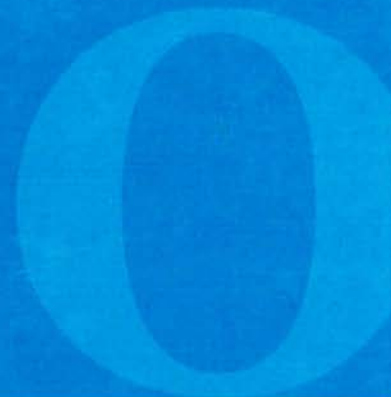


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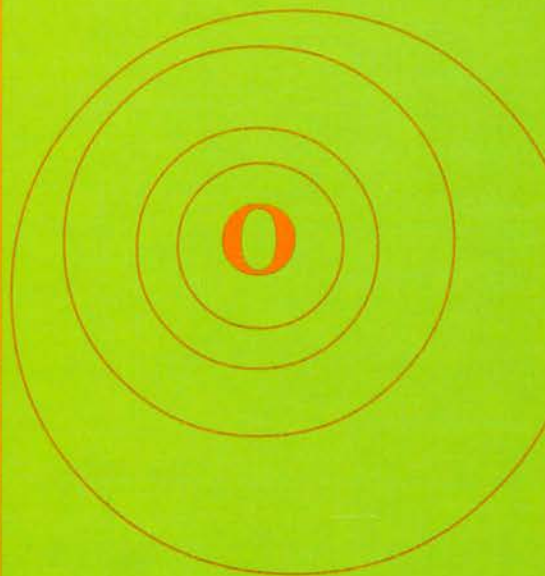


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Right. Brandii Daniels (12) does a "Russian" during a football game at UNO. Central lost to Creighton Prep that night. PHOTO Annie Walden

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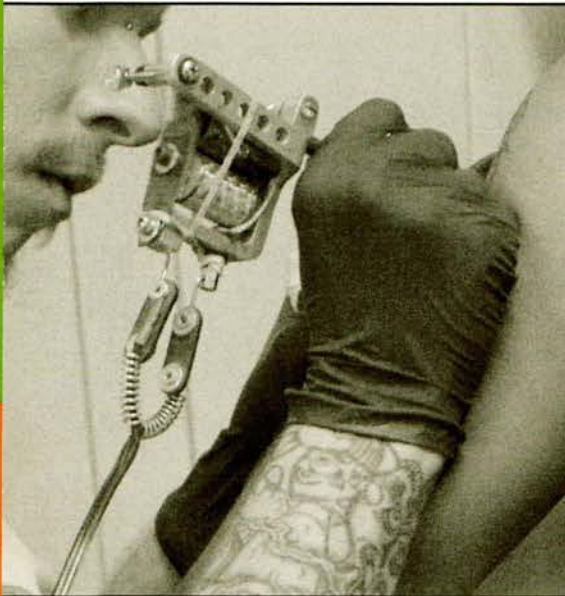
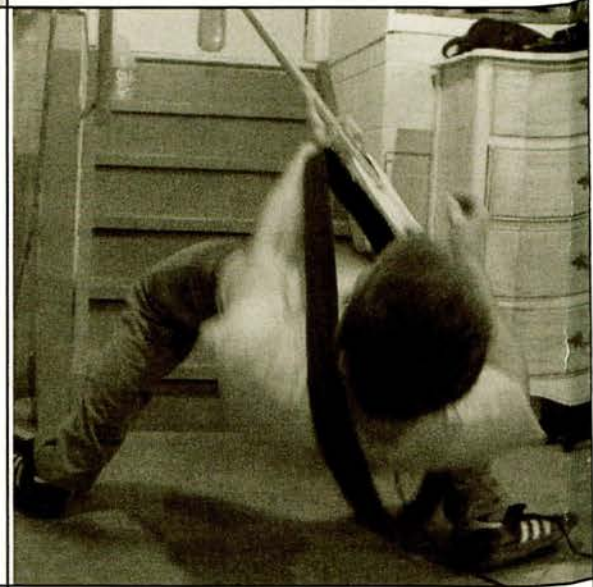
Below. Gavin Jensen (11) rocks out during a band rehearsal. PHOTO Annie Walden

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Left. Homecoming was here at Central in our new gym. Homecoming's theme was "Hollywood Nights." PHOTO Annie Walden

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Left. Many students at Central had tattoos. Tattoos are became easier and easier to get for high school students. PHOTO Annie Walden

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Cover top. The sign in front of the school. Photo Annie Walden

Cover bottom. The "purple people" cheer at a football game. Poto Annie Walden



Left. This butoon belonged to Latin facilitator James Gleason. Mr. Gleason was also a lawyer. PHOTO Annie Walden

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Above. Devon O'Connell (11) and his father spend some time together on the "L" in Chicago. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

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Left. A Varsity football player cringes in pain after limping off the field of the first game of the season. PHOTO Annie Walden

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Left. Students gained more freedom with the ability to drive. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

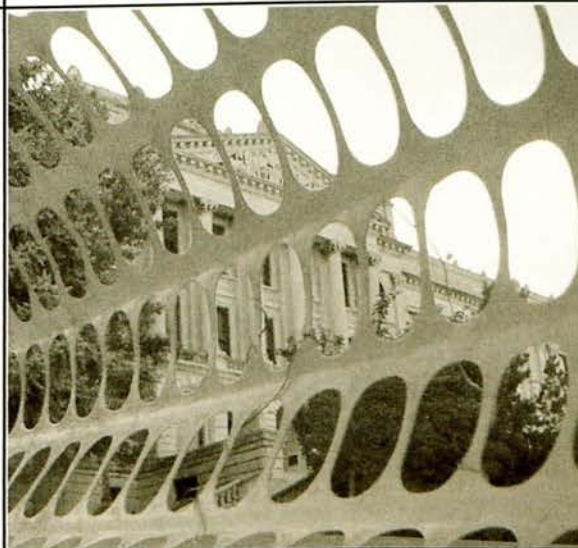
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Below. Renovation at Central for the new cafeteria, airconditioning and another gym affected all students. PHOTO Quentin Lueninghoener

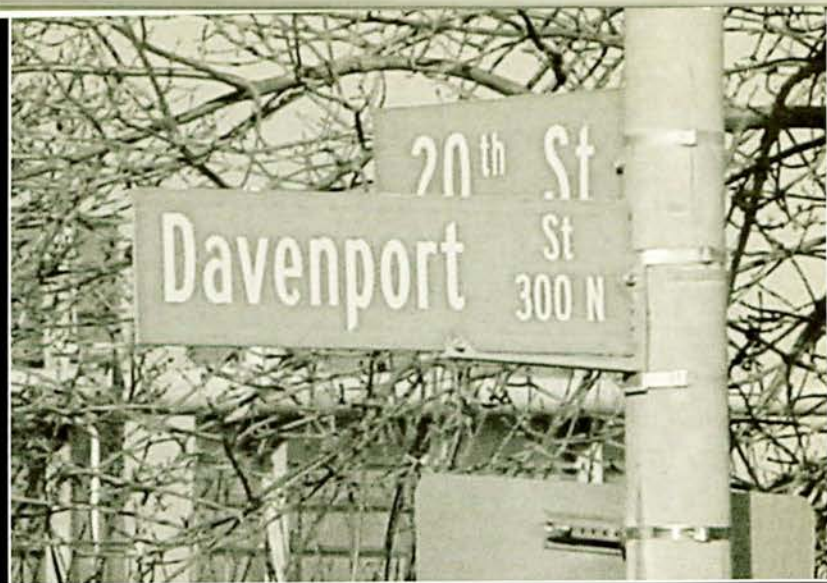
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Below. Nora Prazan (11) concentrates on painting. Students helped create the art mural for the Library. PHOTO Annie Walden

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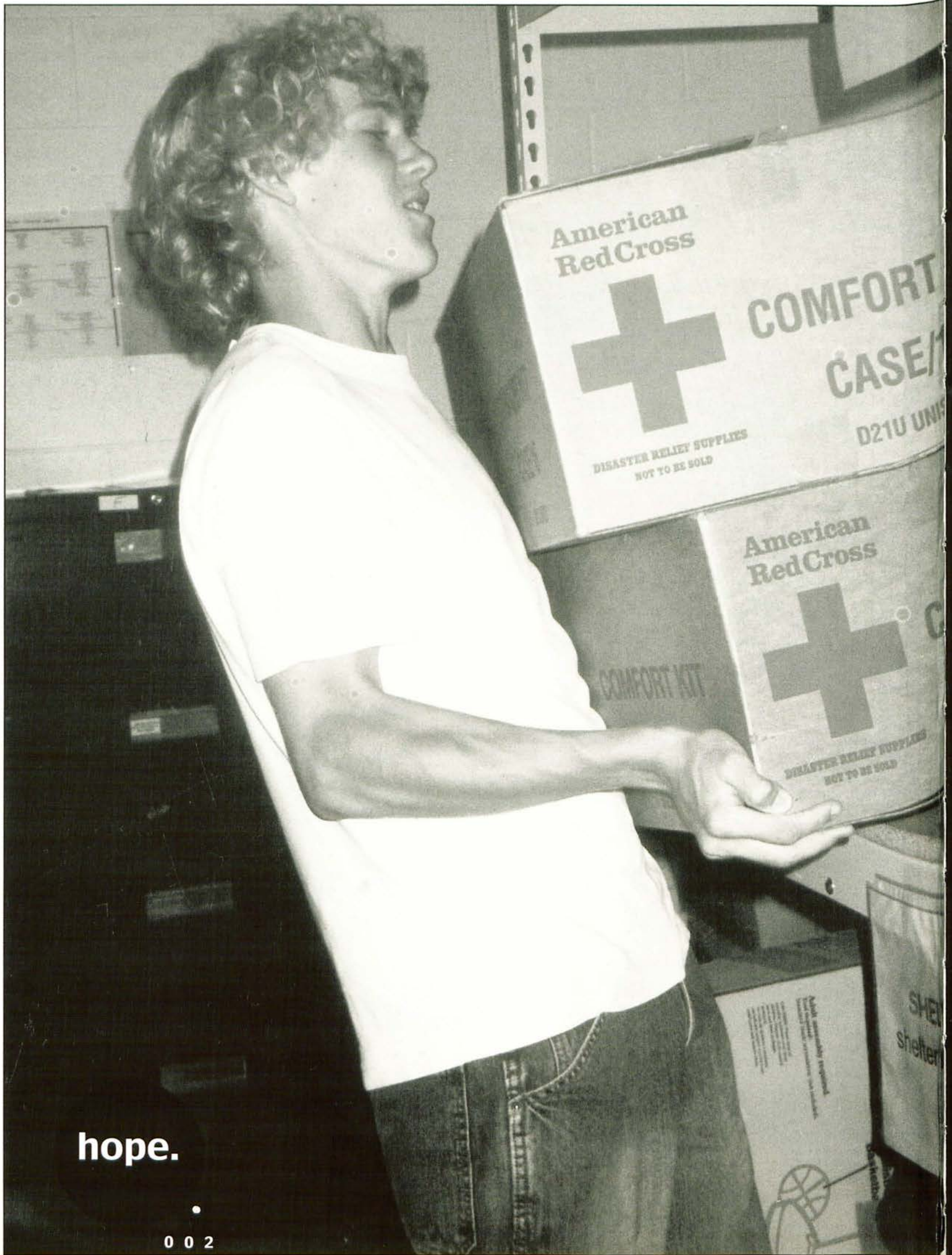
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Above. The official address of the school is on Dodge Street, but students knew Davenport Street as the easiest place to park, catch a ride or meet friends before and after school. Davenport and 20th streets became the new drop-off and pick-up site for yellow buses because of school renovations. PHOTO Annie Walden

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- Omaha, Nebraska 68102
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- Sophomores: 613
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- Faculty: 216



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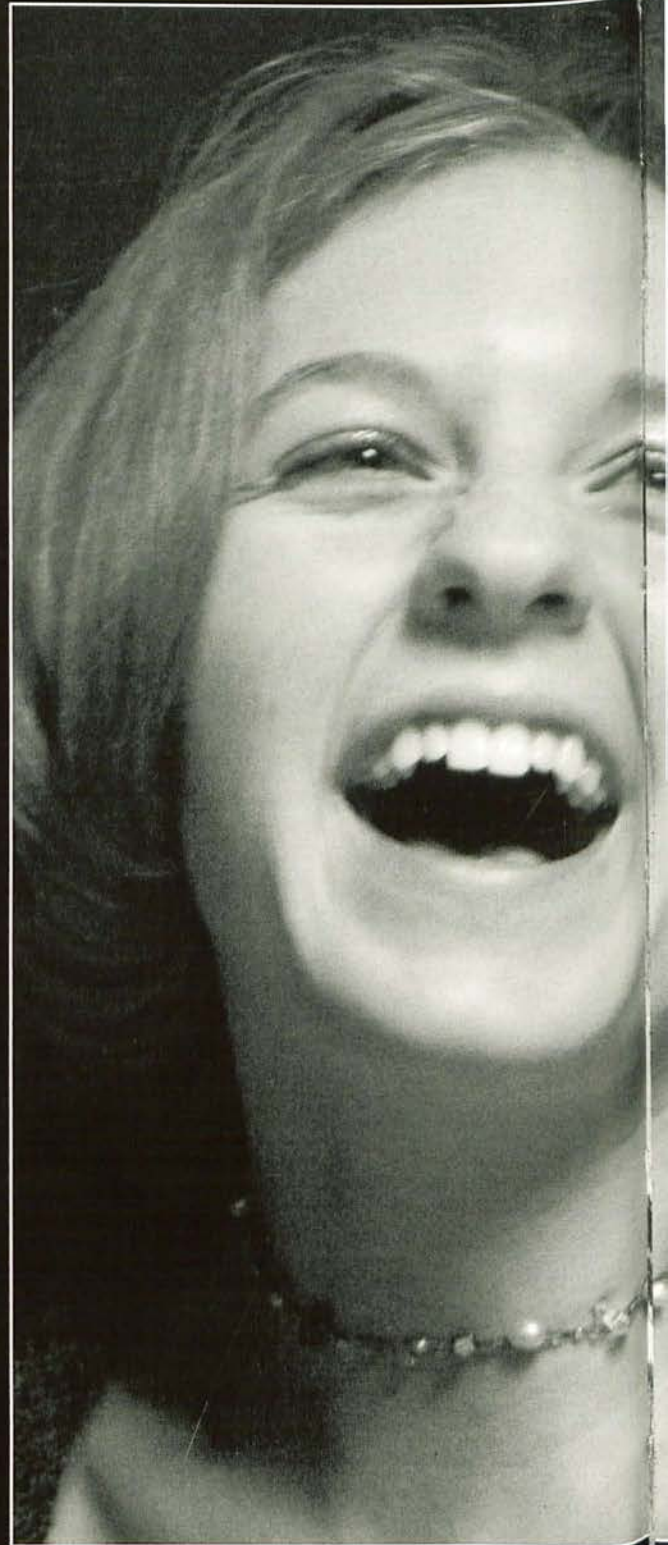
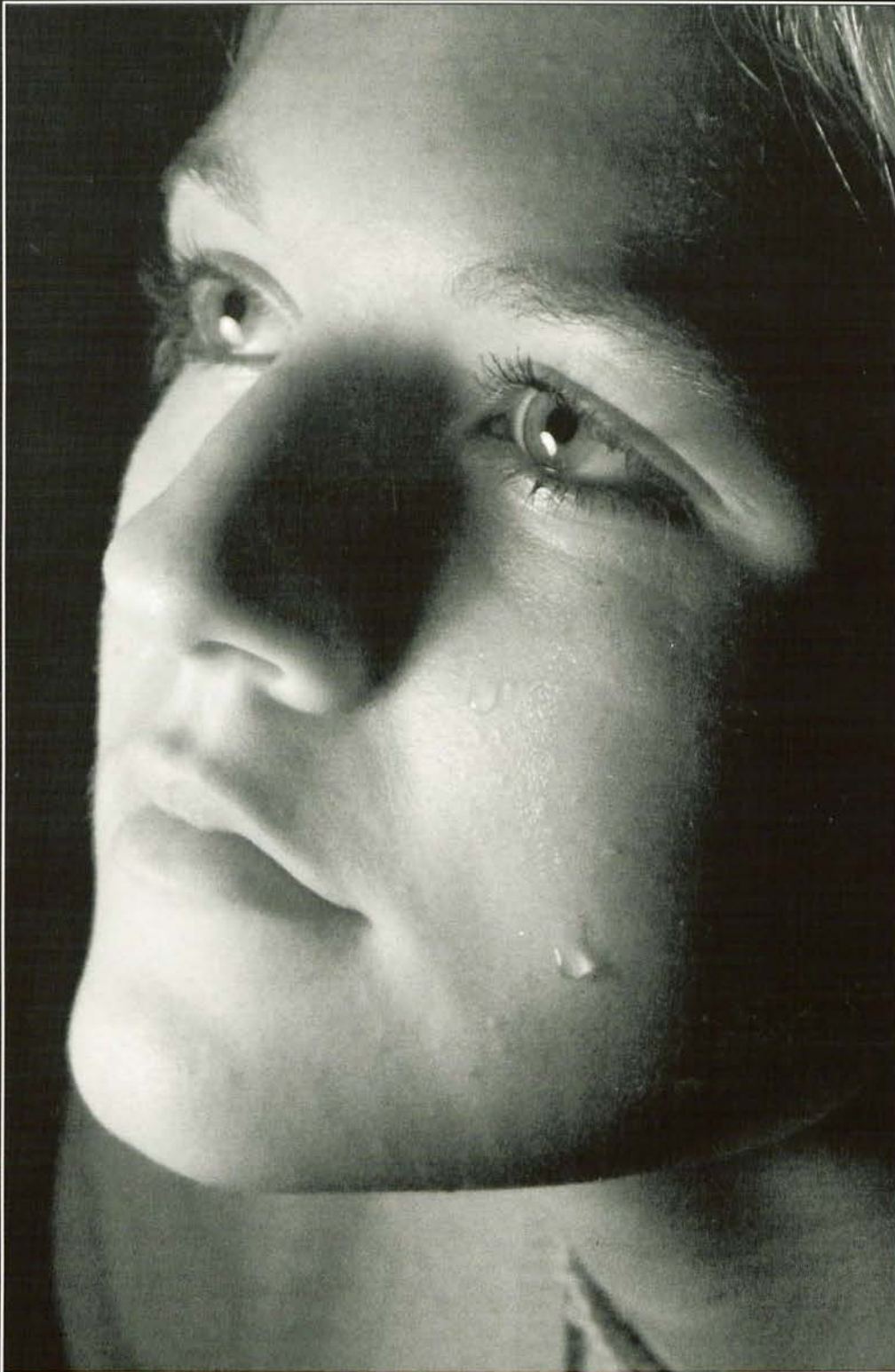
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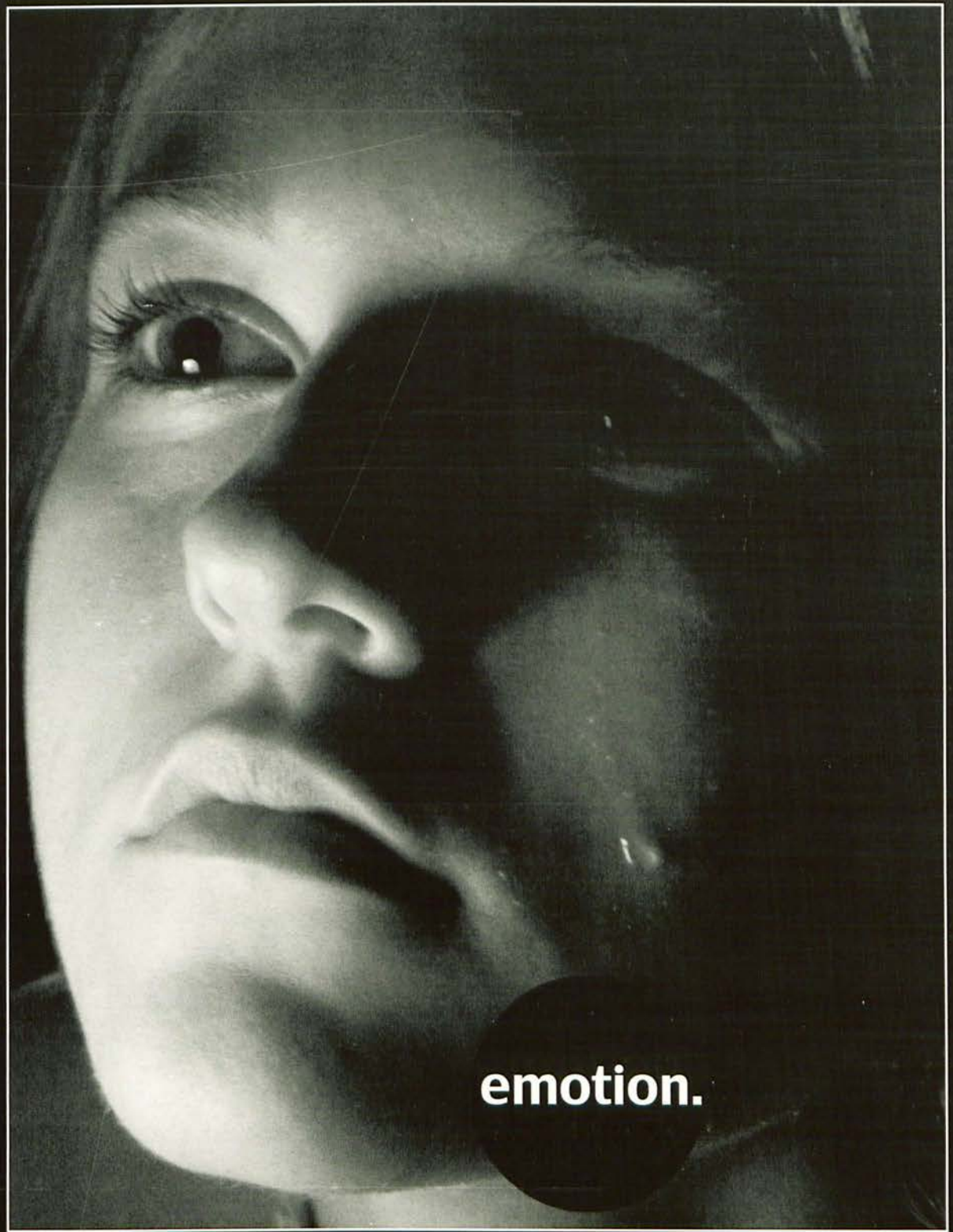
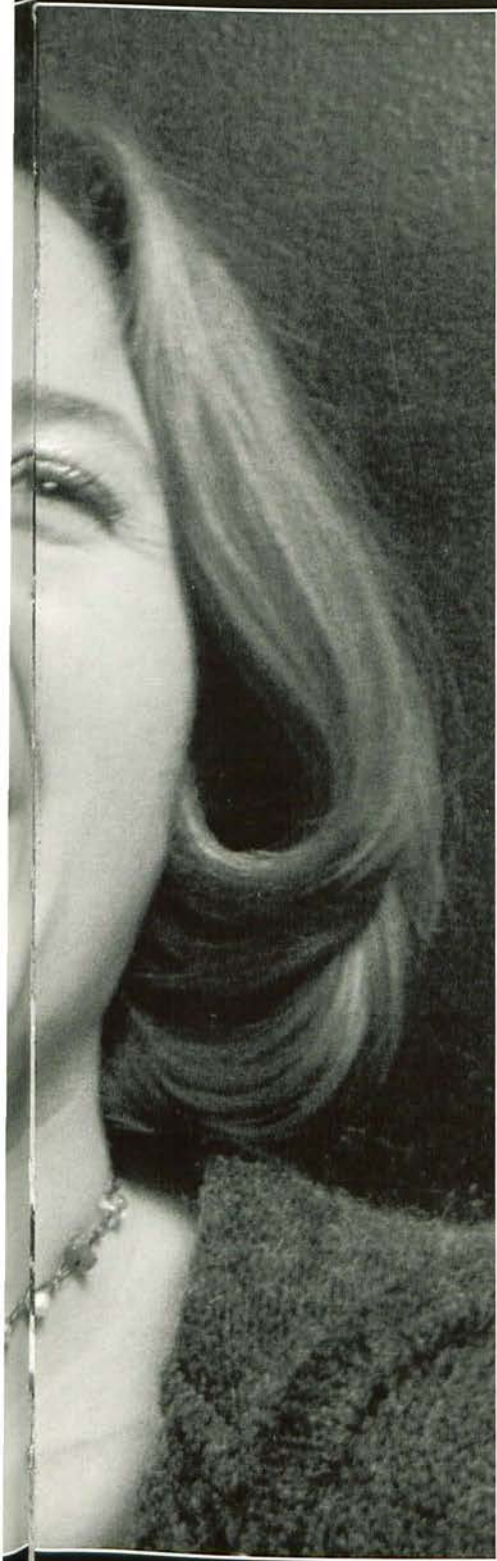


Facing page. Eric Rafferty (12) volunteers for the Red Cross the weekend after the Sept. 11 tragedy. Students collected supplies, blood and money to help out. PHOTO Marie Engdahl

Above. The flags in front of the school were lowered to half-mast for a week in remembrance of the World Trade Center victims. A month and a half later, all post offices lowered their flags for the two postal workers who died from Anthrax. PHOTO Annie Walden

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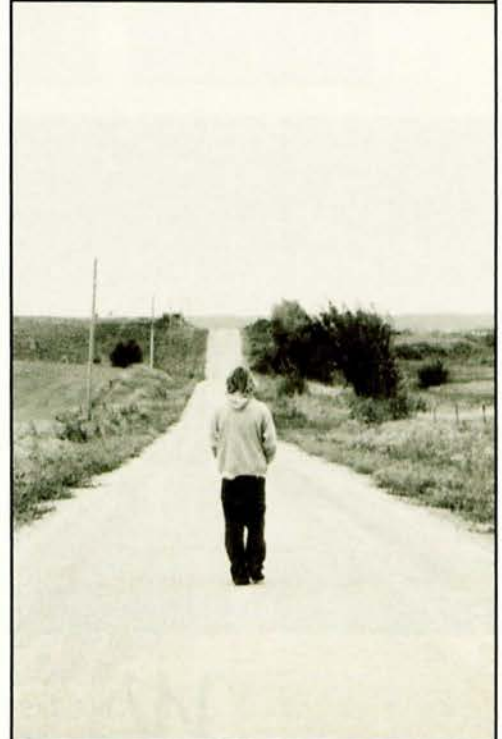
Shelby Beck (11). PHOTOS Annie Walden



change.

a sign of...

future.



Colin Rinaker (11) on 60th St.
PHOTOS Nitasha Dickes

it's a sign.

What does it all mean? A bulldozer is permanently parked outside of the school. The administration started sending people home for what they were wearing. Students walked into American History classes only to be told they would never again have as much freedom as they did when they arrived at school that morning. Starting with the freshmen class, continuing every year after, people are going to have to work harder in order to graduate. All these elements have one thing in common.

It's a sign.

It's a sign of change; not the gradual maturing of our classmates, not the downward spiral of civilization as we know it. It's the everyday transitions and

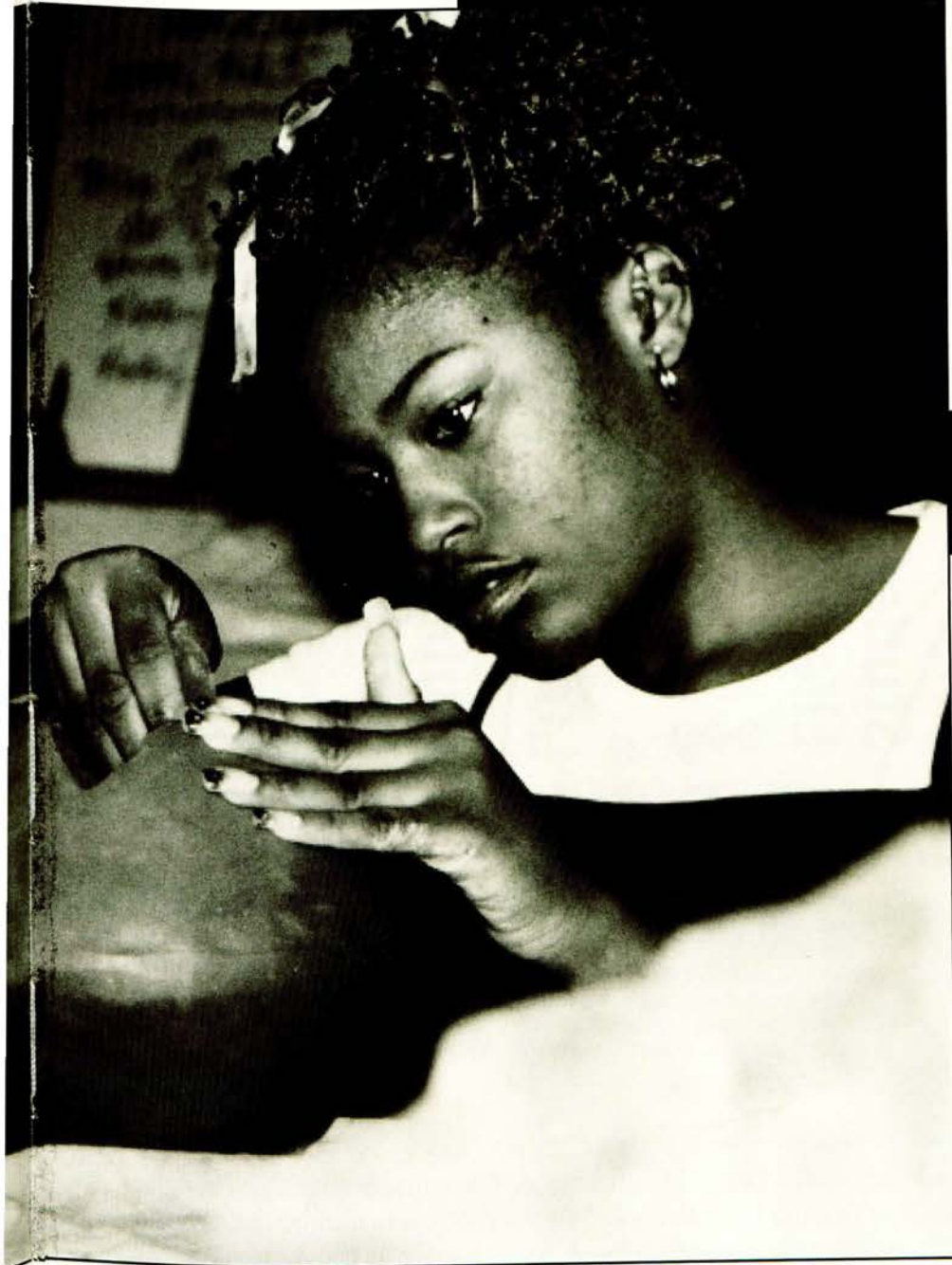
events in our lives.

The long-awaited renovations began on the school. The dress code was tightly enforced, as it had not been before, especially in the hot seasons. Planes destroyed the World Trade Center towers and crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, causing the nation to begin an antiterrorism campaign. Higher graduation requirements were being put in place for the freshmen class and all classes following.

Every detail implies another. The expression on a person's face is a sign of how his or her day went. The red circle on a person's forehead shows she just caught a quick nap.

Every event, every detail, every moment, every tear and every smile...it's a sign.





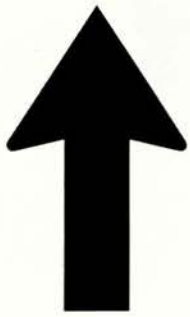
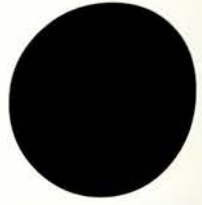
Damandra Wright (12). PHOTO Katie Anderl

Below. Melissa Hepburn (11). PHOTOS Annie Walden



a sign of...

inspiration.



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photo essay. It's a sign of hope, respect, emotion, change, future and inspiration. These photos capture the signs of your life. To see the light, turn to page 9.

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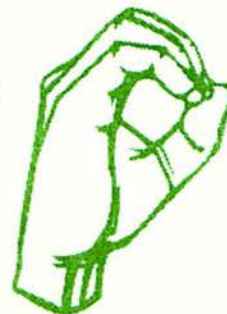
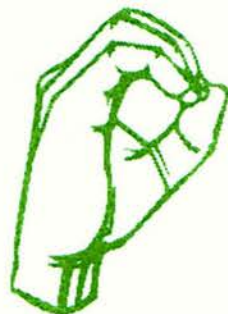
vital signs. It's your life, your moment, and your time. This section took a closer look at the lives of Central students: what they experienced and set them apart from each other. To see if you can show your belly button, turn to page 24.

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It's a challenge. You have Latin Club before school, Academic Decathlon during lunch and French Club after school, and don't forget about rehearsals for the musical and your AP History homework. Balancing your clubs and academics was by no means easy, but worth it in the end. To discover orienteering, turn to page 81.

O-Book - n. The yearbook for Omaha Central High School. The name originated when the building was known simply as Omaha High School. The yearbook was named the *Omaha Book* or *O-Book* for short. Before being called *O-Book*, it was known as the *Register*. This publication has now become the school newspaper.



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Sign Language n. 1. A language that uses manual movements to convey grammatical structure and meaning. 2. A method of communication, as between speakers of different languages, that uses hand movements and other gestures.

Morse Code n. 1. Either of two codes used for transmitting messages in which letters of the alphabet and numbers are represented by various sequences of dots and dashes or short and long signals. [After Samuel MORSE.]

Braille or braille - n. A system of writing and printing for visually impaired or sightless people in which varied arrangements of raised dots representing letters and numerals are identified by touch. - *tr.v.* **Brailled, Brailing, Brailles, or brailled, brailing, brailles.** To print or transliterate using this system. [After Louis BRAILLE.]



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It's dedication. Your blood, sweat and tears went into every practice and every game. You gave your teammates words of encouragement when they needed it most and stayed late at night to improve your batting average. The team was important to you and it showed. To get a different perspective of cheerleading, turn to page 138.

People

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signs of life. You cheered the loudest at the football games, never missed a soccer match and your closet only contained the colors purple and white. You deserved the title "Most Spirited." This section contains your pictures, your quotes and details your class. To find out which teacher was voted "Most Intelligent," turn to page 252.

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signs of support. Aww, how sweet! Your mother dug out your most embarrassing baby pictures for all to see. To see "friends forever" and "little babies all grown up," turn to page 256.

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where it's at. So which pages are you on, anyway? Where exactly did you see that spread on the Ultimate Frisbee team? You can find it all in the index.

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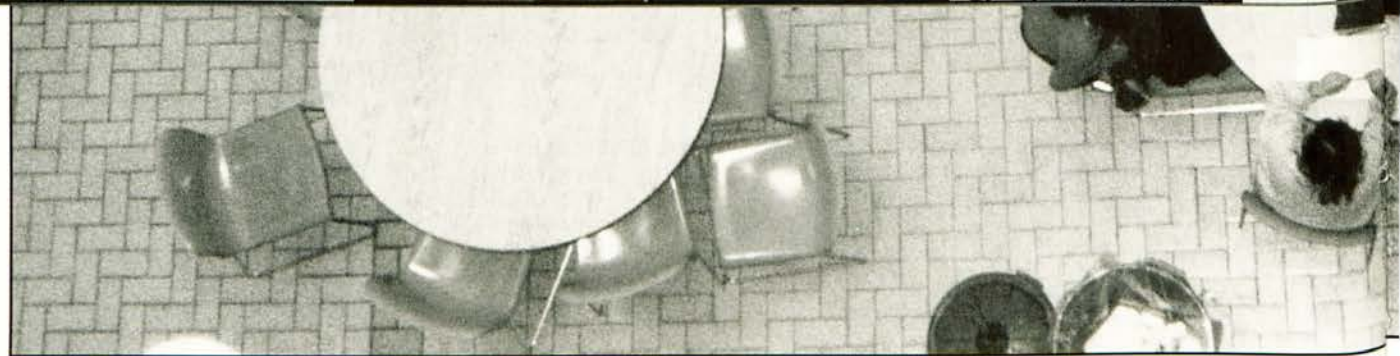
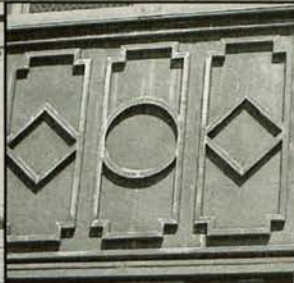
signing out. The year is over. Your time is up. You've worked hard and it shows. What's ahead in the years to come? It may be a sign of the end, but isn't it really just the beginning?

Colophon

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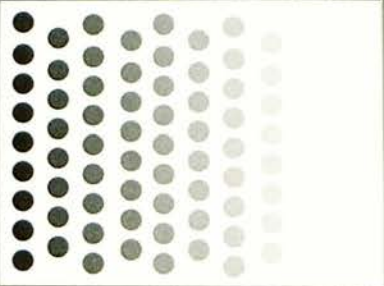
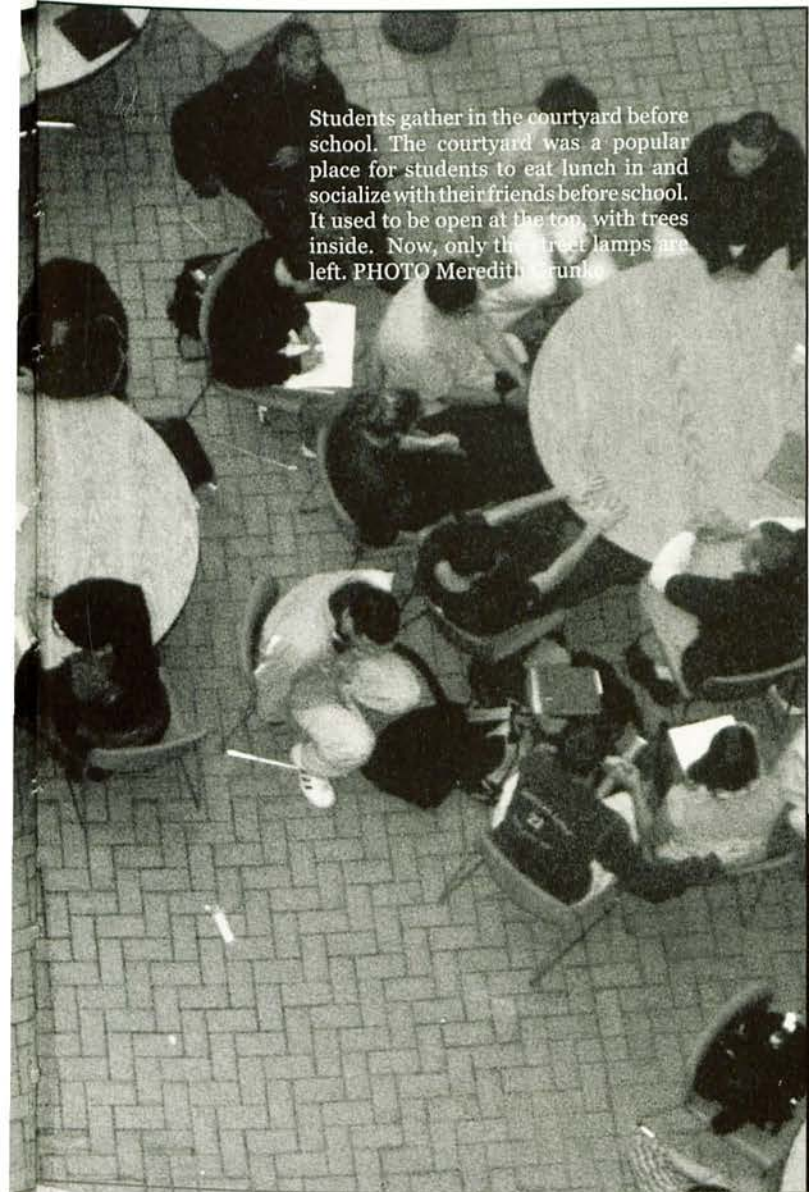
what it's made of. What kind of paper is in this book? What are these fonts? How many year-books did the staff sell this year? How much did I pay for this? Find out all this and more in the colophon.



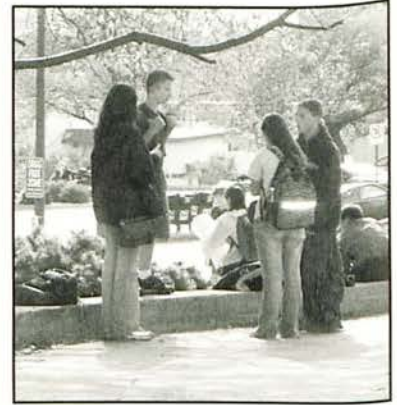
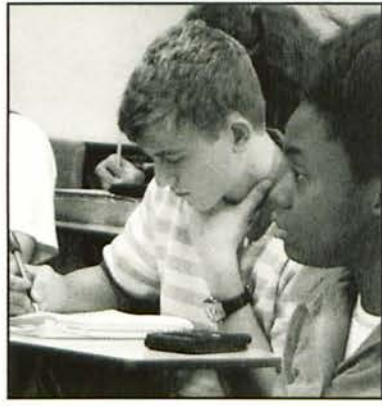


Students gather in the courtyard before school. The courtyard was a popular place for students to eat lunch in and socialize with their friends before school. It used to be open at the top, with trees inside. Now, only the street lamps are left. PHOTO Meredith Grunko

vital signs
Student Life.



Far left to right. Flowers on the front porch; Sign on loading dock doors; Decoration underneath a West side window; 20th and Davenport Street sign; No Parking sign outside school; Satellite dish on the West side; Sign which appears on every door for latecomers. PHOTOS Annie Walden

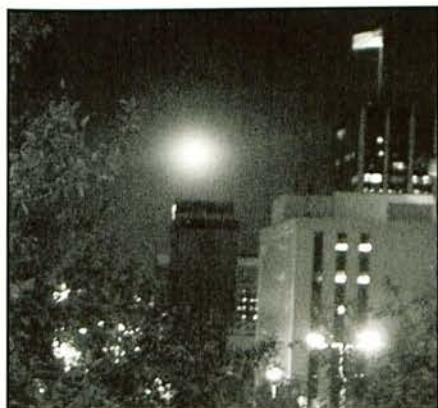


Right. Lights assure the security of the school on the Dodge Street side of the school at midnight. There were also motion activated lights on the school. By this point the alarm is turned on and all students and faculty have left the building. PHOTO Annie Walden



➔ **no moment, no matter how ordinary can go uncaptured, unaccounted for.**

24 HOURS AT CENTRAL



Above. The moon rises in the downtown skyline, as viewed from out the window at 11:30 p.m. from the third floor, one side. PHOTO Annie Walden

Top row.

1. An engineer checks the machinery, such as the air compressor, at 6 a.m. PHOTO Annie Walden

2. ROTC cadets Gregory Merrill (11) and Benjamin Lyons (11) take their turn raising the American flag about 6:50 a.m. Custodians lower the flag around 4:30 p.m. PHOTO Annie Walden

3. Nicole Chen (11) reads her book at her locker at 7 a.m., before her first class. Many students arrive at school well before the start of first hour to get a good parking space, study or go to meetings. PHOTO Annie Walden

4. At 7:10 a.m. students pray at the "Meet Me at the Flagpole" gathering which took place about a week after the

Sept. 11 bombings. PHOTO Emily Neumann

Second row.

1. Lucas Matyja (11) carefully studies his book in Enrichment Math at 9:40 AM. PHOTO Lauren Freeman

2. Ashley Clark (12) draws in Art 7-8 at 9:45 a.m. PHOTO Katie Anderl

3. Students file in the school after the fire drill about 9:50 a.m. The Fire Marshall was on hand to supervise the drill. PHOTO Annie Walden

4. Doug Hageman (11), John Orduna (12) and Anton Stearns (12) play their trombones in Jazz Band at 10:30 a.m. PHOTO Mike Zhang

Third row.

1. Teacher Mark Smith explains velocity-time graphs to Benjamin Klausen (11) and Ashley Krijan (11) during 6th hour Physics class at 11:20 a.m. PHOTO Hallie Bieber

2. Paula Salhany (11) fits in a 11:55 a.m. nap while she poses for a figure drawing in her Art 5-6 class. PHOTO Annie Walden

3. Briana Glaze (9) discusses her day with a friend at 12:25 p.m. during the last lunch period, as she finishes her meal in the North Cafeteria. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

4. Drama Instructor John Gibson and Conrad Goetzinger (11) argue over where a scenery panel is to be placed during

Technical Theater at 2:20 p.m. PHOTO Annie Walden

Fourth row.

1. The yellow buses line up on 20th Street at 2:45 p.m. to take students who are eligible for district transportation home. PHOTO Katie Anderl

2. Students who are not eligible for district-provided transportation sometimes ride the MAT buses instead. This student boards the bus at 2:52 p.m. PHOTO Katie Anderl

3. Security guard Charles Williams holds back a student, separating a fight at 2:58 p.m. PHOTO Katie Anderl

4. Students wait outside school at 3:00 PM for their rides to come and take them home. Due to traffic congestion, many students asked their parents to pick them up from school after 3 p.m. PHOTO Katie Anderl

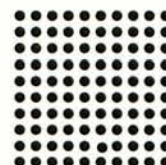
Bottom row.

1. Anah Moe (10) relaxes and listens to music in front of her locker at 4:45 p.m. PHOTO Hallie Bieber

2. Custodian Frank DeGeorge lowers the flag at 4:30 p.m. PHOTO Annie Walden

3. Custodian Lorane McGree waxes the basement floor to prepare the school for incoming students. PHOTO Joe Meyer

4. *O-Book* staffer Kathleen Anderl (11) gets all wrapped up at a 10 p.m. journalism late night. PHOTO Lauren Freeman

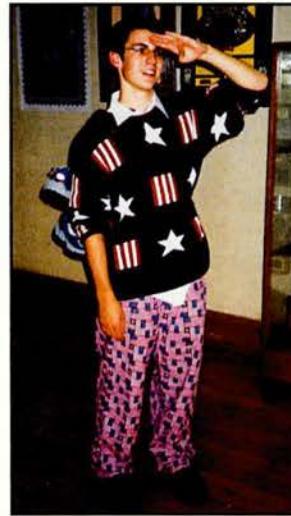


Student Life.



SPIRIT WEEK

four days of wild hair, crazy outfits and school spirit came the week before the varsity football Homecoming game.



Tuesday: Cowboy Day

Above far left. Timothy Tompsett (12) rebels against school rules by wearing a ten-gallon cowboy hat, as well as a plaid shirt, jeans, and cowboy boots. Many students came to school wearing chaps, cowboy boots, and hats to show their support for the school on the first spirit day of the week. PHOTO Annie Walden **Below, far left.** Mackenzie McDonough (11) prepares for an AP Chemistry acid-base titration on Tuesday, wearing a Western Day outfit she said she used previously as a costume for a dance class. PHOTO Lauren Freeman

Wednesday: Flash-back Day

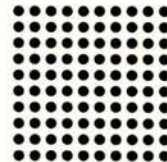
Students searched thrift stores and their closets in order to put together outfits for the event. **Above middle.** Ashley Brittain (12) wears a big hair wig and a flowery shirt from the 60's. PHOTO Andy Berg **Bottom far left.** Stacey Flowers (12) shows off her afro. PHOTO Annie Walden

Thursday: Red White and Blue Day

Above, far right. Austin Baumann (10) salutes in his matching sweater and flag pants. Thursday's Red, White, and Blue Day was planned exactly one month after the Sep. 11 bombings and many students expressed their support for the country by wearing special T-shirts, colored beads, pins and jeans painted with stars. PHOTO Andy Berg **Below, middle.** Nicholas Zielinski (11) shows his patriotism by wearing a blue skirt, red sweater and a "Go USA" T-shirt. PHOTO Andy Berg

Friday: Purple and White Day

Below, far right. Teresita Jones (11) wears a purple shirt, boa, beads and decorates her hair with purple and silver tin-foil stars. Following tradition, the cheerleaders who planned spirit week designated Friday as Purple-White Day. PHOTO Andy Berg **Facing page.** James Bostick (12) cheers for the Eagle football team as Matthew Bentley (12) waves the Central flag at Friday's homecoming football game versus North. Central won the game, scoring 45 points over North's 7. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



Student Life.





Left. Roy Ashburn (12) dances with his date in the New Gym. Both the New and Old Gyms were used on homecoming night. Students entered through the lower west doors. They showed their tickets to chaperones, who compared the ticket number and name with the master list created during ticket sales. Students then proceeded up the stairs to the Old Gym, where photographs were taken, coats were checked, refreshments were served and tables were available to sit at. Most people then headed down to the dance in the New Gym. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

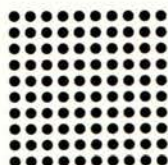
Right. Fallon Leahy (10) and Whitney Quinlan (10) are appalled at the sight of a girl in the same dress. For many girls, finding a dress was the most important preparation for homecoming. Many started looking for dresses far in advance of the Oct. 13 dance. Along with getting a dress, some girls also made hair appointments, got manicures and pedicures and shopped for shoes and a purse to match their dress. Tradition dictated that the female bought her date a pin-on boutonniere while the male gave his date a wrist corsage. PHOTO Lauren Freeman



HOMECOMING

➔ **issues with heightened security and limited tickets fade away during a "Hollywood Night."**

Student Life.



Right. Homecoming King Beaumont Reed (12) and Queen Ashley Sellin (12) enjoy their first moments together by dancing to the homecoming song after being crowned. The homecoming song this year was "Differences" by Ginuine. Pom Squad and Cheerleading members, who were in charge of putting on the homecoming dance, chose the song. Other seniors nominated for the homecoming court were, for queen: Elizabeth Dyer, Courtney Stoffel, Corrissa Thomas and Kara Warner and for king: Jamar Dorsey, Brandon Lee, Nicholas Lemek and David Newson. PHOTO Emily Neumann

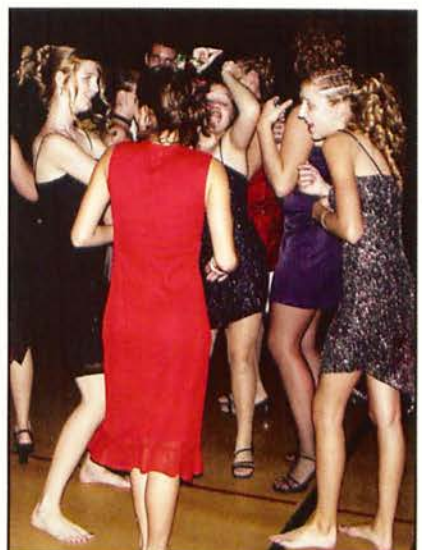




Above. Lucia Turco (11) shares a magical moment with her date during one of the few slow dances of the night. The DJ played mostly hip-hop versions of popular songs. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



Above. Marcy Ennis (9) walks through a hallway filled with special decorations. The cheerleaders worked hard to make the decorations correspond with the "Hollywood Nights" theme. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. This group of girls decides to kick off their heels so they can be comfortable while they dance. The majority of people dancing were female. PHOTO Annie Walden

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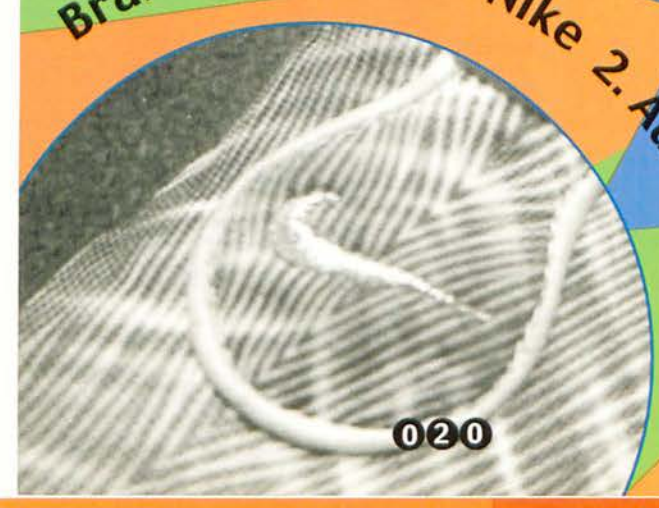


1. 97.7
 2. 89.7 The River
 3. Sweet 98 Radio station

Favorites Favorites Favorites
 1000 students polled
 1000 students polled
 1000 students polled

Everyone has a favorite band, movie, TV show...etc. Tastes change from moment to moment, but some things will never change. You have the memory of taking a date to American Pie 2 or that favorite pair of Nikes you wore one too many times. This is the result of approximately 1,000 students polled. Simpsons picture courtesy of KPTM FOX 42.

Brand of shoes:
 1. Nike
 2. Adidas
 3. K-Swiss



1. Simpsons
2. Friends
3. Dragon Ball-Z



1. TV Show

1. Seventeen Magazine
2. Teen People
3. Low Rider



1. English Class
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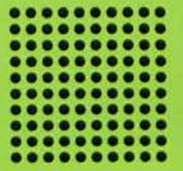
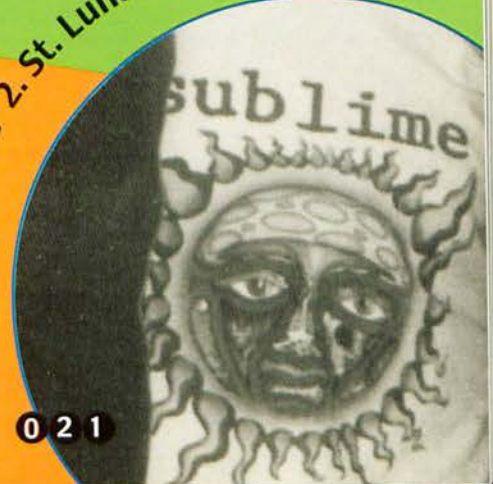


1. Bedroom
2. Study hall
3. Park



1. Place to study

1. Sublime
2. St. Lunatics
3. Limp Bizkit



Student Life.

Below. On the south lawn, Ray Mullen, who works for Ray Martin Companies, burns tar off a pipe that was buried to supply chilled water from 20th Street. PHOTO Joe Meyer



Right. Construction worker Dick Bell welds pipes together in the Southeast corner of the basement where the cold water lines entered the school. PHOTO Joe Meyer



RENOVATION

➔ **M**achinery all around the school could only mean one thing: the renovations were under way.

Finally.

After years of committees and months of planning, excavation began on the South end of the school for an addition to the gym.

The second part of the project began at the beginning of the school year, Terry Page, construction manager for Jacobs Facilities, said.

During the second phase the air conditioning for the school would be installed.

Construction was slated to be completed by the end of the 2003 school year.

But air conditioning and

gym space were not the only benefits the project would provide. The school would also receive a new technology center on the fourth floor and a new kitchen addition next to the football field.

Kevin Williams (10) said the work sometimes interfered with his classes.

"They're making too much noise," Williams said. "I sit in the back of the class and it is hard to hear."

But while the renovations caused problems, it was hard to deny the benefits the project would provide.

The school was also set to undergo major interior renovations. Since ductwork for air conditioning was placed in the ceil-

ings of classrooms, classrooms had to be evacuated to accommodate the construction, Page said.

"Students can't be in with contractors. Period. You can't be around them; you can't be with them. They can't do the physical overhead work while you guys are there," Page said.

But while the school would be gaining new facilities with unprecedented haste, students still felt the gains weren't encompassing everything the school needs.

Parking was the most common answer when students were asked what was still a problem at school. The practice football field and the lack of a swimming pool were also things some students

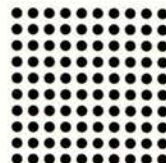
Below. Workers clear out a trench running by the South side of the school. The pipes will run hot and cold water for the air conditioning when it is installed. PHOTO Joe Meyer



Below. Dennis Gentry, construction worker, breaks the ground of the West sidewalk to run wires to a new electrical transformer. PHOTO Quentin Lueninghoener



it's really here.



said the school forgot about.

Dana Maher (12) did not agree with the decisions the school made when it decided how to use the school's bond money. He said the placement of the gym addition would throw off the look of the school.

"I think that's going to look ugly," Maher said. "It's going to distort the whole shape of Central."

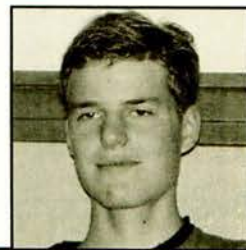
Maher also said the school should have thought twice before it decided to add on space.

"Before we start building additions, we should invest in better teaching equipment," he said.

Next year, 24 portables will be placed on the turf to house all displaced departments.

BY Matt Wynn

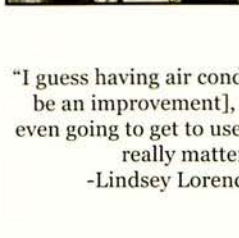
"The air conditioning will be positive and also there will be more space for people to spread out instead of getting so crowded."
-William Brush (11)



Student Life.



"The traffic was stopped so sometimes you were late."
- Gabriela Ramirez (11)



"I guess having air conditioning [will be an improvement], but I'm not even going to get to use it so it won't really matter."
-Lindsey Lorence (11)





after years of giving slack on what students
 → were wearing, the administration finally started
ENFORCING THE CODE

BY Katie Anderl

“The dress code is a good idea, the standards are reasonable, but teachers just have to realize that it was really hot. People were dying,” Alicia Zoetewey (11) said.

Zoetewey was just one of the many students reprimanded for her violation of the dress code.

Although she thought the dress code was a good idea, she said the standards should be more lenient.

“It was good for girls that don’t respect themselves enough to wear a real shirt, but some teachers need to be a little more understanding,” she said.

Zoetewey also said she felt singled out. The first day of school, she was asked to put on a shirt over her spaghetti-strap tank top. The second day, she was warned again. By the third day of school she was sent home for wearing a thick-strapped tank top, which showed a small sec-

tion of her stomach. After that Zoetewey actually had to go out and buy new clothes.

Dr. Gary Thompson said although it seems like the dress code is new, it has been a part of the school since before he was principal.

“With the extremes of the

Not a trend, it's reality. SELF EXPRESSION

Top row.

Brandi Clanton (9) has a white weave braided into her own hair; Elaina Pirruccello has a tongue ring. Holes can be stretched out with a '00' gage tongue ring. Nose, eyebrow, and other facial piercings were a contrast to everyday earrings; Kwin Kunkle (11) wears a split middle jean skirt, a very popular style for skirts this year. More and more girls are opting to wear skirts rather than jeans; Tia Kelly (12) wears a \$12 pink sequins shirt and \$29 pants from Dillard's. Styles like this brightened the hallways; Rhinestone and jeweled belts, like this, accessorize jeans and skirts alike; Chase Thornburg (11) wears his hair spiked and softens the look with blue tinted sun glasses; Robin Dahlke's (12) blue "The Last Unicorn" tee-shirt is reminiscent of childhood movies.

Second row.

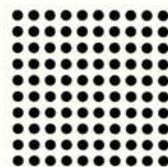
Sandals were common, even for boys. These cork bottom sandals were from Track and Trail at Oakview Mall and were \$90, a more expensive price; Valeta Payton (10) wears a yellow Ecko shirt; Blue hair and other hair colors are often seen around Central. Patricia Dunn (10) demonstrates this with bright blue locks dyed with Special Effects "Blue Velvet"; Multiple ear piercings create a unique style. Here a safety pin is used in place of an earring; Doc Marten boots are conventional yet stylish and can be worn through out the year because of their durability in snow; Ashley Vak (12) models striped knee high socks, a jean skirt and green Roxy sweat shirt; Multiple rings are a great way to accessorize.

Third row.

Elizabeth Dyer (12) wears a bright colored beach scene tank top. "I like to shop out of town, especially in foreign countries because you can get different things no one has," Dyer said; Black leather knee high boots worn with a skirt or even jeans was a recurring trend at Central; Tattoos became a daring trend. If you can take the pain, they look very unique. These were of a scorpion and a butterfly. The butterfly tattoo said "Sweet Stuff" around it; Shoes are an essential part of any outfit, clogs were one of the more popular styles. These red clogs are a different color than most; Chelsee Kegermann's (11) earrings are dangly ceramic hearts she bought at an art fair for \$7; April Gerlec (10) wears her hair braided, for an alternative look; Sarah Hosford (11) wears a paisley printed blouse from Weird & Wild stuff, with a maroon cardigan. Hosford, and others, wear clothing that are from eras past.

Bottom row.

Laura Peters (9) wears a black shirt with "Control Freak" lettered with glitter. Shirts with bright eye-catching text became very trendy this year. Also shirts with rock-star-inspired prints and lettering were seen often; Alex Jochim (11) proudly models his Goodwill outfit, which he paid \$1.75 for. Many students opted to shop at thrift stores such as Goodwill and others in the Old Market such as Retro, and Second Chance Antiques; Clunky shoes made of materials like straw and leather were a nice way to accent an outfit; Timothy Long (11) opts for the more natural look in hair; This leather bowling bag-like purse was a great way to carry things; Courtney Stoffel (12) has on a \$20 red-collared shirt from the Gap. Gap was a popular store among Central students; Eric Wilson's (10) outfit cost \$45 from American Eagle Outfitters.



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dress we've been having, we needed to crack down a bit. I think people were pushing the limits on what is reasonable," he said.

Thompson pinpointed fashion trends as the cause for the recent dress code violations. He said the main problems have been girls' suggestive tops and boys' sagging pants.

"What happens is that you get new trends. Just a few years ago you couldn't get a girl to bear her belly for anything. Now that's the style. We just have to kind of react to that kind of thing," Thompson said.

Overall, Thompson said the dress code has not caused major

problems.

"I understand it's hot and it's uncomfortable in this building, but we have to be morally correct as well," Thompson said.

Some of the clothing that violated the dress code were strapless tops, bra-less shirts, very baggy pants, chain wallets, sagging arm holes, studded jewelry, under garments worn as tops, extremely short skirts, along with many other things cited in the Student Handbook.

While this year brought problems with violations in the dress code, they were at their worst during the hot weather at the beginning of the school year due to lack of air conditioning.

**What do you think
of the
J. Doe sculptures?**



"I loved those (J. Does) things. I tried to see as many as possible."
-Jennifer Hodges (11)



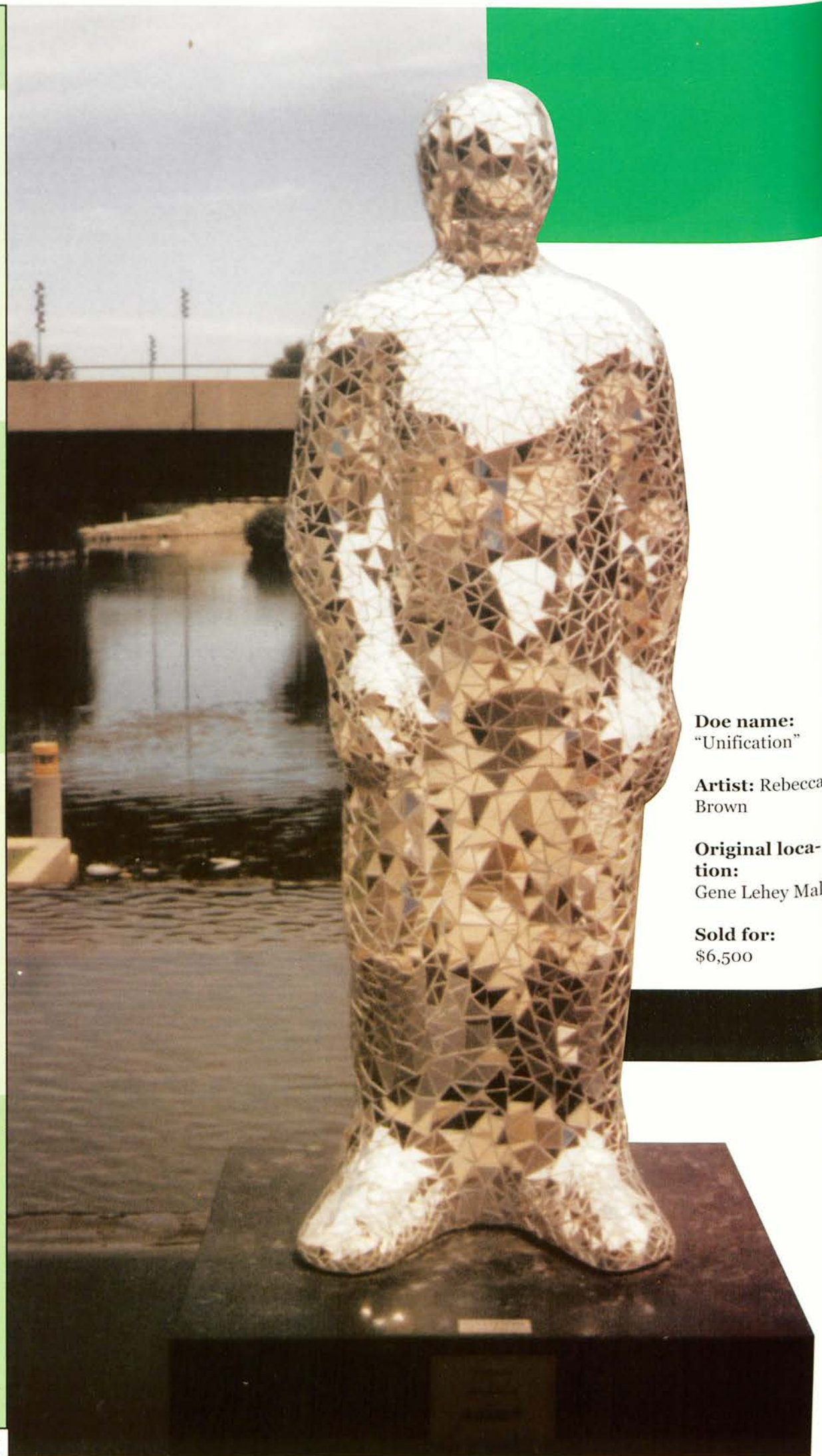
"I think they need to put one in the hood."
-Joshua Morrow (9)



"I think J. Does are an excellent way to express ourselves artistically."
-Kristen Carroll (11)



"It's original. It's an Omaha thing and it attracts tourists."
-Dynasti Loving (10)



Doe name:
"Unification"

Artist: Rebecca Brown

Original location:
Gene Lehey Mall

Sold for:
\$6,500

→ two departments contribute to the city-wide movement.

THE J. DOE PROJECT

BY Lynne Clure

Art teacher Margaret Quinn was the artist of Central's very own J. Doe, sponsored by the marketing department named, "No Smoking Doe."

Quinn had some of her art students submit design ideas and she finally decided on alumnus Alyx Matjya's design.

The J. Doe committee, however, would allow neither the painting nor the design to be completed by students, so Quinn said she had to make a few changes to make it her own.

"The design was primarily Alyx Matjya's," she said. "I used a student's design, but painted the J. Doe myself. I tried to make both sides happy."

Although Quinn primarily worked in her studio with her son to paint the Doe, some of her students helped to prime and apply the base coat to the forty-pound fiberglass statue. The statue took about two weeks to complete.

"I worked on it everyday, ev-

ery weekend, and one night did it for 10 straight hours," Quinn said.

She said that the school's J. Doe was rather controversial and because of the image they were trying to promote, the final design submitted to the J. Doe committee, had to be very exact.

"Some of the people on the committee were smokers," Quinn said.

The J. Doe project began in May 2000 with a group of local artists who decided they wanted to bring a project similar to the Cow Parades of Zurich, Chicago, and New York to Omaha.

Other cities had already adapted the idea to fit their needs, such as horses in Kentucky and pigs in Cincinnati.

Eddith Buis, a Central graduate and chairperson of the project, said that after the committee had decided on the object, a human-like figure, they formed a jury of prestigious Midland artists. They wanted quality, so artists who wished to be a

part of the project had to go through an application process, she said. However, few designs were rejected.

In order to generate interest, they sent brochures and applications to every artist they could think of.

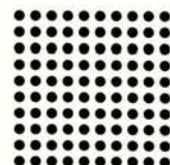
They spoke to art groups and set brochures out at Joslyn and other places they thought artists might go.

In November 2000, they held a party for businesses and private investors who might be interested in sponsoring one of the J. Does.

On Sept. 29, 2001, 66 of the J. Does were auctioned off. Each J. Doe brought at least \$1,000. The top seller went for \$9,500.

Together, the 66 brought a total of \$251,050. Marketing's No Smoking Doe brought a price of \$2,250.

The proceeds from each statue were divided between the artist, the City of Omaha's Public Art Commission, and a charity of the buyer's choice.



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PHOTOS Nitasha Dickes



Doe name:
"Jungle Jim"

Artist:
Stuart Bohlim

Original location:
Henry Doorly Zoo

Sold for:
\$2,750



Doe name:
"No Smoking Doe"

Artist:
Margaret Quinn

Original location:
Central High School

Sold for:
\$2,250



Doe name:
"WinDoe to the Bluffs"

Artist:
Darleys Vande Voort

Original location:
Bayliss Park

Sold for:
\$1,500
(Sold to the original sponsor for a set price, not auctioned for the J. Doe's "artistic value")



Catherine Musick (11) sings the title song "Brigadoon," from the musical. Musick played the lead female role. PHOTO Annie Walden

BRIGADOON

→ A fantasy land, a town asleep for 100 years... and a cast of talented actors and actresses who brought it to life with bright costumes, handmade sets, lively music and realistic dramatic performance.

BY Hallie Bieber

It was a town where men wore skirts to decipher their family relation. It was a town that slept for 100 years... until the drama department awakened it.

The fall musical "Brigadoon" was performed on Nov. 2 and 3. It was the directorial debut of new drama teacher, John Gibson. There were almost 100 students involved, including cast, stage crew, make-up artists and pit orchestra members.

The cast and crew began preparing the production after auditions and worked daily after school. The stage crew built all the sets themselves, and the cast sometimes came on Saturdays to rehearse.

During after school rehearsals, the cast was split up into groups that practiced different areas of the musical: music and singing, dancing and speaking roles. Gibson's daughter, Jean Nelson, was the choreographer.

Jessica Richart (11) played a minor part as a dancer and a singer. Although she was not a main lead, every part contributed to the end product.

"I had never tried out for a musical, and I wanted to see what it was like. I'm so glad I did because the cast was so much fun to be around," Richart said.

Gibson added many parts to the play to include everyone. He tried to match height and character believability with the students in the cast.

"We put shorter cast members as children, so it would look more believable as an actual town," Gibson said.

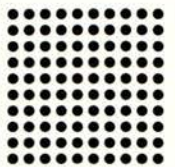
The main characters were Ronald Lewis (12) as Tommy Albright; Katherine Musick (11) as Fiona McLaren; Jonathan Kodera (12) as Jeff Douglas; Jennifer Gatewood (12) as Meg Brockie; Michael Heller (12) as Harry Beater; and Theresa Fuchs (12) as Jean McLaren.

"Brigadoon" was a fantasy set in a 1940's Scotland. It was about a town not on a map. The town was under a spell, for every day that they had, 100 years passed at night. Two men stumbled upon it one day while hunting, and the rest was history.

Top. Kaley Eledge (10) flips over Brian Fahey (11) during "Brigadoon" rehearsals. The cast of "Brigadoon" learned choreographed dances from director John Gibson's daughter, Jean Nelson. PHOTO Hallie Bieber

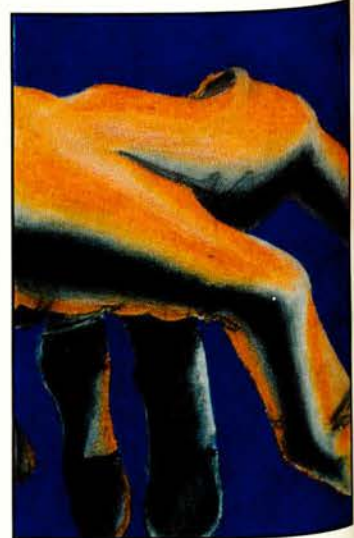
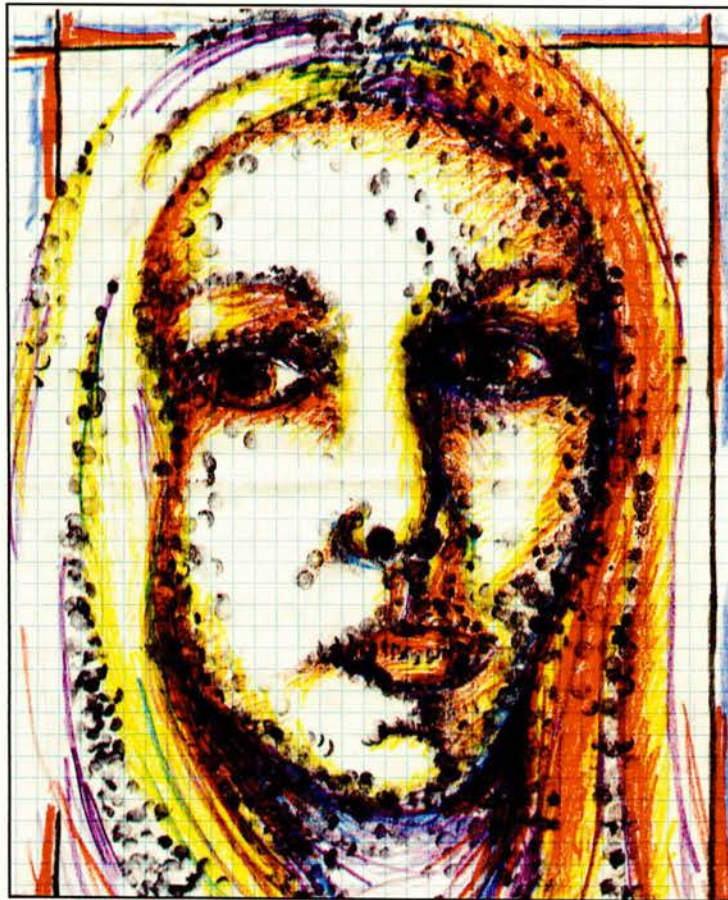
Middle. Sarrah McDonald (12) works on one of the props for "Brigadoon." The stage crew designed and created all the props and sets for the play themselves. PHOTO Hallie Bieber

Bottom: Michael Heller (12) gets carried off stage during the funeral scene of "Brigadoon." PHOTO Hallie Bieber



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Above. "Self Portrait" by Kirsten Leahy (12) was created with a stamp pad, ink and the back of an eraser to show shadows. She used color pencils to create the face and hair. She said she wanted to show unity in the face with the shadows and bright colors.

Above left. "Just Joe" by Emily Neumann (12) was a photograph taken of a three-year-old who she babysat. She said he was one of the most inquisitive and talented people she has ever come in contact with and he is the true artwork of the photo.

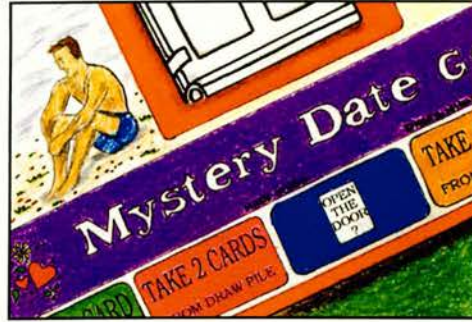
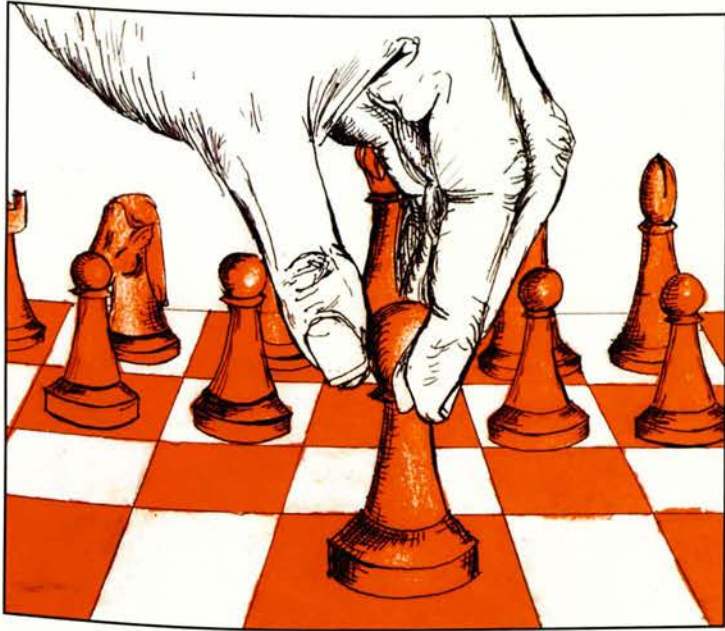
Above right. "Hand" by Anna Nelson (12) was an oil pastel piece created on a 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper.

Below. "Portrait of a Personality" by Elaine Gabriel (12) was a photograph of her friend during an evening conversation at Denny's. She said she hoped to capture a different side of him than anyone else saw. Gabriel did not take the photo for any art class, it was just for fun.



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Above. "The Subservient's Fate" by Brandon Cruz (11) was created in ink and colored pencil. He said it was meant to describe how peoples' ignorance is taken advantage of by higher powers who use them to wage war.

Above right. "Mystery Date Game" by Sara Shirk (12) was created with color pencil and marker. This drawing was the basis for a three-dimensional piece she did later in the year which included a little door with the ability to open and close.

Right. "Untitled" by Ashley Clark (12) was created with water color, construction paper and colored pencil.

Below. "Untitled" by Aaron Wilhoft (12) was a graphite drawing on newsprint paper.



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Above. "Falling Apart" by Andrew Hofmann (12) was an abstract self portrait created with colored pencil and permanent markers.

Above left. "Chicago Museum of Science and Industry" by Robin Dahlke (12) was an interpretation of a photograph taken in Chicago, created with colored pencil.

Left. "Light on the Devil" by Paula Salhany (11) was created in oil pastel. It was inspired by an image she saw on the Internet.

Below. "Untitled" by Caressa Cantrell (12) was created with oil pastel on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper. Many of Cantrell's pieces appear obscure in topic and meaning.

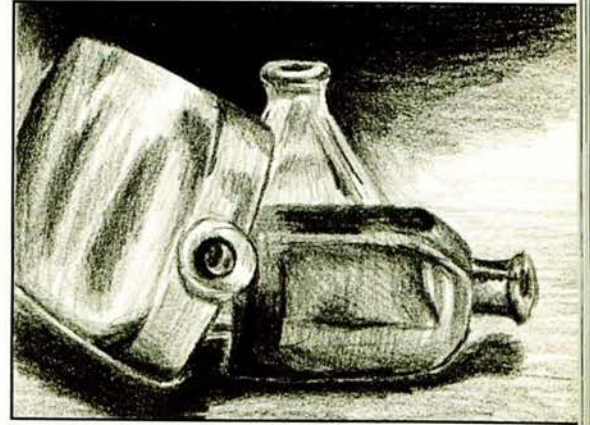
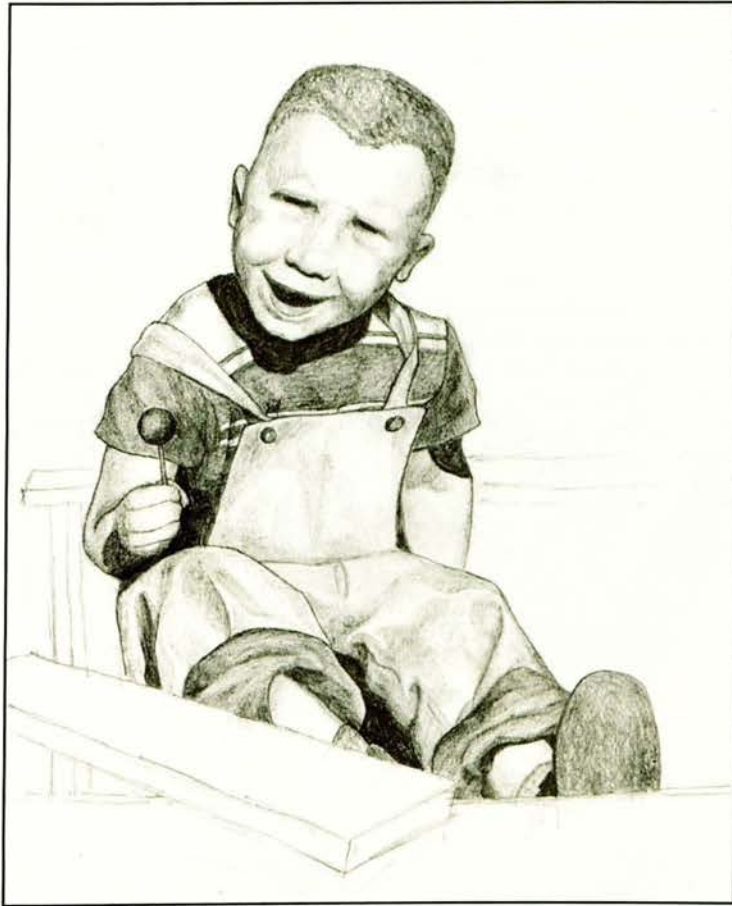


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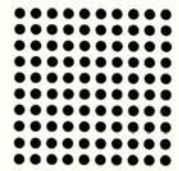


Above. "Young Boy" by Robert Meigs (11) was created with a #2 pencil. Meigs also drew political cartoons for the school paper.

Above left. "Oops I did it Again" by Ashley Vak (12) was a self portrait lithograph created in ink. Vak focused mainly on human figures and facial expressions in her work.

Above right: "3 Bottles" by Nora Prazan (11) was made with black conte crayon on white paper. This piece was done for an art class journal assignment. While working on one project in class, students also had weekly journals to work on a smaller piece on their own time.

Below. "Old Man and the Sea" by Timothy Mayer (12) was an etching on a black scratch board for his Art 3-4 class. Each student was given a piece of special black board and scratched a design into it with an etching tool. Although the surface was scratched, it retained a smooth feeling.



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What technology
is now common
 in students' homes?

Has?.....



Emily Lebens (11)

What she owns:

- * 5 televisions (including
 2 Sony Flatscreens, all with cable)
- * 1 DVD player
- * 4 Cell phones
- * 2 Palm Pilots
- * 3 Computers (with Internet)

"There are more ways of communication and there is an advantage on some things... computers make it easier for research and phones to get in touch with classmates."

or has not?



Evelyn Mayberger (9)

What she owns:

- * 2 phones
- * 2 televisions
 (no cable)
- * 1 VCR
- * 1 Mac Computer
 (five years old with
 neither e-mail nor
 Internet)

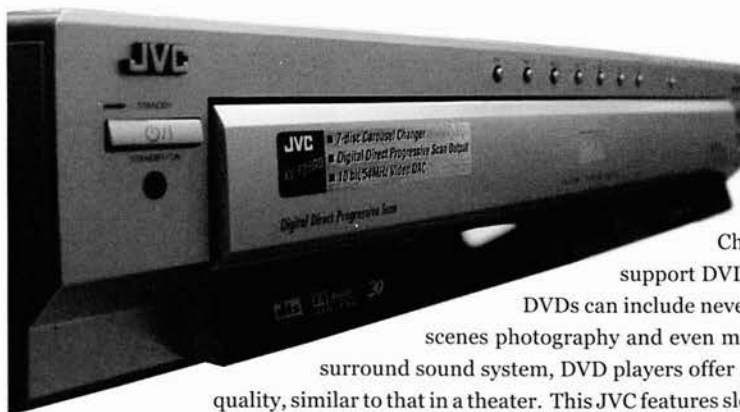
"I do a lot more reading and have family activities."

Cellular phone. The Sprint Sanyo SCP 5000 Digital PCS phone features voice activated dialing, Internet access, and color display. Internet access allows the user to send e-mails by using their digital phone as well as trade stock. The phone itself costs \$499.96 and the most common price paid for monthly cell phone service averages from \$29.99 to \$39.99 a month, not including tax. Cell phone service usually includes Caller ID and Voice Messaging as regular features. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



Lap-top computer. The Titanium Powerbook G4, made by Apple, features a 500 MHz G4 processor, with a 15.2" mega-wide screen, 5-hour battery, 10G Ultra ATA/66 hard drive, 128 MB RAM, slot-loading DVD and a shiny titanium case. It is priced at \$2,599. PHOTO Quentin Lueninghoener

MP3 player. Known as the newest spreading advancement in audio technology, MP3 players allow the user to download over a hundred songs off the Internet onto a pocket-sized player. The Rio 800 Portable Digital Audio Player/Recorder features 128 MB of memory and gives up to four hours of digital-quality playback. It is priced at \$199.99. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



DVD player. The JVC 7-Disk Changer with Progressive Scan can support DVDs, MP3s, CDs and CD-RW disks. DVDs can include never before seen footage, behind the scenes photography and even music videos. When paired with a surround sound system, DVD players offer superior digital image and sound quality, similar to that in a theater. This JVC features slow play, reverse search, zoom and angle adjustment and is priced at \$329.99. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

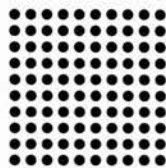
it's a sign of the times. BY Meredith Grunke

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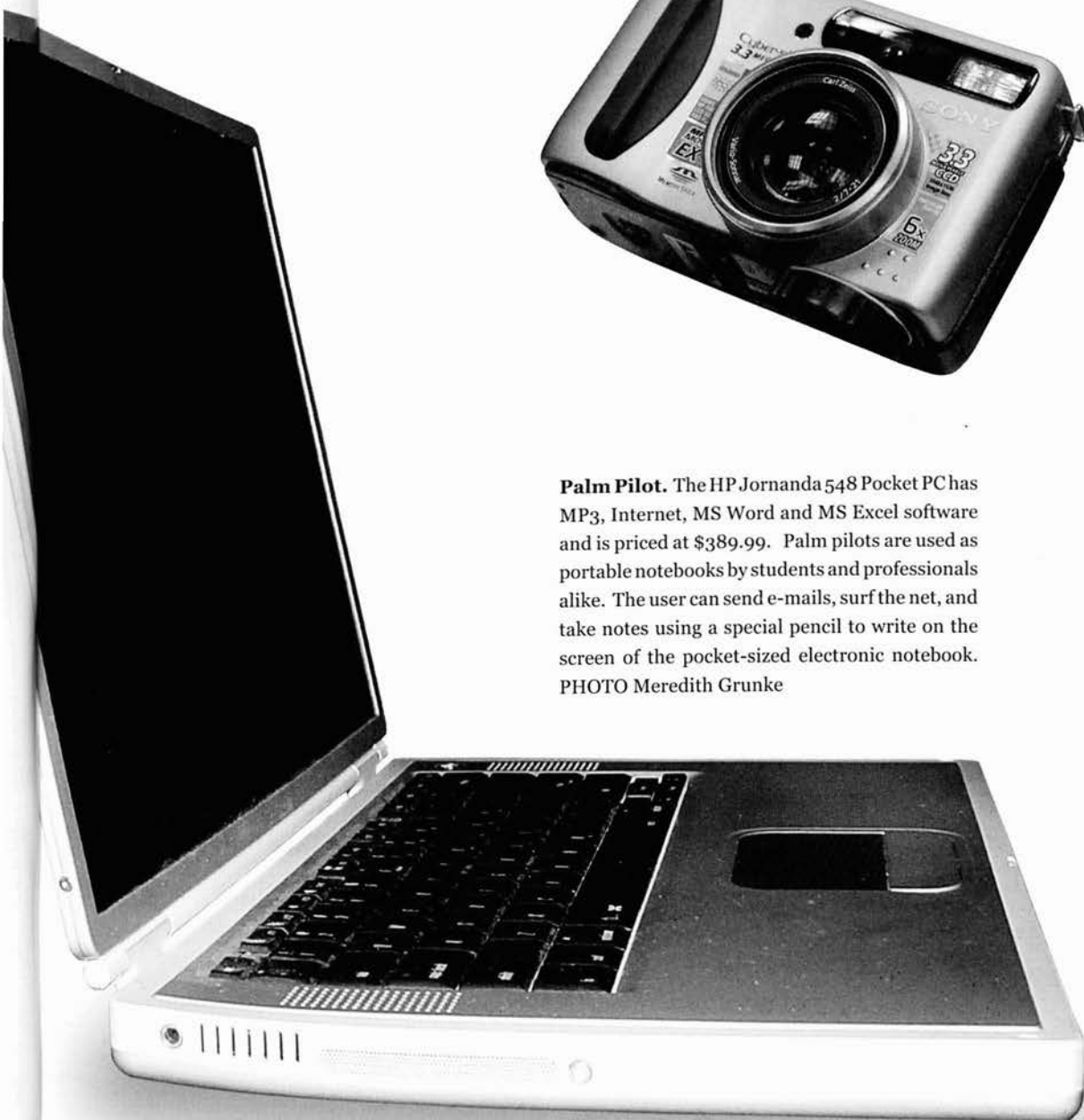


Digital camera. The Sony Cyber-shot DSC 85 features 4.1 Mega-Pixel technology and is priced at \$799.99. Digital Cameras enable the user to take pictures and load the pictures directly onto a computer where the user can print the pictures, edit them, and use them in publications. The ability to take pictures without having to use film is another primary advantage to owning a digital camera. Pixels are the tiny dots that compose a digital photograph. The higher the number of pixels in the capabilities of the camera, the better the quality of the photograph. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Palm Pilot. The HP Jornada 548 Pocket PC has MP3, Internet, MS Word and MS Excel software and is priced at \$389.99. Palm pilots are used as portable notebooks by students and professionals alike. The user can send e-mails, surf the net, and take notes using a special pencil to write on the screen of the pocket-sized electronic notebook. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



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Car stereo. The Kenwood Flip-Down CD stereo, with remote, is priced around \$399.99. Car stereos are currently known to be one of the most popular electronic items bought by teenagers, according to Circuit City salesperson and Central alumnus Jenny Storm. According to a Circuit City salesperson, the most important aspect of a stereo that a teenager usually shops for is aesthetics. The salesperson said this is because most young people are not familiar the technological terminology involved with audio products. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



Audio Speakers: A set of four 4x6" Bose speakers is priced at \$999.99. They produce the same quality of sound, and sometimes better, as regular, full-sized speakers while saving a great deal of space. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



Above. Jessica Richart (11) checks her mirrors before she backs out of her driveway. Driver's Education instructors stress the checking of mirrors as part of a regular driving preparation. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

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Above. Jessica Richart (11) watches the street behind her as she backs out of her driveway. Richart took a Driver's Education course before she got her license. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

→ learning to read the signs. DRIVER'S ED

BY Meredith Grunke

Resting on the grass by the parking lot, Daniel Gutman (10) threw pieces of twigs and grass beside him, as he prepared for his driving instruction. He hopped to his feet and playfully kicked some acorns, then jumping up to swing on the low branches of the tree above him.

"I was very relaxed. I've driven a lot in the past, so I've already done what we're doing today...It was good [driving with an instructor] because my driving instructor was the nicest," Gutman said about his driving teacher, French teacher Jeffery Sill.

He sat down in the driver's seat of the car marked "Safety and Health Council," quietly waiting for his driving instructor to finish talking with the parents of the student before him. When the instructor was ready, Gutman circled Northwest High's large, empty parking lot and drove down the street.

"The first thing he [the instructor] said was, 'I need to stop at Burger King,'" Gutman said.

"...He had been sitting in a car all day. I wasn't surprised when he said he needed to stop."

Gutman and his instructor began the day's lesson soon after Sill's rest stop.

"All we worked on [that day] was the interstate. He taught me how to use the acceleration lane, how to yield to the other cars, change lanes and exit appropriately," he said.

Gutman returned to the parking lot, smiling with a Burger King cup placed in the car next to him.

Instead of attending the \$260 course, Kim Elliott (11) said she chose to complete a 50-hour driving log.

"You get more attention on your own driving and you don't have to sit through a boring class," she said.

Driver Education Program Manager, Pat Polley, gave statistics on whether or not the Driver's Education course is worth taking.

"Driver's Education is better [than the 50-hour log] and those facts are born by the 1999 statis-

tics from the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, which show in citations received, 94 percent of driver's ed. students were citation free after taking the class, while only 88 percent who had kept a log were citation free. Statistics for accidents are about the same."

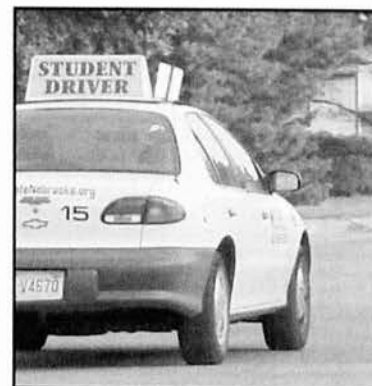
Safety and Health Council Court Services Director, Bill Mulherin, said Driver's Education pays off in the long run because it has the potential to save course graduates from having accidents.

Jessica Richart (11), who took the Driver's Education course also, said she thought she made the right decision when it came to recording a 50-hour log or taking a class.

"I think it's better if you go with them [the driving instructors]," Richart said, "because it makes you feel more comfortable and confident."

Either method, safety is always most important.

"They should drive as if their lives depend on it," Mulherin said, "because they do."

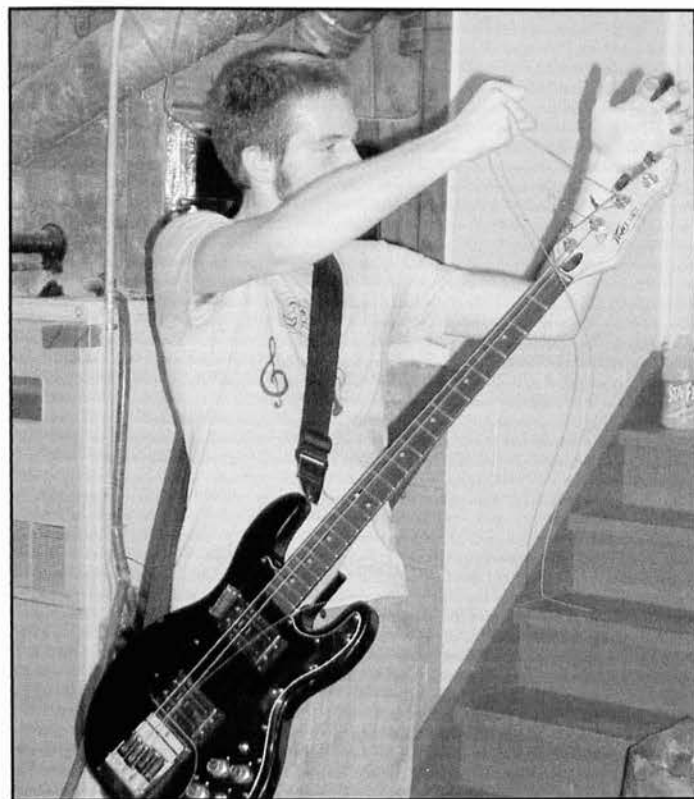
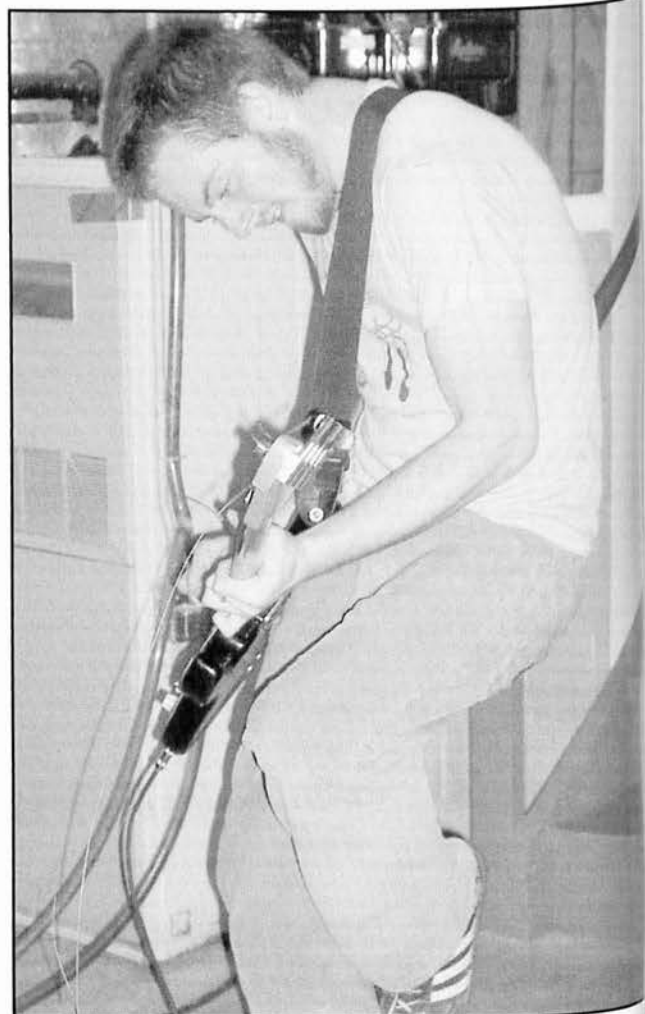


Above. Daniel Gutman (10) waits as his instructor, French teacher Jeffery Sill, prepares for the day's lesson. When Sill was ready, Gutman circled the Northwest High lot and drove out into the street. PHOTOS Meredith Grunke

Below. Timothy Shew (11) and Gavin Jensen (11) jam out during a band practice. "Usually Gavin and Catie make up something, and they play bass and drums so it's real rhythmic, and then I just come up with lyrics," Shew said. PHOTO Annie Walden

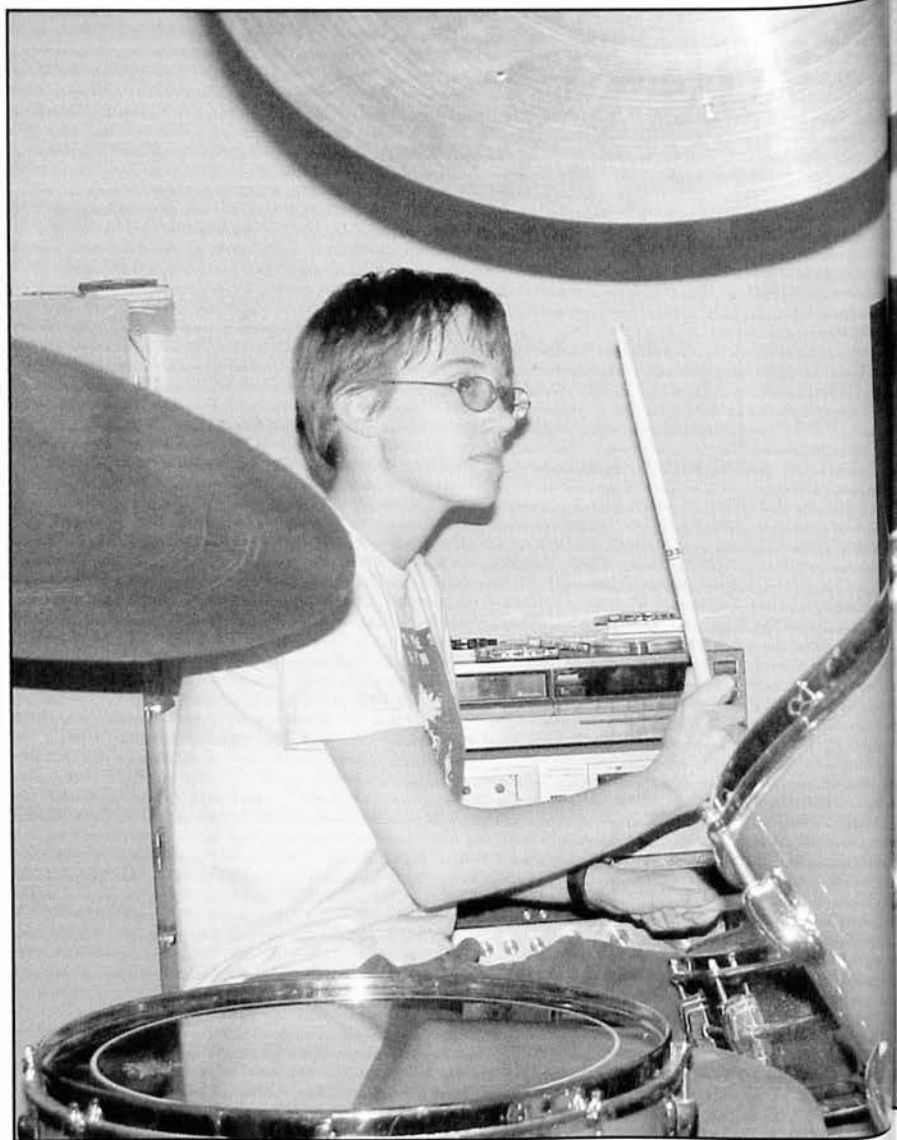


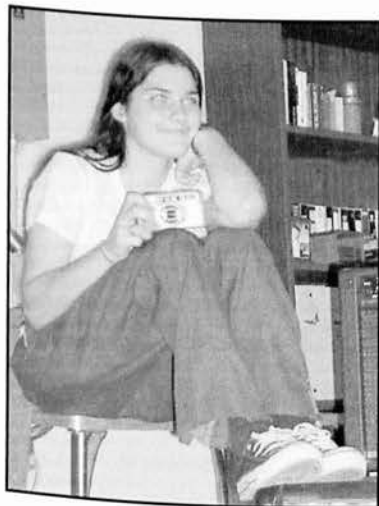
Right. Bass guitar player Gavin Jensen (11) focuses on picking the right strings. "Sometimes we go down there [Drahota's basement] and are really serious, we get a lot done, but most of the time we just jam out," Shew said. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. A confused Gavin Jensen (11) attempts to untangle broken bass strings. During the practice, Jensen broke two strings, one pick and dropped two guitars. PHOTO Annie Walden

Right. Drummer Catherine Drahota (11) concentrates on drumming out the right beat. Practices were held in Drahota's basement because she said it contained ample space and her mom did not mind the noise. PHOTO Annie Walden





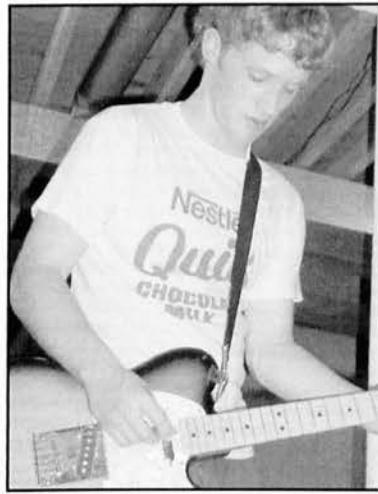
The Muse

One of Nux Vomica's biggest fans was Shea Wilkinson (10). The band discovered its name and its meaning in a book at Wilkinson's house. "Shea was a great gal. She was one of our most devoted fans. She was also one of three muses who pretty much inspired our music and performances. Everyone in the band agreed: 'We like Shea,'" Jensen said. PHOTO Annie Walden



The Drummer

Catherine Drahota (11), the drummer of the band, was named the most spirited of the bunch. "Catie broke with her Riot Girl heritage when she formed Nux Vomica. However, she still kept the spirit alive by futilely trying to get Tim and I to listen to Bikini Kill. She was the little one of the band, but that didn't stop her from rockin' the skins," Jensen said. PHOTO Annie Walden



The Talent

The birth of Timothy Shew (11) as a lead guitarist took place a year ago when Catherine (11) Drahota began to teach him basic chords. He was active in composing music and experimenting with new sounds. "Tim's a freaking dynamo with a guitar," Jensen said. "Now we just have to work on turning him into a front-man." PHOTO Annie Walden



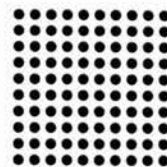
The Attention Getter

Nux Vomica's bass player, Gavin Jensen (11), had been playing the bass for several years before he joined the band. "Gavin is a nice person and a great bass player. He often times adds beautiful melody to the rather melody lacking musical landscape, that is Nux Vomica. He is a beautiful person and he is also very attractive and stuff," Shew said. PHOTO Annie Walden

→ all work
and all play.

NUX VOMICA

BY Katie Anderl



"Nux Vomica started because all of us were discontent with previous bands we had been in and we wanted to start something we liked. We wanted to be in something different and new," said Timothy Shew (11), a member of the band.

Nux Vomica was composed of Catherine Drahota (11), the drummer, Gavin Jensen (11), the bass guitarist and backup vocalist and Shew, the guitarist and lead vocalist. The band said its music was similar to that of Unwound and Sonic Youth.

"Nux Vomica began when Catie and I started playing together," Shew said. "I didn't even know how to play the guitar. Catie taught me a few chords and we've just played stuff from there."

Jensen joined last year after Drahota and Shew transferred from

Burke.

The band said they liked to experiment with sounds and try new things.

"We also have these really cool beatnik jazz songs that we just kind of make up out of the blue," Drahota said.

Nux Vomica was focused more on perfecting its music and working on lyrics than it was on getting signed to a label.

"It's not hard to get a label anymore," Jensen said, "But hopefully we'll get signed to a good indie rock label that will maybe turn some heads." As for Nux Vomica's future, only time will tell.

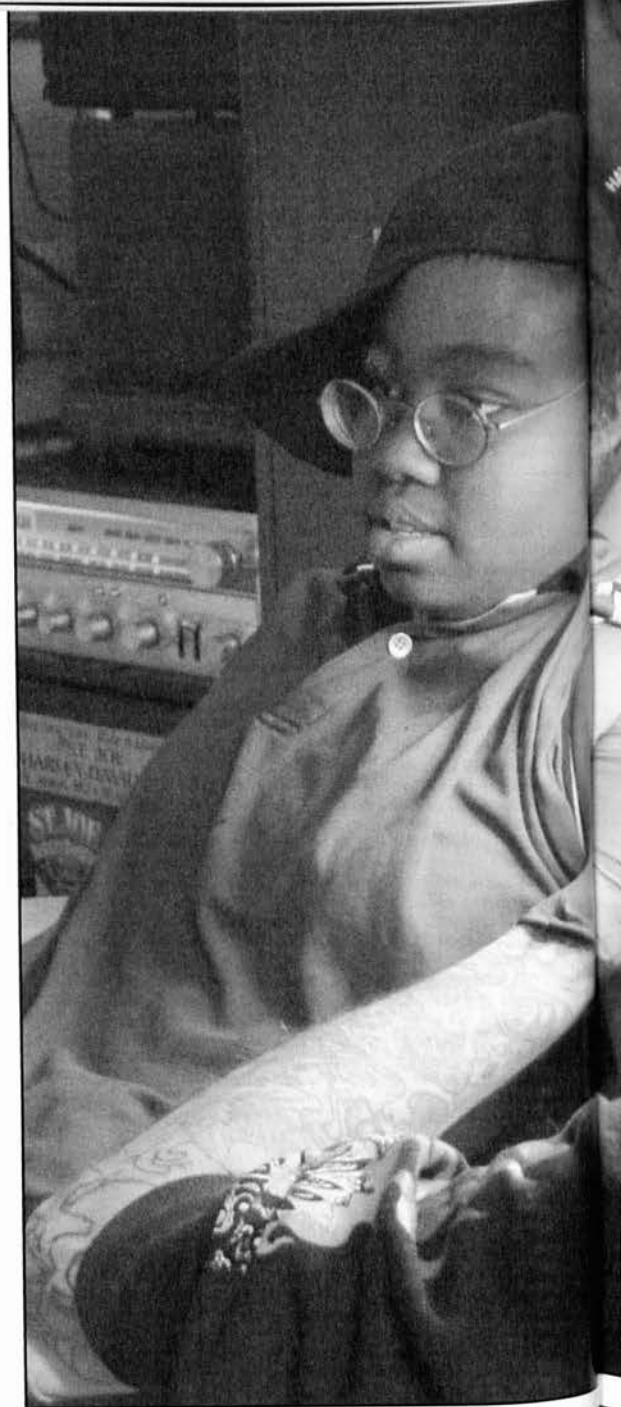
"I would like to have a small group of fans so that not everyone knows who we are, but the people will appreciate the music the most," Shew said. "Once we get things going a little more, we'll get signed and maybe do some shows."

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Right. As the needle begins poking into her skin, LaToya Bass (12) just stares straight ahead. She said the tattoo hurt at first, but then just became an annoying "poking." PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. LaDonna Scott (12) looks through books of possible designs before she finally decides on a rose with the initial 'L' behind it. She said she wanted the tattoo to include her name and look pretty. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. Tattoo artist Brian Webb sketches a design for the tattoo. From the sketch, an ink print was made and transferred to the person's skin. The artist then traced the ink line to make the permanent tattoo. PHOTO Annie Walden

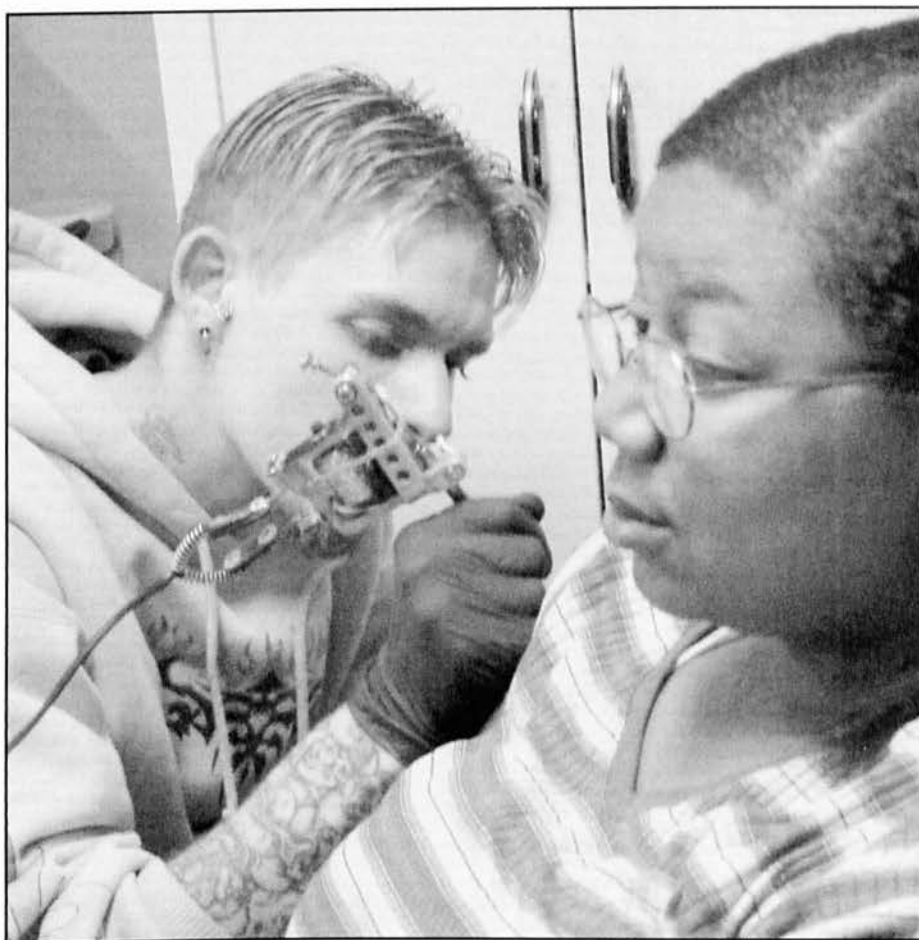


Above. LaToya Bass (12) dabs some of the blood from her arm. The tattoo artists told her to expect her skin to bleed for a while and not to be worried if some of the ink came off. PHOTO Annie Walden

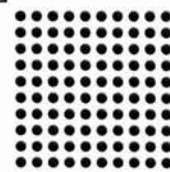


Left. Brian Webb adds green to LaDonna Scott's (12) tattoo. He used red, white, green and black. The tattoo began to really hurt when Webb added the green pigment, Scott said. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. LaDonna Scott (12) tries not to look at Brian Webb tattooing her arm. She said it only hurt when she actually watched what was going on. PHOTO Annie Walden



making a choice which lasts for a → LIFETIME



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BY Annie Walden

"This will never ever ever come off," Mike Gardar said as LaToya Bass (12) slid into the chair. Her friend Ladonna Scott (12) watched nervously as Gardar arranged the needles and ink.

Scott watched as her friend began getting a tattoo of her name across her arm.

"I thought it was going to hurt really bad," Scott said. "I watched LaToya go first. She said it didn't hurt and she was just sitting there all calm."

Encouraged by her reaction, Scott finally decided on a rose from the designs lining the walls of the tattoo parlor and asked them to put her initial 'L' behind it.

Brian Webb, Scott's tattoo artist, traced the final design and transferred it to the nervous client's arm. Once she assured him it was in the correct

place he began tattooing a black outline.

"It's like someone keeps poking you non-stop," Scott said. "The sound was more annoying than the pain."

The two girls went to Living Image Tattoos in the Benson area.

"It was small," Scott said. "At first, I was like 'I am not getting a tattoo here.' But then the lady (who worked there) made me laugh and I liked that guy (Webb). He was kinda cute."

Bass had second thoughts about getting a tattoo, also.

"I felt that first poke and I didn't want to go through with it," she said. "After the first 30 seconds I was okay, though."

Just an hour later, Bass was already planning her next tattoo of her friend's name who had recently passed away.



Above. LaToya Bass (12) and Ladonna Scott (12) discuss care of their new tattoos. They were told eventually it would begin peeling, just like a mild sunburn. PHOTO Annie Walden

→ following the signs. DISCOVERING AUSTRIA

BY Meredith Grunke

Where can you ride on the largest Ferris Wheel in the world, eat a two-foot wide pretzel and visit a castle, all in one day?

Austria was the place Ashley Krijan (11) called home for three and a half weeks out of her summer. She traveled there with her parents, sister and grandmother to visit her father's cousin in northern Austria and then her father's aunt in southern Austria.

"The landscape was very mountainous and there were lots of tunnels through the mountains; lots of long tunnels," Krijan said. "When we were in northern Austria it was kind of like Nebraska in a way, it was sort of flat with vineyards. There weren't any mountains. Once we got to southern Austria we started to see the

m o u n t a i n s .
Beneath the mountains it was grassy and there were lots of wild flowers, just like what you see on the sound of music. The weather was perfect: it was between 60-80 degrees the whole

time. There was no wind, no humidity, no bugs. It was perfect."

Krijan also noticed a few differences in the Austrian culture while she was there.

"People smoked a lot and everyone was really laid back. No one was in a hurry to do anything. Lots of mornings we would go site- seeing and we would say 'We're going to be out by eight' but we would be lucky to be out of the house by nine because everything moved so slowly. No one was in a rush to do

anything," she said.

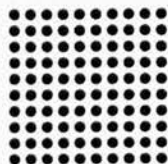
Krijan said one of her favorite places she visited was St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.

"It dates back to the 1100s and it was the church that Mozart had his wedding and funeral in. They had krypts in the basement with actual bones in them from people who died in the plague," she said.

A fourth-year German student, Krijan said she plans on returning to Germany and Austria this summer with her German class.

"...It's much different than America is," she said. "Everything is a lot older but much more ornate and beautiful. It's just a site to see. It's good to be exposed to other cultures because then you know how other people live and it's a learning experience."

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Background and above. Krijan visited Neuschwanstein Castle on June 28. Neuschwanstein was King Ludwig's adult home and construction began on it in 1869 and finished in 1892, after Ludwig's death in 1886. PHOTO courtesy of Ashley Krijan



Top Left. Ashley Krijan (11) walks the streets of Krems, Austria with her grandmother and great aunt. PHOTO courtesy of Ashley Krijan

Above. Krijan was able to ride on biggest and oldest Ferris Wheel in the world, located in Vienna, Austria. "It took twenty minutes to go around once," Krijan said. "You could see the whole city." PHOTO courtesy of Ashley Krijan

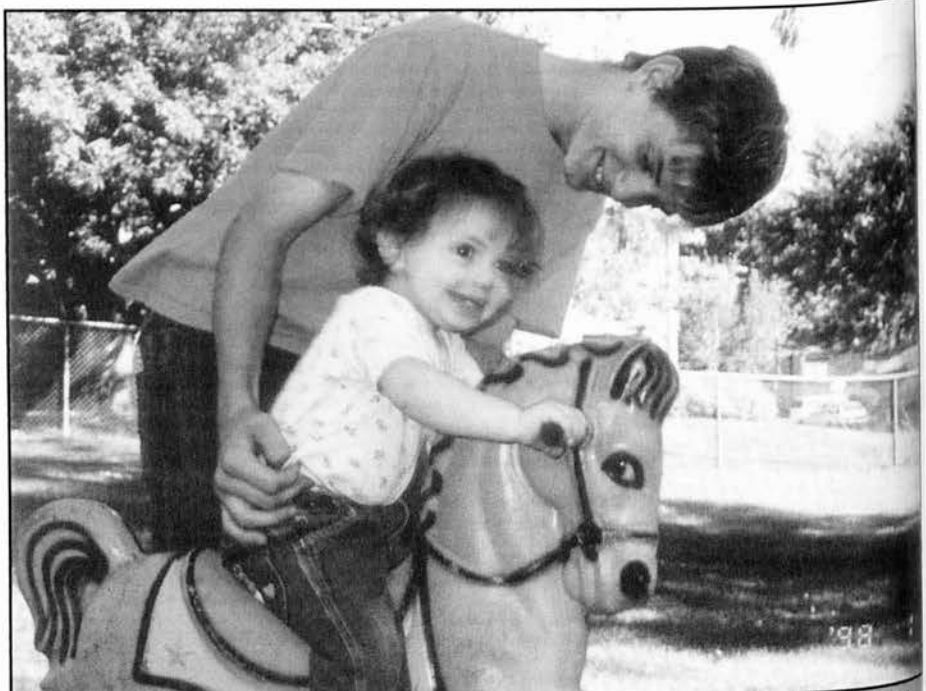
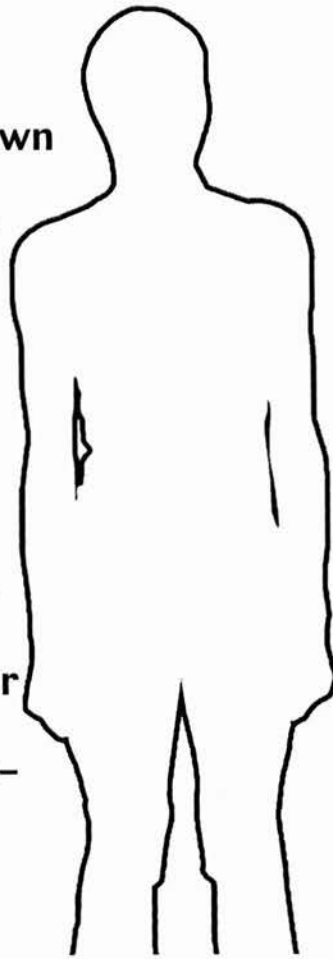


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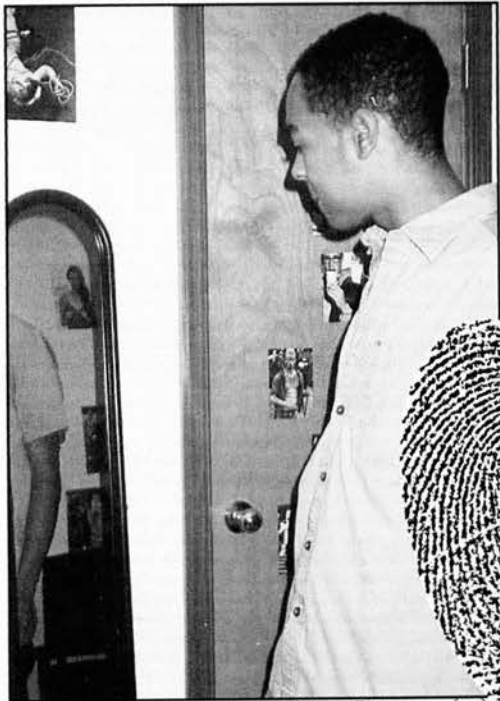
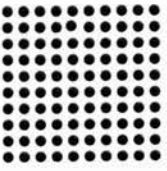
Write down all your memories you wish to keep safe for the future.



Blake Gayer (9) and his baby sister, Morgan, play at Sunny Slope Park. PHOTO April Gayer

FAMILY (Circle your answer)

1. As for marriage you'll
 - a. Stay perpetually single
 - b. Get married and live happily ever after
 - c. Get married, get divorced, etc.
2. As far as kids go, you'll
 - a. Never, ever have them
 - b. Have one or two
 - c. Have tons
3. And for your lifestyle, you'll
 - a. Live in high society
 - b. Be a nomad and travel the world
 - c. Live in your parents' basement



044 Musa Patterson (12). PHOTO Marie Engdahl

Who are you?

Nick names: _____

Height: _____

Weight: _____

Favorite band: _____

Favorite class: _____

Goals in life: _____

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"Here's to the nights we felt alive, here's to the tears you knew you'd cry here's to good-bye, tomorrow's gonna come too soon."

