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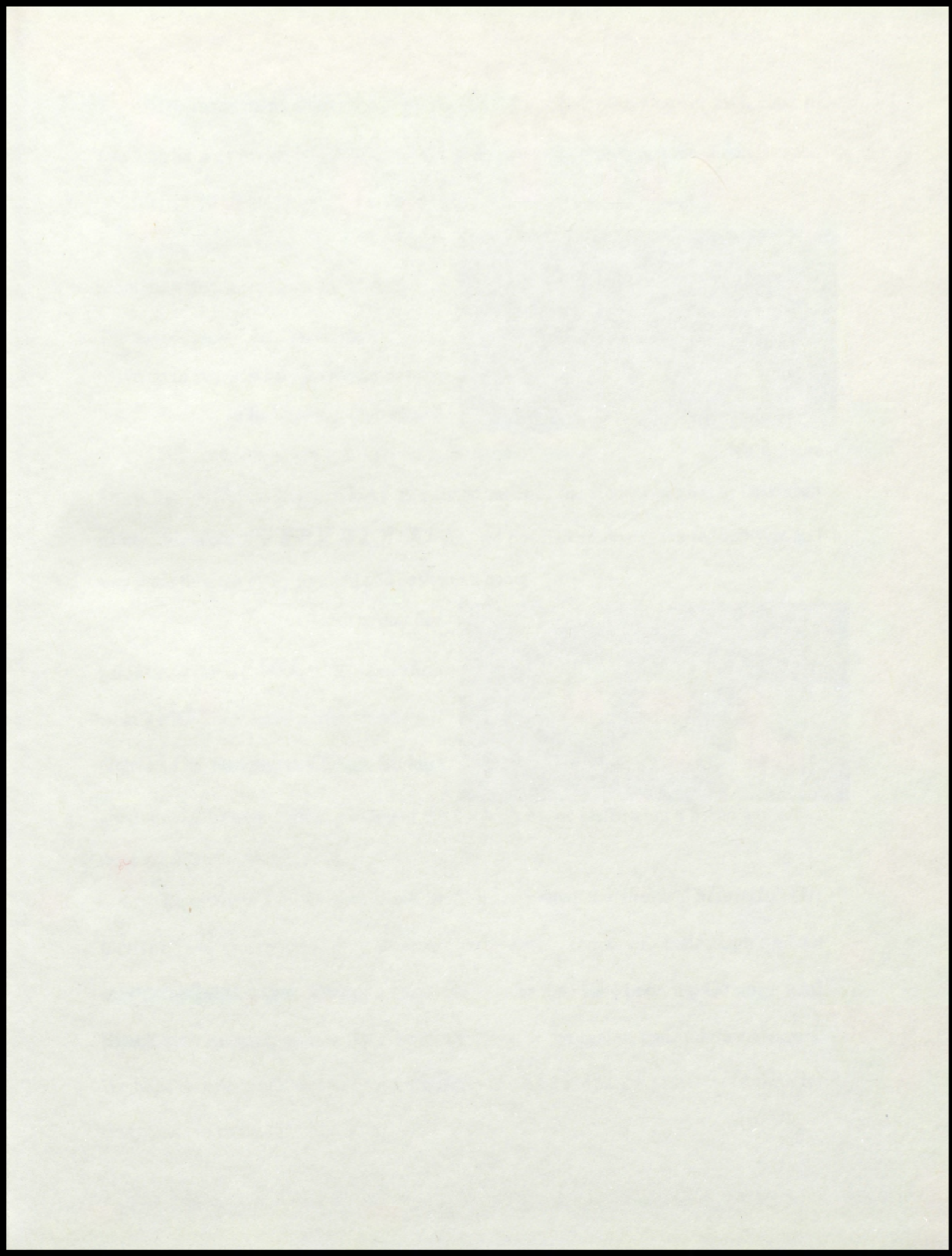
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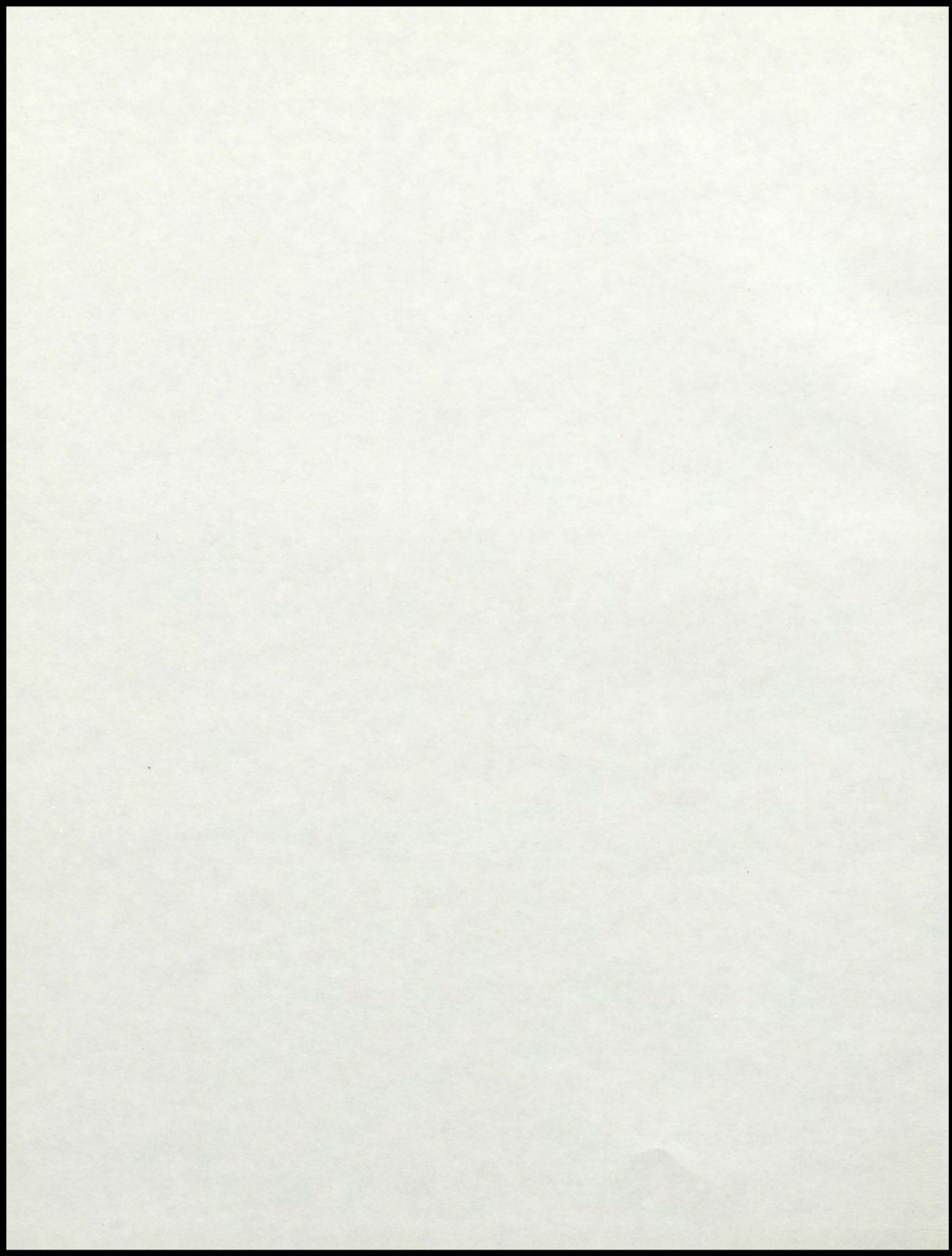














We made many *memories* in 2002-2003. It didn't take long for each class to establish its *personality*. At the Can Opener the seniors assumed the underclassmen "couldn't beat what they couldn't see," but they were so wrong!

The juniors nearly had a Wal-Mart prom until they raised enough **\$\$\$\$**.

The sophomores were *thrilled* to move up in status, while the freshmen were just **HAPPY** to finally be in high school.



High school- where one's closet is dictated by the **dress code**. We'll never forget the **ORANGE** and **BLACK** painted faces in the student section at basketball games. We have **SPIRIT**- yes, we do- IHS students take to their feet and stay there through every football and basketball game.

*Wondering* what to do after game? Ask the **SENIORS**. They know what's **HOT** and where to go for late night **FUN**. Hanging at **KIND**, having a good time at **State Lake**, parking at the **OVAL**, or *chillin'* at a friend's house... the seniors know where it's at.



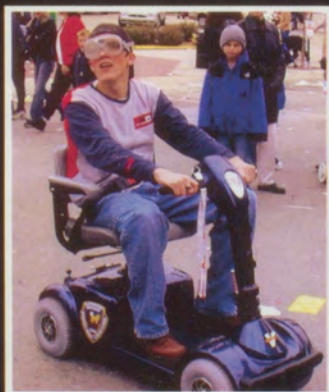
This year's Orange and Black staff incorporated the theme "*Slightly Off Center*" to represent how students feel about some of their high school **experiences**. Whatever those experiences may have been, the **Orange and Black** staff sincerely wishes the *Class of 2003* the best in their future endeavors. We hope this yearbook will keep the memories of *the times of your life* fresh for many years to come.



# It's A Senior "Thang"

Finally Free  
In  
2003!!!

These girls are definitely looking for some trouble at the Can Opener Game. (L-R) Ashley Goad, Megan Brooks, Lauren Freisberg, Shannon Beurskens, Kara Thompson, Emily Farmer and Aubree Caston.



Josh Mattes tests his drunk driving skills while wearing "drunk goggles" during Neewollah.



Shane McCoy, Isaiah Sack, Allen Bonde and Curtis hunter enjoy their lunch together. Several seniors choose to stay in the cafeteria instead of leaving so they can talk with their younger friends.



Ashley Dunham, Megan Stephens and Julie Dumler hurry back to class after having lunch off campus. many seniors have to hurry so they are not tardy.



Tanner Woods appears hard at work as a T.A. for Mrs. Taraboletti. Many students choose to be T.A.'s as a chance to catch up on extra homework.

## WHILE WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL...

### National

- 1999: Columbine school shooting; Clinton impeachment trial.
- 2000: Bush/Gore Presidential election; Florida's votes are not counted.
- 2001: World Trade Center is attacked by terrorists on September 11.
- 2002: Sniper attacks in East Coast; Catholic Church sex scandal.
- 2003: Columbia Shuttle broke up; Possible war with Iraq.

### Movies/Music

- 1999: American Beauty- Academy Award Best Movie
- 2000: Gladiator- Academy Awards Best Movie
- 2001: U2-Beautiful Day: Grammy Best Song and Record
- 2002: Alicia Keys wins big at the Grammy's.
- 2003: Norah Jones takes home 5 Grammy's.



# Finally Free in 2003



**Zach Viets: President**  
Lauren Freisberg:  
Vice President  
Emily Farmer: Secretary  
Jennifer Lawrence:  
Treasurer



Arthur Thompson and Ryan Henning search for dance partners at Morp.



Megan Brooks and Ashley Fisk count money to see how well they did for the Can Opener game.



Zach Brown shows his school spirit by dressing as a cowboy for Spirit Week.



Bethanie White (C) is crowned Queen of Court during the Winter Homecoming Games against Parsons. Other court members include (L-R) Lauren Freisberg, Sarah Newkirk, Shannon Beurskens and Kelsey Stephens.



Laura Rau works tediously on her Latin homework while in Ms. McCray's room.



Chimene A. Aguenou  
Brandon Alford  
Amanda Lynn Alt



Roy Barker  
Nathan A. Berg  
Brett Beurskens



Shannon Marie Beurskens  
Jason Robert Blackard  
Thomas Boggs



William Allen Bonde  
Brandon Branham  
Lindsey Bright







Natalie Brockway  
Eric Brodersen  
Megan D. Brooks



Shaylene Brown  
Zack Brown  
Ramah Lee Browning



Yalanda Burchett  
Cain Carpenter  
Aubree Caston



Lacy Chubb  
Ryan Clark  
Sidra Connell



David Cornett  
 Christopher Cox  
 Dominic Kay Coy



Trista Craft  
 Dominique Darkis  
 Aaron David



Matt Debo  
 Lee Dent  
 Julie Dumler



Ashley Dunham  
 Lindsay Gale Dunham  
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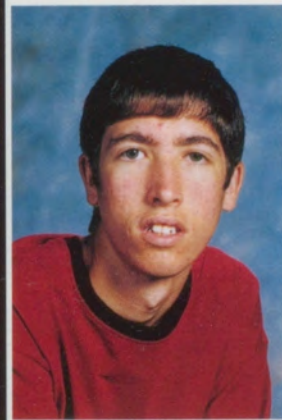




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Karyn Farris  
Ashley Fisk



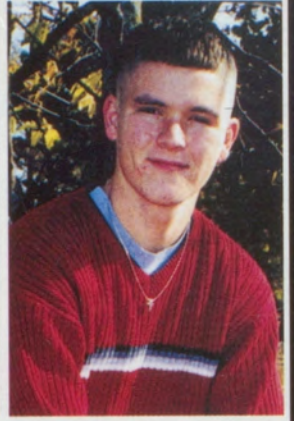
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Stevie Greer  
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John Heathman



Simon Heckman  
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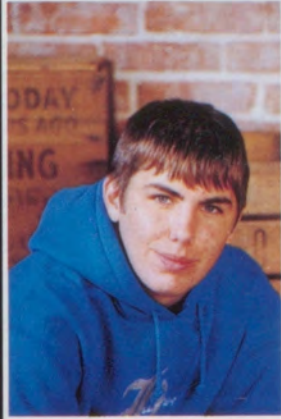
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Dustin Johnson







Falesha N. Johnson  
Vanessa Jones  
Brandon Nicholas Kelley



J.D. Kelley  
Marty Kelly  
Robyn D. Kemp



Pamela King  
Ashley LaBarr  
Derek LaForge



Jennifer Lawrence  
Eric Leoffler  
Heather Lester



Curtis Lewallen  
Sean Lofgren  
Ryan Logan



Andrew Long  
Derek Long  
Jared D. Lyons



Crystal malone  
Tyler Martinez  
John Mattes



Josh Mattes  
Nick McBride  
Shane McCoy







Mitchell Menzer  
Caroline Mitchell  
Tiffany Monroe



Sarah Lorraine Newkirk  
Terry O'Dell  
Abi O'Neal



Danielle O'Neal  
Joe Orman  
Lisa Padilla



Jess L. penrod  
Michael Pokorny  
Tabor Porter



Ashleigh Prezel  
Jessica Ramsey  
Laura Rau



Thelma J. Reeves  
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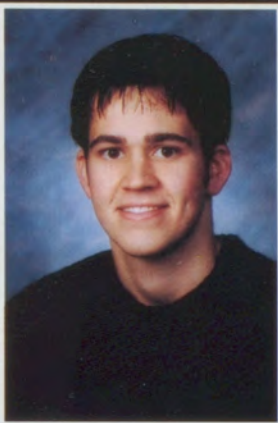
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Nicholus Schabel



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Scott A. Shepard



Dustin Shields  
Justin Showalter  
Tara Smading



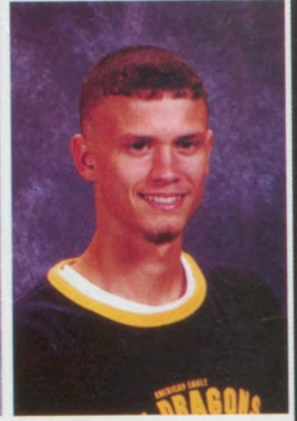
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Kelsey Stephens  
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Nicole D. Stewart



Tyler Sullivan  
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Arthur Thompson



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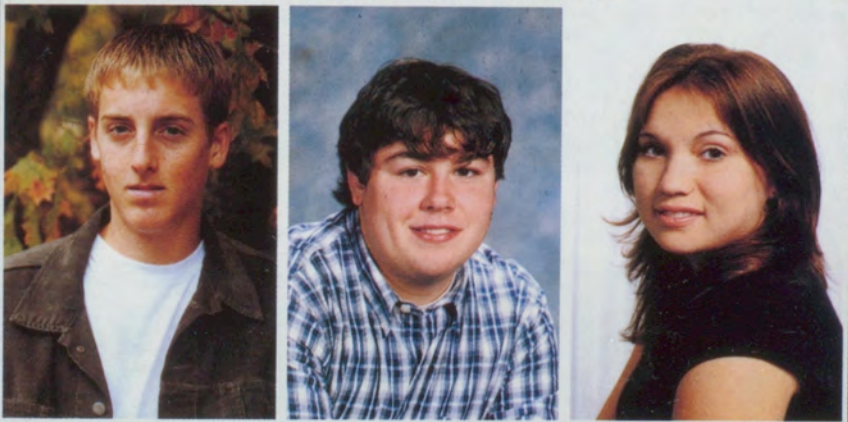




Zach Viets  
Aaron Wallace  
Melissa Walls



Brian Watkins  
Brad Webb  
Bethanie White



Brandon Widowski  
Tyler Willis  
Amanda Winebrenner



Amy Winebrenner  
Tanner Woods

**Not Pictured**  
Ryan Henning  
Jessica Kuhn  
Tamisha LaForte  
Craig Moore  
Joshua Perry  
Elizabeth Rosenhoover



# Seniors Survive Last Year

Right: Julie Dumler and Laura Rau smile at the thought of freedom on the last day of school.



Far Right: Lisa Padilla juggles her belongings while cleaning out her locker.



Below: The prom king and queen candidates are (L to R): Tyler Sullivan, Lacy Chubb, Zack Brown, Kara Thompson, Zach Viets, Lauren Freisberg, Thorston Fraley, Sarah Newkirk, Ryan Gilchrist, and Shannon Beurskens. The attendants were Hope Renfro and Marcus Alexander. Zack Brown and Sarah Newkirk were crowned king and queen.



Above: Bethanie White and Dominique Darkis observe from the sidelines at the teacher basketball game.

Right: The senior class gathers for a group picture at prom.





# Juniors Make Prom the Main Event!



Matthew Alban  
Dorian Allen  
Brandon Alvarez  
Ashley Anderson  
Jordan Bagley  
Emily Bannwarth



Tiffany Barker  
Matthew Barnes  
Zachary Barnett  
Travis Barnhart  
Drew Barrette  
Tiffany Bechtle



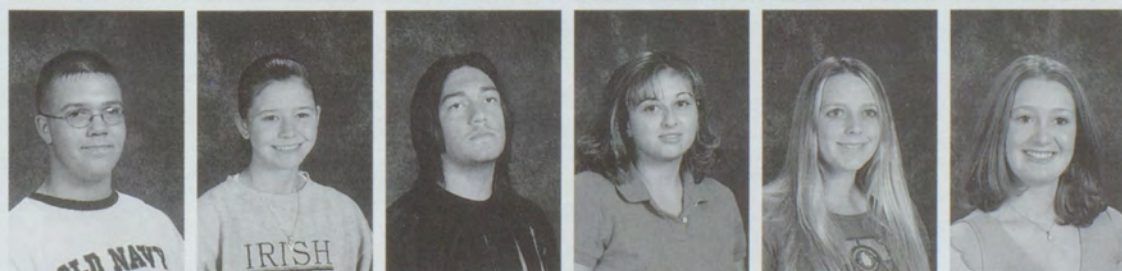
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Daniel Beverly  
Cody Beyer



Tricia Blankinship  
Brent Bohr  
Jessica Boyle  
Jacob Britton  
Cristen Brown  
Marty Brown



Alex Bruening  
Kristopher Bryant  
Melinda Buck  
William Buckles  
Tommy Butler  
Samantha Cain



Zachary Caldwell  
Kimberly Carnagey  
Frank Castillo  
Ashley Castorena  
Chelsea Chaney  
Abigail Christensen



Thomas Connors  
 Casey Cooley  
 Chad Coy  
 Michael Cunningham  
 Nicholas Daughtery  
 Jeff Davidson



Andrew Demo  
 Teddy Devore  
 Jessica Dillon  
 Leslie Dillon  
 Megan Dodson  
 Kara Drake-Tucker



Niki Ellis  
 Kyle Evans  
 Amy Farlow  
 Sara Fontes  
 Megan Fowler  
 Devin Geniesse



Junior Class Officers: Audrey Gross, President; Melissa McDaniel, Vice-President;  
 Andy Greenhaw, Secretary; Kelley Gorman, Treasurer



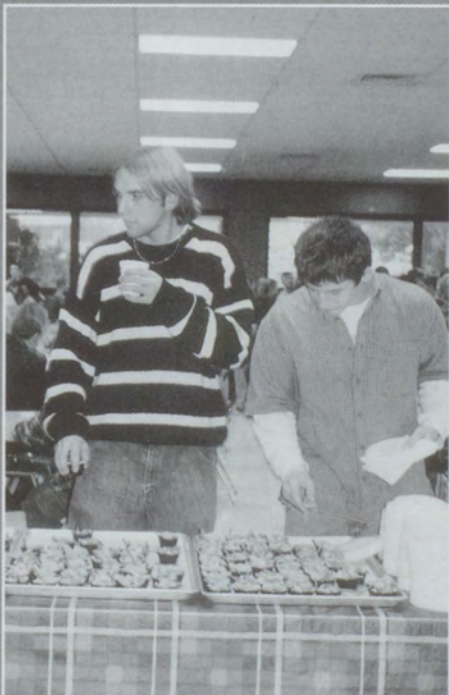
# The Class of 2004



Michael Gibbons  
Kelley Gorman  
Shilo Goza  
Andy Greenhaw  
Heather Greer  
Audrey Gross

Joseph Gullick  
Tamara Hailey  
Joseph Hall  
Jeremy Hallett  
Jessica Hambleton  
Elishya Harris

Kimberly Hart  
Nicholas Hilyard  
Scott Hogan  
Jack House  
Sara Hoyt  
Tabatha Jacques



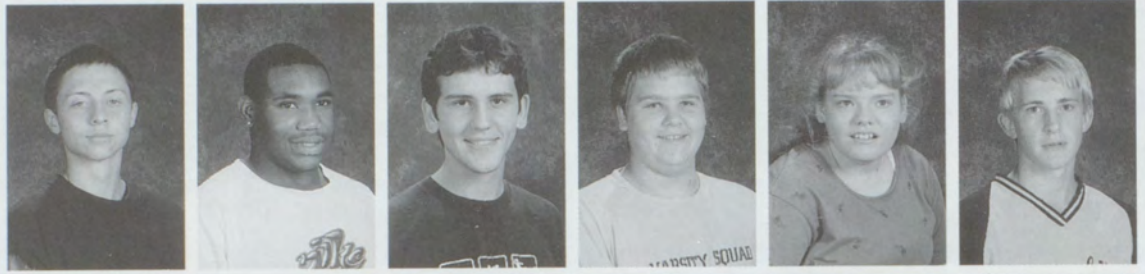
(Far left) Cole Wittum and Andy Greenhaw, juniors, are going through the snack line during a Renaissance Assembly. (Center) Jammi Stair, junior, receives the Best Vice-President of Human Resources Award for being part of the Junior Achievement Company, Infinity. (Far Right) Tommy Connors, junior, gives high fives to the supporting fans at a home game. (Bottom) Juniors dress up to show their school spirit during the "Can Opener" Game.



Irina Jimenez  
 Aridan Johnson  
 Lashon Jones  
 Matt Kadel  
 Sarah Kaiser  
 Jessica Keath



Cain Kinnmanon  
 Nathaniel Kinnard  
 Benjamin Klamm  
 Michael Koehn  
 Jessica Kuhn  
 Britton Kusiak



Lensi LaForge  
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 Michael Leon  
 Tyler Lowedon  
 Madison Lumm



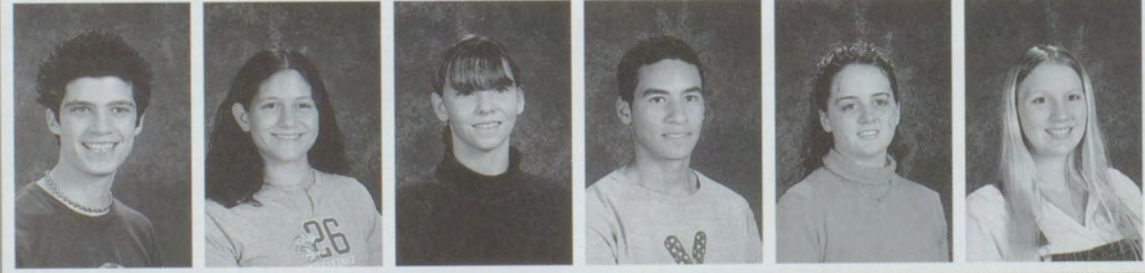
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 Emily Lybarger  
 Edgar Maass  
 Christina MacRae  
 John Mathews II  
 Bryan Mayes



Kenneth McCartney  
 Dillon McColm  
 Melissa McDaniel  
 Steven McElroy  
 Brian McHugh  
 Carrie Meadoes



Christopher Mears  
 Allison Merritt  
 Shanna Monroe  
 Bryon Morgan  
 Monica Muller  
 Amber Munding





# Senior Year, So Close. . . Yet So Far Away



Kristin Murray  
Mallory Myers  
Kyndon Oakes  
Daniel Oldenettel  
Jessie Ottley  
Jesse Overfield

Jared Passauer  
Kayla Pate  
Urvish Patel  
Chelsey Patterson  
Jimmy Paugh  
Travis Penrod

Swetha Popuri  
Brittany Potter  
Davano Pouncil  
Jordan Radcliff  
Nathan Rail  
Michael Randolph



Daniel Oldenettel, junior, takes a short nap before playing soccer.



Sara Hoyt and Megan Trabuc, juniors, act as Santa's helpers. Kays went to all the classes and handed out candy canes during the Christmas season.



