

MENDEL CATHOLIC H.S. FROM BEGINNING TO END





THE WAY WE WERE

- Mendel Catholic High School as it appeared in 1951, the year Mendel first opened its doors.
- Fr. Daniel Hartigan, O.S.A. (standing at the top of the steps) waits to address the crowds at the dedication ceremony as members of the local V.F.W. stand at attention.
- Parents and future students eagerly await the grand opening of Mendel Catholic High School.



In the fall of 1951, Mendel Catholic High School opened its doors. Mendel was founded by Fr. John Seary, O.S.A. and the Augustinians. It graduated its first class in 1955 and has been the branding iron of success for all of its graduates. As always, its philosophy has been Christian and its spirit one of Augustinian community. In its history, Mendel has weathered a number of crises as it struggled to serve the needs of the changing local population.

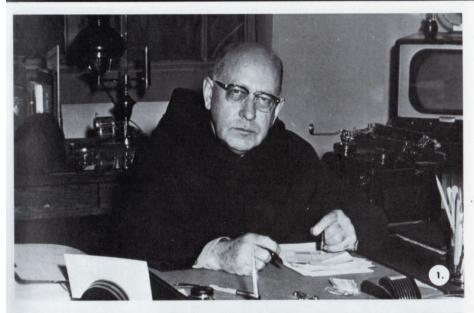
Fr. John Seary, Mendel's founder, describes one of his proudest moments at Mendel, "Back in 1957, Mayor Richard Daley used to sponsor the Prep Bowl and it really did my heart good when Mendel won the city championship over Calumet."

Michael Manderino, Class of 1970 and a teacher at Mendel, describes some of his proudest moments at Mendel. "I was a member of the city champion basketball team in 1968. However, in my opinion the most exciting moment in the history of the school was Michael Hampton's last second shot that beat Quincy in the state tournament in 1982. I'm proud to say I was the assistant coach under Mike Flaherty in that season. I've been a part of Mendel for close to half my life as a student, athlete, teacher and coach. I've met many quality people and I'll always have great memories of this place. It's sad to see it come to an end."

Deon Williams, Class of 1988, describes what Mendel has meant to him, "Being inducted into the National Honor Society was one of my proudest moments at Mendel because it showed my hard work was paying off. Mendel has been great to me. Mendel has given me a

quality of education and the opportunity to participate in two excellent sports — track and cross country. I've learned that when you work hard you get good results. I've worked hard in school and I've gotten good grades and I've worked hard in sports and I have been successful. I think the experiences I've had at Mendel have been good ones."

The Monarch spirit and integrity has been shown by the many faculty members who have given their able minds and bodies to foster this legacy in education. The students have pride in their school but more importantly they have learned to take pride in themselves. In short, Mendel has been a leader among schools. Through her many graduates, be they black, white or latino, Mendel will forever create a lasting impression . . .

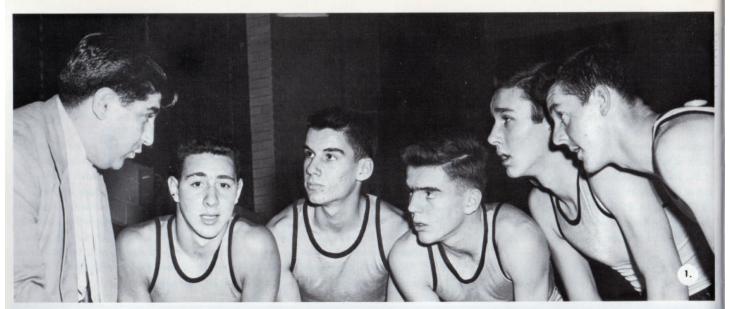






MEMORY LANE

- Fr. John Seary O.S.A. Mendel Catholic H.S.'s founder and first principal, takes a moment from his busy schedule to pose for the camera. Mendel was only one of four high schools Fr. Seary opened in his illustrious career as an educator.
- Mendel students and their dates enjoy a roller skating party during the late '50's. The hits were by Elvis, saddle shoes were the rage and burgers, fries and malts were a teen's main staple.
- Mendel students swing to the tunes of a popular combo at the Homecoming dance of 1957.



SPORTS LEGACY

- 1. 1955 Varsity basketball players huddle up with their coach for a pre-game pep talk.
- Students come out and support the Monarchs at a pep rally before the 1957 Prep Bowl against Calumet H.S.
- Seniors formally escort their dates at one of Mendel's first proms.
- Coach Chuck Mills demonstrates a blocking technique to the very first of Mendel's mighty Monarchs.

WILL FOREVER CREATE







REMEMBER WHEN?

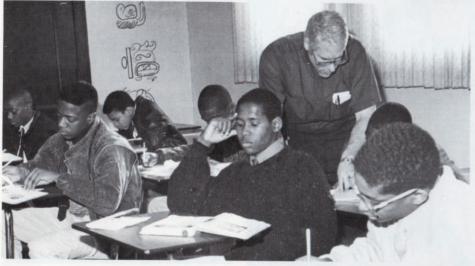
A bitterly cold day saw the Magnificent Mendel Monarchs and the Calumet Indians meeting to decide the Chicago Prep Bowl champion of 1957. The Indians, with a record of 11 straight victories, were making their second consecutive appearance in the city game and were slight favorites over Mendel. The Monarchs, however, took the initiative and the game developed into a tough, hard-fought contest. A tie seemed inevitable when, with two seconds remaining, a desperation pass was caught in the end-zone giving the Monarchs a thrilling victory and their first and only city championship.

A LASTING IMPRESSION

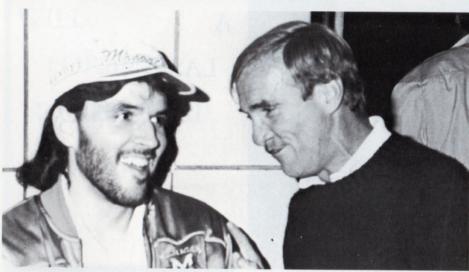
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'Tis education forms the common mind;

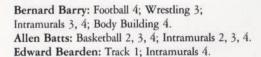
Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined.

— Pope

SENIORS

Michael Anthony. Brandon Baltimore: Football 1, 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 3.

Hiawatha Barnes: Football 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 3; Student Senate 1, 2, 3, 4.



Dwayne Belle: Football 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest Finalist 3; Business Club 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 2; J.E.T.S. 4.

Vincent Blakemore: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 1; Baseball 1, 2; Captain 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Senate 2; J.E.T.S. 4.

Domocko Bomer: Cross Country 3; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 3, 4; Student Senate 3; J.E.T.S. 3, 4.

Mitchell Bradshaw: Football 2; Intramurals 2, 4; Business Club 1.

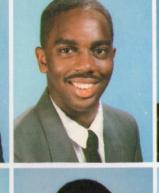
Corey Brown: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 3; Track 3; Bodybuilding Club 1, 2, 3; Student Senate 4

Jerome Brown: Football 1; Track 3, 4; Business Club 1, 2; Nat'l Honor Society 3, 4; French N.H.S. 3, 4; Student Senate 2; J.E.T.S. 3, 4.

Derrick Burns: Track 1; Business Club 1. John Burris. Joseph Butler: Track 1; J.E.T.S. 3, 4. Thomas Byrd: Cross Country 1; Track 2; Business Club 1; J.E.T.S. 4.







































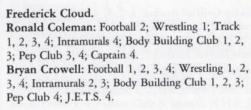
Anthony Byrdsong: Football 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 3, 4; Business Club 1, 3; Student Senate 4; Pep Club 4; J.E.T.S. 1; Class Officer 1.

Kenyon Carr: Track 3.

Phillip Chriss: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 4; Business Club 1.











Troy Davis. Michael Dorsey: Football 4; Intramurals 1, 2; J.E.T.S. 4. Michael Drane.







Deandre Echols: Wrestling 3; Track 2; J.E.T.S. 3. Curtis Edwards: Football 2; Manager 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Jazz Band 3, 4; Marching Band 2, 3. Khalif Elliston: Football 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Student Senate 3; Pep Club 2; J.E.T.S. 4.









Adrien Franklin: Basketball 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4. Steven Frierson: Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Student Senate 2, 3; Class Officers 2. Kenneth Fullman: Football 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 2, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest Finalist 1. Kedar Futrell: Basketball 3; Track 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest Finalist 1; Business Club 1; Student Senate 1; J.E.T.S. 4.

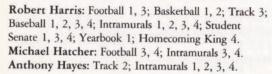
Avery Germany: Intramurals 2; Lounge Workers 2; Student Senate 1, 3; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3.

Mark Gipson: Jazz Band 1; Marching Band 1. Earl Gooden: Intramurals 3, 4.

Franklin Griffin: Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Myron Griffith: Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 2, 3; Jazz Band 2, 3; Marching Band 2, 3.

Forrest Harris: Football 1; Intramurals 1, 3, 4; Business Club 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2; Yearbook 1; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3; Class Officer 1.



Perry Heard: Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

Andre Holland.

Braxton Holmes: Business Club 1; J.E.T.S. 3.

Billy Jenkins: Intramurals 4; Pep Club 4. Kendall Johnson: Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 4. Mark Johnson: Football 1, 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; J.E.T.S. 4. Darren Jones.























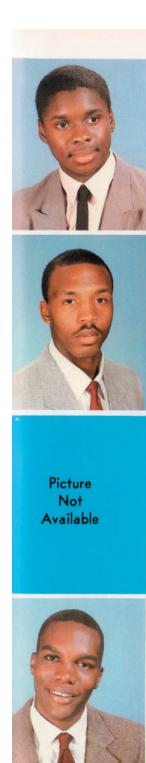












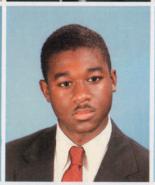




Darrick Jones: Wrestling 3, 4; Business Club 1; Spanish N.H.S. 3, 4; J.E.T.S. 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3.

John Keene: Football 1, 2, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 3, 4; Gentlemen's Assc. of Black Youth 3.

Romeo King: Cross Country 4; Track 2; Business Club 1; Student Senate 4; J.E.T.S. 3, 4.



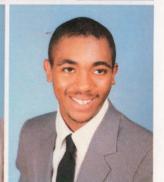


Marshall Knight: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 1, 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

Brian Lacey: Football 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Gentlemen's Assc. of Black Youth 1, 2, 3, 4; Lounge Workers 4; Spanish N.H.S. 3, 4; Student Senate 4; J.E.T.S. 4.

Rodney Lacey: Speech Contest Finalist 1, 2; Chess Club 1; Literary Magazine 1, 2; Gentlemen's Assc. of Black Youth 3, 4; Games Club 3; Spanish N.H.S. 3, 4; J.E.T.S. 3, 4.





Kanno Lewis: Picture Not Available. Dewayne Marshall: Intramurals 3; Speech Contest

Finalist 1, 2, 3; Lounge Worker 4; Business Club 1; Pep Club 4; J.E.T.S. 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2; Marching Band 1, 2.

Billy McCaskill: Cross Country 2, 3; Track 2, 3, 4; Student Senate 3; Class Officers 3; Treasurer 4.







Erik O'Neal: Baseball 3, 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Phillip Pepper: Football 1, 2, 4; Intramurals 1, 4;

Business Club 3; Pep Club 4. Jerry Peppers.







Ronald Phelps: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest Finalist 1. Cecil Phillips: Football 4; Track 2; Intramurals 2, 4; J.E.T.S. 4; Yearbook 4.

Alfred Pierce: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 2; Wrestling 1, 3; Track 4; Intramurals 4; Gentlemen's Assc. of Black Youth 4; Lounge Workers 4; Nat'l Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish N.H.S. 3, 4; Student Senate 4; Pep Club 4.

Allan Porche: Football 2; Wrestling 1; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 3, 4; Gentlemen's Asso. of Black Youth 4; Nat'l Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish N.H.S. 3, 4; J.E.T.S. 3, 4.

Lavelle Powell: Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

Stephen Ramsey: Football 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Baseball 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Bodybuilding Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest Finalist 2, 3, 4; Student Senate 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Yearbook 4.

Mario Reynolds: Wrestling 2, 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish N.H.S. 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Martin Richards: Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Track 2, 3, 4; J.E.T.S. 3, 4.

Eric Richardson: Cross Country 2, 3; Track 2, 3; Business Club 1, 2, 3; Student Senate 2.

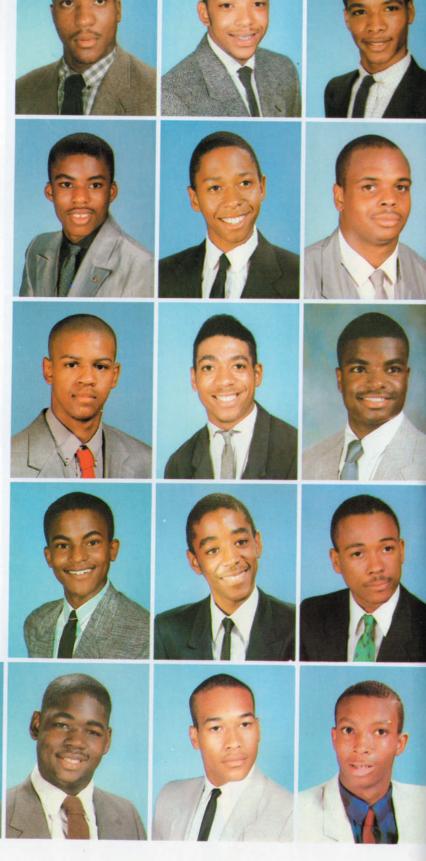
Allen Seals: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Intramurals 4; Nat'l Honor Society 3, 4; Student Senate 2; Newspaper 2.

