



Why Teachers Go Nuts

by Staff

Have you ever really wondered why teachers go nuts? On Thursday, November 16, NCHS students found out the real reason why? It's us ! Mrs. Hendrix's sixth period English IV class performed a play entitled "Why Teachers Go Nuts". Students were given an opportunity to see themselves at their worst behavior in the classroom. This hilarious comedy was well performed and the student body good rave reviews. Mrs. Hendrix and her student-actors, and all others who were involved deserve to be commended on a fantastic

Picture missing

NCHS Students listen closely while Joe informs them about real life issues.

Opelousas Sheriff Dept. Visit NCHS Suspension Unit

by Shemika Vaughn

An inmate by the name of "Big Joe" of Alexandria, Louisiana made a visit to North Central's In-School Suspension Unit. He is now completing the rest of his 14 year sentence in Opelousas Parish Jail. He talked to students who have misbehaved for various reasons. He also informed them that life in jail is not the best life to want to live, and that it is not a joke. Joe has been charged for possession of illegal narcotics and the intent to distribute. He told the students how he could have lost his life in the drug war. Some of the most specific pointers he focused on were the withdrawal of students from their educational surroundings and the enforcement of students to stay in school. He also stated that his drug related arrest caused his daughter to lose two years of college, not to mention the grief he has caused the rest of his family members. His last quote was, "Students it's never too late to want to make something out of yourselves."

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Raven "Giggly Goon" Rideau gets even with Chris "Bull Durham" Fogleman.

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DNA Experiments

by Staff

Recently, NCHS Gifted Students, together with gifted students from Port Barre and Opelousas Catholic, had an opportunity to gain hands on experience with modern molecular biology. Students in the "Eagle" program conducted experiments in which they were able to compare and identify DNA. Also, students explored how DNA could be cut into parts and combined with othe DNA fragments. In this way they could learn how DNA could be altered and changed to create new life forms.

Cast Members and Program Participants.

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A Christmas Wish List

by Reynard Eaglin, Jr.

We all have things that we wish for. So I decided to ask a few Hurricanes what they would want if they could have anything they wanted for Christmas.



Emmit Smith-Daphanie Duplechain
A good faithful man-Shondra Fontenot
To be happy-Chara St. Romain
A good boyfriend-Suzana Courville
A high school diploma- Bridgett Williams
5.0-Christopher Rideau
A new car- Mr. Martel
A million dollars-Mrs. Bush
A few million-Bryan Bush
Win Parish championships-Coach "Butch"
Peace in family and an end to violence-Sr. Readore
20 Million-Kenneth Doucet
An end to poverty-Shawna Offord
A mega-million-Ruby Young
World Peace-Mrs. Hendrix
I'd like to win the powerball-Ms. Motte
Total control over the U.S. Mint-Speech Therapist
A boyfriend that I can trust-Raven Lazard

Well, if I could have anything I want for Christmas ,it would definitely be Janet Jackson , but if I couldn't have her I'll settle for her money. Hope you all get everything you want for Christmas ,but it is in giving that we truly receive.

Merry Christmas !

Beta News

by Shemika Vaughn

The 1995-1996 Beta Club is now extending invitations to students who are eligible. Beta is also preparing for the Miss Merry Christmas Pageant. To satisfy that sweet tooth get your goodies from Mrs. Hendrix anytime for only 50 cents.



Does Santa Really Exist?

by Brandi Vaughns

Some people say that Santa's imaginary. They say that there's no such thing as a Santa Claus and that he doesn't exist at all. Others say that Santa is real; he lives at the North Pole, for Christmas he brings presents and he also has reindeer and elves to help distribute the presents.

What Do You Think???

Is Santa real or not???

I feel that there's no such thing as a Santa but for the lil' kids. Mrs. Trent

When I was small I use to think there was a Santa but now that I am much older I know that there isn't, but I tell my neices and nephews there is. Byrd Adams

I don't believe that there is a Santa because one night I caught my parents wrapping gifts when I was supposed to be asleep. Solethia Forbes



I love Santa Claus. Mr. Martel

I don't believe in him, the only Santa is my family. Michael Smith

I believe that Santa is a big lie. I caught my mom putting presents under my tree so Santa can go somewhere. Chamira Oakley

I feel that every child should enjoy Christmas and follow the Santa Claus tradition. Shemika Vaughn

Santa Claus represents the giving and sharing of Christmas spirit and I believe we should all take part in giving. Reynard Eaglin,Jr.