Jeremiah Raney  
 Crystal Riggle  
 Daniel Rosenhoover  
 Brooke Rothgeb  
 Jerald Rowe  
 Megan Roysse



Isaiah Sack  
 Susan Salisbury  
 Laura Sanders  
 Christopher Scholtman  
 Brandon Schwarz  
 Grant Shaffer



Jared Shull  
 Amber Smith  
 Nicki Spears  
 Jammi Stair  
 Robert Steele  
 Adrian Steinle



Heather Sutton  
 Ashley Tate  
 Trevor Tow  
 Megan Trabuc  
 Cole Uttinger  
 Anthony Vail



Tia Valentine  
 Emily Van  
 Joshua Vincent  
 Jason Watson  
 Sarah Weber  
 Whitney Williams



Cole Wittum  
 Andrew Wright  
 Matthew Ysushi



**Not Pictured**  
 Trista Bynum  
 Joanie Chitwood

Floyd Cox  
 Kristopher Dixon  
 Stephanie Hackler

Candace Heathman  
 Camerson Jonhson  
 Falesha Jonhson

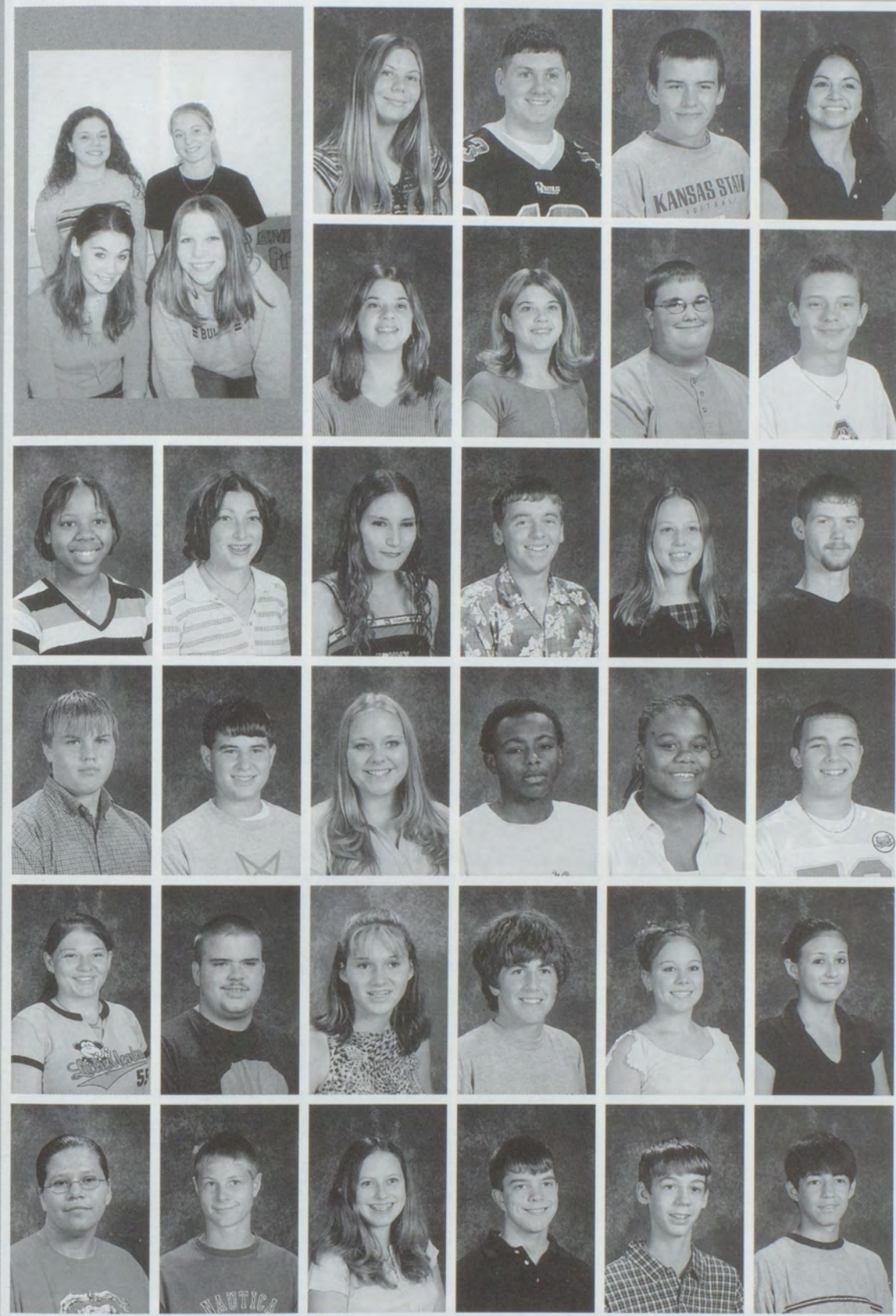
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 Jessica Lowry  
 Chrstopher Marshall

Mary McLaughlin  
 Rebecca Smith  
 Jordan Stidham

Eric Tate  
 Timothy Thorne



# Sophomores Closer to the Finish



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Samantha Adams  
 Andrew Allen  
 Jacob Allen  
 Kristie Allen

Heather Alt  
 Rachael Alt  
 Corey Artherton  
 Kevin Baker

Melissa Barker  
 Shaunee Barnard  
 Frankie Beisly  
 Mathew Bennett  
 Tiffany Bennett  
 Johnny Best

Robert Blaker  
 Dane Blumer  
 Tisha Branham  
 De-Jhon Britt  
 Melisia Brown  
 Cole Burns

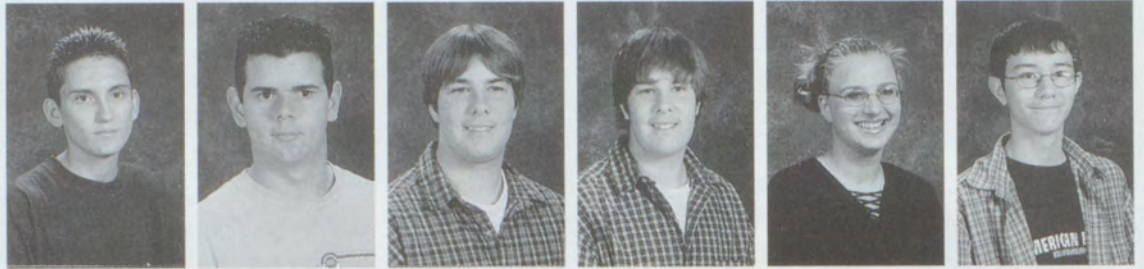
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 Miranda Cadle  
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 Kylie Carlyle  
 Alyssa Castorena

Traci Castorena  
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 Hilary Chapman  
 Nathan Cloe  
 Leonard Cole  
 Leroy Compton

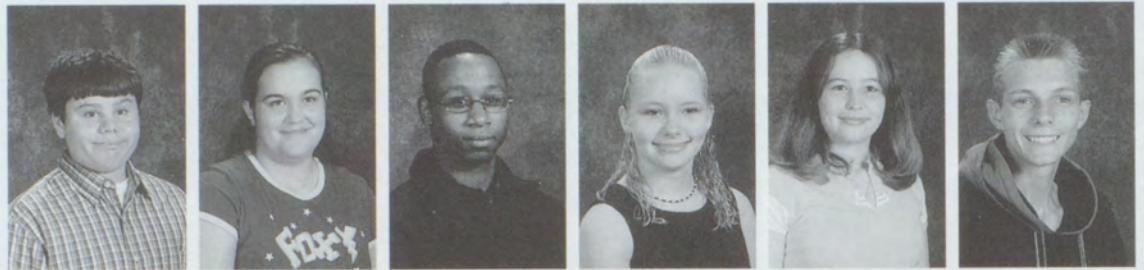


# Class of 2005

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Geoffrey Corle  
Jonathan Couch  
William Couch  
Ashley Council  
David Craig



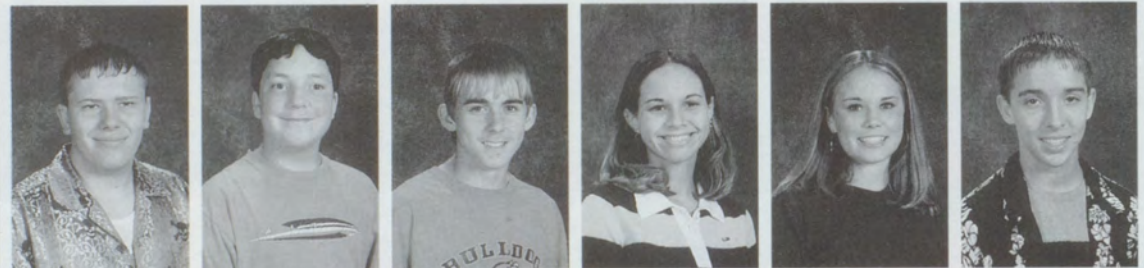
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Allison Emmot  
Crystal Eytcheson  
Dustin Eytcheson



Jacob Eytcheson  
John Fagan  
Joshua Ferguson  
Andrea Finney  
Elyse Fowler  
Joshua Goodman



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Ashley Granado  
Michael Grimes  
Kevin Hardy  
Aubrey Heckman  
Christopher Hemelrick



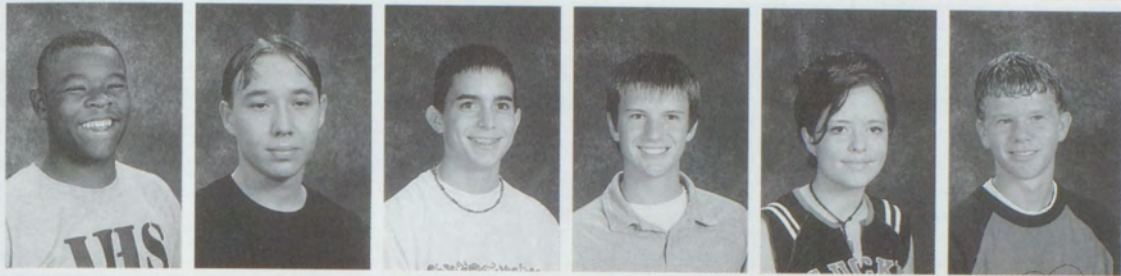
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Jamie Hinthorn







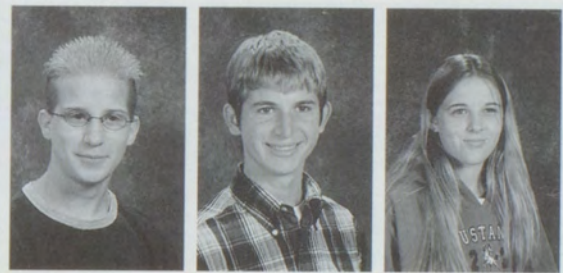
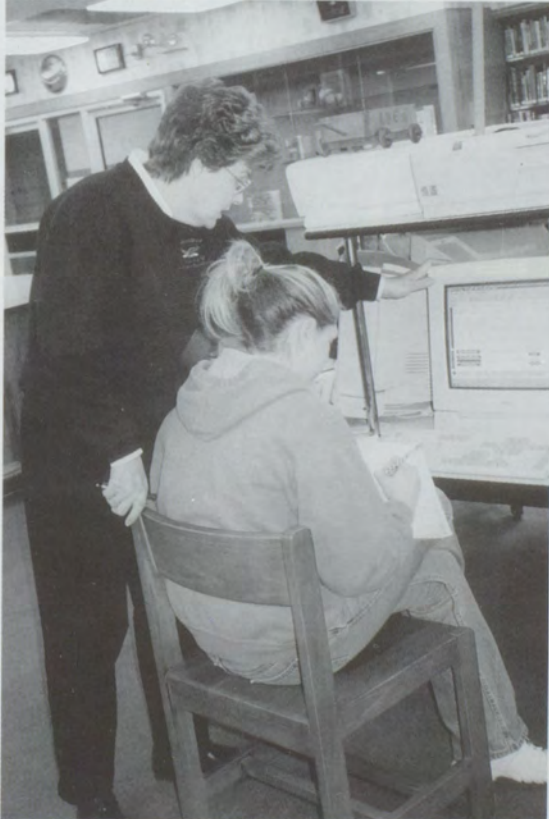
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Chad Jarrett  
Hugo Jimenez  
Zach Jolly



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Neal Julian  
Ryan Kadel  
Tiffany Kane  
Bret Kelley



Meghan Kelly  
Katy Kendrick  
Mitchell Kent  
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Joshua King  
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Christopher Knox  
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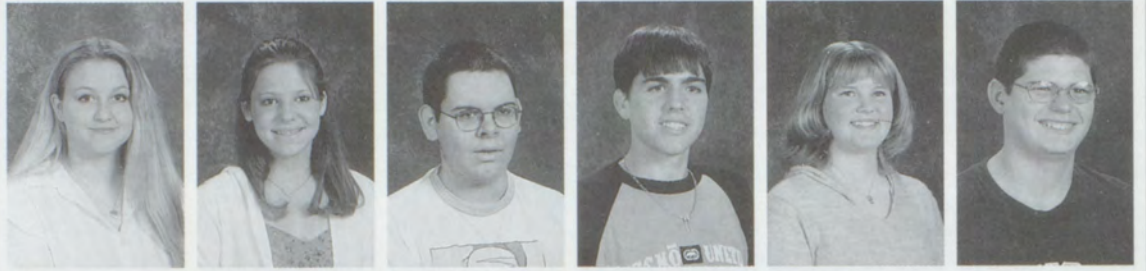
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Dutin Lutker  
Jacquelyn Lyon

Mrs. Cunningham helps Jessica Munding find resource material on the Internet in the library.

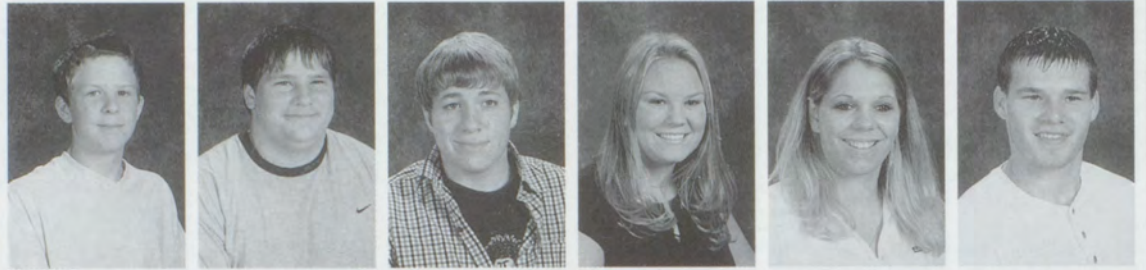


# Sophomores Know the Ropes

Lacey Lyons  
Amy Majewski  
John Maley-Green  
Seth Malloy  
Halle Manning  
Brett Mead



Lowell Miller  
Ryan Modich  
Alexander Moore  
Emily Morrell  
Jessica Munding  
Jacob Musgrove



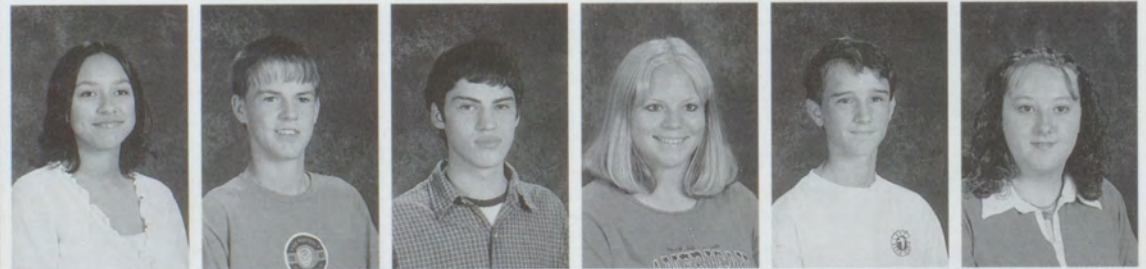
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September Ratcliff  
Brooke Radell



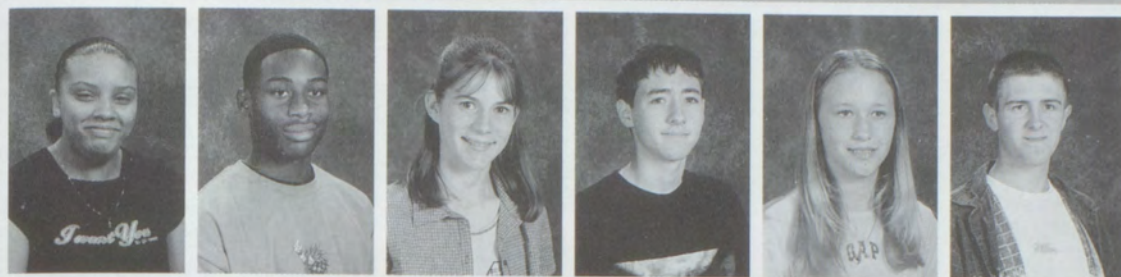
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Juanita Riedle



Tanner Ringle  
Abigail Roark  
Christopher Robb  
Holly Roggentine  
Ashley Rolls  
Charles Rousey







Jennifer Rowe  
 Quincy Rowland  
 Andrea Russell  
 Steve Schadeberg  
 Samantha Schiler  
 Brandon Shatney



Cory Shawver  
 Amber Shobe  
 Bailey Smith  
 Sarah Smith  
 Timothy Smith  
 Travis Smither



Corey Stair  
 Michelle Staley  
 Aaron Stark  
 Joshua Stewart  
 Jacob Stockton  
 Dana Sullivan



Johna Surrett  
 Bryan Taylor  
 Amy Thompson  
 Kyndall Thompson  
 Jordan Thomsen  
 Rosemary Timmerman



Sophomore girls point to the goal as the Bulldogs score at the Independence Soccer Complex.

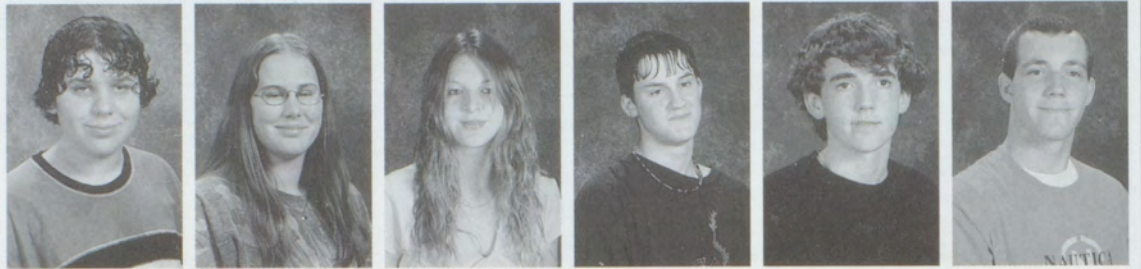


Tisha Branham tests the strength of her bridge in Mrs. Houk's Math class.



# Sophomores Settle In at IHS

Anthony Tucker  
Mary Tucker  
Kimri Vance  
Dusty Vaughn  
David Vest  
Jeremiah Wallace



Lance Walters  
Joyia Watson  
Brandon Webb  
Emery Weimer  
Matthew Whitley  
Skyla Whittet

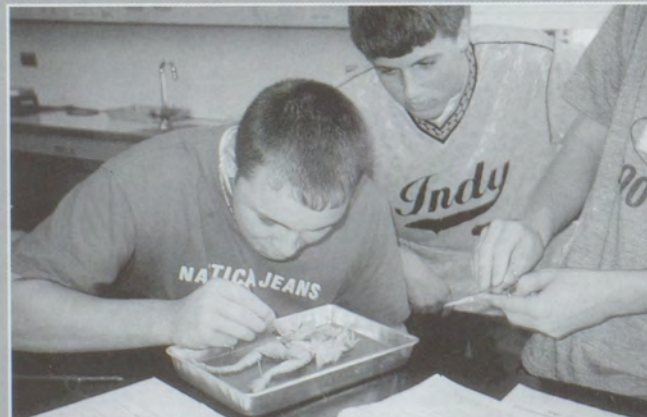
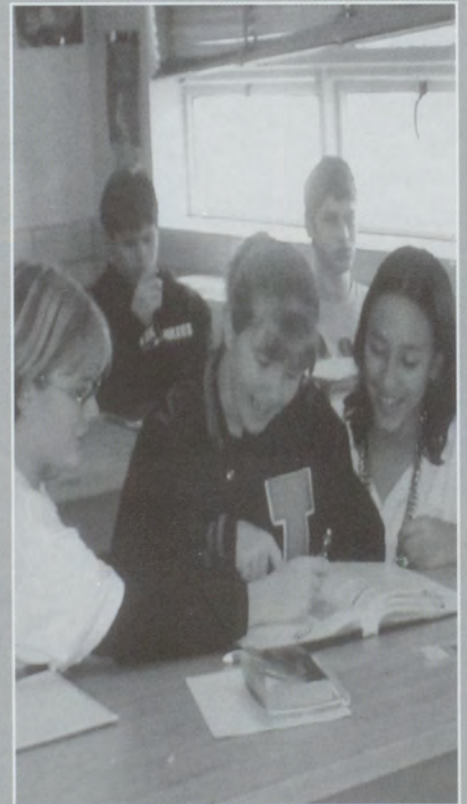


Malinda Williams  
Norman Williams  
Kurry Wilson  
Ryan Winebrenner  
Justin Wright  
Matthew Wulfekuhle



**Not Pictured**

Darren Bright  
Skyler Greene  
Dustin Hiebsch  
Jessica Ingalls  
Autumn Jennings  
Michael Miller  
Charles Oliver  
Dakota Rodriguez  
Matthew Schuler  
Emmitt Smith  
Kristina Wright



Biology is a required class for graduation at IHS. Most students fill that course as a sophomore. Biology includes the experience of dissecting frogs.



# Freshmen, the Journey Begins



Spencer White shares his answers from the last homework assignment during Mrs. Montgomery's English class.



Brett Affolter  
Jeremy Alford  
Sherri Allen  
Trent Allen



Tammy Anderson  
Jessica Arnold  
Megan Bagley  
Jessica Barnett



Brandon Bell  
Trenton Benson  
Brent Berberick  
Andrew Beshears  
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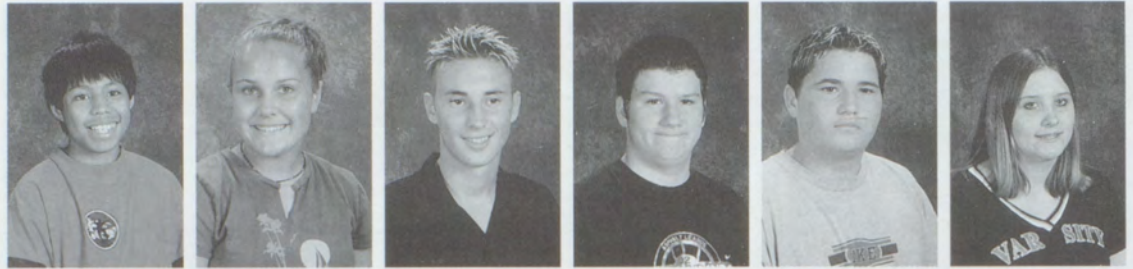
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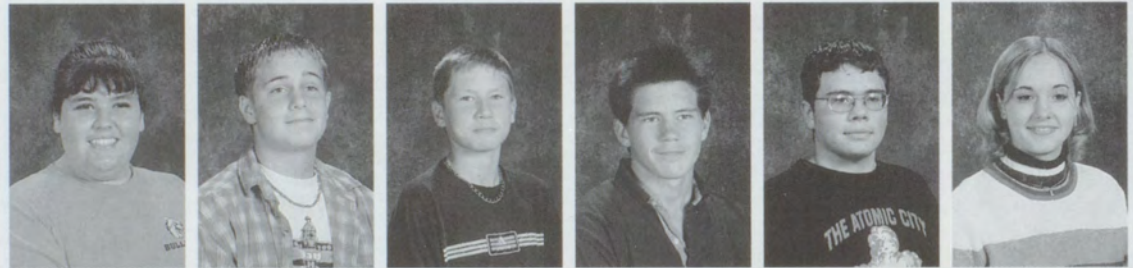
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Hillary Farmer  
 Thomas Fay  
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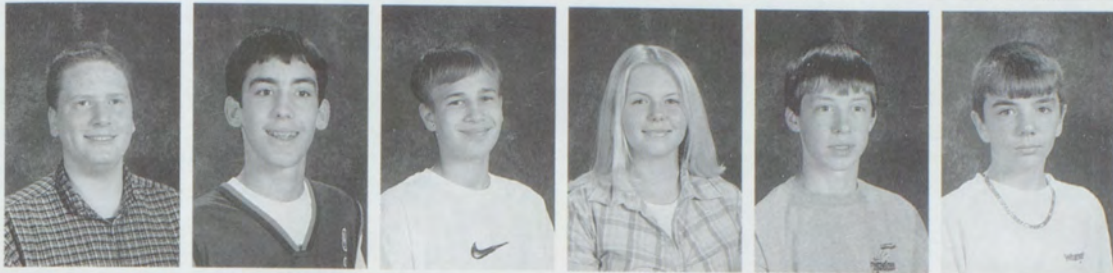


Megan Grove





# Freshmen Finish Their First Year At IHS



Nicholas Grunigen  
 Nicholas Hart  
 Joshua Hastings  
 Lacie Hawthorne  
 Allen Hayse  
 Nicholas Hilton



Jannette Honan  
 Billy House  
 Parisa Ighani  
 Arthur Irving  
 Rebecca Ivey  
 Jonathan Jesse



Cameron Johnson  
 Daphanie Keath  
 Beth Kelley  
 Caitlin Kelly  
 Sheldon Kerr  
 Andrew Kimzey



Heather King  
 Brandon Kinney  
 Travis Kolb  
 Joslyn Kusiak  
 Lori LaBarr  
 Jessi Lane



Chelsea Laswell  
 Kimberly Leon  
 Ashley Lewis  
 Jeramie Lewis  
 Andrew Likes  
 Jared Linn



Shayla Littau



Bryan Long  
Casey Long  
Brandon MacRae  
Brandace Magner  
Kendall Martinez  
Justin Maupin



Rachael McCarty  
Amy McCoy  
Nicole McDaniel  
Stephanie McDiarmid  
Spencer McGlothlin  
Elizabeth McLaughlin



Nicholas Mears  
Traci Mills  
Benjamin Mitchell  
Adriana Moreno  
Michael Morris  
Destiny Muller



Joseph Muninger  
John Murphy  
Sabrina Mydland  
Zachary Myers  
Douglas Newman  
Sara Northweather



Joshua Oldenettel  
Karlee Passauer  
Devish Patel  
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Eric Pouncil





# IHS Freshmen Face New Responsibilities



Ann-Marie Price  
Irene Quigley  
Brianna Radell  
Alyssa Raida  
Bridgette Ramsey  
Kaci Randels



Elizabeth Raney  
Jaime Reddy  
Kody Reed  
Derek Reyes  
Robert Riggs  
Morgan Rinck



Charlie Rosenhoover  
Nicole Rothgeb  
Jonathan Santee  
Maggie Schabel  
Jennifer Schad  
Beau Schuler



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Chad Shaffer  
Brett Shaw  
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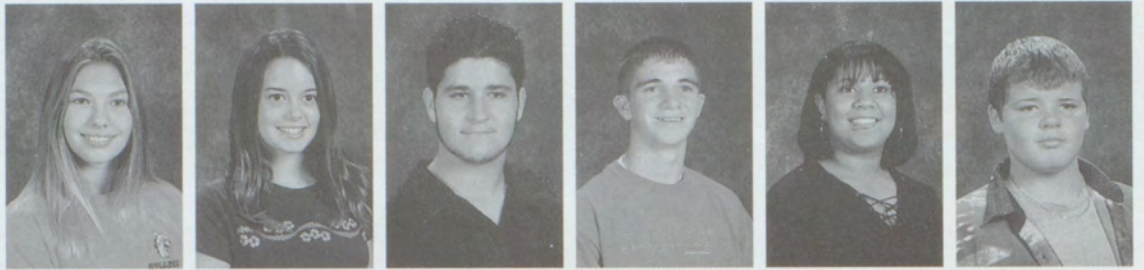
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Brenton Smith  
Tyler Smith  
Misty Spears



Emily Speicher



Kandace Spellman  
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 Sean Stout  
 Brian Sweeten  
 Elise Sylvas  
 Christopher Tate



Chelsi Taylor  
 Mallory Trabuc  
 Leah Tucker  
 Michael Tuszynski  
 Brian Tyree  
 Erica Van



Andrew Vannoster  
 Colin Victory  
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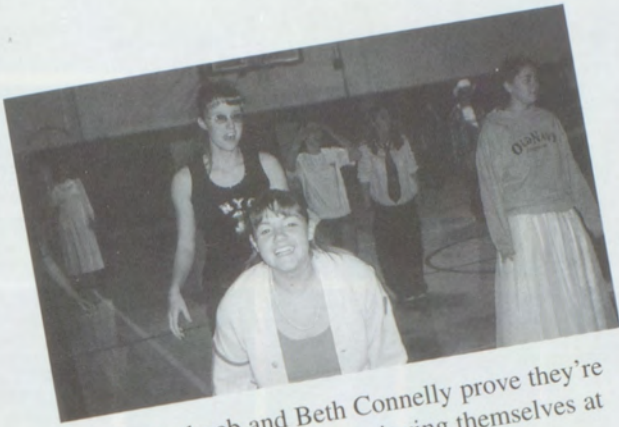


Amber Winebrenner  
 Ashley Winebrenner  
 Michael Winebrenner  
 Ashley Wood  
 Joshua Woollard



**Not Pictured**  
 Brandon Adams  
 Steven Allen Jr.  
 Jeffrey Clark  
 Melodee Craig  
 Matthew Dunn  
 Lydia Ellingburg  
 Daniel Hillyard  
 Mary Maass  
 Glenn Rusch





Nicole Rothgeb and Beth Connelly prove they're still young at heart while enjoying themselves at the KAYS' Halloween Party.



