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**AIDAN BUIE '21**  
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**NEWSIES CAST**

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# YOU

**YOU** DEDICATED YOUR FREE TIME TO SCHOOL WITH THE HOPES OF JOINING OUR FOUR BOETTCHER SCHOLARS IN ACADEMIC SUCCESS. **YOU** WALKED OUT WITH OTHER STUDENT ACTIVISTS, AND SPOKE UP AND PROTESTED AT THE WOMEN'S MARCH JANUARY 16. **YOU** MEMORIZED EVERY LINE AND STAYED HOURS AFTER SCHOOL WITH MRS. BAKER TO MAKE SURE YOUR PART WAS PERFECT FOR OPENING NIGHT. **YOU** DONNED THE INFAMOUS BLACK AND GOLD STRIPED OVERALLS AND STEPPED IN FRONT OF THE SENIOR SECTION, READY TO LEAD THE BEST FANS IN THE STATE. **YOU** ANXIOUSLY SAT IN SEVENTH PERIOD FOR THE FINAL BELL TO RING AT 2:50 AFTER A LONG ALL-PERIOD FRIDAY. **YOU** SPENT ACCESS AND AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSING WITH YOUR PEERS TO PERFECT YOUR CMEA PERFORMANCE. **YOU** AND YOUR BLEACHER-VIBRATING CHEERS ENSURED OUR STUDENT SECTION ROCKED -- LITERALLY. **YOU** FOLLOWED YOUR LINK CREW LEADERS INTO SCHOOL, NERVOUSLY AWAITING YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR. THE CHOICES **YOU** MADE, THE SPORTS **YOU** PLAYED, THE GRADES **YOU** EARNED, THE HANDPRINT **YOU** LEFT MADE **YOU** A JAGUAR FOREVER. THE PERFORMER, THE FAN, THE SCHOLAR, THE JAGUAR. THAT WAS...

**YOU UNITED.**



**AUDREY BURT '21**  
VARSITY SOFTBALL  
PHOTO: E. SHEA



**JENNA VETA '20**  
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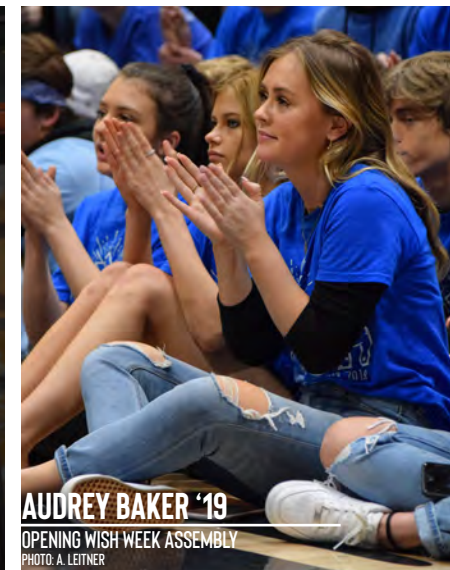
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PHOTO: A. GIN