I believe in Santa Claus. I always believed he was a spirit. Lashondra Jones

Although people have many different theories about Santa Claus, there are some who still believe that it is Santa Claus who makes this holiday merrier each year.

Football-The Final Chapter

by Reynard Eaglin, Jr.



As we all know, Hurricanes can be quite a threat. Our 1995 football team finished district 7-2A competition with a 3-2 rank which resulted in a wild card. North Central High Hurricanes made the playoffs! Unbelievable? No! The 'Canes have worked hard this season, winning more games and developing the

winning attitude which gave them that extra push to finish the season 6-4. The playoffs aren't something that you take lightly, especially since many schools can't say they had the prestige of playing in a playoff game. Coach Bobby Jack Fontenot told the Daily World that schools like East Beauregard and South Beauregard, who consolidated several years ago, still have not made it to the playoffs. Coach Fontenot said that he feels his team are winners. In our first year of regular district season, we finished 3-5; then we went 5-2 that second year, and we beat Opelousas Catholic and some other teams. Then we were ready to jump into the playoff action. Great accomplishments have been made by Coach Fontenot and his group of dedicated, hardworking, young men.

Congratulations on a great season!!!

Boys Basketball Profile '95

by Reynard Eaglin, Jr.

Coach Clarence "Butch" Fontenot has recruited his 1995-1996 "ballers", whipped them into shape and is ready for the basketball season. I caught up with Coach Butch to question him, because inquiring minds want to know what new tricks he has up his sleeves. Coach Butch says that one of his main goals is to instill discipline and a winning attitude into his players. Coach Fontenot said, "Once they have this positive attitude, the winning will take place." When asked what new direction the team plans to take coach answered, "The biggest change will be more pressure on defense. We don't have a big team so we will take advantage of our speed." Coach Fontenot says that his biggest dream is to see his team in the top 28, but before that happens, they have to take care of district. Coach ended the interview with these words, "I like my team and I have hard workers. Hopefully when the race ends we will be right there."

December

by Shemika Vaughn



December, month of presents, gifts, and love. Not to mention the great Christ to whom we worship up above.

December, month of beginning and ending, Through prayers angels come down descending.

Snowflakes drifting through the wintery air;

Let us give thanks to Christ, for he's always there

December is Christmas, Christmas is love, love is sharing; This is the time of year when everyone seems caring.

For the love of Christ is never forbidden Is there love in your heart or is it hidden?

We tend to take the Christ out of Christmas But if the spirit was to ever to disappear or leave. It would surely leave us all bereaved.

Whether a Christmas goodbye or a Christmas hello, This Christmas be caught underneath the mistletoe.



Talent Search

by Brandi Vaughn

North Central High, Talent Search members attended Senior Day at USL. It was held on Saturday, November 18, 1995. The following events were held: touring the campus, visiting different academic department, financial aid workshop, and also the picnic in the student union. The following students attended Senior Day: Franchesca Gordon, Lashondra Pierre, Angela LaBrie, Lakeisha Washington, Alicia Bowman, Stacey Nevills, Nicholas Sanders, Mervin Cane, Shemika LaBostrie, Archie Johnson, Rheadacia Thomas, Derrick Robinson, Michael Dixon, Kosha Edwards, Johnathan Rideau, and Chara St. Romain. Mrs. Sam, the student counselor, was the sponsor.

4-H Club

by Brandi Vaughn

At the November meeting the 4-H club elected their 1995-96 officers. They are as follows; President-Marcus Blueitt, Vice-President-Shawn Beard, Secretary-Patasha Williams, Treasurer-Bridget O'Reilly, Reporter-Stephanie Ducote, and Parliamentarian-Brock Waldrop. Every month a guest speaker comes out to talk to the members in Mrs. Beard's classroom. In the November meeting the topic was "Be All You Can Be." Mrs. Frey, the 4-H agent discussed aspects of a positive self-concept. The events that will be held, Chad Bahman will show livestock.

