

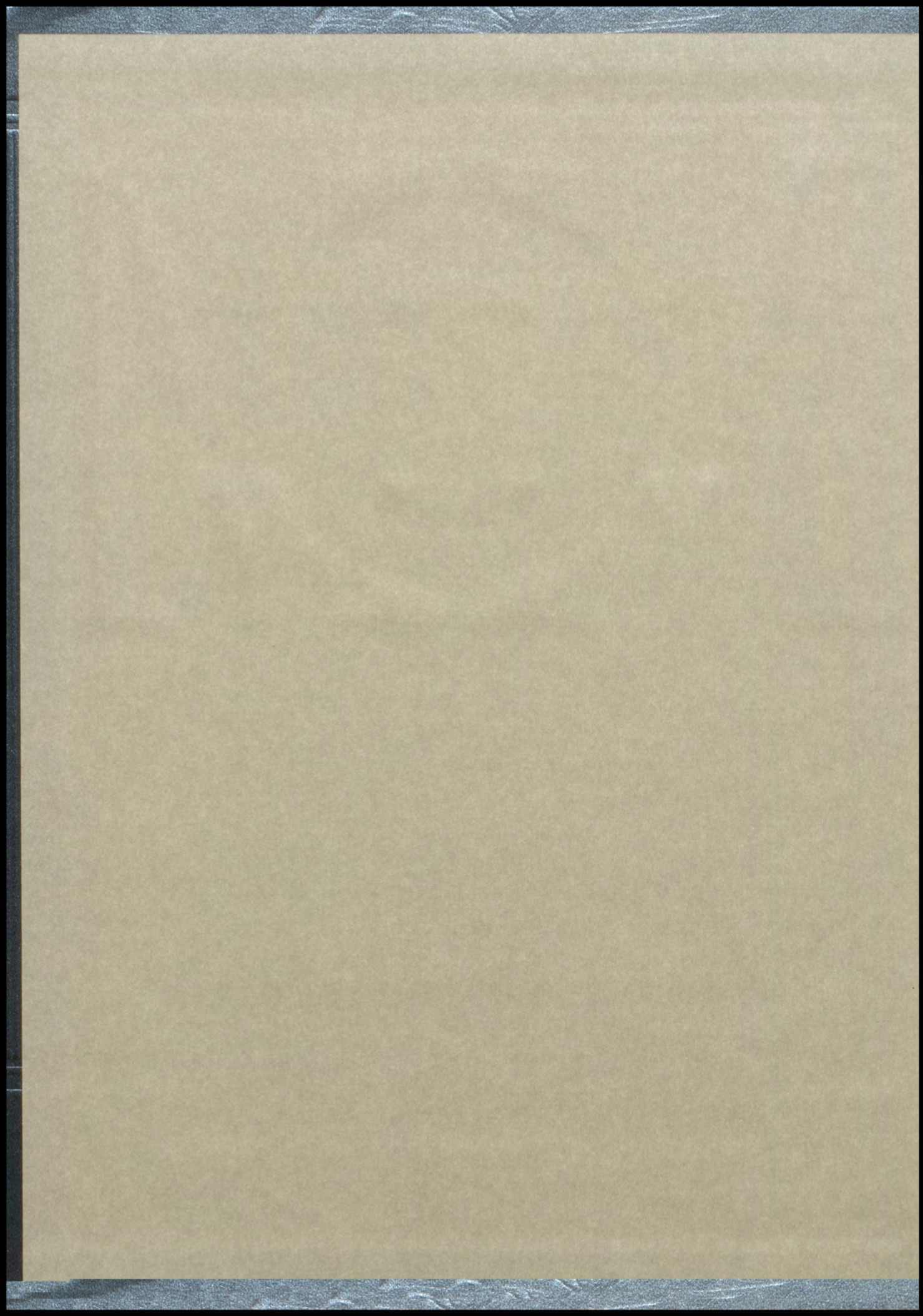
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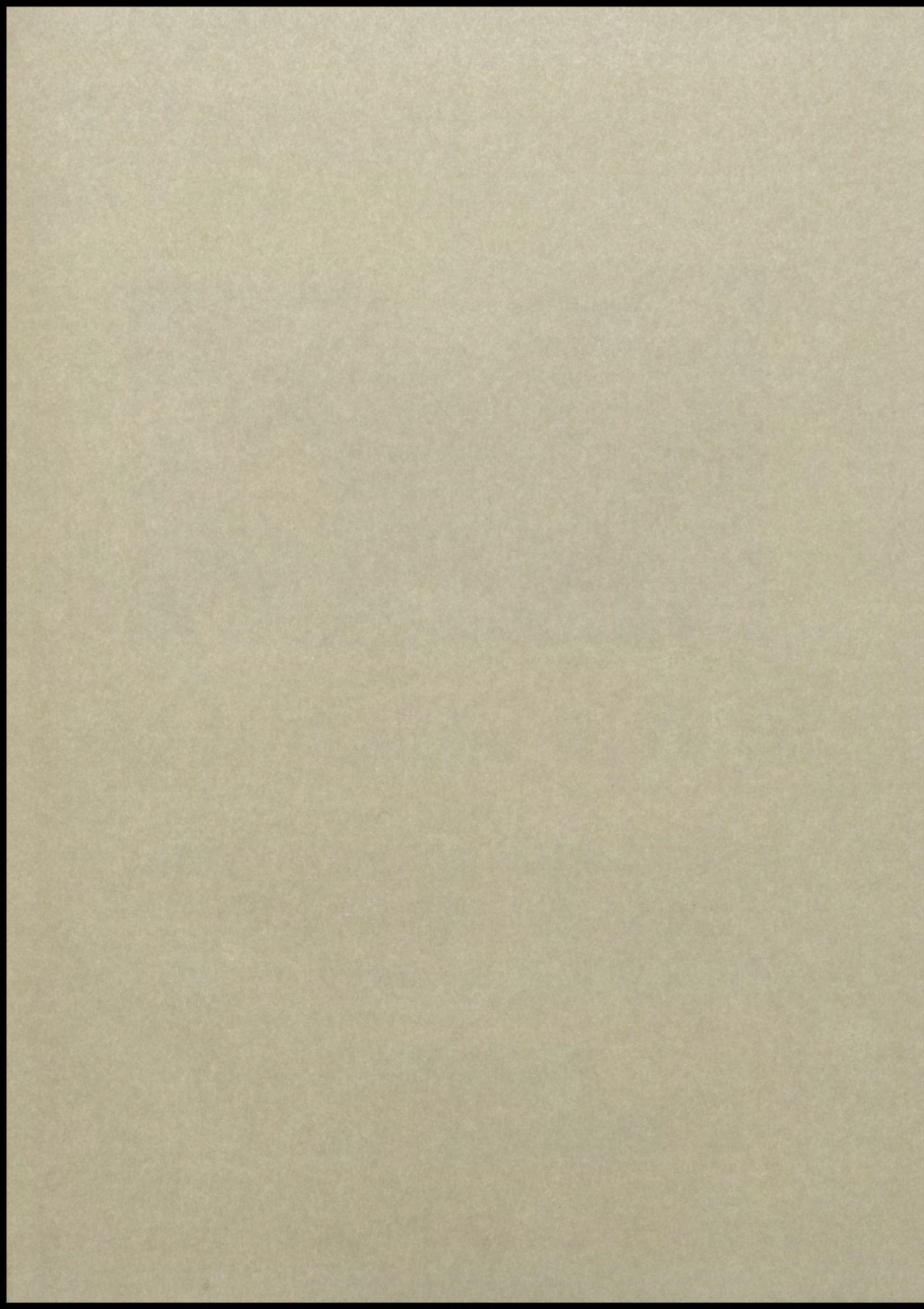
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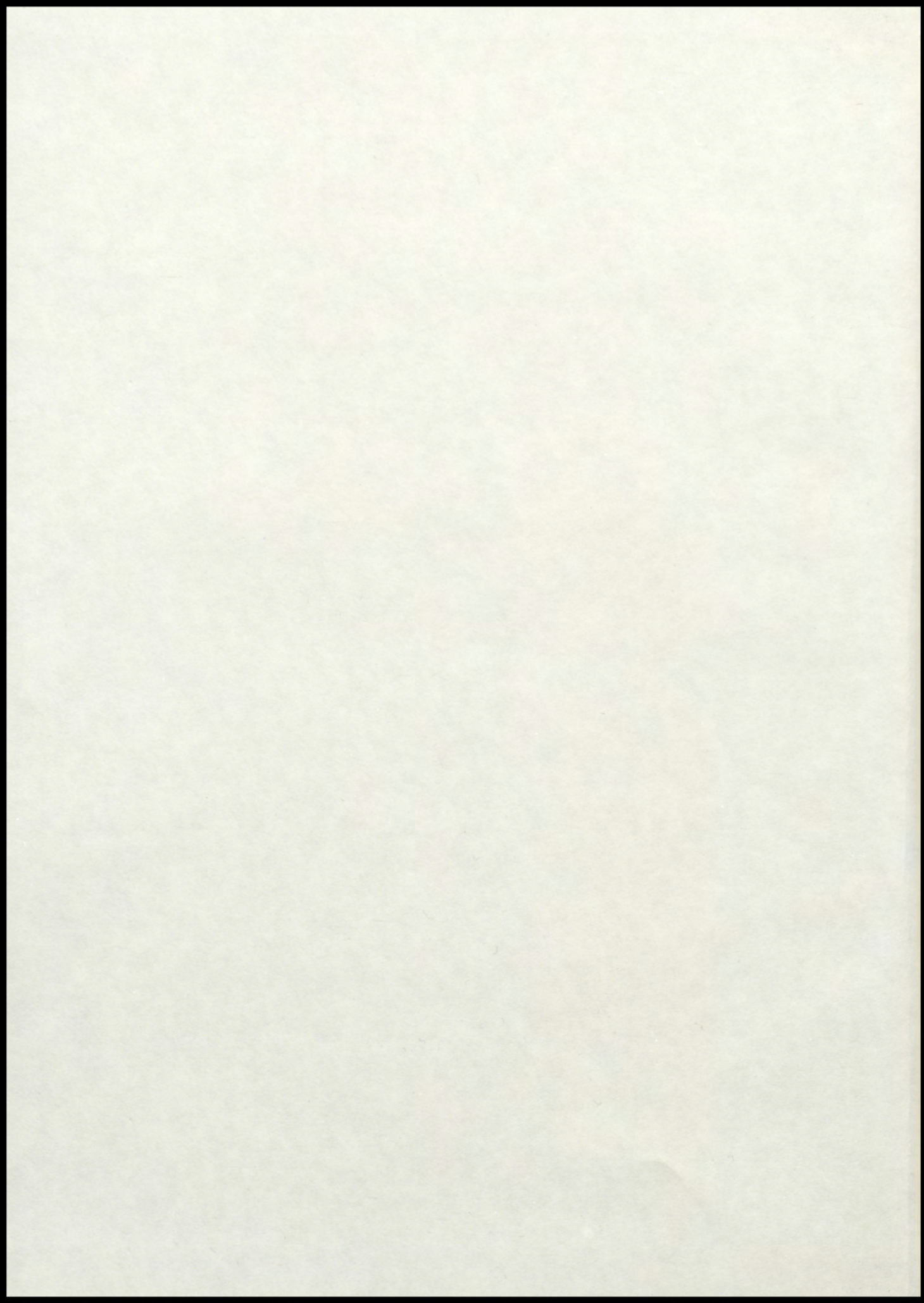
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END OF A CENTURY
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“End of a Century



Beginning of a Lifetime”

Independence High School
1301 North 10th Street
Independence, KS 67301

1999-2000
Orange and Black



“End of a Century, the Beginning of a Lifetime” is the theme of the 1999-2000 Orange and Black. This summarizes the year, the senior class, the state of Independence High School.

We faced the year wondering about the new millenium. We became bombarded by the fear of it and the “worry” of the infamous Y2K bug that the whole thing soon became meaningless.

Yes, the seniors are the class of 2000. Is this significant because it is 2000? No. The significance is that we have achieved our goal, run our race, stayed the course, and finished our job. Not only that, we have made our time here memorable and left our own proud impression on the school.

Yes, we are starting a lifetime of memories. When we leave this school we will start a new life. Our opportunities are endless. Whether we choose full time careers, education or families we are bound together by our high school experience.

Whatever happens to us, no matter where we go, we will always remember one thing about our lives. While we were in high school at Independence High School we all created our memories of a lifetime.

What was your most memorable high school moment?

“Participating in Queen Neelah holds many special memories for me. The comradery and community spirit lifted everyone’s spirits.”

-Cody Uttinger

“ Waking up in the wee hours of the morning to participate in Forensics tournements in Wichita comes to mind. Doing all that work on little sleep can’t be healthy.”

-Kristy Croom

“Hanging a sign on the Labette County bus at the basketball game-what a great time!”

- Nathan Soltice

“Our AP History class had quite a time playing Ultimate Frisbee! While it wasn’t exactly educational, it was fun.”

-Nick Wilsey



School spirit flies high with IHS.....

An eclectic mix of IHS students join forces in cheering on the Bulldogs during a Fall football game. The students sit together to catch the Bulldog spirit.



The girls of IHS cheer on the Boys Basketball team at Losey Gym. The gals showed their spirit by painting their faces. Several of the girls were unrecognizable with the face-paint. Days later their spirit stayed-and so did the paint!



Two juniors fight through computer glitches in Mr. Torbett's room. IHS has spruced up technologically with classes such as Yearbook using the computer for nearly all of their work. Hannah Dillon and Darcie Farrin concentrate on the completion of a page lay-out.



Courtney Adam



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Justin Courtney



Benny Cox



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Kara Craig



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Derrick Darkis



Dusty Darnell



Misty Dewlen



April Diaz



Travis Dunham



Stephannie Ellis



Erin Emert



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Beth Follmer



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Emily Friend



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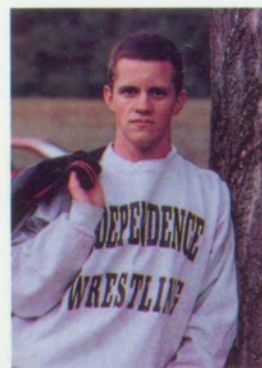
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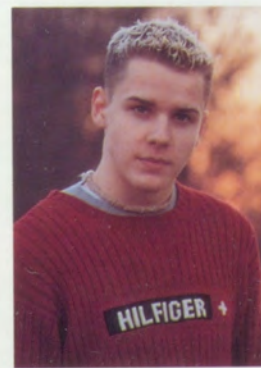
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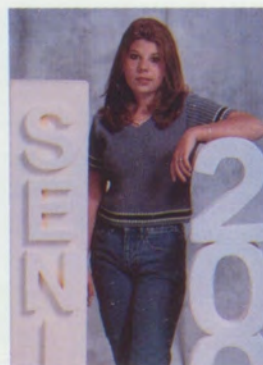
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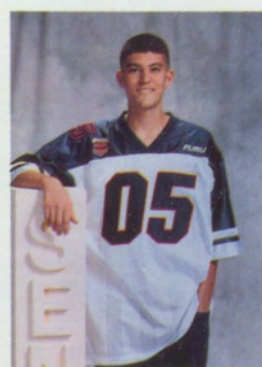
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Kent Woods

“We actually got a little bit more freedom.” Amy Kemp

As students progress through school many times the main objective seems to be to reach the coveted senior year. However, once the final year arrives, sometimes a little panic, a little insecurity, a little fear begins to set in. Most seniors find the last year of high school to be difficult. They are faced with ambivalent feelings—they want to graduate, but they have a great deal of security of comfort in the high school life. However, like taxes, graduation does come. The world continues to turn and the seniors adjust to their life after high school and a new senior class becomes nervous about graduation. The class of 2000 is not only the first of the new century but is also a class that left its mark on the school. As the year continued the class members concentrated on the **“Ending of a Century; the Beginning of a Lifetime.”**



I spy: Evan Hoyt keeps up with Indy tennis by carefully filming the action.



Jacob Lowery, Teresa Goodman, and Nicholas Wilsey discuss interesting topics as they study in the library.



Hilliary Sherwood, Allyssa Merritt, and Amy Watson keep afloat and stay in shape during swimming class at the Ash Youth Center.



B.J. Hutchison proves to be a great IHS student as he diligently studies his daily assignments.

Neewollah '99--"Let's Have a Ball!"



Jordan Jo Paugh reigned as Queen Neelah the 57th during the bustling week of Neewollah. A special honor for any senior girl, Jordan Jo and her court sat on the floats during the rainy day of the Grand Parade. For Jordan Jo's talent routine, she performed a song and tap dance to "Mind Your Love."

Queen Neelah LVII Court



Queen Neelah the 57th and her court, Johna Emmot, Cody Uttinger, Erin Emert, Ashley Blex, Hilliary Sherwood, Mandy Perkins, Sarah Long, Brianna Swisher, Mary Henderson, Amy Watson and Kattie Bredehoft.

*Queen Neelah-Jordan Jo Paugh
1st Runner-Up-Cody Uttinger
2nd Runner-Up-Johna Emmot
Originality-Erin Emert
Poise-Ashley Blex
Fashion-Hilliary Sherwood
Personality-Mandy Perkins
Talent-Sarah Long
Beauty-Brianna Swisher
Interview-Mary Henderson
Photogenic-Amy Watson
Congeniality-Kattie Bredehoft*

“Doo-Dah Parade provides opportunities for a wide variety of people to become involved in the Neewollah experience.” -Mr. Capes



Mr. Capes' science club wheels down Main Street during the Doo-Dah Parade. The Parade is one of the anticipated events of the week. Many citizens, businesses and clubs from the surrounding area participate in the Doo-Dah Parade.

Rain. Queens. Parades. Carnivals. Talent. Rain. Floats.

Neewollah '99 featured Jordan Paugh being elected the Queen of the fall festival. Other highlights for the IHS students include the band earning a #1 rating in field competition and marching competition.

However, for most of the students the festival highlights included the food, the medallion hunt, the food, the parades, the carnival, the food, and talking to friends on Penn Avenue.

It rained Saturday for the parade but stopped time so that none of the festivities were severely hampered.

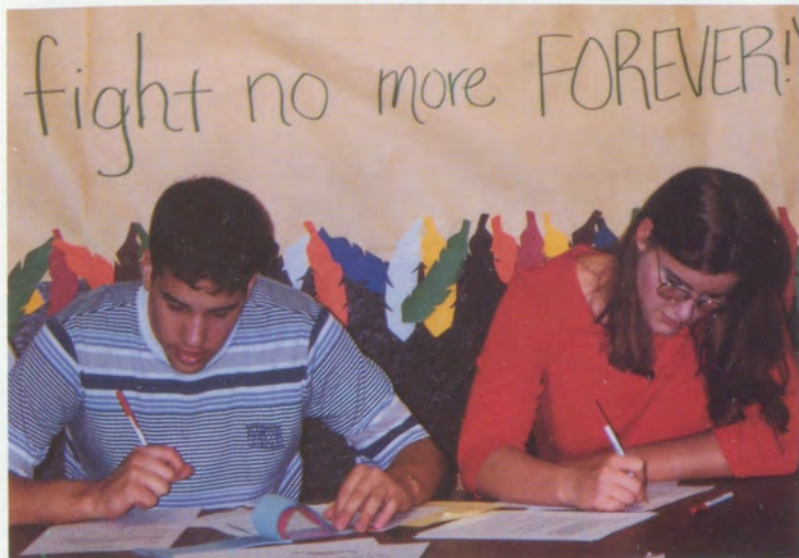


Cally Uttinger and Toby Munniger brave the Hanglider at the downtown carnival.



The alumni representative from IHS, caught on the street extolling the benefits of attending Independence Community College. Scott, Wuerdeman, class of '99, visits with Matt Holum and Justin Courtney on the streets. Obviously the main order of business for these three is the food involved in Neewollah.

“After taking Metals, you will become more independent.”- Jasper Durbin



Jeff Gettler and Victoria Lowden, seniors, concentrate on their projects at the IHS debate tournament.

In the hallway or the classroom, waiting for the lunch bell are all part of the student life at Independence High School. The education of the students does not begin and end in the formal classroom setting but also is extended into all facets of the students' life. As the students face the new millennium there appeared to be little concern for the much publicized "Y2K bug." The students come to school every day with the intention of learning, seeing friends, resting, preparing for work, or simply avoiding other responsibilities. As the students continue through the year they become further prepared for life.



Skyler Estes, Laura Rau, Eddie Swearingen, and Kristie Hough, above, gather after school by the cafeteria to talk about today's classes.

Mr. Moseley's freshman civic class, right, diligently works on their homework during this hour. Citizenship is a required course for the freshmen in Independence High School.



Zach Viets, freshman, and Dominique Darkis, freshman, work well together on their woodshop project.

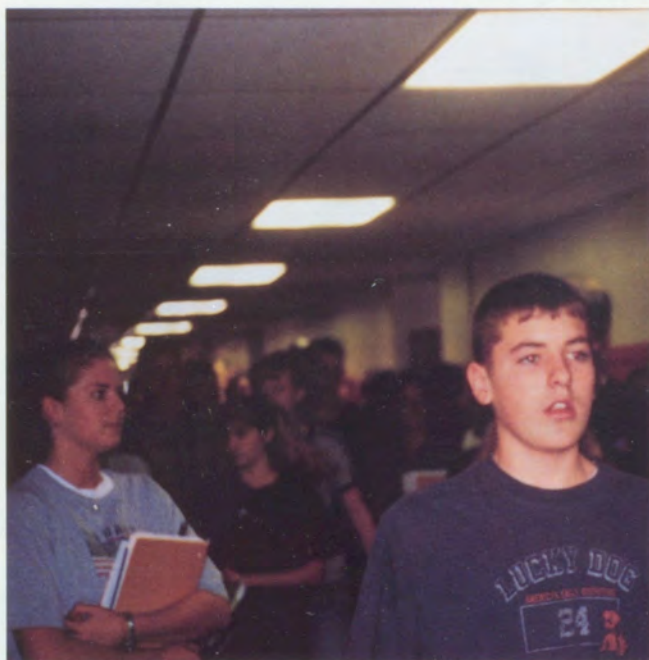


“The Renaissance booklet got me out of Pre-Calc work.”-Kellie Jewers



Amber Jefferson, Marcia Moore, Brittany Bell, Jessica Muller, Ashley Musgrove, Jamie Shank, and Kellie Jewers, above, enjoy themselves as they await the prizes given by the Renaissance committee for first quarter.

The halls of IHS can be very confusing at times. Ted Sutherland, above right, wanders with a look of bewilderment on his face. Johna Emmot, senior, has more experience in the halls and looks very determined in her destination.



Jaileen Beshears, Amy Watson, Sara Hammer, and Josh Calderon, above, converse as they walk down the 100 hall during passing period.

Mrs. Price, left, assists students in Mr. Knoles' metal shop which is located in the 400 hall.



