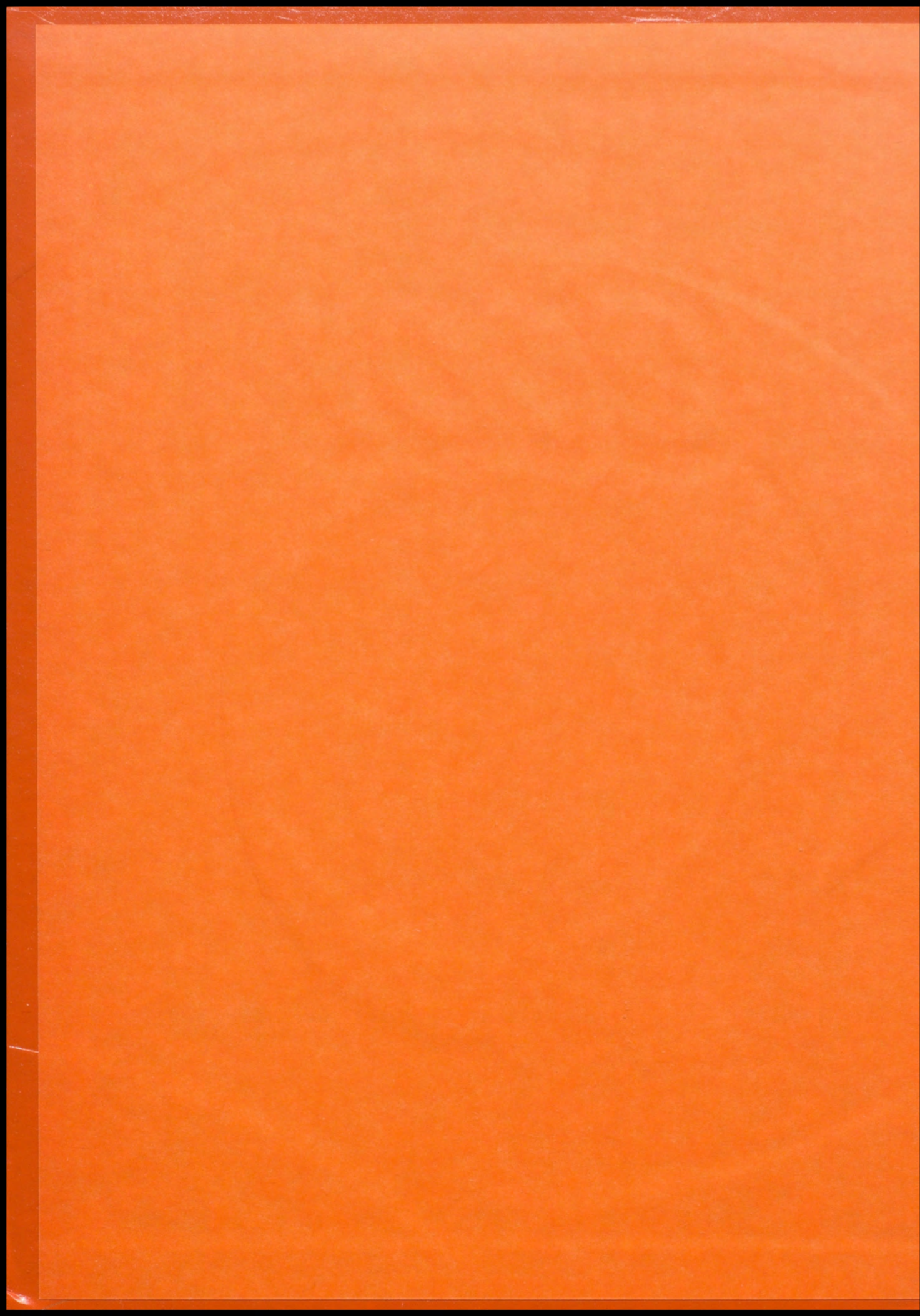


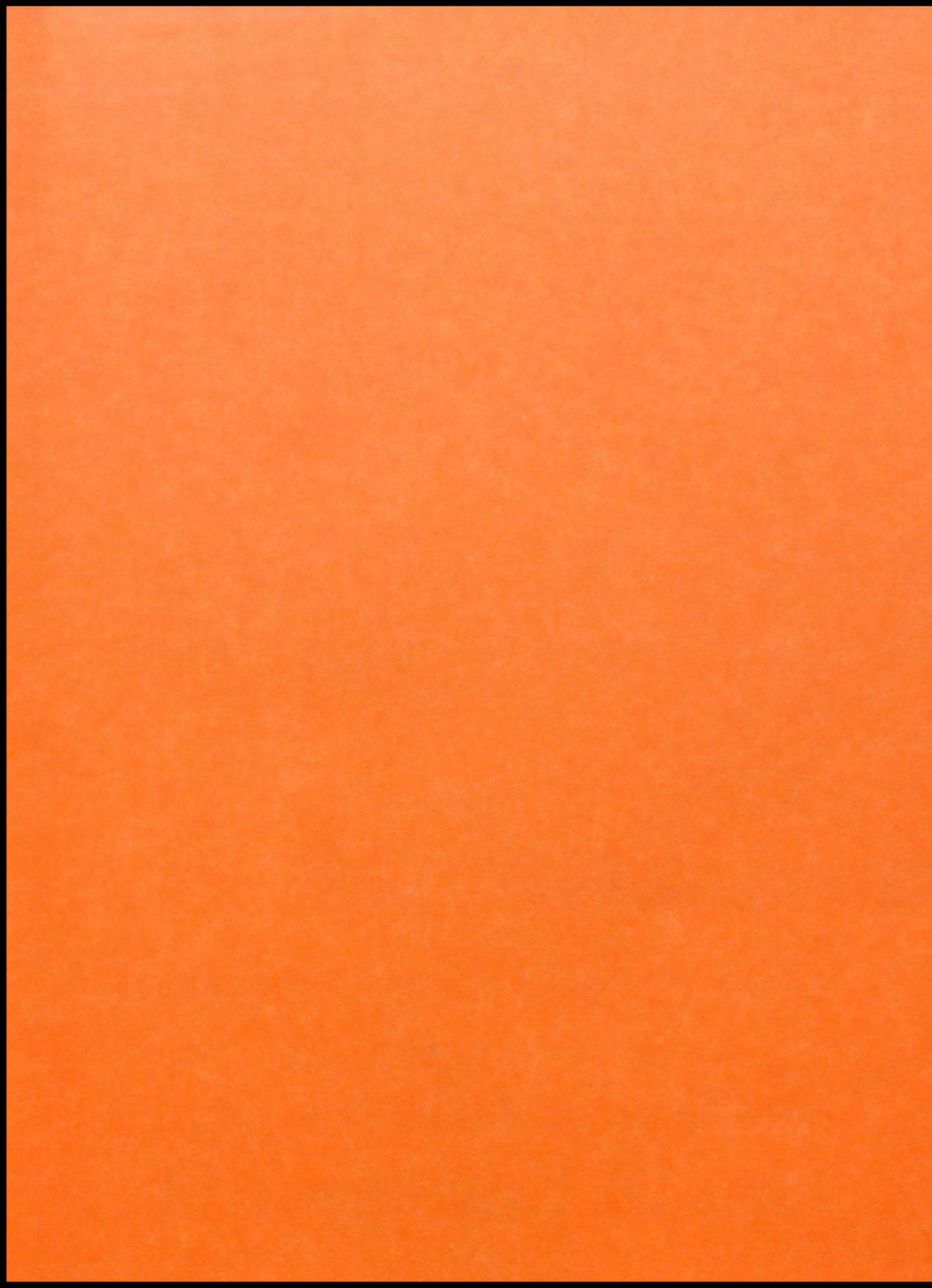
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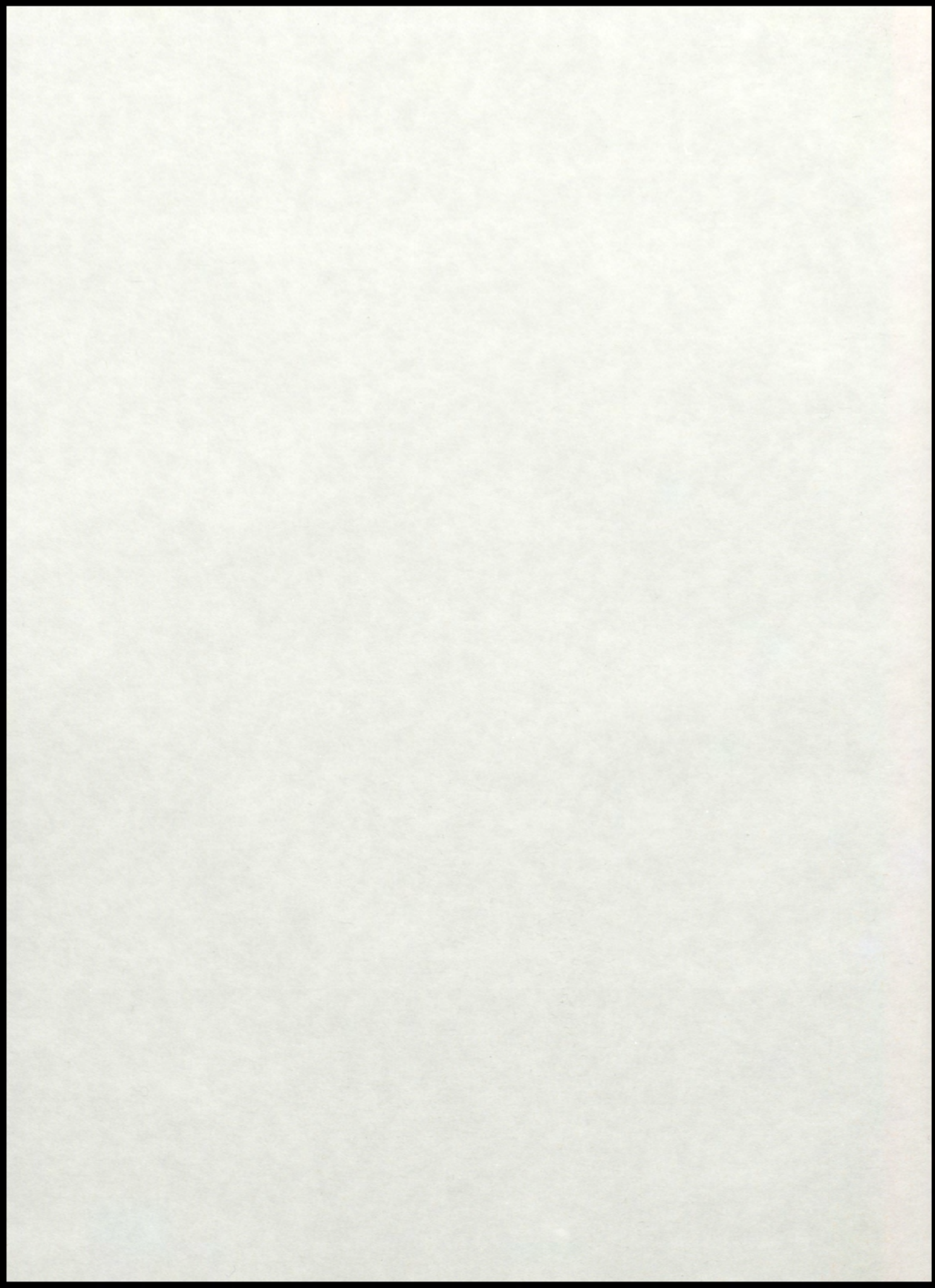


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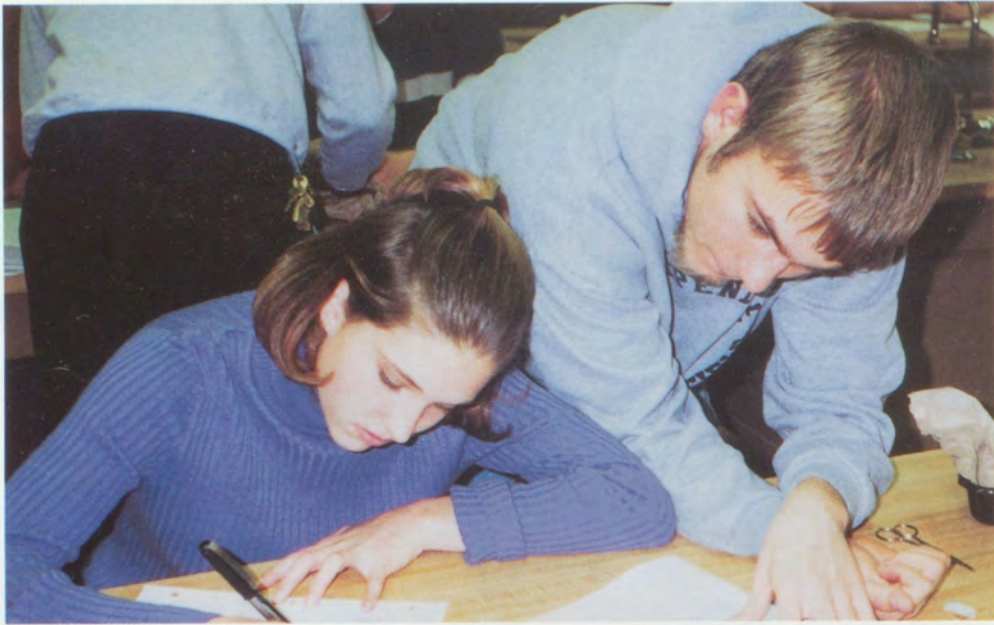


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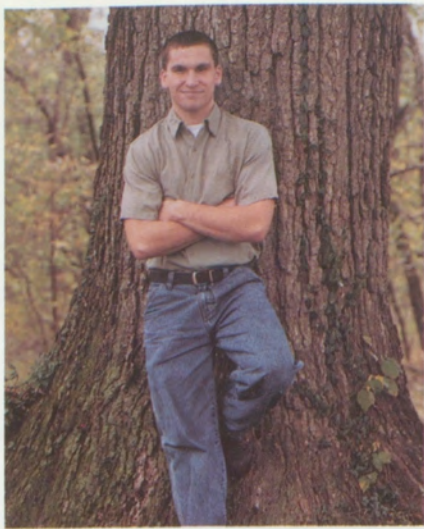
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*Orange and Black*



*" A Picture is Worth 2001 Memories: that is the theme of this year's Orange and Black. The yearbook this year is featuring more pictures, fewer stories, and hopefully, more and different people. As students reflect on their high school days from some distant point, these memories will be captured to last a lifetime. Yes, one picture can elicit thoughts of a time, of a person, of an experience, of a high school career. As the staff tried to put the yearbook together a conscious effort was made to try to include all groups of students. Were we successful? That's your decision. Did we try? Yes we did!*

*As you look through this book, remember even now the good times, the bad times, and the learning times you experienced here at Independence High School.*





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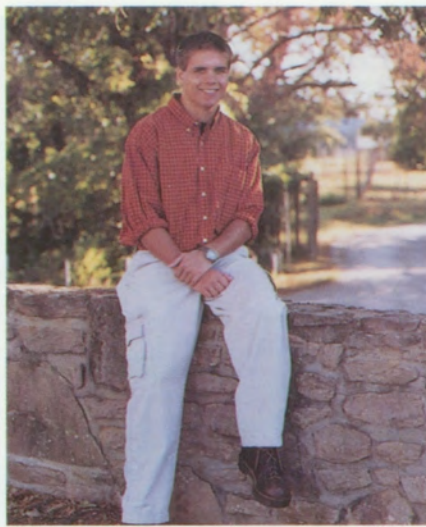
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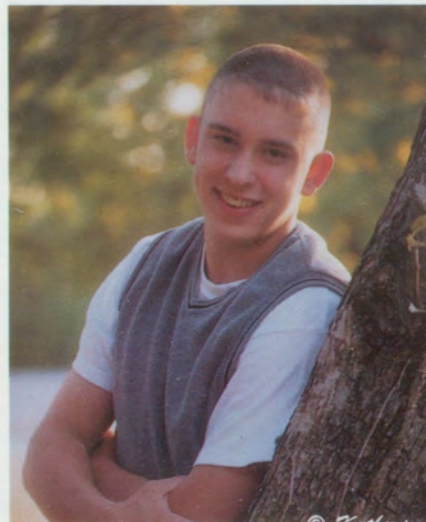
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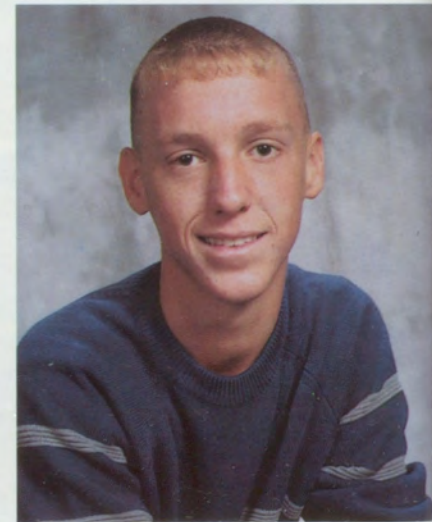
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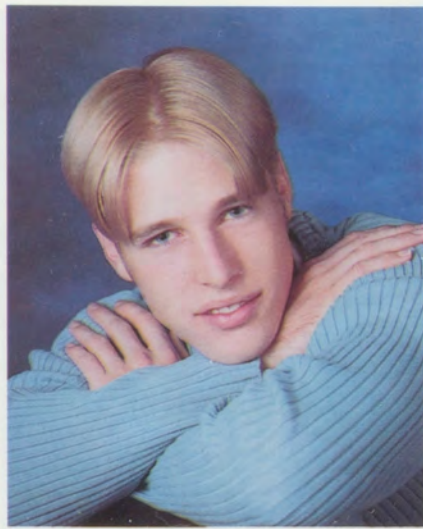


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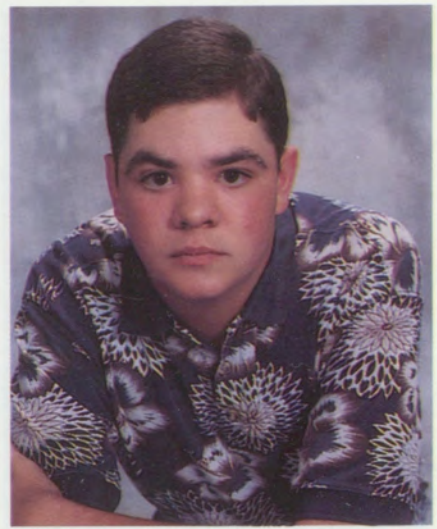




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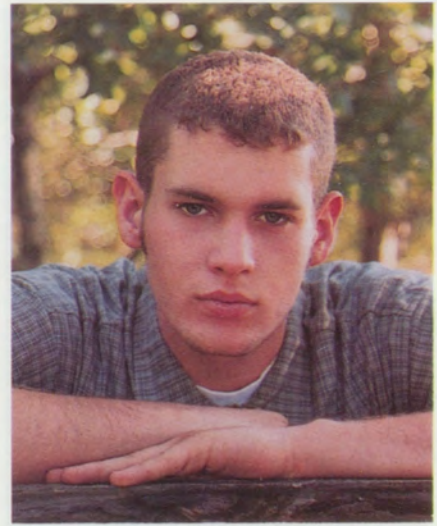
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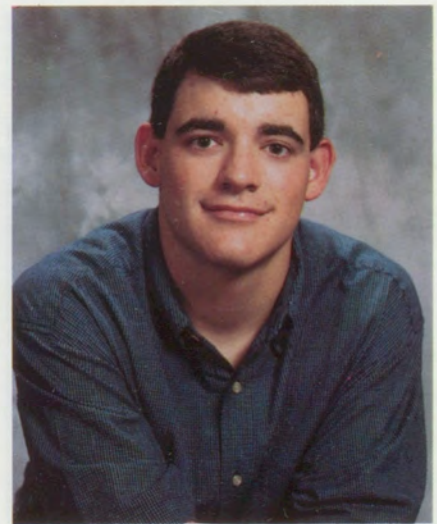
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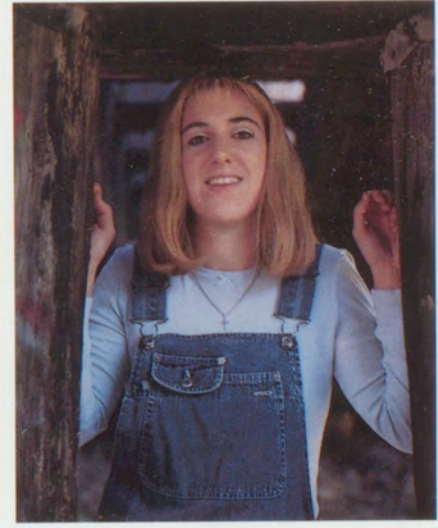
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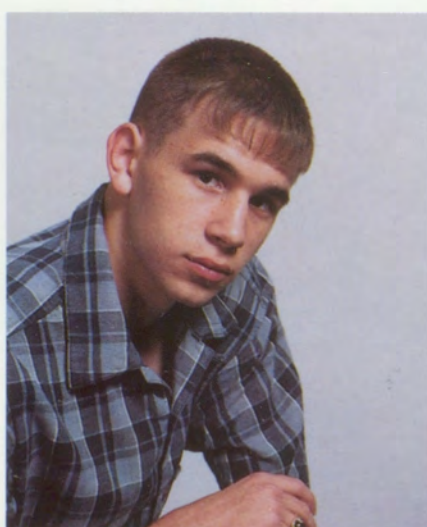
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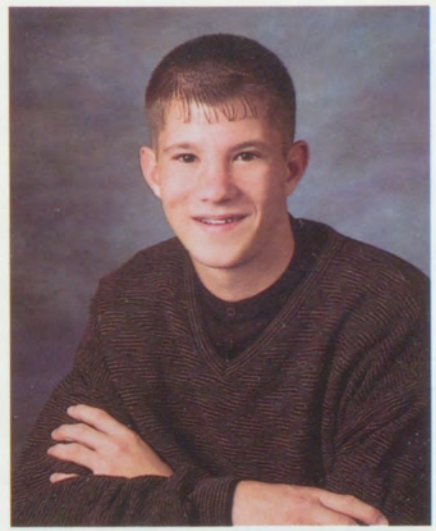
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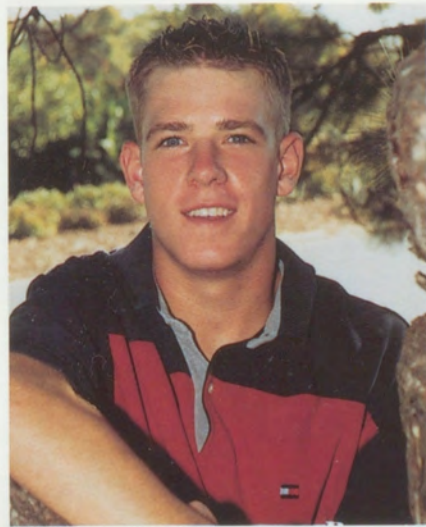
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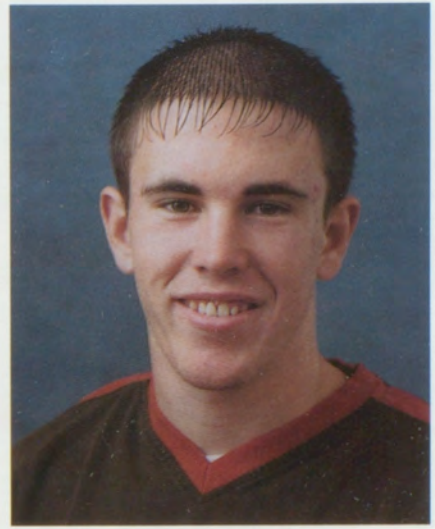




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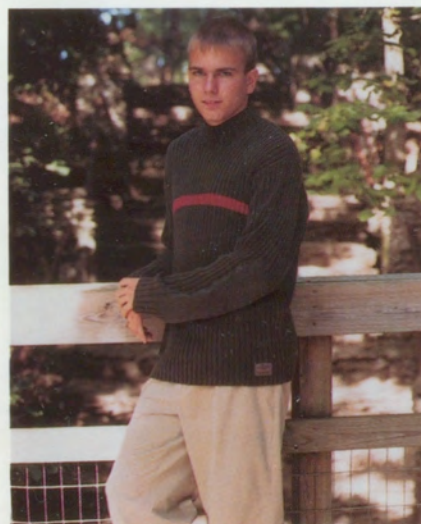
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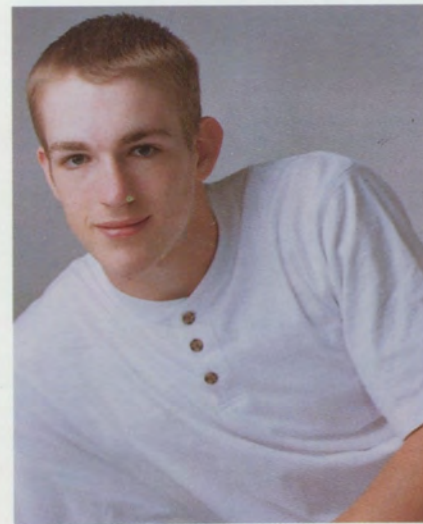
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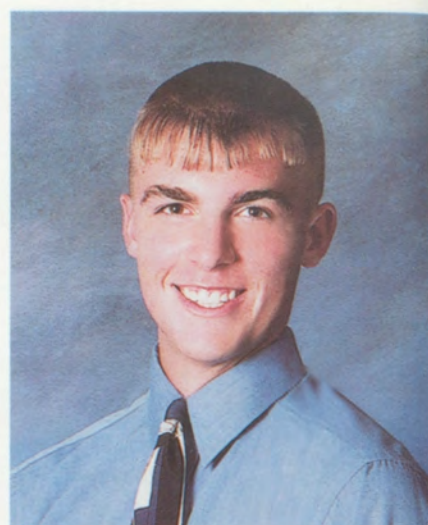
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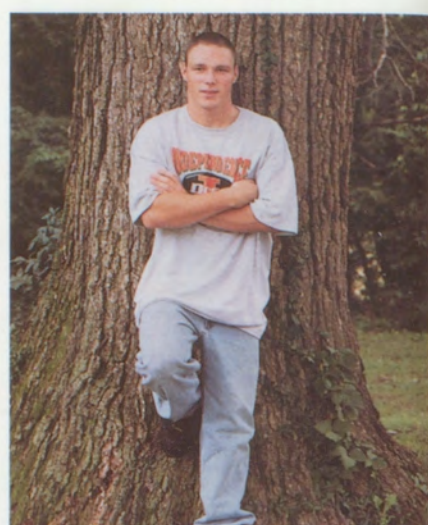
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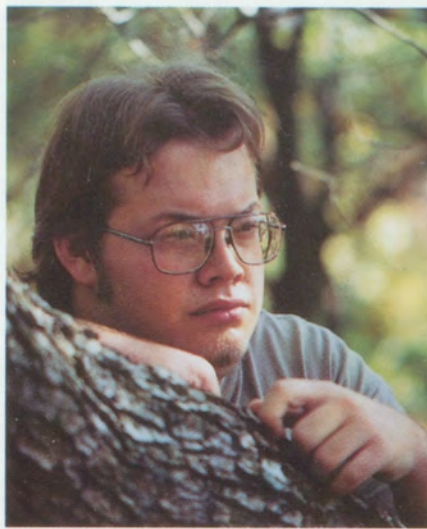
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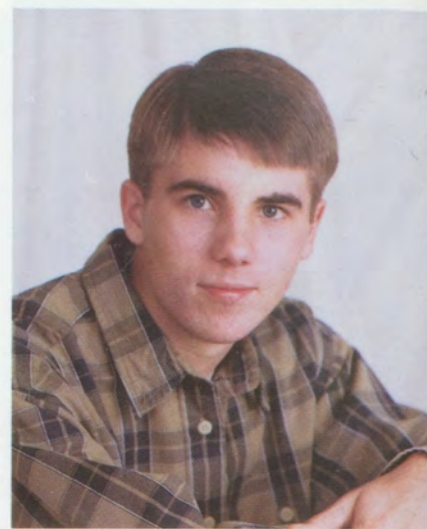
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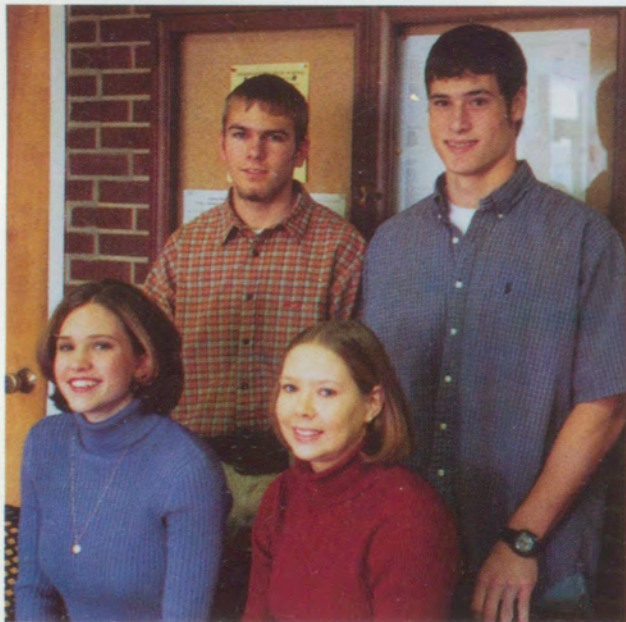
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David

Vice-President-  
Hannah Dillon

Secretary-Josh Tucker

Treasurer-Cody  
Robertson



*Jamie Andres*



# Fall Sports

# Varsity Football Plays With Pride



1st Row: George Black, Russell Swisher, Chris Beyer, Jon Harris, Jordan Watson, Kelly Ross, Brian Dennis, Jacob Friend, Travis Tow, Josh Jordan, Nick Brown, Abe Al-Bureni, Patrick Allen, Jeret Kusiak, Jasper Durbin, Chris Elliott, Devin Jarret, Roger McGuyer, Simon Heckman,  
 2nd Row: Neal Daugherty, Brandon Branham, Ryan Gilchrist, Robert Comacho, Chris Stockton, Joe Al-Bureni, Mack Lee, Jeff Radcliff, Aaron Brockway, Josh Tucker, Preston Crawford, Jake Blurton, Brian Pokorny, Dallas Watson, Shawn Smith, Wesley Evans, Andrew Long, Thorston Fraley, Matt Linder, John Heathman,  
 3rd Row: Travis Rousseau, Ben Long, Brian Sandon, Mike Pokorny, Mark Spellman, Daniel Couch, Mike Hall, Brett Beurskens, Zach Viets, Lee Dent, Ross Baldassaro, Aaron Shrader, Shane McCoy, Sam Hastings

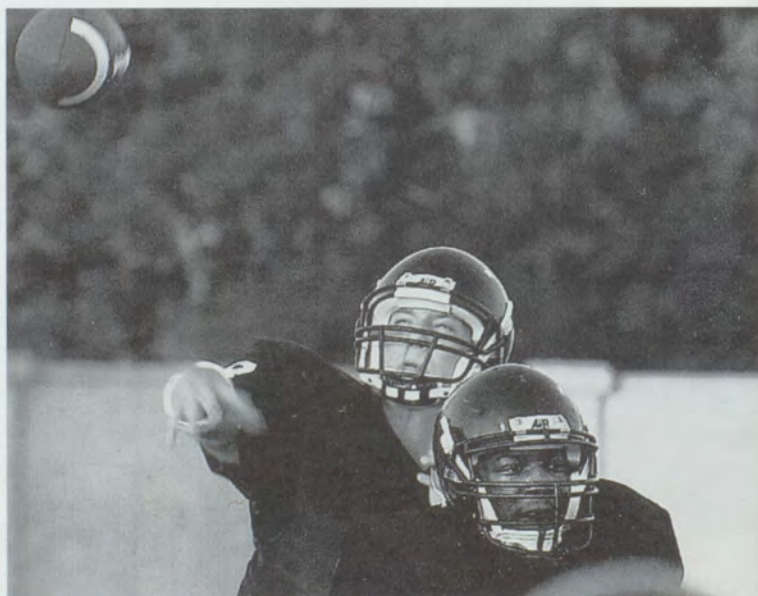


Junior, Ben Long runs with the ball after he intercepted a pass against the Chanute Comets.



Left, Senior, Jordan Watson catches a pass.

- \*Dallas Watson: 1st Team Class 5A O. Line  
1st Team All-SEK O. Line
- \*Brian Sandon: 1st Team All-SEK O. Line
- \*Mack Lee: 1st Team All-SEK Running Back
- \*Brian Dennis: 2nd Team All-SEK Quarterback
- \*Mark Spellman: 3rd Team All-SEK D. Line
- \*Russell Swisher: 3rd Team All-SEK D. Line



Senior quarterback, Brian Dennis passes the ball as a Ft. Scott Tiger defender attempts to block it. Brian has served as the high school's varsity quarterback since he was a sophomore.

# Junior Varsity Captures Two Wins



Independence High School Junior Varsity football players begin to form a huddle after gaining some yards on the Columbus Titans defense.



Robert Camacho along with other JV football players stretch before their contest against the Labette County Grizzlies.