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PHOTO: M. BROWN



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PHOTO: A. LEITNER



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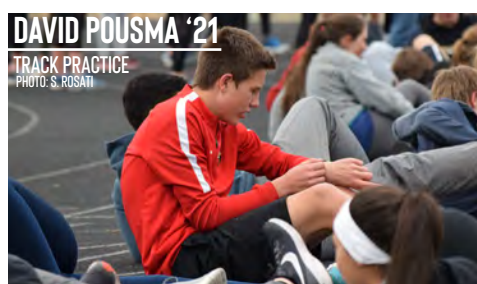
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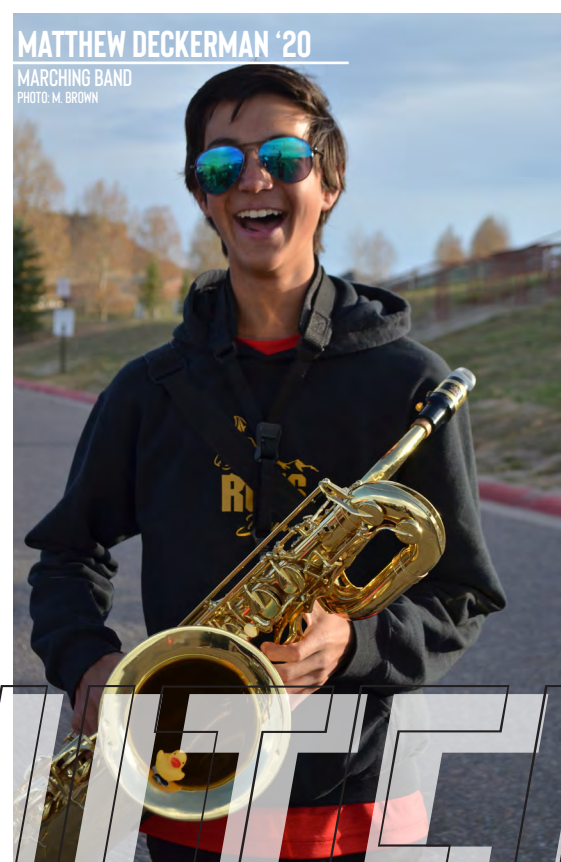
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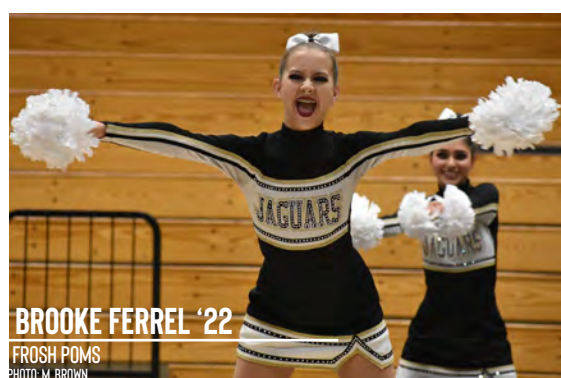
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**GRACE BERO '21**  
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**BROOKE FERREL '22**  
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**RYAN CLINTON '20**  
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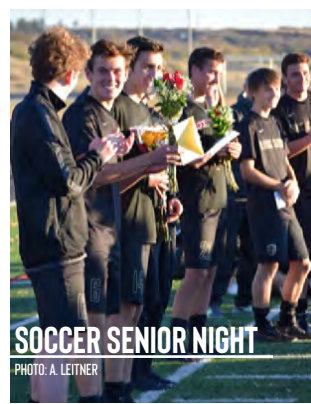
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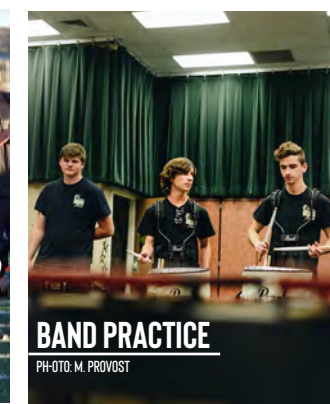
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SOCCER SENIOR NIGHT  
PHOTO: A. LEITNER



BAND PRACTICE  
PHOTO: M. PROVOST

**UNITED** IN OUR ACHIEVEMENTS – WITH A 99% GRADUATION RATE AND 10 NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS, YOU MADE US ONE OF THE TOP RANKED SCHOOLS IN THE STATE. **UNITED** WITH OUR VOICES – BY PROTESTING AGAINST HATE, SERENADING WITH THE CHOIR AND CHEERING FOR MICHAEL DURING WISH WEEK, YOU KNEW YOUR VOICE MATTERED. **UNITED** FOR PERFECTION – BY PRODUCING SOLD OUT FALL AND SPRING THEATER PRODUCTIONS, YOU DEMONSTRATED CREATIVITY AND TEAMWORK. **UNITED** THROUGH THE SEASONS – BY ENDURING PRACTICES IN SEARING SUMMER HEAT AND CLOSURES DURING WINTER STORM ULMER'S BOMB CYCLONE, YOU FORMED FAMILIES WITHIN TEAMS, CLUBS AND CLASSES. **UNITED** WITH ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS – BY WORKING TIRELESSLY TO FINISH YOUR DEAD PHYSICIST, MITOSIS OR ROMEO AND JULIET PROJECTS EVEN IF YOU PROCRASTINATED ON THEM JUST A LITTLE... BEING **UNITED** MATTERED AND IT LOOKED LIKE YOUR PERFECT HITS, KICKS, DUNKS, SHOTS AND DIVES. BEING **UNITED** MATTERED, AND IT SOUNDED LIKE CHANTING YOUR GRADUATING YEAR AT ASSEMBLIES AND CHEERING FOR YOUR HOUSE IN THE JUNGLE. BEING **UNITED** MATTERED AND IT FELT LIKE EXHAUSTIVE ALL-NIGHTERS AND LOVING COMMITMENT TO YOUR WISH KID. YOU DID IT ALL, YOU MADE "US"...

