







New Castle Chrysler High School

UNDER Construction

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Right: Some curious students look on as the construction workers first break ground for the construction project. One of the first orders of business was to remove some underground tanks from the courtyard area.

Below: The current C wing is visible just beyond the construction of the new C wing. Classes will continue to meet in the current hall until the new wing is completed.







Construction Hits NCCHS Like a Flood

The halls of NCCHS were alive with people and excitement this year, but they were also full of change. Though change is sometimes difficult and inconvenient, it is also necessary for improvement.

There were several changes around NCCHS this year, but the most publicized change was that of the building construction. After long deliberation, remonstration, recounting, and revising, the building project got underway.

Workers began breaking ground in the inner court area of the school yard, but the ground wasn't the only thing breaking. As construction workers began work towards the new boiler building, they had to turn off the water source in some major pipes. Because the pipes were quite old,

Left: Loads of dirt were removed to lay the foundation for the new C wing, and after the supports were completed, the dirt was replaced.

when the water was turned on again, many of the pipes burst, causing occasional flooding in the lower level of the B-wing.

In addition to the Noah's Ark factor, students and teachers in interior classrooms had to contend with some noise from the construction. Most of the work done during the school year, however, was the foundation work for the new C-wing. Workers dug holes, laid cement block walls, and built the ground up again.

Students saw a lot of dirt and cement this year, but the real changes will be evident when they return. One thing is certain about the 1996-97 school year, NCCHS and all those within its walls were definitely . . . **UNDER CONSTRUCTION!**

Below: Students in the B wing had a good vantage point for observing the construction work. The C wing and cafeteria halls also bordered the work site.





Right: A backhoe makes the first dent, or rather crater, in the construction process. The grass and shrubbery on the C wing hill would soon be replaced with dirt, dirt, and more dirt.

Below: The C wing hill became a multitude of dirt mounds after construction began.





Change is Good

Students and staff at NCCHS are full of pride for their school and all the extra-curricular activities that come with it. Throughout the year, some aspects of NCCHS changed while others remained the same. Some of the changes were welcomed with open arms; some were accepted less willingly.

- * NCCHS gets new faculty:
 - English/Publications Maria Lannoy Athletic Director - Mike Bergam
- * The cafeteria offers students Mancino's pizza at lunch
- * Trojan Marching Band places 1st at the Triton Central contest
- * TMB travels to New York City / performs in televised parade
- * Trojan Wrestlers pin all the way to state
- * NCCHS adds first male stuntmen to cheer squad
- * Trojan Boys Basketball sets new record for most consecutive wins on way to semi-state
- * Trojan Girls Basketball shoots all the way to semi-state
- * First semester final exams cancelled due to snow days
- * Lady Gymnasts host NCC on new spring floor
- * Trojan Swimmers host NCC and send individuals to state
- * Trojan Girls Tennis team serves up a trip to semi-state



Left: Teachers had a bird's-eye view of the construction work from their work-room. The area shown was once the exit area for the courtyard sidewalk. How things change!

Below: A popular lunch-hour pastime was that of watching the construction progress. Students and staff were able to view the supporting wall for the new C wing.



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Right: As the heavy machinery moved in, students encountered barricades as they traveled the dirt path between the Parkview breezeway and the G wing.

Below: The sidewalk between the first floor B wing and the E wing was demolished to make room for new construction.



Construction Meant Relocation for some

The building project has forced both staff and students to make adjustments in their normal school routine. Adjustments have ranged from doing school work under noisy conditions to going without water in some areas of the building. Through it all, those affected try to keep in mind that the end result of a new and improved building will be worth the inconvenience.

- * Students loose access to courtyard sidewalk and must allow extra time to reach classes in E and G wings
- * Special Education busses move to north end of building resulting in a new plan for loading busses
- * Module classrooms are removed in preparation for boiler building construction
- * Art classes must be relocated to make room for demolition in the E wing
- * Footings and foundations laid for new C wing
- * Construction begins on boiler building



Left: The art class had to be relocated when part of their classroom wall was demolished in the new construction process. The area shown will eventually be a stairwell.

Below: The dirt and heavy machinery made getting to classes in the vocational wing especially difficult. Students had to be alert to the various hazards on the construction site.



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Right: Construction machinery and dirt were the two most common sights in the NCCHS courtyard.

Below: Blocks, wood, and dirt (or is it earth, wind, and fire) are the common elements of construction.





Construction Timeline



Left: After weeks of watching dirt move, student and staff were glad to see some walls go up. The new C wing will be parallel to the current hall, and only a few feet away.

Below: Looking at the construction site in June, it was hard to imagine that the new C wing may be completed by Christmas vacation of next school year.







Eleven Receive



(Below) The senior class waits to be seated at their recognition's night. (M. Lannoy photo)





Junior Tara Scott seems pleased with herself as she recieves her award from Mr. Geozeff on recognition's day.



Senior class president Bridget Armstrong pauses on recognition's night and passes the NCCHS Spirt Bowl on to Drew Clemens, next year's president. (M. Lannoy photo)

Jackets in Ceremony

The New Castle Chrysler High School annual Achievement Day was, once again, successful. This year NCCHS had 11 jacket winners. This is the most NCCHS has had since the standards for obtaining awards were changed in 1982 to coincide with a 12 point grading scale. The reason for Achievement Day is to honor scholastic achievement. Achievement Day entails the performing of the band, showing off their field show, the choir singing beautifully, an academic excellence talk, and the salute and presentation of awards and school spirit. The speaker, JoAnn Rains, is a dean at an Indiana college. She is a scholar and is familiar with the Achievement Day convocation. Many students are honored at Achievement Day. Sophomores with a 10.0 GPA at the end of 10th grade receive a certificate. Students with an 10.0 GPA at the end of the 11th grade year receive a certificate and a crest. Students with an 11.0 GPA after 11th grade receive a jacket, certificate, and crest. This program has been going on since 1961 and has been a great success every year.

1996-97 NC Jacket Winners

Steven Ankeny Sarah Bowling Alicia Byers Kendra Champion Laura Cook Tracy Gray Karen Haskett Megan Lamberson Andy Lockhart Emily Neal Kelli Rutherford



(Above) 1996-97 Jacket Winners proudly display their new attire. Left to right: Kendra Champion, Alicia Byers, Kelli Rutherford, Andy Lockhart, Tracy Gray, Stephen Ankeny, Emily Neal, Megan Lamberson, Karen Haskett, Sarah Boling, and Laura Cook.



(Above) JoAnn Rains keeps everyone's attention during her motivational speech at achievement day.



Students Befriend



(Below) Tony Ferguson gives Santa a helping hand, passing out presents to some excited youngsters.





(Above) Mr. Clark's 2nd hour class took United Way honors as the class that collected the most money in the fund raiser.



(Above) Justin Rich laughs with his new-found little buddy at the Adopt-a-child Christmas party.

Kids, Help Charities

Over 100 children in the Headstart program had a better Christmas this year because of some caring NCCHS students. On December 10th, under the instruction of NCCHS teachers Harold Huffman and Jerry Koger, the students participated in the adopt-a-child program. The needy children received gifts and a night of fun with the students. Aubree Thompson commented, "I felt really good about myself. Otherwise, the boy wouldn't have had a very good Christmas. Also, I made a friend for life." Businesses in the community supported the cause by donating money, toys, and clothes to the children. The Christmas party was once again a success. Gee Bowers said, "It wouldn't hurt to do something else like this during the year."

Every fall, NCCHS students and faculty participate in a week of fund-raising for the local United Way. During this week, students and teachers make voluntary donations or raise money through the auction of food items or other inexpensive prizes.

Some of the most popular items for sale in the English department were book credits. Students sometimes paid steep prices in order to receive credit for digesting those outside reading books. For one class, though, the purchase of those credits paid off in more ways than one. Mr. Clark's second period class won the overall contest for raising the most money during the week. The contest allowed them to help others while helping themselves too.



(Above) "Merry Christmas to all , And to all a good night!"



(Above) Kristin Wymer enjoys making the holidays a bit merrier for a little girl.

Some Staff Say



(Right) Mr. Newport is leaving his position as assistant principal at NCCHS to become the head principal at Shelbyville.



(Above) Mr. Willis is taking a leave of absence from the English department to teach at the Indiana Academy at Ball State in Muncie.

(Right) The staff waved good-bye to NCCHS students, and wished them a safe summer.







"So Long"

As the construction goes on around us, we are reminded that the structure outside our school is not the only thing that is changing. This year alone, six teachers are leaving their

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity. . ." - Mr. Willis

positions. Mr. Bell resigned as the boys basketball head coach. He will return to his former position, teaching Earth Science at PJHS. Mr. Willis is going to teach at the Indiana Academy for one year, but plans to return to NCCHS. Mr. Willis said "I am thrilled to have the opportunity and happy that NCCHS is letting me have a leave to go." Mr. Renehan, the girls basketball coach, is going to Westfield. Assistant Principal Mr. Newport is going to Shelbyville to take over as their Principal. After 34 years of teaching at NCCHS, Mrs. Sorrell is retiring. Mrs. Sorrell said "I imagine I will miss it, but I'm ready to do something else." Mr. Harmon is going to Hagerstown to become their new Vice Principal. So as we are rebuilding outside, we must also rebuild inside.





(Above) Don Harmon is leaving his position in the NCCHS Science department to be an assistant principal at Hagerstown.



(Above) Judy Sorrell says good-bye to NCCHS after over 30 years of service. In her years at NCCHS, Mrs. Sorrell taught English, U.S. History, Economics, Government, and Law Ed. She has served under four superintendents and five principals.

Phantom of the



Senior Randi Hyden and junor Ross Leduc seem to be enjoying themselves at Fall Dance. Stacy Penrose photo





Seniors Karissa Malpica, Adrianne Catt, Jamie Ellington, and Mandy Riggs spend their last Fall Dance together.



Senior Brandi Crabtree seemed shocked that the Phantom appeared at the NCCHS dance.

Opera haunts NCCHS

If you like to see your friends all dressed up, and like to dance and have fun with your friends, then Fall Dance was the place to be. This year, Fall Dance was held at the Country Club on November 16 and began at 8:00 p.m. The theme of the dance was "The Phantom of the Opera," and people enjoyed both the dance and the theme. "Fall Dance was an important and special night for me, and I'm glad I had such an awesome dance to attend," said Jessica Laley about the dance.

People commented about differences in the dance this year when compared to other years. When asked about the differences, senior Amber Jeffries replied, "I thought the back drop for the pictures was a lot better this year than any other time." Senior Brandi Crabtree said, "There was a lot better turnout this year." When asked the same question, senior Ray Erickson replied, "I thought the dance was better organized than last year."

The Fall Dance king and queen were juniors Brandon Miller and Holly Cox. Brandon noted, "I was very surprised when they announced that I was king." About becoming queen, Holly said, "I was really excited. I couldn't believe that I was named queen."

Overall, everyone really enjoyed this year's dance. One of the things most enjoyed by the students was the food, which was catered by the country club. Senior Brandi Crabtree commented, "The food was really good. I ate so much!" Amber Jeffries replied, "The food was great, even though I didn't stay long enough to enjoy it!"

Senior Coley Bouslog commented, "I'd never been to a Fall Dance before, but I'm always game for new experiences. When I got there, somebody parked my car, so I knew I was in for a hootin' and hollerin' good time."





Senior Kiana Osborne and her date dance the night away together. Stacy Penrose photo



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Seniors Jada Garner, Stacey Lansinger, Emily Carter, and Stephanie Roberts took time out from dancing to strike a pose.

Super Sectional



Matt Allen and Julie Lyon show their unity by dressing alike on twin's day.





Juniors Curt Warner and Pat Dyer became twins on twins day in their surgical apparel.



Sophomores Jennifer Jackson- and Brooke Marcum cheer the Trojans on to a victory.

Spirit Sweeps NCCHS

Have you ever been so tired of school you could just scream? Well students could do just that at the boys' basketball games during spirit week. The student council had another success during spirit week this year. When asked if students participated in spirit days Drew Clemens said, "Do I participate? I AM spirit week!" During the week, there were various topics like the new 7th grade day, farmer day, twins day, jeans and white t-shirt day, and green and white day. Jan Pfenninger said the reason she enjoyed spirit days was because, "I like getting crazy with white t-shirts and jeans!"

Spirit days were created to help "pump-up" the basketball team for sectionals, regionals, and semi-state. When asked if they felt spirit days helped the basketball team, Jill Estelle mentioned, "In some ways yes because it gets them fired up. Especially green and white day." Jennifer Jackson added, "I think the team enjoys all the spirit, definitely on green and white day! I live with a basketball player (her brother) and he thinks it's great to see everyone rooting for them." Spirit days also give students a little bit of a relief in that long period between Christmas and spring break. Matt Cherry replied, "It allows everyone to ease up in school. A lot of people are really tense and stressed out during school and this gives everyone, including teachers, a chance to have fun and relax a little bit."

One can see, spirit week is a positive activity and a tradition at NCCHS. Ross Leduc commented, "Spirit days allow for students to step out of their comfort zone and be somebody different."



Rowdy fans show their school spirit after a win by the Trojans!

Staff keeps



Below: Mr. Newport addresses the student body during the Achievement Day convocation.





Above: Mr. Geozeff congratulates a student on her excellent attendance.



Above: Mr. Walden is always available to talk with students.

school in shape

It takes many people working together to make the school run smoothly. No one knows the endless hours staff members spend during and after regular school hours to make each day run smoothly. From secretaries to custodians to academic assistants, NCCHS could not continue without the dedication and hard work of many individuals. Though students may not see these people, they certainly reap the benefits of their hard work.



Don Geozeff, head principal Mick Newport, associate principal Karen Cole, receptionist Jane Roberts, secretary to asst. principal Kriss Fredericks, treasurer

Susan Denison, nurse Rita Reuter, computer lab assistant Kim Ball, STAR (at-risk) assistant Deborah Holmes, print clerk Chasity West, office assistant

Sharon Lyskowinski, librarian Jennifer Delon, library technician Bill Tucker, counselor, chairman Jerry Walden, counselor Janet Harvey, counselor

Cheryl Betten, athletic secretary Herb Alton, head custodian Sherry Keesling, custodian Violet York, custodian Tina Lowe, Bundy Tech coordinator

Michael Anderson, welding Steven Conner, CAD Jan Conway, industrial cooperative training Vicki Harris, assistant vocational director Pam Koby, COE/marketing education

Pamela Shortridge, child care Brenda Leduc, vocational secretary Marilyn Locker, vocational secretary Juanita Sheward, alternative education Melinda Semler, attendance



A Night in the



Junior Amanda Theobald and her date seem to be looking forward to a night of fun and dancing. (Olan Mills photo)





A group of anxious dancers wait to see what song will be played next. (Olan Mills photo)



Richard Fetters and Mandi Clark seem to be all smiles about being named prom King and Queen. (Olan Mills photo)

Orient at NCCHS

On Saturday May 26th, New Castle students visited the Orient, at least for a night. The Fieldhouse was transformed to resemble this year's prom theme "A Night in the Orient." One could walk across a bridge above water and even receive chopsticks. Senior Megan Pheffer said, "I really liked the theme because it was different than the usual prom themes." Everyone danced the night away while taking a breather to watch Richard Fetters and Mandi Clark be crowned King and Queen. Andy Lockhart commented about his fondest memory of the night. He will remember, "Jeremy Hoots and Casey Lee getting down on the dance floor before anyone else was dancing." The night was also special for the seniors because it was their last prom at New Castle. Alicia Byers echoed these thoughts. "It was more special this year because I am a senior." The oriental night was obviously a success for everyone. Megan Lamberson summed it up by saying, "I enjoyed the whole evening!"



Senior Chad Reece and juniors Matt Cherry and Holly Cox love dancing to the old tune YMCA. (Olan Mills photo)



Mistress of ceromonies, Audrey Keesling got the pleasure of announcing NCCHS's new royal court. (Olan Mills photo)



Lady Trojans Top



Valedictorian Kendra Champion spent long hours working on her studies, but also found time to be involved in several extracurricular activities, including cross-country and FCA. Champion was named FCA Indiana Female Athlete of the Year.





Salutatorian Sarah Boling was voted most likely to work for NASA, but intends to study pharmacy at Purdue.



Academic Ladder

The class of 1997, was led by ten extremely determined and successful individuals. Kendra Champion was the Valedictorian for the class of 1997. When asked what keeps her motivated, Champion replied, "Sometimes school work gets overwhelming, and I have to do something else, like go for a jog." To graduate as one of the top ten students in a class of 274, these individuals have accomplished a very grueling and demanding feat. When others would kick back and watch television, these would remember their goal and read that extra book, or study a little longer for that big test. It has not been easy for them, but their hard work has paid off.

"I do feel prepared for college, and I really am honored to be in the top ten. It is also a nice confidence sustainer," Andy Lockhart said. Alicia Byers was also one of the top ten. When asked why she works so hard she said, "I want to be successful and I will have to work hard to achieve success."

NCCHS Academic Top 10

- 1. Kendra Champion
- 2. Sarah Boling
- 3. Tracy Gray
- 4. Laura Cook
- 5. Megan Lamberson
- 6. Andrew Lockhart
- 7. Karen Haskett
- 8. Steven Ankeny
- 9. Emily Neal
- **10. Alicia Byers**



(Above) The top 10 seniors were honored during senior recognitions activities, Thursday, June 5. Over \$70,000 in scholarship money and awards were distributed to deserving seniors. During recognitions ceremonies, the official announcement was made naming the top ten.



Final Festivities,



Seniors Brandi Crabtree and Stacey Lansinger jump for joy during their senior picnic. (L. Phares photo)





Track star Josh Hahn ran in the state track meet and then ran straight to his NCCHS graduation in the nick of time.



Senior Amber Jeffries doesn't appear too upset about being tossed into the lake at the senior picnic. (Lainey Phares photo)

Farewell to Friends

Like always this year's senior picnic and night club were a blast. These activities are only open to seniors, except night club which underclassmen can attend if invited by a senior.

The senior picnic once again took place at Lakeview Lodge. Seniors were able to enjoy a day full of friends, dancing, eating, and water. Most students, however, didn't enjoy the water by swimming. It has become a tradition here at NCCHS that everyone gets thrown in the lake whether they want to be or not. Senior Jessica Laley was the first one to get tossed into the chilly water. After that it was only a matter of time before everyone was in. Eventually, almost everyone was thrown in, including chaperones Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Nicholson,

Mrs. Harvey and senior class sponsor, Mrs. Shauver.

During the last days of the school year the fieldhouse, the cafeterias, and the girls' gym were all shut down. This took place not because of construction, but because of graduation and nightclub. Once again the halls of NCCHS turned into one big party for the senior class. This year's theme was "Keeping in Character." Students could play games, dance, or eat. This year's new attraction was sumo wrestling. Students got to put on huge padded suits and pounce on their opponents. Night club offers seniors one last time to be together as a class and to have fun before moving on.



Senior valedictorian Kendra Champion was a bit emotional about her last day at NCCHS. (Kelly Godby photo)

1997 Senior Class Officers

President Secretary Treasurer

Bridget Armstrong Vice President Susan Gooding Megan Pheffer Ryan Grider

> Colors Ivy and Ivory

Flower **Ivory Rose**

Motto

"Yesterday cannot be changed; make the most of today and look with hope towards tomorrow."

