



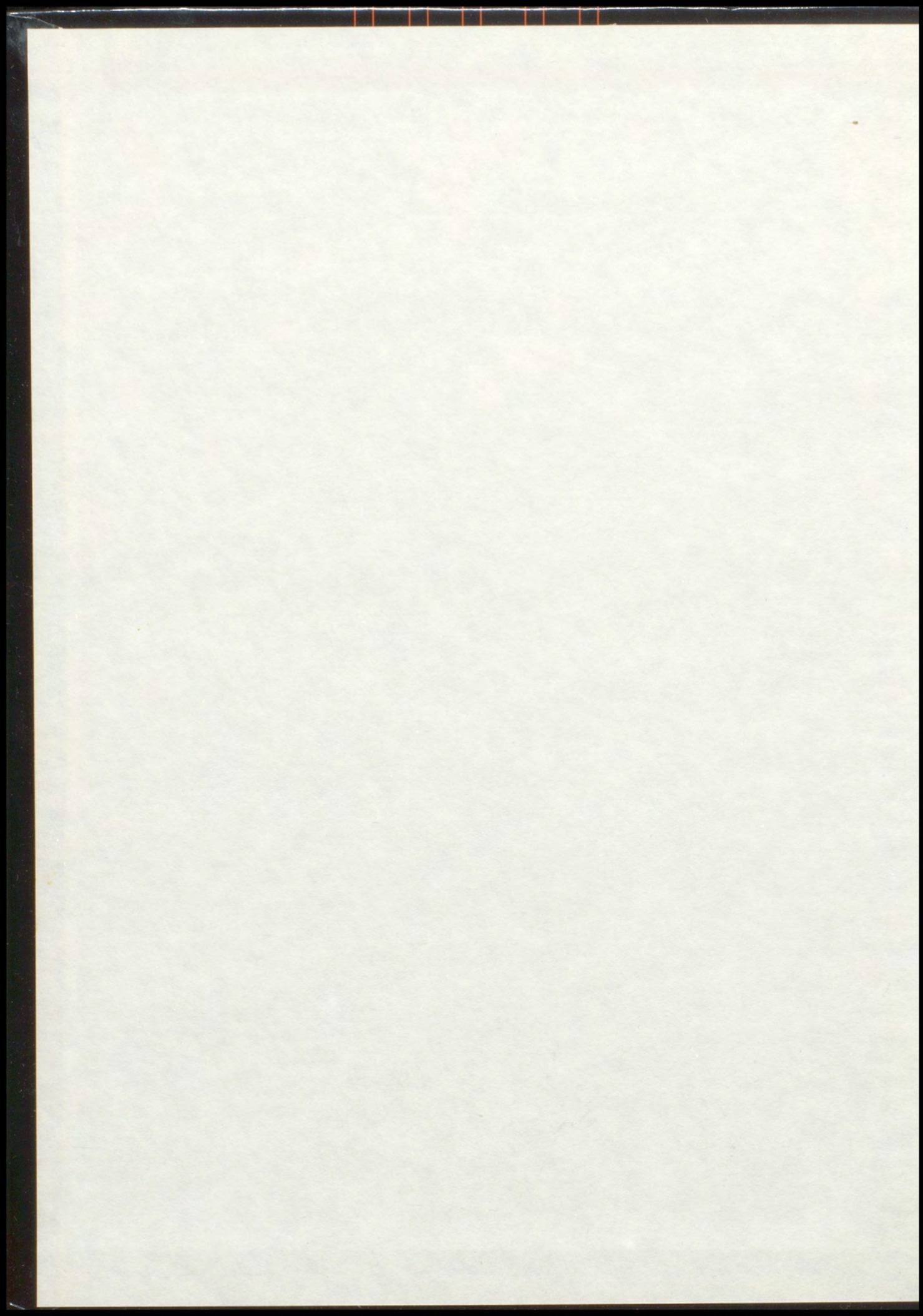
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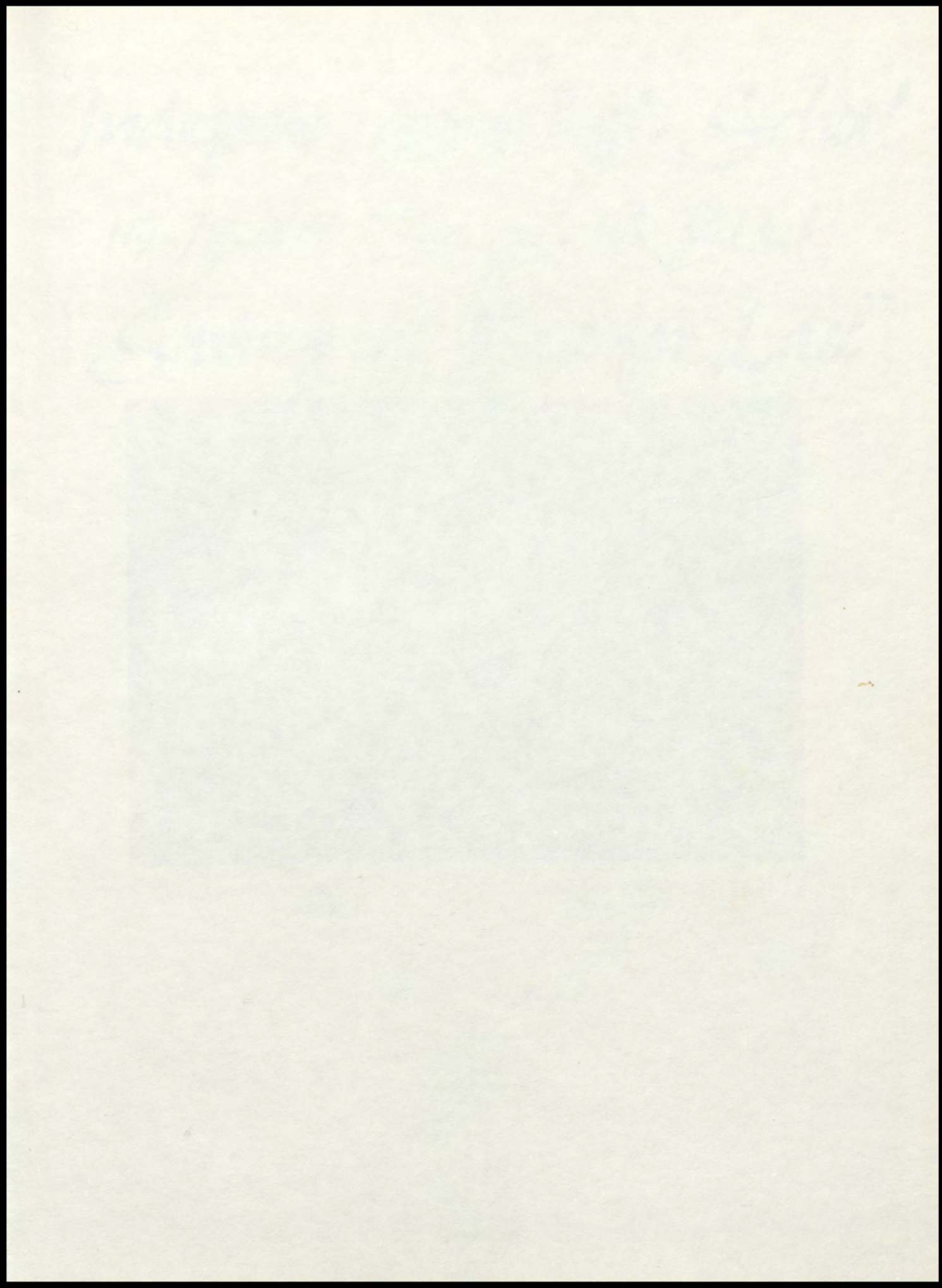
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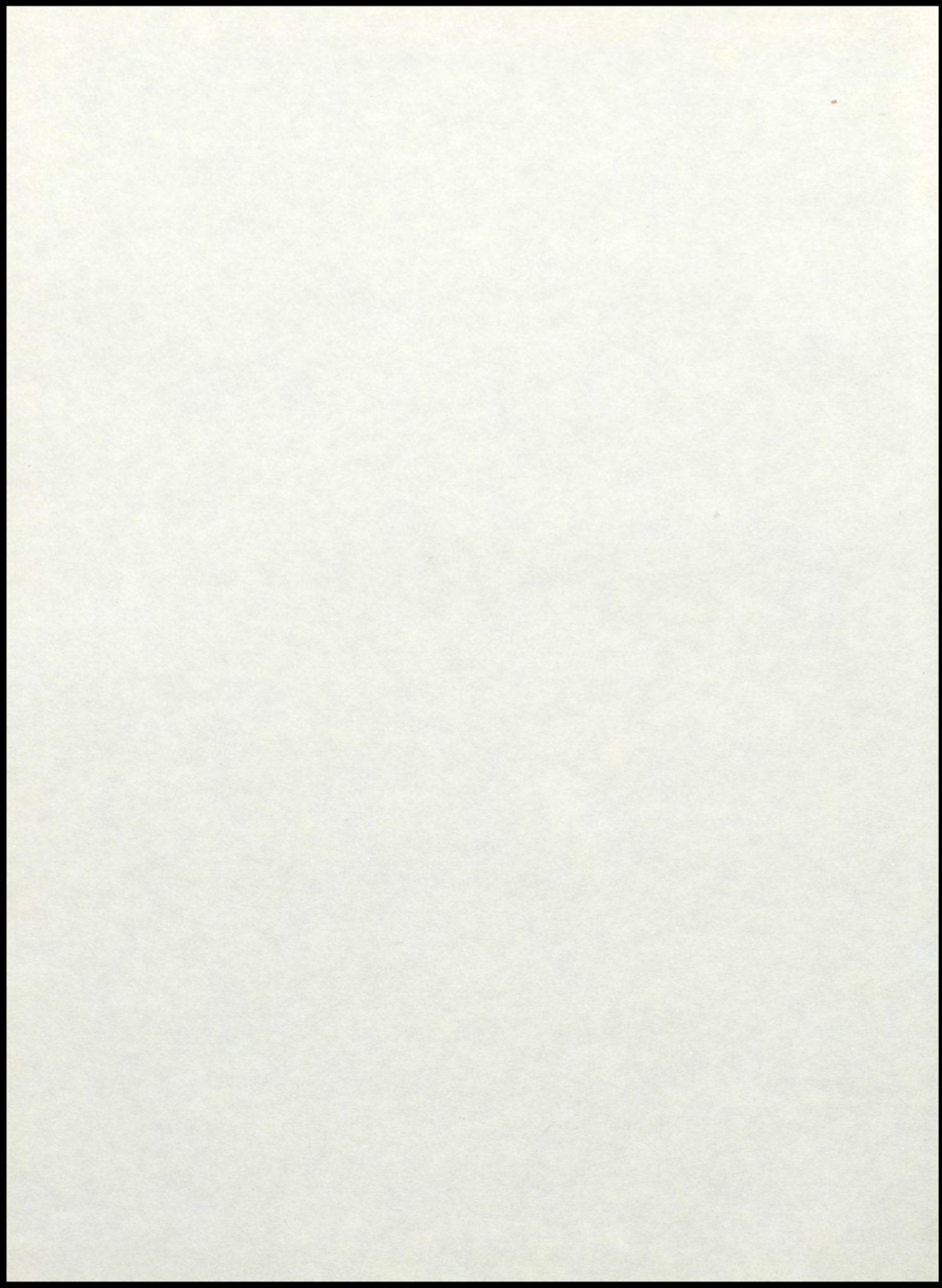


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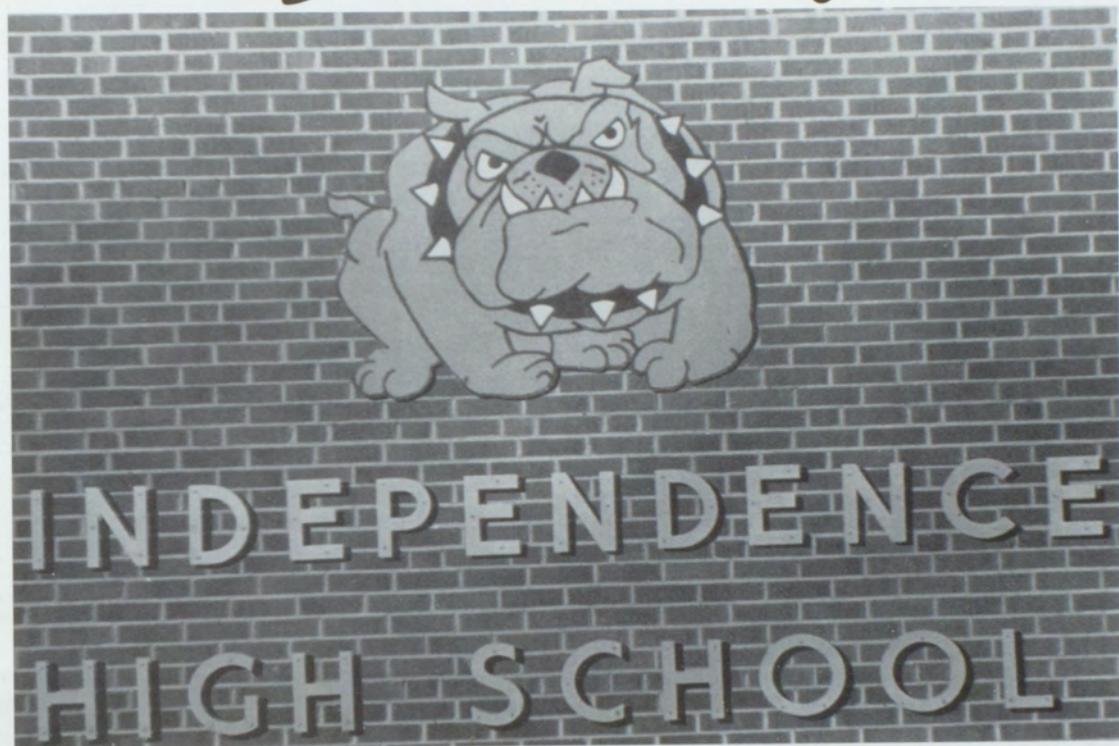




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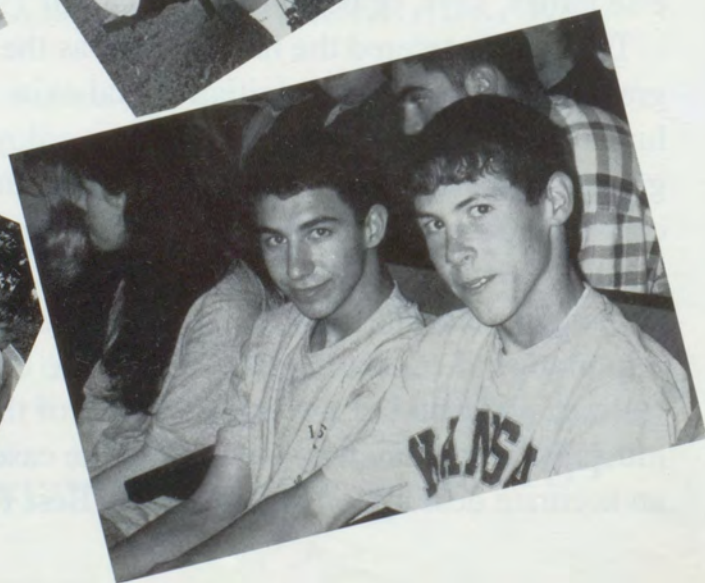
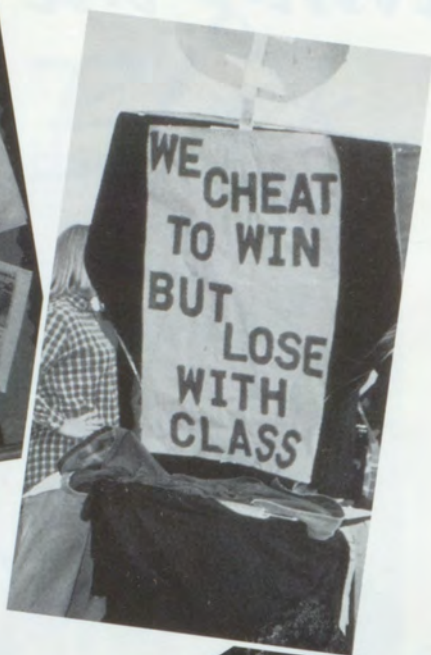
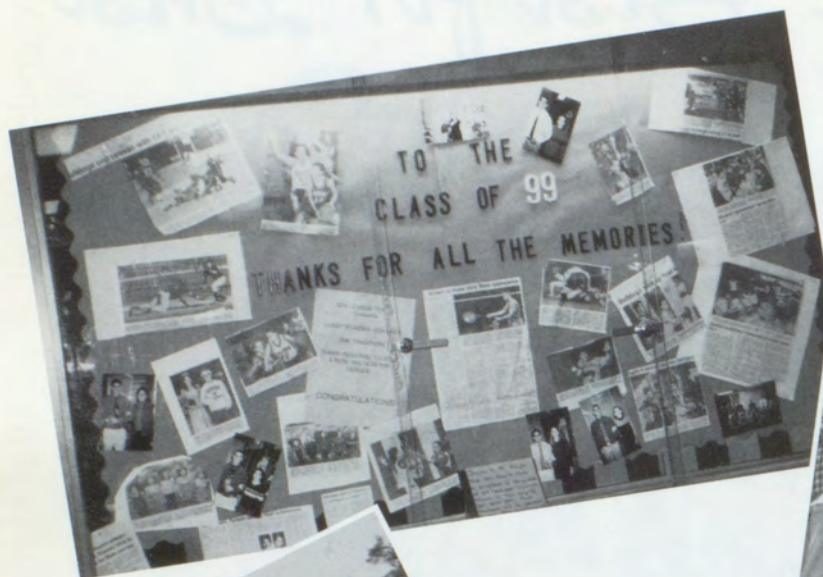
Saving the Best for Last is the theme of the 1998-99 Orange and Black. This theme, selected by the yearbook staff, reflects the change of the millinium and the fact that this current senior class has racked up many accomplishments.

Oh yes, the path to the final graduation has been hilly, twisty, with drop-outs, drop-ins, and scores of challenges. But the seniors have prevailed. What started four years ago as a seemingly impossible dream is now a reality. And no matter what anyone else thinks, says, or believes--the class of 1999 did it with class.

This group entered the halls of IHS as the first class to have a Freshman First program and a closed lunch initiative and exits as the only class to now have an open lunch this year. As freshmen, the class enjoyed the first semester in the lunchroom. If grades, conduct, attendance, etc., were all in order after the first semester then the classmembers were granted an open lunch.

After this start at IHS, things got better. Seniors now have their own parking lot. No longer do seniors live in fear of the freshmen drivers. Seniors understand the importance of education, look forward to the future, are confident of what has been learned, are proud of the achievements of the class and the school, and leave IHS much different than they entered. In the case of the class of 1999, it can be said that an accurate description is **Saving the Best for Last**.

Seniors at Best in 1999



Put that backpack in your locker

That was in the announcements

No, I

don't have grades figured

No planner, no go

“Be” verbs are something that never should be used

1998-99

FACULTY

“Be” verbs are something that never should be used

No planner, no go

Put that backpack in your locker

That was in the announcements

No, I

don't have grades figured

Teachers rule the school...

...or so they think!



If you are looking for staff members of IHS during Neewollah, or any other time, look for the food. Above, Mrs. Lundt, Mr. Hogan, and student teacher Mr. Hogan enjoy a longer lunch period downtown.

Mr. Shire, a long time member of the IHS staff, is shown here teaching one of his many foreign language classes. He teaches Spanish as well as Russian.



Chris Holbern, new business and computer teacher at Independence High School prepares to enter his classroom. Mr. Holbern is one of a number of new teachers at the school. The tenure of the teaching staff is growing increasing younger. Mr. Holbern works with accounting, and computer classes. He graduated from Kansas State University and is a native of Kinsley, Kansas. The new teachers take a period of time learning about the school and learning about the students of IHS.



Jan Allison



Marty Anderson



Larry Annable



James Austin



Theresa Barnhart



Tony Boehs



Carl Boldra



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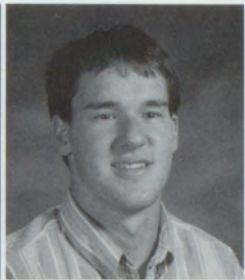
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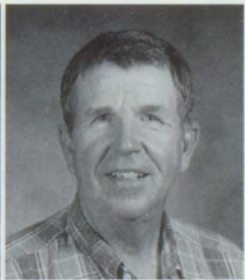
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Colleen Rollings



Mike Rose



Jim Runge



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Thornton Shelton



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Rocky Shire



Kristi Speicher



Linda Spencer



Glenn Stanley



Sherry Staton



Rosie Stevens



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Julie Thompson



Bob Tincer



David Torbett



Rachel Torbett



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Beverly Willis

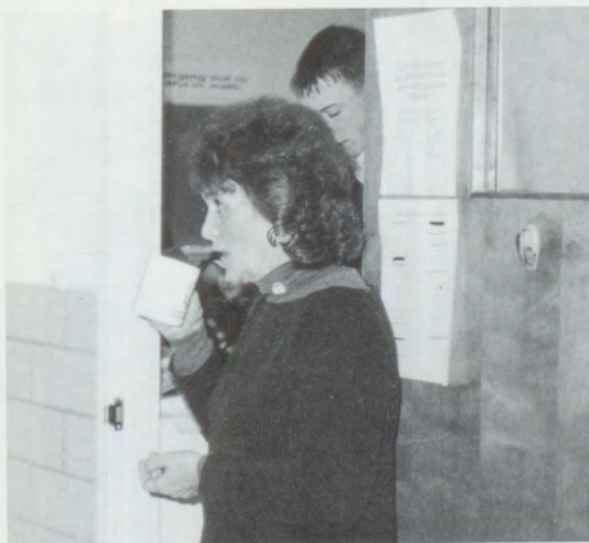
Life beyond the classroom....



Mr. Boehs does his helmet in preparation for fighting at the IHS Renaissance Festival. His Scottish pride is well known throughout the school. "Not a lowlander, but a Highlander!"



Mrs. Cox walks proudly through the halls participating in IHS' Pajama Day. It looks as though she's comfortable in her silk robe and dog slippers hanging out in T junction. Mrs. Cox teaches the Special Ed class in the 100 hall.

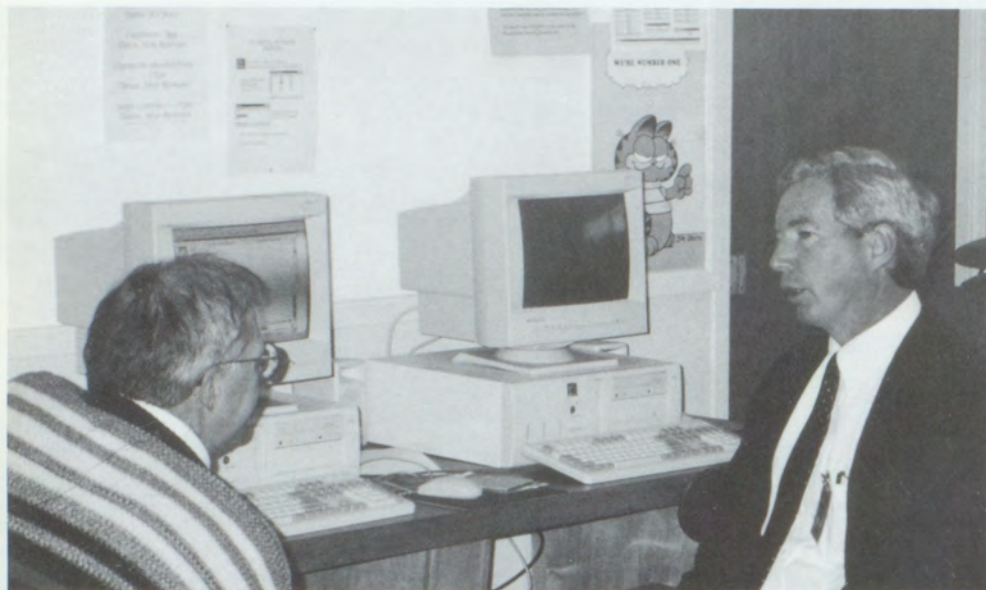


Mrs. Lundt takes a sip of coffee before starting the day teaching her math classes.



And the winner for most school spirit goes to.... that's right, Mr. Moseley! Coach Mose is always involved in the spirit assemblies and pep rallies. In this case, he's a pro wrestler in our "Thursday Thunder."

Old and New Faces Start



Starting off the 1998-99 year, Mr. Runge tries out the reins of being head administration of the Independence High School as he takes over Mrs. Brookshier's old seat from last year. A heavy workload fills his schedule, however to the left as you can see he has time to set and converse with Mr. Torbett while viewing the classroom scene.



Above: Enjoying some peace and quiet for once out of his long and eventful days, we see the nicer side of Mr. Runge.

Right: While climbing around on the top of the school building, Mr. Runge and Mr. Anderson survey the roof for water damage.

Mr. Jim Runge quietly assumed the mantle of leadership of the school and quickly made significant changes in many of the policies of the school. One of the first noticeable changes involved the closing the lunch hour for the underclassmen and the establishment of the "senior parking lot."

Other changes soon followed including the working with the football fans and arriving at a compromise as to where the students could stand at the football games.

Mr. Runge also influenced the faculty and the use of the seminar period. His ability is consensus building.



Off the Administrations Year.



Mr. Anderson and Mr. Singleton, or as the student body calls him Boomer, finishes eating lunch in the High School at the Rose room. Both relax and prepare to finish the rest of the day.

Mr. Marty Anderson started his career in school administration at IHS after spending more than a decade working in Special Education at Labette County High School.

Mr. Anderson's also has a background in coaching football.

Since the school year he has worked with Mr. Runge and faculty on making changes and refinements in the administration of the school. One of the early areas he worked in was the tardy situation, hallway decorum, and managing the new policy on lunch times.

After the initial resentment which always come to new administrators and to new vice principals in particular, Mr. Anderson started to receive the respect from the students on his fairness and even handed approach. Students may not have like the consequences he have them but they started to admin that he was fair.

Mr. Anderson is instrumental in getting some additional help for students who are having problems and he has instituted a number interventions to help lower the drop-out level and to assist the students who are struggling with graduation requirements.

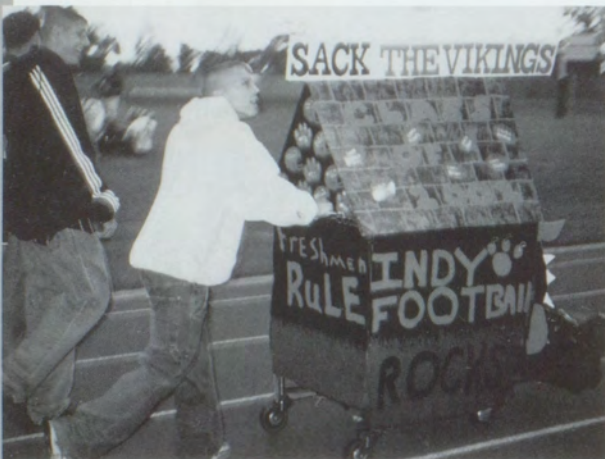
Mr. Anderson surrounded by a very messy desk only proves the many tasks and duties his daily work-schedule involves. Performing head disciplinarin duties involving tardies, absences, and detentions makes for a very busy day for him.



Freshman Faces.....

“The best thing about being a Freshman was being in a new building with new teachers.”-George Black

Freshman, Jason Taylor, gets caught off guard during a fooseball game at the Ash Center.



Freshman, Jeff Wuederman and Jarrid Schike push one of the “shopping cart floats” before the Homecoming game against Parsons.