**YOU UNITED.**



BACK TO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY  
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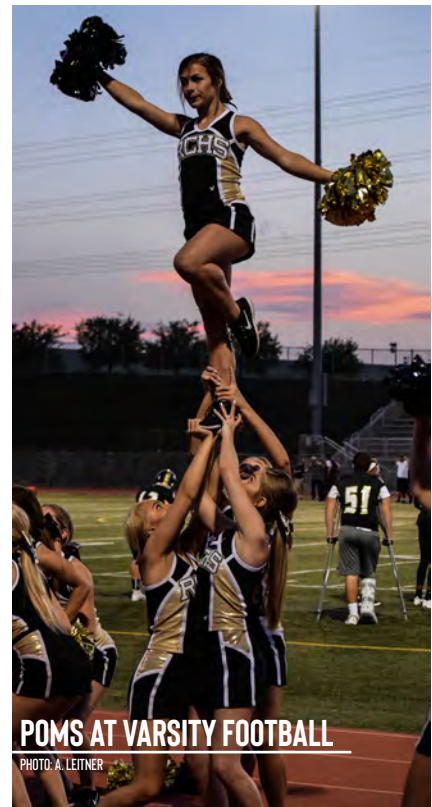
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POMS AT VARSITY FOOTBALL  
PHOTO: A. LEITNER



POMS HOMECOMING PARADE  
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PHOTO: A. BRAUCHLER

# UNITED



# I SCREAM

*"SCHOOL SPIRIT MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME. I WANT TO LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE JAGUARS AFTER ME AND TO CARRY ON THE LEGACY THAT WAS LEFT FROM PEOPLE BEFORE ME." BRETT MOBLY '19*

CAPTAINS KICK OFF 2019 AND CELEBRATE ATHLETICS, ACADEMICS, AND ARTS

**IT'S HOMECOMING. HEAR US ROAR!**

At Buffalo Ridge Elementary School, varsity football captain, Brett Mobly '19, shouts with the crowd to wrap up the spirit bus tour through the RC feeder schools in celebration of Homecoming Week, Sept. 18. Captains and leaders from all sports and activities traveled to the elementary and middle schools to boost school pride and encourage participation in Homecoming community events like the neighborhood parade and bonfire at the school. "As a captain it's really important for me to set a good example for all the younger players," Mobly said. "The captains set the expectation and affect the mood of the whole team, so if you show up with a bad attitude, everyone follows your lead." Poms and cheer performed in the 90 degree heat, and representatives from various teams and groups spoke to future Jags on their day-long tour through the community.

PHOTO: E. SHEA



# WE SCREAM

"I FEEL A PART OF THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF THE ASSEMBLIES AND TALKING WITH THE TEACHERS AND MY PEERS AND GETTING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY." DYLAN KAHN '22

SPREAD BY: EMMA SHEA

FALL  
DIVIDER

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# TOGETHER

*"WE WERE DOWN BY ONE AND NEEDED TO GET SOMETHING GOING. WE STARTED CHANTING 'JEFFREY' AND I STARTED REBOUNDED THE BALL FOR HIM. HE FINALLY MADE IT AND THE CROWD WENT CRAZY. IT GOT EVERYONE HYPED UP AND EXCITED FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE GAME." BRIAN PRATER '19*

## SCHOOL SPIRIT DRIVES ENTHUSIASM TOWARDS ACADEMICS & ATHLETICS

### YOU'RE A PART OF OUR TEAM

Golden Boys, Brian Prater '19 and Tyler Huebsch '19, lift basketball team manager, Jeffrey Mattson '22, into the student section after Mattson made a three-point shot during halftime, Nov. 30. During the second round of the tip-off tournament, the varsity boys basketball team took on the Rocky Mountain Lobos. The Jaguars were down 14-15 at halftime, and Mattson's entertainment brought energy back into the Jungle, which lead to an overtime victory for the Jags, 50-43. "I've always really liked basketball, and being as small as I am I realized I probably wouldn't be able to play on the high school team," Mattson said. "But I still wanted to be involved somehow with the basketball program. Initially I thought I was going to be the freshman team manager, but I ended up helping every team along with the other managers. I definitely got a lot closer to the guys on the team and met a lot of new friends."

