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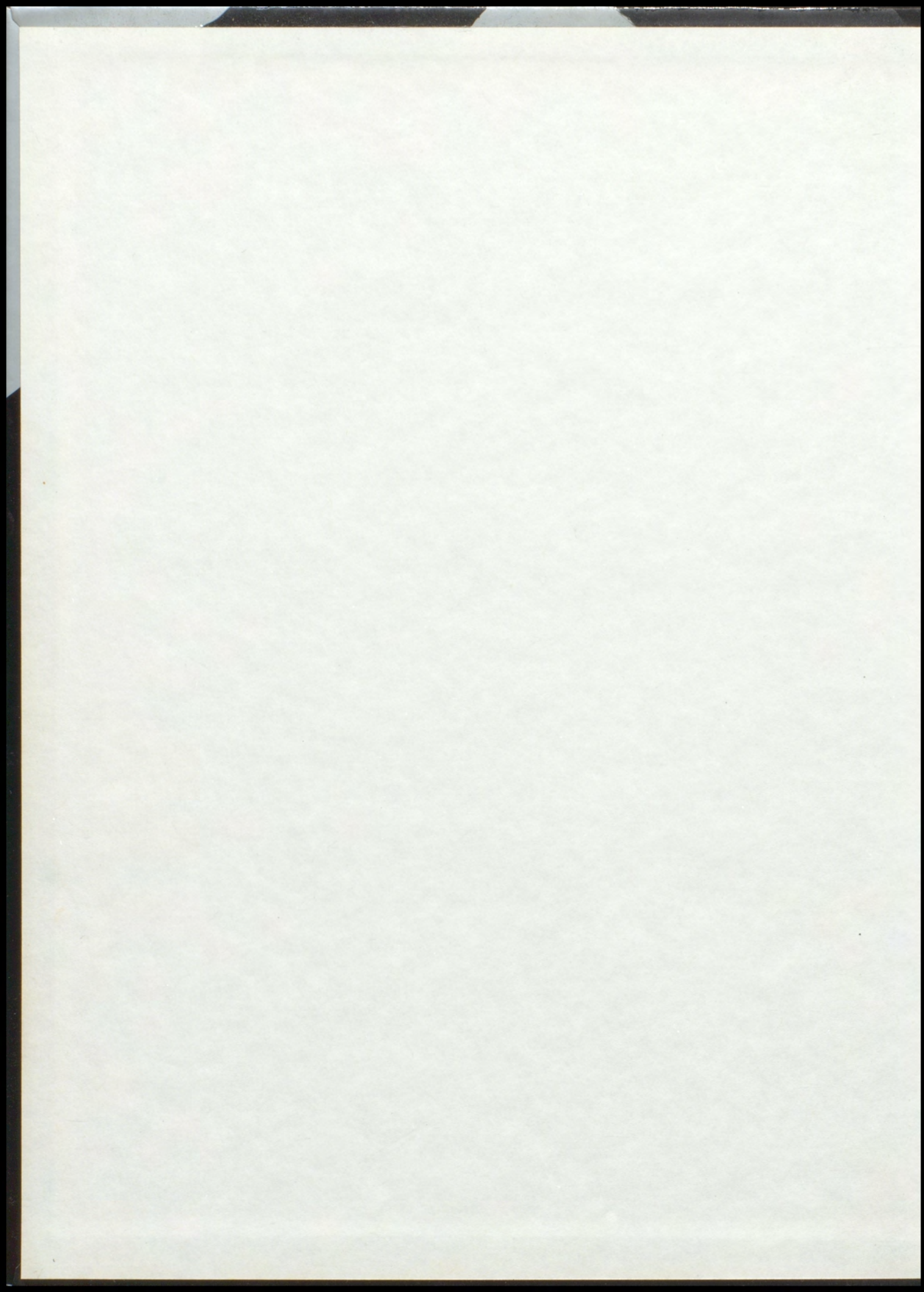


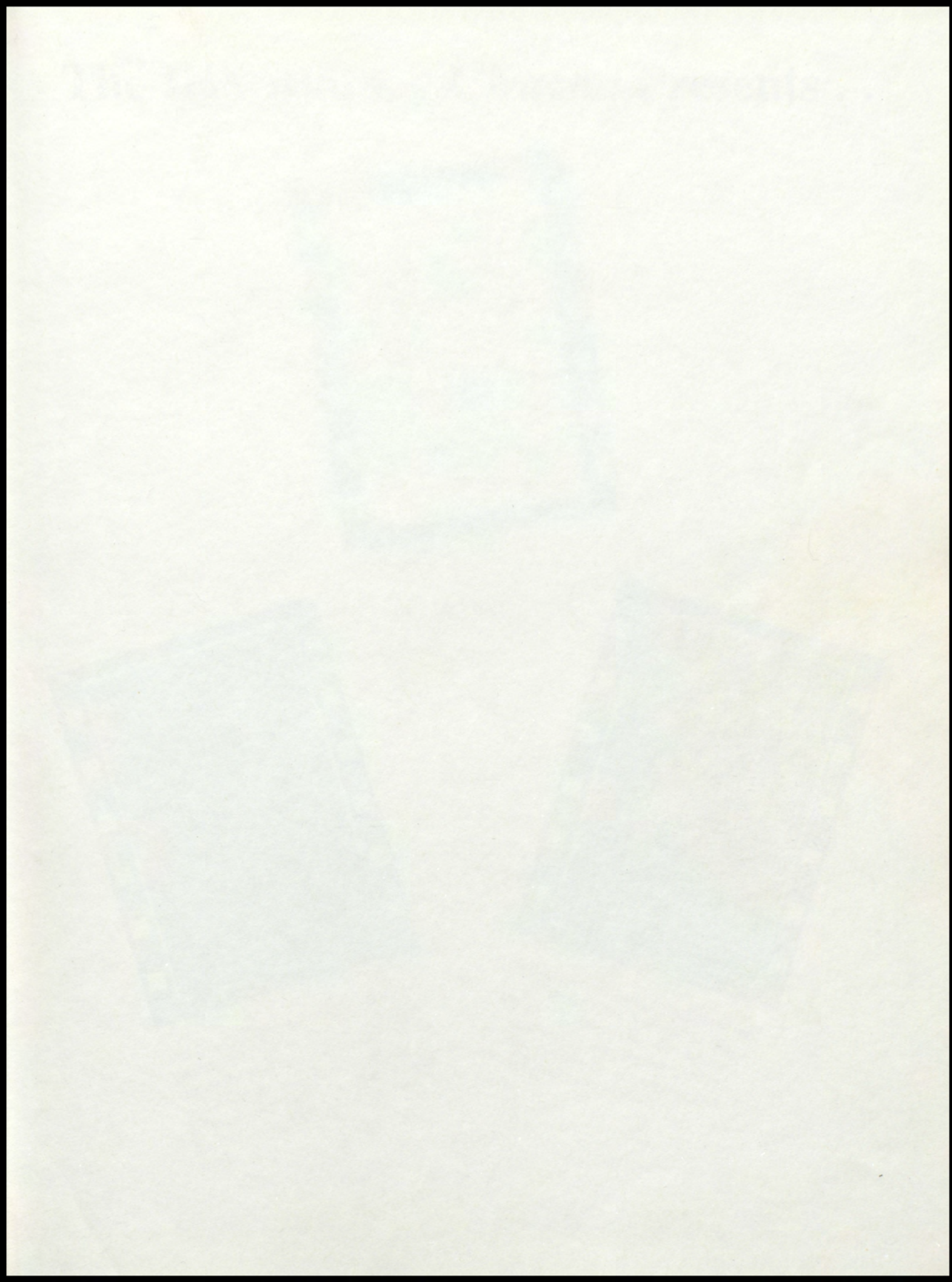
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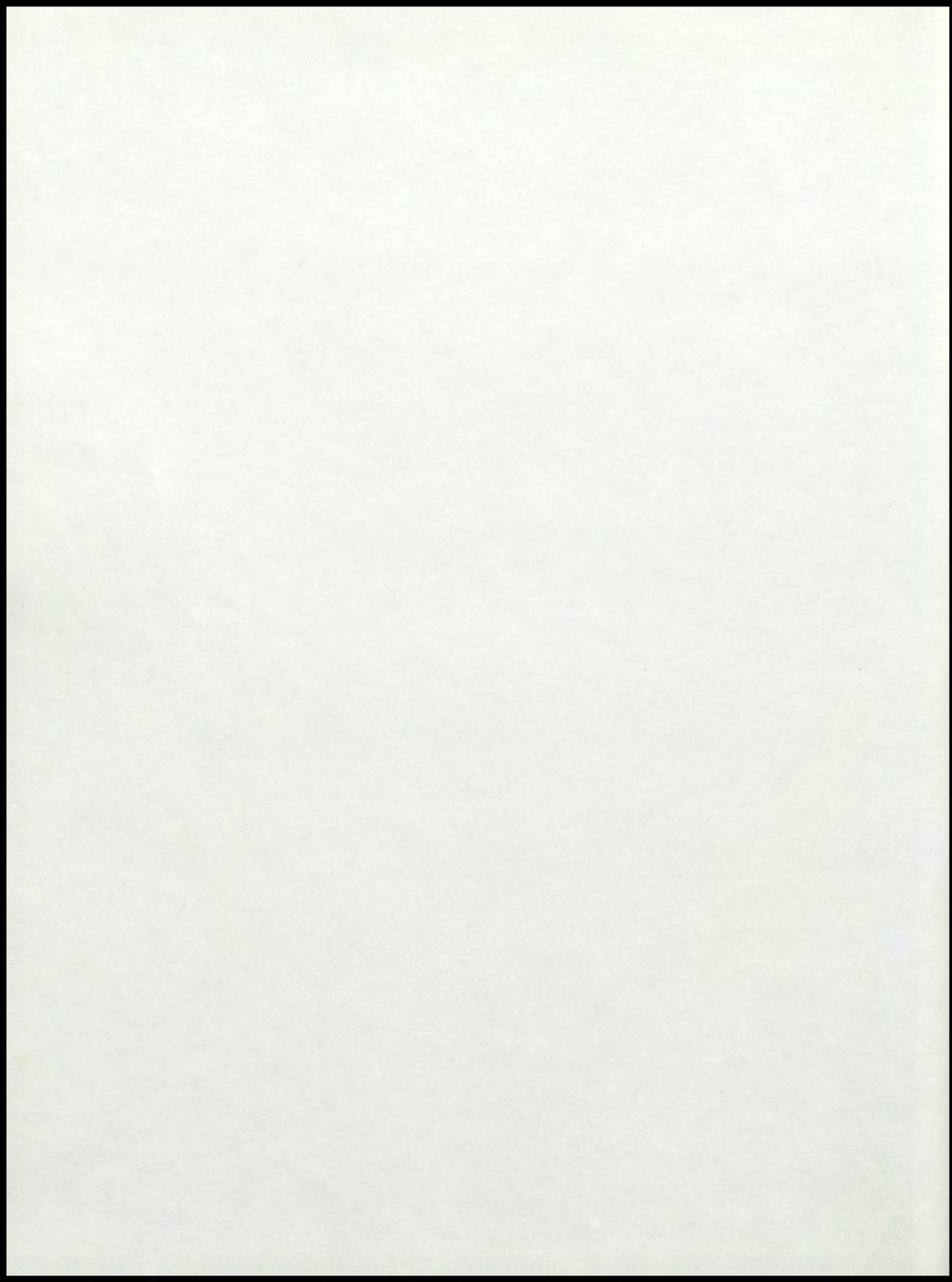
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2004

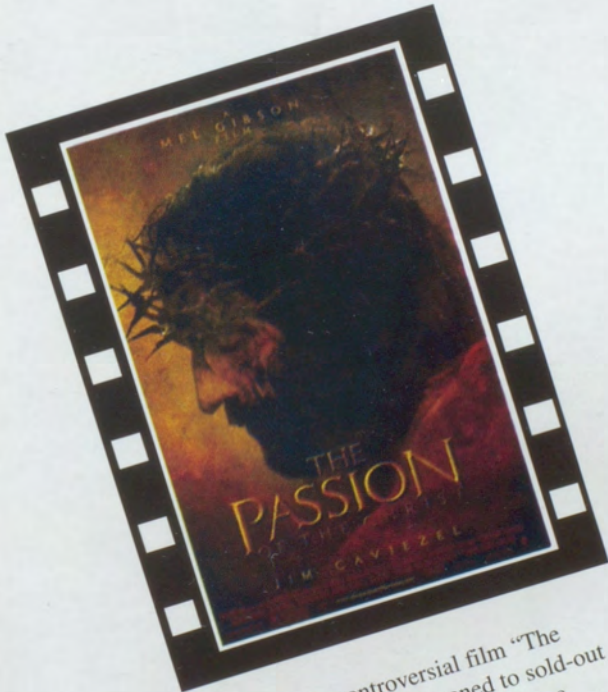




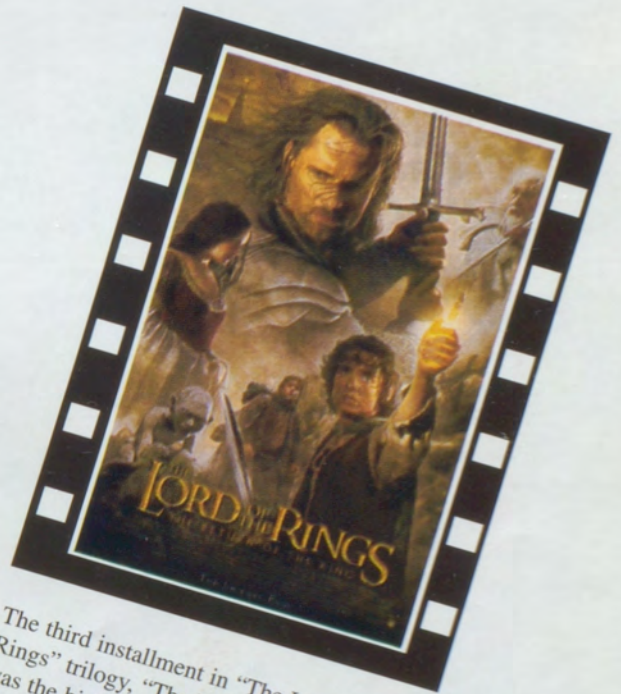


# The IHS Bulldog Cinema Presents . .

Ideas for yearbook themes are never easy. Getting an entire staff to actually AGREE upon a theme is nearly impossible. Our idea was hatched during the ride home from a Kansas Scholastic Press workshop at KU, and our concept relies strongly upon the idea that YOU are the STAR of this production. We incorporated movie titles into the headlines of our pages believing that IHS is a daily combination of action-adventure, drama and comedy. On with the show . . . .



Mel Gibson's controversial film "The Passion of the Christ" opened to sold-out crowds the week of Easter and has a worldwide gross of over \$600 million dollars to date. The film screened locally for nine weeks, longer than any other movie.



The third installment in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, "The Return of the King," was the big winner at the 2004 Academy Awards with 11 wins, including Best Picture. The film has grossed over \$1.1 billion dollars worldwide.

# Class of 2004 Lives It Up

(Right) Queen Neelah candidates Chelsea Chaney, Mallory Myers, Jessica Dillon, and Emily Bannwarth have a good laugh downtown after they marched through the parade.



(Below) A.J. Steinle and Tiffany Barker help decorate the 100 Hall during Spirit Week.



(Below) Tyler Lowdon gets a hug from his mom after opening his acceptance letter to the Air Force Academy.



(Above) Jessica Dillon, Brooke Rothgeb, Bryan Mayes, Jason Watson, and Trevor Tow have some fun at the teacher basketball game.

(Right) Sara Hoyt prepares to write a message in Brooke Rothgeb's senior memories book.

# Starring The Class of 2004



Matthew Alban



Brandon Michael  
Alvarez



Ashley Anderson



Jordan Joseph  
Bagley



Emily Bannwarth



Tiffany Marie Barker



Matthew Barnes



Travis Wayne  
Barnhart



Class Officers: Melissa McDaniel, vice president; Audrey Gross, president; Chelsea Chaney, secretary; Emily Bannwarth, treasurer.



Drew Edward  
Barrette



Tiffany Bechtle



Abigail Anna Belcher



Alicia Lee Belt



Daniel Thomas  
Beverly



Cody J. Beyer



Tricia Lynn  
Blankinship



Brent Jacob Bohr



Jessica Boyle



Adam Wayne Bright



Jacob Aaron Britton



Marty Brown





Alex Dean Bruening



Kristopher Bradly  
Bryant



Melinda Sue Buck



Tommy Butler



Samantha Lee Cain



Zachary James  
Caldwell



Kimberly Marie  
Carnagey



Ashley Castorena



Chelsea Chaney



Abigail Coe  
Christensen



Thomas J. Connors



Doug Buckles



Floyd Cox



Chad Lee Coy



Michael Dean  
Cunningham



Nicholas R.  
Daugherty



Andrew Ryan Demo



Ricky Lee Denning



Teddy Charles Devore



Jessica Marie Dillon



Leslie Diane Dillon



Megan Dodson



Buddy Lee Dupuis



Niki Ellis



Kyle Wayne Evans



Amy Ruth Farlow



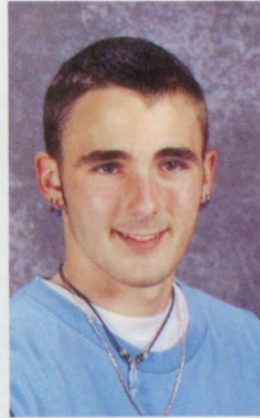
Sara Marie Fontes



Megan Fowler



Devin Geniesse



Michael G. Gibbons



Kelley Radin Gorman



Andy Greenhaw



Heather Michelle  
Greer



Audrey Elizabeth  
Gross



Joseph Andrew  
Gullick



Stephany Hackler



Tamara Marie Hailey



Joseph E. Hall



Jeremy Hallett



Jessica M. Hambleton



Elishya Victoria  
Harris



Kimberly Lyn Hart



Candice Lynne  
Heathman



Nicholas Anthony  
Hilyard



Scott Hogan



Jack L. House



Sara Elizabeth Hoyt



Tabatha Lorean  
Jacques



Aridan D. Johnson



Stacey R. Twilley



Deshon Jones



Lashon Jones



Matthew Kadel



Sarah Kaiser



Jessica D. Keath



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Ronald Harris Jr.



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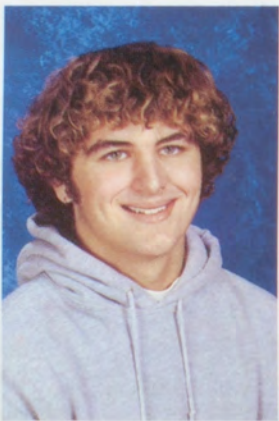
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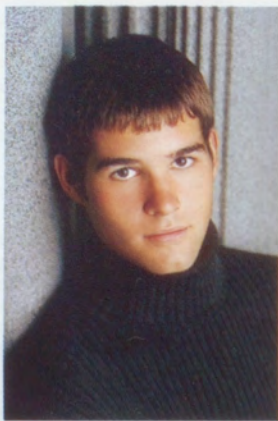
Megan Lawson



Nakeya Elena Lee



Michael Leon



Tyler Whitney  
Lowdon



Madison June Lumm



Zachary Lumm



Emily Lybarger



Christina MacRae



Christopher William  
Marshall



John P. Matthews II



Bryan Mayes



Dillon McCole



Melissa Elaine  
McDaniel



Brian Larry McHugh



Mary McLaughlin



Carrie Beth Meadows



Christopher Forrest  
Mears



Allison Jean Merritt



Shanna Marie  
Monroe



Tiffany Ann Monroe



Monica Faye Muller



Kristin Leann Murray



Mallory Michelle  
Myers



Kyndon Bradford  
Oakes



Daniel Oldenettel



Jessie Ottley



Jesse Lee Overfield



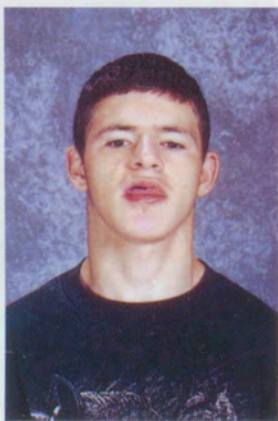
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Urvish H. Patel



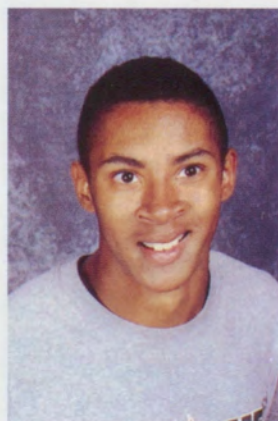
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Joshua A.D. Perry



Brittney Gayle Potter



Davano L. Pouncil



Jordan Michael  
Radcliff





Nathan David Rail



Michael Randolph



Jeremiah Dewayne  
Raney



Crystal Ann Riggle



Brooke Renee  
Rothgeb



Jerald Kasey Rowe



Megan Nykole Royse



Isaiah Andrew Sack



Susan Renee  
Salisbury



Laura Jo Sanders



Christopher D.  
Schlotman



Grant Shaffer



Jared Conway Shull



Leah Small



Amber Lynn Smith



Nicki Marie Spears



Jammi Sue Stair



Aaron Wayne Stark



Adrian Steinle



Matthew Sumner



Heather Nichole  
Sutton



Gary Marcell Sylvas



Ashley Jo Tate



Senior Class Student Profiles



Trevor Daniel Tow



Megan Renee Trabuc



Cole Sherwood  
Uttinger



Anthony Vail



Tia D. Valentine



Emily Van



Joshua Eugene-Lee  
Vincent



Jason Allen Watson



Malinda Carleen  
Williams



Cole F. Wittum



Andrew Logan  
Wright



Matthew Ysusi

# Senior Class Makes Memories

(Right) Seniors leave the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church at the conclusion of the Baccalaureate service.



(Far Right) Kasey Rowe and Jessica Hambleton help each other with their robes on graduation day.



(Below) A group of seniors pose for a picture on Orange and Black Day during Spirit Week.



Megan Fowler and Scott Hogan have fun at the semi-formal.



Senior members of the boy's basketball team get recognized at a pep assembly.

# Also Starring the Class of 2005



Samantha Adams



Andrew Allen



Jacob Allen



Heather Alt



Rachael Alt



Lena Anderson



Corey Artherton



Kevin Baker



Melissa Barker



Shanee Barnard



Frankie Beisly



Mathew Bennett



Tiffany Bennett



Johnny Best



Erica Black



Robert Blaker



Dane Blumer



Natasha  
Branham



Junior Class Officers include Megan Kirk, vice-president; Aubrey Heckman, secretary; Allison Emmot, president and Kevin Hardy, treasurer.



De-Jhon Britt



Melisia Brown



Cole Burns



Samantha  
Bynum



Miranda Cadle



Zackary  
Camacho



Kylie Carlyle



Alyssa Castorena



Hilary Chapman



Stephanie Clark



Nathan Cloe



Eric Cole



Leroy Compton



Geoffrey Corle



Jonathan Couch



William Couch



Ashley Council



David Craig



Thomas  
Crittenden



Amanda Crozzer



Malarie Debo



Charles Downing



Andrew Drake



Tory Dreger



Amaya Dupuis



Allison Emmot



Crystal  
Eytcheson



Dustin Eytcheson



Joshua Ferguson



Andrea Finney



Joshua Goodman



Cody Goza



Ashley Granado



Skyler Greene



Michael Grimes



Ashley Hancock



Kevin Hardy



Aubrey Heckman



Christopher  
Hemelrick



Shane Henderson



Thomas  
Henderson



David Hershy



Dustin Hiebsch



Daniel Hillyard



Jamie Hinthorn



Daniel Hough



Joseph Housel



Chad Jarrett



Autumn Jennings



Zach Jolly



Christopher  
Jones



Nathan Jones



Neal Julian



Ryan Kadel



Tiffany Kane



Bret Kelley



Meghan Kelly



Katy Kendrick



Mitchell Kent



Joshua King



Jessica Kuhn



Megan Kirk



Kolby Lanning



Danielle Leoffler



David Loganbill



Corey Long



Dustin Lutker



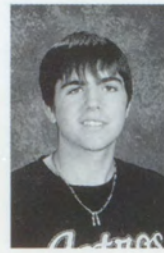
Jacquelyn Lyon



Amy Majewski



John Maley-  
Green



Seth Malloy



Halle Manning



Andrea Marinari



Brett Mead



Lowell Miller



Ryan Modich



Alexander Moore



Emily Morrell



Meike Muller



Jessica Munding



Sheena  
Musgrove



Justin Myers



Kayleigh Nichols



Charles Oliver



Skyler Overton



Christopher  
Owens



Paige Pasternak



Bridget Penrod



England Porter



Tara Posch



# Co-Starring the Class of 2006



Ashley Powers



September  
Radcliff



Ashley Ramos



Bret Rannels



Nicholas Rau



Lisa Reddy



Juanita Riedle



Tanner Ringle



Abigail Roark



Christopher  
Robb



Holly  
Roggentine



Jennifer Rowe



Quincy Rowland



Annie Russell



Steve Schadeberg



Samantha Schiler



Matthew Schuler



Brandon Shatney



Amber Shobe



Bailey Smith



Sarah Smith



Timothy Smith



Amber Smith-  
Baysinger



Travis Smither



Corey Stair



Michelle Staley



Joshua Stewart



Jacob Stockton



Dana Sullivan



Johna Surret



Bryan Taylor



Amy Tompson



Kyndall  
Thompson



Jordan Thomsen



Rosemary  
Timmerman



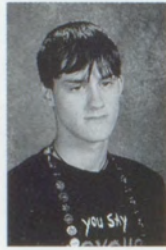
Anthony Tucker



Mary Tucker



Kimri Vance



Dusty Vaughn



Michaela Veith



David Vest



Jeremiah Wallace



Lance Walters



Zhao Wang



Natasha Warriner



Joyia Watson



Brandon Webb



Emery Weimer



Matthew Whitley



Skyla Whittet



Kurry Wilson



Tori Wilson



Ryan  
Winebrenner



Justin Wright

**Not Pictured**  
Trent Allen  
Joseph Crozzer  
Jacob Eytcheson  
Arthur Irving  
Dustin James  
Michael Knisley

Patrick Narcho  
Nicholas Segebert  
Cory Shawver  
Ross Smith  
Matthew Wulfekuhle



Nathan Kinnard

# Co-Starring the Class of 2006



Brett Affolter



Jeremy Alford



Sherri Allen



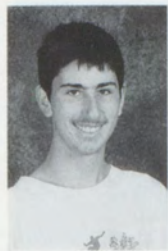
Nichole  
Anderson



Jessica Arnold



Megan Bagley



Jack Barber



Jessica Barnett



Brandon Bell



Brent Berberick



Dustin Berberick



Andrew Beshears



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Brandy  
Blackway



Christine Brady



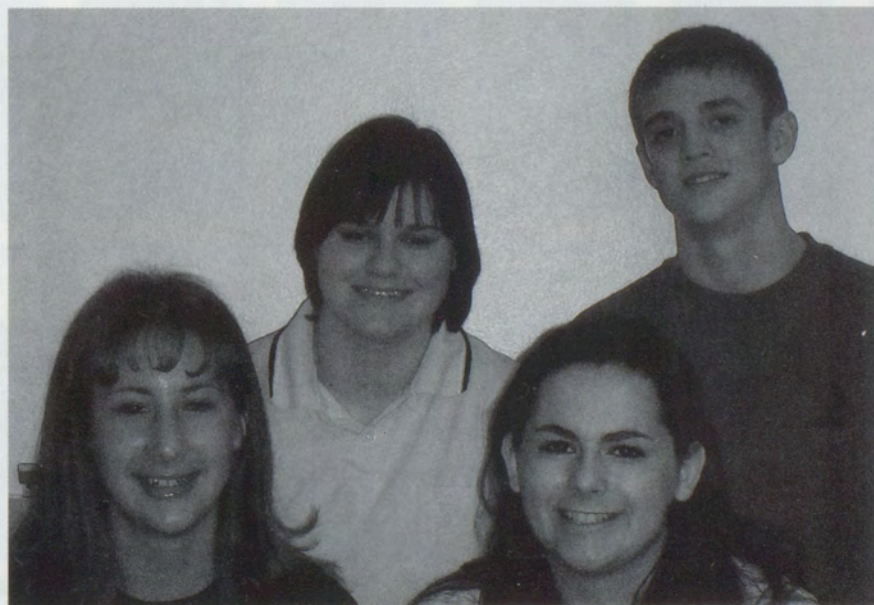
Travis Brock



Dante Brown



Trevor Bruening



IHS Sophomore Class Officers (Front Row) Joslyn Kusiak, vice president; Mallory Trabuc, treasurer. (Back Row) Joy Chaput, secretary; and Keith Shepard, president.

Co-Starring the Class of 2006



Jeremy  
Bruington



Danielle Buck



William Burnett



Shannon Burns



Charles Byrd



Sara Carter



Donna Castillo



Joy Chaput



Thomas Childers



Kevin Clark



Sarah Coder



Lisa Cole



Johnathon  
Compton



Jordan Conley



Lachlan Connell



Jacob Connors



Andrew Cook



Lisa Corbett



Madison Corle



Elizabeth Cornell



Makalah  
Cunningham



Lance Darnell



Ryan Dexter



Amberlea  
Dunham



Leah Dunham



Lydia Ellingburg



Lisa Erbe



Amber  
Eytcheson



Hillary Farmer



Thomas Fay



Brett Follmer



Louandri Fourie



Justin Gonzales



Maggie Gorman



Sadé Graham



Jacob Graven



Megan Grove



Nicholas  
Grunigen



Amanda  
Hancock



Christopher  
Harder



Nicholas Hart



Joshua Hastings



Lacie Hawthorne



Allen Hayse



Nicholas Hilton



Tamara Holland



Jannette Honan



Billy House



Parisa Ighani



Rebecca Ivey



Jonathan Jesse



Omar Jimenez



Cameron  
Johnson



Daphanie Keath



Scott Keath



Beth Kelley



Caitlin Kelly



Sheldon Kerr



Andrew Kimzey



Heather King



Travis Kolb



Joslyn Kusiak



Jessi Lane



Chelsea Laswell



Kimberly Leon



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



Elizabeth  
McLaughlin



Nicholas Mears



Traci Mills



Benjamin  
Mitchell



Adriana Moreno



Michael Morris



Destiny Muller



Joseph Muninger



Sabrina Mydland



Zachary Myers



Douglas  
Newman



Joshua  
Oldenettel



Gregory Owens



Karlee Passauer



Devish Patel



Om Patel



Virenkumar Patel



Nathan Perry



Dondi Pippin



Eric Pouncil



Ann-Marie Price



Irene Quigley



Brianna Radell



Brigette Ramsey



Kaci Randels



Elizabeth Raney



Jaime Reddy



Kody Reed



Derek Reyes



Robert Riggs



Morgan Rinck



Charlie  
Rosenhoover



Nicole Rothgeb



Charles Rowe



Corey Sanders



Jonathan Santee



Maggie Schabel



Jennifer Schad



Beau Schuler



Tyson Schuler



Chad Shaffer



Gared Shaffer



Brett Shaw



Crystal Shawver



Keith Shepard



Dustin Shepherd



Richard Sherley



Kelsey Smading



Tyler Smith



Misty Spears



Emily Speicher



Kandace  
Spellman



Allison  
Stockebrand



James Stockton



Brian Sweeten



Elise Sylvas



Christopher Tate



Chelsi Taylor



Regginal Taylor



Mallory Trabuc



Leah Tucker



Michael  
Tuszynski



Brian Tyree



Erica Van



Andrew  
Vannoster



Colin Victory



Erika Wakeman



Stacy Walker



Xiao Wang



Benjamin Webb



Chantel Wheaton



Michael White



# Featuring the Class of 2007



Spencer White



Brittani Wilcox



Herman Williams



James Williams



Sarah Wilson



Amber  
Winebrenner



Ashley  
Winebrenner



Michael  
Winebrenner



Ashley Wood



Joshua Woollard

**Not Pictured**  
Preston Daratt  
Cristy Gray  
Anna Grover  
Adam James  
Kimberly Miller  
Alyssa Raida  
Taren Savage  
Aaron Villalobos

# Featuring the Class of 2007



Kimber Adkins



Angela Alford



Corey  
Ashworth



Kendra Bakken



Dustin Bales



Nicci Barber



Octavia Barker



Justin Barnett



LaKeisha Bass



LaZaita Bell



Justin Bennett



Louise Best



Jeffrey Bishop



Katherine  
Boulanger



Chris Brown



Dominic Brown



Tiffany Bryant



Chanell  
Caldwell



Haley  
Carpenter



Shea Casurole



Anita Chappue



Freshmen Class Officers: Breezy Mangan, treasurer; Shea Casurole, secretary; Ashley Moore, vice president; Sabrina Long, president.



Nikole Chaput



Valerie Chaput



Tanisha Clark



Kayla Coatney



Thomas Collins



Sierra Condon



Cassidee  
Connors



Matthew Corn



Samantha Crain



Samantha  
Crittenden



Brandon  
Daniels



Brandon  
Davidson



Alex Davis



Justin Davis



Lindsey Dean



Mari Demo



Dontrell Dennis



Brandan Dixon



Valerie Do Vu



Kacie Dodson



Kattie Dodson



Skye Doty



Lee Dunham



Blake Dunlap



Justin Eades



Michelle Eades



Christopher  
Elshabassy



Justin Eubanks



Joshua Ferrell



Matthew  
Finney



Skye Fish



Mark Freeman



William Galey



Trent Goins



Shonna  
Gonzales

# Featuring the Class of 2007



Alyssa  
Goodman



Reginal Green



Alice Guan



Stacia  
Gudmonson



Jeremy Gullick



Christopher  
Hallett



Dawn  
Hammond



Katrina  
Hancock



Andrew Hayse



Erin Hignight



Alexander  
Hilton



John Hoffman



Christopher  
Holliday



Rebecka Horin



Cody Hough



Kevin Hugo



Calvin Hurford



Philip  
Hurshman



Jeilea  
Hutchinson



Hannah  
Jackson



Amber Jones



Matthew  
Kahler



Brandon Kelley



Laura Kendrick



Paul Kersey



Hannah Kesler



Chandler King



Chelsea King



Robert Koehn



Sarah LaForte



Darnell Lawrie



Ashley Leake



Lauren Lester



Spencer Lester



Christopher  
Lewallen



Victoria Lewis



Craig Lofgren



Sabrina Long



Heather Lowe-DeHaven



Chelsea Lumm



Billy Lyon



Danielle Macy



Demonse Malone



Briana Mangan



Kristen Maxwell



Brian McBride



Peggy McLaughlin



Derek Meier



Ashley Moore



Francisco Morales



Jasmine Moya-Graham



Matthew Munding



Amanda Muninger



Matson Murray



Randall Musgrove



Spencer Null



Charles Ogden



Tera Oliver



Jamie Ortiz



Aubrey Papen



Chintan Patel



Olivia Phillips



Samantha Pippin



Andrew Posch



Theodore Price



Jeffery Quigley



Lucy Ramos



Elizabeth Reddick



Joshua Reed



Nicholas Reid



Ashley Richardson



Joshua Roark



Tony Russell



Levi Sack



Raeshelle Sawyer



Brittney Schwartz



Sara Schwarz



Calvin Seifert



Levi Shartzter



Abby Shelby



Wynn Shepard



Robert Sherley



Sumere Smith



Joseph Sprague



Tiffany Staley



Tyler Stein



Kelsey Stelling



Allie Stephens



Stephanie Stewart



Sarah Sullivan



Jason Swearingen



Ravin Sylvas



Lucy Tate



Adam Taylor



Nicholas Theodoran



Brian Tierney



Joseph Tuszynski



Tyler Valentine



Wesley Vincen



Warner Walter



Tyler Ward



Natalie Warriner



Thomas Wehmeier



Hugh Wells



Matthew White

# State Hands



Rick White



Rachel Wickline



Zachary Willis



Bryan Wilson



Misty Wilson



Roger Wilson



Brett Woollard



Matthew Wren



Randi Wright



Jason York



Chelsie Zinser

**Not Pictured**  
Marcus Brown  
Derek Clem  
Claudia Flores  
Daimon Jackson  
Jessica Shepard  
Benjamin Smith  
Coy Tarkington

# Stage Hands



Larry Alexander,  
Physical Education



Larry Annable,  
Vocal Music



Jason Armitage,  
Computers



Theresa Barnhart,  
Paraprofessional



Geoffrey Beaty,  
Social Studies



Cindy Beshears,  
Security



Jamie Beyer,  
Ceramics



Carl Boldra,  
Physical Education



Donna Browning,  
English



Beth Capps,  
Foreign  
Language/English



Mark Coder,  
Social Studies



Dee Cole,  
Library Aide



Kelly Cox,  
English/Yearbook



Waneta Cox,  
Special Education



Dean Cunningham,  
Computers



Sherry  
Cunningham,  
Librarian



Glenda Ellis,  
Paraprofessional



Mikel Fairbank,  
Guidance



Brad Fredrickson,  
Athletic Director



Jennifer Gartner,  
Science



Joyce Gray,  
Math



Carol Harris,  
Parprofessional



Mitzi Harsh,  
English



Jerry Hart,  
Assistant Principal



Jim Hogan,  
Industrial  
Technology



Larry  
Hollandsworth,  
Special Education



Lewis Hoyt,  
Orchestra



Jesse Hutchinson,  
Custodian



Mrs. Shepard and Mr. Smith participate in a team building game at Riverside Park.



