with high hopes and soared to a great start.

Several components, including hitting and pitching, have come together to make this year's team a strong one.

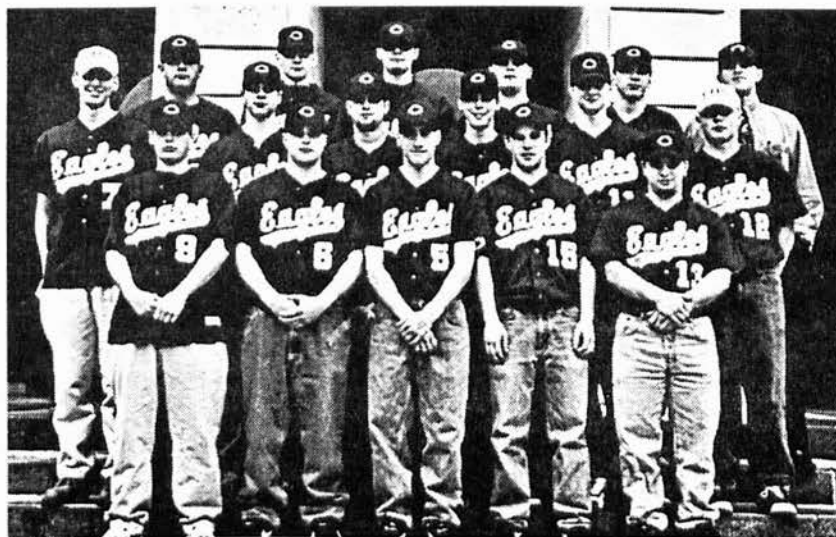
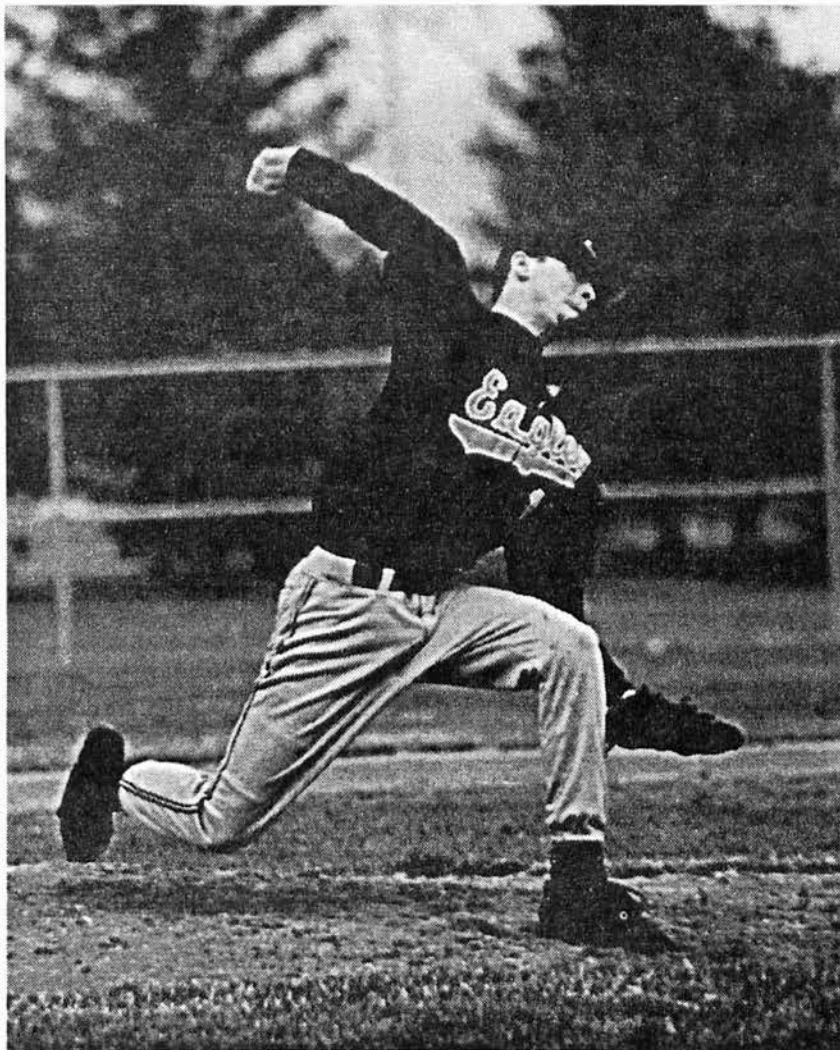
The team had high hopes for the season and had confidence in its abilities to make this year's state tournament. Its success began early in the season with wins over Bellevue West, Benson and Valley.