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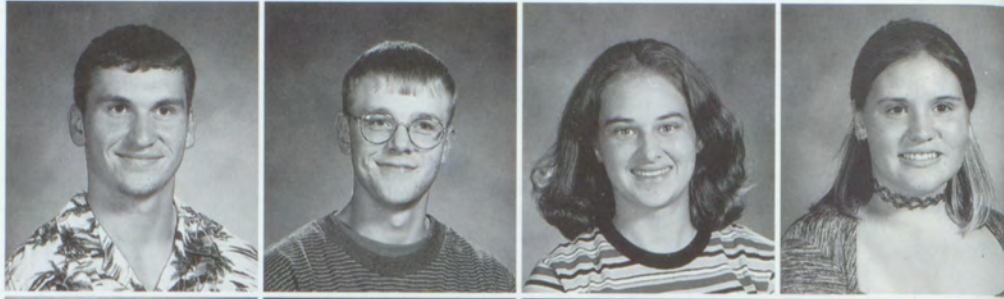
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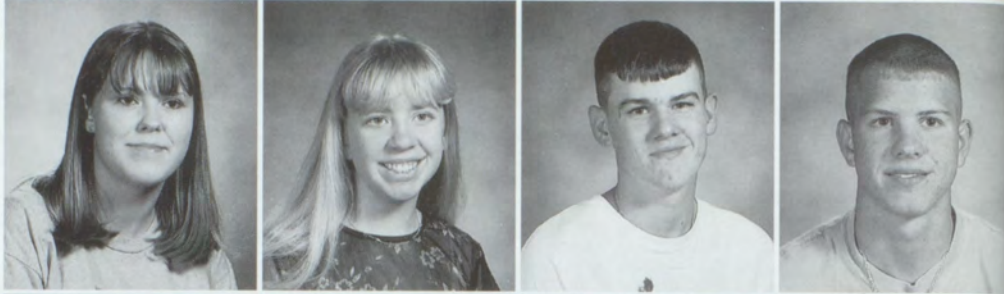
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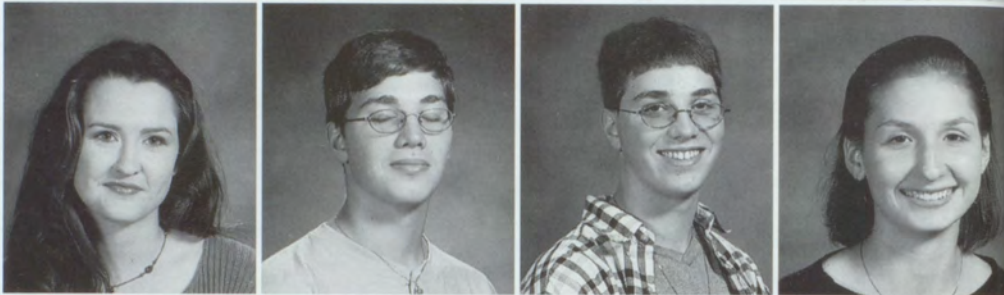
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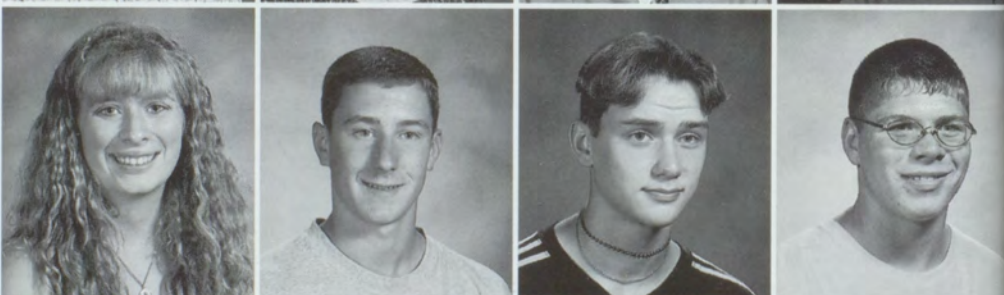
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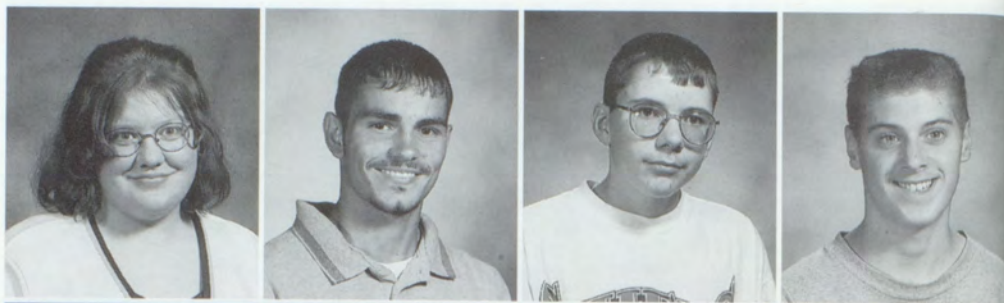
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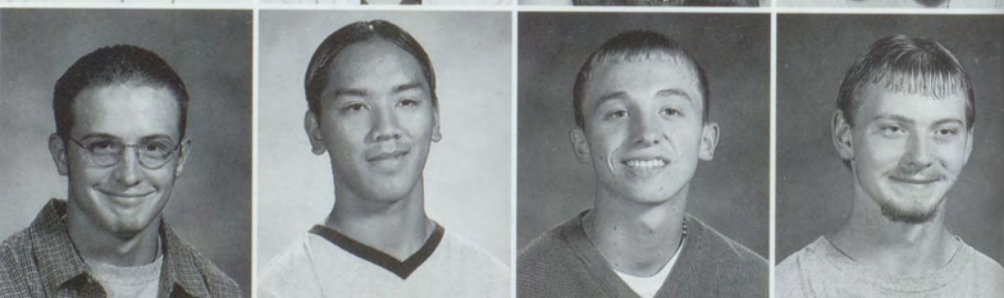
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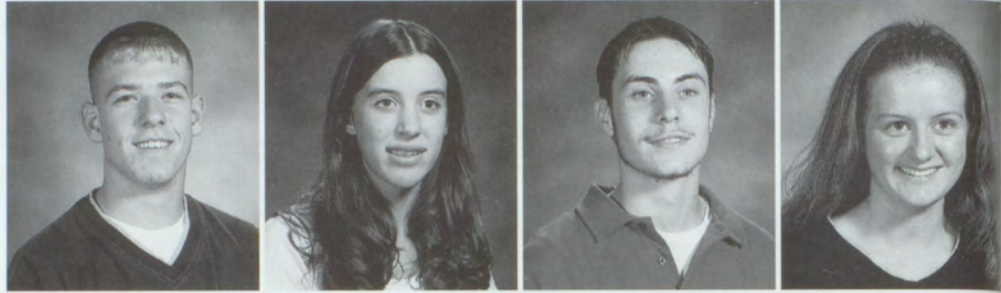
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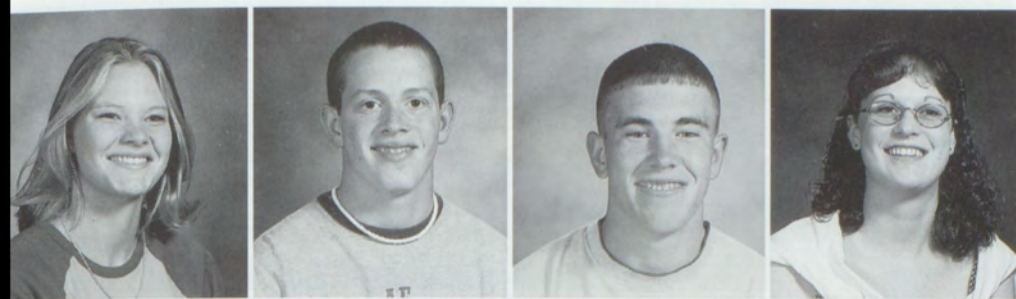
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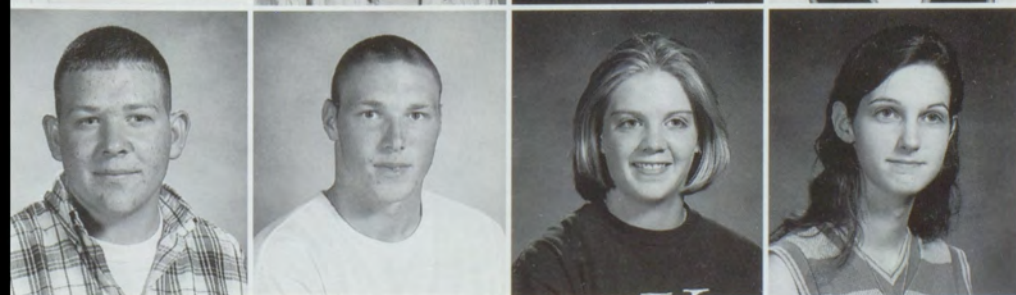
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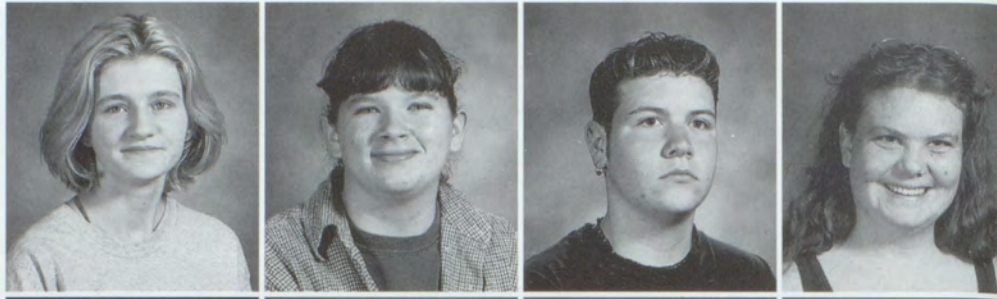
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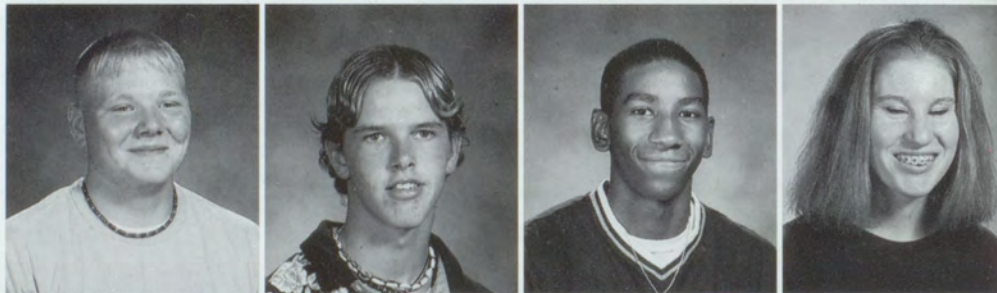
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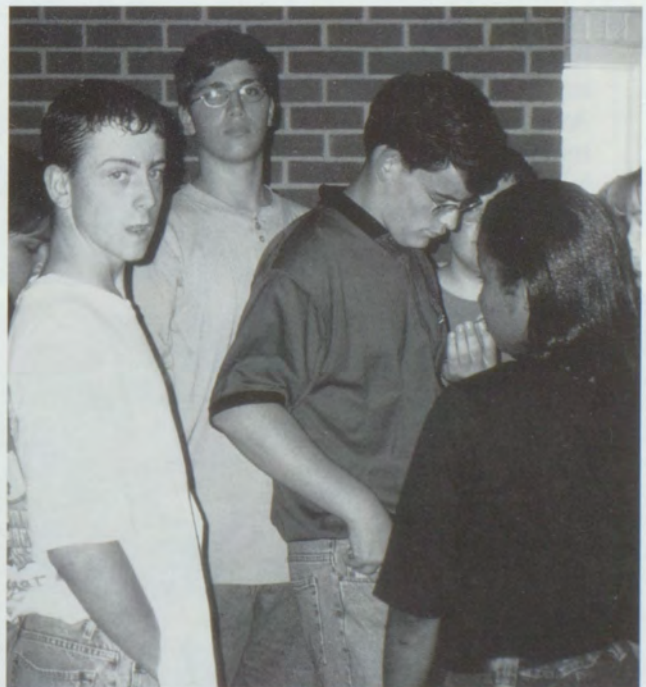
“There aren’t the pressures of being a senior, but we are still upperclassmen.”-Niesha Martin

Junior Niesha Martin, right, gives a whopping smile as she begins to perform her twirling routine at half-time of a Varsity football game. Niesha has been a member of the twirling team for three years. As you can see she loves doing it and of course, the student body loves to watch the twirlers show off.



Juniors, Emily David and Raelynn Merchant, left, are engrossed in a precarious experiment during Mr. Capes’ chemistry class. Because of the newly remodded chemistry lab, the students are able to do more elaborate experiments.

Juniors Chris Williams, Sarah Devore, Issac Belcher, Chad Day, and Christin Franklin, wait patiently to get their picture taken by Lifetouch Photos. Pictures went very fast and steadily this year with hardly any complications.



“Not everyone has a mom who is also a tooth.”-Josh Jordan



Juniors, Chelsea Carr, Amber Jefferson, Amanda Jones, Tammy Brown, and Emmalee Voth, left, drink their soda and pause for a quick smile at the 1999 Pop Game.

Sophomore, Josh Jordan, right, thoroughly embarrassed by his mother's (aka "The Tooth") singing ability as she sings him Happy Birthday in the IHS library. As you can see he is trying to cover his beet red face.



Mike Chevere, Courtnee Demo, Rosanna Lee, and Sherman McQue, left join in on the conversation, in their Conflict Resolution class. The class helps them to learn problem solving skills.

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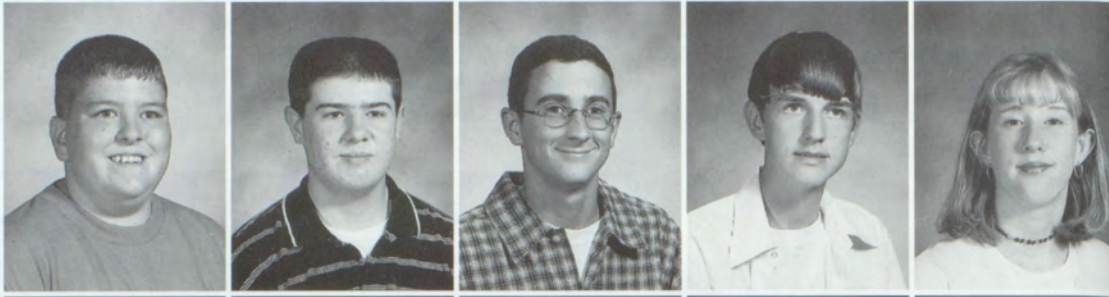
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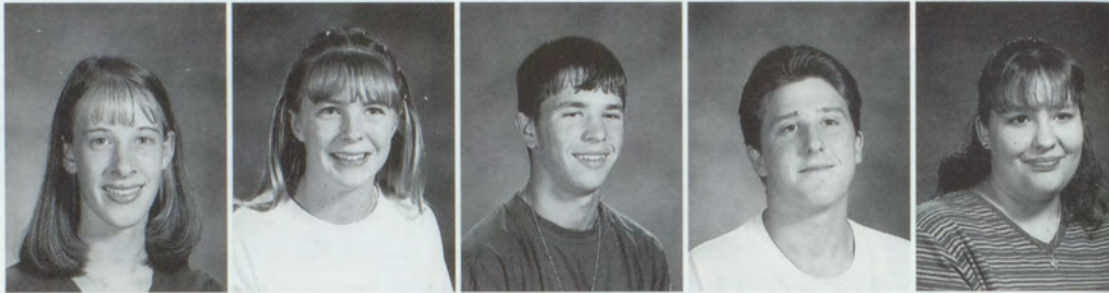
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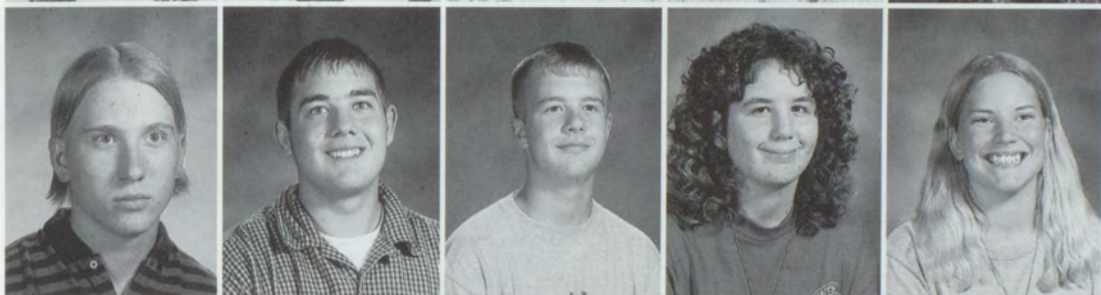
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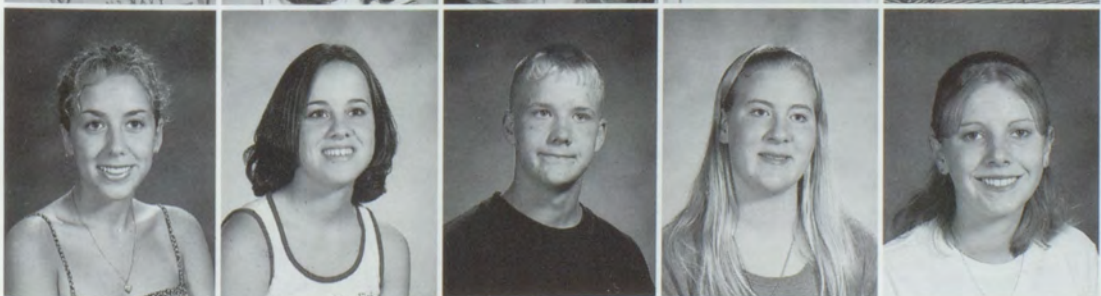
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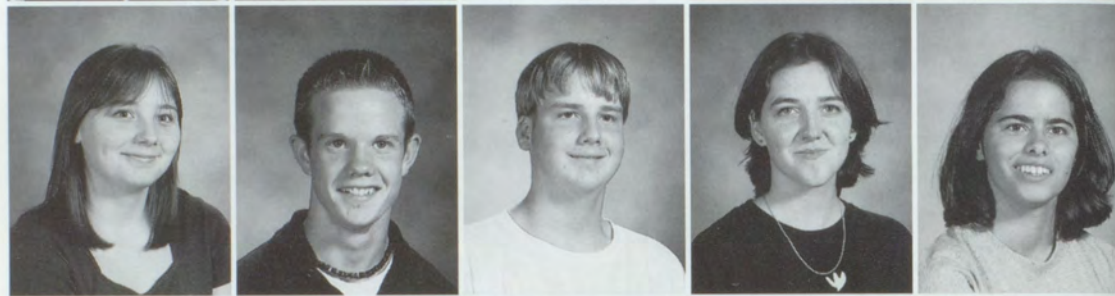
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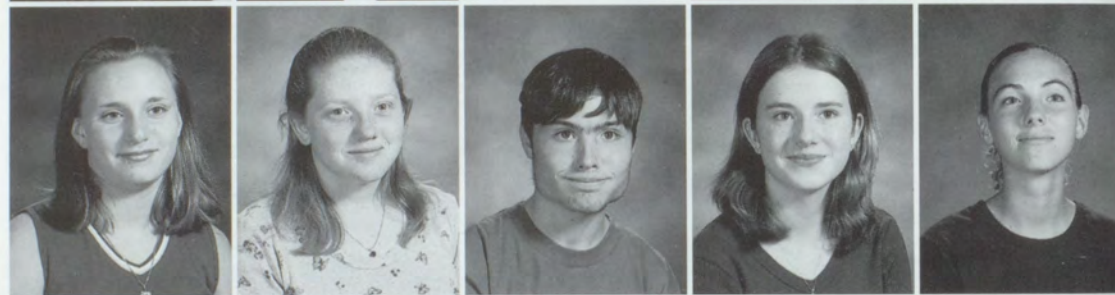
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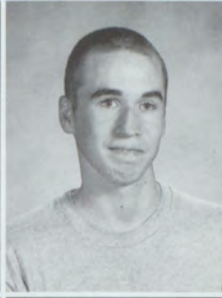
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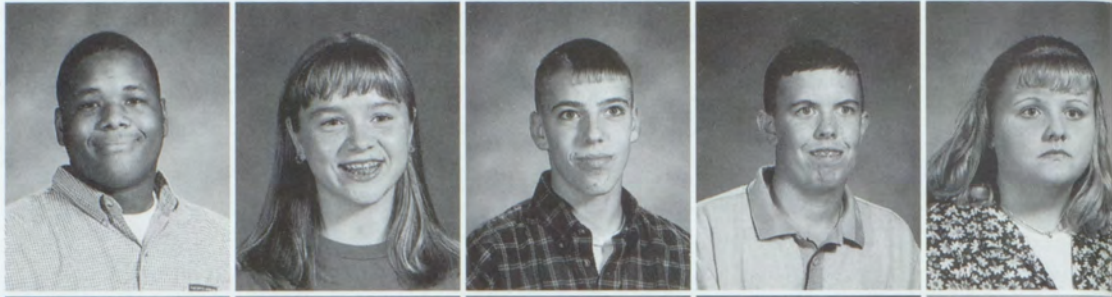
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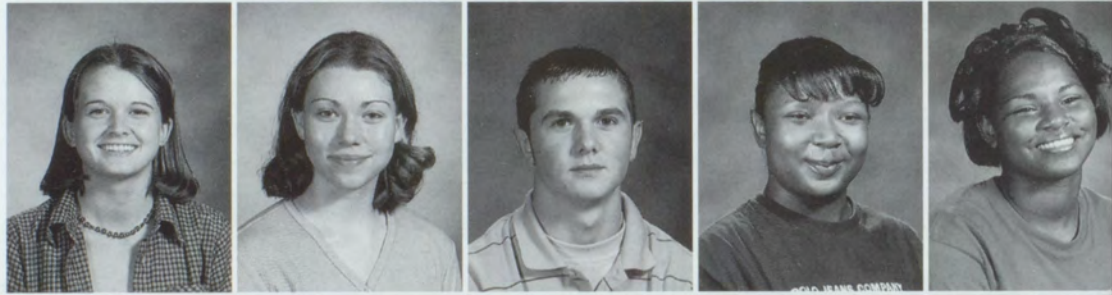
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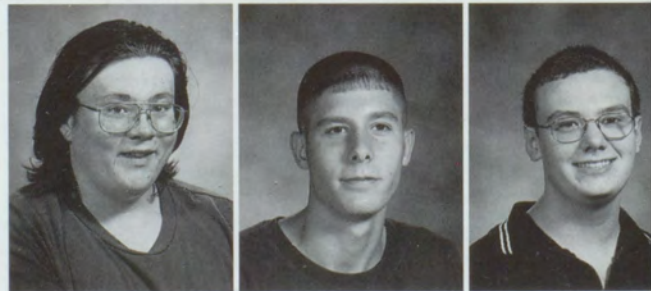
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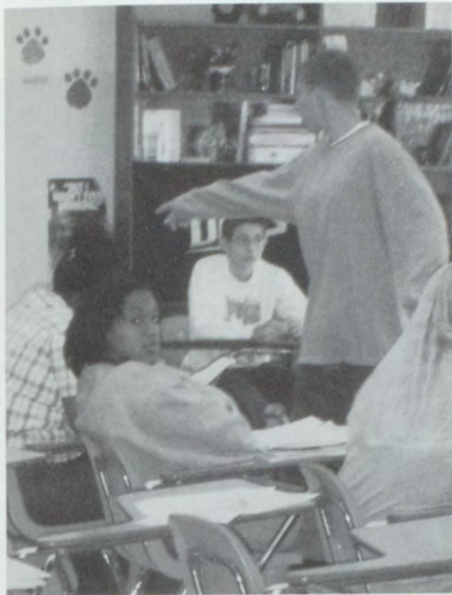
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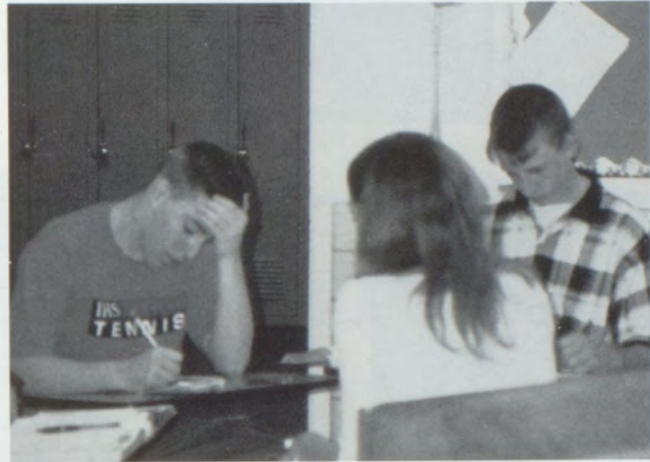
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“Sophomore life was more exciting than being a freshman.” - Lisa Buchanan



Jonathan Spencer points his finger at some of his classmates during an activity in his sexuality class. This class helps students to build trust and the ability to make positive decisions.



Sophomores in Mrs. Reichenberger class work together on their history assingment.



Sophomores in Mr. Boehs' class work together on a medieval castle. Mr. Boehs has a lot of information on medieval times, and he even takes it to the extreme by wearing a kilt



Bradley Daugherty, Sytera Barnard, Lisa Buchanan and Matt Barnhart listen carefully while taking notes in Mr.Shelton's class.



