What's a Bulldog?

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Did LOYALTY beat within you as the varsity boys' baseball team crushed its final opponent in the race to CLENCH the STATE PLAYOFF berth? Did spirit echo in your voice as you screamed louder and stronger than any other BULLdog fan? Did pride and excitement POUR with your tears as the Bulldog football team scored its FINAL TOUCHDOWN of the regular season, which would bring the 'Dogs into the PLAYOFF SEASON? Did your dreams become REALITY as you helped light
your first BONfire, claimed your first TOP locker, or passed your HARDEST TEST? Did you feel a sudden warmth as you realized that you were truly UNIQUE within your school, yet you were also a vital part of Nederland High School? Well...

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That's a Bulldog!
"A bulldog is someone who is truly dedicated to the school and its students and someone who supports every aspect of school life. But most importantly, a bulldog is someone who LOVES to say he is an NHS BULLDOG!" said Diane Barron, senior.

"A Bulldog is someone who finds PRIDE in his school and someone who will always be willing to help a classmate or teacher. A Bulldog loves to have a great time, too!" said Lindsey Sessions, junior.
5-year old Lauren Fannette dreams of one day becoming a Bulldog cheerleader just like Aunt Jan Fannette, senior and varsity NHS cheerleader. As he envisions the mouth-watering popcorn, cola, and candy at the games, 3-year old Drew Larkin cannot wait for his opportunity to play Bulldog football, and he is already showing signs of true Bulldog spirit as he watches the game intently, cheering on big brother Josh LaBove, junior and varsity football player.

This type of enthusiasm and excitement at such young ages is essential to the pride of the Bulldog atmosphere, but as each Bulldog matures, he begins to appreciate other aspects of Bulldog pride as well.

"When I was younger, I dreamed of the future contributions that I would make to the Nederland Bulldogs, but now I'm living that dream, and it's awesome!" said Lindsey Sessions, NHS junior. "It's just an overwhelming sense of pride. I guess it's just the atmosphere of support and generosity that makes being a Bulldog so special."

Sessions is actively involved in many activities and clubs. She has served as class treasurer and Bulldog cheerleader for each of her high school years and is currently a member of National Honor Society, Bulldog Believers, First Priority, and TNT (Terrific Nederland Teens), making her a definite role model for other students to follow.

Like many bulldogs, Sessions was raised to feel the pride of the Bulldog bark.

"I am proud to be a bulldog because I was raised in Nederland, and all my life I have been loyal to the 'Dogs!" said Sessions. "There's nothing I'd rather be than a Bulldog!"

Seth Foreman, senior and catcher for the Bulldog's varsity baseball team, also feels the dedication and exemplifies the determination that it takes to be a Bulldog. Foreman is also a member of the National Spanish Honor Society and is a gifted artist who has drawn cartoons for the Bulldog Beat, the school newspaper, and has designed activity shirts for NHS, such as Fun Day. Foreman is pleased to share his talents with other Bulldogs.

"I really just enjoy drawing, and I'm happy to draw whatever they ask me to," said Foreman. "I feel like I owe it to all the other Bulldogs who help me out when I need it."

These students contribute much of their time and effort to make NHS an exciting place to be, and their contributions are sure to be remembered by future Bulldogs. As NHS students outgrow their teenage years, their attachments to bulldog pride will change with the passage of time.

Sandra Rogers, 1962 NHS graduate, has felt this timely evolution.

"The feelings have changed over the years," said Rogers. "Now, the pride is in being given the opportunity to capture on film and share the special moments of Bulldog history."

Rogers was once an active Home-room Mom and a member of PTA (Parent-Teacher Association). Rogers is now a recognized face among any crowd of Bulldog students and fans. With the help of her trusty camera, she has financed and produced memory book, which are usually 20- to 35-page collections of Bulldog photos for nearly every NHS sport and many NHS clubs and activities.

"I can't explain what a good feeling it is to be able to capture moments on film that no one else can or, in most cases, that no one else has been allowed to," said Rogers. "I would venture to say that three-fourths of the Nederland households have at least one of 'Mrs. Roger's photos!'"

George Eissenman has also discovered the joys of being a long-term Bulldog. Eissenman graduated from NHS, married a former Bulldog cheerleader, and raised two Bulldog fans as well. His service was playing basketball for NHS and later teaching and coaching for Nederland.

"I guess what I like most about being a Bulldog is that there is always someone there who is willing to help you out," said Eissenman. "And I just have a lot of fond memories as a Nederland Bulldog. I'm certain that I'll always be a loyal Bulldog."

After all, that is the essence of school spirit and pride.

"So many people are there for you when you need them most," said Lindsey Sessions. "When you can look in every direction and see so many outstanding people who truly care, you know you're among Nederland Bulldogs." -by Abbey Bean
Bulldog Spirit Sadie Seymour rescues Stephen Fleming, NHS principal, from the evil pirate Keisha Barker, senior. This skit was representative of the victory the Bulldogs hoped to snatch from the Vidor Pirates that Friday night. The Bulldogs conquered the Pirates that night with a final score of 21-10.

These loyal Bulldog fans dressed in camouflage to support the Bulldog football team and to help them prepare for that night’s war with their arch rival, the Port Neches-Groves Indians.

- photo by Nathan Barnett
the 1996 Bulldog football team bursts through the paper banner, marking the beginning of the Student Life.

For most NHS students, school-sponsored and city-wide events shaped much of the school year.

"I really looked forward to every event this year and always had a great time," said Marjan Rahmani, junior. "I guess overall my favorite event would have to be Spirit Week."

Most students enjoyed the time that these events provided for them to socialize with their classmates in a stress-free, exciting environment.

"It was a way to break away from the pressures of school but still be able to see and have a good time with all my school friends," said Jessica Bounds, senior.

Preparation for many of these social events were supervised and coordinated by teachers and faculty members who enjoyed the opportunity to provide the students with drug- and alcohol-free entertainment.

"It was very hectic and stressful at times, but in the end I think all our efforts will pay off," said Steven Beagle, Project Celebration coordinator. "We're all hoping that this will deter students from drinking on Graduation night and hopefully save lives."

With the help of a supportive faculty and an enthusiastic student body, many social events were enjoyed this school year. -by Abbey Bean

"This year was just great! All the activities really made it a blast!" said Haley Lowrance, senior and varsity cheerleader.
New York city has always been known as the melting pot of cultural diversity. Now in the nineties cultural diversity has spread like wildfire everywhere, even to small towns like Nederland.

“We have had quite a change in the ethnicity,” said Gloria Noel, senior English teacher. “We have more blacks, more Asians, and Hispanics. It is good; it is a reflection of the community, not just Nederland but the Golden Triangle as well.”

NHS has had much cultural diversity develop increasingly in the past twenty years. NHS was once an all white school, but now there are 74 Hispanic people in the school. African-Americans are the fourth leading race with eighteen people. Even though white people are the leading race with over fifteen hundred, many of them think the diversity is healthy.

“I think the cultural diversity is needed for life outside of Nederland,” said Lacye Boudreaux, senior.

“Otherwise, when we go off to college we will not be aware of other races. It also helps us learn about other cultures and understand those cultures.”

Not only has the cultural diversity come to stay, but it often comes to visit. The foreign exchange program has been at Nederland for many years. This year two girls came to visit America in the small town of Nederland.

Tomoko Takashi is a seventeen year old girl who traveled all the way next cross-country meet.

“We have no Mexican food, we have only one McDonalds and one Burger King!” said Susanne Manske, senior, foreign exchange student.

Different backgrounds never stop bulldogs from working together for a common goal. Torrey Gomez, senior, Gay Arce, sophomore, Jennifer Helbert, junior, Tonya Mason, senior, and Mahdis Rahmani, senior, look over a few pages of the yearbook.
Being a musician for Ned & Co. is just an everyday aspect of Camell Broussard, senior and Alan Gunn, junior. Broussard was inspired by the bassists of an alternative rock band, Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Musical talent has always been with Brent Garcia, senior. Garcia has been in band for seven years and in Ned & Company for three years.

Band Members do not let different races stop them from achieving their group goals. The band received Best in Class and a 1 in UIL at competition.

Westernaires smile as they dance at a pep rally. Westernaires have never let ethnicity stop them from pep ping up the school.
As some students hustle to think of excuses to avoid taking the dreaded test, others resort to silent prayer.
"Please, God let me pass this." But is it all to God?
Despite the devout Southern Baptist reputation smaller southern towns have, there is actually a myriad of different faiths floating around in Nederland High School. Beliefs from Baptist to Muslim are found at Nederland High School, and every student reacts to their faith in his or her own way.
"I've always been taught to keep God first in my life, and everything else will fall into place," said Haley Lowrance, senior. Lowrance was raised Catholic by her parents and now attends St. Charles Catholic Church.
"My religion makes my life easier because when I have a problem, I'm able to pray, and it makes me feel better," said Lowrance.

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On another point in the spectrum falls senior Mahdis Rahmani of the Muslim faith. Muslims are required to pray five times a day, go to the Islamic sacred city of Mecca at least once in their lives, give charity to the poor, and other unique actions considered sacred and holy.
"It's the most important part of my life," said Rahmani. "Every decision I make is influenced by my religion.
Not all people practice there religion. Only 70% of high school students attend church, and only 50% are active in church activities, or youth groups.
"I attend mass every Sunday morning but I don't have time for Sunday school and our youth group because of school," said Mandy Best, senior.
This is the excuse for many high school students, and the number of students attending church is decreasing every year. From 1990 to 1995, it decreased 20% and continues to fall.
And now for that pop quiz- pray to the god of your choice, and good luck. -Monica Young
"I don’t consider myself a specific religion, I have a relationship with God that helps me everyday. It guides me when there is a problem I must deal with," said Aaron Williams, senior.
At 3:26 p.m. when the school bell rings, every student becomes an individual. The mad dash to the parking lot sends students on their way to various places and diverse activities. Many activities outside of school take as much effort and time as school related activities.

School athletics play an integral part in some students' after school lives. Two such athletes include Leslie Breaux, sophomore, and Josh Sanderson, senior. Breaux runs cross country and plays for the varsity soccer team.

"I run with the boys' cross-country team to get to my soccer practice on time," said Breaux.

Sanderson is involved with varsity basketball.

"Basketball practice is very intense; we all want to win, so no one holds back," said Sanderson.

Not only do these athletes play for the school, but they are also active in off-campus sports. Breaux plays for the Gold soccer team.

"Playing for the gold team allows me to get more involved and to be more competitive, which is important because college scouts are present at the tournaments," said Breaux.

Sanderson has been playing for the Babe Ruth baseball team since he was thirteen. This past year the Mid-County 17-18 year-old team made it to the World Series, qualifying them for a trip to compete against the nation's highest ranked 17-18 year-old teams. The World Series was held in Manteo, North Carolina.

"I have played every summer for the team, and this past summer was my last," said Sanderson.

Seniors Cory Pomeroy and Aaron Sutherlin enjoy hunting and fishing when searching for a way to relax and have a good time. A popular place to enjoy the outdoors is the J.D. Murphree Wild Life Management Area.

"I've grown-up with that and love the outdoors; I love being outside for the sunrise when it is nice and quiet," said Sutherlin.

For other people the outdoors may not always be as quiet and relaxing. Certain events might take place and ruin the peaceful atmosphere.

"The engine of my motor broke down, and I had to paddle two or three miles to the boat ramp," said Pomeroy. "But now, I can laugh about it!"

No matter how stressful or busy life may be, students always find some way to relax and take their mind off school.

-Mahdis Rahmani

"I enjoy being INVOLVED in other activities because it helps me forget about school," said Mellisa Owsley
Camouflaged by the marsh, Aaron Sutherlin, senior, awaits his next victim. The outdoors is the perfect solution for some NHS students to relax from the pressures of school. - photo by Cory Pomeroy

Hustling to the ball, soccer players Leslie Breaux, junior, and Melissa Owsley, senior, strive to maintain control of the ball. - photo by Joe Breaux.

Why do you think participating in activities outside of school is important?

"I think it is important that students participate in activities outside of school because they keep many students away from drugs, alcohol, and other harmful activities," said Kirk Thomas, senior.

Concentration is crucial while Cory Pomeroy, senior, aims for his prey, ducks. Hunting is another form of relaxing for NHS students. - photo by Aaron Sutherlin
Sonfire and parade fire up Bulldog players including Brent Gallagher, Justin Peno, and Blake Rebert

Hey! Your car’s on fire!” shouted the spectators instead of cheering as Aimee Kamp, 1995 Homecoming Queen, waved to the crowd.

In Kamp’s farewell Homecoming parade, white smoke began seeping out of the cracks of the ’92 Camaro’s hood as the car began to overheat while traveling down Boston Avenue.

“We noticed the smoke, and were going to ignore it. But it kept getting worse, and the crowd began shouting; so we decided to pull over,” said passenger Chris Thomas, junior.

Driver Chase Lydack, junior, pulled into Dickerson’s Exxon Station on the corner of Twin City Highway and Nederland Avenue. Dickerson popped the hood of the white Camaro, and immediately white smoke filled the air and an extremely hot green liquid, radiator fluid, squirted out of the car. The cooling fan had broken ending Kamp’s chariot ride.

“I was very disappointed, but I knew it was no one’s fault,” said Kamp.

In her high heels and a formal dress, Kamp continued to walk the parade so that her parents could catch her on camera. After finding her parents, she stopped and went home.

Although the parade ended abruptly for Kamp, for the others, the show did go on.

The floats trailed Kamp’s missing car in the flames roar up from the bonfire illuminating a tangerine glow throughout Nederland on Tuesday, October 8. Winners of FFA, second place Ned & Co, and third place sophomore float.

Not only did Kamp’s car go up in smoke, but so did the bonfire.

“When I saw Aimee’s car burning, it reminded me of the flaming bonfire,” said Jessica Bounds, senior.

On Tuesday of that week, a bonfire was lit to ignite the spirit among Bulldog fans.

“Every year we work really hard to make the bonfire a success, and each year the excitement level is greater. This year it was no exception,” said Mrs. Donna Byars, cheerleader sponsor.

Sweat drenched the crowd, but nothing could bring the Bulldog fans to leave.

“The bonfire was very hot, but I was having so much fun I could not leave,” said Amber James, senior.

The entire week was dedicated to the ‘Dogs, and the community stood behind them to give the players the courage to force the cowardly pirates to walk the plank. All of their hard work paid off when the Bulldogs defeated the pirates 27-10. — by Tonya Mason
At the bonfire Luke Carr, senior, Jereme Havard, junior, and Jeff Peyres, senior, goof off with Bulldog Spirit Sadie Seymour, senior. -photo by Tiffany Chumley

"This year we had a pep rally in front of Central that included all the football players. Hopefully this will become a new tradition because the fans really liked it," said Haley Lowrance, senior and varsity cheerleader.

This freshman ship floats down Nederland Avenue at the Homecoming parade. The fish supported the Bulldogs with their participation. -photo by Tiffany Chumley

Bulldog Spirit Sadie Seymour, senior, rides in the parade to support the 'Dogs. The skeleton represented what was left of the pirates after the Bulldogs tore them apart later that night. -photo by Tonya Mason

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Alan Gunn, junior and Carnell Broussard, senior, play the accompaniment for Ned & Co. as they ride on their float. -photo by Tonya Mason
Chills ran down the Bulldogs’ spines while Mr. Fleming addressed the student body during the ’96 Homecoming Pep Rally.

“Every Friday night I raced to the stadium, then a few years later I got to be a part of the great tradition, to wear the black and gold,” said Mr. Steve Fleming, principal. “I knew it was something special.”

Fleming’s much-needed passionate speech finally ignited some spirit among NHS students.

“His speech was just awesome; I have not been that excited at a pep rally all year,” said Jessica Bounds, senior.

The pep rally was only the beginning of the celebration. That evening, the Westernaires formed their traditional heart, setting the stage for royalty. The senior princesses stood on the field for what seemed like centuries in front of thousands of Bulldog fans. With their high heels sinking in the field, they awaited the announcement of who was going to be the next Homecoming Queen. The crowd became silent so they could hear the long awaited announcement. It was then that Kiley Adkins, senior, became the next Queen.

“This means so much to me because I knew my dad would be watching me from above,” said Adkins.

Adkins' father passed away the summer before her junior year of high school.

Following the crowning of the Queen, the football players sprinted onto the field having only one objective for the evening, to have the Vidor Pirates walk the plank. The varsity team was well on their way of fulfilling the mission in the first half of the game when Aubrey Brisendine, line backer, made one interception and one fumble recovery in the first quarter. Even with his great plays, Brisendine would not take all the credit.

“I thought we as a team executed our game plan very well,” said Brisendine.

By halftime, the Bulldogs were winning the game 24-10. When the game resumed, the Bulldogs were able to increase their lead to 27-10.

With a blocked punt in the fourth quarter by Brock Richardson, safety, the Bulldogs were beginning to feel that the mission of operation dog fight was going to be accomplished.

“I knew we had the game after that,” said Seth Belaire, receiver.

With the help of Troy Sumrall’s 73 yard rush on 21 carries, the Bulldogs were able to show their determination as they went on to take the 27-10 victory. - by Mahdis Rahmani

"The pep rally was GREAT, and the game was AWESOME!" said Kim Hardin, sophomore.
Varsity cheerleader Courtney Schomerus, senior, dances to the music to show her spirit. -photo by Brian Forey

The crowd listens intently to Mr. Fleming's reminiscent speech. Fleming told students of his younger days as a Bulldog football player. -photo by Brian Forey.

"It inspired the team to work even harder when we saw the spirit and enthusiasm expressed from the fans," said Brock Richardson, senior.

Bulldog Spirit Sadie Seymour, senior, frees Mr. Fleming, principal, from the unwanted pirates. -photo by Brian Forey.

The bulldogs score again with the help of Brent Gallagher, junior. -photo by Leo Weeks.

How did the pep rally affect the players?
For the first time in Spirit Week History, students rebelled against the student council-sponsored dress-up day for spirit week. Student council voted to have Monday as Western Day but a few seniors felt that Monday should have been Reggae Day instead.

"Western Day, that’s stupid! We live in Texas; every day is western day," said Dina Dugas, senior. Dugas was one of the seniors who participated in Reggae Day.

The rest of the week went as planned. On Tuesday, students borrowed their parents’ clothes to participate in Blast from the Past Day. Students dressed up to represent every time period, from cavemen to disco deevas to Elvis.

Purple and white invaded the school on Wednesday for PN-G Nerd Day. Students and teachers wrapped themselves in band-aids and various articles of purple clothing to mock the Indians, but on Thursday, layers of black and gold filled the school for black and gold day.

"I was walking through the store, and I noticed an electric yellow afro wig on the ground and thought that it would complement my black sun glasses for black and gold day," said James Simon, senior. "I was impressed by how many people dressed up this year."

Friday came, and there appeared to be no one at school. No, it was not senior skip day; it was Camouflage Day. Students dressed up in army gear to show that this was not just war, it was full combat with PNG! - by Stephanie Bear

"PN-G Nerd Day was my FAVORITE. I loved coming to school looking Weird!"

Said Brianna Eggers, sophomore.
Dressed like some sort of hippie is Ashley Hammonds, and dressed like Charles Manson is Aaron Allen, seniors, the two dressed up for Blast from the Past Day.

What was your favorite Spirit Week day?

"Camouflage day was my favorite because it was the only one I could dress up for even though I wanted to dress up everyday; I only had camouflage clothes," said Eddie Oliver, senior football player.

While the football team prepared for war against PN-G, Lacye Boudreaux, senior, Destiny Serres, Lindsey Sessions, Cliff Bell, and B.J. Berry, juniors, showed support by dressing up for Camouflage Day.

Showing that the Dogs are nothing but little angels during the week and fierce fighters on Friday night, is none other than Jeremy Vernon, junior.

Purple and White invaded the school during spirit week. Many students participated PN-G Nerd day like these students.

By waiting in line for football tickets to the PN-G game, parents showed their support for the Dogs.
hoo, Choo! And the train began. All the students mobbed the floor obeying the commands of Kaleb Dainwood as the lyrics “Come on ride that train!” blared in the background.

“When they played that song, it got me really pumped up, and I wanted to dance,” said Jace Martin, senior.

On Friday, October 25, 96 percent of the school dressed in camouflage. The unusual amount of students dressing up help to pump up the dogs for there game against Port Neches-Groves.

“When everyone dresses up it lets us know that we really have their support,” said Troy Sumrall, junior tailback.

The community was also pumped for the rivalry match, which local news casts referred to as Mid-County Madness.

The game was sold out on Tuesday leaving only general admission for the remainder of the fans. Over 9,000 tickets were sold to the anxious Bulldogs fan.

“It was really crowded when tickets went on sale, but I know the sales would have been higher if it hadn’t rained,” said Debi Dugas

That night, the dogs were ready to go to war. The fans, drenched from head to toe, were there to show support despite the rainy forecast.

“It was really wet and cold at the game, but I had to stay to help out the dogs,” said Mandy Best, senior.

The alert Bulldog defense was the key to their near success. The defense scored the two touchdowns, one for 76 yards by Brock Richardson, senior safety, and the other by Troy Sumrall, junior tailback, for 46 yards.

“I knew that I could make the touchdown if I just ran full speed,” said Brock Richardson, senior safety.

The outcome of the game was a defeat of 14-17 for the Bulldogs. - by Tonya Mason

"Were not worried. We'll get those INDIANS NEXT YEAR!"

said JOHN WILLIAMS, senior.
Despite the rainy weather, Zak Wells, sophomore drummer, performs for the crowd at the PN-G game.

Haley Lowrance, senior, Whitney Moore, junior, and Mrs. Byars, sponsor, shield themselves from the rain.

What was your favorite thing about the PNG pep rally?

"My favorite thing about the pep rally was that everyone got really involved, and it pumped up the football team and fans. Pep rallies like this one really make our efforts seem worth while and really fun. Every year, fan support seems to increase for this game," said Marci Landry, junior and varsity cheerleader.

On the Wednesday night before the football game, this marble sign, which stands in front of NHS, was vandalized.

Head cheerleader Courtney Shomerus and westernaire captain Alana Booth join hands in supporting the Dogs.

The fearless Bulldogs tear through the sign as thousands of Bulldog fans cheer them on.
The crowd grew silent as the anticipation was mounting. Each of the candidates waited to hear his name called. Then the drum roll sounded as the announcer began to proclaim the 1996 Powder Puff Queen.

"It was the moment I'd been waiting for all my life," said Chase Lydick, junior. "I thought it was cool that I had been selected as queen out of everyone else. I just didn't expect it!"

Other nominees for queen were seniors Jeremy Leidensdorf and Aaron Sutherlin, and B.J. Berry, junior.

I've always wanted to be a Westernaire, but until this week, I never made it past the first cut."

Said Jeremy Kupper, senior.

This year's Powder Puff activities included the annual junior-senior girls football game and some unusual half-time performances. Junior and senior guys had the opportunity to dress and perform as Westernaires, twirlers, cheerleaders, and flags.

"We were all out there to raise money for prom and have a good time," said Jason Keith, senior Westernaire. "I think we succeeded at both."

The money raised from powder puff will go towards the 1997 junior-senior prom.

Jennifer Hebert
Even though the juniors were defeated, they managed to remain happy. "The seniors won, but we still had a great time and were a good team," said Lindsey Session, junior. - photo by Cindi Bordelon

The seniors bring home another victory with a score of 21-0. "The excellent teamwork is definitely what brought our girls their second win," said Justin Owens, senior Puff coach. - photo by Cindi Bordelon

What was your favorite thing about being crowned Powder Puff Queen?

"My favorite thing about being Powder Puff Queen was that I finally got to dress up like a girl without being made fun of," said Chase Lydick, junior.

Senior cheerleaders Jeremy Leindensdorf, Aaron Sutherlin, Chad Landry, and Michael Feldshau support the senior players. - photo by Stephanie Bear

Senior twirlers do a great show for the crowd. They are supported by the screaming fans. - photo by Cindi Bordelon
Kids running towards the floats that are tossing candy, Santa Clause riding on a fire truck and different organizations dressed for Christmas marks the annual Nederland Christmas Parade. The turnout of all the different groups of people at the parade was a success.

"I was really excited to see so many people I knew watching the parade," said Jennifer Hebert, junior.

One aspect of the parade that is different from the other parades in the past few years was the cold weather. Nederland experienced weather temperatures below 50 degrees for the first time after seven years.

"The cold weather at the parade really put me in the Christmas spirit," said Shannon Tinsley, senior.

The atmosphere at NHS changes as trees in the cafeteria are decorated representing each class, classrooms are decorated and the excitement for Christmas has everyone counting down for the holidays.

"I am ready to get out of school so that I can finish getting ready for Christmas at home," said, Peggy Villareal, sophomore English teacher.

Even though this time of year is busy hectic for most people, the end result is usually happiness.

"It is so hectic because I have not had time to shop, but I am looking forward to spending time with my children and grandchildren," said Loretta Morman, Calculus teacher.

The excitement of the Christmas Parade and the crowd watching brings a smile to Shannon Tinsley, varsity cheerleader. -photo by Chris Mcree.
The clowns ride by while Amber James, senior, watches intently. -photo by Chris Mcree

Dressed as Santa’s little helpers Nicole Guillory, senior, and Christy Cauthen, junior, hold the Westernaire sign. -photo by Chris Mcree.

Do you think the Christmas Parade is of any importance?

"Yes, I do believe the Christmas parade is important because it signifies the beginning of the holidays and the preparations for Christmas to begin;" said Ashlee Angelle, sophomore.

The NHS band is performing to the Christmas march during the parade. -photo by Chris Mcree
Tying themselves in knots, Jace Martin, Renesa Upham, Chris Thomas, and Nicole Henson play twister at the annual Fun Day.

"I feel all us girls were WINNERS for all our hard work and dedication," said Chris Knowles.

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Sophomore Scott Reck does his talent for the crowd. Scott received second place in the Mock Pageant. Scott was escorted by Kasey Jordan. - photo by Eddie Oliver

What was your favorite thing about the Mock Pageant?

"I was really grateful that I had the opportunity to participate in the pageant. I had no idea that I would win. Not only did I walk away a new man, I also walked away as Miss Mock 1997" said senior Frank Pecorino.

The escorts do a performance for the crowd to pass time. Lashonda James sings while the other escorts dance to the music. - photo by Eddie Oliver

Funday and Miss Mock Pageant 25
"As I heard the words 'I think I feel sick,' I hoped that the boy above me would not let go of his lunch," said Erica Sims, junior, as she rode the zipper at the 1997 Heritage Festival.

"When I got off the zipper, I was very relieved that I had managed to get off clean and that the boy didn't throw up," said Sims.

The annual Heritage Festival lasted six days; it started Tuesday, April 18 and ended Sunday, April 23.

There are many events besides the actual fair, such as several pageants are held. The results of the pageants were

Junior Miss Cassey Henley, and Young Miss Summer Smith.

There was also a Fun Run that took place on March 2, 1997.

Approximately 100 runners participated in the one mile run and about 25 runners participated the 5K. The runners were given fruit and beverages after the long run.

A music show was held to entertain the crowd. NHS Coach Doug Schmidt and Aimee Jones were two of the entertainers of the night.

"I really enjoy performing for people and hope to one day be a famous singer. It gives me a sense of happiness to spread to everyone else," said Aimee Jones, junior.

Food, fun, and games were available for everyone to enjoy.

- Tonya Mason

hannon McDonald, senior, smiles as she patiently waits for the links to cook on the grill so she may serve them to the customers. - photo by Abbey Bean
Grace Wright and Dustin Creager, junior, talk to pass the time at the Nederland Heritage Festival. The Heritage Festival is an annual event put on by the city of Nederland.

Haley Pope, sophomore, and Brandon Vance, junior, eat at the Heritage Festival. There were over 50 concession stands with a great variety of food.

BJ Dugas, senior, throws darts to pop a balloon, hoping to win a stuffed animal for his girlfriend, Chantae Self, junior.

My favorite thing about the Heritage Festival was the fair. It had a lot of concession stands and rides. My favorite ride was the Zipper," said Mandy Best, senior.
Tall trees became nearly non-existent due to the weight of the ice.  -photo by Brian Forey

After the five-day black-out, the power outage was beginning to become a way of life for many residents.  -photo by Katie Loretinsky

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The walkway to many homes was not safe after the ice storm did its damage.  -photo by Brian Forey

Approximately 120,000 people were without electricity after freezing rain and temperatures in the 20s caused tree limbs to fall on power lines throughout Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana during the second week of January.

Calls about the loss of electricity began coming into Entergy headquarters early Sunday morning and continued through the following Wednesday. By the end of the week, 148,000 people had called to report downed lines or power outages. Many Entergy customers believe that layoffs prolonged the return of electricity.

Company officials, however, claim layoffs had no impact on the delay.

"We do not believe layoffs had any impact,"

said Mike Rodgers, communications specialist for Entergy Texas. "We brought in people from elsewhere and worked very quickly."

Two-thousand three hundred outside workers were brought into the community for a total of 2,700 Entergy employees to restore electricity. Entergy and other workers replaced 394 poles, 293 transformers, and 1,262 cross-arms and installed 52,900 splices in Texas alone.

"We responded as quickly as we could," said Rodgers. "Eighty-five percent of electricity was restored by Wednesday night."

With power flickering at local schools, school was canceled until electricity was returned to all seven Nederland schools. Only two of the five days missed had to be made up. -Jennifer Hebert
How did the ice storm affect your family?

"Because of the ice storm, we had to do without electricity for three days, and the whole family had to go and stay with my uncle," said Tad Treme senior.

The ice storm was not able to affect a main form of communication, the telephone.

As a result of the ice storm, this Entergy workman helps local residents get rid of the damaged trees.

The ice storm left its mark across Jefferson County.
Spring Break is a time for students to let loose. Some students go skiing like Jace Martin, senior.

Sand filled beaches, cool water, and crowds of suntanned teenagers is the kind of spring break most teenagers dream of having. Spring break is a time to leave the worries of school behind. But for the Westernaires and members of the US 2U staff, spring break was all about school.

Thirty-five girls of the Westernaires attended a national competition in Los Angeles. "California was beautiful," said Westernaire captain, Alana Booth, senior. "We got to go down Rodeo Drive to shop and see where the movie Pretty Woman was filmed. It was fun even though all day Saturday was spent in competition."

Although the thirty-five Westernaires went to California, the staff of US 2U took only five people to New York City.

Seniors Katie Lovetinsky, Brain Forey, Richard Neel, and Rebecca Ducote and junior Chris Torres traveled to New York to attend a journalism conference at Columbia University. While in New York the group saw the Broadway play Cats, the Statue of Liberty, Empire State building, and other famous places in New York.

"In New York you can never get bored; we did everything," said Katie Lovetinsky, senior. "Not only did we take a horse carriage ride around Times Square, but we also ice skated in Rockefeller Center. And of course the highlight of the trip was being on national television during the Today show."

Although some people went on school trips others took personal trips to go skiing such as Abbey Bean, senior.

"I went to Lake Tahoe with my family. It was a lot of fun. I got wind burn the first day, and I was afraid when I came back to school that Stephanie Bear was going to make fun of me," said Abbey Bean, senior.

Not everyone stayed in the United States for spring break. Ashley Hammonds, senior went to China.

"Me and ten other people from my church successfully smuggled bibles into Communists China," said Hammonds. France was also a hot spot for one spring breaker Regina Cowles journalism advisor and junior English teacher went to Paris, France over spring break.

"It was an incredible and moving experience to see an 832 year old church with flying buttresses in Paris," said Regina Cowles, journalism advisor. Cowles went to Paris, France over spring break. The trip was a Christmas present from her husband, Roger Cowles, Editor of The Port Arthur News.

Although many people use spring break to travel far away others stayed a little closer to home.

"I went to the beach for spring break. I love living near the coast because the beach is so close. I got burnt but that's okay because it was fun," said Haley Lowrance, senior.

"I went to Dallas over spring break. I had a lot of cappuccinos and culture. I love going to Dallas the shopping is the best part. I bought my prom dress while I was there," said Chrysta Paasch, junior.

"In the Lake Charles airport I noticed my luggage was not on the CONVEYOR BELT, I was infuriated!"

Said Chris Torres, junior.

by Stephanie Bear
A horse is a horse of course according to the Mr. Ed theme song but in New York the horse's name was Roger who stopped to take a picture with Brian Forey, senior, Chris Torres, junior, Richard Neel and Katie Lovetinsky, seniors.

What did you do for spring break?

"Over spring break I went to the beach which caused me to have to wash the 'love machine' otherwise know as my car," said Luke Carr, senior.

Always being the rebel is Richard Neel, senior, of the awarding winning US2U is standing below a "no standing" sign in New York.

There's time for everything in Colorado. For Christin Collins, Erin Hayes, Christy Cauthin, juniors, and Jace Martin, senior, there is even time to eat.

Trying to keep on smiling, Westernaires Alana Booth, senior, Traci Durow, Erin Carlson, Jenny Pomeroy, and Heather Messer, juniors, immitate the movie The Brady Bunch.

"Send us to the shopping center" is what the Westernaires said as they landed in Los Angeles; so, they went to Rodeo Drive.
As they all prepare frantically, Alana Booth, senior, says "It's time." They run out on stage and take their places, preparing to dance. The music starts, hearts beat fast, energy increases, and Spring Revue begins.

This year's Spring Revue was held on May 9 and 10 in the Nederland High School gymnasium. Spring Revue is put on every year to raise money for the Westernaires' many trips and competitions they that they attend. It also helps to pay for costumes and any other expense that might come up.

"Spring Revue was a lot of fun but it took many hours of practice and a lot of hard work to prepare and put on an event of it's size," said Captain Alana Booth, senior.

Spring Revue is not just Westernaires dancing, there is also a lot of talent. Jamie Melancon, senior, Coach Schmit, and Ashley Burton, junior, sang to help entertain the crowd. Courtney Shomerus, senior, performed to the dance that won her Best Talent and Miss Nederland.

"I was really excited about singing and had a lot of fun," said Ashley Burton, junior.