Mrs. Gray confers with a parent during fall conferences in October.





Roy Irving,  
Security



David Lovelace,  
Community  
Volunteer/Tutoring



Jean Lundt,  
Math



Mary Mani,  
English



Anna May,  
Custodian



Janice  
McBride, Math



Laura McClure,  
Computers



Gloria McCray,  
Foreign Language



Gordon McDaniel,  
Athletic Trainer



Micheal  
McKinney,  
Custodian



Kathy Roberts,  
Paraprofessional



Carol Mooney,  
Paraprofessional



Cheryl Moore,  
Attendance Clerk



Debbie Moore,  
Nurse Aide



Jim Moseley,  
Social Studies



Matt Mosher,  
ELP



Karen Newkirk,  
Office Treasurer



Shawn O'Kane,  
Special Education



Jim Papen,  
Guidance



Donna Payne,  
Guidance  
Secretary



Becky Prather,  
Paraprofessional



Gloria Price,  
Paraprofessional



Lynn Reddy,  
Principal's Secretary



Lynsee Relph,  
School Case  
Manager



James Renfro,  
Industrial  
Technology



Dale Reynolds,  
Science



Mike Rose,  
Math



Tammy Roth,  
Math



Mr. Alexander participates in Orange and Black Day during fall Homecoming.



Independence High School faculty members strike a pose.

# Stage Hands



Jim Runge,  
Principal



Patricia Scott,  
Library Aide



Erin Shelton,  
Band



Lea Shepard,  
Speech/Drama/Media



Doran Smith,  
Science



Coylene Spear,  
Food Service



Kristi Speicher,  
Physical Education



Linda Spencer,  
English



Nancy Sprague,  
Special Education



Sherry Staton,  
Consumer Science



Rosie Stevens,  
Paraprofessional



George Stewart,  
Social Studies



Rhonda Taraboletti,  
Science



Jan Taylor,  
Consumer Education



Julie Thompson,  
Life Choices



David Torbett,  
English



Sherry Turner,  
Paraprofessional



Rachel Unruh,  
Fine Arts



Scott Webb,  
Science



Beverly Willis,  
Math



Mark Windle,  
Paraprofessional

## Not Pictured

Jan Allison, A.D. Secretary  
Julie Dunham, Social Science  
Tim Knoles, Industrial Technology  
Collette Reichenberger, Social Studies  
Colleen Rollings, Paraprofessional  
Deborah Sandoval, Foreign Language



Eldon Woods,  
Custodian



Mrs. Sandoval and Mrs. McCray gather with students to work on the scavenger hunt activities.



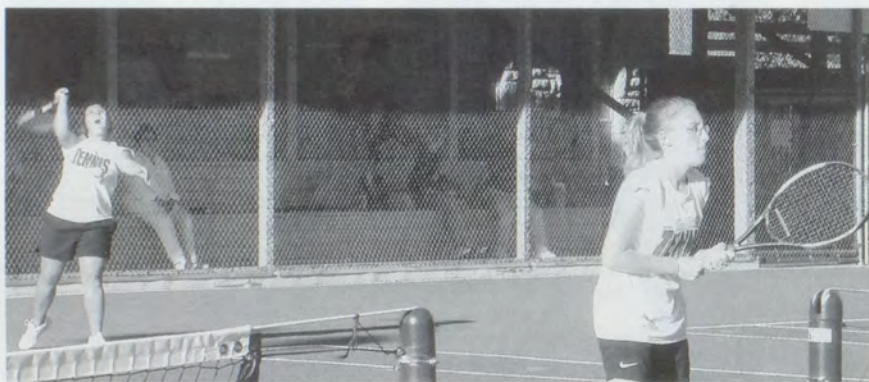
Mr. Reynolds looks for an open teammate at the teacher basketball game.



## Fall Sports



(Front Row) Kelsey Stelling, Jordan Conley, Megan Royse, Lisa Reddy, Allie Stephens. (Second Row) Lindsey Dean, Caitlin Kelly, Allison Merritt, Audrey Gross, Shea Casurole, Breezy Mangan. (Third Row) Stacia Gudmonson, Lauren Lester, Adriana Moreno, Tara Posch, Meghan Kelly, and Brandi Blackway.



Breezy Mangan, freshman, serves the ball with all her force to her opponent.



Audrey Gross, senior, checks the bracket at Ken Brown Courts to see when her next match is.



Caitlin Kelly, sophomore, shows a powerful follow through during a match at the SEK tennis tournament.

## *“Deuce Bigalow”*

The 2003 girls tennis season was, “Fantastic,” said Coach Jean Lundt in her 13th year as head coach, “With the girls’ great teamwork, good food, great senior leadership, tremendous efforts, and of course, a lot of wins.” An example of those things would have to be the #1 doubles team, Meghan Kelly and Tara Posch, who lost only four matches with the final record of 33-4.

Some new strength was brought to the team this year by the addition of seven freshman girls all of whom were said by Coach Lundt to have improved by “leaps and bounds.”

Three team members earned berths to the state championship in Pratt this year: Tara, Meghan, and her sister, Caitlin Kelly. Tara and Meghan took second in doubles and Caitlin took tenth in singles. All three will return next year in hopes of another trip to State. “I enjoyed Tara’s and my three-set, three-hour championship match. Even though we came up short, we still played great and it was a huge accomplishment,” said Meghan Kelly in reference to their last match of the season.

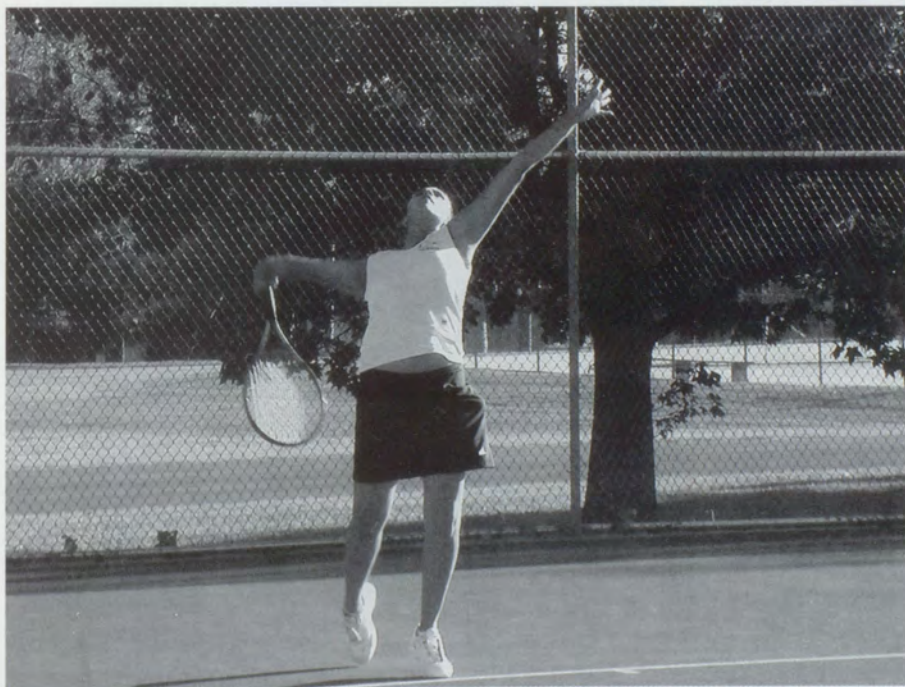
# "Win Forest Run!"



(Left) Stacia Gudmonson, freshman, attacks the net to make a quick return to score a point on her opponent.



(Below) Shea Casurole, freshman, follows through on a hard serve on a slightly rainy day.



Adriana Moreno, sophomore, winds up for a mighty serve at a JV home match.



Fellow team members Lauren Lester, Allie Stephens, and Meghan Kelly watch intently as another team member plays at home.

# “Run Forest Run!”



(Front Row) Holly Roggentine, Madison Corle, Megan Bagley, Danielle Buck, Jordan Bagley, Ashley Council, Janna Honan, Annie Russell, Ann-Marie Price. (Second Row) Asst. Coach Dale Reynolds, Tyler Lowdon, Matt Whitley, Evan Hurford, Levi Sack, Ricky Denning, Isaiah Sack, Charlie Rosenhoover, Brett Shaw, Grant Shaffer, Coach Mike Rose, Gared Shaffer. (Third Row) Allen Hayse, James Williams, Brian Tyree, Mindy Buck, Kim Leon, Miranda Cadle, Amber Shobe, Heather Alt, and Amaya Dupuis.



Halfway there, Kim Leon paces herself to finish the race.



Brett Shaw finishes a race.

# "The Big Green"

(Front Row) Allen Hayse, Evan Hurford. (Second Row) Tyler Lowdon, Brian Tyree, Matt Whitley, Isaiah Sack, and Levi Sack were runners-up in Regionals.



On a nice day at the Sycamore Valley golf course, members Charlie Rosenhoover, Matt Whitley, and Jordan Bagley race together for support.



Leading the pack, Isaiah Sack, senior, races to the finish line.



On a cloudy day, Dani Buck and Heather Alt work to complete the difficult route at Big Hill Reservoir.

# “The Big Green”



(Front Row) Brandan Dixon, Brandon Kelley, Zack Camacho, Erika Wakeman, Cody Sweeten, Kolby Lanning, Sara Scharwz, Kattie Dodson, Chelsea King. (Second Row) Asst. Coach Brian Bridges, Chad Jarrett, Andrew Posch, Bret Kelley, Colin Victory, Britton Kusiak, Alex Bruening, Cameron Johnson, Spencer White, Spencer Null, Matson Murray, Tony Russell, Coach Mark Coder, Brian McBride. (Third Row) Brett Affolter, Ryan Dexter, Om Patel, Matt Ysusi, Nick Daughtery, Daniel Oldenettel, Travis Smithers, Billy House, Bryan Long, and Jennifer Schad.



Colin Victory, sophomore, cuts back inside to pass the ball after shaking off a defender.



Freshman, Matson Murray takes a break between the games.



Alex Bruening, senior, waits to block ball from entering the goal at a home match.



The team waits for the ball to be thrown in to continue the game.





(Left) Daniel Oldenettel prepares to steal the ball from the other team to make a goal.

(Below) Chad Jarrett dodges forward to the ball to save it from the other team.



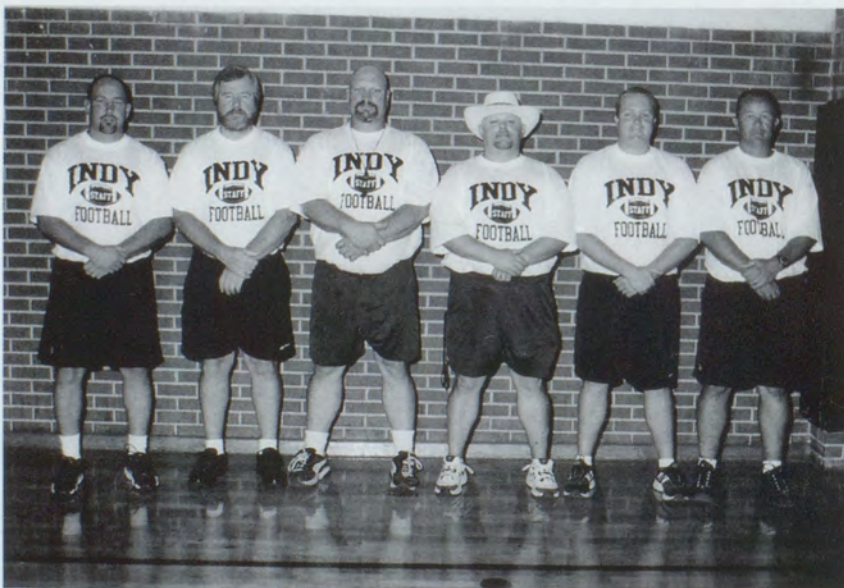
(Left) Matt Ysusi, senior, guards the ball from the opposing team.

(Above) Travis Smithers, junior, watches the ball as it sails into the goal.

# “Varsity Blues”



(Front Row) Brent Berberick, Tyson Schuller, Joseph Housel, Brandon MacRae, Chad Shaffer, Josh Woollard, AJ Kimzey, Kevin Hardy. (Second Row) Jacob Stockton, Cody Beyer, Gary Sylvas, De-Jhon Britt, Andy Greenhaw, Jason Watson, Brandon Webb, Brett Follmer, Geoffrey Corle, Andrew Vannoster. (Third Row) Joe Hall, Dustin Lutker, Kyndon Oakes, Trevor Tow, Tim Smith, William Couch, Andy Cook, Mitchell Kent, Cole Uttinger, Ryan Modich. (Fourth Row) Jonathan Couch, Shane Henderson, Keith Shepard, Matt Kadel, DeShon Jones, Cole Burns, Andrew Allen, Zach Caldwell, Beau Schuler, Jeremy Wallace and Tommy Connors.



IHS Football Coaching Staff: James Renfro, George Stewart, David Lovelace, Head Coach Jim Moseley, Geoff Beaty and Larry Alexander.



Senior Kyndon Oakes hustles off the field during a home game against LCHS.



Freshmen (Front Row) Brett Woollard, Cole Walters, Matt Kahler, Tyler Valentine, Josh Ferrell, Tyler Stein. (Second Row) Derek Clem, Reggie Green, Jeremy Gullick, Chris Holliday, Trent Goins, Levi Shartzter, Jace Hugo, Rachel Wickline (manager/trainer). (Third Row) Wynn Shepard, Jason Swearingen, Lee Dunham, Dee Brown, Kalvin Seifert, Roger Wilson and Chandler King.

Coming back to Independence was a nice opportunity for the new head coach Jim Moseley, "to work with a great group of coaches and players." Going into the first game and destroying Labette in the first half, the Bulldogs showed teamwork and confidence. Even though it wasn't a winning season, the Bulldogs still had some great moments such as Jason Watson's 55-yard touchdown pass to Kyndon Oakes against Coffeyville and Cody Beyer's 84-yard run for a touchdown against Augusta. Suffering a setback of losing several players throughout the season, the team had the heart to stage a comeback against Chanute with a 21-point deficit at half. Though they didn't win the game, the team never gave up. "The progress the freshmen made during the season gives the future a bright outlook," said Coach Moseley. "Overall we improved. We really developed as a team." Special recognitions include Kyndon Oakes and Jacob Stockton, SEK Honorable Mention; Trevor Tow, Second Team SEK; Cody Beyer and Jeremy Wallace, First Team SEK; and Tim Smith received First Team All SEK, First Team All Area, and Red Zone Player of the year.



(Right) Seniors Trevor Tow and Cody Beyer and Junior Cole Burns are pumped after a big play.



(Below) Freshman Trent Goins kicks a punt down the field during a home game against Ft. Scott.



Coach Moseley discusses strategies with the defensive unit.



(Above) Junior Jacob Stockton takes time away from the game to get advice from Coach Lovelace.

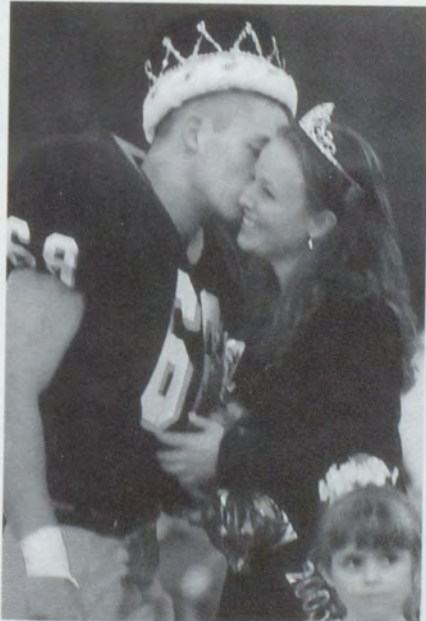
(Right) Outside of the locker room, a group of seniors discuss the upcoming game against Chanute.



# “Beauty and the Beast”



Fall Homecoming Court Candidates include (Front Row) Amy Farlow, Audrey Gross, Tiffany Barker, Megan Fowler, Kelley Gorman. (Second Row) Kasey Rowe, Matt Ysusi, Ben Klamm, A.J. Steinle, and Trevor Tow.



Seniors Trevor Tow and Audrey Gross were crowned Fall Homecoming King and Queen. Trevor was nominated by football, and Audrey was nominated by tennis. The coronation took place at Shulthis Stadium before the game against Coffeyville. (Photo by Rob Morgan)



(Above) Following the game, some IHS students have some fun at the dance sponsored by the Class of 2005.

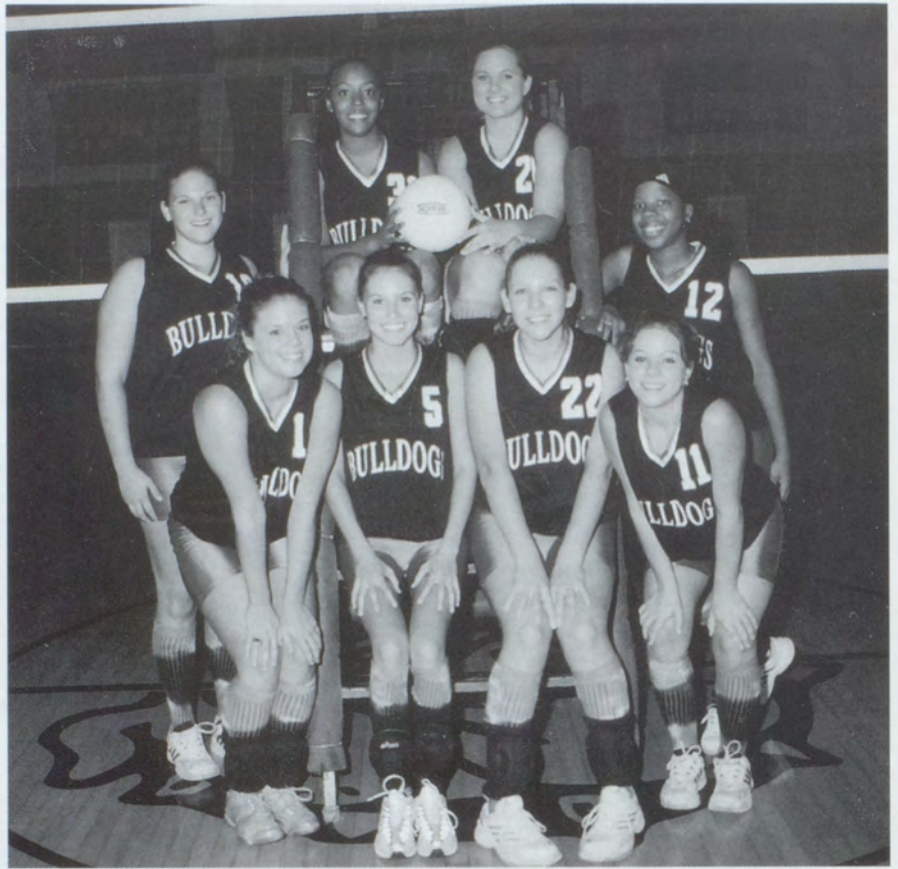


(Left) Freshman Ashley Moore reaches out to get materials to put on their hall. The freshman class won the hall decorating contest, which was sponsored by Student Council. The Class of 2007 decorated the 500 hall using the theme “Wizard of Oz.”

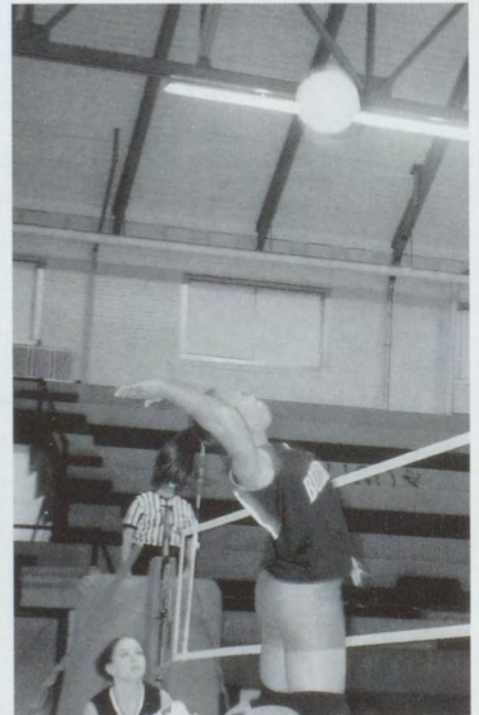
# “Air Bud Spikes Back!”

IHS Varsity Volleyball (Front Row) Allison Emmot, Paige Pasternak, Aubrey Heckman, Kylie Carlyle. (Second Row) Emily Speicher, Tiffany Barker, Katy Kendrick, and Melissa Barker. (Not pictured: Melissa McDaniel).

Sophomore Emily Speicher shows great serving form in the match against Ft. Scott.



(Above) Coach Speicher demonstrates to team member Melissa Barker how to bring her arm up to put down a kill.



(Right) Tiffany Barker, senior, hangs in mid-air before putting down a kill on Labette County at a home match.

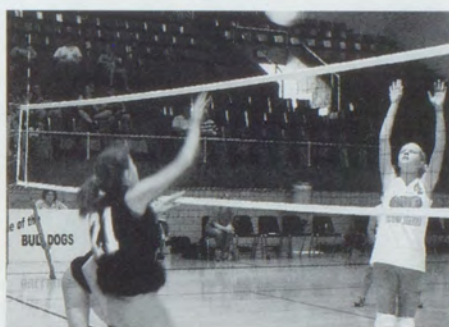
The 2003 varsity volleyball team was a very enthusiastic and motivated squad. Seniors and team captains, Tiffany Barker and Melissa McDaniel stated that this was their favorite season in their four years playing for Coach Speicher in her 19th season as head coach.

Due to graduation last year, the team lost some of its height, but being one of the shortest teams in the league was all the more reason for the group to work hard throughout the tough season. The season ended with a 10-16 record, including a first place win at the St. Paul Quad which made it the fourth straight year IHS brought home the gold.

"I'm very proud of our team, even though it would have been great to go further than we did," said team captain Tiffany Barker. "I was sad to see the season come to an end, but I had fun, especially singing the volleyball remix to Get Low before every game. I'll miss everyone!"



IHS Junior Varsity Volleyball (Front Row) Morgan Rinck, Kyndall Thompson, Becky Ivey. (Second Row) Paige Pasternak, Joslyn Kusiak, Shayla Littau, Amber Dunham, Sarah Wilson, and Leah Dunham.



(Left) Joslyn Kusiak, sophomore, goes up for a spike in the JV match against Columbus.

(Right) Leah Dunham, sophomore, made a dig in the back row off a hard get from the opposing team.



IHS Freshman Volleyball (Front Row) Sarah LaForte, Paige Demo, Fay Best, Tiffany Staley. (Second Row) Skye Doty, Haley Carpenter, Cassidee Connors, Keisha Bass, and Jeilea Hutchison.

# “Drumline”

## “Blues Brothers”

(Front Row) Amber Smith, Carrie Meadows, Tyler Stein, Andrew Hayse, Lucy Ramos, Tony Russell, Ashley Ramos. (Second Row) Tera Oliver, Jessica Hambleton, Nikki McDaniel, Madison Lumm, Emily Van, Aubrey Papen, Thomas Fay, Abby Belcher. (Third Row) Rick White, Ricky Denning, Skye Fish, Elishya Harris, Ashley Moore, Amy Thompson, Shonna Gonzales. (Fourth Row) Chelsie Zinser, Janna Honan, Danielle Macy, Sara Scharwz, Chanelle Caldwell, Kayla Coatney, Brooke Rothgeb, Bridget Penrod, Holly Roggentine. (Fifth Row) Asst. Director Rebecca Timmons, Buddy Dupuis, Allen Hayse, Skyler Greene, Mathew Bennett, Shannon Burns, Spencer Null, Evan Hurford, Band Director Erin Shelton. (Sixth Row) Jason Swearingen, Matthew Whitley, Brandan Dixon, Richard Price, Tiffany Staley, Dustin Sheperd, England Porter, Andrew Demo, Drumline Director Brian Shelton. (Seventh Row) Mary Tucker, Erica Van, Ann-Marie Price, Erica Black, Skyla Whittet, and Jackie Lyon.



The Drum Majors, Ashley Ramos and Abby Belcher, had several responsibilities in the band. The two drum majors were responsible for leading the band in the Neewollah parade and several other parades. The two also directed the band at the half-time shows and field competitions.

Drum Majors  
Ashley Ramos and  
Abby Belcher



Flutes, Amy Thompson and Brooke Rothgeb practice for the upcoming performance.

The IHS Marching Band took part in a one-week band camp in August. The practices were held at nights to prepare for the football games, but it was not all work. As a matter of fact, the band took a trip to St. Louis to participate in a competition and have a little fun!

## IHS Drill Team

(Front Row) Ann-Marie Price (Second Row) Mary Tucker, Erica Black, Jackie Lyon, Skyla Whittet, and Erica Van.

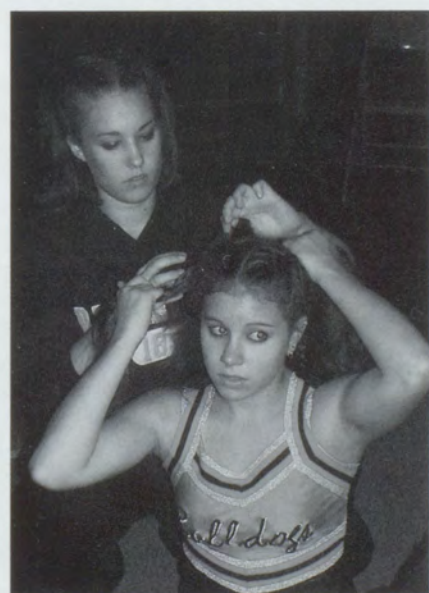




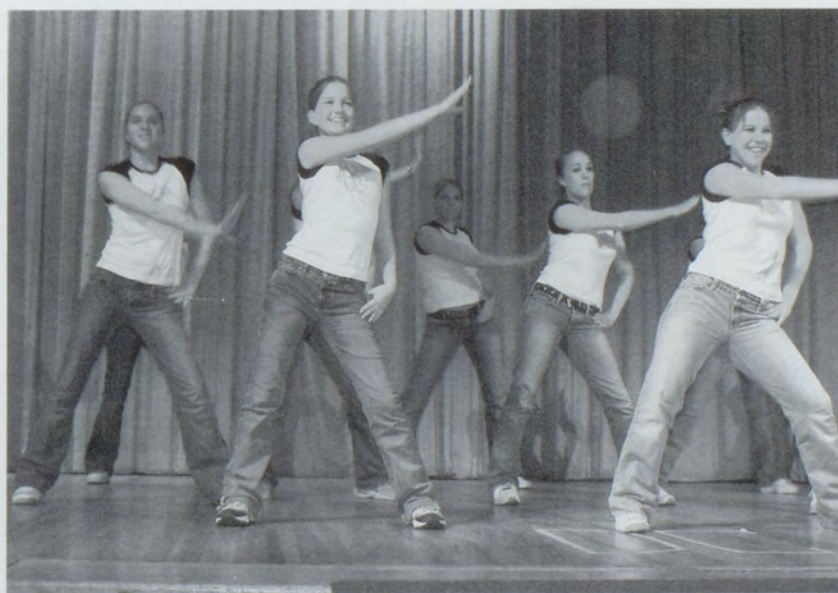
# “Footloose”



(Front Row) Misty Spears. (Second Row) Chelsea Lum, Kendall Martinez, Maggie Gorman, Amy Majewski, Shea Casurole, Kelsey Stelting. (Third Row) Miranda Cadle, Kylie Carlyle (captain), Amber Eytcheson, Christina MacRae, Jessica Munding, Kim Leon, Ashley Moore, and Megan Fowler (captain).



Megan Fowler helps fellow captain Kyle Carlyle with her hair before a performance.



Dance team members give a performance to “Crazy in Love” by Beyonce during a pep assembly to help pump up the crowd.

# “Sugar and Spice”



Varsity Squad (Front Row) Jessica Dillon, Chelsea Chaney (co-captain), Emily Bannwarth (co-captain), Mallory Myers. (Second Row) Emily Morrell, Megan Kirk, Kayleigh Nichols, Hilary Chapman. (Third Row) Chelsi Taylor, Hillary Farmer, Karlee Passauer, Lisa Erbe, Kelsey Smading, and Maggie Schabel.



Freshman Squad (Front Row) Victoria Lewis. (Second Row) Valerie Chaput, Ashley Leake, Aly Goodman. (Third Row) Nikole Chaput, Randi Wright, Samantha Crain, and Katie Boulanger.



“Outstandingly strong group and they have come a long way,” said Ms. McClure, cheerleading sponsor, while describing how the squad did at camp this past summer. “They did extremely well and they were first runner-up in extreme dance.” In order to get to camp, the cheerleaders had several fundraisers such as a garage sale, and a Goat-Go-Round and sold Krispy Kreme donuts, cookie dough, and catalog merchandise. Individual awards given at camp include Jason Watson, All Star Award; Tyler Lowdon, All Star Award and Safety Award; Kelsey Smading, Most Improved; Kayleigh Nichols, Best Attitude; and Karlee Passauer, Hardest Worker. The team won the Superior Award. The squad learns cheers at camp and it is up to co-captains Emily Bannwarth and Chelsea Chaney to come up with ideas to make them fit in with the appropriate sport.



(Top Left) A group of varsity cheerleaders walk into their positions while Jessica Dillon and Karlee Passauer roll up the run-through.

(Left) A group of varsity cheerleaders get the crowd motivated while doing a cheer.



Sophomore Lisa Erbe pumps up the crowd while in a modified “toss-to-hand”.



Emily Bannwarth uses her leadership skills to get the crowd into the game.

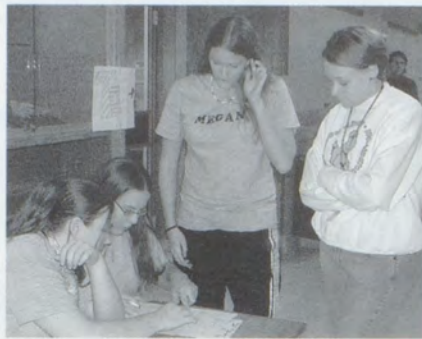


Senior Mallory Myers and sophomore Karlee Passauer show school spirit at a home football game.

"We had mainly a young squad this year, but we have massive potential. We hope that a lot of students come out for next year, ready and willing to learn."

-England Porter

(Below) Team members Ashley Ramos, Allen Hayes and Halle Manning take a break at the home debate tournament.

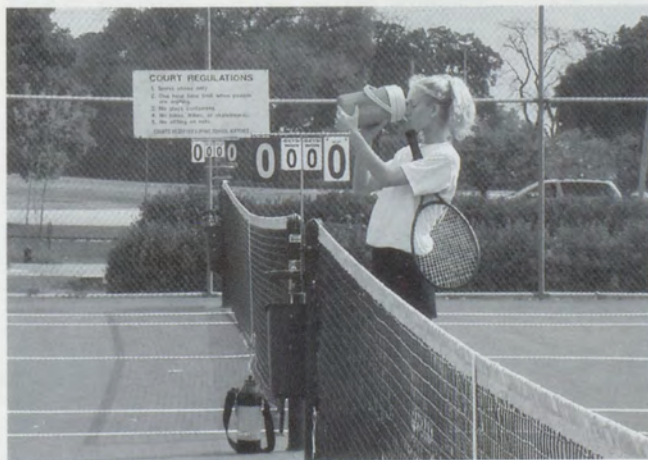
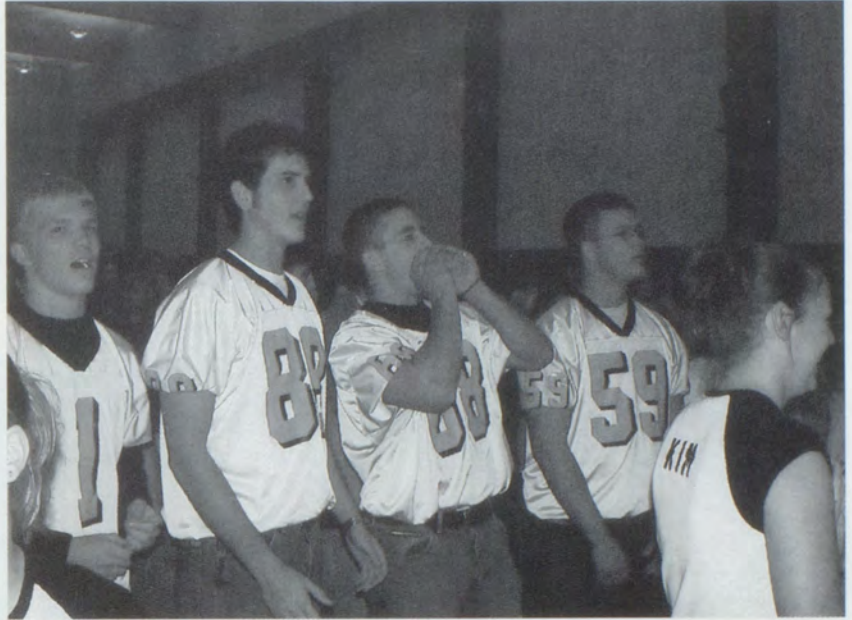


(Left) Jenny Schad, Mary Tucker, Megan Bagley and Coach Dunham discuss if everything is going smoothly.