"I think this has probably been one of the best teams ever to come out of Central High in the last 20-30 years," Coach Steve Eubanks' said. This year was Coach Eubanks fifth season as Central's Varsity Coach.

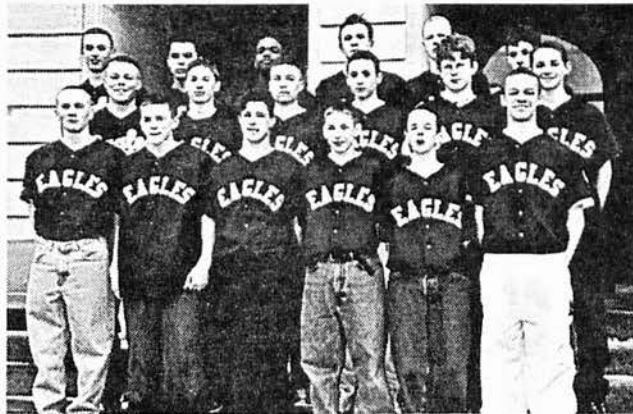
Determination and hard work during the team's rigorous daily practices proved to be the basis of the team's success.

The underclass teams also exhibited great potential. Central High's JV team opened the season with challenging games to earn a 3-2 record early in the season.

"We have a lot of ball players who have experience and have the drive to succeed in the future," Dusty Friedman (9) said.



# a homerun season



Opposite Page Bottom: **1997 Varsity Baseball Team**—First Row: Andy Johnson (11), Cody Shevlin (11), Joe Girthoffer (12), Mike Kelly (12) and Chris Podjenski (10). Second Row: Zach Jacobson (10), Jed Ortemeyer (12), Jimmy O'Connor (12), Jason Becher (11), Jason Latta (11) and Kevin McDonald (10). Third Row: Bobby Wolfe (12), Marqus Mancuso (12), Pat Maulick (12), Brent Quigley (12), Bill Houston (11) and Head Coach Steve Eubanks. Not Pictured: Brandon Myers (12), Ryan Behrens (12) and Joe Yard (11). (Photo: David Shillinglaw)



Above Left: **1997 JV Baseball Team**—First Row: Matt O'Boyle (10), Nick Calabro (10), Larry Harwood (11), Tyler Cieciorca (10), Dylan Morgan (10) and Joe Greco (10). Second Row: Kevin McDonald (10), Jason Niemeier (10), Andy Tworek (11), Jeramy Beck (10), Zach Clark (10) and Miguel Nuno (11). Third Row: Zach Jacobson (10), Jay Axelrod (11), Jimos Reese (10), Brian Vlasak (11), Brian Weeda (11) and John Phalen (10). (Photo: David Shillinglaw)

Left: Ryan Behrens (12) swings hard hoping to bring his teammate home. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Opposite Page Top: Senior Pat Maulick always throws a strike. (Photo: Lei Brown)



Above: **1997 Freshmen Baseball Team**—Front Row: Jono Croskey, Max Kenny, Levi Sena, Bill Littrell and Jason Thompson. Middle Row: Bobby Andrews, Ernest Harrington, Greg Edds, Ryan Kniewel and Aaron Brittan. Back Row: Charles Meade, Dusty Friedman, Jeremy Scurlock, Brandon Cerny and Jon Rhoads. Not Pictured: J.D. Westerholm, Andrew Mitchell and Nate Burrell. (Photo: David Shillinglaw)

**"I think this has probably been one of the best teams ever to come out of Central High in the last 20-30 years."**

**~ Coach Steve Eubanks**



# GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM SERVES UP SUCCESS

By Andrea Friedman and Jill Jensen

The 1996-97 Central girls' tennis team was in full swing this season, dominating its opponents and winning many dual matches.