Quincy Shelby: Wrestling 1; Track 3, 4; Speech Contest Finalist 1; J.E.T.S. 2, 3. Edjuan Simmons: Track 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4. Nykema Sledge: Intramurals 2, 3, 4.

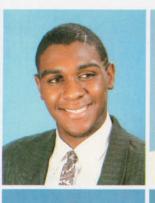
Michael J. Smith: Cross Country 3; Track 1, 3; Intramurals 1, 3, 4; Gentlemen's Assc. of Black Youth 4; Lounge Workers 4; Business Club 1; Student Senate 4; J.E.T.S. 2, 3, 4.

Sean Smith: Football 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Student Senate 4; Pep Club 4; J.E.T.S. 3, 4; Jazz Band 1; Marching Band 1; Lounge Workers 4. Steven T. Smith: Intramurals 2, 3, 4: Gentlemen's Assc. of Black Youth 3, 4.

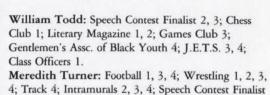
Bradford Stevens: Track 2, 3, 4; Speech Finalist 3. Wardell Swanson: Football 1, 2; Wrestling 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4. Robert Thorns: Cross Country 3, 4; Captain 4; Football 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 4; Nat'l Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish N.H.S. 3, 4; Student Senate 3; Class Officers 3. Samuel Tillman: Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.











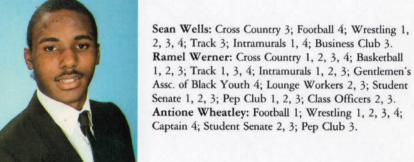
2; Business Club 1; Pep Club 4; J.E.T.S. 2, 4.

Eric Wade.



Glen Walker: Literary Magazine 1, 2; Newspaper 1. Corey Ward: Track 2; Literary Magazine 2. Charles Watson: Football 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 4.









James White: Cross Country 2, 3; Football 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest Finalist 1; Lounge Workers 4; Nat'l Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish N.H.S. 3, 4; Student Senate 4; Pep Club 4; J.E.T.S. 3, 4; Class Officers 1. Cidkyee Williams: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Speech Finalist 1; Business Club 1, 2, 3; Student Senate 1, 2; Yearbook 1, 2, 4; Newspaper 1; J.E.T.S.

Dennis Williams: Track 2, 4; Baseball 4; Intramurals 4; Speech Finalist 2.









Deon Williams: Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 2, 3; Lounge Workers 4; Nat'l Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish N.H.S. 3, 4; J.E.T.S. 3, 4; Class Officers 3, 4. Jason Williams: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Wrestling 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Finalist 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2; J.E.T.S. 4. Marc Woods. Stevee Woods: Track 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish N.H.S. 4.



The heights by great men reached and kept

Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept

Were toiling upward in the night.

— Longfellow

UNDERCLASSMEN

Enoch L. Allen Julian M. Allison Reginald Baker Keith T. Barker Darius S. Barnes

Michael T. Blackmon Kendrick Bolton Reginald D. Boyde Kenneth J. Brame Chester B. Brown













Juniors . . . Up



Junior Class Officers. Standing: R. Baker, Mr. John Kozojed Sitting: K. Levy, O. Hawkins, and M. Dyson

Danielle Brown Vernell Butler Earnest Byrd Rodney M. Caldwell Carl E. Carpenter

Gabrae E. Carson-Warner Shannon L. Carter Christopher K. Chambers Vernon Cole Robert A. Collins



































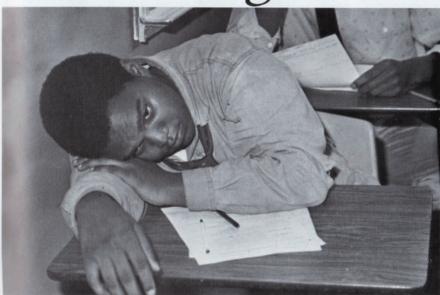




Malcolm R. Cooper Arik U. Cotton Wilburn H. Curry Luke S. Dade Anthony D. Dearborn

Conley D. Dillon Mwata Dyson Ernest Keith Ealy Vincent J. Ecter Andre A. Flowers

and Coming!



Malcolm Cooper takes a well deserved rest after passing his U.S. History quarter exam with flying colors.



Robert Collins and Edward Taylor take a break between classes to pose with the legendary Mendel Monarch.

















Marshall E. Fortson Darrin P. Golden Vincent L. Grey Michael J. Grubbs Kevyn J. Harmon

Michael Harris Rickey E. Harris Mark E. Harvey Obeddie R. Hawkins Anthony C. Henderson

UP AND COMING!

The juniors of 1988 hold a unique place in the history of Chicago Catholic education. We are the last junior class of Mendel H.S. and in the spring of 1989 we will be the first graduating class of St. Martin de Porres Academy. Knowledge, virtue, and opportunity have become our treasure during our time at Mendel. A kaleidoscope of memories fill our hearts - the bonds of friendship, the rigorous demands of athletics, and the challenges of studies have helped shape us into the black men of the future. We are saddened by the ending of a legacy in education and yet we look to the future with hope and dreams. With the transition from one school to another and the help and encouragement from both, the juniors are truly up and coming!



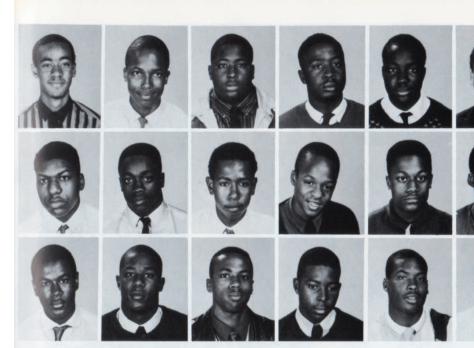
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Brandon P. Howliet Mario L. Jackson David M. Johnson Joey C. Johnson Tim D. Jones

Harold Keith Dwayne A. Kellog Craig J. Kennerson Marc A. King Brian Kinsey

Fredrick B. Lacy Kristopher D. Levy Rahsaan G. Lowe Calvin C. Lyons Serge P. Mallebranche

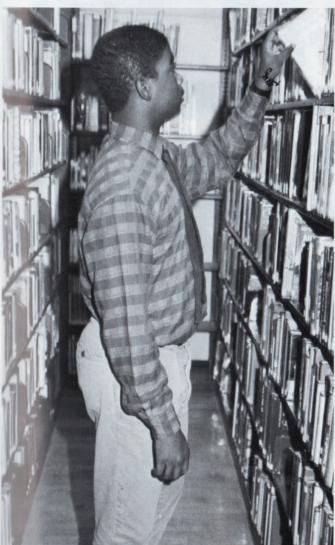




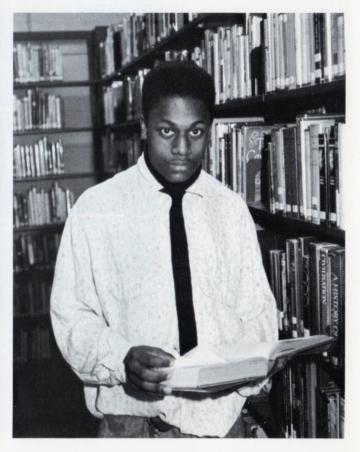
Terrence B. Mardis Dwayne E. Martin Marcus J. Mason William A. McHenry Reginald McCall Michael Miller

Randolph C. Miller Kenneth J. Mitchell John F. Montgomery Michael Anthony Moore Willie E. Morrow Derrick D. Murphy





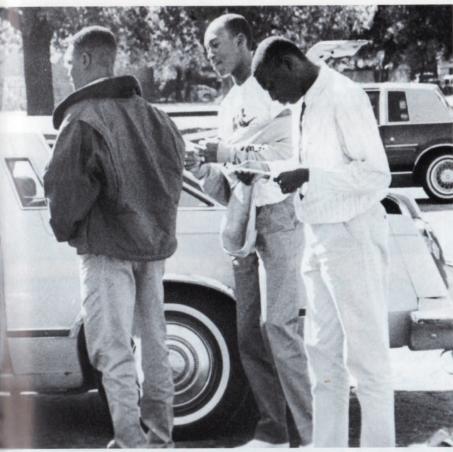
Gabrae Carson-Warner and Willie Morrow prepare for their next class by working diligently in the school library at lunch time. This is one sign of Mendel's pride in academics.



Robert Thomas Roberts Michael E. Robinson Juan Rodriquez Dewayne Russell Aaron K. Shavers Patrick D. Shepard Wayne Shepherd Dwain R. Singleton William C. Smith Kwame O. Stephens Andre L. Stokes Derrick L. Tate Duane L. Tayleor Edward W. Taylor Brian Thomas **Picture** Tyrone L. Thomas Not Michael C. Walls Available Bernard M. Ware - not pictured

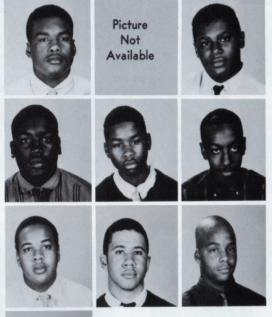
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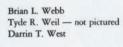
Vincent Lee Proby Dwaine Purvis Norrice L. Quarles



- "The school uniforms are fine, but I wouldn't want to be seen in public with it on," declares Mwata Dyson to friends Reggie Baker, Norrice Quarels and Tim Jones as he changes clothes beside his car.
- Kristopher Levy shows how much real talent and Mendel spirit he has while jacking the school gym during the homecoming D.J. Contest.







Daren Williams Jeffery L. Williams Nathaniel M. Williams

Richard Leonard Williams Shawn L. Williams Mark A. Winston



Carl A. Woodard

CEREBRAL **SOPHOMORES**

Omar Ali Lamont Ballentine Eric Bester **Eugene Billings** Romain Byas Andre Coleman











Dereck Davis Marquette DeWitt













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Lee Duffin Dorian Dupree

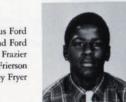






"What are you looking at?!?"

Michael Ewing Benjamin Finley





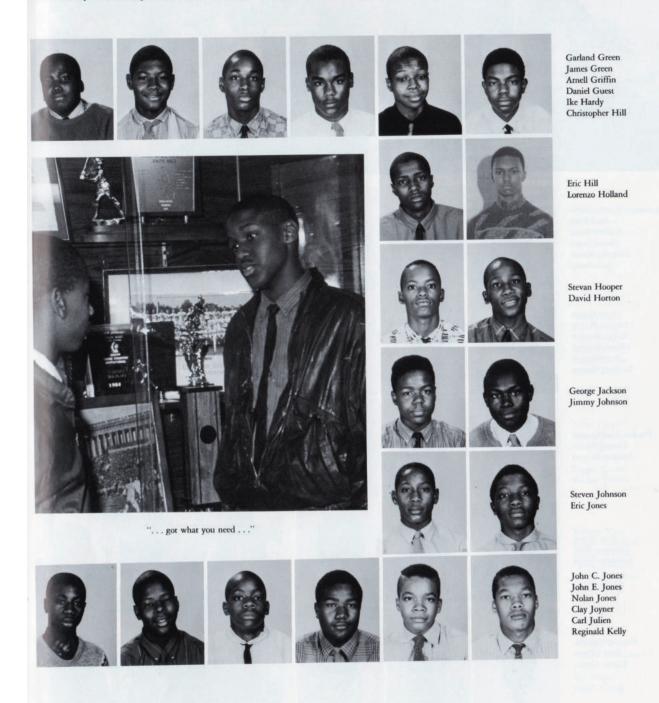






Darius Ford Richmond Ford Errenic Frazier David Frierson Corey Fryer

The sophomores, class of '90, have seen many changes in their times at Mendel Catholic H.S. The closing of the east wing, the departure of old teachers and the arrival of new ones are just a few examples. The announcement of a new co-ed school was received with great joy . . . and also sadness, because the school they had come to know would be no more. Despite the diminishing number of students, the sophomore spirit grew and was evidenced on varsity sports and in many clubs and activities. The sophomores played a key role in the frosh-soph defeat of Homewood-Flossmoor in October. And everyone felt the sophomores' presence on varsity cross-country. Not only was their presence felt on major sports, their presence was felt in the school by all. The sophomores are not just a passing fancy at Mendel, they will always leave a lasting impression!



- 1. Dale Morris studies for "la prueba."
- 2. When Garcia talks . . . people listen!!!





Karrience Killingsworth Fred King Andrew Knox Darian Lewis Mpingo Lewis John Long











Sean Mayon Charlton McKay Xavier Menzies Donny Mitchell Erik Mitchell Richard Monroe







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Maurice Montgomery Darrick Moore Andrew Morgan



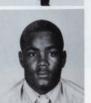














Mansur Nurullah Troy Olivera Eugene Owens

Dale Morris Jermaine Muse Lawrence Noble







"I don't want to hear it!!!"