A new addition to Spring Revue this year was Phuzz. This is a recently formed band on their way to stardom, with Jared Ingham on vocals, Aaron Williams on bass, Alan Gunn on guitar, and Willie Sanders on drums. They have been together for 3 months and they write their own songs along with singing other people's songs.

"I really like playing the bass. It helps me to relieve stress and relax," said Aaron Williams, senior.

Preparing to dance, Senior Aimee LaPoint puts her gloves on. LaPoint is a lieutenant for the westernaires and is really going to miss her squad and friends.
Waiting to dance, the westernaires watch intently at the ones dancing now. They watch in hopes that they will not mess up. -photo by Sandra Rogers

The senior westernaires take their last group shot together at Spring Revue. This year's juniors are really going to miss their loving seniors. - photo by Sandra Rogers

What was your favorite thing about Spring Revue?

"I really liked the dancing and singing at Spring Revue, but my favorite thing about it was the band, Phuzz. They were really cool and talented. They should go really far." said Aubrey Brisendine, junior.

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The runway leading to the Port Arthur Civic Center was crowded with people and their cameras hoping to capture every couple to take their picture. Little did everybody now that this years prom would include Cinderella and two couples who met through the internet.

Regina Cowles, journalism advisor, discovered through a letter how upset Paige Elijah was about not having a date and played the role of the Fairy God Mother and arranged for Elijah to have a date.

"Paige Elijah's date asked her to prom the night before and we had to find her a dress, make a hair and nail appointment all the day of prom," said Jamie Dewyer, senior.

Even with all of the headache that took place the evening was a success.

"It was a very stressful day, most people would not have been able to pull it off and I really felt like Cinderella," said Paige Elijah, senior.

For most students attending prom the evening went as planned, yet for two couples the internet changed the event for them.

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Having too much fun does not seem possible for senior Jeremy Leidensdorf as he dances for the crowd.

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The internet played Chuck Woolery for Melissa Lee and her date.

- photo by Jesse Wooley

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Without even taking two steps from the party bus, seniors Amber McRae and Chris Hussy smile for the cameras. -photo by Shane Hilton

Senior girls show how they never are too tired for the cameras. -photo by Sandra Rodgers

Talking to somebody across the room, senior Jan Fanette, directs all of her attention to someone else. -photo by Sandra Rodgers

The night in heaven for Mandy Best, senior, began with smiling for cameras. "Prom was really great, mainly because the event gave everybody a chance to look their best and to be together," said Best. -photo by Sandra Rodgers

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Junior/Senior Prom 35
Don't even think about it," said Mrs. Dugas as the senior guys threw her into the pool. Drenched from head to toe, Mrs. Dugas was getting paid back for four years of tardies and unexcused absences.

"I thought it was pretty funny, and it's something that I'll never forget," said Melissa Owsley, senior.

The senior party was held at Doornbos Park on May 17, 1997. More than half of the graduating class attended to devour the abundance of crawfish that was supplied.

"The crawfish was really good and spicy, and the whole event was really fun," said Haley Lowrance, senior. This is one of the last events that the seniors will all get to attend and spend quality time together.

"This is a very unique group of seniors, and I'd like to wish them the best in the future," said Debi Dugas, attendance clerk.

Yet for some seniors at Nederland, this was not their last event. A group of senior girls got together to paint the backdrop for project celebration. Haley Lowrance and Amy Gribnau drew the picture, and Tonya Mason, Abbey Bean, and Jessica Bounds were the painters.

"Even though it was work, we had a lot of fun painting it and hope that everyone enjoys it," said Jessica Bounds, senior. Another time for the group to bond was the pickup of the caps and gown. The seniors had to be at school at 8:30 on Friday morning the 23rd to receive their gowns. Also seniors received there project celebrations shirts.

"It was really early, and I didn't want to get up, but I did so that I could get my cap and gown," said Stephanie Monarch, senior. -by Tonya Mason
Cory Pomeroy, senior concentrates on the volleyball games while tying back his bandana. - photo by Mary Pomeroy

Did you enjoy the senior party?

"I really had fun at the senior party, even though I thought that I wouldn't have fun because it was at Doornbos and not at the Bahama Beach Club," said senior Jamie Melancon.

Swimming in the cold pool, the seniors play games and talk while relaxing in the water. - photo by Mary Pomeroy

Eating crawfish, the seniors enjoy their day in the sun. Over 600 pounds of crawfish were provided for the seniors. - photo by Mary Pomeroy
s they walk down the rows preparing to sit down, the seniors are unaware of their surroundings. Full of emotions ranging from happiness to sadness, they are all bombarded with feelings.

Yet the one thing that they all feel is accomplishment.

"I was really glad that I graduated, and I realized that all my hard work had finally paid off," said senior Julie Morris.

Nederland High School is very traditional. From twirling tassels to throwing caps, many traditions have been around for decades. Yet this year the graduating class had the opportunity to move graduation to the Montagne Center. A vote was taken among the seniors, and the faithful stadium prevailed.

"We have a lot of memories that started at the Bulldog Stadium. I have memories from Powder Puff to cheerleading," said Amy Gribnau, senior.

Another highlight of the evening was the banner flying proudly above the crowd. The banner read HAPPY GRADUATION SHANTEL LEE, LOVE MOM AND DAD.

"I was really grateful and happy that my parents thought so much of me to do that, but I should be the one doing it for them. They have given me so much love and support," said senior Shantel Lee.

Saying good-bye, the seniors throw their hats to conclude the ceremony. The throwing of the hats has been a tradition for years that will last for many more.

W hile waiting in their rooms to proceed onto the field, the seniors receive the cards with their names that they are supposed to give to Mr. Fleming when they walk up to accept their diplomas.
What was your purpose for attending graduation?

"I attended graduation to see my friends and family. It was very touching I almost cried, and I'm a guy," said Clint Mitchell, junior.

Giving hugs of congratulations, Shawna Broussard and Amanda Brown begin to cry. - photo by Marjan Rahmani

Marching to the music, the honor graduates walk in first, so that they can be seated on stage with the platform guests. - photo by Marjan Rahmani

Aaron Williams makes a face to entertain his room while they wait to proceed out onto the field. - photo by Emily Perryman

Mrs. Reynolds, senior English teacher, helps Diane Barron pin her honor strip to her gown. - photo by Emily Perryman
Honor Graduates
Stand Proud
Magna Cum Laude Graduates

Regan Jo Green- Validictorian
Jennifer Marie Pate- Salutatorian
Diane Stewart Barron
Melanie K. Cook
Cory Alan Pomeroy
Shannon Michelle Tinsley
Carrie Camile Newton
Aaron Solon Williams

Cum Laude Graduate
Jan Elizabeth Fanette
Quuyen Kim Dao
Edward L. Brammer
Troy Evans DeVillier
Jeremy Robert Kupper
Amy Diane Gribnau
Abbey Anne Bean
Kalynda Michelle Grant

Waiting to walk out on to the field, senior Seth Foreman, Chad Landry, and Michael Feldshau talk about their plans for the weekend.

Showing their team spirit, the senior baseball player put beat LC-M signs on the top of their caps.

Seniors Torrey Gomez and Ashley Hammonds congratulate each other after a job well done, then walk off to find their friends and family.

photo by Emily Perryman
"I really enjoyed graduation. It kindof finalized things and made them seem real. The only thing bad about it is that I will not get to see all my friends anymore," said senior Clint Green.

As the senior wait for everyone to be seated, they look around to see if they spot their friends. -photo by Marjan Rahmani

Senior Joel Adair looks around in search for his family. Kalynda wipes the sweat from her forward to relax. -photo by Marjan Rahmani

Seniors Mahdis Rahmani, Marsha Rocaforte, and Courtney Shomerus pose for a picture taken by Courtney's mother. -photo by Marjan Rahmani

Shantel Lee's parents bought her a banner to congratulate her for all of her hard work and determination. -photo by Emily Perryman

What was your favorite thing about Graduation?

What was your favorite thing about Graduation?
"Can I buy a vowel?" said Katie Lovetinsky senior, "I would like to solve the puzzle, is it 'Three Blind Mice'?"

Wheel of fortune was only one of the many games and events held at Project Celebration. There were events from the bungee jump to poker to slots. Money was being handed out left and right.

"I won over a million dollars" said Chad Eikenhorst, senior.

The money won was used for the auction held that night. Over $35,000 worth of prizes were auctioned off that night.

"I won a Nintendo 64 and I was really excited," said senior Julie Morris.

Food was provided to all the seniors and parents that helped. Over 600 pounds of crawfish was cooked and three employees of Mazzio's were hired to cook pizzas.

"I loved the crawfish; it was really good," said senior Brittany Arceneaux. A volleyball tournament was held along with "anything goes."

"Those games were really fun even though we lost at everything," said senior Cherice Hebert.

Project Celebration ended at 6:00 am and the graduated class said goodbye for the last time and went home.

"It was really sad and I'm going to miss all of my friends," said senior Stephanie Monarch.

"I really had a lot of fun but saying goodbye was the hardest part of the whole night. I am really gonna miss everyone," said senior Nicole Henson.

"Getting caught up in the fun, Seniors Richard Neel, Katie Lovetinsky, and Bobby Solis take turns spinning the big wheel for money. Lovetinsky was the winner of the round taking in about $3,000."
Senior Haley Lowrance throws the dice while her friends Jan Fanelle, Dana Guidry, Jeremy Kupper, and Shaun Land watch. Lowrance was playing craps and a lot of money. - photo by Thu Duong

"My favorite thing about project celebration was being hypnotized. People told me I did some crazy things but it was the coolest feeling in the whole world. I was so relaxed", said senior Jacob Allen.

Seniors Jeremy Homuth and Misty Vincent play the slots. Homuth just got 3 cherries and won $20,000 big ones. Vincent has not had the same luck but did win $600. - photo by Thu Duong

Seniors Michael Feldshau, Christina Borel, and Jeremy Homuth play blackjack at the casino. Feldshau searches for his friend to give him advice on whether to take another card or not. - photo by Thu Duong

Senior Chris McRee bounces on the bungee jump. The bungee jump was a person strapped in with a belt attached to two bungee cords and was pulled by their feet by the operator then left to have fun. - photo by Thu Duong
I have $100,000; $200,000; $300,000? Sold for $300,000," said Mr. Dial, auctioneer for Project Celebration.

As Brandi Tarver proudly walked away with her Brighton purse she wondered "would I actually pay $300,000 for a purse?"

That night's auction consisted of about 50 prizes ranging from bikes to cash to refrigerators.

"I bought a bike for $425,000. It is pretty and I like it. I'll probably ride it from class to class at college, or use it for exercise," said senior Keisha Barker.

Along with the auction, every graduating senior received a prize. Some received more than one and prizes not picked up where given away at the end of the event.

In addition to these there were 6 cash prizes given out: 2 for $250, 2 for $500, and 2 for $1000. These were just random students drawn from a bucket.

"I won a $1000, but I'm not going to spend it; I am going to save it for college," said senior Andrea Tawney.

The cash drawings ended the festivities for the night and no student walked away empty handed.

Food and drinks were served all night to the graduating seniors. Crawfish, pizza and cookies were some of the delicious snacks.
Are you looking forward to Project Celebration?

"Yes, I'm really excited about next year when we get to go to Project Celebration. We are going to have a lot of fun," said Jason Jones, junior.

Senior Stephanie Schion waits for senior Hayley Rossi to climbs out of the air tube obstacle course. -photo by Thu Duong

Trying to catch a lot of money, Clint Caywood reaches to grab at the chance for $250, $1000, $5000, and the big one $25000. -photo by Thu Duong

Senior Jeremy Breaux serves the ball for his volleyball team. His serves score his team 5 points. -photo by Thu Duong
This past year was more than eventful for Nederland, Texas.

Two prisoners, a murderer and sex offender, escaped from prison, but the chase to apprehend the criminals lasted only five days.

The NISD school district also went through many changes this past year. The city of Nederland voted to pass a bond referendum to better the quality of all of the schools in the district.

The former Superintendent, Lee Robinson, resigned this year and Gail Krone was declared the new Superintendent.

The year was eventful, and most of the changes were beneficial.

Charles Micheal Everitt, a prisoner convicted of aggravated sexual assault, escaped one of the prisons in January of 1997.

Charles Ray Hoffman, a prisoner convicted of murder, escaped one of the prisons and caused the area to fear the night.

The area was frozen with ice, and Nederland schools were closed for an entire week due to the ice storm. NISD only had to make up two of the days missed.
The name was called out, and tears started to flow as soon as Kiley Adkins realized it was her name. The tears soon became popsicles on Adkins’ face as the cold wind rushed by her. Moments later Adkins was bombarded by photographers trying to capture the freshly crowned queen on film.

“I started to get sentimental. But then I looked up, and there were all these photographers surrounding me,” said Adkins. Adkins was crowned the ’96 Homecoming Queen on October 11.

Although Adkins had been on Homecoming Court since her freshman year, she said that being crowned queen was a bigger honor than just being on court.

“Getting queen was more of an honor because I know my dad was watching down over me, and it made him proud even though he couldn’t be here,” said Adkins. Freddie Adkins, Kiley’s father, died in July of 1995. Although Kiley Adkins said that her father’s favorite moment was the crowning of his daughter, her favorite moment was the previous Friday when she made court.

After being crowned queen, Adkins continued her unlimited school spirit by cheering as a varsity cheerleader. The Bulldogs beat the Vidor Pirates that night with a final score of 27-10. Adkins made her way home that night to place her shiny new crown on her dresser and to study.

Kiley Adkins celebrated the next morning, bright and early, by taking the SATs.

-Stephanie Bear

Kristin Carter, senior princess, has been on the softball team, student council, Renaissance Club, basketball team, and Homecoming Court for four years. She has also been in the National Honor Society and Teriffic Nederland Teens for two years. Carter says her favorite part of being on court was the parade.

Haley Lowrance, senior princess, has been a cheerleader, in student council, Renaissance Club, and Homecoming Court for four years. She has also been in the Honor Society and Teriffic Nederland Teens for two years. Lowrance works in the office of NHS for Business Professionals of America. Lowrance says her favorite part of being on court was parade.

Courtney Schomerus, senior princess, has been a cheerleader for four years and in student council for three years. She has been in National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society for two years. Schomerus has been in track and a member of Teriffic Nederland Teens for a year. She is a first-year court member and says her favorite part was the parade.
Lila Sessions, junior duchess, is a third-year court member. Sessions has also been a cheerleader and student council member for three years. She has also been in First priority for two years and is a first-year member of Fellowship of Christain Athletes. Sessions says her favorite part of court was being in the parade.

Ginni Beach, sophomore duchess, is a first-year court member. She has been a cheerleader for two years and is a member of the soccer team. Beach says her favorite part of being on court was being on the field and the surprise of being elected to court by her classmates.

Summer Smith, freshman duchess, is a cheerleader and a member of student council. Smith says her favorite part of being on court was being on the field.

Marci-Landry, junior duchess, is a second-year court member. She has been a cheerleader and in the Renaissance club for three years. She has been a member at Tumble and Cheer for five years. Landry is also a member of Continuing Catholic Doctorine and says her favorite part of court was the parade.

Kristin Smithy, sophomore duchess, is a second-year court member and member of student council, and participant of the Catholic Youth Organization at her church. Smithy also attends dance classes at Taylor Dance Studio and says her favorite part of court was being on the field.

Kristin Thompson, freshman duchess, is a cheerleader and a member of student council. Thompson says her favorite part of being on court was the parade.

Grace Wright, junior duchess, is a second-year court member. She has also been on student council for two years. Wright is a first-year Westernaire and and choir member. She was also a freshman cheerleader. Wright says her favorite part of being on court was being on the field.

Stephanie Theriot, sophomore duchess, is a second-year court member. She has also been a cheerleader, in student council, and on the soccer team for two years. Theriot has been enrolled at Tumble and Cheer for two years. Theriot says her favorite part of being on court was the parade.

Jana Furby, freshman duchess, is a member of the soccer, softball and volleyball teams and is a member of student council. Furby says her favorite part of being on court was the parade.
Sweetheart is Red Hot

A small, red-headed child stands on the bleachers at Bulldog Stadium in the early '80s. The child shouts "Go Bulldogs!"

As the years passed, Haley Lowrance’s spirit became even more unbelievable. Lowrance’s undying spirit for the Bulldogs led her to be named Football Sweetheart her senior year. Lowrance was a cheerleader in the eighth grade at Central Middle School and she has been a cheerleader for all four years of high school.

“I probably got it [Football Sweetheart] because I’m the loudest, and the team probably heard me the most,” said Lowrance.

Having Bulldog spirit just runs in family. Lowrance’s mother, Beverly Barrilleaux-Lowrance was a 1972 graduate of NHS. While in high school, Barrilleaux-Lowrance was a Westernaire, in the pep squad, and a member of Student Council.

“I thought it was just wonderful. She always works hard to support the high school, and her father and I were just thrilled,” said Barrilleaux-Lowrance.

Haley Lowrance’s brother, Reed Lowrance a 1996 graduate, also showed Bulldog spirit while in high school. Reed was a member of the football and baseball teams and was involved with Student Council. Though Lowrance is already the sweetheart in her family she was not chosen by her family.

The senior members of the football team elect one girl that they feel supported them the most.

“Haley is a nice girl, and she’s always in a good mood and always into the game,” said Jeremy Breaux, senior football player.

Lowrance received fifteen red roses, one from each senior, and a gold heart necklace with Football Sweetheart engraved in the heart. - by Stephanie Bear
As she made her first walk down the runway, the freshly crowned Miss Nederland, Courtney Schomerus, knew that this was her final pageant.

"I could go on to the Miss Texas Pageant, but I would rather concentrate on college," said Schomerus. Schomerus will be attending Baylor University at Waco in the fall where her major will be speech therapy.

Schomerus has participated in various pageants throughout the years. In 1994 Schomerus was crowned Junior Miss Nederland. Recently in October, she received second place, an $850 scholarship, at the annual CavOilCade pageant in Port Arthur. Though Schomerus won other pageants, she felt that Miss Nederland was the best.

"I'm so happy to represent the city of Nederland," said Schomerus. "I'm from here, and no matter what, it will be my home. So I'm proud to represent the city and the great people in it."

Schomerus won a $500 scholarship for being crowned Miss Nederland. She garnered Miss Congeniality and Most Talented.

"Being voted Miss Congeniality was the best because the other girls voted on that, and I was more surprised than honored about Miss Congeniality, not to say that it wasn't an honor," said Schomerus.

Jennifer Jimenez won first runner-up, Amy Gribnau won second runner-up, and Julie Morris won third runner-up.

Dancing is a talent that takes a lot of work to develop, and Courtney Schomerus, senior, has been dancing for fifteen years. At the Miss Nederland pageant, Schomerus was voted Most Talented with a lyrical dance to "Vienna" by Linda Edders.

Family is an important aspect in Schomerus' life. After being crowned Miss Nederland, Courtney Schomerus hugged and kissed everyone of her grandmothers.

Before the new Miss Nederland was crowned, all the contestants posed with the former Miss Nederland, Amanda Graham, 1996 graduate. Pictured from top to bottom left to right: Miss Nederland, Amanda Graham, 1996 graduate, Ashley Burton, senior, Christy Cauthin, junior, Cherice Hebert, senior, Chrystal King, junior, Jennifer Jimenez, junior, Courtney Schomerus, senior, Julie Morris, senior, Amy Gribnau, senior, Kia Dixon, junior, and Holly Willford, senior.
Haley Lowrance, Miss NHS, displays the many activities that she was involved with this year. "My year was really just very busy and full of excitement," said Lowrance.

Lowrance rides in the Homecoming Parade after she was named to Homecoming Court by her classmates.

**Lowrance rewarded**

Being the recipient of the Miss NHS award means that out of all the girls in the entire graduating class you are the chosen one. You are considered as a symbol of a true Bulldog. This year's recipient is Haley Lowrance. Lowrance is a four-year member of student council, the cheerleading squad. She has also been on Homecoming Court for all four years. She was also selected to be the Football Sweetheart this year. Lowrance was also a member of Prom Court this year. At the scholarship awards banquet Lowrance received eight scholarships each at ten thousand dollars. She has also received various academic awards such as the Army Reserve scholar athlete, and academic letter and has been in National Honor society for two years.

Haley Lowrance is the daughter of Beverly and Jim Lowrance. Lowrance has always been an active participant in both school activities and community activities. Lowrance is an active member of St. Charles Church for the past eighteen years and is currently a member of the board for the Christian Youth Organization.

Aside from being Miss NHS Lowrance was voted Best All Around by the senior class. She will also graduate ranked as number 24 in her class. As a sophomore and a senior Lowrance was recognized with the UCLA All-Star award for cheerleading. This year she was honored as the ideal cheerleader.

As if Lowrance does not have enough to do she also works as a secretary for the high school. Her job is only half a day and then she must attend classes for the rest of the day. After graduation Lowrance plans to attend Lamar University where her major will be education. She wants to be an elementary school teacher.

-by Michael Powell
Peyres named Mr. NHS

This year’s recipient of the Award for Mr. NHS has been labeled as the “ideal Nederland Bulldog.” Jeff Peyres has lived in Nederland all of his life and has gained many awards during the past eighteen years. Peyres achievements in high school exceed those of most seniors. He has received honors such as being voted class favorite his freshman year and his senior year. He was also voted as most athletic in his senior class and received Perfect attendance for three years. Peyres also received the Coaches Heart Award for football. He has spent all four years of high school on the football team three of which he was a varsity quarterback. His senior year he was a team captain.

“I think that my biggest highlight of high school was when I made varsity my sophomore year,” said Jeff Peyres. In addition to being a member of the football team Peyres has also been a four year track member and for two years he was the Sports Editor of the NHS Pilot. Most recently Peyres was on Prom Court his junior year and his senior year. He also got Academic All-District which means he is an athlete who got really good grades. Peyres feels that he has had four really good years and has accomplished many things.

Peyres is the youngest of three boys that belong to Rita and Joe Peyres. Peyres attended St. Charles Church all of his life. In the fall Peyres plans to attend McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. There he might play football but will definitely major in education. He would like to be a high school football coach.

-by Michael Powell

Jeff Peyres, Mr. NHS, holds the Coach’s Heart Award. “Jeff always tried his hardest and really demonstrated the talent and enthusiasm that every athlete should exhibit,” said Athletic Director and Head Football Coach, Larry Neumann.

Jeff Peyres play-fights with camera man Eddie Oliver, senior.

Seth Belaire, Eddie Oliver, and Jeff Peyres pose after the Homecoming game. Belaire, Oliver, and Peyres were good friends throughout high school.

Jeff Peyres and Shannon Tinsley, seniors, pose together after a victory. “Jeff and Shannon are such a cute couple,” said Amy Gribnau, senior.
Maxing and relaxing outside in the pool probably up to no good is Sadie Seymour and Seth Belaire, seniors.

Those crazy girls Kiley Adkins, senior, and Jess Baklik, sophomore, are acting up again.

A royal dance after the crowning. Seniors Kiley Adkins and Seth Belaire danced to the Senior class song Tuesday's Gone.

Striking a pose is Kiley Adkins and Seth Belaire the King and Queen of the prom.

"When I think of prom court, I think of people in dresses on trial like in an actual court," said Cheree' Lensing, senior.

For those who are members of prom court, it is not much different from being on trial. All members must make sure that they look perfect. After all, they will be presented in front of the entire school.

“When in a court it is not good to be the one being judged. But on prom court it was an honor to be judged so highly by my peers,” said Seth Belaire, senior, Prom King. “To be crowned King of Prom is one of the few honors that a male can receive while in high school.”

The junior and senior classes elect students to be on prom court. Juniors and seniors nominate people to be on prom court. They then vote by secret ballot for one junior girl and one junior boy. The seniors vote for three boys and three girls. Whichever seniors receives the most votes will be crowned at prom.

“Prom court is kind of like jury selection because you have to meet the requirements of your class. I hope I was a good juror. I had fun on prom court,” said Lindsey Sessions, Junior Duchess.

Jeremy Havard, junior was selected to be the Duke of the junior class and to escort Junior Duchess, Lindsey Sessions.
"I objected to the people not dancing when prom started but by about the third song I was over ruled," said Jeremy Havard, junior Duke. "Also due to the jurisdiction it was irrelevant to wear comfortable clothes."

Eddie Oliver, senior, was one of the three boys elected for prom court.

"I liked being on prom court, but I like People's Court better, especially the theme song," said Eddie Oliver, Senior Prince. Jeff Peyres was also a Senior Prince. Haley Lowrance and Carrie Newton were both elected to be Senior Princesses.

"I have never been in an actual court, but I have been on a lot of courts," said Haley Lowrance, senior princess. "All courts are special, but prom is a little more special because it is prom, ya' know."

Carrie Newton had never been elected to a court but made a stunning appearance as a princess by being the only in red.

Homecoming queen Kiley Adkins was crowned from Queen.

"I was excited to know that my peers were still willing to honor me in our final year of high school," said Kiley Adkins, senior, Prom Queen. "One crown was good but two crowns in my senior year is amazing." - Stephanie Bear
As I was preparing myself for the biggest night of my life, everything seemed to be going wrong. My hair began to fall, and my make-up kept smudging. As I put my dress on, I felt like I was trying to stuff a whale into a zip-lock bag. And to top off the madness, I ripped my hose while putting them on.

As my date arrived to pick me up, I could feel the whole night was going to be a disaster. While we were walking into the prom, I tripped on a rock and almost fell. All the parents and friends who were watching checked to see if I was hurt, but the embarrassment seemed like it would never end.

As I thought the night couldn't turn around they called for the group shot. I went over there prepared for the worst, like my eyes were going to be shut or I wouldn't be looking in the right direction.

When the pictures came in, I went to pick them up and despite the whole evening's disasters, I looked happy, and was really glad I attended prom, and was in the group shot.- by Jessica Bounds

The junior guys follow in the seniors footsteps, by putting their shades on, too. They also put on their best smiles for the camera.- photo by Jesse Wooley
The juniors girls prepare for the group shot and smile big. The juniors organized prom for the senior class of 1997 to bid them farewell. - photo by Jesse Wooley

The senior girls are ready to show their stuff as the photographer takes the senior group shot for prom. - This will be the seniors' last prom at NHS. - photo by Jesse Wooley

The senior guys strut their stuff for the group shot. Before it is taken they decided put on their shades. - photo by Jesse Wooley
Administrators, teachers, parents, and especially the Class of ’97, welcome to our commencement. It is now time to move forward into our future and reflect on all the good times each of us have had. Any bad times are best forgotten, but without both the good and the bad, we would not be here today.

Each of us has someone who helped us get here today. I want to give special thanks to Ms. Harris, Mrs. Forey, Mrs. Morman, and Ms. Valdes. Coach Lopez thanks for pushing me. David, my other tennis coach, thanks for never letting me give up. Mom and dad I cannot thank you enough for your endless support. To Tamra thanks, for what I am not sure. I also want to thank Andrea, Jan, and Melissa for their friendship.

This valedictory honor I am receiving was not one of my goals I set, however, it is one of the many things that make these four years memorable to me. For each one of you there has been something or someone that made your high school year special to you. It could be being a cheerleader, twirler, flag, westernaire, member of the debate team, student council, or drama. Your memories may come from being part of a team to advance beyond district competition such as football, girls and boys soccer, tennis, girls basketball, golf, cross country, track, or the baseball team who is heading to the regional finals tomorrow. Your memories may come from being being part of the “winningest” boys basketball teams in Nederland History. Maybe your memories come from softball, volleyball, or powerlifting. Band members are ble to take with them the victory of winning Best 4-A Military Band and being the Golden Pride of Nederland. Others made memories in HOSA, UIL, ACADEC, Ned and Company, or choir. Some of you are able to graduate with memories from US 2U, the Bulldog Beat, criminal justice, or FFA. Seniors on yearbook bring with them memories of binding all our memories together in the Pilot. In addition to organizations there were wonderful events throughout our high school years: prom, fundy, the junior senior powder puff game, class field trips, the senior beach party, and tonight project celebration. Our senior class had the opportunity to move our graduation ceremony from Bulldog stadium to Lamar’s Montagne center, we turned it down. We are proud to continue the tradition at our hometown stadium.
	onight is not a sad occasion but a joyous one. Just consider no more college applications nor scholarships to fill out. No more worrying about disobeying the dress code or the closed campus policy for lunch. No more assemblies to get out of class. No more SAT’s or ACT’s. No more skipping and getting caught. We may wish for no more research papers and for some of us no more derivatives and integrals, but we will not always get what we want.

Instead we should be looking toward our future. As we leave NHS we will make new memories, new friends, and new lives. Nothing can change the past. Our high school years are over. We can remember only the good times and learn from past mistakes in hope that we can make the future better. As we come forward to receive our diploma, remember we are the CLASS OF ’97.

-by Regan Green, Valedictorian

Regan Green, senior, displays symbols of her involvement throughout NHS.

Regan Green plays soccer with the Nederland varsity girls’ team.
Nederland High School

Members of the school board and administration, faculty members, family, friends, and fellow graduates of the Class of 1997:

We have gathered here tonight to celebrate the ending of one chapter of our lives but more importantly the beginning of a new one. Representing the Class of 1997 is a very peculiar honor I have pursued since the third grade in Mrs. Russell’s class when I wrote a paper about becoming valedictorian. Time has flown by since those days of childhood innocence. We have come from frightened freshmen, to overconfident sophomores, to expectant juniors waiting for this very day, and finally to “almost mature” seniors. The years since our first day as freshmen at NHS have succeeded in molding the unique personality of the Class that stands here tonight. Things and people have definitely changed; I only hope it is always for the better.

My success throughout high school could not have been possible without the help of some extremely special people. I would first like to thank God for through Him and His strength all things are possible. His guidance and love have made my success possible. Next, I would like to thank my parents for their unconditional love and support. My dad for helping me with those late night projects, papers, and tempramental computers. My mom for always keeping on me for getting things finished, especially those endless college applications. I would like to thank my baby-sister, Leanna, for being my refuge and keeping my head on straight. Thanks also go to my grandparents who are here tonight for wanting only the best possible for me. I would not have made it through high school without Mrs. Forey, Mrs. Jordan, Mr. Rose, and Ms. Hanicack. Mrs. Forey and Mrs. Jordan have both expanded their roles as teachers and both become mentors and friends to me. Mr. Rose has instilled in me the values of commitment and dedication. His lessons on music and life will go with me always. Finally, I must thank all my dear friends. Special thanks go to Amanda, Christin, Traci, Carrie, Allison, Debbie, Jace, Scott, Justin, and my whole church family. You have taught me the true meaning of friendship.

We are now at a point of transition where we must go our separate ways to better ourselves. We face a world of challenges and uncertainties but also exciting possibilities. Some of us will be furthering our education at college while others will be joining the work force. However, whichever path we have chosen, I hope we never stop learning and dreaming. We owe much to Nederland High School and its teachers. NHS is full of wonderful traditions of excellence in academics, fine arts, and athletics that we will pass on to the classes that follow in our footsteps. NHS has done its job of trying to prepare us for what comes after this day: always remember true success involves hard work, commitment, and dedication. Time and distance will separate us but we will never be together again as we are right now. I hope you treasure the memories we have shared together.

Words of wisdom that I try to live by and that I would like to share with you come from Proverbs 3: 5-6.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”

-by Jennifer Pate, Salutatorian

Jennifer Pate, Salutatorian, was involved in the Band, TNT, and First Priority. “Church is very important to me, and I always try to put God first in my life,” said Pate.

Jennifer Pate, Salutatorian, and Carrie Newton, Magna Cum Laude graduate, walk down the halls together after band practice.
Seniors say farewell while at the senior Party.
Judgment day has come for suspect Timothy McVeigh, who might have to suffer the death penalty if convicted of the Oklahoma City bombing.

The Suspect: Timothy McVeigh

President Bill Clinton is the first president of the United States who served two terms without winning the popular vote in either election. The Presidential Election was only one of this past year's major events.

The murder of T.V.'s favorite Dad's son, the re-election of President Bill Clinton, and the 1996 Summer Olympics are only a few of the major events that took place this year.

The past year was far from quiet and the public's attention never had time to drift.

Two years after the Oklahoma City bombing, the suspect Timothy McVeigh's trial starts this year.

Madonna was finally able to prove she is able to portray a serious role in "Evita," and Jim Carrey's "Liar Liar" made 32 million dollars on its opening weekend.

The comet Hale-Bopp was discovered by two astronomers and its return will not come for another 2400 years. —by Mahdis Rahmani

The comet Hale-Bopp was traveling 43,000 miles per hour when it was discovered.

While changing a flat tire on the shoulder of the San Diego Freeway, Ennis Cosby, the only son of Bill Cosby, was murdered.

National Events 61
Lindsey Sessions, junior, jumps rope at the Student Council convention. Sessions was the junior class treasurer and has been a member of NHS student council all three of her high school years.

-photo by Vicki Hart

James Reeves and Nicole Henson, seniors, examine the patient charts for the day. Reeves and Henson were members of HOSA, a club that allows students to interact with hospital patients and officials, and they visited Mid­Jefferson Hospital every day.

-photo by Thu Duong

62 page by Abbey Bean
the thespians listen from behind the curtain at the Jefferson Theatre to the noisy crowd of over one hundred friends and family members who are waiting for the show to begin. Months of preparation and hours of rehearsal have prepared them for this final moment, but the feelings of anxiety and the fears of forgotten lines continue to taunt the cast of "Grease."

"We had worked so hard preparing for this night that we knew we had the ability to do it, but the question was whether or not we would be able to overcome the stage fright," said Kim Guidry, a junior who played Sandra Dee. "I think I may have been a little more nervous than the others because this was my first performance with the drama club."

The NHS drama club presented the play Grease to three sell-out crowds this year. Although the show was an obvious success, the pride and accomplishment that the group felt was not the only reward they received.

"Well, I think that the biggest reward that I received from the play was the friendships that I've made," said Angela Way, junior. "Drama has played an important role in my life, and I have met some of my closest and most trusted friends from this organization."

The drama club has proven that school is not all about work and no fun. Students who look for a way to make school fun can certainly find a variety of clubs to choose from at NHS. -by Abbey Bean

"I am so glad that I have been elected to Student Council because it really gives me an opportunity to get involved with my school, and that makes school fun!"

said Alecia Judice, junior.
Cheerleaders support each other both physically and mentally throughout the year.  