Front Row (L-R): Randy Wright, Aly Goodman, Tony Russell, Leah Tucker, Jessi Lane. Second Row: Jenny Schad, Megan Bagley, Brandon Daniels, England Porter, and Allen Hayes.

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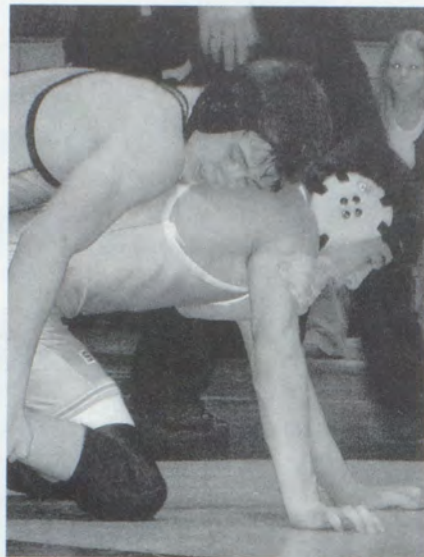




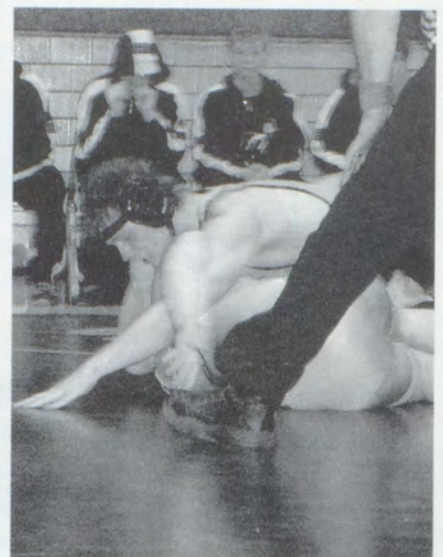
# Winter Sports



Quincy Rowland dominates his opponent.



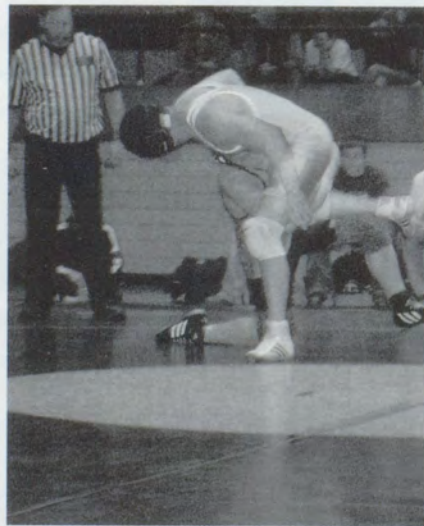
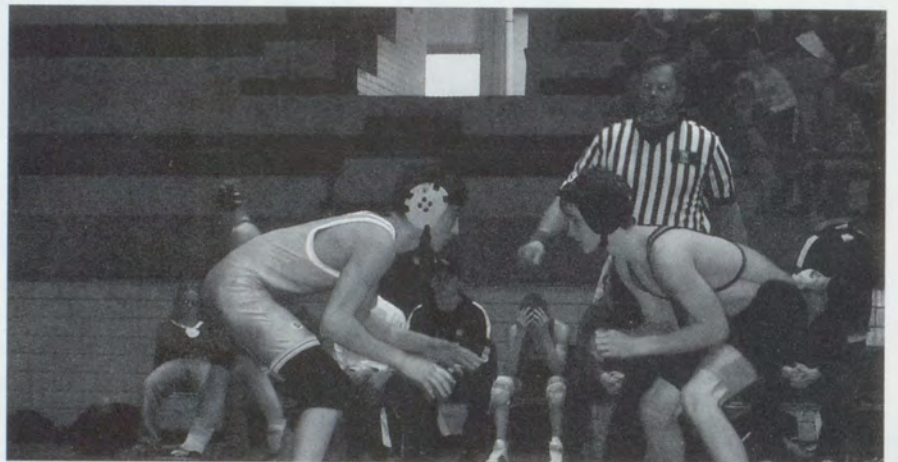
A.J. Kimzey takes out his frustrations on a rival grappler.



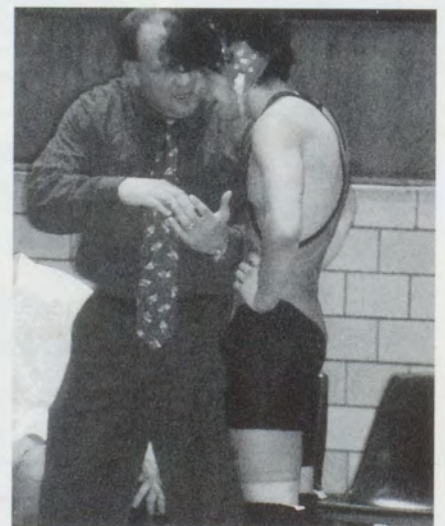
Ron Harris uses his strength to gain the advantage.

## “Wrestling with Shadows”

“I don’t deserve to be in the yearbook!” These are the words of Bulldog wrestler and Kansas State qualifier Zack Camacho. Is he right? The team did end the season with a 7-7 record and sent three grapplers to the State tournament. According to wrestling coach James Renfro, “These guys went out and competed to the best of their ability and as the coach I can not ask for anymore.” Despite the overall record which was achieved through victories over out of league schools, in the SEK League they tied Pittsburg for seventh. Seniors Trevor Tow and Andy Greenshaw, along with Junior Zack Camacho, qualified for the State tournament. Coach said he was proud and his few seniors were huge in heart. In the end, it’s really up to you. Did Zack deserve to be in the yearbook?

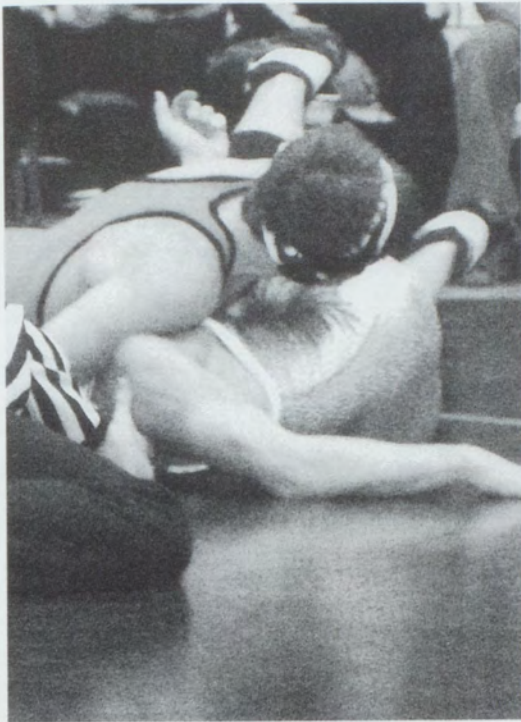


Jacob Stockton uses all of his tricks to win his match.



Coach Renfro uses his superior knowledge to give the advantage to an IHS wrestler.

State qualifier Zack Camacho is moments away from winning his match.



Coach Renfro lights a fire under his wrestlers.

Dustin Lukter attempts to escape the grasps of his opponent at a home tournament.



IHS Wrestling (Front Row) Keith Shepard, Colin Victory, Jordan Bagley, Evan Hurford, A.J. Kimzey, Matthew Whitley, Brent Berberick, Tyler Stein, Michael Winebrenner. (Second Row) Trevor Tow, Andy Greenhaw, Andy Vannoster, Travis Brock, Bobby Riggs, Josh Hastings, Zack Camacho, Roger Wilson, Brandon Alvarez. (Third Row) James Stockton, Travis Barnhart, Jacob Stockton, Jace Hugo, Lance Flack, Jason Swearingen, Ryan Modich, William Couch, Jason York, Lee Dunham.

# “Space Jam”



Varsity/JV (Front Row) Kurry Wilson, De-Jhon Britt, Gary Sylvas, Mitchell Kent, Ryan Winebrenner, Tyler Smith. (Second Row) Coach Jim Runge, Jesse Overfield, Jacob Connors, Deshon Jones, Doug Newman, Cole Burns, Derek Reyes. (Third Row) Josh Oldenettel, A.J. Steinle, Mike Cunningham, Tommy Connors, Nick Hart, Seth Malloy, Beau Schuler, and Coach Mike Rose.

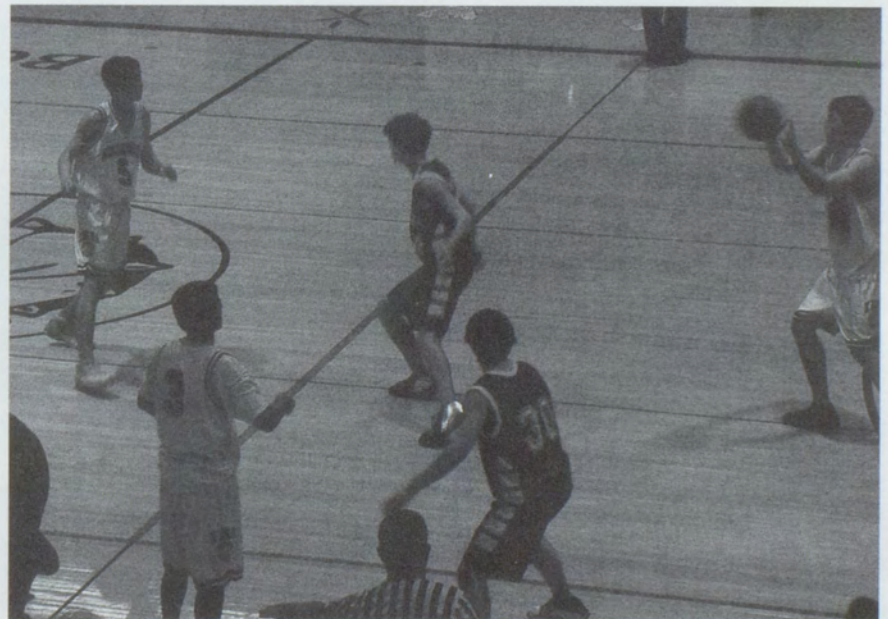


Freshmen (Front Row) Paul Kersey, Josh Ferrell, Brandan Dixon, Levi Shartzter. (Second Row) Reggie Green, Spencer Null, Dante Brown, Adam Taylor, Chandler King, and Matson Murray.



(Left) Mike Cunningham takes it to the hole while being double-teamed by Parsons. (Photo by Rob Morgan)

This year's varsity boys' basketball team had a winning season with a 12-9 record. There was a lot of height on the team including seniors Tommy Connors (6'6"), A.J. Steinle (6'7"), and Mike Cunningham (6'8"). Other seniors were Jesse Overfield and Gary Sylvas.



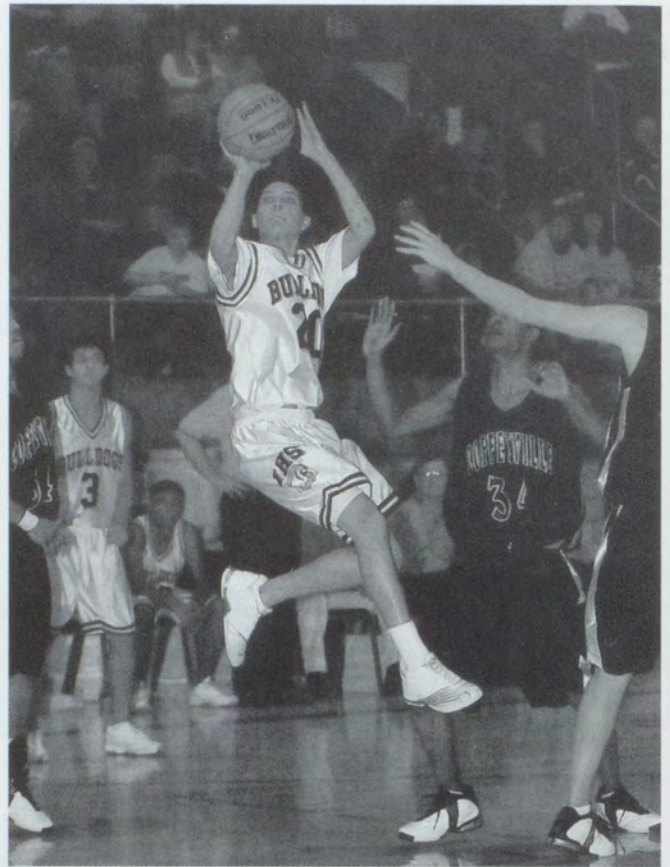
(Left) Senior Jesse Overfield goes up for a shot at a home game against Parsons. (Photo by Rob Morgan)

(Above) Tommy Connors receives a pass from fellow teammate Nick Hart at a home game against Iola.

(Below) Freshmen basketball players go for the rebound at a home basketball game against Iola.

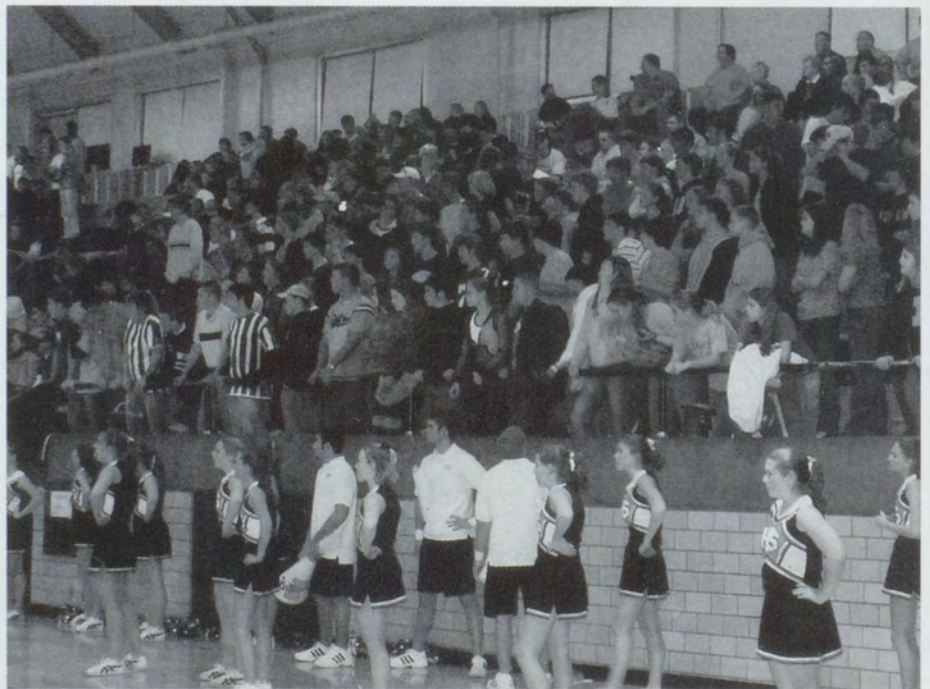


(Right) Kurry Wilson, junior, shoots a jump shot at a game against Coffeyville. (Photo by Rob Morgan)



(Above) Senior Tommy Connors prepares to shoot a free throw in a home game against Iola.

(Right) IHS students show their spirit at a home basketball game against Coffeyville.



# “Love & Basketball”



Varsity/JV Squad (Front Row) Sarah Wilson, Miranda Cadle, Kendall Martinez, Caitlin Kelly, Allie Stephens. (Second Row) Johna Surret (manager), Tiffany Barker, Melissa Barker, Meghan Kelly, Kandace Spellman, Chelsea King. (Third Row) Nichole Anderson, Dani Buck, Megan Bagley, Amber Dunham, Emily Speicher, and Madison Lumm.



Junior Meghan Kelly looks to pass the ball around a Coffeyville defender. Meghan led the team in rebounds with 5.7 per game.



Junior Melissa Barker hustles after a loose ball during the second half of the Homecoming game against Rose Hill.



Sophomore Caitlin Kelly holds the ball while she looks for an open player.



Senior Tiffany Baker passes the ball to Allie Stephens to shoot for a three. Tiffany led the Lady Bulldogs with 11 points and 3.4 steals per game.

Freshman (Front Row) Tera Oliver, Kattie Dodson, Kristen Maxwell, Erin Hignight, Kelsey Stelling, Shea Casurole. (Second Row) Skye Doty, Keisha Bass, Cassidee Connors, LaZaita Bell, Lauren Lester, Sabrina Long, Ashley Moore, and Breezy Mangan.



A group of freshmen players line up to shake the opponents' hands after a game at Columbus.



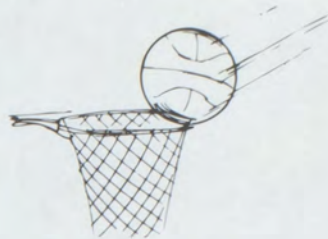
Kelsey Stelling reaches out for the ball so she can take it down the court.



# "Bring It On!"



The freshman players return to the court after a time out called by Coach Coder.



Freshman Ashley Moore dribbles the ball down the court during a junior varsity games against LCHS. "First time beating LCHS in 12 years of coaching is very memorable," said JV Coach Gina Botts.



Sophomore Amber Dumham goes back up for a shot after she rebounded the ball.



Freshman Lauren Lester shoots a free throw during a home game.



Junior Meghan Kelly looks to drive around a Rose Hill defender at the Homecoming game.



Senior Madison Lum tries to track down the basketball as she is surrounded by a group of Rose Hill players. (Photo by Karen Mikols)

# “Bring It On!”



IHS Varsity Cheer Squad (Front Row) Melissa McDaniel, Jessica Dillon, Mallory Myers, Audrey Gross. (Second Row) Emily Bannwarth, Chelsea Chaney. (Third Row) Michelle Staley, Amber Shobe, Paige Pasternak, Kayleigh Nichols, Sarah Smith, Hilary Chapman. (Fourth Row) Maggie Schabel, Lisa Erbe, Kelsey Smading, Hillary Farmer, Chelsi Taylor. (Fifth Row) Jason Watson, and Tyler Lowdon.



IHS Freshman Cheer Squad (Clockwise) Tiffany Staley, Samantha Crain, Aly Goodman, Katie Boulanger, Valerie Chaput, Paige Demo, Niky Chaput, and Ashley Leake.



The girls do a simultaneous backbend with their gangster hats to start off the Big Cheer.



The girls make a circle around the varsity girls basketball to help pump them up before a home game tip-off.



Senior co-captains Emily Bannwarth and Chelsea Chaney dance to "Maniac" from the movie "Flashdance" during the Big Cheer on Senior Night.



During a timeout the squad puts up Mallory Myers and Audrey Gross in a press, and Megan Kirk and Paige Pasternak are up in liberties.

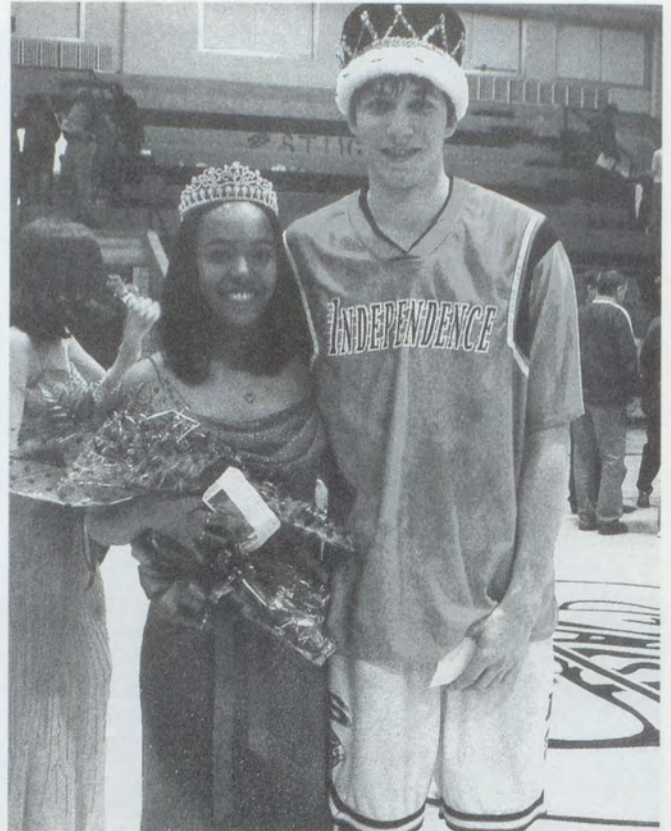


Paige Pasternak, Hilary Chapman, Jessica Dillon, Mallory Myers, and Amber Shobe cheer on the Indy wrestlers at a home tournament.

# “The Princess Diaries”

After the crowning ceremony, court members Melissa McDaniel, Lensi LaForge, and Jessica Dillon congratulate the queen, Tiffany Barker.

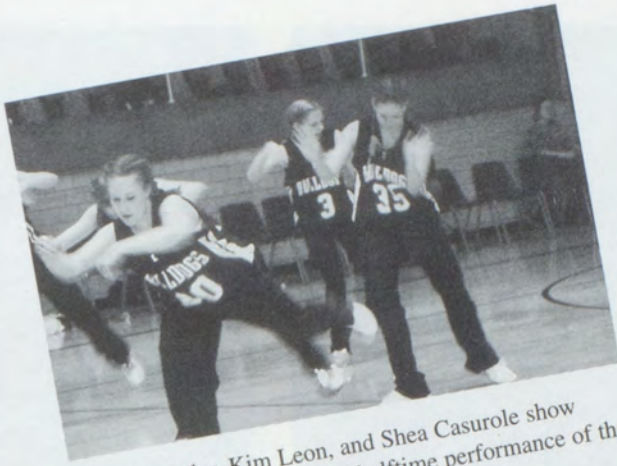
Winter Homecoming King and Queen - A.J. Steinle and Tiffany Barker were nominated by the basketball teams.



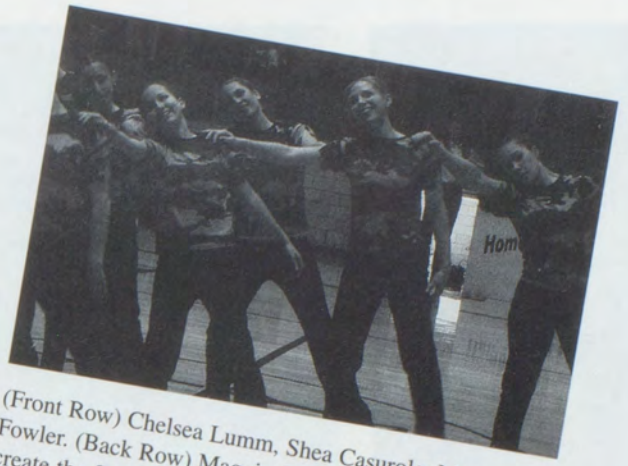
Kelsey Stelting as a killer bee from Saturday Night Live, Sabrina Long as Ricki Lake wait while Mr. Hart decides the winner of “Favorite T.V. Character” day during Spirit Week. Kelsey Stelting won with her killer bee costume.



The court poses with the hosts of the “Wayne’s World” Homecoming Assembly. (Front Row) Tiffany Barker, Lensi LaForge, Jessica Dillon, Melissa McDaniel, Sara Hoyt. (Back Row) Spencer White as “Garth”, Ben Klamm, A.J. Steinle, Chris Landrum, Keith Shepard as “Wayne”, Matt Ysusi, and Tyler Lowdon.



Megan Fowler, Kim Leon, and Shea Casurole show their dance skills during the halftime performance of the Parsons home game.



(Front Row) Chelsea Lumm, Shea Casurole, Megan Fowler. (Back Row) Maggie Gorman and Morgan Rinck create the flowing move in this perfect line-up.

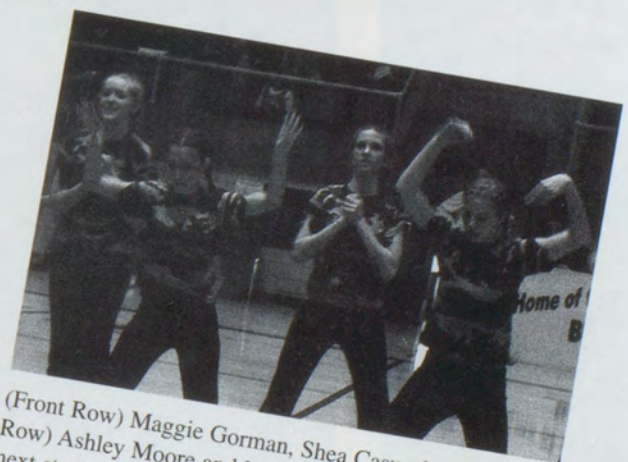
## “Dirty Dancing”



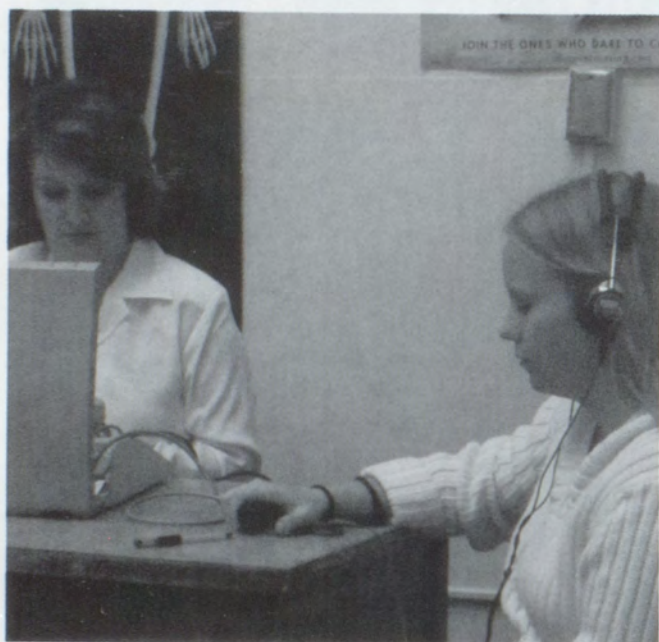
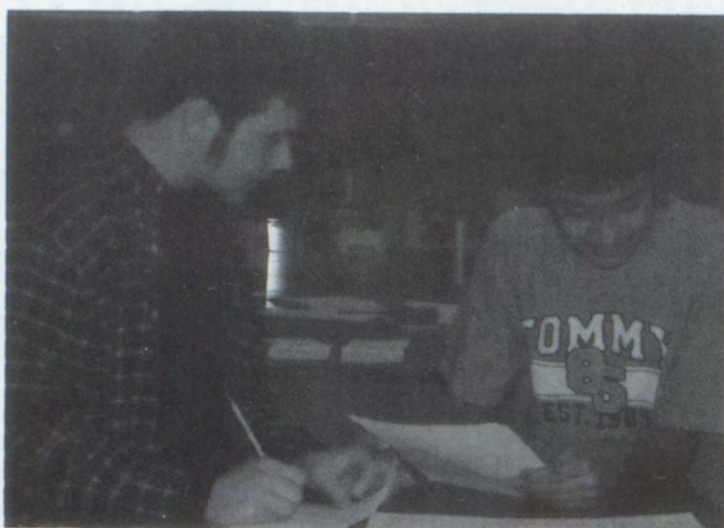
(Front Row) Ashley Moore, Megan Fowler (captain), Kim Leon, Morgan Rinck, Jessica Munding, Amber Eytcheson. (Back Row) Maggie Gorman, Chelsea Lumm, Amy Majewski, Shea Casurole, Misty Spears, Kelsey Stelting, and Kylie Carlyle (captain).

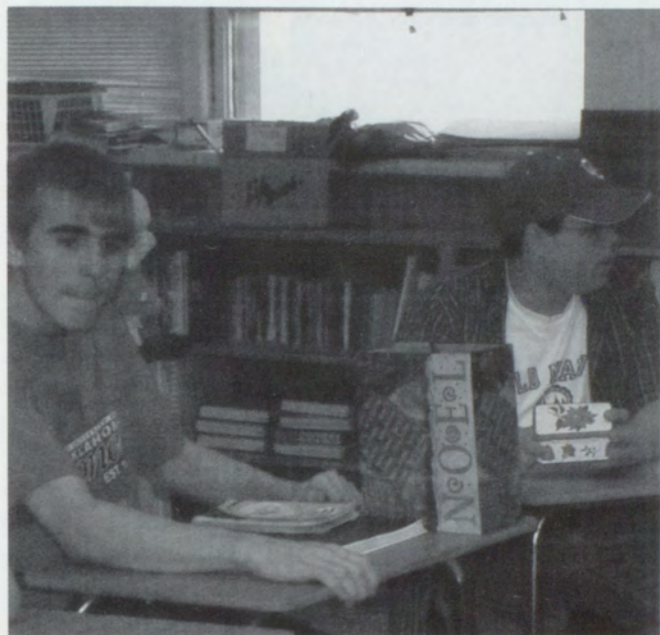


Waking up at 6 a.m. to practice the most difficult part of a routine, Ashley Moore, Maggie Gorman, Kelsey Stelting, Chelsea Lumm, and Kylie Carlyle hit the move right on.



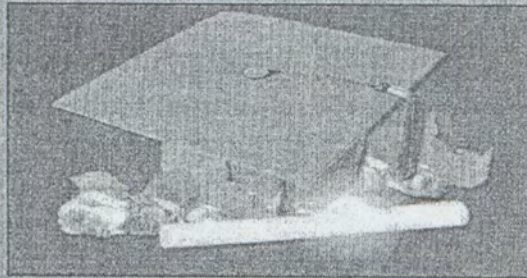
(Front Row) Maggie Gorman, Shea Casurole. (Back Row) Ashley Moore and Morgan Rinck move to the next steps of their performance to “When the Last Time” and “Headstrong”.





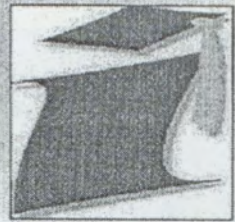
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**Spring Sports**



# “Caddyshack”

For years the golf team has fought for equal respect amongst its peers. Last year, with Tyler Sullivan’s win at the State championship, golf was put on the map at IHS. The presence of seniors were strong on the golf team during the 2004 season. Along with Jesse Overfield, Chelsea Chaney and Tyler Lowdon were the leaders of the squad. The future looks strong for the Bulldogs with the talent of the underclassmen. The sophomores will make a huge impact on the future of IHS golf. The sophomores include Ben Webb, Ben Mitchell, James Stockton, Beau Schuler, Trevor Bruening and Derek Meier. This year the golf team had another successful

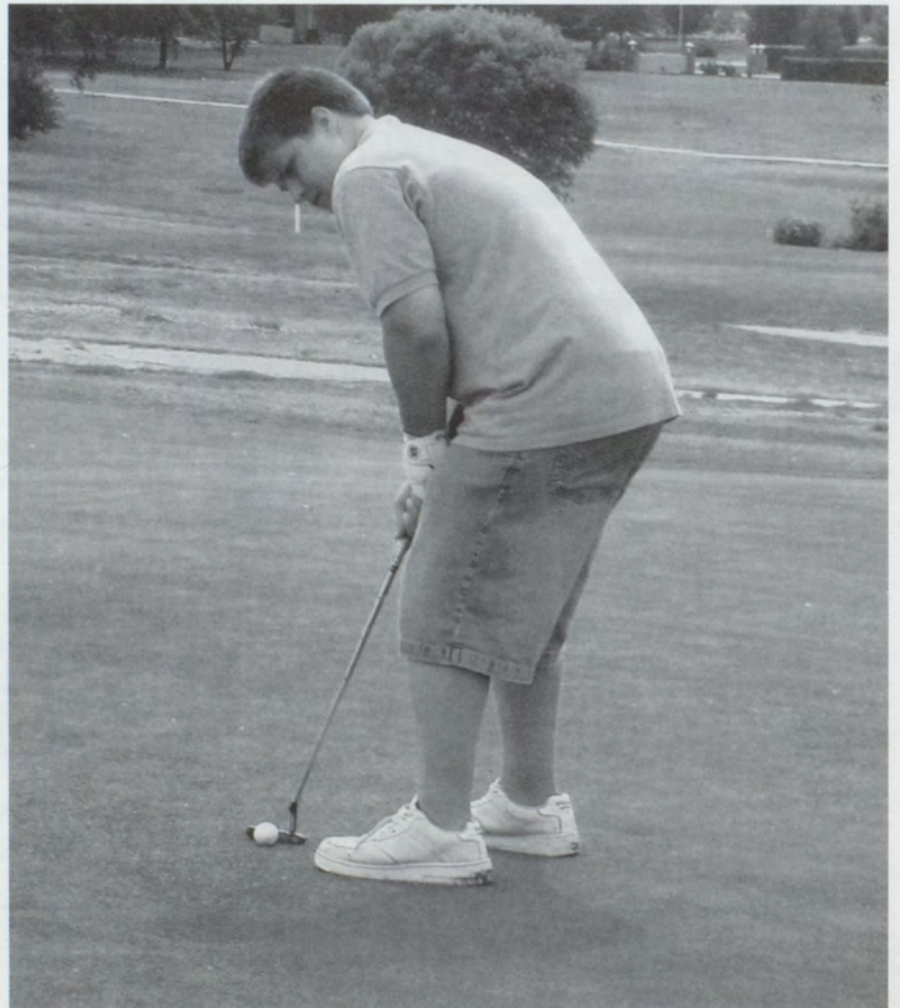
season, sending Jesse Overfield to the State tournament. Overall Coach Coder had this to say about the season, “We had a young team and gained a lot of experience this season.”

Senior Chelsea Chaney chips onto the green during a tournament.



(Above) Beau Schuler watches the ball fly down the fairway after a tremendous drive.

(Right) Jace Hugo lines up his putt on the 18th hole during a home golf tournament.



(Below) Chandler King attempts to drive the ball to the green.



(Left) Chelsea Chaney watches her opponent putt and tries to line hers up at the same time.

(Below) James Stockton looks to drive the ball down the fairway during a golf tournament at Independence Country Club.



(Front Row) Ben Webb, Ben Mitchell, Trevor Bruening, Chelsea Chaney, Jace Hugo, James Stockton. (Second Row) Josh Hastings, Derek Meier, Beau Schuler, Chandler King, Adam Taylor, Jesse Overfield and Tyler Lowdon.

# “ACE” Ventura



(Front Row) Richard Price, Brett Shaw, Andrew Posch, Zach Willis, Brent Berberick, Dustin Shepherd, Derek Reyes, Bobby Riggs. (Second Row) Assistant Coach Gina Botts, Andy Greenhaw, Zach Jolly, Om Patel, Paul Kersey, Matson Murray, Matt Ysusi, Nick Daugherty, Aaron Stark, Jason Swearingen, Coach Ken Brown. (Third Row) Ryan Kadel, Bobby Blaker, Cole Burns, Matt Kadel, A.J. Steinle, Travis Brock, Tyler Smith, and Cameron Johnson.