- 1. Sectionius Watson as "le professeur."
- 2. Sophomore Class Officers. (L-R): Michael Ewing, Daniel Guest, Mpingo Lewis, and moderator, John Kozojed

Idris Parks Jon Patterson

Lance Prather

Darryl Reed

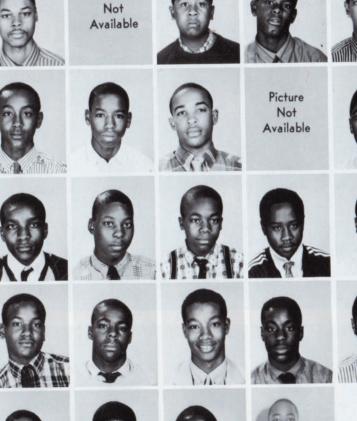
Victor Sissac Derek Smith

Marcus Tasker Melvin Tate

Aaron Taylor Steven Thompson Terry Thurman Darnell Tucker Reggie Turnbo Michael Turner

Anthony Roland Steven Ross







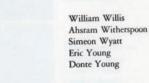












Keith Aikerson Ronald Anderson Vincent Barnes Daris Bates Kenyatta Bettis Marcus Broadway

Dorian Brown Victor Brown William Brunson Quanson Buckley Solomon Burrus Ominara Caldwell















FRESHMEN: LOOKING ON TO NEW HORIZONS

During the first weeks of school the freshmen were introduced to the spirit of Mendel H.S. by the upper classmen. Struggling to find lockers, classrooms, and the shortest way to the cafeteria, the freshmen managed to survive the ordeal and soon displayed a great deal of pride for our school. The Freshman Cross Country Team ranked no. 1 in the Catholic League. This is the first time in Mendel's history that the freshmen ranked no. 1. Such a feat proves the freshmen's undaunted determination for excellence in our last year.



Michael Campbell Craig Cephus Sekou Charles Paul Chase Lawrence Clark Jerod Cobb

Nate Colding Louis Coleman Eric Collier Akema Collins Larnell Cox Michael Cox





















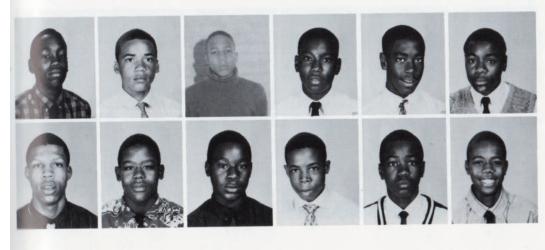


Rawland Crane Chris Dansby Nolen Davis Robert Dillard Antone Du Pree Jeffrey Elms

Anthony Epps Anthony Franklin Le Shan Galloway Phillip Garner Clarence George Ernest Gibson



No! No! Not the pond, please! No! Help! Please somebody help!



Carnell Green Desmond Green Bryce Greene Brian Hamilton Marvin Harris Michael Harris

Christopher Hebron Joseph Henley Stephen Henley Charles Hester Robey Hines Donald Horton

Lawrence Isbell Dion Jackson Richard Jackson Kevin Jones Lionel Kimble

Kenneth Lee



























Mr. Bush is giving freshmen Lawrence McFall and Nolen Davis the personal attention that he gives all our students.

Lawrence McFall Pharoah Merritt Shun Mimms Keith Moody Rick Moorhe Bernard Mull

























Wendell Shepherd Jason Shotwell James Sills Justin Smith Eric Stevenson

Stuart Stewart Leander Taylor Christopher Temple Kelly Thomas Charles Thurmon



These freshmen are enjoying their well deserved free time in the cafeteria.



Bruce Todd Dion Turley Charles Walker Nicholas Watts Willie Wesley

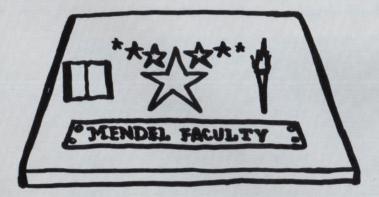
Marcus Whitley Clarence Williams Mark Williams James Wright Michael Young

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Brockkich !







Michael

Knowledge comes but Wisdom lingers . . . -Tennyson

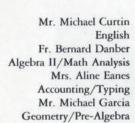
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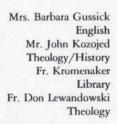
Faculty: Head of the Class

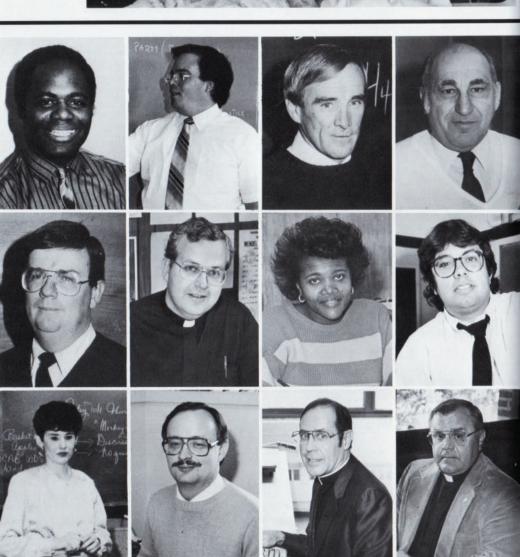
During the past year, the faculty gave students guidance and support as we prepared for college and the working world. Their dedication and spirit was evident both in the classroom and in the many teams and clubs they guided. Because of their faith in us we were able to believe in ourselves. From them we have learned how to set our goals and more importantly, how to achieve them. As we turn the last pages of Mendel's history, we are confident that our faculty, no matter where they are, will forever create a lasting impression.



Mr. Edward Adams
Physical Education
Mr. James Boylan
History/World Problems
Mr. Martin Bush
IPS/Biology
Mr. Nicholas Camera
Geometry/Algebra









"The finishing touch . . ." is pinned on Fr. Lew's coat before the Homecoming Game by faithful Monarch fan Mrs. Kozojed.



Mr. James Lick History/Algebra Mr. Paul Lyons English Mr. Michael Manderino Humanities/Algebra Ms. Jeanne Miller Guidance/Psychology

Mr. Raymond Mitchell Algebra-Trig/Physics Mrs. Debbie Novak Spanish Mr. Robert Predl Drafting Mr. Melvin Provencher Geography/World History

Mr. John Sosnowski Psychology/Spanish Br. Thomas Taylor Spanish/French Mr. Carlton Valentine Chemistry Fr. Stephen Wroblewski Theology

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Mr. George Black Cook Ms. Ann Miller Type-A Br. Patrick Strong Cook



From Left to Right: Sr. Esperanza, Sr. Soledad, Sr. Guadalupe, and Sr. Celerina, Augustinian Sisters and Monastery Staff









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Behind the Scenes . . .

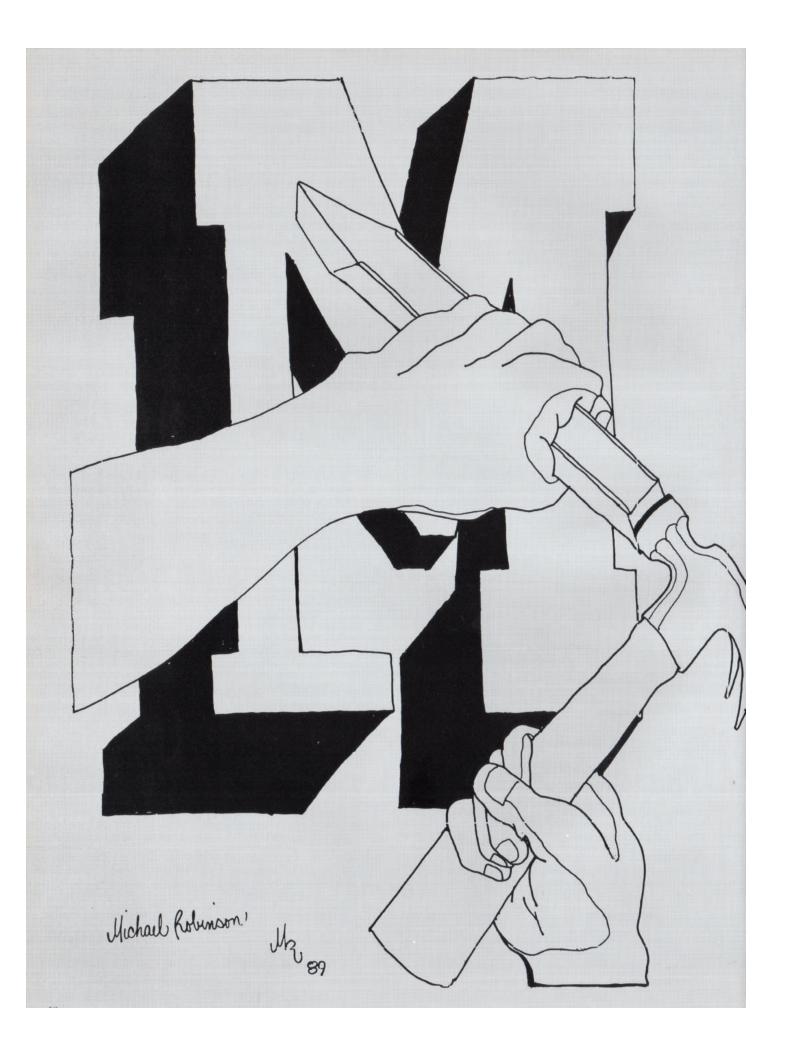
Mendel Staff Forever in Motion



"and did you hear the one about . . ." Mr. Provencher shares yet another humorous anecdote discovered in his geography class with Mr. Predl.



Mr. Sosnowski and Ms. Looney stop from their daily jobs to pose for this picture.



For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks not that you won or lost — but how you played the game.

-Grantland Rice

SPORTS

KEEPING THE FAITH



1. The 1987 Mendel Monarch Varsity Football Team.
(L-R): M. Tate, S. Mallebranche, C. Ellison, P. Chriss, J. White, A. Pierce, K. Fullman, W. Curry, C. Phillips, P. Heard, D. Williams, B. Watson, D. Neal, Coach J. Lick, Coach T. Laughran (L-R): S. Smith, E. Billings, C. Williams, D. Jones, S. Ramsey, P. Pepper, J. Keen, M. Turner, R. Baker, S. Thompson, B. Barry, M. Dorsey, A. Birdsong, J. Williams, Coach J. Voytanek (L-R): M. Hatcher, K. Mitchell, L. Ballentine, K. Elliston, V. Grey, C. Brown, A. Seals, A. Roland, O. Hawkins, V. Proby, S. Wells, J. Green, A. Stokes, S. Watson





Did You Know . . .

- 1. Fr. Tim Cuny ('60) was a member of the Mendel Catholic H.S. city-wide championship team of 1957?
- 2. Fr. Lew ('61) was inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame for exceptional work as a coach, teacher and priest?
- 3. In 1968 the Mendel Monarchs were Catholic League champions and received the "Knute Rockne Memorial Trophy" from the University of Notre Dame for phenomenal team performance?
- 4. Andre McIntyre ('83) plays football in the Big Ten for the University of Michigan?

- Led by J. Williams, D. Williams and R. Baker get the "JUMP" on Levisus Johnson of Leo.
- 3. P. Chriss (Far Right) provides K. Mitchell (Far Left) time enough to rush to the 43 yard line. This run set up a touchdown, tying the score of the game 14-14 with 12 seconds remaining before halftime.



VARSITY FOOTBALL

The 1987 Varsity football team experienced many changes throughout their season. New plays and a new coach attributed to the teams' overall record. Coach Joe Voytanek, a coach at DeLaSalle for several years, brought to Mendel a whole new technique of defensive play.

Captains Steve Ramsey, Phillip Chriss, Brandon Watson, and Alan Seals did their best in keeping up the morale of the Monarchs. Alfred Pierce and Darren Williams received awards for making First Team Catholic League South. Honorable mentions were awarded to Perry Heard, Phillip Chriss, Brandon Watson, Alan Seals and Jason Williams.

"We played as a team and we never gave up. That's why we see our season as a success," stated Cidkyee Williams, Senior. Although coached by one of the youngest coaching staffs in the Catholic League, the Mendel Monarch football team made gallant efforts toward victory against such teams as Leo, Mount Carmel, and Brother Rice.



- 1. S. Ramsey (#20) blocks this pass, stopping DeLaSalle's offensive for the remainder of the game.
- M. Hatcher (#11) completes this handoff to V. Gray (#26) for a 13 yard touchdown against the Leo defense.
- D. Neal (#78) displays the technique of blocking, as S. Thompson looks to complete a pass to one of his receivers.



"CUTTIN' LOOSE"











- (L-R) Stephen Ramsey, John Keen, and Brandon Watson discuss their plans after the party.
- These Monarchs show their enthusiasm as they await the announcement of the Homecoming King and Queen.
- These Mendel students break free of their everyday routine to celebrate Homecoming Week.
- 4. James White hustles to catch this pass from Benard Barry.
- Father B. Danber poses with the Homecoming King and Queen and certain members of the Parents Club.

 Robert Harris and Michelle McKinney, the 1987 Mendel Catholic Football Homecoming King and Queen.

Edjuan Simmons and Michelle Pryor, the 1987 Mendel Catholic Football 1st Runner Up to Homecoming King and Queen.

CONTENDERS TILL THE VERY END!

During the 1987 Mendel Homecoming, the Monarchs 'Cut Loose' by breaking away from their normal everyday routine to celebrate Homecoming Week. The days were highlighted by various games during the 4th period, a button and poster design contest, a massive pep rally and finally the Homecoming Game. The night before the game, Mendel students and their friends jacked it up at the victory set in honor of the Monarch football players.

The enthusiasm and excitement of the fans set the tempo for the game. The Monarchs fought hard in their venture to better the Leo Lions in the first half. With just seconds remaining on the clock, the Monarchs put their first points on the board with a touchdown pass to split end James White, making the score 14-6 at the half.

During half-time, the presentation of the Homecoming King and Queen, the Homecoming Court and the parents of the Senior football players was made. The second half began with an exciting 23 yard kick-off return by Anthony Byrdsong. This was followed by a strong march down the field, led by Steven Thompson and the Monarch offense. Although the game was a loss, the Monarchs continued to play as a unified team, never giving up their quest for victory.