FBLA

by Byrd Adam

The FBLA club has officially elected its 1995-1996 club officers. They are as followed: President- Crystal Hopkins, Vice President- Johnathan Rideau, Secretary-Soleithia Ford, and Treasurer- Kasey Dupre. The club is also having a candy sale. They are selling Peanut M&M, Hersey Almond Bars, Reese Pieces, and Reese Peanut Butter Cups.

FFA Fundraisers

by Lashondra Jones

The Future Farmers of America are busy for the holidays. They are taking a new lead in fundraising with creativity, and pride in their work. So check out their new ideas for holiday gifts.

*Bar-B-Que Pits-\$30.00

The Bar-B-Que Pits are pretty big, if priced anywhere else \$60.00 to \$70.00. These pits are handmade, varnished, and painted so check them out. If interested please contact Chad Baham.

*Handmade Wooden Plaques-\$2.00/\$4.00

These handmade wooden plaques are made of cedar, a very expensive lifetime wood. The plaques are cut out and engraved with the message of your choice, then sanded down nice and neat, trimmed up, burned, and stained then varnished to bring out its perfection. The plaques are \$2.00 for a 6x12 and \$4.00 for a 12x12. Plaques should be ordered as soon as possible for the Christmas holidays. Remember double the size, double the price. By the way these plaques make beautiful Christmas gifts!!! Contact Lashondra Defro.



S.A.P.E.- Natural Helpers

by Brandi Vaughns

For this month the S.A.P.E members have selected their 1995-1996 officers, there are as following; President-Kosha Edwards and Vice-President- Daphanie Duplechain. They have also decided what they are going to do for this month. On December 5, 1995 there will be a Natural Helpers Workshop, on December 14, 1995 they will have a Pizza Bash and also a trip to Angola, St. Gabriel Trip. There will be a purchase of T-Shirts for S.A.P.E. members. They will also have a Lock-in with the sixth graders. These are the following events for this month.

Upward Bound

by Byrd Adams

Upward Bound is a college preparatory program designed to strengthen the academic skills of high school students and motivate them for success in college. It seeks to help youths with academic potential who have not had adequate preparation, motivation or opportunity to realize or demonstrate their full talent. The Upward Bound Staff selects from families meeting the low income criteria as established by the U.S. Commissioner of Education. Students are chosen on the recommendation of teachers, counselors, social service agencies, and other well acquainted with the students. The Upward Bound Program activities are conducted during the academic year as well during the summer. On Wednesday afternoons the students who participate in Upward Bound stay after school from 3:00-5:00p.m. During these two hours students are tutored on academic skills in science, math and English. There is also help in these skills on scheduled Saturday at USL. The summer session is the backbone and most exciting part of the Upward Bound Program. Students live on campus, just like regular college students for six weeks for intensive academic program centering on English, science, math, reading, career and academic counseling, and physical education. There is also a variety of social and cultural activities such as dances, picnics, and field trips. Upward Bounders observe and experience many events and write about them in an attempt to broaden their horizons and gain perspective and understanding. The following students from North Central are in the Upward Bound Program: Senior members- Chara St.Romain, Ledricka Johnson, Johnthan Rideau, and Rheadacia Thomas. Junior members- Reynard Eagin, Shondra Fontenot, and Sharondra Randall. Sophomore members- Marcus Blueitt, Mildred Curette, and Kenneth Doucet.



Best Friends

by Byrd Adams



Mashundra Wright, Natalie Thomas, Dana Williams, Claudette Robertson, Byrd Adams, Brandi Vaughns, and Bridget Thomas have been best friends since they first met. They have stuck together through thick and thin. If one of them go down they all go down. They stick together no matter what, and each one of them always has the other's back. When you mess with one of them you mess with them all. They also share everything; except each other boyfriends. They have had their number of ups and downs but they never let that stop them. They also work together to accomplish their goals; despite what people may say about them. Each of them has something in common. They have been friends forever and they intend to let it stay that way. One last thing they would like to say is "They don't have love for them PLAYA HATERS!!!!!"