A group of freshmen girls don't know what to do with all the festivities at the dance following the Can Opener Game.

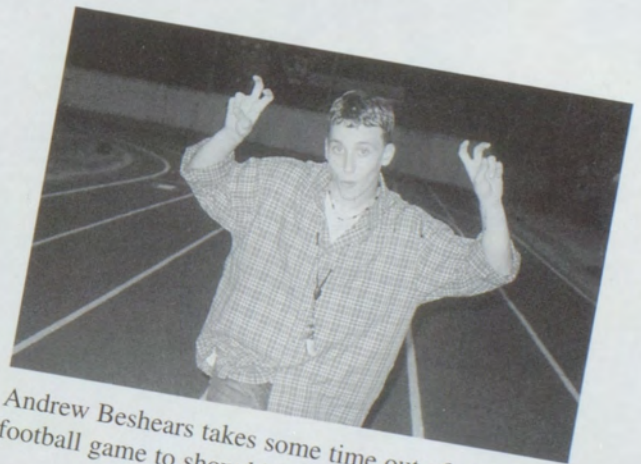
## Life as Freshman Isn't Easy. . .



Becky Ivey, Hillary Famer and Leah Dunham strive to make the grade in Mrs. Oliver's physical science class.



Chelsea Laswell, Chelsi Taylor and Amber Winebrenner get ready to cheer the Dogs on at the Can Opener.



Andrew Beshears takes some time out of a home football game to show his youthfulness.



# IHS Faculty Promotes Learning

"At any rate" . . . Mr. Emmot has been with Independence High School for a long time now, so we hate to see him go. Emmot will throw in the towel and retire after this year. He has, not only made history at IHS, but he has done his part in teaching it as well. Emmot will really be missed in the years to come—no one will be able to replace such a fun and exciting teacher.

These Junior Sponsors keep track of the money at the Can Opener Game, as Ms. McClure hands off one of the money buckets.



"Just Waking Up?" Mrs. Thompson dresses up for Comedy Day during Spirit Week. Thompson is the sponsor of Stuco and PUPPs. Spirit Week is brought to IHS by Stuco to get students involved in school spirit.

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Glenda Ellis, Paraprofessional  
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Janell Houk, Math



Lewis Hoyt, Orchestra  
Jean Lundt, Math  
Anna May, Custodian  
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# IHS Staff Pushes for Excellence



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Sally Montgomery, English  
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Gloria Price, Paraprofessional  
Dale Reynolds, Science  
Mike Rose, Math



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Virginia Slaughter, Custodian  
Doran Smith, Science



Kristi Speicher, Physical Education  
Linda Spencer, English  
Nancy Sprague, Special Education  
Sherry Staton, Consumer Education



Rosie Stevens, Paraprofessional  
Ronda Taraboletti, Science  
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David Torbett, English



Rachel Unruh, Fine Arts  
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Eldon Woods, Custodian

**Not Pictured**  
Theresa Barnhart, Paraprofessional  
Mikel Fairbank, Guidance  
Gayle Fossoy, Music

Wayne Landwehr, Social Studies  
Mary Mani, English  
Kathy McRoberts, Paraprofessional  
Jim Papen, Guidance

James Renfro, Industrial Technology  
Colleen Rollings, Paraprofessional  
Deborah Sandoval, Foreign Language



Santa Claus won't be visiting the boys and girls at Independence High School anymore. Mr. Landwehr is retiring from his social studies classes, he will be missed. Every year Landwehr dresses up like Santa and hands out candy canes. He helps keep an eye on all the good girls and boys. We will all miss him and won't forget his classes. With him leaving who will be Santa and find out who is naughty or nice?



"Mrs. Unruh why are you dressed like that?!" Is a commonly asked question for this art teacher. She says in response, "Because it's my birthday!" Mrs. Unruh dresses up every year in a new outfit for her birthday. This year she was a Valentine Queen.



Minnesota Viking or Mrs. Browning? Mrs. Browning plays an important role as a sponsor for KAYS. She converses with Matt Whitley about a game. The Halloween Party was sponsored this year by KAYS.





Officer Knight holds the newest addition to the Knight family, Evan Daniel Knight was born on December 26, 2002.

Mr. Mosher and Mr. Smith hold three future students of IHS, while Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. O'Kane are still waiting for the day to arrive when they too will be able to hold their babies.



## Is There Something in the Water?

Independence High School had a bumper crop of babies for the 2002-2003 school year. The IHS teachers and their spouses have added a grand total of eight babies this year to the population. The school district has had a decrease in student population the last several years, so it seems that the teachers have taken it upon themselves to help the situation. The teachers involved in this endeavor are: Sally and Eric Montgomery, Doran and Kimm Smith, Janell and Anthony Houk, Pam and Dean Oliver, Bill and Emily Knight, Matt and Kathy Mosher, James and Angela Renfro, Shawn and Dayna O'Kane, and Julie and Chad Dunham. All together they have added five boys and two girls to the future school population. There are still several that are on the way, so keep up the good work. "Our Schools Need YOU!"



Mrs. Houk, math teacher, and Mrs. Dunham, student teacher hold their bundles of joy.



# Fall Sports



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# IHS Girls' Tennis Takes Three to State



IHS Girls' Tennis: (First Row) Jordan Conley, Kara Thompson, Megan Royse, Lisa Reddy (Second Row) Kelsey Stephens, Audrey Gross, Madison Lumm, Caitlin Kelly, September Radcliff (Third Row) Adriana Moreno, Tara Posch, Shannon Beurskens, Allie Merritt, Meghan Kelly, Natalie Brockway

Independence High School Ladies Tennis began the season with Jean Lundt, returning for her 11<sup>th</sup> year as coach. Lundt was named as the 2001 Girls coach of the year. Lundt was notified of this honor in January 2002. Lundt followed the tradition in 2003 by being named the National Federation of State High School Associations' State Girls Tennis Coach of the Year.

"To be named Coach of the Year is probably an award that you should treasure forever," said Lundt. "Why was I Coach of the Year...because I have fantastic kids. Without them, where would I be?"

Overall, there are 15 girls out for tennis this season – four of each, from the sophomore through the senior classes and three freshmen. Players participating on the girls tennis team this fall include Seniors Kelsey Stephens, Shannon Beurskens, Natalie Brockway and Kara Thompson; Juniors Audrey Gross, Madison Lumm, Allie Merritt and Megan Royse; Sophomores Meghan Kelly, Tara Posch, September Radcliff and Lisa Reddy; and Freshmen Jordan Conley, Caitlin Kelly and Adriana Moreno.

"We have a lot of senior leadership," Lundt said "This team has a lot of cohesiveness. We had a 15-hour camp the last two days of July, and it was a good time for the girls to bond. I think it really pulled them together as a team."

With Lundt's guidance, IHS sent three girls to State competition. The girls who earned the right were Beurskens, Stephens, and M. Kelly. Stephens placed fourth in singles, while Beurskens and Kelly took seventh place in doubles. The IHS ladies took sixth overall at state.



Girls' Tennis Coaches, Gina Botts and Jean Lundt take a break out of coaching at a home match to enjoy the sun.



# Tennis Team Feels The "Love"



Madison Lumm, junior, serves the ball at a home match.



Caitlin Kelly, freshman, gets ready for the ball at a home tennis match.



September Radcliff, sophomore, prepares to serve the ball.



Audrey Gross, junior, strains to hit the ball at a home tennis match. Photo courtesy of the Independence Daily Reporter.



# Volleyball Players Have Heart

In 2001 the Independence High School volleyball team went undefeated at SEK. Under the direction of Kristi Speicher, now in her 18th season as coach, the Lady Bulldogs hope to carry momentum into the new school year. This year the team lost several key players due to graduation, but the team worked hard together and did what they could. Coach Speicher said, "Everyone worked well together because we didn't rely on just one or two girls to do the job." Even though the year didn't finish the way the team hoped, the girls

showed a great deal of heart. The team took first at the St. Paul Quadrangular. This is the third straight season for IHS to win this quad. "This was our best outing all year. They played really hard against some tough competition," Speicher stated. When asked how she felt about the season Speicher commented, "I would have to say the girls worked really hard. Realistically I was hoping for a better win/loss record. I wanted a few more wins."

The Freshmen Volleyball Team takes a timeout from the match to get some pointers from their coach.



Lindsay Dunham, senior, sets the ball while Melissa McDaniel, junior, runs up for the spike during a home game.



IHS Varsity Volleyball: (First Row) Ashley Dunham, Tiffany Barker, Lindsay Dunham, Katy Kendrick, Melissa McDaniel (Second Row) Lauren Freisberg, Vanessa Jones (Third Row) Lisa Padilla



# Volleyball Sweeps to Success



Junior Varsity Volleyball: (First Row) Kylie Carlyle, Paige Pasternak, Kyndall Thompson. (Second Row) Allison Emmot, Melissa Barker, Emily Speicher, Aubry Heckman, Johna Surrent, Abby Christensen



Freshmen Volleyball: (First Row) Leah Dunham, Ashley Winebrenner, Morgan Rinck, Kaci Randels, Mallory Trabuc, Nicole Rothgeb, Becky Ivey. (Second Row) Joslyn Kusiak, Stephanie McDiarmid, Amber Dunham, Shayla Littau, Sarah Wilson, Amber Eytcheson, Ashley Lewis, Sade' Graham



# It's the Wins That Count

Long delays, lighting storms, and grueling gridiron matches can't stop the Bulldogs. The first win of the season can often be the toughest one to get. After five weeks of frustration, the Bulldogs broke through and captured a win against long time rival, Coffeyville. Kyndon Oakes intercepted a pass from FKHS in the final minute of action to clinch the win. Another big win was against Augusta. This marked the Bulldogs' first win at home since 1999, snapping a stretch of thirteen straight losses at Emmot Field. "These seniors have meant a lot to me. It was a great group of kids to work with. They were sophomores when I first got here and stuck with us through some pretty lean times. I appreciate them and their hard work. The seniors will be missed," said Luke Claar, head coach.

Kyndon Oakes, 33, steals the football for the winning play against rival FKHS 29-22.



## Honorable Mention Football Players

(First Row) Kyndon Oakes, Zach Viets.  
(Second Row) Tim Smith, Simon Heckman,  
Shane McCoy, Brandon Branham. Not  
Pictured: Chris Elliott, Ryan Gilchrist, Brett  
Beurskens





# 2002 Bulldog Football



(First Row) Josh Ferguson, Eric Stanton, Andy Greenhaw, Tim Smith, Travis Tow, Newman ( the dog ), Chris Elliott, Matt Kadel, Dominique Darkis, Chris Schlotman, Cody Beyer, Tony Leon (Second Row) Chris Jones, Ryan Gilchrist, Kyndon Oakes, Joe Hall, Trevor Tow, Shane Henderson, Brandon Branham, Andrew Allen, Lance Walters, Jacob Stockton, Geoffrey Corle, Tanner Ringle (Third Row) John Allen, assistant coach; Simon Heckman, Kyle Evans, Matt Wulfekuhle, Cody Rodriguez, Joe Housel, Mike Miller, Jeremy Wallace, Kevin Hardy, Ryan Modich, Jonathan Couch, William Couch, James Renfro, assistant coach (Fourth Row) John Mangan, assistant coach; Larry Alexander, assistant coach; Derek LaForge, Brett Beurskens, Zach Viets, Dustin Lutker, Kevin Baker, A.J. Steinle, Brandon Schwarz, Shane McCoy, Ben Klamm, Luke Claar, head coach; Carl Boldra, assistant coach.

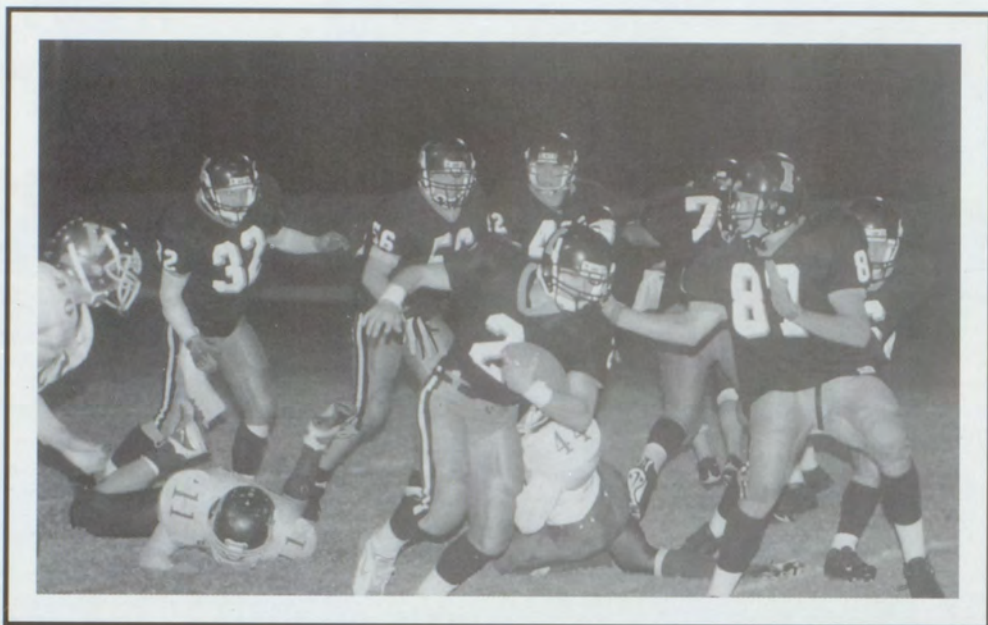


(First Row) Keith Shepard, Ryan Beurskens, Lance Darnell, A.J. Kimzey, Josh Woollard, Andy Vannoster, Brent Berberick, Chad Shaffer (Second Row) Tom Fay, Trevor Bruening, Jon Santee, Brett Follmer, Lachlan Connell (Third Row) Chris Tate, Kody Reed, Trent Benson, Spencer McGlothlin, Bobby Riggs, Beau Schuler Not Pictured: Doug Newman, Derrick Stout.



# Knock 'em Down, Roll 'em Around...

Eric Stanton #2 runs the ball after receiving help from his teammates. (Photo courtesy of the Independence Daily Reporter.)



## SCOREBOARD

Labette County	24-35
Ft. Scott	0-24
Chanute	7-21
Pittsburg	21-35
Parsons	14-55
Coffeyville	29-22
Winfield	6-39
Ark City	7-13
Augusta	38-22



Simon Heckman, senior, takes down a Labette County player in perfect form. (Photo courtesy of the Independence Daily Reporter.)



Andy Greenhaw, junior, fights a take down from a Pittsburg player.



Trent Benson, #79, takes a fellow player down in the third annual Can Opener Game. (Photo courtesy of the Independence Daily Reporter.)



Members on the sideline cheer on their teammates as they await their turn to play.



The Bulldogs break through the "run through" before the first home game at the Emmot Field.



Thelma Reeves smiles for the camera after being crowned the 2002 Fall Homecoming Queen.



# Fall Homecoming 2002-03

Senior, Thelma Reeves, was crowned Fall Sports Queen at the homecoming football game against the Parson's Vikings. The IHS Cross Country Team nominated Thelma, making her one of five honored. Each fall sports team nominate a girl for homecoming, they are then narrowed down to five, with the student body selecting the queen. The Student Council was in charge of the coronation, along with the assembly at the school and then the actual coronation at Shulthis Stadium prior to the game. After the game the Junior Class sponsored a dance for the students of IHS. The other finalist on the queen's court were Sarah Newkirk nominated by Band, Lauren Freisberg, nominated by Pep Club, Shannon Beurskens, nominated by the tennis team, and Ramie Browning nominated by StuCo.

## Fall Homecoming Candidates



(L-R) Sarah Newkirk, Lauren Freisberg, Thelma Reeves (Queen), Shannon Beurskens, Ramie Browning.



# Fall Cheerleaders



( Lower Left ) Seniors enjoy their last year at IHS while celebrating with a tailgate party.

( Lower Right ) The cheerleading squad peps up the audience with their performance.

( Top Center ) Varsity Squad (First Row) Ashley Goad, Ramie Browning (co-captain), Emily Farmer, Karrie Ross (co-captain), Megan Brooks (Second Row) Chelsea Chaney, Jessica Dillon, Mallory Myers, Emily Bannworth (Third Row) Hilary Chapman, Kayleigh Nichols, Kristie Allen, Megan Kirk, Emily Morrell.





# Fire Up the Crowd



(Top Left) The cheerleading squad gathers together for a quick chat at cheerleading camp this summer.

(Top Right) Karlee Passauer practices her cheers before their competition at Emporia State University.



Freshmen Squad: (First Row) Karlee Passauer, Maggie Schabel, Lisa Erbe, Maggie Gorman. (Second Row) Traci Mills, Kandace Spellman, Megan Bagley, Hillary Farmer.



# Which Cross Country Runner Will You Remember the Most?



Senior Thelma Reeves was voted one of the three most memorable X-Country runners because of her great attitude.



Marty Kelly, senior, was voted for because he worked so hard to get to state.



Junior Grant Schaffer will be remembered for his drive and ambition.



Sophomore Holly Roggentine struggles to stay ahead of her opponent at the Sycamore Valley Golf Course.



Kim Leon, freshman, keeps her eye on the finish line, as another runner approaches her from behind.



Dani Buck and Thelma Reeves fight to get past a Fort Scott runner, working together as a team is a big part of racing in X-Country.





(First Row) Miranda Cadle, Holly Roggentine, Brian Tyree, Madison Corle, Matt Whitley, Brett Shaw, Chris Schulz, Grant Shaffer, Brandon Bell. (Second Row) Cain Kinnamon, Kim Leon, Lee Dent, Arthur Thompson, Dani Buck, Amaya Dupuis, Thelma Reeves, Amber Shobe, Amy Majewski, James Williams, Aaron David. (Third Row) Asst. Coach Dale Reynolds, Marty Kelly, Justin Maupin, Eric Cole, Tyler Lowden, Mindy Buck, Isaiah Sack, Gared Shaffer, Tommy Boggs, Head Coach Mike Rose.

Marty Kelly's prediction in last year's Orange and Black; "Next year we'll be at state" came true this year for the IHS Boys Cross Country Team when they went to state for the first time in ten years. Their hard work and efforts made their coaches proud to be involved in the activity. This year's team was one of the largest ever with seven seniors, five juniors, eight sophomores, and eleven freshmen. Coach Rose was definitely pleased with the numbers, and said that since most of the seniors have been in the program for all four years, they were not only a major strong point, but were able to mentor the incoming freshmen. Assistant Coach Reynolds was especially proud of the team, this being his first year coaching the cross country teams.





# IHS Soccer: Headbutting, Goals

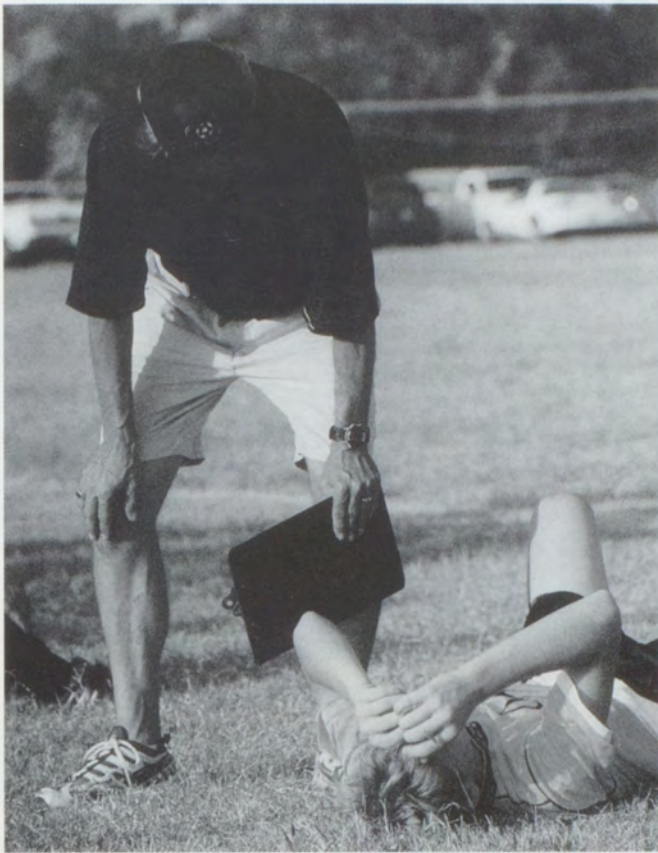


2002 Independence Bulldog Soccer: (First Row) Kolby Lanning, Brett Affolter, Om Patel, Colin Victory, Jared Lyons. (Second Row) Travis Smithers, Spencer White, Bret Kelley, Nick McBride, Cody Sweeten, Sean Lofgren, Bryan Long. (Third Row) Mark Coder (coach), Zack Camacho, Jack House, Alex Bruening, Allen Bonde, Cameron Johnson, Brandon Widowski, Billy House, Brian Bridges (assistant coach). (Fourth Row) Bryan Emert, Dustin Johnson, Derek Long, Josh Oldenettel, Brian Tate, Britton Kusiak, Daniel Oldenettel.



In their second year, the 2002 soccer team had a great deal to live up to. This year the team finished with a 7-7-1 season including a win over Coffeyville and a 4 - 0 win at Fort Scott. For senior and captain Nick McBride this was just the beginning of the season, and for Coach Mark Coder, he thought the was a fine year. The soccer team opened the season winning 2 - 1 against the Pittsburg Dragons. Junior Varsity was also able to beat Pittsburg 4 - 2. But this year, it was not all wins. Independence soccer team suffered a loss to Carl Junction, 1 - 3 varsity and 2 - 4 junior varsity. However, they were able to get back on track with Arkansas City winning 5 - 4, junior varsity was not far behind to tie 2 - 2 with the Ark City Bulldogs. Along with the exciting season, five soccer players were named All SEK: Allen Bonde, Derek Long, Matt Ysusi, Alex Bruening, and Kolby Lanning. Allen Bonde was also named Athlete of the Week by the Independence Daily Reporter.





Coach Coder helps Brandon Widowski gain back his momentum for the game.



Senior player Dustin Johnson tries to keep the ball in-bounds while fighting off a Columbus defender.

Fighting for the ball, senior soccer player Derek Long tries to get past the Columbus defenders.



Kelley Gorman shows she is a fighter and is determined to win! This year she was the only female on the soccer team.

Sean Lofgren kicks the ball away from Pittsburg in the home game Oct. 1, 2002.



# Marching Into a New Season



IHS Band 2002 - (First Row) Erin Shelton, Shannon Burns, Bridget Penrod, Sarah Coder, Skyler Greene, Megan Bagley, Tom Fay, Dustin Shepherd, Bryan Long, Ashley Ramos, Nikki McDaniel. (Second Row) Jackie Lyon, Robyn Kemp, Byron Morgan, Abby Belcher, Matt Whitley, Matt Bennett, Amber Smith, Carrie Meadows, Holly Roggentine, Madison Lumm, Elishya Harris, England Porter, Julie Dumler, Skyla Whittet. (Third Row) Tyler Lowdon, Chris Landrum, Ashley Fisk, Sarah Newkirk, Niki Roberts, Jared Gorman, Megan Stephens, Sally Tucker, Laura Rau, Jordan Bagley, Emily Van, Jessica Hambleton. Not pictured: Assistant Band Director Gayle Fossoy, Beth Rosenhoover, Stephanie Thompson, Jeremy Wallace, Jacob Stockton, Joseph Housel, Sheena Musgrove, Andy Wright.



Color Guard performs on their ribbon routine during half time to the music of the James Bond Movies.



Mrs. Shelton goes over new marching formations for this year's season.



The band marches off from yet another spectacular performance.



The band takes direction from Drum Major Megan Stephens.