# WE RISE

"I FEEL A PART OF THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF THE ASSEMBLIES AND TALKING WITH THE TEACHERS AND MY PEERS AND GETTING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY" | DYLAN KAHN '22

SPREAD BY EMMA SHEA



# FROM CYCLONE

*"I WAS REALLY SURPRISED BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN MANY SNOW DAYS IN THE LAST COUPLE YEARS. I SPENT TIME CATCHING UP ON STUFF FOR THE WEEK, AND IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE TIME TO RELAX AND GET EVERYTHING DONE."*

*JULIA ROSS '20*

## SPRING BREAK MEANS AN ESCAPE FROM SNOWMAGEDDON

### THE AFTER EFFECTS OF ULMER

A day before bomb cyclone Ulmer, temperatures hit the upper sixties, and only four days after the storm, Daniels Gate's muddy trails glisten with already melting snow, which may come as no surprise to many with the bipolar weather of Colorado. The magnitude of the storm was proven through the closing of I-25 from Lone Tree to Monument, with many accidents and stranded cars along the way. Breaking records as the most intense cyclone ever recorded in the state, with wind gusts up to 80 mph in Denver and 97 mph in Colorado Springs, the dreaded blizzard, Ulmer, hit the bubble for two days straight. Students were snowed in March 13 and 14, the week before spring break, which meant the last two block days before break were replaced by an all-schedule Friday. "I was surprised we had two snow days and extremely mad because I'm missing the Monday after break, which means I have to remake three tests," Luke Smith '20 said. "Also, I studied for about four hours for a test that will now be about three weeks from now so I'm pissed."

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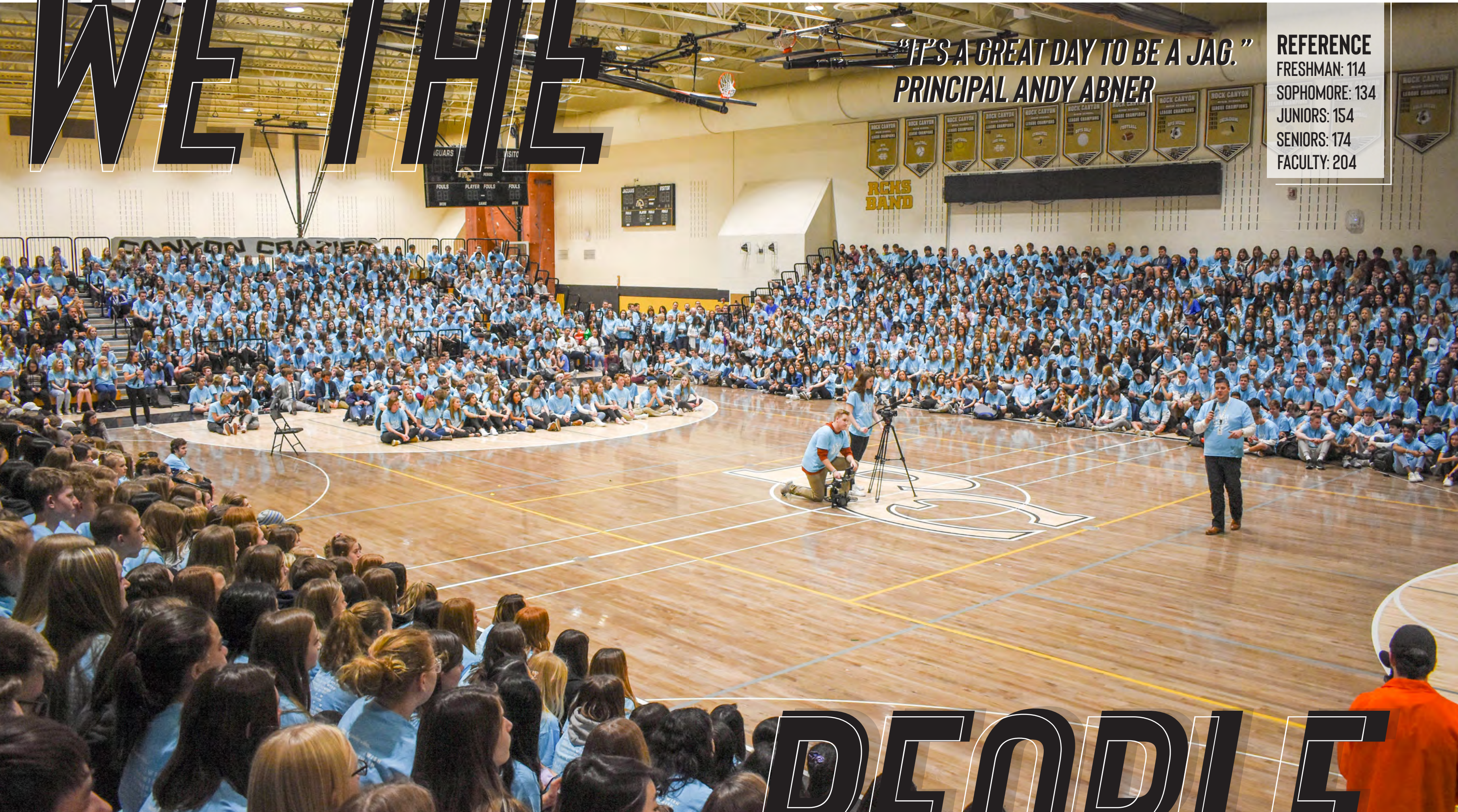
# TO SUNSHINE