What Does Christmas Mean???

by Brandi Vaughn

Many people fail to believe that Christmas is more than giving and receiving gifts. In a way I feel that Christmas should be special because it's a time to celebrate the birth of Christ and it's also a special family unity. In the poem "Tis Christmas" Garnett Ann Schutz writes Christmas is "A bit of hope and a bit of love, a tiny part not cheer, a smile, a thought, an outstretched hand, a dream, all soft and dear, some faith and warmth and happiness and then a touch of prayer, a bit of music, laughter too, of each a goodly share." I also agree with Margaret E. Sangster in the poem "Holly & Pine" when she says "When Christmas comes, I think again, heaven stoops to wish good will to men; and God, who loves once more the whole earth dowers, and the Babe who slept on Mary's knee once more brings peace to you and me. In these poems the message is that they are trying to bring a little peace and joy to earth.

FHA Hosts Star Events

by Byrd Adams

The FHA chapter at North Central hosted the Star Events Thursday, December 6, 1995. FHA members from chapters St. Landry Parish competed in the following contests: Golden Yam, Job Application & Interview Event, and Energy Education. Contestants representing North Central FHA were: Karen Nevills-Energy Education, Sr., Amanda Jones, Colandra Charles- Job Application, Jr. and Latoya Smith- Job Application, Sr., and Jessica Ryder- Golden Yam.

And the winners are:

Energy Education, Sr. Division - Karen Nevills-1st Place

Energy Education, Jr. Division-Amanda Jones-2nd Place

Job Application, Sr. Division-Latoya Smith-2nd Place

Job Application, Jr. Division-Colandra Charles 2nd Place

Golden Yam Contest-Jessica Ryder -1st Place



From left to right; top row: Latoya Smith, Amanda Jones, Jessica Ryder. Bottom row: Karen Nevills and Colandra Charles.

SEASONS' GREETINGS

Horoscopes

By Lit'L

Aries (March 21-April19) Flattery might work to gain temporary support today, but after the persons you target realize they've been manipulated, they might turn their backs on you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Be very careful throwing your weight around today. You might find that you have little patience with persons who fail to do things exactly as you wish them to be done.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Go along with the majority today instead of insisting upon having your own way. A small sacrifice will be better than a fight.

Cancer (June 21- July 22) This will not be a good day to discuss business or mundane matters with friends, especially if you go out together in hopes of finding some fun.

Leo (July 23- Aug 22) Strive to achieve things today from which everyone can derive some type of benefit. Avoid goals which would reward only you.

Virgo (Aug 23- Sept 22) Today you might find yourself closely involved with someone you've disagreed with in the past. Since this old dispute has never been resolved, be careful.

Libra (Sept 23- Oct 22) You might not be able to function as independently as you'd like today due to your class mate's demands. Instead of fighting, try to find some sort of compromise.

Scorpio (Oct 23- Nov 21) Your curiosity might be unusually intense today and this could tempt you to stick your nose into places where it doesn't belong. Keep your sniffer to yourself!!!!!!!!!!

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) Go slowly with someone of the opposite sex that you met recently. There is a chance that this person may not be all that he\she professes to be.

Capricorn (Dec 22- Jan 19) Whether you like it or not, everything you do today is likely to be scrutinized by others, so be doubly careful about how you behave in public.

Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 18) If you react in kind to the crankiness of someone today, it could set off unnecessary explosions. Bide your tongue and count to ten instead.

Pisces (Feb 19- March 20) If you make a big mistake today, do not attempt to pin the blame on someone else. It will not only make you look bad, but it could cost you a valued friendship.

100% GUARANTEED SUCCESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SHOT-OUTS

by Byrd Adams

Hi I'm Shemeka, Senior Class President. I'd like to give a shot-out to Byrd, Brandi, Reynard, Lashondra, and last but not least the Senoir Class of 1996&1997.