-photo by Brian Fohey

Declaring WAR on Traditions

...hard work. Sweat. Time. Effort. I go through all of this, and I hope it's all I need," thought Kacy Schion coming home from gymnastics class one night.

She practiced gymnastics for a year to get ready for cheerleader tryouts. The night before her long-awaited tryouts Schion stayed up late to practice her routines. The following day, she performed her best for a board of judges and later for student body. Luckily, both tryouts went smoothly for her.

A few days later, Schion sat in class doing her work as if nothing is wrong, but inside, feelings of anxiety, excitement, and fear run through her veins. As the voice began to announce the freshmen cheerleaders, she was happy to hear some familiar names. The voice suddenly said, "Junior varsity cheerleaders." When the list of names was complete, Schion's body relaxed as the feeling of relief ran through her. "I was relieved that the tryouts were over, and I was glad about the results," said Schion.

All the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity cheerleaders must go through the same tryout experience as Schion. But after the confirmation of cheerleader, the real work began.

The first few pep rallies followed tradition, but then the cheerleaders decided to organize and try a new idea. The cheerleaders started the wave, added skits, added more crowd involvement, and tried to recognize other sports.

"We also moved around more so the students wouldn't be seeing the same face throughout the pep rally," said Haley Lowrance, senior and varsity cheerleader.

For the senior pep rally instead of slow motion, they did a skit and a poem. Whereas in the past senior pep rallies these elements weren't a part of the rally.

As well as doing aerobics and a workout program, the cheerleaders cheered at basketball games and volleyball games. -by Thu Duong

...Courtney Schomerus and Kiley Adkins, seniors, show off their dance moves to get the football players in the spirit.
Dancing to the beat, the varsity cheerleaders perform at the Homecoming pep rally to get the football players going. -photo by Brian Forey

Before the LC-M game, Lowrance was named 1996 football sweet heart. Lowrance was also chosen as an All-American cheerleader at the cheerleading camp they attended this summer. photo by Leo Weeks

The varsity cheerleaders won Camp Champion in dance competition and chant categories at the summer camp they participated in. Every night the Nederland Varsity Cheerleaders obtained superior ribbons and spirit sticks at the camp. -photo by Leo Weeks

Cheering to the school song, Kiley Adkins, senior, dedicates her time and spirit to be a bulldog. Adkins and the other five seniors on the Varsity squad won All-Star Cheerleaders at summer camp. -photo by Leo Weeks

Juniors Lindsey Sessions and Marci Landry finish with a flip and a jump toward victory. -photo by Brian Forey

for group photos see page 235
While they learn to be distinctive individuals, Twirlers and Flags lead the band with attitude and pride. -photo by Robert Segovia

Aspiring

FEMALES

Stand OUT

Determination, dedication, and passion are what keep Jennifer Dye, sophomore Goldenette, doing what she loves the most, twirling.

Dye has taken lessons for ten years; she began twirling even before she started counting.

"Ever since I was in elementary, I wanted to be a twirler like all the big girls," said Greta Brannan, junior.

"I started taking when I was five, and I was in competition," said Dye.

Dye travels to Houston every Sunday and twirls for four hours.

Many girls, like Dye, have always dreamed of making it as a twirler.

"Ever since I was in elementary school, I wanted to be a twirler like all the big girls," said Greta Brannan, junior and Goldenette.

Since the Goldenettes have achieved their goal, they help other young girls fulfill the same goal.

They sponsored two clinics where they taught dances and gave tips to girls aging four to thirteen.

It takes one's time and effort to be a member of the Golden Silks and Goldenettes.

"School, Band practice and then twirling for an hour and a half. Come home, study, and practice my horn. It's a long day!" said Drum Major Greta Brannan.

Like the twirlers in marching season, the Golden Silks also work around the clock. They practice an average of nine to ten hours a week.

Between their hard work in practice, football games, and pep rallies, they still can squeeze in time for fun.

"I'm in flags with a lot of my friends, and so we get to goof off and have fun," said Laura Pedigo, sophomore, Golden Silk member.

The Goldenettes and Golden Silks practice not only physically but also mentally and emotionally. They benefit from experiences that they may use later in the future.

"I've learned responsibility. You learn your routine; you only have a certain amount of time. So you have a deadline," said Jennifer Askew, sophomore and Golden Silks.

As for the Goldenettes and Golden Silks, their school spirit and unforgettable memories with each other make their every second of hard work worth the effort. -by Ivy Arce

Golden Silks, gain each other's friendship as they work through teamwork, striving toward their GOALS.
Debbie Turner, senior Golden Silk Captain, dances to "Gimme Some Lovin" at the LC-M pep rally. - photo by Ivy Arce

With excitement, Meryl Best, junior Golden Silk, has fun while dancing to "Quarter to Three" at the pep-rally. - photo by Robert Segovia

Laura Pedigo, sophomore, takes a break to goof off with her friends at the TJ Game, the first game of the year. - photo by Amy Best

Traci Weatherford, senior, and the other Goldenettes, entertain the crowd to the tune of "Havana Express". - photo by Chris McRee

Senior Goldenettes pose at one of the last games that they will ever twirl in from their high school years. - photo by Alison Russell

Debbie Turner, senior Golden Silk Captain, dances to "Gimme Some Lovin" at the LC-M pep rally. - photo by Ivy Arce
Members of Ned and Company join hands and hearts to bring the ecstasy of a perfectly harmonized song. -photo by Kia Dixon

"Colors of light whirl around my face. Hundreds of Nederland students are looking at me. The music begins. Time for the show," said Jacob Miller, senior and president of Ned & Company.

"This year their harmony is blended perfectly and our voices create a unity which in turn creates a better sound," commented Miller.

"I think a lot of the members in this year's Ned & Company have the incentive to get together and to work out their own ensembles. This gives us [Mrs. Kloes and me] time for other things," said Ms. Nau, sponsor of Ned & Company. "They're fun and I enjoy being with them."

"TARSINGSONGS OF MIRTH"

"There are always arguments and times of stress in a GROUP like this, but you learn to get over them and work Together as a FAMILY." said Scott Darbonne.

Ned & Company was considered unique from other choirs because of their sound.

"This year their harmony is blended perfectly and our voices create a unity which in turn creates a better sound," commented Miller.

Kasey Jordan and Jennifer Jimenez, seniors, sing a trio with Kym Guidry, junior, while their friends watch from behind. -photo by Kia Dixon

Kym Guidry, junior, sings her song for Area tryouts. -photo by Scott Darbonne
Carnell Broussard, senior, practices his guitar before leaving to perform in Beaumont. -photo by Brian Forey

Happy to help, Ashley Burton, junior, goes over "Hymn to the Creator of Light" with Timothy Poust, sophomore. -photo by Troy Darbonne

Ned & Company performs for parents and students during the Christmas season at the cafeteria in Nederland High School. -photo by Troy Darbonne

Ned & Company

Singing with a hundred percent emotion, Jacob Miller sings "Agnus Dei", a selection from "Adagio for Strings." Miller placed third out of five people. -photo by Troy Darbonne

Smiling at his unseen friends, Phillip James, sophomore, is happy for the looks of approval. -photo by Brian Forey
A group with diverse capabilities march in stride to a successful year by way of patience, perseverance, and captivating performances. ~photo by Robert Segovia

Contrasting personalities ENTHRALL masses

With shoulders back, stomach in, chin up, Natalie Broussard, senior, squints as she marches in unison with the other band members in the direction of the sun-streaked parking lot. The band often must endure many problems in windy, cold weather, the muddy field, the mosquitos, and the hot band uniforms.

“When we were rehearsing in the band hall, the rain was dripping through the roof and causing problems for the band. Although we have had complications, the band has always pulled through in the end,” said Broussard.

Rigorous hours of practice resulted in many achievements for individuals and the band. They have received a one rating since 1958 from UIL competition as well as “Best In Class” at one rating in the National Association of Military Marching Bands competition. To practice, students go around their schedules due to school work, part time jobs, and other activities. Also another factor for the band to attain success is that everyone involved must be willing to make sacrifices and be responsible.

“I’ve learned that when a group of people get together and put their differences aside, they can do something that is very unique,” said Dina Adams, freshman.

Being around people of different ages and personalities has helped the band members to draw the best from each students’ character and qualities.

“arly changed my personality because it has given me confidence in everything that I do,” said Adams. ~by Ivy Arce

Freshmen Claire Clarke, Sherry Willey, and Jennifer Cawley play at the LC-M Game, the last game of the year. ~photo by Ivy Arce
Willy Sanders, junior, performs to the tune of "Rumba Mama" at the PN-G Game. *photo by Stephanie Bear*

Ginger Cooper, junior, is crowned as Band Queen by Tiffany Richards, last year's queen. Every year the band picks a girl with spirit and enthusiasm to be Band Queen. *photo by Ivy Arce*

Alan Gunn, junior, and freshmen Scott Mayhew, Micah Howell are about to go up in the stands. *photo by Stephanie Bear*

The band members are giving their full support, as they play at the rainy PNG-Game. *photo by Stephanie Bear*
TNT member Regan Green serves as a role model helping students to face the facts about drugs and alcohol.

"I THINK it is very important that we HELP the KIDS today before it is too late," said Maggie Morgan, junior.

TNT members are role models who visit with the elementary and middle school students about staying drug free, so that we could use older students who are drug free to go and talk to the elementary and middle school students about staying drug free," said Jane Griffin, TNT sponsor.

TNT members are role models who visit with the elementary and middle schools to tell the students about the effects that drugs and alcohol will have on their bodies in the future. When one finally becomes a member of TNT, he must pledge never to drink or do drugs while he holds membership in the club. When it comes to talking about drug and alcohol abuse, students are more apt to talk to older students about this topic rather than a teacher or parent.

"I look forward to helping kids stay drug and alcohol free, but to do that, I must be drug and alcohol free myself," said Shannon Rozell, junior.

TNT not only helps prevent drug and alcohol abuse, but it also helps younger students feel better about themselves.

"When I go on a TNT visit, I don't just talk about drug and alcohol abuse; I am also there to boost the self esteem of the kids. I always leave feeling better about myself," said Traci Weatherford, senior.

The ultimate goal of TNT is to make Nederland a totally drug and alcohol free town and school district.

"My hope, my wish, for the future of Nederland and its students is to make Nederland drug and alcohol free forever," said Griffin. by Meghan Trevey

Traci Weatherford, senior, is telling students about the harmful effects of a new drug called Ritalin.

- photo by Meghan Trevey
Jennifer Gates, junior, Sarah Dombrosky, junior, Mandy Glynn, senior, and Abbey Bean, senior, are talking to kindergartners about drugs. They are using puppets to speak about drugs to these young children. -photo by Tonya Mason

Jana Chauvin, senior, tells a story about a person she knows who smokes and the negative effects it had on his life. -photo by Meghan Trevey

Seniors Christine Diaz and Amy Gribnau tell students about the difference between over-the-counter medicines and illegal drugs. -photo by Abbey Bean

Seniors Kara Berkline and Treva Wilkerson tell students about the harmful effects alcohol can have on their bodies. -photo by Brent Gallagher
Derek Wright, Key Club president, tells reporters about the nature of his organization, which is service and leadership. -photo by Jennifer Hebert

Key Club Performs SERVICE

Looking around the school this year, you might find a student collecting money in a paper box for UNICEF, or you may find a particular student getting up early on a Saturday morning to clean Bulldog Stadium after a Friday night football game. NHS Key Club members participated in many charitable activities this year and still managed to squeeze in a little fun.

“We try to sponsor at least one activity per month to benefit the community or the school,” said Jennifer Hebert, junior. “Then most of the time we have a social after each service activity.”

Members volunteered at the MDA Telethon during the early morning hours, and they enjoyed the state convention that was held in the spring.

The annual Twirp Dance and new “Twirp Week” were also sponsored by Key Club.

Key club members stayed busy during the summer by having swimming parties and car washes. If Key Club members earned enough points, they could attend Weekend of a Lifetime, where all the members of the Texas-Oklahoma Key Club division get to know one another. During this week, the members are cut off from all radio and television.

“The highlight of Key Club this year was Weekend of a Lifetime. It really made me focus on what is important to me, and it was great getting to meet new people,” said Heather Messer, junior.

Key Club is sponsored by the Kiwanas Club, which is also a service organization, and membership is open to anyone. The emphasis that Key Club places on leadership and service skills is done in the hope of preparing a better person for the world of tomorrow.

“I know that the experiences that I have had in Key Club this year will help me in the future,” said Maggie Morgan, junior and member of Key Club. “I hope that through this experience I have become a better leader and have attained a better understanding of the value of service.” -by Meghan Trevey

Amber Brown, sophomore, helps her club members as they pick up trash after the game. Key Club members cleaned Bulldog Stadium after three of this year’s football games. The money raised from their efforts was put toward expenses for Convention. -photo by Jennifer Hebert

Senior Patty Flaherty, senior, is having fun riding on the Key Club float in the Homecoming Parade. Key Club members spent more than a week preparing the float. -photo by Jennifer Hebert
Derek Wright, senior, Angela Way, junior, and Justin Dean, senior, are goofing off at the Key Club Car Wash. The money raised went to help pay their way to convention and also paid for some of their service projects throughout the year. -photo by Jennifer Hebert

Lucy Hazlip, sophomore, prepares a link for a hungry customer at the Key Club link sale. The Key Club raised over five hundred dollars from this link sale. -photo by Jennifer Hebert

Justin Dean, senior, is working hard at the MDA Telethon. The members answered telephones from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. -photo by Jennifer Hebert

Jeremy Hood, senior, Laura Pedigo, sophomore, and Heather Simpson, sophomore, are preparing to wash a car at the Key Club Car Wash. Key Club members had several fund-raisers this year. -photo by Jennifer Hebert
Westernaires exert a lot of effort and practice not for the glamour and beauty, but for their passion for dancing. -photo by Brian Forey

**SUPER girls**

"We'll take it from the top. One and two, three and four, five and six, seven and eight. Okay. Better!" said Alana Booth, Westernaire captain. Booth dressed in black Miss America Drill Team in California. The team won Sweepstakes in Galveston, Judges Award in novelty, Gussie Nell Davis Award, Sweepstakes, and an officer judges award in New Orleans. It was through their experiences that they have learned many things.

"I have learned self-discipline and responsibility, and that the words 'I can't' are nonexistent but 'I can do anything' are," said Christy Cauthen, junior.

Being dancers since they were young girls has made them assertive, open-minded, and strong. Their talent in dancing has not only changed their personalities but has given them preparation for their futures.

"I am majoring in Dance Performance at Oklahoma City University for college, so being in drill team has given me a head start with working with all kinds of people, the responsibility, the independence, and strong backbone to believe in myself," said Booth. -by Ivy Arce

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-We want to tell our story, but we don't want to reveal our secrets.

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Christy Cauthen, junior, and Lindsey Stoker, senior, dance to "Fun" in Spring Revue.

The Westernaires dance as they march in the Homecoming Parade. -photo by Robert Segovia

Alana Booth, senior, gives the other Westernaires some pointers on the dance "Sing, Sing, Sing," which will be performed in Spring Revue. -photo by Ivy Arce

Anika Salinas, Candice Howard, and Traci Durow, juniors, perform to the tune of "Anchors Away." -photo by Brian Forrey
Unity and working as a team is always an important aspect of yearbook. Together the staff laughs, cries, works hard, misses deadlines, and makes deadlines as a family. -photo by Thu Duong

Staff Works Hard AT Fun

Young eyes of C. O. Wilson's eighth graders stare at her with an empty look as she explains her job and history as the editor of the Pilot.

"At first I didn't want to be on staff, but now I can work for hours and be unselfish generous noble sincere honest."

"I didn't know what to EXPECT. But it turns out that it's GREAT and fun," said Ivy Arce, sophomore.

"I changed my mind because Mrs. Cowles kept asking me about it. I felt bad saying no. Now I enjoy it. I like to meet new people. We meet a lot of the students when we're writing stories and going to different events," said Bean.

One of the events that the yearbook staff has been able to attend is the Interscholastic League Press Conference Convention at Austin, Texas. The staff spent three days and two nights at the Embassy Suits. Over the course of two days, the students went to six classes to learn about different areas in the journalism field.

"Going to Austin was fun this year. We had a great shopping spree at the mall and a better time on sixth street. The classes this year were actually informative, and that surprised me." said Thu Duong, junior. -by Thu Duong

 UD Shannon Copeland and Elizabeth McElroy, juniors, fill out the paperwork to finish the ads and vanity sections. -photo by Brian Forey

- Brian Turpen, junior, works at the computer to meet his deadline for the junior varsity football page. "Brian Turpen is a liar!" said Thu Duong, junior. -photo by Thu Duong

78 page by Thu Duong
Ivy Arce, sophomore, chooses pictures for her band layout. She has produced four layouts for the Pilot. -photo by Thu Duong

Stephanie Bear, senior, reaches for the top of the ceiling, in yearbook and in life. She has been a part of the staff for three years and has survived those years without having a total nervous breakdown. -photo by Brian Forey

Looking in between the lines Abbey Bean, senior and editor of The Pilot, studies pictures for potential yearbook photos. "Abbey is the craziest person I know, but she's also the best editor and most caring person I know," Brian Turpen, junior. -photo by Thu Duong

Jeff Peyres, senior, Brian Turpen, junior, and Ashlee Angelle, sophomore, walk toward the yearbook room after taking pictures for the yearbook. "Jeff is really interested in sports, and he is a good leader. These two qualities make him the great sports editor that he is," said Clint Sticker, senior. -photo by Thu Duong
Kristin Carter, senior, stands ready to interview Shantel Lee, senior, and Ashley White, junior, but she also proves that being a part of broadcast journalism can be both fun and educational. -photo by Sadie Seymour

"I need the Panasonic camera now," said Richard Neel, executive producer of US2U News. "As long as I have it by tomorrow morning," said Brian Forey, producer of US2U Sports.

"I think the first year of US2U Sports went REALLY WELL, and I hope to see it continue throughout the years to come," said Sadie Seymour.

"Everyone on the sports staff has to know a little about sports, and common sense would be nice too," said Brian Forey. For Neel the fondest memories of the year were their trip to Chicago, a great final product full of hard work, and working on the show at night in school. Whereas the memories of Forey are not quite that fond. His memories were arguing with Neel and Ashlee Angelle.

Many students who watch US2U may have noticed many changes from their first year of broadcasting in 1995. The show is more consistent in airing, the format of the show has changed, and a branch, US2U Sports, has been added. Although the news show has improved, the sports show has run into minor problems during the first year. Forey believes that many students did not understand what the staff was trying to do, so they were lost at the beginning.

"They (the staff) often waited till the last minute to do the assigned stories," said Forey.

Both producers would like the student body to know how much time and hard work the broadcast and journalism staff spent just to produce one show a week. -by Thu Duong

Producer of US2U News and US2U Sports. Even with the lack of equipment and funding from Nederland High School, US2U has accomplished many feats for the 1996-97 year. They have won honorable mention awards in feature reporting and camera from the Journalism Education Association, gone to Chicago, started a new class, and produced a quality show. This is the first year for these shows to have their own class to produce each show once a week. To be a part of the staff's dedication, hard work and some prior knowledge of the show's subject area are necessities.

Page by Thu Duong
Spending an hour and a half on planning, thirteen hours per show on editing, four hours writing the scripts, and an estimated twenty hours performing field work, Richard Neel senior and dedicated producer of US2U, is interested in a career in television. -photo by Chris Mcree

Paul Sonnier, junior, stands ready as he listens to his producer explain Sonnier's directions for his next camera assignment. -photo by Nathan Barnett

Torrey Gomez, senior, and Ashlee Angelle, sophomore, run through their scripts for the US2U Sports show. -photo by Brian Forey

Kia Dixon, junior, listens to music while she works on her favorite report for US2U, a story about a new addition to Doornbos Park and improvements to the area parks. -photo by Nathan Barnett

Taking a time out from work, Katie Lovetinsky and Jesse Wooly, seniors, prove that being a part of broadcast journalism can be both fun and education as they joke with Richard Neel, senior and producer. -photo by Brian Forey.
She is trying to finish her column, help a young reporter with a lead for a story, and listen to her advisor's suggestions for a new story idea. All this might overwhelm the normal person, but Katie Loventisky has proved that she can handle all these jobs as Editor of the Bulldog Beat.

"Being Editor of the paper has been very hard at times. Some of the members really stepped up and assumed their responsibilities, making the paper a great one this year," said Loventisky.

This year’s staff came together to work on many different aspects of the paper. At budget meetings, staff members share their ideas for new stories with each other. Then they must write their stories four or five times each. Next comes the laying out of the paper. Then finally the printing of the paper. During all of these steps many things can go wrong though. Sometimes a reporter must rewrite a story four or five times, and then the page must be laid out. After all this work section editors should be sure that the computer doesn’t loose their file, and all that work must be done again.

"I hate it when I am ready to print out my page, but the printer want let me print it out. We have one printer that never prints and I always seem to wind up on that computer." said Lori Cain.

Newspaper members do know how to have fun though. If it is your birthday you should watch out and be sure that you don’t get a pie thrown in your face as a birthday present from your fellow staff members. -by Meghan Trevey

Sarah Dupre, freshman, is figuring out how to write a lead for her story. Mrs. Cowles just gave her story back to her and told her to use a word-picture lead. -photo by Brian Forey

Jessie Wooley, senior and Editorial Page Editor, is checking over Page Elijah’s, senior and reporter column. Wooley and Elijah have both been on staff for three years. -photo by Brian Forey
Stephanie Bear, senior and Entertainment Editor, is getting ideas for her page. During the year Bear attended concerts and shows because of her position. She is on both Newspaper and yearbook.

photo by Brian Forey

Robert Segovia, junior and reporter for the Bulldog Beat, is working on his story. This is Segovia's first year on staff. He will be the Editorial and Entertainment editor next year.

photo by Brian Forey

Katie Loventisky, senior and Editor of the Bulldog Beat is running a Budget Meeting. At Budget Meeting staff members share story ideas and receive their new assignments for the next edition of the paper.

photo by Brian Forey

Eddie Oliver, senior and photographer, takes time to smile for the camera. Oliver took many pictures for both the Yearbook and Newspaper.

photo by Brian Forey

Staff members are working on a story together. Staff members must work together to accomplish their goal of getting the paper finished at last.

photo by Brian Forey
Student Council members Stephanie Theriot, Carly Smith, Josh Sanderson, and David Grant show how easy it is to have a great time while at work during the Fall District Convention. -photo by Vicki Hartt

Council Defines Leadership

Not many students would enjoy spending hours on end in a workshop learning leadership skills during summer vacation. This is one of the many activities that members of Student Council have participated in this year.

"I've learned a lot about responsibility," said Kristin Carter, senior.

Numerous hours are needed for the student council members to prepare for various functions such as spirit week, Christmas Dance, powder puff, prom, etc.

"We have to attend mandatory Monday night meetings to keep track of all of the events that student council is responsible for," said Courtney Schomerous, senior class treasurer.

Student council also participates in many volunteer activities such as visiting nursing homes and taking special education students to see the Dinosaur Exhibit at Parkdale Mall.

"I really enjoy being involved in volunteer activities because I feel like I have made a difference in a person's life," said Carrie Newton, senior.

This year student council

"In the past, the attendance to the Christmas Dance was not great, probably because people felt like they needed a date to attend, and making the dance informal allowed for everyone to attend," said Haley Lowrance, student body president.

The organization itself would not exist if the sponsor Vicki Hartt was not willing to put the time and effort needed to run such an important organization.

"Mrs. Hartt works all day during prom workdays, attends every meeting, and basically is willing to give up her weekends and week nights to make sure everything is done," said Kiley Adkins, senior class president. -by Mahdis Rahmani

Jump roping is only one of the different Olympic Jeremy Leidensdorf, senior, participates at the summer shop. -photo by Vicki Hartt
Presenting a speech is only one of the jobs that seniors Carrie Newton and Haley Lowrance did at the Junior High Student Council Convention in Austin. -photo by Vicki Hart

While working on the weekend, Julie Moye, sophomore, has fun at a link sale. -photo by Vicki Hart

As a group, Student Council shows how much fun it is to represent NHS at a convention. -photo by Vicki Hart
Working together as a team, the Spanish National Honor Society organized a water war, food dive, and tutored students. -photo by Ginger Cooper

MEMBERS

Make Splashes

Splursh! That was the repetitive sound of water hitting the students of Spanish National Honor Society, two German members, and a French member. The water fight held at Dornbos Park was supposed to be a big water battle between the three.

- I LOVED the feeling when me and Dana burned Craig and Peter at 90 mph on the way back from Chula Vista,” said Marjan Ramani, junior.

Both National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society has tutored other students. The one difference between the two honor societies is that in Spanish National Honor Society one must be in a Spanish class. Also students in National Honor Society are the top fifteen percent of their class whereas Spanish National Honor Society has to have an average above a 90 for three six weeks.

"Spanish Honor Society honors people who are interested enough in Spanish to excel in it. We don't care what their Pre-Cal grade is!" said Ginger Cooper, junior.

The Spanish Honor Society held a food drive during the fall which turned out to be a huge success and a lot of fun.

"I had fun riding around in the trunk with Thu (Duong) in Julie's (Parsons) car to collect foods. I was having fun and helping the community out at the same time," said Stacey Walker, junior. -by Thu Duong

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language clubs, but the majority of students were Spanish National Honor Society members.

"I felt that the other clubs that didn't show up were wrong for that. It didn't show their pride in their club," said Emily Perryman, junior.

After running out of water balloons and water the members ran for the pond water to fill up buckets and ice chests. The dirty, polluted pond water soon ended up on members such as Dana Ladner, Greta Brannon, and Haley Hill, juniors.

"It was freezing! Stupid Thu kept on pouring pond water on me. Thu is a mega dank for throwing pond water on me." said Dana Ladner, junior.

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- Chris Thomas, junior, attempts to balance a chair on his chin at the dinner held on May 10, 1997 at Chula Vista. -photo by Ginger Cooper

- Juniors await their moment to become members of National Honor Society. -photo by Thu Duong
Marjan Rhamani, president, and Alison Russell, secretary, stand together to start the Spanish National Honor Society induction ceremony. -photo by Ginger Cooper

Meeting on the second Tuesday of every month, the students of the Spanish National Honor Society voted for officers and discussed important issues concerning the Spanish Society. -photo by Ginger Cooper

Six juniors await their chance to walk onto the stage to receive their certificate of membership in the National Honor Society. -photo by Thu Duong

Michael Andrews, junior, repeats the words of initiation and stares intently at the candle. Each candle symbolizes each individual and the mother candle that is used to light the individual candle stands for the Spanish National Honor Society. -photo by Ginger Cooper
Jessica Bounds, senior, works diligently on her Pre-Calculus work. "I really liked the way Ms. Harris taught us. She made Pre-Cal easier to understand," said Bounds.

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Chris Thomas, junior, reads "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller as he walks down the hall. "I didn't always have time to read my homework at night, so sometimes I had to catch up at school," said Thomas.
is finally released from hours of rigorous soccer practice. Drained of nearly all her energy, this senior only wants to crawl into her warm, cozy bed and rest. Although six o'clock marks the end of her physical workout for the day, Green knows that now it is time to exercise her mind as she begins working on her nightly homework and studying for tomorrow's Physics test.

Although Green, like many other NHS students, is involved in numerous extracurricular activities, she continues to excel in her academic career despite the time conflicts that often come with her involvement.

"Sometimes it seems like I never have any time for myself because it's all devoted to studying for school and other school activities," said Green.

Green witnessed her dreams come true this February as she was named the 1997 senior class Valedictorian.

"I knew I was in the running for it, so I just tried as hard as I could," said Green.

"The best thing about being Valedictorian is knowing that all the time and effort that I put into learning was really worth something."

Green is not alone in her enthusiasm for learning; many NHS students discovered the same thirst for knowledge this year.

"I really think that it's important to learn all that I can while I'm in high school," said Amy Gribnau, cum laude graduate.
Yawn! John Doe is totally bored with his classes. His schedule is practically the same every year. John should have checked out the new classes added this year.

Of all the new classes, the most well-known is probably Broadcast Journalism. Each week the students produce two twelve minute news shows entitled US2U. One newscast covers the general aspects of NHS life, and the other focuses solely on NHS sports. For the most part, the participants were pleased with the results.

“I am very happy with how the show is going, but I would like more people participating and being on US2U,” said Regina Cowles, Broadcast Journalism teacher.

Another notable class is Public Speaking, which includes contest speaking and BNN (Big Ned Network). Every morning chosen students on BNN give the announcements for the day.

“We have groups that rotate so everyone gets a turn,” said Gay Gaston, Public Speaking teacher.

Students who want to get in touch with their muse enroll in the new Poetry/Creative Writing class. Students who enjoy using their imagination to produce works of literature are happy about the new addition of this class. The teacher was also pleased and hopeful of the new class’s impact.

“I hope the students learn better ways to channel creative ideas that can be used in writing stories,” said Helen Reynolds, Poetry/Creative Writing teacher.

New classes that offer students the opportunity to focus on money management and business are Personal Finance, Principles of Marketing, and Retail Merchandising.

In Principles of Marketing and Retail Merchandising, students visit local businesses to better understand how they are run.

“The best way to maintain a degree of affluence in the future is by being and entrepreneur,” said Ronnie Minaldi, Marketing Ed teacher.

The new classes give students a break from their regular boring schedules and even make them want to come to school.
Hailey West, sophomore, and Traci Weatherford, senior, give the morning announcements for BNN. -photo by Tonya Mason

Torrey Gomoz, senior, and Ashley Angelle, sophomore, get ready to tape this week’s US2U sports show. -photo by Brian Forey

Is that a fact?

* It takes about a day and a half to get a minute and a half story on US2U.

* It takes about five hours to complete a five page story for Creative Writing.

Justin Dean, senior, frantically searches for his story in Creative Writing. Dean is also a member of US2U’s sports staff. -photo by Robert Segovia
When a person thinks about serving the community, Nederland students often think about Key Club. You may be surprised to find out that there are classes at Nederland High School that help out the community and the student. H.O.S.A. (Health Occupational Students of America) and Peer Tutoring are two such classes that present qualities important to the student and the people with whom the student is interacting.

The seniors of H.O.S.A. travel to Mid-Jefferson Hospital four out of five days of the school week for two hours to work in the hospital in different departments. This helps the students decide whether or not they want to pursue a career in the medical field and also which medical field. For the seventeenth year, H.O.S.A. has helped with the annual blood drive. With hard work and help from Life Source H.O.S.A. donated one hundred and twelve pints of blood for the 1996-97 year. Another fun event for H.O.S.A. members is competition.

"Working in the hospital is fun, and the professionals there are nice, too. H.O.S.A. competition is fun, too, because you meet a lot of new people and learn new things," said Quyen Dao, senior.

Another class of seniors are involved in Peer Tutoring. These seniors visit local schools to help younger students with their work. This provides young children with a role model while at the same time helping them learn. Peer Tutoring helps those who might want to teach and helps develop interacting skills with others.

Jessica Bounds, senior says that she is not planning to be a teacher but, "I believe it is important to help out those who need it. I learn a lot about kids and I'm sure I'll need that skill sometime in the future."

This is the second year of Peer Tutoring, and it has done quite well.

"I enjoy Peer Tutoring because I feel better knowing that I have helped another person take a step in the right direction," said Jacob Nicols, senior.

Students LEARN the real qualities of life. How do students acquire the SOCIAL skills needed in the real world? By Thu Duong

Brandy Tarver, senior, works in the pharmacy at Mid-Jefferson every morning until 9:45 along with other seniors in H.O.S.A. -photo by Thu Duong

Seniors James Reeves and Nicole Henson, look at the patients list to see what is on their itinerary for the day. -photo by Thu Duong
Frank Pecorino, senior, checks the patient's meal for the correct dietary supplements. -photo by Ivy Arce

Josh Sanderson, senior, reads to elementary kids at the Helena library. "I work with elementary school children; so, I think it definitely helps my communication skills and my patience. I also have a lot more respect for elementary teachers." said Josh Sanderson, senior. -photo by Abbey Bean

Seniors Lashanda James and Tony Nguyen keep BJ Dugas, senior, company after he donates blood. Dugas took thirty minutes out of his day to make sure that another person has extra blood on hand if he would ever need it. -photo by Brian Forey

Melanie Cook, Frank Pecorino, and other seniors helped sign up Nederland students over the age of 17 like Jeremy Hood, senior, to give blood. H.O.S.A. worked with Life Source on November 1, 1996 to donate blood. -photo by Brian Forey

Dana Guidry, senior, works with a child to help him learn the alphabet. Students in peer tutoring visit local schools to work with students for a learning experience. photo by Abbey Bean

* Did you know that about 65 students participated in the first year of Peer Tutoring? This year the number of students in Peer Tutoring grew by 25 students.
Let's face it; going to class is a part of life. Luckily, some teachers are creative and give students projects to make class a little more interesting. Although projects are a lot of work, and sometimes students do not want to do them, most would agree that projects are better than book work. Projects require a little more work, but most students find that projects are more interesting than regular questions and worksheets.

"I think doing project are much better than other things we do in class, and I would much rather do them than book work," said Kristan Daws, junior.

This year in some classes, students did things like reciting lines from Julius Caesar dressed in Roman attire, and creating red A's like the one in The Scarlet Letter. Other projects completed this year include making up and taping a news report using vocabulary words from vocabulary books, and reciting lines from Romeo and Juliet. Another project that students do is pretend to be the teacher and teach class in Chemistry.

Teachers seem to think that projects help the student to learn and understand stories they have read or in other cases to help memorize vocabulary words. "The magical moment occurs when a student goes beyond what is expected and allows others to observe his interpretation of the same literary piece from a refreshing point of view," said Mrs. Sonnier, sophomore English teacher.

Some students disagree with the teachers though. They feel projects are too much hard work and very time consuming, and that teachers should not require students to do projects.

"We have enough work to do, we don't need things to take up more of our time," said Dedra Jones, junior.

This is true for those students who have jobs and extracurricular activities to go to after school hours because they cannot go to the library to finish the work or to help partners out.