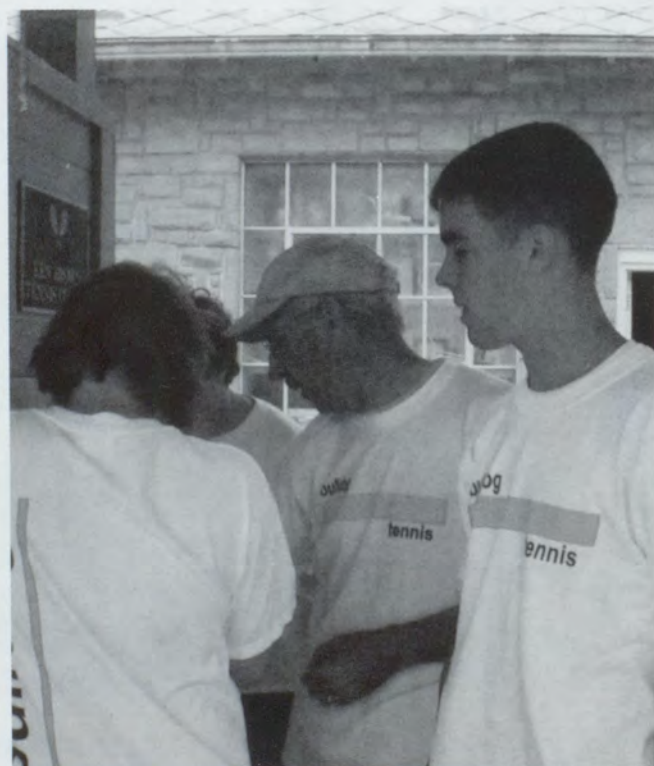
Senior Matt Kadel prepares to return a shot during his doubles match at Regionals with partner Matt Ysusi.



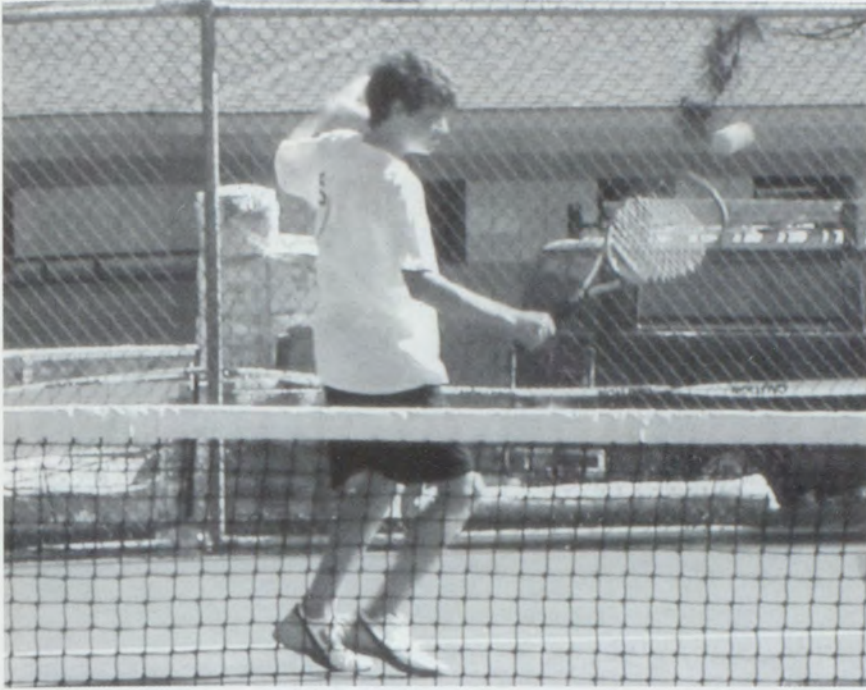
Senior A.J. Steinle tries to ace his opponent as he serves the ball at a home tennis tournament.



Doubles partners Aaron Stark and Nick Daugherty pump each other up during a home match against Pittsburg.



Head boys' tennis coach Ken Brown and a group of players look at the bracket to see how the team is doing at Regionals.



The 2004 Bulldog tennis team had a very successful season. They won the SEK league tournament, which was held in Parsons, for the 14th time in the last 15 years. Those who participated in SEK include Freshman Zach Willis, first place at #1 singles; Junior Zach Jolly, first place at #2 singles; Seniors Matt Ysusi and Matt Kadel, first place at #1 doubles; Sophomore Tyler Smith and Freshman Andrew Posch, second place at #2 doubles. Regionals was held at home this year. Matt Ysusi and Matt Kadel placed second behind Parsons, which qualified them for State. Zach Willis also qualified for State, placing third at Regionals. Also participating at Regionals were Zach Jolly in singles and Tyler Smith and Andrew Posch at doubles. The State tournament was held in Topeka. Kadel and Ysusi placed second, again behind Parsons. Willis took fifth place. As a team the Bulldogs took fourth.



Zach Willis gets a drink between games at a home tennis tournament. Willis was one of the few freshmen in the state that qualified for the State tournament.



Senior Andy Greenhaw serves the ball while his doubles partner A.J. Steinle is ready at the net.



Sophomore Bobby Riggs tosses the ball to serve at a home tennis tournament.

# “Chariots of Fire”

Throwers (Front Row) Nicole Rothgeb, Brandace Magner, Mary Tucker (Second Row) Brooke Rothgeb, Stephanie McDiarmid, Amber Dunham, Jenny Schad, and Leah Dunham, (not pictured) Johna Surret.



Mid-Distance Runners (Front Row) Meghan Kelly, Ashley Leake, Miranda Cadle, Caitlin Kelly, Rachael Alt (Second Row) Breezy Mangan, Fay Best, Kristen Maxwell, Sabrina Long, Kylie Carlyle, Melissa Barker (Third Row) Skye Doty, Tara Posch, Cassidee Connors, Kim Leon, Shayla Littau, Kandace Spellman, and Beth Cornell.

Long Distance Runners (Front Row) Ann-Marie Price, Bridget Penrod, Amy Majewski (Second Row) Jenna Honan, Holly Roggentine, Emily Morrell, and Madison Corle.







Throwers (Front Row) Alex Moore, Mike Koehn, Joseph Housel, Brett Follmer (Second Row) William Couch, Ryan Modich, Dee Brown, Jeremy Wallace, Bryan Wilson, Calvin Seifert, and Tim Smith.

Mid-Distance Runners (Front Row) Brandan Dixon (manager), Jacob Britton, Spencer Lester, Kolby Lanning, Spencer White, Gary Sylvas (Second Row) James Williams, Roger Wilson, Eric Cole, Neal Julian, Daniel Oldenettel, and De-jhon Britt.



Long Distance Runners (Front Row) Andrew Hayse, Evan Hurford, Alex Bruening, Grant Shaffer, Charlie Rosenhoover, Matt Whitley (Second Row) Allen Hayse, Isaiah Sack, Levi Sack, Gareed Shaffer, Ricky Denning, and Geoffrey Corle.



# IHS Athletes Star in State Track Meet



Coach Stewart advises Michael Cunningham, senior, on his jumping technique. Cunningham took second place in the high jump at the State Track Meet held at Cessna Stadium in Wichita. Michael finished with a jump of 6'4". To help Michael get his routine down, Coach Stewart started him jumping at lower heights. Mike wasn't able to jump as high as he had the week before, but not many athletes did. "We knew that Mike could place high, but he's never been on a stage like the State Meet before," said Coach Rose.



Andrew Hayse, freshman, competed in the 3200 at State. At the home track meet Hayse and Matt Whitley run in the 3200.



Isaiah Sack paces himself during practice as Matt Whitley works to catch up to him. Sack competed in the 3200 at State. Evan Hurford also competed in the 3200 at State.

Sophomore Amber Dunham makes her final throw in the javelin at the Coffeyville track meet. Dunham captured the SEK title in shot put with a throw of 11.4 meters, and Regional titles in shot put and javelin. Dunham was named a Reporter's Athlete of the Week. She also placed eleventh in javelin and seventh in shot put at State. (Reporter photo courtesy of Karen Mikols.)





Spencer Null, freshman, runs hard to get in front of many others during his event at the home track meet.



Daniel Oldenettel, senior, runs in the 100-meter dash at the SEK track meet in Coffeyville placing second. Oldenettel went to participate in the 100- and 400-meter dashes at State. (Reporter photo courtesy of Karen Mikols.)



Melissa Barker, junior, runs a relay during practice to get ready for an upcoming meet.



During a meet Matt Whitley, junior, kneels down in pain as Coach Windle talks to another member who helps with the problem.



Spencer White, sophomore, lands his long jump while at practice.

## IHS Athletes Star in State Track Meet

Freshman Brandon Kelley warms up in the bullpen.



Trent Goins falls violently after a dirty slide by a Pittsburg player.



## “Field of Dreams”

The 2004 season for the Bulldogs was one of tremendous joy and crushing defeat. The season started off promising with a sweep of Fort Scott, a team the Bulldogs hadn't defeated in years. After the impressive start to the season, the Bulldogs struggled and then lost their next six games. Finally, the Bulldogs pulled together and stole a win from Columbus. Unfortunately, they lost the second game of a doubleheader and fell to 3-7. A tiny piece of hope showed up in a split with SEK rival Labette County. A triumphant sweep of Winfield propelled the Bulldogs to a 6-8 record. The Bulldogs then lost a doubleheader to Pittsburg at home followed by another sweep at the hands of Chanute. The end came for the Bulldogs in the first round of the 4A Regional Tournament. After splitting the season series with Columbus earlier in the year, the team was full of hope. Their dreams were crushed 1-10 and with that the season was over.



Jason Watson removes his catchers gear as his turn at bat nears.

(Below) Travis Barnhart takes the mound to pitch for the Bulldogs.



(Left) Jacob Allen takes a few practice swings in the cage during the game to help keep himself warmed up.

(Below) Senior Scott Hogan turns to make a pick-off attempt at second base.



(Front Row) Leah Tucker (manager), Kasey Row, Jacob Allen, Travis Barnhart, Zack Camacho, Dustin Lutker, Matt Kahler, Tyler Stein, Brandon Daniels, Hannah Jackson (manager). (Second Row) Head Coach Babcock, Coach Mason, Rick White, Wynn Shepard, Trent Goins, Brian Tyree, Brett Affolter, Josh Ferrell, Bret Kelley, Coach Beaty, Jessie Ottley (manager). (Third Row) Kyndon Oakes, Britton Kusiak, Seth Malloy, Scott Hogan, Andrew Allen, Keith Shepard, Brandon Kelley and Jason Watson.

# “A League of Their Own”



Senior pitcher Megan Fowler prepares to throw a fastball right down the middle at her last regular season game at the Indy home field.



Varsity catcher Katy Kendrick holds her position behind the plate during the nerve-racking Regional game against Labette County.



Ashley Moore stretches for the off target throw to make the final out of the JV game.

IHS JV Softball Team  
(Front Row) Laura Kendrick,  
Shea Casurole, Erin  
Hignight, Amber Jones,  
Kattie Dodson. (Second  
Row) Kacie Dodson  
(manager), Coach Reynolds,  
Kelsey Stelting, Sarah  
Wilson, Lauren Lester,  
Ashley Moore, Allie  
Stephens, Shannon Burns,  
and Coach Rinck.



## Another Winning Season for the Lady Bulldogs!

The 2004 Lady Softball team had hopes of the State tournament from the beginning of the season. Even though that didn't quite come true, it was still a successful year. The season started off a little rocky with split against Ft. Scott but things got cleaned up when the next two doubleheaders were taken by the Dogs. The Lady Dogs struggled mid-season as they split with Ark City and Winfield and dropped both games against Columbus. Altamont was next in line and the Dogs didn't let them slip by. The season ended with a couple of tough losses to Pittsburg sending the girls to Regionals with the record of 11-7 and seeding them fourth with a home field advantage against Labette in the first round. First round was a gut-wrenching 12 innings finally ending 2-1 with the Dogs on top. This sent the girls up against their rival and toughest competition, Columbus. Back and forth the entire game, the Lady Dogs tied it up 5-5 at the top of the seventh taking it into extra innings, but the Titans slipped by on a close play at home, ending it 5-6. Seniors Tiffany Barker and pitcher Megan Fowler provided strong leadership, along with pitcher Chelsi Taylor, who pitched two no hitters this season.

(Top Left) IHS Varsity Softball Team (Front Row) Andrea Marinari, Chelsea Laswell, Chelsi Taylor, Becky Ivey, Morgan Rinck, Megan Kirk, Jordan Conley. (Second Row) Lisa Reddy (manager), Shawnee Barnard, Tiffany Barker, Megan Fowler, Aubrey Heckman, Jessica Dillon, Allison Emmot, Katy Kendrick. (Third Row) Coach Reynolds, Head Coach Rinck, and Coach Taylor.



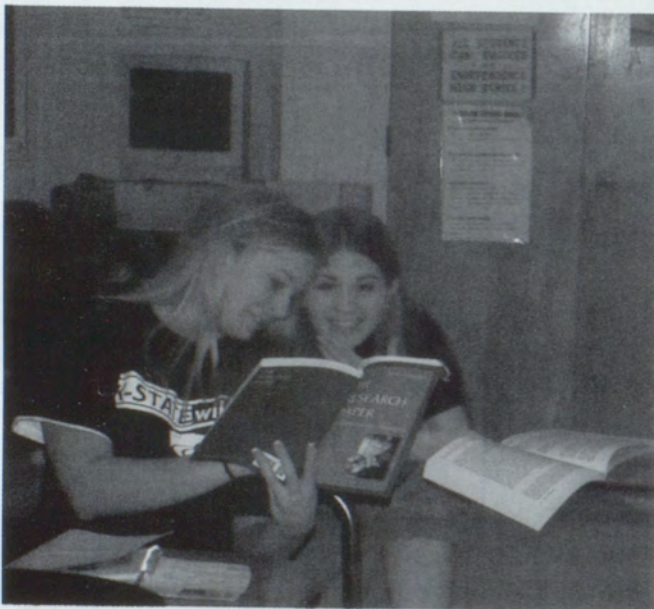
Shortstop Andrea Marinari keeps her eye on the ball as she's bringing her bat around for a hit at the first round of Regionals.



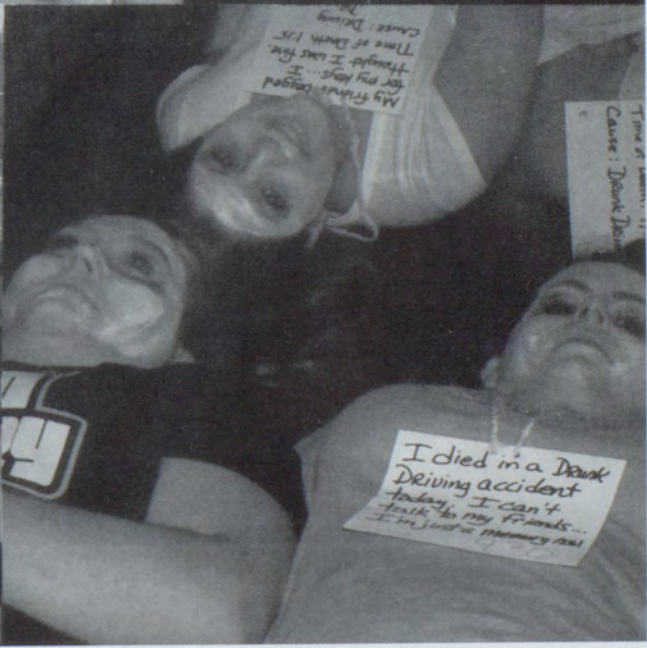
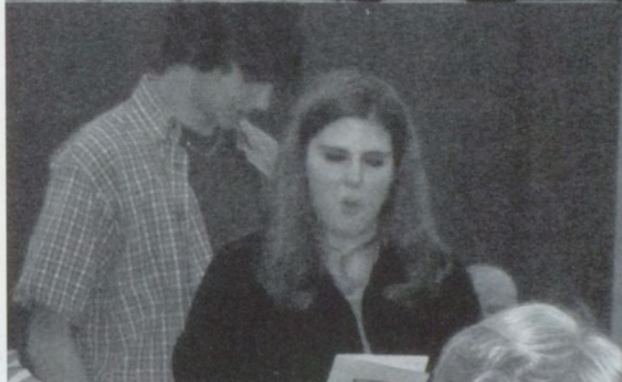
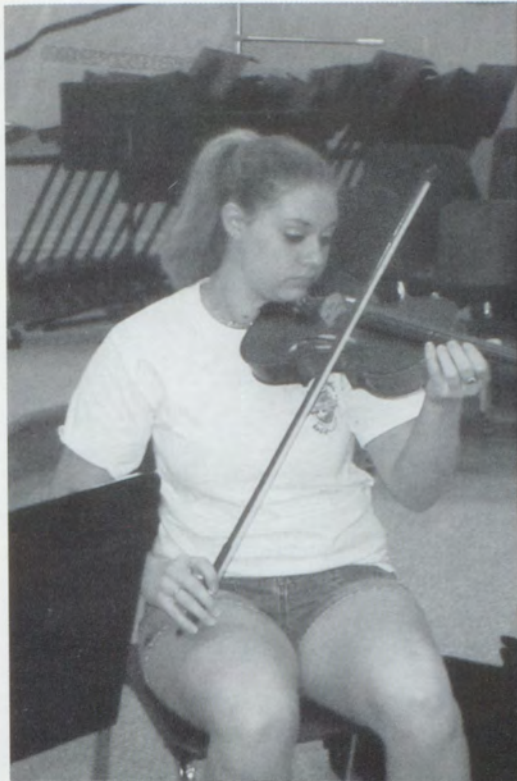
Allie Stephens takes off down the first base line after a mighty swing at the last junior varsity home game.



Sophomore pitcher Chelsi Taylor is in mid-wind-up to bring the heat at the regular season closer against Pittsburg.







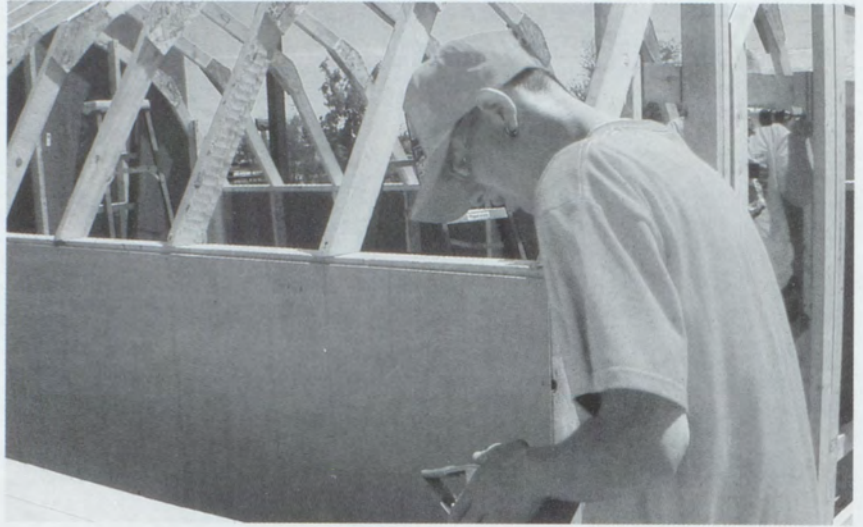
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talk to my friends...  
I'm just a memory now

Time of Death 1:15  
Cause: Drunk Driving

# “Working 9 to 5”

(Right) Michael White works hard to complete the shed his team is building for the Shack Attack. The Shack Attack is a yearly competition. Woods Lumber provides the materials. After the sheds are completed, Woods sells the completed product.



(Left) Josh King takes a time-out to cool down. There are six members on each team.

(Right) The coach watches as a student measures the precise increments of the shed he's building. The judges determine the winners by combination of who finishes first, the quality, and the behavior of the contestants. There are judges who walk around and observe the process. The team who finishes in first place receives a trophy, and each of the members gets a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.





## Performing Arts

# Working 'n' 5'

The cast of "Grease" poses for a group shot.



Director Lea Shepard places old age make-up on Aubrey Heckman, who played Miss Lynch.



Tom Fay pays tribute to Mrs. Shepard during the last performance.

Chelsea Chaney twirls a scarf to help Alex Bruening with his costume.



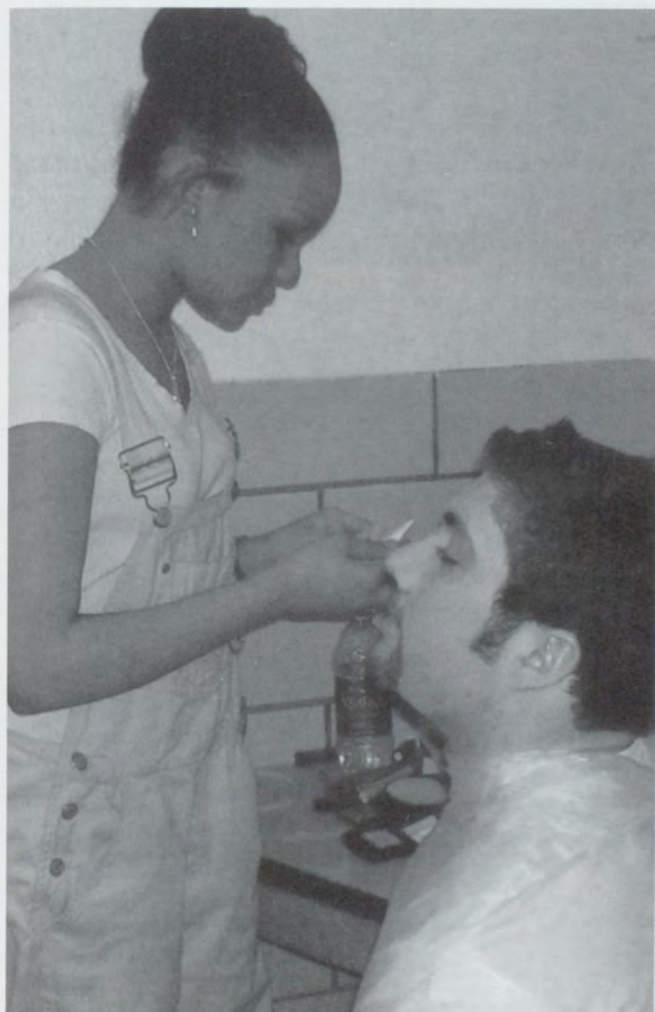
# “Grease is the Word”

The IHS Musical and Drama Departments presented the classic musical “Grease,” which takes a look back at high school life in the ‘50s. Danny Zuko (Ricky Denning) meets his summer flame, Sandy Dumbrowski (Audrey Gross), and tries to hide his true feelings for Sandy in front of the “Burger Palace Boys,” a renegade gang who has nothing better to do than drink beer, smoke cigarettes, and try to get dates with a few girlies. Kenickie (Kyndon Oakes) gets a new car “Greased Lightnin’” while dealing with his girlfriend’s, Betty Rizzo (Megan Kirk), pregnancy.

Roger (Tom Fay) mooned the night away with Jan (Beth Kelley) while Doody (Andrew Hayse) learned to play “Those Magic Changes” on his guitar. Mary (Abby Belcher) hooks up with Vince Fontaine (Alex Bruening), a local radio disc jockey, only to have the romance shot down very quickly. Frenchy (Megan Bagley) drops out of high school to become a beautician, only to fail and is told by the Teen Angel (Allen Hayse) to go back to high school. Sonny LaTierri (Travis Smither) spends his time avoiding Miss Lynch (Aubrey Heckman) because he thinks that she has a crush on him.

Patty Simcox (Kelsey Stelling) and Eugene Florczyk (Keith Shepard) join forces after getting the feeling that they’re not wanted around as much as they would like. Big rock star Johnny Casino (Buddy Dupuis) makes an appearance at Rydell High prom where he plays “Born to Hand Jive” where Danny wins the dance contest with Cha-Cha DiGregorio (Hillary Farmer) while Sandy stays home and sings “It’s Raining on Prom Night” with the Radio Star (England Porter). Finally the Burger Palace Boys hook up with the Pink Ladies and sing “We Go Together.”

Travis Smither smokes a cigarette during a scene in the play.



(Above) The Burger Palace Boys and the Pink Ladies share one last hug before departing.

(Left) Audrey Gross goes over her lines before going back on stage for the second act.

(Left) Jasmine Moya-Graham dolls up Kyndon Oakes before opening night.

# “The Sound of Music”



The mixed chorus received a II rating at the Regional music competition.



Mr. Annable instructs Jared Schull on some of the finer points of a chorus recital.



Autumn Jennings, junior, writes some quick notes on the board about a particularly complicated song.

# “Singin’ in the Rain”



The Indy Ensemble performs at the spring concert. Female members include Michelle Staley, Chelsea Laswell, Dana Sullivan, Miranda Cadle, Emily Speicher, Megan Kirk, Meghan Kelly, Kayleigh Nichols, Audrey Gross, and Abby Belcher. Male members include Ricky Denning, Jacob Stockton, Kolby Lanning, Allen Hayse, Keith Shepard, Daniel Oldenettel, Aridan Johnson, Bryan Tyree, Michael Tuszynski, and Kyndon Oakes.



Kolby Lanning, Emily Speicher, Megan Kirk, and Ricky Denning strive for perfect harmony in “A Parting Blessing.”



Dana Aitken accompanies not only Indy Ensemble, but Mixed Chorus and Concert Choir, as well.

# “Sister Act II”



Kyndon Oakes belts it out during his solo at the Christmas choral concert.



Ashley Ramos accompanies the piano during the annual singing of “Silent Night” at the Christmas concert when the choir alumni come up on stage and join their old classmates.



The alto section sings along with the beat of England Porter’s tamborine.





Buddy Dupuis does his pre-concert warm up for his fellow choir members.



At the spring concert all the senior members were recognized for their last performance.



Mr. Annable directs the chorus as Chris Landrum gives the beat on the bongo drums to the song "African Noel".



Ricky Denning accepts his plaque from Mr. Annable for his State choir performance.



These girls relax in the band room before the concert so they won't be so nervous up on stage.



England Porter and Buddy Dupuis concentrate as the IHS band practices for its upcoming concert.



Tiffany Barker, Aubrey Papen and Tom Fay play the notes on their alto saxophones in preparation for contest.



Shannon Burns, Spencer Null, Evan Hurford, and Skyler Green help the trombone section with its big sound during concert band season.

## “The Music Man”

After the parades and football season ended, the IHS band got to work preparing for their concert band season. The work obviously paid off, as three soloists and an instrumental trio earned “I” ratings at the Regional Music Contest held on the campus of Pittsburg State University. Earning the Superior rating qualified those persons to compete in the State Music Contest. Shannon Burns, sophomore, earned a “I” rating for her trombone solo, as did Ashley Ramos, junior, for her flute solo. The Flute Trio comprised of Ashley Ramos, Chelsie Zinser, and Amy Thompson also received a Superior rating. These musicians went on to earn “II” ratings for “outstanding” performances at the State Music Contest held at Andover High School. IHS musicians who received “II” ratings for their performances at the Regional Music Contest included Amy Thompson, flute solo; England Porter, percussion solo; Dustin James, saxophone solo; and Amber Smith, trumpet solo. The Percussion Trio of Brandan Dixon, Matt Whitley, and Andrew Demo received a “II” rating as did the Clarinet Trio of Holly Roggentine, Elishya Harris, and Kim Hart.



Chris Landrum, Matt Whitley, and Dustin Shepard keep a steady beat in the percussion section.

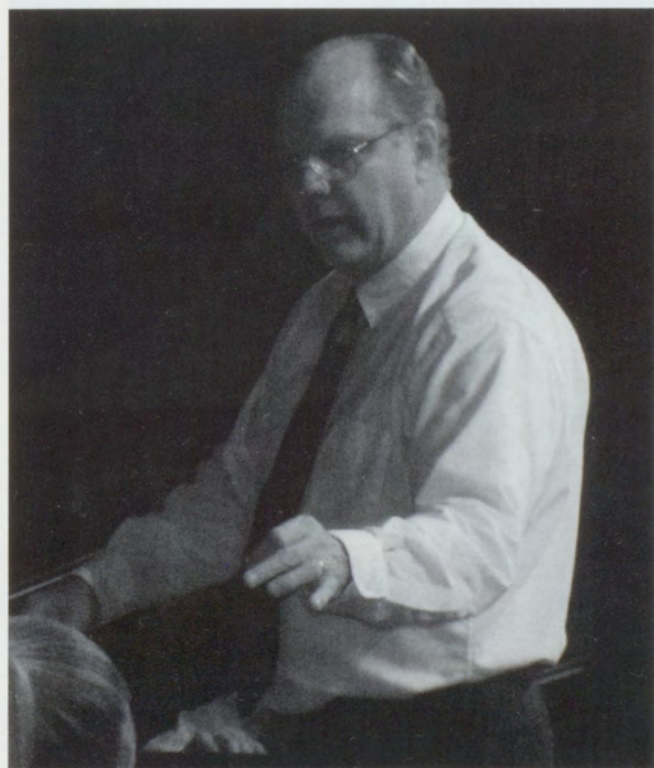


Carrie Meadows, Amber Smith and Jeremy Wallace play the melody in the trumpet section.

# “Mr. Hoyt’s Opus”



This year’s orchestra during their last concert of the year.



Mr. Hoyt has taught at IHS as the orchestra teacher for many years. At the last concert of the year he surprised the audience with an ice cream social following the concert.



Christine Brady and Chris Mears focus during the concert.



Playing his part during the concert Justin Eubanks waits for the short rest to end so he can begin playing again.



Sara Hoyt looks to make sure she is with the rest of the orchestra in one last practice before the concert.

Alex Bruening takes a break from practicing his event to give his rendition of The Who classic "Pinball Wizard".

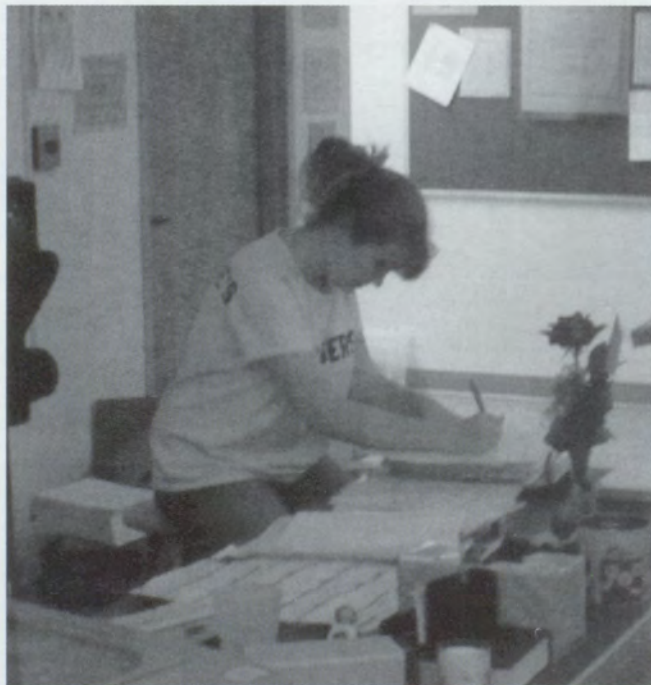


The Independence High School 2003-2004 Forensics Team, as coached by Mrs. Dunham.



## “Talking Heads: Stop Making Sense”

The dictionary defines forensics as the use of science and technology to investigate and establish facts in criminal or civil courts of law. Try telling that to Mrs. Julie Dunham. You can't, because she's busy basking in the success of her first season coaching IHS forensics. Forensics had a very successful season under Dunham's coaching, along with the leadership provided by co-presidents England Porter and Ashley Ramos. IHS had three competitors qualify for the state tournament: Jeremy Bruington, who performed a solo reading, and Allen Hayes and Halle Manning, who performed a duet. Indeed, it was breakout year for Manning, who captured four gold medals at three different tournaments, and will be returning for her senior year. Unfortunately, the team did not win State. L. Eric Cole, part-time member, had this to say, "You can't win 'em all." The kids tried their hardest, and I'm darn proud." England Porter concurred, saying, "I'm proud of their growth both spiritually and on the field." Halle Manning added, "We're also all proud of Mrs. Dunham. She came into the season knowing very little of forensics, but has engaged now with bushels of knowledge."



Halle Manning makes a quick note as she prepares to act out the one-woman play "Hush".



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## Clubs



Helping with the Area II project includes Abby Belcher, England Porter, Mika Mueller, Leah Dunham, and Sherri Allen.



Mrs. Hoyt dines at the Mother-Member Banquet.



As a tradition the sponsors always give the senior members a present to say thank you. This year as a goodbye and a thank you for all the sponsors' hard work the seniors bought Ms. Willis and Mrs. McBride Zopini bracelets with the KAY logo on them.

## “The Buttercream Gang”

Many people don't realize the KAY Club does more than school volunteer projects. KAYs is a service club that thrives in helping the school, community, nation, and world. This year the IHS KAY Club was active in the Area II Project for southeast Kansas. The club planted flowers and bushes for the circle drive. The board went to the yearly regional conference where they learned ways to promote the club and different ideas to get the members more involved in the club projects. With the help of all 50 members, the IHS KAY Club was the host this year to the Unit Conference for Area II, KAY Clubs from around southeast Kansas came to participate in activities and to listen to speakers who gave speeches on topics that would help the clubs with their volunteer work. After the Unit Conference the KAYs enjoyed end-of-year parties and picnics. During the last quarter of school the KAY's operated a pop tab drive. All the tabs gathered went to help the Ronald McDonald houses in Kansas. Their conclusion for the club was their Mother-Member Banquet. The banquet was held to install new officers and board members and to say farewell to all senior members. The KAY Club received the Blue Award for their work during the 2003-2004 school year.



Dr. Barta's pet monkey, Gizmo, was featured during Barta's presentation at the Unit Conference.



At the Mother-Member Banquet retiring member Carrie Meadows looks on as new officer Elise Sylvas lights her candle.



# “Revenge of the Nerds”



NHS members talk and snack at the picnic while waiting for hot dogs and hamburgers to be cooked.

Below left: Ben Klamm fires up the grill to get the picnic started.

Below: 2003-2004 NHS members.



At the NHS Induction Banquet, President Kasey Rowe receives a signed baseball and plaque from his fellow officers as a thank you for all his hard work during the year.