## Debaters Do Well Despite Low Numbers

Debate - to discuss or argue opposing points: to consider, to deliberate. That is what thirteen Independence High School students did under the coaching of Tony Boehs. Teamwork makes for a great debate season. The number of students interested in debate decreased in the 2002 school year. Boehs, debate coach, says this year was at a low for debaters. The highest number in the last several years has been thirty-three and this year was a record low of thirteen. The team members for this season were Abby Belcher,

Eric Cole, Ashley Fisk, Audrey Gross, Allen Hayse, TJ Henderson, Joe Housel, Tiffany Kane, Ryan Logan, Abi O'Neal, England Porter, Carrie Sanborn and Sally Tucker. "My team this year was down. I would have liked to have more novice debaters," Boehs said. The teams placed at four of the seven tournaments this season. When asked if the season lived up to his expectations, Boehs said, "Yes, it did. I set a goal every season that we should be able to reach. This was probably the closest team I have ever

had." Even with the low numbers of debaters the season still went exceptionally well. The topic was "mental health", which was not a strong point for the teams. According to Boehs, "When one team had a problem, the others would help and they would all work together." When asked about debate traditions Sanborn replied, "Mr. Boehs always says the same exact thing before we go into round, 'Good luck, have fun, and don't break a leg.'"

England Porter and Joe Housel, sophomores, work together on debate material. This is Housel's first year in debate, and Porter's second year.



### Placing Teams

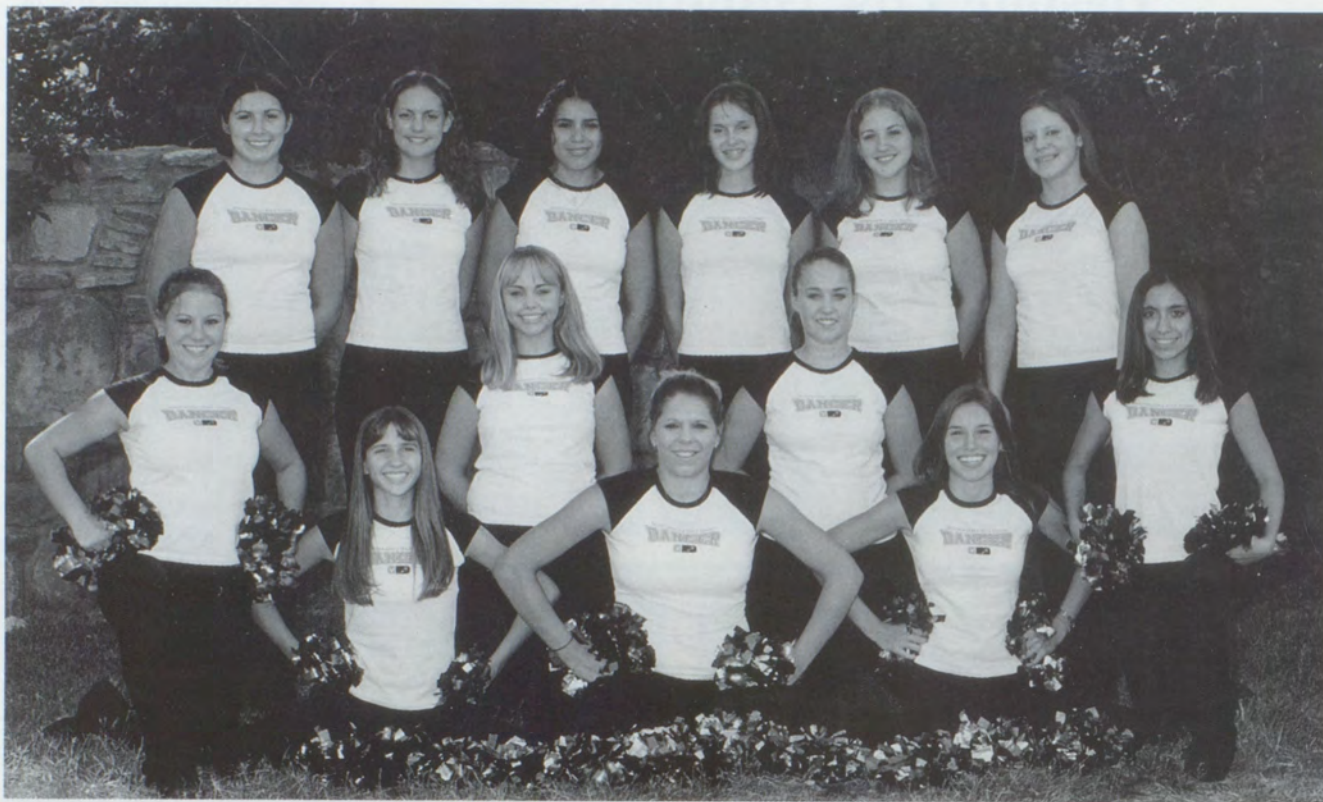
Labette County -  
Belcher & O'Neal  
Parsons -  
Belcher & O'Neal  
Caney Valley -  
Tucker & Belcher  
Pittsburg -  
Tucker & Logan

(First Row) England Porter, Carrie Sanborn, Tiffany Kane, Abi O'Neal, Abi Belcher. (Second Row) Allen Hayse, Tony Boehs (Coach), Eric Cole, Skyler Green.

Sally Tucker and Ryan Logan, seniors, prepare for a debate tournament.



# IHS Dance Team Shakes It Up



(First Row) Kylie Carlyle, Morgan Rinck, Amber Eytcheson, Jessica Munding, Megan Fowler, Paige Pasternak, Kendall Martinez. (Second Row) Johna Surrett, Kim Leon, Irina Jimenez, Miranda Cadle, Misty Spears, Amy Majewski



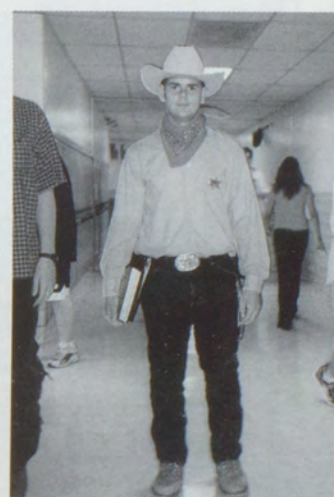
Dance team was proud of their accomplishments at K-State Dance Camp, winning three trophies including; 110% Spirit, third place in Home Routine, and Superior award.



The dance team runs off the field after their performance to a medley of songs including; "Where's Your Head At?", "Electric Avenue", and "Rag Doll" at a football game.

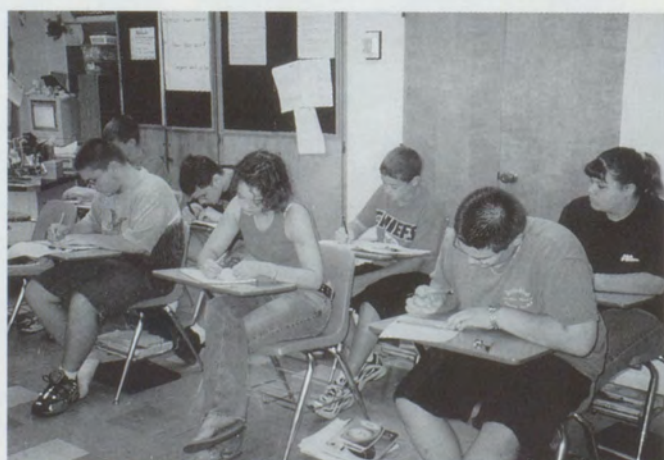


# Leaves Are Falling, Spirits Are Up!





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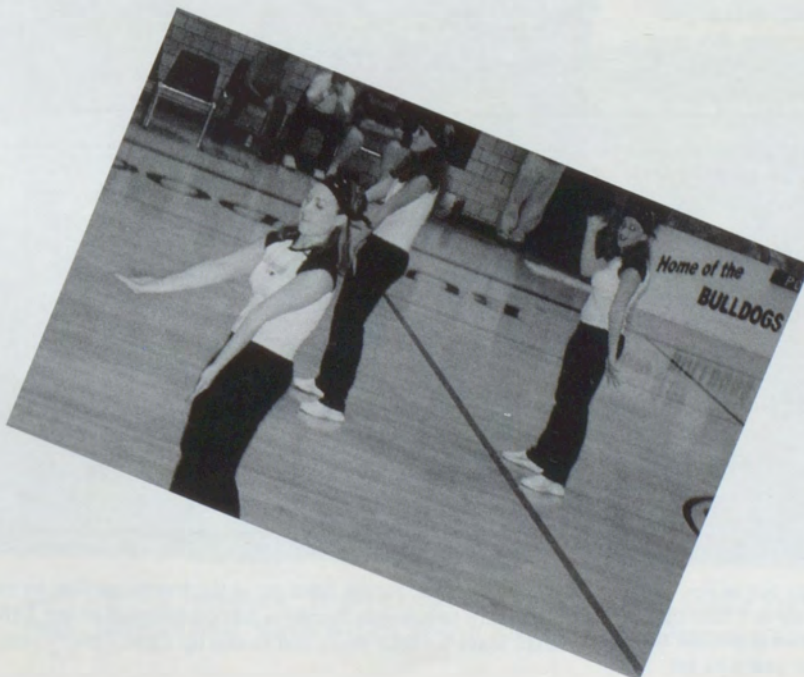
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# Lady Bulldogs Play with Intensity, Heart



Lady Bulldog Varsity: (First Row) Miranda Cadle, Tiffany Barker, Bethanie White, Kelsey Stephens, Lensi LaForge (Second Row) Johna Surret, Madison Lumm, Mindy Buck, Thelma Reeves, Emily Speicher, Meghan Kelly.



Bethanie White, senior, dribbles down the court after the Lady Bulldogs recover the ball from the opposing team. White played for the Lady Bulldog basketball team all of her high school career and suited up varsity for three years.



Thelma Reeves, senior, gets set to shoot a jump shot over a Pittsburg defender. The Lady Bulldogs defended the Pittsburg Dragons to a 47 - 42 victory. Reeves played on the IHS basketball team for four years and suited up varsity for three years.



Mindy Buck, junior, posts up down low to rebound the ball as Fort Scott opponents surround her. Buck stepped up a lot this year as a team player and was very strong down low. This is Buck's third year to play for the Lady Bulldogs and is planning on finishing her senior year with yet another season of playing.



Kelsey Stephens, senior, lines up at the freethrow line to shoot for an extra two points. Stephens has contributed to the IHS basketball team for four years and suited up varsity every year.



# JV and Freshmen Basketball Strive to Keep Winning Season Going for Next Year



Lady Bulldog Junior Varsity: (L-R) Heather Alt, Johna Surrett, Madison Lumm, Melissa Barker, Emily Speicher, Lensi LaForge, Allison Emmot, Miranda Cadle, Rachel Alt.



Lady Bulldog Freshmen : (L-R) Caitlin Kelly, Kim Leon, Kandace Spellman, Amber Dunham, Dani Buck, Shayla Littau, Sarah Wilson, Joslyn Kusiak, Karlee Passauer, Kendall Martinez.



# Lady Bulldogs in Action

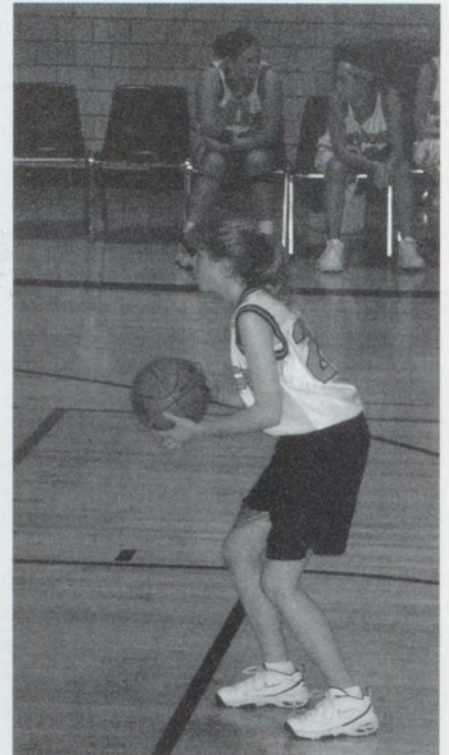
Kelsey Stephens waits at the top of the key to look for an open teammate to pass the ball to as the Coffeyville Tornadoes guard the Lady Bulldogs.



Meghan Kelly, sophomore, posts up down low to rebound the basketball as Fort Scott opponents circle her. This is Kelly's second year to play for the Lady Bulldogs and has suited up varsity both years.



Madison Lumm, junior, focuses to make her two free throw shots as she gets fouled by a Chanute defender. Lumm has performed for the IHS basketball team for three years and is planning to continue playing her senior year as well.



Mr. O'Kane, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Speicher, and Mr. Hart give up many of their Friday nights to take stats, run the clocks, and announce at all of the home basketball games.

"We were a great team on and off the court. Let downs on the games caused us some losses, but when everyone was having a good game, we were unstoppable."

- Bethanie White

"Bus rides were awesome! I wish we could have pulled out the close games, but we didn't. We were a young team, everyone always tried their hardest. I wish the girls next year the best of luck."

- Kelsey Stephens



# Varsity Rebuilds Team with Two Returning Seniors



Dominique Darkis gets support from the crowd after being announced at a home basketball game.

Mitchell Kent strives to recover the ball against Fort Scott.

Varsity boys huddle during the time-out to get fired up for the game.



Michael Cunningham begins the game with a tip-off against the Fort Scott Tigers.

Varsity Boys: (First Row) Kasey Rowe, Scott Hogan, Matt Kadel, Mitchell Kent (Second Row) Dominique Darkis, Ben Klamm, Tommy Connors, Michael Cunningham, A.J. Steinle, Jason Blackard, Jesse Overfield



# OF THE BULLDOGS



## Junior Varsity Improves Skills for Next Season



JV Boys: Andy Perry, Ryan Kadel, Cole Burns, Seth Malloy, Mr. Rose, Trent Allen, Kurry Wilson, De-Jhon Britt, Ryan Winebrenner, Josh Stewart. The junior varsity boy's team had a very successful year, losing only a few games total. According to Mike Rose, the junior varsity coach, the leading scorers were Seth Malloy and Kurry Wilson.

(Left) Bulldogs circle up in the key to grab a rebound. Working together as a team is a skill the junior varsity team focused on to help with the continued success for next year.



# Freshmen Team Experiences Next Level of Play



Freshmen boys huddle during a time-out at a home game.



The freshmen boys take a break to get some water and relax during halftime.



The boys shoot baskets as part of their warm-up routine before a game.

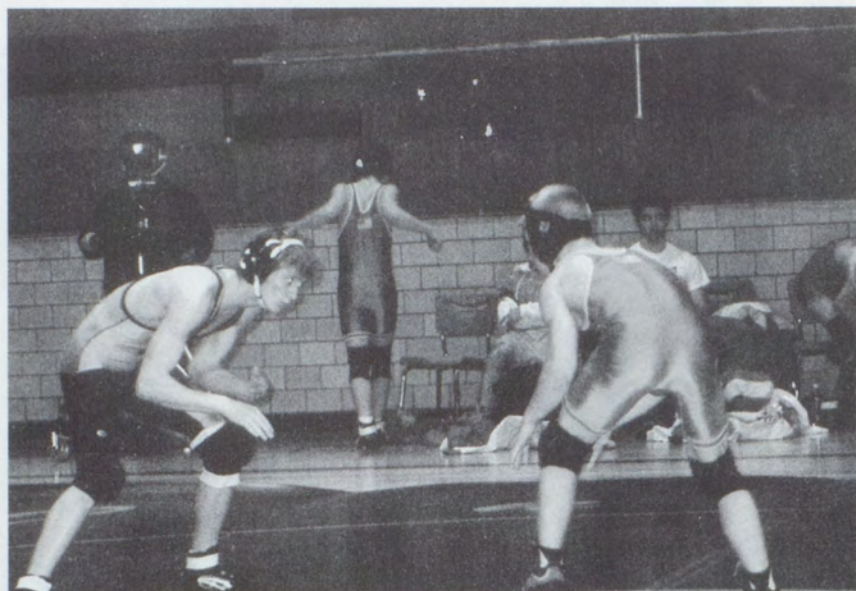


Freshman Boys: Andy Likes, Tyler Smith, Josh Hastings, Jacob Connors, Nick Hart, Cameron Johnson, Doug Newman, Ryan Beurskens, Brett Affolter.



# Bulldog Power, Bulldog Pride

Jordan Bagley squares up ready to win a match against a Columbus Wrestler.



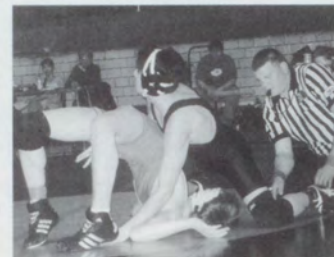
Keith Shepard gets a little aggressive with a Pittsburg wrestler.



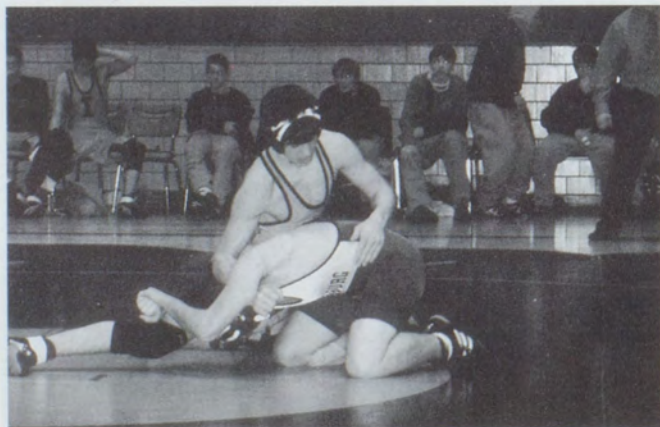
Whoa, Allen Hayse looks like he's about to blow!



Brandon Alvarez takes a breather while thinking of a way to pin the next guy.



Looks as though he figured something out.

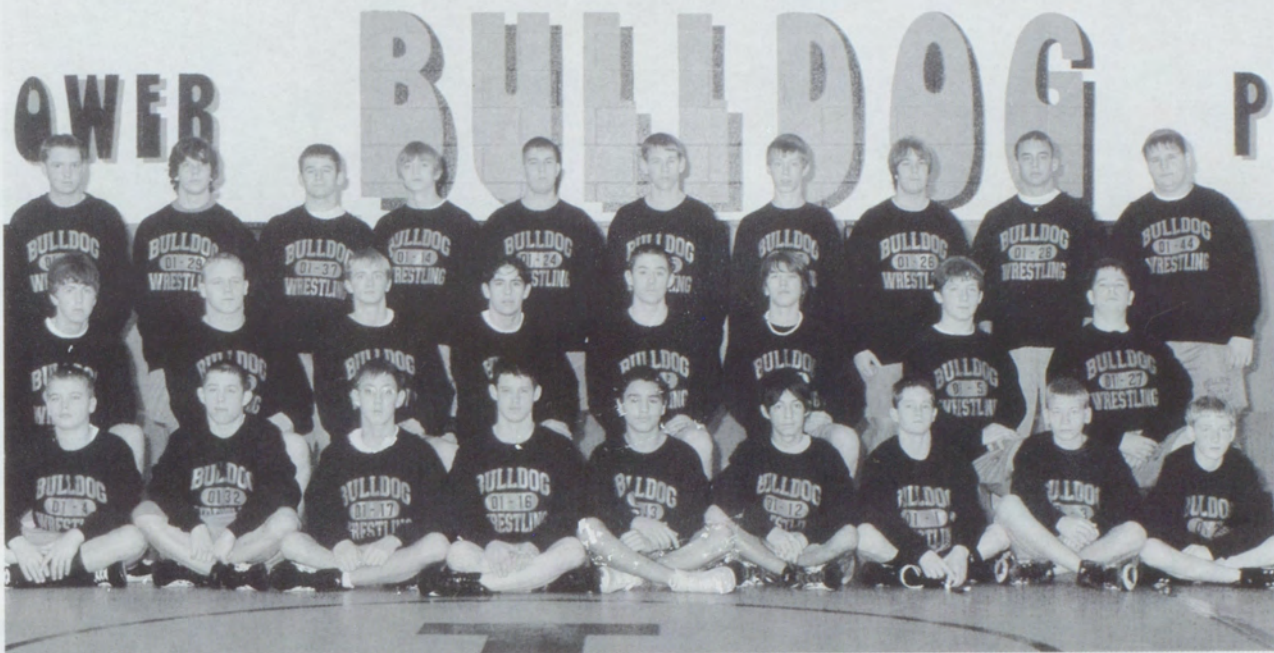


Chris Landrum, junior, works hard to flip his opponent to gain a few more points before time runs out.



Coach Renfro watches as an Indy wrestler fights his way to a win for the team.





IHS Wrestling: (First Row) Lance Walters, Grant Shaffer, Tory Dreger, Chris Marshall, Jon Jesse, Leroy Compton, Brent Berberick, Michael Winnebrenner, Dustin Shepherd. (Second Row) Zack Camacho, Jacob Stockton, Jordan Bagley, Brandon Alvarez, Matt Wulfekuble, Dustin Lutker, David Loganbill, Travis Barnhart. (Back Row) Justin Wright, Chris Landrum, Andy Greenhaw, Keith Shepard, William Couch, Spencer McGlothorn, Allen Hayse, Jon Cook, Trevor Tow, Ryan Modich. Not Pictured- Chris Jones, Bryan Long, Josh Vincent, Colin Victory.



# IHS Dance Team Stomps The Court

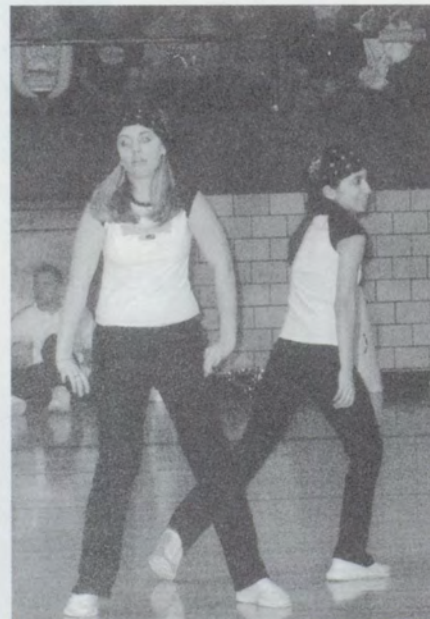


IHS Winter Dance Team: (First Row) Misty Spears, Megan Fowler, Morgan Rinck, Kylie Carlyle. (Second Row) Kim Leon, Jessica Munding, Paige Pasternak, Irina Jimenez. (Third Row) Kendall Martinez, Amber Eytcheson, Amy Majewski.



Members of the dance team practice in the foyer for an upcoming basketball game.

Megan Fowler, Kylie Carlyle, and Amber Eytcheson shake it to the beat during their halftime performance.



Amber Eytcheson and Kendall Martinez perform their routine at halftime of the Varsity Boys Basketball Game.



# 2003 Winter Homecoming



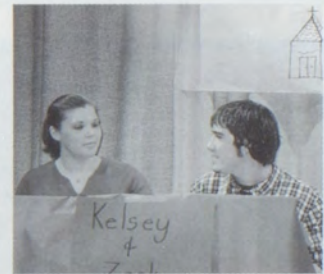
Winter Homecoming Candidates: (First Row) Kelsey Stephens, Shannon Beurskens, Lauren Freisberg, Sarah Newkirk, Bethanie White (Second Row) Zack Brown, Ryan Gilchrist, Dominique Darkis, Jason Blackard, Zach Viets. Picture courtesy of Independence Daily Reporter.



Homecoming Queen Bethanie White and King Dominique Darkis stand with Mackenzie Smith and Evan Speicher after being crowned. Picture courtesy of Independence Daily Reporter.



Candidates Lauren Freisberg and Zach Viets head for their spot on the court to wait for king and queen to be announced.



Kelsey Stephens and Zack Brown discuss the answers they gave during the Winter Homecoming Assembly "The Newlywed Wannabes."



Shannon Beurskens and Ryan Gilchrist laugh at the response Shannon gave during the "Newlywed Wannabe" Homecoming Assembly.



# Winter Cheerleaders

Freshmen Cheerleaders cheer the boys basketball team to be a victory.



The freshmen squad livens up the crowd with their energy during a home basketball game.



Cheer squad builds up a press with an extension behind it for the crowd between quarters.



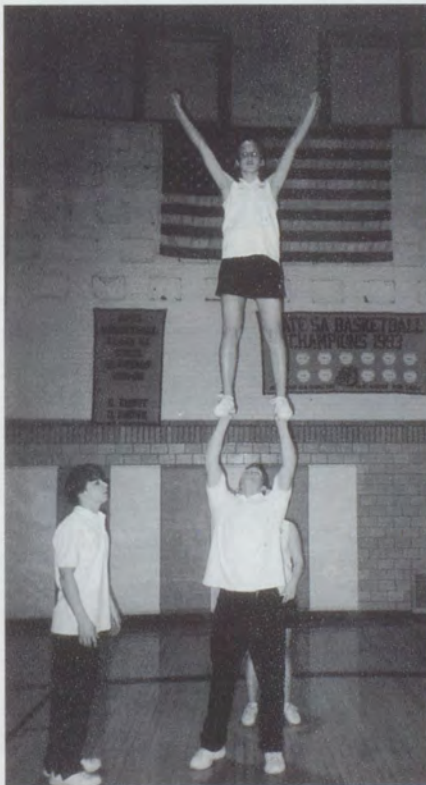
Winter Freshmen Squad: (First Row) Maggie Gorman, Maggie Schabel. (Second Row) Traci Mills, Kandace Spellman, Lisa Erbe, Chelsi Taylor. (Third Row) Karlee Passauer, Megan Bagley, Hillary Farmer, Mallory Trabuc.



# Loud and Proud

Winter Varsity Squad: (First Row) Karrie Ross (co-captain), Ramie Browning (co-captain). (Second Row) Nicole Stewart, Shannon Beurskens, Megan Brooks. (Third Row) Audrey Gross, Ashley Goad, Emily Farmer, Melissa McDaniel. (Fourth Row) Kristie Allen, Chelsea Chaney, Emily Bannwarth, Jessica Dillon, Hilary Chapman. (Fifth Row) Jared Gorman, Ryan Gilchrist.

Megan Brooks, Karrie Ross and Ryan Gilchrist, seniors, hold Kristie Allen, sophomore, in the air while she pulls a scorpion.



