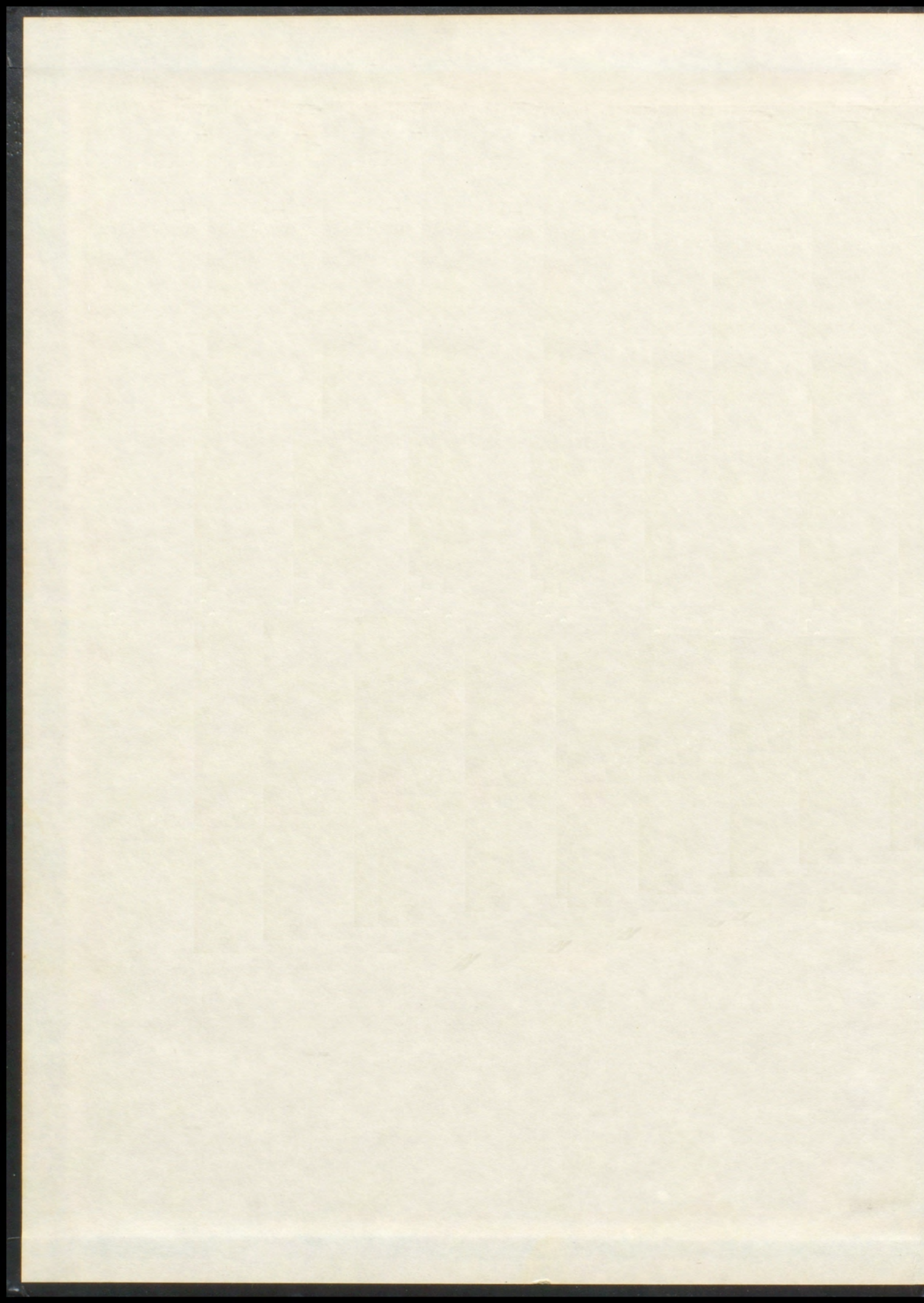


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A WALK THROUGH THE POUND







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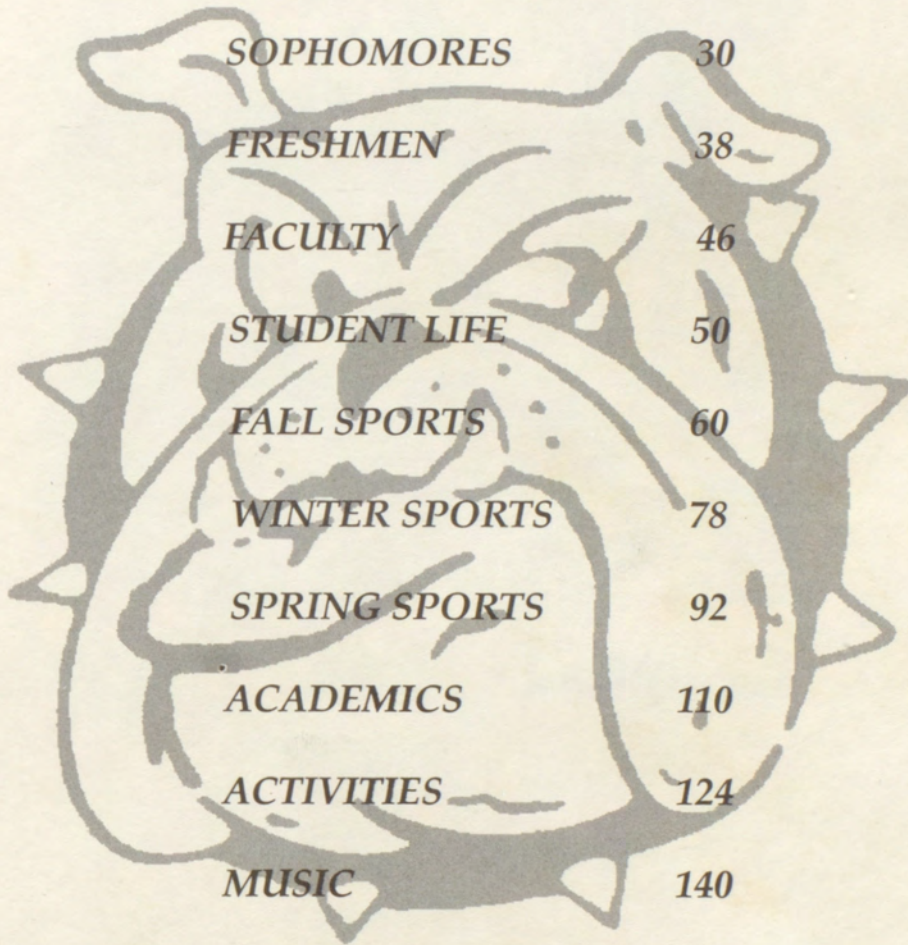
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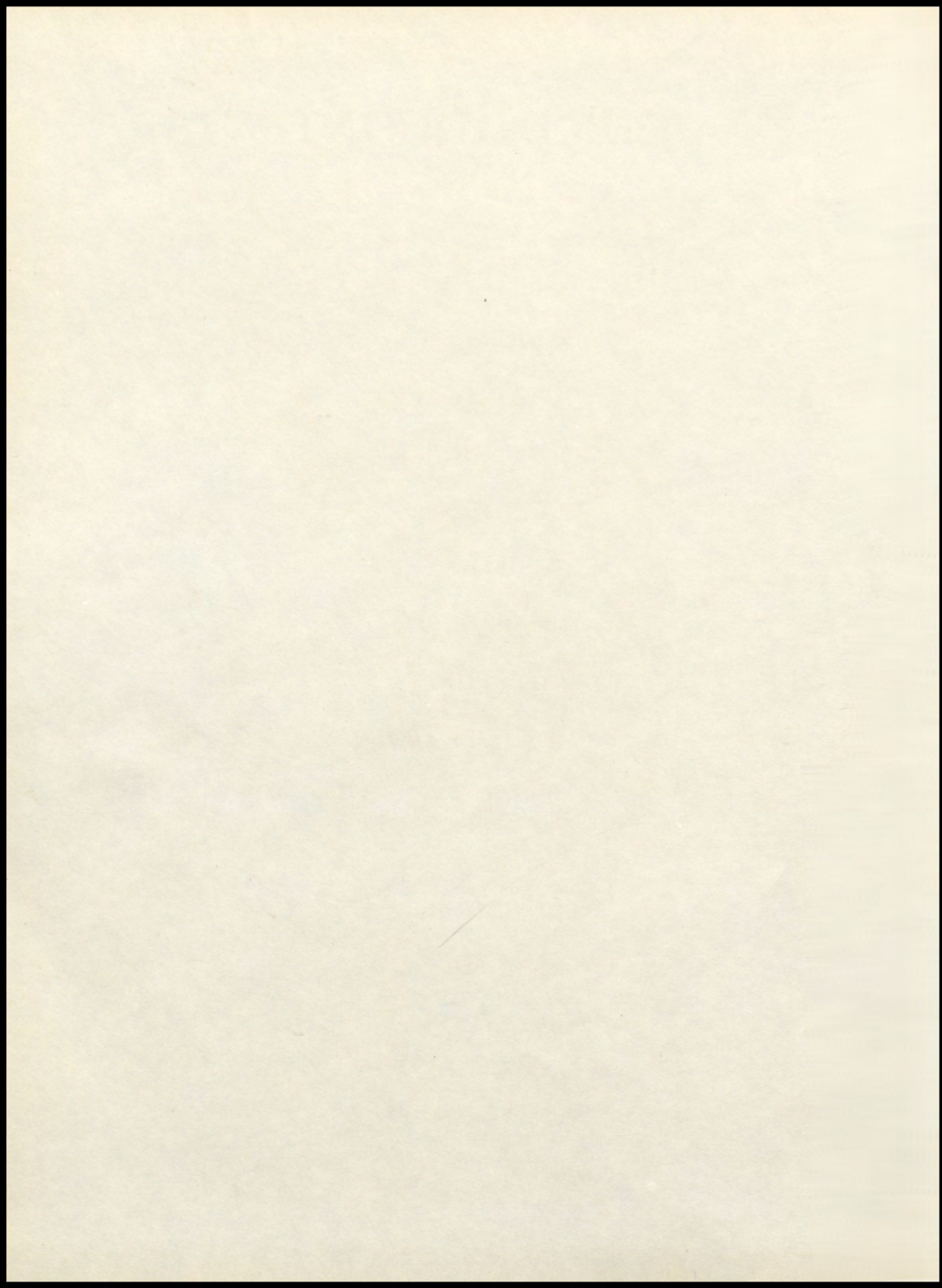
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## 1996-97 ORANGE & BLACK



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Have you ever wondered what our school would be like if nobody wore shoes? Could be a freezing, stinking, sweating thought.

That's why we have shoes to *Walk through the Pound*. And what a wide variety of shoes. 1996-97 school year featured the onslaught of Doc Marten's, Nikes, flip-flops, sandals, Fila, Reebok, and a wide variety of others.

The shoes came dirty, clean, big, polished, clunky, sleek, and comfortable. These shoes walked across a new carpet in the halls, across snow, through mud, and through places we had best not mention.

Any institution must have a firm foundation to be successful. Independence High School has a sound foundation in the type of shoes used to successfully *Walk Through the Pound*.



Big feet. Dirty feet. Skinny feet. Small feet. It takes a lot of feet to have a school. These feet are walking through the school, walking through the year, walking through the mud, *Walking Through the Pound*.

One way to look at a school year is from the bottom up. This is what this year's *Orange and Black* attempts to do. We are trying to show the entire year, as many activities as possible, as many students as possible, as many classes as possible, and, yes, as many feet as possible.







Above: Girls JV basketball team huddle during a time-out. Athletics is one of many activities enjoyed by students of IHS throughout the year.



Ruthe Hinman, Junior, gives the band instructions during a home varsity football game. Ruthe Hinman and Lacie Berry share the responsibility of being the IHS band's Drum Major.

The band plays at pep assemblies, football and basketball games, also they play several concerts during the year including state competition. Many students choose to go on to play their instrument in college.

Right: freshmen Coty Uttinger and Jeffery Gettler, chat while waiting in the a la carte line in the school cafeteria. Freshmen were required to have a closed lunch period all year. Next year it is to be believed that all classmen will have a closed lunch due to the new block scheduling.

Melissa Mills works diligently on an assignment in the clinic. Most of the students that are found there are not usually working on homework



Independence High School students experience many activities during *A* school day. Some students *Walk* in the halls, some students learn *Through* activities in *the* classroom. Some simply experience the total life in the *Pound*.







Sophomore Mindy Surret, and junior Andrew Lynn, right, enjoy being uptown during Neewollah as Ryan Goad, sophomore, chats with some friends.

Above: Sophomore Twirlers, Erika Rasmussen, Sarah Kersey, and Amber Robinson march with the band in the Grand Parade.



Sophomore Neelah Debs, Kari Jordan, Misty Robinson, Erika Rasmussen, Jennifer Coder, Stephanie Schroeder, Amanda Torbett, and Cassie Burchett, pictured above, perform a ballet to The Nutcracker Suite entitled "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy."



Left: Sarah Kersey, sophomore, babysits in a creative way.

Right: Seniors Jami King and Jeremy Merritt ride on the Citizens National Bank float in the Grand Parade.



Right: Sophomores Ryan Baldasarro, John Wilson, and Jacob Sparks enjoy their open lunch period in downtown Independence. Many students rush to get corn dogs and jaffals at Neewollah.





1996 Queen Candidates, left to right, bottom row: Brook Bodwell, Desirea Council, Jamie Harrod, Second row: Michelle Robertson, Niki Browning, Tiffany Zemlock, Kelly Werner, Jami Harris, and Gina Fienen, Third row: Jinny Burdett, Stephenie Washburn, Christy VanFossen, Carrie Shire, Chris Kelly, Kari Trollope, Tammy Stephenson, Back row: Annie Cessna, Wendy Bryan, Summer Goodman, Melissa Reynolds, and Erin Dennis.

Those not-pictured are Kristie Triebel, Dayna Watson, Millie Crane, Jami King, Melissa Morris, Mary Whitson, Sarah Stockton, and Brook Balentine.



## Running for *Queen Neelah*

is a tradition to many families in Independence. Many have had mothers and grand-

mothers in the competition. This year there were twenty-nine girls running for Queen. Only Senior girls may participate, however, nine Senior boys serve as escorts, and fourteen sophomore girls serve as Neelah Debs. The

queen is *Chosen* by a panel of three judges. These judges also choose the court. The Queen has many duties and activities to participate in throughout the year.



Queen Neelah LV, Christy VanFossen, is crowned at the Coronation Ceremony held at Memorial Hall on October 22, 1996. Christy's talent was a ballet performed to Yanni, "Before I Go."

Neelah candidates, left, march down Penn Avenue during the Doo Dah Parade on October 24, 1996. Many of the candidates participate in the Neewollah activities following the Talent and Coronation programs.





*This is the final year in a major part of a Seniors' life. Everything changes in May. No more cafeteria food, crowded halls, or ringing bells. This year marks a beginning and a successful end of life as we knew it. Some will now venture away to college and begin a new life. Some will stay. No matter what happens we will all hope to have a prosperous future..*

*As a class, we have accomplished many goals. Remember the Eighth grade campout. When we won the spirit stick for the first time as Juniors. When we all gathered together to protest the end to a tradition of Senior's priority seating in the auditorium. All of these events have affected our lives and the one's who will come after us.*

*We have endured hard times, good times, changes, our Junior Prom, and Senior English class. We came together in the sixth grade and from Mr. Milner to Mrs. Brookshier, we have left our legacy.*

*Some friends will stay in touch for the rest of their lives, but others will lose touch. No matter what happens we will all carry the memories for the rest of our lives. We are the Independence High School .Class of '97.*



**Robert Adolph**



**Mark Affolter**



**Joshua Bailey**



**Nick Baker**



**Justin Bays**



**Jason Beiter**



**Crystal Belt**



**Jennifer Bennett**



**Lacie Berry**



**Kari Billingsley**



**Katie Blakemore**



**Crystal Bockover**





*Brook Bodwell*



*Brian Bosse*



*Keli Brashar*



*Sonja Brentano*



*Jared Britt*



*Niki Browning*



*Wendy Bryan*



*Brandy Buchanan*



*Jinny Burdett*



*Ronald Burke*



*Sarah Caflisch*



*Shaun Carter*



*Annette Cessna*



*Jamie Cook*



*Desirea Council*



*Jennifer Council*

**7 SENIORS**





*Samuel Blackard*



*Mark Denney*



*Erin Dennis*



*Peter Edwards*



*Melissa Ellis*



*Jonathan Fairbank*



*Gina Fienen*



*Robert Gilfillan*



*Summer Goodman*



*Alicia Grabham*



*Joshua Grayson*



*Rebecca Gress*



*Carrie Grossman*



*Shaun Hampton*



*Christina Harris*



*Jami Harris*

8 SENIORS





*Jamie Harrod*



*Scott Hill*



*Quentin Hoffman*



*Peter Kaufmann*



*Christine Kelly*



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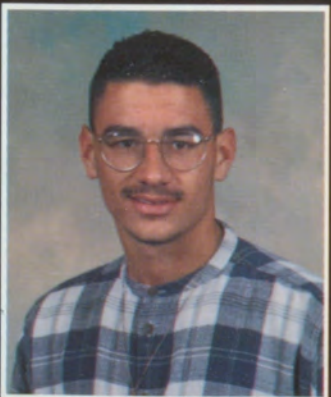
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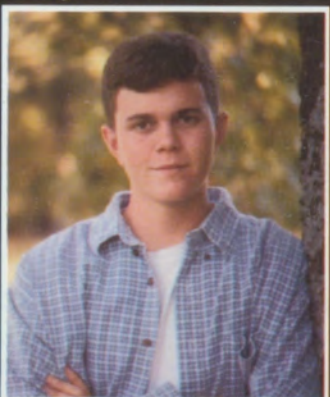
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*Mark Messenger*



*Jason Metzger*

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*Stephen Mills*



*Melissa Morris*



*Corrine Morse*



*Stormy Munkers*



*Shawn Oliver*



*Kavita Patel*



*Michelle Payden*



*Matt Peltzer*



*Brian Price*



*Jason Reddick*



*Scott Reeves*



*Chad Reichenberger*



*Melissa Reynolds*



*Michelle Robertson*



*Dustin Ross*

10 SENIORS





*Carrie Shire*



*Christopher Short*



*Jennifer Smith*



*Graham Sikes*



*Douglas Songer*



*Matthew Spencer*



*Tammy Stephenson*



*Carrie Stockton*



*Sarah Stockton*



*Heather Tate*



*April Thompson*



*Jozee Thompson*



*Kristie Triebel*



*Kari Trollope*



*Christopher Tucker*



*Tinisha Turner*





*Christy Van Fossen*



*Micheal Walker*



*Stephenie Washburn*



*Dayna Watson*



*Kelly Werner*



*Shondra White*



*David Wiley*



*Ryan Wittum*

*Not Pictured:*



*Tiffany Zemlock*



*Mary Whitson*

*Melisa Ballard  
Randy Banning  
Tavniah Betts  
Paulo Camozzato  
Dennis Catron  
Nathan Clark  
Heather Connely  
Tiffany Encinia  
Richard Fraley  
Halli Gann*

*Nicholas Gano  
Dan Gibson  
Justin Gray  
Dana Jensen  
Natalie Reed  
Timothy Simpson  
Stephen Smith  
Justin Thomsen  
Kenneth Vineyard  
Crystal Whitaker*

*The senior year is a time to reflect, enjoy, be impatient, complain, break rules, get caught, pay the consequences, and make memories to last a lifetime.*

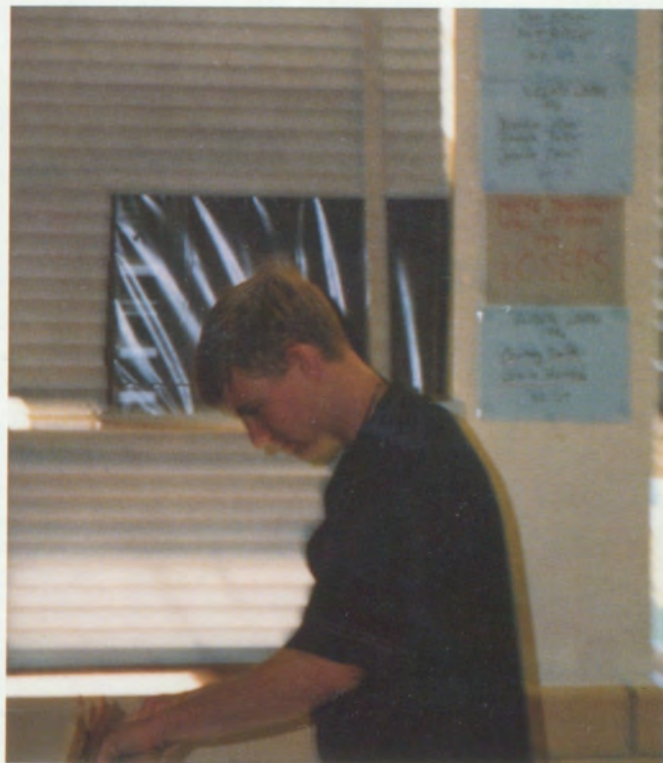
*The Class of '97 accomplished all of this and more. Athletically, the class experienced the heights and depths that come with this type of competition. Academically, the same story exists. From accomplishing very high test scores by some to carefully counting the number of credits for graduation for others.*

*When this class gathers together in ten years, those present will probably talk about how the seniors stood together and demonstrated how a reasoned, mature approach can be used to solve a problem. We have learned many things about life from IHS and from our classmates.*

*Congratulations Class of 1997 and continue to stand up for your beliefs.*

**12 SENIORS**





Jami King, senior, above left, works hard at a practice at Riverside Park. Jami went on with the hard work and participated in the state competition. The girls tennis team had an overall good year thanks to a hard working team and long hard practices

Dustin Ross, senior, above right, flips through a large amount of folders looking for a certain paper. After high school, Dustin plans to join the Marines. Dustin not only hopes to succeed in the Marines, but to also succeed in life after that time of hard work.

Dayna Watson, senior, left, studies hard as ever to accomplish her goals. As a senior, you think that it's your time to run the school, but actually it's just a time to work harder than you ever have before in your life so that you can get into a good college or trade school.



Right: Seniors Erin Dennis and Ryan Wittum help Andrew Lynn, junior, set up to begin work on their company project.

Many upperclassmen choose to take Junior Achievement. This class prepares them for college, especially those majoring in business.

Glodesic won best company. J.A. is taught by Mr. Coder. Junior Achievement is only offered for the first semester due to the inavailability of Mr. Coder's time.







Seniors Annie Cessna and Niki Browning, left, talk to the Jostens Representative about purchasing their Senior items, while Erin Dennis shows Mark Denny, also seniors, how to fill out his order form.

Bottom left: Shondra White, Crissy Belt, and Kelli Brashar socialize at a pep rally before Homecoming. The Pep Rally took place in the IHS north parking lot before our victory against Parsons. This was a very exciting game for us. We won.

Justin Thomsen, Senior, walks to class. Judging by the look on Justin's face he may be late for a class. Many students have improved on their tardies since the new tardy policy that started last year.



Stephen Smith, above, uses his books for a pillow in the foyer before he goes to class. Many Seniors take an optional college class at ICC, this sometimes gives or takes away from a Senior's time to lounge at IHS.

Peter Edwards, right, works diligently on a sewing project in Mrs. Staton's seventh hour class. Peter appears to be cutting his material from the pattern of his choice.







Seniors Heather Tate, Sarah Stockton, and Kelly Werner, left, work on an aerobic routine during seventh hour gym class.

Many seniors repeat classes such as gym for extra credits since many times they have already taken the elective classes of their choice.

Below, Senior Chad Reichenburger rests while he serves as TA for Mr. Rutter.



Above: Justin Bays, Senior, sits in the library thinking probably of all of his homework that is due next hour!



Matt Spencer escorts Kavita Patel, both seniors, for the homecoming assembly. Junior and Senior athletes are allowed to participate. King and queen are chosen by the student body. There are usually many choices for the king and queen, but only one lucky couple gets to be the royalty.



As *Seniors*, students have more freedoms. They are *Allowed* to take College Classes at ICC, the Senior girl athletes are eligible for Fall Homecoming, and they get *To* finally *Sit* in the front of the Auditorium. Seating privileges *In Front* the students feel are essential to tradition.





*During the 1996-97 school year, Independence High School students learned a lesson of life that will remain for the rest on their lives.*

*On Jan. 31, 1997, four Independence High School students were in a car accident which resulted in the deaths of two of the students.*

*Zach Fienen, junior, died Feb. 1, of injuries as a result of the accident and Missy Reynolds, senior, passed away on Feb. 4, also as a result of the injuries.*

*The school officials reacted immediately to the tragedy by opening the building for students needing support and comfort and by bringing additional counselors to help the friends and acquaintances deal with the grief.*

*Most of the school's students and faculty wore white ribbons during the succeeding days. These ribbons were intended to give the message, "Keep Our Children Safe" and to provide a constant remembrance of the two students who lost their lives.*

*Missy and Zach, we will always miss you.*



**Zach Fienen**  
**October 5, 1979 - February 1, 1997**



**Melissa Reynolds**  
**June 12, 1979 - February 4, 1997**







***AUTOGRAPHS***



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Since Dillons Store opened last fall it has become a constant for the Independence High School student. The store offers employment opportunities for many students but it offers more important interest areas. These include the ever-current video department, photo developing shop, the floral department, the deli, the Chinese kitchen and the bakery.

# DILLONS STORE







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Caleb Adams



Alyson Addington



Matthew Aemisegger



James Allen



Crystal Bailey



Kimberly Bailey



Destiny Baker



Miranda Bateson



Andrew Bertie



Jenny Boorigie



Tiffany Brown



Cynthia Bruce



Andrew Burton



Melissa Calderon



Lynn Carradine



Amanda Chapman



Latisha Cherry



Jennifer Chism



Gregory Chubb



Jeanne Clark



Jennifer Clark



Shannon Clark



Criss Clay



Joey Corle



Chris Confer



Clemeshia Cooper



Christopher Crow



Nick Dailey



Ron Cooper



Jason Coltharp

22 JUNIORS





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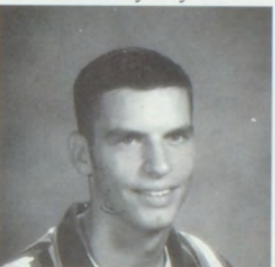
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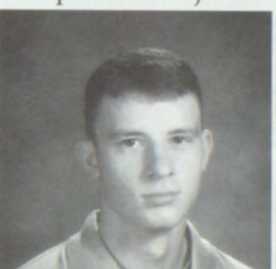
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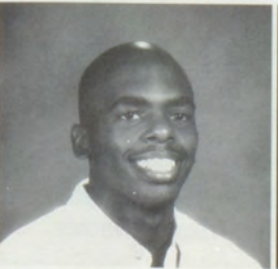
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Tiffany Holt



Brittney Holum



Stacy Hoose



Tonya Howland



Brandon Hunt



Sharrie Hutchinson



Carla Jacobs



Jared Jefferson



Candy Jensen



Jeremiah Johnson



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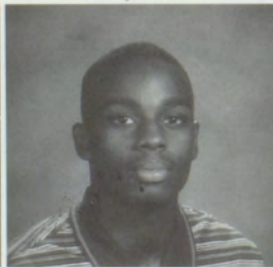
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Joshua McClain



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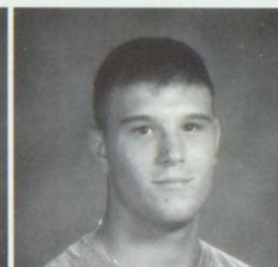
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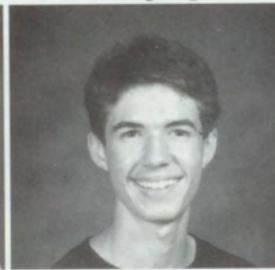
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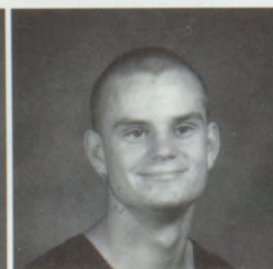
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Jeffrey White



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Joshua Whiting



Robert Whitson



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Jessica Wilsey



Diane Woods



Emily Ysusi

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Dawn Byrd

Jesse Cox

Kevin Havener

Lisa Holt

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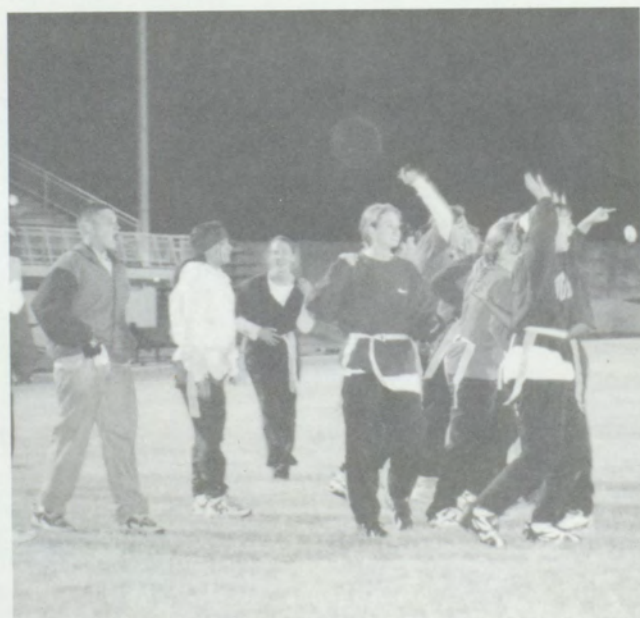
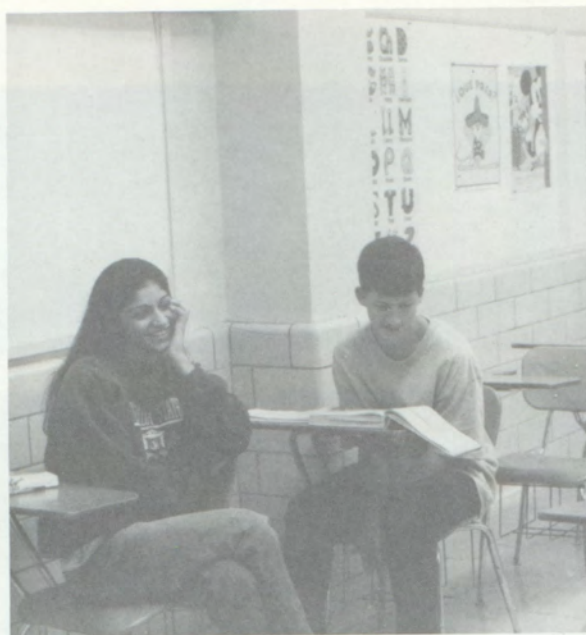
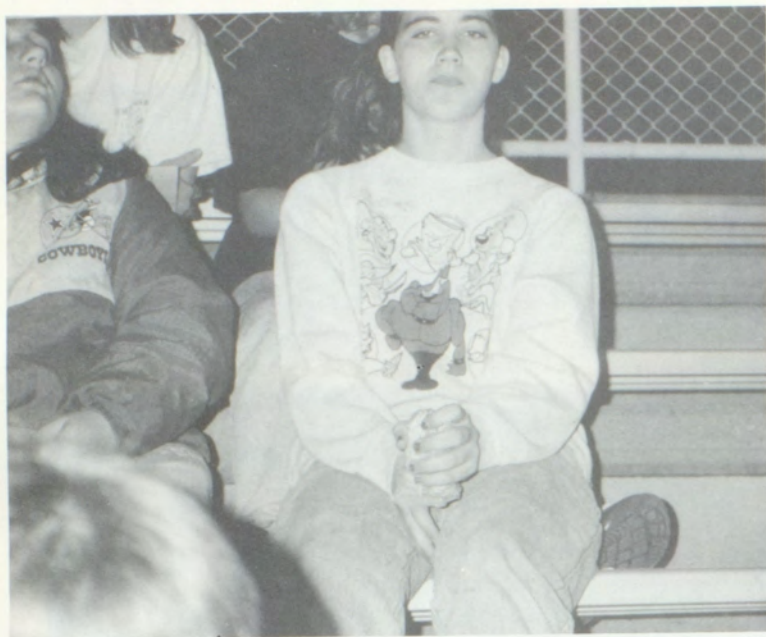
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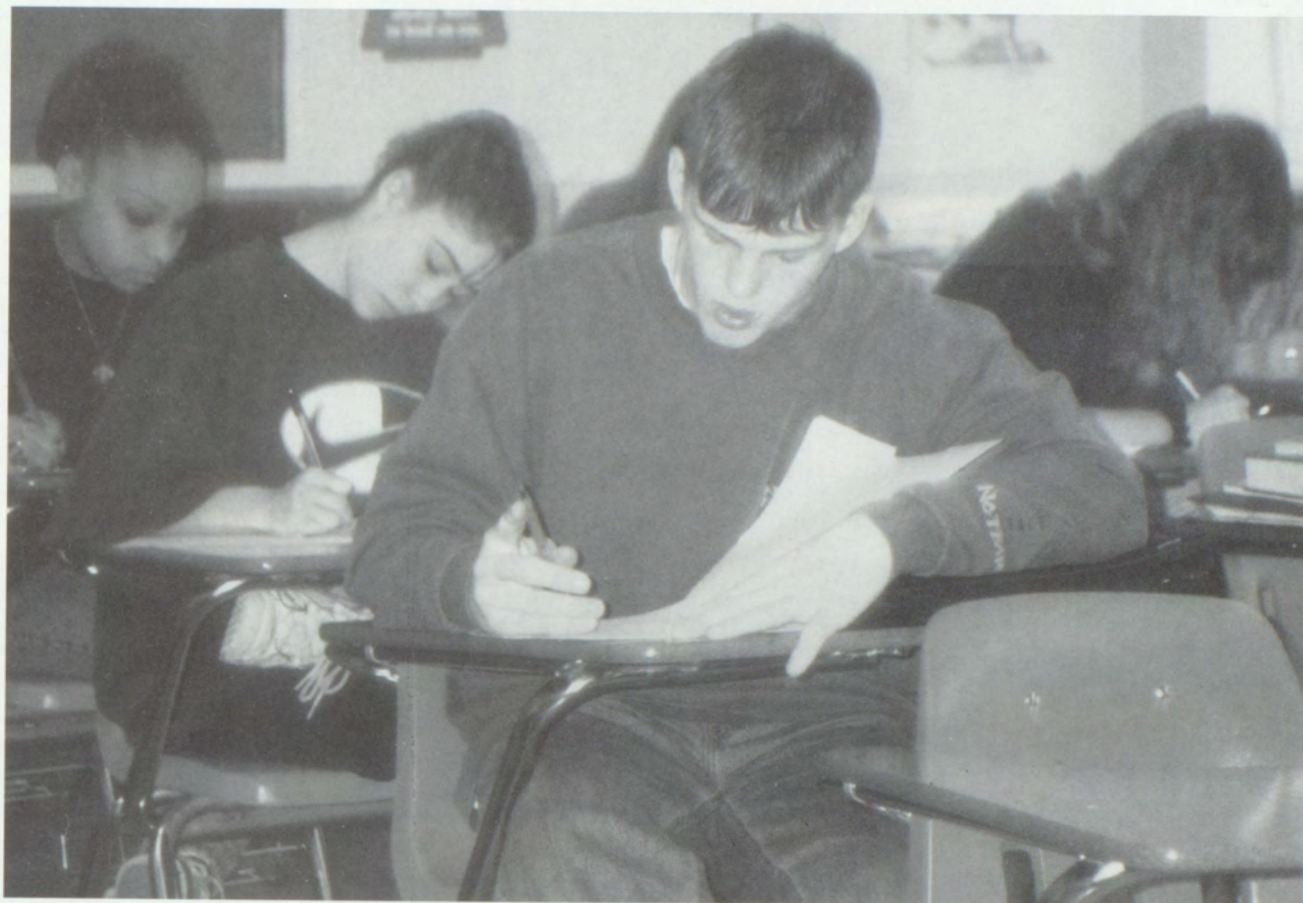


Left: Emily Ysusi and Amanda Chapman are showing good study habits as juniors. Since the junior year is almost over they need to take classes which may prepare them for college and both girls decided that Spanish III, which is a weighted class taught by Mr. Shire, would be a good class. The Kansas Board of Regents recommends a certain curriculum for successful admission to the regents' schools. However, for the current eighth graders, these course will be required for immediate admission to the university. However, with certain test scores, or attendance at a junior college, admission will be granted. Foreign language, math, science, English, social studies are all part of the recommended classes. Independence High School has a record of successfully completion of these classes by the students who graduate. Also, most of the students transferring achieve success.