The Independence Junior Varsity football squad made fans proud. The team made of mostly juniors and sophomores captured two victories and tied one game with Coffeyville. The young squad defeated the Parsons Vikings and the Columbus Titans. The JV Bulldogs worked hard all season, their excellent work ethic and desire to become a better team paid off in the end. These young men made our school and community proud.



Sophomore, Chris Elliot meets with a referee after the opposing team committed a penalty.



**IHS Football Coaching Staff**

Back Row: John Mangan, Brad Carroll, Tim Davis, Carl Boldra.

Front Row: Justin Hurley, Luke Claar (Head), Jim Moseley

# Freshmen Promise Bright Future



Back Row: Michael Koehn, Ben Klamm, Cole Wittum, Brian McHugh, Anthony Hann, A.J Steinle, Andy Diaz, Andy Greenhaw Middle Row: Jacob Murdock, Bryan Mayes, Trevor Tow, Zach Barnett, Scott Hogan, Curtis Murdock, Tony Leon, Kyle Evans Front Row: Jason Watson, Matt Kadel, Kyndon Oakes, Gary Sylvas, Chris Schlotman, Cody Beyer, Joe Hall, Aridan Johnson, Anthony Hygh



Aridan Johnson attempts to complete a pass, while teammate Andy Greenhaw defends him during warm-ups.



The Independence High School freshmen football team "Lays the smack down" on a Ft. Scott football player. The boys traveled to Ft. Scott to compete against the Tigers.

**The I.H.S freshmen football team struggled with this years season. Although the wins were relatively few, the boys played hard and stayed dedicated to their team. Many improvements were made along the season, which promises a bright future for the boys planning on playing at the varsity level in the years to come.**



Freshmen football player A.J Steinle runs off the field during the game versus the Titans.



Freshmen receiver Andy Diaz completes pass from quarter back Jason Watson



# Cheerleaders Learn New Ropes



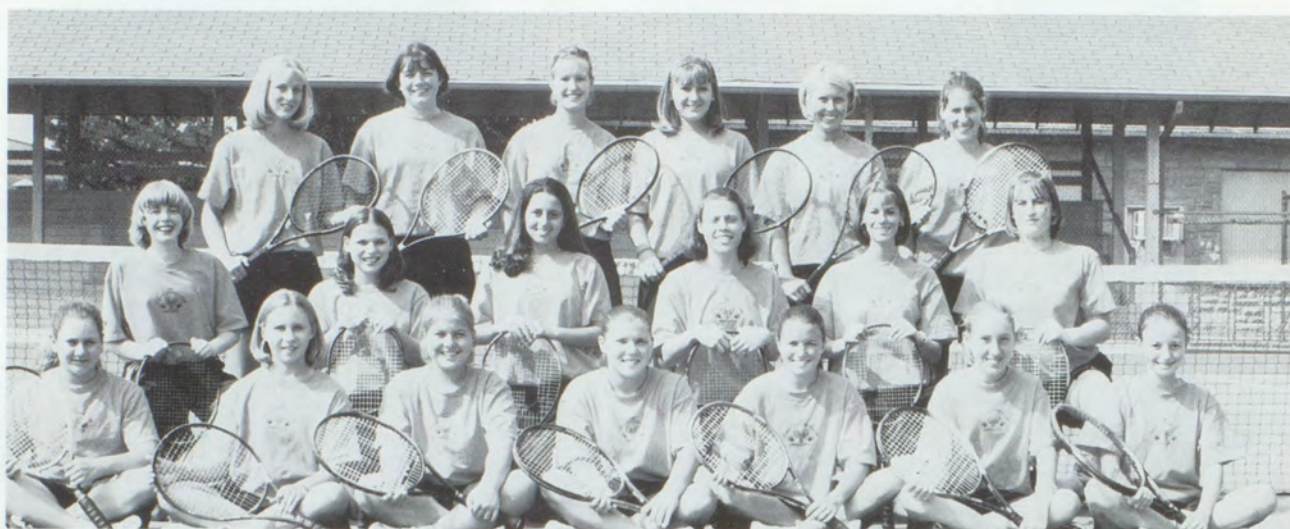
Front Row: Kelley Gorman, Emily Bannwarth, Chlesea Chaney, Jessica Dillon Back Row: Mallory Myers, Megan Dodson, Heather Greer, Leslie Dillon

Yell It Out! Leslie Dillon, Mallory Myers, Megan Dodson, and Heather Greer cheer for the freshman football team during a home game with the Columbus Titans.



Freshmen Megan Dodson, Kelley Gorman, Chelsea Chaney, and Emily Bannwarth work on their pom-poms to show their Bulldog spirit.

# "They play as good as they look"



Front Row- Allie Merrit, Kara Thompson, Megan Brooks, Kelsey Stephens, Bethanie White, Megan Royse, and Audrey Gross. Middle Row- Madison Lumm, Amber Jefferson, Anna Barbi, Carolyn Denney, Sarah Hines, and Natalie Brockway. Back Row- Shannon Beurskens, Kellie Jewers, Mary Kelly, Lauren Oakleaf, Jenny Beurskens, and Molly Brown.



Kara Thompson gets ready to send the ball back. Kara is a sophomore and this is her second season playing tennis for IHS.

## Tennis Team Awards

Most Spirited- Mary Kelly

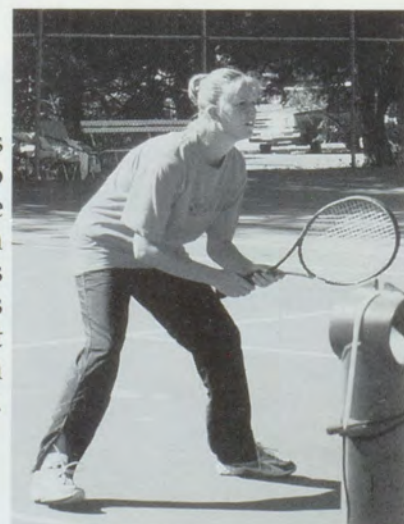
Most Improved- Kara Thompson

Rookie of the Year- Allie Merrit

Most Valuable Player- Lauren Oakleaf

Hustle Award- Bethanie White

Mary Kelly is on guard to retrieve the ball. Mary is a senior and has played tennis throughout her high school career.



# Oakleaf, Beurskens Take 2nd at State



Coach Lundt, Jenny Beurskens, and Lauren Oakleaf watch their opponent before their game at state.



Bam! Molly Brown, junior, fires back a return at a home match. Molly practiced during the summer as she assisted her dad in the summer lessons. Although she qualified for state, she exited early.



Nap time?! Molly Brown, Lauren Oakleaf and Jenny Beurskens sleep right before their games at state. Mrs. Botts stay awake by brushing up on her tennis articles.



It's over! Mary Kelly and Carolyn Denny played one of the last games of their high school career.

# Senior Girls Pace Cross Country



Senior Cross Country Co-Captain, Emily David, above, runs vigorously towards the finish line at the Independence Cross Country Invitational held at Sycamore Golf Course.

Sophomore, Thelma Reeves, below, uses her arms to give her a burst of power to finish. To be able to run Cross Country you must have stamina and endurance.



Senior Co-Captain Michelle Alt, right, runs with her eyes closed as she envisions a First Place medal being handed to her. Michelle was named Girls Honorable Mention along with Co-Captain Emily David.



Front Row-Allison Taylor, Amber Diaz, Danielle Reddick, and Kirsta Hugo. Middle Row-Kristin Murray, Michelle Alt, and Thelma Reeves. Standing-Emily David and Heather Oldnettel.

2000 Girls CC Awards

Pre-Pre Award-  
Michelle Alt

Most Improved-  
Allsion Taylor

# Grant Shaffer takes 10th at State



Front Row-Nathan Rail, Chris Schulz, Bryan Emert, Arthur Thompson, Skylar Rail, Jacob Dick, and Grant Shaffer. Standing-Aaron David, Tommy Boggs, Daniel Oldnettel, Sam Carnes, Marty Kelly, Andrew Kadel, Josh Mattes, Justin Showalter, and Braden Gates.



Freshman, Grant Shaffer, left with an obvious look of determination on his face makes a gain on another runner. Grant was a new comer this year, proving himself worthy by being the only boy to make it to state this year.



Junior, Jacob Dick, left, is about to catch an Iola runner. This is Jacob third year to run cross country, taking the title All League SEK Honor, along with teammate Grant Shaffer.



A pack of runners, above, which include: Andrew Kadel, senior, Patrick Housby, sophomore, and Jacob Dick, junior, all head down the final stretch of the race. All of them are hoping to finish before the other.

2000 Boys CC Awards

Pre-Pre Award-Grant Shaffer

Most Improved & Inspirational-  
Patrick Housby

Sportsmanship Award-Andrew  
Kadel

# Bump it, Set it, Spike it, Kill it !!



Front: Christina MacRae, Nakeyae Lee, Melissa McDaniel, Elisha Harris  
Middle: Abby Christensen, LaShon Jones, Megan Fowler, Jessica Boyle, Casey Matrin, Sara Hoyt, Carrie Meadows, Back: Tiffany Barker, Lensi LaForge.



Jessica Boyle, puts her hands to the test while approaching her serve during a freshman volleyball game at the Ash Youth Center.



Nakeyae Lee, throws the volleyball up high, and brings her arm back to serve the ball across the net. Serving is a very important skill that desires much talent.



The freshmen volleyball squad sits on the bench while anxiously watching the rest of their teammates bump, set, and spike the ball down on the other team. The freshmen squad consists of 12 players, two managers, and coach Coylene Spears.

# Teamwork is on this court!



Front: Ashley Duham, Lisa Padilla, Nicole Stewart, and Megan Stephens.  
Middle: Lindsay Dunham, Barbara Plaven, Rammie Browning, and Sara Newkirk. Back: Ti Martin and Jessica Camacho.



Varsity Team Members: Jennifer Tucker, Beth Rink, Lauren Freisburg, Loni Daily, Erica Redman, Vanessa Jones, and Megan McMillin.

# Desire is the will to win!!



Erica Redman had a tough time this volleyball season with her shoulder injury, which left her out about two playing weeks. Erica came back with lots of fire on that arm to deliver the almighty kill during a volleyball match at Pittsburg High School.

1st Team S.E.K Erica Redman

2nd Team S.E.K Megan McMillin

Overall record 17 wins, 12 losses

Received 1st in Indy Tournament

2nd in S.E.K with the record 7 wins, 1 loss

" Never lose the intense desire for excellence in performance. It will strengthen the desire for excellence in all areas of life." Coach Speicher



Beth Rinck a senior at Independence High School goes above the net to deliver her spike against Labette High School. Beth has played volleyball for four years lettering three of those years. Her talent seemed to grow with every bump, set and spike she encountered.



# Dogs Cheer With Pride!



Front Row: Hannah Dillon, and Tara McCarrell. Middle Row: Ashley Farmer, Lisa Gruver, and Courtnee Demo. Back Row: Roxie Watson, Emily Farmer, Ali Bannwarth, Ashley Goad, and Karie Ross.



All smiles, Hannah Dillon and Lisa Gruver, left, breakdown and have some fun while cheering for a home game against the Gardner Trailblazers.

Cortny Schlorholtz, right, goes up as Emily and Ashley Farmer base the stunt. Lisa Gruver stands behind working as the spot.



# Bulldog Trainers Very Adhesive!!



Above, a group of trainers "perfect" the taste of the gatorade at a footgame. The trainers worked hard this year and were often first on the scene at all sporting events.



Tiffany Patterson, senior trainer takes care of blood on freshmen football player Matt Kadel. Blood becomes a part of an everyday routine if you are a trainer.



Back Row: Sytera Barnard, Tiffany Patterson, Gordan McDaniel, Jalayna Newkirk, Darcie Farran, and Melinda Magathan  
Front Row: Randy McDaniel, Steve Foraker, and Jack House

Below, Gordon McDaniel, left, instructor of the student trainers at IHS, tapes fall cheerleader Lisa Gruver. Everyone benefits from the training program. A trainer is at all of the sporting events to assist the players, coaches and cheerleaders.



# 2000 Fall Homecoming



Above are the 2000 Fall Homecoming Queen candidates: Courtnee Demo, Courtney Prezel, Erin Brooks, Emily David, and Lauren Oakleaf. They all smile happily while getting pictures taken



Above Russell Swisher shows some leg while dressed up like a girl during the homecoming program



Brain Dennis and Lauren Oakleaf pose just after she was crowned Fall Homecoming Queen.



The Candidates sit waiting to be asked their questions, meanwhile Courtney Prezel cracked us all up with her impression of Mr. Emmot.

# Juniors take 1st in Food Ball Game



Freshmen, Candice Heathman, and Mindy Buck watch as Whitney Williams applies black dog paws to Jammi Stairs cheeks before the start of the Food Ball Scrambler. Juniors won, with the senior coming in at a close second.



Mrs. Browning, above, along with many sophomores gather at their gate awaiting the debut of the Food Ball Scramble. The Pop Game was replaced this year because of the storage problems and coaches didn't like the players drinking pop.



Seniors, Courtnee Demo, Michelle Alt, Erin Brooks, above, bond with a lone junior Danielle Reddick at the dance after the Food Ball Scrambler which was at the stadium.



Allison Taylor, junior, above, is caught stealing cans by Mrs. Cunningham. So that's how the juniors won!

# Band excels at Neewollah!!



The following band members are: Ryan Gilchrist, Sarah Boyer, Megan Williams, Kari Brooks, Natalie Brockway, Ashley Fisk, Travis Kelley, Phillip Newkirk, Jennifer Tucker, Jerry Templemeyer, Megan Stephens, Grant Shaffer, Kayla Pate, Sarah Newkirk, Jessica Hambelton, Andrew Demo, Travis Crain, Patrick Allen, Tiffany Barker, Abigail Belcher, Gus Carson-Denson, William Buckles, Kristi Brooks, Dayton Gates, Jared Gorman, Kyle Evans, Kristie Hough, Scott Hogan, Tyler Lowdon, Madison Lumm, Ashleigh Prezel, Nathan Rail, Megan Trabuc, Amber Smith, Brooke Rothgeb, Tellisa Powers, Ashlee Pouncil, Michael Leon, Christopher Lowdon, Heather Lester, Kimberly Hart, Isaac Belcher, Nathan Belcher, Jordan Bagley, Elishya Harris, Aridan Johnson, Christopher Landrum, Bradley Klamm, Bryan Mayes, Carrie Meadows, Niki Roberts, Edward Swearingen, Sally Tucker, Andrew Wright, Emily Van, Rachel Wilkes, Tia Valentine, Karrie Ross, Jared Riley, Laura Rau, and Tabor Porter  
The following are the color guards: Dominic Coy, Benessa Jones, Coy Watkins, Misty Spellman, Niesha Martin, Stephanie Thompson, Heather Meadows, Caroline Martinez, Crystal Patchett, Tamisha Laforte-Dyke, and Christin Franklin



Seniors, Jared Riley and Philip Newkirk relax for their last Neewollah Band Competition as high school students.



Eli Gross never would of thought band was hard work; getting into shape and doing what he loves.

# Debate Squad Travels Across State



A few of the debate members pictured left to right include Christopher Landrum, Abby Belcher, Abi O'Neal, Audrey Gross, Rachel Reed, and Jessica Boyle.



Left, Mikie Pokorny and Ashley Fisk work on a debate project. By nature, debate is a class that takes teamwork and people who debate together must work on their cases so that they can perform well in tournaments



A few of the debaters are preparing for their next match in Mr. Boehs' room.



Freshman, Tyler Lowden, studies for an upcoming debate tournament. Debaters spend a lot of time preparing themselves for upcoming events.



Right, Chris Landrum reads a document during debate.



# Juniors

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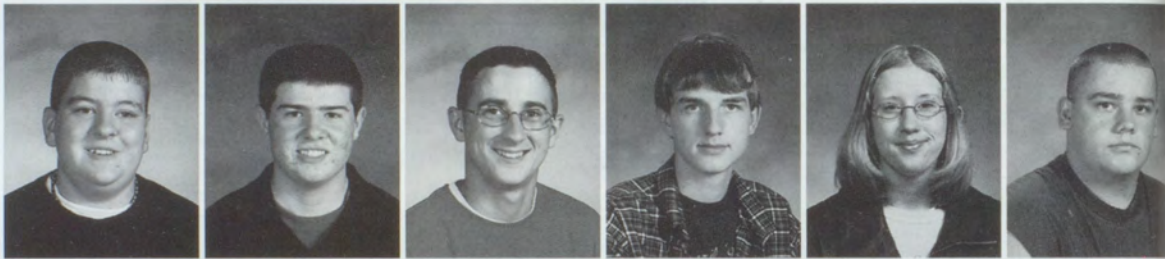
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Treasurer- Jacob Friend

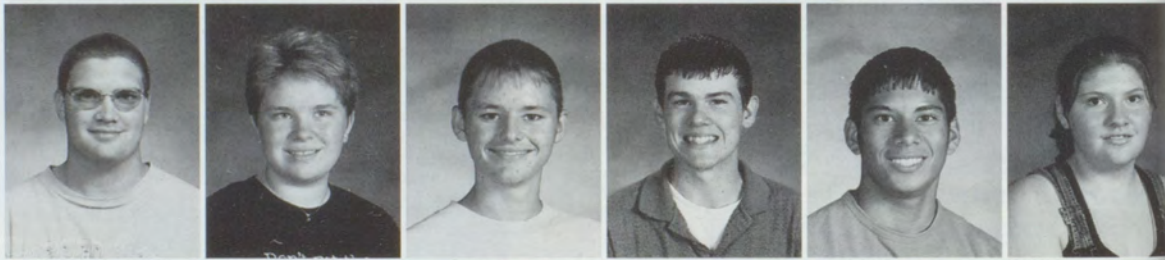
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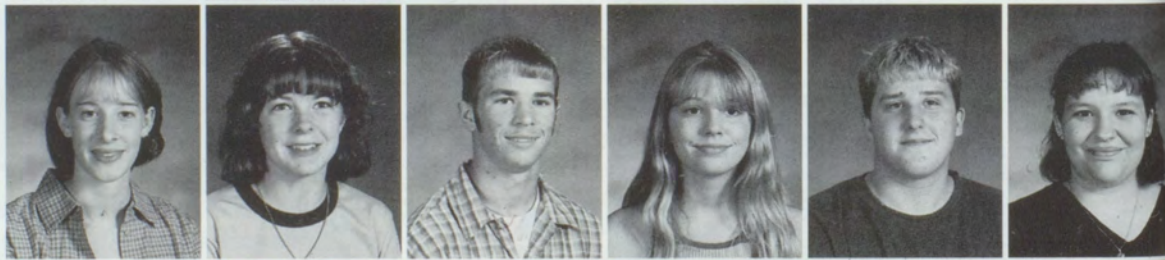
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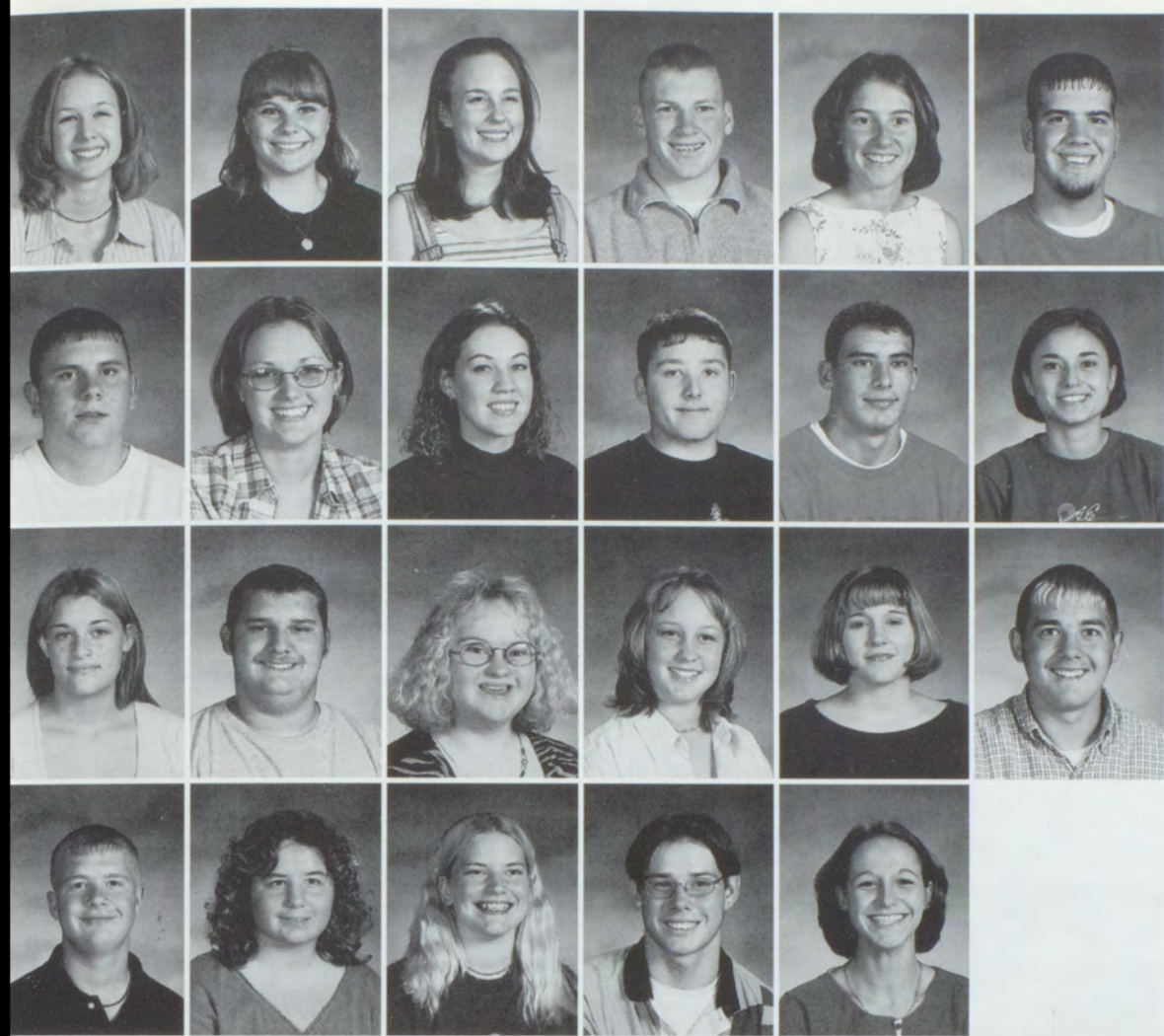
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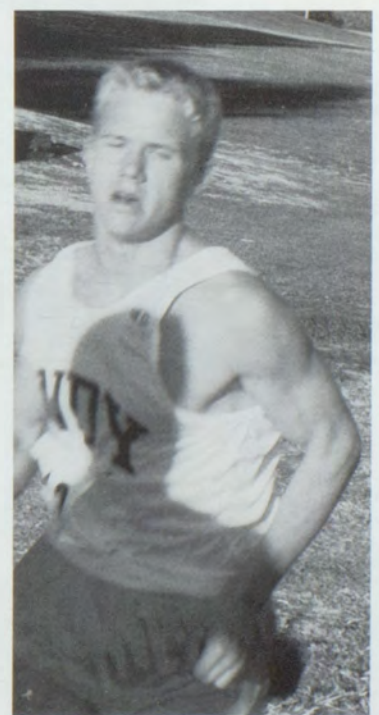
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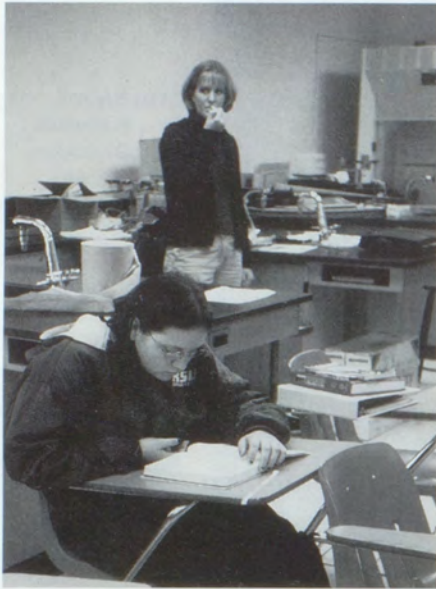


Above, Juniors: Memori Kent, Ashley Collins, and Jaynann Dumler show their school spirit by riding on the Jr. class float, while Rob Read joyfully drives them.



Above, Jacob Dick is wearing down but is still in the lead. Along with cross country you can find Jacob on the wrestling mat. Juniors 37

Below, Amy Fairbanks enjoys her book while waiting for the bell to ring.

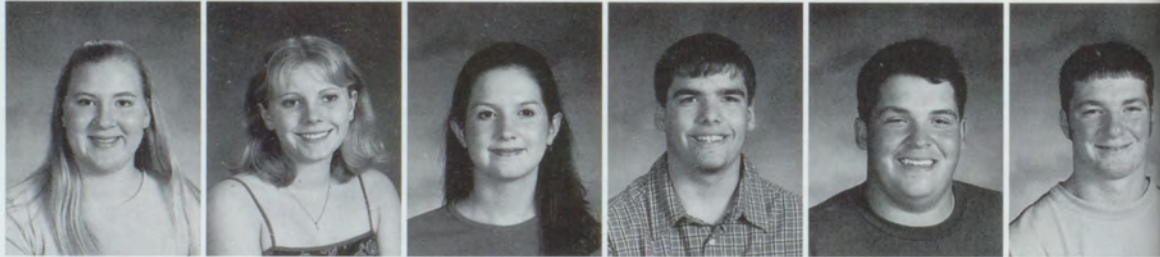


Above Juniors Daniel Shepard, and Dan Runge help advertise for calverts by jogging down the street sporting their suits. Don't they look handsome!

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Neal Daugherty  
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Michele Drake



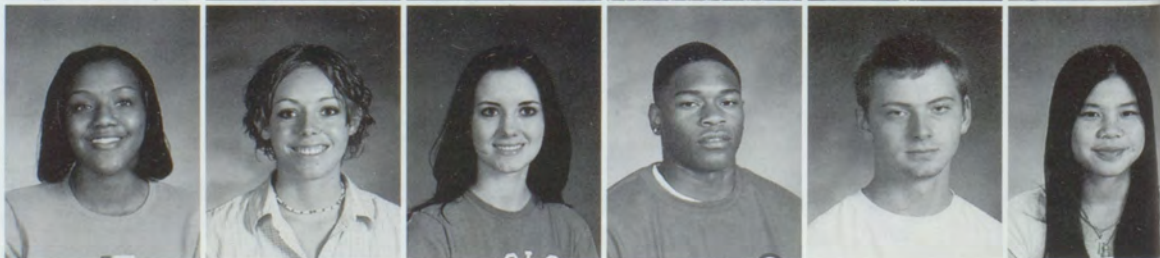
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Josh Gann  
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Cheryl Gilliam  
Alicia Golter  
Sara Gorman  
Roland Grant  
Adam Grove  
Lisha Guan





Shi Hallett  
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 Samantha Hindle  
 John Hinman  
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 Kevin Honan

Kristie Hough  
 Kasey Hugo  
 Mitoya James  
 Rachel James  
 Devin Jarrett  
 David Jenkins

Calvin Jennings  
 Amber Johnson  
 Felicia Johnson  
 Mark Johnson  
 Benessa Jones  
 Josh Jordan

Travis Kelley  
 Travis Kendrick  
 Memori Kent  
 Aaron Kern  
 Jody Killough  
 Brad Klamm



Above: Juniors Russell Swisher and Ashley Collins are involved in a game of twister. Ouch! Russell looks a lil' uncomfortable. Hopefully they are flexible!

Below, Ben Smith looks around while fiddling with a cable in materials and processes.





Ashley Fisk talks to Neal Daugherty as they walk to class together.



Rob Read drives the Junior class float, as Memori Kent, Jaynann Dumler, Callie Uttinger, and Danielle Reddick cheer for their class.

Sarah Knight  
 Jessica Kuhn  
 Jeret Kusiak  
 Tamisha Laforte Dyke  
 Mack Lee  
 Matt Linden



Ben Long  
 Christopher Lowdon  
 Joshua Lyon  
 Melinda Magathan  
 Robert Marten  
 Ti Martin



Elvia Martinez  
 Kera Martinez  
 April Maxwell  
 Tara Mc Carrell  
 Jamie Mc Colm  
 Roger Mc Guyer



Ryan McGuyer  
 Sherman McHugh  
 Goldie McLaughlin  
 Megan Mc Millin  
 Melissa Mc Minn  
 Fred McPheeters





Jason Mitchell  
 Billy Montgomery  
 Craig Moore  
 Brandy Moses  
 Toby Munninger  
 David Murdock



Heather Oldenettel  
 Kasi O'Shields  
 Jr Parker  
 Amanda Passauer  
 Crystal Patchett  
 Trupti Patel



Kathy Pendergrass  
 Luke Pendleton  
 Anthony Penrod  
 Brett Perry  
 Levi Phippen  
 Brian Pokorny



Ashley Pouncil  
 Jason Price  
 Travis Rausseau  
 Robert Read  
 Erica Redman  
 Apryl Riedle



Allison Taylor struggles to stay in the lead against Coffeyville, while Thelma Reeves, and Heather Oldenettel follow close behind.



Trupti Patel is busy doing her Computer Apps. assignment.

Below, Logan Wulf sands a board outside the cafeteria.



Mrs. Cox's Junior English class talk as they settle back in from lunch..

Tim Riggle  
Kelly Ross  
Dan Runge  
Brian Sandon  
Jerid Schicke  
Erica Schultz



Daniel Shepard  
John Sherer  
Suzanne Sherman  
Aaron Shrader  
Summer Slaughter  
Ben Smith

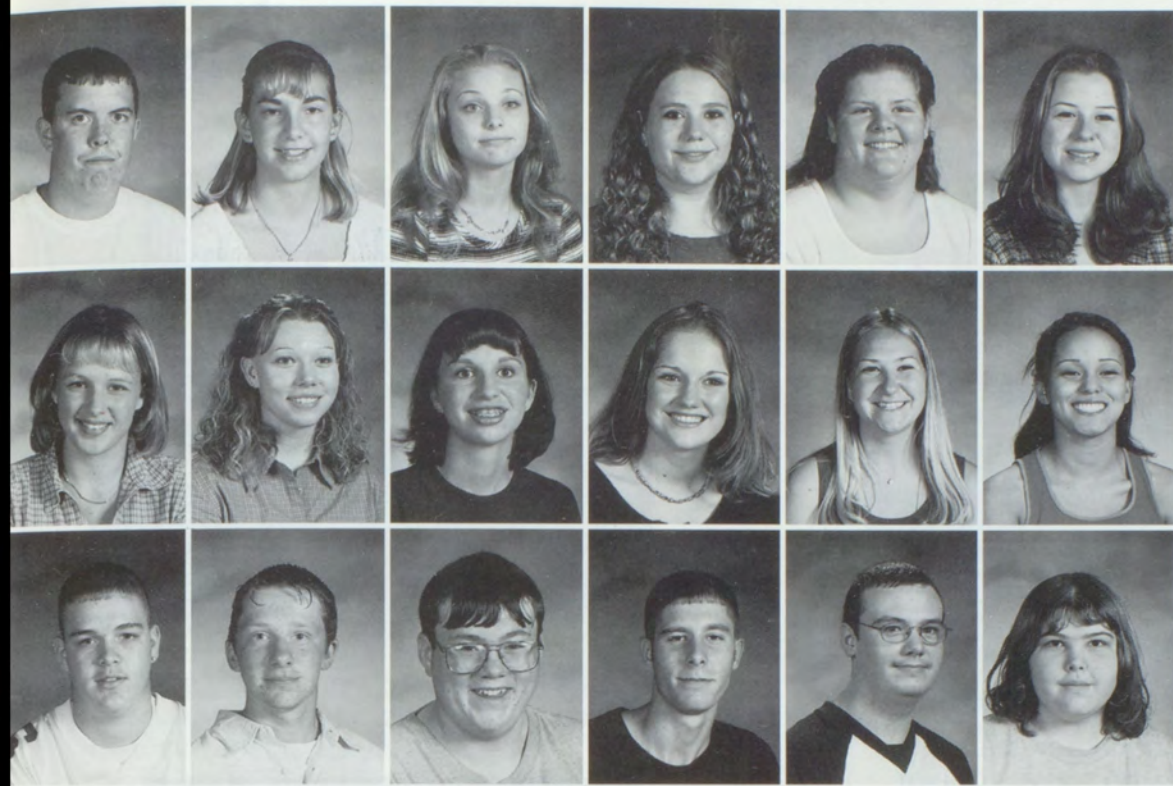


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Chris Stockton  
Matthew Sumner  
Ted Sutherland



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Russell Swisher  
Keith Talbert  
Allison Taylor  
Jason Taylor





Jerry Templemeyer  
 Angie Vail  
 Carly Veith  
 Melanie Vineyard  
 Kari Walker  
 Gabrielle Walter

Roxie Watson  
 Jamie Wehmeier  
 Megan Williams  
 Jackie Wilsey  
 Catie Wilson  
 Kayla Wilson

Lee Wilson  
 Eric Wood  
 Zach Wren  
 Jeff Wuerdeman  
 Logan Wulf  
 Angela Zimmerman



To the left Allison Taylor is laughing instead of doing her work, like usual.



Above, Wes Evans, Jacob Dick, Jeff Weurdeman, and Crystal Blex socialize while eating lunch in the cafeteria.