Wz up? this is R.E.J., I would like to give a big shot out to the publication click Patricia(keep it on the down low), Diesel, Jap Vic, the Upward Bound Click, "One" (Holla at me) and to Washington,the home of the Pimps, Playas, & Hustlas. Sincerely The Freak 4 Life.

This is John and I'd like to give a shot-out to Quab, Reg, John, Mig, and all the sophomores, and my girl Effie.

This is #70 and I'd like to give a shot-out to allthem fools in the Washington Posse, to my boysJohn, Quab, and to my boy Reg and his girl Faye.

I want to give a shot-out to me, me, me, and Eric, by Eric.

What's up, Angela here and I'd like to give a shot-out to my baby Hillary, and my boy Marcus.

What's up Austin here, and I would like to give a shot-out to myself.

It's me Bryan and I would like to give a shot-out to everybody and myself.

What's up my name is Chanteil. I would like to give a shot-out to Jennifer, Mandy, Heidi, Christy,and to my cousins Garret and John.

What's up it's Brandi, and I would like to give a shot-out to my baby, the Melville Posse, and I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, even though some may not be getting anything.

What's up ya girl Byrd here and I'd like to give a shot-out to my baby Marcus, my girls from Melville, my neices and nephews, and the publication class.

What's up, my name is Ledricka Johnson and I'd like to give a shot-out to my friend Micheal Dixon.

What's up my name is Dominique and I'd like to give a shot-out to all my girls from Washington and a special shot-out to my husband SurKnight. Love You baby.

What's up my name is Chamira*BKA*Punky and I would like to give a shot-out to Vic, K-Ci, KiKi, BeBe, Meke, Marlo, Tasha, Elma Fudd and don't forget about my girls Dana,Bridget, and Byrd. Ya in da house.

What's up my name is KIKI, and I would like to give a shot-out to all my girls Vic, Angela, Punky, Brandi, Solethia, Dana Bridget, Meke, and all my friends, and not wanna be's. Robin-N-Joe,Deonica-N-Chris, and to all my girls in Palmetto. Stay cool and keep your head up.

What's up I would like to give a shot-out to all them playa haters (kiss kiss) We love ya'll too from the Melville Click,Mashundra, Dana, Natalie,Claudette, Bridget, Byrd Lee, Brandi, and Cordese.

Wuz up Vic in da house, I would like to give a shot-out to all my Click: K-Ci, KiKi, Punky, Marlo, Angie, Brandi, and my boo,you know who you are.

What's up Raven here, I would like to give a shot-out to Shondra,Ferrell, Joe, Timika, Martha, Dominique, and myself.

To all my girls from Palmetto and Washington , from ya girl Donna.

What's up ,ya girl Robin here, and I'd like to give a shot-out to my one and only love Joe Sam,and my girls from that Palmetto Click,and to my boy Chris Alexander and Deonica.

What's up Deonica here giving a shot-out to Robin-N-Joe, April-N-Stanley, my boy Chris A. Mildred-N-Whoever, Raquel-N-Brian, Mary Harrison and Erica-N-Brandon.

I would like to give a shot out to Joseph Sam and my girl Shondra, Best of luck in the future from the Fruit Gang. Your girl don't mean nothing.

To Brian Rene' from his sweetheart Peaches with love

Wuz up! this is Double Duce here, and I would like to give a shot-out to my baby and congratulations to the football team on a great season.

Wuz up! This is Emma B*K*A Coosey and I would like to give a shot-out to my Click.

Hi, my name is Mary I would like to give a shot-out to my #1 man Frederick Spencer, my girl Peaches, Apples, Strawberries, Patoussie, and the whole Friut Gang from Washington.

This is Mrs. Young, and I would like to give a special Shot-out to my son LaDarius.

What's up, This is ya'll girl Lit'L and I would like to give a shot-out to my girls Solethia, Jessica, Claire, Opie, Meke, Vickie, and last but not least, my baby boo. STAY SWEET AND SEXY & I LOVE YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Merry Christmas to my boy, you know who you are.



Merry Christmas from the "Fruit Gang"



Happy Holidays!!!