-Eve 6
"Here's to the Night"

Personality QUIZ

- Are you the....
 - Partier
 - Dreamer
 - Loud-mouth
 - Class clown
- What would you most like to be?
 - Rockstar
 - Artist
 - Super model
 - Stand up comic
- Do you learn...
 - Auditory
 - Visually
 - Hands on
 - With a tutor
- Do you spend your free time...
 - With friends?
 - With yourself?
 - Online?
 - Doodling?
- Your dream date would be
 - Bunjee jumping
 - Chilling together at home
 - Going to a concert
 - Dinner and a movie
- What's your favorite kind of movie?
 - Action
 - Drama
 - Romance
 - Comedy
- What is your dream pet?
 - Lion
 - Otter
 - Boa constrictor
 - Laughing hyena



Jamie Leinart (11).
PHOTO Hallie Bieber



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<u>Money</u>	<u>Now:</u>	<u>20 years from now:</u>
Phone call:	50 cents	_____
Movie ticket:	\$4.75	_____
Gallon of gas:	\$1.60	_____
CD:	\$15.99	_____
Minimum wage:	\$5.25	_____
Liter of pop:	\$1.00	_____
Candy bar:	79 cents	_____

Mostly A's:
You are outgoing
and you like adventure.
Famous personality:
Angelina Jolie

Mostly B's:
You are shy and
sensitive and like the arts.
Famous personality:
Reese Witherspoon

Mostly C's:
You like attention,
yet you're a teddy bear at heart.
Famous personality:
Marilyn Manson

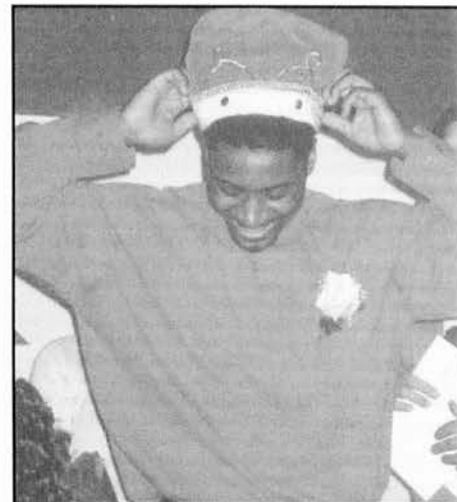
Mostly D's:
You are loud,
funny, and enjoy playing pranks.
Famous personality:
Jim Carey



Marilyn Manson
PHOTO courtesy of
Perou



PHOTO Katie Anderl



Beaumont Reed (12) PHOTO Meredith Grunke

The low points.

- Biggest mistake ever: _____

 Friends who were bad influences:

 Most trouble you've been in:

 Most embarrassing moment:

The high points.

- Best time ever had: _____

 Friends who were always there:

 Time of pride: _____

 Funniest moment: _____



EMPLOYMENT

→ it's
earning
money.

BY Kevin Jones

“It teaches them a sense of responsibility. They have the opportunity to learn to organize their time, prioritize...it's an opportunity for them to learn how to handle money and it gives them some sense of independence,” counselor Catherine Hanrahan said about the positive aspects of students having a job.

In addition to their school activities, homework and social lives, many students chose to have a job during the school year. Some applied out of necessity, while others worked for extra spending money.

“I had a job because I needed money. I couldn't live without money. You need money to pay for college, buy your own apartment or house if you are going to

live by yourself or have your own life,” Andrew Maxey said.

Maxey worked in the produce department of Baker's Supermarkets.

Popular places for students to work included grocery stores, restaurants, lawn care companies, department stores, swimming pools and child care centers.

Neal Bierman (11), who worked for a roofing company, said the work was hard, but he liked the pay and was able to work on his tan.

He was sore when he got home, though.

While some students worked hard, others preferred to fit into the “hardly working” category.

Jacob Croskey (12), a cashier and stocker at Walgreen's,

said the best part of his job was, “standing around and doing nothing, especially when we weren't busy.”

“The best part of my job was the tips,” Adam Morris (11), a host and waiter at Grisanti's Restaurant. “I had to buy food, c.d.'s, gas and pay insurance on my truck. Life is expensive.”

Still others named aspects of their jobs that were better than money.

Tyler Klusaw (11), “The best part of my job was doing carryout for all the hot girls that shop and work there.”

Klusaw said he also liked getting a 10 percent discount.

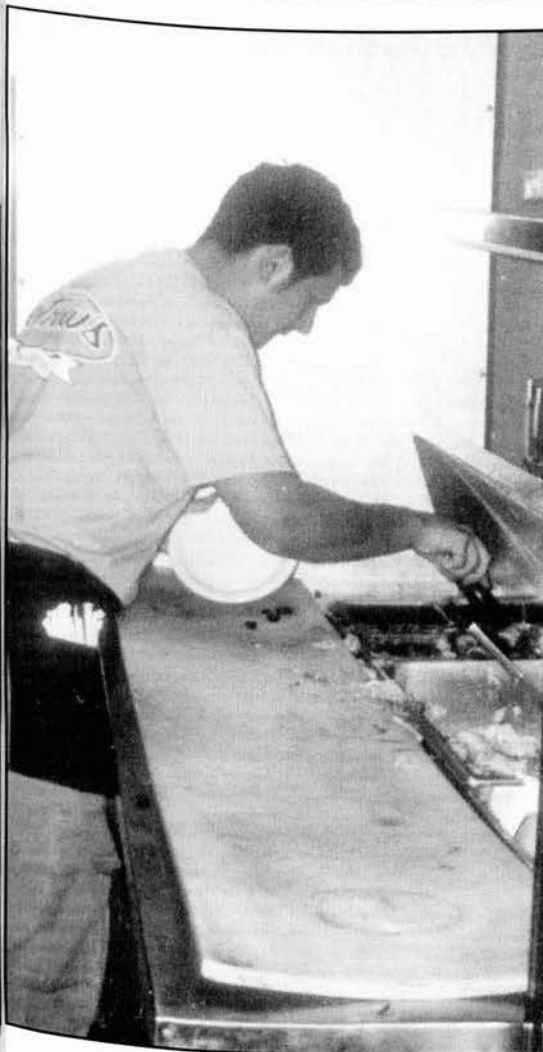
“The only two things I didn't like about my job was not getting paid enough and they made me shave when I didn't need to.”



Facing page. Shawn Daley (11) gives a child change at the 63rd and Center McDonald's. Daley said he has done every job at the restaurant, from cooking fries to placing orders. PHOTO Annie Walden

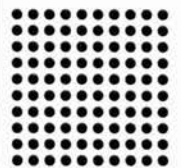
Left. Sarah Bernhards (12) picks up a customer's order in the kitchen at Petrow's on 59th and Center streets, where she works as a waitress. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Below. Sarah Orsi (11) sacks groceries in the express lane of the Hy-Vee on 50th and Center streets. "I want to go to college so I decided to start saving by getting a job," she said. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

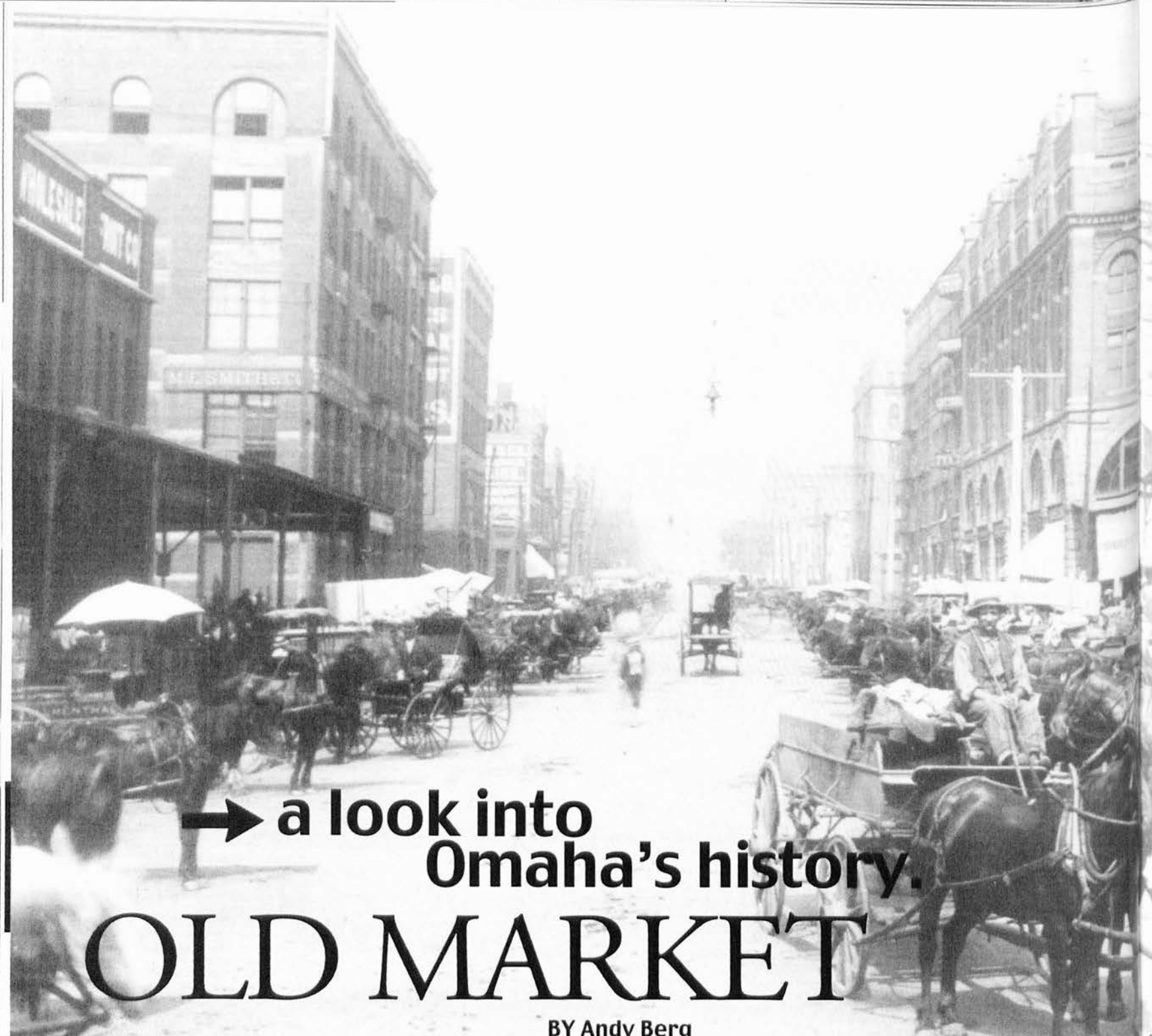


Left. Zachary Sena (12), who works as a waiter at Petrow's Restaurant on 59th and Center streets, prepares a side dish for one of his customers. Petrow's is known as one of the oldest family owned restaurants in Omaha. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Above. Alannah Keleyhers (11) rings up a customer's groceries at the Hy-Vee on 50th and Center streets. She said she likes her job because, "I get to interact with people and learn how to act responsibly." PHOTO Meredith Grunke



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→ a look into
Omaha's history.

OLD MARKET

BY Andy Berg

"I was the largest supplier of fresh and frozen onions for the onion-ringing-producing industry in the world at one time," George Eisenberg said. "To describe the Old Market, it's virtually impossible. You're going back to 1910 when it was an actual farmer's market."

He had watched it grow from an open-air city market into a classy but relaxed hang-out for everyone.

Eisenberg owned a 'stall' and sold various different kinds of vegetables during the start of the Old Market.

"When Omaha was

developing, the grocery stores were very limited; they only had a few items. When people wanted fresh fruits and vegetables, they went to the farmers market," Eisenberg said.

Eisenberg, along with many other merchants, was one of the original wholesalers, the people who stood in stalls and sold fresh produce to early Omaha inhabitants.

The Old Market was established in the late 1800s when the Union Pacific Railroad ran through the downtown area. The railroad's importance grew due to the merchants needing to be able to ship out and receive

goods. With this, crowds of people poured into Omaha.

"People from the big cities wanted a piece of the action," Eisenberg said. "They came to Omaha and started setting up different businesses like carpentry, architecture, etc. in the Old Market."

Some even think Omaha was more popular, fast moving, and commercially important in the late 1900s than it is today.

"Being in the Old Market had an impact on our growth," Brad Ashford, owner of a clothing store in the Old Market. "It's a little bit more different clientele. It's very different from being in a mall."

All was well in the Old Market until 1964 when the open-air market decided to stop selling. The supermarkets selling fruits and vegetables started to purchase from large companies.

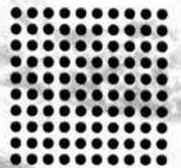
Along with the popularity of the Old Market, businesses and buildings became vacant. With many buildings on the verge of being demolished, Samuel Mercer, from Mercer Management Company, and his friend Ray Simon purchased an old building, which used to be the Gilinsky Fruit Company. The building was going to be removed, leaving space in the market.

"Samuel Mercer brought in



Left. Allison Legino (11), Wesley Brown (10) and Alex Jochim (11) spend their free time strolling the streets of the Old Market. Their agenda includes getting ice cream, looking at music stores and playing on the slides. PHOTO Andy Berg

Below. The horse-drawn carriages escorting consumers and goods to the different produce stands aren't seen in the Old Market today. This picture taken from the exact spot as that in the background photograph shows how automobiles now roam the brick streets in search of parking spots. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



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chef from Paris and established the restaurant, The French Café," Eisenberg said. "The Market became a place for hippies to hang out and fine dining to take place. As time went by, hippies left and entrepreneurs came in and started shops."

With the Old Market changing very rapidly, it became classy and the architecture attracted the large crowds.

"The Old Market is a great place to go with your friends," Wes Brown (10) said. "You can go to the slides, eat dinner, or if you're old enough, you can go to the bars."

Many like visiting the Old

Market because they feel like they can have fun in a setting from a century ago. Many of the old buildings built in the early 1900s still exist in today's Old Market, creating an authentic old-world experience.

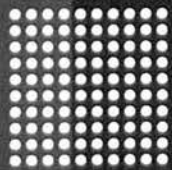
"The environment brings me back time and time again," Ryan Romero (12) said. "People go there because of the friends you make, they're great friends."

Storeowners, like Ashford, appreciate the diversity of the downtown area.

"I think the Old Market is great because it's not redone, it's so popular because it caters to various tastes and styles," he said.

Background. The Old Market was just as busy and active in the 1800s as it is today. In the early 19th century, sidewalks were covered with vegetable and fruit stands and the Union Pacific Railroads ran through the city, dropping off goods and produce. PHOTO Courtesy of the Durham Western Heritage Museum Photo Archives

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Above. Sept. 11, 2001. The World Trade Towers just after the second plane hit. PHOTO courtesy of Cary Conover

tragedy 9.11.

the day america paused.

Student's Perspective
BY Patrick Anderl (9)

The day of Sept. 11 started off like any other day. Nothing was out of the ordinary. Little did I know, in several other classes in the same building, people had (heard) horrifying news.

It was the end of third hour. I was in the back of my Biology room when I saw my sister's [Kathleen Anderl (11)] head pop around the corner. Right away my friend, Nick Stuberg (9), said, "Hey, what's wrong with your sister? She looks worried."

She walked back and handed me a pass. As my sister and I were walking down the hallway, some of my sister's friends were asking me if I was alright. I just said, "yes," because I still didn't really know what was going on. Finally my sister let me in on the news.

She reminded me that dad was in Washington D.C. Then she told me about the hijacking and destruction of the World Trade Center towers. I still really hadn't put it together, since the World Trade center was in New York. Then I remembered that he was supposed to be on a plane headed back to Omaha that morning. I was suddenly shocked, but I tried to remain calm.

When we arrived at the counselor's office, we called my mom. She hadn't heard from my dad at all. After that, we were told that the crashed planes were not from Washington, but from another city. Knowing this reassured me a little, but I still didn't know where my dad was. I returned to my class but I couldn't concentrate with my dad missing. Sixth hour, I got a note from the counselor saying my dad was safe.

When I look back on the tragedy, I realize I could have lost my dad. I feel sorrow for the Americans who suffered and I think too often we take what we have for granted. You don't know what you really have until there's the chance you may lose it.



Top. Rows of cots line the Double Tree hotel's ballroom for travelers stranded at Epply Airport when all flights were canceled.

Above. Clara McLeary, who was on a flight from Iowa to Las Vegas, holds up the *World Herald* at the Double Tree. This was the first official information she had about the events of the day. "They had just started serving. Soon they started picking it all up...(the pilot) said some of the planes had been sabotaged and two of them had hit the World Trade Center," she said. PHOTOS Annie Walden

9.11

Two hijacked airplanes ran into the World Trade Center in New York City. Another plane hit the Pentagon, while a fourth crashed into the Pennsylvania countryside. These actions led to a declared international war against terror.

10.5

Robert Stevens, a tabloid photo editor, became the first person to die from Anthrax. Anthrax spores were discovered in the America Media, Inc. building in Florida, which was Steven's place of employment and housed tabloids such as *The Sun*.

10.7

The U.S. began a series of night attacks on Afghanistan. The first attack consisted of a carefully planned bombing of sites via air force jets and aircraft carriers. These sites were designated as terrorist training camps and air-defense bases.

10.8

Tom Ridge, governor of Pennsylvania, was appointed to the newly created Director of Homeland Security position on the cabinet. Ridge's job was to strengthen defense against terrorism and organize plans for responding to terrorist attacks.

→ diversity comes in all forms— LOOK AROUND.

COMPILED BY Meredith Grunke

What made you different than all of your classmates? Everyone went to class. Everyone balanced school and home-life. What did you do that no one else did? What made you special?

Diversity is more than just skin deep. Seven students explain a part of their life, in their own words, that they thought set them apart from their peers. Each story is unique, while being a reflection on how life for students really is.

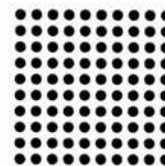
The next time you are in a crowded hallway, do not simply barrel through without looking at the faces around you. Every one of them has a story to tell, a talent to share with the world. If you had to define one thing that set you apart, what would it be?



Julia Henry



For the past three years, the Career Center has shaped my future. The Career Center is located at 30th and Cummins and serves as a wonderful tool for students. One class offered at the facility is photography. I have been taking this course for the past three years. The material that I have learned while taking this class has helped me to determine what I want to do with my life. I've decided that I would like to be a photo-journalist for ~~The Rolling Stone~~ magazine. By participating in both local and national competitions as well as displaying photos in a local art show, I feel I am better prepared for my career in photography. The Career Center has played an important role in my life and has helped me to decide what I want to do with my future.



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Above. Photograph of Anne Danberg (12) by Julia Henry (12).

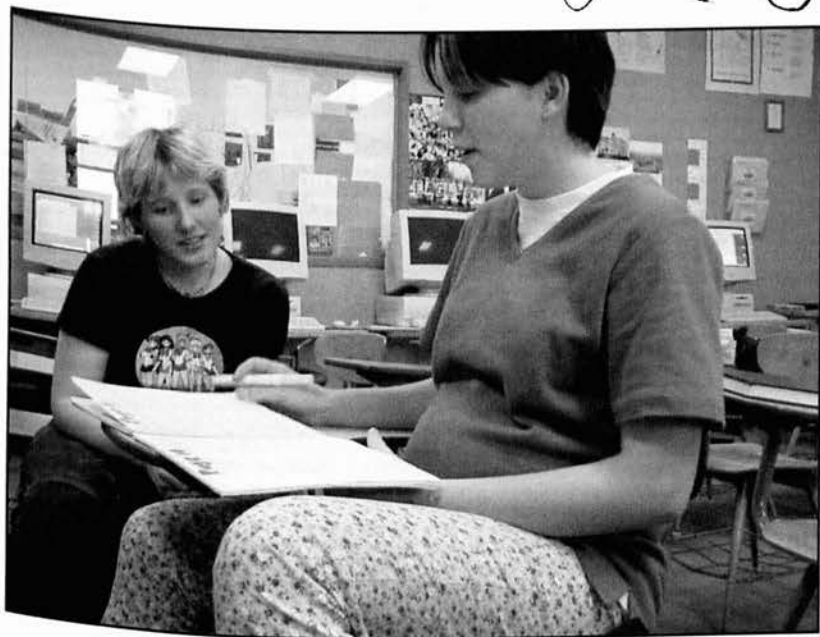


Above. With his mother and head basketball coach on either side of him, Kristopher Kuhn (12) signs a letter of intent to a college offering him a Class-A basketball scholarship. PHOTO Paula Salhany

Kristopher Kuhn
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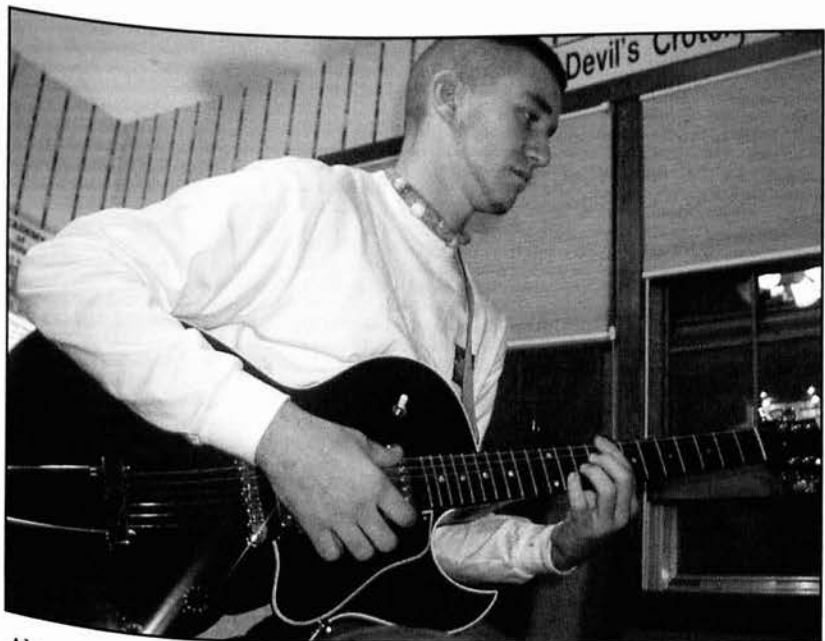
Ever since I could remember, I had always seen professional basketball in my future, which is why I work so hard to get there. Then I would have fulfilled my dream and I would be able to give my mother everything she wants... the best. Growing up, I was always in competition with my brother, Mike. He is a 6'9" forward that can jump and handle the ball. I always made it a goal to be better than him. His first dunk was in the 8th grade; mine was in the 7th. He started varsity his sophomore year; I started as a freshman. I really look up to him and give him credit for my success. I also give Crystal Howard credit for inspiring me to want to get better. Central High School's positive atmosphere also contributed to many people's success. At other schools good athletes sometimes don't play because they are too involved in negative activities, or it's not the "cool" thing to do at Central. The only way to be "cool" is to play a sport or do something positive.

Mindy Bolter



Above. Mindy Bolter (11) talks to Robin Dahlke (12) about issues going on in her life. PHOTO Annie Walden

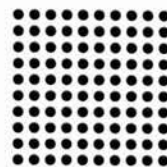
I was walking down the hallway in school when a girl, I had no clue who she was, came up to me and started shooting out questions about me being pregnant. People do this all the time especially when I am in the bathroom. But this one stuck out because after I answered all her questions she turned around and walked away and I heard her say "that's so cool." It made me feel a lot better about my situation. No one has ever come up to me and said something bad. But some people point and whisper. If it hadn't been for the people who came up to me with questions and smiles I most likely would have dropped out. I value people's opinions a lot and words do hurt, especially when they are from people you see for 6 1/2 hours everyday.



Above. Joseph Klaczynsky (11) plays a blues song on his new Limited Edition Gibson Les Paul guitar. PHOTO Hallie Bieber

Joseph Klaczynsky

I began guitar when I was seven. It wasn't until about a year ago when I really started to get into jazz. After about eight months of the study of jazz I decided to invest in a jazz guitar. This guitar is now my motivation to study. Guitar allows me to release myself from the world. It takes me away. All of my outside stress disappears only for the time that I am playing. It puts me in a better mood if I am feeling low. Sometimes, though, just sometimes I can get frustrated with it. Then I remember it is all for fun.



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D. Hageman



Above. Douglas Hageman (11) helps his grandmother prepare fried green tomatoes. His grandmother flew in from Washington state over Thanksgiving break. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

September 20th 2001, I left my home of 13 years in Alexandria, Virginia, for Omaha, Nebraska. This was hard, not only because I had lived there for 13 years, but... Omaha? That was my initial reaction, and people in Virginia, and even people here reacted that way as well. I left behind a lot, 13 years worth of friends and experiences. But all of a sudden, that was all behind me, and I found myself crossing state lines to my new home 1280 miles away. I left a lot behind, but, in moving to Omaha, I have found a lot as well. It's been a tough transition, but it's been an exciting experience.

For seven years I've played the piano and it's been a both large and worthwhile part of my life. From the very beginning I knew it was worth my time and effort. After my first year I became so advanced that I had to get rid of my keyboard and get a piano because there weren't enough keys on the keyboard for what I was learning. I enjoy playing piano because I feel like it sets me free from the hectic world around me. I think playing piano is something I will always cherish.

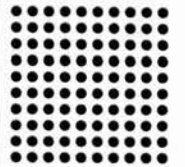


Ashley Vak (12) practices on her maroon baby-grand piano located in her living room. PHOTO Annie Walden

Ashley Vak

Will Anderson

I enjoy Art. Creating
Something Beautiful is
an amazing thing.
I like expressing myself
with line, color and light
through my photos
and paintings. If
Mr. T got in a fight
with Shaft, who would
win?



Student Life.

Lyn Bouma conducts the pit orchestra during the fall musical rehearsals.

it's a challenge.
**Clubs &
Academics**



From far left. Sign outside the back office, all the room makers have braille underneath; View of downtown from the East porch; Window facing the South; plaque on the outside of the east entrance; An exit sign; Part of the Vietnam memorial facing the West side of the school; The base of a lamp post on school campus. PHOTOS Annie Walden

interpreting *the* world with on-the-spot drawing.

BY Marie Engdahl

Ceramics. Design. Sculpture. Pottery. Throughout the year art classes worked on many different projects.

Observation drawing of sections of the Central building was the first big project assigned to students in Art 5-6. The assignment was separated into two steps.

The first step was to draw from observation, interpreting directly from the subject to the paper. The second step was to draw a part of the building as seen in a photo they were given.

"The second step was a little harder, it had to be all design. It took us about a week and a half of work to finish the drawing," William Anderson (11) said.

Julian Moran (12) said he took Art 5-6 to perfect his drawing talent.

"It is hard to get detail, especially with a building like Central, but drawing the building made me appreciate the architecture in the school," Moran said.

Other skills besides observation drawing were needed to complete the art class.

"I am also in honors studio art, we had setups in the art room for our still life project," Anderson said.

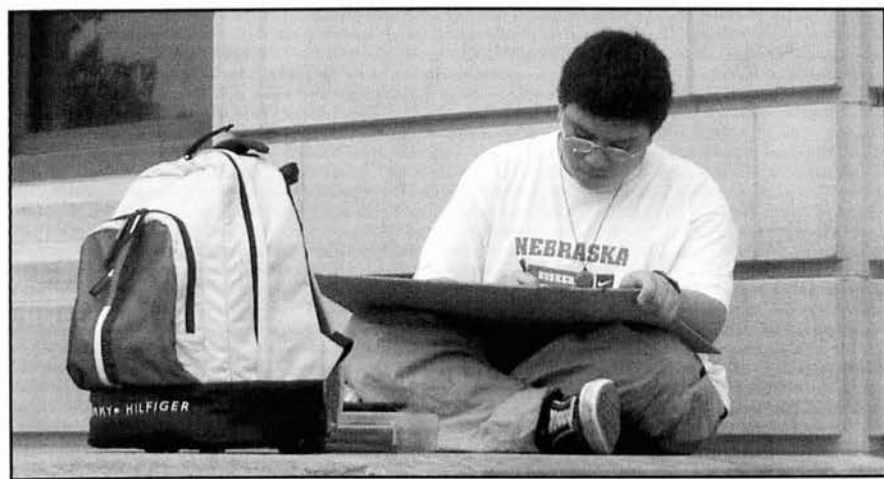
"For the project we each had a different theme. My still life was focused on the art of plumbing. I made arrangements with sink pipes and brought a lamp to provide light for contrast in my

drawing."

Students also worked on printing skills, creating etchings and lithographs. General art classes sought to expose students to as many methods and forms of art as possible.

The expectations for an art student were much like the expectations of any other class. Students must go to class prepared to listen and work with a positive attitude.

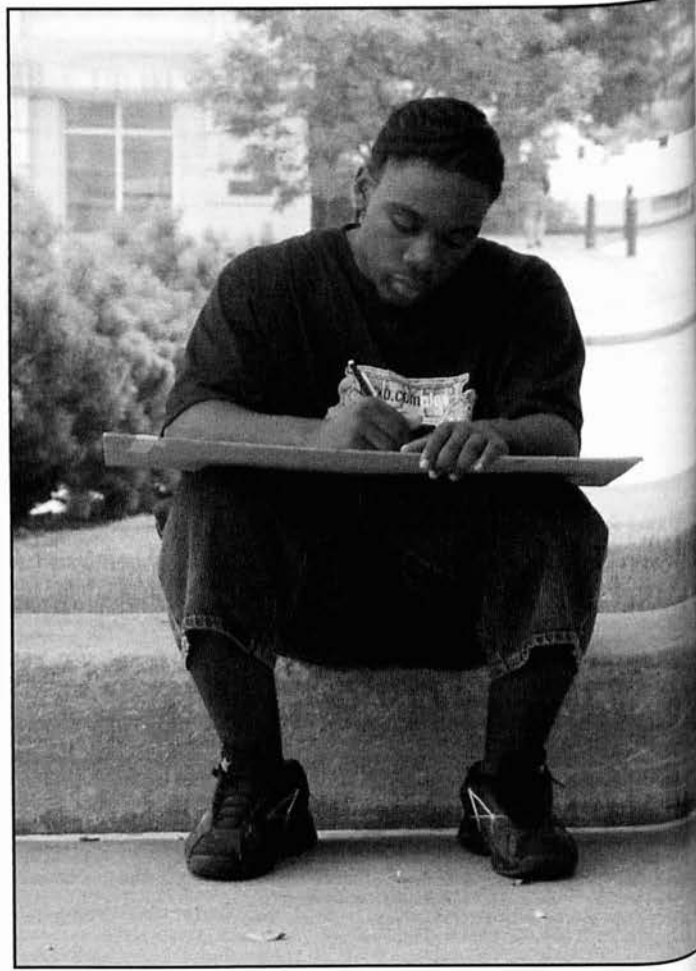
"New techniques were used this year in both the beginning and second year classes," art teacher Margaret Quinn said. "The beginning classes worked on basic techniques. For example, I introduced a beginning student to slab building technique with clay."



Above. Ricardo Renderos (11) sits against the building looking out to Dodge Street. The drawing was later turned into an etching which the students printed in class. PHOTO Annie Walden

Right. Aaron Wilhoft (12), Robin Dahlke (12) and Zachary Newman (12) sat in the shade outside Central. They chose to draw a tree in front of the school. The class was told to have detail in an area of the drawing, such as the leaves on the tree. PHOTO Annie Walden

Far right. Tarrell Burrell (11) sits on the ledge looking up at the building while drawing a tree. Students were allowed to use pencil or charcoal on the assignment. PHOTO Annie Walden



Department Head:

Larry Andrews

Other teachers:

**Sue Devlin
Margaret Quinn
Jane Taureti**

Courses and description:

Art 1-2.

Beginning drawing and design. First semester deals with black and white mediums while second semester experiments with color.

Art 3-4.

Advanced drawing and beginning painting.

Art 5-6.

Advanced two-dimensional design and sculpture.

Art 7-8.

Serigraphs, silk-screening and advanced painting.

Studio Art.

Art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics. Students prepare an art portfolio and have more freedom to choose assignments.

Beginning Pottery.

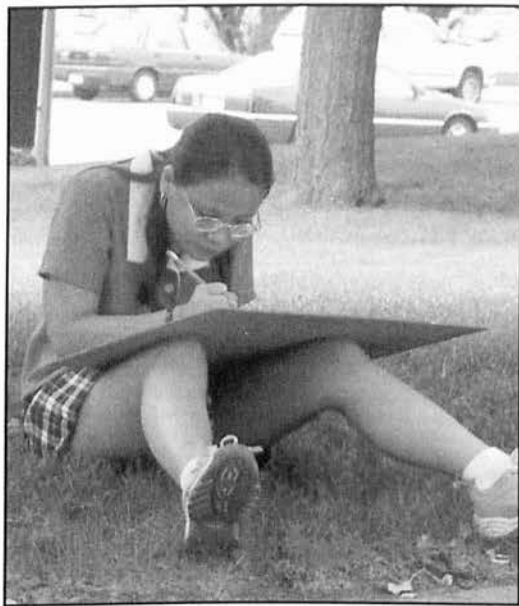
Basic techniques of hand-crafting functional and creative pottery.

Advanced Pottery.

Kiln firing, glaze and other surface experimentation.

Applied Design.

Craft and craft making such as weaving and jewelry design.



Above. Huong Kieu (11) makes a visual plan for her drawing. The point of the assignment was to have a realistic drawing. PHOTO Annie Walden

Left. Working faster than the rest of the class, Robin Dahlke (12) adds color to her black and white drawing. She drew multiple views around the campus during the week they were outside. PHOTO Annie Walden

Top. Robert Meigs (11), Jacob Cornish (11) and teacher Margaret Quinn begin printing a lithograph. PHOTO Annie Walden

Induction of the Greeks.

BY Meredith Grunke

While the rest of the student body was sleepily filing through the doors to school at 7am, room 121 was bustling with excitement and energy. The Latin Club officer inductees joked as they munched on doughnuts as their adviser, Rita Ryan, helped them into their togas.

"I think that it is a beneficial club because it helps the students to learn more about Roman culture and make friends within the different levels of Latin classes," Ryan said.

Other club members sat in desks, quietly waiting for the traditional induction ceremony to begin.

"Our duties as Consuls will be to better inform the members of JCL (Junior Classical League) with different aspects of Roman Culture," Senior Consul Brandon Lee (12), as he read the formal

installation of officers to the classroom full of Latin students.

Each officer to be inducted stood in his or her toga at the front of the room, holding candles, which he lit as he took his oath of office.

"I swear, by Jupiter, that I will do my best to fulfill the duties of office," chanted the Senior Consuls, Brandon Lee (12) and Alex Jochim (11), followed by the Junior Consuls Valerie Niemeier (11) and Daniel Cavanagh (11).

The process was repeated until all ten additional officers swore their oaths into office, con-



Above Ian Atwood (12) grabs a doughnut before the Latin Club's officer induction. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

sisting of two secretaries, one treasurer, two historians, two photographers, an editor, a parliamentarian, and a webmaster.

At the end of the ceremony, the inducted officers together said,

"We believe that these ancient civilizations [Greece and Rome] will help us to understand and appreciate this world today, which is indebted to the government and laws, literature, language, and arts of that bygone civilization."

The officers blew out their candles and proceeded to march through the halls on the first floor

of the building, still fully dressed in their traditional Grecian togas.

"Hail Caesar!" proclaimed Cavanaugh as the group headed into the courtyard.

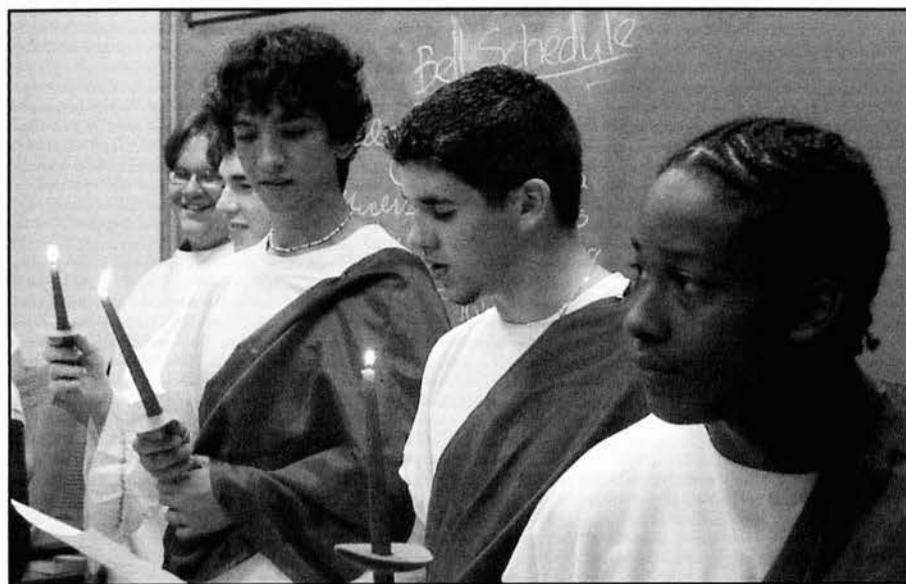
Heads turned, followed by giggles in the crowded courtyard. The group continued to march proudly showing themselves off to the rest of the student population.

After they finished making their rounds, the officers changed out of the togas and prepared for a normal school day.

"I think the Roman history is interesting and we do a lot of fun activities," Niemeier said.

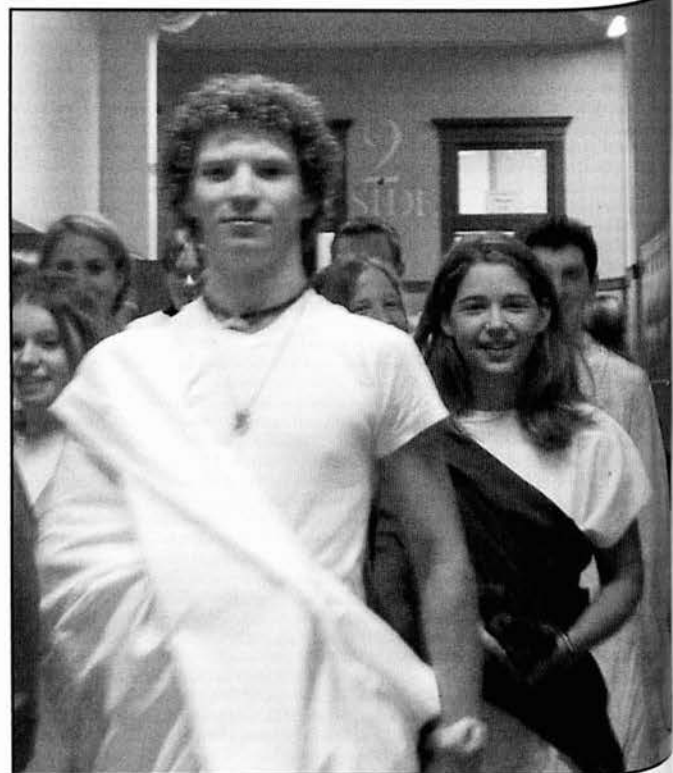
Latin Club sponsor and teacher Rita Ryan said Central's Latin Club has a history of its own.

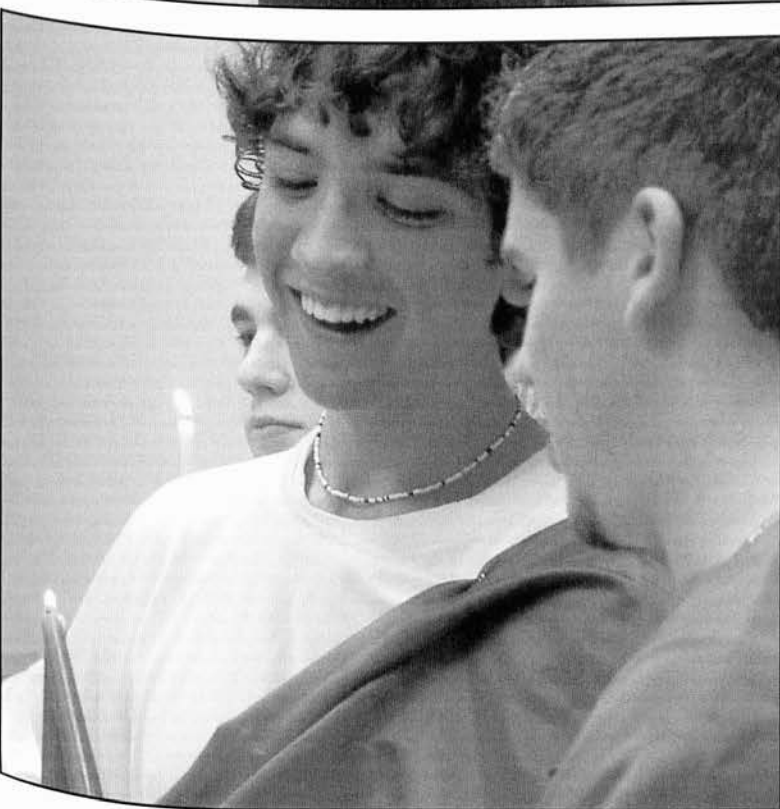
"In 1903 it was established making it the oldest Latin Club in the United States," she said.



Above. Benjamin Lyons (11), Jay Searson (10), Alex Jochim (11), Brandon Lee (12) and Rafiq Kamal (12) stand together as part of the newest group of Latin Club officers. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Right. Daniel Cavanagh (11) and Kwin Kunkle (11) parade, with the others following, around the first floor and in the courtyard. This was the end of their induction. PHOTO Meredith Grunke





Above. A student discusses with teacher Rita Ryan during the fifth period Latin 1-2 class. Ryan, along with teaching every Latin course but one, was the sponsor of the Junior Classical League and took a group of students every other year to Italy and Greece. Ryan used to be the only teacher of Latin, but such an interest was shown that an additional teacher had to be brought in to cover all of the classes. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Left. Jay Searson (10) stands by as Alex Jochim (11) lights his candle off of Brandon Lee's (12). As the officers light their candles, they pledged to "do their best to fulfill the duties of office." PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Why did you take Latin?



"I took Latin because I look up to Mrs. Ryan... No wait I look down on her."

-Jacob Croskey (12)



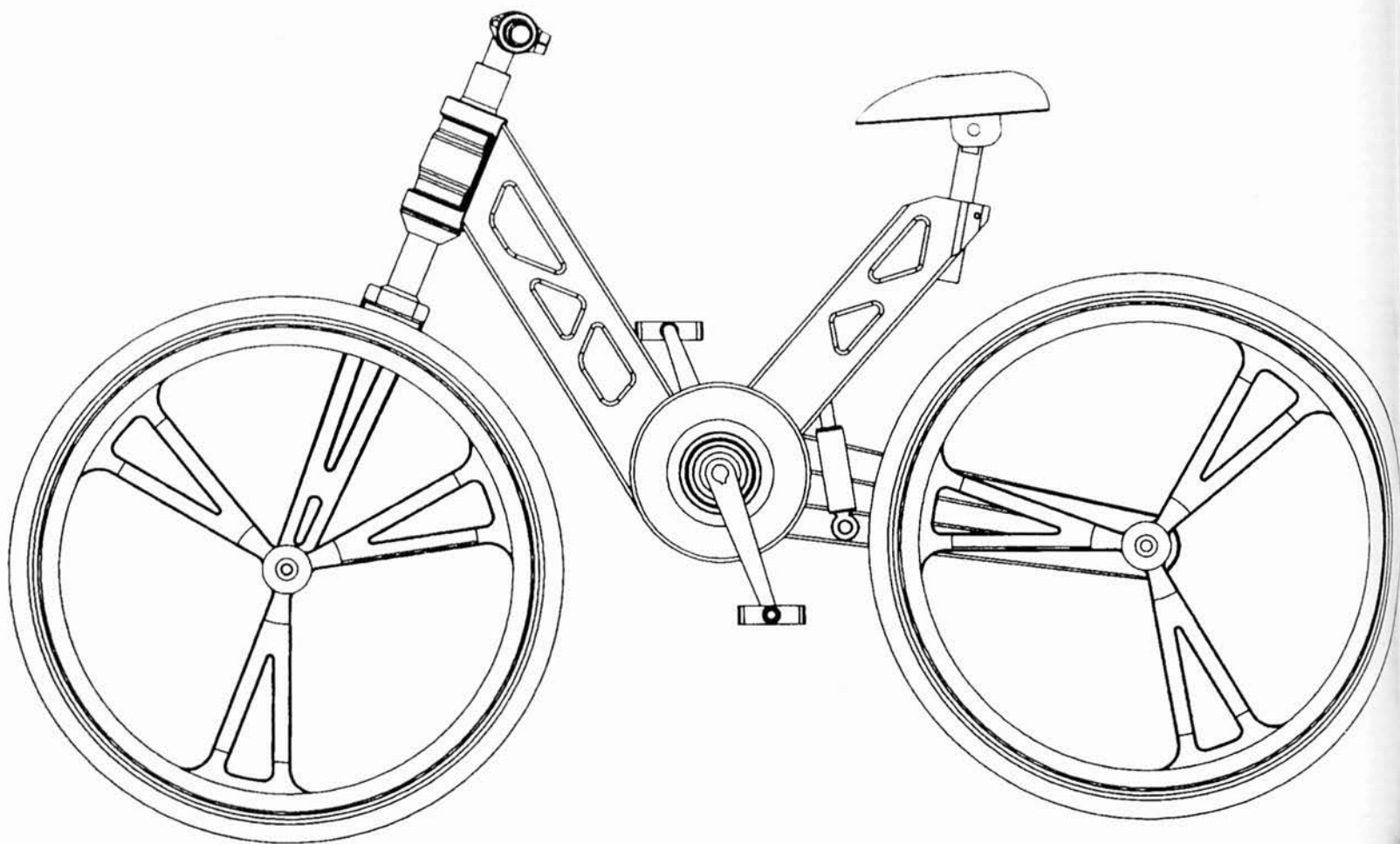
"Latin is a good base language and a gateway to other languages such as Spanish or French and other romantic languages."

-Ian Atwood (12)



"Every other language is derived from it. It was the most helpful foreign language to take at Central and I thought it would help me get more involved in after school activities."

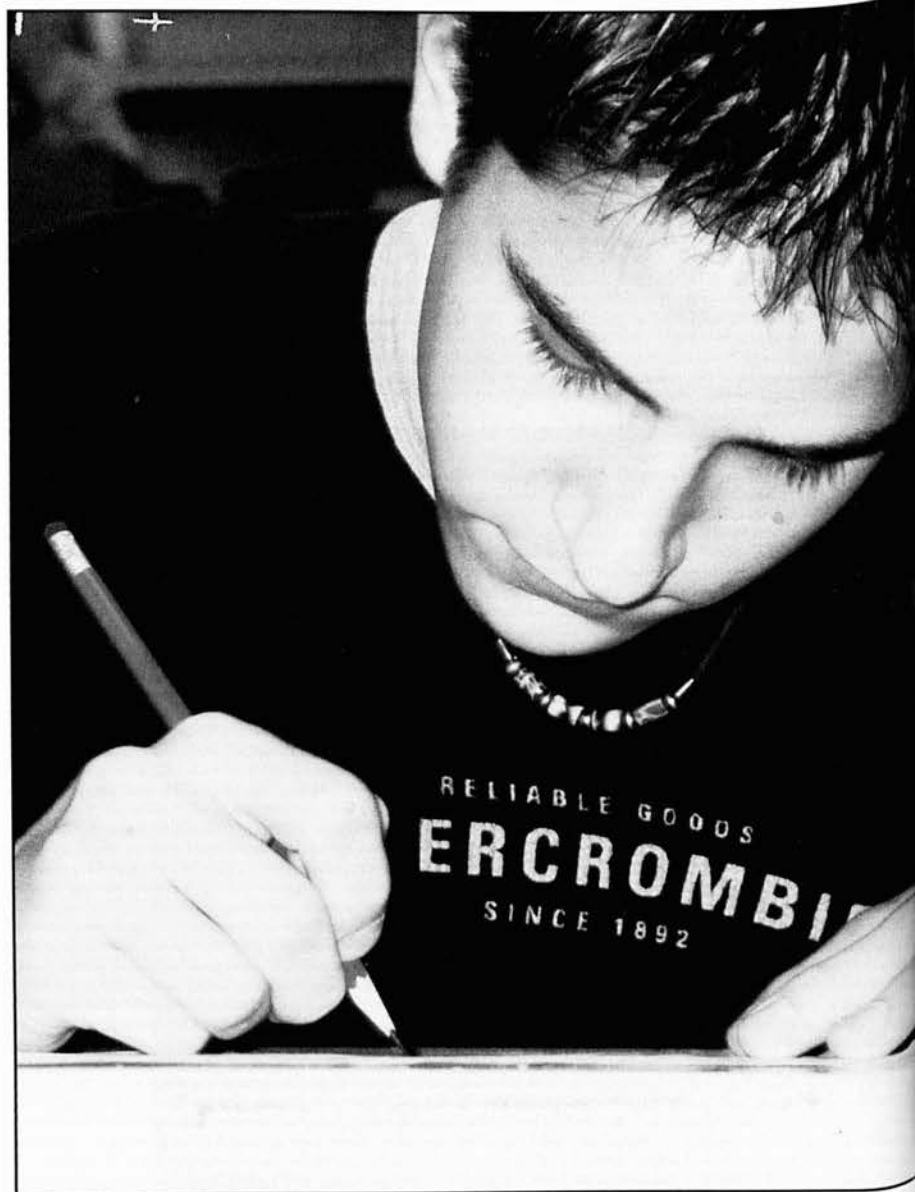
-Courtney Stoffel (12)

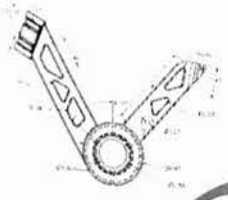


Above. Instructor Cheri Barg demonstrates how to use a scale and a forty-five-degree triangle. CAD 1-2 teaches students how to draft by hand for part of the year before they can use the computers. PHOTO Kevin Jones

Right. A pencil is the number one tool in drafting, mainly because drafters can make a quick change or two if they have to in the worksite. Zach Olsen (9) finishes up his drawing before he puts it on the computer. PHOTO Kevin Jones

Top. The bicycle is an example of an object that can be created on the new program, Inventor. Inventor makes drawing mechanical parts easier. COURTESY of Trent Lodge





acquisition of *a* new program saves time.



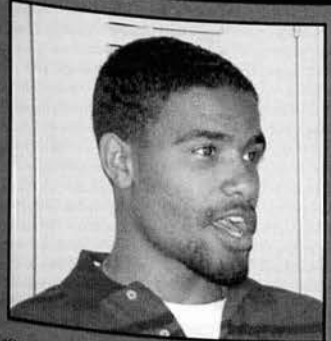
BY Marie Engdahl

In what class can a student design her future dream house or a model rocket? Students in CAD can create models like houses and rockets by using computer-aided design programs. A new computer program called Inventor made projects for CAD students user friendly. "The new program gives a better concept of 3D design and it cuts down time dramatically compared to the originally program," Clayton Lidgett (11) said. Inventor was used for engineering and architectural blue prints. The program created and assembled objects and machines,

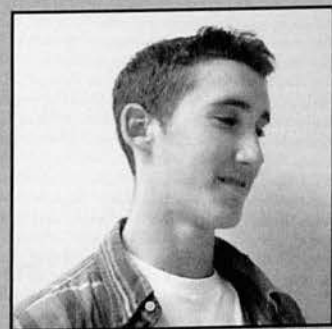
like vises and clamps. Inventor was also used to work on mechanical drawings. Parts and products can be made from a mechanical drawing. "Designs of small hand-held parts or tools are now easier to make," Lidgett said. "We used these parts to assemble machines." Trent Lodge has been teaching CAD for six years; five of those years have been at Central. He taught all levels of CAD, from CAD 1-2 to CAD 7-8. "The first year of CAD students learn basic technical skills and terms of CAD," Lodge said. "In later years a student devel-

ops more advanced skills and is expected to do work faster than in previous years." In the second semester his students worked more on architectural drawings. The students developed a plan from the drawings and created an elevation site plan. The plan was a layout of the building site. Zachary Olsen (9) said he took CAD because he wanted to do an automotive class and he thought architecture was cool. "If you are interested in working with computers and drafting and design, it also looks good on a resume," Trent Lodge said about joining CAD.

Why did you take CAD?



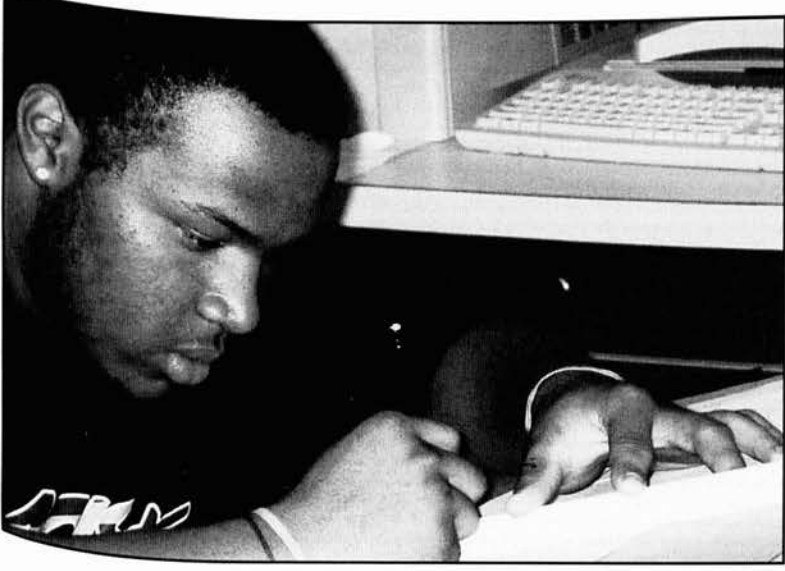
"Because I thought it would help me persue the career I want to do after high school." -Brandon Blake (12)



"Because I thought it could open up a lot of options for me." -William Smith (10)



"Because I'm interested in architecture and it's an easy credit." -Jacob Mixan (10)



Left. Adam Jackson (11) uses a scale to make sure the distances of his lines are correct. A scale can have up to six different measurements on it. PHOTO Kevin Jones

Department Head:

Tim Larson

Other teachers:

Cheri Barg, Alice Bunz, Levetta Chamberlain, Harry Gaylor, Roger Hasz, DeLayne Havlovic, Coleen Lenner, Derek Leslie, Trent Lodge, Kelly Means, Matt Shafer, Cindy Thomsen, Drew Thyden, Pat Wallington, Pegi Wheeler and Vicki Wiles

Courses:

- Accounting 1-2
- Accounting 3-4
- Business and Consumer Law
- Business Economics
- Business Procedures and Technology
- Business Internship/Lab
- CAD/Design Engineering
- Keyboarding/Word Processing 1-2
- Keyboarding/Word processing 3-4
- C++ Programming
- Advanced Placement Computer Science AB
- Visual Basic 1-2
- Visual Basic 3-4
- Visual Basic 5-6
- Computer Information Management
- Computer Graphics
- Multimedia
- Desktop Publishing
- Marketing 1-2
- Marketing 3-4
- Personal Finance
- Pathways 21

lending a helping hand at *Walk as One.*

BY Annie Walden

Below. Karletta White (12) paints a child's face during the Walk as One event while being filmed by a camera man. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. Jennifer Gatewood (12) takes her turn at filling cups of water for the runners who passed by the west side of Central. The runners just grab a cup as they run by. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. Kids had a chance to get their faces painted at the Children's Museum booth. Karletta White (12) helped paint faces during the race because there were more than enough volunteers at the water table. PHOTO Annie Walden

The sun beat down on the Walk as One participants as they turned to the water station for relief. The National Honor Society (NHS) volunteers had plenty of water to hand out, but nothing to serve it in.

"It truly was embarrassing to not have any cups," Cathy Andrus, counselor and NHS

sponsor said.

Jugs of water lined the station and NHS volunteers sat idle until 1:30, an hour after the events had begun. The volunteers helped at two stations, one at the beginning of the walk in Heartland of America Park and one at the halfway point at Central.

While other volunteers were

waiting for cups, Karletta White (12) found other places to be useful at the event.

"I saw the Children's Museum volunteers were painting faces so I went and helped them," she said.

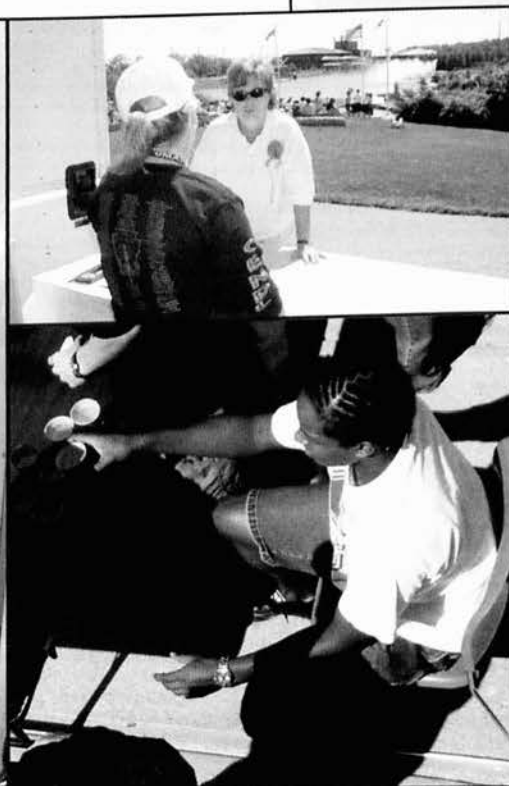
Jennifer Gatewood (12) was the activity coordinator for NHS, and was in charge of making sure all of the volunteers showed up.

At Central, they had nothing to do until after 2 pm when walkers finally reached their station. There were two tables set up so walkers would not have to stop to grab water. Coincidentally, the male volunteers stood at one table while the female volunteers worked at the other.

"A sudden surge of people came and we beat out the boys."

Below. Rachael Hart (12) fills cups of water waiting for the runners to arrive to relieve their thirst. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. National Honor Society sponsors Carol Hipp and Kathy Andrus talk to pass the time before the cups to serve water arrived. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. Rafiq Kamal (12) prepares cups of water to hand to participants in the walk. PHOTO Annie Walden

Above Virginia Meyer (12) and Sarrah MacDonald (12) stand outside the west side of the school and prepare for runners to come by and take their water. PHOTO Annie Walden

station," Gatewood said. "We gave water to the puppies who needed it too. They were more appreciative than the people."

Volunteering for Walk as One on Sept. 9, 2001 counted as one 'group activity' for NHS members. A requirement for the society was to participate in at least two group activities and complete 15 individual volunteer

hours a semester.

"A lot of people are surprised that NHS is more volunteering than they thought," Gatewood said.

Another group activity was building a house with Habitat for Humanity. One weekend a month for three months, beginning in September, volunteers helped build a house near North

High School.

"The house was intended for a single mother and her children. Habitat for Humanity projects are often more rewarding than other volunteer opportunities," Gatewood said, "because the workers have something physical and permanent that they have accomplished."

Students were able to apply

for NHS membership at the end of their junior year. Members must possess a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and have character qualities of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

"NHS is giving back to the community. We tried to keep the image of Central as a good one," Gatewood said.

Aquiring A real-world experience.

BY Mike Zhang

Forty pages, more color, 2 national Best in Shows, and a Pacemaker.

The *Register* staff went to the NSPA (National Student Press

Association) national journalism competition in Boston in November with hopes of winning number one for the second year in a row.

The y returned victorious with 1st place in the large newspaper, Best in Show

competition for their second edition of the paper, 1st place for Specialty Newspaper for the *Edge* magazine, 2nd place in the same category for the 1st issue of the paper and 6th in news magazine.

The paper was awarded the

Pacemaker for its excellence.

"When they announced the second place, we knew that we had won because our paper was way better than that pile (the rest of the entries)," Christopher Aponick (12), sports editor said.

The staff had only 17 members, smaller than in past years.

"We had pretty much the same staff as last year, and now we're more experienced, we are bigger and better than last year." Matthew Wynn (12), editor-in-chief of the *Register*, said.

The *Register* started off this year with a 40-page paper and a 32-page magazine that came out on Thurs., Sept. 20.

The combination of the magazine and the newspaper is something unique in Omaha.

There are not many schools in the nation that do something in as big a proportion as this.

Some schools looked at the *Register* not as high school paper, saying the paper received too much money to be on the same level.

Register staffers had to sell

all of the advertisements to fund the paper's extra costs.

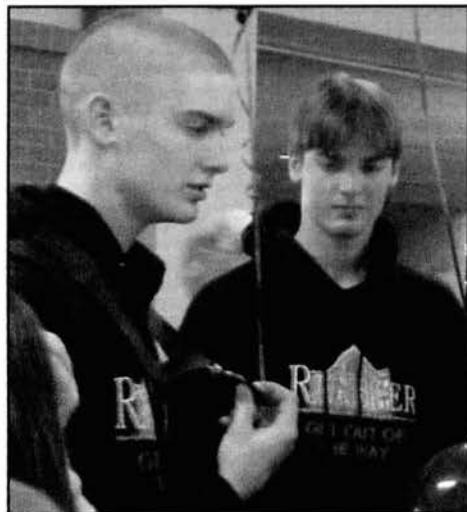
The total cost was about \$4000 for that issue, staff members said.

The first issue had 10 color pages, two each for the sections.

"I think the color made the paper look much better, the first issue beats all the others we've done last year, and we improved on that throughout the year," Quentin Lueninghoener (12), executive editor said.

The *Edge* magazine was a 10x12 glossy covered magazine that covered issues not usually covered by the paper. Most issues were in very close relation to the students. It allowed space for longer, more in-depth features.

"I think that even though the *Edge* looks totally different from the *Register*, it's still the same thing. We have the same resources and people, our style is different, but it's the same thing. We just have more space to play with," Danielle Rollins (12), editor of the *Edge* magazine, said.



Above. Douglas Meigs (11) shows off his medal from winning an 'Excellence' in political cartooning. His brother, Robert Meigs (11), came to greet the staff as they returned home from Boston. PHOTO Annie Walden

Right. Paula Salhany (11) and Emily Neumann (12) stand on the field during the first football game of the season to take photos. PHOTO Annie Walden

Far right. Danielle Rollins (12) carries her cup for winning the Best Specialty Paper award for *The Edge* through the airport after the staff returned. PHOTO Annie Walden



Department Head:

Terrie Saunders

Other teachers:

**Diane Allen
Dee D'Agosto
Matthew Deabler
Christie Flaherty
Vicki Freivogel
John Gibson
Cristina Hiddleston
Kris Jonyka
Marcella Mahoney
Kathy Maloney
David Martin
Jodie Martinez
Christine Mills
Donna Noll
Susan Oles
Ellen Plath
Jurgen Shawver
Jennifer Stastny**

Courses and description:

English 1-8.

Writing themes and reading a wide range of literary selections.

Journalism.

Introduces students to the entire field of journalism.

O-Book/Yearbook.

Students create the entire yearbook.

Register/Newspaper.

Students create the school newspaper.

Creative Writing.

Students study techniques that will enable them to express their ideas, feelings and experiences creatively.

Speech/Debate 1-8.

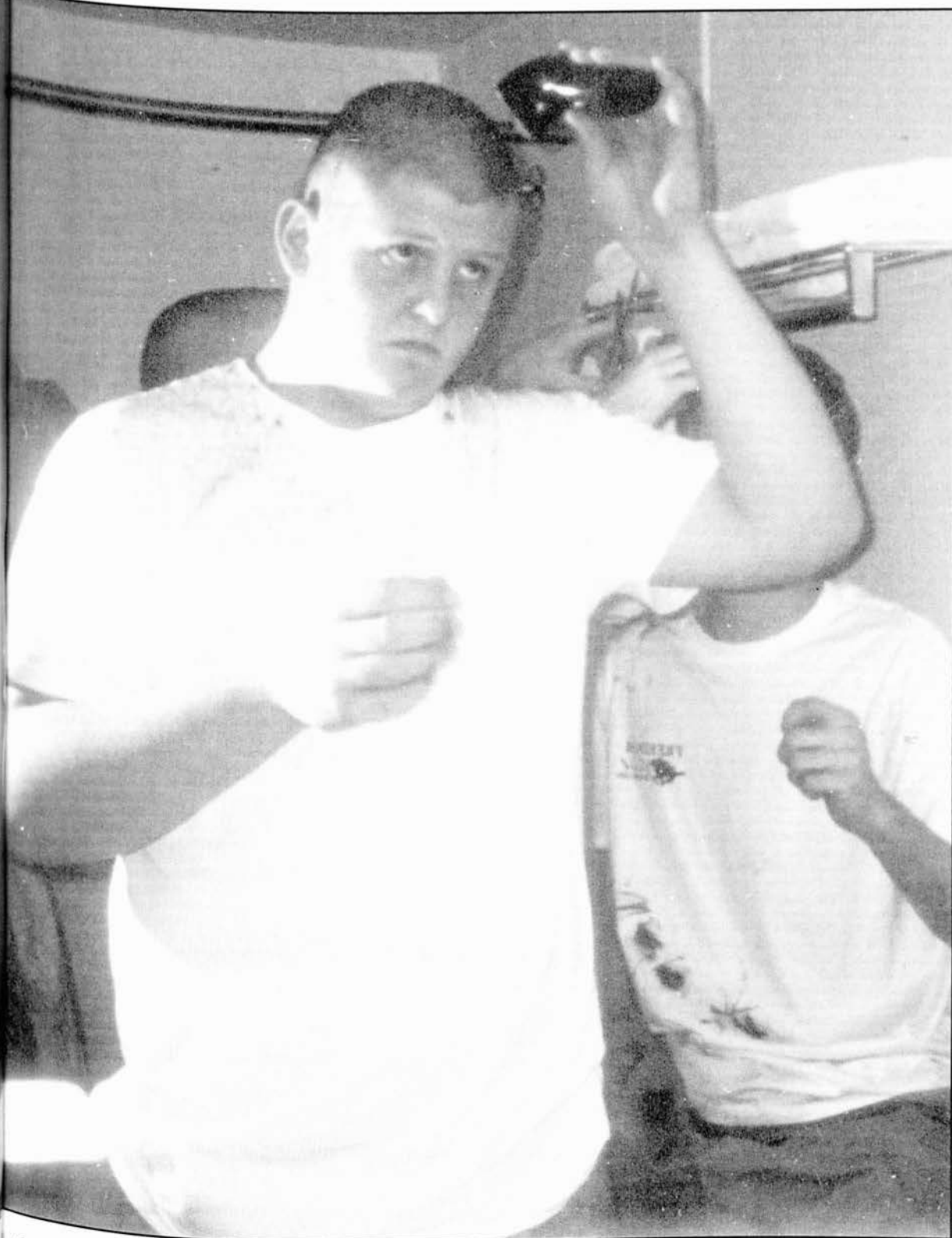
Fundamentals of communication, speech and debate.

Drama 1-4.

Scene and character study, directing techniques and theatre history.

Theatre/Stage Survey.

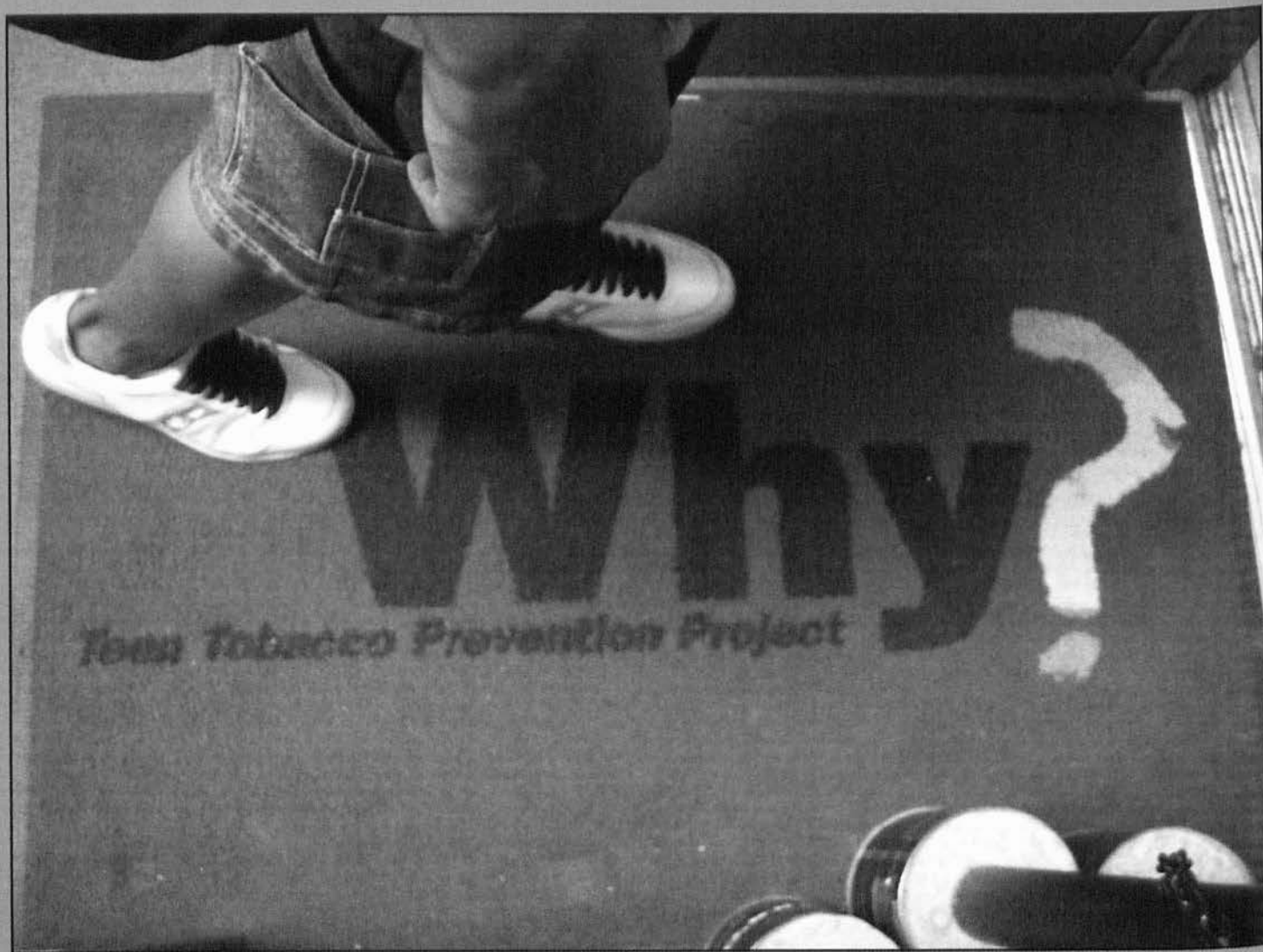
Focuses on the technical side of the theatre.



Above. Troy Schulte (12) looks in the mirror as he shaves his head in the hotel while in Boston for a journalism competition. As a sign of unity and celebration, some of the boys on staff shaved their heads while the girls dyed their hair. PHOTO April Gayer



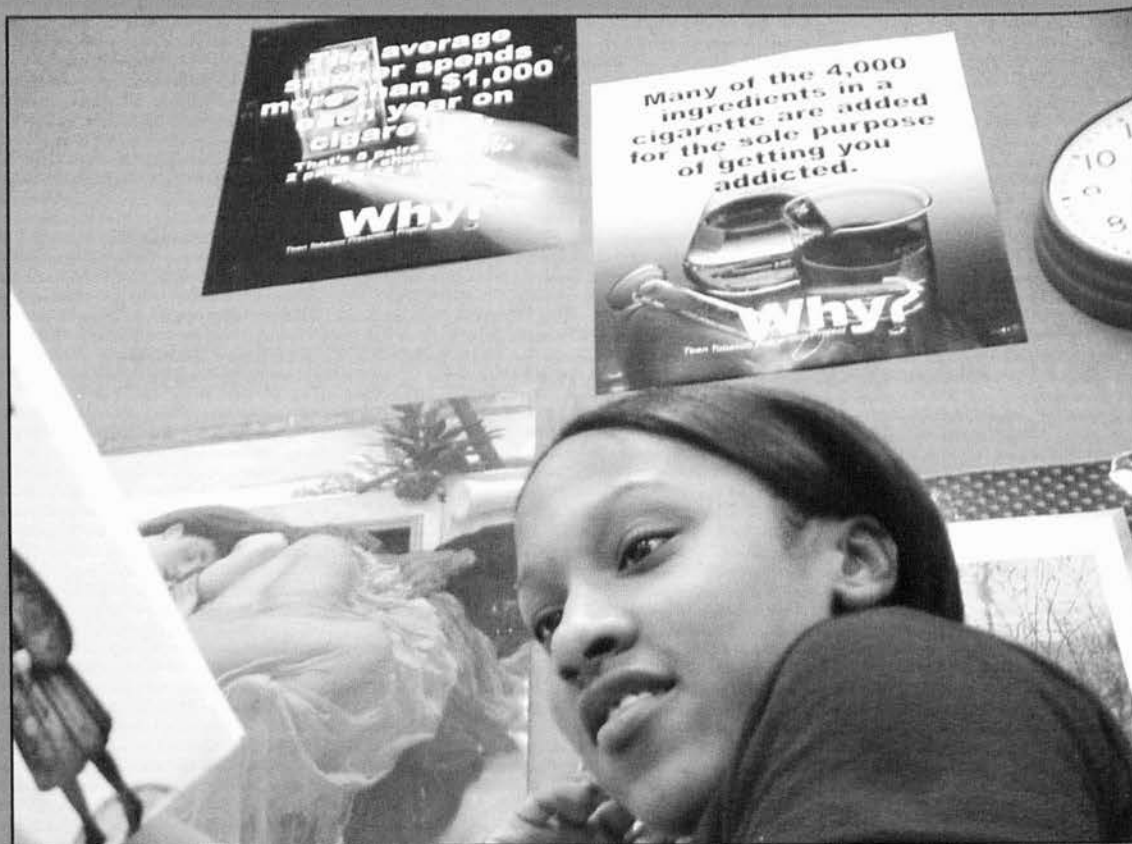
Left. Matthew Wynn (12) is greeted with a congratulatory sign as they reached the crowd of parents to welcome the students home. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. The Why? project has expanded with products such as this rug. Rugs were found outside the marketing office, in the main office and various locations around Omaha, especially downtown. PHOTO Andy Berg

Right. Norma Reynolds (12) stares at a literature book, waiting for class to get out. On the walls are posters of the Why? campaign. Along with the posters, billboards were put up around Omaha, and bracelets were distributed to junior high students. PHOTO Andy Berg

Facing page. A backside view of Central High School's own Why? project J Doe. Art teacher Margaret Quinn created the J Doe from designs by art students. The Marketing Department had the Art Department hold a contest for the design of the J Doe. Three designs were chosen to be used and were combined for the final product. PHOTO Lynne Clure



giving kids A reason to say no.

BY Marie Engdahl

Teens are faced with peer pressure of smoking every day, but Central students created a way to support living an anti-tobacco life.

Project Why? was a teen tobacco prevention project sponsored by the DECA club. DECA members started the project after receiving a \$100,000 grant for having the best idea out of Class A schools to use the money.

"We are hoping to align with other teen tobacco prevention forces so that our mission can be carried out after our time is up," DECA sponsor Vicki Wiles said.

One of DECA's goals for the project was to create a mascot that would represent the Project Why? Campaign. Another goal was to get Project Why? into state and national scenes.

DECA also visited Lewis and Clark Middle School to promote the Why? Campaign, and to help educate young teenagers about the long-term effects smoking can cause. In the gym of Lewis and Clark, DECA students had to set up a carnival to make learning fun for the middle school students.

DECA students set up booths dealing with tobacco around the gym. At one booth, teenagers had to put straws in their mouths and they had to run around for two minutes only breathing through the straw. This activity helped educate the students on

the effects of emphysema.

"It really made an impact on the kids, to experience the effects of the smoking-related disease emphysema. Hopefully this activity will help them to reject the pressures of smoking in the future," Ariel Shukert (12) said.

The logo for Project Why? was designed by DECA students and asks the question: Why smoke cigarettes? Research studies on how the project has affected its target market have not yet been completed.

"On the web site, information is given to explain our missions and activities for the project. Pictures of Why?'s billboards and rallies can be viewed," DECA sponsor Harry Gaylor said.

DECA was also hoping to take Project Why? to the next level by making its billboards in international languages along with printed ads for different languages.

"The DECA class of 2001 was very productive with the anti-tobacco project. The class of 2002 must take it further," Gaylor said.



Lucas Kiellon (12)

"I don't think the Why? project was effective because the target audience didn't retain the information we presented them with."



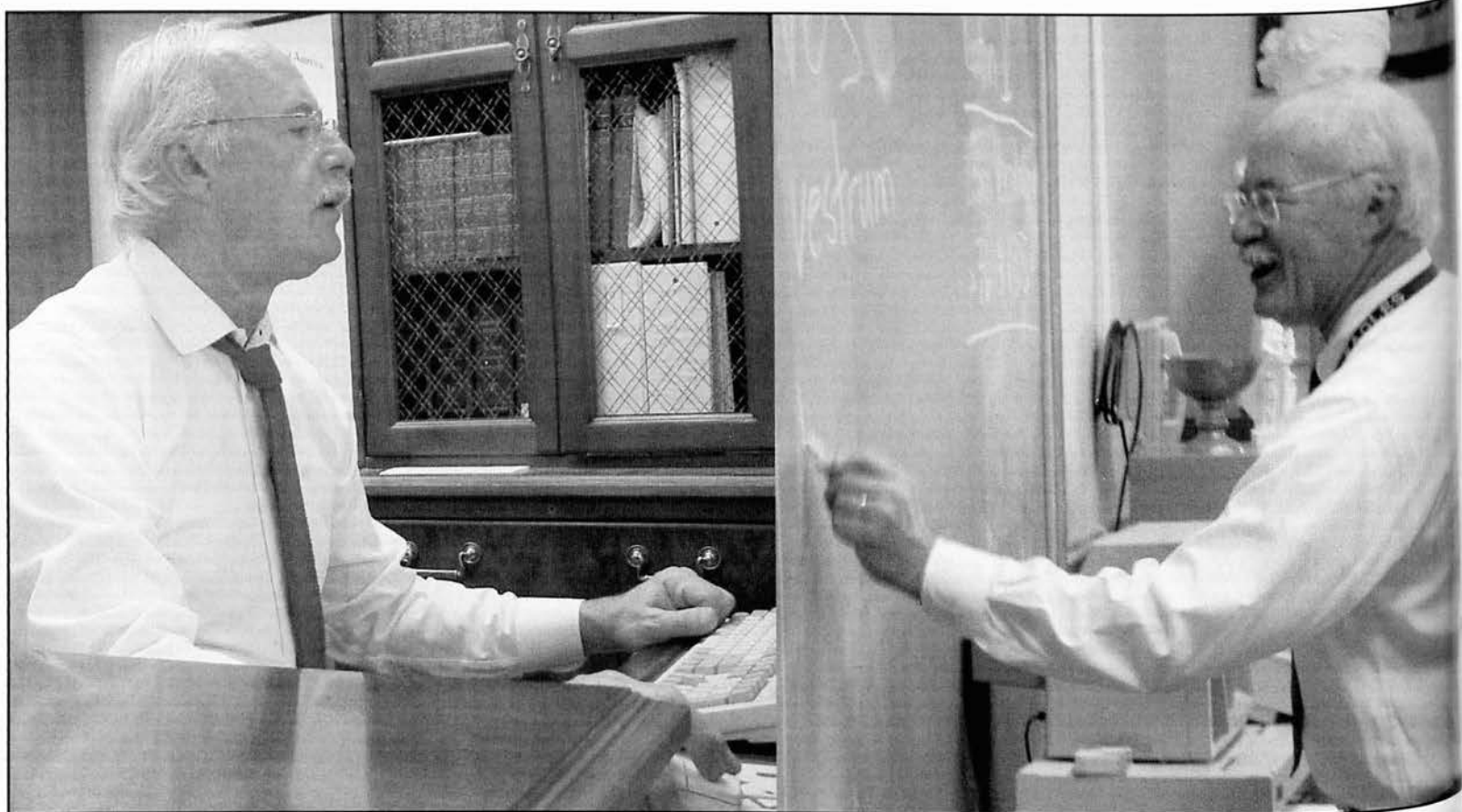
Kristin Teare (12)

"I think the Why? project was a positive influence on junior high students, but not as much for high school students who already were in the habit of smoking."



Holly Greenamyre (12)

"I think the Why? campaign was great and it influenced a lot of junior high students who made it worthwhile."



the double life of the Latin teacher

BY Nitasha Dickes

Out of 146 teachers, James Geleson, a Latin teacher, is one of the few who can say that teaching is not his full-time occupation.

Geleson is a lawyer who teaches Latin without a teaching license or degree.

"I am what the educational school board calls a facilitator," Geleson said. "A facilitator is an individual who has some knowledge of the subject asked to be taught."

Latin teacher Rita Ryan said she has noticed the increase of students enrolling in Latin and if more students take Latin then more teachers are required.

"For the last several years I have been the only Latin

teacher," Ryan said. "Don't get me wrong I love teaching Latin, but the extra help will be nice."

By coincidence he was offered the job of teaching Latin 5-6 first hour, he said.

"I remember holding a conversation with a foreign language teacher," Geleson said, "then the next day the school Human Resource Department contacted me."

To get the job, Geleson had to go through long interviews that asked questions such as, what he thought teaching was and why he would be a good candidate for a facilitator.

"Even though Geleson isn't a teacher he knows a lot about Latin," Rachael Ferber (11) said.

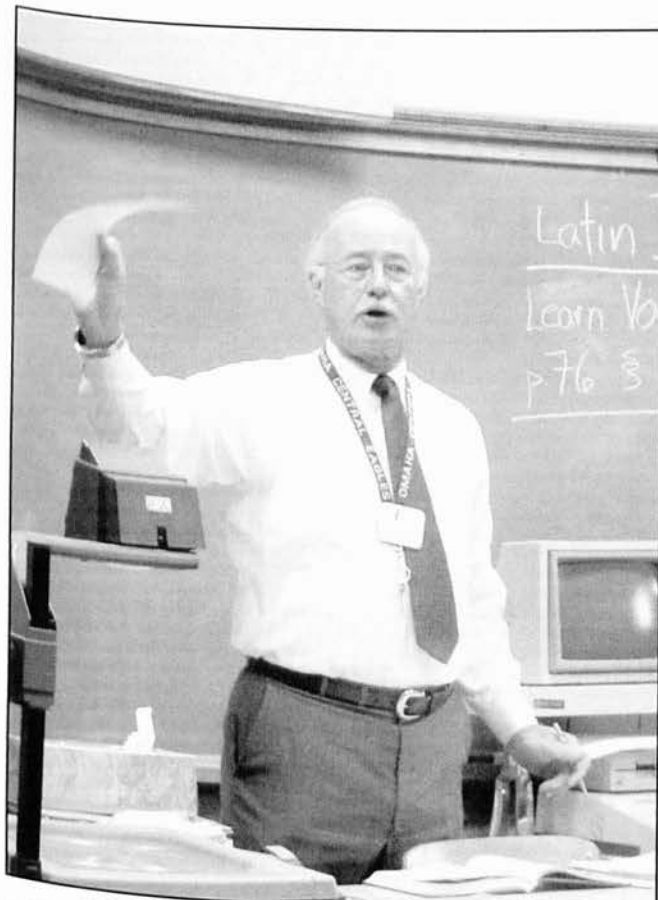
Geleson said teaching made him feel young again and seeing students wanting to learn was wonderful.

Alex Jochim (11) said Geleson was not necessarily an easier teacher than Ryan, but he gave more homework involving memorization, which takes more time to do.

Geleson has spent 30 years of his life handling estate matters, contract and civil law cases.

He spends up to eight hours a day, seven days a week at his primary job, dedicating his time to his clients and being a solo practitioner lawyer.

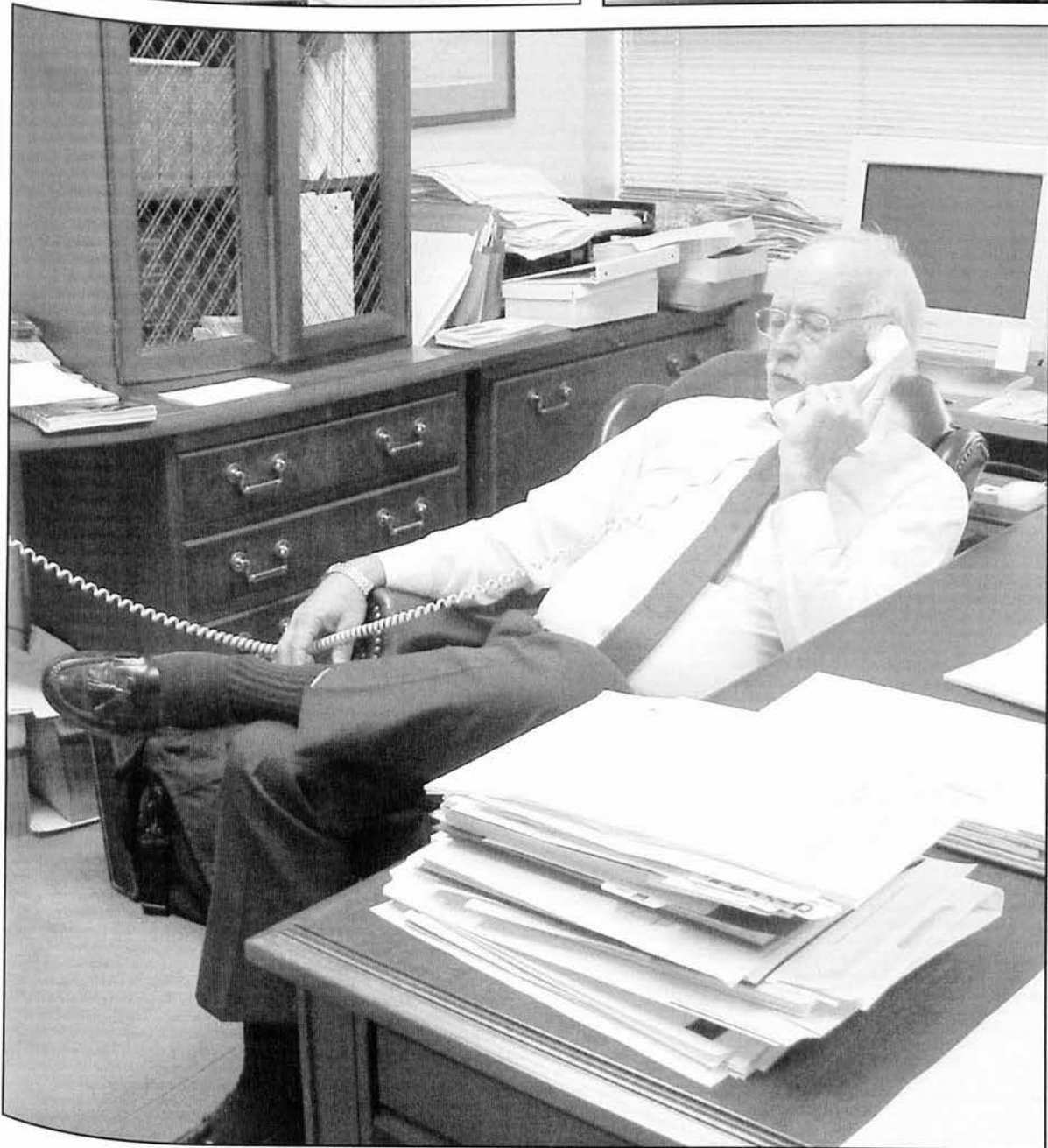
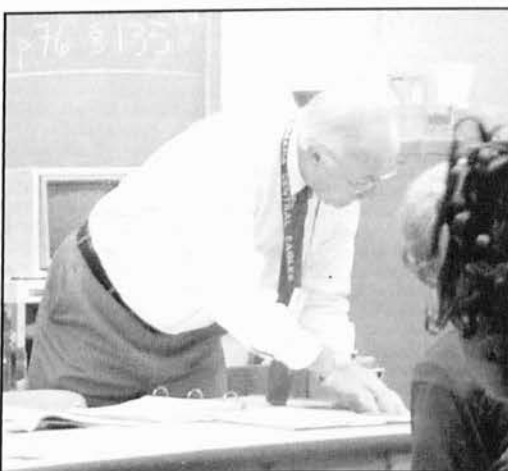
"Teaching is fascinating," Geleson said. "If I didn't love being a lawyer I would teach."



Far left. James Geleason accesses files from a law website in his office where he sometimes researches his cases, and enjoys teaching his Latin students first period. He spends a lot of time online researching for his clients and now has Latin bookmarks. PHOTOS by Annie Walden and Quentin Lueninghoener

Left and below. James Geleason, Latin facilitator, tries to find the owner of this nameless paper and checks attendance at the beginning of class every day. PHOTO Quentin Lueninghoener

Bottom. Geleason communicates his cases over the telephone in his office. PHOTO Annie Walden.



Department Head:

Bev Fellman

Other teachers:

- Vickie Anderson**
- Jane Boeke**
- Wendy Brownson**
- Jim Gleason**
- Susana Lara**
- Kristen Longacre**
- Erica Meyer**
- Esther Pinto**
- Rita Ryan**
- Jeffery Sill**

Courses and description:

French 1-10.

From basic skills in reading, speaking, listening and writing to advanced grammar and writing skills.

AP French.

College credit for the class if student passes AP exam.

German 1-10.

From basic skills in reading, speaking, listening and writing to advanced grammar and writing skills.

AP German.

College credit for the class if student passes AP exam.

Spanish 1-10.

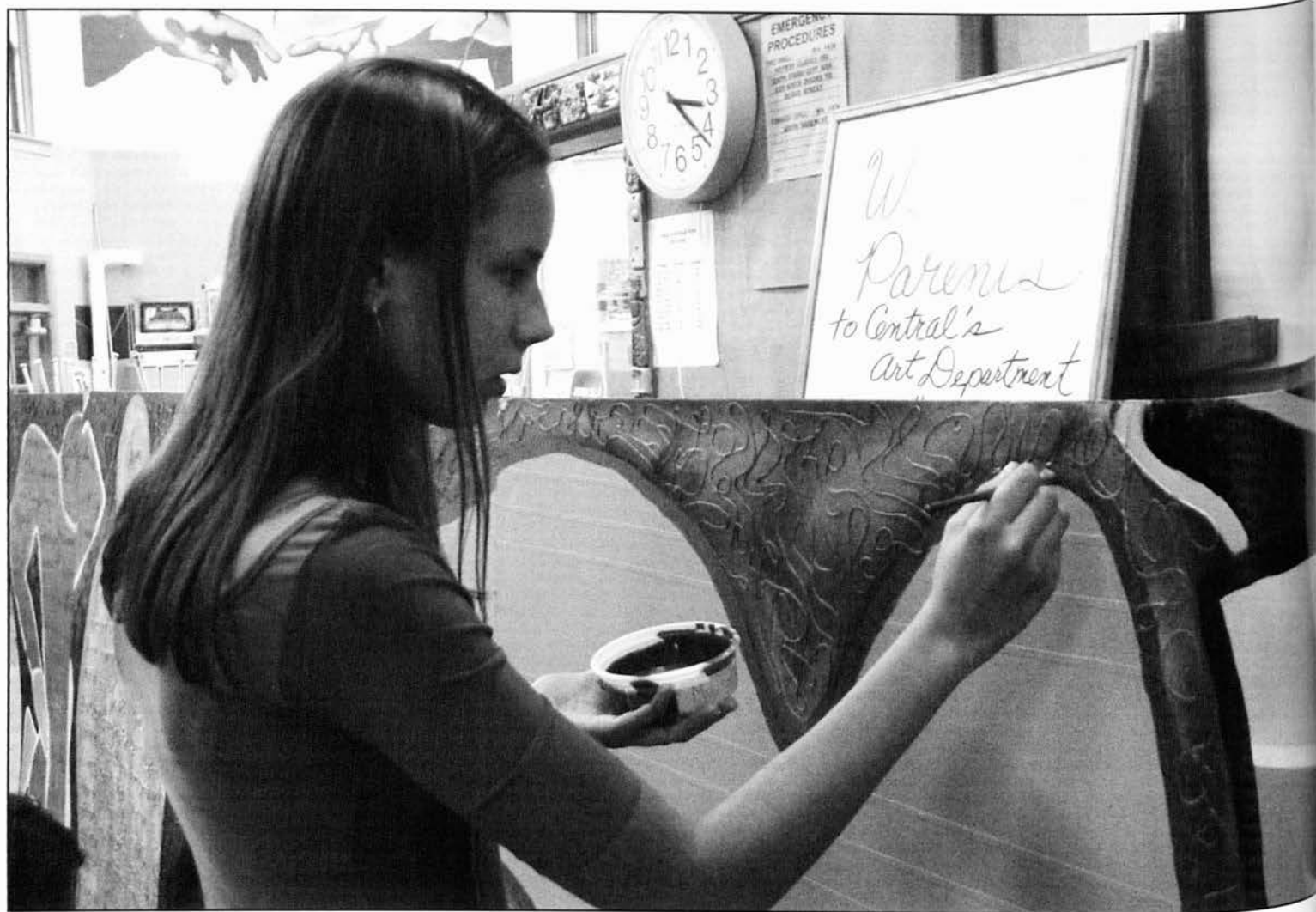
From basic skills in reading, speaking, listening and writing to advanced grammar and writing skills.

AP French.

College credit for the class if student passes AP exam.

Latin 1-8.

From translation to recognition of all basic Latin grammar.



art club takes the library mural.

BY Peter Sullivan

The mural in the library was replaced by a new mural painted by the Art Club at the request of librarian Kristel Mayberry.

"She saw all of the wonderful murals in the art room and wanted the club to make another," Margaret Quinn said.

Quinn, head of the Art Club for six years, was excited to start. They began by having a competition for a new design. First place winner was Ananda Walden (12).

She won \$50 for the design while second and third place winners, Jennifer Lambrecht (11) and Chelsea Kegermann (11) won

\$25.

The winning theme was based on the Dewey decimal system. For literature they had a man who has the opening of *Great Expectations* written on the body. For social studies they had the text of the Declaration of Independence written on it. For music they had the music notes from the Beatles "All you need is Love," for science they had a "periodic table man," for math they had pi written out, and for international language they had "I Love You" written in different languages. They met three days a week after school until Dec. to

paint.

"I had a lot of fun painting the 'Music Man,' and also the background," Nora Prazan (11) said.

Prazan has been in Art Club for three years and painted the "Music Man" on the mural. The notes for the song were made out of paper and then glued on to the mural.

"It will look good in the library, but a little bright because of the colors," Ashley Vak (12) said.

Vak, vice president, said she was impressed with how big the mural was before they started.

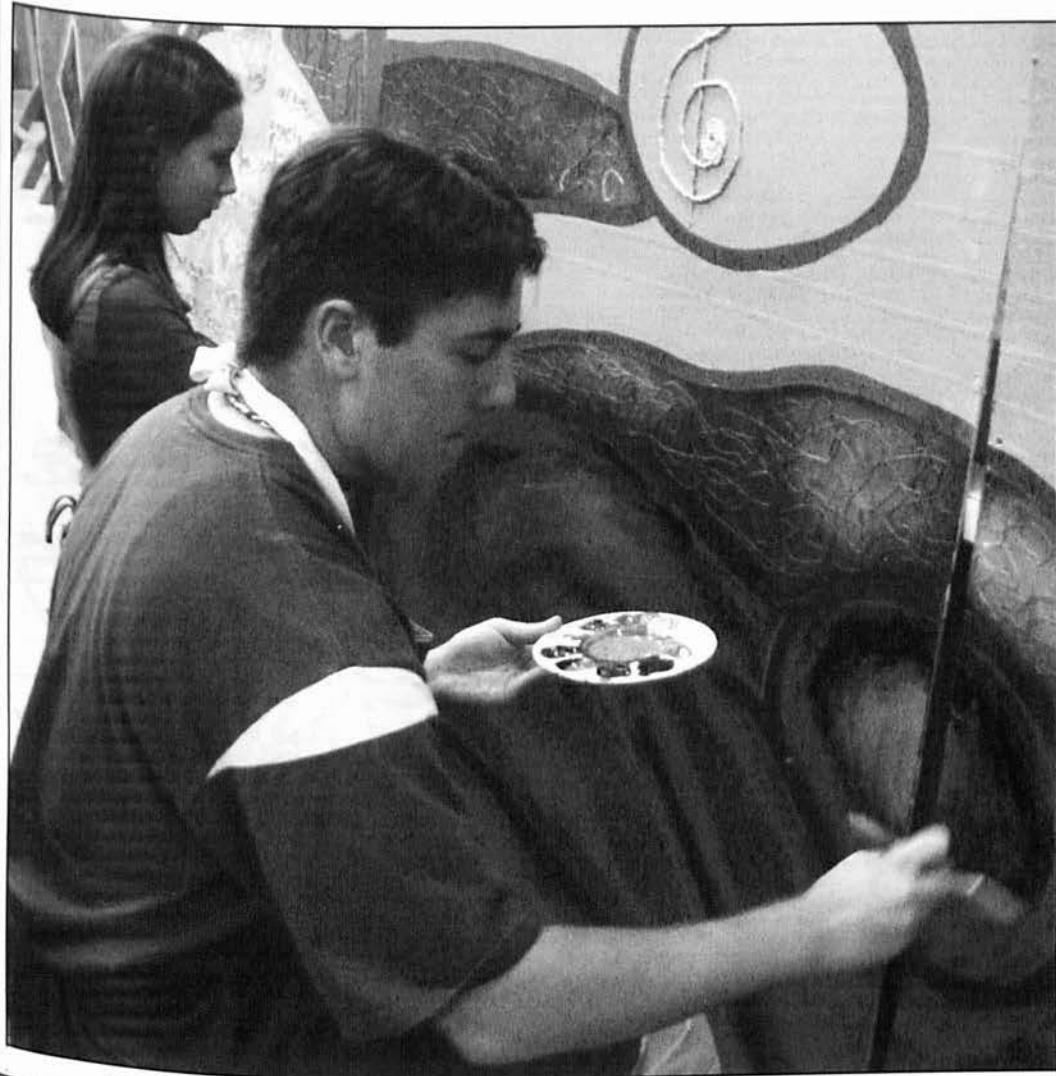
Vak painted the social studies man with the Declaration of Independence on it. She said it was neat to have something she created to be on display.

"The mural will add a lot of color to the library," Makeda Gilliam (11) said.

Gilliam, secretary, painted the outline of the math figure. Gilliam said painting the mural helped to improve her artistic skills.

The Art Club also painted pumpkins and auctioned them off, did cartooning, silk screened t-shirts, made candles and worked on the pottery wheel.

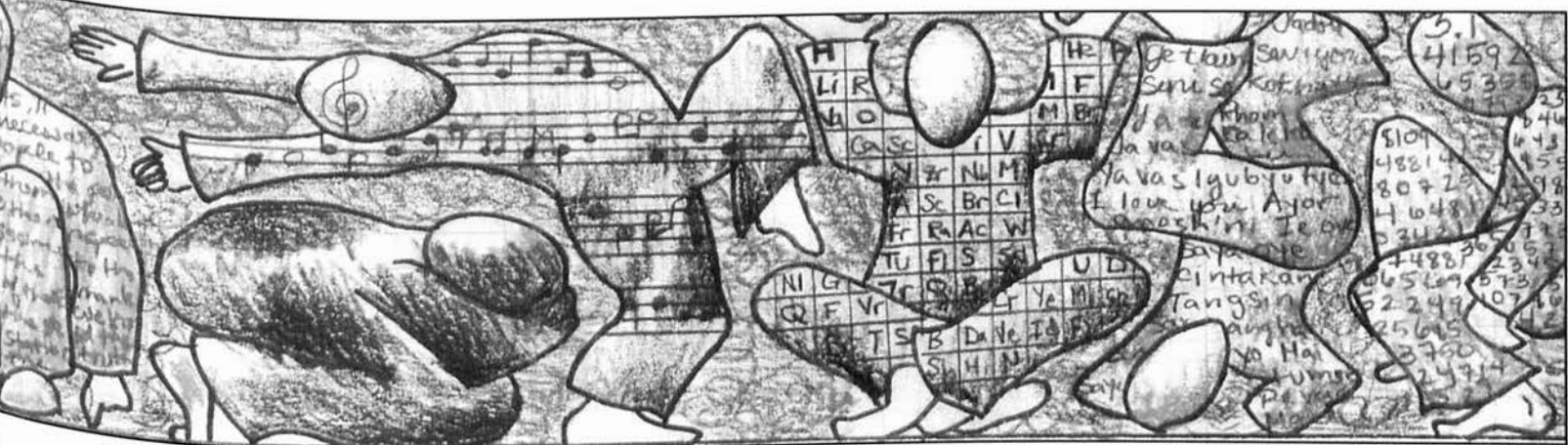
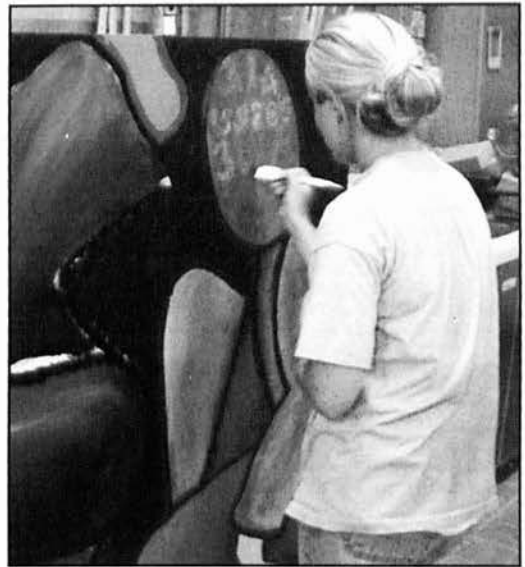




Left. Andrew Hofmann (12) uses his artistic ability for the school's mural. Hofmann worked primarily on the red figure. PHOTO Annie Walden

Opposite page. Nora Prazan (11) does touch up on her "music man." Prazan painted the most of that figure for the mural. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. Kirsten Leahy (12) begins over-painting numbers on the math figure. Different texturing techniques were used for each form like string and stick-on letters. PHOTO Annie Walden



Design Contest 1st Place Winner



Ananda Walden (12)

She created a 2 by 10 inch thumbnail sketch (pictured above).
 "I wanted each person to represent a part of the dewey decimal system. It was inspired by my mom who is a librarian. We were afraid the colors were going to clash with the orangeness of the library, but it all worked out. I'm afraid the mural might not stay up long because of renovations, but it was great fun making it," she said.

Design Contest 2nd Place Winner



Jennifer Lambrecht (11)

She had the mural design that took second place. Her drawing consisted of bookshelves with objects representing different school subjects. For example, math had equations, geography had a compass, music had a conductor and so on. All of this work only took Lambrecht about three hours.
 Lambrecht said she liked Walden's design and did a little work on the painting of the final product.

A calculating formula for success.

BY Lynne Clure

A HSME, Atlantic-Pacific, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and North High School. All were chances for the math team to test at the national level.

One of the sponsors, Tarah Baumert, said the club's main purpose was to compete and to explore fun and exciting math concepts, ideas and challenges.

But learning more about math was only part of the challenge. The club participated in all sorts of competitions, including competitions held at South Dakota University and Northwest Missouri State.

"I think we did a lot more than last year, more competitions," said club president Eric Rafferty (12).

Rafferty said it was one of his goals to lead the team to victory and inspire them to be better and smarter people.

"With the help of Ms. Beery and I, Math Club could be a superior force which other schools should fear," he said.

At the Math Day at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Rafferty was the only one on the team whose score of 83 was high enough to qualify for Probe II.

Probe II is the second round in which the top fifty advance. His score placed him 13th out of almost 1400 students who came from all over the state.

Another big project was the annual middle school competition. Nicholas Zielinski (11), who took the role of bouncer at the meetings, said the club set up math tests and quiz bowls for middle school students. The students made up the questions for the test and hosted the event.

Math Club consisted of about 25 members, most of which came from the enrichment math class Amanda Beery, Math Club sponsor said. The enrichment math class was an optional course offered to students who have a special interest in mathematics and number theory.

The club met about once a month unless there was a competition.

The club received support from several sponsors including Amanda Beery, Tarah Baumert and Susan Drumm. The club officers were Rafferty (12), Lauren Prest (11), Scott O'Dell (11), Melissa Hepburn (11) and Zielinski.



"I like Math Club because it's fun and Ms. Beery is a great teacher!"
-Alexander Bloom (10)



"I am involved in Math Club because I love to math and it is useful for my future."
-Yun Lin (10)

Department Head:

Jenne Gregor

Other teachers:

- Mark Allner**
- Tarah Baumert**
- Amanda Beery**
- Chad Burns**
- Susan Drumm**
- Lloyd Fitch**
- Brent Larson**
- Angela Meyer**
- Mindy Morgan**
- Kelly Murphy**
- Christie Pfeifer**
- Elizabeth Wessling**
- Mary Whitney**

Courses and description:

Algebra 1-4.

A college preparatory class in nature that studies various topics.

Geometry 1-2.

Emphasis is on proofs more than any other class in high school.

Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus.

Covers the study of trigonometry and analytical geometry chiefly in the conic sections.

AP Calculus.

Differential and integral calculus which covers the topics in the syllabus published by the College Board.

Honors Enrichment Math 1-2.

Gives the talented and motivated student an opportunity to broaden their horizons.

Honors Differential Equations 1-2.

The highest math class in high school.

Honors Probability and Statistic 1-2.

Major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing and drawing conclusions from data.

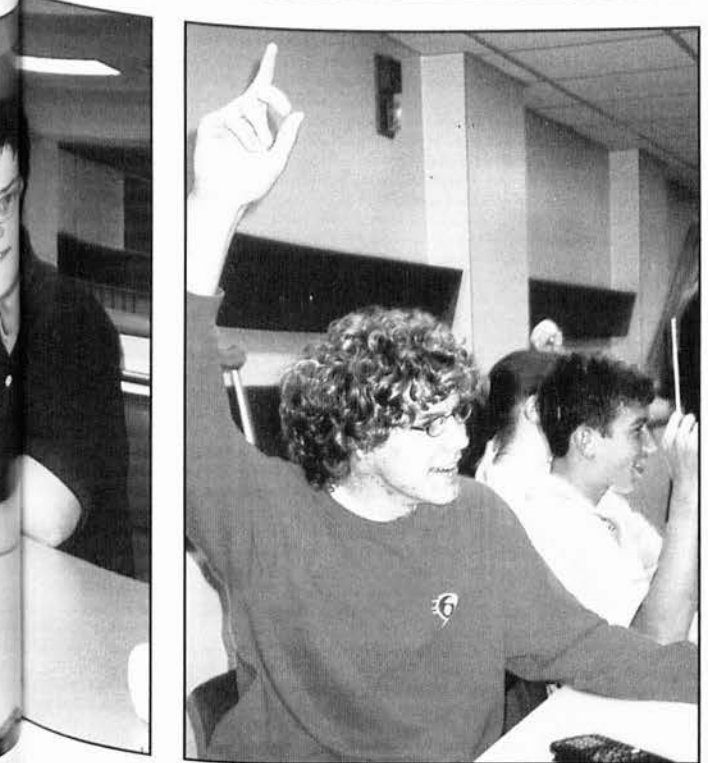
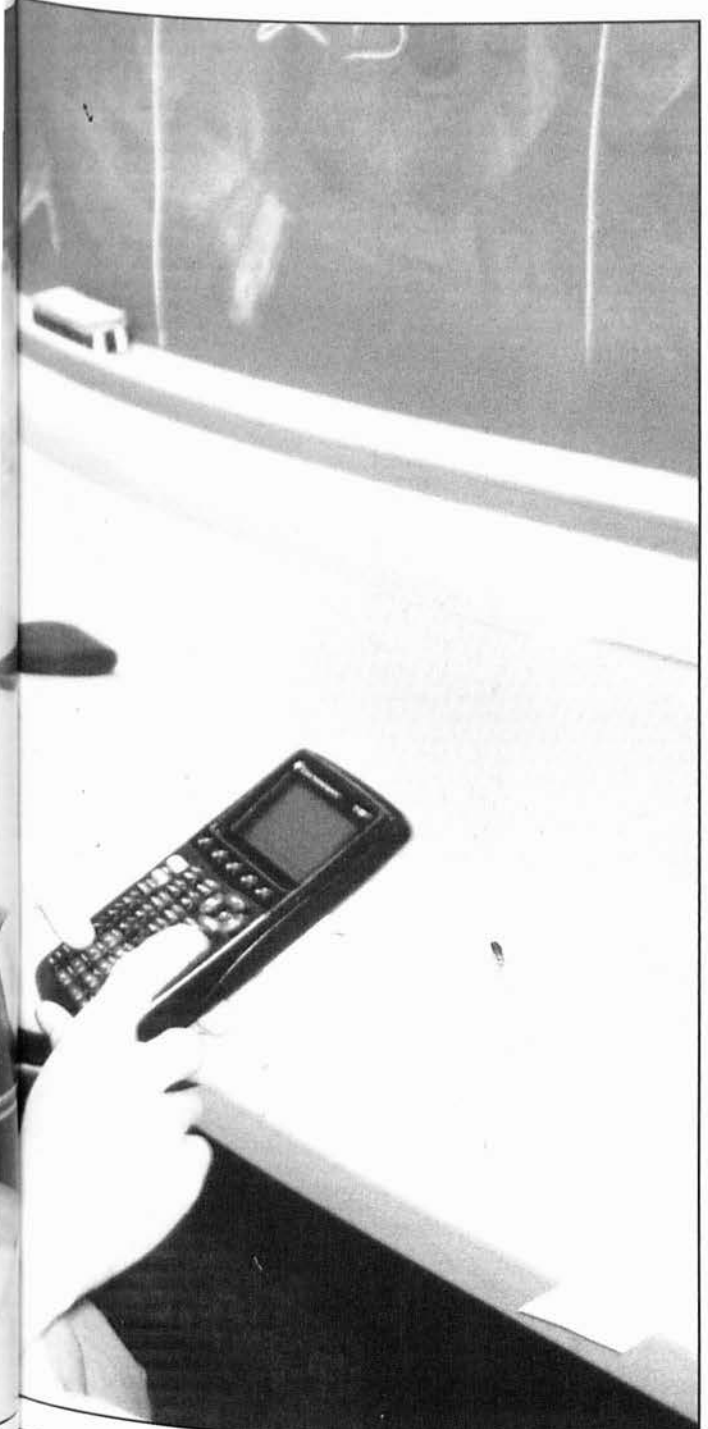
Left. Eric Rafferty (12) calculates his answer during the written part of the competition. The competition was held at North High School in the fall. They were testing at the National Level. PHOTO Lauren Freeman

Below. Janelle Ritsch (12), Damien Hozapfel (12) and Lucas Matyja (11) grab their Subway sandwiches provided by the Math Club sponsors after the competition. The sponsors wanted to reward the participants after their efforts in the long competition. PHOTO Lauren Freeman



Far left. Melissa Hepburn (11) and Nicholas Zielinski (11) discuss the North High competition events while eating snacks and taking a break. They anxiously waited the awards session as they tried to decide how well they did on their tests. PHOTO Lauren Freeman

Left. Scott O'Dell (11) eagerly raises his hand to answer a question at the North High Competition. The competition consisted of a target round, relay round, sprint round, and a team test. PHOTO Lauren Freeman



deer drive isa project for volunteers.

BY Lynne Clure

Several students and teachers lined up along the fence of the Botanical Gardens. Their goal: chase the deer out of the gardens.

The Youth Volunteer Corps was asked to assist in removing the deer from the Botanical Gardens. The deer were harming the environment of the park, and the Botanical Garden needed some volunteers to get the job done.

"It was a success. We scared off two of the deer," Andrew Hofmann (12) said. "They were actually pretty big and one ran right by me."

Youth Volunteer Corps chased the deer out because they were eating the plants at the gardens. In preparation for the Grand Opening a perimeter fence needed to be set up.

While there, they also winterized the children's garden, planted new bulbs and pulled up any unwanted weeds.

It was all part of a process the Botanical Gardens go through once a year to make sure it can have a better year after the winter season.

"I guess they start off with a clean plate," Hofmann said.

They went back to the Botanical Gardens on Dec. 1 to work in the greenhouse.

Other projects for the year were recycling, a downtown Omaha cleanup and a visit to the nursing home.

The downtown cleanup is an annual tradition that Central takes part in to help keep the general look of the school's neighborhood which businesses have come to expect.

Another project YVC took part in this year was recycling. This was the second year for recycling at Central.

The group picked up recycling bins every Wednesday from various rooms around the building.

"There's so much paper and it's not that complicated," sponsor Cristina Hiddleston said.

The club had about 15 consistent members. Others would join just for projects. Sponsors were Hiddleston, Christy Mills, Kelly Murphy, Mindy Morgan, Amanda Beery, Kristen Longacre, and Chad Burns.



Above. Amanda Stastny (9) pulls out plants from one of the gardens. PHOTO Annie Walden



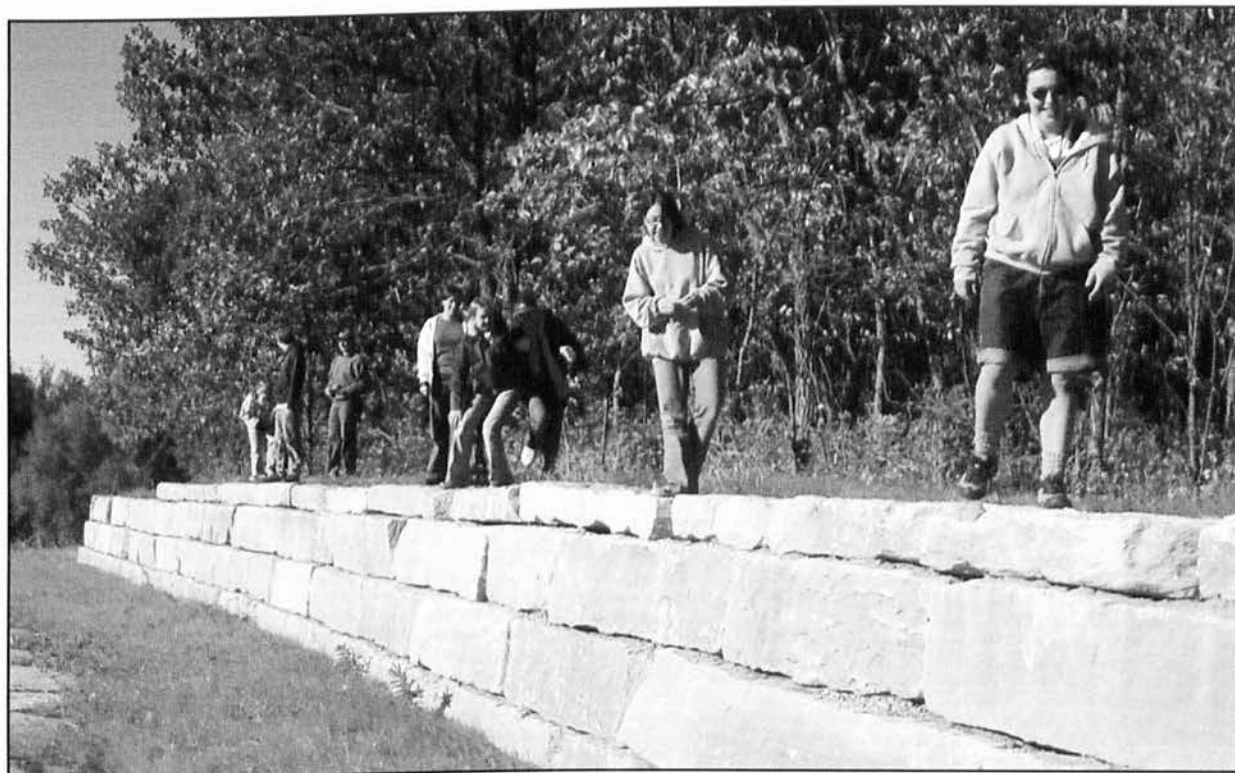
Right. Nolan Windom (11), Andrew Hofmann (12), French teacher Jeffrey Sill and Philip Haubrich (12) clear plants in preparation for the coming freeze. They worked in the Children's Garden. PHOTO Annie Walden



Left. French teacher Kristen Longacre, with other YVC members in the background, walks in the police line attempting to drive the deer out. The group was successful and drove two deer out. PHOTO Annie Walden

Far left. Sponsor Christina Hiddleston and English teacher Christine Mills dig up plants in the Children's Garden at the Botanical Gardens. A frost was expected the next day so YVC members helped clear out the plants so they did not die if the frost came. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. YVC members walk along the edge of the woods in a police line above the new addition to the Botanical Gardens. The group helped peacefully relocate two deer. They were described as "glorified rabbits" when it came to eating flowers. PHOTO Annie Walden



Left. Andrew Hofmann (12) and Philip Haubrich (12) wait for the second phase of clearing to begin. The group was waiting for orders to advance down a second hill when they were told the job was finished and they could go back to the main building for refreshments. The two boys were not official members of YVC, but joined the group that day to gain volunteer hours to count for National Honor's Society credit. PHOTO Annie Walden

racing with just a map to guide their way



BY Marie Engdahl

In uniform and ready to work, the ROTC students strive to do their best. Kayana McCants (10) said that she learned many valuable skills from Central's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp.

"I have learned a lot more about respect, and military history," McCants said. "First aid lessons were also given in the class. Once I get older I can take action on my first aid skills, but first I

have to practice on a dummy and perfect the lesson.

McCants was ranked Corporal, which was the highest rank for her to receive her freshman year. McCants helped recruit students to ROTC by working as Courtesy Patrol during open house for Central. She stood at a table with displays of information about the course and presented it to incoming freshmen.

"Students themselves are the best promotion for ROTC," ROTC instructor Sharon Cooper said.

The ROTC course attendance was in the shape of a pyramid. The underclass students make up most of the program and the attendance decreases as the students get older.

"The whole mission of ROTC is to make young people better citizens and more patriotic," Cooper said. "The class helps the students become more knowledgeable about the country, especially when studying the Bill of Rights and the Constitution."

McCants said she is thinking about going into a military field after high school, but it is mostly a backup plan in case College doesn't work out the way she wants it to.

ROTC is made up of special teams. Each team had one or more competitions throughout the year.

On Saturday Oct. 6, ROTC went to Scharamm Park for orienteering. This competition

was among only Central students. The students had 90 minutes to reach certain points in the woods on small maps that they were given. This competition provided the students with a chance to use their map skills.

The pistol and rifle team had a weekly competition against other schools. The scores were usually in the first or third places.

Drill Team and Color Guard had three events for each of their competitions at UNO Bellevue and the Omaha Public School competition.

"Drill Team always performs well," Cooper said. "The freshman class of last year won first place in most of their competitions, so the expectations this year are high."

The skills used in ROTC benefit the students for the rest of their lives.

"Companies will want to train their employees before they begin work," Cooper said. "Our students already have the majority of those skills, they will start out ahead of their peers when in the workplace."



Above. The only two girls who went, Kerri Beth Bahr (12) and Jordan Jacobs (10), examine the map for the location of the next marker. PHOTO Mike Zhang

Department Head:

Mike Melvin

Other teachers:

**Sharon Cooper
Dwayne Sutter**

Courses and
description:

High School ROTC 1-8.

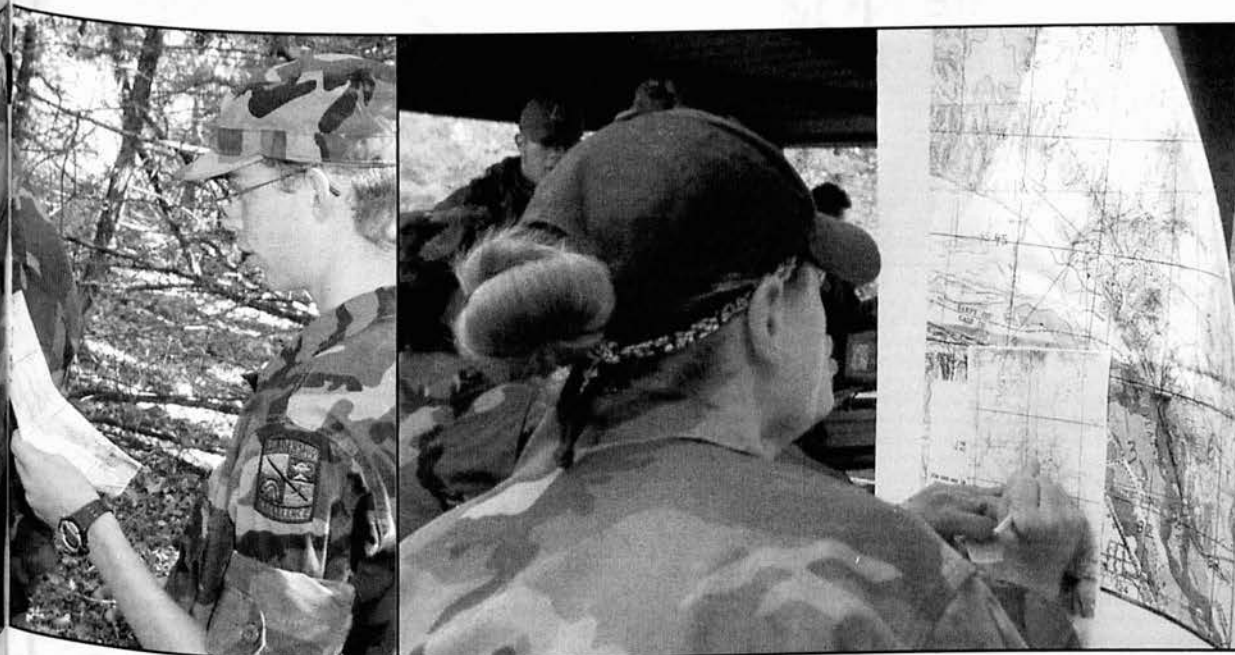
The ROTC program provides students with the training needed to advance into the military. Teaching leadership, discipline, and self-improvement, ROTC proves it is not just an Army class. Students start out in ROTC 1-2, and if they choose to continue on then go through ROTC 3-4 the next year, then ROTC 5-6 and ROTC 7-8. This class counts towards a physical education credit, of which four credits are required for graduation. Therefore, many students decide to take ROTC for the required two years in place of a Physical Education class. Some students also participate in the ROTC program in high school if they are interested in continuing in the Army.