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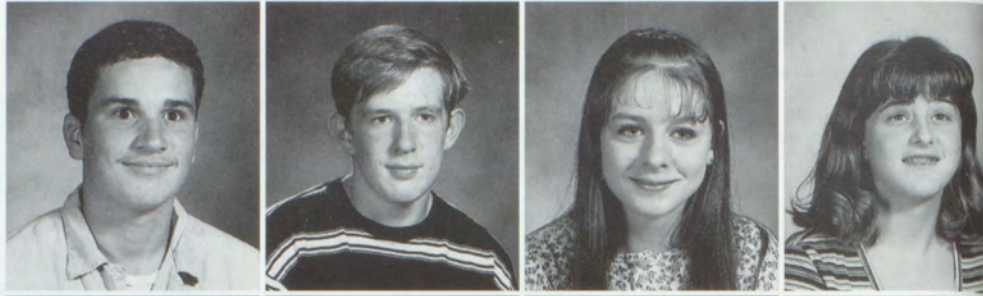
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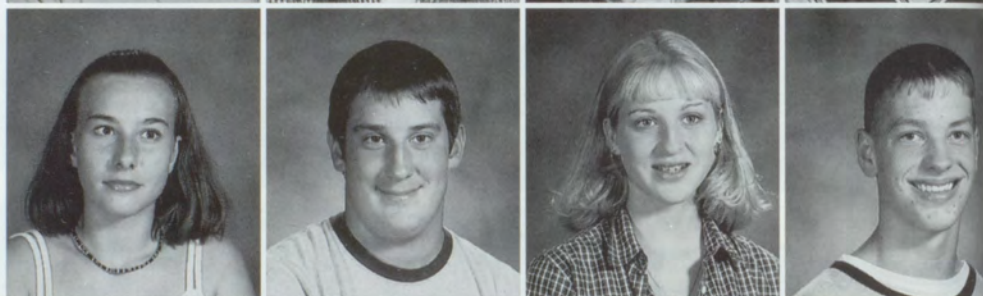
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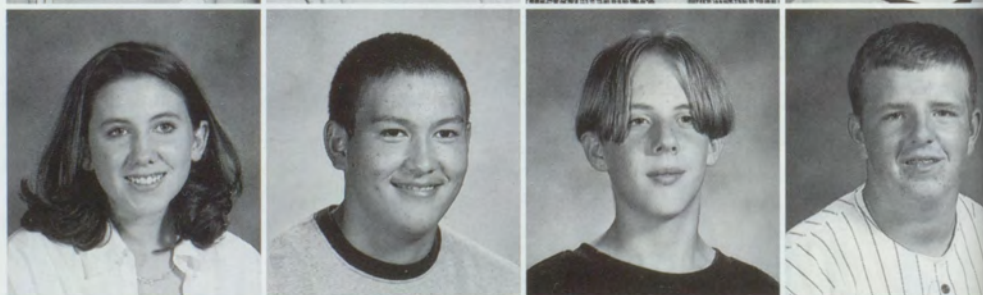
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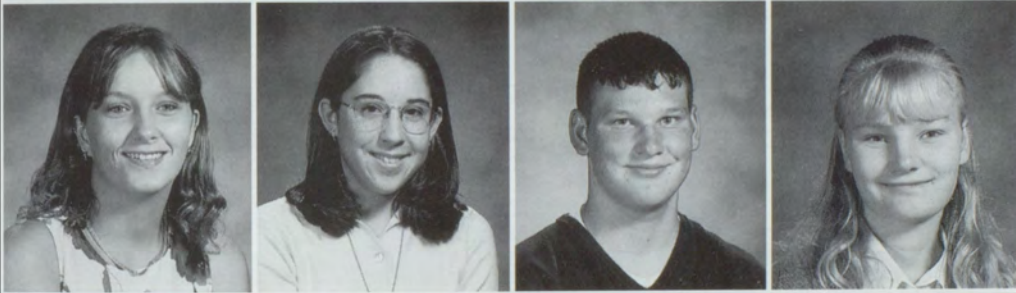
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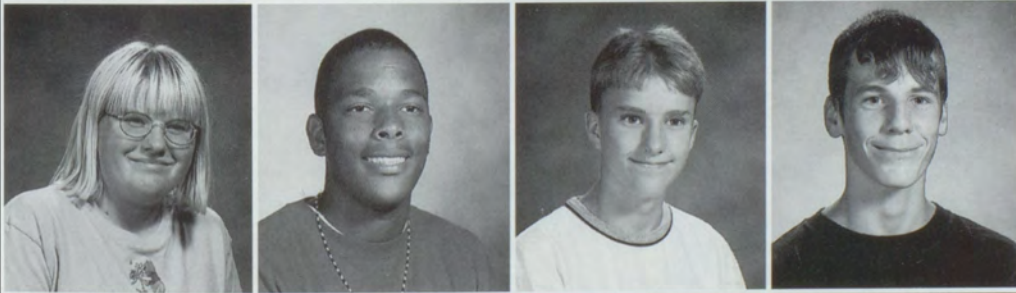
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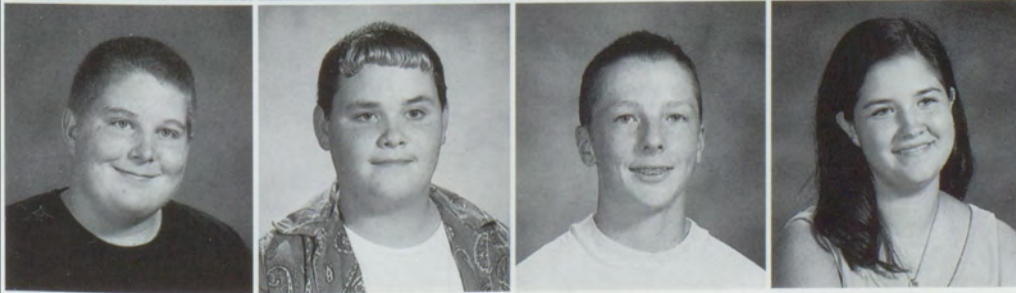
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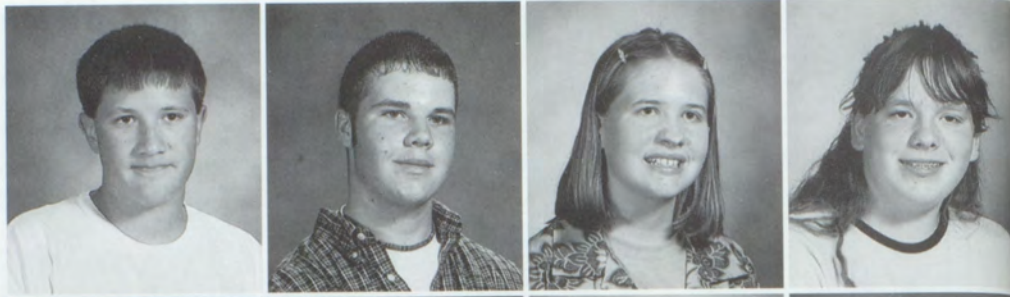
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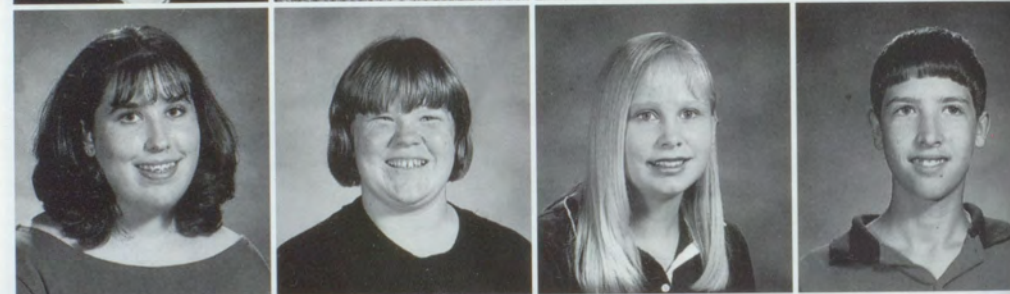
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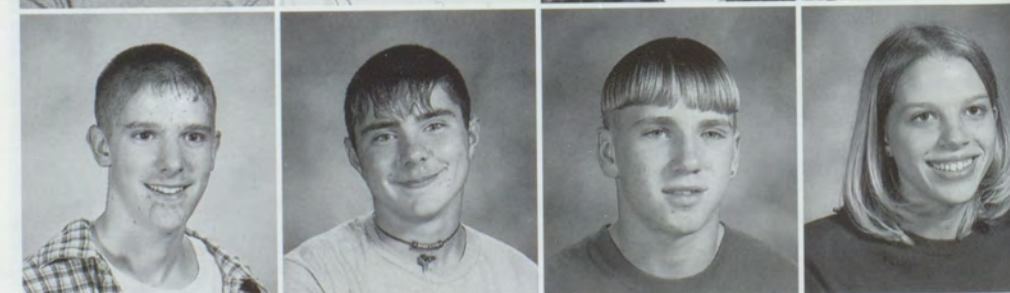
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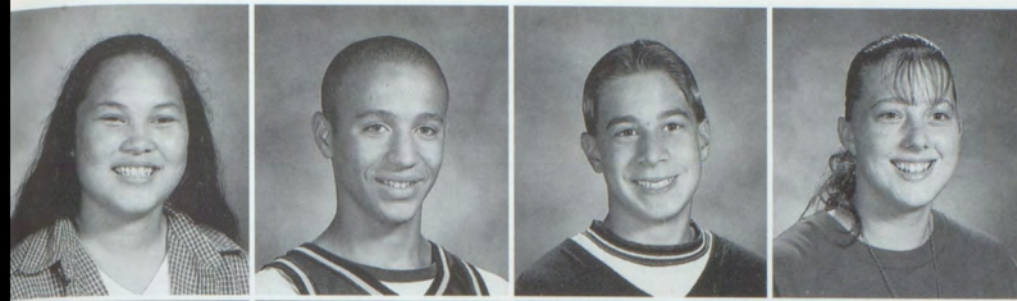
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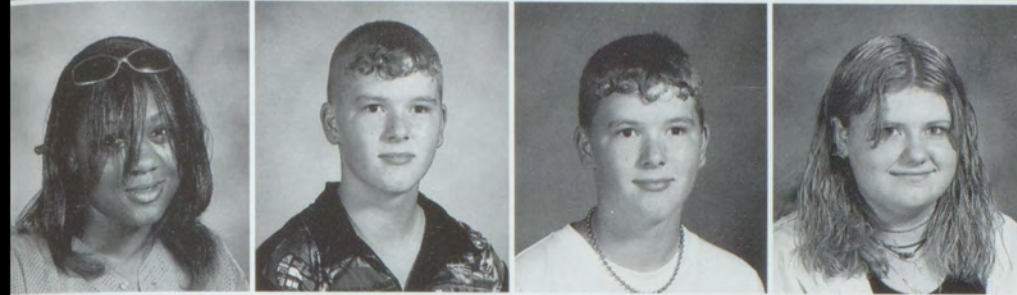
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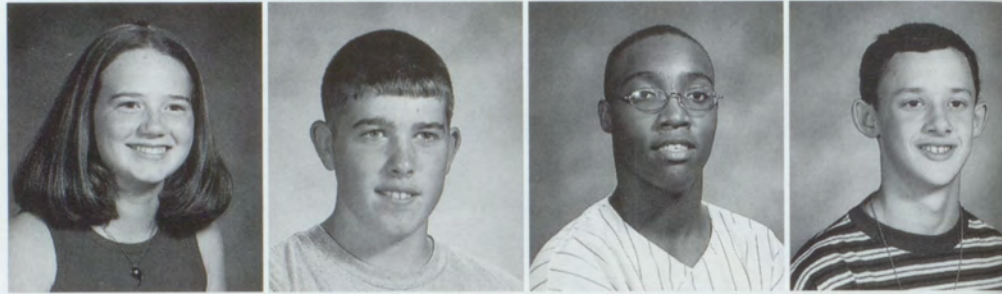
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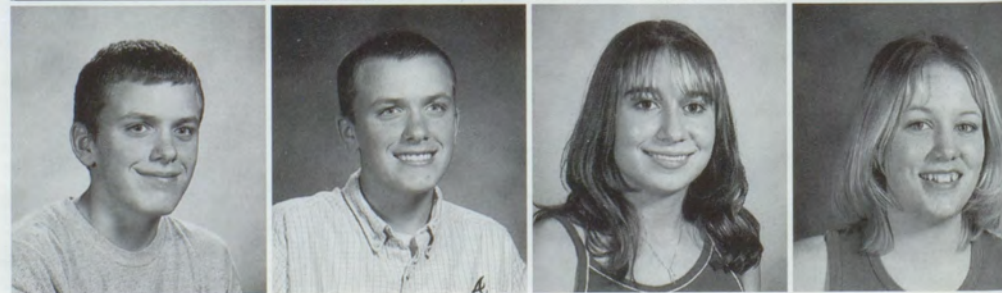
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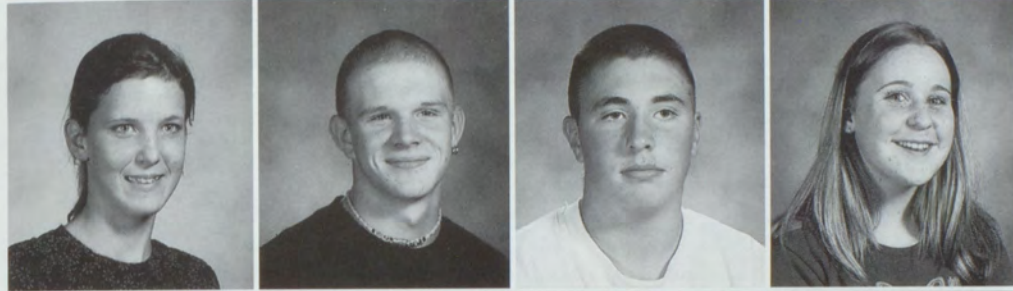
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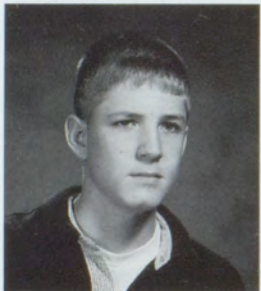
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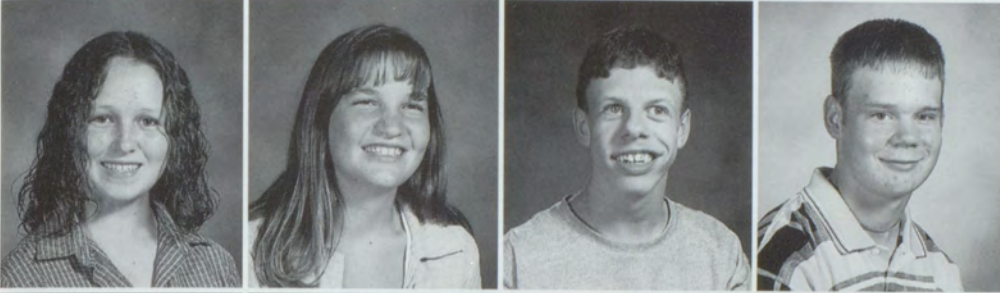
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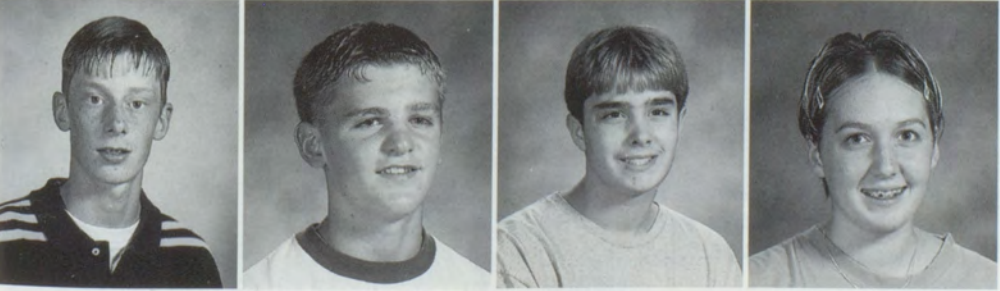
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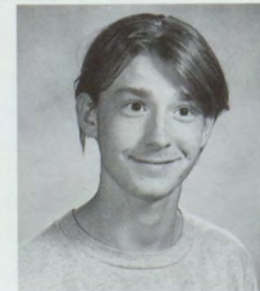
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“High School: More Students, more opportunities. - Jason Blackard



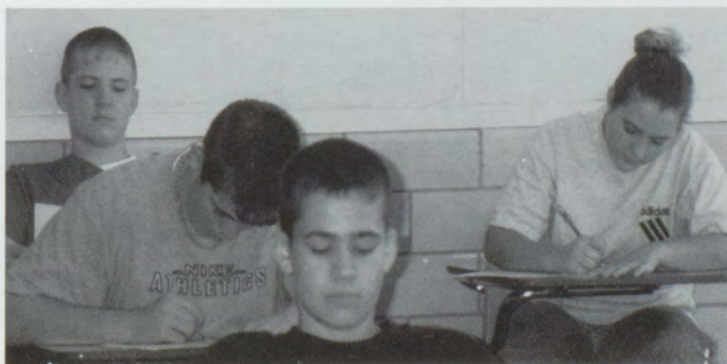
Freshman sit around a table in the cafeteria enjoying the new, and fun experience of Renaissance



Are they praying before a test or simply getting ready to exchange gum? Krista Hugo and Heather Lester stop briefly before class.



Amanda Winebrenner enjoys listening to Curtis Lewallen read his paper aloud in their freshman English class.



Paying attention and taking notes takes up a major part of Mr. Moseley's civics class. Above are Lucas, Katie Melle and Eric Leoffler.

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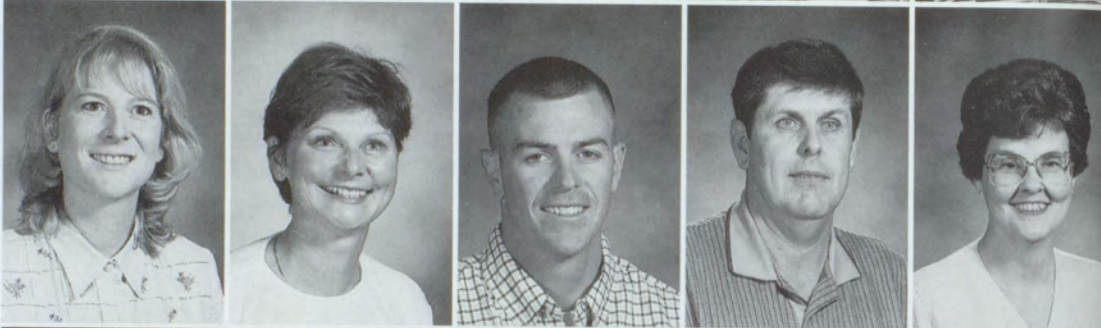
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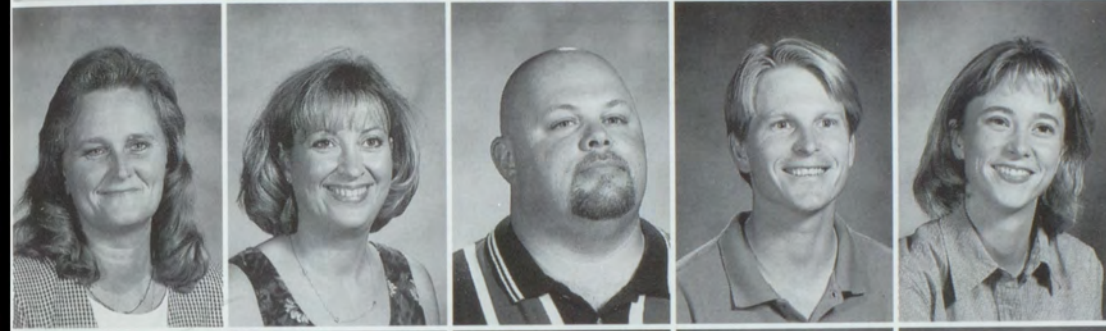
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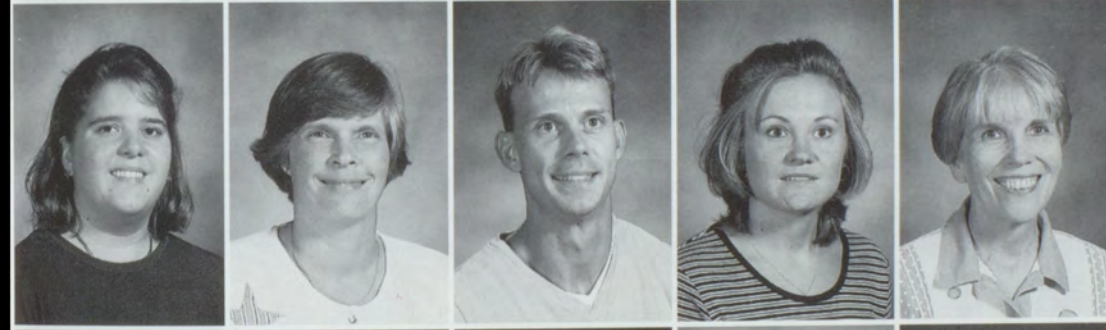
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To teenage years
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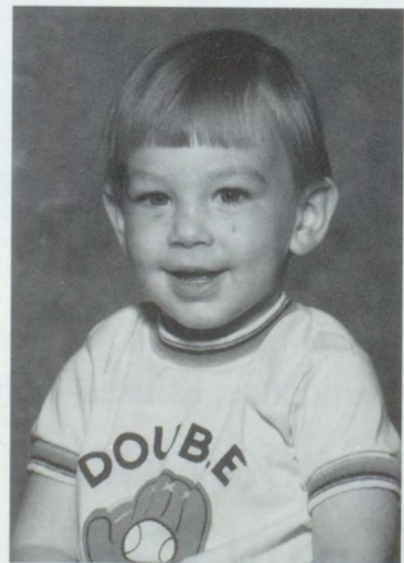
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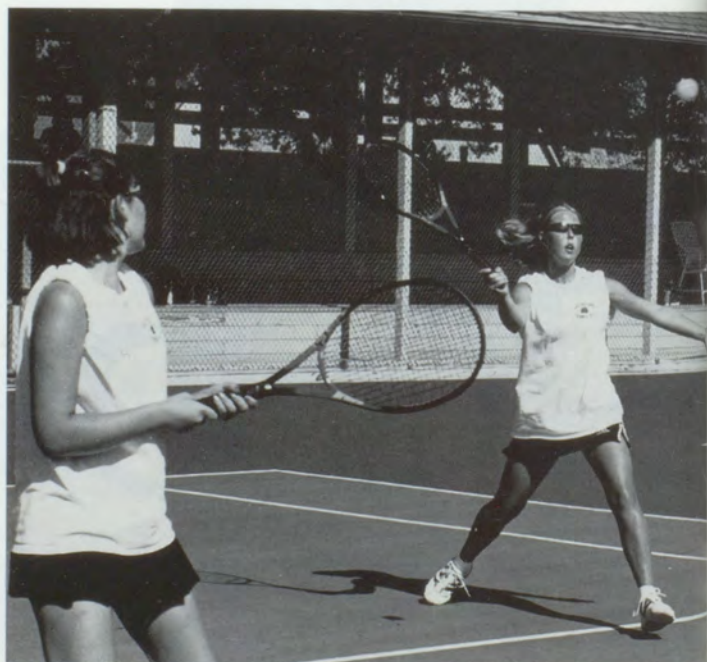
“I couldn’t have had a better senior tennis season.” -Jordan Paugh



Front Row: Amber Jefferson, Carolyn Denney, Jordan Paugh, Bethanie White, Kelsey Stephens, Megan Brooks, Kara Thompson, Erin Brooks, Sarah Hines, Sara Hammer, Anna Barbie and Mindy Thompson. Back Row: Michelle Thompson, Mary Kelly, Jennifer Beurskens, Molly Brown, Erica Schultz, Hillary Sherwood, Victoria Lowden, Amy Haley, Kellie Jewers, Krista Hugo, Shannon Beurskens, Natalie Brockway and Lauren Oakleaf.

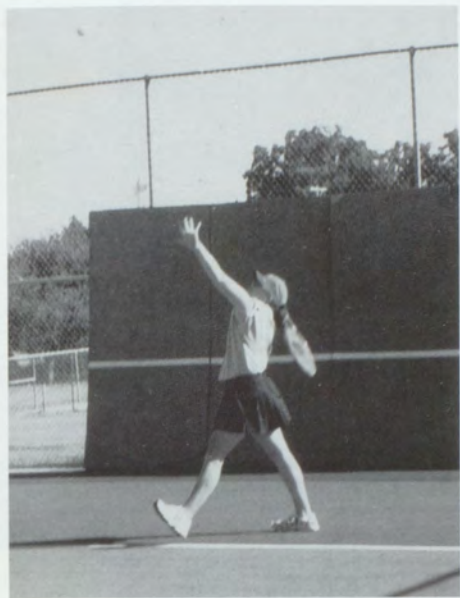


Jordan Paugh, fourth year tennis player, hits the ball hard at 1999 Regionals.



Jennifer Beurskens focuses as she is about to hit the ball as teammate Lauren Oakleaf observes from the side.

“My four years of IHS tennis was a great experience.” -Sara Hammer



Kellie Jewers, junior tennis player, reaches high for her serve in this JV tennis match.



Molly Brown, sophomore tennis player, backhands the tennis ball at the 1999 Regional tournament. She plays singles. Molly later went on to win this match.



Kelsey Stephens, freshman, practices on perfecting her backhand.

Most Spirited-Sara Hammer
 Most Hustle-Molly Brown
 Most Improved- Hilliary Sherwood
 Rookie of the Year- Kelsey Stephens
 Most Valuable-Jordan Paugh



In this doubles match Mindy Thompson, stretches low to return the ball as her partner Sarah Hines, junior looks on.

“Volleyball was a blast!”-A. Gates

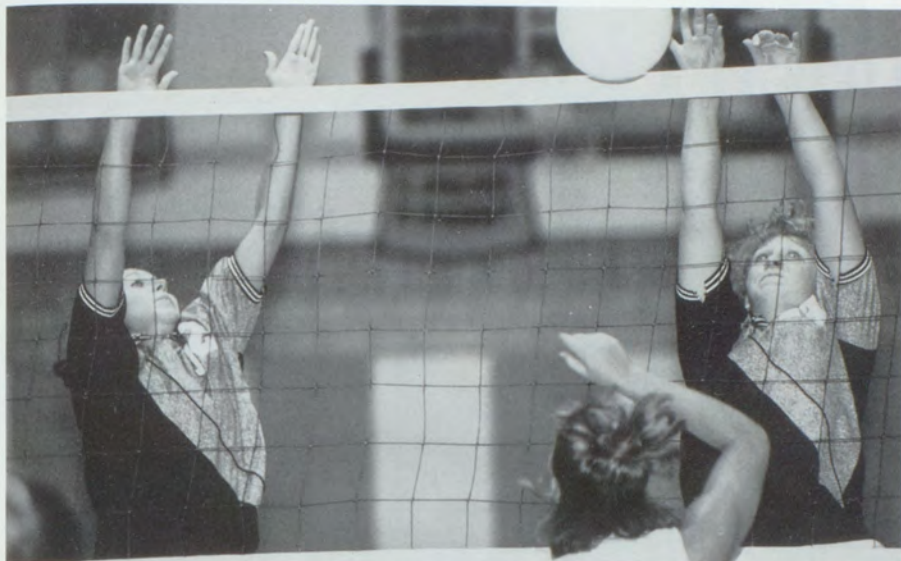


Front Row: Melissa MacRae, Jessica Camacho, Loni Dailey , Dayaunna Gibbons. Back Row: Jennifer Tucker, Ti Martin, Julie Welch, Ashlee Gates.



Front Row: Lisa Padilla, Natasha Wharry, Nicole Stewart, Sarah Newkirk, Ashley Dunham. Back Row: Banessa Jones, Barbara Plaven, Emily Farmer, Lauren Freisberg, Ramie Browning, Lindsay Dunham.

“The fans supported us through our home season.” -Johna Emmot



Sophomore Loni Dailey, left, soars up high to block a return from the Labette County Grizzlies. This year was Loni’s first year to start on Varsity, and her second year to play IHS volleyball.



Megan McMillin goes up to spike the ball with a look of determination on her face.



Top Row: Johna Emmot, Stacy Mitchell. Middle Row: Beth Rinck, Kristen Kelley, Stephanie Wilson, Megan McMillin. Bottom Row: Erica Redman, Courtney Adam, Tera Cadwell.

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Johna Emmot

Second Team

Erica Redman

Year Record

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League Record

6-2 (2nd place)

“We had a rough season but it was fun; good luck to you guys next year.” -Branden Cox



Fourth Row: George Black, David Murdock, Brian Sandon, Devin Jarrett, Ross Baldassaro, Aaron Shrader, Russell Swisher, Mack Lee, Ben Long, Josh Jordan, Wesley Evans, Travis Rousseau, Brett Perry. Third Row: Jake Faulkner, Tyler Morgan, Chris Beyer, Abe Al-Bureni, Josh Tucker, Jasper Durbin, Dallas Watson, Brian Dennis, Mark Spellman, Phillip Newkirk, Jeff Radcliff, Shawn Smith, Jake Blurton. Second Row: Lee Pate, Jason Courtney, Eric Sandon, Benny Cox, James Schwarz, Travis Dunham, Buddy Schink, Todd Shrader, Jacob Viets, Branden Cox, Beau Schultz, Sherman Brown, Brandon Bailey, Michael Alexander, Matt Holum, Justin Courtney, Theorn Landwher. First Row: Patrick Allen, Brandon Calderon, Brian Pokorny, Kelly Ross, Daniel Couch, Michael Hall, Chris Stockton, Travis Kendrick, Jonathon Spencer, Ryan McGuyer, Mick Brown, Matt Linden, Aaron Brockway, Toby Muninger, Roger McGuyer



Dallas Watson, Jacob Viets line on the offensive side of the football in a game at Emmot Field. Dallas, a junior, and Jacob, a senior, both received post-season honors in voting by the league coaches. Earlier in the year, Jacob was selected by the **USA Today** as one of the top Kansas high school players.

Ending the season with a WIN!



The mass enthusiasm as the football team won its last game of the season is demonstrated as the fans, parents mob the field. The last game, against Coffeyville, provided an uplift for the team as it had gone winless. The team improved practically every game but was faced with a tough schedule. Most observers agreed that Coach Hayward and his staff improved the program during the year. However, at the end of the season Coach Hayward resigned as football coach.