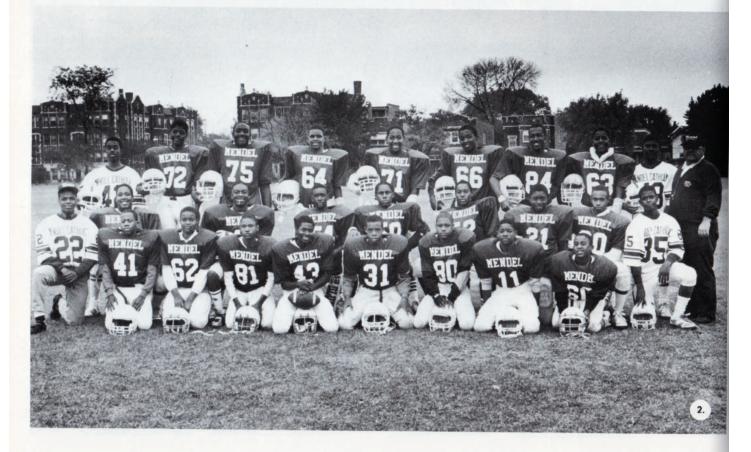


 Alfred Pierce and Yolanda Hicks, the 1987 Mendel Catholic Football 2nd Runner Up to Homecoming King and Queen.

"Rookies of the Grid-Iron"



- 1. Integrity, pride and strength are displayed by this "rookie" of the grid-iron.
- 1987 Freshman Football Team.
 Standing: C. Watson, L. Galloway, A. Paellinete, A. Collins, M. Whatley, J. Sills, A. Epps, V. Brown, J. Green and Fr. D. Lewandowski Middle: E. Billings, K. Jones, D. Brown, O. Caldwell, R. Dillard, S. Henley, W. Brunson, S. Burrus, A. Roland Kneeling: C. Temple, O. Maxwell, L. Clark, R. Anderson, C. Hester, D. Little, P. Garner, and C. Rule (W. Shepherd and D. Owens were not present for the photograph.)
- 3. The Monarchs show clever moves and plays as they romp over Homewood-Flossmoor.
- 4. Fr. Lew and Charles Hester plan strategy for the next successful play.





What do bread dough and freshman football players have in common? They are both raw and unformed. The first practice for the Monarchs was a new and challenging experience. Mr. Raymond Mitchell is the head coach. Mr. Mitchell is a strategist who sought to build a competitor. He reflects on the metamorphosis of his team. "The first day I saw these guys I had the impression they had never before played organized football. They were out of shape and undisciplined. I knew then I was in for a long, hard season but at the same time I could see the strategies evolving in my mind as to how to build this group of uncoordinated freshmen into a competitive football team."

By the end of the season things progressed and finally began to come together. Mr. Mitchell continues his cocoon-like synopsis of the young Monarchs. "Down the road their attitudes changed. The athletes were starting to act like football players. The quality of their play became unified. I think we have some excellent players."

The best thing about ability is that you can use it at any time and in any place. There were many positive aspects to the freshman football



season. The young Monarchs were dedicated, willing to learn and eager to play. Father Donald Lewandowski, a Catholic League Hall-of-Famer and a grid-iron "specialist", helped coach the team. Here are some of his views of the season. "I think a number of players who had not previously had the opportunity to play football had the opportunity for the first time. Over the season we were constantly building team spirit. During the final week we won our first game and played as a unified football team. At the end of the season we had 28 players and I do believe that all 28 have the ability to become outstanding football players."

Freshman football made its final impression at Mendel Catholic H.S. in 1987.

Perseverance, talent and pride marked these rookies of the grid-iron. Both the players and the coaches provided our school community with a team that all could admire. Time may pass but the memory of this special year and the young men who became Mendel's final freshman football team will live on in our hearts forever.

1987 CROSS COUNTRY



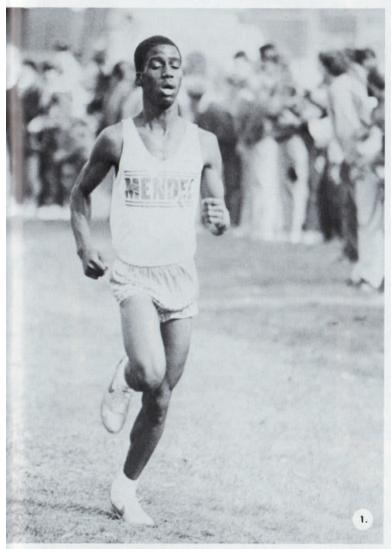




- 1. On your mark, get ready, get set, go!
- 2. Chris Chambers shows why Mendel is a leader among schools.
- 3. The Monarchs warm up for the meet.
- 4. Ramel Warner reaches deep down for his best.



A WINNING TRADITION









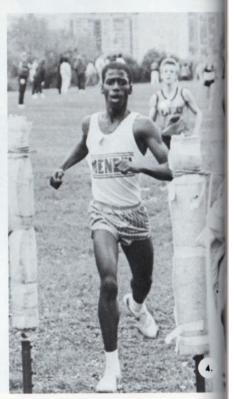
- 1. Chris Chambers goes into his deepest concentration.
- 2. Brian Kinsey demonstrates "perfect form."
- 3. Coach M. Garcia provides total leadership.
- Martin Richards and Deon Williams present "keeping the stride."







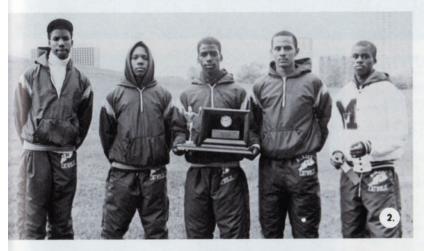
- 1. Dwayne Martin spurs with a kick.
- 2. Marshall Fortson shows exhaustion as he finishes the race.
- 3. Robert Thorns proves there is no gain, unless there is pain.
- 4. Chris Chambers is at the top of heap as he pulls into the shoot.





1987 Varsity Cross Country Team.

Top Row (L-R): B. Kinsey, W. Vann, R. Thorns, J. Johnson, R. Warner, D. Martin, and R. King Bottom Row (L-R): M. Fortson, A. Witherspoon, D. Williams, T. Thorns, M. Richards, C. Chambers, and N. Jones



The Monarchs proudly present eir 2nd place trophy.

Team captains.

D: D. Williams Bottom (L-R):
Thorns and R. Warner



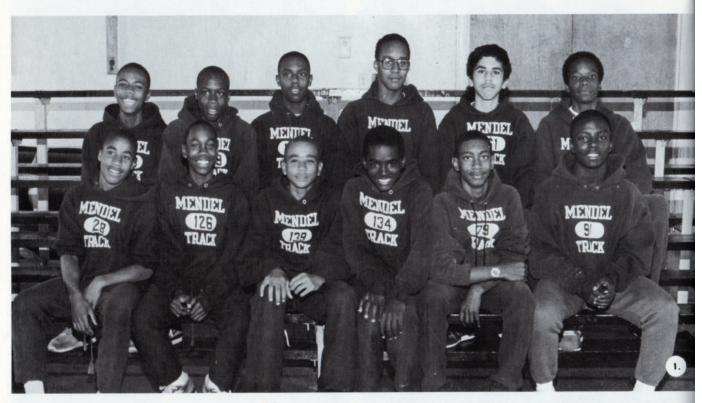
The 1987 cross country season was supposed to be a rebuilding year. Critics pointed to the loss of six of the top seven runners from the "86" squad. Others said the loss of three or four men who should have been out hurt the group. The "87" team was determined to succeed . . . their determination led them to a victorious season.

1987 marked Mendel's last season and it was a good one. The varsity placed 2nd in the Catholic League losing to Br. Rice by only six points. The varsity avenged this loss to Br. Rice by defeating them handily in the state finals. Mendel placed 16th and Br. Rice slid to 24th. The 1987 C-C team were overachievers, they exceeded everyone's expectations, especially at the state meet.

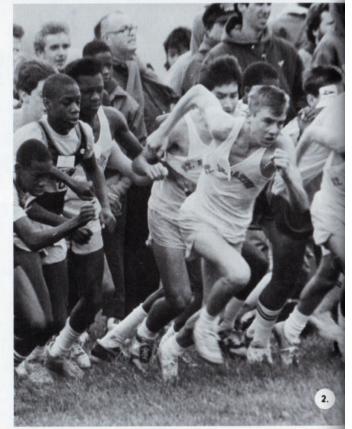
For the 4th consecutive year Mendel placed in the top 20 in the state of Illinois. Only 5 schools in the entire state can make this claim, and Mendel is

This year's team was led by MVP Chris Chambers who was 2nd in the league, earning All-Catholic honors. Ramel Warner and Deon Williams also earned All-Catholic honors. Srs. Martin Richards and Robert Thorns were instrumental in the Monarch's great season.

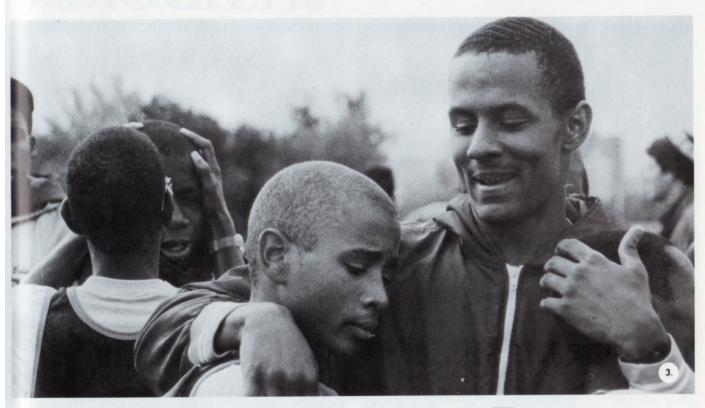
FROSH*SOPH MONARCHS



- Frosh-Soph Cross Country Team. Bottom Row, Left to Right: Willie Redmond, Carnell D. Green, Sam Lynch, Charles Thurman, Diallo Massey, Louis Coleman. Top, Left to Right: Donald Horton, Lawrence McFall, Craig Cephas, Rick Moorhe, Lawrence Isbell, Nolan Davis.
- 2. Mendel runners Carnell D. Green and Lawrence McFall get a fantastic jump on the Mount Carmel runners.
- 3. Varsity runner Ramel Werner gives freshman Sam Lynch a pep talk during a meet.
- Mendel runner Steve Johnson finds out that all the hard work was worth the effort.



EXIT CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS





Catholic League Champs

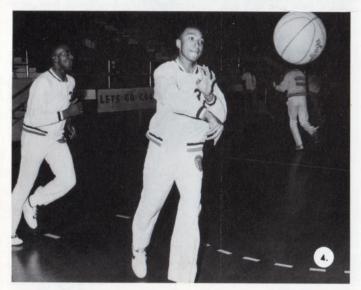
In this final year of the Mendel tradition, our young athletes and scholars strived to be the best. Such could be said for our freshman cross country runners. These young men are in a class by themselves. Under the guidance of Coach Garcia, these young men were able to win the Catholic League title. During an interview with Monarch reporter, Coach Garcia recalled this past season, "These young men knew what they had to do and went out and did it!" Garcia continued, "Our sophomore runners also did a great job, although our number of runners should have been higher."

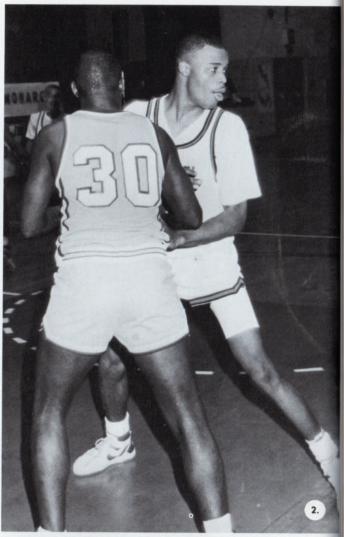
These young runners put their wheels in motion and did their very best. "We were all like one big family," stated freshman Louis Coleman, "whenever we lost a race, we all felt bad. But when the freshmen won the Catholic League title, we could hardly believe it. We managed to pull ahead at the very end and we won by a few points. It was like a dream come true!" The hard work and cooperation among the runners had its ultimate payoff — at the finish line!

HOOPIN'







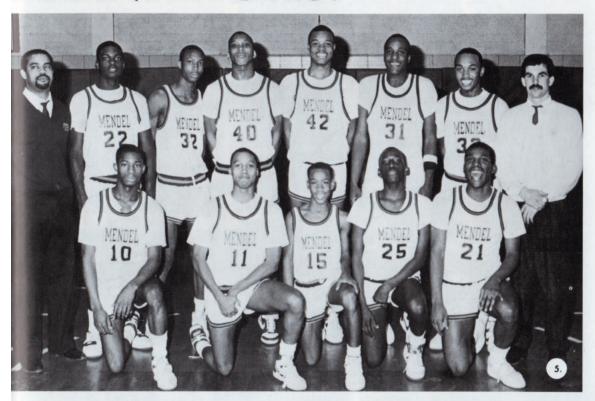


Jumpshots, slams and three pointers are all a part of basketball, just as fouls and missed shots. The 1988 Mendel Varsity Basketball team experienced all of these. Mr. Michael Manderino is the head coach. He talks about the goals and expectations of his basketball team "Going into the season we had great expectations. Our goals were to win the Chicago Catholic League championship and make a trip downstate."

Toward the middle of the season the Monarchs lost their leading scorer Marshall Knight and had to forfeit its first 8 games. Coach Manderino eludes to how the team lifted themselves up and continued on with pride and integrity "After losing Marshall our hopes for a league championship were dimmed. We've been pointing toward the state tournament since January. I think some teams underestimated us but most people realize we still have a quality team."