Marksmanship.

Students are taught advanced methods of marksmanship in preparation for rifle competitions.

Drill Team.

Cadets are taught advanced methods of drill for competition.



Opposite far left. At Schramm Park, R.O.T.C., performed its orientation project. Nathaniel Crook (11) and Larry Coleman (11) plan out their next destination. PHOTO Mike Zhang

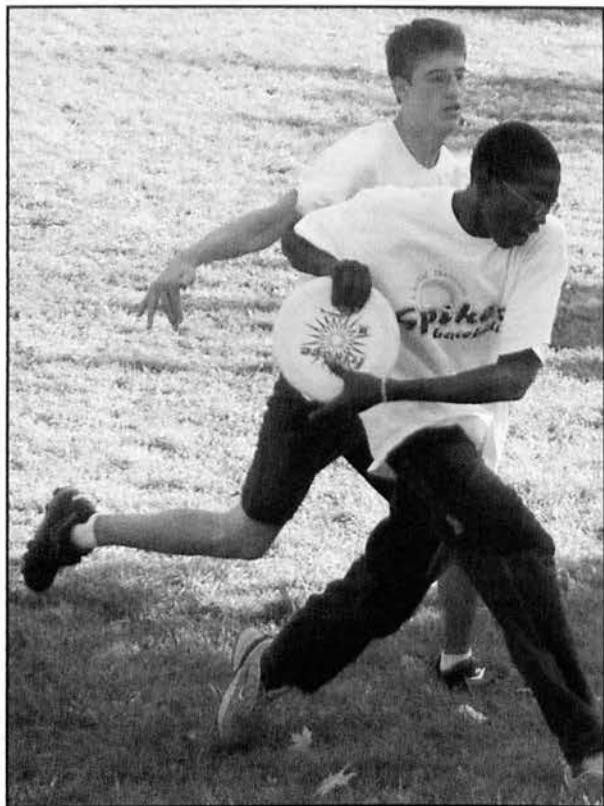
Middle opposite page. Walking through the woods to find his partner, Benjamin Lyons (11) also looks for markers. PHOTO Mike Zhang

Above left. Finding the next coordinate can be troublesome. Benjamin Lyons (11) and Gregory Merrill (11) find that two heads are better than one. PHOTO Mike Zhang

Above right. Kerribeth Bahr (12) checks her coordinates on the overall map. PHOTO Mike Zhang

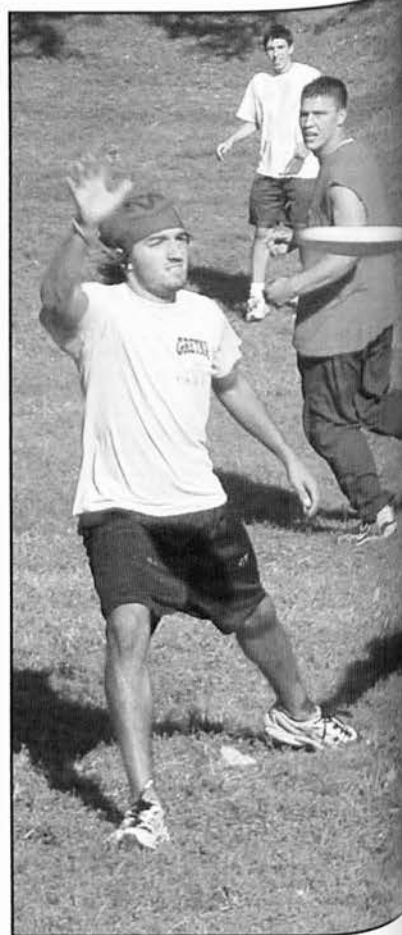
Right. Christopher Gorga (11), Mervine Opere (12), John Demott (11), all go up for the disc. Most of the time a player wants to throw a straight pass because if he lobs the disc, anybody has a chance at it. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. Mervine Opere (12) throws the Frisbee to a teammate as Bret Brokaw (12) tries to defend him. Sometimes the Frisbee goes flying in the street in front of cars. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. Club sponsor Mark Smith goes for the frisbee before it is grabbed by another person on his team. In ultimate frisbee, a team loses control of the frisbee if it touches the ground or is intercepted. PHOTO Annie Walden

Right. Colin Rinaker (11) tries to get open as Bret Brokaw (12) looks for an open team member. In ultimate frisbee, the player with the frisbee cannot run. He has to stay where he is until he releases the frisbee. PHOTO Annie Walden



the players



Left Christopher Gorga (11) releases the Frisbee in an attempt to score. The Frisbee team played in the "sunks," down on Underwood and Happy Hollow. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below Colin Rinaker (11) throws the disc as James McCampell (12) tries to defend him. PHOTO Annie Walden

Ultimate Frisbee become official.

BY Annie Walden

Just throw the Frisbee and run like mad.

That is the main component of Ultimate Frisbee, player Jacob Priluck (11) said.

"It's basically like football," he said. "Once you catch the Frisbee you aren't supposed to move. You throw it to a teammate. You move it by running down the field."

The Ultimate Frisbee team formed this year with teacher Mark Smith as the advisor.

"It started because Jacob Priluck asked me if I'd be interested in sponsoring this club," he said. "He was kind of the student leader of this. He did all the behind the scenes work. The other guys just kinda show up and play."

The team held practice at the 'Sunks', a small grassy area at Underwood and Happy Hollow every Sunday in the fall.

"We just play for fun," Smith said. "That's the main purpose. Win or lose is not the most important thing."

Practice was very informal. Anyone who wanted to play would show up. Everyone would split into two teams and play each other until they were tired.

It requires skill and hand-eye coordination," player Bret Brokaw (12) said. "A lot of running is involved."

Other high school teams existed throughout the city. While the team looked to grant money to provide t-shirts and equipment,

other schools were further along in the process.

"We heard Westside had like warm up jerseys and stuff like that," Brokaw said.

Though Ultimate Frisbee was new to Central, it was not new to the rest of the world.

"A lot of cities have a lot of Ultimate Frisbee leagues and tournaments," adviser Mark Smith said. "That could be a possibility down the road."

The team started all because of Priluck's love of the game.

"I knew a bunch of guys who liked to play Frisbee and thought it'd be cool to start a club, be school-sponsored and all," he said.

The game was a way to see friends on the weekend and have fun.

"The chicks dig it!" player Ian Atwood (12) said.

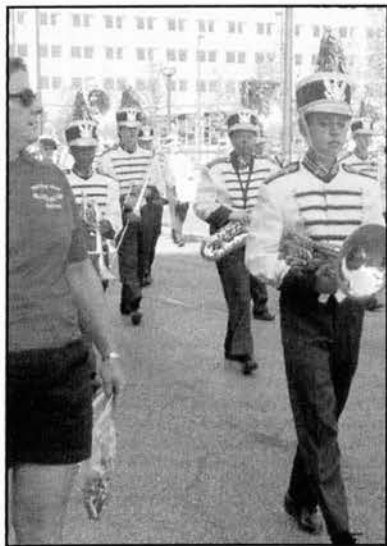


Below. Christopher Gorga (11) goes for a catch while Mervine Opere (12) tries to intercept the pass. PHOTO Annie Walden



march to the beat of the drum.

BY Peter Sullivan



Above. Ashley Krijan (11), Morgan Kimble (12) and Whitney Williams (11) march down the street in the parade between songs. Band parent LaRue Martinez walked with the band while throwing out candy. PHOTO Annie Walden

From early in the morning to Tuesday night rehearsals, the band practiced hard for the Labor Day parade.

"Parades are really easy, but sometimes frustrating," Sloan Dawson (12) said.

Dawson has been in band for four years and has marched in parades for three of the four. He says it was nice to have a break from the show to work on something else.

To prepare for the parade, the band began practicing in Joslyn and marched around the parking lot for about 20 to 30 minutes.

On the day of the parade, the band came to Central and practiced for one hour before they had to be at the parade. They then loaded buses and went downtown.

The parade route was 10 to 15

blocks long and after they were done, the band parents supplied them with water because of the heat.

"We received a 2nd place rating from the marching judges which impressed me," Peter Wilger, band director said.

Rebecca Heineman (11), current drum major, conducted the band at the parade. Heineman said she wanted to become a drum major since she was in the first grade.

"My mom showed me a drum core video and I knew I wanted to be one," Heineman said.

To try out, Heineman had to go to a few preliminary classes to learn how to conduct.

At first she was frustrated only being a sophomore, but after she found out she made it, she was excited.

"It's frustrating at times when people don't take my tempo and

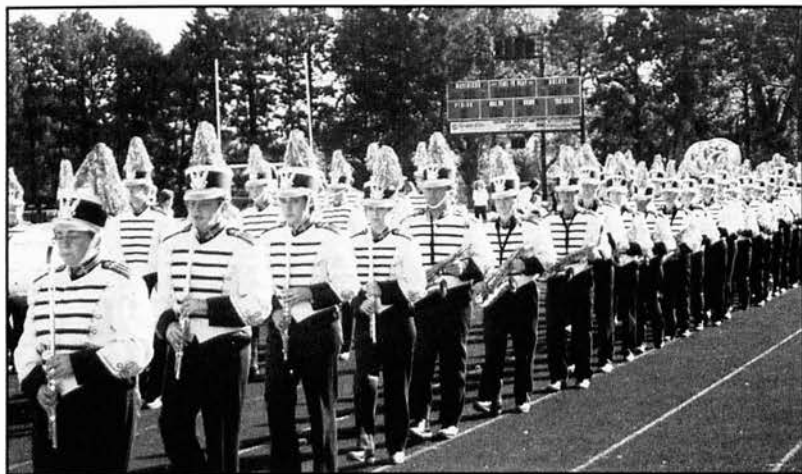
I feel somewhat responsible," Heineman said.

She said that being a drum major is extra work but is easier than marching. At first she said she felt a little intimidated being in front of the entire band but soon got used to everyone looking at her.

Since she was in first grade Rebecca played the piano, the bass and now the clarinet. She will hopefully continue to play in band in college and if and when she gets the chance she will try out to be a drum major again in college.

The band performed songs from "A Westside Story" during halftime at games and competitions.

They received a superior rating at the Omaha Marching Exhibition, a one at the Lincoln Invitational and an excellent at the Omaha Marching Invitational.



Above. The marching band walks in straight lines to get into their position for the State Marching Band Competition held at UNO. PHOTO Mike Zhang

Right. The marching band marched east on Capital Street with Central High School in the background at the Labor Day Parade. PHOTO Annie Walden



Department Head:

Pete Wilger

Other teachers:

**Lynn Bouma
Molly Moriarty**

Courses and description:

A Cappella Choir.

Highly selective co-ed chorus based on performance of various types of choral literature

Bel Canto Singers.

Highly selective womens chorus based on performance consisting of primarily sophomores and juniors

CHS Singers.

Extremely selective chorus with a smaller group of students based on performance. A student must be in A Cappella Choir to qualify for this class.

Junior choir.

Mixed chorus which is based on part singing and sight reading.

Treble Chorus.

An all-girls training group for beginning singers who want to start in the music program.

Chamber Strings.

Ninth grade string students who prepare for full orchestra work.

Concert Band.

Marching band in the beginning of the year, and concert and pep band the remainder of the year.

Intermediate Band.

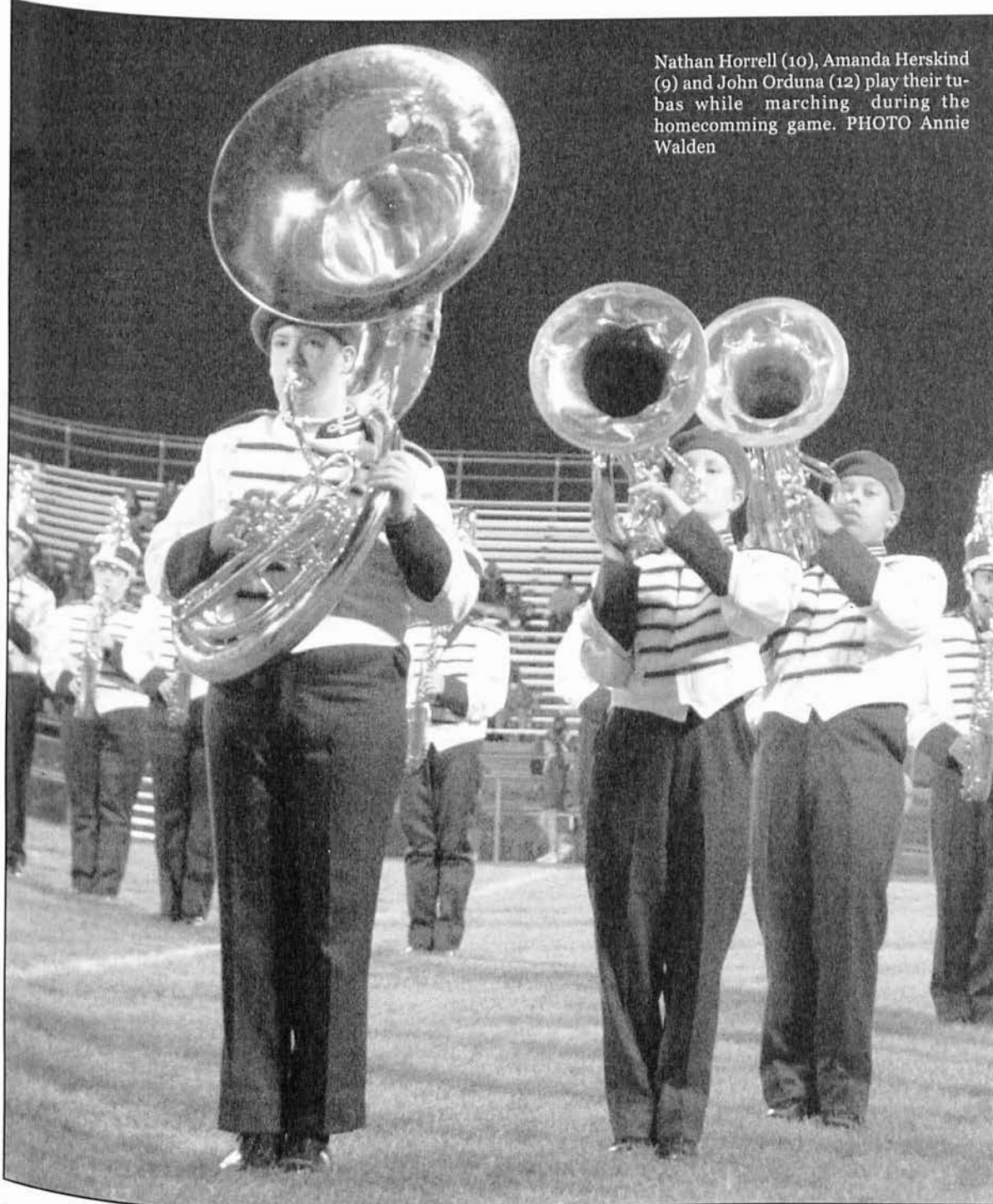
For students who do not qualify for concert band.

Full Orchestra.

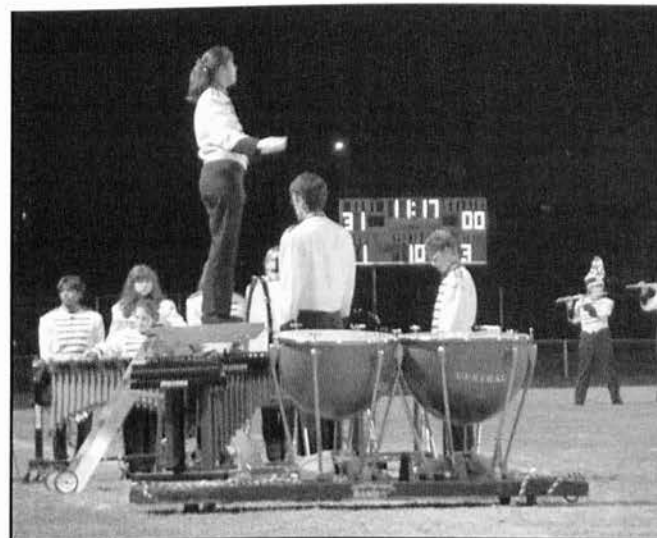
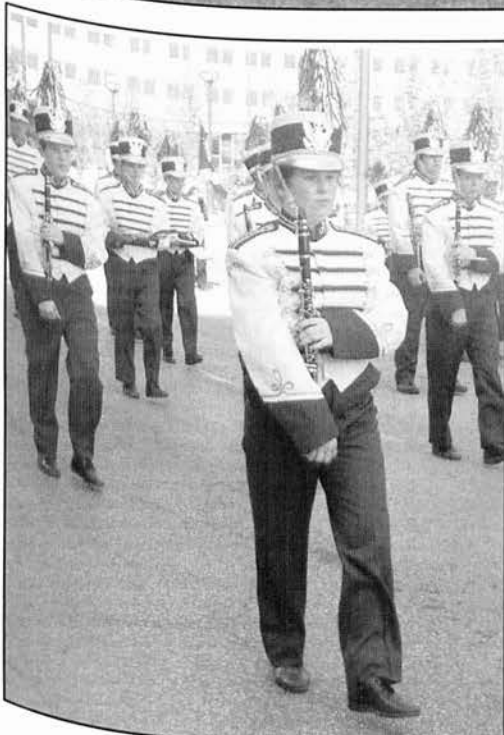
Selective group of students who are performance oriented.

Jazz Band.

Students learn how to play different jazz styles.



Nathan Horrell (10), Amanda Herskind (9) and John Orduna (12) play their tubas while marching during the homecoming game. PHOTO Annie Walden



Left. Erika Kraft (10), Rachel Danford (10) and Cecily Zdan (9) hold their instruments when not playing, but continue marching to keep in time with the rest of the band. PHOTO Annie Walden

Above. Drum major Rebecca Heineman (11) conducts the marching band at halftime of a football game. PHOTO Annie Walden

a purple tie can make all the difference.

BY Kevin Jones

At 7:15 a.m. on Monday Oct. 15, the Central High Men's Chorus was on its way to Lincoln for the UNL Men's Chorus Festival. The Central Men's Chorus was one of the three featured choirs at the festival.

The festival started off around 9 a.m. and got over around 9 p.m. The men sang a wide variety of songs from "Let All Men Sing" to "The Morning Trumpet" they even sang their signature piece "Vive L'Amour."

Some of the schools that attended the festival in Lincoln were; York, Lincoln Southeast, UNL, Lincoln East, Wayne, Omaha North and Omaha Central not to mention other high

schools throughout the state.

The men had a break in the morning and in the afternoon. Central had a shorter lunch break than all other schools because they had their rehearsal right after the rest of the guys broke for lunch. Lincoln Southeast had a shorter dinner break because they were also a featured choir. The other featured choir was the Varsity Choir from UNL.

"There is probably more male bonding going on in Men's Chorus than all sports combined," Ian Atwood (12).

The Central High Men's Chorus also performed at the fall concert, the winter concert, the madrigal dinner and the Roadshow.

The Central Men's Chorus is

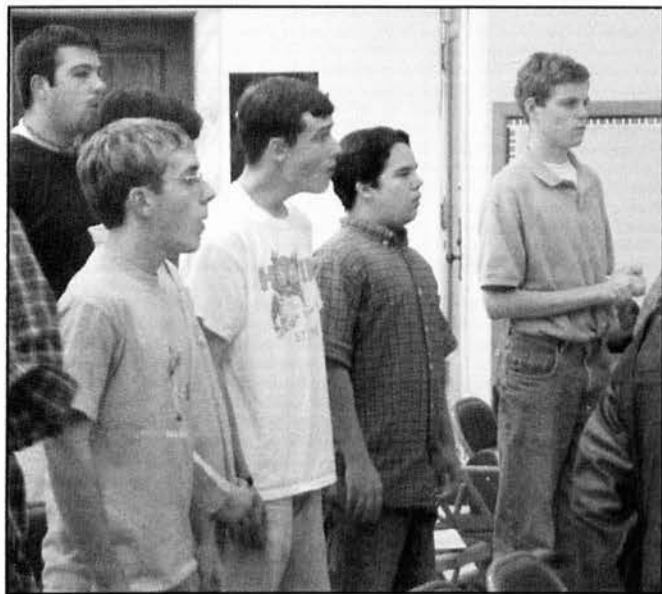
open for anyone who wants to join and have a good time. Most of the guys in Men's Chorus are in another music class, but that is not a requirement.

Underclass and upperclassmen are all part of Men's Chorus.

The Men's Chorus' attire for concerts consists of white dress shirts, black pants, black socks, dress shoes and metallic purple ties.

The Men's Chorus did very well for only practicing Tuesdays and Thursdays until 3:30 p.m.

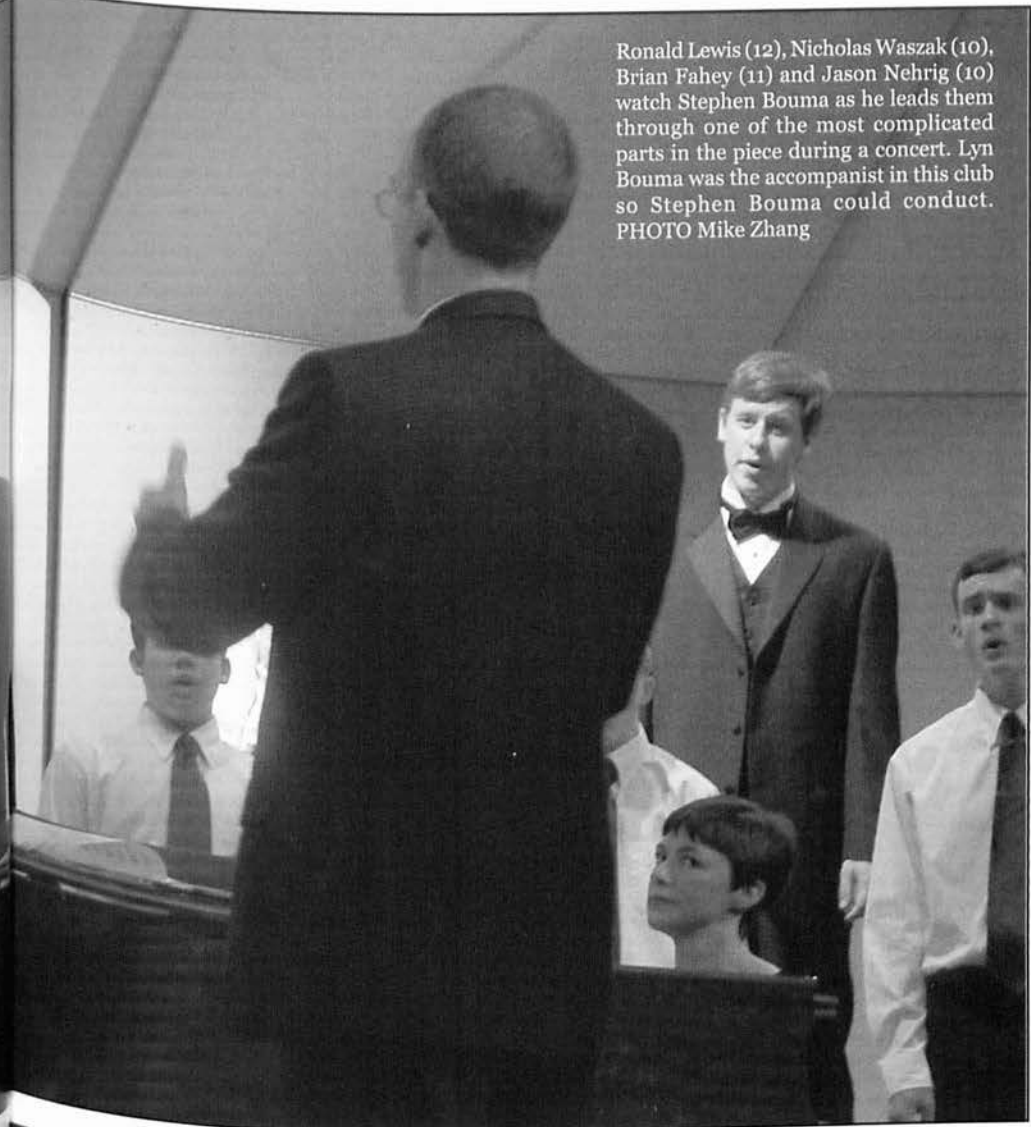
Stephen Bouma was the sponsor of this club and conducted while Lyn Bouma accompanied. In all other vocal music classes the roles are reversed.



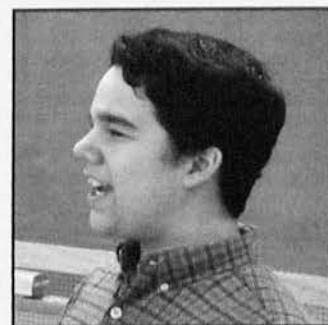
Above. The baritone section, Jeffrey Costello (12), Andrew Maxey (12), Jason Nehrig (10), Anthony Allee (10) and William Brush (11), warms up in the choir room before they sing their signature piece, "Vive L'Amour." PHOTO Kevin Jones



Ronald Lewis (12), Nicholas Waszak (10), Brian Fahey (11) and Jason Nehrig (10) watch Stephen Bouma as he leads them through one of the most complicated parts in the piece during a concert. Lyn Bouma was the accompanist in this club so Stephen Bouma could conduct. PHOTO Mike Zhang



What are your thoughts on Men's Chorus?



"(I think men's chorus was) an excellent opportunity to be able to do something we enjoyed. It was a great way to meet people and learn different types of music."

-Anthony Allee (10)



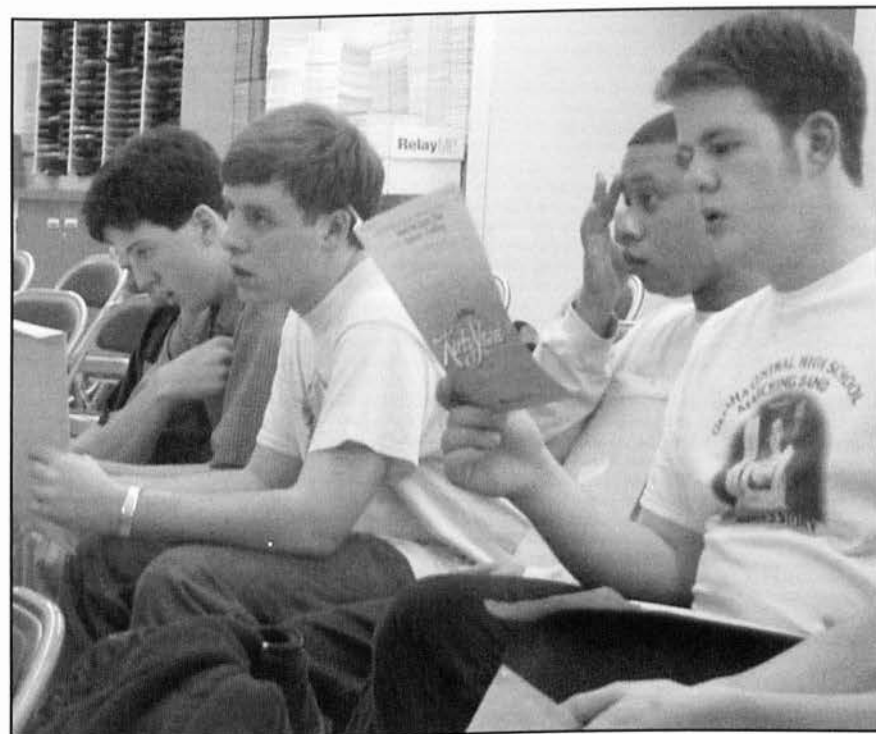
"(I think men's chorus was) good because it relaxed me in my studies and gave people a chance to socialize."

-Aron Cobbs (11)



"(I think men's chorus was) Quite possibly the perfect expression of masculinity in existence."

-Brian Fahey (11)



Left. Brian Fahey (11), Jeffrey Costello (12), Kevin Jones (11), Jason Nehrig (10) and Kyle Soares (10) all watch Stephen Bouma as he conducts so they can all get the cut off together. The fall concert was their first show of the year at Central. The Men's Chorus practiced almost every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year. PHOTO Mike Zhang

Above. The Bass II section review their music in attempt to learn it. Nick Delman (10), Brian Fahey (11), John Orduna (12) and Ronald Lewis (12) were big players for the Bass II section. Bass II was the lowest part in a choir. Tenor I was the highest part in an all men's choir. PHOTO Kevin Jones

blood drive *is* a chance to give back.

BY Nitasha Dickes

Health professions was a new class offered at Central thanks to Jeanee Weiss, a family consumer science teacher. Weiss started the class because of the interest that students showed in the medical field.

Weiss said she received the idea of the class from a previous school she worked at.

Writing the curriculum was the hardest part because it had to state every detail she said. It would later then be sent to the TAC building to be looked over and approved.

"My major goal for health professions is not only to teach CPR but the Medical field in general," Weiss said.

Justin Morar (10) said he took the class to get CPR certified and to gain useful information for a future career in medicine.

The course gave hands-on experience with medical occupations and the chance to become CPR certified.

"We took only two weeks to learn CPR along with first aid in class," Kristen Kruger (12) said, "but I think it was long enough to understand thoroughly."

Besides CPR certification the class daily work consisted of notes, article comparisons and group activities. Many students said the note taking as tedious but helpful for gaining knowledge.

"I took this class because the

medical field would be neat to study in college," Chelsie Mancuso (11) said.

Part of the curriculum for Health Professions was to set aside time and give back to the community.

"I figured if students were really interested with medicine, then volunteering would be easy," Weiss said.

Students were given a set amount of ten services hours per semester.

Weiss said if students failed to participate in outside activities then it would affect their overall grade.

On Oct. 29., some class members served the less fortunate at the Scienna Francis House for about three hours.

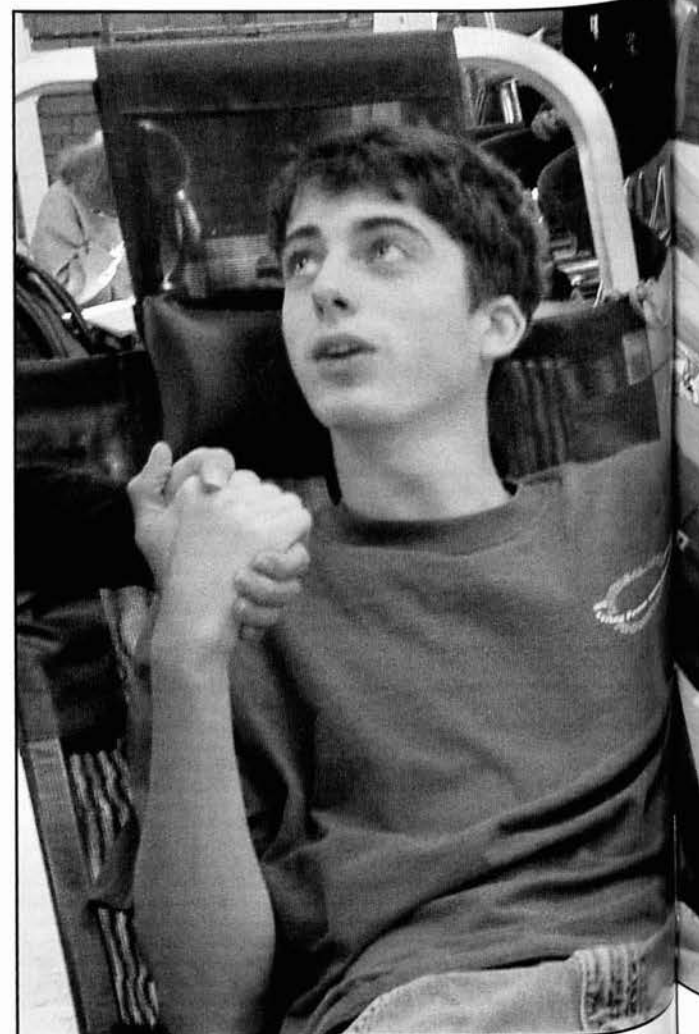
"It was a wonderful experience and I would enjoy doing it again," Ashlee Sefferon (11) said.

As a class they promoted a blood drive for American Red Cross.

The blood drive was held on Nov 21., from 8am -2pm. Students who were 17 or older and weighted 110 pounds could part take in this event.

"Even though I wasn't old enough to give blood it was a fun project to put on for Central and The American Red Cross," Ashley Irwin (10) said.

Health Professions also participated in Grand Pals, visiting nursing homes and sponsored a second blood drive in the spring.



CPR: Cardiac Pulmonary Respiration

Basic steps:

1. **Check**-tap the body and evaluate
2. **Call**- call 911
3. **Care**- follow proper procedure; two breaths for every 15 compressions

Department Head:

Joe McMenamín

Other teachers:

**Kris Chavez
Scott Hodges
Joh Montzingo
Ryan Mutaugh
Jodi Reeder
Stan Standifer
Lisa Studer
Chad Townsend**

Courses and description:

Weight Training.

Teaches the proper techniques with free weights and universal machines to improve muscular strength, flexibility and endurance.

Individualized Sports.

Offers advanced instruction in leisure/lifetime activities.

Team Sports.

Emphasis was on development of cardiovascular endurance. There was continuous motion and highly aerobic activities.

Health Professions.

Students are introduced into careers in the field of health professions.

They learned CPR and helped with the school blood drive.

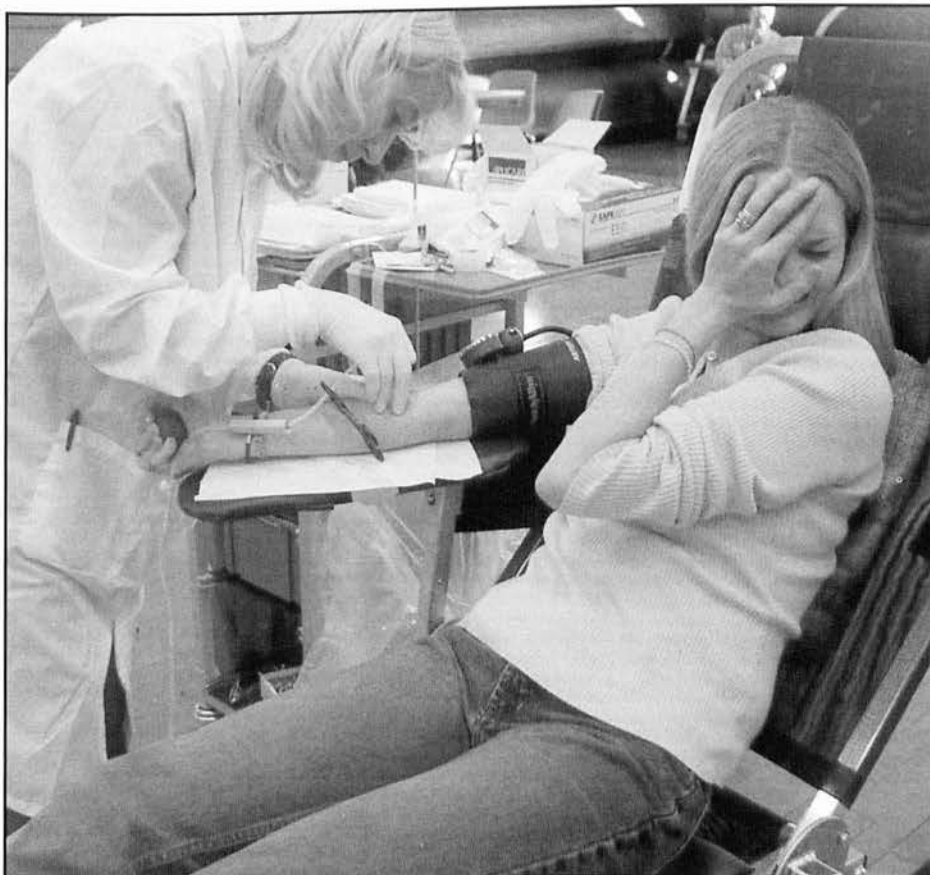
Lifetime Fitness.

Teaches development and maintenance of physical fitness with a variety of fitness activities.



Left. Kevin Gerard (12) is one of the many students who wanted to donate blood to help the Red Cross. The blood drive took place in the old gym on Nov. 21. PHOTO Kevin Jones

Below. Keiante Brazile (12) and Audsheona Mitchell (11) look over the students' papers to make sure they filled out everything right. Jeanne Weiss (adviser) just checks over their work to make sure they are doing it right. Many students volunteered to help with the blood drive through their aerobics class. PHOTO Katie Anderl



Left. Kevin Grace (12) grips a friend's hand for support before he gets his blood drawn. The scariest part for most students was seeing the needle. PHOTO Kevin Jones

Above. Anna Nelson (12) cringes from the needle. Once the needle was in she was fine. To give blood a person had to be 17 years old and had to weigh at least 110 pounds. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

to joining together give back to the community

BY Peter Sullivan

Members of Latino Leaders baby-sat kids for 16 weeks with MALDEF, Parent training at Mars Academy.

"Baby-sitting was a good focus for Latino Leaders, while giving back to the community and improving the students' leadership and responsibility," Susana Lara, adviser, said.

Lara, Central Spanish teacher, has been an adviser for two years and says Latino Leaders is for all students who want to improve their leadership and education skills while also doing community service. Lara called Charo Rangel with the ESL department of OPS and she set up to baby-sit for two hours after school on

Thursdays.

"It was sweet when we left, the kids called us their new friends," Amanda Ponce (11) said.

Ponce, co-president of Latino Leaders along with Josephine Ortiz (10), has been in the club for two years. Ponce said she felt this experience would help her by giving her leadership skills she will need in the future. She said the experience was both positive for her and the kids.

"It was a lot of fun," Julie Lara (10) said. "We even got them dancing and had a dance contest."

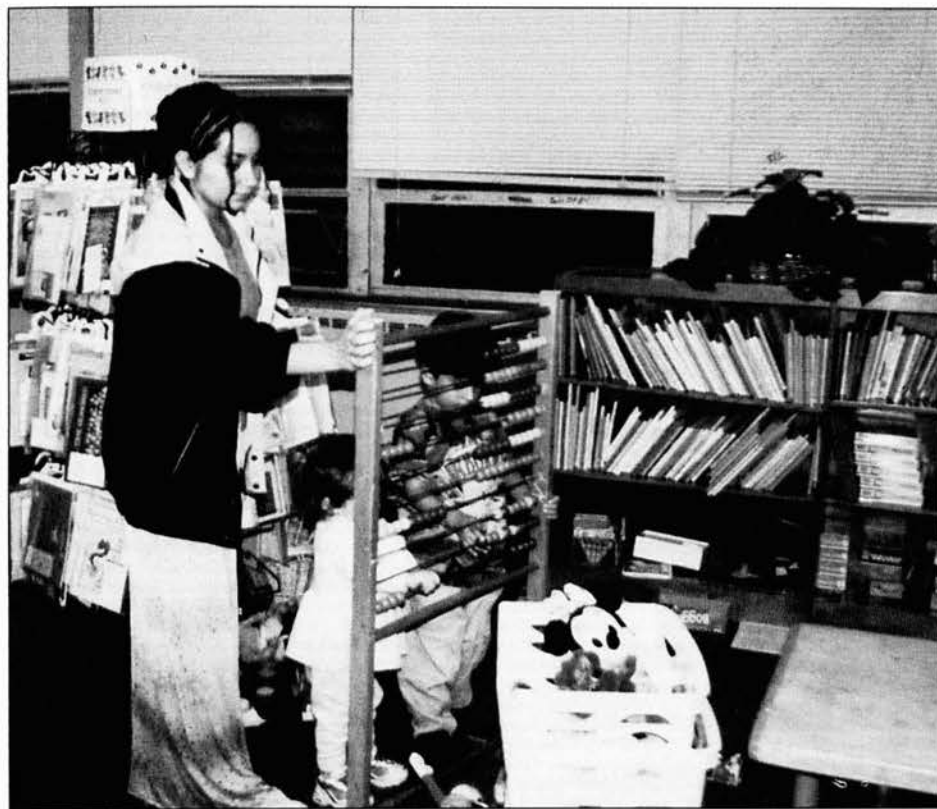
Lara, historian, was able to take care of kids of all different ages and showed them how to

draw and also played with them.

"I will definately use this experience for when I become a teacher in the future," Nancy Moreno (12) said.

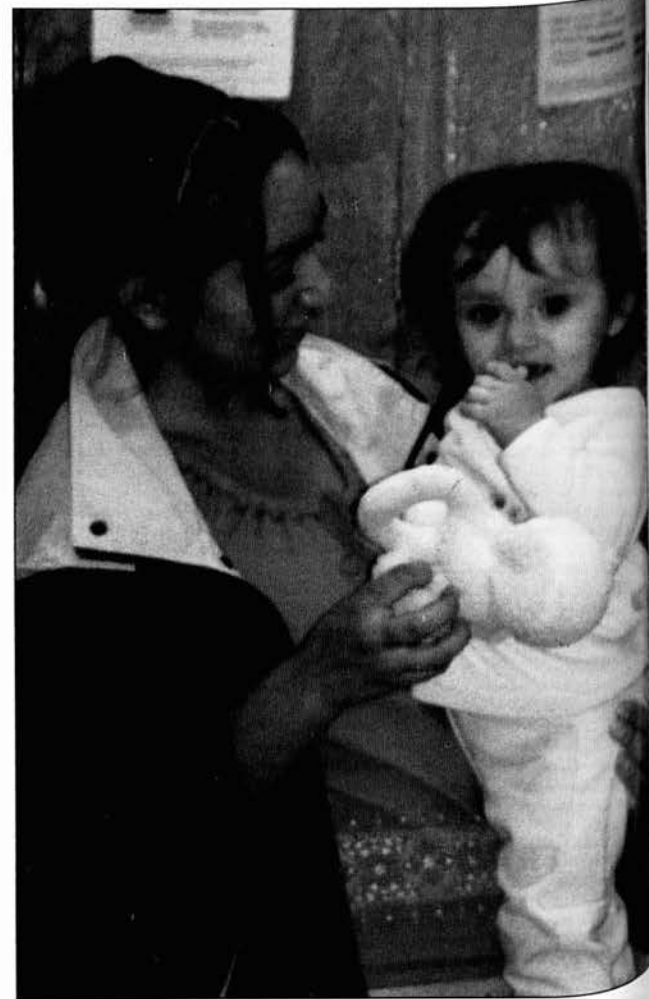
Moreno said she hopes her experience will help her when she has her own kids. Since Moreno is graduating this year, she said she hopes to come back to help Ms. Lara.

Besides baby-sitting, Latino Leaders went out to dinner to get to know everyone, did a community clean up of Hanscom Park in November, and participated in the Cinco de Mayo Parade. UNO college students, Alejandra Jiminez, Sujey Pichardo and Maria Olvera, also came as guest speakers.



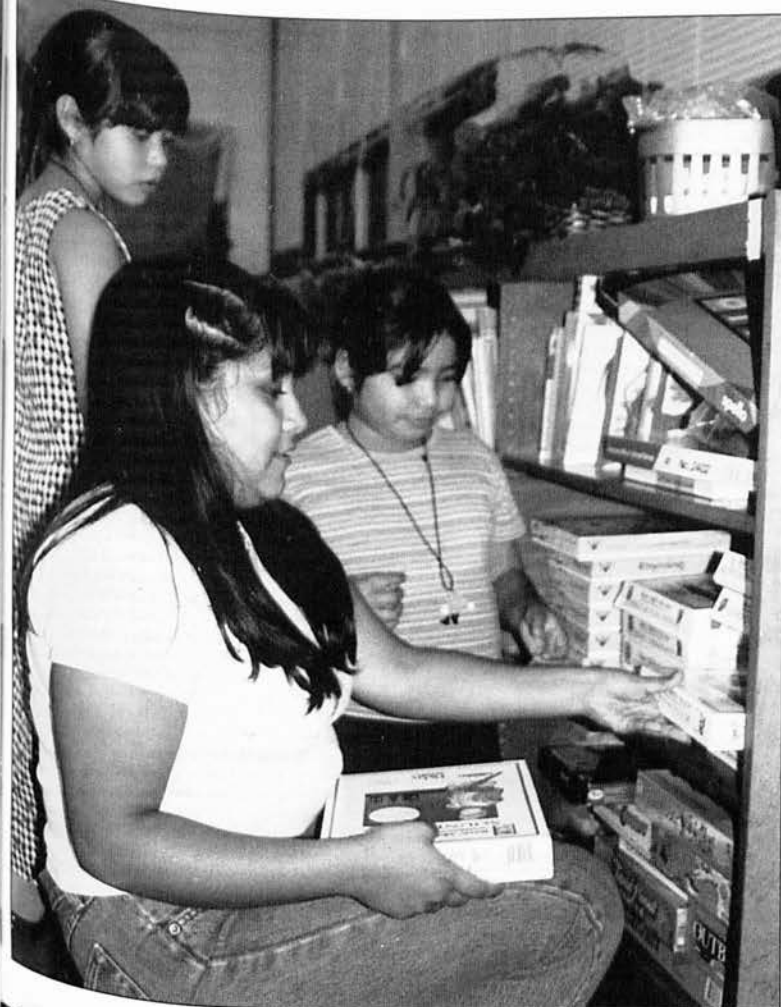
Above. Natali Guad Lara (10) watches her kids as they play on the abacus. Along with the games, they also had a dance contest. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Right. Natali Guad Lara (10) holds a toy for her assigned kid to play with. Latino leaders played with the kids for two and a half hours every Thursday. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes





Left. Nancy Moreno (12) spends her time playing a matching game with the kids she was caring for. Her purpose was to try and get to the kids' level so they would respect her more. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes



Left. Nancy Moreno (12) gets a new game to play with the kids she babysat. Moreno continued to babysit the full 16 weeks. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes



Above. Amanda Ponce (11) used her time babysitting by putting a puzzle together. Ponce was one of the co-presidents of Latino leaders. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

AP Sciences open to underclassmen.

BY Lauren Freeman

With the strongest Advanced Placement (AP) program in at least the city, Central High School is in the process of making the program even stronger by allowing underclassmen in Advanced Sequence Science Classes this year, counselor Lynda Molyneaux said.

AP Chemistry and AP Biology teachers Jesse Busse and Sandi McCreight brought the idea from North High School where they used to teach, Busse said.

"All AP science classes are at the same time and Science teachers and administrators thought it was a good idea to let underclassmen be in the AP Science classes so they could have more than one of the classes in their high school career," Busse said.

Busse made it clear that the AP Science classes are not intended for a lot of underclassmen. They are intended for science-oriented students who are advanced and ready to go to a higher level.

McCreight said she is impressed with the sophomores in her class and they are doing all of their work efficiently.

"I tried to put seniors and sophomores in lab groups together this year rather than allowing the students to pick their own because the seniors have more lab experience," McCreight said.

The juniors in AP Chemistry seemed to be fine in the class, partly because they had just finished a year of Chemistry 1-2 so they retained more of the basic material, Busse said.

"It depends on the student if the AP Program is a positive ex-

perience for the student. In the long run it is a positive experience, but while students are in the class, some do not think of it as a positive experience at times because it is so hard," Busse said.

Nicholas Zielinski (11) decided to take the Advanced Sequence Science route and take AP Chemistry after finishing his first year Chemistry with Busse.

"I think the Advanced Sequence Science program is a great deal because that way I am more prepared for college," Zielinski said.

Central currently has sixteen Advanced Placement classes. The only classes available to underclassmen are AP United States History to juniors, AP Biology to sophomores and AP Chemistry to sophomores and juniors, Molyneaux said.

Because AP classes are so rigorous, the guidance office set up a system where seniors with three or more AP classes are required to take only five classes, instead of the normal six.

Two major parts of AP classes are the AP tests and getting college credit for the courses. At the end of every AP class the college board administers a test each year which determines which students get college credit, Molyneaux said.

"The curriculum for the AP courses is guided by the AP exam for that class," Busse said.

Busse and McCreight both said that most students in their AP classes take the test at the end, and if they choose not to then they have to do extra work, such as take a final, whereas the AP test counts as the final for others.



Above. Samuel Smith-Shull (10) measures the needed chemicals for his lab. Smith-Shull was one of the 11 sophomores who took AP Biology. PHOTO Annie Walden

Department Head:

Jean Whitten

Other teachers:

**Richard Bode
Linda Brock
Jesse Busse
Jane Colling
Karen Hatch
Amanda Karpf
Pam King
Monica Kissel
Marlene LaRue
Lisa Martin
Sandi McCreight
Jeff McCune
Al Roeder
Mark Smith
Joe White**

Courses and description:

Biology.

Based on a survey of the living world showing environmental and evolutionary relationships. Biology is offered through AP Biology.

Chemistry.

Studies elements and compounds, the general patterns of substances and an explanation of their properties. Chemistry is offered through AP Chemistry.

Earth Science.

Studies mans relationship with the Planet Earth.

Physics.

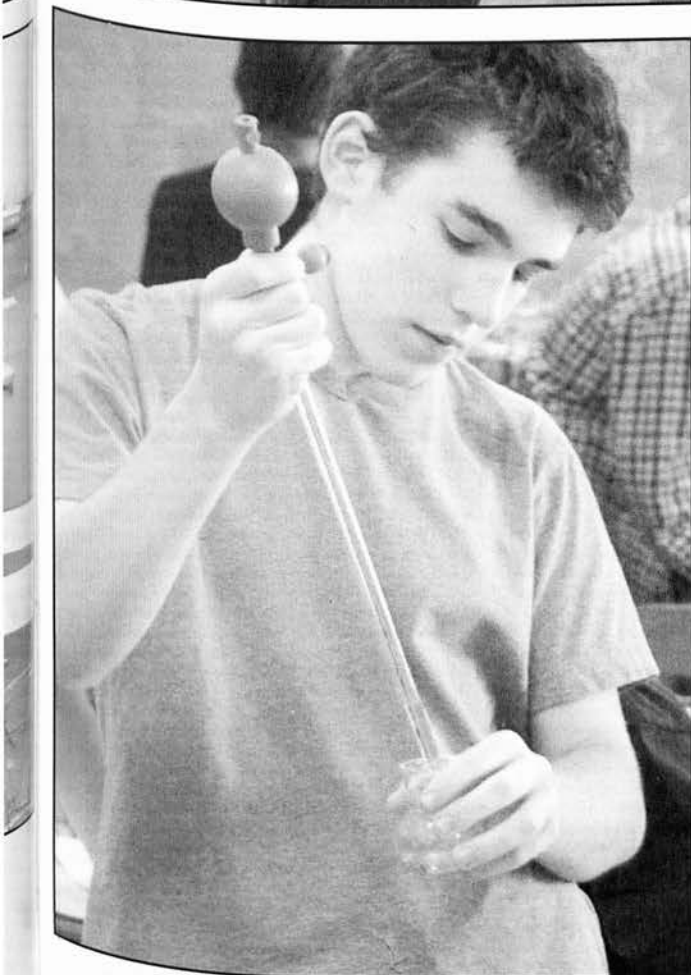
Studies the effects of fundamental physical principles of our world.

Physics is offered through AP Physics, both Calculus based AP Physics and Trigonometry based Physics.



Left. Teacher Sandra McCreight assists her students in one of their first AP Biology labs of the year by showing them a process called titration. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. Devon Anderson (12) assists in measuring liquid in preparation for a lab. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. Caressa Cantrell (12) tries to get just the right amount of chemical while Justin Miettinen (12) looks on. AP Biology goes in much more in depth into the subjects discussed in Biology 1-2. PHOTO Annie Walden

Left. Jay Searson (10) begins one of his AP Biology labs. Searson took the advanced sequence science route and was in AP Biology as a sophomore. PHOTO Annie Walden

A hike a mile, climb a mountain.

BY Lauren Freeman

The new outdoor Adventure Club was not just an ordinary club, it was Rock Climbing Club and Hiking Club combined. It was an active club that went out and did physical activities.

"We don't just sit around and think about it, we go out and do it [rock climb and hike]," sponsor Jean Whitten said.

Hiking Club was started about five years ago, but died off until Aerobics teacher Kris Chavez helped revive it last year, Whitten said.

Rock climbing was combined with Hiking Club this year when Eric Rafferty (12) approached Whitten about it. The clubs are under the same umbrella, but have two different groups of students.

"I wanted to share my interest with the rest of the school and Mrs. Whitten was the perfect person to go to because I knew she did rock climbing," Rafferty said.

Rafferty first asked Patti

Gatzke, the Clubs and Activities Director, if he could start a Rock Climbing Club. Rafferty and Whitten decided to combine rock climbing and hiking since they are both active, outdoor clubs.

"Eric did all of the initiating and planning of the club, I just enjoyed helping with it and I agreed to be the sponsor," Whitten said.

Rock climbers do not have meetings where the members just sit around, they go out and climb.

"We climb the last Thursday of every month at the Southwest YMCA where there is a climbing wall," Rafferty said.

Attendance was surprisingly high for both the rock climbing and hiking parts of the club, Rafferty said.

The Southwest YMCA gave the climbers free access once a month and a complimentary course on rock climbing safety and ropes.

Whitten tried to take a group of students to Wyoming in the

summer to explore more outdoor adventures. The students planned to stay in cabin and do activities such as rock climbing, hiking, canoeing, backpacking and other activities the students want to try.

"I want to take a small group of students to Wyoming in the summer, and the Rock Climbing and Hiking Club is a great place to find the students who might have interest," Whitten said.

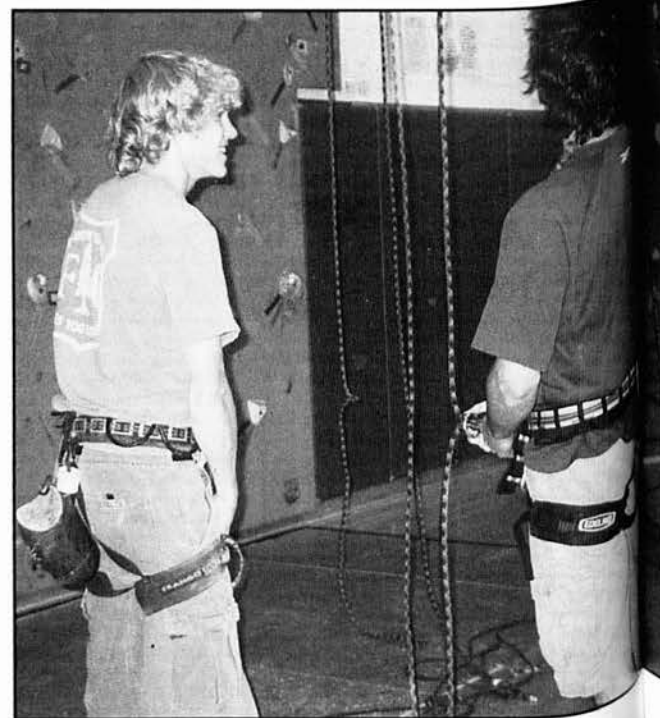
Whitten and Rafferty also expressed interest in a canoe trip to the Niobrara River with the Rock Climbing and Hiking Club.

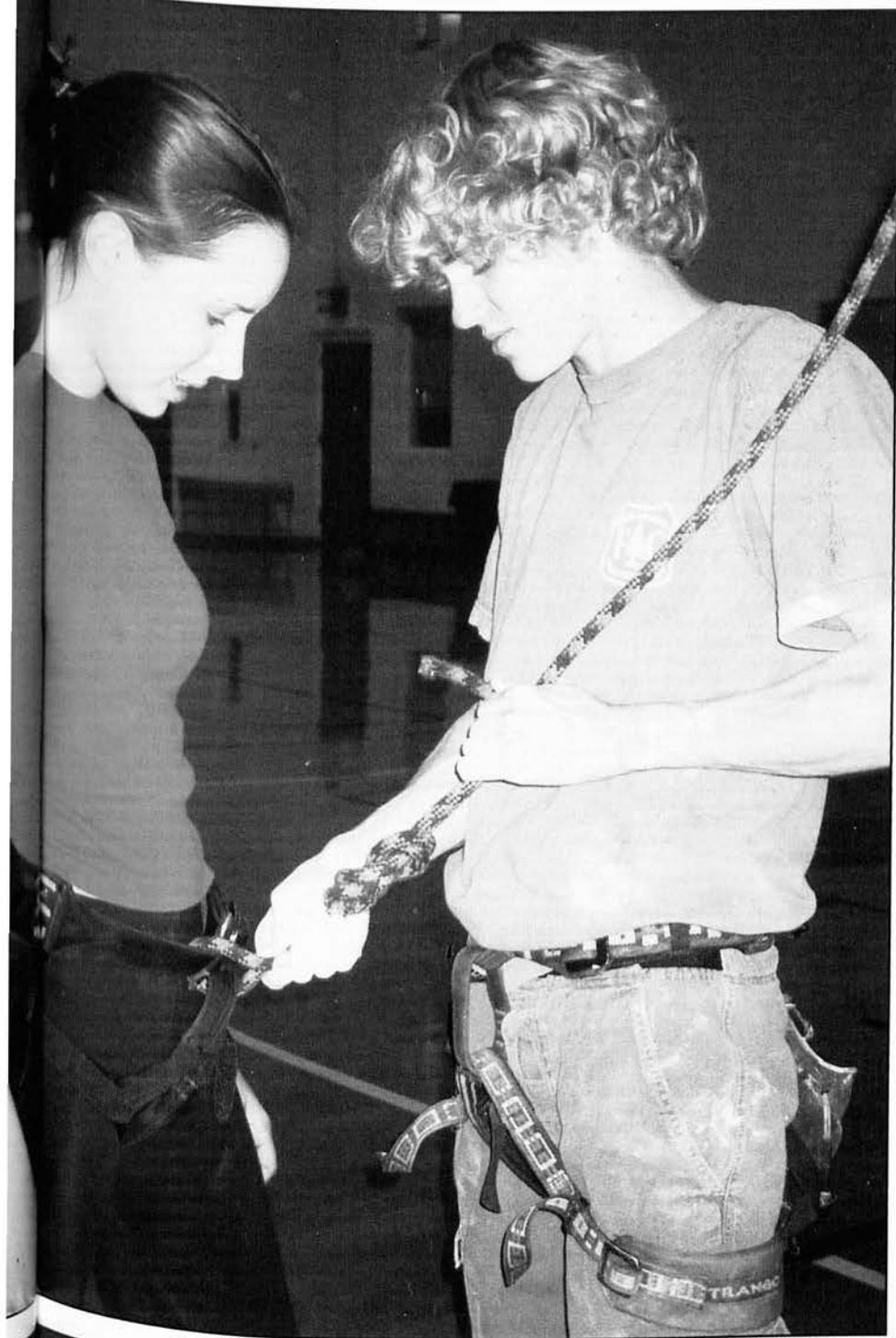
The founder of the club, Rafferty, and foreign exchange student Tomas Marusic L'Huissier, from Chile (Patagonia) were key rock climbers in the club. L'Huissier loved to climb in the mountains in Patagonia.

Clubs like the Rock Climbing and Hiking Club brought the more adventurous students together for fun activities that fit their interests.

Far right. Eric Rafferty (12) and Tomas Marusic L'Huissier (12) watch as an instructor belays a climber down. A belayer holds the rope that supports the climber, and gives slack or tension when needed. PHOTO Lauren Freeman

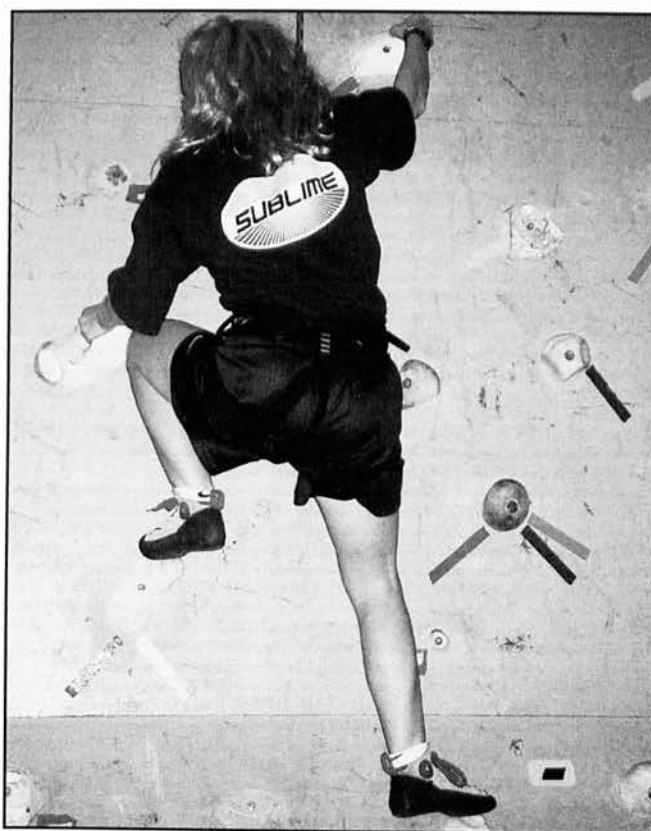
Right. Jean Whitten, one of the advisers for Hiking and Rock Climbing Club, contemplates her next move on a moderately hard wall. PHOTO Lauren Freeman





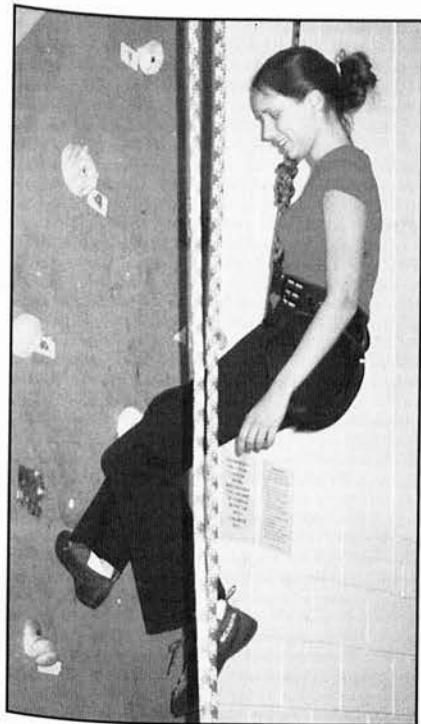
Left. Eric Rafferty (12) helps Nora Prazan (11) harness herself in before her climb. Safety is a big issue in rock climbing. PHOTO Lauren Freeman

Below. Danielle Morgan (9) maintains her balance as she reaches for the next hold. Holds are the grips on the wall that the climber grabs. PHOTO Lauren Freeman



Left. Adam Deacon (12) climbs past the 12 ft. mark. Different colored marks on the climbing wall signify the difficulty level of the climb. Deacon was climbing a hard wall. PHOTO Lauren Freeman

Far left. Nora Prazan (11) watches as she gets lowered down off the wall after her climb. PHOTO Lauren Freeman



art is sought out in Chicago

BY Meredith Grunke



Above. This bird, composed of weighted miniature airplane models, was the first work of art to greet the decathletes when they arrived at Midway Airport. PHOTO Mike Zhang

Top of page, center. Similar to Omaha's J.Doe event, the city of Chicago promoted art through display of living room furniture, such as couches, coffee tables, and televisions, painted and designed by local artists. Devon O'Connell (11) sits next to Abraham Lincoln on one of the special couches. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Despite the hesitation of many Americans to begin normal traveling after the Sept. 11 tragedy, the Academic Decathlon team boarded an airplane set for Chicago on Oct. 1.

The group visited the Art Institute of Chicago's temporary *Van Gogh and Gauguin: Studio of the South* exhibit in addition to viewing different pieces they had been studying for the national Academic Decathlon competition in the spring.

The day began at half-past 5AM when the group of 32 students and eight adults sleepily congregated at the airport to go through security checks and possible name changes on their tickets.

As the students passed through metal detectors, their bags were carefully X-rayed and searched.

After finally boarding the plane and arriving safely in Chicago, the group of 40 boarded the "L" train and separated into three groups.

The group that wanted to visit the top of the Sears Tower had to change their plans and go to view the city from the top of the Hancock Tower, instead.

"They had to shut it (the tower) down because there was some person threatening to blow it up so we went to the top of the

Hancock Tower," Ryan Haskins (11) said.

Various other groups of students went to shop at record stores, visited the aquarium or walked along Chicago's "magnificent mile."

After each group stopped at various places for lunch, they headed over to the Art Institute on bus, foot, or by taking the "L".

Upon walking through the Art Institute doors, each person's bags were checked before they could be admitted to the museum, as a new safety requirement put into effect after Sept. 11.

Some of the world-famous artists' exhibited works included Van Gogh's *Starry Night* and Gauguin's *Caribbean Woman*.

"It's valuable to see the art as it actually looks rather than how a picture portrays it," Vicki Deniston-Reed, Academic Decathlon instructor, said.

The group rode the "L" back to Midway Airport and was pre-boarded on their flight departing around 8 PM.

"Generally I was very pleased," Deniston-Reed said. "Everybody was where they were supposed to be, when they were supposed to be there, with all their ID. I think that was fantastic."



Department Head:

Carol Hipp

Other teachers:

**Ted Arndt
David Bartels
Eric Behrens
Jodi Borosko
Patricia Brizendine
Vicki Deniston-Reed
Lisa Donahoe
Jimmie Foster
Jim Galus
Carol Krejci
Rod Mullen
Mike Pederson
Michele Roberts
Tim Shipman
Bob Tucker
Scott Wilson
Ryan Wise**

Courses and description:

US History.

Covers social, political and economic development from, 1865 to present. Only offered to freshmen.

American Government.

Covers our nation's form of government.

American History.

Covers the Louisiana Purchase to the present.

Psychology.

Better understanding of themselves and others.

Economics.

The role of the citizen in America's market structure.

Sociology.

Examines the ways people interact with one another.

Law and Justice.

Develops the students' knowledge and skills necessary for survival.

African American History.

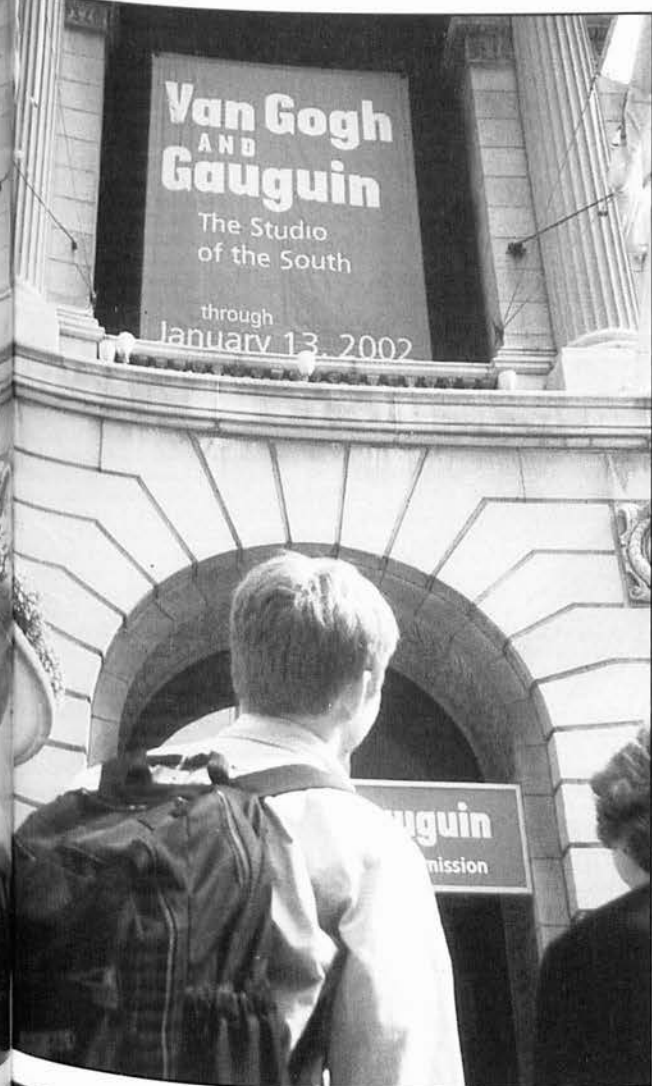
From the exploration of America to its present stage.

Latin American History.

Social and political issues of the 20th century.

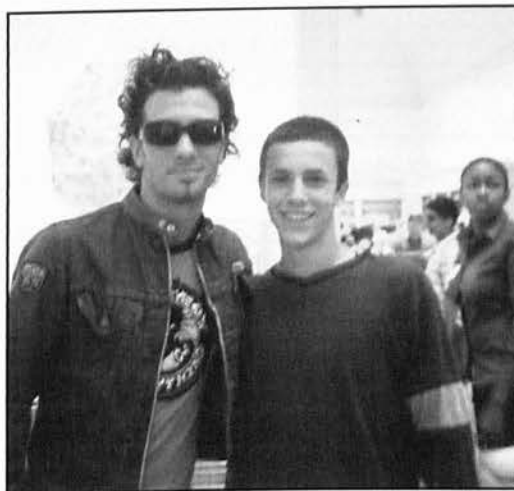
World History.

People from early civilizations to today.



Left. Devon O'Connell (11) climbs the stairs up to the entrance of the Art Institute of Chicago. Upon entering the building, students' bags were searched by security and checked into lockers. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Below. Phillip Witchger (10) poses with N'Sync singer JC, who Decathlon students spotted walking through the Van Gogh - Gauguin exhibit. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



Left. John De Mott (11) listens to a record at the Virgin Megastore. Before the exhibit opened, some decathletes chose to walk Chicago's "Magnificent Mile," where Virgin was located. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Above. Decathletes take a break from museum-browsing in front of the famous painting "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte" by Georges Seurat. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

group mini section.

Rock Climbing and Hiking

Front. Jillian Risavi (11), Nora Prazan (11), Alex Jochim (11), Eric Rafferty (12), Adam Deacon (12), Jacob Holst (10), William Brush (11). **Back.** Danielle Morgan (9), Jessica Franksen (11), sponsor Jeanne Whitten, Kathleen Anderl (11), Lauren Freeman (11), Mervine Opere (12). PHOTO Annie Walden

Rock Climbing Club was a new club this year. It was an active, adventure club and members went climbing once a month at the Southwest YMCA. Students took a course on climbing safety and ropes. Equipment was provided for all students who wished to participate.



Skateboarding

Front. Brandon Price (9), Juan Chaparro (10), Nathaniel Embrey (9). **Back.** Dylan Crook (10), Donald Southard (11), Nathaniel Crook (11), Steven Gardels (9), and sponsor Christine Mills. PHOTO Annie Walden

Skateboarding Club was another new school-sponsored club. Members went to the skateboarding park off of 76th and Cass streets every other Saturday.

Math Club

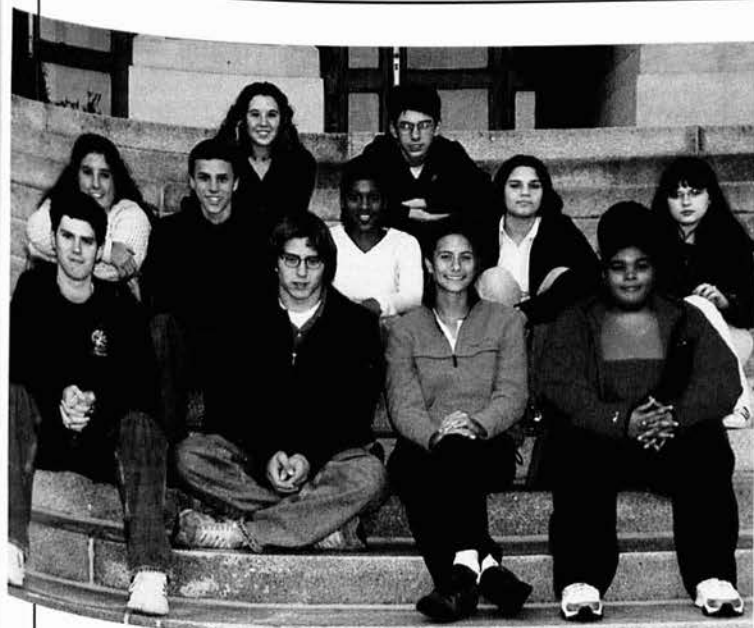
Front. Philip Witchger (10), Melissa Hepburn (11), sponsor Amanda Beery, Eric Rafferty (12), sponsor Tarah Baumert, Nicholas Zielinski (11), Yun Lin (10). **Second row.** Henry Karpf (11), Tammy Steele (12), Jing Ran (11), Scott O'Dell (11), Aaron Maurice (11), Lucas Matyja (11), Kristy Swirzinski (10). **Back.** Lauren Prest (11), Janelle Ritsch (12), Tristen Holzapfel (11), Damien Holzapfel (12), Danielle Rood (11), Philip Xie (11). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios

Math Club members participated in competitions against other high school students, most of them hosted at other high schools and colleges. They also hosted and wrote problems for a junior high math competition located at Central. Members went over enrichment math skills and elected officers.



Ultimate Frisbee

Front. John DeMott (11), Colin Rinaker (11) **Second row.** Ian Atwood (12), Christopher Gorga (11) **Third row.** William Anderson (11), Devon O'Connell (11), Kevin Grace (12). **Fourth row.** Phillip Witchger (10), Brandon Skocz (11), Alex Jochim (11), Mervine Opere (12). **Back.** Joshua Jirak (11), Jacob Priluck (11), Bret Brokaw (12), sponsor Mark Smith. PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



Mock Trial

Front. Sloan Dawson (12), John DeMott (11), Elizabeth Dyer (12), Autumn Golonka (10). **Second row.** Lauren Prest (11), Philip Witchger (10), Norma Reynolds (11), Sara Rips (10), Kira O'Bradovich (10). **Back.** Abby Franklin (10), Robert Montag (10). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios

Mock trial team members participated in competitions hosted at the county courthouse, against other high schools. The members were divided into two teams and each team was coached by a lawyer from Creighton. The members took on the roles of lawyers and witnesses in a fictional case. This year, one of the two mock trial teams went to the state competition in North Platte, where they placed fourth. PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios

Student Council

Front. Steven Hogan (10), Christopher Gorga (11), Colin Rinaker (11), Timothy Piatt (12). **Second row.** Angela Capellupo (12), Jill Fehrman (12), Lauren Freeman (11), Kimberly Pitlor (11), Andrea Wilson (11), Karletta White (12). **Third row.** Clare McGuire (10), Tyler Klusaw (11), Angel Starks (12), Norma Reynolds (11), Emily Felix (12), Jennifer Swanson (12), Lucas Matyja (11). **Fourth row.** Rachel Hart (12), Alexandra Huston (10), Jacob Croskey (12), Chase Billotte (12), Nicholas Jacobsen (12), Patrick Venditte (10), Lucas Kielion (12), sponsor Judy Storm. **Back.** Austin Baumann (10), Jennifer Yin (10), Andrew Regan (10), Julia Darrow (10), David Burr (10), Larry Coleman (11), Ashanti Weaver (11). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



Group mini section.

Youth Volunteer Corps

Front. Stacey Flowers (12), Kathryn Keeler (11), Stephanie Beister (11), Michaela Terasinski (11), Nolan Windom (11). **Second row.** Ashley Hall (12), Danielle Rood (11), Stephanie Schwinck (11), Chasity Gonzales (11), Alexander Olson (10), sponsor Amanda Beery. **Third row.** Megan Greise (11), Megan Stratton (11), sponsor Mindy Morgan, sponsor Christine Mills, Megan Dobmeier (10), sponsor Christina Hiddleston, sponsor Kelly Murphy. **Back.** Daniel Whelan (12), Jasmine Opere (9), sponsor Kristen Longacre. PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



Academic Decathlon

Front. Ian Atwood (12), Haomin Zhang (12), Janelle Ritsch (12), Sloan Dawson (12), Tammy Steele (12), Roshawna Payne (12), Kevin Grace (12). **Second row.** John DeMott (11), Devon O'Connell (11), Meredith Grunke (11), Christopher Danford (10), Sara Rips (10), Quentin Lueninghoener (12). **Third row.** Anthony Rivera (11), Mary Michalak (11), Carolyn Schaeffer (11), Philip Witchger (10), Ryan Haskins (11), Steven Rue (11), Jacob Priluck (11). **Fourth row.** Vanessa Brutsche (11), Brandon Cruz (11), Shea Wilkinson (10), Kaitlin Butz (11), Nicole Chen (11), Lauren Prest (11), Melissa Hepburn (11). **Back.** Sponsor Vicki Deniston Reed, Douglas Meigs (11), Joseph Tingley (12), Gavin Jensen (11), Timothy Shew (11). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios

International Club

Front. Rebecca James (10), Jessica Wei (10), Napatporn Lekham (12), Wiyual Liem (9), Maria Montes (9), Adriana Mendez (10), Bandak Chuar (12), Miguel Salinas (9), sponsor Dana Salvador. **Second row.** Sponsor Susan Myers, Francisco Velasquez (11), Philip Xie (11), Facundo Gonzalez (11), Flor Partida (11), Isnardo Salgado (12), Mauricio Serrano (9), William Lovo (9). **Third row.** Kueth Doluony (12), Yien Panyuan (10), sponsor Cat Kennedy, Peter Kadar (11), Jonathan Trejo (9), Khanh Le (9). **Back.** Chang Ruach (12), Lam Panyuan (10). PHOTO Annie Walden



Gay Straight Alliance

Front. Folasade Hinson (11), Ashanti Weaver (11) and sponsor Dana Salvador. **Second row.** sponsor Amanda Beery, Adam Christensen (11), Steve Salavec (10) and Catherine Peters (10). **Third row.** Ellie Hoeger (10), Anah Moe (10), Sara Rips (10), Sarah Stowell (9) and Pearl Boyd (10). **Back.** Justin Tatum (12), Daniel Whelan (12), Autumn Golonka (10), Kaitlin Butz (11), Jennifer Gunn (12) and Gavin Jensen (11). PHOTO Annie Walden



Senior Class Officers

Front. Chapin Sellin (12), Emily Felix (12), Corriisa Thomas (12), Rafiq Kamal (12), Josie Nwuju (12), Rachael Hart (12), Chase Billotte (12). **Back.** Jennifer Swanson (12), Maya Taylor (12), Courtney Stoffel (12), Byron George (12), Jamar Dorsey (12), Keiante Brazile (12). PHOTO Annie Walden

Men's Chorus

Front. Aron Cobbs (11), Adam Christensen (11), Torrance Roland (11), Andrew Maxey (12), Ian Atwood (12), Kevin Jones (11), Nicholas Waszak (10), Anthony Allee (10). **Second row.** Logan Kelly (9), Christopher Conley (10), Ian Waterman (12), John Orduna (12), Braden Nelson (12), Jason Nehrig (10) and Kyle Soares (10). **Third row.** Samuel Smith-Schull (10), William Brush (11), Mark Zoll (11), Jeffrey Costello (12), David Hernandez (11). **Back.** sponsor Stephen Bouma, Ronald Lewis (12), Nicholas Delman (10), Brian Fahey (11). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



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Minority Scholars 5th hour

Front. Jenna Pearson (11), Keiante Brazile (12), Sydney Shead (10), Samar Elatta (10). **Second row.** Beau Reed (12), Crystal Oswald (12), Markeeta Brewer (12), Karletta White (12), Folasade Hinson (11). **Third row.** Ericka Payton (11), Larry Coleman (11). **Back.** Stephanie Williams (10), Terry Smith (10), Prince Wynn (11), Jordan Zendejas (11), Crystal Lopez. PHOTO Annie Walden



Minority Scholars 6th hour

Front. Alfredo Hernandez (10), Jessica Merino (10), Josephine Ortiz (10), Brandii Daniels (12), Michael Barnett (11), Eric Wilson (10), Kamaal Patterson (10). **Second row.** Jamar Dorsey (12), Laureen Opere (11), Ashley Wilson (11), Jennifer Hodges (11), Angel Starks (12), Emily McTate (10), Andrea Wilson (11). **Third row.** Janel Mitchell (10), Jasmine Opere (9), Nikita Warren (11), Halley Taylor (10), Abby Franklin (10), Makeda Gilliam (11), Brandon Henley (10). **Back.** Clinton Skane (10), Ashanti Weaver (11), Mara Martinez (11), Richard Owens-Ream (10), Icy Simpson (11), Kaylisha Taylor (9), Brittany Arvin (9), Jose Castaneda (11), Sharra Graham (10). PHOTO Annie Walden

Minority Scholars 7th hour

Front. Dominique Finch (10), Ashley Easter (9), Maria Arredondo (10). **Second row.** Ashlynn Lewis (11), Dara Newson (9), Shauntel Vaughn (10). **Back.** Eric Rudd (12), Cassandra Marisett (9), Ashley Woolridge (10). PHOTO Lauren Freeman



Red Cross Crew

Front. Ashanti Weaver (11), Folasade Hinson (11), Jessica MacDonald (12), Tammy Steele (12), Michael Heller (12), Mervine Opere (12), Caressa Cantrell (12), Heidi Kaine (12), Roger Johnson (12). **Second row.** Joshua Jirak (12), Matthew Stelzer (11), Rebecca Jacobs (12), Josie Nwuju (12), Kara Kammerer (12), Nicole Engler (12), Moriah North (12), Ashley Wright (12). **Third row.** Kira O'Bradovich (10), Xu Wang (10), Kathryn MacDonald (9), Kimberly Gavin (9). **Back.** Salvador Pina (12), Jennalind Coates (10), sponsor Jeanne Weiss, Kathleen Mapes (10), Eleanor Hoeger (10). PHOTO Annie Walden

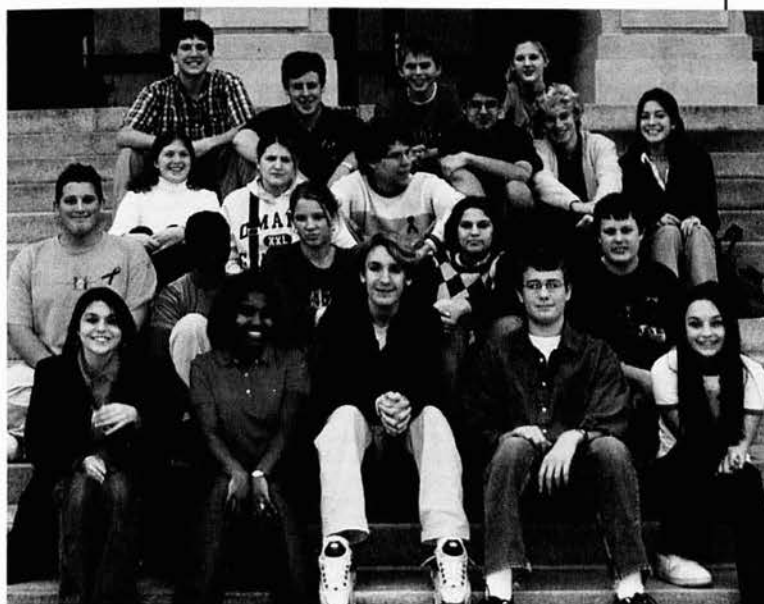


Fine Lines

Front. Annette Wilder (10), Daniel Whelan (12), Faith Lynn (12) and Vanessa Brutsche (11). **Second row.** Kay Hartle (11), Sarah Little (10) and Brittaney Clemmons (10). **Back.** Christopher Koch (11), Richard Owens-Ream (10), sponsor David Martin, and Rose Perkins (11). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios

Student Democrats

Front. Brittani Dutton (10), Jennifer Hodges (11), John Owens-Ream (10), Craig Novak (11), Kelsey Gotch (10). **Second row.** Deborah Philip (9), Melissa Miller (10), Sara Rips (10), Christopher Bertch (10). **Third row.** Rachel Ferber (11), Alana Keleyhers (11), Scott O'Dell (11), William Anderson (11) and Elizabeth Schulze (11). **Back.** Nicholas Delman (10), Brian Fahey (11), Devon O'Connell (11) and Sarah Orsi (11). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



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Spanish National Honor Society

Front. Norma Reynolds (11), Angel Starks (12), Leah Raful (12), Maya Taylor (12), Caressa Cantrell (12), Jennifer Swanson (12), Josie Nwuju (12). **Second row.** Emily Felix (12), Angela Capellupo (12), Holly McCarthy (11), Meagan Madisen (11), Virginia Meyer (12), Rebecca Murow (12), Jenna Pearson (11), Lauren Freeman (11). **Third row.** Michelle Lubbert (12), Carolyn Schaeffer (11), Natalie Lubbert (12), Katharine Susman (11), Robyn Sorensen (11), Holly Greenamyre (12), Mackenzie McDonough (11), Jennifer Hodges (11). **Fourth row.** Aron Cobbs (11), Tyler Fuchs (11), Lauren Prest (11), Anna Bolmeier (11), Katie Muldoon (11), Nitasha Dickes (11), Kathleen Anderl (11), Kimberly Pitlor (11). **Back.** Matthew Venditte (12), Chase Billotte (12). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



French National Honor Society

Front. Anne Danberg (12), Hallie Wunsch (12), Katrina Decker (12), Sara Shirk (12), Vanessa Brutsche (11). **Second row.** Haomin Zhang (12), Tammy Steele (12), Julia Anderson (12), Ananda Walden (12). **Back.** Sponsor Bev Fellman. PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios

To be inducted into the French National Honors Society, French students had to have a "1" average for three consecutive semesters of French, as well as forty participation points accumulated in French Club. FNHS members participated in volunteer activities and tutored other French students.

French Club

Front. A.J. Baumann (10), Erica Yates (10), Sara Shirk (12), Julia Anderson (12), Tammy Steele (12), Katrina Decker (12), Mara Martinez (11), Kristy Swirzinski (10), Kaitlin Butz (11), Melissa Hepburn (11). **Second row.** Rachel Kennedy (10), Theresa Baker (10), Vanessa Skocz (10), Torrance Roland (11), Napatporn Lekham (12), Angela Fraley (11), Vanessa Brutsche (11), Nicole Chen (11), Sara Rips (10). **Third row.** Erica Kraft (10), Dana Cleasby (10), April Bloomingdale (10), Jennifer Adams (10), Jessica Womack (9), Eleanor Ashford (10), Amanda Ponce (11). **Fourth row.** Sarah Alston (10), Laraine Getty (10), Jason Witty (9), Anne Danberg (12), Hallie Wunsch (12), Jamie Moats (10), Desiree Fortina (10), Fallon Leahy (10), Ashley Myers (10), Larry Coleman (11), Lauren Opere (11). **Fifth row.** Megan Dobmeier (10), Emily Tourek (11), Lynne Clure (11), Caressa Cantrell (12), Brandy Eaves (12), Julia Lebedz (10), Emily Roberts (10), Clare McGuire (10), Rachel LaCroix (11), Connor Meigs (11). **Sixth row.** Jovon Dorsey (11), Hallie Bieber (11), Andrew Berg (11), Samantha Harris (11), Brooke Gonzalez (10). **Back.** sponsor Jeffrey Sill, sponsor Bev Fellman, and sponsor Kristen Longacre. PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



Latin Club

Front. Douglas Meigs (11), Devon O'Connell (11), Timothy Piatt (12), Alex Jochim (11), Colin Rinaker (11), Brandon Skocz (11). **Second row.** Sponsor Rita Ryan, Leah Weis (9), Johanna Murphy (10), Kathryn Macdonald (9), Kimberly Gavin (9), Angela Gardner (12), Rebecca Jacobs (12). **Third row.** Rose Perkins (12), Natalie Bachtell (9), Makeda Gilliam (11), Kathrine Krance (9), Shelby Cherek (9), Katlin Peterson (9), Ellen Mickle (9), Charlotte Kepler (9), Rebecca Sullivan (9). **Fourth row.** Annette Wilder (10), Alicia Wolford (11), Kari Greguska (9). **Back.** Jennifer Yin (10), Rachel Danford (10), Jay Searson (10), Jeremy Cardwell (10), Benjamin Lyons (11). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



Philosophy Club

Front. Jennifer Gunn (12). **Second row.** Gavin Jensen (11), Shea Wilkinson (10). **Third row.** Vanessa Brutsche (11), Kaitlin Butz (11), Timothy Shew (11), Pearl Boyd (10). **Back.** William Gunn (9), Nicholas Zielinski (11). PHOTO Annie Walden

This club was a mix of students who met at least once a week to discuss the essential elements of their lives. Informal field trips around town helped group members get to know each other and bond. Philosophy Club also planned its own activities, such as city-wide hide and go seek, for members' enjoyment.

Speech and Debate

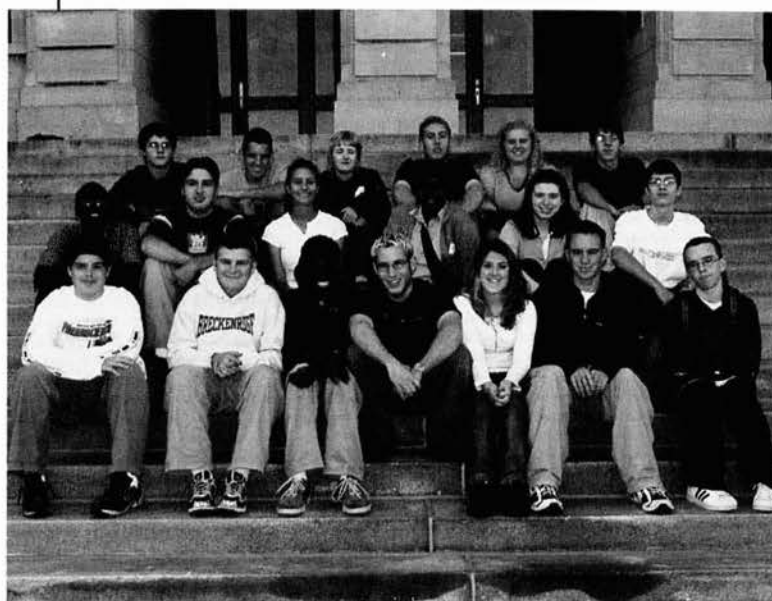
Front. Melissa Hepburn (11), Rachael Ferber (11), Shea Wilkinson (10), Kaitlin Butz (11), Adam Christensen (11), Autumn Golonka (10), Coach Kris Jonyka, Steven Hogan (10), Jacqueline Henkel (9). **Second row.** Raymond Neujahr (9), Anthony Casale (9), Brittani Dutton (10), Emily McTate (10), Samantha Gardner (10), Stacey Flowers (12), Chapin Sellin (12), Daniel Whelan (12). **Third row.** Natalie Bachtell (9), Jacob Sellin (10), Chase Thornburg (11), Gabriel Lopez (10), Zurisha Gary (10). **Fourth row.** Amanda Lonergan (10), Andrew Neal (10), Matthew Bentley (12), Richard Owens-Ream (10), Christopher Bertch (10), Stefanie Ahlf (12), Jovon Dorsey (11), Ashley Wilson (9). **Back.** Ashley Campbell (10), Christopher Conley (10), Robert Phillips (10), Mickey Williams (12), Joseph Tingley (12), David Crane (10), Justin Hamilton (12), Vanna Harper (9), Jonathan Kodera (12), Naomi Rennard (9), Vanessa Brutsche (11), Kaylisha Taylor (9), Christopher Terwilleger (11), Regina Christensen (11), Sloan Dawson (12). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



group mini section.

DECA

Front. Rafiq Kamal (12), Jason Lemen (12). **Second row.** Jingran Dai (11), Jamie Hills (11), Alex Jochim (11), Nitasha Dickes (11), Rebecca Warnock (11), Abby Humpal (11), Chae Glass (11), Daniel Hilgendorf (11). **Third row.** Mary Michalak (11), Nora Prazan (11), Jill Fehrman (12), Kristin Teare (12), Leah Raful (12), Ariel Shukert (12), Lauren Freeman (11), Michelle Lubbert (12), Ashley Hall (12). **Fourth row.** Karletta White (12), Kathryn Keeler (11), Chapin Sellin (12), Rebecca Jacobs (12), Maya Taylor (12), Khay Patterson (12), Katie Slack (12), Adam Deacon (12), Mackenzie McDonough (11), Holly McCarthy (11). **Fifth row.** Christopher Gorga (11), Lauren Marsh (11), Stephanie Schwinck (11), Justin Shelley (12), Byron George (12), Douglas Ekberg (12), Lucas Kielion (12), Brandon Lee (12), Devon Anderson (12). **Sixth row.** Sponsor Vicki Wiles, Robyn Sorenson (11), Melissa Hepburn (11), Ashanti Weaver (11), Jordan Zendejas (11), Eric Jacob (12), Sam Comfort (12), Jacob Pederson (12), Travis Hilscher (12). **Back.** Tony Driscoll (11), Joseph Hoagland (11), Rebecca Pauba (11), Kathrine Susman (11), Nicole Lynch (12), Holly Greenamyre (12), Andrew Ford (12), Reginald Terry (12), Jamar Dorsey (12), Elizabeth Dyer (12), sponsor Harry Gaylor. PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studio



American Technology Honor Society

Front. Mark Bennett (12), Henry Karpf (11), Richard Parker (12), Justin Cummins (12), Jennifer Clausen (11), Brandon Skocz (11) and Adam Hopewell (10). **Second row.** Mervine Opere (12), Andrew Hofmann (12), Elizabeth Dyer (12), Angel Starks (12), Sarah Little (10) and Tristen Holzapfel (11). **Back.** Nicholas Zielinski (11), Aaron Maurice (11), Jordan Jacobs (10), Justin Miettinen (12), Lindsay Harkness (12) and Damien Holzapfel (12). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studio

Book Club

Front. Annie Boyd (10), David Fisher (9), Deborah Phillip (9) and Janelle Butler (11). **Back.** Stephanie Lemek (11), Autumn Golonka (10), Steve Salavec (10), Rebecca Crom (10) and Shantell Ross (9). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studio

Sponsored by librarian Krystal Mayberry, the Book Club was new this year. The members met in the library to discuss the current book they were reading.



Latino Leaders

Front. Ximena Lucero (9), Tanya Padilla (9), Maria Arredondo (10), Jessica Merino (10), Amanda Ponce (11) and Vanessa Ordonez (9). **Second row.** Mario Linares (12), Natali Lara (10), Janet Lopez (10), Gabriela Ramirez (11), Joel Antunez (12), Nancy Moreno (12) and Norma Garcia (9). **Third row.** Alexandria Romano (10), Wendy Medrano (9), Indira Gallardo (10), Mayra Jimenez (10), Josephine Ortiz (10), Casandra Jimenez (10) and Diana Olguin (12). **Fourth row.** Christian Salazar (10), Alfredo Hernandez (10), Lesly Gallardo (12), Gabriel Gonzalez (9), Diana Fernandez (11), Adrian Guzman (11) and Julie Lara (10). **Fifth row.** Ruby Robles (11), Bilma Ventura (9), Leandra Cartagena (9), Maria Montes (9), Juan Mora (11), Mayra Lopez (9), Anthony Bruno (11) and Gregorio Andres (10). **Back.** Marlon Marroquin (11), Yariela Ruiz (11), Edgar Gonzalez (9), Juan Moran (9), Juan Rivera (10), Gumercindo Guzman (11) and Omar Moreno (11). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



Chess Club

Front. Wesley Orr (9), Philip Witchger (10), Johanna Murphy (10), Nicholas Zielinski (11) and Samuel Neumann (9). **Second row.** Andrew Phillips (10), Tia Seymour (10), Van Do (10), Damien Holzapfel (12) and Jay Searson (10). **Back.** Drew Thyden Sponsor, Kristopher May (9), Jay Harmon (10), Tristen Holzapfel (11) and Nathan Horrell (10). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios

JROTC Drill Team

Front. Jordan Jacobs (10), Annette Wilder (10), Renita Shelly (10), Tiffany Clemente (9). **Second row.** Jessica Morehouse (10), Danielle Howsden (11), Jeffrey O'Brien (10), Nathaniel Crook (11). **Third row.** Jamie Morehouse (10), Larry Coleman (11), Gregory Merrill (11), Kyle Kenkel (9). **Back.** Benjamin Lyons (11), Kerribeth Bahr (12). PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studio



group mini section.

JROTC Color Guard

Front. Dylan Crook (10), Nathaniel Crook (11), KerriBeth Bahr (12), Gregory Merrill (11). **Middle.** Jessica Morehouse (10), Thomas Byrne (10), Kyle Kenkel (9), Brandon Luther (9). **Back.** Larry Coleman (11), Jamie Morehouse (10), Benjamin Lyons (11), Jordan Jacobs (10), Steven Biodrowski (12). PHOTO Annie Walden



JROTC Courtesy patrol

Front. Jordan Jacobs (10), Annette Wilder (10), Renita Shelly (9) and Briana Glaze (9). **Second row.** Jamie Morehouse (10), Brandon Luther (9), Kyle Kenkel (9) and Tiffany Clemente (9). **Third Row.** Benjamin Lyons (11), Larry Coleman (11), Roberto Tlatenhci (09) and Patricia Adams (9). **Back.** Steven Biodrowski (12), Danielle Howdsen (11), Michael Schulte (9), Aaron Graves (12), Antwan Flournoy (12) and Keribeth Bahr (12). PHOTO Annie Walden

JROTC Rifle Team

Front. Keribeth Bahr (12) and Steven Biodrowski (12). **Back.** Michael Alfaro (10), Kenneth Morehouse (11), Gregory Merrill (11) and Nathan Crook (11). PHOTO Annie Walden



Bel Canto

Front. Katharine Susman (11), Natalie Andreasen (10), Shemika Williams (10), Pascha Fountain (10), Kristy Swirzinski (10), Ladonna Scott (12), Annette Wilder (10), Kira O'Bradovich (10), Kwin Kunkle (11), Kylie Zacharia (10), Rebecca Mayhew (10), Katherine Erikson (10), Rose Perkins (11), Erica Yates (10), Normesha Reynolds (11) and Kaley Eledge (10). **Back.** Sarah Cavanagh (10), Catherine Peters (10), Pearl Boyd (10), Tamara Williams (10), Sharra Graham (10), Nicholle Leedom (10), Xu Wang (10), Jillian Boston (10), Kaitlin Nichols (10), Fallon Leahy (10), Takeisha Jackson (10), Sara Cowan (10), April Bloomingdale (10), Calli Sheperd (10) and Eleanor Hoeger (10). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



A Cappella



Front. Norma Reynolds (11), Courtney Beals (12), Aron Cobbs (11), Cassie Glasser (12), Dimari Livingston (10), Anthony Rudebush (10), Anthony Allee (10), Megan Madison (11), Ladonna Scott (12), Harlem Lopez (12) and Icy Simpson. **Second row.** Teacher Lynn Bouma, Kimberly Pitlor (12), Andrew Maxey (12), Stephanie Beister (11), Mohee Strickland (11), Michael Heller (12), Kevin Jones (11), Kara Warner (12), Tiffany Graber (12), Meagan Page (11), Natalie Andreasen (11), Ashley Wilson (11) and Normesha Reynolds (11). **Third row.** Nicole Engler (12), Megan Hoover (12), Stephanie Carlson (12), Hallie Wunsch (12), Ian Atwood (12), Kwin Kunkle (11), Emily Felix (12), Elizabeth Huff (11), Alicia Wolford (11), Katharine Susman (11) and Nicole Chen (11). **Fourth row.** Courtney Stoffel (12), Jessica Richart (11), Theresa Fuchs (12), Kerri Beth Bahr (12), Danielle Rood (11), Rose Perkins (11), Brandy Eaves (12), Timika Scott (12), Katherine Musick (11), Christopher Terwilleger (11), Janelle Ritsch (12), Nicole Thompson (11), Whitney Williams (11) and Bruna Augusto (11). **Fifth row.** Kristen Carroll (11), Marisa Mixan (12), Elizabeth Dyer (12), Piper Meier (12), John Orduna (12), Torrence Roland (11), Lara Watzke (11), Adam Christensen (11), Camille Rasmuss (12), Charles Nelson (10), Chelsea Dickes (12), Dana Thompson (12), Anna Bolmeier (11), Jennifer Gatewood (12) and Rachael Hart (12). **Sixth row.** Accompanist Stephen Bouma, Sara Penning (12), Stephanie Ahlf (12), Mark Zoll (11), Christopher Conley (10), Megan Stratton (11), David Hernandez (11), Amos Rodriguez (12), Jonathan Raftery (10), Ian Waterman (12), Braden Nelson (12), Jason Nehrig (10), Karl White (10) and Robyn Sorensen (11). **Back.** Joseph Tingley (12), Chase Thornburg (11), Lauren Faulkner (11), Katherine Young (12), Adam Lamb (11), Ronald Lewis (12), Craig Novak (11), Lucas Clade (12), Nicholas Delman (10), Jeffrey Costello (12), Dennis Lett (11), Brian Fahey (11), Joshua Koterba (10), Marlin Richey (10) and Darryl Robinson (10). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

Group mini section.

CHS Singers

Front. Icy Simpson (11), John Orduna (12), Camille Rasmuss (12), Andrew Maxey (12), Theresa Fuchs (12), Ian Atwood (12), Megan Hoover (12), Aron Cobbs (11), Rebecca Jacobs (12), Norma Reynolds (11), Michael Heller (12) and Natalie Andreasen (11). **Back.** Hallie Wunsch (12), Ronald Lewis (12), Lauren Faulkner (11), Brian Fahey (11), Brandy Eaves (12), Chase Thornburg (11). Katherine Young (12), Mark Zoll (11), Katherine Musick (11), Braden Nelson (12), Jennifer Gatewood (12) and Kimberly Pitlor (11). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Spanish Club

Front. Megan Rutherford (11), Kara Kammerer (12), Nathan Rice (12), Michelle Lubbert (12) and Natalie Lubbert (12). **Back.** Sponsor Jane Boeke, Larry Coleman (11), Lauren Prest (11), and Carolyn Schaeffer (11). PHOTO Kevin Jones

FBLA

Front. Autumn Golonka (10), Casandra Jiminez (10), Aravia Phillips (12), Jordan Jacobs (10) and Lucas Matyja (11). **Second row.** Kathryn Keeler (11), Tyeshia Cobb (10), Dimari Livingston (10), Cleophas Stevenson (11) and Johnny Tapley (11). **Back.** Angel Starks (12), Crystal oswald (12), Megan Rutherford (11), Elizabeth Dyer (12), Justin Cummins (12) and Sponsor DeLayne Havlovic. PHOTO Kevin Jones



African American History Club

Front. Sponsor Rod Mullen, Karletta White (12), Martinique Perkins (9), Janelle Fairchild (12). **Second row.** Ellis Givens (9), Christopher Leflore (11), Samar Elatta (10), Nikita Baskin (12). **Back.** Briana Glaze (9), Refinald Terry (12), Corissa Thomas (12), Aleah Stennis (12), Markeeta Brewer (12), Brandy Sherrod (11). PHOTO Kevin Jones



O-Book

Front. Meredith Grunke (11), Hallie Bieber (11), Nitasha Dickes (11), Ashley Wright (12). **Second row.** Advisor Matthew Deabler, Lynne Clure (11), Lauren Freeman (11), Ananda Walden (12), Katrina Decker (12). **Back.** Kevin Jones (11), Peter Sullivan (11), Kathleen Anderl (11), Adam Rachwalik (11), Jovon Dorsey (11). PHOTO Matt Wynn

The yearbook staff (*O-Book*) created the school yearbook. They worked to sell ads to both the student body and the surrounding area. They designed, wrote and took photos for every page in this bad boy. They hope you enjoy their hard work.

Register

Front. Dominique Brown (11), Paula Salhaney (11), Danielle Rollins (12), Matthew Wynn (12), Daniel Whelan (12). **Second row.** Advisor Matthew Deabler, Aaron Maurice (11), Jonathan Lathan (11), Joseph Meyer (12), Christopher Aponick (12). **Back.** Quentin Lueninghoener (12), Emily Neumann (12), Douglas Meigs (11), Kaitlin Butz (11), Layne Gabriel (12), Troy Schulte (12). PHOTO Annie Walden

Students on the *Register* staff wrote, designed and published the school newspaper. They won the Best in Show competition at the national level two years in a row. They sell all of the ads themselves which support the publication.



Group mini section.

Art Club

Front. John DeMott (11), Makeda Gilliam (11), Ashley Vak (12), Mara Martinez (11), Amy Schmadeke (12), Lisa Schmadeke (9). **Middle.** Elizabeth Schulze (11), Stephanie Olesh (10), Andrew Hofmann (12), Caressa Cantrell (12), Sara Shirk (12), Quentin Lueninghoener (12), Tammy Steele (12). **Back.** Sponsor Margaret Quinn. PHOTO courtesy of Interstate Studios



Orchestra

Front. Elizabeth Atwater (10), Matthew Spielman (10), Alexander Olson (10), Patrick Venditte (10), Jessica MacDonald (11), Dana Carlson (11), Kaitlin Davis (12), Folasde Hinson (11), April Gayer (11), Thomas Carney (11). **Second row.** Nakita Trammell (09), Sarrah McDonald (12), Angela Cloyd (12), Corinn Grabow (11), Miriam Tippets (11), Kristyn Doughetry (11), James Boatright (11), Anah Moe (10), Sarah Little (10), Valerie Stutzka (11). **Third row.** Katrina Decker (12), Melissa Hepburn (11), Ashley Krijan (11), Rachel LaCroix (11), Mohee Strickland (11), Yun Lin (11), Jessica Wei (10), Faith Lynn (12), Pearlie Smith (11). **Fourth row.** Moriah North (12), Princess Steward (11), Kristen Brooks (11), Tylisha Harris (10), Sarah Hosford (11), Joseph Klaczynsky (11), Nathan Rice (12), Harlem Lopez (12). **Fifth row.** Clare McGuire (10), Nicole Engler (12), Christina Brumley (11), Audsheona Mitchell (11), Robert Montag (10), Gavin Jensen (11), Jonathan Lathan (11), Van Do (10), Ashley Woolridge (10), Shabazz Ramsey (10). **Sixth row.** Jennifer Yin (10), Ashley Combs (11), John Orduna (12), Stephanie Carlson (12), Lauren Opere (11), Charles Serfass (10), Angela Fraley (11), Elizabeth Dyer (12), Heather Francis (10), Samuel Smithschull (10), Michelle Purchase (12), Kara Kammerer (12), Stephen Packard (11). **Back.** Rebecca Heineman (11), Melissa Arnold (11), Anna Bolmeier (11), Nicholas Lemek (12), Vanessa Brutsche (11), Douglas Hageman (11), Jennalind Coates (10). PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Band-Seniors

Front. Lucas Kielion, Megan Hoover, John Orduna, Hallie Wunsch, Fred Combs, Ashley Sellin. **Middle.** Ashley Vak, Lindsay Harkness, Patricia Cannon, Sarrah McDonald, Kara Kammerer, Morgan Kimble. **Back.** Angela Cloyd, Anton Stearns, Ronald Lewis, Lucas Clade, Ramona Bartee, Ian Waterman, Brandy Eaves, Philip Haubrich, Mark Bennett. PHOTO Quentin Lueninghoener



Band-Freshmen

Front. Alexander Bowles, Sean McCall, Nicholas Stuber, Patrick Anderl, Thomas Heafey, Faraz Ahmad, Brian Hickman, Elisa Berzins. **Second row.** Lindsey Thompson, Kaitlin Barr, Kathryn MacDonald, Cecily Zdan, Garrett Day, Christopher Kielion, Annemarie Lind, Alissa Kechely, Stephanie Hall, Brandi Clanton. **Third row.** Amanda Chism, Amanda Nerskind, Steven Gardels, Andrew SeEVERS, William Gunn, Ryan Flemmer, Natalie Shaw, Kaitlin Larson, Caitlin Monaghan. **Back.** Danielle Knutson, Allison Hepburn, Mindy Sotello, Cody Oltrogge, Zachary Cain, Thomas Mullen, Jeffrey Hart, Kristopher May. PHOTO Quentin Lueninghoener



Band-Sophomores

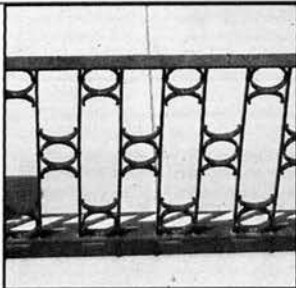
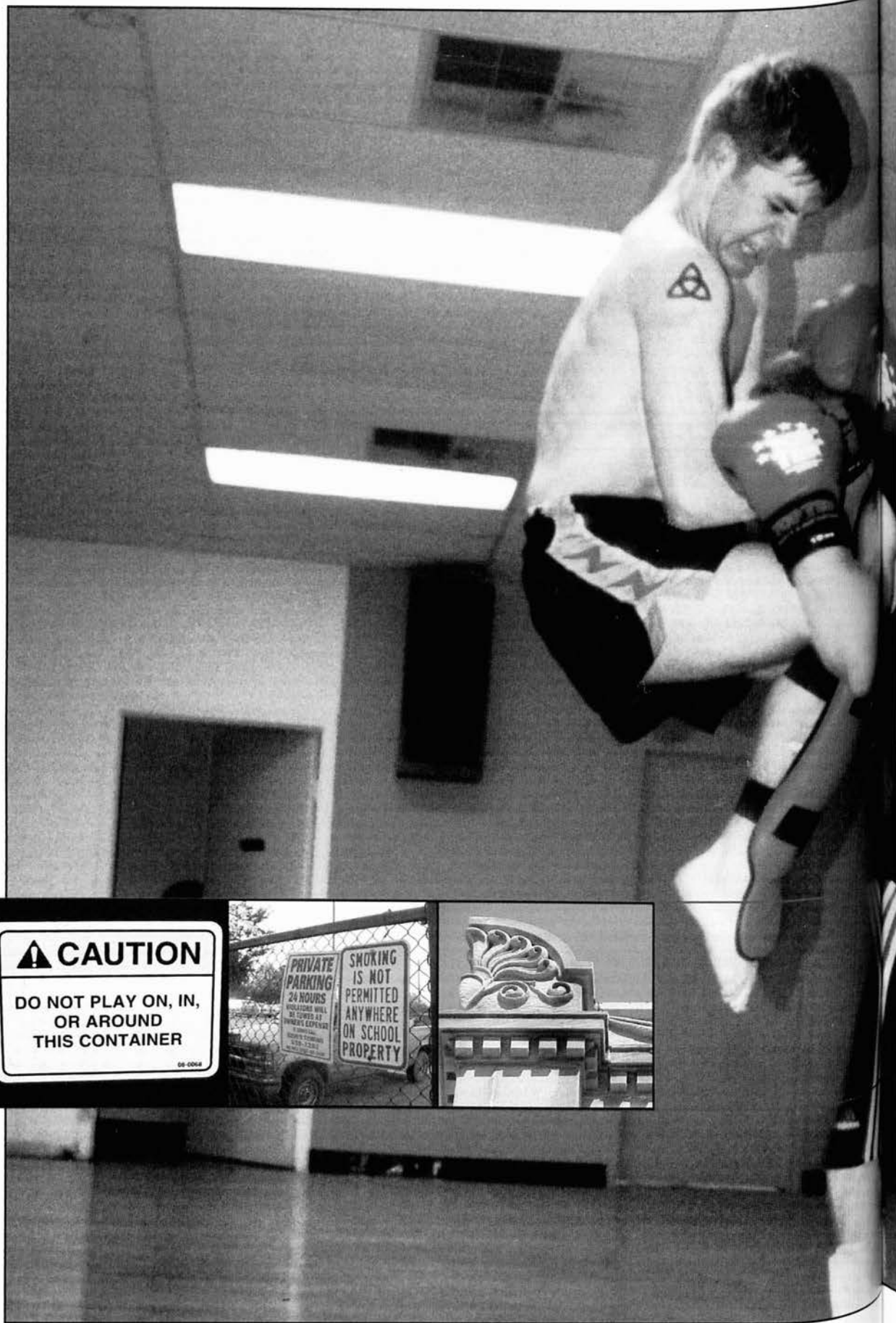
Front. April Bloomingdale, Robert Garvin, Philip Witchger, Desiree Fortina, Rachel Kennedy, Jessi Mathies, Kira Obradovich, Rachel DanFord. **Second row.** Eleanor Hoeger, Jason Nehrig, Alyxx Romano, Sarah Cavanagh, Erica Yates, Erika Kraft, Laraine Getty, Tamara Cooks, Anah Moe. **Third Row.** Nicholas Wazak, Eric Wilson, Scott Schulz, Ashley Cap, Nicole Tyrey, Brian Swotek, Emily Greenberg, Adam Nebel. **Fourth Row.** Richard Johnson, Sarah Alston, Jonathan Raftery, Nicholas Goding, Kaitlin Nichols, Kelsey Gotch, Teddi Teamer, Matt Schrad. **Back.** Nathan Horrell, Michelle Peare, Wesley Brown, Matthew Brown, Brian Wigger, Jay Harmon, Charles Serfass. PHOTO Quentin Lueninghoener



Band-Juniors

Front. Whitney Williams, Makeda Gilliam, Ashley Krijan, Lauren Prest, Katherine Musick, Ashley Combs, Rachel LaCroix, Mara Martinez, Ashanti Weaver. **Middle.** Melissa Arnold, Michelle James, Ryan Haskins, Peter Sullivan, Andrew Iwen, Henry Karpf, Bryan Carrillo, Scott Collins, Andrew Frizzell, Jason Hurlbut. **Back.** Rebecca Heineman, Jessica Hannah, Jason Cawthon, Jason Jones, Doug Hageman, Brandon Cruz, Chase Thornburg, Steven Rue, Nicole Thompson. PHOTO Quentin Lueninghoener

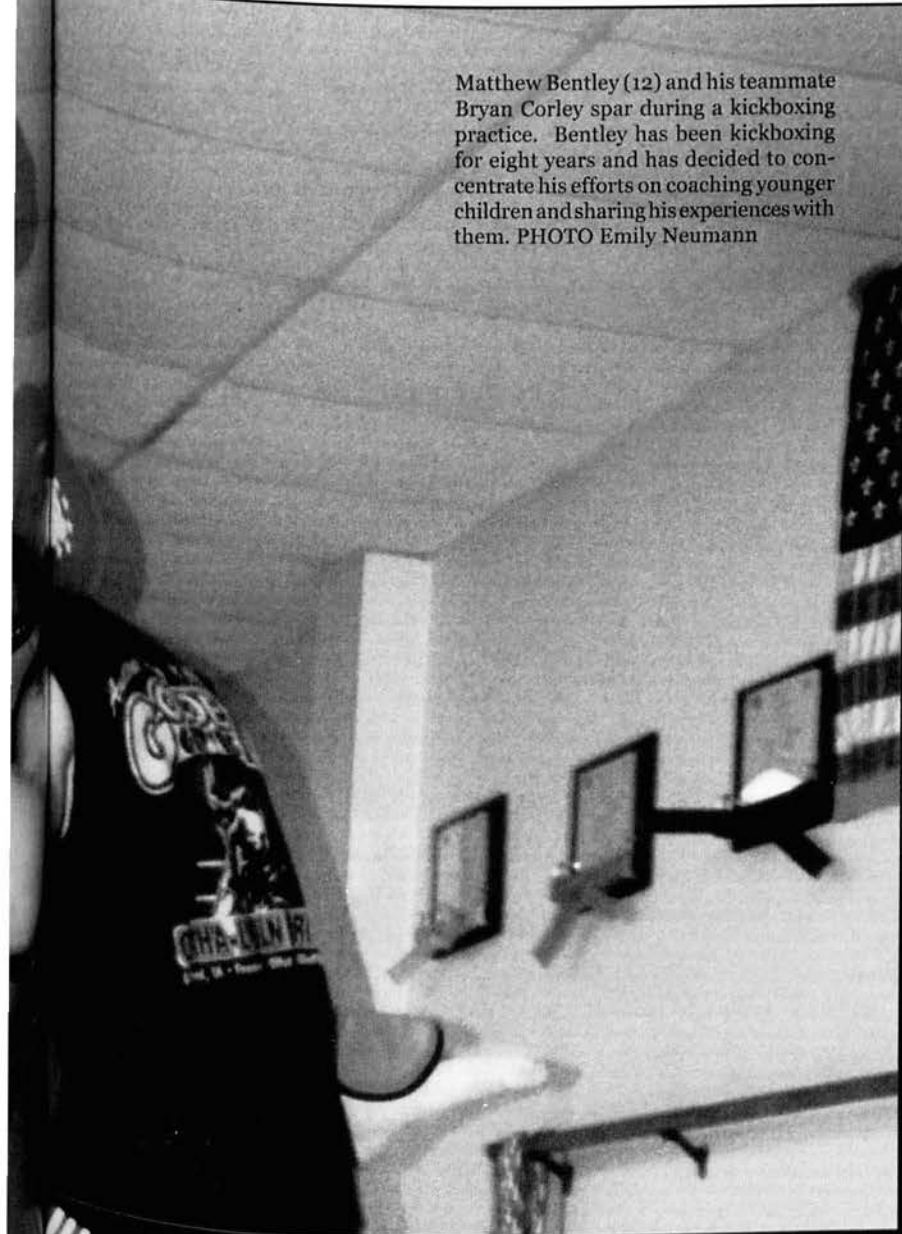




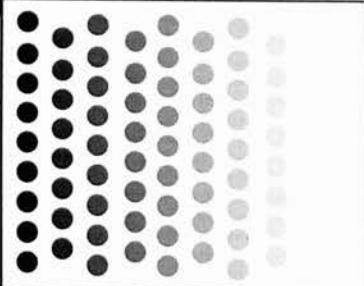
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Matthew Bentley (12) and his teammate Bryan Corley spar during a kickboxing practice. Bentley has been kickboxing for eight years and has decided to concentrate his efforts on coaching younger children and sharing his experiences with them. PHOTO Emily Neumann



it's dedication.
Sports



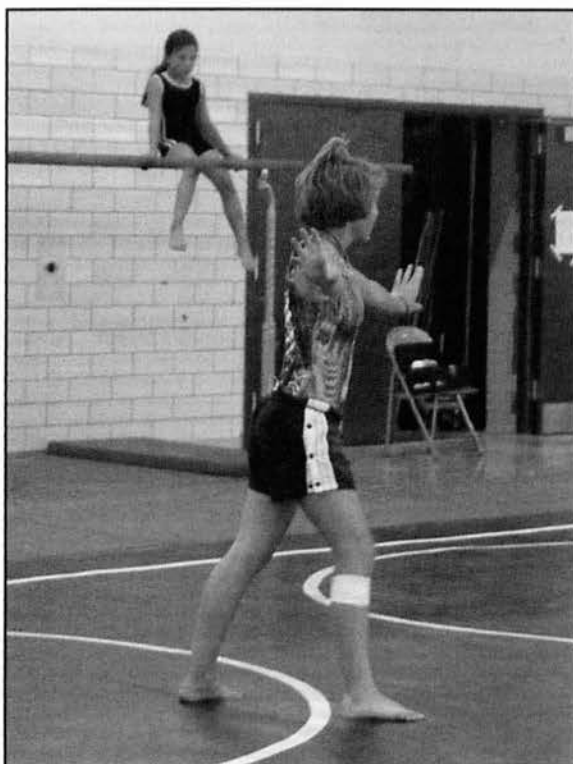
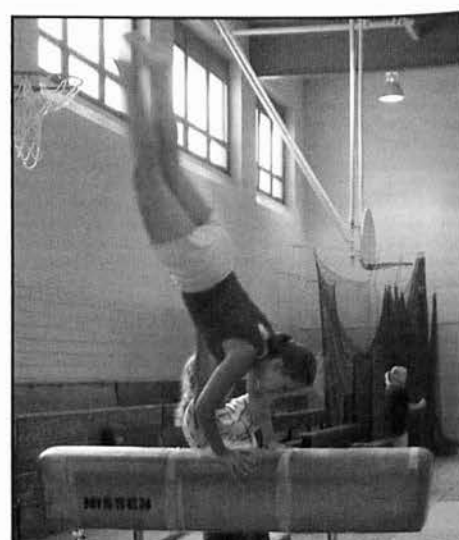
Far left to right. Railings outside steps; Caution sign; No Smoking sign in Senior parking lot; Relief on top of building; Sign outside loading docks; Gym 144 sign; The view going up the stairs. PHOTOS Annie Walden

Gymnastics pulls through

Gymnastics

season ended Oct. 19

Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent
9-6	Ralston	9-20	Millard North	10-9	Millard South
9-11	Millard West	9-27	Papillion	10-13	Metro
9-13	Lincoln East	9-29	Millard South Invite	10-16	Lincoln Southeast
				10-19	Lincoln SouthEast All-State Meet



Below. In the 'old gym' at North High, Amber Rouse (9) practices her floor routine. In the middle of the season, Rouse had to quit gymnastics after she jammed her finger. PHOTO Annie Walden

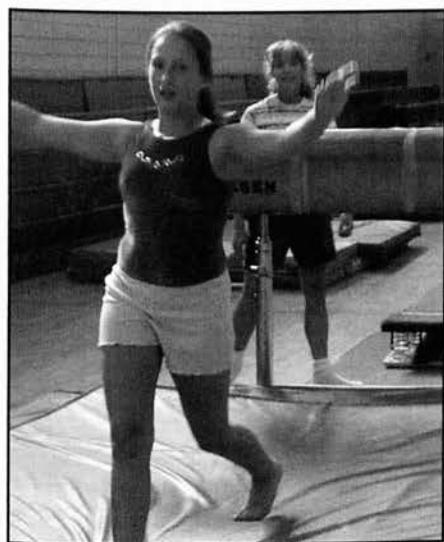
Right. On the lower uneven parallel bars, Annette Wilder (10) practices her millicircle. PHOTO Annie Walden

Far right. Getting ready for practice, which runs from 3pm to 5pm, Caitlin Teare (9) chalks up her hands to prepare for the lower bars. PHOTO Annie Walden



Small but strong.