# Long Hall Features Many Classes



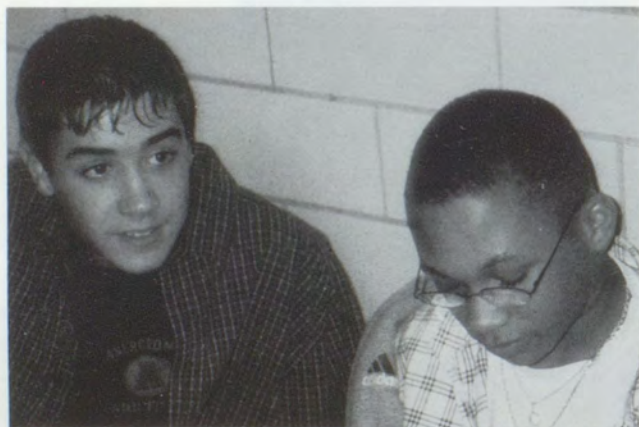
AP History students Jacob Friend and Dan Runge take notes as Mrs. Reichenberger gives one of her daily lectures.



Mrs. Allison is busy answering the phone in the Athletic office.



The senior members of STUCO discuss how to make due with what they have when their meeting, which is usually held in the auditorium, is relocated to the foyer.



Zach Brown and Curtis Huter relax in the hall as they finish their project for Mr. Landwehr's class.

The longest hall at IHS is the 100 Hall. It is also the hall that most visitors see first. The hall is dominated by the Library, the English Department, the Social Science department, and special education classes.

This is also the first hall to be carpeted and the carpet was replaced during the recruitment for Cessna Aircraft plant. Now it is the only hall with carpet left. Most students pass through the busy intersection known as T-junction sometime during their school day.



# English, Social Studies Dominate



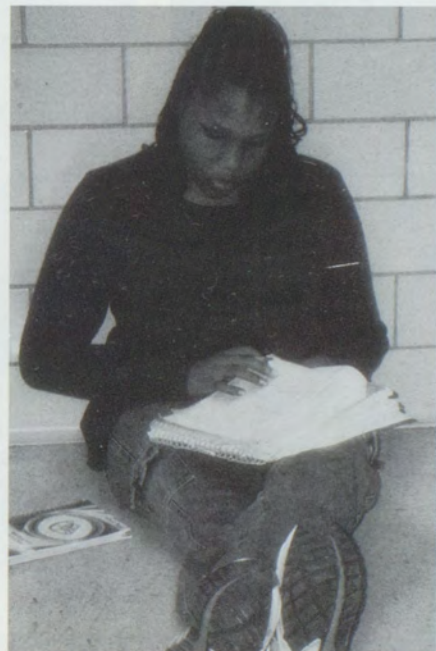
Students of Mrs. Reichenberger's History class study hard and prepare themselves because as we all know, history repeats itself.



Ramie Browning, sophomore, tells her World History class about the book she read for Mr. Landwehr.



Applied Economic members from the company Ostentation work on the jars for their cookie mix. They had tough competition this year by their opposing company Hardkore who produced Bulldog Yard Signs.

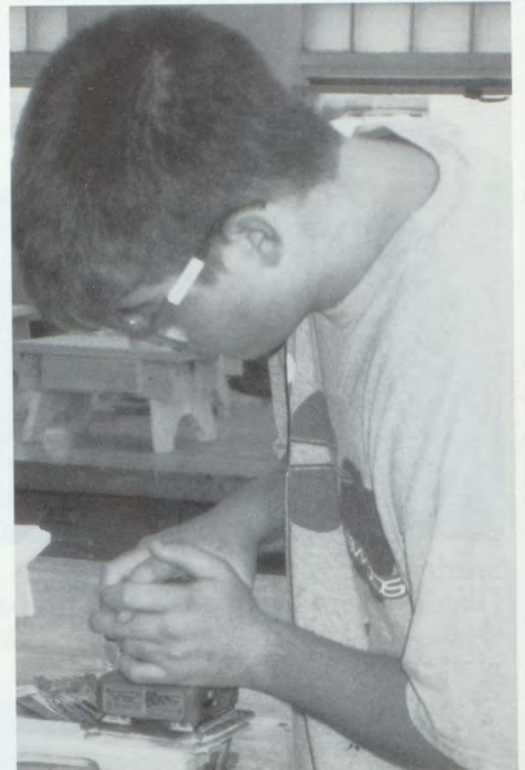


Lashon Jones, freshman, sits in the hall trying to catch up on her assignments.

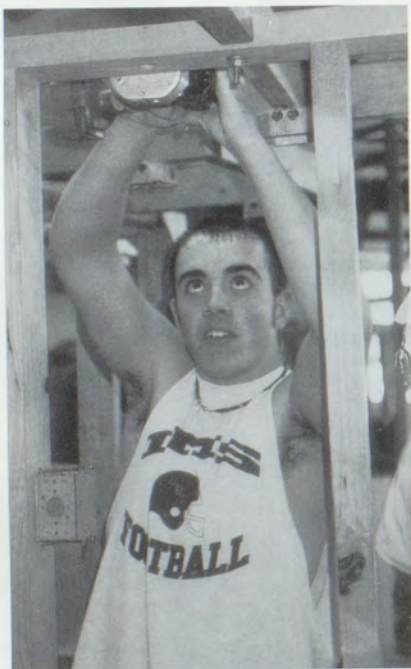
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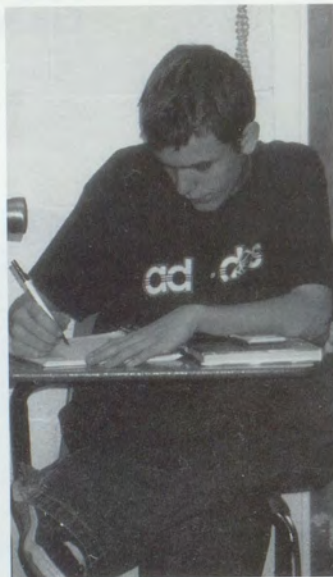
Mike Koehn practices his CPR techniques learned from school nurse Kathy Raub and Mr. Hayward. Mr. Hayward's science class is the only science class that is located in the 400 hallway.



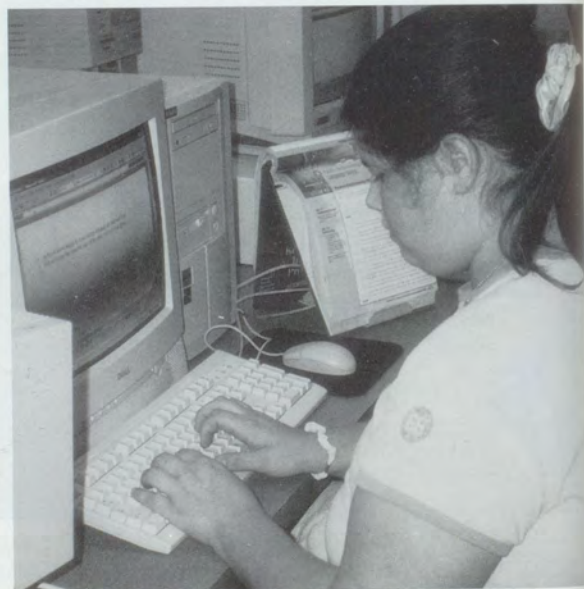
John Smith sands his woods project during Mr. Hogan's class. The students that are in Mr. Hogan's class completed many projects that included foot stools, cedar chests, or any creative project the students



Sophomore, Tanner Woods, drills on his project in Mr. Knoles' class. Mr. Knoles also teaches computer drafting along with his metals classes.



John Mattes works on his math assignment in Mr. Hollandsworth's class. Mr. Hollandsworth mainstreams his students to meet the future.



Jackie Hise works diligently in her computer class. This year our computer instructors are Mr. Cunningham, Miss Nally, and Miss McClure. Some computer classes that are offered include Keyboarding I and II, Computer Applications I and II, and Internet.



# Sophomore

# Hayward & Hogan Anchor 400

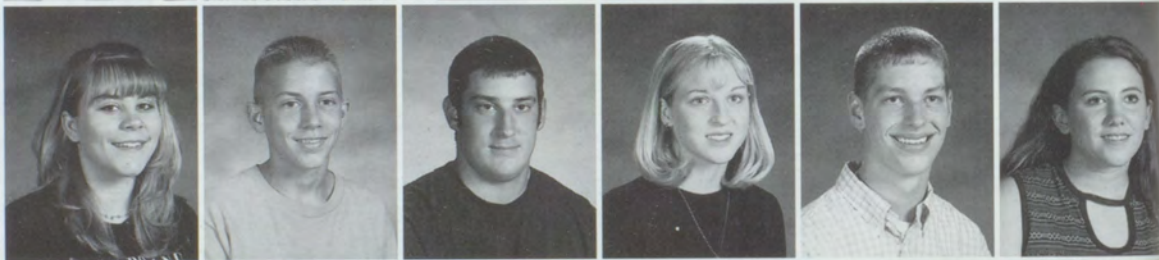


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Joe Al Bureni  
Brandon Alford  
Amanda Alt  
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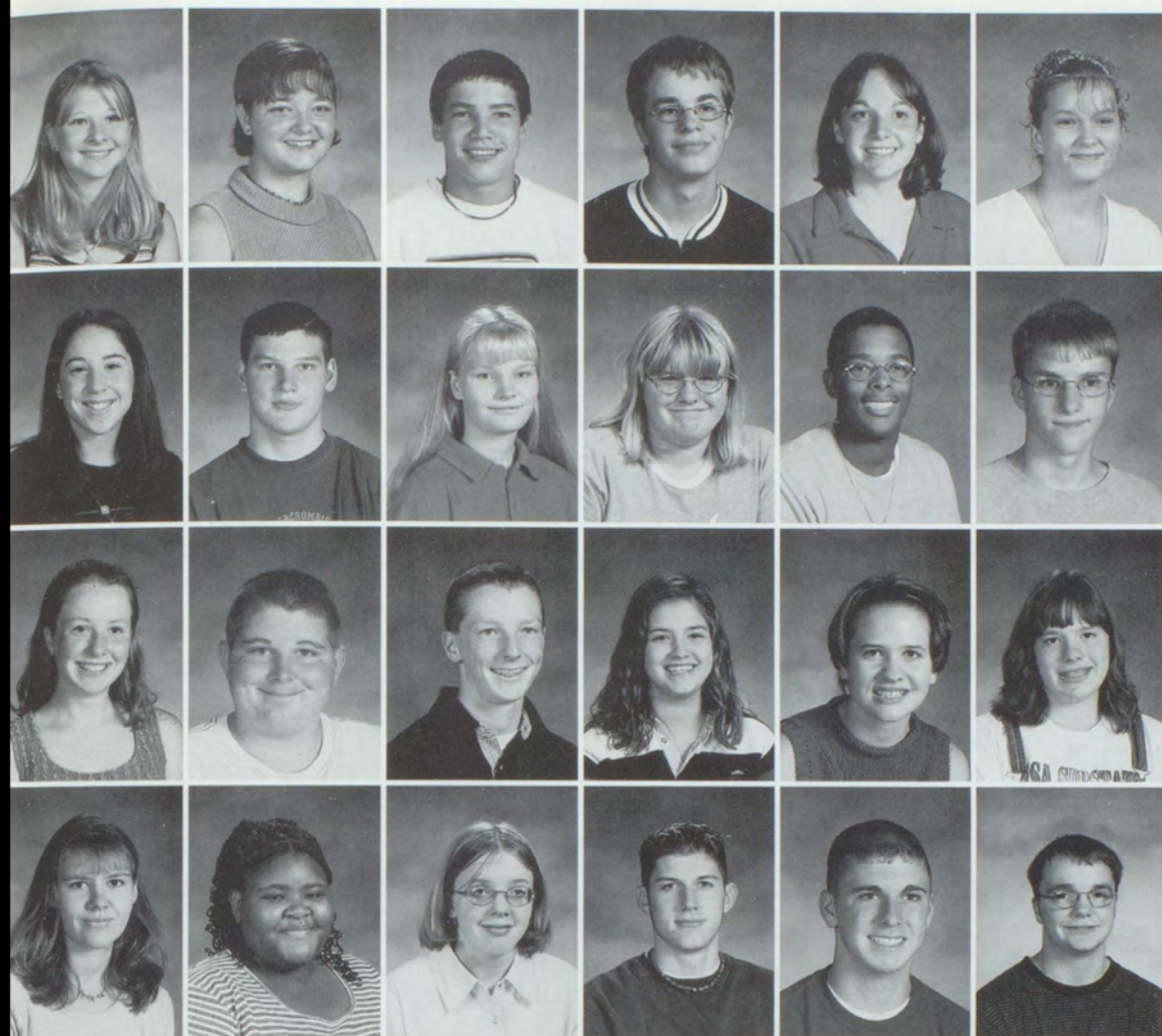


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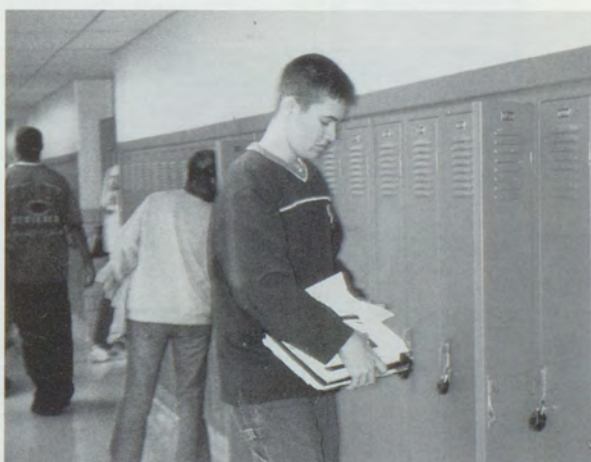
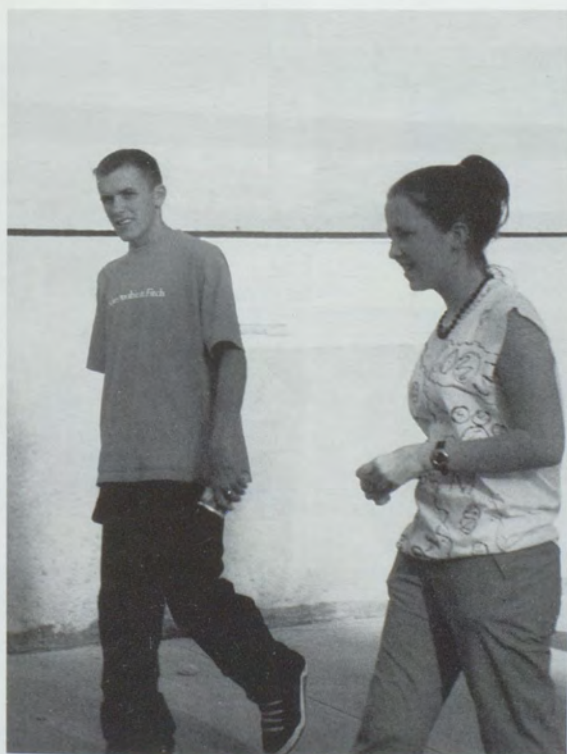


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 Dominique Darkis  
 Aaron David

Pamela Davidson  
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 Ashley Drake  
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Left Josh Mattes and Pamela Davidson walk toward the entrance of the Football Scrambler. Above Scott Shephard stops at his locker between classes to drop off and pick up books.

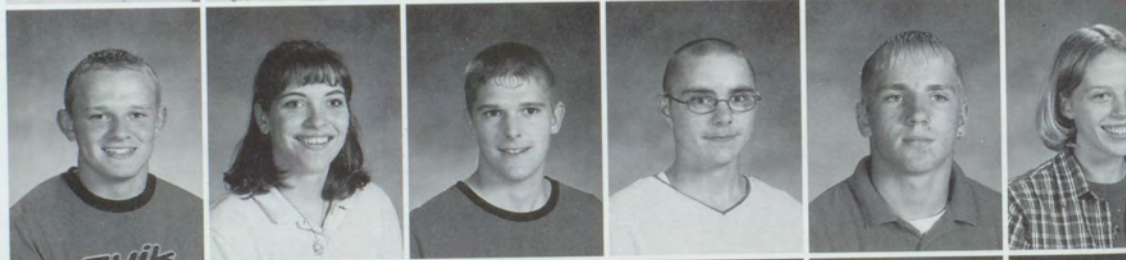


Dustin Johnson, Derek Long, Derek Laforge Patrick Housby stand in the hall while making time passby.

Emily Farmer  
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Ashley Fisk  
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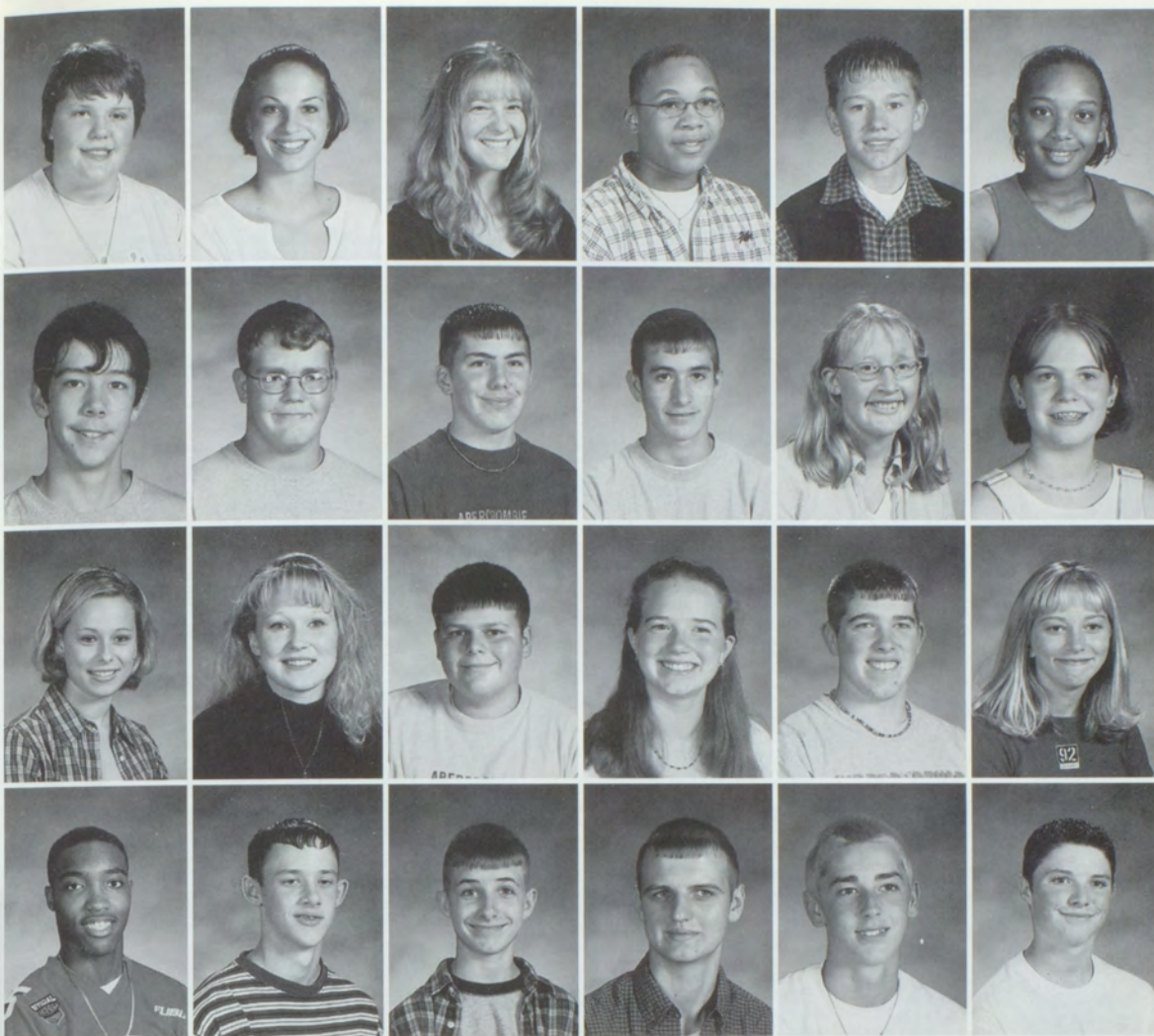


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Jamie Green  
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Patrick Housby





Ann Hoyt  
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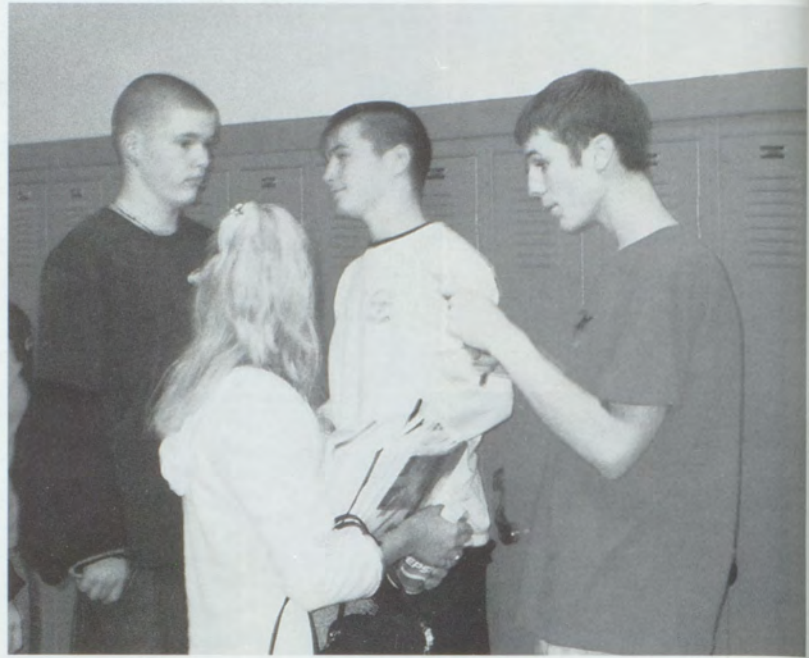
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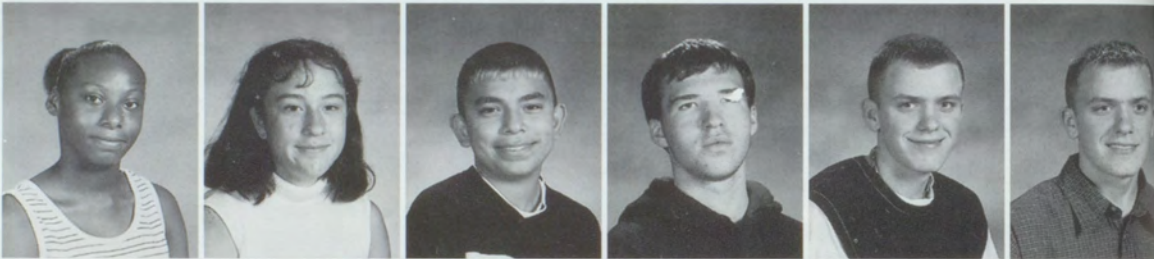
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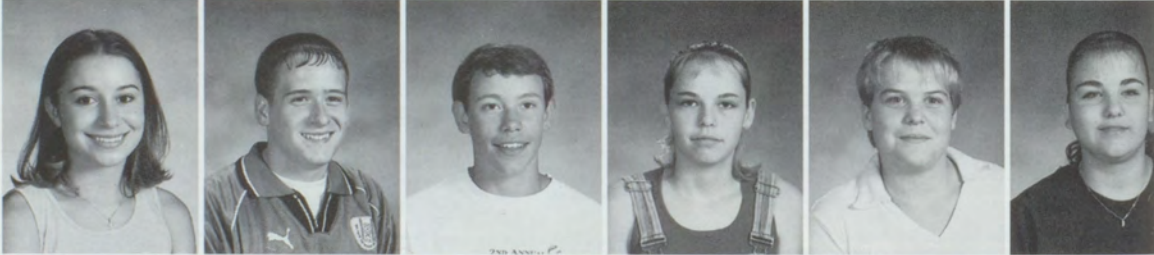
A group of sophomores gather at a local locker to converse in between classes.



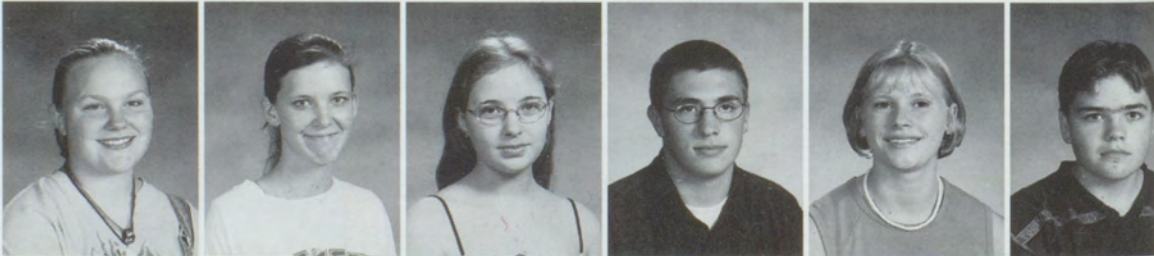
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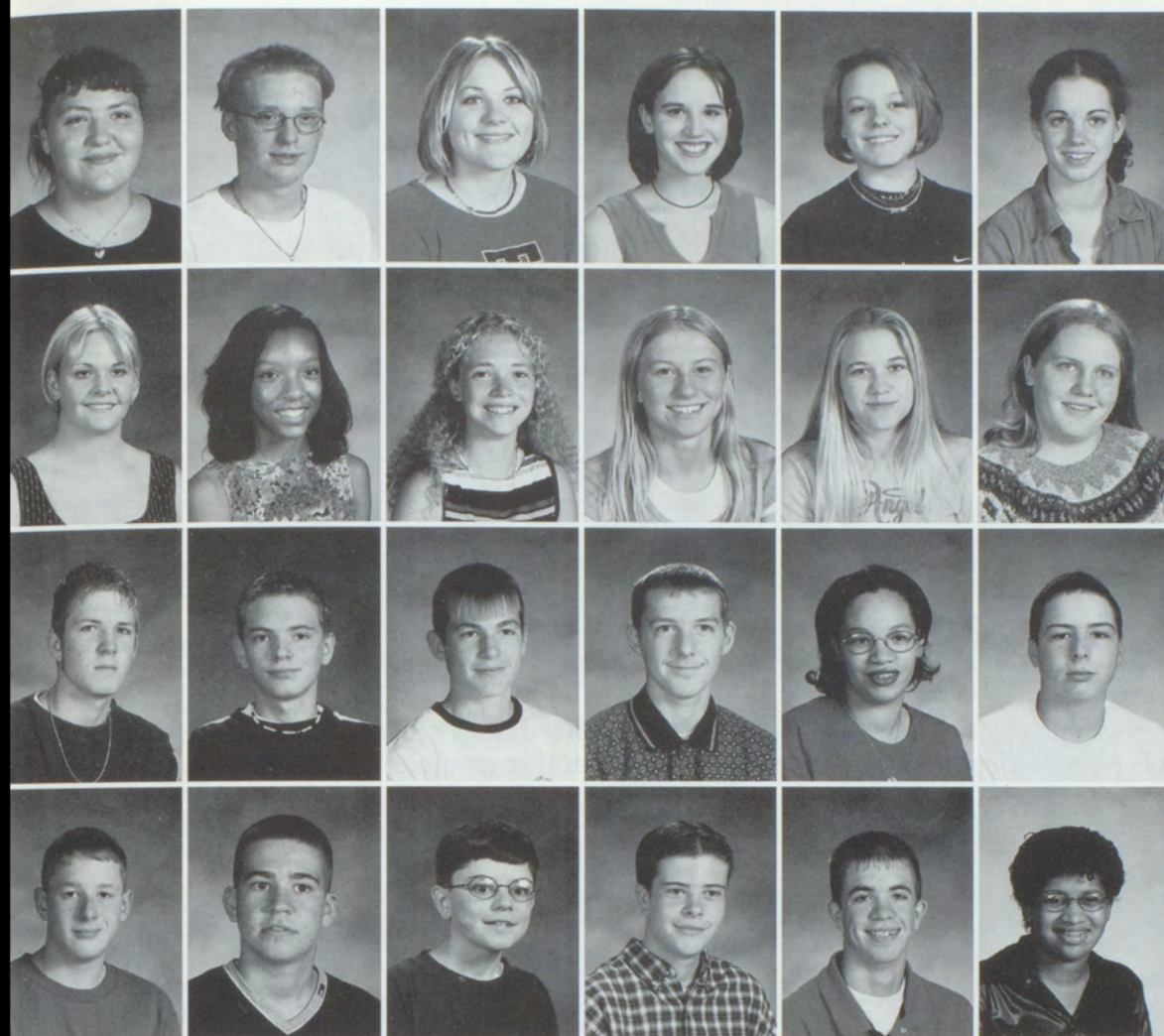
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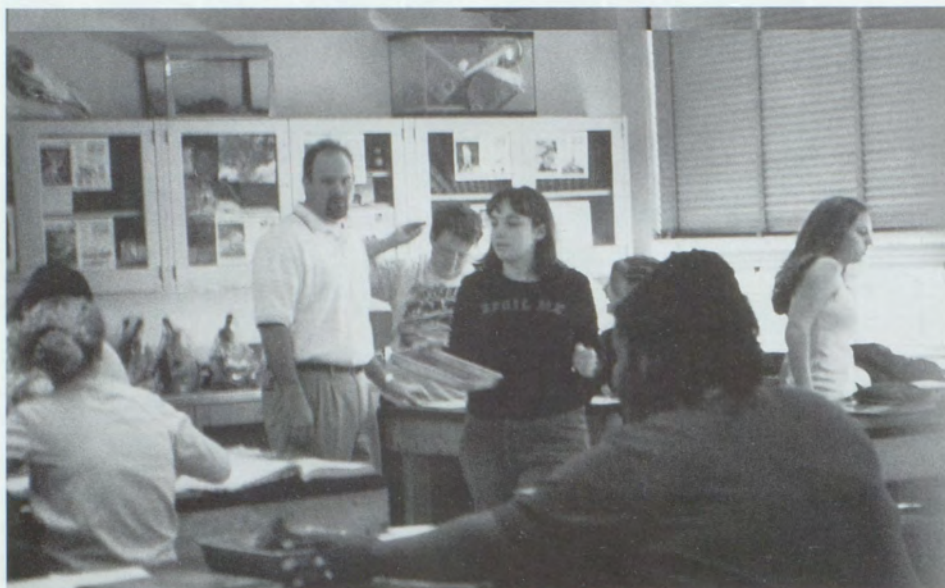
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 Tomiko Scott  
 Dustin Scrivner

Arthur Sewell  
 Scott Shepherd  
 Dustin Shields  
 Justin Showalter  
 Brett Skinner  
 Tara Smading

A group of sophomores exchange christmas gifts in French class as part of an assingment.





Sophomores in Mr. Reynolds Biology Class listen closely as he gives instructions before they start a dissection project.

Eric Smith  
Misty Spellman  
Kelsey Stephens  
Megan Stephens  
Nicole Stewart  
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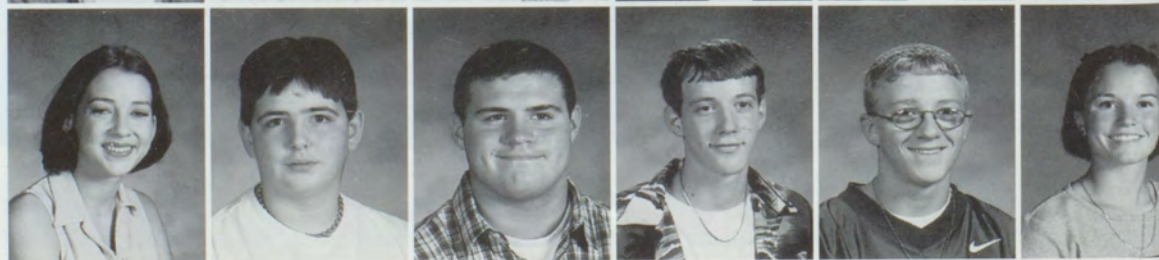
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Lynn Uttinger  
Eric Van Vliet  
Zach Viets  
Aaron Wallace  
Brad Webb  
Bethanie White





Brandon Widowski  
Tyler Willis  
Sloan Wilson  
Amanda Winebrenner  
Amy Winebrenner  
Tanner Woods



Chris York

Emily Farmer and Kari Brooks calmly walk down 100 hall to thier next classes. As Freshman coming to such a larger school and smaller halls can be scary to some but slowly find out that it's not as scary as it was put out to be.



Dustin Johnson and Ashley Fisk take the last few minutes to study for one of Mr. Boehs's History Tests.

To the Class of 2003 there's no better time in ones life than to enjoy your high school years. It'll be over sooner than what you might think.

# Enjoy Your Time Here!

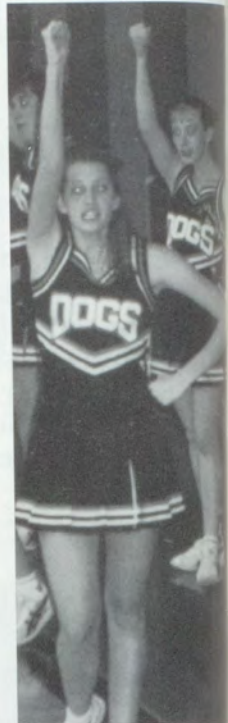
# Dancing, Stunting, Cheering....



