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BYE FOR NOW.

■ **IN SHOCK**, junior Brooks Jones (on the cover) celebrates a touchdown at the Sept. 23 football game. The student section celebrated the Homecoming game by wearing U.S.A.-themed outfits. Like many students, Jones enjoyed the atmosphere at games. "Definitely my favorite part was kickoff," Jones said. "Everyone went crazy, and it was a great environment. We all get involved with the game and have fun." *Photo by Maeslyn Hamlin*

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EMERGING FROM THE FOG, sophomore Belzimer Maletsky lets loose at the Homecoming dance on Sept. 24 between the gyms. Many students embraced the dance's theme, "Out of this World" with their outfits. "I was dancing at the first dance," Maletsky said. "It was outside. I liked it." *Photo by Owen Musser*

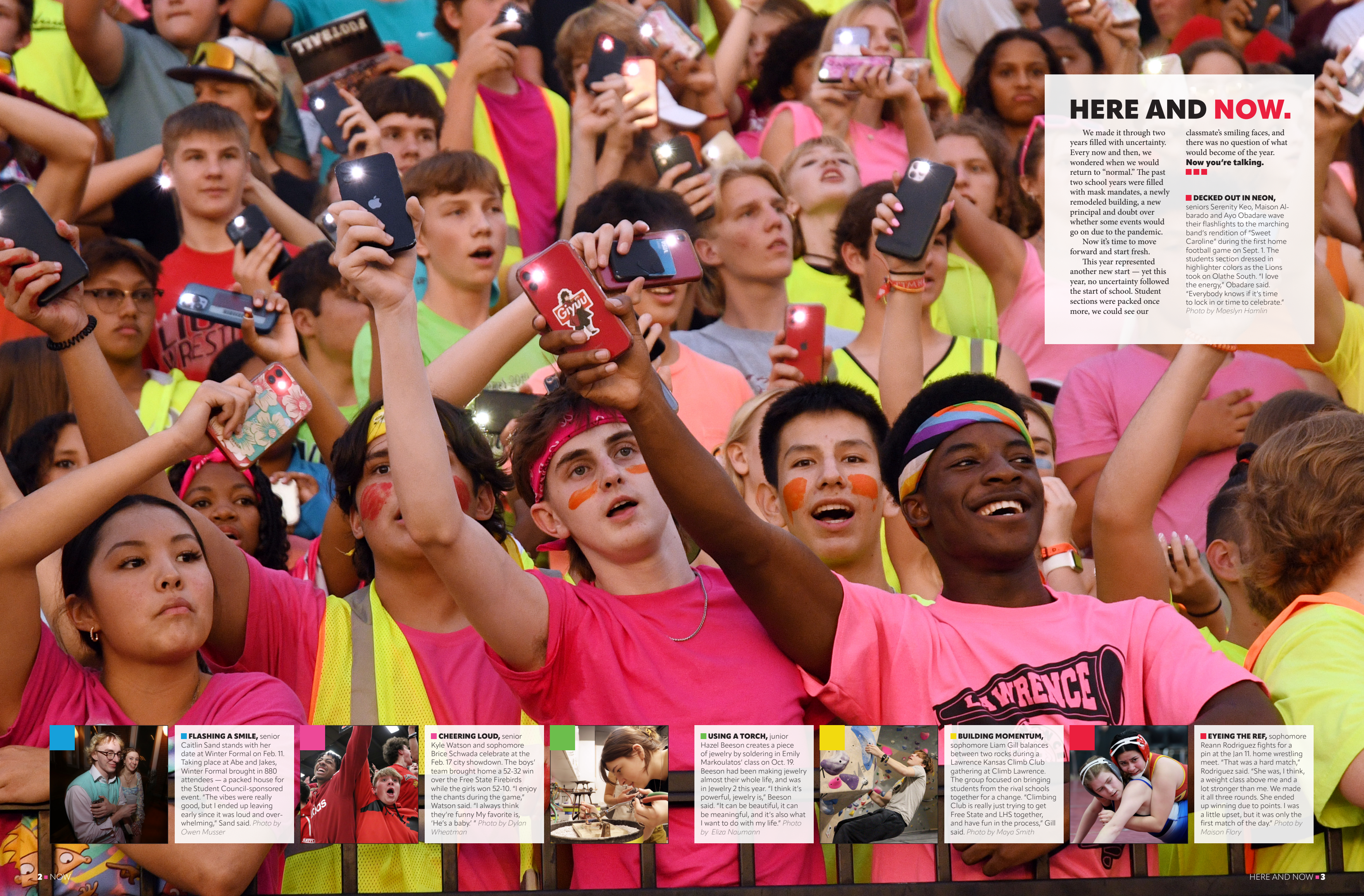
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HERE AND NOW.