Row below. Jumping off the spring board Jennifer Walvoord (9), gets spotted by the coach to land a front handspring off the vault. PHOTOS Annie Walden



Player Perspective Katherine Lydiatt (10)

Even though we only had six girls from Central on the gymnastics team, we really pulled through. We practiced everyday from 3-5 p.m. at North High School with its gymnastics team. Our coach Mrs. Herrington, a North High teacher, gave up extra hours to help each girl learn her routine on the floor, vault, bars or beam. As a team we would help critique through words of encouragement.

In the middle of the season, Amber Rouse (9) sprained her hand and to leave the team. Annette Wilder (10) also left the team due to unsaid reasons. The girls missed them, but we knew we had to pull through and practice. At meets such as Millard North and Papillion, each girl performed her routine to the best of her abilities even if the outcome results weren't the best.

When it came time to the All-State meet at Lincoln east there were only two lucky candidates from our team. They were Jireh Knott (9) and myself. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to make it to represent the team, but Jireh did. She tried her hardest and came out with good results. Making it to state was cool, but working together with the girls on the team made gymnastics fun.

That's what *she* said:

What is gymnastics?



AMBER ROUSE (9)

"If I hadn't broken my pointer finger, I would have stayed on the team. They worked hard to get what they wanted and I think that they did just that."



KAITLIN TEARE (10)

"It (gymnastics) helps you to meet new people when you're a freshman. If you like gymnastics then it's a good sport."

Touchdown to victory.

Player Perspective
Jamar Dorsey (12)

The football team got off to a rocky start, with a 1-4 record losing to top ranked Creighton Prep in a very close game. The Eagle Express got on track finishing with a 5 and 5 record and playing one hell of a game in the Class A first round playoffs against Westside losing 20-19.

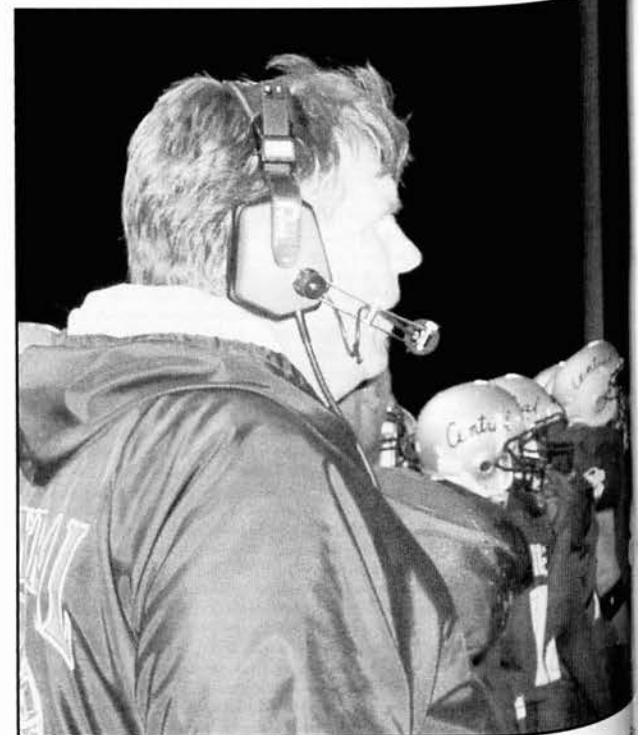
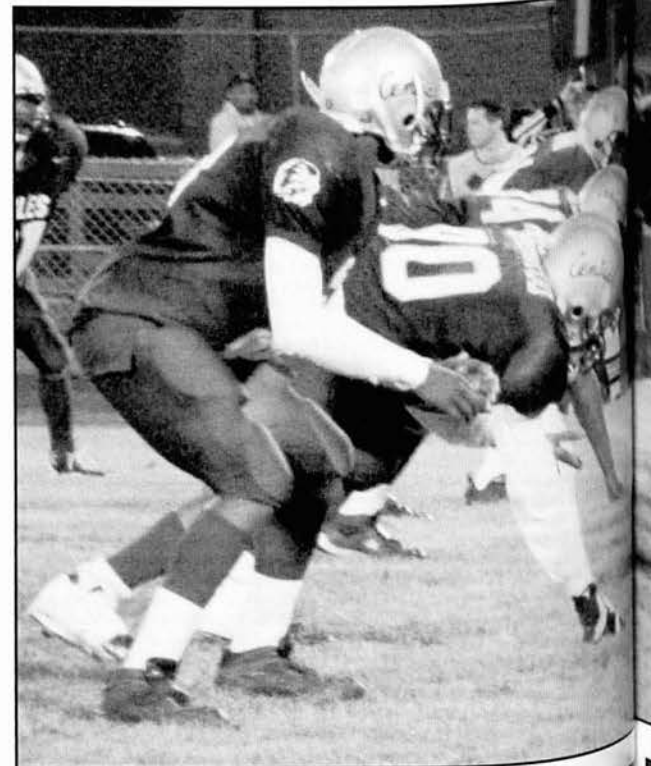
The Eagles had many great players leading the offense. The team led the state with 366.6 yards per game. David Horne (12) led the state in per carry average with 8.1 yards. Mark Leflore (12) also led the state in receiving. I personally had 51 pancakes this year. A pancake is when an offensive player knocks down an opposing player on his butt. Horne, Leflore and I made All-State.

The emotional defensive leader was Calvin Sherrod (12) who had 112 tackles, 82 solo and 30 asserted. Another key player was Keenan Ford (12). He led the team in tackles with 155 and led the state in punting with 46.1 yards per kick.

The Eagles had many post-season honors. All-State first team Leflore, Horne, and I, second team consisted of Sherrod. Honorable mention athletes included Brandon Temaer (11) and Ford. The freshmen also played an important role in the team's success. Nate Prater (9) expressed how he felt towards the seniors that were on the team. He, as many of the other players, will miss the graduating seniors.

Even though the Eagles did not win state, they had a great season. Coach Joe McMenamin said his guys played pretty good football. The entire team felt success through many of the other players on the team. Sherrod stated, "I have learned to grow as a player. Dorsey and I really pushed each other in practice."

We showed a lot of character by showing heart and turning around the season. All four years of high school, my dream was to play at Memorial Stadium at Tom Osborne field that didn't come true. I feel overall, I had a great season. I developed my talents and learned many valuable lessons from past and present players.



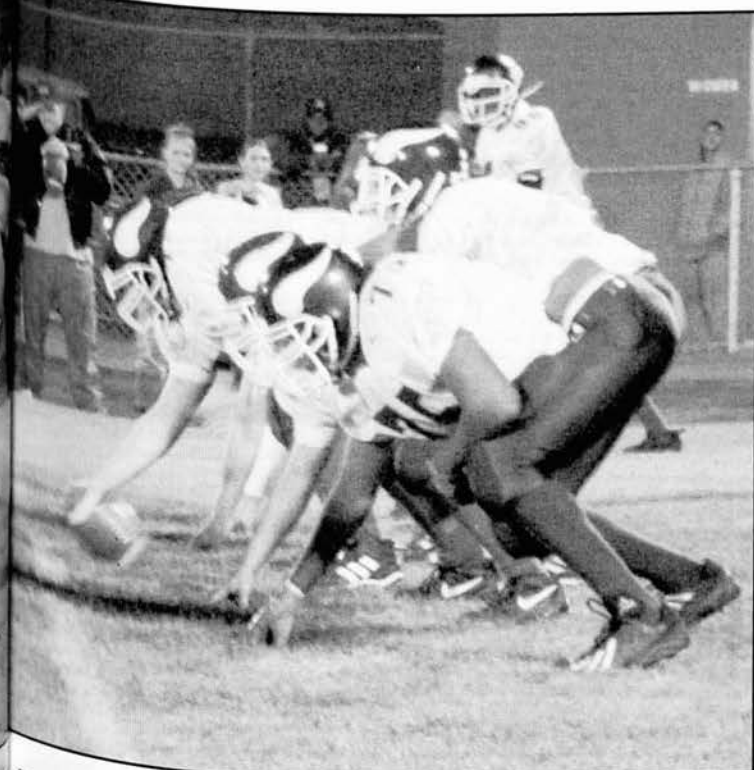
Above. Head coach Joe McMenamin stands on the side lines while he watches his varsity team play at the homecoming game on Oct. 12. Central beat North 47-7 that game. PHOTO Annie Walden

Varsity Football has heart

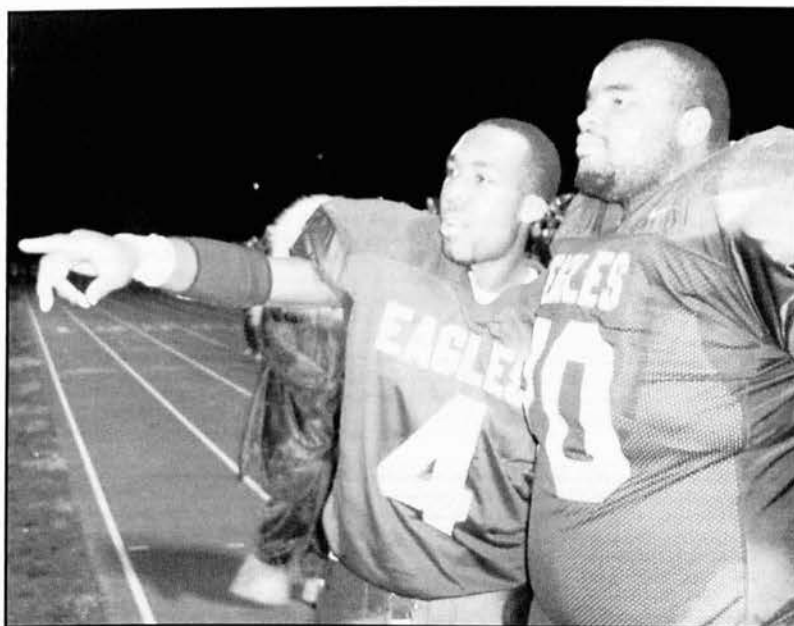
Varsity Football

season ended on Oct. 25.

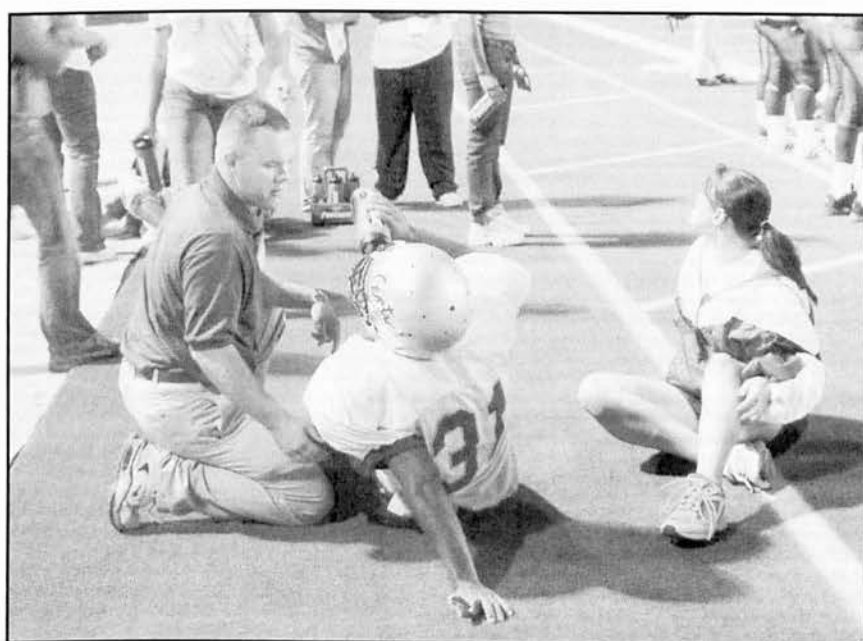
Date	Opponent	Us	Them	Date	Opponent	Us	Them
8-31	Creighton Prep	15	24	10-04	Millard South	41	16
9-06	Northwest	48	7	10-12	North	45	7
9-14	Benson	25	33	10-19	Burke	42	9
9-21	Bryan	22	26	10-25	Papillion/La-Vista	41	7
9-27	Millard North	22	29	10-31	Playoffs: Westside	20	19



Left. The team lines up to play against North during the homecoming football game. All home games were played at Norris Middle School. PHOTO Annie Walden



Below. Mark LeFlore (12) and Jamar Dorsey (12) look onto the field during the homecoming game. They were two of the lead players on the team. PHOTO Annie Walden



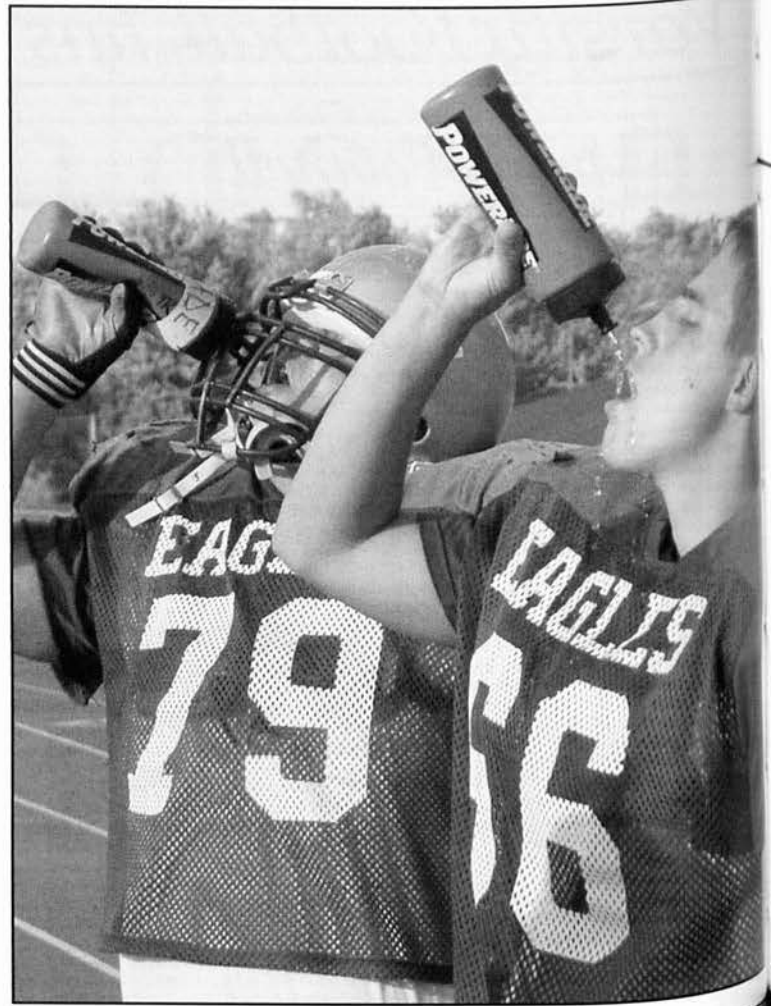
Left. After a rough scrimmage run, Courtney Grixby (10), lays on the ground while a trainer works on his leg after he tackled another player from Creighton Prep. Grixby suffered a minor sprain and was back in the game by next few plays. PHOTO Annie Walden

Above. Central athletic trainer Mike Demilia, assisted by Jessica Morehouse (10), stands by the side of Kenny Newman (12). Newman had the wind knocked out of him at the Creighton Prep game on Aug. 31. PHOTO Annie Walden

Right. Watching from the sidelines Jonathan Lathan (11), Aaron Buss (11) and Joseph Medeiros (10) hope for a score against Papillion. PHOTO Annie Walden



Far right. After a play Matthew Storm (10) and Aaron Blanke (10) take a brake to guzzle down water. PHOTO Annie Walden



Below. The Central High special team lines up in preparation for a punt against Papillion. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. Two yards away from the touchdown line, Torain Curry (10) tackles an opponent from Northwest who is was running for a touchdown. PHOTO Annie Walden

Right. Jonathan Lathan (11) and Kelvin Tolston (10) work together to tackle a player on the Northwest team. The game was played on Aug. 1, where Central won 28-7. PHOTO Annie Walden



Optimism pays off.

J.V. and Varsity football

J.V. Player Perspective Tony Cannon (10)

The overall this season for J.V. football was good, especially for myself individually. I think that this year the team was great in comparison to last year.

I believe that our best game of the season would have to have been against Papillion/LaVista. We had been preparing for this game since the season began. Everyone doubted us. This brought down the whole team. Yet none of us gave up.

In the first half of the game they scored on us. Central kicked off the ball, which got blocked by Papillion/LaVista. Leaving the score to be 0-6 Papillion at half time.

At the beginning of the second half, the game was not looking good to many of the players. On one run, I was too eager to begin the play and got called for off sides, meaning that I jumped the scrimmage line too soon. This caused a 5-yard penalty for the team and I was taken out of the game for a few plays.

As soon as I got back into the game I made up for my previous mistake by being able to break through the Papillion offense and sack their quarterback. I also got the ball back into Central's possession, which brought the score to 16-6.

This game was a great victory for us as a team as well as an end to a great season. Our coaches were also pleased with our plays in practice and games.

Freshman Player Perspective Christopher Eledge (9)

Over all the freshmen football season was fun. I mean, sure, we had our share of losses, but we also ended the season with the first winning record for the freshmen team ever in Central's history.

Our season did not start out the way that we had hoped it would. Our first game against Burke ended in a loss. If you ask the coaches, they will probably say that we looked like a bunch of clowns at the beginning of the season.

Our next game was against North. We made sure that we won that game. Over the next seven weeks of the season, we had four wins and three losses. This ended the record at 5-4, a winning season.

When I first met the coaches, I realized how serious they were about football. I said to myself, "This is going to be one long season." That first impression did not last long.

After a couple of practices, I realized the coaches do know how to lighten up and have fun after all. They started to joke around and have some fun. I remember seeing Coach Montzingo laughing and joking around during one of the games we were winning.

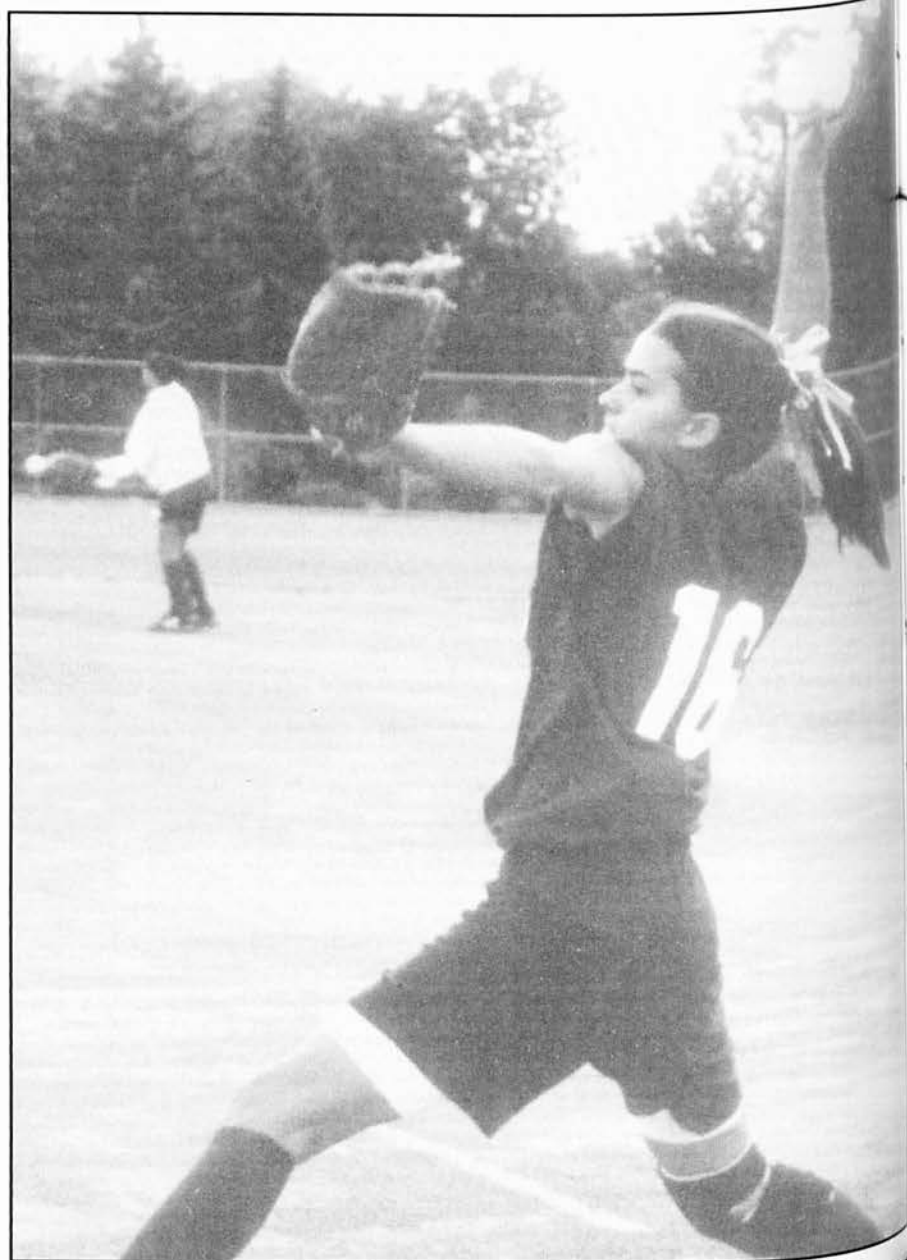
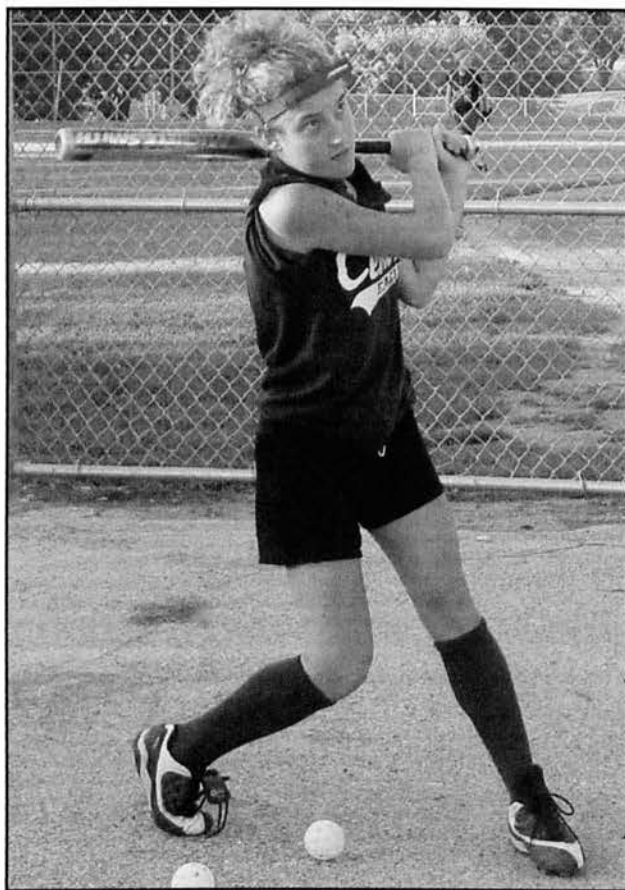
This season I realized that some football coaches are human and that not all of them are completely obsessed about football.

Underclass Football season ended on Oct. 24

Date	JV Opponent	Us	Them	Date	Fresh. Opponent	Us	Them
8-1	Northwest	28	7	9-1	Burke	12	18
9-8	Prep	18	19	9-7	North	34	6
9-15	North	27	28	9-12	Millard West	20	44
9-20	Millard North	7	21	9-18	Bryan	38	6
9-26	Millard West	19	7	9-28	Benson	38	12
10-3	Benson	21	16	10-3	South	38	12
10-11	Papillion/LV	7	21	10-10	Northwest	36	12
10-18	Bryan	19	7	10-17	Millard North	6	44
10-24	Millard South	7	19	10-24	Creighton Prep	6	46

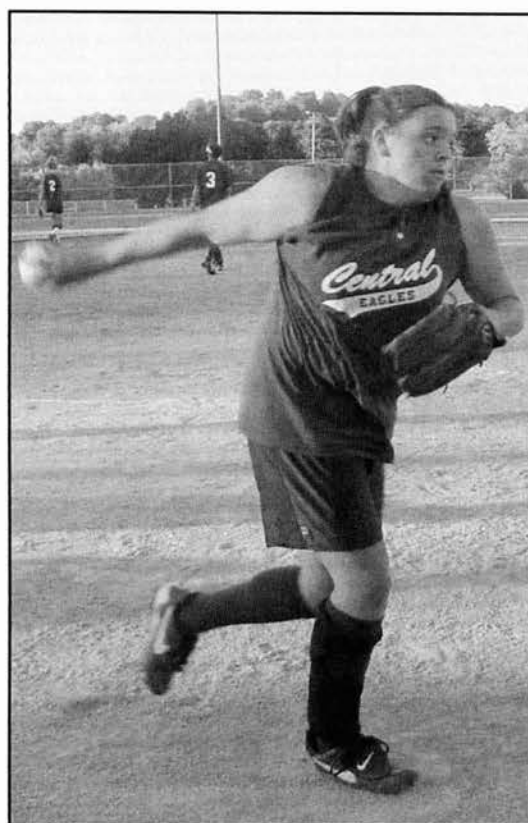
Right. Taking time out before the game against Benson Emily Felix (12), warms her arm up for back up pitching. Central beat Benson 10-0. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Below. Before the North game on Sept. 19, Elizabeth Davis (11), number 17, practices batting. Central beat North 9-4. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes.



Right. Star pitcher Jennifer Miller (11) practices her pitching before the game against North to perfect her technique. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Far Right. After an intense inning players Andrea Wilson (11) and Katie Muldoon (11) take their time walking to the dugout. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes



Circling for victory.

Varsity softball has winning season

Players Perspective

BY Katie Muldoon (11)

Before every game, the team had what we call the "circle". We all formed a circle and lay on the grass in the outfield for pep session.

The pep talk started with our captains, Jenna Sullivan (12) and Sarah Bernhards (12), giving their words of wisdom. Jenna always said her popular words of "cheer!" followed by "lets go get them." Some other words that were said in the circle include "Play hard" and "Be aggressive at the plate and on the field."

After pumping up, we hustle back to our coach, Kerri Murtaugh, to hear the line up for the game. The coach gives a few words of advice and then we take the field.

We opened the season with the South Invitational, winning two out of three games played in the tournament. We came out of the invite placing third.

We opened up the regular season in a home game against Mercy on Aug. 27. It was a nicely played game. Jennifer Miller's (11) pitching was awesome! It all came down to the final out.

The final score was Mercy 6, Central 5. Everybody showed determination and played their hardest. It was a heart-

breaker that we lost.

The next weekend we played in the North Invitational. In the tournament, we beat North and Bellevue West. By beating both Bellevue and North, the team qualified for the final championship game.

The game was to be played against Elkhorn, a very competitive team.

During the game, neither team had much going for them, just a few base hits and runs. In the end, we lost the game by one run.

The runner had scored on a controversial call by the umpire. Things did not fall our way and we lost 1-0.

Ending the season with a victory against Bellevue West, was by far the best game we played all year. Three innings down, four to go both teams were neck in neck. Next up to bat was Emily Felix (12) and the team depended on her to make a base hit. The team sat and watched as she took her first swing at the pitch. Making contact with the ball, she hit a line drive out to center field. We all cheered loudly as she and two other players rounded into home.

We had won the game 5-2, leaving the team with one last thrill.

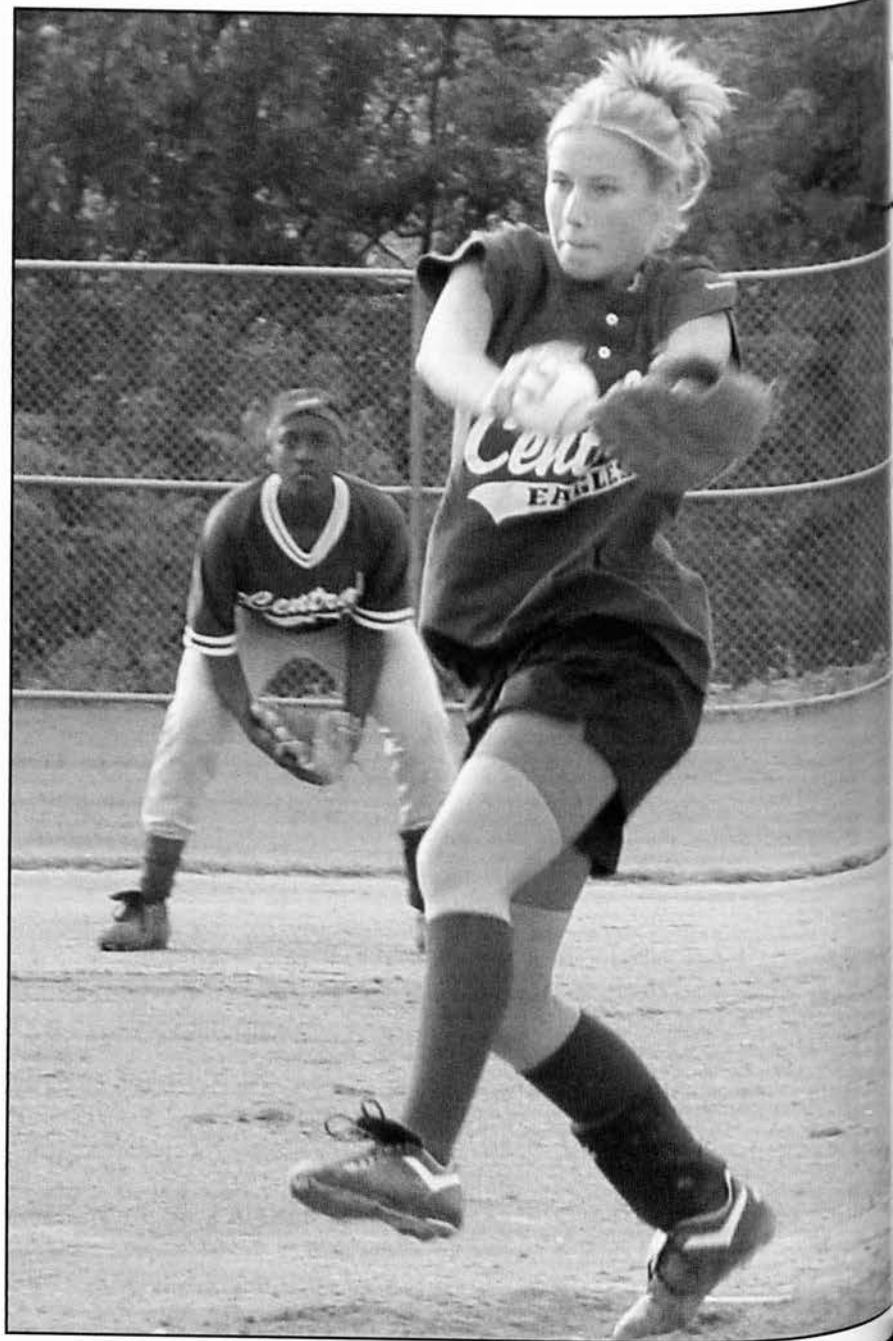


Varsity Softball season ended on Oct. 2nd.

Opponent	Us	Them	Opponent	Us	Them
8-25 Mercy	6	7	9-19 North	9	4
8-30 Westside	0	2	9-20 Burke	0	2
9-4 Bell. East	0	1	9-22 Skutt	0	2
9-10 Northwest	7	1	9-25 Millard S.	6	2
9-13 Benson	10	0	9-27 Northwest	1	0
9-17 Bryan	3	2	10-2 Bell. West	8	1

Below. Rounding into home Alexandria Dickey (10), a reserve softball player scores a run for Central. Central won over Marian 8-7. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Right. In the outfield Bianca Howard (9) waits for the on-coming play as Anne-Marie Lind (9) releases the pitch. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes



Above. Waiting for the play from Northwest, Laura Caldwell (11), gets down in position to catch the ball. Central won the game 7-2. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Right. After every strike or out Andrea Wilson (11), Ashly Wilcox (11), Jamie Hoffman(10) and Holly McCarthy (11) huddle on the mound to encourage one another. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Teamwork wins again.

Underclass softball comes out on top

J.V. Player Perspective BY Holly McCarthy (11)

We huddled up and put our hands in as Wilson gave the regular "before the game talk." This was the start of another game for the JV softball girls.

The season began in August with our first winning game against Mercy.

We continued the streak with a victory against Westside, a long time rival. Westside had been a softball powerhouse for many years; and they are usually a hard team to beat. This year however, we came through and got the win.

We certainly had some strong points. A 2nd place finish in the Burke Invitational was definitely a highlight. Of course, there were some down times too, such as the Bellevue East game that we should have won hands down.

As I look back on our season, there are lots of good memories, from exciting games won by close margins, to playing with grocery shopping carts during practice.

It's been so much fun, and all the girls really united as a team. We all chipped in to pull off this winning season.

Reserve Player Perspective BY Bianca Howard (9)

It was Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001 as we gathered around on the field to stretch with less giggling.

Worn out and tired from the loss of our first game in the Northwest Invitational, the team had a hard time getting motivated for the second game.

The coach was calling for us to take the field against Northwest.

By the fourth inning we were tied, and towards the sixth inning we took the lead. Up to bat for our team was Kathryn Fitch (9). We sat and watched as she swung the bat. "SMACK."

Fitch ran to first and Jessica Dowd (9) rounded the bases to home, which brought in another run for the team.

The final score of the game was 11-7 and we went on to lose to Skutt in the next round. Even though we lost to Skutt, the team came out of the tournament with fourth place.

Ending the season with three wins out of seven games we felt victorious no matter what the winning streak was. The team had fun through the wins and losses.

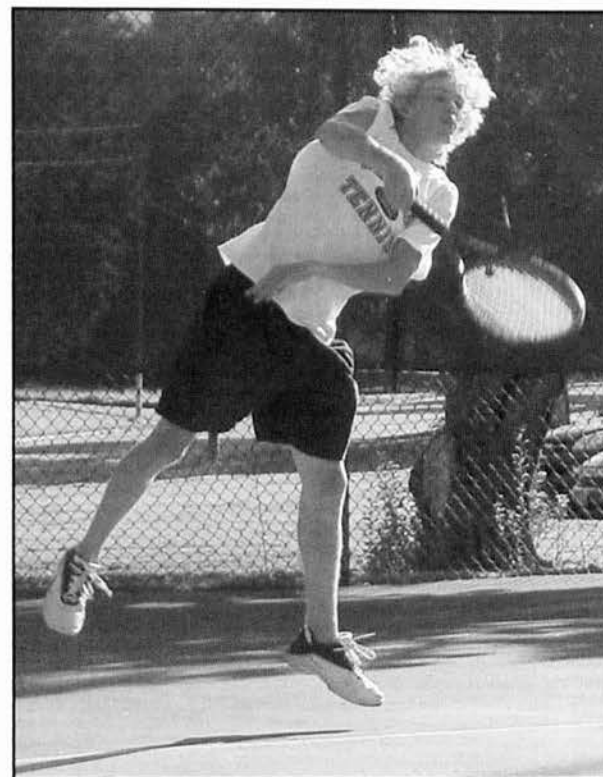
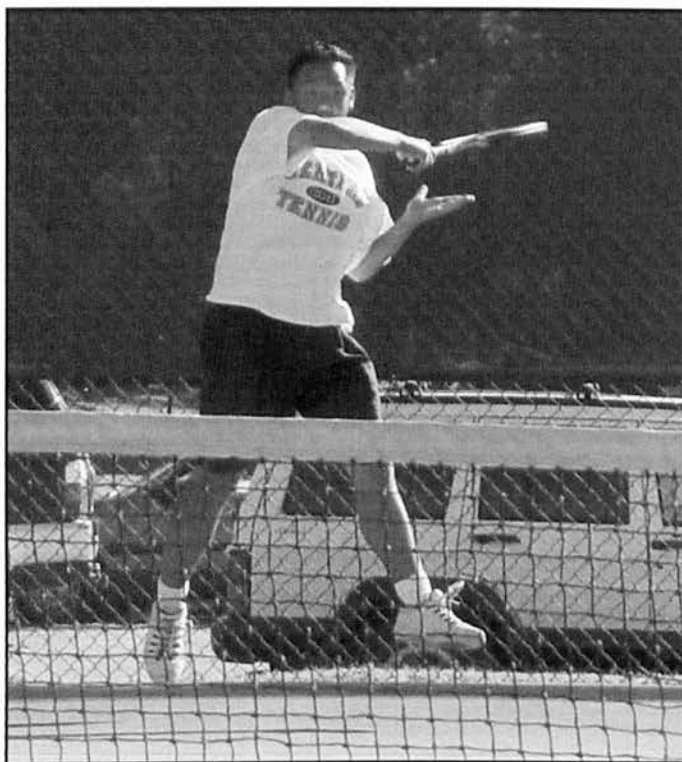
Women's Softball season ended on Oct. 2nd-3rd.

Date	JV Opponent	Us	Them	Date	Fresh. Opponent	Us	Them
8-27	Mercy	6	4	8-29	Millard N.	7	11
8-28	South	12	1	9-5	South	3	10
8-30	Westside	4	0	9-19	Ralston	2	6
9-4	Bell. East	6	3	9-22	Westside	3	8
9-13	Benson	23	0	9-26	Millard S.	5	7
9-17	Bryan	11	3	9-29	Northwest	4	9
9-19	North	8	2	10-1	Millard S.	5	7
9-20	Burke	1	9	10-3	Marian	8	2
9-24	Papio	3	6				
9-25	Millard S.	5	2				
9-27	Northwest	7	2				
10-2	Bell. West	6	2				

Below. Warming up before the game, Julie Brady (9) gets in front of the ball to make a perfect play. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Right. Robert Garvin (10) serves the ball to his oponent at the North match on Sept. 25 at Dewey Tennis Courts. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. In the singles match against North High, Edward Yin (12) returns the ball to his opposing player. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. Dennis Yin (12) rushes up to the net after coach Shafer serves the ball. PHOTO Annie Walden

Right. Throwing his forehand hit across his body, Eric Rafferty (12) smacks the ball back to his opponent. PHOTO Annie Walden

Work to **e**arn your rank.

Freshman makes top rank on team

Players Perspective
BY Donald Rees (12)

Our head coach, Matt Shafer helped many of the new players with working on weaknesses and building up the strengths. Jurgen Shawver, the Junior Varsity coach also put in his share as an assistant coach. He was more than willing to give up his spare time to improve our technique.

Although many of our games were cancelled, we did well through out the rest of the season. One of our most outstanding games was when we played Bryan at home on Aug. 30, 2001. We played strong and had great endurance throughout the game. The Varsity ended up winning the entire set with a 9-0 victory.

Our game against Benson was also one of our more outstanding performances. We were able to smash Benson High School this year with another 9-0 win, overall.

Despite our handwork and diligence, we were out of the victory stance, 1-8 defeat from the Warriors. We just did not play up to our fullest potential that day.

Our team was very close this year, even with the Junior Varsity members. We had new members that were able to fit right with the rest of us. The season was able to get better after everyone learned our mistakes after practices.

Whether underclass players or seniors, every person on the team earned their spot. Varsity players like Cameron Knowles (9) had great finishes. Even though some people struggled at the beginning, they were able to get with it. They pushed to finish out the rest of the season.

After every game the team built up to get better and better. We tried harder and harder to earn our spot. In the end we all came out on top.

Men's Tennis

season ended on Oct. 4th.

Varsity Opponent

J.V. Opponent

Bryan	9	0	Bryan	9	0
Westside	1	8	Westside	1	8
Benson	9	0	Benson	9	0
Papillion/LV	4	5	Burke	7	2
Bellevue W.	3	6	Millard S.	3	6
Burke	3	6			



Above. After both of their singles' matches were over, Robert Garvin (10) and Eric Rafferty (12) team up against a duo from North. PHOTO Annie Walden

P r a c t i c e pays off

Player Perspective
BY Elizabeth Dyer (12)

We were awesome. We grew so much as a team. Our awards and medals that we received were an added bonus to our team unity. This was definitely a result of fantastic coaching that was done by Wendy Brownson and Stephanie Krijan.

Our golf team had five specific members that helped Central to place fifth among 15 other high schools at the Omaha Metro Tournament, held in Grand Island on Sept. 9, 2001.

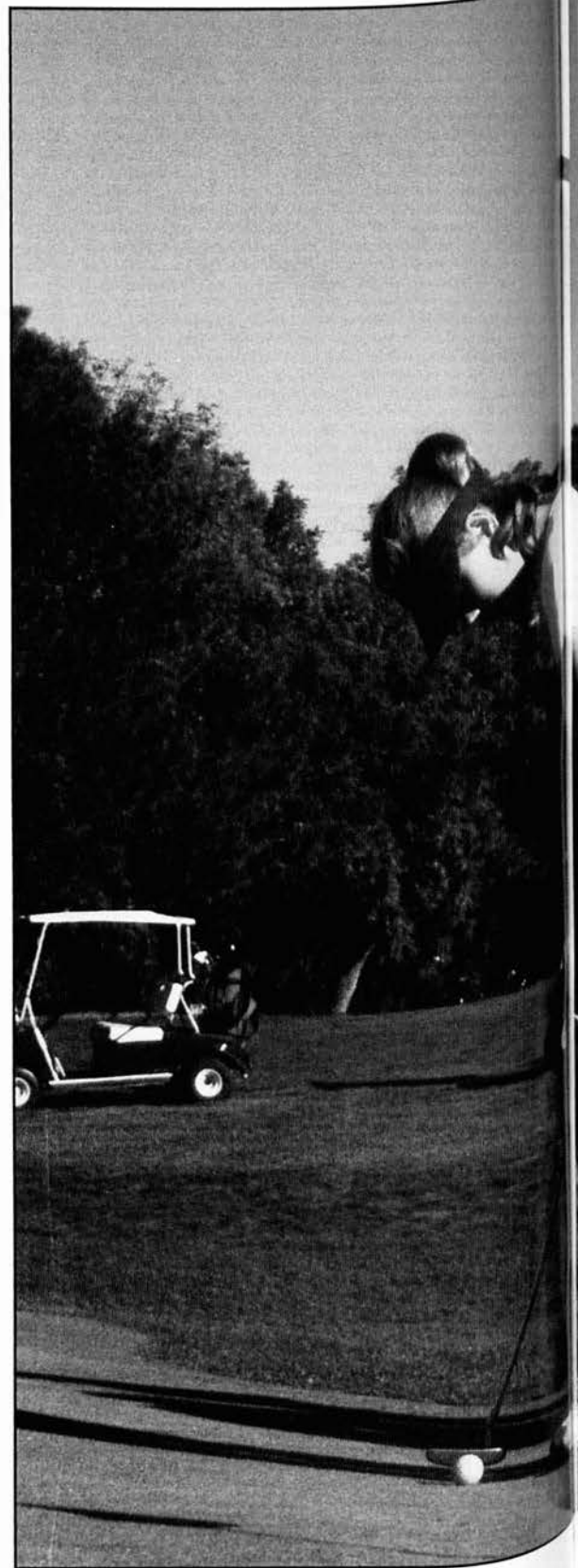
These members were Ashley Krijan (11), Brandi Smith (9), Naomi Rennard (9), Emily Lebens (11), and myself, Elizabeth Dyer (12). As first timers on a golf team, Rennard and Smith both tied for 15th place at the tournament. They were both excited to have done so well. Krijan placed 10th in the competition.

Our season began with a 3-0 winning streak over Omaha North, Bryan and Northwest.

Scoring in golf is quite different than in other sports. Scoring is done by how many strokes it takes for the player to get the ball into the hole. This includes tee-off hit, all putts and the hits in between those.

The lower the number of strokes that it might take to get the ball into the hole, the higher the place or award you might receive.

The rest of year for our team brought on more closely matched games and tournaments, during one of which we dominated over Millard South. We ended the golf season with an overall record of 4-4.



Women's golf comes out with a win.

Women's Golf

season ended on Oct. 2.

Opponent	Us	Them
8-23 North	197	221
8-30 Bryan	222	250
9-4 Burke	211	237

Opponent	Us	Them
9-6 Millard N.	201	200
9-13 Marian	212	174
9-18 Papillion	226	212

Opponent	Us	Them
9-20 Westside	234	201
9-24 Millard S.	146	152



Far left. Team captain Elizabeth Dyer (12) sets an example of a good stance when putting. Dyer placed 5th in the state competition. PHOTO April Gayer

Left. While at practice, Brandi Smith (9) focuses on her tee-off hits. All practices were held at Elmwood Park. PHOTO Emily Neumann



Above. Raising her club, Jordan Zendejas (11) is ready for a swing at the Omaha Metro Tournament. Central placed 5th out of 15 schools. PHOTO April Gayer

Left. With the sun in her face, Naomi Rennard (9) does her best to concentrate on the ball. As a freshman, she placed 15th at the Omaha Metro Tournament which lasted from Sept. 9 to the 10. PHOTO April Gayer

Taking the long road.

Player Perspective
BY Phillip Whitchger (10)

Cross country: running, running, and more running. That is basically what most people think cross country entails and essentially it is. But this year, my first year on the cross-country team, I figured out what it was really all about. I know that this sport is not one of the many that dominate an entire high school, but it is a sport that helps to build the entire school and the athletes.

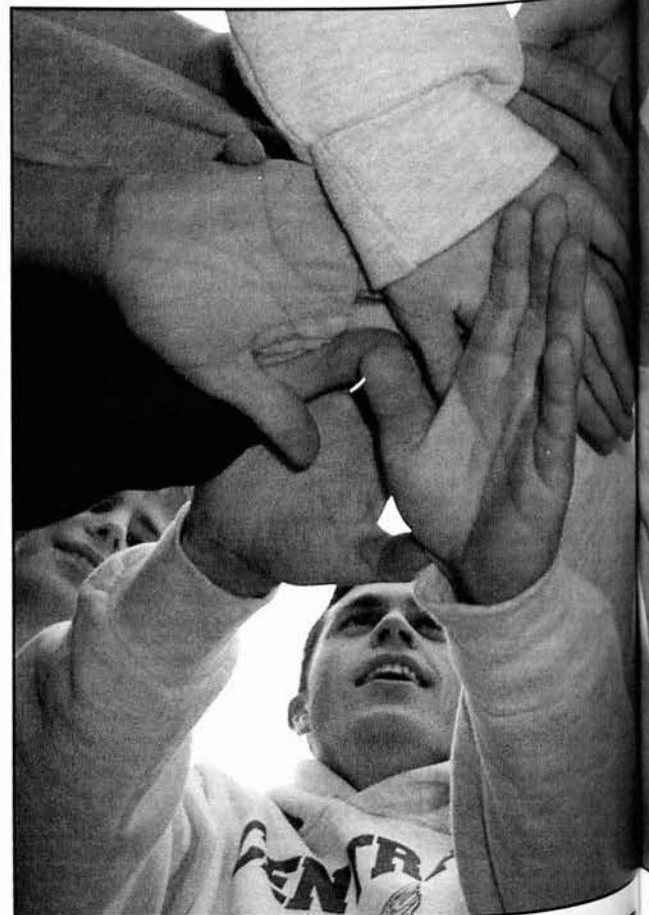
In the weight room, on the track, on the Berquist stadium stairs at Norris, and jogging around town, we began practicing early during the summer. So, by the time the regular season rolled around, we were set to run and ready for our meets. Practicing at Memorial and Elmwood Park, this year's cross-country team started strong with more than 25 runners. Finishing strong in our first races at Chalco Hills, our confidence was boosted, and we were able to improve upon that throughout the year.

Because this was my first year, I began running pretty much at the back of the pack as one of the slowest runners. Yet as the year went on, I improved steadily. Cutting off several minutes at each meet throughout the year, I was able to make the varsity team and attend districts.

At districts the men's team took a fourth place finish. Ryan Shaw (11) and Christopher Gorga (11) both placed for state. Catherine Bigsby (9) and Kaitlin Hartnett (10) also placed for state in the women's division.

The enthusiastic spirit of the team made practices fun and enjoyable. We were all able to go to meets and practices with the knowledge that we were all friends and that we had people to go to all of the time. The family unity that we formed was great to have at the meets we attended. Friendships that I have formed will stay with me for a long time still to come.

Right. Christopher Gorga (11) races at the Metro cross-country meet located at Chalco Hills. After the meet, Gorga was named to the Academic All-Metro cross-country team. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

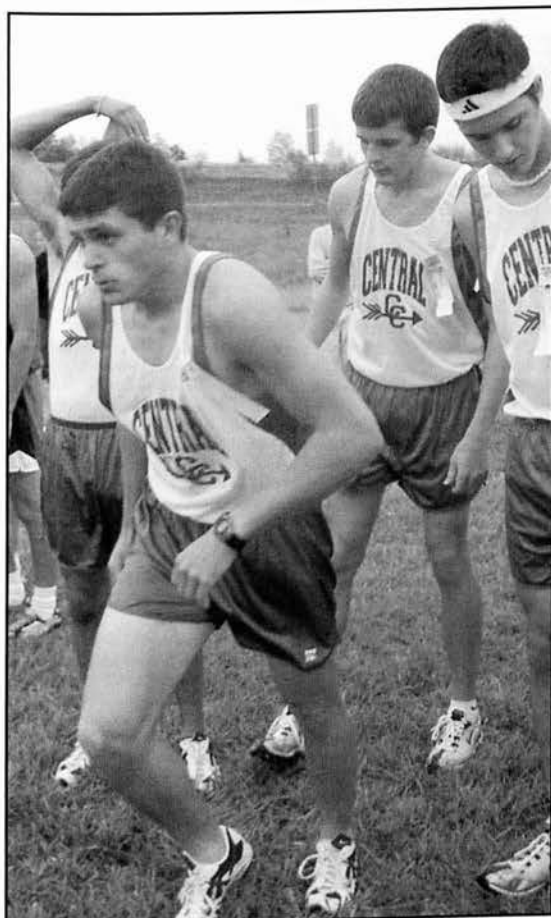


Cross Country runs with pride

Cross Country

season ended on Oct. 4.

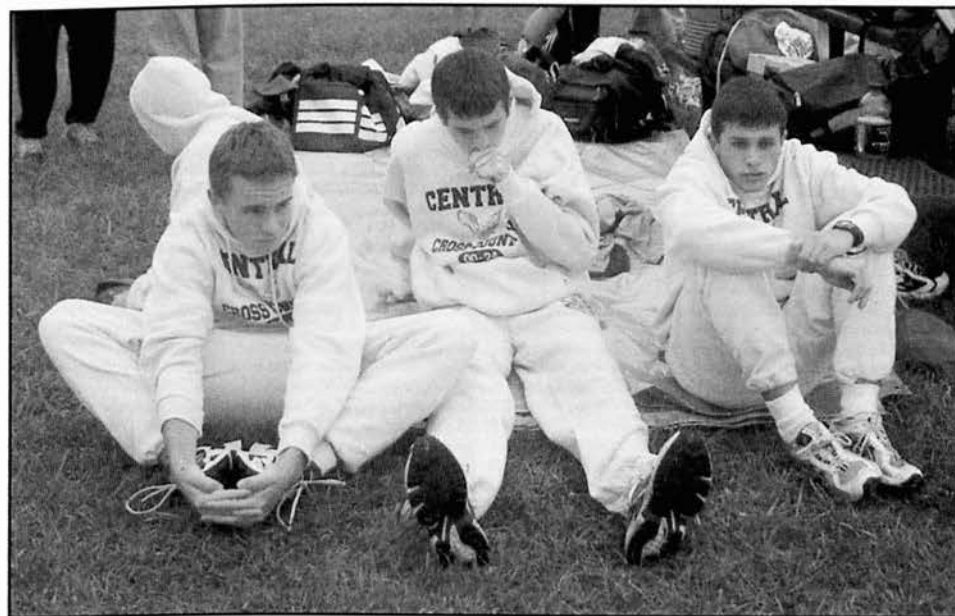
Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent
8-30	Ralston	9-7	Central Invite	9-22	Bryan Invite	10-11	Districts
9-1	Burke Invite	9-10	Class of Metro	9-28	Millard West Invite	10-19	State
9-4	Bellevue East Invite	9-18	Creighton Prep Invite	10-4	Metro		



Far Left. Before every race, the team unifies by joining hands and cheering for the school. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Left. Adam Deacon (12) strides out of the starting line to prepare for his race as his teammates, Ryan Shaw (11) and James Boatright (11), concentrate behind him. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Below. Kaitlin Hartnett (10) gets her daily dose of crunches at practice at Elmwood park. PHOTO Annie Walden

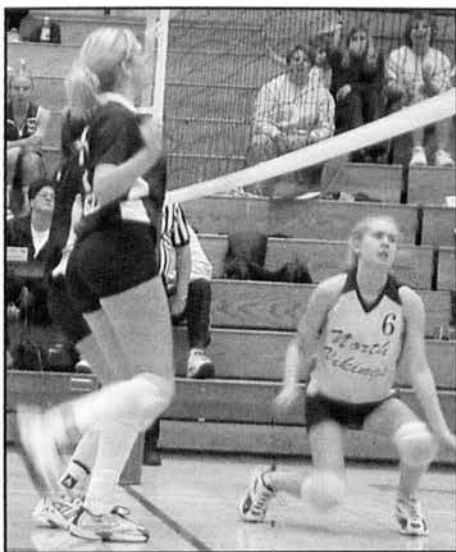
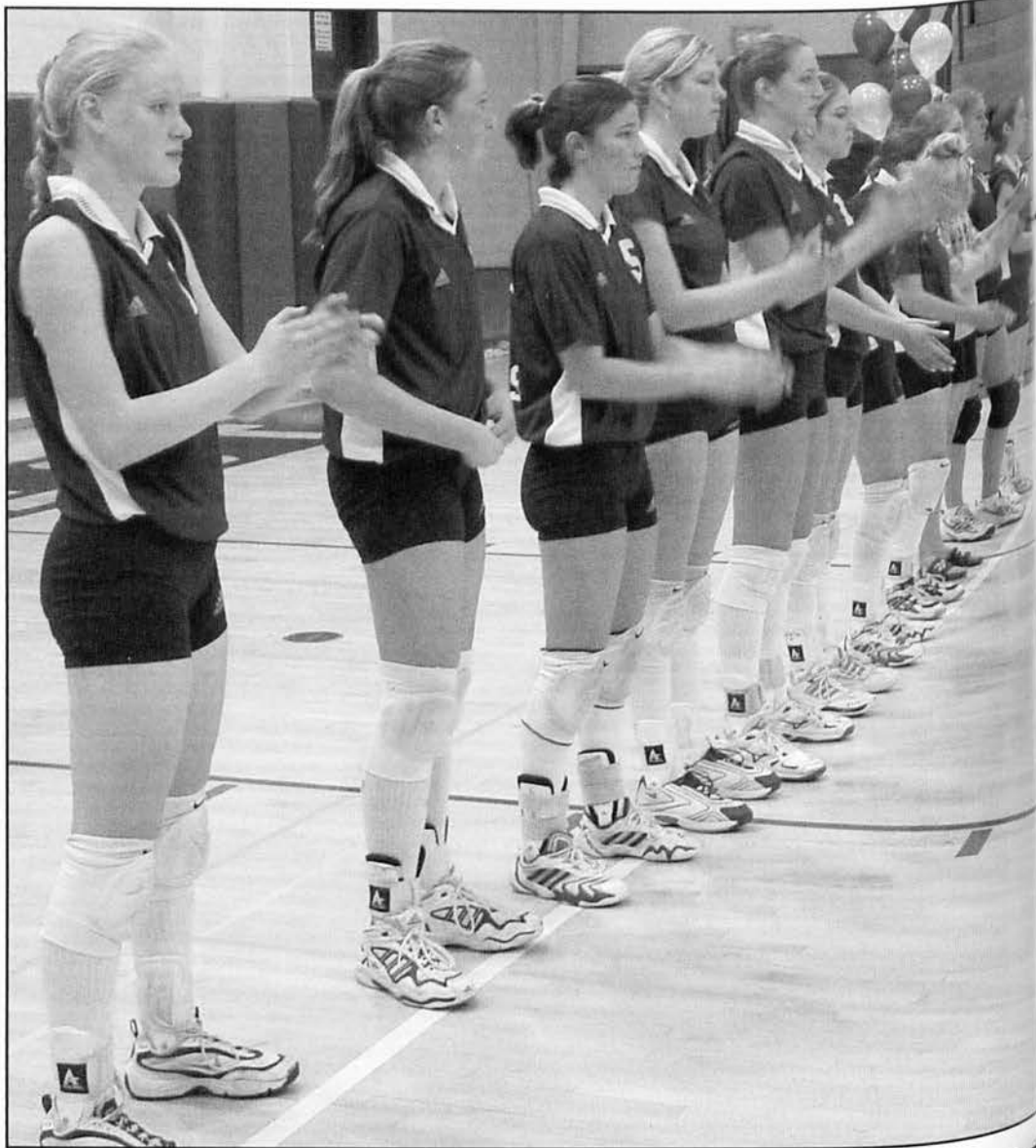
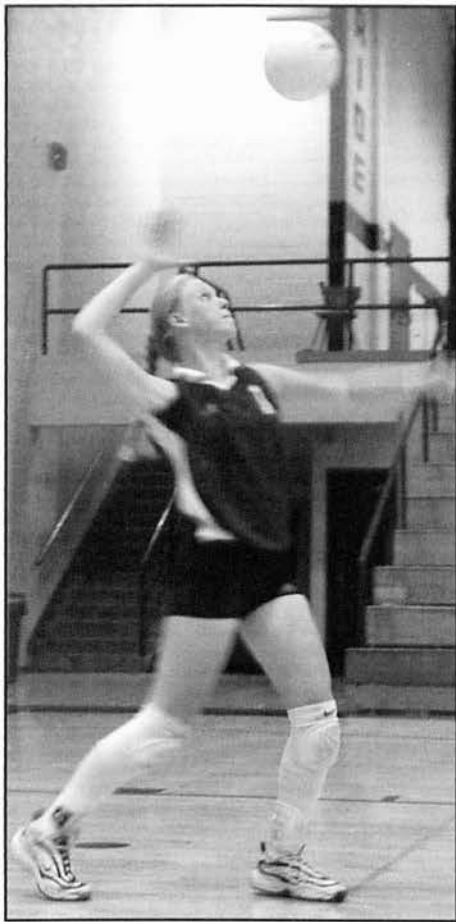


Left. Kaitlin Hartnet (10) and Norma Reynolds (11) complete a two-mile warm up before practice at Elmwood Park. PHOTO Annie Walden

Above. Varsity runners Brandon Skocz (11), Ryan Shaw (11) and Adam Deacon (12) stretch out their pre-race jitters at the Metro cross-country meet. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Right. The players line up to be announced before they play Omaha North on Oct. 13 at the Northwest Invitational. Central defeated North after their three matches. PHOTO Annie Walden

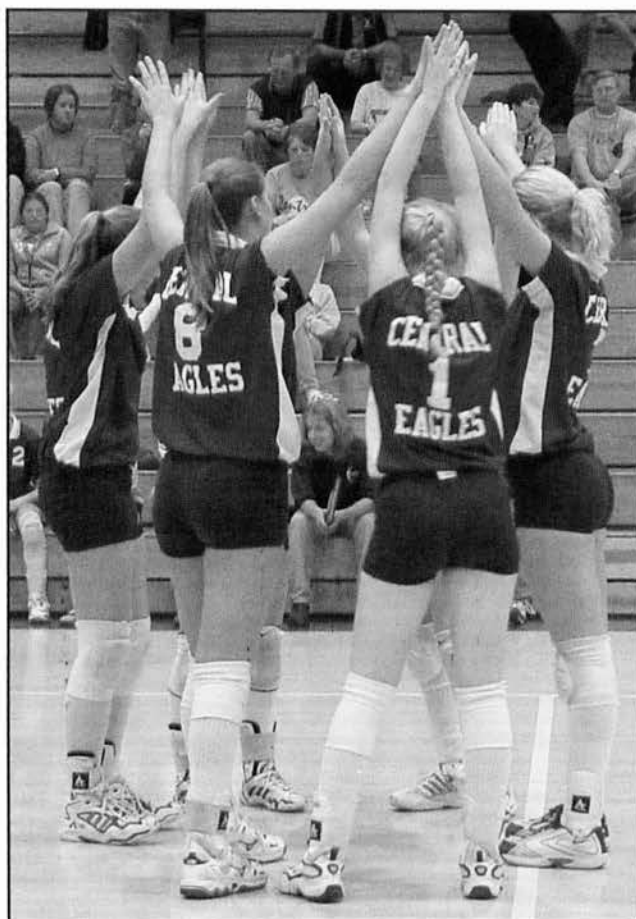
Below. Carolyn Schaeffer (11) serves the ball to score a point against North. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. After a spike by Natalie Lubbert (12), a North opponent tries to save the ball. PHOTO Annie Walden

Right. Before the end of half-time, Central gathers in a circle to give last words of encouragement. PHOTO Annie Walden

Far right. Missing the ball, Carolyn Schaeffer (11) falls to the ground. Holly Greenamyre (12) watches as the other team scores. PHOTO Annie Walden.



P r a c t i c e

adds confidence.

Varsity volleyball goes to state

Player Perspective
BY Robyn Sorensen (11)

Volleyball at Central High School is one of the greatest experiences of my life. The volleyball program at Central has come so far over the last few years.

I know that all of the players are so proud of each other and what they have accomplished. Going to the State Tournament these past two years has been a great experience and opportunity for us all. I think our faith in each other brought us that far.

I know that I speak for everyone on the team when I say that the feeling and experience of playing at State is a memory we never will forget. I know that Central volleyball is important to anyone who has experienced playing there.

The volleyball team will miss each other greatly. However, I know that we will remember each other and our experiences forever.

Varsity Volleyball

season ended on Nov. 2.

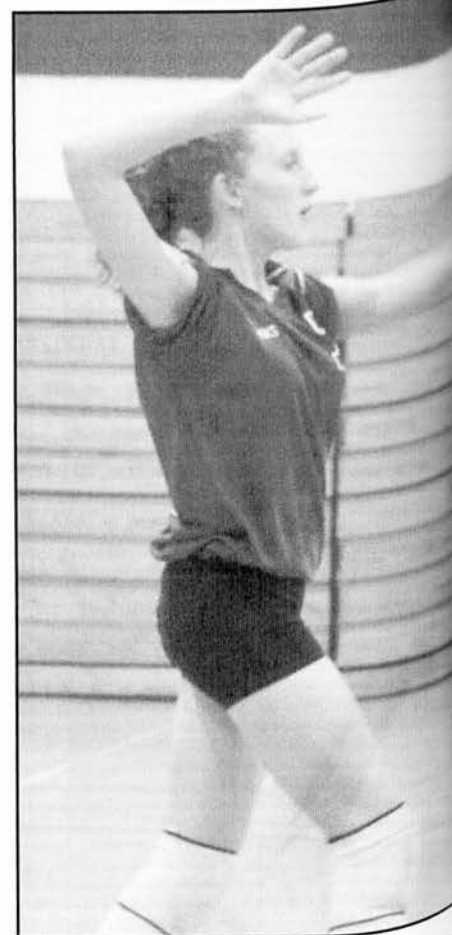
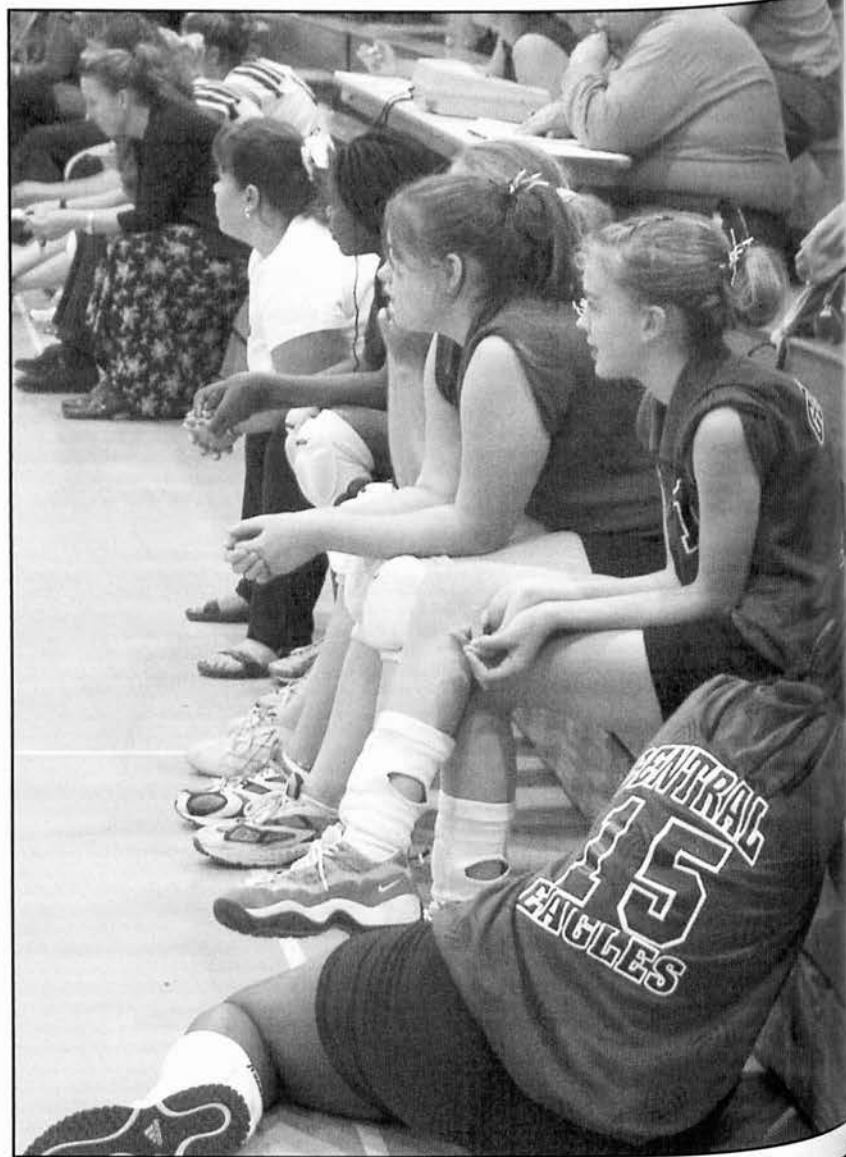
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9-30 North	W	L	Bellevue East	W	L
9-01 Millard South Invite			Bryan	W	L
Westside	L	W	9-28 Skutt Invite		
Millard North	L	W	Hastings	W	L
Benson	W	L	Burke	W	L
9-6 Triangular			Skutt	W	L
Millard South	W	L	Ralston	W	L
Millard North	L	W	Lincoln East	L	W
9-7 Gadoville Invite			10-4 Northwest	W	L
South	W	L	10-11 South	W	L
Bryan	L	W	10-12 Northwest Invite		
North	W	L	South	W	L
9-20 Burke	W	L	North	W	L
9-21 Papillion Invite			Bryan	W	L
Westside	L	W	10-18 Millard West	W	L
Papillion	L	W	10-22 Metros		
Millard West	W	L	Bellevue West	W	L
9-25 Triangular			Millard North	W	L



Right. Emily Sjogren (9) gets in position while waiting for the ball to be served from the opponent. PHOTO Annie Walden

Far right. Freshmen coach Christie Pfeifer and the freshmen volleyball team sits on the side and watches their players in a game against North. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. Ashley Naikelis (9), Sara Ficke (9) and Ashley Albers (9) set up, looking to the server for their cue. The game was played in the new gym. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. Coach Christie Pfeifer discusses with the freshmen team on the plays to win the first game of the season. The freshmen team had an overall record of 4-6. PHOTO Annie Walden

Right. Ashley Naikelis (9) sets up the ball to serve against North. Central won the match. PHOTO Annie Walden

Serving it on up.

underclass with attitude

BY April Gayer

All of Central's underclass volleyball teams had exceptional talent, not to mention some very great games.

Freshman player Jessica Womack said that although the year-end record was not wonderful, it did not reflect how good the players actually were at playing this sport.

"Our record showed nothing of how good we were," she said.

The freshmen team placed second at an OPS Freshman Volleyball Tournament, losing to Bryan in the first round.

After a slow start, the reserve team finally got things going the way that the team had hoped for.

Coach Ryan Wise said that the team developed a strong sense of unity when the season first began. This unity, in turn, helped to create a great improvement for the entire season. Coach Wise said he hoped

to see many of the reserve players to go on to play at the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels in years to come.

The Junior Varsity team held an awesome record of only losing one game to Bellevue East.

The girls had an exceptional season. There were very few players who quit this year. According to Chelsie Mancuso (11), having people quit only boosted the team's enthusiastic attitude toward the sport that they loved.

The girls are looking forward to their future in playing on other teams in upcoming years.

All together, the three teams combined, had great team work. There is no possibility of playing volleyball and serving up the ball the way that it should be done with out teamwork.

Central's has outstanding teams that will provide great oppurtunities for Central to come.

Underclass Volleyball season ended Oct. 16 & 18

Date	J.V. Opponent	Us	Them	Date	Reserve Opp.	Us	Them	Date	Freshmen Opp.	Us	Them
8-30	North	W	L	9-10	Bellevue West	L	W	9-8	North	W	L
9-8	Westside	W	L	9-13	Bellevue East	L	W	9-18	Bryan	W	L
9-20	Burke	W	L	9-20	Papillion	W	L	9-24	Benson	L	W
9-25	Bellevue East	L	W	9-24	Burke	L	W	9-25	Burke	L	W
9-25	Bryan	W	L	9-27	Millard South	W	L	9-27	Millard South	L	W
10-4	Northwest	W	L	10-2	North	W	L	10-2	Marian	L	W
10-11	South	W	L	10-9	Millard North	L	W	10-4	Northwest	W	L
10-15	Millard South	W	L	10-10	Bellevue West	L	W	10-9	South	W	L
10-15	Millard North	W	L	10-16	Westside	W	L	10-11	Millard West	L	W
10-18	Millard West	W	L					10-16	Millard North	L	W

Stunting in action

Varsity Cheerleading takes charge.

BY Nitasha Dickes

Cheerleaders added tumbling and stunting to their performance to spice up the routines and the crowd. "I'm glad that the squad chose to stunt this year because it was a lot of fun," Jennifer Hodges said.

Jessica Franksen said in previous year's cheerleaders did not stunt due to the lack of talent and good sponsorship. This year they had more confidence as well as a new coach.

Stunting is the actual lifting of a cheerleader in the air, while performing a cheer.

Stunter Lindsey Coppock (11) said stunting was fun, but takes hard work.

"I learned to stunt my sophomore year," she said. "At first it was hard, but then I got use to it."

Coppock said she had to take extra time to work beyond regular practice.

"The girls that do stunts and tumble have to work extra hard to build up strength and to present their routine right," cheerleading director, Shavanna Holman said.

Over the summer the squad practiced three days a week. However the squad pushed themselves to practice five days a

week during the school year.

"Tumbling is like gymnastics but without beams and bars," Jenna Pearson (11) said.

Hodges said tumbling was easy to her because she belonged to Elite Cheer, a private cheerleading program in Omaha. Being a member consisted of tumbling and competing.

"For me tumbling was an adrenaline rush," Hodges said. "It makes me feel as though the crowd really appreciates us."

Besides winning the "Herkie Team Award" at camp over the summer, Varsity planned on competing in metros.

Holman said the squad had a better advantage this year at metros because of the few girls who stunted and tumbled.

"Stunting and tumbling will help the score, however the judges base their scores on techniques, jumping and rhythm," Kenzie McCall (12) said.

Captains Kenzie McCall (12) and Kara Warner (12) led the squad of seven seniors and five juniors.

"This year squad showed a lot of dedication to the school and each other," Pearson said.

That's what *she* said: Is cheerleading a sport?



ASHLEY HALL (12)

"It is a sport because you have to balance school, work and cheerleading activities all at once."



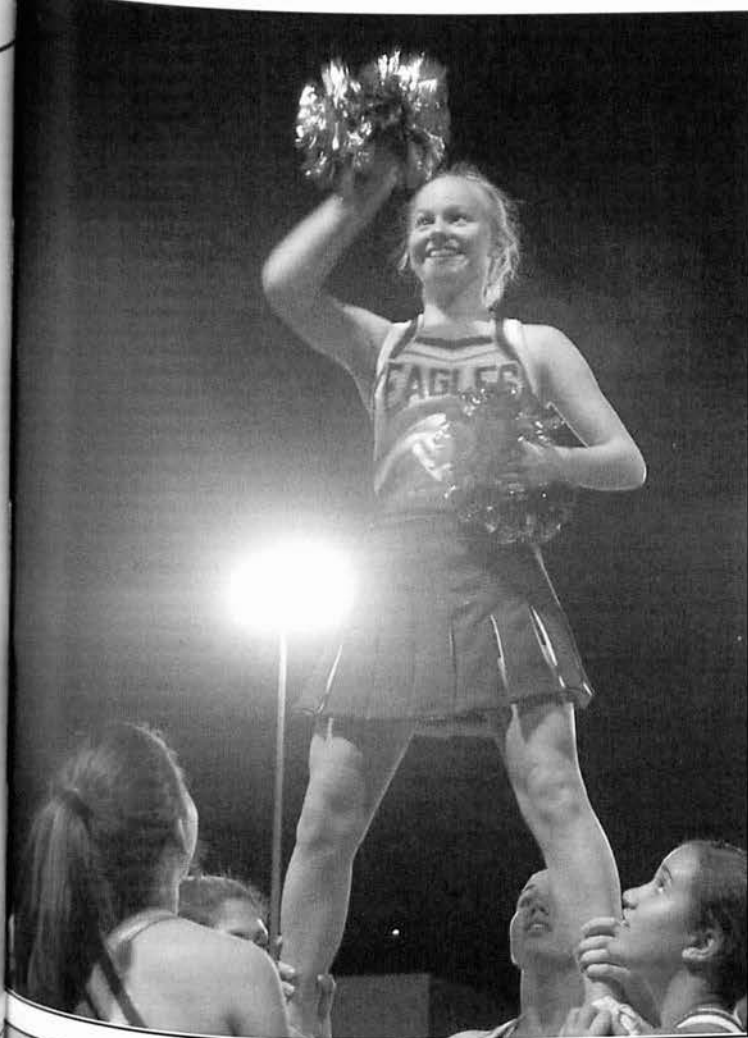
LINDSEY COPPOCK (11)

"It is a sport because we have to condition and work out like regular players."

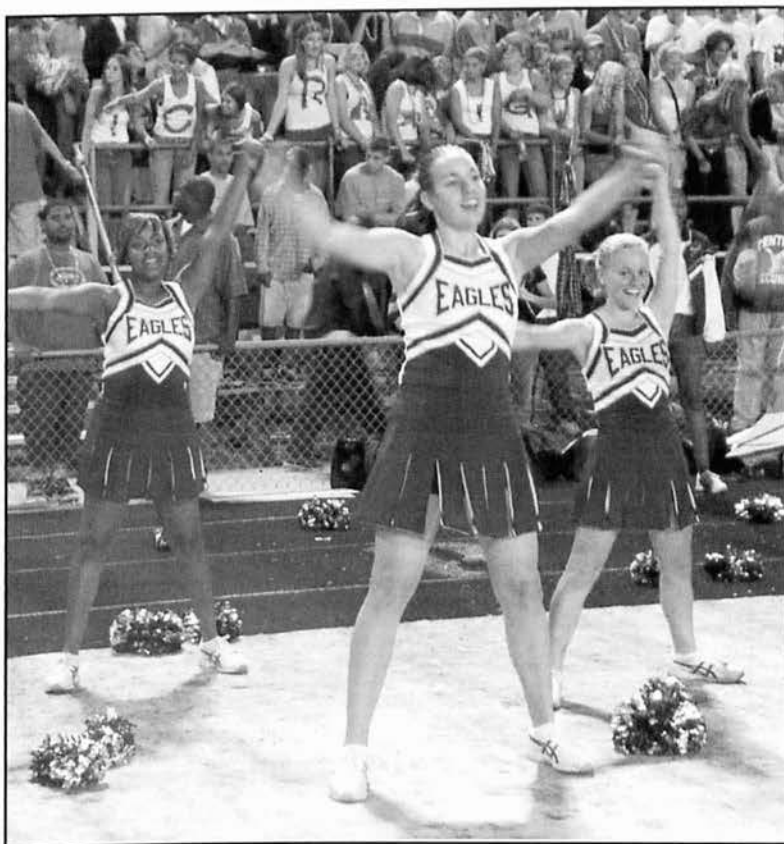


JENNA PEARSON (11)

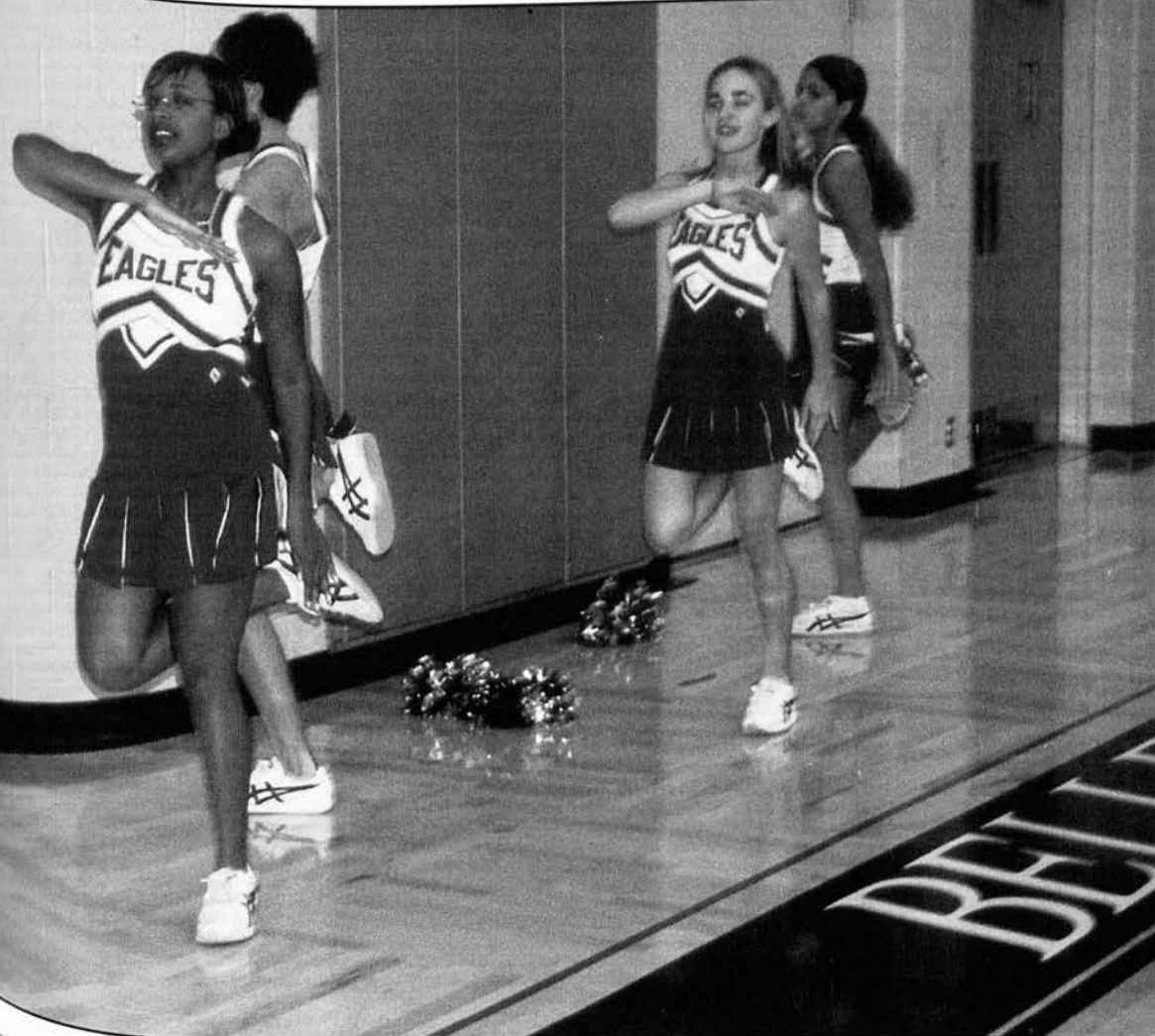
"I think it's a sport because we train really hard to be the best and represent our school with pride."



Left. Lindsey Coppock (11) balances on top of the pyramid at the Central vs. Prep game on Aug. 31 at the UNO stadium. Central lost 14-25. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. Makenzie McCall (12), Lindsey Coppock (11) and Kara Warner (12) show their spirit at the Central vs. Crieghton Prep game on Aug. 31. Behind them, in the student section are the 'Purple People.' To keep spirit up, students often chanted responses to the cheerleaders during a break in the game. PHOTO Annie Walden



Left. Brandii Daniels (12) and Sara Shirk (12) encourage the girls Varsity volleyball team during its final game against the Papillion Monarchs. The team lost the game and was unable to qualify for state. PHOTO Emily Neumann

Which one is she?

Differences between underclass cheerleading squads

BY Nitasha Dickes

JV SQUAD

- consist of 11 girls entering grades 10-11
- sponsor is Amanda Berry (Central Math teacher)
- team captain's are Kristy Swirzinski and Katherine Lydiatt
- cheers for all home Varsity and J.V. football games, assigned JV volleyball games, assigned JV boys' and girls' basketball games and wrestling
- must cheer at tournaments and pep rallies

RESERVE SQUAD

- consist of eight members entering tenth grade
- sponsor is Lisa Studer (Central gym teacher)
- team captains are Ariel Blake and Ali

HUSTON

- cheer for all Varsity football games assigned freshmen football games, home reserve volleyball games, all assigned reserve boys' and girls' basketball games and all assigned wrestling meets
- must cheer for all tournaments and pep rallies

FRESHMEN SQUAD

- consist of 13 members entering the ninth grade
- sponsor is Mindy Morgan (Central math teacher)
- must cheer for all home Varsity football games, at all home freshmen football, volleyball, and boys' and girls' basketball.
- must cheer at all pep rallies

strike a pose **moves make up the routine.**

1. J.V. cheerleader, Ashlee Seffron (11) shows eagle pride with the high V. The high V is an arm movement is used in all cheers such as V-I-C-T-O-R-Y. PHOTO Annie Walden

2. In mid-air, Ariel Blake (10), a reserve cheerleader demonstrates the Russian jump. The Russian is a jump used after cheers to pump up the crowd. PHOTO Annie Walden

3. Jireh Knott (9), a freshman cheerleader, uses the #1 to give off school spirit. Number one is an arm movement used at the end of cheers such as the Camp Cheer 2001, to show the opposing team what Central really thinks. PHOTO

Annie Walden

4. Jireh Knott (9) demonstrates to the crowd the lower double diagonal. The lower double diagonal was a new movement added to the Camp Cheer 2001. PHOTO Annie Walden

5. In motion, Ashlee Seffron (11) shows the table tops move to pump up the crowd. The table tops move can be used on its own or in the Central Eagles cheer. PHOTO Annie Walden

6. Using the right chest V, Ariel Blake (10) illustrates her enthusiasm through out the cheer. Added to the Camp Cheer 2001 the right chest v is a movement new to all cheerleaders. PHOTO Annie

Walden

7. Ariel Blake (10), uses the broken diagonal to capture attention from the crowd. The broken diagonal is used in a variety of cheers the cheerleaders perform. PHOTO Annie Walden

8. Jireh Knott (9), shows coordination with the front hurdler. The front hurdler is used after cheers when the cheerleaders want to show extra spirit. PHOTO Annie Walden

9. Performing the upside down nine Ashlee Seffron (11), gives off Central spirit. The upside down nine is a new move added to the cheer, Go Big C. PHOTO Annie Walden



Keep dancing.

Player Perspective
BY Diana Aldana (11)

What a great opportunity to learn dance moves and also to hang out with friends. Drill Team was great because we learn new moves all the time and then combine them with others to make the dance complete. I love performing in front of people at the pep rallies.

It was nice to know how much students appreciate us when we're done. I am a junior so I have been on Drill Team for three years now. There are a lot of new girls that will come out each year. They all want to do well at the dances we do.

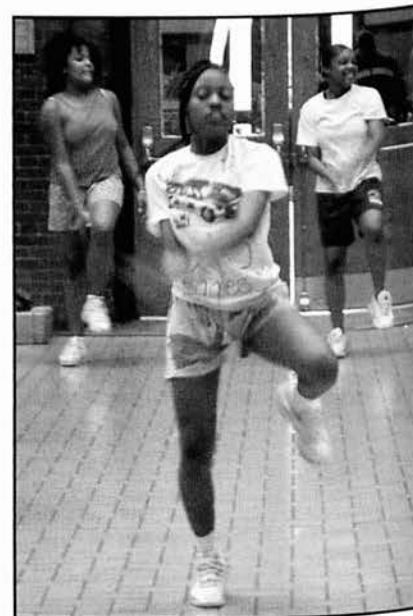
Some girls take extra time at home just to keep up where we are supposed to be. When I first started I was a little off, but now that I have practiced for a while I am not discouraged. I used to hate practicing at home because I wanted to do things with my friends.

A lot of what Drill Team is about is coordination and being in shape. Some dances take a lot of time and energy to learn. The ones we do at the pep rallies or games get pretty hot and tiring.

The pep rallies are enjoyable now, but when I first started I did not want to mess up at all. Messing up is the end of the world to some of the girls, but they need to learn to relax. It takes a lot of energy away from you when you perform.

The hardest thing is not to lose your concentration when you are tired. We have to memorize all the steps in the whole dance.

Drill Team was a great opportunity to learn to dance well and get into shape. Besides that, I had fun.



Above. Chaunsietta Jackson (12) practices a kick in the courtyard after school. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Right. Sharra Oiram (11) and Nelam Millatmal (11) stomp in sync. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Drill Team offers variety

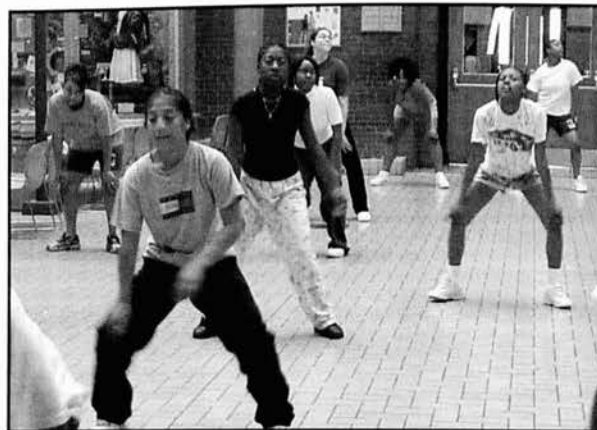


Far left. Brittany Crockett (10), Markeeta Brewer (12) and Valeta Payton (10) form rows of dancing girls. Drill team provided a different kind of dance than pom squad or cheerleading could offer. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Left. Diana Aldana (11), Tamara Williams (11) and Nelam Millatmal (11) perfect a move in their dance. The team would have normally performed at pep-rallies, but because they were postponed for the year, that opportunity was hindered. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes



Above. Nelam Millatmal (11), Tamara Williams (11) and Markeeta Brewer (11) kick to the beat. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

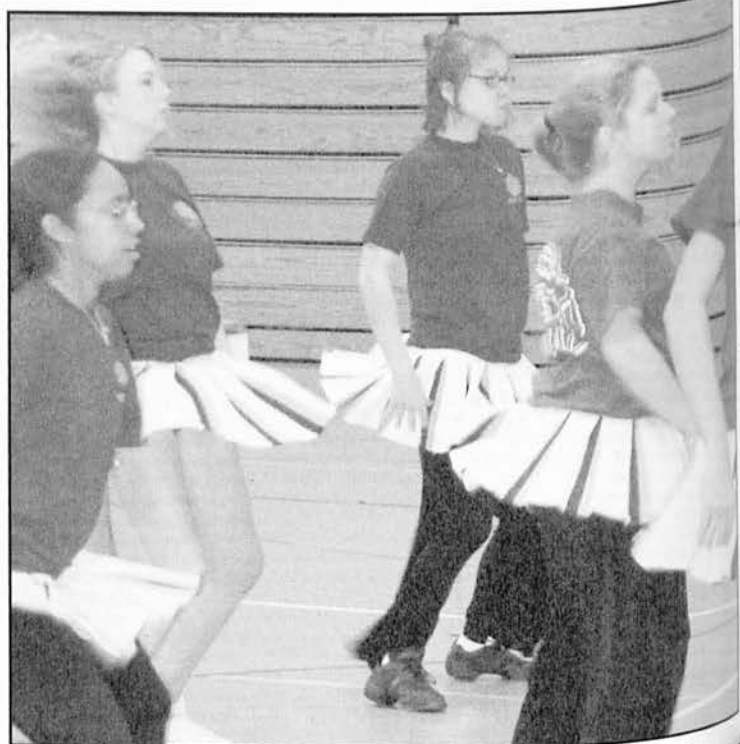


Left. Amanda Ponce (11) and her teammates practice in the courtyard Tuesdays and Thursdays after-school. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Right. At the end of a routine, Nora Prazan (11) and Jamie Moats (10) show off their final pose. PHOTO Annie Walden

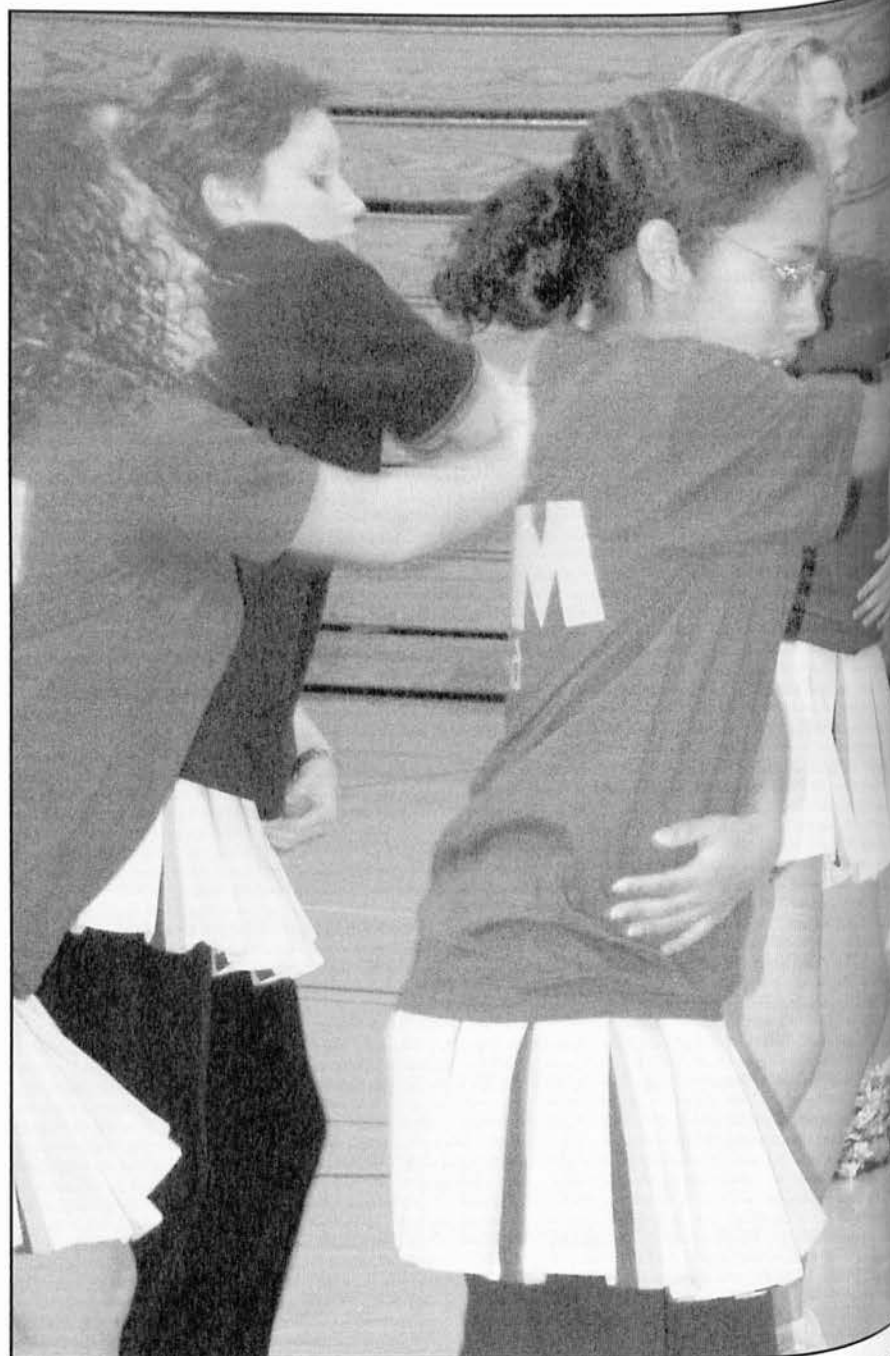


Far right. Amanda Carney (11), Laura Barry (11), Emily Lebens (11) and Mackenzie McDonough (11) practice hard for an upcoming performance. Pom squad performed at all home games and at the pep rallies. PHOTO Meredith Grunke.



Above. Whitney Quinlan (10) and Meagan Page (11) concentrate on keeping the beat and time together while practicing their dance. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Right. Theresa Fuchs (12), Amanda Carney (11) and Laura Barry (11) go through the dances that received an offer to compete at Nationals in Florida. PHOTO Meredith Grunke



Dance (t)o

the beat.

Pom Squad shows Central spirit

Player Perspective
Mackenzie McDonough (11)

Being on the Pom Squad has been quite an experience. Twenty girls made the team and that made everything a bit more complicated. It was hard to find a time to practice that everyone could make. Getting all the girls to move with precision for the competition dances was extremely difficult.

We had to put a lot of time and hard work into it, but it all paid off at camp.

We placed second for our dance at the UDA camp we attended last summer. We also learned and perfected a dance for Metros within three weeks.

We knew we wouldn't place at Metros, but for only knowing the dance less than a month, we rocked!

This year we also had a new sponsor, Ms. Baumert. We had a great time getting to know her. Our captains were the only two seniors, Jenna Sullivan and Theresa Fuchs. Our team would not have been the same without them. Jenna worked so hard to keep things organized and productive. They both always maintained a positive attitude. They helped us bring out the best in all of us.

As a whole (yes, we sometimes had catty little fits), we are one big family. We all tried our best to put our differences aside so we could get along.

Pom Squad has been an awesome experience. This year has been so much fun!

That's what *she* said:

What was the best part of being on pom?



WHITNEY QUINLAN (10)
"All the girls really got along. I enjoyed this year."



KYLIE ZACHARIA (10)
"The best time I can remember was at practice when we were just laughing the entire time."



JESSICA RICHART (11)
"We had tons of fun all together. Dancing and making new cheers was a constant thing on my mind."

Teamwork brings success.

Men's Varsity basketball gears up

Player Perspective BY
Kristopher Kuhn (12)

Central hired not only a new history teacher, but also a new coach for basketball. Eric Behrens replaced his father in being the Varsity head coach for Central basketball. He did a great job in coaching us this year. Behrens worked us hard in practice, but I am glad that he did.

Our ranking coming into the season was No. 8 out of the top 10. By mid-season, we had worked together as a team and made it to be No. 5. We kept rising in the ranks to become No. 1.

The first game that we had to play this year was against No. 1 ranked Burke. By halftime, we were all a little down because of the score, but thought that Burke High had missed 11 of its shots, so we could catch up. Unfortunately, that did not happen. We lost our first game of the year to Burke with a 55-43 final score.

Although this falter was bad on us, we wanted to put that game behind us and move on as a team. We played many

tough schools this year, but the score favored Central in the majority of our games we played. A lot of the games we played came really close at times. There were times when we had fallen behind, but then through the teamwork and coaching, we moved into the lead.

Playing Bryan earlier in the year, we walked out with a victory that was hard to get, 79-70. This is one of the games that we went back and forth in the scoring. We were not able to get a comfortable lead until our players started to make their free throws.

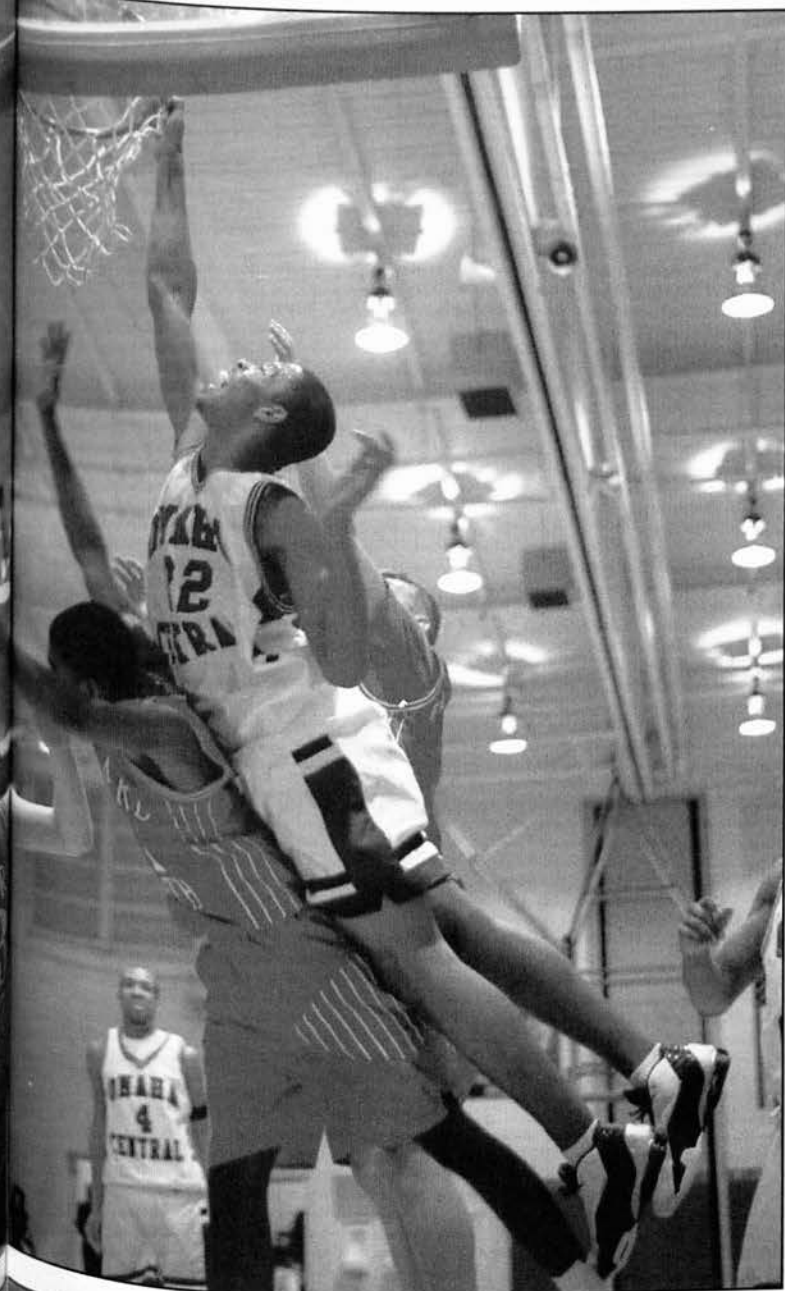
When you are playing well, you can get stuck in your pattern and I think that that is what happened when we played Omaha North. At halftime, the score was 41-19 with Central leading into a win. Afterwards, we got the idea from our coaches that we might have slacked off at the beginning of the third quarter. Even so, Central pulled through with a 76-67 victory, though it could have been better.

Varsity Men's Basketball

season ended March 7

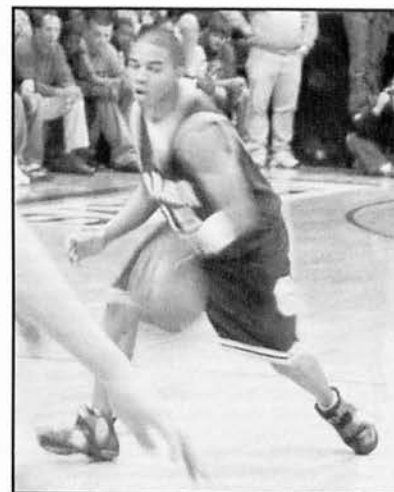
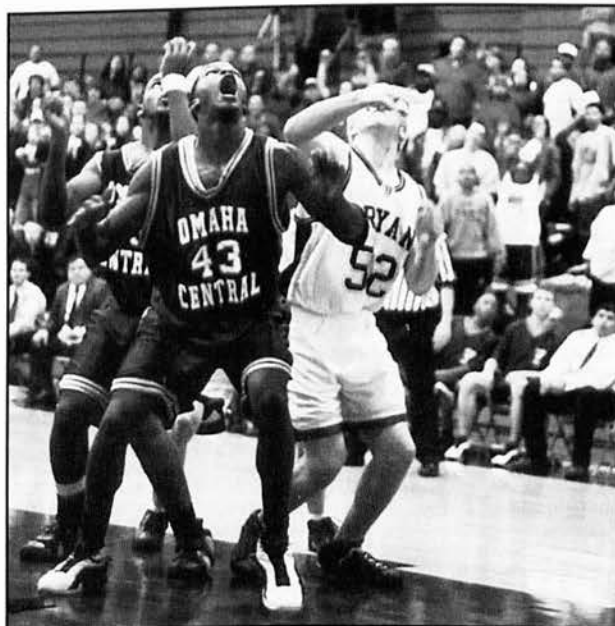
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11-30	Burke	43	55	1-18	Millard South	78	42
12-7	Millard North	65	48	1-25	Northwest	71	45
12-8	South	60	51	1-26	Lincoln High	40	61
12-14	Metro	78	49	2-1	Bryan	79	70
12-18	Bellevue East	69	56	2-2	Millard West	75	57
12/28-31	Metros			2-8	North	76	67
	Northwest	78	49	2-9	Lincoln East	73	35
	Burke	60	40	2-15	Benson	65	59
	Millard South	48	47	2-16	Bellevue West	79	68
1-4	Creighton Prep	65	56	2/23,25,26	Disticts		1st place
1-10	Westside	70	61	3/7-9	State		
1-11	Papillion	60	62		Lincoln High	70	84





Left. Forward Javelle Kimmons (12) puts up a shot during the Millard South game Jan. 18. Central won the game 78-42. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Below. Team captain Schyler Thomas (12) jumps up for the shot during the Central vs. Bryan game. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. Andrew Ford (12) watches for a rebound during the Feb. 1 away game vs. Bryan. The final score was 79-70. PHOTO Annie Walden

Left. Karl White (10) makes a jump shot against Bryan. During the game, a small skirmish almost occurred when a Bryan player threw the ball at Kristopher Kuhn (12), knocking out one of Kuhn's teeth. PHOTO Annie Walden

Above. Cortney Grixby (10) leads the offense down the court during the Creighton Prep away game. Central won the game with a final score of 65-56. PHOTO Annie Walden

Excelling through guidance.

Player Perspective
BY Nathaniel Prater (9)

The Junior Varsity, Reserve and Freshman A and B team all did so well this year. I have heard people in the bleachers talking about how much the teams had all improved this year compared to last year. And the people were not just talking about one team.

We had great coaches on all of the teams as well. Chad Burns coached the Junior Varsity and helped in coaching the Varsity team. Burns has been coaching Central basketball for the past few years.

The Reserve team was under the guidance of three very talented coaches, in my eyes: Stan Standifer, Robert Lessley, and A.J. Jones. These three coaches worked so well together. They always knew what needed to be done in practice and out of practice to make the Reserve team do such a great job.

Jason Jackson and Robert Lessley were the coaches for the Freshman A and B teams. Jackson was a new coach for Central this year and he did quite an exceptional job in coaching his team.

When tryouts first began last year, the gymnasium was filled with boys wanting to play. This was my chance to show what I could really do. In the end, the hard work in the off-season really paid off and I got my position. I play on not just underclass teams, but Varsity as well. I take that as a great compliment.

When I play with the J.V. team, there is a huge sense of unity there. We all got along really well and had a lot of cooperation in practices and games. But that is the same with the Reserve and the freshman teams. I think that the players all had to be willing to get along with each

other. It is hard to play a team sport when everyone is stuck on themselves or on the skills that they may think they have.

Lessley and Standifer had a great impact on not only me, but both the reserve and freshman teams. Their coaching skills were great. The confidence they gave to each of the players before a game was something we all relied on.

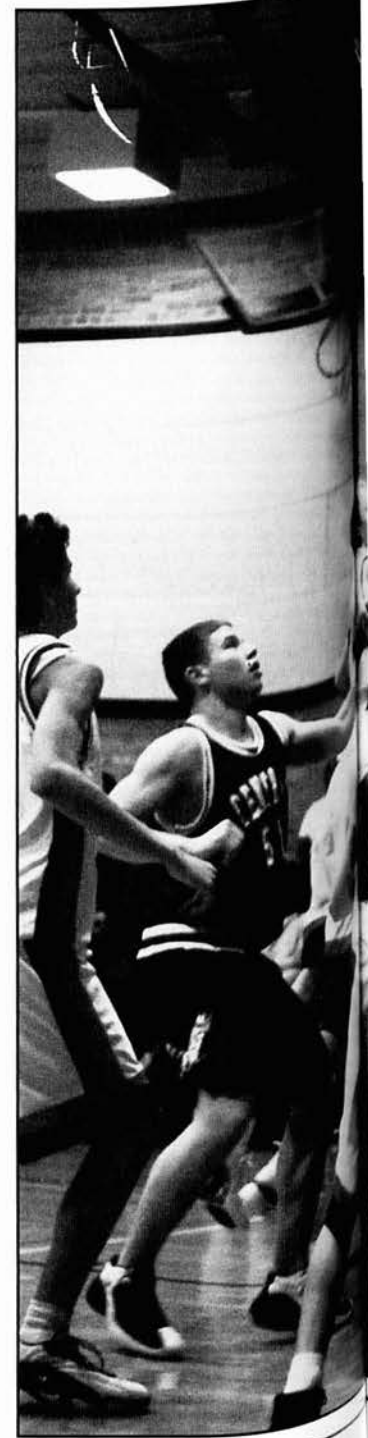
The reserve team really looked up to the players on the J.V. and Varsity teams for guidance. We wanted to look up to people who could play basketball better than us so we could learn. That is what I found to be fun, watching the older athletes play. They always could make amazing shots look so easy and natural.

The freshman teams had a slow beginning. All the players on both the A and B team played ball sometime before this year. We each won a majority of the games and never gave up. We had confidence and at tried to show it going into each game to pump each other up.

Basketball has always been a favorite sport of mine. I can remember playing it all of the way through elementary school and junior high. When I started high school though, it became a different game. I love competition and that was one of the things that I felt was really stressed coming into high school ball.

The friendship and unity was great on the teams. The coaches were exceptional. I could not have asked for more from them.

Playing on the teams that I did and being able to be a part of this game in the beginning of my high school years has been great.



Freshmen, Reserve and Junior Varsity men

Underclass Men's Basketball

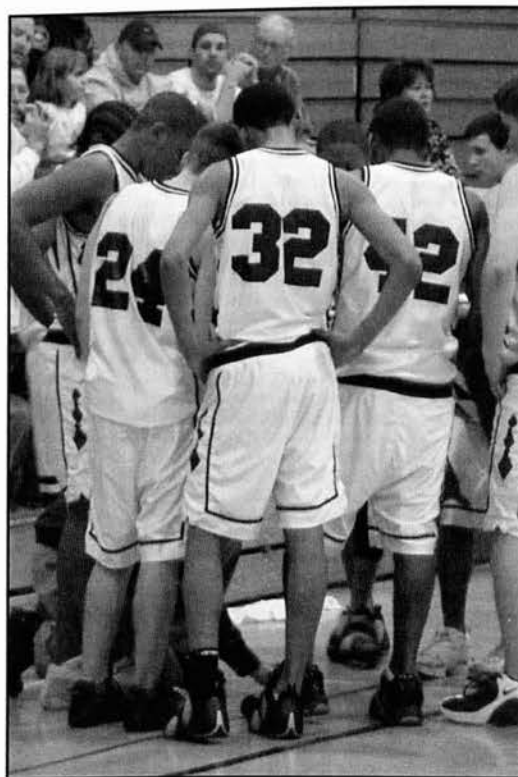
seasons ended in Feb.

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11-29	Burke	71	49	11-29	Burke	52	48	11-30	Millard South	44	42
12-6	Millard North	56	50	12-6	Millard North	56	30	12-7	South	54	40
12-8	South	61	59	12-8	South	58	43	12-14	Northwest	41	46
1-4	Creighton Prep	63	67	12-15	Bellevue east	47	31	1-7	Millard West	65	55
1-8	Westside	56	63	1-8	Westside	49	47	1-11	North	50	64
1-12	Papillion	71	52	1-12	Papillion	53	51	1-22	Gross	43	40
1-17	Millard South	62	56	1-14	Millard South	48	46	1-25	Bryan	40	43
1-24	Northwest	51	40	1-23	Ralston	47	63	2-4	Prep	46	70
1-26	Lincon High	56	72	1-24	Northwest	52	41	2-5	Millard North	29	45
1-29	Bryan	74	50	1-26	Prep	62	58	2-8	Benson	40	57
2-2	Millard West	58	50	1-29	Bryan	54	46	2-15	Burke	51	70
2-7	North	72	67	2-2	Millard West	47	44				
2-14	Benson	48	57	2-12	Benson	47	64				
2-16	Bellevue West	90	78	2-16	Bellevue West	50	59				



Far left. On the opponents's side of the court, Zachery Kruse (11), Rinaldo Overton (10) and Aaron Dorsey (9) work together to get the rebound and score during a JV game at Westside. PHOTO Annie Walden

Left. Shaye Thomas (9) blocks a shot from a Millard West player at a Freshmen team home game. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. During a reserve game against Westside, Zachery Ryks (10) makes a jumpshot. PHOTO Annie Walden

Left. While staying focused in the game, Virgil Mitchell (9) and Rinaldo Overton (10) join in a team huddle to strategize. PHOTO Annie Walden

Shoot for the sky.

Player Perspective
BY Lauren Pauba (12)

Central women's basketball has drastically changed since Michelle Roberts became the coach. When I was a freshman, our varsity team won one game. This season our record is 12-5. My freshman and sophomore years we were improving, but it was not until last year that we began getting noticed. We were a young team. Since we have a lot of younger players and fewer upper classmen, we have a variety of maturity levels.

At times it was really frustrating, but most of the time it kept practice and games fun. I truly do not think there has been a practice when the whole team has not ended up laughing on the floor. We had times when teammates are not getting along, but we pulled through it.

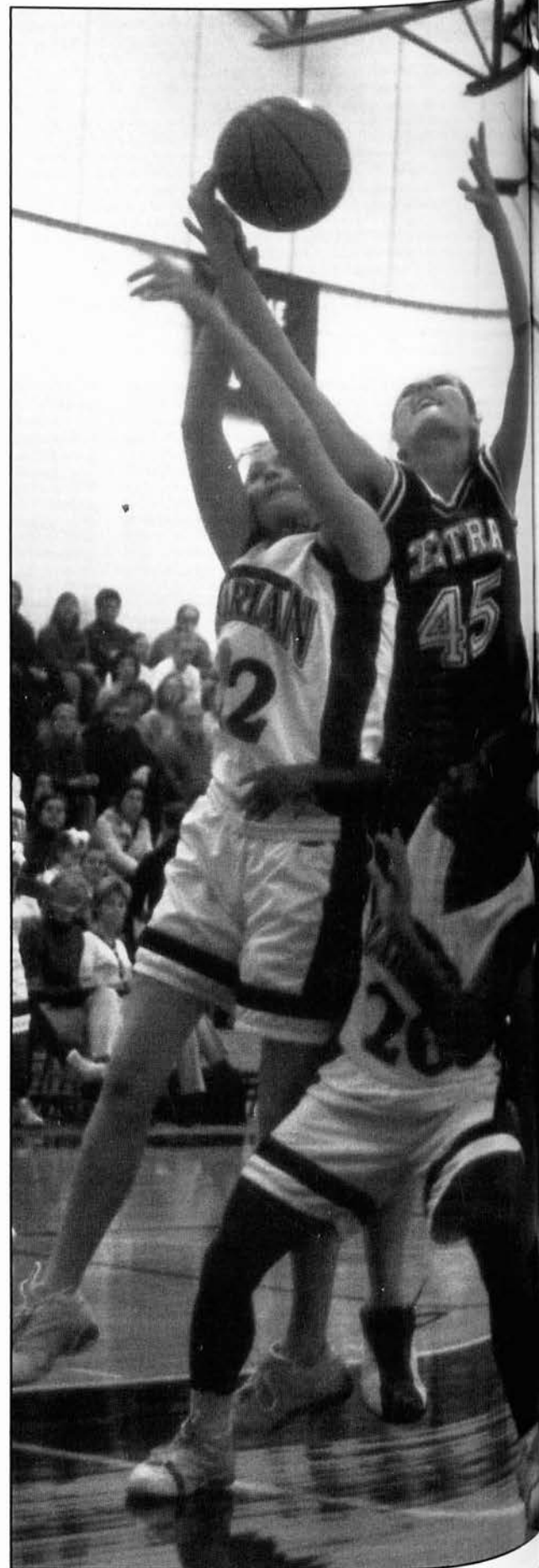
We have had many accomplishments in the past years. Last year was the first time in a long time that we qualified for State. We played the number one team first round. We were not only expected to lose, but we were expected to be slaughtered. We were ahead the whole game and lost in the last two minutes by six points. The one senior on the team had the best game of her season, which was what really counted. That is when people realized what type of a threat we were going to be this year.

When the pre-season rankings came out, we were fourth in class A and fifth in the state. That was a huge pressure, but we handled it well. This season we beat a number of teams, but the best wins were Marian and North. Our team has so much potential individually and as a team. I don't think some people realize it. If we do not take state this year, we will next year.

I expect to see a lot of these girls go on and play in college and maybe even professionally. I had so much fun with everyone on the team. I am going to miss them so much and it was so sad when the season was over. I love every one of them.

It is not only the Varsity team that improved, but the whole women's program as well. It took a lot of time and dedication from the coaches and players.

Below. Holly Greenamyre (12) stretches for a rebound to help Central fight against Westside. PHOTO Meredith Grunke.

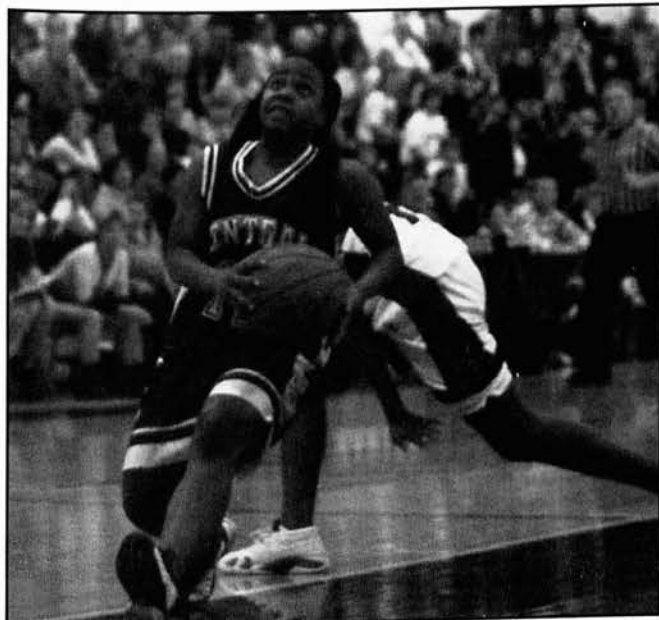


Varsity women's basketball soar high

Varsity Women's Basketball

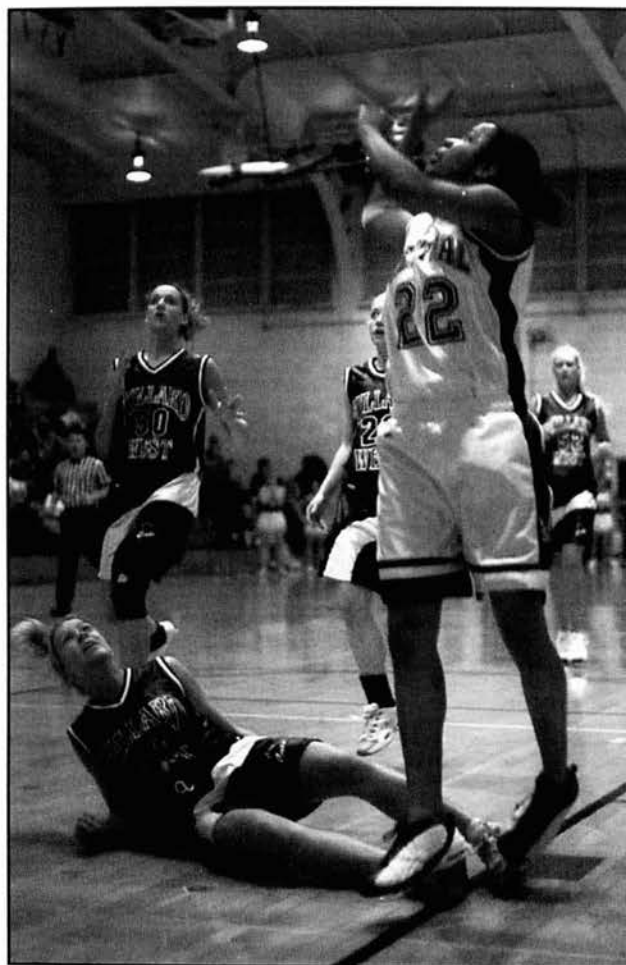
season ended March 1

Date	Opponent	Us	Them	Date	Opponent	Us	Them
11-30	Burke	50	41	2-1	Bryan	55	36
12-7	Millard North	42	40	2-2	Millard West	53	55
12-8	South	71	19	2-8	North	50	47
12/14-15	Metro	57	44	2-9	Lincoln East	67	53
12-18	Bellevue East	57	44	2-15	Benson	52	34
1-5	Marian	73	76	2-16	Bellevue East	44	55
1-10	Westside	54	63	2/19,21,22	Disticts		
1-11	Papillion	58	52		Bryan	60	32
1-18	Millard South	51	31		Burke	59	39
1-25	Northwest	64	40	2/28,3/1-2	State		
1-26	Lincoln High	37	30		Lincoln Northeast	54-46	
					Lincoln Southeast	31-45	

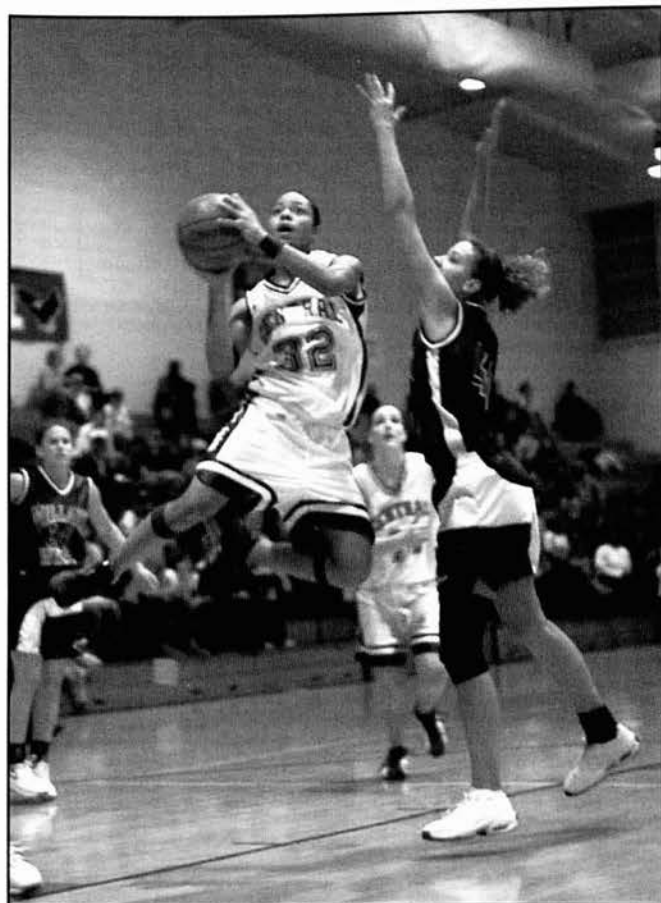


Left. Keonna Williams (10) bounds to the hoop to help Central fight against Marian. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. Katrina Washington (10) shoots to score against Millard West. PHOTO Annie Walden



Left. Crystal Howard (10) goes by her Millard West defender to score. Howard was the top scorer when the girls competed in State. PHOTO Annie Walden



Working as one.

Player Perspective
BY Mary Michalak (11)

Before the basketball season started, I was not even sure if I was going to try out. I was not looking forward to hard practice everyday and game-filled weekends. I also did not know many people. I know I made the right choice to play basketball. Both J.V. and Varsity teams had excellent records and I had a blast.

Playing basketball has made a huge impact on my life. It has taught me to work hard to receive the best in return. Teamwork in practice shows throughout the game, especially at the end when the other team is slacking.