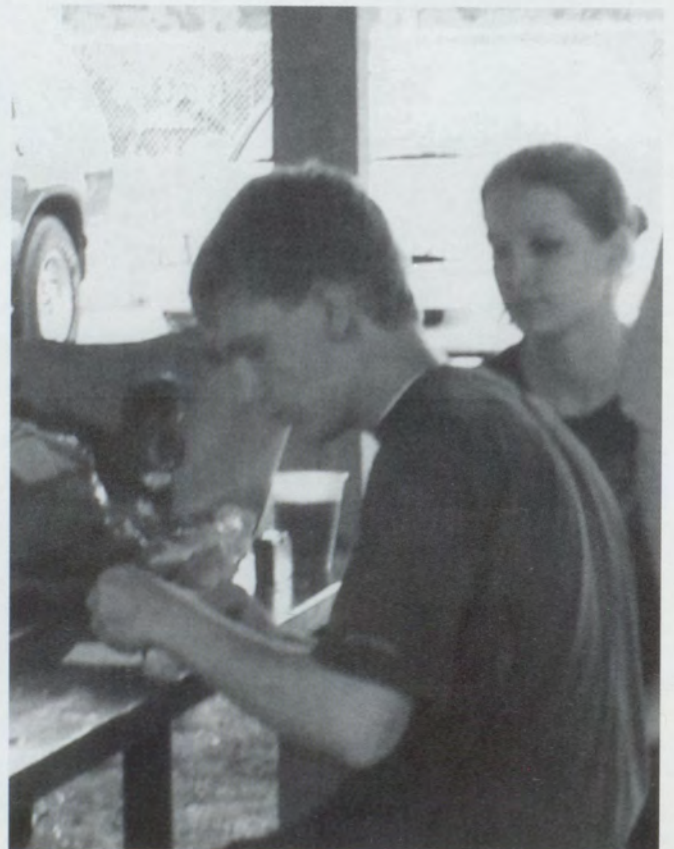
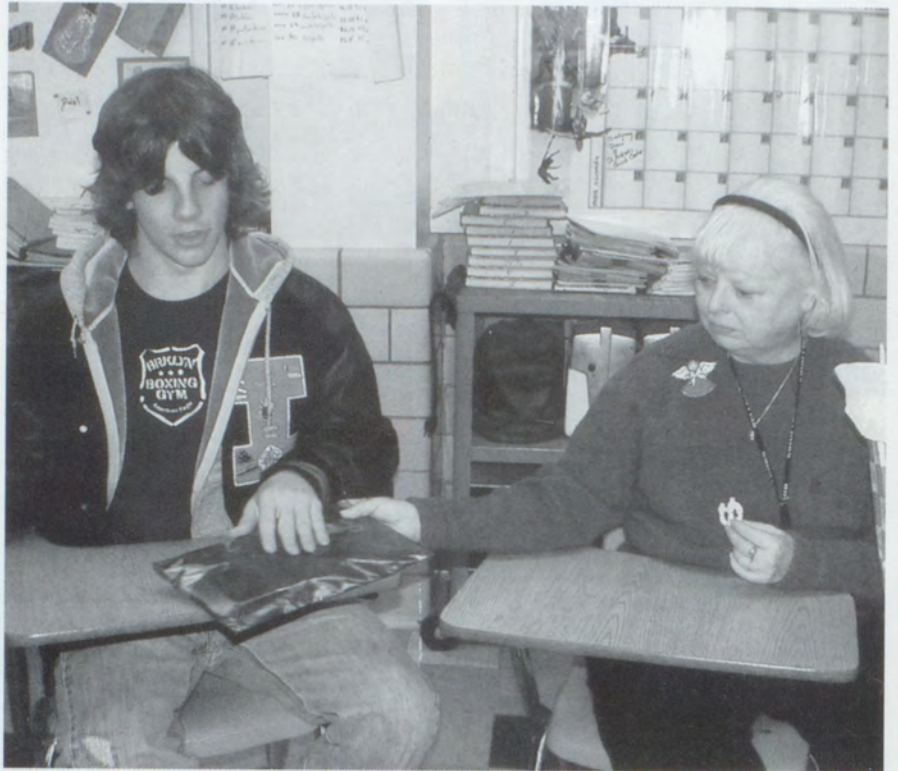


Mr. Runge congratulates new inductee Om Patel and presents with his membership certificate.

# “French Kiss”

(Right) Ms. McCray passes a present to Chris Landrum during the French Club Christmas party.

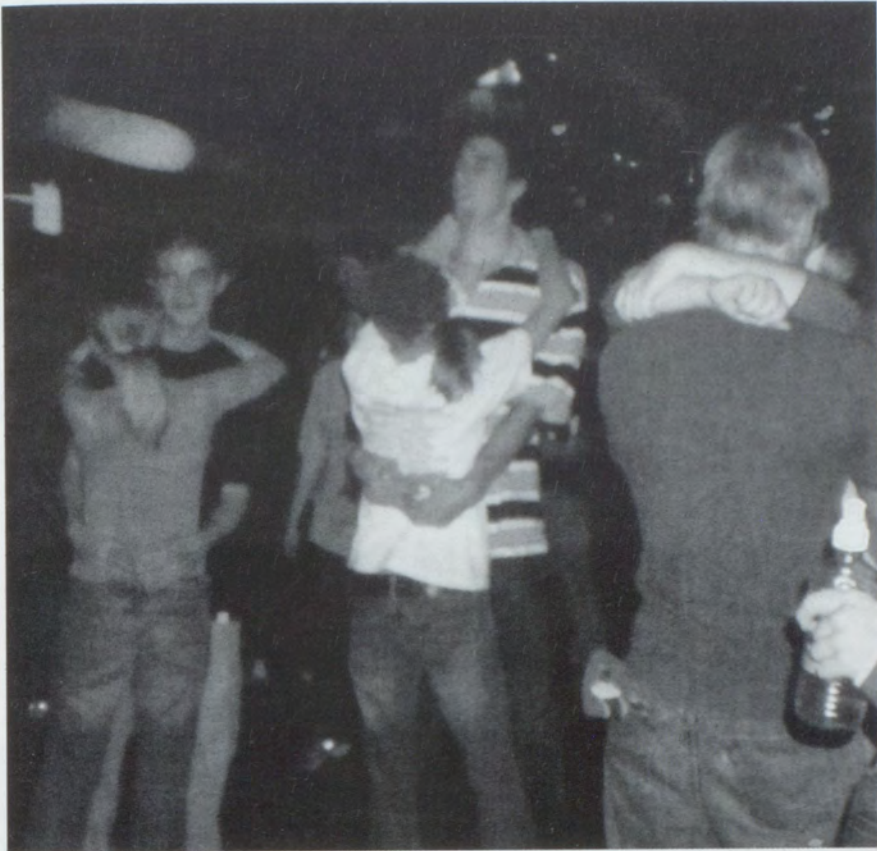
(Below) French Club Treasurer Kayleigh Nichols and President Melissa McDaniel conduct one of the monthly meetings. French Club meetings are held in Ms. McCray’s room during seminar.



(Above) French Club member Kolby Lanning cooks the hot dogs at the French Club picnic held at the park.

(Right) Cameron Johnson votes for the 2004-2005 French Club officers at the French Club picnic.

# “Once Upon a Time in Mexico”



(Left) Students slow-dance at the dance sponsored by Spanish Club held at the 4-H building.

(Below) Tyler Lowdon and Ben Klamm wait around for the foreign language scavenger hunt to start.



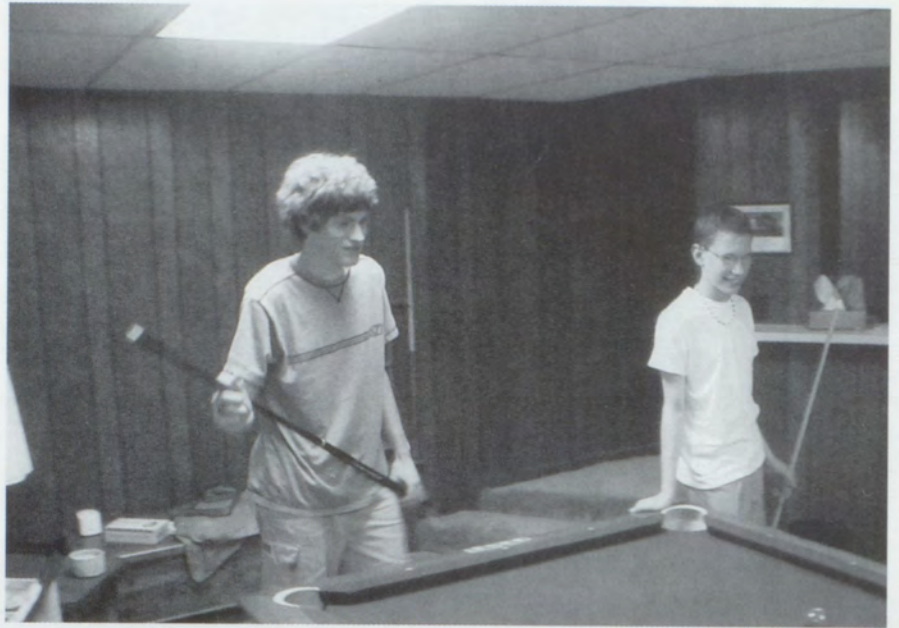
(Left) Amy Majewski and Kylie Carlyle dance at the Fiesta.

(Above) Members from Spanish, French, and Latin Clubs participate in the foreign language scavenger hunt.

# Dead Poets Society "Carpe Diem"

(Right) Nick Rau and Skyler Green play pool at the Latin Club party held at Eric Cole's house.

(Below) Mary Tucker and Laura Rau watch a game of pool at the Latin Club party.



Latin Club members enjoy their food at the Latin Club party.

# “Analyze This”



2003-2004 PUPPS at camp.



Senior Cole Uttinger frolics over to Spencer White during the team skit.



Junior Danielle Leoffler and teammates work to get everyone across the board without touching the ground.



(Above) Everyone receives their signed t-shirts as they load up on the bus to leave camp.



Senior Tiffany Barker is lifted over the wall on the low ropes course.



A group of guys lift up Gordon McDaniel as one of the team activities.



A team of PUPPS show their excitement at the end of the obstacle course.

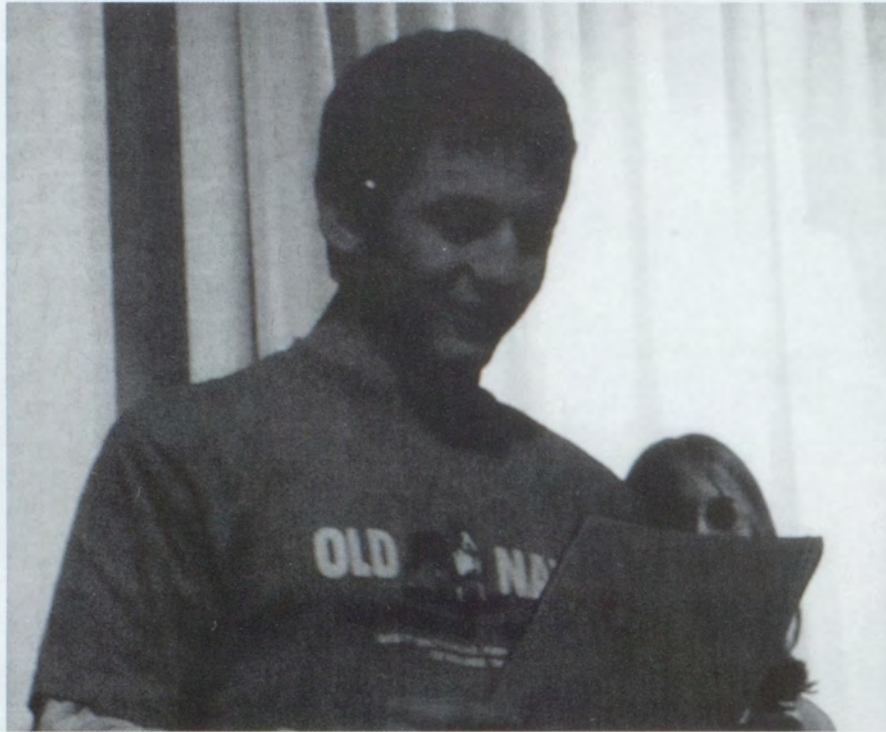


PUPPS members stayed up late at night in the cabin playing a game with a crazy bouncy ball for hours.



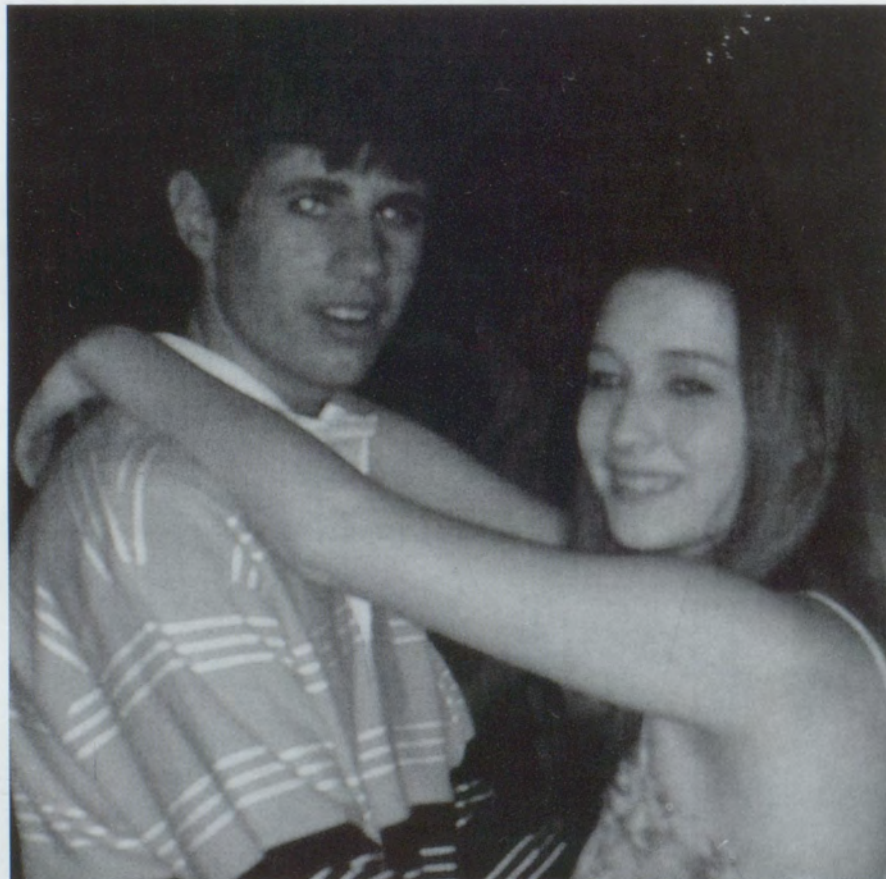
Jacob Stockton and Coach Mose serenade the group after dinner.

# “American Graffiti”



(Left) Andy Greenhaw speaks at a pep assembly. Pep Club organized many pep assemblies and with the help of the band, cheer squad, and dance team sparked the spirit of many Bulldog fans.

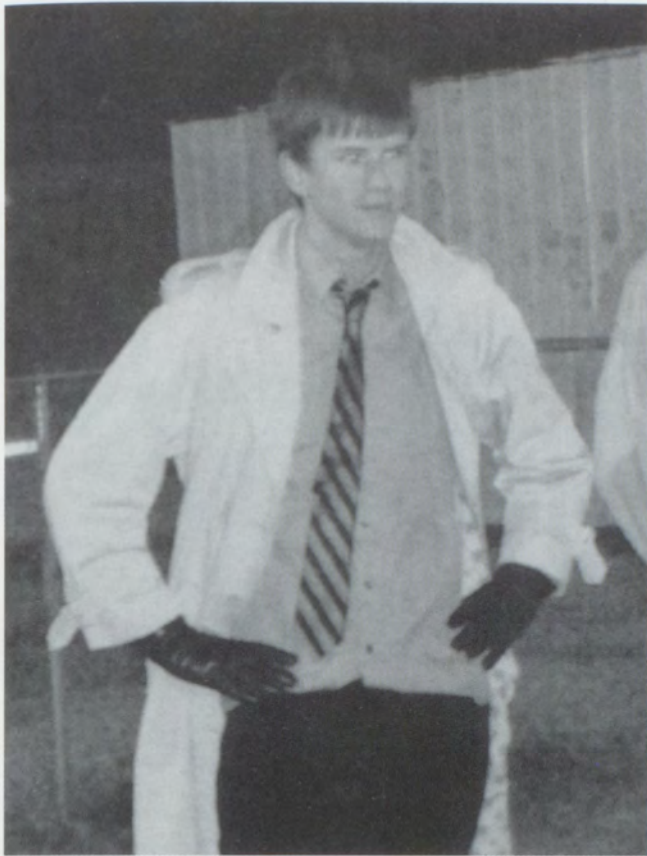
(Below) Amy Majewski, junior, poses with the mascot, Jared Shull, senior, at a home football game. Jared performed as the mascot for four years.



(Above) Mrs. Capps, Pep Club co-sponsor, and Aubrey Heckman decorate for the semi-formal dance, hosted by Pep Club.

(Left) Adam Taylor and Cassidee Connors, freshmen, share a dance at the semi-formal. The theme of this year's semi-formal was "Lucky Star."

# “As Good As It Gets”



Many of the Stuco boys were coaches for Powder Puff. Ryan Kadel made sure he looked the part of game night.



Stuco does many things throughout the year, from homecoming and spirit weeks to dances. Mrs. Thompson has her hands full, but with the help of her officers, like Chelsea Chaney she gets the job done.

# THINK BIG



The first pep rally of the year was fun and successful. Many of the Stuco members participated in the activities going on that night. Some of the members who came were (Front Row) Emily Bannwarth, Andy Greenhaw (Back Row) Cole Uttinger, Keith Shepard, Chelsea Chaney, Audrey Gross, and Jessica Dillon.



One of the big projects for the year was the annual blood drive. Alex Moore and Ryan Kadel were among the many Stuco members that helped out. The volunteers escorted the donors from their chairs to the snack area where they could rest before going on with their day.

# “Weird Science”

Abby Belcher is a member of Science/SCUM Club and with her background in rocket building from her physics class, Abby was beneficial when the club entered a national rocket competition.



(Below) For the year's kick-off the club made ice cream using liquid nitrogen to freeze the ice cream mixture.



Mr. Smith is this year's sponsor for both Science Club and SCUM Club.



Candice Heathman works on a rocket that she will later test for durability and height.



Melissa McDaniel paints her rocket carefully, as she will be “graded” on its appearance.



# “Day of the Dead”

Tuesday, April 27, 2004 was a beautiful spring day. Few IHS students suspected that by the end of the day, over 20 over their fellow classmates would be “dead.” Who was to blame? Drunk drivers and SADD Club. To raise awareness about the drunk driving epidemic in America, SADD randomly selected students to represent alcohol-related fatalities. Throughout the day, someone “died” every 15 minutes. That student was taken from class by the Grim Reaper, had his or her face painted white and was not allowed to speak the rest of the day. Halle Manning explained why, “Motor vehicle crashes remain the number one cause of death among youth ages 15 to 20. The percentage of alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes is higher on the weekends, and we think since prom is such a big event, the amount of drunk-driving incidents is very high.” Students Against Destructive Decisions is sponsored by Mrs. Sandoval.

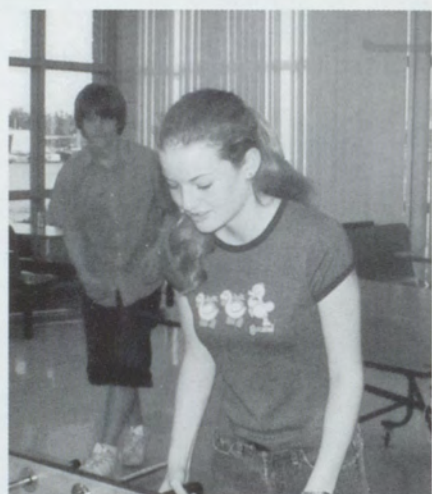
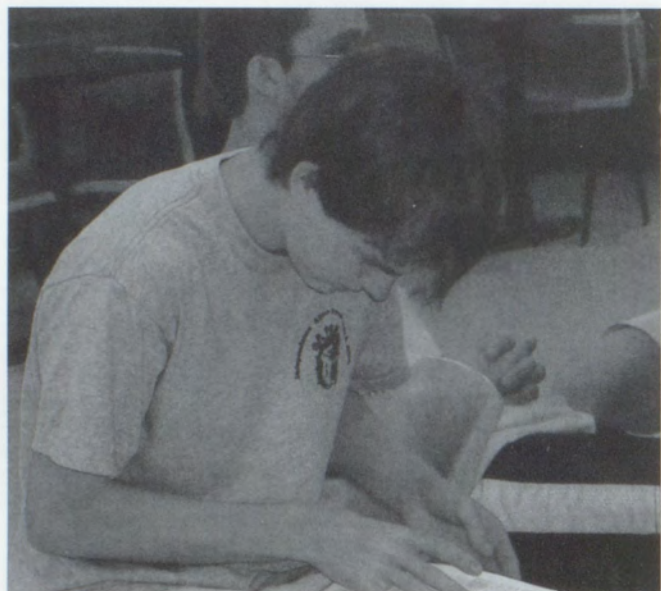
Halle Manning, who worked as the Grim Reaper, discusses the time of death for the next victim with Mrs. Thompson.



Jesse Overfield victim of a drunk driver, sits quietly in the foyer. The activity was held the week prior to prom and was sponsored by SADD.

Eleven of the 27 students lie in the makeshift morgue in the foyer.

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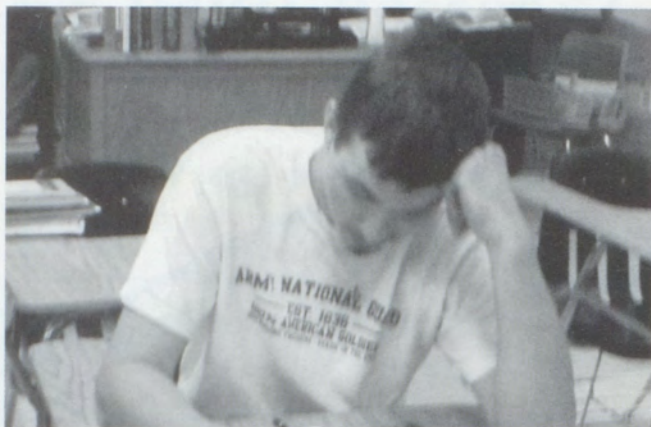


# Academics

# “Good Will Hunting”



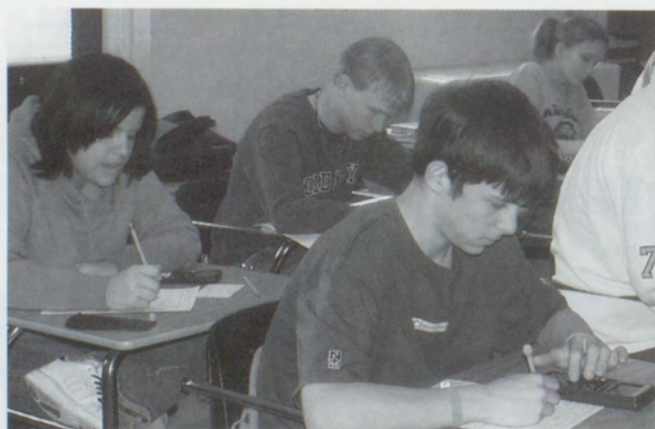
Sophomore Becky Ivey works hard to finish her test in Mrs. Roth's class.



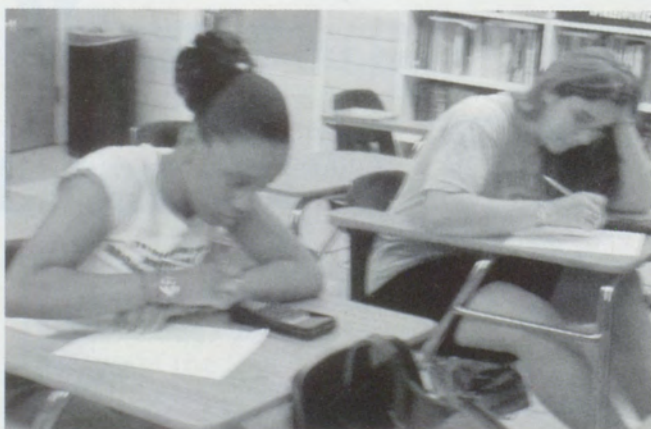
Ross Smith concentrates as he works on his assignment.



Jessica Hambleton, Megan Fowler, and Andrea Marinari work on their Probability and Statistics project.



Andy Likes and Brittani Wilcox, sophomores, work hard on their last geometry test.



Alexis Lewis and Brandace Magner take time on their Algebra I final to make sure they do well.

# "History of the World"



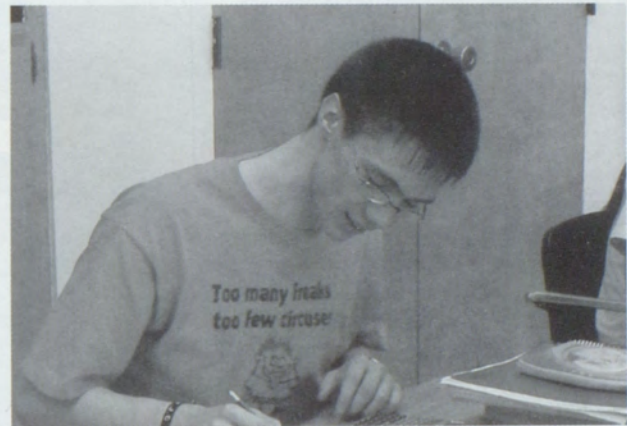
Mrs. McBride watches and helps her students as they work hard.



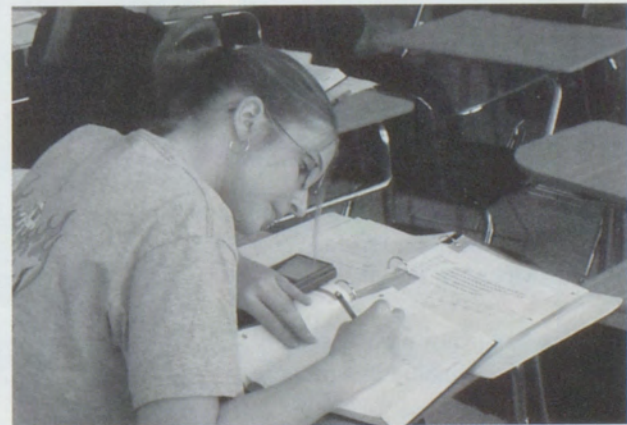
Senior Joe Hall works out in the hall on his project for third quarter.



Ms. Willis helps junior Aubrey Heckman on her new assignment in pre-calc.



Mike Tuszynski works hard to finish his math test in Mrs. Roth's geometry class.

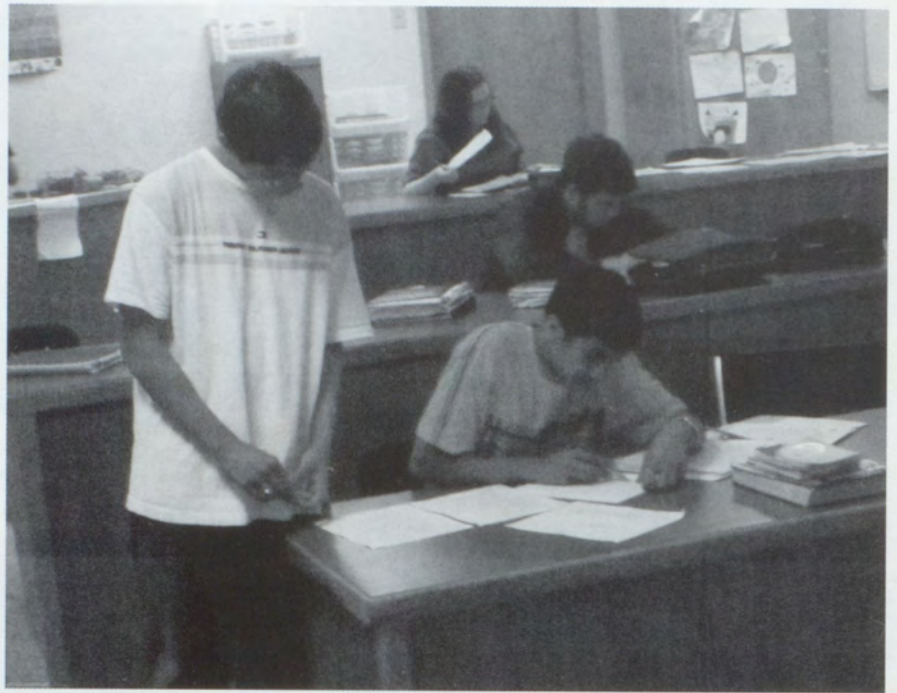


Emily Bannwarth works diligently on her pre-calc assignment.

# “History of the World”

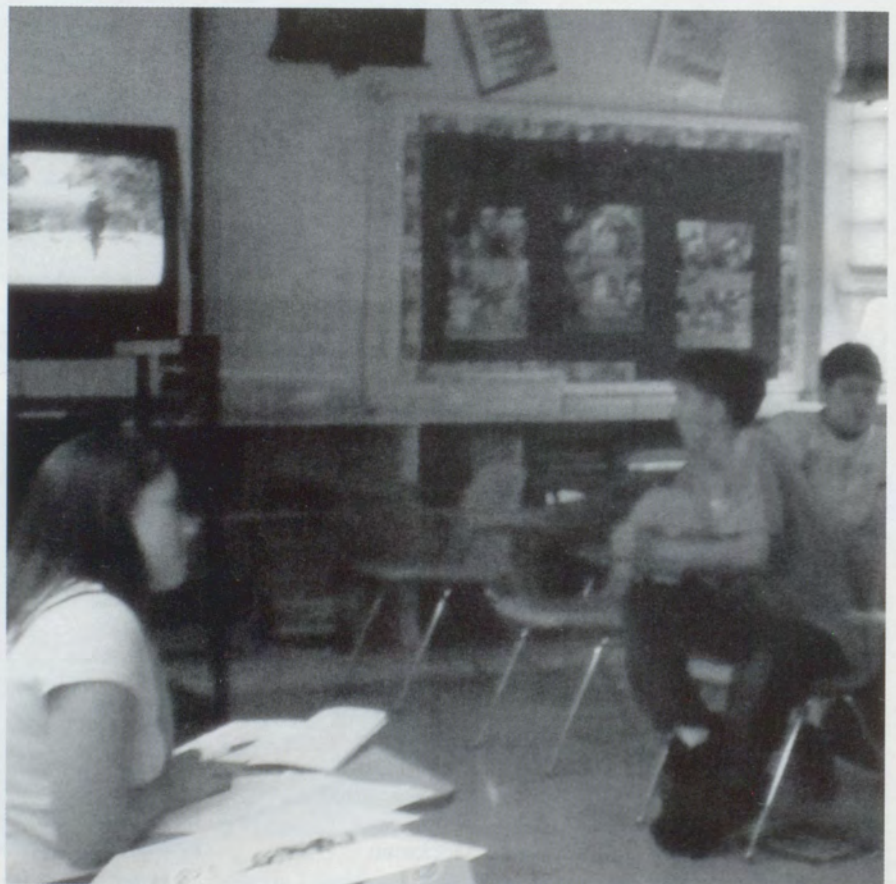
(Top Right) Om Patel receives help from another student in Mrs. Dunham’s world history class.

(Below) Dana Sullivan contemplates starting to work on her next assignment in AP American History



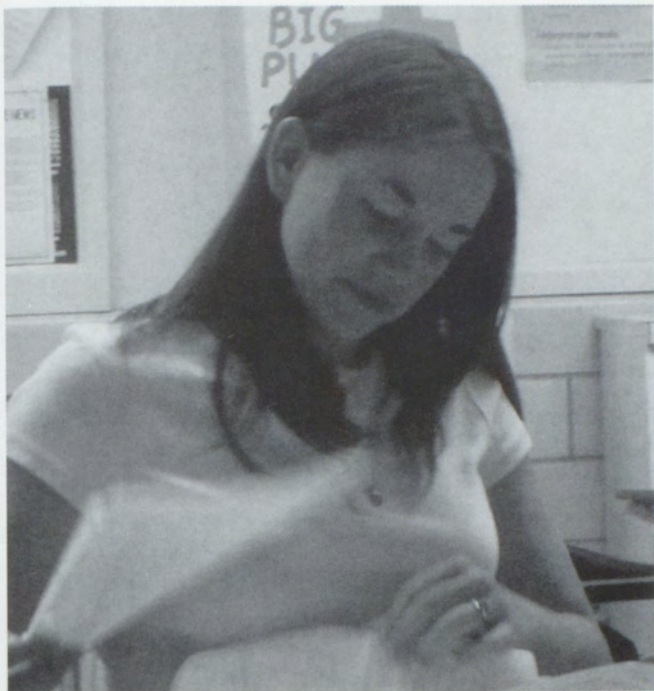
Above) Kayleigh Nichols listens intently to the lesson on World War I during AP American History.

(Right) Students view a documentary on the JFK assassination in American History.

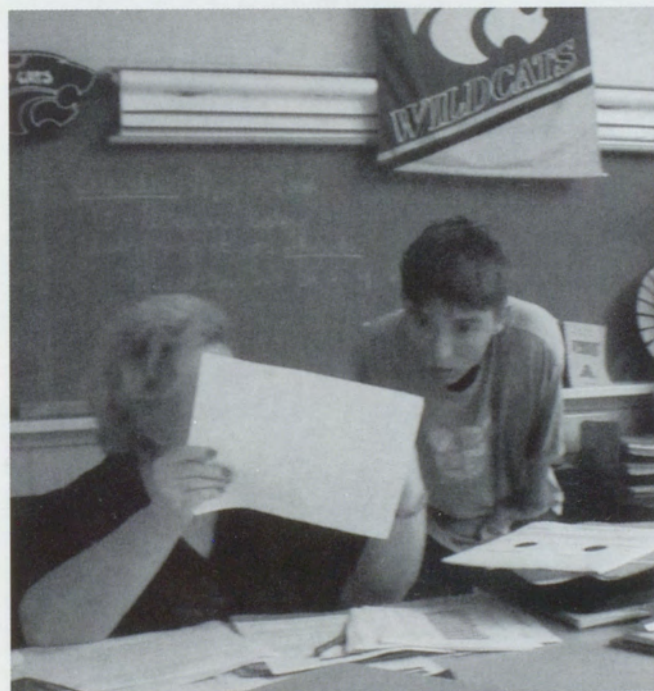




# A Foreign Affair



Michelle Staley, junior, studies for her final in AP American History.



Josh Goodman, junior, finds out his test results from Mrs. Reichenberger.