Tonya Mason, senior, teaches her chemistry class to tye-dye a shirt as her group members Cherice Hebert and Jana Chauvin, seniors, wait their turn. -photo by Abbey Bean
Leslie Breaux recites lines in English class. "I really hated that," said Breaux.

* The average person writes 47 words per minute.

* On average NHS students dress up for English projects three times throughout high school.

Jeremy Leidensdorf, senior, demonstrates the simple chemistry task of making silly putty as Melanie Cook and Abbey Bean, seniors, watch to make sure he doesn't mess up. -photo by Thu Duong

Is that a fact?

Leslie Breaux recites lines in English class. "I really hated that," said Breaux.

Shannon McDonald, senior, teaches the Chemistry II class about microwaves. -photo by Abbey Bean

Role Playing 95
"Congratulations you are going to be a parent," Ms. Reeves, Parent Child Development teacher, said to students as they entered class.

But this baby did not take nine months to develop. It only took a few minutes because it was full of rice. Rice babies are not all fun and games, though. They can be hard work sometimes. Walking to class is not always easy trying to hold a five pound baby and books for the next class. It can also be hard for a student to do work in class while trying to look after a rice baby.

"Sometimes it gets kind of annoying carrying the rice baby around, but it is funny to see some of the people with their kids," said Erin McGuire, junior.

Some students did not merely have five pound babies, but some had twins.

"For some bizarre reason I decided to have twins. It was kind of difficult carrying two babies, and it was heavy. But I have really nice biceps now," said Stephanie Bear, senior.

For the most part, teachers are fairly understanding about the babies. They let the students take on responsibility and take care of their kids. Sometimes they even set up baby sitting areas in their classes so students could concentrate on their work.

Rice babies are not the only projects that are created in school this year. In physics class, students built catapults.

"The purpose of the catapult lab is to experience first hand the principles of projectile motion. Each student or each group of two students builds a catapult using only certain supplies. Their grade is based on design and accuracy," said Mrs. VanMarion, Physics teacher.

The students seemed to enjoy this lab. They thought it was a great experience.

"It was a great learning experience. It let me know that it is not that easy to be an engineer," said Aaron Williams, senior.

Many teachers feel that when students get involved with and enjoy their assignments, they learn more about the subject, so that is why many teachers choose arts and crafts to help their students learn.
Michael Glynn, junior, takes his baby for a walk.

Physics students, Courtney Schomerus and Jennifer Pate, launch their catapults.

Chris Adams, senior, looks for an excuse to see why his baby is sick.

* There were 34 cases of child abuse reported this year in PCD.
* The average distance launched by a catapult is 12 feet.
Classes help students learn to be responsible and give them insight into their future careers. How do these classes help students adjust to life after high school?

By Meghan Trevey

The oil from the truck over-head leaks on his head. His calf is finally ready to be carried to the fair. The piece of wood is ready to be hammered into a new project, and a student gets her "rice baby" that she will have to carry around for a week.

"After I carried around my rice baby, I got tired of it. It did make me realize how responsible a parent must be for their child," said Erin Walker, junior.

Students involved in Woodshop, Auto Repair, FFA and Parent Child Development actually get hands on activity with their subject.

FFA members raise livestock and take them to the South East Texas State Fair in Beaumont. Students in Woodshop learn the tricks of how to use tools and to build with them. Juniors and seniors can take Parent-Child Development, where they must be responsible for a rice baby for a week. They also learn other responsibilities and lessons that they can use in the future.

Auto Repair students learn how to work on different types of automobiles.

"I enjoy teaching Auto Tech because it is a class that the students want to be in. It's great when a student has the motivation to want to work on cars," said Mr. Foreman, Auto Tech teacher.

Joey Arena is showing off his new pig. FFA members make an annual trip to the South East Texas State Fair to compare them with other with FFA clubs. -photo by Chris McRee

These two Auto-Tech students are searching for right tool to fix a GMC truck. -photo by Clint Sticker
Kiley Adkins, senior and president of FFA, is leading members in a meeting. At this meeting two state officers met with the club to show them all the things FFA had for them. *photo by Chris Mcree*

Mrs. Reeves, PCD teacher, is scared handing Chris Adams, senior his rice baby. PCD students had to carry around their rice babies for a week. *photo by Brian Forey*

Is that a fact?

* There are more than 200 tools used to fix cars in Auto Tech.

* There are more than 400 nails used on projects in Woodshop.

Jeremy Breaux, senior, is watching his baby and studying for a test in PCD. Many students learned how stressful being a parent can be through this project. *photo by Brian Forey*

Jason Vance working hard on his new project. It takes about three weeks to finish a project like this. *photo by Clint Sticker*

Learning to be Self-Sufficient 99
Sarah Pardue sits in Ms. Villare's English class, anxious for the bell to signal time for her favorite class, Ned & Co. Recently, the band, choir, drama, and Ned & Co. have been preparing for the play, "Grease". Remembering to bring costumes or uniforms, rehearsals after school, and auditions, parades, or play dates are only a few of the responsibilities of students involved in these performing groups. This schedule can be stressful for teenagers like Brent Garcia, who has been a member of band and choir for 4 years, Ned. & Co. for 3 years, and is currently in drama as well.

"It is hard to deal with the stress if you are involved in other activities. Sometimes you don’t have a choice to which activity to go at a time, and sometimes you do. When you do, it is a hard decision," said Brent Garcia, senior.

Giving a lot of their energy and balancing their time are other thing with which these students must cope.

"When you are doing a show, it takes hours of memorization and doing it over and over. During 'Grease' the cast got to school around 9 a.m. and didn’t leave until around 5 p.m. during Christmas holidays," said Angela Way, a junior Rizzo in Grease.

As member of the Drama crew, students benefit from the opportunity to work and learn to cooperate better with a variety of people. "You learn about everyone you work with during a production. Everyone in drama, whether he is on stage or doing set designs, costuming, or technical things like lights and sound, is working together to make a production work. You learn to be dedicated because you’re depending on each other to get a job done."

said Way.

Being a member of Ned. & Co., band, choir, or drama has given students a positive outlook, a confidence boost, and a well-rounded personality. They have learned things that will help them in their chosen careers and in their future lives. Although these chosen activities can sometimes be tough, students accept the challenges, and each year they come back. -by Ivy Arce

Through their performances, students demonstrate an array of talents and acquire knowledge that is ESSENTIAL to LIFE.

By Ivy Arce

Blake Thompson, freshman, performs in the Acapella Choir's concert at United Methodist Church. Choir members such as Thompson have gained self-confidence, discipline, and an outgoing personality through performing. - photo by Chris McRee
Angela Way, junior, plays Rizzo in "Grease" with Ashley Burton, a junior who is playing Marty. The hours of practice and hard work were forgotten by the students and sponsors when the performances was successful. - photo by Brian Forey

Juniors Ryan Boone, Tommy May, and Vicki Burns, sophomore, transform themselves to Eugene, Sonny, and Patty in the scene of the Handjive Contest in "Grease". With all the time that they spend with one another, the students separate themselves from classmates to friends. - photo by Brian Forey

Seniors Ryan Boone, Tommy May, and Vicki Burns, sophomore, transform themselves to Eugene, Sonny, and Patty in the scene of the Handjive Contest in "Grease". With all the time that they spend with one another, the students separate themselves from classmates to friends. - photo by Brian Forey

Seniors Jace Martin, Aaron Sutherlin, John Williams, and Jared Ingham play at the L-CM pep rally. Being a member of the band has taught them to balance their schedules, which is helpful to them not only in high school but also in their futures. - photo by Ivy Arce

Seniors Jennifer Jimenez and Brent Garcia dance to "Born to Handjive" in "Grease" which was performed at the Jefferson Theater. Throughout the years, they have found a second family in Ned. & Co. - photo by Brian Forey

The T-birds sing to "Grease Lightning". The cast of "Grease" was a combination of band, choir, drama, and Ned. & Co. students. - photo by Brian Forey

Carnell Broussard, senior, and Alan Gunn, junior, practice to perfect their performance. From this experience, they learn that dedication is the key to success and perfection in all things. - photo by Brian Forey

Performing to Learn 101
The PRESSURE is mounting as the due-
date draws near. How will the stu-
dents be able to handle the stress?

Research Papers

Notecards, source cards, works cited pages and the like: these may seem harmless, but they are enough to cause junior and senior English students to feel as if they are going insane. They are all part of research papers.

Each year the junior and senior students spend months researching a topic, and reading numerous books and essays about it. Then, they eventually write a paper over their topic. The whole process is very time consuming.

"I spent so much time working during class, after school, and on the weekends on my research paper. I was very relieved when it was all over," Susan Vo, junior, said.

All senior English students must have a certain number of notecards and source cards, and they must write the actual paper. The same is true for most junior English classes although some are not required to write the paper.

The research paper is meant to prepare senior students for college and to prepare the junior students for their senior year.

"Even though I complained about it; I know that having to write the paper prepared me for my senior year," said Sara Sexton, honors English student.

Some sophomore classes are required to do research. They do not do as extensive research as the upperclassmen do, but it is still helpful in preparing them for their future academic careers. Research papers may seem like a waste of time and most students hate doing them, but they do serve a useful purpose.

Lacey Boudreaux, senior, flips through the dictionary to look up some complicated words. "I really hated writing the paper, but I know that I really learned a lot," said Boudreaux. -photo by Abbey Bean

Mandy Best, senior, is relieved to finally be starting her rough draft. -photo by Abbey Bean
Kevin Williams, senior, is engrossed in a book about his topic. He finally found something he could use. -photo by Abbey Bean

Monica Ramirez, senior, is glad to find so much information about her topic. -photo by Abbey Bean

Is that a fact?

- The average student needs 120 full and partial notecards to meet the requirement of 40 full notecards.

- Adding up the time a student spends working on a research paper it takes up two full weeks-336 hours.

Lashonda James and Andrea Tawney, seniors, search through stacks of books to find some useful information for their research papers. -photo by Abbey Bean
Bobbie Garcia and Christy Rivett, juniors, work on their chemistry lab in Ms. Kimball's class. The lab was designed to help the students understand different types of reactions.

Science Labs

The strange odor fills the busy classroom as the repulsed students begin to tear the skin off their cats.

"The first day everybody thought it was pretty disgusting, but after awhile we just got used to it. We had a job to do, and we just had to do it," said Tricia Clements junior.

If you go by Ms. Bordelon's marine science class watch out for shark attacks because there might be a shark dissection underway. Both the cat and shark dissections are designed to help students learn about the anatomy of these animals and therefore better understand the human anatomy.

"The shark dissection was really fun. We had to wear thick gloves so that the shark's scales wouldn't cut us," said Dedra Jones, junior.

The flame shoots from the bunsen burner to heat a small test tube that is overflowing with chemicals. This is a scene frequently observed in chemistry I or II lab.

"We did a lot of different things in chemistry this year, like working with mole problems and replacement reactions. We used a lot of different materials that could react harmfully with one another so we had to learn to be careful with what we were handling. All in all the labs were pretty fun though, even if most of the lab quizzes weren't," said Brandy Kellams, junior.

The rollicking roller coaster glides down the twisting tracks. But what's the force behind it? This was a question on the physics lab that went to Astroworld. Physics does a variety of labs including an egg drop and a catapult.

"The labs we did in physics really helped me understand the material we covered," said Brenna Hautzenroeder, junior.

The rushing lava spurts from the top of the life-like mountain. No, it's not a scene from the movie Volcano, it's just the Geology class and their end of the year projects. They construct a volcano to learn how a real one erupts.

"Making the volcanos was pretty fun, but it was hard to do, too," said Erin Walker, junior.

All in all this has been an eventful year for labs in the science department. Between biology, marine science, chemistry, physics, and geology, everyone has had a chance to participate in a lab.

The geology class works on constructing their volcanos in Ms. Bordelon's class. At the end of the year they erupted them.
Jeremy Leidensdorf, senior, demonstrates a lab called "Things to do With Silly Putty." Ms. Jordan assigned a lab in which the students chose their own subjects and procedures.

-photo by Thu Duong

Emily Perryman, junior, weighs a substance for her Chemistry II lab. The purpose of this lab was to understand the difference between acids and bases.

-photo by Thu Duong

Katie Lovetinsky, senior, Jennifer Hebert, and Shannon Rozell, juniors, work on the cat dissection.

Is that a fact?

* The biology II classes order between 33 and 35 cats for dissection each year.

* Some species of sharks give birth to 60 or more pups in a litter.

- Katie Loveitnksy, senior, Jennifer Hebert, and Shannon Rozell, juniors, work on the cat dissection.
After a YEAR of hard work, students are acknowledged for their achievements. Awards Day 1997 recognizes student excellence.

by Meghan Trevey

Whitney Moore, Lindsey Sessions, and Lindsey Mitchell show off their award for Student Council leadership. –photo by Eddie Oliver

Jeremy Cooper, receives his award for being an honor graduate. Cooper is a member of the varsity soccer team, and the National Honor Society. photo by Eddie Oliver

Honor Students-
Valedictorian-Regan Green
Salutatorian-Jennifer Pate

Magna Cum Laude Graduates-
Diane Barron
Melanie Cook
Carrie Newton
Tony Nguyen
Cory Pomeroy
Shannon Tinsley
Aaron Williams

Cum Laude Graduates-
Abbey Bean
Eddy Brammer
Quyen Dao
Troy Devillier
Jan Fannett
Kaylynda Grant
Amy Gibnau
Jeremy Kupper

National Merit Commended Student-
Jacob C. Miller

Tandy Technology Scholars-
Diane Baron
Melanie Cook
Tony Nguyen
Regan Green
Jennifer Pare
Carrie Newton
Shannon Tinsley
Tandy Technology Scholars-Outstanding Student-Regan Green, Jennifer Pare

Tandy Technology Scholars-Outstanding Teacher-
John Wagner

Ford Motor Credit Essay & Poster Contest-
Meghan Trevey
Trena Armstrong
Kacy Schion

Bradly Hayes
Christy Cauthen

VFW Voice of Democracy Contest Winners-
Chris Thomas
Shannon Tinsley
Natalie Broussard

U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award-
Haley Lorwance
Justin Owens

U.S. Air Force Top Math and Science Award-
Regan Green

Daughters of the American Revolution-Good Citizenship Award-Haley Lorwance

Principal's Leadership Award-
Regan Green

Boy's State-
Lance Howell
Brent Gallagher
Girl's State-
Lindsey Sessions

American Chemical Society Most Outstanding Students in Chemistry-
Len Weeks
Jeremy Vernon

Highest Ranking Junior-
Ryan Reynolds
Highest Ranking Sophomore-
Khuong Dao
Highest Ranking Freshmen-
Carl Durden
Leehuan Jones
Marie Fontenot
Chris Thomas, junior, receives his award for his Voice of Democracy speech. Thomas is involved with Drama. -photo by Brian Forey

Justin Aycock, sophomore, Anis Maredia, junior, and Robert Alfaro, senior show off their PE award. -photo by Eddie Oliver

Madhis Rhamani, Shantel Lee, seniors, show off their awards. Rhamani won the IFL award, and Lee won the Parent Child Development award. -photo by Eddie Oliver

Regan Green, senior and Valedictorian, is revising one of her many awards for her accomplishments this year. -photo by Regan Green

Awards Day 107
Josh Whitehead, sophomore, lifts weights at a Powerlifting meet. The Powerlifting team was coached by Coach Carter. -photo by Tonya Mason

Mandy Jeanis, senior, waits for the umpire to call "ball" and sighs of relief. The Lady Bulldogs are battling with WO-S (West Orange Stark). -photo by Eddie Oliver
The Bulldogs are down by two in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the fourth man in the lineup, the power hitter, is up to bat. His heart races as sweat rolls from his forehead. As he tightly grips his bat, hoping for the game winning RBIs, he swings with all his strength. The centerfielder races back, back, but it is out of his reach. As it hits the fence behind him, the winning runs score. The Bulldogs run from the dugout to congratulate the game-winning hitter.

It was this type of perseverance and determination that allowed the Bulldog baseball team to clinch the title District Champions and to advance to the playoffs.

"I think the biggest attribute to our success would have to be the fact that when things weren't going our way, we never gave up," said Jeremy Leidensdorf, senior and varsity baseball team member. "I've really enjoyed being a member of the baseball team, and I'm really going to miss it when I graduate."

Most Bulldog sporting teams this year were all blessed with the same teamwork and enthusiasm among its players.

"I was really impressed with all of our teams this year," said Larry Neumann, Athletic Director. "I think that each team demonstrated the true essence of being a Nederland Bulldog: loyalty, determination, dedication, and perseverance." -by Abbey Bean

"The best part of being on a Bulldog sporting team is that you learn what teamwork is all about," said Diane Barron, senior.
Varsity Football makes history.....

DOGS DISTRICT RUNNERUPS

SWEAT rolls from his forehead barely missing his SQUINTED EYES. The DEDICATED runner in black and gold busts through the line. Just as he thinks he's going to be tackled, he breaks LOOSE to crossing the ENDZONE to score the GAME-WINNING TOUCHdown.

by Jeff Peyres

5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BUZZZZZ... As time expired, the Bulldog football team made history. Nederland accomplished something that no other Nederland football team had done in 16 years; with a score of 34-12, they were the second team in Bulldog history to beat West Orange Stark.

Although critics predicted Nederland to lose every week, the dogs proved them wrong.

"As district play started, we knew we were on the right track when we demolished Lumberton 31-0," said Eddie Oliver, senior defensive end.

Then, it was finally time for the game of the year. Port Neches-Groves (PNG) traveled to bulldog country to take on the Bulldogs. It was a hard fought game in the trenches. Nederland pulled to an early lead 14 - 0 when Brock Richardson intercepted a Cory Prosperie pass and took it for 76 yards and a touchdown. Richardson tied the NHS record with 6 interception throughout the season. Nederland had few major breakdowns, and PN-G capitalized off of them as they took the 17-14 victory.

The dogs qualified for the first round playoffs; but once again, Jasper also capitalized off of Bulldog mistakes and took the game away from Nederland, 28-10.

"It was too bad that we lost to Jasper, but we still proved ourselves to be a great team," said Clint Sticker, senior fullback. -Jeff Peyres

"I thought that we all played really well as a team, and we did not show any signs of selfishness throughout the year," said Aubrey Brisendine, junior Middle Linebacker.

"As we worked together as a team, we discovered that we could accomplish anything, even what was unexpected," said Eddie Oliver, senior Defensive End.

DISCUSSING IT OVER
Talking, Coach Spell chats with his boys on the sideline during the Lincoln game. Nederland demolished Lincoln 28 - 7 behind the bullish running of senior fullback Clint Sticker. -photo by Nathan Barnett

NAILING THE INDIAN
Making the hit, Aubrey Brisendine, junior, and Derek Chambless, junior, smash PN-G quarterback Corey Prosperie. They both earned ALL-DISTRICT. -photo by Nathan Barnett

page by Jeff Peyres
**THROWING DOWN**
Throwing down a receiver, Jeremy Breaux, senior cornerback, puts a receiver on his back in the Sweeny game. *-photo by Nathan Barnett*

**PURSUING**
As Brock Richardson, senior free safety, prepares to make a devastating hit, he pursues the ball carrier. Richardson earned the title ALL-STATE Punter in the state of Texas in class 4A *-photo by Nathan Barnett*

**SHIFTING AROUND**
Making a move, Troy Sumerall makes a defender hit the dirt: Troy Sumerall also earned 1st team ALL-DISTRICT in district 20-4A *-photo by Nathan Barnett*

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**Playoffs**
Jasper 28 10

**20-4A ALL-DISTRICT**
Ryan Upham, Shane Hilton, Blake Rebert, Troy Sumerall, Seth Belaire, Clint Sticker, Aubrey Brisendine, Clint Morris, Derek Chambliss, Eddie Oliver

**STATISTICAL LEADERS**
Touchdowns-13, Troy Sumerall
Intercepts-6, Brock Richardson
Tackles- 46, Aubrey Brisendine

CLASS 4A ALL STATE
Brock Richardson - Punter
P.A. NEWS SUPER TEAM
Eddie Oliver - Defensive End
Troy Sumerall- Punt Returner

**DISTRICT RECORD** 5 - 2
**FINAL RECORD** 6 - 4 - 1

**MAKING THE CATCH**
Scoring, Seth Belaire, senior wide receiver, makes the catch against Jasper. It was the only TD Nederland had that night. Belaire became one of Nederland's go-to guys and earned 2nd team ALL-DISTRICT in district 20-4A. *-photo by Nathan Barnett*
Varsity Football makes too many mistakes......

DOGS FALL SHORT

AS NERVES roll through his body. The DEDICATED receiver in black and gold dives for THE BALL as the crowd cheers PROFUSELY in the stands. Just as he thinks he's dropped the ball, he's the ONE to Fall into the ENDZONE. by JEFF PEYRES

Turning it on, Dustin Driskell, sophomore tailback, breaks lose. - photo by Leo Weeks

The feeling was in the air as the dogs clinched a playoff berth. It had been three years since Nederland made it to the playoffs, but the real challenge was set forth when it had been 35 years since the dogs transgressed into the next round. It was in 1957 when Nederland reached the State Finals, but this years dogs had their hands full with the Jasper Bulldogs.

The last time the dogs made it to the Bi-District round was when they hosted the Silsbee Tigers. Silsbee out played and out muscled the dogs sacking Bryan Spell seven times that night. Nederland lost 34 - 7. This year was a relapse of the 1993 dream season. Nederland had high hopes of this years finatical season No one thought it could be pulled off by a bunch of underclassmen and little experience from upperclassmen wrong! But, Jasper out sized and out gained Nederland in almost every category.

But the 1997 dream season for the dogs came to an end. Jereme Havard, Nederland's quarterback was sacked 5 times. But Nederland did do some positive damage to Jaspers potent offense. The trio of Eddie Oliver, defensive end, Ryan Upham, linebacker, and Aubrey Brisendine, linebacker were the ones to do the damage themselves along the rest of the dogs defense. Nederland thought they had changed momentum when Oliver sacked Jasper's QB and stopped a reverse for a loss of 10 yds.

That was not enough. Nederland held their own until halftime with the score 21 - 7 with a last minute Havard touchdown pass to Belaire but that was the last time Nederland stepped foot in the endzone. As the night went on the Jasper Bulldogs kept pounding at Nederland left and right and eventually time would run out on Nederland. The Bulldogs lost 28 - 10.

WHERE TO RUN
Jereme Havard, junior quarterback, finds some daylight to run; "Jereme Havard really did well when he played, he'll be a factor for Nederland next year as he continues to improve," said Coach Neumann -photo's provided by Leo Weeks.

LEADING THE DOGS
Leader of the pack, Adam McIntyre "WARRIOR", senior and Tad Treme, senior lead the dogs to battle. -photo's provided by Leo Weeks

"I enjoyed this year and it made me feel good to be in the playoffs and be predicted dead last and then ending up to be second in district," said Clint Morris, junior defensive nose tackle

"It was exciting to be apart of a team that wasn't selfish and wanted to win. Going to the playoffs was out of the question quoting from the critics, but we knew we were going to go," said Brett Wilson, junior tight end
MAKING THE STOP
Making the stop, Clint Sticker, senior cornerback, stops Jasper's Lawrence Armstrong, who is one of the states top speedster's. - photo's provided by Leo Weeks

DISCUSSING DEFENSE
Let's talk it over, Eddie Oliver, senior defensive end, shows the Jasper quarterback how bulldog defense is played downtown. Oliver made defensive MVP of district 20-4A. photo's provided by Leo Weeks

Making the stop, Clint Sticker, senior cornerback, stops Jasper's Lawrence Armstrong, who is one of the states top speedster's. - photo's provided by Leo Weeks

Football Playoffs 113
JV Football dominates again...

DOGS MAINTAIN TRADITION

A TOUCHDOWN by WO-S put the Dogs on the losing side, but a minute and half of play still remained. The dogs know that this could be a VICTORY or a loss. Their hearts COMMAND them to PRESS on. In a DESPERATE attempt to TIE the game, Kenny Rogers kicks a 38 yard field goal in the closing SECONDS.

by Michael Powell

For the third year in a row, the JV football team went through an entire season only losing one game. One definite reason for their success is that they practice every day with the varsity team.

"Going against the varsity every day didn't prepare us a whole lot on our material, but made the games easier," said Mark Willis, sophomore.

The JV players showed how hard they worked during the week with their 7-1-1 record.

"The JV players worked really hard, and their record really demonstrated their efforts," said coach Doug Schmidt.

The freshmen team also showed their determination with a 9-1 record.

"The freshman players showed outstanding effort and real promise for the future of Bulldog football," said head coach Steven Beagle.

As the JV team finished with only one loss and one tie and the undefeated freshmen team claimed the title of District Champs, they established a solid ground for future Bulldog success.

In the WO-S game, we were down by three points and
Kenny Rogers tied the game with a 38-yard field goal. It wasn't a win, but it also wasn't a loss," said Dane Crenshaw, junior quarterback.

"The hardest loss was not being able to play PN-G, because of the weather, which was an important game. The best win was against SFA when we played the whole game as team," Clint Mitchell, sophomore safety.

The JV team gets a few quick instructions before heading out to the field. -photo by Eddie Oliver

Scott Williams, freshman, hurdles his own player to get in on the play. -photo by Eddie Oliver

114 page by Brian Turpen
NICE CATCH
Joey Rand, freshman, makes a diving catch to pull the bulldogs within a few yards of the goal line. -photo by Eddie Oliver

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FINAL JV RECORD 7-1-1
FINAL FRESHMAN RECORD 9-1

WAY TO GO
Dustin Driskell, sophomore, runs past his blocks to score a touchdown off a punt return. -photo by Eddie Oliver

BIG HIT
Chad Rebert, freshman, smashes a Bridge City Cardinal while getting help from a teammate. -photo by Eddie Oliver
The girls in black and gold are down by four, but their **star server** is up. Smack! Her **powerful** serve hits just inside the boundary line. The Lady Dogs **shout** victory to their opponents as **chills** run up their spines. Tears of pride well up in their coach's eyes as her team comes back to **win** against their biggest **rival**.

Despite their hard work, the Lady Dogs ended their season with a 12-15 record. They were forced to forfeit their first three weeks of district because of an ineligible player. The girls still showed that they knew all about teamwork through their effort.

"The girls all worked well together and are very determined players," said Toni Leach, the Lady Dogs' varsity volleyball coach.

Although they were disappointed by not making it to the playoffs, they knew that they were one of the best teams in the district.

"Even if we lost a game, I thought of us as winning because we always played our best," said Paisley Welch, senior.

The JV and Freshmen teams did not have as many problems as varsity.

"We won some, and we lost some, but we always did our best," said Tamra Green, sophomore.

The freshmen team got to know each other and learned to work well as team.

"We all worked hard. We may not have been first, but in our hearts we were number one," said Sarah Landry, freshmen.

"Paisley Welch is the Lady Dogs' leading hitter and blocker. She's a powerful force at the net. She is very intimidating, so she makes a great co-captain," said Coach Leach.

"Diane Barron is the leading defensive player. She is a good hustler with a go-get-it attitude, and she's not afraid to hit the floor to go after the ball. Diane is our other co-captain," said Coach Leach.
GREAT SAVE
Diane Barron, senior, works to keep the volley going during their game against Lincoln.  -photo by Christopher McRee

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SEASON RECORD  12-15
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* forfeited games

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BOOM
Tamra Green, sophomore, serves the ball in a JV game against Lincoln.  -photo by Christopher McRee

BUMP IT
Mandy Jeanis, senior, goes for the ball while seniors Diane Barron and Jana Chauvin are ready to help.  photo by Christopher McRee

*for group photos see page 225
Varsity Basketball begins new era.....

DOGS HAVE WINNING SEASON

SILENCE rolls through the gym barely hearing a pin DROP. The DETERMINED shooter in black and gold watches his LAST SHOT soar in the AIR. Just as he thinks he's missed the rim, the BALL falls and it's NBN.

BY JEFF PEYRES

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"I thought I played pretty good. There were many games that we all played as a team and it showed towards the scoreboard and our record (21-10)," said Clint Greene, senior Post.

"It was a great year for us even though people didn't think we could pull off a winning season," said Jacob Nichols senior Guard.
GOING AROUND
Dribbling around the defender, Clint Greene, senior, dribbles around to make another great play. -photo by Bryan Forey

PASSING
Passing, Travis Kelson, senior, passes around the defender to one of his teammates. -photo by Bryan Forey

Driving In
Taking it in his own hands, Jacob Nichols, senior, drives in to the basket against Orangefield. -photo by Bryan Forey

Sweating
Swatting, Jake Miller, senior, is fixing to make a great play against PN-G. The dogs defense continued to play great all year long along with Jake Miller and company. -photo by Brian Forey

STATISTICAL LEADERS
Leading Scorer - Travis Kelson
Corey Pomeroy

Final Record (21-10) (8-6)

4th place in district 20-4A
JV, Freshman Basketball gains experience.....

DOGSPLAY HARD

ADRENALINE rolls through his body giving him STRENGTH. The DEDICATED forward in black and gold dribbles THE BALL down the court as the crowd cheers PROFUSELY in the stands. Just as he fakes THE pass, he's the ONE to LAY it into the HOOP. 

by JEFF PEYRES

This years JV team showed much talent and dedication. It was a team that possessed sophomores and freshman and a couple of juniors. Coach Williams knows he has a strong crop of young strong willed players coming up in the future.

Leading players were Chris Loupe, Donnie Solis, Brad Sullivan, Jason Galossi, Arafan Ali, and many other talented players who knew how the game was played. The dogs showed there will to win when they knocked off Lincoln and West Orange Stark in district.

The Freshman team shined just as bright too. They were right there with the JV team. Team members showing their will to play was the strong offensive play by Jake Thomas, Gus Pitman, Curtis Tinsley and many other players that were involved in the action.

"I really had fun this year, I learned alot playing against very competitive teams that were in our district," quoting Jake Thomas. The dogs look to be stacked with players that posses the will and want to work hard and win.

by Jeff Peyres

To the rim, Jason Galossi, freshman, is on his way to score 2 more for the dogs. -photo by Bryan Forey

HUDDLING UP

Talking strategy, Coach Jardell, tells his troops what and how to come out of this game alive. -photo's provided by Bryan Forey

GOING AROUND

Moving around, Jason Galossi, freshman, dribbles around to get away from all the traffic. -photo's provided by Bryan Forey

"I enjoyed this year, and it was pretty cool to be the one that people count on," said Chris Loupe, sophomore post.

"It was exciting to be apart of a team that wasn't selfish andwanted to win," said Donnie Solis, freshman forward.

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Dribbling the Ball
Making a wise move, Donnie Solis, freshman, dribbles to and around a PNG defender to get to the basket. *photo's provided by Leo Weeks.*

Passing
Passing it off, Chris Loupe, sophomore, finds a teammate to pass to. *photo's provided by Bryan Forey*

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Lady Dogs reach basketball playoffs...

VARSITY MAKES HISTORY

THINK FAST! A trey by the opposing team brought them ahead of the Lady Dogs by one. With only TEN TICKS remaining, a top defensive player rebounds and brings the rock back down the lane. SWOOSH! A solid assist from the Lady Dogs' number one shooter results in a rock-hard deuce to secure a Bulldog victory.

Coach Christie Biggers’s first year as head coach was a very exciting one. The Lady Dogs made it to the playoffs for the first time in N H S history. “This was a great year because we accomplished one of our ultimate goals, state playoffs,” said Coach Biggers.

Coach Biggers’s season was also made a little more special because she was pregnant for the first time, and her team supported her through it. “This was a very special group to me. They’ve gone through a lot of changes with me. My child will always have nine big sisters,” said Coach Biggers. “They made my pregnancy special. It’s going to be tough to top this year, but they’ve given the underclassmen a lot to look forward to and a lot of expectations to keep.”

A few sophomore players were honored with a varsity uniform. One such sophomore was Carrie Raleigh, who was proud to be part of this history-making team. “This was my first year on varsity, and it was really exciting to go to the playoffs,” said Carrie Raleigh, sophomore.

Shantel Lee, senior, also made it possible for the Dogs to get fast-break points. “This year in basketball we went to the playoffs, and overall we had a great season,” said Shantel Lee, senior. -by Cheree' Lensing

"Ashley White was MVP of the district. She is a natural player who knows the court and how to play both offensively and defensively," said Coach Christie Biggers.

"Shantel is a very athletic player. She was the key to our defense, always having to guard the opponents number one guard," said Coach Christie Biggers.

CAPTAINS
Seniors, Shantel Lee and Kristin Carter and Ashley White, junior, meet the Lincoln captains before the game. -photo by Eddie Oliver

EXHAUSTED
Shantel Lee, senior, and Kim Solis, sophomore, take a break during halftime at the Lincoln game. -photo by Eddie Oliver
BOOM
Ashley White, junior, busts through the Lincoln defense with Carrie Raleigh and Kim Solis, sophomores, and Diane Barron, senior, backing her up. -photo by Eddie Oliver

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GODOGS
The Varsity Lady Bulldog Basketball team strategizes their next play in the Lincoln game. -photo by Eddie Oliver

THINK FAST
Shantel Lee, senior, makes a great catch to keep the ball away from Lincoln's offense. -photo by Eddie Oliver
Underclassmen play well together...

**DOGS AIM HIGH**

Seconds drip off the clock as the dogs are down by two. Suddenly Nederland's defense comes back **CRUSHING** the opponents' strong offense. Filching the ball with virtually no time left, Nederland makes a shot as the buzzer rings. The crowd **HUSHES IN SILENCE** as the three-pointer **swooshes** through the goal, winning the game. **by Ashley Hammonds**

The girls' JV and Freshmen basketball teams worked hard and had a lot of fun this season while doing so.

"I had fun once district started although it was hard because we never knew who was going to be playing on a given day," said Lori Cain, sophomore.

The freshmen did well, although it was their first year to be a team together and also their first year as a highschool team.

"Everyone has a better knowledge of the game in highschool. I think we did great even though it was our first year to all play together," said Liz Grossman, freshman.