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**"IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A JAG."  
PRINCIPAL ANDY ABNER**

**REFERENCE**  
FRESHMAN: 114  
SOPHOMORE: 134  
JUNIORS: 154  
SENIORS: 174  
FACULTY: 204



# PEOPLE

"I DO ORCHESTRA AND LOVE MUSIC, I THINK PERFORMING ARTS ALLOWS FOR THE MUSIC KIDS TO COME TOGETHER AND IT HAS DEFINITELY ALLOWED ME TO FIND MY OWN COMMUNITY, WE'RE LIKE ONE BIG FAMILY." | MEGAN COON '21  
SPREAD BY: EMMA SHEA, BELLA WHEELER & KINLEY REX



# YOUR STORY

## OUR SWEET (VOL.) 16 ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON...

The sixteenth volume of the *Black & Gold* yearbook was produced during second and fourth period in the 4113 yearbook lab at Rock Canyon High School in Highlands Ranch, CO. It was printed by Balfour Publishing in Dallas, TX. Rob Rathbun was our Publishing Representative and Robert Porter was our Account Executive.

### THEME & DESIGN

Throughout upwards of seven theme ideas for this year's book, one goal stayed the same. We wanted a "spirit book." A book that encompassed everyone from the Golden Boys to the marching band. While trying to create a phrase to encapsulate these ideas, we got tripped up on the actual theme. What started as "Brave, Bold, Black & Gold," transformed into "Ours" and finally became **YOU UNITED**. When discussing the theme with Judi Coolidge, we wanted to reflect the infamous unity and spirit

of our school while still addressing the reality of division. **YOU UNITED** looks at the individual students and celebrates separation while spotlighting community. **YOU UNITED** was developed at the Rethink workshop, the High School Communications Workshop at Texas A&M, and Mile High Journalism Camp, and adjusted throughout the year.

### COVER, ENDSHEETS & PAPER

Cover material is Bustram Lustre-wicked with a white silkscreen mixed with UV and a black 910 silkscreen with gold foil. The binding features black and gold headbands. The endsheets have soft touch lamination otherwise coated one side stock. C1S white with Black printing. The 344 pages of the **BLACK & GOLD** are printed in full color on 100# Polar Bear Matte paper.

### TYPOGRAPHY & COLOR

All body copy was set in Frutiger 45 Light. All headlines were set in **BISON BOLD** with varying sizes, and subheads were set in **BISON REGULAR**. Lead-ins were **BISON BOLD**. Editors believed that having a coverage driven book allowed content to be broad and flexible.

The *Black & Gold* used primary-colored pulled color from singular photos on each spread. Everyone at school is so unique, driving our design to mold to their

activities and our colors to represent them. With the unique pulled colors but consistent fonts, **YOU UNITED** came alive in our pages.