We made it through two years filled with uncertainty. Every now and then, we wondered when we would return to "normal." The past two school years were filled with mask mandates, a newly remodeled building, a new principal and doubt over whether some events would go on due to the pandemic.

Now it's time to move forward and start fresh.

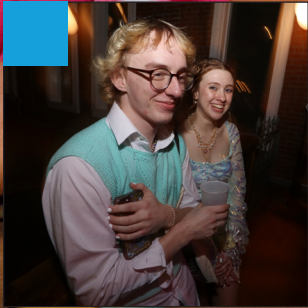
This year represented another new start — yet this year, no uncertainty followed the start of school. Student sections were packed once more, we could see our

classmate's smiling faces, and there was no question of what would become of the year.

Now you're talking.



■ DECKED OUT IN NEON, seniors Serenity Keo, Maison Al-barado and Ayo Obadare wave their flashlights to the marching band's rendition of "Sweet Caroline" during the first home football game on Sept. 1. The students section dressed in highlighter colors as the Lions took on Olathe South. "I love the energy," Obadare said. "Everybody knows if it's time to lock in or time to celebrate." *Photo by Maeslyn Hamlin*



■ FLASHING A SMILE, senior Caitlin Sand stands with her date at Winter Formal on Feb. 11. Taking place at Abe and Jakes, Winter Formal brought in 880 attendees — a packed house for the Student Council-sponsored event. "The vibes were really good, but I ended up leaving early since it was loud and overwhelming," Sand said. *Photo by Owen Musser*



■ CHEERING LOUD, senior Kyle Watson and sophomore Brice Schwada celebrate at the Feb. 17 city showdown. The boys' team brought home a 52-32 win over the Free State Firebirds while the girls won 52-10. "I enjoy the chants during the game," Watson said. "I always think they're funny. My favorite is, 'He's a baby.'" *Photo by Dylan Wheatman*



■ USING A TORCH, junior Hazel Beeson creates a piece of jewelry by soldering in Emily Markoulatos' class on Oct. 19. Beeson had been making jewelry almost their whole life, and was in Jewelry 2 this year. "I think it's powerful, jewelry is," Beeson said. "It can be beautiful, it can be meaningful, and it's also what I want to do with my life." *Photo by Eliza Naumann*



■ BUILDING MOMENTUM, sophomore Liam Gill balances between two rocks during a Lawrence Kansas Climb Club gathering at Climb Lawrence. The group focused on bringing students from the rival schools together for a change. "Climbing Club is really just trying to get Free State and LHS together, and have fun in the process," Gill said. *Photo by Maya Smith*



■ EYEING THE REF, sophomore Reann Rodriguez fights for a pin at the Jan 11 home wrestling meet. "That was a hard match," Rodriguez said. "She was, I think, a weight class above me and a lot stronger than me. We made it all three rounds. She ended up winning due to points. I was a little upset, but it was only the first match of the day." *Photo by Maison Flory*



SEE US NOW.

Living with uncertainty is something we wanted to leave in the past. The new year started off with no masks, new administrators and the return of our family atmosphere.

The welcoming doors of the Lawrence High gymnasium opened on the first day with Link Leaders ready to kick off the year strong.

Badminton Club returned with booming numbers. The long-awaited Taylor's Donuts finally opened across 19th Street. IPS was bigger than ever. Room 308 Productions hit its stride.