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Latoya Allen



Tyree Allen



Walter Amick



Sean Anderson



Denise Anger



Arianna Auxter



Ryan Baldassaro



Haley Barker



Andy Banard



T.J. Barnhart



Matt Baxter



Charles Beck



Jennifer Berry



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Nathaniel Collins



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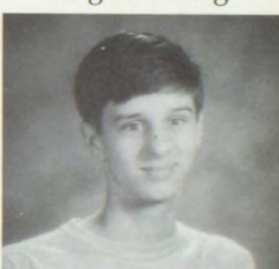
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Adam Harris





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Tricia Hearne



Megan Hendersor



Cody Hensley



Sheba Hoenshell



Dustin Hogan



Matthew Howe



Megan Hull



Tashonda Irving



Brent Jabben



Drew James



Jennifer Jewers



Natasha Johanson



Kari Jordan



Erich Kaiser



Tony Kaufmann



Sarah Kersey



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Kara Kimble



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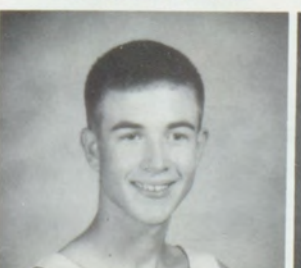
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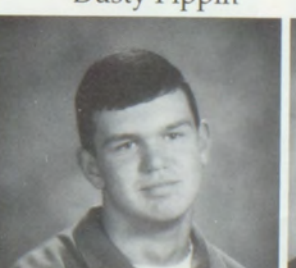
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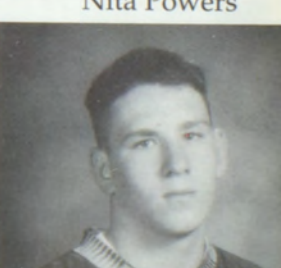
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Randy Webb

Roger Boland  
Robert Gay  
Bret Leyda  
Clint Roulston  
Elisabeth Vaughn

Amanda Catron  
Antoinette Grimmett  
Shannon Nauman  
Melissa Tackett  
Schylur Vincent



Sophomores Mitzi Martin, Kathren Busenburg, and Jennifer Berry laugh it up while enjoying their lunch hour at IHS.

Right: Alysha Greer, Sophomore, reads the daily bulletin in Mrs. Browning's English Class. English is required for graduation.







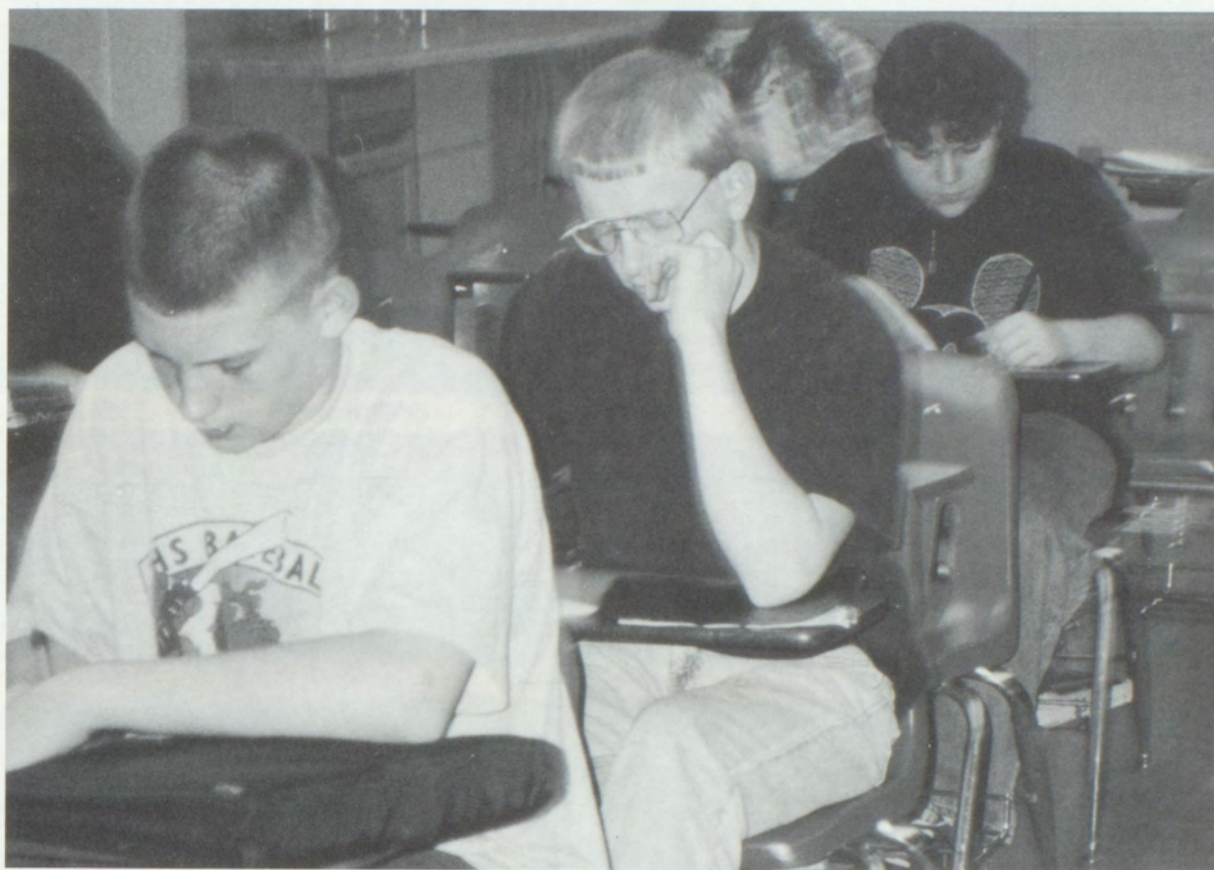
*Thompson's bike and Sport Shop continues to expand its inventory and the appeal to the high school students as well as the faculty. Featuring the best of the mountain, cross country, and general use bicycles, the shop also sells all the necessary equipment and supplies for the series and casual biker. Not only are bikes a consideration, but the shop also sells sports related clothing, college insignia clothing, and a variety of sports equipment. However, the chief selling point for the bike and sport shop would be the personal attention given by the owners and sales people. Thompson's specializes in small orders or special orders for the individual customer. Also, the shop makes trophies for all sorts of special occasions and continues to sell a large number of special order t-shirts. In addition Thompson*

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Courtney Adam



Sarah Allen



Shannon Allen



Brandon Bailey



Tabatha Beals



Tia Beals



Sara Beckham



Jessica Belt



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Tasha Birde



Ashley Blex



Adam Boles



Marsha Bolin



Nathan Bolin



Misty Boorigie



Stephanie Bowen



Kattie Bredehoft



Virginia Brewer



Crystal Britton



Sherman Brown



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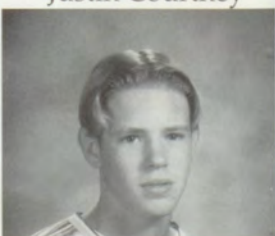
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Liane Eisenbart



Stephanie Ellis



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Allison Fairbank



Matthew Farris



Nick Fay-Loughridge



Chad Fienen



Michael Fienen



Christina Fleischer



Robert Foged



Beth Follmer



Danika Foster



Detreck Foster



Emily Friend



Sarah Friend



Jill Friesen



Jennie Froebe



Gregory Furr



Jeffrey Gettler



Clyde Gibbs



Erica Gidney



Ashley Gillespie



Teresa Goodman



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Mindy Grabham



Christopher Gruber





Jennifer Hale



Amy Haley



Marcus Hamilton



Sara Hammer



Julie Harper



DeCarolos Haynes



Justin Henderson



Mary Henderson



Lacy Hills



James Hinman



Ray Hise



Ryan Hixon



Justin Hodges



Clifford Hogan



David Hogan



Callie Halloway



Amanda Holmes



Levi Holt



Matthew Holum



Jeremy Hoshor



Latisha Hughes



Patrick Jewers



Aaron Johnson



Amanda Johnson



Brittney Johnson



Joni Johnson



Stephanie Jones



Laura Kaiser



Kristen Kelley



Amy Kemp



Stacie Kemp



Matthew Kent



Kaci Laird



Michelle Landsaw



Theron Landwehr





Rosanna Leë



Joseph Leon



Brian Liming



Jason Linder



Raymond Lockett



Sarah Long



Victoria Lowdon



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Jessica Mayes



Shane McCallie



Keven McCaskill



Ashlee McCoy



Angela McDaniel



Nikki McKellips



Scott McMillin



Joshua Meadows



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Mary Pray



Anthony Ramirez



Jennifer Ramsey



Craig Rash



Jeremie Reid



Melanie Ross



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Beau Schultz



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Ross Sewell



Jamie Shaw



Holly Shawver



Kevin Shepherd



Hilliary Sherwood



Curtis Shields



Nathan Shire



Todd Schrader



Levi Shuster



Jeremey Simmons



Jonathan Smith



Terra Smith



Ted Solis



Sylvia Soule



Candace Sprague



Kendra Sullivan



Michael Sutton



Laura Swearingen



Stephen Swenson



Brianna Swisher



Christi Tackett



Michelle Thompson



Mindy Thompson





Holly Thompsen



Shannon Tierney



David Toomey



Alan Tucker



Crystal Tucker



Cody Uttinger



Mark Van Dyne



Danny Van Kirk



Sally Van Winkle



Elisabeth Vaughn



Jonathan Venable



Amanda Vestal



Daniel Walker



Derrick Walls



Bryan Warner



Jimmy Waters



Amy Watson



Rosalyn Watts



Johnnie Webb



Anthony Whitfield



Lindsay Wilkin



Samuel Williams



Nicholas Wilsey



Kasey Wilson



Michelle Wilson



Stephanie Wilson



Racheal Wohlford



Kent Woods



Nathan Soltice

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 Amie Bradley  
 Kenneth Benson  
 Travis Brittion  
 Brandi Budd  
 Eric Budd  
 James Clark  
 Nichole Cleve  
 Aaron Crozzer  
 Derrick Darkis  
 Derek Denton  
 Colette Dunn  
 Jessica Fraley

Gary Franklin  
 Kevin Golden  
 Rockus Gonzales  
 Keith Hadley  
 Joshua Hayes  
 Rebecca Larsen  
 Michele Line  
 Demond Lockett  
 Kimberly Martin  
 Adam Mathews  
 Dustin Meyer  
 Jessica Musgrove  
 D'Londrea Pouncil

Jason Reddy  
 Micah Rowe  
 Larry Schenk  
 Denver Shannon  
 Amanda Smith  
 Christopher Stewart  
 John Strange  
 Brad Thibeault  
 Gary Van Gilder  
 DeeDee Wallace  
 Robert Wright  
 Samantha Young









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Joanne Brookshire  
Principal



Theresa Barnhart  
ALC



Donna Browning  
English



Glenna Burden  
Social Sciences



Scott Capes  
Science



Joyce Cauthon  
English



Mark Coder  
Social Studies



Waneta Cox  
Special Education



Kelly Cranor  
Science



Sherry Cunningham  
Library



Ray Emmot  
Social Studies



Bill Ferguson  
Social Studies



Mikel Gainer  
Counselor



Mary Hansen  
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Stella Hastings  
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Mark Hayward  
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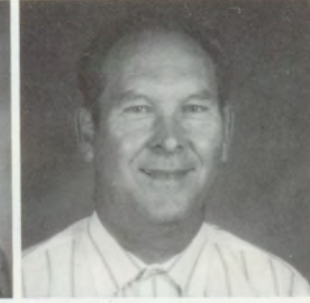
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Career Coordinator



Jim Hogan  
Industrial Arts



Larry Hollandsworth  
Special Education



Richard Hoose  
Math



Lewis Hoyt  
Orchestra



Betty Hybarger  
Study Hall



Doug Lee  
Athletic Director  
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Jean Lundt  
Math



Lance Lusk  
Business Computers





Mary Mani  
English



Gloria McCray  
Language



Lina Miller  
Language



Mike Nelson  
Social Sciences



Jim Papan  
Counselor



Emily Pearson  
Math



Gloria Price  
Special Education



Kelly Regehr  
Business Computers



Jim Runge  
Vice-Principal



Larry Rutter  
Science



Jan Allison  
Clinic Supervisor



Thorton Shelton  
Science



Lea Shepard  
Language Arts



Rocky Shire  
Language



Don Simmons  
Physical Education



Linda Spencer  
English



Kristi Speicher  
Physical Education



Sherry Staton  
Home Economics



Jan Taylor  
Home Economics



Bob Tincher  
Computer Specialist



David Torbett  
English



Rachel Torbett  
English



Linda Tweedy  
Special Education



Beverly Willis  
Math



Racheal Worthington  
Art

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**CAUGHT** teaching in the  
halls of **IN**dependence High School,  
the faculty of **THE** school. The  
**ACT**ion occurs in every room  
practically every hour. Teachers are  
here to help, instruct, lead, and inspire  
the students. Sometimes it works,  
sometimes it doesn't.

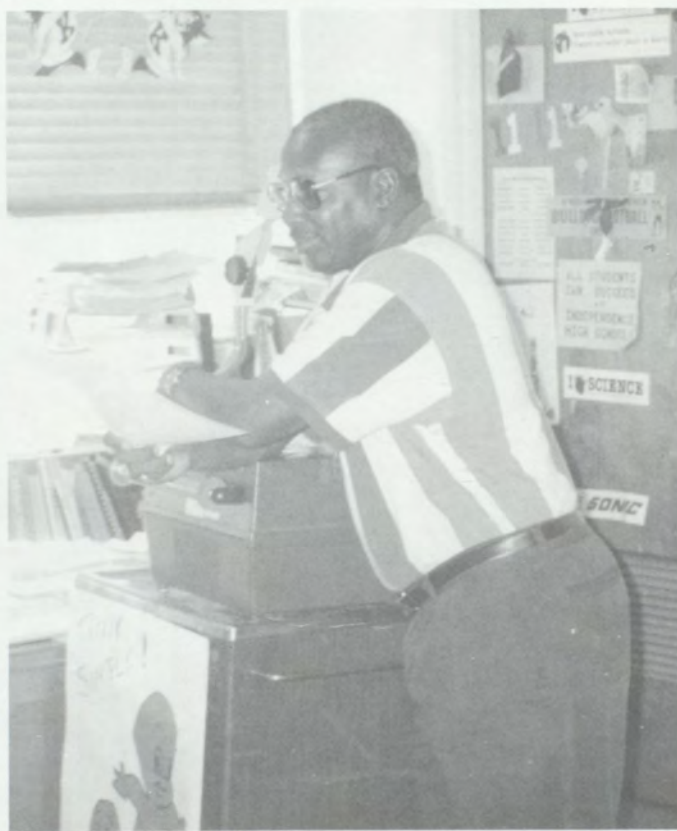


Mr. Trouskie, pictured above, explains one of the elements of jewelry making to Cody Uttinger, freshman. Many freshman take at least one class from the seven hundred building to help lighten their load. Most people would say that Mr. Trouskie knows everything about ceramics and jewelry, but it looks like he is a professional at the Marcerana.



Above: Mrs. Price assists Aaron Johnson and Clyde Gibbs in a cooking project in the sewing room. Mrs. Price is also in charge of the preparation of the Otis Spunkmire cookies sold during break.

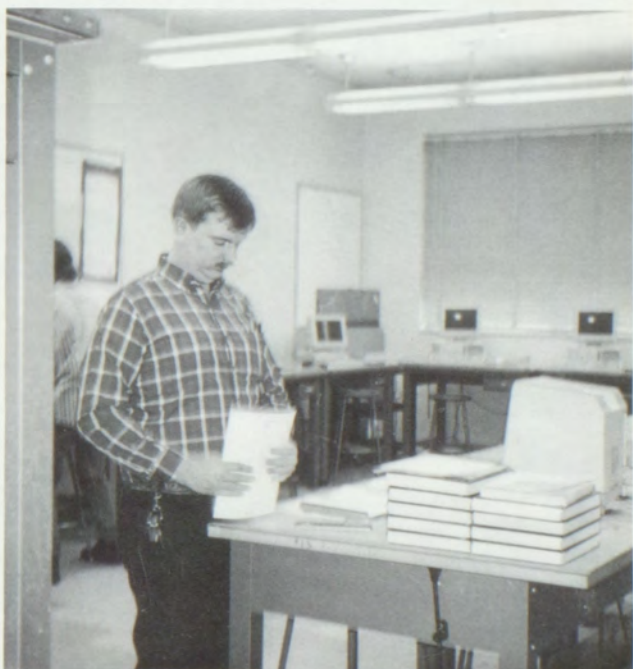
Below: Mr. Hoose steadily grades math papers during his planning period.



Above: Mr. Shelton quizzes his class on the internal anatomy of the earthworm. Mr. Shelton teaches several science classes. Some of those classes are Advanced Placement Biology, Biology, and Applied Biology. Many teachers teach several different classes which gives a greater selection of courses to the students of the high school.

Mr. Rutter also teaches biology and in addition he also teaches the Botany Zoology class, which has been trying to complete the building of a greenhouse since last spring. The greenhouse is a project that the students decided they wanted to do.







*Students* do things such as hanging out with their friends or chillin' at home. A large majority of the students have part time jobs so they usually *Spend* the weekends with their friends. Yet most students spend part of their free *Time* at Pep Rallies and other school related activities. No matter what the students are doing they are found *With* their *Friends*.



Steven Haines and Mark Stevens, pictured above, walk down Penn street during the Neewollah festivities. Many students attend the celebration before Halloween. Penn street is the popular meeting place for lunch during this week. Not only do the students spend their lunch period down town, they also spend much of the evening there.



Kari Trollope, Melissa Morris, and Marci Gray, above, lead the students in a cheer at the Homecoming Pep-Rally.

Pictured below students line up to form a human chain to show support for the football team before the Homecoming game. The chain was supposed to stretch from the high school parking lot to the stadium, but the chain did not make it all of the way.



Jessica Tyler, pictured above, takes time to get a snack at the vending machines in the three-hundred hall. In the foyer there is another set of vending machines for the students to get a quick bite to eat. These are popular places during break and open lunch.



Seniors Justin Bays and Scott Hill, pictured below, spend their free hour in the foyer. Many seniors take classes from the college so they can get a head start on their college credits and also to fill their schedules. On the days that their college class does not meet they are often found in the foyer catching up on the homework or just trying to waste an hour of the day. Many seniors take advantage of this quiet time away from the underclassmen. It isn't very often that the Seniors get a chance to just sit and relax or work on other assignments during the school day.



Pictured to the left; Erin Dennis and Summer Goodman appears to be intensely working on their homework assignments in the auditorium. The auditorium is a good place to get work done because it is seldom used during the day and is just as quiet as the library if not quieter. However, it can be seen the lighting in the auditorium is not very good.



Sophomore, Amy Moore, pictured above, jokes around in the cafeteria during the lunch hour with her mask. It appears as though she is doing it for a practical joke to a friend. The cafeteria is a popular place to joke around during lunch break and before school. Amy seems to fit right in, in the joking around department.



Pictured to the left: Mr Runge helps junior, Doris Smith on an assignment in the foyer during the day while Doris enjoys her Chex Mix. The foyer is a popular place for students to retreat to get away from the classroom to study.

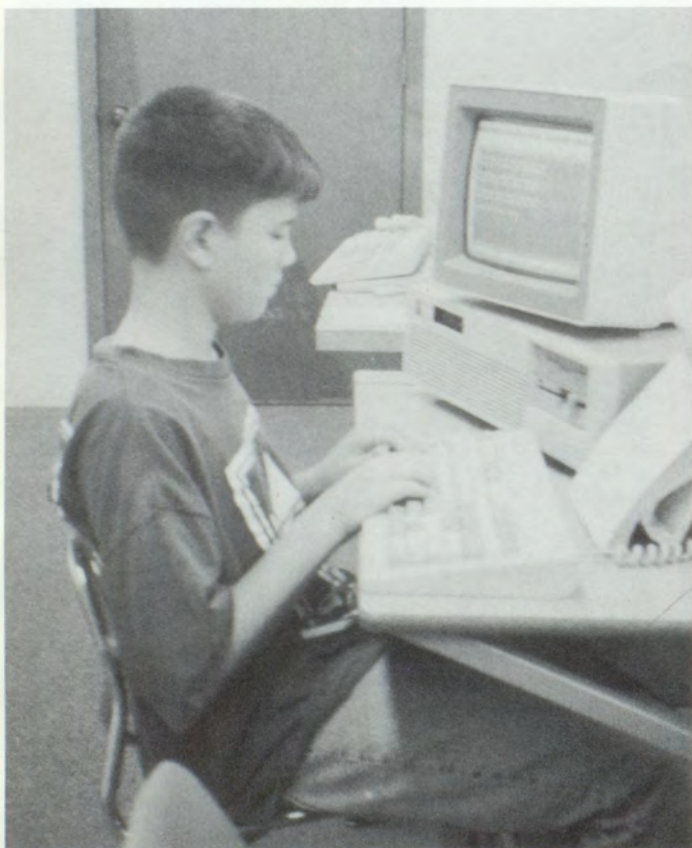


***Students*** have a lot of things on their minds today. They're not sure about where they will go to college, how to do their homework, or what to ***Have*** for lunch! All of these questions will be answered in the ***Fu-***  
***ture***, possibly at home, but most of these decisions will be made ***In*** the ***Class-***  
***room***. School is for many part of their social ***Lives***.

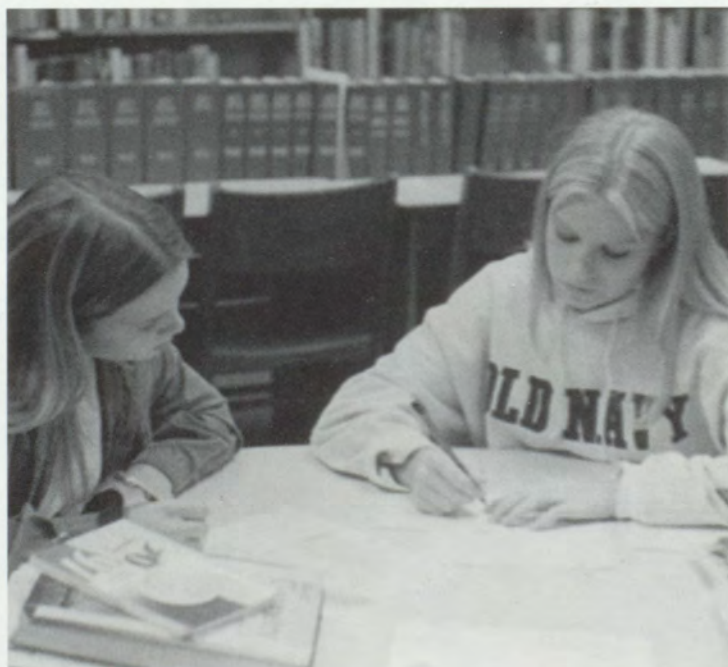


Above: Tiffany Zemlock, Senior at Independence High School, listens to what seems to be a humorous discussion in her class.

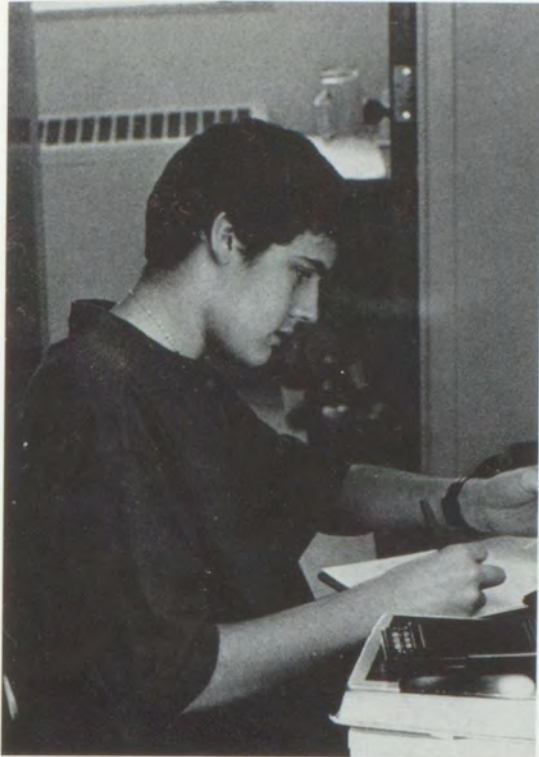
Below: Ashley Bryan and Lindsey Wilkin, freshmen, seem to be enjoying their first year of high school, while working on a research project for one of their teachers. Even though freshmen don't get an open lunch period, they still enjoy their first year here.



Above: Brian Warner, freshman, seems to be self-controlled while typing his warm-ups during keyboarding class. Even though freshmen don't have a lot of choices on their elective classes, they still are allowed to participate in keyboarding classes that are taught by either Ms. Regher or Mr. Lusk. As sophomores, they will learn that they have a wider selection of classes available.

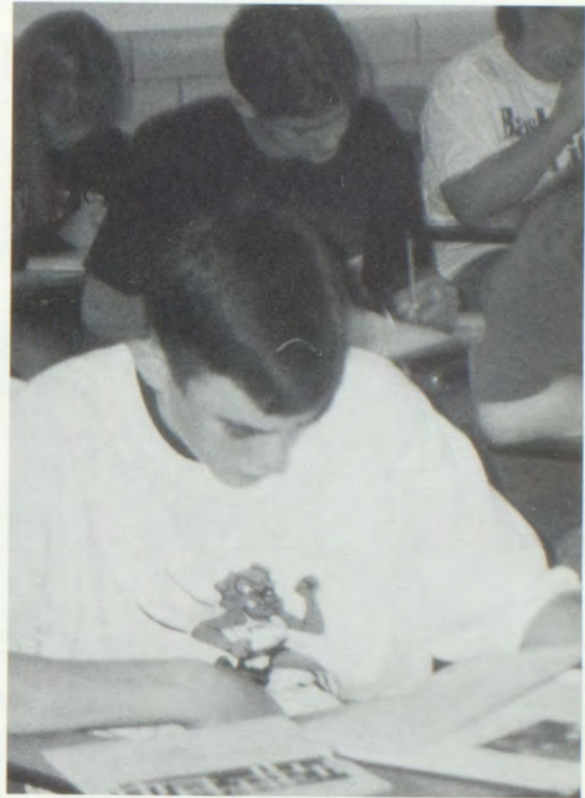






Left: Robert Gilfillan, a senior at Independence High School, is posting attendance for the office officials. Some students get the chance to be an office assistant. The assistants pick up and post the attendance slips, and run errands.

Right: David Hogan, a freshman, works on his crossword puzzle during Civics class. Civics is a class that teaches on the basis of the laws and the government. The class, taught by Mr. Nelson, is a required class by the Kansas State Board of Education. The hopes are to help students learn more about our government today so that they will be well educated citizens in the future.



Left: Michelle Uitts, sophomore at Independence High School, listens closely and hangs on to every last word that comes out of Mrs. Thompson's mouth during sexuality class. Every student is now required to take sexuality class as a sophomore. Every student in this class is also expected to care for and watch an electronic life-size baby closely. Inside these babies are lights which light up when the baby is harmed or abused. This light can and will lower your grade for this project. Many students and classmates can't help themselves but to mess and bother with another's young one. If another person besides yourself harms the baby and gets an abuse light, most of the time it will not count against the babies keepers. As students grow up, they think it would be cool to have a baby as a teenager, but after they get their turn with the baby, many change their minds.

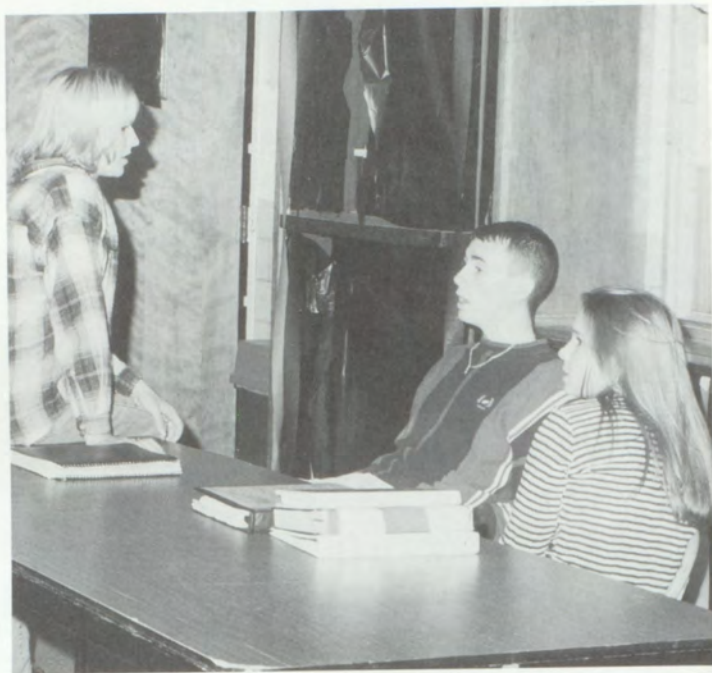


Left: Stacie Kemp and Ashley Blex, freshmen, both are separating different foods for one of the many cooking classes available to students. These students learn the basics of cooking in the classes.

Above: Crissy Belt and Nick Baker, seniors at Independence High School, discuss their notes together in Mrs. Spencer's senior English class.

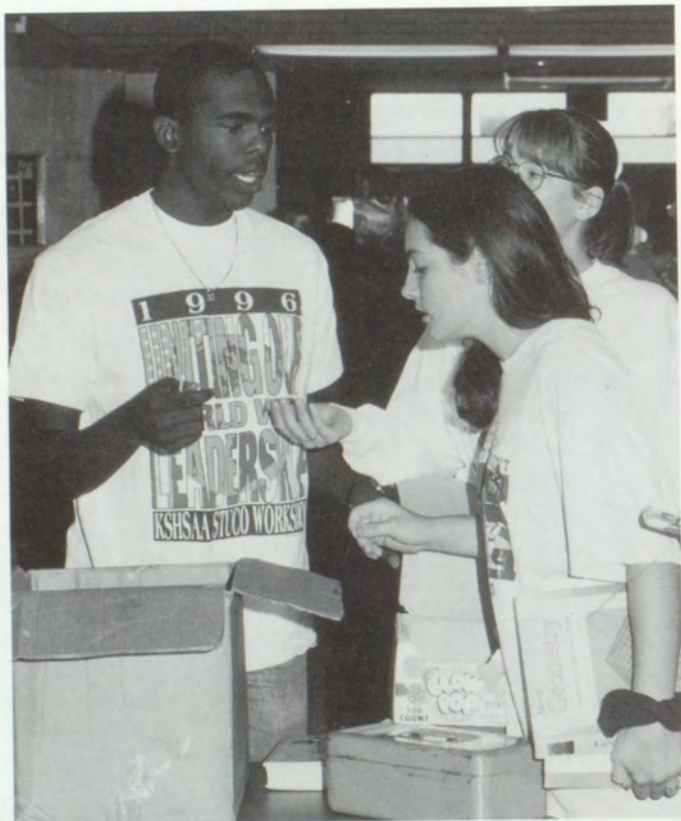


*Students* are learning to *Use* the tardy policy. The students have had since last year to adjust. Many use their *Hallway* time *To* socialize and to *Hang* with their friends. Most value this time to be *With* their *Buddies*. However, some students have constant problems with tardies. Detentions sometimes solve this problem..



Above: Chris Kelly, Scott Hill, and Wendy Bryan, seniors at Independence High School, sit down and take a breather from all their senior class work. Most people can't wait until their senior year, but it's a lot of work.

Below: Jan Wilson, junior, makes hilarious faces at a friend, as Jimmy Reynolds, junior, looks on during break. Many interesting things occur during break, including the sale of Otis Spunkmire cookies, a very popular item here at I.H.S.



Above: Tim Henderson, junior, stands in the foyer selling suckers to the students before school and during break. He is telling Jennifer Coder and Arie Auxter, sophomores, how much the suckers are. There have been quite a few fund-raisers this year to raise money for the student trips and activities due to the school districts budget crunch.

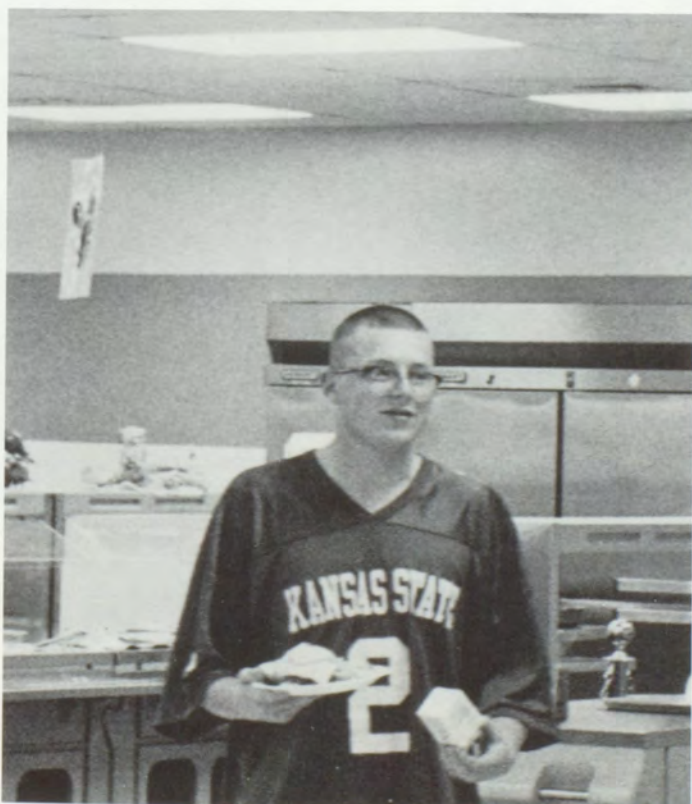




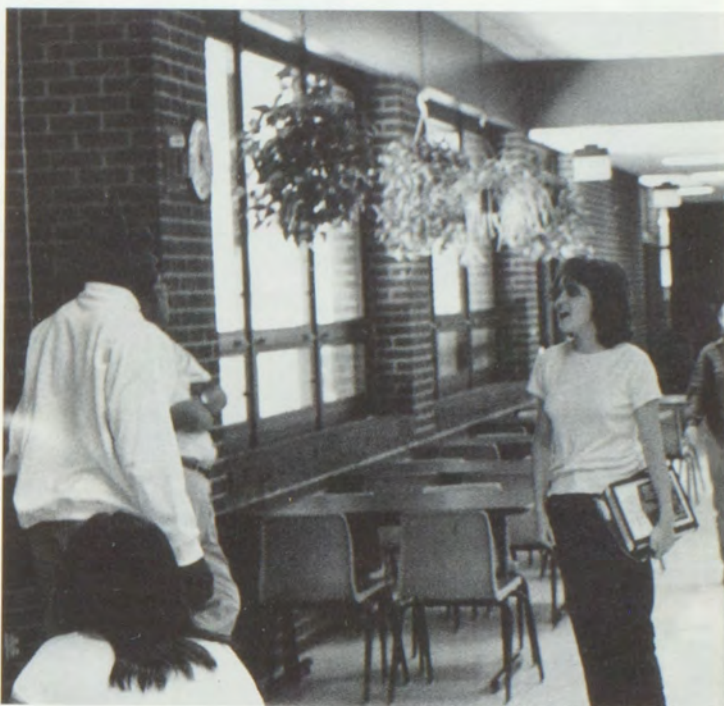


Above: Amanda Voth and Amanda Chapman, both juniors at Independence High School, enjoy their lunch period with each other in the school cafeteria. The ala carte line added a few new items such as frito-chili pie, and taco salad.

Below: Paul Powers, junior, walks to join his friends at the table where he usually sits. Some students go from their fourth hour class to the lunch room so that they can beat the crowd to all of the food. Some students enjoy the leisure of eating downtown.



Below: Erika Rassmussen, sophomore, talks to her friend Tim Henderson, junior, about what he is going to do today after school. Many people use their time during lunch to do a variety of things other than eat, such as cramming for a test, doing homework, going to meetings that occur during the lunch period, or just visiting with friends and classmates. Lunch is sacred to the students who go to lunch in downtown Independence. With the high school going into the block schedule form next year, many students are afraid that they will end up losing their open-lunch period.



*Lunch* time at IHS offers many different opportunities for students. In the school cafeteria a wide variety of foods are *Available* for consumption. These range from the ala carte line, to the usual menu offered *Through-*  
*out* the school district. IHS has one of the finest *Cafeteria* programs across the state and many schools visit our *Facility*.





-Jami Harris, senior, pictured above, decides to take a "nap" in the foyer. The foyer was decorated for halloween. Students put colored paper over the lights and decorations that reflected the holiday. Halloween is an exciting time for the students of IHS.

Senior Jinny Burdett, left, gets a drink from the water fountain outside the cafeteria. Jinny is active in cheerleading and choir, both which require lots of water!

Pictured below, Mr. Cranor and Susan Maycock demonstrate how to put on radiation suits used at Wolf Creek in Burlington to the freshmen science classes. 1996-1997 was Mr. Cranor's second year of teaching at IHS. He teaches General Science to the freshmen. It is a semester class and essential for graduation. Freshmen are required to take Earth Science also which is a semester class required for graduation.

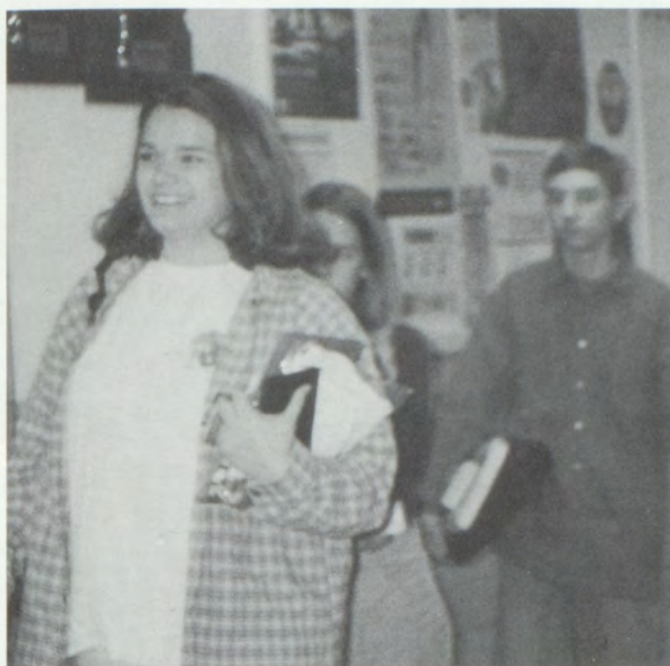


Shaun Moreau, above, helps out with preparation for the Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies that are sold in the foyer during break. These cookies are very popular among the students. They cost a dollar for three or thirty-five cents each. There are many different flavors. The special education classes with the help of Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Price prepare the cookies for sale.