Eric Affolter



Danyale Alaback



Jared Alford



Patrick Allen



Winston Amick



Amanda Andres



Raymond Arnold



Aaron Artherton



Tabitha Austin



Letisha Avery



Bethany Ayers



Jason Bailey



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Anita Bale



Ali Bannwarth



Sytera Barnard



Matt Barnhart



Christine Bassett



Misty Bauer



Eli Bays



Nicole Beasley



Nathan Beck



Mary Bennett



Michael Bennett



Quincy Berry



Jennifer Beurskens



George Black



Emily Blakemore



Brooke Bohr



Sarah Boyer



Sandy Boyle



Jose Brewer



Kayla Bridwell



Aaron Brockway



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Bradley Daugherty



Andrew DeFever



Rachel Dennis



Amber Diaz



Jacob Dick



Ashley Drake



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Dustin East



Susanne Elliott



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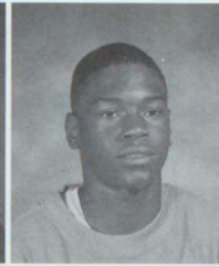
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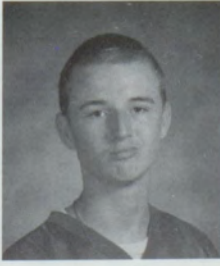
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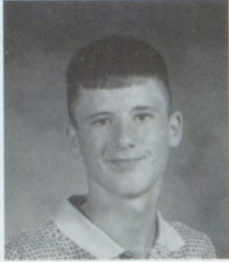
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Kaci Laird



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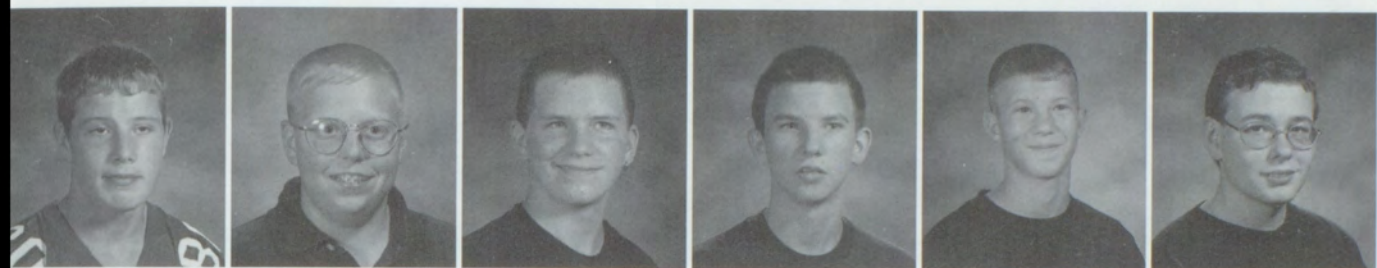
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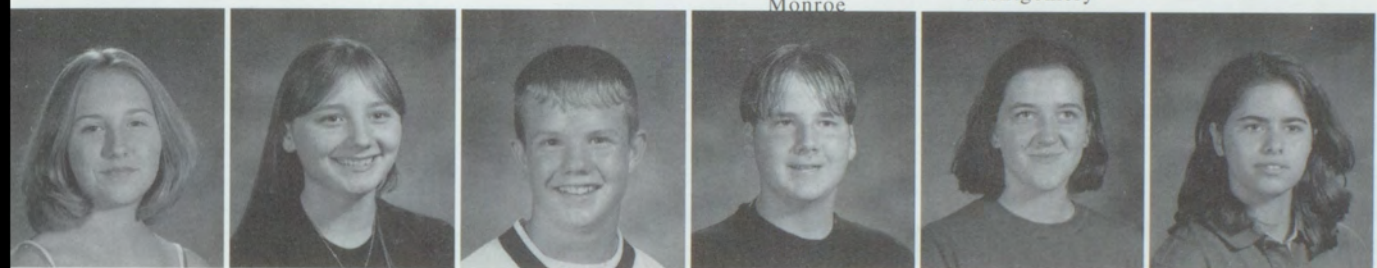
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Freshman Do Have A Life!!!



Amy Sherrill



Aaron Shrader



Benjamin Smith



John Smith



Jonathan Spencer



Megan Steele



Crystal Stewart



Christopher Stockton



Brandy Stout



Emmy Sullivan



Matthew Sumner



Ted Sutherland



Edward Swearingen



Ashley Sweeten



Russell Swisher



Keith Talbert



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Taylor



Jason Taylor



Jerry Templemeyer



April Thomas



Naomi Tosh



Cody Tucker



Victor Turner



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Zachary
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Carly Vieth



Adrienne Villarreal



Kari Walker



Catrina Wallace



Gabrielle Walter



Roxie Watson



Shannon Watson



Jamie Wehmeier



Jessica White



Megan Williams



Jacqueline Wilsey



Kayla Wilson



Lee Wilson



Eric Wood



Zachariah Wren



Robert Wright



Jeff Wuerdeman



Logan Wulf



Angela Zimmerman

Brian Pokorny and Toby Munniger flip through last years yearbook. They are dreaming of all the upper classmen activities that they can participate in as they advance through high school.



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Daniel Shepard, freshman, decked out in a shower cap and bathrobe, participates in Pajama Day. The freshmen look forward to the various spirit days and other activities at the high school.

Jennifer Beurskens, Freshman, listens attentively during Mrs. Torbett's English class.



Freshman Do Have A Life!!!



Memori Kent is diligently working on an assignment in Mrs. Torbett's English class. She apparently forgot to change into her regular school clothes this morning, or else she's participating in "pajama day" for spirit week.



Kelly Ross and Andy Mathis, above, seem to be enjoying their ceramics class. Ceramics is one of the elective classes offered to freshman students.



Below: Andrew DeFever receives his Renaissance packet at an assembly. Many businesses from around town donate items to the school so they can use them in the packets. Freshmen will eventually appreciate some of the Renaissance awards such as the parking, in the future.

Here is a rare sight! A room full of freshman, below, actually doing work! Freshman get a bad rap for being immature sometimes, but they're actually good students.



PUPPS



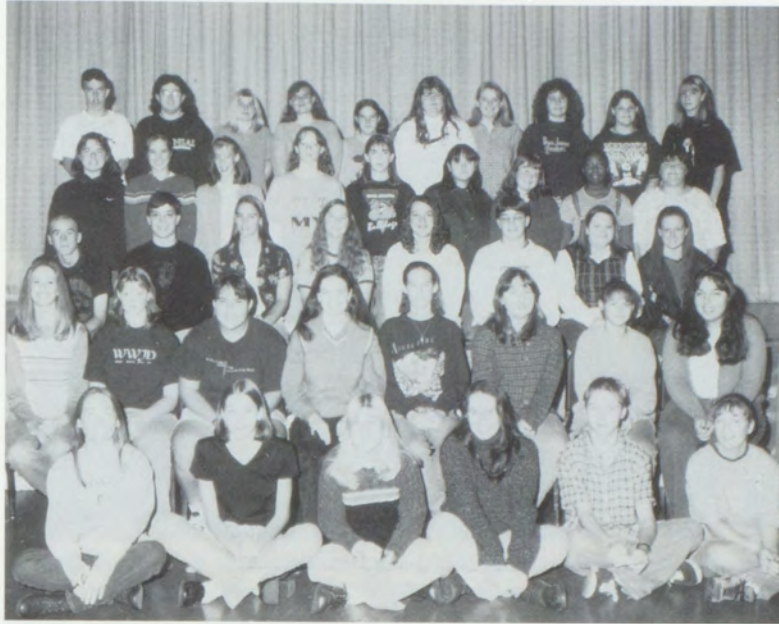
The 1998-99 PUPPS are pictured above. They are first row, from left to right, Amanda Torbett, Michelle Thompson, Lindsey Wilken, Brianna Swisher, Mandy Vestal, Matt Holum, Haley Barker, Emily Friesburg, Ashley Osborn. Second row from left to right: Sam Carnes, Rane Yakshaw, Mary Henderson, Emily Friend, Erin Brooks, John Wilson, Nathan Soltice, Michael Modich, Ashley Blex. Third row from left to right: Tammy Brown, Katherine Busenburg, Kattie Bredehoft, Michelle Alt, Nathan Bolin, Scott Wuerdeman, Ryan Baldessero, Sam Hastings, James Hinman. Fourth row from left to right: Monique Brown, Shawna Webb

STUCO



The 1998-99 Stuco members are: First Row: Tracy McGuyer, Emilea Freisberg, Ashley Osborn, Jennifer Coder, Amanda Torbett, Josh David. Second Row: Mary Kelley, Beau Schultz, Branden Cox, Arie Auxter, Matt Howe, Brianna Swisher, Beth Rinck, Erika Rasmussen. Third Row: Sherman Brown, Lisa Gruver, Johna Emmot, Jordan Paugh, Hilliary Sherwood, Ashley Farmer, Carolyn Denney, Hannah Dillon, Suzanne Peterson, Emily David. Fourth Row: Molly Brown, Jonathan Spencer, Kelly Ross, Stephanie Schroeder, Jennifer Beurskens, Amber Diaz, Erin Brooks. Fifth Row: Daniel Shephard, Jerrid Schicke, Cody Uttinger, Jason Linder, Teresa Goodman.

KAYS



The 1998-99 members of Kays are from left to right, First Row: Misty Robinson, Lisa Gruver, Darcie Farran, Amory Tucker, Jeremy Palmer, Elizabeth Bishop. Second Row: Mary Kelley, Emily Voth, Christina Ortega, Tricia Hearne, Shannon Robinson, Michelle Roe, Amanda Jones, Sarah Devore. Third Row: Tim Riggle, Iasse Belcher, Jenny Tucker, Emily Friend, Laura Swearingen, Nathan Belcher, Hannah Kaufman, Jessica Muller. Fourth Row: Adrianna Villarreal, Jackie Wilsey, Ali Bannworth, Laura Kaiser, Angie Vail, Amy Fairbanks, Megan Steele, Jackie Hise. Fifth Row: Jerry Templemeyer, Mandy Smith, Suzanne Sherman, Jessice Thompson, Nikki McKellips, Kari Walker, Emily Blakemore, Brandy Cox, Lynette Clark, Christy Bassett.

PEP CLUB



The 1998-99 members of Pep Club are from left to right, Front: Ryan Baldassaro, First Row: Christin Franklin, Sarah Devore, Amanda Jones, Brooke Mills, Amanda Torbett, Haley Barker, Jakki Stair, Tricia Hearne. Second Row: Lisa Gruver, Mary Kelley, Emilea Freisberg, Lindsey Wilkin, Matt Howe, Brianna Swisher, Christi Tackett, Erika Rasmussen. Third row: Rebecca Edwards, April Diaz, Josh Blex, Stephanie Schroeder, Hilliary Sherwood, Cody Uttinger, Ashley Farmer, Carolyn Denney, Suzanne Peterson, Hannah Dillon, Marcus Bryant. Fourth Row: Jerry Templemeyer, Arie Auxter, Tracy McGuyer, Mary Henderson, Lauren Oakleaf, Emily David, Melissa McMinn, Tiffany Miller, Jackie Hise. Fifth Row: Jackie Wilsey, Ali Bannwarth, Banessa Jones, Latisha Avery, Megan Steele, Kari Walker, April Maxwell, Amber Morse, Breanna Colyott.

SFC



The 1998-99 members of SFC are from left to right; Front Row: Tim Riggle, Emily Voth, Christina Ortega, Jenny Tucker, Tricia Hearne. Back row: Kelly Duke, Sean Anderson, Amy Haley.

SPANISH



The 98-99 members of Spanish Club from left to right; First Row: Arie Auxter, Stephanie Schroeder, Ashley Osborn, Jordan Paugh, Kellie Jewers, Amanda Jones, Kristen Franklin, Mary Henderson. Second Row: Amanda Torbett, Sherman Brown, Beth Rinck, Emily Friend, Stephanie Wilson, Micah Needham, Nathan Belcher, Holly Thomsen, Mandy Smith, Victoria Lowden. Third Row: Isaac Belcher, Kara Craig, Jennie Froebe, Sarah Friend, Tiffany Miller, Laura Swearingen.

FACS



The members of FACS from left to right, Front Row: Holly Shawver, Angie McKenzie, Stephanie Ellis, Kari Walker. Second Row: Melanie Ross, Tim Riggle, April Thomas.

LATIN CLUB



The 98-99 members of Latin Club are as follows; Front Row: Archita Patel, Jacob Lowery, Ashley Osborn, Katherine Busenburg, Sam Hastings, Beth Follmer, Sara Doran, Suzanne Petersen. Second Row: Bethany Ayers, Joe Carroll, Nathan Bolin, Tricia Hearne, Jeff Gettler, Sean Anderson, Kathy Glover, Jessica Thompson, Laura Kaiser, Brian Winkleman, Laine Eisenbart, Micah Needham.

FRENCH CLUB



From left to right, Front Row: Shannon Beason, Erika Rasmussen, Archita Patel, Christi Tackkett, Uma Patel, Ashley Blex. Second Row: Jacob Lowery, Ashley Bryan, Lindsay Wilkin, Hilliary Sherwood, Brianna Swisher, Haley Barker, Jakki Stair, Brittany Bell. Third Row: Jennifer Sprague, Ashley Nunley, Tricia Hearne, Marcus Bryant, Misty Boorigie, Aaron Kolb, Jessica Thomason. Fourth Row: Jerrid Schicke, Robert Read, Sytera Barnard, Niklas Meise, Eric Alexander, Brooke Mills, Darcie Farran, Lindsay Shaw, Niesha Martin, Trupti Patel, Teresa Goodman. Last Row: Sebastian Ziaja, Angela Andrew, Travis Kelley, Lisa Gruver, Erin Brooks, Jackie Wilsey, Zachary Valentine, Abe Al-Bureni, Jessica Belt, Mitzi Martin.

FEA

To the right, Front Row: Rebecca Masters, Waneta Cox, sponsor, Jackie Hise. Back Row: Sara Doran, Shannan Beason, Jeremy Palmer, Emmalee Voth, Kelly Duke.



Football team smashes Coffeyville

Volleyballers make all-league

Cross Country runs and runs and runs

Cross Country hosts meet at Sycamore

1998-99

Tennis team takes SEK

Speicher puts Volleyballers through hot practices

FALLSPORTS

Another year, another sponsor

Junior Varsity and Freshman team have good seasons

for cheerleaders

Season Ends In A Win!



First Row L-R: Wayne Briggans, Brian Dennis, Clement Kinnard, Michael Alexander, Brad Hall, Jeff Radcliff, Justin Courtney, Jasper Durbin, Charles Barker, Travis Dunham, Brandon Bailey, Ryan Baldasarro

Second Row L-R: Jason Courtney, Brian Denney, Jake Blurton, Chet Harlin, Chris Beyer, John Wilson, Branden Cox, T. J. Wilson, Eric Sandon, Levi Meadows, Danny Lee, Mark Spellman, Lee Pate

Third Row L-R: Joey Leon, Jacob Viets, Tyson Oakes, Nick Chubb, Mike Modich, Micah Needham, Shawn Ross, Ryan Hixon, Philip Newkirk, Todd Shrader



Above Left: Wayne Briggans, senior, sprints past several players from Tulsa McClain High School at the first home game of the season.

Above Right: Ryan Baldasarro, senior, is either practicing his gymnastic skills or demonstrating a new dance move, while Brian Denney tackles a Chanute player.



Above: The football team watches a play on the field with interest while several people attend to an injured Branden Cox in the background. Branden was able to return to the field of competition and earned honorable mention all league honors.

Middle: Chet Harlin and Wayne Briggans, seniors, lead the charge onto Kayo Emmot Field at one of the home football games. The cheerleaders, band, and fans form lines for the players to re-enter the stadium and prepare for the game. It is usually an honor for a senior to lead the team out of the pre-game conference onto the field to represent Independence High School.

Bottom: Prior to the annual Pop Game, the players are introduced to the crowd. the entire team stands in line and each player steps forward as his/her name is called. Coach Hayward has worked hard the past two years to keep the total number of players out for football to a maximum. He still feels there are students in the hall who would benefit by being part of the Bulldog football experience.

"I want to stay healthy next year."

--Travis Dunham

"We hope to improve next year."

--Branden Cox

"T. J. is our big warrior."

--Ryan Hixon

"It was a very fun year and I learned alot."

--T.J. Wilson

"Although we did not win the games we should have, we played well and beat Coffeyville."

--John Wilson

"Practice won't be the same without Chet and Baldy."

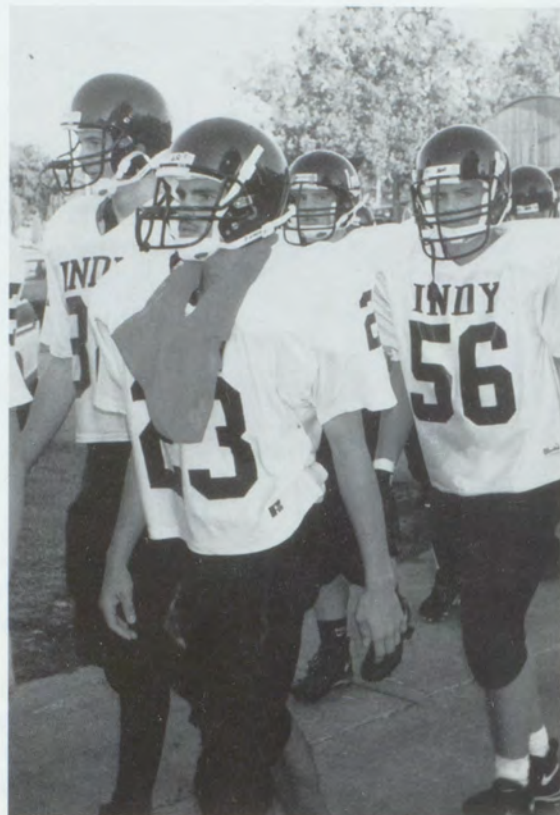
--Joey Leon



JV & Frosh Are Workin' Hard



Holding onto the ball tightly, Chris Stockton, above left, goes for the first down after being persued by several Caney players.



Jasper Durbin, Chris Beyer and several other JV players, above right, make their way onto the field for the pop game. This is a chance for the coaches to showcase the talent of the various players on the IHS football teams.



The entire IHS football coaching staff is pictured to the left. This staff includes Jim Moseley, Larry Annable, Glen Stanley, Tim Davis, Carl Boldra, and Mark Hayward, head coach.

These coaches work with the athletes throughout the season, during the conditioning program and in the summer. Tim Davis is the only Rule 10 coach. This means that he is not a certified teaching employee of the school district. This was the first year for Mr. Stanley and he assisted Mr. Davis in working with the freshmen team.

This was Mr. Hayward's second year as head coach of the football team. The team has been showing improvement in the past two years. Mr. Hayward, Mr. Moseley, and Mr. Boldra have worked hard to improve the weight room for the football players as well as the other athletes in the school.



Front Row: George Black, Russell Swisher, Jonathan Spencer, Kelly Ross, Daniel Shepard, Jacob Friend, Josh Jordan, Nick Brown, Patrick Allen, Travis Kendrick, Devon Jarret, Roger McGuyer, Brandon Calderon. Middle Row: Ryan McGuyer, Jerry Templemeyer, Chris Stockton, Mack Lee, Keysha Phillips, Matt Barnhart, Jared Alford, Brian Pokorny, Wes Evans, Jesse Duemeller, Matt Linden. Top Row: Travis Russo, Richard Fagan, Aaron Brockway, Ben Long, Brian Sandon, Daniel Couch, Mike Hall, Ross Baldasarro, Aaron Shrader



It was a great season, even though we had a losing record."

--Brian Pokorny

"We need to hit the weights and get stronger for next year."

--Russell Swisher

"We need to work on passing so we will have a better team next year."

--Ryan McGuyer



The freshman team, above left, is patiently waiting for a decision from the referees on a previous play.

Mack Lee, above right, tries to break tackles from the stifling Labette County defense while Aaron Brockway levels an opponent.

Volleyballers Spike....



Courtney Adam puts a spike up over two opposing team members, while Stacey Mitchell, Johna Emmot, and Stephanie Wilson watch and prepare to receive the ball. Courtney Adam, junior, has played for the I.H.S. Volleyball Team for three years. The volleyball team depends on a balance of players with students from all classes participating on the varsity level. The team this year consisted of three seniors who had worked in the program for a number of years.

* "Our goal was to win more than we lost. Even though the team did not quite achieve it, they strove to do the following: Work hard in practice, play as a team, continue to improve and never give up! I enjoyed the season a great deal because of the team's effort and attitude."

- Coach Kristi Spiecher

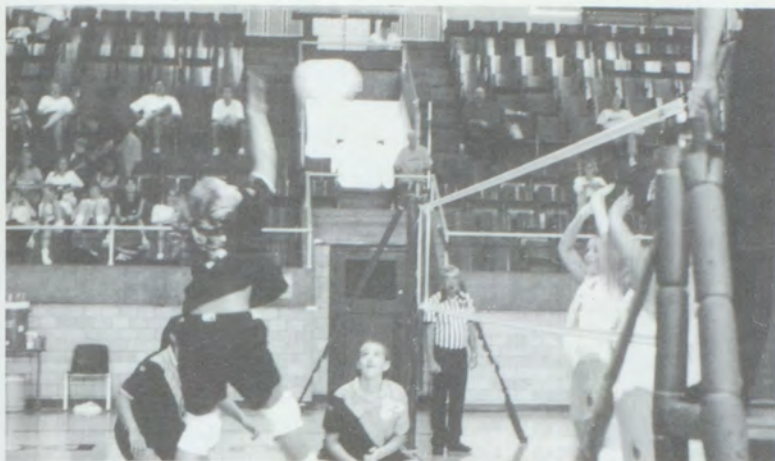
* "I think the highlight of the season would have to be the girls bonding on the long bus rides. It was a lot of fun." - Johna Emmot

Front row kneeling left to right: Julie Harper, Jennifer Coder, Johna Emmot, and Megan Sackschewsky.

Back row left to right: Angie Andrews, Beth Rinck, Stacey Mitchell, Holly Thomeson, and Courtney Adam.



Coder Picked SEK....



Johna Emmot, junior, is backed up by Megan Sackschewsky and Jennifer Coder as she attempts to spike the volleyball over the opposing team. Johna has played volleyball for three years.



Jennifer Coder, senior, pictured to the left, has back up from Johna Emmot and Julie Harper, as she sets a spike up for Beth Rinck. Jennifer has played volleyball for I.H.S. for four years and was also chosen all SEK.

Megan Sackschewsky, senior, pictured below, blocks the opposing teams attempt to spike the ball. Jennifer Coder and Beth Rinck are watching in awe as Megan surprises everybody with her amazing "stuff". Can't get nothing past her.



Julie Harper, junior, serves the ball during a home game for I.H.S. Julie, has also played volleyball for I.H.S. for three years.

Girls' volleyball is one of the most arduous sports at IHS. When the fall practices start it is actually the hottest part of the summer. Coach Kristi Speicher conditions the team for the first few weeks until it is able to compete at a high level when the actual season starts.

This year the team certainly had a season. The squad played in several tournaments placing second and third. The team placed second in the Indy Invitational and placed third in the Anderson County Tournament. Jennifer Coder was chosen first team all SEK, and Johna Emmot with the honorable mention all SEK.

The team over all had a good season with an overall record of 14-17.

Many girls gather around coach Speicher during a time out, as she gives everyone an encouraging word to keep them going strong.



JENNY'S GIRLS



Coach Jenny Hayward is leading the girls in a cheer to boost their confidence and maintain their good work effort throughout the rest of the game. Jenny has been the coach for the JV Volleyball Team for two years now. The JV team is made up a number of sophomores along with a few juniors.

"I enjoyed playing for Coach Spiecher and I look forward to doing it again next year."

--Stephanie Wilson,
junior

"It was a lot of work, but it was fun and worth it."

--Ashlee Gates, sophomore

This year the JV and Freshman Volleyball Team had a spirited year. With a variety of players and two coaches with experience, the teams had a year of growth and development. The purpose of the freshmen and junior varsity teams is to give the players experience and to prepare the younger players for the varsity experience.

The two teams play their home matches at the Ash Youth Center which is one of the better facilities they get to compete in during the competitive year.

Kneeling: Melissa McCrae, Jalayna Newkirk, Brianna Swisher, Tera Cadwell, Ashlee Gates.
Back Row: Stephanie Wilson, Erica Woolard, Kristen Kelley, Suzanne Peterson, Jenny Tucker.



COY'S FROSH



From left to right: Coach Jenny Hayward, Coach Kristi Spiecher, and Coylene Speer. Jenny Hayward is the Junior Varsity coach, Coach Kristi Spiecher is the coach for the Varsity team, and Coach Coylene Speer is the Freshman coach.

To the right is volleyball managers Darcie Farran, sophomore and Christina Ortega, sophomore. They helped out throughout the season bringing water and towels to the players during games and if any injuries they would assist in bandaging them up. Darcie and Christina really helped a lot through the whole season in helping the girls feel comfortable and if they were down helped boost them back up so they could do their best.

"It was a good experience and I look forward to playing next year. Spiecher made the season really enjoyable even though she worked us hard and made us strive to do our best."

--Suzanne Peterson, sophomore



Front row: Jessica Camacho.
Middle: Ti Martin, Ashley Sweeten, Loni Dailey, Kayla Bridwell.
Back Row: Reagan Buckles, Erica Redman, Megan McMillin, Kristie Hough.

Runnin' Around



Front Row: Amanda Root, Amber Diaz, Hilliary Sherwood, Lindsay Wilkin
 Back Row: Arie Auxter, Tracy McGuyer, Alyssa Merritt, Rane' Yakshaw

"It's hard as it looks."

--Andrew Kadel

"It's a good way to stay in shape and it's pretty fun."

--Hilliary Sherwood

"Cross country runners do it longer, running that is."

--Arie Auxter

"I don't like being chased by those dogs."

--John Williams

"Shake it."

--Joe Carroll

"Cross Country was great."

--James Hinman



Above Left: Rane' Yakshaw, senior, is in the midst of the pack while running at the Indy Invitational. She has participated in cross country for several years as well as basketball and softball her freshman year.

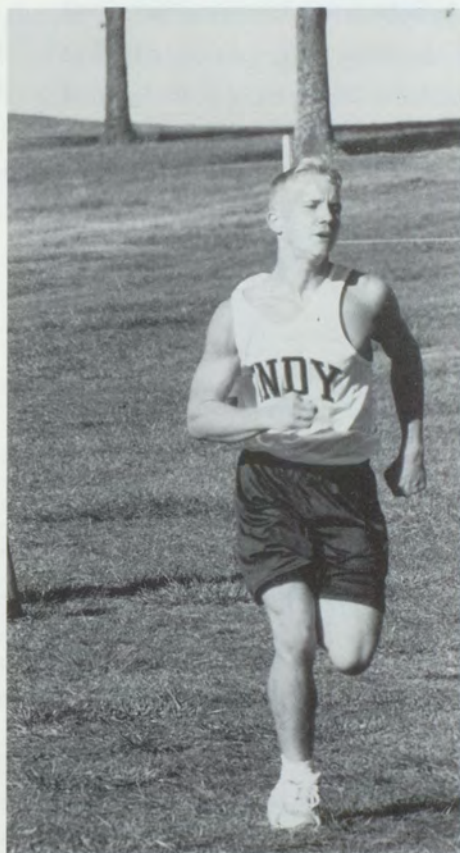


Above Right: Three Indy girls: Amber Diaz, Hilliary Sherwood, and Alyssa Merritt, sprint at the start of the race while Coach Cranor and several of the Boy's cross country members cheer them. This is Coach Cranor's second year as head coach and his teams have made progress both years.



Front Row: Michael McDaniel, James Hinman, Cody Robertson, Joe Carroll, Shane McCallie, Skyler Rail, Cody Tucker

Back Row: Andrew Kadel, Jacob Sparks, Josh David, Matt Holum, Sherman Brown, John Williams, Levi Holt, Walter Amick, Winston Amick, Brad Klamm

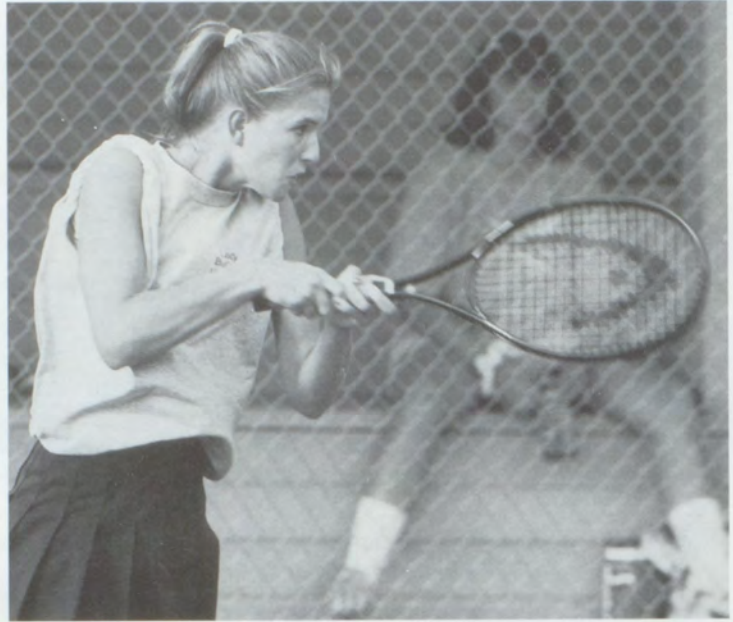


Above Left: Jacob Dick, freshman, paces himself to a ninth place finish at the Indy Invitational at Sycamore Valley Golf Course. Jacob was successful in his first season of Cross Country and has a bright future ahead.