Seniors relax after their last high school football game of their life, beating the Coffeyville Tornado, 15-9 with the last second touchdown by Michael Alexander. L to R: Justin Courtney, Todd Shrader, Travis Dunham, Matt Holum, Jacob Viets, Branden Cox, Jason Courtney, Brandon Bailey, Theron Landwehr, Lee Pate, Michael Alexander, Beau Schultz, Eric Sandon

“Our season wasn’t the best at the beginning, but at the end I think we did extremely well.”- Mack Kaufmann



Front Row: Arthur Thompson, Joe Al-Bureni, Jon Harris, Robert Camacho, Shane McCoy, Chris Elliott, Simon Heckman, Travis Tow, Zach Viets, Eric Loefflen Middle Row: Chris York, Tanner Woods, Jeremy Mosely, Thorsten Fraley, Brandon Branham, Ryan Gilchrist, Andrew Long, Allen Bonde, Dominique Darkis Back Row: Josh Mattes, Mack Kaufmann, Michael Pokorny, Brian Tate, Tom Boggs, Nathaniel Tredoux, Brett Beurskens, Chris Cox, Justin Kelley, Zach Brown



Robert Camacho, Freshman, goes for a touch down in the J.V. Ft. Scott game at Emmot Field.

Coaching staff, front: Kelly Cranor, Mark Hayward (Head), Carl Boldra, Jim Mosely Back: doug Rinck, tim Davis Glen Stanley, John Mangan



“It was quite an honor to be chosen as the last Fall Queen of the 20th Century.”-Brianna Swisher

The 1999 Fall Homecoming Queen Candidates: Cody Uttinger, Brianna Swisher, Hilliary Sherwood, Jordan Paugh, and Johna Emmot. Escorts: Jake Viets, Branden Cox, Andrew Kadel, Matt Holum, and Beau Schultz. This group of students are all from the senior class except junior Andrew Kadel.



Branden Cox escorts Brianna Swisher on to the football field and watches Brianna with pride as she is crowned the Fall Sports Homecoming Queen.



Sherman Brown interviews Mrs. Spencer in her wild costume for the Fall Sports Homecoming Assembly. The assembly featured several different faculty members dressed up for the skit. Student Council was in charge of the assembly.

The five candidates along with Tanner Rose and Macall Manor pose for a last picture. The children were not used the assembly but served as crown bearer and flower girl at the festivities at the game.



“Freshmen cheerleaders really stuck together.”-Karrie Ross



Front Row: Ashley Goad, Lauren Hanks, Callie Uttinger and Karrie Ross
Back Row: Ashley LaBarr, Anne Timmons, Megan Stevens and Ashley Kitch.



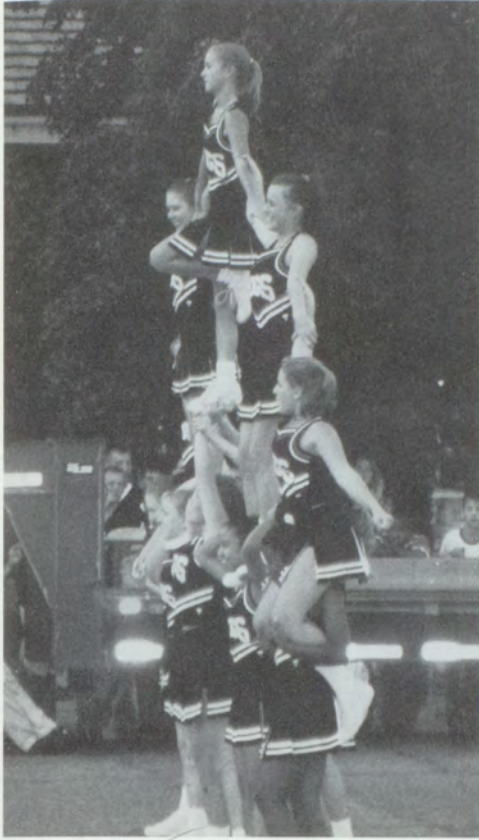
Ashley Goad, Callie Uttinger, and Megan Stevens cheer on the freshmen Bulldog football team. Freshmen stayed busy while also cheering for Volleyball.



Rachel Nally and Joyce Gray, the 1999 cheerleader sponsors, did a great job this year helping the cheerleaders do the best they could do.

“ I met a lot of people through cheerleading.”
-Ashley Goad

“This has been the most spirited year.” -Amy Watson



Cheerleaders, left, do a liberty build during the spirit parade down town. Varsity cheerleaders, above, cheer L-E-T-S-G-O during a home football game at Kayo Emmot Field.



Front Row: Mary Henderson, Brianna Swisher, Amy Watson, and Cody Uttinger. Back Row: Cortny Schlorholtz, Brooke Mills, Jackie Wilsey, Ali Bannwarth, Hannah Dillon, and Tara McCarrell.

“I loved being the only Senior on the team.” -Evan Hoyt



Front (L-R) Allison Taylor, Amber Diaz, Michelle Alt, Ashley Sweeten, and Danielle Reddick
 Middle (L-R) Jacob Dick, Jerrid Schicke, Brian Emert, Patrick Housby, Aaron David, and Ryan Logan
 Top (L-R) Skyler Estes, Brad Klamm, Winston Amick, Jason Blackard, Andrew Kadel, Marty Kelly, Cody Robertson, and Skyler Rail (Not Pictured: Evan Hoyt, Emily David and John Williams)

Sophomore, Brad Klamm, right, chugs up the last hill of the Sycamore Valley course toward the finish line. By this time in the race, the runners have lost all touch with their body and the pain has passed the point of feeling.



Right, sophomore Danielle Reddick, strains to stay ahead of the Labette County runner. Danielle raced in all the meets and lettered in cross country. The girls team suffered from a lack of participants.



“My first year running was a huge success.” -Michelle Alt

Most Improved Guy-Winston Amick

Most Improved Girl-Danielle Reddick

Most Energetic-Jacob Dick

Guy Pre/Pre Award-Jerrid Schicke

Girl Pre/Pre Award-Michelle Alt

Sportsmanship Award-Andrew Kadel

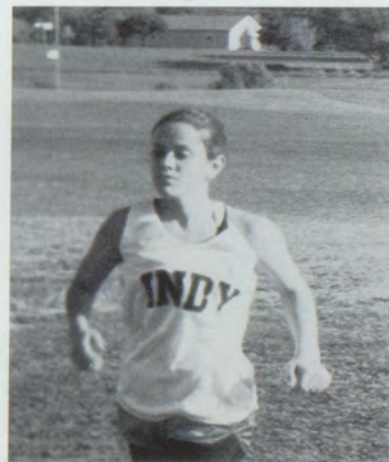
Most Inspirational-Emily David



Jacob Dick, left, and Marty Kelly, right, dig deep to stay ahead of the competition in the annual meet held at the Sycamore Valley Golf Course. These two underclassmen worked hard this year in representing Independence High School.



Ashley Sweeten, sophomore, competing for her first year in Cross Country, is determined to pass the Parsons runner.



Amber Diaz, sophomore, above, is not rushing to get to class on time, but is completing the last leg of the cross country race. Amber has ran cross country for two years.

“I thought it was fun. It was nice to get out there and experience cheerleading, although it was very cold.”

-Daniel Shepard,



Left to Right, Top: Neil Daugherty, Middle: Daniel Shepard, Jared Shicke. Bottom: Roger McGuyer, Michael Hall, and Ryan McGuyer. Standing: Josh Jordan.



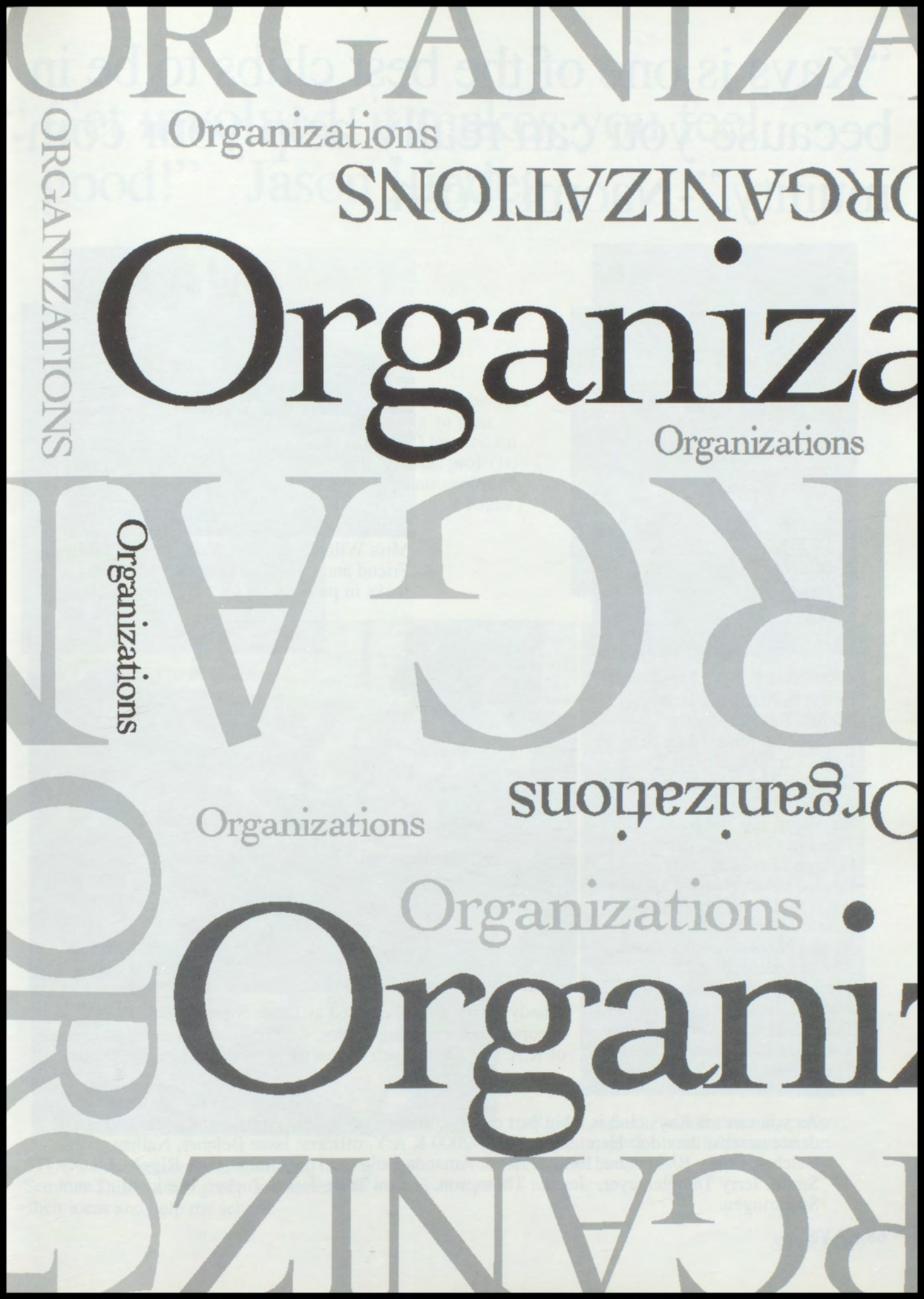
Brianna Swisher and other senior girls make a huddle for good luck before the Powder Puff game.



Powder Puff senior and sophomore teams huddle to make a play. The seniors were the over-all champs, with the highest score.



Jason Linder plays the role of coach for a night. Jason and other guys had the chance to coach Powder Puff for different classes. Jason is imitating coach Mark Hayward.



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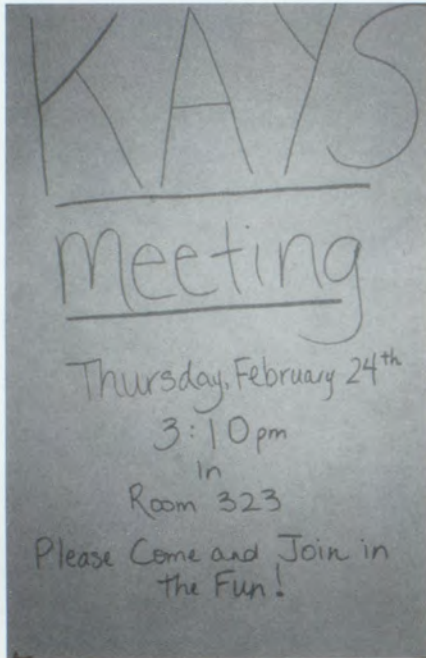
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“Kays is one of the best clubs to be in because you can really help your community.”-Naomi Tosh



Miss Willis helps K.A.Y. members, Emily Friend and Christina Ortega create shamrocks in preparation for St. Patrick's Day.

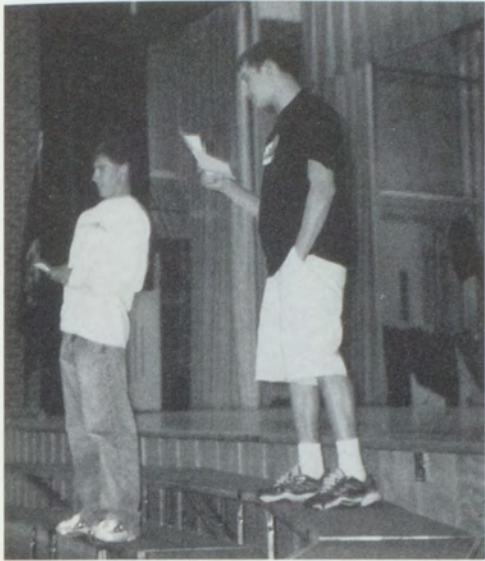
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 Tyree, Emmalee Voth, Kari
 Walker.



Mandy Smith looks bemused as Laura Swearingen cuts out decorations for nursing homes. Community service is a big part of K.A.Y.'s Club which makes them well liked in Independence.

As you can see Kays club is a big part of our community. It helps raise self-esteem and confidence in what they do. Here are the 1999-2000 K.A.Y. officers: Issac Belcher, Nathan Belcher, Emily Blakemore, Emily Friend, Amanda Holmes, Tina Ortega, Tim Riggle, Mandy Smith, Jerry Templemeyer, Jessica Thompson, Naomi Tosh, Jenny Tucker. President : Laura Swearingen.

“Get involved, it makes you feel good!” Jason Linder



Jason Linder and Matt Holum read off a recent update on what's going on in STUCO.

STUCO members are listening to their STUCO leaders, on new ideas, projects, and solutions for a better year. (Right)



STUCO members relax at a meeting during Seminar. This is a fun group for students to express their ideas and help the school.



Rhett Laubach, a motivational speaker, came to speak about tolerance to the student body.

“Kansas Association of Youth.”

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The annual KAYS banquet was held at the Zion Lutheran Church this year. KAYS members were treated to a dinner and Emily Friend's piano music. Emily has participated in KAYS for four years.



Laura Swearingen and Mrs. Browning talk about the upcoming ceremony at the Banquet. The induction of new officers was also held this evening led by the president of KAYS, above.



Mandy Smith, above, reads her program for the banquet. Mandy has been involved in the KAYS program for four years.



As the end of the year roles around, the KAYS members take time to relax with friends. Emmalee Voth and friends wait for the meal as others read the program for the evening's activities.

“Pupps was an experience I’ll never forget.”-Emily Friend



Bottom Row (L-R) Sarah Boyer, Kellie Jewers, Monique Brown, Shanna Berry, Michelle Alt, Erin Brooks, Mandy Vestal, James Hinman, Matt Holum.
Middle Row (L-R) Kattie Bredehoft, Josh Tucker, Ross Baldassarro, Andrew Kadel, Nathan Bolin, Sherman Brown, Branden Cox, Jeff Gettler, Jacob Friend.
Top Row (L-R) Liane Eisenbart, Emily Friend, Rosanna Lee, and Ashley Collins.

“Don’t drink and drive.”-Aaron Brockway



Top Row (L-R) Matt Barnhart, Aaron Brockway, Brian Sandon, Jerry Templemeyer, Ashley Collins, Courtney Adam, Sally Tucker, Megan Stephens, Holly Thompson, Karri Brooks, Sarah Newkirk, Ashley Goad, and Shannon Beurskens.

“Español es fantástico!”- Sarah Friend



First Row: Emily Friend, Stephanie Wilson, Victoria Lowden, Isaac Belcher, Kellie Jewers, Michelle Alt, Tiffany Miller, and Chris Lowden. Second Row: Laura Swearingen, Roseanna Lee, Josh Tucker, Beth Rinck, Andrew Kadel, Sherman Brown, Nathan Belcher, and Robert Martin.

“French Club offers new and fun experiences.”- Stephanie Thompson



First Row: Joe Al-Bureni, Abe Al-Bureni, Julie Dumler, Tiffany Patterson, and Uma Patel. Second Row: Bethany Ayers, Rachel Ayers, Ashley McCoy, Brittany Johnson, Shannon Beason, Brooke Mills, Monique Brown, Lisa Gruver, and Jessica Schuessler. Third Row: Andrew DeFever, Russell Swisher, Eric Affolter, Travis Kelley, Jason Taylor, Sarah Long, Stephanie Thompson, Nicole Graham, Misty Boorigie, and Sarah Hines. Fourth Row: Jessica Ramsey, Brittany Bell, Suzanne Elliott, Megan Steele, Kevin Honan, Jeff Radcliff, Rob Read, Megan McMillin, Erin Brooks, and Ali Bannwarth. Fifth Row: Matt Bryant, Zack Valentine, John Heathman, Jared Gorman, Jacob Lowery, Nick Wilsey, and Megan Williams.

“Meeting people from other towns
was the best part about forensics.”-
Sarah Long



First Row: Michael Fienen, Michelle Rowe, Monique Brown, Fyre Goenner, Shanna Berry, Jessica Thompson, and Jason Taylor. Second Row: Rory Holmes, Bethany Ayers, Jeff Gettler, Kayla Bridwell, Darcie Farran, Victoria Lowden, and Sarah Long.

“Latina mortua non est.”- Beth
Follmer



Left to right: Jacob Lowry, Ms. McCray, Beth Follmer, Patrick Housby, Jessica Thompson, Jackie Wilsey, Jennifer Ramsey, Nick Wilsey, and Laura Rau.

“ When you do something stupid, it makes the rest of us look stupid.”

Science Club Members



Rosanna Lee and Stephanie Wilson (left) are very proud to support the I.H.S. science club.

The 1999-2000 members of the science club. (below).

Eli Gross helps plant flowers for scum club. (Bottom- Left).



Ramie Browning (bottom-Right) also helps plant flowers for Earth week. Earth week is a program which helps the enviroment.



“Toga! Toga!” -Latin Club



The National Junior Classical League enjoys their Valentine's Day party at Jacob Lowery's home. The members feasted upon delicious treats from the officers of the NJCL. The students took a trip back in time to elementary school and brought home-made Valentine boxes to stuff full of treats and notes.

National Junior Classical League Officers 1999-2000 AD

*President: Beth Follmer
Vice President: Jacob Lowery
Secretary: Jennifer Ramsey
Treasurer: Jessica Thompson
Historian: Sara Doran
STUCO Rep: Nathan Bolin*



IN WITH THE NEW: The officers of 1999-2000 pose with the 2000-2001 officers at the Latin Club High Tea held in late May.



Jacob Lowery and Jessica Thompson stand in Beth Follmer's yard after the High Tea. Jacob is instructing the club on how to suck out the honeysuckle juice.

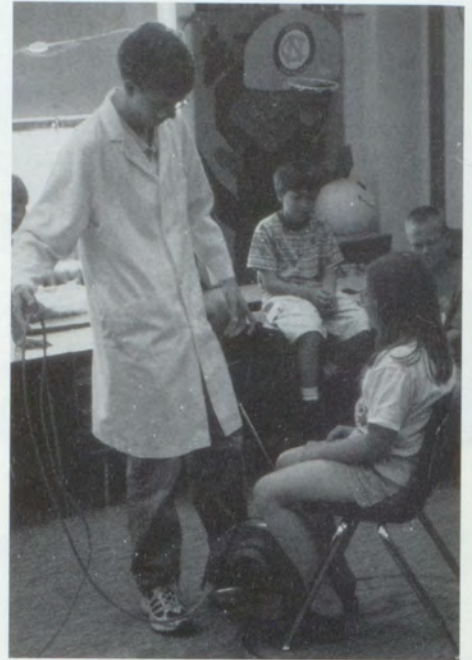
“ IHS has a great sense of style!” - Elizabeth Bishop



Mrs. Spencer gets all dolled up for the Fall Homecoming Assembly.



Members of the IHS Marching Band wear lovely ponchos to protect their age old uniforms during the Neewollah Parade.



Nick Wilsey dresses to impress at one of the local grade schools where he tries out an experiment.



Mr. Emmot shows his true Kansan side while he helps out with the festivities during the Fall Homecoming Assembly.



The boys of the football team show their feminine side at the Powder Puff game.

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“ Thanks to Miss Nally for coming in and helping us out.” -Ashley Farmer



Front Row: L to R Brianna Swisher, Cody Uttinger, and Amy Watson. Middle Row: Tara McCarrell, Brooke Mills, Ashley Farmer, and Ali Bannwarth. Top Row: Jackie Wilsey and Lisa Gruver.

Brianna Swisher, senior, below, looks dazed and confused, as she realizes that she hasn't removed her bright red fingernail polish. Which is a big "no, no" and could result in being benched.

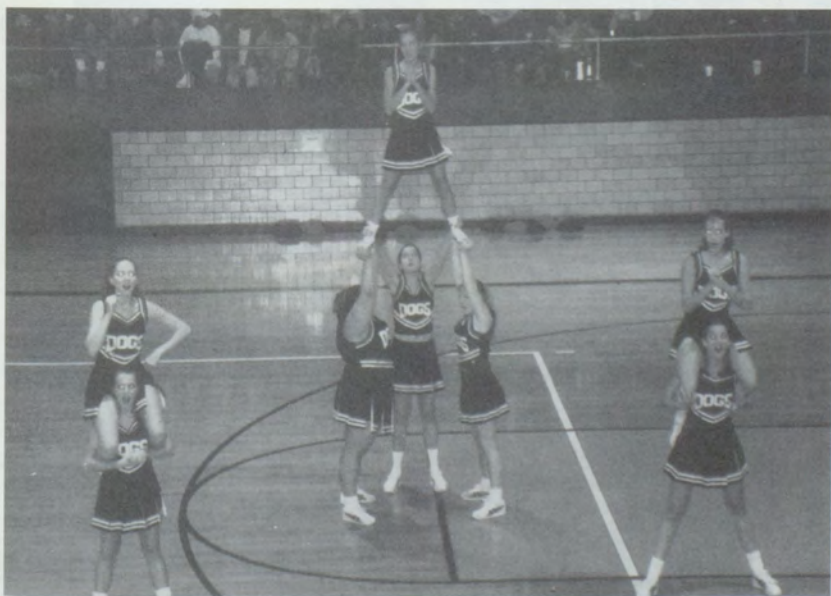


Lisa Gruver, junior, left, leads the crowd along with fellow cheerleaders, Brianna Swisher, senior, and Ali Bannwarth, sophomore. Lisa can also be seen spotting the super-duper builds that the cheerleaders preform during the quarters of the basketball games.

“Being a freshman cheerleader was a cheery experience.”-Megan Brooks

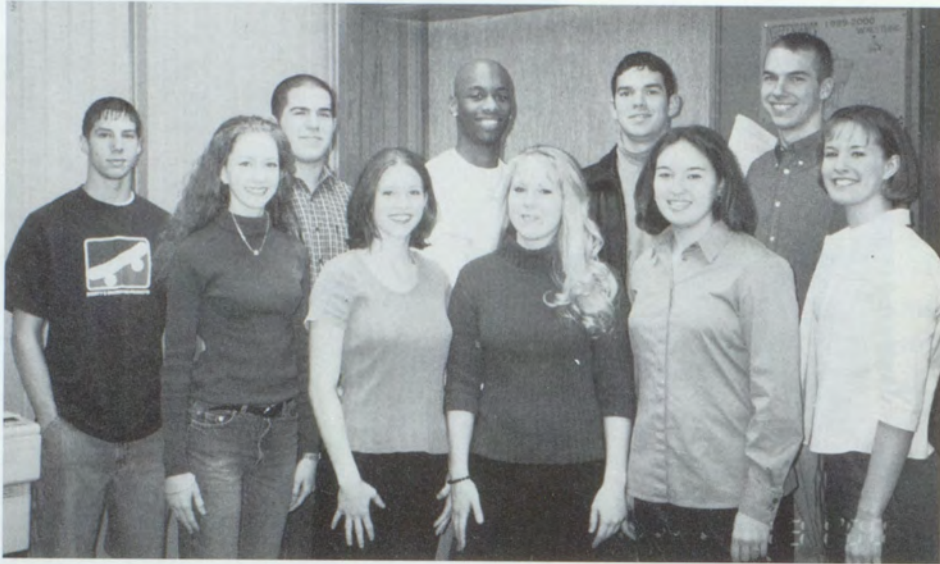


Front Row: Ashley Goad, Lauren Hanks, and Cally Uttinger.
Middle Row: Megan Brooks, and Nicole Stewart. Top Row: Ramie Browning, Emily Farmer, and Shannon Beurskens.



The entire Varsity Cheerleading Squad masters their build which includes an extension with Tara McCarrell on top, Ashley Farmer and Brooke Mills on bottom, and Jackie Wilsey as spotter. Also, Cody Uttinger, left, on Brianna Swisher, and Ali Bannwarth, right, on Lisa Gruver in sittings.

“I did it all for my man Larry Bird” Derrick Darkis - senior



Homecoming Candidates Back Row: Matt Holum, Jacob Viets, Derrick Darkis, Nathan Bolin, Sherman Brown Front Row: Cody Uttinger, Emily David, Brook Mills, Stacy Mitchell, Mary Kelly



Attendants, left, to this year's 2000 Winter Homecoming were Caringtyn and Easton Julian. Their parents are Yona and Brent Julian.

This year's Homecoming King is Derrick Darkis, senior, and Queen is Cody Uttinger, senior.

"Composure, Poise, Flowers and Meadows!" -Molly Brown

The Lady 'Dogs worked and played hard throughout the season. The Lady's tried their hardest to win against Garnett but in the last heart breaking seconds they were defeated.



We've waited and waited and waited, now it's here!!! Here's the new look in center court at Losey Gym; a winter break project. The Lady Bulldog team got the red carpet treatment by being the first team to play a game on the new floor.

It's a pre-game ritual. The Guy 'Dogs meet in the middle of their side to get pumped up minutes before each game starts with the cheerleaders help!

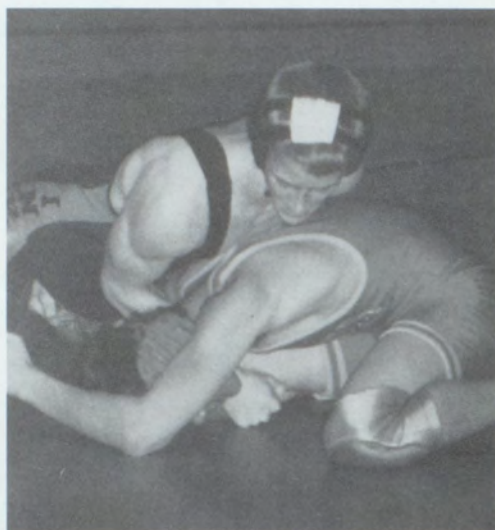


Robert Camacho strains to pen his Pittsburg Dragon opponent in Bulldog Territory.