There were ups and downs to Mendel's season, as there are with any team's season. No one can doubt the 1988 varsity basketball team will be a force to be reckoned with in the I.S.H.A. Tournament. "I'm proud of the effort this team has displayed. We've had some tough breaks this season with the loss of Marshall Knight and 3 consecutive 1 point losses. For the most part we've played hard and as a team we've never quit."

MONARCHS!



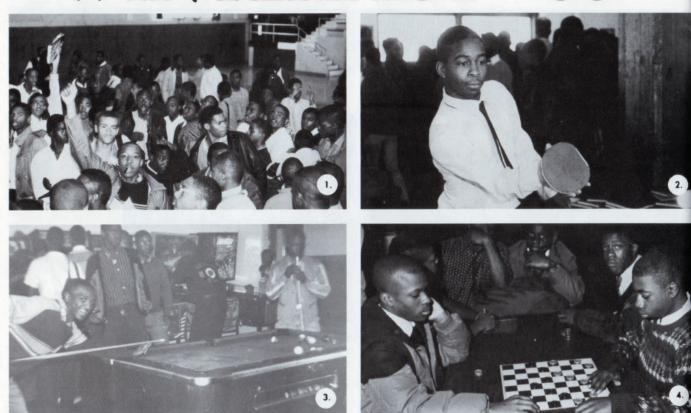






- 1. "At point guard, a 5'11" Senior, Vincent Blakemore!"
- 2. SLAM JAM!!! performed by Lavelle Powell.
 3. Rodney Caldwell avoids his defender because he has bad breath.
- Norrice Quarles passes the ball around during practice.
 The 1987-88 Mendel Hoop Squad: Standing, (L-R): Asst. Coach Hawkins, T. Hill, S. Tillman, K. Brame, R. Caldwell, L. Powell, N. Quarles, Head Coach M. Manderino Kneeling, (L-R): E. Byrd, V. Blakemore, W. Wesley, T. Jones and R. Phelps.
- 6. Coach Manderino constructs a well-crafted strategy with his players.
- 7. Ronald Phelps shakes and bakes his defender and then looks to pass.
- 8. Terry Hill does a great job in defending his man.

WINTERFEST "88"



Winterfest is the time of year when our school spirit is at its peak and we are filled with pep and school pride. The entire school places its entire hope on the basketball team and looks forward to an awesome victory. The entire week is filled with games and contests. Competitions are held in ping pong checkers, pool, video games, disk jockeying and hall decorating, votes are cast for the Winterfest King and Queen. The excitement builds throughout the week until Friday evening when we can finally enjoy the game and cheer for another Monarch victory. During half-time the winners of the King and Queen competition are announced. After the game we can jam to the music at the liveliest party of the year!



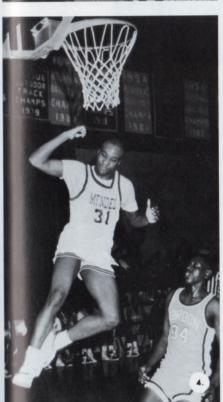


- 1. The Mendel spirit is very strong during the Winterfest season.
- 2. Obeddie Hawkins is very determined to win the ping pong competition.
- 3. Dewayne Marshall is very confident that he will win the pool competition.
- 4. Craig Kennerson and John Jones place their concentration on the checkerboard as they compete for the checkers contest championship.
- 5. Darius Barnes shows his opponents the real way to play Yie'ar Kung Fu Video!
- 6. Kenny Mitchell spins the records that later helped him win the Junior D.J. competition.













- 1. The experts agree, Juniors are just unique noble intellectuals of requisite studies.
- 2. Winners of the King and Queen Contest Avery Germany and Evangela Geldis.
 3. Winners of the Junior Attendants Contest Reggie Baker and Tammy Booker.
 4. "You're too late!!!" says a soaring Lavelle Powell.

- 5. Franklin Griffin moves the crowd with the "Cabbage Patch." 6. "Look Coach! One hand!" boasts Terry Hill.

AIR

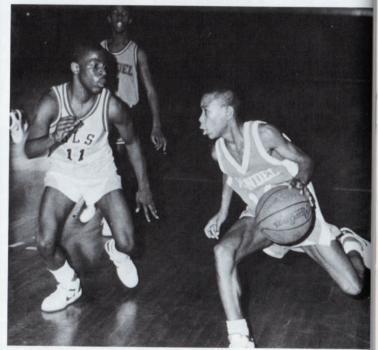
MONARCHS



Top Row: Kirklin Townshed, Stevan Hooper, Eugene Owens, Lance Prather, Chris Hebron, Andrew Morgan, Lee Duffin, Clarence Williams, Coach Hawkins.

Bottom Row: Bernard Mull, Mpingo Lewis, Michael Cox, Willie Wesley, Derek Smith.





Left: Michael goes for "2" from the outside. Above: Willie — on the break.

FRESHMEN

The young freshman team worked hard this season. And as the experts say, "Give a 100% and that is exactly what they did. The team finished out the season with a 13-1 record, and that's how they did it, as a team. Summing up the season, Coach Hawkins said, "Totally terrific! I couldn't ask for more from a group of freshmen. From the first few games, I knew this was a winning team."

Top Row: Wendell Shepherd, Clarence Williams, Akema Collins, Michael Cox, Chris Hebron Dorian Brown, Bruce Todd, Coach Hawkins.

Bottom Row: Lawrence McFall, Craig Cephus, Sam Lynch, Willie Wesley, Bernard Mull.

SOPHOMORE

Coach Hawkins notes, "To name a few exceptional players: Akema Collins, Willie Wesley, Michael Cox, Bernard Mull, and Clarence Williams come to mind. All showed leadership qualities and I know with the hard work that they put into this season, they can grow to be great athletes."

BASKETBALL

Coach Hawkins was also asked about the sophomores, "Our season started out rather slow, but we pulled out some big games. I am proud of theses guys. Like the freshmen, these guys also have a great perspective of the game, and that can really go far." The team summed up their season in one short phrase, "Victory!" How sweet it is!!!"





Above: At forward, the #13-Derek Smith. Right: "Flight 44 you are cleared for takeoff!"



1987 VARSITY









- Andre Coleman breaks the tape to lead the way for the Monarchs.
 Robert Collins takes time out to do the "whap" while shot putting.
 The "Andres" Andre Coleman (Left) and Andre Holland (Right) display their leadership talents.
- 4. Profiling for a snapshot Anthony Byrdsong shares the mount with Andre Holland.
 5. Bradford Stevens high-steps to overcome his obstacle.
- 6. Pushing it to the max is what Sectonius Watson does best. 7. "Maaan, I am tired," sighs Andre Coleman.

OUTDOOR TRACK



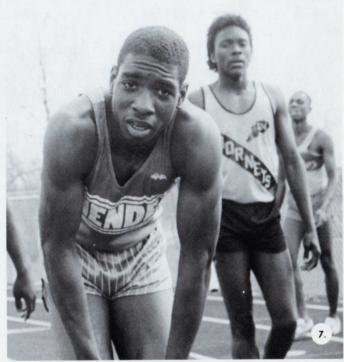
With the state championship in his thoughts, Coach Ed Adams rounded up his boys for another great outdoor track season.

As usual, the Monarchs proved that they were among the best. Led by

As usual, the Monarchs proved that they were among the best. Led by Tony Daniels, Charles Collins, David Yarbrough, Malcolm Davis and Perry Heard, the Monarchs went on to win the Chicago Catholic League Championship for the third year in a row, the IHSA Sectional Championship and to place seventh in the state of Illinois.

Coach Adams believes that the only reason the Monarchs came up six places short in the race for the state championship is due to the fact that the members of the 1987 Outdoor Track Team were afraid of reaching their potential — a problem experienced by many gifted athletes. Rather than complain, Coach Adams has already planned his strategy for the 1988 season. As we go to press the 1988 Outdoor Track Team, Mendel Catholic High School's last team, already shows tremendous promise. The consistently high performance over the years of Mendel's Outdoor Track Team is in large measure due to the outstanding ability of its seasoned coach, Mr. Ed Adams.





1988 INDOOR TRACK TEAM



1988 Varsity Indoor Track Team.

Standing Back Row, (L-R): J. White, A. Coleman, R. Collins, D. Johnson, B. Stevens, V. Butler, S. Frierson and M. Moore Standing Front Row, (L-R): B. Thomas, A. Byrdson, B. McCaskill, R. Coleman, E. Taylor, A. Flowers, K. Barker and B. Kinsey Kneeling, (L-R): D. Barnes, V. Ector, V. Cole, D. Murphy, N. Williams, Richards, D. Tayleor and M. Cooper Not Pictured: C. Ward



1988 Forsh-Soph Indoor Track Team.

(L-R): L. Kimble, S. Burrus, E. Bester, L. Holland, C. McKay, N. Colding, R. Anderson, C. Green, S. Mimms and A. Griffin

Putting their best foot forward in the first three meets of the season, the Monarchs seem to have a very promising season ahead. As we go to press the Monarchs have already placed 1st at the Thorton Invitational, 2nd at the Thornwood Invitational and 2nd at the Hinsdale South Invitational.

Senior Corey Ward reflected on the season with one of our Monarch reporters, "In the Thorton meet I felt that more support was needed on the spectators' part. I believe your performance will increase with the loud sound of cheers coming from the stands. At Hinsdale south the junior

varsity performed very well. We came in 2nd and we gave our opponents some very fine competition."

Freshman Kareem Rogers, who won the 55 meter dash at Hinsdale, made the following observations, "Before the competition I had butterflies in my stomach — but once the race started I maintained my concentration and placed my eyes on the finish line. When I won, I felt on top of the world."

With so much talent and potential, no doubt the Monarchs will make a lasting impression once more.



DID YOU KNOW . . .

- . Charles Collins broke the Chicago Catholic League Frosh-Soph shot put and discus record in 1985 with throws of 53' 8½" and 138' 6 and ¾".
- Rodney Chambers broke the 3000 meter run record with the time of 9:10.4 in 1986 and he was named All-American Cross Country Team Runner in 1984.
- Steven Tyson was named National H.S. Track All-American in 1982 and he was twice selected the

LEADERS OF THE PACK!



- Warming up Daren Williams takes a squat to prepare himself for the throw.
- 2. "A piece of cake!" says Andre Flowers.
- 3. Captains: James White (left) and Anthony Byrdsong (right).
- Brian Thomas displays his perfect form while moving at light speed.
- 5. Shun Mimms pants heavily while pacing his race.
- Turning the corner Nathaniel Colding kicks in with a greater stride.











AGAINST ALL ODDS

Talent and determination are two vital characteristics that distinguish a superior team from an average team. These characteristics lie in each member of the 1987-88 Varsity Wrestling Team. Although the chips were stacked against the Mendel Wrestling Team, the mighty Monarchs beat the odds with a successful season. The team was composed mostly of juniors and underclassmen; yet the Varsity and Junior Varsity Wrestling Teams won several tournaments.

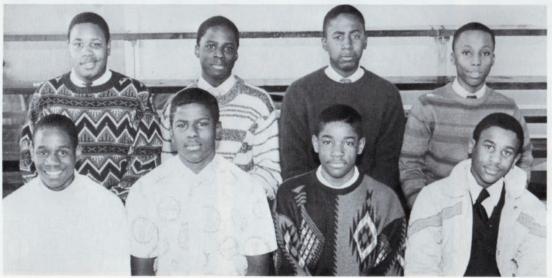
Outstanding team members such as Kenny Mitchell, Fred Lacey and Reggie Baker kept the team's spirits high. "There was a lack of participation. Therefore, our team didn't reach its full potential," said junior team member Obeddie Hawkins. "I enjoyed working with the team. It was fun!" said junior Darius Ford. Meredith Turner, senior varsity team member, expressed his views on the season, "There were problems from the beginning. We never got a chance to fully utilize our skills. School spirit kept our season a success for us." Although the team did not achieve all of its goals, the Mendel Varsity Wrestling Team was the hardest working team in the Catholic League.



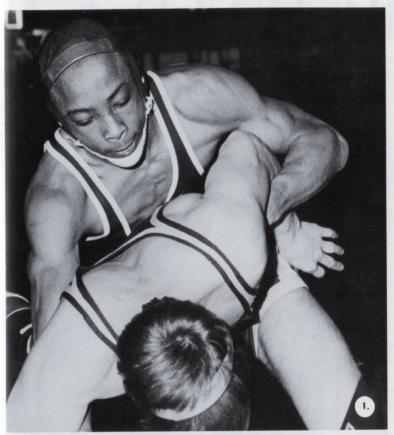


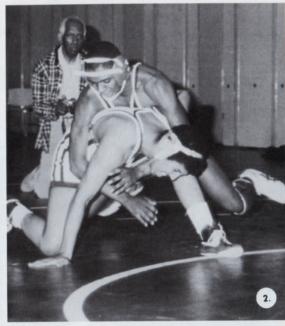
The 1987-88 Mendel Monarch Wrestling Team. Top, (L-R): Maurice Montgomery, Vincent Proby, Dewayne Russell, Fred Lacey, Meredith Turner Bottom, (L-R): Antione Wheatley, Sean Mayon, Kenny

Mitchell and Sean Wells.



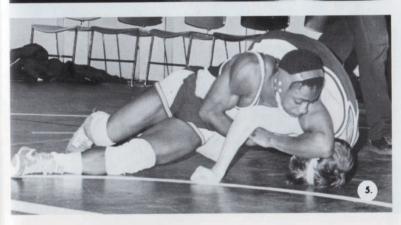
The 1987-88 Mendel Monarch Junior Varsity Wrestling Team. Top, (L-R): Kevin Jones, Kenneth Lee, Mansur Nurullah, Sean Mayon Bottom, (L-R): Maurice Montgomery, Darius Ford, Phil Garner, Curtis Rule

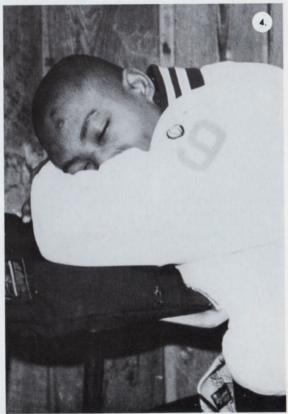




- Fred Lacey stays on top of his opponent.
 Meredith Turner "wraps up" his opponent.
 Reggie Baker is "monkeying around."
 Fred Lacey takes a nap before practice.
 Kenny Mitchell forces his opponent to the mat.