Above: Andrew Kadel, sophomore, takes long strides at the beginning of the race. It is necessary to take long strides in distance running to conserve energy. Andrew has also played basketball and tennis.

Most Spirited- James Hinman
 Most Valuable Boy- James Hinman
 Most Valuable Girl- Rane` Yakshaw
 Newcomer of the Year- Sebastian Ziaja
 Most Improved- John Williams

Tennis Place 7th



(Above) Mary Kelly uses a back-hand shot to score a most needed point to win against her opponent. Lots of hard work and dedication go into every season. By the end of the year the girls believe they have accomplished their goals. Before the season the team members sit down and individually try to determine goals for themselves as well as for the team. One of the goals most of the members had was win

(Above) Amanda Torbett concentrates to come on top against her opponent. She comes back with a forehand shot to score a point. All of her hard concentration and great hustle, Amanda placed 4th at the State Tournament in doubles with her partner, Stephanie Schroeder. It was the second straight year Amanda placed fourth at state.



Lauren Oakleaf shows her forehand skills, while wearing short sleeve T-shirt and wearing sun glasses on a sunny day tournament at Riverside Park Tennis Courts. Lauren tried hard this year and went to state. Lauren finished a strong 9th place at State This was her second straight year to go to state.

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| Most Valuable-- | Amanda Torbett |
| Rookie Of the Year- | Jennifer Beurskins |
| Best Hustler-- | Amanda Torbett |
| Most Spirited-- | Amanda Torbett |
| Most Improved-- | Jamie Shank |



The Independence High School Girls' tennis team captured the Southeast Kansas League title this year for the first time in a number of years. This had been one of the goals for the team for several years. Recently, however, the team has consistently captured the regional championship but had not managed to win the league. This year, the result was reversed. The team won the SEK but did not win the regional. Amanda Torbett and Stephanie Schroeder won the singles championship. The girls tennis team promises to be strong again next year with Jordan Paugh, Lauren Oakleaf, Jennifer Buerskens, and Molly Brown among the top returnees.

Wins SEK

After winning 7th at state which was held at Topeka, Gina Botts, Amanda Torbett, Lauren Oakleaf, Jean Lundt, Stephanie Schroeder finish the day with a picture of triumph in their accomplishments at state. Due to rain, the second day of the tournament was held on inside courts. This was the first time the girls had experienced competition on inside courts. Topeka has several locations that the competition were moved to in order to complete the tournament. The team took seventh as a team and the doubles team of Schroeder and Torbett took fourth place while Oakleaf managed ninth in the singles division.

"I was really impressed with the fan support, you guys were great."
Stephanie Schroeder, Senior.

"We worked hard this season and it paid off. I had a great time."
Mary Kelly, Sophomore.



From Left to Right
 First Row: Jenny Howell, Amber Jefferson, Jamie Shank, Lauren Oakleaf, Erin Brooks, Sara Hines
 Second Row: Amy Tull, Molly Brown, Carolyn Denny, Erin Emert, Jordan Paugh, Sara Hammer, Michelle Thompson
 Third Row: Amy Haley, Mary Kelly, Stephanie Schroeder, Jennifer Beurskins, Kelley Jewers, Brianna Bishop, Mindy Thompson, Amanda Torbett, Victoria Lowdon

Cheering the teams....



Marci Gray, Kari Jordan, and Haley Barker, all seniors, are pictured above. These three cheerleaders were the only three seniors picked to cheer the fall season.

A shot of the entire cheerleading squad is pictured to the right. They are doing a crowd cheer they like to call "marching". The cheerleaders do a number of different cheers to get the crowd involved, but the one showing seems to be the more popular one with the crowd.

* "Cheerleading has been a great time. I have made some of my best friends through cheerleading. It is a great way to get involved." --Haley Barker, senior

* "I love to be called a "cheerio" by Mr. Torbett. Learning how to properly slap my leg was an awesome time!"
--Marci Gray, senior

* "Out of all the years that I've been cheering, this football season was the best. I'm glad I get to go out with a bang for my senior year" --Kari Jordan, senior



Varsity Cheerleaders front row (l to r) Kari Jordan, Cortny Schlorholtz, Marci Gray, Hannah Dillion, Kenya Avery, Back row Brooke Mills, Courtnee Demo, Amy Watson, Kristin Franklin, Mary Henderson, Crystal Macedo, not pictured Haley Barker.



40 Varsity Cheerleaders

Freshmen Learn Cheers...



Left to right Allison Taylor, Sonya Ladadok, Allie Banworth, Roxy Watson, Ashley Collins, Tara McCarrel, and not pictured is Jessica Johnson and Jackie Wilsey.

The freshmen squad, in the picture below, is demonstrating a stunt used by both squads. This stunt is called a press and has to be carefully done with the help of spotters. For those of you who do not lead a "cheerleading life" a spot is the person assigned to catch or assist the cheerleader if the stunt goes awry. As the freshmen improve in their stunting skills, they will advance to stunts that are more difficult and complex. The Kansas High School Activities Association limits cheering stunts to two-high due to safety considerations.

* "Cheerleading was a great experience. I had a lot of fun."

--Allison Taylor



Cheering at Independence High School is both a challenge and an honor. Few people completely understand the time, dedication, and athleticism this responsibility requires.

While some schools feature cheering squads in the middle schools, the Independence schools start the process in the freshmen year. Although the city recreation program offers a variety of summer camps for the younger girls, this does not prepare the girls for the rigors of cheerleading.

Unfortunately, the cheerleaders are the subject of many teasing remarks by athletes, students, and even some teachers. This is a common occurrence in many schools at a variety of levels of education and is an example of stereotyping and is fueled by skits on programs like "Saturday Night Live."

A game without cheerleaders would not be the same.



The 1998 Fall Homecoming Queen, Tracy McGuyer, being crowned by Matt Howe

Queen Tracy

On a drizzling, rainy evening in October, Senior, Tracy McGuyer was crowned the 1998 Fall Sports Queen by Senior Cross Country participant Matthew Howe.

The coronation activities included an assembly at school which captured professional wrestling theme and involved football players, faculty and the queen's court. A dance followed the coronation activities honoring the queen.

"I really wish they would have let the homecoming court ride in shopping carts, it would have added to the spirit."

-- Stephanie Schroeder, Senior

"It was one of the best assemblies we've had. I am glad it didn't rain on us."

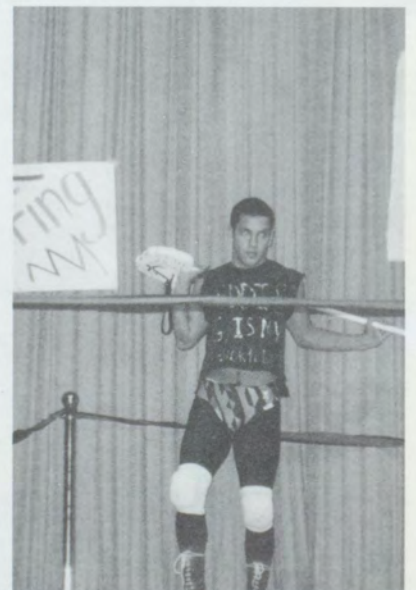
-- Tracy McGuyer, Senior



Mr. Mosely during "Thursday Thunder" and "Fall Homcoming assembly."



Fall Homecoming Court (from L-R): Megan Sackschewsky, Stephanie Schroeder, Amanda Torbett, Tracy McGuyer, Amanda Root.



Ryan Baldassarro in "Thunder" assembly as Chavo with Pepe.

Renaissance rewards academics

Seniors work hard for scholarships

Prom takes place of academics for many juniors

Class of 1999 Saved the Best for Last

Computers add to academic setting

Saving the Best for Last

Sophomores dissect, dissect, dissect,

Freshman discover what

1998-99

ACADEMICS

New faculty members invade old teaching staff

homework really is



Senior Jennifer Jewers works hard in Willis's Calc class while Erika Rasmussen takes a time-out for day-dreaming. Sherman Brown and Stephanie Schroader work together in the background. Calc is the highest and hardest math class offered at Independence High School.

Go Figure...

Underclassmen ponder their Math homework and try to determine whether this class was worth taking. But, of course math is always needed.



Sci-fi...



Sophomores socialize during Mr. Shelton's Biology class, while others concentrate to pass the class. In Biology class, students earn the right to dissect little critters. Many of these Biology takers become ill after one single cut. Biology is also taught by Mr. Stanley, who just joined us at Independence High School this 1998-1999 school year. One of his Biology classes is pictured below.

* "Biology has been a very interesting class."

-Niesha Martin

* "I can't believe they made me dissect a frog."

-Amanda Moore

Mr. Stanley's Biology class is pictured to the right. Many students tend to use this class as a time to catch up on the sleep they did not get the night before, while others listen to the bright and talented teacher.

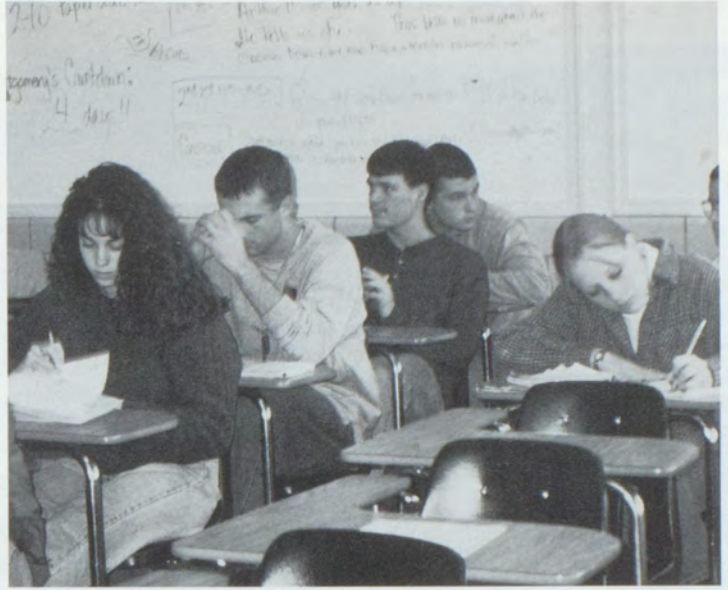


English



Mrs. Browning hastily prepares her daily plans for her Sophomore English class.

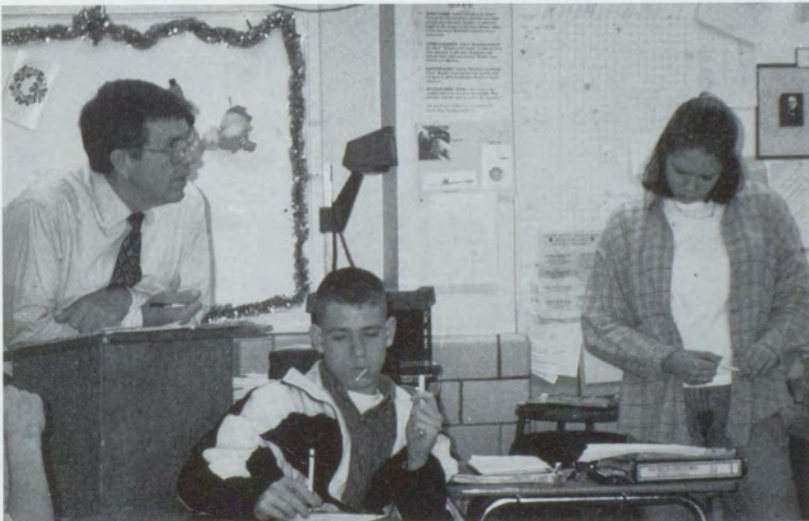
To thine own self be true.
-Mrs. Browning (from Hamlet)



Ashley Blex, Jeremie Reid, Travis Dunham, Branden Cox, and Jessica Mayes, all juniors, are studying hard for one of Mrs. Mani's vocab tests.

Mrs. Browning creates fun and interesting possibilities to write.
-Brooke Mills

History



Mr. Landwehr, Brent Mooney, and Hannah Dillon prepare for a test by having one of Landwehr's famous reviews.

New administration, new students, a new year. It's been great!
-Mr. Landwehr

History tells a story of what man has done and will do again under certain circumstances.

-Mr. Singleton



Tia Beals, Lee Pate, and Jason Linder are diligently working on Mr. Coder's daily assignments.

Mr. Landwehr's history class is interesting. He makes learning World History fun.

-Brian Dennis

Quiet Please!



Nathan Bunn and Kasey Wilson are seeking help from Mr. Coder, during their library time. Many students enjoy the privileges of the library. There are many opportunities to use the books, magazines, and newspapers for research.

* Never judge a book by its movie.

READ!!

- Mrs. Cunningham

The library, for some people who have never been to the library, is located in the 100 hall. The facility is sometimes noted as that "room with all those books." It is a place to do research and look up the information needed to complete research papers.

Many teachers require students to use the library for reports, outside reading, and other types of research. With an agreeable and helpful library staff, the students feel comfortable and needed.

The library, with the addition of computers, is truly the heart of the learning process at IHS.

Pictured below is Sherrie Boland asking Mrs. Cunningham, head librarian, how to go about looking up information to help her reduce time in the library and gather more facts for her research. Mrs. Cunningham is very good about giving advice and helping students find all of the information they need to complete their tasks. Mrs. Cunningham has been in the library for four years and has been a great resource aide.



Bonjour...

* "With the help of Madame McCray I will always know how to ask for the bathroom in France."

Kelly Long, senior

* "After taking French I will finally know how to order French food, other than French fries and French toast."

Ryan Hixon, junior

* "My other French classmates make learning the language a lot of fun!"

Brandon Bailey, junior



Independence High School students give up their anglais to study the language of love. French is taught by Madame McCray and requires total dedication and a passion for learning something new. Foreign languages are not required at IHS, but students enhance their world knowledge by studying them. Colleges do however, recommend that every college-bound student study one for at least two years.

Hola...



Tera Cadwell, Chad Day, Amy Haley, Tyler Knisley, and Ryan McDermid concentrate completely on Mr. Shire's Spanish lecture for the day. Each Spanish student studies hard and pays attention as not to be put on Mr. Shire's "slacker list." Learning a new language can be very frustrating and time consuming as some students still struggle to master their own fluent language of English.

* "With Mr. Shire you never know what the day is going to be like!" Latoya Allen, senior

* "Spanish was fun, but we are still waiting for Mr. Shire to sing for us." Stephanie Wilson, junior

* "If we only did half the things we talked about." Tera Cadwell, sophomore

State of the Art.....



During his seminar period, James Hinman paints his art project, a large paper mache mask, in Ms. Unruh's class.

The Art department at IHS offers a variety of courses to choose from such as Ceramics I and II, Painting I and II, Design I and II, Drawing I and II, and Jewelry I and II. More advanced students who have completed both courses in an area of art may take an Independent Study course, where they work by themselves.

Students who have taken an art class during the year may enter in IHS's annual Expo in the spring. Students may bring in a project or piece that they have completed during the year, such as a painting, a piece of jewelry, or a clay pot. Members from the community and school may come to view the pieces in the IHS cafeteria.



Kari Walker carefully kneads her clay in Mr. Trouskie's Ceramics I class. The classes in the art department are often very full due to their popularity.

Memori Kent puts the finishing touches on her pot in her Ceramics I class. Students in the class make such pieces as slab forms, ball and coil pots, free forms, and thrown pots on the wheel.



Life's Choices, P.E....



As Mrs. Thompson lectures, Charles Barker and Britany Bell eagerly listen and learn about Life's Choices. This is a sophomore, semester course which is required for IHS students. Mrs. Thompson has taught the course since its inception several years ago. She also has experience in teaching science and home economics areas. The carrying of the "babies" is one of the highlights of the year in which the students have a brief opportunity to learn some of what it takes to be a parent.



Melinda Magathan, Melissa McMinn and Amanda Passauer anticipate the unbridled vigor that accompanies the girls' physical education classes. The girls have a large variety of classes and activities to choose from. These range from aerobics to conditioning classes. Mrs. Speicher provides a wide range of activities during the class. In freshman physical education, a unit is given on health during the semester.



Above Mrs. Thompson's Sexuality class dreadfully waits to see who will be elected to carry a baby or babies. For two days, each student must experience a few of the joys of parenthood in order to fulfill the requirements of the class. The class also features a variety of speakers, films and inter-related issues.



Two freshman girls work up a sweat while working out playing a little two-on-two basketball. Mrs. Speicher is the instructor for girls gym.

Now the Camera's on them..



"Experiance as much as you can in life,
Live it to the fullest." ---Fyre Goenner

Media is a difficult class for many students and provides many challenges. One of the greatest challenges is the question of time. These students sacrifice many evening and actually miss many activities because of being "behind the camera."

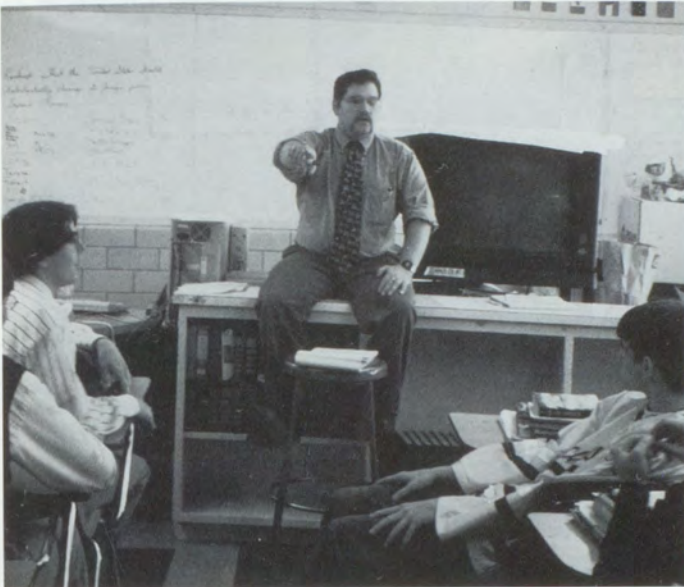
Some of the activities the media students work on include Neewollah, sporting events, queen coronations, assemblies, and various musical concerts. The results are frequently seen on the Cablevision channel after editing and refining by the media class.

The class has made tremendous strides in its few years of existence at Independence High School. Mrs. Shepard has turned room 511 in to a production studio and has learned to repair, patch, and work with a variety of equipment challenges. Not only that but several of her student have continued to pursue this interest after high school.

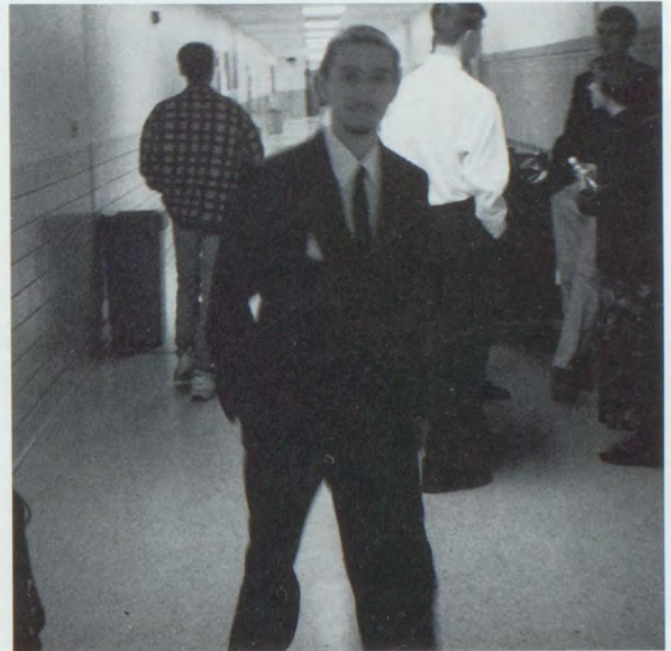
Media enrollment features mostly upper-classmen and requires permission from the instructor.

The Words Heard Around the School...

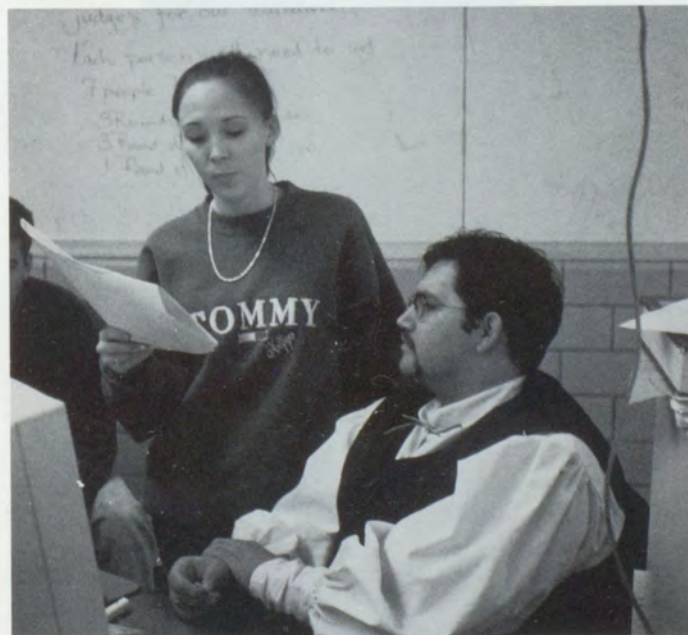
The 1998-99 season of both Debate and Forensics was successful! In the Fall, team members debated the United States' foreign policy towards Russia. Both varsity and novice teams did extremely well. The IHS Forensics squad participated in several events in the spring season such as informative and persuasive speaking, foreign and domestic extemporaneous speaking, dramatic and humorous interpretation, improvised duet acting, reading of prose and poetry, and duo and duet acting.



Coach Mr. Boehs, gives a lecture to his Debate class. Mr. Boehs has said that the squad is "growing by leaps and bounds. We are more successful in this year than we have been in the past."



Michael Fielen patrols the halls at the IHS Debate Invitational in the Fall. Schools from all over South East Kansas come to the invitationals for both Debate and Forensics.



Jennifer Berry reads her humorous interpretation, "Laughing Wild" to Mr. Boehs in order to prepare for a tournament.

"I love extemp questions on the White House Scandal!"
-Jeff Gettler

"A year without somebody doing 'Greater Tuna' would be detrimental to our Forensics squad."
-Alysha Greer

"Since it is Mr. Boehs' second year, things have gotten more fun and more interesting. The scores have definitely improved! Debate this year has been a lot of fun."
-Kristy Croom

Renaissance-

...a new commitment to excellence in education...

The Renaissance program at IHS offers many prizes and rewards for students who show excellence in academics over the quarter, semester or year. Each semester students are honored at the Renaissance assembly and are eligible to win prizes donated by local business owners like Aardvark Video, Subway or Calvert's. All students who sign up for Renaissance and meet their goal receive a coupon booklet full of discounts to local restaurants and shops.



Jenny Froebe receives her Renaissance packet during one of the assemblies in the auditorium.

"I love the Renaissance program, but I miss those cool keychains they used to give out!"

-Jennifer Hackett

"My favorite prize from Renaissance is the money!"

- Levi Meadows

"The best thing about Renaissance is all of the free food!"

-Kent Woods



Lisa Gruver waits in line for her packet as Miss Willis and Mrs. Hellen assist.



Brianna Swisher scans the crowd as she gets her Renaissance packet.

Scholars Bowl Trivia



Kelly Long, above, buzzes in to answer a question during a practice. Scholars Bowl practice is held in Mr. Landwehr's room. Practices are held, Mondays and Wednesdays after school, and Tuesdays and Thursdays before school. The practices normally last for forty-five minutes.



Evan Hoyt, above, is in deep thought trying to remember an answer for a question before someone else buzzes in. Isaac Belcher watches Evan to see if he can come up with an answer. Isaac is one of the few to show up during both morning and after school practices. Scholars Bowl has had a great year. The reason for this is the tremendous amount of students to participate in Scholars Bowl.



Mr. Landwehr, above, reads off the questions during practice. He orders sets of questions to read to the team for practice so that he won't read the same questions over. Mr. Landwehr also drives the van that is used for Scholars Bowl meets if there is less than six students going to a meet.



Kelly Long, above, is reading the questions for practice until Mr. Landwehr is able to take over. After Kelly read the question Brad Klamm shows his frustrations of not knowing the question by unplugging the buzzers so nobody else can answer.

The Sound of Music.....

Concert Choir



Back Row Left to Right: Emillea Voth, Kaven Chapman, Nathan Bolin, Adam Harris, Kristen Kelley, Kaydee Jordan, Nathan Bunn, Derrick Darkis, Jessica Mueller and Jason Courtney.

Third Row Left to Right: Ivory Porter, Cody Uttinger, Shannon Robinson, Jared Riley, Kent Woods, Rebecca Masters, Adam Sprague, Amy Tull, Jullian Harmon and Marci Moore.

Second Row Left to Right: Tricia Hearne, Emilea Friesberg, Eric Alexander, Hilliary Sherwood, Jamie Shaw, Jessica Thompson, Jeremy Palmer, Ashley Blex, Suzanne Peterson and Eli Gross.

Front Row Left to Right: Sarah Long, Kelly Long, Jasper Durbin, Kenya Avery, Misty Robinson, Beth Rinck, Christina Ortega, Jordan Paugh and Jodi Lankard.



The voices of concert choir can be heard floating down the 500 hall under the instruction of Mr. Annable. Concert Choir is a large group of talented singers who perform their music for school concerts.

Above, Concert in Action: The members of the Concert Choir sing their hearts out at a public concert in the IHS auditorium. Many members of the community attend.

Do, Ray, Me, Fa, So,
La, Te, Da.



Indy Ensemble Harmonizing...



"I've really enjoyed Indy Ensemble this year. Mr. Annable is a great teacher who knows how to throw cookies on Emilea and I"-Cody Uttinger

From Football Coronations, Singing Valentines, Neewollah to Civic Meetings, the Indy Ensemble sings its heart out. The Ensemble is a group of fifteen young men and women chosen at the end of the previous school year to represent IHS with their singing abilities throughout the school year. The chosen students for the 98-99 school year are: Amie Tull, Adam Harris, Jodi Lankard, Adam Sprague, Nathan Bunn, Eric Alexander, Emilea Freisberg, Kaydee Jordan, Kelly Long, Cody Uttinger, Sarah Long, Eli Gross, Jared Riley, Suzanne Petersen, and Kaven Chapman. This group of young adults are instructed by Larry Annable.

"The Singing Valentines seemed to bring all of us closer together"-Emilea Freisberg



Orchestra Strings Along....

Orchestra is a program that is trying to develop for the future. The class meets last block in the day on B days. Mr. Hoyt is in his fifth year of conducting orchestra at the high school.

The orchestra featured a "new look" this year as the members sold candy, candles, and assorted other items in order to purchase uniforms for the group. This was not entirely a pleasant experience as not all of the orchestra members could agree on the uniform's style.

The orchestra performed public concerts at Christmas and in the spring of the year. Many orchestra members would like to have the revival of either the "Strolling Strings" concept or some other special orchestra group to perform in public like the jazz band and the Indy Ensemble. If this develops depends on the interests of all those connected with the string program.

The string program faces many challenges in the next few years. Most people feel that a school the size of Independence should develop a quality string program as part of the fine arts curriculum.

"It's been a great learning experience, and lots of fun!"--Kari Jordan



From left to right, Front Row: Melinda Magathan, Cassie Schwabe, Tamisha LaForte, Melanie Vineyard, Christin Franklin. Second Row: Carly Veith, Samantha Hindle, Kathy Pendergrass, Kari Jordan, Stephanie Harris, Amber Morse, Melissa McCray. Third Row: Holly Thomsen, Emily Friend, John Hinman, Megan McMillin, Sonya Ladadok, Loni Dailey, Erica Schultz, Jennifer Ramsey, Angela Ewing, Rachel Dennis. Fourth Row: Laura Swearingen, Jenny Tucker, Andy Mathis, Josh Meadows, Megan Steele. Fifth Row: Melanie Ross, Mandy Smith, Brooke Bohr, Liane Eisenbart, Clayton Follmer, Laura Kaiser.