**Students** learn many things while attending IHS. They **Learn** math, science, gym, and the price of cookies. However the most valuable of these, are **Lessons** that are learned from themselves, their peers, and their teachers.

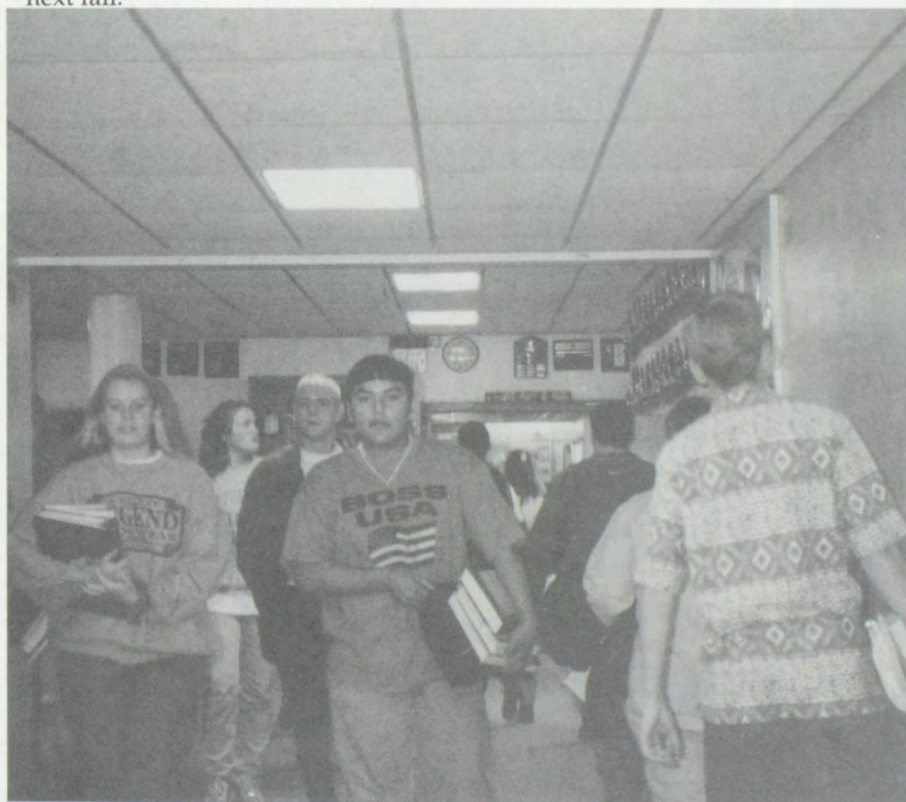




Senior Kelly Werner, Above, smiles as she walks to her next class. Many students gather in the halls between classes to talk to friends. Kelly has been active in student government, orchestra, Neewollah, choir, volleyball and S.F.C. Early in her high school career, she also played basketball. She plans to attend Kansas State University next fall.



Above: Junior Emily Ysusi and Sophomore Misty Boorogie work on homework in the hallway. This location, T-junction in the 200 hall restroom is usually busy during the day with students either visiting or working on classroom activities. Students are discouraged from sitting in the halls but sometimes it's the only place.



Senior John Fairbank and Juniors Favian Hernandez and Jennifer Chism, Above, walk to their next class. Students only have four minutes between classes.

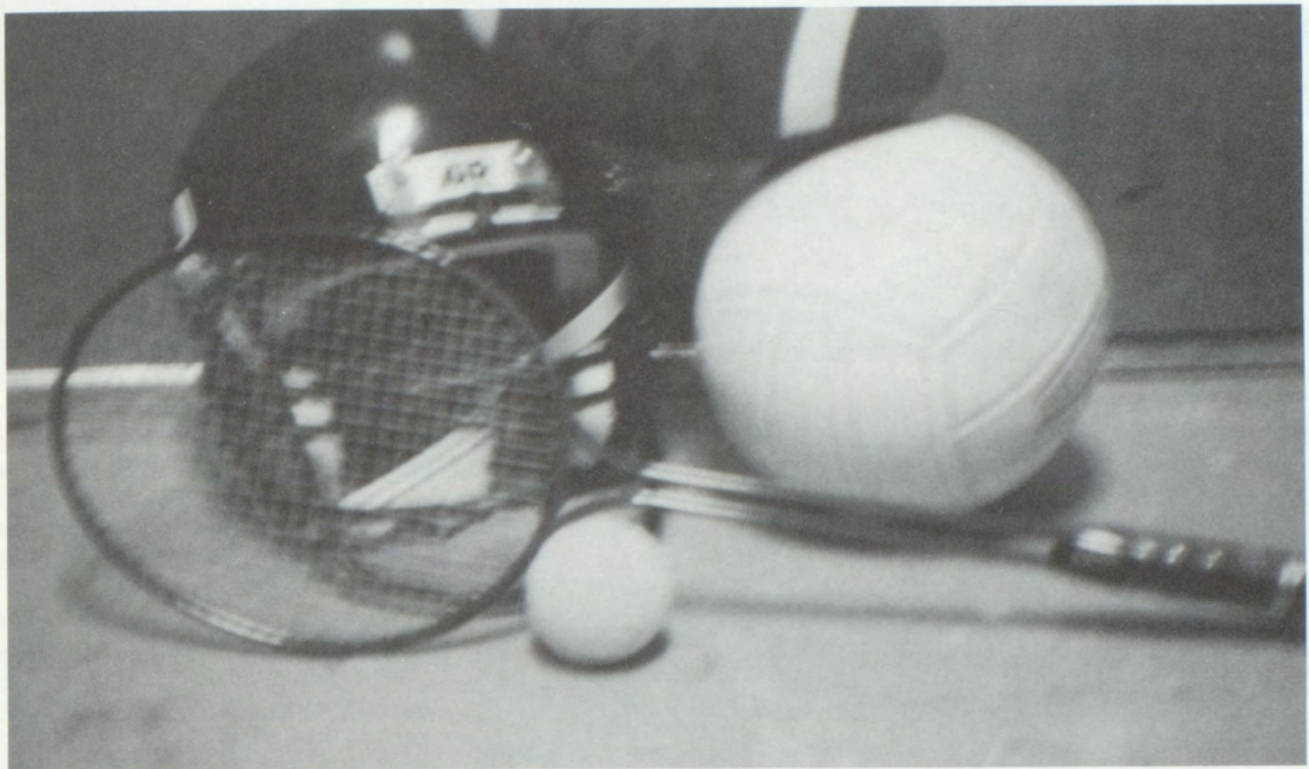


Seniors Scott Hill and Tim Simpson, Above look in on first hour orchestra practice in the auditorium. Seniors often have an opportunity to be in the foyer during this period due to college classes and how the seniors know how to get out of classes.









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Front row: Rob Herrmann, Levi Meadows, Eric White, Joe Van Pelt, Frank King, Brian Denney, Matt Howe, Raymond Lockett, Jeremy Simmons, Luke Emmot, Aaron Heckman, Jed Newkirk, Blake Boyer. Middle row: Brian Mitchell, Mark Stevens, Josh McClain, Stormy Munkirs, Jozee Thompson, Graham Sikes, Peter Edwards, Mark Denney, Iassce Lawrie, Matt Spencer, Ron Burke, Richard Martinez, Justin Bays, Brian Bosse, Paul Powers. Back row: Jon Wilson, Michael Modich, Tyson Oakes, Chris Confer, Tim Reed, Ryan Baldassaro, Tim Henderson, Clement Kinnard, Jason Simpson, Kyle Lyons, Wayne Briggans, Chet Harlin, Zach Feinen, Nick McCollom, Marcus Bryant. Coaches: Lance Lusk, Scott Lambdin, Mark Hayward, Don Simmons, Dave Wasylyk, Jim Mosley.



Pictured Left, Iassce Lawrie, Wayne Briggans, Matt Spencer, Peter Edwards, and Clement Kinnard lead the 1996 Bulldog football team onto the field. This is a tradition here at the high school for fans, students, and band members to line up and cheer for the team as they enter the stadium.

Pictured below, team members celebrate after a win against Parsons. As all sports do, the Bulldog football team had a rebuilding season after losing many seniors off last year's squad. This year's squad was a young and relatively inexperienced team except for the juniors and returning seniors.

However, the underclassmen provided much hope for the future of the football team. As the season progressed, more and more of the younger players saw action on the varsity level and should be available to assist the team this year.



*Independence* High School  
*Football* team suffered a long season in 1996 as the team won only one game. After enjoying several seasons of success, a high graduation of personnel and the year was based upon *Rebuilding*. However, large number of underclassmen contributed to the team this year and the *Future* looks brighter. The *Program* continued to work through the season.





This year, like every other year, the football team chooses a recipient for two different awards: the most valuable player award and the Mark Tindle Most Inspirational Player award. The winners were:

MVP Award- Mark Denney and Iassce Lawrie

Mark Tindle Award- Mark Denney

At left, an Independence defensive player tackles a Fort Scott offensive ball carrier. The ball carrier was stopped short of a first down. Tim Henderson and Jason Simpson, both juniors, watch after the ball was ruled dead.

Pictured right, the Bulldog football team enters the stadium as loyal fans cheer them on. This has been a tradition of Independence High School football for a long time. As the Bulldogs run onto the field the IHS band plays Independence's Fight Song. The cheerleaders hold a banner for the players to run through as they tromp onto the field. Supporters of the Bulldog football team were as loyal as always this year despite the unfortunate season the team suffered.

Fans of all ages line up to greet the players and cheer them on throughout the game. The students usually stand on the northwest side of the field with the band. The pep band gets the students pumped up during the games.



Pictured left, an Independence receiver gets tackled by an opposing defender as the referee throws a penalty flag. The flag was thrown because of defensive pass interference. This infraction costs the defensive team fifteen yards. Pass interference is when the defender hits the receiver before the ball has been caught by the player. The programs that are handed out include inside are a list of penalties to help the fans understand what the referee is calling by the signals he gives. Many fans find this helpful when trying to comprehend the details of the game.

The Seniors were hoping for a better season with more points scored. However, during the year the team had trouble scoring during the first half of most games. The seniors however, had experienced two years of very successful competition prior to this year.

Every year Independence High School has many outstanding athletes selected for the S. E. K. league team. This is an elite group of high school players throughout this section of Kansas. The nominees are chosen by the team's coaches and then selected by voting of all of the Southeastern Kansas League coaches.

The recipients of this honor are as follows:

First team honors went to Mark Denney, Iassce Lawrie, and Jason Simpson. Aaron Heckman received second team all-league. Tim Henderson and Jeremy Simmons were selected to the honorable mention category.



Tim Henderson, a junior, gets tackled by a herd of Fort Scott players as other members of the team look on.





Ray Lockett, pictured left, is being wrapped up by an opposing Coffeyville defensive player. This year the Bulldogs had a very interesting year. The school had a tough year with winning. This year was a learning process for the freshmen in picking up the high school system. The freshmen play the games early in the evening and these games are followed by the junior varsity contests. The freshmen and junior varsity players attempt to work hard in order to impress the coaches and maybe try to increase the playing time at the next higher level. The coaching staff faced some late re-organization as Mr. Hendren resigned his teaching and coaching responsibilities late in the summer and the school administrators had to work hard to come up with an adequate coaching staff. The younger players are looking forward to the 1997-98 school year to return the Bulldogs to the winning tradition.

The junior varsity team, pictured right, lines up against the opposing team. On a football team the offensive and defensive lines set the tones for the game, if the line is being "lazy" on offense, the opposing team can easily get through to the quarterback or running back. If the defensive line is not working hard the opposition can get through the open field and may result in scoring a touchdown.



Pictured right, the junior varsity defensive line takes off in an attempt to catch the quarterback. The coaches spend time with the defensive players working on pursuit techniques. They also work on tackling techniques for once the pursuit is completed.

The JV offensive team, pictured left, blocks players from the opposing team while their running back runs down the field. Blocking is one of the most important skills in playing football. Without blocking it would be very difficult to score touchdowns. Touchdowns are critical for winning a football game. Blocking is practiced everyday by the line men, wide receivers, and quarterbacks.

*Junior Varsity* football is used as a teaching tool. The primary purposes are to **Work On** fundamentals and winning **Habits** to be carried over to the varsity level.







Front row left to right: Aaron Johnson, Brandon Bailey, Jason Linder, Jeremy Simmons, Ray Lockett, Chris Gruber, and Eric Sandon. Middle row: Nathan Shire, Travis Dunham, James Schwartz, Josh Calderon, Wayne Pearson, Joey Leon, Levi Shuster, and Justin Courtney. Back row: Ryan Hixon, Beau schultz, Nathan Soltice, Jason Courtney, Todd Shrader, Buddy Schneck, Gene Hogan, Brandon Cox, and Theron Landwehr.



Wayne Pearson, pictured right, gets tackled by a group of opposing players while Travis Durham looks on. The freshmen play most of their games in the early evening of late afternoon.

**Freshman** get a taste of real football. It is a different **Experience** than middle school. **High School Football** is a learning experience for them.

Chris Gruber, pictured left, runs from Coffeyville defensive players while Ray Lockett blocks for him. The freshmen class this year had quite a bit of talent, among them not only in football, but also in other activities available to them.

As a freshman football player, an athlete usually starts out in the summer with two practices a day for one week. This year the KSHAA has a rule that every five years the starting date for practices is moved forward one week. As a result football practice started the same week as classes did, therefore there were no two-a-day practices.

This was a disadvantage to the program this year because the team needs additional practices to condition and prepare for the tough season ahead. It is also a disadvantage for the coaches because they don't get sufficient time to build a winning team.

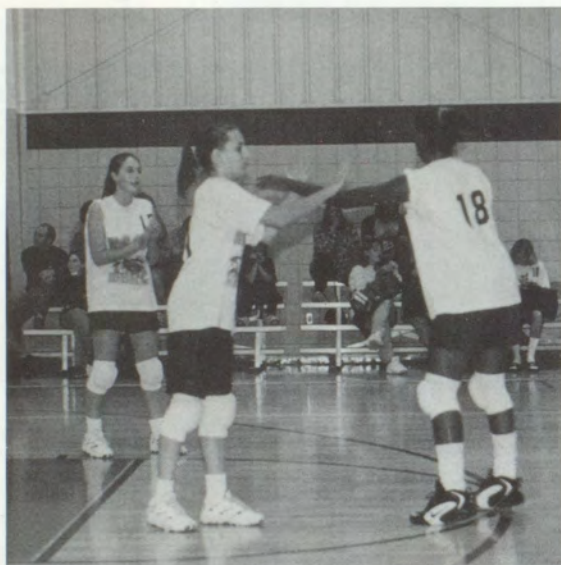






Junior Varsity

Front Row: Megan Sachewsky, Jennifer Berry, Abby Knisley, Amanda Chapman. Back Row: Mendi Clark, Shawna Harlin, Shonda Irving, Amory Tucker, Jenny Clark. The junior varsity team finds the competition tougher than the freshman schedule.



Don't go there! Megan Sackachewsky and Shonda Irving, are either discussing a play or they were giving each other a high five and missed. Throughout the volleyball season the girls not only play hard but they have fun not only at the games but as friends also. While in the background Amory Tucker is getting ready for another play. As we all know it's very important. With the skills the junior varsity build as a team, they are bound to do even better next year.

**Junior Varsity** Girls volleyball team had a succesful season this year. This is difficult to judge however, since they **Play** with a **Variety** of players and not as much emphasis on the program. The team usually plays at a different location and the practices are difficult since the junior varsity is usually running drills against the varsity. The team is usually composed **Of** sophomores and juniors who hope to move up to the varsity level that year or the next. Junior varsity **Teams** are as talented as the varsity.





Biology teacher Larry Rutter, above, spends some of his outside of school time being a line judge at the Freshman Volleyball games. Mr. Rutter appears to be bonding with the volleyball. This game was played at Losey Gym. Sometimes the games for freshman are played at the Ash Youth Center and sometimes the games are played in the Eisenhower gymnasium. Various faculty members all contribute to having the home matches. They serve as ticket takers, clock operators, score keepers, ticket seller, and sometimes in supervision capacity. Freshman volleyball is quite a transition from Middle School volleyball since the competition is more intense, the schedule longer and the practices are harder.

Freshman girls' volleyball team faces many challenges every year. One of the first challenges is these intense competition and pressure. The Middle School volleyball program places less emphasis on winning and more emphasis on participation. At the High School level, the competitive level is increased and occasionally a freshman is allowed to play on the varsity level.

The freshman come in before school starts for early practices and go through the process of two-a-day and also face the possibility of being cut from the squad.



Freshman Volleyball

Front Row: Angie McDaniel, Stacey Mitchell, Brianna Swisher.

Back Row: Holly Thomsen, Sarah Friend, Jamie Shaw, Courtney Adams, Kristen Kelly, Johna Emmot, Stephanie Wilson, Ashley Bryant, Kristy Croom, Julie Harper, Rosanna Lee (manager).





Left to Right: Michelle Karlskint, Jessica Tyler, juniors. Kavita Patel, Erin Dennis, Summer Goodman, Kelly Werner, seniors, above, on the Independence High School volleyball squad seem to be discussing something during a warmup before the game.



Heads up! The Girls Varsity Volleyball Team do their stuff when Jessica Tyler, junior, bumps the ball over the net to the receiving team. Summer Goodman, senior, Erin Dennis, senior, Michelle Karlskint, junior. Kelly Werner, senior, all stand by looking on.



Kavita Patel, above, appears to be serving to an empty Losey gymnasium. However, her teammates are closer to the net in case the ball is returned. Most of the varsity games are played in Losey while the junior varsity and freshmen frequently compete at the Ash Center.

The volleyball team had an unusual experience this year. Due to the pregnancy and birth of Mrs. Speicher's baby Brenda Shawley, from the Middle School, coached the team during the middle of the season.

The Independence Girls Varsity **Volley-**  
**ball** team work hard to develop **Team**work.

Over all ,they **Had** an interesting season. **A** lot  
of hard work and practice paid off for a **Good**

year. This team really showed that teamwork was important. Since Mrs. Speicher was gone they never failed to show their appreciation by doing the best they could do . Mrs. Speicher and the rest of the Independence High School should be proud of this **Years**  
volleyball squad. The returnees will be working during the summer with the intent to improve upon the record, the league standings and, perhaps, have a trip to the state tournament. The state tournament sometimes conflicts with the Neewollah celebration in the fall.



"The season was a success because everybody worked together it wasn't just one person. It made the year worth it which caused the year to come out on top." Erin Dennis senior varsity volleyball player.



Abby Knisley, above, is about to serve a ball to the opposing team. She is on the junior varsity team. Concentration is a key point for winning a game as well as team work. Independence is lucky because some of the games are played at Losey Gymnasium, at Eisenhower School, and the Ash Youth Center. Originally, in the girls' volleyball program, some of the games were played in the Middle School little gym and some were played in the high school gym. The Ash Center has room for spectators.

"Mrs. Spechier was great when she was pregnant. Aren't hormones wonderful. HA HA!" Kelly Werner senior varsity volleyball player.



Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Michelle Karlskint, Jennifer Coder, Jessica Tyler. Back Row: Erin Dennis, Summer Goodman, Kelly Werner, Kavita Patel, Tiffany Zemlock.



Independence High School *Girls* tennis team *Place* sixth at the state tournament held in McPherson. This *Sixth* place showing *In State* is one of highest in recent history. *Jami King*, senior, *Takes Fourth*. This is Jami's fourth year at state.

Courtney Smith and Stephanie Schroeder ended up ninth and Chris Kelly and Amanda Torbett won one match and lost two.



Above: Carrie Shire is waiting for her ball to fall from her serve to the opponent. This is Carrie's second year playing with the Independence High School tennis team.

Below: Jami King is returning with a forehand baseline return. This is Jami's fourth year of playing tennis with the Independence High School. She has had the honor of attending State tennis all four years of high school.



Above: Chris Kelly is returning a ball to her opponent. This is her fourth year of playing tennis at Independence High School.

Below: Amanda Torbett is showing great concentration on her serving skills. This is Amanda's second year on the tennis team.

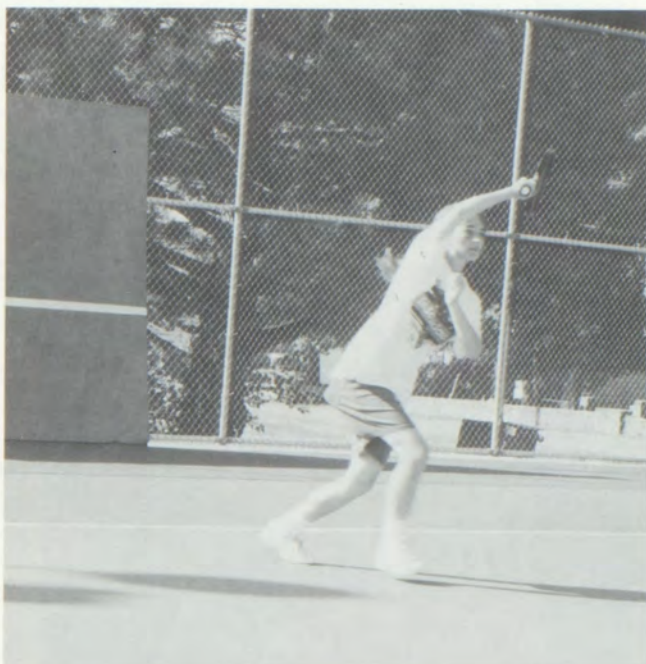






Left: Jordan Paugh is a freshman. She has played on the Independence High School tennis team for one Year. Jordan was picked as rookie of the year by the other team members.

Amy Haley, right, played tennis on the Bulldog freshman team this year. During her freshman. Amy plans to continue to play tennis for IHS..



Independence High School Tennis Team, Front Row: Andrea Oakleaf, Laura Schaid, Amanda Sheets, Valerie Landwehr, Meghan Hardy, Archita Patel, Ashley Cain, Sara Hammer, Mindy Thompson, Jordan Paugh, Michelle Thompson.

Back Row: Jami King, Brittney Johnson, Emily Ysusi, Amie Tull, Amy Haley, Victoria Lowdon, Stephanie Schroeder, Chris Kelly, Amanda Torbett, Carrie Shire.

Tennis Coaches: Jean Lundt, (Head Coach), Gina Botts, (Assistant).



Left: Meghan Hardy is seriously concentrating on her serve to her opponent. Meghan has participated on the tennis team for 3 years.

Right: Emily Ysusi is a junior at Independence High School she has participated on the tennis team for three years.





IHS *Girls* faced a problem with numbers in *Cross Country* this season. With small numbers they can still *Run* hard and run their best *With* great *Enthusiaum.*



Above: Seniors, Sarah Caflisch and Halli Gann hold their pace for the final stretch of the Independence Invitational. This particular meet was held at Sycamore Valley Golf Course.



Front row: Chris Short, Josh David, Justin McCallie, Kim Bailey, Ruthe Hinman, Sarah Caflisch, Ashley Osborn, Halli Gann, David Hogan, Matt Holum, Nick Chubb. Back row: James Hinman, Adam Harris, Andy Barnard, Walter Amick, Sherman Brown, JJ McCallie, Seth McClure, Dustin Hogan, Justin Mathis, Scott Werdeman, Zach Sprauge. Not pictured is new coach Scott Webb.



Left: Ruthe Hinman, a junior, is running with all the strength she has to make it to the finish line. She has run cross country for the last three years.

Right: Kim Bailey, also a junior, is completing the course with ease. She has run cross country for three years and has done well.





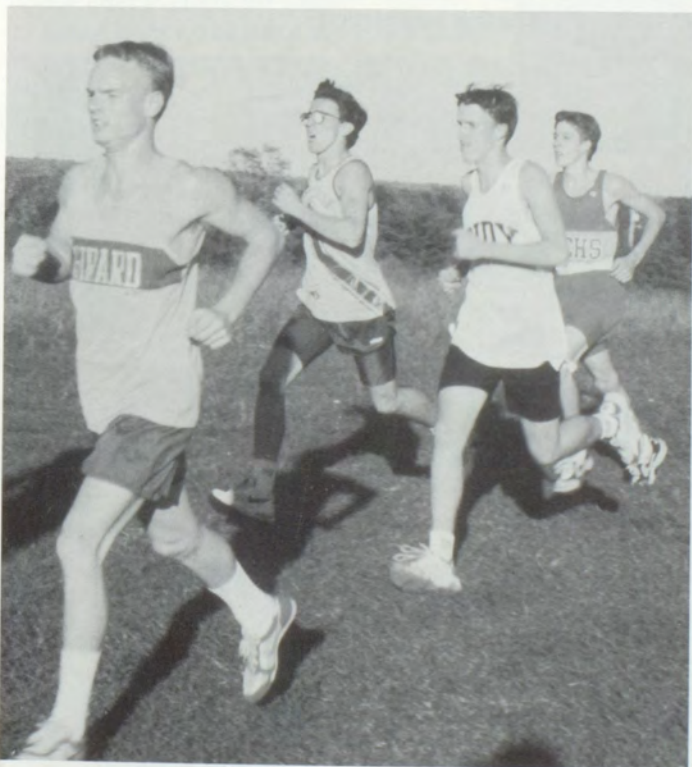


Left:  
Nick  
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the long  
run  
ahead of  
them.

Right:  
Senior,  
Chris  
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*Boys* are faced with another  
*Challenge* this season. They are  
adjusting *To* a new coach with the ambi-  
tion to *Win*.



Left corner: Josh David, Sophomore, is keeping up with the rest of the group while still running very strong. He has run both his freshman and sophomore years and is showing improvement with every race. Independence has one invitational every year at Sycamore Valley Golf Course and many schools have competed on this course. Judges and staff members take a day before the competition to set up the runners course.

Right corner: Zach Sprague, Junior, has participated in cross country for the last three years and has motivated himself to improve while still succeeding in beating his own personal goals. Cross country is an event that lets runners compete with themselves to beat and achieve new goals set by both the runners and their coaching staff. The improvements that are made take time.

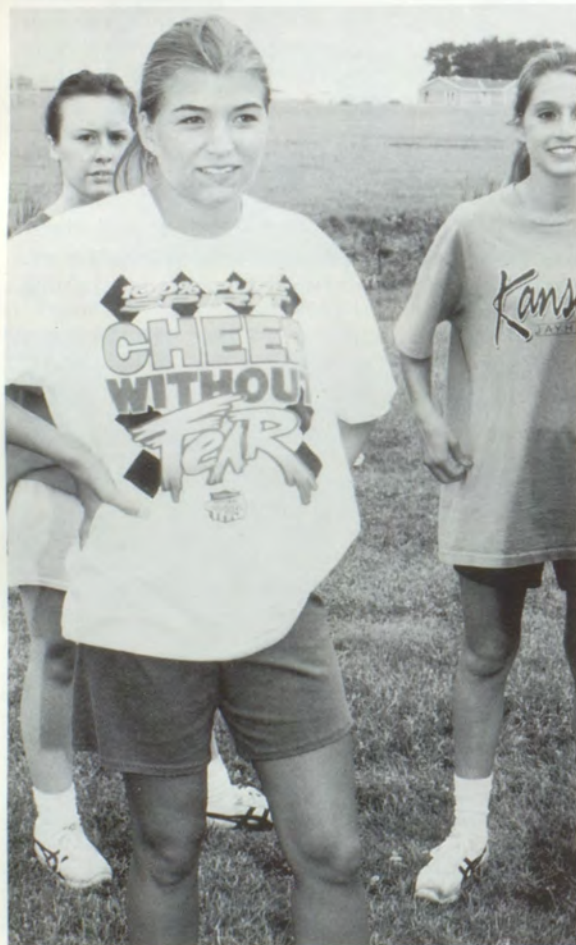






Cheerleaders for 1996 include: Back row; Marci Gray, Keri Jordan, Mary Beth Mayes, Amanda Voth, Middle row; Kari Trollope, Wendy Bryan, Mindy Dye, Front row; Jinny Burdett, Melissa Morris.

Jinny Burdett, Mary Beth Mayes, and Melissa Morris pay attention to a difficult cheer sequence during their practice behind the school. On these humid days the cheers get tougher every time. Most athletes fail to realize that cheerleaders practice all summer in preparation for summer camp and the fall sports season. The heat and humidity are avoided by some early morning practices. The varsity cheerleaders support the athletes throughout the grueling season. Whenever the going gets tough, the cheerleaders are there to get the team back on their feet.



Kari Trollope and Mary Beth Mayes, pictured below, lead the cheers in the north parking lot for the fall sports homecoming rally. After the rally the human chain was then attempted to extend to the stadium where the football game was played.



# Varsity

Cheerleaders

*work* hard

*to* support the school

spirit as well as school pride. The season continues from early summer until early November.

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When asked about the fall sports cheerleading crew, Miss Regehr had nothing but positive things to say.

**"The team posted a total team effort everyday. It takes a lot of hard work to do a good job and be at practice every time. It seems the practices pay off because the girls always look good,"** noted Miss Regehr.

When asked about some funny memories about the girls, Miss Regehr commented about their trip to summer camp. Shaving cream fights, and throwing toothpaste were a common occurrence in the dorms. Kelly O'Malley scared the crew with her scary stories about previous summer camps in the same dorm.

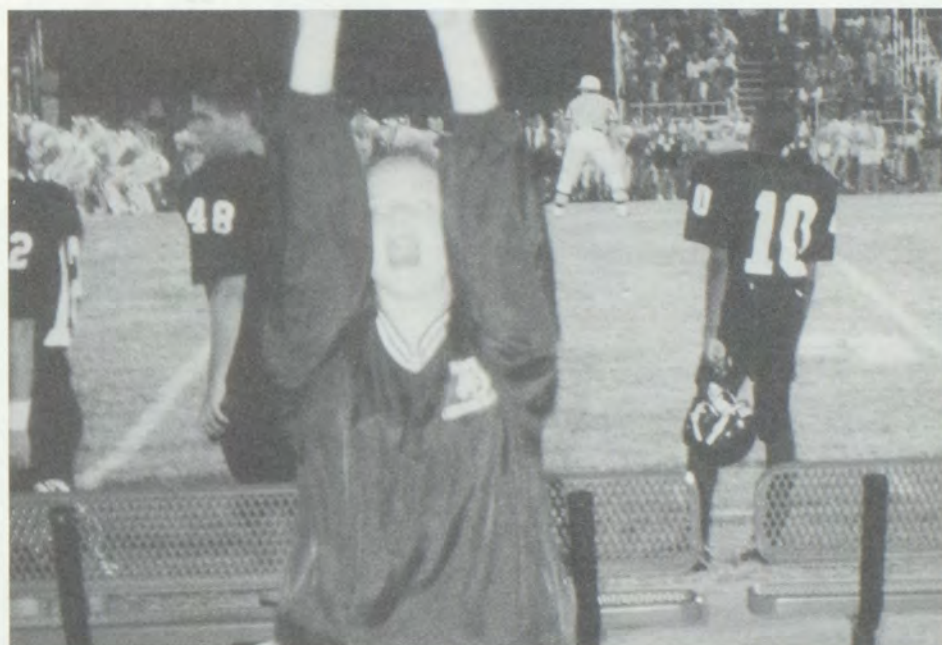
Besides cheering at all the games, the girls support the athletes by decorating their lockers and treating them with candy.

Debbie White and Kelli Regehr, pictured to the left, are the two cheerleader sponsors for Independence High School. Mrs. White is the librarian at the Middle School and Miss Regehr is a computer teacher at the high school.

Kari Trollope pictured to the right, rounds off her cheer in the varsity football game versus Fort Scott at Shulthis Stadium. Towards the end of the season cheering on the sidelines can get a little chilly, so gloves and long tights are utilized during those wintery night games. Besides cheering during the game, cheerleaders throw out small Independence footballs to the fans after each touchdown the team makes.

The cheerleaders have a difficult time deciding whether to cheer in front of the students or in front of the adult spectators. The most enthusiastic section of the crowd was the student section who went home hoarse after every home game.

Every Friday that there is a home game Shulthis Stadium can be found full of Independence High School football fans.



Fall Freshmen cheerleaders include; back row, Sally Van Winkle, Amy Watson, Hillary Sherwood, Jessica Mayes. Front row, Mary Henderson, Brandy Carter, Ashley Blex and Kara Craig.

The freshmen year of cheerleading provides a solid base for next year when they hope to cheer for the varsity squad. Freshmen cheerleaders are often required to leave school before the day is over because the freshmen games are early. Some freshmen cheerleaders have problems adjusting to the responsibilities.





Above: Jami King, a Senior at IHS, was a candidate for the Fall Homecoming Queens Court. Jami is involved in girls varsity basketball, and girls tennis.

Below: Josh David, a Sophomore, runs down Tenth Street carrying the DOGS flag before the Fall Homecoming game. The Homecoming Crown was accepted by Carrie Shire, a senior at Independence High School. Josh lettered in track and cross country.



*Fall* sports participants work hard throughout the season. Many even prepare in the off-season for their chosen sport. The *Athletes* participate in several different activities such as homecoming, pep rallies, games, and daily *Practice*. Each athlete works *Hard* to set their personal goals during the season. The senior athletes are honored for their achievement during the last home football game, their parents are included.



Above: Carrie Shire, senior, laughs it up with senior Tiffany Zemlock, about what she will do if she wins the homecoming crown. Carrie did eventually get the honor of receiving the crown after beating out some very close competitors. Every year senior girl athletes hope to be nominated for the honor of being on the Fall Homecoming Court. Only five girls are chosen every year to compete for the honor of wearing the crown.



Carrie Shire, *Senior*,  
was *Elected* 1996 Fall  
*Sports* Queen. The IHS

co-ed participated in tennis in high school and has also been on the Bulldog track team.

The theme of the assembly was connected to Sesame Street. Carrie was crowned *Queen* at the football game against Parsons.

Another feature of the activities was the float contest and the human chain to the stadium.



Abby Knisley rides a tri-cycle across stage during the queen coronation assembly while Arie Auxter watches Tavniah Betts, who is playing Oscar the Grouch, hides behind the trash can. The theme of the assembly was Sesame Street and Stuco was in charge.



Carrie Shire, Senior; pictured above, has just been crowned Fall Sports Queen. She is being escorted by Aaron Heckman, junior. This is Carrie's first appearance on the Queen's Court.



Erin Dennis, Jami King and Kavita Patel all congratulate Carrie on her winning of the crown during the crowning ceremony before the game against Parsons.



Fall Sports Court: Front row, left to right: Kirsten Miller and Ethan Speicher. Second row: Carrie Shire, Jami King, Erin Dennis, Kavita Patel, and Summer Goodman. Third row: Aaron Heckman, Graham Sikes, Mark Denney, Matt Spencer, and Jozee Thompson.

Below the Indy Ensemble performs for the student body during the Fall Sports Queen Assembly. The Indy Ensemble always performs for the pep-assemblies and other related activities. This year the Indy Ensemble has had a hard time in finding a teacher. But the show must go on and they are doing a very good job of doing just that.







*Hasselmann's Flower Shop has been in Independence for many, many years. You have a wide variety of flowers to choose from here, such as roses, gift baskets for the family and get-well presents. You also can pick up carnations for prom and any other special occasions. One of the other highlights of the flower shop is the delivery to the high school office or the homes. Each year several students are involved here with the community volunteer program. The permanent staff is helpful with the students working with the limited student budget.*

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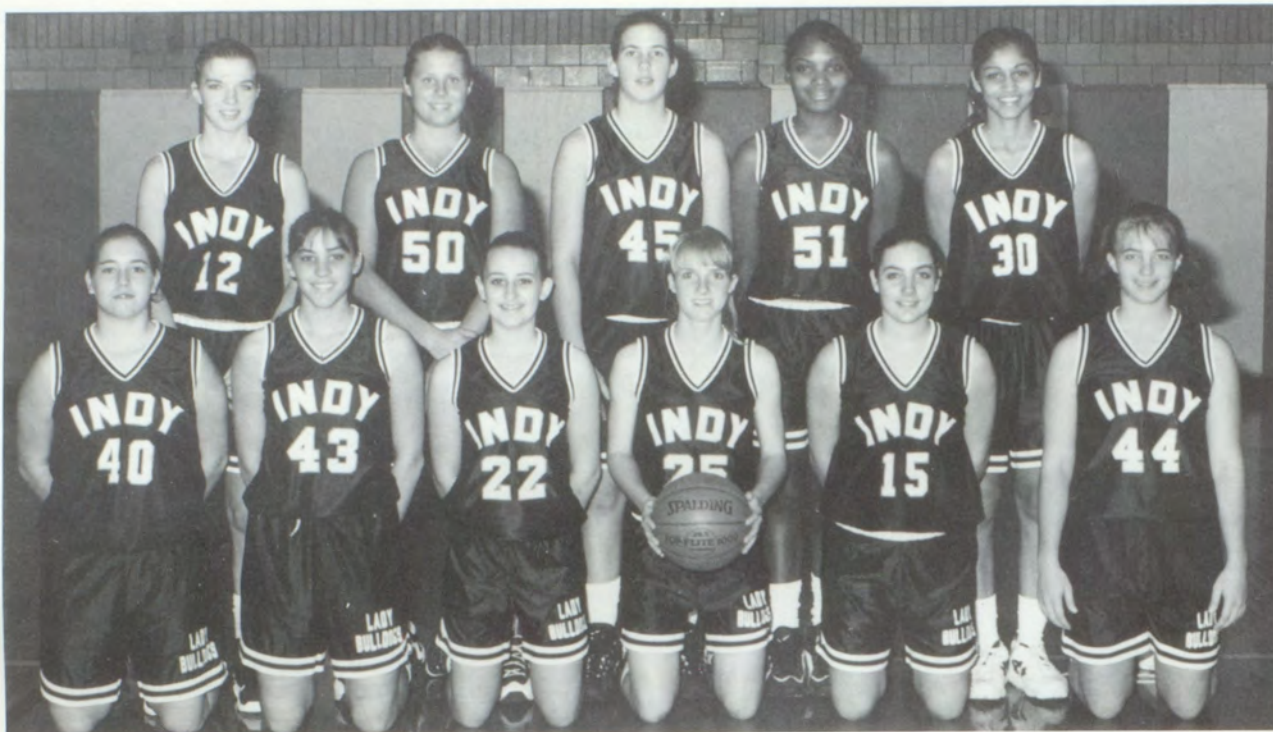
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Top row pictured left to right: Summer Goodman, Brittney Holum, Michelle Karleskint, Shonda Irving, and Kavita Patel. Second row: Missy Calderon, Stephanie Schroeder, Megan Sackschewsky, Jamie King, Jennifer Coder, and Becky Mitchell. Not pictured--Amanda Torbett.