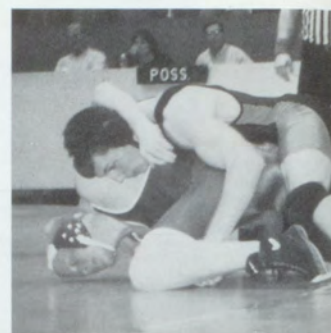
“The best part of wrestling this year was the State Tourney.” - Jake Viets



Chris Stockton tries to shoot down his Pittsburg opponent during the Independence duel at Losey Gym.



Brandon Bailey works down his LCHS opponent. Brandon has wrestled for four years.



Matt Holum works hard to take down his Pittsburg opponent.

State Qualifiers

- Jacob Viets Heavy weight
- Matt Holum 145
- Daniel Shepard 119
- Robert Camacho 103
- Matt Barnheart 135
- Jacob Dick 130



The Independence wrestling team stretched to their limits in preparing for their duel at home. Wrestlers work hard all season long to remain in the same weight bracket.

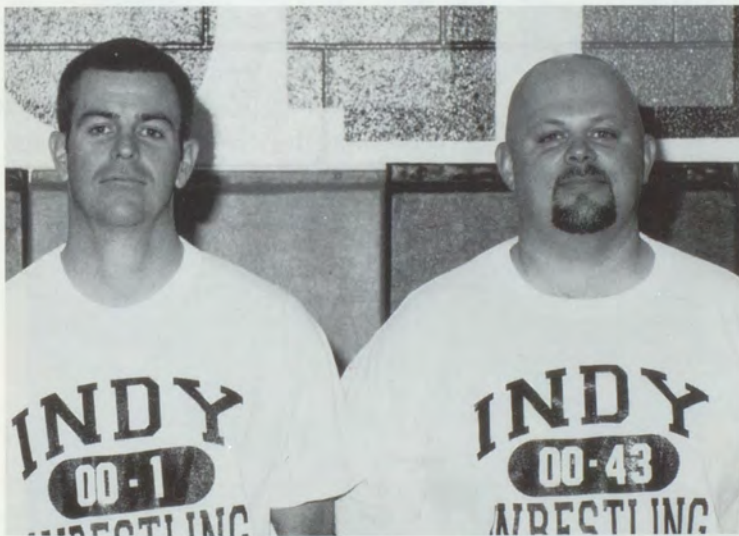
“The sight I adore on a basketball floor, is wrestling mats from door to door.”

-Jacob Dick

“If Coach Mose grew a grey hair, then I did a good job.” -Daniel Shepard



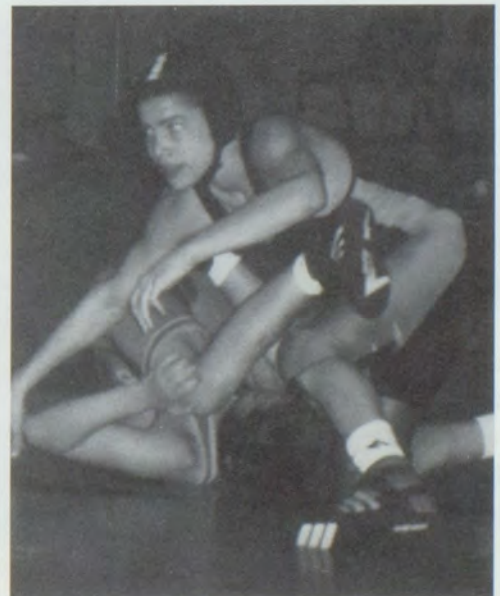
Pictured Bottom Left- Melinda Magathan, Daniel Shepard, Robert Camacho, Jacob Dick, J.D Kelley, Travis Kendrick, Matt Barnhart, Arthur Thompson, Skylar Rail, Mike Pokorny, Shane McCallie, Chris Stockton, Jeremy Moseley, Misty Spellman. Pictured Top Left- Coach Kelly Cranor, Mark Spellman, Simon Heckman, Josh Jordan, Aaron Brockway, Michael Hall, Matt Linden, Brandon Bailey, Jasper Durban, Adam Barnhart, Cody Robertson, Skylar Estes, Matt Holum, and Coach Jim Moseley.



Jim Moseley and Kelly Cranor are in the second year of coaching the Independence High School wrestlers together. Mr. Cranor competed for Field Kinley High School in his younger days and Mr. Moseley also helps with football and is the head track coach.

Coaching wrestling requires time and dedication. Usually the coaches work out with the competitors and sometimes even try to change weight classes. The Saturday tournaments require very early morning weigh-ins, breakfasts, and then a long day at the tournaments.

Robert Camacho strives to pin his Labette County opponent during the Independence duel at IMS.



“Sub-State Finals makes us look forward to next year.”-H. Oldennettel



First Row: Megan McMillin, Emily David, Erica Redman, and Loni Dailey. Second Row: Stacey Mitchell, Mary Kelly, Raelynn Marchant, Jalaynna Newkirk, and Heather Oldennettel.



Michelle Alt, junior, attempts a shot under the basket. Jalaynna Newkirk also a junior, watches intently. Michelle and Jalaynna have played basketball for IHS for three years.



As sophomore Erica Redman observes from behind, sophomore Heather Oldennettel rushes to attempt a rebound. This is Erica and Heather's second year to play basketball for IHS.



Junior, Jalaynna Newkirk reaches high to get the rebound as sophomore Megan McMillin tries to block out the Coffeyville player. Megan has played basketball at IHS for two years

“The JV team really stuck together.” - Ashley Sweeten



Front Row: Allison Taylor, Michelle Alt, and Loni Dailey. Second Row: Megan Mcmillin, Mary Kelly, Raelynn Marchant, Ashley Sweeten, and Molly Brown.



Jennifer Lawrence, freshman, fights off a Parsons player for

the possession of the ball during a freshman game at the Ash Youth Center.



First Row: Krista Hugo, Mistey Chambers, Kelsey Stephens, Bethanie White, and Amanda Alt. Second Row: Jennifer Lawrence, Barbara Plaven, Anne Timmons, Thelma Reeves, and Lauren Freisberg.



The Varsity Girls basketball team, along with a few devoted fans, come out to support the freshman and junior varsity as they combine together to play Coffeyville.

“The best part about being a freshman player was having a successful season.” -Dustin Johnson



Freshmen Front Row: Curtis Lewallen, Jon Harris, Bryan Emert, Brandon Widowski, Dustin Johnson. Back Row: Brandon Branham, Travis Tow, Marty Kelly, Jason Blackard, Chris Elliott, Dominique Darkis, Eric Stanton.

“It’s hard to pick out one thing, but the best part of this year was winning.” -Jacob Friend



Junior Varsity Front Row: Russell Swisher, Eli Gross, Tom Schulz, Jonathan Spencer, Jacob Friend. Back Row: Dan Runge, Andrew Kadel, Nick Brown, Jeff Wuerdeman, Rob Read, Jeret Kusiak.

“The bus rides home were the best part about being a varsity basketball player.”-Michael Alexander



Varsity Front Row: Andrew Kadel, Eli Gross, Tom Shulz, Beau Shultz, Michael Alexander. Back Row: Derrick Darkis, Nathan Bolin, Sherman Brown, Brian Dennis, Kaven Chapman, Dwayne White.



Left, Derrick Darkis rockets up towards the net in the winter homecoming game against the Labette County Grizzlies. Derrick reflects by saying, “The best part about being a senior basketball player was hanging out, the bus rides home (especially after winning), and seeing how far I’ve come from being a freshman.”



Left, Michael Alexander shoots a two-pointer while being guarded by two of Wichita’s players. Michael is one of five seniors on the varsity team this year. Below, Kaven Chapman, junior, tries to block his opponent from scoring on him as Sherman Brown, senior, looks up in amazement.

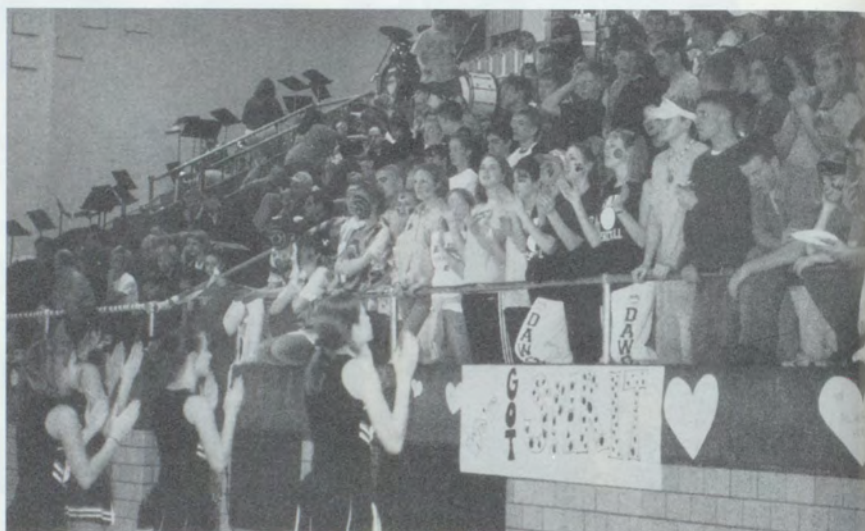


“Let’s Get a Little Bit Rowdy! R-O-W-D-Y!” - IHS Cheerleaders



Yea, freshman! Always good for a laugh...or good for school spirit, freshmen get excited about a Varsity football game. Welcome to IHS and enjoy your stay!

We’ve got the spirit! Right, cheerleaders get the crowd excited during a basketball game. Students paint their faces, dress in team colors and clap their hands to get the teams pumped to win!!



The junior class feels the cool autumn breeze as the football game begins. The IHS football team has a great turnout from the school and the community. Many parents tail-gate outside the Kayo Emmot Field before the game.

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“Our band is awesome because of Mr. O’Shields.”- Tina Ortega



Members of the band are as follows: Patrick Allen, Joel Andrew, Ali Bannwarth, Nathan Belcher, Isaac Belcher, Brittany Bell, Sarah Boyer, Teri Britt, Natalie Brockway, Kari Brooks, Yalanda Burchett, Gus Carson, Travis Crain, Susanne Elliott, Chris Ellis, Stephanie Ellis, Emily Farmer, Ashley Fisk, Jill Friesen, Tricia Friesen, Josh Gann, Ryan Gilchrist, Jared Gorman, Amy Haley, Lauren Hanks, David Hogan, Kristie Hough, Kasey Hugo, Krista Hugo, Curtis Hunter, David Jenkins, Kellie Jewers, Travis Kelley, Aaron Kern, Brad Klamm, Heidi Lane, Heather Lester, Victoria Lowdon, Niesha Martin, Jessica Mayes, Randall McDaniel, Philip Newkirk, Sarah Newkirk, Tina Ortega, Lee Pate, Barbara Plaven, Ivory Porter, Tabor Porter, Ashleigh Prezel, Rachel Reed, Niki Roberts, Karrie Ross, Todd Shrader, Tara Smading, Kelsey Stephens, Megan Stephens, Eddie Swearingen, Jerry Templemeyer, Jennifer Tucker, Sally Tucker, Zach Valentine, Mark Van Dyne, Bethanie White and Megan Williams.



Mr. O’Shields conducts the IHS band during school. This is his first year as conductor and he has done a great job with the students. He has a good attitude and the students seem to love and appreciate his dedication.

“The enthusiasm and excitement was what keep us together.”- J. Mayes



Members of the color guard, left, perform at halftime of a varsity football game, while the band plays “Pretty Fly for a White Guy.” Kaven Champman and Nathan Bolin are also known for performing their flamboyant dance moves to this song. They were a smashing hit and a spicy addition to the awesome IHS band.

Chris Ellis, below, along with the brass section of the IHS band concentrates on the music during the band show. Preparing an impressive show involves both marching and playing the music.



Tricia Friesen, left, and band mates brave the cold rain and wind during the Grand Parade. Covered in trash bags, the band marched through town filling Independence with their school spirit.

Mr. O’Shields has led the band through much success in the 1999-2000 school year. The band received a “1” rating in the parade as well as the field competition.

“Practice! Practice! Practice! That’s what got me to state.”-Jennifer Tucker



Bring out the bass?? Isaac Belcher, playing the bass, and the rest of IHS band are playing in the Neewollah Band Competition where they receive the highest rating that they can; a 1!

Orchestra students look over their music, sit and wait as well as “I see a camera, SMILE!”, while they wait for the 2000 Spring concert to start. Mr. Hoyt has worked with these students to perfect their playing style.



They’re all dressed up and snazzy looking during competitions. This year the band has brought home many awards and recognitions thanks to Mr. O’Shields, band director, also to all the hard work and natural talent of the 1999-2000 band students. Best of luck next year!

Oh my, they’re all dressed up and looking great at their last concert. They played hard and it payed off! They blew the minds of their family and friends that came to watch their performance.



“The spring concert was our best.” - Andy Mathis.



Orchestra Students for 1999-2000: Brooke Bohr, Aaron Brockway, Ashley Collins, Matthew Debo, Christin Franklin, Emily Friend, Teri Goodspeed, Samantha Hindle, John Hinman, Laura Kaiser, Robyn Kemp, Sonya Ladadok, Tamish Laforte-Dyke, Melissa Macrae, Melinda Magathan, Andrew Mathis, Shane McCoy, Joshua Meadows, Amber Morse, Kathy Pendergrass, Jennifer Ramsey, Jessica Ramsey, Thelma Reeves, Melanie Ross, Cassie Schwabe, Amanda Smith, Eric Smith, Megan Steele, Laura Swearingen, Stephanie Thompson, Lindsay Tucker, Sally Tucker, Melanie Vineyard.



A group of orchestra students tune up their bass instruments before a performance in the IHS auditorium. Emily Friend, senior, and Lindsay Tucker, freshman, chat quietly in between songs.

Sophomores, Amber Morse and Sonya Ladadok rehearse in orchestra class at IHS. Orchestra students, along with any music student, have to spend a great amount of time practicing for concerts and performances in order to produce a pleasing sound.

“I’m looking forward to my senior year in orchestra.”-Melanie Vineyard



Andrew Mathis, sophomore, and Melanie Vineyard, junior, are pictured relaxing before the concert. Melanie has been a member of orchestra for three years. This is Andy’s second year in orchestra.

Jennifer Ramsey focuses hard on hitting the right strings on her violin. Jennifer is a senior with four years of experience behind her. Melanie Ross, also a senior, shows obvious talent by playing her instrument with her eyes closed.



Laura Kaiser, senior, takes a break while the other sections of the orchestra play their parts. Each section usually gets at least one rest during the selections being played. Mandy Smith, also a senior, looks intently upon the other members of the orchestra during the song.



Freshman Mixed Chours

Amanda Alt

Niki Bell

Jaileen Beshears

Chrystal Blex

Kari Brooks

Megan Brooks

Ramie Browning

Irista Bynum

Robert Camacho

Aubree Caston

Dominique Darkis

Nate Denson

Brandi Devore

Julie Dumler

Ashley Fisk

Steven Foraker

Lauren Freisberg

Ashley Goad

B.J. Goodspeed

Jamie Green

Samantha Greer

Krista Hugo

Curtis Hunter

Nick Kelley

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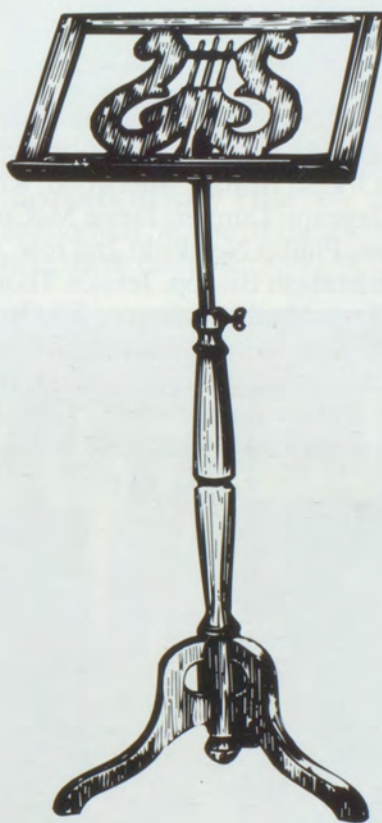
Megan Stephens

Nicole Stewart

Tyler Sullivan

Cally Uttinger

Zachary Viets



“Concert Choir is fun and it can help you with your musical future!”-Elizabeth Bishop

Seniors at this concert are indicated by the black on their robes. This concert was the



1999-2000 Concert Choir members: 3rd row: Emmalee Voth, Lisa Gruver, Benessa Jones, Hilliary Sherwood, Kristen Kelley, Heather Oldenettel, Ivory Portor, Jaynann Dumler, Jamie McColm, Evan Hoyt, Isaac Belcher, Kaven Chapman, Phillip Newkirk; 2nd row: Cody Uttinger, Jessica Myers, Bethany Ayers, Elizabeth Bishop, Jessica Thompson, Marcia Moore, Jessica Muller, Kasey Hugo, Amber Johnson, Eli Gross, Daniel Shepard, Tyler Goodspeed, Eli Bays, Kent Woods, Nathan Bolin; 1st row: Shanna Berry, Sarah Long, Tara McCarrell, Autum Gibbons, Jillian Harmon, Christina Ortega, Roxie Watson, Ashley Blex, Jordan Paugh, Devin Jarrett, Dan Runge, Jared Riley. Not Pictured: Teri Goodspeed, Brooke Mills, Jeffrey Radcliff.

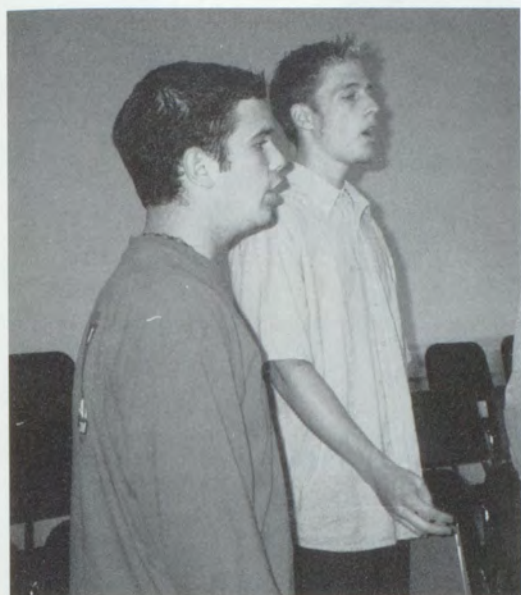


Concert choir's alto section sings out at the last concert of the year.



The choir girls sing loud and proud.

“Indy Ensemble is like a family to me.”-Sarah Long



Nathan Bolin and Kaven Chapman practice for the year's last concert. Indy Ensemble meets every morning at 7:10 for class.



Senior Sarah Long sings with her underclassmen for one last concert.



Members of Indy Ensemble perform in the IHS auditorium at one of the three choir concerts held there each year.

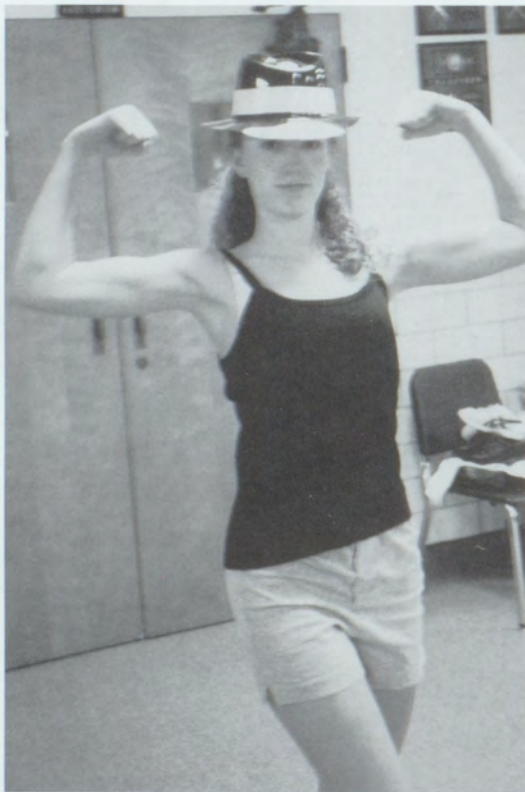


1999-2000 Indy Ensemble members: 2nd row: Kaven Chapman, Marcia Moore, Issac Belcher, Emmalee Voth, Nathan Bolin, Lisa Gruver, Eli Gross, Ivory Portor, Philip Newkirk; 1st row: Sarah Long, Daniel Shepard, Roxie Watson, Jared Riley, Cody Uttinger, Evan Hoyt, Jordan Paugh, Kent Woods, Kristen Kelley.

“I’ll miss the performing, but not the long rehearsals!” -Marci Moore *on Good News*



The football players in the school musical *Good News* pose for the camera after a successful opening night. This year’s musical was directed by Mr. Annable and Mrs. Shepard.



Senior Cody Uttinger flexes her muscles for the camera .



Has Erin Emert gotten a day job as a custodian or is she helping out a job of Mrs. Spencer’s wobbly desks?



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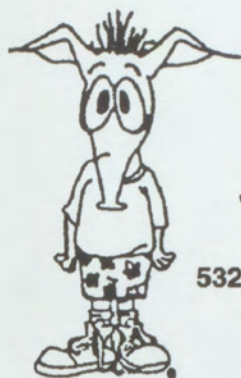
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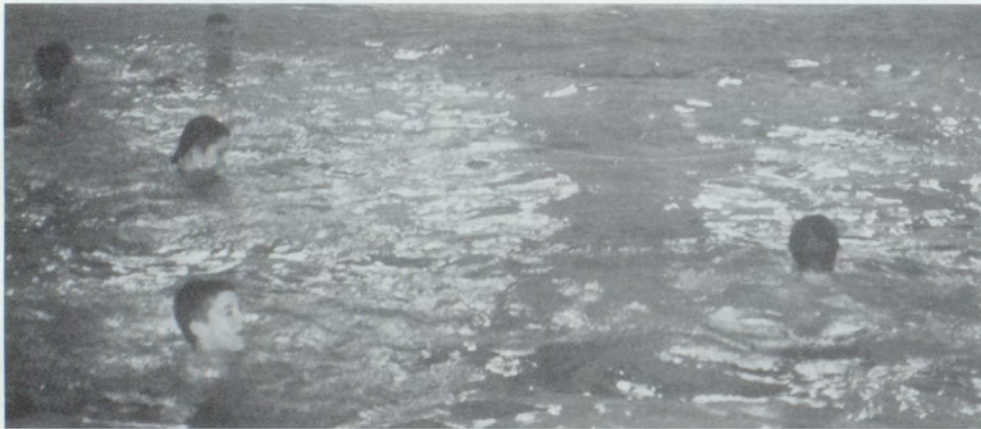
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“I had a lot of fun with Mrs. Thompson trying to tell me what to do over the weekend.”-Roger McGuyer

Mrs. Thompson's Sexuality class works hard with a few exceptions. This class teaches sophmores about sex and its consequences.



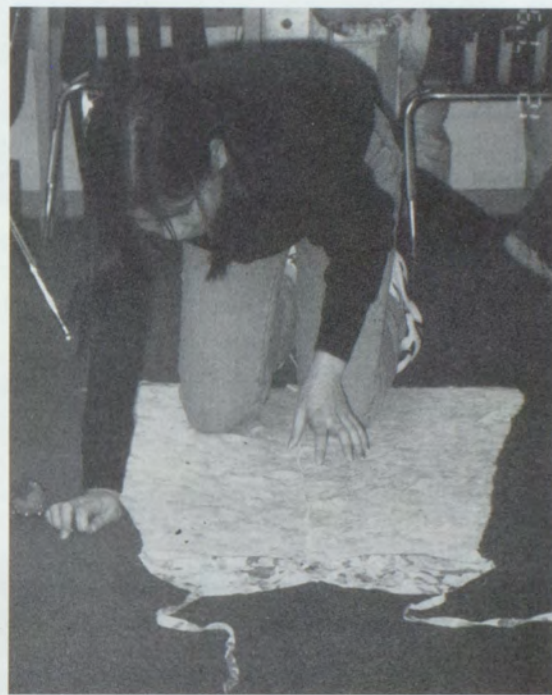
Advanced Swimming, taught by Mr. Boldra, is held at the Ash Center. Members of this class enjoy a free swim.

Girls in Freshman P.E. divide into teams to play basketball.



“What a yummy, learning experience!”-Rosanna Lee

Rosanna Lee slices onions to put in her potato soup during her fourth hour foods class. The foods class covers a variety of curriculum from etiquette to measuring cups. The classroom is equipped with stoves and microwaves in order to prepare a variety of food like chocolate chip cookies. The further advanced classes such as Gourmet Cooking, extend their culinary skills with cake decorating and baking pies.

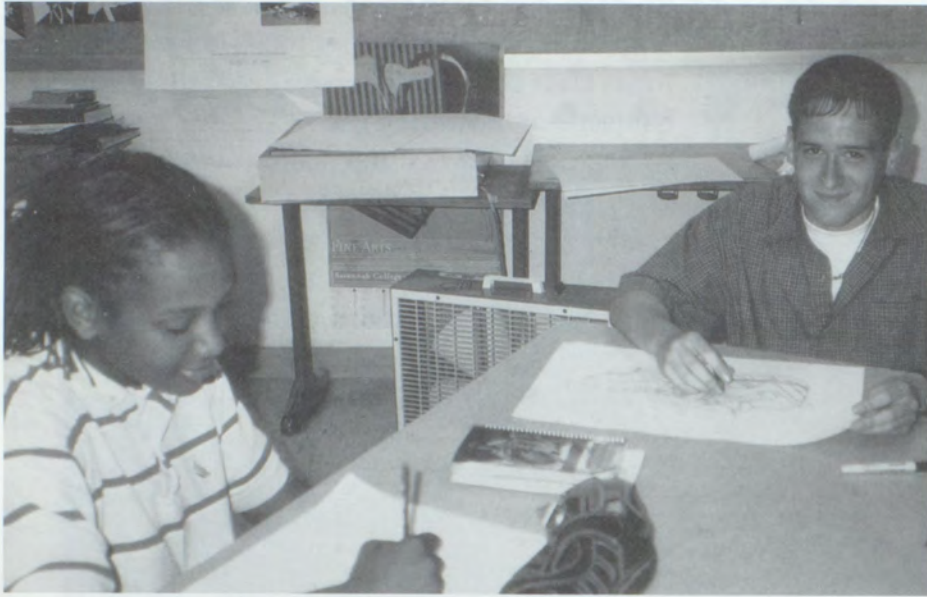


Lisha Guan, above, kneels while pinning pieces of her dress together, that she is making in Mrs. Staton's Sewing I class. The Sewing I class also makes pillows, hair ties and pajamas. This class is offered to sophomores, juniors, seniors and occasionally freshmen.