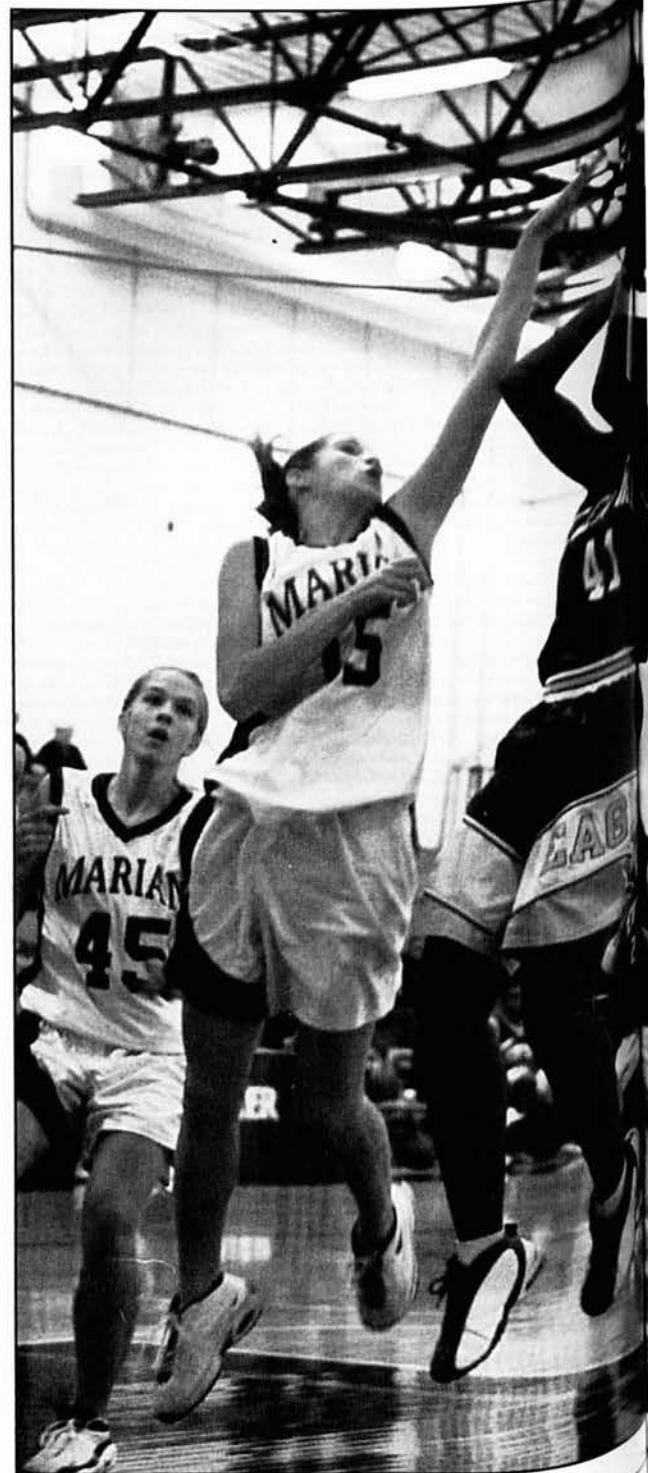
Playing basketball also exposed me to a wide variety of people, who influenced my future. A lot of the people I met on the basketball team have now become my friends. Being friends with the girls on the team shows how we are all able to pull together and act as a team on and off the court. Even though our team acts like one big family, it hasn't been all fun and games.

There were many times I felt like quitting, but my teammates were there to pick me up and make me practice harder. We would all have our bad days; dropping passes, creating turnovers, getting yelled at by the coach. But somehow we still managed to work through it as a team and move on.

One of the best times during this season would have to be our game against Omaha North. At halftime we were down by 11 and everyone thought the game was over. Even North thought they had already won. They went into the locker room for only two minutes during halftime and came back with confidence. However, we turned everything around.

In the second half our team came back and we were only down by three points with 38 seconds in the game. Then we hit a three pointer, which tied the game. North came down the court and got their shot blocked. At the last second of the game, Trina threw a shot just past half court. It banked off the glass and went in. After it went in, the whole gym exploded with yelling. We dog piled in the middle of the court. No one can replicate that feeling we shared when we won that game.

Ending the season winning half our games was such a great feeling for us. I'm proud to say that the girls' basketball team was determined and played its hardest to be the best.



Freshman, Reserve and Junior Varsity

Underclass Woman's Basketball seasons ended in Feb.

Date	JV Opp.	Us	Them	Date	Reserve Opp	Us	Them	Date	Fresh. Opp.	Us	Them
11-29	Burke	47	32	12-3	Millard North	24	23	11-30	Millard S	32	24
12-6	Millard North	31	23	12-8	Burke	50	42	12-5	South	56	16
12-8	South	70	16	12-8	Millard S.	16	48	1-7	Millard W	58	16
12-18	Bellevue East	44	32	12-15	South Invite	4th		1-7	North	52	26
1-5	Marian	90	50	12-20/21	Papillion	25	27	1-11	Millard N	38	26
1-9	Westside	54	35	1-5	Duchense	48	31	1-18	Bryan	58	22
1-12	Papillion	43	26	1-9	Marian	46	35	1-25	Duchesne	41	49
1-17	Millard South	43	58	1-12	Skutt	58	13	1-30	Marian	44	40
1-23	Northwest	64	19	1-19	Nrth	57	21	2-1	Westside	39	28
1-26	Lincoln	45	48	1-26	Westside	47	44	2-4	Millard S	57	53
1-31	Bryan	65	14	2-2	Millard W	30	26	2-8	Burke	33	30
2-2	Millard W	53	55	2-11	Burke						
2-7	North	54	30	2-13							
2-14	Benson	48	57								
2-16	Bellevue E.	90	78								

Left. After dribbling the ball down the court, Stephanie Williams (10) shoots a jumper leading the team into a winning game vs. Marian. Central played at Marian on Jan. 5. PHOTO Annie Walden

Below. Bianca Howard (9) and Ashley Mara (9) gather together during a time out to plan for their defense during the Northwest game. PHOTO Annie Walden



Above. During a timeout in the JV Marian game, coach Chad Townsend gives tips and advice to his players on how to keep up good defense and play hard offense. Central ended up winning the game... PHOTO Annie Walden

Left. After Kari Gmguska (10) was fouled, she concentrates on making her free throw shot. The reserve team beat Millard North 24-23. PHOTO Annie Walden

P i n n i n g

their way to state. wrestlers work to break records

BY April Gayer

At the District matches, Nicholas Wright (10) was upset at the fact that he lost to his opponent in overtime, by points. This was the last match that Wright would have to wrestle in until he went to State.

He qualified for State earlier that day by winning his matches. Now he had to wrestle for the finishing of first or second place in the district. Wright got second, but was still overly upset at himself and frustrated for receiving a second place finish in Districts and going to State.

The 12 boys who went to state all had more than the capabilities required to walk out of each tournament and match feeling great.

Yet at the same time, all the athletes were able to pick out things that they did wrong, or that they could have done bet-

ter during their matches. The coaches were always on the side of the mat, doing exactly what their job was, coaching.

"I always enjoyed having people help me in making my moves while I was wrestling," Nicholas Jacobson (12) said.

The first meet that both the J.V. team and the Varsity team went to was a North High Invite against 12 other schools. Central placed fourth.

Jacobson had thought that at the beginning of the year that the wrestling team was going to be very talented and good friends with each other. It turns out that he was right.

"We all got along really well, it was like we were all a family," Shane Smith (12) said.

This year, coach Jimmie Foster did something quite unusual for his wres-

tlers. He used a metal-linked chain as an example and at practice one day, he told all of the boys to hook arms and have one of them walk forward. As a result, the whole line of boys had to follow in order for their arms to stay hooked.

In Foster's eyes, what one teammate did, win or lose, affected the whole team. At the District meet, Foster drew on the backs of the athletes wrestling for State, the image of a chain. A total of 13 links, thus representing the athletes and coaches who were attending the District meet.

This year was an exceptional year for the wrestling team. Lonnie Long (12) broke Central's record for the most pins in a season. Along with having freshmen on the team, Blake Gayer (9) and Calvin Cooper (9).

wrestle. the right move leads to a win

#1: Nicholas Jacobson (12) is doing a move on Marchelo Moderow (10) called a double leg take down. The object of this move is for Jacobson to use his head and push on Moderow's side, forcing him to fall over. Once this happens, Moderow will belly out. This means that when Moderow falls down and is on his back, he will roll over to his stomach and begin to try to use his strength to allow him to stand up, allowing him to gain control in the match.

#2: Lorenzo Bush (11) has Blake Gayer (9) in a three-quarters hold, also known as a front headlock. This move, once placed on an opponent, looks similar to a half nelson. The way that the hands are supposed to be positioned is as follows: one hand is placed with the palm on the back of the head. The wrist is then held with the other hand to help hold it in position. The hand with the palm on the back of the head is to wrap underneath one of the opponent's arm, directly below the armpit.

#3: Robert Bishof (12) is getting ready to put his weight back on Marchelo Moderow (10) in a move called a far-side cradle. Bishof is in the lead in this match. A cradle of any type usually

leads to a pin. With Moderow's hands position, there is a possibility he can flip Bishof over and allow his shoulders to be pressed on the mat, thus Moderow would win the match.

#4: An important move for any level of wrestling, Lorenzo Bush (11) and Buddy Shropshire (10) are exempting a simple pin, being an important move in wrestling. Although simple, it takes more than luck to get here. A pin consists of chest-on-chest contact with the opponent's shoulders touching the mat. There are also special holds that can be put on the opponent to be sure that the pin is made.

#5: Jose Cardenjas (12) and Devlin Webb (10) fight for strength in their match. Although it does not look like it, Webb is in control with this move called the cutback, by trying to grab the opponent's leg. After that he has a number of options, one being that Webb can pick up Cardenjas leg and put his weight on Cardenjas. This would allow Webb to fall on his opponent, leading to a pin.

#6: This move is called a tilt, a common move. Rafiq Kamal (12) has begun this move by grabbing Marcelo Moderow's (10) arm and pulling it

across his body. What will happen is Kamal will continue in pulling Moderow over until finally Moderow becomes pinned. His feet will be in the air and his back and shoulders will be pressed down upon the mat, allowing Kamal to win the match with a pin.

#7: Lonnie Long (12) has maneuvered his way to put a near-side cradle on sophomore, Marchelo Moderow (10). A cradle of any type usually leads to a pin in most wrestling matches. Once in this position, it is very difficult to break free and to not get pinned. A pin in wrestling requires having both of the opponent's shoulders on the mat. If Long were to lean back, taking Moderow with him, he would put pressure towards Moderow's head, therefore making his shoulders hit the mat. If Long were to be able to hold him in that position, he would win the match.

#8: Larry Coleman (11) and Jared Whitemyer (11) work together at practice on the inside position, where the wrestler tries to always have his arms on the inside, giving him more control in the match. This is a key asset, not only in beginning of the match, but throughout the match.



PHOTOS Annie Walden and April Gayer

Hold your breath.

swimmers race for state-qualifying times.

Player Perspective
BY Ally Gumbiner (10)

Even though swimming was long, tiring and busy, it was still rewarding and a lot of fun for me.

The season began at the beginning of Nov. and lasted until the end of Feb. Our four months of practice made up the longest sports season. The team of more than thirty swimmers practiced two hours a day, five days a week at Norris Middle School. We had some good competitions this year, and were very ready, thanks to our hard practices and 6 a.m. weight training. We usually had dual meets once a week and invitationals on many Saturdays.

We had two additions to the coaching staff this year. Andy Wane, a Norris teacher and Larry Hill, a very experienced coach joined us. I think coach Hill brought a lot to the team that we lacked last year. He had many years of coaching experience so he knew how to push us hard, analyze our strokes, turns, and starts and prepare us mentally.

Our training for the season was more than just working out daily; there were certain concepts of swimming that we focused on to progress. We worked with sprints, distance, pull (arms only), kick (legs only), breathing drills, stroke drills, and many other things. Toward the end of the season we slowed down practices, called "tapering," to be rested for our big meets. The biggest meet for a large por-

tion of the team was the Metro meet. Girls were not allowed to shave all season, so when we shaved before Metro we would be smooth in the water and drop our times.

Times are very important in swimming. Qualifying for State times was a goal that most people aimed for. The State Swim Meet was the last and most important meet all season, for those who qualified. There are two State cuts to meet, Secondary and Automatic. Having an automatic time ensures that you will swim in State and a secondary time means that you have a chance to swim in State. Automatic times are very tough to reach, so once someone has an automatic time it is a huge accomplishment. This was my first year qualifying for State and it was a great experience for me. It is nice to be rewarded like that after all of the time and effort I put into swimming!

Swimming sounds like a lot of work, and it was, but we also had a lot of fun. We often had team dinners and went out to a restaurant or someone's house. The day before Metro we had a huge shaving party after practice to end the main part of the season. The shaving party is always fun because us girls get to watch the guys try to shave their legs! During our four months of swimming the team grew close. The season was productive, satisfying and fun and I think that I personally gained a lot this year.



Swimming

season ended Feb. 23

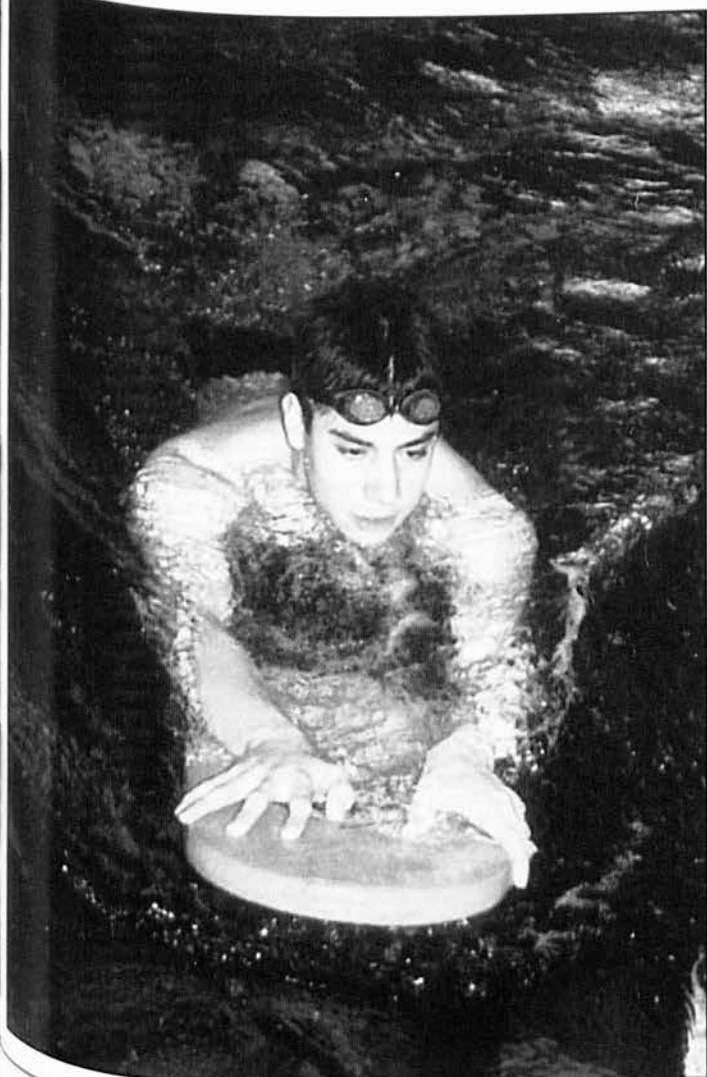
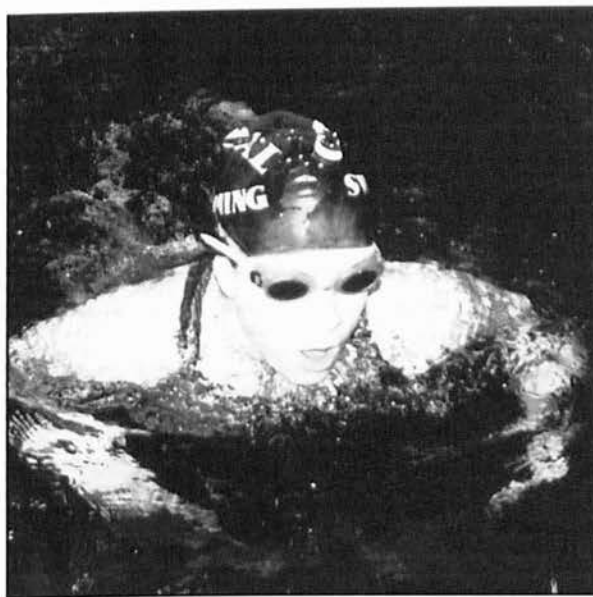
Date	Opponent	Our Scores	Date	Opponent	Our Scores
12-4	Millard South	Boys L Girls L	1-22	Millard North	Boys L Girls L
12-6/8	Bryan Invite	Boys 3rd Girls 4th	1-24	Northwest	Boys W Girls L
12-11	Bellevue West	Boys L Girls W	1-29	Burke	Boys L Girls L
1-11/12	Millard NothGirls Invite	Girls 12th	2-2	Millard South Boys Invite	Boys
1-15	Bryan	Boys W Girls L	2-7/9	Metro Meet	Overall 13th
1-18/19	Lewis Central Invite	Boys 5th Girls 3rd	2-21/23	State meet	Individual places



Left. Warming up before a swim meet at Norris Middle School, Kristen Kruger (12) gets a head start off the diving block along with Timothy Tompsett (12) (far back). PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Below. Practicing the breaststroke, Courtney Stoffel (12) tries her hardest to complete one hundred yards. Practices for the team were held at Norris Middle School. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

Bottom left. In the far lane, Andrew Neal (10) practices his two hundred kick set after his one hundred free stroke. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes



Swim Team. Front. Moriah North (12), Katrina Decker (12), Sara Illig (9), Jessica MacDonald (12), Danielle Morgan (9). **Second row.** Coach Lynne Braddock, Katie McDonald (9), Kimberly Norvell (9), Brianna McClaren (9), Calli Shepard (9), Kaitlin Monahan (9), Nicole Engler (12), coach Larry Hill. **Third row.** Kirsten Kruger (12), Geneva Conley (10), Elisa Berzins (9), Samantha Feragutti (10), Kaitlin Hartnett (10), Christine Palmer (10), Michelle Inzauro (9). **Fourth row.** Lara Watzke (11), Jessica Moyer (11), Evelyn Mayberger (9), Kathryn Johnson (10), Ally Gumbiner (10), Jessica Womack (9), Nicole Stubbs (10), Melissa Mach (11). **Back.** Christopher Kielion (9), Sean McCall (9), Timothy Tompsett (12), Andrew Neal (10), Andre Allen (10). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

g roup mini section.

Varsity Cheerleading

Front. Paige Klingforth (12), Jenna Pearson (11), Kenzie McCall (12), Ashley Hall (12), Leah Ralful (12).

Middle. Sara Shirk (12), Jennifer Hodges (11), Jaclyn Rahaman (11), Kara Warner (12).

Back. Lindsey Coppock (11), Brandii Daniels (12), Jessica Franksen (11).

Varsity cheerleading consisted of 12 members who were directed by Shavanna Holman.

The girls were led into cheers by captains McCall and Warner.



Junior Varsity Cheerleading

Front. Kaley Eledge (10), Julie Casady (10), Brandy Sherrod (11).

Middle. Pascha Fountain (10), Ashlee Seffron (11), Sydney Shead (10), Jessica Brewer (11).

Back. Dawn Bush (11), Kristy Swirzinski (10), Katherine Lydiatt (10).

Central sponsor and math teacher Amanda Berry helped to make sure the Junior Varsity squad was ready to cheer for all home games, at tournaments and pep rallies. Team captians were Swirzinski and Lydiatt.

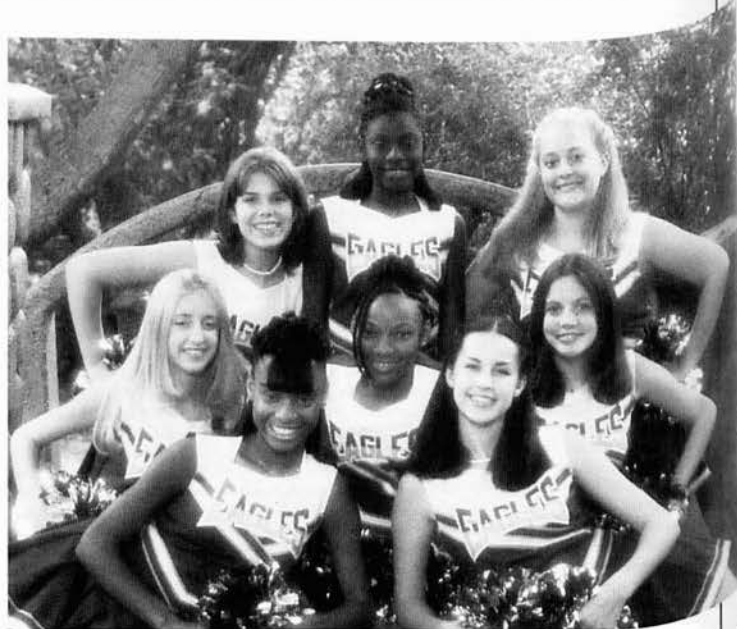
Reserve Cheerleading

Front. Auriel Blake (10), Alexandra huston (10).

Middle. Jessica Thomas (10), Shauntel Vaughn (10), Kathryn Meade (10).

Back. Laura Diesing (10), India White (10), Ashley Irwin (10).

The reserve squad was made up of eight members in the tenth grade. Team captians were Blake and Huston. The squad was sponsored by Central's gym teacher, Lisa Studer.



Freshmen Cheerleading

Front. Kimberly Chunn (9), Sara Ficke (9).

Middle. Kim Woods (9), Shelby Cherek (9), Jessica Dowd (9), Naomi Rennard (9).

Back. Shannon Prince (9), Kimberly Gavin (9), Sade White (9).

The Freshmen cheerleading team, which was sponsored by Mindy Morgan, was asked to cheer at all the pep rallies and home Freshmen games. Chunn and Ficke were chosen as team captains.



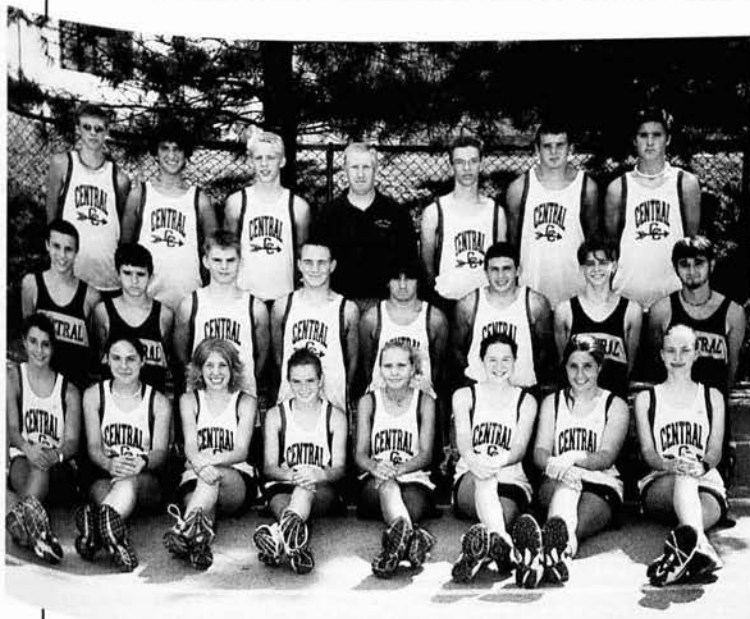
Cross Country

Front. Kaitlin Hartnett (10), Meredith Grunke (11), Marie Engdahl (12), Catherine Bigsby (09), Allison Legino (11), Clare McGuire (10), Lauren Prest (11), Evelyn Mayberger (09).

Middle. Philip Witchger (10), Jacob Mixan (10), Devon OConnell (11), Brandon Skocz (11), Christopher Gorga (11) Adam Deacon (12), Christopher Terwilleger (11), Ben Mixan (12)

Back. Clayton Lidgett (11), Alex Jochim (11), Norman Welch (10), coach Trent Lodge, Gregory Merrill (11), Ryan Shaw (11), James Boatright (11).

Cross Country season lasted from Aug. 30 until state, on Oct. 19. Key runners included Gorga, Hartnett and Shaw, who all made it to state. Grunke and Deacon were also key runners.



Girl's Golf

Front. Naomi Rennard (9), Kwin Kunkle (11), Alicia Wolford (11), Brandi Smith (9), Sara Zendejas (9), Eleanor Ashford (10), Yun Lilly Lin (11).

Back. Kenzie McCall (12), Jordan Zendejas (11), Jamie Moats (10), coach Wendy Brownson, Emily Lebens (11), Ashley Krijan (11), Elizabeth Dyer (12).

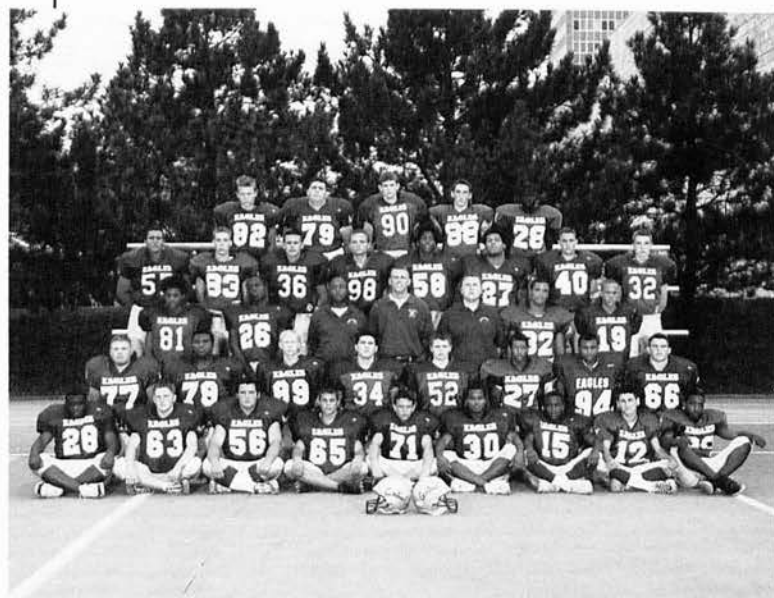
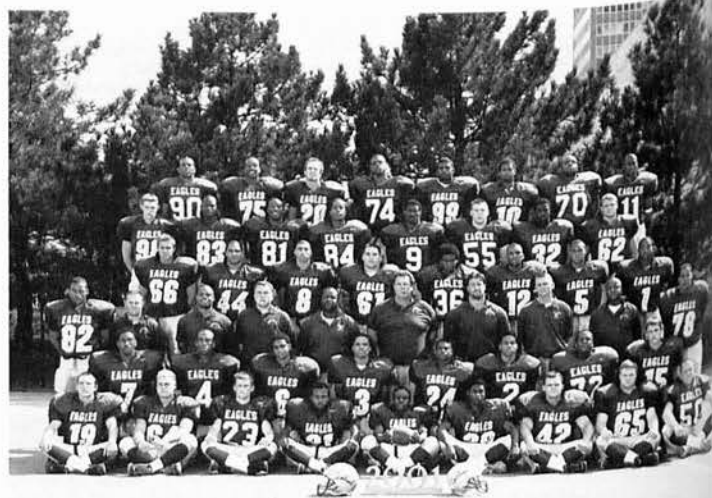
The Girl's Golf team had a wonderful season. Some of the key players were Krijan, Rennard and Smith. The season ran from Aug. 23 until Sept. 24. The team ended with a 4:4 record overall.



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Varsity Football

Front. Jared Spencer (11), Matthew Foreman (12), Matthew Venditte (12), Kenneth Newman (12), Tarrell Burrell (12), Jonathan Lathan (11), Johnathan Peterson (11), David Kass (12), Joseph Bertino (11). **Second row.** Beau Reed (12), Mark LeFlore (12), David Newson (12), Brandon Gunn (10), Teon Eason (12), Cortney Grixby (10), Kendall Dorsey (10), Kelvin Tolston (10). **Third row.** Hershell Toney (12), Trainer Mike Demilia, Eric Anderson, coach James Leuchen, Head coach Joe Mc Menamin, coach Ryan Murtaugh, coach Jeff McCune, coach James Knight, Sean Lewis (12). **Fourth row.** Aaron Blanke (10), Keenan Ford (12), Lonnie Long (12), Scott Graser (11), Micheal Watson (11), Christopher Leflore (11), Fred Falkner (11), Marlon Carter (12). **Fifth row.** Chris Roark (12), Alex Tyson (11), Devon Richards (11), Rafiq Kamal (12), David Horne (12), Thomas Bishof (12), Nicholas Lemek (12). **Back.** Calvin Sherrod (12), Robert Kyles (11), Andrew Moore (11), Brandon Teamer (11), Nathan Prater (9), Nathaniel Butler (11), Jamar Dorsey (12), Reginald Terry (12). COURTESY of Photographic Enterprises

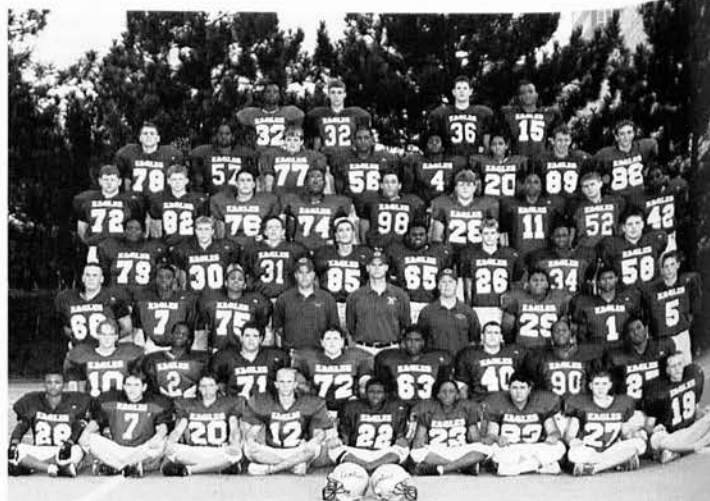


Junior Varsity Football

Front. Blaine Stratton (10), Matthew Storm (10), Matthew Burr (10), William Smith (10), Domach Gatluak (11). **Second row.** Marchelo Moderow (10), Scott Miettinen (10), Christopher Hallgren (10), Aaron Buss (11), Jeremy Cardwell (10), Damon Jones (10), David Burr (10), Raymond Rife (10). **Third row.** Robert Phillips (10), Brandon Smith (10), coach James Kight, coach Jeff McCune, coach James Lueschen, Kelvin Tolston (10), Geoffery Davis (10). **Fourth row.** Jason Pietramale (10), Shabazz Ramsey (10), James Parsons (10), Tim Ealabro (10), Dale Shahan (10), Torain Curry (10), Dorian Meeks (11), Jacob Sellin (10). **Back.** Brendon Drew (10), Andrew Regan (10), Daniel Darbonne (10), Evan McDonald (10), Roman Myskowski (9), Torey Coleman (10), Damien Cardwell (11), Alexander Bloom (10), Robert Wesley (9). COURTESY of Photographic Enterprises

Freshmen Football

Front. Deandre Young (9), Daniel Williams (9), Robert Embree (9), James Rico (9), Darrel Smith (9), Jose Minton (9), Jair Corona (9), Thor Gustavson (9), Kyle Henke (9). **Second row.** Colin Perry (9), Steven Jackson (9), Nicholas Ferraguti (9), Anthony Orsi (9), Hopeton Pommells (9), Michael Hall (9), Anthony Magrette (9). **Third row.** Jason Reese (9), Terrance Fairs (9), Michael Cool ridge, coach Scott Hodges, coach Josh Montzingo, coach Chad Townsend, Raymond Gaines (9), Marcus Randle (9), Daniel Freed (9). **Fourth row.** Curtis Greer (9), Dennis Whelan (9), James Ruxburgh (9), Preston Paul (9), Austin Reed (9), Blake Gayer (9), Domonique Minton (9), Joseph Graser (9). **Fifth row.** Thomas Mullen (9), Ryan Longwell (9), Christopher Eledge (9), Dendre Wooddruff (9), Shaye Thomas (9), Jeffery Hart (9), Jeremy Felton (9), Bryan Vanal (9), Jamel McNair. **Sixth row.** Matthew Krise (9), Devin Ashford (9), Dallas Hendrix (9), Terrance Peoples (9), Omari Hunt (9), Branden Thomas (9), Patrick Tubrick (9), Ned Sariscsany (9). **Back.** Virgil Mitchell (9), Kevin Wright (9), Seth Woods (9), Aaron Dorsey (9). COURTESY of Photographic Enterprises



Varsity Men's Tennis

Front. Edward Yin (12), Eric Rafferty (12), Robert Garvin (10), Paul Hildebrandt (11), Eric Shradar (10), Dennis Yin (12). **Back.** Haomin Zhang (12), Marc Monbouquette (10), coach Matthew Shafer, Donald Rees (12), Cameron Knowles (9). COURTESY of Photographic Enterprises

Men's varsity tennis was constantly working hard to achieve their goals for the season. Exceptional players for this year included Cameron Knowles (9) and Edward Yin (12). They were coached by Matthew Shafer and assistant coach Jergen Shawver. The season began on Aug 25, and ended on Sept 27. All home games were played at Dewey Tennis Complex at 4:00 pm.



Junior Varsity Tennis

Front. Christopher Danford (10), Thomas Heafey (9), Kamaal Patterson (10), Eric Zumm (10). **Back.** David Hernandez (11), Andrew Neal (9), coach Jergen Shawver, Nicholas Samuelson (9), Jonathan Albright (10). COURTESY of Photographic Enterprises

Although J.V. tennis had a rough season overall, they kept their heads up. The opening game of the season was a great boost to all of the players self esteem, beating Bryan High 9-0. J.V. Tennis was coached by Jergen Shawver. The season opened on Sept. 4 and ended on Sept. 27.

Pom Squad

Front. Jenna Sullivan (12), Mackenzie McDonough (11), Emily McTate (10), Sara McDonald (10), Whitney Quinlin (10), Lauren Freeman (11). **Middle.** Theresa Fuchs (12), Megan Page (11), Laura Berry (11), Emily Lebens (11), Amanda Carney (11), Jessica Richart (11). **Back.** Kylie Zacharia (10), Jennifer Yin (10), Jamie Moats (10), Nora Prazan (11), Danielle Welty (10), Lynne Clure (11). COURTESY of Photographic Enterprises

Pom squad was on the move all the time. They were able to go to a camp at UNL and earn a second place, where they were invited to nationals in Florida. Although the team did not place in Metros October. Tarah Bamuert sponsored the girls, however Jenna Sullivan (12) and Theresa Fuchs (12) were the captains.



g r o u p m i n i s e c t i o n .

Varsity Volleyball

Front. Carolyn Schaeffer (11), Angela Capellupo (12), Rebecca Mayhew (10), Jillian Risavi (11), Holly Lehmer (10), Lauren Pauba (12), Ashley Wilds (10). **Back.** Natalie Lubbert (12), Robyn Sorensen (11), Coach Jodi Dierks, Coach Erica Myer, Michelle Lubbert (12), Holly Greenamyre (12). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

Varsity volleyball was coached by Jodi Dierks and Erica Myers. The girls did an exceptional job making their way to State. Many players also were named to All-State for the year of 2001.



Junior Varsity Volleyball

Front. Shay Hampton (9), Natalie Bachtell (9), Jennifer Lambrecht (11). **Middle.** Cassie Dalrymple (11), Elisa Berzins (9), Lynnsey Danker (9), Chelsie Mancuso (11). **Back.** Coach Dana Salvador, Ashley Woolridge (10), Elizabeth Sharpe (10), Tovah Davis (10), coach Erica Meyer. Courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

With four new freshmen on the Junior Varsity, these girls tried their hardest in playing their opponents. They were coached by Dana Salvador and Erica Meyer.

Reserve Volleyball

Front. Nichole David (10), Lanae Wulff (10), Devon Rumbaugh (10), Christina Craig (10). **Back.** coach Erica Meyer, Irene Blue-Combs (10), Amanda Lonergan (10), coach Ryan Wise. PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

Although the reserve team ended the season with a 4 and 5 overall record, the girls were strong in all of their games. The ongoing strict coaching by Ryan Wise helped the girls to aim high through the whole season.



Freshmen Volleyball

Front. Ashley Albers (9), Kerry Storm (9), Amelia Shuster (9), Jessica Horn (9). **Back.** Courtney Garza (9), Emily Sjogren (9), Sarah Ficke (9). **Back.** Jessica Womack (9), Shanquita Johnson (9), Coach Christie Pfeifer, Ashley Naikelis (9), Kyla Falkner (9), Shelia Connor (9). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

The Freshmen girls played exceptionally well for their first year on a high school team. For some it was their first time even playing volleyball. Coach Christie Pfeifer worked very well with the girls to have an overall winning season.



Varsity Softball

Front. Jamie Hoffman (10), Elizabeth Davis (11), Allison Rutherford (9), Jennifer Sullivan (12), Emily Muskin (10), Emily Felix (12), Darcy Rutherford (9), Normesha Reynolds (11), Andrea Wilson (11). **Back.** Sara Bernhards (12), Kate Muldoon (11), pitching coach Mindy Suing, assistant coach Cindi Semrad, assistant coach Scott Wilson, head coach Kerri Murtaugh, Alison Hess (9), Ashley Clark (12), Jennifer Miller (11), Julia Darrow (10). PHOTO courtesy of Scott Wilson



Junior Varsity Softball

Front. Darcy Rutherford (9), Jami Hoffman (10), Normesha Reynolds (11), Jacqueline Glassman (9). **Middle.** Laraine Getty (10), Jennifer Clausen (11), Andrea Wilson (11), Kerstin Knebel (11). **Back.** assistant coach Cindi Semrad, Anne Marie Lind (9), coach Scott Wilson, Holly McCarthy (11), Maria Negrete (10), Kelsey Ratigan (9), Laura Caldwell (11), Ashly Wilcox (11). PHOTO courtesy of Scott Wilson



*g*roup mini section.

Reserve Softball

Front. Kathryn Andrews(10), Jessica Dowd(9), Jessica Marcum (9), Kathryn Fitch (9). **Middle.** Jessica Sheridan (9), Alexandria Dickey (9), Cassandra Box (9), Julie Brady (9), Ashley Christensen (10), Jennifer Ferris (9). **Back.** Patricia Adams (9), Bianca Howard (9), coach Jodi Reeder, Heather Lee (10), Sarah Sowell (9). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Drill Team

Front. Diana Aldana (11), Valeta Payton (10), TeChanda Cook (11), Tamara Turner (12), Icy Simpson (11), Janel Mitchell (10). **Second row.** Nelam Millatmeal (11), Brittany Crockett (10), Tamara Williams (10). **Third row.** Denika Peoples (9), Cystal Treadwell (9), Jasmine Plater (9), Jasmine Ray (9), Cassandra Frost (12), Sharra Graham (10). **Fourth row.** Viriginia Smith (11), Ashley Pinkerton (10), Brittani Dutton (10). **Back.** Aleah Stennis (12), Chaunsietta Jackson (12), Tia Kelly (12), Casandra Jimenez (10), Markeeta Brewer (12), Amanda Ponce (11). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

Men's Varsity Basketball

Front. Schyler Thomas (12), Cortney Grixby (10), Davon White (10), Christopher Leflore (11), Karl White (10). **Second Row.** Team Manager Andres Tapia (10), Zachary Kruse (11), Ricardo Washington (10), Mark Leflore (12), Javelle Kimmons (12), Team Manager Dominique Finch. **Third Row.** Assistant coach Charles Williams, assistant coach Herb Willing, head coach Eric Behrens, assistant coach Chad Burns, assistant coach Jason Jackson. **Back.** Andrew Ford (12), Nathaniel Prater (9), Kristopher Khun (12), Julian Moran (12). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Men's Junior Varsity Basketball

Front. Karl White (10), Christopher LeFlore (11), Brandon Henley (10), Davon White (10), Austin Henley (10). **Back.** Assistant coach Charles Williams, Zachary Kruse (11), Nathaniel Prater (9), Ranaldo Overton (10), Terry Smith (10), coach Chad Burns. PHOTO by Photographic Enterprises

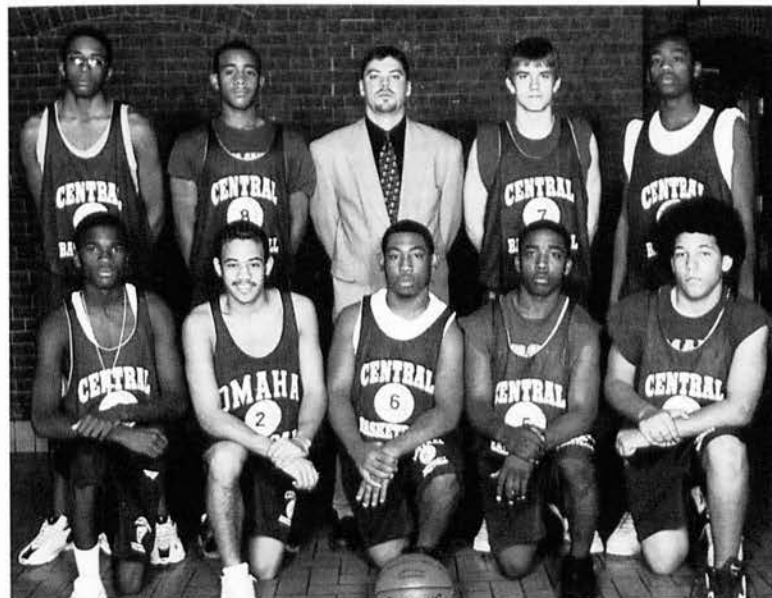


Men's Reserve Basketball

Front. Duaine Johnson (10), James Cannon (10), Laron Williams (10), David Rhee (10) **Middle.** Clinton Skanes (10), Justin Muhammad (10), David Burr (10), Tyler Matlock (10), Raymond Rife (10) **Back.** Eric Moore (9), Darryl Robinson (10), coach A.J. Jones, coach Stan Standifer, Aaron Bishop (9), Zachary Ryks (10). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

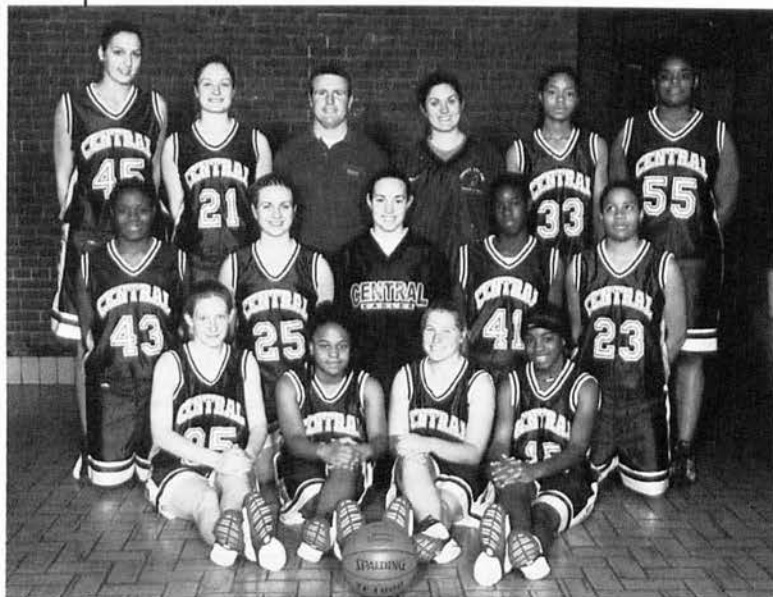
Men's Freshman A Basketball

Front. Willie McCarty (9), Joseph Murray (9), Ian Jones (9), Robert Wesley (9), Shaye Thomas (9). **Back.** John Skanes (9), Aaron Dorsey (9), coach Jason Jackson, Rob Piskac (9), Tyrell Deal (9). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Men's Freshmen B Basketball

Front. Christopher Williams (9), Melvin Thomas (9), Christopher Gonzalez (9). **Middle.** Travis Hamilton (9), Faraz Ahmad (9), Nicholas Stuberger (9), Jeffrey Downs (9). **Back.** Virgil Mitchell (9), Sean Williams (9), coach Robert Lessley, Terrance Feairs (9), Sean Brown (9). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Varsity Women's Basketball

Front. Patricia Cannon (12), Keonna Williams (10), Mary Michalak (11), Nikita Warren (11). **Middle.** Anadrian Booker (9), Rebecca Pauba (11), Kenzie McCall (12), Stephanie Williams (10), Katrina Washington (10). **Back.** Holly Greenamyre (12), Lauren Pauba (12), assistant coach Chad Townsend, head coach Michell Roberts, Crystal Howard (10), Morgan Chatmon (11). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

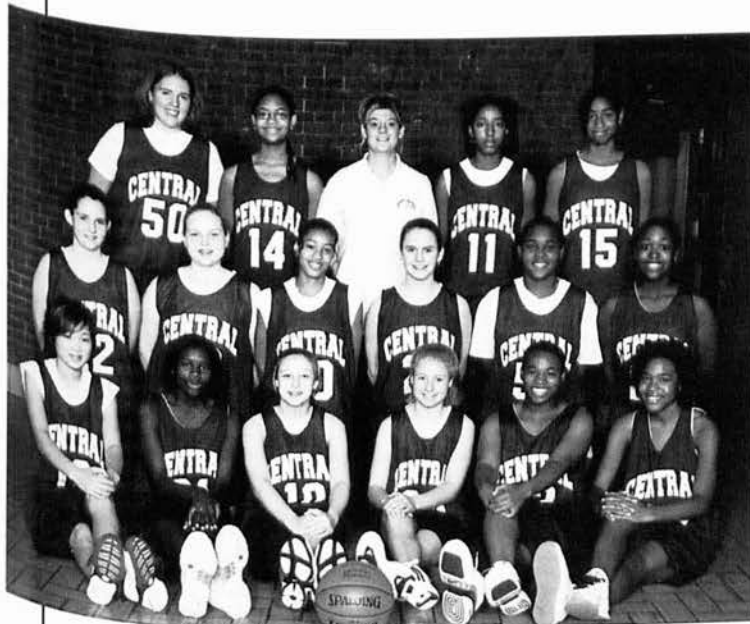
Womens Junior Varsity Basketball

Front. Emily Muskin (10), Mary Michalak (11), Michelle James (11). **Middle.** Anadrian Booker (9), Stephanie Schwinck (11), Allison Rutherford (9), Alison Hess (9). **Back.** Morgan Chatmon (11), Stephanie Williams (10), coach Chad Townsend, Brandy Sherrod (11), Leah Weis (9). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Women's Reserve Basketball

Front. Felicia Neal-Johnson (9), Rachel Danford (10), Catherine Bigsby (9), Amber Elliston (10), Darcy Rutherford (9). **Back.** Mayra Nava (10), Chantia Bowles (10), coach Nicole Benson, Amanda Lonergan (10), Kari Greguska (9). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Freshmen Women's Basketball

Front. Leah Seymour Karpf (9), Jessica Raymond (9), Jessica Horn (9), Stephanie Boone (9), Kaylisha Taylor (9), Kimberly Woods (9). **Middle.** Alexandria Dickey (9), Jessica Sheridan (9), Ashlynn Lewis (9), Ashley Mora (9), Monique Gunter (9), Bianca Howard (9). **Back.** Courtney Ziesel (9), Kyla Falkner (9), coach Jodi Reeder, Madalyn Johnson (9), Britany Arvin (9). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

Wrestling

Front. Blake Marcum (11), Devlon Webb (10), Cavin Cooper (9), Ronrico Devers (10), Nicholas Wright (10), Blake Gayer (9). **Second row.** trainer Julia Darrow, Jared Whitmyre (11), Michael Barnett (11), Jose Cardenas (11), Aristotle Shropshire (12), trainer Julia Brown. **Third row.** Joshua Conner (12), Larry Coleman (11), coach Desmond Wilford, coach Jimmie Foster, coach John Whitmyre, Lorenzo Bush (10), Nicholas Jacobson (12). **Fourth row.** Matthew Storm (10), Rafiq Kamal (12), Robert Bischof (12), Lonnie Long (12). PHOTO courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Alternative sport grows.

Rugby team unites with Creighton Prep

Player Perspective
BY Byron George (12)

Rugby is, first and foremost, a true gentlemen's sport: elegant violence. It was, by far, one of the most physically demanding sports that I have ever had the pleasure of playing.

Rugby was invented at Rugby College in England. When soccer players cheated during a match, they would have picked up the ball and ran with it. It is played on a field that is slightly larger than a football field, with a ball that resembles that of a bloated football. The game is played in two 40 minute halves.

The team is comprised of 15 players on the pitch (field), and 22 laws of the game and rules and regulations outline the game play.

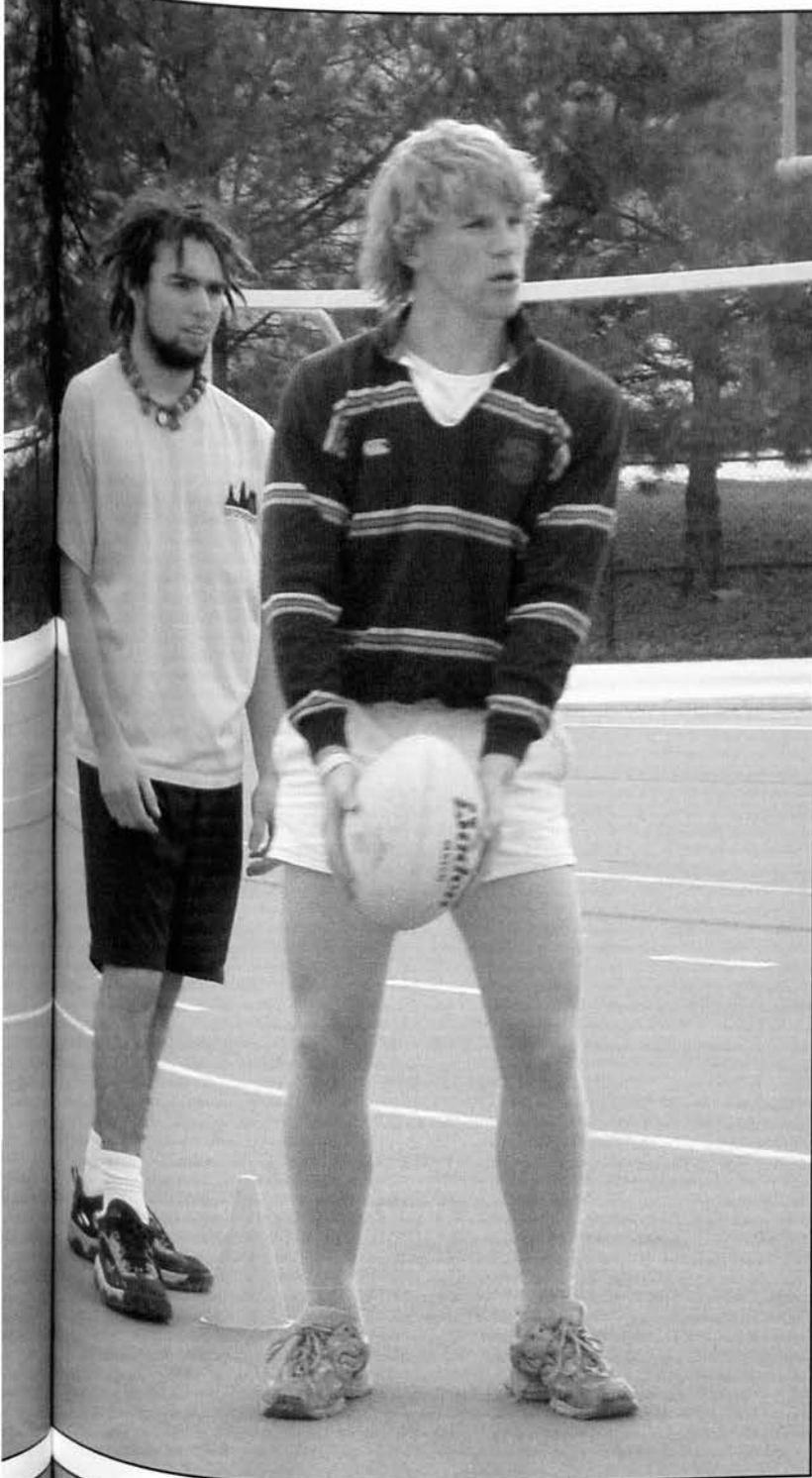
The Central/Prep Rugby Club had been playing rugby for over ten years. We played against other Omaha high schools

like Millard North, Westside, Lincoln Southeast, and two teams from South Dakota and Kansas. Our games were played on Sunday afternoons. We needed to have all of the fans out at our matches cheering our boys on to victory. The support that we recieved was very greatly accepted.

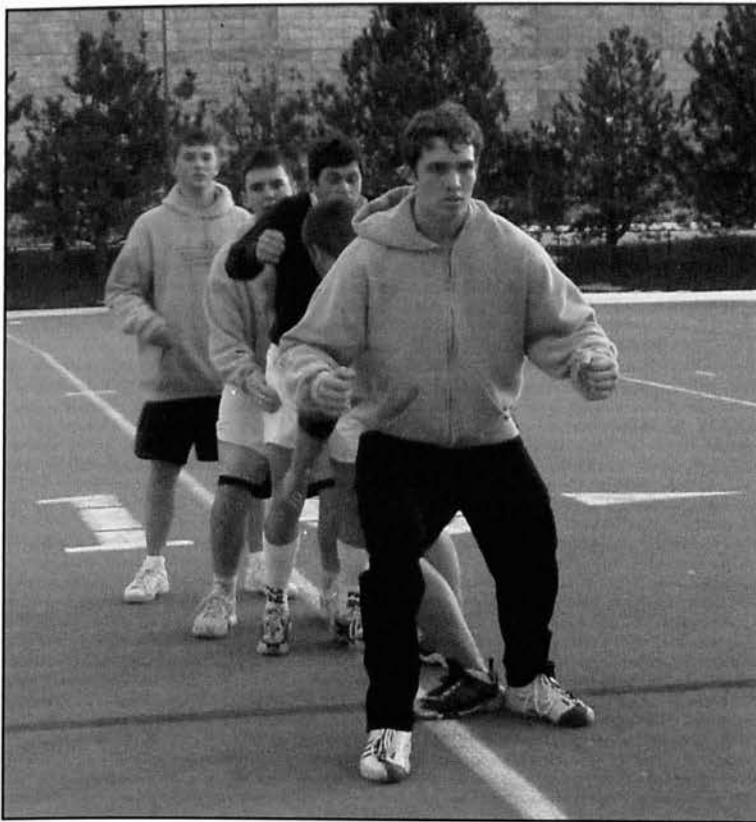
The Central/Prep team's name was Griffin United. We had that name because we were two rival schools coming together for a common goal. At the beginning of this year, our team looked to become a powerhouse and this year we did just that. We played good hard rugby. Our team trained over the winter and that helped us to get in condition. We are fit and hungry for the chance to prove just how solid off a team we are and always will be.



Rugby Team for Central and Creighton Prep. Front. Ben Beehner (CP), Matthew Brown (11), Jake Hansen (CP), David Becker (CP), Adam Deacon (12), Adam Buhrman (CP), Jeffery Hansen (11). **Back.** Christopher Tubrick (11), Samuel Comfort (12), Ronan Conlon (CP), Tomas L'huissier(12), Byron George (12), Dana Maher (12), John Lurnik (CP), Aaron Hellinger (CP). PHOTO Meredith Grunke



Left. Christopher Tubrick (11) is assisted off the field with the help of two teammates. Tubrick was slightly injured during a touch-rugby scrimmage on the turf. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

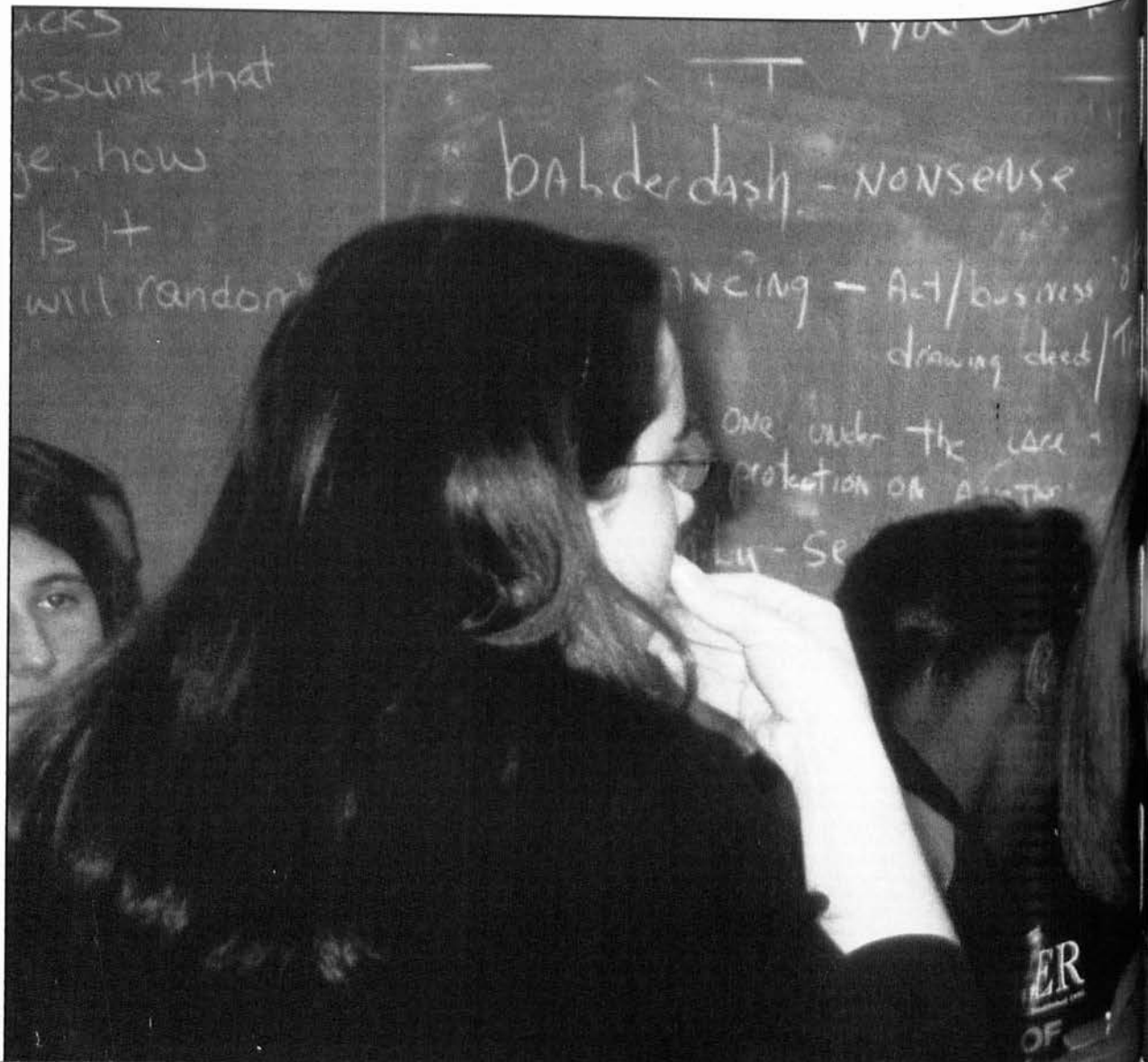


Above. Dana Maher (12) stands first in line as team leader Aaron Hellinger, from Creighton Prep, teaches how to run through line drills. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Above left. Byron George (12) instructs the team during practice on Central's turf, while Tomas L'huissier(12) observes behind him. George served as one of the team leaders, organizing practices and encouraging teammates. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

Left. Before practice, the team warmed up by running laps, stretching, and running through drills. These included passing the rugby ball and doing push-ups and sit-ups. Christopher Tubrick (11) works on his abs during one such drill. PHOTO Meredith Grunke





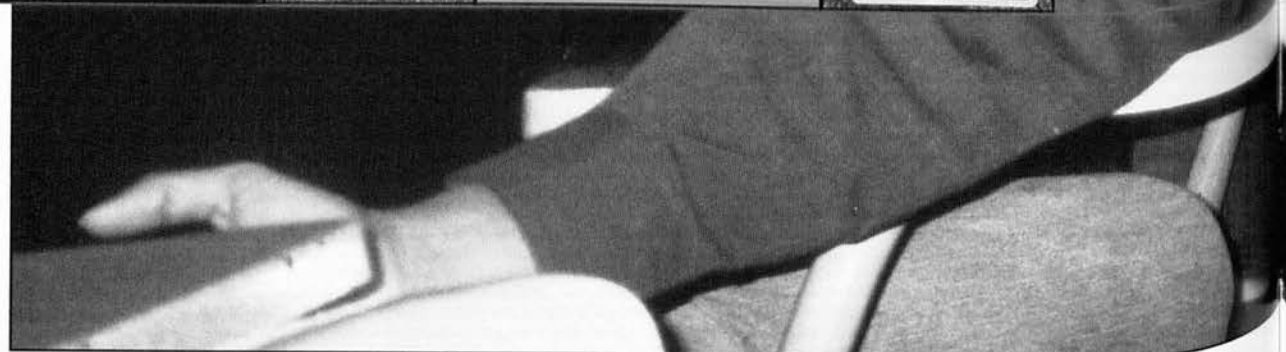
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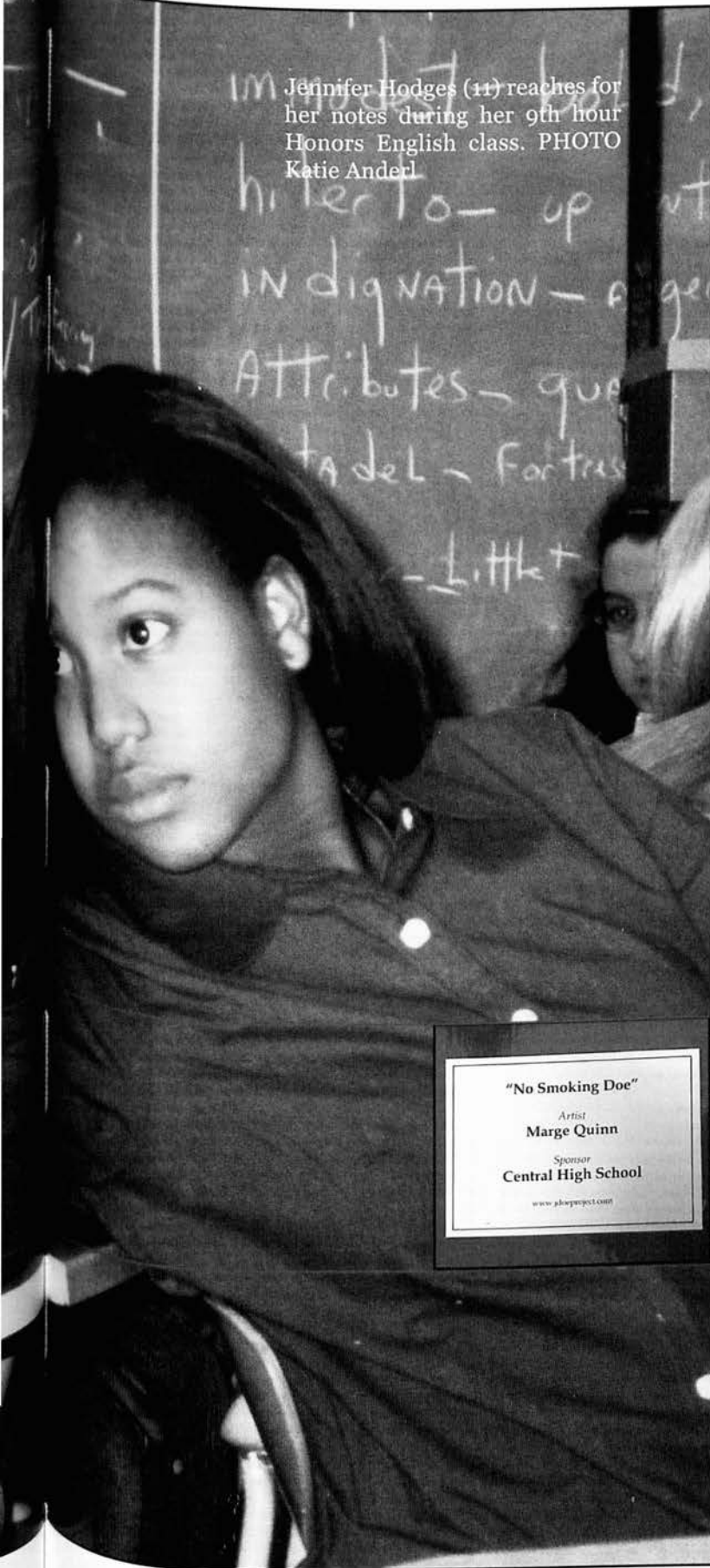
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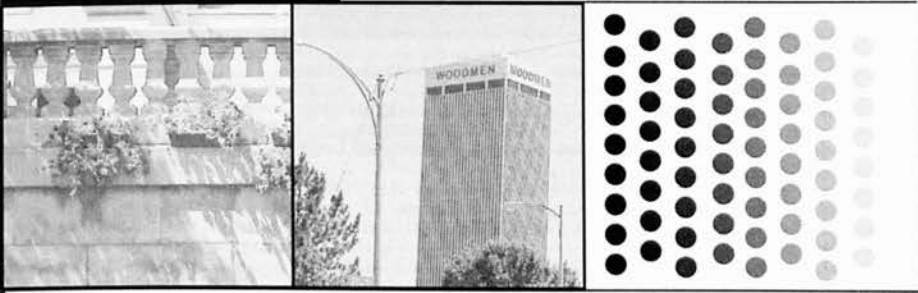
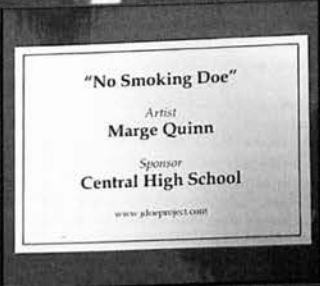


Jennifer Hodges (11) reaches for her notes during her 9th hour Honors English class. PHOTO Katie Anderl



signs of life.

People



Far left to right. Sign outside courtyard; Private parking sign in front of Senior lot; Janitor door. Sign in front of Senior lot; Sign on "No Smoking Doe"; Flower pots on South porch; The Woodmen Tower. PHOTOS Annie Walden

exchange students have *an* experience *of a lifetime*

Name: Lucas Claudio Clade
Gender: Male
Age: 17
Country of Origin: Germany
Why he wanted to be an exchange student:
"Because I was bored in my school in Germany and so I looked for something more challenging."
Favorite thing in America:
"I love all the movie theaters here."
What he misses most about Germany:
"I miss the German food."

Hi!

I am Lucas Clade, and I'm a foreign exchange student from Germany, one of four German exchange students and one of seven total exchange students here at Central. Like them, I got the opportunity to see and experience the American way of life. Of course, the first time wasn't easy. Central is a huge school, almost four times bigger than my school back in Germany. I did not know anybody here when I started and the language wasn't easy to understand. It is really a big difference between learning a language at school and speaking it all the time during school, at home, and everywhere else. But now after some time it is not that strange anymore. It is my high school and I'm proud to be part of it.

-Lucas Clade



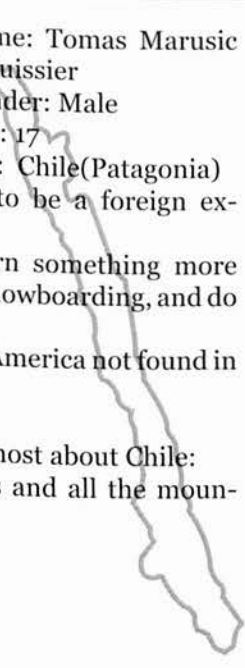
↓ Name: Napatporn Lekham
Gender: Female
Age: 18
Country of Origin: Thailand
Why she wanted to be a foreign exchange student:
"I wanted to see new things and to know a different life."
Favorite thing in America not found in Thailand:
"I like the freedom of everything here, all the things that you get to do."
Things she misses about Thailand:
"I miss the food back home."





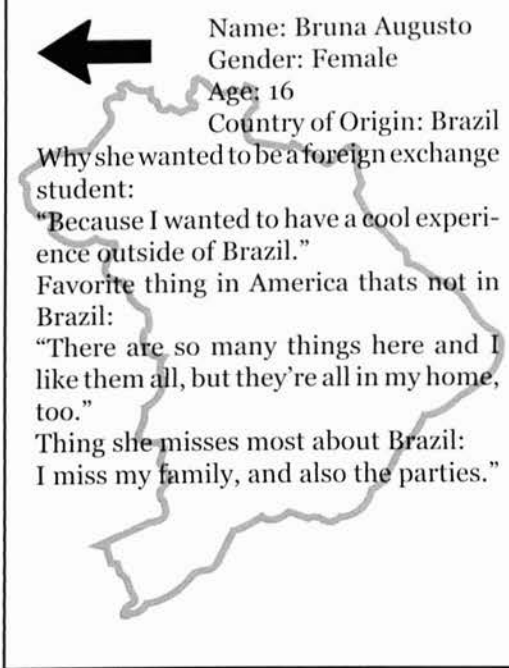
Name: Tomas Marusic
L'Huissier
Gender: Male
Age: 17

Country of Origin: Chile (Patagonia)
Why he wanted to be a foreign exchange student:
"I wanted to learn something more about climbing, snowboarding, and do other fun things."
Favorite thing in America not found in Chile:
Hot Girls.
Thing he misses most about Chile:
I miss the parties and all the mountains.



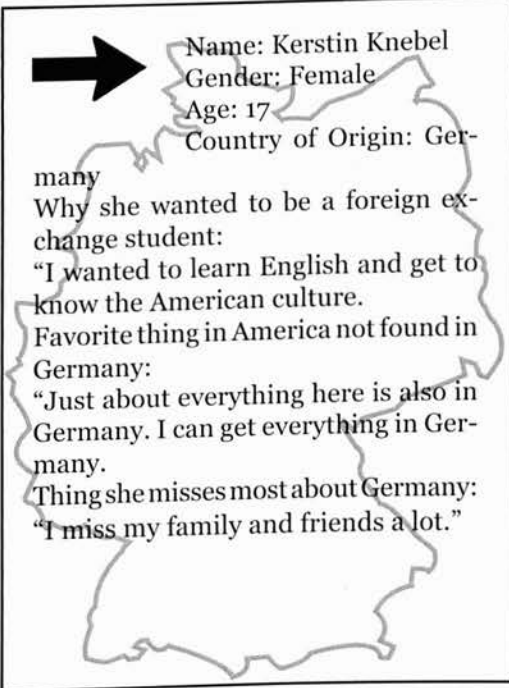
Name: Bruna Augusto
Gender: Female
Age: 16
Country of Origin: Brazil

Why she wanted to be a foreign exchange student:
"Because I wanted to have a cool experience outside of Brazil."
Favorite thing in America that's not in Brazil:
"There are so many things here and I like them all, but they're all in my home, too."
Thing she misses most about Brazil:
I miss my family, and also the parties."



Name: Kerstin Knebel
Gender: Female
Age: 17
Country of Origin: Germany

Why she wanted to be a foreign exchange student:
"I wanted to learn English and get to know the American culture."
Favorite thing in America not found in Germany:
"Just about everything here is also in Germany. I can get everything in Germany."
Thing she misses most about Germany:
"I miss my family and friends a lot."



Name: Stephanie Drews
Gender: Female
Age: 17
Country of Origin: Germany

Why she wanted to be a foreign exchange student:
"I wanted to improve my English and learn more about the American culture."
Favorite thing in America and not in Germany:
"I like the greater variety of people, activities and cultures."
Thing she misses most about Germany:
"I miss the many lakes and rivers of Northern Germany, I miss the sea a lot, too."



Name: Annemarie
Westermaier
Gender: Female
Age: 17
Country of Origin: Germany

Why she wanted to be a foreign exchange student:
"I wanted to learn stuff about a new culture, also meet some new people."
Favorite thing in America not in Germany:
"Burgers, there are so many different fast food places."
Thing she misses most about Germany:
"I miss mostly my family and friends."



Out standing from the rest. *senior superlatives*

From a poll of the senior class.

➔ Most Spontaneous



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Most Intelligent



Julia Anderson

Most Likely to be President



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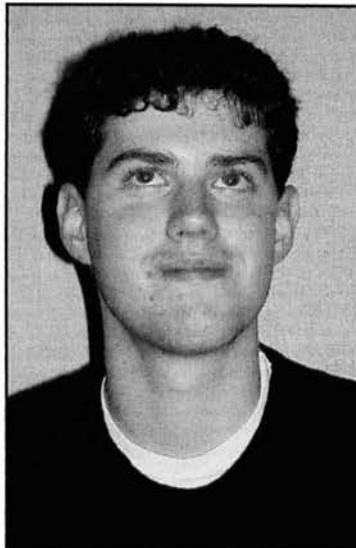
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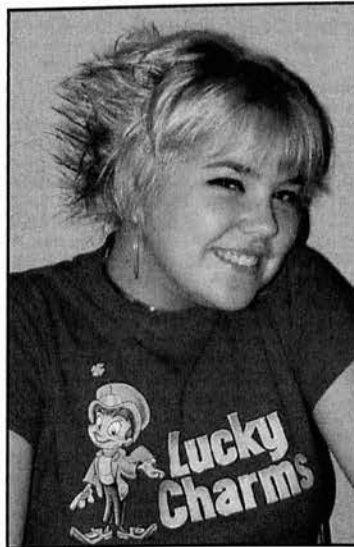
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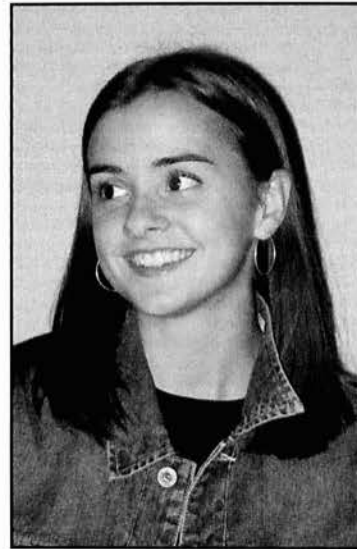
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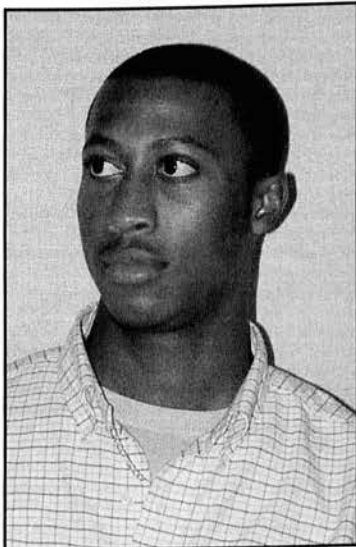
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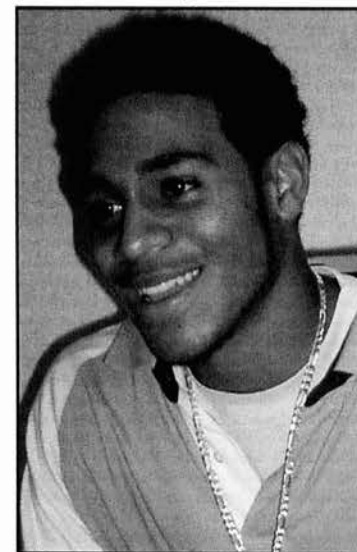
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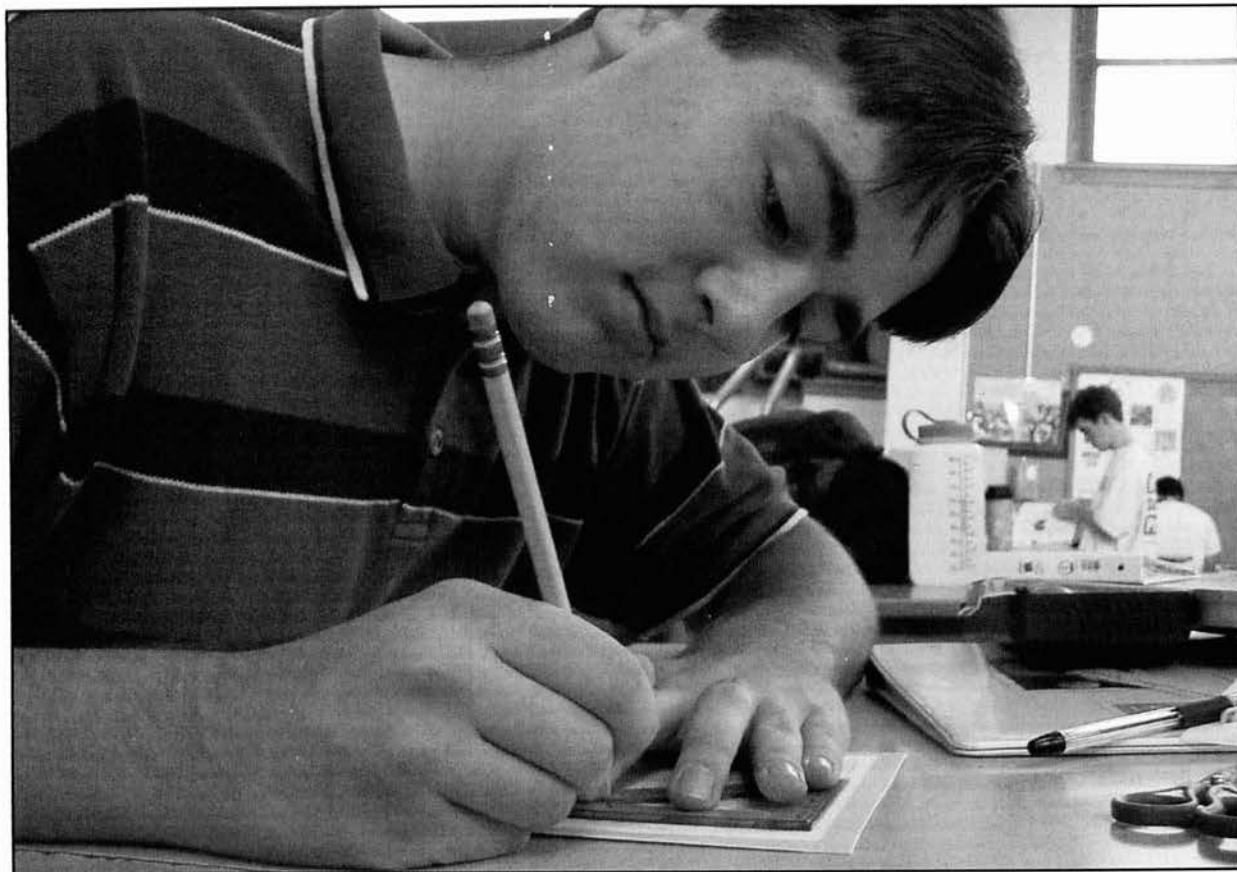


Chase Billotte



David Newson

prestige from his creativity.



Above. Andrew Hofmann (12) concentrates on drawing the grid just right in his 4th hour Studio Art class.
PHOTO Mike Zhang

BY Mike Zhang

Andrew Hofmann (12) was getting more excited every moment, as Dr. Heinrich, art department chair at Dana College, went down the list of names calling them out.

Finally, after all the time and energy he's put in his artwork, his name was called and Hofmann became a Silver Key winner at the 2001 Nebraska Scholastic Art Competition.

"I was really excited when I heard that I had won that silver key," he said. "It's a great honor and I'm glad I was chosen for it."

Hofmann has been interested in drawing and the arts since he was just a little kid in elementary school. He used to draw imitations of cartoons from the newspaper to practice.

As he progressed onto high school, Hofmann took art classes and really got interested. In the next two years, he completed Art 1-6. He took Art 7-8 and Studio art 1-2 this year.

"It's great that Central has a well-established art program, I've really benefited from it," Hofmann said. In Art Club, Hofmann was elected president of the Art Club this year.

"Andy has been really active in Art Club, he's made all the meetings," Margaret Quinn, art teacher, said. "He's been very active, helping all the time with projects, especially with the mural work that we're doing on the library."

Aside from taking classes at school, Hofmann has taken several workshops on art and drawing, including a cartooning class at Metro Community College.

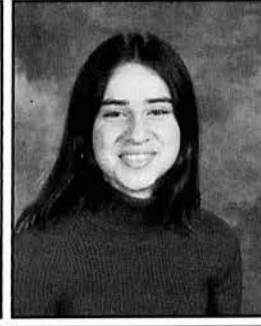
"I also job shadowed some local artists and the Joslyn through a program called the Omaha Cultural and Academic Exchange," Hofmann said.

"My plans for after high school are probably to go to college and major in architecture and design," Hofmann said. "Maybe I'll minor in art, maybe."





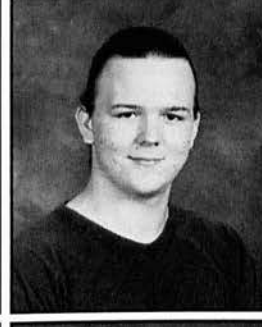
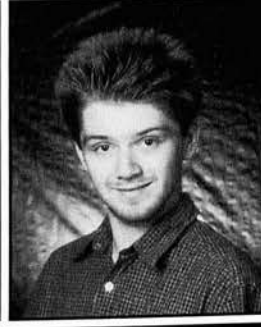
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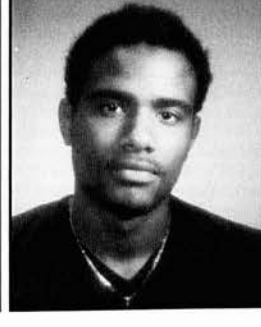
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singing his way taking of the stage.

BY Mike Zhang



With sweaty palms, Braden Nelson (12) approached the list of casting assignments for the musical, posted outside the drama office.

"I was anxious all weekend and a bit nervous right before I saw the list," Nelson said, "but after I saw my name next to one of the lead roles, I was so ecstatic."

Nelson has participated in the fall musical since his freshmen year. He worked his way up from just being a seaman in the musical "South Pacific" to being one of the lead character for this year's musical, "Brigadoon."

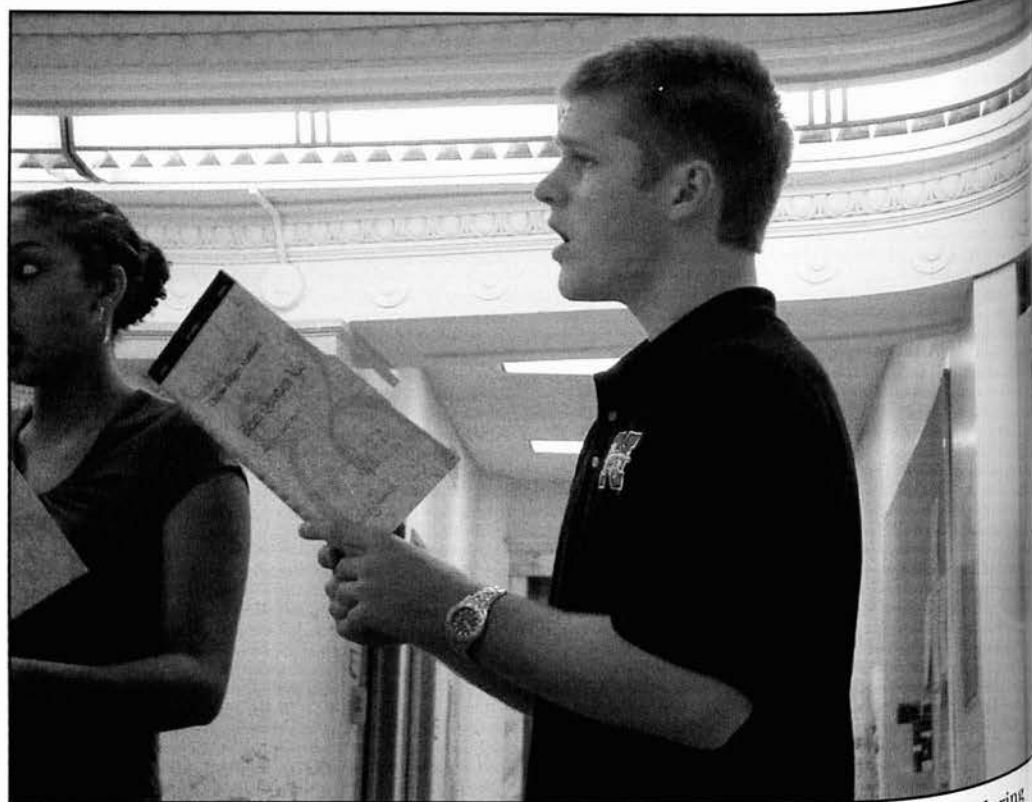
"I started my musical career in first grade by playing the piano, then I stopped in eighth grade and started to play the guitar," Nelson said. "That was probably the time when I got really interested in music."

When Nelson came to Central in the fall of 1998, he found something else that had sparked an interest in him. He found the drama department.

"My brother was in all the plays and musicals, I saw that and tried out for the spring play, 'You Can't Take it With You' and I loved it," Nelson said.

Ever since then he has been active in the drama and music departments.

"I like it because it's something



Above. Braden Nelson(12) carefully sings his part of the song in a CHS Singers practice which was during third hour. PHOTO Mike Zhang

I can do well without spending all my time on it," Nelson said. "Plus, all my friends are involved, which really makes it fun."

Nelson has been in A Cappella for the past four years and CHS Singers for the past three years.

He has also been involved in all the Roadshows, musicals and spring plays since his sophomore year.

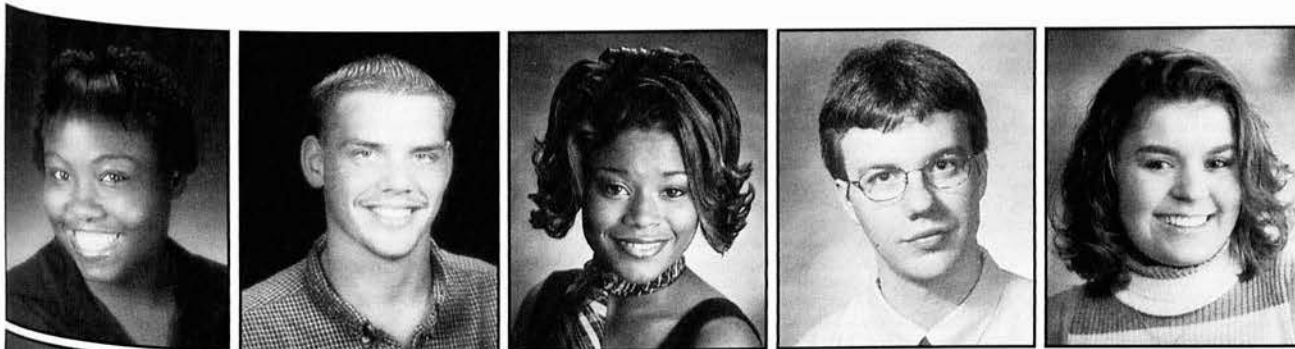
All members of his family are lovers of music. Both his siblings

were active in shows at Central.

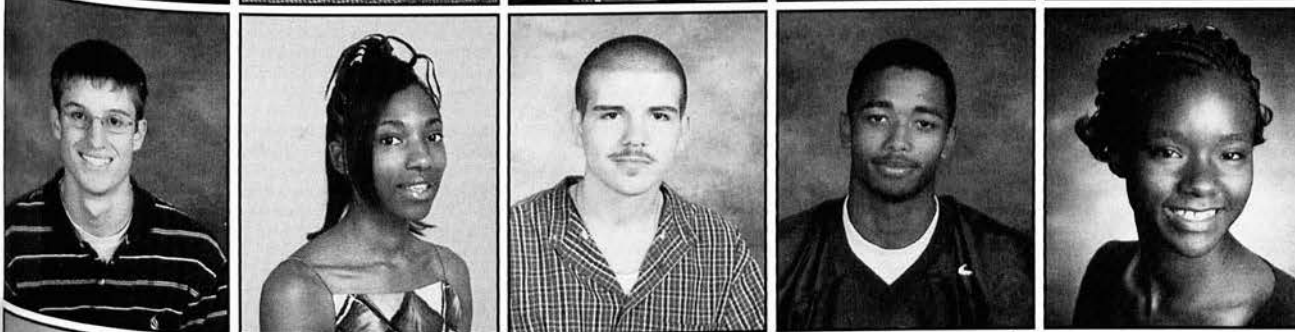
"Their love of music just rubbed off on me," Nelson said. "I wanted to follow in their footsteps as musicians and actors."

Nelson said he hoped that after high school he will be able to keep practicing guitar and piano and sing in a college choir.

"As far as majors go, though," he said, "anything with music is just a hobby."



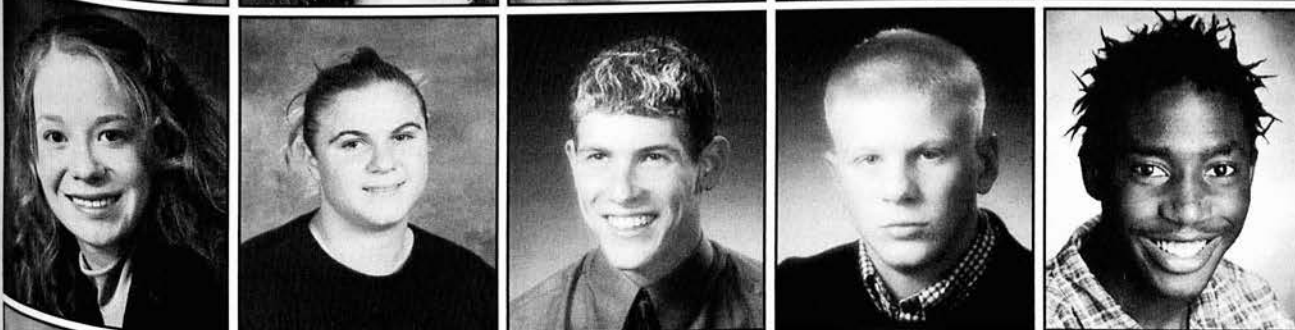
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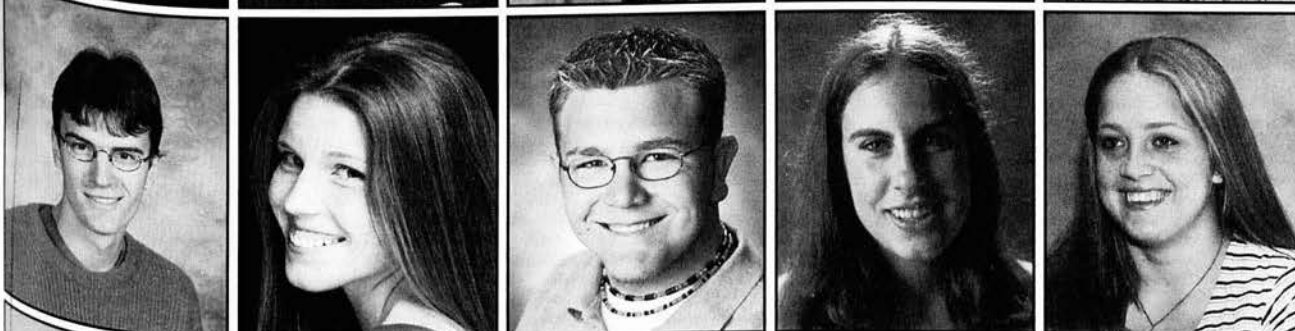
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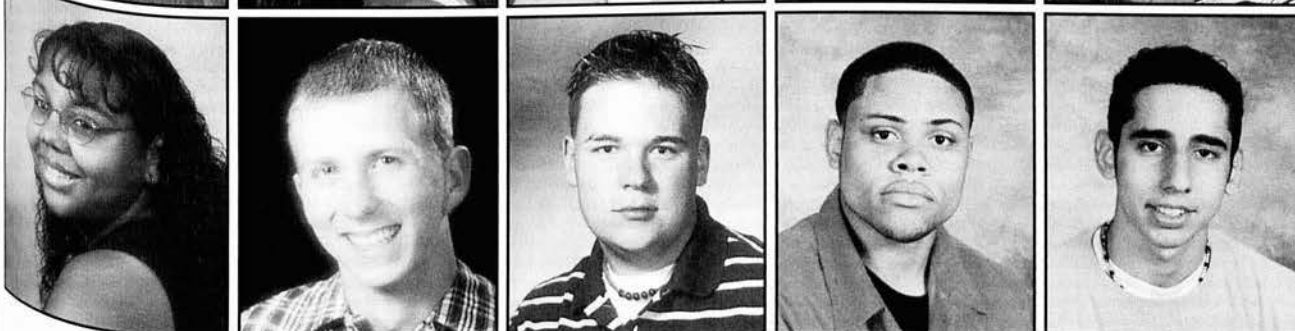
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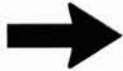


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BY J.V. Dorsey



Jonathan Kodera (12) spent all four of his years at Central diligently working to build a good foundation for the forensics team.

"I joined the team because my friend Joe Meyer (12) had and he said that it was cool... it was really all by accident," Kodera said.

It was no accident that he stayed, though. Kodera has gone on to be a top-ranked (after state the best speakers are ranked according to score) speaker and became co-president of the team.

"I was co-president with Andrew Maxey. He ran the business aspect of the team. Myself? I ran the artistic aspect of it. I helped the performers find and build on different works," he said.

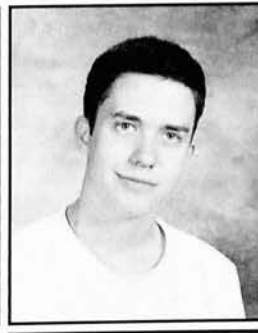
Kodera said the best thing about being on the team was competing.

"That's really what it (forensics) was all about. Performance," he said.

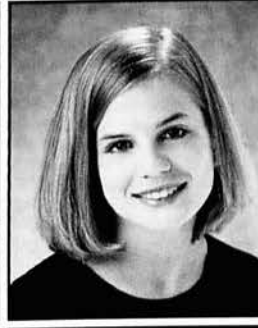


Above. Jonathanβ Kodera (12) practices his lines during dress rehearsal for the fall musical. PHOTO Mike Zhang

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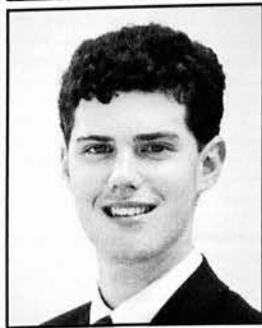
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BY Mike Zhang



Rafiq Kamal (12) first learned how to break dance in the basement of a local boxing club.

The year before Kamal's freshman year, when he was still lived in San Diego, he saw some people "breakin" during a 4th of July bash.

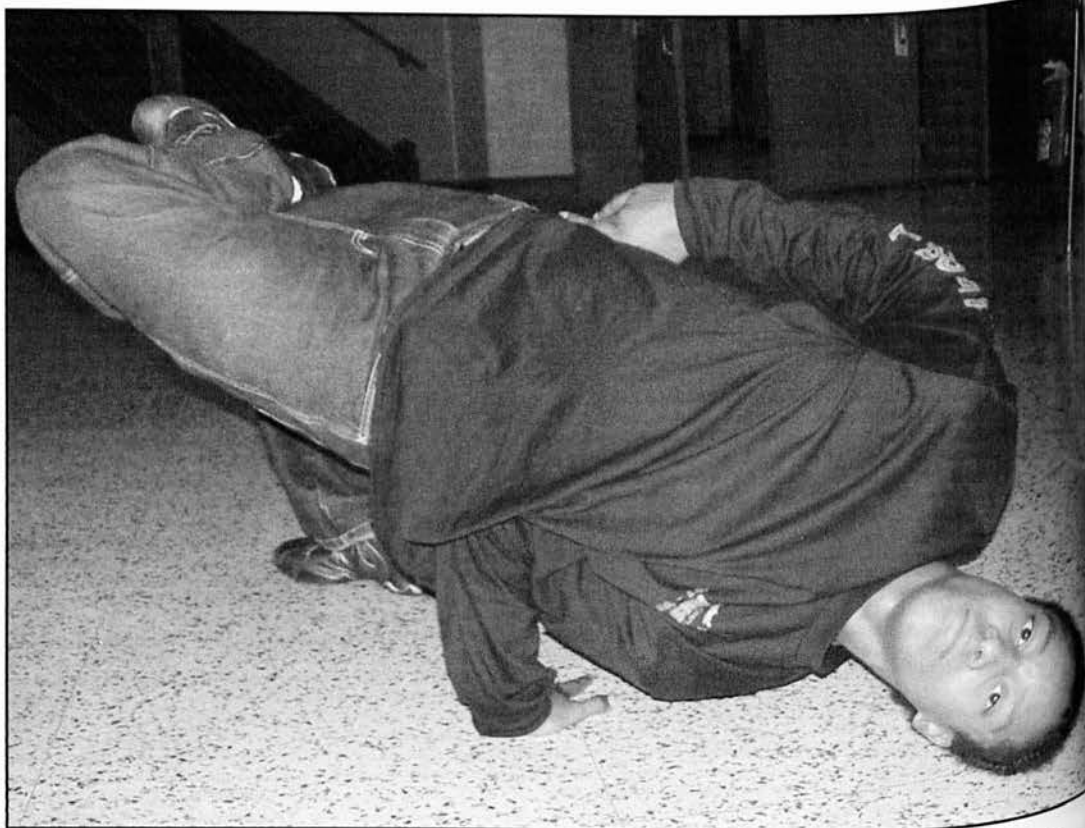
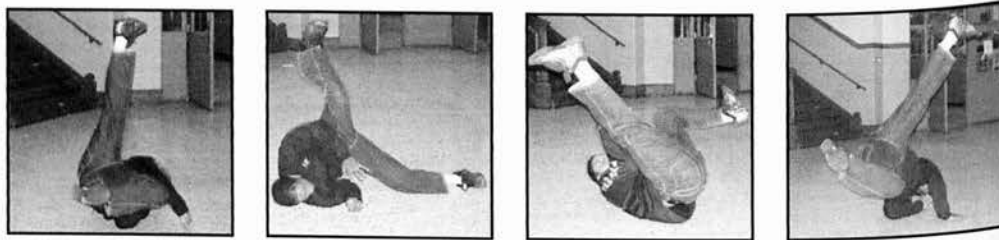
"I was really interested in it, I saw them dancing and I thought it was cool," Kamal said.

When he moved to Omaha, his dad worked as a ringside doctor to a local boxing club. The basement of that boxing club was a place where people break danced.

"Houston Alexander was the person that taught me how to start break dancing, we focused on learned the basics of it," he said.

There are many different ways to break dance. They include floor work, up-rock, battle-rock, and power moves.

"I learned the basics here and a lot of power moves when I went back to California," Kamal said.

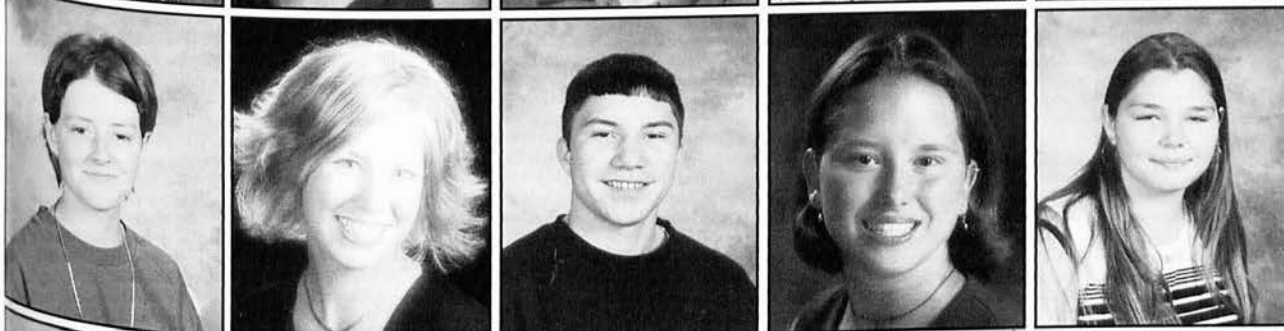


Rafiq Kamal (12) shows some basic break dancing moves. Kamal has been "breakin" since his freshman year. PHOTOS Mike Zhang

breakin' on the dance floor.



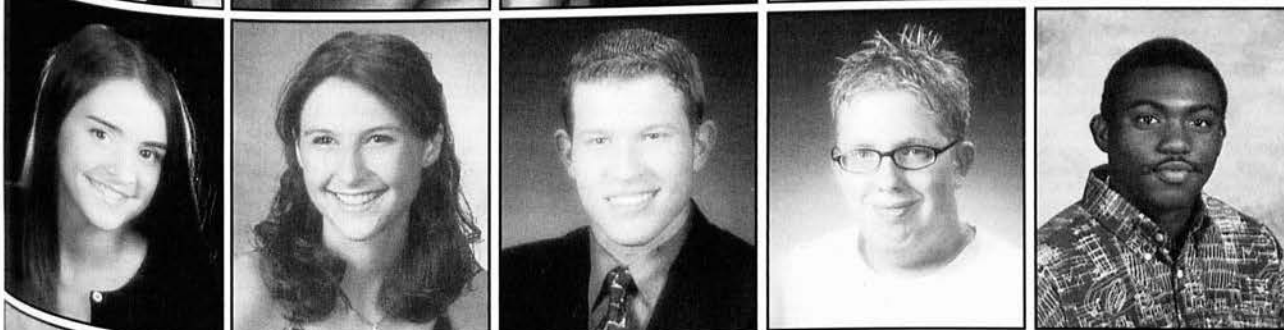
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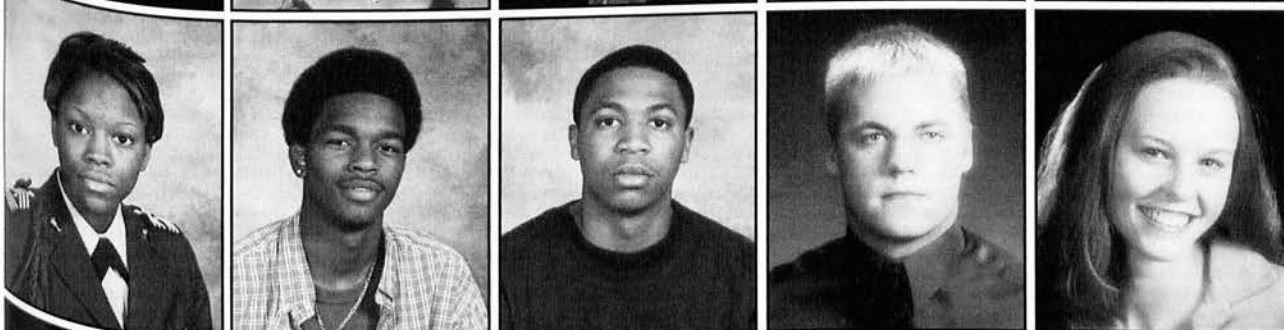
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➔ It took three years to get there, and they're finally seniors. Traditionally, senior year is supposed to be the greatest year of high school. But for some, senior year is not all it's cracked up to be. Three seniors told us some of the good, the bad and the ugly things about being seniors.



"The worst part of my senior year is that I still don't get to drive, and I have a curfew of 11:30."
Kristen Kruger
(12)

"Parking! Hooray for senior parking!"
Robin Dahlke
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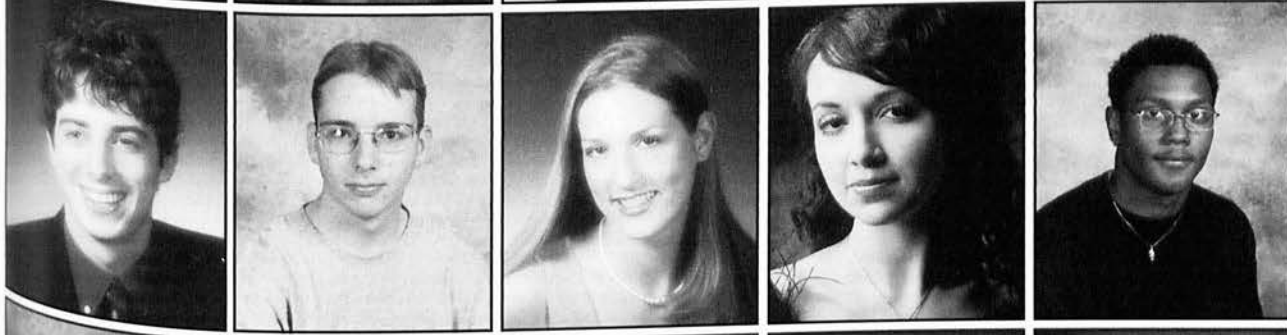
"You know everybody and that makes it fun because it is your last year"
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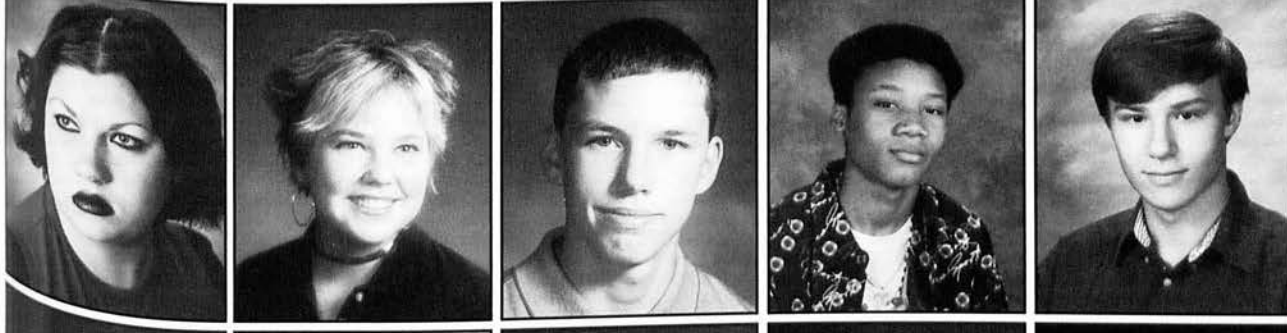
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BY J.V. Dorsey



Honor, respect, discipline and team work. Andrew Maxey (12) got a sense of this and more after becoming a member of the National Eagle Scout Association.

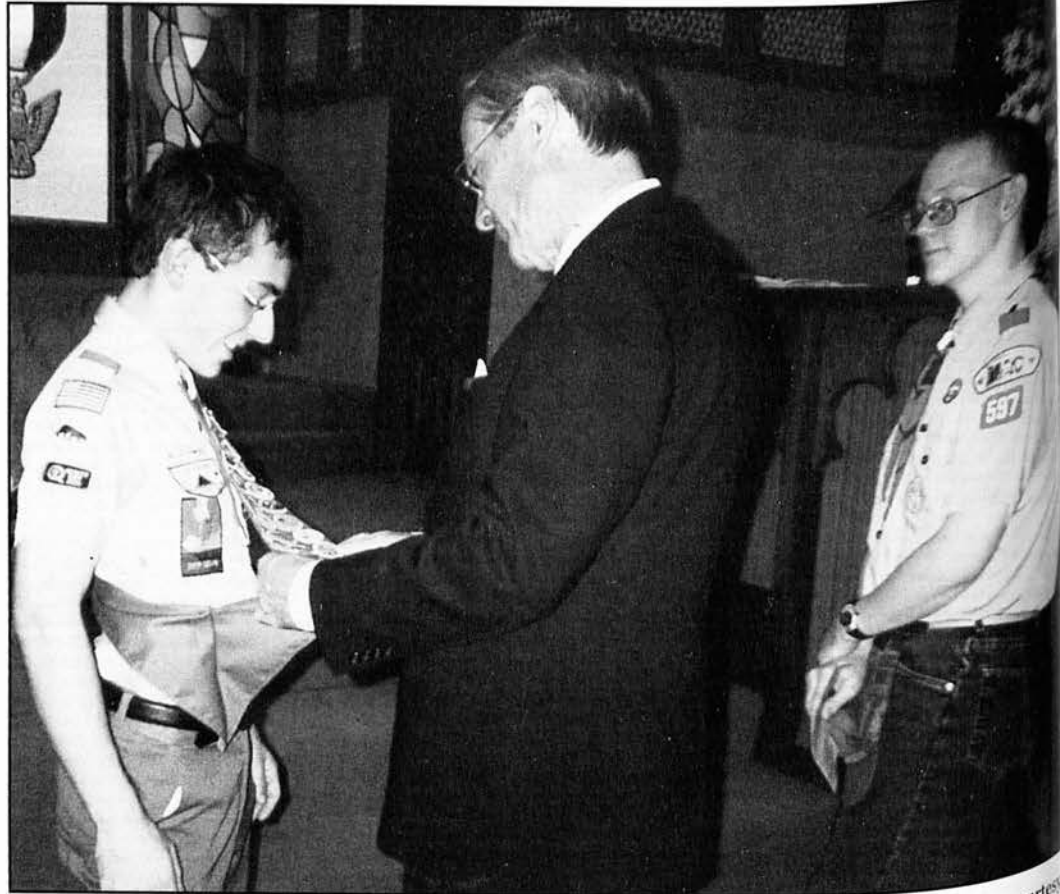
"I've been an Eagle Scout since Feb. 15, 2000." Maxey said as he showed his scouts' card.

He was considered a fairly new Eagle Scout, but has been involved with Boy Scouts for a long time.

"I grew up with it and I have always loved it," he said. "It gave me focus and it provided the guidelines for my life. Some people live by the Ten Commandments, I live by the 'Scouts.'"

He said it made him the person he was and the person he will be.

"I got to go to the scout offices. I am only involved in the volunteering and scouting, so it was interesting to see the professional side of the scouts. It made me consider working for the Boy Scouts of America after I finish school," he said.



Above. Mayor Hal Daub pins a medal on Andrew Maxey (12) for his recognition in Boy Scouts. PHOTO courtesy of Andrew Maxey.

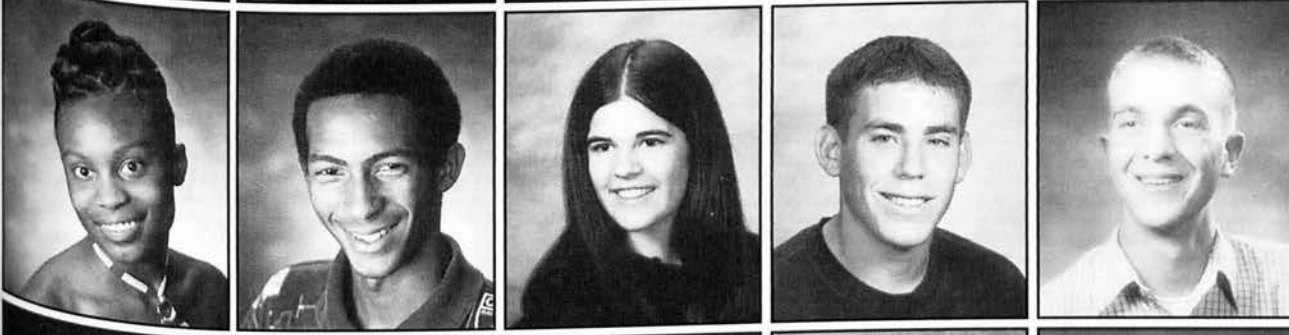
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By Mike Zhang



Wigs, costumes, lamps, accessories and other miscellaneous items, Jessica O'Neil (12) handled it all for the musical that the drama department put on, "Brigadoon."

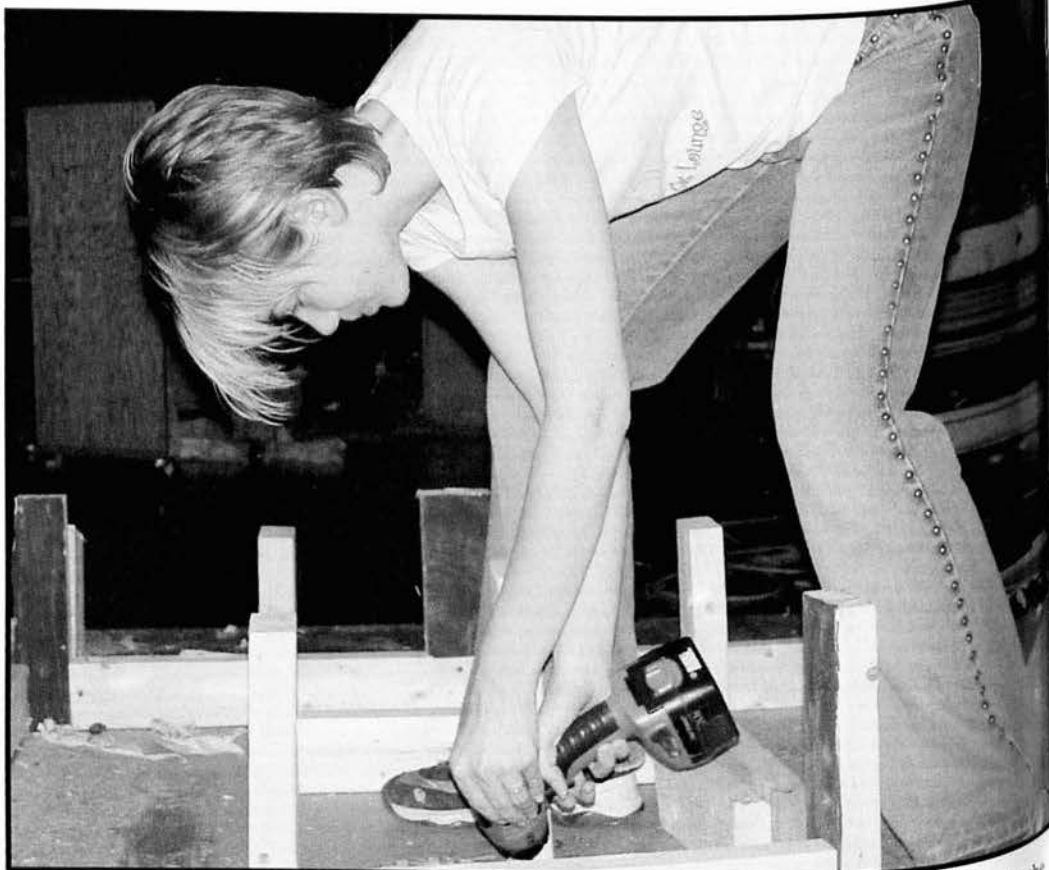
Her official title was prop mistress. If someone needed a wig, she was the person to find it, borrow it, make it, or buy it.

O'Neil has been involved in stage crew all four years of high school and done many different jobs for the different plays, musicals and roadshows.

O'Neil also said that depending on what kind of show was put on, she had different preferences on what she wanted to do.

For plays and musicals, O'Neil usually liked to do the lights or light board, and stage manager for roadshow.

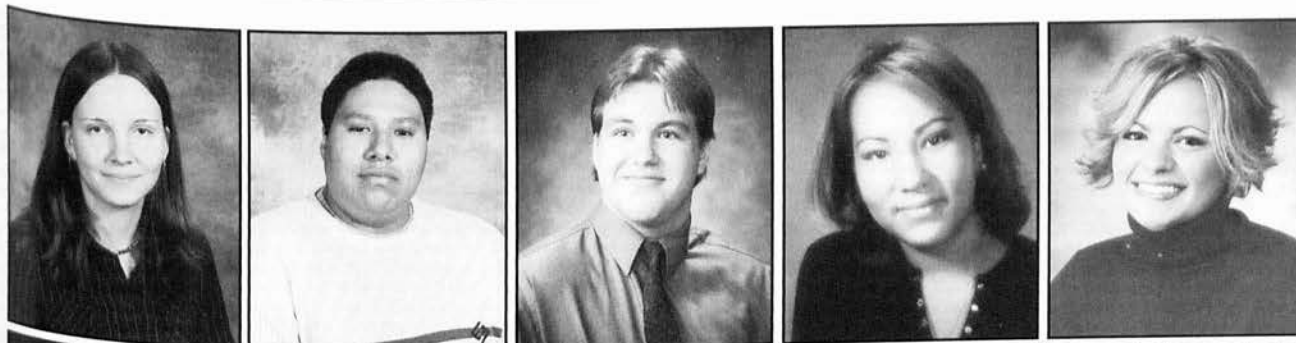
O'Neil also helped out the theatres around Omaha, working at the Millennium theatre at 16th and Jackson.



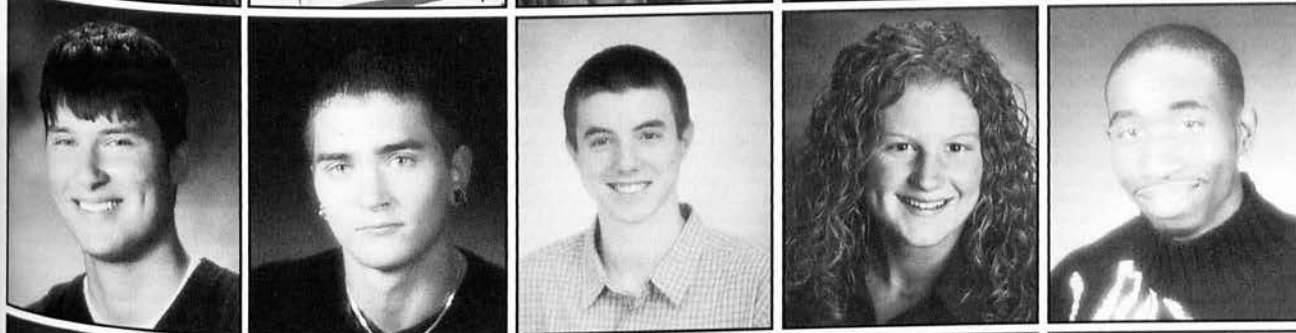
Above. Jessica O'Neil (12) unscrews some pieces of wood from a big wooden scenery prop that was used in the musical "Brigadoon." There were many pieces of props that were torn apart so they could be used again in the next drama production. PHOTO Annie Walden

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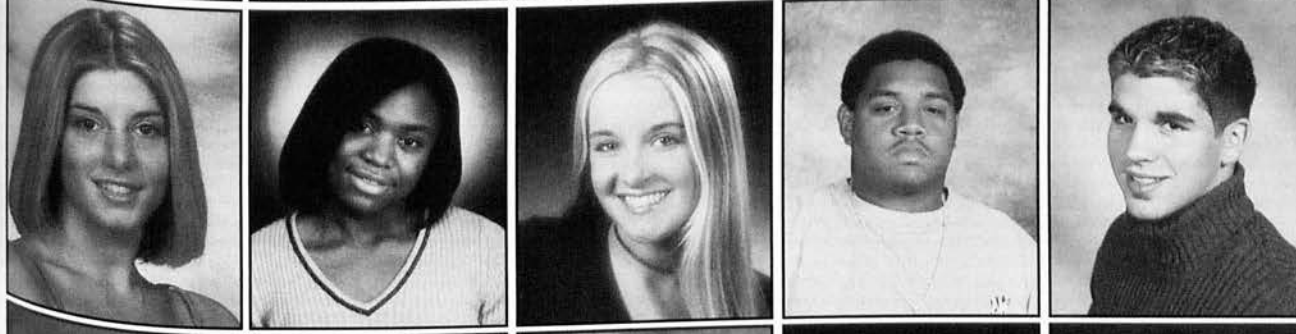
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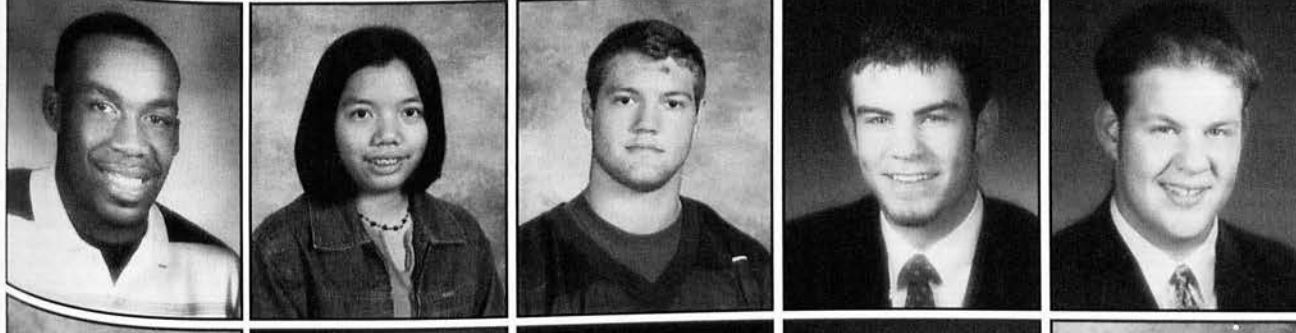
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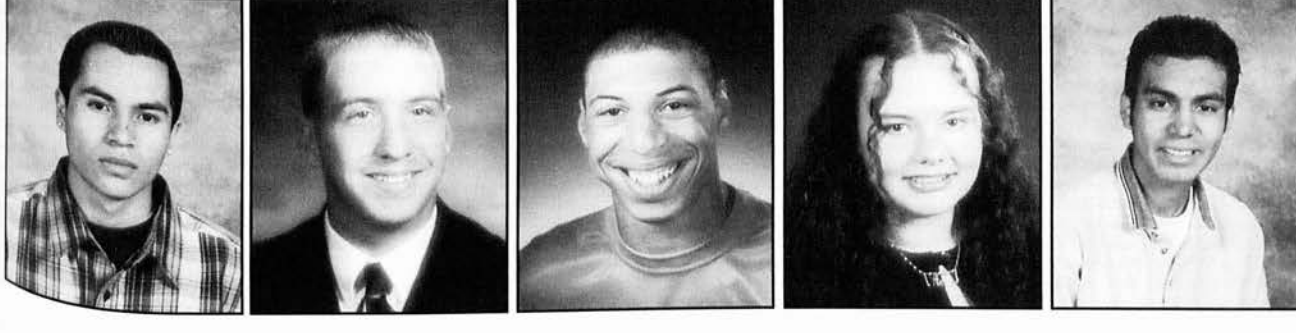
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BY J.V. Dorsey



Relentless was the only word that described the *Register* staff, especially editor-in-chief Matthew Wynn (12).