Pictured above, Mr. Hoyt is conducting orchestra class while everyone plays along. It's a rare scene in this class to see everyone paying attention!

Below, Shannon Berry is playing her cello, while Mr. Hoyt is tuning Aaron Kolb's bass for him.



Fiddling Away and Away.....



Pictured to the left, some of the first violins, Kathy Pendergrass, Kari Jordan, Mandy Smith, and Laura Swearingen, are playing along with the rest of the class. The first violins usually consist of the upper classmen and they play the melody of the music. First chair in the first violin section is a position every orchestra member wants to have.

To the right, Becky Edwards seems to be concentrating on her music while playing her viola. The viola is an important instrument to the orchestra. In this class there are only two viola players, so they have to play loud to be heard.



Below, are some of the second violins playing their instruments. The second violins play the harmony of the music, and usually consist of mostly freshmen.



“Class is never dull, making music is great when you work together and competitions make it worth the time!”

Angela Ewing



Below, Amber Morse plays her violin with Laura Swearingen behind her. Both of these girls are in the first violin section, and they both seem to be really into their music!



Above, Aaron Brockway, and Monique Brown are plucking away on their basses. The bass is the backbone of the orchestra. They keep the beat going as the rest of the orchestra plays the melody.

To the right, Megan McMillin and Loni Dailey play their violins, and you can see the back of Erica Schultz. They are all in the second violin section. It looks like Loni is really enjoying playing her instrument!



To the left is the orchestra playing in the Christmas concert. This was the first concert of the year, and the first concert that they wore their new uniforms.

"I like playing in the High School orchestra better, I've improved a lot."
Amber Morse



Drum Major Jessica Mayes leads the IHS Bulldog Marching Band onto the field for a jazzy halftime performance. The band enters from the south end of the field and prepares for the halftime show. The show develops during each week and culminates during the Neewollah Grand Marching Festival.



Before the game, the band also presents a pre-game performance. During which they play the National Anthem, Old Indy, and the IHS Fight song. Sophomore twirler Niesha Martin salutes the roaring bulldog fans under the direction of Head Drum Major Jennifer Berry.



Sophomore Issac Belcher tunes in with his bass guitar. Issac also plays the clarinet along with the oboe. This year was the first time the band added a guitar to their halftime show. Issac was proud to strut his stuff in front of the enthusiastic crowd of Tulsa McClain High School as well as our fired up Bulldog fans.



Marching Band

* "Marching Band was a fun way to start my freshman year."

Sarah Boyer, Fresh.

* "Band taught me a lot about teamwork."

Kristi Brooks, Soph.

* "Being junior drum major was an amazing experience. I'm looking forward to next year."

Jessica Mayes, Junior

* "Although we might not have been the best, we all had a great time."

Jennifer Jewers, Senior



Feature twirlers Sarah Kersey, Erika Rasmussen, Amber Robinson, and Niesha Martin swing to the beat during the 1998 halftime show. Twirling for the IHS band takes practice, dedication, and tons of patience. In the background the Bulldog band takes pride in playing **String of Pearls**.

Concert Band



Mr. Martin directs his last year of IHS band. He shows the flute, oboe and saxophone players how to do this. As a alto saxophone player him self, he has experience.



Trombones, saxophones, drums, trumpets. Altogether plus many other instruments, blended together make the band create harmonious sounds. This year Mr. Martin re-introduced the Jazz Band. This select group met once a week before school.

In addition, the Pep Band at basketball became a more important factor than it had been in recent years as a number of students played for most of the home games.

Earlier in the year a spring trip had been scheduled for Chicago but this date turned out to be Prom weekend and the traveling plans had to be scratched. However, in place of this a trip to the Worlds of Fun was substituted and a senior breakfast was held for the band members graduating.

Above: Senior Brandon Holmes practices his alto saxophone in concert band. Below: Senior Jennifer Jewers, Senior Jason Clubine, Amy Haley, and Chris Lowden play their French horns together. Right: Kelly Long plays her clarinet while other band members listen.



Swinging In Tune



The Jazz band, above, practices together before school on the last A day. The Jazz band has come along ways to be where they're at now. Even though it is hard have a successful practice in the mornings. Some students in Jazz band can't get a ride or they have an activity to go to.



Isaac Belcher, left, plays his bass guitar during Jazz band practice in the morning. Having Isaac play his bass helps bring out the hard to hear parts in the Jazz band.

Mr. Martin, below, is playing his soprano sax to help the trumpets on a new piece of music in Jazz band. Eric Alexander and Josh Gann are two of the five trumpets that showed up for the morning practice. Mr. Martin has also worked with the Jazz band on Saturdays when available. Mr. Martin has tried his best to help the Jazz band be the best they can be.

The Independence High School Jazz Band made a large comeback this year. Mr. Shawn Martin, instrumental instructor, resurrected the jazz band last year but this year the group became more active.

By meeting in the mornings and occasionally on Saturdays, the Jazz band was able to put together a group that was able to compete in the various contests.

Many schools use the jazz bands as pep bands. Other schools use this type of group as a public relations device to play at various civic functions as a public relations device.

This year the jazz band consisted of 17 members.



In The Hallways...



Adam Sprague, left, volunteers to carry a computer down the 300 hall during class.

The hallways are an important part of many students lives. Sometimes it appears the major purpose of some reason for coming to school is to see how much time can be spent in the hall way. The objective of many teachers is to limit the amount of time in the halls some students spend.

With the arrival of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Runge to the head administrative offices, the number of students in the hall has decreased. Previously, some teachers would send large number of students to the halls to theoretically "study." Now, teachers need to justify to the administrators if the students are out in the hall. Also, general hall roaming has been greatly reduced this school year.

The halls have turned into a method of transportation and not a recreation location.

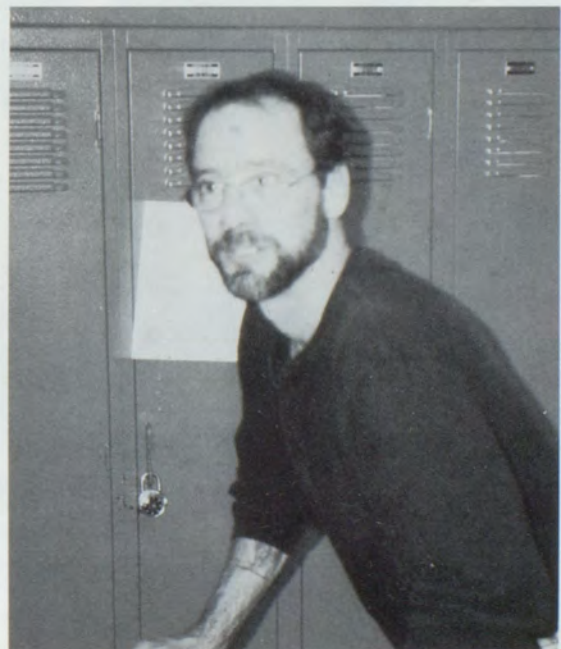


Sandy Boyle dresses in her pajamas, right, during school for Spirit Week. Everybody dresses in their pajamas, everything from tazmania slippers to fuzzy-warm slippers.



Tracy McGuyer, above, puts up a Pep Club poster in the 300 hall. Pep Club organizes dances and other important things for the school.

Steve Fienen, right, aids our challenged students through the crowded hallways during school. He puts in a lot of time and effort to help these students.



Technology Building

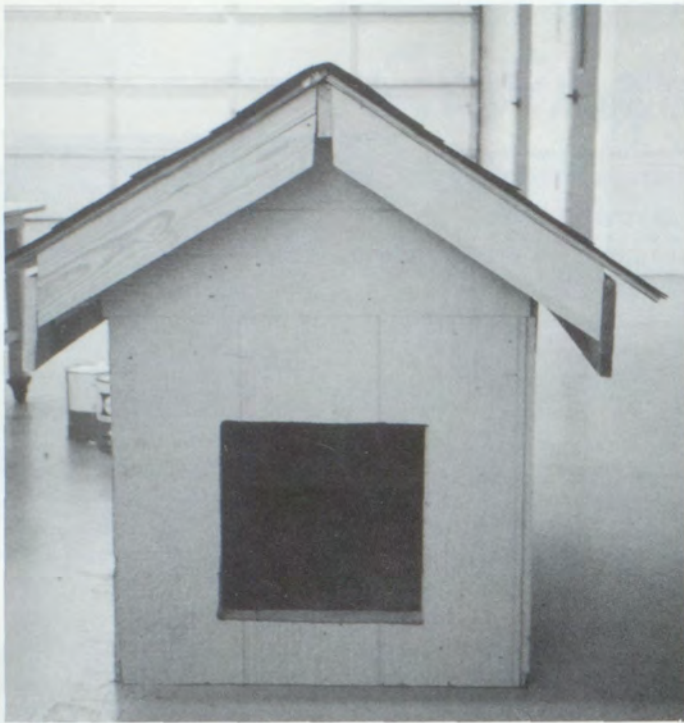
* "It smells really GOOD." -Brianna Swisher

* "I like the tech building but it doesn't have an intercom so it is a bit of a pain." -Emilea Friesberg

* "The tech building is nice, but it is too far to walk."
-John Williams

* "We don't really need this extra building, but it is nice because we can learn a lot over there."
-Brad Klamm

* "We already have a woodshop, but the one at the tech building is really great." -Dallas Watson



A dog house, pictured above, is just one of the numerous projects students at IHS, can make in the new technology building. This is a crucicular class that can be taken at IHS.



Mr. Ferguson, above, gives a lecture in the technology building, while students take notes and listen intently.



Above, a number of students work on different assignments given to them in the Technology building. Concentration is a key factor to getting everything figured out correctly.



The Technology Building, pictured above, was added to IHS last year. It is the home of many classes that was once in the school building but have now been moved across the street.

"I enjoy the class, but it takes a long time to walk from the senior parking lot to the tech building."

-Brandon Holmes

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Sophomore Life



Above, Lauren Oakleaf and Courtnee Demo along with others huddle together during the Powder Puff football game. The girl's along with their coach plan out their strategies to win the Powder Puff Game.

To the right, Shanna Berry, participates in spirit week by wearing her pajamas. Shanna also is wearing her teddy bear slippers but they can not be seen in this picture.



Jimmy Acres



Abe Al-Bureni



John Alban



Michelle Alt



Jamie Andres



Kenya Avery



Rachel Ayers



Jason Bakken



Charles Barker



Adam Barnhart



Shannon Beason



Issac Belcher



Nathan Belcher



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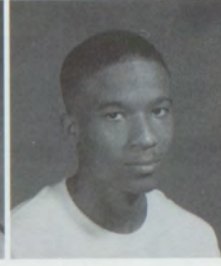
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Adam Cloe



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Leah Conner



Josh Cooper



Kevin Coy



Travis Crain



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Emily David



Chad Day



Courtnee Demo



Carolyn Denney



Brian Dennis



Sarah DeVore



Hannah Dillon



Sara Doran



Michele Drake



Kelly Duke



Jasper Durbin



Chris Ellis



Keith Estes



Ashley Farmer



Darcie Farran



John Felton



Steven Ferrell



Kristie Finney



Robert Foged



Clayton Follmer



Sarah Foreman



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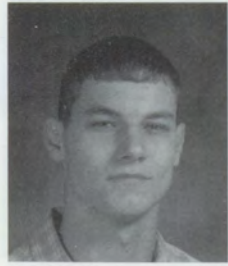
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Lindsey Holloway



Josh Holt



Levi Holt



Keith Hoose



Virginia Howell



Marie Hugo



Abria Irving



Amber Jefferson



Kellie Jewers



Crystal Johanson



Amanda Jones



Brandon Jones



Andrea Journot



Andrew Kadel



Hannah Kaufman



Mary Kelly



Matthew Kent



Nellie Kilgore



Tyler Knisley



Aaron Kolb



Michele Line



John Long



Meaghan Lybarger



Joshua Lyon



Crystal Macedo



Melissa MacRae



Kimberly Martin



Niesha Martin



Rebecca Masters



Alan Mattix



Nicholas McCartney



Jacob McClain



Michael McDaniel



Ryan McDiarmid



Fredrick
McPheeters



Heather Meadows



Ashley Mills



Brent Mooney



Amanda Moore



Marcia Moore



Jessica Muller



Jonathan Mullinax



Ashley Musgrove



Jalayna Newkirk



Philip Newkirk



Lauren Oakleaf



Amber Oliver



Christina Ortega



Ashley Parham



Neepa Patel



Tiffany Patterson



Darrell Perry



Kira Perry



Suzanne Peterson



Ivory Porter



Ashley Porter



Adam Pouncil



D'Londrea Pouncil



Desiree Pouncil



Ozell Pouncil



Verdonna Pouncil



Jamie Powers



Courtney Prezel



Jeff Radcliff



Sklyer Rail



Anthony Ramirez



Lola Ratcliff



Natasha Reid



Jared Riley



Beth Rinck



David Ringle



Cody Robertson



Shannon Robinson



Erica Roe



Shawn Ross

Michelle Rowe

Susanne Ruby

Sarah Salisbury

Dawn Schad

Larry Schenk



Cortny Schlorholtz

Tom Schulz

Michael Scott

Shmiah Scott

Jamie Shank

Lindsay Shaw



Rachel Smith

Shawn Smith

Mark Spellman

Jennifer Sprague

John Strange

Leslie Sullivan



Ashley Sutton

Jessica Thomason

Jessica Thompson

April Thurston

David Toomey

Maranda Tryon



Jennifer Tucker

Joshua Tucker

Megan Vicks

Aaron Vincen

Melanie Vineyard

Emmalee Voth



Bryan Warner



T.J. Werner



Dallas Watson



Jimmy Waters



Jordan Watson



Samuel Weinberg



Johnnie Webb



Dwayne White



Stacy Whittley



Christopher Williams



John Williams



Samuel Williams



Travis Williams



Benjamin Wilsey



Robin Wilson



Colleen Yaus



Samantha Young

Boys' Basketball Team grabs second in league

Freshman move to Varsity

1998-99

WINTER
SPORTS

Oklahoma

Wrestlers take large group to state

Six seniors girls graduate for the basketball team

Large crowd thrilled by overtime win against Pittsburg
Girl's travel deep in

Wrestling draws large home crowd

Cheerleaders excite fans with "Cheerleading toss" routine

Boys Recover From Slow Start

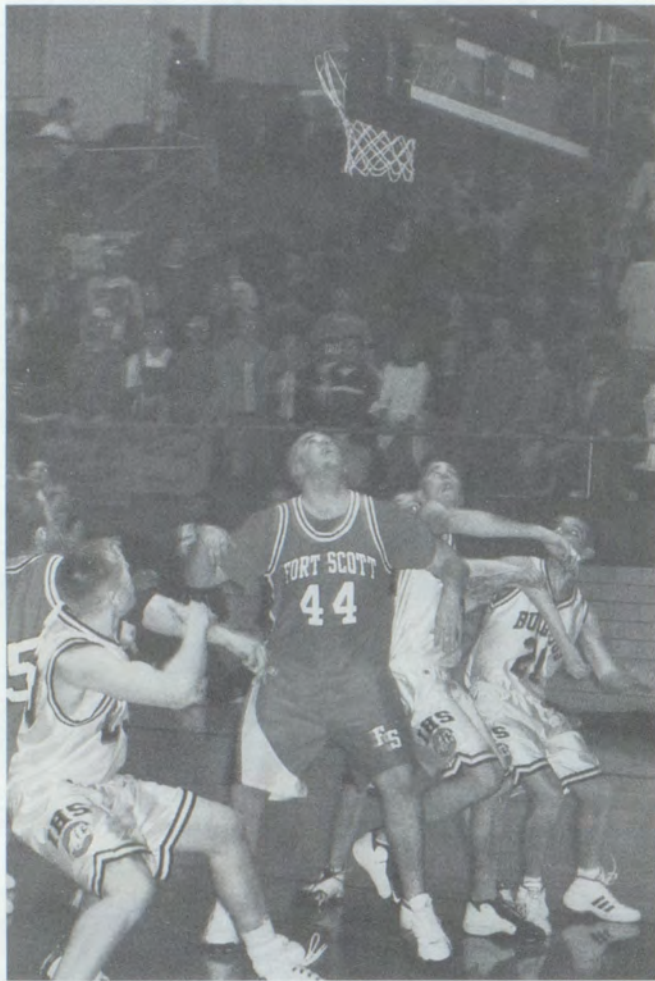


Front Row (L-R): Andrew Kadel, Beau Schultz, Michael Alexander, Matt Howe, Eli Gross, Tom Schultz
Back Row (L-R): Derrick Darkis, Nathan Bolin, Brian Dennis, Sherman Brown, Scott Weuderman, Kaven Chapman, DeWayne White



DeWayne White, left, plays some stifling defense against another Chanute guard. DeWayne was one of the many sophomores to play on the Varsity team this year. The game against Chanute was hard fought, but Independence came out on top, 57 to 56.

Coach Nelson, above, discusses the plan of attack with the boys varsity basketball team. Time outs are a very helpful time to determine what to do in the game, and to decide exactly how to carry out those ideas. It's very important to use your time very wisely, because it can run out as quickly as it started.



Beau Schultz, junior, along with Brian Dennis, sophomore, above, play tough defense against an Chanute player. This year Beau, along with Brian, are playing on the varsity team for the first time. More than likely both will play Varsity again next year. Beau was especially good at shooting the three pointer and made several key shots in big games.

Scott Weuderman and Kaven Chapman, left, fight for position to get a rebound against a Ft. Scott player. This was Scott's last year on the basketball team and he played very strong. This was Kaven's first year on the Varsity basketball team. He was a starter, which is considered to be a sort of an honor for a sophomore, and did a good job of it too.

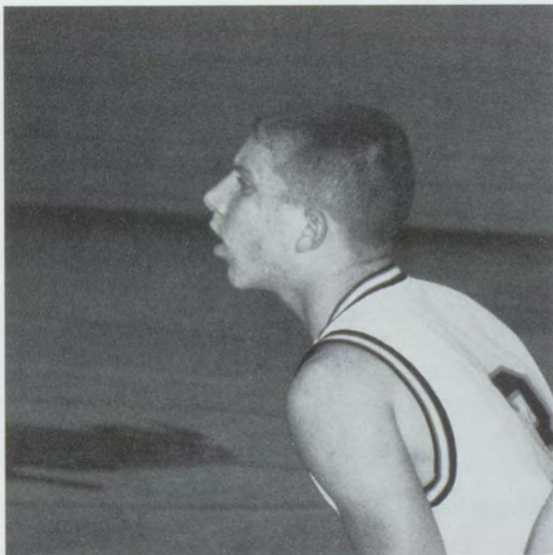
The players and cheerleaders celebrate in an overtime win against Pittsburg. The Bulldogs played an excellent team game and really pulled together. The Bulldogs ended up placing second in the SEK League. They played in Regionals at Andover against a tough Ft. Scott team and lost a 52 to 50 heart-breaker against them. The Bulldogs started to come together as a team this year when they played smart, team basketball with passing and rebounds. The sky is the limit for next years team. They will return with almost the whole team intact. The only seniors on the team this year were Matt Howe and Scott Weuderman who provided the team with great leadership and set a good example.



Junior Varsity- On the ball



Back Row (left to right): Kaven Chapman, Nathan Bolin, Chris Branham, Kasey Wilson and Brian Dennis
 Front Row (left to right): Micheal Alexander, Theron Landwehr, Eli Gross, Dwayne White, Andrew Kadel and Tom Schultz



Tom Schultz right, makes his way down the court during a victorious JV game against Columbus.



Jonathan Spencer, far left, prepares to make a basket at the Chanute game. However, Jonathan could be looking forward to passing to a teammate. He proved to be a stand-out for both the freshman team and the junior varsity team. Jonathan also competed in football and golf for Independence High School.

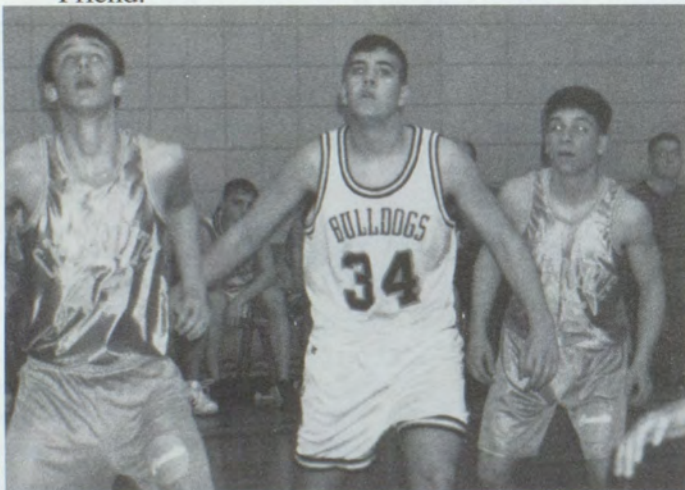
The junior varsity team was left with lesser numbers when several players left the team around Christmas season. This allowed some freshmen to move to junior varsity and some junior varsity players to get some important playing time on the varsity level.

Freshmen Basketball-having a ball!



Back Row (left to right): Nick Brown, Dan Runge, Jeff Wuerderman, Brian Sandon and Rob Read

Front Row (left to right): Robert Marten, Kelly Ross, Jerrid Schicke, Russell Swisher and Jacob Friend.



Nick Brown goes for a rebound during a home game at the Ash Center against Chanute. The Bulldogs made a glorious defeat over the Blue Comets!



The team huddles around Coach Hollandsworth during a time out in the Parsons vs. Independence game.

Girls Basketball Rocks



IHS Varsity Basketball team members pictured above are Stacey Mitchell, Heather Oldenettel, Amanda Torbett, Tashonda Irving, Arie Auxter, Johna Emot, Lauren Oakleaf, Emily David, Jennifer Coder, Stephanie Schrodeder, Megan Sackschewsky and Erica Redman.



As pictured above, Senior Jennifer Coder holds her ground while blocking her opponent as she tries to advance towards the lane.



Erica Redman pushes toward the basket taking her chance for the layup while team mates cover her back. This all star player is a freshman and made the varsity team hands down.

"Hello Tulsa Edison Eagles, what is your name number ten? Highlights from 'Tish'"

-Shonda Irving

"Highlight of the year was going clubbing in 'Tish'!"

-Johna Emmot

"I think we had alot of fun this year, especially on the 'Tish' trip!"

-Emily David



Independence Bulldog mascot, Victor Turner, boxes friendly with the LCHS grizzly mascot at one of the home basketball games.



Putting the ball down the court to relieve the press, Stacey Mitchell looks for an open teammate to take the ball down for a point.



Johna Emmot waits for the referee to pass her the ball for the foul inflicted by an opposing team member.

A season of "ups and downs" best describes the 1998-99 IHS girls basketball season. After a slow, slow start the team rebounded with a six game winning streak but closed the season with another series of losses.

The turn around occurred primarily with the addition of two freshmen, Heather Oldenettel and Erica Redman to the varsity squad. However, their inputs us could not maintain the team for the entire season.

The season marked the third year for coach Brenda Shawley and was the best of her reign.

In the post season honors Shonda Irving was selected second team all-league and Erica Redman was picked for the third team by the league coaches.



Heading down the court, Shonda Irving covers for her teammates and positions herself for the play.



Jaylanna Newkirk goes for the lay up in the second quarter of the home game against LCHS grizzlies. Almost finishing the season, Jaylanna unfortunately fall, injured her right shoulder. Luckily she's doing well now.

During a time out, IHS Lady bulldogs huddle around the coach, Miss Shawley for a last minute strategy plan.



Frosh Girls B-ball heads for the top...



Girls' Freshmen Basketball Team from left to right. Loni Dailey, Ashley Sweeten, Jennifer Beurskens, Erica Redman, Heather Oldenettel, Adrienne Villarreal, Megan McMillin, and Molly Brown.

Quotations from the girls...

"We had a rough start, but we pulled through to be great."

Jennifer Beurskens

"We had a good year, but next year we are going to beat Columbus!"

Molly Brown

Freshman Megan McMillin heads down the court after her teammates to get in the action. This game was played against the Chanute Comets. These new high schoolers played very hard at this game as well as throughout the season.



J.V. Girls work their way up...



Junior Varsity Girls Basketball from left to right. Back row: Mindy Thompson, Suzanne Peterson, Mary Kelly, Lauren Oakleaf, and Jalaynna Newkirk. Front row: Mary Henderson, Jordan Paugh, Emily David, and Michelle Alt.



Junior Varsity girls wait for the rebound against the Titans. This game against the Titans occurred February 16 of 1999. The J.V. Girls played a rough season but pulled through. Junior Varsity games as well as Freshman games are played at the Ash Youth Center. However Varsity games are still held at the notorious Losey Gymnasium.

"I really had a great time this year playing J.V. I can't wait until next year to play basketball again."

Jordan Paugh, Junior

"I enjoyed playing with all the girls. We all worked together really well and know the meaning of teamwork."

Mary Kelly, Soph.

Grapplers Great Season



The Independence Wrestling Squad Front: Kathy Glover (mag), Ross Baldassaro, Daniel Shepard, Kevin Honan, Brandon Bailey, John Hinman, Clyde Gibbs, John Sherer, and Melinda Magathan (mag). 2nd Row: Josh Jordan, James Hinman, Chris Stockton, Travis Kendricks, Matt Barnhart, Jacob Dick, Keith Hoose, Jasper Durbin, and Abe Al-Bureni. 3rd Row: Mark Spellman, Brent Mooney, Skyler Rail, Adam Barnhart, Shane McCallie, Cody Robertson, Matt Linden, Brian Porkorny, Chris Beyer, Mike Hall, and Ed Swearingen. 4th Row: Coach Cranor, Jason Linder, David Hogan, Ryan Baldassaro, Mike Modich, John Wilson, Chet Harlin, Jacob Viets, Branden Cox, Ben Long, Matt Holum, and Coach Moseley.

*"I'd rather have wrestled and lost than played basketball."

--Skyler Rail

*"John and Chet were hard on us but somehow we made it through."

--Daniel Shepard

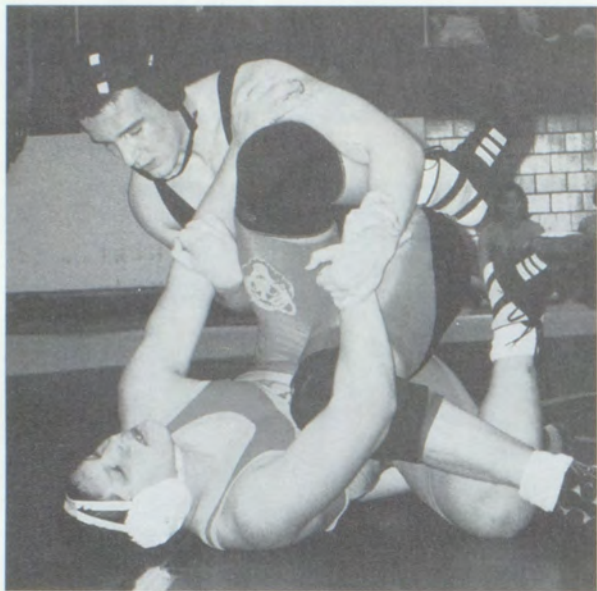
*"I can't wait to be a senior so that I could wrestle."

--Josh Jordan

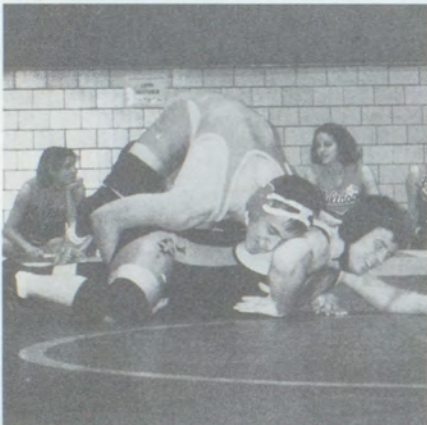
Until recently, the Independence High School wrestling team did well in individual events. However, due to the fact that the team had a number of open weights, the team never was quite as successful as it could be. Now, all that has changed. For the first time in recent memory the IHS wrestlers are filling practically all weight divisions.

This was proven during the season as the team managed a second place league finish behind the eventual state champion Columbus Titans.

These two coaches were especially entertaining to watch at matches as Mr. Moseley kept his usual, calm demeanor and Mr. Cranor would physically become extremely involved in the wrestler's successes.



Above: Chet Harlin as he pins down one of hte others members of the opposing team. Below: Ryan Baldassaro with a suprising look upon his face, takes down his opponent.