Front: Roxie Watson, Nicole Stewart, Hannah Dillon, Tara McCarrell, Cortny Schlorholtz, Allison Taylor, Megan Brooks

Middle: Karrie Ross, Emily Farmer, Lisa Gruver, Ashley Farmer, Ali Bannwarth

Back: Ashley Goad, Ramie Browning, Courtnee Demo



Lisa Gruver, senior, shows her spirit fingers.



Allison Taylor and Tara McCarrell take a moment to catch their breath before moving on into the next phase of the dance.



The Varsity Cheerleaders build in between quarters during a home competition.



Ashley Farmer, Brooke Mills, and cheer manager Brandon Branham hold up the run through sign for the Varsity Cheerleaders' dance.



Courtnee Demo dances during halftime. The cheerleaders' dance theme was IHS sports.

Polytechnic High School



# Winter Sports

# Powder Puff Was Another Success

Junior, Allison Taylor, number 13, left, with sophomore, Nicole Stewart, go over a few of the defensive plays such as the "animal", and the "crapper."



Junior, Danielle Shepard, should we say "Danielle," left is caught waving his hand and stomping his feet as he cheers the girls on in the annual Powder Puff Football Game.

Seniors, Carolyn Denney, Uma Patel, and freshman, Heather Greer, below, watch as the Orange team wins their first game and goes on to play in the championship game against the Black team. The Orange team took the title of 2000 Powder Puff Champs.



Members of the Gray team, Chelsea Chaney, and Casey Martin, both freshmen, below, strap on their flags and get mentally prepared for their first Powder Puff Game. This year they went back to drafting the players instead of dividing them into grades.



Sophomore, Arthur Thompson, left, prepares to "improve his figure" prior to the start of the Powder Puff game. Being a cheerleader, was a new experience for Arthur, he seemed to enjoy the evening.



Kelsey Stephens, sophomore, left, runs fast from fear of being "tackled" by senior veteran Beth Rinck.



# ...IHS Cheerleaders rock!!

Melissa McDaniel and Audrey Gross go up in a "build" during the freshmen basketball game.



A group of the freshmen cheerleaders clap their hands and stomp their feet to get the crowd into the Indy beat!! Freshmen cheerleaders have to work extra hard to get the crowd going since the crowd at the freshmen games lack attendance.

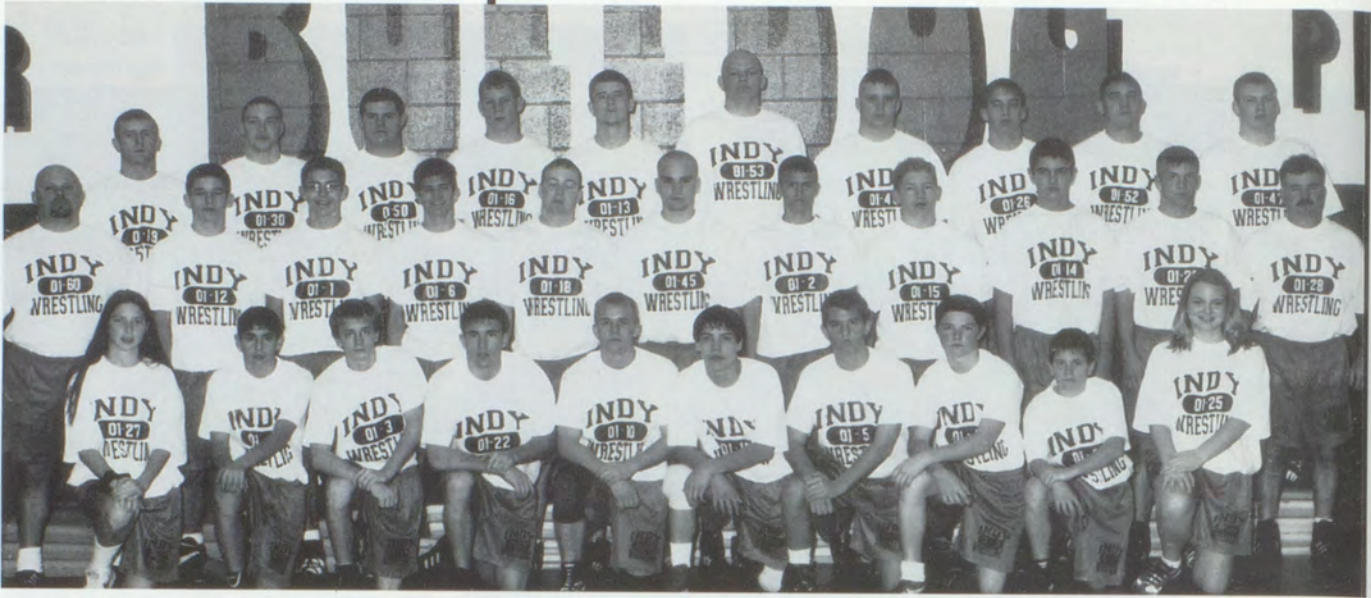


The winter freshmen cheerleaders perform a cheer in between quarters at a home freshmen basketball game.



Front Row: Kelly Gorman, Audrey Gross, Melissa McDaniel  
Second Row: Leslie Dillon, Chelsea Chaney  
Third Row: Jessica Boyle, Megan Dodson, Emily Bannwarth

# Camocho places 5th at state!!



Independence Bulldog Wrestlers that finished the season are:

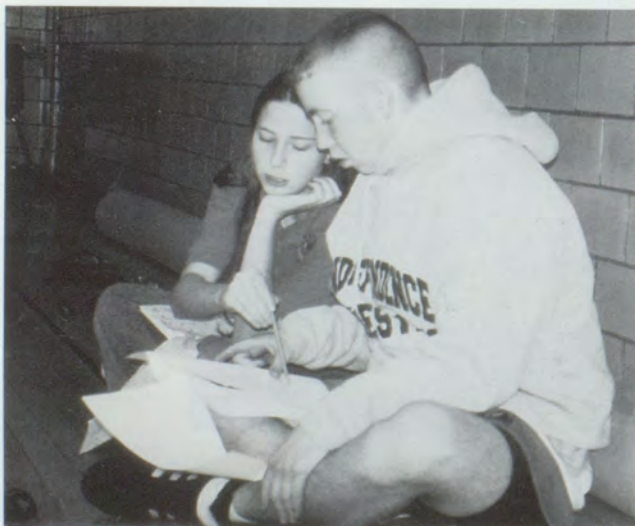
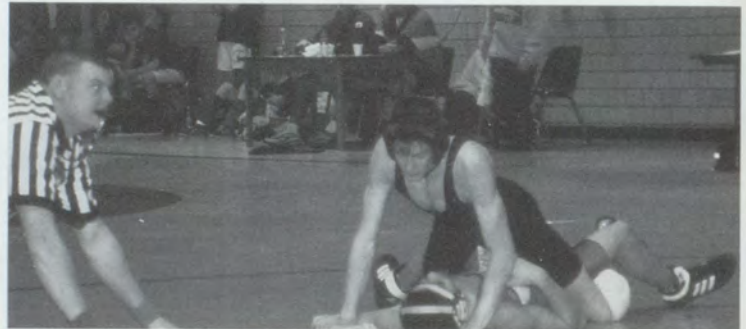
Varsity - Jordan Bagley, 103; Robert Camacho, 112; Kelly Ross, 119; Arthur Thompson, 125; Jacob Dick, 130; Skylar Rail, 135; Ross Baldassarro, 140; Travis Kendrick, 145; Josh Jordan, 152; Chris Stockton, 160; Simon Heckman, 171; Aaron Brockwat, 189; Michael Hall, 215; Zach Viets, 275

Junior Varsity - Brandon Alvarez, 103; Alex Bruening/Travis Barnhart, 130; Andy Greenhaw, 135; Tony Leon/Trevor Tow, 145; Brian Pokorny, 152; Daniel Couch, 215

Injured - Daniel Shepard and Matt Barnhart

Managers - Misty Spellman and Mindy Magathan

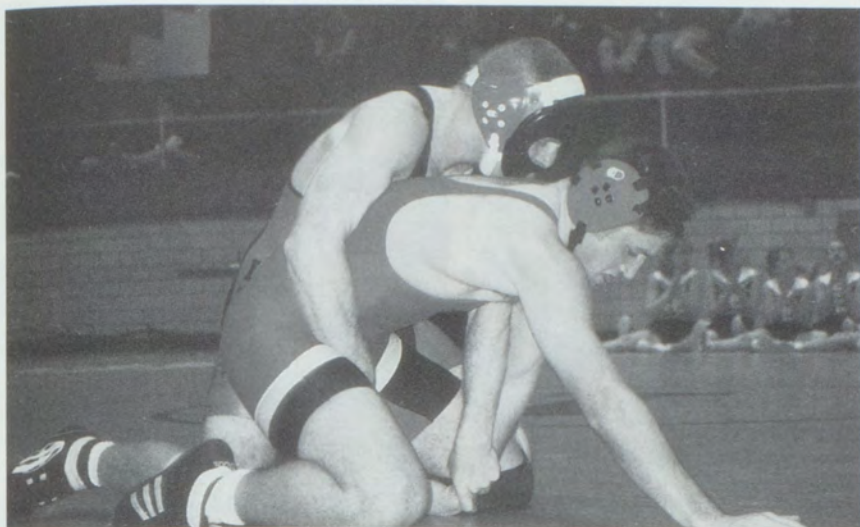
Looking serious. Indy wrestler holds his Pittsburg opponent for a eventual win at the home meet.



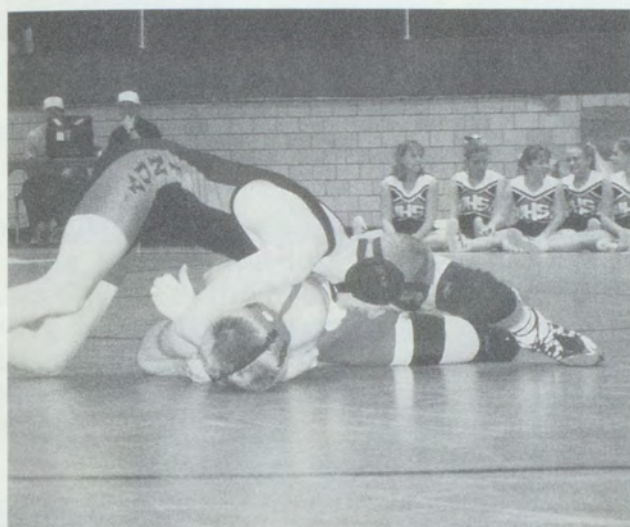
To be able to wrestle you must keep your grades up. Brian Pokorny studies while waiting for his match. He could never of gotten through it with out the help of a team manger, Misty Spellman. Team mangers help with everything as you can see.



# Pin'em Guys



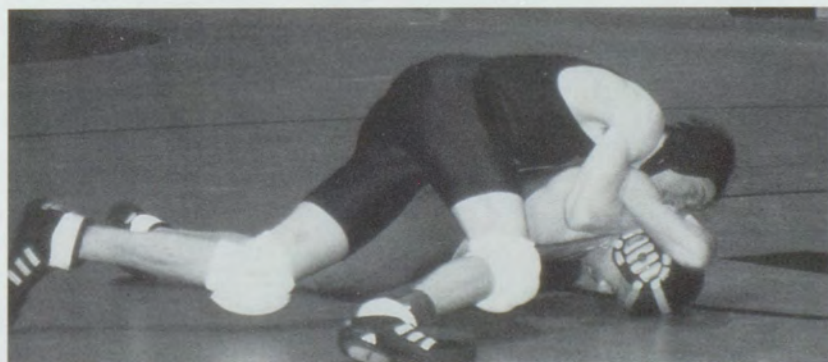
Chris Stockton tries to get a good grip on his opponent from Ft. Scott at the LCHS Double Dual, January 25.



At the home wrestling match with Ft. Scott, Kelly Ross tries to pin his opponent. Cheerleaders in the back ground are cheering them on.



Michael Hall shakes hands with his Pittsburg opponent. Michael wrestled for many weeks straight without getting knocked out by another IHS wrestler.



Indy Wrestler goes for his Pittsburg opponent at the home meet. Independence went away with great results at most of their matches.

# Lady 'Dogs Big Winning Season

Emily David, senior, left, drives past the base line and her opponents in an attempt to step up the ball for a big play to score. Emily was selected as co-captain along with Lauren Oakleaf. Emily was also selected as basketball team representative for the Winter Homecoming Court.



Lady Bulldog team members, above, Lauren Oakleaf, senior and Megan McMillan, junior try to block a shot by Fort Scott's number 10. They both prove themselves successful in the win over Fort Scott.

2001 Girls Basketball Awards  
 First Team SEK-Heather Oldenettel and Erica Redman  
 Third Team All State-Erica Redman



Front Row: Bethanie White, Loni Dailey, Emily David, Kelsey Stephens, and Ashley Sweeten. Back Row: Megan McMillin, Barbara Plaven, Thelma Reeves, Heather Oldenettel, Lauren Oakleaf, and Erica Redman.

# JV Girls Prepare for Varsity Future



Jennifer Lawrence, a sophomore, takes the ball to the hoop, while trying to be blocked by a Parsons player. The Parsons player was unsuccessful with block and Jennifer's shot goes in the hoop.



Front Row: Bethanie White and Krista Hugo. Back Row: Jennifer Lawrence, Barbara Plaven, Thelma Reeves, Yalanda Burchett, and Ashley Sweeten.

Sophomore, Barbara Plaven drives around a Parsons player in an attempt to put up an easy layup. Barbara shared her time playing between Varsity and JV.



JV team members head off the court to the locker room for a quick talk at half time. Kelsey Stephens, Barbara Plaven, and Thelma Reeves, all sophomores, lead the pack, they are anxious to hear what Coach Botts has to say about their playing.



# Freshmen Improve at Schedule's End

Lindsay LaForge, below, attempts to get the ball back in play during a freshman game at Losey Gym against Fort Scott.



Jessica Dillon and Mindy Buck, right, return back to defense after a turnover during a game against Chanute. Many of the freshmen girls spent a lot of time playing JV due to the lack of people trying out for basketball.



Number 23, Mindy Buck, positions herself in "Help Defense." Help defense is a strategy which places Mindy two passes away from the ball handler.



Mallory Myers, above, retrieves the ball after an opponent's basket and runs along the baseline to put the ball back in play for the Bulldogs.



L to R: Mallory Myers, Tamisha Brown, Tiffany Barker, Jessica Dillon, Mindy Buck, Lensi LaForge, Madison Lumm, and Ashley Tate.

# Young 'Dogs Taste IHS Experience



Front Row: Scott Hogan, Cole Uttinger, Kydon Oakes, Kasey Rowe, Gary Sylvas, Matt Ysusi

Back Row: Matt Kadel, Cole Wittum, Tommy Connors, A.J. Steinle, Ben Klamm, Jesse Overfield, Britton Kusiak



Tommy Connors keeps the ball away from Fort Scott successfully, the freshmen ended winning the game.

Cole Wittum, left, shots a free-throw shot in the Fort Scott game, while team mate Matt Kadel concentrate on the game.



The Freshmen go over their plays for their game against Fort Scott.

# JV Steps Up To The Challenge



Front Row: Jonathan Spencer, Russell Swisher, Jon Harris, Chris Elliot, Dominique Darkis, and Brandon Widowski. Back Row: Rob Read, Dennis Taylor, Robert Marten, Jeff Weurdeman, Jason Blackard , Jeret Kusiak, and Dan Runge.

Russell Swisher, junior, above, shows good form while taking his time on the line for a free throw.

Junior Rob Read, right, blocks out in an attempt to rebound a shot put up by teammate, Chris Elliott.



Robert Martin, sophomore, left, tips the ball toward teammate Jeff Weurdeman, in a game at the Ash Youth Center against Parsons. Both boys shared a lot of time on the varsity court as well as JV.



Chris Elliott, sophomore, left, gets set up for an in bound play in a game against the Tyro Eagles at a tourney in Longton. In this tourney our JV team goes but their competition is mostly varsity teams.

# Seniors Leave With Many Memories



Front Row: Jonathan Spencer, Tom Schulz, Russell Swisher, Dwayne White, Jared Riley, and Jeff Weurdeman. Back Row: Rob Read, Kaven Chapman, Robert Marten, Brian Dennis, Jeret Kusiak, and Dan Runge



Brian Dennis, senior, above, tries to gain control of the ball during tip-off against Labette County.

Senior, Kaven Chapman, right, uses his peripheral vision to keep an on the ball, the basket, and his opponent. Wow, isn't he multi-talented!



## 2001 Boys Basketball Awards

First Team SEK-Dwayne White

Senior, Dwayne White, right, takes down a Parsons player as he takes a flying leap toward the basket. It's amazing to see him soaring through the air to dunk the ball.



Coach Nelson, right, calls a time out to regroup and go over some of the plays they have been working on. This year's basketball team experienced awesome team leadership through its retiring four seniors.



# Pep Band Drives Spirit at Games



Kari Brooks, Sophomore, plays her trumpet while at one of the home basketball games.



A few of the trombone players seem to be in sync with each other as they concentrate hard on the music.



Above, Freshman Andrew Demo is playing his drum for the pep band.



Laura Rau and Kristi Brooks play their flutes together at the basketball game at Losey Gymnasium.



# IHS Represented at State Forensics

Independence High School once again had a successful forensics season by qualifying several of the participants for state tournament. The forensics students give up many weekends to be involved in this activity.



The Forensics class is entertained by another student Angie Vail as she falls out of her chair during class.



Byron Goodspeed, Shanna Berry, and Daniel Shepard are three students in forensics who are attending state this year.



Forensics Students of 2000-2001. Back Row: Sara Hull, Matthew Barnhart, Daniel Shepard, Byron Goodspeed, and Jamie Green. Front Row: Whitney Tennyson, Angie Vail, Shanna Berry, Julie Dumler, Jessica Thompson, and Sally Tucker. Christopher Landrum is laying across the back row. Students not pictured: Robyn Kemp, Rachel Reed, Carrie Sanborn, John Heathman, Bethany Ayers, Rachel Ayers, EmmLee Voth, and Michelle Rowe.

# Dwayne & Mary Rule Court



The girls of the Winter Homecoming court : Hannah Dillon, Mary Kelly, Erin Brooks, Courtney Prezel and Emily David.



Mary Kelly and Dwayne White pose after they are crowned 2001 Winter Homecoming King & Queen.



Hannah Dillon and Josh Tucker smile for the camera as each homecoming couple takes pre-coronation pictures.

The 2001 Winter Homecoming race for King and Queen was a close one with each candidate deserving it in their own way. The unfortunate thing is that there can only be two seniors crowned and the lucky couple was Mary Kelly and Dwayne White. The Homecoming show, which was held after a home basketball game, was full of magic this year with Daniel Shepard acting as magician while putting a spell on the court.



Members of 2001 Winter Homecoming Court: Andrew Kadel, Dallas Watson, Dwayne White, Jeff Radcliff, Josh Tucker, Mary Kelly, Courtney Prezel, Hannah Dillon, Emily David, and Erin Brooks.

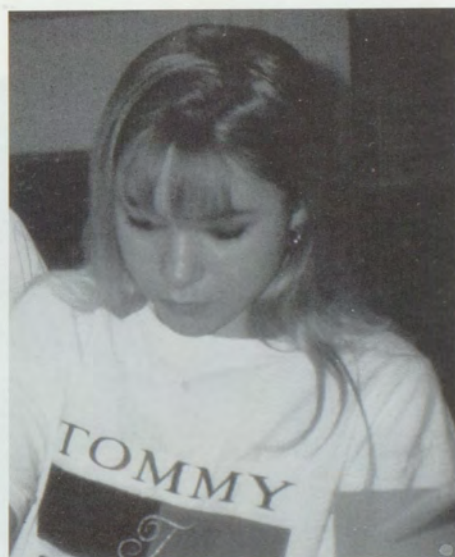
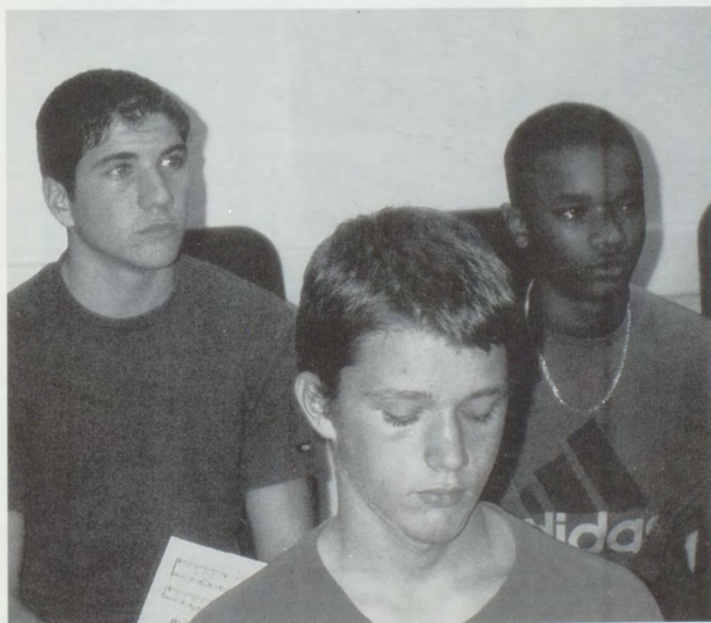
# 500, 700 Halls Offer Many Classes

Ben Klamm, below, works on a ring in Mr. Trousbies Jewelry class. Jewelry is one of the electives given to the students.



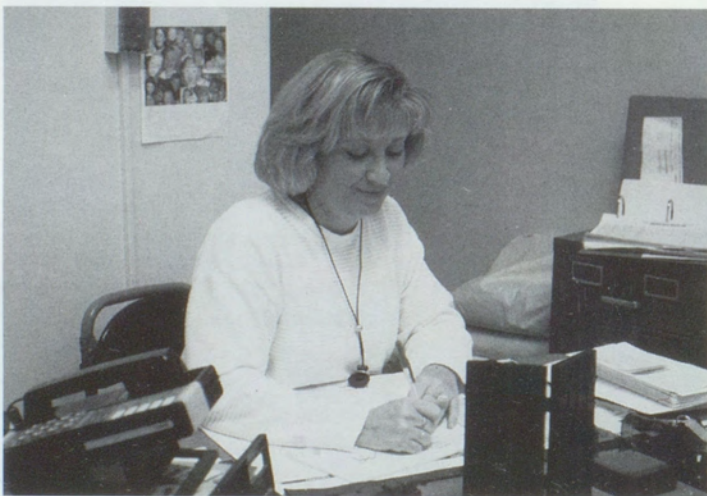
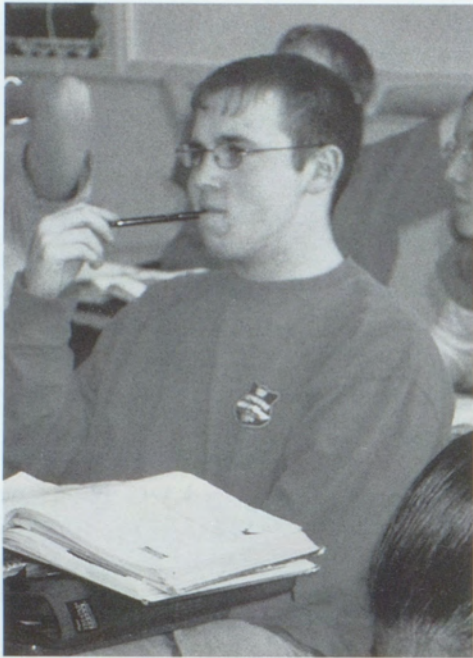
Students, above, in Mrs. Thopmson's Sexuality class. This class teaches students about life in the real world.

Kyndon Oakes, Jack House, and Aridan Johnson, below, pay attention closely to Mr. Annable while in their Mixed Chorus class.



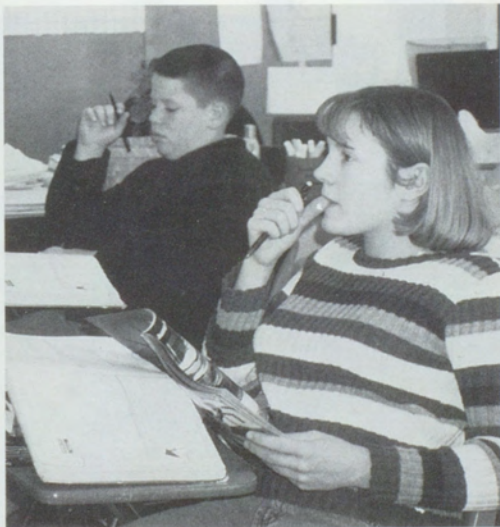
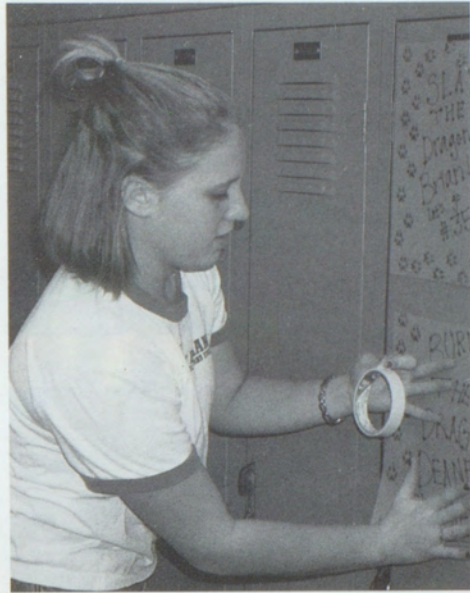
Britney Potter, above, is carefully making her food in Mrs. Taylor's Food for Modern Living class.

# Dwayne & Mary Rule Court



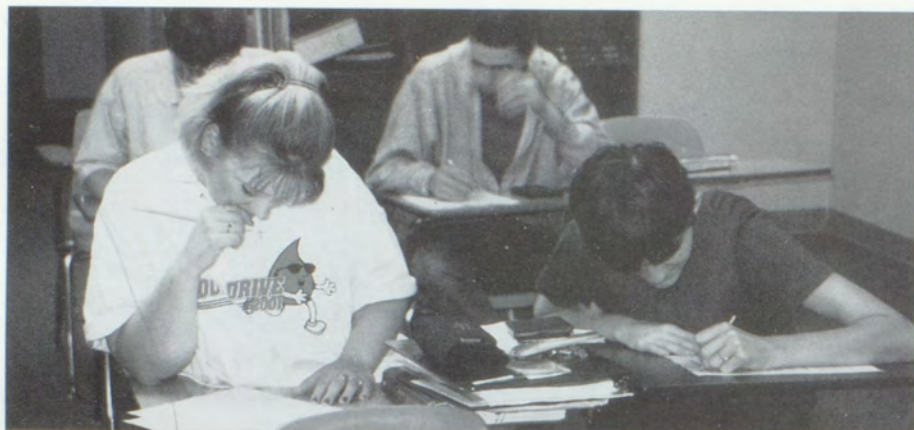
# Teachers Building Offers Choices

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# Tech Building Offers Choices



Emily Blakemore, junior, and Leslie Sullivan, senior, work together on a daily assignment. These two students are concentrating hard on the problems in order to get the correct answers.



Seniors Chris Branham and Austin Harris converse about the weekend they had after finishing an assignment. This math class gave the students a chance to complete the mathematics requirement.



Above Dustin Cain tries to solve an equation in Ms. Gray's geometry class taken in the tech building.



Allison Taylor, right, sands down her project during the day-to-day woodshop class taught by Mr. Hogan that Allison chose to take.



# Freshmen

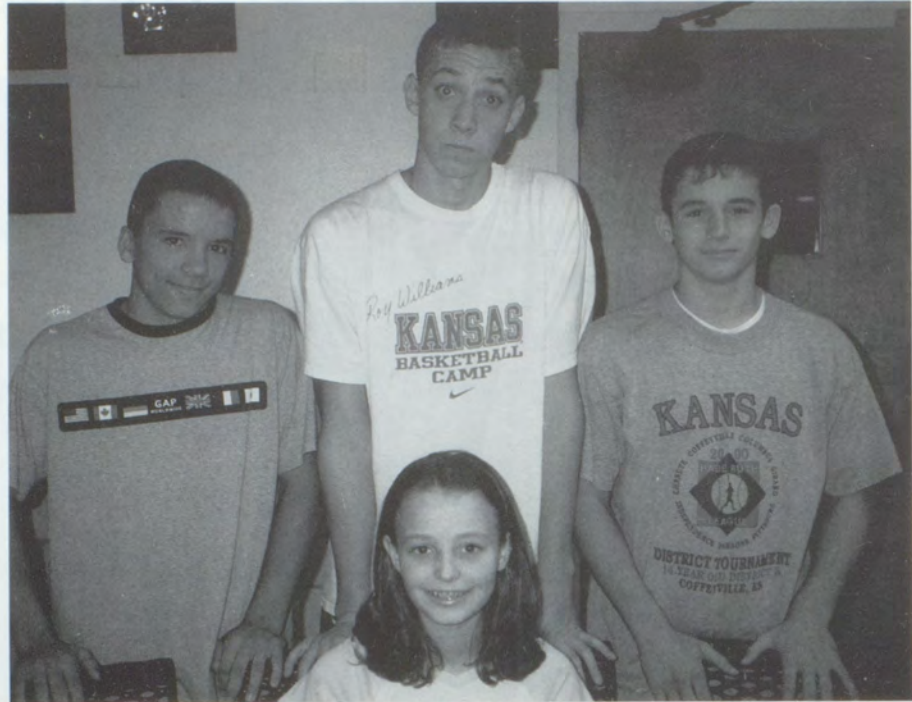
# The Class of 2004

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Freshmen Class Officers

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Zach Barnett  
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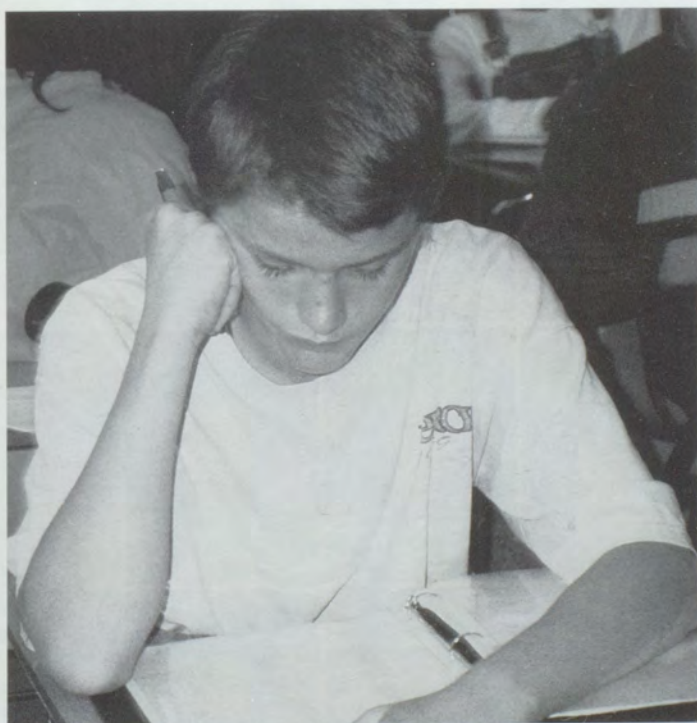


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 Tommy Connors  
 Twila Council  
 Chad Coy  
 Michael Cunningham  
 Carina Darbe



Jack House studies hard during his English class. English is one of the core classes for Freshmen.



Tony Leon types away during his keyboarding I class. Keyboarding is an elective that most students choose to take.



Left, Kyndon Oakes, studies hard in one of his classes. The freshmen class worked hard for their grades this year and most were a part of the Reinassance program here at I.H.S.



Irina Jimenez takes a brake from dancing to get a pop. The freshmen were a part of the first ever Food-Ball Scrambler.