The team was led by seniors Erika Wulff and Andrea Friedman and junior Rachel Slosburg. The remaining squad members were: seniors Colleen McGinty, Michelle Seiter and Lisa Peterson, and sophomores Amy Yin and Dana Hendee.

"Andrea Friedman and Erika Wulff really added strong leadership to the team," Coach Larry Andrews said.

The girls started the season off strong by defeating Duchesne in a tight dual match.

"We really pulled together and played well, both in singles and doubles," Rachel Slosburg (11) said.

The team agreed that much of their success was due to their preseason conditioning.

"Overall, I'd say this year was a lot of fun and a huge success," Erika Wulff (12) said.

Below: Rachel Slosburg (11) and Andrea Friedman (12) find time for fun during tennis practice. (Photo: Erika Wulff)



Above: **1997 Girls' Tennis Team**—Front Row: Rachel Slosburg (11), Fawn Hernden (10), Jody Sheely (12), Jennifer Link (10), Leslie Ujhely (11), Kim Schulte (11), Amy Revenaugh (11), Marlene Andikasim (11), Ally Jessing (11), Meghan Devlin (11) and Amber Frank (12). Middle Row: Norene Wolff (10), Dana Hendee (10), Amy Yin (10), Bobbi Jacobsen (12), Michelle Seiter (12), Julie Weston (11), Katie O'Neill (11), Sarah Wengert (11), Sarjari Bhakta (9) and Elizabeth Monaghan (12). Back Row: Coach Larry Andrews, Lisa Petersen (12), Jessica Dickes (12), Doris Caldwell (12), Ally Pagan (11), Shana Voycheske (9), Siri Heese (11), Colleen McGinty (12), Heather Clark (11) and Coach Jurgen Shawver. (Photo: David Shillinglaw)



# Getting into the swing of things

By Jody Sheely and TJ Ernst



The men's golf team ended the season on a successful note. They started out strong with a third place finish at the Central Invite.

This year's team exhibited a lot of potential with eight men well-qualified to play Varsity. John Gaskins (12), Chris Kelly (10), Phil Jonak (10) and John Ashford (11) all returned as letter-men.

"Our golf team was very competitive this year. We had a great start, finishing very strong at the Central Invite," Ben Tply (11) said.

Ben summed up the team's philosophy this year by saying that "We're just glad that we don't have to run."



Top Right: Jason Hoberman (12) finds the other entrance to the bat cave. (Photo: April Santon)  
Above Left: Josh Norcutt (12) plays a "cut" above other golfers. (Photo: April Santon)

Left: **1997 Men's Golf Team**—Back Row: Ben Tply (11), Chris Kelly (10), Jason Hoberman (12), Josh Norcutt (12) and Coach Galus. Front Row: Cory Beckius (10), Scott Arehart (9), John Ashford (11) and John Gaskins (12). (Photo: David Shillinglaw)



# Boys' soccer takes charge

By Mary Baddorf, Karen Kazor and Erin Riley

## **VARSITY BOYS AIM HIGH**

The 1997 boys' Varsity soccer team took charge this season when they beat Roncalli and Plattsmouth.

Key players included: senior captains Dane Foster (forward), Luke Denny (goal keeper) and Chad Dalrymple (sweeper).

Coach Tim Herbert's goal for the team was to win state. In addition, he emphasized having fun and working on team unity.