> **Speakers Carrie Bennett** Andrew Lockhart



Securing Skills



(Below) Vocational students from around the area come together to learn new trades.





(Above) Heather Poe and Heather Justice get hands- on training in dental assistance.



(Above) Aaron York has some fun playing with fire in a vocational welding class. (Kelly Godby photo)

for Successful Living

For a variety from the normal school day, some NCCHS students participate in one of the twenty area vocational schools offered. These programs are an excellent way to get experience in the field of their choice. Senior Health Occupations student, Lisa Fisher, comments, "I think that the Health Occupations class is a great experience for those people who want to pursue a career in the health field. It enables you to make a lot of new friends as well as gain excellent hands-on experience. I feel that it was one of the best decisions I have ever made."

The vocational classes offered to students are: * Bakery * Barbering * Building Trades * Child Care Computer Aided Drafting * Computerized Accounting Cosmetology * Dental Assisting * Electronics * Graphic Arts Health Occupations * Horticulture * Machine Trades Information Processing Services * Marketing Education Management/Administrative Support Services * Welding Vocational Telecommunications * Cooperative Office Education Industrial Cooperative Training * Natural Resource Management



(Above) New Castle Senior Mandi VanDeGrift expresses her talents in vocational broadcasting.



(Above) Lisa Fisher addresses her fellow classmates at the vocational banquet.






Clothes

Body Piercing

Sophomore Sarah Abrams and Senior Jessi Felix show off their tongue accessories.

Trends

"I'm crazy!" said junior Eric Williams. Ask him to open wide and you will see why. This crazy kid has his tongue pierced! The trends of 1997 keep you in suspense. Body piercing has become a way to "express myself," said sophomore Amber Dalton.

When asked if she would do the piercing again, Jayna Womack replied, "Yes, I love looking like a freak. It's different." Where do students get piercing done? Gina Lyles said, "at home. I did it myself." Amber Dalton also did her own piercing, but others get them done professionally. Piercing prices ranged from \$0 to \$100.00. When asked what their family and friends said, Jessi Felix stated, "They all like it." Amber Dalton said, "Mom said it's gross." As a "hole," people seem to really enjoy expressing themselves.

Junior Gina Lyles tests her individuality by piercing a single fingernail.









(Above) Senior Jessi Felix gives body piercing a second look. (Above center) Individuality is not hard for senior Jayna Womack and Sophomore Amber Dalton seen here with lip and nose rings.



Dustin Troxell displays his individuality with his unique hair style.

There are many trends at NCCHS, but one that is recognized most is clothing. If you were to walk down the halls of our school, you would see many styles of clothing. Senior David Rains likes the variety of clothing. "I like it when people wear different stuff," he replied about the clothing styles. Many people did not realize that they had a different sense of style or that they had set a trend. Some people feel that clothes are an expression of who you are. Junior Michelle Holaday commented, "Trends are a sense of personality." Regardless of the trend, the main priority of this generation seems to be comfort. Clothing is an easy way to be comfortable and express yourself.

(Below) Junior Sara Denecke appears to be happy with her individualtiy





Gina Lyles, Michelle Holaday, and Jenni Crabtree display unique hair and clothing styles. Many people in our school are to be considered part of the elite group that designates fashion. They are the true "Trend Setters." Many of the unique individuals fall into a class of their own. While fashion means different things to different people, everyone has a trend. These nonconformists do the unusual to both their bodies and to their wardrobes.

If you were to walk down the halls of our school, you would see many different and unique styles. Many people usually do not realize that they have a specific trend all to themselves. Senior Katie McGrady replied, "I didn't know I had a trend, I just wear what I like." Many times these individuals do not follow the so called "normal" groove or look. Big trends in our school are both hair color and bodypiercing. Though many students consider themselves individualists in their trends, chances are those styles began elsewhere. Fashion magazines, television, and trends from the bigger cities influence the fashions at NCCHS. We see things come and go, but NCCHS can depend on one thing, trends will always play a role in the culture of this school.

Hair Color

Accessories

Junior Dany King is seen here wearing a hemp necklace.









Joel

(Above) Nike shoes are a popular but expensive trend. (Above Center) These guys are showing their new hair colors and hairdo's.

all dyed their hair. Eric Williams started the bleachedblond hair look. Michelle Holaday always surprises us with the awesome hair colors she uses. Another unique hair style is the braided style that

Fred Bassett wears.

Bouslog and Joe Ripberger also have looks of thier own. Dornale Alford has come in with some serious air on his occasional "fro," as has Fred Bassett. One of the familiar styles that has come up for girls is the FRIENDS, Jennifer Anniston shag. Most people wear their hair straight as opposed to permed. In our school one can only ask, "What look will be next?"



Junior Ross Leduc sports his trendy snakeskin replica Airwalks.

"It is just fun to dress the style that I do."



Junior Sarah Cummings matches her fingernails with her outfit.

Among the raging trends are accessories. Josh Pound says, "Sometimes me and my friends dress crazy and go to stores like Wal-Mart. It is just fun to dress the style that I do." One trendy accessory is jewelry. Jan Pfenninger often has an assortment of rings on her hands, as does Sara Deneke. Cory Cook and Danny King wear hemp necklaces. How could we look past Megan Murphy and Stacey Lansinger with their trendy glasses? Michelle Holaday and Sara Cummings are known for painting their fingernails various colors. Decorative chains are also popular among many high schoolers. Eric Williams and Michael Adams have dangled many chains from their pants. Also, almost everyone in our school totes the ever famous backpack. Curt Warner, Leah Cassidy, Amy Riggs, Jake Davis and Natalie Nail have eye-catching backpacks.

Sophomore Jennifer Striglio totes her backpack decorated with unique patches.



Senior Jayna Womack ... Any Questions'



Sophomore Cory Cook, Senior David Rains, Junior Danny King and Junior Curt Warner are seen here with their stylin' backpacks.

Shoes

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Junior Tara Scott wears her very flashy sneakers!

Remember the days in grade school when we played follow the leader? You would think those days were over; well they're not. It seems today that everywhere you look someone has on a pair of Doc Martens or Nike tennis shoes and payed outrageous prices for both. We surveyed some students and on the average they paid about \$120 for a pair for Doc Martens and for Nike shoes \$100. Brandi Crabtree said. "I have paid up to \$200 for a pair of Doc's." The store of choice for Doc's is The Buckle, while the store for Nikes is either The Finish Line or Foot Locker.

Trends









(Above) These lime-green all-stars belong to Junior Jennifer Davis. (Above center) Seniors Jeff Burchett and Fred Bassett model their fashionable toboggans.



This stylish group, constisting of seniors Julie Owens, Jeremiah Kissick, and Melissa Carman, show off their over-alls.

One of the big trends that our school now has is tattoos. The number of students that have tattoos is increasing. Many trends appear in cycles, and tattoos have surfaced again. Although most trends come and go, tattoos are permanent and stay with individuals long after they have gone out of style. Students at NCCHS and surrounding schools currently have tattoos ranging from religious symbols to their favorite cartoon characters. Most of the tattoos are done in Indianapolis, even though there are places to get them done here locally.

"My brother and I had our tattoos done in Indianapolis because we heard that they do better work than the tattoo parlors do here locally," senior Josh Kissick said.



(Above) These tatooing twin senoirs, Jeremiah and Josh Kissick, display their body art proudly. (Left Center) These two girls, sophomores Kelly Godby and Kacie Najera show off their unique nature.

Whether walking down the halls or glancing around a classroom, everyone notices trends at NCCHS. While fashion means different things to different people, shoes are essential; everyone has them. Several shoe trends have surfaced at NCCHS. Just try going through the day without seeing a pair of Doc Martens. With athletes Michael Jordan, Sheryl Swoopes, and Tiger Woods, among others, endorsing Nike, their shoes are as popular as ever. With many styles to choose from, Airwalks are popular for both looks and comfort. Many students are catching on to a trend -- Individuality -demonstrated in fashion magazines, television, and in bigger cities. Unique shoes are becoming more popular at NCCHS each year. Whatever your style, chances are you not only wear them, but have probably noticed what others wear as well.

Senior Lynne Guglielmi poses her stylin' boots.





These unique shoes are worn by Senior Stephaine Roberts.



Senior Jake Davis, seen here in what? Tommy Hilfiger clothes and backpack, imagine that!



Kyle Agee



Crissie Ashline



Jamie

Heather Babbs



Fredrick Bassett

Matthew

Allen



Amy Anderson



Sleven Ankeny

Carrie

Bennett



Archey

James

Bennett

David

Blevins



Bridgel Armstrong



Crystal Besser



Michael Blackburn



Jeffrey Blankenship



Scott Blankenship

Sarah



Chadwick

Jeremy Blessinger



Joshua Blessinger



Coley Bouslog





Jason

Jeromy Bowers



Matthew

Bober

Christopher Bradley



John Bryant



Kelly

Amanda Brake

Jeffery

Burchett



Scott Branscum



Alicia Byers



Telicia

Bonner

Aaron Brown



Joshua Cadwallader





Heather Caldwell









Carnahan



Brown





























Jon

Day

Michelle

Davis

Beth

Denney

Jacob

Davis

Emily

Denison

were tired of the snow and were longing for spring and graduation.

After returning from Christmas Vacation, New Castle Chrysler High School students and teachers felt that they had another vacation. The week after Christmas break, schools were dismissed at 1:00 on Thursday, and there was no school at all on Friday. The next week there was no school Thursday or Friday. For the second year in a row New Castle missed school during the week of 1st semester final

exams. Not all the finals had been taken, and in order to finish them students would have had to go to 1st semester classes for the beginning of 2nd semester, so the administration made the decision to cancel 1st semester finals all together. There were mixed feelings from NCCHS students. This decision meant some seniors didn't have any final exams all year. Most students were relieved that exams didn't count, but on the other hand some stayed up all night Wednesday night cramming just to wake up Thursday and find out there was no school. Then they found out Monday that the exams were canceled all together. To some people the weather was a curse, but to others it was a blessing.









Desiree

DeSutter

Calvin

Dewees



Matthew Dillon



Aaron Dishman



Dishman

Cordell

Ford, gr.

Melissa



Jenny Dishman



Vicki Dobbs





Bisa

Fisher

Katherine

Fetters



Ryan Fuller



Sary Soble



April Griner



David

Alan



Suglielmi



Durbin

Christina

Hetcher

Jada

Garner

Raymond Erickson





Joseph

Saw, III









Kyle Halvorsen



Jennifer Ford



Jate Sivens









Jessica

Felix

Kristopher Fredericks



Jamie Glaze



Kiya



Stephen Hamlin







Carlestay.





Joshua Hahn





















Bynne





Tracy

Joseph Griffin

Deven

Hamilton







Jacob Hamm



Mary Hastings



Andrea Hill



Aundrea Howell



Michelle Humbles



Danielle Jackson



Jara



William

Hampton, Fr.

Steven

Hay

Michelle

Hinton

Brandon

Huckeby

Michelle

Jennifer

Borie

Hedges

Marsha

Hinsey

Amanda

Hudson

Randi

Hyden

Hancock



Nathaniel Harmeyer

Chad

Hedrick

Jeremiah

Hools

Holly

Hufford



Charles Harpring, Fr.

Michelle

Henderson



Benjamin Harvey



Karen Haskett

Joseph Higgins

Seniors

Connie

Hicks



These girls appear to enjoy their senior experiences

On October 22, 1996 in Bundy Auditorium at 7:30, the 1997 Seniors had an inspirational senior vespers service. Senior Vespers is a religious tradition that began in 1939 in New Castle as a PTA sponsored activity. The program used to be held at First Methodist Church, and was once a formal event. The present day service is sponsored by the senior class and has taken on a more casual feeling. Senior Vespers is a non-denominational, inspirational program for the students of NCCHS. The purpose is to provide unity and guidance for the school year. Desiree DeSutter felt Senior Vespers was a good way to spiritually prepare herself for her senior year and future.

The speaker this year was Dee Hartman. "I thought that the speaker at Senior Vespers was humorous, but got her message across" said Jackie Spurlock. Many seniors spoke at the service as well. Student speakers read verses from the Bible. Three other seniors, Lynne Guglielmi, Stacey Lansinger, and Katie McGrady used their singing talent to express their feelings for the year. Amy Riggs said, "Stacey and Katie's song really inspired me and was a great way to start out my senior year." Coley Bouslog seemed to think that "...having Senior Vespers every year would be a great idea!"



Jackson



Amber Jeffries

April

Jeffries

Eric

Kidd

Jessica

Baley



Jennifer Key



Joseph



Aaron Bee



Timothy Boveless



Jennifer Marlow



Matthew

Julie



Chip Marsh



Joni Kimbler



Joe Joplin

Craig

Kirby



Justice



Heather

Jeremiah

Kissick

Stacey

Bansinger



Keith

Joshua

James

Batham

Joshua

Bogston



David Kennedy





Nicole Koch



Anthony

Bawson



Amber Boveless



Mann



Katie McGrady





Amber Martt





Jina Maxwell



Erin



Mark McCormack



Karissa Malpica

Megan

McDaniel



















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Bydia Bittrell

Nancy

Bamb



Megan

Bamberson

Andrew Bockhart















Jennifer McNichols

Daniel

Meadows

Jason

Morgan

Shane

Noonan

Julie

Owens



Alexander Moore



Dietgard Xebelung



Kiana Osborne



Erin Parrigin



Bainey Phares



Pavy

Megan Pheffer



O'Bannon

Kevin

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Owens

Stacy Penrose

not one thing; it was everything." When asked the same question, Chad Reece said, "Seeing Fred Bassett on skates."

The turn out of the party was Jared Carter's words, "Mondo The party seemed to be a good get seniors together and in-

"It was everything!"

The class of 1997 started their senior year out with a bang at Gibson's Arena with a skating party on Septem ber 23, 1996. When asked what the most memorable moment of the night was, Brandi Crabtree said, "It was

great, or in Gecko Dude!" opportunity to volved. Gee

Bowers said, "Yes, people are a lot nicer when it is just our class." Adrianne Catt commented, "Let's do it again!"



Eddie

Frank

Mecklenburg

Joshua

Morgan

Heather



Jeremy







Joel Paine



Michael

Murphy

Muriah



Kathryn

Millikan



Jackie

Mix

Emily Neal

Seniors

Neal







Jara Stephens



Brian Supinger

Seniors

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Brandy Stockton



Kevin Sweigart



Amanda Strong



Keli Swejkar



Christopher Suggs



Christopher Jaylor





Jeremy Thomas





Glen Thompson























Heather Thompson



Jennifer Walker



Anthony Willis



Christina Wood



Donny





David

Thrasher



Jorri

Witcher

Christopher

Woods

Brian

Jurner



Casey

Umbarger

Amanda

White

Jayna Womack



Trent Wrightsman



Amanda

Joshua

White



Vandegrift





Annie Waite



Kristy Wilkinson





Seniors Megan Lamberson, Jake Davis, and Joel Bouslog don't seem too worn out after skating the night away.



young



Kelly

Wilson

Steven

Wood

Wesley Young



Lisa Fisher, Lainey Phares, Julie Owens, Melissa Carman, and Megan Lamberson are still friends after playing on opposing teams at the senior powder puff football game.















Danny Bell Rusty Black Elizabeth Craig Janelle Finch Angelo Harris Sarah Page

Jamie Ellington Amanda Suffey Yu Ishida



9-10.

Bridget

10-12.

9-10; stu gov 9-

cls pres 10-12;

page turners 9.

10-11; bb 9-12;

10; peer 11-12.

speech 9-12;

12.

Scott

Dolls 12.

swim 11: NHS

10-12; Phoenix

book club 9;

HOSA 12.

NHS 11-12; YL









Joseph Bivens Amy Burk Brandy Denny Nathaniel Grimes Michael Massengale Richard Remy

Not Pictured

George Suffey Bryce Paige

Sally Groce

Jeremy **Blessinger**: tennis 10-12; track 12; bb 9. Matt Bober: bb 9 Sarah Boling: NHS 11-12; SHS 11-12; math acad team 11-12; YL 9-10. **Coley Bouslog:** NHS 12; stu gov 9,12; baseball 9-10; soccer 10-11;

ftbl 9; SHS 11; Rosennial photo 11; science club 11; talent show 9,12. **Chris Bradley:**

VICA 11-12.

Amy Anderson: **Aaron Brown**: NHS 11-12; track swim 9-10. 10-12; cc 11-12; John Bryant: bb Rosennial 11-12: 9-12; track 10. King and I 11; bb Alicia Byers: gym 9-12; cheerleading 10-Armstrong: cc 9-12; diving 9; stu 12; track 9-12; bb gov 10-12; NHS 11-12. 12; stu adv 10-12; Heather Caldwell: band 9-12; jazz band 10; Beta club 10-**Crissie Ashline**: 11; jazz improv 10; guard 9. **Heather Babbs**: Melissa Carman: NHS 11-12; stu gov Chad Bell: FCA 10-12; cc 11; SHS 11; speech ftbl 9-12; art club 10-11; Rosennial 12. **Carrie Bennett**: Jason Carnahan: German club 9-12: science acad team 12; science club 9-11; math Blankenship: ftbl club 9. 10-12; Guys and **Emily Carter:** art club 9-12; chorale 10-12; madrigals 12; speech 9. Jared Carter: wrest 9-10: soccer 10-12. Leah Cassidy: track 9,10,12; cc 9-12; art club 9-12; FORSCO 11; BB/BS 12; choir 9; Guys and Dolls 12. Kendra Champion: cc 9-12; track 9-12; stu gov 10-12; NHS 11-12; SHS 11-12; FCA 10-12; acad team 11-12; YL 10-12.

Andrea Cheesman: cheerleading 9; dental 12. **Brandon Chew:** NHS 12. Laura Cook: FCA 12: NHS 11-12; SHS 11-12; stu gov 10-12; softball 10-11; cc 11-12; track 12; YL 10-12. Angela Corbin: band 9-12: fine arts acad team 12; eng acad

Senior Directory

team 12; soc stud acad team 11; Bundy tech 12; YL 10. Amy Cory: tennis 10-12; band 9-12; FORSCO 10; stu gov 12. Erica Cory: FCA 9-12; bb 9-12; volley 9-12; tennis 10-12; softball 9. Adam Crabtree: swim 9-10; golf 11; baseball 10; speech 11-12; SFC 12; Phoenix 12. Jada Craig: softball 9-11. Jill Cross: art club 9-12; home ec club 9. Ardis Cummings: Bundy tech 9; speech 10-11; guard 10-11; Jr. optimist 9. **Jake Davis:** soccer 10-12; FCA 10-11;

NHS 11-12; science club 10; art club 10. Michelle Davis: home ec club 9. **Emily Denison**: stu gov 12; tennis 9-11: choir 9. **Richard Denney:** speech 10-12. Adam Driskill: cc 9-11; track 9-12. Ray Erickson: *Cheaper by the* Dozen 12; cheerleading 12; Guys and Dolls 12. Lisa Fisher: swim 9-11; gym 9-12; cheerleading 12; tennis 11; stu gov 10-12, FCA 10-12; art club 9-10. Amee Flynn: dental 12. Jada Garner: track 9-12; soccer 12; NHS 11-12; art club 9-12. Joey Gaw: bb 9-12; FCA 11-12; Rosennial 12; stu gov 12; German club 9-11. Susan Gooding: NHS 11-12; tennis 9-11; choir 9-12; speech 9-12; stu gov 9-12; art club 9-10; theater department 9-12; SHS 11; cls vp 9-12. **Tracy Gray:** volley 9-12.

tennis 9,11,12; bb

9-10; FCA 10-12;

NHS 11-12; SHS

11-12; stu gov

Ryan Grider:

10-12.