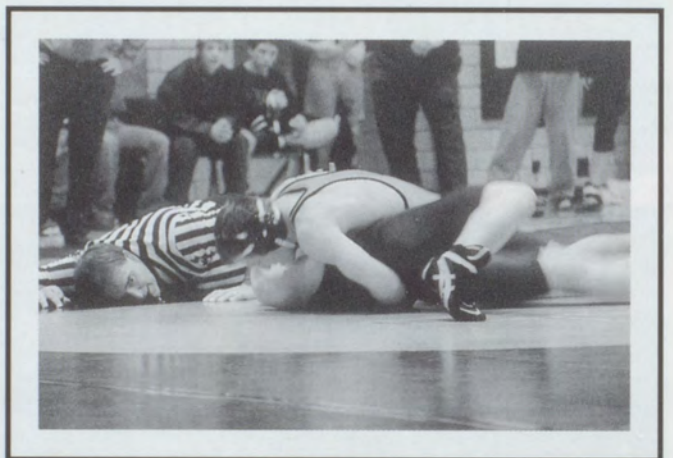
IHS Cheer Squad builds up presses and holds signs to lead the crowd in cheering "Go, Fight, Win."

Kristie Allen, sophomore, soars through the air as Jared Gorman and Ryan Gilchrist, seniors, wait to catch her.

Ryan Gilchrist and Shannon Beurskens, seniors, execute a perfect toss to hands extension.

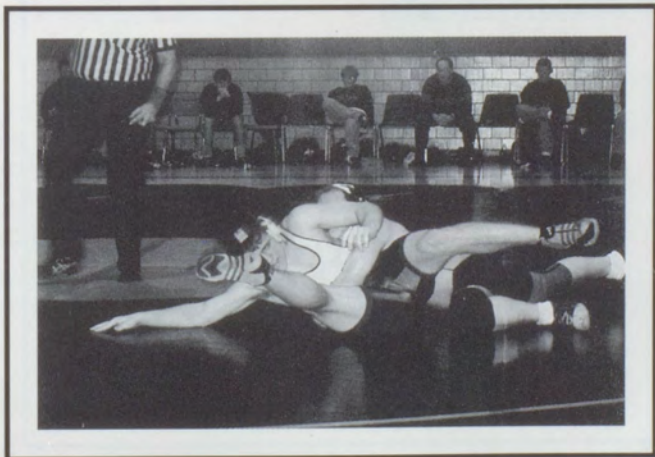


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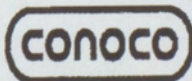


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# Tracksters Run, Jump, & Throw

Nakeya Lee, junior, clears the hurdles.



Tom Fay, freshman, gets set to heave the shot.



Allen Hayse, freshman, gets a lead to outrun the competition.



Brandon Webb, sophomore, spins to throw the shot put for the junior varsity team.



Davano Pouncil, junior, takes off after a smooth handoff with the baton.



Kolby Lanning, sophomore, runs toward his teammates.



Josh Woollard, freshman, works hard to outjump the competition. How will he ever get that sand out of his shoes?



# Run, Bulldogs, Run

Track: A path made by repeated footfalls; a way of life, conduct, or action. This year the track team was full of wins and losses. The competition was tough this year. Thelma Reeves did really well this year. She went to state and

placed high in a race. Track consists of 15 different events. They mainly focus around running, jumping, and throwing. Mike Rose is the head coach, along with Larry Annable, Luke Claar, Larry Alexander, and Carl Boldra. Many

students go out for track because it caters to what they like to do with their after school time. There are so many other options for track other than just running. You don't have to like to run just to be in track, even though it does help.

Below: Eric Cole, sophomore, strives not to tire from running before he is able to pass the baton to the next long distance runner.



Above: Ramie Browning, senior, Kim Leon, and David Hershey, sophomores get ready for a trial run at an after school practice.

Left: Chris Schulz, senior, goes for the gold at a track meet in Fredonia.

Left: Nicole Roberts, senior, runs her little heart out so she doesn't let down her other relay team members.



# Throwers Improve With Practice

Emily Speicher, freshman, winds up to throw the discus at a track meet.

Mary Tucker, sophomore, tries to out throw the other players in the javelin event.



Derek LaForge, senior, prepares to chuck the shot put at a varsity meet.



Ron Harris, junior, runs up to hurl the javelin at Fredonia.



Broke Rothgeb, junior, heaves the shot put at a practice behind the high school.



# Track Finishes Year Strong



Left: A group of track teammates converse over something funny while waiting for their events to start.

Below: Neal Julian, sophomore, moves the hurdles for the next set of runners.



Daniel Oldenettel, junior, carries the baton during a relay race.



Ramie Browning, senior, fails to clear the bar in the pole vault event.



Shayla Littau, freshman, gets ready for a medium distance race.



Tim Smith, sophomore, talks to Coach Claar about the meet and how it is going so far. Many athletes got help and encouragement from the coaches.



Charlie Rosenhoover, freshman, Matt Whitley, sophomore, and Allen Hayes, freshman, keep up in the long distance race at a track meet.



# Bulldog Track Gives Effort





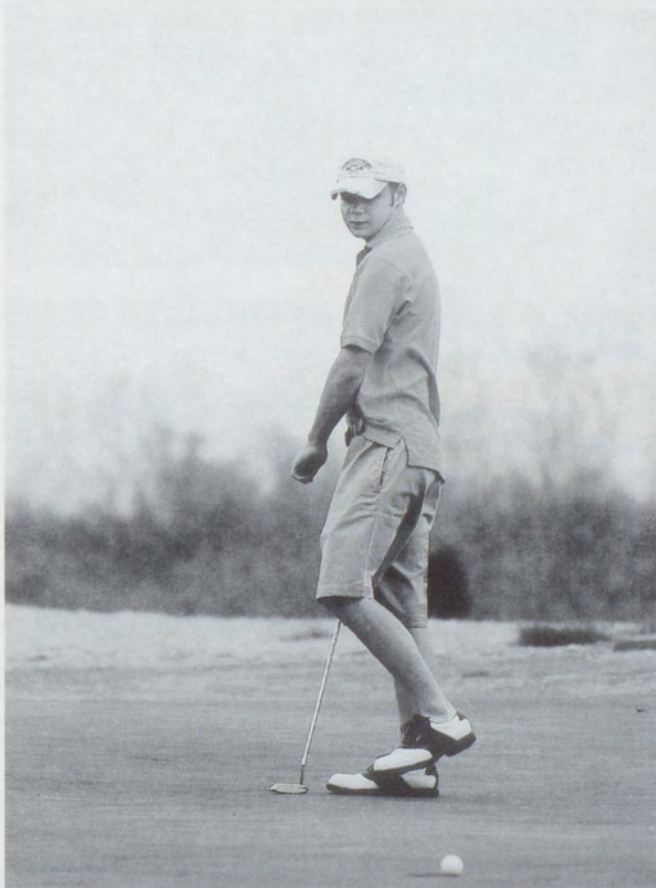


Tyler Sullivan, senior, lines up a putt at the Independence Country Club.



## Sullivan Wins 4A State Golf

Tyler Sullivan became first IHS golfer since 1977 to win a state championship. He posted a 72 to earn a two-stroke victory at the Buffalo Dunes Golf Course in Garden City.



Sullivan sinks a putt during the Independence Invitational. He shot a 72 to win the season opener.



Right: Lauren Freisberg takes a lead off second base before she steals third.

Right: Megan Kirk snags a pop-fly in left field.

Below: Kelsey Stephens stretches for the ball against the Caney Valley Bullpups.



## 1, 2, 3 Strikes You're Out

The IHS Varsity Softball team is Megan Fowler, Lindsay Dunham, Megan Kirk, Jennifer Lawrence, Katy Kendrick, Andrea Marinari, Kelsey Stephens, Lauren Freisberg, Chelsi Taylor, Tiffany Barker, Allison Emmot, Shaunee Barnard. The IHS Junior Varsity team is Johna Surrent, Chelsea Laswell, Jessica Dillon, Morgan

Rinck, Carrie Meadows, Jordan Conley, Lisa Reddy, Becky Ivey, Karlee Passauer, Aubree Heckman, and Amber Dunham. The team played under the guidance of head coach Doug Rinck and assistant coaches Dale Reynolds and Mike Taylor. Managers are Bethanie White, Natalie Brockway, and Kaci Randels. "Things are good and we're more of a team this year. Since Doug

Rinck moved up from assistant coach to head coach, things have changed for the better," said Lindsay Dunham, senior. The Varsity girls traveled to the State Tournament this year but unfortunately came home defeated. This loss should not detract from the rest of the season.



Chelsi Taylor swings big for an important hit.



# At The Ol' Ballgame



Left: Megan Fowler releases the ball in an attempt for another strike-out.

Below: Carrie Meadows catches the ball after a pitch.



Johna Surrett, sophomore, warms up before a JV softball game.



Allison Emmot runs past first base after hitting the ball towards the shortstop.



Stacy Walker waits for a pitch from Winfield at a home game.



Lady Bulldogs, set and ready for the next play.



The JV girls huddle up for a pep talk before the game.



Right: Scott Hogan hurls a fast pitch to the opposing team.



Right: Travis Tow, senior, slides into home at a home game against Chanute.



Below: The team huddles together to get fired up for the game.



## Buy Me Some Peanuts

The IHS Varsity Baseball team for 2003 is Sean Lofgren, Aaron Stark, Zack Brown, Jason Watson, Kyndon Oakes, Zack Barnett, Kasey Rowe, Travis Tow, Shane McCoy, and Eric Stanton. The Junior Varsity team is Brian Tyree, Britton Kusiak, Bret Kelley, Travis Barnhart, Cole

Burns, Chad Shaffer, Jacob Allen, Brian Long, Joe Hall, Zack Camacho, Dustin Lutker, Daylan Ferguson, Keith Shepard, and Andrew Allen. Coaches for the baseball team are Trent Babcock, Ron Denney, and Eddie Mason. Trainers are Brandy Magner and Kyle Evans. The 2003 baseball season ended earlier than the

team hoped as a trip to the State Tournament did not happen. The team ended the season with a loss at Douglass at the Class 4A Regional semifinal contest. Stellar performances by the team's players allowed the team to be competitive in many games.



Coach Babcock discusses the game with Kyndon Oakes, junior.



# And Crackerjacks



Left: Jason Watson, junior, is ready and waiting for the ball as a Chanute player slides into home.

Below: Cole Burns, sophomore, winds up in preparation for a fast pitch.



Keith Shepard, freshman, warms up before his turn to bat.



Sean Lofgren, Travis Tow and Zack Brown, seniors, walk off the field after a successful inning.



Eric Stanton, senior, takes a big swing in hope of a good hit.



The boys run off the field ready to listen to Coach Babcock's words of encouragement.



JV boys gather before the game.



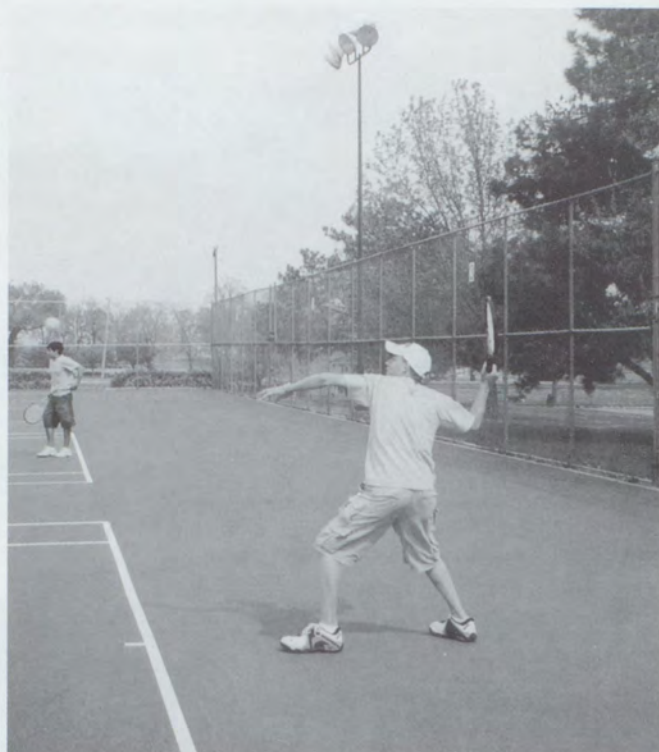
# Bulldog Tennis Wins



Tyler Smith, freshman, sets a new record in the most single wins for a freshman.



Nick Daugherty and Andy Greenhaw, juniors, team up to compete against their opponents during the SEK tournament. They were seeded number three, but pulled out wins to claim the title.



Nathan Berg, senior, returns the serve to a fellow Bulldog tennis player while they spend one of many afternoons at the Ken Brown tennis courts.



IHS boys tennis: (Front Row) Bryan Emert, Bobby Blaker, Zach Jolly, Nathan Berg, Derek Reyes, Brett Shaw, Om Patel, Dustin Shepherd, Bobby Riggs, Steve Schadeberg, Brent Berberick. (Back Row) Ken Brown (coach), Ryan Beurskens, Tyler Willis, Matt Ysusi, Matt Kadel, Nick Daugherty, Andy Greenhaw, Tyler Smith, Cameron Johnson, Travis Brock, Seth Malloy, Ryan Kadel.



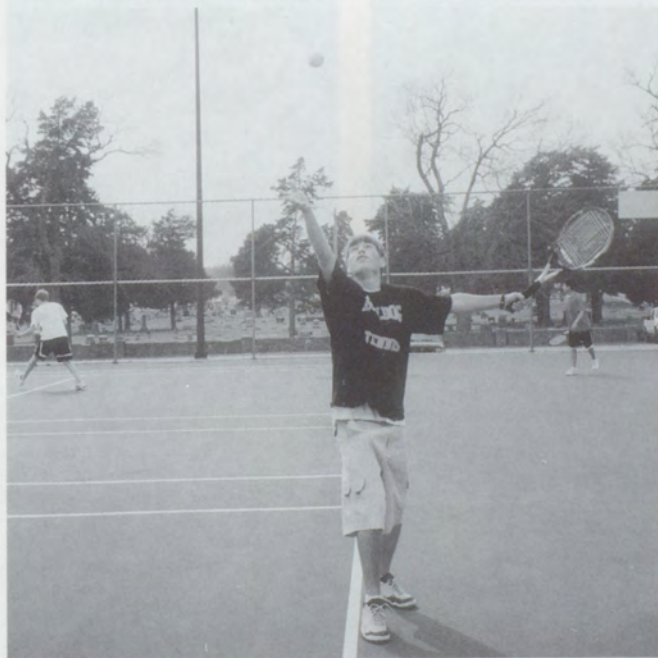
# 13th SEK Title

Below: Zach Jolly, sophomore, gets in position and anxiously awaits his opponent to return the ball at the SEK tournament.



Independence was privileged to host the 4A state tournament at the Ken Brown tennis courts this year.

Below: Matt Kadel, junior, focuses on the ball during a match at the SEK tournament. This is Kadel's third year to contribute to the Bulldog tennis team.



Nick Daugherty, junior, tosses the tennis ball into the air as he gets ready to serve to his teammate at practice. This is Daugherty's third year to play tennis for the Bulldogs.



Tyler Willis, senior, maneuvers quickly so he can take a swing at the tennis ball. Willis participated on the Bulldog tennis team for four years.



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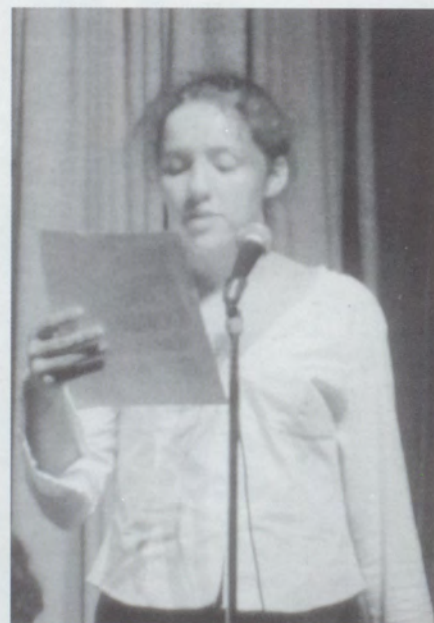


Mrs. Shelton directs the IHS Concert Band at their Spring Concert. The band played songs which presented a theme of freedom and liberty.



Trumpet players, Joe Housel and Jeremy Wallace, blow on their trumpets during the Spring Concert.

IHS Drummers Byron Morgan, Dustin Shepherd and Julie Dumler keep the beat during an assembly.



England Porter provides the audience with information about the composers and featured songs before the band begins.



# Fiddlin' Around



Left: Mary Tucker, sophomore, first violinist, warms up while waiting for class to start.

Below: Sally Tucker, senior, shows Sarah Wilson, freshman, how to put a string on her violin.



Left: Mr. Hoyt plays along with the violin section of orchestra in preparation for the Ice Cream Concert.

Above: Shane McCoy, senior, practices before class starts, while Jon Jesse, freshman, plays along.



# Chorus Brightens the Year



Mixed Chorus performs for the audience at the spring concert.



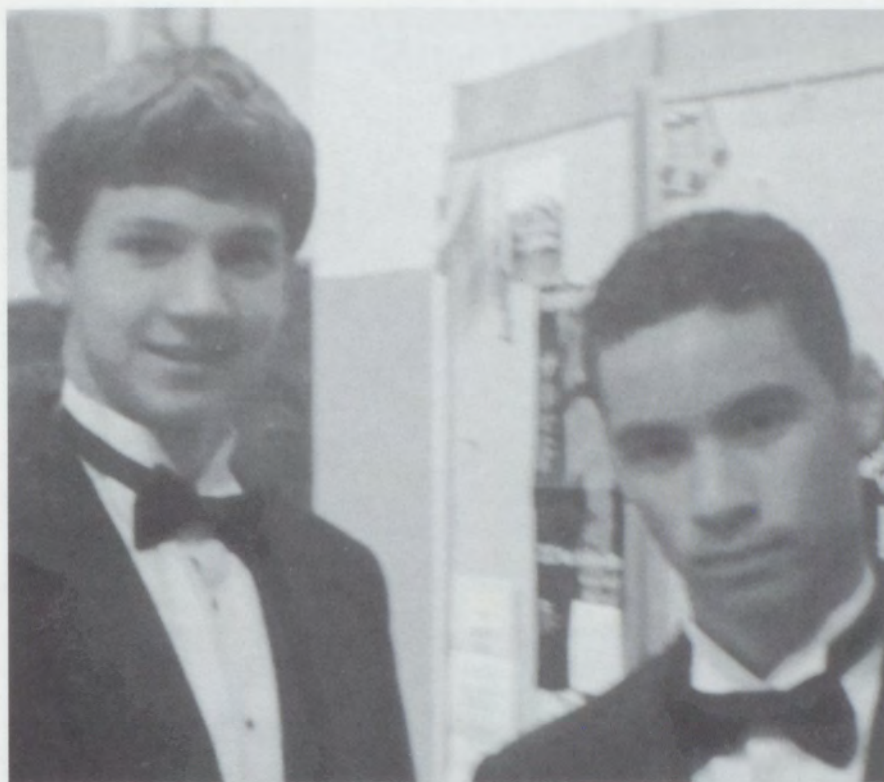
Tonya Biesly and Hillary Farmer take a break from singing. During intense practice, chorus members feel the strain in their jaw muscles.



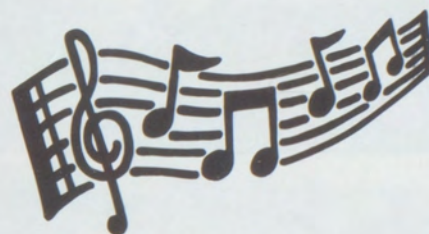
Sarah Coder and Sherri Allen, freshmen, wait for Mr. Annable to direct the next piece.



# Indy Ensemble Wows Audiences



Daniel Oldenettel and Byron Morgan, juniors, prepare before taking the stage for their winter concert.



Aubree Caston, Niki Roberts and Sarah Newkirk, seniors, practice for an upcoming concert. Indy Ensemble meets every morning before school.



Under the direction of Mr. Annable, Indy Ensemble takes the stage, accompanied by Mrs. Dana Aitken. Members of Indy Ensemble include Abby Belcher, Ramie Browning, Aubree Caston, Steven Foraker, T.J. Henderson, Curtis Hunter, Aridan Johnson, Megan Kirk, Jennifer Lawrence, Byron Morgan, Sarah Newkirk, Kyndon Oakes, Daniel Oldenettel, Tabor Porter, Niki Roberts, Karrie Ross, Carrie Sanborn, Jacob Stockton and Tyler Sullivan.



# The Halls Are Alive. . .

Below: Mrs. Dana Aitken accompanies the choir during "Festival Sanctus." Mrs. Aitken has played the piano for the concert choir for the past six years.



Right: Niki Roberts adds her own special touch to the Christmas Concert this year by playing "Silent Night, Holy Night" on her flute.



Above: Jessica Boyle, Aridan Johnson and Audrey Gross keep their ears open as Mr. Annable reads the list of schools they will face at their next choir competition.



Amber Shobe, Yalonda Burchett and Mindy Buck sing out "For Thy Sweet Love."



Aubree Caston, soprano, Niki Roberts and Sarah Newkirk, altos, warm up their vocal cords before class.



# With The Sound Of Music



Far Left: At the end of his sixth year at IHS Mr. Annable is quite proud of his concert choir group. At their last competition the choir earned a I rating, the top rating.

Left: Concert choir members perform "The Glory of the Father."

Below: Members of concert choir stand during their warm-ups to practice for the upcoming concert. Concerts take a great deal of practice and dedication.



Mr. Annable instructs his concert choir class, preparing his students for their next big concert. Each year the class chooses songs that will be fun for the audience, as well as being fun for the choir to perform.

Left: Miranda Cadle, Jennifer Lawrence, Sarah Kaiser, Michelle Staley and Carrie Sanborn perfect their tone while practicing "Festival Sanctus."





## All Aboard for "Anything Goes"



"Anything Goes," IHS's spring musical, takes place on the U.S.S. American sailing to London. Hope Harcourt (Karrie Ross) and Billy Crocker (Andy Greenhaw) are just two of the passengers. Hope is sailing to marry Sir Evelyn Oakleigh (Mike Pokorny) and Billy wants to win Hope's heart back. In the confusing search for a wanted criminal, Moonface Martin (Alex Bruening), and Bonnie (Niki Roberts) have slipped on board unnoticed. Rounding out the passenger list are the famous or infamous Evangelist turned Night Club Singer Reno Sweeny (Ramie Browning) and her four angels, who go nowhere unnoticed. After everyone has made it aboard "Bon Voyage" is the only thing left to say as the ship departs. The moonlight in the sky, and talks of 12-hour cab rides bring young lovers together, and unplanned romances from friends helping each other out as Reno discovers when she gets "HOT PANTS" for Evelyn. However, Billy and Moon are found out and tossed in the brig along with compulsive gamblers Ching (Keith Shepard) and Ling (Travis Smithers). Bonnie has her sailor friend hold her down by a rope and becomes the only answer to get a message to Hope. Just as Evelyn and Hope are to marry on the deck, Reno, Billy and Moon come up with one last idea to make the ending happy for everyone, with the help of "Plumb Blossom," an old romance of Evelyn. The cast soon discovers the importance of "Friendship", and a dance called the "Heaven Hop" when you sail the U.S.S. American.



# It's Delovely, It's Delightful



Left: "Yoo Hoo" - Bonnie (Niki Roberts) hangs through the porthole of the brig by a rope held by her "sailor friend".

Below: Amy Farlow concentrates on finishing touches for Leah Dunham's make-up before the show.



Below: "Give 'em the ol' Hallelujah girls" - Reno Sweeney (Ramie Browning) and her four angels, Purity (Audrey Gross), Charity (Carrie Sanborn), Virtue (Jennifer Lawrence), Chastity (Megan Kirk) sing "Take Me Back to Manhattan."



"Boxcars, craps" - Moonface Martin (Alex Bruening) gambles against Ching (Keith Shepard) and Ling (Travis Smither).



Above: "Hey girlies" - The reporter (Aubrey Heckman) and the photographer (Julie Dumler) line up their next photo shoot.



Halle Manning, Ashley Ramos and Michelle Staley pause during their Atlantic crossing to have their picture taken with the drunk (Jared Shull).





# Forensics Takes Six to State

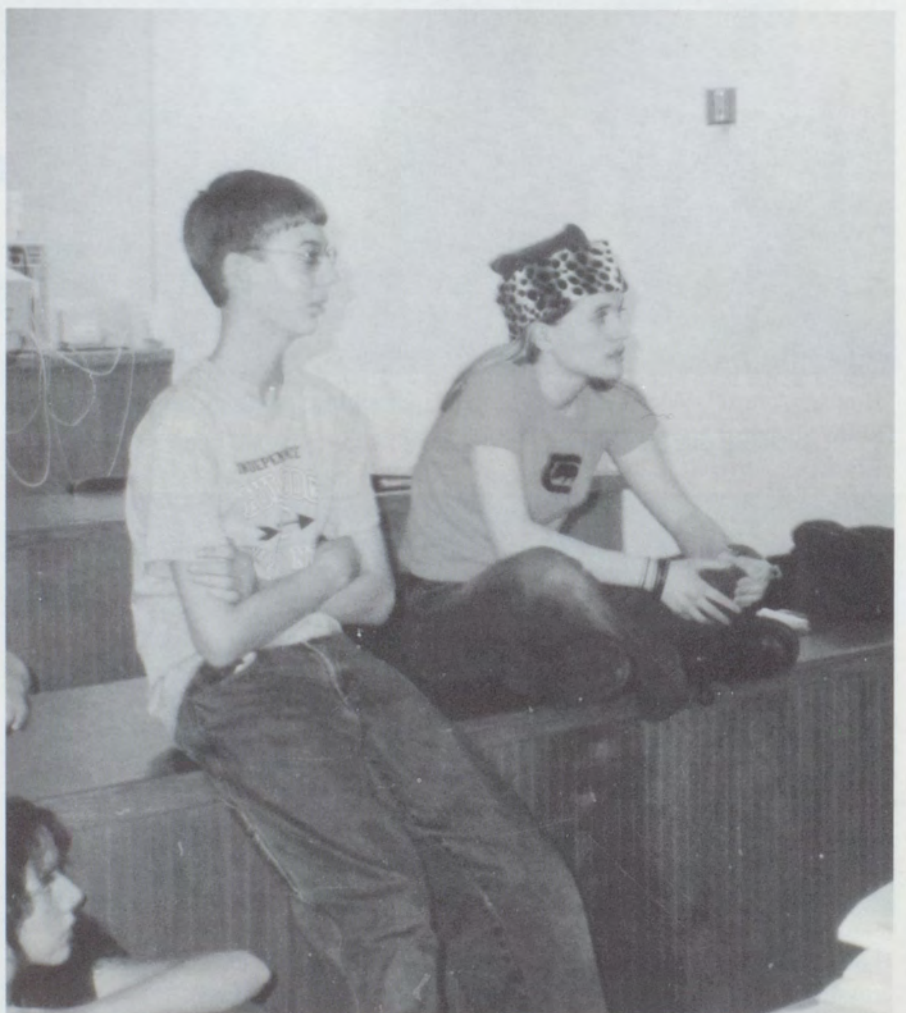
Forensics is taught by Mr. Tony Boehs and is offered during seminar. This year six forensics students went to state: Carrie Sanborn, Julie Dumler, Sally Tucker, Ryan Logan, seniors; Halle Manning and Ashley Ramos, sophomores. Carrie Sanborn qualified in both Prose and Informative Speaking. Julie Dumler

qualified in Duet Acting and Poetry. Sally Tucker Qualified in Prose. Ryan Logan qualified in Duet Acting and Poetry. Halle Manning and Ashley Ramos both qualified in Prose. Unfortunately, no students broke into semifinals, but all the students made it back in time for Prom.