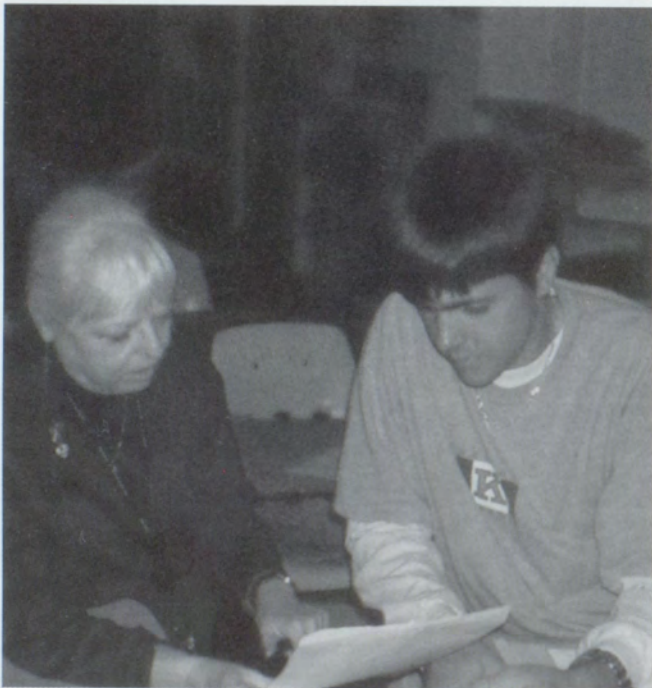
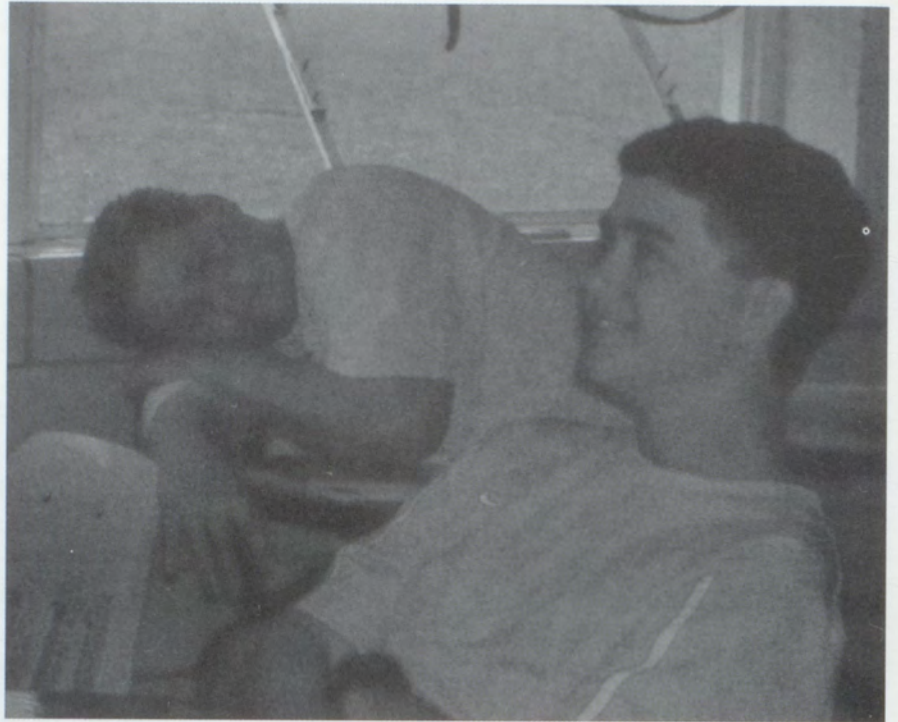
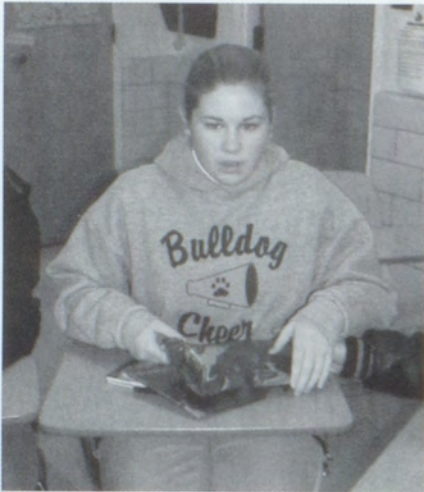


Om Patel, sophomore, points out India on a large map on the wall during world history.

# “A Foreign Affair”

Ryan Modich, junior, and Ben Webb, sophomore, take a break from studying for a French II test.

Kayleigh Nichols, junior, opens a Christmas gift during the festivities in French III.

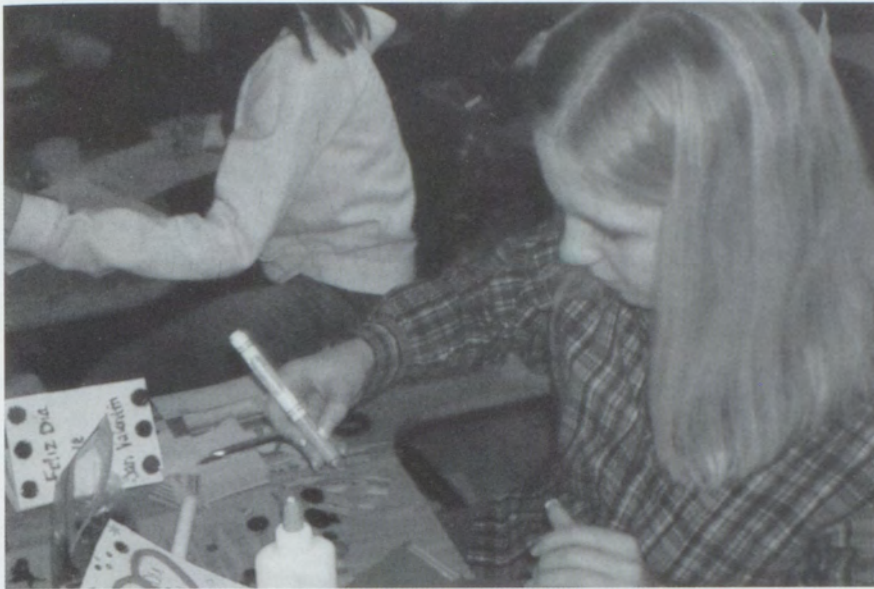


Ms. McCray helps Seth Malloy, junior, conjugate verbs in French II.

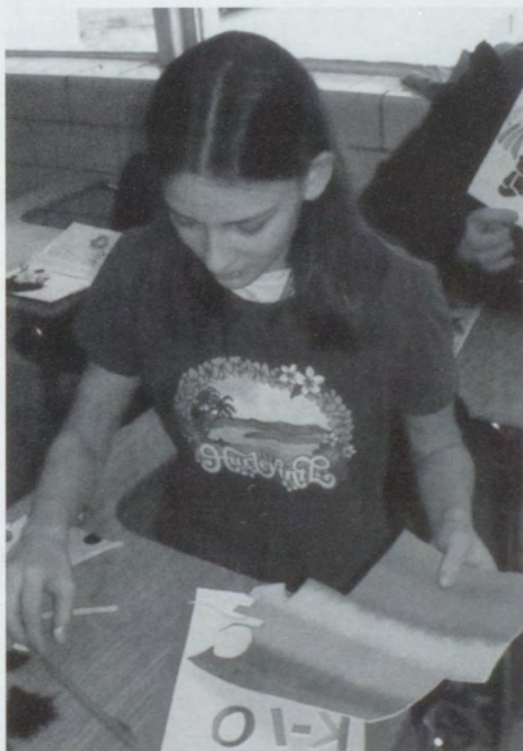
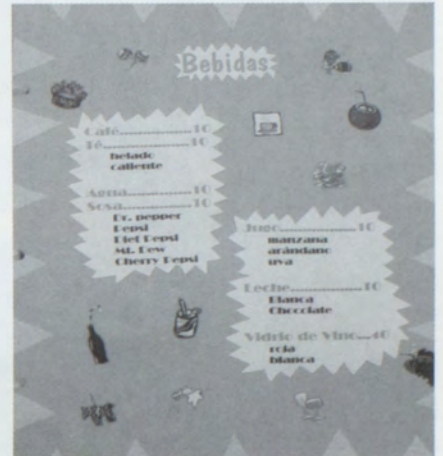
Samantha Adams, French II junior, and Carrie Meadows, French III senior, wait patiently for their turn to open a gift. In order to accommodate student schedules, Ms. McCray often teaches combined classes.



Lindsey Dean, Spanish I freshman, puts the finishing touches on the valentine she created for Cassidee Connors.



Nichole Anderson, sophomore, created this menu for a project in Ms. Capps' Spanish I class. Students were required to set up a menu for a Mexican restaurant using Spanish vocabulary.



Sabrina Long, Spanish I freshman, cuts a piece of craft foam to decorate her valentine in Ms. Sandoval's Spanish I class.



Amber Smith-Baysinger, junior, contemplates the next step she's about to take in making her valentine sparkle.



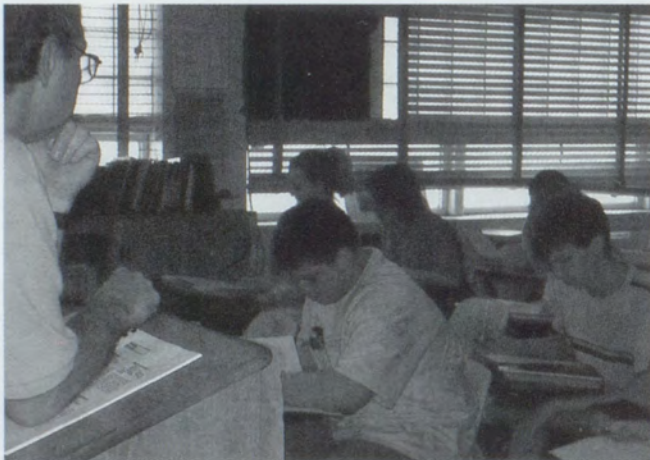
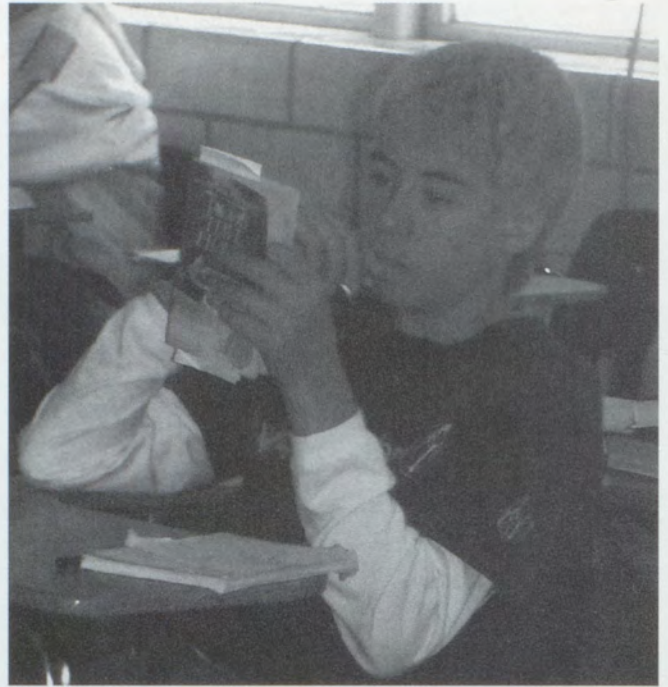
Kelsey Stelting, Spanish I freshman, applies rubber cement to the card she made for Breezy Mangan. Ms. Sandoval assigned her students to make and send holiday cards using their newly acquired Spanish.

# “Finding Forrester”

As a senior many students fear Mrs. Spencer. With great focus on Shakespeare, vocabulary, grammar, and writing, Mrs. Spencer inspired and helped a great number of students live up to their full English potential.



Chris Elshabassy reads the back of a book for his English class.



During the English period freshmen, sophomores, and juniors enrolled for next year.



Kris Bryant tries to remember the definition to one of the words on the very last vocab test of the year.



Here Allen Hayse reads a story to his class.



Malarie Debo demonstrates the necessary procedures of taking care of a horse for a speech project.

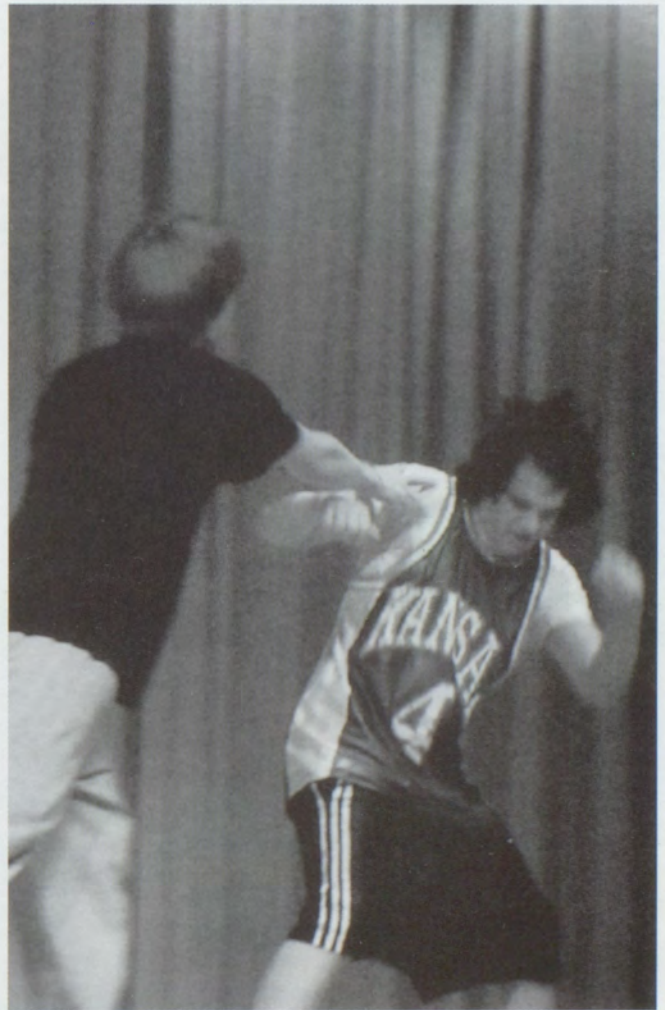
In the Advanced English 11 class Mrs. Browning has her students write many poems. On the last day of school Katy Kendrick writes her poems on the sidewalk for all to see.



Finals are the hardest part of student's last week of school. Mrs. Spencer's Merchant of Venice final was no exception for Chris Landrum, who had to plug his nose to keep his focus on his test. Melissa McDaniel works dilligently, while Chelsea Chaney tries to remember the parts of the novel that can help her on the essays.



Rachael McCarty works on a project for her English class.



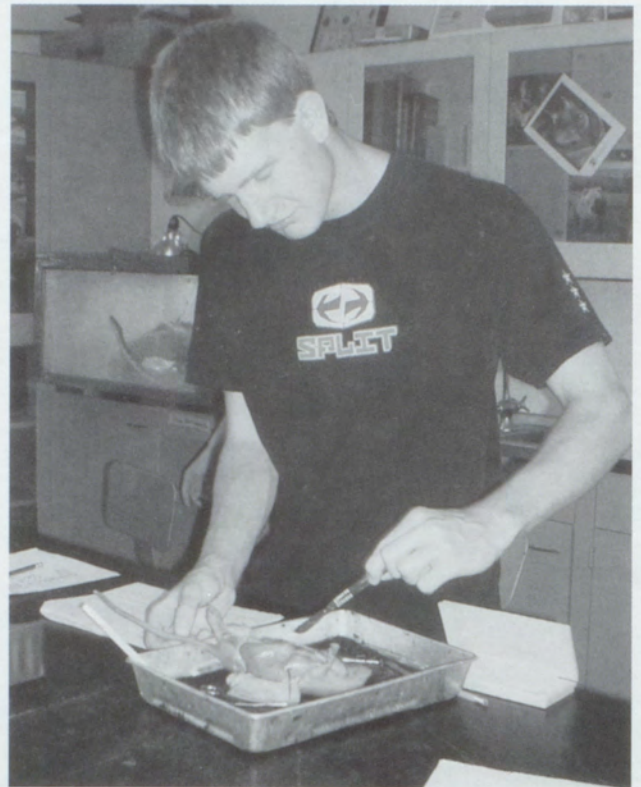
Many students like to take drama for part of their English requirement. This year two one-act plays were performed. Allen Hayse and Alex Bruening perfected their fighting sequence for the play.

# “October Sky”



Abby Christensen attempts to send Barbie sky-high during the annual rocket project in physics.

Tyler Lowdon cooks up some chocolate ice cream by using a chemical reaction causing it to freeze. Joe Hall tests the product, praying that Tyler knew what he was doing.



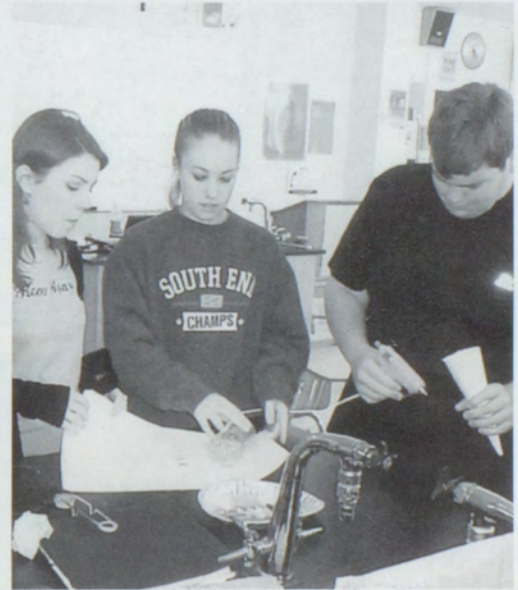
Cameron Johnson gets ready to cut open his rat during one of the many dissections that take place in Mr. Reynolds' biology class.



Ravin Sylvas lights a pipe cleaner on fire during an experiment in Mr. Webb's physical science class.



Mr. Reynolds shows Kim Leon the correct way to make the first cut on her dissection of the rat.

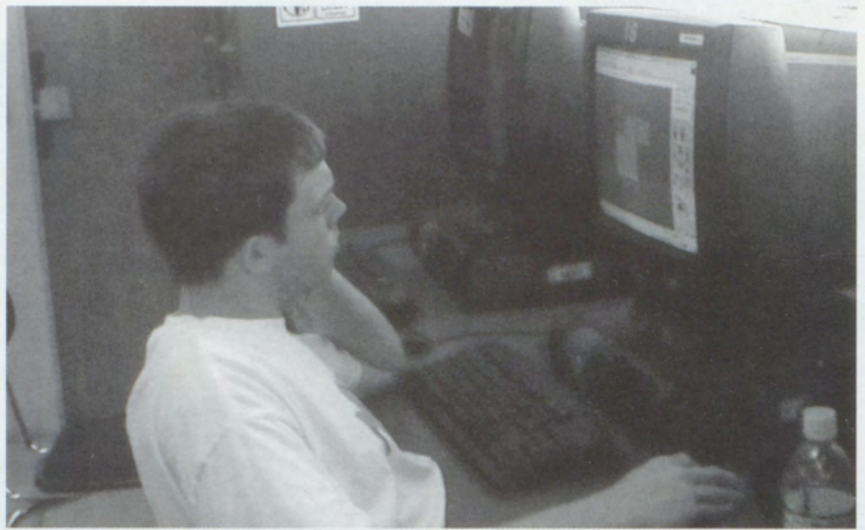


(Above) Seniors Amy Farlow, Megan Fowler, and Jared Shull all work together to begin building their rocket.

(Left) Freshman Becca Horin works with Play-Doh to make characters for her animated movie project.

# “You’ve Got Mail”

Jesse Overfield, senior, plays a game of online cards during his free time in Mr. Cunningham’s Internet II class.



Kayla Coatney works hard to get her assignment done in keyboarding. Mr. Armitage is one of the teachers who teaches keyboarding.

Danielle Buck, sophomore, looks at material to use in her Computer Applications I class taught by Ms. McClure. Anthony Vale, senior, is a teacher’s assistant for Ms. McClure.

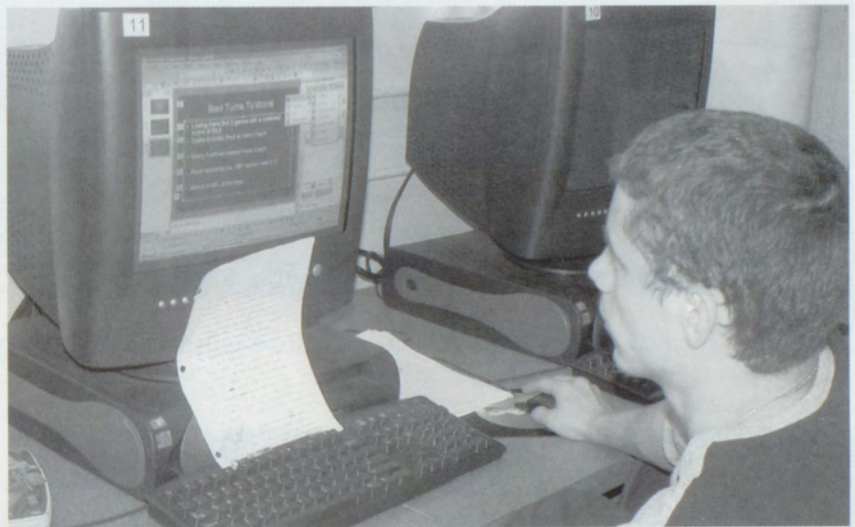




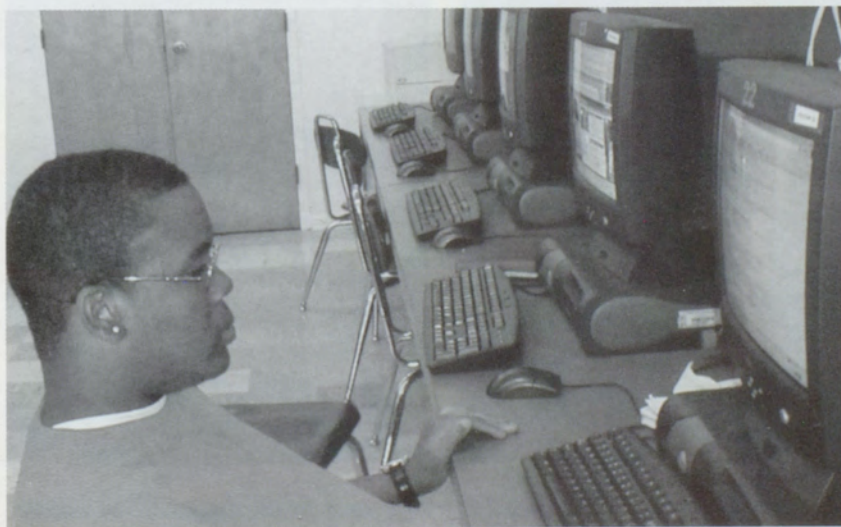


Fay Best takes a break during Mr. Armitage's keyboarding class.

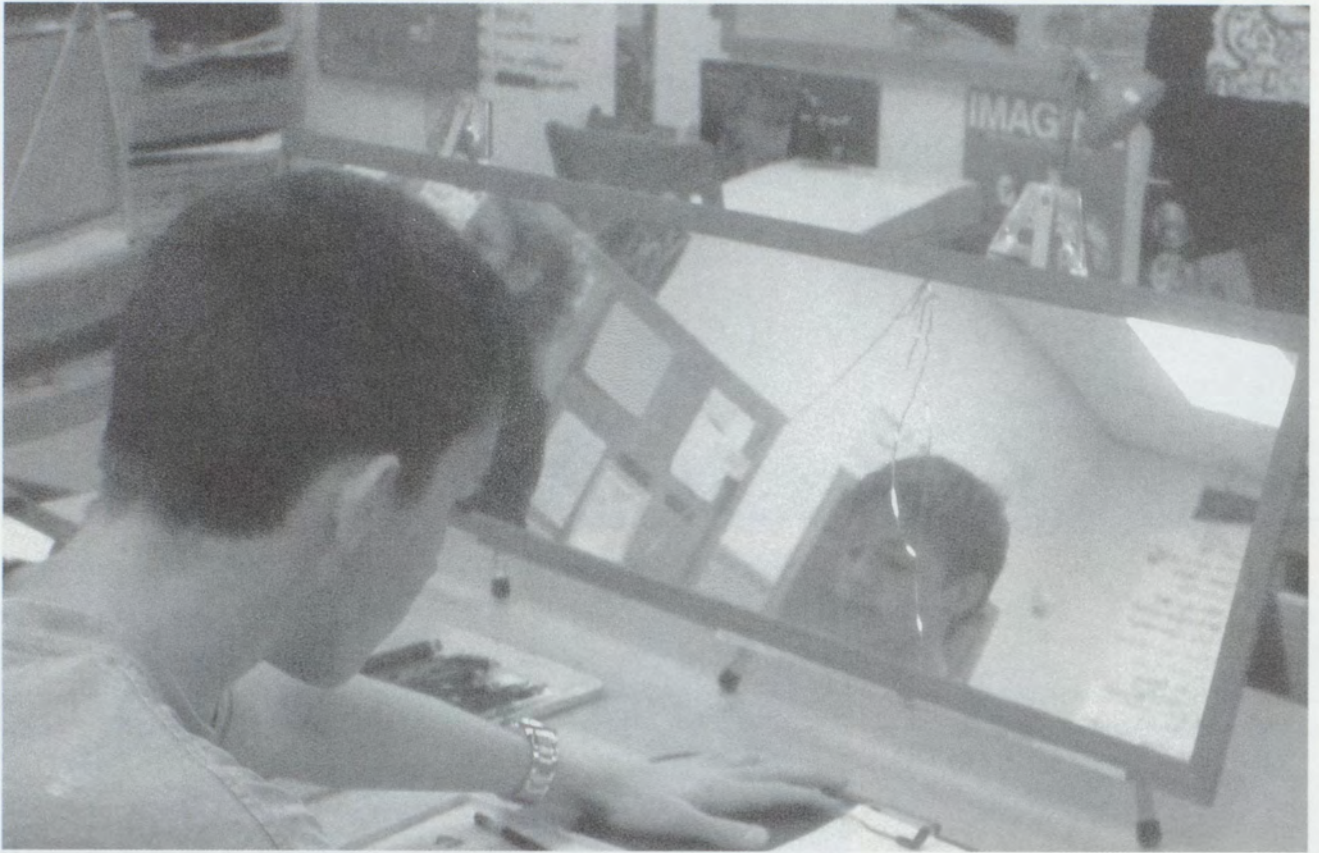
Kevin Baker, junior, works on a project in Computer Applications I class, taught by Ms. McClure.



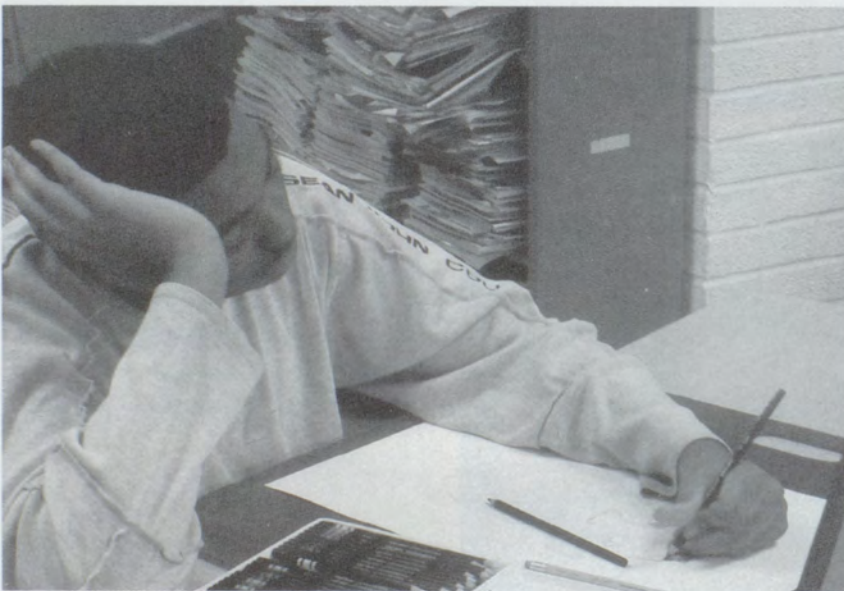
Joseph Gullick, senior, does research on the internet for building a web page in Mr. Cunningham's Internet II class.



# “Mona Lisa Smile”



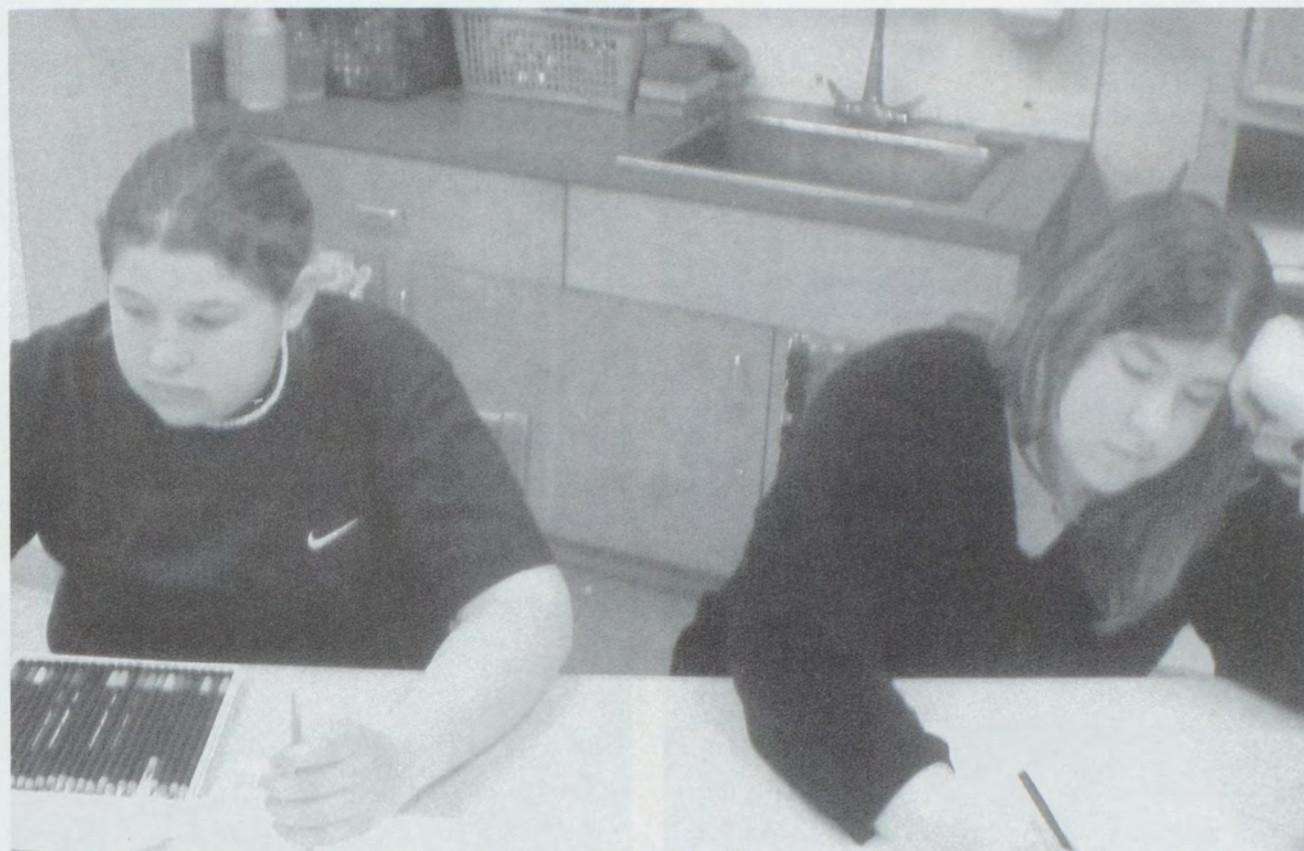
Neal Julian attempts to draw his reflection while Ben Smith (reflection) does the same.



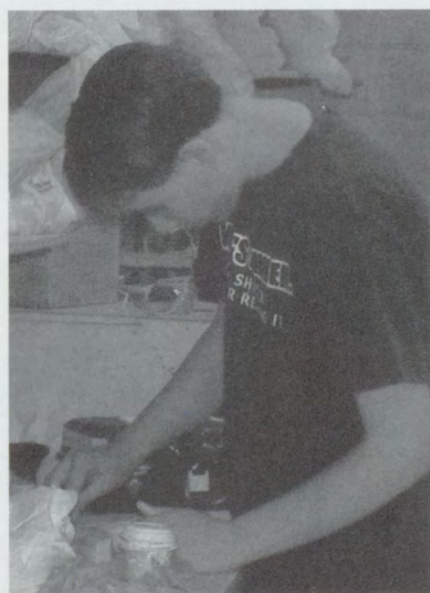
D.J. Lawrie starts to shade in his hair from his reflection during Drawing 2.



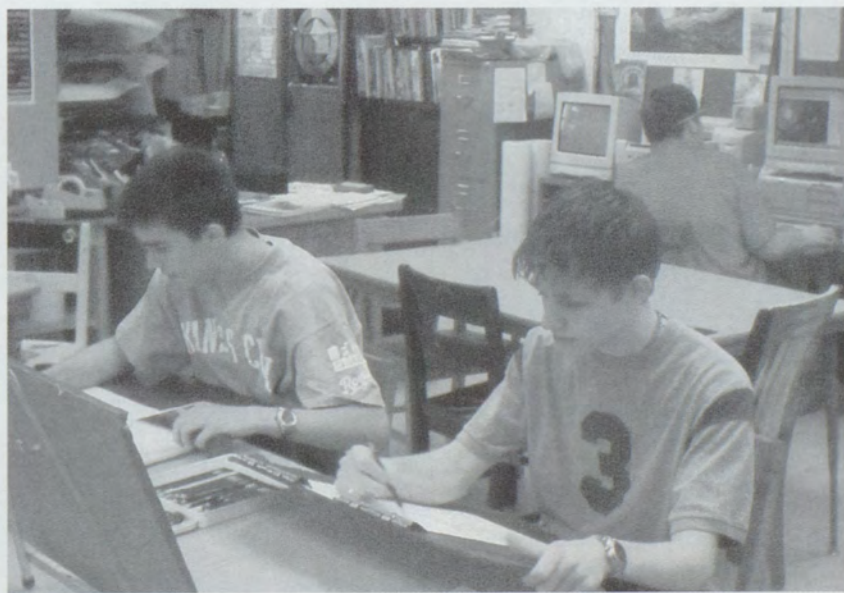
Daphanie Keath shapes her ceramic pot to perfection.



Brittny Schwartz considers what to draw next while Louandri Fourie starts in on her next project.



Nathan Jones molds a piece of clay for his next ceramic creation.



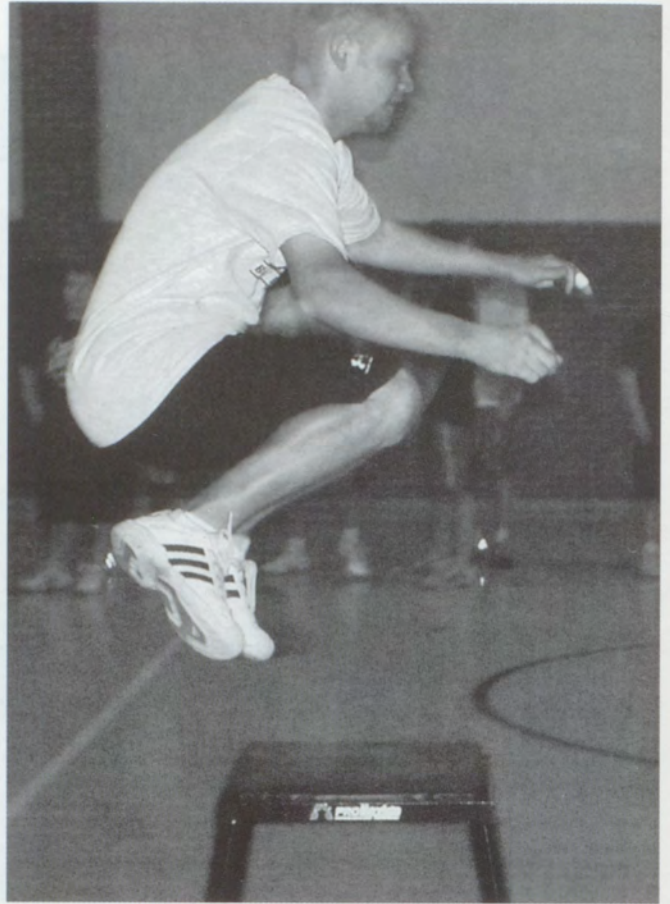
Ben Smith puts his creativity onto paper as Neal Julian paints a very unique picture.

