

laying on a smooth rainy day, the young boy's paper boat careens toward the dirty sewer grate. He peers into the dark abyss...the clown peers back. The audience screams. Scary movies brought out many people's worst fears. Movies like Stephen King's *It*.

Snakes terrified senior **Josh Adams** who said, "I went outside one afternoon and heard something hissing. I went inside and came back out and heard a lot more hissing. After I saw a rattlesnake under the chair on my porch, I ran into the house and grabbed the twelve gauge. I shot the snake, and now there is a big hole where the bullet ripped through the wood."

Tons of things frightened students. Heights, grates, snakes, spiders, school work, insects, administrators, and bombs in the building all scared students. "I get paranoid if I'm walking down the hall, and I run into an administrator because they always say something to me about my ID or shoes," senior **Angela Reeves** said.

Sickness, disease, and catastrophic events were also ranked high on the fear list. "It's scary because you have no clue who might be sick. You could just be sitting there talking to them, and they could be giving a disease to you," sophomore **Demia Magwood** said.

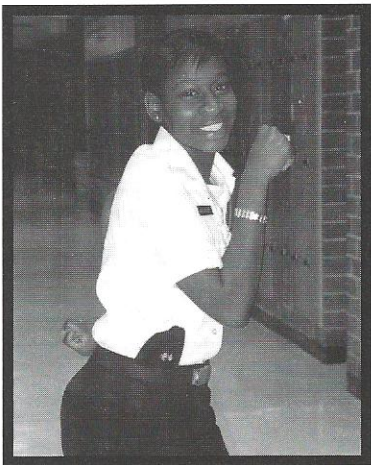
One mystery remained: what makes people afraid of clowns? What is so scary about a clown? Clowns supposedly made people happy and laugh. The clowns produced a rather counter-productive effect according to junior **Libbi Kinard** who said, "I'm scared to death of those silly little circus freaks."

One student could not sleep at night after watching the *Wizard of Oz*. Junior **Morris Green** said, "I'm afraid of the *Wizard of Oz* because of those flying monkeys and the wizard. When I was younger I could not watch the movie by myself. I always had to have my mom or dad in the room with me. The wizard is so shrouded in mystery."

-Kasey Hudson

are you afraid of the dark?

Superwoman! "I am afraid of nothing because I am a strong, independent woman," freshman **Ambra Magwood** said.



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