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Baseball Team made a lasting impression in the history of Mendel sports. The team scored three consecutive victories against some very stiff competition in the Chicago Catholic League. Once again the Monarchs made it into the Catholic League playoffs. These achievements could not have been made without the very able leadership of an understanding, pragmatic and sometimes relentless coach -Mr. Michael Manderino. Coach Manderino, a former Monarch baseball star, intensified each win with youthful enthusiasm and mourned each loss by calling for more practice and deeper concentration from his players. Although baseball is not one of the better supported sports at Mendel, it has earned the respect and admiration of many other coaches, teams, teachers and students.

Long hours of after-school practice during the cold and windy springs in Chicago, only serve to prove the dedication and endurance that marks our team. For several years the baseball players have been under the watchful eye of college and professional league scouts. Though we close the final chapter on yet another Mendel tradition, we feel confident that the blood, sweat and tears of all of Mendel's sportsmen, will not have been in vain.









- Coach Manderino holds a conference with catcher Ernie Young and pitcher Chauncey Moore.
- 2. Mr. Bush and Mr. Curtin relax before the beginning of a game.
- 3. Norrice Quarles receives some needed assistance from Coach Mander-
- 4. Ernie Young rounds third base and heads for home!

BASEBALL



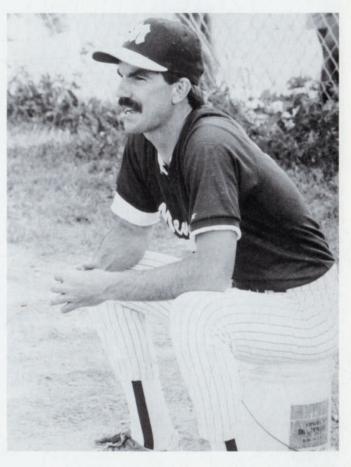


Right: Coach Manderino watches the game with a critical eye.

Below: Craig Lynch, Chauncey Moore and Charles Reasonova take a short break during baseball practice to trip out!







The 1987 Varsity Baseball Team.

Standing, Left to Right: Chauncey Moore, Brendan Harvey, Ken Harney, Craig Lynch, Norrice Quarles, Franklin Griffin, Ernie Young and Coach Manderino. Kneeling, Left to Right: Lemont Wilcher, Charles Reasonova, James Thornton, Carlton Fields, Alan Porche and Eric O'Neal.



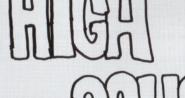
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It is easier for a man to be loyal to his club than to his planet; the bylaws are shorter, and he is personally acquainted with the other members.

Elwyn Brooks White

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French National Honor Society

The French National Honor Society is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Its purpose is to honor outstanding french students and their achievements in the study of the French language and culture. Its requirements are 3 consecutive semesters of having a cumulative A average in French and at least a B average in all other subjects. Induction ceremonies are held in March.

Members. Standing, Left to Right: Jerome Brown, Terrence Mardis, Michael Robinson. Br. Thomas Taylor O.S.A. (moderator) Seated: Duane Taylor, Darius Barnes, Kenneth Mitchell, Brian Thomas.



Members. Back, Left to Right: Kris Levy, Brian Lacey, James White, Tyrone Thomas, Vernon Cole, Ramel Werner. Front, Left to Right: Mrs. Debbie Novak (moderator), Rodney Lacey, Allan Porche, Deon Williams, Alfred Pierce, Robert Thorns.

Spanish National Honor Society

The Spanish National Honor Society is composed of students who have maintained an A average for 3 consecutive semesters in Spanish and have managed to maintain an overall B average in their other classes. By achieving this academic goal they have gained national recognition as students excelling in the study of the Spanish language, history, and culture.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is an organization intended to honor those students who have been able to overcome the arduous task of maintaining an A average in their studies for 3 consecutive semesters. At Mendel this honor is certainly well earned by our members who have reminded us that we are a leader among schools.



Members: Left to Right: Alan Seals, Deon Williams, Fr. Danber (moderator), Allan Porche, James White, Robert Thorns, Alfred Pierce, Jerome Brown.

J.E.T.S. (Junior Engineering Technical Society.)

J.E.T.S. (Junior Engineering Technical Society) — is an organization at Mendel consisting of students who have expressed an interest in the engineering field. These students have represented Mendel at numerous competitions over the years. These scientifically inclined young men construct numerous engineering projects that they display at competitions against other schools. The J.E.T.S. certainly reveal the intellectual dimension of the Mendel spirit.



Members: Back, Left to Right: Mr. Robert Predl (moderator), David Johnson, Cecil Phillips, Sean Smith, William Todd, Quincy Shelby, James White, Brian Crowell, Jerry Peppers. Middle, Left to Right: Mark Johnson, William McHenry, Kendrick Colin, Rodney Lacey, Meredith Turner, Jason Williams, Michael Dorsey, Romeo King, Cidkyee Williams. Front, Left to Right: Vincent Blakemore, Darrick Jones, Martin Richards, Dewayne Marshall, Anthony Henderson, Erik O'Neal, Deon Williams, Kedar Futrell, Sean Mayon.

PEP CLUB BOOSTS SPIRITS



Members: Top, Left to Right: R. Monroe, B. Crowell, D. Jones, S. Ramsey, P. Pepper, M. Turner, K. Killingsworth, O. Hawkins, M. Reynolds, R. Baker, R. Werner. Middle, Left to Right: Mr. J. Kozojed (moderator), V. Butler, A. Dearborn, A. Byrdsong, J. Johnson, B. Jenkins, J. Peppers, D. Marshall, K. Mitchell. Bottom, Left to Right: M. Blackmon, A. Stokes, G. Holman, M. Dyson, R. Coleman, A. Pierce, J. Keene, K. Johnson, J. White, K. Levy.



Over the years the Mendel Pep Club has been a great inspiration to the many students who are involved in extracurricular activities. The Pep Club presence has been felt at the various games, meets and matches both at Mendel and at other schools. From the Monarch Lion, our long enduring mascot, to the thunderous claps and cheers of its members, the Pep Club has been a very active part of the Mendel spirit.

- 1. P-A-R-T-Y! Party Hardy at Mendel High!
- 2. The Mendel spirit is enjoyed by students of all ages.



STUDENT SENATE LEADS WAY





The student senate is the principal governing body for the Mendel student body. They have consistently managed to represent the students' point of view to the principal and administration. They have been a great success in planning numerous activities that both entertain and inform the student population. Throughout the year, from the Homecoming activities during the crisp chill of color-filled fall to the welcomed events of Winterfest that relieve the tensions of cabin fever — the student senate has been a noteworthy leader that has gained the respect of both student and teacher.



- Members include: Top, Left to Right: Mr. J. Kozojed (moderator), R. Harris, K. Bettis, D. Guest, C. Green, W. Vann, R. Harris, R. King, J. Keene, H. Barnes, W. Shepherd, D. Walker, M. Harvey, L. Isbell, M. Ewing, J. Williams, K. Levy. Middle, Left to Right: C. Brown, S. Johnson, R. Monroe, A. Dearborn, A. Byrdsong, G. Carson-Warner, S. Ramsey, B. Jenkins, K. Killingsworth, R. Baker, D. Williams, M. Lewis, R. Moorhe. Bottom, Left: I. Parks, A. Stokes, G. Holman, M. Dyson, M. Smith, J. White, A. Pierce, B. Lacey, R. Werner, R. Thorns, O. Hawkins, C. Charles.
- Sean Smith counts the ballots following the student election for Homecoming King and Queen.
- Rickey Harris and Darrin Golden plan activities for Winterfest.

1988 PARENTS & BOOSTER CLUBS



The Mendel Parents Club is on of the governing bodies of Mende Along with Fr. Lew, they mak important decisions that affect th student body. Activities like th Fall Fashion Show are sponsored by the club for our own benefit. Th Parents Club works with determination and pride as they struggle to promote the welfare of student life.

The Mendel Booster Club is a lively group of parents who an extremely dedicated to the sport program at Mendel. The enthusiastic members can be found a any of Mendel's many sporting events. They also financially support Mendel sports by sponsoring concession stands at many of the home games.

Mendel Catholic Parents Club — 1987-88.

Left to Right: D. Holman, C. Stevens, C. Carson-Werner (vice-president), A. Seal (Chapel committee), D. Lewandowski (moderator), P. Heard (Program Committee), A. Stevens (President), K. Heard (Corresponding Secretary), D. Simon, G. Patterson (Recording Secretary), A. Barnett, D. Harmon (Treasurer). This core group of parents are responsible for many of the good and innovative events that take place at Mendel.







- Center: Fr. Lew shares his views on the Fall Fashion Show with the other members of the club.
- Left: Fr. Danber, moderator of the Booster Club, congratulates parents of the senior football players.
- 3. Above: Senior parent sports Mendel pride!

1988 STUDENT LOUNGE WORKERS



Members. Standing, (L-R): Mr. Kozojed (moderator), Reggie Baker, Tony Dearborn, Mwata Dyson, Obeddie Hawkins, Alfred Pierce, Robert Thorns Seated, (L-R): Dwayne Marshall, Mike Smith, Deon Williams, Ramel Werner, Joey Johnson, Kris Levy.

The 1988 Student Lounge Workers are a prestigious group of people dedicated to taking care of the expansive student lounge. They are responsible for operating the student lounge and keeping it clean. The Student Lounge Workers deserve a round of applause from the entire student body. They help us to relax from our arduous studies and to find entertainment right in our own school.

The "lounge guys," a name given to them by Mr. Curtin, have fresh ideas that can be seen in the numerous activities present in the student lounge. We top our hats to a very deserving group of young men!

THE GENTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

OF BLACK YOUTH



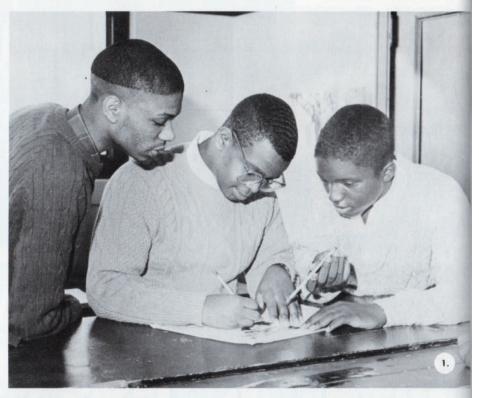
The Gentlemen's Association of Black Youth is an organization that has joined the fight to wipe out black on black crime while promoting black on black love. They follow in Martin Luther King Jr.'s footsteps as they strive in a non-violent manner to establish racial equality. The Gentlemen's Association of Black Youth is especially active during the months of January and February. During an annual event that celebrates the life and example of America's foremost leader in the Civil Rights Movement. During February the young men of this association sponsor events like the Black History Assembly that help the student body to celebrate black history and culture.

Members. Standing, (L-R): K. Levy, D. Barnes, L. Dade, M. Cooper, J. Johnson, D. West, W. Todd, A. Stokes, B. Lacey, V. Proby, Mr. Kozojed (moderator), M. Smith Seated, (L-R): S. Smith, A. Porche, R. Lacey, A. Pierce, R. Thorns, R. Werner

YEARBOOK STAFF CREATES

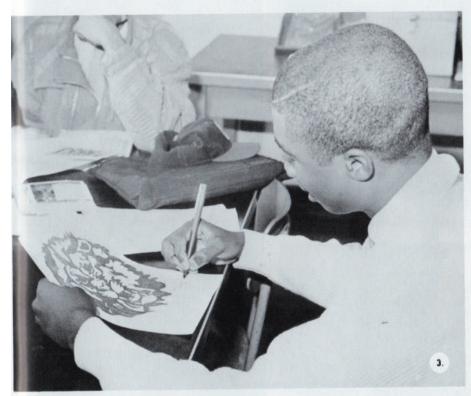
The 1987-88 Monarch Yearbook Staff has overcome many obstacles to give final shape to this last pictorial book of events and reflections. When the yearbook staff first gathered in September, we knew little or nothing about the fundamental skills of creating a respectable product. Trial and error, hard work, Saturday work sessions and perseverance became our formula for achieving our ultimate goal — the book you now hold in your hands. As with any sport or club, our participation in this creative endeavor has helped each member of the yearbook staff to develop his unique potential and gifts.

It is with mixed emotion that the last Monarch Yearbook Staff bids all one final message of thanks and adieu. To all who will return to this campus next year and participate in the new ventures of St. Martin de Porres Academy — we wish you luck and success. To all who are leaving us to pursue new goals and dreams — we would like to say thanks for all of the contributions each of you has made to Mendel Catholic High School. Know that neither time nor distance will ever hinder all that you have done in creating what will be known as the legacy of Mendel Catholic High School — a legacy that will forever create a lasting impression . . .