Nicholas Daugherty  
Jeff Davidson  
Celia Davis  
Andrew Demore  
Teddy Devore  
Andy Diaz



Jessica Dillon  
Leslie Dillon  
Kris Dixon  
Megan Dodson  
Kara Drake  
Matthew Dunn



Niki Ellis  
Kyle Evans  
Amy Farlow  
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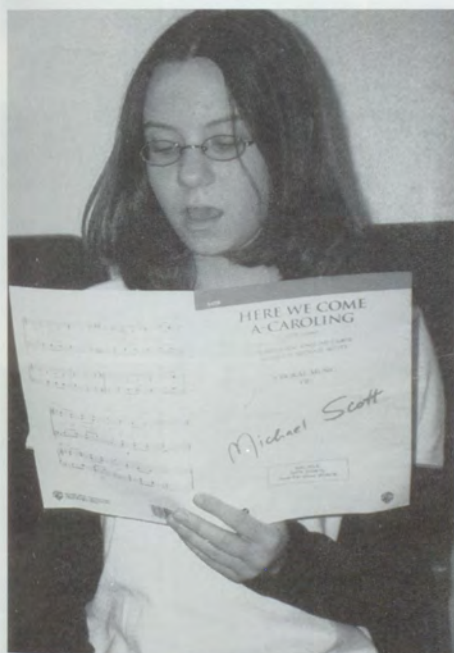
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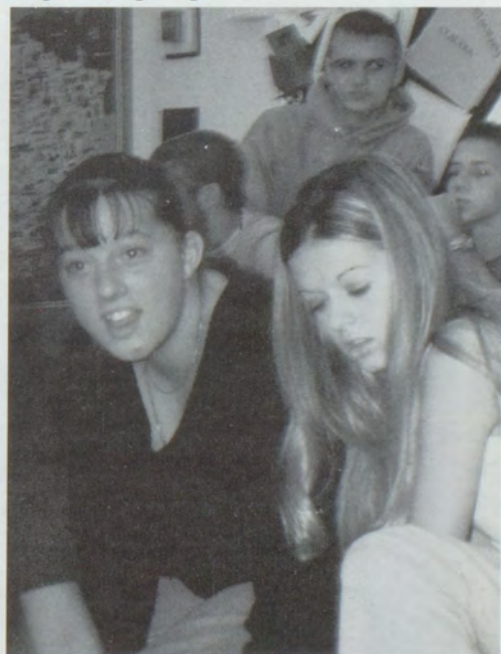
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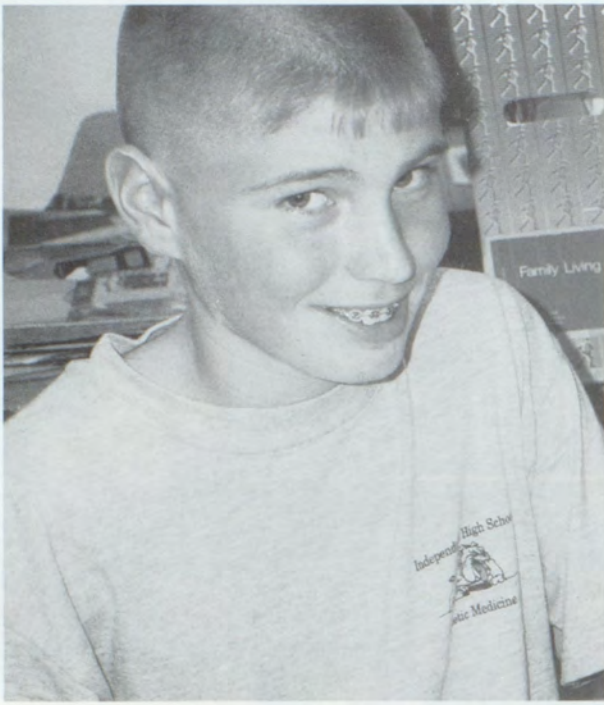
Ian Hurst  
 Anthony Hygh  
 Hugo Jimenez  
 Irina Jimenez  
 Aridan Johnson  
 Shanta Johnson

A group of Freshmen girls play a game in French. Miss MacCray's French I class is available to Freshmen, it is advised that all students graduate with two years of a foreign language.



Sarah Kaiser breaks out in song in one of Mr. Annable's choir classes. Choir is one of the electives offered to the freshmen.





Nick Daugherty smiles big for the camera! The student body often saw the freshmen with big grins on their faces.

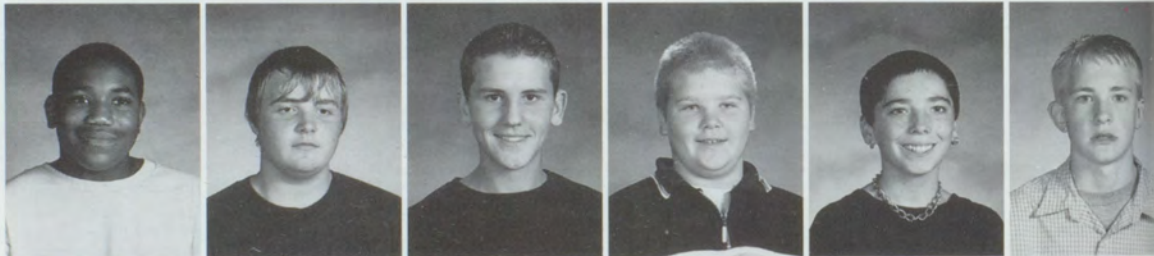


Anthony Hann takes a break from his work to just sit and relax. The freshmen learned this year that the high school is different from the past three years at the middle school.

Deshon Jones  
Lashon Jones  
Matt Kadel  
Sarah Kaiser  
Jessica Keath  
Cain Kinnamon



Nathan Kinnard  
Brandon Kinney  
Ben Klamm  
Michael Koehn  
Dustin Korhn  
Britton Kusiak



Lensi La Forge  
Christopher Landrum  
Chris Landwehr  
Nakeya Lee  
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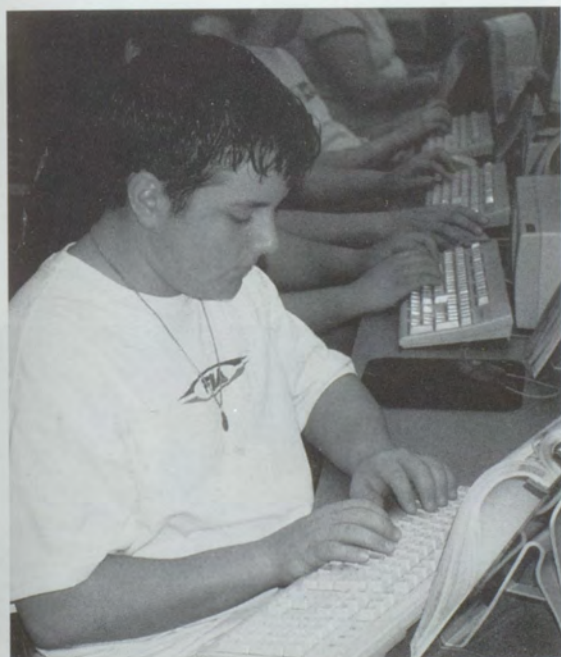


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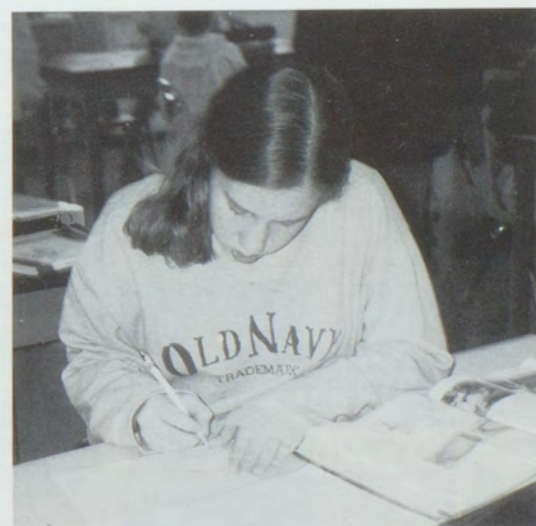
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 Mallory Myers  
 Jeffrey Norton

Kyndon Oakes  
 Daniel Oldenettel  
 Abigail O'Neal  
 Jesse Overfield  
 Jared Passauer  
 Kayla Pate



Jeremy Hallett types in his computer class. Jeremy will soon learn that typing will prove very helpful when taking senior English.



Emily Van writes and studies in her science class. Freshmen earth and physical science classes are taught by Miss Cade and Mr. Hayward.



Mr. Hayward works with freshmen Aridan Johnson on his CPR techniques. In Mr. Hayward's freshmen science class his students learned how to perform CPR on adults and young children. This learning experience took place while studying the health unit. Many of the faculty members have taken instruction in this life-saving technique and most coaches are required to have it. As studies progress, different methods and ways of applying CPR are developed and many of the attitudes change.

Urvish Patel  
Chelsey Patterson  
Jimmy Patton  
Jimmy Paugh  
Travis Penrod  
Brittney Potter



Jordan Radcliff  
Nathan Rail  
Jeremiah Raney  
Trenton Ringle  
Crystal Riggle  
Ashley Rolls



Daniel Rosenhoover  
Brooke Rothgeb  
Casey Rowe  
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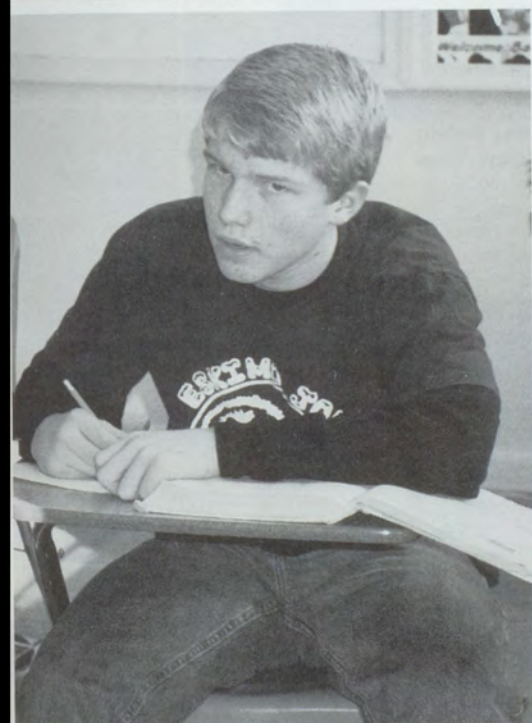


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 Trevor Tow

Megan Trabuc  
 Stacey Twilley  
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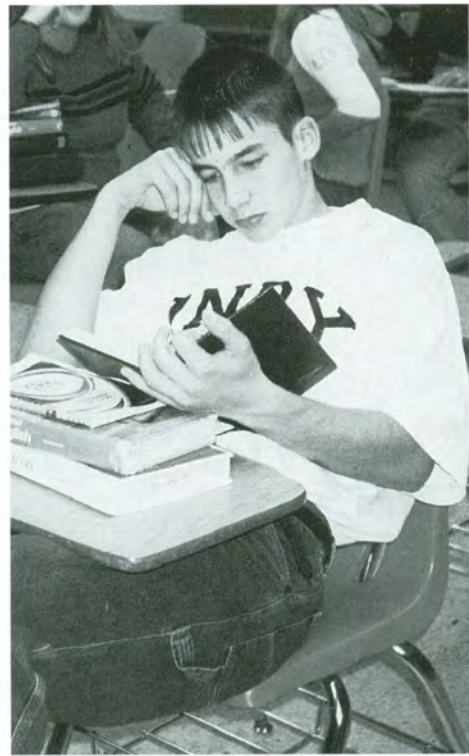


Many freshmen gathered at their lockers between classes in the 300 Hall. Most of the freshmen lockers are located together and this created a golden opportunity for them to visit between classes. Often freshmen have one of the highest tardy rates in the school and a major emphasis is the instructing of freshman the responsibility of getting to class on time with the proper supplies.

Joe Hall takes a break from doing his Geometry assignment to give a look at the camera.



Above, Cody Beyer reads a magazine.



Trevor Tow reads his book in his freshman English class. It was the last few minutes of class and Trevor was using his time wisely. The freshman transition is sometimes difficult for the newest Bulldogs.

- Arvetta Williams
- Malinda Williams
- Whitney Williams
- Rebecca Willits
- Matthew Wilson
- Cole Wittum



Heidi Sorah looks through her planner to review what she had done for the day.

- Andrew Wright
- Matthew Ysusi



Daniel Oldenettel listens intently to Mrs. Shepard as she gives the daily assignment.



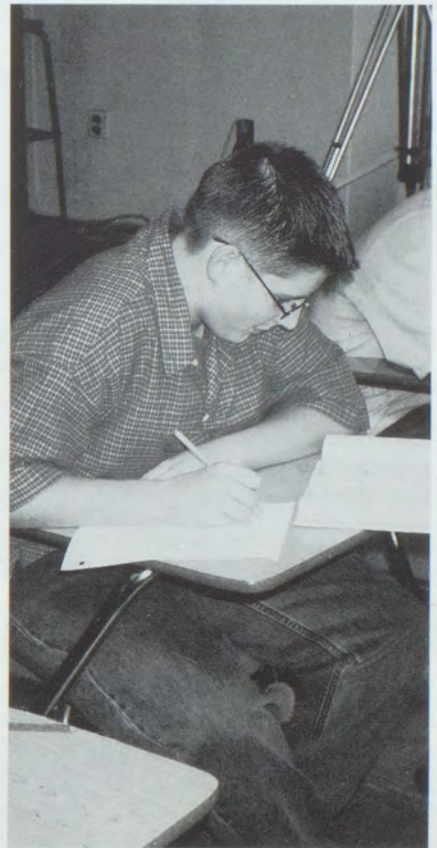


The freshmen class had great school spirit this year. They proved to be very creative, and their fall sports homecoming float showed that!

Brandon Alvarez shows off Ms. Sandoval's Sombbrero. The students in Ms. Sandoval's class were exposed to many Hispanic traditions and learned the differences in culture.



Bryan Mayes works on his homework. Freshmen learned this year in order to be successful in high school a student has to show up to class and do his homework.

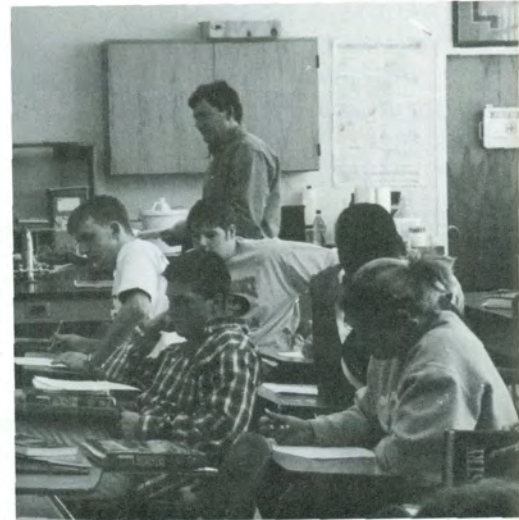


Left, A freshmen class listens to a lecture on nouns, verbs, and adjectives. The students spend time learning the grammar rules to prepare them for the future.

# Science, Matt, P.E. Dominate 300



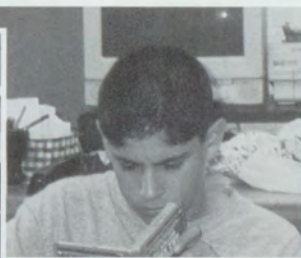
Danielle Peddick observes Brandon Widowski as he makes the earthworm drawing for his group in Mr. Reynold's Biology class.



Mr. Smith looks on as the students in his Chemistry class work hard to complete the assignment before the bell rings.



Two team captains face off in kickball as others wait to get a chance to kick the ball in gym class.



# Clubs

# Latin Club One of Few Existing



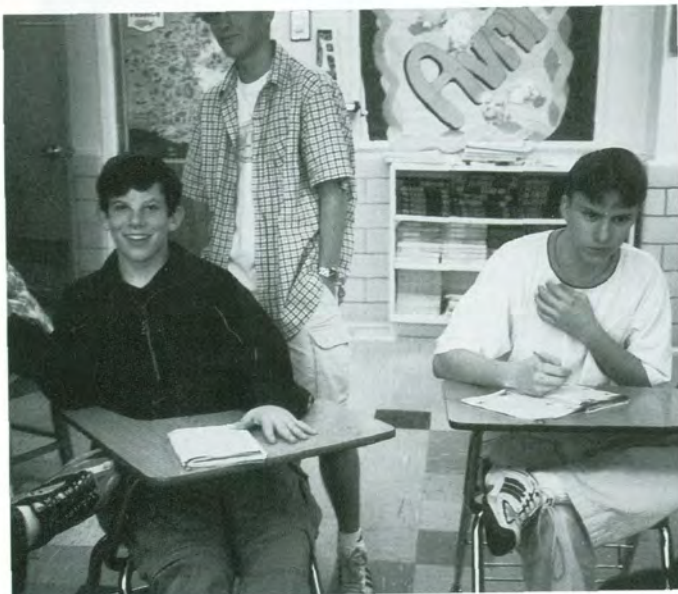
Left: Latin Club President Zach Viets and Vice-president Lara Rau conduct a club meeting during seminar one day.

**Independence High School is one of the few schools to sponsor a Latin Club. This organization is formed of students enrolled in Latin and the other foreign languages at the school. The group is sponsored by Gloria McCray and meets monthly while competing in a number of different activities and projects. It is the hope of the Latin Club to continue interests in this classical type of education.**



Left: Nathan Belcher sits at Ms. McCray's computer, helping her understand the basics while Patrick Housby supervises during a Latin Club meeting.

Below: Chris Elliot gets caught mid-sentence as he explains something to the members of the Latin Club. Tabor Porter sits aside and looks amused.



Christopher Landrum looks guilty while Aaron David writes down important dates for Latin Club activities and, once again, Patrick Housby supervises



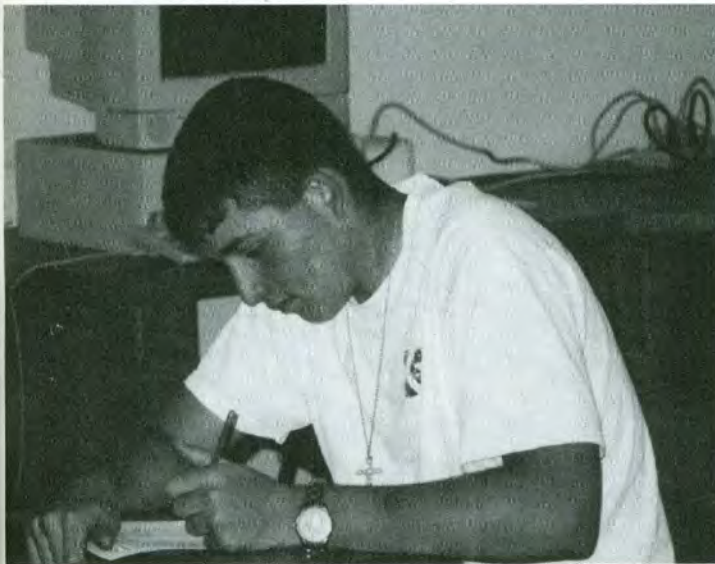
# Seminar Serves Many Purposes

Dominique Darkis is reading in Mrs. Reichenberger's seminar class during SSR. Silent reading has been part of seminar for at least three years. Students read assignments, books for pleasure, and other teacher-approved materials.



Roland Grant studies hard in Mrs. Mani's Junior seminar class. Many students use this time to complete assignments in their classes.

Seminar time at Independence High School is used a variety of ways. Some seminar teachers insist that students use the time on classwork. Some are not as strict. For Seminar's original purpose was to use the time so teachers would be able to help students, students would be able to get homework done, and make-up assignments completed.



Dustin Cain is working very hard taking a makeup test in his junior seminar class. Taking makeup tests and getting missed assignments are very important to the seminar period. Students also go in for extra help from the instructors. Some clubs and organizations also meet during Seminar time.



Sarah Boyer is in Mrs. Parks seminar class getting some extra help with her geometry homework. The math teachers probably have more seminar visitors than any other department.

# 'Spring Fever' Royalty Selected

Beth Rinck and Andrew Kadel, below, get announced during an assembly for Spring homcoming. It looks as if Beth might be a little nervous as she grabs the sides of her chair.



Erin Brooks and Nathan Belcher, below, look enthused as they wait for the rest of the court to get announced.



Erica Woollard and Aaron Kolb, above, walk in as they are introduced at the ceremony before Morp. Erica was nominated for softball and Aaron for Puppies. Last year there was not a spring homecoming court but many student council members got it on its feet this year. Michelle Alt, Megan Brooks and Jalaynna Newkirk were big behind the scenes contributors.

Hannah Dillon and Sam Carnes, seniors, below, were both finalist for spring royalty. Hannah is a cheerleader and played softball while Sam specialized in tennis. Both represented Independence High School in state competition.



Cortney Prezel, and Cody Goins, both seniors are shown below. Cody was nominated for baseball and Cortney for track. This year's theme for homecoming was "Spring Fever."



2001 Spring Homecoming court congratulates Cortney Prezel and Andrew Kadel as spring homecoming king and queen. The court members were announced at an assembly during seminar and then king and queen were announced at the beginning of Morp.



# SCF/FCA Meets before School

SFC/FCA is a group of students who meet outside of school time to discuss and work on matters of religion and personal commitment. The group sponsors a bulletin board in the 400 hall which contains appropriate seasonal religious messages. The sponsor is Mrs. Unruh.



Anthony Fagan and Travis Barnhart shake hands while taking part in a group activity during a seminar meeting.



SFC/FCA member Candace Heathman interacts with other club members.



Kelly Duke seems to be very experienced while leading one of the SFC/FCA meeting this spring.



Steven Foraker and Telisha Belt sit and listen to instructions as Kelly Duke explains the rules to a group activity.



Mrs. Unruh, who sponsors the club, prepares a dish for the food they served during a seminar meeting.

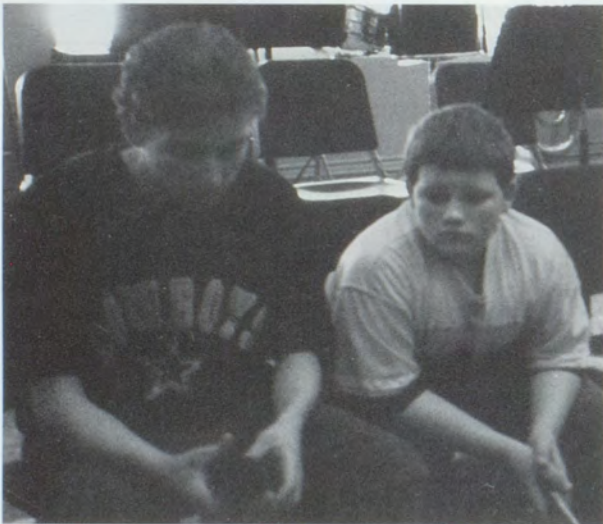
# Kays Provide Services to School



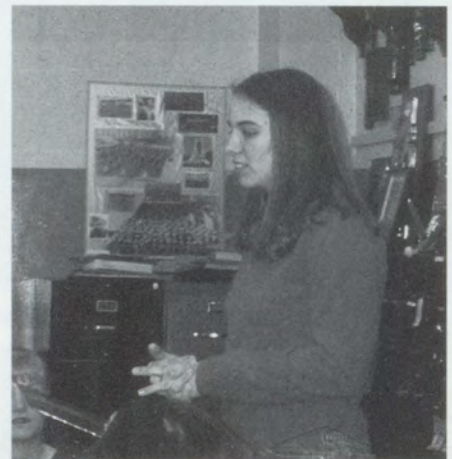
Kay member Trupti Patel discusses ideas with her group for a food basket.



Miss Willis, a Kay sponsor, helps Kay members decide what would be a good fundraiser for the spring.



Two male Kay members relax and let the leader of their group take over.



Jenny Tucker, Kay president, conducts a meeting in the Band room to discuss fundraisers.

The Kays represent one of the largest and most active organizations at Independence High School. The members provide services to the school, community, and nation. What was once an organization of only females the group now includes both sexes. Kays provide monthly birthday cakes for faculty, scholarships, cleaning and straightening of parts of the school, supplies for the Ronald McDonald Houses, and innumerable other service projects. The organization is state-wide and falls under the overall leadership of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. The faculty sponsors are Miss Willis and Mrs. Browning.



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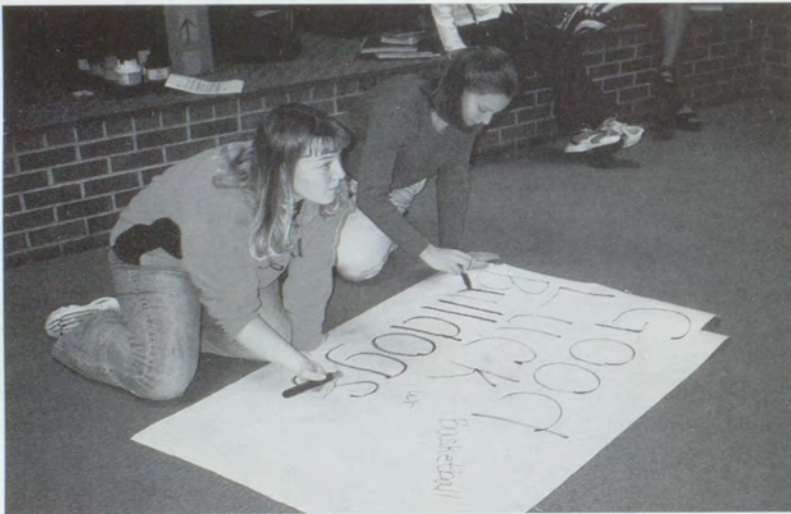
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# IHS Spirit Boosted by Pep Club



Independence High School students, show support for our IHS football team. Pep club provided multiple signs and encouragement for our athletes at IHS.

Below, adopt an athlete was a project that Pep club took on. An adopter could decorate lockers or send inspirational notes to their athlete.



Pep Club members, Heather Oldenettel, and Megan Stephens work on a winter sports sign in the foyer at one of the many poster parties.



Pep club became very creative when decorating the halls. The members met before and after school to prepare for upcoming sporting events.



# The pictures are up to us . . . Yearbook



Seniors:

Natasha Reid, Hannah Dillon, Jalayna Newkirk, Marcia Moore & Elizabeth Bishop.

Juniors:

Catie Wilson, Tallelisa Powers, Kari Walker, Carrie Cox.



As her first year, Tallelisa Powers, learns to be a pro on the Adobe system, as you can see another page is in the finishing process.

Putting together a yearbook takes a lot of time and hard work. Those second year seniors take charge in putting those first pages together then helping the other ones on pages until they're sure how to do it. Installing Year Tech was a mess this year but the yearbook is done and better than ever. With no guys to bother us, the girls get to pick everything from the cover to the way the pages are set in order. A Big Thanks goes out to the entire staff who made the **2001 Orange & Black** a success.

*Picture This...*

*A pictures worth  
2001*

*Memories*

# French Club Creates Love of Culture

Senior, Elizabeth Bishop, Kevin Honan, junior, and Megan Trabuc, freshman, below, hold their gifts while they wait for the reading of 'Twas The Night Before Christmas.' Whenever a certain word was read in French they had to pass their gift to the next person.



Seniors, Carolyn Denney and Ashley Farmer, get the students quiet and call the meeting to order.



Juniors, Jaynann Dumler, Travis Kelley, and Jackie Wilsey, along with the lone sophomore, Tyler Sullivan, left, listen attentively to 'Twas The Night Before Christmas' read by French Club president Carolyn Denney.

Sophomores, Jessica Ramsey and Emily Farmer, below, look thrilled to be at the annual French Club Christmas Exchange. Every year the club gets together and exchanges small gifts.



French club member, above, hangs a poster in the 200 hall to announce the upcoming meeting.



# PUPPS Camp Sets Tone for Year



Monique Brown, Sara Boyer, Ashley Farmer, Shanna Berry, and Loni Dailey, left, sign their PUPPS t-shirt on one of their last days at camp.



Ashley Farmer participates in one of the relays PUPPS had during their camp this year.

Mrs. Thompson and others watch as the PUPPS club tries to get past one of their obstacles at PUPPS camp this year. PUPPS help out a lot of their fellow peers through some of the problems the peers that come to them have.



Peers Understanding Peers Problems tries to involve the whole school to help their peers get through any problems before anything happens. Students can vent problems to PUPPS knowing that everything said is kept in confidentiality.



Aaron Brockway and Ashley Farmer search for supplies to help them with one of the relays that were at PUPPS camp.

# Girls of '02 Prepare for Queen Neelah



Kristen Meyer and Shelley Conner, who worked with the participants of this year's Neewollah, give the Queen Candidate helpful advice on the upcoming events.

The Queen Neelah Pageant is an exciting event for many senior girls. It's a big part of Neewollah in which 30-50 or more girls compete for the Queen Neelah crown. The pageant includes a tea, interview, pop party and other events which help the judges decide who will win each category. It's tough competition but also a lot of fun and it always brings the girls closer together. This makes for memories a girl will never forget.



Kayla Rene Bridwell and Catie Anne Wilson listen attentively as they learn the basics of the Queen Neelah Pageant.



Shianne Hallett prepares mentally for the exciting competition she may enter. The Queen Neelah pageant opens a lot of doors for these young ladies teaching them social skills that will help them throughout life.

The Reigning Queen Neelah the 59th Uma Patel is in a trance remembering all the fun times and great memories of Queen Neelah that she's about to share with the girls of the class of 2002.



2000 Queen Neelah candidate Shanna Berry (Ms. Talent), future candidate Jennifer Beurskens, and Ms. Originality Lauren Oakleaf prepare for explanation of events.



Jaynann Dumler looks thoughtfully at a scrapbook made by a previous queen contestant.

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# Spanish Club a Smashing Success

Senor Shire, controls the pinata at a very safe distance for fear he might get hit by the wild swings of his club members. Every year the Spanish Club throws a Christmas party and they have a pinata. This year it was a snowman filled with candy and anything else Mr. Shire wanted to add.



Kellie Jewers, senior, and Ross Baldassaro, junior, above, retie the string to the pinata which broke due to a strong blow by another Spanish Club member.

Erica Schultz, junior, right, tries to find the location of the pinata. Judging by the look on Ross' face behind her she seems to be way off.



BIENVENIDOS! Translated it means welcome, which is how everyone feels when they enter Mr. Shire's class!?!? OK, maybe not, but everyone in this picture has a smile on his/her face.....maybe they are just good pretenders.

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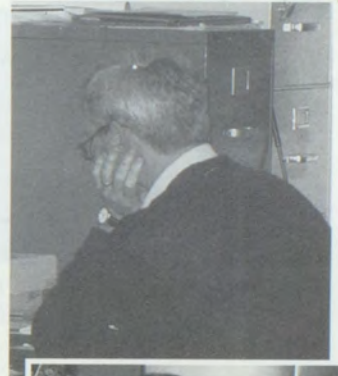
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Rocky Shire sits at his desk while teaching Spanish to his fellow students. Mr. Shire has been at the Independence high school for multiple years, and knows his espanol.

# Faculty Diverse in Age, Training

The Faculty of Independence High School represents a wide diversity in age, interests, training, and teaching experience. This is generally regarded as a strength of our faculty. With such a wide-ranging group of teachers and support personnel, every student can find an adult to relate to, to go to for advice, to learn from in every day life.



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Civics teacher Jim Mosely gives his class the evil eye, which means business. Mr. Mosely has been at the Independence High School for 4 years, and in addition to his coaching is noted for his careful planning and organizational skills.



Doran Smith who is new to the Independence High School, is smiling while lecturing one of his Chemistry classes.



School Nurse, Kathy Raub works with a class on proper technique to perform Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. She demonstrates correct hand positioning that one should use while performing C.P.R.



# Arts



# IHS Musical 'Brigadoon'.....



Cast member Shanna Berry helps with the chorus as Ramie Browning gets into character singing "Waiting For My Dearie" at dress rehearsal.



Devin Jarrett helps Tyler Goodspeed with the long process of assembling his costume.



Rene Hines helps choreograph a dance for Machonachy Square. All the dances seen in the musical this year were created by Rene excluding the sword dance, which was put together by Mr. Boehs.



Members of the female cast sing along to one of the sweet songs of love sang by Ramie Browning.



The boys give lead Tyler Goodspeed their honest opinion on his costume.



Mr. Boehs, who was a big help with the musical, puts together a kilt for one of the guys to wear onstage.



Mrs. Shepard, who helped put together this year's play, adds baby powder to Isaac Belcher's hair in order to make him look older.



# .....takes the stage this year.



Ben Long, Tyler Goodspeed, and Devin Jarrett take a break before heading on to the stage to start the show.



Daniel Shepard goes through the torture that every actor must face—the application of stage makeup. Shanna Berry, who's had a little more practice, helps him out with it.



Elizabeth Bishoop and Ben Long practice their dance in one of the more active scenes in the musical.



Lisa Gruver, who played the part of 'Jane', practices stage makeup for dress rehearsal.



Steven Foraker and Stephanie Eaton come alive practicing their part in Machonachy Square.

This year's IHS Musical was very different in comparison to last year's. The setting was a small village called Brigadoon, in the highlands of Scotland. A love story told through the eyes of two young men from America brought out the best talent from IHS students. Accents had to be learned, dances choreographed, and music ability was put to the test when Mrs. Shepard and Mr. Annable decided that 'Brigadoon' would rule as 2001's musical.



Archie Beaton, or Isaac Belcher as we know him, follows Rachael Ayers as they try to make their dance look like as much fun as it actually was.

# Dallas Chism Watson



Dallas,  
I'll love you forever, I'll love you always,  
As long as I'm living My baby you'll be.  
Love, Mom

# Carolyn Ann Denney



You've  
come a  
long way,  
BABY!  
Always  
remember  
how  
proud  
your  
family is  
of you  
and who  
you are.

We Love You!!!