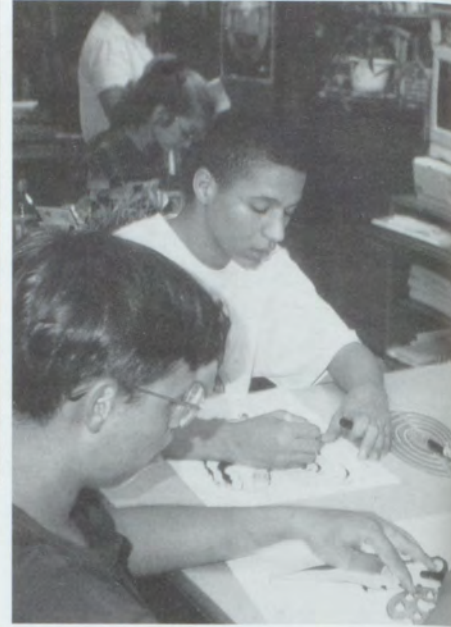


Lisa Padilla, left, adds a ruffle to her pillow that she is sewing in her Sewing I class. Lisa is a freshman. These pillows are often times given as gifts for Christmas, birthdays or other special times. Some of the pillows stay with the creator and are used as decoration for the bed at home.

“I never thought drawing my shoe could be so hard.” - Bethany Ayers



Venessa Jones, and Nick McBride, both freshmen, above, finish up thier daily projects as they wait anxiously for the final bell to tinkle. You must have one and a half credits of fine arts to graduate. That is why Drawing I is made up of mostly freshmen, they are trying to get it out of the way early.



B.J. Goodspeed, freshman, above, puts the finishing touches of black marker on his famous shoe drawing.



Sloan Wilson, and Bethany Ayers, both freshmen, above take thier shoes off and attempt to draw it in Miss Unruh's 4A Drawing I class.



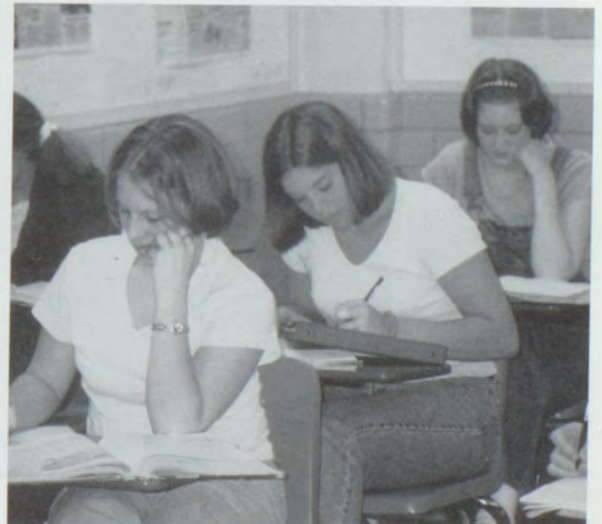
Senior, Aaron Johnson, above focuses on his blue shoe as he begin his drawing of the day. Everyday they have a new item that they most draw and it is due at the end of the hour.

“The discussions in Mr. Emmot’s class were the best”-Jessica Schussler

Niesha Martin, Meaghan Lybarger, and Fyre Goenner listen as Mr. Landwehr lectures in one of his junior American history class. These upperclassmen seem to be paying attention carefully or not at all. The school’s requirements in social science is changing to reflect new directions in education. Students who listen and respond in class to the assignments are the ones who get the best grades in this academic area.



Suprisingly, Shi Anne Hallett, Jessica Camacho, Daniel Shepard, Danielle Reddick, and Ryan McGuyer, sophomores, are doing their work during world history. In Mr. Boehs’ class students do push-ups for punishment for any type of classroom misbehavior. Below, Cortny Schlorholtz, Jessica Schussler, and Emmalee Voth work quietly in Mr. Emmot’s American history class.

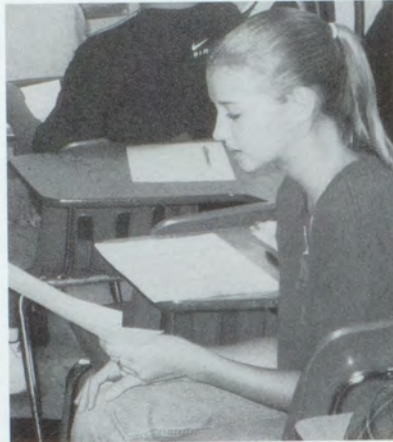


Lisa Guan, Aaron Shrader and Amy Fairbank study quietly in Mrs. Reichenberger’s world history class.

“Unfortunately, to many, English is a foreign language”. -Mrs. Torbett



Senior English student, Kattie Bredehoff, talks endlessly while Mrs. Spencer helps students in background.

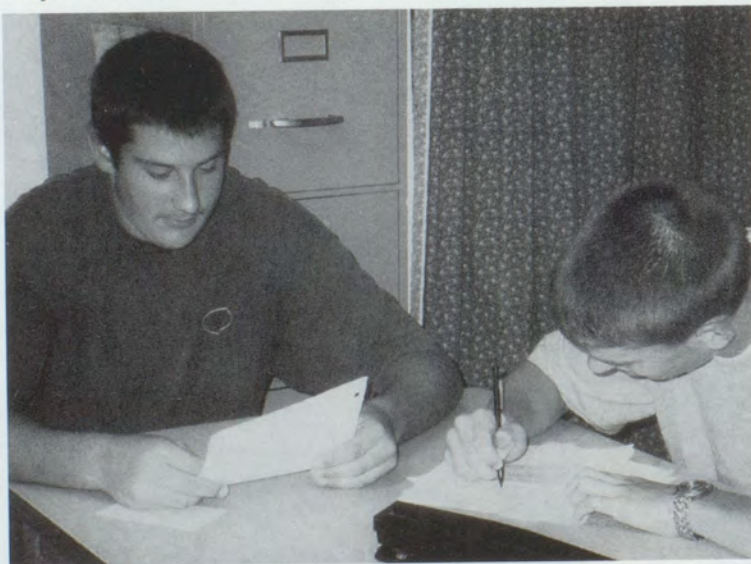


Students at I.H.S. are known for studying diligently. Just as Tara McCarral does above.



Sarah Newkirk a freshmen in Mrs. Torbett's english class works on her assignment.

Students look very informed after attentively listening to the lesson of the day. These freshmen boys work on their English assignment.



Shannon Beurskens and Meagan Brooks talk quietly in Mrs. Torbett's class after working on an assignment together, as Lauren Freisberg looks on.

“Cranor was a pretty cool teacher.”- Nick Kelley



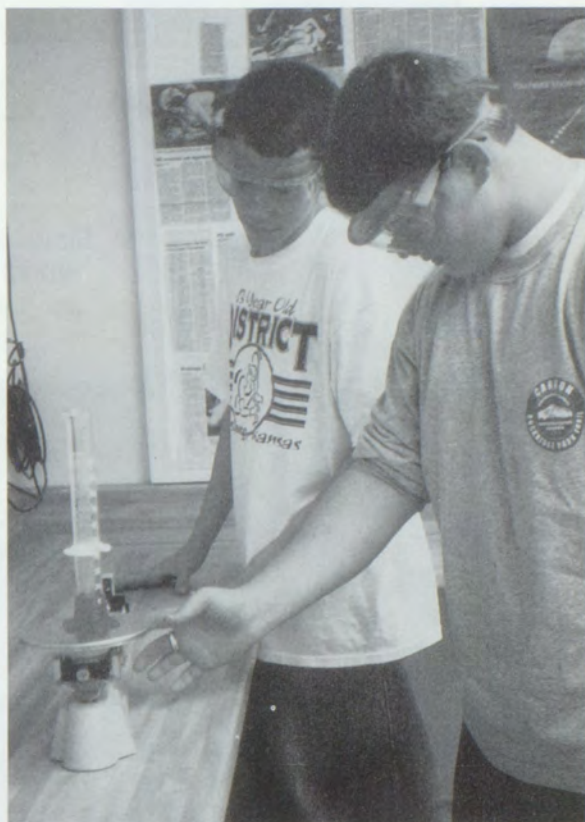
Ramie Browning, freshman, Allison Taylor, Trupti Patel, and Travis Rousseau, sophomores, are easily amused in Mr. Shelton's biology class.



Chemical equations are either terribly interesting or difficult to understand as Mr. Capes captures his students' attention in the chemistry classes. Mr. Capes spices up his classes with a combination of experiments and lectures with some practical demonstrations.



Ti Martin and Darla Berberick seem to be writing notes during Mr. Shelton's sophomore biology class. Naughty, naughty, naughty!!

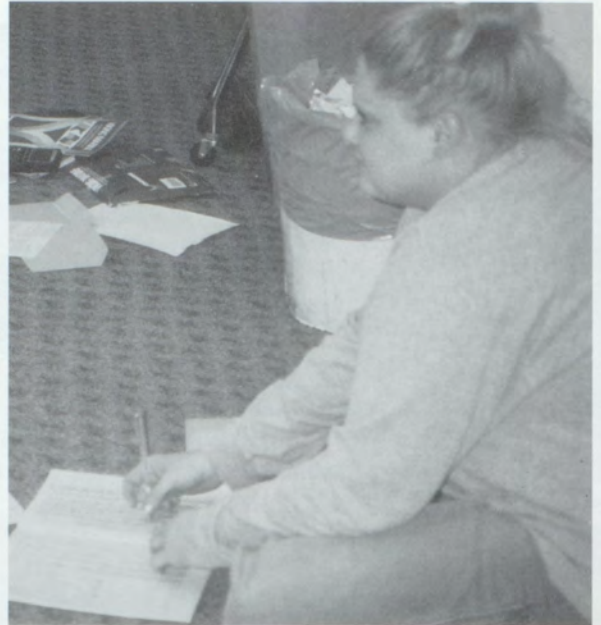


Mr. Cranor's Freshman science class performs many experiments throughout the year. Shane McCoy and Nick Kelley concentrate on one in the picture above.

“Never stray from the path of math.”- Mr. Papen



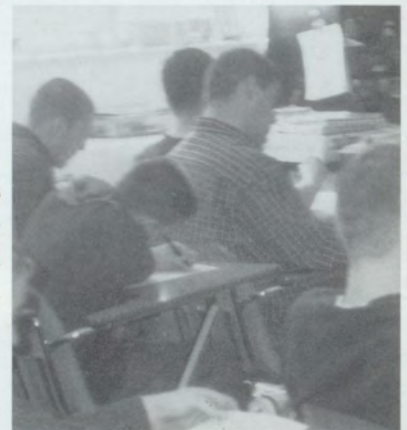
Tyler Knisley, a student in Ms. Nally's class, works hard on an accounting assignment.



Jamie Shank, right, works on a group assignment during Accounting class.



Maranda Tryon and Brandy Cox concentrate on an assignment given to them by their accounting teacher.



Students in Mrs. Parks class work on a homework assignment while they still have time during class.

Chelsea Carr, right, relaxes while working with her group on one of the many assignments given by Ms. Nally.



Ms. Gray teaches math techniques to her students who are willing to pay attention while the others relax.

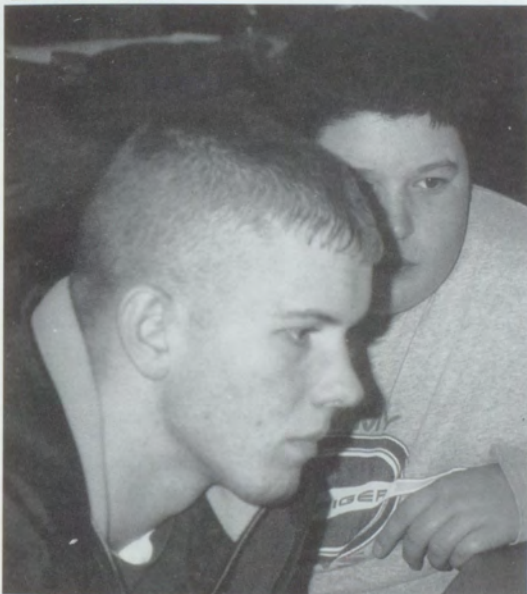
“This class is really enjoyable.”-Justin Courtney



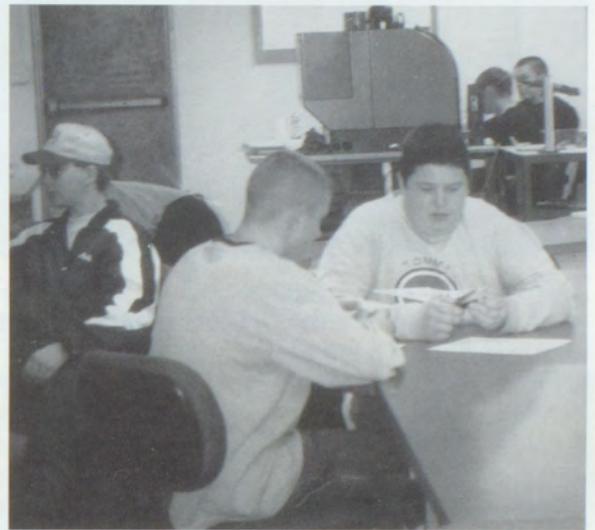
Justin Courtney works hard along with his classmate in Tech class.



A student studies hard in Mr. Oyler's tech ed class.



Adam Barnhart concentrates hard on a computer assignment in class.



Students take time out to review that day's assignment. Many students male and female are enrolled in tech ed to improve their woodshop skills.

Adam Barnhart and others cut some wood for their project together. These skills and others will help them with future handy household jobs.



“Orange and Black- colors of pride!”



Twirlers line up for practice before a game in the IHS yard. You may see the twirlers practicing outside at anytime during band class.



The rain at the Neewollah Grand Parade didn't stop these terrific twirlers. The twirlers marched through the town proudly waving IHS colors.



The IHS color guard poses with the band after the band competition. The band and color guard alike received a one rating! Go Bulldogs!

The twirlers horse around during practice. The color guard gets to be a close-knit family with the long rehearsals and training.



“Programming is the best class I’ve had at I.H.S.”-Nathan Shire



This student (above) is concentrating very hard on his work for his class.



Mrs. McAtee looks surprised as the camera takes her photo.

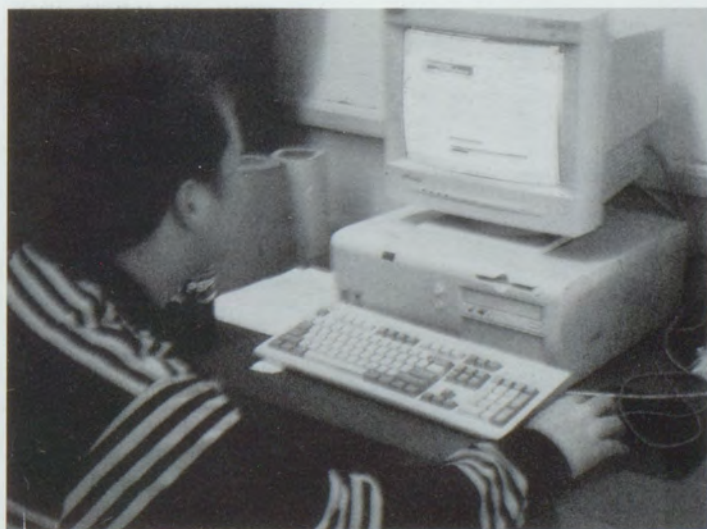
“Ms. Nally is an exciting teacher. She makes Accounting fun.”-Chelsea Carr



Ozell Pouncil, (Right) and another classmate are working on a computer program together. This class is called Computer Programming class. This is where you learn to make programs for computers and learn to insert them on disk, into the computer.



Chelsea Carr and Tyler Knisley listen to Miss Nally’s lecture in accounting class.



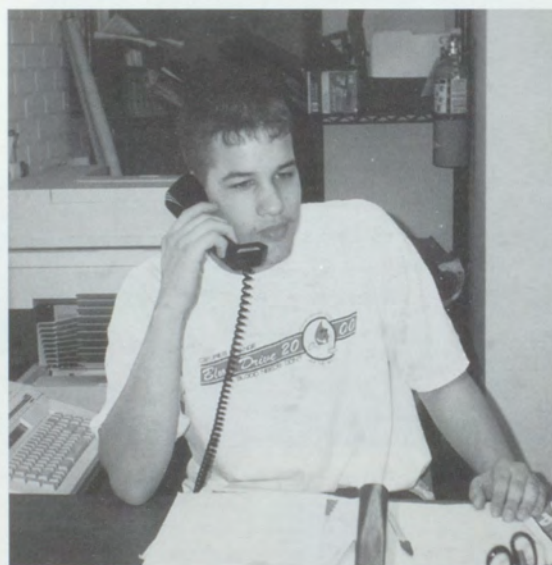
A student works hard on his computer programming assignment. (Above)

“Hi, ho, hi, ho...it’s off to work we go!”



Clayton Monk, left, cleans the foosball tables at the Ash Youth Center. Clayton community volunteers there and helps with all kinds of jobs. Cleaning the games, sweeping, and waxing the the floor are just a few of his duties

Dallas Watson, junior, below, checks the oil in a truck at Fast Lube where he community volunteers. Dallas enjoys working on cars not to mention that he has owned about eight different cars /trucks/jeeps throughout high school.



Senior, Jeff Gettler, chats on the phone at Jeff Chubb Law Offices where he volunteers. Jeff does a lot of answering the phone, filing paperwork and anything else that needs to be done.

“I love seeing what I’m going to do with my future.”-Jennifer Ramsey



Tyler Henderson, junior, is enjoying sanding down a piece of machinery at The Edge body shop outside of town. Tyler is one of the many upper-classmen who work in car shops this year. Patrick Jewers, below, is working at a body shop called ProTech. Usually students who work at these places for community volunteer have an interest doing this occupation later in life.



Jennifer Ramsey, above, is busy working at Dr. Epp’s office. This senior seems to be checking on one of the many animals. Any student wishing to work at a veterinarian’s clinic must have a love for being around animals in order to take care of them.



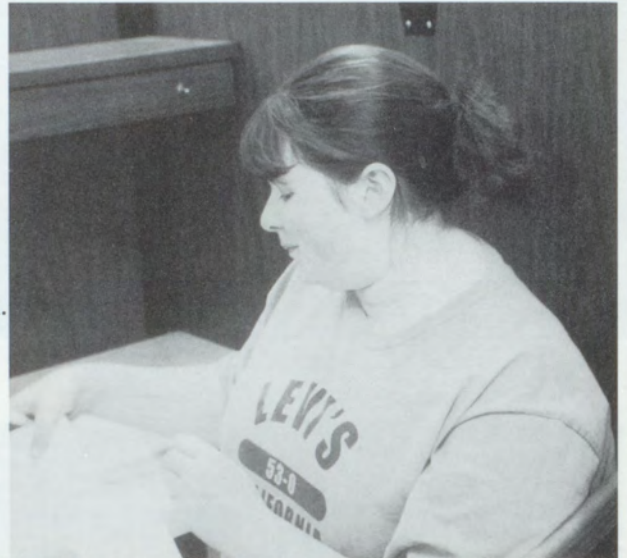
“So many books, so little time.”
-Trupti Patel



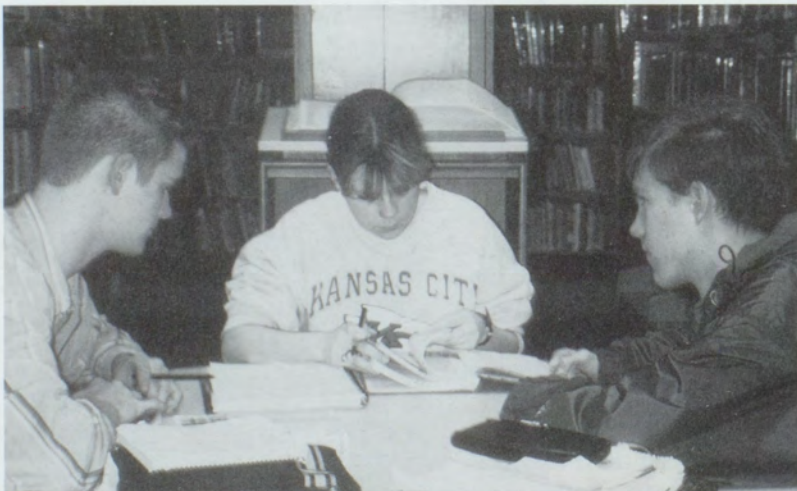
Josh Jordan takes time out to browse for a book. Josh is enrolled in Library Methods; a class about skills used in the research process.



Victoria Lowden, right, looks bemused as she studies her work. The library is where most students go to study and do their homework.



Holly Clapp enjoys the silence of the IHS library as she studies.



Jacob Lowery, Teresa Goodman and Nick Wilsey work during their Independent Study class in the library.

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“The nights coming home from the baseball games were a blast, well when we won anyway.”- Keith Hoose



Molly Brown goes up for a serve during a practice.



J. Courtney, Mike Chevere, Derrick Darkis and Kaven Chapman all watch and wait for their event to shine.



“Watch your head I just hit the ball, I think?” Jason Mitchell



Lady 'Dogs on the JV team huddle to encourage each other.



The ladies on the track team sit and watch their teammates pressing on toward victory.



Lady 'Dogs, above, hope for a strike as teammate Stephanie Wilson pitches. Jennifer Burskens, left, practices her serves getting ready for a match. Shh, I'm putting! Brad Webb, right, works on his form before the rounds begin.



“Plyo boxes are the worst”! Kellie Jewers



Jenny Tucker and Christina Ortega watch other teams throw as they await their turn.

on what she jumps
over to improve her
track skills



Independence (left) struggles to keep up with the other team.



Nicki Roberts and Barbara Plaven stretch together to prepare for a track meet. The track team stretches before every practice and meet so they do not hurt themselves.



Barbara Plaven (left) is trying her best to keep up with the other track runner.

“It was hard work, but I am looking forward to next year.”

Jennifer Tucker



Lindsey Wilken (above) fixes to put on her shoe, for a meter dash.

Ramie Browning and Krista Hugo, (right) jump off the starting blocks to get to the finish line in time to beat other teams. Ramie and Krista are both running for Independence.



Michelle Alt (above) is passed the baton. Michelle has been in track all of her three years of high school.



Krista Hugo, Freshman, runs for Indy, in a track meet.

1999-2000 GIRLS TRACK TEAM: Lindsey Wilken, Courtney Prezel, Heather Oldenettel, Erica Redman, Krista Hugo, Ramie Browning, Thelma Reeves, Emily David, Beth Rosenhoover, Michelle Alt, Molly Brown, Tera Cadwell, Amber Diaz, Barbara Plaven, Danielle Reddick, Nikki Roberts, Hillary Sherwood, Nicole Stewart, Tina Ortega, Jenny Tucker, Sally Tucker, Kellie Jewers, Jaylanna Newkirk, Megan Stephens, Brooke Mills, Anne Timmons, Ashley Pouncil, Bannessa Jones



Thelma Reeves looks hot and sweaty but as you can see she works hard for her team. Go Thelma !

"Track is hard work but it's fun and it pays off." -John Williams



Mike Chevere yells out a victory scream as he competes in the high jump.



Jacob Friend begins his race with a very determined look on his face.



Runners Devin Jarrett and Michael Kleinback wait patiently for the start of their race. They were running the 100 at a one of the few home meets.



George Black runs hard trying to pass a Neodesha rival.



Jared Riley holds Kaven Chapman's starting block as he prepares to begin his race.

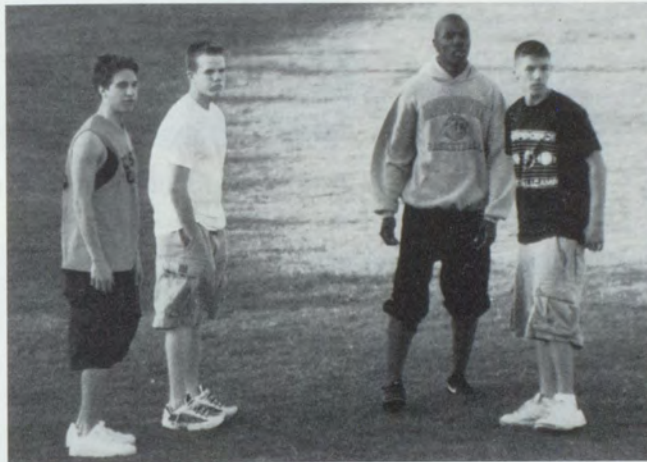
"Track's fun, play hard." -Richard Fagan



Michael Kleinback tries hard to get ahead at a Coffeyville track meet.



Derrick Darkis helps record times at a JV meet here in Indy.



Jacob Friend, Toby Munniger, Jared Riley, and Russell Swisher help out at one of the Indy track meets.



At a Varsity meet, Mack Lee bursts ahead leaving his competition in the dust.

2000 Track participants: Theron Landwehr, Nathan Bolin, Abe Al-Bureni, Travis Rousseau, Richard Fagan, Daniel Couch, Brian Sandon, Zach Viets, Chris York, Tanner Woods, Jeremy Moseley, Eric Leoffler, Andrew Long, Joe Al-Bureni, Toby Munniger, Jason Courtney, Justin Courtney, Derrick Darkis, Mike Chevere Kaven Chapman, Jared Riley, Jacob Friend, George Black, Russell Swisher, Mack Lee, Devin Jarrett, Thomas Boggs, Mack Kaufman, Ryan Gilcrest, Michael Kleinback, Ozell Pouncil, Wayne Pearson, Winston Amick, Aaron David, Lee Dent, Jacob Dick, B.J. Goodspeed, Jared Gorman, James Hinman, John Hinman, Patrick Housby, Evan Hoyt, Joshua Mattes, Skylar Rail, Tim Riggle, Cody Robertson, Jerrid Schicke, Justin Showalter, Mark Spellman, Arthur Thompson, Mark VanDyne, John Williams, David Murdock, Ben Long, Jacob Viets.