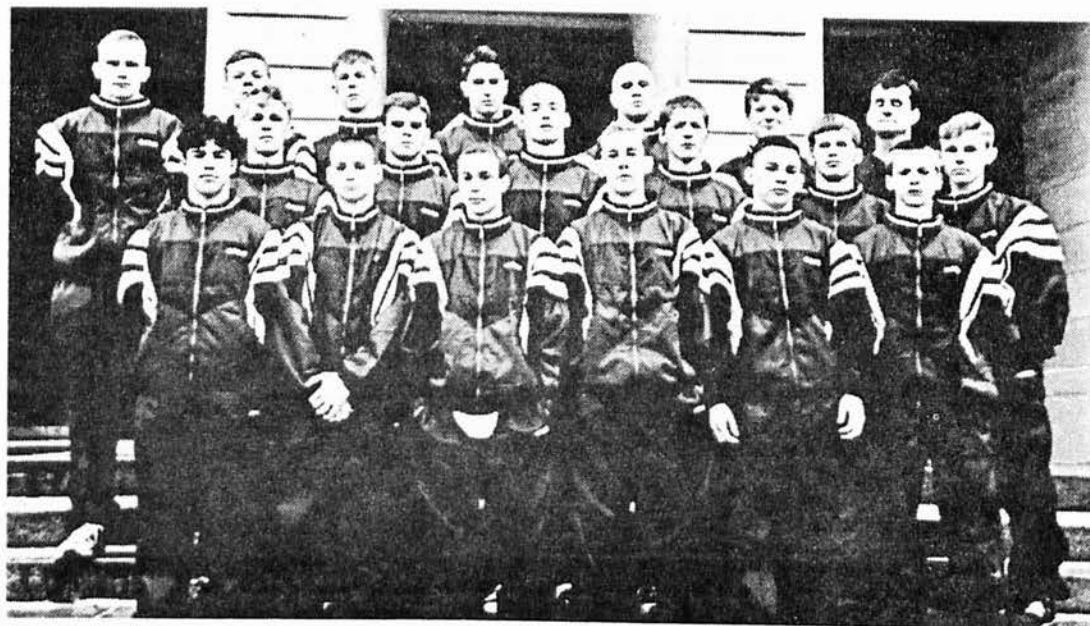
"My favorite part of playing soccer was the team unity," Steve Quackenbush (12) said.

The team also worked hard during practices, hoping to improve their skills.

"Coach Herbert communicated with the players and kept practices fun and challenging," Luke Denney (12) said.

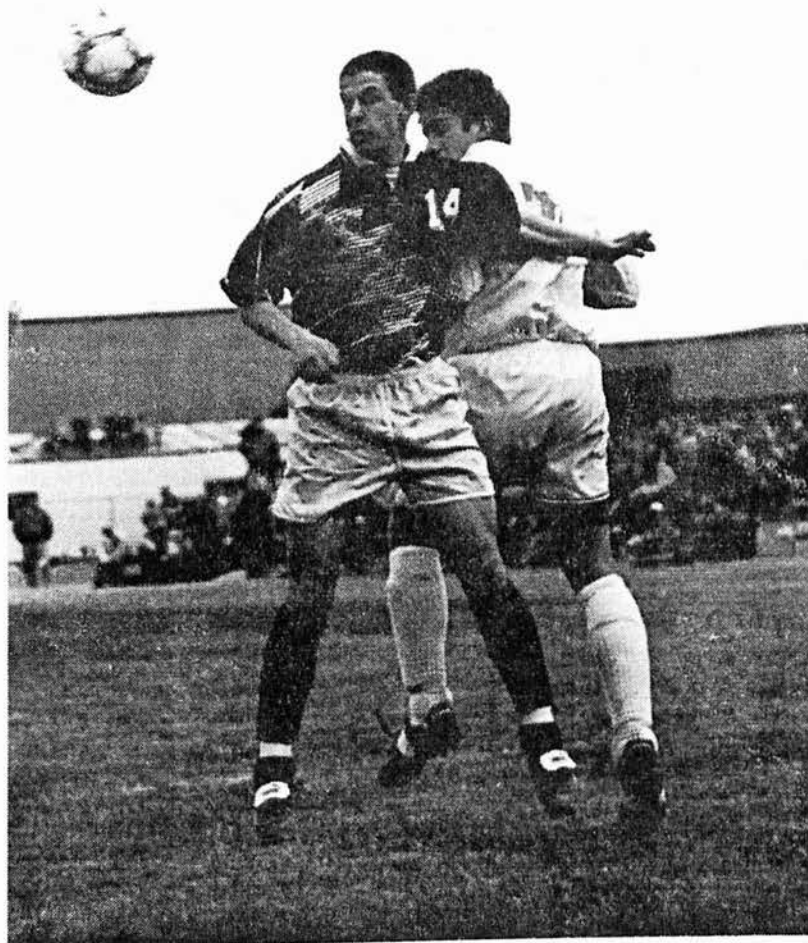


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Right: Sam Achelpohl (12) exhibits his incredible endurance during the Millard South game. (Photo: Lei Brown)