Some freshmen players showed their skill and determination in all of the hard work at the before-school practices. One of the players who was able to be moved up to the JV team was Jessica Hardin, freshman.

"The game is more competitive than middle school. Overall we had a great season, and it was really fun on JV," said Jessica Hardin, freshman. **by Cheree Lensing**

Jennifer Meyers, freshman, takes the ball down the court at the Port Neches game. **photo by Eddie Oliver**

Jamie Yzaguirre, freshman, keeps the ball away from Lincoln's offense. **photo by Eddie Oliver**

"Meagan O'Keefe, junior, was a great leader. She was a positive player and always kept the team's spirits high. I was happy to coach such a good player," said Coach Martin.

"Jamie Yzaguirre, freshman, was our key player. She was very hard-working and she was our leading rebounder and scorer. Jamie was very aggressive and that worked in her favor," said Coach Leach. **by Cheree Lensing**
STEAL THE BALL
Karla Hunt, freshman, dribbles past a Port Neches player. *photo by Eddie Oliver*

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**JV Record** 6-8

**Freshmen Record** 7-7

**Bounce Pass**
Krista White, freshman, passes the ball in the Lincoln game. *photo by Eddie Oliver*

**Timeout**
Nederland's freshman team listens to their coach, Mrs. Leach, at the Port Neches game. *photo by Eddie Oliver*
Young Dogs work hard as....

**TENNIS SERVES SUCCESS**

OVERWHELMED by her sweat-stained shirt and blistered feet, Green focuses her eyes on the girl behind the net. Second set. Pressure INTENSIFIES. The crowd watches closely as Green serves and aces Lincoln to capture the **DISTRICT CHAMP** title, 7-6.

**BY IVY ARCE**

Danae Gaspard, senior, adjusts her cap as she finishes doing five sets of leg trust. The players must understand and accept that high expectations come with playing tennis because it involves a lot of practice and many workouts.

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Lana Fenner, junior, serves to win a game during after-school practice. -photo by Ivy Arce

Regan Green, senior, plays a challenge match against her fellow tennis players. Green runs everyday and works outs every other day. -photo by Ivy Arce

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HARD WORK
Lacey Lavender, sophomore, plays at the Nederland Invitational. 
photo by Danae Gaspard

PRACTICE
Brian Caldonia, junior, practices for a tournament. Caldonia and Bobby Smith placed first in boys doubles in District and advanced in the regional competition. 

PLAYING HARD
Ross McCall, sophomore, Robert Segovia, junior, and Kevin Berkline, sophomore, watch a game at C.O. Wilson at Nederland Invitational.
Cross-country takes title for third straight year...

**DISTRICT CHAMPS AGAIN**

Gritting her teeth, the determined Bulldog runner rounds the last corner and approaches the tree-lined chute. Racing against the CLOCK as well as her opponents, Ashley White flies across the FINISH LINE grabbing the victory as well as a personal record.  

**by Cheree' Lensing**

The 1996 Cross-country teams were district champs for their third year running.

Coach Dale Dial says their success is due to his hard-working cross-country team. “Winning district for the third straight year in both girls’ and boys’ competitions solidifies us as the best cross-country program in Southeast Texas,” said Coach Dial. “We could never have gone this far without their dedication.”

The girls’ team did not run as well at regionals as they had hoped. “We were disappointed that we didn’t make it to state, but there was nothing anyone could’ve done. Everyone worked hard and that’s all I could ask for,” said Coach Dial.

Todd Wright ran a personal record of 16:12 for the 5K (3.1 miles) run at the district meet. “I did better than I thought I would at district,” said Wright. Ashley White also ran her best time at district. She finished first in the Varsity girls’ 2-mile race with a time of 11:56.

The JV boys’ team got first in district and the JV girls’ team got second. According to their record, both teams ran really well. “It’s really exciting to see your JV teams do well because those are the runners who will be filling the shoes of my seniors for next year,” said Coach Dial.  

**by Cheree' Lensing**

Relaxing after the win

Coach Dial and Coach Beagle are relieved after both varsity teams win at district.  

Ready to run

Carrie Raleigh, sophomore, Cheree' Lensing, senior, Jessica Meier, sophomore, and Ashley White, junior are nervous before the Regional meet at San Jacinto Junior College.  

“I had a good race at district. It was a good day to race, and I was really familiar with the course. But I was still surprised at my time [11:56].” said Ashley White, junior.

“Cross-country was really different from what I expected because I thought it would be harder, but Coach Dial was really great in preparing us for meets,” said Karen Siragusa, freshman.
RUNNING HARD
Carrie Raleigh, sophomore, is running hard in the Regional meet.

-photo by Lori Cain

BREAKING A RECORD
Todd Wright, junior, sprints to the finish line with a time of 16:12 in the 5K (3.1 miles) run. With this time, Wright beat his own best time at district.

-photo by Sadie Seymour

TIRED AFTER THE RUN
Ashley White, junior, and Torrey Gomez, senior, pose after running until exhaustion in the district meet.

-photo by Sadie Seymour

SMILING BIG
The cross-country team waits for their trophies after winning the district meet for their third straight year.

-photo by Sadie Seymour

EXHAUSTED
Mandy Louviere, junior, sprints toward the finish line at Claiborne Park.

-photo by Sadie Seymour
Young Dogs excell big for Nederland....

BANG! HE’S off! His HEART pounds as he ROUNDS the FIRST corner. ADRENALINE pours through his body. But WHAT HE just realizes is THAT he is drawing CLOSER to the finish line. The CROWD goes wild AS he crosses the finish LINE in first PLACE.

by JEFF PEYRES

"Although senior leadership was limited, alot of underclassman stepped up, and for the most part we did well," said Tad Treme, senior.

For both the boys’ and girls’ track teams, many underclassmen stepped up to help the team, and with some of the areas top speedsters, they held their own. The most recognized underclassmen were Tommy Oleksy, Emily Tade, and Tamra Green, sophomores, who all qualified for the Regional Competition along with Brain Harris and Ryan Richards, junior. Seniors Adam McIntyre, Tad Treme and Shantel Lee, who also qualified for State, made Regionals once again this year.

Coach Beagle's strenuous workouts of ladders, 400s, and 200s were big in the Bulldogs success. Boy and girl Bulldogs, young and old alike, helped make the 1996-97 track season a success.

"We had an outstanding year with probably the best team I have ever coached," said girls track coach Ashley Massey. -by Clint Sticker

MY best moment in track this year was at the Bulldog relays where I won the two mile," said Jessica Meier, junior.

Jessica Meier, sophomore, runs the 800 at the Ty Terral relays. -photo by Eddie Oliver

HANDING OFF
Ryan Richard, junior, leaps over the pole vault bar to win first place in his event. -photo by Lori Cain

SOARING
Shantel Lee, senior, competes in the long jump at the Ty Terral relays. -photo by Lori Cain

"This year's track season was a success because of our underclassmen stepping up to help out," said Troy Sumerall, junior.

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TAKING IT
Adam McIntyre, senior takes the baton from Torrey Gomez, senior. *photo by Lori Cain*

SOARING
Josh Sanderson, senior flies over the high jump bar. *photo by Lori Cain*

JUMPING
Emily Tade, sophomore, barely hits the bar during her high jump attempt. *photo by Lori Cain*

RUNNING
Bram Harris, junior, runs the mile at the Ty Terral Relays. *photo by Lori Cain*
Varsity Boys Soccer wins district again....

BOYS REGIONAL QUARTERFINALIST

The team AWAITS the LAST MINUTE OF THE GAME. The DEDICATED goalie in black and gold awaits the LAST SECOND as the forward ANGRILY races down the field. Just as he shoots the ball, he's the ONE to MAKE the save TO WIN THE GAME.

An awesome boys soccer team has become a tradition in Nederland and under the watchful eye of head coach Jorge Lopez the team continued to scorch its opponents in 1997.

Since soccer was born here in 1987 the boy have won district - that's count them now, 10 years, a decade of dominance.

Although Nederland suffered their first loss to PNG 4 - 3, the team bounced back and terminated the rest of their opponents.

A stingy defense along with some high powered offensive was the winning combination. Key players were Jeremy Watson, Davey Arnaud, and Corey Haynes. Aubrey Brisendine epitomized the team’s spirit - like a bulldog in a dog fight he never gave up.

But, Nederland did have a slight setback when senior forward Seth Belaire suffered a broken leg during a scrimmage. "Belaire was going to be one of our stars this year. We still have many other talented players left to take up his slack," said coach Jorge.

Post Season started off for Nederland as the dogs took on Katy. Mayde Creek in Deer Park and won 1 - 0. Then the dogs took on Alief Hastings and won on a penalty shot from Davey Arnaud.

Arnaud was fouled at the eighteen yard mark, which enabled Arnaux to take the penalty shot and it ended up as the winning goal for Nederland. It has been since 1993 that Nederland made it this far, so on the other hand Nederland is on the right track to reach state next year considering they are only losing two seniors players. - by Jeff Peyres

"As a team we played really well considering we're really young. It was a great accomplishment to reach the regional quarterfinalist game," said Brent Gallagher, junior

"I played pretty descent this year considering we had a lot of young talent, it made me play harder," said Jeremy Kupper, senior forward.

FAKING THE OPPONENT
Making a move, Davey Arnaud, junior, makes another great move on a defender to get in position to score. - photo by Jeff Peyres

FLUSTERED
Looking unhappy, Aubrey Brisendine, junior, takes it serious when the rest of the dogs are having fun. - photo by Eddie Oliver
ATCOACKING
Going for the ball, Jeremy Watson, junior, goes after the ball against West Orange Stark. Later, Nederland would prevail over WO-S 8 - 0. -photo by Jeff Peyres

KEEPING HIS EYE ON THE BALL
Going down the field, Kenny Rogers, junior, keeps his eye on the ball as he proceeds on down the field. -photo by Eddie Oliver. page design by Jeff Peyres

TIMEOUT
Taking a break, Seth Belaire, senior, takes time from writing statistics to smile pretty for the camera. -photo by Eddie Oliver

ATTACKING

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Playoffs
Mayde Creek
Alief Hastings
Cy Fair

Statistical Leaders
Leading Scorer - Jeremy Watson
Corey Haynes
Davey Arnaud

ALL-DISTRICT

FINAL RECORD 16 - 3 - 2
DISTRICT RECORD 9 - 1
DISTRICT CHAMPS
REGION QUARTERFINALIST

HEADING THE BALL
Using his head, Kevin Hussey, junior, heads the ball down field to a teammate. -photo by Eddie Oliver

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER 133
ibselves Soccer gains experience.....

DOGS CLINCH DISTRICT TITLE

EXCITEMENT rolls through his body making his ADRENALINE RUSH. The DEDICATED forward in black and gold runs down the FIELD. Just as he thinks he's going to be caught, he fires a shot through the GOALIE, but the GOALIE CAN'T STOP IT.  

~ by Jeff Peyres

The 1997 JV and Freshman soccer teams were both one game away from winning the district title. The JV team had a strong freshman class of athletes supporting them. The top freshmen were Curtis Tinsley, Cody Calame, Brian Stepp, Josh Franke, and Jake Bryce. Jacob Allen and Nick Zamo paced the JV dogs with their crafty footwork and an aggressive defense.

District was within reach when the title was suddenly snatched from their grasp by the Port Neches-Groves Indians. Ultimately, despite the constant trials and tribulations of the game, Nederland bounced back the second time and defeated longtime rival PNG 4 - 2.

As the end of the season drew near, Coach Lopez proudly honored several freshmen who had exhibited outstanding feats throughout the year. Matt Fleming was one of the dogs given the opportunity to be apart of the JV, but Lopez also moved Jacob Allen and Jace Martin up to Varsity status, where they proved their value to the team.

In conclusion, Curtis Tinsley, as well as his teammates, made a distinct impression on Coach Lopez with their ambition and hard work. -story by Jeff Peyres

"It was cool to play high school soccer, it will make me want to work harder next year to be able to be on Varsity," said Curtis Tinsley, freshman fullback

"I that we played really good for a bunch of freshman, it was really fun this year," said Cody Calame, freshman mid fielder

Grabbing the ball, Jake Bryce, sophomore, tries to act like he is grabbing the ball to fool the defenders. -photo by Jeff Peyres

SHOOTING THE BALL
Taking a shot, Curtis Tinsley, freshman, takes no time to shoot the ball as a defender rears in towards him. -photo by Jeff Peyres

134 page by Jeff Peyres
CHUNKING
Throwing, Matt Fleming, freshman, throws the ball to a teammate. *photo by Jeff Peyres*

GOING TOWARDS IT
Taking charge, Cody Calame, freshman, goes after the ball against West Brook. *photo by Jeff Peyres*

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FINAL RECORD
JV: 9 - 1
FRESHMAN: 9 - 1

THROWING
Throwing in, Curtis Tinsley, freshman, throws in the ball against West Brook. Nederland won that game 6-0. *photo by Jeff Peyres*

HEADING
Heading the ball, Brian Stepp, freshman, is about to head the ball. *photo by Jeff Peyres*
Varsity Girls Soccer keeps kicking on.....

GIRLS CONQUER AGAIN

ANGER builds as she steals the ball from THE OTHER TEAM. The DETERMINED player in black and gold breaks away from the LAST DEFENDER as the crowd watches INTENTLY in the stands. Just as she thinks she's lost her CHANCE, she's the ONE to Drill in the WINNING GOAL.

As luck ran out for last year's lady soccer team this year's skill and ambition did not. Three years ago, Nederland reached the Regional semi-final game against Katy Taylor which marked the first time in lady soccer history that Nederland reached that far. The dogs lost that game 5-3. Nederland hoped this year would mark the second time that they would repeat that success three year's ago.

During non-district the girls played against some descent talent, and along with their strong play on defense, the girls placed second in the Nederland Tournament when they lost 4 - 2 to Cypress Fairbanks in the championship game.

District competition did not pose any threat to Nederland as they racked up 85 goals for the year in district and only allowed 1 against them on a flawless error. Nederland earned first round bye when they won playoffs when they won the the district title with a district record of 8 - 0. Nederland hosted two tune-up games before post-season. Then the dogs had to travel to Deer Park to take on Katy in the Area round of the payoffs. It was a hard fought game, but Nederland lost control of the game and was defeated 6 - 0.

The team showed alot of character along with two of Nederland's well rounded athletes during that loss to Katy. Those players included team captains Shannon Tinsley and Melissa Owsley who soon will be playing soccer for East Central University, in Oklahoma. Tinsley and Owsley were both selected to the All-Star team were they will be playing the West region in a soccer game.

"Katy was a hard loss because we were used to winning the first round of the playoffs until the regions were divided differently; then we faced a tougher team." said Shannon Tinsley, senior forward.

"As a young team, we really played well and the seniors stepped up and played to our caliber, it felt good to accomplish my goal to be able to play college soccer," said Melissa Owsley, junior fullback.

Dribbling the ball, Paula Monk, junior, dribbles down the field... -photo by Eddie Oliver

CROSSING THE BALL
Crossing to a teammate, Bree Laughlin, senior, crosses the ball to one of her teammates. -photo by Eddie Oliver

CHASING
Going after the ball, Melissa Owsley, senior, goes after the ball. -photo by Eddie Oliver

page by Jeff Peyres
GOING AFTER THE BALL
Chasing, Kristina Mitchell, junior goes after the ball to get it from the defender. *photo by Eddie Oliver

OUTRUNNING
Blowing by, Leslie Breaux, junior, flies by a defender on her way to score once more. *photo by Eddie Oliver

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Playoffs
Katy 6 0

Statistical Leaders
Leading Scorers - Shannon Tinsley, Paula Monk
All-District
Paula Monk, District MVP, First Team-
Shannon Tinsley, Bree Laughlin,
Leslie Breaux, Regan Green, Kristina
Mitchell, Kara Hammonds-Goalie,
Melissa Owsley-Utility Player,
Second Team- Stephanie Theriot,
Tamara Green, Andrea Tawney

FINAL RECORD 16 - 5 - 2
DISTRICT RECORD 8 - 0

DISTRICT CHAMPS
AREA FINALIST

TENSING UP
Very tight, Jana Furby, freshman, looks very tense as she dribbles the ball down the field away from the defenders. *photo by Eddie Oliver

ABOUT TO SHOOT
Preparing to shoot, Shannon Tinsley, senior, prepares to shoot against LCM in a game which the dogs had no problem taking care of them. Nederland won 15 - 0. *photo by Eddie Oliver
SEASON BRINGS SUCCESS

TWO GOALS by Cy-Fair put the Dogs on the losing side, but a half of play still remained. The dogs know that this could be a loss or a hard earned VICTORY. Their hearts COMMAND them to PRESS on. In a DESPERATE attempt to WIN the game, THE LADY BULLDOGS SCORED THREE GOALS in the closing half to win by a goal.

by Brian Turpen

This year wasn't any different from that game against Cy-Fair where the lady Bulldogs all came out on top.

Teamwork and dedication were the key elements to the team's success.

"I think we really played well together and tried really hard," said Haley Murphy, freshman.

It was an exciting season for the Lady Dogs. Even when the team had fallen behind their opponents, they continued to work and strive for the win.

"When we played Cy-Fair in the Nederland tournament, we were down by two at the half," said Carrie Gillispie, freshman. "But we didn't give up, and we were able to come back and win the game three to two."

Julie Johnson, coach, was pleased with the team's success and sees a great future for girls' soccer at NHS.

"I was really proud of the team, and I thought the team really accomplished a lot," said Johnson. -by Abbey Bean

Leslie Larraín, junior, does a few warm-up stretches before the game -photo Eddie Oliver

"When we played Cy-Fair in the Nederland tournament we were down by two at the half, but we rallied to come back and ended winning the game three to two," said freshman Carrie Gillispie.

"I think we worked really good as a team in every game, but during the Hardin-Jefferson game it was the most effective even though we just tied it felt really good tying a varsity team" said freshman Haley Murphy

DEFENSE
Nederland attacks the ball to play tough defense allowing just a few goals the whole year.

WATCHOUT
A Nederland player takes out an opponent stopping them from scoring.

138 page by Brian Turpen
NICE MOVE
Robbi Ackerman, freshman, dribbles the ball down the field and attempts to score.

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FINAL JV (A) RECORD: 8-7-2
FINAL JV (B) RECORD: 4-5-1

FAST BREAK
Haley Murphy, freshman, sprints down the field to try to score.

Hustle
A Nederland player works hard to get the ball for their team.
Varsity Baseball swings on to another great year.....

DOGS, STATESEMIFINALIST

SMACK! The FLATTERED batter in BLACK and gold looks amazed as he NAILS A HOMERUN. But WHAT HE just realizes is that he hits a GRAND SLAM to win the GAME. The CROWD goes WILD as THE DOGS PREVAIL again.

Excellence struck again as the 1997 Nederland Bulldog baseball team reach the 4A state playoffs. During the season Nederland saw itself ranked among the top five teams in Texas. Nederland, at one point in time, ranked no higher than second, and then as the district contest came to a close, Nederland dropped only two spots.

The last time Nederland reached the state tournament was in 1995. The dogs lost in the State Semifinal game which marked the first time Nederland possessed a baseball team that made it that far. This year the dogs were right on track. Nederland dominated District 20-4A with two exceptional loses to PN-G.

Port Neches Groves countered off too many Bulldog errors and ran away with the game. The Dogs had to settle for Co-District Champions with LCM.

In the playoffs, the Bulldogs walked over New Caney 4-2, and then went to Brenham, where again Nederland did not have trouble with the Cubs. In a game characterized by clutch hitting by both teams and four shutout innings by relief pitcher Michael Melancon, NHS junior, the team felt the playoff excitement and could see themselves in more action to come.

"I don't think you get over the gitters until the game has started," said Jay Stone, coach. "But the players are excited and are glad to be in this position." Nederland knocked off Brenham 7-4 the first game and lost the second 4-1, but Nederland would prevail as usual 7-3 in the final game. The Nederland Bulldogs kept their hopes alive and moved on to the State Tournament.

Nederland lost in the state semifinal game to Boswell 7-3.

"When I hit my first homerun, I got a good pitch to hit. And turned on it; it was really high and I just knew it was out of the ball park," said John Matlock, senior and third baseman.

"It was a great year for us, and we all knew it. I knew it myself that we had the opportunity to reach state again," said Seth Foreman, senior and catcher.

SLIDING TO FIRST
Diving, Jason McGraw, senior, jumps back to first just before he is picked off by the pitcher. -photo by Eddie Oliver

AWAITING THE PITCH
Waiting, Jeremy Leidensdorf, senior, waits for his perfect pitch. photo by Clint Sticker

Seth Foreman, senior, stretches to make a save against Lumberton. -photo by Eddie Oliver

page by Jeff Peyres
MAKING A DOUBLE PLAY
Tagging, Jeremy Leidensdorf and Chad Landry, seniors, try to make a double play. -photo by Lori Cain

PULLING BACK
Watching the ball, Troy Mouton, senior, pulls back for a pitch. He did not like what was thrown. -photo by Eddie Oliver

WINDING UP
Stretching to throw, Chad Landry, senior, rares back to fire another pitch during the West Orange Stark game. Nederland won 6-5 -photo by Jeff Peyres

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STATISTICAL LEADERS
RBI's - John Matlock
Strikeouts - Jesse Floyd
Homers - John Matlock/Chad Landry
Stolen Bases - Jeremy Leidensdorf
Batting Average - Brock Richardson

ALL-DISTRICT
1st Team - Chad Landry, John Matlock, Jeremy Leidensdorf, Jereme Havard; 2nd Team - Jason Mcgraw; Newcomer of the Year - Jesse Floyd; Honorable Mention - Troy Mouton, Brock Richardson, Seth Foreman

POSSING FOR THE CAMERA
The baseball team achieved its success this year through dedication and teamwork -photo by Sandra Rogers
JV baseball dominates again...

BULLDOGS PULL TOGETHER

ANTICIPATION is building, and the pressure is high at the game that will determine the district champion. They have worked all season, and the whole season lies and depends on this single game. As the game starts they are so nervous that they can see their hearts beating through their chests. They realize it was all worth it as soon as the thrill of the game takes over their bodies.

Sophomore baseball was once again a nail-biter. The district championship came down to the last game of the season against their cross-town rivals Port Neches Groves. The two teams had been going neck and neck the entire season to see who was the better team and who would prevail as district champs.

"The season was a good one, and I had fun playing it," said freshman T.J. Roberts. With their coach sidelined from knee surgery, he was forced to watch the game from the stands as he was unable to coach. After a close game, the dogs just couldn’t make it happen and lost the game 12-10.

"That game was really important to us; it was almost like it was all or nothing. So everybody gave it everything they had," said Jason Galassi, freshman.

Even though the dogs lost that one game, they still came out with a 14-3 record and second place in district.

"Next year when we come back, we will be ready to play and try to win that district championship" said Donnie Solis, freshman.

"Against Lumberton the game was tied in the seventh inning, and we weren’t looking too good. We then pulled together to start a rally and won in extra innings 10-2," said Donnie Solis, freshman.

"The hardest loss was to Port Neches. It was for the district championship, and our coach had knee surgery and was forced to watch the game from the stands. We lost 12-10," said Jason Galassi, freshman.
GOING DEEP
Jason Galassi, freshman, gets a solid hit and takes the ball deep into the outfield. -photo by Eddie Oliver

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FINAL JV RECORD
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EASY OUT
Jake Thomas, freshman, throws the ball around the horn after making the play at first. -photo by Eddie Oliver

GOOD EYE
T.J. Roberts, freshman, keeps his eye on the ball, and decides it's not his pitch. -photo by Eddie Oliver
The Lady Dogs have a disappointing season...

**SOFTBALL HITS HARD**

It's the **BOTTOM OF THE NINTH** and the Lady Dogs are down by two. Runners are on first and third, and their star hitter is up to bat. **TIME SEEMS TO STAND STILL** as the pitcher winds up. The Lady Dog swings, and the ball **SOARS UP INTO THE SKY** and over the fence! The crowd goes **WILD** as the Dogs pull out a **victory**.

**by Cheree' Lensing**

Although the Lady Dogs did win some games, they did not meet their expectations. "We set out to get back into the playoffs and came up short," said Coach Schmidt. Despite their disappointment of not making it to the playoffs, the Lady Dogs did set a school record this season. "We won sixteen games, more than any NHS softball team ever has," said Coach Schmidt. Carrie Raleigh, sophomore set a school record with twenty-four stolen bases for the year. "We went through a lot of hard times, and we tried really hard, but we didn't always come through," said Raleigh, sophomore. "We came together at the end; it just wasn't soon enough."

Mandy Louviere, junior, was a strong asset to the Lady Dogs' defense. "We tried hard, but we had problems like every team does. We worked them out at the end of the season," said Louviere, junior. The JV team had to adjust to a new coach, Benny Soileau. "It was my first year coaching and I thought the season was a good learning experience for both me and the girls," said Soileau. "I felt that the leadership roles were more demanding as a senior than an underclassman. I see a lot of potential for the next few years," said Amber James, senior pitcher. "We didn't play as well as we could have because we didn't play as a team. We had our minds set on going to the playoffs, but unfortunately didn't make it," said Mandy Jeanis, senior second baseman.

**READY**
Chantae Self, sophomore is ready for a grounder in their game against WO-S. **-photo by Eddie Oliver**

**PITCHING**
Holly Landry, sophomore, pitches the ball to the Lady Dogs' opponent from WO-S. **-photo by Eddie Oliver**
ABOUT TO STEAL
Mandy Jeanis, senior, gets ready to steal with Coach Soileau as base Coach. -photo by Eddie Oliver

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VARSITY RECORD  4-8
JV RECORD  5-3-1

ON THE MOUND
The Lady Dogs try to pull it together during their last home game. -photo by Eddie Oliver

BOTTOM OF THE INNING
Jessica Johnson, junior, and Carrie Ratlegh and Holly Landry, sophomores, walk to the dugout. -photo by Eddie Oliver
NERVES roll through his body making him tremble. The DEDICATED swimmer stands alone for one last time. THE CROWD awaits ANXIOUSLY in the stands as the race IS ABOUT to begin. Just as he thinks he can't catch up, HE WINS THE MEET.

**BY JEFF PEYRES**

As the auditorium grew quiet and swimmers from Houston to Galveston held intensely to the edges of their blocks, Coach Karen Bussell gripped her stopwatch and nervously awaited the starter's beep.

After all the races were finished and all the blood, sweat, tears were shed for the Region VI swim meet, Scott Cessac, sophomore, found out that his time in the spotlight was not yet over. He Qualified for state with all the hard work he had put into this swim season.

"I just couldn't believe that I had really made it!" said Cessac. "All the hard work had finally paid off."

Cessac broke the school record in the 500 meter free-style with a time of 4:42:35, the school record once held by Kurt Boneaux was 4:44:86, that time possessed no threat to Cessac.

Although the entire bulk of the Bulldog swimmers who qualified for the Region VI swim meet did not qualify for the state competition, Scott Cessac can easily say he was one of the only Bulldog swimmers to reach state.

"I did a whole lot better than I did at District. I feel that the season was worth the effort and hard work that I put into it," said Corrie Viator, junior and captain.
1st PLACE AGAIN
Winning first place as usual, Scott Cessac, sophomore, accepts his victory again at the Pasadena Invitational meet. -photo's provided by Corrie Viator

RELAXING
Taking a break, the swim team relaxes during warm-ups. -photo's provided by Corrie Viator

Determined
- Scott Cessac placed 11th in State -
- Broke School Record -

SMILING
Posing for the camera, the swim team looks really happy after they won the Pasadena Invitational. -photo's provided by Corrie Viator.
Powerlifters get in shape...

The Bulldog powerlifter's heart is about to explode as he steps under the bar in the squat competition. At the judges command, the lifter EFFORTLESSLY brings the bar down. Veins pop out of his head as he tries with all his might to squat the heavy weight. Out of nowhere, he gets a rush of adrenaline and brings the bar back up.

by Cheree' Lensing

Twenty of Nederland’s most dedicated athletes woke the roosters up on their way to school every morning during powerlifting season because practice started at 6:30 am.

“Powerlifting doesn’t take a lot of time, but it takes a set amount of time all the time,” said Coach Doug Carter.

The athletes felt different emotions when it came time for the meets. Lance Howell enjoyed the attention.

“It’s exciting to get in front of everyone and set a personal record,” said Howell.

Josh Whitehead and Matt May agreed that it was a lot of hard work, but both felt that it paid off throughout the season.

“It took a lot of work to get where I am, but it’s worth it,” said Whitehead.

May didn’t mind the effort he had to put forth to excel in his second year in powerlifting.

“Sweat and tears are both made of salt. One gets you pity, and the other gets you ahead,” said May.

Coach Carter was very happy with his team’s performances at the meets.

“I was proud of the way everyone worked together and helped each other prepare for each of their lifts,” said Carter.

All the members are returning except the only girl and senior, Cheree’ Lensing; so, Nederland’s powerlifting team should be stronger than ever next year.

I think the team did really well this year, and we’ll do better next year because we’re not losing any seniors. I hope to go to regionals next year as a senior,” said Lance Howell, junior.

“We had a really young team, and hopefully, we can do better next year. If everyone works hard during the off-season, maybe we’ll have some people go to regionals next year,” said Cliff Bell, junior.
DEADLIFT
Brad Breaux, sophomore, strains in his third attempt on dead lift at the Silsbee meet. -photo by Cheree' Lensing

LIFTING
Cliff Bell, junior, attempts to lock out his bench press in the Silsbee meet. -photo by Cheree' Lensing

MUSCLEMAN
Matt May, sophomore, deadlifts 365 lbs. at the Silsbee meet. -photo by Cheree' Lensing

SQUAT
Josh Whitehead, sophomore, squats 315 lbs. at the Newton meet. -photo by Cheree' Lensing
Varsity Golf swings for par.....

DOGS REACH REGIONALS

SILENCE rolls through the CROWD. The DETERMINED golfer in black and gold concentrates on his LAST SHOT. As he swings, the ball rolls away from the hole.....just as he thinks he's done for the day, the ball hooks right and falls in. Nederland wins again.

BY JEFF PEYRES

"It felt great because it was the first time this year that we beat Hardin Jefferson," said Rob Long, golf coach.

The dogs accomplished something this year that no other golf team accomplished this season. The dogs beat Hardin-Jefferson, who was ranked first among the area's top golf teams.

"It showed our team, we are capable of beating top notch teams. On a personal note, it was more satisfying to beat a team that I recently coached," said Coach Long.

Top notch golfers were junior Rusten Kennedy, who led the boys golf team to a great season, along with Jake Dugas, senior. Rusten Kennedy, placed second in district just below one of the top golfers from PNG. Carrie Newton, senior and Hilary Hebert, freshman, added to the Bulldogs success, by pacing the dogs with their talented skills and adding points to the overall score for the team totals. Reaching Regionals was one of the dog's main goals.

"I was thrilled with their performance. The first day we beat our best score by 17 strokes. The second day we lowered it by four more. We should be one of the favorites to win Regionals next year," said Coach Stump.

"I thought I played pretty well. There were many teams that we faced during the year that were tough but we held our own," said Carrie Newton, senior.

"It was a great year for us considering that we beat Hardin-Jefferson, who was ranked first among the areas best golf teams," said Jake Dugas, senior.

RARING BACK TO SWING

Putting his back in to, Jake Dugas, senior, swings with all his power. -photo by Brian Forey

CONCENTRATION

Concentrating on the ball, Carrie Newton, senior, concentrates on where her ball is rolling. -photo by Brian Forey
SWINGING
Looking for his ball, Justin Collins, junior, looks all over for his ball. -photo by Brian Forey

HITTING
Putting the ball, Meghan Grimes, sophomore, barely taps her ball towards the hole. -photo by Bryan Forey

LOOKING FOR HIS BALL
Nailing the ball, Brandon LaBove, junior, drives his ball deep into 300 yards. -photo by Bryan Forey
As all of the athletes listen to their coaches heartfelt speeches, they wait ANXIOUSLY to find out who will receive the Ideal Athlete award. Memories of the past season of sweat, tears, losses, and victories rush through their minds. When the Ideal Athletes are recognized, everyone SMILES knowing the two chosen deserve it the most.

by Cheree' Lensing

All the athletes at Nederland High School were treated to chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pudding and tea. The All Sports Banquet was held in the NHS cafeteria on Tuesday, May 6, 1997 to honor the athletes for their sweat and hard work.

The Ideal Athletes of the year were Shantel Lee and Brock Richardson.

Lee has been a member of the cross-country, basketball, and track teams for four years. Lee won the track award this year because she is the first regional champion that NHS's girls track program has ever had.

"Shantel is the most exceptional athlete I've ever coached. She is a true champion and a leader, not only through ability, but also in character," said Ashley Massey, track coach.

Brock Richardson has played two years of varsity football and three years of varsity baseball. He made first team all district and second team all state punter, all district defensive back, and in baseball he is a starting outfielder and all district designated batter.

"Brock met and exceeded the criteria for the Ideal Athlete because he participated and excelled in both football and baseball. As well as his athletic achievements he has also kept his grades up and excelled academically," said athletic director Coach Larry Neuman.

"Brock will be sorely missed."

I've worked really hard for the past four years in all the sports I've played, but it never really occurred to me that I might get the Ideal Athlete Award," said Shantel Lee, senior.

"I had never thought about winning the Ideal Athlete award until tonight. That isn't why I played sports, I just love being competitive and staying in shape," said Brock Richardson, senior.
OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
Eddie Oliver, senior, and Troy Sumrall, junior, smile after being awarded the outstanding back and lineman award. -photo by Lori Cain

DETERMINED
Most Valuable Players

Football  Clint Sticker
Cross-country  Torrey Gomez, Ashley White
Powerlifting  Cliff Bell
Volleyball  Diane Barron, Paisley Welch
Basketball  Travis Kelson, Ashley White
Tennis  Brian Caldronia, Bobby Smith, Regan Green
Soccer  Davy Arnaud, Brent Gallagher, Melissa Owsley
Track  Tad Teme, Shantel Lee
Baseball  John Matlock
Softball  Mandy Louviere, Carrie Raleigh
Golf  Eddie Roberts, Carrie Newton
Swimming  Rian Kelly, Scott Cessac

IDEAL ATHLETES
Shantel Lee and Brock Richardson

POWERLIFTING TEAM
The powerlifting team improved throughout the season and by losing only one senior should have a great year next year. -photo by Eddie Oliver
Grace Wright and Dustin Creager, juniors, debate on whether or not to play the game one more time at the Heritage Festival on Boston Avenue. Both Wright and Creager were members of TNT (Terrific Nederland Teens) this year.