Jamie King, pictured right, is assisted by her teammates Summer Goodman and Michelle Karleskent while lying injured on the court. Jamie and Summer, both seniors, have been members of the basketball team for four years while Michelle, a junior, has participated for three years. All three are past letterwinners for basketball as well as other girl's varsity sports. Many other girls and boys also participate in many different sports throughout the fall, winter, and the spring. It is not unlikely to see a student participate in three different sports throughout the school year.



Pictured left members of the girls varsity basketball team fight for the ball in a game with Pittsburg Purple Dragons. The girl's varsity team was a young team for the most part, with only three seniors, three juniors and five sophomores. This season was also a rebuilding season like most of the athletics were this year. I.H.S. has had young teams throughout the school year, but this is not a bad thing because this gives the freshman and sophomores a chance to learn how competitive high school sports are. The girls basketball team will have another hurdle to overcome after Coach Craig Null resigned after his second year as head coach and several years as assistant coach for the girl's varsity team. The team will also have a rebuilding season next year as they adjust to a new coach's game plans, plays, and strategies for the game. The new coach has a fairly young team to work with and to build into a winning team.



## 78 GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL





Pictured above Summer Goodman warms up before a game. This is a very important time for an athlete to prepare for the game so they can stretch, shoot around, and to relax a little before the game starts.

Michelle Karleskent, pictured right, tries to get a handle on the ball while getting pressured by Parsons opponents as Brittney Holum looks on.

Pictured below Kavita Patel and Michelle Karleskent go up for a rebound against a group of Pittsburg players. Rebounding is a very important part of basketball because if you never rebounded the ball your team would never get the ball therefore it would be difficult to score points. If there is no one on the team who will rebound it would be a long painful season of not scoring very many baskets.

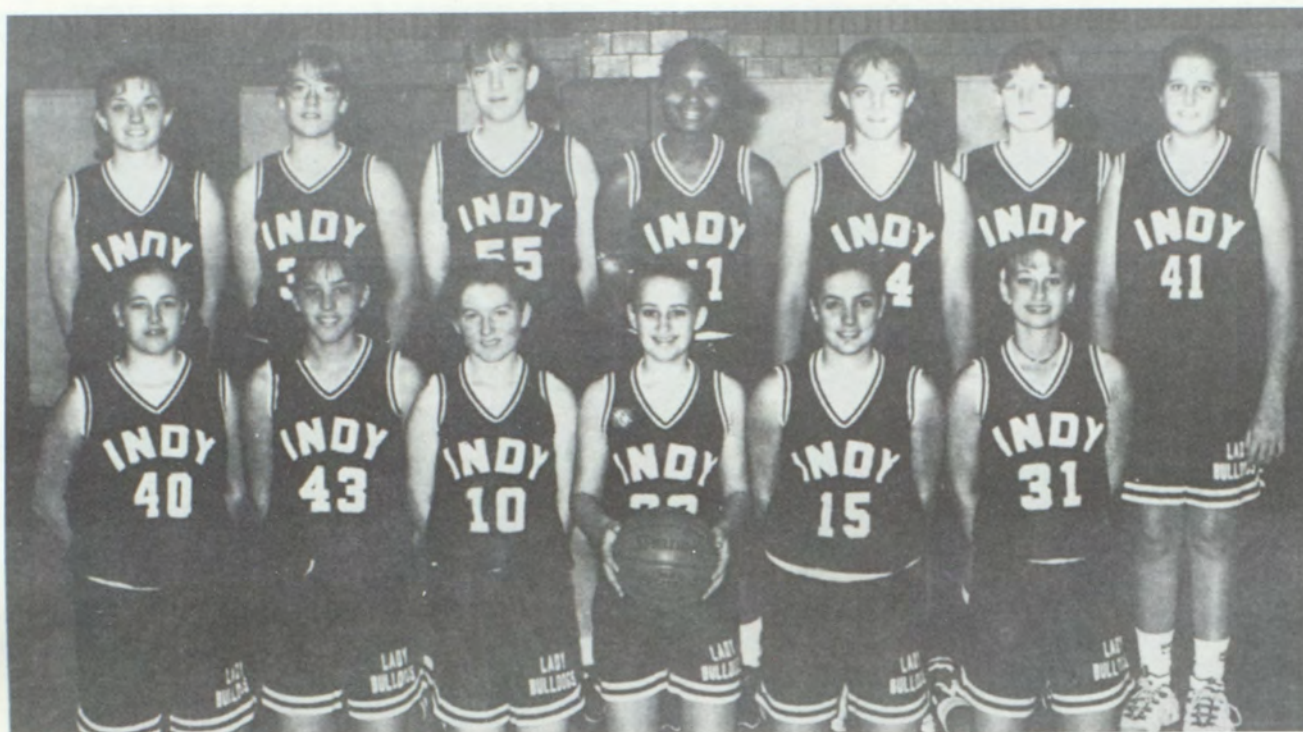


Pictured above Jamie King, senior, drives the ball down court while her teammates Stephanie Schroeder, sophomore, and Michelle Karleskent, junior, awaits a pass from Jamie in a game against Pittsburg.



The 1996-97 *Lady Bulldog* basketball team exceeded expectations. The team started slowly, not winning a game in December. However, the season *Improved Quickly* with the ladies winning about as many as they lost.





Front Row: Missy Calderon, Stephanie Schroeder, Ashley Osborn, Megan Sackschewsky, Jennifer Coder, Rene Yakshaw Back Row: Tracy McGuyer, Arie Auxter, Cassie Burchett, Shonda Irving, Becky Mitchell, Kylee Fox, Amanda Torbett



Becky Mitchell, pictured to the left fights for the ball with a Parsons opponent, as Tracy McGuyer and Rene Yakshaw look on.

Amanda Torbett, pictured to the right, gets ready to shoot some free-throws to score some added points to the score.

cassie Burchett, pictured bottom left, shoots as Rene Yakshaw is ready for the rebound.



Thirteen girls were selected to play *Junior Varsity* basketball. Since Junior Varsity games usually are played during Varsity games, the Junior Varsity teams don't get a chance to *Support Varsity* basketball. They are a credit to IHS basketball *Program.*







***Freshmen*** basketball introduces the high school game. ***Girls*** miss classes due to the early game times and they ***Find the Competition*** to be tough.

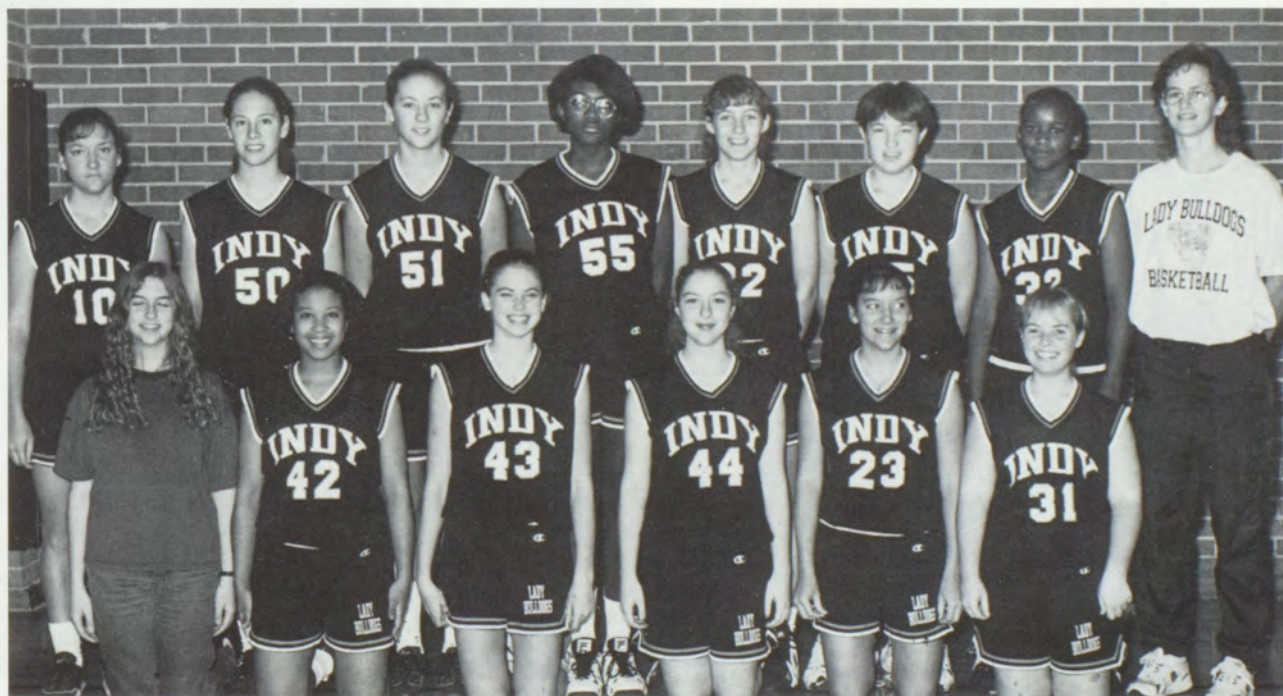
Jordan Paugh, pictured far left, guards her Pittsburg opponent; as she tries to retrieve the ball. Jordan also competed in tennis for the Bulldogs and is expected to play a lot of tennis during her sophomore year.

Johna Emmot, pictured above, shoots a free-throw to add some extra points to their score. Mindy Thompson also in the picture is ready for the rebound. Johna has only, played organized basketball for a few seasons and has improved remarkably during this time.

The freshmen are coached by Brenda Shawley, IMS physical education teacher. She has an advantage of having watched the freshmen girls during Middle School. Coach Shawley just completed her second year of coaching at the Middle School.

Mikayley Overton, pictured above, looks for a team mate to pass the ball. She is using her height to get an advantage in being able to see the entire court. She has played basketball during her elementary school days and during Middle School.

The girls practice after school usually at the high school gym, alternating times with the boys.



The Freshmen Girls Basketball team consists of Front Row: Emily Friend, Mary Henderson, Johna Emmot, Sara Friend, Mindy Thompson, Jordan Paugh. Back Row: Michelle Thompson, Stephanie Wilson, Mikayley Overton, Rosanna Lee, Kirsten Kelley, Stacy Mitchell, Brittney Johnson, Coach: Brenda Shawley.

**81 FRESHMEN GIRLS BASKETBALL**



This years *Varsity* team started the year with adversity, with only two returning starters. Mark Denny and Iassce Lawrie, the two seniors, led the team throughout the year. The season was *Filled* with peaks and valleys. A major accomplishment was defeating the undefeated Pittsburg Purple Dragons during the regular season. Another feat was that the team won the consolation bracket at the Ralph Miller Classic. With the overall record of 9-12, the team looks forward to next year with many returning starters. Some low points this year was being eliminated from the Sub-State tournament by Pittsburg, and a below .500 overall record of 9-

12 Individual *Goals* were met by Iaaassce Lawrie, by making the first team All-SEK roster.

Coach Mike Nelson and junior varsity coach Mark Hayward have worked together for many years with the assistance of freshman coach Larry Hollandsworth



Nick Dailey and Mark Denny, pictured above, attempt to work a pick-and-roll against Pittsburg. The Bulldogs knocked off the undefeated Purple Dragons at Losey Gymnasium. Nick earned a starting position mid-way through the season and Mark Denney started during most of the games. The team was at a disadvantage this year with Iassce Lawrie being the only returning starter. Other members on the team have stepped up to fit the roll of key varsity players.



Seniors Mark Denny and Iassce Lawrie, pictured above, shake hands at half-time during the Pittsburg victory. The Pittsburg game was a victory that the entire team and school was proud of because the Dragons were undefeated up to the loss the Bulldogs handed them.



VARSIY BASKETBALL

Clement Kinnard, Greg Chubb, Nick Dailey, Jed Newkirk, Iassce Lawrie and Wayne Briggans, pictured to the left, shake hands with the Golden Tornado team after a Bulldog win at Losey Gymnasium. The home court advantage proved to be a factor in their series with Coffeyville since the Bulldogs fell short of a win at Coffeyville. Independence has the opportunity to play Field Kinley at least three times this year due to the fact that both schools are in the same sub-state.



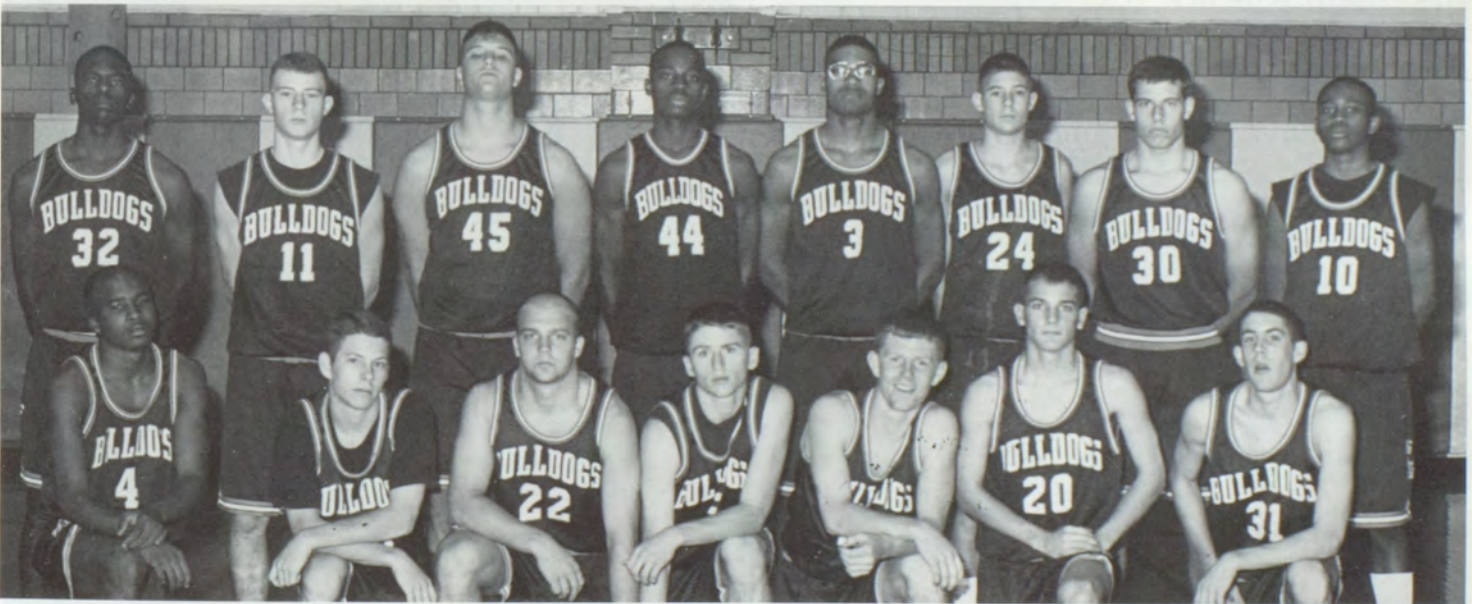


Coach Holladsworth, Coach Nelson, and Coach Hayward, pictured to the left, were this years freshmen, varsity, and junior varsity coaches respectively. Coach Nelson teaches civics, Coach Hayward teaches sciences, and Coach Holladsworth teaches special education, all of whom teach at the high school

Pictured to the right: The varsity team gathers to discuss thier strategy during a twenty-second timeout. The Bulldogs were known to come out the victor at the end of the close games such as the home game against Coffeyville. The timeouts are a good chance for the players to get a breather, and give hints to other players and coaches.



Steven Haines, pictured to the left, guards a Yates Center Wildcat on an inbounds play at the Chanute Varsity Tournament. The Bulldogs got off to a slow start in tournament play this year, but were back on track shortly after. Independence, the last few years, has been alternating between the Chanute Tournament and the Inter-State Classic at Coffeyville. Haines made his mark this year with his three point shooting. He also participates in baseball both at IHS and in the summer Babe Ruth program.. Haines should prove to be a mainstay on the varsity squard for the 1997-98 school year.



FRONT ROW; Wayne Briggans, Nick Dailey, Mark Denny, Jamie Lawrence, Matt Howe, Greg Chubb.  
BACK ROW; Tim Henderson, Steven Haines, Jed Newkirk, Kyle Lyons, Iassce Lawrie, Scott Wuerderman, Chris Confer, Clemant Kinnard.



The *Junior* varsity finished strong this season and looks to be better as varsity participants next year. While some will go on to the *Varsity* level next year, others will get quality minutes on the junior varsity level. With a final record of 13-6 the future *Looks Bright* for these juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. The boys junior varsity team plays at a different site than the varsity and immediately before the varsity game. Mark Hayward is the long-time coach and works with Coach Nelson to prepare the players for the varsity level. This coaching assignment is difficult because Mr. Hayward never knows what players will be available.

Sophomore Clement Kinnard, pictured in the upper left, dribbles down the court to set up the Bulldog offense. Clement often gets the start in the junior varsity games. Clement also sees varsity time after the junior varsity games.



Junior Jamie Lawrence, pictured above, guards a Pittsburg Purple Dragon next to the three point line at the Ash Center. In the background, Sophomore Scott Wuerdeman hustles to pick up his man in the defensive scheme. The junior varsity plays its games at the Ash Center prior to the start of the varsity games. The number of quarters the players can play varies from time to time. Each athlete can play five quarters per night and sometimes the varsity coaches feel that a player should be limited from playing in all of the junior varsity action so that he would be available for more varsity time.

Sophomore Matt Howe, pictured to the right, drives to the basket during the home game against the Parsons Vikings. Matt was fouled on the play and went to the line to attempt to make his freethrows to try to even up the game before halftime. Matt is a starter who plays mostly on the junior varsity squad.



Junior Greg Chubb, pictured above, walks from the gym at halftime during the home game with Parsons. Greg also ran cross country for the Bulldogs to help get in shape for the basketball season.





## *Freshmen* boys basketball at

Independence High School this year had a number of challenges. Three of the players served also on the junior varsity team.

Coach Larry Hollandsworth was faced with a variety of players. However, the freshmen had a *Successful* season on the court.

Next *Year* the players will find the competition at a higher level as the members will battle for junior varsity or varsity positions.



Freshmen Jeremy Simmons and Sherman Brown, pictured above, work to set up an offensive play versus Pittsburg. Freshman who get the opportunity to get playing time on the junior varsity are able to get the experience they need for quality minutes on the varsity level. This year four freshmen were consistently involved in junior varsity action. These were Derrick Darkis, Beau Schultz, Jeremy Simmons, and Sherman Brown.



Freshman Derrick Darkis, pictured to the left, leads a fast break to an easy basket for the Bulldogs. Derrick played junior varsity and by the end of the year was suiting up for some varsity games. Freshmen basketball is a big adjustment from Middle School because of the level of intensity needed and the number of games. Sometimes the team would miss several of the afternoon classes in the same week. Larry Hollandsworth is the long-time coach of the team. The freshmen team ususally has only 12 players and some of these probably either not go out for the team during their sophomore year or will not make the team. The freshmen are involved in two tournaments during the year. One of the tournaments is usually held in Fort Scott at the end of the year and the other tournament is held at Elk Valley High School at Longton.



Front row: Wayne Pearson, Jeremy Simmons, Chris Gruber, Justin Mathis, Jason Linder, Theron Landwehr.  
Back row: Derrick Darkis, Beau Schultz, Ray Lockett, Nathan Bolin, Nathan Soltice, Todd Shrader, Kasey Wilson.





Wrestling Squad Front Row: Buddy Schenk, Brian Denny, Jacob Sparks, Marcus Hamilton, James Hinman, Branden Cox, Blake Boyer, Vernon Munkirs, Charles Beck, Cody Hensley.  
Back Row: Assistant Coach Carl Boldra, Aaron Heckman, Chet Harlin, Brandon Bailly, J.J. McCallie, Jozee Thompson, Ryan Baldassaro, Andrew Lynn, Richard Martinez, Marcus Bryant, Shane McCallie, Stormy Munkirs, Michael Hamilton, Frank King, Head Coach Lance Lusk.



Above: Jozee Thompson, senior, does all he can to beat his opponent at the dual here in Independence against Pittsburg and Coloumbus. Jozee and others went to the state tournament held at the Kansas Colliseum in Wichita, Kansas. Jozee held his ground and defended his title to make him the best in his class in the state.

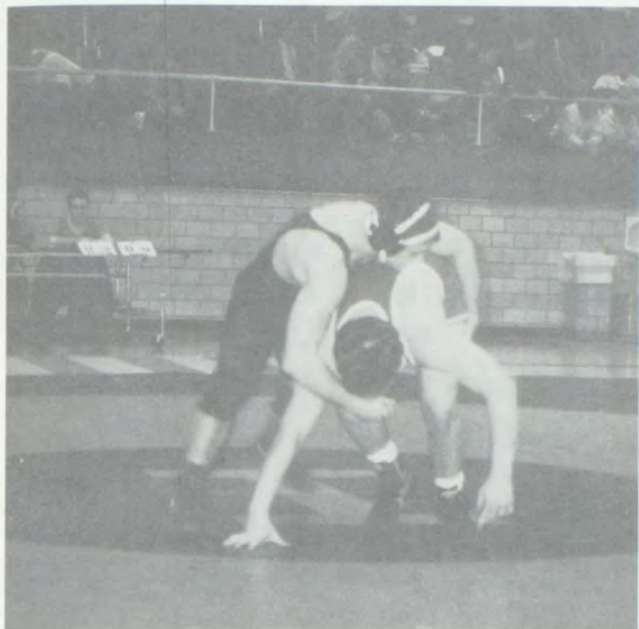
Right: Stormy Munkirs, senior, contains his opponent for now, but will soon have a bit rougher match. Many wrestlers try to be the best they can be, hoping that they can make it to the state tournament and be successful in their matches.

Independence High School **Wres-  
tlers** completed one of the best years in history as a team.

Coach Lance Lusk has taken the program to a new height. Previously, the team would not **Fill** all the weight classifications and would lose a dual before it started. However, now there is also a junior varsity **Team.**

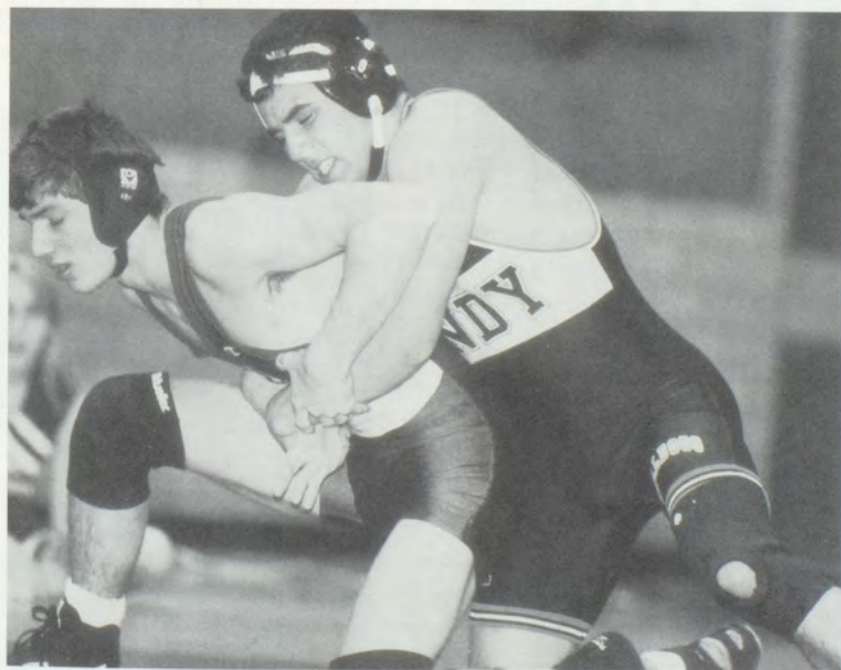






Richard Martinez, Bulldog senior wrestler, attempts a reversal against his Pittsburg High School opponent. This match was held at Losey Gymnasium during January. Richard represented Independence High School in the State Tournament held at Wichita. He competed in the 171 pound weight division. The wrestling tournament at Wichita is one of the biggest sports spectacles in Kansas. All classes, all weights gather for the tournament. Coach Lusk is fond of saying that it takes a wrestler one year to experience the tournament and one year to be effective in the meet. There is no way to understand the enormity of the tournament and the size of the crowd, and the number of matches being wrestled at one time. The only comparable activity is the state track meet also held in Wichita. The Bulldogs are sending a few more wrestlers each year to this level of competition.

Left: Ryan Raven, junior, attempts to take back down a Pittsburg Purple Dragon wrestler at the Independence junior varsity dual. Ryan was a welcomed addition to the team this year. He moved to Independence from Liberal, Kansas during the first semester. This is Ryan's first year to wrestle ever, because one of the main reasons that he wrestles is to keep in shape for next year's football season. Many wrestlers also play football which means all of them have a year round conditioning schedule to keep them all in shape. This year the wrestling team succeeded in a great amount of achievement by sending eight wrestlers to state including, Jozee Thompson, senior, Stormy Munkirs, senior, Richard Martinez, senior, J.J. McCallie, junior, Aaron Heckman, junior, Andrew Lynn, junior, Frank King, junior, and Chet Harlin, sophomore.



Junior Frank King closes his eyes in either an all-out attempt to subdue his opponent's attempt to escape or in a quick prayer that the opponent will soon wear down and Frank can win. Frank is an unusual athlete in that he decided to quit the sport his sophomore year. Most athletes never return after checking in the equipment but Frank returned to the sport his junior year and was able to qualify for the state tournament. Frank is pictured wrestling against a Pittsburg Purple Dragon. The wrestling season is long and the pressure is intense. The practice starts in early November and the season ends the last of February. The constant attempt to make a particular weight and then to hold the weight is difficult for the pizza culture of the teenager of today. It is tough for a wrestler to make weight because the coach may want him to wrestle in a class that is much lower than his original weight, then the next meet to wrestle back at his original weight class or maybe even a higher class.





Jinny Burdett, Kelly O'Malley, Wendy Bryan, and Melissa Morris, pictured left, try to get the crowd involved in boosting the spirit of the basketball team. They are in Losey gymnasium where all varsity home games are held. The adult crowd is often hard to motivate and the student crowd is sometimes hard to control.



Amanda Root, Marybeth Mayes, Melissa Morris, Amanda Voth, and Kelly O'Malley, pictured above, all are in different positions in concluding a cheer during the winter sports season. The cheerleaders travel with the teams on a rotating basis so that no cheerleader will be gone to all the home and away games. The girls also work after school in trying to improve the squad for this very public performance. In the past, the cheerleaders have been invited to perform at the state basketball tournaments in March.

Winter **Cheerleaders** cheer during the boys and girls basketball games and the wrestling matches. This season is long with many responsibilities to meet and many road games which **Required** students **to** seriously **Work** with the schedules to complete homework.



The varsity winter cheerleaders in the picture above include, Jinny Burdett, Kelly O'Malley, Melissa Morris, Amanda Root, Wendy Bryan, Kari Jordan, Amanda Voth, and Marybeth Mayes. In this picture, the cheerleaders are taking a time out and watching the cheerleaders from the other school. Following the game, below right, the cheerleaders gather their equipment and head for the stands to help the varsity squad cheer for the varsity games.



Amy Watson, Ashley Nunley, Ashley Bryan, Ashley Blex, and Kara Craig, pictured left, are cheering for the freshman basketball game. For some reason the freshman cheerleaders seem to "hug" the wall during the freshmen games. The middle school athletic program does not have cheerleaders so the high school experience is new for these girls. They have to learn the cheers, how to get the crowd involved, how to work together, and get along with the sponsor. In addition to all of this, the girls have to get used to missing school so they can attend the various games and competitions. The team members are selected in the spring and spend time in the summer going to camps, raising money and meeting responsibilities.







"Snow White" was the theme for the 1997 Winter Sports King and Queen coronation at Independence High School. **Mark Denney** and

**Jami King** were selected by the school

to **Serve** as the royalty. These two seniors

were introduced with the other members of the court during an all-school assembly. The other finalists for Queen were Michelle Karleskint, Summer Goodman, Kavita Patel, and Brittney Holum. The finalists for King were Jozee Thompson, Stephen Haines, Iascce Lawrie, and Aaron Heckman. The winter sports

**Royalty** were also honored at a dance after the basketball game.

Mark Denney and Jami King, above, the 1997 winter sports King and Queen, sit on stage in the auditorium as they are being announced.

Summer Goodman and Jozee Thompson, below, senior candidates in the winter sports court are enjoying themselves at the assembly with the Snow White theme. Jozee stands looking straight ahead while Summer sits in her chair laughing.



Kavita Patel and Iascce Lawrie, left, seniors, are finalist in the Winter Sports King and Queen Coronation. Standing next to them is the crown bearer, Shane Ferguson, Mr. Ferguson's grandson. On the other side is Kelsey Meier, the flower girl, daughter of Fred Meier, Business Manager of the school district.



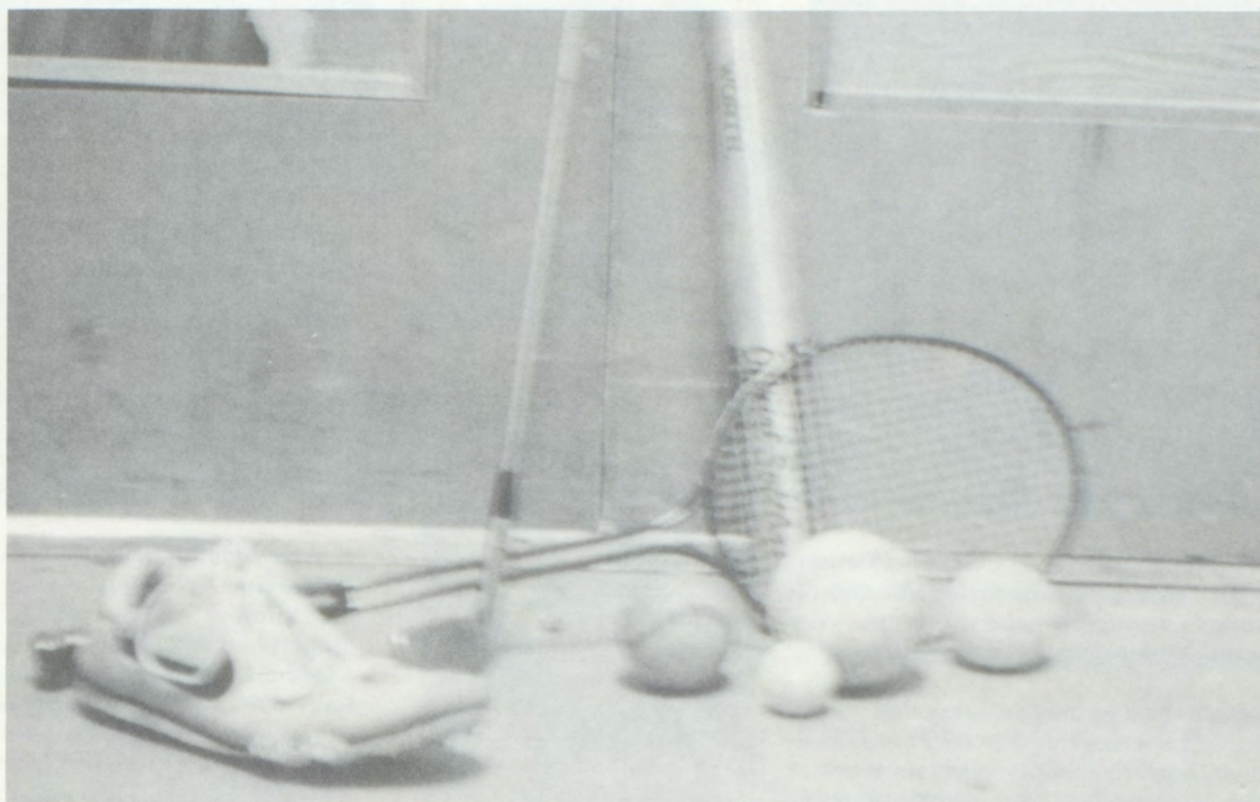
King and Queen finalist Stephen Haines and Michelle Karleskint, right, wait anxiously on stage for the announcement of the winter sports royalty. The assembly was held during school and the announcement of the winners was announced during the time between the two games held at Losey Gymnasium. The student council has sponsored this activity for many years. Following the games, the winter sports court was honored at a dance in the food service center sponsored by the freshman class. The students were entertained by a local disc jockey.











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Above Jonna Emmot and Rosanna Lee Jog a warm-up lap together. The team runs a one lap warm-up before strating to practice. A good warm-up is very important in track if you do not warm-up as throughly as

possible you can injur yourself in a way that it would be hard to compete. The track team competes in several hard competition track meets one of the hardest meets that thew team competed in this year was regionals at El Dorado one of the years hardest competition and the road to the state competition in Wichita.

Below Ashley Osborn takes first place in a practice 400 meter for time. Improving your time is veryu important in track. Your time determines many things which heat you are in and somtimes if you get a medal or not. During practice many things are accomplished new and improved times and better accompsied feats. Track is a sport that encourages practice.



Above Hillary Sherwood is running 400 for time. Working on your time improvements is very important in competition. Hillary a fershman copeted at the varsity level in the 400 and did fairly well. Competeing at the varsity level as a freshman is a good acomplishment for some and others it is who the coaches favor. Competeing at the varsity level is a whole new area of competetors at avery meet .



Front Row: Jamie Shaw, Michelle Thompson, Hillary Sherwood, Lynn Caradine, Amanda Root, Ashley Sherwood.

Middle Row: Kim Bailey, Johna Emmot, Hali Gann, Rosanna Lee, Lindsay Wilkins, Angie McDaniel, Alyssa Merritt.

Back Row: Deena Olinger, Brittany Hollum, Janesse Cherry, Jenifer Padilla, Cassie Burchett, Amory Tucker, Sarah Caflish.





Left: Junior Jennifer Padilla prepares to run at track practice. track practice is held outside at the football stadium providing the weather is not bad.

Below: Kimberly Bailey runs a mile during practice. She is a distance runner.



Britany Holum, above, a junior practices her shot put at practice. This event requires much arm strenght.



Above: Girls Junior Varsity and Varsity track members warm up by running laps at practice.

*Girls* Track is often a thankless sport. It requires much hardwork as well as dedication. This year twenty-one girls went out for *Track*. Some of the girls ran junior varsity as well as varsity meets. Freshmen and upperclassmen make up the track team. Varsity, junior varsity, girls, boy, freshmen, to seniors all *Practice* together. These girls work *Hard* all season.



Lynn Caradine and Rosanna Lee rest before they prepare to run thier race.





Boys Track Team; standing left to right; Peter Edwards, Tim Henderson, Justin Bays, Ricky Martinez, Jed Newkirk, Justin Courtney, Aaron Heckman, Ryan Baldassaro; Second Row: Zack Sprague, Blake Boyer, David Elliott, Nathan Bolin, Chet Harlin, Danny Jullain, Phillip Hanson, Walter Amick; Sitting: Danny Lee, James Hinman, J.J. McCallie, Josh David, Adam Harris, Seth McClure, Dustin Ross



Left: Senior Varsity Track member, Dustin Ross practices after school for his next meet. This was Dustin's first year to run varsity track. Dustin is also involved in coaching a city recreational soccer team.



Above: Senior Peter Edwards practices his jumping skill during an afternoon practice.



Left: members of the boys track team prepare to run a race. Practice races are held before meets to prepare the athletes as well as give the runners a chance to see who will win in the meet.





Above: James Hinman, Freshman, above runs warm up laps at practice.

Right: Junior Aaron Heckman practices his throwing skills. I'll bet Mr. Rutter is praying that it doesn't touch the greenhouse!!



Above: Justin Courtney runs the hurdles. A runners form is imparative for hurdlers.

Right: Junior Tim Henderson concentrates on the runner in front of him while he paces himself around the track.



Danny Julian, above, paces himself for the hurdle races.

*Boys* Track is a highly competitive sport at the high school level. IHS *Track* it takes a lot of determination and practice to participate. IHS track members are not subjected to tryouts, however they *Work Hard* to maintain an outstanding reputation.