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# Jalaynna Lea Newkirk



We prayed that God  
would bless our lives,  
with a precious little girl;  
and He answered our  
prayers beyond belief,  
when He brought you  
into the world. From the  
time that you were born,  
you've been independent  
as can be; now here you  
are all grown up, A  
Senoir... we can hardly  
believe! Ready or not,  
look out world, Jalaynna  
is on her way, you'll  
touch lives wherever you  
go, and we've more  
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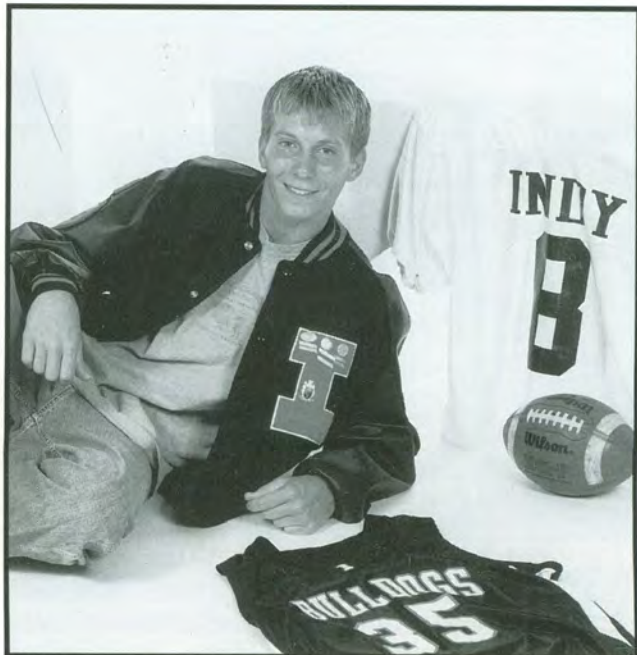


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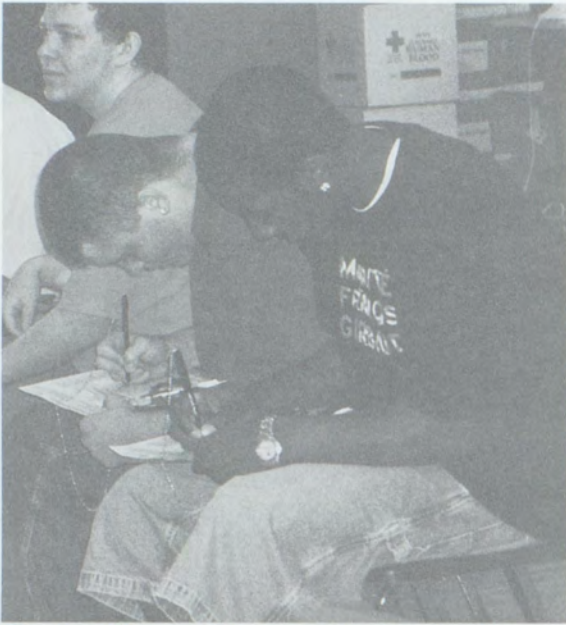


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# Teens Participate in Bloodmobile



Senior Shawn Ross waits patiently while junior Matt Linden and senior Dwayne White fill out a questionnaire in order to give blood.



Michelle Alt, senior, looks away while she has blood taken. It takes a lot of courage to give blood which many students at IHS possess.

Red Cross brings the Bloodmobile to IHS every year with many students participating and giving blood. There's an age and weight limit that most students pass so there are many volunteers that show up which proves how giving IHS students can be.



Ashley Farmer comforts friend Carolyn Denney as a Red Cross Assistant begins taking her blood.



Junior Amy Fairbanks waits for her turn to give blood.

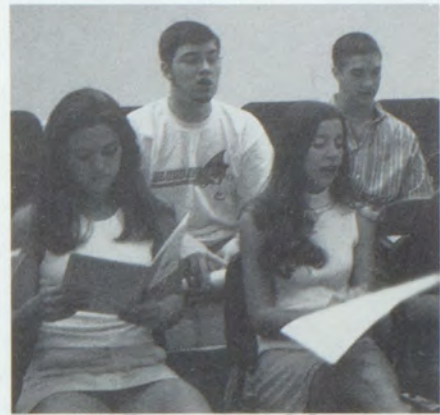


Junior Sytera Bernard looks away bravely as a Red Cross Assistant begins to take her blood.

# Indy Ensemble Entertains Public



Indy Ensemble this year consist of Tyler Goodspeed, B.J. Goodspeed, Aubree Caston, Phillip Newkirk, Roxie Watson, Ivory Porter, Jacob Friend, Ramey Browning, Issac Belcher, Lisa Gruver, Nikki Roberts, Nathan Belcher, Daniel Shepard, Shanna Berry, Tyler Sullivan, Eli Gross, Emmalee Voth, Kari Brooks, Marcia Moore, and Kaven Chapman. The director is Mr. Annable and pianist Dana Aiken.



Ramey Browning, Marcia Moore, Issac Belcher, and Jacob Friend practice their songs for the last concert of the year.

Indy Ensemble, which is considered to be one of the most select groups at IHS, has rehearsal every morning at 7:10, which is known as zero hour. The ensemble sings for various community and school events. They are very famous for there singing valentines which are romantic songs dedicated to members of the community from spouses, etc. This year they went to state and made a one which is outstanding.



Every year Indy Ensemble has went around the community for Singing Valentines. They surpise the person the Valentine is bought for with a rose and two songs. In this pitcure the Indy Ensemble are singing for Mrs. Chapman.



Phillip Newkirk, Nathan Belcher, Aubree Caston, and Roxie Watson singing at their last concert.

# Freshman Choir Noteworthy



IHS freshman girls concentrate on what Mr. Annable, the choir director, has to teach them.

Mr. Annable helps the freshmen out by playing the right note.



The Freshman Choir has come along way since Mr. Annable has joined the faculty. Every year they seem to get better and are more disciplined. They start the year with a Fall concert and finish it with a big Spring concert.



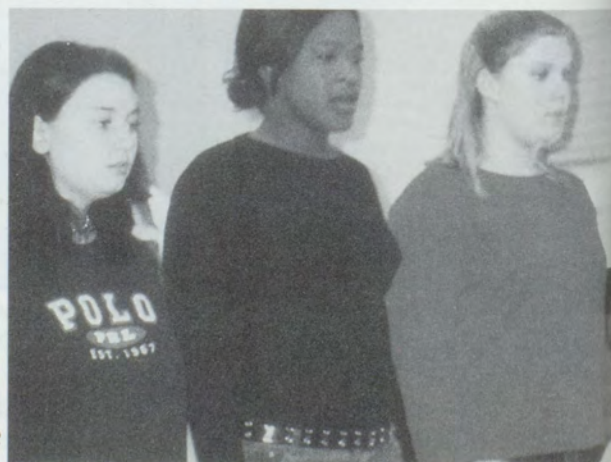
Megan Dodson, member of the freshman mixed chorus, sings her best to make the choir sound good.



Chelsea Patterson, among other students watch the music for an indication that they are singing the right words.



The boys of mixed chorus show off their singing skills as they practice for the Fall Concert.



Freshmen girls wait for Mr. Annable to start the next song during rehearsal

# Choir Improves With Every Note

The IHS Choir has done very well this year under the instruction of Larry Annable. This is Mr. Annable's fourth year as an IHS teacher. The choir has four concerts with the spring being the last of the year. This year's spring concert was emotional considering it was the first year for Mr. Annable to graduate seniors whom he also taught as freshman.



The members of 2001 IHS Choir: Eli Bays, Isaac Belcher, Nathan Belcher, Shanna Berry, Elizabeth Bishop, Kari Brooks, Megan Brooks, Ramie Browning, Yalanda Burchett, Trista Bynum, Aubree Caston, Kaven Chapman, Dominique Darkis, Jaynann Dumler, Steven Foraker, Lauren Freisberg, Jacob Friend, Ashley Goad, Alicia Golter, B.J. Goodspeed, Tyler Goodspeed, Eli Gross, Lisa Gruver, Kasey Hugo, Krista Hugo, Curtis Hunter, Devin Jarrett, Amber Johnson, Benessa Jones, Nick Kelley, Jennifer Lawrence, Tara McCarrell, Jamie McColm, Tiffany Monroe, Marcia Marie Moore, Philip Newkirk, Sarah Newkirk, Heather Oldenettel, Ivory Porter, Tabor Porter, Chris Powers, Tallelisa Powers, Niki Roberts, Karrie Ross, Daniel Runge, Carrie Sanborn, Daniel Shepard, Megan Stephens, Nicole Stewart, Tyler Sullivan, Jessica Thompson, Zachary Viets, Emmallee Voth and Roxie Watson.



Above: Senior Eli Gross adds a beat to one of the choir's more lively songs.



Mr. Annable, Choir Instructor, conducts his last concert with the first group of seniors that he's worked with since they were freshman.



Junior Megan Stevens practices along side the rest of the choir before one of the concerts held at the IHS auditorium.



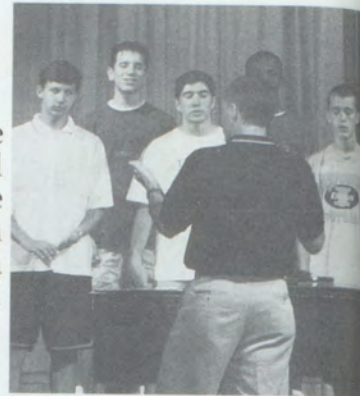
Isaac Belcher, senior, also adds some accompaniment to the sounds of the IHS final spring concert.

# Choirs Unite for One Last Concert



Members of the IHS Concert Choir sing their hearts out for the last concert of the year.

The men of the freshman Mixed Chorus rehearse before a performance on stage.



Indy Ensemble members Kaven Chapman and Aubree Caston practice 'Sicut Cervus' for the final concert.



Kasey Hugo, along with many other choir members, prepare themselves for the final Spring Concert.



Mr. Annable directs a rehearsal for Indy Ensemble. This class is held each morning at 7:10-7:55.

There are four choirs that are part of IHS culture. The biggest choir is Concert Choir. It consists of around 50-60 members. Next up we have the Freshman Mixed Chorus. They improve greatly as the year goes by, being joined at concerts with the Treble Choir, a group consisting of only girls. The most select choir is Indy Ensemble which you must try-out for and have excellent musical skills to be a part of it.

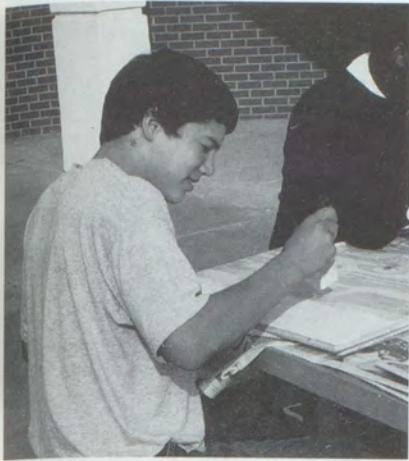


Mr. Annable listens for the right notes as the freshman choir rehearse



# HARDKORE wins Best Company

Applied Economics produced two very successful companies this year. One was Ostentation, who produced cookie mix which was a big hit among students. The other company, Hardkore, made Bulldog Yard Signs which caught attention with a unique name and a unique product. Both companies worked very hard and enjoyed all the rewards that come with a successful business.



Hardkore member Robert Camacho works hard putting primer on the boards for their product.



Jeff Radcliff of Ostentation makes tags for the cookie mix jars.

Best President: Darcie Farran  
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Best V. P. of Production: Kira Perry  
Best V.P. of Marketing: Memori Kent & Jeff Radcliff  
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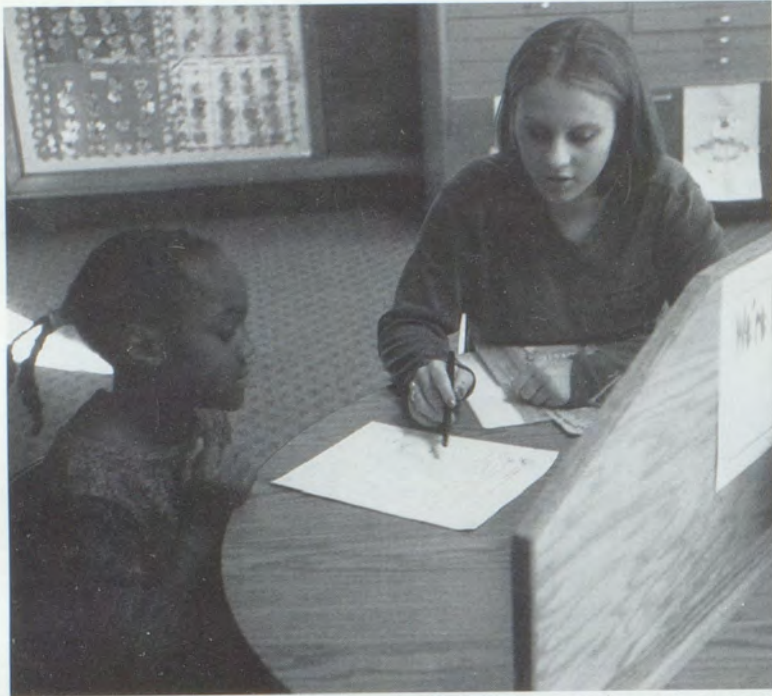


Tammy Brown, a member of Ostentation, cuts cloth for the lids on the cookie mix they sold.



Kellie Duke, Hardkore member, sands the wood that will be turned into a Bulldog Yard Sign.

# Students Get A Taste Off Campus

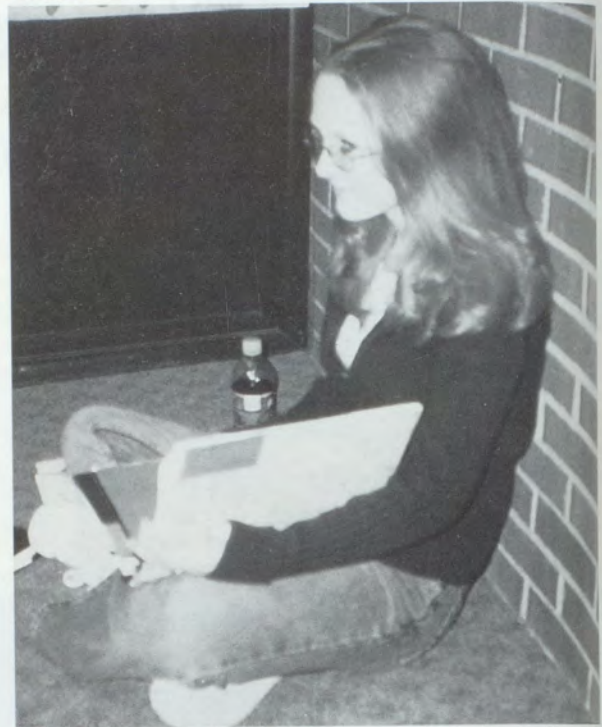


Cortny Schlorholtz, senior, above, works with third and fourth graders helping them improve their reading skills. Cortny goes to Lincoln School and volunteers her time with the HOSTS program.



Hannah Dillon, senior, above, plays a game with a HOSTS student, hoping to build the student's confidence in reading. HOSTS stands for Helping One Student To Succeed, and it's a national program that the three elementary schools participate in.

Shanna Berry, senior, below returns from her college class and waits patiently in the foyer for her next class to start. Many seniors take college classes to get ahead start on their college credit hours.



Cortny Prezel, senior, below, grabs a bottle of flavoring to add to a drink she is making for a customer at the Health Alternative. Cortny volunteers her time there during school as a community volunteer, but works there regularly after school and on weekends.



# Athletics Honored at Banquet



Cheerleading Coach Rachel Nally, and her fall football cheerleaders, left, are awarded with a scholastic achievement award. During the fall football season all of Miss Nally's cheerleaders obtained a high grade point average and they all received a certificate for it.



New football coach, Luke Claar, left, presents Mark Spellman with the Mark Tindle Most Inspirational Player Award. This award is picked by the entire football coaching staff and goes to a senior player who exhibits very positive and encouraging words to his teammates.



Softball coach Doug Rinck, above, hugs his daughter Beth Rinck and his niece Erica Woollard. Doug gave a very emotional speech about who much he will miss coaching his two "daughters", which he has coached since they were both five. Beth was offered a softball scholarship to play at Baker University, which she accepted and Erica will play at Labette Community College next year.

Members of the football team which include, Jacob Friend, Jeret Kusiak, Russell Swisher, and Zack Veits, right, stand and are recognized for their hard work and dedication for their participation on the football team.



Senior baseball players are announced by coach Ron Denney, right, and congratulated for their ongoing effort and support during their last four years play high school softball. Many of the gentlemen play to continue their baseball careers in college. Dwayne White plans to attend the University of Kansas, Jasper Durbin to play at Fort Scott, Josh Tucker, Keith Hoose, Cody Goins, and Tom Schulz are still undecided on where they will attend college next year.



# Too Much Food, Too Little Time



A group of girls enjoy their 29 minute lunch break in the IHS cafeteria. Some students choose to eat school lunch which includes the option of a hot line, Mexican line, or sandwich line. A IHS student also has the choice to eat ala-carte.



Terrance Birde takes a moment to give the camera a grin before throwing his lunch trash away.



Casey Harder contently sits and eats his lunch. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have closed lunch.



Ben Klamm and Patrick Allen eat their lunch. Students choose where they sit and they often sit at the same table each day with the same people.



David Jenkins loads his plate with condiments. A lunch room favorite among the students is French fries with mustard and ketchup.

# Open Lunch, The best time of day!



Left, Jeff Radcliff enjoys pizza and breadsticks while eating during his open Lunch at Pizza Hut. At Pizza Hut a new found favorite is the pasta with red breadstick sauce!



Carolyn Denney, opens wide to get her grub on with her piece of pepperoni pizza!

Open Lunch--the much anticipated time for all seniors. The class of 2001 waited three years of closed lunch to be able to "go out" during the senior year. While the underclassmen have closed lunch the seniors have three different times they are allowed to leave campus in order to eat.

However, this isn't always as easy as it sounds. One of the difficult choices is where to go eat. Pizza Hut, Taco Inn, Arby's, and Casey's prove to be some of the more popular choices. This decision is one of the easier ones though for the seniors. For example, the individual senior must decide whether to actually go out. Usually this is a no brainer but occasionally this is a problem. Another difficult time occurs when the student decides who to go with. Some go solo and others team up with friends, associates, or other people in the third block class. Next, comes the driving decision. Who is going to man the wheel for the hurried trip. Finally, it is "buckle up" time for the wild and crazy ride back to school, the dash into school, the run through the hall and the quick seating in the classroom with the attitude for the teacher that the student has been there for quite a while. Yes, open lunch is a blessing. But like many blessings it comes with its problems and difficulties. However, most seniors welcome the problems and difficulties.



Hannah Dillon defies gravity by piling on the dessert pizza at the local Pizza Hut! Either Hannah was extremely hungry or she was providing dessert for the rest of her table.

# Lunch offers a 29 minute escape!!



Above, Ashleigh Prezel receives money back from Rhonda Webb. Ala Carte is a popular choice among IHS students.



Anita Bale grabs some napkins while walking by at the end of the lunch line.



Left, George Black has fun with a spoon!

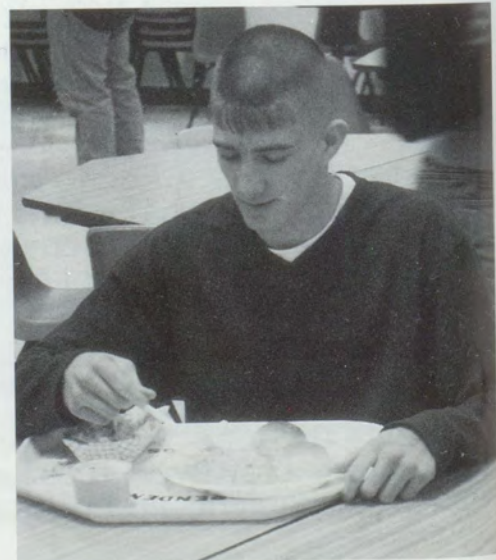
Right, Tiffany Banks and Kasey Hugo enjoy some ice cream during their lunch period.



Below, Kelly Ross enjoys chicken and noodles.



Left, Daniel Shepard finishes off a chocolate malt. It is very easily noticed that by the looks of Daniels tray he is not in wrestling season!





# Spring Sports

# IHS Golf Returns to State



Golf Members relax as they learn new strategies for an upcoming tournament.



Senior Brian Dennis is seen putting during practice. Brian is one of the top golfers on the team.



Tyler Sullivan, Sophomore, concentrates on putting at the beginning of practice one day. Tyler took 10th place at Regionals in Fort Scott.



The Golf team seems to have improved this year, yet again qualifying at Regionals in Fort Scott and moving on to State, held in Independence May 21, 2001. The team has worked very hard and it was shown with the skill they seem to hold during the tournaments. The team is instructed by Mark Coder who doubles as IHS History teacher and Golf Coach.

Sophomore John Harris practices alongside everyone else getting ready for state.



Junior Jonathan Spencer takes a break while their coach gives them a pep talk.



Golf Instructor Mark Coder prepares his team for Regionals.



Brian Dennis studies the sheet Mr. Coder has handed out to prepare for Regionals. Brian placed First in Fort Scott that day and helped the team qualify for state.



# Improvement in JV Golf Program



Chelsea Chaney, freshman, takes a big swing at a local JV tournament on May 7th.



Robert Martin, who plays JV, concentrates hard on how his opponents are playing.



Cole Wittum prepares to hit his ball one day at a tournament.

Junior Varsity golf at Independence High School has shown a definite improvement the past few years. The number of underclassmen who are competitive on the varsity level has increased and with the addition a few years ago of a junior varsity coach, more players are allowed to stay on the team and try to improve their game to play on the varsity level. Most golfers who improve dramatically do so in the off-season by hard work and dedication.



Freshman Cole Wittum admires his clubs as he decides which one to use.

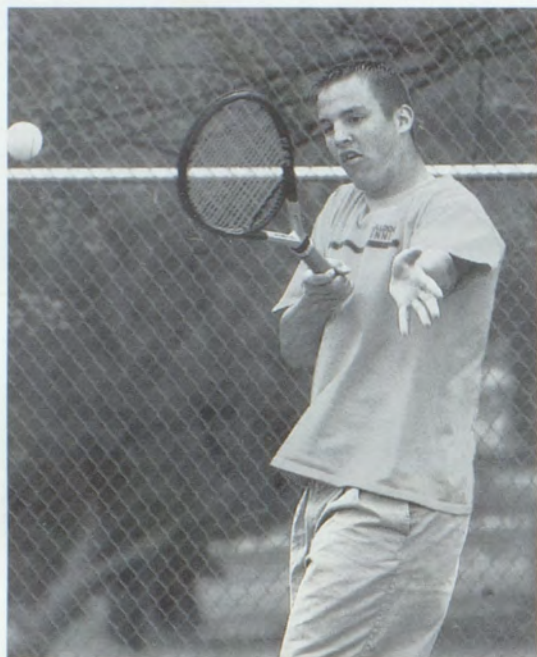


Jesse Overfield is deep in concentration while putting the ball at a tournament.



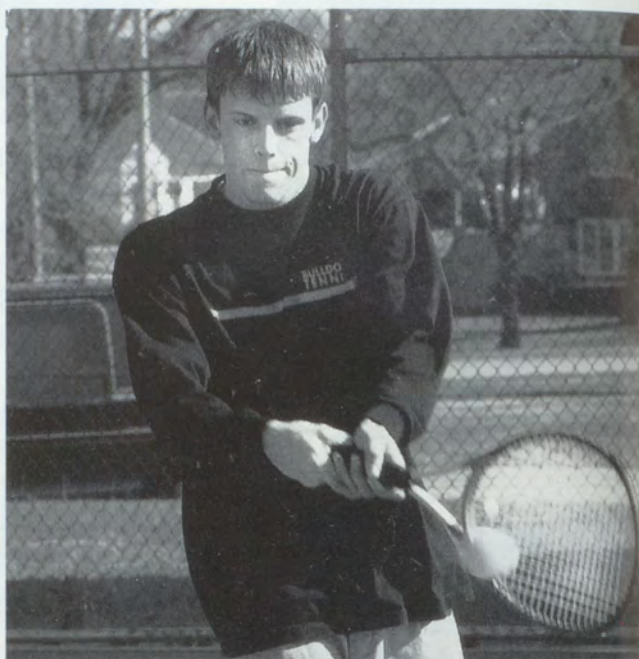
Travis Barnhart, aka Spanky, takes a stroll trying to find his ball.

# Bulldog Tennis Team Takes SEK

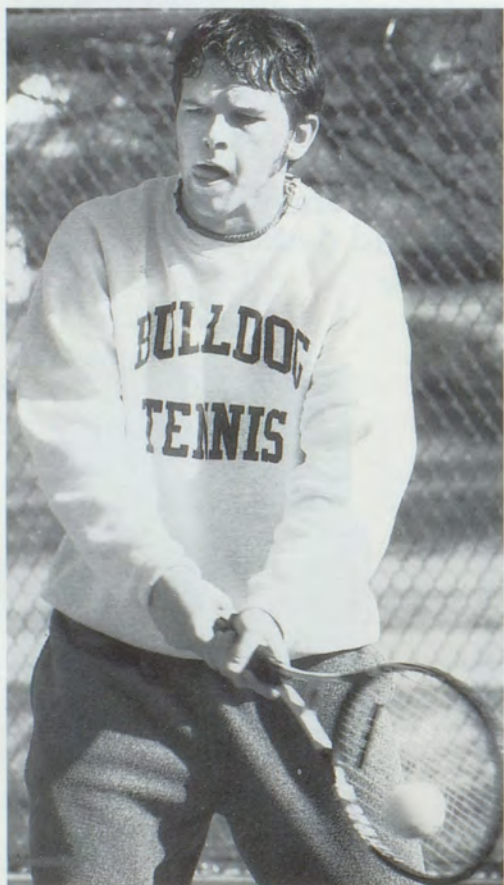


Eddie Swearingen, Junior, serves the ball during practice.

After a year of absence, Independence High School once again won the tennis title in the SEK. The Bulldogs blew past the other league schools in competition held at the Riverside Park tennis court. This championship is on top of the girl's title won earlier in the school year.



Senior Andrew Kadel makes contact with the ball during a tournament one day at Riverside Park.



Senior Jordan Watson helps his team in their battle for first.



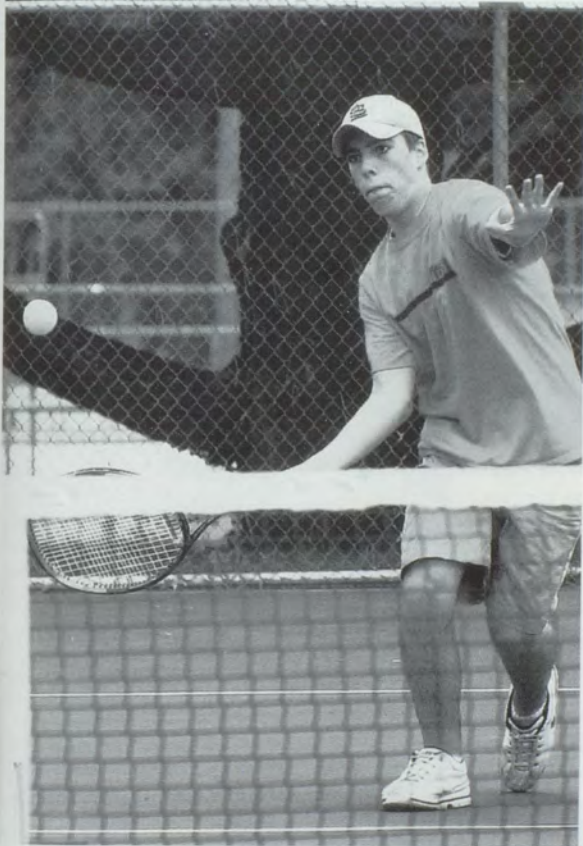
Junior Jeff Wuerderman swings back to make a hit that would help his team win one of their tournaments.

# Five 'Dogs Make State Tourney

Independence High School boys tennis was represented by five competitors this year. The most any team could take would be six.

The doubles teams were Sam Carnes and Brent Mooney, and Jeff Radcliff and Andrew Kadel. The singles entry into state competition was junior Jeff Wuerdeman who competed in the singles division.

At State in Topeka, Wuerdeman exited after two matches while Radcliff and Andrew Kadel made the second day of action into the semi-finals, finally taking 4th in the state. The team of Carnes and Mooney lost the first day and battled in the consolation and finished in 5th place in the state.



Jason Taylor, junior, is seen swinging towards the ball at the local tennis courts.

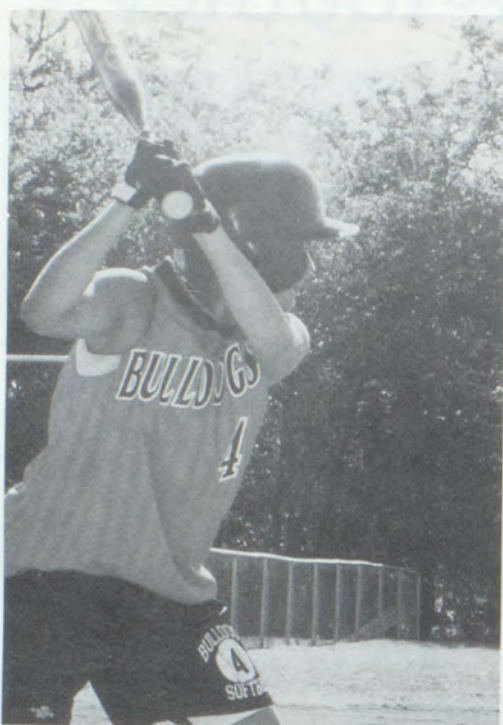
Jeff Radcliff, Senior, is caught mid-swing while returning the ball.



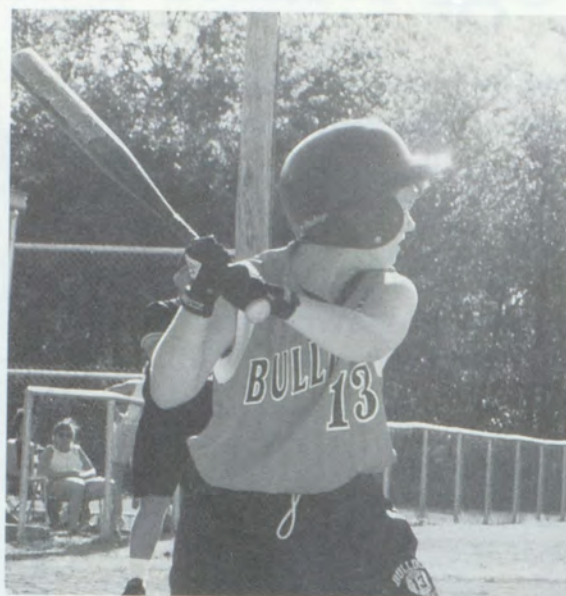
Senior Andrew Kadel, left, hits the ball that would help send him and his partner to state.



# Girls Win First State Game



Jessica Camacho, junior, above, gets positioned in the batters box during a game against Labette. Jessica started out playing JV, but soon proved that she was Varsity material.



Allison Taylor, junior, left, two year starter at shortstop, gets her chance in the batters box. Throughout the year Allison came through for the team in the batters box with good, great, grand, wonderful hits.



Beth Rinck, senior, above, shows excellent form with her swing as she smashes the ball for a triple.

## All-SEK Softball Awards

Erica Woollard/Senior-1st Team

Beth Rinck/Senior-1st Team

Allison Taylor/Junior-1st Team

Sytera Bernard/Junior-1st Team

Loni Dailey/Junior-2nd Team

Lauren Freisberg/Sophomore-2nd Team

Softball team members, Kelsey Stephens, Jessica Camacho, and Bethanie White, huddle up close after a 1, 2, 3 inning and discuss their hitting situations.



# New Sophomores Lead JV Team



Sophomore, Ashley Dunham, above, charges out of the box and heads toward first base after she smashes the ball for a base hit. This is Ashley's second year on the softball team and she helped out a lot with the new sophomores that joined the team this year.

Lindsay Dunham, sophomore, below, the starting pitcher for the junior varsity fires the ball to a Pittsburg batter in one of their final games. Lindsay pitching improved 100% this year and she hopes to see some varsity action next year.



Megan McMillin, junior, above, takes a hack at the ball and makes a big connection in the last inning of the first game against Pittsburg. At the beginning of the season Megan spent most of her time on JV but after losing Jennifer Sprague on varsity Megan moved up.



Carrie Meadows, freshman, below, took on the role of catcher for the JV team this year. Only two freshmen were picked to be on the softball team this year, Megan Fowler, along with Carrie.



Second baseman, Heather Lester, sophomore, above, grounds a ball and tosses it to first baseman Jennifer Lawrence to gain the first out of the inning.



# I H S Varsity Baseball



Junior Aaron Brockway slides to third and he is safe!

Varsity baseball had a long season this year before rebounding and winning five of the final games. The Bulldogs were faced with the problem of getting the offense, defense, and pitching working all at the same time.