Mr. Boehs gives a lecture to his forensics students. Forensics is a class held during seminar.



Above: Ryan Logan, senior, England Porter, sophomore, and Eric Cole, junior, listen for instructions during a class meeting.



Right: Eric Cole, sophomore, and Julie Dumler, senior, watch as a fellow student acts out a performance during a forensics meeting.



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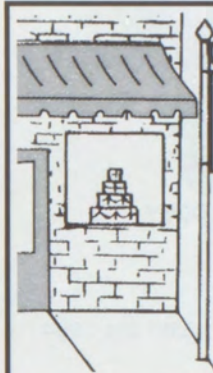
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# Student Council Caps Off Successful Term

Right: StuCo is not all politics, as 2002-2003 student council demonstrates with a group photo by the school flagpole.

Below: Sophomore Aubrey Heckman gives a smile to the camera while helping at StuCo concession stands.



Co-President, Matt Ysusi, junior, hosts the Dating Game for Winter Homecoming.



Zack Camacho, sophomore, hangs a banner for the regional conference hosted by IHS.



StuCo member Lacy Chubb, escorts Sarah Newkirk to the snack table after giving blood.



Heather Greer, junior, recovers from giving blood at the annual Red Cross blood drive sponsored by StuCo.



Mrs. Shepard passes a basket of muffins to students in her Media 2 classroom. StuCo sponsored Muffin Monday through the year.



# PUPPs Understand Peers' Problems



Left: 2002-2003 PUPPs gather at Greenbush for their annual training camp. PUPPs are chosen by a student survey at the end of each school year.

Below: After a long day of training the PUPPs loosen up with a shaving cream fight.



Julie Dumler, senior, swings into the group at the Greenbush ropes course. This activity helps teach leadership skills.



Meghan Kelly, sophomore, and Matt Kadel, junior, look a little messy after a shaving cream fight. Friendships are both created and strengthened at camp.



Lauren Freisberg, senior, and Aubrey Heckman, sophomore, perform a skit for their fellow PUPPs.



Zack Brown and Simon Heckman, seniors, see how many marshmallows they can stuff in their mouths.



Aubree Caston, senior, gets lifted over the wall in an activity that increases teamwork amongst the PUPPs. Each person must be lifted over the wall in order for the activity to end.



# Pep Club Sparks School Spirit



IHS cheerleaders use the new run-through purchased by Pep Club to ignite team spirit.



Above: Charles Downing and Amaya Dupuis share a slow dance at the semi-formal, which is sponsored annually by Pep Club. The Love Luau was held Valentine's Day.



Jared Shull performs as the school mascot during pep assemblies and home games. The new mascot costume is another addition to school spirit made possible by the Pep Club.



Right: Pep Club members Maggie Schabel, Allison Stockebrand and David Hersey serve hungry Bulldog fans during a home basketball game.



# French Club Stays Active

Below: Members gather around the picnic table to eat many different kinds of snack foods and drinks.



Below: Tara Posch and Bridget Penrod, sophomores, and Laura Rau, senior, circle up in Ms. McCray's room for one of many French Club meetings.



Below: Nick Schabel and Nathan Berg, seniors, stand around the grill at the year-end French Club meeting at the park.



Above: Ashley Fisk, senior, Melissa McDaniel, junior, Ms. McCray, Carrie Meadows and Sara Hoyt, juniors, pose for a quick shot during one of their French Club meetings at Riverside Park.

Left: Forget about all the food! Ms. McCray and Nick Schabel are determined to get the ballots counted to find out who the new French Club officers will be.



## Spanish Club



Front Row: Ashley Ramos, Halle Manning, Mary Tucker, Carrie Sanborn, Joslyn Kusiak, Emily Speicher, Keith Shepard, Brandon Alvarez. Row 2: Daniel Oldenettel, Ben Klamm, Tyler Lowden. Back Row: Tiffany Bennett, Brooke Rothgeb, Abby Belcher, Emily Bannwarth and Chelsea Chaney.

## French Club



Front Row: Steve Schadeberg, Tony Tucker, Tabor Porter. Back Row: Nick Rau, Skyler Greene, Sally Tucker, Ashley Council, Carrie Sanborn and Lachlan Connell.



# IHS Science and SCUM Club



Tyler Lowden and Chris Landrum, juniors, hold the rocket they built for their Science Club project. Students are required to complete various activities for membership in the club.

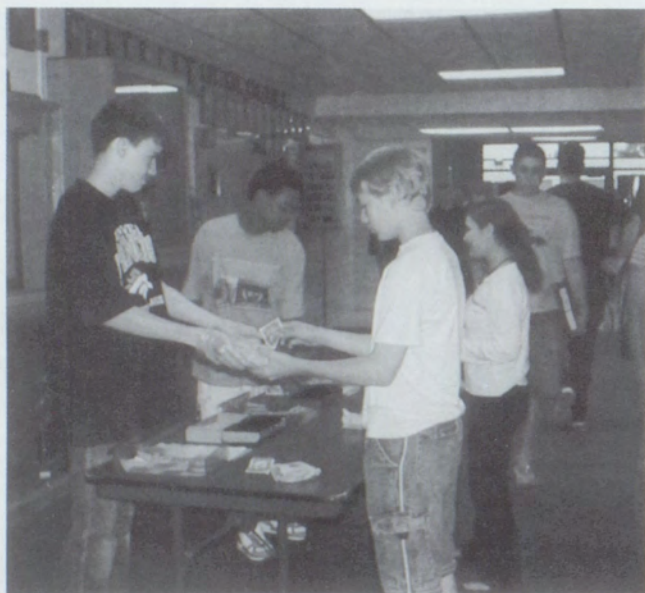
Students gather around Mr. Smith to blast off their rockets.



Brian Mayes, Joe Hall, Chris Mears, juniors, and Jessica Ramsey, senior, display their rockets prior to launching.

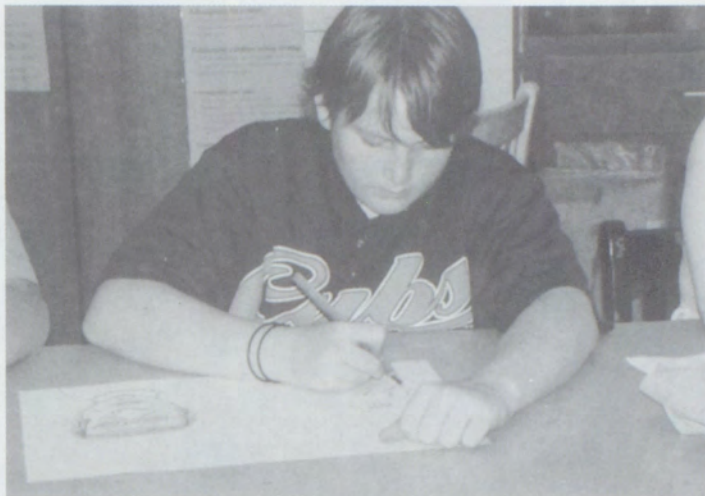


# IHS Students Living the Life





# Throughout the School Year! !



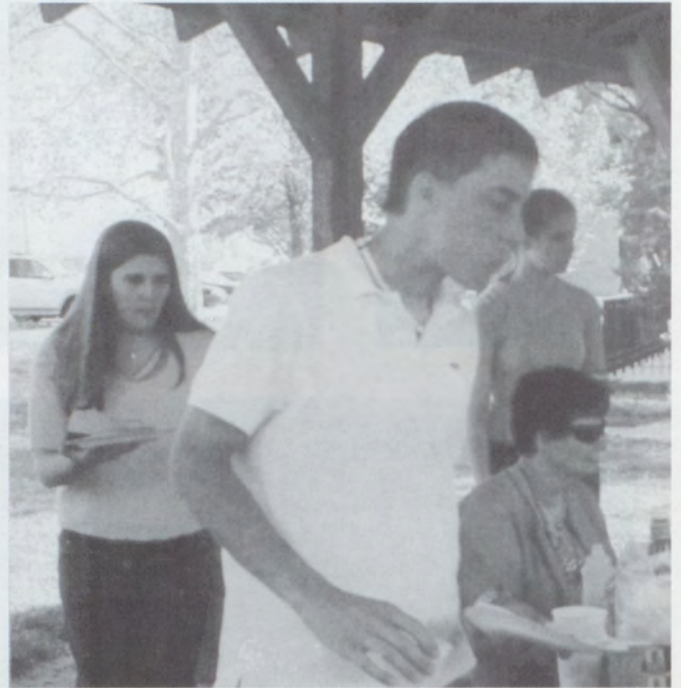


# NHS Provides Leadership

Kasey Rowe and Jammi Stair, juniors, grill the hotdogs to perfection at the NHS picnic. The picnic is the culminating activity for the group.



Nathan Berg, senior, and Kim Hart, junior, head to their seats to enjoy their meal.



NHS members gather in the shelter to discuss this year's activities. Each NHS member completes many hours of community service as part of their commitment to the organization.



NHS members talk among themselves as they wait patiently for their food. Mrs. Lundt and Mr. Boehs co-sponsored NHS this year.



Seniors Ashley Goad and Kara Thompson share stories with friends at one of their last NHS meetings. Both Ashley and Kara graduated with honors in 2003.



# Academic Decathlon Takes Third



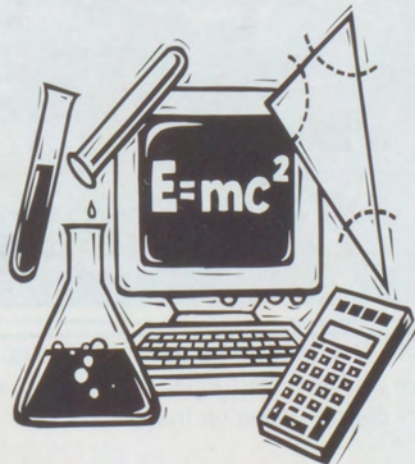
Travis Barnhart  
Matt Bennett  
Alex Bruening



Eric Cole  
T.J. Henderson  
Jack Maley-Green



Bryan Mayes  
Kayleigh Nichols  
Brian Watkins



Independence High School placed third at the Academic Decathlon held at K-State. They scored 29,165 points while competing in Division I. IHS was able to outscore Shawnee Mission West, Manhattan, Bishop Ward, and Blue Valley Northwest among others in the competition.



# KAY Club: Service and Fellowship

Below: Stephanie McDermott and Sara Northweather, freshmen, and Kim Carnegie, junior, laugh it up at the KAY Club Halloween party.



Right: Megan Trabuc, junior, enjoys dessert at the KAY sponsored Mother- Daughter Banquet.



Skyla Whittet, sophomore, and Shannon Burns, freshman, socialize at the KAY Club banquet.



Chimene Aguenou, senior, mingles with her fellow KAY members.



Abby Belcher, junior, and Sally Tucker, senior, prepare care packages for former IHS students serving in the military during Operation Iraqi Freedom.





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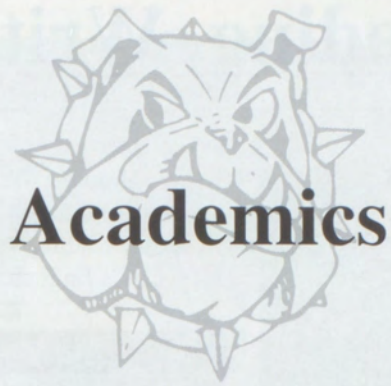
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# English Covers Reading, Writing

Right: Monica Muller, junior, works tentatively on her annotated bibliography notecards for Mrs. Brownings English class.



Below: Ron Harris, junior, gets help from Mrs. Scott. The junior class worked hard in the library in preparation for Mrs. Spencer's English class.



Below: Brandon Webb, sophomore, attempts to draw an A using his left foot after reading My Left Foot in Mrs. Cox's English class.



Ashley Dunham, senior, works in her literature book on sonnets in class.





Left: Caitlin Kelly and Morgan Rink, freshmen, read to Eisenhower students for Read Across America, in honor of Dr. Suess's birthday.

Below: In Mrs. Spencer's class, Kara Thompson, senior, gives her presentation to the class.



Above: Brian Tyree, freshman, works on a rough draft for a persuasive essay.

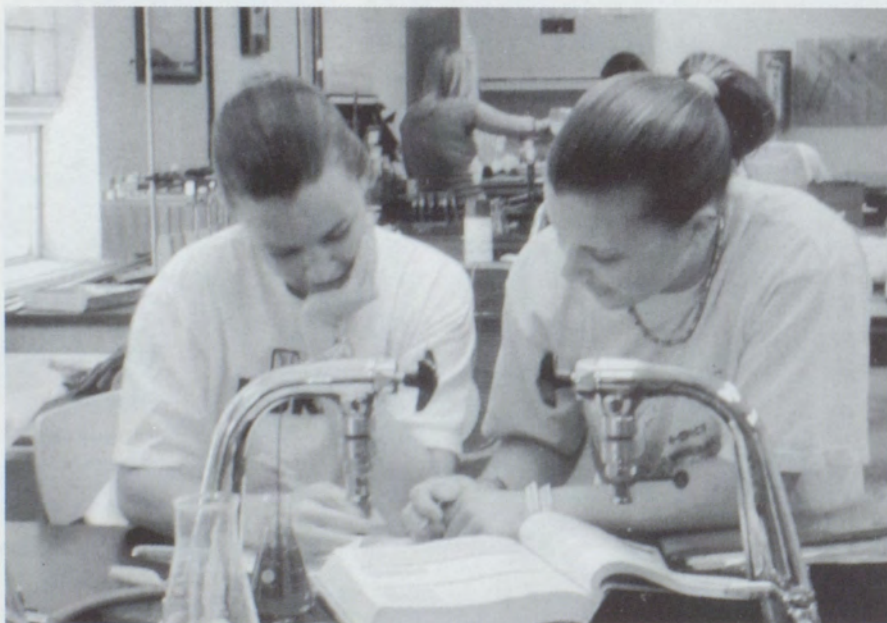
Left: Mrs. Montgomery's class enjoys the outdoors while reading out of their literature books with the long-term substitute, Mrs. Rollison.



# Science Heats Up at IHS

Right: Mr. Smith demonstrates to Lauren Freisberg, senior, how to heat the glass without breaking it. Mr. Smith has been teaching at IHS for three years.

Below: Ashley Fisk, senior, attempts to mold a tube of glass into the shape of a duck. Science classes participate in many hands-on activities.



Above: Bethanie White and Kelsey Stephens, seniors, study their physics homework. White and Stephens make a renowned team not only on the basketball court, but in the classroom as well.

Right: Tommy Boggs, senior, displays his physics skills on the board as he shows Mr. Smith's 3A class how to calculate how many kilowatts of power a clothes dryer uses in a given day.





# Math Makes it "Add Up"



Left: Megan Fowler, junior, begins to lift the bubbles off of the bottle to toss them up and light them on fire in an experiment for chemistry.



Below: Laura Rau, senior, uses a thermometer to test the temperature of a beaker of water.



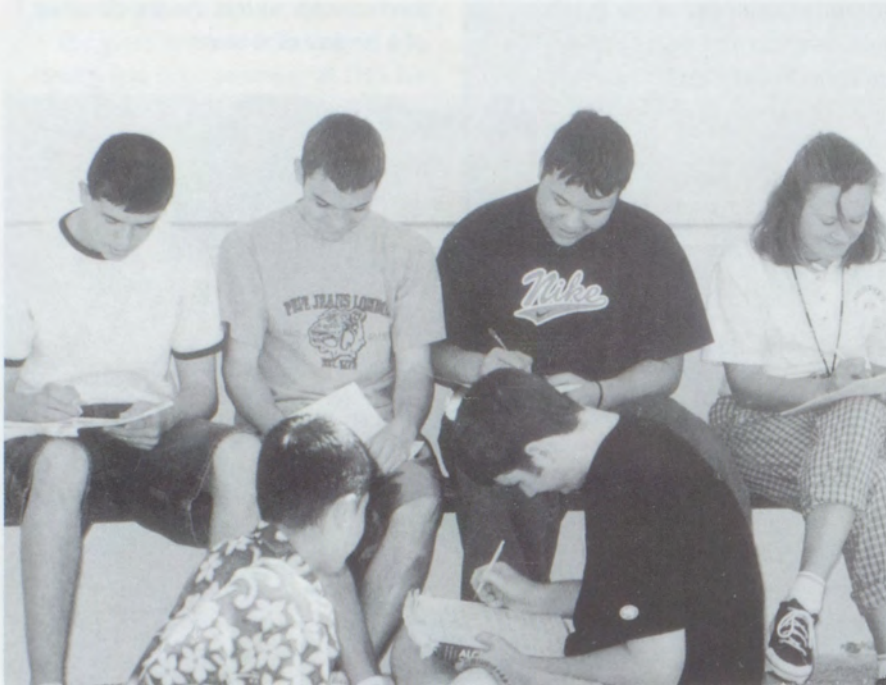
Above: Travis Tow, senior, searches diligently for a missing assignment. Physics is not required to graduate but is part of the Regents plan.

Left: Thorsten Fraley, senior, looks on as Thelma Reeves, senior, heats up glass in order to contort it. Physics class gives students the opportunity to work in pairs during labs.

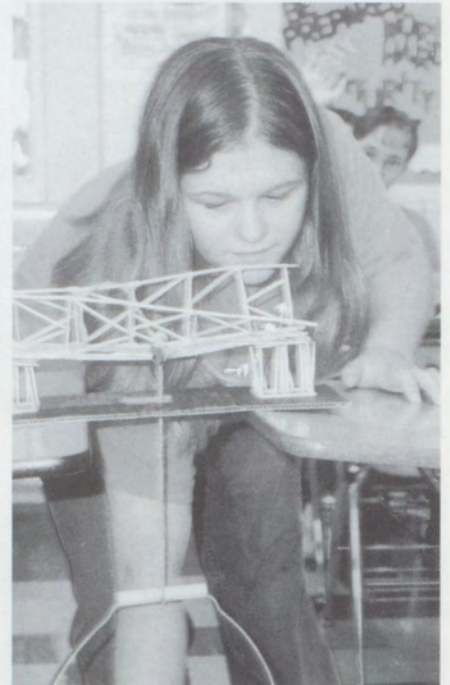


# Science Heats Up a Chill

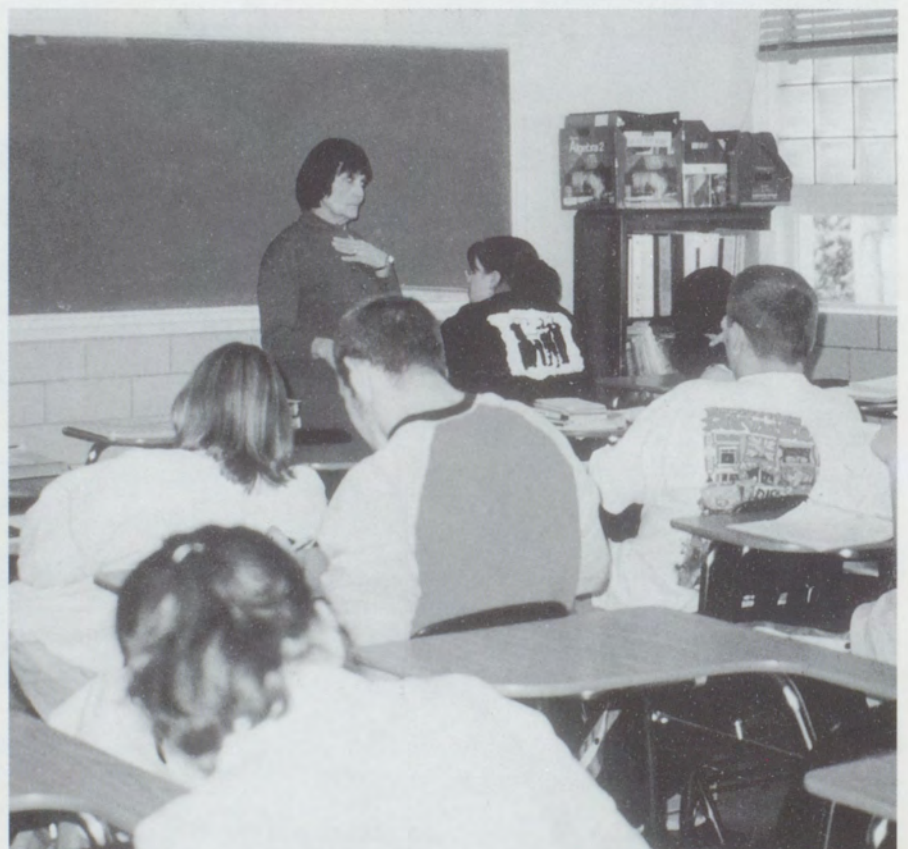
Below: Mrs. Roth's Algebra I Daily class "chills" outside instead of being locked up inside.



Below: Ashley Tate, junior, adds weight to the bucket to test the strength of her bridge in Mrs. Houk's math class.



Above: Cole Burns, sophomore, works on the assignments for Mrs. Lundt's geometry class.

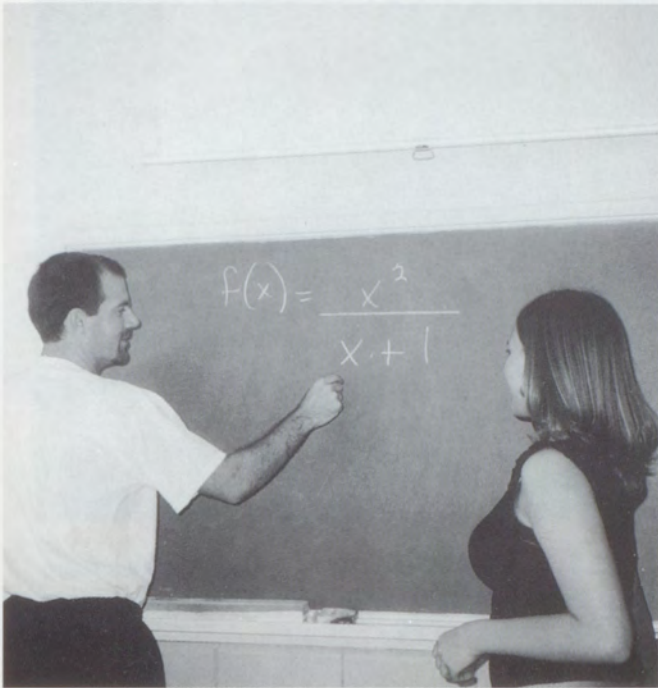


Right: Mrs. Lundt, math teacher, takes time to explain an Intermediate Algebra problem to her class.

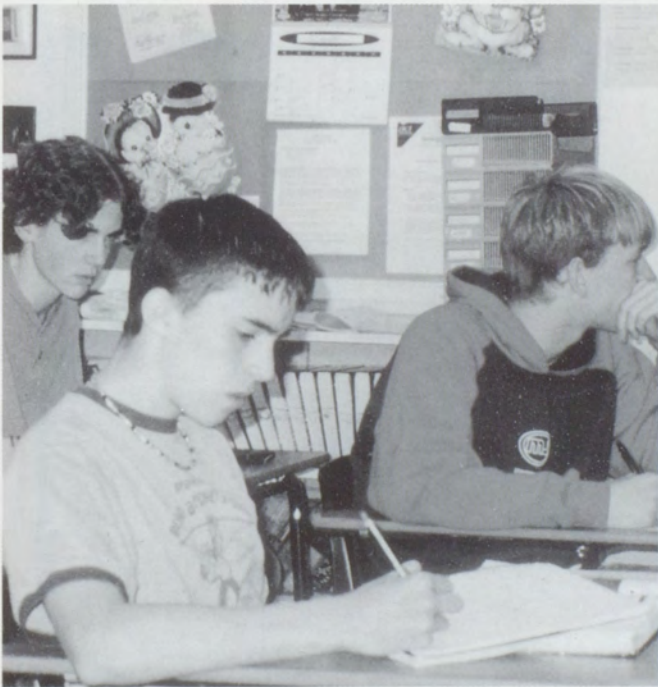


# Math Makes it "Add Up"

Below: That's how you do it. . . .Mr. Rose shows Heather Greer, junior, how to work an Algebra II problem.



Below: Traci Mills, freshman, Ashley LaBarr and Tara Smading, seniors, pose with their bridge after testing its durability.



Above: Neal Julian, sophomore, works hard to solve a math problem in Mrs. Lundt's class.



Above: Mrs. Roth takes a moment to explain a math strategy to her geometry class.



Above: Destiny Muller and Lacie Hawthorne, freshmen, take a break from the normal class routine.



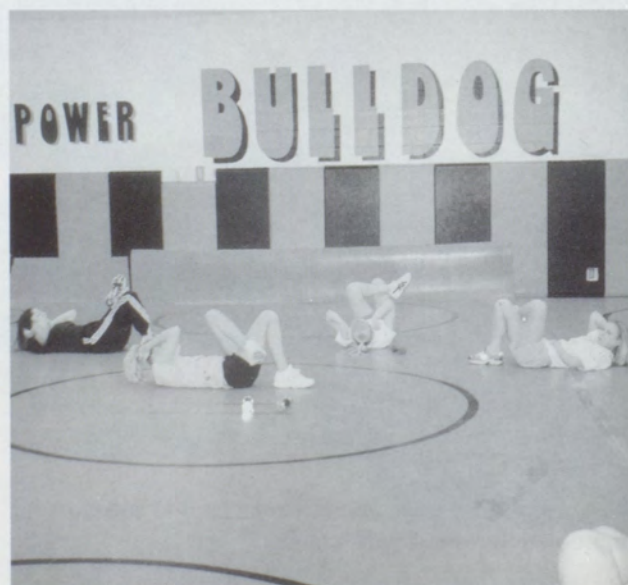
# PE Classes Offer Fun, Action



Ron Harris, junior, squats several pounds in weight lifting class.