Above: **1997 Boys' Varsity Soccer**—First Row: Justin Galaska (9), Ben Rinaker (10), Andrew Thompson (10), Chad Powell (11), Chad Dalrymple (12) and Erik Smith (9). Second Row: Andy Ochsner (12), Trevor Fitch (11), Jeff Ludwig (12), Matt Smith (9), Aaron Kaisershot (12) and Chris Ochsner (9). Third Row: Jeremy Garrison (12), Brian Pfeifer (9), T.J. Ernst (12), Dane Foster (12), Luke Denney (12), Sam Achelpohl (12) and Coach Herbert. (Photo: David Shillinglaw)





Above: Erik Smith (9) watches in awe from the sidelines as Jeff Ludwig (12) prepares for the header. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Left: T.J. Ernst (12) will be requesting some aspirin. (Photo: Lei Brown)

## **JV REACHES FOR GOALS**

The 1997 JV boys' soccer team was young but extremely focused.

Coach George Grillo spent most practices concentrating on the basic fundamentals of the game, such as passing and receiving. The players worked hard to reach their goals and strengthen their game throughout the season.

"We had a young team that had a lot of spirit and determination to play," Coach Grillo said.

A strong team unity was also felt as the players worked together to achieve their goals.

"The team this year was a good experience, and we really learned to cooperate with each other," Kristoff Berzins (10) said.



Above: **1997 JV Boys' Soccer**—First Row: Travis Pohlman (9), Ishrat Husain (9), Robert Damasauskas (10), Jeremiah Schultz (10), Ben Davis (9) and Tom Fuchs (10). Second Row: Coach Grillo, Maurice Alvarez (9), Collin Lieben (9), John Stacy (11), Chris Scofield (11) and Jon Adams (11). Third Row: Aaron Rich (9), Cory Jensen (11), Tony Piskac (9), Jose Olvera (9) and Jeff McWhorter (9). (Photo: David Shillinglaw)





# Varsity soccer strives to achieve goals

By Sarah Anderson, Sara Jacobson and Erin McMahon

The 1996-97 girls' Varsity soccer team started off the season with positive attitudes, dedication and high aspirations.

With six senior captains, the team was under great leadership. Unity was prevalent among the athletes, and according to Coach Kat Laughlin, the girls really looked out for each other.

"With high school ball, it's hard to achieve team unity, but with this group of girls, it just came naturally," Molly Deacon (11) added.

Everyone was pleased with Coach Laughlin's first year as the Varsity coach. The players' parents seemed to agree and noted the team's improvement.

Coach Laughlin had many goals that she wished to accomplish this year. One important goal was to give the four freshmen valuable experience for future years.

"Soccer is such a great sport," Coach Laughlin said. "I just wanted the girls to enjoy it."



Top Right: The Varsity team demonstrates its unity while working hard to score a goal. (Photo courtesy of Robert Anderson)

Lower Right: The players sit in a huddle and get psyched up for their upcoming game against Bellevue East. (Photo courtesy of Robert Anderson)



Above: **1996-97 Girls Varsity Soccer**—Front Row: Cara Dalrymple (10), Jill Carroll (10), Sarah Deacon (12), Molly Deacon (11), Sophia Theophilopoulos (9), Mary Anderson (9), Natalia Weedy (10) and Kristin Bauer (12). Second Row: Jaclyn DiGiacomo (11), Cara Steffensmeier (10), Sarah Manners (9), Lindsey Myers (12), Kelli Mattson (9) and Cari Cain (12). Third Row: Coach Kat Laughlin, Denna Leavitt (11), Brittney Girthoffer (10), Jenny Phillips (12), Amanda Hansen (11), Erika Mullen (12) and Amy Hodges (10). (Photo: Tom Shillinglaw)



# JV soccer promotes positive season

By Sarah Anderson, Sara Jacobson and Erin McMahon



The girls' JV soccer team went into its 1996-97 season with a positive, optimistic outlook, according to Coach Dave Arthur.

The team was made up of 23 freshmen, sophomore and junior girls who were determined to have a successful year. The team received leadership from sophomore co-captains Morgan Denny and Nicole Neumann.

"The team played really well together and we had high hopes going into the season," Andrea Mullen (9) said.