Above Right: Mike Modich as he struggles to get free from the dominating Labett County wrestler. Below: The Independence High Wrestling Squad cheers on their fellow mate in this match.



Wrestlers at Best

* "We are still better than the basketball team."

--Ryan Baldassaro

* "It really helped us a lot when the freshman came up and he helped us on varsity." --Michael Modich

* "The wrestling team had taught me integrity and character."

--Matt Linden

State Qualifiers

Daniel Shepard
 Matt Holum
 Travis Kendricks
 John Wilson
 Jacob Viets
 Ryan Baldassaro
 Brandon Bailey
 Chet Harlin
 Aaron Brockway

* "Wrestle the best, fly with the rest."

-- Chris Stockton

* "The sight I adore on a basketball floor. Is wrestling match from door to door."

-- Michael Hall

Slap those Thighs



* "WARNING: Watch for falling cheerleaders!!!!!"

--Lisa Gruver, sophomore

* "It was an honor to be selected as a Varsity Cheerleader this year, I hope to be on the squad next year."

--Christin Franklin, sophomore

* "Sometimes when I got home after a game, my thighs were sore from slapping them too hard!"

--Cortny Schlorholtz, sophomore



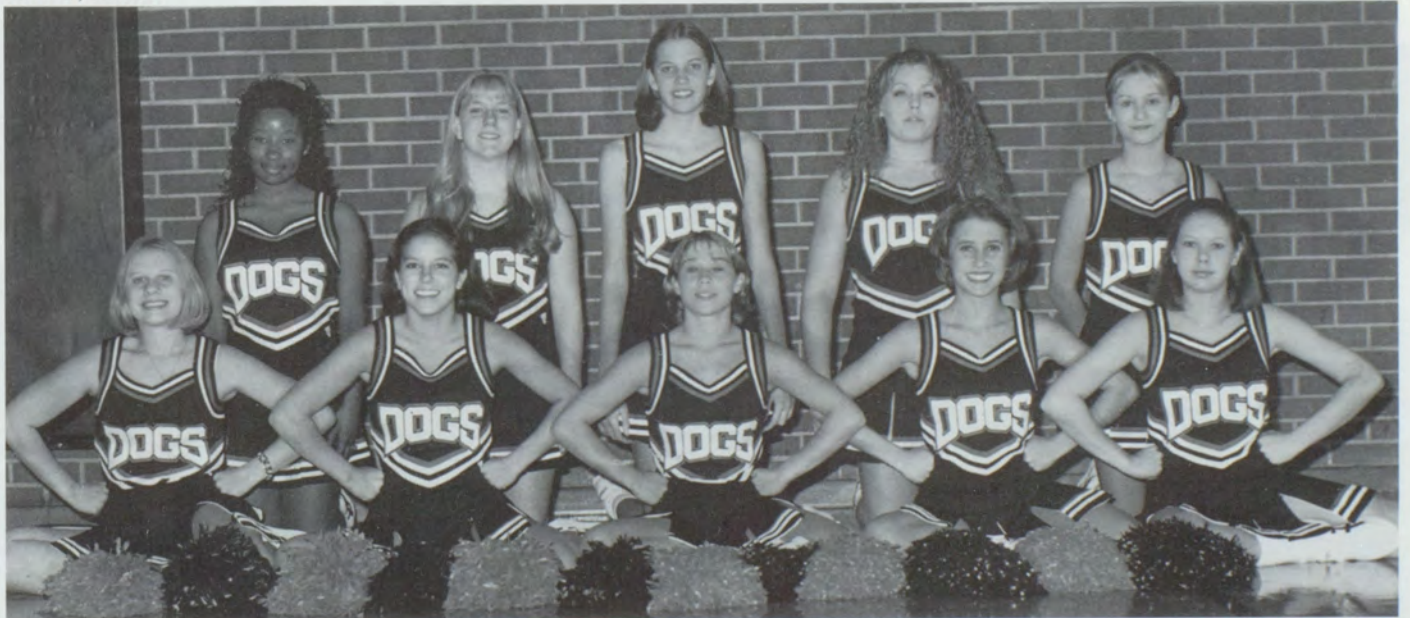
Pictured above is Marci Gray, Kari Jordan, Haley Barker, and Amanda Root. They were the only seniors to cheer this year. Amanda Root was the only senior who chose not to cheer all year, only for basketball season.

Pictured to the left is Cortny Schlorholtz and Brooke Mills, both sophomores. They are performing a cheer on the baseline at a game in Coffeyville.



Pictured to the left is Kari Jordan and Marci Gray, both seniors. They are performing a cheer between first and second quarter. During both the boys and girls' games, the cheerleaders are responsible for doing a cheer between either first and second quarter, or between third and fourth.

Pictured below are the 1998-1999 Varsity Cheerleaders for basketball season. Back row from left to right is Christin Franklin, soph, Brooke Mills, soph, Lisa Gruver, soph, Courtnee Demo, soph, Crystal Macedo, soph. Front row left to right is Cortny Schlorholtz, soph, Marci Gray, senior, Amanda Root, senior, Haley Barker, senior, and Hannah Dillion, soph. Not picture, Kari Jordan, senior.



Frosh Cheer



Pictured above is Allison Taylor, Ashley Collins, Roxie Watson, and Ali Bannworth all doing their best to show school spirit. Even between cheers, the girls shout and hollar at the teams to cheer them on and give a little bit of encouragement.

Pictured to the left the freshman cheerleaders are caught at a time when they are not doing a cheer. During a game, it really depends on whether or not the team is winning or losing when it comes down to how much cheering the cheerleaders will do. The cheerleaders do their best to stay positive and spirited during the entire game, whether or not. The main responsibility of a cheerleader is to keep the crowd entertained as well as keep the spirits of everyone lifted.



Pictured below are the freshman cheerleaders from right to left Tara McCarrell, Ashley Collins, Jssica Johnson, Sonya Ladadok, Roxie Watson, and Allison Taylor. Not pictured freshman are Ali Bannworth and Jackie Wilsey.



Don't want to miss a thing...

"It was the first time I kissed two guys in one night and not felt guilty, considering I have a boyfriend." Amanda Torbett.

"It was nice to be elected Winter Sports King this year since I'm a senior and hopefully my last year at this school." Ryan Baldassaro

Two seniors were selected by the student body of Independence High School to serve as 1999 Winter Sports Queen and King. Amanda Torbett and Ryan Baldassaro were crowned at the basketball game on Jan. 29.

Amanda represented the basketball team and Ryan represented the wrestlers. The finalists were selected by the winter sports teams including boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading.

The theme of the coronation activity was the song "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing."

To the right are the Fall Homecoming candidates as followed: Chet Harlin, Marcie Gray, Jacob Veits, Magen Sackchewsky, Scott Wuerdeman, Amanda Torbett, Matt Howe, Amanda Root, Ryan Baldassaro, and Johna Emmot.



Mr. Mosley tries to impersonate Steven Tyler of Aerosmith and their song "Don't Want to Miss a Thing" from the smash hit *Armagedon*. While singing, Mr. Mosley harasses Chet Harlin and Marcie Gray.



Winter King Ryan Baldassaro and Queen Amanda Torbett are posing for the camera at Losey Gymnasium after being crowned.



COLOPHON

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Getting sleepy, just keep playing

Playing softball at midnight and no curfew...

Seniors win pop game as freshmen and as seniors

Mr. Boehs dresses funny--on purpose

Putting it together--maybe a yearbook

1998-99

No Limit Soldiers continue winning

ACTIVITIES

Bloodmobile provides a service for community

Morp undergoes changes--fun stays

Taking

volleyball is messy

Squish, Squish, mud

Cooking, sewing, learning about life

sticks of wood and making furniture

Seniors Rule!



Erika Rasmussen, Arie Auxter, Stephanie Schroeder, Becky Mitchell, and Josh David all hang around in Togas at this years Pop Game.

Quoteable Quotes:

"It was great to win the pop game like we did our freshman year."--Arie Auxter

"Lots of Pop! Class of '00 will win next year!"--Alyssa Meritt

"The seniors, being the class with class, showed the other classes how to win, Toga-style!--Mrs. Torbett

Seniors. Winners. To heck with spirit sticks and all that other stuff. The seniors reprised their freshman experience and kicked elbow and won the Pop Game. Preparing for the heavy study of literature, many class members dressed in togas. This class left a legacy of learning, fun-raising, fund-raising, school spirit and being the only class to have closed lunch for only their freshman year.

Yes, the other classes will try to replicate the class of 1999, but they must remember that this senior class represented "Saving the Best for Last."



Mrs. Torbett, Abby Knisley, Stephanie Schroeder, Marci Gray and Marcus Bryant protect their share of the pop as they prepare to win.

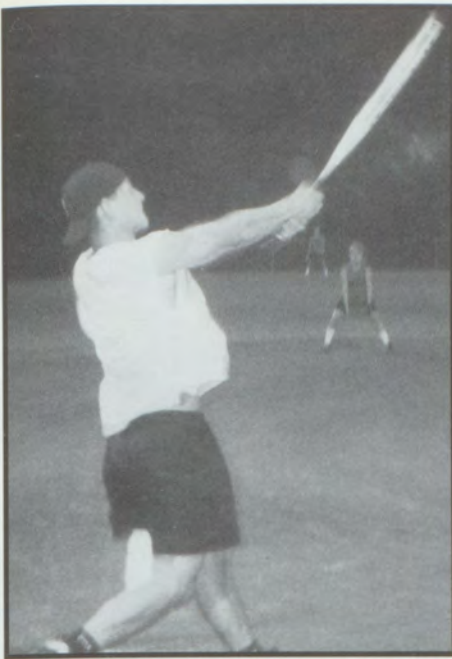


Ashley Collins and Reagen Buckles are obviously stressing out because the out come of their pop count is no match compared to the seniors.



Julie Harper, Justin Mathis, Brianna Swisher, La Tisha Hughes, Cody Uttinger, Hillary Sherwood, Alyssa Meritt, Matt Holum, and Amy Watson gather around the Junior truck awaiting the stats on the pop count.

What A Hoot!



Attempting to surpass the McGuire record, Matt Howe gives it his all at bat.



Jordan Watson rounds first as Josh Tucker concentrates on where the ball is heading to make the play.



Lonny Dailey retreats back to the dugout anticipating the outcome of the rest of the game.



For the first time in IHS history, the Independence City Recreation department joined forces with the high school to sponsor Night-owl Softball. This was an all-night tournament which ended early Sunday morning.

The all-night softball featured insomniacs, owls who "hoot" all night, people who usually don't stay up late, or people who really don't have a life.

All in all this year's softball tournament was a success.

Quoteable Quotes:

"It was fun but I wish our team would have done better."

--Loni Dailey

"It was fun to watch everyone play even though I didn't get to. The announcer was pretty cool also"-- Megan Mcmillin

"I had no idea my team would make it to the finals, I had a blast!"--Sarah Hines



Megan McMillin, Shianne Hallet, Aaron Kolb, Marcus Bryant, Brian Winkleman, and Amber Diaz intently observe the heated action at the Night Owl Softball game.

Michael Alexander preps to slam the ball using his "mean, black bat." This was Michael's first mid-night softball game since this is his first year at Independence High School and the first year of the mid-night softball game.

Men in Tights...

*The Renaissance Faire was a big success, and it was a lot of fun. thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success.

--Mr. Landwehr

Mr. Boehs is ready to fight his opponent. He came to school with his medieval attire on ready to teach his American History about the middle ages. "It's a kilt not a skirt" replies Mr. Boehs when asked about his skirt.



92 Renaissance Faire



After carefully examining the weaving wheel, he moves on to bigger and better exhibits. Mr. Landwehr was well dressed in his medieval attire for the fair.

The Independence High School held its second Annual Renaissance Faire. The history department with Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Newby, and Ms. McCray provided an opportunity to see a town faire of the high Middle Ages. The faire included a toll gate, traditional Irish and Scottish music, fortunetellers and merchants. The History department also served food to the hungry spectators as they looked through the exhibits. Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Newby entertained the spectators by performing excerpts from three Shakespearean plays: Macbeth, Julius Caesar, and Romeo and Juliet. The SCA helped in supplying the merchants and medieval fighters. The Renaissance Faire helped world history students understand the Middle Ages and the Renaissance Period.

*The best part of the Renissane Faire was the medieval tug of war where you get to pull your opponent off the log.

--Sam Hastings, sophomore



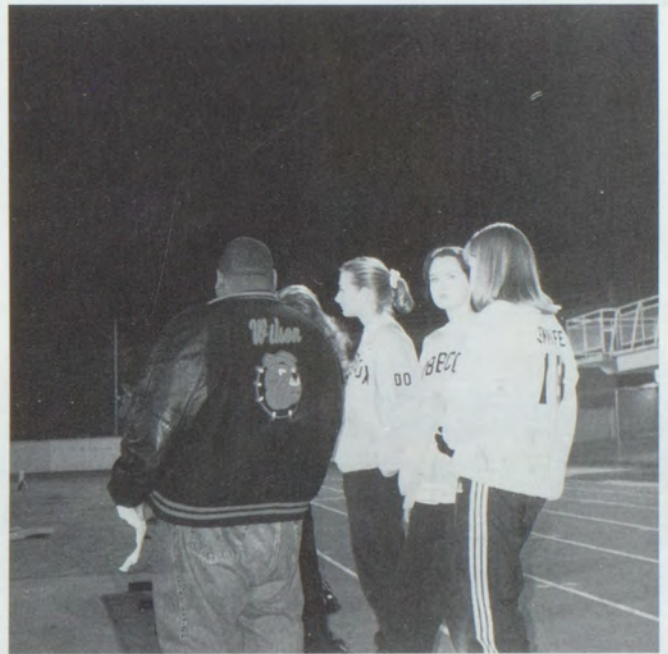
Sam Hastings and Issac Belcher Fight it out in a medieval for of tug a war that takes coordination and balance. While Brian Pokorny and another student waits their turn.

Chicks Can Play Too!!!



The "cheerleaders," left, make their way on to the field during halftime of the annual Powder Puff football games to entertain the crowd. There were not very many people in attendance at the game due to the harsh weather, but the people who did come had a lot of fun.

T.J. Wilson, below, gives a few pointers to the girls on putting a vicious block on their opponents. The girls generally are more aggressive in contact sports. The powder puff football games are usually followed by a Mexican Fiesta at the Ash Youth Center. The Hernandez family usually makes the dinner at the fiesta.



"Helga," also known as Hank Modich, above, tries to fire up the small crowd attending the powder puff game while several of the other cheerleaders are taking a breather. Hank must have gotten some tips from the real cheerleaders because he is doing an excellent job. Several of the local businessmen from Independence served as cheerleaders this year. Their support of high school activities is greatly appreciated by the high school students.

Emily David, left, runs with the football while several of her teammates try to block for her. Her team, the CHUBBYCOXY lost in the championship game to the two-time champions, the No Limit Soldiers.

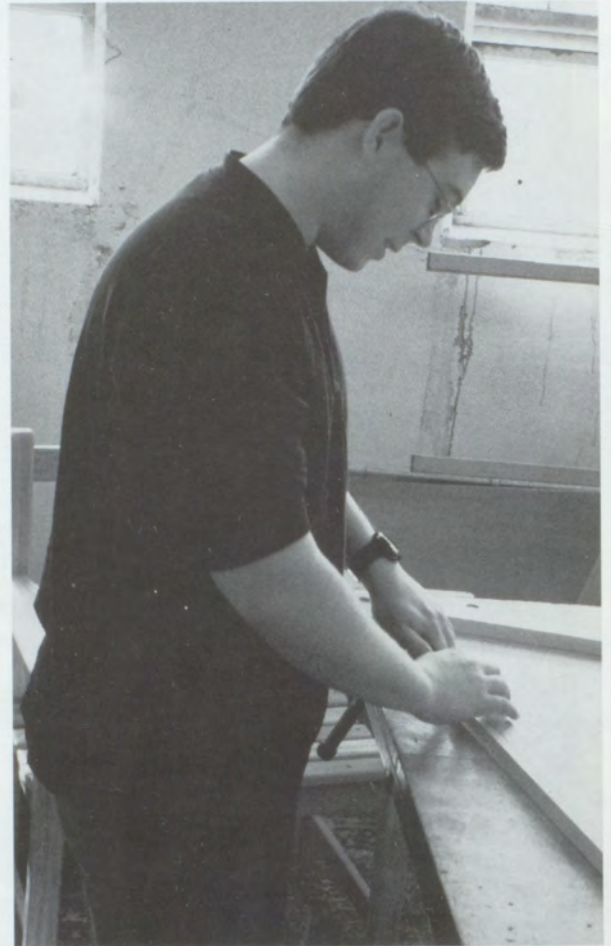


A Safe Shop is a Happy Shop.....

"Saftey First!"-- T.J. Wilson, Senior

"You never know what kind of day you'll have in woodshop, but with T.J. you'll always know it will be a good one."-- Ryan Baldassaro, Senior

"I've had enough of these demos!"-- Jason Clubine, Senior



Above: Jason Clubine, Senior, works diligently on his woodshop project. This class takes a lot of skill as well as patience.



Michael Browning, junior, above uses an electric hand sander to smooth the area of his project.

T.J. Wilson, senior, below firmly believes in one of the greatest of all woodshop rules....always protect the body.



Below: A group of students discuss and view one another's projects. Many things can be made in this class.



Learning Life's Skills...

Cooking, learning to cook, eating, no not learning to eat. Students at IHS know how to eat. The students enrolled in Mrs. Taylor's and Mrs. Staton's classes learn about all the necessities of life. From sewing to baking, from budgeting to furniture arrangement, the consumer science classes prepare the students to operate and exist in the real world.



Pictured Above is Mrs. Taylor showing her food for modern living class the basics for making blueberry waffles that tasted delectably delicious.



Several students, above, attentively listen to a presentation given to them by Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor, below, is demonstrating the techniques needed to use the salad shooter which will be used in one of the students' rotations where they will make "potato cakes" otherwise known to the rest of the human race as hash browns.



Other class members in Mrs. Taylor's 3B food for modern living class watch as she shows how to tell if the waffle is done.



A stick, A drip, A pint of blood



Tracy McGuyer, pictured above, tries not to watch while giving blood in the annual blood drive. Many people felt very faintish, however, Tracy did a good job in hanging in. Tracy was also a helper for the blood job.



Jacob Sparks seems to be sighing in relief after his blood draw was finally over with.

The Independence High School Blood Drive exceeded the expectations that was set for by the blood drive officials from Wichita.. The goal that was set was seventy-five pints. IHS met the goal of seventy-five pints and exceeded the amount with an extra eleven pints giving a total of eighty-six pints.

Student Council coordinated the project with help from the Home Economics Department who assisted with food for the donors. As usual, some donors felt the "need" to stay and eat for long periods of time. Some faculty members specialized in "Cinnamon Honey Grahams"

Many more students would have given blood if the weight or health requirement was not emphasized.

This STUCO project is one that gives life.

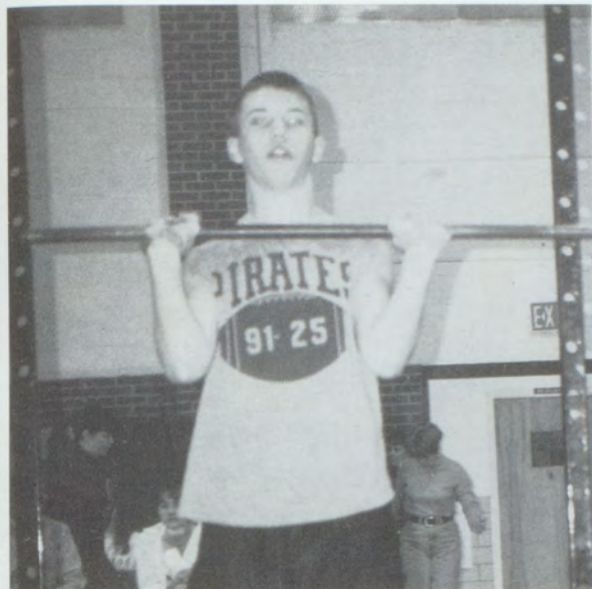


Pictured above, Angel Landis, Teresa Goodman, Sean Anderson, and a blood drive nurse all take a break after giving blood. There was food and refreshments provided afterwards for the people giving blood. The food and refreshments were provided by Stuco.



Mary Henderson, pictured to the right, kicks back and relaxes while she gives blood for the annual blood drive. This is Mary's first time to give blood for the blood drive. To qualify to give blood you need to be at least seventeen years old and pass a few required tests. One of the tests requires them to run through a list of questions about your health and run through the precautions of remaining in good health after giving blood.

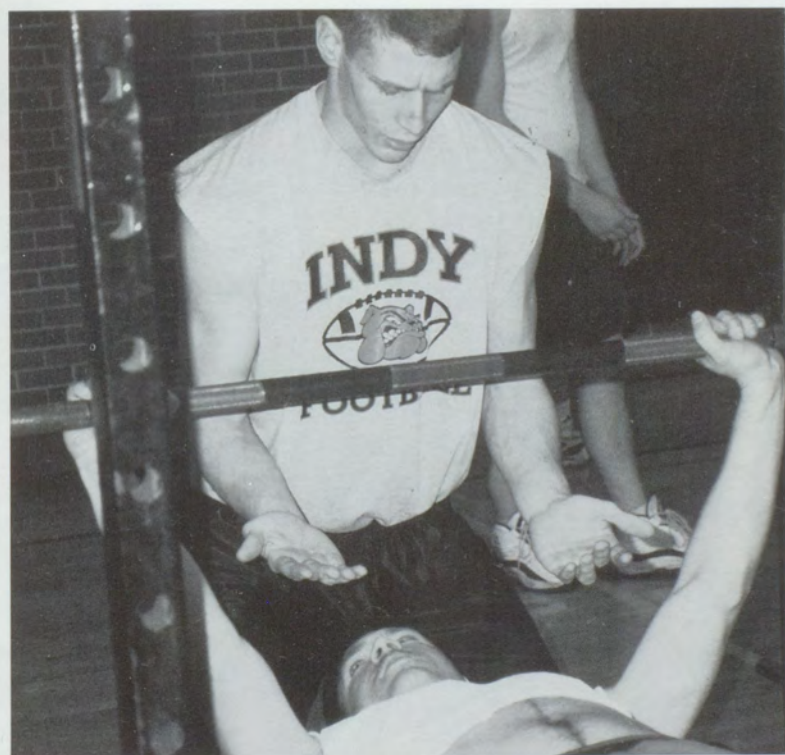
Showing Their Strength



Russell Swisher, above, lifts 135 pounds to help the IHS football team.



Chris Gruber, above, maxes out on bench to earn money at the Lift-A-Thon held at IHS gym.



Jason Courtney, left, spots Travis Dunham as he benches to raise money for the football team.

As the IHS athletic department tries to build for the future, weightlifting and weight training has taken on an increased significance.

The off-season culminates in the spring with the annual Power-thon sponsored by the athletic department. In this activity, the participants attempt to improve upon their own personal best attempts.

The athletes solicit pledges from members of the community in order to raise money for the purchase of additional equipment to help the athletes achieve a higher level of success.

Mark Hayward was the faculty member in charge.

The Good, the Bad, and the Muddy



"Playing Volleyball in the mud was fun, but wrestling in it was even funner."

-- Tiffany Patterson

Good times, Good times, despite the fact we were grizzled."

-- Ashley Farmer

"Watching Sara Hines actually get dirty and have a good time was the best part."

-- Lauren Oakleaf

"I had mud in every single oriface of my body."

-- Jordan Watson

"Playing Volleyball in the muddy foxholes was cool."

-- Cody Robertson



Snow Stops Morp, Rain Doesn't.

MORP, a long-standing tradition at Independence High School, took two weeks to happen this year. The first date featured THE snow storm of the winter and had to be postponed. A week later, the snow was gone but the rains came, and came, and came. However, rain did not stop MORP for the second week.

With the attendance being slightly smaller, the crowd did have one of the best times of the school year. Many students did not replicate the costumes scheduled for the initial date. But a few did and they were enjoyed by the rest of the people attending.

A change made this year was the cleanliness of the infamous "MORP COURSE." As a result more faculty members participated in the activity.

Senior Matt Howe was selected for the dubious honor of Morp King and received all the honors and reward that go with this honor.



Nathan Soltice and Adam Pouncil prepare to compete in the three-legged race. Other team members celebrate a victory in the background.

Seniors John Wilson and Ryan Baldassaro get in touch with their feminine side at Morp. This year these talented young men chose to dress as females to attend this off the wall school dance. Ryan has now decided to take up ballet from the love of wearing the tutu.



Mrs. Thompson gets into the action with sophomore Chris Beyer. They are participating in the course set up by stuco. The object of this game was to successfully take the egg from one side of the court to the other without making an awful mess.

"I enjoyed Morp this year. It was a big change from the nasty version of it last year.!"

Kara Craig, Junior

"I thought it was funny to see Ryan and Jon dress as girls."

Johna Emmot, Junior

Morp course brings out the best...

Teams of two participate in the three-legged race during Morp. Mr. Anderson even chose to take part in this part of the Morp festivities. Morp took place on March 19 this year. Morp is Prom spelled backwards. It is an all-school dance that brings out the "other" sides of the people who attend.



Sophomores Andrew Kadel and Cortny Schlorholtz are determined to win the egg race in the picture above. This year, more underclassmen seemed to join in the Morp activities than the upperclassmen did.

"I had a great time at my first Morp. The games were great."
Kelly Ross, Freshman

"Everyone's outfits at Morp were awesome. I never imagined Jon Wilson in a dress."
Hannah Dillon, Sophomore

Freshmen Allison Taylor and Kelly Ross work together to try and help out their Morp team. The object of this game is to keep an egg between their heads and make their way down the court.



Sophomores Hannah Dillon and Carolyn Denney struggle during their turn in the egg race. They seem to be breaking the rules by using their hands.



The Halftime Show!

In the below picture the Indy cheerleaders wave goodbye, as they come to an end of a spectacular performance at the last home basketball game. To the right, Kenya Avery and Amanda Root perform with the others at halftime of the basketball game.



To the left Marci Gray leads the squad in one of the best half-time shows performed at Independence High School.

Halftimes at the Independence High School basketball games offered several different types of events.

The little girl twirling groups performed at one game. The flag team from the band also gave a demonstration. In addition, the winter sports queen was crowned and in the last game of the season, the senior parents were recognized.

Also, the cheerleaders also took the lead from one halftime presentation and performed an outstanding dance for the enthusiastic crown. However, in the aftermath of the show, the cheerleaders tried a "cheerleader toss" that wasn't successful.

"We don't get the chance to do a dance very often, but when we finally get the chance, we have a good time."

--Marci Gray, senior

Yearbook? What Yearbook?



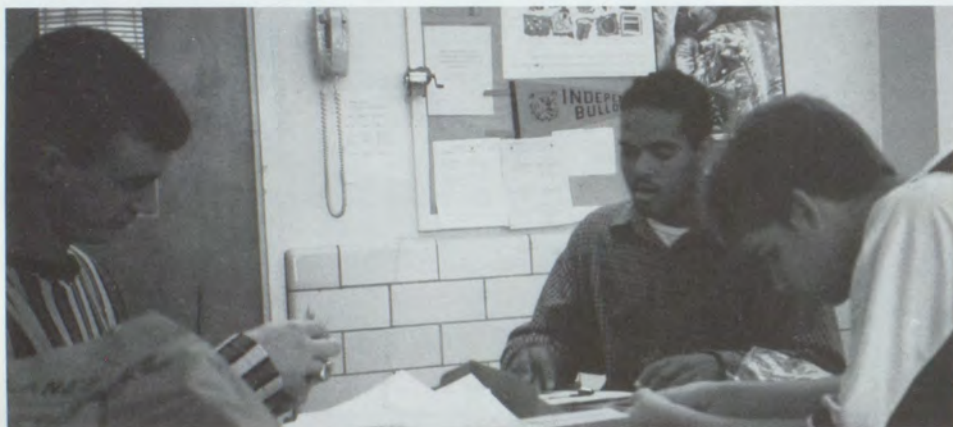
Marci Gray, Senior, explains to Ashley Gillespie, Junior, how to organize her page to make it unique.

This School year has been an interesting year for those on the 1998-99 Orange and Black yearbook staff. With the new technology available, the question of whether the computers would operate was on the minds of students every day.

Surely no one else has been in a class where every five minutes "PAGES! PAGES! We need pages!" is cried in desperate hope that someone will complete PAGES! The constant push for deadlines and the need for team cooperation gets higher and higher with each passing day, but, with those days comes a better understanding that if the staff doesn't get pages done and deadlines made then IHS

will end up with about 600 angry students and twice as many angry parents.