# “Porky’s”

Kendall Martinez throws the ball down the lane during girls lifetime sports. Lifetime sports is a class guys and gals can take after physical education to further pursue athletic glory.



Jason Watson, senior, jumps on a platform for conditioning.



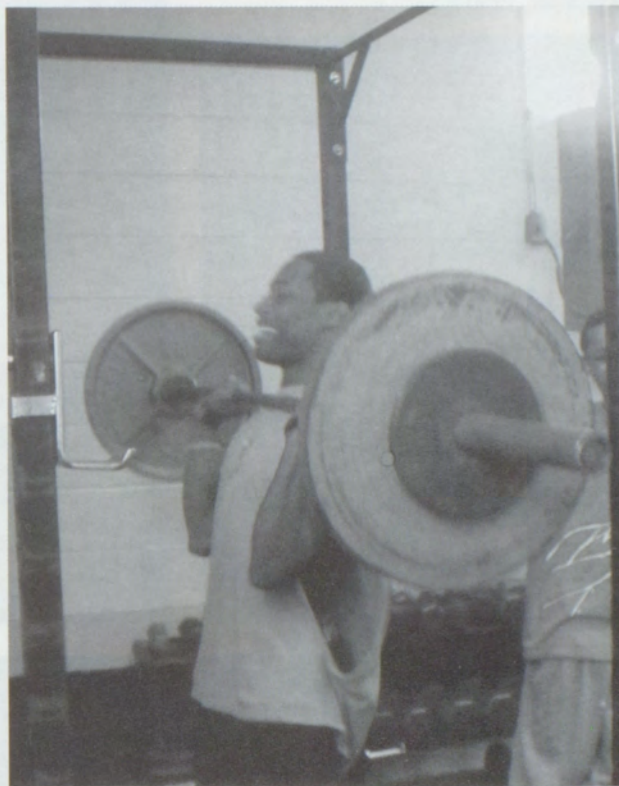
A group of girls hold the line during a game of dodgeball.



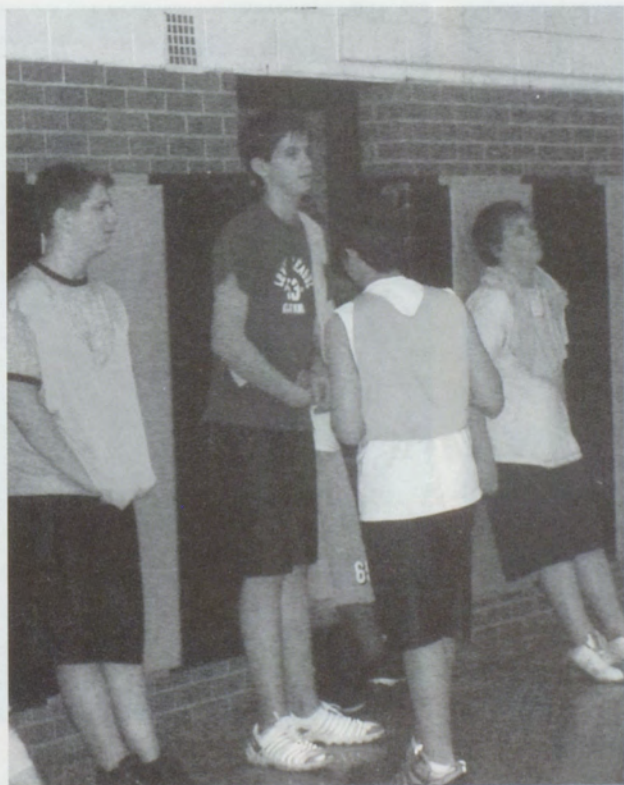
Jacob Stockton, junior, takes his time before springing onto the box.



Kylie Carlyle looks to pass the football while playing arena football in the gym.



Quincy Rowland cleans 155 lbs. during boys' conditioning. Boy's conditioning is taught by Coach Boldra.



A group of freshmen stand around after a rousing game of soccer in freshmen physical education. Physical education is a requirement for graduation at IHS.

# “Dreaming in Color”

Ms. Unruh, one of the people who makes EXPO possible, made the ‘welcome’ sign.

Wes Vincen showcases the piece he made in ceramics.



Students who took jewelry class have their impressive array of creations displayed.



Meike Muller put together the abstract sculpture she made in advanced design class.

# Art Show



Students have a chance to show off their artwork.

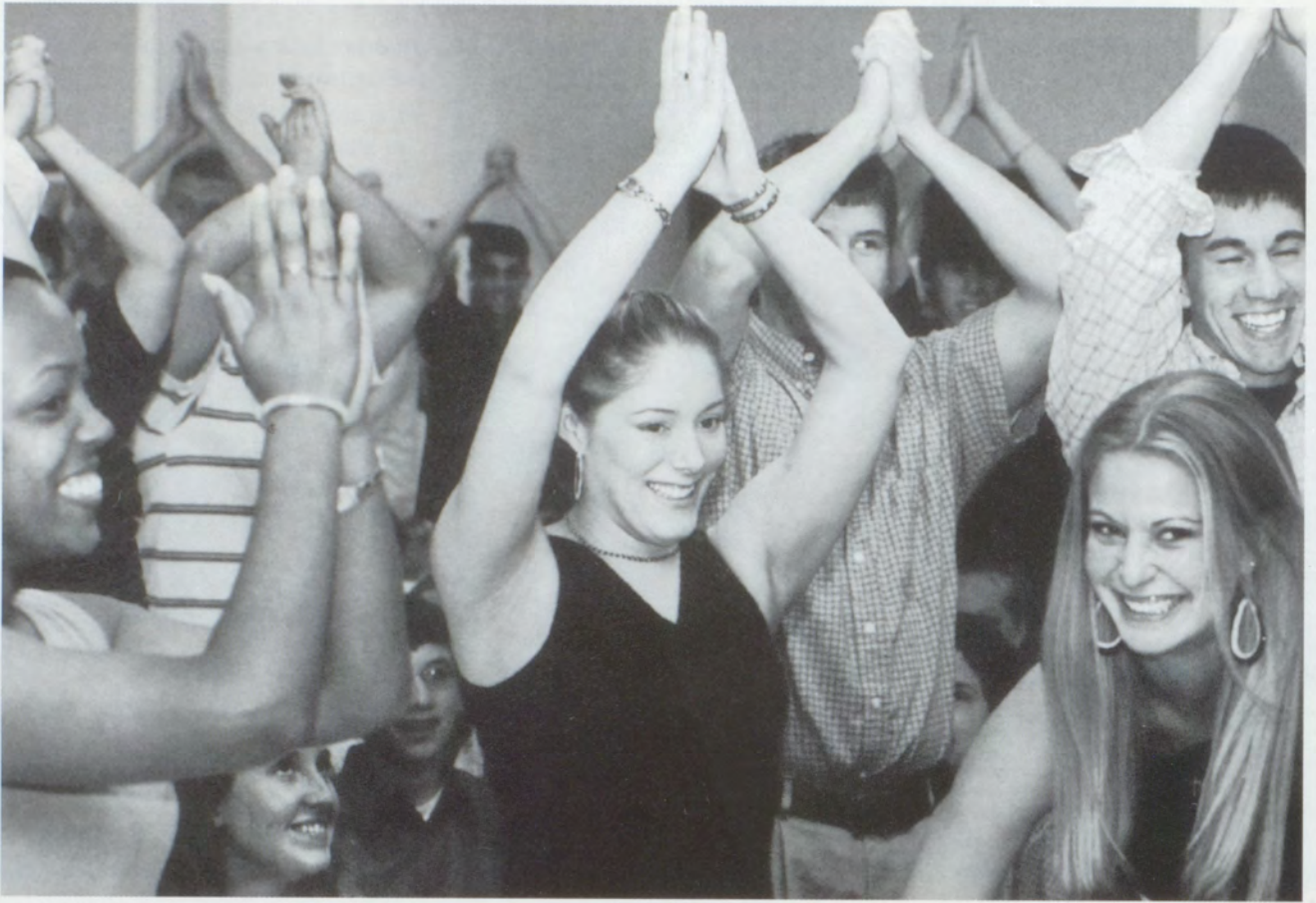
Cain Kinnamon, senior, displayed a ceramic skull he made in ceramics class.



Isaiah Sack, senior, created this interesting drawing.

Neal Julian, junior, created this piece of art, which earned fourth place at a local art showing.

# “The Right Stuff”



This year's speaker at the Academic Banquet was one that will be hard to live up to next year. He got the whole audience involved playing a large game of Simon Says. Still in the game here is Tiffany Barker, Jessica Dillon, Andy Greenhaw, Scott Hogan and Meghan Kelly. (Reporter photo courtesy of Karen Mikols.)



Every year the seniors spend a great amount of time filling out scholarship applications. Then at the Academic Banquet they find out if all their hard work paid off, and this year was no different. Mr. Runge let everyone know that choosing the recipients is never an easy task. Not just seniors come to be recognized as hard workers though, anyone who maintained a 3.8 GPA is eligible for the academic award. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors earn an academic letter and freshmen receive a pin. The Indy Ensemble entertained the crowd through dinner and then the ceremony got underway. The banquet is sponsored every year by the Soroptimist and Rotary Clubs.



# “Fast Times at Ridgemont High”

Sergeant White calls Trevor Tow up to award him scholarship money for enlisting in the Army.



Marine Distinguished Athlete Award . Andy Greenhaw	
Kayo Emmot Scholarship . . . . .	Cody Beyer
Tindle Award . . . . .	Cody Beyer
Rudy Award . . . . .	Brent Berberick
Football MVP . . . . .	Tim Smith

Matt Ysusi smiles after receiving his award from Sgt. White. Sgt. White presented Matt and Tiffany Barker with the Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Awards. This award is given to one male and one female for excellence in athletics and academics.



Coach Speicher acknowledges co-captains Melissa McDaniel and Tiffany Barker for showing strong leadership in the 2003 season.



Allison Emmot, junior, is curious about how donating blood works.



Ron Harris, senior, inspects his arm while giving blood.



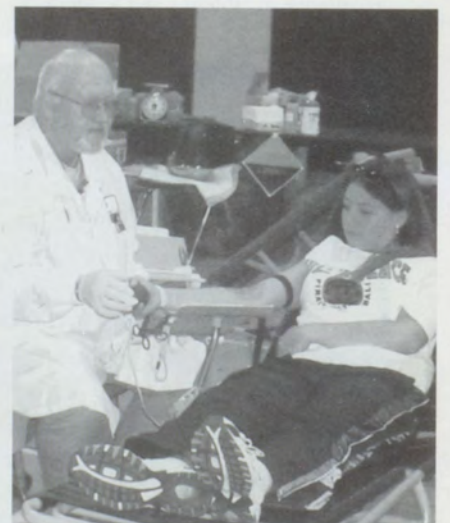
Shane Henderson, junior, thinks giving blood is not such a great idea any more.

## “Interview with the Vampire”

The American Red Cross came to IHS hoping to receive about 75 pints of blood. Out of the 114 people who signed up to give blood, 90 were able to give a pint. With the help of IHS students and faculty, the Red Cross exceeded their goal. Overall, the process took about 30 minutes, including the paperwork, the testing of the blood, the actual blood work, and then recovery time. Some grew weary, while others stayed strong and were out of there in no time. During recovery time, patients had to sit at a table, drink a couple glasses of water, and eat snacks to regain strength. Student Council helped out the Red Cross staff by getting supplies, escorting patients to where they needed to go, and fetching items to eat or drink for those recovering. With the help of 90 donors, the American Red Cross volunteers, and Stuco, roughly 270 lives will be saved.



Mike Grimes, junior, looks a little pale after giving blood.

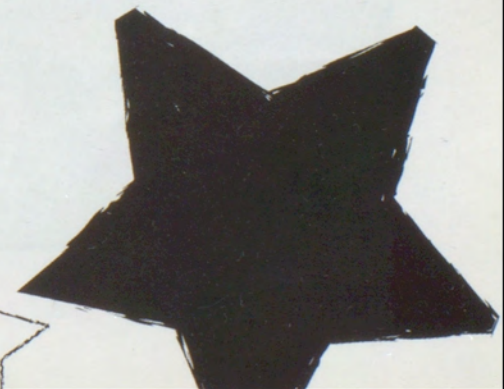
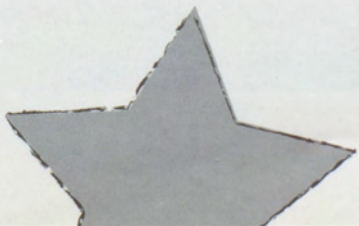


Samantha Bynum, junior, is calm and laid back as the doctor tells her what to do.

All Out for the Carpet



# Memories



# Roll Out the Red Carpet

Members of the junior class discuss what all needs to be done during the week of decorating for prom at Memorial Hall.



Senior Class of 2004 gather to take the traditional class prom photo.

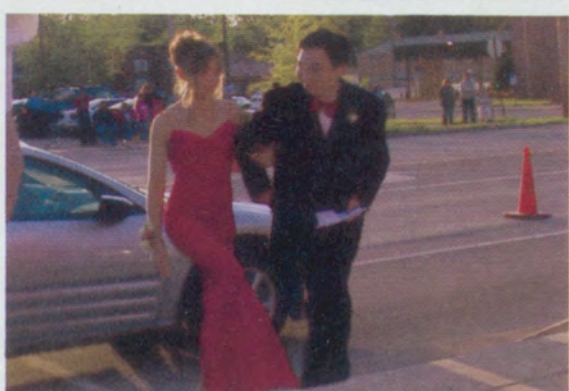
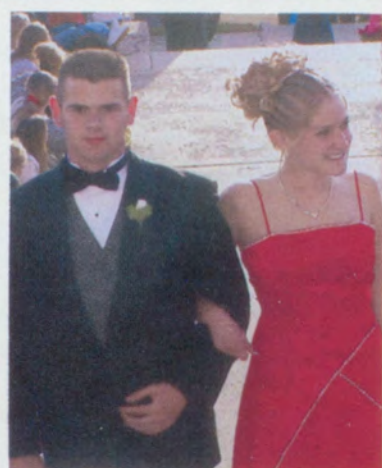


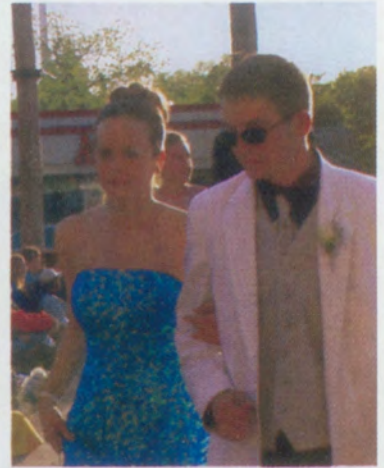
(Above) A large group of students climb out of an extravagant stretch excursion at walk-in.



(Right) Jessica Dillon and Ricky Denning were named the IHS 2004 Prom Queen and King.



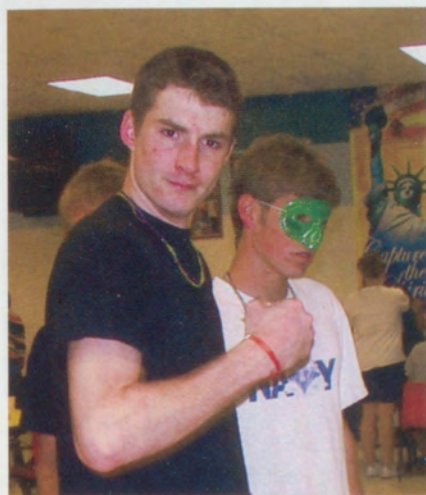




# “Leaving Las Vegas”







# "Picnic"

LXII Queen Neelah and her court - (Front Row) Miss Interview and Miss Congeniality, Shelby Neil; Miss Talent, Abby Christensen; Miss Poise, Casey Martin; Miss Photogenic, Allie Merritt; Second Runner-up, Lensi LaForge; Queen Neelah LXII, Audrey Gross; First Runner-up, Megan Fowler; Miss Personality, Abby Belcher; Miss Fashion, Tiffany Barker; Miss Originality, Jammi Stair; Miss Beauty, Samantha Huser.

Queen Neelah the LXII Audrey Gross



Nikki Spears enters Memorial Hall during the Queen's Processional with escort Brandon Alvarez.



Jordan Conley, a Neelah Deb, Laura Sanders and Ashley Anderson, Queen candidates, and escort Alex Bruening ride the Lion's Club float during the parade.



Jessi Ottley performs a skit entitled "A Bushel and a Peck" from the musical "Guys and Dolls".



Neelah Debs 2003 (Front Row) Beth Kelley, Lisa Erbe, Maggie Schabel, Maggie Gorman, Chelsea Laswell, Chelsi Taylor, Nicole Rothgeb. (Back Row) Emily Speicher, Sarah Coder, Morgan Rinck, Jordan Conley, Caitlin Kelly, Kelsey Smading, Megan Bagley.



Stage Escorts 2003 (Front Row) Kyndon Oakes, Scott Hogan, Travis Barnhart, Alex Bruening, Andrew Demo. (Second Row) Andy Greenhaw, Cody Beyer, Matt Ysusi. (Third Row) Matt Kadel, Doug Buckles, Bryan Mayes, Jesse Overfield, Cole Uttinger.



# “The Faculty”



Mrs. Shepard steps up to the plate against the seniors.



Bryan Mayes, senior, delivers the pitch during the annual senior/faculty softball game.



The seniors prepare for their turn at bat. The faculty defeated the seniors despite being outnumbered 3 to 1.



The Class of 2004 huddles before the start of the softball game to rally against the faculty.



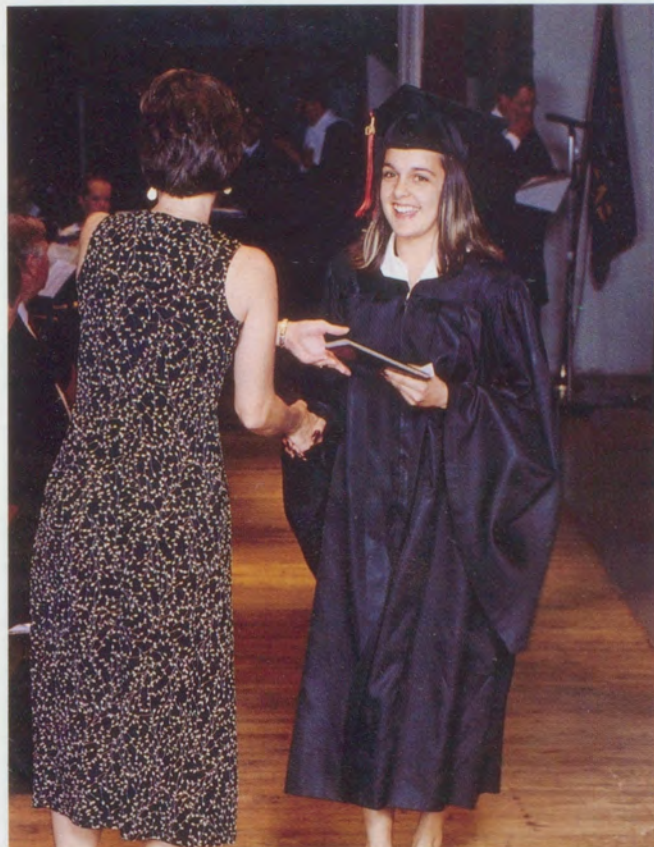
Mr. Webb warms up by playing catch before the big game.

# “Escape From Alcatraz”

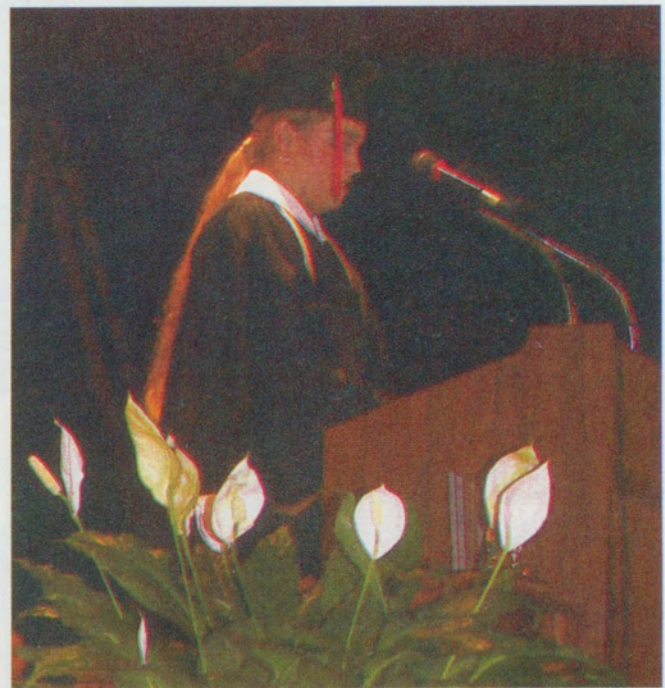


(Left) Valedictorian Chris Landrum gives his speech to the senior class at graduation.

(Below) Bryan Mayes speaks to his classmates at the baccalaureate service. The service was held at the Presbyterian Church.



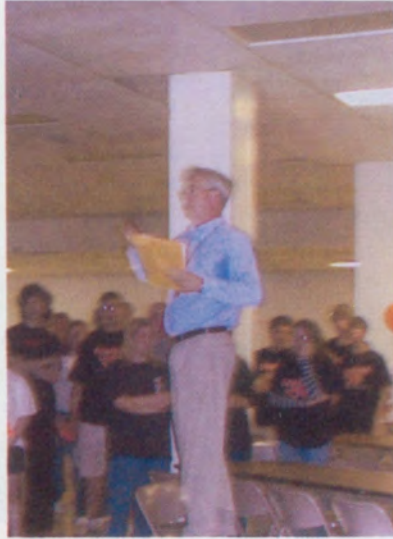
(Left) Tabatha Jacques accepts her diploma from board member Dr. Cindy Sherwood.



(Above) Salutatorian Abby Belcher delivers her speech to the senior class.

# “The Great Escape”

















Jesse,  
Congratulations!

You've graduated from the easiest years of your life. We know you will achieve many great things. Reach for the stars!

Love,  
Dad & Sabrina



**Scott,**  
**We're proud of you!**  
**Love,**  
**Mom & Dad**



The 2003-2004  
Orange & Black  
staff wish the very  
best to  
graduating  
seniors

Amy Farlow  
Kristin Murray  
Megan Trabuc



Andy Panda is a muffin man,  
muffin man, muffin man,  
Andy Panda is a muffin man,  
and we love him so!!!

*Mom, Dad and Adam*



*Congratulations on reaching a milestone as sweet as your first sucker!*

*Your future is as bright as your eyes.*

*We love you,*

*Mom, Dad & Erika*



**DOUG BUCKLES**

**TWO WHEELS AND A MAN,**

**YOU'RE OUT OF THERE---**

**AND ON WITH YOUR PLAN!**

**!! CONGRATULATIONS, DOUG !!**



**We're behind you every step of  
the way!**

**Love,**

**Granpa Jerry & Grandma Beth**

**Aunt Pam & Uncle Vance**

**Uncle Phillip & Aunt Stacy**



**Brandon  
Michael  
Alvarez**

**I'm so proud  
of you baby  
muchaco!**

**Love,  
Mom**



President of Indulge Tyler Lowdon shows off his company's hard work.



Spencer White works hard to promote the foam hands that Indulge sold.



## “Office Space”

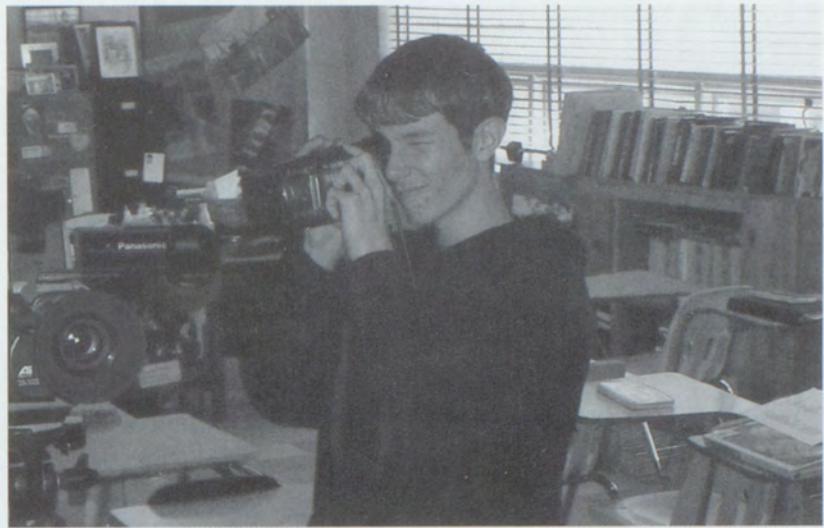
What can you say about Entrepreneurship? Well, you could start by talking about the two outstanding companies. Indulge and Vintage were the names of the two companies at IHS this year. Vintage sold “spirit rags” to the students and staff, while Indulge countered their move with foam hands. Leading the companies to their successes (without embezzling money) were the presidents, Mike Grimes for Vintage and Tyler Lowdon for Indulge. At the annual awards presentation Tyler Lowdon won a \$400 scholarship for being the best president. Winners of the other awards are Matt Kadel, Matt Ysusi, Tommy Connors, Andy Greenhaw, Niki Lee, Monica Muller, Jessica Hambleton, and Nick Daugherty. Entrepreneurship allows students to sell stock, interact with the community and teaches common leadership by letting the students, create, set-up and run their own company.



Vintage sold “spirit rags” with the school’s mascot the Bulldog on it.

# “The Cable Guy”

Media I is a semester long class in which students are taught the basics of the world of television. Students learn about cameras, microphones and various other media equipment. Students learn to interview their subjects. The semesters big project is where students film and edit a music video.



Media student Corey Long edits his music video.



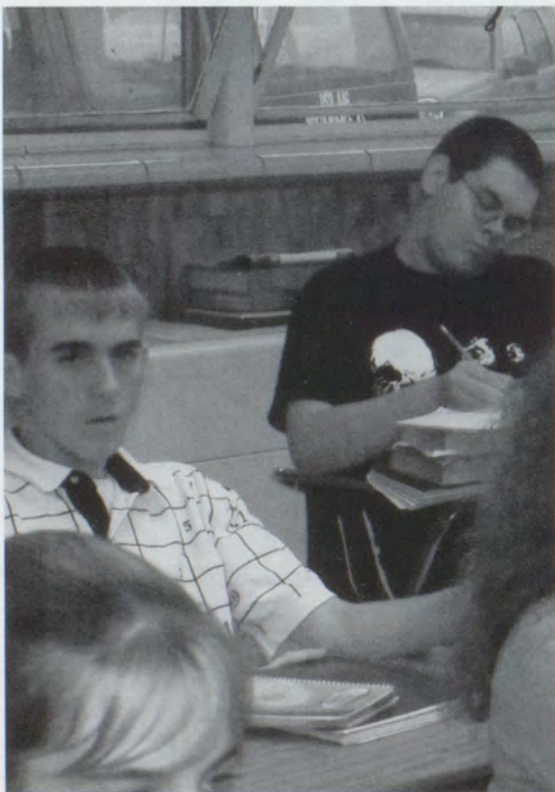
A group of Media II students gather around the television to watch the latest episode of “IHS Times.”



Media II is another semester long class offered at IHS. Advanced filming and editing are covered in this class. “IHS Times” is the hit show filmed and edited by the Media II students. The Media II class is also responsible for the updating of channel 14 and they also film many events such as sports and concerts.



2003-2004 Orange and Black Staff (Front Row) Tara Posch, Annie Russell, Johna Surrett, Allison Emmot, Megan Trabuc. (Second Row) Kristin Murray, Tommy Crittenden, John Maley-Green, Josh Ferguson, Travis Smither and Mrs. Cox.



In order for you to enjoy this edition of the Independence High School yearbook, The Orange and Black, lots of time, effort, blood, sweat and tears were put into it. The staff put its heart and soul into this book and sincerely hope the readers appreciate our work. To truly appreciate this yearbook, some insight into the staff members is necessary. Let's start at the top. The yearbook advisor was Mrs. Cox. She encouraged the entire staff to get the book finished, though it was close. From August until the middle of June, the staff worked to meet the final deadline. To be completely honest, it took us a while to get started - eight pizza parties to be exact. The creative juices weren't quite flowing, so the book was put on hold. That's until deadlines approached. Then Mrs. Cox cracked the proverbial whip. We worked around the clock as our deadlines loomed. Not all work was completed during 4A. The staff worked after school and evenings to get the job done. Now it's time to share a little about the people who made this yearbook possible. Megan Trabuc took many of the pictures in the book. Anything you find somewhat questionable - it's safe to assume it's something Tommy Crittenden wrote. The witty banter of Tommy made him a class clown and favorite. Travis Smither was a good teammate. Whenever someone needed help getting started with a story or a cutline was needed, Travis would step in and save the day. Josh Ferguson created many of the advertisements in this book. His hard work paid off for our sponsors. Jack Green found many movie titles for our pages. Without him, this book wouldn't be complete. Allison Emmot was another strong photographer. Her photos and creative ideas were very useful to the entire staff. Annie Russell was the quiet one of the group. She may have been quiet in voice, but loud in her pages. Johna Surrett took a leadership role on the staff. When people weren't being productive, Johna would step up and tell them, "Get to work!". Tara Posch made a huge impact. She took many photographs and wrote meaningful stories. Kristin Murray spent long hours creating her pages, giving each a special touch. Amy Farlow returned to yearbook for her last semester of high school. Her experience was invaluable in dealing with the rookies. Staff member Travis Smither reflected, "As a staff member, I was able to express myself creatively. I really liked that about yearbook. Whether it was in the pictures I took (or didn't take) or in the stories and cutlines I helped write, the whole experience was invigorating." The theme for this

year's book came about from a trip to Lawrence for the fall Kansas Scholastic Press Conference. After talking with other schools and considering many ideas, the theme was chosen. The cover was the brainchild of the entire staff. The signatures added a personal touch to the book for the seniors. The staff was dedicated to making this a quality book and believed it succeeded. From cover to cover, the staffs' hearts were spilled onto these pages (its blood is the color pages). In the end, when push came to shove, the yearbook was made for one person. You.

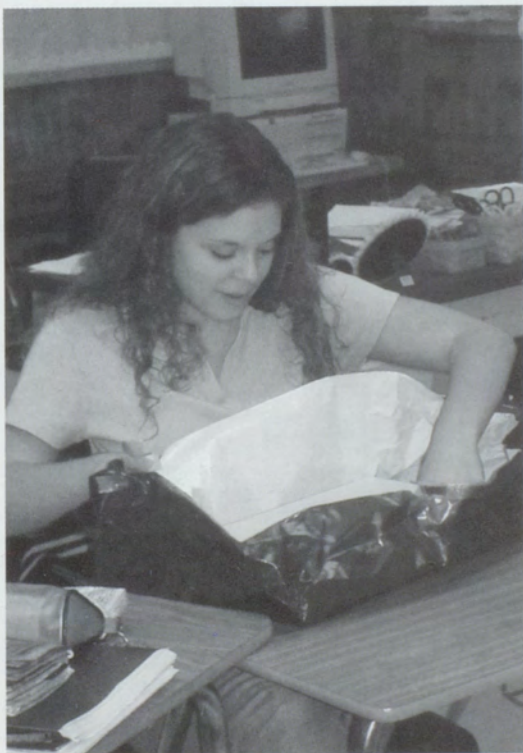


# Picture Perfect

Allison Emmot and Travis Smither look at pictures to use for their assigned pages.



Annie Russell proofreads the text for one of her pages.



(Above) Allison Emmot opens a present she received from her Secret Santa.



(Above) Johna Surret and Amy Farlow pose for a picture on the bus on the way home from the journalism conference to staff attended at KU.



(Left) Kristin Murray fills out an envelope to be sent to Lifetouch, this book's publishing company.



Abby Belcher practices her speech, while an unidentified team takes cover.



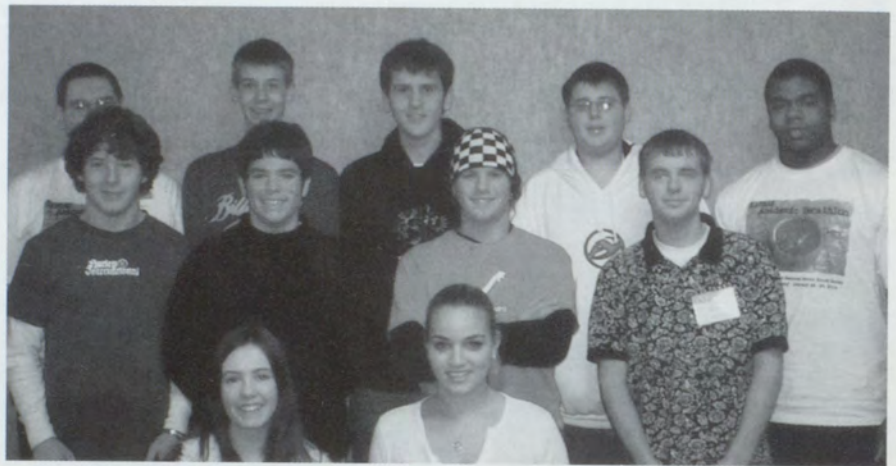
Aware of several graduations, Coach Matt Mosher scouts for talent at an early age.



Varsity academic decathlete David Loganbill attempts to rest while being distracted by the camera.

## “A Beautiful Mind”

Academic Decathlon had a wildly successful 2004 season. The team won their division at the state competition and captured 56 individual medals. Let me explain. The Academic Decathlon competition is held annually at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. Schools from all around the state come to compete. Students are rigorously tested in ten different categories, including math, science, literature, and others. IHS competed in the small-schools division, reserved for high schools of 1,200 students or less. In the end, the team scored a total 33,308 points out of a possible 100,000, winning the division by a wide margin. Second place Salina South High School had 27,784. Bronze, silver, and gold medals are awarded to individual students for the highest scores in each category. L. Eric Cole led the team with nine medals, including first places finishes in math, art, music, and the highest overall score of the team (6,397 out of 10,000). The team was (Front Row) Meike Miller, Abigail Belcher. (Second Row) David Loganbill, Travis Barnhart, Alex Bruening, Matt Bennett. (Third Row) John Maley-Green, L. Eric Cole, Ben Klamm, Bryan Mayes, T.J. Henderson.



At the awards banquet, Ben Klamm remains calm and collected at all times.



Travis Barnhart catches some shut-eye on the ride home from Kansas State in Manhattan.



Being carried away in the body bag is Matt Ysusi; he participated in the mock crash that Stuco held during Alcohol Awareness Week.

A.J. Steinle is getting a sobriety test after the crash. The entire student body watched as the police, fire department and EMS worked on the victims and survivors of the crash. The crash proved to many that drinking and driving not only affects those involved but also those who are there to witness the impact of the crash.