11-12; ftbl 9-12; stu gov 10-12; science club 11; SHS 11-12. Joseph Griffin: ftbl 9-11; track 9-10; voc electronics 12. **Kiva Griffin**: volley 9-12; bb 9-12; FCA 10-12; stu gov 11; Rosennial 11. **April Griner**: NHS 11-12; SHS 11-12; marching band 9-12; wind ensemble 10-12; concert band 9; trumpet ensemble 11-12; brass choir 12; spell bowl 12; eng acad team 11-12; fine arts acad team 11-12; SFC 12; science club 11; Bundy tech 11; Guys and Dolls; jazz band 9-12; BB/BS 12; softball 9-12: volley 9-10; bb 9-10 Lynne Guglielmi: stu gov 11-12; jazz choir 10,12; madrigals 10-12; YL 9-12; tennis 9-11: soccer 12: NHS 11-12; speech 9; choir 9-12: Phoenix 11; Theatre 9-12; golf 9-10; peer 12. Josh Hahn: ftbl 9-12; bb 9; leadership camp 11-12; stu gov 9,12; track 9-12. Nathaniel Harmever: ftbl 9-11, baseball 9; choir 11; band 11; Rosennial 10-11; german club 9.

FCA 10-12; NHS

Ben Harvey:

soccer 10-12; NHS 11-12; stu gov 9-12; wrest 9-12.

Karen Haskett: FCA 10-12; stu gov 10-12; NHS 11-12; bb 9-10, volley 9-12, tennis 9,11,12; german club 10-11, peer 12. **Beth Hastings:** jr. optimist 9; octagons 11-12; FORSCO 10; home ec club 9. Steven Hay: band 9-12; speech 11; jazz band 9-12. **Rvan Higgins**: bb 9-12; ftbl 10-12. Andrea Hill: guard 10-11; speech 9-12; stu gov 12; theatre & drama 9-12; YL 11-12. Michelle Hinton: bb 9; softball 9-10; choir 9-11. Jeremy Hoots: swim 9-10. Aundrea Howell: NHS 12; SHS 12; soccer 11. Brandon Huckeby: bb 9; ftbl 9. Danielle Jackson: choir 9-10; jr. optimist 9, 11, 12; Phoenix 11, cosmetology 11-12. Tara Jackson: jazz choir 11-12; The King and I

11; Guys and Dolls 12; choir 9-12; BB/BS 12. **Amber Jeffries:** stu gov 11-12. **April Jeffries:** cheerleading 9; gym 10-12.

Joe Joplin: ftbl 10-12: track 10-12; choir 10-12; The King and I 11; Guys and Dolls 12; peer 12. David Kennedy: ftbl 9-11; track 9-10; speech 9-10; voc 11-12. Eric Kidd: ftbl 9-12: cheerleading 12; track 11-12. Craig Kirby: tennis 9-10; speech 11-12; band 9-12. **Jeremiah** Kissick: wrest 9-12; soccer 10-12. Joe Laird: VICA 11-12. Jessica Laley: art club 9-12; speech 9. Megan Lamberson: FCA 10-12; NHS 11-12; gym 9-12; stu gov 9-12; SHS 11-12; peer 12. Stacey Lansinger: cc 10-12: track 11: speech 9-11; drama 9-12; NHS 11-12; choir 9-12. Wavne Lawson: choir 10-12; theatre & drama 9-12; jazz choir 9-12; madrigals 10-12. Casey Lee: bb mgr 11-12; ftbl mgr 11-12; optimist 12. Matt Lewton: YL 10-12; bb mgr 9-12; band 9-12; science club 11; tennis 9-12. Lydia Littrell: choir 9-12. Andy Lockhart: FCA 10-11; NHS 11-12; SHS 11; YL 10-12; speech 10; golf 9-10; tennis 9-12;

science club 10-12; stu gov 10; Thespians society 12; art club 9. Amber Loveless: track 9; cheerleading 9; bb 9. Julie Lyon: speech 10-12; swim 9; Phoenix 11; Rosennial 10, SHS 12; Cheaper by the Dozen 12. Kim Maddy: band 9-12; jazz choir 11-12; musicals 10-12; NHS 11-12; speech 11. Karissa Malpica: Bundy tech 10; SFC 10. Jennifer Marlow: band 9-12. Katie McGrady: band 9-12; track 9; cc 10-12; YL 9-12. Jamie McNichols: cc 9; tennis 9-10; peer 11-12; stu gov 10-11. **Daniel Mead**ows: tennis 9-12: track 12. **Eddie Melton**: baseball 10. **Muriah Miller**: COE/ME voc 12. Scott Morgan: tennis 9-12; track 12; NHS 11-12. **Emily Neal:** NHS 11-12; choir 10, chamber singers 11-12; madrigals 11-12; SHS 11-12; The King and I 11: Guvs and Dolls 12; eng acad team 11, fine arts team 10-11. Shane Noonan:

speech 10-12; academic teams 10-12; stu gov **Renee Olvey:** marching guard **Kiana Osborne**: bb 9; softball 9-11; stu gov 9. Julie Owens: Rosennial 10-12; stu gov 11-12; NHS 11-12. Joel Paine: band 9-12; jazz band 9-12: track 10-12; SFC 12. Erin Parrigin: soccer 9,10,12; cc 11; speech 9-12; tennis 9-10; track 11; NHS 11-12; stu gov 10-12; Phoenix 11-12; forensics league 9-12. Sam Pavy: tennis 9-12; band 9-12; NHS 11-12. **Stacy Penrose:** cheerleading 9-10; golf 9-12; speech 9; art club 9; tennis 10; spring soccer 12; YL 11-12. Lainey Phares: gym 9-12; cheerleading 12; FCA 10-12; stu gov 11-12; Rosennial 10-12; swim 10-11. **Megan Pheffer:** YL 10-12; NHS 11-12; speech 9-11; SHS 10-12; Phoenix 11; cc 12; Guys and Dolls 12; peer 12; stu gov 10-J.W. Pindell: soccer 10-12; baseball 9-11; golf 12; bb 9; speech 9-11; forensic league 9-10; Pres. Classroom 11; Phoenix

12.

11.

12.

10-11; stu gov 9-12: science club 10; german club 10-11; YL 9-12; church youth 9-12. Lisa Powers: stu gov 10-12; NHS 11-12; SHS 11-12; art club 10-11; swim 9-12; eng acad team 11; math acad team 12; church youth 9-12; YL 10-12; class treas 11; FCA 12. **DeWayne** Purvis: ftbl 9-10; CAD 11. **David Rains**: baseball 9-10: swim 9-12; FCA 9-12; NHS 11-12; SHS 11-12. **Erica Rains**: track 9-10; art club 10. **Ricky Remy**: NHS 11-12; band 9-12; Bundy tech; science acad team 11-12; drama Crucible, Fiddler on the Roof, King and I, Guys and Dolls. Amy Riggs: gym 9-12; diving 9-11; FCA 10-12; stu gov 10-12; Rosennial 12. Stephanie Roberts: tennis 9; choir 9; NHS 11-12; stu gov 10.12; YL 11-12. Jon Rockefeller: ftbl 11; bb manager 10-12. Randy Roll: nat resource mgmt 11; ICT 12. Skipper Rowland: FCA 10-11; NHS 11-12; SHS 11; bb 9-12; tennis 9-12; golf 12; peer 12. Kelli **Rutherford**:

track 9-12; bb 9-10; volley 9-10; cc 11-12; bb stat 12; FCA 10-12; NHS 11-12; SHS 11-12; Phoenix 11-12; stu gov 10-12. **Misty Ryan**: band 9; volley 9; softball 9-12; NHS 11-12. Iennie Smitherman: HOSA 12; lib worker 11-12. Tara Stephens: voc child care 12; home ec club 9. **Brandy Stock**ton: jr. optimist 9; octagon 10-11; guard 10-11; Bundy tech 11. Christopher Suggs: ftbl 9; wrest 9; madrigals 9; track 11; voc barb 11-12. **Brent Sullivan**: track 12; science club 9; art club 9; choir 9. **David Thrasher**: band 9-12; Bundy tech 9-12; german club 11-12; eng acad team 12; The Crucible 10; Fiddler on the Roof 10; Love is Contagious 11; Cheaper by the Dozen 12; Guys and Dolls 12; FORSCO 12. **Aubree Thomp**son: YL 9-12; Rosennial 11. **Heather Th**ompson: choir 9-10. **Brian Turner:** soccer 9. Casey Umbarger: ftbl 9: band 9: YL 9-10. **Casey Wall:**

9-10; ftbl 9-12; stu gov 9,11,12; stu adv com 10-12; NHS 11-12; Leadership camp 10-11. Amanda White: YL 9-10; NHS 11-12; SHS 11-12; band 9-12; track 9-12. Josh White: ICT 12; VICA 12. Kelly Wilson: voc building trades 11-12. Torri Witcher: french club 9-12. **Misty Witham:** guard 10. **Christina Wood:** SFC 12. Chris Woods: tennis 9-12; stu gov 12; golf 9; Rosennial 12; band 9. Trent Wrightsman: baseball 9; bb 9; voc 12. Raymond Wyant: welding 9-12. Wes Young: golf 9-12; tennis 10.

baseball 9-12; bb



Juniors

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Hurley, John

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Murphy, Jason Murphy, Megan Nicholson, Marcia Nunn, Ryan Pence, Shanna Penn, Angela

Muterspaugh, Arien

Ocker, Autumn

Perry, Joshua

Neal, Amber

Parker, Tasha

Petty, Stephen, Jr.

Neal, Shelley

Partee, Andrea

Pfenninger, Jan

Nelson, Thomas

Pickett, Brandon

Pass, Jeffrey

Newkirk, Jerry

Patton, Amanda

Pierce, Edward

Newman, Tasha

Patton, Dustin

Pierce, Joshua

Juniors

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Whitaker, Sarah Wills, Amanda Zubowski, David

(Right) L-R: Danny King, Shawna Sell, Amber McRoberts, Jason Griffith, Nick Rust, and Kelly Hamilton bring a bit of holiday joy to some community children at the Christmas is Sharing party.

(Below left) Monte Hicks works diligently during some study time.

(Below right) "Men at Work" -- Bill Manning and Steve Petty in machine trades class.



White, Brian Wise, Megan Not pictured: Alicia Groce

Wright, Matthew





Wickey, Christopher Wilburn, Luke Wright, Melanie



Wiles, Jennifer

Wright, Niki



Wilkinson, Shaun Williams, Eric York, Brandon Wymer, Kristin









Williams, Natalie York, Brittany

Class of 1998







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(Below left) Amanda Wills counts the measures and the minutes during band practice.

(Directly Below) Joe Morgan devotes some time to his studies.

(Bottom) Michelle Holaday, Jennifer Davis, and Sarah Denecke enjoy each other's company.











Bivens, Sharon Brown, Sandra Carpenter, Kasie Coatie, Natalie Crabtree, Katherine

Burchel, Barry

Carter, Kristen

Cole, Jilliann

Craig, Jeremiah

Burchel, Brandon

Caudill, Emily

Criswell, Kara

Cole, Laura

Burke, Adam

Cole, Stephanie

Cronk, David

Chalfant, Benjamin

Butcher, Joyvanna

Cheesman, Rocky

Coomer, Brandy

Daffron, Dustie

Campbell, Jennifer

Chriswell, Christy

Daffron, Steven II

Cory, Kelly

Carman, Kathryn

Clapp, Julia

Cory, Michael

Dalton, Amber

Burris, Amanda

Chandler, Joshua

Cummings, William

Cook, Cory

Sophomores

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Marcum, Brooke

McQueen, Charles

Milner, Brian

Morgan, Joni

Maloyed, James

Miller, Ry

McPhillips, Matthew

Morgan, Benjamin

Massengale, Joshua

Melton, Derrick

Minyard, Kyle

Morgan, Phillip

Mathews, Erica

Metroka, Jaclyn

Mofield, Harold

Morton, Cay

McCormack, Rachel

Metroka, Laura

Moles, Stacie

Moyer, Patrick

McCubbins, Kerilyn

Meyer, Richie

Moore, Amanda

Murphy, Ronald

Kelly, ChristoplerJessop, GingerKelly, ChristopherKelsay, ChrissyLang, KirstenLangford, EmilyLindsey, JonathanLockridge, TashaMaddy, AmandaMahaffey, John IIIMcCubbins, KimberlyMcIntosh, AngelaMiller, DavidMiller, NicoleMorgan, AmberMorgan, Angel

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Sutton, Jessica

Suggs, Kimberly

Striglio, Jennifer

Strong, Caroline

Strong, Richard

Sutton, Stephanie

Swift, Jeffery

Swindell, Bradley



Taylor, Jessica Trevino, Robert Walker, Veronica West, Kourtney Wilkinson, Jason Wright, Alexis Zubowski, Brian

Teel, Andrew Trobaugh, Corey Ward, Sara West, Rusty Jr. Wilkinson, Joshua York, Ashley Dean, Bill

Thomas, Matthew Troxell, Dustin Waters, Daniel Whelchel, Matthew Williams, Misty York, Lee

Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, Michael Turner, Aaron Watson, John White, Amanda Williams, Paul Young, David

Van Dam, Allison Weaver, Clint White, Nickalaus Wilson, Clinton

Toney, Melanie Vitatoe, Shawnda Weaver, Jason Whiteman, Brian Winchester, Erin

Tramel, Brady Voiles, Jeremy Webb, Kristi Whitmill, Amanda Wittler, Brooke

Trevino, Lisa Waid, Joshua Welch, Kenneth Wilkinson, Floyd Woodard, Clifford





(Left) Sophomores Stephanie Kinser, Laura Metroka, and junior Ashley Ryan toast the swim season and the school year.

(Below left) A sophomore concentrates on his studies.

(Below right) Sophomore Kristen Carter advocates the study of geometry.



Class of 1999











(Above) Eric Williams, Laura Clarke and Erica Rains are having fun with clay

(Above) Junior Laura Clarke pays attention to detail as she paints her project.

Creating Masterpiece

Have you ever asked yourself, "What classes could I take to learn something about art?" Well, the art department has many classes available to sharpen your skills. Some classes offered by the art department are basic art, printmaking, painting, fiber design, sculpture, and independent study. Basic art and drawing are two-credit classes and are offered to students as sophomores, juniors, or seniors. In drawing, students must have had 9th grade or basic art with a C average or better. Drawing student Jennifer Jackson says, "I enjoy art because it's fun to be with my friends, and not have to do written assignments."

Printmaking, painting, fiber design, and sculpture are all offered to juniors and seniors and are two credit classes. Students must have a C average or better, and have had drawing. Seniors who want to take independent study have to have had two additional art credits with a B average or better and must submit an application. In this course, students are expected to help plan personal courses of study which will fit their needs and interests. Students may choose to build a certain skill or develop an art project of personal importance.

Junior Drew Clemens participated in

a statewide contest known as Project XL. Drew made it to the final 30 out of approximately 3,700 entries. He won at IU East for a scratchboard drawing last year and recently won watercolor at the Henry County Art Show. Drew is currently in a painting class. He is planning on taking independent study next year along with a study hall back to back so he can concentrate on his art for two hours. He plans to major in graphic design and minor in advertising. Drew summed up all the arts when he said, "Art is good."



(Left) Seniors Jada Garner and Erin Mahin enjoy working on their paintings.

(Below) Gina Lyles and Joe Morgan show just how enthused they are about art. (Jaimee McDivitt photo)





"I enjoy art because it's fun to be with my friends, and not have to do written assignments."

-Jennifer Jackson



(Left) Junior Melinda Webb concentrates on her work. (Kelly Godby photo)



These sudents look like they can't wait for yet another timed writing. (Kelly Godby photo)



(Left) Junior Josh Cooper practices his keyboarding skills. (Kelly Godby photo)

Adding It Up

For those of you who have not taken some type of a Business class, you are missing out. Business is something that is learned and can be used throughout life. The Business classes offer a variety of skills such as business management, accounting, keyboarding, and computer applications. The four teachers who are involved in this department are Nancy Oakes, Mary Le Glore, Jennifer Kelsik, and Ron Baker. When asked what exciting events have occured in their classroom, Mrs. Glore said, "The students researched a career of their

"With a whip and with humor!" -Mrs. Glore

choice in the library and wrote about the career and formatted it into a report. Major Project!" Some special projects were also done by the accounting classes. When asked how the teachers got their students involved, Mrs. Glore said, "With a whip and with humor!" The teachers go about conducting their classes with an informal method. Mrs. Glore said, "I want students to enjoy the learning process." When asked if there were any students that excelled in the classroom, Mrs. Glore said, "Oui! Laura Cook in advanced accounting." The department prepares the students for the future and consists of classes that would benefit everyone.



Junior Daniel Buchanon gets help from sophomore Susan Ankeny. (Sara Ward photo)

(Below) Sophomore Ben Morgan is working hard at his computer. (Sara Ward photo)





"I want students to enjoy the learning process."

-Mrs. Glore



(Left) Senior Jared Carter works hard on his assignment. (Kelly Godby photo)



Above: Senior Bradi Crabtree talks to Mr. Dicken's class



Above: Mrs. Norris reads to her class.

Writing It Up

The NCCHS English teachers used a variety of teaching methods to help students learn. Mrs. Carmony said, "I use the dot system to make sure my students do what I want, and I use a lot of class discussion and writing assignments." Mr. Clark also added, "I try to relate literature to the student's everyday life." Mr. Clark also said that he has a lot of outside speakers come in and talk. A speaker that came in was an Army recruite, Mr. Collette. Mrs. Burke also came in and talked to the class.

"I try to relate literature to the student's everyday life." -Mr. Clark Mr. Robbins uses special techniques by conducting group and individual projects. His students went to the elementary schools and read stories to the younger students. They also participated in the school-to-work program. Robbins said, "Whenever possible, I try to involve the students in helping each other prepare and execute their presentations." Mr. Dicken said, "I'm generally laid back with some periods of sheer academic terror." The NCCHS teachers keep their students involved in many different ways.


Left: Seniors Adam Crabtree and Scott Morgan, along with Junior Michelle Altom, try to kidnapp Laquita in a play written and performed by the speech class.

Below: Sophomore Jennifer Jackson made this life-size Julius Ceasar for Mrs. Cronk's English class





Darlene Norris

sophomore English; STAR



Carmony

Department chair: AP English; junior English



Dave Clark

senior English; junior English



Jane Cronk

sophomore English; sophomore focus English



Maria Lannoy

sophomore English; Phoenix; Rosennial

Annette Goggin

junior English





Richard Willis

junior English; drama



junior English; senior English



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Steve Dicken

senior English









Sopomore Zach Bolden looks like he's practicing to be a daddy.(Kelly Godby photo)

Senior Christen Guthrie pours a drink for herself and a guest.