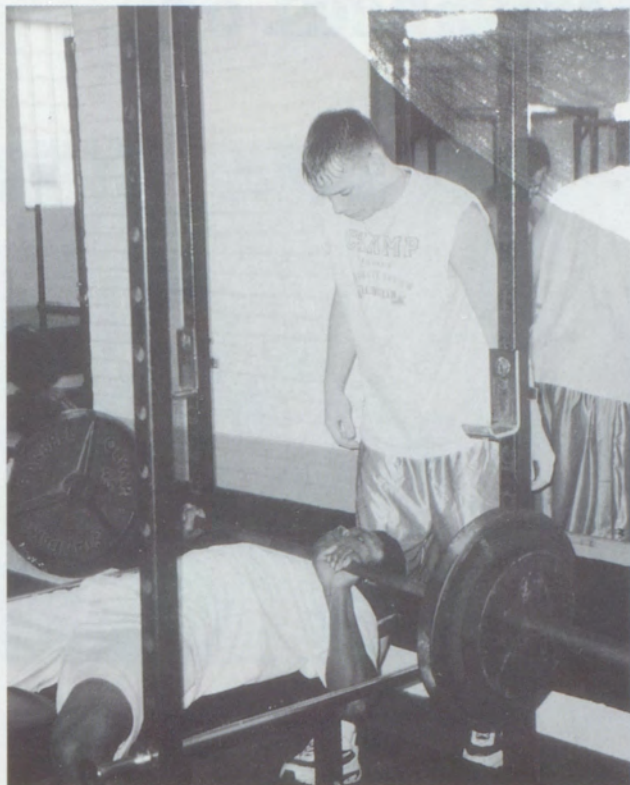
Karlee Passauer, freshman, pitches a wiffle ball during gym class. The freshman boys and girls are required to take one semester of PE.



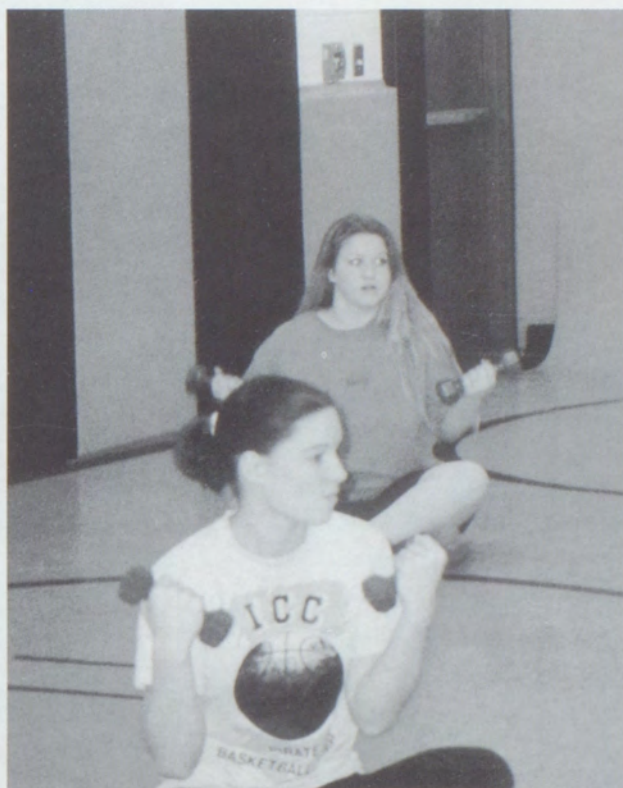
Aubree Caston, Ashley Goad, Shannon Beurskens and Kara Thompson, seniors, do crunches during aerobics class. At the end of each nine weeks, the students have to perform an aerobics routine for the class.



# Students Stay In Shape At IHS



Above: Anthony Hann, junior, spots Norman Williams, sophomore, while doing a bench press repetition.



Above: Stephanie Clark and Lacey Lyons, sophomores, lift arm weights in Mrs. Speicher's aerobics class. The aerobics classes are held in the wrestling room.

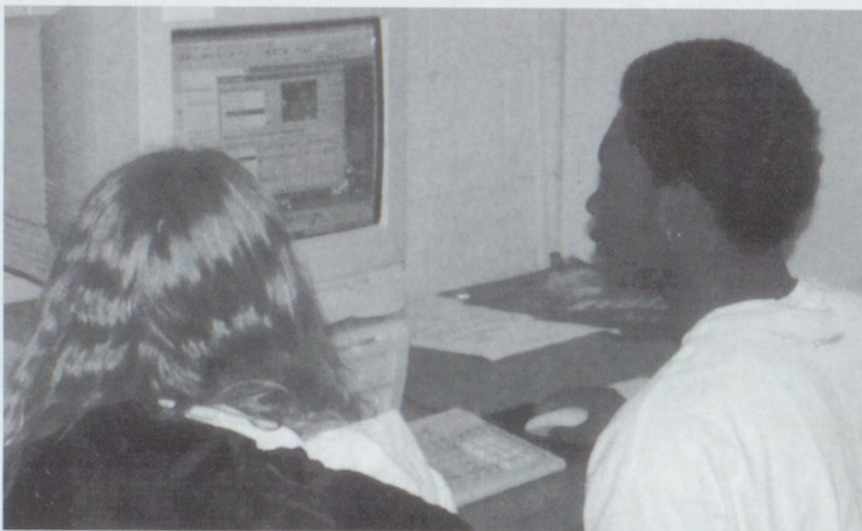


Left: Chris Schultz, senior, does a dumbbell press in Mr. Boldra's weight lifting class as Jeff Corley, sophomore, watches.



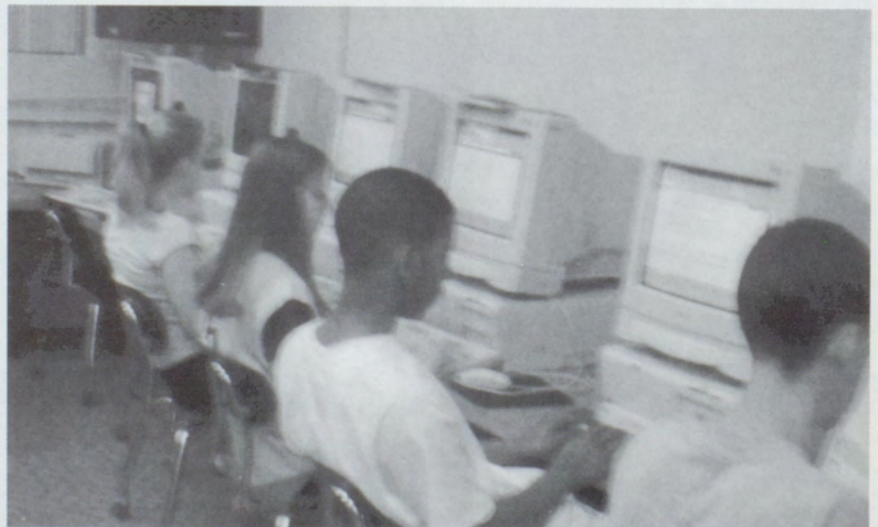
# As Technology Advances...

Right: Juniors Nick Daugherty and Drew Barrette spend their free time playing pinball and reading entertainment articles.



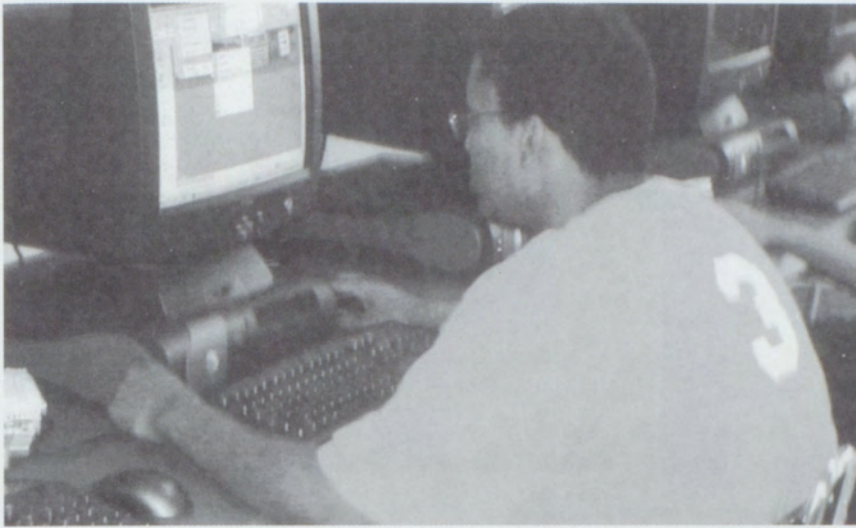
Left: Two students work together on their Power Point project in Mr. Armitage's Computer Applications I class.

Right: A group of freshmen visit quietly as they work on their assignments.





# ...So Do The IHS Computer Labs



Left: Joseph Gullick, junior, searches for information on the web in Mr. Cunningham's computer lab.

Right: Danni Buck, freshman, and Hilary Chapman, sophomore, finish their keyboarding assignment before the bell.



Left: A class of freshmen work hard in their computer applications class under the watchful eye of Mr. Armitage.



Below: Aubrey Heckman, sophomore, created this vase with cutouts of her hands applied to it in Mrs. Beyer's Ceramics I class.



Right: Drawing portraits is part of both the Drawing I and II classes. This portrait is in pencil.



Above: David Craig, sophomore, works on a portrait in Mrs. Unruh's Drawing II class.

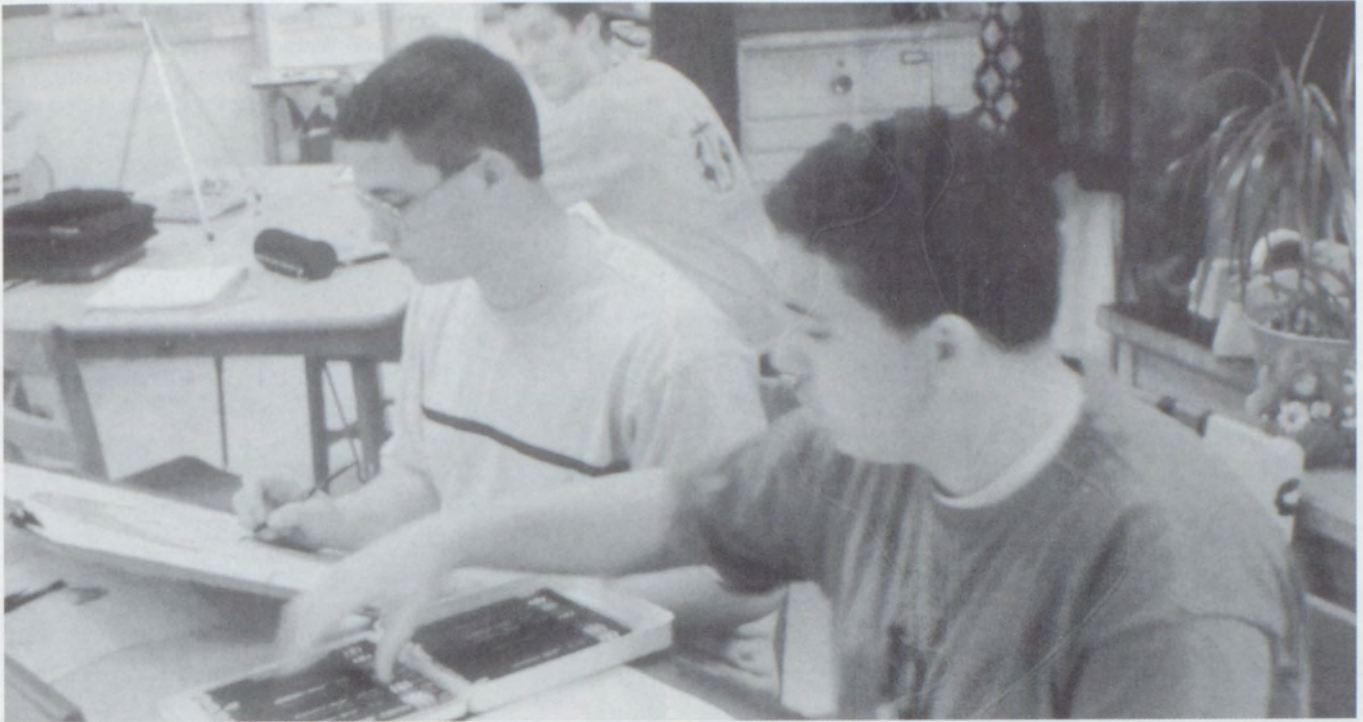


Right: Students made a variety of items such as vases, bowls and cups in Mrs. Beyer's ceramics classes.



# Art Classes Spur Creativity

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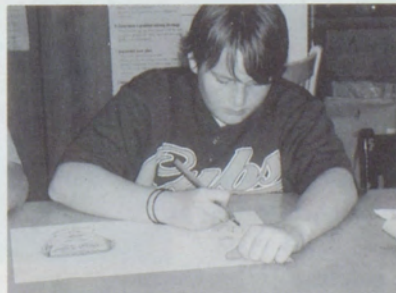
Eric Pouncil and Dondi Pippin, freshmen, add color to their drawings in Mrs. Unruh's drawing class.



Above: Mrs. Beyer's ceramics class displays some of their completed projects. Many students presented their work at the Expo.



Dustin Eytcheson, sophomore, works on his ceramics project during Mrs. Beyer's class.



Right: Tyson Schuler completes a portrait in Mrs. Unruh's drawing class.

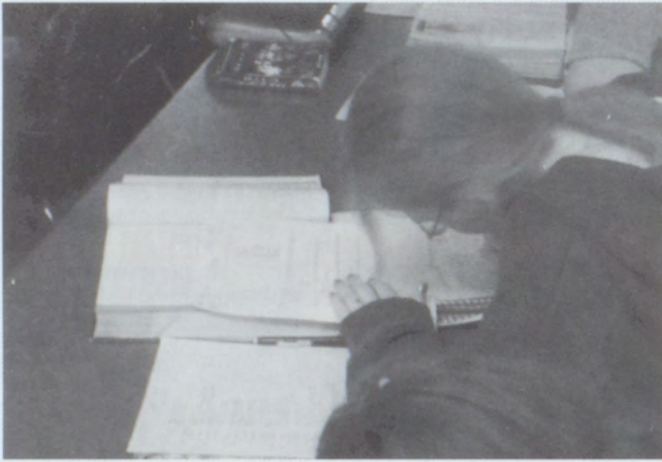


# The Past Comes Alive In

Below: Mr. Boehs explains the Roman Empire to Abby Roark, sophomore, during world history.



Below: It takes hard work and determination to earn an A in Mr. Boehs' world history class.

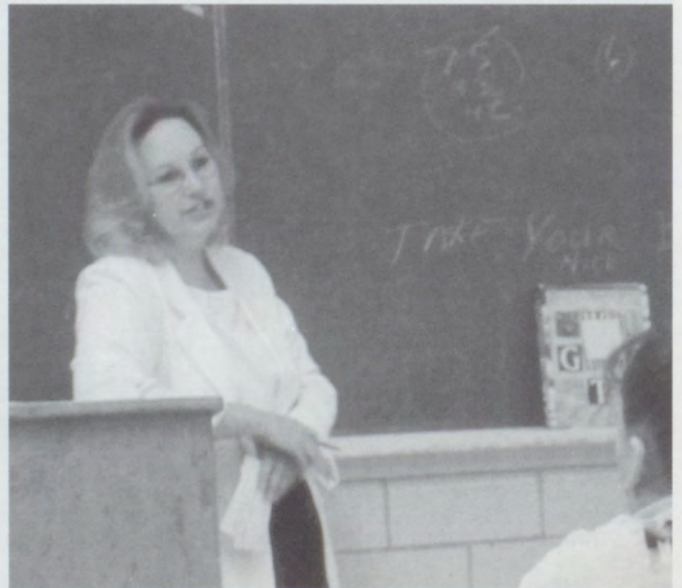


Below: Students listen intently as Mrs. Reichenberger teaches a lesson on the Civil War.



Above: From the teacher's perspective, the students are hard at work in world history.

Right: Mrs. Mowder explains the three branches of our government to her civics class.





## The IHS History Department

What do civics, world history, American history, and American government have in common? They are all required social studies classes. The social studies department includes Mr. Landwehr, Mr. Boehs, Mrs. Mowder, Mr. Coder, Mr. Emmot, and Mrs. Reichenberger. These teachers truly make history come to life.

Below: Emily Bannwarth, junior, rests during AP History.



Left: Marty Kelly, senior, acts as a judge in government class.

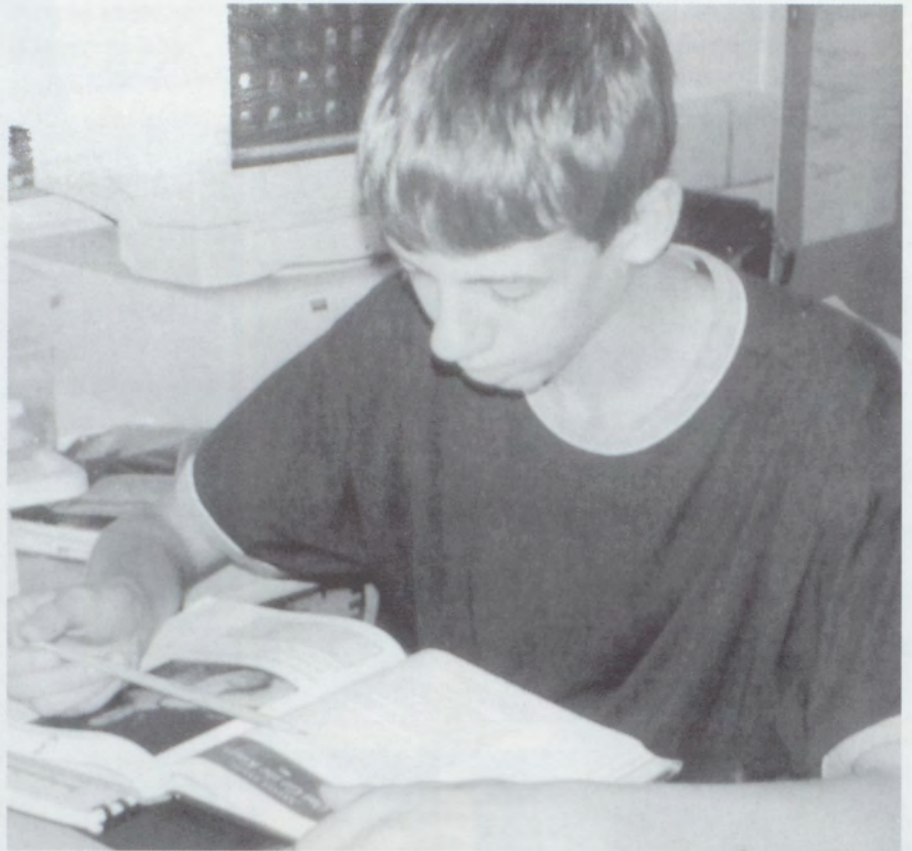
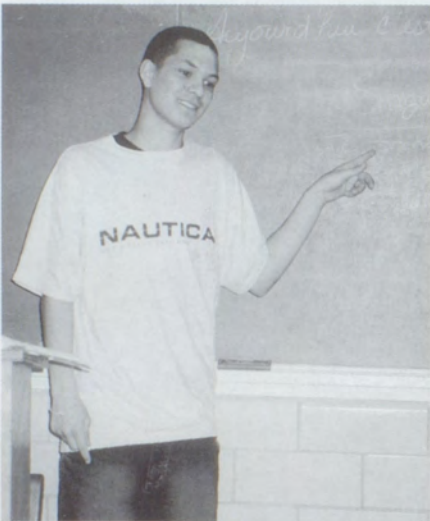
Above: A group of freshmen work together on studying maps in Mr. Coder's civics class.



# Foreign Language Classes

Right: Eric Cole, sophomore, studies from his Latin book for an upcoming test.

Below: Kurry Wilson, sophomore, teaches the other students the different verb tenses for Ms. McCray during his French class.



Above: Carrie Meadows, junior, Laura Rau and Julie Dumler, seniors, and Spencer White, freshman, play Twister during a French Club meeting.

Right: Travis Barnhart, junior, looks mystified as he tries to find the answer in his Latin book. Since there are so few Latin students, the class is held during a French class.

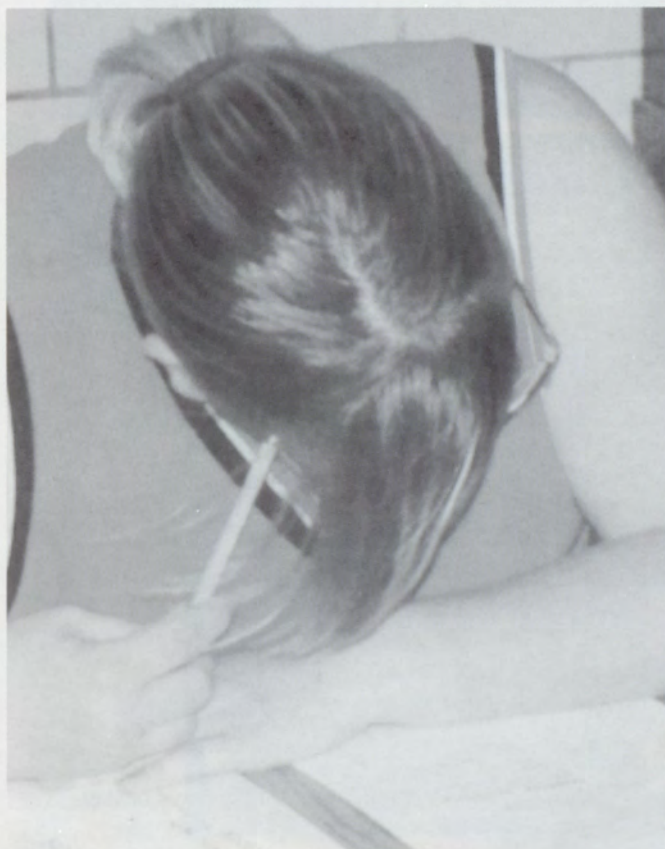
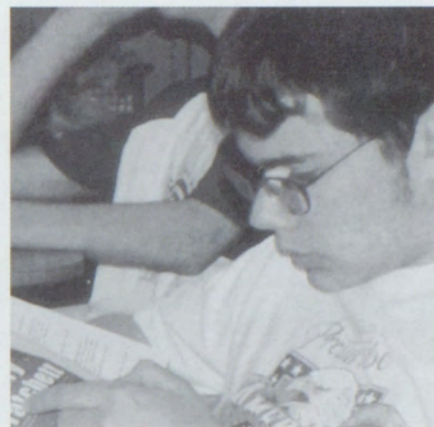


# Take Learning To New Places!



Left: Shannon Burns, freshman, works on Spanish 1 homework. Mrs. Sandoval gives students time to work on their homework during class.

Below: Brett Follmer, freshman, reads his book after finishing up his Spanish homework. If students get done with their work, Mrs. Sandoval lets them work on other assignments.



Left: Amber Dunham, freshman, struggles with a Spanish test she is trying to finish.



Above: Mrs. Sandoval looks over her class as they complete their assignments. Mrs. Sandoval teaches Spanish I-IV.



# Athletes Honored At Banquet



Lindsay Dunham, Lauren Freisberg, Jennifer Lawrence and Kelsey Stephens, seniors, give Mr. Null a signed bat from the softball team.



Above: Dustin Lutker, Keith Shepard and Zack Camacho, sophomores, discuss what sports they would like to join next year.

Right: Mrs. Speicher comments on the success of the volleyball players.



Mr. Runge reviews the boys basketball season.



# Students Receive Scholarships



These seniors were rewarded with scholarships. Front Row: Lauren Freisberg, Kara Thompson, Megan Brooks, Jennifer Lawrence, Laura Rau, Carrie Sanborn. Back Row: Zach Veits, Sarah Newkirk, Niki Roberts, Nathan Berg, Tommy Boggs and Julie Dumler.



Anthony Fagen shakes hands with Dr. Mock and Mr. Anderson while accepting his award.



Julie Dumler, senior, walks to the front to receive the Susanne Bell Memorial Scholarship at the Academic Banquet.

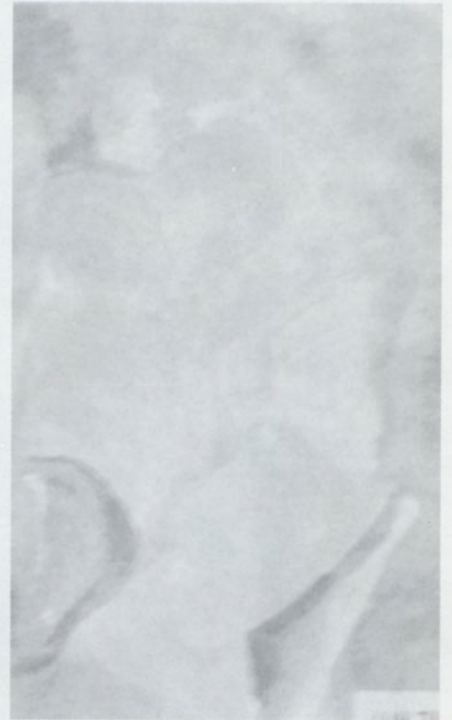


# Students ‘EXPOse’ Their Talent

Below: Cain Kinnamon, junior, shows his creativity with this carved trunk.



Right: Leah Tucker, freshman, is able to have her ability displayed with her flower drawing.



Above: This mask was handmade out of clay by Kris Bryant, junior. He was given a mold for the face shape and went from there.



Right: These are projects of the month made in Ms. Unruh's class. The students who made these projects were lucky enough to make them in the month of April so their projects were displayed during Expo.



Below: Students' creativity is expressed through different media as shown on the wall.



Left: The Expo sign was created by Ms. Unruh and was the first piece of art displayed.

Below: Laura Sanders, junior, created a tribute to Bob Marley for the Expo.



Niki Ellis, junior, displays her black and white abstract ink drawing.