This year the varsity Bulldogs  
*Baseball* team started with  
 several rain delays and others through-  
 out the season. The rain certainly put a  
 damper on the teams schedule and prac-  
 tice sessions. Graham Sikes and Rob  
 Adolph were the only two seniors on  
 the varstiy *Squad*. Graham Sikes  
 started most of the games at catcher  
 and led the team with the highest bat-

ting average. The varsity *Games*  
 are *Played* at Emerson Field,  
 which is on the south side of Tenth  
 street. Many parents and other sup-  
 porters sit in the stands, and many high  
 school students tailgate and cookout  
 just beyond the center field fence.

This is will be Coach Simmons' last  
 year as head baseball and football coach  
 here at Independence. He had accepted  
 the head football coach at Blue Valley  
 North.



Junior Chris Confer, pictured above, starts down the first base line after he makes contact with the ball. Chris is a full-time varsity player who also plays basket ball and football.

Senior Grahm Sikes, below, hustles to get ready to bat after a tough  
 inning behind the plate. Often times Grahm keeps his catching gear as  
 long as possible in the dugout, so he can be prepared to go back out to  
 play.



Front Row: Josh Clark, Travis Dunham, Chris Grober, Nick Dailey, Steven Haines, Jaime Lawrence, Jeremy Simmons, Matt Howe, Brandon Cox. Middle Row: Micheal Modich, Marcus Bryant, Levi Meadows, Matt Crane, Aaron Meyer, Luke Emmot, Nathan Soltice, Jared Jefferson, Scott McMillan, David Hogan. Top Row: Coach Ellis, Ron Cooper, Chris Confer, Grahm Sikes, Rob Adolf, Josh McClain, Mark Stevens, Jason Tucker, Beau Schultz, and Coach Simmons.





Pictured to the left, the entire varsity team gathers in front of their dugout before the second game of the double header. Coach Simmons is giving a brief pep talk after their first game, which the team won by a run rule. Between games, the team is allowed to relax and get a bite to eat outside the dugout with friends and family. The Bulldogs then go through their warm ups again to stretch out for the next game.



Junior Aaron Meyer, pictured above, hurls a fastball during the early innings of a double header against Ark City at Emerson Field. The umpire and an Ark City player react in the background. Pitching is Aarons specialty and in where he sees his varsity playing time. Emerson Field is where every varsity home game is played. ICC baseball team also uses the facility for all of thier home games.

Senior Grahm Sikes and Junior Aaron Meyer, pictured below, warm up to relive starting pitchure Stephen Haines in the late innings of a double header against Winfield. Both Aaron and Stephen see the mound quite often on the varsity level.



Junior Luke Emmot, pictured above, is told to hold up at third base while a line drive sails to right field. If Luke is not in the line-up for a game, he often is a pinch runner.

Junior Jason Tucker, pictured below, looks at a bad pitch go by in the dirt, as spectators enjoy the game. Many games have been rained out early during this season so both teams and spectators are happy to get outdoors .



Sophomore Matt Howe, pictured to the right, hustles to third base for one of his steal attempts. As a sophomore, Matt sees most of his time on the varsity squad, another good prospect for the future of Independence baseball. Matt is also active in football, basketball, student leadership and academics at Independence High School.





# The Independence *Junior Varsity*

Baseball team completed another successful season. The team was coached by Danny Ellis, student teacher under the leadership of Thorton Shelton.

The team *Played* its games on the field north of the high school. This field, although it doesn't have lights, is in many ways *Better* than the varsity field. Since it is located on higher ground it dries faster than the Emerson Field location.

The junior varsity team followed the lead of the varsity team which qualified for the state tournament again *This Year*.

Some members of the junior varsity suited up for varsity games and some players worked their way into starting positions on the varsity.

Freshman Nathan Soltice, pictured to the right, turns the third base line and heads for home plate. The team ended up splitting the games against Pittsburg. Nathan also went out for basketball as well as football this year.



Freshman Beau Schultz, pictured above, prepares to go on deck at the first home game of the season. Beau also played quarterback in football, guard during basketball and pitches for the baseball team. Like many other high school students, Beau also mows several lawns during the summer.



Front Row: Brandon Cox, David Hogan, Chris Gruber, Travis Dunham, Nick Dailey, Matt Howe, Matt Crane, Micheal Modich (manager). Back Row: Coach Ellis, Josh Clark (manager), Scott McMillin, Jared Jefferson, Levi Meadows, Marcus Bryant, Jeremy Simmons, Beau Schultz, Nathan Soltice.





The junior varsity softball team enjoyed a successful season with Doug Rinck serving as coach. With a basically sophomore team, and a few freshmen sprinkled in, the squad was able to be competitive in most games. The junior varsity plays home games at Sinclair Park on Park Street.

The junior varsity has players who also participate on the varsity level.

Stephanie Wilson, above, is shown putting her helmet on in a junior varsity softball game at Sinclair Park. Stephanie pitched for the junior varsity and also saw action pitching for the varsity and is being counted on for next year to make a major contribution in the pitching area for the Bulldogs. To the right of Stephanie is Jennifer Hackett, also a freshman. Jennifer saw some playing time in the outfield and a limited amount of time playing at first base. The junior varsity players probably have more fun and enjoyment than the varsity because of the lack of pressure to win every game. In reality, they play the game because it is fun and because they want to have a good time.



Angela Ewing, above, plays an important role in this particular junior varsity game. Angela, who pitched the first game, received the awesome responsibility of keeping the scorebook during the game. On the junior varsity level the teams keep the scorebook so that the batting order can remain correct. Angela also saw action in the outfield as she is a productive hitter in addition to pitcher and scorekeeper.

The Bulldog junior varsity infield, left, prepares for the action as Angela Ewing pitches. Emelia Friesberg, at third base, is in the correct fielding position. The Bulldog junior varsity is looking forward to next season when some of the older players will be promoted to the varsity level.







Front Row: left to right): Assistant Coach Doug Rinck, Mendi Clark, Mandy Rash, Becky Mitchell, Michelle Karleskint, Jakki Stair, Amanda Torbett, Arie Auxter, Shondra Irving, Coach Craig Null; Second Row: Kristen Kelley, Jennifer Bennett, Stephanie Wilson, Stacy Mitchell, Jessica Tyler, Angela Ewing, Emilia Friesberg, Kylee Fox; Bottom row: Jennifer Coder, Roxy Devore, Abby Knisley, Michelle Thompson, Kari Jordan, Magan Hardy, and Jennifer Hackett.-.

Michelle Karleskint fields a ground ball to third as Abby Knisley goes to back her up. Michelle had her debut at pitching the first game of the season, but has been playing third base for the past two years. This is Abby's second year at playing varsity softball. She played short-stop last year and now has the experience to move up to the Varsity level. However, last year when the team qualified for the State tournament, Abby was moved up to the varsity level because fifteen players are on the state squad. The coaches try to work the younger players in to prepare for the future.



The IHS girls' *Softball* team continues to make the state tournament. The 1996 Bulldogs closed a successful season with an opening round loss at Salina.

However, the *Future is Bright* for the Dogs with only one senior, Jennifer Bennett, graduating. However, Jennifer accomplished making all-league for two years and lettered all four years in high school.

Coach Craig Null is looking for depth in pitching and improving the hitting and defensive skills during the off season.

The Lady Dogs turned the season around late in the year with eight straight victories.

The team featured a strong class of sophomores and juniors.





Mandy Rash fields a bunt and throws it to first to get the out. Jennifer Bennett, pictured above, covers first to help make the play, as Becky Mitchell ducks to get out of the way of the ball. This type of teamwork can only be accomplished by playing together for a longer period of time.

Shonda Irving, pictured right, fields a ground ball to right field and gets it into the infield in a hurry. This is Shonda's first year playing right field for the Varsity team. She worked and earned her way to that position, last year on the JV team. During the season, Shonda also spent some time in left field for the Lady Bulldogs. The outfield does not get a lot of action when Mandy Rash pitches.



Mandy Rash, pictured below, warms up pitching before the game. Mandy has pitched very good games this year and has been important to the team.



Roxy DeVore, pictured left, throws back to the pitcher. Roxy has been a successful catcher for a couple years now. Catching is the most demanding of all the positions in softball. The players has to contend with equipment which is very uncomfortable to wear, with the dirt, dust, and other environmental inconveniences located with the position. Also the constant squatting is hard on the knees. The pitcher, if wild or inconsistant, can cause grief for the catcher as she has to shag the balls, watch the baserunners, and generally control the game. The catcher is often called the umpire's "best friend." Roxy has accomplished this very well for the Bulldogs.



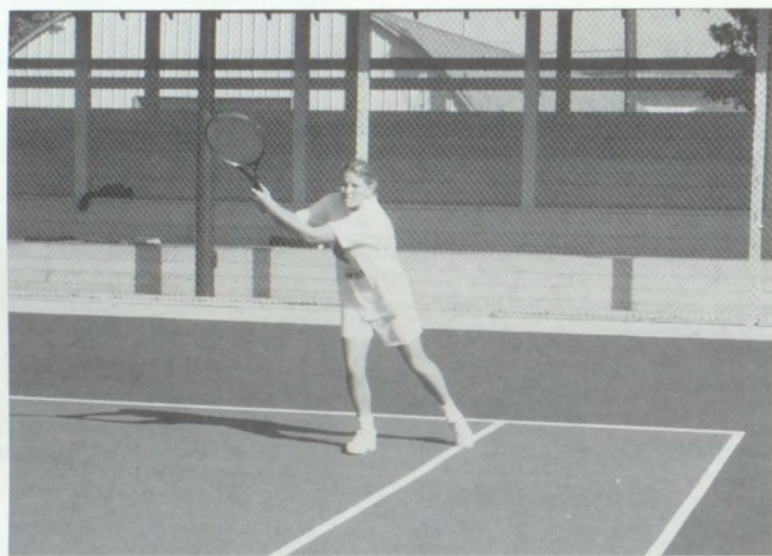
Jessica Tyler, pictured below, makes a clean catch in center field. Mendi Clark goes out for the cut-off. Mendi worked her way up to the Varsity team this year and has been a big contributor to the infield. This Jessica's second year starting centerfield. The outfield has been moving around the last few games of the season.



Jennifer Coder, pictured below, runs across home plate scoring a run. Jennifer is effective on the bases.



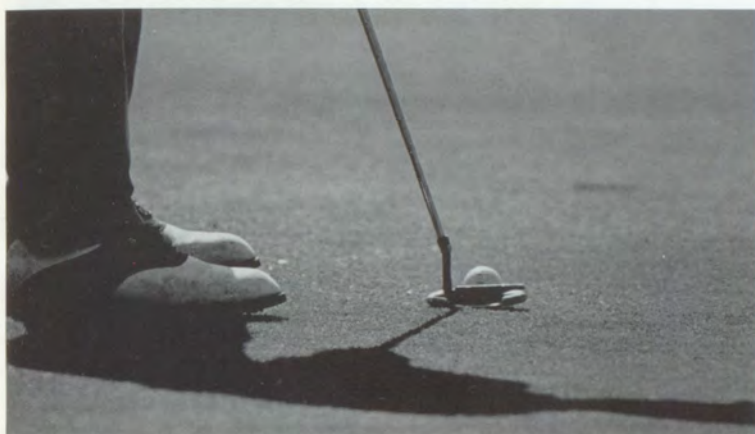








Pictured above is the boys golf team (left to right) Front row: Threan Landwehr, Tyson Oaks, Mike Foster, Darrin Wood, Brian Winkleman, Nick Wilsey, and Stephen Mills. Second row: Jimmy Reynolds, Ryan Lankard, Josh Overfield, Chris Crow, David Wiley, Matt Spencer, Eric Phipps, and Nathan Shire.



Pictured below Josh Overfield is using his golf club to determine how to position the club when he is ready to take his shot.

Left, one of the varsity golf players are lining up their golf ball with their golf club to make sure that they will hit the ball the way that they want it to go, this game takes a lot of concentration as well as a lot of patience.

## The Independence *Golf Team*

this year was led by *Juniors* Josh Overfield and Chris Crow. Without the needed depth the team had difficulty competing on a consistent basis throughout the season.

The golfers were coached by Mark Coder and Mike Nelson served as his assistant. The coaches are looking forward to next year where

the seniors can *Lead the Team* to a successful year.







Top Row, Left to Right: Paulo Camozzato, Jeremy Merritt, Sherman Brown, Micah Needham, Scott Wuerdeman, Brian Bosse, Nathan Epp. Bottom Row, Left to Right: Jacob Sparks, Brian Denney, Coach Ken Brown, Mark Denney, Mark Messenger, Justin Hoffman, Jason Linder.

The **Boys** tennis team practices in the Spring unlike the girls which practice in the Fall. The boys **Tennis** team had a very good year. The tennis team goes out on the court and works to their advantage, no matter if they win or loose they always **Show** great school spirit and pride in their playing time. The boys always seem to take great pride when they play even at practices. Tennis is a lot of hard work and whoever should play tennis should be honored for their hard work and **Patients** learning the sport.



Above: Brian Bosse a senior seems to be concentrating on his serve. He hits the ball hard across the net to his opponent.





Left: Paulo Camozzato a senior here seems to be concentrating and taking great pride on his underhand serve. Paulo went to Regionals as well as State. Paulo placed sixth at State, Paulo was a foreign exchange student from Brazil, he also played tennis in Brazil.



Above: Sherman Brown a freshman is having fun swinging at the tennis ball. This is Sherman's first year playing on the boys tennis team. Hopefully he will stick with playing on the tennis team through out his high school days.



Above: Ben Schlorholtz a junior is very determined to get the ball over the net. Ben has played tennis with IHS since he was a freshman. Ben only has one year left to play with the boys tennis team, the boys tennis team is very hard work. Long hot practices outside. Like the coaches always say practice always make perfect. They must practice a lot, because these boys always goes out on the court and shows the other team what they have.





Graham Sikes and Halli Gann are all smiles, pictured above, during the spring sports assembly. Graham and Halli were crowned king and queen during the assembly. Halli runs track and cross country. Graham plays baseball.



Sarah Caflisch, above, chokes when Halli is announced the Queen. Jemery Merritt claps and smiles also pictured above. Both of them appear to be happy with the choice. Sarah is also a track member and Jemery a tennis player.



Kristie Triebel and Matt Spencer, above, seem to have different reactions to the assembly. Kristie ran track and Matt played golf.

The **1997** Independence High School Spring Sports *Queen and King* was *Crowned* in an assembly at school. This is a change from the other coronations for the royalty. They are usually crowned at an athletic contest of that season. However the spring royalty on the 1997 Spring Sports are crowned at school.

This year the crown *Belongs To* seniors *Halli* Gann and *Graham* Sikes were selected as the royalty for spring 1997. These two were selected by their fellow students and athletes.



Pictured above: Jennifer Bennett and Peter Edwards anxiously wait while the rest of the candidates are introduced.

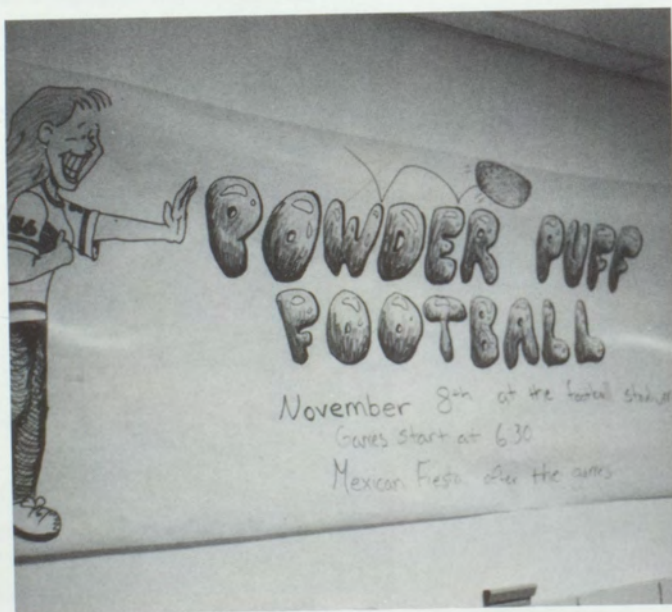
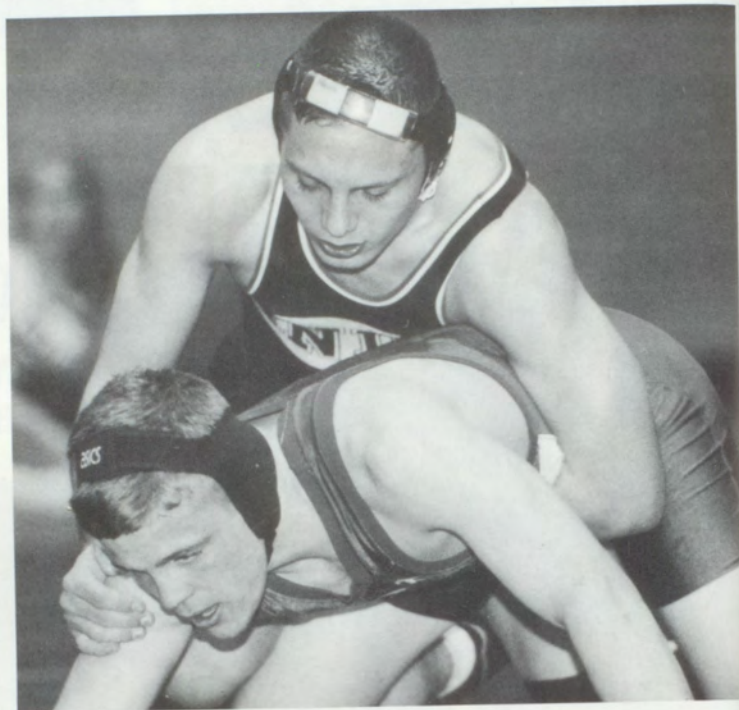
Chris Crow, pictured below, reads the candidates answers to the questions they were asked prior to the assembly. The students are asked questions about themselves and their goals.















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Cassie Mitchell, pictured to the left, is getting some assistance in Miss Emily Pearson's math class. This class is very useful to many students, especially since they need it to graduate. Mathematics is a very important subject, it will always be useful throughout the student's entire life. The test scores in mathematics is one indicator of the success the school is having.

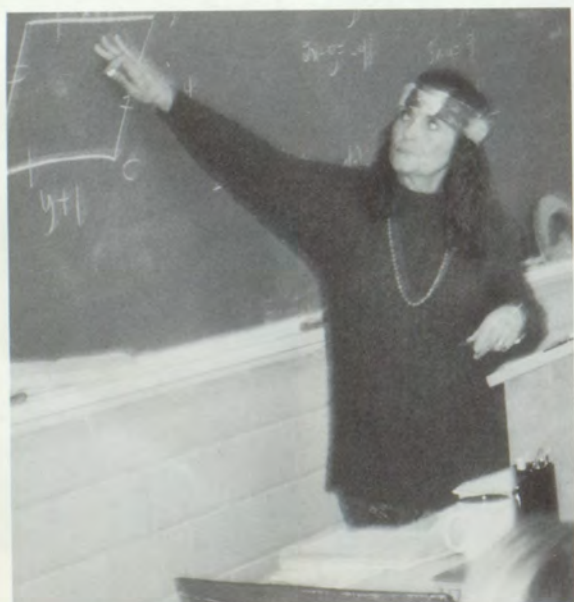


Christa Roller, pictured above, concentrates on her math assignment. It looks as though she knows what she's doing.

**Math** at Independence High School **Offers** a variety of opportunities for the students. People planning a career after college can take **Classes** all the way to the calculus level. These subjects are part of the total curriculum to prepare the students **For** the future. **Life** in the math department is varied.



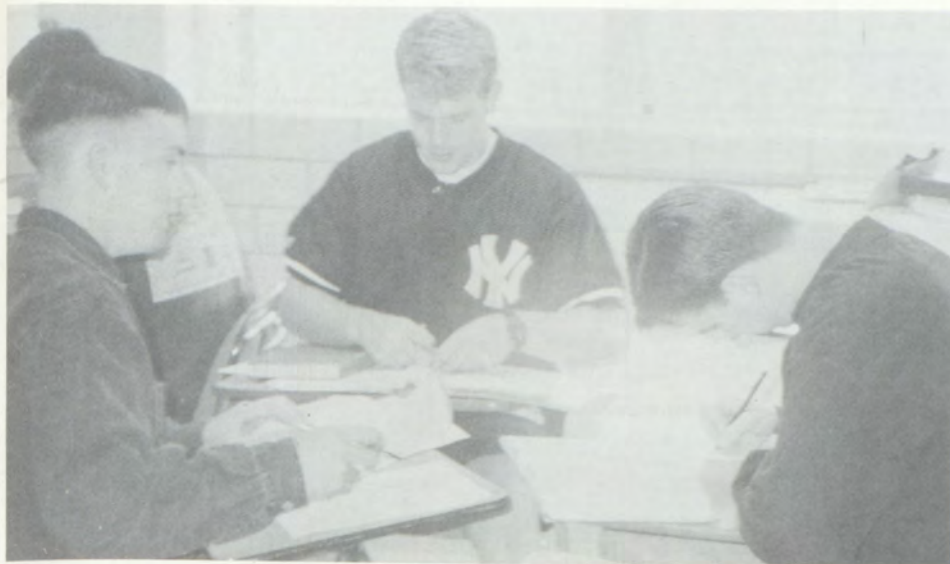
Shannon Allen, pictured above, listens to her Algebra I teacher in the mobile unit. Algebra is now a required class to graduate.



Mrs. Lundt, left, is performing one of her famous chalkboard lessons; something in which she does often. Brett Leyda, pictured right, is working diligently on a worksheet in Mrs. Hanson's class. She uses a variety of teaching methods to help the students learn some of the more difficult math concepts. Mrs. Hanson moved into the main building this year after serving time in the mobile unit. Mrs. Hanson gives a number of presentations at math conferences throughout the mid-west.







Left: Seniors Chris Short, Dave Wiley, and Graham Sikes work together on a group project during Mrs. Spencer's second hour Advanced Placement English class.

This class is offered only to seniors and it meets all throughout the school year. Many seniors have chosen to take AP English, other than College Prep English which meets only for a semester, because they receive a college credit for taking AP English, unlike the other english classes offered.

Right: Jami Smith, Arie Auxter, and T.J. Wilson, sophomores, work among themselves. It appears as though Jami is getting some ideas for her paper from Arie.

Below: Senior Peter Kaufmann works diligently on his English assignment.



Below: Sophomores Megan Henderson and Rosa Hart prepare to give a speech to the class in second hour. Speeches require patience and time to prepare for the presentation.



*English* classes here at IHS are both challenging and *Necessary*

for success in life after high school. Teachers work hard *To* prepare lessons to help the students in college and in everyday life. Students learn important English skills to

*Succeed* in the business world.





Bobby Hobert, above sophomore, feeds his baby the prime choice of beverage, Pepsi. At lunch, if you have your baby, you should watch it carefully because some students will walk by and "play" with it. This does become a problem for the student in charge of caring for the child.

Kelly Long, below sophomore, listens carefully to Mrs. Thompson as she lectures the second hour sexuality class. Mrs. Thompson and the students in her class first have to get to know each other before they can start discussing sexuality openly in the class. Trust is a very important factor in the success of the class.



## *Sexuality Babies* have

students scared. Everyone thinking that his baby will wake him up at 11:00 at night crying as loud as possible. Now there are a few new additions to the

class. One person out of every class be chosen to have twins, and a few others will be chosen to have

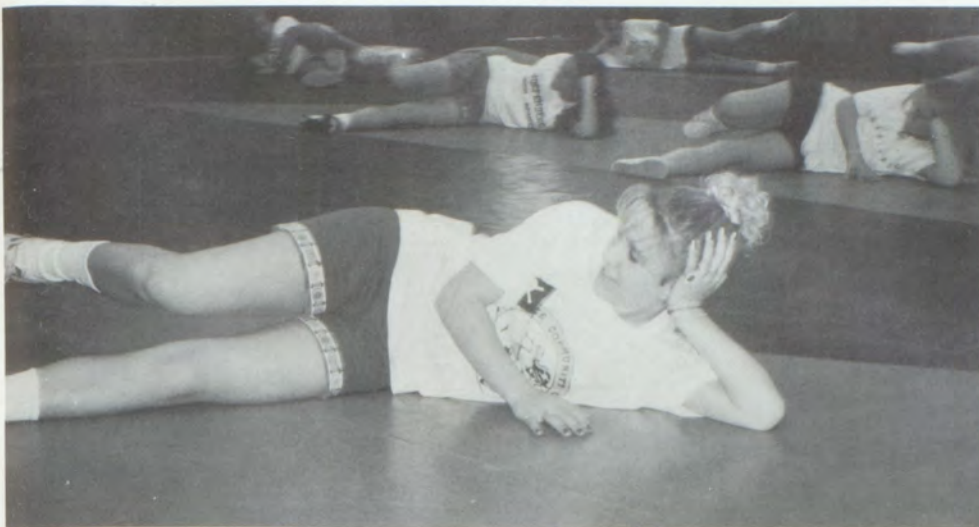
babies with cholic. The baby could *Inter-*  
*rupt* anything from semester finals in math to

needed beauty *Sleep* at night.

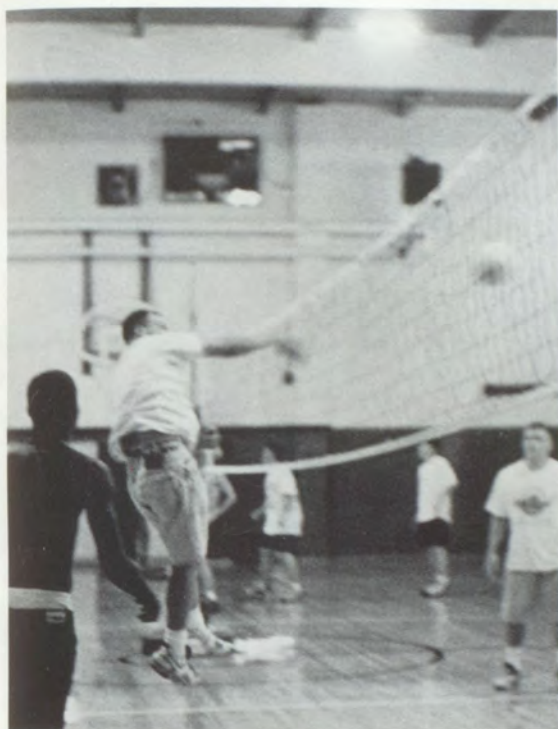


Tasha Birde, above sophomore, smiles as she carries her Sexuality project to her next class. The students are required to keep a baby overnight to learn about how to nurish and care for a real baby.





Left, Jeanne Clark, Junior, is doing aerobics, along with her classmates, in class. This second hour aerobics class, along with all of the girls physical education classes, had a substitute, Miss Carroll, for the second quarter. Miss Carroll is an IHS grad. Mrs. Speicher was out on maternity leave and returned after the Thanksgiving break. Aerobics is one of the life-time sports that the physical education department emphasizes in its curriculum. In the modern day of remote controls and automobiles students need all the exercise possible. Aerobics is one of the choices you have for a required extra semester of your physical education.



Left, Senior, Mark Denney spikes a volleyball during his boy's life-time sports class. Volleyball is one of many activities that students participate in during the semester-long class. All of the boy's physical education classes are taught by Coach Simmons.

At right, junior, Jarod Jefferson gets ready to kick a volleyball during a game of kickball, also an activity in the boy's lifetime sports class. Iassce Lawrie and Spencer Bailey, both seniors, look on.



Bottom right, Ron Burke, also attempts to spike the volleyball in gym class. Nick McCollom and Ricky Martinez assist him during the game. While Wayne Briggans tries to dig Ron's shot. Some students in the school would like for volleyball to be offered to guys as a lettering sport.

Many students enjoy sports, so they enroll in *Physical Education*. Both teach-

ers are involved *In* coaching school sports.

Mrs. Speicher coaches the volleyball team along with Mr. Simmons, who coaches football and baseball. With all of the different sports played

in the gym classes, there is always *Action* happening somewhere.







Dixie Riddle, junior, works diligently on placing a pattern on her fabric.

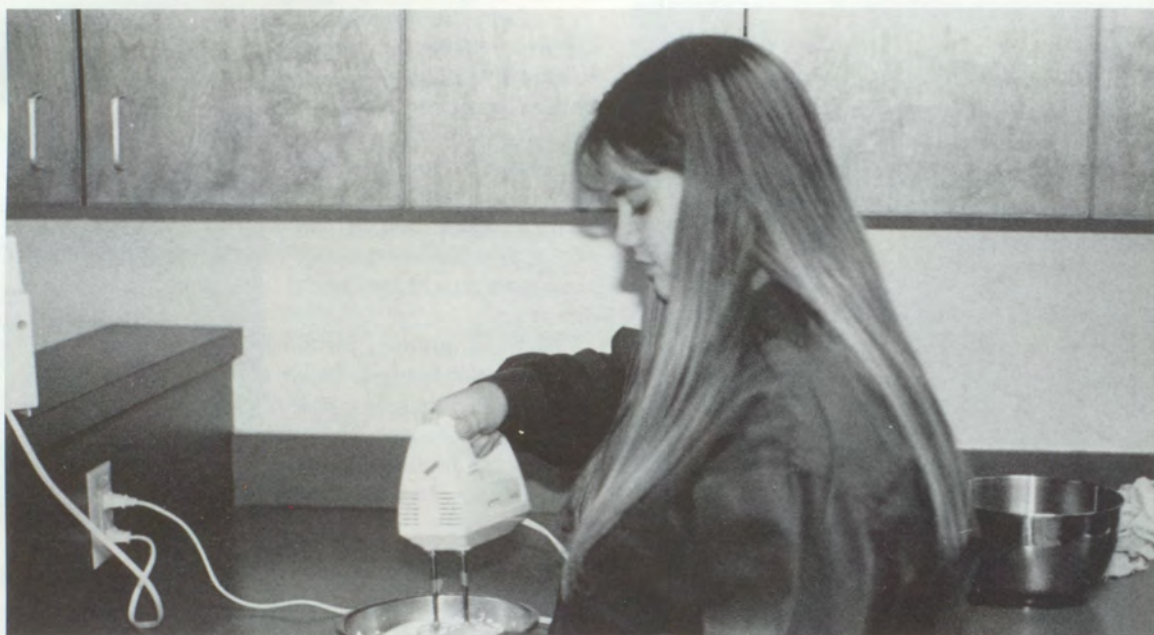
It is important to fasten the pattern to the fabric with pins to avoid the occasional oops that many Home Economics students often encounter.

Below: Jamie Harrod mixes a cake batter for her Home Ec class during Mrs. Staton's fifth hour Gourmet Cooking Class.

Jamie is one of many seniors who take a home economics class as an elective class.

Below: IHS Home Economic Students work on boiling a pot of noodles.

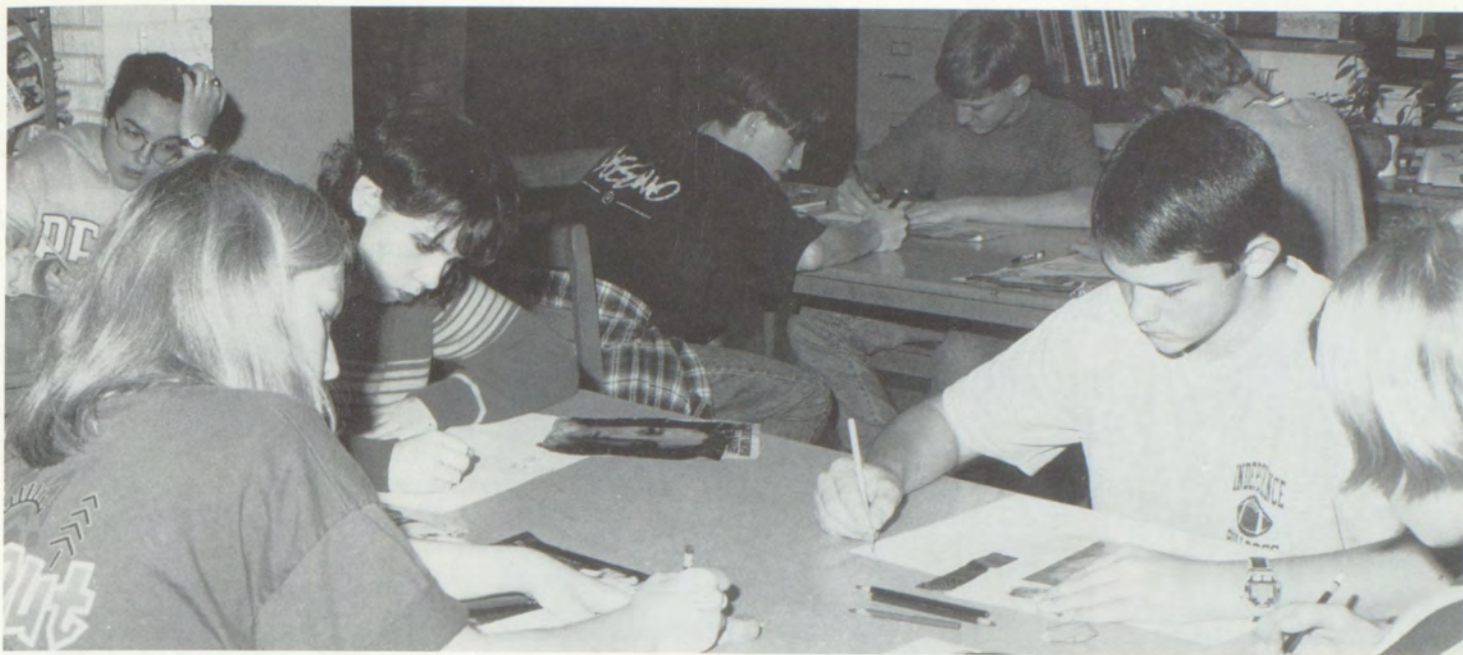
In cooking classes it is mandatory to work well in groups. This is mainly because IHS home ec facilities are so complete that they can only put six kitchen areas in the cooking room and still have space for class work.



*"Home Economics was a fun class for me. I've taken Home ec classes sporatically throughout high school, this year I took it to fill up my schedule so that I could have a little fun during my senior year and a break!!"*

*Jamie Harrod, Senior*





The *Art* Department at IHS *of-*  
*fers* the students a variety of experi-  
 ences. Between the three dimensional and  
 one dimensional areas, the student can learn  
 a *Variety* of techniques and meth-  
 ods.

Mr. Trouskie and Mrs. Worthington are  
 veteran instructors who provide the matu-  
 rity and experience for the students *of*  
*Learning.*

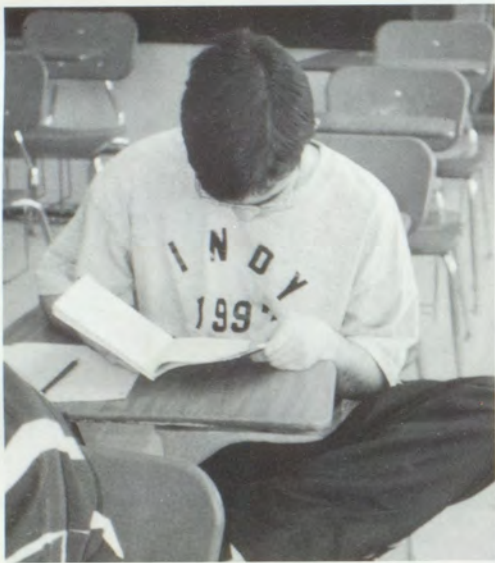




Left: J.J. McCallie studies during 2nd hour Spanish with Mr. Shire. He is reading silently from a spanish novel.

Reading novels are one of many activities that second, third, and fourth year foreign language students work on throughout the year. Many students take more than one language class during high school. Some students even decide to take more than one language class during the school year.

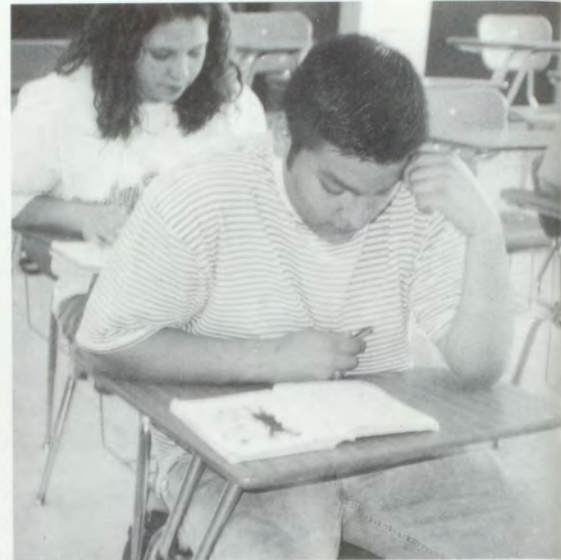
Below: Favian Hernandez and Emily Yususi read from the same novel that J.J. is reading from. They to are enjoying their third year of Spanish.



Right: Ms. McCray's French II class study a lesson from their book.

Foreign language classes often use several methods of teaching, such as videos, book work, verbal class discussions as well as the listening labs that are installed in each of the foreign language rooms.

Below: Shondra White, Senior, works on her Latin II homework during Independent Study period. She has taken french classes from Ms. McCray in addition to Latin.



French, Spanish, Latin, and even Russian are among the **Foreign Languages** offered at Independence High School. Many students take advantage of these courses during high school. It is **Recommended** by the Kansas Board of Regements . It is **Highly** suggested for students to complete this honor.





Left: Mr. Capes, science teacher, lectures his second hour class about a scientific process. Mr. Capes teaches several science classes including chemistry, honors chemistry, and physics. Mr. Capes is also the advisor of two clubs, which is SCUM, and Science Club. This year, the chemistry class changed slightly. The regular chemistry class is no longer a weighted class, but honors chemistry is. Also offered in the science department is biology, botany zoology, and honors biology.