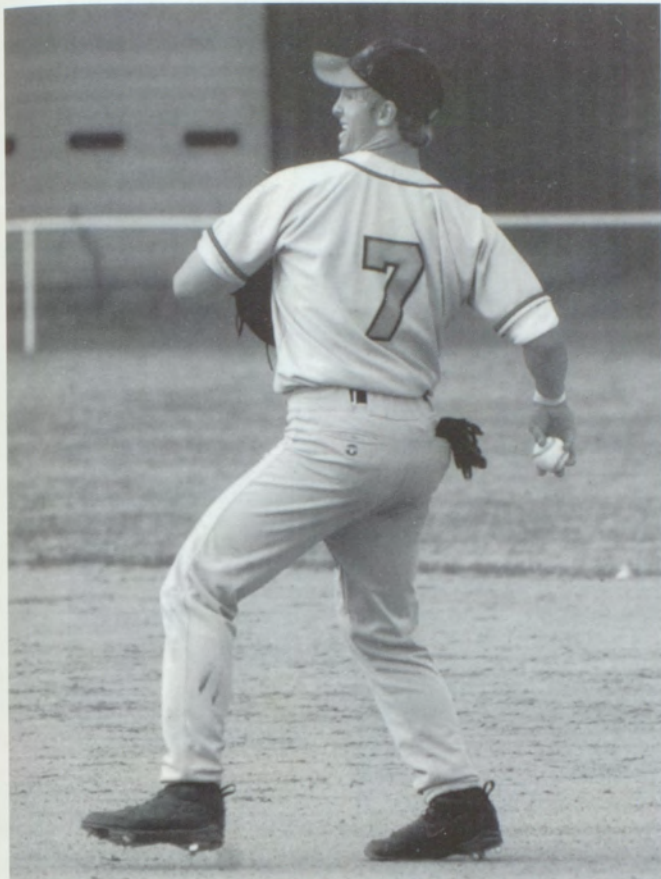


Junior Matthew Barnhart pitches to help his team win a very close game.



Junior Daniel Shepard slides home to help score a run.

# Home Of The Good Wood



Second Baseman Eli Gross(Senior) is throwing the ball to first base for another out.



Junior Christopher Stockton makes an awesome catch in outfield.



Junior Aaron Brockway tags an opponent hoping to help his teammates win their game.

# Ladies Track Team wins SEK



Above, senior Michelle Alt comforts a team member after completing a tough race. Michelle was a four year track participant who ran long distance for the team.

Right, Karrie Ross runs in the throwers relay. This relay gives the athletes a chance to participate in another event.



Left, freshmen Tiffany Barker rounds the second curve of her race. She was a big addition to the team



Above, Vanessa Jones, Niki Lee, and Krista Hugo compete in the 100 meter hurdles. Our girls were among the very few who never fell!



Above, Senior Emily David completes a hand off during one of her relay events. Emily was a four year track letterwinner and four year state participant.



Left, Junior Heather Oldenettel runs in the 4x800 meter relay. Heather is a three year track participant.

Below, Lensi LaForge competes for the Lady Bulldogs. Lensi was a freshman participant, who ran both JV and Varsity meets.





# Girls Earn First Title Since 1982



Left, Head track coach Mike Rose has a brief meeting with track teammates Thelma Reeves and Molly Brown. The group was pumping themselves up for the upcoming relay race.

Thelma placed in the top six in two events at the state track meet that was held at Cessna stadium in Wichita Kansas.

Molly was also a state track participant and a letterwinner in track. Molly ran middle distance for the lady bulldog track team.



Below, Niki Lee and Barbara Plaven complete a hand off during a relay.



Right, Freshmen Jessica Dillon strides to the finish line. Jessica participated in junior varsity meets, competing in the 100 and 200 meter dashes and also was a leg in one of the teams relay events.



Left, track team members yell and shout from the stands for their teammates while assistant coach Carl Boldra keeps time. Independence was well known for the support they gave their teammates, and an IHS track member could always be found at every event supporting the bulldog that was competing.

# Boys Track Team Sets The Pace



Above, George Black leans for the finish line. George smoked the competition and placed first in his race. George is a junior at IHS and is also a three year track letterwinner.



Left, Russell Swisher strides to beat his opponents. Russell is a junior at IHS and competed in relays for the Bulldog track team.



Above, sophomore, Lee Dent paces himself during his race.

Right, Junior Mack Lee finishes his race. Mack ran his best and placed first in this event.



Below, Kelly Ross runs out of his blocks at the beginning of his race. Kelly used blocks in all of his races to get an extra jump on his opponents. Kelly is a junior at IHS and competed in such events as the hurdles for the men's Bulldog track team.



Above, Seniors Abe Al-bureni and Mark Spellman sit back and relax. Both Mark and Abe are throwers for the Bulldogs, and since field events occur first at all meets, these boys usually found themselves just hanging out after they competed.

# Bulldogs Bring Home The Medals



Left, juniors Roger McGuyer and Ben Long stretch each other. Stretching is extremely important when competing. At all track meets the team ran a warm-up lap and then met and partner stretched together before reporting to their individual events. As the season progressed all team members notice a bit more flexibility, which proved to help when competing.

Right, Nathan Rail takes a minute to give the camera a look. Nathan competed in the junior varsity track meets for the mens Bulldog track team. Nathan is a Freshmen at IHS and this was his first year to participate in the track program.



Left, members of a boys IHS relay team take a minute to lay back and kick up their feet after finishing their race.



Above, senior John Williams hands off the baton to junior Jacob Friend. The boys worked well together and did not miss a hand off once this season.

Left, junior Devin Jarret pumps his arms to take him to the finish line. Devin is a three year track participant, and competed in several different events including the 100 meter dash.



# Smile! Frown! Cry! Pout!



A lively crowd, you could say!  
The 2001 Forensicators

## Seniors:

Shanna Berry, Jessica Thompson, Rachel Ayers, Michelle Rowe & Emmalee Voth

## Underclass Men:

Matthew Barnhart, Julie Dumler, BJ Goodspeed, Jamie Green, Sara Hull, Robyn Kemp, Rachel Reed, Daniel Shepard, Whitney Tennyson, Angie Vail, Chris Landrum, Carrie Sanborn, John Heathman, Ryan Logan, Bethany Ayers & Sally Tucker

'To act is to live', Forensics is a class to express just about anything you wish from your angers to your sorrows to your beliefs. A class with the freedom to be loud and out of control but the script that allows you too. Expression is all part of this class; allowing you to feel what someone else has written and to show the expressions so that everyone watching can feel or relate to what you are speaking. A strong voice to carry an audiences attention is what leads these students to the metals that they wish to receive at every tournament possible.

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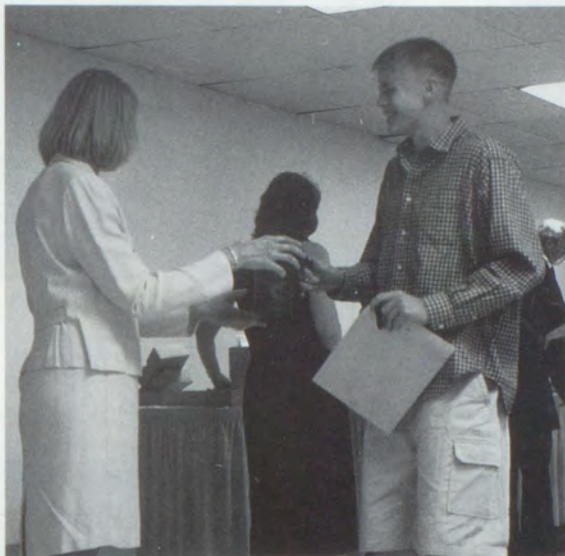


Let's go to State! Shanna Berry, senior; BJ Goodspeed, sophomore; and Daniel Shepard, junior; are the state leaders for this forensics season.

# Academic Awards Cite Scholars



Jeret Kusiak, junior, below, walks to receive his award for obtaining a high grade point average during his junior year. Jeret received an academic letter, a pin from the Soroptimist Club and a mug from the Rotary Club.



Erin Brooks, senior, above, gives a big smile to Mr. Anderson as he shakes her hand and congratulates her for all her academic accomplishments throughout her high school career.

Jalaynna Newkirk, senior, above, is congratulated by a member of the Soroptimist Club. Jalaynna also received the Soroptimist Scholarship earlier this year.



Jacob Friend, left, goes through the long line of hand shakes and congratulations for being a very intelligent young man.



For the entertainment that night the Indy Ensemble, above, sang a number of songs which they had sung throughout the year and gained numerous group and individual awards for their performances.



Mr. Runge, left, welcomes the students and parents to the dinner and asks Jalaynna Newkirk to come to the stage for the invocation.

# City Rec. Hosts Mud Volleyball



Tiffany Barker, along with a teammate struggle in the mud to return a serve. Most Mud Volleyball participants will say returning the serve was the hardest thing to do.



Two teammates talk strategies on how to win their next match. Mud Volleyball has been in a working progress for five years.

Senior, Jasper Durbin, takes a minute between points to flex for the camera. Mud Volleyball gave IHS students the opportunity to get down and get dirty!



Below, a Mud Volleyball Team gets prepared for the upcoming serve. Mud Volleyball took up most of the day for IHS students. The event started at 1:00 and did not end until 5:00.



Left, Senior Jenny Tucker, somehow stays remotely clean during her match. It was obviously her first match, or she is just really good on her feet.



Mud Volleyball participants, Barbara Plaven, and Jessica Ramsey position themselves in a bumping stance. Mud Volleyball turned out to be a success this year with a total of 13 teams participating in the May 12 event.

# Mud Tournament Won by Frosh

Two team members work together to find footing in the pool of mud during Mud Volleyball match. They apparently lost their balance and ended up face down in the mud!



Senior, Billy Montgomery finds mud in an unexpected place. Many IHS students were amazed at the locations they found mud!

Below, a mud volleyball team takes a breather between matches. Some opted to wash off while others just enjoyed the opportunity to be grizzled.



Sophomore Lacey Chubb, right, takes a minute to grab a cold drink.

Below, a Mud Volleyball team, walks the perimeter to check for unexpected items in the mud. There was no telling what all was in that mud!



A group of girls, right, wash off after the completion of Mud Volleyball. The rural fire department was on hand to make sure the mud pits stayed wet and to help with the clean up of the participants.



# Renaissance Completes Another Year



The teachers that sponsor Renaissance put a lot of work into it. Some of the teachers even donated some of the prizes received. Ms. McCray, Ms. Lundt, Ms. Lundt and Ms. Edwards announced and gave awards during the assemblies.



Celia Davis, freshman and Darcie Farran, senior pick up their awards they got for getting good grades. These students have to sign up for the program before they are eligible.



The Junior Class Top Ten got recognized for their achievement. All the grades got recognized the sophomore and freshman class had more than ten students recognized this year.

Renaissance at Independence High is becoming a time honored tradition. In the fall is the assembly in the auditorium to make the freshmen aware of the program, in winter is the seminar gathering in the cafeteria. The Spring is the meeting with parents at Losey Gym. The past two years the spring rally has featured baskets of gifts prepared by teachers, sponsors, and business people. The dessert prepared by the food service is usually a highlight. Some of the baskets prepared contained Coca Cola merchandise, car care supplies, Bath and Body Works goodies, and yearbook picture packages.



Is this the senior section? Seniors Michelle Rowe, Chelsea Carr, Kelly Jewers, and Ashely Musgrove sit and talk while waiting for the awards to be distributed. Being seniors, however, food was an important part of their waiting for the program to begin.



# Baskets Highlight Spring Rally

There was a big crowd at the Spring Renaissance Assembly. The students got to invite their parents to the assembly. The parents recieved baskets along with the food that was provided for them.



The Top Ten Seniors got recognized for their achievement. Most of them have been on the Top Ten throughout Independence High.



Mary Kelly, senior, right, enjoys the food that is provided at the Spring Renaissance Assembly.



Renaissance made Baskets for the last assembly, seen pictured left. Teachers, organizations and sponsors worked together to create the gifts. They ranged from supplies from Bath and Body to free pictures by Life Touch to car maintenance supplies.

# IHS Blood Drive a Huge Success



The annual blood drive once again gathered a large turn out on April 20, 2001.

Left, senior blood donor, Carolyn Denney, talks with a nurse about procedures for taking blood.



Above, Matt Linden and Dwayne White fill out the paper work involved in giving blood. Anyone 17 years or older may donate blood.

Below, Ashley Farmer instructs a fellow IHS student on how to fill out the paper work. Student council was on hand to help with the blood drive this year.



Right, Junior Roger McGuire pumps the "magic ball". Students are told to pump the ball to make the blood flow quicker. Many juniors and seniors participated this year in the annual drive, which made it one of IHS's most successful blood drives.



# Academic Decathlon Visit Alaska



Coach Matt Mosher, below, smiles as he realizes the huge accomplishment his team has made. After winning the state competition they gained a spot at the National Academic Deathlon, which is a honor itself.

IHS Academic Decathlon Team Members include: Brian Sandon, Tyler Goodspeed, Andrew DeFever, Brad Klamm, Sam Hastings, Jacob Friend, John Long, Shanna Berry, Rachel Ayers, and Coach Matt Mosher.



Brad Klamm, junior, and Sam Hastings, senior, left, sit down for dinner at the United States Academic Decathlon. During their trip the experienced a cruise on Resurrection Bay.

The highlight of the competition for most of the participants was the interview, prepared and impromptu speeches. Shanna Berry scored 947 out of 1000 possible points on the interview, which nearly put her in the medals for top interview in the scholastic division. Tyler Goodspeed and Brad Klamm scored well in the prepared speech with 833 and 837 points respectively. High scorers in the super quiz, which was broadcast over the internet included Sam Hastings with 495 points and Rachel Ayers with 480 points and Brad Klamm with 545 points. The super quiz entails answering questions over world religions, philosophy, and psychology.



Senior, Rachel Ayers, left, is placed with a medal. Rachel was this years team captain and also the overall high scorer. She scored 5,070 points and was offered a \$500.00 scholarship to a university in Alaska.

# Student Work Displayed at Show



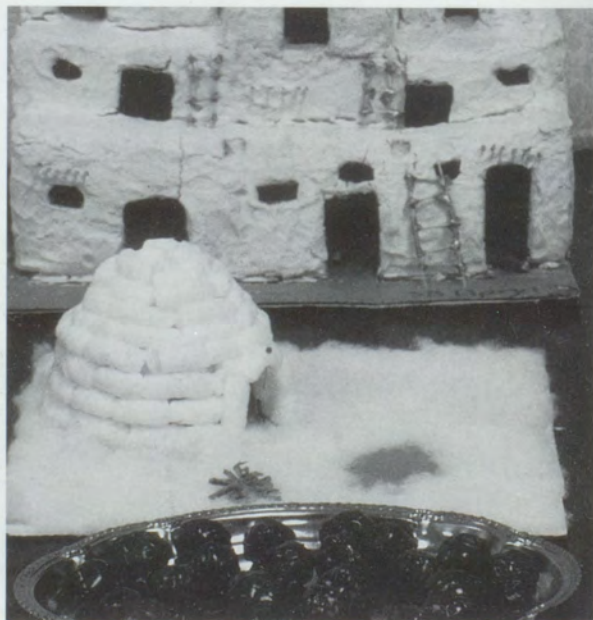
Junior Casey O'Shields, above, pulls out her drawings to show them off at the expo.



This unique Golf Station was created by Jerry Templemeyer, junior, above, to be displayed at this years expo.



Many clay creations are put together to be displayed. These were made by students of all ages at IHS.



Replicas of historic items are made to portray culture at this year's expo.

# Students Show Projects at Expo



This cedar chest, above, made by Wes Evans, is proudly shown off in the IHS cafeteria.

Brandy Cox, junior, below, watches as students sort and price items included in this year's expo.



The yearly Expo is a highlight for the Woodworking students, the art students and the FACS students. This display of student created projects occurs at the end of the school year and usually coincides with the Teacher Appreciation Dessert. The Expo continues in the evening for additional parents and community people to see. This show is a lot of work for the instructors to assemble the projects at school, set the up in the food service center, and then make sure they are returned or the student picks them up. It is also excellent public relations for the school.

Mr. Trousie, art teacher, below, helps his students display their work.



Students of Mr. Trousie's class, above, put out the items they had worked been working on up to this point.

# Two Veteran Teachers Retire



Rachel Torbett announced her retirement on May 1, 2001. A veteran of 34.5 years of teaching, Mrs. Torbett taught in the Language Arts department and was especially involved in speech and the dramatic arts.

She started teaching seventh grade at the old junior high, moved to teaching speech in that same building. When the sophomores moved to the high school building, Mrs. Torbett moved to room 511. A few years ago with the onset of the media classes, she moved to room 200

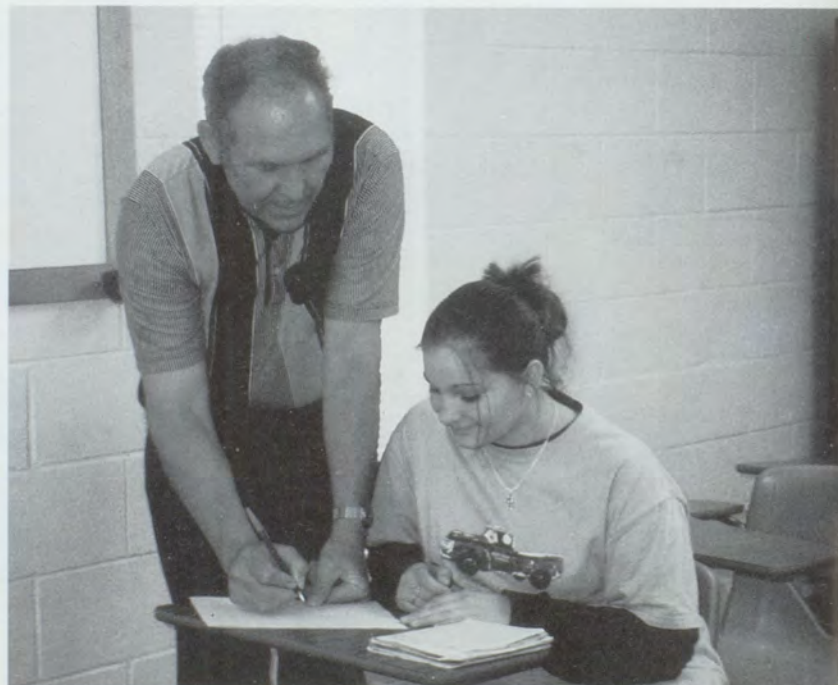
In the earlier 80's, Mrs. Torbett became sponsor of the cheerleaders and brought the program to new heights--winning three grand championships at the University of Kansas cheerleading camp.

Mrs. Torbett has also been known for her school spirit by dressing up for the various "theme days" at school. She also decorated her room by adding curtains and door decorations for the season.

Richard Hoose, 35.5 year teaching veteran, is retiring at the end of this school year. Mr. Hoose is a long time math teacher in Unified School District 446, but started his career in his native Oklahoma.

Mr. Hoose came to Independence in 1971 teaching at the Middle School. He transferred to Independence High School in the early 1970's. In his first years he was assigned to the mobile unit, then taught in the 300 hall. The last few years he has moved to the technology building.

Another of his many talents includes serving on the district paint crew. He has painted the various rooms and buildings for 20 years.



# IHS Boys Place 4th at Shak Attack



Left, Shak attack participants from left to right. Travis Penrod, Darrin Bright, Matt Debo, Josh Mates, and Aaron Arthurton. Alternate: John Mattes



Team members work on the frame of the shed. Eight teams competed in the competition, IHS was honored with placing fourth over all.

A group of the boys begin to cut wood for the shed. The team was judged on safety, quality, and teamwork. The competitors are allowed two days to complete the project, the Independence team completed its shed in one and a half days.



The team works diligently to complete the shed. Each member of the team was selected because he was the hardest worker at his trade program.

Below, members of the Independence Shak Attack team work on the roof of their shed. The team met at the Wal-Mart in Chanute and received plans for the two day project. Shack Attack is an annual competition between Building trades that belong to Tri-County, Special Education, and AW Coop.

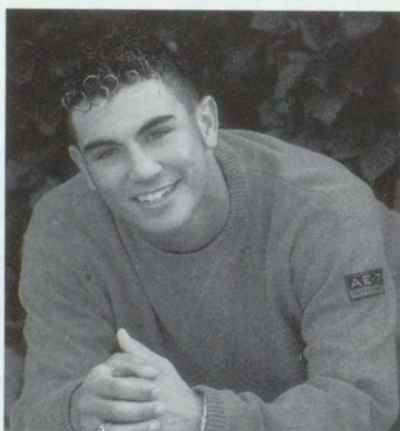


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# Seniors Lose Gracefully 8-9

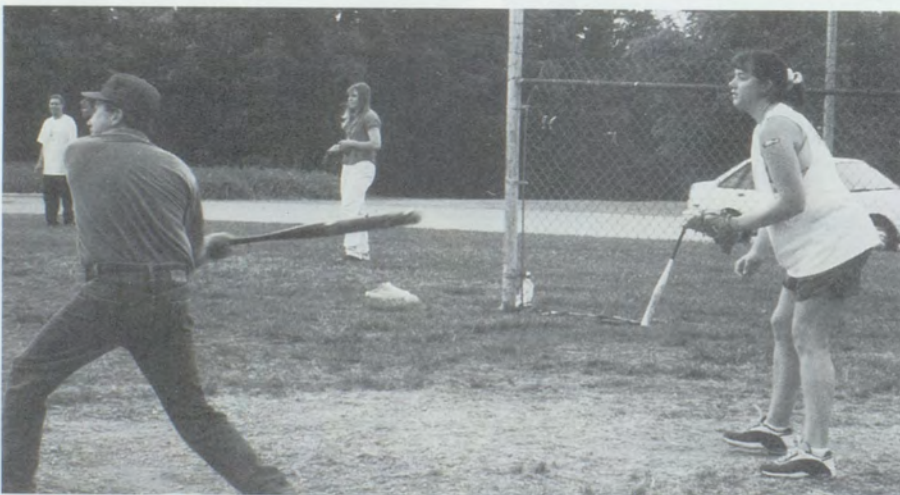


Principal Jim Runge swings hard to put the faculty in the lead.



Members of the senior class take a break to strategize.

The Senior class lost in the close game against the Faculty. The Senior/Faculty softball game is a tradition at IHS being held at the park on the seniors last day. This usually follows graduation rehearsal and is the perfect opportunity for the faculty to show off their athletic abilities whether they exist or not.



Teacher Jim Hogan is caught mid-swing as senior Kellie Jewers prepares to catch the ball that Mr. Hogan has attempted to hit.



Mr. Hoose prepares himself for a good game.

# Faculty Triumphantly Wins 9-8



The softball game was interrupted by a downpour which caused members of both the senior class and faculty to run for cover. This sudden rainfall depressed many of the seniors because it meant that more than likely the Graduation Ceremony would be held inside this year.

Many members of the faculty yell intimidating remarks trying to make the seniors lose their concentration. It must have worked because the senior class lost 8-9 while Mrs. Shepard catches it all on tape.



Senior class president Emily David pitches with attitude as she helps the senior class put up a good fight.



Senior Jordan Watson shows off his athletic abilities as faculty members laugh at his attempt.

# Still Going, Still Growing Strong



2000 Neewollah Stage Escorts: Front Row: Tyler Knisley, Brent Mooney, Chris Beyer, Cody Robertson, Kaven Chapman, and Andrew Kadel. Back Row: Philip Newkirk, Nathan Belcher, Jordan Watson, Isacc Belcher, Dallas Watson, Brian Dennis, and Eli Gross.



Darcie Farran, above, gets her mouth into it during talent night. Darcie got help on her skit, "What it was, was football," from Mr. Boehs. She is a very good public speaker having participated in Forensics and getting experience.



Courtnee Demo, left, performs a lyrical jazz dance to a song entitled "And We're Dancing" off the Center Stage soundtrack. Courtnee is very talented in dancing and has been taking lesson at R & S Studios since she was a little girl.

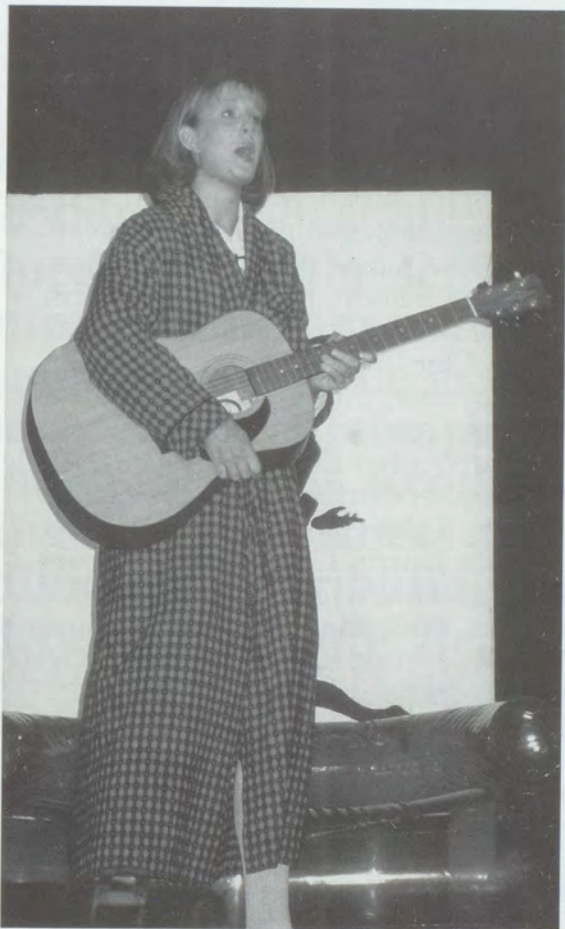


2000 Neelah Debs: Front Row: Krista Hugo, Chrystal Blex, Kari Brooks, Bethanie White, Megan Brooks, Kara Thompson, Lacy Chubb, and Karrie Ross. Back Row: Natalie Brockway, Anna Barbi, Barbara Plaven, Aubree Caston, Sarah Newkirk, Ramie Browning, and Ashley Goad.

# 'Night of Elegance' Fit for a Queen

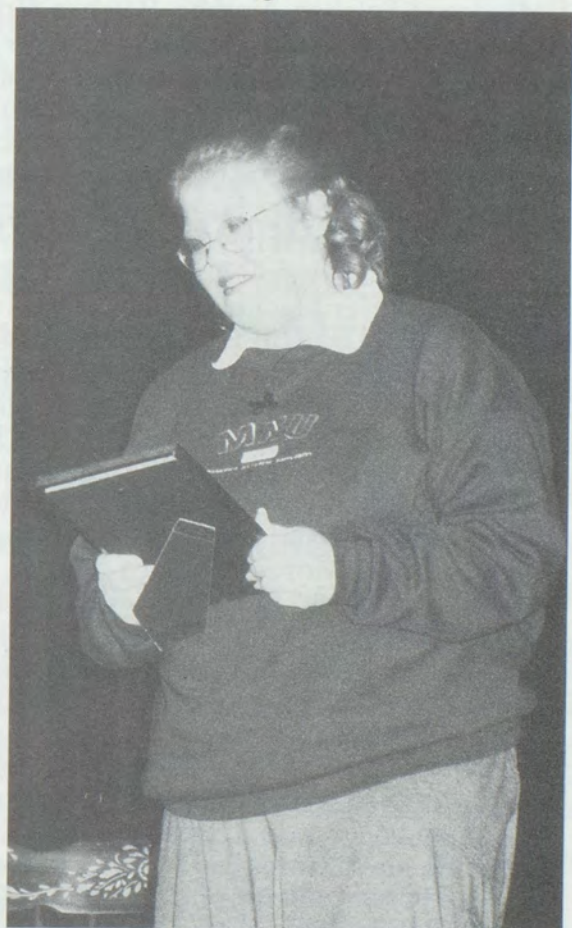


2000 Queen Neelah and her court. Interview-Shannon Beason, Talent-Shanna Berry, Beauty-Dana Sims, Poise-Emmalee Voth, Personality-Jalayna Newkirk, First Runner-Up-Lacy Palmer, Queen Neelah-Uma Patel, Second Runner-Up-Beth Rinck, Photogenic-Emily David, Originality-Lauren Oakleaf, Fashion-Sarah Hines, and Congeneality-Amber Jefferson.

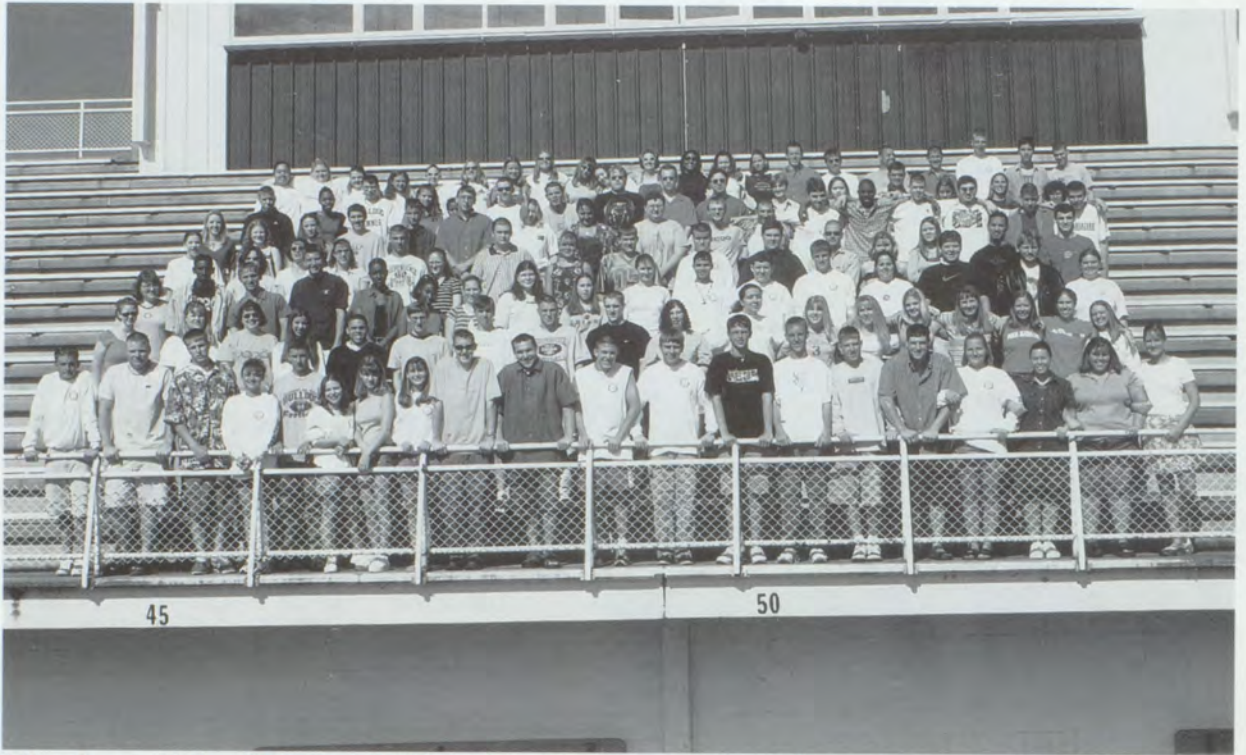


Mary Kelly, above, shows off her musical skill that her father taught her. Mary performed an original humorus skit. Her skit involved differnt things that she could do for her Neewallah talent. I was definately say it was a knee slapper!

Kelly Duke, left, preforms an original dramatic interperatation. Kelly's skit was about a little boy who had passed away and she was remembering him.



# Independence High School Class of 2001

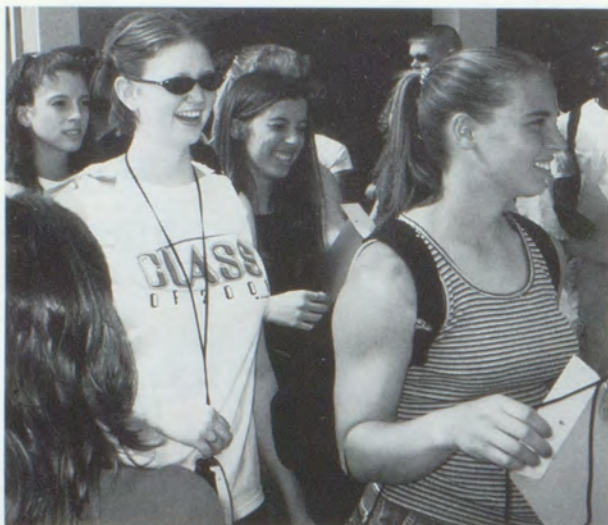


Members of the Class of 2001: Abe Al-Bureni, John Alban, Michelle Alt, Morgan Amerio, Jamie Andres, Rachel Ayers, Adam Barnhart, Shannon Beason, Nathan Beck, Isaac Belcher, Nathan Belcher, Brittany Bell, Queela Berry, Shanna Berry, Brandon Beurskens, Christopher Beyer, Elizabeth Bishop, Jacob Blurton, Erin Brooks, Kristi Brooks, Monique Brown, Tammy Brown, Joshua Burchett, Sam Carnes, Chelsea Carr, Kaven Chapman, Adam Cloe, Jason Coltharp, Colleen Connelly, Kevin Coy, Travis Crain, Tabbitha Crozzer, Emily David, Chad Day, Courtnee Demo, Carolyn Denney, Brian Dennis, Gus Denson, Sarah DeVore, Hannah Dillon, Kelly Duke, Jasper Durbin, Christopher Ellis, Keith Estes, Ashley Farmer, Darcie Farran, John Felton, Sarah Foreman, Christin Franklin, Gregory Furr, Amanda Gann, Ashlee Gates, Cody Goins, Tyler Goodspeed, Eli Gross, Lisa Gruver, Jennifer Hackett, Jillian Harmon, Austin Harris, Carlee Harris, Narissa Harrison, Sam Hastings, Tyler Henderson, Sarah Hines, Josh Holt, Keith Hoose, Virginia Howell, Amber Jefferson, Kellie Jewers, Amanda Jones, Andrea Journot, Andrew Kadel, Hannah Kaufmann, Mary Kelly, Ferena Klinzman, Tyler Knisley, Aaron Kolb, Michele Line, John Long, Meaghan Lybarger, Melissa MacRae, Raelynn Marchant, Niesha Martin, Alan Mattix, Alena McCaskill, Jacob McClain, Cory McCollam, Micheal McDaniel, Ryan McDiarmid, Kit McGraw, Heather Meadows, Robert Melton, Travis Miller, Brooke Mills, Brent Mooney, Marcia Moore, Teri Moore, Joshua Morgan, Jessica Muller, Jonathan Mullinax, Ashley Musgrove, Jalayna Newkirk, Philip Newkirk, Lauren Oakleaf, Christina Ortega, Ashley Parham, Donald Parks, Neepa Patel, Tiffany Patterson, Darrell Perry, Kira Perry, Ivory Porter, Ashley Potter, Ozell Pouncil, Cortney Prezel, Jeff Radcliff, Skyler Rail, Natasha Reid, Jared Riley, Beth Rink, Cody Robertson, Erica Roe, Shawn Ross, Michelle Rowe, Susann Ruby, Mark Ryan, Sarah Salisbury, Dawn Schad, Cortny Schlorholtz, Jessica Schuessler, Tom Shulz, Jamie Shank, Lindsay Shaw, Shawn Smith, Mark Spellman, Jennifer Sprague, Leslie Sullivan, Ashley Sutton, Jessica Thompson, Maranda Tryon, Jennifer Tucker, Joshua Tucker, Victor Turner, Kenneth Vineyard, Emmalee Voth, Coy Watkins, Dallas Watson, Jordan Watson, Dwayne White, Stacy Whittley, Chris Williams, John Wiliams, Travis Williams, Ben Wilsey, Robin Wilson, and Colleen Yaus.