Along with this came the goal to make the best possible yearbook because the staff feels that they are "Saving the Best for Last."



David Elliott and Brandon Holmes, both Seniors, and Jimmy Acres, Sophomore, sort through student pictures to identify everyone for yearbook submission.

"A day in yearbook is never boring with Torb as a teacher."

-Alysha Greer, Senior, two year member of yearbook, and editor

"I never knew there was a such thing as a grapefruit diet."

-David Elliott, Senior and one year member of yearbook

"Working with technology, personalities, and deadlines all amount to challenges."

-Mr. Torbett



Amber Finney, Senior, works to figure out who the guys are in the Varsity Boys team photos for basketball.

"If only we could put in the yearbook half the stuff we talked about..."

-Stacie Kemp, Junior and one year member of yearbook

WE ARE SENIOR WANNABE'S

2000

NOW WE HAVE OUR OWN PARKING LOT

2000

WE ARE SENIOR WANNABE'S

2000

LOOK OUT FACULTY, WE RULE IN 2000

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DID IT OUR WAY

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WANNABE'S

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PROM--WE DID IT OUR WAY

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LOOK OUT FACULTY, WE RULE IN 2000

2000

WE ARE SENIOR

Class of 2000



Juniors show their spirit at the homecoming game. Each class participated by decorating a shopping cart. The best cart won the spirit award.

* "My junior year has been great. I can't wait to be a senior!"
Angie McDaniel

* "I can't wait until softball this spring. We are going to have a great season." Stephanie Wilson

* "Cheerleading was really fun this year... everyone had a lot of school spirit." Mary Henderson



Juniors Emily Friend and Kristen Kelley wait to stuff their faces at the annual Neewollah festival. They happen to be trying a brand new food stand downtown.



Courtney Adam



Jeri Alexander



Michael Alexander



Sarah Allen



Shannon Allen



Brandon Bailey



Tabatha Beals



Tia Beals



Sara Beckham



Jessica Belt



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Ashley Blex



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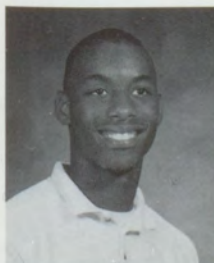
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Teresa Goodman



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Amy Haley



Marcus Hamilton



Sara Hammer



Robert Hardrick



Julie Harper



Justin Henderson



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Shane McCallie



Ashlee McCoy



Angie McDaniel



Nikki McKellips



Scott McMillin



Joshua Meadows



Alyssa Merritt



Dustin Meyer



Tiffany Miller



Cassie Mitchell



Stacey Mitchell



Jeff Morris



Nick Morse



Ashley Nunley



Dena Olinger



Jeremy Palmer



Lee Pate



Jordan Paugh



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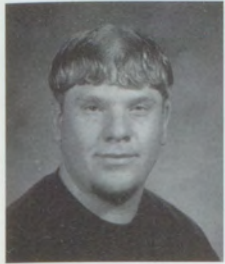
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Christi Tackett



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Shannon Tierney



Crystal Tucker



Cody Uttinger



Mark Van Dyne



Jonathan Venable



Amanda Vestal



Jacob Viets



Amy Watson



Rosalyn Watts



Lindsay Wilkin



Nick Wilsey



Kasey Wilson



Stephanie Wilson



Kent Woods



Deirdre Yaus



Junior girls Amy Watson, Ashley Blex, Johna Emmot, and Kattie Bredehoft show their spirit at the annual pop game. The pop game is held every year in August to raise money and pop for the upcoming sports activities. The pop game is done as a class competition. This year, despite the juniors hard work, the seniors came through with an amazing victory.

Class of 2000 study hard during their third year at Independence High School. Juniors must complete an English, American History, Computer Applications, and a math credit, (if they choose to do so,) to make it through the 1998-99 schoolyear. Pictured to the right are students Ashlee McCoy, Jessica Belt, and Brandon Bailey as they study a foreign language.



Closed Lunch!



Pictured above, is a group of freshman enjoying their lunches in the lunch room. This is a time to eat and visit with friends.

Pictured below, Cortney Prezel, sophomore, and a few upper classman gather to eat and talk to friends. The juniors and sophomores have the opportunity to eat in the lunch room and enjoy the company of teachers and many other students.



* I think it's great. It gives me the opportunity to see all the smiling faces everyday.

Coach Boldra

* You cannot get into wrecks during lunch.

Shannon White

A change at the first of the year briefly caused a controversy but after only a few weeks, the closed lunch discussion was replaced by some other "controversial" area. Actually, it appeared the seniors were more irate about closed lunch than the underclassmen, and the seniors were not involved.

The lunch room supervisors and the lunch room workers all concurred that the students handled the transition and the responsibility extremely muturely.

An additional serving line was added called "the coach's corner" which emphasized a higher carbohydrate meal.

The seniors, of course, were allowed to maintain an open lunch and their own parking lot and this proved popular.

Pictured below, students in the cafeteria patiently wait for the bell to ring so they can return to class, after enjoying a very nutritious and heathy meal.



Eating In!



Ryan Goad, Chris Gruber, Allison Fairbank, and Christy Tackett, pictured to the left, are taking time from their lunch break to do homework. Closed lunch also makes a very good studying time.

* "I think it is good because the people without vehicles or rides have a place to go for lunch." Jessica Fraley- Junior

* "Little Charlie Pizzas are the best."

Carrie Cox- Freshman

* "I like the Chicken baskets and motzerella sticks."

Jeff Wuerdeman- Freshman

* "It gives me a chance to eat with my underclassman friends."

Amanda Lesslie- Senior

Mrs. Gainer talks to students during their lunch period. Mrs. Gainer is one of our two counselors.



Shannon White, pictured above, is talking with a few students during closed lunch. Shannon White supervises lunch periods inside and outside the lunch room. She also is one of the many hall monitors.



Pictured below: Amy Haley, Sean Anderson, Katherine Busenburg, Laura Swearingen, Jeremie Reid, and James Hinman talk amongst themselves during lunch. Many upperclassman stay to be with their underclassman friends.



Running around in circles, or ovals, is what track is

Rain hampers softball, base- ball

Tennis team has no seniors

Golf team young but grows into contender

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SPRING SPORTS

hampers softball, baseball

Girls going to State,

Rain

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Boys ain't

Baseball Team Plays Baseball



Baseball is an American pastime. Whether or not it began with Major League Baseball, or the young kids playing in the backyard, it is a big time high school sport. With the exiting of our seniors this year, the baseball team next year will consist of mainly underclassmen and new students. If they keep up the hard work, they will succeed, if not, at least they tried. All that is important is that they played hard and enjoyed themselves. This could very well be the best time of their lives.

To avoid being tagged out at first base by a Fort Scott opponent, Michael Alexander, junior, above slides into the bag. Apparently he was in the process of a lead off, and he had to tag up.

Senior Tim Read, above, prepares to receive a catch from a teammate to hopefully tag out a Parsons runner. Tim Read has played four years of his high school career. Many students who play, have hopes of continuing their baseball skills on into their college years.

Below is a picture of the Baseball field which the varsity team played their games. In the background, you can see the results of the infamous "Indy Baseball" rock formation transformed into "Indy Softball." The varsity boys team was not very happy.



"We had a long but fun year. We had some rough times, but everyone does."

--Matt Howe, Sr.

"We had a roughy season, but it will be a better year next year."

--Brandon Cox, Jr.



Beau Schultz, Junior, left, throws an overpowering pitch to an opponent at the plate. Pitching is a very important thing to a baseball team. Without a good pitcher a team would have a hard time achieving their goals. Most teams include a variety of different pitchers with different types of skills and talents. Pitching requires a lot of arm strength as well as pin-point accuracy.

Michael Alexander prepares to receive a thrown ball below. Michael Alexander moved here from a smaller town in western Kansas last year. Michael participates in several different sports including football and basketball as well as baseball. Many of the students whom were on the team this year have participated in several sports for many years. Our team was a relatively young team, whose skills exceeded their time.



Independence Varsity Baseball Team: Front Row: Michael Modich, Travis Dunham, Cody Goins, Matt Howe, Eli Gross, Keith Hoose, Michael Alexander, Dwayne White.

Back Row: Nathan Soltice, Josh Tucker, Beau Schultz, Micah Needham, David Hogan, Brandon Cox, Scott McMillan, Tim Read, and Head Coach Ron Denney.

J.V. Team Coached by Stanley



BACK ROW: Justin Courtney, Rob Reed, Josh Tucker, Nick Brown, Tyler Knisely, Tom Schultz, Ryan McGuyer and Coach Glen Stanley.
FRONT ROW: Roger McGuyer, Daniel Shepard, Matt Barnhart, Eli Gross, Jasper Durbin, Chris Beyer, Keith Hoose and Josh Gann.



LEFT: During one of the few weather-friendly games of the season, Dwayne White slides for safety against the Labette County Grizzlies.

RIGHT: Ryan McGuyer is up to bat during the Bulldogs vs. Grizzlies game.



Softball Team Returns to State

Continuing a tradition, the 1999 Independence High School girls' softball team returned to the state tournament for the fourth consecutive year. The team also won SEK League and the sub-state.

However, the girls bowed out in the first round, losing to eventual state champion Bishop Carroll.

The end of the season cannot diminish the accomplishments of the season. Jennifer was the initial entrant into the "100 Hit Club" designating IHS Lady Bulldogs who banged out at least 100 hits in their career. She also was the first to score 100 runs. In addition, Erica Woolard set a team record in home runs for a season.

Coach Craig Null and assistant Coach Doug Rinck expressed pride in the team and its accomplishments.



Rain Wars Schedule

The girls softball team has come very far with a 16-4 record. They have had many obstacles due to the rainy weather, but they don't seem to get a poor attitude about the rain they just keep their heads up and look forward to playing the next game and making the postponed games up.

The team set a goal early in the year of qualifying for the state tournament for the fourth consecutive year. Another goal was winning of the SEK league and the softball team accomplished this for the first time in school history.

Another highlight of the season was Jennifer Coder's achievement of the 100 hit club. She is the first IHS player to reach this distinction and also passed the 100 runs scored mark. during the season.

The team was coached by Craig Null and Doug Rinck. This year the pitching staff was led by Stephanie Wilson. As the season progressed, freshman Sytera Barnard assumed the number two pitching role with Kristen Kelly being the third pitcher. This pitching depth helped the Lady Bulldogs through the numerous make-up games caused by the rain.



Pictured above, Mendi Clark, Senior, slides in her attempt to be safe after stealing home base. Mendi successfully made it home and got Indy the point. Mendi has played for IHS softball for four years and is a very valuable player.

Back row: Stacey Mitchell, Erica Wollard, Arie Auxter, Stephanie Wilson, Becky Mitchell, Mendi Clark, and Jennifer Coder.

Front row: Beth Rinck, Sytera Barnard, Jordan Paugh, Abby Knisley, Emilea Friesberg, and Suzanne Petersen.





Pictured below, Kristen Kelly, Junior, pitches a fast pitch during the IHS softball game at home. Kristen has played for three years and gets much pitching time for both JV and Varsity.



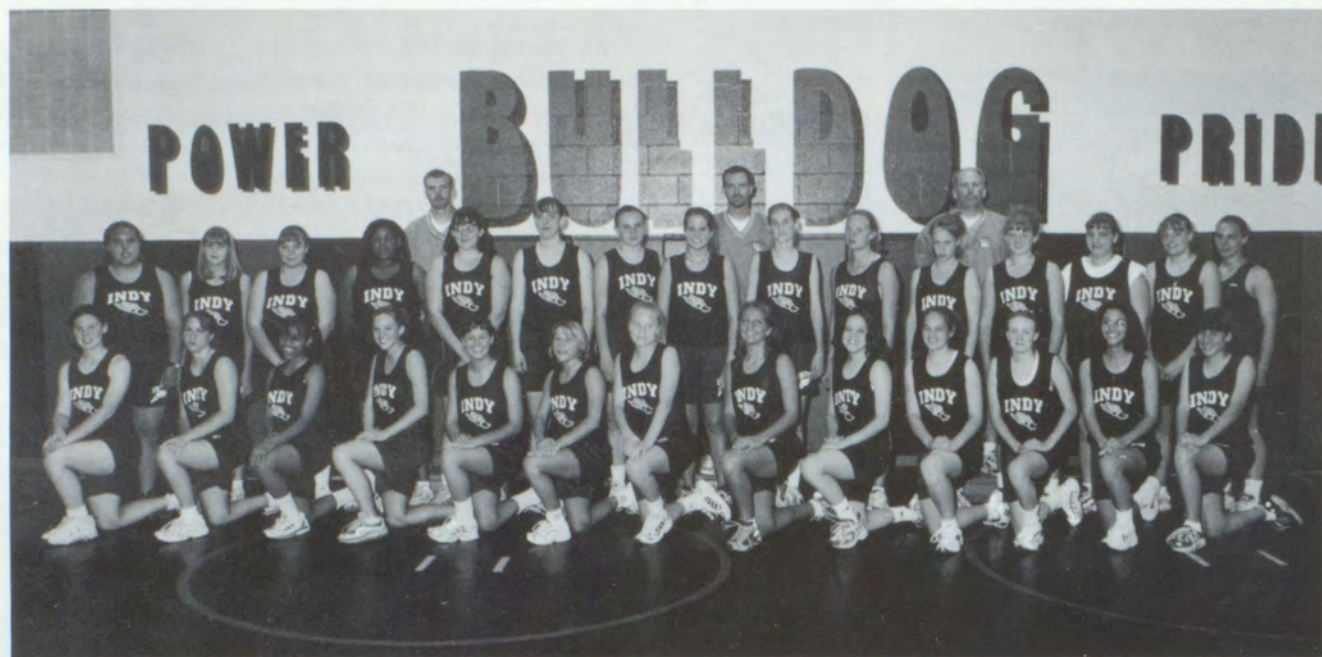
Pictured to the left top corner, Beth Rinck, Sophomore, pops up to receive the ball for a play coming in for home plate. Beth has played for IHS softball team for two years now, she gets playing time for both JV and Varsity. Beth is a catcher for both teams and is valued greatly.

Pictured below, Ti Martin foul tips the ball in her attempt to get a hit. She eventually successfully got on base and made a run for our team. This is Ti's first year to play for IHS softball team. She is a freshman this year and is a valuable player for the team.

Back Row: Ashlee Gates, Ashley Farmer, Kristen Kelly, Sytera Barnard, Ashley Sweeten, Ti Martin, Suzanne Petersen, and Jennifer Sprague. Front row: Allison Taylor, Hannah Dillon, Cortny Schlorholtz, Jordan Paugh, Jessica Camacho, Fyre Gunner.



What kind of day is it!?



First row; Coach Holborn, Coach Rose, Coach Bouldra, second row; Christina Ortega, Tanna Darnell, Sarah Boyer, Ashlee Pouncil, Kellie Jewers, Cassie Burchett, Heather Oldenettel, Amanda Torbett, Shannon Robinson, Courtney Prezel, Tricia Friesen, Megan McMillin, Jalayna Newkirk, Erika Redman, Jennifer Tucker, third row; Julie Westfall, Kathy Glover, LeTisha Avery, Emily David, Loni Daily, Amanda Root, Lindsay Wilkins, Hillary Sherwood, Amber Diaz, Michelle Alt, Brianna Bishop, Kara Craig, Molly Brown.



Cassie Burchett practices her stance and form for her turn in the shot-put event.



Megan McMillin jumps as far as she can to make the longest distance possible.



Hillary Sherwood makes her way around the track to try to medal for the 4X1 relay



Erica Redman pushes forward as she makes her way to the finish line in the last few feet of the finish line.

Without competition, life is easy.

-Heather Oldenettel, Freshman

You get to stay in shape and have fun while you run.

-Michelle Alt, Sophomore

It was hard at first, but then got easier and more fun after the first two weeks.

-Kara Craig, Junior

A lot of kids went out and everyone worked hard.

-Coach Moseley

It's a great day to be alive!



Ashlee Pouncil has perfect form as she throws the discus.

The Independence High School girls track and field team had an excellent year as far as team effort and goals went. The girls worked hard to build up their muscles to prepare for competition. The first two weeks were the toughest, doing Cranor-aerobics and running through the halls everyday definitely took a toll on all of the girls, but it was all worth it and it showed in their performance at the track meets. The strength of the girls rested in the performance of several freshmen and other underclassmen. After starting the year on the junior varsity squad, the youngsters soon moved to the varsity level and accomplished quite a few positive showings.

The coaches this year included Mr. Moseley, Mr. Cranor, Mr. Rose, Mr. Holborn, and Mr. Boldra. The coaches all worked in different specialities in order to maximize the athletes' efforts.



Michelle Alt passes the baton to Lindsay Wilkins in a perfect hand-off in their 4X1 relay.

J.V. and Varsity Scores for the 1999 Track Season

Junior Varsity		Varsity	
LCHS	1st 146.50	1st Ft. Scott	2nd 100.00
Caney	3rd 59.00	Caney	2nd 109.00
Coffeyville	4th 57.00	Chanute	4th 61.00
Chanute	10th 24.00	Independence	5th 50.00
SEK		Coffeyville	6th 48.00
The Indy girls earned 4th place at SEK with a total of 50.00 points.		LCHS	7th 15.00



Coach Rose tells Shannon Robinson the events she will be participating in at the Indy Invitational as Molly Brown looks on.



Christina Ortega puts forth all her effort to throw the discus as far as she can.

Tracksters Defy Elements



Front Row (L-R): Chris Stockton, Travis Kendrick, Jacob Dick, Mark Spellman, Jason Westfal, Jerrid Schicke, David Elliott, Adam Harris, Evan Hoyt, James Hinman, Cody Robertson, Jacob friend, George Black.
 Middle Row (L-R): Travis Rousseau, David Murdock, Aaron Shrader, Brandon Calderon, Toby Munninger, Kelly Ross, Brian Pokorny, Jared Alford, Devin Jarret, Lucas Pendleton, Daniel Couch, Brian Sandon.
 Top Row (L-R): Keith Talbert, Ben Long, Theron Landwehr, Nathan Bolin, Walter Amick, Derrick Darkis, Jason Courtney, John Williams, Jacob Viets, Josh David, Sebastian Ziaja.
 Coaches (L-R): Jim Moseley, Kelly Cranor, Carl Boldra



Nathan Bolin, above, throws the shot put with excellent form. He also throws the javelin. Nathan has been a member of the track team for three years and has also played basketball for the past three years at the high school. Coach Moseley works hard on teaching the throwers correct form in their events. He also makes them lift weights almost every day. This is Coach Moseley's third year as head coach of the track team. The teams have been showing steady improvement and the future looks bright if people continue to work hard.

"Pain don't know my address."

-- Coach Boldra

"I hate it when I get cramps in my legs."

-- George Black

"It sure ain't football!"

-- Toby Munninger

"Track is cool because you get out of school for meets and get to stay in shape for the ladies."

-- John Williams

"Cranerarobics sure gives you a workout, but I like watching that Tiger guy and doing Tae-Bo better 'cuz the chicks in the video are hot."

-- David Elliott

"Respect the tracksters"

-- Josh David

"Coach Holborn taught me how to pole-vault, now I can fly."

-- Cody Robertson



Travis Kendrick, right, is keeping a steady pace in the boys 4 x 800 meter relay. This race requires endurance as well as speed. Participants in the relays usually run faster in these events than their own events because they don't want to let their teammates down. Travis has also participated in football and lettered in Wrestling this year.

Cody Robertson, below left, attempts to vault over the bar in the pole vault. Pole vaulting is one of the more dangerous events in track, because of the height involved. If a person falls, they could easily break a bone. Cody is a very brave person for doing this event. Coach Holborn was the coach for the pole vaulters and high jumpers during his first year as coach on the track team. He has done a very good job teaching the boys how to pole vault.



Jacob Friend, above right, sprints toward the finish line in the 100 meter dash. Jacob is only a freshman and has participated in several Varsity meets and has done fairly well. This picture was taken at the Indy Invitational which was almost cancelled due to bad weather. The track team has had to endure poor running conditions at several of the track meets because of the unpredictable spring weather.

Sebastian Ziaja, left, shows a face of pain as he completes the 800 meter run. The 800 meter race is one of the hardest races to run because it takes endurance as well as sprinting abilities. Sebastian is in a unique position here at the high school because he is a foreign exchange student from Germany. Although there are some language barriers, he has been able to communicate with his fellow teammates and help the boys 4x 800 team to place in the SEK League track meet.



Tennis Anyone?



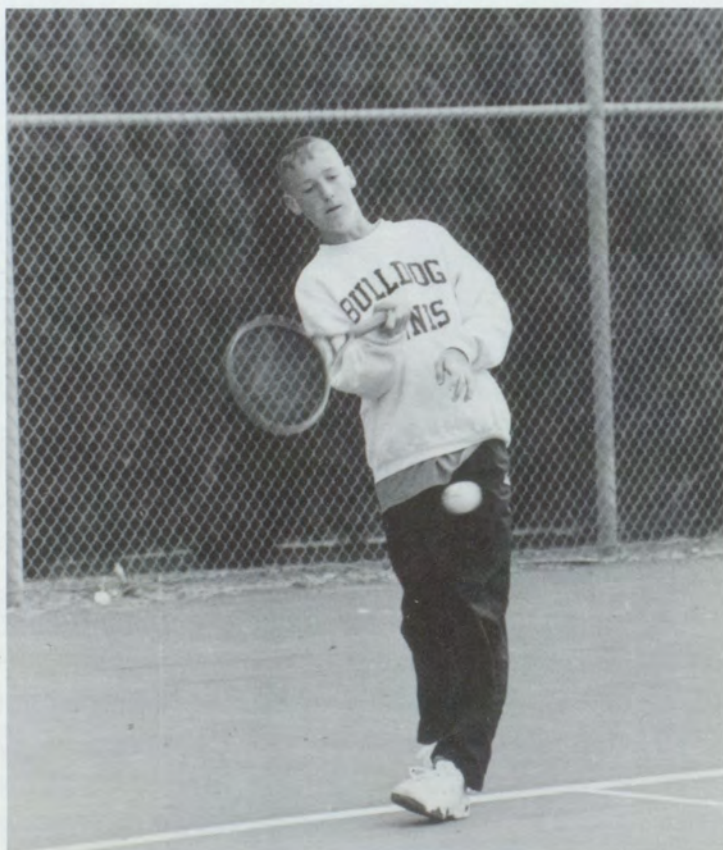
Brent Mooney, left, works hard to keep focus on the tennis ball to win the match against his opponent. Brent has worked hard to be where he is at now in tennis. Brent plays doubles in tournaments with Sam Carnes. With those two on a team they are hard to beat.

Sam Carnes, below, swings to make contact with the tennis ball to score a point against the other players. Sam has been a very competitive player at tennis tournaments.

Ten league championships in a row. What a decade for the IHS boys tennis team! An unprecedented run of success led by coach Ken Brown.

The 1999 team was led by seniors Nick Chubb, Scott Wuerdeman, and Brian Denney. The league title was clinched by a coaching decision by Coach Brown when he inserted Wuerdeman and junior Sherman in the doubles competition for the first time this year. The duo stormed through the competition winning the title and setting the pace for the rest of the team.

Gina Botts was the assistant coach and helped the younger players on the junior varsity level. Occasionally, when the varsity appeared over-confident, she would challenge them and restore their humility.





Team photo above, left to right, Back row: Ken Brown, Brian Denney, Jeff Radcliff, Andrew Kadel, Sherman Brown, Scott Wuerdeman, Jeff Wuerdeman, Jordan Watson, Jason Linder, Nick Chubb, Gina Botts. Front row: Eddie Swearinger, Teddy Sutherland, Jason Taylor, Neil Doughty, Aaron Brockway, Eric Affolner, Zach Valentine, and KC Welch.



Jason Taylor, above, is working hard at one of the tennis team's practices. He really focuses at the practices to become a better tennis player.

Sherman Brown, right, a junior exhibits his serving form in the McPherson tournament. Sherman has been on the varsity for three years.



Team Just Putts Around



Front Row from left to right :Patrick Allen, Eric Wood, Jason Mitchell ,Jonathan Spencer, Ben Wilsey, Nick Wilsey. Back Row: Robert Martin, Travis Kelly, Brian Dennis, Kaven Chapman, Dan Runge, James Schwarz



Ben Wilsey sophomore works on his short hand putt.

*Nice job boys
we're very
proud of you*
Mr. Coder



Above Robert Martin practices his swing diligently , at one of the golf teams many practices

The Independence High School golf team suffered this year from the lack of senior leadership. However, this gave many underclassmen the opportunity to play in varsity positions and provides the team with a strong future.

Coach Mark Coder and his assistant coach, Mike Nelson, used the underclassman judiciously in order to place in most tournaments. In a highlight of the season, the team hosted the Independence Invitational in the first meet of the season. It was also the only home tournament of the year.

This year the winning team, Parsons, was awarded the Bob Silger Memorial Trophy. Mr. Silger, a longtime local golfer, passed away during the passed year. The family decided to have memorial donations to the high school golf team to perpetuate his memory. Mr. Lee conceived the idea of trophy commemorating the thoughtfulness of the family.



Above Parsons Head Coach accepts The Bob Silger Memorial Trophy For first place. At the Independence Invitational Golf Tournament, held at the Independence Country Club.

LATE BULLENTIN

Sophomore Brian Dennis qualified for state at the regional golf tournament held in Pittsburg on May 16, 1999.

GOOD LUCK!



Above Freshman Jonathan Spencer displays his putting style.

Below Brian Dennis Sophomore attempts to get out of the rough. At the Independence golf tournament.



And the Winner is....



This year's Spring Court theme was Jeopardy. The Spring Sports Queen was Amanda Root and the Spring Sports King was Matt Howe.

Jason Linder served as the "game show" host and T.J. Wilson, Shawna Webb, and Matt Holum, disguised as Billy Maxton, were the contestants. The assembly followed the format of categories with the answers given and the contestants asking the "proper" question.

Student Council sponsored the Assembly.



David Elliott, Emilea Freisberg, Jennifer Coder, Brian Denny, above left, Amanda Root, Abby Knisley, Scott Wuerdeman, above right, Arie Auxter, and Nick Chubb, left, watch the game show and await the announcement of the king and queen in the 1999 Spring Court assembly.

Front row, king and queen, Matt Howe and Amanda Root, back row, Brian Denny, David Elliott, Nick Chubb, Scott Wuerdeman, Arie Auxter, Emilea Freisberg, Jennifer Coder, and Abby Knisley.



And the Spring royalty is... Matt Howe and Amanda Root.



A Night of One Act Comedies

The IHS Drama Department took on seven one-act plays in the Spring. "All in the Timing" and "Mere Mortals" by David Ives, proved to be most entertaining for the audience as well as the cast. Comedies ranging from Darwinism to reincarnation filled the auditorium with laughter on a Thursday and Saturday night at IHS. Mrs. Shepard led the fearless thespians through nearly two months of rehearsals and set construction.



Mere Mortals, David Elliott and Evan Hoyt portray two tough talkin' construction workers on their lunch break shooting the breeze on the scaffolding. Evan plays Charlie Petrossian, a man who thinks he was the Lindberg baby. David Elliott follows the act as Frank Mikula, only believing that he is the son of the czar, Alexei that was supposed to have died from a firing squad. Steven Swenson (not shown), impresses his buddies by informing them that in a past life, he was Marie Antoinette. Needless to say, these guys brought down the house.

"I'm just glad that the set didn't fall apart - we had a few close calls with the scaffolding"
-David Elliott

"I had to do two different accents in 'Dr Fritz' - a Spanish and a German one. It took awhile, but I finally mastered them!"
-Kristy Croom



Cody Uttinger (Betty) waits for her date in the bizzare romatice comedy "Sure Thing." Betty meets up with a stranger, Bill, played by Evan Hoyt Bill tries to make small talk, but every time she doesn't like something about him (like his literary preference or political party) a bell rings and they start over only on a better foot. The one-act closes with the two falling in love in a most unusual way.

"Last year, I saw David Ives speak at the Inge Festival, so it was especially fun to do one of his plays!"

-Beth Follmer

Setting the Stage for Laughter...

Michael Fienen, Drew James and Ivory Porter battle the universe in "The Philadelphia." Drew (Mark) is having a heck of a day. Everything he asks for he gets the very opposite or nothing at all. Michael (Al) explains that he has fallen into Philadelphia-a pocket in the universe where you can't get anything you ask for. Al has been in a great mood-he's in a Los Angeles! Mark gets the hang of ordering the opposite of what he wants from the waitress. Ultimately, he wins in the end.