"A LASTING IMPRESSION"









- 1. Darius Barnes demonstrates to Shannon Carter and Fred King the techniques for cropping.
- 2. Yearbook Staff: 1st Row: Fr. Wroblewski (Advisor), Michael Robinson, Cidkyee Williams, Shannon Carter, Fred King. 2nd Row: Duane Tayleor, Eric Stevenson, Phil Garner, Darius Barnes and Malcolm Cooper.
- 3. Michael Robinson puts the finishing touches onto the Monarch Lion.
- 4. Philip Garner pauses for prayer as Fr. Wroblewski reviews his layout for the fifth time!
- 5. The Yearbook Staff listens carefully to the instructions they are given by Fr. Wroblewski.
- 6. Cidkyee Williams, Shannon Carter, and Michael Robinson check over layout plans for the table of contents.









BLACK HISTORY JEOPARDY

Jeopardy Questions

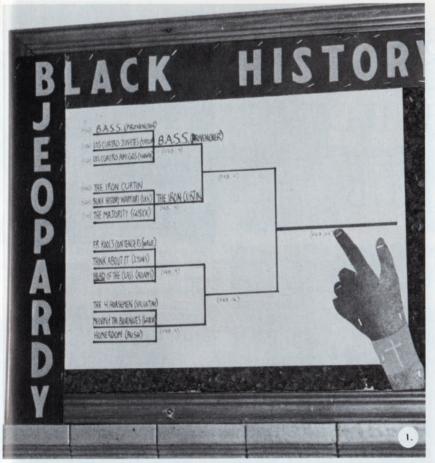
- 1. Who became President of Howard University at the age of 36?
- 2. Who were the Founders of the Black Panther Party in 1966?
- 3. Who was the first African-American to be granted a United States patent in 1834 or a seed planter?

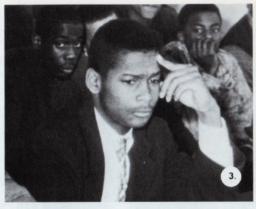
"Famous Quotes for 10! Who said, 'We shall overcome'!" and thus begins another exciting round of Black History Jeopardy, with its infamous Master of Ceremonies, Mr. John Sosnowski.

Black History Jeopardy is a game played each year during Black History Month. This game is designed to test the knowledge of Mendel students of their rich cultural heritage.

There are groups consisting of four students from each homeroom that compete. These homeroom groups are given information packets covering various categories of study. The categories range from science and literature to contemporary black issues and sports. Team members are not only tested on their knowledge of black studies, they are placed in a high pressure situation in which the quickest student is given the opportunity to answer first. Cheered on by their fellow homeroom classmates, the competition is fierce and exciting. Frequently, victories are determined by the split second speed of one student over another.

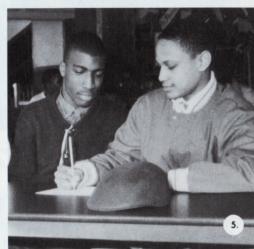
On February 29, 1988, "Head of Class," Mr. Adam's homeroom snatched the championship in a ruthless contest before the entire student body at a special assembly.











- 1. Through hard work and perseverance, "Head of the Class" made it to the finals.
- 2. I know the answer, I know the answer!
- Mr. Sosnowski shows the two teams the category for Final Jeopardy.
- Curtis Edwards studies rigorously before the competition begins.
- 1. The Black History Jeopardy Poster.
- Mr. Bush gives last minute advice to his team.
- 3. Stuart Stewarts thinks to himself before giving an intelligent answer.
- 4. Mr. Sosnowski explains to Marquette DeWitt what his job is all about.
- 5. Curtis Edwards makes sure Domocko Bomer writes down the right answer.

Jeopardy Answers

- 1. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson
- 2. Henry Blair
- 3. Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale

Junior Kenneth Mitchell checks his progress with the dumb bells.

Arnold Schwartzenager roll over! Here come the mighty Monarchs of the Mendel Body Building Club! Formed during the dulldrums of yet another Chicago winter, this physique-conscious organization met several times a week to pump, grind and re-shape every conceivable muscle group known to humankind. Under the supervision of Fr. Stephen "Kool" Wroblewski, O.S.A., the Body Building Club welcomed representatives from each class level at Mendel. "Weight training has finally come into its own," stated Fr. "Kool" during an interview with a Monarch reporter, "athletes from virtually every sport can benefit from a properly organized regimen of training. We have men from the football, baseball, cross country, track, wrestling and basketball teams. These young athletes recognize the importance of keeping in shape both in and out of season. The Mendel Body Building Club offers these aspiring sportsmen the opportunity to train with other like-minded athletes. Here in the weight room the Monarch athlete will find the support and encouragement usually lacking in an individual program of training."

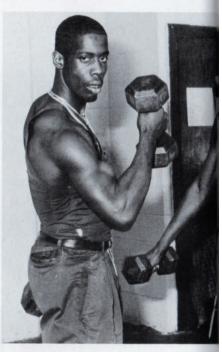
BODY BUILDING CLUB



Senior Mark Gipson assists Senior Alfred Pierce with the vertical pull.

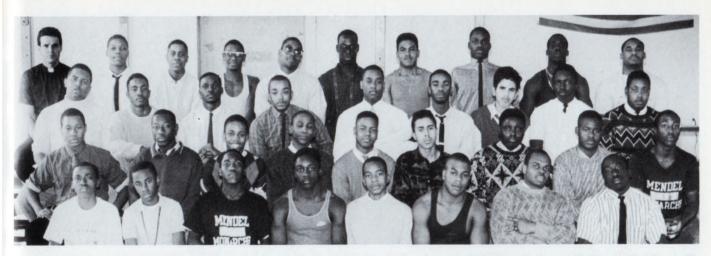


Junior Kenneth Mitchell concentrates on his form.





Bodies by Budweiser!



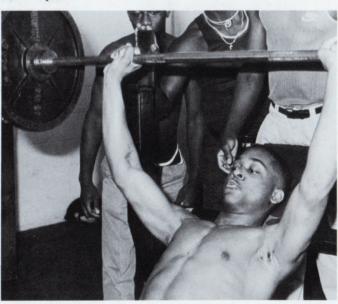
1988 Mendel Monarch Body Building Club. Back Row, (L-R): Fr. S. Wroblewski (moderator), C. Phillips, V. Brown, M. Turner, B. Watson, D. Echols, C. Fryer, A. Pierce, B. Crowell Third Row, (L-R): L. Dade, R. Baker, P. Chriss, S. Ramsey, D. Belle, B. Barry, L. Isbell, F. King, K. Jones Second Row, (L-R): S. Henley, V. Proby, D. Horton, S. Mayon, G. Jackson, T. Thomas, M. Campbell, C. George, M. Grubbs Front Row, (L-R): P. Chase, C. Dansby, L. Ballentine, K. Mitchell, M. Young, K. Rogers, A. Seals, M. Gipson





Left: Seniors R. Coleman (I) and M. Turner (r) train.





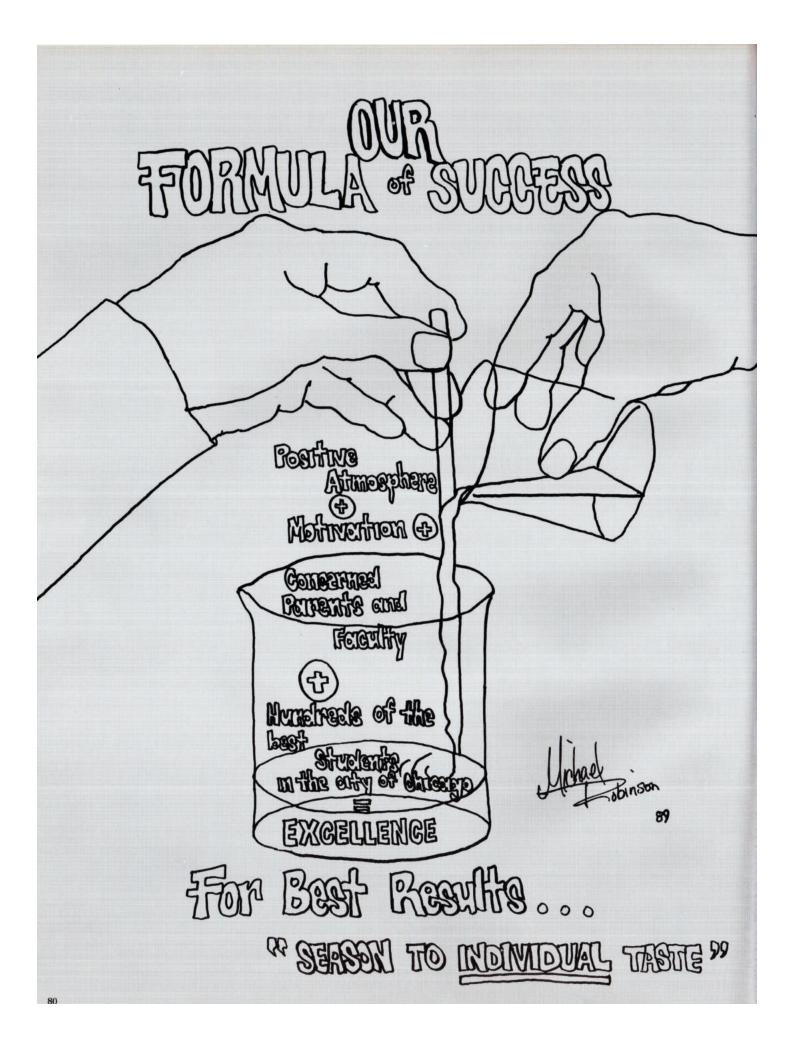
Juniors Reggie Baker (seated) and Vincent Proby share a "lighter" moment during a workout.



Seniors (L-R) Ronald Coleman, Mark Gipson and Alfred Pierce flex for the camera.



Upperclassmen strut their stuff for the camera!



To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, Is the only end of life.

Robert Louis Stevenson

STUDENT LIFE

Above: Fr. Stephen Wroblewski preaches on non-violence and its prophet — Dr. King. Below: Junior Darius Barnes offers the opening prayer.



Apostle of Non-Violence Martin Luther King Assembly

"Well I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountain top. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life . . . But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will . . . I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!" These impassioned words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were quoted by Fr. Wroblewski, O.S.A. at the end of his sermon at the student assembly called into session to honor this black apostle of non-violence.

On Tuesday afternoon, January 19, the Mendel student body and faculty gathered in the chapel to pay tribute to Dr. King and to pray for justice and world peace. Sponsored by the Gentlemen's Association of Black Youth (under the moderation of Mr. Kozojed) the assembly found as its focus the importance and value of non-violence.

Included in the order of service was King's infamous "I Have A Dream" speech which was powerfully delivered by junior Obeddie Hawkins.

Fr. Wroblewski, presiding over the assembly, highlighted the principles of nonviolence as practiced by Dr. King. Believing that love was the most powerful force in the world, King embodied the courage and redemptive suffering that is required by the non-violent approach to combat social injustice. Fr. Wroblewski encouraged the Mendel students to emulate this great emancipator of the oppressed. By recalling King's life of dedication and commitment, the Mendel family once again acknowledged the reality that no one is truly free until all people are free. May the spirit of love and justice always be our guide.



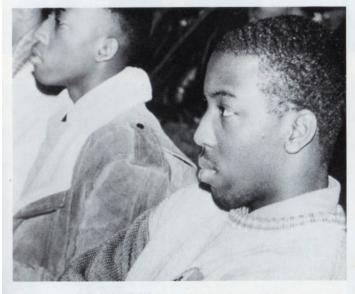
Junior Luke Dade recounts highlights from the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



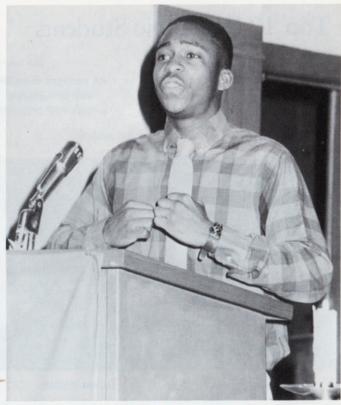
The student body breaks into applause during O. Hawkins speech.



Junior David Johnson reviews King's life.



Junior Robert Collins listens intently to the proceedings.



Above: "I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted . . ." proclaims Obeddie Hawkins in the persona of Dr. King.

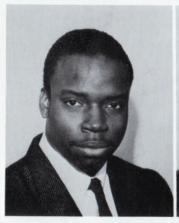
Below: Junior Malcolm Cooper offers a prayer.



Top 12 Academic Students

All intelligent thoughts have already been thought; what is necessary is only to try to think them again.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



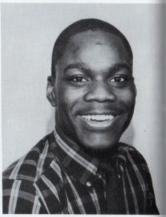
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Alfred Pierce



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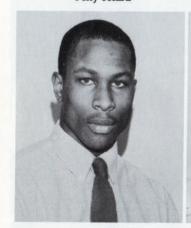
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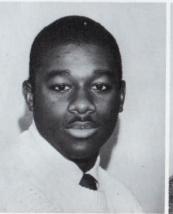
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James White



Robert Thorns



Brian Lacey

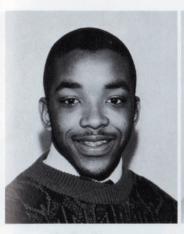


Michael Smith

Top 12 Athletic Students

In the stars above I have seen many, be not afraid of greatness, some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.