"My friend told me to (join the class)," he said. "He took me to (the adviser) for a recommendation and to register for the class. It was all just luck."

Being editor-in-chief means stress and lots of it.

"Everything's gotta be right. It sucks knowing it will never be perfect, knowing your task is futile but if you don't go for it you're screwed," he said.

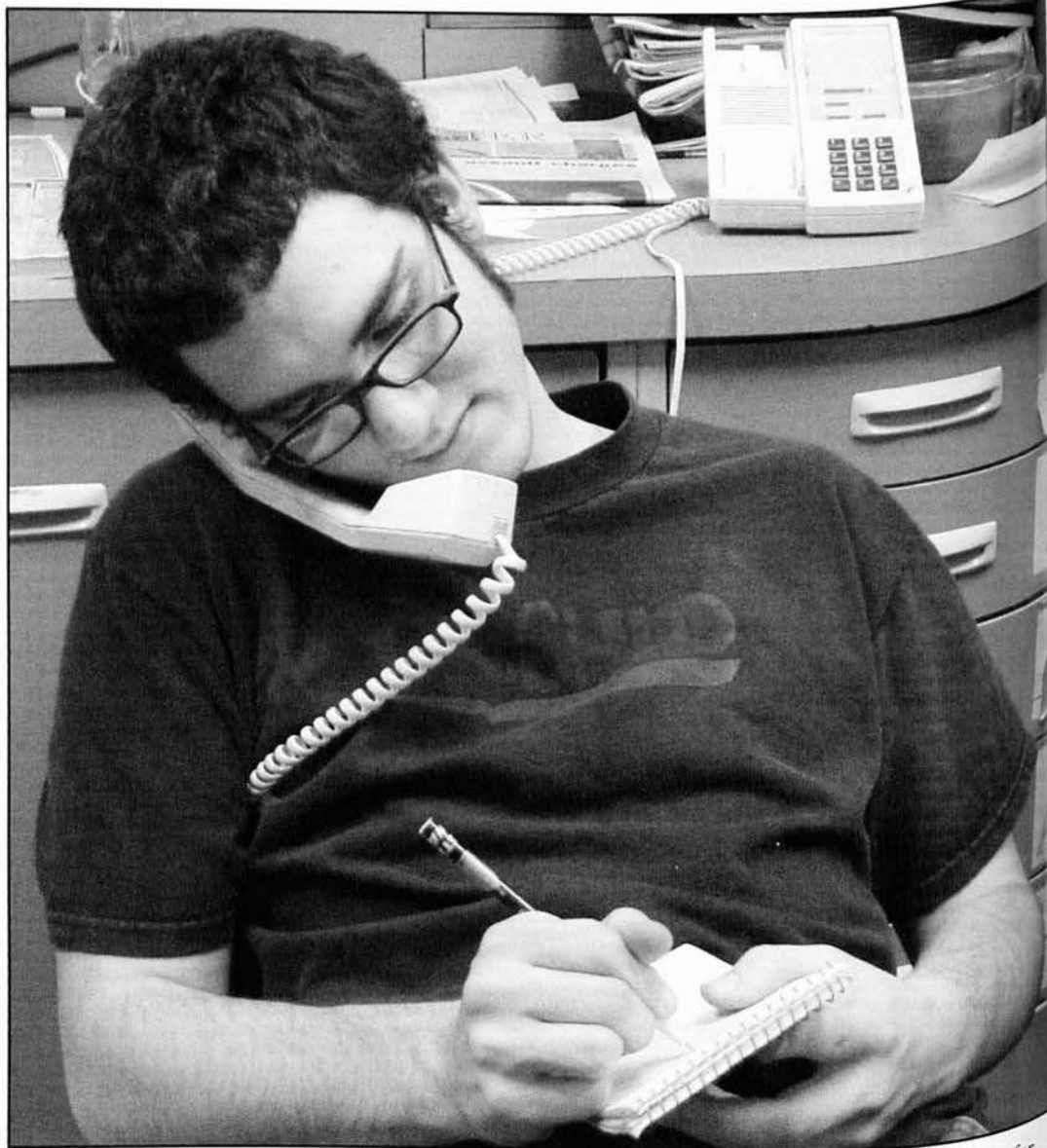
Even with the stress and deadlines, there was an up side to all of it.

"The best thing about it was winning. Winning number one in the country. Winning repeatedly. We went up (at the national competition) three times for first place awards...you can't beat that," he said.

Wynn said journalism gave him a focus.

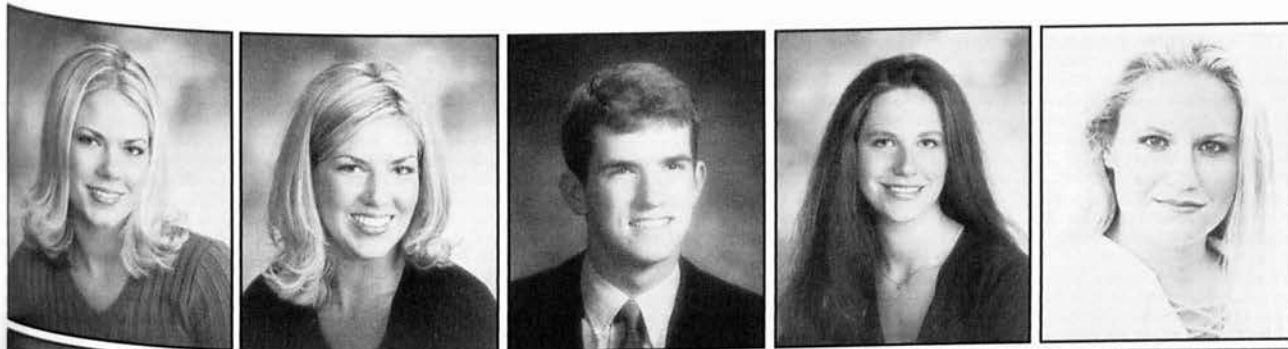
"Well, now I know what I'm doing when I get out of high school. There's a lot of stuff I used to do that I don't anymore. I have a purpose now," he said.

"I could do everything, I could write a story, take the pictures and lay it out. No other staff lets you do that. This was my ideal publication," he said.

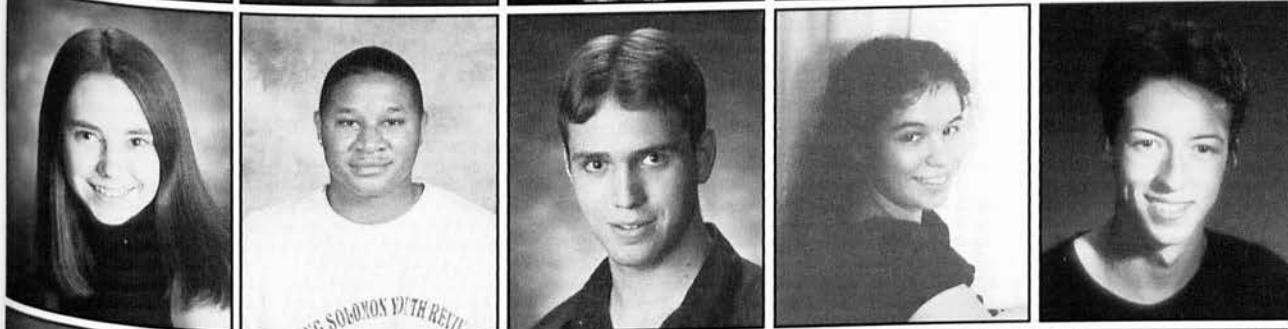


Above. Matthew Wynn (12) calls to interview one of his sources for the current story that he is working on for the *Register*. PHOTO Annie Walden

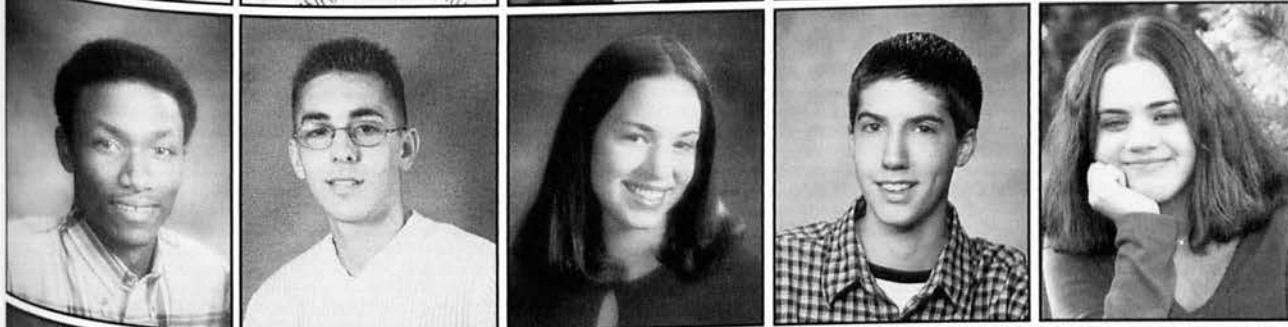
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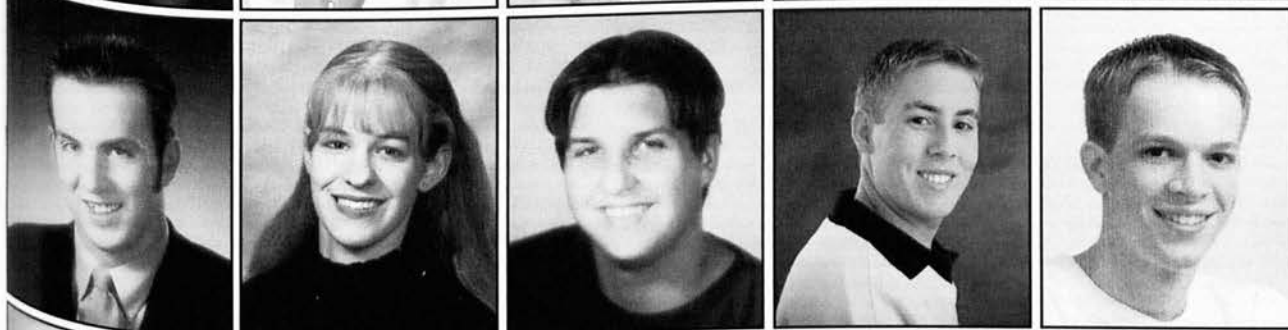
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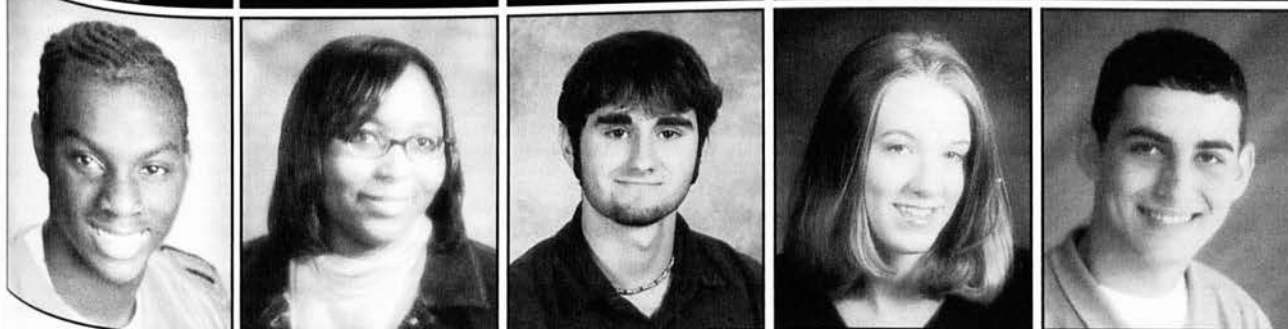
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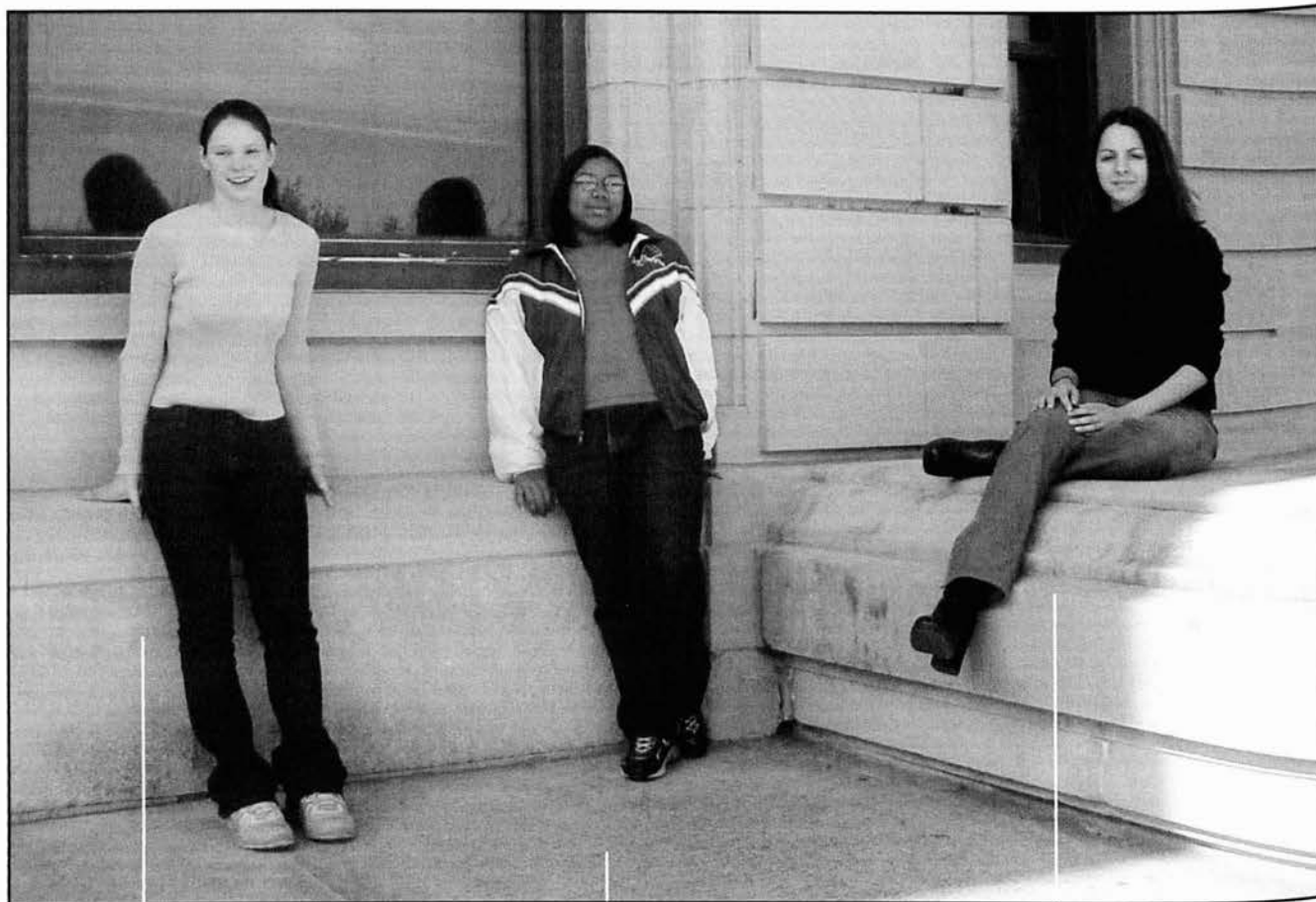
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With the privileges of being a senior, comes the drain of cash from your pocket. Is there ever enough money?



"I don't have a job right now, but I can't worry about senior expenses because I have a son. My mom helps me a lot... she paid for my senior pictures."

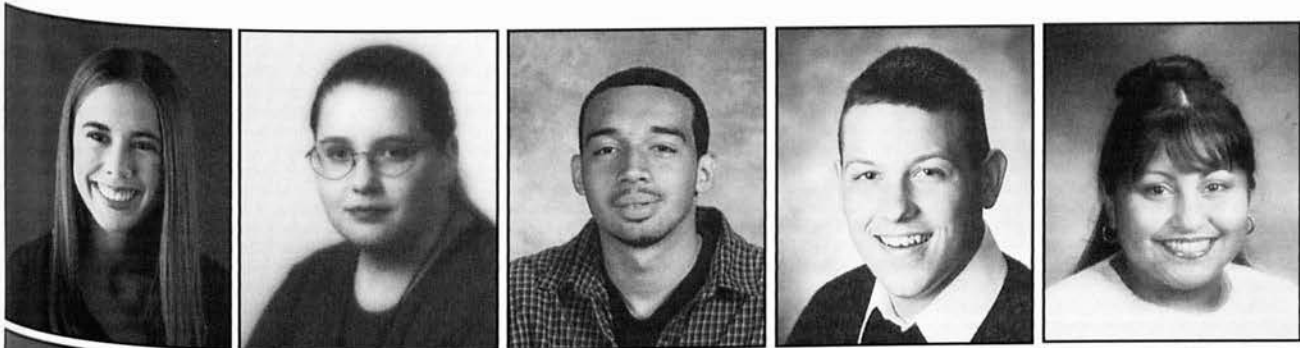
Alex Dillon
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"I work at Little Hands Work and Play Day Care so I can pay for most of it. Even with a job, senior year is still really expensive so my dad helps me a lot."

Crystal Oswald
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"I really pretty much depend on myself for money. When I get my check I make a list of the things I want and the things I need and go from there. Senior expenses didn't leave much room for the want list."

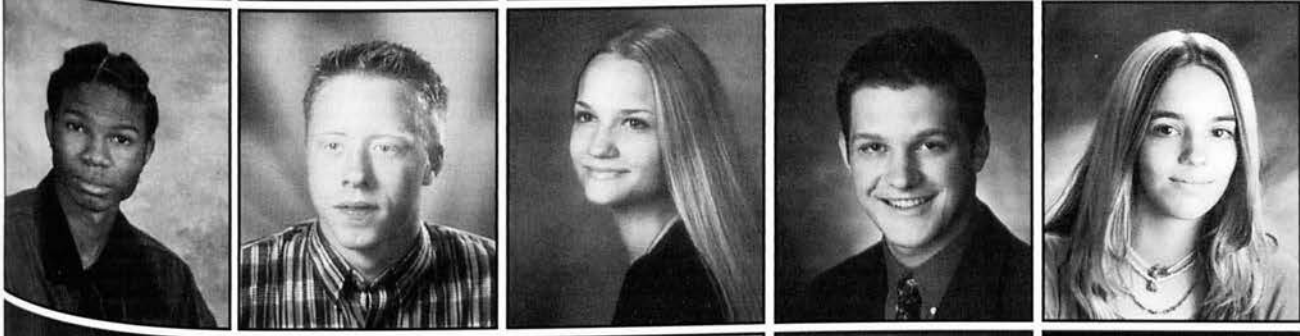
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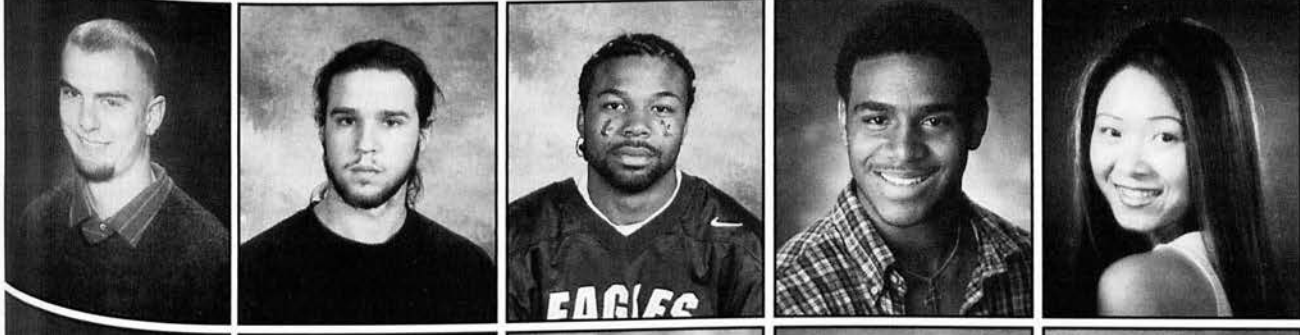
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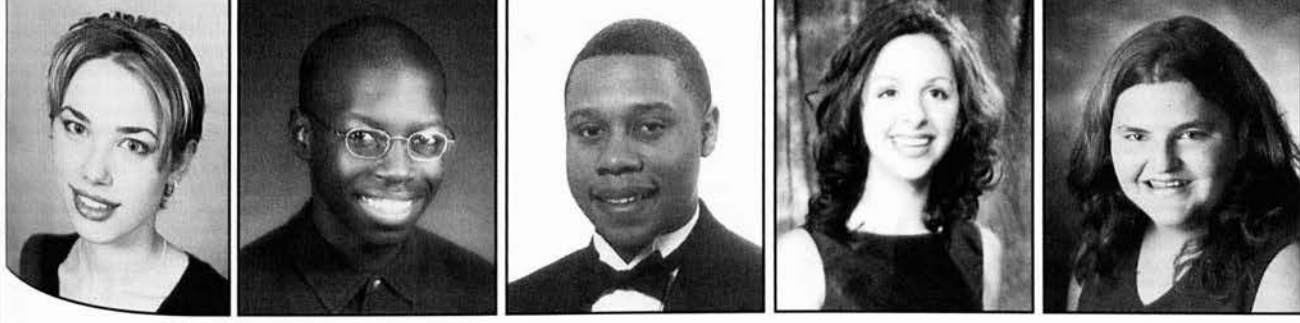
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challenges of lifeguarding



Above. Chapin Sellin (12) demonstrates the correct lifeguarding techniques with the help of one of the swimmers at Elmwood Park. Sellin worked at the Elmwood Public Pool for two years during the summer time. PHOTO Marie Engdahl

By Marie Engdahl

➔ "My first year as a lifeguard, I had a 20-year-old man jump off the diving board and all 200 pounds sunk to the bottom," Chapin Sellin (12) a lifeguard at Elmwood Public Pool said. "When your adrenaline is flowing, you can do anything. I saved him by using my training skills and strength to lift his head out of the water and pull him to the side of the pool."

Sellin's experience with saving a man's life is one of the many she has had throughout her two summers working as a lifeguard at Elmwood.

"Public pools are no country club, the public expects constant supervision, cleanliness, and professionalism," Sellin said. "The public sees everything and it re-

flects on the youth who supervises the water."

During the summer Elmwood pool had a total of 70 saves. The overall city had a total of 306 saves. Ashley Sellin (12) saved seven people. Chapin Sellin rescued 11 swimmers during the summer.

Emergencies action plan was a weekly drill used to test lifeguards on their attentiveness. Frank Ibero, a lifeguard instructor, went to the pool and set up drills with an outside guard. The guard faked a seizure or a spinal injury on the bottom of the pool awaiting the arrival of a lifeguard on duty who was unaware that it was not for real.

Along with her lifeguard duty, Ashley Sellin was a Water Safety Instructor at Elmwood pool. She

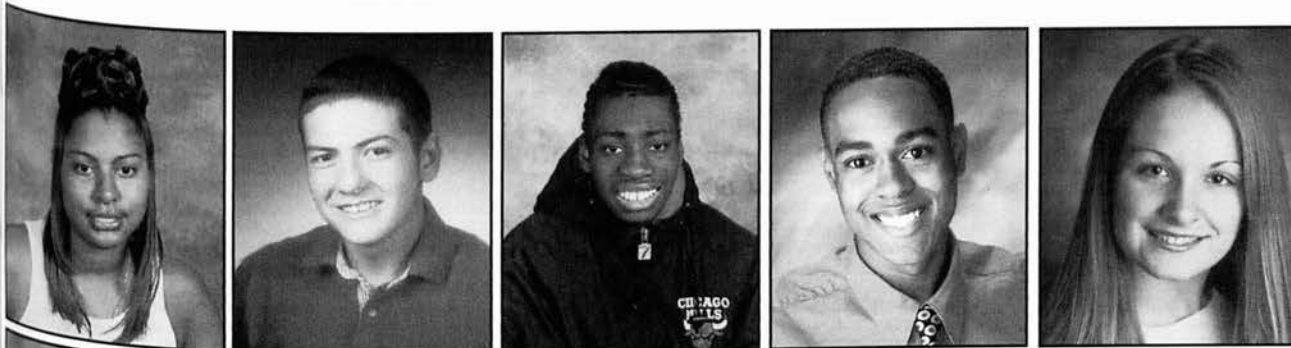
had to watch over and put together half-hour swim lessons.

Central students are not the only people who appreciated the staff at Elmwood pool, the city also commented on Elmwood's impressive staff.

"The city has ranked Elmwood as one of the best public pools in Omaha and has recognized how clean it is, along with its very professional staff," Ashley Sellin said.

Lifeguards put their all into making sure the pool meets its expectations.

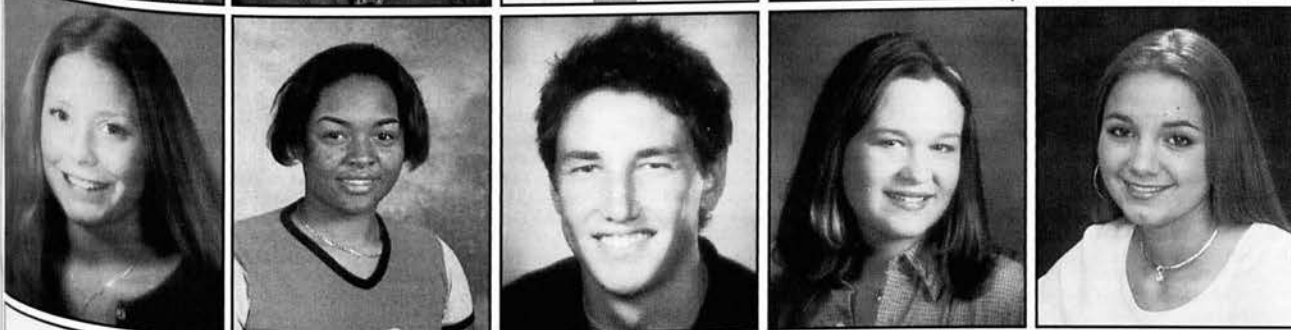
"Though many believe life guarding in the summer is an easy way to get tan, they do not realize all the hard work we have to go through to keep our pool a safe place and a fun place for both our staff and our swimmers," Ashley Sellin said.



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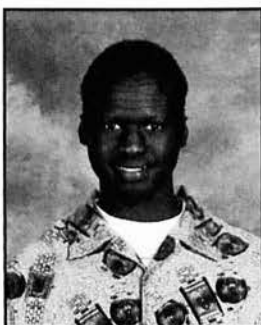
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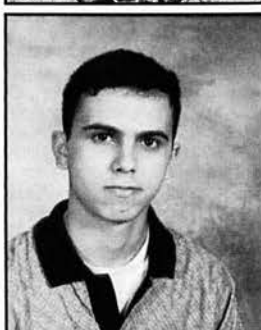
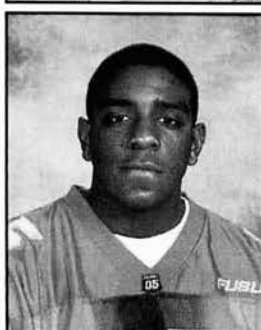
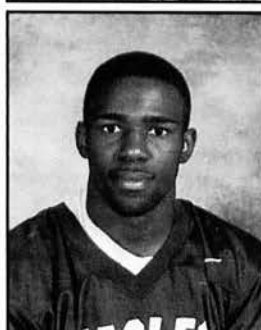
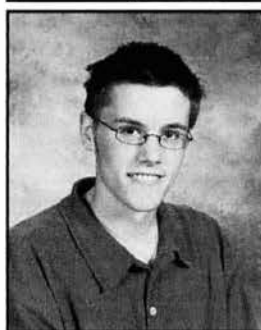
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 Rollins, Jamie
 Rose, Katy
 Ruach, Chang
 Rudd, Erik



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 Rush, Ernest
 Russell, Phillip
 Sahawneh, Tarigg
 Salgado, Isnardo



Voice of the people.

BY J.V. Dorsey

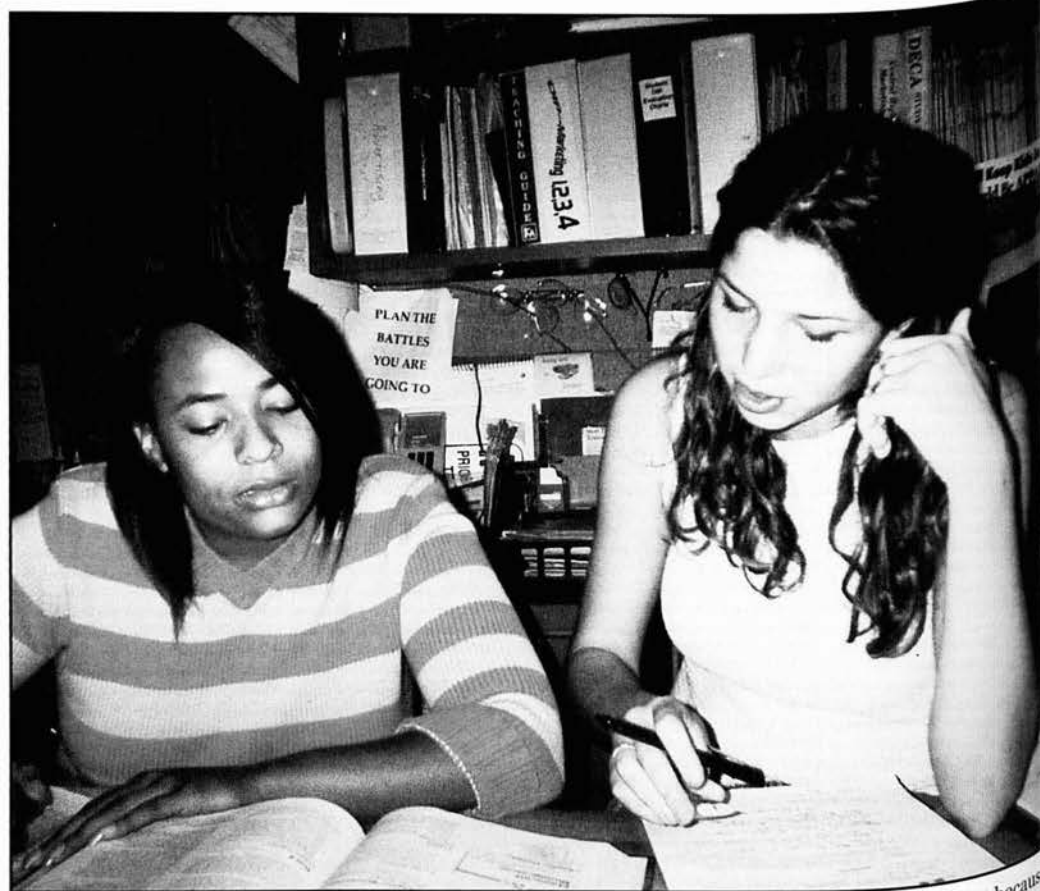


Speaking for the little people. At least that is what Karletta White (12) said she hoped she did as one of the senior class representatives for the class of 2002.

"I just represented the seniors. I like to have input on the things that involve me... things that deal with my school," she said.

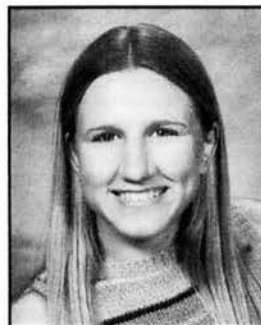
Getting things done and making people happy were among some of the many responsibilities for being the class representative.

"I felt so much pride when I found that I'd been elected. I am just so happy to represent my class. This year I got stuff done and tried to keep the senior class satisfied" she said.



Above. Karletta White (12) and Chelsea Dickes (12) study for a trigonometry test. White studied a lot because to be a class rep. you have to carry a high grade point average. PHOTO J.V. Dorsey

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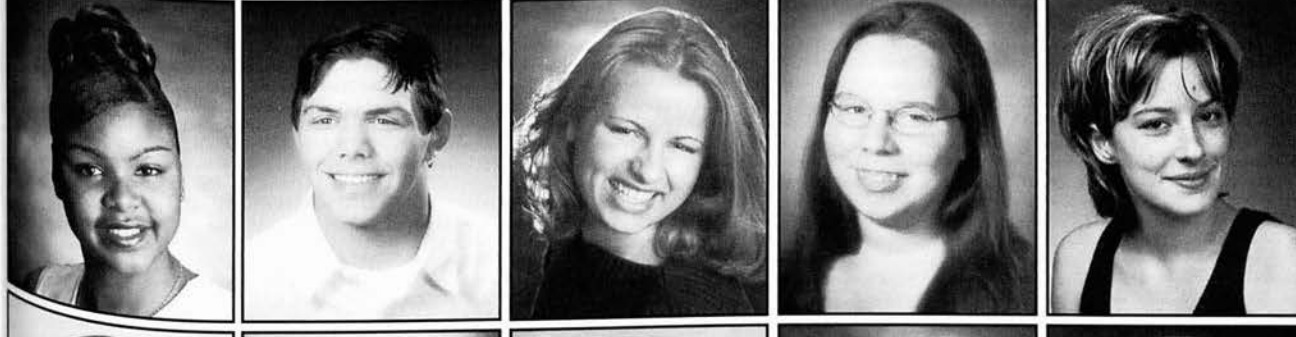
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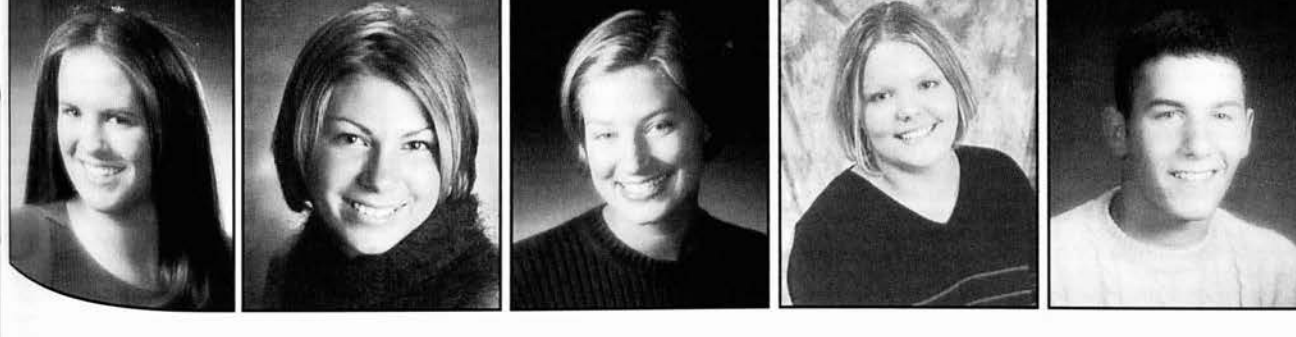
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Stennis, Aleah
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Stober, Jessica
Stoffel, Courtney
Stubbs, Kathryn



Sullivan, Jenna
Sullivan, Michalla
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Gardens, waterfalls and hay bails. Seniors experienced this and more while being photographed for their senior photos at studios across Omaha.

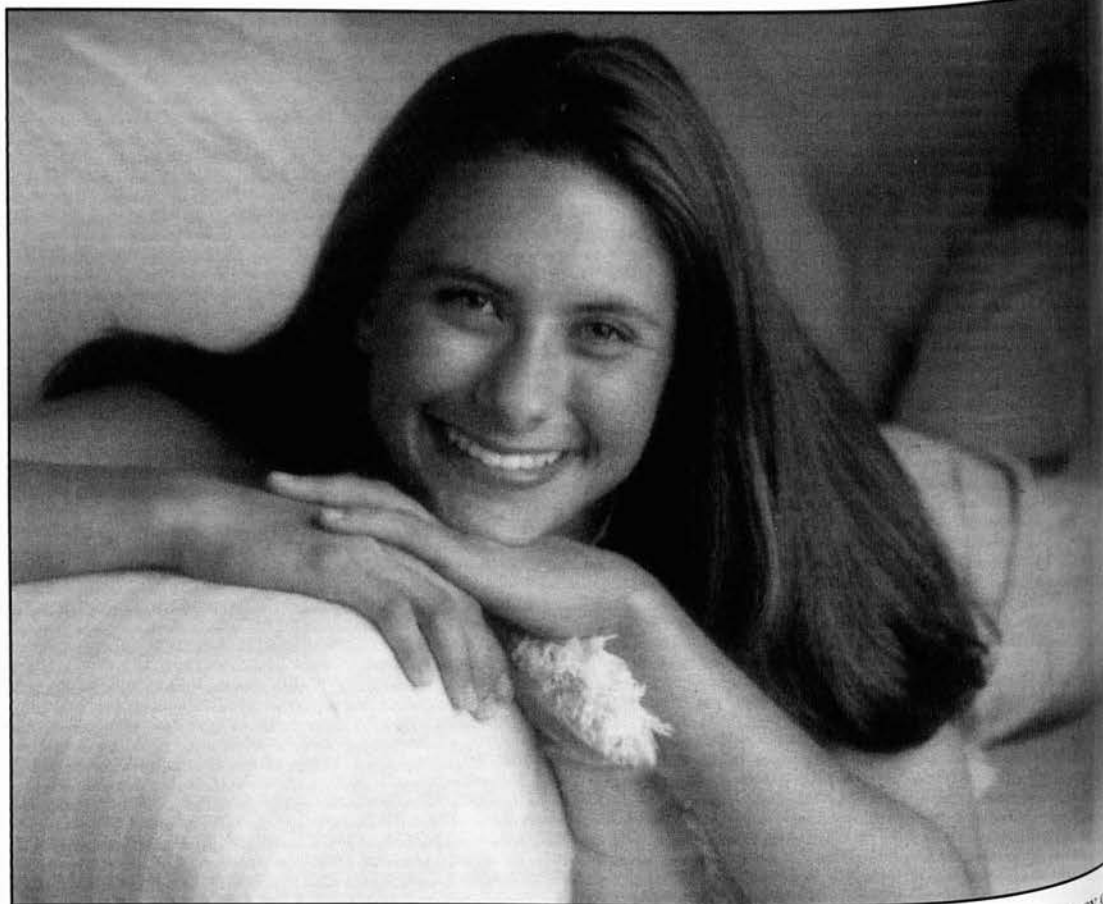
"I think it's the good service and nice pictures that brings a lot of (central seniors) here," Billy Clark of Arnold Clark's Studio said. "Over the years we've built a rapport with them. They know that they'll have fun and get quality pictures."

Elizabeth Dyer (12) said it was a good experience as a customer.

"I had a lot of fun. He (Clark) was funny and I like photography, so it was nice to see a professional at work," Dyer said.

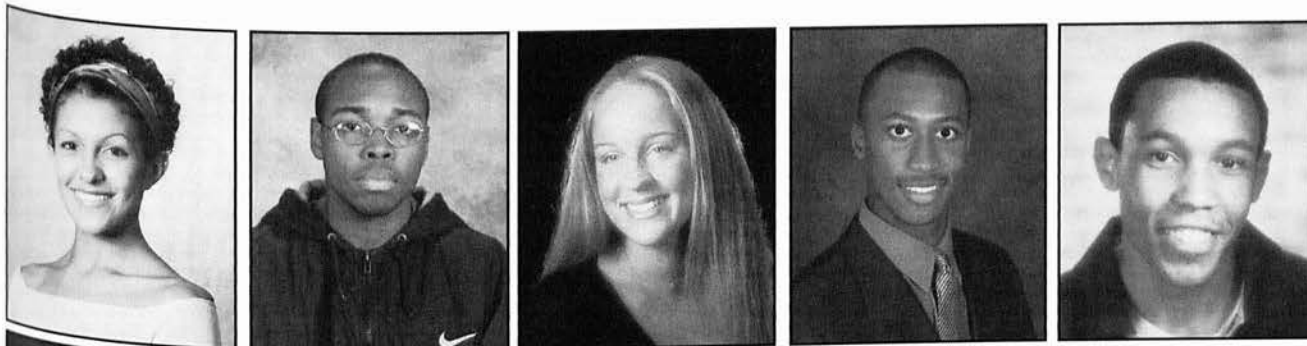
Over 100 seniors posed at Arnold Clark's.

"I would recommend them to anyone unless they are looking for something a little different. Most of the back drops are seen in everyone's pictures because everyone goes there," Dyer said.

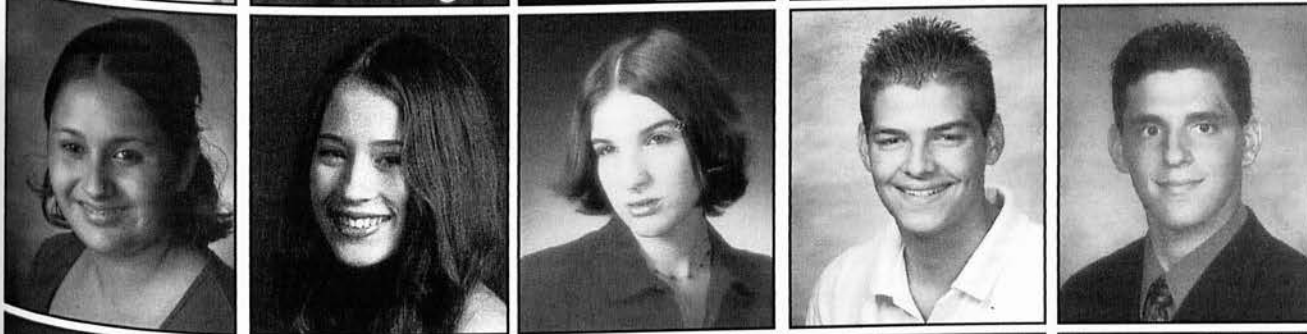


Elizabeth Dyer (12) smiles for the camera. Dyer says she had a lot of fun during her photo shoot. PHOTO courtesy of Elizabeth Dyer

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are **worth a**
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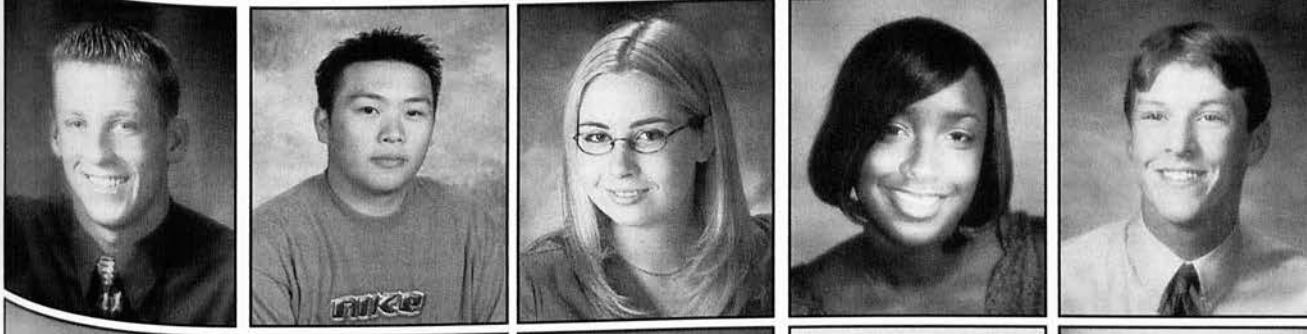
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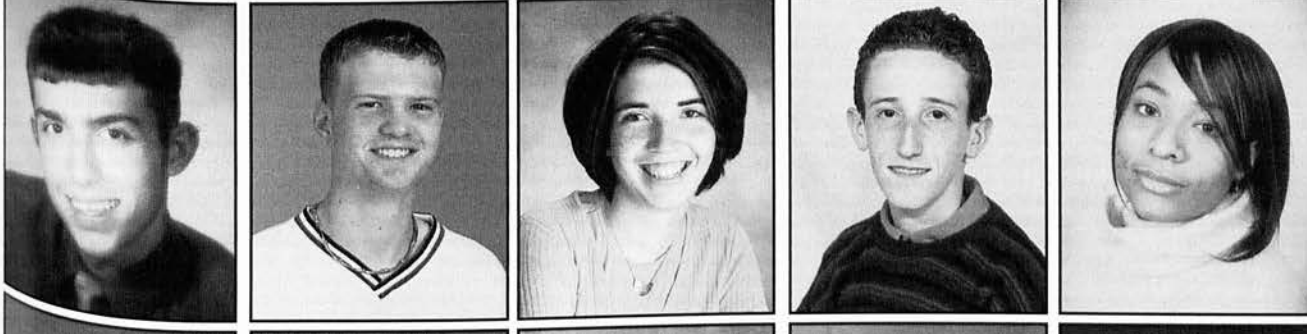
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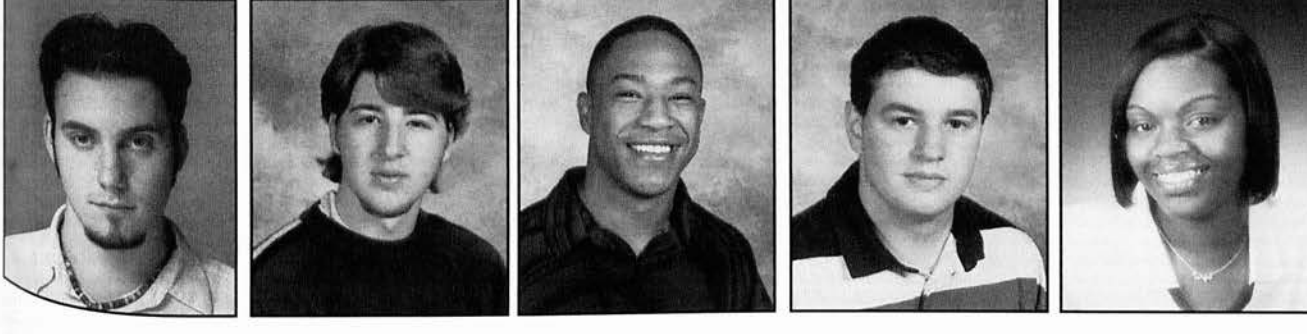
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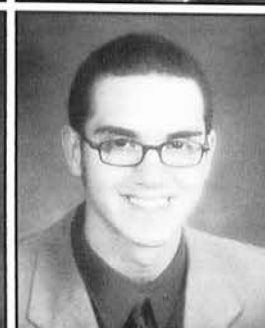


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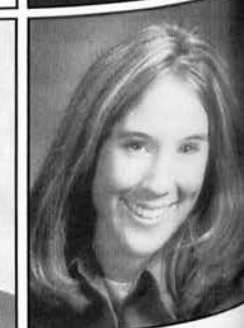
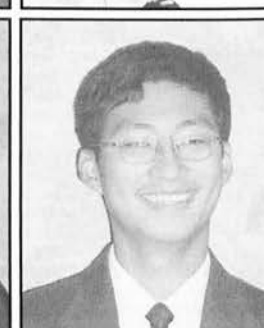
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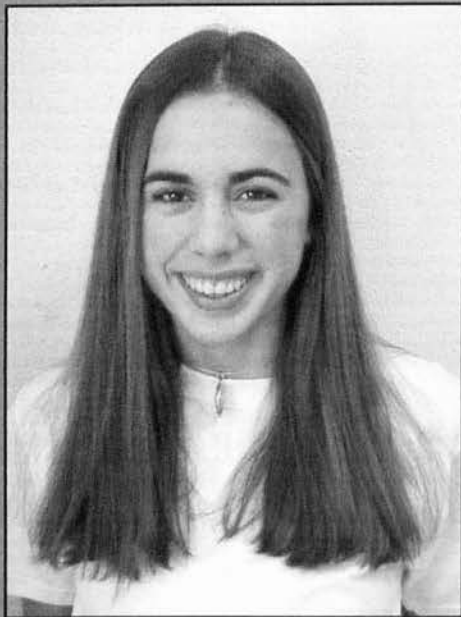


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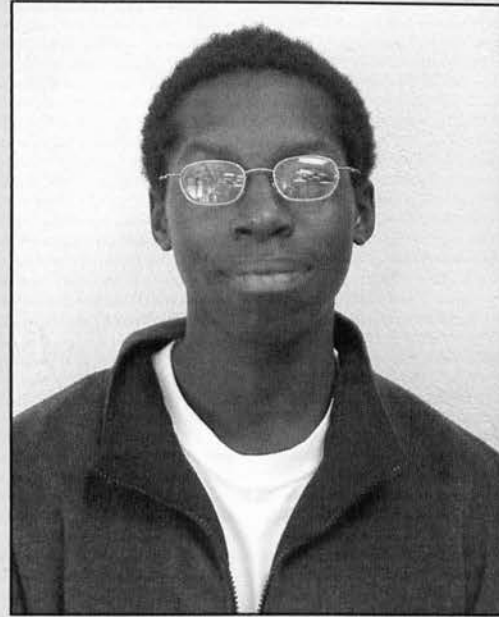
Ahhh. The Memories...

They said these were supposed to be the greatest days of our lives. Without time to see what the "real world" is like, what was your most memorable moment of high school?



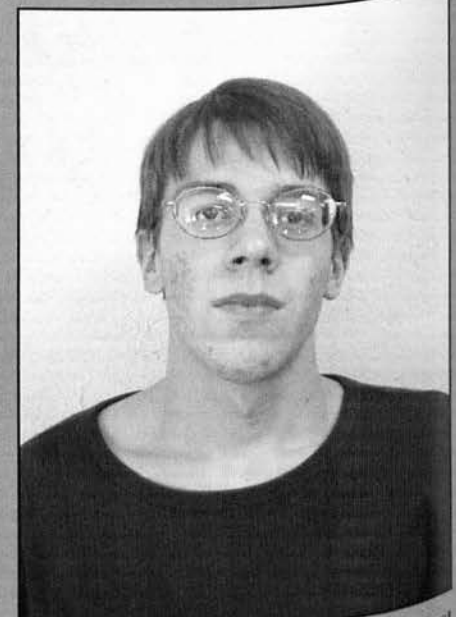
"After softball practice, I swung around on this really big vine, it was so cool!"

-Emily Monen (12)



"In first year Physics, Michelle Lubbert thought that there was air in space."

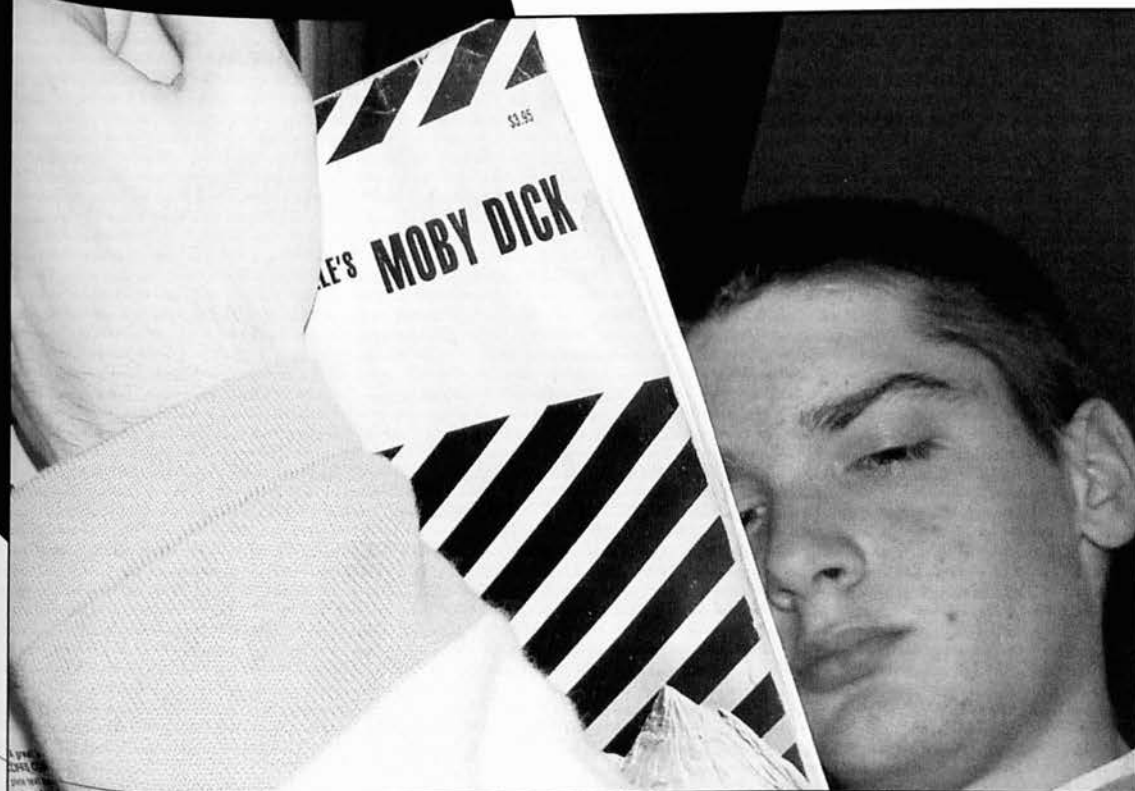
-Mervine Opere (12)



"I was playing in a JV football game against Millard North, I went for a tackle, but a lineman hit me first and I literally flew out of bounds."

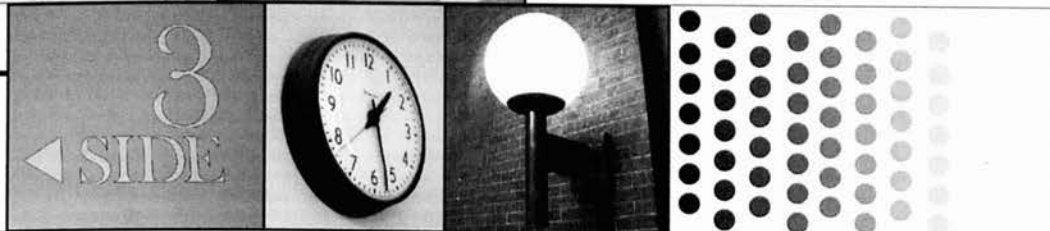
-Damien Holzapfel (12)

people
Junior class



Left. Douglas Meigs (11) studies the Cliff Notes for *Moby Dick*. This book was read by all the honor's junior English classes. PHOTO Mike Zhang

Below from left. Sign on wall showing the third side of the school. Clocks appear through out the school. A lamp on the wall of the courtyard. PHOTOS Mike Zhang



Ahead of his class.



Above. Henry Karpf (11) works a problem set in AP Chemistry, just one of his many AP courses. Karpf is also enrolled in classes at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. PHOTO Lauren Freeman

➔
Most high school students graduate with one or two extra hours of college credit – if they are lucky. Henry Karpf, on the other hand, will have about 30.

BY Lauren Freeman

The fact that Henry Karpf (11) was a 15-year-old junior in high school was only somewhat shocking. The fact that he was fifteen-years-old, had twenty-six hours of college credit and the opportunity to graduate college by age 17 was simply astounding.

Karpf woke up every morning to arrive at Central by 7:45 am. He went through a normal school day, breezing through difficult classes such as AP Chemistry and AP Calculus BC. At the end of the school day, Karpf sometimes stayed after for Math Club, Science Club or American Technology Honors Society. He also participated in Band, which he said was the hardest class because it took up a lot of his valuable time. When he was not attending clubs or practicing his saxophone, Karpf was at UNO, working hard towards his General Education Degree (GED).

"I am taking two classes this

semester, which is six credit hours." Karpf said. "All of the classes are in the computer sciences."

Karpf took five computer science classes over the summer (full time college student), received thirteen credit hours and had a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.885. With his high GPA, Karpf easily made the Dean's List at UNO, which consisted of students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. At the end of the first semester he had twenty-six credit hours.

Karpf did all of his college homework on weekends because he did not have time during the regular school week, especially since he took classes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights.

"I don't have a weekend basically. I don't mind it though because I will be almost done with college or already graduated college by the time I would be done with high school. It's definitely

worth it," Karpf said.

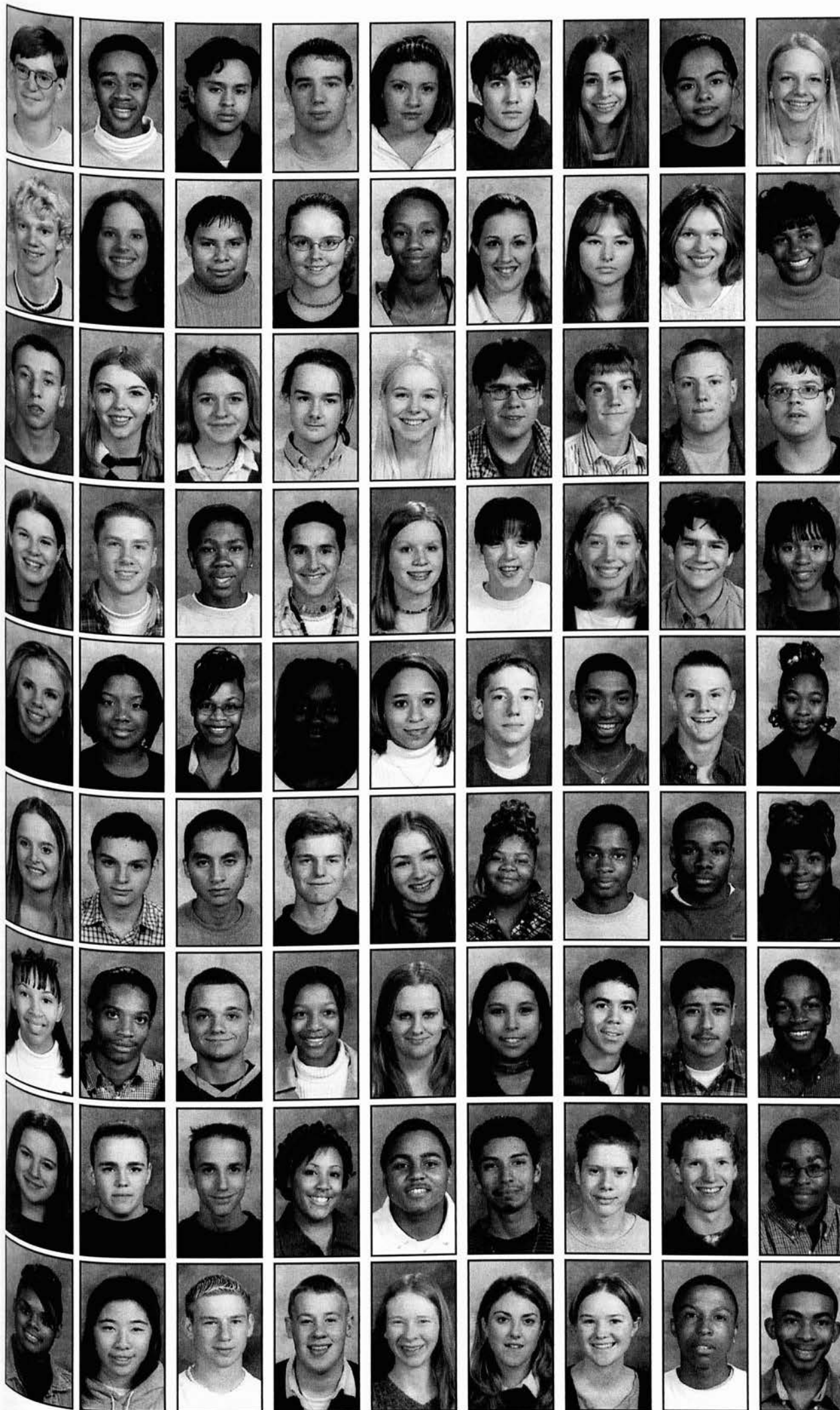
Karpf was trying to go full time second semester at UNO, which would mean he would have to drop out of high school.

"I do much better in my college classes when I don't have other schoolwork to deal with. This is shown in my summer classes when I go full time and do so much better," Karpf said.

Karpf also said he would not mind not having a high school diploma, because having a GED at the age of seventeen is enough.

"After I finish college I plan to go straight into a career as a computer programmer or a software engineer," Karpf said.

UNO aided Karpf in his college experience by providing him with a full ride scholarship. The university paid for his tuition with a newly developed Early Entry Student Scholarship Fund.



Kevin Abele
 Jacob Adams
 Eric Aguirre
 Richard Albertson
 Diana Aldana
 Brenton Allen
 Melissa Allen
 Mireya Alonso
 Kathleen Anderl
 William Anderson
 Natalie Andreasen
 Gregorio Andres
 Melissa Arnold
 Dionna Ashby-Ganaway
 Jill Ausdemore
 Tara Baker
 Alina Banasyak
 Stevina Barbary
 Michael Barnett
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 Mindy Bolter
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 Gabriel Bowser
 Marie Box
 Jessica Brewer
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 Adam Christensen
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 Jennifer Clausen
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 Randolph Cobb
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Larry Coleman
 Scott Collins
 Ramona Colvin
 Ashley Combs
 Bethany Connor
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 Keaundra Cooks
 Persha Cooper
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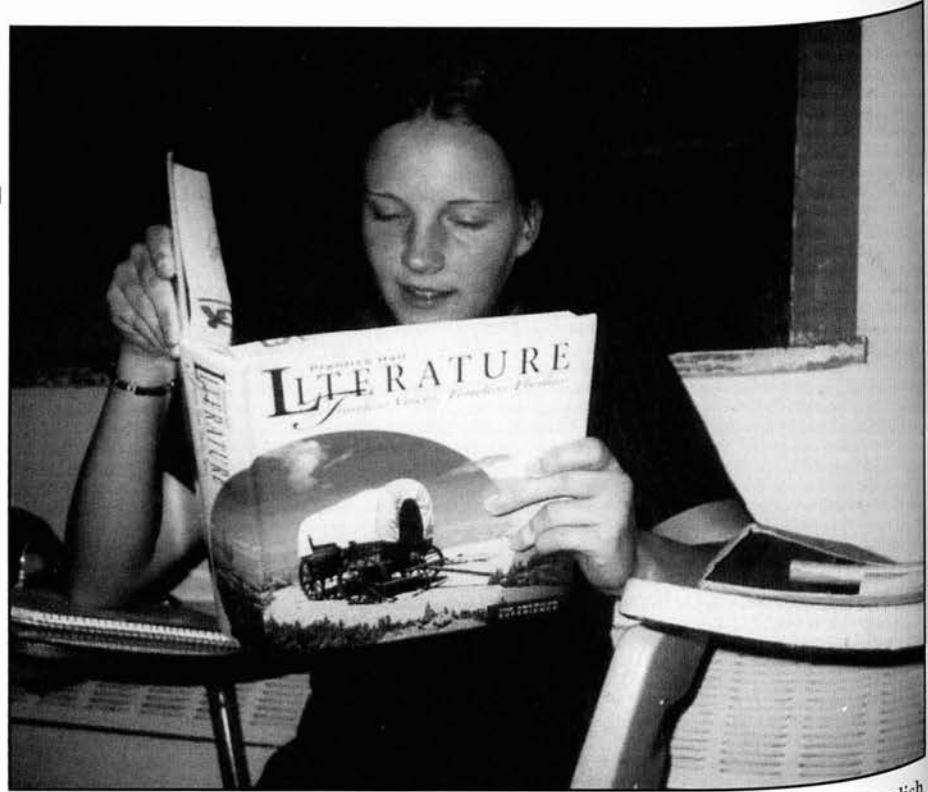
BY Peter Sullivan

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A German exchange student goes the distance for an education in America.

4,723 miles. 24,937,440 feet. 299,249,280 inches. From Potsdam, Germany, to Omaha, NE, Kerstin Knebel (12) traveled to America as an exchange student.

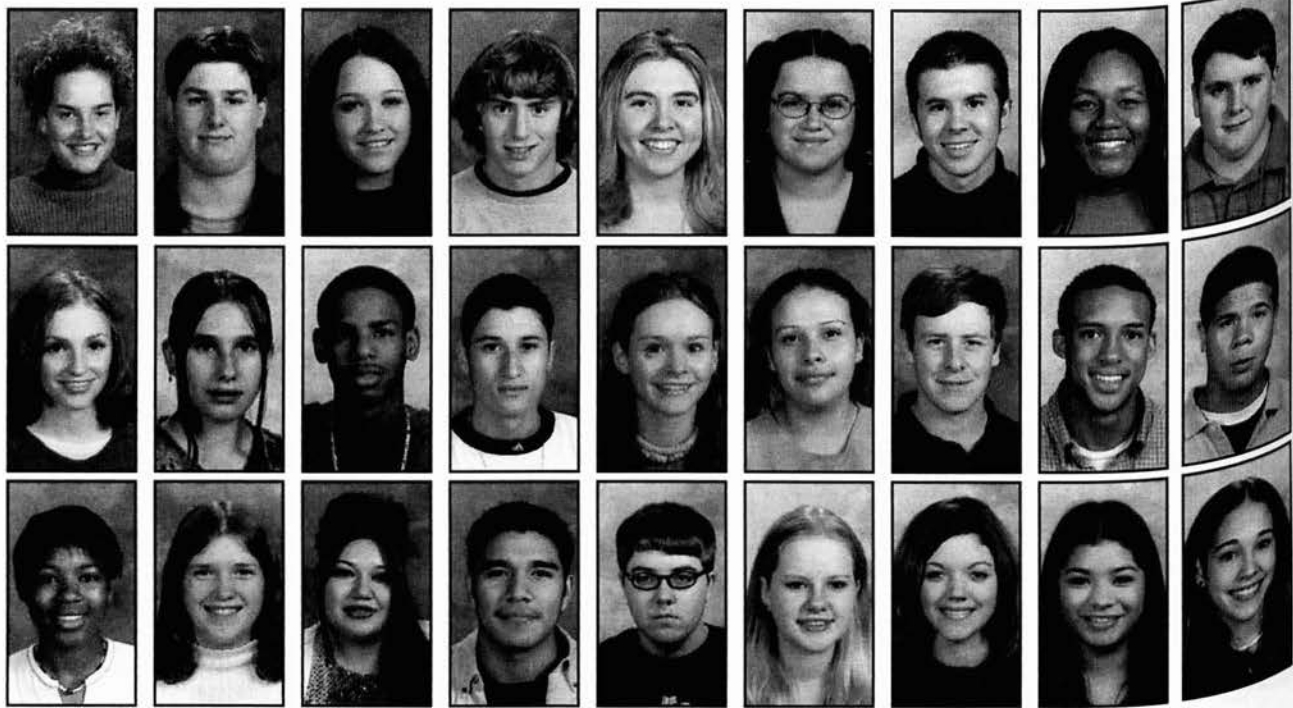
The trip took Knebel about 15 to 17 hours and cost around \$1,000. She arrived in Omaha about one month before school started.

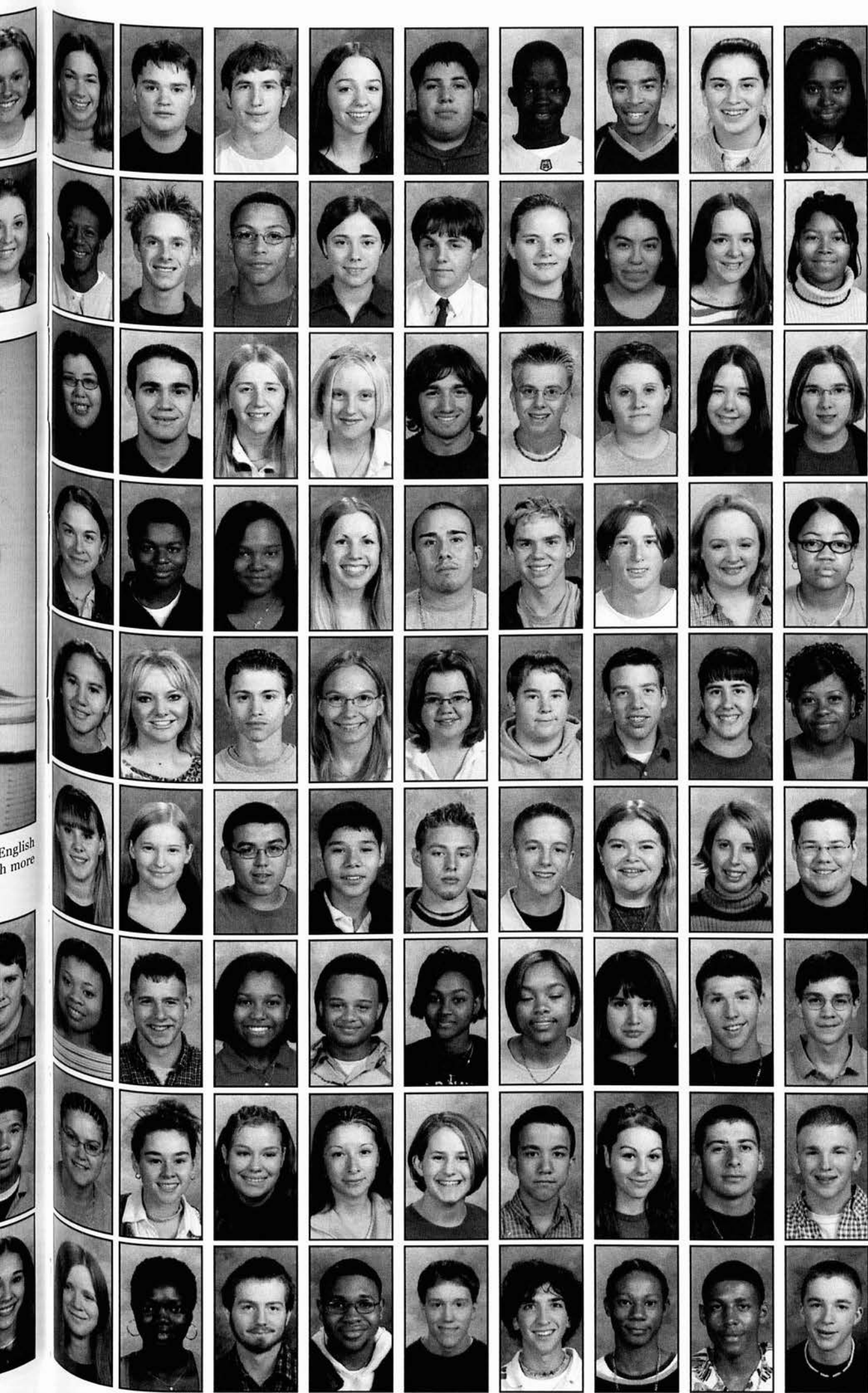
Knebel said she wanted to come to America to practice her English and make new friends. Her favorite class is AP German, while her least favorite is English.



Above. Kerstin Knebel (12) studies her English Literature book. Kerstin said she thought English class was difficult because while she could speak English well, writing it down was much more tedious. PHOTO Peter Sullivan

Elizabeth Davis
 Christopher Deegan
 Nekael Deloa
 John DeMott
 Nitasha Dickes
 Rebeca Dietrich
 David Dinverno
 Jovon Dorsey
 Anthony Driscoll
 Ashley Driver
 Selina Dugay
 Jerel Dunn
 Francisco Elizondo
 Kimberly Elliott
 Martha Enriquez
 Brian Fahey
 Fred Falkner
 Travis Farley
 Lauren Faulkner
 Rachael Ferber
 Diana Fernandez
 Jose Fernandez
 Jon Fischer
 Elizabeth Fitzgerald
 Angela Fraley
 Veronica Franco
 Jessica Franksen





Lauren Freeman
 Andrew Frizzell
 Tyler Fuchs
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 Christine Hurst
 Sergio Iniguez
 Andrew Iwen
 Michelle James
 Rebecca James
 Gavin Jensen
 Michael Jernigan
 Joshua Jirak
 Alex Jochim
 Porter Johnson
 John Jones
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clothed in controversy.

➔ Many Central students express their individuality through what they wear.

Others simply wear what is comfortable and appropriate.

When teachers and other staff started enforcing the dresscode, some students chose to speak out.

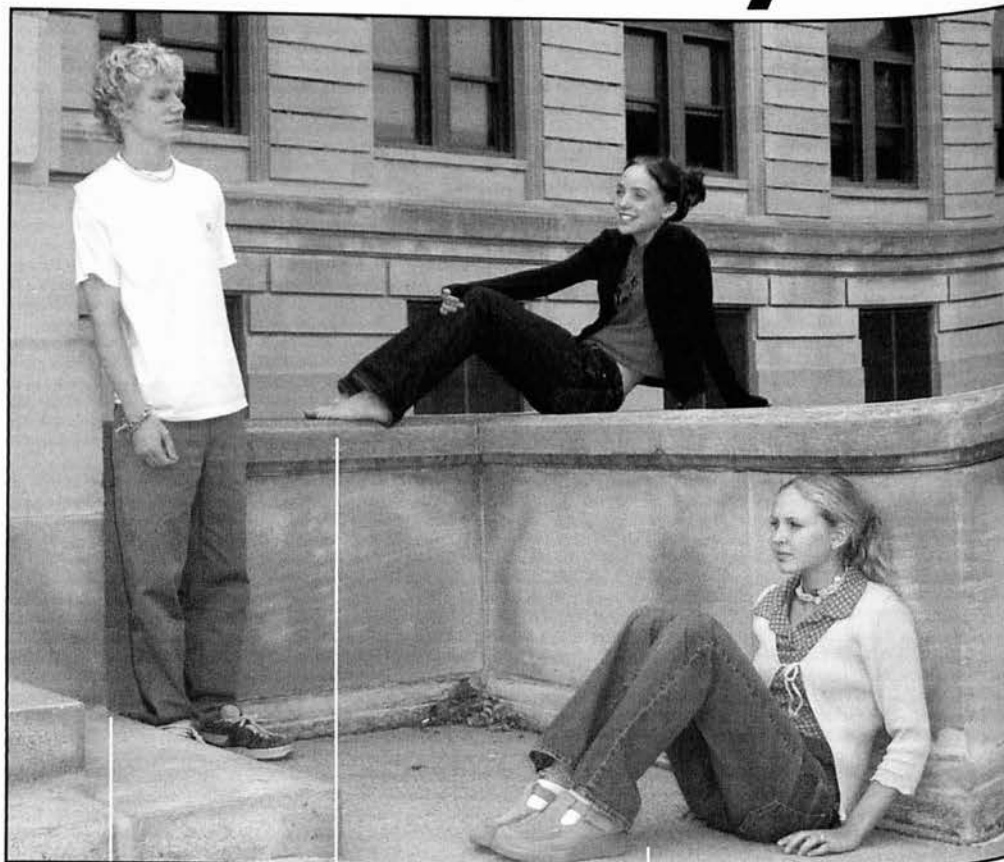
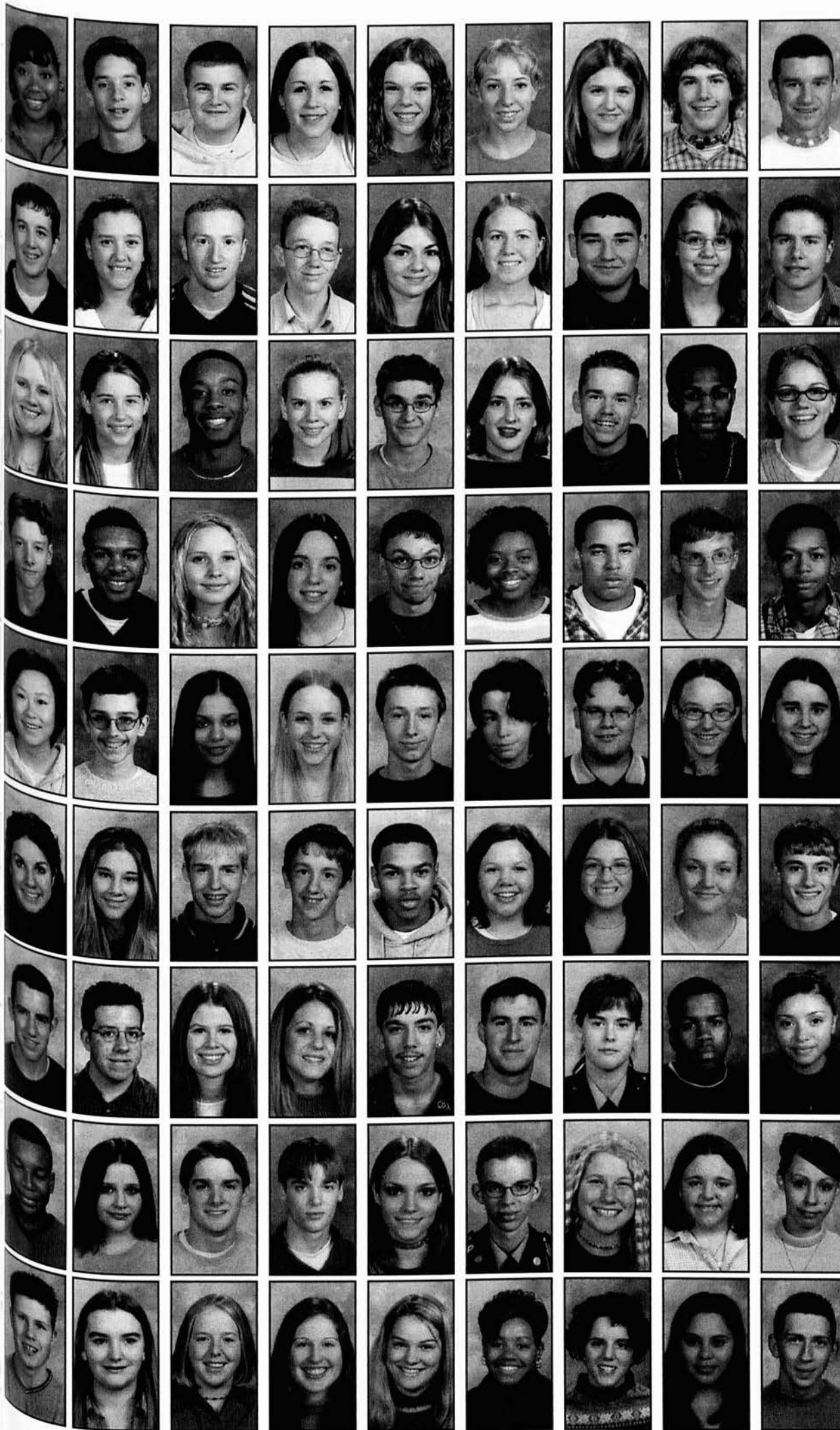


PHOTO Annie Walden

"We are allowed to dye our hair all colors of the rainbow and pierce our faces, yet we are restricted from wearing spaghetti strap tank tops?"
-Jamie Leinart (11)

"We have a dress code?"
-William Anderson (11)

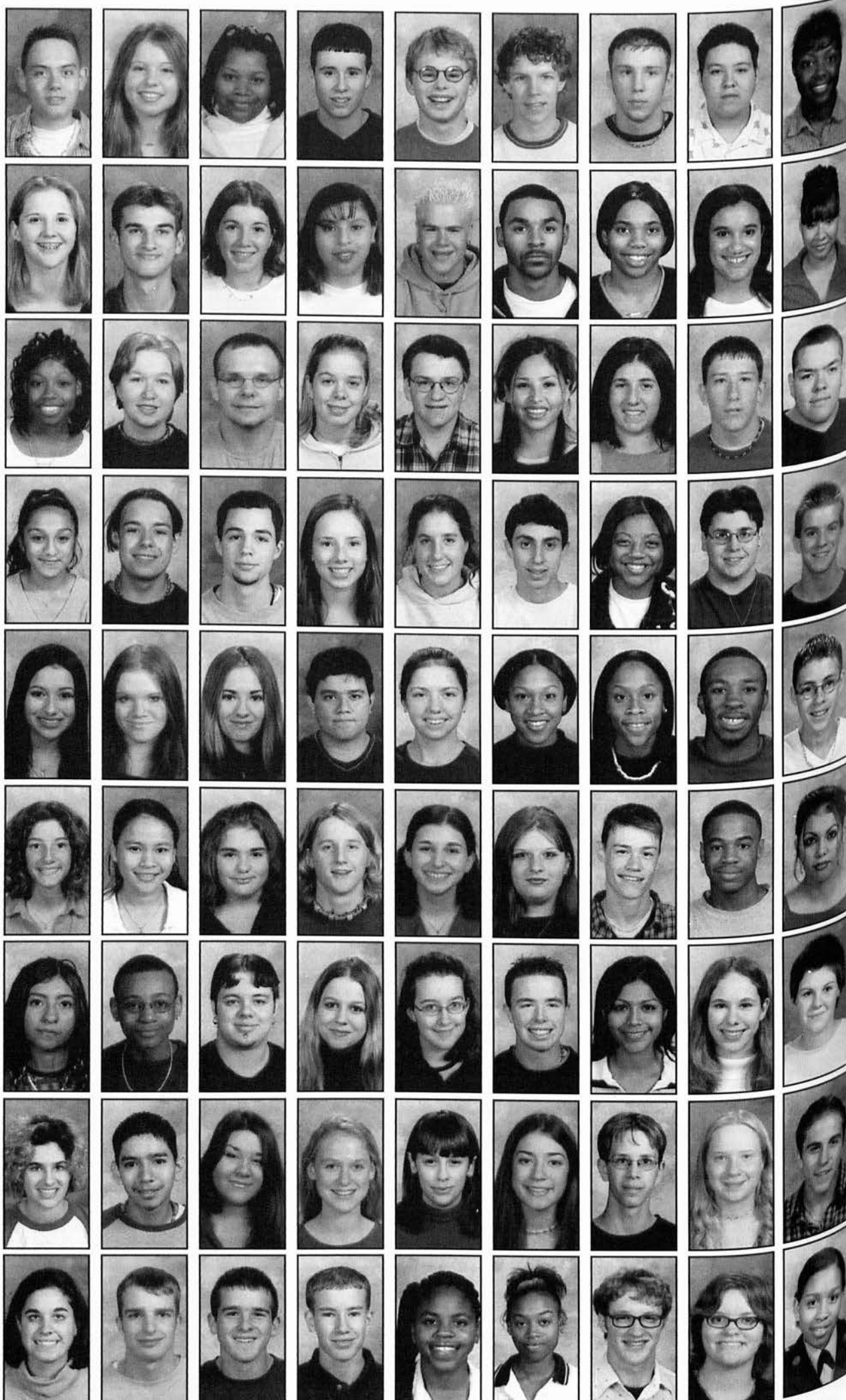
"It's unfair because it suffocates the student's freedom of expression."
-Allison Legino (11)



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- Adam Sheffield
- Shantell Shepard
- Brandy Sherrod
- Timothy Shew
- Kathryn Simmons
- Icy Simpson





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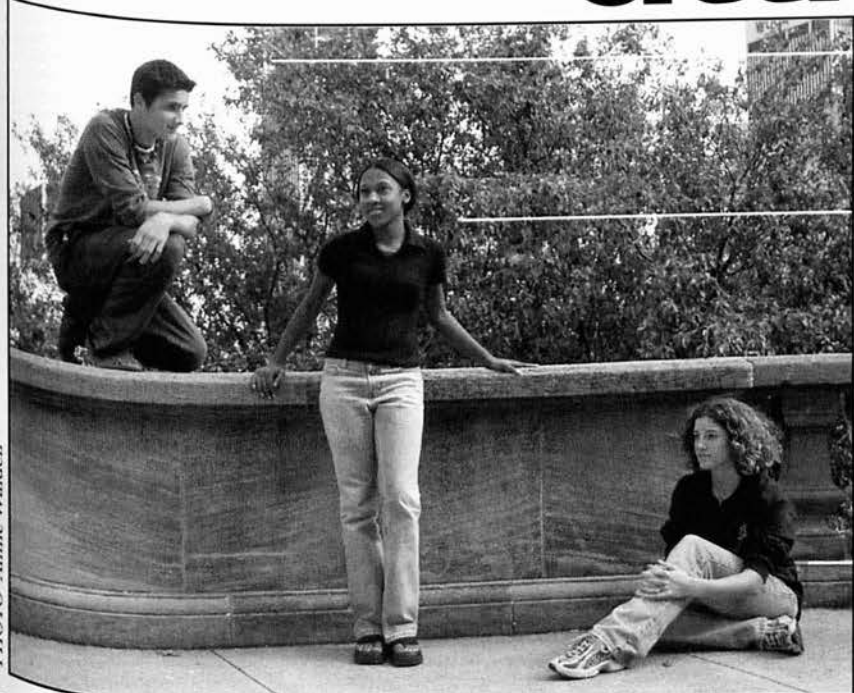
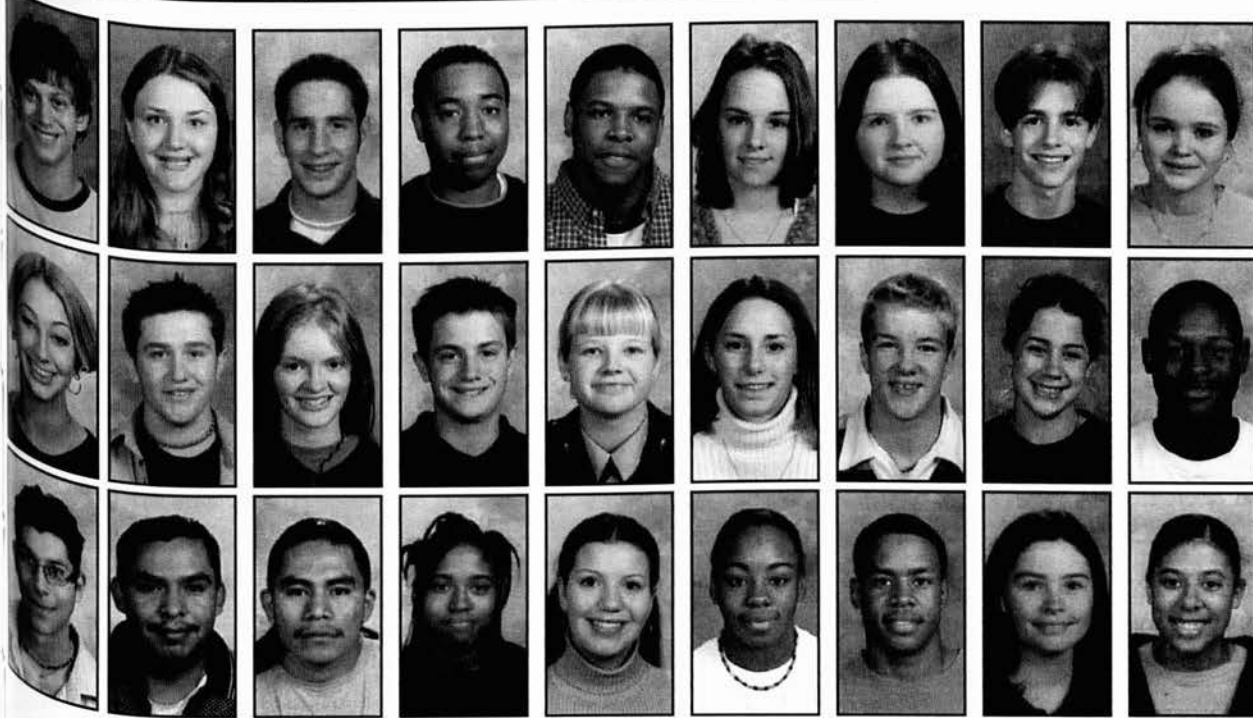


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“Since Central is downtown it gives people a central location to come to. It has skaters, preppies, hispanics, gothics, it has everything. That's why I chose this school over any other school in the metro.”
-Norma Reynolds (11)

“The area around Central is diverse in itself. It adds to the school.”
- James Boatright (11)

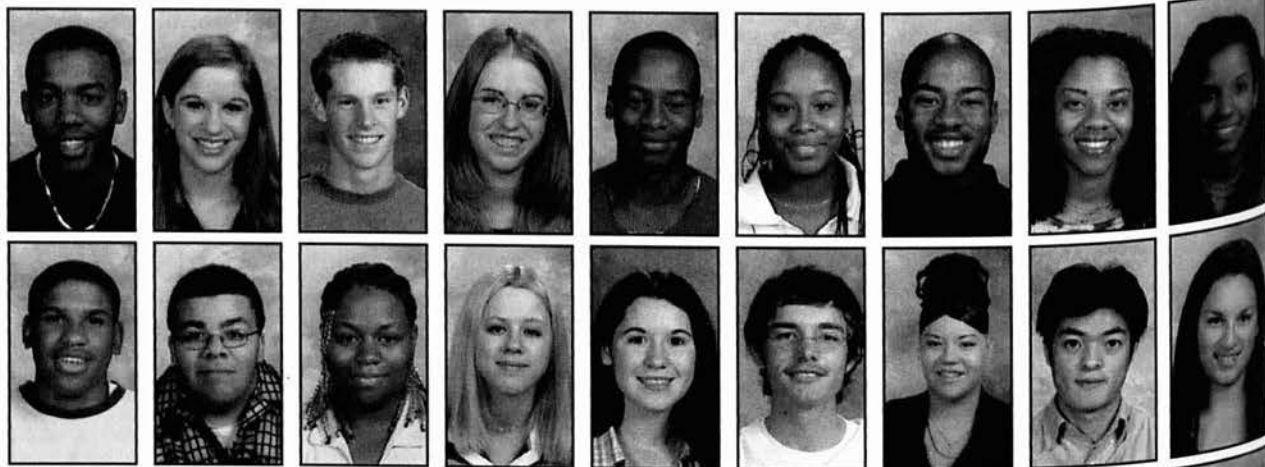
“Central students are very accepting and open minded towards unique people. It allows people to be themselves.”
-Jessica Richart (11)



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Christopher Terwilliger
Ashlee Theisen
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Miriam Tippetts
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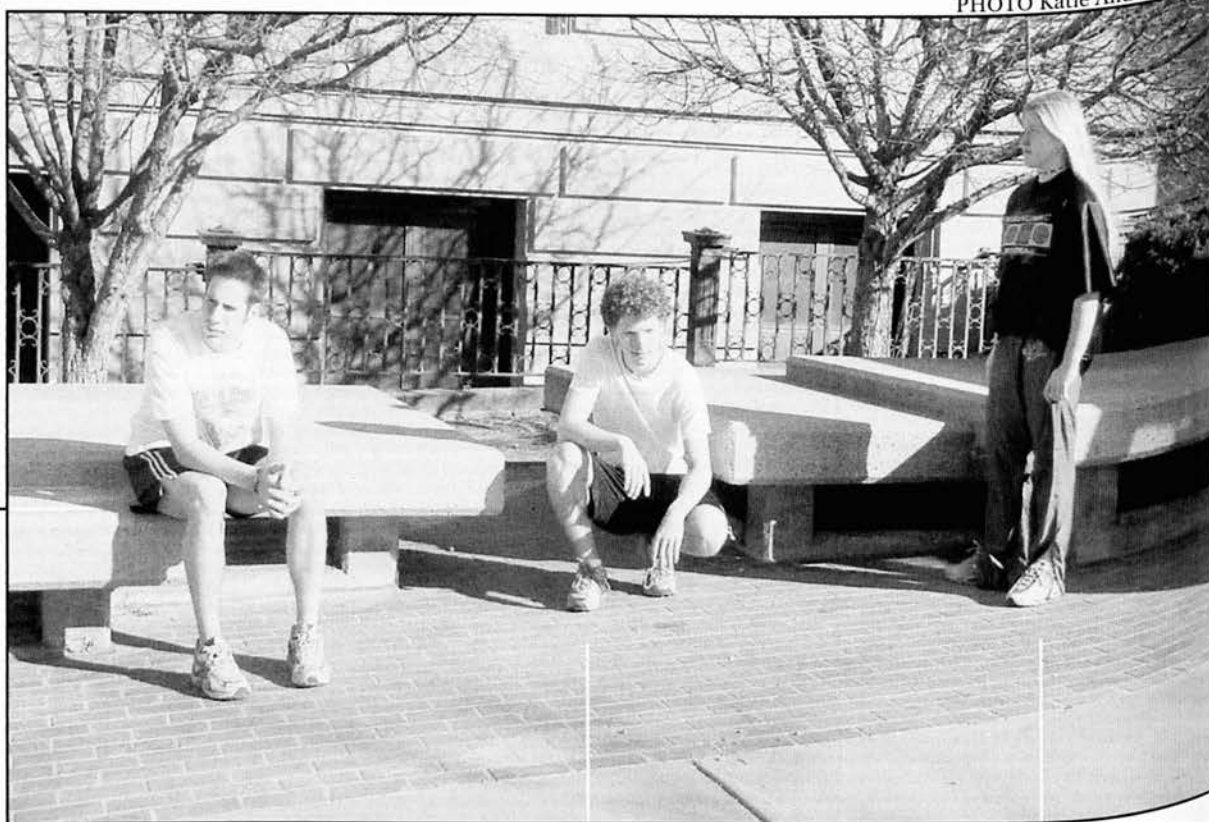


Nicholas Zielinski
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 Mark Zoll



juniors' predictions for next year

PHOTO Katie Anderl



"I'm looking forward to all the extra-curricular activities. You know?"
 -Mitch Swee (11)

"I'm looking forward to another year at the park and, of course, all the social activities."
 -Dan Cavanagh (11)

"I just can't wait to finish high school altogether and move on to college."
 -Mary Michalak (11)

It runs in the family.

BY Kevin Jones

Brian Fahey (11) was a very busy 16 year old president. Fahey, nephew of Mayor Mike Fahey, has been the president of Student Democrats for two years.

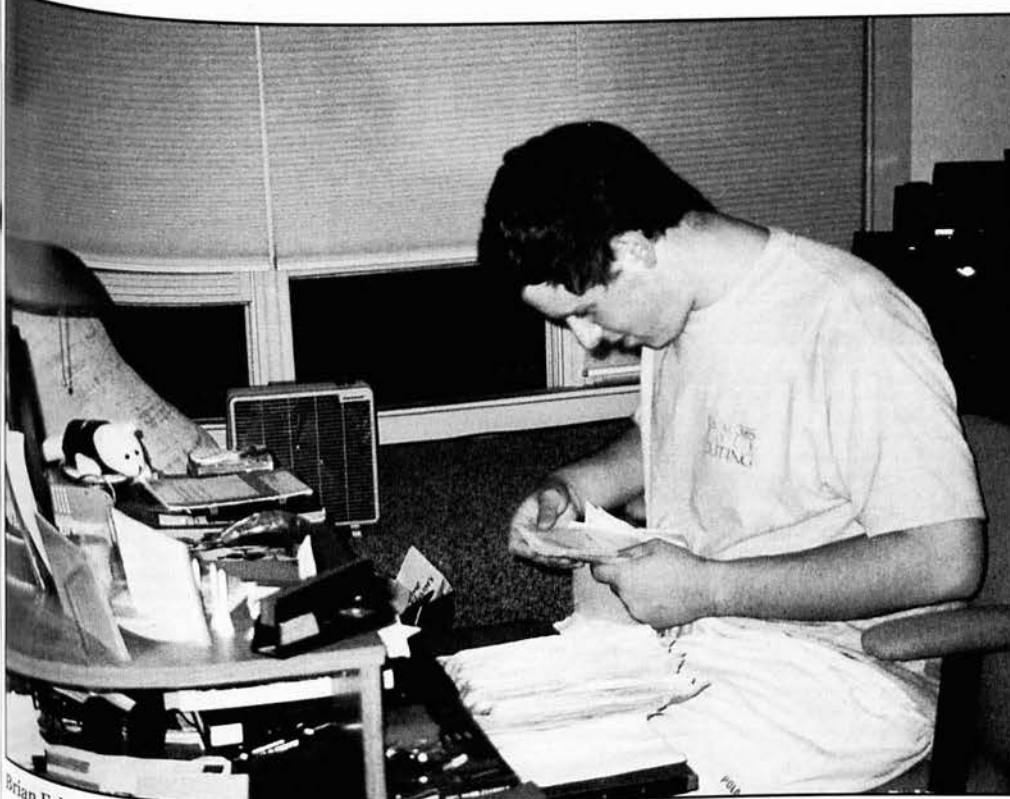
"I guess politics just runs in the family," Fahey said.

In addition to his presidential responsibilities, Fahey was enrolled in six honors classes, active in drama productions, and worked at his family business.

Despite his busy schedule, Fahey had time to volunteer. His favorite way to volunteer was by helping his uncle campaign.

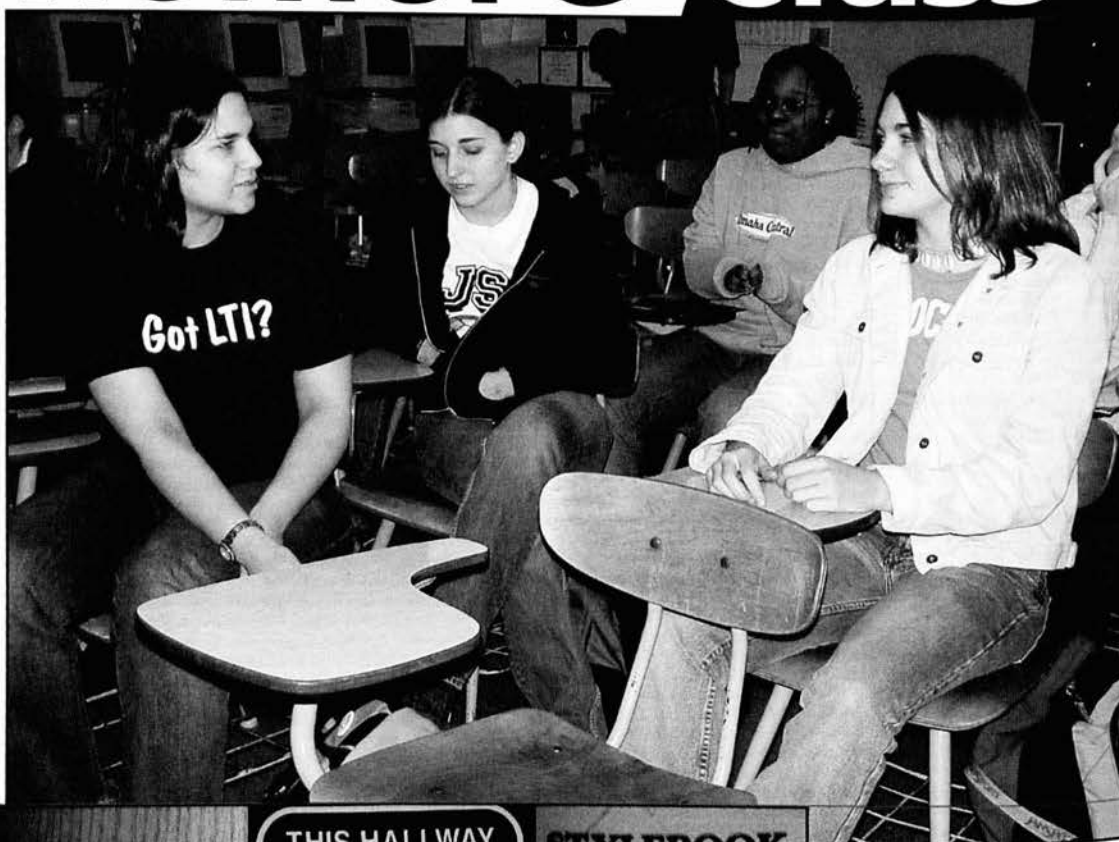
"We helped him a lot, we did lots of campaigning," Fahey said.

Only time will tell for Fahey's future. He said although he has been president of Student Democrats for two years, he does not know if he will run for office his senior year.



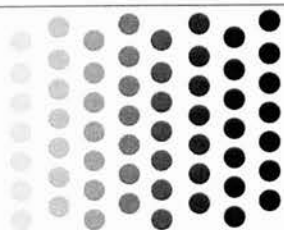
Brian Fahey (11) organizes his paper-work before a Student Democrats meeting. PHOTO Kevin Jones

Sophomore *people* class



Right. Sara Rips (10), Jillian Risavi (11), Teddi Teamer (10) and Kaitlin Hartnett (10) discuss before their fourth hour class. PHOTO Mike Zhang

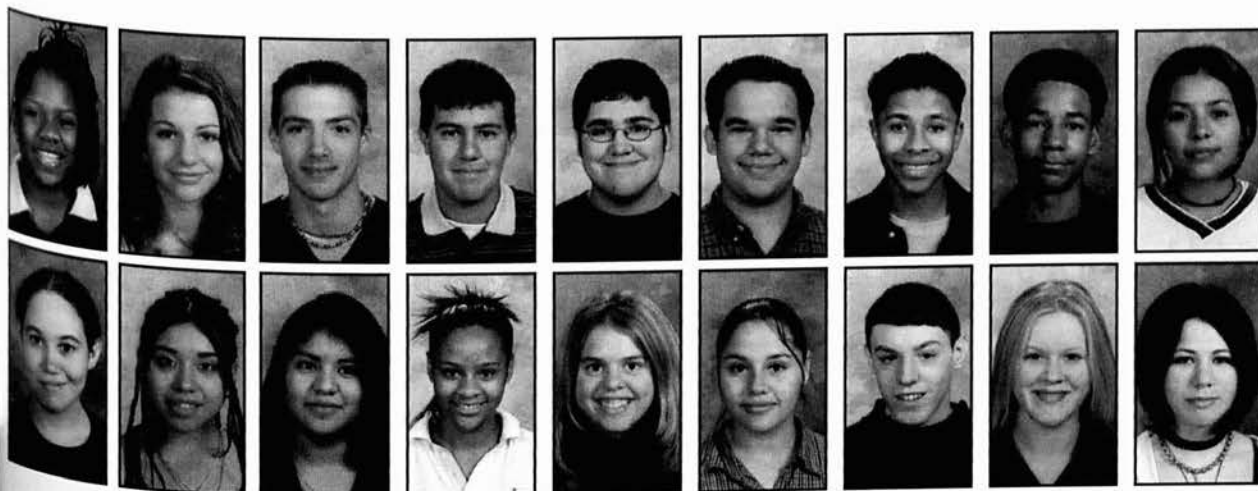
Below row. The remaining letters on the door of the band room. Sign on doors in the hallways. The official Central English stylebook. PHOTOS Mike Zhang



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IS CLOSED
DURING ALL
LUNCH PERIODS.
ALL STUDENTS

STYLEBOOK
a guide for students
ENGLISH DEPARTMEN
OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Being a team player.

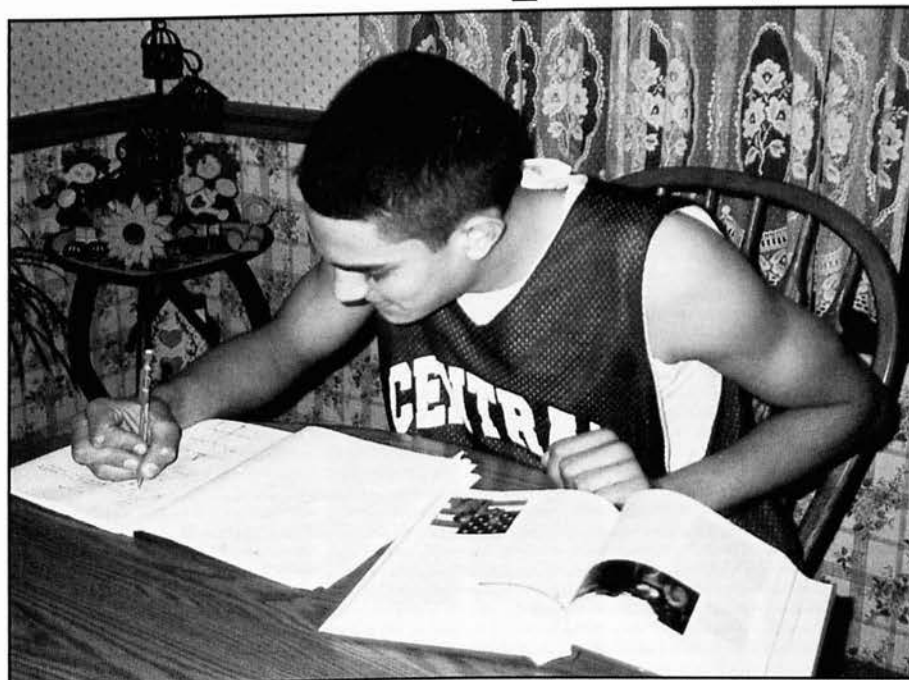
By April Gayer

Although many students have played a sport or taken honors classes, David Burr (10) played the full role. Burr, who played a sport every season, also kept himself busy with plenty of honors courses.

Each season, Burr tackled his new sport with his head up and ready to go. During football conditioning, even before school began, Burr woke up at all hours of the day to get knocked down by linemen two times his weight.

Towards the end of the football season, Burr picked up his basketball and began practicing his favorite sport. Burr played as a forward on the J.V. team, and said he learned alot about the game of basketball.

Burr's baseball season started in the spring and continued into the summer.



Above. David Burr (10) finishes up his homework before heading off to basketball practice. With several honors classes, Burr has to work hard to keep his good grades. PHOTO April Gayer



The hard work and dedication needed for playing sports is known all too well by this athletic sophomore.

Throughout the season Burr displayed the kind of commitment and dedication needed to excel in the sport.

Aside from all his sports, Burr felt that the hardest thing

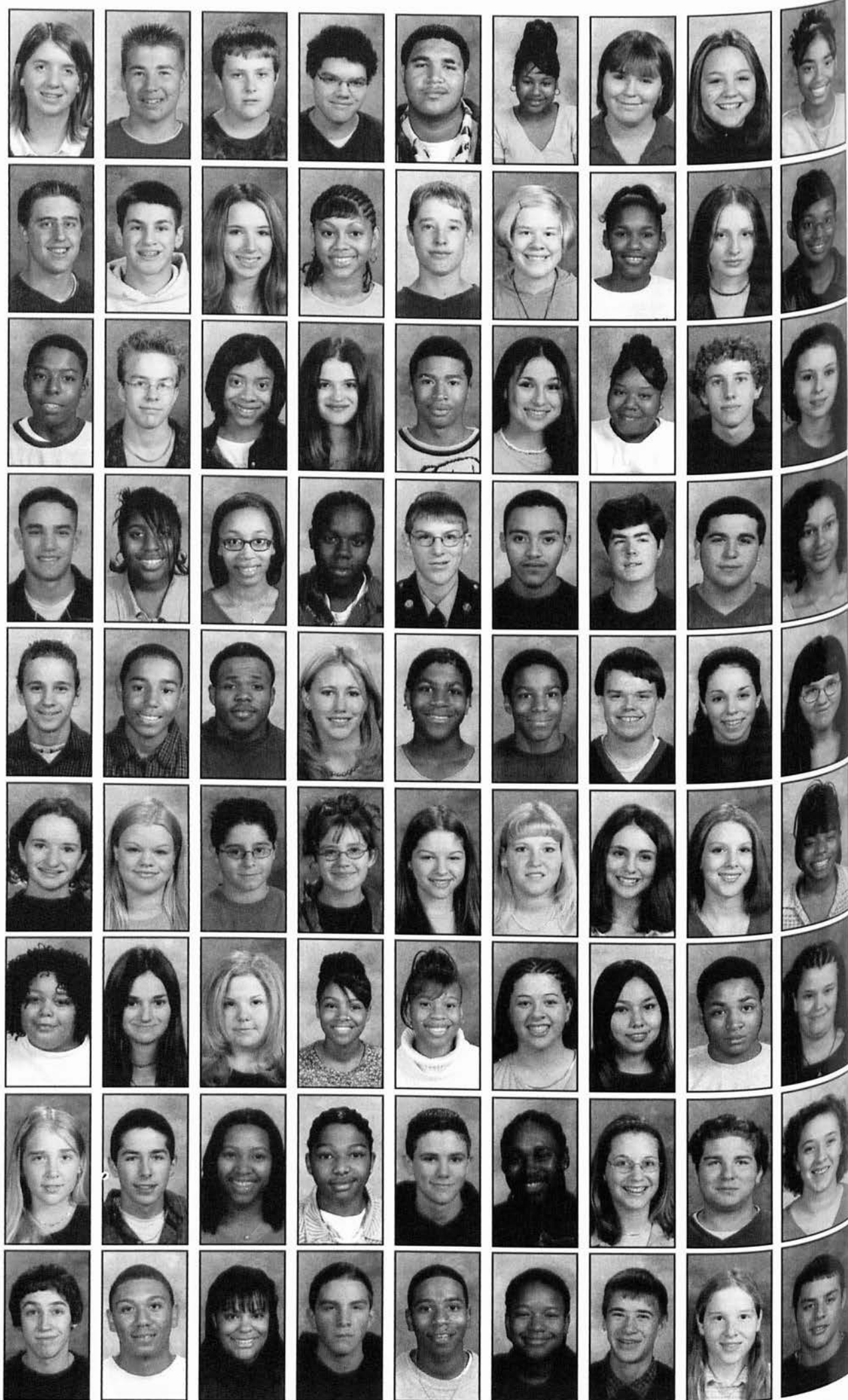
about school was to keep his grades where he wanted them to be. With Central's grade eligibility policy, Burr had an obligation to keep his grades up, honors classes and all.



Antonio Avilla
Tahreem Aziz
Kathryn Backman
Jamie Baker
Theresa Baker
Brandon Barba
Matthew Barr
Mathew Bartlett
Broderick Bass
Mikayla Bass
Raynard Bass
Austin Baumann
Shera Baumel
Catelin Beardmore
Roy Beatty
Shawn Beber
Amrian Beckwith
Michael Bell

● Sophomores

Cari Belt
 Cody Berning
 Christopher Bertch
 Taylor Billings
 Aaron Bishop
 Chardese Black
 Erica Blair
 Jennifer Blair
 Auriel Blake
 Aaron Blanke
 Alexander Bloom
 April Bloomingdale
 Irene Blue-Combs
 Christopher Boro
 Jillian Boston
 Chantia Bowles
 Pearl Boyd
 Latasha Bradley
 Artraue Brewer
 Jonathan Brewer
 Nikia Broadway
 Christina Brown
 Derrick Brown
 Elizabeth Brown
 Melanie Brown
 Wesley Brown
 Stacy Browning
 David Burr
 Tyrunza Burton
 Erica Butler
 Jovan Byars
 Thomas Byrne
 Eduardo Caamal
 Cody Cade
 Timothy Calabro
 Ashley Campbell
 Patrick Caniglia
 James Cannon
 Tony Cannon
 Ashley Cap
 Jeremy Cardwell
 Ronald Cardwell
 Michael Carlson
 Julie Casady
 Angel Casper
 Sarah Cavanagh
 Michelle Cavanaugh
 Juan Chaparro
 Ashley Chase
 Monica Chaussee
 Ashley Christensen
 Sarice Cifuno
 Dana Cleasby
 Charmaine Clements
 Brittany Clemmons
 Kristen Clowers
 Jennalind Coates
 Tyeshia Cobb
 Latesa Collier
 Ashley Collins
 Michelle Colvin
 Christopher Conley
 Geneva Conley
 Teri Conrad
 Terry Conyers
 Tamara Cooks
 Adrien Copeland
 Clinton Cosgrove
 Robert Cotten
 Sara Cowan
 Christopher Cozby
 Christina Craig
 David Crane
 Eric Creighton
 Brittany Crockett
 Dylan Crook
 Brandon Curtis
 Chekita Dale
 Christopher Danford
 Rachel Danford
 Daniel Darbonne



sweet sixteen.



Above. Desiree Fortina (10) and Jacob Holst (10) pull out of the OEA parking lot after school. The majority of students drive or carpool to school while others rely on buses. PHOTO Andy Berg

"I think the fifty hours were probably easier than Driver's Ed because if I took Driver's Ed I would have had to take weekend classes," Fortina said. "After driving for the fifty hours, Fortina had one more obstacle to overcome: the test.

"I heard the test was really hard, but I thought it was really easy because I studied for an hour the night before," she said. "I was so nervous when I was waiting to take the test because everyone kept telling me I wouldn't pass. Luckily I did."

Being able to legally drive so early in the school year set Fortina apart from the majority of the sophomore class.

"Most of the sophomores drive later in the year. I think it's kind of cool that I can drive before everyone else," Fortina said. "But it kind of sucks because a lot of people ask for a ride."

Now that Desiree Fortina is a licensed driver, she is constantly discovering the perks of being able to drive.

"It's so cool being able to drive without my parents because I don't have to worry about driving wrong and getting yelled at for speeding," she said.

BY Andy Berg

➔ **Teenagers
look forward
to the freedom
to drive.**

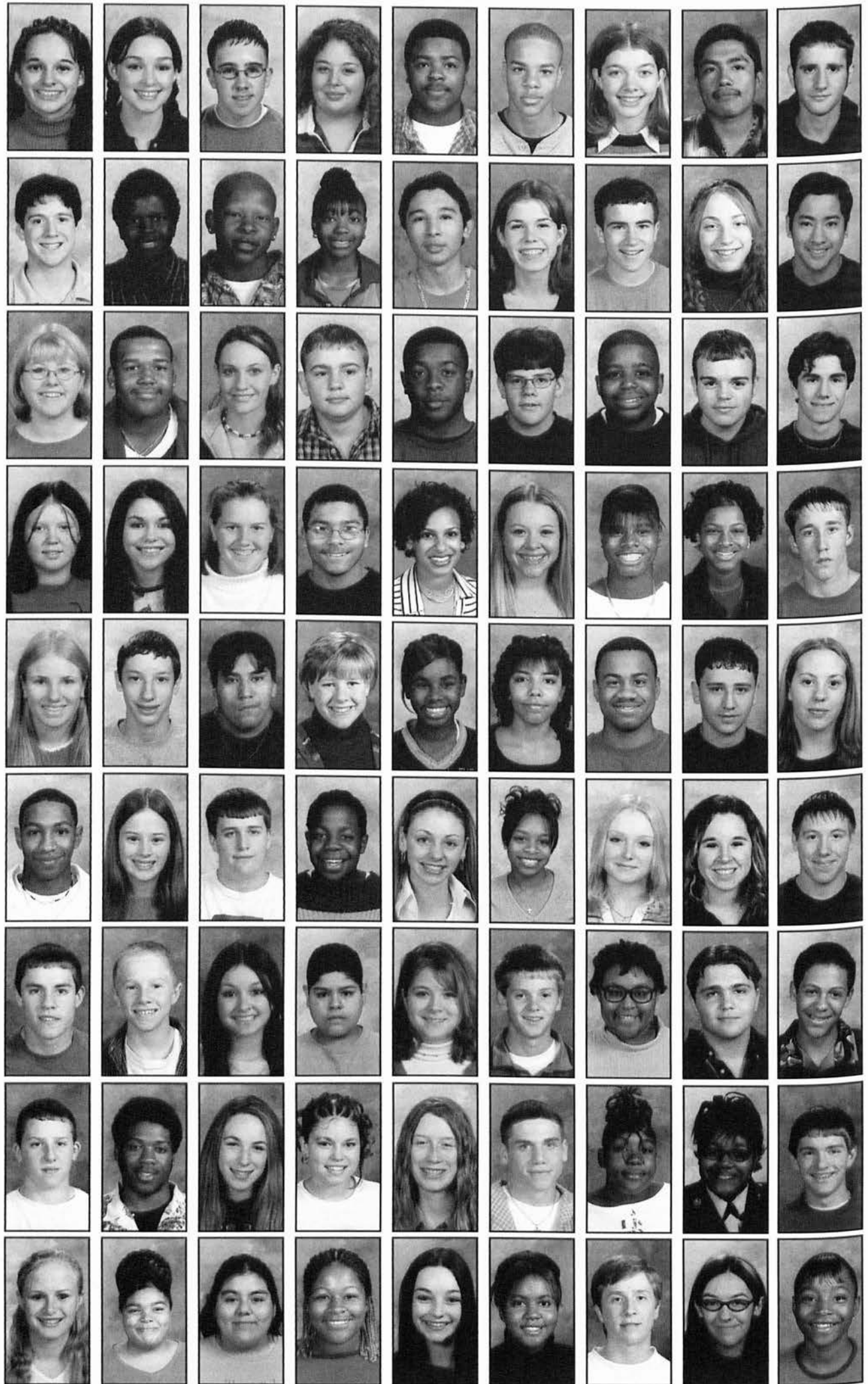
Desiree Fortina's (10) day had finally arrived. She had been waiting for this day her entire life. It was the day she gained unlimited freedom and a higher sense of maturity. It was her sixteenth birthday.

"It felt great to be able to drive, I'd been waiting for a really long time and it finally came," Fortina said.

Before Fortina could even pick up her license, she had to either complete 50 hours of driving, or take a Driver's Ed course.

● Sophomores

- Julia Darrow
 Kelly Dauenhauer
 Bret Daugherty
 Nichole David
 Edmund Davis
 Geoffrey Davis
 Tovah Davis
 Jorge Degante
 Andrew Delehant
 Nicholas Delman
 Juba Deng
 Ronrico Devers
 Kenyetta Dexter
 Misael Diaz
 Laura Diesing
 Nathan Dittman
 Carrie Dixon
 Van Do
 Megan Dobmeier
 Kendall Dorsey
 Kristyn Dougherty
 Thomas Dozier
 Brendon Drew
 Alex Driggs
 Bonginkosi Dube
 Nathan Dudley
 Logan Dumaine
 Patricia Dunn
 Brittani Dutton
 Rose Ecabert
 Bronson Edgerton
 Samar Elatta
 Kaley Eledge
 Jasmine Ellis
 Amber Elliston
 Austin Elmer
 Holly Engdahl
 Matthew Engler
 Eberardo Enrriquez
 Katherine Erikson
 Amanda Evans
 Ladonna Evans
 Anthony Ewing
 Abraham Farhat
 Samantha Ferraguti
 Dominique Finch
 Abigail Fitzgerald
 Ryan Fitzgerald
 Charles Ford
 Desiree Fortina
 Pascha Fountain
 Heather Francis
 Abby Franklin-Graskowiak
 Elliott Freeman
 John Friend
 Christopher Funkhouser
 Indira Gallardo
 Abraham Garcia
 Samatha Gardner
 Robert Garvin
 Zurisha Gary
 Russell Gast
 Aaron Gauff
 Shawn Gay
 Trey Gee
 Abigail George
 April Gerlec
 Laraine Getty
 Brett Gilcris
 Constinteen Giles
 Tawonda Gilmore
 Niccolas Goding
 Brooke Goforth
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 Eric Graves
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 Samantha Griggsby



McMenamin finds a Friend.

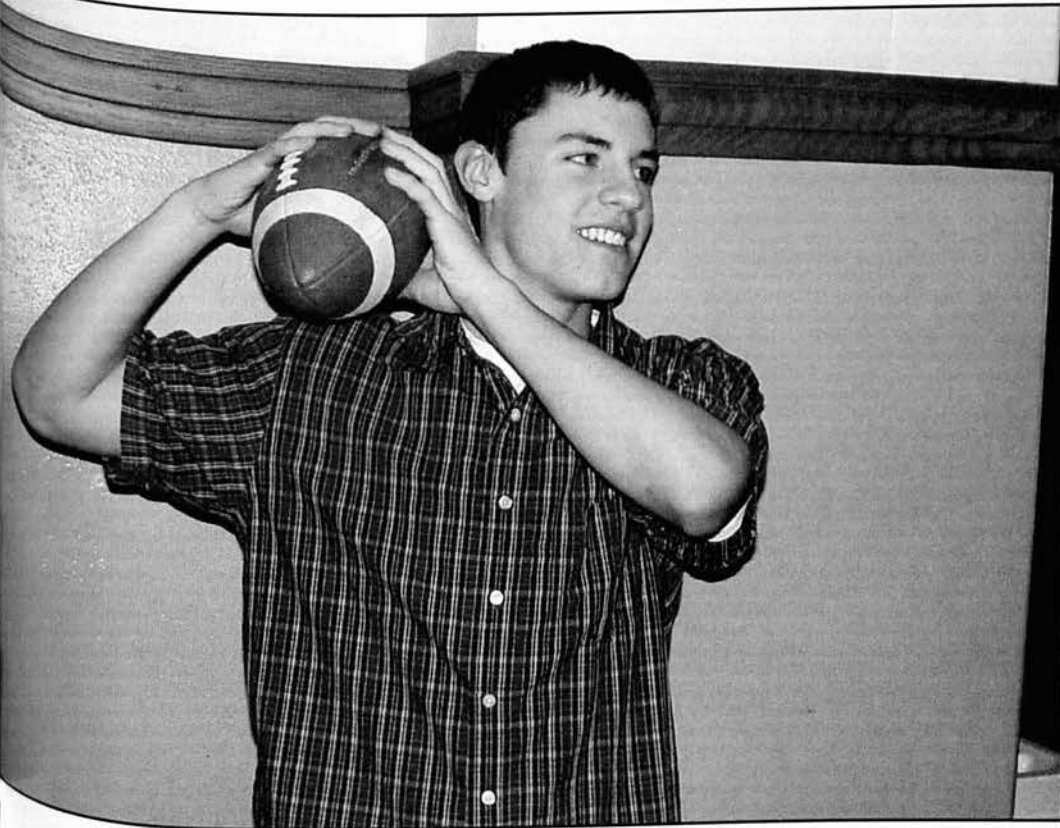


PHOTO Peter Sullivan

BY Peter Sullivan

John Friend (10) (left), starting quarterback for Junior Varsity, also played with the Varsity team this year. ←

Friend said that he did not feel the team depended on him, but would feel he let the team down if he messed up.