### PUBLISHING & SALES

Out of the total 1,850 yearbooks, 1,650 were sold during pre-sales at a cost of \$75 before Jan. 1. The remaining amount were sold on a first-come, first-served basis at \$100. Senior ads were sold through The Yearbook Company. 1/8 page ads were sold for \$75, 1/4 page ads for \$105, 1/2 page ads for \$175, and full page ads for \$300 before the early-deadline of Oct. 5.

### PHOTOGRAPHY & PORTRAITS

Staff photographers used Nikon DSLR cameras. Photographs were edited and prepared for submission using Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom CC 2017. Underclass and faculty portraits and most sports team were taken by Lifetouch Photography. Senior portraits were provided by Vision Photography at their studio and at school for free to all seniors.

### AWARDS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The fifteenth volume of the *Black & Gold* yearbook was honored with the following awards during the 2017-18 school year:

CSMA All Colorado, CSPA Gold Medalist, and

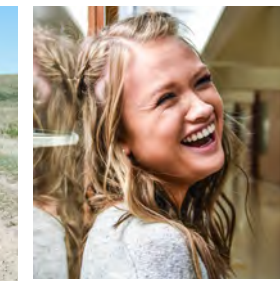
## THANK YOU TO OUR EDITORIAL BOARD, OUR A-TEAM AND THE STAFFERS WHO DEDICATED HOURS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TO THIS BOOK

All-Columbia Honors, NSPA All-American with four marks of distinction.

We would like to thank Kristi Rathbun, our wonderful adviser; Balfour, especially Rob Rathbun, Robert Porter, Judi Coolidge, and Kel Lemons; Balfour Tech Support, Monica Brown at the Yearbook Company; the staff of the Rock newsmagazine; the entire RCHS faculty and staff for letting us interrupt their classes, Donna Rotter, Barb Coccetti, Kevin Cary; Custodians; RCHS administration, especially Andy Abner; our awesome tech support Kristan Manansala; Janna Robinett; Sarah Tricano, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy; our family and friends for allowing us to spend hours after school and during weekends to make this book; and our staff members for working to produce the 2019 *Black & Gold*.

## WE MADE THIS MEET THE EDITORIAL BOARD

LEXI OLSEN '19  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
"ARE YOU STUPID?"



EMMA SHEA '20  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
NOBODY:  
EMMA: \*LAUGHS\*

KINLEY REX '20  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
"DRIPPING WITH SASS"



ALEX LEITNER '19  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
"SO THERE'S THIS GUY..."

GENERAL EDITOR: AMANDA BRAUCHLER

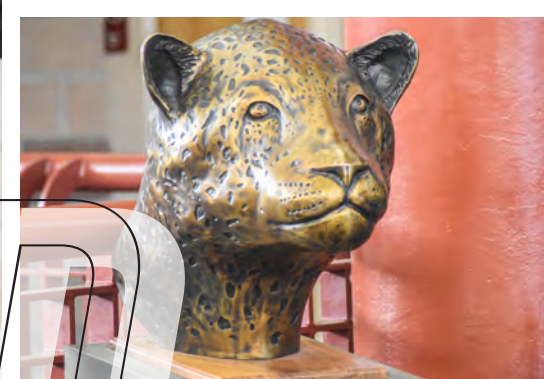




# YOU

THE YEAR STARTED, WHETHER **YOU** WERE READY OR NOT. AT EVERY SPORTS GAME, **YOU** FILLED THE CANYON CRAZIES SECTION. WITHOUT **YOU**, THE GOLDEN BOYS WOULD HAVE NO ONE TO LEAD. EVEN IF **YOU** DIDN'T MAKE IT INTO YOUR DREAM COLLEGE, **YOU** STILL CELEBRATED WITH THOSE WHO DID. **YOU** SAT IN THE BACK OF CLASS HOPING **YOU** WOULDN'T GET CALLED ON. **YOU** PUT YOUR PAINT-COVERED HANDPRINT ON THE SENIOR WALL, MARKING YOUR LAST STEPS THROUGH THESE HALLS AS A STUDENT. **YOU** PARKED IN THE SAME SPOT EVERY DAY UNTIL **YOU** SLEPT IN AND SPED INTO THE BACK ROW. **YOU** PLAYED CARDS WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN THE HALL DURING ACCESS. **YOU** SPENT YOUR TIME CURATING A CLOSET FULL OF HAWAIIAN, CAMO, AND GOLD. **YOU** TOOK DEEP BREATHS BEFORE AUDITIONING FOR THE PLAY, FIRST CHAIR OR SELECT CHOIR. **YOU** EXPERIENCED GREAT DAYS TO BE A JAG AND NOT SO GREAT ONES TOO. **YOU** STRESSED, **YOU** STRUGGLED. **YOU** STRIVED. AND IN THE END, **WHAT MATTERED WAS YOU. YOU WERE A JAGUAR.**