Worries of school shutting

down were a thing of the past. **That was then. This is now.**



DANCING a contemporary Fancy Shawl dance, junior Sara Bointy celebrates at the 2022 Native American Heritage Night on Dec. 16 — the same night the Lions faced Shawnee Mission East in basketball. "I think it holds really great importance to Indigenous people, especially this dance, because it was inspired by the men's fancy dance," she said. "The women, we wanted to dance like the men. It's just as fast and just as hard. We created our own style from it." *Photo by Maison Flory*

RIGHT NOW.

Here we are. Ready to start something new. There is no turning back now.

Whether the Special Olympics cameras were rolling or students were dressed as Adam Sandler for homecoming spirit week, Lawrence High remained the special place we all knew and loved.

Embracing the newness of this year, the football team ran through its beloved new entrance. Staying tethered to our past, marching band celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Looking to the future — while still keeping the past in mind — we learned to push

forward and live in the now.

Our parking lot was packed to the brim. Club trips were finally planned and seen through. Groups expanded and made it possible for more students to find their place at our school. **So, what now?**

LOOKING THROUGH A SPECTROMETER, junior Gunnar Wayenberg participates in a chemistry experiment on Oct. 26. "We got to do it on the sunlight, so I thought that was cool to do it not on artificial light," Wayenberg said. *Photo by Eliza Naumann*

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FIND US NOW.

Beyond the countless hours spent at school, we each found our special place in the things we loved.

Whether we spent our time posting a BeReal at a soccer game, in theaters watching "Cocaine Bear" or celebrating the Chiefs' Super Bowl win downtown, we all found a way to show our unique spirit beyond school.

So, what now?

As seniors make plans to move on to bigger things, the rest of us continue keeping Lawrence High the special place we all know and love.

This is ours now.

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■ **CELEBRATING**, seniors Kate Nuzum, Sophia Zogry, Maelee Folks, Ayo Obadare and Liam Stock get hyped for the Homecoming football game during which the student section showed up in USA outfits. The Lions defeated Olathe East 47-6. "It was a super fun time and the student section really showed out for the game," Stock said. *Photo by Maya Smith*

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NOW IT'S SAFE TO SAY

that this year was not close to normal. When we take a step back from this year, we all wonder, was life ever really normal before? Lawrence High School has never been a normal place. It will forever hold a special place within all of us. We made it through another whirlwind year, from being serenaded at the production of Little Shop of Horrors to dancing in the same courtyard spaces that used to be foreign to us. We made it. Now we've seen it. We all gained new memories and created new traditions while still keeping the past in our minds. We moved past it and came into this year stronger than ever. Now, where were we? We all went through it together.

Change was thrown at all of us, individually or as a whole, but we rallied together and brought back the Chesty Lion spirit we all once had.

■ **WARMING UP,** junior Isabel Klish exercises with other members of Climbing Club. As co-founder of the club, Klish enjoys the camaraderie of bringing club members together. "I am happy with how it's going," Klish said. "I love that I've gotten others interested in climbing." *Photo by Maya Smith*



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NOW WAS THE TIME TO USE OUR VOICES.

With all of the change that happened this year, Lawrence High had a response to it all. Whether it was the decision to switch from Macs to iPads, closing beloved elementary schools, or fighting Kansas Legislation, LHS students used their voices to encourage positive change in their community.



■ **MARCHING**, junior Ash Owecke participates in a transgender rights walkout on March 28th. Owecke was one of hundreds of students to walk out of fourth hour to protest potential anti-trans legislature. "I think it shows that even if we're all just hundreds of individuals we all agree that the country is due for some safety and some change," Owecke said. *Photo by Maeslyn Hamlin*

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NOW WE KNOW.
We know how to successfully bounce back from change. We know how to get through it all together. Resilience and a fresh start was just what Lawrence High needed.
THAT'S ALL FOR NOW.
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■ **JUMPING,** junior Zaxton King dunks the ball in the final minute of an intense game during the City Showdown versus Free State on Feb. 17. King expressed he was ready to put the game to an end. The Lions won 52-32. "It felt nice to finish the game with that," King said. *Photo by Sarna Abughalia*