"It was a little intimidating at first being the only sophomore, but it went away after awhile," he said.

Friend practiced the whole summer, starting with four days at football camp during the first week of summer. The rest of the summer was spent with football practices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"John did very good this year as a quarterback, on both Varsity and Junior Varsity," coach Joe McMenamin said. "He had a good arm and good speed."

● Sophomores

Cortney Grixby
 Billy Guillermo-Shuttin
 Ally Gumbiner
 Brandon Gunn
 Daniel Gutman
 Kenneth Hagen
 Christopher Hallgren
 Nicole Halvey
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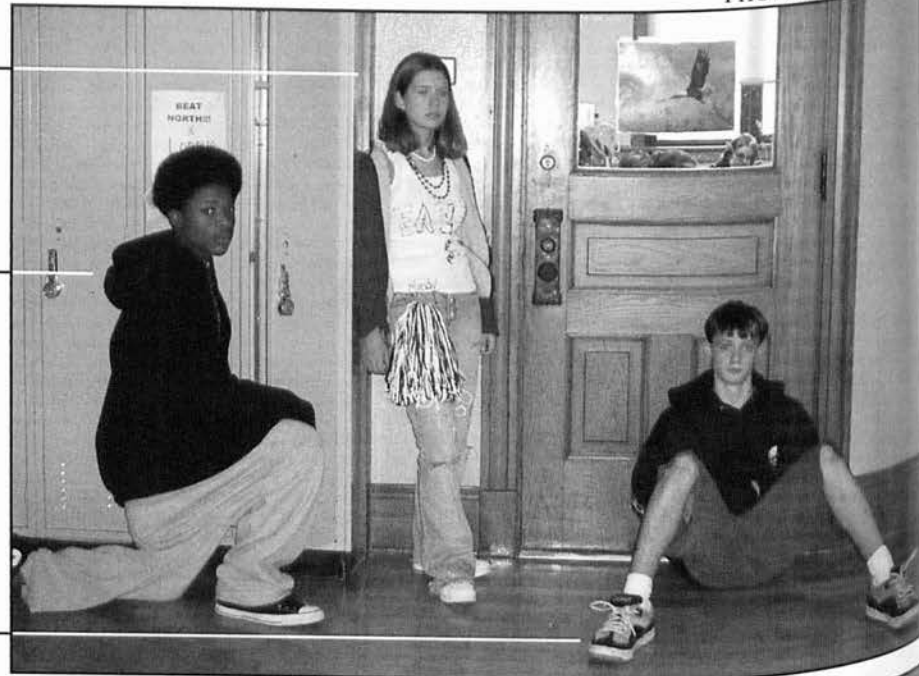
listen up

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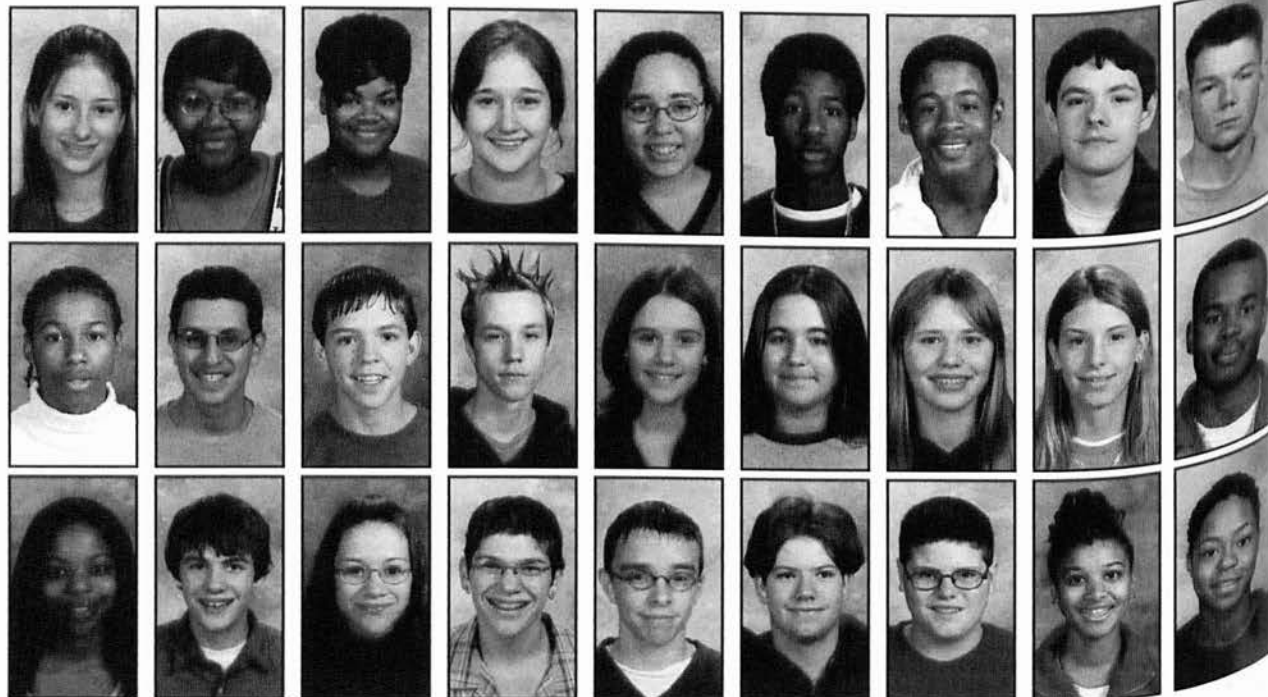
**"I just listen to whatever is on the radio. 97.7 is my favorite radio station."
 -Amanda Smejkal (10)**

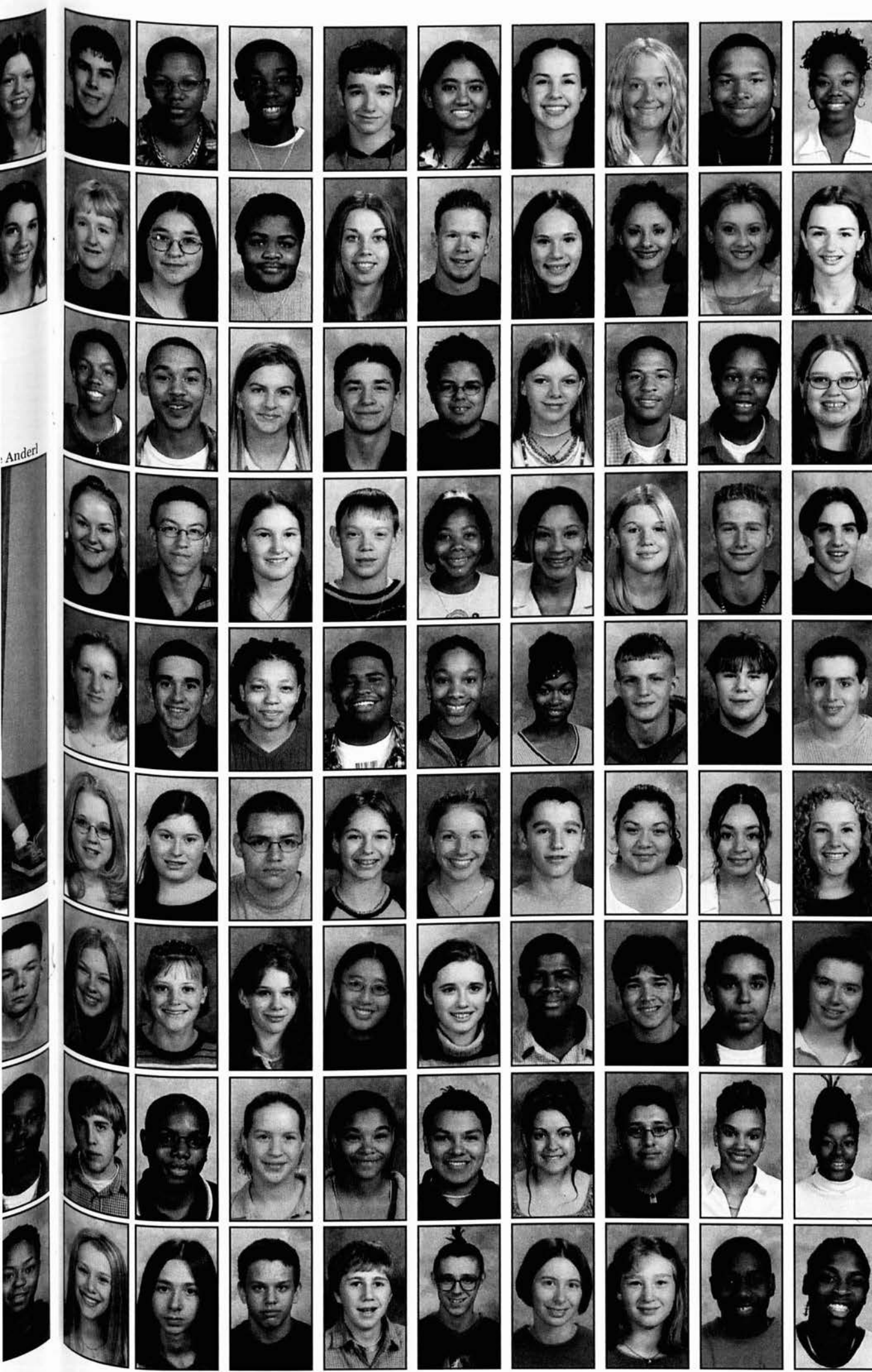
**"I listen to rap. St. Lunatics. It's a midwest swang."
 -Robert Phillips (10)**

**"I listen to industrial music. It's like hardcore rock without the singing."
 -Matthew Zmijewski (10)**



Stephanie Hatch
 Queenetta Haynes
 Delilia Haywood
 Abigail Heithoff
 Tayla Henderson
 Austin Henley
 Brandon Henley
 Alexander Henneberry
 Gregory Henriksen
 Marcell Henry
 Alfredo Hernandez
 Zane Hicks
 Justin Higginson
 Sarah Hinchik
 Natalie Hindt
 Eleanor Hoeger
 Jamie Hoffman
 Steven Hogan
 Dominique Hollingsworth
 Jacob Holst
 Nisa Holzapfel
 Richard Holzapfel
 Adam Hopewell
 Nathan Horrell
 Andrew Horton
 Tia Houston
 Crystal Howard





Josh Hubbard
 Marcus Hudson
 Kenneth Huff
 Robert Hunter
 Farhana Husain
 Alexandra Huston
 Ashley Irwin-Vodicka
 Adam Jackson
 Takeisha Jackson
 Jordan Jacobs
 Alicia Jaime
 Jeffrey Jr James
 Sara Janousek
 Bryce Jensen
 Erin Jensen
 Casandra Jimenez
 Mayra Jimenez
 Angela Johnson
 Arlanda Johnson
 Duaine Johnson
 Kathryn Johnson
 Matthew Johnson
 Michael Johnson
 Rachel Johnson
 Richard Johnson
 Felicia Johnson-Neal
 Kristin Jones
 Samantha Jorgensen
 Lance Karasek
 Kimberly Kazor
 James Kelley
 ReJaneche Kellum
 Tisa Kelly
 Alisa Kelsey
 Andrew Kendall
 John Kendall
 Rachel Kennedy
 Cody Killion
 Asia Kimmons
 William King
 Katrina Knight
 Ashley Knox
 Adam Konfrst
 Joshua Koterba
 Jered Kotschwar
 Ashley Kozak
 Erika Kraft
 Benjamin Krise
 Donalyn Kydney
 Shannon Kyler
 Kyle Langenfeld
 Julie Lara
 Natalia Lara
 Fallon Leahy
 Julia Lebedz
 Heather Lee
 Taylor Leeder
 Nicholle Leedom
 Holly Lehmer
 Tony Less
 Buddy Lewis
 Kenneth Lindmier
 Sarah Little
 Matthew Littrell
 Dimari Livingston
 Amanda Lonergan
 Kimberly Long
 Gabriel Lopez
 Mayra Lopez
 Sergio Lopez
 Dynasti Loving
 Keiria Lowe
 Katherine Lydiatt
 Zachary Lynch
 Evan Macdonald
 Kevin Macinerney
 Adam Mahlberg
 Kathleen Mapes
 Melanie Marek
 Christopher Mason
 Tyler Matlock

food *for* thought.

➔ Have you ever questioned the contents of your school lunch? Have you ever wondered what exactly makes the “power gelatin” so powerful? The *O-Book* staff spent quality time in the cafeteria examining one of our favorite lunches: the chicken nugget meal. Here is what we found:

White 2% Milk
Serving: 8 oz
Total fat: 5 grams
Total calories: 120
Calories from fat: 45

Kiwi
Serving: 2 Halves
Total fat: 0 grams
Total calories: 46
Calories from fat: 0

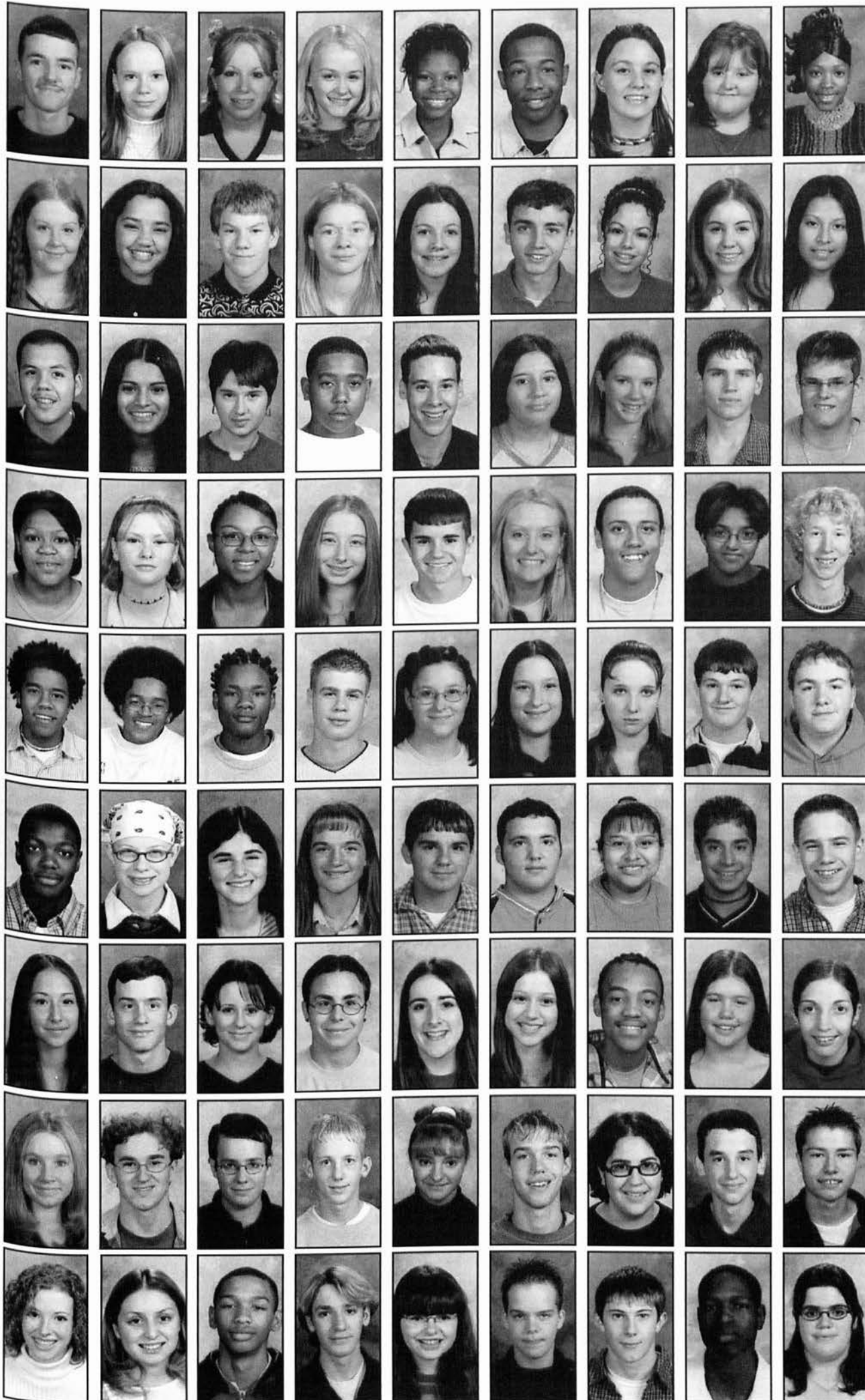
PHOTO Andy Berg



Power Gelatin
Serving: 1/2 Cup
Total fat: 0 grams
Total calories: 133
Calories from fat: 0

Chicken Nuggets
Serving: 5 Nuggets
Total fat: 18 grams
Total calories: 263
Calories from fat: 61.5

White Tea Roll
Serving: 1.5 oz
Total fat: 3 grams
Total calories: 46
Calories from fat: 0



Andrew Matney
 Shaleene Matthaei
 Jessica Matthies
 Rebecca Mayhew
 Kayana McCants
 Robert McCraney
 Sara McDonald
 Robin McGinness
 Jazmyne McMiller
 Reanna McMullen
 Emily McTate
 Isaiah McVay
 Angela McWilliams
 Kathryn Meade
 Joseph Medeiros
 Jill Melancon
 Brianne Melquist
 Adriana Mendez
 Miguel Meraz
 Jessica Merino
 Brittney Mertz
 Tony Metoy
 Scott Miettinen
 Naheed Millatmal
 Melissa Miller
 Jeffrey Mininni
 Michael Minino
 Danielle Minnifield
 Jacqueline Mitchell
 Janel Mitchell
 Mallory Mitchell
 Jacob Mixan
 Jamie Moats
 Marchelo Moderow
 Anah Moe
 Marc Monbouquette
 Nicholas Monge
 Anton Moore
 Eric Moore
 Justin Morar
 Jamie Morehouse
 Jessica Morehouse
 Heather Morgan
 Jacob Morris
 Mathew Morrissey
 Justin Muhammad
 Johanna Murphy
 Emily Muskin
 Ashley Myers
 Ben Myszkowski
 Roman Myszkowski
 Mayra Nava
 Andrew Neal
 Adam Nebel
 Maria Negrete
 Jason Nehrig
 Emily Nepinsky
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 Emily Newman
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 Kelvin Newton
 Kaitlin Nichols
 Nicole Nichols
 Nicole Niebur
 Charles Nielson
 Craig Novak II
 Robbie Nunn
 Jessica Ohren
 Joshua Olbertz
 Stephanie Olesh
 Alexander Olson
 Christopher Oltmanns
 Brigid O'Malley
 Josephine Ortiz
 Rinaldo Overton
 Richard Owens-Ream
 Kira O'Bradovich
 Jeffrey O'Brien
 Kyle O'Day
 Chuol Pal
 Christine Palmer

911's new meaning.

➔ Sept. 11, 2001: Central students watched from classroom televisions in disbelief as panic swept across the country. They were able to watch the World Trade Center crumble and Pentagon burn.

The terrorist attack on America was the closest thing to war their generation has experienced. Three sophomores share what they thought of the disaster and how it affected them.

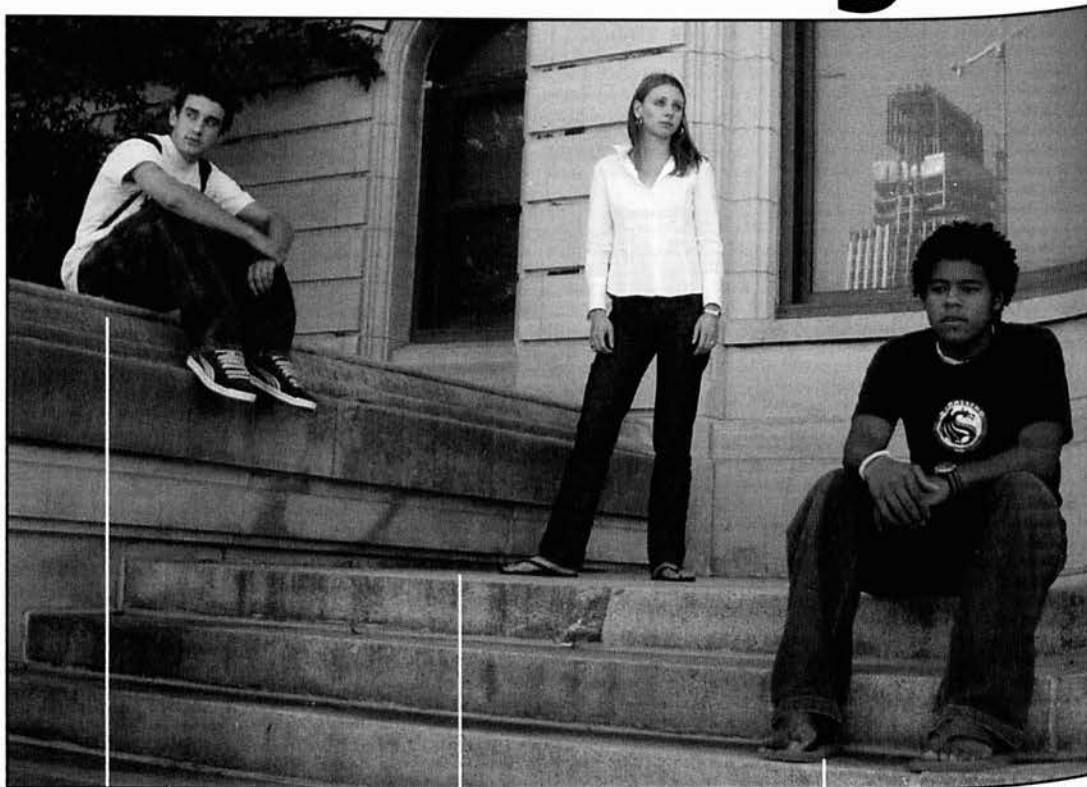
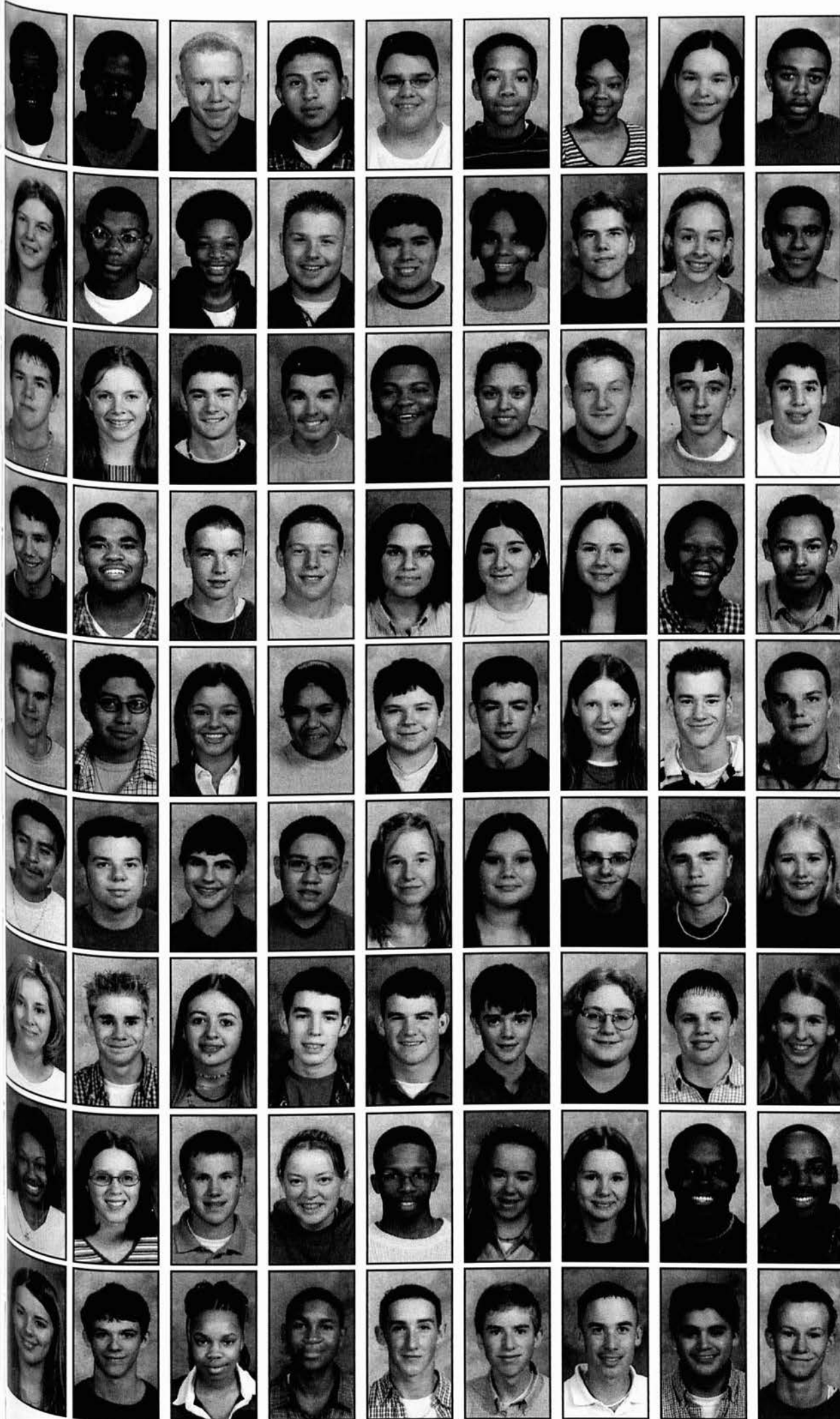


PHOTO Annie Walden

"My mom was in a hotel across from the Pentagon when the plane struck. I was pretty worried because I couldn't get ahold of her."
- Cody Killion (10)

"The attacks not only affected people in New York but around the country. This is an event that will be remembered forever in our nation."
- Desiree Fortina (10)

"I was supposed to go to Chicago the weekend after the attacks but my flight got cancelled. I wouldn't have wanted to get on a plane anyways."
- Nicholas Monge (10)



Lam Panyuan
 Yien Panyuan
 James Parsons
 Eriviel Partida
 Matthew Patlan
 Yasin Patterson
 Valeta Payton
 Michelle Peare
 Darrius Penn
 Catherine Peters
 Terry Phillip
 Robert Phillips
 Jason Pietramale
 Salvador Pina
 Ashley Pinkerton
 Trevor Plambeck
 Megan Prosterman
 Anthony Provis
 John Pryor
 Whitney Quinlan
 Jonathan Raftery
 Adam Ramirez
 Shabazz Ramsey
 Dalia Rangel
 Andrew Regan
 Keith Renshaw
 Joseph Revers
 David Rhee
 Marlin Richey
 Raymond Rife
 Chad Riley
 Sara Rips
 Alicea Rivera
 Emily Roberts
 Darryl Robinson
 Ivan Rodriguez
 Bill Rollins
 Eric Roman
 Alexandra Romano
 Yesenia Romero
 Charles Rose
 Zachary Ruben
 Devon Rumbaugh
 Paul Rushlau
 Zachary Ryks
 Rolando Saavedra
 Richard Sacco
 Steve Salavec
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 Lisa Sankey
 Ashley Scheel
 Matthew Schrad
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 Rachel Schulte
 Sarah Schulte
 Scott Schultz
 Erika Schweikert
 Jay Searson
 Jacob Sellin
 Charles Serfass
 Tia Seymour
 Dale Shahan
 Elizabeth Sharpe
 Sydney Shead
 Calli Shepherd
 Eric Shradar
 Cecilia Shuda
 Clinton Skanes
 Vanessa Skocz
 Amanda Smejkal
 Brandon Smith
 James Smith
 Kristina Smith
 Philip Smith
 Stephany Smith
 Terry Smith
 William Smith
 Sam Smith-Shull
 Kyle Soares
 Pedro Soares
 Matt Soethout

● Sophomores

Claude Spencer
 Matthew Spielman
 Chasidy Stafford
 Samuel Stanfield
 James Stark
 Michelle Stechenfinger
 Chase Steenbock
 Katherine Storm
 Matthew Storm
 Blaine Stratton



James Strong
 Heather Sullivan
 Adam Suverkubbe
 Kristy Swirzinski
 Bryan Swotek
 Andres Tapia
 Halley Taylor
 Shannon Teamer
 Teddi Teamer
 Jessica Thomas



Thaddeus Thomas
 Dannaka Thompson
 Destini Thompson
 Anthony Tolbert
 Kelvin Tolston
 Jarvis Toney
 Brandon Torry
 Paris Tyler
 Nichole Tyrey



Shauntel Vaughn
 Joel Velasquez
 David Vencalek
 Patrick Venditte
 Lucia Villegas
 Starr Walker
 Enjolie Wallace
 Jeremiah Walter
 Xu Wang



Tailynn Ward
 Katrina Washington
 Ricardo Washington
 Nicholas Waszak
 James Watson
 Jessica Wei
 Nicholas Weidner
 Norman Welch
 Rebecca Welch



Danielle Welty
 Charles Wence
 Devon White
 India White
 Karl White
 Alex Wigger
 Annette Wilder
 Ashley Wilds
 Zachary Wilkerson



Shea Wilkinson
 Keonna Williams
 Kevin Williams
 Leron Williams
 Michaela Williams
 Shemika Williams
 Stephanie Williams
 Tamara Williams
 Ashley Wilson
 Christopher Wilson



Cynthia Wilson
 Eric Wilson
 Monique Wilson
 Jonnetta Winston
 Jacquiece Witcher
 Philip Witchger
 Mercedes Woods
 Ashley Woolridge
 Nicholas Wright
 Lanae Wulff



Allison Wynn
 Erica Yates
 Jennifer Yin
 Kylie Zacharia
 Matthew Zmijewski
 Eric Zumm
 Clare McGuire



Finding time to breathe.



Above. Playing the trombone is just one of the many activities that Philip Witchger (10) is involved in. Witcher took junior classes his sophomore year in order to be an exchange student his junior year. PHOTO Nitasha Dickes

AP classes, cross country, swimming, minority scholars, soccer, chess team, juggling club, math club, mock trial, youth group, piano, and refereeing, are just a few things that keep this sophomore busy.

BY Nitasha Dickes

The clock struck midnight when Philip Witchger (10) realized he had more to study for than he imagined. In order to become a foreign exchange student his junior year he chose to take more classes this year.

"I love a challenge that is why I chose Central over Prep," Witchger said.

Two years ago, Witchger traveled to Ecuador with ten college students. They had first hand experience staying with a family

and learning their customs. Witchger said that from this experience he knew he wanted to become a foreign exchange student in Spain.

"The experience opened my eyes," Witchger said. "It made me realize that the United States can't compare to other countries in the world."

Classes that he chose to take were Honors Concert Band, Honor's Spanish 5-6, Decathlon, Honor's English 5-6, Honor's Trig and AP American History. AP His-

tory and English 5-6 are usually not offered until junior year, however Witchger was able to take the classes due to his study abroad next year.

Academics is not the only thing on Witchger's to-do list. Witchger also participates in sports and clubs.

"There is never a dull moment in my life," Witchger said.

Witchger was involved in cross country, swimming, varsity soccer, chess team, minority scholars, math club and mock trials.

"At times I get overwhelmed and stressed out," Witchger said. "But I know I can handle it."

At this age Witchger has chosen what his major priorities are and tries to achieve them by working really hard. He said it is sometimes hard to get three or four hours of home work in when he also has extra-curricular activities going on.

"I'm not super boy," he said, "I get stresses out just like any other teenager."

Outside of school, Witchger said he plays the piano, referees for middle schools, belongs to the Omaha juggling club and his church's youth group.

Witchger said it is hard spending time with his friends, but he makes an effort at least once a weekend.

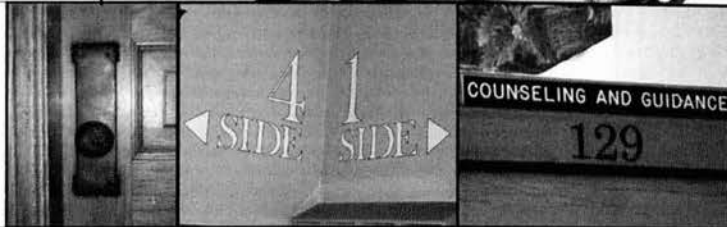
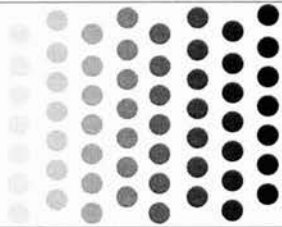
"Being a sophomore at Central can be hard," Witchger said. "Thanks to both my parents it seems to get easier."

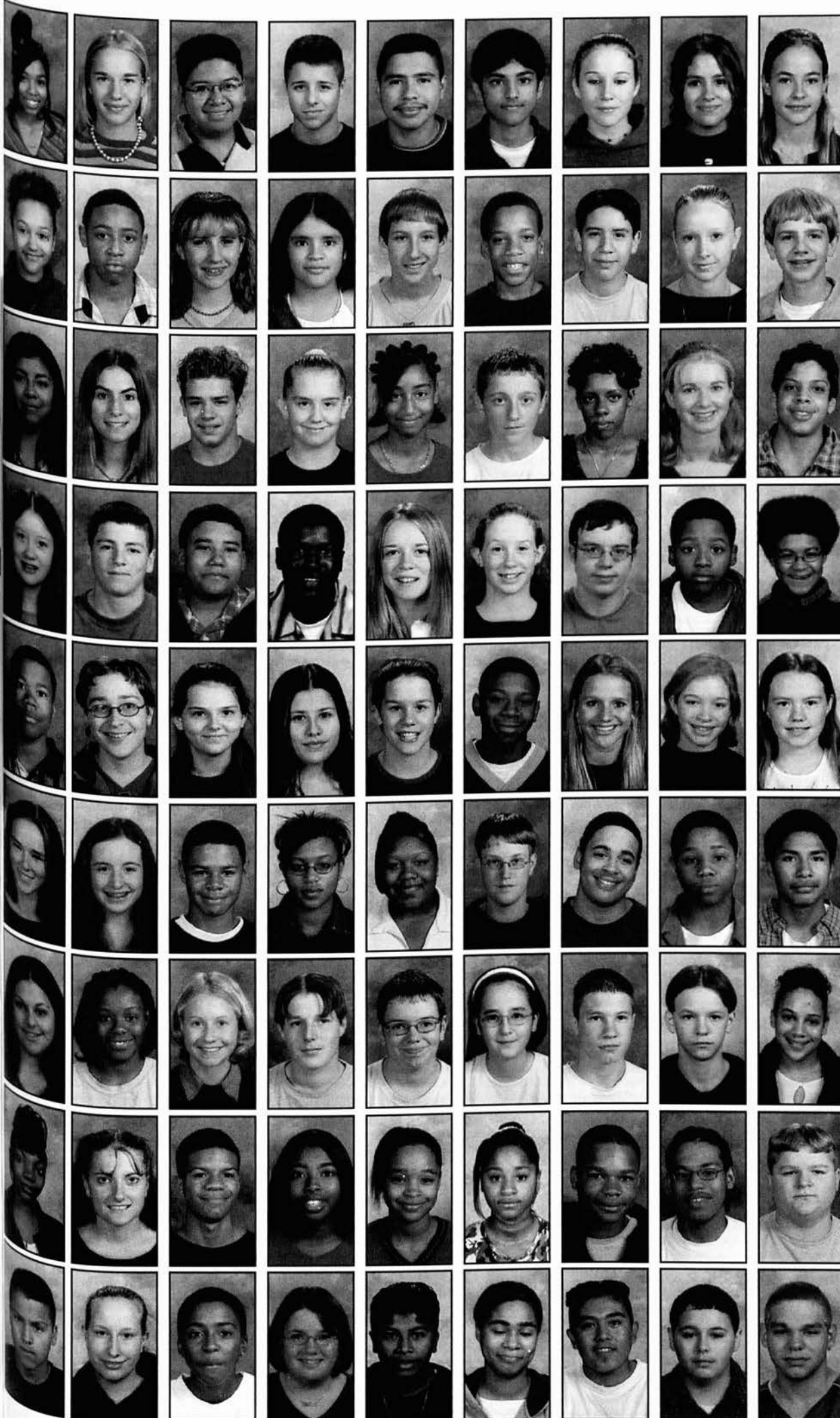
Freshman *people* class



Right. EllenMickle (9), Katherine Krance (9), Charlotte Kepler (9), and Kaitlin Peterson (9) sit at their lunch table during seventh hour. PHOTO Lynne Clure

Bottom row. A doorknob. The corner of the 4 and 1 side. The counselor's office. PHOTOS Mike Zhang





Cheyama Adams
 Patricia Adams
 John Advincula
 Logan Agosta
 Raul Aguilar
 Faraz Ahmad
 Callie Akin
 Kristina Alas
 Ashley Albers
 Colbey Alexis
 Albert Allen
 Alacia Altemose
 Alma Alvarado
 Christopher Alvarez
 Kermit Amos
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 Jeanne Bradley
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 Craig Brown
 Zachary Brown
 Richard Bruckner
 Gustavo Bruno
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Freshman Eagles are early birds.

→ **BY Meredith Grunke**

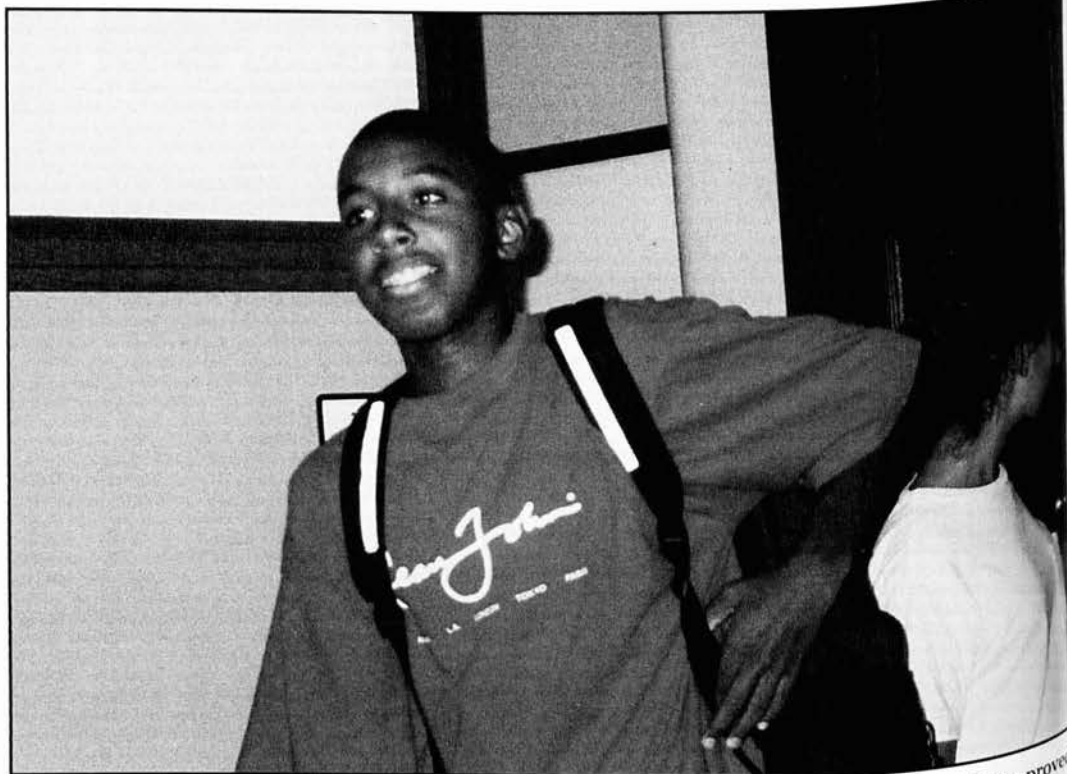
The air was mild and breezy, unlike most "normal" days at the beginning of the school year, and a cool shade hung over the Dodge Street entrance of the building.

Into this setting stepped Steven Steward (9), securing his place as one of the freshmen who attended the first "freshmen only" day in the history of Central High School. He climbed out of his mother's car, comfortably making his way up the sets of stairs to the doors, greeting a few acquaintances along the way.

He said he was nervous about finding his classes on time as he walked down the basement hall and entered a classroom.

A teacher warmly greeted Steward, but could not find his name in her stack of schedules. She sent him to the fourth floor, the real location of his schedule pick-up room.

After picking up his schedule, Steward walked down to the second floor although his schedule said his homeroom was on the third. Confused, Steward asked an administrator for directions to his first



Steven Steward (9) sets out to find his first room after getting his class schedule. The extra day for freshmen proved beneficial in that it gave freshmen an extra day of practice in finding their classes. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

hour class.

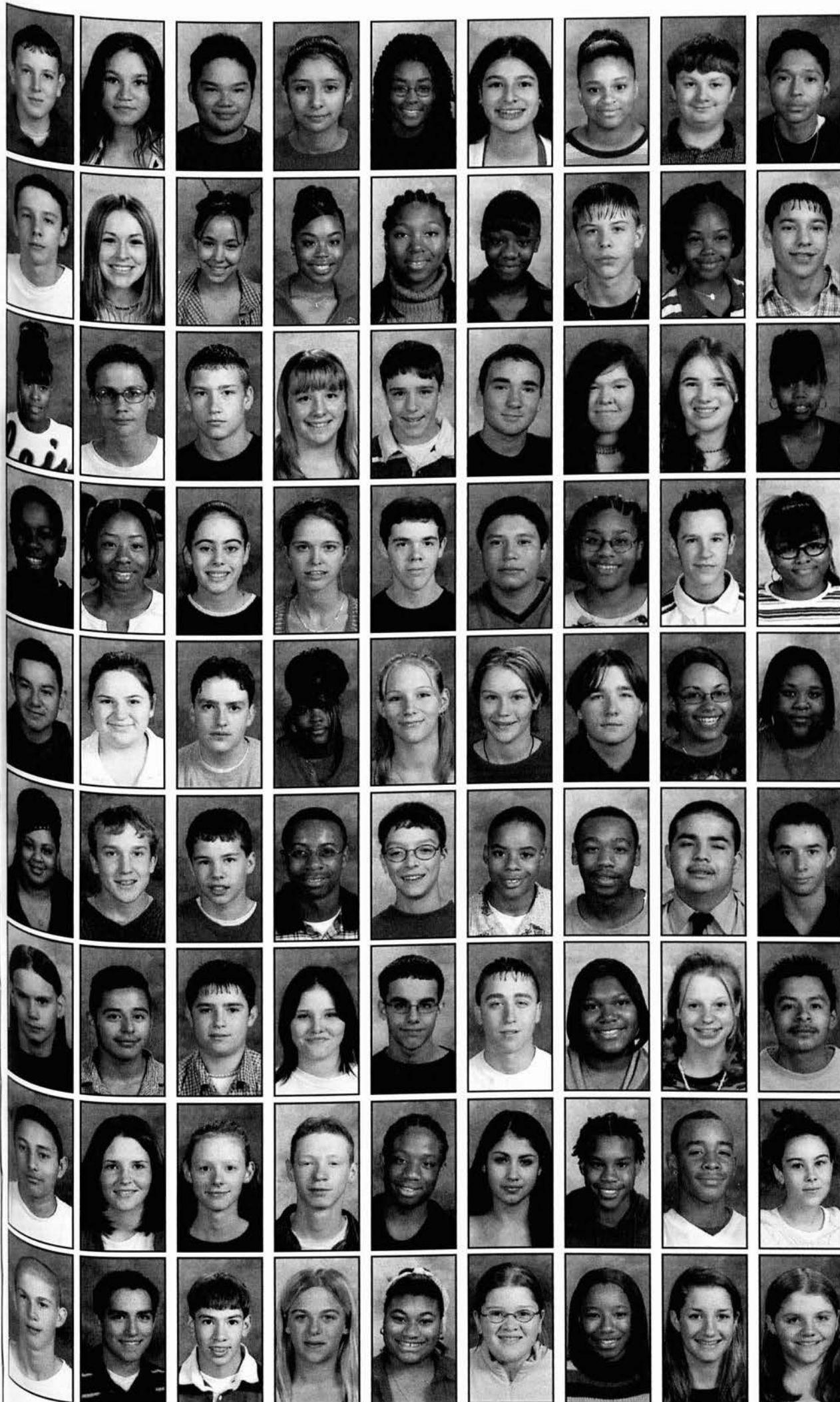
Steward later joined the crowd of almost 800 in the auditorium, where he attended the freshmen homeroom assembly. The principal offered advice and instruction to the new freshmen.

After the assembly, Steward continued throughout the rest of

the day finding his classes and meeting his teachers.

At the end of the day, he began to worry about finding classes on Tuesday with all the upperclassmen in the halls. All in all, Steward expressed a positive attitude towards the day set aside for freshmen.

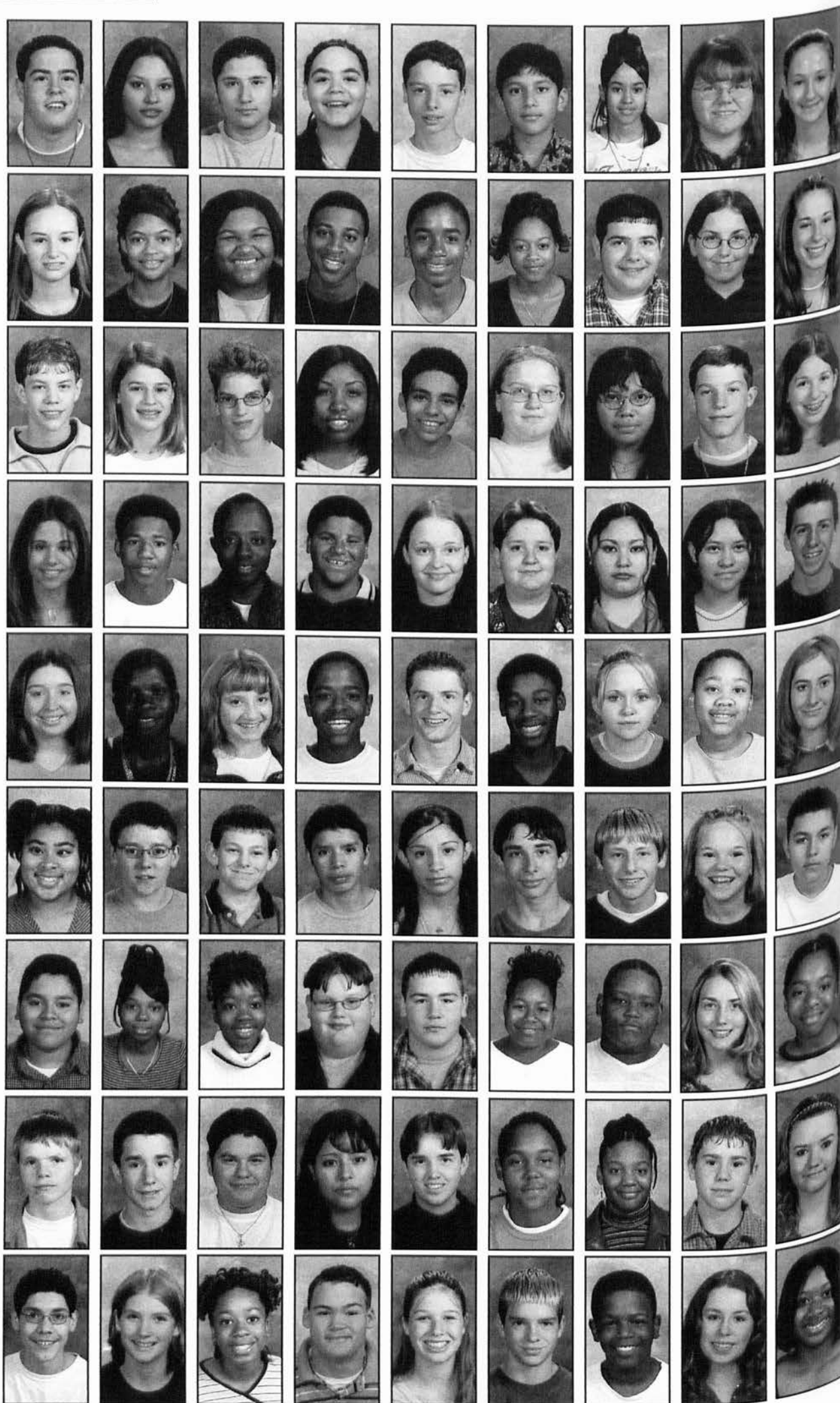
Central's first "head start" was greatly appreciated by some.

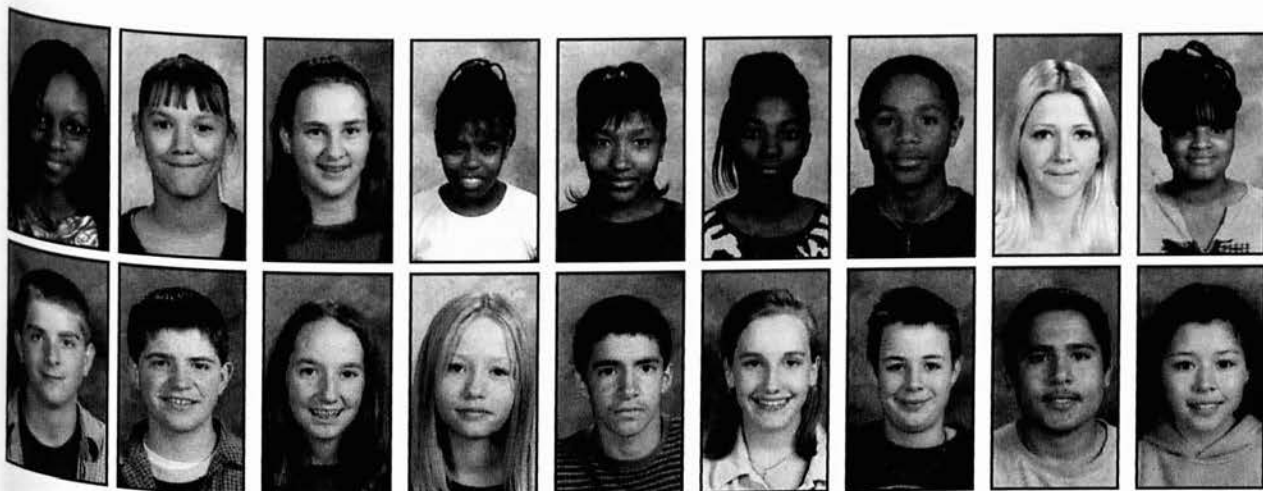


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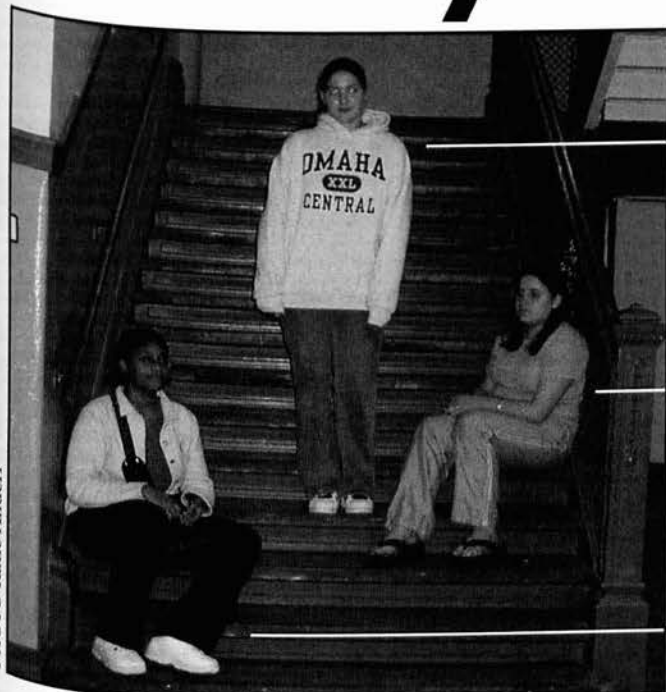
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funkyfreshmen facts.



“Donald Duck is banned from The Netherlands for not wearing pants.”
-Amanda Rozmiarek (9)

“A human swallows six Olympic pools of spit a year.”
-Theresa Crnkovich (9)

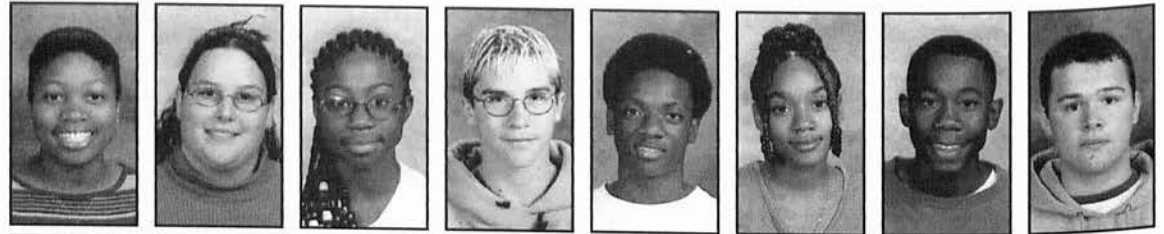
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-Ja’Mese Coty (9)



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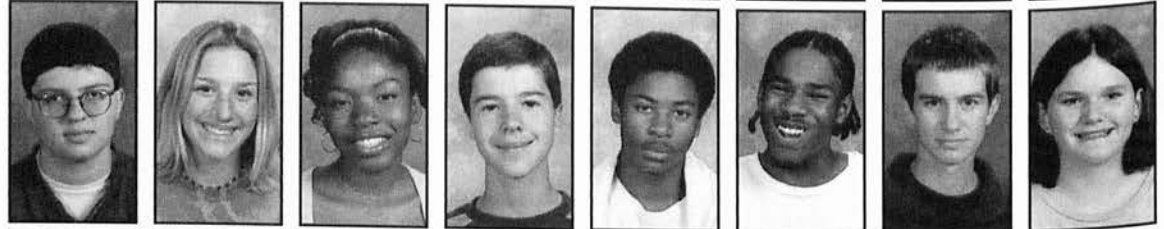
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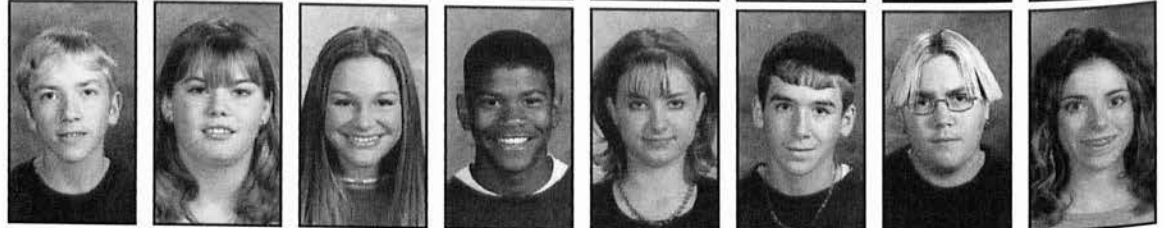
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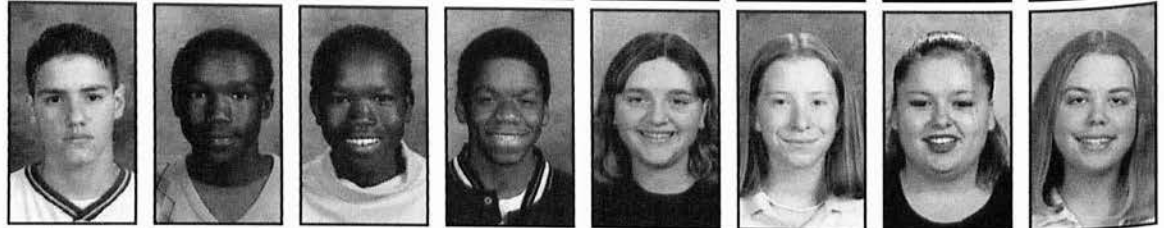
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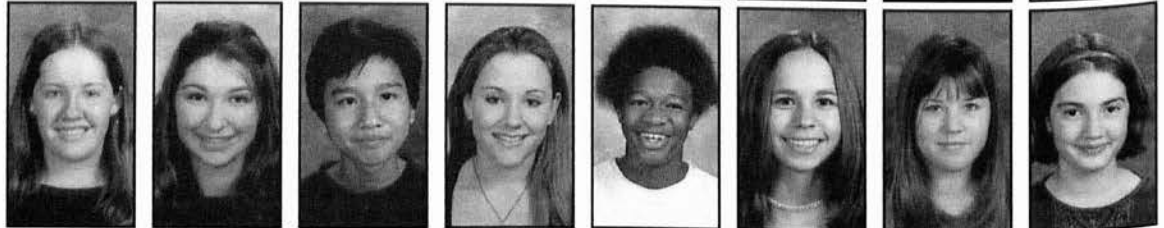
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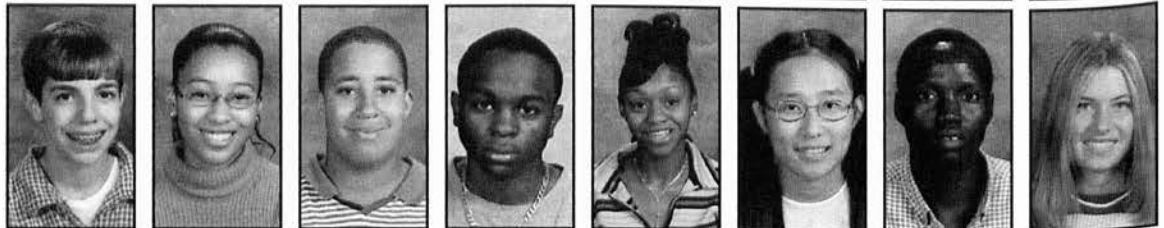
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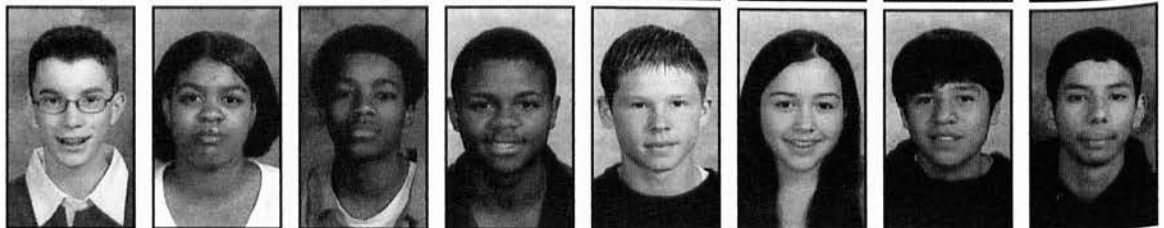
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hitting the *high* notes.

By Katie Decker

Juliet Yoshida (9), who has played the violin for five years, knows how busy being a violinist can be. She was in Molly Moriarty's freshman orchestra, took private lessons, and was involved in the Omaha Area Youth Orchestra (OAYO).

"I decided to play the violin because it was something different and interesting to do," Yoshida said. "I enjoy music a lot and wanted to play."

She was not currently involved with OAYO because she wanted to join the older, advanced group, but she was not old enough. She plans to try out again next year when she is old enough.

This year she played for Central's orchestra and had a recital outside of school.

"My favorite thing about playing is performing," Yoshida said. "It's exciting being on stage and having everyone hear you."



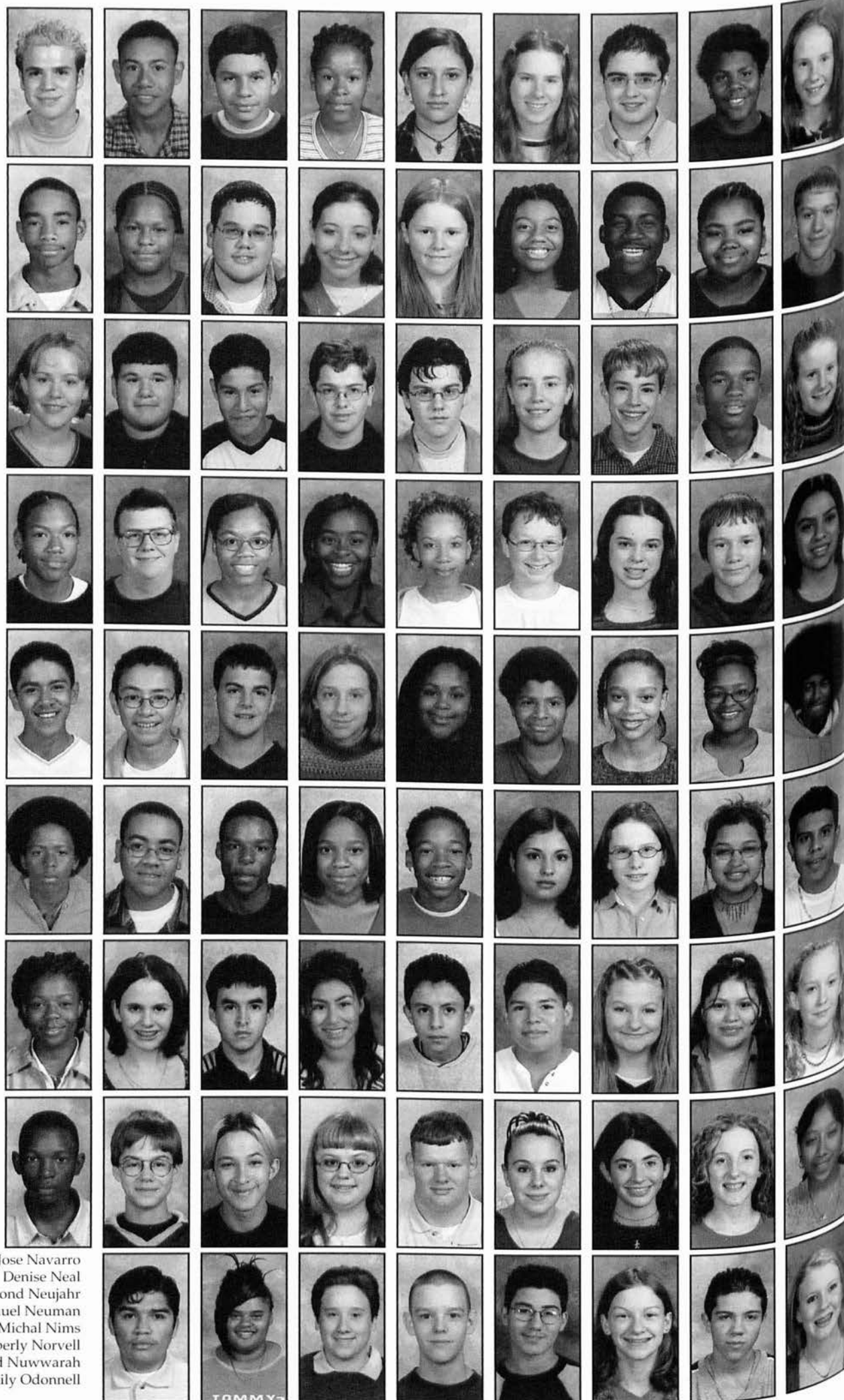
Skilled violinist makes lasting first impression on Central's orchestra.



Left. Juliet Yoshida (9) practices on her violin for her second hour Orchestra class. PHOTO
Mike Zhang

● Freshmen

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 Brandon Luther
 Jeremy Lyons
 Kathryn Macdonald
 Richodd Mackins
 Anthony Magett
 Jeremy Manis
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 Michal Nims
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High School just got **HARDER.**



Above. Freshmen students in Christie Pfeifer's Algebra 3-4 class work hard for their credits. The class of 2005 no longer has the option of dropping math and science their senior year. PHOTO Katie Anderl

➔ **Freshmen face new requirements meaning more work and harder classes for some students.**

By Katie Anderl

A change in the graduation requirements now obligates students to take an extra year of mathematics and science. Starting with the Class of 2005, two more credits of science and math are required for graduation.

Cathy Andrus, guidance counselor, said the poor Criterion Referenced Test (CRT) scores OPS students were producing caused the change in requirements. The CRT is a standardized test that all graduating seniors in the district take to measure their abilities.

"Many colleges require or look for that extra year of mathematics and science," Andrus said. "Taking the extra courses your senior year would be the smart thing to do in the first place."

Cassie Dalrymple (11) did not think the requirement changes are a big deal.

"Freshmen shouldn't be upset," Dalrymple said. "The new requirements are only trying to help them out for college."

Kermit Amos (9), who is affected by the new requirements, feels differently.

"The new requirements are a bunch of crap," he said. "We already have to have 40-some credits, why are they making us do more?"

There has not been much negative feedback in reaction to the new requirements. Andrus expects problems to arise as the freshmen get closer to their senior year.

the next step for volunteering.



By Katie Anderl

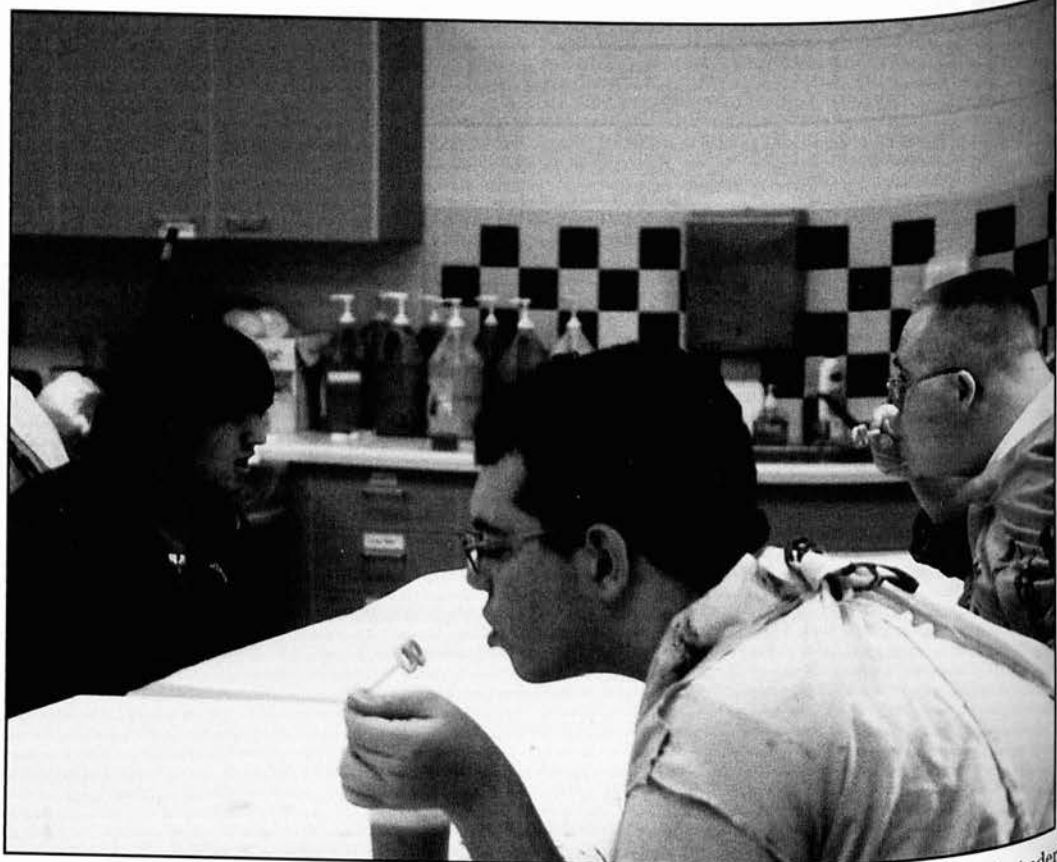
Each summer, the Munroe-Meyer Institute (MMI) for Genetics and Rehabilitation has offered a program in which student volunteers work with individuals between the ages of three and twenty-one with developmental disabilities.

Anne-Marie Lind (9) volunteered at the camp for two weeks last summer. She worked with children ages two through eight.

"It was uncomfortable at first, because I wasn't used to working with disabled people," Lind said. "After about an hour, I got used to it and had fun with the kids."

At the beginning of each day, volunteers were assigned a camper that they were to accompany throughout the remainder of the day. Children attended camp for one or more weeks, and they participated daily in activities such as cooking, swimming, art, music, dance, sports, and community outings.

Chris Gorga (11) began volunteering at Camp Munroe five years ago. His mother signed him up for the program in order to get volunteer hours, he said. Last year was his first year as an employee of the Department of Recreational Therapy,



Above. Christopher Gorga (11) looks on as campers at Camp Munroe blow paint bubbles. PHOTO Katie Anderl

giving him added responsibilities.

"As an employee, I spent most of my time overseeing activities, disciplining campers, and solving other problems," he said. "I also spent a lot of my time taking kids to the bathroom and helping them change for swimming."

Camp Munroe is offered Monday through Friday, and

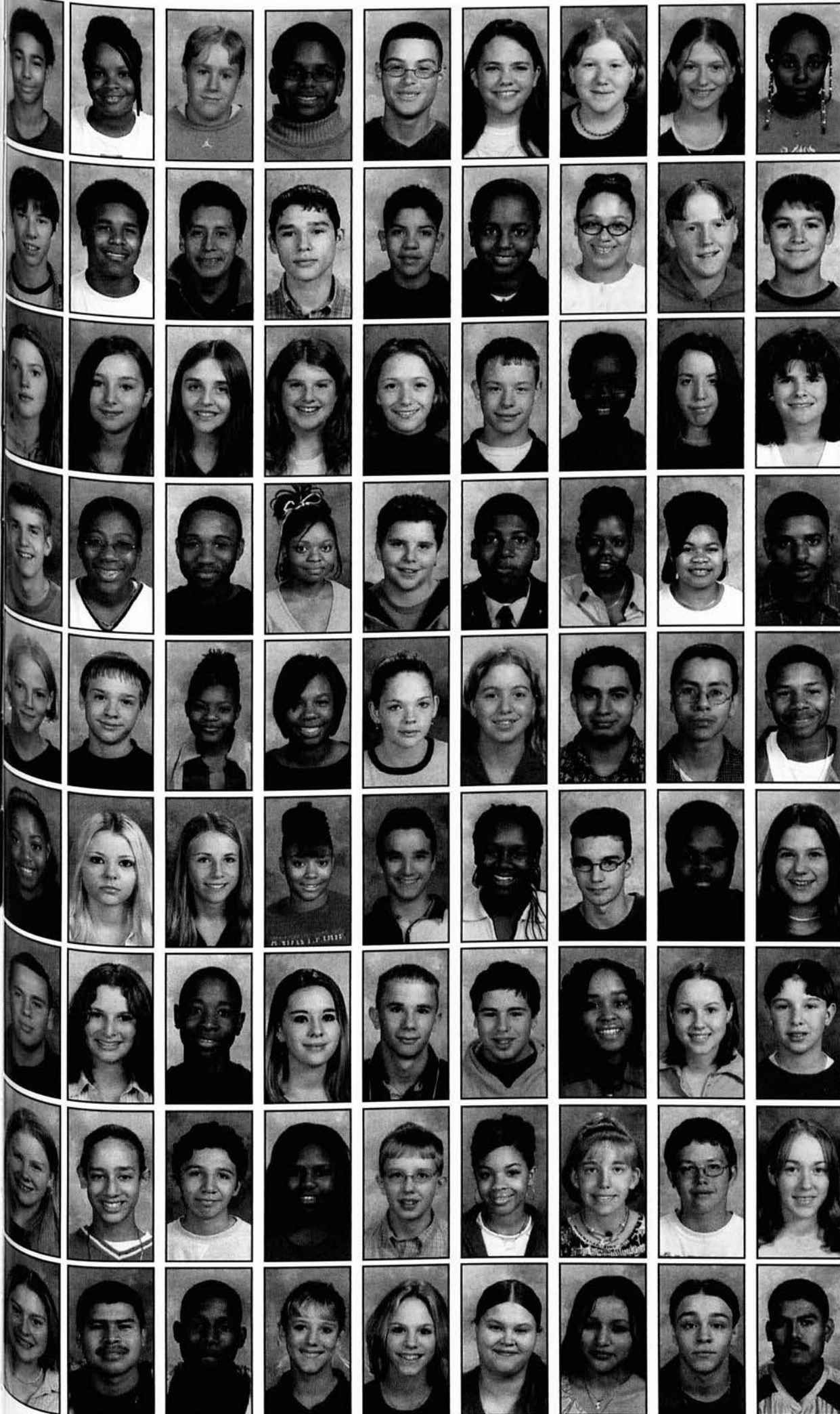
typically runs from late June through early August.

Overall, Gorga said he enjoyed working at Camp Munroe "I think that Camp Munroe is a great program because the activities the campers participate in teach them social skills and how to succeed on their own," He said. "I like helping kids that most people wouldn't want to help."

**Student
volunteers
make a
difference in
the lives of
others.**

- Katherine Okrina
- Nicolette Oliver
- Randell Olivett
- Christopher Olsen
- Zachary Olsen
- Jasmine Opere
- Vanessa Ordonez
- Wesley Orr
- Anthony Orsi
- Cody Ottrogge
- Vicente Ozuna
- Tanya Padilla
- Jemesha Paige
- Jessica Pankonen
- Miles Pappan
- Marquis Pargo
- Jurrell Parker
- Marisa Parker





Nathan Parker
 Jessica Parks
 Kevin Partusch
 Neville Paul
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 Cody Payne-Mikrut
 Heather Peasinger
 Chelsey Peebles
 Denika Peebles
 Aubrey Peltz
 Terrence Peoples
 Geovani Peralta
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 Brian Perez
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 Angelina Perry
 Colin Perry
 Jacob Peters
 Laura Peters
 Kristin Petersen
 Amelia Peterson
 Cati Peterson
 Katlin Peterson
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 Deborah Philip
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 Bryson Rollins
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number One choice.

➔ Choosing between high schools is one of the toughest decisions middle school students have to make. One's entire future depends on this choice.

Not all high schools are alike. Wading through reputations can be confusing.

Three freshmen share what the deciding factor was in their choice of Central.

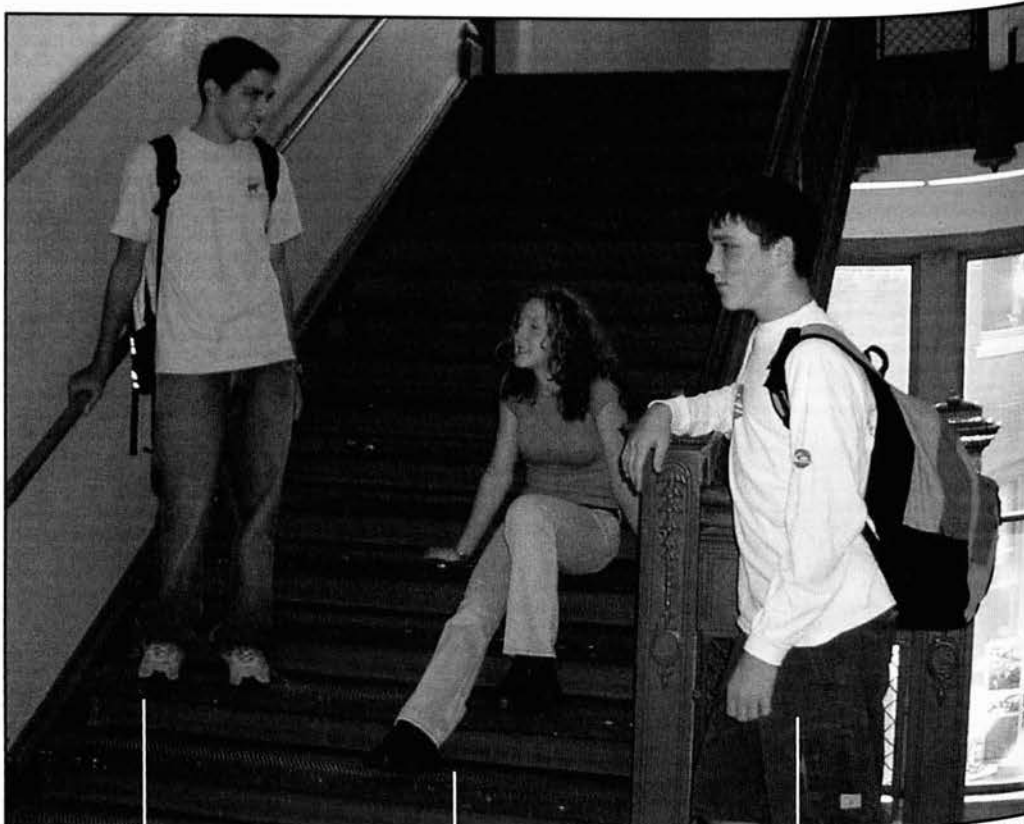
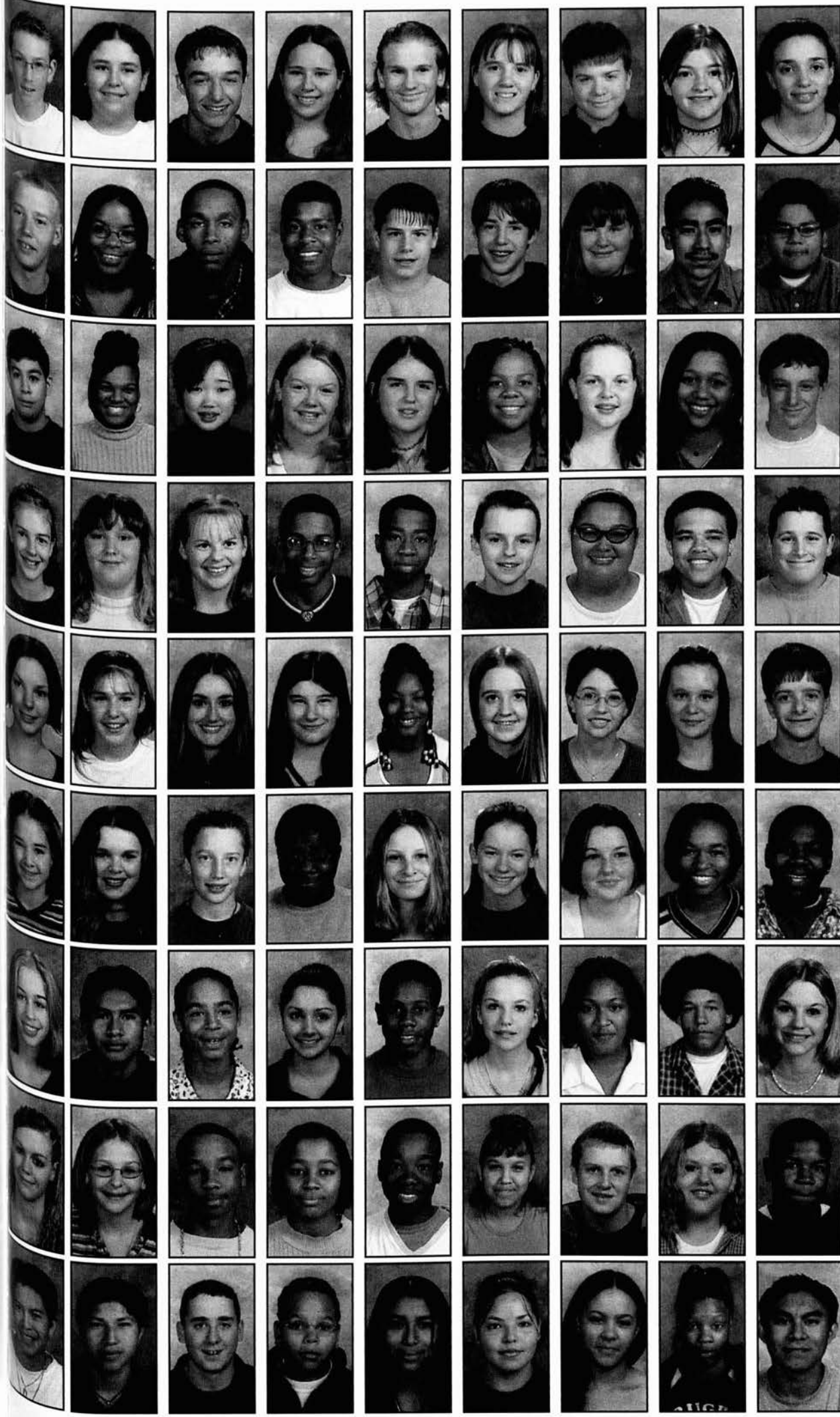


PHOTO Annie Walden

"My sister went here. Central rocks!"
-Ashley Naikelis (9)

"My sister told me its a big party school."
-Robert Drickey (9)

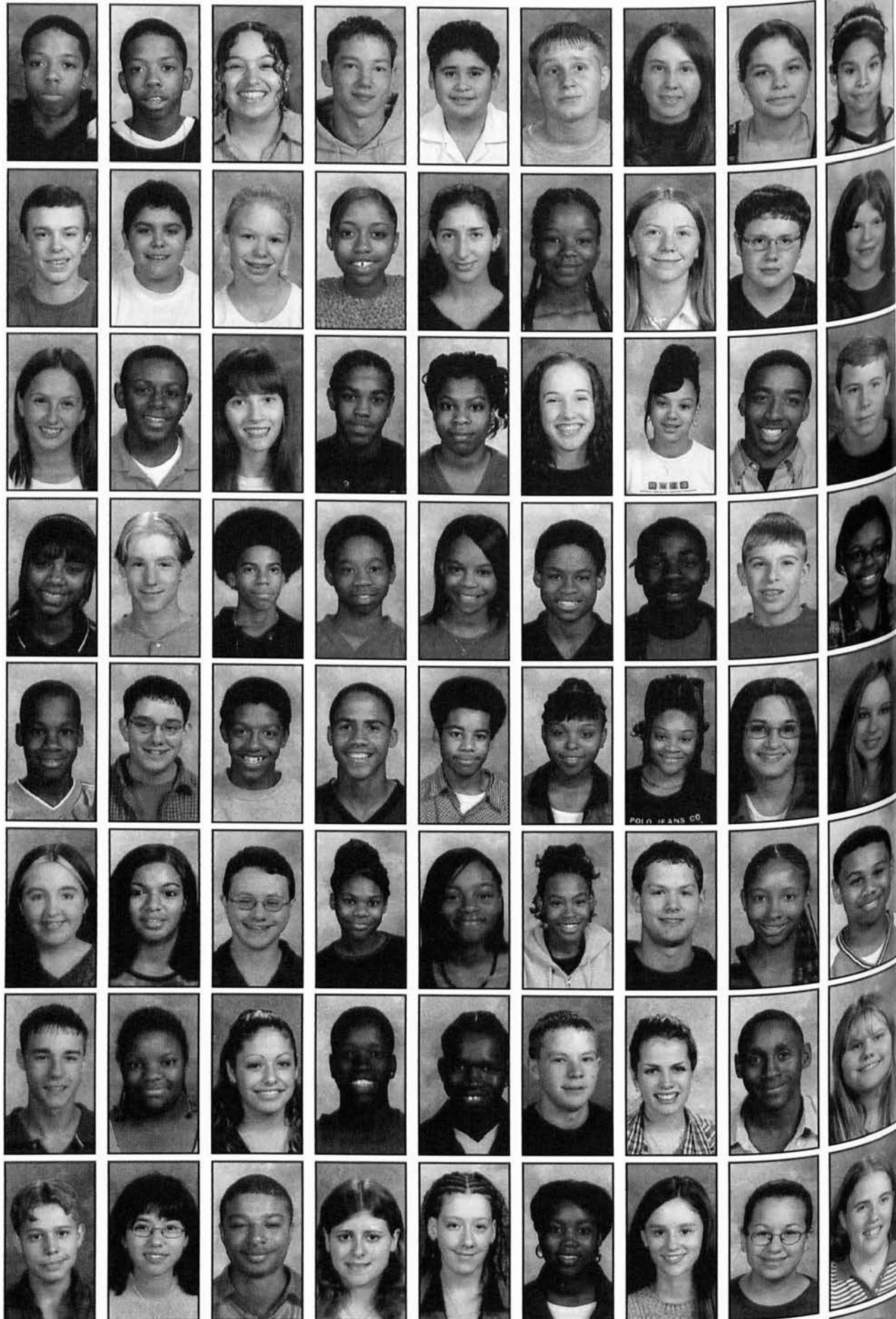
"The excellent coaching staff. Also education, 'cause I gotta be smart too."
-David Cleveland (9)



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 Brandon Schmitt
 Andrea Schnell
 Amanda Scholting
 Michael Schulte
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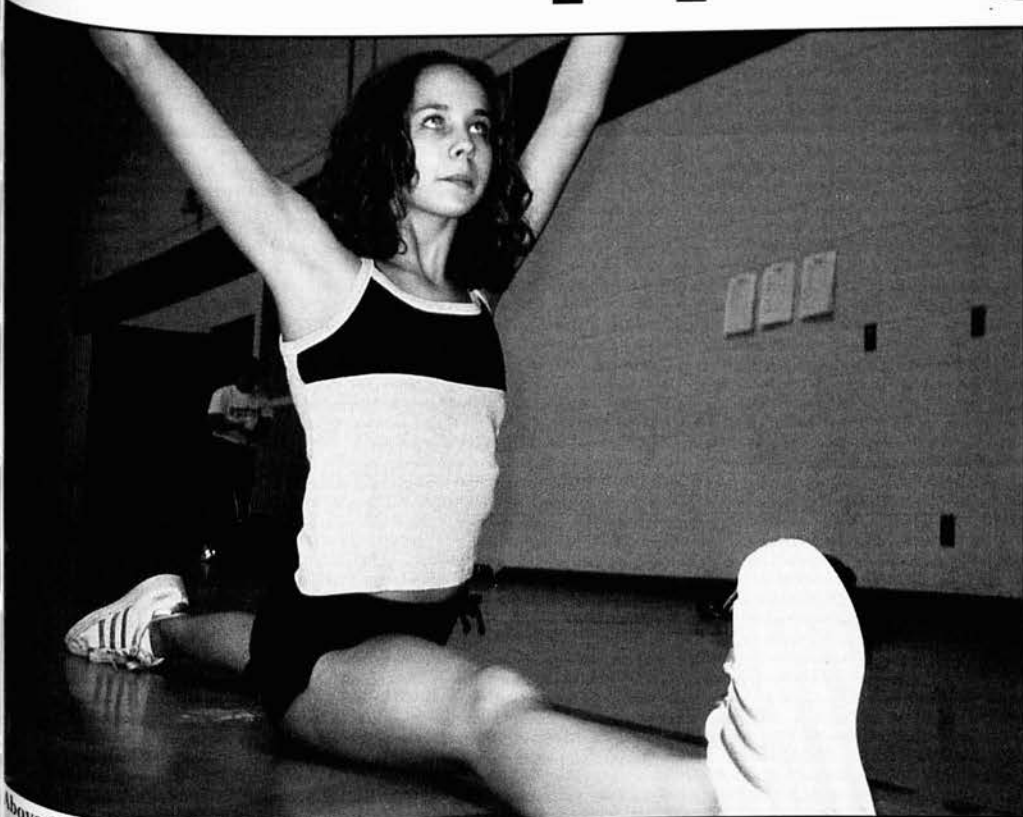
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 Robin Watts
 Devlon Webb
 Shantell Webb
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 Denika Whitlow
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 Christopher Williams
 Daniel Williams
 Eric Williams
 Jamar Williams
 Sean Williams
 Adrienne Wilson
 Lakeisha Wilson
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 Emma Winheim
 Amanda Wirth
 Jessica Wise
 Jason Witty
 Jessica Womack
 Shatia Wood
 Kimberly Woods
 Seth Woods
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 Michael Woolridge
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 Robert Yarbrough
 Jessica Yates
 Mark Yates
 Juliet Yoshida
 Deandre Young
 Rose Young
 Nicole Younger
 Georgiana Zakaria
 Cecily Zdan
 Sara Zendejas
 Courtney Ziesel



Judy Zubia
 Frank Zuck

flipping for fun.



Above. Kristen Legino (9) displays perfect poise and discipline as she performs the splits. PHOTO Andy Berg

By Andy Berg

→ Kristen Legino (9) clutched her hands nervously; she had never been in a gymnastics competition that required her to do a move that she was not perfect at.

Her instructor had been training her for weeks, teaching her how to do a front handspring.

Legino sighed and focused on the floor she would be springing herself off of. She ran and chickened out at the last minute. She flew under the vault and hit her head on the board.

"I thought it was hilarious, but I felt like the biggest goof," Legino said.

Despite her embarrassment, Legino continues to be active in gymnastics.

"I'm on the Central High gymnastics team and I'm also on Sokol gymnastics."

Legino practices on Mondays and Thursdays with the Sokol team. Her usual training includes working on the beam, the uneven bars, floor, and vault.

"My Sokol gymnastics teams went to Michigan to compete in a gymnastics tournament this summer. I competed in level four of the Girl's Apparatus, but I didn't win because the hundreds of other girls were so good," Legino said.

She said she belongs on the other team just for fun.

"I'm on the Central gymnastics team because I want to be a 'stunter' on a cheerleading team when I'm in college," Legino said. The 'stunters' on cheerleading teams are held up by others in order to form shapes and attract attention.

"I don't like Central's cheerleading team because they just stand on the ground and cheer, they never do stunts," Legino said.

● Underclass

Right. The Men's Choir line across the stage while singing "You've Lost That Loving Feeling". PHOTO Hallie Bieber

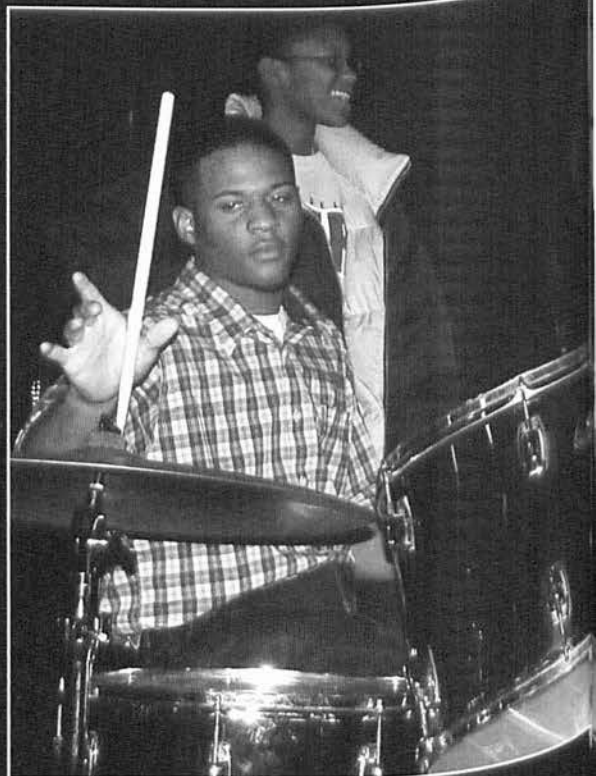
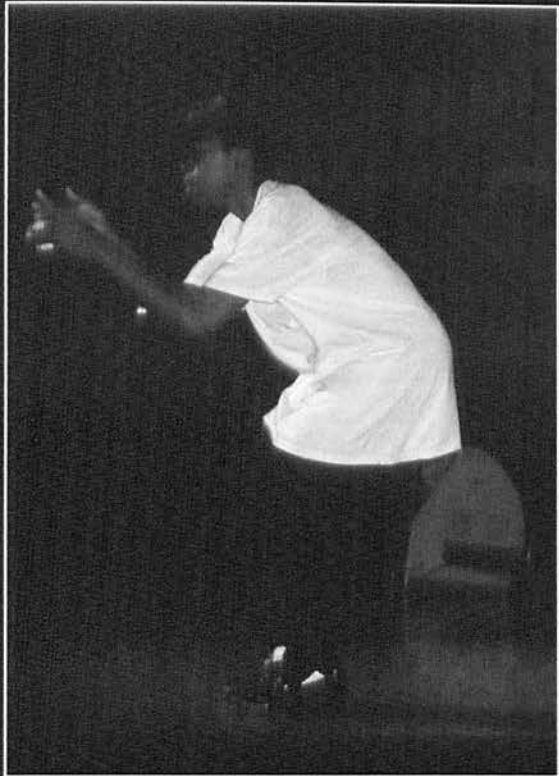


Below. Philip Witchger (10) practices his act before the Roadshow. Witchger was in two of the acts in the show. PHOTO Paula Salhany



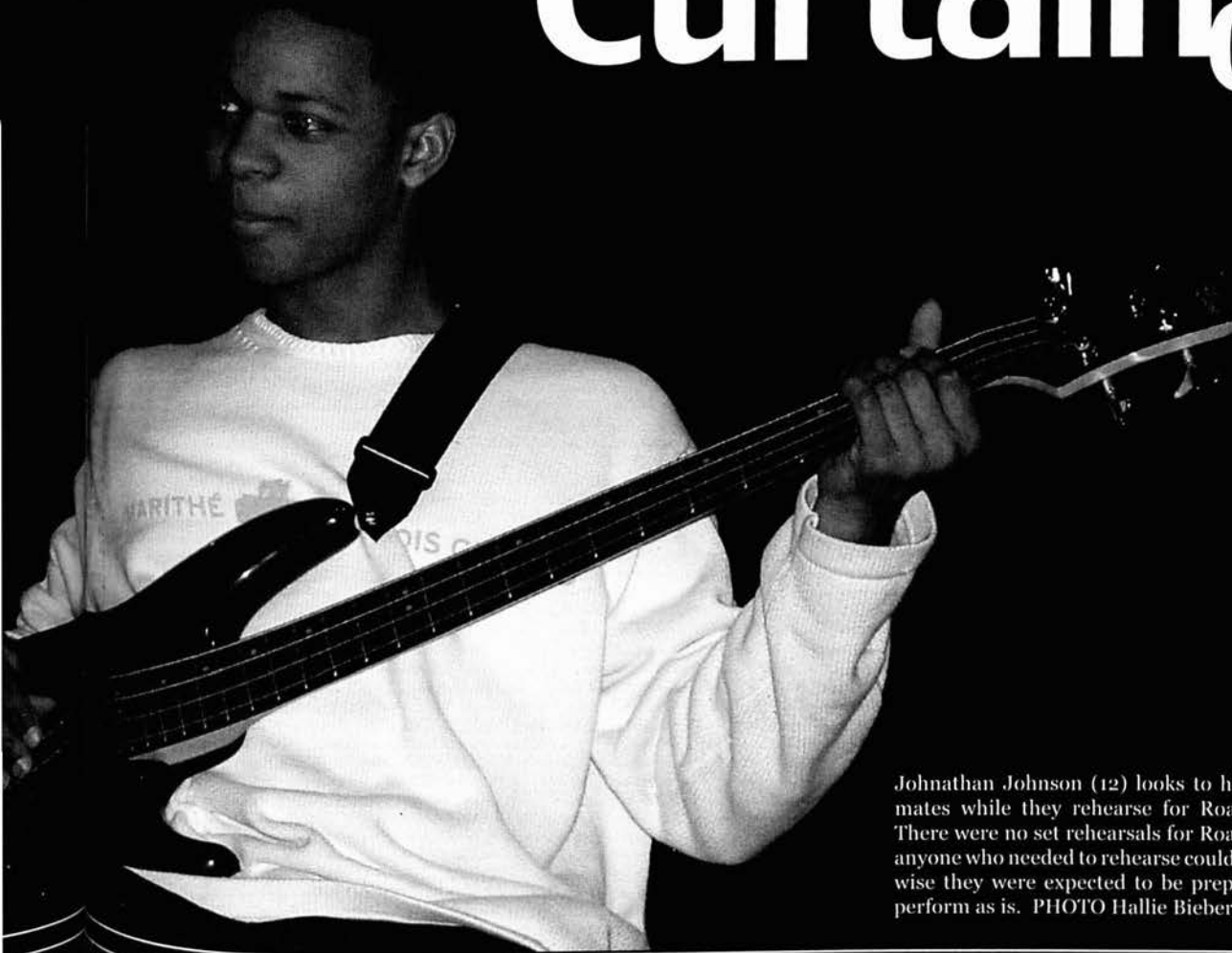
Right. Jarvus Toney (10) rehearses his moves during an after school practice session. His Roadshow act was a medley of Micheal Jackson songs and dances. PHOTO Halley Taylor

Far right. Richard Johnson (11) spins his drum stick while getting ready to rehearse as fans look on. PHOTO Hallie Bieber



The Curtain Opens.

BY Hallie Bieber



Johnathan Johnson (12) looks to his band mates while they rehearse for Roadshow. There were no set rehearsals for Roadshow; anyone who needed to rehearse could, otherwise they were expected to be prepared to perform as is. PHOTO Hallie Bieber

The lights dim and it is your turn to walk onto stage. You squint to see the crowd out in the darkness as you open your mouth to begin. This is your moment to shine, for your entire school to see...

The 88th Annual Roadshow, "An American Tradition", was performed on Friday Feb. 8. Due to a snow storm the second performance was on Tuesday Feb. 12. The matinees for students were on Feb. 6 and Thursday Feb. 7.

In order to try out, participants had to write out their entire act and perform it for a panel of about 35 judges. The number of judges, who were teacher and seniors, was on the low side; usually there was around 50 judges. Over 80 musical,

comedy, and drama acts tried out with 29 getting in. This included many large groups like A Cappella, Orchestra, Band, BelCanto, and CHS Singers.

Roadshow, like the musicals and plays was a very cast and crew oriented show. The stage crew built sets, often staying and working during free periods and after school. Stage Manager Jessica O'Neil (12) kept everyone organized from the beginning, setting audition times and rehearsal times.

"I help organize things from chaos," O'Neil said. "It is my favorite show of all," O'Neil said.

A new year brought new Drama teacher, John Gibson. This year Gibson decided to create a place for masters of the ceremony.

"When the lights go out people in the audience can't look at their program in time to see what the next act is, I thought we needed to have people between each act telling explaining all that," Gibson said.

Like everyone else, the MC's had to audition. The two chosen were Khay Patterson (12) and Rose Payne (12). Patterson and Payne wrote all their skits and coordinated them with the performers, the two came out between and each act with different outfits.

"I liked being a part of this production, especially being involved with so many people," Patterson said.

"An American Tradition" proved to be a very entertaining night.

snowday— → Colorado style.

By Katie Anderl

"Hey Robbie, what are you doing after school today?"

"Uh, I don't know Mark, I was thinking about maybe going to Colorado."

"Really? Me too! Maybe we could get some kids together and take a few buses out."

"Okay, um, let's meet at Dundee Church around 5:30, okay?"

"All right, see ya Robbie."

The above conversation between Robert Garvin (10) and Marc Monbouquette (10) is just one of the ways Central students expressed their excitement for the annual Dundee Presbyterian Church Snow Blast. Every winter the church sponsors a youth trip to a ski resort in Colorado. The trip, called the Snow Blast, is geared toward students grade 9 through 12. Dundee Youth Pastor Jeff Chapman said about 80 kids participated and over 70 percent were Central students.

The students took a 12 hour ride on charter buses to reach the Copper Mountain Resort, where they spent one day tubing and two days on the slopes, Chapman said.

"Some people think the bus ride is the funnest part of the trip," Jacob Holst (10) said. "Everyone is so excited and it gives them a chance to hang out with their friends for an extended period of time."

Upon the students' arrival at the Copper Mountain Resort, they



Colin Rinaker (11) pins Daniel Klaczynsky (9) in the snow while waiting for their tube lift tickets. PHOTO Katie Anderl.

immediately set out to the infamous tubing hill. The hill featured three different slopes, one with a jump, and a "tube lift" which towed kids on tubes up the hill.

"Tubing was fun, but a bunch of us got brutally thrashed," Kimberly Elliott (11) said. "We would get in chains of 7 or 8 and fly off the jump."

Elliott also said she probably sprained both her ankle and wrist on the tubing hill. Nevertheless, her injuries did not stop her from skiing the next two days.

Tubing, skiing and snowboarding were not the only op-

portunities this trip provided. Each night the entire group got together to learn about God and how to grow as Christians. Central students Emily Lebens (11) and Maegan McKee (11) gave testimonies to the group, sharing how God had affected and was at work in their lives.

"I actually liked the message part of the trip," said Alex Jochim (11). "Joe [the guest speaker] did a great job of relating to us and giving us a new way to look at things."

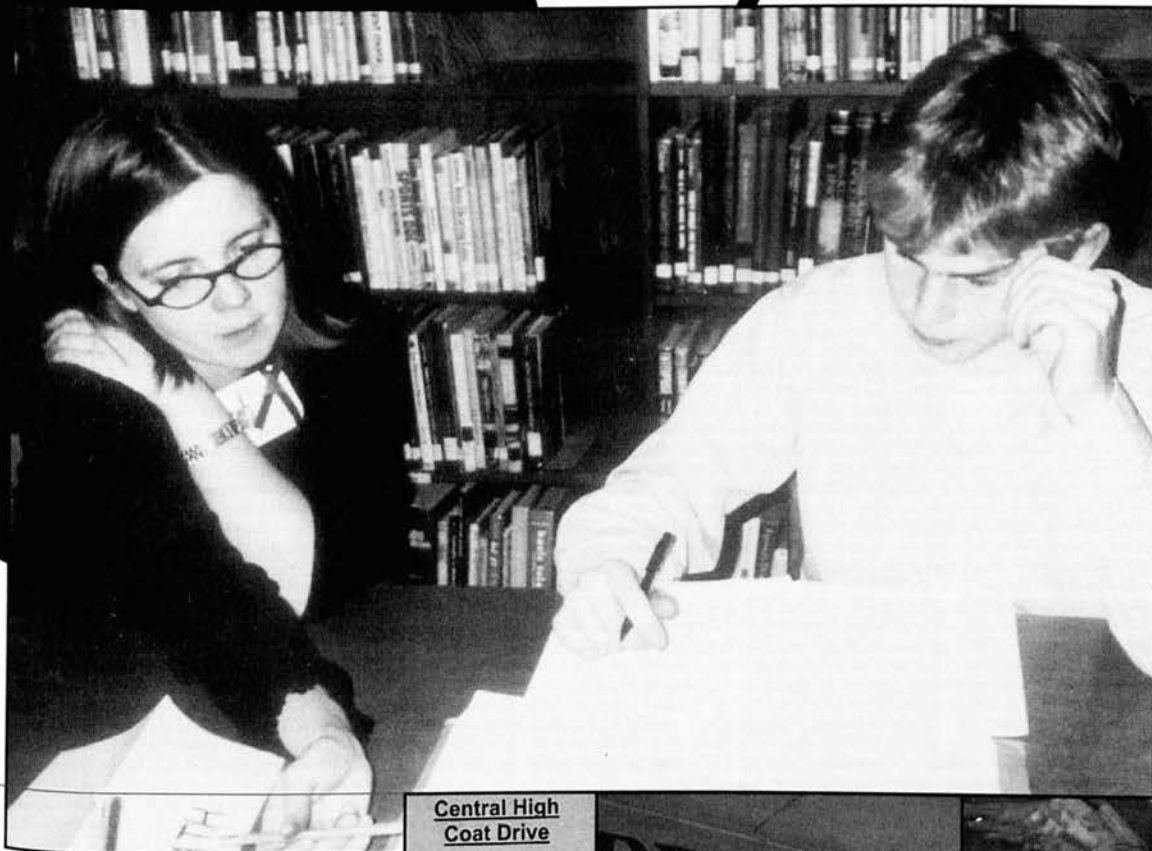
Chapman said the Snow Blast lasted three full days and cost around \$370. Lift tickets,

ski or snow board rental and condo rental were all included in the price. Students stayed in condos with about eight people each, including a church chaperone.

"I loved my condo," Patrick Anderl (9) said. "My leader [Matthew Miller, a Central graduate] was hilarious. He let us mess around all night."

Allison Legino (11) has attended the Snow Blast three years in a row, and sums up the general feeling towards the trip when she said: "The Snowblast was awesome. You get to go to Colorado, away from everything, with a bunch of friends."

people faculty



Left. Amanda Beery helps Devon O'Connell (11) with his math homework after school in the library. Tutoring was available after school for english, math, science, and social studies. PHOTO Lynne Clure

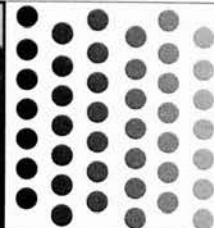
Below row. An advertisement for the FBLA coat drive. The DECA Banner. The eagle on the wall of the 1st floor. PHOTOS Mike Zhang

**Central High
Coat Drive**



Keep a needy person warm this winter. Bring coats to the box by the C!!!

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Marketing Students



BY Lynne Clure



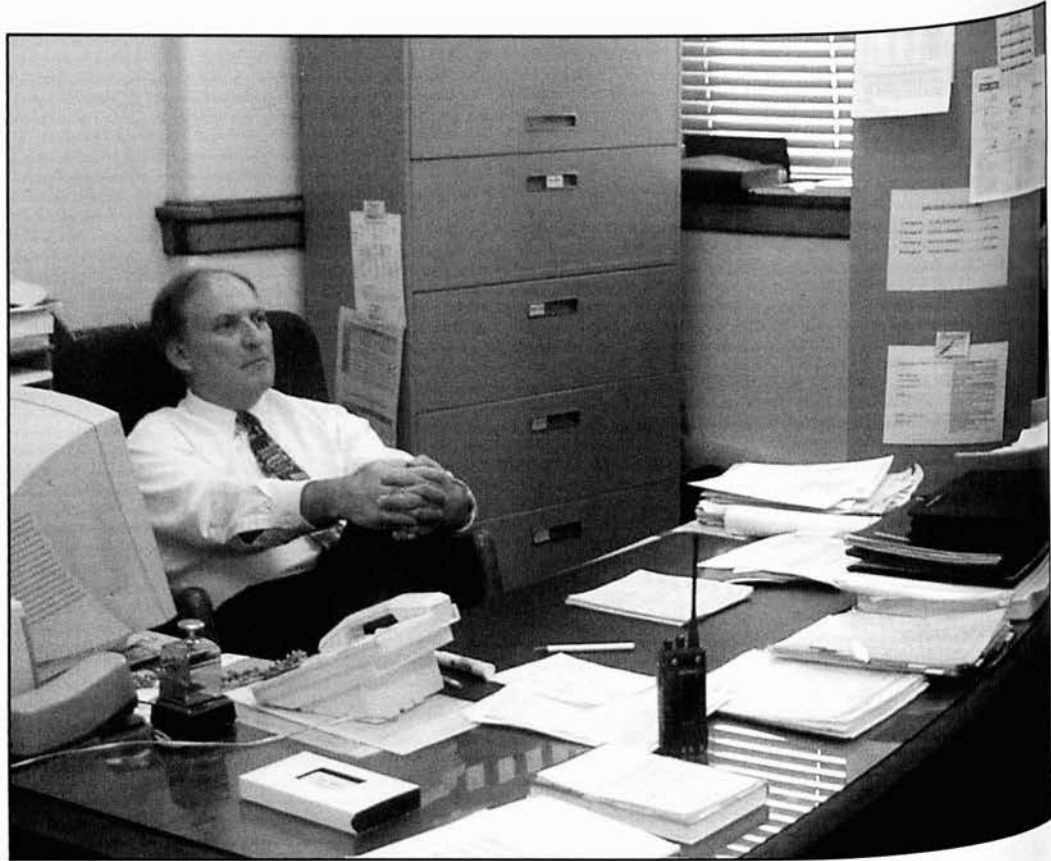
This was the final year for Dr. Gary Thompson as principal at Central after seven years. Previously, he was the principal of Lewis and Clark and taught at Central for 10 years.

"I was really pleased with a lot of the things we've done," he said. "We've accomplished a tremendous amount in the last seven years."

Programs that began in Thompson's time were the Alumni Association, Central High Foundation, Minority Scholars, and Pathways 21.

One outstanding accomplishment of Thompson was the shift in the focus of the school, he said. The focus no longer only included the college-bound students, but those with other interests as well.

It was not an easy job making these changes. He said it took about four or five years to get the parents, students, and staff to realize the principal and his expectations.



Above. Dr. Gary Thompson leans back and listens to a visitor in his office. His office was located off the main office. PHOTO Mike Zhang

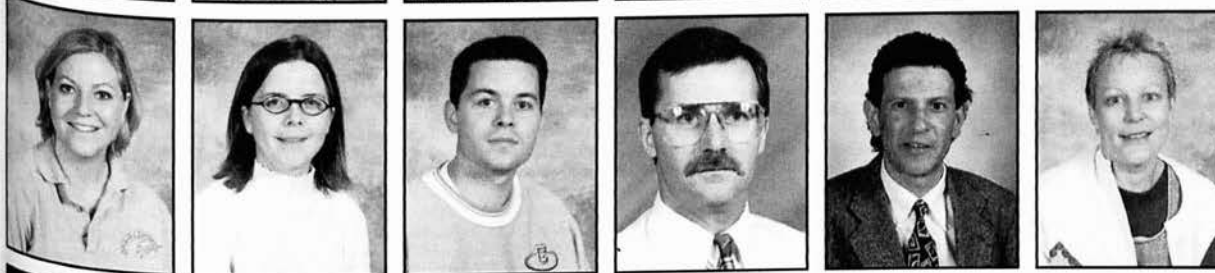
principal reflects
on his last year
at school.



Abraham, Anthony *Custodial*
 Allen, Diane *English*
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 Andrews, Larry *Art, department head*



Andrews, Mary *Para-Professional*
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 Arndt, Ted *Social Studies*
 Barg, Cheri *Technology*
 Bartels, David *Social Studies*
 Bauer, Ginny *Secretarial*



Baumert, Tarah *Mathematics*
 Beery, Amanda *Mathematics*
 Behrens, Eric *Social Studies*
 Behrens, Rick *Social Studies*
 Bode, Richard *Science*
 Boeka, Jane *International Language*



Bonacci, Barbara *Secretarial*
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 Bouma, Stephen *Accompanist*
 Braddock, Lynne *Special Education*



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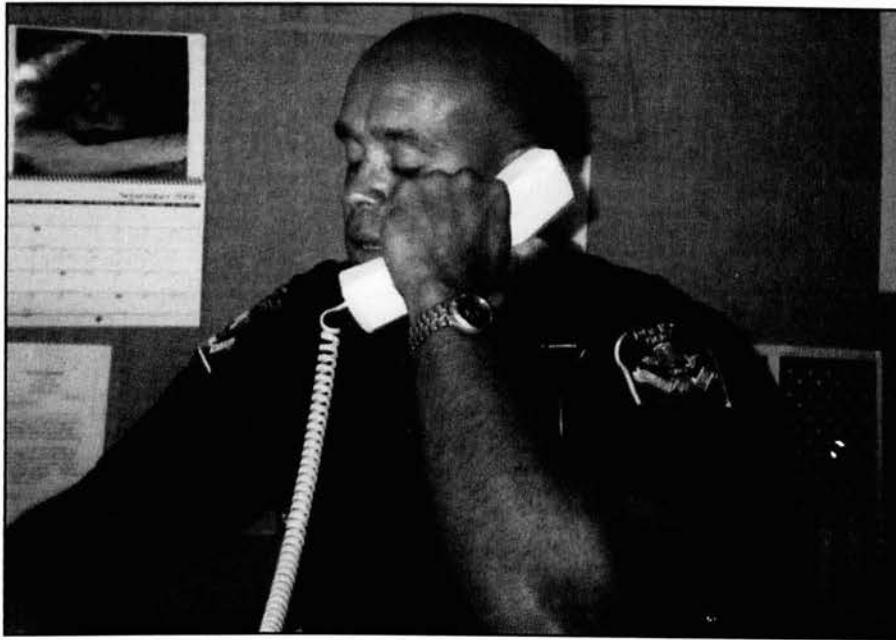


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 Colling, Jane *Science*
 Conahan, Jennifer *Nurse*



Cooper, Sharon *Military Science*
 Crader, Clarence *Custodial*
 D'Agosto, Dolores *English*
 Deabler, Matt *English/Journalism*
 DeGeorge, Frank *Custodial*
 DeMilia, Michael *Family and Consumer Science*

keeping *the peace*



Above. Officer Paul talks on the phone in his office. His office was located on the North side, across from the music rooms. PHOTO Peter Sullivan

BY Peter Sullivan



Jerry Paul completed his first full year as the School Resource Officer at Central.

"Time has really changed Central since I've been here," Paul said. "There's a lot more kids since there wasn't a freshmen class yet."

Before, Paul was a cruiser uniform field gear officer where he patrolled around Omaha and made radio calls to the station. One day there was a memo at the station asking for a school resource officer for all high schools. Paul interviewed, and when he was accepted, he requested Central because he went to high school here.

During the day at Central, Paul made reports, walked the hallways, recovered stolen property and helped kids with locker

problems. He made a few arrests and talked to the kids about college life.

"I enjoyed having him here because he has the power to arrest a student, whereas OPS won't let us do that," Charles Williams, school security officer, said.

One arrest that Paul made last year was drug/alcohol related. The minor was in possession of substance, and Paul got a call from the dean and left it to the parents to decide.

Another time a student stole someone's clothes from school and wore them the next day. The student was arrested and taken to a youth center. He has not returned to Central since.

"Each day was different, it can be slow or I could be doing all kinds of stuff," Paul said.





Deniston-Reed, Vicki *Social Studies*
 Devlin, Sue *Art*
 Dewaele, Raymond *Special Education*
 Dickey, Jennifer *Grant Administrator*
 Dierks, Jodi *Special Education*
 Donahoe, Lisa *Social Studies*
 Drumm, Susan *Mathematics*
 Duncan, Annie *Custodial*
 Enger, Jean *Secretarial*

Fellman, Beverly *Int. Language, department head*
 Finley, Jana *Cafeteria*
 Fitch, Lloyd *Mathematics*
 Flaherty-Colling, Christina *English*
 Foster, Jimmie *Social Studies*
 Frayne, Jose *Cafeteria*
 Freivogel, Vicki *English*
 Galus, Jim *Social Studies*
 Ganzel, Linda *ESL*

Gatzke, Patti *Grant Administrator*
 Gaylor, Harry *Marketing*
 Gibson, John *Performing Arts*
 Gleason, Jim *International Language*
 Goldsborough, Ann *Secretarial*
 Greenlee, T.J. *Secretarial*
 Gregor, Jenne *Mathematics, department head*
 Haffke, Deanne *Para-Professional*
 Hanrahan, Catherine *Guidance*

Hasz, Roger *Technology*
 Hatch, Karen *Science*
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 Haynes, Rufus *Custodial*
 Haywood, Thelma *Cafeteria*
 Herbert, Tim *Special Education*
 Hernandez, Liz Angelica *Cafeteria*
 Hiddleston, Cristina *English*
 Hipp, Carol *Social Studies*

Hodges, Scott *Physical Education*
 Johnson, Julie *Dean of Students*
 Jonyka, Kris *Performing Arts*
 Karpf, Amanda *Science*
 Kennedy, Catherine *ESL*
 Kerr, Toni *Para-Professional*
 King, Pam *Science*
 Kirksey, Dionne *Assistant Principal*
 Kissel, Monica *Science*

Koehn, Lois *Secretarial*
 Kolasa, Walter *Custodial*
 Krejci, Carol *Social Studies*
 Kubat, Liz *Cafeteria*
 Lane, Russell *Security Aide*
 Lara, Susana *International Language*
 Larson, Brent *Mathematics*
 Larson, Tim *Business, department head*
 LaRue, Marlene *Science*

Ledesma, Eva *Para-Professional*
 Lenners, Colleen *Technology*
 Leslie, Derek *Technology*
 Lodge, Trent *Technology*
 Longacre, Kristin *Int. Language*
 Lund, Vicki *Secretarial*
 Mahoney, Marcella *English*
 Maloney, Kathy *English*
 Martin, David *English*

Martin, Lisa *Science*
 Martinez, Jodie *English*
 Mayberry, Kristel *Info. Management*
 McCoy, Billy *Special Education*
 McCreight, Sandi *Science*
 McCune, Jeff *Science*
 McGhee, Lorane *Custodial*
 McMenamin, Joe *Physical Education*
 McWhorter, Mike *Security Aide*

home of outstanding teachers.

By Lynne Clure

➔ Each year, 15 outstanding teachers in Omaha are recognized with the Buffett Award. Central has had more winners than any other school with 24, 15 of whom remain at the school.

Christie Pfeifer, a math teacher and 1998 Buffett winner, said it was a very humbling experience.

"You look around at these teachers doing a wonderful job and you wonder, why me?" she said.

Kathy Maloney said while she always believed in her teaching, it meant a lot to hear "thank you" from her students and their parents.

"I felt like it was validation," she said.

The Buffet award winners just blend in with the rest.

"You come to work and do your job the same as everyday," Pfeifer said.

Buffett winners are nominated by students, parents and colleagues who write letters about a teacher.

"If a letter strikes them, those are usually the ones chosen," Dr. Thompson said.



Above. Christie Pfeifer always answers questions from the previous night's homework for her students. PHOTO Annie Walden

15 ^{THE}
past
winners of
the Buffett
Award at
Central.

English

Matt Deabler, Kathy Maloney, Nita Merrigan-Potthoff, Terrie Saunders

Family/Consumer Science

Betty Schuler-Weingarten

International Language

Vickie Anderson, Rita Ryan

Marketing/Technology

Cheri Barg, Harry Gaylor, Vicki Wiles

Mathematics

Susan Drumm, Christie Pfeifer

Music

Lynn Bouma

Science

Jean Whitten

Social Studies

Carol Hipp



Means, Kelly *Technology*
 Mease, Vicki *Cafeteria*
 Meeks, Earnton *Custodial*
 Melvin, Mike *Military Science*
 Merrigan-Potthoff, Nita *Student Support Services*
 Meyer, Angela *Mathematics*



Meyer, Erica *International Language*
 Milliken, Linda *Family and Consumer Science, department head*
 Mills, Christine *English*
 Molyneaux, Lynda *Guidance, department head*
 Monico, Jan *Cafeteria*
 Montzingo, Josh *Physical Education*



Moore, Ron *Guidance*
 Morgan, Mindy *Mathematics*
 Moriarty, Molly *Music*
 Morlan, Dave *Custodial*
 Mullen, Rod *Social Studies*
 Murphy, Kelly *Mathematics*



Murtaugh, Ryan *Physical Education*
 Myers, Susan *ESL*
 Newberg, Cindy *Special Education*
 Nguyen, James *Custodial*
 Noll, Donna *English*
 Oles, Susan *English*



Paul, Gerald *Resource Officer*
 Pedersen, Michael *ESL, department head*
 Pennington, Paul *Assistant Principal*
 Pfeifer, Christie *Mathematics*
 Pilus, Joan *Secretarial*
 Pinto, Esther *International Language*



Plath, Ellen *English*
 Poore, Michael *Special Education*
 Priebe, Kelli *Family and Consumer Science*
 Quinn, Margaret *Art*
 Rea, Liz *Student Services*
 Redding, Ernie *Custodial*



Reeder, Jodi *Physical Education*
 Regan, Nicole *Dean of Students*
 Reigle, KaAnn *Secretarial*
 Riffel, Ginger *English*
 Roberts, Michele *Social Studies*
 Roeder, Al *Science*



Rostermundt, Vivian *Para-Professional*
 Ryan, Rita *International Language*
 Salvador, Dana *ESL*
 Saunders, Terrie *English, department head*
 Schuler-Weingarten, Betty *Family and Consumer Science*
 Semrad, Paul *Assistant Principal*

➔ **By Peter Sullivan**

The day-in-the-life of a cafeteria worker is different from what people think. While students sit around eating their lunch, ten employees are running around preparing food.

"Some days are hectic and some days are easy," Jodi Smith said.

Smith is the cafeteria manager at Central. She starts her day off bright and early at 6 a.m. and leaves at 2:30 p.m. During the day she does many things that include managing the cafeteria, making sure that everyone keeps busy, and ordering the food.

When ordering food, Smith has to fill out an order form where she must guess at the amount of food she needs to get. She said after the first few weeks of school, it gets closer and closer

to the right amount.

Each menu differs in what they have to start doing, but the one that takes the longest is what they make first. Most items were transferred to a pan and then saved for the following day.

"I think they do pretty well in getting all of the food ready," Christina Moore (10) said.

Moore sits up in the north cafeteria every day and eats the lunch. When she goes through the line to get her lunch, she always says thank you to them.

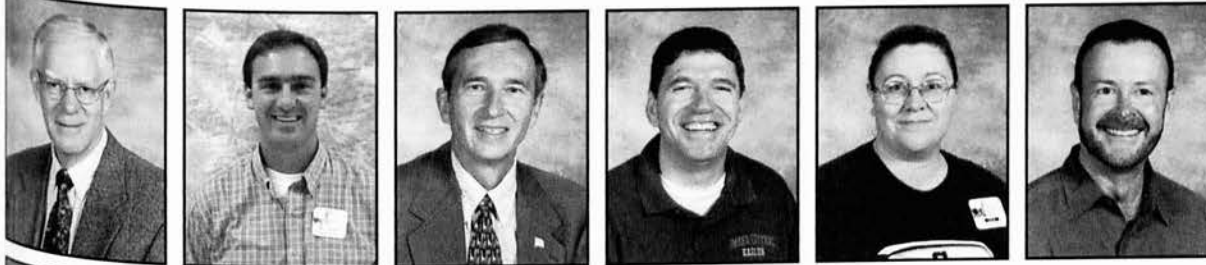
At the lunch hour's end, the rest of the cafeteria employees go home, leaving Smith and Liz Kubat, the production manager, to finish up until 2:30 p.m.

"The best thing about my job is when everyone works as a team, but the worst is when we are short of kitchen help," Smith said.