## COLOPHON

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# Seniors Say a Sad Goodbye



Seniors Tammy Brown, Emmalee Voth, Marcia Moore and Jenny Tucker cheer on Emily David as she rings the bell for the seniors last day.



Senior class members listen attentively to Mr. Runge as he explains the commencement activities during graduation rehearsal at Memorial Hall.

The Senior Class of 2001 is a unique one, being the first official class of the new millennium. The last day of school for seniors is very emotional. Most of the students have grown up together which makes it even more harder to graduate and move on. The senior year is the most important for a lot of students. It's a busy time and one that helps prepare for their future.



Class members practice lining up and walking in for graduation to be held at Memorial Hall May 19, 2001.



Jamie Andres and Rachel Ayers, among other seniors, watch as faculty members explain commencement processes.



Senior Class President Emily David gets the privilege of ringing the school bell for the senior class on their last day.



# As They Prepare for Graduation



The class of 2001 line up alphabetically during the rehearsal held during the last day for seniors.



Jasper Durbin prepares to leave with his classmates to Memorial Hall to begin Graduation rehearsal.



Queen Neelah Uma Patel prepares to give a classmate a hug during the emotional gathering held after first hour on the seniors last school day.

Many Activities are held on the last day of school for the seniors. They are required to attend first hour after which they gather in the foyer for a final goodbye to the halls they've roamed down for four years. Then they procede outside to the Mark Asa Tindle Memorial Bell which is rung by Class President Emily David. After a big class cheer the students meet at Memorial Hall to practice Commencement activities. Later that day the Senior/Faculty Picnic and Softball Game is held.



Girls of the Senior class stand tall as they watch Emily David ring the Tindle Memorial Bell which is displayed between the main part of school and 700 building.



Senior Jamie Shank wants to have memories of her friends forever which is why she is seen videoing all the beautiful faces of the people she grew up with.

# After Prom Offers Prizes, Games



Jenny Beurskens is riding the horse and trying to rope the calf. Students enjoy a variety of games at After Prom.



The students look as if they are enjoying themselves playing twister at after prom. This game is popular when the students are younger and they seem to enjoy a "trip down memory lane."



Andrew Kadel and Kelly Ross are having fun on the bungee run at after prom. Students are usually exhausted by the time the evening is over.



Kaven Chapman and Tara McCarrel are standing and watching the karaoke singers.

# Usual Large Crowd For Walk-In



Senior, Billy Montgomery and his date Leslie Dillon, freshman, above, stop while their names get announced during the walk-in ceremony. Freshmen and sophomores aren't allowed to go to Prom unless they are asked by an upperclassmen.



Seniors, Tom Schulz and Shanna Berry, left, prepare to attend their last IHS prom. As the walk-in took longer than expected, the last couple wasn't announced until about 8:45 p.m. The Independence Police Department helped to line up and direct the traffic.



Nathan Belcher, senior, left, plays his saxophone along with Geroge Jones an Independence citizen. This year some of the music was supplied by the Jazz Band and many of the IHS students enjoyed the live band.



Ramie Browning, sophomore, Amanda Passauer, junior, and Barbara Plaven sophomore, above, dance in a circle at the beginning of prom.

Helle Rowe and n Wilsey, both ors right, watch their step as they k-in. This year a change from usual Country o walk-in, it was Memorial Hall.



# Move to Memorial Hall a Success

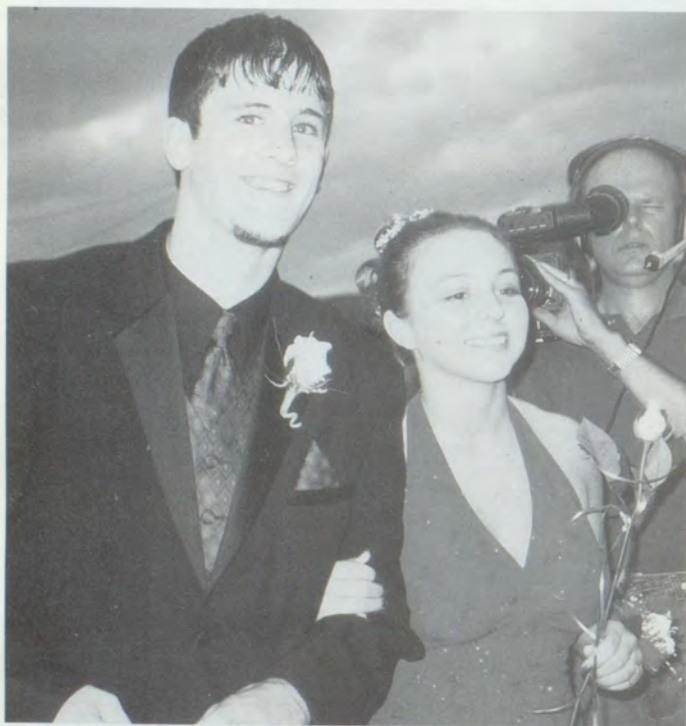


One of the highlights of the Prom every year is the "walk-in" prior to the start of the prom. The community attends this activity and have a chance to see the students dressed in their best outfits.



Senior Shawn Smith, and his date junior, Kasey Hugo, left, walk-in as the sun starts to go down.

Ashley Farmer, and Dwayne White, both seniors, below, walk-in as Ashley is handed a white rose from Mr. Reynolds' daughter, Kennedy.



A feature of prom is the taping of the walk-in by Time Warner Cablevision of Independence. The cablevision camera man, above, is taping junior Josh Jordan and freshman Mallory Myers after they exited their ride. Cablevision also had a camera at the top of the stairs to record the long walk up Memorial Hall stairs.



Brian Pokorny and Samatha Hindle, both juniors, above, smile and wave to the crowd as they walk up the steps of Memorial Hall.

# 'Stairway to Heaven' 2001 Prom



Seniors, Cortny Schlorhotz, and Dallas Watson, above, step out of their ride to the prom walk-in. Every year there are always a variety of vehicles taken to prom. This year a group of senior took a motor home similar to the one off Road Rules.



Lisa Gruver and Phillip Newkirk, both seniors, above, pause for a speedy picture before they hit the dance floor and bust a move. Theme for prom this year was "Stairway to Heaven", which was the reason for having prom at the civic center so they could walk up the stairs.



Seniors, Amber Jefferson, and Tammy Brown with her date, above, share a few laughs, a few memories, and a few cookies at the prom. Tammy graduated at semester but enjoyed coming back for this special event during her senior year. Amber as been active in numerous events and activities through high school. Actually, it looks like Tammy is worried about spilling some food in her lap and ruining her dress.



Erica Woollard, and Chris Branham, both seniors above, give an excited look they get ready to walk up the stairway.

# Lovely Evening for Prom-Goers



Nick Brown, junior and Junior Class President Loni Dailey, above, wait as Mr. Torbett announces them and they begin to enter the 'Stairway to Heaven.'



Juniors, Jackie Wilsey, and Ali Bannwarth, left, are engaged in an indepth conversation about how well prom is going so far and how everyone looks very stunning.



Hannah Dillon, Lisa Gruver, and Beth Rinck, all seniors, Lisa, above, appear intent to head for the refreshment table in the middle of prom. These three seniors had spent many years together in school and marked their last prom having fun together.



A group of junior girls which include Samantha Hindle, Echo Dunn, Sarah Knight, and Shi Ann Hallett, above, get down on the dance floor and sing in a close circle of friends.



Seniors, Erin Brooks and Jeff Radcliff, left, enter Memorial Hall and get ready to enjoy their last prom with friends they have known for years and new friends they have just meet.



Ginny Howell takes a snap shot of 'The Girls' while Ashley Gates looks over giving 'The Girls' something to laugh about. Memorial Hall was this years spot for graduation seeing how the rain soaked the field the night before and early that morning, but these are our last

# Memories of our high school career.

It's time! Seniors are walking up the steps into Memorial Hall for their final times as Seniors in Independence High School. Yes, we made it and we are the



# Class of 2001!



Leslie Sullivan, Tabbitha Crozzer, and Jamie Andres stand there looking in space waiting for graduation to get started. Graduation started late, at 8 o'clock, this made a long wait for all those seniors wanting to get what they worked so hard for their

# Diploma

# Our last few moments of

# High School !



Sam Hastings sits messing with his hat wondering when this all starts and what he'll do next with so much ahead and no one to tell him what to do his every step. Seniors can't wait to get out of high school but there is that question on all their minds....

**“What am I  
going to do  
now?”**

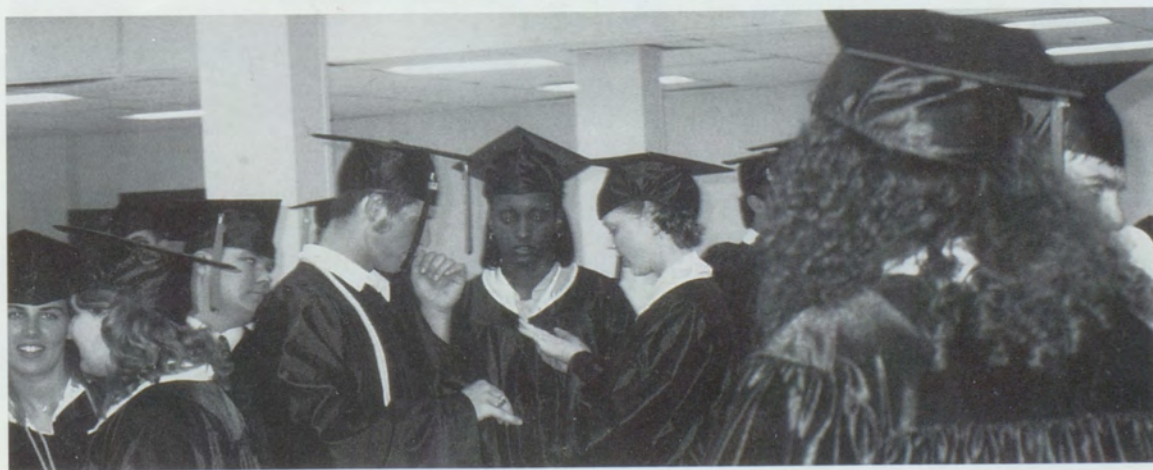
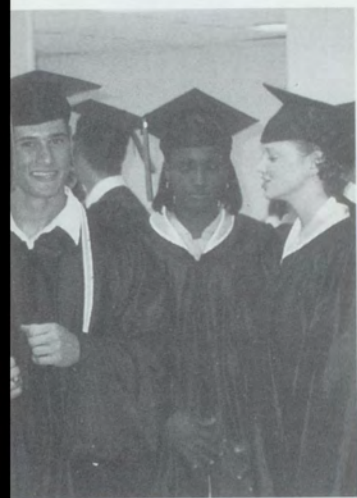
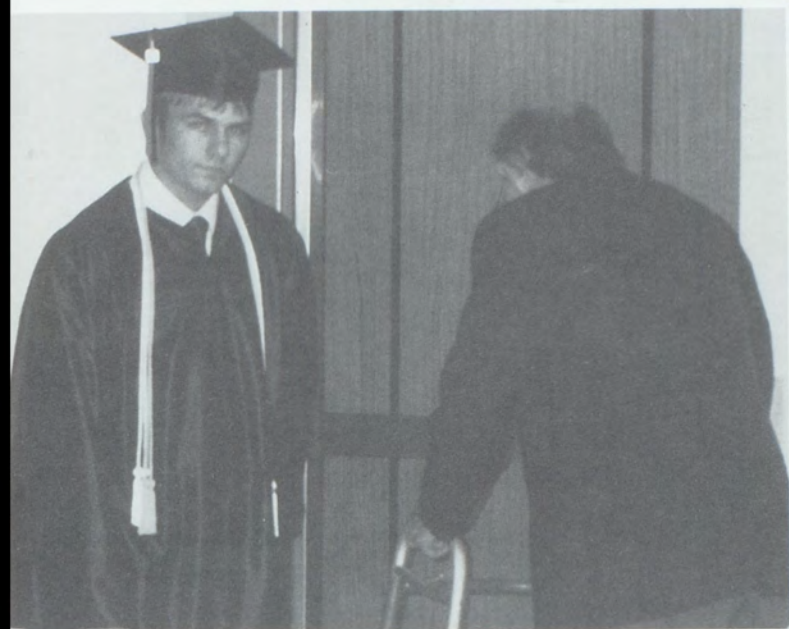


Teachers are there for us everyday up until the end. We, as students, hold a special place in our hearts for all those teachers whose gave us that extra boost when we really needed it. Miss Cade helped many girls with the collars on there robes just as she is with Jennifer Tucker.

**Thanks to all the teachers that helped  
us all the way!**



# Graduation Night 2001



# Practicing Our Big Day

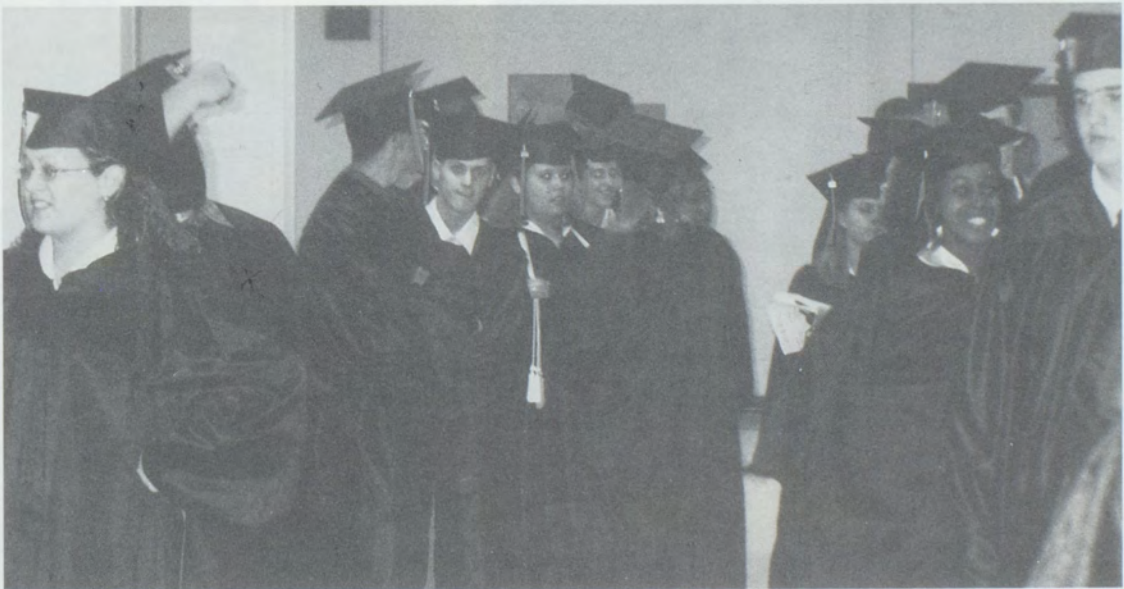


# Seniors 2001





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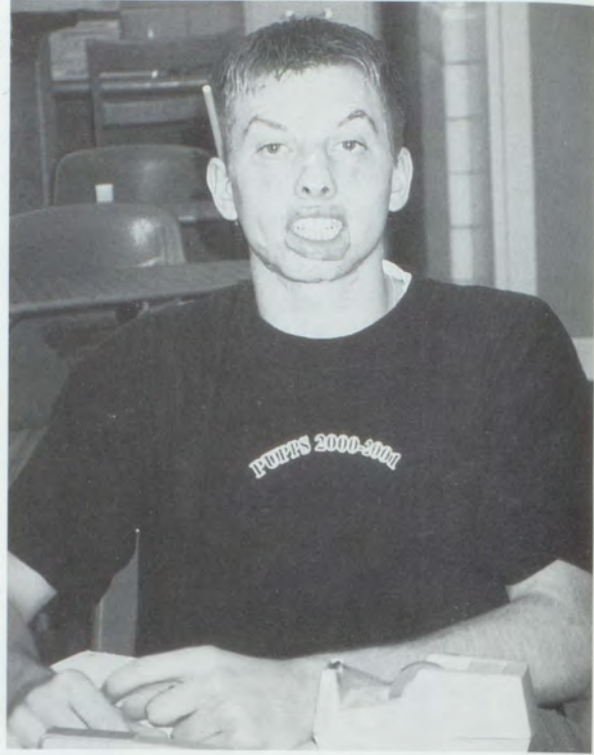


# Seniors End Wild, Crazy Year



Jake "Bobby" Blurton, above, gets ready to fire a rubberband at another one of his classmates in physics class or is he just checking the vertical elastic momentum?

What the.....!?!?!  
If you are wondering who this individual is with scotch tape all over his face, here are a few hints. He's active in many sports which include, football, basketball and golf. You guessed it, it's Brian Dennis, you'll have to ask him the reason for putting tape on his face!

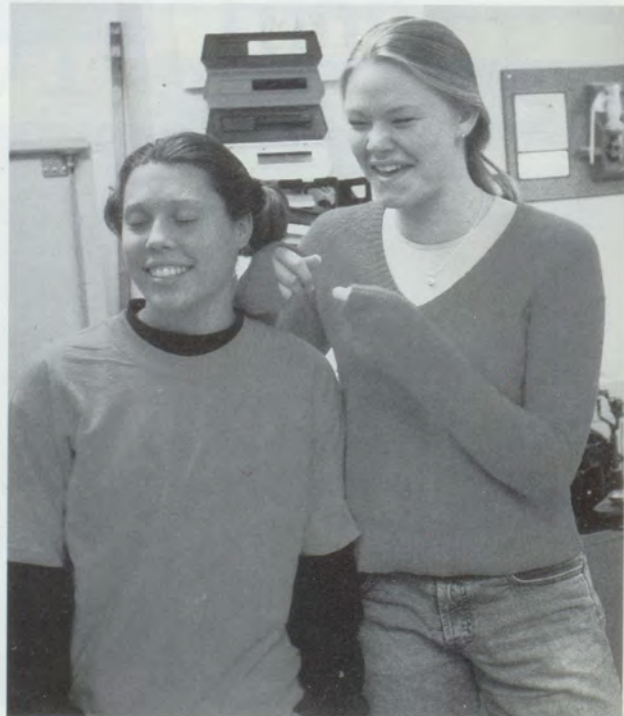


Marcia Moore, above, is caught in the act..... of finishing her chemistry homework in Mr. Smith's class before she has to turn it in.

Senior Class President Emily David, below, waits a moment for the Class of 2001 to gather around so she can ring the Mark Tindle Memorial Bell. It is a tradition every year for the graduating classes president to ring the bell.



Cortney Prezel and Carolyn Denney, below, laugh at Eli Gross who is cracking a joke about Mr. Capes. Even though Mr. Capes moved to Emporia, his quote "Don't Be Dumb, Don't Be Dumb, DON'T BE DUMB," lets the seniors remember his funny personality.



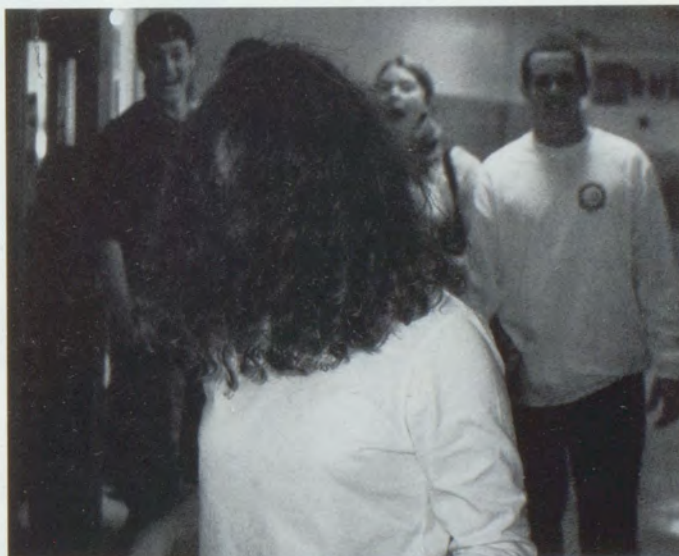
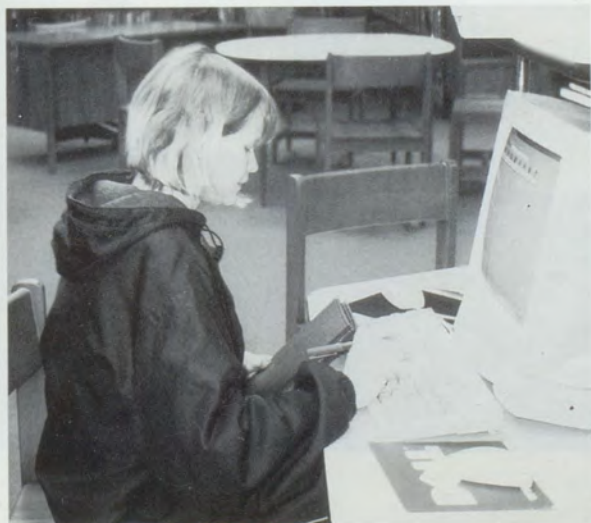
# Senior Class Sets Tone for Year

Heather Meadows, right, marches to the beat of the band as she prepares herself to lead the flagettes in their half time performance. Heather has been a member of the color guard during her entire high school career. She was not with us during the second semester choosing to graduate at semester with many other seniors wanting to move on to other things.



Josh Burchett, above, works on a ceramics project in Mr. Trouskie's class. The students make a large number of different projects in class and many students use these projects for gifts through out the year. In the spring, the art students join the EXPO in the school cafeteria and set up displays for the public.

Ferena Klinzman, below, works in the library on a computer searching for information on a paper she has to write for her English class. Everyone knows the time and effort that has to go into one of Mrs. Spencer's and Ms. Mani's research papers.

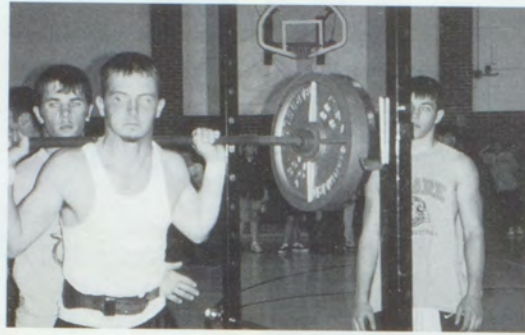


Even though you can't see this seniors face, everyone knows who it is. It's Michelle Alt with her out-of-control hair, she has to use a certain kind of hair gel to tame her locks. If you look at her classmate's reaction in the background you can see why everyone makes a big deal out of her big hair.

# Football Team Holds Lift-A-Thon



Above, Russell Swisher attempts a heavier weight as he squats.



Left, Cody Goins receives a spot from Matt Barnhart.

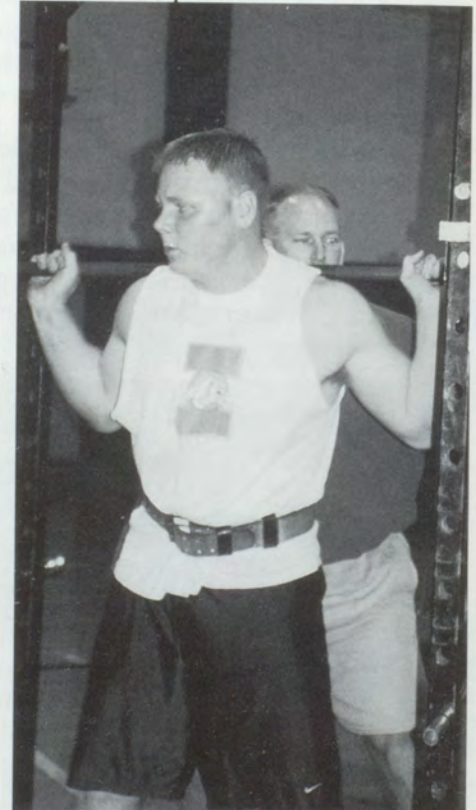
Right, Freshmen AJ Steinle adjusts the weight on the bar. All four grades were invited to participate in this weight lifting fundraiser.-



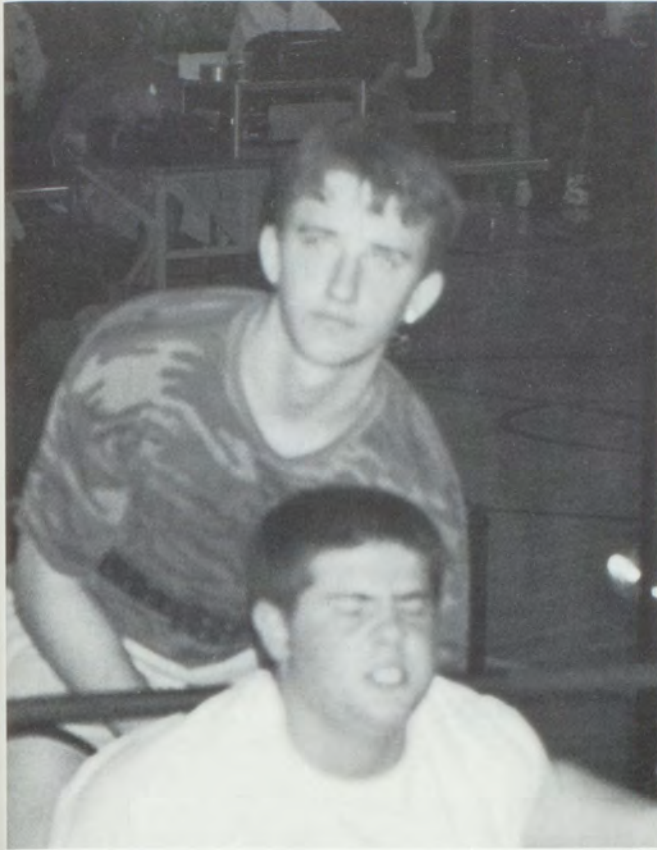
Below, Dallas Watson squats a heavier weight with the help of a lift off from Coach Boldra. Dallas, a senior who has participated in the annual Lift-A-Thon, also served as a football captain.



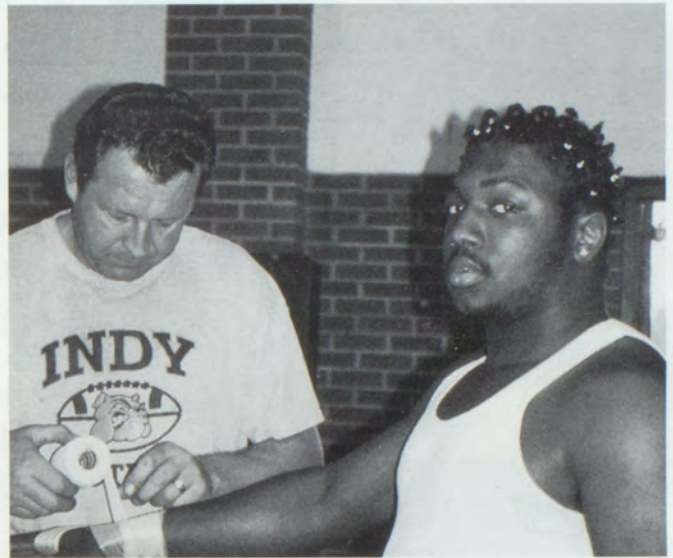
Above, all the boys were placed at a Lifting rack according to their weight. The football team holds the Lift-A-Thon annually to raise money for the football program and to buy better equipment for the weight room and for the players.



# Many Records Broke at Fundraiser

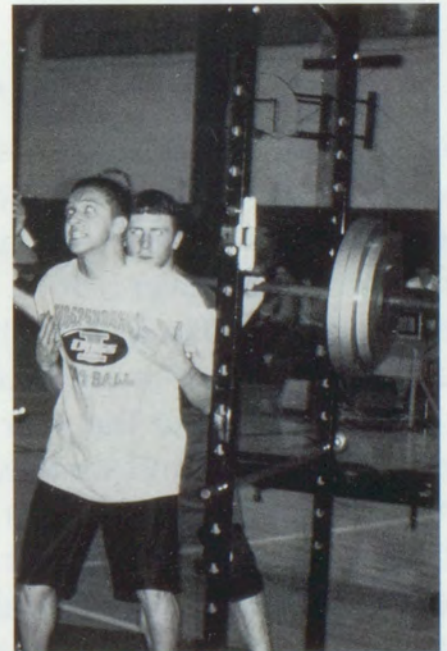
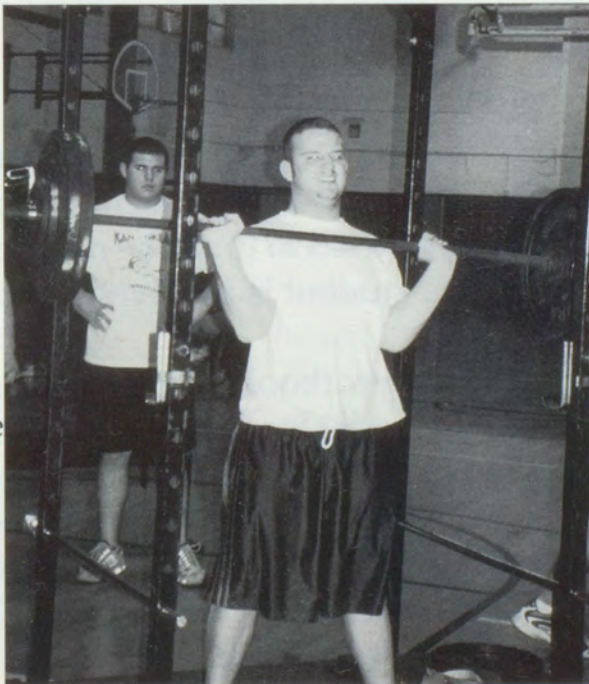


Left, Roger McGuyer helps lift the bar from Jarred Alford after he unsuccessfully finish's an attempt at a heavier weight. The boys lifted their maxes at the event. Some previously records were broke, and overall the event was noted as a huge success.



Above, Mack Lee gets a tape job from assistant football coach John Mangan. Mack and some other guys taped their wrists before competing in the Lift-A-Thon.

Right, Ben Long attempts the hang clean lift. At the Lift-A-Thon the football team participated in three lifts. The lifts were squat, bench, and hang clean. The team raised money through donation from parents, friends, and the community. A donation was made either as a flat donation, or a monetary amount was given for each pound lifted.



Jacob Friend attempts a squat.

# Mr. Shelton Selects Retirement



Following the close of school, Thornton Shelton announced his retirement after many years of teaching at Independence High School. The veteran biology teacher decided it was time to spend time with his family and work on other projects.

For many years Mr. Shelton was heavily involved in coaching at IHS. Through the years, he coached football, basketball, and track. However, it was track that proved to be his greatest love. Many nights after school he could be seen running or bicycling out in the community.

## *Picture this....2001 Memories*

With this page, the 2001 yearbook, **The Orange and Black**, is finished. This is officially the last project of the yearbook class of 2001. As can be seen throughout the yearbook, the emphasis was on pictures, pictures, pictures. We have included more pictures of more students than ever before. The staff even tried to limit the number of times some students are in the book. But let's face it, if a student is involved in sports, academics and clubs, they are going to be in pictures.

We tried throughout the year to make this yearbook special for seniors. It is the senior's special year and we tried to make it special for them. The underclassmen need to remember that at some point they will be seniors and have their special time. This book will reflect the year. It will provide memories of the good times and the times not so good. Students will be able to reflect on classes, teachers, activities, hallways, special events, and sports. In future years, the yearbook staff will feel inordinate pride in the distribution of this publication. And remember...*A Pictures Worth.....2001 Memories.....Picture This!*



