



When You Look At It . . .

The year started out great! Students were glad to be back and so were the teachers. This year we had another chance of seeing new administrators, coaches, and teachers. "It was kind of weird walking through the halls on the first day of school and seeing so many new faces," says **Kimberly Baty**. Many students agreed on this. But that's not all that made this school year different. The students helped make it special for everyone. For some of the students, it was their first year in high school and many were scared. "I knew a lot of people here already but that didn't do much good because they weren't always around when I got lost," remarked **Larry Young**.

Another big change that occurred at school was an increase in the school spirit. With the help of all of the faculty, staff, and administrators, the student body rose to every occasion. "I can't believe how much the school has turned around this year. I guess when the football team started winning it made a lot of us proud. Actually, I credit it to my being a Senior," jokingly replied **Tonya Holmes**.

The Senior class sold spirit rags that the students could get signed by the football players. They were in popular demand throughout the season. "I am proud of our team and it makes it easier for me to have school spirit when I have more things to be proud of. I'll really miss being here next year," stated Senior **Lashanna Pye**.

As every year, new teachers had arrived and were ready to prepare their students for the future. Some of the new teachers included ones in the Social

Studies, English, Athletic, and Foreign Language departments. Coach **William Bacon** stated, "I really like it here. It is even more interesting that my old coach from high school is now my principal at the school I teach at." Coach Bacon is a history teacher as well as offensive lineman coach for the football team.

The year started off with a bang and will no doubt continue on in the same fashion. The seniors who will be graduating are making the best of their senior year in academic ways as well as civic. **Daniel Bonds** replied, "It really hasn't hit me yet that this is my last year to be a kid. I'm really going to miss being in school, especially here."

The school's occupants all plan on sticking together to make this the best year yet. That is usually the goal every year but there are more people who want to make it happen.

With the help of all involved, it doesn't look like it will be difficult. Hats off to the Griffins and their effort to excel and take a look at their possible successes.

"When I first walked in the front doors of the school, I thought to myself, it's going to take me forever to get used to this. It's such a big school and I have no idea where any of my classes are," comments Freshman, Erin White.