Skills for Life

For those of you who have not taken a Family/Consumer Science class, you missed out on a lot. These classes have done a variety of things, ranging from designing a gourmet food unit to wearing an "empathy belly." The classes involved in Family/Consumer Science are Child Development, Parenting, and Foods classes. There are two high school teachers in this department: Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Gooding. When asked what exciting events had happened this year, Mrs. Gooding commented, "We made 'dolls' in parenting to care for during one full week. Many chose to keep their babies." Mrs. Robbins said the highlights were, "Yuletide Breakfast serving over 200 people, making video tapes over



nutrition, and in relations, making love cards." Mrs. Robbins has a saying "Off your seat and on your feet," to get her students motivated to work in class. Mrs. Gooding comments, "I hope they realize they will need the skills I'm teaching every day of their lives! I try to relate our subject matter to them as parents, etc." She speaks highly of her students, "There are lots of good kids in my classes!"

Mrs. Robbins added, "I feel strongly that the area of FACS builds upon and teaches the foundational elements of individual strength, wellbeing, and preparation for future family and career life. It is the 'effective elective."



(Left) Seniors Nancy Lamb and Tara Stephens tote their babies from class to class.(Kelly Godby photo)

(Below) Sophomore Nick White seems leery of his own cooking.(Kelly Godby photo)





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-Mrs. Gooding



(Left) Mrs. Gooding appears impressed with senior Chistina Woods' work.



Words Around the World

Besides the typical English classes, NCCHS students are sampling some Foreign flavors this year. The classes offered are Spanish, French, and German. The Foreign Language Department contains the teachers Mrs. Sorrell (Spanish), Mrs. McIntyre (Spanish), Mrs. Vanderleest (French), and Mr. Kinnaird (German). One annual event that brings all these foreign speakers together is the Foreign Language Banquet. Students can sample foreign foods, and be exposed to songs and dances from their area of study. They

"Foreign Language -- your passport to communication." Foreign Language Slogan by Brandon Chew

compete in poster and slogan contests. Foreign Language students can also be involved in extra curricular activities such as Spanish Honor Society and German Club. Spanish students also take a trip to Spain every two years to experience the Spanish culture. Mrs. Sorrell, Dep a r t m e n t Chair, commented, "I have tried to make

things fun and active with our language acquisition. Whether it is speaking, singing, listening, or writing these languages, students and teachers alike are excelling in foreign languages."



(Left) Senior David Rains and Sopomore Joe Lenceski model their Spanish attire... hay caramba! (Kelly Godby photo). (Below) These seniors seem to be happy with their French knowlege.





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(Left) Senior Lynne Guglielmi appears proud to display her French project.(Kelly Godby photo)





Senior Chris Bradley works hard at constructing his project. (Kelly Godby photo)

Senior Jeff Burchett explains to junior Jason Baker what to do next. (Kelly Godby photo)

Materials for Life

Students enrolled in industrial technology classes have gained valuable experience while preparing for their futures. Students learned and refined skills every day that they will use in their jobs, should they choose to pursue a career in this field. Skilled craftsman are always in demand. Senior Jason Blevins said, "This class is for any student who would like to learn a valuable skill trade. We have a lot of fun and learn a lot of valuable information."

Whether a student decides to enter the industrial technology field as a

"We have a lot of fun and learn a lot of valuable information." -Jason Blevins vocation or simply to put the skills they have learned to personal use, they will benefit from taking these classes. These students will not need to hire someone to complete a job for them; they will have the skills to do it themselves.

This year Senior Scott Johnson and Junior Matt Hannon placed in the top four at regionals in a welding contest and advanced to the state contest. Matt Hannon said, "It was a big thrill to go there, from a smaller school, and beat all the contestants from the bigger schools."



(Left) Seniors Danny Bell and Alan Godfrey stain their piece of wood for a project. (Kelly Godby photo)

(Below) A student in woods class sands to make his work smooth.(Kelly Godby photo)





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Senior Josh Blessinger appears focused on what he's supposed to be doing. (Kelly Godby photo)



Junior Jason Baker and Mrs. Willis both appear perplexed by a challenging problem. Stephanie Kinser photo

Seniors Lisa Powers, Ben Harvey, Skipper Rowland, and Alicia Byers spend some quality calculus time with their favorite teacher Mr. Langford. Stephanie Kinser photo

The Right Angle

From exercising during Mrs. Maxwell's vector aerobics to eating the delicious models built for Mr. Langford's calculus class, students studying mathematics this year had a lot of fun. It was not, however, all fun and games. Students had to make many transitions in order to keep their grades up. One way that students could help their grades was to go to the Math League testings. These are tests to

"...I always love a good challenge." -Chad Bell challenge the students who excel in mathematics. "I really enjoyed the testing this year and I always love a good challenge," senior Chad Bell said. There were more than 260 people who took at least one Math League test this year with many students taking the tests every time that they were offered. "We had a big turnout for the tests this year," Mrs. Maxwell said about the testing.



Academics 77



Electives That Count

Many students at NCCHS take electives that help them make career choices. Among these classes are Music History, Music Theory, Photography and Peer Mediation. Peer Mediation is a program that helps students work out their problems. There are approximately 30 students who are mediators. They each took a class at the beginning of the year to learn how to help their peers with problems. Senior Peer Mediator, Josh Kissick, said, "I think it's nice that students at our school can work out their problems together, without going to the administration."

Photography is a one semester course offered to sophomores and juniors. Mr. Johnson's classes create calenders, scrapbooks, portfolios and posters that are displayed in the hallway. Photography is a hands-on class that can help students that are going into photography jobs or schools specializing in photography. Seniors who excel in photography can take an independent study course to further advance their skills.

Music History and Music Theory are each offered as one semester courses.

They give students a more in-depth look into music than can be learned in band or choir. Sophomore pianist, Lyndsey Purdue learned a lot through her Music History class. She said, "It's interesting to know about the lives of the composers I play." This year the music history class developed their own system of music notation, while the theory class learned to write their own melodies and harmonies. These are just a few of the quality electives available at New Castle High School.



(Left) Senior Megan Pheffer spends some quality time with her peer buddy.

(Below) Music theory classes create an interest in the art of vocal performance. Some students that take elective music classes may move on to choir classes as well.





Physical & Drivers Ed. Right: Todd

Below: These sophomores enjoy the situps. Right: Todd Klotz spots Jon Liette as he takes his turn doing sit-ups.





A Cruising Curriculum

Have you ever been sitting around somewhere waiting for a ride? Wait no longer, you can take Driver's Education! Along with learning how to drive you get to go on long rides and stop somewhere and get a bite to eat. In the classroom you learn about driving skills and things you do wrong and right. On other days you get to test your skills in the real world.

Driver's Education courses can be taken first semester, second semester, or in one of two summer sessions in June and July. The cost is near \$300 and you need to be 15 years of age and hold a Driver Education Permit. So if you are one of those who is always waiting, STOP and take

Driver's Education. You will really go somewhere with this course!

With this class, you will really go places.

On the Move

1...3...5...7...come on three more! That was a common line in that class. Does it sound familiar? If not, it's Physical Education! Most kids didn't mind that class. Sure, any kid would prefer getting up and moving around, over sitting down and listening to a lecture, taking notes, or doing homework! Mrs. Cronk stated, "All classes are conducted the same. Attendance, strech, crunches, push-ups, jogging, and then the activity." It seems like the most popular activity was part of the fitness unit, the circuit training. Circuit training was an activity in which the student runs from station to station. At each station there was an exercise, such as jump rope, vertical jumps, crunches, push-ups, or stair climber.

Another activity was the AAU fitness test. Students were tested on how well they could sit and reach, sprint, run a mile, do pull-ups, etc. That activity tests the skills and abilities of the students on how well they could perform. In addition, beginning next fall, the physical education grade will be averaged into the student GPA, which has never been the case in the seventeen years Mrs. Cronk has been there. The physical education teachers are all excited!

As a sophomore Physical Education was required. As a junior and senior, it is not required, but students can take an aerobics class as an elective. So, keep movin' and enjoy the time spent in gym. If you think it was too hard, just remember you could have been sitting in class taking notes and listening to a lecture you think may never end!



Left: Mr. Grimes prepares to take some students out for a drive. Mr. Grimes teaches driver's education during the summer, while Mr. Brown teaches it during the school year.

Below: Mike Huttson and his neighbor work to Cronk's famous workout up..down..up...down.







Starting next year the physical education grade will be figured into a student's GPA.

Right: Christy Harpring runs her heart out in gym class.





Senior Joel Paine seemed pretty proud of himself for hooking up his circuit. (Sara Ward photo)

Mr. Thompson is looking snazzy is his sporty, protective eye gear. (Kelly Godby photo)

Making Science Fun

Anyone who thinks science is dull apparently has not visited the NCCHS science department lately. "Science (classes) have been about the most challenging yet the most rewarding and fun classes I have taken," said New Castle senior Sarah Boling. All of the science teachers have their own way to make science enjoyable for the students. Some students say the labs are what make class so fun. The teachers

"Science classes have been about the most challenging yet the most rewarding and fun classes I have taken." -Sarah Boling show a number of different demonstrations to tie in with the lectures that they give in class.

Not only are the classes fun, but they are also challenging. The department teaches two AP classes in which students can receive college credit if they pass an exam at the end of the course. Biology II AP is taught by Mr. Hamilton and Chemistry II AP is taught by Mr. Thompson.



(Left) Mrs. Morgan seemed to be trying a new approach to getting her students involved in Biology. (Sara Ward photo)

(Below) Juniors Bryan Troxell, Brandon Miller and Tom Nelson love spending quality time with their favorite Chemistry teacher. (Kelly Godby photo)





Senior Tara Jackson calculates her tricky physic's problem. (Kelly Godby photo)





Senior Fred Bassett compares himself to the famous "Super Huff". (Kelly Godby photo)

Learning from the Past

We study the history so we don't repeat the past. Yet, history is being made every day in social studies classes at NCCHS. Mr. Hamilton's U.S. history class is well know for his local history and folklore units. Junior Daniel Buchanon said, "Mr. Hamilton's local history is my favorite unit because it is interesting to see what Broad Street looked like in the late 1800's." This creative approach to teaching is common throughout the department. Mrs. Hittson's students get all dolled up for extra credit, in which they dress up as

"Mr. Wessler is crazy; he makes government fun!"

-David Rains

people from the 1920's to 1970's. Junior Melanie Wright said, "I loved our politics unit because it was great to learn that Clinton did not inhale!"

Junior Achievement Economic classes once again founded and operated their own companies by selling senior tee-shirts and khaki NC fishing hats. Government classes had the chance to play the Stock Market Game and study the Election Unit. Senior David Rains said, "Mr. Wessler is crazy; he makes government fun!"



(Left) Junior Margaret Brammer and fellow classmates try to enjoy a day of taking notes. (Kelly Godby photo)

(Below) Senior Dylan Rains ponders over the notes given. (Kelly Godby photo)





(Left) Mr. Koger and foreign exchange student Yu Ishida seem to be having fun demonstrating this old execution prop. (Kelly Godby photo)







Above: Renee Suttles gets ready to go home after a hard day at school.

Specialized Skills

During this school year, the building was not the only thing under construction. The minds of students at NCCHS were undergoing changes as well. Sometimes those constructive changes came about in the form of new academic knowledge, sometimes just in the learning of everyday life skills.

Special education students at NCCHS worked on vocational skills, social skills and skills that will help them in everyday living. These students had the chance to take classes that were similar to regular academic classes.

One such class was adaptive p.e., where the students improved their motor skills by playing games and having a good time. Many of the students also worked with a vision consultant and a speech teacher.

Some of the special needs students had various jobs around the school throughout the

" I think it's great that they are around other normal functioning kids so they see what they can do."

- Nancy Hinshaw

year. For instance, Mike Cole had the important job of emptying the trash cans around the school.

Students from Mrs. Hobbs' class had afternoon jobs around town and also helped out around the school. These students participated in sports as well. Several students were managers of different teams. Casey Lee, a senior in Mrs. Hobbs' class, was very active at NCCHS. He worked at McDonald's in the afternoon, and helped the school's janitors with miscellaneous jobs. Lee and Jon Rockefeller were managers of the varsity basketball team. Lee was manager of the football team in the fall and softball in the spring.

Many of these special students played very important roles at NCCHS. The jobs that they held will undoubtedly help them in everyday life as adults.





Left: Robin Ripberger learns and has fun in class.

Below Center: Christina Nieman seems to be having a good time as she reads a book.

Below: Mike Cole gets a coat from his locker.







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Band

(Right) The Trojan Marching Band demonstrates a unique formation in the 24th Annual Marching Finals.



(Above) The TMB brass and percussion sections are the center of attention as they perform athe RCA Dome.

TMB does NYC

Every four years the band takes a trip. This year a trip was taken during Thanksgiving. The band traveled to Philadelphia, and also to the "Big Apple," New York City. While in Philadelphia, the band performed in the Boscov's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Trojan Guard performed in the finale in front of millions watching on television. Some of the directors had memorable moments on the trip. Mr. Middleton replied, "The Broadway musical 'Beauty and the Beast' and seeing and being in New York City was very memorable to me."





(Below) Trojan Guard members add drama to the performance of the musical program.



Banding Together

The band performed well once again this year. Mr. Shauver, department chair, said "fine students, hard work, cooperation, team work, and great parents contribute to the success of the band.

The music department had a student teacher this year from Ball State University. Mrs. Thompson aided in preparation, planning and teaching in the classroom. She helped out in every aspect of the music department.

The band and color guard placed seventh at the State Marching contest this year. With an excellent show the band got past regionals with one of the highest scores ever posted by a New Castle band. On from there, the band marched their hearts out practicing and preparing for the big day. The band played and marched very well despite their ranking. The marching band program started when school ended in June, and continued until about October. Senior Steven Hay said "It takes a lot of air!" Countless hours went into this show.

Both bands received a first division at the concert band competition. The concert band. led by Mr. Shauver, placed first with a 10.5 out of 11.0. Sophomore Garon Davis said that "It takes a lot of preparation time, but it pays off in the end." Wind Ensemble, directed by Mr. Middleton, turned out a great performance with a score of 8.0 out of 11.0 for a first. The Wind Ensemble continued on to the state level.

Every year the band and color guard are working toward something all of the time, whether it be a concert, marching competition or just a practice. Sophomore Kim Suggs said "It is a great experience, it is worth everything!"



(Above) Tony Ferguson toots his own horn.

(Left) Drum Major Lee Blake shows off his leadership skills at state band competition.



(Above) Members of the Trojan Jazz ensemble team up with FACS to perform for faculty and staff at the Christmas breakfast.



Choir

(Right) Senior members of all choirs cut loose for a photo.



(Above) April Beck leads the chamber singers in a negro spiritual during the Spring Sing.

Choirs grow under Murphy's direction

The changes that Mr. Murphey has brought to the New Castle Choirs become more evident each year. The graduating class of '97 is the first that Mr. Murphey has taken through all four years of high school. Over those four years the choral program has grown considerably. In the spring of 1994, after Mr. Murphey's first year of teaching, there were 104 students dispersed throughout the four choirs. In contrast, there are 210 students enrolled in Choir for the '97- '98 school year. This is such a great increase that two new choirs have been added at the junior high level. During the '96- '97 school year there were three choir classes available at the high school level. Varsity Choir, the largest of all the high school choirs, is primarily freshmen and sophomores. Chamber Singers is an advanced chorus for women's voices. Chorale is the top mixed ensemble. Jazz Choir and Madrigals are offered as extra-curricular activities through audition only.

(Below) The NCCHS Jazz Choir; row 1-E. Rahn, J. McWilliams, T. Scott, S. Davis; row 2 - T. Enoch, T. Klotz, D. Desutter, K. Maddy, D. Altom, H. Ferguson, L. Guglielmi; row 3 - A. Everage, E. Hafner, S. Lansinger, A. Morris, S. Cummings; row 4 - A. Frazier, M. Altom, W. Lawson, D. Nebelung, T. Jackson.





(Above) The NCCHS Madrigals.



(Below) Choir students work on music for an upcoming performance.



Making Melody

The New Castle Choirs started their performance season with "A Gershwin Portrait" in October. The concert celebrated the music of American composers George and Ira Gershwin. It is rare for a concert to contain music by only one group of composers. For the concert, the Choral Department hired Sally Leest to choreograph the upbeat songs. She brought a lot of fun into the classroom, and really brightened the performance. Tara Scott, a choral member, said, "We had a lot of hard choreography and I never thought we'd pull it off, but we did." Vocalist Kelly Shaffer noted, "It added so much to the program."

The beginning of December signaled a busy season for the choirs. The Carol Dinners were given on three evenings this year; in the past they have been given just twice. Still, each evening sold out. Madrigals provided the entertainment during dinner, along with solos and ensembles. The evening ended with a combined Christmas concert. Mr. Murphey said, "The Carol Dinners were the best we have done. I was very pleased with the quality and professional performance level the choirs reached."

On February first, all choral students had the opportunity to compete in District Solo and Ensemble Contest. Those solos and ensembles receiving Division One, first place ratings went on to State Contest the following month. New Castle had 22 entries in the State Contest, by far, the most New Castle has ever sent to State. In April, Varsity Choir, Chamber Singers, and Chorale each went to Organizational Contest in Richmond. Each choir came home with a first place rating in its division.

This year, NCCHS choir students worked hard and learned a lot about music and themselves. Mr. Murphey said, "We are continually tackling new and different projects, with increasing levels of difficultyand the students are accepting these challenges with commitment and enthusiasm. It is an exciting time in the history of the New Castle Choirs."



(Above) The NCCHS chamber singers: row1 - M. Simmons, H. Ferguson, L. Metroka, B. York, S. Cummings, S. Ditsworth; row 2 - R. Ford, N. Hussain, J. Alsip, A. Strong, M. Frame, C. Lindsay, J. Morgan; row 3 - K. Maddy, A. Ward, M. Bauman, S. Jesse, L. Alford, A. Beck, A. Morris; row 4 - D. Neblung, K. Sparkman, S. Gulley, S. Pence, L. Littrell, C. Morten, E. Neal.





(Above) The Choirs work together to perform the National Anthem at an NCCHS ballgame.

(Left) The NCCHS Chorale: row 1 - L. Guglielmi, S. Gooding, A. Turner, D. Bair, J. Latham, C. Kelley, N. Miller, C. Ash; row 2 - N Nail, S. Lansinger, T. Klotz, J. McWilliams, C. Suggs, T. Scott, J. Womack; row 3 - K. Shaffer, M. Altom, T. Klotz, W. Lawson, J. Joplin, A. DeHart, T. Enoch; row 4 - A. Frazier, D. Desutter, A. Everage, B. White, M. Reynolds, T. Clayborn, K. Carter, T. Jackson, E. Carter.