Nathan Belcher (Tom) has been to Mexico and is very sick with food poisoning. He comes to Maria's (Kristy Croom) souvenir shop to look for Dr. Fritz, the German doctor who will make him well. Culture shock sets in between the two and Maria persuades Tom to wait for Dr. Fritz, to find out that Maria is actually Dr. Fritz an eccentric German physician. The play continues and ends on a positive note.

AT RIGHT: Rory Holmes, Rachel Ayers and Isaac Belcher reenact the many variations on the death of Leon Trotsky. Rory Holmes portrayed Trotsky, Rachel Ayers as Mrs. Trotsky and Isaac Belcher as the Ramone the assassin. Leon dies over and over in different ways through this side splitting one-act.

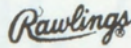


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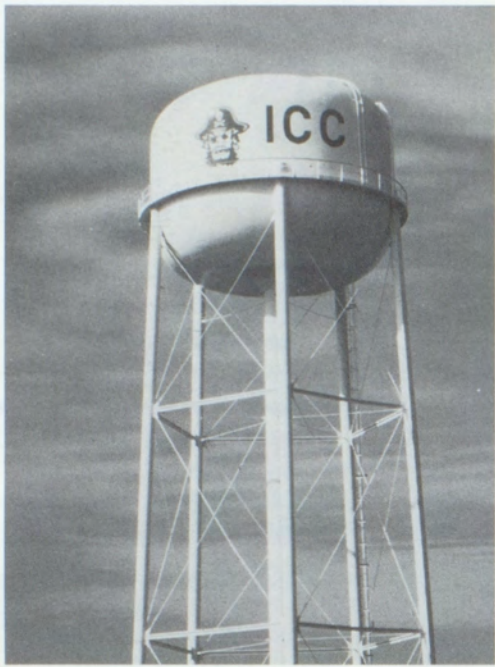
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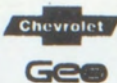
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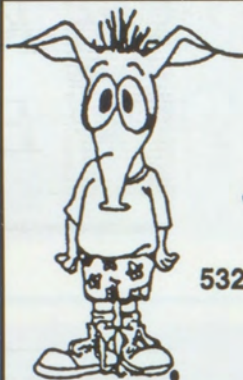
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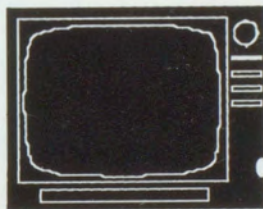
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An artist never finishes his work...



Students express their individuality with each picture they draw. These are a few examples.

It doesn't hurt to take woodshop if you aren't scared.
-T.J. Wilson, Senior

The Independence High School Art Expo Exhibit is held annually near the end of the year to display the work of the students that take such classes as Woodshop, Jewelry, Ceramics, Design, Painting, Drawing, and Cooking. The exhibit is open to the public and is held in the cafeteria. It being open to the public gives the students more of an opportunity to show off their work and be proud of it.

If you're going to take woodshop, then you have to be *crazier* than the machines.

-Ryan Baldassaro, Senior



Many students take Ceramics and Jewelry to fill their schedule and to enter their work in the Expo.



Many students make gifts for family members as well as themselves in Woodshop and enjoy being recognized at Expo.

He merely abandons it.

Vincent VanGogh

Learning Takes Many Forms...



Mr. Shire's Spanish class take time out of their busy schedules to decorate themselves with hallpasses and roam the halls aimlessly. This seems to be Shire's favorite pastime because it has happened numerous times. Pictured are seniors Stephanie Schroeder and Ashley Osborn. Others include Jordan Paugh, and Amanda Smith.



Home Economics teacher Jan Taylor takes her class on a field trip to the parking lot to see some wormy creatures. Independence has seen a lot of rain this year and that rain has brought in many slimy worms. Most students were amazed at the number of worms found on the IHS campus. Others were not too overly happy about this day's project. Ms. Taylor obviously has a passion for things other than Home Ec.



Hannah Dillon adds a crispy M&M wrapper to her wall of fame. This Sophomore obviously has an obsession for those candies that melt in your mouth and not in your hand. Hopefully she had a little help munching those new M&Ms down!

Senior Jennifer Jewers, right, shows off one of her many musical talents. Jennifer not only plays the piano but also the french horn for the Independence High School Concert band. Jennifer excels in many areas including academics and leadership. Playing the piano is one of her favorite hobbies which she hopes to work in to her schedule next year when she heads to Texas to attend TCU.



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Learning Takes Many Forms



Eric Alexander



LaToya Allen



Walter Amick



Sean Anderson



Angela Andrew



Arie Auxter



Ryan Baldassaro



Haley Barker



Andy Barnard



T.J. Barnhart



Charles Beck



Jennifer Berry



Daniel Black



Travis Blankinship



Blake Boyer



Jennifer Bredehoft



Wayne Briggans



Marcus Bryant



Nathan Bunn



Cassie Burchett



Crystal Burr



Katherine Busenburg



Joe Carroll



Nick Chubb



Melanie Claibourn



Mendi Clark



Jason Clubine



Jennifer Coder



Josh David



Jack DeGraw



Brian Denney



Rebecca Dewoody



Jessica Dexter



Marie Doughty



Rebecca Edwards



David Elliott



Clement Enabofio



Angela Ewing



Amber Finney



Chad Follmer



Michael Foster



Kylee Fox



Emilea Freisberg



Tyler Gates



Robert Gay



Jessica Gilchrist



Ryan Goad



Marci Gray



Alysha Greer



Jessica Gudde



Brad Hall



Chet Harlin



Adam Harris



Stephanie Harris



Tricia Hearne



Megan Henderson



Cody Hensley



Brandon Holmes



Matt Howe



Shonda Irving



Drew James



Jennifer Jewers



Kari Jordan



Kelli Jordan



Tony Kaufmann



Sarah Kersey



Kara Kimble



Derek Kimzey



Abby Knisley



Jodi Lankard



Bret Leyda



Kelly Long



Eric Marr



Mitzi Martin



Tracy McGuyer



Angela McKenzie



Levi Meadows



Niklas Meise



Kimberly Metzger



Laura Miller



Michael Modich



Amy Moore



Dustin Mott



Micah Needham



Amy Newton



Tyson Oakes



Josh Obermier



Ashley Osborn



Archita Patel



Dusty Pippin



Tisha Powell



Travis Rail



Erika Rasmussen



Tim Read



Jon Roberts



Amber Robinson



Misty Robinson



Amanda Root



Clint Roulston



Megan Sackschewsky



Laura Schaid



Tamara Schicke



Stephanie Schroeder



Rustyn Sorah



Jacob Sparks



Adam Sprague



Jakki Stair



Nicole Stamps



Tara Stevens



Mindy Surret



Theresa Taylor



Amanda Torbett



Amory Tucker



Amie Tull



Michelle Uitts



Shanna Vincent



Amy Vineyard



John White



Rachel Whittle



John Wilson



T.J. Wilson



Mitch Winebrenner



Brian Winkleman



Darrin Wood



Scott Weurdeman



Rane Yakshaw



Sebastian Ziaja



Josh Clark



Bobby Holbert

Seniors not pictured are Tyree Allen, Joshua Clark, Michelle Craig, Billy Eades, Clover Gutierrez, Deirtrece Johnson, Angel Landis, Danny Lee, Amanda Lesslie, Becky Mitchell, Leandro Pacouski, Jason Reddy, Christa Roller, Cheryl Russell, Kevin Snyder, Shawna Webb, Jennifer Whitson, and Sharetha Wilson.

*Some seniors are out of alphabetical order because of late entries.



The picture above contains many seniors, who seem to be enjoying an assembly. Being a senior at an assembly, you get the priveledge of sitting on the floor in front of all the underclassmen and teachers.



Pictured to the right is a group of seniors at the football stadium, and waiting patiently for the announcement of the winner to the cart decorating contest. Being the senior class used old prom decorations, they were put in last place.

On Lunch Hour... or should we say 29 minutes



Underclassmen learn to enjoy the lunchroom environment this year at Independence High School. The decision was made this year to only let the senior class go off campus to eat lunch. Seniors this year were in favor of the new rule however the underclassmen disagreed strongly. They feel that this was unfair for the responsible younger students. The students who will be returning next year hope to earn the privilege of going out to eat at local fast-food joints.

Pictured below is senior Marie Doughty. Marie has the senior advantage of going off school grounds to eat lunch either at home or at a local eating establishments. This year the lunch period was cut to twenty-nine minutes, hardly enough time to digest food properly and get back to school on time without collisions either in the parking lot or on the road. This year a new Burger King was built out west of town. Unfortunately, most cannot get there and back without tardies.



Above is the water jug in the cafeteria. As you can see from the sign, cups are being used for a variety of ways, which the cafeteria ladies do not approve of. Do those cups really cost thirty cents?

ON THE JOB



Karen Newkirk, IHS bookkeeper, shows flowers to Brittney Johnson and Amy Moore. The office ladies have a combination of activities including answering the phone, waiting on students, helping the faculty, and greeting the public.



Teaching attire for Harvard? No! Mrs. Lundt is dressed for spirit week in her official pajamas.



Mrs. Payne, left, a long-time member of the IHS staff, is happily working on something in the counselor's office. She is the secretary for Mr. Papen and Miss Gainer and is very much appreciated.

Officer James Austin, right, is helping a student. Austin was assigned to IHS during first semester.



At the Game

* "Running the flag was fun but I got very sweaty."

-David Elliott

* "Football games were a lot more fun this year because the students got involved in the games more."

-Jennifer Berry

* "Football games were always fun to watch even though it wasn't cool to lose."

-Katherine Busenburg

* "It was a lot of fun to go to the games and chill with my friends."

-Chad Follmer



Above: Leaders of the pack Amanda Torbett, Amanda Root, Jennifer Coder, and Sarah Hammer students of IHS are showing their school spirit by hoopin and hollerin. It's amazing what a little cheering from our students can do to our teams morale.



Left: Mrs. Thompson is caught giving a lets go guys and win one for the school pep talk to senior John Wilson, senior Brian Denny, senior Matt Howe, and junior Sherman Brown.



Above: IHS parents and fellow supporters are out supporting our team rain or shine, local or out of town.



Above: Students Nathan Soltice, Emily David, Mindy Surrett, Scott McMillen, and Nick Brown watch silently as our team tries to fight for a win.

Neewollah



- * "I think that driving a '99 Ford Explorer XLT, through the Grand Parade was the best part of Neewollah." --Adam Sprague, Senior
- * "Neewollah was a fun experience, I'm glad I was a Neelah Deb."--Marci Moore, Sophomore
- * "The play (Peter Pan) was very exciting with the flying, the cast worked together very well, and the crowd loved it."--Issac Belcher, Sophomore
- * "The Queen Neelah experience was great, I got to know everyone in my class a lot better."
--Amy Moore, Senior

Picture above, a row of spectators get ready to watch the Doo Dah Parade. In the background, the carnival and food stands are evident. Neewollah has many events and activities. The kick-off of Neewollah starts on a Friday night with the opening of the play this year the featured play was "Peter Pan," we moved along with talent night on Monday, and the coronation of the Queen on Tuesday night, Wednesday starts the carnival and everyone's favorite-- the food stands. Thursday starts the first of the three parades. Saturday is the ending of Neewollah with the Grand Parade.

Pictured below, are the members of the court, for Queen Neelah the 57th. Starting from left to right, Shonda Irving, Miss Beauty; Ashley Osborn, Miss Interview; Misty Robinson, Miss Congeniality; Erika Rasmussen, Miss Photogenic; Heather Hollenbeck, Miss Poise; Jodi Lankard, Second runner-up, Andrea Bailey Queen Neelah the 57th, Archita Patel, First runner-up, Haley Barker, Miss Personality; Marci Gray, Miss Talent; Stephanie Schroeder, Miss Fashion; and last but not least, Abby Knisley, Miss Originality.



The Freshman Cheerleaders, pictured above, carry the official Neewollah banner through the opening of the Grand Parade. Watch for these girl's next year some of them might be chosen to be a Neelah Deb for the Queen Neelah the 58th Pageant.



Neewollah Parades



Chad Follmer, pictured above, video tapes one of the three parades uptown during Neewollah.

* "Taping the Neewollah parades is very neat, because, I have a bird's eye view of the whole parade." --Chad Follmer, Senior

* "Queen Neelah was a great time. I'm glad I got to spend it with all of my friends. It has made my senior year go by really fast." --Erika Rasmussen, Senior

* "I had a great time being a stage escort and I hope next year's escorts will have the same fun I did." --Tyson Oakes, Senior

* "When we were all exhausted, I told one of my famous stories that everybody loves, and it cheered them up." --Sarah Kersey, Senior

* "It was an honor to be chosen to be a Neelah Deb, all of us became a lot closer." --Monique Brown, Sophomore



Matt Howe and Abby Knisley, pictured to the left, are ready to enter the grand parade route. In the background, you can see bands along with people lined up to watch the grand parade as well as be in the grand parade.

"It was really fun to get to drive a new truck and pull a float through the Grand Parade."

--Jordan Watson, Sophomore



Erika Rasmussen, winner of Miss. Photogenic, and Shonda Irving, winner of Miss Beauty, pictured to the left, ride in their red mustang convertible through the kiddie parade. Behind them members of one of the local middle school marching bands line up to show the town of Independence just what they can do.



Members of the 1998 Queen Neelah Contestants, pictured above, practice their waves and smiles when they get ready to enter the kiddie parade.

Huge Crowd Watches Walk-in



James Schwartz, junior, and his date Molly Brown, freshman prepare to enter the walk in front of numerous parents, students, and friends.



Sarah Kersey, senior, and Eli Gross, junior, are amazed at being at Prom. But, remember, they are both blondes. From the expression on Sarah's face, she was obviously caught off guard when this picture was taken.

It's not a Cadillac. It's not an air-balloon. But it is a ride to prom. While some students concentrated on the exotic, the elite, the snazzy, other concentrated on a memorable experience. To the left is the infamous "Mitchell-mobile" decorated with a Hogan canoe, antlers, Christmas wreath, interior Christmas lights, and set off by a distinctive rust.

"Just keep Truckin" was hummed by a group of IHS students as they rode the U-Haul to prom. The interior of the truck was set up like an actual room.

Jason Gorman enters the prom dressed in his tux. Jason gets a helping hand from Clyde Gibbs. Jason spent a lot of time having his picture taken with various girls.



Party Like It's 1999!



Pictured above, Jacob Sparks, senior, escorts his date Tiffany Patterson into the 1999 Prom.



Jennifer Bredehoft, hobbles into prom with her date Chris Haley. Jennifer suffered an ankle break few days before prom during her aerobics class



To the left, Seniors Rebecca Edwards and Michael Modich show the town of Independence how nice they look in their formal wear. Their parents must be very proud.

On the right, this picture shows a portion of the crowd that shows-up to watch walk-in every year.



On the left, senior Adam Harris looks at the crowd with his date Suzanne Patersen.

"Prom was fun this year, but I'm glad it was my last year to go."

--Rebecca Edwards

"It was a great time, it will be something I look back on with pride."

--Adam Harris

Party like it's....Wait....it is 1999!



Above 1999 Prom Queen Jodi Lankard ponders, "isn't he supposed to be taller than me," about 1999 Prom King T.J. Wilson. The prom king and queen were voted on by the members of the senior class.

Seniors Amy Newton and Jason Clubine, below, enjoy the festivities of prom. Jason takes a moment out to rest, and wonder why Amy keeps making him dance every dance.



Senior Brandon Holmes, above, rests for a moment at prom. Brandon came to prom with two dates, yet it seems as if they've left him already.



"I think that the underclassmen did a very nice job on making the senior's last prom a special one and I will remember it forever!"

--Marci Gray, Senior.

"Prom was more fun this year because all my friends were there!"

--Kattie Bredehoft, Junior.

"The walk-in was the best part because your friends get a legitimate chance to laugh at you!"

--Brandy Carter, Junior.

"It was really hot in there with all those people. I was sweating like a dog!"

--David Elliott, Senior.

Leading-up to Grad



Leading up to graduation there are many activities seniors can participate in. From the last day for seniors in the foyer, to lining up at graduation practice. To the left, seniors wait patiently in the Civic Center. The line-up to prepare to march upstairs causes anxiety to finish the process.



The last morning in the foyer brings some tears, but also happy moments of pictures and lots of smiles. This year the seniors had a large '99 to sign to show all the members of the class. The '99 will be brought to a reunion in several years as memorabilia.



To the left, the senior girls line-up to show their pretty faces one last time. Graduation is a time to put old grudges behind and bring out new friendships and memories of taking a long journey together and completing the task.

On the right a group of senior guys line-up one last time to take those silly graduation photos. Can you distinguish between the "cool guys" and the not so "cool guys"? Survey says probably not. What is the difference between the cool guys and the not so cool guys? Will anyone ever understand this joke? These guys spent a lot of time together in school and out of school for the past twelve years. Many of these participated in sports and other official and unofficial school activities.



Here it is the final moment of graduation, as can clearly be seen by the rows of seniors all dressed appropriately in cap and gowns ready to graduate. This group of seniors stayed relatively calm throughout the ceremony, even when they walked across the stage. This year the seniors had their pictures taken by Doyal as they received their diplomas. The pictures were paid for by First National Bank, the high school, and senior class.

Graduation Inside



Mr. Runge officiates at the graduation ceremony, while members of the Independence School Board pass out diplomas in the background.

"Graduation inside posed as a challenge to get used to. As a class though we overcame it and made the best of the situation. Which just goes to show the Class of 1999 can pull together in tough times. Best wishes in everything you do."—Alysha Greer Senior 1999.



Jennifer Jewers, shown above, took Valedictorian for the Class of 1999. Jennifer has participated in numerous school events and has shown her leadership abilities for her class.

The senior class was an extra special class this year. We were the first to have closed lunch as freshman and were the first and last to go through the Freshman First Program which added an extra day of school for freshmen. 1999 was the first year seniors were given their own parking lot, which sometimes didn't always work out because of underclassmen leaving campus. This class was the first class to have seniors open lunch period and the rest of the high school had to stay on campus to eat lunch.. With the privelege of open-lunch came the downside of the lunch period being shorten to a mere twenty-nine minutes. This caused a few tardies for some of the seniors. This past year was a growing time for the Class of 1999. They will always hold a place in IHS they truly "Saved the Best for Last."



Stephanie Schroeder, pictured here, took Salutatorian for the Class of 1999. Stephanie has, as well as Jennifer, participated in school events and played on many sports teams.

A time of tears and a time of laughs started the Graduation Ceremony this year. Graduation commencement was held Sunday, May 23, 1999 at seven o'clock p.m. Graduation was inside the Memorial Hall this year due to saturated field conditions which is normally held at Kayo Emmot field. This was the first time in five years that the commencement ceremony was held inside. It was an adjustment for the seniors to get used to, but in the end worked out very well. Each senior was issued ten tickets for family members and extra tickets were available for those who needed more. The Memorial Hall holds approximately two thousand people.



Mr. Capes, parades in the Memorial Hall with a line of fellow faculty members and seniors. The seniors met the faculty in the Civic Center at 6:30 to start getting lined up for the march in. To take about one hundred and forty seniors to line up took some time, but it was also a time to say the final farewells. Also a time to take all of those goofy graduation pictures with friends was built into this period.

Getting 'out for good!



Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Lundt try to organize the processional line of graduating seniors.

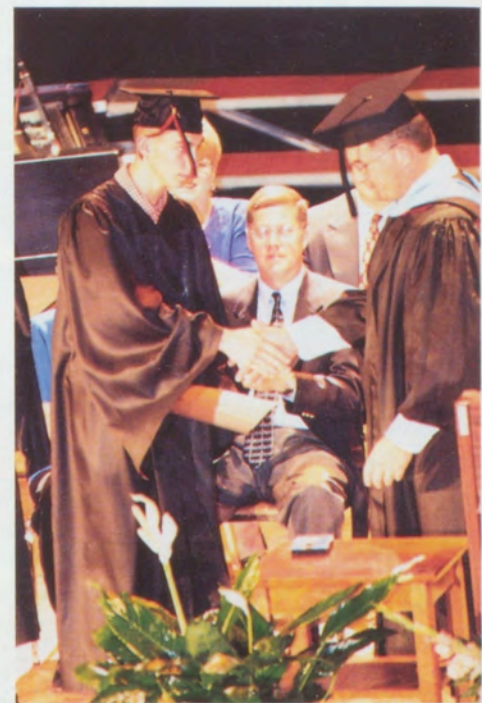


T.J. Barnhart stands in amazement at the fact that he graduated and is wearing the robe.



A group of seniors stand waiting calmly to proceed with the graduation ceremony.

Outdoors, indoors. Memorial Hall or Stadium. These were the thoughts of the Class of 1999 as they prepared their final high school experience. With wet field conditions, a very nice ceremony was held at Memorial Hall. It was fitting for "Saving the Best for Last." As the ceremony concluded, the seniors chatted their "ninety-nine, ninety-nine, nine, nine, nine, ninety-nine cheer."



Joe Carroll shakes Mr. Anderson's hand while accepting an KSHSAA good citizenship award. This award was awarded to one senior male and female student for outstanding citizenship in the high school as well as in the community. The female recipient was Amanda Torbett.

Walk-In Like It's 1999

One the highlights of the Prom each year is the annual "walk-in" prior to the start of the festivities. One of the incredible parts of the this part of the evening is the crowd that gathers to watch the prom-goers. Not only parents, fellow students, faculty members but also a large number of people from the community come to watch the high school students.

This indeed serves as one of the major public relations efforts of the year. The adults of the community are impressed by the dignity and class of the IHS students.



Jeremy Palmer and Jerri Ann Alexander happily walk in as they go to prom. Both are looking so snazzy, Jeremy in his white tux and Jerri in her elegant black dress.



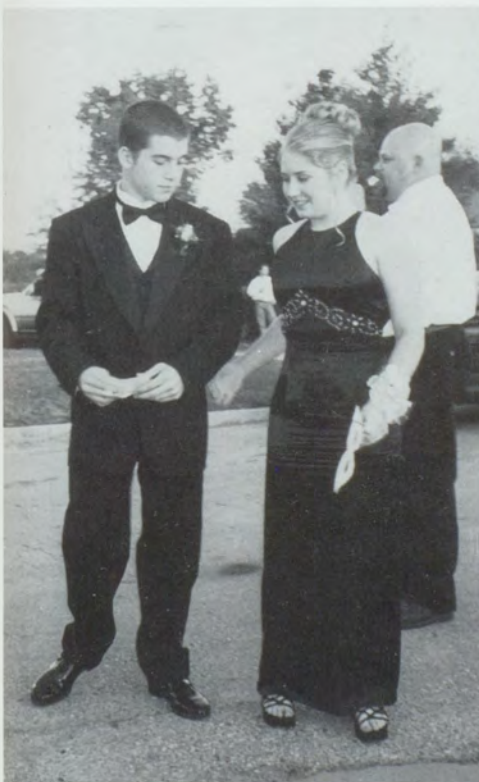
Above Jason Manderscheid and his date Sarah Foreman walk in front of Curtis Shields and his date Brandy Carter after having their names announced before the crowd. As they all stop for a quick pose, we were able to snap a quick picture before they walked into the Country Club where this year's Prom was held.

To the right, Mitch Winebrenner and his out of town date stand posing for their picture during walk-in. Accompanied by his daughter who handed out masks, Mr. Mosley was the announcer this year for walk-in.



Above Misty Robinson and Josh Obermier attend this year's "Party Like It's 1999" Prom. Saying "cheese" for the camera both are really excited for this is their last high school Prom.

Dusty Pippin below and her out-of-town date get out of their Wranglers and step into some formal wear. Both looked very nice at the event.



Rock it to the Future...



DON'T FORGET YOUR GLASSES! Juniors Nathan Shire and James Schwartz throw on a pair of safety glasses and practice for a possible career in carpentry at the 1999 After Prom at the Independence 4-H building. The object of this game was to beat your opponent at hammering the nail in the board. This game takes great skill and talent. (What Nathan doesn't know is that James's wood is a little softer, making a sure-fire win.) Better luck next time Nathan!

"I won seventy-five bucks!" Jon Roberts, 12th

"Kill the Karoke man! Cause nobody can sing!"
Rebecca Edwards, 12th

"Stuffing the car with so many people was so uncomfortable." Stephanie Ellis, 11th

Sophomore Josh Burchett and Junior James Hinman practice their "cow patty" tosses against each other at after-prom. This game was very popular this year. However, it was much cleaner than it sounds. Fake patties were used to throw. Thank Goodness! They must have had previous experience in the cow patty throwing field.



NUMBER 28 IS THE WINNER!!! "Again?" Exclaims an irritated senior opponent at the cake walk. Senior Amber Robinson performs her cake-winning squat at After Prom May 2, 1999. Senior T.J. Barnhart complains about the winning streak Amber was on that night. Many walked the circle to the beat of "Party Like It's 1999," but few won repeatedly. Amber took home many prizes from the cake-walk alone. Who said After-Prom was going to be this fun?

"My strategy was to take up as many numbers as possible. T.J. wasn't too happy when I kept winning. Sorry T.J.!" Amber Robinson, Senior

Playing Hard 'Til Dawn!



Senior Tyson Oakes, left, masters his winning pitch at one of the well-known teachers. The object of this game was to hit the teachers picture with the beanbag. With three direct hits you were considered a winner and earned a ton of bucks to put in the drawings for some great prizes! Mr. Torbett, Mr. Capes, and Mrs. Spencer were very popular at this game!

"Karaoke was such fun. I never knew that some people had such horrible voices."

Eli Gross, 10th

"After-Prom was a lot of fun but the night dragged on forever!"

Kattie Bredehoft, 11th

"I never knew I could stay up that long."

Kara Craig, 11th



Junior Michael Fielen works quickly to gather as much money as possible in a short amount of time above. The Money Machine at After-prom this year was a great success! A lot of after-promers headed directly to the machine determined to double their money. Wearing baggy clothes was a positive factor in mastering this game. However, if you're not fast you're out-of-luck!

After months of planning, hours of preparation and breathless anticipation, the most fun part of Prom usually turns out to be the After Prom. Sponsored by the adult community, local businesses, parents, and the Community Youth Board, the After Prom allows the students to relax, get down and get dirty, eat with gusto, act crazy, and generally have fun.

This is not regarded as a put down for Prom as it is a very regal formal occasion but the after prom allows for the students to have fun at their level.

Although the time gets long at After Prom the students generally endure in order to receive the prizes at the conclusion. The food is real student food and is consumed in great quantities.

The prizes won, range from frisbees to computers. Not everyone wins but everyone has a great time. However, the night seems to drag on forever.



Officer James Austin listens carefully to Senior Haley Barker above. Secretly he's plotting on how to break away from her. Haley just can't stop running her mouth.

Brisket, Softball Ends Year...



Michael Modich grabs some eats at the Sr. picnic.



Ravished after a close game, Katherine Busenberg, Scott Wuerdeman, Chet Harlin, Megan Sackschewsky, Josh David and Stephanie Schroeder converse while waiting in the long buffet line to get their food.



Mr. Emmot waits for the ball while Brian Denney rounds first base.



Marci Gray, Becky Mitchell and Mendi Clark cheer on the team from the sidelines.



Sean Anderson, Laura Schaid, Angie McKenzie and Mitzi Martin take a breather after the game. The game was held at Riverside Park in the oval.

Free at Last!!!



Amanda Leslie, Michael Modich, and David Elliott, right, all patiently await the ending of their last day at IHS.

Stephanie Schroeder watches as Erica Rasmussen, middle, prepares to ring the bell to announce that the seniors will no longer be at the high school. The ringing of the bell is a tradition at IHS and this year was no different.

Kari Jordan rushes over to Kim Metzger, bottom, to express her excitement that the school year is now over.



For the Seniors of 1999 the phrase "Free at Last" meant numerous different things. For some it meant being able to move on to bigger and better things, for others, though, it meant not having to come back here anymore. The changes that occurred this year made it easier for the seniors than others, but, however they handled their time here, they can now proudly say that they survived four years of high school and, one thing is true, the Class of 1999 is "Free at Last!"



What does "Free at Last" mean to you?
"When you graduate you have to enter the real, free world."

-Tyson Oaks

"I feel like I'm ready to go on with the rest of my life and do whatever I want to."

-Amie Tull

Practice Makes Perfect.....