- photo by Abbey Bean

Chris Knowles, senior, mesmerizes the crowd with his beauty as he is escorted by Stephanie Schion, senior, in the first annual Miss Mock Pageant. The Miss Mock pageant was held to raise money for Project Celebration.

- photo by Eddie Oliver
search desperately for their classes. Each year, a new class of Bulldogs crowd the halls searching for their classrooms, but as the year progresses, the freshmen learn to adapt and to make NHS their new home.

"It was really scary at first, but then I got used to it," said Jeremy Gribnau, freshman. "I made a lot of new friends, and I don't really even mind being the youngest here anymore."

As sophomores and juniors, the students look forward to the coming year and hope to make the best of it.

"Well, I really wish that this were my last year, but I know that next year will be great, too," said Meredith Herrin, junior.

The seniors of 1997 look back on their high school days with fond memories of laughter, lasting friendships, and accomplishment.

"I think that I'll remember all the band trips forever," said Carrie Newton, senior.

"We always had such a great time. I have made some of my best friends in the band."

Although the seniors are a little saddened by the coming of their graduation, they will always have their memories, and most of them look forward to their futures.

"I can't wait to go to college!" said Amy Gribnau, senior. "I know I'll miss my friends and family, but I think that it's time for me to move on and to make something of myself." —by Abbey Bean
High school is a time of having fun and learning. It is a time of accomplishments and disappointments. Being able to handle the good times and bad times make a person very well-rounded. This year the senior class selected Haley Lowrance and Clint Greene as the best all-around.

Lowrance has always kept busy throughout high school. She has been a cheerleader for four years, has been on Homecoming Court and Prom Court, and she has also participated in the Miss NHS pageant. She was the announcer at the Miss Mock pageant. This year she was the Student Body President and was selected as the Football Sweetheart.

"I've been really lucky in high school and accomplished many things. I really haven't felt any disappointment," said Lowrance.

The other person the seniors selected as the best all-around is Clint Greene. He is in TNT and has been on the basketball team for many years. Not only is he involved in school activities, but he is also a very nice person to be around.

"Clint is one of the sweetest people I know. I've never heard him be mean to anyone," said Tonya Mason, senior.

It is a big honor if your peers think so much of you to select you as the best all-around of all the students. Only two people out of the entire senior class can be voted that. Lowrance and Greene are very happy about the honor.
Most Attractive: Seth Belaire and Killey Adkins

Most Dignified: Corey Pomery and Carrie Newton

Best Dressed: Chad Landry and Andrea Tawney

Cutest: David Grant and Melissa Owsley

Most Talented: Seth Foreman and Jamie Melancon

Most Athletic: Jeff Peyres and Shantel Lee

Friendliest: Carrell Broussard and Abbey Bean

Best Sense of Humor: Eddie Oliver and Lashonda James

Best Personality: Michael Feldschau and Nicole Henson
Joel Adair  Basketball

Aimie Adams

Kiley Adkins  Softball 2y; Senior Class President; Student Council Officer 4y; Cheerleader 4y; National Honor Society 2y; Track 1y; FFA officer 3y; Who's Who 4y

Robert Alfaro

Aaron Allen  Football 1y; Bulldog Believers/First Priority.

Jacob Allen  soccer; J.V. football

Ingrid Araujo  Student Council 2y; HOSA 1y; BPA 1y; US2U 1y; Soccer 2y; Cross Country 1y.

Chad Ardoin

Brittany Arceneaux  Band 1y; Westernaires 1y; Treble Choir Treasurer 1y; Health Occupations Secretary 1y; TNT 2y; BPA 1y; National Honor Society 2y

Travis Armstrong

Shelby Avant

Jonathan Bailey  Band; FFA; JETTS; Football; Key Club; Weight Lifting

Mandy Barbosa  Volleyball; Basketball

Keisha Barker  German Club 2y; Volleyball 4y

Nathan Barnett  Yearbook 3y; Newspaper 3y; US2U 1y

Kris Battenfield

Abbey Bean  Choir 1y; TNT 2y; Yearbook 3y (editor-in-chief 2y); National Honor Society 2y; National Spanish Honor Society 2y;

Stephanie Bear  Nederland Environmental Organization 2y; Yearbook 3y (Student Life Editor 1y); Newspaper 2y; US2U 2y

Angela Beard  Criminal Justice Club

Seth Belaire  Football; Soccer; Track; Student Council 3y
Kristi Bergstrom  Soccer; BPA; FHA
Secretary

Kara Berkline  Band 4y; TNT 2y; Bulldog Believers 2y

Rachel Bernal

Ryan Bernard  Choir 4y; National Honor Society 2y; German Club 2y

Daniel Berry  Ned & Co. 2y; Choir 2y; Market Ed 2y

Mandy Best  Soccer 3y; HOSA 1y; Track 1y; BPA 1y

Barbara Bienvenu  Band 4y

Alana Booth  Choir 4y; Westmeraines 2y
(Captain 1y)

Michael Borders

Christina Borel  FHA 2y

Lacye Boudreaux  Band 4y; BPA 1y

Carolee Boullion  Choir 4y;
Ned & Co. 3y

Jessica Bounds  National Spanish Honor Society

Eddy Brammer  Golden Guardians 3y
(Head Golden Guardian 2y; TNT 2y; National Honor Society 2y; UIL 1y; Band 1y; Academic All-District 3y)

Jeremy Breaux  football

Carnell Broussard  Ned & Co. (Band Librarian)

Darnell Broussard  Basketball 1y;
Student Council 1y

Natalie Broussard  Co-President of Band Council 1y; Honors Band 4y; Jazz Band 4y;
All Region Band 4y; Area Band 1y; Band Council 1y; National Honor Society

Shawna Broussard

Amanda Brown  HOSA 1y
Crystal Brown
James Brown

Megan Brown  Band 4y; Key Club 1y;
Bulldog Believers 1y

Bobby Buckalew  VICA

Clifford Burke
Tina Cardenas

Kristen Carter  Student Council 4y;
Volleyball 3y; Basketball 4y; Softball 4y;
Track 3y

Clint Caywood  German Club 2y;

Amanda Charles

Jana Chauvin  Softball 6y; Volleyball 6y;
TNT 2y; National Honor Society; National Spanish
Honor Society; Basketball 1y

Melanie Cook  National Honor Society;
H.O.E.; Golf 2y; TNT; Band 1y; HOSA 2y

Holly Cox

Kelly Culver  Bulldog Believers

Jeremy Curtice  FFA

Ouven Dao

Bambi Davalos

Kandi Davalos

Susan Davidson  Soccer 2y; First
Priority 2y; BPA 2y

Justin Dean  Key Club 3y; (Vice President);

Troy Deviller  Band 6y; Section Leader
Band; JETTS 2y; Bulldog Believers 2y

160 Seniors
Seth Foreman  Baseball 4y; Football 1y; National Spanish Honor Society

Brian Forey  Yearbook 2y; Newspaper 1y; US2U 1y; Key Club 2y

Kenneth Franks  Will Fults

Robert Garcia  Band 4y; Nat & Co. 3y (Vice President); Choir 4y; Theatre Arts 1y

Sabal Garcia

Danae Gaspard  tennis

David Gilchriest

Nick Gilchriest  Auto Tech

Aaron Gillispie  German Club 2y; Criminal Justice 1y; Football 3y

Mandy Glynn  Band 4y; Goldenette; TNT 2y

Torrey Gomez  Cross Country 4y; Track 4y; Soccer 2y

Olivia Gonzales  Key Club 2y; HOSA 1y; BPA 1y

Jeff Gotcher  Soccer 1y; Golf 1.5y; Bulldog Believers 4y

David Grant  Football 2y; Student Council 2y

Kalynda Grant  National Honor Society; Spanish National Honor Society

Regan Green  National Honor Society; Spanish Honor Society; Tennis 4y; Soccer 4y; FCA; TNT 2y

Clint Greene  Basketball

Amy Gribneau  Cheerleader 6y; National Honor Society 2y; TNT 2y; German Club 2y; Choir 1y

Katy Grimes  Band 4y; Newspaper 3y; TNT 2y; Bulldog Believers 2y

162 Seniors
Mark Gruver  Band 4y; German Club 2y; Acadec 2y; JETTS 1y

Crissy Guarnere  Choir 3y; TNT 2y; HOSA 2y; Key Club 1y

Dana Guidry  Soccer 3y; Westnaires 1y; Acadec 1y

Ashley Hammonds  Bulldog Believers

Mandy Hanley  BPA 1y

Matthew Hanley  Bulldog Believers

Cortney Harrington  Westnaires 2y

Jude Harrington

Melanie Hart  Westnaires 2y; BPA 1y; Soccer 2y; National Honor Society 2y; Acadec 1y; Spanish Honor Society 2y

Cherice Hebert  Goldenette 3y; Honors Band 2y; TNT 2y; Golf 2y; Bulldog Believers 1y; Key Club 1y

Nicole Henson  HOSA; Spanish Club; Treble Choir; Key Club

Eric Hill  Band 2y; Football 1y; FFA 3y

Shane Hilton  Football 4y

Chris Hitchcock

Mary Hitchcock  FHA 4y; Choir 1y; HOSA 1y

Crystal Holland  Band 4y

Hilary Holmlund  Westnaires; German Choir; Key Club; BPA

Jeremy Homuth  German Club 2y; Soccer 3y

Jeremy Hood  Key Club 3y; Jun 1y; Criminal Justice Club 1y; German Club 1y; Powerlifting 1y; Football 1y

Jason Hopson

Seniors 163
Chris Horn, German Club

Chris Hussey, German Club; Football 1y; Shop Club

Jared Ingham, Band 4y (section leader 1y); Band Council 1y

Amber James, Softball 6y; Honor Society 2y

Lashanda James, Band 6y; Key Club 2y

Mandy Jeanis, Basketball 1y; Volleyball 6y; Softball 6y; Student Council 4y

Brittany Jennex, Band 4y; Choir 1y; Soccer 3y; Track 3y; Key Club 1y; F.F.A. 3y; Powerlifting 2y (girls captain)

Jennifer Jimenez, Choir 6y; N & Co. 3y (Treasurer 2y) T.N.T. 2y

Kasey Jordan, National Honors Society 6y, German Club 2y (Treasurer); N & Co. 3y; Choir 4y

Jacob Junot

Jason Keith, National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta; Key Club; Drama Club; Football 1y

Troy Kelley

Travis Kelson, Basketball

Kori Kiffe

Ryan Knott, Football; Baseball

Chris Knowles

Jeremy Kupper, Soccer; National Honor Society

 Shaun Land, Football; Baseball; Academic Decathalon

Kristi Landry, Band 4y; German Club 2y; Key Club 2y

Shane Landry, N & Co. 3y; Choir 6y; Soccer 3y; German Club 2y

164 Seniors
Aimee LaPoint  Westsiders 2y; BPA 1y; Band 1y; German Club 2y; FHA 1y;
Bree Laughlin  Soccer 4y; Choir 1y; German Club
Randy LeBlanc
Reisha LeBlanc

Melissa Lee  Key Club; Bulldog Believer; BPA; TNT
Shantel Lee  Cross Country; Basketball; Track; HOSA 1y; HOE 1y; TNT 1y
Wesley Lee
Lisa Lege  Choir; French Club

Melissa Lege  Choir 4y; French Club 1y;
Jeremy Leidensdorf  Baseball 3y;
Basketball 2y; National Honor Society; Student Council 1y; TNT 1y
Cheree' Lensing  FFA 3y; German Club 2y; Cross Country 4y; Track 4y; Yearbook 1y
Amanda Long  Band 6y; Honor Society

Kelly Lotz  Marketing ED-COOP
Katie Loveinsky  Newspaper; US2U; National Honor Society; TNT; Key Club;
Haley Lowrance  Cheerleader 6y;
Student Council 4y; National Honor Society;
German Club 2y; BPA 1y; Softball 1y; TNT 2y;
Charles Luce  Golden Guardian 1y; Ned & CO. 3y; Choir 3y

Kary Magliolo  TNT; Market Ed COOP
Melissa Mansel DECA; National Honor Society
Kaylea Mahon
Melissa Mancil
Suzanne Manske

Seniors 165
Mia Maples

Jace Martin  Tennis 4y; Band 4y; First Priority 1y; National Honor Society 1y, Spanish National Honor Society 1y; Key Club

Tonya Mason  Tennis 2y; Key Club 2y; Spanish Honor Society 2y; National Honor Society; Yearbook 1y;

John Matlock  Baseball 1y

Casey Maxwell  Golf

Shannon McDonald  Tennis 3y; National Honor Society; Spanish National Honor Society; Soccer 2y

Jason McGrave

Roger McGuire

Adam McIntyre  Football 4y; Track 4y; German Club 2y;

Jennifer McMains

Jeff McNeely  Vica

Amber McRae  Westernaires 2y;

Jamie Melancon  Track 1y; Soccer 3y; Ned & Co 1y; Choir 3y; Spanish Club 2y

Jake Miller

Stephanie Monarch  HOSA; Spanish Honor Society

David Monteaux  Football 2y

Brandy Moore  Choir 4y; Criminal Justice 1y

Chris Moore  German Club 1y

Melissa Morgan  Key Club 2y; HOSA 1y; Ned & Co 3y; Choir 4y

Julie Morris  Cross Country 2y; Key Club 2y; TNT 2y; BPA 1y

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1y; Football 3y; Track 4y; German Club 2y;
Yearbook (Sports Editor) 2y

Nicholas Phillips Choir 4y; Natl &
Co. 3y; German Club 2y

Nicole Phillips HOSA; Spanish Club

John Polk Football 4y; Track 2y

Cory Pomroy National Honor Society
2y; Spanish Honor Society 2y; Baseball 2y;
Football 1y

Rodney Powell Law Enforcement;
Criminal Justice

Crystal Price Swim Team; Softball;
US2U; German Club

Todd Priddy German Club; VICA

Mahdis Rahmani Key Club 3y;
Yearbook 1y; Newspaper 1y; National Honor
Society 2y; TNT 2y;

Monica Ramirez Westernaires 2y

Sheila Ramsey Band 4y; Twirler 2y

Sherry Rials German Club 2y;
Westernaires 1y; Golf 1y

Brock Richardson Football 4y;
Basketball 2y; Baseball 4y

Jeff Riley Natl & Co.

Robby Robinson Football 3y;
German Club

Stephen Robinson Baseball 3y;
German Club 2y; Football 1y

Marsha Roccafort

Dana Romero

Hayley Rossi

Brett Rover

168 Seniors
Erin Royer
Kasey Sanders
Michael Saxton
Stephanie Schion

Courtney Schomerus, Cheerleader
4y (Head 1y); National Honor Society; TNT;
Student Council 3y; Track Team

Joshua Scoggins

Sadie Seymour, Student Council 1y;
Mascot 1y; Broadcasting Journalism (USIU) 1y;
Softball 1y

Scott Seymour

Travis Shahan, Band 6y; HOSA 2y
(President 1y); Band Council 1y; Honor Society

Michael Sherman, Band 4y; Criminal
Justice Club 1y

James Simon, Band 6y; Choir 1y

Brent Simpson, Football

David Skates, ULA

Misty Snell

Adriana Soolis

Gloria Solis, SBH 2y; BPA 1y

Robert Solis, TNT 2y

Louis Stegemoller, Band 6y; Key Club
3y (Pallentinean); JETTS 3y (VP); German
Club 1y

Shelly Stein, Westarnaires 2y

Clint Sticker, Football 6y; Baseball 1y;
Track 4y; Yearbook 1y
Lindsey Stoker  Westernaires 2y
(Lieutenant); BPA 1y

Aaron Sutherlin  Band 4y; Football 2y; Academic Decathlon 1y

Crystal Tait  Choir 1y; Key Club 1y;

Tomoko Takahashi

Brandy Tarver  Track 2y; Basketball 2y; Cheerleader 2y; German Club 2y; HOSA

Angela Tate  Westernaires 2y; HOSA 1y;

Andrea Tawney  Band 4y; Twirler 3y; National Honor Society; TNT 2y; Soccer 4y;

Jason Theriot  Band

Bobby Thomas

Bryan Thomas

Erin Thomas  Newspaper 1y; USJU 1y

Kirk Thomas  Track 4y; German 2y; Key Club

Mathew Thomas

Roxanne Thomas  Choir

Renee Tilley  Choir

Shannon Tinsley  Soccer 4y;
Cheerleader 4y; National Honor Society 1y;
Spanish National Honor Society 1y; TNT 2y; Student Council 1y

Kasey Trainer  Criminal Justice

Tad Treme  Football, Track, German Club; FFA

Rachelle Trevino  Soccer 4y; Spanish Club 4y; Spanish National Honor Society 2y; National Honor Society 2y; AcDee 1y

Debbie Turner  Band, Golden Slils; First Priority

170 Seniors
Ryan Upham  Football 4y; Track 2y; Basketball 2y; Baseball 3y; FHA 1y

Danny Viator  Public Speaking

Jarrett Vincent  Track 4y

Misti Vincent

Heather Vines  Choir 2y; German Club 2y; Soccer 1y; Drama 1y; Criminal Justice Club 1y; BPA 1y

Kristi Waldrep  Band 4y; HOSA 2y; French Club 2y

Daniel Ward

Chad Washenfelder  Football 2y

Traci Weatherford  Band 4y; (Goldenettes 3y); HCS; Key Club; FCA; 1st Priority; National Honor Society; TNT

Amber Welch  Yearbook 1y; VCE 1y; German Club 2y

Amy Welch

Kristina Welch  BPA

Paisley Welch  Volleyball; Track; Basketball

Blaine Welty

Treva Wilkerson  Band 4y; TNT 2y; Bulldog Believers 3y

Aaron Williams  First Priority; Academic Challenge; Band; TNT

John Williams  Band 4y; Debate 1y; Key Club 1y; Honor Society 2y

Kevin Williams  Debate 3y; Band 4y; ACADEC 1y; Academic Challenge 3y

Holly Williford  Waverines 2y; TNT 2y; ACADEC 1y; Soccer 2y

Allison Wilson

Seniors 171
Candice Wilson  Band 4y; Golden silks 2y; HOSA 1y; TNT 2y

Ray Wilson

Jessica Wooley  Spanish Club 4y; Spanish National Honor Society 2y; ACADEC; Newspaper (Section Editor) 2y; US2U; Band 2y; National Honor Society; Drama

Frank Woronvich

Bryan Wright

Derek Wright

Bryan Yeates  Football 4y; Key Club 3y; Debate Club (Captain) 3y

Monica Young  Swim Team 4y; Newspaper 1y; ACADEC; UIL 1y; Band 1y; Drama 1y

Jeremy Yzaguirre  Track

Brent Garcia

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Alvarez, Melissa
Ardoin, Josh
Bales, Charles
Barron, Diane
Bratton, Jacob
Cannon, Brandon
Carr, Luther
Chumley, Tiffanie
Cooley, Brooke
Dean, Tanya
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Fultz, Daniel
Guillory, Nicole
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Kavanaugh, Aaron
Killian, Marcia
LeBeouf, Jason
Locke, Erin
Lovelace, Shawn
Maredia, Rizwan
McCree, Chris
Miller, Jacob
Morgan, Jonathan
Mouton, Troy
Myers, Tabitha
Neil, Corey
Nicholasora, Chris
Oliver, Thomas
Payton, Lori
Perello, Marcus
Powell, Dustin
Price, Jacob
Pullin, Chris
Reeves, James

Sanderson, Josh
Thomas, Melissa
Timmons, Cody
Umphrey, Mollie
Walker, Kim
Waters, Steven
Whitehead, Nikki
Seniors Kristin Carter and Sadie Seymour have a little fun while working on the US2U Sports broadcast.

Seniors Traci Weatherford, Brandy Tarver, Courtney Schomerous, Amber James, Allison Wilson, Marsha Roccaforte, and Carrie Newton show who's in charge during spirit week.

Seniors Traci Weatherford, Marsha Roccaforte, and Hilary Holmlund have a bonding experience at the Miss Nederland pageant in the Central middle school auditorium.
By the time students are juniors, they basically know who they do and who they do not like. And they know who they think is the most fun, the nicest, the all-around person. So they elect them as class favorites. This year the junior class elected Lindsey Sessions and Jereme Havard.

"I was really happy when I heard I was elected class favorite. It makes me feel good to think everyone likes me," said Sessions.

This is the third time in high school that Lindsey has been elected class favorite. Obviously she is considered a very well-like by her peers.

“Lindsey is nice to everyone. She is always smiling and happy," said Lindsey Landry, junior.

This is the first time in high school for Jereme to be elected as class favorite. He was also one of the quarterbacks for the varsity football team.

“I like being involved in school, and being elected class favorite allows me to be more involved," said Havard.

It is a great honor to these two juniors to know that their peers think of them as worthy of the title of class favorites.
It’s 9:57. The bell rings and there are eight minutes left to get to class. Students have this time to go to their lockers, go to the restroom, talk to their friends, and get to class. Sounds easy, right? But it is not. The halls are very crowded, and students have to fight their way through crowds of people to get anywhere.

“It’s really hard trying to get through the halls because big groups of people just stand in the middle of the halls, and people are coming from all directions,” said Michelle Crain, junior.

Not only do students have to fight their way through, but they also have to deal with people who push and knock other people down.

“I’ve heard lots of people say rude things like ‘move,’ and I’ve actually seen someone knock another person down in the hall,” said Amber Ward, junior.

For now nothing is being done about overcrowding in the halls. It’s just something student have to learn to live with.

Esquivel, Ryan
Feener, Erinn
Fenner, Alana
Fermo, Jeremy
Fontenot, Tobin
Foreman, Derek
Foster, Reynaldo

Fournier, Kristen
Franke, Krystal
Franks, Aaron
Fruge, Nicole
Fults, Brandon
Fuselier, Aaron
Gallagher, Brent

Garcia, Bobbie
Garrison, Michael
Gates, Jennifer
Gaudet, Jason
Gengo, Adam
Gilchriest, Heath
Gilmore, Matthew

Gloede, Sunny
Glynn IV, Thomas
Gregory, Nancy
Griffith, Jeffrey
Grimes, Megan
Guidry, Kymberly
Gunn, Alan

Large crowds in the hallways often hamper a students ability to get to class on time.

Students are often pushed and shoved through the halls when attempting to get to their classes.
The crowded hallways impede a student's ability to get to class on time, and more students get tardies as a result.

Crowded intersections such as this can lead to hazardous hallway conditions, which may, in turn, lead to accidents.
Remember when your locker used to be next to a member of your own class? Well, with the new locker arrangement it is possible that your locker is surrounded by the lockers of people in other grades.

“"I hate having a locker around people I don’t know. I liked it when you could talk to the person next to you and not be looking down at a freshman. It is definitely an exercise in patience,” said Emily Perryman, junior.

This year the junior, sophomore, and freshmen classes are mixed together in alphabetical order. But the senior class still has its traditional hallway all by itself. This arrangement can causes some friction between students because many times upperclassmen are forced to wait on the younger classmen.

“The only really bad thing about this arrangement is that if you have a little brother or sister, your locker ends up right next to theirs,” said Kelly Thompson, junior.

Students are just going to have to learn to get along with people from different classes and to tolerate the new locker arrangement.

Le, Long
LeBlanc, Amanda
LeBlanc, Katie
LeBoeuf, Joshua
Leduc, James
Lee, Lyndsi
Leger, Justin
Lindsey, Cody
Loflin, Joshua
Louviere, Mandy
Loveland, Kevin
Lydic, Chase
Maraist, Jessica
Maredia, Anis
Marmolejo, Jerry
Martin, Clinton
Martin, Jeremy
May, Thomas
McBride, David
McElroy, Elizabeth
McGuire, Daniel
McGuire, Erin
McKeever, Brian
McMains, Cory
McPhatter III, William
McRae, Sunny
Mendoza, Jayna
Messer, Eric

Many times students are forced to wait for all the other students around them. This can cause tardiness. photo by Lara Cascio

Getting all of their stuff together can be difficult for students when the locker area is crowded by other people.
The junior delegates are Cliff Bell, Grace Wright, Alicia Judice, Whitney Moore, Derek Chambless, Blake Rebert, Clint Morris, Brent Gallagher, and Clint Chambless.

The mixed lockers instill students with patience to accept and tolerate the younger classes.
The student council is here to better our school by serving the student body and doing helpful service projects. This year's junior class officers are President Marci Landry, Vice President Lindsey Mitchell, Secretary Jaime Mitchell, Treasurer Lindsey Sessions, and Social Leader Misti Stout.

"I like being in student council because I like to help people," said Lindsey Sessions, junior.

Student Council organized a food drive, sponsored dances, and raised money for prom this year.

"We tried our best to do things that would help the student body, like food drives and things like that," Marci Landry, junior, said.

The student council also has nine delegates for the junior class. This year's junior delegates are Cliff Bell, Derek Chambless, Clint Chambless, Brent Gallagher, Alicia Judice, Whitney Moore, Clint Morris, Blake Rebert, Grace Wright.

The student council at NHS has been a continuing tradition, and will continue to work hard for the students.
Junior student council members take a little float down the river to relieve the stress of being a council member.

The junior officers take a break from the rigors of student leadership to have their picture taken.
This year was the first year in a long time that Nederland High School put on a musical. This year the musical tradition was reborn, and students from Ned & Company, drama, choir, twirlers, wood shop, art, and home economics put together the play "Grease."

“The fact that it was a musical and that we worked with different people made it fun and different. We performed to a more diverse audience, not like the regular student body. We had ticket sales and publicity from the school and community media.” said Brent Garcia, senior.

Another production drama put on was “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.” The Nederland thespians took this play to contest but did not advance.

“We were disappointed. We thought our show was good enough for State. It didn't make any sense.” said Chris Thomas, junior.

Thomas and other Nederland drama students are a part of the International Thespian Honor Society. This is like any other Honor Society with dues and certificates. Thomas says that he gets to meet many other thespians from other schools.

Wills, Delores
Wills, Brett
Wilson, Suzanne
Wilson, Tegan
Wise, Kristen
Wolfford, Alica
Wright, Grace
Wright, Matthew
Young, Brooke

This angelic choir sings and dances for the audiences of "Grease." This year the traditional musical was performed.

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Adams, Chris
Arnold, Ouida
Bell, Brandon
Bryan, Jennifer
Collins, Joshua
Cooper, Dale
Dao, Quy
Ernst, Amanda
Hamm, Phillip
Handel, Barrett
Hendrix Jr., Michael
Hernandez, Crystal
James, Krissy
Kelly, Troy
Korbini, Troy
Lacour, Dawn
Lee, Amber
Maples, Micah
Melancon, Sabre
Merren, Kira
Monk, Heather
Mosley, Jason
Mulkey, Frank
Nguyen, Lisa
Parker, Branden
Peno, Justin
Resch, Amanda
Richey, Lauren
Sanders, Thomas
Sedtal, Brandi
Shifflette, Misti
Tolbert, Todd
Trahan, Kevin
Underwood, James
Valenta, Britt
Woods- Kuthbert, Keisha

1 Sarah Purdue, sophomore, and Chris Thomas, junior, sing to each other during the performance of "Grease." -all photos by Brian Forey

2 This angelic choir sings and dances for the audiences of "Grease." This year the traditional musical was performed.
Jacob Miller, senior, and Ryan Boone, junior, do the hand jive during the "Grease" production.

Ashley Burton, junior, is dressed up for PNG nerd day.

Cliff Bell and Blake Rebert, juniors, stop their working to take this friendly picture.

The cast of "Grease" "chills out" at the diner. The NHS production of Grease was a very successful performance.

The junior class powder puff team and coaches pose after a 21-0 loss to the seniors. Obviously the loss did not dampen their spirits.

Lindsey Sessions, junior, takes a break from being a varsity cheerleader to rest on the track.

Tricia Clements, junior, helps to demolish a car at the Car Bash during Fun Day.
Once students become sophomores, they already know the drill of participating in the class favorite elections. They have been through it once when they were freshmen, and will continue to vote until they are seniors. But that doesn't mean it makes it any easier to decide who they think deserves the honor.

"I think Jarred Horn and Sarah Pardue really deserved to be class favorites because they are nice and friendly to everyone. They exhibit the qualities that are expected of someone named as class favorite," said Hollie Jefferson, sophomore.

The class favorites this year are very excited that their peers think that much of them to say that they are the best of the whole sophomore class. The recognition of class favorite is a real honor for them.

"When I heard I was class favorite, I got very excited. I couldn't even fathom that my friends really thought that much of me. I just didn't believe it," said Sarah Pardue.

Class favorites get their pictures in the yearbook, so everyone knows that they have been selected as the class favorite. And so that they will get recognition from everyone in their grade.

Adaway, Brandy Aguillard, Garrett Aldridge, Charlena Aldridge, Courtney Aldridge, Wendy Angelle, Ashlee Araujo, Armando

Arce, Ivy Arena, Joseph Arnaud, Davy Ash, Gerald Askew, Jennifer Asrari, William Aycock, Justin

Babin, Cassey Bagley, John Baklik, Jessica Ballard, Summer Barclay, Matthew Bardwell, Heather Barlow, Amanda

Barnes, Kristopher Bass, Jessica Bass, Sarah Beach, Virginia Bean, Tracy Beeson, Jacey Benlien, Kristin

Jarred Horn and Sarah Pardue have been selected as the sophomore class favorites for 96-97 school year.
Although by their sophomore year students have acquired enough experience to handle a simple change of grade, problems still arise. The transition from a lowly freshmen to a sophomore can be a big change.

"You get treated much better as a sophomore by both teachers and other students. Before everyone called you 'fish,' but now they just leave you alone. Some of the teachers who thought you were stupid because you were a freshmen will talk to you now," said Michael Douga, sophomore.

Although being a sophomore is not as much of a privileged as being an upperclassman, more responsibilities and opportunities come with it. Teachers expect more now that sophomores have been in high school for a year.

"It's not like last year when teachers would baby you. They expect you to know things and if you don't, it's your own problem. You learn right away that you have to do your work or else you don't get a grade. They don't let you turn things in late anymore. This year has to prepare us for our junior and senior years when we will have to do things like research papers," said Marcus Kyler, sophomore.

A student's sophomore year is an important time in the development of a person's mind. It is a time to prepare a person for the hardships of future learning.
Aaron Boyd tries to find the answer to the hardest problem. Boyd is also in BNN (Bulldog News Network), which is not something he could do as a freshman.

These students find that Spanish is a lot harder the second year they took it.
The sophomore student council strives to improve NHS.

The student council is here to better our school by serving the student body and participating in service projects. This year's sophomore class officers are president Jeremy Watson, vice president Stephanie Theriot, secretary Julie Moye, treasurer Jess Baklik, and social leader Mehgan Mann.

"I really enjoy being a student council member because I like participating in school functions and helping to better the school," said sophomore vice president Stephanie Theriot.

A few of the volunteer projects that the sophomore student council has participated in are a food drive, sponsoring dances, and helping to raise money for prom.

"We really wanted to do things that the student body would appreciate. I think we did a pretty job of it, too," said sophomore treasurer Jess Baklik.

The delegates for the 96-97 school year are Tarah Griffith, Jared Horn, Clint Mitchell, Sarah Pardue, Chantae Self, Carly Smith, Kristin Smithy, Brandy Thompson, and Brandon Watson.

The 96-97 sophomore student council has continued the tradition of a hard-working student council at NHS.
Sophomore student council delegates are Kristin Smithy, Carly Smith, Chantae Self, Sarah Pardue, Tarah Griffith, Clint Mitchell, Jarred Horn, Brandy Thompson.

These happy sophomores are so extremely glad to be at the student council convention that they can hardly contain themselves.
Imagine being a car in the NHS parking lot, constantly falling into potholes and always being cramped and crowded. Many students have noticed the worsening conditions of the NHS student parking lot.

"I think we need more student parking. Each year there are more and more students driving, but our parking lot stays the same size. Some people always park crooked, and it's hard to find a good space without getting really close to another car," said Liz Elefano, junior.

The many potholes of the student parking lot are also a hazard to cars. The entrances to the parking lot are very rough and uneven. Deep holes greet students as they enter the parking lot. This year the city of Nederland has passed a bond issue which will hopefully extend into fixing the holes in the parking lot.

"I hate the parking lot! It's full of holes, and I always have to park a million miles from the door. It's so crowded that it is hard to get out after school when everyone is in a hurry. It's really dangerous," said Dedra Jones, junior.

The parking lot has been a major problem with its overcrowding and potholes. It is not only a nuisance to students, but it is also harmful to cars.
The parking lot is always filled to capacity. This causes students to have to park far away from the doors and even in the grass sometimes.

The parking lot also has numerous potholes, among other problems, that impede students ability to drive safely.
As they walked down the hall, people began to stare and whisper. They walk as though everything is okay, but she wonders do people think that I'm desperate for dating a younger guy?

"I don't care what people think. It's what I feel that is really important," said Marci Landry, junior.

Landry is currently dating Brent Robbins, a sophomore, and has no problem with his age.

"We are happy and I don't plan to base my feelings on someone's age," said Landry.

But on the other side of the spectrum, some NHS students feel that dating a younger guy is not proper.

"Why would someone date a younger guy? They are so immature. I don't know what people see in them," said Mandy Best, senior.

The remaining question is: "Is it socially acceptable for girls to date younger guys?"

"Yeah, I think that it is okay to date anybody you that want to as long as you truly like them," said Casey Smith, junior. "And so age shouldn't matter; only feelings should."

"Sophomores"
Thibodeaux-Warren
Watson-Zumo

Paige Elijah, senior, and her younger boyfriend Mickey Janeau sophomore take a break from a hectic day by relaxing on th couch.
Each year the freshmen class votes on who they think are the people that best represent their class. This year the freshman class chose Matt Fleming and Jana Furby.