Phoenix

(Right) Sophomores Stephanie Kinser and Ali Van Dam are all smiles over their free notepads from Exponent, the publishing company for the Phoenix. (Erin Parrigin photo)



(Above) Photo editor Josh Kissick gets his picture snapped instead of his usual role taking the photos. (Kelly Godby photo)

Publications' Points to Ponder

- * The average Phoenix was 12-16 pages long
- * Phoenix were distributed every 3 weeks
- * The Phoenix was printed in a non-tradi tional magazine format rather than on traditional newsprint. Printing was done by Exponent Publishers.
- * Phoenix editors were: Kelli Rutherford & Megan Murphy
- * This Rosennial is 208 pages long
- * The Rosennial is distributed in the fall
- * This Rosennial is completely produced on computer
- * This year's Rosennial features a specialized background in the community support section and a color section on trends.
- * Rosennial editors were: Julie Owens & Lainey Phares

(Right) Co-editor Megan Murphy and Exponent representative Mike Morris display an issue of the Phoenix newspaper, hot off the presses. (Stephanie Kinser photo) (Right) Phoenix co-editor Megan Murphy needs a nap after her stressful day. (Jenny Brown photo)







(Below) Sophomore Lyndsey Perdue is very serious about her Rosey work. (Jaimee McDivitt photo)



Dublications Adjust to Change

Students at NCCHS have no problem keeping up with the latest information. School would not be the same without the newspaper (Phoenix) which is distributed every three weeks, and of course, the yearbook. Publication staffs worked many long hours and worked very hard to meet their deadlines, but the frustration as well as the dedication was worth it. This year's advisor Mrs. Lannoy commented, "The staffs did a wonderful job!" The classes had to adjust to a new teacher this year, and newspaper editor Kelli Rutherford commented, "She did a super job handling the added stress and dealing with computer problems." While the Phoenix and Rosennial Staffs are preparing the layouts and the stories, the photographers are busy taking pictures. Photographer Josh Kissick commented, "I really enjoyed going to all the activities and supporting my friends as well as getting my homework done for school." Rosennial member Melissa Carman said, "Story deadlines were frustrating, but I had fun and enjoyed being a member of the staff." The adjustment to a new teacher went over well, and editor Julie Owens said, "Mrs. Lannoy has added a lot of new and creative ideas to this year's staff production."





(Above) Rosennial Staff: Row 1; Joey Gaw, Andy Beguhn, Row 2; Adam Bowman, Jaimee McDivitt, Joss Kissick, Alicia Dickey, Sarah Cummings, Chris Woods, Row 3; Lainey Phares, Sara Ward, Melissa Carman, Jenny Brown, Julie Owens, April Jefferies, Row 4; Brooke Marcum, Laura Bouslog, Lyndsey Perdue, Amy Riggs, Amy Anderson. (McKown photo)

(Above Top) Phoenix Staff: Kelli Rutherford, Ali Van Dam, Megan Murphy, Eric Hafner, Erin Parrigin, Adam Crabtree, Jeremy Thomas, Shanna Bertram, Audrey Keesling, Stephanie Kinser. (Mike McKown photo)



(Above) Chris Woods, Joey Gaw, and Adam Bowman critique the latest issue of the Phoenix. Rosennial staff helped out by distributing the newspapers for the school. (Jaimee McDivitt photo)

Rosennial

Student Government

(Right) Student Government members take time to pose for a group photo. (Sara Ward photo)



(Above) Student Government president Kendra Champion was still able to smile after all the hard work she had to put in this year's activities. (Stephanie Kinser photo)





(Below) Junior Pat Dyer is a dead look alike for aerobic instructor Richard Simmons. (Stephanie Kinser photo)



Work and Play

This year's Student Council was involved in numerous activities. (Such as Holiday celebrations, Fall Dance, Spirit Week, Talent Show, Blood Draw, Valentine's Dance, United Way and the canned food drive, just to name a few.) Mrs. Morgan was the faculty advisor in charge of Student Council. She commented, "It was the most successful Blood Drive ever and they earned \$1000 for Riley Hospital."

All students put effort into these activities, and all the activities turned out to be a big success. Some of the criteria for being in Student Council were: involvement in, and commitment to the student body of NCCHS, along with concern for the community and leadership potential.

This past year's Student Council began with one-hundred people. Twelve of the one-hundred did not remain active, so they had eighty-eight members to finish out the year. Amber Jeffries stated, "It was a lot of fun!" The year ended with a pizza party to celebrate the success and memories that were made.



(Above) Two hard working student government workers enjoy posing by the hard work they put in to decorating for Fall Dance. (Stephanie Kinser photo)



(Above) Senior Craig Kirby is all dressed up and ready to go to Fall Dance, an NCCHS Student Government sponsored activity. (Jenny Brown photo)

(Left) Sophomore Kristen Carter shows her talent and indepedence by wearing these funky glasses. (Stephanie Kinserphoto)

Drama

(Right) Senior David Thrasher discusses a "plan" with his friends in "Guys and Dolls.".



(Above) Seniors Susan Gooding and Andy Lockhart discuss the possibility of date with Susan's sister in the play Cheaper By The Dozen.

Guys and Dolls

The high school's spring musical, "Guys and Dolls" was everything that was expected. Director David Murphy had the students memorize their lines earlier than usual so they would be prepared for a great show.

Auditions for the play were held the last week of January. "It's always tough deciding who's to be in the play, especially the lead roles. It's also really difficult to figure out where to put people to use them best," said Murphy. He had a few other people help him decide on roles, including junior high choir teacher Mrs. Hubbard and band secretary Chris Jolley. The script for the show only called for 50-60 people, but with so many talented people they cast about 70-80 people.



(Right) Senior Susan Gooding and Junior James McWilliams also participated in the community production of "Our





(Below) Senior Matt Allen addresses the family concering their roles in the household.



Cheaper by the Dozen

NCCHS students started November off by converting Bundy Auditorium into the Livermore's living room for the production of "Cheaper by the Dozen." The play was a huge success which received great reviews from the community, staff, and students.

The cast worked hard to make this play a success. Beginning with tryouts in September, the cast was chosen from nearly fifty students who auditioned. Working together for about six weeks, with practices ranging from two to two and one half hours, the cast came together as a true family. "The cast worked really well together; we had our problems though," senior Matt Allen said. The production did have its problems. The cast had to make sure that the dog did not get scared and run off the stage, bark, or cause any other problems. The cast also had to overcome the difficulty of having a substitute director following the death of one of the original director's family members. When asked about the funniest part of the play, senior actor Andy Lockhart said, "When one of our cast members had to chase the dog backstage and then immediately carry him on stage, he did not realize that his hand was on the dog's rear end for the entire scene. That was the funniest."



(Above) The male cast of Guys and Dolls sing their hearts out about something important...gambling! (Stephanie Kinser photo)

(Left) Seniors Andy Lockhart and Stacy Lansinger know that romance is in the air. (Cheaper by the Dozen)



(Above) The children listen to a lecture on the importance of organization and time management from their father in "Cheaper by the Dozen."



(Right) A motivational speaker addressed students at National Honor Society initiation.



(Right) Senior Megan Lamberson speaks at initiation for National Honor Society.



(Above) Senior Lynne Guglielmi is shocked by this mystery.

NHS Serves

In the fall 45 students walked across the stage of Bundy Auditorium as they were inducted into National Honor Society. These juniors and seniors joined the 54 that had been inducted the year before. Following the induction there was a total of 99 students in National Honor Society. At the ceremony there was special music, a guest speaker, and a candlelight initiation ceremony. "It is a very dignified ceremony," said Mrs. Willis, the National Honor Society sponsor.

There are educational requirements to be in National Honor Society. The students must have at least a 9.0 grade point average. If they meet that requirement then the students are evaluated on their leadership, character, and service to the community.

National Honor Society provided volunteer service and leadership for the school, Red Cross, and Westminster. They also provided help in tutoring students. They were responsible for the toy drive for Westminster in the fall. National Honor Society also sponsored MORP, a dance which is a backwards prom, and organized the senior activity in May.







(Above) Teachers Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Polk have trouble figuring out what they want for their mystery dinner.

(Below) Senior Sam Pavy thinks he deserves the right to celebrate for his academic achievement.



Know More School Know More Books

The NCCHS students put a lot of effort into their studies, but many students also participated in the extra curricular academic teams provided here at NCCHS. There were five different teams--English, fine arts, math, science, and social studies. The teams had various meets throughout Indiana. Their first meet was at Richmond. Senior April Griner, who competes on the English and fine arts teams, said the best part of academic competition was "working together as a team to answer the questions correctly."

The teams were given materials to read and learn. Then at the practices they quiz each other and do study guides. An interdisciplinary team member, Audrey Keesling said, "going to the state meet is going to be very exciting, Ireally don't know what to expect." The inter-disciplinary team was the only one to go on to the state meet, but as a whole the teams were very successful this year.





(Above) National Honor Society members old and new.

(Left) Seniors Erin Parrigin, Stephanie Roberts, Bridget Armstrong, and Jackie Spurlock are all smiles about their academic achievements.



(Right) Matt Cherry thinks the "F" in FCA stands for "food."

Speech

(Right) Students for Christ members discuss the scriptural implications of everyday issues.



(Above) Speech medalist Susan Gooding passes on the gavel to an underclassman as she leaves public speaking behind.

Talkin' Tough

The speech team is one of the few teams at NCCHS that offers something for everyone. While offering the chance to make new friends, the Speech team also helps students gain confidence speaking in public. There are events for everyone, ranging from Drama and Humor to Congress, Debate and Discussion. Many creative students participate in Original Oratory or Original Interpretation. Students who are pressed for practice time enjoy Impromptu and Radio Broadcasting.

Speech team members are as involved as their schedules allow. Sophomore Ginger Jessop said, "The people who are really successful put a lot of time and effort into speech. The more you give, the more you get." Sophomore Laura Cole echoed that sentiment. "Speech takes as much effort as you want it to. Your success, however, depends on how much you practice and your desire to do well." Junior Jenny Brown summed things up, saying, "Being a member of the Speech team is a great experience. It helps you expand your knowledge and communication skills. You meet many people from other schools and get to know your own classmates on a new level. There's something for everyone."







(Below) Susan Gooding shares the Ms. NFL award with her mother who was also one of her speech coaches.



Focus of FCA/SFC centers on Christ

Students for Christ meets once a week to discuss their religious beliefs and how much joy Jesus Christ brings them. SFC gives students a chance to discuss issues that they deal with not only in school, but also in the world at large. During the course of their year they discussed such social issues as abortion and the death penalty. Students also use club time to memorize scriptures and enjoy food and fellowship with the other members. FCA, which stands for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is a school group that met regularly to discuss their Christian beliefs and often relate them to the sports in which they participate. They talk about how Jesus Christ has affected their lives everyday. A highlight for FCA was having Kendra Champion being named FCA Female Athlete of the Year for the state of Indiana. Physical education teacher Bev Cronk was the faculty sponsor for this group.



(Above) FCA sponsor Bev Cronk discusses plans with the group as Corey Trobaugh looks on.

(Left) Members of FCA pause for a group picture.



(Above) Karen Haskett enjoys some "down time" at a weekly FCA meeting.





(Right) Students enjoy a native dance during the foreign language banquet.





(Above) Curt Warner ponders the activities at the foreign language banquet.

Cultured Club

FORSCO, Foreign Student Committee, members enjoyed another great year this year. There were three foreign exchange students that really spiced up the school. Two of the students were from Japan, and their names are Yu Ishida and Ryuki Sugeira. Both were on the tennis team, and they participated in many other activities as well. Our other foreign exchange student was from Germany, and her name is Dietgard Nebelung. FORSCO visited many exciting places, among them Chicago, Mammoth Cave, Stratford, Ontario in Canada, and Niagara Falls.


(Below) Margaret Brammer reads over her program at the banquet.



Foreign Friends

From parties to after school games, it was an action packed year. Members were taught some of the basic games and customs that German speaking nations use for both recreation and in everyday life. The club ate special German dishes and played games such as Muhle. Muhle tournaments were held to determine who understood the game the best. Muhle is a game in which two people try to outwit each other by moving their game pieces around a special board. "It was an honor and a lot of fun to be in German Club this year," senior Jason Carnahan said.

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Spanish Honor Society began with the inductions of thirty-two new members. The induction was held for both juniors and seniors on Thursday, November 21. The requirements for membership in Spanish Honor Society are a B+ or higher average in two years of Spanish, and a C average overall. Mrs. Sorrell stated that other requirements for membership are "A good attitude and a desire to share the Spanish language and culture with others."

Some activities for SHS include a canned food drive in November, teaching at Wilbur Wright in December, and the opportunity to join Big Brothers or Big Sisters student program. When asked why students should enroll in Spanish, Katie Ryan said, "Because Spanish is spoken in over twenty different countries." Ashley Ryan added, "None of the other languages have any programs like this." Mrs. Sorrell said, "(It can) help students learn about the world out there from a cultural and traditional perspective, and by learning a foreign language, students can learn more about their own language."



(Above) Family members were able to sample foreign foods, listen to foreign languages, and learn about foreign culture at the banquet.

(Left) Juniors Brandy Howe and Jill Hostetler examine their program notes at the foreign language banquet.



(Above) German club members enjoy a game of Uno.



Big Brothers & Sisters



(Right) Junior Melanie Wright shows everyone what she made in Art Club. (Stephanie Kinser photo)

(Below) L-R: Emily Carter, Jessica Laley, Tasha Lockridge and Ross Lamberson put the finishing touches on a sign for a fundraiser. (Sara Ward photo)







(Above) Sophomore Laura Bouslog works on a project for Art Club. (Stephanie Kinser photo)

BBBS meet NCCHS

Concerned students had the opportunity to participate in a new service club this year. A chapter of Big Brothers -- Big Sisters was formed at NCCHS. Students participated in some introductory training and then functioned as big brothers or big sisters to children in the community.

The student group was coordinated by area representative Janelle Conley in cooperation with NCCHS teacher Barbara Sorrell. Students met regularly in Sorrell's room to discuss their work with the group.

Members participated in the BBBS fundraiser bowl-a-thon and did other service projects with the children. Some students were also able to use this community service to earn credit for National Honor Society.

The initial year for the group was a success with a significant number of students joining the club. Sorrell commented, "There were several students interested in the club, and I'm positive we will continue the group next year." (Below) Senior Beth Hastings plants flowers around the flag pole outside of NCCHS. (Sara Ward photo)



Charity & Creativity

Octagon Club is affiliated with the Breakfast Optimists and is involved in many community service projects. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Fredericks. Mrs. Conway said, "The benefits they receive in service to school and community are important and hopefully will carry over into their adult lives."

Octagon Club recycled scrap paper from classrooms every Thursday to better the environment. They also planted flowers around the flag pole outside the school. Many of the members of the Octagon Club participated in Walk America, sponsored by the March of Dimes. The donations they received went toward helping babies with birth defects. Sophomore Sherry Hinsey commented, "Although we are a small group, I believe that we can make a difference." Gifts, signs, hoops, paintings, fun and friends; add them all up and you have art club! The 1996-97 art club did many activities, which included making hoops for the boys basketball and football games, Mother's Day gifts, Valentine cards, clay snowmen, advertisement signs for the softball field, and the Christmas chain that went through the halls of NCCHS!

Art club is not only productive, but also fun. Chad Shaffer mentioned, "Art club helps me learn more about the arts." The 1996-97 art club took trips to art museums and haunted houses during Halloween. Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Slabaugh coordinated all the activities, occasionally treating members with Mrs. Conway's famous brownies and Mrs. Slabaugh's excellent cookies. The officers for art club were president, Jada Garner, vice president, Jill Cross, secretary, Jessica Laley, and treasurer, Emily Carter.



(Above) These students were involved in Big Brothers, Big Sister club this year. (Sara Ward photo)

(Left) Juniors Mindy Simmons, Mical Reynolds, and Shanna Pence are the classic "Old American" Octagon Club members. (Sara Ward photo)



(Above) Sophomores Ian Sergeant and Joy Butcher decide which flower is best.







Seniors Lead Tennis

(Right) Andy Lockhart serves for a win!

The New Castle boys tennis team finished their season with a record of 13-6. "I was very happy! Our overall record was good," said Coach Burdsall. The boys tennis team defeated Marion 5-0, one of the highlights of the season, and were very narrowly beaten 2-3 by three other NCC foes. One team goal was to win regional for the first time in school history, but they came up short. They were defeated by Batesville 1-4 in the finals of regional. NCCHS did, however, win its fourth straight sectional title.

The tennis team had eight returning seniors back from the previous year and added three more at the beginning of the season. Two of the three were the Japanese exchange students, better known on the team as the "Japanese Connection." Ryuki Sugiura and Yu Ishida stepped in and made a positive impact by contributing in both athletics and attitude. They helped to keep the team loose.

Skipper Rowland was the team captain. Rowland was only the second player during Burdsall's coaching career to letter all four years. Rowland summed up the season by saying, "This season had its good and bad points." He was refering to the injuries he suffered during the season.

Chris Woods and Jeremy Blessinger were promoted from #2 varsity doubles to #1 doubles, filling the gap for Wilson and Whiteman who graduated last year. They finished 17-4 with the team's best record.

Another one of the team's leaders was senior Andy Lockhart at #3 singles. Andy lettered for three straight years. "The seniors were definitely the leaders of the team. They dominated the decisions and discussions," Lockhart said.

Andy Beguhn was the only Junior who saw a full year of varsity action, at #2 singles. When asked about the key to tennis, Andy replied, "It's all about angles." Andy found that the best way to win was to make his opponents tired by hitting shots at angles at which they had to run after the ball a lot.

The Junior Varsity had a great year with many young players. The young JV will have to fill the void of eleven seniors on varsity next year. Sophomore Nathan Rich had this to say about the season, "Coach Burdsall let me and all the other freshman play and get experience for next year."

(Right) Senior Jeremy Blessinger goes above the call of duty to return the tennis ball.



TeamTo Victory





(Far Left) Senior Jeremy Blessinger is all concentration awaiting the tennis ball.

(Left) Senior Chris Woods hustles to return the ball.

(Below) Senior Skipper Rowland returns the tennis ball with a vicious forehand.







(Left) The Japanese connection adds difference and enthusiasm to this year's tennis team.

Row 1: Paul Champion, Jon Hankenhoff, Michael Clark Chad Bouslog, Row 2: Scott Morgan, Pat Dyer, Ryuki Sugiura, Nathan Rich, Josh Medley, Craig Akers, David Stinchcomb, Chris Taylor, Row 3: Coach Burdsall, Andy Beguhn, Jeremy Blessinger, Daniel Meadows, Chris Woods, Skipper Rowland, Andy Lockheart, Sam Pavy, Matt Lewton. (Ron Tower photo)



(Far Right) Junior Niki Wright...chipping to success.

(Right) Alicia Dickey watches to see how far her ball sails.

The New Castle girls' golf team ended their year with a successful season. The girls had a much earlier start to their season than most sports since half of their season is over before school even begins. One could find them practicing every morning at 6:45 at the American Legion Golf Course and it seems that all their hard work paid off. They remained in the top 20 in the state all year and went 13-1 in dual action losing only once to one of their biggest rivals, Richmond. In their very first meet of the season they played in the Komoko Invitional, which they won. Junior Niki Wright said, "We came into our first meet nervous and excited, but then walked out with a first place trophy." Another big achievement that the girls made was placing second in the sectional with Erin Dickey tying for third place individually and her sister Alicia Dickey placing fourth individually. Junior Shanna Bertram said, "Our team had high hopes of winning the sectional, but the rain and bad conditions kept us from playing our best." The team went on to play at the regional which was held at Greenfield Country Club. At the regional the girls fell short of going to state by only nine strokes.

