



Homecoming Activities

Jessica Ryder

Homecoming week at North Central High School has always been a lot of fun in the past, and this year was no exception. Spirit Week may have gotten off to a slow start, but it didn't stay that way for very long.

Monday was 50's and 60's day. Not very many of the students were aware what day it was, so that really wasn't a success. Tuesday was a totally different story, it was switch day. Switch day has always been a lot of fun, and it gets better every year. It always seems to be the best day of the week every year. Wednesday was dress-up day, which was a day for the students to come to school, and look their best. Thursday was western day. This gave the students a chance to come to school dressed as cowboys. Finally, Friday was spirit day. On that day, students came dressed in school colors, blue silver, and white. Some of the students really went all out of their way and painted their faces, and some even wore blue lipstick. Talk about school spirit. The week of October 13-17 was a fun week here at NC, and everyone who participated really had a lot of fun.

Homecoming Coronation

Mr. Martel

North Central High School held its first Homecoming Coronation Night on Oct. 15, 1997 at 7 P.M. in the school auditorium. As Mr. Damien Gordon narrated, ladies of the homecoming court were escorted to center stage by members of the football team and then promenaded out beyond the stage onto a special platform where they curtsied and bowed to the applause of parents, teachers, and guests. These young ladies, a vision of grace and loveliness, glided in their beautiful gowns to the accompaniment of music provided by the Spiritualettes. The elegant ceremony was enlivened from time to time by energetic performances of the NCHS Dance Team.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Queen's court and the crowning of senior Tyronica Christmas as North Central's Homecoming Queen for 1997 by Principal Raymond Duplechain. From left to right are Miss Angie Chenevert, Sophomore Attendant; Miss Lashondra Rideau, Junior High Attendant; Miss Byrd Lee Adams, First Runner-Up; Queen Tyronica Christmas,

Age Simone Splane; Second Runner-Up, Mandy Johnson; Senior Attendant, Angela Simien; April Butler, Freshman Attendant; and Marlo Tezeno, Junior Attendant.



Mr. Duplechain crowns LeeAnn Queen of the Homecoming Court.

Homecoming Court

Mildred Curette

On October 15, 1997, North Central held it's first Coronation, where Miss Tyrinnica Christmas was crowned queen by Mr. Raymind Duplechain. The other attendants for the Homecoming Court were escorted down the runway, showing off their beautiful dresses, by members of the football team.

This year's Homecoming Court was chosen by grade point averages. The football team chose the queen and the senior attendants. The other attendants were chosen by their classmates.

NCHS Halftime Show

Mildred Curette

The North Central High School Band has come a long way. They have received new uniforms, which by the way are beautiful. Mr. Johnson and the band members prepared a half-time show that took our breath away. The drum major, Reginald Jackson, marched onto the field to the beat of "Money". The band performed the following songs: "Joy and Pain", "Got To Be Real", and marched off to "Hey".

The band also performed "For You I Will" as the Homecoming Court was escorted down the field by their parents. As you can see our band has matured to the extreme.

Homecoming Success

Christina Phillips

This year's Homecoming exercises were a success. We had a beautiful parade and our first Queen's Coronation. The Homecoming Committee was responsible for this fabulous evening, and they did a wonderful job on the decorations for the Homecoming Dance. The decorations consisted of a balloon goal post with blue and white balloons that really made our dance glow. We also had giant letter balloons. On each one was a letter, and together they spelled out Homecoming. Damian Gordon was our MC for the Coronation. He did a wonderful job. Mrs. Knapp prepared artistic posters for our parade. Those who made our Homecoming extravagant, we hope that next year will be as special as this year!

Spirit Day

Heidi LeDoux

Last Friday was spirit day here at NCHS. Many of our students had their faces painted, their hair sprayed silver. One student even had his head painted. Blue and silver could be seen everywhere up and down our halls.

Many of the students that participated in spirit day said it was fun because everyone was wearing the same colors and they got to show their true school spirit.

Tyrone LaBostrie commented " I thought that spirit day was enjoyable, and fascinating to watch our fellow hurricane students was having a wonderful time. The most exciting day was switch day which me and the fellow football players dressed up like street women.

Michael Sanchez said, " It was really good to see North Central getting back some of the school spirit it had in it's earlier days.

It was also good to see some of the teachers getting into the school spirit."

Dance Talk

Heidi LeDoux

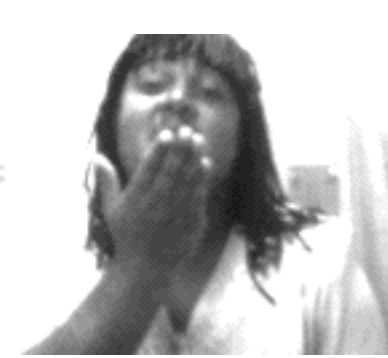
Homecoming, one of the most anticipated events of the year, was finally here. You could feel the excitement in the air last Friday night. One group that was particularly excited was the dance team. The dance team was getting ready for thr first fieldshow here at NCHS.