The class of 1999 lines up in front of Memorial Hall to practice their graduation. Immediately after the senior's last class they rehearse the event which is traditionally held on Sunday evening.



“ During practice I was happy and sad because I knew that I would never see some of these people again.”

-Tricia Hearne

“It had been a long time since I had seen our entire class together. It was strange that it happened right before we all went our separate ways.”

-Ashley Osborn



Jason Clubine, Angie Andrew, Sean Anderson, Walter Amick and Mendi Clark stand in the basement of Memorial Hall awaiting the signal to go upstairs to “graduate.”

“The Class of 1999 learns with class and leaves with class!”

- Jennifer Bredehoft

The Lasting Minutes of Our High School Careers!



Four seniors discuss the twelve years spent in the Independence schools. Above, Alysha Greer, Nicole Stamps, Becky Mitchell, and Marci Gray remember the sacrifices made to wear the academic regalia.

That tricky collar thing is working below as Mrs. Capps helps Mendi Clark with her collar.

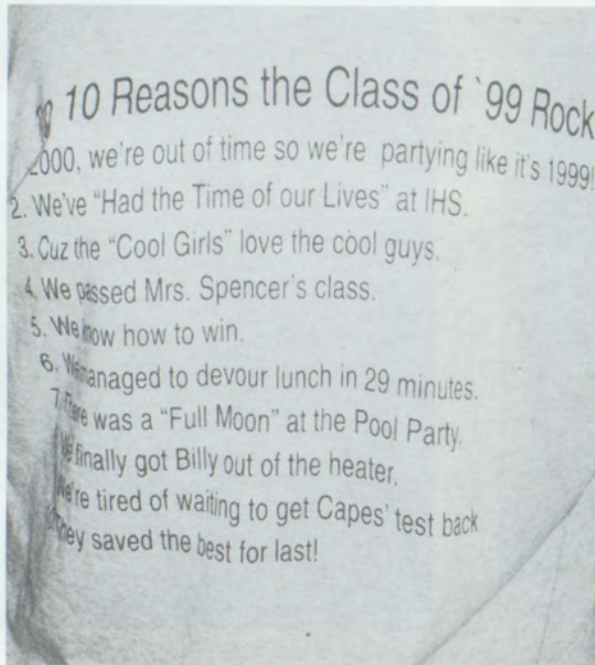


Stephanie Schroeder, above, practices her salutatorian speech.

Chet Harlin, after twelve years of school in USD 446, receives his diploma, above.



Lasting Memories!



Each year the seniors design a senior T-shirt to help keep the memories alive. This year's theme was 10 reasons why the Class of "99" rocks.



Seniors don't really graduate until all obligations are taken care of and the gown is returned. Crossing the stage the seniors only receive a blank diploma cover. Below, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Knoles, Mrs. Lundt wait for the seniors to arrive for the return of the gown and the giving of the diploma.

Whether it is the 4-H Building or the Civic Center, there is much activity having to do with graduation aside from the activities on stage. Seniors talk together and sometimes get to know people they had never known before. Seniors realize this is the last time the class will be together as one and many of them find this to be nostalgic. Others are simply anxious to finish this part of their lives and get on with the next part.

However, it is a time of joy, of reflection, of appreciation, and of sense of accomplishment.



This is it what we waited 13 years for the passing out of the diploma.

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It is now summer, graduation has taken place, school is out, and a skeleton yearbook staff has just completed the **Orange and Black**.

The year's effort is the best attempt to offer to the viewer and reader many of the activities which occurred at Independence High School during the school year. No, not everything can be covered. Not every organization is recognized. There are so many activities, accomplishments, happenings, and student involvements that it is not longer possible to cover and report on everything. Our goal is to have the reader get a "feel" for the school year and a better awareness of Independence High school after reading this book.

Yes, there are mistakes. Like the coach of any team, the sponsor acknowledges the mistakes and accepts the responsibility for them.

The yearbook staff went through a number of challenges this year. One challenge was moving from Macintosh format to the PC format. Another involved the evolving technology in the school. In room 402, once the staff got in to work, the networking and printing problems provided a constant challenge. But we learned not to complain and go with what machines might be available for use at any given time. Also, the constant pressure of deadlines combined with other academic deadlines and personal responsibilities.

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➤ In 1853, chef George Crum creates potato chips in New York after a customer keeps requesting thinner french-fried potatoes. The U.S., with over 700 varieties on the market, consumes the most potato chips worldwide.



➤ Slang of the 1800s includes cool, crazy as a loon, critter, bub and sis, bully for you, and bummer. Popular phrases today are da bomb, cool and phat.

1253

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➤ Germans first bake birthday cakes to celebrate children's birthdays in 1200. The candles burn throughout the day to symbolize life. The tradition of birthday cakes continues with popular characters as part of the cake decoration.



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➤ Before sweat glands are clearly understood in the 19th century, perfume is used to mask the odor of sweat. Introduced in 1888, Mum® is the first product to ward off underarm moisture and odor. In 1997, Americans spend \$1.48 billion on deodorant.



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➤ The average American's favorite meal in 1954 is a fruit cup, vegetable soup, steak and potatoes, peas, rolls and butter, and pie à la mode. Teens today rank pizza, french fries, pasta, hamburgers/cheeseburgers and chicken nuggets as their top five favorite foods.

1841



➤ In 1892, the Manfield Shoe Company in England first produces quality shoes in standard sizes and large quantities. Sneakers are introduced in the 19th century and cost a few dollars. Name-brand shoes today can cost hundreds of dollars.



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➤ Swing dancing, popular in the 1930s, makes a comeback in 1998.

➤ Nine percent of households own a TV in 1950. That number rises to 98 percent by 1995. On average, 98 percent of today's teens watch TV for 11.4 hours a week.

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◀ In 1120, the first restaurant or "cook shop" opens in Kaifeng, the capital of the Northern Song dynasty. Today, McDonald's has more than 23,500 restaurants in 113 countries. Americans spend 46 percent of their food dollars away from home in 1996 compared to 25 percent in 1955.



◀ In 1850, Levi Strauss invents blue jeans in San Francisco. Originally made with canvas, denim replaces the material in the early 1860s. The average American now owns 7.03 pairs of jeans.

◀ Conquistadors return to Spain in 1527 after finding the natives of New Spain eating algae, agave worms, winged ants, tadpoles, water flies, white worms, and insect larvae. Today, kids enjoy candy in the shape of critters.



◀ Guglielmo Marconi invents the radio in 1895 using a crude transmitter. Music makes history on TV when the Beatles appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show* in 1964. Music continues to make history on TV when MTV kicks off in 1981. Today, 68 percent of teens watch MTV 5.4 hours a week.



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◀ In 1570, Queen Elizabeth I receives a gift of gold toothpicks, which are used to clean teeth. Toothbrushes do the job today with hundreds of options of sizes, colors, shapes and bristles.



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◀ The commode becomes a popular addition to homes in 1700. Recent findings reveal women spend 80 seconds using a public restroom while men spend 45 seconds.



◀ According to legend, on May 8, 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Perbernton produced the syrup for Coca-Cola in a three-legged brass pot in his backyard. Coca-Cola was first bottled in 1899 and is today's best-selling soft drink. Americans drink 127 million 8-ounce servings every day.



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◀ In the French court of Louis XV, women style their hair three feet high forcing them to sleep sitting up. The hair would be left in place for months; insects and mice would nest in it. Today's hairstyles are a little more "down to earth."

Society

1040



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◀ In the 1000s, engagements are arranged at age seven and marriage follows at age 12 for girls and 14 for boys. Today, the average age at marriage for women is 24.5 and 26.9 for men.

1298



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▼ In 1374, the entire population of a European city goes into a pathological frenzy, dancing in the streets until too exhausted or injured to continue. Slam dancing and mosh pits are common manias at today's concerts.

1460



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▲ Average life expectancy in the 1000s is 30. In 1997, it rises to 79 for females and 73 for males.

1567



1685

▼ In 1910, fewer than 50 percent of people complete grade school. In 1996, 81.7 percent of people complete high school.



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▲ In the 1700s, both sexes wear powdered wigs, rouge and red lipstick. They also etch their whitened faces in blue to bring out the veins. Worldwide annual sales of cosmetics today exceed \$80 billion.

1923



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◀ The world population in 1600 totals 545 million compared to over 5.9 billion in 1998. The U.S. population in 1790 totals 3.9 million compared to over 270 million in 1998.

2000



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▲ Parrots, canaries, monkeys and fluffy dogs are the preferred pets of the 1500s. Exotic pets of today include iguanas and tarantulas.

▼ In the 1800s, chaperones accompany girls on their dates. In later years, ice cream parlors become popular date hangouts. Today's hot spots are shopping malls.



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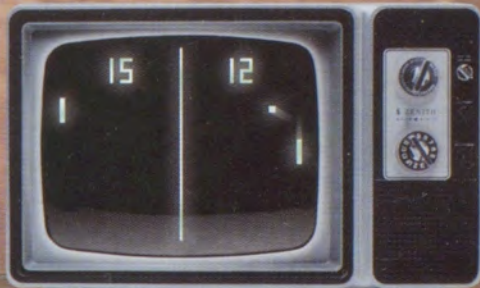
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James Naismith invents basketball in 1891 using a soccer ball and two peach baskets. Basketball is now America's most popular sport.



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In 1920, the New York Yankees pay George "Babe" Ruth \$125,000. In 1997, 21-year-old Kevin Garnett signs a seven-year contract worth \$126 million with the Minnesota Timberwolves.



Atari introduces Pong®, the first commercial video game, in 1972. Today's home video game systems include Sony PlayStation®, Sega Saturn® and Nintendo 64®. About 63 percent of teens play video games an average of 3.9 hours a week.

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In 1903, *The Passion Play* at 30 minutes is the longest movie produced at this time, with average films running three or four minutes. The 1997 movie *Titanic* runs about three-and-a-half hours.

Joseph Merlin develops the first practical pair of roller skates in 1759. Scott Olson invents the modern version of in-line skates in 1979. Today, 41 percent of teens own in-line skates.



The first roller coaster, built in 1892 at Cedar Point® in Sandusky, Ohio, stands 25 feet high and travels 10 miles per hour. The Riddler's Revenge™ at Six Flags Magic Mountain™ is the tallest and fastest stand-up roller coaster, standing 156 feet and hitting a top speed of 65 miles per hour with a maximum of 4.2 gravity forces.



Court jesters first appear in 1202. Modern jesters come in the form of comedians, such as Jerry Seinfeld whose TV show, *Seinfeld*, ends its nine-year run in 1998.



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In 1978, a federal judge rules that high school girls may participate on teams with boys. Women take further strides in sports with the first WNBA game on June 21, 1997.

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◀ Recycling is a priority today, but around 1200 to 1400, people would hurl garbage and slop out their windows into alleys that swarmed with rats, flies and pigs.



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▶ When a royal Japanese family stains their teeth black in 1233, it quickly becomes a sign of beauty. White teeth are a sign of beauty today, with Americans spending \$100 million a year on over-the-counter tooth-whitening products.



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1347

▶ The Pony Express travels between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. The 2000-mile distance takes 10 days. Today, e-mail is almost instantaneous.

1418

▶ Oriental spices are used to disguise the bad taste of spoiled meat in 1499. Meat sold in the U.S. today must pass USDA standards.



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▶ Spectacles are invented in 1286 in Italy. The first practical contact lenses are developed in 1877 followed by plastic lenses in 1954. Laser surgery can now correct certain eyesight problems.

1573

▶ The Black Death sweeps Western Europe from 1347-51 and kills over 25 million people (one in four). Today, 22.6 million people live with AIDS, which is identified in 1981.



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1832

▶ Scottish blacksmith Kirkpatrick Macmillan creates the first bicycle, then called a velocipede, in 1839. Bicycling is a competitive sport around the world today with some bikes costing several thousand dollars.



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▶ In 1783, it takes Thomas Jefferson five days to travel 90 miles using public transportation. Today, the Concorde airplane travels at 1,336 miles per hour and crosses the Atlantic Ocean in under three hours.

2000



German Karl Benz invents the automobile in 1885, and Henry Ford begins mass production of the Model T in 1908 with over 15 million sold in the U.S. by 1930. Over 8 million cars are sold in the U.S. in 1996.

Not until the year 1000 did Indian mathematician Sridhara recognize the importance of zero. Since we began counting the years with one, rather than zero, the new millennium officially starts in 2001, not 2000. Excitement is building for New Year's Eve 1999, but so is the fear that computers may recognize the year 2000 as 1900.

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George Eastman invents the hand-held camera in 1888. Kodak introduces the Brownie box camera in 1900 and disposable all-weather and panoramic cameras in 1989. In 1998, Kodak and Intel introduce an all-in-one, auto-loading CD-ROM that stores, enhances, shares and prints photos on a personal computer.

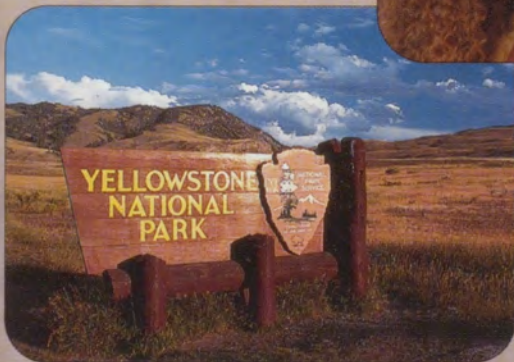
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Doctors in the 1000s use an astrological chart to determine a patient's treatment. Medicine is ingested only when the moon is in a favorable position. Many people today carry on the astrological tradition through horoscopes.

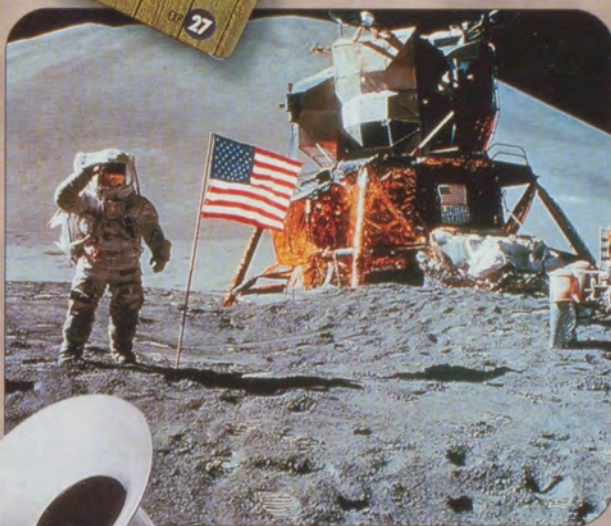
Yellowstone National Park, the first park in the National Park System, is established on March 1, 1872, and covers 2.2 million acres. The National Park System now covers 83 million acres.



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Christopher Columbus lands in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492. Neil Armstrong walks on the moon on July 20, 1969. In 1998, NASA begins construction of the International Space Station, the most complex technological project in human history.

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Thomas Edison patents the phonograph in 1878. Sharp introduces a minidisc player in 1998 that records music from compact discs and the Internet.

Surgery in the 1800s is performed on blindfolded patients under no anesthesia by surgeons who wipe instruments clean. Many people now elect to have cosmetic surgery. In 1997, 37 percent of cosmetic surgery patients undergo multiple procedures.



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Personal Freedom

1210



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◆ Issued in 1950, The Diner's Club is the first general purpose credit card. By 1996, there are over 119 million credit card holders and about 1,390,000 ATM terminals in the U.S.

1376

◆ The Factory Act of 1833 states children under age nine may not work in the textile industry, ages 9-13 may work nine hours per day, and ages 13-18 may work 12 hours per day. Today's 10th to 12th grader works an average of 19 hours a week.



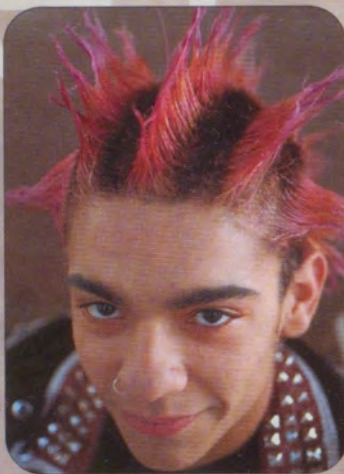
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◆ The earliest African slave arrives in the U.S. in 1509 followed by 10-15 million Africans in the largest forced migration in history. People from around the world now come willingly, with almost one million immigrants entering the U.S. in 1996 alone.

1500



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◆ Julius Caesar creates a calendar with April 1 as the first day of the year. In 1582, a new calendar is devised with January 1 as New Year's Day. Those who continue to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1 are considered fools, hence April Fool's Day.

Colour Australia



1697

◆ In 1675, Massachusetts law prohibits men from wearing long hair. Russia taxes men with beards in 1698. Hairstyle is a personal choice today.



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◆ A 1721 Connecticut law states people may not leave home on Sunday except for church or an emergency. Many stores are now open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

1753



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◆ Women first gain the right to vote in New Zealand in 1893, with American women gaining the right in 1920. The voting-age population of the U.S. today is over 193 million.

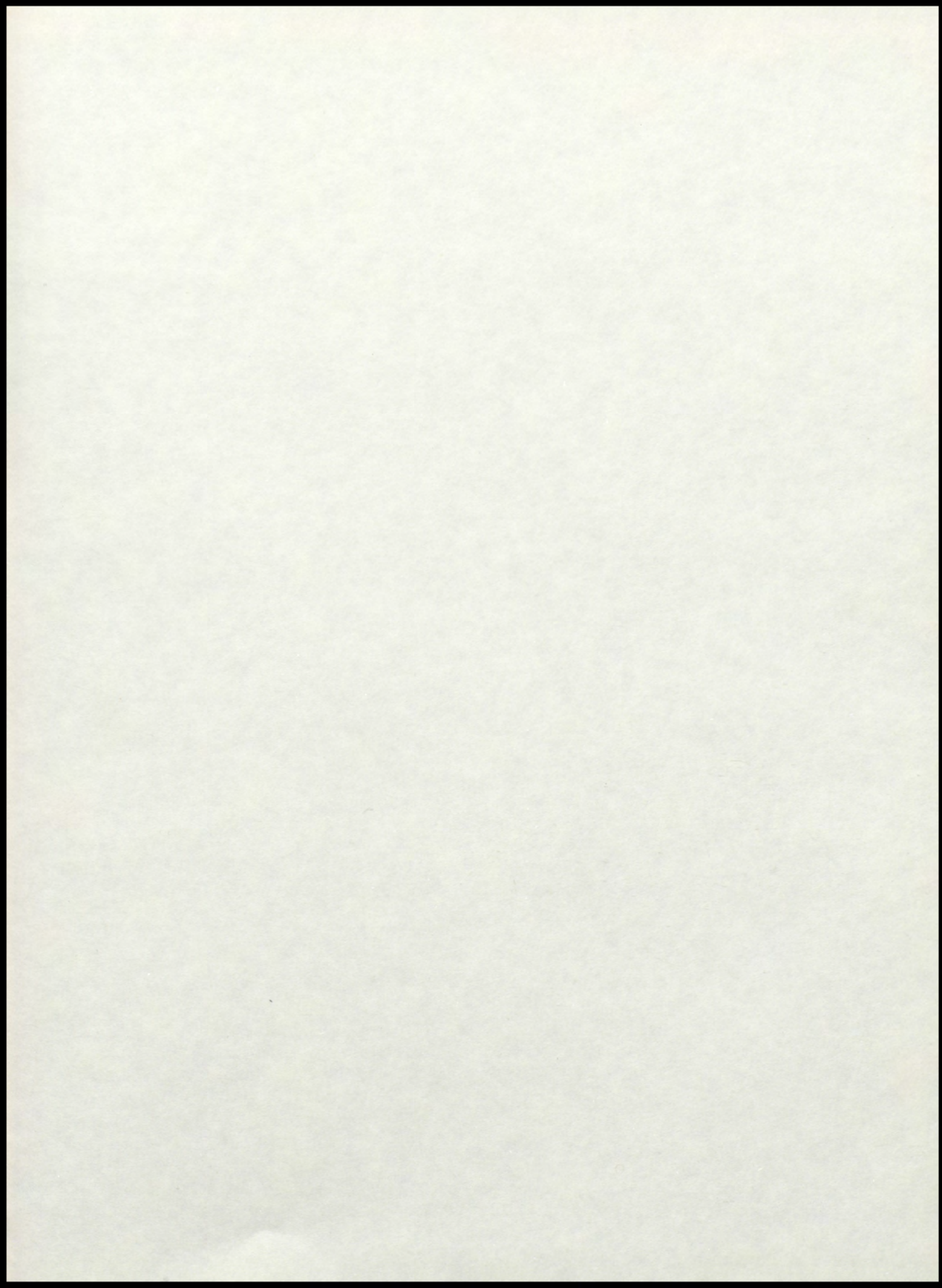


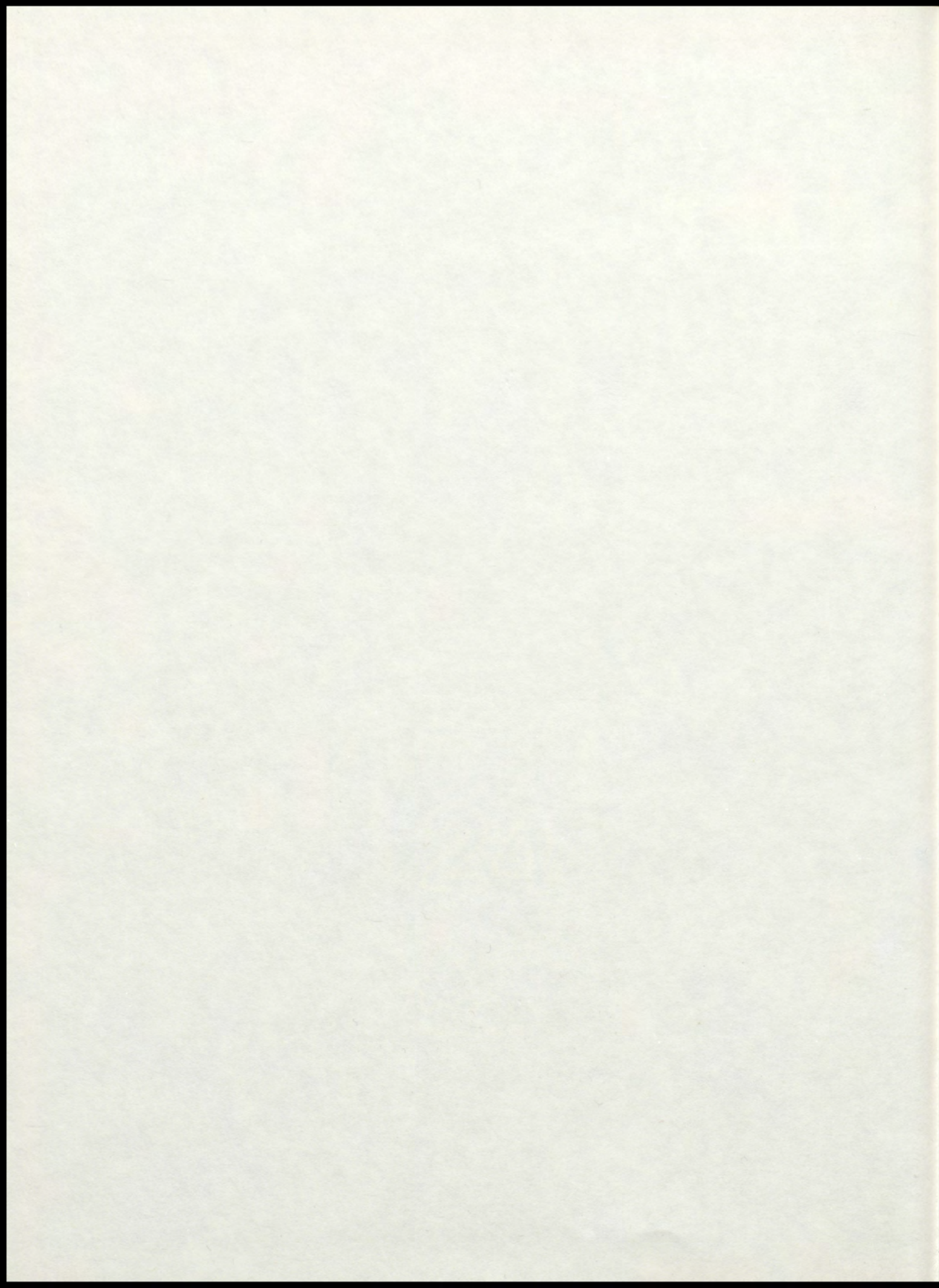
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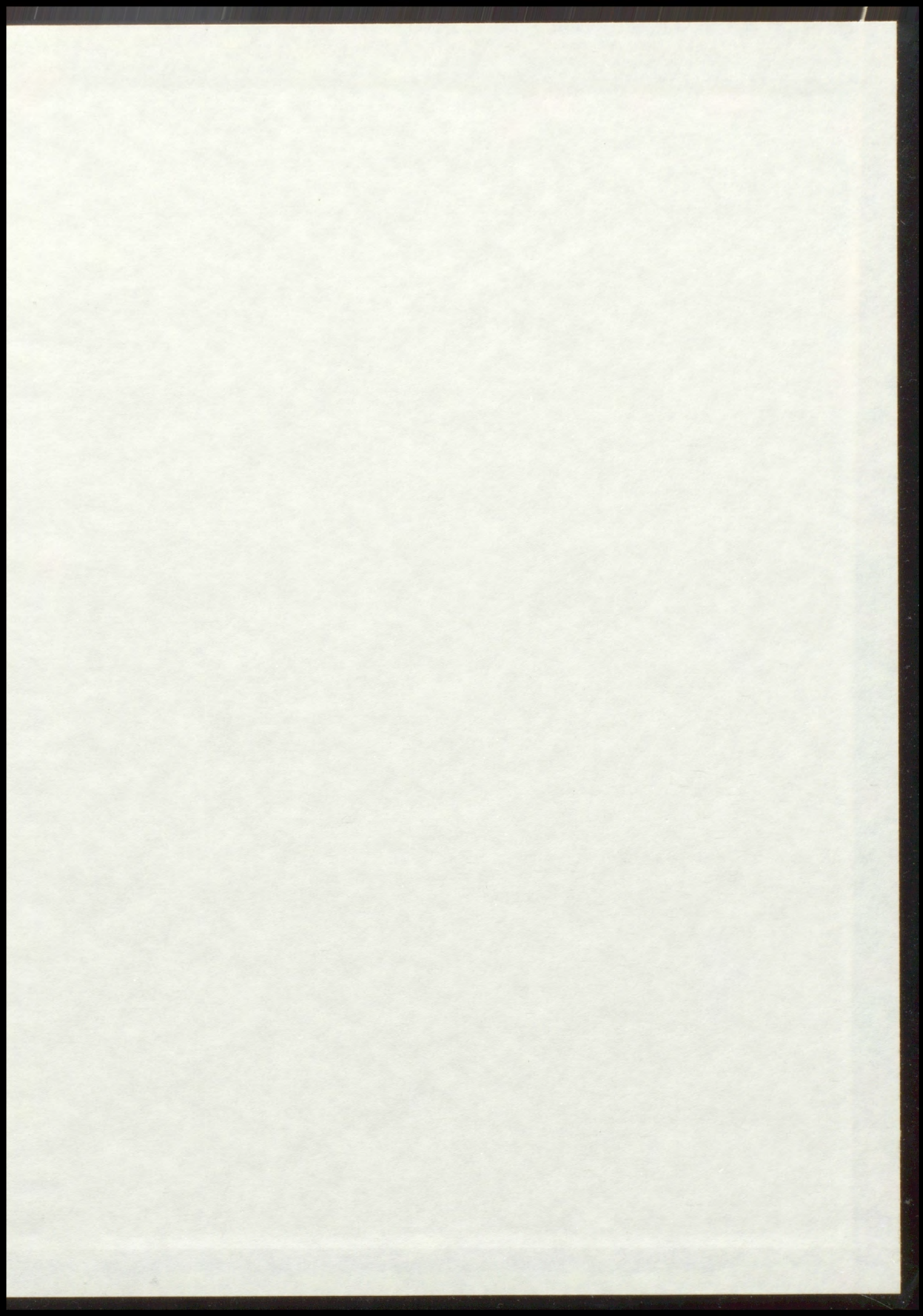
◆ In the 1400s, books are symbols of prestige and are considered treasures due to their rarity. People trade vineyards and herds of cattle for a book. Today, the average teenager spends four hours a week reading for fun.

2000











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