Some of the goals that the team set out to accomplish were: improving their soccer skills, increasing the number of shots on goal, learning to play as a team and supporting each other as they worked to accomplish these goals.

"I was impressed with the students' hard work and desire to improve their soccer technique," Coach Arthur said.

Left: Julie Miyeno (9) displays her fancy footwork during a close game. (Photo: April Santon)



Left: **1996-97 JV Girls' Soccer**—First Row: Justine Walton (9), Megan Kensler (11), Raechel Achelpohl (9), Julie Miyeno (9), Andrea Mullen (9) and Rashawn Smallwood (9). Second Row: Morgan Denny (10), Adriana Pina (10), Nicole Neumann (10), Calla Pappas (9), Olivia Mora (9), Katie Spoonhour (9) and Linda Boulanger (12). Third Row: Coach Dave Arthur, April Picard (11), Melissa Colton (9), Stefanie Wulff (9), Julie Russell (9), Brandis Hilson (10), Amanda Ward (9) and Megan Myers (9). (Photo: David Shillinglaw)



# Students rehearse for great reviews

By Tara Hauger and Lauren Pettit

Great sets, an active cast and a unique plot all made this year's spring play, *Rehearsal for Murder*, a huge success.

Students auditioned in early March, and the play was on May 1, 2 and 3.

Thirty actors, stage crew, costume designers, makeup committee and technical crew members worked together for weeks in order to produce the captivating production.

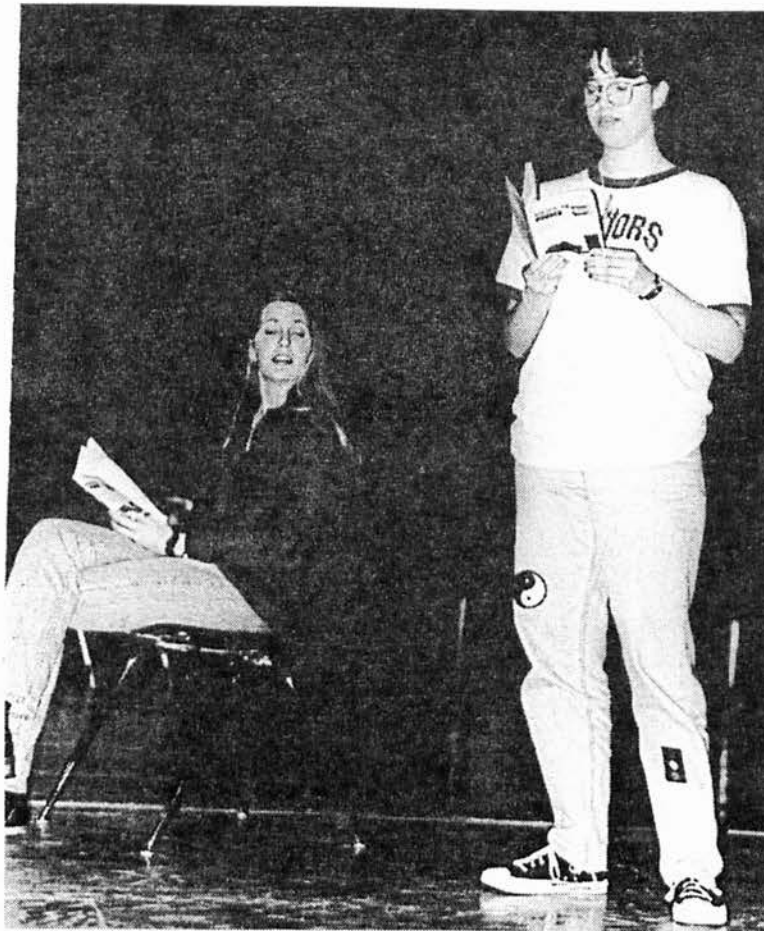
"I thought being a member of the play was a great experience and tons of fun," Sonja Shelstad (10) said.