“Did Ferrier just pass us?”- Jason Linder



Brent Mooney, junior, hits a midcourt volley at the Riverside Park tennis courts. This is Brent's third year as a varsity player on the IHS tennis squad.



Jeff Radcliff, junior, approaches the net after a forehand on court six.

Tennis Players for the 2000 season:

Seniors: Sherman Brown, Jason Linder

Juniors: Sam Carnes, Jeff Radcliff, Jordan Watson, Andrew Kadel, Brent Mooney

Sophomores: Kelly Ross, Ted Sutherland, Jeff Wuerdeman, Neal Daugherty, Eddie Swearingen, Jason Tayler

Freshmen: Simon Heckman, Bryan Emert, Nathan Berg, Marty Kelly

Coaches: Ken Brown, Head coach, and Gina Botts, Assistant coach.



Although upperclassmen on the team are usually supposed to set an example for the freshmen, Andrew Kadel, junior, seems to be goofing off during tennis practice after school.



The day of SEK was very heartbreaking for the IHS tennis team. Their decade of SEK championships finally came to an end. The fans were very supportive through it all.

“ I’ve got four words. Eddie is my B.”- Sam Carnes



Bulldog Tennis Players along with their head coach, Ken Brown, run laps at their daily tennis practice after school. Coach Brown and assistant coach, Gina Botts, always run with the tennis team for conditioning in the first week of practice also.



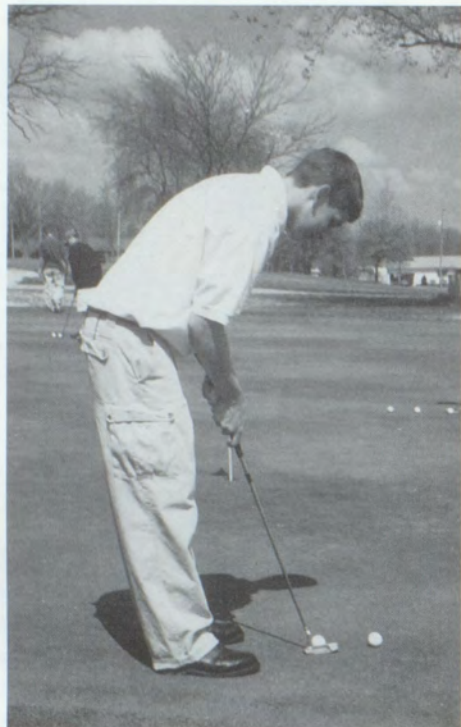
Sherman Brown, senior, strokes the ball as Brent Mooney, junior, anticipates its return. This year Sherman has continued a four year tradition of going to the state tournament. Other state participants include Sam Carnes and Brent Mooney in doubles.



Neal Daugherty, sophomore, and Marty Kelly, freshman, play doubles together during the drills at practice. This is Neal's second year as a bulldog tennis player, and Marty is only in his first year as a bulldog. Marty also ran cross country in the fall, and was a basketball player in the winter. Right, Bryan Emert, freshman, finishes his stroke at the Riverside Park tennis courts.



“Going to State as a team would be great.”-Brian Dennis



Dan Runge, sophomore, concentrates as he tries to sink a putt. Putting is a very important skill for a good golfer to obtain.

2000 Golf Team

*Jonathan Spencer
Jason Mitchell
Dan Runge
Travis Kelley
Brian Dennis
Brad Webb
Ben Wilsey
Brett Skinner
Tyler Sullivan
Jon Harris
Robert Marten
Patrick Allen
Eric Wood*

Brad Webb, freshman, takes a practice putt on the putting green at Independence Country Club. Players often take many practice putts before beginning a round.



Above, is an excellent shot of sophomore Jason Mitchell practicing on his backswing. Practice is essential in the game of golf.

“From this season we can really build towards the future.”-Ben Wilsey



Jonathon Spencer, sophomore, is pictured taking a practice swing at the Independence Country Club. Jonathon nailed a hole in one this season, a very hard task to achieve.

2000 Golf Coaches

*Head Coach Mark Coder
Coach Mike Nelson*



Brian Dennis, junior, is the leading linksman this year for most of the tournaments. Brian comes from a large family of golfers as his father and grandfather both competed for IHS in golf.

Dan Runge picks out just the right golf ball at the Independence Invitational. The Independence Country Club hosts the invitational every year in the Spring.



“ We’re going to state next year..
 yeah, yeah, yeah, ladies.”- Allison
 Taylor



Senior Jordan Paugh draws a deep breath after taking a pitch in a home game. Jordan played second base for the Lady Bulldogs this past season.



The I.H.S. Varsity Softball team takes a time out to collect thier thoughts, which helps the players get further focused on the game. The team made it to the finals of the regional tournament before being eleminated by the Pittsburg Purple Dragons.



Bottom left: Hannah Dillon, Cortny Schlorholtz, Jordan Paugh, Jessica Camacho, Loni Daily, Beth Rinck, Megan Mcmillin, Jenifer Lawrence, Kelsey Stephens, Fyre Goenner, Bethanie White, Allison Taylor, Top Left: Ashley Farmer (mgr) Lauren Freisberg, Natalie Brockway, Jennifer Sprague, Stacey Mitchell, Stephanie Wilson, Erica Woollard, Ti Martin, Ashlee Gates, Ashley Dunham, Lindsay Dunham, Sytera Bernard.

“Softball is awesome, it’s fun being one of us” - Ti Martin



Brent Julian, recently hired junior varsity coach, meets with the infield to discuss the defense for the next batter. Coach Julian’s experience is primarily in baseball but the school was able to secure his services for this past season.



Bethanie White waits patiently for the right pitch, and by the look on her face it seems that the ball might go far.



Hannah Dillon and Ti Martin look over the team statistics while the Bulldog softball team is on defense. Hannah split her time on the varsity and the junior varsity teams.



Jessica Camacho, the catcher for the Junior Varsity Softball team, squats down to catch the right pitch.

“This season went well and I hope we go to state.”-Scott McMillin



Front Row L to R: Michael Alexander, Keith Hoose, Cody Goins, Travis Dunham, Eli Gross, Jasper Durbin, and Chris Beyer (manager). Back row L to R: Coach Ron Denney, Scott McMillin, Craig Rash, Josh Tucker, David Hogan, Beau Schultz, Dwayne White, Nathan Soltice, Tom Schultz, and Coach Geoffrey Beatty.



Dwayne White, junior, left, cross home plate for the third run as Scott McMillin, senior, gives him a five. The Bulldogs trailed the whole game until the seventh inning when they came back only to lose by one run. Scott McMillin can be seen playing baseball next year at Baker University in Baldwin City. Seniors, Michael Alexander and Nathan Soltice also plan to play baseball at Baker.



Beau Schultz, senior, right, connects for a base hit in the third inning in thier double header against Coffeyville. After high school Beau plans to attend Cowley County in Ark City where he will play baseball.

“Catchers are always right.”-Travis Kendrick



Sophomore, Aaron Brockway, above, trots into home and is greeted by his teammates after hitting a long ball over the centerfield fence. Aaron's excellent hit led the JV in a sweep against the Pittsburg Dragons.

Travis Kendrick, sophomore right, gets set in the batter's box ready to rip the next pitch. This game was played at Pittsburg in the Lincoln Park complex. Travis spent most of the year playing the position of catcher. He has been involved the summer baseball program for many years.



Front Row L to R: Daniel Shepard, Matt Barnhart, Travis Kendrick, Robert Camacho, Zack Brown, and Chris Stockton. Back Row L to R: Coach Glen Stanley, Aaron Brockway, Travis Towe, Rob Read, Nick Brown, Ryan McGuyer and Brandon Branham.

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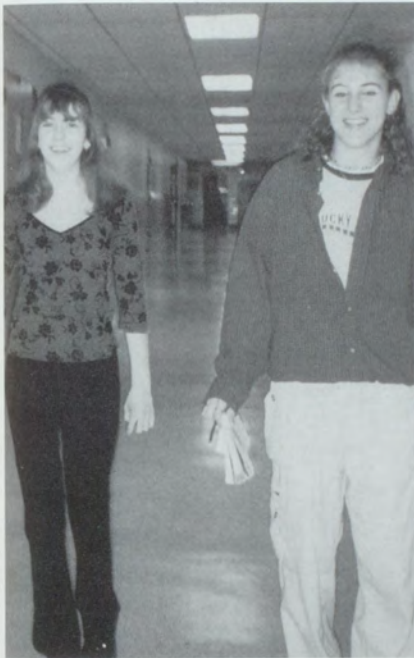
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“The halls are a great place to be because you get out of class!”-Stephanie Ellis



Jerrid Schicke and his classmates master the art of walking and talking at the same time.



Stephanie Ellis, senior, and Ashlee Gates, junior, take a break to stroll the halls during class. This is a hobby enjoyed by many students.



Robert Marten, freshman, and Zach Valentine, sophomore, concentrate hard on a game of chess in the foyer.



Suzanne Sherman gets help on homework by senior Josh Calderon.



Sally Tucker, right, has an interesting conversation with the new band teacher, Mr. O'Shields.

“Nasty, biology was very gross.”- Tara McCarrell

Tera McCarrell, sophomore, Ramie Browning, freshman, Alison Taylor, sophomore, and Jaynann Dumler, sophomore, participate in an experiment in Mr. Shelton's 4A biology class. The students did many other experiments such as dissecting amphibians.



Jessica Fraley and Ashley McCoy, seniors, work on the computers in the IHS library. The girls seem to be doing work on an assignment for their senior english class. This class is a requirement for all students who graduate from Independence High School.



Jamie Shaw, Ashley Blex, Johna Emmot, Lindsey Wilken, Jordan Paugh, and Amy Watson take part in the air band contest singing to “Goodbye Earl” by the Dixie Chicks. These seniors are dressed up in old dance costumes for their last Morp dance in the spring of 2000.

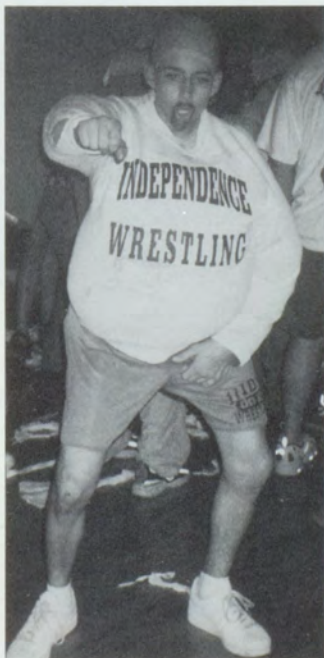
“Seeing Sherman in that dress was quite an experience!”-Beth Rinck



Seniors, Jason Courtney, Sherman Brown, and junior Beth Rinck all dance to Sir Mix A Lot's "Baby Got Back." Beau Schultz was the only real man of the whole group, but was not shown in this picture.



Mary Kelly and Hannah Dillon, juniors, came to Morp as Mary Katherine Gallagher from "Saturday Night Live". They won the costume contest, but only because they nearly bared their behinds to the crowd.



Daniel Shepard, sophomore, imitates IHS wrestling coach Jim Moseley. His costume was quite a hit. Although, he did have a little trouble dancing with the ladies. That big belly got in the way!



Senior Jordan Paugh, and junior Eli Gross dance to a slow number in the IHS gym. They both seem to be having a great time, as Jordan shows her pearly whites.

“It was great to be a kid again, playing in the mud!”- Melissa MacRae



Cool Down: Theron Landwehr gets hosed down by a local firefighter at the 2000 Mud Volleyball tournament.



Students gather around the concession stand at the tournament. City Rec provided free soda and hot dogs to the players as they braved the mud.



Mud Mud Everywhere: The rain came down as the players prepared for the tournament. Slipping and sliding is all part of the fun!



Students wait in the mud for the next game. Mud volleyball started at 12:00 and ended in the late afternoon. The players had to run home and clean up, because the game was followed by MORP.

“Expo was a great way for students to express their artistic ability.”-Aaron Kolb and Shawn Smith

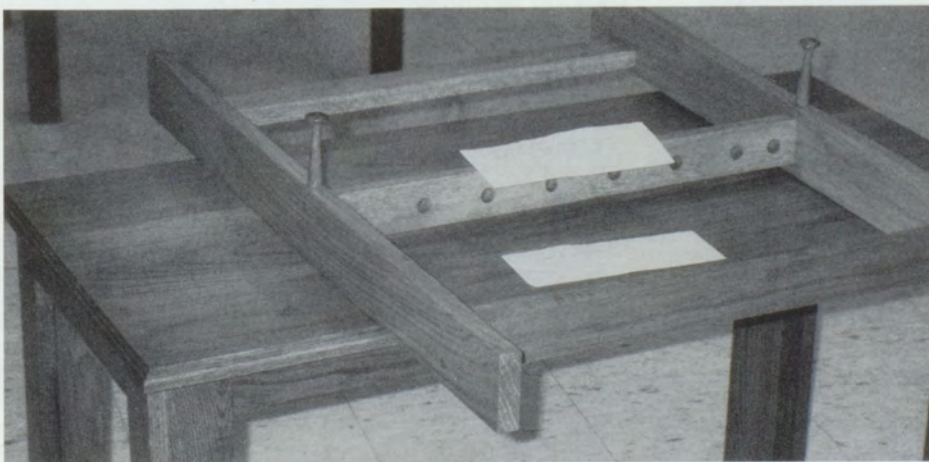


Many artists in Mrs. Unruh's class displayed their talent like this picture, left, made by Shannon Tierney.



This giant-sized egg, made by Melissa McMinn, was proudly displayed at this year's expo along with other equally creative works of art.

This very different form of art, below, was created by Kasi O'Sheilds.



This bow and arrow stand on top of a coffee table was made by Branden Cox. He worked very hard to show this off at the Expo.

Congratulations Class of 2000!



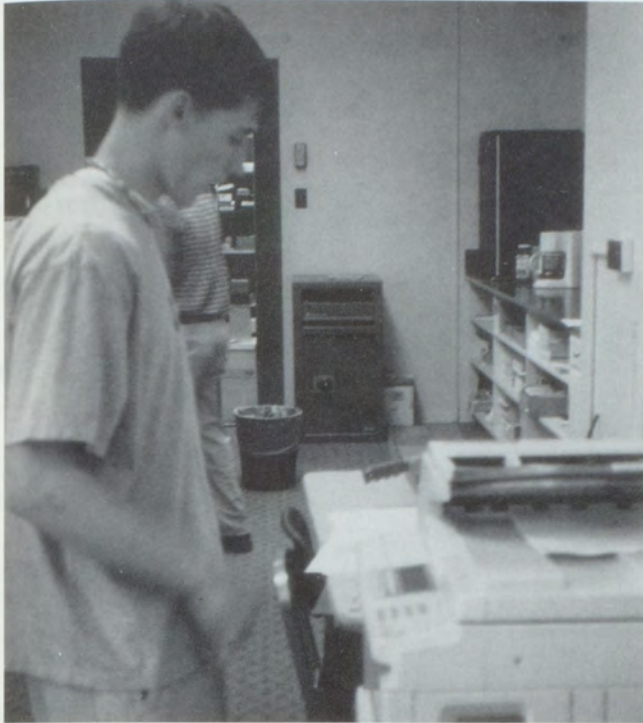
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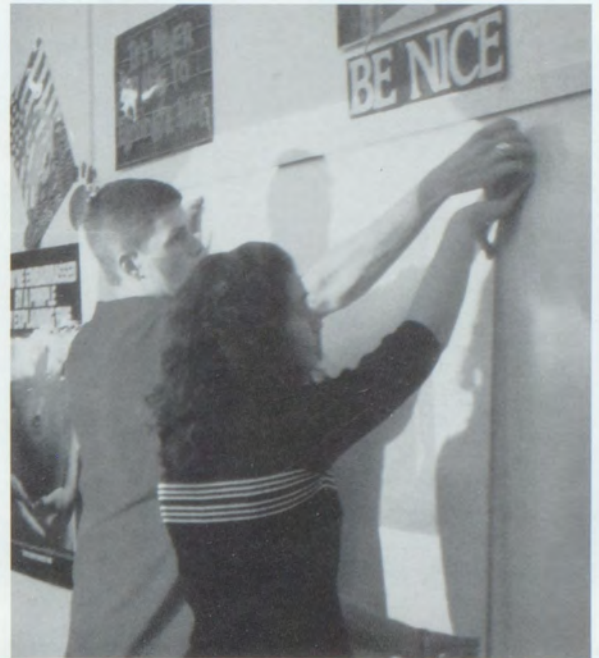
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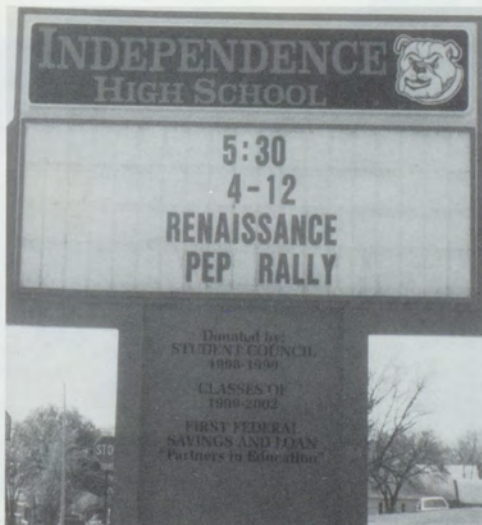
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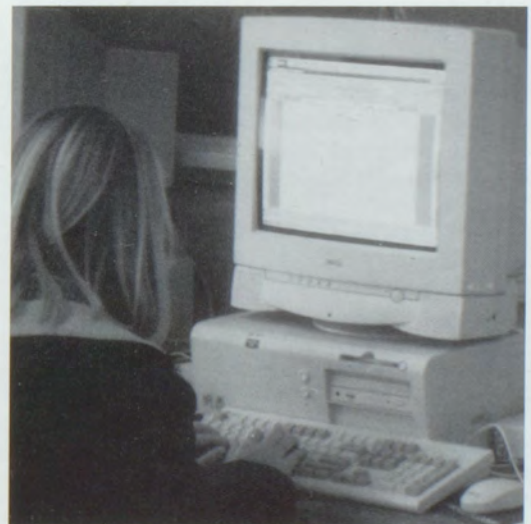
Jason Linder makes copies of the school newsletter that is sent home to the parents. The school has a great networking system to keep the communication lines open between teachers and parents.



Kent Woods helps a fellow teachers assistant post a bulletin board. The teacher's boards hold information such as upcoming events, athletics schedules and sign up sheets.



IHS keeps the public informed about what's going on with the new lighted sign in the yard.



Darcie Farran reads the daily bulletin on the computer. This year, the office tried something new with emailing the bulletin to the teachers so they can read it off the computer to save paper.

“What I have learned in these classes will always help in my lifetime”-Aaron Artherton



Technology Classes are a way for students to work with their hands on what they normally couldn't do in other classes. Students have the ability to create a job related type work that they eventually could make a living doing.

Patrick Jewers, right, cleans up a device he was working with during the block.

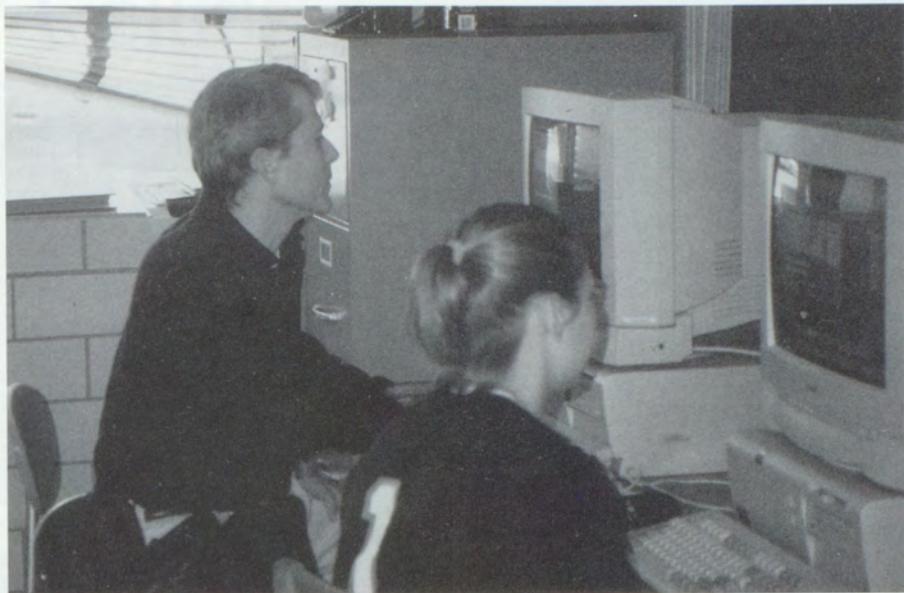


Michael Browning, above, works on sanding a part to one of his more elaborate pieces in wood shop. Adam Barnhart, Chad Day and Jake Blurtin work on fixing a cracked bucket for Mr. Knoles.



Students in Mr. Knoles class, above right and left, try to figure out what they are putting together and how to do it? Getting your hands a little dirty is just part of all the fun. Mr. Knoles tries his best to give his students a chance to get involved in all the assignments

“Pink party napkins forever Tammy” -Yearbook



The Orange and Black, the yearbook of Independence High School, is a long and a collaborative effort. Ten students were responsible for the task during the school year. Beth Follmer and Kara Craig served as co-editors with Beth being editor-in-charge. Natasha Reid and Marcia Moore filled the roles as associate editors as they assumed more responsibility as the year progressed.

Other staff members included Darcie Farran, Carolyn Denney, Jillian Harmon, Hannah Dillon, Beth Rinck, and Jason Gorman.



“I loved writing on the sidewalk, it was a great experience.”-Aaron Brockway



Aaron Brockway, sophomore, leaves a message on the sidewalk along with the other students in Mrs. Browning's English class.



Students in Advanced Swimming prepare to dive in.



Rory Holmes, Teresa Goodman, and Michelle Rowe look engrossed in each other's conversation at one of I.H.S.'s seminar assemblies.



Juniors Cody Robertson, Ashley Parham, and Tiffany Patterson, left, create glitter-covered stars for this year's prom.

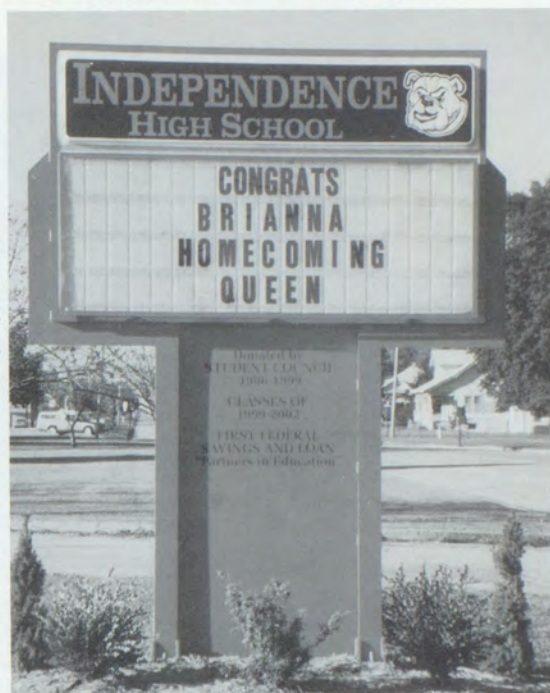
“All the school games were a lot of fun, hanging with the loud crowd.”- Ashley Collins

Ashley Collins



Matt Holum is caught off guard walking across the field during a home football game.

Our new school sign congratulates Brianna Swisher on being crowned fall homecoming queen.



The Science Club takes a nature walk on one of their class trips in Kansas City.



Two IHS boys work hard trying to stack branches in a vehicle outside of the school.



The marching band parades downtown during the fall homecoming parade.



Molly Brown swings hard as she plays a competitive game of tennis.

“The Electric Library is great!”- Hannah Dillon



Victoria Lowden and Sarah Long, both seniors, concentrate on the pile of homework in front of them courtesy of Mrs. Spencer.



Josh Jordan, Sophomore, checks out the computer in the library during his Library Methods class.

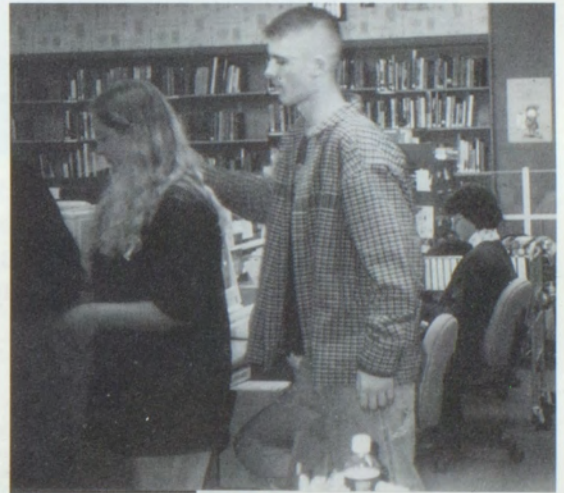


Sophomore students help each other out as their English class takes a field trip to the library.

“Books make the world go round!”



Mrs. Clubine and Mrs. Scott work on keeping the library organized and useable for students.



Sarah Friend and Josh Jordan walk around trying to assist other students. The Library is used to research many topics which is proven by the many English classes found there.



Holly Clapp works on a research project for her English class.

“ Getting learning and fun down to a science.”



Mr. Capes Science Club may be considered one of the more active clubs of IHS. From trips to Kansas City to touring the local schools, Mr. Capes and the club make sure everyone knows how great it is to explore every aspect of science from Astronomy to Zoology.

Science Club takes their science show on the road- or just to the K-5 schools. Mr. Capes brought his class to the youngsters to show them how fun and exciting science can be!

Senior Jennifer Ramsey shows the kids a demonstration. Jennifer has been involved in Science Club for four years.



“Science plus Fun equals Science Club!” -Jacob Lowery

“S-P-I-R-I-T, SPIRIT, WE’VE GOT SPIRIT!”-IHS Crowd.



Upperclassmen get a little rowdy during a home football game at Kayo Emmot field. The students traditionally gather on the left side of field to cheer on the Bulldogs!

Roseanna Lee, senior, works on her homework in one of Mrs. Taylor’s cooking classes. She seems to be studying hard while sophomores, Erica Redman, Echo Dunn, and Jerrid Schicke talk quietly. Usually upperclassmen at IHS have a heavier work load than of the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Some of their classes might include AP English, Government, Physics and many others.



Simon Heckman and Zack Brown, freshmen, walk outside from the 700 building in between classes.