Left: Mr. Shelton concentrates very contently as he grades his students tests during second hour. Mr. Shelton is a very athletic person. He actively runs the 100 meter dash in Coffeyville at the masters competition. the masters is a track competition which allows people 18 or older to participate in several different track events. Mr. Shelton also does many things to help his school. He helps at the basketball games by running the clock for the games, and also is involved in the Renaissance program here at IHS. Mr. Shelton has even taught here for many decades.



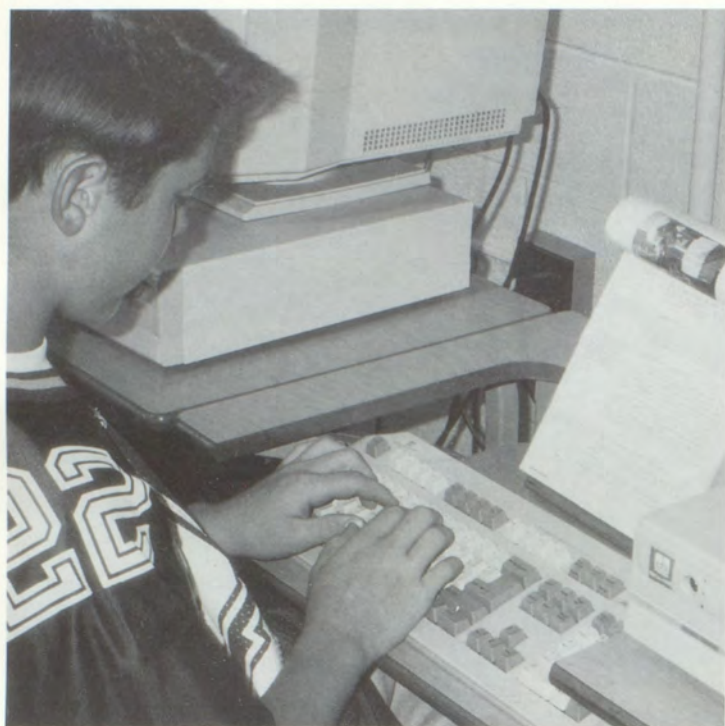
Above: Adam Harris, sophomore, and Rockus Gonzales, freshman, work intently on their gene project in Mr. Shelton's biology class. During the second semester Mr. Shelton had a little bit of stress taken off his shoulders with the addition of his new student teacher Mr. Ellis. Mr. Ellis is working to become a teacher, and currently goes through classes at Pittsburg State University.

Right: Freshmen Dustin Meyer and Nick Morse concentrate on their science investigation during second hour earth science in Mr. Hayward's class. Many students think that this required class is a difficult class to pass with a decent grade, but most people can pass with a good grade, if they just try.

Chemistry, physics, biology, earth science, and general *Science* are among the *Classes* taught in the science department at Independence High School. It is *Required* for a student *To* take at least two science classes in order to *Graduate*. The definite program allows the students to select classes for the entire high school career.







Craig Rash, a freshman, is typing for Miss Regehr's Keyboarding I class. Keyboarding is a great opportunity for freshmen to get started learning a little about computers and typing skills. The middle school offers an introductory class in computers but at the high school level, the students begin to realize the necessity and use the skills in individual classes. Many students have computers at home and know how to use them but need to learn how to use the keyboard.



Jamie Cook, pictured above, works diligently on a project assigned to her in Mr. Tincher's Advanced Computer Applications class. The advanced class gives students an opportunity to write their own programs and to develop their computer knowledge. This knowledge can be used throughout their entire life.

*Computers'* importance in today's society continues to grow. IHS offers a growing number of classes to accomodate this *Growth*. However, the technology of the school has not kept up with the demand. The students often *Face* periods of time when the computers, printers, servers, or something else are not working. Also, the computers are comparative dinosaurs in face of recent *Technological Challenges*.



Carrie Stockton, pictured above, works on Mr. Hayward's computer. It appears that she is typing a report for Mrs. Spencer's class.

Kari Trollope works on an assignment in Mr. Tincher's Advanced Computer Applications class.







Right, Laurel Sherwood is reading her assignment in Accounting class that Mr. Lusk had assigned for them to read. Next to her Justin Scammey seems to be doing his assignment also. Accounting class is to teach people how to manage money in the business field. This class provides for the students some practical applications and introductions to the areas that are influenced by accounting techniques. The department hopes to be computerized in the near future. There are also advanced accounting for students who plan to expand their minds and get further toward their business careers. The accounting classes are given as electives.

"A great class for high school students to take, can prepare them to go into the working world, learn own personal finances, and learn record keeping."

**Lance Lusk**



Students learn new material in Accounting class that could be helpful in the upcoming years, if students plan on going into the business field.

Left, Jason Reddick and Mike Walker are laughing at something funny in Accounting class. Behind them Becky Gress is paying very close attention to what Mr. Lusk has to say. She seems to be very interested in what Mr. Lusk has to say. Accounting classes will be moving into the area of computers in the near future. Mr. Lusk hopes that the school district will soon provide computers with sufficient memory and updated technology so that the students can be trained to meet the challenges of the current job market.



Amy Watson is doing some interesting work in Keyboarding class, she is numbering her pages, Miss Regehr assigns people to type many different things out of the keyboarding book, like learning how to type the alphabet as fast as possible. Next comes the hard step. Students are given the challenge of increasing the speed of typing to achieve the goal of at least 40 words per minute. Some students can accomplish this without major problems but for some it is difficult. If you plan on going to college to deal with computers, or being a secretary, you should take this class to get you off to the right start. It might seem easy, but there are a lot of things you might not know that can easily be learned in Keyboarding.

"Keyboarding is a skill that everyone should have. Whether students plan on going to college or work, technology will be a part of their future and they will have to be able to type to be successful."

**Kelly Regehr**



# *Industrial* Arts is a place where students learn first hand how to make the

most simple to the most complex crafts. These classes are a learning experience for the students as they develop their mental and physical skills. The things they make include; hat racks, letter holders, entertainment centers, and many more. Students continue this interest after high school and often take courses in junior college in woodshop class at night from him.

The section of Industrial *Art*s also involves the metal shop area. These *Class*es have attempted to *Finish* the journalism *Room*, 401, for the past year and a half.



Millie Crane, left, works on ripping a board in Mr. Hogans machine woodworking class.

Although mainly guys participate in Industrial Arts, girls are welcome to join. Many often do.

Seniors Nick Baker and Sam Blackard, bottom left, work during 2nd hour, Construction Renovation, a class offered by Mr. Knoles.

This class finished room 401 in late January.



Brandon Estes and Joe Carroll are laying out their footstools. Mr Hogan teaches woodshop . In woodshop there are numerous items offered to create.



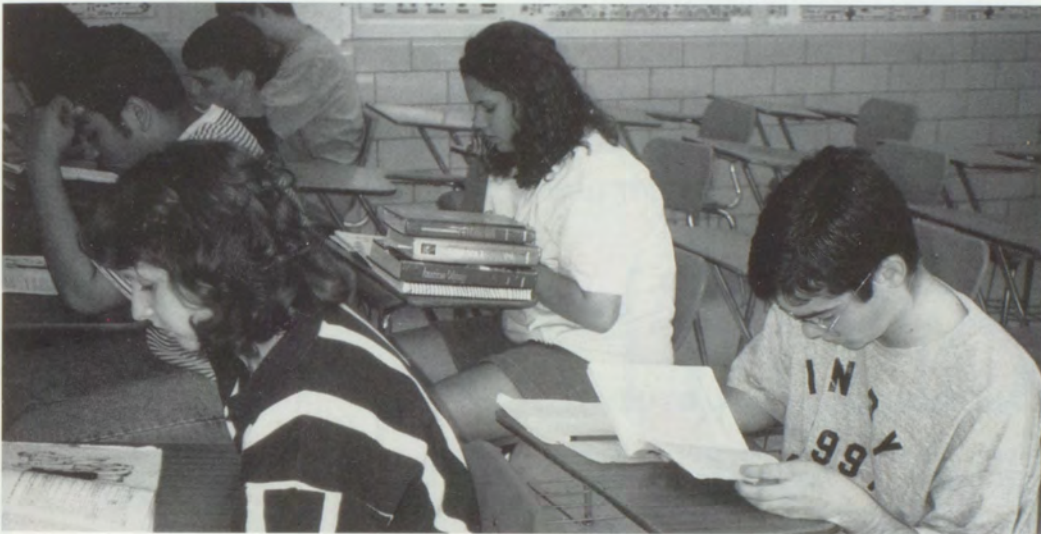
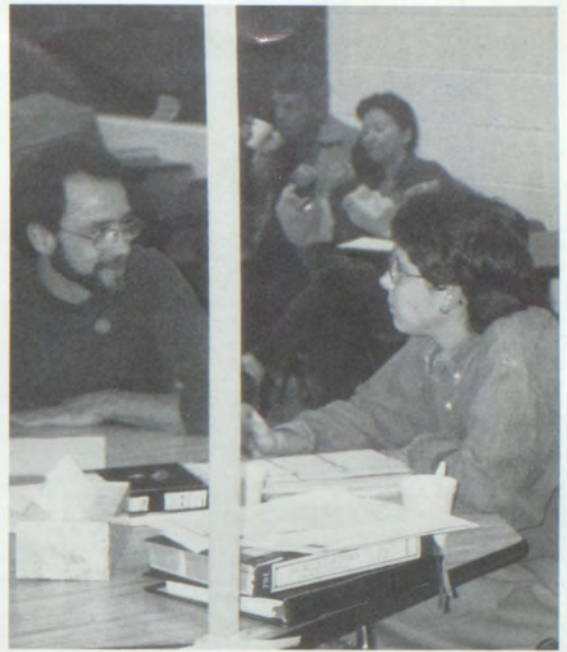
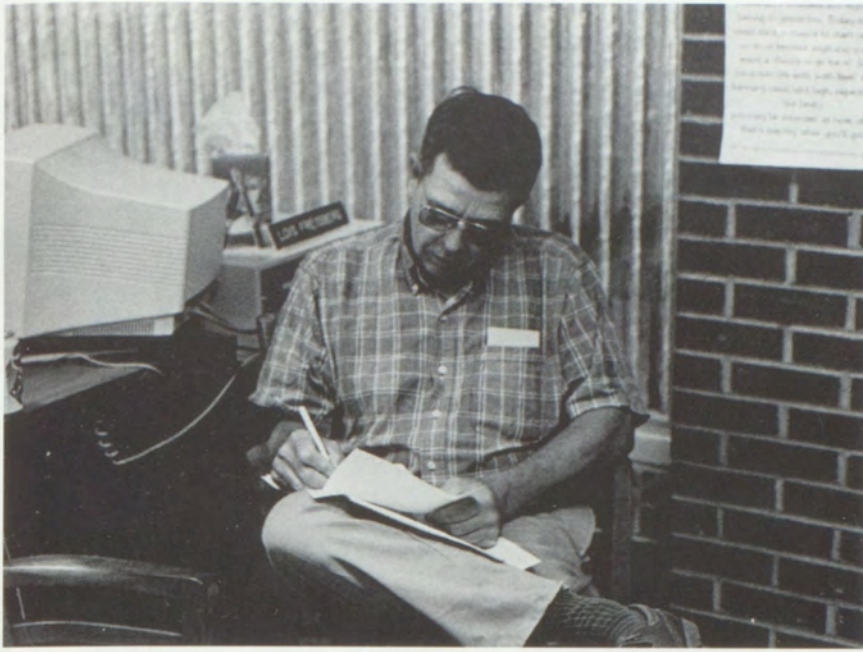
Greg White, right, works on sanding a board.

Sanding is just one of the many skills that the Industrial Art classes work on.

Mr. Knoles and Mr. Hogan are the teachers in the Industrial Arts department.







***Social*** sciences classes are offered as electives as well as required criteria classes. The social ***Science*** department is one of the larger departments that ***Offers*** a wide ***Variety*** of choices to fulfill students' electives for graduation. Upper-classmen have a lot of social science classes to make different ***Selections.***







*Neewallah is a time to have fun and to spend with your friends. It has lots of fun rides and lots and lots of food that people enjoy a great deal. They also have live music that people can listen to, every year they have a musical, this year it was the "The King and I". Which had a very good turn out. Also we had Queen Neella, a padgent for the senior girls to show there talent, the Qeen this year was Kristy VavFossen.*

# NEEWOLLAH







## *Activities Divider*

*The following sixteen pages  
represent some of the many  
and varied clubs and organizations  
at Independence High School.*

*Unfortunately, not all clubs are  
represented. All of the clubs at IHS  
provide important segments in the  
education of the students of the school.*



## *Student Fellowship Club*



Front Row: Michelle Payden, Tiffany Brown, Desirea Council, Kari Billingsley, Mindy Grabham.  
Second Row: Chris Kelly, Rob Adolph, Christy VanFossen.

## *Science Club*



Front Row: Sam Prey, Zack Sprague  
Middle Row: Stephenie Washburn, Ryan Lankard, Levi Tucker  
Back Row: Aaron Heckman.



## *Spanish Club*



Front Row: Laura Miller, Tiffany Zemlock, Carrie Shire, Favian Hernandez  
 Back Row: Rocky Shire, Andy Bernard, Victoria Lowden, Alicia Grabham  
 Ryan Baldassaro, J.J McCallie.

## *Scum Club*



Front Row: Keli Brashar, Brook Bodwell, Jennifer Jewers, Amy Vineyard  
 Back Row : Bryan Price, Adam Sprague, Philip Hansen, Scott Capes



## TLT'S



Front Row: Brook Bodwell, Tim Henderson, Favian Hernandez, Kelsie Linder, Amanda Torbett, Chris Kelly, Carrie Shire.  
Back Row: Criss Clay, Jodi Lankard, Keli Brashar, Matt Spencer, Mark Denney, Brian Bosse, Dayna Watson, Aaron Heckman.

## Facs



Front Row: Amanda Leslie, Geremie William, Amy Newkirk, Crystal Tucker, Stephanie Ellis  
Back Row: Jene Frobe, Christina, Fleischer, Amanda Parker, Misha Tucker, Shawna VanBrunt, Melanie Ross, Kristie Triebel.



# KAYS, PEP CLUB



Front Row: Nick Phipps, Sally VanWinkle, Amanda Sheets, Stephanie Fitzjohn, Carrie Shire, Chris Kelly, Christy VanFossen, Jessica Wilsey, Megan Hardy, Kelly Long  
 Middle Row: Sonya Welch, Amanda Holmes, Melenie Ross, Laura Swearingen, May Pray, Adam Sprauge,, Jessica Gudde, Ray Hise, Doris Smith, Tresa Goodman, Lisa Vaugn, NickWilsey,  
 Back Row: Daniel Walker, Rosana Lee, Elisha Greer, Tara Stevens, Amy Tull, Amory Tucker, Amanda Gudde, Misty Robinson, Nathan Shire, Kent Woods, Benji Cox.



The Members of Pep Club are the following: Arie Auxter, Miranda Bateson, Sara Beckman, Jeremy Bishop, Ashley Blex, Jason Blex, Stephanie Bowen, Nathan Bolin, Sherman Brown, Tiffany Brown, Ashley Bryan, Lynn Carraidine, Brandy Carter, Annie Cessna,, Latisha Cherry, Greg Chubb, Mendi Clark, Criss Clay, Jenifer Coder, Desirea Counsil, Brandon Cox, Jesse Cox, Matt Crane, Nick Dailey, Brian Denney, Mark Denney, Misty Dewlin, Erin Emert, Nick Fay, Chad Fienen, Emily Friesburg, Marci Gray, Alysha Greer, Steven Haines, Shawna Harlin, Julie Harper, Tricia Hearne, Favian Hernandez, Mary Henderson, Brandon Hiser, Levi Holt, Matt Holum, Matt Howe, Pat Jewers, Amanda Johnson, Brittany Johnson, Chadd Johnson, Jerimiah Johnson, Kari Jordan, Stacie Kemp, Matt Kent, Sara Kersey, Lisa Kinnamon, Kara Kimble, StacieKleiber, Abby Knisley, Kaci Laird, Jami Lawrence, Iassice Lawarie, Rosanna Lee, Robbie Lyon, Kyle Lyons, Brandon Madl, Justin Mathis, Jessica Mayes, Angie McDaniel, Tracey McGuyer, Scott McMillin, Alisha Merrit, Carrie Moffat, Jeff Morris, Valerie Morse, Ashley Nunley, AndreaOakleaf, Deenna Olinger, Kelly O'Malley, Ashley Osborn, Mikayley Overton,, Archita Patel, Jordan Paugh, Matt Peltzer, Nick Phipps, Erica Rasmussen, Brad Rice, Matt Riggle, Amanda Root, Jeremy Merrit,Becky Mitchell, Stacey Mitchell,Tamera Schicke, Beau Schultz, Stephaine Schroeder, Scott Pia, Angie Seger, Hillary Sherwood, Jeremy Simmons,Jason Simpson, Jami Smith, Lacey Smith, Mandy Smith, Jakki Stair, Nickole Stamps,, Mark Stevens, Laura Swearengin, Briana Swisher, Michelle Thompson, Amanda Torbett, Crystal Tucker, Jason Tucker, Levi Tucker, Misha Tucker, Cody Uttinger, Sonja Welch, Jeff White, Sam Williams, Sharetha Wilson, Stepanie Wilson, Zach Fienen, Destiny Baker



***AUTOGRAPHS***



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# STUCO



First Row: Tim Henderson, Amanda Torbett, Carrie Shire, Chris Kelly.

Second Row: J.J. McCallie, Amanda Voth, Favian Hernandez, Jamie Lawrence, Jennifer Coder, Christy VanFossen, Ashley Osborn, Jessica Wilsey.

Third Row: Kelsie Linder, Jan Wilson, Christi Tackett, Andrew Lynn, Haley Barker, Abby Knisley, Matt Howe, Tracy McGuyer, Archita Patel, Kelly O' Mallley.

Fourth Row: Beau Schultz, Kelly Drankhan, Matthew Spencer, Arie Auxter, Michelle Thompson, Deenna Olinger, Mindy Thompson, Teresa Goodman.

# CNA



First Row: Shawna Vanbrunt, Erica Mathis, Tricia Root, Shannon Moses

Back Row: Crystal Bailey, Janesse Cherry, Heather Connlley



# *Independent Teen Moms*



The members of ITM are above left to right: Chrissy Bockover, Kim Marten, Terese Hutchenson, Crystal Widaker , Diane Woods, Myriah Britches.



Above : Crystal Widaker, Kim Martin, Tanisha Turner, and Diane Woods, are sitting in a circle discussing buisness and eating snacks. The organization was formed as a support group for the Independence High School students. They used the time together to discuss problems, successes, and provide a network with each other in order that they can successfully juggle the often full-time responsibilities of work, school, pregnancy/motherhood.



# Certified Nurses Aids



First row: Shawna Vanbrunt, Erica Mathis, Trisha Root, Shannon Moses.  
Last Row: Crystal Bailey, Janesse Cherry , Heather Connley.

## VIP



First Row: Misha Tucker, Tonya Howland, Jessica Coleman, Trisha Root, Shannon Moses, Crystal Burr,  
Last Row: Sara Simmons, Tabitha Beals, Carrie Gossman, Sheritha Wilson, Amber Hayes, Heather Connley.





Matt Peltzer, senior, above, works on a poster for his Junior Achievement Company, Megalomania, and the posters will be hanging in the halls and in the classrooms. The food service center is used for some of the class work because the room is available. Three companies competed for the business at school and the business in the community.



Ruthie Hinnamon, junior, above, works on wrapping the pictures frames that one of the Junior Achievement class, Glodesic, chose for their class project for competition. Many high school students and teachers bought them to support their peers and students.



Mark Stevens, a sophomore, Aaron Heckman, a junior, Jennifer Chism, a junior, and Gregg Chubb, a junior, are pinning a flag to be sown (some are taking stitches out due to the fact that they messed up).



Left: Sam Blackard, a senior is packing the picture frames for Glodesic.

Each class chooses a company name that suits their group. They also choose their presidents and other offices.

Each year Mr. Coder teaches *Junior Achievement* in which each class makes a product and sales them to Students and teachers for competition. This class is only a semester class. This is a popular class among the students. Nearly every *product* has been *successful*.



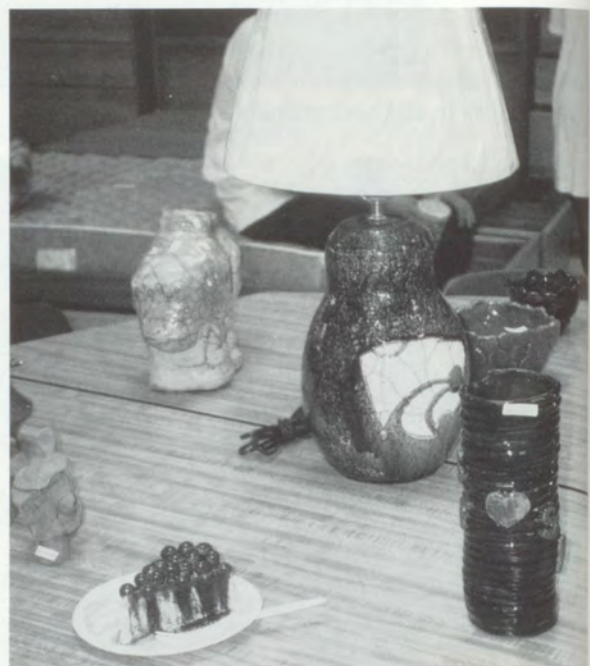


Above and Left: These are examples of Drawing, Design, and Painting offered by Mrs. Worthington at IHS. Students in Drawing learn to use pastels, design students use patterns, and painting students use a lot of watercolors.

Mrs. Worthington teaches a wide variety on one-dimensional art classes at Independence High School. She uses a variety of forms and painting materials and techniques. Mrs. Worthington has taught here for many years and is a graduate of this school. She has studied at the University of Arkansas.



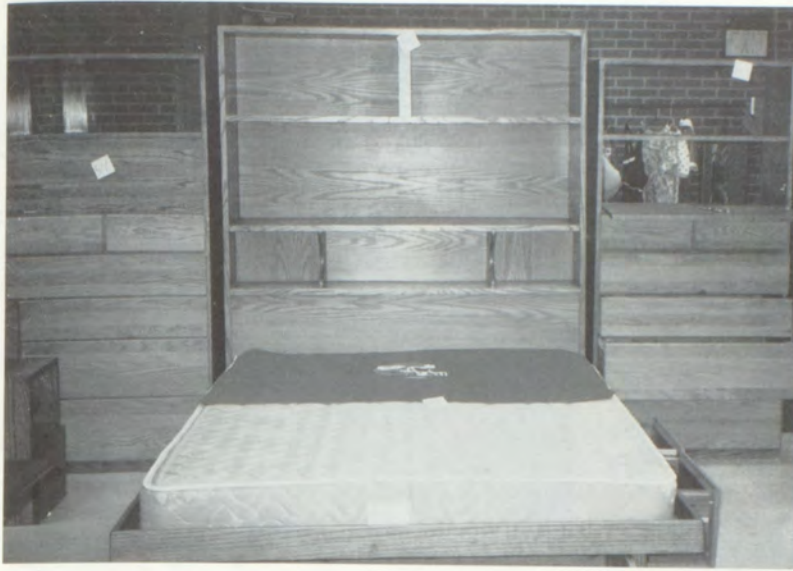
The ceramics classes produced everything from a lamp to a cows head in the class. Mr. Trouskie allows the students to create about anything their imaginations can handle. He teaches about different types of glazes, and different techniques in ceramics.



The ceramics classes of Mr. Trouskie always add interesting works to the EXPO. Pictured left and right are some of the various examples of what the students have accomplished during the year.







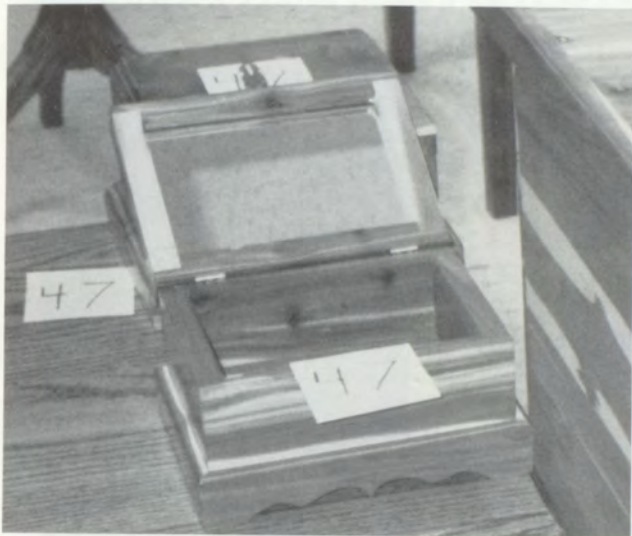
A large cedar chest, below left, was one of the favorite items. It should be pointed out that cedar chests do come in a large variety of sizes. Right, the jewelry items were displayed on velvet. Left, a complete waterbed and mattress and shelving was brought to be displayed.



## EXPO 97 was another *Suc-*

*cess* this year with more entries and more people coming by to see the exhibitions than ever before. The wood technology class, the art classes, and the home economics classes all participated in this *Project*.

The EXPO was held the same day as the school district held the end of the year reception so all the district personnel was able to attend and see what their students and former students had accomplished.



Woodworking projects under the teaching direction of Jim Hogan dominated most of the space of the EXPO in 1997.

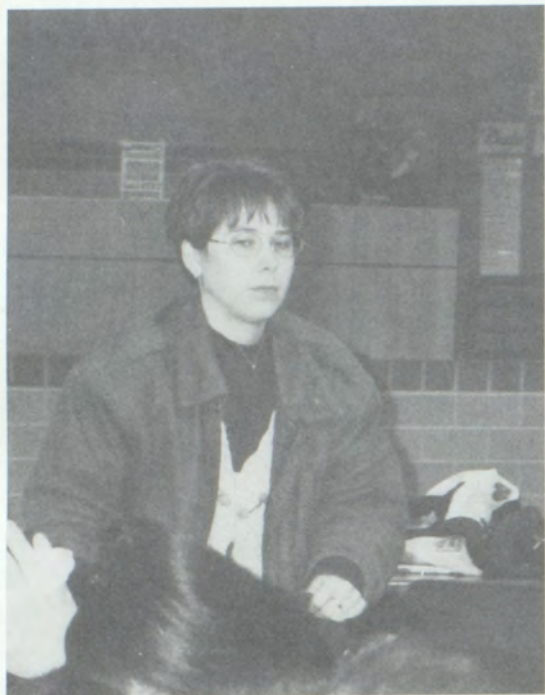
Two of the student projects are picture left and right and show some of the intricate and detailed work done by the students.

Some of the students entered several projects while others enter only one. A few of the projects were only completed a few hours before the start of the show.

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Left: Mrs. Burden watches as some of her students begin to practice their humorous skits. Humorous acting usually lasts up to ten minutes. She works on memorizing her piece during the semester. Memorization is one of the difficult challenges associated with the forensics program. Many of the activities include serious and humorous solo acting, duet acting, duo interpretation, informative, original oration, poetry, prose, and extemporaneous speaking. The Friday events consist of student congress and Lincoln-Douglas debate.



Above: Ashley Osborn smiles as she makes a phone call in the clinic. The students often use the phone to set up times for rehearsal and to find judges for the forensics tournaments that are held here at the High School.

**Forensics** is one of the co-curricular activities in the high school. The **Students** work hard to memorize their pieces and **Perform** the finished product three times on Saturday. From this experience the students learn how to speak **Well** in public and prepare for the future when all of this work will soon pay off.



Above: Tamara Schicke reads a book in Mr. Torbett's class. She is looking for a cut to use for one of her tournaments. Tamara uses much of her free time to work on her forensics.

Left: Some members of the Independence Forensics squad work on filling out their ballads at the beginning of an invitational tournament.

Ms. Burden gives her students helpful hints which help prepare them for the challenges ahead. Saturday tournaments are times when the members learn how to depend on each other for help and support.







Left: Peter Kauffman, senior, and Kevin Havener, junior, prepare to give blood at the bloodmobile stand in the gymnasium, by filling out a questionnaire. Everyone who gave blood had to fill out the questionnaire which had to do with everything from your responsibilities to your social background.

Below: Arie Auxter and Ashley Osborn, both sophomores, help run the sign in stand during the bloodmobile. Many STUCO members helped out on running many stands and helping set up all of the tables. FACS helped out by running the canteen stand. There were several types of foods to eat including Oreos, and even sandwiches. The FACS club fixed all of the food, and even helped eat it.

Many peoples lives are saved each year thanks to people like us with the help of the **Bloodmobile**. It's not every day that you discover that your blood **Saves** others lives. Students have very busy **Lives**, running around, going to work, and coming to school. It's good to see students can take time out of their schedule to possibly help another to stay alive.



Left: Crissy Bockover, senior, sits calmly as she is reassured that this procedure won't hurt a bit. As the doner sits and waits for the process to begin, they are told of the exact procedure from a professional helping them through the entire time. Many students want to and would like to help by giving blood, but the student has to be at least 17 years of age. Before the student is allowed to give blood, a certified nurse first takes the students pulse and blood pressure. For a student to give blood it takes an average of about 5 to 10 minutes. The blood which the students give goes to different people with the same blood type and who needs blood donations to stay alive or to recover from a sickness. Many people don't understand how many people need blood donations to survive. The bloodmobile has always been a very large success here at Independence High School. There was approximatley 200 students that participated in bloodmobile, and did it out of the goodness in their heart so that they could help others and to give them the help and treatment that they need. The bloodmobile is one of the best and most responsive activities at the high school.





Top right: Jamie Harrod ,Andrea Oakleaf, Ryan Raven, Tiffany Brown, Desirea Council.

Top Left: Melissa Kemp , Tinisha Turner , Heather Tate, Stephanie Shedd, Kristi Trebel.

Middle Row: Candy Jensen, Gena Feinen , Michelle Robertson, T.J. Barnhart , Jamie Harrod, Tyler Gates, Dana Jensen, Jennifer Bennet .



Tiffany Brown and Desirea Council work hard on a choir page. A lot of time is put into the pages to make sure that each name is spelled correctly and to hopefully get everyone into the yearbook at least twice.



Michelle Robertson and Heather Tate are discussing the layouts of a page. Careful work goes into double checking that each page is correct.



Above: Senior Co-editors of the 1997 *Orange and Black*, Jamie Harrod and Michelle Robertson collaborate on a page layout. The editors of the Yearbook have many different types of responsibilities, which include assisting the staff.

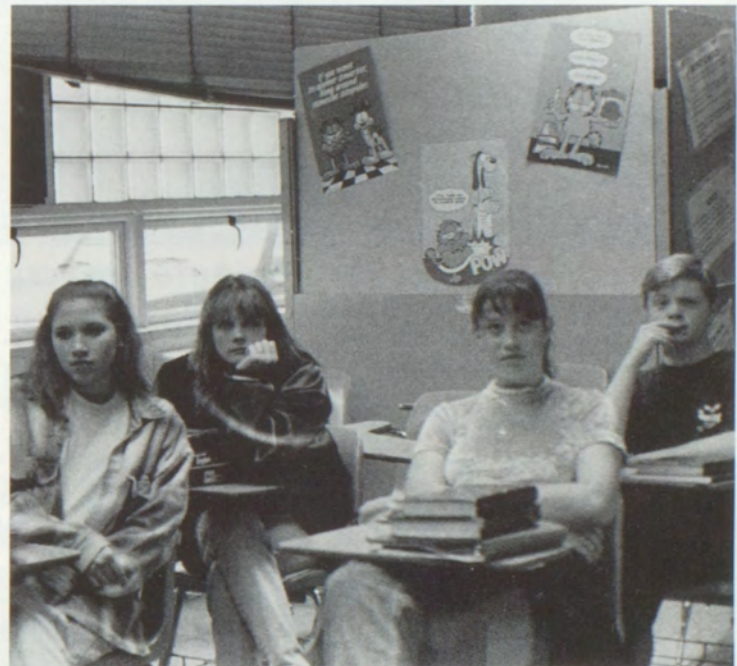
*Yearbook* takes lots of dedication and hard work. There are a lot of deadlines the yearbook *Staff* has to make in order to make a yearbook everyone will appreciate. One of the difficult part of the production is that the students have to *Learn* an entire *New Language* to learn and new ways of using computers. However, with interest A lot of times the staff has to come in during the summer to finish the year book. The yearbook reflects the entire year in pictures and in words.





Media classes are offered to IHS juniors and seniors. Occasionally Sophomores are allowed to enroll in Media.

Students must get permission from the instructor to enroll. Mrs. Shepard is the sponsor of Media and helps with the production of the TV show that airs on Cablevision channel 14, IHS TIMES. This show has been successful.







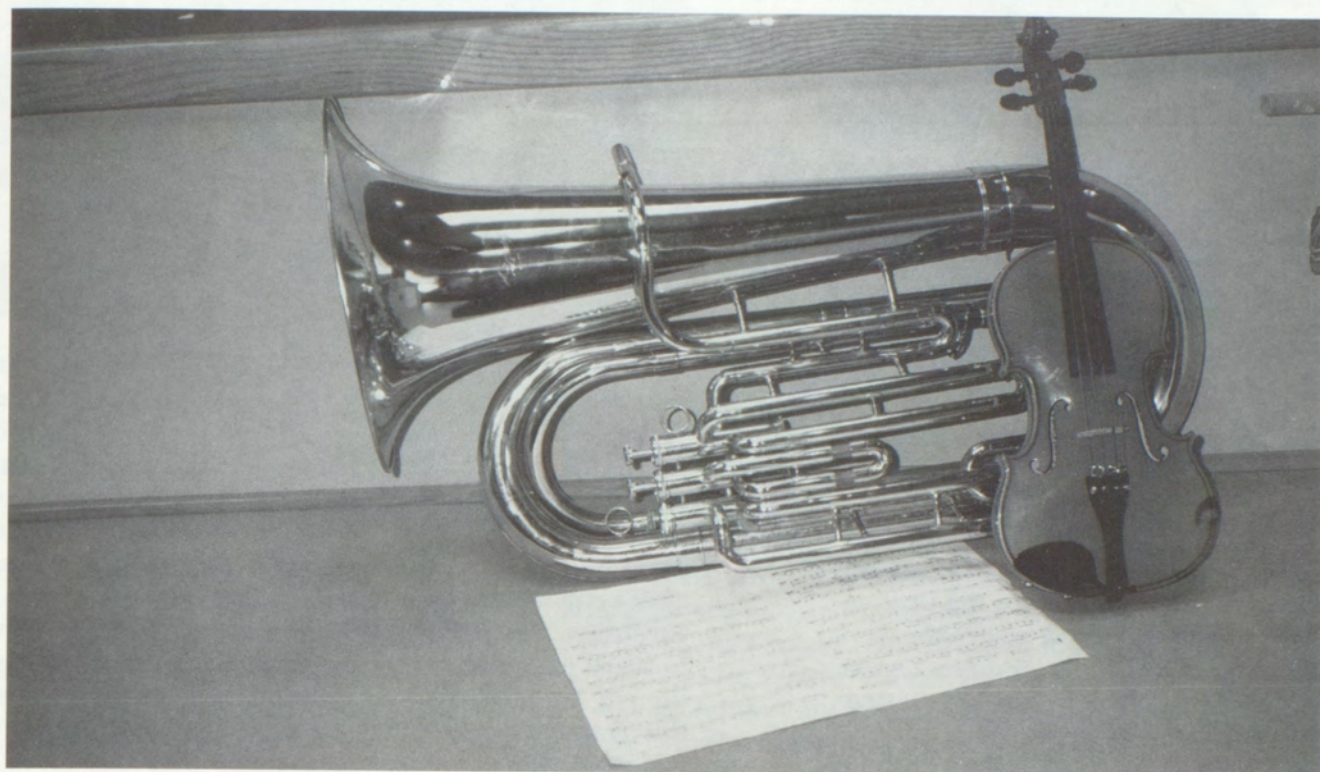
*Sheldon Auto has been in Independence for about three years. Sheldon Auto has a variety of good cars, such as convertibles for those who like to cruise with the top down, Jeeps and Broncos and a car that would suit your personality. If you want a good quality car that you can afford go to Sheldon's, they will sell you what your money's worth. The people at Sheldon Auto are very polite and would be happy to help you if you can not make a decision. Another important element of Sheldon Automotive company is the fact that they finance used cars as well as sell insurance for the cars.*

# SHELDON

# A U T O







## *Music Divider*

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Above: Amy Tate a junior and an alto in the Concert Choir class and Mrs. Dana Aitken, who plays the piano for the class, seems to be helping Amy with a solo for contest that comes once a year. Many students prepare themselves for the upcoming solos. The solo and ensemble work results in participation in contests sponsored by both the state and by various women's clubs in the area.



Above: Doug Songer, Amy Tate, Levi Tucker, Adam Sprague, and Christi VanFossen, are all practicing their song for the upcoming concert. Concerts take lots of practice and dedication. The choir faced unusual challenges this year. Mrs. Jodie Russell, director, was on sabbatical leave during the first semester. The teacher hired to take the vocal musical instruction did not stay after a couple of weeks. During the rest of the semester, a substitute was employed. The students were looking forward to the second semester and the return of Mrs. Russell. Even though a school musical was not produced this year, the students are glad to have the structure of the class returned.