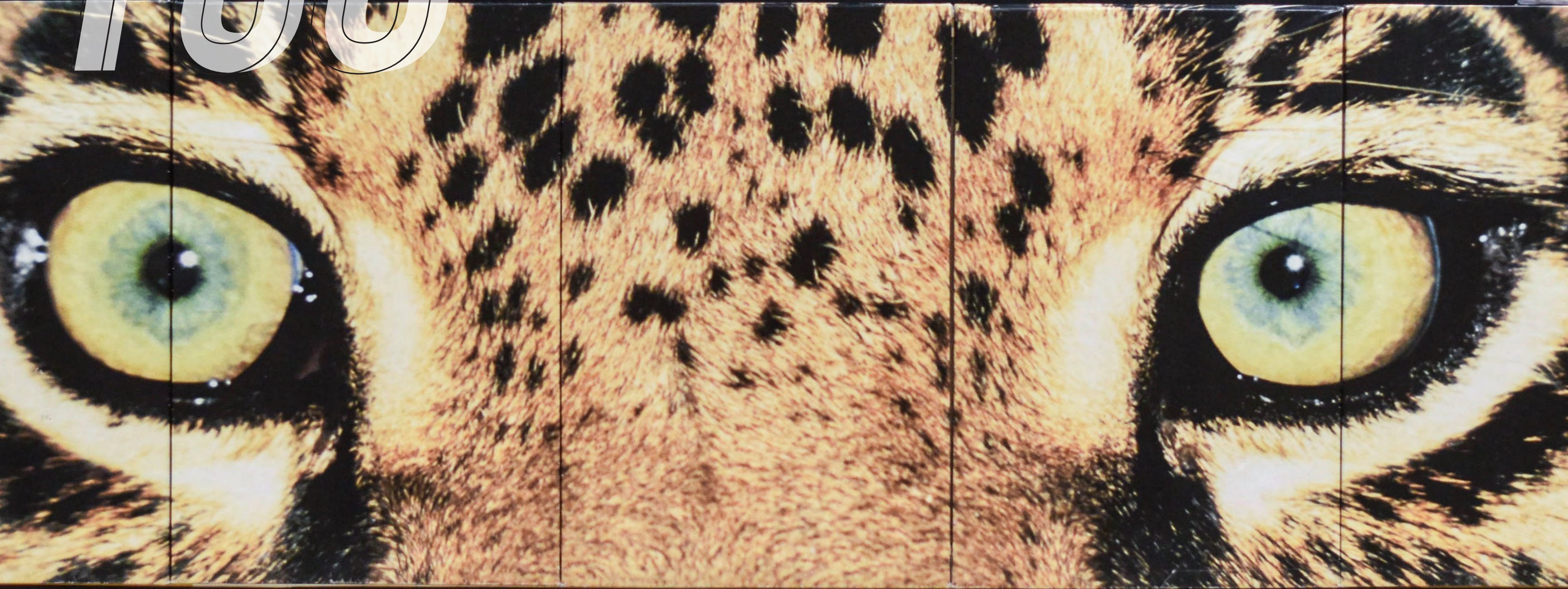
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"I THINK WISH WEEK IS WHEN THE SCHOOL IS MOST UNITED BECAUSE IT'S WHEN WE ALL FORGET ABOUT OUR OWN PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS AND WE JUST COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT A YOUNG KID AND RAISE MONEY." | CARISSA TAN '19  
SPREAD BY EMMA SHEA

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SETH BOWEN '19, MARCH 1,  
WISH WEEK BREAKFAST

PHOTO: L. OLSEN



***YOU ARE WHAT MADE US***

***UNITED***



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