Hannah Dillon, Carolyn Denney, Jalaynna Newkirk, Michelle Alt, Isaac Belcher, Ashley Farmer, and Nathan Belcher, all juniors, eat ice cream at the second Renaissance assembly held in the cafeteria.



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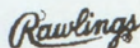
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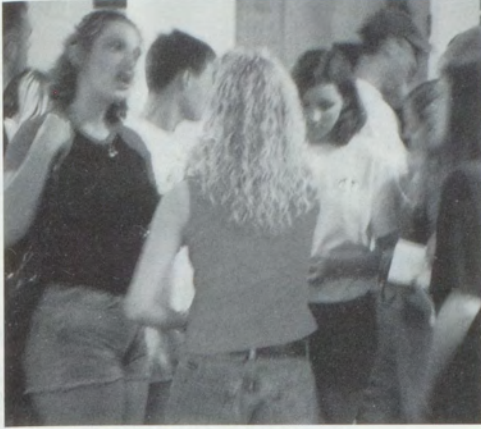
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The gals of 2000 linger in the foyer before heading out to Memorial Hall for graduation rehearsal.



Seniors Beau Shultz and Justin Courtney have breakfast with Mr. Emmot's first hour government class at Braum's on the senior's last day.



Brianna Swisher receives her academic letter at the Academic Banquet. Rotary Club and Soroptimists sponsored the event.



Sarah Long relaxes on the tail gate of a truck during the senior softball game. Many seniors participated in the game, while others cheered from the side lines.

“Mrs. Hellen always faces life with a positive attitude!”



Diana Hellen has served as the community volunteer, VIP, Perkins Grant, JTPA coordinator for several years at Independence High School. As one faculty member stated, “Mrs. Hellen has been the faculty member who can always find some thing positive out of any situation. She is never negative about the students and is a bright spot in the faculty.” Even though she is retiring following the 1999-2000 school year, Mrs. Hellen will continue to contribute to the community and to her church. Not only that she is looking forward to a wide range of community activities, she is also anticipating traveling more extensively and, more importantly, spending more time with her grand-daughter.

*Thank you
Mrs. Cauthon*



‘All that Glitters is not Gold.’ -*The Merchant of Venice*

Mrs. Spencer’s AP English classes hopped aboard the school buses for Wichita to see *The Merchant of Venice*, presented by Wichita Community Theatre. After studying the play in Mrs. Spencer’s class, Shakespeare’s words came alive on stage as students looked on.



The Olive Garden was a delightful stop along the way! Seniors and sophomores enjoyed an Italian dinner and delicious cheesecakes for dessert!



After the first act, Brandon Bailey relaxes on the steps of the set of *The Merchant of Venice*. The play was an enjoyable experience for everyone! The ride home from the play was nerve-wracking, as tornadoes were hitting Parsons.



“I hope the food is better next year.”



Sarah Friend and her twin Emily Friend smile as they receive their letter packets at the Academic Banquet.



Senior Mandy Smith receives her last letter packet from Independence High School in academics.

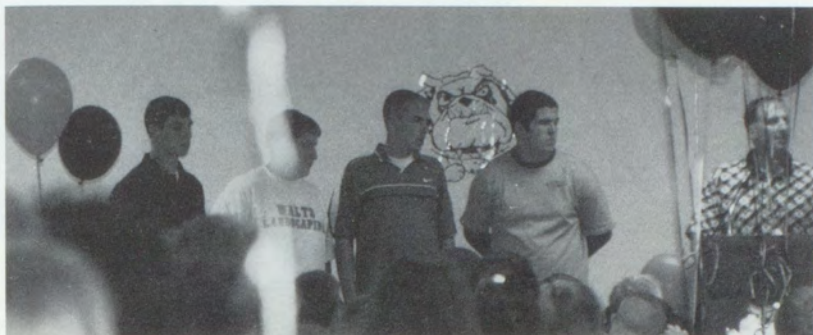


Erin Brooks stops briefly to pose for the camera, as Tera Cadwell follows shortly with a dazed and confused look.



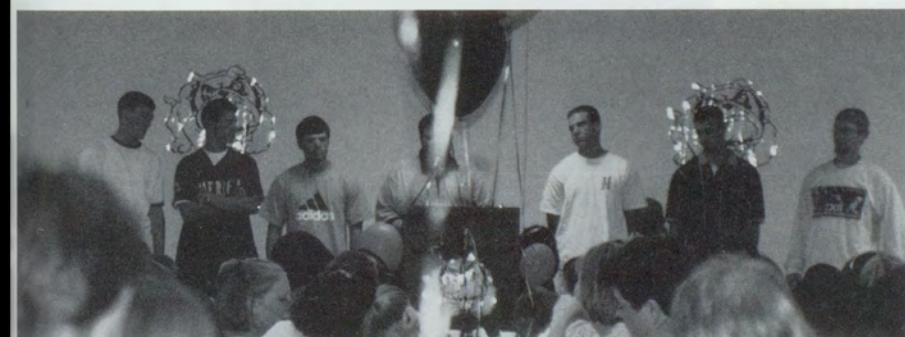
One of the major thrills of Academic Awards Banquet is the opening of the envelope which contains the honors received. Above, a group of seniors go through the packets and see what the friends received. The banquet is sponsored by the Independence Rotary Club and the Soroptimists.

“We had joy, we had fun, we had...” -Coach Hayward



Mr. Hayward announces Matt Holum, Lee Pate, Sheman Brown, and Jake Veits as senior letter winners for football.

Branden Cox, Michael Alexander, Travis Dunham, Beau Schultz are presented as senior letter winners for football.

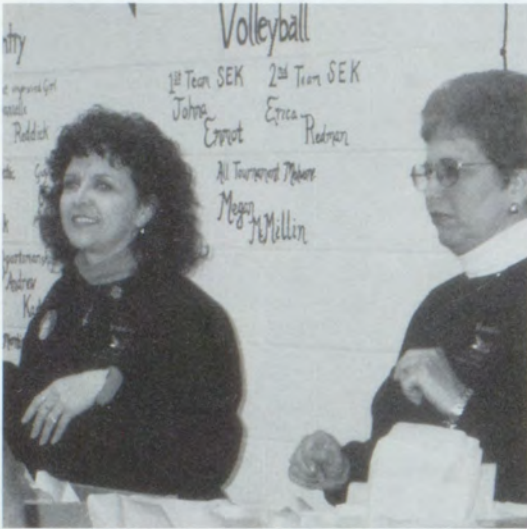


“The senior letter winners for baseball are: David Hogan, Michael Alexander, Travis Dunham, Scott McMillin, Beau Schultz, and Nathan Soltice!” said Coach Denny

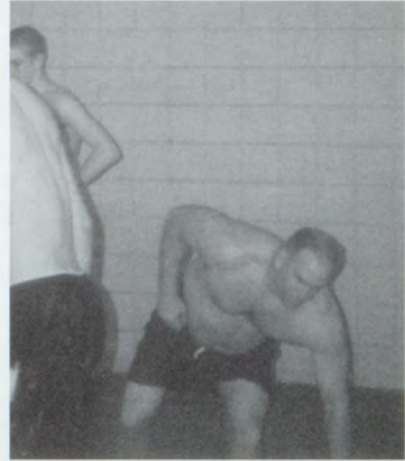
Brianna Swisher carries her momento from the athletic banquet back to her seat.



“Mr. Boldra in a swimming suit is quite a scary sight!” - Mr. Torbett



Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Spencer pass out the Renaissance packets at one of the assemblies. Certain teachers also double as Renaissance sponsors. These duties entail helping out at the rallies, organizing prizes and seeking donations to the program. Mrs. Spencer is the chairperson for the committee.



Mr. Boldra prepares to dive into the Ash Center pool. Mr. Boldra teaches P.E. and Swimming. He can also be seen supervising the cafeteria.



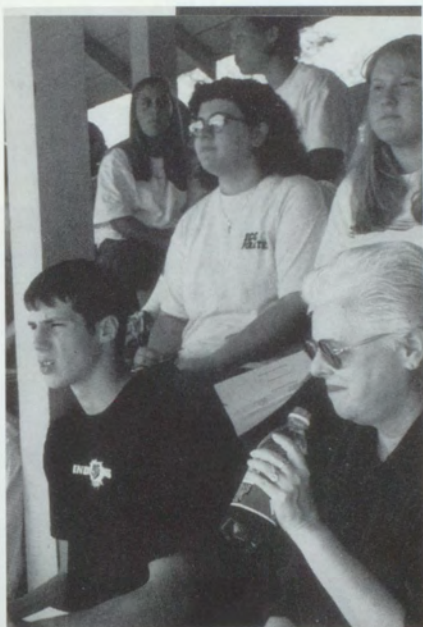
Hey Batter! Mrs. Shepard gets a strike at the Senior V. Faculty softball game. Mrs. Shepard can be seen all about the town videotaping events for her media class. In addition, she also teaches English, Drama and Speech.



Mr. Anderson and Ms. Nally sit on the tail gate of a pick up after a football game. Ms. Nally, Accounting is new to Independence High School this year.



Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham enjoy the atmosphere of Neewollah. Many teachers run downtown for lunch during their break to munch on the fun and pricy food.



Mrs. McCray enjoys the SEK tennis tournament with her class. Mrs. McCray is the chair of the languages department. She is the sponser for the French and Latin Clubs.



Mr. Rose looks inside his gift bag during Fall Homecoming. Mr. Rose teaches Math and coaches track.



Mr. Boehs, left, prepares the list of students traveling to a Forensics tournament. Mr. Boehs teaches history and coaches Debate and Forensics.

"The senior picnic was a fun way to tell the seniors goodbye!" -Mrs. Thompson



Mandy Smith looks down the line at the wide variety of food provided for the senior softball picnic.



Seniors gather around to watch the softball game.



Kendra Sullivan takes a big swing trying to win for the seniors.



Eric Sandon is caught mid-swing while his teammates get ready to cheer.

"The picnic was fun but teachers cheat!" -Sarah Long



Juanita Cox prepares herself to hit a homerun for the faculty.



The senior pitcher, Justin Courtney, throws a fast one in their unsuccessful attempt to beat the faculty.



Kristen Kelly swings hard as the teachers watch their competition.



Senior Brandon Bailey steps up to the bat.



After Jamie Shaw swings, she gets ready to run the bases.

“senior:\ se-nyer\ *n* a: person with higher standing or rank.”



Ashley McCoy, Courtney Chambers, Mindy Thompson and Jessica Fraley enjoy a last day breakfast at Braum's with Mr. Emmot's government class.



Sarah Long, Erin Emert and Hilliary Sherwood ride along in one of the Neewollah parades.



Johna Emmot, class president, rings the Mark Asas Tindle memorial bell on the last day of school.

“Graduation was a sad time but at least we have the future to look forward to.”- Kristen Kelley



Casey Welch smiles for the surrounding cameras as the graduation process begins.



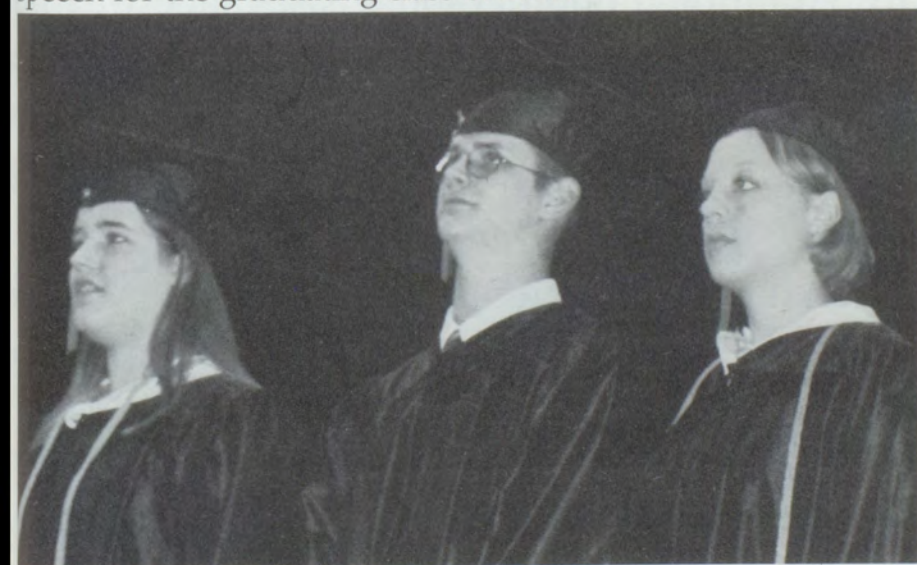
Michael Fienen gave a comical salutatorian speech.



Laura Swearingen, valedictorian, gives a great speech for the graduating class of 2000.



James Hinman waits patiently for the ceremony to begin praying to himself “please don’t fall, please don’t fall,....”



Victoria Lowden, Jacob Lowery, and Jessica Mayes stand proudly as they receive their awards onstage.

END OF CENTURY, BEGINNING OF A LIFETIME, 2000 Edition, Volume LXXV of the **Orange and Black** was published by the yearbook staff of Independence High School, Independence, Kansas. The staff consisted of 10 students with David Torbett as advisor. Beth Follmer served as editor with Kara Craig as assistant editor. As the year progress, Marci Moore was named associate editor and Natasha Reid was named business manager. Other staff members include Carolyn Denny, Beth Rinck, Jason Gorman, Darcie Farran, Hanna Dillon, and Jillian Harmon. Approximately 450 copies of the yearbook was printed by Jostens Publishing company with a plant located in Topeka, Kansas. The book consists of 160 pages with four autograph pages and a four page special section denoting prom and graduation activities. The cover was a stock design from Jostens with modifications by the yearbook staff with assistance of Liz Bardin. Ms. Bardin served as the field representative of Jostens for Independence High School. This year's page design featured headlines of quotations from a variety of students. The yearbook program used was Aldus Pagemaker 6.5 with the addition of the Jostens Yeartech program. Life Touch, of Fort Scott, Kansas, provided the individual photos of the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The yearbook class worked on four Dell Computers and a Hewlett Packard Laser Jet 2100 printer. Photography was done primarily by the members of the staff. Additional photographic assistance was provided by Fred Hunt, of the Independence Daily Reporter, Margie Swisher, Marge Castagna, Robin Rinck, Johna Emmot, and Rachel Torbett. The yearbook sold for \$30 with the regular cover. For \$35 the student could have the named printed on the cover and for an additional \$5, icons of a variety of form could be purchased. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Independence High School, 1301 North Tenth, Independence, Kansas 67301.

“I was nervous, but I had fun.”-Jessica Camacho

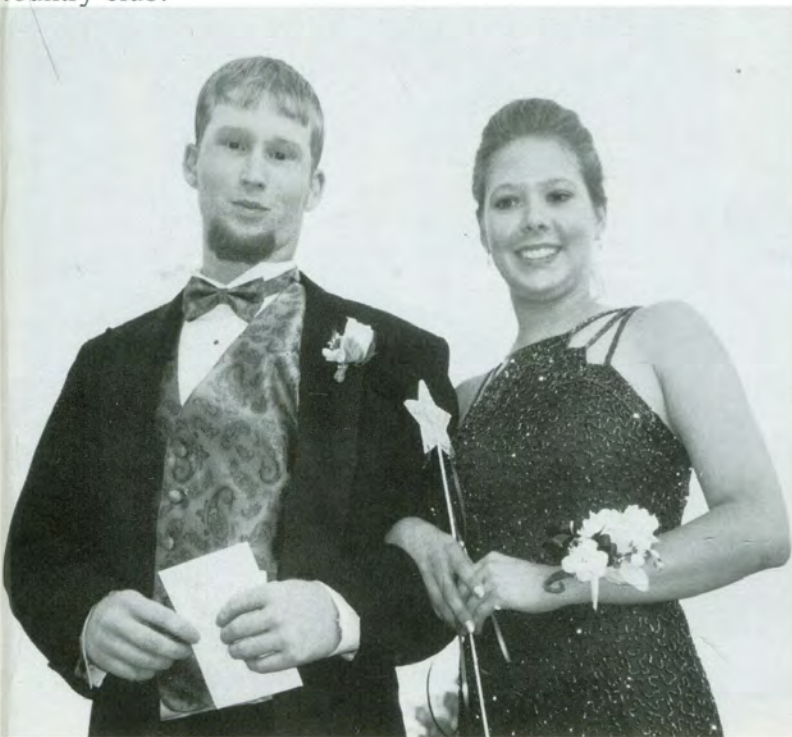


Cody Goins, junior, and date Jessica Camacho, sophomore, left, pause for a quick picture before they enter Prom 2000.....Until the End of Time. The Junior class did an excellent job preparing and making Prom 2000 a success.



Kaven Chapman, junior, and Bri Swisher, senior, left, aka Miss Beauty, show their pearly whites for all the world to see as they get ready to enjoy a fulfilled night of dancing.

Nathan Soltice, senior, and Hannah Dillon, junior, below, pause during the walk-in to the prom. Large numbers of parents, friends, and community members arrive early in order to watch this festive occasion. The walk-in includes the announcement of the students' names as they enter the country club.

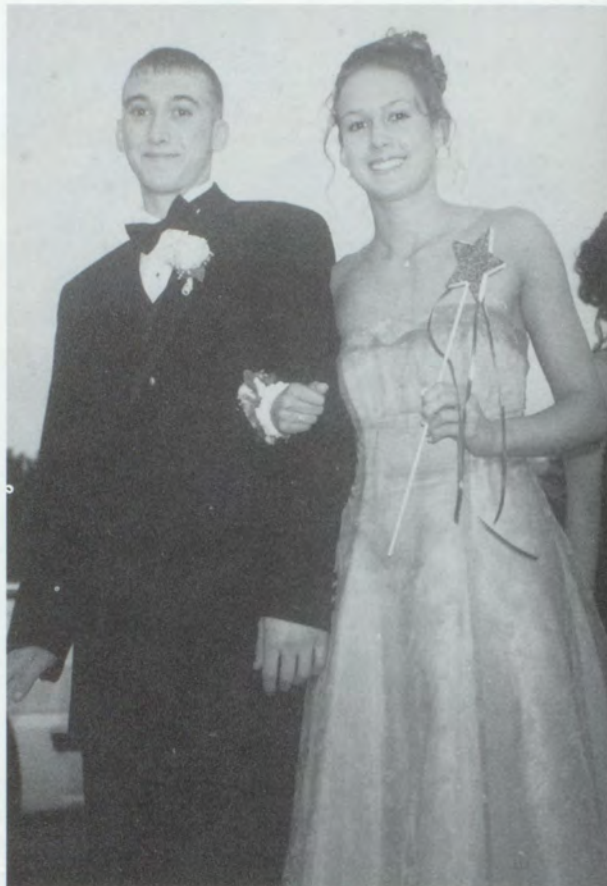


Alyssa Merritt, senior, above, walks her sophomoredate, Rob Reed into prom. There was a large number of sophomores at the Junior/Senior Prom.

“Prom 2000 was a blast!” -Brooke Bohr



Keith Estes, junior, left, and Jessie Clubine by his side smile for the crowd of friends and family during the Prom 2000 walk-in. Keith and Jessie came to prom riding in a horse drawn carriage. Every year people take all kinds of different cars, boats, trucks, tractors, limos..... the list goes on.



Chris Gruber, senior, with date Brooke Bohr, sophomore, above, stop abruptly for a quick picture take. Prom 2000 walk-in went very well and we were lucky for such nice weather.

Sherman Brown, senior, and Beth Rinck, junior, below, walk slowly into prom but come to a standstill to get a picture taken together. Beth was injured in a softball game just days before prom, but that didn't stop her from getting her groove on at prom. She just slapped some athletic tape on it and she was good to go.



Levi Holt, and Allison Fairbank, both seniors, above, take a four wheeler to prom. What an interesting ride to prom; how does she ride that in a dress???

“Good job with the decorations juniors!” Kara Craig



Seniors, Derrick Darkis and Stephanie Wilson smile and pose for pictures during walk-in.



Juniors, Brian Dennis, Mary Kelly, Jonathan Spencer, and Erin Brooks all wait patiently to have their names called during walk-in.



Juniors, Tiffany Patterson and Ashley Parham enjoy themselves as they dance at prom.



From Pep Club President to tennis player to prom attendant, Junior Jordan Watson escorts sophomore Tara McCarrel to prom



Juniors Andrew Kadel and Tiffany Patterson prepare themselves for good times and good food at Prom 2000



Junior Shannon Beason and seniors Amy Watson enjoy a night of dancing and fun at prom.



Seniors Victoria Lowdon, Nick Wilsey, and Jeff Gettler and junior Kristy Brooks watch as someone makes a spectacle of himself on the dance floor.



Junior Shawn Smith and sophomore Casey Hugo roll into prom in a Plymouth Prowler.

“Old Indy, alma mater.....”

Valedictorian- Laura Swearingen

Salutatorian- Michael Fienen



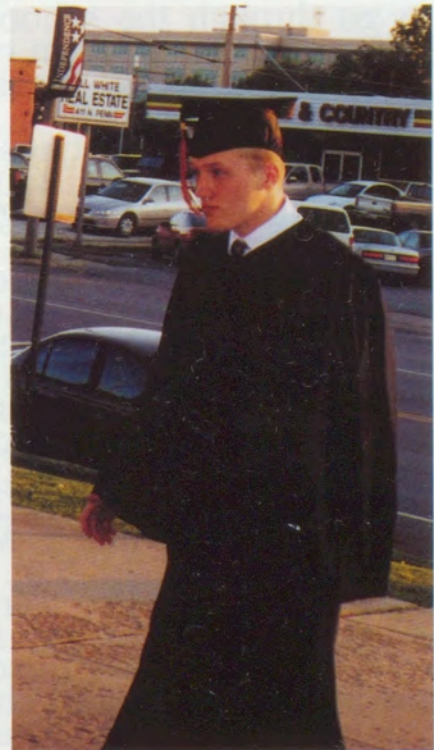
Applause! Applause! The Class of 2000 gives a cheer for salutatorian Michael Fienen after his graduation address.



Stephanie Wilson lends a helping hand to Allison Fairbank before commencement. The senior class gathered in the basement of the Civic Center prior to walking into the auditorium.



Johnna Emmot and Sherman Brown receive their citizenship awards at commencement. These students go beyond the call of duty in academia, extracurricular and social events.



Robby Lyon strides into the auditorium with his fellow classmates.

"Graduation was hot, no cool, no hot."



Mary Henderson, Kristy Croom, Victoria Lowdon stand during the National Honor Society recognition. The gold tassels worn by the students represent this distinguished honor. National Honor Society made a strong comeback this year at Independence High School as Mrs. Lundt and her assistant, Mr. Boehs, took over the sponsorship. For the first time in recent years, the students were formerly inducted into the organization and elected a slate of officers with definite plans for the next school year.

Commencement--the definition is not the end, but the beginning. So be it for the Class of 2000. In what started as the first class to go through the school system under the re-structuring form of education, the students finished the career in a hot, muggy, Memorial Hall.

Facing a cacophonous explosion from the adults, the students maintained their composure and dignity throughout the evening.

This class will be remembered as the group that had the graduation time, date, and location moved several times. Due to conflicts with potential athletic qualifiers for state, with the graduation ceremonies from the state regent institutions, and, finally, with the weather and the potential of thunderstorms, the Class of 2000 had the traditional ceremonies at Memorial Hall on Saturday night at 8 p.m.

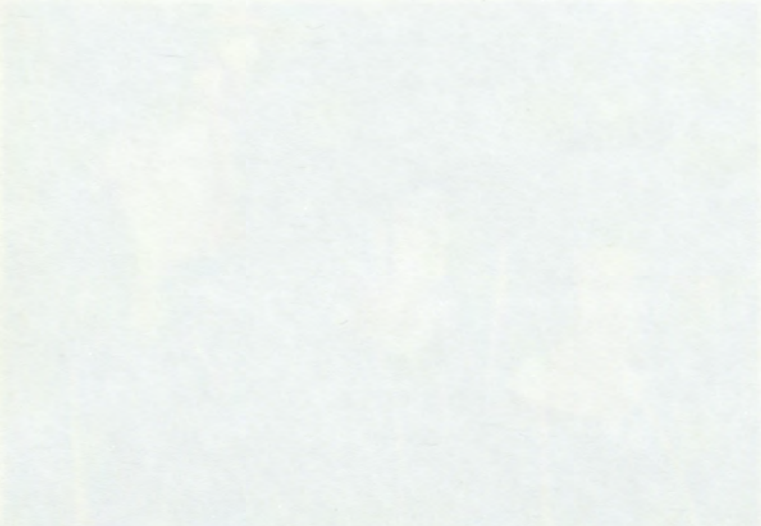
The class displayed a tremendous amount of pride and unity as it faced the ceremony. The large crowd filled Memorial Hall and made it difficult for the audience to follow the progression of ceremonies.



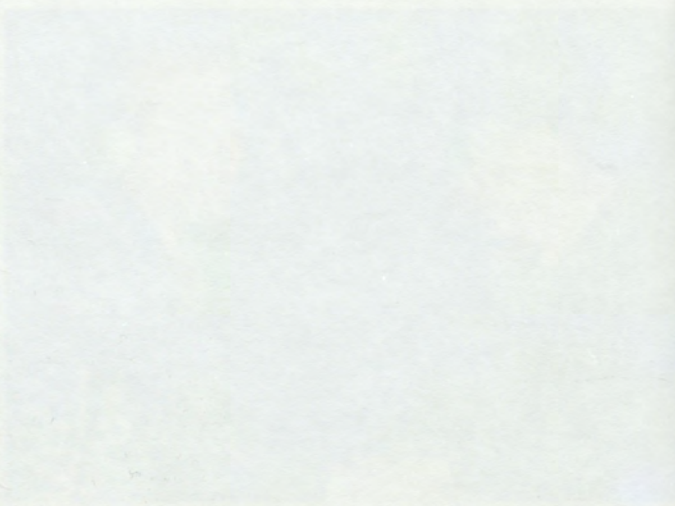
Jason Gorman receives his diploma from the newest USD 446 Board member, Delywn Cross. Mr. Cross is a former educator in Neodesha. Jason completed his time at Independence High School with courage and good spirits. The halls will be a little empty without Jason speaking to his many and varied friends.

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Mary Anderson, Kitty Cannon, Victoria Lewicki stand during the National Honor Society recognition. The girls stand with the members of their class who will become National Honor Society members during the ceremony. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. [unclear] presided. For the first time in school history, the membership of the organization was increased and the girls will soon begin the school year.



The girls of the National Honor Society were recognized during the ceremony. The girls who will become members of the organization are: [unclear] and [unclear]. The girls will soon begin the school year.

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