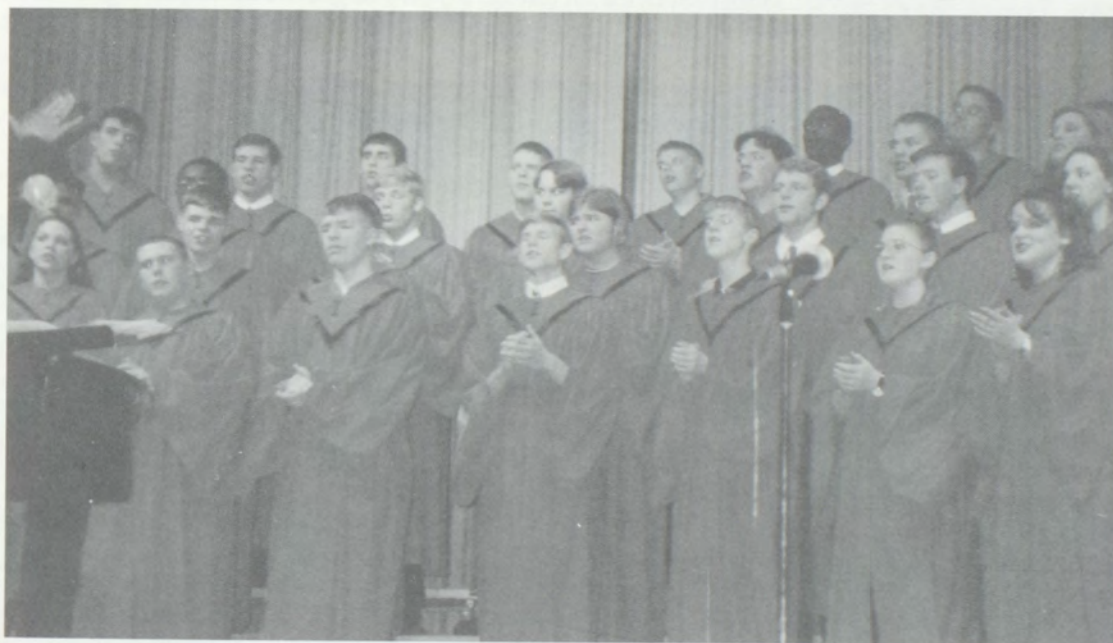
Above: Sean Anderson, bass, and Graham Sikes, a tenor, on the front row of the choir class are practicing for an upcoming concert. Sometimes it is difficult for the students to keep on task and sing for the entire period. However, those individuals who are interested in a quality choir program are able to pay attention and follow the instructions of the director. With over seventy students in one room, it is always difficult to keep the attention of the people. The dedication of the students extend to performing outside of school time either in concerts or at state competitions. This dedication results in a quality program for the school.

The *Choir* students practice hard during the year for numerous concerts and state competitions. Concert choir *Takes* a lot of *Dedication* and hard work. It is important for the choir members to work as a team *and* show mutual responsibility and *Cooperation* in order to be successful.





The Concert Chior students clap along as they sing with music. Each year they put on a performance during the fall, the winter, and the spring. In addition, the choir takes part in high school Christmas concert and in the Unified School District spring music extravaganza held in the confines of Losey Gymnasium. These concerts are attended by friends, faculty, parents, grand-parents, and other individuals interested in music. The choir accompanist is Mrs. Dana Aitken who helps Mrs. Russell in the concerts and in class. Mrs. Aitken graduated from Independence High School.



Above: The concert choir class is clapping to a song they sang called "Gospel Travlin". Every year the class chooses songs that will be fun for the audience as well as being fun for them to perform. The other type of music is selected by Mrs. Russell. These numbers are usually more serious, almost classical in nature, which will provided a challenge for the musicians. The theory is that if the singers do not attempt anything more difficult the abilities will not improve. As a result, Mrs. Russell selects this greater variety to challenge the students.





Mrs. Russell takes a bow after the concert choir finishes one of their many delightful songs performed in the high schools auditorium. Conducting the choirs songs takes lots of patience and hard work. During the time of an up coming concert the students and the teacher seem to be under stress. They practice a lot harder and try to get the notes just right. In the end it pays off. The concert Chior puts on a magnificent show.



Before a concert many students seem to experience nerves. But as soon as they step on the risers the nerves seem to disappear, if they don't the audience doesn't seem to notice their nerves.



Pictured at right: Jami Harris and Sara Stockton both seniors play in unison in their first hour orchestra class. Orchestra takes strict concentration from the student because it involves complicated finger placements and tricky scales that are sometimes almost impossible to grasp without much practice. Sometimes students find it complicated to see their music setting on their stands because of the poor lighting on the Auditorium stage. The orchestra hopes to someday to have their own classroom. Right now they are using the auditorium stage for their classroom. However the auditorium provides poor acoustics and other short comings but the students say they will just hope someday to have a classroom of their own.



Pictured above: Valerie Landwehr, rests with her section while waiting on their part. Resting between parts is very important holding an instrument up for fifty-six minutes can be grueling work on the hands arms and fingers.

Picture at right: a row of second violins play together in unison while trying to read a new selection of music passed out by Mr. Hoyt that morning. While one of the second violins is reading a magazine because she forgot her violin that morning. Trying to read a new piece of music and still play in unison takes talent in which they have.



Pictured above: Jessica Gudde, Melanie Ross and Mandy Smith concentrate on playing their very best in preparation for the Regional Music Festival held at Pittsburg State University this year. It takes hours and hours of practice and preparation to get ready for this event their hopes to play exceptionally well came true this year.

The 1996-97 *Orchestra* class was instructed by Lewis Hoyt. Mr. Hoyt has been the orchestra class instructor for three years. After this year is over Mr. Hoyt will be the seasoned *Leader* of the music department due to Mr. Farthing's retirement at the end of this year. The Music department was very lucky to get Mr. Hoyt to come to the school. The orchestra has overcome many obstacles this year as well as in the past. Many people would become frustrated with the arrangement but not Mr. Hoyt. He makes the best of what he has and *Enjoys* the time he has with his class as well as *Teaching* at the high school in the morning. He also is the instructor at the middle school.





Members of Orchestra are: Sarah Allen, Arianna Auxter, Kim Bailey, Jennifer Berry, Nathan Bolin, Jeanne Clark, Jennifer Clark, Millie Crane, Rebecca Dewoody, Rebecca Edwards, Liane Eisenbart, Angela Ewing, Elise Foreman, Emliy Friend, Marcie Gray, Jessica Gudde, Shawna Harlin, Jami Harris, Stephanie Harris, Timothy Henderson, Kari Jordan, Erich Kaiser, Laura Kaiser, Amy Kemp, Abby Knieley, Valerie Landwehr, Angela McDaniel, Scott McMillin, Joshua Meadows, Laura Miller, Carrie Moffat, Ashley Osborn, Archita Patel, Jennifer Ramsey, Natalie Reed, Melanie Ross, Amanda Sheets, Jeremy Simmons, Amanda Smith, Doug Songer, Sarah Stockton, Laura Swearingen, Holly Thomsen, Amanda Torbett, Amory Tucker, Crystal Tucker, Jessica Tyler, Keri Vannoster, Jan Wilson, Kelly Werner and instructor Lewis Hoyt.



Left: Striving to achieve excellence senior Natalie Reed concentrates on her complicated solo.

Solos are a very important asset to the orchestra and the music it takes dedicated and talented individuals to perfect a solo that complements the chosen piece of music. Music at the high school level then emphasizes two distinct strands. One area is working on the music as a group and part of the group. The other part is trying to perform as an individual or small group. Each of these areas take dedication and responsibility to try to work to accomplish the best possible musical program. This hard work is determined by the results at the state music contests in the spring. This spring the orchestra did very well at the regional level playing the best they have ever played and receiving good marks from the judges. This year reional music festavile was held at Pittsburgh State University.

**Orchestra** meets first hour in the auditorium. The group **Practices** during most of the hour in order to prepare **for** regional and state competition and to present **Concerts** for the public. Mr. Hoyt is in his third year as orchestra teacher. With the retirement of Mr. Farthing, Mr. Hoyt will have seniorty in the instrumental department.



Pictured at right: The whole orchestrs works together to improve an almost perfect selection of music directed by Mr. Hoyt.

The orchestra pratics very hard every day to produce the sound that its want and complements the chosen piece of music. Hard work and talent makes the Independence High School orchestra one of the best in the area. Independence has prided themselves in its youth and commends students that can balance hard school work and a musical instrument. Keeping up with school work and playing a instument takes talent and determination.





Mr. Hoyt, Left; instructs his first hour orchestra class in the importance of finger placement in the Paticular piece that they are playing. Mr Hoyt has been the orchstra instructor at Independence High School for the past three years. Mr Hoyt is also the orchestra instructor for the Middle School students. Mr Hoyt often accompanes the orchestra in playing. playing the violin is somthing that mr. Hoyt loves to do and one of the reasons that led him into the teaching field. Teaching provides Mr hoyt with many oppertunities he gets to work with children everyday somthing thaty he loves to do and play the violin . He enjoys accompanying the orchestra in practice the kids enjoy listening to his playing experitise. In addition to being the orchestra teacher at the high school, he is also the distance coach for the track team . Mr Hoyt seems to keep extremely busy from teaching orchestra being a track coach and driving from where he lives in Pittsburgh everyday to Independence.

Pictured at right: Elise Foreman practices her part in the cello's solo in the music selection. Cellos are very important to the orchestra the produce a fairly loud melancholy sound that complements a piece of music. A cello is the second largest instrument in an orchestra. The orchestra performs several times in public during the year. The annual Winter Concert is held on a Sunday close to Christmas and is attended by a large number of parents and relatives. The orchestra also performs during the spring in either a spring concert or at the district-wide concert at Losey.



Pictured left; Tim Henderson and Doug Songer demonstate good rehersal techniques during first hour orchestra class. The orchestra practices on stage in the Independence High School auditorium. Mr. Lewis Hoyt is the teacher and he also serves as one of the assistant track coaches. Having class in the auditorium is difficult since it is cold, damp, has poor acoustics and lacks adequate storage space. However, the orchestra attempts to survive these handicaps and hopes to someday have its own room. In the picture notice the empty storage cabinets behind the two musicians. These store the string instruments but also serve as coat racks and other uses not normally thought of for storage units.

Right; Crystal Tucker and Jeanne Clark sit and listen intently to Mr Hoyt explain the importance of their part in the next section of the piece that they are playing; while Kim Bailey relaxes and examines her violin before starting to play. Lectures are very important part of everyday criteria in Mr. Hoyt's classroom. Explanaiton is the key to understanding music completly as a whole. Mr Hoyt belives that if music is explained and broken down into pieces that it will be better understood andbetter played. The orchestra is made up of students that have a good understanding of music, notes and scales to better understand music the orhestra as a whole studies extensively on a piece of music and the notes and scales that make up the piece before beginning to work on playing the piece.







## THE 10TH ANNUAL CENTRAL STATES MARCHING FESTIVAL 1996

1996 I.H.S. Marching Band Members: T.J. Barnhart, Sara Beckham, Cynthia Bruce, Marcus Bryant, Cassandra Burchett, Sara Caflisch, Brandy Carter, Jason Clubine, Jamie Cook, Justin Courtney, Stephanie Ellis, Elizabeth Estes, Nicholas Fay-loughridge, Jill Friesen, Jeffrey Gettler, Robert Gillfillian, Alysha Greer, Amanda Gudde, Amy Haley, Shaun Hampton, Meghan Hardy, Robert Herrman, Ruthe Hinman, Justin Hoffman, David Hogan, Dustin Hogan, Carla Jacobs, Drew James, Jennifer Jewers, Patrick Jewers, Benjamin Kaiser, Matthew Kent, Kara Kimble, Ryan Lankard, Amanda Lesslie, Kelly Long, Victoria Lowdon, Eric Marr, Jessica Mayes, J.J. McCallie, Levi Meadows, Kimberly Metzger, Brian Mitchell, Autumn Moulton, Stormy Munkirs, Amy Newton, Floyd Pate, Travis Rail, Erika Rasmussen, Jason Reddick, Jonathon Roberts, Amber Robinson, Dustin Ross, Sarah Ross, Eric Sandon, Laura Schaid, Leslie Scott, James Schwarz, Nathan Shire, Todd Shrader, Graham Sikes, Tara Stevens, Carrie Stockton, Stephen Swenson, Amie Tull, Mark Van Dyne, Matt Van Dyne, Amy Vineyard, Kenneth Vineyard, Micheal Walker, Shelia Watts, Shawna Webb, Shannon White, Shondra White, Deirdre Yaus



The I.H.S. Marching Band Twirler Sara Kersey tries to stay in sequence with the rest of the I.H.S. twirlers during the Neewollah parade. The band recieved a 1 rating for the parade.





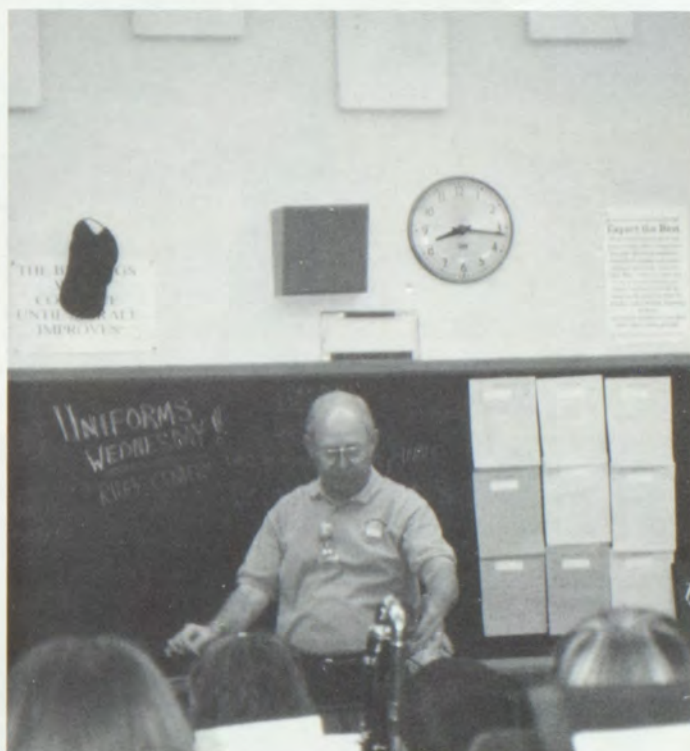
Left: The Independence High School Band trombone section plays as well as they can to their furthest possible degree. The trombone section consists of junior Matt VanDyne, junior Brian Mitchell, sophomore Travis Rail, sophomore Eric White, sophomore Angie Andrews, freshmen Nick Fay, and freshman Victoria Lowden. The trombones are one of the most harmonically voiced instrumental section in the entire band. Most trombones have to practice their musical parts, because they usually get some of the most interesting and technical music parts in the band. This year the trombones had a very important part in one of the pieces entitled "Across the Plains." The trombones came together to form an ensemble which they called the trombone quartet. They unfortunately didn't succeed in taking their group to state, but they did receive a rating of 2 at the Regional Solos and Ensembles in Pittsburg at Pittsburg State University.

As long as the band exists here at IHS, there will always be a very prestigious group of people including the trombones.

Band director Don Farthing, right, directs the band during first hour band class. Mr. Farthing made his last year of teaching at IHS one of his favorites. With the block schedule coming, Mr. Farthing probably regrets not being involved in the education innovation it will provide. As the year wound down, he kept the rest of the faculty informed of how many days left, the last reports he would do as a faculty member and the final meetings he would attend. Below are some things that were said about Mr. Farthing by two members of the band.

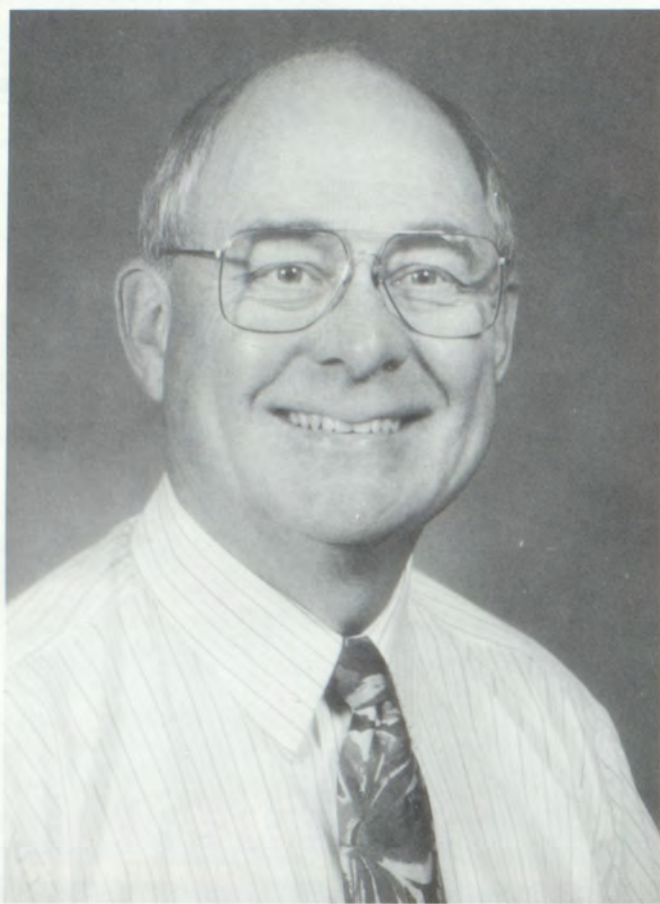
"I've known Mr. Farthing for several years and it's hard to see him go, but if I was teaching music for 34 years I would feel like it's time for a little peace and quiet myself." T.J. Barnhart, Sophomore.

"Mr. Farthing was a pretty funny guy who knew his music. He cared about his band and students. Overall I think he is a pretty good guy." Jason Reddick, Senior.



Left: Senior Stormy Munkirs and Junior Ben Kaiser rehearse their part during first hour band class. Because of Stormy's departure, the baritone section will be reduced to just to members unless the some current eighth grader makes the move to the band. Two years ago band met during the last period of the day and this helped with the students' schedules and with their other classes. However, recently it was moved to first hour again. This was done partially to help the middle school music program and the elementary schools.





Don Farthing, Independence High School band director for over twenty years, announced his retirement at the end of the 1996-97 school year. Mr. Farthing selected the late winter concert to make the announcement.

Mr. Farthing came to Independence from Ulysses to direct the band following the legendary director Lloyd Mordy. During Mr. Farthing's tenure at IHS, the band appeared at the Cotton Bowl parade, Fiesta Bowl parade, and numerous other marching contests and festivals throughout the mid-west. He also became very active in the Lions Club state and international band organizations.

An avid golfer, he plans to spend time on the course and at a side business, golfing supplies, that he co-owns in downtown Independence. Mr. Farthing is also noted for his roses that he grows and shares with faculty and friends.

Good luck, Maestro, in your retirement.



Above: Mr. Farthing introduces the next song to be played at the Late Winter Concert. This concert prepared the band members for their trip to K-State where they were guest performers at the K-State band concert. The overnight trip to the university campus was one of the highlights of the year as the band members stayed in a motel. A number of band parents helped supervise the musicians on the trip. This activity was not a competitive situation and the band's intent was to give the best possible performance.



Above: Two members of the flute section, Amanda Gudde and Shannon White, play their part during the band's Late Winter Concert. The band completes its year with regional solos and ensembles with the band participating in the state solos and ensembles competition. The year ends with a concert and playing for graduation.



Pictured to the right, Josh Overfield, Amy Tate, Jessica Wilsey, Tim Henderson, Tammy Stephenson, Doug Songer, Carrie Shire, and Brian Bosse performs in the auditorium during a pep assembly.

Pictured below, Graham Sikes, Jessica Wilsey, along with Tim Henderson, entertain during the Neewollah celebration. Indy Ensemble was one of the many groups who got the chance to show their skills in front of a large crowd including Independence townsmen as well as surrounding areas. Many people look forward to Neewollah all year round.



## Indy Ensemble is the musical

singing group that *Represents* IHS throughout the community as well as at state contests and here at school. This select singing group includes choreography, stage presence, as well as the ability to harmonize.

In the *Community*, the group performs at many civic groups--especially at Christmas time.



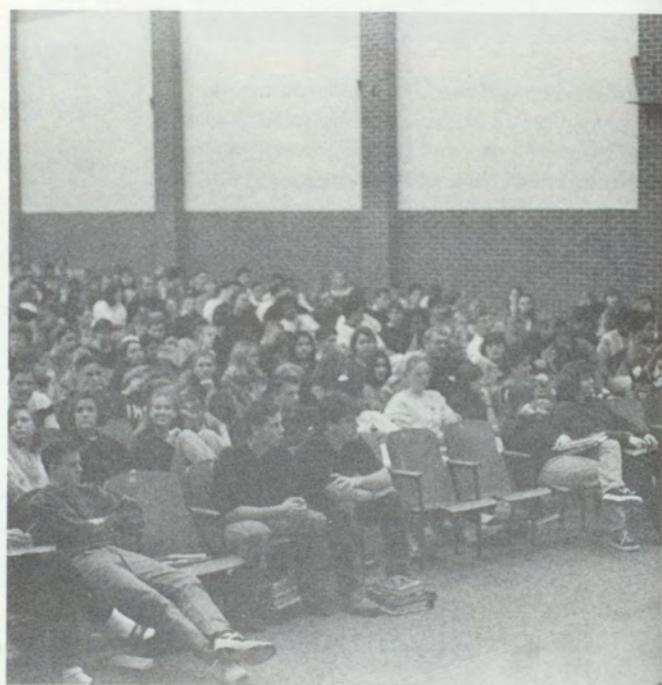
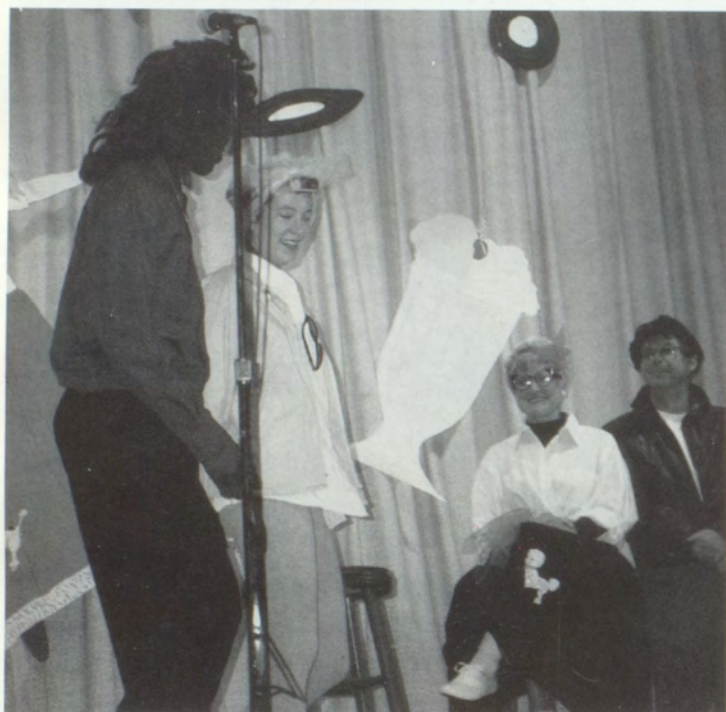
Brian Bosse and Josh Overfield, pictured below, take a break at the corndog stand after their Neewollah performance. The Neewollah strip is a good place to relax after a big performance. The Indy Ensemble group can be distinguished by their black and white attire and do not forget their red suspenders. At times this outfit can cramp their style so Josh and Brian get the relaxed look.



The entire Indy Ensemble gives their grand finale to conclude their performance during the fall sports homecoming assembly. It takes confidence and courage to get up on stage.











The Independence High School ***Music*** program had a great year in 1997. The band and the Concert choir both made superior ***Ratings*** at state competition, with the Orchestra closing in closely behind with an ***Excellent*** rating of a two. Mr. Farthing and Mrs. Russell turned in their IHS grade books this year. Don Farthing retiring and Jodi Russell moving to another school to teach. They are both well remembered teachers at IHS.



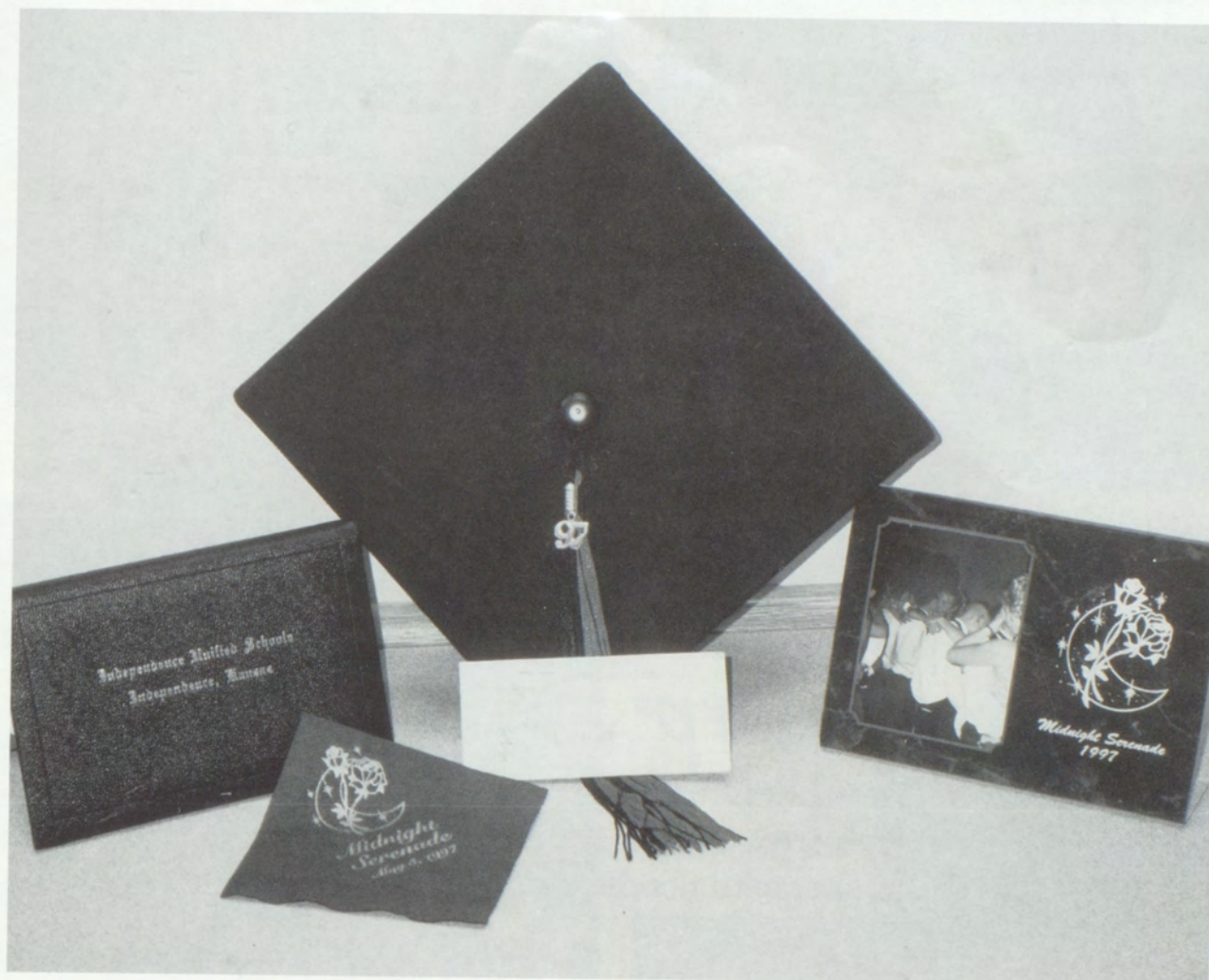
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Above: Melisa Ballard, senior, smiles as she talks with Chris Short, also a senior. Casey Knisley stands there biting his finger-nails and listens in on the conversation..They were having a great time at morp in the gym. Melisa is wearing white T-shirts with morp written on it and Chris is wearing a T-shirt with the sleeves cut off.

Right: Mark Stevens, junior, dances with Erika Rasmussen, sophomore, at the morp dance. Mark, as well as many of the junior and senior guys came as cross-dressers. Mark also sported a new hair-do for the occasion--or maybe a lack of a hair-do. Erika's attire is difficult to describe but it is safe to say she won't be wearing it to school or to church later this year.



Above: Latricia Kelly smiles at the camera while she and DeeDee Wallace have fun dancing at morp.

Right: Peter Edwards, the morp king candidate for the seniors, stood behind the cardboard box and got mashed potatoes thrown at him. It cost a quarter for each handful of mashed potatoes thrown. Peter made enough money to win morp king.

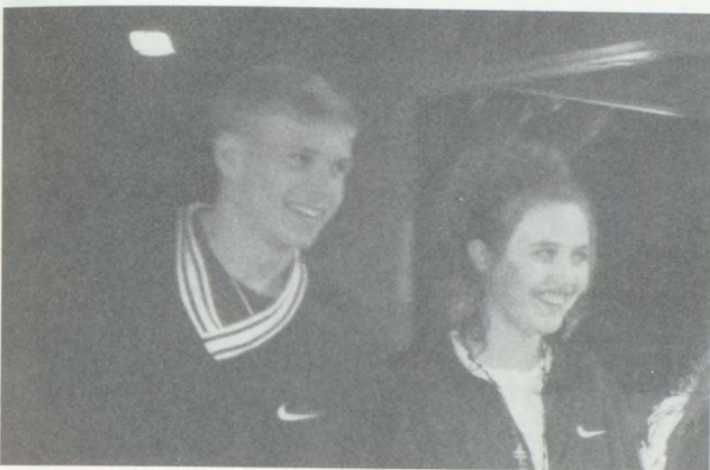
*Morp*, prom spelled backwards, is the total opposite of prom. Morp is wild, crazy, and messy. This year morp had a maze filled with mashed potatoes, bananas, spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce for everyone to crawl through. The maze *Stunk So Bad* several *People Got Sick* from the smell.







Above, Michelle Robertson and Alicia Grabham do the cake walk. This is probably one of the more popular game. Prizes seem to come easily.



Dustin Ross and Amber Robinson, above, watch as some friends hammer away at the nial boards. This gane is a race to see who can hammer a nail fater.

Below, Megan Hardy smiles as she looks in on one of the many games.



*After Prom* is one of those funny things at school. It is meant to be an activity only to follow prom. However, on the Monday following the weekend, after prom is what the students *Talk About*. It could be said that prom is for memories and after prom is for fun.

The after prom consists of games, food, competitions, give-aways, *Food*, comfortable clothing, sleepy eyes, yawns, food, and free t-shirts.

The parents *and* community members who organize the party work during the school year soliciting the *Prizes* and the donations for the after prom.



Wow guys, look what I won!!! Kelly Werner, pictured above, seems to be amazed by the prize the she has won playing bingo. Many students play this game but soon become frustrated by the fact that they haven't won yet. They soon more on to new things.





Left: In front of the Moving Wall located in Coffeyville, sit the boots and rifle that represent a fallen soldier who lost his life in the Vietnam War. This wall travels across the country.

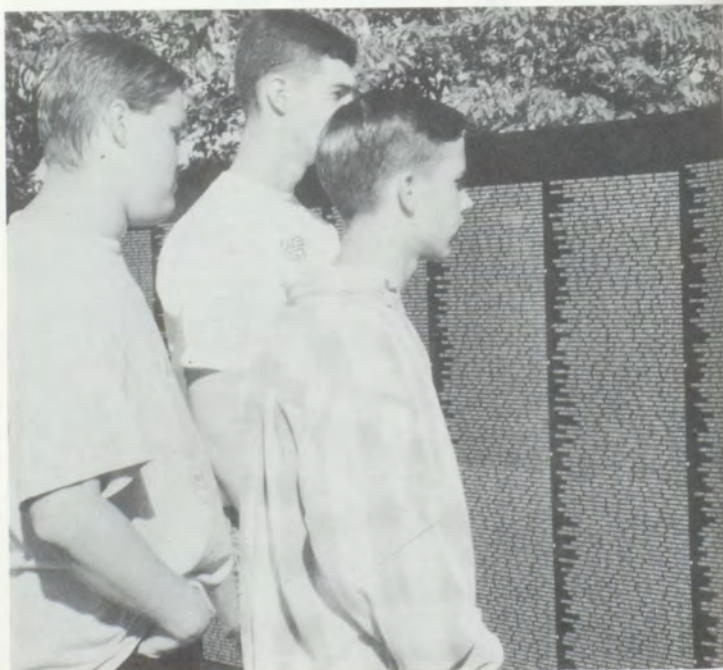


Above: Elisabeth Vaughn, a sophomore, stops to look at the names of the Veterans on the moving wall. Many students look for names that are familiar or that mean something to them.



Right: Tanner Holmes, Junior, Levi Tucker, also a Junior, and Micah Needham, a sophomore look through the names located on the panel in front of them for those names that they might recognize or remember hearing.

The moving *Wall* was located in Coffeyville for two weeks and many students took time away from school to travel the distance to look at this great *Memorial* of the Vietnam Veterans. Ms. Glenna Burden's class visited the wall as part of the history *Study*.





# Teacher

homecoming is always  
one of the **High-**

**lights** of the year-

and this **Year** was

no exception. Sponsored  
by STUCO, the project  
raises money for the  
needy of Independence.

## Featuring a **Grease** theme,

the teachers reflected to  
their youth and a bunch  
of bald-headed "greas-  
ers" were in the program.  
The women faculty mem-  
bers broke out the poodle  
skirts and bobby socks.  
Many of the faculty and  
student body partici-  
pated.

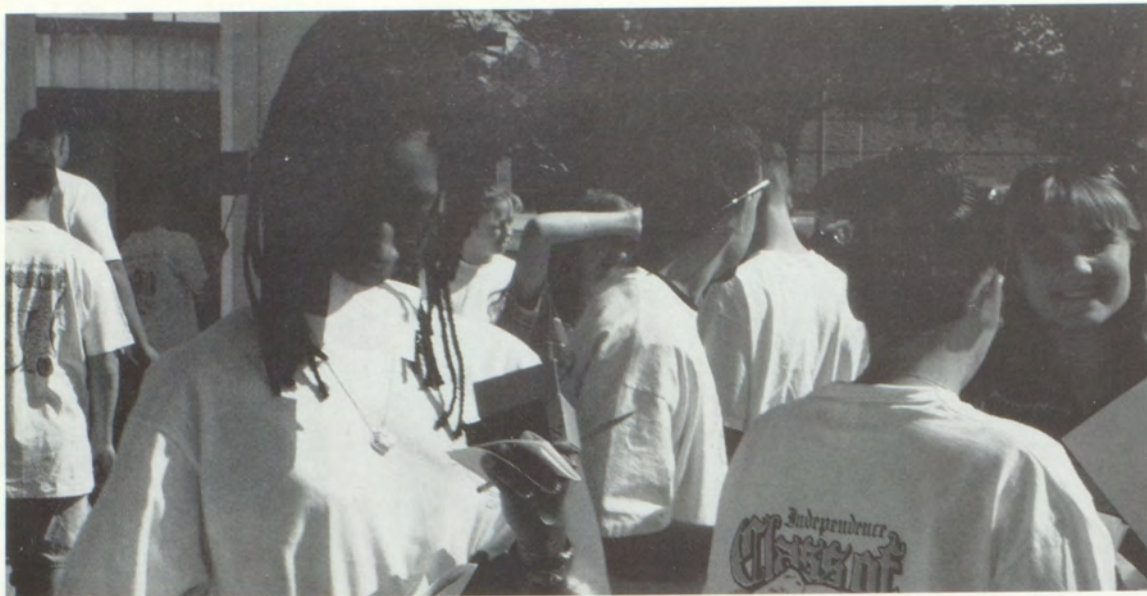


Tim Henderson, a  
junior right, is acting  
out the part Teen An-  
gel in the teachers  
homecoming. The  
theme was Grease.

Left: Mr. Torbett  
and Mr. Papen sing  
Blue Moon in the  
teacher homecoming.  
They acted out the  
parts of Danny and the  
Greasers.





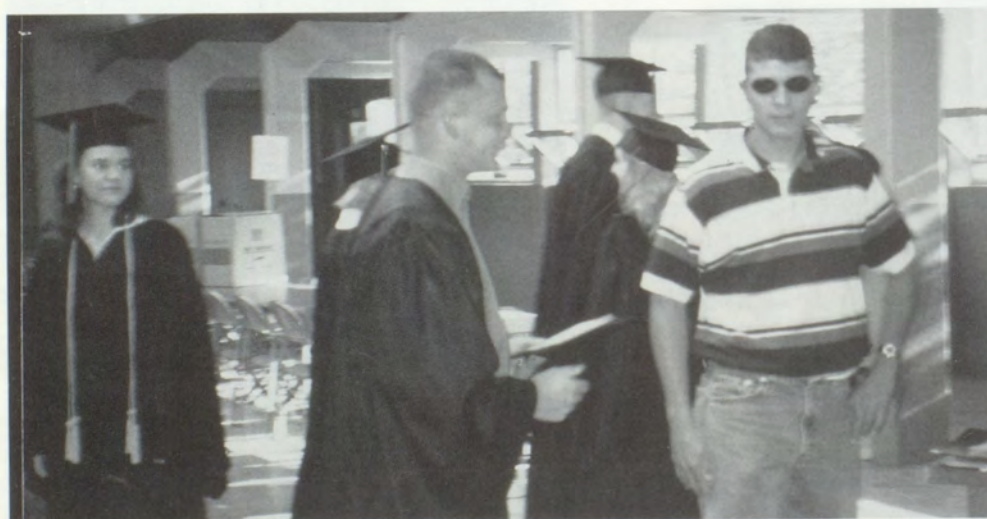


Pictured left: Shondra White, senior, exchanges name cards with her fellow seniors. The students met outside by the bell tower and afterwards went to the foyer, before they went to the stadium to practice for graduation day. graduation rehearsal is held Friday morning and Graduation is held the following Sunday evening.

