## The 1960's

everyone knows there were really two distinct parts of the 60's—the early 60's and the late 60's—and life at Blair was reflective of both parts. The early 60's were a continuation of Blair's successes in scholastics, sports, arts and science, communications, and community leadership. In the latter half of the decade, as the Vietnam War, social unrest, the hippie movement, and student protests took center stage, Blair embraced change and continued to move forward, giving students a chance to express themselves while excelling in school.

During the 1960's Blair produced an unbelievable array of students who became successful in virtually every part of American society. Business leaders, world renowned scientists and physicians, civic leaders, world championship athletes, Pulitzer Prize winning authors, Academy and Emmy Award-winning entertainers and

journalists, and educators at every level were products of this one public high school in a quiet suburban setting in one short 10-year period.

What was the secret to so many students who accomplished so much



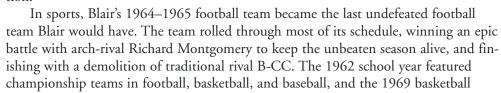
coming from one school in just one decade? Many people say it was the teachers. Blair had always been blessed with outstanding teachers and administrators, but it seemed that during the 60's the blend of experienced teachers (a few of whom had been at Blair since its parliant days)

been at Blair since its earliest days), forceful Principals like former Blair

teachers Richard Wagner and Ivan Fitzwater, and an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect created what many remember as the "Blair

Spirit." It was also during this time that Sylvia Wubnig and a new group of young teachers began replacing the older ones who were retiring, and these new teachers would carry on the tradition of strong teacher-student cooperation.





team ended the decade with yet another state championship.

In an era of unbelievable changes, Blair somehow managed to keep focused on its students, its commitment to providing top-quality education, and its community responsibility. The constants in Blair life, the teachers and administrators, molded a decade of amazing graduates who touched the lives of millions of people.