William Shakespeare



Stephen Ramsey



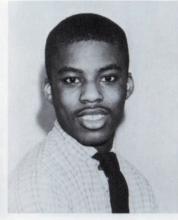
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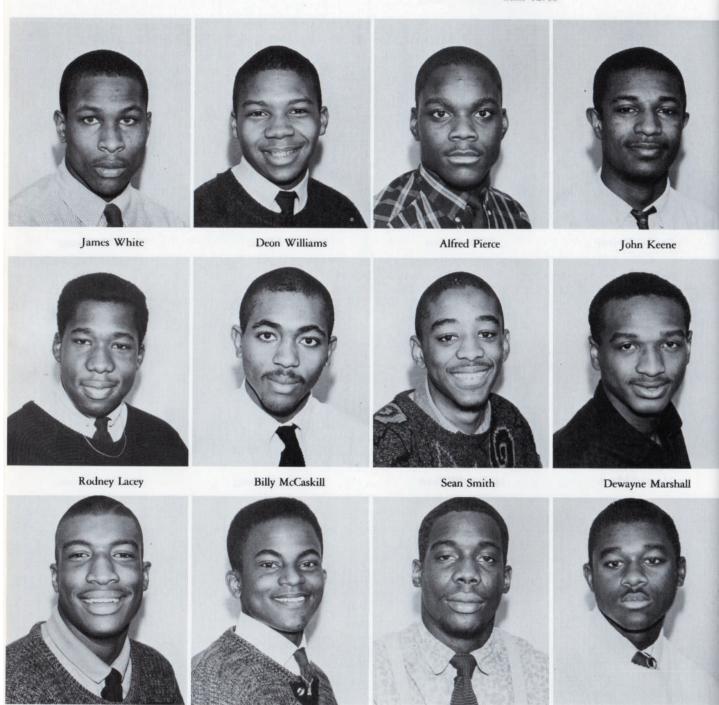


Vincent Blakemore

Top 12 Activity Students

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Luke 12:48



Michael Smith

Ronald Coleman

Brian Lacey

Curtis Edwards

Principal's Message

"A Lasting Impression"



Dear Graduates of 1988,

Congratulations from the entire Mendel Family upon successful completion of your high school studies. As you leave Mendel, the final pages of Mendel's thirty-seven year history will be turned over and the cover closed. Certainly the Class of '88, Mendel's last class, will leave "A Lasting Impression."

Hopefully, Mendel has provided you with a few lasting impressions. It may have been your first class, your favorite class of your last class. It may have been the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat. It may have been that special person you met at a party or the friends you have made. It may have been the answers you discovered about your talents, abilities or potential. It may have been that you have taken a few steps closer toward Christian manhood. Whatever your memories, may they last a lifetime.

Now you must look toward the future. Thee are new classes to attend, new teams to play on, new people to meet, new questions to answer and adulthood to achieve. Mendel has given you the preparation you need to meet the future, and with God's help and the continued support of your family and friends, you will. There are still many happy and joyous occasions to be encountered, good luck.

May the God of Love bless you with health, joy, love, laughter and surround you with many good friends.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Donald R. Lewandowski, OSA.

Rev. Donald R. Lewandowski, O.S.A. Principal

SENIOR NOTABLES



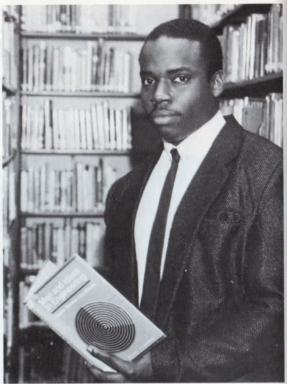
Alfred Pierce - Teacher's Pet



Phillip Chriss — Best Dressed



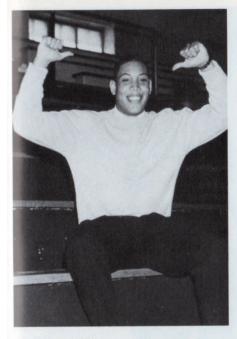
Bryan Crowell - Most Popular



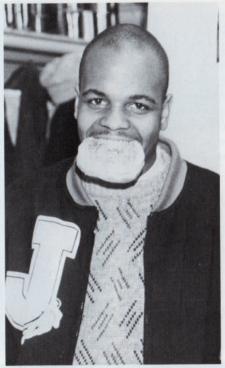
Jerome Brown — Most Likely to Succeed



Rodney Lacey and William Todd — Best Friends



Kenneth Fullman - Most Spirited



Allen Seals — Lunchroom Leech



Edjuan Simmons — Most Unique



Edward Bearden and Bradford Stevens
— Shortest and Tallest



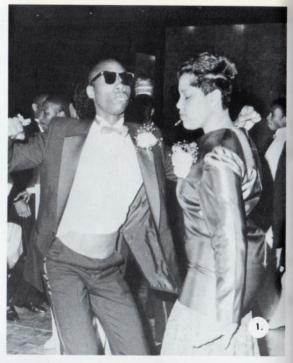
Marshall Knight - Most Athletic



Marc Woods — Class Clown

PROM 87: UNE FETE d'ELEGANCE

For Mendel prom has been a time when the Monarchs join together with their elegant dates to celebrate the best of times at Mendel. The 1987 Mendel Prom took place at the Continental Hotel. Our students looked their best while they enjoyed themselves at 'Une fete d'elegance.' Tony Dearborn and Daniel Page D.J.'ed this spectacular event.





- 1. Renardo Anderson uses the moves of the future to impress his date.
- 2. Juniors formally pose with their lovely dates.







- Sean Smith and James White relax with their charming dates.
 Robert Harris and his date Kim receive their bids from a helpful Mrs. Kozojed.
 Malcolm Davis and Frederick Cleveland make plans for a post-prom party.

PUMP UP

THE VOLUME!

Although this is Mendel's last year, the students have not lost their school pride. We feel sad about the closing of our school, but we will not let it discourage us from trying to reach our goal . . . to make Mendel #1. To the new school, we offer this quote by the immortal Randolph Beeles, ". . . Let there be silver at the end of that rainbow whose gold has tarnished." But until then, we're gonna pump up the volume!



Mendel's last graduating class.



R. Boyde and company enjoying their break



I had some good times here and I had some bad times, mostly were good. I'm going to miss this school . . . — A. Franklin



Mendel has played a big role in my education achievements. Leaving Mendel is like losing a best friend. My lasting impression of Mendel — a school of outstanding leadership and pride. — A. Stokes



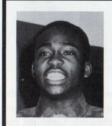
Mendel has been a good school to me. It has helped me grow and mature, and has prepared me for college. — B. Lacey



I said service and I mean service!

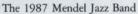


A. Stokes trying to catch a bus after a game.



...Mendel showed me how to be competitive as well as challenging. I will always remember Mendel . . . — O. Hawkins







Mendel has been the best experience I have ever had. The school means a lot and no matter what . . . I'm still a Monarch. — L. Dade.



Mendel got me ready mentally for the reality of life. Physically, Mendel helped me in a behavioral manner.

— M. Reynolds

Favorite Movies

- 1) Raw
- 2) Fatal Attraction

Favorite Actors

- 1) Eddie Murphy
- 2) Bill Cosby

Favorite Songs

- 1) Devotion
- 2) Push It

Favorite Male Singers

- 1) Luther Vandross
- 2) Prince

Favorite Groups

- 1) Salt 'n' Pepa
- 2) Run D.M.C.

Favorite Radio Stations

- 1) WGCI 107.5 FM
- 2) WKKC 89.3 FM

Favorite Foods

- 1) Pizza
- 2) Seafood

Chicago's Next Mayor Evans



Zodiac	Percentage of student body		
Aquarius	24%		
Taurus	15%		
Gemini	11%		
Libra	11%		
Sagitarious	9%		
Virgo	9%		
Pisces	6%		
Capricorn	5%		
Leo	4%		
Aries	2%		
Cancer	2%		
Scorpio	2%		







Upper Left: L. Kimbel and K. Lee Work in the Physics Lab.

Below: A painting (especially Sosnowski's) says a thousand words.

Above: L. Duffin showing his true colors.



Favorite T.V. Shows

- 1) Cosby Show
- 2) Different World

Favorite Actresses

- 1) Lisa Bonet
- 2) Phylicia Rashad

Favorite Videos

- 1) Push It Salt 'n' Pepa
- 2) Da Butt Spike Lee

Favorite Female Singers

- 1) Janet Jackson
- 2) Anita Baker

Favorite Dances

- 1) Cabbage Patch/Freddie Krueger
- 2) Da Butt

Favorite Video Games

- 1) Super Mario Bros.
- 2) Centipede

Favorite Labels

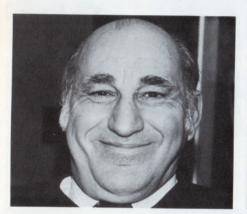
- 1) Louis Vuitton
- 2) Gennera

Favorite School Mendel



A legendary portrait of a legendary man, our

founder, Fr. John L. Seary, O.S.A.



"I'll always remember Mendel as being a very friendly place. Over the years, I have found that both the faculty and students have tried to make Mendel 'the place to be'.

FUNNY HOW TIME FLIES

As we close the final chapter on Mendel's illustrious career as an educational institution and a training ground for promising athletes, we felt it was fitting to hear the final comments of some of those fine educators who have formed the backbone of our alma mater throughout the years. The impressions of these teachers and administrators have been formed by countless faces and experiences. And yet, when all is said and done, it will be the glow in our hearts and the smile that comes to our faces that will become the everlasting tribute to the one and only - Mendel Catholic High School!

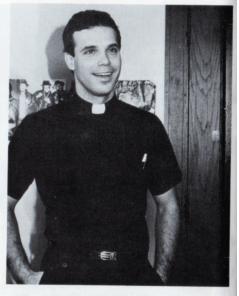


Coach Adams and Mr. Sosnowski take tickets before another Mendel basketball victory.



"Mendel's lasting impressions on me are the friendships that I have made among the faculty, staff, students and parents. These friendships will last a lifetime."

- Fr. Don Lewandowski, O.S.A.



"The precious friendship I have been given in "Uncle John" Seary, the pounding in my heart at a close basketball game, the look on a student's face when he truly understands and the love I have for the '87-88 Yearbook Staff are memories that will live on in my heart forever.

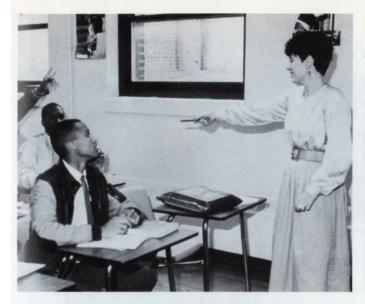
- Fr. Stephen M. Wroblewski, O.S.A.



- Mr. Nick Camera

"Let them teach the souls of children . . ."





First year teacher Mrs. Barbara Gussick and her senior English class.

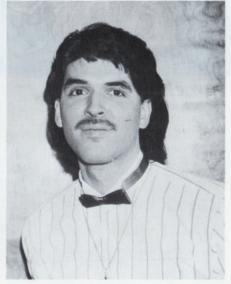


Mr. John Sosnowski and former Studies Office Secretary Ms. Kathy Koschal and Discipline Office Secretary Mrs. Lynn Looney enjoy themselves at the 1987 Awards Banquet.



"When you consider all the years I've been working at Mendel, you will realize how difficult it is to pick out any particular memory to characterize the highpoint of my Mendel experience. One memory, however, persists more than any other. I had occasion to attend a national education convention. I remember my surprise at being sought out by a complete stranger who was very anxious to meet someone from the 'most famous school in Chicago.' I remember my fascination as he told me that he was a professor from southern California. He assured me that Mendel had a national reputation - but not in football. What were we famous for? The answer is debating. Back then few people in Roseland knew we even had a debating team or that it traveled all over the country competing and winning prestigious debating tournaments. But people in the academic community knew it. They knew we had one of America's finest debating teams."

— Mr. Mel Provencher



"Over the course of nine years, I have known a number of young people who have commanded my admiration and respect. It is very difficult to pick out any one moment and highlight it as my fondest memory. However, if I was pressed into doing so, it would be the time when I went on a religious retreat with several of our students who had plans to convert to Catholicism. I was never so honored as when two of them asked me to sponsor them: Andre McIntyre at his baptism and Turner Goodwin at his confirmation. They are just two of the students that I am fortunate enough to still keep in touch with.

Mendel has been an important part of my adult life and many of my fondest memories are tied into this place. I wish all the best for St. Martin de Porres, and I will do everything that I can to be supportive of the new school. But I will never forget Mendel."

- Mr. John Sosnowski



"One facet of Mendel I would like to comment on has been my excellent association with the Cross Country and Track Teams. Words cannot adequately express my feelings for the running men of Mendel. Your dedication, desire and determination made a lasting impression on me a a person. Your attitudes made coaching a pleasure during my five years at Mendel.

I believe I am a better person for having worked with you and in having shared your ups and downs as you grew into manhood. I watched you in victory and defeat and I could always say I was proud of you; as a coach I hoped you were learning about life. However, despite all your victories and championships in both sports, it was your effort in getting to the top that I will never forget. All of you learned a valuable lesson — it isn't winning or losing that counts, it is the effort given that is important. Men, I thank you for everything and I hope your future is all that you want it to be."

- Mr. Michael Garcia

AN ODE TO MENDEL CATHOLIC H.S., 1951-1988



O'R THE YEARS THAT YOU WERE HERE STUDENTS CAME FROM FAR AND NEAR

UP AND DOWN
THE BUSY HALLS
THEY BRISKLY TRAVELED
ONE AND ALL

AND IF THE WALLS COULD ONLY SPEAK WE'D KNOW THE TREASURES THEY DID SEEK

YES, WE'RE SAD THAT YOU MUST GO THO IN OUR HEARTS WE TRULY KNOW

THAT YOU'LL REMAIN TO PLAY A PART IN THE LIVES OF MANY YET TO START

FOR LIKE OUR SONS THEY WILL TOO EXCEL IN LIFE BECAUSE OF YOU

SO, AS THE TIME DRAWS QUICKLY NIGH WE SHALL NOT FORGET YOU MENDEL HIGH

> Amelia Jones Stevens, President Mendel's Parents' Club 1987-1988

