

TOGETHER WE STAND

STUDENTS GET INVOLVED WITH ORGANIZATIONS

Because two heads are better than one and the more the merrier, many students actively participated in various organizations. Some group activities were based on community service and others on student education. Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) was made up of students who competed in various categories of the medical field.

At state competition in Columbia, junior Adair Wilkins competed in Veterinary Assisting and placed fourth. She had to take a fifty-question written test and perform two skills: "position the animal for abdominal surgery and restrain an animal for venipuncture (drawing blood)." Adair also said she "... enjoyed it because I got firsthand experience for next year."

Senior Erin Davis, who placed first in Veterinary Assisting, said the best part was "... the banquet because we embarrassed our group members by shouting for everyone."

The Kappa League was a group of African-American males selected in middle school based on their academics and extracurricular activities. They toured other schools together in Washington "... to see what other students in other states do and to compare them to us," said junior Andre Marc.

The Drama club produced a play called The Christmas Star. Junior Wynnona Haynes said, "It was a big success since many of the people didn't have any experience. A lot of them were freshmen and had never been in drama club before."

Peer Mediation was another very active club which helped students sort out their differences among student mediators. Meetings were held every Wednesday morning in Mrs. Courtney's room.

Senior mediator Rusty Ulmer says mediation helps everybody. "It helps the students sent to mediation by giving them an alternative to violence and also providing a way to settle conflict in the way in which they will be expected to handle it as adults. It helps the actual mediators by teaching them how to solve conflicts."

Jr. Civitans was another driving force in the student community. They planted trees, visited the veteran hospital, and took fruit to the local nursing homes, to name a few of their activities.

Vice-president and junior Kyndra Middleton related, "It gives you the opportunity to help others in the community, and then you feel good after doing something that's positive."

-Audra Flynn



Gather 'round now! The members of the Future Teachers of America get together one last time. From left to right: Mr. Daryl Dille, Billy Padgett, Grover Blaine, Audra Flynn, T.C. Dopson, Samantha Hoerl, James Holmes, Don Huff, and Mrs. Amy Jenkins.

You Toucan Help! Junior Civitans sponsor Mrs. Bridget Cromer and Junior Civitans president Sarah Rodriguez sit by their entry for the International Can-Do Sculpture Contest. Sara received the Junior Civitan's scholarship, played girls' soccer, and participated in peer mediation.