"I am really happy to have been chosen as class favorite. It makes me feel very special," said Jana Furby.

Class favorites are chosen by their peers, which makes the honor even more special. Of the entire class only two people are chosen, so students must decide who they think most deserves the honor. The favorites should be students who uphold the image of the model student. Both students chosen as the freshman class favorites are both good students. Matt Fleming is a football player and Jana Furby plays volleyball. Jana Furby is also the freshman class vice-president.

"I feel these people really present a good image of our class, and really are the best all-around of the class," said Diane Clements.

Class favorites are honored each year by having a special picture in the yearbook so everyone can know that they are who the class looks up to and considers the best.

Matt Fleming and Jana Furby have earned the honor of being selected the freshman class favorites. Fleming is also a football player, and Furby is a volleyball player.
Fighting their way through crowded hallways filled with bigger and more intimidating students, freshmen struggle to find their first high school classes.

"They don't baby you here like they do in middle school. They just expect you to know things and behave well," said Brian Stepp, freshman.

Even lunch can be scary, especially, for a first time high school student. Students sometimes find it difficult to find a table that has not already been taken by upperclassmen.

It can also be hard for freshmen to find someone to sit with since C. O. Wilson and Central middle schools are now combined into one school.

“The first few weeks of school it was hard to find a table because the lunches were so crowded, but then they moved people into other lunches," said Heather Jones, freshman.

After the first few weeks, the freshmen usually adjust to school and become acclimated to the routine of Nederland High School.
Sometimes freshmen are pushed and trampled in the crowded halls at NHS. Freshmen need time to adjust to the bigger school. Suzanne Van Velson finds out just how hard high school work can be. It is a step up from middle school work.
This year many people noticed the lack of enthusiasm and school spirit at the pep rallies. One group of students decided to do something about it.

"I just thought the school needed more spirit. I hoped it would help to get the crowd more involved," said Scott Reck, sophomore.

During the pep rallies, Reck as well as, Shane Landry, and Brian Wright would get up and dance in the middle of the gym floor. It inspired the crowd to be more enthusiastic, and support for the Dogs increased to greater heights. It also helped the players to get more enthused and appreciate that the crowd wanted them to do well.

"I thought it was pretty funny when those guys would get up and dance. It helped more people get into the pep rallies. Usually there wasn't any school spirit until those guys would get up and start dancing. Those guys had a lot of school spirit," said Heather Jones, freshman.

This year the pep rally dancers really lifted the school's spirit level, and possibly, they have begun a new school tradition.

Hamm, Renee
Handley, Richard
Handin, Jessica
Hare, Karen
Harmon, Robert
Harrington, Timothy
Hartman, Victoria

Hawkins, Raymond
Hayburn, Sondra
Haynes, Brent
Haynes, Joshua
Hays, Kammie
Hebert, Andrea
Hebert, Brandy

Hebert, Hilary
Hebert, Jeremy
Hemby, Alicia
Hemby, Amber
Henckel, Bradley
Henley, Cassi
Hensley, Jamie

Hicks, Brian
High, Joshua
Hight, Crystal
Hightower, Cort
Hill, Jason
Holberg, Jon
Holland, Amber

The freshmen get really pumped up at the sight of the pep rally dancers. This really helped the enthusiasm level this year.

Freshmen
Hamm-Holland
Holt-Mahon

1 Shane Landry and Brian Wright, seniors show off their dancing shoes at one of the pep rallies. - all photos by Thu Duong

2 The freshmen get really pumped up at the sight of the pep rally dancers. This really helped the enthusiasm level this year.
Scott Keck, sophomore dancer, shakes it up during one of our pep rallies. This helped the student involvement for the pep rallies.

The freshmen cheerleaders watch and cheer them on as the dancers get out there and pump up the crowd.

Holt, Ross
Homuth, Roxanne
Hooks, Daniel
Hovey, Kristie
Howard, Ronnie
Howell, Micah
Huff, Jared
Humphrey, Amber
Hunt, Karla
Huson, Jonathan
Inglis, Chadd
Jackson, Eric
Jacobs, Jay
James III, Kay Clinton
Jefferson, Micah
Jenkins, Adam
Jennusa, Syd
Jimenez, Judith
Johnson, Adam
Johnson, Timothy
Jones, Heather
Jones, Leaha
Juneau, Michael
Kasseroler, Tiffany
Keller, Matthew
Kennedy IV, Clifford
Keys, Randy
Khalani, Kiran
Kiamar, Robert
King, Jeffery
Kingston, Brian
Kingston, Twyla
Kleypas, Kristen
Knepp, Derek
Knod, Ernest
Koumianos, Kostas
Kress, Barbara
Kupper, Kevin
LaBove, Ross
Landry, Justin
Landry, Sarah
Lane, Jarred
Lane, Jeffrey
LeBlanc, Joseph
LeBoeuf, Brittney
Lena, Blake
Lesner, Dustin
Lieber, Aimee
Linder, Gayla
Linder, Wesley
Loupe, Corey
Loventhal, Shalyn
Lummes, Alexia
Lundy, Aaron
Lupo, Anthony
Mahon, John
The pressure is on. Finals are just a few days away. Students are trying to cram a year's worth of knowledge into one week. Most of these students are freshmen because juniors, seniors, and some sophomores have the opportunity to be exempt from at least one final.

"I think if sophomores, juniors, and seniors get to be exempt, freshmen should too," said Wendy Cooper, freshman.

Seniors can be exempt from all finals. Juniors can be exempt from all but one, and sophomores get to be exempt from two finals if they pass all parts of the TAAS tests. There are certain guidelines, such as grades and attendance, that the students must meet in order to be exempt.

"Freshmen don't take the TAAS test, so it's not fair that we don't get exempt because we don't have a chance to prove that we could pass it," said David "Burt" Benoit, freshman.

Freshmen have no chance for exemptions. Possibly in the future, the school can be convinced to change their policy.
These freshmen are feeling the pressure. If they were exempt they wouldn't have to work so hard to study and pass.

These freshmen are studying hard so that they can pass the finals that they must take.

Murphy, Haley
Nelson, Miranda
Nuemann, Holly
Newman, James
Nguyen, Duy
Nguyen, Scott
Nichols, Laura

Nini, Joshua
Norris, Cory
Novich, Alisha
Nunez, Larry
O’Keeffe, Patricia
Oberle, Jacquelyn
Oliver, Kimberli

Orlando, Matthew
Osgood, Rhonda
Osgood, Ronald
Page, Brian
Page, Shawna
Papoutsis, Antigone
Parish, Stephanie

Parker, Autumn
Parks, David
Pate, Leanna
Patrick, Dana
Peacock, Sara
Penton, Gus
Phelps, April

Pletcher, John
Port, Chelsea
Powell, Andrew
Prasla, Anish
Price, Jamie
Pruett, Myranda
Purser, Lindsey

Quibodeaux, Latesha
Ramb, Kenneth
Ramsey, Joel
Ramsey, Laura
Ramsey, Robert
Rasberry, Holley
Rasnick, Jessica

Read, Angela
Rebert, Chad
Redwine, Jerold
Reeves, Justin
Rensland, Joseph
Rice, Cindy
Rice, Justin

Richard, Kristina
Richards, Kecia
Richie, Monica
Riley, Holly
Rivett, Chad
Robbins, Lisa
Roberts, Thomas

Freshmen 201
Is it fact or fiction that freshmen are bullied by upperclassmen students?

In the ninth grade, students go from being a big fish in a small pond to the really, really little fish in the huge pond with big sharks. Everything is different. Instead of being the ones who hassle the younger kids, freshmen are now the ones being hassled.

“When we got here, all the upperclassmen called us ‘fish’ and were really mean and pushed us around,” said Brian Stepp, freshman.

The older students feel it is their right to make fun of the freshmen because when they were freshmen, the older students made fun of them. They suffered through the experience, and now they are passing it down to younger generations. Nederland High School has an explicit policy forbidding the practice of hazing the younger students, yet it continues.

“It’s our job to pick on the freshmen. It’s tradition,” said Blake Rebert, junior.

“The freshmen complain about it now, but next year they’ll appreciate it when they get to pick on the new ‘fish’ who come to school,” said Rebert.

Robicheaux, Scott
Robinson, Jennifer
Roccaforte, Michelle
Rodgers, Andrew
Rogers, Douglas
Rollinson, Jason
Romero, Christopher

Rone, Natasha
Russell, Ashly
Rutherford, Steven
Saavedra, Jonathan
Sanchez, Crystal
Saucedo, Orquidea
Sawisky, Brandie

Scarborough, Keisha
Schwartz, Heather
Scoggins, Tamara
Scott, William
Sharp, Matt
Sheffield, Ryan
Sheppard, Crystal

Shields, Brandon
Shirley, Joshua
Simon, Derek
Simpson, Craig
Sinclair, Angela
Siraguàsa, Karen
Sirmons, Weston

The smaller freshmen must be very careful to avoid offending the bigger upperclassmen. - photo by Thu Douang

At the first of the year many freshmen get pushed around in the hallways, until they learn how to fend for themselves.
These freshmen football players practice on the muddy field. These practices are an important initiation into NHS football.

The freshmen football practices in the mud at Coach Simon's supervision. "Camp Fun" is a traditional initiation ritual at NHS.
The student council is here to better our school by serving the student body and by doing service projects. This year’s freshmen class officers are Misty Tyrrell (president), Jana Furby (vice-president), Summer Smith (secretary), Cassi Henley (treasurer), and Mandi Feldschau (social leader).

“I love being in student council. It’s so much fun,” said Misty Tyrrell, freshman class president.

Student council has conducted a food drive, sponsored dances, and raised money for prom as some of their service projects. Student council is not all about work. They have fun too. Helping out people is gratifying to the members because they get the satisfaction of doing something for others instead of just for themselves.

“We do things that benefit the student body as well as the school itself,” said Summer Smith, freshman class treasurer.

The student council has worked hard for the students this year. Without them, there would not be decorations for prom, concession stands at games, or dances.
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The freshmen delegates are Micah Howell, Lindsey Aucoin, Suzanne Van Velson, Ashley Floyd, Hilary Hebert, Jake Moye, Ashley Buckalew, Kristan Thompson, and Jana Furby, freshwater class vice-president, works hard in class. Jana has also been selected to freshwater class favorite.
Nederland School Board


Newly-elected trustee Ann Bynum and new superintendent Gail Krohn.

Interim Superintendent Earl Jeffery, newly-appointed superintendent Gail Krohn, and Assistant Superintendent Mike Guidry.

After being Nederland superintendent of schools for eight years, Mr. Lee Robinson retired in March of 1997.
Abshire, Freddie - Cafeteria
Allen, Donna - Cafeteria
Andrepoint, Jane - Cafeteria
Barrow, Keith - Health
Beagle, Steven - Math
Bedair, Linda - English
Benoit, Helen - Attendance

Betar, Patty - Cafeteria
Biggers, Christie - Resource
Bihm, Lynda - Special Ed
Bordelon, Cindy - Science
Burnfin, Sylvia - Librarian
Byars, Donna - English
Carpenter, Karen - History

Carroll, Chip - Counselor
Chiasson, James - Math
Concienne, Sylvia - Cafeteria
Cowles, Regina - Journalism
Croom, Larry - Metal Trades
Curl, Dorothy - ALS
Dugas, Debi - Adm. Clerk

Fisher, Annette - Math
Fleming, Steve - Principal
Folsam, Diana - Cafeteria
Foxworth, Darlene - ALS
Gaspard, Blinda - Cafeteria
Gaston, Gay - English
Glover, LaTreasa - English

Grant, Marlena - HOE
Gunn, Linda - English
Hanicak, Tish - Counselor
Harrell, Anita - Asst. Principal
Harris, Beth - Math
Hart, Betty - Aide
Hartt, Vicki - Math

Hernandez, Angel - Cafeteria
Hightower, Donna - Business
Hill, JoAnne - French
Hood, Kristi - Library Aide
Humphrey, Susan - Counselor
Jardell, Bill - Math
Johnson, Julie - English

Jordan, Sue - Science
Knight, Katherine - Spanish
Long, Rob - Special Ed.
Leach, Toni - P.E.
Lopez, Jorge - Spanish
Mallory, Jerry - Asst. Principal
Marino, Christie - Vo. Ag.

Martin, Melissa - P.E.
Massey, Ashley - OCS
McDonald, Gina - Business
McClurkin, Lisa - Cafeteria
Minaldi, Beverly - Social Studies, Sociology
Mitchell, Tonya - Secretary
Monk, Medina - Cafeteria
After weeks of hearing, seeing, and reading countless things about the bond election, the bond issue passed when an overwhelming 2,748 people approved both proposition one and two. In all the propositions call for $18 million in improvements to all district schools.

Proposition one, which called for $13.4 million in improvements, received 84% of the vote in favor, and proposition two, which called for $4.7 million for the construction of a 2,000-seat auditorium and a music and fine arts building, received 78% of the vote in favor.

The school board met March 3 after the election to begin preparing a timetable for the renovations, to canvas the votes, and the administration brought forward information needed to make a decision about the amount of bonds that needed to be sold to begin projects.

"I voted for it because I think that all the schools need improvement and we really needed an auditorium," recalled Amy Gribnau, senior.

Results from the bond issue will probably not be seen until late May, as decisions are now being made on what to do first and what order to do renovations in.

"I feel fantastic," commented Mike Guidry, coordinator of bond issue and assistant superintendent. "This is a real opportunity for the school district to take advantage of the funds that are available. I'm really happy about [the bond issue]."
Stephson, Lisa - Cafeteria
Stone, Jay - Math
Toler, Doretha - Cafeteria
Valdes, Susana - Spanish
Villareal, Peggy - English
Wagner, John - Math
Wells, Dennis - Math
Wilkerson, Carol - History
Williams, Kim - Drama
Wyche, Judy - Counselor's Secretary

Ms. Ashley Massey refuses to dress up on any of the days of spirit week.

Coach Umphrey has a field day with his freshmen football players. Besides being a coach, he also teaches English I.

Jason Keith and Aaron Sutherlin are distracted from walking to class by the noise and activity of the construction site.

These students walk by the construction on their way out to the parking lot before the morning work begins.
Perseverance  Competitive  Tough

Varsity Football

Top Row: Phil Pate, Kevin Simon, Steve DeRouen, Larry Neumann, Delbert Spell, Bill Jardell, Ron Stump, Monte Barrow
Second Row: Jeremy Galijour, Bryan Yeates, Tad Treme, George Deutsch, Darren Polk, Adam McIntyre, Chris Loupe, Clint Morris, Jay Stone
Third Row: Todd Tolbert, Cory Haynes, Clint Stelly, Blake Rebert, Shane Hilton, Justin Owens, Brett Wilson, Seth Belaire, Jeff Peyres
Kneeling: Jerae Simpson, Brenda Coble, Jeff Griffith, Richard Varela, John Polk, Joey Rand, Aaron Childs, Amanda Saxton, Tabitha Myers, Michelle Bourque
Sitting: David Grant, Eddie Oliver, Brent Gallagher, Derek Chambless, Josh Miller, Troy Sumrall, Justin Peno, Will Fults, Clint Sticker

Junior Varsity Football Team

Top Row: Justin Marvel, Scott Collins, Donald Nutt, Brandon Fultz, Dustin Creager, Brian Cox, Cory Norris, Dane Crenshaw, Derek Leona
Second Row: Judd Hightower, Ron Nicholas, Clint Chambless, Jeremy Whitehead, Eddie Parks, John Kenna, Jason Stevens, Chad Whitman
Third Row: Romy Romero, Steven Matlock, Bryan Turpen, Marty Gack, Josh LeBoeuf, Trace Holmes, Dustin Sedatole, Jonathan Cloud, Clint Mitchell
Fourth Row: Nathan Wolf, Chase Lydick, Mark Willis, Matt Barclay, Barret Cline, Chris Woodcock, Henry Larocco, Jason Jones, Shawn Beniot
Fifth Row: Erwin Hernaez, Conrad Lim, Brandon Roye, Kenneth McGill, Lance Howell, Benji Lalko, Blake McIntyre, Aaron Bouget, Dustin Driskell
Sixth Row: Michael Tawney, Spanky Watson, Armando Arauso, Kenny Rogers, Ryan Broussard, Jeremy Pilete, Matt May

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**Strong**  **Dominating**  **Powerful**

**Freshman Football Team**

**First Row:** Josh Tallent, Justin Marchand, Will Morrison, Josh Morgan, Brad Guidry, Weston Sirmons, Scott Mayhew, Matt Silva, Shane Coussou, Jake Thomas, Jeremy Stanley, Josh Shirley

**Second Row:** Robert Washenfelder, Jared Lane, Dustin Crenshaw, Jeremy Gribnau, Chad Rebert, Scott Williams, Bobby Marsh, Ephriam Wilson, Jeffery Gribnau, Colt Smith, Athan Allen

**Third Row:** Justin Thibeaux, Perry Whitaker, Brian Page, Randall Griffith, David Beniot, Jordan Yeates, Ryan Wilson, Jason Galassi, Jake Moye, Robert Ramsey, Kevin Derger, Jeff Lane

**Fourth Row:** Coach Steven Beagle, Regan Sterling, Raymond Haynes, Ross Foreman, Eric Swanzy, Thomas Barton, Benji Cline, Justin Rice, Josh Nini, Michael Huff, Coach Mark Byars

**Fifth Row:** Coach Tom Umphrey, Chris Parker, Clint Dungan, Justin Smith, T.J. Roberts, Jeremy Broussard, Derek Knapp, Scott Willis, Kurtis Gemantz, Brad Henckel, Matt Fleming, Coach Lawrence Williams

**Sixth Row:** James Allen, Micah Howell, Josh Curtece, Blake Thomas, Mike Crawford, Dustin Lesner, Ross LaBove, Anthony Britt, Ricky Vanable, Doug Sutton, Blake Lena

**Seventh Row:** Cory Freeman, Syd Jennusa, Jeremy Wise, Justin Thomas, Jonathan Barker, Jason Dillon, Reid Vidrine, Jeremy Smith, Brian Stepp, Larry Nunez, Carlos Cardenas, Jeff Lane

**Powerlifting**

**Kneeling:** David Beniot, Micah Howell, Trace Holmes, Shawn Beniot, Josh Whitehead, Cliff Bell, Brad Breaux

**Standing:** Marty Gacle, Todd Tolbert, Henry Lorocca, Coach Doug Carter, Cheree Lensing, Matt May, Jeremy Watson, Jason Jones
Varsity Volleyball
**Top Row:** Coach Leach, Marcia Killian, Paisley Welch, Erin Feener, Dina Dugas, Jean Laser
**Bottom Row:** Mandy Barbosa, Haley Hill, Jana Chauvin, Meredith Herrin, Mandy Jeanis, Diane Barton

Junior Varsity Volleyball
**Top Row:** Ashlee Angelle, Ashley Trahan, Emily Tade, Tarah Griffith, Kim Solis, Leigh Ann Heider
**Middle Row:** Nina Canizales, Amanda Hickman, Carrie Raleigh, Tamra Green, Katherine Eissler, Ranesa Upham
**Bottom Row:** Katie Boudreaux, Thu Duong, Adela Espinosa, Laura Tran, Nicole Salas

Freshman Volleyball
**Top Row:** Liz Grossman, Jessica Broussard, Sara Beth Cole, Amber Feener, Jamie Yzaguirre, Roxanne Homuth, Alicia Tuell, Coach Biggers
**Middle Row:** Stephanie Parish, Ashley Wienert, Jodi Green, Krista White, Judith Jimenez, Jessica Tuell, Robbi Ackerman
**Top Row:** Lindsey DeRouen, Jessical Hardin, Jana Furby, Amber Humphrey, Jerri Trahan, Jamie Hensley
Participation Fairness Game Time

Golf
Coach Long, Garrett Aguillard, Graig Barron, Jason Bodden, Justin Collins, Jason Crowell, Cimarron, Dugas, Jennifer Fontaine, Hilary, Hebert, Leigh Heider, Jon Holberg, Ryan Hudson, Ruston Kennedy, Brannon LaBove, Clint Martin, Casey Maswell, Christina McCall, Carrie Newton, Robert Pierce, Edwin Roberts, Aaron Spiegel, Brian Spittler, Sarah Taylor, Jason Vance

Karate
Sitting: Elizabeth Nix, Jamie Ballard, Crystal Tait, Amy Leeper, Jennifer Jimenez, Amy Traxler, Caleb Comeaux
Second Row: Ashley Massey, Susie Hidahl, Kristi Myers, Danielle Lemieux, Brent Haynes, Sandy Wise, Pattie Flaherty, Victoria Figueroa
Third Row: Craig Simpson, Don Johnson, Chris Horn, Jay Deadon, Ryan Elliot, Jerimiah Mathews, Nicole Clover, Ashley Burton

Cheerleaders for Powder Puff
Shawn Land, Michael Feldshau, Jeremy Leidensdorf, David Grant, Chad Landry
Not pictured: Aaron Suthertin
Varsity Basketball
Standing: Coach Lawrence Williams, Corey Pomeroy, Peter Stoeckel, Joel Adair, Josh Sanderson, Travis Kelson
Seated: John Foster, Jacob Nichols, Clint Greene, Mack McPhatter, Jake Miller, Arif Ali

Junior Varsity Basketball
Standing: Coach Bill Jardell, Matt Guillory, Jared Best, Clint Pardue, Chris Loupe, Corey Loupe
Kneeling: Burk Willson, Khuong Dao, Mark Ducote, Jason Gallasi, Brad Sullivan, Rocky Rochell, Dustin Jones

Freshman Basketball
Bottom Row: Aaron Durden, Brian Stepp, Kevin Cooper, Doug Saton, Kris Parker, Ti Roberts, David Villarreal, Stephen Andrews, Brandon Willson
Middle Row: Trae Branham, Cody Calame, David Parks, Landon DeLage, Michael Charles, Michael Badlissi, Eric Swanzy, Curtis Tinsley
Top Row: Scott Williams, Will Morrison, Scott Mayhew, Gus Penton, Chadd Inglish, Jacob Thomas, Coach Humphrey
Athletes

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Varsity Basketball
Standing: Katherine Eissler, Diane Barron, Misty Rountree, Kim Solis, Christina Allen, Coach Biggers
Kneeling: Shantel Lee, Ashley White, Kristin Carter, Carrie Raleigh

Junior Varsity Basketball
Standing: Megan O'Keefe, Jamie Yzaguirre, Jessica Broussard, Tomoko Takahashi, Lori Cain, Coach Martin
Kneeling: Jessica Hardin, Krista White, Heather Jones, Jennifer Lovelace

Freshman Basketball
Standing: Blair Wilson, Amanda Flach, Karla Hunt, Liz Grossman, Coach Leach
Kneeling: Jacquelyn Oberle, Crystal Sanchez, Jennifer Meyers, Ashley Buckalew, Tiffany Kasseroler, Jamie Bijeaux

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Winners

Varsity Baseball
Top Row: Coach Stone, Brock Richardson, Jereme Havard, Jesse Floyd, Michael Feldshau, John Matlock, Michael Glynn, Coach Byars
Second Row: Michael Melancon, Chad Landry, Brad Bryant, Jason McGraw, Seth Foreman, Brad Sullivan
Bottom Row: Jason Rawling, Dustin Driskell, Jeremy Leidensdorf, Darren Richey, Tray Mauton, Aaron Childs

Junior Varsity Baseball
Top Row: Jeremy Picazo, Kurt Cullums, Joey Ran, Mack McPhatter, Bryan Cox, Coach Pate
Second Row: Steven Matlock, Nathan Wolfe, Joel Hoskins, Josh Whitehead
Bottom Row: Scott Haul, Matt May, Ryan Borussard, Andy Holder

Sophomore Baseball
Standing: Jason Galassi, Jared Lane, Matt Badgett, Donnie Solis, Jake Thomas, Coach Kurt Gaspard
Second Row: Randy Thompson, Trae Branham, Justin Thibeaux, Colt Smith, Brian Kingsten
Sitting: Burke Wilson, Reid Vidrine, Khris Parker, Jonathon Barker, TJ Roberts, Anthony Britt

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Varsity Softball
Bottom Row: Kacie Sanders, Carrie Raleigh, Mandy Jeanis, Jessica Johnson, Kristin Carter, Chantae Self, Holly Landry
Middle Row: Lori Cain, Delores Wills, Kiley Adkins, Jana Chauvin, Amber Janes, Jenny Cain
Top Row: Sarah Landry, Mandy Louviere, Coach Schmidt, Meredith Herrin, Diane Barron

Junior Varsity Softball
Bottom Row: Jennifer Leonard, Jana Furby, Jana Mercer, Angie Gothia, Misty Tyrrell
Middle Row: Jennifer Meyers, Jodi Green, Stephanie Vincent, April Keating, Nina Canizales, Micaela Zarate
Top Row: Krista White, Janie Yzaguirre, Coach Schmidt, Lliz Grossman, Shannon Yoes

Swimrn Team
Standing: Jason Guerra, Desire Fussell, Heather Cooper, Diane Clements, Kim Weeks, Brianna Eggers, Matt Brown, CJ Johnson, Coach Busse!
Sitting: Charlene Maisonneuve, Mellisa Rodriguez, Corrie Viator, Rian Kelly, Scott Cessac
Varsity Track
Sitting: Jonathan Jacobs, Josh Morgan, Eric Thomas, Josh Sanderson, Joel Adair, Tommy Oleshy, Adam McCaintier, Tad Trimming, Scott Collins
Second Row: Clint Mitchell, Chad Whitman, Troy Summrall, Donnie Solis, Farris Patio, Micah Derani, Derek Chambless, Scott Willis, Todd Wright
Third Row: Coach Beagle, Brian Harris, Shawn Benoit, Torry Gomez, Erin Williams, Jeremy Watson, Cody Richard, Clint Sticker, Justin Rice

Junior Varsity Track
Keeling: Dustin Crenshaw, Jonathan Jacobs, Jacobs Brad, Aaron Boyd, Jonathan Jacobs, Aaron Bird, Donnie Solis, Cody Collin
Standing: Coach Beagle, Kurt Gunter, Scott Willis, Matt Fleming, Justin Rice, Michael Crawford, Matt May

Girls Track
Kneeling: Sciobhan Gesser, Katie Boudreax, Erin Hayes, Sarah O'Neal, Tamara Green, Jessica Meier
Standing: Coach Dial, Christin Collins, Shantel Lee, Susanna Hidahl, Emily Tate, Amber Eggleston, Karen Seragusa
**Cross Country**

**Standing:** Marcus Kyler, David Parks, Michael Charles, Brian Harris, Todd Wright, Tommy Olesky, Shawn Benoit, Torrey Gomez, Jonathan Jacobs, John Wallace

**Second Row:** Coach Dial, Aaron Boyd, Cheree Lensing, Jessica Meier, Leslie Breaux, Ashley Trahan, Carrie Raleigh, Shantel Lee, Ashley White, Jamie Russel, Paul Garcia, Micheal Crawford

**Sitting:** Brian Hicks, Kathy Turner, Karen Siragusa, Sarah O'Neil, Christin Collins, Cody Calame

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**Varsity Tennis**

**Sitting:** Liz Elefano, Regan Green, Danae Gaspard, Shannon McDonald, Lacey Lavender

**Kneeling:** Alana Fenner, Kory Morgan, Brandon Bell, Brian Caldronia, Suzanne Manske, Erin Walker

**Standing:** Coach Martin, Davey Arnaud, Bobby Smith, Jace Martin, Coach Jorge Lopez

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**Junior Varsity Tennis**

**Kneeling:** Jamie Price, Lakisha Caesar, Somer Owen, Melody Pinell, Ivy Arce

**Kneeling:** Vincent Nguyen, Ross McCall, Kristin Benlien, Justin Zak, Robert Segovia, Matt Keller

**Standing:** Coach Martin, Alan Furby, Kevin Berkline, Ryan Wamsley, Coach Lopez
**Ambitious**  **Dedicated**  **Proud**

**Varsity Soccer**
**Standing:** Coach Lopez, Jace Martin, Cody Robinson, Chris Robinson, Jeremy Kupper, Justin Owens
**Kneeling:** Brent Robbins, Torrey Gomez, Corey Haynes, Aubrey Brisendine, Jason Butler, Davey Arnaud, Frank Pecorino
**Sitting:** Brad Breaux, Kenny Rogers, Will Tawney, Brent Gallagher, Jeremy Watson, Nick Zumol

**Junior Varsity Soccer**
**Sitting:** Ryan Sheffield, Benji Sticker, Curtis Tinsley, Clint Havard, Jeremy Vernon
**Kneeling:** Josh Franke, Justin Landing, Juan Ojoa, Jake Dupree, Scott Sheffield, Matt Fleming
**Standing:** Coach Lopez, Michael Trevino, Dustin Britt, Brandon Coussou, Shane Kursue, Jake Bryce, Ben Brodway, Cody Calame

**Swimming Co-Captains**
Corrie Viator
Scott Cessac

**Coach of the Year**
Coach Karin Bussell

**Most Valuable Swimmer**
Scott Cessac
Varsity Soccer

Sitting: Christina Mitchell, Melissa Owsley, Dana Guidry, Kara Hammons, Karla Berkline, Stephanie Theriot, Andrea Tawnes, Regan Green
Kneeling: Misty Snell, Tiffany Ramone, Rachelle Trevino, Kelli Spell, Leslie Breaux, Jana Ferby, Jessica Hardin
Standing: Coach Barrow, Shannon McDonald, Shannon Tinsley, Brea Lauflin, Kelly McDonald, Paula Monk, Tamra Green, Coach Johnson

Junior Varsity A Soccer

Sitting: Amy Pullin, Amy Fusilier, Erin Hayes, Haley Murphy, Robbi Ackerman, Amber Pullin, Capri Warsaw
Kneeling: Shannon Rozell, Kym Guidry, Heather Holmes, Lejuan Jones, Shari Horton, Jennifer Leonard
Standing: Coach Barrow, Kristen Chastant, Carrie Gillispie, Karla Berkline, Sarah Beth Cole, Renesa Upham, Coach Johnson

Junior Varsity B Soccer

Sitting: Lauren Frasier, Ashley Russell, Nicole Salis, Alicia Novich, Jamie Turper, Jennifer Patin, Amber Patterson, Amber Stanley, Brandi Carcamui
Kneeling: Lacey Daniels, Summe Smith, Sherri Bent, Clara Clark, Jana Mercer, Sherri Vamado, Mandi Feldshau, Lindsey Oquen
Standing: Coach Barrow, Stephanie Paish, Jaime May, Andrea Cessac, Crystal Redwine, Crystal Tate, Coach Johnson
Fourth Row: Dawn Flood, Katie Boudreaux, Amanda Barlow, Shayln Levanthau, Sarah Dupree, Stacey Prejean, Lisa Robbins, Victoria Hartman
Hard-working TALENTED Successful
Languages

French
First row: Lydia Dickinson, Rebecca Crader, Jennifer Hsing, Tina Phan, Ivy Arce, Jacey Beeson, Chris McRee, Melody Pinell
Second row: Justin Cates, Heather Messer, Liz Elefano, Erin Hayes, Candice Sullinger, Cody Lindsey, Aaron Fuselier, Ms. JoAnn Hill
Third row: Phillip Munselle, John Dickinson, Susanne Manske, Michael Powell, Alex Rupp, Jerry Marmolejo, Chase Lydick, Kelly Thompson, Long Le, Bear Redding, Shannon Copeland

Spanish Club
Kneeling: Christie Rivett, Jessica Maraist, Tricia Clements, Christy Cauthen, Allison DeLaRosa
Second Row: Haley Hill, Meredith Herrin, Sandra Stafford, Ginger Cooper, Wendy Cooper, Huyen Dao, Susan Vo

German Club
President: Brandy Kellams
Vice President: Kristy Landry
Secretary: Kasey Jordan
Treasurer: Sarah Pardue
Bulldog Thespians
First Row (sitting): Lauren Frasier, Jay Derek Jacobs, Lindsay Landry
Second Row (sitting): Heather Messer, Angela Way, Candace Sullinger
Standing: Sandy Wise, Michael Gruver, Thomas May, Cimmeron Dugas, Scott Reck, Robert Garcia, Chris Thomas, Reisha LeBlanc, Sarah Bass, Vicki Burns, Mrs. Williams

Spanish National Honor Society
First Row: Thu Duong, Tricia Clements, Ginger Cooper, Haley Hill, Chris Thomas, Leigh Judkins, Lara Cascio
Second Row: Emily Perryman, Marjan Rhamani, Dana Ladner, Meghan Trevey, Shannon Rozell, Jamie Mitchell, Marci Landry, Allison Russel, Greta Brannon
Third Row: Susan Vo, Ryan Reynolds, Stacey Walker, Christin Collins, Kevin Lovelady, Rebecca Engleman, Sandy Stafford, Seseree Fuselier, Pam Cotten
Fourth Row: Matt Brown, Haley Pope, Raina Welty, Burke Wilson, Katie LeBlac, Jennifer Gates, Clarissa Price, Lucy Hazlip, Peter Stoeckel, Lance Howell, Craig Barron, Cody Robinson

National Honor Society
First Row: Ginger Cooper, Kelly Thompson, Katie LeBlanc, Lindsey Session, Whitney Stelly, Alison Russel, Christin Collins, Erin Hayes, Jodie Collins, Leigh Judkins
Second Row: April Broussard, Greta Brannon, Nicole Fruge, Shannon Copeland, Lara Cascio, Kristen Fournier, Jennifer Hebert, Jennifer Hsing, Angela Way
Third Row: Amanda Lane, Alicia Judice, Jamie Mitchell, Kristin Borel, Traci Durow, Lindsey Mitchell, Ryan Boone, Chris Thomas, Chase Lydick
Fourth Row: Peter Stoeckel, Adam Gengo, Ryan Reynolds, Kevin Lovelady, Thomas May, John Dickinson, Brian Caldronia
Fifth Row: Craig Barron, Lance Howell, Jennifer Gates, Clarissa Price, Tricia Clements, Len Weeks, Jason Placeette
Sixth Row: Stacey Walker, Maggie Morgan, Shannon Rozell, Meghan Trevey, Meredith Herrin, Dana Ladner, Emily Perryman, Haley Hill
Seventh Row: Susan Vo, Michelle Tran, Liz Elefano, Thu Duong, Christi Cauthen

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Health Occupation Students of America
Standing: Melissa Rodriguez, Sedgewick Redding, Tony Nguyen, Darrell Mouille, James Reeves, Frank Pecorino, Shannon Skates, Travis Shahan, Amanda Daigle, Brandi Brannon, Sylvia Gutierrez, Amber Ward
Kneeling: Kristi Waldrep, Quyen Dao, Crissy Guarnere, Devin Payne, Angela Tate, Dawn Hollier, Elizabeth McElroy, Sarah Dombrosky, Jamie Ballard,
Sitting: Nicole Phillips, Shantel Lee, Brandy Tarver, Nicole Henson, Sarah O’Neal, Melanie Cook, Stephanie Monarch

Texaco Challenge
Kneeling: Len Weeks
Standing: Aaron Williams, John Dickerson, Ryan Reynolds, Jason Placette, Stephen Weatherford, Mark Groover, Ginger Cooper, Ms. Hill

Business Professionals of America
Bottom Row: Mandy Hanley, Susan Davidson, Julee Parsons, Haley Lowrance, Rebecca Ducote, Olivia Gonzales, Kacie Sanders, Kristi Bergstrom
Middle Row: Hilary Holmlund, Melissa Lee, Mandy Best, Lacey Boudreaux, Brittany Arceneaux, Sherry Rials
Top Row: Sponsor Sarah West, Valerie Fisher, Cody Lindsey, Shelly Stein, Ingrid Araujo, Adriana Solis, Gloria Solis, Carnell Broussard, Tiffany Landry, Brandy Brown
Productive Promising EXCITING

Future Homemakers of America
Top row: Chree Lensing, Darren Polk.
Second row: Ashley McGlothin, Amber Brown, Laura Pedigo, Julee Parsons, Megan Tucker
Third row: Erwin Hernaez, Melissa Gibson, Becca Engman, Devin Lee, Ms. Reeves
Fourth row: Mandi Feldschau, Cassi Henly, Emily Tate, Mandy Glynn, Candice Wilson, Natlie Taylor, Heather Seymour
Fifth row: Conrad Lim, Amber Pullin, Adela Espinosa, Julie Weeren, Ron Nicholas

Debate
Sitting: Becky Crader, Aimee Jones, Cassie Broussard, Card Maddox, Brooks DeLaRosa
Standing: Robert Ramsey Reid Pletcher, Aaron Boyd, Gus Penton, Robert Harmon, Denver Williams, Gay Gaston

First Priority
Sitting: Sandy Stafford, Lydia Dickenson, Christy Caughen, Bonnie Thomas, Brenna Hautzenroeder
Second Row: Ryan Reynolds, Jace Martin, Kelly Culver, Aaron Williams, Allison Russel, Leigh Judkins, Whitnie Stelly, Ginger Cooper, Adam Williams, Mrs. Borne
Third Row: Dean Denby, Lane Weatherford, Carrie Rozell, Scott Cessac, Wendy Cooper, John Dickerson
Ned & Co.