With all these achievements it was hard to believe that their team was so young. The varsity consisted of one senior, three juniors and one freshman, while the junior varsity included four juniors, two sophomores and two freshman. There are many things that can be said about senior Stacy Penrose. She was the captain, a three year varsity letter winner, and a strong team leader. Penrose said, "I put a lot of pressure on myself feeling I needed to set an example for all the other girls to follow." She also added, "The team came together well and worked very hard." According to Mr. Meyer, the girls' coach, "They had met most of my expectations and I was very proud of them." Meyer also said, "I am looking forward to an even more successful season next year."

Patting





(Right) Driving Miss Stacy





(Far Left) Senior Stacy Penrose follows through after a shot.

(Left) Junior Shana Bertram putts for a low score.

(Below) Shana Bertram prepares for a shot.





(Top Left) Coach Larry Meyer and parents watched the lady golfers in hopes of a win.

(Bottom Left) Row 1: Natalie Williams, Kathy Crabtree, Nikki Cook, Kristi Butler, Erin Dickey, Jennifer Campbell, Row 2: Coach Hopwood, Niki Wright, Stacy Penrose, Angie DeHart, Shanna Bertram, Alicia Dickey, Devon Crider, Audrey Keesling, Coach L. Meyer. (Ron Tower photo)



All Seven to



watches as the Trojan runners sprint to the finish.

Although there were no seniors on the boys' cross country team this year, the team was very successful. After placing third in conference, they ran on to Semi-State. The team was extraordinary in the fact that they had so many runners of equal caliber. Coach Prior attributed their success to the depth of the team.

With the entire team returning next year, the team was picked to win sectional and the North Central Conference Championship for the 1997 season. As a team, they all worked extremely hard in the pre-season and regular season this year. The team's practices consisted of running up to ten miles a day, as well as sprinting up Bundy Hill and lifting weights as part of the training needed to be successful. "It was tough, but in the end it all paid off," sophomore runner John Liette said.

Like most athletes, these runners found that one of the toughest challenges was always doing their best. Junior John Stewart ran at the number one spot followed closely by his six other varsity teammates. Getting all seven runners to have a good race was the team's toughest challenge this year. When all seven runners had a good race, NCCHS was one of the strongest teams around.

"We competed against ourselves and always against one another," junior runner Travis Callaway said. "That is what made us so strong compared to most other teams."

(Right) Junior David Zubowski grits his teeth sprinting to the finish line





Return Next Year





(Far Left) Sophomore Travis Pryor takes a deep breath while running his race.

(Left) Sophomore John Liette tries to stay ahead of the pack.

(Below) Junior John Stewart is in full concentration during his race.





(Center Left) Juniors Richard Fetters and John Stewart and Sophomore Cory Cook stretch out before their race.

(Below Left) Row 1:Carter Strong, Cory Cook, John Liette, Aaron Ray, Travis Pryor; Row 2: Coach Pryor, Richard Fetters, Jeff Pass, John Stewart, Travis Callaway, David Zubowski. (Ron Tower photo)





Close As

(Below Right) Senior Kendra Champion and Sophomore Katey Shaffer show true friendship.

(Right) Team members bond at Cross-Country Camp held in August.

"SKO" (an inside joke meaning "let's go) was the motto for the Girls Cross Country Team. Senior Kendra Champion said, "this is a great way to get fired up before big meets." The 1996 season was the best of any girls' cross country team in NCCHS history. After months of grueling practices, such as runs up Bundy Hill, repetitions of 600 meters at top speed, miles of both long and short runs, and lots of fun, the season ended with the team finishing seventh at the Manchester semi-state. This was the best finish in NCCHS history for the girls' team.

Along the way the team gained Sectional, Regional, and Conference Titles for the second consecutive year. The team had its first individual conference and sectional winner, sophomore Katie (Shaff-Dog) Shaffer. Dual meet record was 11-1 with an overall record of 76-20 for a close-knit team.

In addition to the team's excellent record, facing the sheer numbers of the twenty-one girl team was intimidating for opposing runners. Seniors Kelli Rutherford and Laura Cook both said, "You don't have to be gifted to be a good runner. You just need more heart and desire to achieve your goals and be mentally prepared." New team member, junior Holly Cox, wished she could have "made all conference, but missed it by one placing and finished 8th." On the other hand, she felt "the team worked (to) their greatest ability; everyone works for each other."

Senior Jackie Spurlock was "happy to just run the race, have fun, and support the team." She went on to say, "This was the best team I have ever been on." Four year runner, Leah Cassidy, agreed, "Even when we get new freshman, we all seem to blend together really well." One of the team's Mental Attitude Winners, Kendra Champion said, "Cross Country has been an important part of my life. I have learned discipline and self-confidence, but at the same time I have made friendships that will last forever."

Coach Dye summed up the girl's cross country season by saying, "Coaching this group of girls has been a great pleasure not only because they have been extremely successful in running, but they bonded so well; (they) encouraged and supported one another while running and in everything they did even outside of running."





A Family





(Far left) Senior Desiree DeSutter runs her heart out.

(Left) Prerace stretching is the focus of Senior Amy Anderson and Junior Holly Cox while Leah Cassidy looks on.

(Below) Senior Randi Hyden stays a step ahead of her competition.







(Left) As the gun fires, the team is off to another win.

(Below left) Row 1: Brook Mullens, Casey Ash, Jennifer Burgess, Katie Millikan, Danielle Ooten, Katie Carman, Katie Shaffer, Megan Pheffer, Holly Cox, Eve Grant, Row 2: Desiree Desutter, Bridget Armstrong, Jackie Spurlock, Katie McGrady, Stacy Lansinger, Randi Hyden, Amy Anderson, Laura Cook, Kendra Champion, Kelli Rutherford, Leah Cassidy, Coach D. Dye. (Ron Tower photo)



Volleyball Enjoys

(Far right) Senior Karen Haskett waits to play the ball.

(Right) Senoir Tracy Gray sets the ball.

This year's 1996 NCCHS volleyball season was outstanding with a record breaking 29 wins and 6 losses. The team broke the 1995 school record of 25 wins. They won their Sectional against Tri High 15 to 2 and 15 to 3. From there, they advanced on to Regional losing to Muncie Central 17 to 19, 15 to 10, and 13 to 5. The team received 2nd at Conference and won the New Castle invitational. The team's coach, John Shondell, played in college at Ball State and during high school he played on an AAU team. At age 19, he coached at Delta High School and their record was 33-4. Then he went on to become an assistant coach at Muncie Burris for 3 years.

Some of the players that stood out in Shondell's mind were seniors Kiya Griffin, who made All State and Tracy Gray, who was one of the top 40 seniors in the state. Mandy Clark, a junior, also made All State. Shondell felt that the support from the student body was tremendous especially at the home matches and Regional. He was very pleased. Varsity player, Mandy Clark stated that she felt the team worked well together since they had the same goals and they had to reach them by getting along. She also thought the team got along better than last year and that helped them to get as far as they got. Shondell had no regrets or changes that he would've made in the season. He felt the team played as well as they could play, and that he had great leadership from all four seniors.

As the season progressed, coach Shondell believed the team worked well together which showed in a blowout match at Lafayette Jeff. New Castle hasn't won that match since 1989. He's looking forward to a new season next year.

The Junior Varsity team also had a spectacular year losing only 3 games. Sophomore, Nicole Miller noted that the team had a very good season. By the team all being friends, they had no trouble getting along, which improved the way they played. Although losing four senior starters from the Varsity team, everyone is looking forward to another fantastic year as the JV players move up.

(Right) The volleyball team members are seen here strengthing team unity.(Stephanie Kinser photo)







Community Support





(Far Left) Junior Jennifer Miller and Senior Kiya Griffin anticipate the ball.

(Left) Senior Kiya Griffin and Senior Tracy Gray block the ball.(Josh Kissick photo)

(Below) Junior Mandi Clark spikes the ball through defenders for a point.



Junior Varsity

Row 1: Kristen Carter, Jessica Hall, Stephanie Kinser Row 2: Leslie Dye, April Jones, Crystal Acra, Lauren Kendall Row 3: Nicole Miller, Kristen Romine, Amanda Theoblad, Coach Hall, Jessica Kendrick, Macy Upchurch, Jada Paine.(Ron Tower photo)

Varsity

Row 1:Stephanie Kinser, Laurie Metroka, Amanda Theobald, Tracy Gray, Erica Cory, April Jones, Brandy Hoe, Mandi Clark; Row 2:Coach Hall, Jessica Cheadle, Jennifer Miller,Kiya Griffin, Jackie Poe,Karen Haskett, Coach Shondell. (Ron Tower photo)







Trojans "Tuff"

(Right) Senior Ryan Grider practices agility in the ropes. (Far Right) Coach Duff gives instruction to awaiting players.

The New Castle varsity football team really outdid themselves this season, winning more games than in the past twelve years. Overcoming injuries and adversity, they shut out two of their opponents and scored thirty points in two separate games. How do these Trojan tacklers feel about it? Senior Casey Wall said, "I enjoyed my senior year of football. It was mostly what I thought it would be, even though I wanted to win more games." Senior Chad Bell added, "It was what I thought it would be plus a lot more." Senior Ryan Grider noted, "Even though we did not win as many games as we hoped, I feel we overcame tremendous adversities throughout the year and still remained competitive." This successful season will surely be a memorable season for the football team.

After this successful season, there was also more respect for the Trojan football team. Josh Hahn commented, "We received more respect because the other teams knew that playing New Castle was going to be a rough and physical game." Ryan Grider added, "I felt that there seemed to be more people attending the games as well as more student support."

This successful season is even more memorable for Coach Duff because this was his last season coaching football at New Castle Chrysler High School. According to Coach Duff, some of his most memorable moments were when the football team beat Richmond and Marion on their home fields. Coach Duff also said, "My special memories were the relationships and the personalities of my players." Coach Duff also commented on how the team had better size (average lineman weighed 230 lbs.) and more speed than in the past. Players that stood out in his mind were: Ryan Grider with his kicking and punting, Chad Bell returning two kick--offs for touchdowns, and Jeremy Motl, Luke Griffin and others also had outstanding seasons. Coach Duff will always remember "the members of the football team having a special bond that produced a strong relationship.'

(Left Center) A mass of Trojan players try to tackle a Richmond player.(Ron Tower photo)







in Turnaround Season









(Far Left) Junior Ricky Purvis and Senior Jeremy Motl practice handling the football.

(Left) Senior Garret Rinberger causes a fumble.(R.T. photo)

(Center) Senior Ryan Grider punts the ball for the Trojans.(Ron Tower photo)

The 1996 NCCHS junior varsity football team coached by Eddie Higham, made the games fun and exciting for the audience. The team, made up of sophomores and some juniors, averaged over 20 points a game. They won two games against Greenfield and Connersville, but their record was 0-7 due to the ineligibility of a player.

Several players showed great determination which was reflected in their statistics. Running back, Ryan Scott had over 700 yards rushing to make a record breaking 18 touchdowns. One of those 18 touchdowns was made in varsity action. Quarterback, Josh Hardman saw a major improvement throughout the season too, especially in his passing game. Hardman had three consecutive games in which he passed for 100 yards. He had a season total of over 550 yards passing. "Our team overcame many obstacles this season," said Hardman, "even though our record may not show all the hard work we put into it." Curtis Neal also contributed offensively as well as defensively. Neal played full backer and line backer. He commented, "We definitely had our ups and downs during the season and didn't win a whole lot of games, but overall we had fun."

At the end of the season, Coach Higham awarded Ryan Scott the Reserve Most Valuable Player Award. Josh Hardman received Outstanding Offensive Player. Aaron Pope was named Outstanding Defensive Player. Adam Hollars received an award that some people consider equally important, the Mental Attitude Award. Hollars and Scott also earned Varsity Letters. Hollars added, "This year's football season was one of the most exciting experiences I've ever had. I'm glad I had a chance to take part in it."

Row 1: Casey Lee, Frank Mecklenburg, Garrett Rinberger, Chad Sexton, Asst. Coach Baker, Mark Brown, Jeremy Motl, Casey Wall, Josh Hahn; Row 2: Tony Willis, Joe Joplin, Eric Kidd, Jackie Mix, Asst. Coach Howard, Ryan Grider, Josh Kissick, Ryan Higgins, Chad Bell; Row 3: Jamin Vaughn, Andy Hurst, Luke Griffin, Asst. Coach Salkoski, Ryan Jackson, Matt Cherry, Jeremy Madison, Shaun Wilkinson; Row 4: Ryan Eaker, John Taylor, Andy Watson, Stephen Petty, Asst. Coach Walden, Ricky Purvis, Josh Martin, Mark Boatright, Dornale Alford, Jack Tompkins; Row 5: Ryan Scott, Curtis Neal, Dustin Reed, Asst. Coach Lovan, Shannon Sorrell, Jeremiah Craig, Ryan Edwards, Jake Mofield, Josh Hardman; Row 6:Chuck McQueen, Joe Lenceski, Jason Wilkinson, Pat Moyer, Dwight Fraze, Asst. Coach Higham, Coach Duff, Adam Hollars, Will Lodge, Dustin Troxell, Aaron Pope. (Ron Tower photo)



Setting foundation

(Bottom) Kaila Sparkman boots a high-kick. (Top) Erin Parrigin and Margaret Brammer run the field.(Jaimee McDivitt photo)

The inaugural season for girls soccer kicked off early in the school year at Memorial Park. The Varsity squad consisted of twenty-two girls. Though the team was not of championship caliber, the season was the first step toward building a winning New Castle girls soccer team.

The team was led by Coach Kelly Sry, Captain Erin Parrigin, and seniors Jada Garner and Lynne Guglielmi. Though the team did not reach their goal of winning a game, they did tie once. Coach Sry said, "I feel the girls did a wonderful job. They improved with every game."

Parrigin said that the biggest highlight of the season was, "when Lisa DaVia scored our first goal." She feels the season was a success because she, "made a lot of new friends and memories." Guglielmi said that everyone, "learned a lot and [the season] set a firm base for the program to grow on." Co-captain Margaret Brammer, a junior, says, "The girls have become really close. I'm really going to miss our seniors!"

Even while she reflects on the season, Brammer is thinking ahead. "By the end of the season we really improved a great deal...Hopefully next year we will continue to improve our skills (and our record!). We had a lot of awesome freshmen that will be back next year, so we're all looking forward to it." Sophomore Lisa DaVia called the season a "building year," and a "positive learning experience." Sophomore Laura Cole adds that the team is, "stronger, both physically and mentally... All of our experiences this year will help us to have a better, more predictable season next year."

Looking ahead, Parrigin said, "I see a lot of improvement in upcoming years. The team has a lot of potential, and a great coaching staff that will carry it even further." Coach Sry said, "This team is a great group of girls with a lot of heart. They worked well together and were supportive of one another. They did not let the score of games get them down. I'm very proud of all the girls and am looking forward to next year. I will miss Erin, Jada, and Lynne. They added a lot of spirit to the team." Guglielmi said, "I'm really glad I joined the team. It was so much fun and I'm in great shape! Coach Sry was so nice! A lot of friendships were made, and knowledge (about soccer and people) was gained. Everyone should join!"





for future dynasty



(Left) Lisa DaVia steals the ball away from her opponent.

(Bottom) Senior Lynne Guglielmi cannot believe the call that was just made.







(Center left) Lady Trojans play the game.(Jenny Brown photo)

(Left) Row 1: Coach Sry, Layna Staton,Kristin Duncan, Kaila Sparkman, Lynne Guglielmi,Jessica Denney, Rachel Ford, Amie Wells, Dara Evans, Annie Thornhill, Annid Bogigian, Mary Jones, Row 2:Coach Rivers,Felicia Bonner, Becky Hattley, Jada Garner, Jennifer Brown, Laura Cole, Erin Parrigin, Margaret Brammer, Hannah Ferguson, Lisa DaVia,Coach Bogigian. (Ron Tower photo)



(Right) Senior Jared Carter shows his moves!

(Far Right) Seniors Joel Bouslog and Jake Davis kickin it!

This marked the third year of soccer for the Trojan team. This was also the first year for an all boys soccer team at NCCHS. J.W. Pindell said "This move really sends a clear signal to the conference and the community of New Castle that Chrysler High School is serious about soccer."

The boys prepared themselves for the season in various ways. Some of the boys ran over the summer. Others went to soccer camps and played on Soccer teams during the spring and winter. Coach Marcum prepared himself for the season by attending a coaches seminar at Notre Dame. The coach added, "I watched many soccer tapes and read subscriptions to magazines to get ready for the season."

The boys played at Memorial Park in front of an increasing number of fans. Joel Bouslog commented on this by saying, "A big thanks to Chad Reece for attending every game." Coach Marcum was pleased with this team because the players scored more goals and allowed fewer goals against them than the 1995 team. He commented on this by saying, "The 1996 team scored 15 more goals than the 1995 team." The team also improved their record to five wins, ten losses and one tie this year. Several team members commented on the win against Union City in sectionals, which was a major highlight of the season. Jared Carter commented on this by saying, "We won against Union City, Oh yeah!"

Team leaders J.W. Pindell, Jared Carter, Jake Davis, Ben Harvey, and Joel Bouslog said teamwork is very important in soccer because the players must work together to move the ball down the field and score a goal. Senior team leader J.W Pindell said "Every aspect of the game needs good teamwork." Another Senior leader, Jake Davis said, "That is what the game is all about."

(Right) Senior Joel Bouslog displays excellent skills while beating his opponent.





Boys take



over the Field





(Far Left) Sophomore Andrew West seems to enjoy causing pain.

(Left) Junior Justin Rich and Freshman Ross Allen give a wide grin as they prepare for a game.



(Left) (Front Row): Joe Ripberger, Travis Maddox, Ben Harvey, Jared Carter, Joel Bouslog, Ross Leduc, Jake Daivs, J.W. Pindell, Ben Chalfant (Back Row) Chad Shaffer, John Lindsay, Drew Clemens, Chuck Harpring, John Hubbard, Matt Wright, Jerry Newkirk, Jeremiah Kissick, Andrew McGlothlin.

(Below) (Back Row) Coach Marcum, Matt Brunoehaler, Ron Lowe, Nick Razor, Justin Rich, Curtis Marcum, Pat McGlothlin, Isacc Rains, Chris Deihart, Coach Malone(Front Row) Elijah Neal, Derek Allen, Mark Brammer, Ben Mahin, Tyler Norris, Daniel Kennard, Aaron Malone, Spencer Rauch.







Sports 125

Lady Swimmers

(Right) Senior Lisa Powers works on her breathing technique.

The New Castle girls' swimming team went through a lot of changes this year. For the first time, their season was combined with the boys' season. They competed in the winter instead of the fall. Changing seasons both hurt and helped the team. Girls who competed with the volleyball and cross country teams had the chance to swim or dive this year. Junior Holly Cox said, "I'm glad it changed. Now I'm able to do cross country too." But, the team lost some past divers to gymnastics, another winter sport. Most of the girls did not like the change though because they had to practice five hours each day over Christmas break. The overall size of the team was down from last year, as they lost thirteen swimmers for various reasons.