# Thanks For The Good Times



## Ray Emmot

Years Taught: 32 Total Years

Places Taught:	Burlingame	1971-1973
	Pleasanton	1973-1975
	Frontenac	1975-1977
	Erie	1977-1981
	Independence	1981-2003

Classes: American History  
Government  
Current Events  
Criminal Law

Coached: Football - Burlingame State Champs 1972  
Boys Basketball-State Tournament three times,  
finishing second in 1992



## Wayne Landwehr

Year Taught: 35 Total Years

Places Taught:	Wichita	1968-1969
	Lovel, WY	1969-1970
	Galena	1970-1972
	Independence	1972-2003

Class: World History  
American History  
Consumer Survey  
Psychology

Coached: Academic Decathlon  
Chess Club  
Scholars Bowl







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# 2003 Moonlight Masquerade

Right: Sarah Newkirk and Zack Brown, seniors, share the traditional royal dance together after being named as the 2003 Prom Queen and King.

Below: Senior Eric Leoffler and date pause momentarily to pose for the camera. The mask was just one of the gifts attendees received from the junior class.



Above: For many students attending prom finding a means of transportation can be a challenge. For this group of students a large pontoon boat was a creative choice.

Right: Tricia Blankinship, junior, climbs the stairs to check in for prom.

Far Right: Juniors A.J. Steinle and Kelley Gorman take a moment to pose for family and friends at the walk-in.









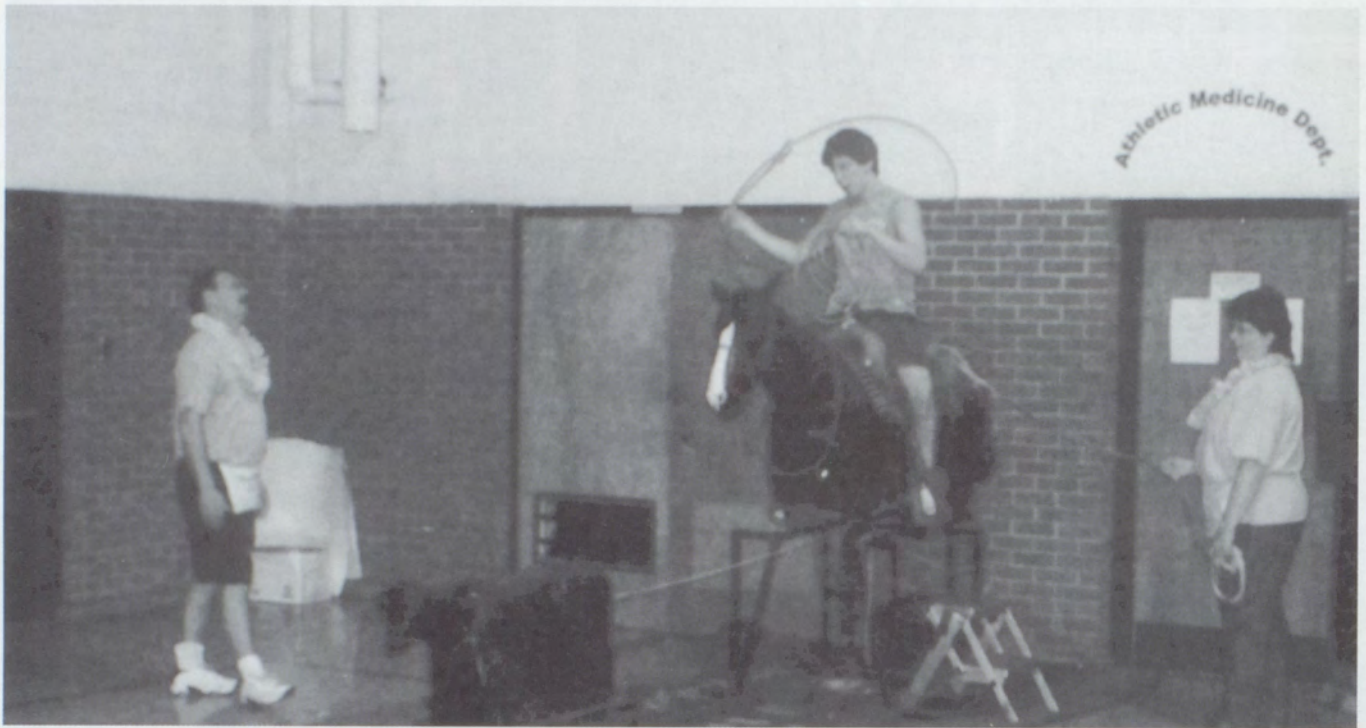








# Sunset Luau 2003



Round 'em Up! Chris Landrum, junior, takes a chance to play cowboy using the calf roping machine.



Above: The great keychain hunt is on while After Prom attendees search for their free gift. Of course, they have to find it first.

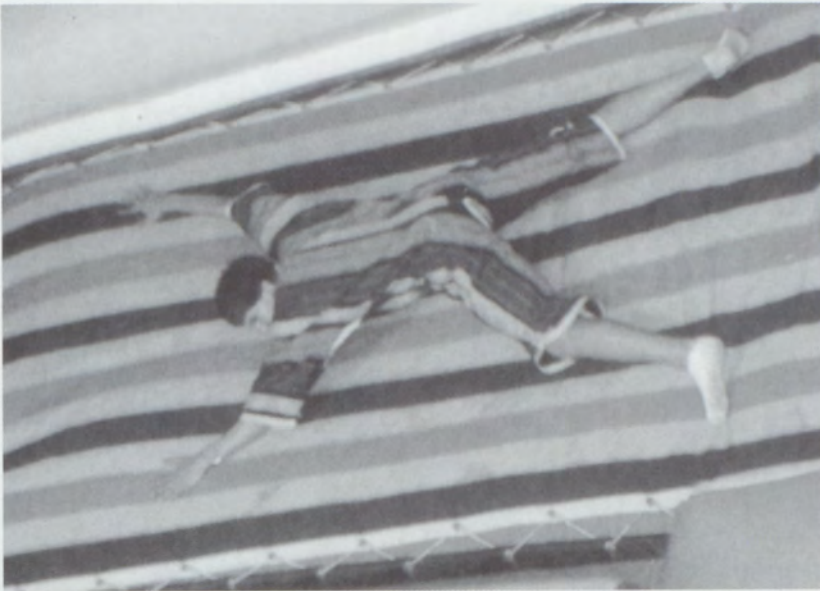
Right: Emily Van, junior, searches for ducks to win some bucks during one of the many After Prom games.



A true Sunset Luau could not be complete without a picture to remember it by as Brett Beurskens, senior, and Johna Surret, sophomore, understand.



# A Night to Remember



Left: Is that a fly on the wall? No, it's Daniel Oldenettel, junior, testing out the velcro wall, one of After Prom's favorite attractions.

Below: Good Food + Good Friends = A GREAT AFTER PROM, as these students can testify to while taking a break from the games to talk and eat.



Food, food and more food is part of the After Prom festivities as Ashley Goad, senior, demonstrates while sampling some of the many options.



Andy Greenhaw and his back up singers, A.J. Steinle, Bryan Emert and Tommy Connors, woo the audience with their version of "I Want It That Way," by the BackStreet Boys.



"Daddy Needs A New Pair of Shoes," and that is just what Jacob Stockton, sophomore, says to himself as he gambles for more money.



Junior Chris Mears lines up to toss a bean bag and possibly win some cash at the same time.



Mindy Buck, junior, tries her hand at tossing a cow pie.



# Browning Crowned Queen Neelah

Right: IHS varsity cheerleaders lead the 2002 Grand Parade with the Neewollah banner.

Below: Ramie Browning, senior, reigns as Queen Neelah LXI.



Karrie Ross, senior, sang a vocal solo from "Cats" for her talent presentation.



Queen Neelah and her court. Front row: Chimene Aguenou, Miss Fashion; Thelma Reeves, Miss Congeniality; Ashley Goad, Miss Poise; Megan Brooks, Miss Photogenic; Laura Rau, Miss Talent; Niki Roberts, Miss Personality; Nicole Stewart, Miss Originality; Bethanie White, Miss Interview; Anna Barbi, Miss Beauty. Back row: Jennifer Lawrence, Second Runner-up; Ramie Browning, Queen Neelah; and Kara Thompson, First Runner-Up.



Candidate Tabor Porter and her escort Ben Klamm, junior, enter Memorial Hall during the Queens Processional.



Nine sophomores served as Neelah Debs. Front row: Ashley Ramos, Paige Pasternak, Allison Emmot, Lisa Reddy. Back row: Tara Posch, Mollie Friesen, Aubrey Heckman, Jaci Friesen and Meghan Kelly



Ten IHS seniors acted as stage escorts for coronation. Front row: Scott Shepard, Simon Heckman, Dustin Johnson, Nick Schabel. Back row: Jared Gorman, Bryan Emert, Zach Viets, Mike Pokorny and Lee Dent.







# Faculty Denies Senior Win



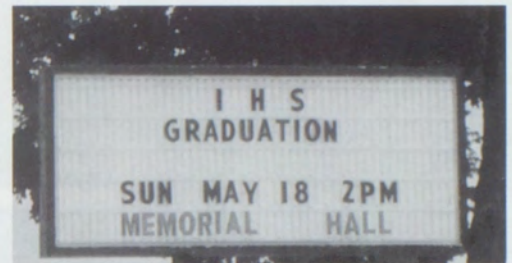


# IHS Class of 2003 Graduates 142



Left: Board members, Dr. Mock, Mr. Runge, Zach Viets, Laura Rau and Mr. Anderson listen as the concert band plays "Pomp and Circumstance."

Below: IHS's 118th graduating class received their diplomas at ceremonies held at Memorial Hall.



Zach Viets, valedictorian, urges his classmates to remember the love their parents have shown for them and the encouragement their teachers have shown for them.



Laura Rau, salutatorian, receives her diploma from USD #446 board member Bill Newkirk.



Dr. Cindy Sherwood, board member, presents Kelsey Stephens with her diploma.



Lauren Freisberg and Zach Viets received the Kansas Athletic Association citizenship awards.



The concert choir, under the direction of Mr. Annable, sing "Praise His Holy Name" during the ceremony.



# Those Were The Days My Friend



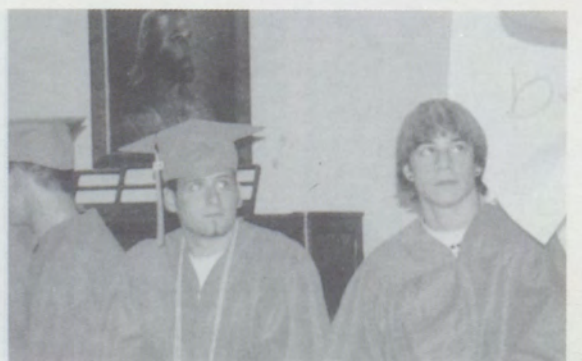


# We'd Thought They'd Never End





# Seniors Make Memories In May



















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# Renaissance Salutes Top Grades



Mrs. Edwards writes frantically as Mrs. Lundt calls students' names over the microphone.

Renaissance hosts a big assembly at the beginning of the year to encourage the incoming freshmen to sign up for Renaissance and achieve good grades. The existing faculty honors the new teachers and staff for joining the school.



Joy Chaput, freshman, picks up a packet for making good grades. Many area businesses contribute money and prizes to commend the students' hard work.



Hustle means jog!



Zack Brown, senior, shows off his hole punch to Simon Heckman and Zach Viets, seniors.



Niki Roberts and Karrie Ross, seniors, pass out packets containing candy, notecards, highlighters, paper and coupon booklets.



# Lights, Camera, Action! ! !



Media 2 - Front Row: Bret Rannells. Second Row: Davis Craig, Alex Moore, Kevin Hardy, Derek Long, Gary Sylvas. Third Row: Lea Shepard (instructor), Mary Tucker, Kayla Pate and Tara Posch.



Above: Gary Sylvas kicks back during a stressful day of media. Programming Channel 14 is one of the big jobs for Media 2; it supplies the community with information regarding all district schools.



Mrs. Shepard hands out orders for IHS Times and the end-of-the-year video. The Media 2 class films, edits and interviews all year to create shows aired on Channel 14. In addition to sporting events, the prom walk-in and graduation are shown on this channel.



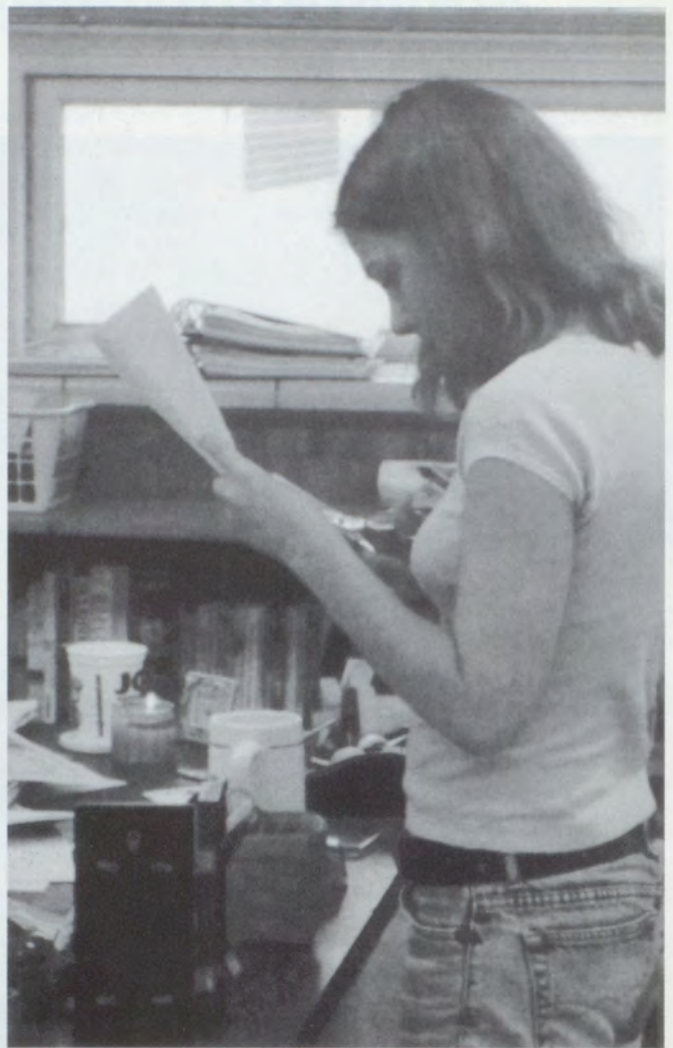
Right: Derek Long shows Kevin Hardy editing procedures. The Media 2 class uses two different editing programs: Linear and Digital Editing.



Right: Junior Tricia Blankinship can only think of being careful as she trims up a photo to complete her page.

Right: Pictures and captions is the life Lauren Freisberg, senior, is living while she puts together a layout for the boys tennis team.

Below: The slightest mistake can ruin a perfect page and Heather Greer, junior, is not about to let that happen as she looks over the yearbook proofs for corrections that need to be made.



## Yearbook Memories Are Made

For this year's Orange and Black staff life was all about hustle and bustle. There were pictures to take, stories to write and memories to make. This year's staff set out on a journey of creativity. Those lucky enough to take part were Seniors Lacy Chubb, Lindsay Dunham, Lauren Freisberg, Ashley Goad, Robyn Kemp and Caroline Mitchell, as well as Juniors Tricia Blankinship, Samantha Cain, Ashley Castorena, Amy Farlow, Heather Greer, Jessica Keath, Megan Lawson, Kayla Pate and Jammi Stair. Also along for the ride was Mrs. Cox, yearbook advisor, and Mr. Dean, student

teacher. The first struggle the staff faced was to create a theme for the book that would reflect the school. After several options for the theme were discussed, Slightly Off Center was chosen. The theme allowed for creativity and fun, as the cover reflects. As assignments were handed out, the staff went to work with the lingering idea to focus on making memories for the school and their fellow students. They covered sports from soccer to the dance team, academics from science to media, events from the musical to the Kansas Assessment tests and people from the students to the faculty of IHS. The staff also had to work through the problems of creating layouts and

designs that suited the events, sports, or subjects they were covering. However, under special conditions layouts for the book were created exclusively by the staff, adding a personal touch to this year's book. The staff also had the joy and opportunity to alphabetize the names of all the students in the school according to class, spending late evenings taking pictures, and answering the never-ending question of "Who is this person?" All in all the staff united, rose to the challenge and created a book that will serve as a reminder to everyone of the year's events, joys and accomplishments.



Lindsay Dunham, senior, works to create a page for the yearbook using a computer aided program from Lifetouch.



# 2002 - 2003 Orange and Black



Left: Robyn Kemp, senior, works to create a layout that will go with the pictures she has already selected for her design.

Below: Jammi Stair, junior, uses an older IHS yearbook for some new ideas on her track pages.



Below: "Mr. Dean will you come here?" is a question that is heard often in yearbook. Mr. Dean, a student teacher, works to help Jessica Keath, junior, on a photo and cutline.



Lacy Chubb, senior, and Ashley Castorena, junior, scope out the yearbook proofs so they can catch a glimpse of what all their hard work will look like.



Sometimes you just need to relax, and that is what Ashley Castorena, junior, is after while she tries to gather some ideas.



Above: Jessica Keath, Mr. Dean, Amy Farlow and Lacy Chubb work on various projects to get the yearbook done.

Right: Ashley Goad, senior, comes up with a plan for a freshly cropped photo.







Left: Jesse Overfield, junior, accepts his award at the assembly.

Below: Students recognized for their excellence on the Kansas Assessments.



## Students Recognized For Effort

The Kansas Assessments awards assembly recognized those who excelled on the assessments. Each year the state assesses student achievement in the areas of reading, writing, math, and social studies. Students received a certificate of achievement and an ice cream sandwich.



Zach Barnett, junior, shakes hands with Mrs. Luthi while accepting his award with sticky fingers.



# Entrepreneurship Shows Skills



Infinity - First Row: Chris Robb, Terry O'Dell, Candice Heathman. Second Row: Lensi LaForge, Ashley Goad, Mallory Myers, Kelley Gorman. Third Row: Jacob Britton, Kyndon Oakes, Ben Klamm, Devin Genisse, Justin Myers, Ryan Clark, Cole Wittum, Matt Barnes, and Jared Gorman.



Dejavu - First Row: Jesse Overfield, Seth Rester. Second Row: Kristin Murray, Tricia Blankinship, Miranda Cadle, Emily Morrell, Emily Lybarder, David Cornett, Amber Shobe, Steven Foraker, Brandon Kinney. Third Row: Kayla Pate, John Heathman, A.J. Steinle, Brian McHugh, and Tony Leon.



The bulldog license plate, an Infinity product, was a big seller this year and a way for students and parents to show their school spirit.



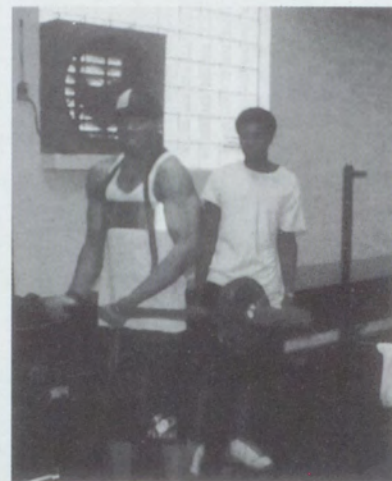
Above: Abby Christensen and Chelsea Chaney work on finishing their products. Infinity sold the Bulldog window clings.



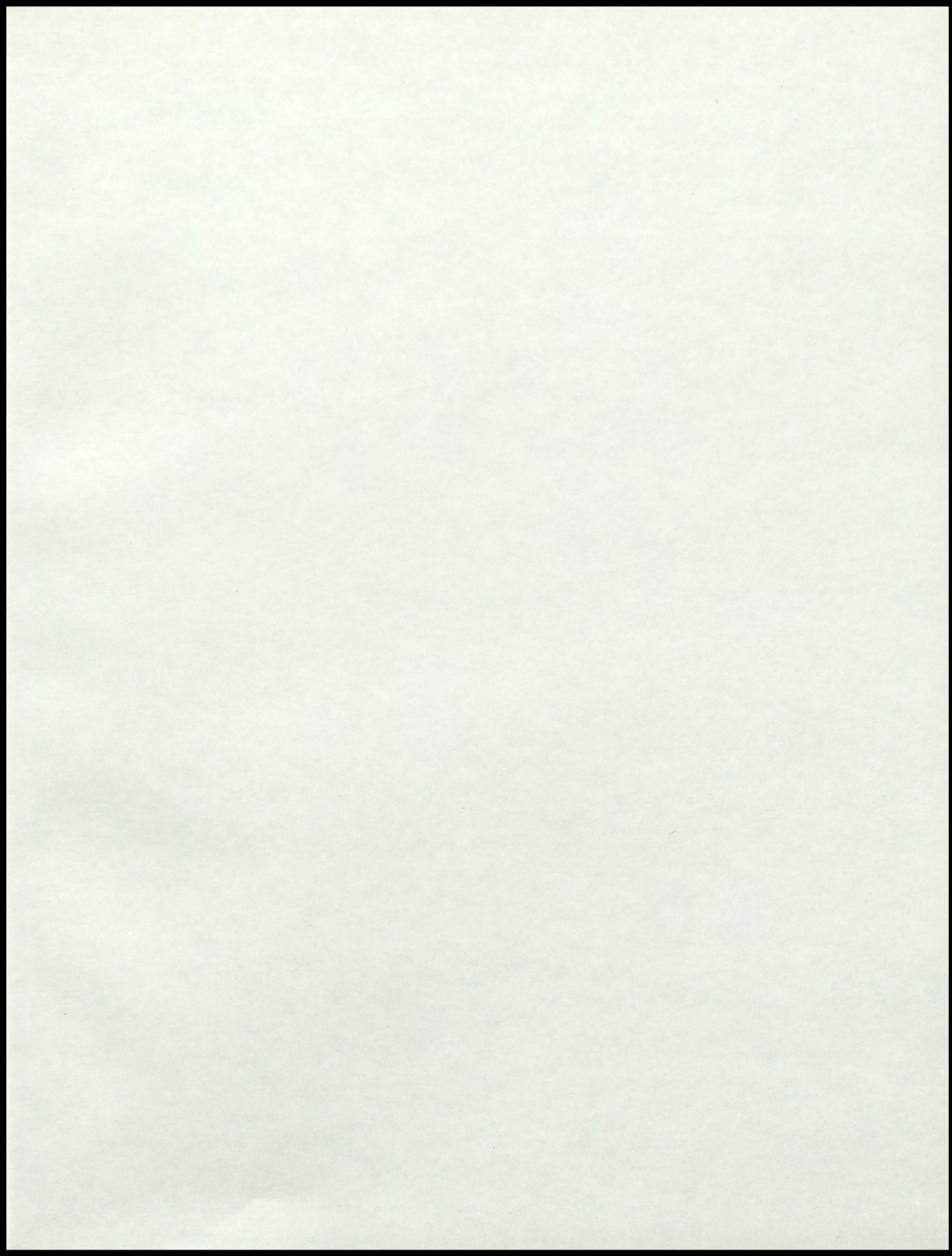
Left: The only product from Dejavu this year was a calendar. The calendar not only had pictures of various IHS students, but also contained students' birthdays and IHS sporting events.



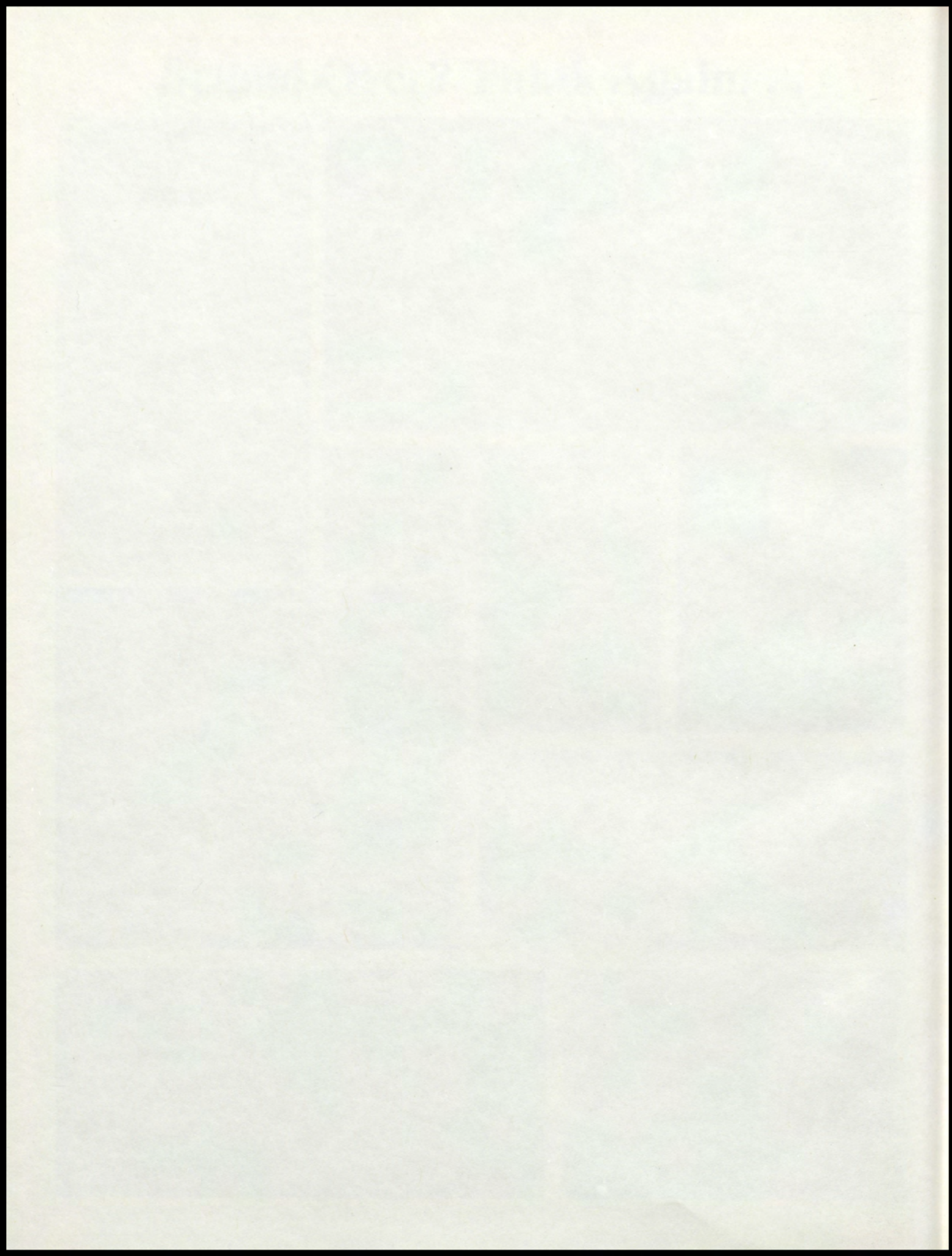
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