The dancers wore their formal uniforms, and danced to songs that our own band played. Beside dancing, they served as colour guards to the homecoming court.

Chauntiel Schexsynder (co-captain), commented " Everyone was very nervous about dancing in the first fieldshow, but once we got out there we our nervousness faded, and we did what we had to do.

Even though the dance team might have been nervous, they blew everyone away with their great performance. They proved once again that they surely could "Twist"

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CANE "B-BALL" IS BACK

Kenneth Doucet

Basketball is back in effect at North Central High. Practice started a couple of week's ago. Coach Butch has the boys stretched out as usual. This year the Cane's are missing four starters, but they are going to be replaced by the upcoming seniors. The seniors this year are Kenneth Doucet, Marcus Bluiette, Stanley Nevills, Austin Fontenot, and Miguel Fontenot. In single A the Cane's should be pretty good. They are looking to win the District and then take it back to the Cajun Dome and take it home.

Their first game is on November 18, against the Bulldogs of Villi Platte. Come out and support your Cane's.



WILL THE CANES EVER GET A "W"?

Kenneth Doucet

The homecoming game ended as many people expected, another loss for the Canes. They played the St. Edmund Bluejays. The Bluejays put up 27 points against the Cane defense, and their defense shut out the Cane's offense. In the second half of the game four North Central players got ejected from the game. One player, Tyrone Labostrie, got ejected out of his last game, for he is suspended for the rest of the year. With some late breaking news, Tyrone was given a second chance. The Cane's are now back full force.

Last week the Cane's faced Sacred Heart (V.P.). This was another disappointing loss for us. Sacred Heart is ranked number two in the state and 6-1 for the season. They are the favorites to win district. They put up 36 points against our defense and held our offense to eight points.

So far on the season the Cane's are 0-7. Will we end the season winless or will the Cane's pull off their last three games? Next week the Cane's face Mamou Demon's for Mamou's homecoming. The band will also be traveling with the team to add a little inspiration. Good Luck Cane's.



Girls Basketball

Kenneth Doucet

The North Central girl's look like they are taking on a new lease for the season. Their new head coach Mrs. Vanessa Taylor is putting in work overtime. She has the girl's in the gym nearly every day making them get their workout. This year there are no seniors on the team, so the leadership will have to come from the juniors. The team is basically made up of eighth and ninth graders. This will be the year for Mrs. Taylor to build her team. Good Luck Girls.

Switch Day

Jessica Ryder

Homecoming week here at NC was really a lot of fun for the students, as well as for the teachers. There were many different activities, but the best one was switch day. It has always been the favorite of all the activities. Switch day is a day where the guys get a chance to dress as girls, and the girls get a chance to dress as guys. Everyone really got a good laugh watching the boys walking around in women's clothing trying to act like a girl. The girls didn't really look that bad. The person that really got a lot of attention was Mr. Jordan. At first look, you would think he was a woman, but when you look again, that is when you notice who it really was. A lot of students participated in switch day, and they all had a lot of fun. So, if you didn't take part in it this year, you really missed out. Remember, there is always next year.

North Central Tackles Fundraising

Kristy Buie

This year, North Central has organized a fundraising committee. The goal of this committee is to function as a coordinating committee for all of the schools' various fundraisers throughout the year. The overall and long term goal for this committee is to organize a large annual fundraiser for the school which would be a regular source of revenue for the school.

Mr. Damian Gordon is chairing the committee which is composed of roughly 7 members so far. Faculty, staff, and parents are being urged to participate. Mr. Gordon says, "North Central has a lot of potential. The school should be a place where the whole community can rally and come together. There are people out there with a lot of good ideas on how we can better North Central, we just need to find them and encourage them to take an active role in helping to ensure a bright future for North Central High School."

Currently, the committee is requesting that all families here at North Central donate 2 and 3 liter bottles of Coca-Cola, and or Pepsi to help offset the price of having to purchase these products from the distributor.

Anyone interested, please contact Mr. Gordon, room 424, or NCHS. 623-4239.

Homecoming Dance

Donjaleque Jackson

This year Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Rideau, and Mrs. Auzenne were the workers on this year's homecoming dance. The pictures were taken by Gabriel Lewis Photograph Studio's. The background was a field goal with blue and white balloons and big balloons with the word "HOMECOMING" written on them. The dance was casual. So every one was able to enjoy themselves.

This year's dance the school dress code was very much reinforced. E.T. was the DJ. Homecoming prices for pictures were posted on the wall a week in advance of the Homecoming dance. They had a fair crowd for the dance.

NCHS SNAPSHOTS



Duke & Val



Danielle
Reynard
Lashondra



Kristy & Amber