But although the team was smaller than those of past years, the girls were more unified than most teams. Coach Jennifer Kelsik commented that a major highlight of the season was, "The camaraderie of the girls and boys and how close the girls team was this season." Another highlight of the season came when lone Senior, Lisa Powers, who has been swimming for ten years, earned Academic All State this year.

(Right) Check out these hairy armpits!(Stephanie Kinser photo)



Make Waves





(Far Left) On your mark get set go!

(Left) Lisa Powers is ready to push off and go.

(Below) "Oh my gosh, how much longer?" gasps Junior Rachel Upchurch







(Top Left) Andrea Partee, Stephanie Kinser, Laura Cole, and Holly Cox are all smiles after their swim meet.

(Bottom Left) Row 1: Lisa Powers, Carrie Bennett, Coach Kelsik; Row 2: Brandy Helton, Mary Jones, Christy Hanavon, Kristin Cox, Jennifer Atkins, Kara Nunn, Julia Clapp; Row 3: Abby Hardman, Rachel Upchurch, Laura Cole, Coach Harman; Row 4: Andrea Partee, Ashley Ryan, Holly Cox, Chrissy Kelsay, Stephanie Kinser, Laurie Metroka, Jackie Metroka, Coach Shauver. (Ron Tower photo)



Boys Swim to

(Right) Sophomore Brian Zubowski has no place to look but up.

When the boys dove into the Parkview pool this winter season, they found the pool was a little more crowded than in years past. This year the girls season was combined with the boys season. Swimmer Patrick Aitchison felt that, "The pool was a little crowded at times, but the girls and boys were able to help each other to achieve throughout the season."

Despite the crowded pool, the swimmers still found success as they had in years past. With a record of 5 wins and 5 losses, the team found their best effort when it counted at the end of the season. Striving to reach early season goals, the team placed fourth out of eleven teams in the sectional.

Coach Kelsik had thirteen straight years with a state participant, and this year was no exception. Senior Captain David Rains and Junior John Hubbard advanced to the state meet at the Natatorium. Rains commented on the meet saying, "I was happy just to be there and swim in the Natatorium for the last time. It had been a goal of mine. Reaching a goal always feels good." Coach Harmon concluded, "David Rains did an awesome job." Sophomore Travis Pryor felt, "... having just one senior was a good experience for David and good for the team, because most everyone will be back for next season. On the downside, we are losing a great swimmer."

(Right) Senior David Rains and his teammates seem to have a good time between their events(Stephanie Kinser photo).





Successful Season





(Far Left) Junior John Hubbard takes a breath during his freestyle race.

(Left) ATrojan swimmer focuses during his race.

(Below) Sophomore John Rowe gets a good breath and kick during the breaststroke.







(Left Center) This Trojan swimmer is flying to the finish.

(Bottom Left) Row 1: Coach Harman, David Rains, Yu Ishida, Coach Kelsik; Row 2: Todd Sowers, John Liette, Jared Crabtree, Matt Brunoehler, Travis Pryor, Aaron Ray, Ben Mann; Row 3: Carter Strong, Pat Aitchison, David Zubowski, Brian Zubowski, Tom Nelson, Montgomery Hicks, John Hubbard, John Rowe, Travis Maddox, Coach Shauver. (Ron Tower photo)



Wrestlers Had



In keeping with the tradition, the NCCHS wrestling team had a great season. Those hours of practice really paid off again this year, bringing them once again to the state finals in Center Grove. During this season, the Trojan wrestlers won their 22nd consecutive Sectional (a school record), their fifth straight Regional (another school record), their fourth consecutive Semi-State (also a school record) and they placed fifth in the State Dual meet tournament.

Their junior varsity also did well, with a record of 19-4. Sophomore Cory Cook, senior Jeremiah Kissick, and junior Danny King all won their second consecutive North Central Conference championships. About his performance, Danny replied, "It was a step up from last year and I hope it will improve next year." Other accomplishments in the season were junior Josh Martin having the most pins with 25, Jeremiah Kissick scoring the most takedowns with 172, and seniors Ben Harvey and Chip Marsh obtaining Honorable Mention Academic All-State. Adding to this list are Jeremiah Kissick and senior Jeremy Motl who were chosen as members of the Indiana All-Star wrestling team. Also, seniors Jeremiah Kissick, Jeremy Motl, and Josh Kissick took eighth, seventh, and third repectively in the state competition in their weight classes.

Even with a record breaking year, Senior Chip Marsh was disappointed with the season's ending. "Our team had the potential to be state champions, . . . but overall, the team did very well." On the other hand, sophomore Evan Fetters replied, "We ran into the best team in the state in the first round, but that was how the draw went. In the opposite bracket, I feel we could have been runner up again, but I'm not angry that we didn't place. You can't change the draw, you just have to try your best, and I think we did."

(Right) Senior Josh Kissick tries to escape from his opponent.





Great Season





(Far Left) Junior Jason Griffith struggles to pin his opponent.

(Left) Senior Chip Marsh gains the upper hand of his opponent.

(Below) Senior Jeremiah Kissick prepares to do battle.







(Top Left) Motl tries to overpower his opponent.

(Bottom Left) Row 1: Brady Tramel, Cory Cook, Josh Kissick, Nick Rust, Chris Pinon, Jeremiah Kissick, Kevin Sweigart; Row 2: Asst. Coach Baker, Chip Marsh, Andrew West, Danny King, Jason Griffith, Dornale Alford, Josh Martin, Ben Harvey; Row 3: Asst. Coach Maddon, Braden Grubbs, Jimmy Hammond, Richard Fetters, Jeremy Lovell, Evan Fetters, Jackie Mix, Bryan Troxell, Coach Rex Peckinpaugh. (Ron Tower photo)



(Far Right) Senior Skipper Rowland looks to make a play at Hinkle Fieldhouse during Semi-State.

At 19-1 during the regular season, the 1996-1997 Trojan Basketball team had the best record in school history. They began their season with a 13-0 record, the best beginning record in NCCHS history. A last second shot made by a Logansport player is all that kept the Trojans from being undefeated. The Trojans went on to set many more records: most consecutive sectional titles (10), most consecutive regional titles (3), most consecutive wins (13).

The team went 6-1 in NCC competition and tied with Anderson, who had an identical record, as the NCC Champs. Anderson lost to New Castle at the Wigwam in one of the best games in the state this year. Anderson was ranked #1, and New Castle was ranked #4. The Trojans also beat Muncie South (ranked high in the poles at #2).

With four senior starters, the Trojans had plenty of leadership. Joey Gaw, Skipper Rowland, Chad Bell, John Bryant and junior Brandon Miller led the team from being unranked in the preseason all the way to the top of the polls, #2 AP and #1 in the Coaches, by early February.

To start the tourney off on the right foot the Trojans won the sectional easily. A week later in the New Castle regional, the Trojans faced and beat Winchester. Later that evening #2 ranked New Castle faced the #3 ranked Batesville team. Playing in front of a sold out crowd, the Trojans beat the Bulldogs in a tough game that ended in overtime. The Trojans then went on to play in their third consecutive semi-state at Hinkle Fieldhouse, but fell to Franklin in the first game.

(Right) The basketball team celebrates after beating Batesville.



Record



Setting Season





(Far Left) Junior Brandon Miller dribbles away from the Kokomo opponet.

(Left) Everyone holds their breath while the shot is in the air.

(Below) Senior Joey Gaw knows every point counts with only two seconds left.



(Left Center) Row 1:Jon Rockefeller, Andy Beguhn, Ricky Jones, Matt Wright, Nick White, Erick Fox, Travis Callaway, Michael Thornsberry; Row2:Casey Lee, Matt Lewton, Coach Haynes, Ross Lamberson, Josh Owens, Ryan Petty, B.J. York, Brett Rash, Eric Howe, Jeremy Price, Pat Dyer, Coach Rutherford, Coach Bell. (Ron Tower photo)

(Bottom Left) Row 1: Casey Lee, Jon Rockefeller, Skipper Rowland, John Bryant, Ryan Higgins, Chad Bell, Joey Gaw, Brandon Miller, Michael Thornsberry, Pat Dyer, Matt Lewton: Row2:Coach Miller, Coach Swim, Ryan Jackson, Jimmy Lowe, Travis Callaway, Andy Beguhn, Kyle Hale, B.J. York, Josh Silvers, Darnell Archey, Daniel Buchanon, Matt Wright, Coach Haynes, Coach Rutherford, Coach Bell. (Ron Tower photo)







Sports 133

(Far Right) Erica Cory and Sophomore Kristen Carter watch the ball as it goes out of bounds. (Right) Senior Erica Cory tries to steal the ball from her opponent.

"It was a fun time," said sophomore Kristen Carter. The Varsity Girls Basketball Team was satisfied with a successful season, but it was not easy. Shawnda Vitatoe said, "most of our practices were hard." Senior Kiya Griffin said, "I think the season went very well. A lot of people thought just because of our season last year that it would be the same this year. We surprised a lot of those people."

Coach Renihan stated, "Our season started off very well. We won thirteen of our first fourteen games. Unfortunately we had several key injures from that point on. Even with injuries, however, we were Sectional and Regional Champions and got to play in the most exciting Semi-State in Basketball History."

The girls also made many fond memories this season. Renihan reflected on season successes; "Erica became the career scoring leader; Kiya became the career rebounding leader, and also winning the Sectional and Regional." He went on to say that "at Semi-State there were over 7,000 people there to watch four of the best teams play in the state." Junior Brandy Howe remembers, "we got to semi-state and only one other team in school history had achieved this goal." The varsity girls made it to semi-state, but were defeated by the eventual state champs Martinsville.

Senior Erica Cory said, "I'm really going to miss everybody next year when I go to college. This year was a lot of fun and it was great to play on a team where everyone got along." Junior Jennifer Mehring added, "We played as a big family. We played together which is very important for success."

(Right) Junior Jen Miller pushes through her opponents to score a basket.







Hoop it Up









(Far Left) Jen Miller stands her ground.

(Left) Senior Kiya Griffin goes for a lay-up.

The New Castle girls' JV basketball team had an outstanding season ending with a record of 15-2. The girls completed the season with 13 consecutive wins against some top quality teams. Coach Hall noted that his most pleasing games of the season were against Connersville and Rushville. The girls defeated Connersville on a 3 point shot at the buzzer, and a talented Rushville team in the final quarter by excellent foul shooting.

Overall the team was a much younger one than last year. There were seven freshman, six sophomores, and two juniors. The team's work ethic in practice showed in the games and helped them to succeed. The overall playing and attitude of the team was exceptional. "This team was the most offensively minded team I've had in the last nine years," Coach John Hall commented. Coach Hall was impressed by how in almost every game someone stepped up to take leadership on the court.

The team had a rough start in the beginning of the season with all the mixed ages, but once the team got passed that, they began to work much better together. At that point, most of the girls started fulfilling and recognizing their importance as team members. "I thought after we started to accept each other and become friends, we played much better as a team," replied Jennifer Jackson. Coach Hall believes the foundation is set for tremendous teams in the next three years, and with great practice, work ethics, and positive attitudes the girls could go all the way!

(Top Left) Row 1: Eve Grant, Amanda Theobald, Jessica Hall, Kacie Najera, Jessica Cheadle, Macee Upchurch, Jamie Hotlzel; Row 2: Coach Hall, Brooke Marcum, Jennifer Jackson, Ashley Alsip, Amy Harmon, Shannon Key, Daniell Ooten, Gretchen Atkins. (Ron Tower photo)

(Bottom Left) Row1: Erica Cory, Shawnda Vitatoe; Row 2: Rachel Ford, Jennifer Mehring, Brandy Howe, Katie Carman, Amanda Theobald, Gretchen Atkins, Heather Mehring; Row 3: Molly Frame, Coach Hoard, Kristen Carter, Kiya Griffen, Amy Harmon, Jen Miller, April Jones, Coach Nguyen, Coach Renihan. (Ron Tower photo)



Gymnast Flip

(Right) The NCCHS gymnasts sprung to success with their new floor at Conference.



The gymnastics team had another successful season this year. Although the team may have been upset that they did not have an undefeated record this year, they compensated for that loss in many other ways.

A lot of new things happened this year. "We got a new spring floor!" said Lisa Fisher. In the past the gymnasts have competed on a wrestling mat. The gymnastics team also hosted Conference this year in the fieldhouse. Coach Tina Wood said, "Hosting Conference was very exciting for all of us."

The Junior Varsity team also had a successful season. Their record was 8-2. They also posted a very high score of 75.3. There were seven freshman on the team who were lead by senior April Jeffries and junior Kelli Mills.

The girls prepared themselves for the season by taking lessons at different gyms during the summer and fall to work on new skills for their routines. Concerning the highlights of the season, Alicia Byers remembered, "Our last home meet (Senior night) when all the seniors put wacky moves in our floor routines and did not warn anyone first." The highlight for Megan Lamberson was the senior leadership and experience." Megan Lamberson and Amy Riggs were the team captains, but all the seniors showed great leadership. Coach Tina Wood added, "Amy Riggs was All NCC for the fourth year in a row, a state finalist for the second year, and a Sectional beam champion."

The team has been one of the most successful teams in history. This year's senior class has had an accumulated record of forty-nine wins and only three losses. The gymnasts will be losing six seniors who have been part of the team for four years. Sophomore Brittany Padgett said, "The seniors are going to be greatly missed. They were great leaders this year and I hope we can step up and finish what they started and are leaving behind."

(Right) Senior Amy Riggs proved she was #1 at Sectional.



Over Competition





(Far Left) Senior Megan Lamberson concentrates as she reaches for the high bar.

(Left) Senior gymnasts spend quality time together at Conference.

(Below) Senior Amy Riggs prepares for a back handspring on the balance beam.







(Center Left) Seniors hide their true emotions on Senior Night.

(Bottom Left) Row 1: Alicia Grear, Tabitha Chandler, Christy Thorpe, Jennifer Eakes; Row2: Darci Chesher, Lyndsay Auten, Amber Flynn, Heather Gwinn, Rikki Muszynski, Amy Burke, Kelli Mills, Brittany Padgett, Cate Morton; Row 3: Coach Gray, Megan Lamberson, Lisa Fisher, Lainey Phares, Coach G. Wood, Jamie Allen, Amy Riggs, Alicia Byers, Coach T. Wood. Not pictured: April Jeffries. (Ron Tower photo)



Birdies, Boagies

Far Right: Sophomore Ross Lamberson watches his ball. (Sara Ward photo) Right: Sophomore Ross Lamberson concerntrates on the hole befor making his move. (Sara Ward photo)

The New Castle boys golf team ended their season with a seven and three record in dual meets. The team played and practiced at Westwood Country Club. This team consisted of a somewhat younger team than in the past, with only one senior on varsity. That lone senior was Wes Young. Wes said, "I didn't feel any pressure being the only senior because my teammates supported me all year long."

One of the toughest tournaments the team played in was the North Central Conference. At conference some of the top teams in the state were there, including Anderson, Richmond and Muncie Central. New Castle placed seventh in that tough field.

The highlight of the season was placing third in their own New Castle Invitational. The medalist in the tournament was sophomore Travis Watson with a seventy five. Watson went into a sudden death play off with two other golfers from Richmond and Lebanon. On the first hole Travis made a thirty foot putt to win the play off. Watson said, "It was fun winning and next year I'll try to win again without breaking my leg with my pitching wedge. Some people probably thought I was strutting because I won, but I just couldn't walk." Travis and Wes switched back and forth playing at the number one position.

Right: Senior Wes Young follows through after hitting his ball . (Sara Ward photo)





and Bunkers





Far Left: Senior Wes Young takes a stroll to retrieve his ball. (Sara Ward photo)

Left: Was Young prepares for his shot . (Sara Ward photo)

Below: Ross Lamberson watches his ball and hopes for the green. (Sara Ward photo)





Center: Wes Young gets ready to putt while Ross Lamberson watches. (Sara Ward photo)

Left Bottom: Row 1, David Nantz, Chris DeHart, Denny Couch, Jon Hankenhoff, Ryan Purvis, Todd Sowers, Matt Brunoehler; Row 2, Ross Lamberson, Corey Trobaugh, Wes Young, Michael Loveless, Travis Watson, Nathan Agee, Joe Ripberger, Coach Newland. (Ron Tower photo)





Far Right: Senior Frank Mecklenberg heaves the discus. (Josh Kissick photo)

Right:Senior Josh Hahn rounds the last curve and digs deep to pass an opponent. (Stephanie Kinser photo)

When the NC track team started the season they knew they had some valuable runners coming back, but they didn't expect to have their best season in years. The team finished with a dual record of 7-1. The team had its best finish in the NCC in a long time. They finished third behind Richmond and Marion. Dave Clark received the NCC Coach of the Year award. Although Richmond beat the Trojans in the conference meet and the sectional, the Trojans ran over the Red Devils in a dual meet at Huffman Field. The Trojans also beat rival Muncie Central in a three way meet. This is the first time New Castle has defeated them during Clark's term as coach.

The Trojans took four individual events in the NCC, three by Josh Hahn. Hahn won the 100 and 200 dashes along with the long jump. Hahn now owns the school record in the 100 and in the 4X100 relay with Jimmy Lowe, Eric Fox, and Michael Clark. The other NCC winner was Travis Callaway taking the 400 dash. Callaway and the 4X100 relay team also represented NCCHS at the state track meet on June 6th.

Right: Senior Joe Joplin puts all his effort into throwing the shot.




Opponents





Far Left: Sophomore Erick Fox extends his stride to glide over the hurdles and past the competition. (Josh Kissick photo)

Left: Junior John Stewart demonstrates that running takes a lot of heart, and a lot of air. (Josh Kissick photo)

Below: Junior David Zubowski stretches out his legs before his next run. (Josh Kissick photo)





Right Center: Senior Yu Ishida, Sophomore Travis Pryor and Junior David Zubowski try to get off to a good start in the 1600 meter run. (Josh Kissick photo)

Left to right: Row 1: Chris Woods, John Stewart, Garret Rinberger, Frank Mecklenberg, Josh Hahn, Bryan Troxell, Travis Pryor, Eric Fox. Row 2: Nathan Rich, Scott Morgan, Jeremy Thomas, Rusty West, Josh Madden, Michael Clark, John Liette, Kyle Minyard Row 3: Travis Callaway, David Zubowski, Daniel Marrow, Daniel Meadows, Jimmy Lowe, Kyle Allen, Jeremy Ross. Row 4: Michael Thornsberry, Jeremiah Richie, Chris Taylor, Joel Paine, Yu Ishida, Floyd Wilkinson. Row 5: Coach Dye, Coach Clark, Coach Harmon.





Sports 141

Trackers Take

Far Right: Jackson, Marcum and Rutherford keep warm. Right: Carrie Strong jumps the hurdles to a strong finish.