**First Row:** Amy Traxler, Andrea Venable, Ryan Boone, Shane Landry, Troy Darbonne, Brent Garcia, Kym Guidry, Jacob Miller, Rachel Miller, Scott Darbonne

**Second Row:** Nicholas Phillips, Sarah Pardue, LeeAnn Heider, Tommy Olesky, Bobby Wyche, Caleb Comeaux, Jon-Michael Wallace, Zach Wells, Tim Foust, Phillip-James, Alan Gunn, Carnell Broussard, Eli Berry, Kasey Jordan, Hollie Jefferson, Ashley Burton, Melissa Phillips, Carolee boullion, Suzanne Wilson, Melissa Morgan, Courtney Aldridge, Jennifer Jimenez

Concert Choir

**First Row:** Lisa Lege, Jennifer Asken, Melissa Lege, Kym Guidry, Carolee Boullion, Whitne Stelly, Tricia Clements, Liz Elafano, Michelle Tran, Amy Traxler, Janie Williamson

**Second Row:** Addriane Wallace, Jackie Steinheaur, Melissa Morgan, Melissa Phillips, Sarah Pardue, Rachel Miller, Amanda Saldana, Kasey Jordan, Alana Booth, Jennifer Jimenez, Brandy Moore

**Third Row:** Chris McRee, Brent Garcia, Ryan Bernard, Heath Gilchrest, Shane Landry, Conrad Lim, Justin Dean, David Brown, Caleb Comeaux

**Fourth Row:** Megan Tucker, Amanda Daigle, Meryl Best, Christy Cauthen, Nicholas Phillips, Ryan Boone, Tommy Olesky, Jacob Miller, Dane Crenshaw, Troy Darbonne, Tim Foust, Scott Darbonne, Jon Michael Wallace, Shane Landry, Leigh Ann Heider, Hollie Jefferson

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Treble Choir
Front Row: Brooke Young, Grace Wright, Stefanie Noyola, Brittanie Drawhorn, Melissa Givson, Angie Sinclair, Saira Spencer
Second Row: Diana Adams, Cortney Harrington, Brooke Cooley, Katharine Nix, Teresa Swafford, Amanda Barlow, Kristy Myers, Summer Whitaker
Third Row: Wendy Aldridge, Danielle Finkley, Angel Marze, Dawn Johnson, Michelle Crain, Heather Vines, Marsha Burlison

Chorale
First Row: Tracy Bean, Lauren Frasier, Crissy Guarnere, Lacey Lavendar, Tara Stagg, Casey Ratcliff
Second Row: Courtney Aldridge, Rachel Quinn, Amy Leeper, Ashley Wallace, Amy Houpt, Jennifer McMains, Alicia Wolford, Amanda Pevets
Third Row: Carolyn Coley, Maggie Morgan, Lorie Pardue, Monique Quibodeaux, Tabitha Myers, Andria Venable

A Cappella Choir
First Row: Kimberly Aquillard, Jamie Price, Cecilia Dao, Anna Taylor, Diane Clements, Amber Humphrey, Amy Fuselier, Keaton Avant, Caprice Warchol, Suzanne Van Vilson
Second Row: Karen Siragusa, Kristen Kleypas, Jamie May, Amanda Babin, Amanda Dotson, Holly Newman, Susanne Davidson, Jamie Bijeaux, Lechuan Jones, Katy Dowden, Patricia O'Keefe
Not in order: Garret Aguillard, Jonathan Barker, David Benoit, Eli Berry, Chris Castlerman, Barret Cline, Sara Beth Cole, Aaron Farrar, Matt Fleming, Jennifer Fontaine, Carrie Gillespie, Jamie Hensley, Karla Hunt, Jay Derek Jacobs, Micah Jefferson, Tiffany Kasserozel, Twyla Kinston, Ernie Knod, Cody Lindsey, Shynae Loupe, Angel McCray, Leath Moore, Autumn Parker, Jason Rainey, Kristina Richard, Jennifer Robinson, Keisha Scarbrough, Bobby Smith, Benji Sticker, Eric Swanzy, Blake Thompson, Shellie Trahan, Jeremy Truax, Alicia Tuell, Jessica Tuell, Josh Vincent, Ashely Wienert

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Bulldog Beat

Kneeling: Lori Cain, Erin Thomas, Rachelle Trevino
Standing Second Row: Monica Young, Stephanie Bear, Kara Berkline, Katie Grimes, Jennifer Hebert, Katie Lovetinsky, Richard Neel
Standing Third Row: Brian Forey, Regina Cowles, Paige Elijah, Josh Sanderson, Robert Segovia
In the tree: Chris McCree, Jesse Wooley, Torrey Gomez, Derek Wright, Sarah Dupree

Us 2U

Holding the puppy: Ashlee Angelle
Second Row: Brian Forey, Rachelle Trevino, Rebecca Ducote, Kristin Carter, Regina Cowles
Third Row: Micki Jano, Justin Dean, Jesse Wooley, Saira Spencer, Erin Thomas, Jeremy Hood
Standing: Torrey Gomez, Richard Neel, Katie Lovetinsky, Chris Torez
First Row: Abbey Bean, Mandy Glynn, Traci Weatherford, Jennifer Pate, Carrie Newton, Brandy Kellem, Christine Diaz
Second Row: Jessica Marist, Christi Rivett, Tracie Durrrow, Jana Chauvan, Kristi Ross, Jennifer Gates, Clarissa Price, Cnadic Sullinger, Meghan Treve, Julee Parsons, Ginger Cooper, Marjan Rhamani
Third Row: Haley Lorwance, Grace Wright, Andrey Tayney, Amanda Saldania, Leigh Judkias, Corrie Vitoor
Fourth Row: Brooke Young, Sarah Dombrosky, Kara Berkline, Madis Rhamani, Whnlnie Stelly, Lindsay Sessions, Mandy Patterson, Christin Collins, Treva Wilkerson, Mandy LeBlanc, Jodie Collins, Greta Brannon, Heather Messer, Jennifer Hebert, Haley Hill, Jenny Pomeroy
Fifth Row: Maggie Morgan, Ms. Griffen, Stacey Walker, Emily Perryman, Mrs. Jordan
Sixth Row: Troy Darbone, Kurt Gunter, Christy Landry, Olivia Gonzelas, Ashley Burton, Shannon Copeland, Shannon Rozell, Chrissy Guarnae, Angela aae, Bobby Solis, Jennifer Hsing, Heather Smith
Seventh Row: Scott Darbone, Kevin Loverlady, Frank Pecarino, Jace Martin, Dustin Crougear, Clint Greene, Brent Galagher, Lance Howell, Travis Shahan

Student Council
Kneeling: Grace Wright, Alicia Judice, Haley Lawrance, Mistu Stout, Whitney Moore, Lindsey Mitchell, Marci Landry, Jamie Mitchell, Regan Green,
Second Row: Summer Smith, Hilary Hebert, Mandi Feldshau, Jana Furby, Lindsey Aucoin, Ashley Buckalew, Suanne VanVelson, Courtney Schomerus, Marsha Roccafone, Carrie Newton, Stephanie Theriot, Brandy Thompson, Lindsey Sessions
Third Row: Kristin Thompson, Ashlee Floyd, Misty Tyrrell, Meghan Mann, Tarah Griffith, Julie Moye, Jess Baklik, Kiley Adkins, Kristin Smithy, Carly Smith, Chantae Self, Sadie Seymour, Sarah Pardue
Fourth Row: Eddie Oliver, Jeff Peyres, Cliff Bell, Clint Chambless, Brent Gallagher, Josh Sanderson, Clint Morris, Derek Chambless, Blake Rebert, Seth Belaire, Daniel Dovalina, Jarred Horn, Clint Mitchell, Jake Moye, Jeremy Watson, Micah Howell

Terrific Nederland Teens

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Band
Dina Adams
Brandy Adaway
Michael Adix
Cortney Aldridge
Athan Allen
Michael Andrews
Ivy Arce
Jennifer Askew
Michael Aylor
Jonathan Bailey
Jessica Bass
Jeremy Batchelor
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Amanda Darde
Lindsay Landry
Jennifer Barclay
Jennifer Stepp
Amanda Thomas
Christy Cauthen
Traci Durrow
Jenny Pomeroy
Lindsi Lee
Jessica Darde
Brandi Ryland
Candice Howard
Grace Wright

Westernaires

Amanda Soldan
Kristen Fournier
Bobbie Garcia
Jessica Nickelbur
Kandi Guzman
Destiny Serres
Crystal Castillo
Dawn Hollier
Mandi Patterson
Misti Stout
Whitney Stolley
Erin McGuire
Anika Salinas
Angela Halter

Third Row
Second Row

Brooke Young
Kristen Dawe
Christine Diaz
Monica Ramirez
Nicole Guillory
Erin Carlson
Hilary Holmlund
Mrs. Minoldi
Shelly Stein
Courtney Harrington
Holly Williford
Melanie Hart
Heather Messer
Christina Dixon
Math and Science Club
Sitting on Steps: Jeremy Vernon, Brenna Hautzenroder, Tricia Clements, Sarah Sheldon, Aimee Lieby, Jennifer Hsing, Khuong Dao
Standing: Quyen Dao, Susan Vo, Phuong Nguyen, Tina Phan, Quy Dao, Nga Nguyen, Tony Nguyen, Kevin Berkline, Len Weeks, Jason Placette

Academic Letters
Sitting: Abbey Bean, Haley Lowrance, Amy Gribnau, Shannon Tinsley, Diane Barron, Jennifer Pate
Standing: Julie Morris, Melanie Cook, Regan Green, Jeremy Kupper, Kalynda Grant, Kiley Adkins, Jana Chauvin

Band Officers
Standing: Brandy Kellams, Jennifer Pate, Travis Shahan, John Williams, Derek Wright, Rylan Daughtrity, Tiffany Richards, Debbie Turner, Books de la Rosa, Greta Brannon, Lydia Dickinson, Jared Ingham
Sitting: Heather Smith, Amanda Long, Natalie Broussard, Jennifer Hsing, Carrie Newton
Leadership

Organized

Captain- Debbie Turner
Lieutenant - Heather Simpson

Drum Major- Carrie Newton
Co-Drum Major- Greta Brannon

KeyClub

Sitting: Amber Brown, Angela Way, Jodie Collins, Renee Hamm, Antigone Papoutsis
Kneeling: Jenny Walker, Justin Dean, Paige Elijah, Brandy Sawiski, Allison DeLaRosa, Josh Hanes
Standing: Scott Seymour, Jeremy Hood, Jennifer Hebert, Jason Keith, Heather Messer, Robert Segovia, Derek Wright, Andrea Hebert, Laura Pedigo, Heather Swartz, Katie Usoff, Alison LeBlanc, Summer Ballard, Heather Domaschk, Mr. Wells.
Varsity Cheerleaders

First Row: Kristen Borel, Shannon Tinsley, Kiley Adkins, Whitney Moore, Haley Lorwance
Second Row: Marci Landry, Courtney Schomerus-Head, Amy Gribnau
Third Row: Lindsey Sessions, Jan Fanette-Co-Head

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

First Row: Krystal Franke, Lindsey Mitchell-Head, Meaghan Mann, Kacy Schion, Alicia Judice
Second Row: Jamie Mitchell-Co-Head, Julie Moye, Ginni Beach
Third Row: Stephanie Theriot, Jess Baklik
Goldennets

Bottom Row: Carrie Newton-Drum Major, Greta Brannon-Co-Drum Major
Second Row: Andrea Tawney, Alison Russell, Amber Brown, Tiffany Weatherford, Jennifer Hebert
Third Row: Hilary Newton, Stephanie Wappler, Traci Weatherford, Jennifer Gates
Fourth Row: Jennifer Dye, Clarissa Price, Mandy Glynn, Kristin Chastanut, Cherice Hebert

Golden Silks

Sitting: Debbie Turner-Captain, Heather Smith-Lieutenant
Second Row: Leigh Judkins, Candice Wildon, Mandy Leblanc
Third Row: Jennifer Patin, Laura Pedigo, Jennifer Walker, Meryl Best, Tabatha Taylor,
Amy Best
**Spirited**

*Freshman Cheerleaders*

**First Row:** Summer Smith, Lacie Turner, Lacy Daniels

**Second Row:** Mandi Feldschau, Cassi Henley, Sarah Taylor, Brittney LeBoeuf

**Third Row:** Lindsey Purser, Misty Tyrr-Head, Kristin Thompson

*Westernair Officers*

**Standing:** Captain Alana Booth

**Kneeling:** Lieutenant Angela Tate, First Lieutenant Amber McRae

**Sitting:** Lieutenant Aimee Lapoint, Lieutenant Lindsey Stoker

*Bulldog Spirit*

Sadie Seymour

*Golden Guardians*

**Standing:** Eddy Brammer

**Kneeling:** Ryan Elliot, Ryan Luce
Sitting: Dana Ladner, Tonya Mason, Kristen Fournier, Cheree Lensing, Stephanie Bear
Kneeling: Lara Cascio, Ivy Arce, Shannon Copeland, Elizabeth McElroy, Madis Rhamani, Meghan Trevey
Standing: Clint Slicker, Eddie Oliver, Brian Turpen, Abbey Bean, Regina Cowles, Michael Powell, Thu Duong

Future Farmers of America is not available. The Pilot is sincerely sorry for missing these faces.

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Brittanyennis
Shea Weatherford
Kurtis Gerratz

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Brain Hicks
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Jesse Floyd
Jennifer Hermillon
Eric Hill
Thu Duong, junior and Clubs editor, checks the board to see her ad sales progress as it compares to the rest of the class. *photo by Abbey Bean*

Dana Ladner, junior and Academic/People editor, gets annoyed as she awaits her turn to discuss her ads sales progress. *photo by Abbey Bean*
on Nederland Avenue hoping to sell an ad, Thu Duong, junior and Clubs Editor of the Pilot, takes a deep breath and reassures herself. With a confident aire, she enters the store and requests a conference with the manager. Duong is then taken to the manager's office where she plans to persuade him to purchase an ad.

Only minutes later, Duong says farewell to manager and leaves the establishment smiling from her victory. Duong is now even closer to meeting her 600 dollar quota. "It took a lot of persistence and effort to meet the 600 dollar quota, but it wasn't impossible," said Duong. "I think the owners realized the need to support NHS, and that helped a lot."

Each staff member is required to sell 600 dollars worth of ads each year in order to pay for the publication of the book because the yearbook organization receives no tax money. The overall cost of the annual's publication exceeds 29,000 dollars. Because of the high expenses, the staff is greatly appreciative of anyone who chooses to help out, either by purchasing business ads or a vanity ad.

"It really helps out when people understand the need to support the yearbook, and we thank anyone who is willing to contribute to our funds," said Shannon Copeland, junior and Ads Editor.

Without the community's contributions, the 1997 Pilot would never have made it to the printers of Taylor Publishing Company. -by Abbey Bean

"The yearbook staff is responsible for raising $30,000 through advertisement sales, and in the ten years I've been teaching here, Nederland students have never let me down," said Regina Cowles, journalism advisor.
We wondered if you would become a mechanic, construction worker, philosopher, cowboy, executive, entertainer, or ball player. You've become an intelligent, honest, generous, caring young man. We thank God for you and pray your future is full of joy and peace.

Love,

Mom & Dad
From pacifiers to ponytails, and now graduation—how quickly the years have gone by. Molly, you are a sweet, caring person and truly one of a kind. You will always be our little "fuzz head". We wish you much joy and happiness in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Erin, & Mike
Jamie, 
Follow your dreams, stay true to your heart, seek the Lord first, and success will be yours.

Love you! 
Mom, Hollis, & Michael

Congratulations Diane Barron, Dina Dugas, Brandy Tarver, Keisha Barker, Kiley Adkins, and Jamie Melancon! We hope as you continue through life that you will remember all of your great high school memories and stay friends forever!

Love, 
Your Families

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Rebecca Ducoie

Congratulations! We are all so proud of you. You have been the greatest joy in all of our lives. Thank you so much for all that you have given us through out the years. May your future be blessed.

Love always.
Your Family

Michael Feldschau

Congratulations! You have always made us proud! Do your best, and you will go far!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Mandi

On behalf of the whole yearbook staff, I Shannon Copeland, would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our supporters. If it were not for all of your help we would not have been able to create a yearbook successfully. To the Class of '97, I would like to congratulate each and every one of you for all of the great tasks that you have completed through out all of your school years. Even though this is just the beginning of the rest of your life, I hope that you will treasure these precious memories always. Remember to be the best that you possibly can, and always remember who taught you that and where you were taught. I would also like to thank all of the great teachers that we have here at Nederland High School for all of the great things that they have taught everyone here and all of the things that they have had to put up with over the years.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my family for everything that they have done for me over the years. I would like to thank our great editor Abbey Bean for always helping everyone with out worrying about herself first, for always being patient no matter how mad she got, for always making sure we got what we needed, and for always making us have fun. I would also like to thank our advisor Mrs. Cowles for being here to keep up our spirit and for being here to solve our problems. Also, I would like to thank my sister for everything because it would take too much time to thank her for all that I need to thank her for. I would also like to thank my sister for giving such a great gift my niece Mychaela, She has been a great and loving addition in my life. I could not live without either one of them. Finally, I would like to thank all of my friends for their help and support, and all of the people whom I forgot. I'll cherish all of our fun memories forever.
Jessica Wooley

Congratulations "Jessi", you finally made it!!
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Jana Chauvin

Jana,
You have brought us many smiles and great joy. We are so proud of you. May your future be filled with happiness and success.
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Mom & Dad
Brian Forey

Brian.
Thank you for the many wonderful years that you have given us. Now that it is your turn to get out on your own, we hope that you will have many more great years to come. Congratulations on your twelve year journey through school. You finally made it! You have been a great blessing in our lives.

Love always.

Dad, Lynn, and Amanda
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Dad, Mom, Robert, and Clint

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We wish you the very best in the years to come.
We love you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Cindy and Brandon

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Love,
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We love you dearly!
Mom, Dad, Quy, Khuong & Isabella

We have worked, sweated, shed tears and suffered aches and pains. Also achieved highs, gone through lows, shared dreams and faced our realities. Most of the time it's been plain crazy and great fun! Above all there has been a great love that will always be with you now and forever.
Daddy, Mama, and Jessica

Alana
Lucia

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Congratulations on completing this first important milestone in your life. You are an inspiration to us. Good Luck and great success!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Robert, Nana and Grandpa
When I sent you off on that first day. The "12th grade" seemed so far away. You were so excited to go to school. you've played, and learned, and been real cool! But here we are, where did time go? We just want you to know we Love you so.

Mom.
Jamie.
& John

Danae Gaspard
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Na-Na
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Mom & Dad

Bree Laughlin
Bree,
We have watched you grow from our little, Halloween pumpkin into a beautiful young lady.

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for the future.
We Love You,
Mom, Joe, Trent, Pop, and Nana

BRANDY MICHELE TARVER

Twelve years have
passed so fast, your
hard work and dedica-
tion have shown
through your many
accomplishments. We
love you and are so
proud of you and know
you will succeed in
whatever you do.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Mom, Oma, Paw Paw,
Stephen, Terri, Tyler,
Travis, Kendall, Rob-
ert, Julia, Lisbeth,
Ryan, Kevin, Leitha,
Jacob, and Josie
Daddy, Granny, and Paw Paw
Regan Green

Regan, 
May your 
future be 
as successful as 
your past. 
Love, 
Dad, Mom, Tamra

Heather Vines

You are a young woman now, but you will always be "my little girl." Follow your dreams and remember nothing is impossible as long as you believe in yourself and in God. 

We love you! 

Mom & Chris
ON THE ROAD OF LIFE, WHEREVER YOU ARE-
MAY GOD GUIDE YOUR WAY AS YOU REACH FOR A STAR-
AND MAY YOU FIND ALWAYS WHILE HE IS CLOSE BY,
NO DREAM IS TOO LOFTY-
NO GOAL IS TOO HIGH.

LOVE,

MOM
Ryan Bernard

Congratulations Ryan
So proud of you and your accomplishments.

May your future be filled with happiness, success, and love.
Love you-
Mom - Dad - Casey

Aaron Williams
Congratulations Aaron!
Enjoy the thrill of victory...
You've earned it!
God bless you,
Mom, Dad, & Adam

Aimee, Best of luck;
Thank you for the memories!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Emily

Our greatest reward is not just sharing your many achievements, but what you have become as a young man. You're our treasure.

Dad & Mom
Mr. & Mrs. B.R. McDonald
Hazel Williams
Donnie, Melodie, & Melinda Wood

John Williams, Jr.
You have grown into a beautiful young lady filled with laughter, compassion, and the love of God. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We believe in you and love you so very much. Hold on to your dreams, with the Lord at your side, all things are possible.

Love,
Mommy, Lenny, C.L., Granny, Papa, Juliee, Jolene, Janis and all the family
Congratulations Kris,
We're so proud of you! Good luck &
God bless you!
Love ya!
Mom, Dad, Chad,
Dana, Dennis,
Adina, & Tyler

Kris Battenfield

Kacie Sanders

Congratulations Kacie,
Go for it girl.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Jake

Kacie Sanders

Kiley Adkins

Kiley, You have grown into a beautiful
young lady inside and out.
Congratulations on your many
accomplishments. We are very
proud and wish you the best in the
future! Love you,
Mom, Raymond, & Dad

Kiley Adkins

Treva Wilkerson

Treva, Every moment has been special,
Everyday A new joy!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, & Kate

Treva Wilkerson
Congratulations Chad!
We're so proud of you. May all your dreams come true! We love you.

Chad Larmacy
Mom, Dad, and Sarah

Dearest Katie,
You are everything a parent could ever hope for: a young woman who is so genuine and caring. We are so proud of you. Love Always, Mom and Dad

Katie Lovetinsky
Carnell Broussard

Darmell Broussard

Travis Armstrong

Congratulations Guys! We are so proud of you. It is hard for us to let go, but we know you are eager to make your mark in the world. Good luck in all you do.

Rob, Danise, Trena, Larry & Gwen
Nicole Henson

You are our miracle, our Angel. We are very proud of you. Congratulations!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Cherice Hebert

Cherice.
We are so proud of you.
You are a wonderful daughter and sister. We wish you the best!
Love.
Dad, Mom, & Hilary

Justin Owens

Congratulations, Justin!
You've been a joy.
Much success & happiness.
Mom, Evan, Dad, Jackie, * Jared

Jeremy.
Congratulations! We are very proud of you! Your determination will bring you much success in the future. Always remember we love you!

Mom, Dad, Jamie, and Melissa

Jeremy Hood
John Matlock

Your trust in God’s leadership has carried you along a tough and narrow road toward success.

We are very proud of you!
We love you very much,
Dad, Mom, Steven, Mama, & Julie
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Roy Brent Garcia Jr.

Congratulations,
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We’re so proud of you.
May all your dreams come true.
Love you
Mom & Gary

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Amanda Brown

Amanda
We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Adam

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Keep running and "Kick a Little." We are proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Ace

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Cheree' Lansing
Holly Williford

Holly, You've become a beautiful young woman with tremendous courage and spirit. We love you, we're proud of you, and we'll always be here for you. May all your dreams come true. Love,

Mom & Dad

Hollie Cox

Congratulations
Hollie Bean!

The best little sister we could've asked for.

Love your sisters,
Sandy Sue & Carrie Lou

Lawrence Duke

Congratulations Larry,
You've grown into a fine young man. We're proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Walt
Laura & Kenny

Follow your dreams!
Congratulations!

Jeremy Hood

Derek Wright

We are so proud of you guys!

Justin Dean

As you leave us to begin your futures; we know the BEST is yet to come.

Love,
Your Families
Jace Martin

Jace,
We are proud of you and wish you the best!

All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Aimee, Scott

Clint Caywood

Clint,
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Your Family

David Grant

David,
We can't believe our "Peanut" is grown up and graduating.
We are proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Jeremy

Shelly Stein

Shelly,
You're very special to us. We're very proud of you, and we love you very much. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad
James,
You are such a joy. You bring us happiness and laughter everyday. Continue to trust in God, and he will forever bless you as you have blessed us. Always be proud of yourself and live life to the fullest.
Mom, Dad, Mollie, and Meryl
Congratulations, Todd!
We are so proud of you!!!

Love—
Mom, Ben, Tana, and all the family—

Congratulations, Jeremy!
We hope your life will be as wonderful as when our dream came true, when we had you. Love
We love you!
Mom & Dad
Jamie, Aunt Emmie, & Memaw

Congratulations Daniel!
We are very proud of you and wish only the best for you. May all your dreams come true.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Marcus, Alex, Nanny, Uncle Joe, Nikie, & Vicki
Kristin,
We've watched you grow from a carefree little girl into a self-reliant young lady. We're both so very proud of you. Always follow your dreams.
Love,
Dad & Mom

Lacye

Boudreaux

Lacye,
We are so proud of you and hope you get all you want out of life!
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Scott

Tad Treme

Congratulations TAD!

We're all proud of you!
Mom, Dad, & Tim
Josh Sanderson

Twelve years of memories, twelve years have passed, and your graduation is here, much too fast!!

My son, My heart, My once little boy...
You have made us so proud and filled us with joy.

Josh, you are my dream come true.

Now the door is open... but always remember who loves you!!

Mom

Angela Tait

From a pretty little girl, to a beautiful young woman, you have made us proud every step along the way.

May God bless your Future!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Kristen, & Jordon
through her smile. She begins to realize that she will always be proud to be a Nederland Bulldog and will always be proud of the upcoming Bulldogs. Sandra Rogers, 1962 NHS graduate, will never forget the memories and friendships that she has made as a Nederland Bulldog.

"Being a part of Bulldog pride is such a big factor in my life that I can't imagine my life without it," said Rogers. "I will always be grateful for the opportunities that I've been given to be a part of the Bulldog atmosphere of pride."

Rogers has given much of her time and effort to helping NHS students remember the memories they have made and the accomplishments that they have gained. Rogers personally finances and creates memory books for all Bulldog sporting teams and many NHS clubs and activities.

"I don't mind making the books; in fact, I really enjoy it," said Rogers. "I'm just lucky that the students and coaches have let me into their lives so that I can make the books!"

George Eissenman has also contributed much of his life making Nederland schools a great place to learn. "I was a teacher for NISD for 35 years, and I loved every day of it," said Eissenman. "I think that Nederland students should realize how lucky they are to live in a community where people are friendly and actually care about the students."

Eissenman was a member of the football, basketball, and track teams when he attended NHS. He married a former Westernaire (the article on page two is mistaken when it relates that Eissenman married a former Bulldog cheerleader) and raised two Bulldog fans of his own.

These two outstanding Bulldogs have been where each and every Nederland Bulldog has been and where each is going. They have given many years of service to Nederland schools and truly understand the loyalty that being a bulldog is all about.

"Both Mrs. Rogers and Coach Eissenman really know how important it is to be true to your school," said Thu Duong, junior. "I think that they are both role models who all Nederland students should strive to be like."

Many NHS students are following the examples that were set by these two great leaders. Lindsey Sessions, junior, achieved many accomplishments this year.

Sessions was selected by school officials to attend Girls' State, a state convention in Austin that teaches students leadership skills and gives them a better understanding of the role they can play in the government. "I was really honored to be chosen for Girls' State, and I'm really looking forward to going!" said Sessions. "I'm hoping that maybe this convention will help me be a better Student Body President next year."

Seth Foreman, senior, also displayed pride and leadership skills this year as he used his outstanding artistic ability to win a place in the office Nick Lampson, US Representative to Congress. His artwork will be displayed in Lampson's office until next year.

"I love to draw, and I was just happy that I could represent our school in Nick Lampson's office," said Foreman.

Foreman was also the catcher for the tremendously successful '97 Bulldog baseball team. The team entered the playoffs and continued to do well as they entered the state semi-finals in Austin. The dogs lost the first game of the state playoffs in extra innings but were still proud to have made it that far.

"I know that we that we tried our hardest, but it was still a tough loss," said Foreman. "No matter what happened in the end though, I'll never forget that season."

Foreman and Sessions are merely two examples of the many students who excelled at NHS this year.

"We have so many talented students at NHS, and they all deserve a tremendous amount of credit and appreciation," said Stephen Fleming, principal.

As the 1997 school year came to a close and NHS students looked back on the school year to evaluate their success, they were pleased. -by Abbey Bean

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Shantel Lee, senior, qualified for the state competition for the 800 meter dash. Lee placed eighth at the state level competition.
As always, Brian Turpen, junior, refuses to have his picture taken! As always, his whining didn't help him any!! We still love you Brian!!

Stephanie Bear and Abbey Bean, seniors, discuss what pages will be done by whom in the Student Life section. Bear is a loon!! Thanks for finishing your pages at the last minute!! :-)

Well, I guess it's time to say thank you and goodbye!! I've really enjoyed working with all of you even though it may not have always seemed that way!! Although this year was quite different from my first year as editor of the Pilot, I definitely learned a lot from all of you, and many of my fondest memories from the past four years are associated with the opportunities that I've been given as a member of this family: trips to Austin, deadline silliness, breakfast runs, Mrs. Cowles's memory lapses!!

Stephanie - I know I'll never forget you!! Thanks for listening to all my silly problems!! You are a very unique person and always knew how to make me smile (except when you didn't want to work on your pages)!!

Thu - Well, I want to thank you for bringing this to our attention: Brian Turpen is a liar!! And, thanks for being a good Clubs editor and great pal!!

Jeff - You really surprised me with your dedicated work ethic, and you always did more than your share to make sure that everything ran smoothly with the sports section. Thanks!

Brian Turpen - You're a really sweet guy, and thanks for not ever complaining (yeah right)!! I'll really miss you; you always knew how to make me laugh!! :-)

Tonya - Thanks for calming me down when things weren't going too great! And yes, I did notice that you did 13 out of the 28 spreads in the Student Life section! THANK YOU!!

Dana - Thanks for not giving up during the senior picture catastrophe!!

Cheree - You always worked really hard to be sure that every page you did was accurate and always tried to get good quotes!! You really helped out the Sports section this year, and I appreciate it!!

Shannon and Elizabeth - You both worked really hard and long hours to make sure that the Ads section looked its best, and you both really deserve a lot of credit! THANKS!

Ivy and Meghan - Thank you both so much for working on the Index at the last minute!! You also each researched your pages and interviewed more than anyone else on staff this year, and your dedication is appreciated!

Lara and Kristen - You both worked well together on the people section, and I thank you for the extra hours that you both contributed to this class despite your busy schedules (Lara's job and Kristen's Westemaire practice)!!

Mahdis - Thank you so much for finishing pages at the last minute and always researching your articles!!

Michael Powell - Thanks for always working whenever we needed anything and for all the last-minute stories!!

Clint, Eddie, and Brian Forey - Thanks for all the pictures y'all took and for all the last-minute errands that y'all ran!!

Mrs. Cowles - Of course we couldn't have done it without you!!! Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be a member of this staff and to discover my love for journalism and page design!!

Love Always,

Abbey

Abbey Bean and Tonya Mason pretend to be strange in the journalism room. Tonya, you're silly!!

Pilot staff members work diligently to meet a deadline!!

Thanks!!
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