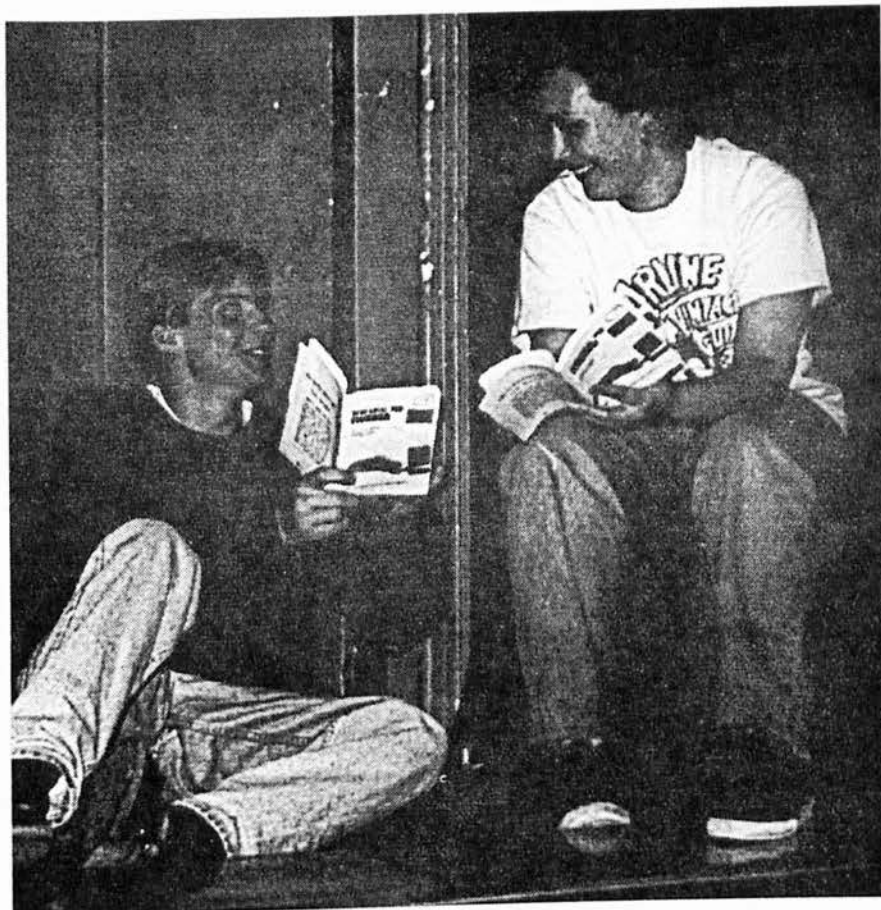
Miss Lorie Obradovich (director), Pegi Georgeson (producer), senior Holly Naab (stage manager) and junior John Forsman (assistant manager) helped to put the show together.

"Working with a small cast was my favorite part of the play," Chris Darst (12) said. "I had a wonderful time."

Above Right: Sonja Shelstad (10) listens carefully while Cameron May (12) rehearses her dialog. (Photo: April Santon)

Right: Damien Thompson (12) and Sonja Shelstad (10) practice a sentimental scene. (Photo: April Santon)



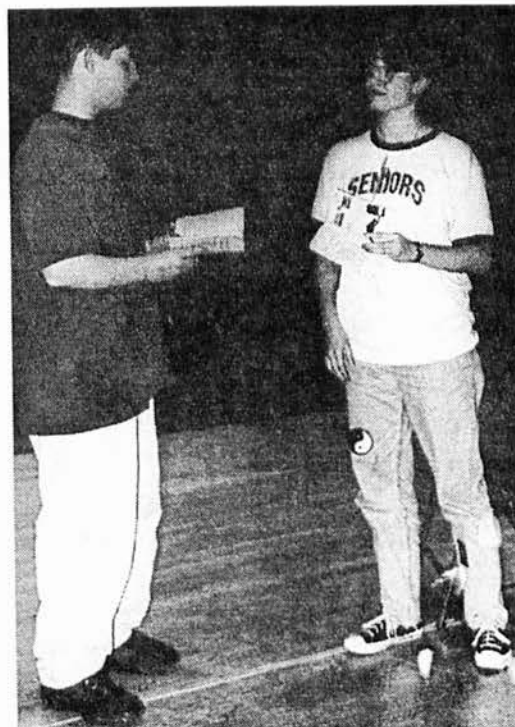


**"I thought being a member of the play was a great experience and tons of fun!" -Sonja Shelstad**

Lower Right: Chris Markle (11) memorizes his lines with the help of Cameron May (12). (Photo: April Santon)

Lower Left: Liz Kieffe (9) prepares the set for rehearsal. (Photo: April Santon)

Left: Chris Darst (12) takes a break from practice with Rachel Orton-Bigfire (11) (Photo: April Santon)



# Students enjoy an

By Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

This year, the courtyard was transformed into a magical world of roses, which truly made for an evening of elegance. The 1997 prom was held on Apr. 12 from 7:30 until 11:30 PM.