"Concentrate now; it's all mental." The girls track team heard this quite often as they ran around Huffman Field. Senior captain Kendra Champion said, she "remembers hearing that quote a lot from Mr. Grimes." Champion knows that physical ability is important, but mental drive is essential. "Practice keeps me in shape, but during a hard race I definitely have to have mental focus to continue to do my very best." Mr. Grimes stated, " Physical talent is very important to running, but it is the combination of mental toughness and physical talent that molds the very best runners." In addition, he also said, "There is a great deal of support from all facets of the team. I see both field and runners cheering for each other. This makes everyone feel important and needed." New-comer to the team, senior Laura Cook said, "This is my first year for track, and I feel like the team has accepted me. We all get along great together." "The track season can be postive and negative all at the same time, but I still love it," said sophomore Brooke Marcum. The team as a whole had nothing but positive comments about their productive season.

Right : Trojan sprinters, Laura Cook and Tiffany Neal, get a good start in the 100 m dash.







Top Honors





Far left: Jennifer Jackson releases the shot with force.

Left: Tiffany Neal competes in the long jump.

Below: Kendra Champion hands off to Holly Cox in the 4x800 relay.







Left Center: Seniors Desi DeSutter and Randi Hyden run side by side in the 1600 m race.

Left: Row 1: Laura Cook, Kendra Champion, Randi Hyden, Desi DeSutter, Bridgett Armstrong, Kelli Rutherford, Janelle Finch, Jada Garner, Amy Anderson; Row2: Laura Cole, Chrissy Kelsey, Andrea Partee, Holly Cox, Mandi Whitmill, Jennifer Jackson, Brooke Marcum, Julie Dickerson, Carrie Strong; Row 3: Rachel Ford, Danielle Ooten, Stacy Clark, Shannon Key, Brooke Mullins, Brandy Helton, Casey Ash, Tiffeny Neal; Row 4: Coach Linda Allen and Coach Ron Grimes



Troymen Throw

Far Right: Junior Jack Tompkins rounds first on one of his many homeruns. (Jenny Brown photo) Kather Catcher, Matt Cherry wants to receive the pitch. (Jenny Brown photo)

After losing five players to graduation and experiencing some early season injuries, the Trojan baseball team was looking for a winning combination. They found it early in the season. Compiling an impressive 15-2 record in their first 17 games, the Trojans proved that they still had what it took to win. The coach and players attributed their success to the team's ability to work together.

Jeff Pass feels that the team record "shows we play with a lot of intensity and heart and we never give up." Coach Gary Brown said, " The chemistry of this team is great. They want their teammates to succeed." This same "chemistry" was cited by several of the players who also mentioned that they had been playing with or against one another since T-ball.

Several of the players worked on their game all winter, hitting and throwing indoors, lifting weights, and running. According to Jack Tompkins, "We are more concerned with the team performance rather than individual performance."









Opponents a Curve







Left: Marc Boyd hits one to score for the Trojans. (Jenny Brown photot)

Below: First baseman Josh Cooper applies the tag on the pickoff attempt. (Jenny Brown phtot)



Left center: Varsity: Row 1, Mark Boatright, Jack Tompkins, Ryan Fuller, Casey Wall, Jackie Mix, Ben Walters; Row 2, Brandon Thompson, Matt Cherry, Curtis Neal, Marc Boyd, Ryan Edwards; Row 3, Coach Brad Hayes, Ricky Purvis, Josh Cooper, Jeff Pass, Nick Gray, Coach Gary Brown. (Ron Tower photo)

Left bottom: Junior Varsity, Row 1, Aaron Salkowski, Nick White, Roger Paull, Ryan Scott, Derick Melton, Justin Browning, Danny Kidd, Jesse Smiley, Row 2, Coach Brad King, Nick DeSutter, Jimmy Hammond, Tim Brown, Ryan Blattner, Clint Weaver, Adam Betten, Jerimiah Craig, (Ron Tower photo)











Ever been to a girls' softball game? Well, these girls see as much action as the boys' baseball team does! Whether it's sophomore Mandy Muse and her strike outs, or junior Jennifer Mehring's awesome hits, these girls definitely see action. They also have togetherness on their team. Sophomore Brittany Padgett comments, "At first we were all sort of into our own groups, but now I think we've put that all behind us. We are a team and we support each other as much as possible." Junior Amanda Theobald added, "We had a lot of injuries, so many girls had to step up to unfamiliar positions."

Many of the girls feel that their win against Shenandoah stands out from the rest of the games this season. Junior Natalie Williams said, "Beating Shenandoah was great because we haven't beaten them in a long time!" Senior Keli Swejkar agreed. "Beating Shenandoah was a huge thing for NC!" For junior Shelley Neal, the win against Connersville stands out the most. "We beat Connersville once this season and they were looking for revenge. We all knew this, so we had to play great ball!" The girls really had a great softball season.

Kelly Swejkar, Brittany Padgett, and manager Casey Lee give the girls their support







Standout Season





Far left: Junior varsity player, Lisa DaVia anticipates the hit Left: Amanda Thobald tries to get another Red Devil out. Below: Jennifer Mehring hustles to the base hoping to be safe.



Center: Mandy Muse pitches for another strike.

Left: Row 1, Brittany Padgett, Whittney Chesher, Amanda Theobald, Mandy Muse, Kelli Mills, Amy Johnson, Kelly Swejkar, Manager Casey Lee, Row 2, Coach Ron Smith, Jennifer Mehring, Natalie Williams, Jennifer Rascon, Kacie Najera, Misty Ryan, Shawnda Vitatoe, Coach Bob Cochran.







Sports 147

Trojan Tennis

Far Right: Senior Erica Cory uses her strong backhand to return the ball. (Stephanie Kinser photo).

Right: Junior Allison Kuebler keeps her eye on the ball. (G. Kent Brown photo)

The 1997 girls' tennis team had a wonderful season. They started it all off with a win over a long time rival, the Richmond Red Devils. This was the first match of the season, so the girls had to deal with nerves, the weather, and several other factors. They overcame these obstacles and earned a victory that was very vital to the rest of the season and helped them earn their ranking in the top 20. Erica Cory commented, "Beating Richmond was a great win, especially since it was the first match of the season. It was like a stepping stone for us."

Their next goal was to capture the North Central Conference title, and this they certainly did. Not only did they win the title for the first time in 20 years, but also had many individual titles as well. All three singles players, Sarah Dukeman, Emily Dukeman, and Erica Cory were named All-NCC. The number one doubles team of Karen Haskett and Tracy Gray also received All-NCC titles, and Coach John Burdsall was named NCC coach of the year. Because of all the hard work and dedication that these girls put into the season, they definetly earned their ranking. At the end of the season, the girls had played 12 matches, were undefeated, and were ranked 12th. Coach Lisa Pfenninger states "I prefer to to focus on bringing out each player's personal best rather than focusing on our ranking. If we can urge each player to perform to her full potetial, then we will be number one in my book." The girls also formed great friendships on the team. Coach Burdsall expressed how the three senior captains, Erica Cory, Tracy Gray and Karen Haskett showed great support and leadership. The team concluded their season with a Regional victory.

Right: Junior Jan Pfenninger follows through on a powerful return to her opponent. (G.K. Brown)







Takes Regional





Far Left: Junior Allison Kuebler hops back to return the hit. (G.K. Brown photo)

Left: Junior Jan Pfenninger looks to see if her ball is in or out. (G.K. Brown photo)

Below: Senior Amy Cory stretches far to return a shot. (G.K Brown photo)







Left Center: Junior Allison Kuebler watches as her hit soars over the net. (G.K. Brown photo)

Left Bottom: Row 1, Tara Scott, Emily Dukeman, Sarah Dukeman, Allison Kuebler, Tracy Gray, Katie Shaffer, Kristyn Shaffer, Heather Swafford, Chantelle Buchanon, Jennifer Logston; Row 2, Coach Pfenninger, Kelly Shaffer, Ali Van Dam, Amanda Allen, Erica Cory, Jan Pfenninger, Karen Haskett, Emily Langford, Jessica Kendrick, Amy Cory, Coach Burdsall. (Ron Tower photo).



Stuntmen Add

(Far Right) Juniors Amanda Cooper and Kelly Hamilton celebrate after a Regional win!(Mike McKown photos)

(Right) Senior Lisa Fisher tries to keep up the enthusiam while keeping an eye on the game.

The 1996-1997 Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleading squads had a lot of excitement in both the football and basketball seasons. It is easy to cheer and have spirit for a successful football team and a basketball team that only experienced defeat twice. The teams also experienced a big change that they felt helped them quite a bit. This was the first year that NCCHS had male stuntmen.

The season began in June when the squads went to NCA cheer camp at Ball State University. Cheer camp not only helps the squad learn new material, but also helps the squad to get to know each other and become friends. Kelly Hamilton commented, "Learning the cheers was fun, but the best experience at camp was the way the team bonded."

Shortly after camp was time to start cheering at the football games. The Varsity squad tried something new this year. The cheerleaders did a pushup for every point scored, and because of the football team's success the girls were doing more pushups than they could handle.

Then between seasons the squads held tryouts for guys. Three guys made the team, and the girls felt they were very beneficial. The cheerleaders had hoped for a larger male squad, but they were thankful for Ray Ericson, Eric Kidd, and Luke Griffin. These three made history as NCCHS cheerleaders. The guys, Varsity, and Junior Varsity squads then worked together to get ready for the basketball season. The teams did pregame together and had a few combined cheers.

Cheerleading is nearly a year round sport. It's not only hard work and dedication, but also a great way to meet new people. Amanda Cooper added, " Cheerleading is a sport that takes a lot of dedication and hard work, but I enjoy getting to know everyone and spending a whole year with all the girls and guys."

(Right) Sophmore Lyndsey Perdue shows her anxiety during a close game. (Mike McKown photo)





Volume to Squad





(Below) Senior Alicia Byers cuts a piece of the net after the Regional win.(Mike McKown photo)





Varsity

Row 1: Kelly Hamilton, Lyndsey Perdue, LaTasha Alford, Row 2: Jami Alsip, Lainey Phares, Lisa Fisher, Alicia Byers, Amanda Cooper. (Ron Tower photo)













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Unless we take a chance or two in order to begin, There is nothing we can hope to gain, no prize that we can win.

We must accept uncertainty, must set our doubts aside, Be brave enough to risk a loss or setback to our pride.

We should not be afraid of change nor be afraid to dare.

If we just take a chance, life holds rewards beyond compare.

To wish you Good Luck as you start something new, and the pleasure of seeing your dreams all come true.

Wishing you the Best with all our Love, We are all so proud of your many accomplishments. Mom, Dad, Carey, and Melissa

Crissie Bee Ashline

We are so proud of you, especially at this time in your life. We hope all your wishes and dreams come true. Congratulations Crissie. We love you.

Joel Bouslog

We are very proud of you. These

years have passed so quickly. We

been to us. You have brought us

great joy. Now, as you embark on

you faith, love, health, and happi-

ness. Please know you are deeply

loved - always!

God bless you. Mom and Dad

the journey into adulthood, we wish

thank God for the blessing you have

Congratulations, dear Joel!

Mom, Grandma, and Grandpa



Bridget Armstrong

Dearest Bridget,

You have style, our dear daughter; you must have been born that way, a quality heart that no one can teach. Your warm smile, carefree laughter, beautiful soul, and unique character will be missed. However, our dear one, we know you are in God's hands now, not ours.

Bridget, your faith, morals, charisma, kindness, talent, and sensitivity will be your help mates in life. Grasp on to your dreams and prayers and never give uphope.

You've given us an abundance of wonderful memories to always cherish, and we hope you'll just work and do God's plan for your life. Stay close to the Lord, honey, He's your best friend. We love you and wish you happiness. Lovingly.

Mom, Dad, and Brady

Chad Bell

Congratulations! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments! Thanks for adding so much love and caring to our lives. Our love and support will always be there for you. Love,





Chris Bradley

I have watched you grow from infancy to adulthood. You have always been the pride and joy of my life. The love, compassion, and concern that have been a part of you these growing up years will be a part of you in accomplishing anything in life that you will achieve. May your dreams come true.



Mom, Dad, and Grandma

Jeffery Burchett



Hey Dude,

I'm really glad you made it. You've made me very proud. Life is hard, life is good, but it's what you make of it that counts. You're one of a kind because you're the first to make it. Take it to the limit and be all you can be. You're always welcome to the kitchen but stay off the couch. Lots of luck in everything you do. Always Maintain. Pops

Jeffery Burchett

Jeffery,

It seems like only yesterday you were a little boy with skinned-up knees. Now here you are graduating from high school.

I remember once when you were ten or eleven years old you told me "now that I am all grow-up and mature...!" That statement certainly rings true today, you are all grown-up and mature.

Jeffery, there are no words to describe how proud of you I am. You have given me so many wonderful memories, and some not so wonderful. HA! I know you will face the world with the same determination you've faced me with for the last eighteen years. Go gettem Son!! Hove you,

Mom





Melissa Carman

Congratulations on your many accomplishments these 18 years. We are very proud of you and we love you very much.

We hope your life is full of happiness and that all your dreams come true. Love always, Mom, Dad and Katie

Jason Carnanhan

CONGRATULATIONS, JASON! We are very proud of you! Success is believing in yourself. There is nothing you cannot do.

May you find happiness in pursuit of your dreams. MAKE IT SO! Love, Mom and Dad



Emily Denison

Dear Emily,

You hold a special place in our hearts. Our greatest happiness has been having you for our daughter. You have fulfilled all our expectations. As we think of the years that have led up to your graduation and all the beautiful memories we have because of you, that special place in our hearts overflows with love. We love you, Mom and Dad



Amee Hynn

Congratulations, Amee! It seems like only yesterday you were our little girl, now here you are at graduation time. We are really proud of you! We love you and hope for nothing but good things in your future. You can make it happen! Love,

Mom, Dad, and Jared

We are proud of the way you have chosen to live your life. You have and always will accomplish anything you set out to do because you have so many talents and the wisdom to use them. Always be faithful to God and the values that have shaped your philosophy. Dare to achieve your dream! With love, Dad, Mom, and Tyler

We're proud of you and we love you very much! You have made us very happy! We hope you always find happiness in your life. Love,

Mom and Dad



Jennifer Hancock



Josh Hahn

There are no short cuts to "being the best," it always involves BIG DREAMS, a DEEP PASSION, and PERSERVERANCE to pay the price through hard work and dedication. You have shown all of these traits as an athlete and as a person. You are the BEST! Love, Mom, Dad, and Heather

Having a daughter who we love Makes life seem so worthwhile, Sharing happy hours each day, Delightful, wondrous smiles, And sometimes when we pause to think, We thank God in a prayer That He has sent this child to love And Placed in our care <u>We're So Proud of You Tara!</u> Love, Mom, Dad, and Eric

Jara Jackson





J.W. Pindell

I understand the heart and mind of a person, look not of what he has already achieved, but what he aspires to. Kahlil Gibran

Chad Reece

Congratulations on a job well

done. You have a great balance of

school, church and fun. You have

brought laughter to our hearts and

to the many friends whose paths you

have crossed. We wish you well in

college, and want you know, you

will always be in our prayers.

Love

Mom and Dad

We're very proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad



Lisa Marie Powers

Congratulations Lisa,

These twelve years of school went so fast and you have accomplished so much. We look at you and think of all the blessings and joy God has given us because of you. We know He has wonderful things in store for you in the future. We wish you much happiness and most of all remember we're always here for you! Love,

Mom and Dad

Stephanie Roberts

It's gone so fast -- yet you continue to fill our lives with love, laughter and pride. May your



future be as special as you are. We love you very much! Your family

Skipper,

Little did we know that hot July 31 in 1979 what excitement was ahead for the parents of this new baby boy we named Skipper Von. You have filled our days with joy and blessings and laughter. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and of the person you have become. Congratulations on your basketball scholarship and your academics rewards.

The days and years have gone too swiftly but always remember, we love you and pray for you always and forever. Love,

Mom, Dad, and Penny

Skipper Rowland



Congratulations Chad, we are proud of you. You did it. Lots of Love and Happiness Mom and Aunt Phyllis



Jara Stephens

Tara Brianna Cassel Stephens,

The time is growing closer for this road to come to an end. It's been real bumpy, not to mention long, with three years Head Start, seven years grammar school, two years junior high, and four years high school.

But the sunlight did shine through the clouds to bring such good memories as hand made cards, gifts, pictures and things that were hard to identify, but love just the same.

Now that it's almost done -- I can sit

back, take a deep sigh of relief and say with pride, "I did it." I got you through all these years of school -- getting you up (which wasn't easy), getting breakfast for you, checking home work -- making sure it's done -- and then seeing you off for the day, as I saw myself off to work. But you did do the work, making the grades and then passing each year.

Now, this road, and for the most part my job, (has) come to an end. Ahead is another road waiting for you to travel, and as you look down that road, you'll see it has several other roads leading from it, going different directions, and this time the choice is yours to make. But I'll be behind you with watchful eyes and pray that you will do your best.

Just one more thing to say -- I'm <u>SO</u> proud of you! With All my Love, Mom P.S. Your Dad is watching over you and he's <u>proud</u> too!

Jorri Danielle Witcher

Torri Danielle.

From the precious, timid little girl to the strong, beautiful young lady you've become, you've been a constant ray of sunshine and joy in our lives. Believe in yourself, as we believe in you and your ability to accomplish whatever you set out to do.

We love you and wish you only the very best life has to offer. All our Love always, Mom and Mark

Shane Noonan

Congratulations Shane!

You make us so proud. Sorry we moved you so many times. Thank you for turning out so great in spite of it all.

You too have talent on loan from God. Make the most of it. You have a great life ahead of you. Mom and Dad

Beah Cassidy

Congratulations Leah! Graduation is a wonderful time! We wish you all the great things that life can bring. Happiness above all. Love.

Mom, Dad, and Ryan

Casey Bee



You are God's blessing to us. Reach out to others, Aim High in life for yourself. Believe in yourself as we and many others believe in you. Expect great things for yourself. Look to God he has the right answers.

Love, Mom and Dad





Congratulations Steve.

You've proven you can do anything, you have made us very proud -- Go get-em! Love.

Dad and Jesse

Alicia Gail Byers

Congratulations Alicia! We thank God for blessing our lives with such a wonderful daughter. We have always been proud of you -whether academics, sports, singing or playing the piano -- you always bring a song of joy and love to our hearts. May God continue to bless and guide you each day. Love.



Dad & Mom

Marsha Hinsey

Congratulations, Marsha. Thank you for being a great daughter and working so hard on your studies. You always do your best on every job you try. Keep up the good work. May God bless you and keep you always.

Love, Mom, Dad & Sherry

Mandi Van De Grift

Mandi congratulations! You are the bright spot of my life. I am so very proud of all you have accomplished and everything I am confident that you will achieve in your future.

Most of all be happy and be proud of yourself. Lots of Love. Your Grandmother







(Above Left) Junior Luke Griffin and Seniors Eric Kidd and Ray Erickson made NCCHS history as the first male cheerleaders.

(Above Right) Jennie Smitherman takes advantage of the technology in the library.

(Center) Melissa Carman & Gee Bowers spend time with their Head-Start child at the Christmas is Sharing party.

(Lower Left) Keli Swejkar helps others by giving blood at the Vocational blood drive.

(Lower Right) Brandon Huckeby spent time studying for first semester finals that he never had to take.







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