Above. Jana Finley cuts vegetables for salads. The salads were kept in a refrigerator before serving. PHOTO Peter Sullivan

styrofoam trays
& packages of
plastic silverware.



Servis, Richard *Guidance*
Shafer, Matt *Technology*
Shawver, Jurgen *English*
Shipman, Tim *Social Studies*
Siembieda, Debbie *Cafeteria*
Sill, Jeffrey *International Language*



Silva, Celio *International Language*
Smith, Celane *Bilingual Liaison*
Smith, Connie *Cafeteria*
Smith, Jodi *Cafeteria manager*
Smith, Mark *Science*
Standifer, Stan *Physical Education*



Stansberry, Doug *Guidance*
Staroski, Jeanne *Family and Consumer Science*
Stastny, Jennifer *English*
Storm, Judy *Special Education*
Studer, Lisa *Physical Education*
Styles, Mary *Para-Professional*



Sutter, Dwaine *Military Science*
Taucreti, Jane *Art*
Taylor, Deb *Custodial head*
Thompson, Dr. Gary *Principal*
Thompson, Kathy *Para-Professional*
Thomsen, Cindy *Technology*



Thyden, Drew *Technology*
Townsend, Chad *Physical Education*
Tucker, Bob *Social Studies*
Vaughan, Delores *Custodial*
Venditte, Joe *Security Aide*
Wallington, Pat *Technology*



Webb, Geraldine *Guidance*
Weiss, Jeanee *Family and Consumer Science*
Wessling, Elizabeth *Mathematics*
Wheeler, Peggy *Technology*
White, Joseph *Science*
Whitney, Mary *Mathematics*



Whitten, Jean *Science*
Wiles, Vicki *Marketing/Technology*
Wilger, Pete *Music*
Williams, Charles *Security Aide*
Wilson, Scott *Social Studies*
Wise, Ryan *Social Studies*



Woods, Lorenzia *Custodial*
Worner, Ruth *Para-Professional*
Wuster, Dale *Security Aide*
Zavorka, Carol *Para-Professional*
Zavorka, Frank *Security Aide*

students' choice *of* teacher *superlatives.*

From a poll of 200 students.



**Looks Like a
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Jodi Reeder (Barbie)

Most Intelligent



Carol Hipp

**Most Likely to be
President**

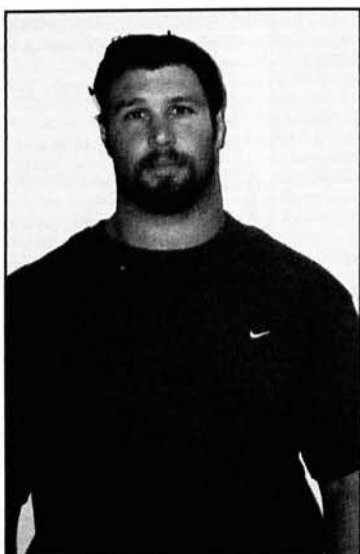


Carol Krejci

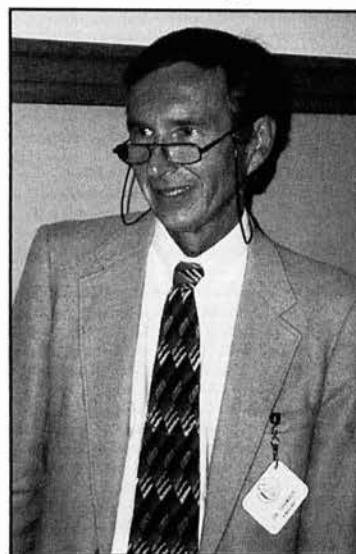
Most Spirited



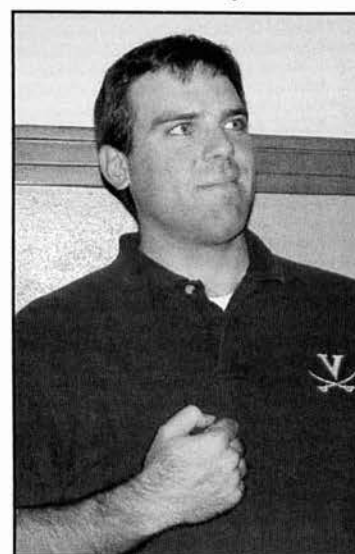
Vicki Wiles



Ryan Murtaugh (Ken)



Jurgen Shawver



Scott Wilson



Tim Shipman

Funniest



Christie Pfeifer

Best Dressed



Tarah Baumert

Most Fun



Jean Whitten

Most Attractive



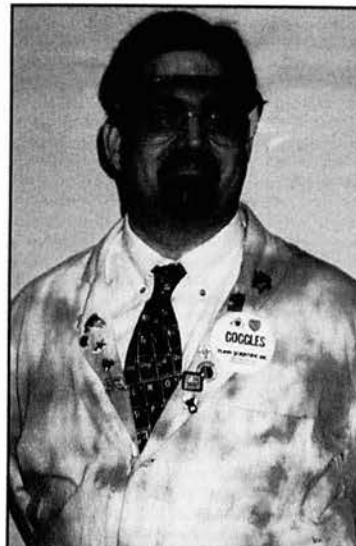
Celane Smith



Jimmie Foster



Brent Larson



Jesse Busse



Josh Montzingo



ARTHUR NELSON
IRIS GARDEN
PRINCIPAL
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
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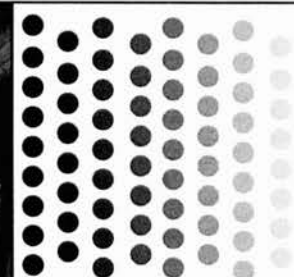
HAVE A NICE DAY



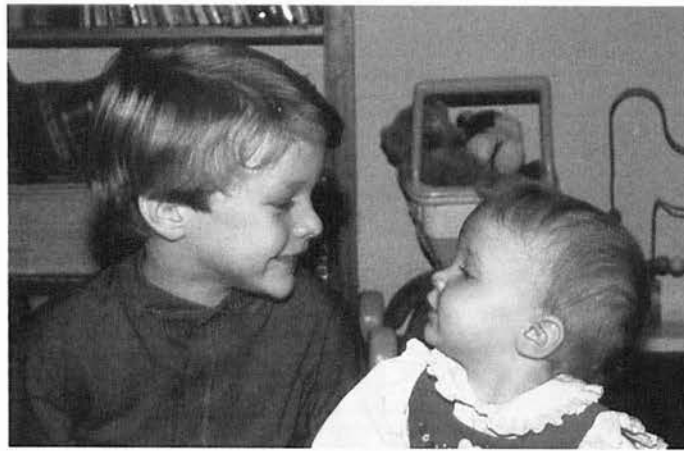
Student council sells spirit items at a varsity football game. They were on sale until halftime. PHOTO Meredith Grunke

sign of support.

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From far left. Ground plaque on East lawn; Sign on the side of the dumpster by the custodial entrance; Message running across the vending machine screen; Sign facing North on 20th Street; Fence protecting the windows on the west side of school; Sign outside the women's restroom; Plaque found in an entry-way; A pillar top from the side of the school. PHOTOS Annie Walden



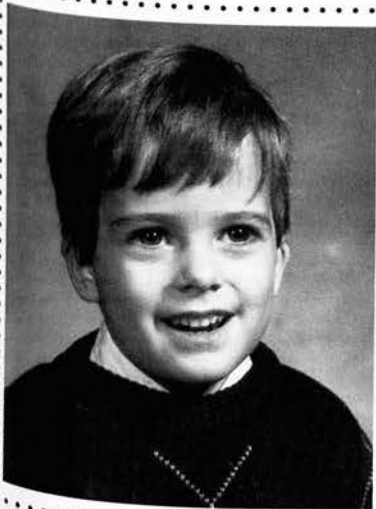
Ian,
 The first time you stepped up to the plate in T-ball, we knew you were a star, and you've continued to prove it through the years: in the classroom, on the baseball field, on the taekwon-do mat, in the marching band, on the stage, with your voice, and through your humor.



Your accomplishments have made us proud, and your sense of the absurd has kept us laughing. Congratulations on all of your achievements!

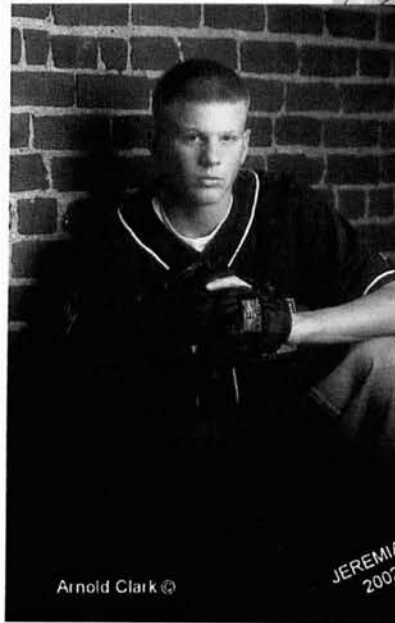
We Love you!
 Dad, Mom, and Kaitlin





Kevin,
 Amazing Grace, may
 your good heart and
 quick wit always
 bring joy to others.
 We love you!
 Dad, Mom, Erin,
 Kelly, Mike, and
 Annie

Jeremiah,
 May this year
 bring you the
 realization
 of your
 dreams...



the time to enjoy
 them...and the
 satisfaction of
 knowing you've
 always done
 your best...
 We love you
 very much.

Mom, Dad, & Erin

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Becky:
 From the
 moment of
 your birth,
 you have
 graced us with
 your warm
 heart and sunny smile. Be true to
 who you are and you will always
 be successful. We love you!
 Mom & Danny



Ryan ~

*You've brought so much love, laughter
 and adventure into our lives. We are
 blessed to have you as our precious son
 and little brother. Live each day to the
 fullest and make your own path in life ~
 always believe in yourself and stay your
 own person. Your love of life and
 determination will put no bounds on what
 you can accomplish. The memories and
 love you've given us will always remain in
 our hearts.*

All Our Love,
 Dad, Mom and Julie





"We've had eighteen years to get ready for this day, we should be past the tears, we'll cry some anyway."

-Doug Crider, Matt Rollings

Time to let you fly - We love you.

Dad, Mom, Nick, Zack, & Little Rusty



Meredith and Alannah

~Friends Forever~



To my Sister: We've almost made it!
"Life's truest happiness is found in friendships we make along the way."

-Unknown





Our dearest Maya,
 You have become everything we dreamed for you so far in your young life; our daughter, our sister, a beautiful emerging artist, strong willed & directed, well traveled & educated, a great "debator," disciplined...and so much more! We are very proud of you Maya. We love you & can't wait to see what you do next in your life!

Love,
 Mom, Dad, Halley, Mychal, & Cecily

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Ariel,
 Adorable baby,
 Angelic little girl
 Beautiful young woman
 You have always
 been a joy.
 We are so proud
 of you.



Love Always,
 Mom, Dad,
 & Rachel



John,
 We are so proud of
 you. Follow your dreams
 and your heart. If you always re-
 member that God, family and
 friends are your priorities, then the
 possibilities are endless. Be happy!



Cammie, we're
 proud of all
 you've done and
 of who you are.

We love you.
 Mom and Dad



Love,
 Mom, Sara, James,
 & Matt



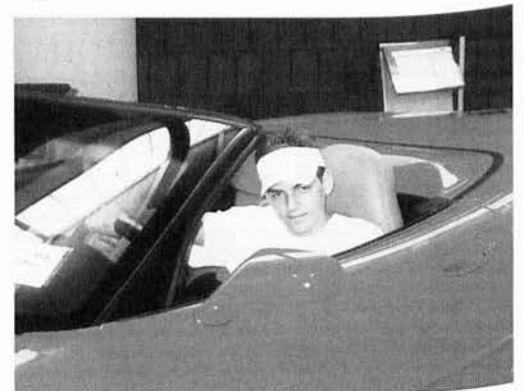
Sunshine, always remember:
Not flesh of my flesh,
Not bone of my bone,
But still miraculously my own.
Never forget, for a single minute
You didn't grow under my heart,
but in it.

We are very proud of you.
Love Mom & Dad



Tim,
When you started out in life, we weren't
sure if you would be the Chief of a great
nation, a Navy Seal protecting our great
country or an Olympic swimmer, but
whatever you become, we are proud of
you. Keep reaching for your dreams and
may God bless your future goals.

We love you very much!
Mom, Dad and Stephanie

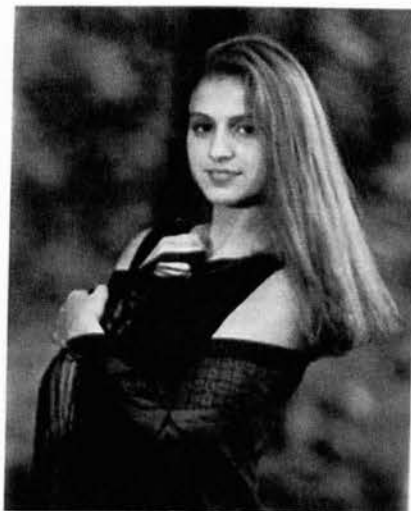
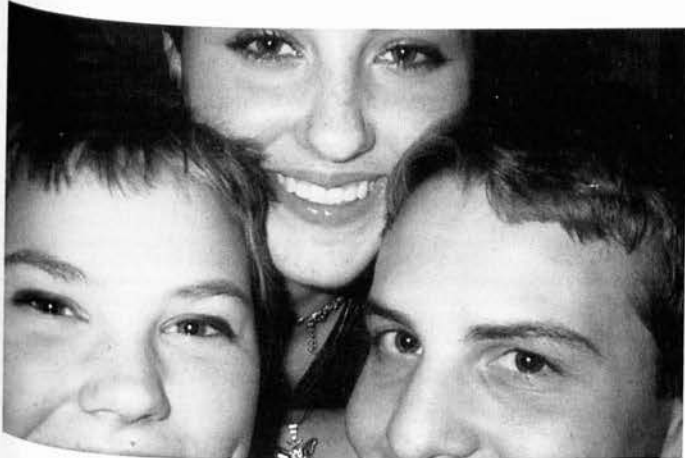




Jena,

We love you.

Mom, Dad, and Josh



Courtney Alexandra

Through the years,
you have been the light of my life.
As you go out into the world
to persue your dreams,
Always remember that...
I will be the wind beneath your wings.
Fly high and true, without fear,
my precious little girl.
All my love,
Mom





Arnold Clar

Congratulations Angela

Love Mom & Dad, Lucia Copenharve
& Casey Gradner, Brother - Robert &
Slade, Little Sister Siera

We are so proud of
you.
You are the first one
out of
this bunch to graduate.
Love Always,
Your Family





Trust God's leadership: He knows the way.



Natalie,
Keep your light
shining and share your
beauty with others! We
are so proud of you!

Love and God

Bless,
Mom, Dad, Kristin and
Brent



Michelle,
We are so proud of
the beautiful young
woman you have
become!

Love and God

Bless,
Mom, Dad, Kristin
and Brent



Jill:
 We are very proud of you and we love you so much. The future is yours. Always keep that smile in your heart.
 Love,
 Mom, Dad,
 & Joey



Dwight,
 Congratulations,
 Remember
 Joshua 1:9
 Love,
 The Family

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Laura

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Remember that life continues to be an amazing journey. Experience all the good things.

Go barefoot, travel to many places and restore a castle or two.

Remember that making relationships is more important than making money and that success is not measured in what you do or how much you make, but in how happy and content you are with what you chose.

With God as your guide,
 may you fly through life on Eagle's wings.
 Soaring over the valleys
 and always landing on the mountain tops.



You will always be my Sunshine
 Love Ya,
 Mom



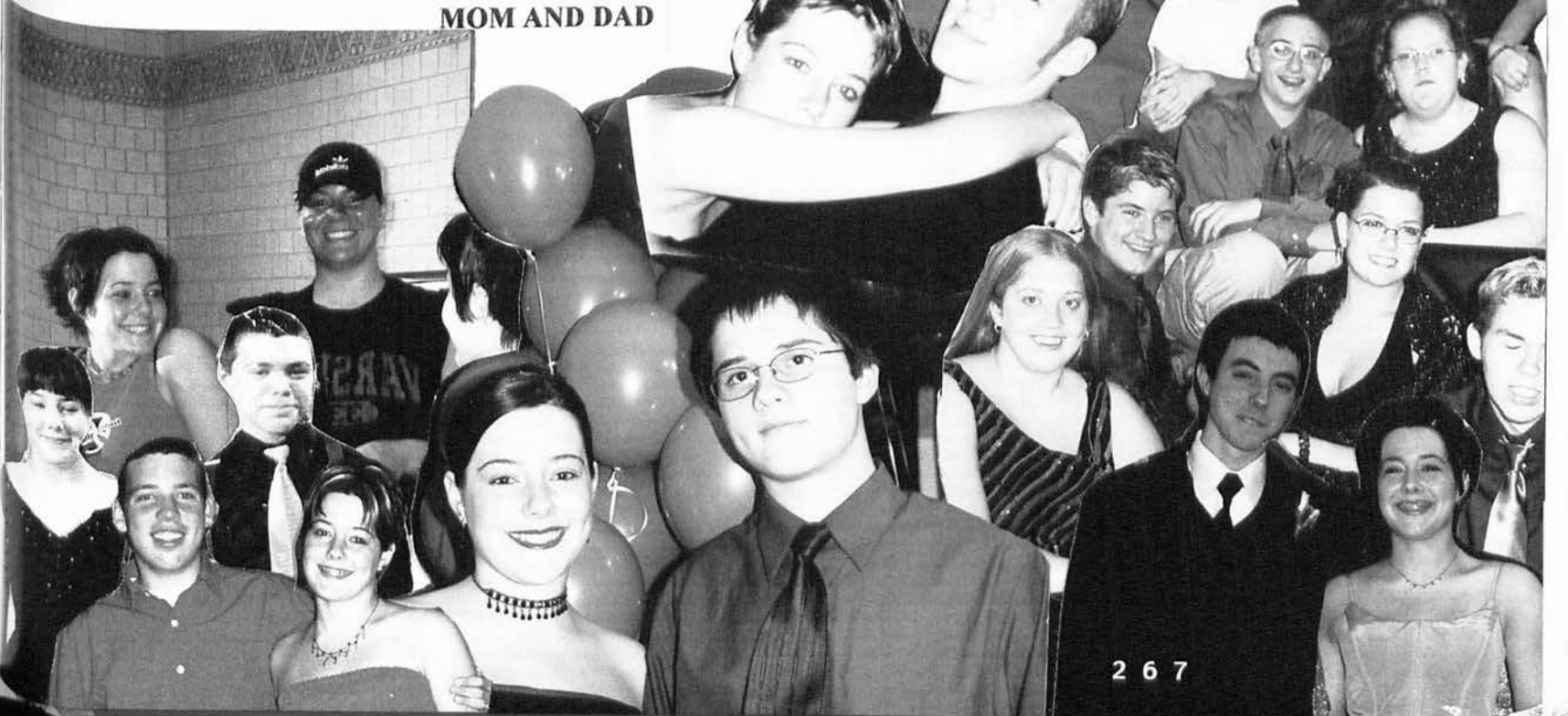
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WE LOVE YOU MOM AND DAD



Emily,
We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Willie



The ice beckoned and you answered, graceful beyond all belief, you challenged the limits of body, soul and personal courage... and you won



Life now beckons and you prepare an answer, graceful in a hundred different ways now, mature beyond your years and ready, the future challenges the limits of body, soul and personal courage... may you win

Be strong, U. We know you are headed for great and wondrous adventures. Your ability may be questioned, your faith tried and your courage put to the test, but your family will always be here for you, loving you and encouraging you to fly.

With Love from your Family



CHASE
THOSE DREAMS!

We're behind you 100%
- Mom, Dad & Taylor



Annie,
Your wonders
never cease. We
can't wait to see
what you take on
next.
This book is a mas-
terpiece.



From your fan club



Love Mom, Ben and Dave

*If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain,
Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall
be impossible to you.*

Matthew 17:20

Kara M. Warner



Kara,

You have blossomed into such a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of your hard work and perseverance. Remain focused and you will accomplish whatever your heart desires. Remember, wherever life takes you, our love, and most importantly, God's love, will always be with you.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Mom, Michael, Aunt Jackie, & Aunt Tootsie

Megan,
From kindergarten to senior, you have
made me so proud. May your
future be filled with joy,
happiness, and success.



Love,
Mom
Psalms 100:1



Hallie-

Life has dealt you a great hand
and you're playing it well.
Remember to work on your
"poker face." We're proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kate, and Hannah



Stephanie & Megan



"I thank my God upon every
remembrance of thee."

Philippians 1:3

Kenzie

*"There are two things
A parent can give to their child:
One is roots,
The other is wings."*

*We know your roots are firm,
and although it is difficult
for us to accept now is really
your time to soar!
Go out and find what you love,
but love what you find.*

*'Z', we have had such joy and
pride watching you grow over the
past years. Where did the time go?
We are so proud of the caring,
responsible young woman you
have become. We watch you in
Admiration and pride every day!*

*Congratulations, We Love You.
Mom, Dad and Sean*



Michael-

We are sincere when we say we are proud of you. You have accomplished so many good things at home, school, church, and the community. We love you so we can say this sincerely.

With Much Love,
Mom, Dad, Nicola, and Bryan

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Romans 12:9



A lovely young lady, who
will only get better.
Love, Mom and Dad



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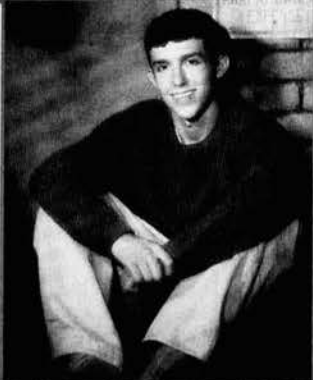
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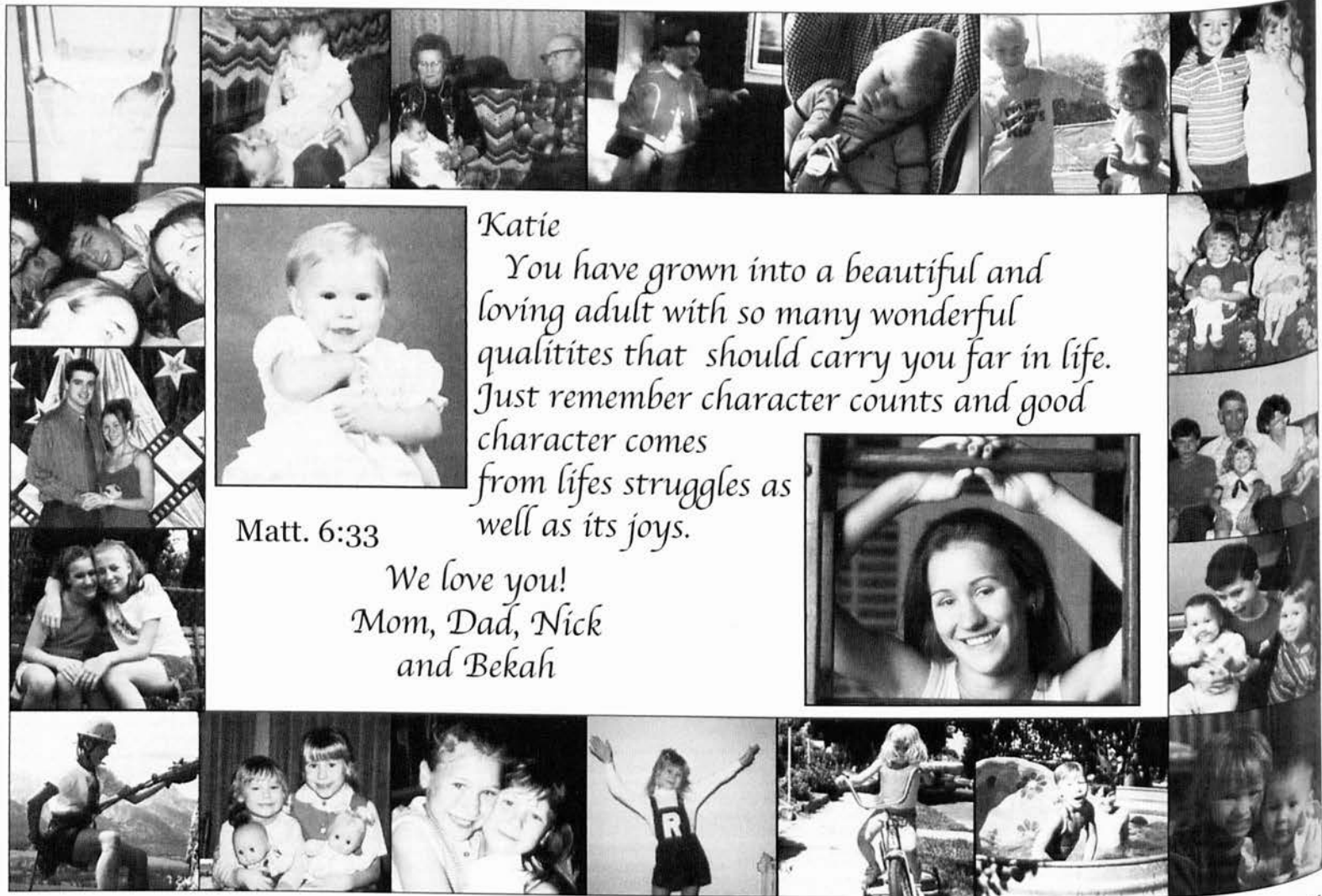


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Katie
You have grown into a beautiful and loving adult with so many wonderful qualities that should carry you far in life. Just remember character counts and good character comes from life's struggles as well as its joys.

Matt. 6:33

*We love you!
 Mom, Dad, Nick
 and Bekah*



**Anne,
 Congratulations
 and Best Wishes!**

**Love,
 Mom, Dad,
 Sarah, and Dan**

**Davy Baby,
 Just four words
 I'M PROUD OF
 YOU!
 Love,
 Jus**



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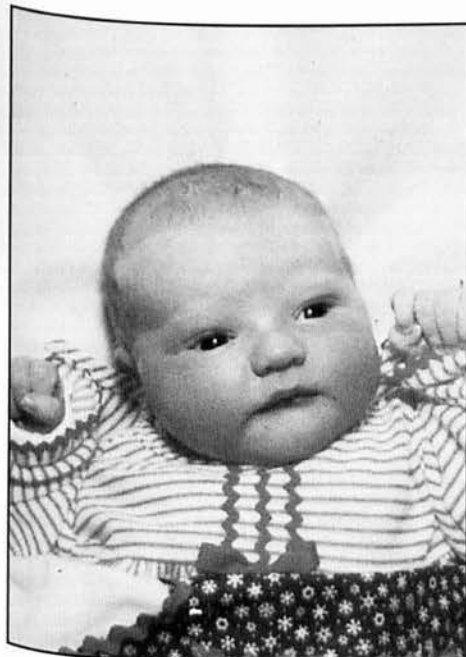
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Congratulations on
your Graduation, We
are all so proud of all
you have done. Ashley,
remember, when the
moon comes out it gets
dark and when it gets
dark, the moon comes
out!



We love you, our Christmas baby
1983 - follow your dreams be-
cause they do come true.

Love Mom, Erica, EJ, Gang and
Papa

Cheer
"02"





Congratulations to our shining "Star" - we are so proud of your accomplishments!! You've had a great four years at Central, continually inspiring us with your dedication and talents, and we are looking forward to an exciting future for you. We love you!!

Mom & Larry
Dad & Susan

Kirsten-
Congratulations on all you have accomplished.
We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Erik



To my best Friend,
You have been there through the thick and the thin. I want you to know I do care and I'm grateful for you. You are my angel. Never forget that. This was your other B-Day gift.
So when you look back,
Happy Birthday!
Love Always,
Morgan
P.S. You are such a dork.



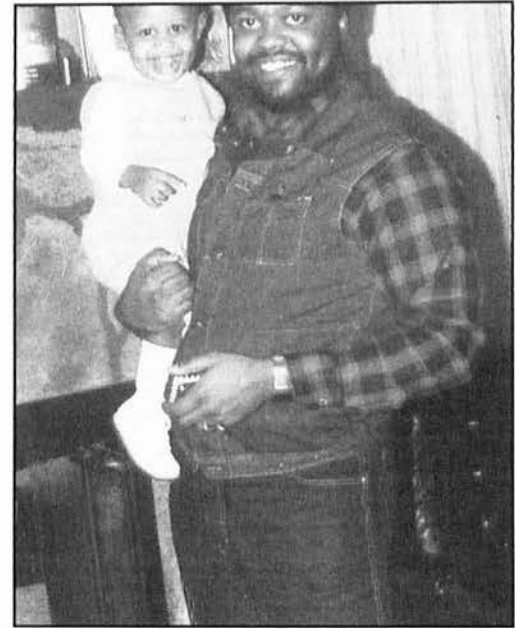
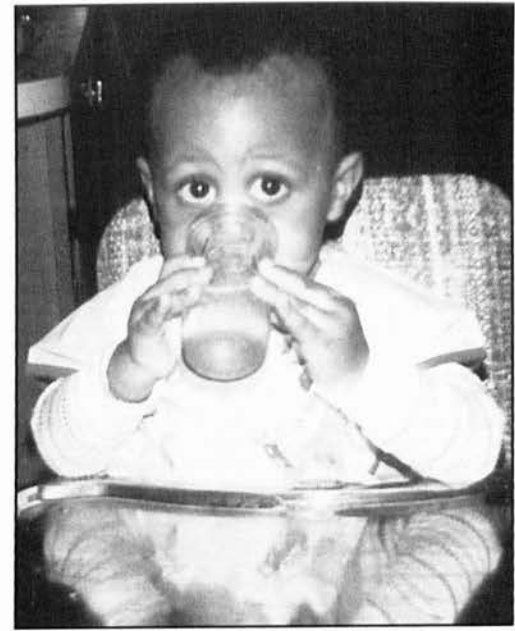
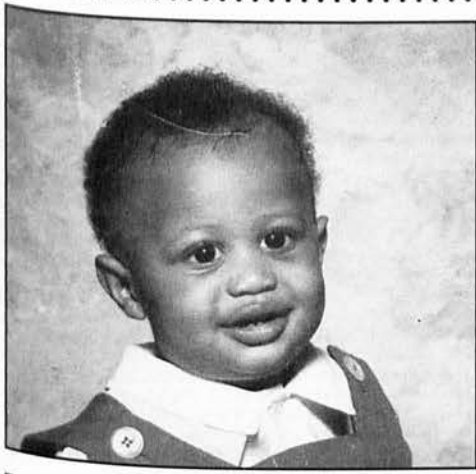
You are our sunshine.
You made us so proud of you.
There is nothing you can't do.
Go and be the woman you are. Keep your faith and head high.

Love,
Mom & Dad,
and Markus



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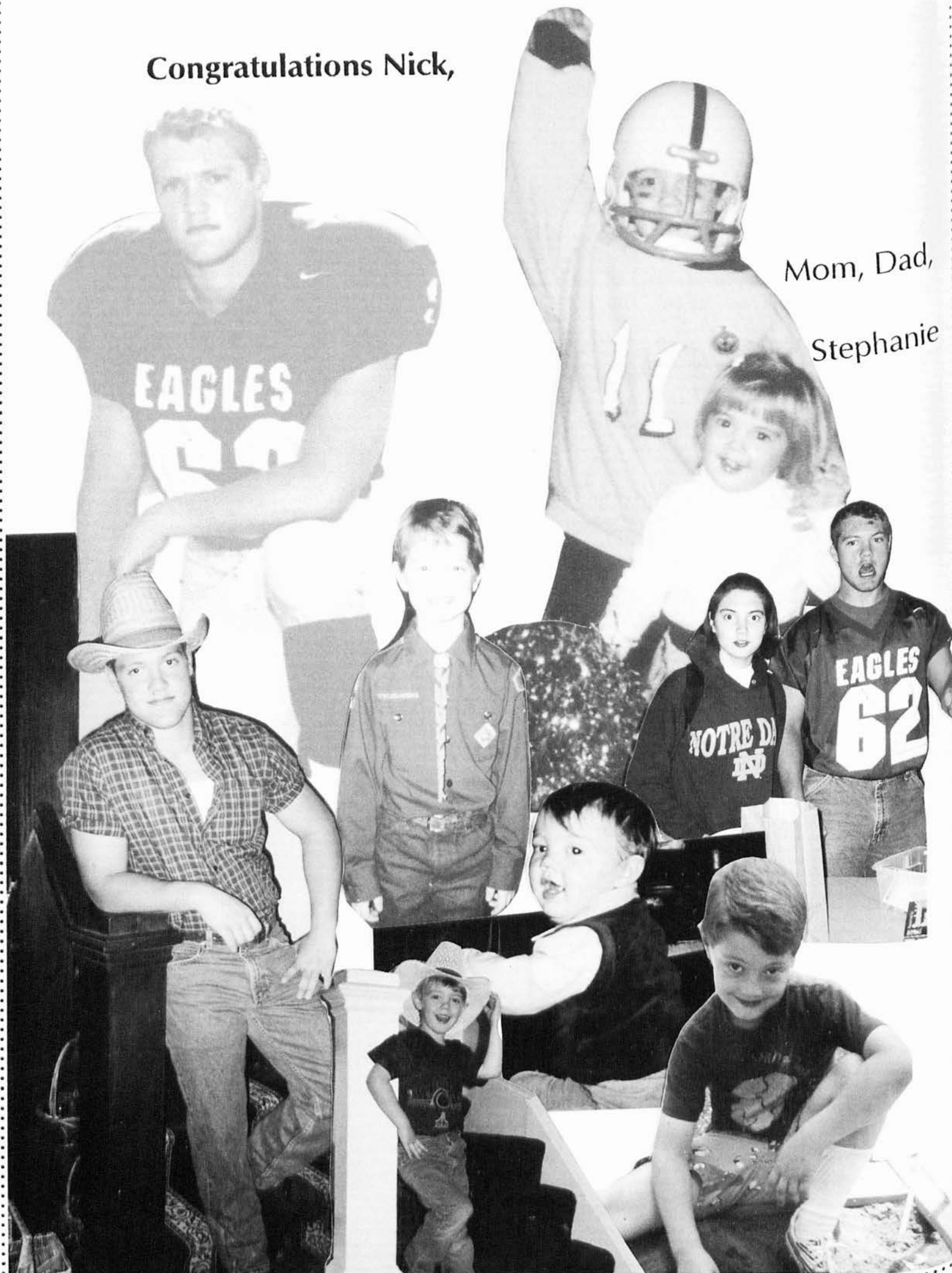


Congratulations Reginald!
God has allowed you to become
a truly blessed young man!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Renita & ReSheda



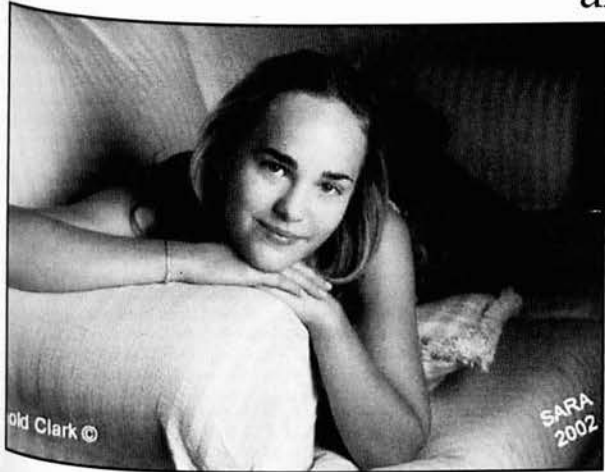
Congratulations Nick,

Mom, Dad,
Stephanie





Sara,
 We're very proud of you.
 As you face the adventures ahead
 of you, remember the importance of family,
 and always keep your sense
 of humor.



Love,
 Mom, Dad, and Lisa



What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. They are but trifles, scattered
 along life's pathway. The good they do is inconceivable.

-Joseph Addison

Kristin,
 I am so proud of all of your accomplishments and
 the young woman that you've become. Keep your head up and
 don't forget to smile!!

Love, Mom

*Every way,
nearly every day,*



*you always
found a smile.*

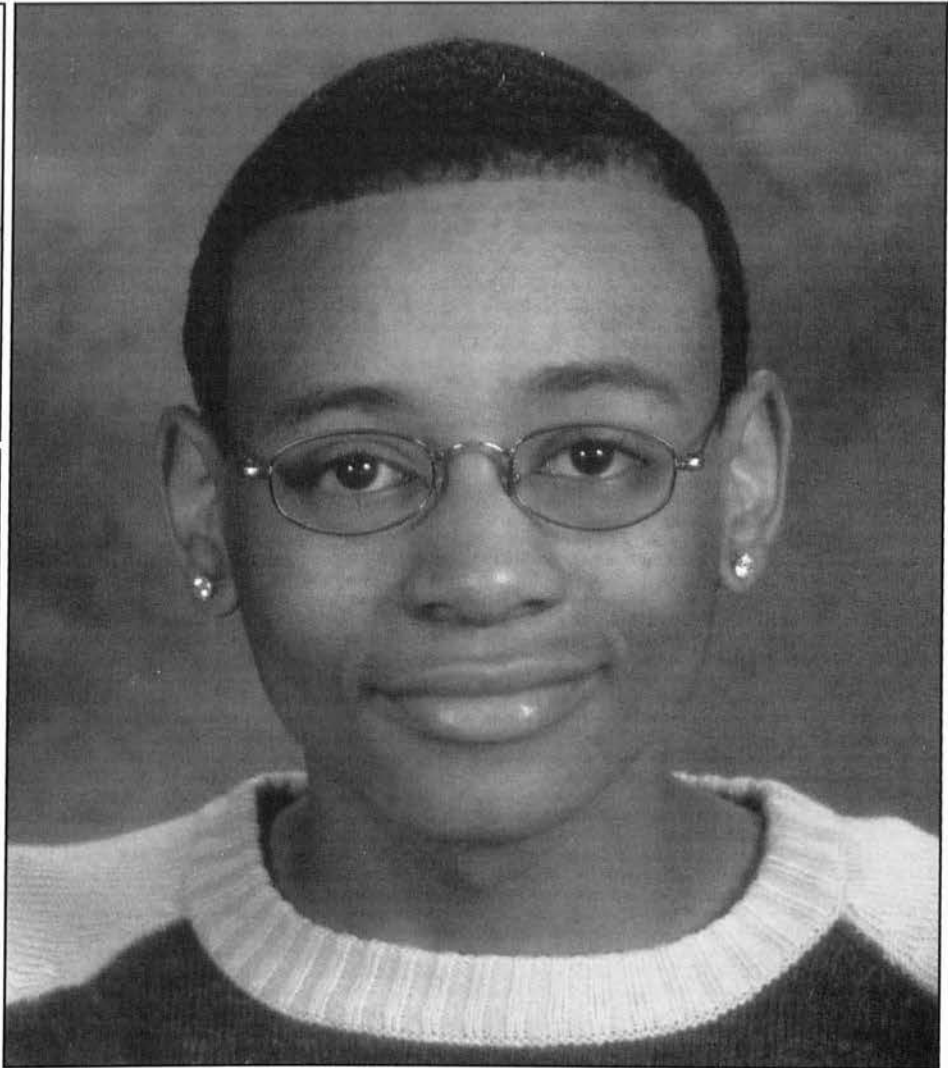
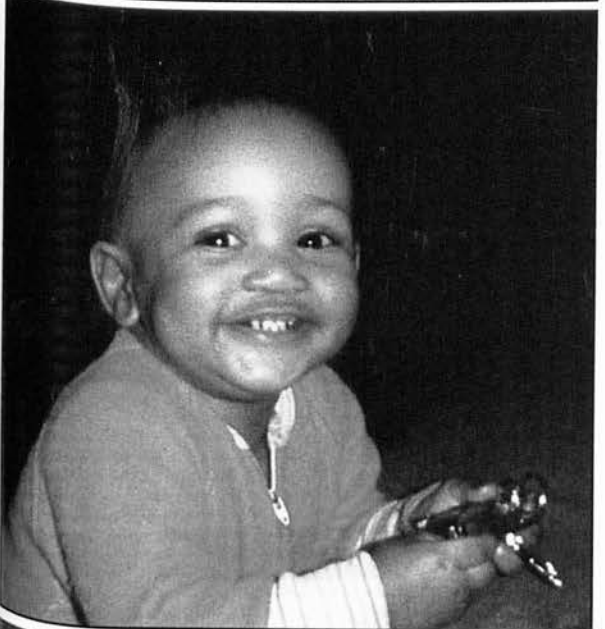
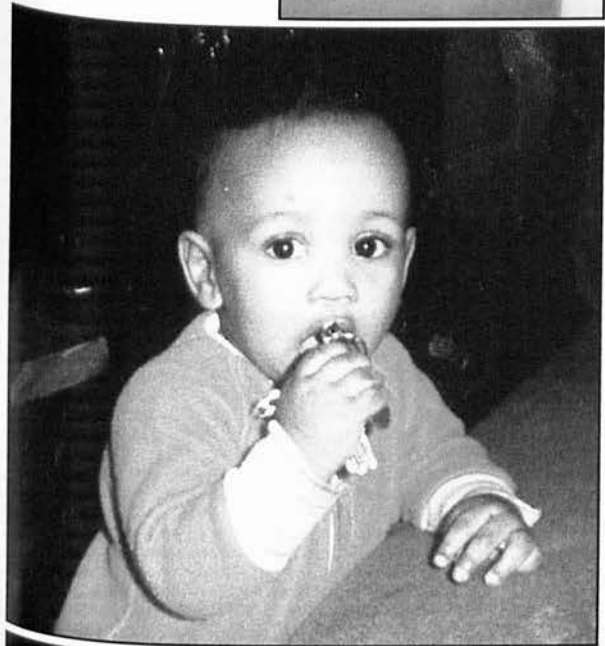
*That's probably why
it's so easy
to say,*



*we've loved you all
the while.*



Congratulations, Janelle!



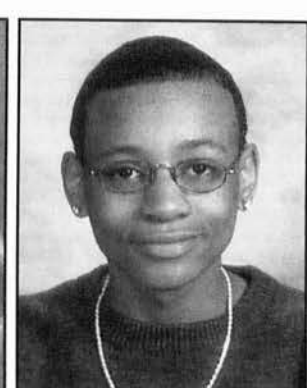
Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life. It is never too late to pursue the dreams you hold in your heart... For life is a journey that reveals itself as you go along. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and learn not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight. Keep your head up at all times and there is nothing that can stop you. Do not go where the path may lead you, go instead where there is no path and make a trail.

Torrence Xavier Roland

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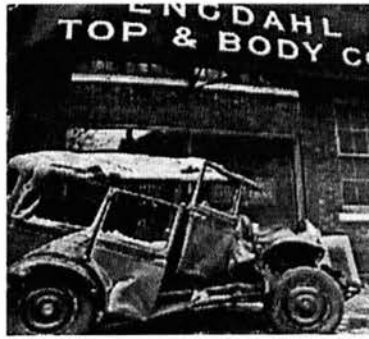


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*with love
Layne Gabriel*

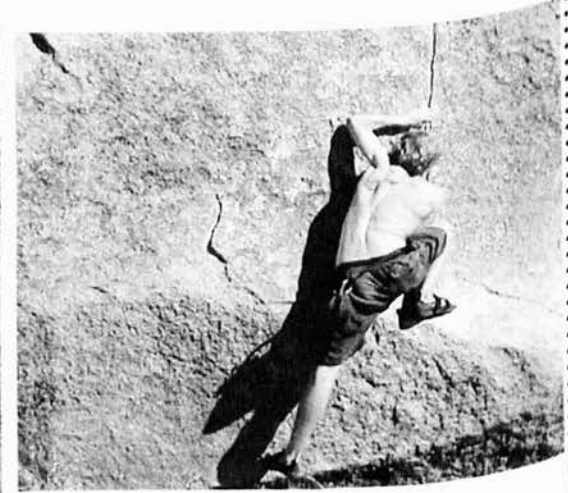
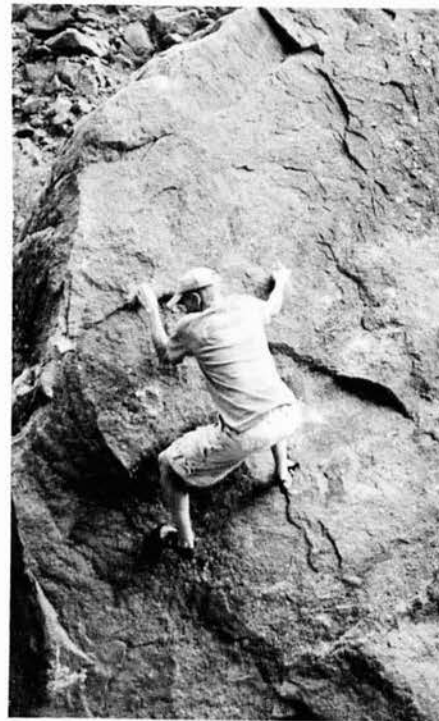
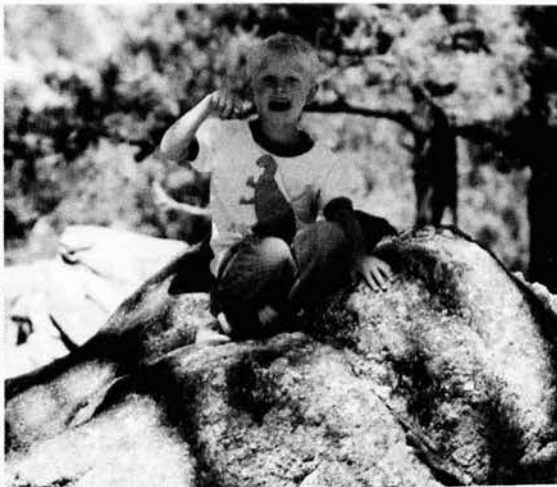


"and angels fall without you there." - goo goo dolls

Congratulations
Keiante S. Brazile
We are very proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. May the Lord continue to bless you.
Love ya,
Mom, Kelan, and
Grandma Lucy



E-rock ...



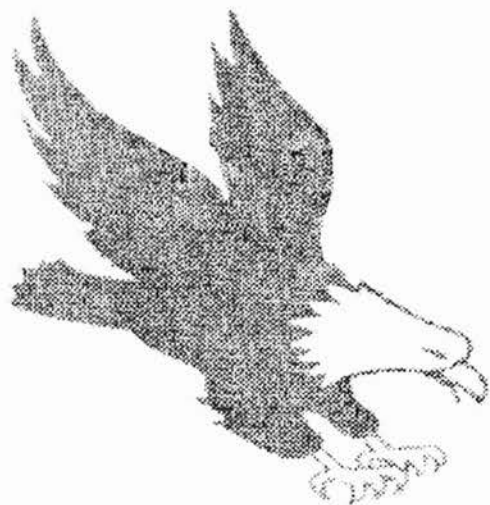
... U-rock!

*You make life rich. We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Anna + Pete*

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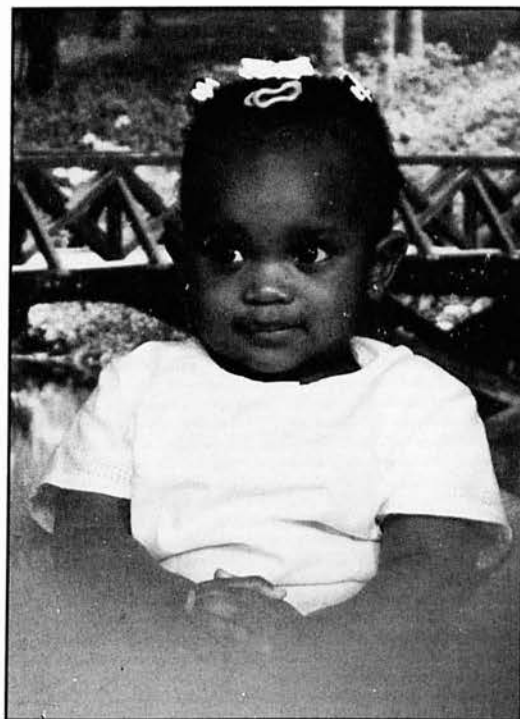


*From a beautiful baby to
a beautiful young lady,
we are so proud of you.
You are precious to us.
Dad and Mom*



Congratulations! Tammy you go girl! From your sister Dana

I am so proud of you and your accomplishments this year. I am also very excited that you will be walking across the stage in 2002. I thank God for the pleasure of getting to know you and having the privilege in offering you spiritual direction. I know that God has great things in store for your life and that you will excell in anything you put your mind to. I wish you the best. Don't forget, you still owe me lunch.
Much Love,
Pastor Tony E. Sanders, jr.
AKA "Dad"



If I could give you your own personal rainbow with each color representing a facet of you that enchants me, it might come close to showing you how much you bring into our lives. I am very proud of you, Tammy and may the God we serve continue to bless you.
All my love,
Aunt Joanie

Tam-Tam, you know, you just know that you are blessed. I couldn't be happier to call you my daughter.

Congratulations baby I love you so! Mama



Layne,

You have always been a source of wonder and joy for me, and you never cease to amaze and challenge me. Being your Mom has been a grand adventure and I look forward to the adventures yet to come. I am full of life and confidence as you approach this new phase in your life. This time I know you will enjoy college and the opportunity for the "free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

You have a lot of guts, a lot of love in your heart, and a lot of heart in how you approach life. I'm so proud of all you've done, who you are, and who you are becoming. "We drink from wells we did not dig. We have been warmed by fires we did not build." (Robert Schaubly) I know the world is a better place because you are here.

Love always,
Mom

Layne,

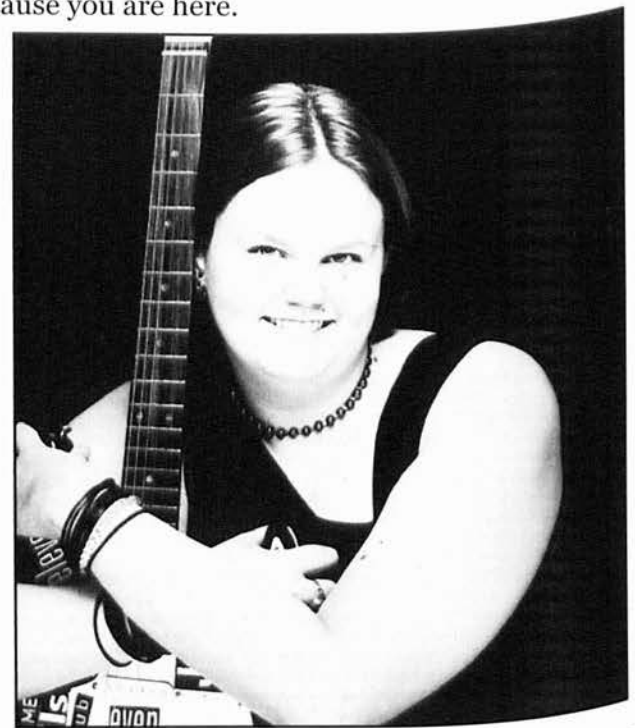
I'm very proud of you; the best is yet to come!

Love,
Dad

Although you see the world differently than me
Sometimes I can touch upon the wonders that you see.
You don't need directions: you know which way to go
I don't want to hold you back, I just want to watch you grow

Child of mine, child of mine,
Oh yes sweet darling, so glad you are a child of mine.

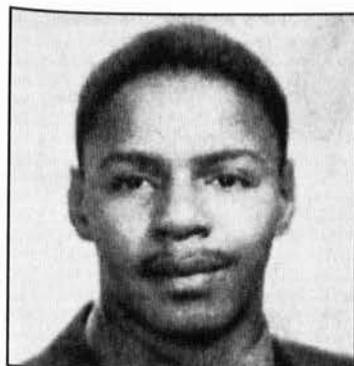
Carole King



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Stearn Family Central High Graduates



Arthur Stearns
Father 1953



Ardell (Jones) Simmons
Aunt 1953



Clyde F. Stearns
Brother 1973



Jewel (Brown)
Stearns
Sister-in-law 1973



Pamela (Stearns) Phillips
Sister 1976
& Joyce E. Frezell



Ashley N. Wilson
Sister 2004



Congratulations to our Kallen Robyn.

We are very proud because you have always done your best. You are kind, caring and loving. The world will embrace you. The future welcomes you.

Love you forever,
 Mom, Dad and your brothers
 Lance, Jaden and Shan



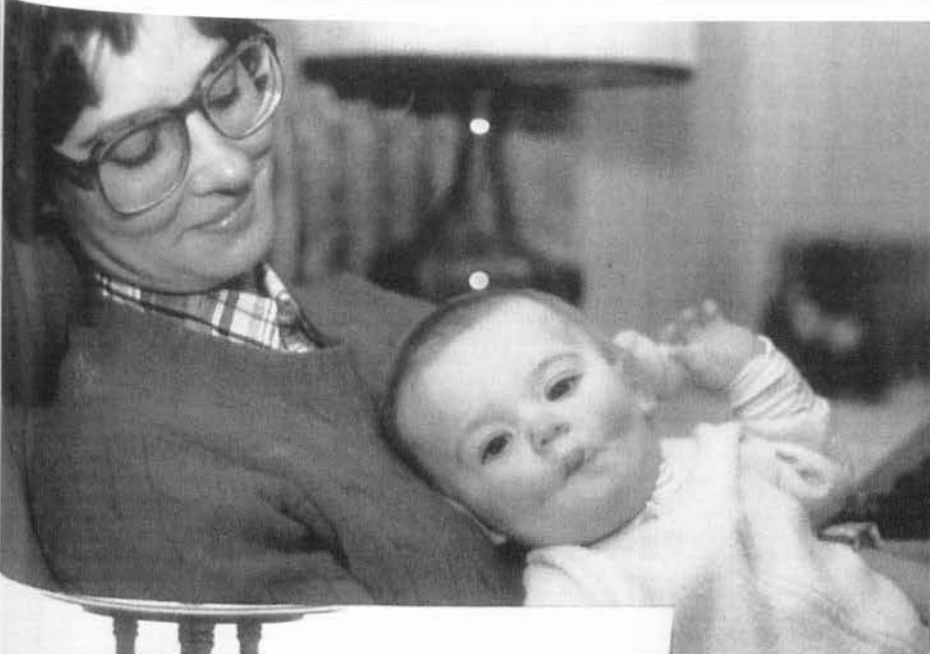
Women's Varsity Golf 2001-2002



Dear Matthew,
 As you wave goodbye to high school with
 the determination to make it to the top,
 always know that we love you and are
 very proud of you.

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Love,
 Dad, Mom, Allison,
 and all of your family.



Emily,
We love you and
we're proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Sam



Courtney



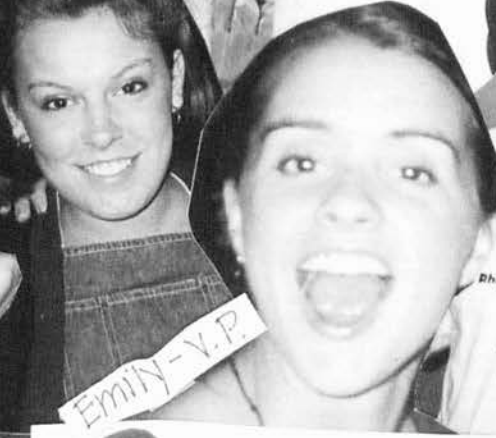
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Katrina - President



Chase-Trec



Emily - V.P.



Jamar

Senior Class Reps.

Rachael - Historian



Jenny



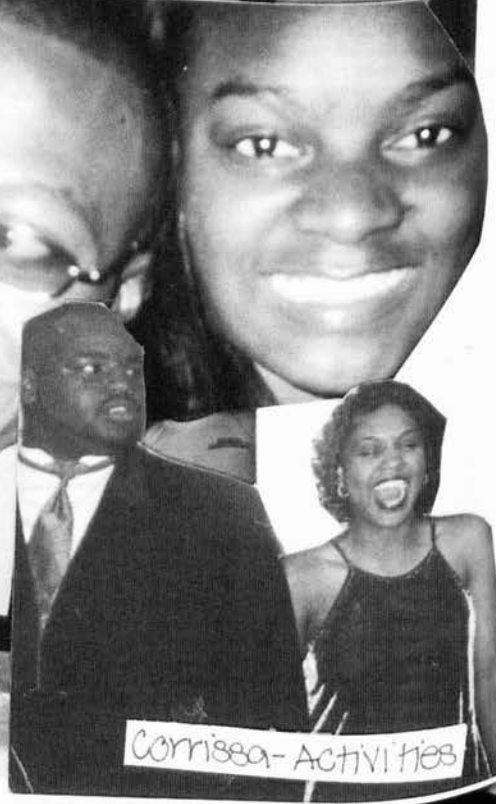
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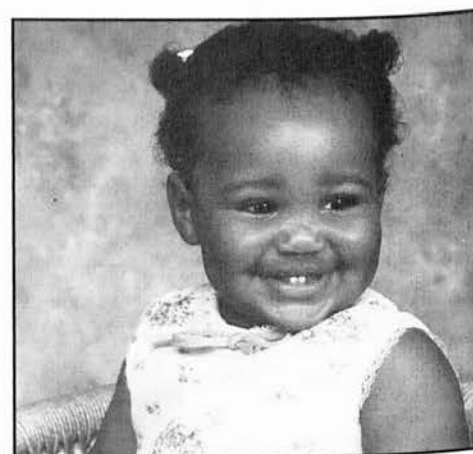
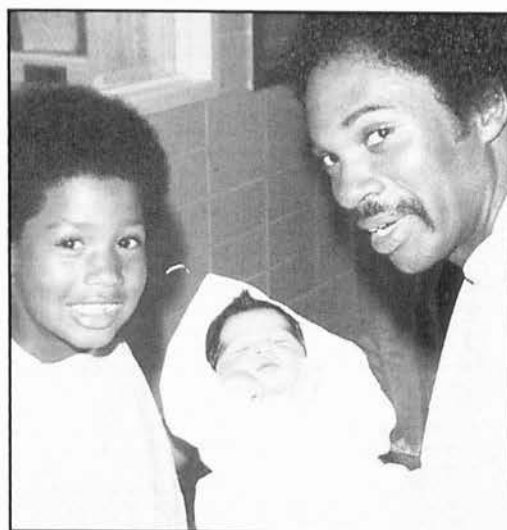


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The Register staff

Ramona Paulyne Bartee....



Baby Bumpkins



Sugar plum



Our beautiful Ms. B



We Love You... Mom, Dad, Kimera, and Khareth



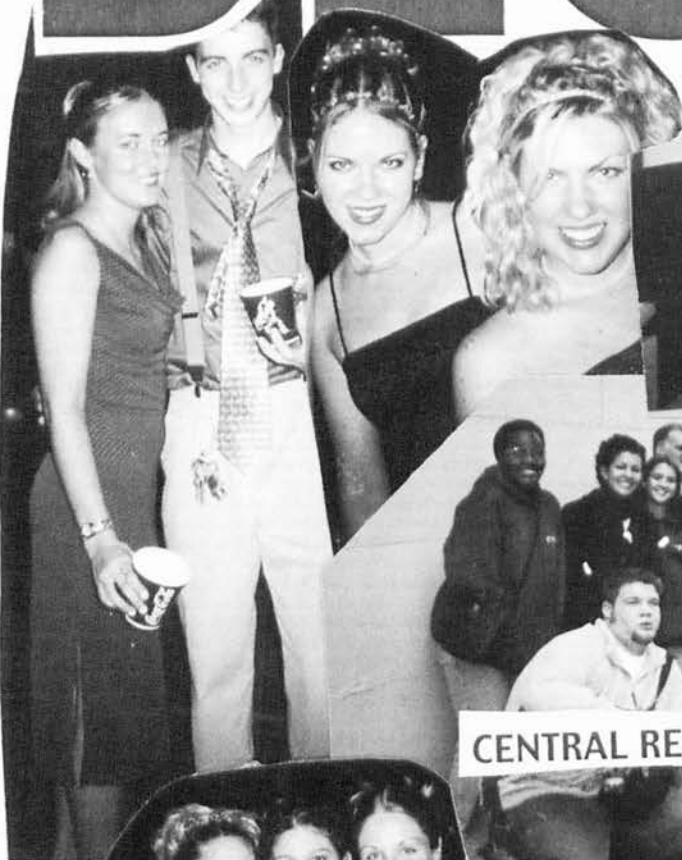
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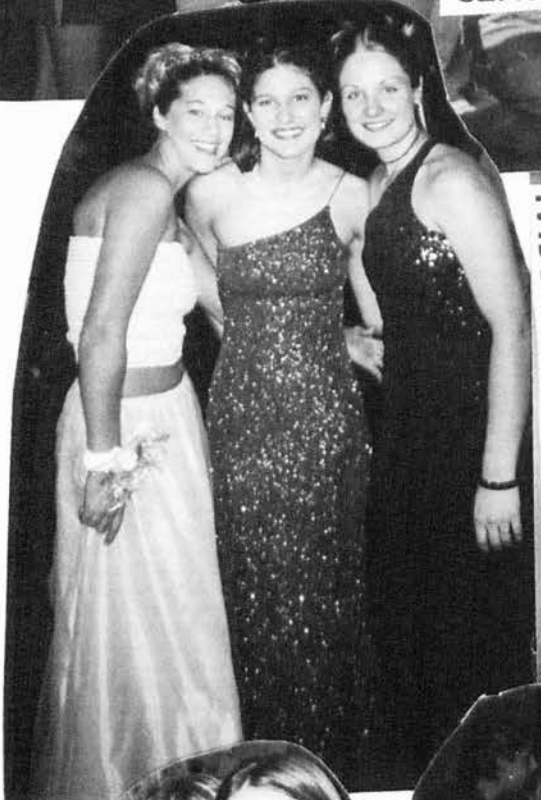
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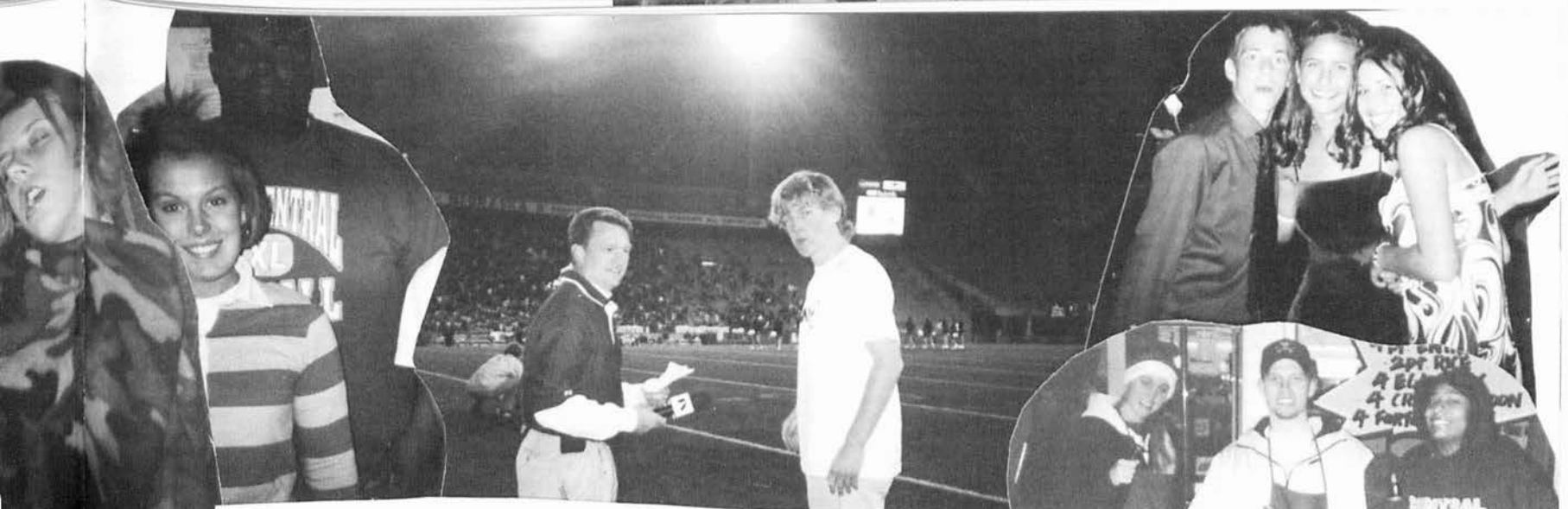


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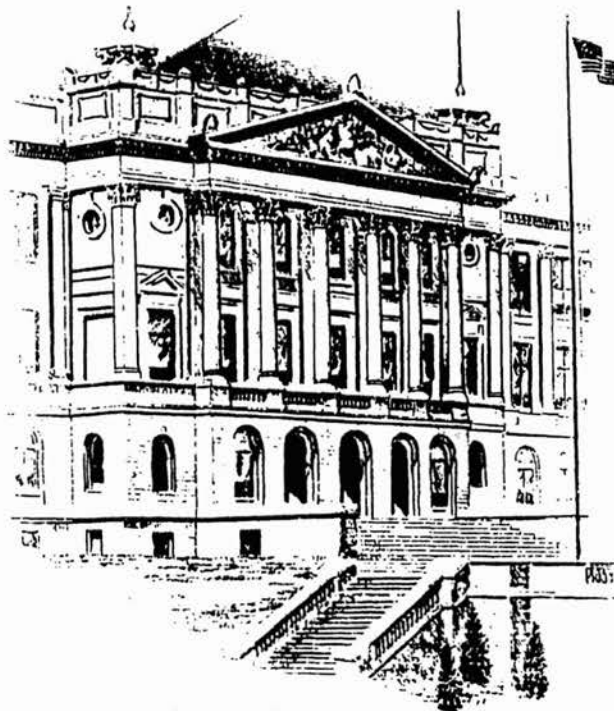
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I'm sorry, but I'm better than you.

Don't lie to me!



oh my gosh!



Why does everyone hate me?



I have a huffe.

Emily



I'm feeling negative motivation.

I'm so in love with you, right now.



Do you remember the time you ate paste?
I didn't eat paste you ate paste!
No, I ate play-dough you ate paste.

Oh, right.



Danielle



You're my hero.

Paige *Ashley* *Sara* *Leah* *Kenzie* *Kara* *Brandii*



SENIORS

Varsity Cheerleading

01-02



JUNIORS



Jackie *Jenn* *Jenna* *Jessica* *Lindsay



Holly,
 Congratulations pink princess. We are very proud of all your accomplishments.
 Stand tall and reach for the stars, we'll always be here cheering for you.
 May your future be bright, you'll always need shades!

We love you,
 Mom, Wes, Julie
 and David



Sara... "little princess"
 I had a dream last night...
 you were in it...
 you waved to me...
 maybe you waved good-bye...
 whatever happens,
 I'm proud of what we went through...
 it helps me get through the day...
 ...that, and you in my heart..

Sara, as you continue your journey, maintain your caring and positive attitude.

I believe you can fly...just like Tinkerbell!!!
 With love and admiration,

Dad



Don't forget the backwards leotard, 8th grade All City, and all the other crazy stuff we've done the past six years. Smile and Have Fun! Forever your friend,
 Katie D.

Mole,
 I can hardly believe we are seniors. We have worked so hard to get to where we are now. Don't lose touch and keep smiling, because it is the energy of life. It has been a bumpy road, but we made it and you will survive college, too.



Your loving sister,
 Amanda

Congratulations
 Sweet Faith
 We love you

Larry Coleman

Tam Atwood

Clare McGuire

LUKE MAITJA

Angela Capellupo

LUKE MAITJA

Tyler Klusaw

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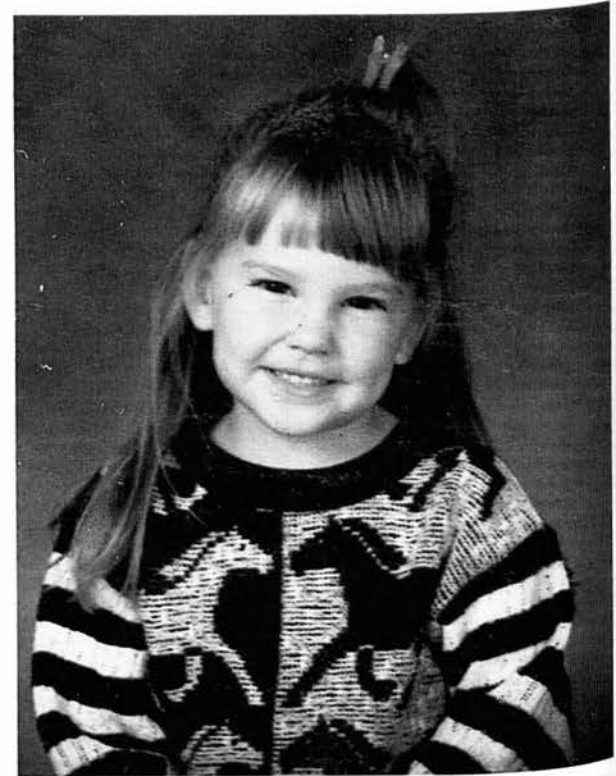
Matt Storm

JORDAN KIM

Congratulations, Rae-Rae!!

You've made it through high school with great style and poise. It's been a super year and you've conquered everything. We love you, appreciate you, and wish you the best, the brightest, and the most success that one life can hold!

All our love,
Mom and Jackie



Katydid,

We love you and have faith that your journey in life will be guided by God's loving hand.

Love,

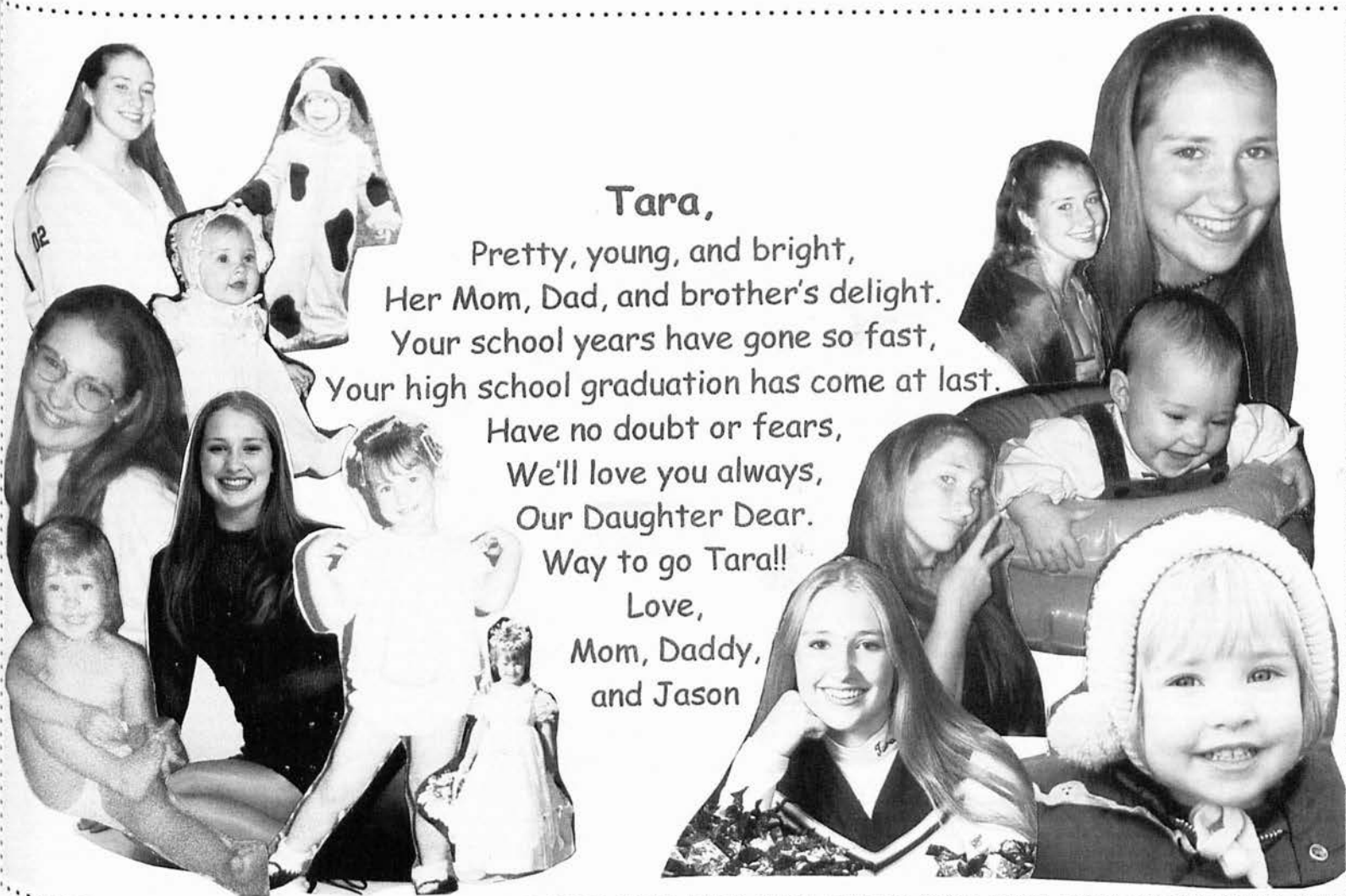
Mom & Dad



Katy-

You're like my sister. We've grown up together and I know you'll always be by my side. Remember to place all your burdens in God's hands and continue to let him shine through you. I love you!

~ Theresa (Feezie)



Tara,
 Pretty, young, and bright,
 Her Mom, Dad, and brother's delight.
 Your school years have gone so fast,
 Your high school graduation has come at last.
 Have no doubt or fears,
 We'll love you always,
 Our Daughter Dear.
 Way to go Tara!!
 Love,
 Mom, Daddy,
 and Jason



Lindsay,
 You were a beautiful and smart 2 year old with an infectious smile.



Now you're a beautiful and smart 18 year old with that same infectious smile.
 We are very proud of you!

Love,
 Dad, Mom,
 Tiffany & Jessica

You make the road rise up to meet me
 You make the sunshine warm upon my face
 The wind is at my back & the rain falls soft
 God I lift you high-
 You are my Abba
 -Rebecca St. James



Congratulations Erin!
 We are so proud of you and excited to see where your gifts take you.
Keep singing
 All our love,
 Mom, Dad, Kristen and Sarah





#2 Darcy Rutherford
A.K.A. "Darce Vader"



#6 Mesha Reynolds
A.K.A. "Diddy"



#7 Drea Wilson
A.K.A. "Drea from L.A."



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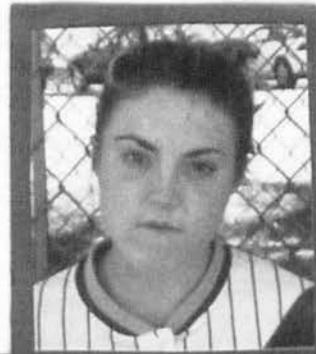
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A.K.A. "Payants"



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A.K.A. "J.C. Penney"



#21 Jackie Glassman
A.K.A. "Jackie
the Ripper"



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"Deutschland
Damsel"



Coach Wilson
"Dub"



Coach Semra
"Cindi"



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A.K.A. "L.G."



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A.K.A. "K.R. Superstar"



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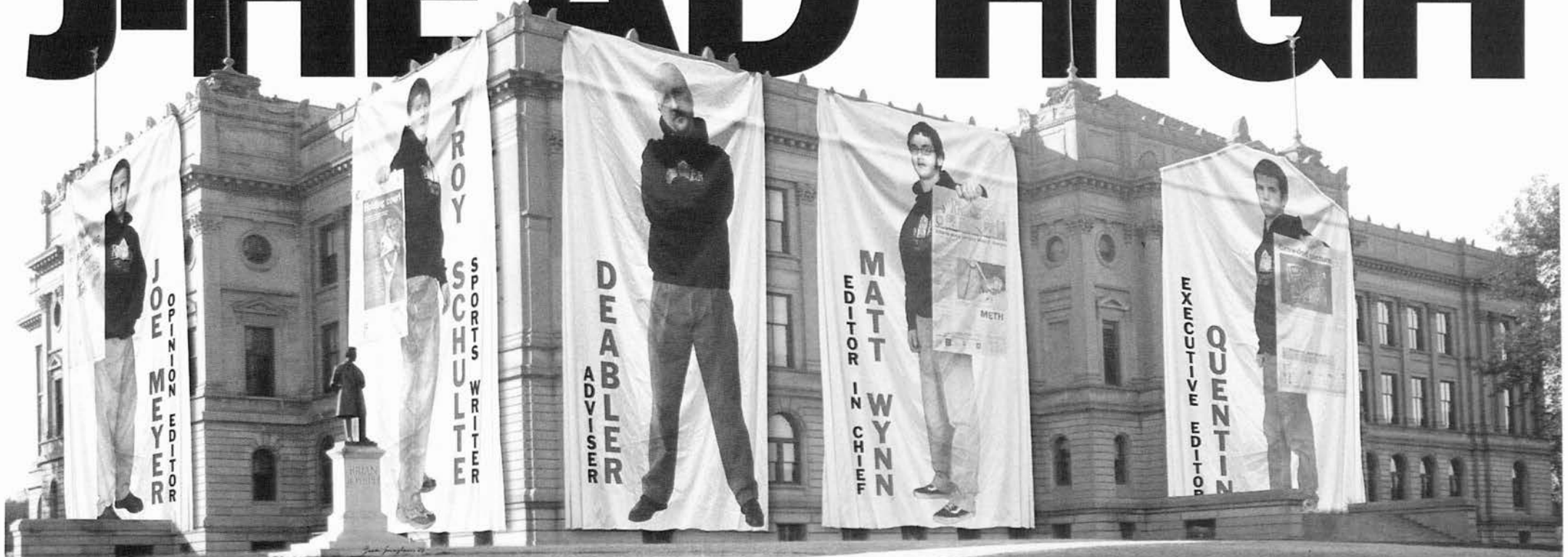
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2001 Central JV Softball 11-4

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TO CHEER OR
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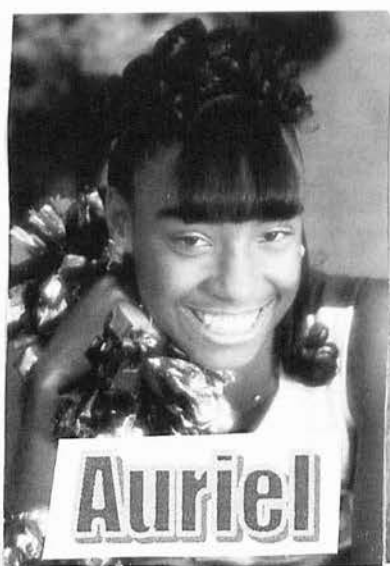
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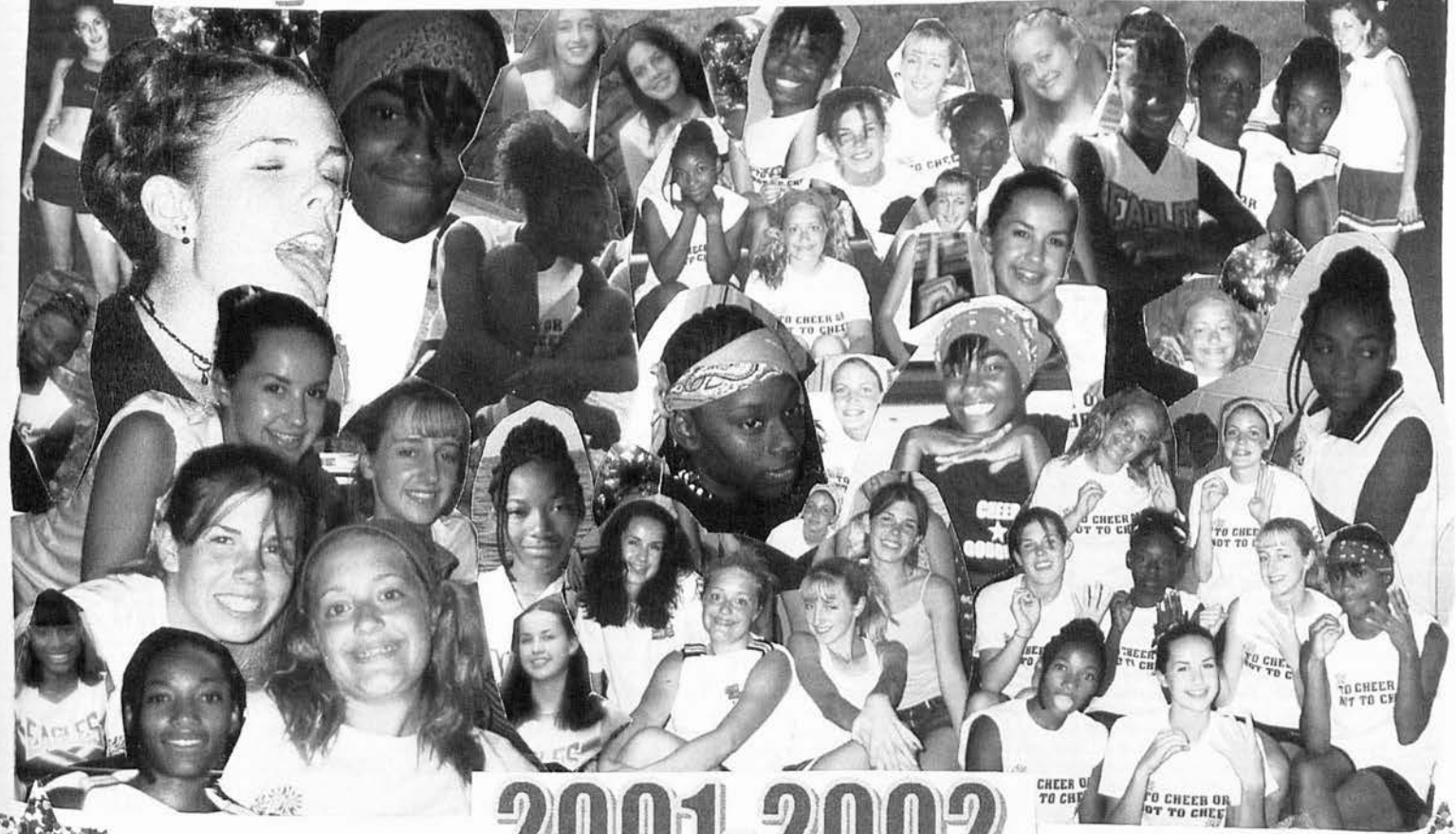


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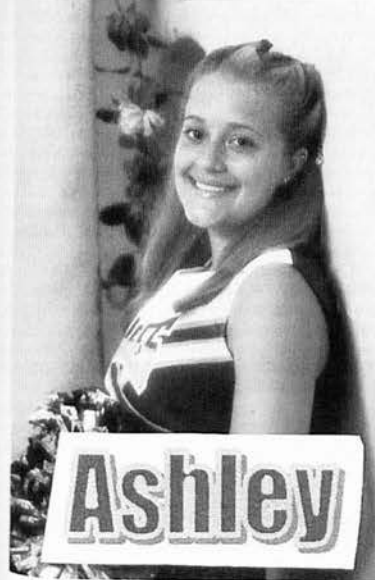


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2001-2002



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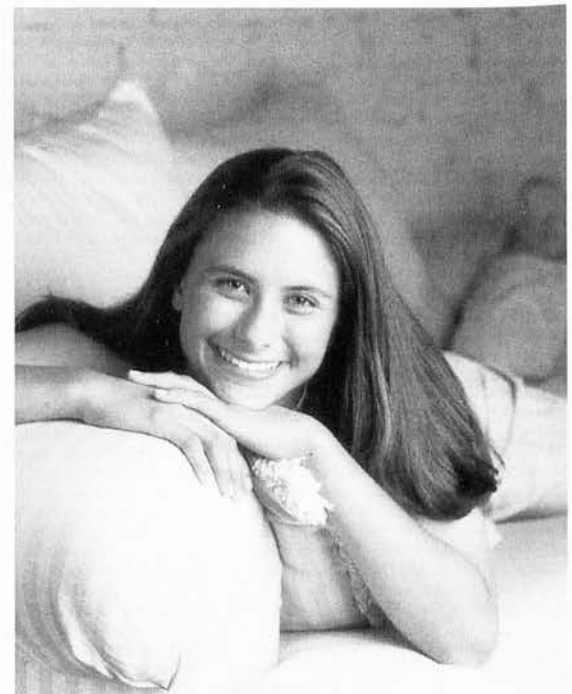


James, may your enthusiasm and love for life continue to be your guiding light. We are so proud of you.
Congratulations Mom and Dad



Congratulations, Duke!

Thank you Central Faculty and staff for four wonderful years. You are the best!!



Unlimited Potential

Libby,

You are a precious gift from God, and we are very proud of you. As you follow your dreams remember that we will always love you. Mom and Dad.

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Ashley,
We are so proud of you, as
you are graduating! You will
always be our little girl.

Love,
Mom & Dad



"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

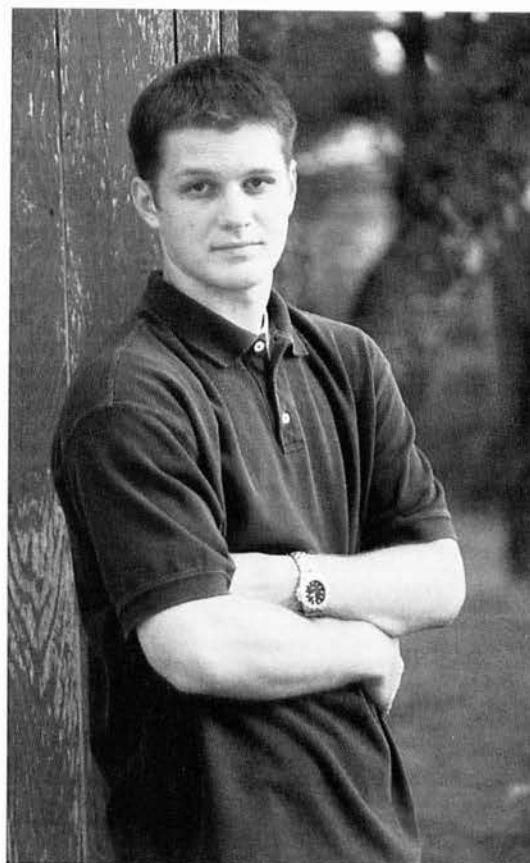
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Congratulations, Braden, on finishing
well! We all are proud of you!

Smiling, climbing, reading, singing,
Baseball, football, skiing, boating,
surfing, snowboarding
Piano, violin, trumpet, guitar;
Church camp, mission trips, Praise Band,
Bay Lake, Minnesota, Colorado, Hawaii
Mower, shoveler, newspaper deliverer, builder
A Cappella, CHS Singers, All-State Chorus - 3 yrs,
Wesylan Honor Choir
"You Can't Take It With You", "South Pacific",
"Once Upon A Mattress", "Brigadoon", Road Shows

Always do your best, and never give
up! We love you!

Dad, Mom, Martha and Andrew



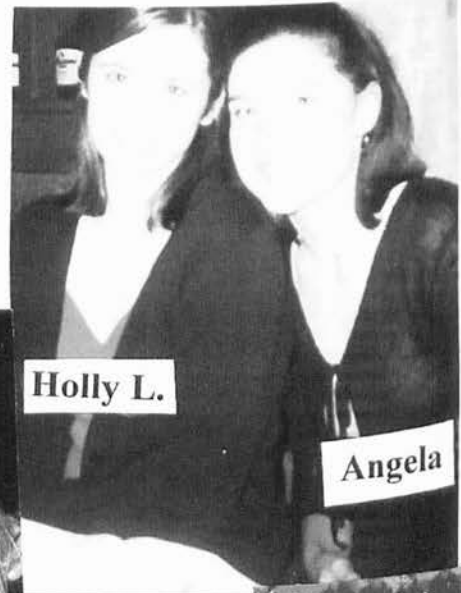
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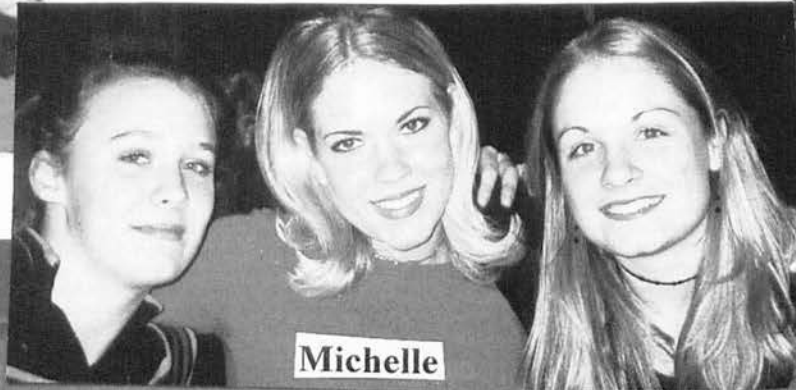


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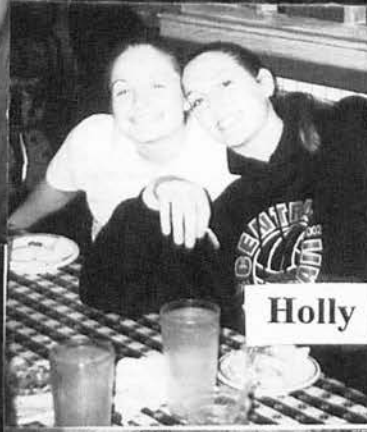
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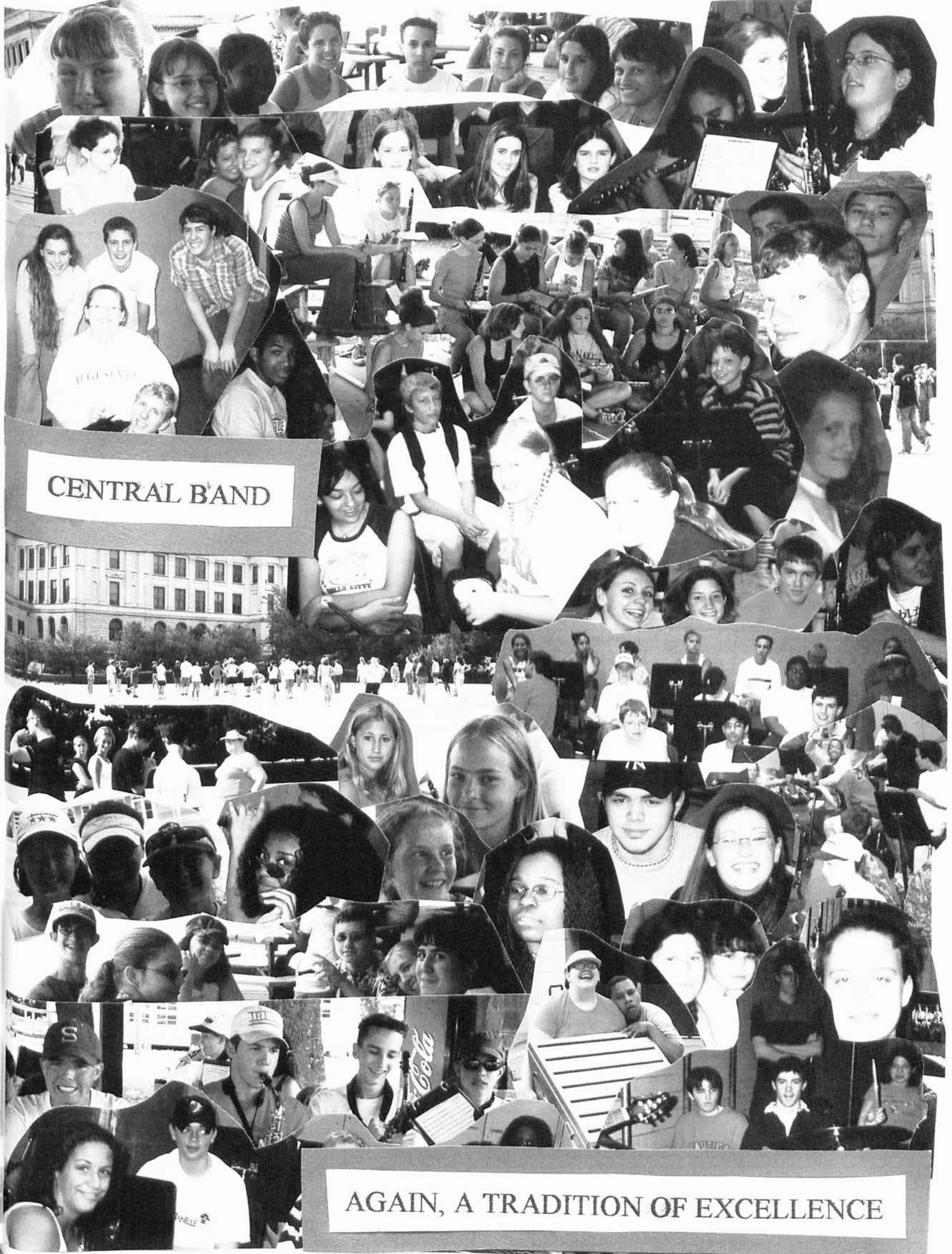


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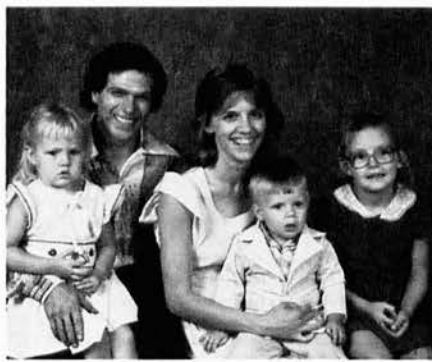
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Ashley



CENTRAL BAND

AGAIN, A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



Remembering the good times Antwan & Debra

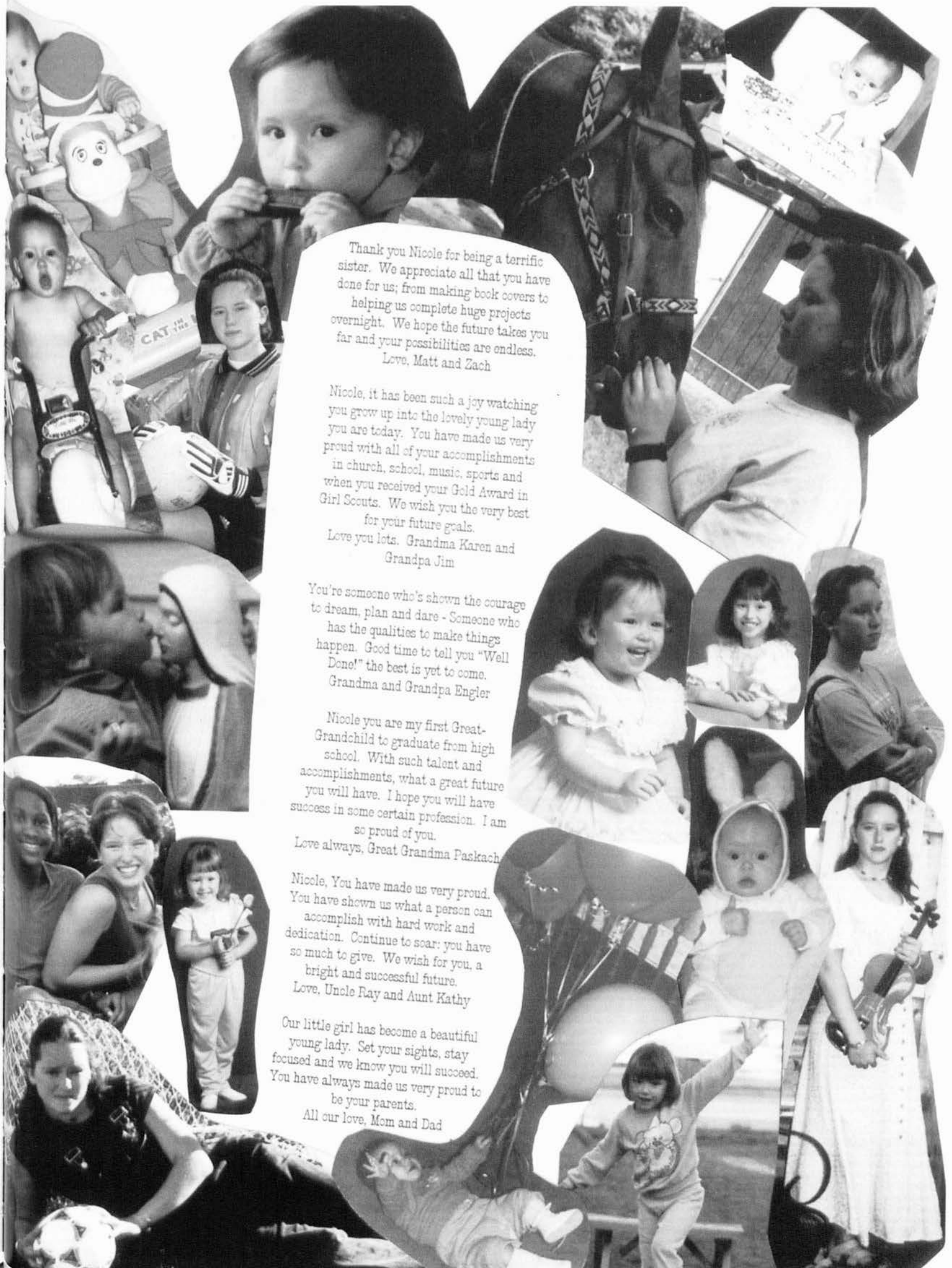


*Mom,
I know God only loaned you to me for a short
time. He took you home, but left your love to
keep me strong.
Wishing you were here to share this special time
in my life. Joni & Lynn thank you for being my
parents.
Love,
Debra*



*Congratulations, Twan.
We are proud of the choices you've made and the
person you've become. Follow your dreams, hold
your head high, and move with confidence. You
have what it takes to succeed. We thank the
Lord for blessing us with a terrific son and
brother.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Vince, Rickius, Karim, Kenneth,
and Anthony*





Thank you Nicole for being a terrific sister. We appreciate all that you have done for us; from making book covers to helping us complete huge projects overnight. We hope the future takes you far and your possibilities are endless.
 Love, Matt and Zach

Nicole, it has been such a joy watching you grow up into the lovely young lady you are today. You have made us very proud with all of your accomplishments in church, school, music, sports and when you received your Gold Award in Girl Scouts. We wish you the very best for your future goals.
 Love you lots. Grandma Karen and Grandpa Jim

You're someone who's shown the courage to dream, plan and dare - Someone who has the qualities to make things happen. Good time to tell you "Well Done!" the best is yet to come.
 Grandma and Grandpa Engler

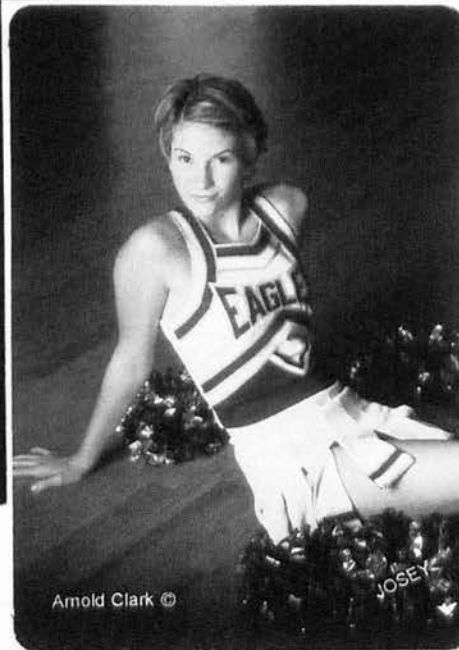
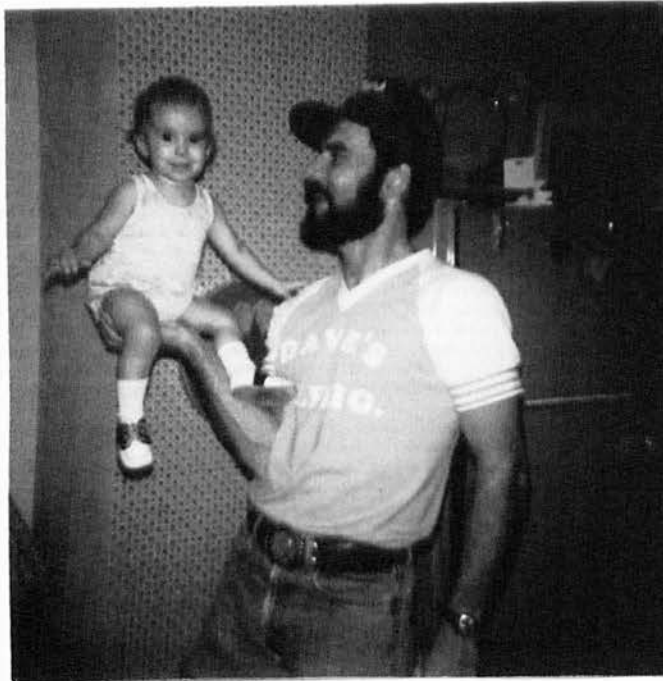
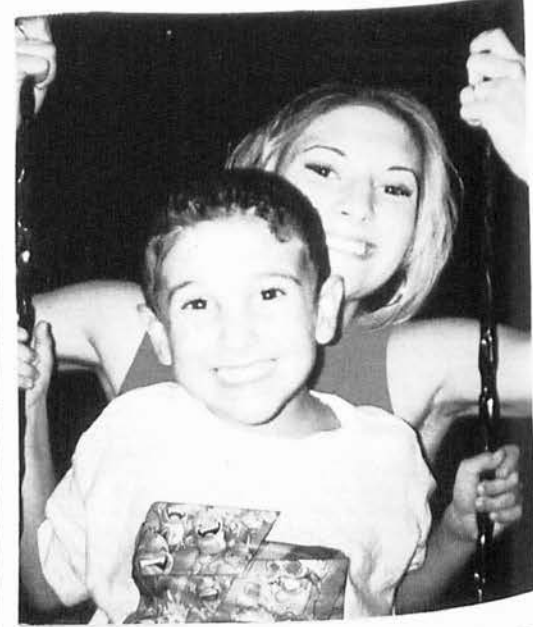
Nicole you are my first Great-Grandchild to graduate from high school. With such talent and accomplishments, what a great future you will have. I hope you will have success in some certain profession. I am so proud of you.
 Love always, Great Grandma Paskach

Nicole, You have made us very proud. You have shown us what a person can accomplish with hard work and dedication. Continue to soar; you have so much to give. We wish for you, a bright and successful future.
 Love, Uncle Ray and Aunt Kathy

Our little girl has become a beautiful young lady. Set your sights, stay focused and we know you will succeed. You have always made us very proud to be your parents.
 All our love, Mom and Dad

Josey

After a while you learn the subtle difference
Between holding a hand and chaining a soul,
And presents aren't promises,
And you begin to accept your defeats
With your head held high and your eyes open,
With the grace of a woman, not the grief of a child
You learn to build your roads on today.
-Veronica A. Shoffstall

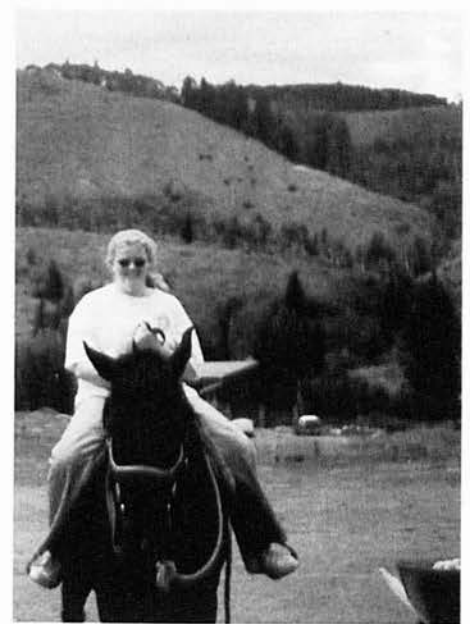
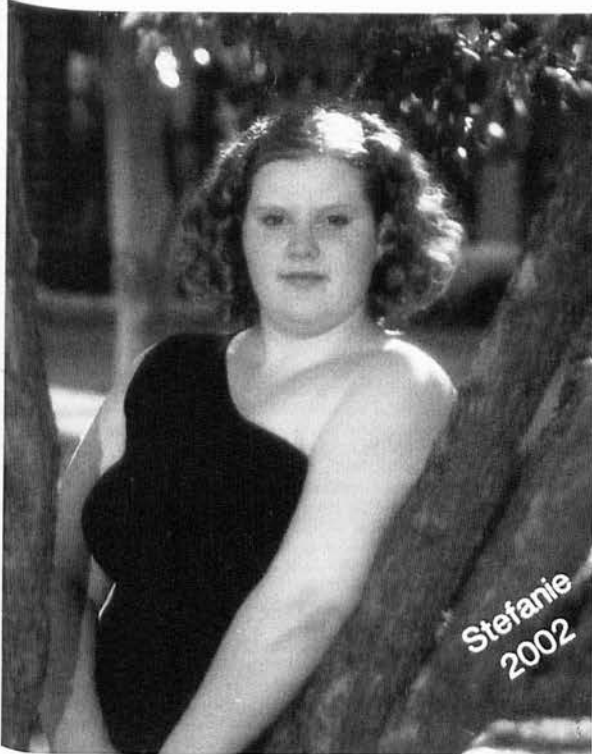


Hope that your senior year was full of experiences that will help you succeed
in the years ahead.

Love with all of our hearts
Mom, Ashley, Matt, Alex, & Marshall



The sun doesn't
rise without
you.
We Love You!!!



J'Vawwnna Delisia Bell

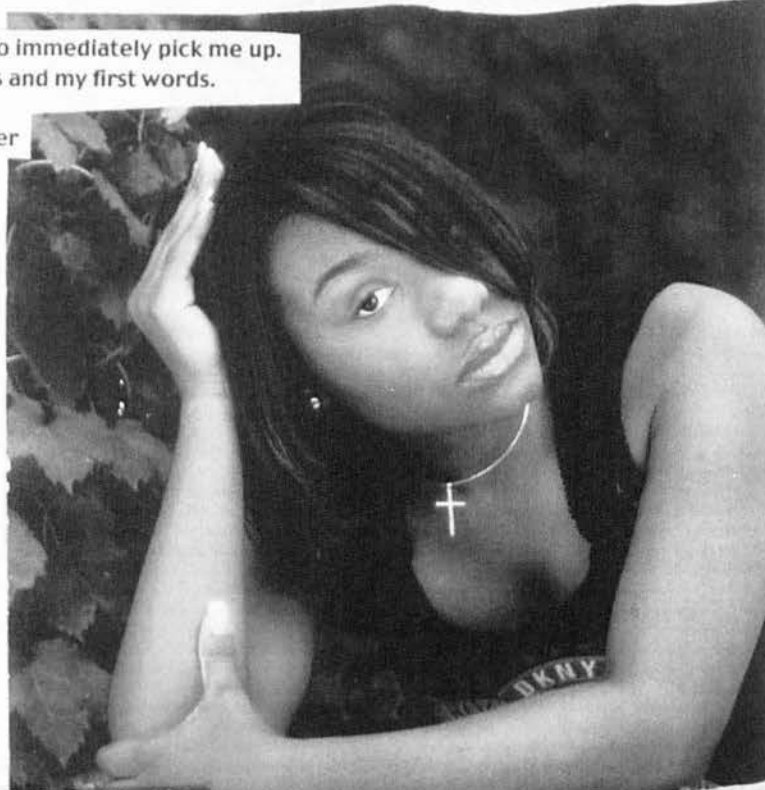
J'Vawwnna when I cry you won't be here to immediately pick me up.
You are going to miss my first steps and my first words.

Love you girl!
Your baby brother

Always remember to include God
in your life and everything else
will fall into place. I am bursting
with pride. Congratulations!
Grandpa

I am proud of you my darling sister,
I love you and I don't want you to go away
to college. It is going to be sad without you.
Love and kisses,
Jaquillah

I am proud of your
determination, independence
and perseverance in setting and
reaching your goals.
Congratulations!
Love
Grandmother



J'Vawwnna.....

I don't think I could ever be any prouder
of you than I am at this moment.....

Seventeen years seem to have just whizzed by...
I remember holding you for the first time in July
I was so proud to have a beautiful baby girl,
that would bring so much joy into my world.

I remember your first word, your first tooth,
your first step.
You have always been independent,
never wanting too much help.

I couldn't have asked for a better child,
loving, caring and generous,
no desire to run wild.

Your sister tries to mimic you in every way,
just like you she wants to be someday....

You are such a great help to me no matter what I
ask. You always complete the task.

Dignity, honesty and confidence you are bound,
because here you are now in your cap and gown...

No giving up or letting go,
you will always do what is right, this I know.

Wishful thinking of who or what you will be,
common sense tells me
I will just have to wait and see...

Now, go out into the world,
but never forget you are my baby girl.

I love you and I thank God, not only for my
"Baby Girl" but also for my dearest friend.

Love always,
Mom





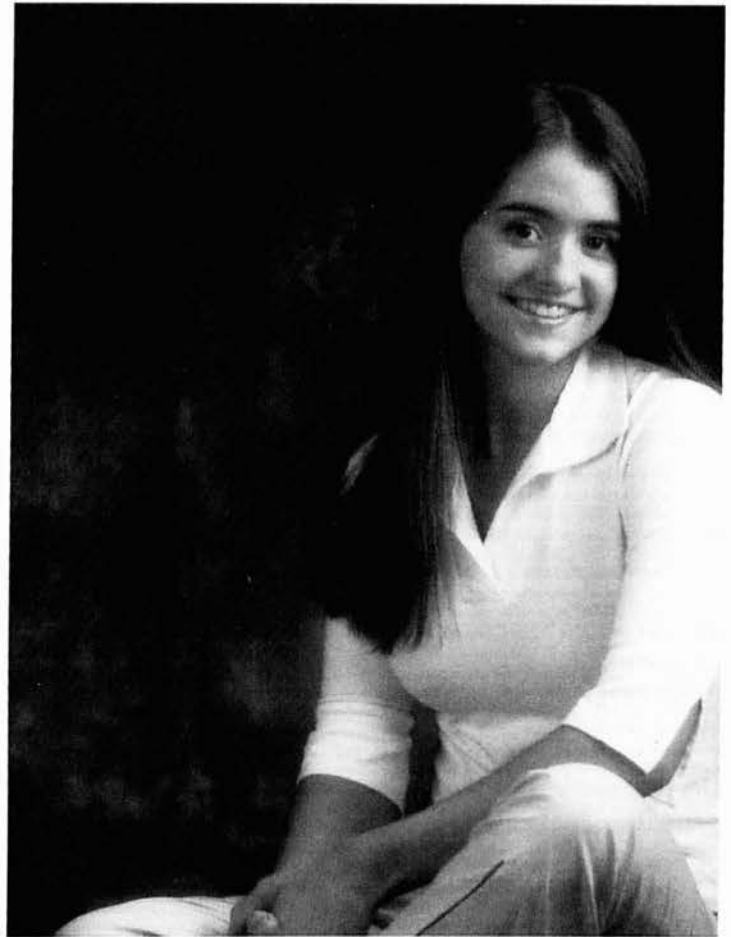
I can't imagine a world without you.
We Love You!!!



Then and Now



We are very proud of you!
We love you, Emily!
Mom, Dad & Sarah



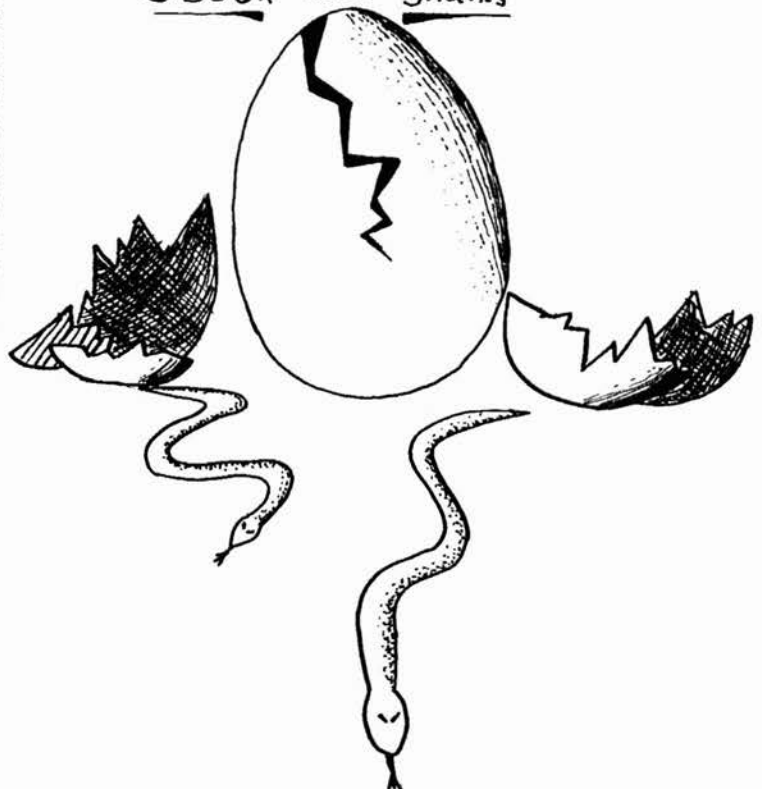
A lifetime of fun
And baseball in
the sun
From Sesame
Street
To the driver's
seat



We've given up
our training
wheels
And decided to
let life take us
where it feels
You're the world's
best listener
And will always
be my sister

They're Here!

Book 2002 Snakes





ANNIE
Walden
Editor in Chief

This section may exist purely for my amusement, but I am the editor so that's how it works, right? I just hope this gives outsiders a glimpse at all the hard work and personalities of the people who have toiled to make this all possible.

Thank you to my **mother** for assuring me that yes, I am crazy and I should stop thinking so much and just act. **Ben**, thanks for being crazy with me. **Sara, Layne** and **Megan**, we have drifted apart since preschool, but some of the best times of my life have been with you. I am glad we stayed friends.

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Everyone else, have fun.

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Asst. Ads Staff

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Junior Staffer

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To Mr. Deabler, Annie, and the whole staff, thank you for putting in so much time and hard work for this book and making as good as it is. Congratulations. It's finished!!!



**April
Gayer**
Sports Editor

This year on staff being my first year, was...let's see here, how to say it... quite an experience. It helped me to learn a lot about journalism in a brand new way. Going to Boston was an experience that I will never forget.

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That is about it.

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Halley Taylor
Junior Staffer

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JV Dorsey
Asst. Senior Editor

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Annie-since this has to be short...thank you! P.S. Hi Steph.

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**Lynne
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Faculty Editor

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**Katie
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Ads Manager

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Sports Asst. Editor

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Student Life Editor

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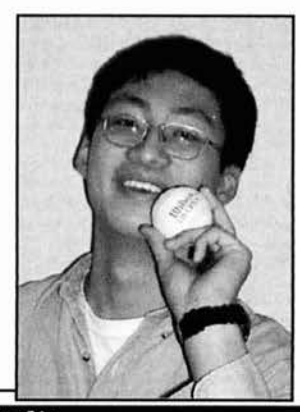
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Mike Zhang

Senior Section Editor

Hey, this is my thank you. It was going to be of people that I'd like to thank, but it was going to be too long. I then thought about putting people I like in here, but it would be way too short. So here is a list of random people popping into my head at exactly 1:38 a.m. the day this was due.

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A word of advice to all you **smart juniors** in yearbook, don't take AP Physics, **JoeBob** can put you to sleep faster than a tranquilizer dart.

"The meaning of Life... the Universe... and Everything...is...Forty-two."

So long, and thanks for all the fish.

*note: Last two lines are attributed to Douglas Adams

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Nitasha Dickes

Sports Asst. Editor

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Philip Witchger (10) at the unfinished interstate near 30th St. PHOTO Lynne Clure



"Life is a journey, not a guided tour." -Unknown. Your life through high school has been a paved path. Your family, friends and teachers have paved the way for you. Now, as you leave and move on, the pavement ends. Life begins. Now you have the chance to forge your own way and make your own path. At times, the road could get rocky. But it is the decisions you make and the people you take that build your road. Along the way, there will always

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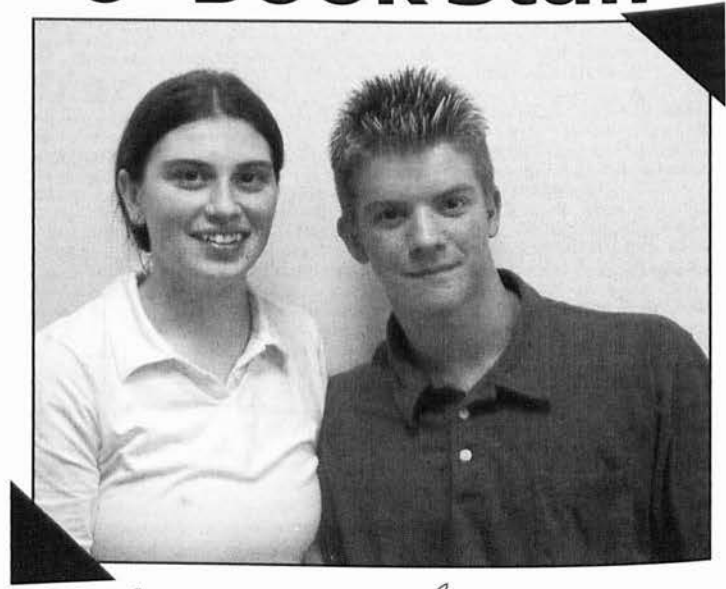
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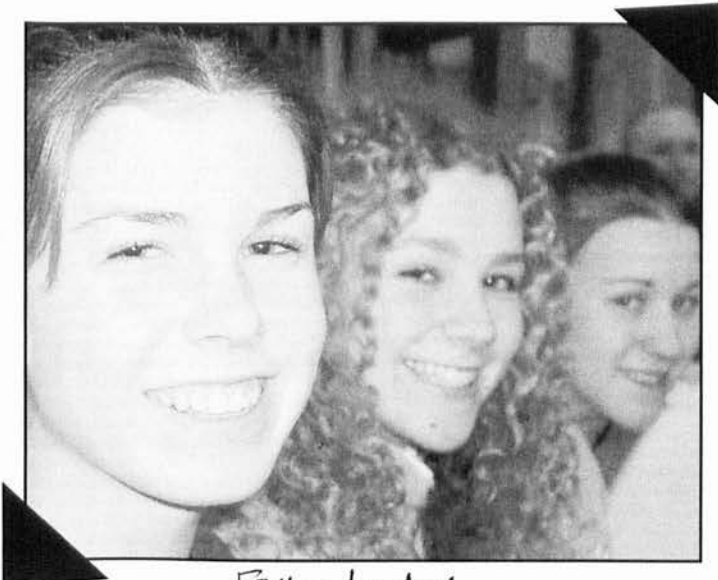
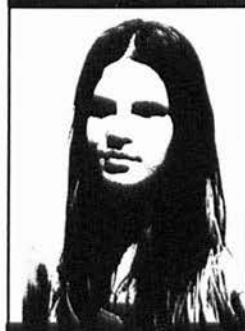
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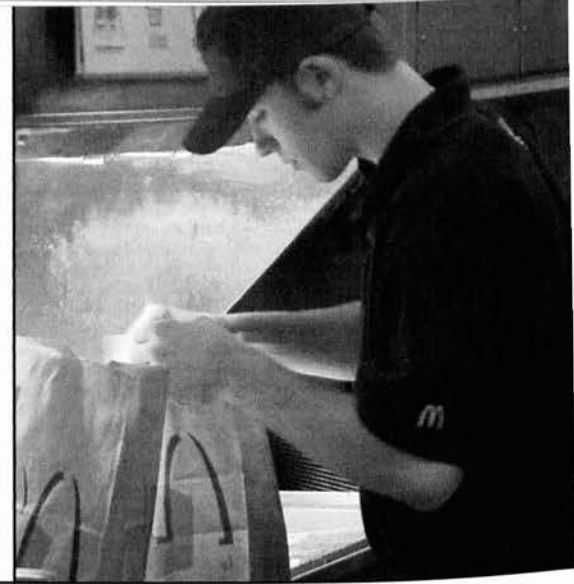
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Below. While volunteering for the National Honor Society during the Walk As One event, Karletta White (12) paints children's faces at the Children's Museum booth. PHOTO Annie Walden
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Right. Bagging french fries was just one of the many jobs Shawn Daley (11) did while working at McDonald's. PHOTO Annie Walden
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Left. Ultimate frisbee became an organized, school-sponsored club for the first time ever. PHOTO Annie Walden
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Below. During the homecoming game, the eagle mascot visits with some of the younger fans. The mascot danced on the sidelines of the turf and visited with fans during the game. PHOTO Annie Walden
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Below. Eagle football was as popular as ever in the fall as Central continued to make it to state playoffs. PHOTO Annie Walden
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Above. Before the induction of the officers for the Junior Classical League (Latin Club), Ian Atwood (12) grabs a doughnut. PHOTO Annie Walden
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Left. Larry Coleman (11) and Nathaniel Crook (11) map out their destinations during an ROTC orienteering session at Schramm Park. The cadets were given points on a map to reach in a designated amount of time. PHOTO Annie Walden
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Left. Marching Band performed at all home football games and in the Labor Day Parade. PHOTO Annie Walden
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Left. The girls line up at the Oct. 18 Vocal Music Concert held in the school Auditorium. PHOTO Mike Zhang
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Right. Youth Volunteer Corps helped clean up flowers and other foliage at the botanical gardens. PHOTO Annie Walden
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