Once again, the student council worked hard planning this year's prom. With the help of their sponsor, Mrs. Judy Storm, their preparations began early in the year, and they spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday decorating for the big event.

"The decorations definitely added a lot to the atmosphere of prom," Maria Theophilopoulos (12) said.

Mary Hill and Mike Kelly were crowned prom king and queen this year. Other court members included: Thessa Anderson, Emily Broom, Quiana Mitchem, Maria Theophilopoulos, Vito Agosta, Luke Denney, Jeff Ludwig and Galen Morrison.

Karsten Binke (12) summed up his feelings on prom by saying, "I, honestly, had a really nice time there."



Above: **How cute!!** Krista Griess (12) and her date Garner Girthhoffer snuggle for a quick picture. (Photo: April Santon)

Right: Nash Richards was fortunate enough to be accompanied by **TWO** beautiful women! Kim Boylan (12) and Celeste Price-Polson (12). (Photo: April Santon)



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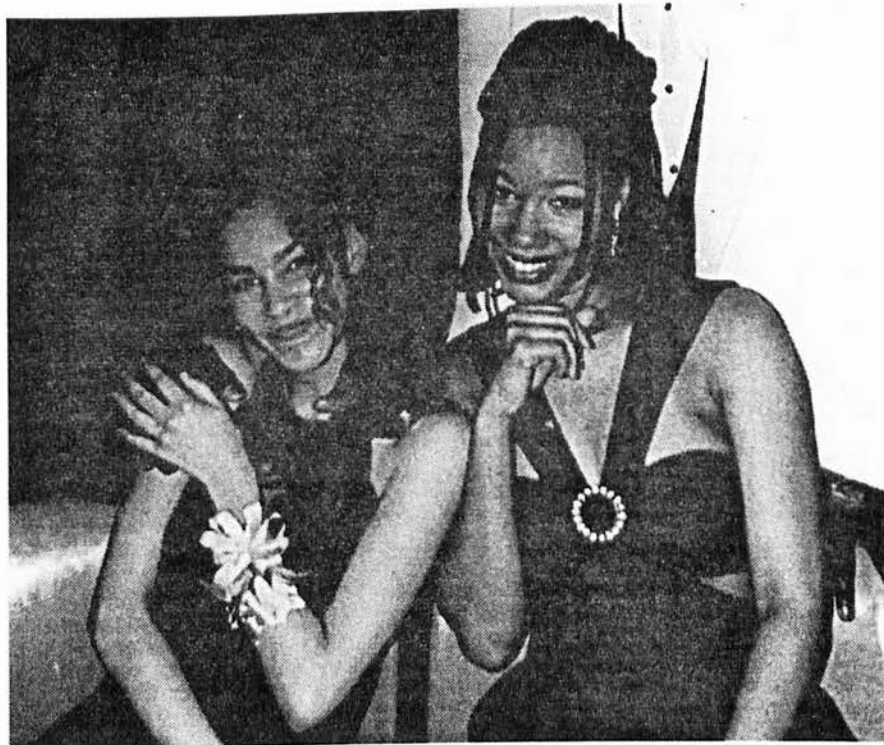


# evening of elegance



Left: 1997 Prom Queen and King—Mary Hill (12) and Mike Kelly (12) can hardly hide their excitement after being crowned at coronation. (Photo: April Santon)

Below: Jane Swirzinski (10) and John Franzese (11) take a break from all the dancing to enjoy a refreshing glass of pop. (Photo: Lauren Pettit)



Left: Sarah Barsell (11) and Rashaun Murry (11) take time out to flash their pearly whites for the camera. (Photo: April Santon)





*The Bigger Picture*