Justin Bays, senior, pictured right, carefully reads his copy of the Senior paper. The senior paper included the senior wills, senior prophecies, and various other stories having to do with the class of 1997.



The senior paper was under the instruction of Mr. Torbett. Jamie Harrod and Michelle Robertson served as the staff and the editors.



Left: Senior Mark Denny prepares for the big day. While senior, Karl Billingsly looks on.

Before Graduation, the Seniors must line up alphabetically, which requires time and the help of the faculty. After the Seniors walk in during pomp and Circumstance, they wait for the Seion class president to motion for them to be seated. The class president also leads the class in. Matt Spencer served as president for the class of 1997. He had done so for all four years.





Right: Stephenie Washburn, Dayna Watson, and Kelly Werner walk in while the band plays "Pomp and Circumstance."

Left: Seniors say their final farewell to IHS at the bell tower. The Mark Tindle Memorial Bell was rung by the Senior class officers in honor of their academic victory.



Members of Indy Ensemble, above, perform "A Parting Blessing," which is an Irish benediction. The Indy Ensemble sing this song every year at Graduation as well as another selection. The choir and band also perform.



Senior Graham Sikes, above, adjusts his tie before the graduation ceremony. It is usually customary for male graduates to wear a tie, and females to wear a dress.



Sam Blackard receives the Good Citizenship award during the ceremony. Carrie Shire won this award for the females.

**Graduation** at IHS is one of the most *Beautiful* spectacles of the school year. The graduates dressed in caps and gowns, the faculty in academic regalia, the audience dressed for the *Occasion* and the festive setting of the Riverside Park all combine for a memorable evening.





Left: Graham Sikes and Brook Bodwell, both Seniors, share the spotlight at the IHS Prom after being crowned Prom queen and king.



Senior Kelly Werner and Junior Ryan Raven enjoy their evening at Prom while dancing with their friends.



Above: Juniors Shannon White, Jessica Tyler, and Jenny Clark enjoy the punch at prom in between dances.

Juniors Caleb Adam and Autumn Moulton enjoy their evening at Prom dancing. Dancing is just one of many activities that are available throughout the night to enjoy by those attending Prom.



Junior Tiffany Brown and her date sit down to take a short break at Prom.

Michelle Payden, Senior, and date Billy Littlepage, right, arrive at Prom on a motorcycle. Each year, the public show up to watch the prom-goers.







Junior Kelsie Linder and date Toby Gettler relax at Prom as the night winds down. Below: Juniors Michelle Karleskint and Jeremy Stevens chat while sharing a dance with each other.



Above: Seniors David Wiley and Casey Knisley along with junior Sam Pray gather around the punch bowl to exchange stories about how their night is going. So far it looks as though they are having a lot of fun.



*Prom* night at Independence High School is one of the most highly *Anticipated* events of the school year and in some cases *For* the students' life.

Preparations may start *Months* in advance or they may all come together in the final weeks for the people attending. However, the junior class works on the prom in varying degrees for a couple of years and takes great pride in the success of the evening.

The administrators are always proud of the behavior and enthusiasm shown *By* the *Students*.



Right: Seniors Jinny Burdett and Christy Van Fossen discuss the night while enjoying a glass of punch. Above: Melinda Werner and her date walk in to the Country Club.





Left: Seniors prepare to turn their tassel to the left after they have walked across the stage. It is tradition at IHS to do this by rows. Kelly Werner led the third row, which is now standing.



This year it was a close race to see who would be valedictorian and salutatorian for the class of 1997. It was awarded to Melissa Morris, the highest achieving senior, and Tavniah Betts, as the second highest achieving senior. Melissa Morris, left, and Tavniah Betts, right, both presented speeches at the graduation ceremony.

There were also twenty-five students recognized for National Honor Society. At Graduation students were also honored for completing the Kansas Board of Regents Requirements.



Above: The IHS Concert Choir performs their last song at Graduation. Members include those chosen from the sophomore, junior, and **Senior** class.

Right: Senior Shondra White walks into the ceremony. She was nominated for the Girls Citizenship award.





This year the Senior vs. *Faculty* softball game was a success. The teacher's *Used* what they call "*Creative Scorekeeping*" but most other people choose to call it cheating. The Faculties' "creative scorekeeping" helped them win the game. The faculty used "creative scorekeeping" *To Win* last year's *Softball* game also. The final score of this year's *Game* was 14-11 according to the faculty.



Teachers Glenna Burden and Craig Null, above, take the field during the Senior-Faculty softball game. Behind them are the seniors making their plan against the cheating faculty.



Senior Annie Cessna, above takes a swing at a pitch during the Senior-Faculty Softball game played at the oval in Riverside park.. The teachers emerged from the game with no injuries but for the



Mrs. Shepard, above tries to hit the ball to bring in one of the few earned runs that the faculty had at this year's faculty vs. seniors softball game.





Above: Senior Michael Walker runs to try to return the volleyball during the first Mud Volleyball tournament at the Park Street baseball fields. Many students participated in the tournament, and several faculty members came to chaperone and to support their students in their wins and defeats. There was a total of 22 teams. Each team consisted of 7 people; 6 people to start, and one substitute player in case of an injury.

Below: Jan Wilson, junior, serves the ball during the volleyball tournament on May 10, 1997. This was the last major event for the seniors to participate in, except for graduation. Many seniors treated this as their last chance to become wild and crazy as a high school students, knowing that next fall their world will become one of the most busiest and important times of their life.

Below: Jamie Shaw, freshman, and Johna Emmot, also a freshman, are having a thrilling conversation about their match which they just completed. Every player played in at least two games, because the tournament was a double-elimination contest. Since there was 22 teams, this evened out to be a large amount of games. Once it started getting dark, the players began having a hard time seeing the volleyball. Many freshmen join teams so that they can get themselves a piece of the action, trying to make themselves known because they do still have three more years of these types of parties. Compared to all of the other dances and parties, many students agree that this was one of the best parties all year long. The parties will continue at Independence High School.



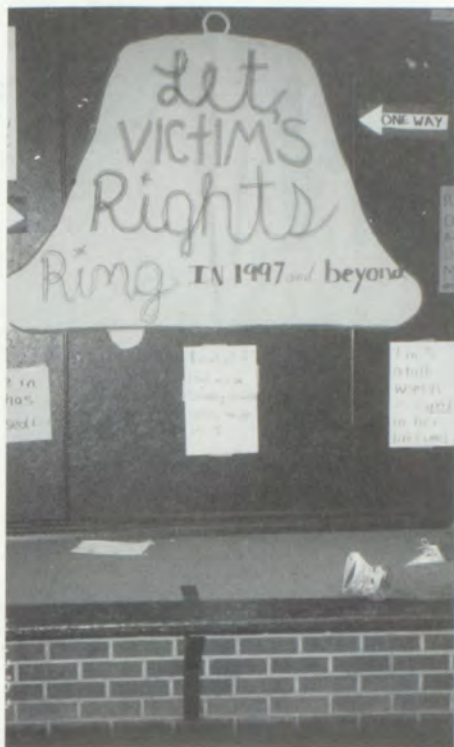
This year was a year full of firsts, including the first *Mud* Volleyball Tournament. If your wondering what it was, well, its name explains it. It was a *Volleyball* tournament that *Was* completely *Messy*, ranking up with the MORP maze.



Right: Sophomore Brian Denney, and Ryan Baldassaro, also a sophomore, compete during one of their matches during the double-elimination tournament, as the local fire department looks on. The Montgomery County Rural Fire Department consented to help with the mud by hosing down the mud if it started to dry up. The firefighters also agreed to hose down the students who felt to dirty to make it through the rest of the night. The Independence Recreation Committee also helped with the party, by getting local restaurants to donate food and money for the party. They also helped by getting the local fire department to allow us the use of their fire trucks and water. All of the team members that won the championship received a T-shirt that had the tournament logo on it.







"Let ***Victims'*** Rights Ring In 1997 and Beyond." The Conflict Resolution class as well as well as other students feel very strongly about this subject.

Victims' ***Rights*** is a very emotional subject that everyone should know about. If it is physical or mental abuse, students should let their rights be heard. This is the first year that we have sponsored Victims' Rights ***Week***. Some statistics that have to do with Victims' Rights are: Violence in dating has increased, 1 out of 7 boys will be sexually assaulted before the age of 18, 1 in 3 adult women is raped in her lifetime. These statistics are very sobering and society should make an attempt to reduce the numbers.

Right: Becky Mitchell is laying down the lines of a person that seems that have died in some sort of violence. This just comes to show that anyone can be a victim of violence, a lot of students participated in the violence week, to some students this was a learning experience and for others they already learned about it. This is not a game and it should be taken care seriously. Many people have been brought up in or is around violence, or have witnessed it first hand through some sort of savagery. Many people know that this isn't just a game, it's real life. Every second someone receives some sort of violence, and is injured. Whether it is physical, mental, or verbal. Violence is not appropriate, violence occurs everywhere. It can occur anywhere such as school, work, or in your own home. Some have it taken care of as soon as possible if you are a victim of any sort of violence.



Left: The Conflict Resolution class passed around hands for everyone to sign, by everyone signing the hands they were able to make a sign that said the word "PEACE." It was to show that there should be peace for victims. There should be peace within all of us, Victims' Rights week was very interesting week for all of us. We had between 700-720 students sign the hands, this was a very good learning experience for us to learn about, for some students they already knew about it or experienced it in some sort of way. If you are a victim of this you and no one else should have to deal with such a thing as to violence. Peace, peace, peace is the theme. Let there be peace for everyone who experiences violence and sort of violence, whether it be dating, sexual assaulted, or even rape. Rape happens on the average of once every minute. Let there be peace for everyone, everywhere.

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*Youth* and Business held a luncheon at the Independence Museum on May 1, 1997. At the Annual Youth *And Business* Recognition Luncheon *Students* received recognition from advisors, Board of Education members, teachers, and guests.

The students who were *Recognized* included JTPA members, VIP's (Very Important Pupil), CNA's (certified nurses aide), and Child Care Provider Students. Mrs. Helen sponsors the Youth and Business club.



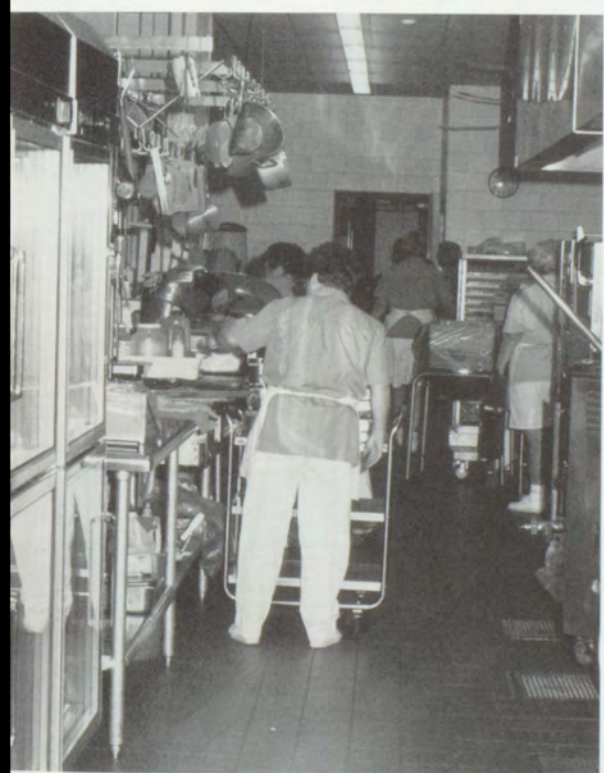
Above Left: Myriah Bretches happily accepts her award from Mary Smading, Tri-Co facilitator for Community Based Training.

Left: Students, parents, teachers and every one else that attended the luncheon enjoys him or herself as they eat, listen to the speaker, and visit with each other. This event is a highlight of the year to be recognized by business leaders in front of their peers.

Right: Mrs. Helen speaks about the accomplishments the Youth & Business group has made during this school year. These students have a chance throughout the year to work with community individuals and to experience real work type situations. This type of involvement is becoming more important for many students and schools.







## The *Cafeteria* at IHS *Offeres*

many diferent options for the students dinning pleasure. They serve a baked potato bar, a sandwich line, a hot lunch line, all of these lines come complete with salad and desert. Plus they have a A

la Carte line which features a wide *Variety* of foods, including taco salads, chicken baskets, french fries pizzas, drinks, and more. Many students prefer to take advantage *Of* the Cafeteria.

Freshmen are required to eat their *Meals* in the lunch room.







The annual *Academic Awards* banquet is one of the highlights of the year. The local Rotary Club and Soroptimist Club sponsor the annual *Banquet*. Honor students, National Honor Society and scholarship winners were recognized. The Kansas Commission of Education was the speaker.



Superintendent of Schools Charles Mock, above left, congratulates Jami King, winner of the Susanne Bell scholarship during the Academic Awards Banquet.

Casey Knisley, left, is given the honor of one of the outstanding math students from Independence High School by Ms. Barbara Emert. Casey was selected for this honor by the mathematics department of the school.

Amanda Torbett, sophomore, receives her academic packet, right, from Ms. Barbara Emert and Darrell Gentry, members of Soroptimist and Rotary Clubs of Independence. These two organizations go to great expense and planning in honoring the outstanding students of the high school. The Commission of Education, Andy Tompkins, commented that he was impressed on how the community of Independence works together to honor the outstanding students of the school. Each year the sponsoring organizations bring in outstanding speakers for the banquet.





Johna Emmot, right, walks back to her table after receiving her academic honors. Johna participated in basketball, volleyball and track during her freshman year. She is one of the fortunate students who have a parent teaching at the high school. Freshmen are honored for outstanding scholarship. You can letter in your years of high school, there were lots of people who lettered as freshman, sophmores, juniors and seniors. Lettering is a great oppertunity that most school have. Some high schools don't have letters as academicy. Independence High School has a great advantage over some high schools.



Left: Freshman, Sophmores, Juiors and Seniors participate in the Academic Awards Banquet. There were a lot of student who got awards for their achievements. The students seemed like they had a good time getting together with their friends and family during this school event. The Academic Award Banquet is a good thing to have here at IHS, because it gives the students the oppertunity to show their friends and family just what they have. It is a honor to be apart of the Academic Awards Banquet.

Right: Brian Bosse and his partner Carrie Shire seem to be enjoying themselves, next to Carrie Graham Sikes seems to be enjoying himself also as they put on a big show and happy smiles for the show. The Indy Ensemble participates in the Academic Awards Banquet, by just not getting the awards that they deserve, but also participating in singing for the hundreds of students and family members that attend the banquet. The Indy Ensemble participates in a variety of things, such as assemllbes and other school events that we have.







Listed below are candidates for graduation: Robert Adolph, Mark Affolter, Josh Bailey, Nick Baker, Melisa Ballard, Randy Banning, Justin Bays, Jason Beiter, Crystal Belt, Jennifer Bennett, Lacie Berry, Tavinah Betts, Kari Billingsley, Samuel Blackard, Katie Blakemore, Crystal Bockover, Brook Bodwell, Brian Bosse, Keli Brasher, Sonja Brentano, Jared Britt, Niki Browning, Wendy Bryan, Brandy Buchanan, Jinny Burdett, Ron Burke, Sarah Caflich, Paulo Camozzato, Shaun Carter, Annie Cessna, Heather Connelly, Jamie Cook, Desirea Council, Jennifer Council, Mark Denney, Erin Dennis, Peter Edwards, Melissa Ellis, Jonathan Fairbank, Gina Fienen, Richard Fraley, Halli Gann, Nicholas Gano, Daniel Gibson, Summer Goodman, Alicia Grabham, Josh Grayson, Becky Gress, Carrie Grossman, Shaun Hampton, Tina Hardin, Christina Harris, Jami Harris, Jamie Harrod, Scott Hill, Quentin Hoffman, Dana Jensen, Peter Kaufmann, Christine Kelly, LaTricia Kelly, Melissa Kemp, Jami King, Kasey Knisley, Ryan Lankard, Issace Lawrie, Randy Lee, Richard Martinez, Sherie Meade, Jeremy Merritt, Mark Messenger, Jason Metzger, Evan Miller, Stephen Mills, Melissa Morris, Corine Morse, Shawn Oliver, Kavita Patel, Michelle Payden, Mathew Peltzer, Jason Reddick, Natalie Reed, Scott Reeves, Chad Reichenberger, Michelle Robertson, Dustin Ross, Carrie Shire, Christopher Short, Graham Sikes, Stephen Smith, Douglas Songer, Matthew Spencer, Tammy Stephenson, Carrie Stockton, Sarah Stockton, Heather Tate, Jozee Thompson, Justin Thomsen, Kristie Triebel, Kari Trollope, Christopher Tucker, Tinisha Turner, Christy VanFossen, Michael Walker, Stephenie Washburn, Dayna Watson, Kelly Werner, Crystal Whitaker, Shondra White, Andrew Wiestler, David Wiley, Ryan Wittum, Tiffany Zemlock.





IHS students have now read through the 1996-97 Orange and Black. This visual *Walk* has allowed the students to review the year *Through* the eyes of the yearbook students. An attempt has been made to review *the* entire year from the successes and the failures. The *Pound* lost in competition, the confidence gained in practice, the learning taking place all year have all been demonstrated in this yearbook. We hope you approve.





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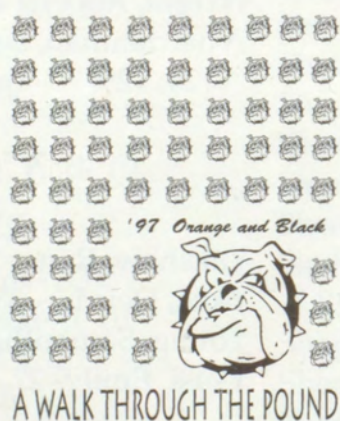
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# KANSAS '96-'97 EVENTS

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ENTERTAINMENT

FACES

 Hale-Bopp comet is visible in the northwestern sky at its peak in late March. The twin-tailed comet last visited the solar system in 2213 B.C. and will not be seen again for another 2,300 years.



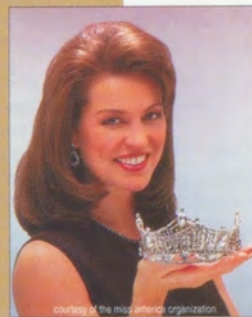
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SCIENCE

 Baker University in Baldwin City receives a chapel built in 1864 and moved stone-by-stone from Sproxtown, England. Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, whose father was a minister at the church, speaks during a ceremony at the chapel and delivers the university's fall convocation to 2,800 people in October.



courtesy of Baker University



courtesy of the missamerica organization

 Tara Holland becomes the third Miss Kansas to win the Miss America title. A \$25,000 scholarship in Holland's name, funded by Waterford Crystal, Inc. and the Miss America Organization, is established at Pratt Community College.

 More than 42,000 FFA members visit Kansas City in November for the 68th National Convention. Students representing all 50 states heard speakers, participated in workshops and attended a career show and award presentations.



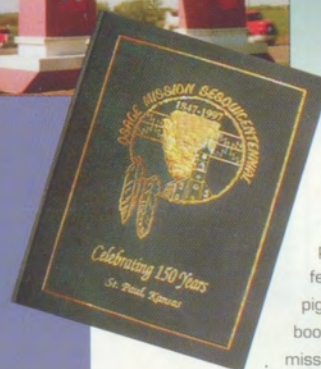
courtesy of ffa

SPORTS

 Four Indian tribes are allowed to open casinos under the federal 1987 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The Sac & Fox tribe opens a casino on their reservation. The Kickapoo and Prairie Band of Potawatomi open temporary casinos and plan for permanent facilities.



 St. Paul celebrates its sesquicentennial in May. Originally established as the Osage Mission in 1847, members of the Osage Indian tribe participated in the weekend festival by hosting an authentic pig roast. A commemorative book featuring tribal legend, missionary history, and current resident information is published.



## flash

KSHSAA announces a new 12-member student advisory team to improve communication, create a better understanding of association rules, and help advise association staff. Each of



the state's six school classifications will be represented by one male and one female student. Juniors or seniors can be nominated by principals of member schools.



# KANSAS CURRENT EVENTS

## flash

An Iowa man who graduated from McPherson College in 1963 gives the college a \$10 million challenge gift, offering to match other donors' gifts dollar-for-dollar up to that amount. The executive director of the Kansas Independent College Association called Mr. Harry Stine's gift "the largest ever given to any private college or university in Kansas."

A bill passed May 3, 1997, makes it easier for the 142 school districts that do not have local-option budgets to adopt them. Under the bill, a district could adopt a local-option budget without the possibility of a protest petition from voters as long as the district did not seek authority to spend more than the average local-option budget of similar-sized schools. The law would permit the 162 school districts with local-option budgets to continue them at 100 percent funding next fall with the amount gradually decreasing in subsequent years.

## KSPA SWEEPSTAKES

### Winners

6A-Maize HS  
5A-Kapaun-Mt. Carmel HS  
4A-Circle HS  
3A-Humboldt HS  
2A-1A-Skyline HS

### 1996 NSPA National Yearbook Pacemakers

Maize Intermediate School  
Shawnee Mission E. HS  
Shawnee Mission NW. HS  
Circle HS

### Pacemaker Finalists

Chase County HS  
Shawnee Mission N. HS  
Wilson HS

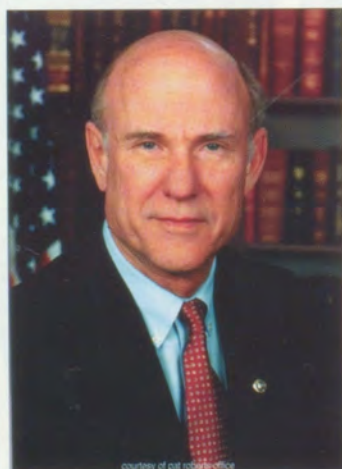


courtesy of mcpherson college



Jay Leno created the "Fred Duesenberg Memorial

Scholarship" for students in the McPherson College antique auto restoration program after receiving an award as an antique car collector. Leno has a large collection of antique cars and motorcycles including five Duesenbergs.



courtesy of pat roberts office



courtesy of junction city high school



Rock Springs 4-H Center holds the

1996 World Championship Equine Endurance contest in September. Eighty-six riders representing 16 countries competed in the 100-mile course. USA team member Danielle Kanavy, 25, beat her mother Valerie, 1994 World Champion, by just one second.



The Kansas Cosmosphere re-

opens after an extensive expansion project. The Hutchinson museum features a collection of international space artifacts and is home to Odyssey, the Apollo 13 command module, as well as spacecraft from the Soviet space program and beyond.



courtesy of kansas cosmosphere



courtesy of goodyear local 307



Approximately 1,800 members of

Topeka United Steelworkers of America-Local 307 vote to strike against the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in April. The three-week strike during contract negotiations affected all nine Goodyear plants in North America.



Plans to establish the Robert J. Dole Institute for Public

Service and Public Policy are announced by the University of Kansas during "A Tribute to Bob Dole" in April. Dole was the 1996 Republican presidential nominee and served as U.S. Senate majority leader for 5 terms. His congressional archives and personal papers will be housed at the institute.



Fourth generation Kansan Pat

Roberts is responsible for writing and passing the most significant overhaul of federal farm policy in 60 years. Roberts' "Freedom to Farm" bill reforms the outdated farm subsidy system driven by government mandates and moves it to a more market-oriented program.



courtesy of the university of kansas





A proclamation honoring the 130th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail is transported from Abilene by horseback to Caldwell. Riders stopped for celebrations in Goessel, North Newton, Wichita and Clearwater.

Starting in July, a new area code—785—replaces 913 in northern Kansas. The new boundaries of 913 will include only Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Miami and Linn counties, most of Atchison County and portions of Jefferson and Anderson counties.



The oldest tylosaurus proriger mososaur remains are unearthed near Quinter in Gove County. The first public showing of the 85-million year old fossil was held at Southeast of Saline School with paleontologist Mike Everhart.

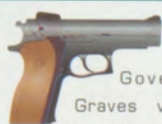
Four months after his original Manhattan concert date was cancelled because of the murder of his only son, Bill Cosby appears at Bramlage Coliseum in May.

Camping and outdoor product manufacturer The Coleman Company announces plans to return its national headquarters from Golden, Colorado to Wichita, where the company began nearly 100 years ago. The facilities were moved to Colorado in 1994.



During an April ceremony in Winfield, Governor Bill Graves signs House Bill #2497 authorizing the conversion of Winfield State Hospital to the Kansas Veterans Home. The bill was passed unanimously by the Kansas House and Senate. A federal Veteran's Administration grant for the home must still be obtained.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and Kansas Attorney General Carla Stovall attend a meeting at the U.S. Department of Justice. Both testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in favor of a constitutional amendment for victims' rights that would give crime victims certain rights in the criminal justice process.



flash

Governor Graves vetoes House Bill #2159 in April. The bill would have set up a system under

which some Kansans could have been licensed by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to carry concealed weapons.

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# KANSAS SPORTS

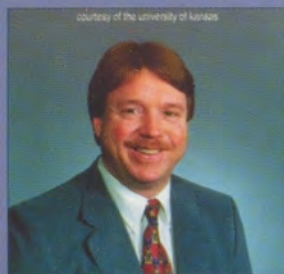
KU basketball season ends with excitement. Six players graduate—Pollard, Vaughn, Williams, Branstrom, Ransom, and Hease. Junior Raef LaFrentz and sophomore Paul Pierce announce they will not make themselves available for the NBA draft.



More than 40,000 K-State fans attend the team's first ever New Year's Day bowl bid in Dallas and break the 1995 record—28,232—for most tickets sold by one institution for the Cotton Bowl. BYU defeated the Wildcats 19-15.



University of Northern Iowa coach Terry Allen is announced as the new University of Kansas football coach in late December. This will be the first NCAA Div. I-AA position for Allen, the winningest active coach in NCAA Div. I-AA. He replaces Glen Mason, who is leaving to coach in Minnesota.



With 3,603 career points, Jackie Stiles becomes the state's all-time leading basketball scorer. In an April ceremony, Claflin High School retires her jersey-number 45. Stiles signed a letter of intent with Southwest Missouri State in November.

## flash

Cowley County Community College baseball team wins over Seminole State College in the National Junior College World Series. The Tigers beat the Trojans 4-2 in Grand Junction, Colo.



## STATE CHAMPIONS WINTER

### Boys' Basketball

6A-Olathe South HS  
5A-Overland Park-Blue Valley N. HS  
4A-Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail HS  
3A-Medicine Lodge HS  
2A-Moundridge HS  
1A-Montezuma HS

### Girls' Basketball

6A-Wichita-Northwest HS  
5A-McPherson HS  
4A-Sabetha HS  
3A-Wellsville HS  
2A-Moundridge HS  
1A-Little River HS

### Wrestling

6A-Stillwell-Blue Valley HS  
5A-Arkansas City HS  
4A-Goodland HS  
3A-2A-1A-St. Francis Community HS

### Boys' Swimming & Diving

6A-5A-4A-3A-2A-1A-Lawrence HS

## STATE CHAMPIONS FALL

### Girls' Golf

6A-5A-Wichita-St. Thomas Aquinas  
4A-3A-2A-1A-Larned HS

### Girls' Tennis

6A-Shawnee Mission South HS  
5A-Overland Park-Blue Valley N. HS  
4A-Lindsborg-Smoky Valley HS  
3A-2A-1A-Wichita-Collegiate HS

### Football

6A-Olathe North HS  
5A-Salina Central HS  
4A-Fort Scott HS  
3A-Beloit HS  
2A-1A-Frankfort HS  
8 Man Div I-Little River HS  
8 Man Div II-Rolla HS

### Volleyball

6A-Overland Park-Blue Valley N.W. HS  
5A-Wichita-Bishop Carroll HS  
4A-Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail HS  
3A-Seneca-Nemaha Valley HS  
2A-Garden Plain HS  
1A-Weskan HS

### Soccer

6A-Olathe E. HS  
5A-4A-3A-2A-1A-Overland Park-St. Thomas Aquinas

### Gymnastics

6A-5A-4A-3A-2A-1A-Shawnee Mission N.W. HS

### Boys' X-Country

6A-Shawnee Mission N.W. HS  
5A-Overland Park-St. Thomas Aquinas  
4A-Augusta HS  
3A-Eudora HS  
2A-1A-Quinter HS

### Girls' X-Country

6A-Topeka Washburn Rural HS  
5A-El Dorado HS  
4A-Ottawa HS  
3A-Riley County HS  
2A-1A-Stanton County-Johnson HS

## STATE CHAMPIONS SPRING

### Boys' Golf

6A-Topeka Washburn Rural HS  
5A-Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel HS  
4A-Holton HS  
3A-Medicine Lodge HS  
2A-1A-Salina-Sacred Heart HS  
Sand-Mankato

### Boys' Tennis

6A-Shawnee Mission N.W. HS  
5A-Overland Park-Blue Valley N. HS  
4A-Lindsborg-Smoky Valley HS  
3A-2A-1A-Wichita-Collegiate HS

### Girls' Swimming & Diving

6A-5A-4A-3A-2A-1A-Overland Park-Blue Valley N.W. HS

### Boys' Track

6A-Wichita Southeast HS/  
Lawrence HS (tie)  
5A-Liberal HS  
4A-Beloit HS  
3A-Wakeeney HS  
2A-Hill City HS  
1A-Burrton HS

### Girls' Track

6A-Leavenworth HS  
5A-Liberal HS  
4A-Clay Center HS  
3A-Lakin HS  
2A-Washington HS  
1A-Bern HS

### Baseball

6A-Olathe East HS  
5A-Overland Park-Blue Valley N.  
4A-Topeka Hayden HS  
3A-2A-1A-Pittsburg-St. Marys Colgan

### Softball

6A-Shawnee Mission N.W. HS  
5A-Overland Park-St. Thomas Aquinas  
4A-Clay Center HS  
3A-2A-1A-Pittsburg-St. Marys Colgan



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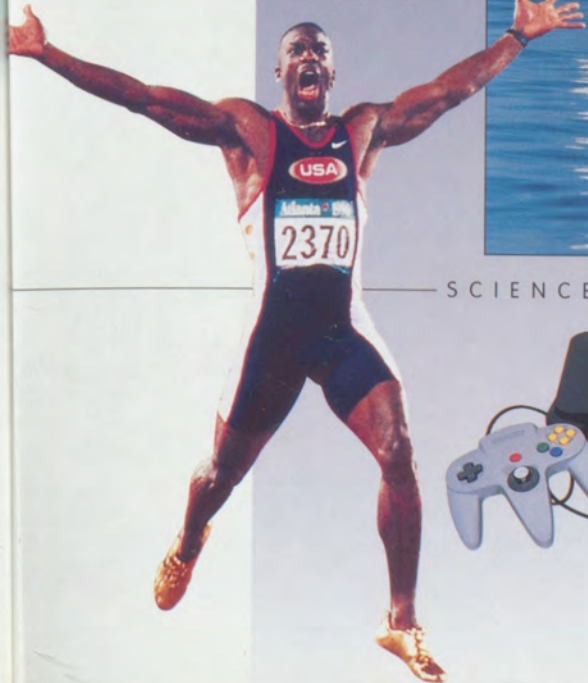
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# WORLD

## flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



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In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

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AP/Wide World

Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



Agence France-Presse

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



AP/Wide World

More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.



Tim Graham, Sygma

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."

Tim Graham, Sygma



Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

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# NATIONAL

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Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.

## flash

The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



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Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Derek Pruitt, Gamma Liaison



Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Robert Allison, Contact Press Images



Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.



Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



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One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.



On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.



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 William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



 A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.



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 Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

 The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



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 Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.



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 Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.



Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

 All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



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Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison

 Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

 Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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NATIONAL



# SCIENCE

SCIENCE



## flash

A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

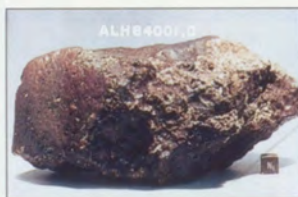
A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."



Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.



In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



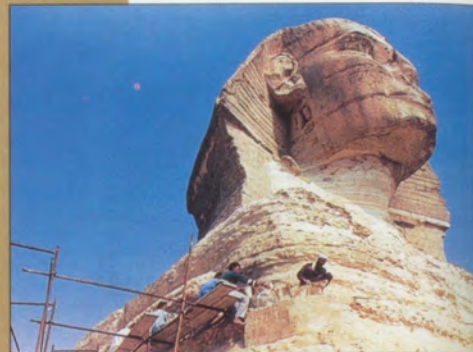
NASA



American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.



Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



AP/Wide World



NASA



The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named *Sojourner*, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. *Sojourner*, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.



Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.

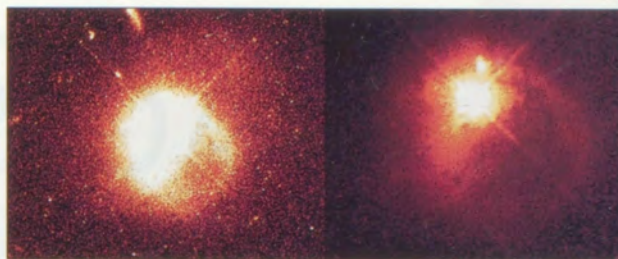


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© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium, Photography by Randy Wilder



California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



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Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.



O2 Spa Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O<sub>2</sub> Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.



Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.



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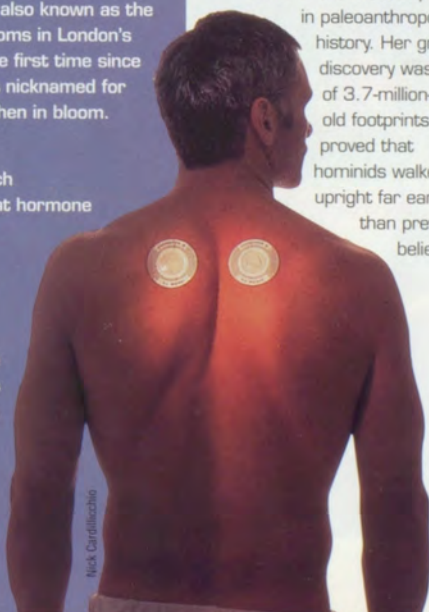
The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



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Nick Carrigan



# FACES

## flash

Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Frangrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.

Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison



Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



AP/Wide World



"The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.



Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.



AP/Wide World



Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.



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Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.



In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



AP/Wide World

Steve Granitz, Retina





Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



AP/Wide World

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



John F. Kennedy Library

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.



AP/Wide World

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



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Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.



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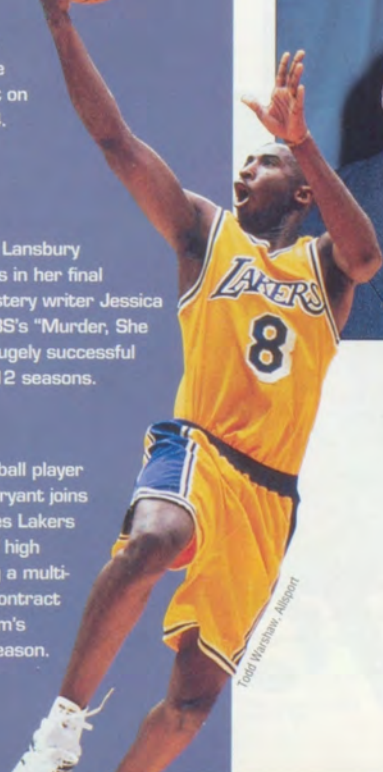
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.



Universal City from Shooting Star

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



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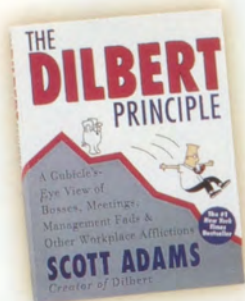
As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

FACES



# ENTERTAINMENT

ENTERTAINMENT



## flash

Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character: Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaptation of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.





20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kobal

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Paramount from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



NBC from Shooting Star

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Warner Bros. from Kobal



CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star



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Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

ENTERTAINMENT



# MUSIC

MUSIC

## flash

Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, *Slash's Blues Ball*, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Mulerba, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Tim Moser/Redder, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Jane Harrington, LGI



Steve Jennings, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



Readers/Archive Photos

After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.





Steve Jennings, LGI

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adele Starr, LGI

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.

The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI

Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



Tim Mosenfelter, LGI



Reuters/Archive Photos

Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



Neal Preston, Rena

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



Adele Starr, LGI



AP/Wide World

The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.



Beck, LGI

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



James L. Lance, LGI

MUSIC



## SPORTS

## flash

Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

Congress



Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

AP/Wide World



Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



Al Bello, Allsport



Reuters/Archive Photos

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



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The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.





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The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.



U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



AP/Wide World



The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.



AP/Wide World

Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.



Al Bello, Allsport



U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.



April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



AP/Wide World



Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.



Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



Al Bello, Allsport



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## LIFESTYLE

## flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

My Twinn Doll Company



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.

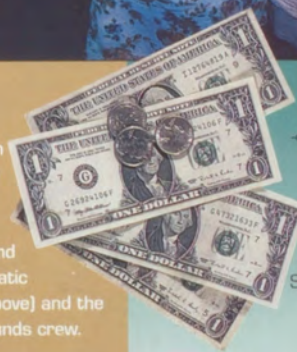


Nail polish colors get darker and funkier: Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



Monica Almeida, NYT Photo

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101

Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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