Here Trevor Tow lies on the ground while the police and the firefighters work to get out the remaining people in the cars. Also participating in the crash were Andy Greenhaw, Matt Kadel, Miranda Cadel, Audrey Gross and Megan Kirk.

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## A Year In Review



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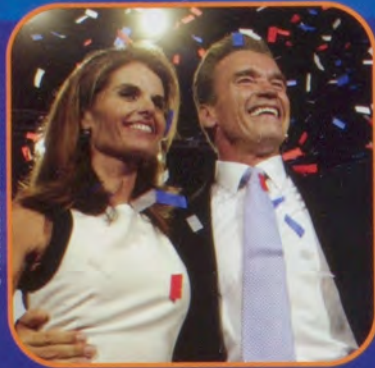
## United States Goes to War in Iraq ▲

Leading a coalition of forces, the United States and Great Britain invaded Iraq and captured Saddam Hussein. Resistance continued after the capture amid continuing questions about weapons of mass destruction. President Bush surprised troops with a Thanksgiving visit and the United States soldier was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year. Back home, security alert levels were raised and international flights cancelled due to suspected terrorist threats.



## Lights Out! ▲

The largest power failure in United States and Canadian history cut a 600-mile swath between New York and Detroit, blacking out population centers all across the northeastern United States and into Canada, crippling transportation networks and trapping tens of thousands of people in subway cars, elevators, trains and on highways. No evidence of terrorism was reported.



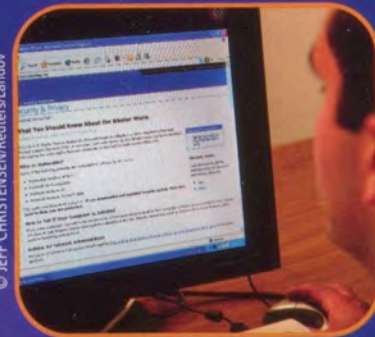
## Schwarzenegger Terminates Gray Davis in California Recall Vote

Action movie hero Arnold Schwarzenegger easily beat incumbent Governor Gray Davis, as well as a former sitcom star and dozens of other colorful candidates, in a recall election to become the new governor of California.

## Joyful Homecoming in Utah ▶

Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart, who was abducted from her bedroom, was found alive after missing for nine months. Remarkably, despite massive searches, Smart was found just miles from where she was abducted by a drifter and self-described prophet who did work for the family.

# From



## Attack of the Worldwide Computer Worms

A series of prolific worms clogged computer networks, shut down businesses, exposed the vulnerability of the Internet and caused widespread havoc as they replicated themselves and spread like wildfire to personal computers and giant computer networks alike.

## Queen Mary 2 Sets Sail ▶

Four football fields long and 23 stories tall, the ultra-luxurious *Queen Mary 2* set sail on her maiden voyage. During regular service, passengers can pay up to \$27,249 for the six-day trip across the Atlantic.



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# POPQuiz

## Politics Goes Hollywood

Arnold Schwarzenegger wasn't the only celebrity to leave the back lots of Hollywood for a career in politics. See if you can name these other famous actors that elected to act on their political ambitions and serve in public office.

In Hollywood he was "Dutch." In Washington he was Mr. President.

- A. Jimmy Carter
- B. Ronald Reagan
- C. Gerald Ford

Who wrestled with politics as the governor of Minnesota?

- A. "Nature Boy" Ric Flair
- B. Jesse "The Body" Ventura
- C. "Stone Cold" Steve Austin



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### Rebuilding on the Site of Tragedy ▲

Rising 1,776 ft. from the ashes of the World Trade Center site, the Freedom Tower is designed to be the world's tallest building. Plans are also underway to build the "Reflecting Absence" memorial that will mark the footprints of the World Trade Center towers that were destroyed by terrorists on September 11, 2001.

### SARS Scares the World ▶

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), spread from Asia to more than two dozen countries in North America, South America and Europe. Over 8,000 people worldwide became sick and hundreds died.

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### How Now Mad Cow ▶

A single Holstein cow on a Washington state farm tested positive for mad cow disease, marking the disease's first suspected appearance in the United States. The cow was later determined to have come from Canada.

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# the News Desk

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### Frail Pope Celebrates 25th Anniversary as Head of Catholic Church

Pope John Paul II, courageously clinging to the remnants of his once-robust health, reached a milestone in 2003 as he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his election as Pope. Revered around the world as a man of peace, the Polish-born Pope continues to lead millions of Catholics worldwide.

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### Concorde Grounded ▶

After more than three decades of luxury travel, the supersonic Concorde airliners were grounded for good citing failing revenues and rising costs. Cruising at around 1,350 mph at an altitude of up to 60,000 ft. (11 miles), the Concorde carried jet setters, celebrities and royalty from Europe to New York in less than three-and-a-half hours.

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### That's the Spirit! ▲

After a seven-month voyage, "Spirit," NASA's Mars Exploration rover, successfully landed on the Red Planet. Its primary mission – to search for answers about the history of water, and possibly life, on Mars.

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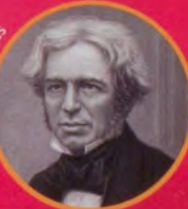
Flying a kite in a storm to prove his theory about electricity could have easily killed Benjamin Franklin.

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Thomas Edison's DC generator was used to illuminate the first New York street to be lit by electric lamps.

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Michael Faraday discovered how to generate electricity by means of motion in a magnetic field.

# FACToid

## The Power to Choose

There are many sources of energy for producing electrical power including solar energy from the sun, fossil fuels like coal, natural gas and petroleum, hydroelectric power which harnesses the motion of water to spin turbines, nuclear energy which is made by splitting atoms in a process called fusion and wind power which is produced by the wind turning a turbine. All have their advantages and disadvantages in giving us the power we need to run our lives.



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## Chinese in Orbit Over First Manned Space Flight

Chinese astronaut, Lt. Col. Yang Liwei orbited Earth 14 times before the 38-year-old former fighter pilot brought his spacecraft in for a near-perfect landing just five kilometers (three miles) from his target. The flight makes China only the third country in the world to launch a manned spacecraft into orbit.

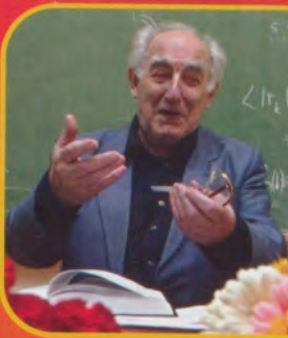


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## Super Trio Share Nobel Physics Prize

Alexei Abrikosov, Anthony Leggett and Vitaly Ginzburg won the 2003 Nobel Prize in physics for their work in superconductivity and superfluidity – two areas of quantum physics that study the bizarre activity of matter at extremely low temperatures.

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## The Oldest Planet Yet

Astronomers have detected the most ancient planet yet known orbiting a binary system thousands of light-years away. The new discovery indicates that planet formation in the Milky Way may have started sooner and been more widespread than previously believed.

# Under

## Chip Has a Long Memory

A prototype computer memory chip could store information using hundreds of billions of nanotubes. Once fully developed, the nanoscale random access memory (NRAM) could hold 10 gigabits of data and would be non-volatile, meaning data would not be lost when the power is turned off.

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## Turning Off the Light

Physicists say they have brought light – which travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second – to a complete halt for a fraction of a second and then sent it on its way. It's possible this achievement could someday help scientists develop powerful new computers.

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## Oldest Marsupial Fossil Found in China

Amateur fossil hunters helped discover a near complete skeletal fossil of the oldest known ancestor to kangaroos, koalas, possums and wombats. The remains of the chipmunk-size marsupial ancestor were dug up from 125-million-year-old shales in northeastern China.

# POPQuiz

## Sharks!

Few things terrify people as much as sharks and shark attacks. Swimming in the world's oceans for millions of years, sharks are still often misunderstood today. How much do you know about this mysterious species of sea dwellers? Take the quiz and find out!

### True or False?

- Sharks can shed as many as 30,000 teeth in their lifetime.
- Shark skin was used on sword handles for a non-slip grip.
- Some sharks can live to be 100.
- Great White sharks can go up to three months without eating.



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### ◀ Jaws May Hold Key to Cancer Cure

Sharks have survived some 400 million years on Earth. Scientists are now investigating whether their longevity could be due in part to an extraordinary resistance to cancer and other diseases. If so, humans might someday benefit from the shark's secrets.

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### Time Flies ▲

One hundred years ago, in 12 brief seconds, the history of the world changed forever as Orville and Wilbur Wright launched the first successful sustained powered flight in a heavier-than-air machine at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.

### New Sight for Sore Eyes ▶

Ophthalmologists have revolutionized cataract surgery by implementing a new, cutting-edge multifocal lens implant. Cataracts cloud the clear lenses in the eyes. The lens becomes brittle and yellowish. Although some cataracts occasionally occur in young children, many adults encounter this syndrome.

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# The Microscope



### Galileo Ends its Jupiter Voyage with a Big Bang ▶

The *Galileo* spacecraft's 14-year, nearly 3-billion-mile odyssey came to an end when the spacecraft disintegrated in Jupiter's dense atmosphere. In its travels, *Galileo* discovered strong evidence for a liquid ocean...and possibly life, beneath the frozen surface of Jupiter's moon Europa.

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### What's for Dinner? ▶

Scientists have identified a microbe that gobbles up toxic waste deep underground, offering a potential way to clean up a particularly nasty chemical that has contaminated the water underneath hundreds of the nation's industrial and military sites.

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### Look Ma, No Plane! ▲

"The Missile Man" became only the second person to cross the English Channel in an unpowered flight. Wearing high-tech carbon wings and using oxygen during the 20-mile flight in -31°F temperatures, Felix Baumgartner jumped out of a plane at 30,000 ft. above Dover, England and flew to France in under 10 minutes.

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The average person blinks about 12 times a minute. That's an amazing 10,080 blinks in a 14-hour day.

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Eagles can see a rabbit about one mile or 1,760 yards away. People can see a rabbit about 550 yards away.

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While not blind, bats bounce sound waves off objects to "see" where they're going.

# FACToid

## The Eyes Have It

How many times have you heard, "Be careful or you'll put your eye out?" Actually, parents have been saying that for a very long time. In fact, the phrase, "It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye" dates from ancient Roman wrestling matches where the only rule was, "no eye gouging." Biting, kicking and scratching were allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke someone in the eye.

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### Stanley Cup Runneth Over for the NJ Devils

The New Jersey Devils ended the Anaheim Mighty Ducks' playoff run, winning the Stanley Cup with a 3-0 victory in Game 7 of the seven-game series. It was the third championship for the Devils in just nine years.

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### Detroit Goes from Worst to First

The Detroit Shock put a perfect ending on their worst-to-first story as they beat the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Sparks in a decisive Game 3 of the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) Finals. The Shock won a league-best 25 games this season, one year after losing a league-worst 23. Ruth Riley was named the MVP of the finals.

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### Think You Play Hard?

Try Moto X at the Winter X Games. A daring combination of motorcycles and snow, some Moto X riders choose to do back flips over a 35-foot gap, while others sidesaddle their bikes or let go of the handlebars over a 90-foot gap. The more daring do flips off the big ramp...often with bone-breaking results.

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### Fearless Fighting Fish Blast the Bronx Bombers

Led by 23-year-old Josh Beckett, who became a legend overnight after throwing a five-hit shutout in The House That Ruth Built, the Florida Marlins beat the NY Yankees in six games to take the 2003 World Series. For the Marlins, it was their second title in just 11 years of existence.

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### Lance Comes on Strong to Win Fifth Tour de France

Overcoming illness, heat, crashes and hard-charging rivals, Lance Armstrong became only the second rider to win five Tours in a row and one of only five men to have won five Tours in total. The victory in the grueling 23-day race running 2,125 miles across the French countryside, is all the more amazing considering that in 1996 Armstrong was only given a 50 percent chance of surviving cancer.

### San Antonio Spurs Ride Away with the NBA Championship

Erupting for a 19-0 run in the fourth quarter of Game 6, San Antonio beat New Jersey 88-77 to win the NBA Championship. Finals MVP Tim Duncan was two blocks shy of a quadruple-double and David Robinson grabbed 17 boards in his final game.

### Hockey Legend Herb Brooks Dies

Herb Brooks, who coached the United States hockey team to the "Miracle on Ice" victory at the 1980 Olympics, died at age 66. A member of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame, Brooks played hockey at the University of Minnesota, where he later coached, winning three national titles. Miracle, a movie about the 1980 Olympic victory, was released in February 2004 and has received awesome reviews.

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# POPQuiz

## Vive La France!

As the most prestigious bicycle competition in the world, the Tour de France has a rich history of triumph and tragedy. Can you answer these questions about the race that runs 2,125 miles through the French countryside and into Paris?

The first Tour de France took place in what year?

- A. 1903
- B. 1856
- C. 1652

What color jersey does the Tour leader wear?

- A. purple
- B. yellow
- C. polka dots

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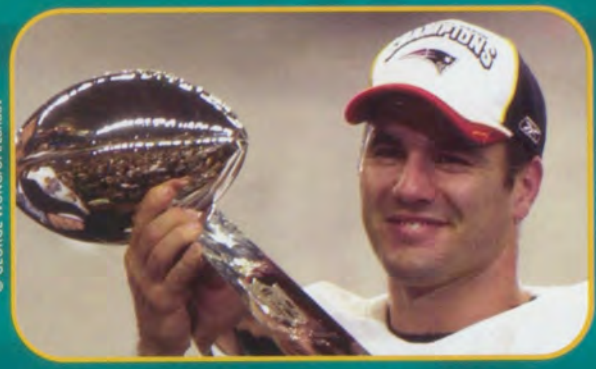
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### ◀ Horsing Around Pays Off for Funny Cide

In the 129th Kentucky Derby, 12.80-to-1 Funny Cide stunned much of the sports world with a length and three-quarters victory over 5-to-2 favorite Empire Maker. The bright chestnut gelding won "The Run for the Roses" with a time of 2:01.19, ranking among the 10 fastest Kentucky Derbys ever run. The victory was worth \$800,200.

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### New England Patriots are Super ▲

With just seconds remaining, Adam Vinatieri kicked a 41-yard field goal to give the New England Patriots a 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl XXXVIII. At 26, Patriot quarterback Tom Brady became the youngest two-time Super Bowl winning quarterback, wrapping up his second Super Bowl MVP honor in three years.

### World Class Runners ▶

Two British adventurers, Ranulph Fiennes and Mike Stroud, accomplished what seems impossible. The pair ran a total of seven marathons in seven days on seven continents, finishing up in New York.

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# the Locker Room

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### ◀ Tennis Stars Increase Their Net Value

Serena Williams beat sister Venus for her second straight Wimbledon title. Roger Federer won the Men's Final. Justine Henin-Hardenne and Juan Carlos Ferrero won the French Open singles titles while Andy Roddick and Justine Henin-Hardenne won the U. S. Open championships.

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### Speed Demons ▲

The NASCAR official driver standings for 2003 included:

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Matt Kenseth       | 6. Ryan Newman    |
| 2. Jimmie Johnson     | 7. Tony Stewart   |
| 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr. | 8. Bobby Labonte  |
| 4. Jeff Gordon        | 9. Bill Elliott   |
| 5. Kevin Harvick      | 10. Terry Labonte |

### Golfers go Fore the Green ▶

At the U. S. Open, Jim Furyk won the Men's title. At the Masters, Mike Weir took the Green Jacket while Shaun Micheel won the PGA Championship. In the LPGA, Hilary Lunke won the U. S. Open while Annika Sorenstam took the British Open and LPGA Championships to become only the fourth woman in the modern era to win all the Grand Slam titles.

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**Freddy Adu** is widely considered to be the best young soccer player in the world.

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**Michelle Wei** took up golf at age four and hopes to play at the all-male Masters tournament.

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**LeBron James** is a 6'8", 240-pound rookie powerhouse for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

# FACToid

## Born to Play

Fourteen-year-old Freddy Adu signed a six-year deal with MLS (Major League Soccer) team D.C. United and is expected to become the youngest player for a United States professional top-level team in more than 100 years. Six-foot-tall golfer Michelle Wei, 13, tied for ninth place to become the youngest player to finish in the Top 10 at a Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour event. Fresh out of high school, 18-year-old LeBron James took the NBA by storm in his rookie year with the Cleveland Cavaliers.



### Heads Up!

The biggest hailstone ever recorded in the United States fell in Aurora, Nebraska. About the size of a soccer ball, the record-setting hailstone measured over seven inches in diameter – even after losing nearly half of its mass upon landing on the rain gutter of a house. Hail causes nearly one billion dollars in damage to property and crops annually.

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### Rare Giant Panda Gives Birth

Bai Yun, a 13-year-old giant panda, gave birth in captivity for the first time since 1999. Her first offspring, Hua Mei, is the first U.S.-born panda to survive into adolescence. Giant pandas are an endangered species. Fewer than 1,000 exist in the wild, all in China, and only a hundred or so live in captivity.

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### Killer Fires Burn Through California

Over a dozen wildfires raged through California from Simi Valley to San Diego, charring more than 1,000,000 acres and killing at least 22 people. Fueled by dry conditions and fanned by fierce Santa Ana winds of 50-60 mph, the fires were the worst in the past 10 years.



### Deadly European Heat Wave

Record temperatures around Europe during August claimed over 35,000 lives. France suffered the most casualties as temperatures broke the 100 degree mark for the first time in several decades. United Kingdom fatalities were estimated to be over 2,000, with London registering its first-ever 100 degree plus temperature.

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### The Big Squeeze

Villagers on the Indonesian island of Java caught a live reticulated python that measured 49 ft. long and weighed in at 985 pounds according to a local government official. Prior to this, the Guinness Book of World Records lists the longest snake ever captured to be 32 ft.

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### Flying Sharks!

Near Cape Town, South Africa, giant sharks including Great White sharks and Orcas can be seen hurtling through the air as they rocket with great velocity from murky depths to catch seals near the surface. The phenomenon is best seen near Seal Island, when seals cross deep water to approach or leave their island sanctuary.

### Census of Marine Life

The Census of Marine Life is a multi-national research program seeking to assess the diversity, distribution and abundance of ocean life and discover how it changes over time. The Census has been underway for three years and is scheduled to run until 2010. So far, researchers have found hundreds of new species of fish, plants and animals.

# POPQuiz

## The Red Planet

Mars is the Earth's closest cousin. The Martian day is just slightly longer than the Earth's with temperatures that can reach as high as 25°C (77°F). Mars also has four distinct seasons like Earth. On the other hand, before you pack your bags, the Martian atmosphere is unbreathable and it can be very cold, down to -125°C (-193°F)!

Mars was named after the ancient Greek god of:

- A. war
- B. the oceans
- C. fire

If you were 14 on earth, how old would you be in Martian years?

- A. 28
- B. 2
- C. 7

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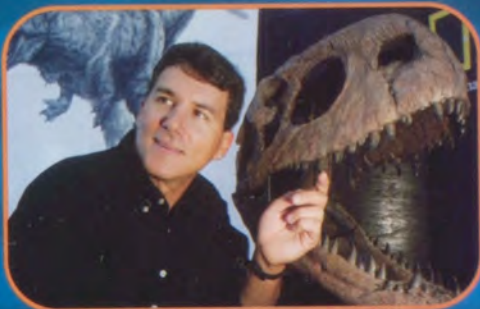


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## New Dinosaur Species Found ▶

Indian and American scientists announced a new species of dinosaur named *Rajasaurus narmadensis*, which means "regal dinosaur from the Narmada," the river region in western India where the bones were found. The 30-foot, horned carnivore hunted other dinosaurs 65 million years ago.



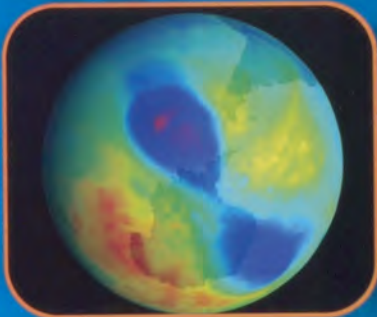
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## Iran Hit by Massive Quake ▶

Disaster struck in Iran as a huge earthquake measuring over 6 on the Richter scale devastated the city of Bam. It's estimated that 70 percent of the city was destroyed with over 41,000 people killed and thousands more injured. Miraculously, there were heroic rescues of people who had been buried in the rubble for more than a week.

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## ◀ Ozone Layer May be on the Mend

According to data collected by NASA satellites, damage to the ozone layer may be starting to reverse itself. Ozone loss still continues despite bans on ozone-depleting pollutants; however, the rate has slowed enough for scientists to believe that the ozone could start to be replenished within several years.

# Natural Wonders

## Red Sky at Night is Star Gazer's Delight ▶

2003 brought the planet Mars closer to Earth than it has been in nearly 60,000 years. Nicknamed the Red Planet, Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun (Earth is third) and was only 34.6 million miles away, much to the delight of astronomers and backyard star gazers alike.

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## ◀ Keiko, Star of "Free Willy," Dies

Keiko, the killer whale made famous by the "Free Willy" movies, died in Norwegian coastal waters where he remained after millions of dollars and a decade of work failed to coax him back to the open sea. The whale, who was 27, was old for an orca in captivity, though wild orca live an average of 35 years.



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## This Lady Packs a Punch ▶

Hurricane Isabel raced from Virginia to the Canadian border, leaving millions without power, smashing homes and causing tidal surges that trapped some city dwellers in their homes. At least 17 deaths and potentially billions of dollars in damage were blamed on Isabel.

# FACToid

## Thar She Blows!

Hurricanes are one of the strongest and most destructive forces on the face of the earth with winds that can move mountains of water against the coast of the United States. The strongest storms, category 5 storms, have winds greater than 155 mph, but are very rare. These monsters can have storm surges (walls of water) over 20 feet. Only two such hurricanes have hit the United States this century - Camille in 1969 and Andrew in 1992.



While incredible winds rage around it, in the "eye" of the hurricane, the winds are almost completely calm.



The name of the year's first hurricane always starts with "A." From there, storm names follow the alphabet.



The 1992 hurricane season started off with a bang as Andrew caused over 35 billion dollars in damage!

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### The End of a Beautiful Friendship ▲

After ten years of living together, relationships, babies, marriages, break-ups and thousands of laughs, Chandler, Phoebe, Joey, Monica, Ross and Rachel finally said goodbye in their final season as Friends.

### Norah Jones Grabs Eight Grammys ▲

2003 belonged to Norah Jones as she grabbed eight Grammys including Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Best Pop Vocal Album among others. Additional winners included John Mayer, Bruce Springsteen, Sheryl Crow, Coldplay, No Doubt, B.B. King, Johnny Cash, Tony Bennett, Mary J. Blige, Usher, Dixie Chicks, Missy Elliot and Eminem.



### Juno Awards

Avril Lavigne was the big winner with four awards. Other winners included Eminem, Shania Twain, Sum 41 and Our Lady Peace.



### Harry Potter Continues to Work His Magic ▲

Fans lined up outside bookstores around the world to get their copy of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, the fifth book in the phenomenally successful series.



### Sir Mick ▲

Rolling Stones lead singer, Mick Jagger, was knighted by Prince Charles. Jagger joins Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney who have each received the same honor.

### Man in Black Wins Gold ▶

Johnny Cash died at the age of 71. His career spanned more than four decades with over 48 singles on the pop charts and 11 Grammys. In 2003, he won Album of the Year and Single of the Year at the Country Music Awards. Other winners included Alan Jackson for Entertainer and Male Vocalist of the Year, Martina McBride for Best Female Vocalist and Rascal Flatts for Group of the Year.



### Teens Rule!

2003 saw the dominance of teen stars like Hilary Duff, the Olsen twins, Raven, Keira Knightley, Michelle Branch, Mandy Moore, Aaron Carter and others as they made their mark in the movies, on television and on the pop charts.



### Lord of the Rings Earns Epic Ticket Sales! ▲

Nominated for 11 Academy Awards, *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* swept through movie theaters as one of the year's hottest tickets.



### Nemo and Friends Find Fame and Fortune ▲

Top grossing movies of 2003 were:

1. Finding Nemo
2. Pirates of the Caribbean
3. The Matrix Reloaded
4. Bruce Almighty
5. Lord of the Rings: Return of the King
6. X2: X-Men United
7. Elf
8. Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines
9. Bad Boys II
10. The Matrix Revolutions



### Top Selling Artists of 2003 ▲

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. 50 Cent     | 6. Beyonce'    |
| 2. Norah Jones | 7. R. Kelly    |
| 3. Linkin Park | 8. Hilary Duff |
| 4. Evanescence | 9. Toby Keith  |
| 5. Outkast     | 10. Coldplay   |

# POPQuiz

## Idol Gossip

Now in its third year, American Idol has become a television phenomenon, drawing millions of viewers every week to see who America thinks has what it takes to make it to the top of the music industry...and who has just plain had it.

Which of these top ten finalists was a wild card?

- A. Clay Aiken
- B. Ruben Studdard
- C. Kimberly Locke

Which judge commonly calls the contestants "dawgs"?

- A. Paula Abdul
- B. Randy Jackson
- C. Simon Cowell



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### Everybody Loves Raymond and The Sopranos at the Emmys

It was a battle of the families as The Sopranos took home three Emmy Awards including Outstanding Lead Actor and Actress in a Drama Series (James Gandolfini and Edie Falco), as well as Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series (Joe Pantoliano). Everybody Loves Raymond took home the Outstanding Comedy Series Award, Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series (Brad Garrett) and Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series (Doris Roberts).

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### Juanes Wins Cinco Latin Grammys

The Colombian singer-songwriter was showered with five Latin Grammys, including Album of the Year, Record of the Year and Song of the Year. He also won Best Rock Solo Album and Best Rock Song. The Best Male Pop Vocal Album award was won by Enrique Iglesias. The Best Female Pop Vocal Album award was given to Olga Tanon.

### Saying Goodbye

2003 saw the passing of many beloved stars including Bob Hope who died at the age of 100 after a long and illustrious career. Other stars who left us included: Katherine Hepburn, John Ritter, Barry White, Fred Rogers, Gregory Peck, Art Carney, Maurice Gibbs, Nell Carter, David Brinkley, Gregory Hines, Warren Zevon, Rod Roddy and Hope Lange.

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# Chart Toppers



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### Ruuuuben Wins Big on American Idol

Ruben Studdard, dubbed the Velvet Teddy Bear by Gladys Knight, came up big against his slender friend and finalist, Clay Aiken, in a TV showdown watched by over 33 million viewers. With nearly 24 million phone votes cast, Studdard beat Aiken by only 130,000 votes. The popularity of both finalists resulted in each getting a prized recording contract, agent representation and high-profile propulsion into show business.

### MTV Honors its Top Performers

The Best Female Video award went to Beyonce' featuring Jay-Z. Justin Timberlake won the Best Male Video award.

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### Windy City Winds up with Six Oscars

Celebrating its diamond 75th anniversary, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded the Best Actress Oscar to Nicole Kidman for *The Hours*. Best Actor was awarded to Adrien Brody for *The Pianist*. Best Picture, along with five other Oscars, went to *Chicago*.

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### Get Real!

2003 saw the continued popularity of reality shows including: Survivor, The Bachelor and Bachelorette, Joe Millionaire, Fear Factor, The Simple Life, Extreme Makeover, Trading Spaces and Queer Eye for the Straight Guy.

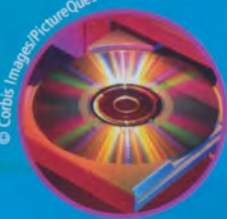
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# FACToid

### Mighty Music Makers

CDs play from the center to the edge, rotating at a speed varying from 400 times a minute at the beginning to 250 times a minute at the end. Read by a red light laser that makes over 44,000 arithmetical calculations every second, the music on a CD is imprinted in the form of "pits" (small depressions of varying length) on a spiral track 3.52 miles long. Average CDs contain approximately 16,000,000,000 pits, each one about 700 times smaller than a pinprick!

The #1 albums of all time in the U.S. are: "Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975" by the Eagles, "Thriller" by Michael Jackson and "The Wall" by Pink Floyd.

In 1972, 9-year-old Jimmy Osmond was the youngest person to hit #1 with "Long Haired Lover From Liverpool."

In 2003, over 650 million CDs were sold in the United States alone!



### The New Color of Money

The most secure currency in United States history was introduced into the economy as a newly redesigned, colorful \$20 bill was issued by the Federal Reserve System to help protect against counterfeiting. It was the first time in modern history that United States currency featured background colors other than black and green. New designs for the \$50 and \$100 notes are scheduled for introduction in 2004 and 2005, respectively.



### Pass the Seaweed Please

In "Vegetables from the Sea," cookbook author Jill Gusman offered recipes for such exotica as kombu, wakame and bullwhip kelp. These veggies, which many people might call, well, seaweed, are a mainstay of Japanese cuisine and packed with minerals and disease-fighting antioxidant vitamins.

### Music Pirates Forced to Walk the Plank

2003 was the year to pay the piper as subpoenas were issued to people who illegally downloaded music from the Internet. The subpoenas were part of the industry's battle to clamp down on music piracy, and were spearheaded by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). Users charged with piracy could face lawsuits for damages ranging from \$750 to \$150,000.



### Thin is in for TVs

Forget bulky old televisions. Flashy new flat screen TVs were flying off store shelves. Measuring just a few inches thick and featuring ultra-clear pictures, high-definition plasma and LCD televisions are expensive but with demand on the rise and competition among manufacturers, prices are expected to continue falling.



### Hold the Pickle, Hold the Lettuce, Hold the Bun!

Leading fast food chains rolled out bunless burgers in a nod to the low-carb craze that's swept the nation. The surge in popularity for the high-protein, high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet is what prompted a move that once would have been unthinkable in the hamburger business.

### Peanut Butter Enters Hall of Fame

Due to the exact measurements of its unique composition, peanut butter has become a standard reference material (SRM) of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology. SRMs, which include spinach, baby food, oysters and dark chocolate, are used by food companies to test their nutrient-measuring methods and equipment.



### Cargo Pants Deliver Big Profits to Retailers

Hot pockets were everywhere. They showed up on runways from Carolina Herrera (in silk) to Tommy Hilfiger (in charmeuse). They showed up on celebrities. They came cropped, belted and low-slung. And of course, they came with pockets...lots of pockets. Cargo pants were the hip huggers for 2003!



# POPQuiz

## Show Me the Money!

It's money that matters. Money makes the world go around. Money is the root of all evil. Call it what you will, but as long as there have been people and things to buy, there's been money. How much do you know about the colorful history of the cabbage, the dinero, the cash, the moolah, the bread? Take the quiz and see.

"The buck stops here" according to what U.S. President?

- A. Harry S. Truman
- B. Lyndon Johnson
- C. George Washington

How many women have ever appeared on U.S. paper money?

- A. none
- B. one
- C. three





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### ▶ Drive Like James Bond

The Gibbs Aquada looks like a sporty roadster, but press a button and in a few seconds flat its wheels tuck gracefully under its body, and you're boating, not driving. The Gibbs Aquada can do 100 mph on land and a cool 30 mph afloat.



### ▶ Making a Name for Yourself

Everywhere you looked, from fashion runways to the classroom and beyond, preppy-style monograms, embroidery and decorative stitching were a letter perfect fashion trend on shirts and jeans.

### ▶ Call Your Tune

It's a phone. It's a wireless music player. It's both. A leading phone company gave subscribers the chance to play full-length songs on its phones, radio-style. Subscribers can choose from 50 different songs. There's almost no delay but the sound is a bit wobbly for now.

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### ▶ 2003's Best Video Games

According to Time Magazine, the best video games for 2003 were: *Karaoke Revolution*, *Soul Calibur II*, *Republic: The Revolution*, *Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2004*, *Temple of Elemental Evil*, *Space Colony*, *Simpsons Hit & Run*, *URU: Ages Beyond Myst*, *Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker* and *Tron 2.0*. Studies show the average gamer spends six-and-a-half hours a week playing video games.

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# Talk of the Year

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### ▶ A Handful of Fun

Zodiac challenged Game Boy on its own turf with a new handheld combination of a Palm organizer and video game player fully equipped with a hot graphics accelerator, analog joystick and high-res LCD screen. The new handheld comes with either 32MB or 128MB of memory and plays some of the most popular games on the market today.

### ▶ Daring Dairy

New milk flavors such as raspberry, orange cream and blueberry are now in stores and some schools. Companies selling the new kind of milk hope its sweet flavors will get more kids to drink up. But some health experts say this new milk is almost as bad for kids as soda.

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### ▶ Mickey Still Going Strong at 75

Mickey Mouse debuted in the first synchronized sound cartoon, "Steamboat Willie," on November 18, 1928. Since then, he has remained one of the most beloved and enduring characters while also presiding as the face of The Walt Disney Company around the globe.

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### ▶ Toying with the Past

A journey to the mall felt more like a trip down memory lane as many past favorites including Strawberry Shortcake dolls, Care Bears, Transformers, He-Man figures, Cabbage Patch Kids, Slinky, Mr. Potato Head and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles made comebacks.

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About 20 percent of American teens (girls more than boys) own a cellular phone.

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A cellular phone isn't actually a phone. It's really a highly sophisticated radio!

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The first cell phone was introduced 20 years ago in 1984.

# FACToid

### It's For You

The process that lets you talk to anyone almost anywhere on your cellular phone begins with the division of an area like a city into small "cells," each with hundreds of assigned frequencies that let millions of people use their cell phones simultaneously. Using special codes, highly sophisticated transmitting systems can identify phones, the phone's owner, the phone's movement and the service provider so that calls can be transferred from cell to cell almost instantaneously.

### I'm a Great Kid, Here's Why...

I tried my best at school. My best class was \_\_\_\_\_

I helped out in my community. I \_\_\_\_\_

Without being asked, at home I \_\_\_\_\_

Talk

Add Buddy

Send

### Good 4 Me!

My favorite activity is \_\_\_\_\_

My best activity memory this year was when \_\_\_\_\_

Creatively, I like to \_\_\_\_\_

My goal next year is to \_\_\_\_\_

Talk

Add Buddy

Send

### It's Totally Personal!

This year was the first time I had the courage to \_\_\_\_\_

I can't believe I \_\_\_\_\_

What was I thinking when I \_\_\_\_\_

I'll never forget when \_\_\_\_\_

I was so proud that I \_\_\_\_\_

Talk

Add Buddy

Send

### My Crew

Talk

Add Buddy

It's

### The Future Is Up to Me!

In school next year I want to \_\_\_\_\_

Right now, I think I'd like to be a \_\_\_\_\_  
when I grow up.

Talk

Add  
Buddy

Send

# all About Me!

### In Case You're Interested...

My nickname is \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite thing to wear is \_\_\_\_\_

My pet's name is \_\_\_\_\_

My very favorite color is \_\_\_\_\_

My lucky number is \_\_\_\_\_

Talk

Add  
Buddy

Send

### My Faves!

Book \_\_\_\_\_ Actor \_\_\_\_\_

Video \_\_\_\_\_ Actress \_\_\_\_\_

TU Show \_\_\_\_\_ Band \_\_\_\_\_

Song \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ CD \_\_\_\_\_

Send

Talk

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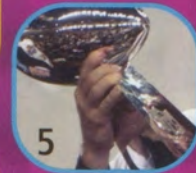
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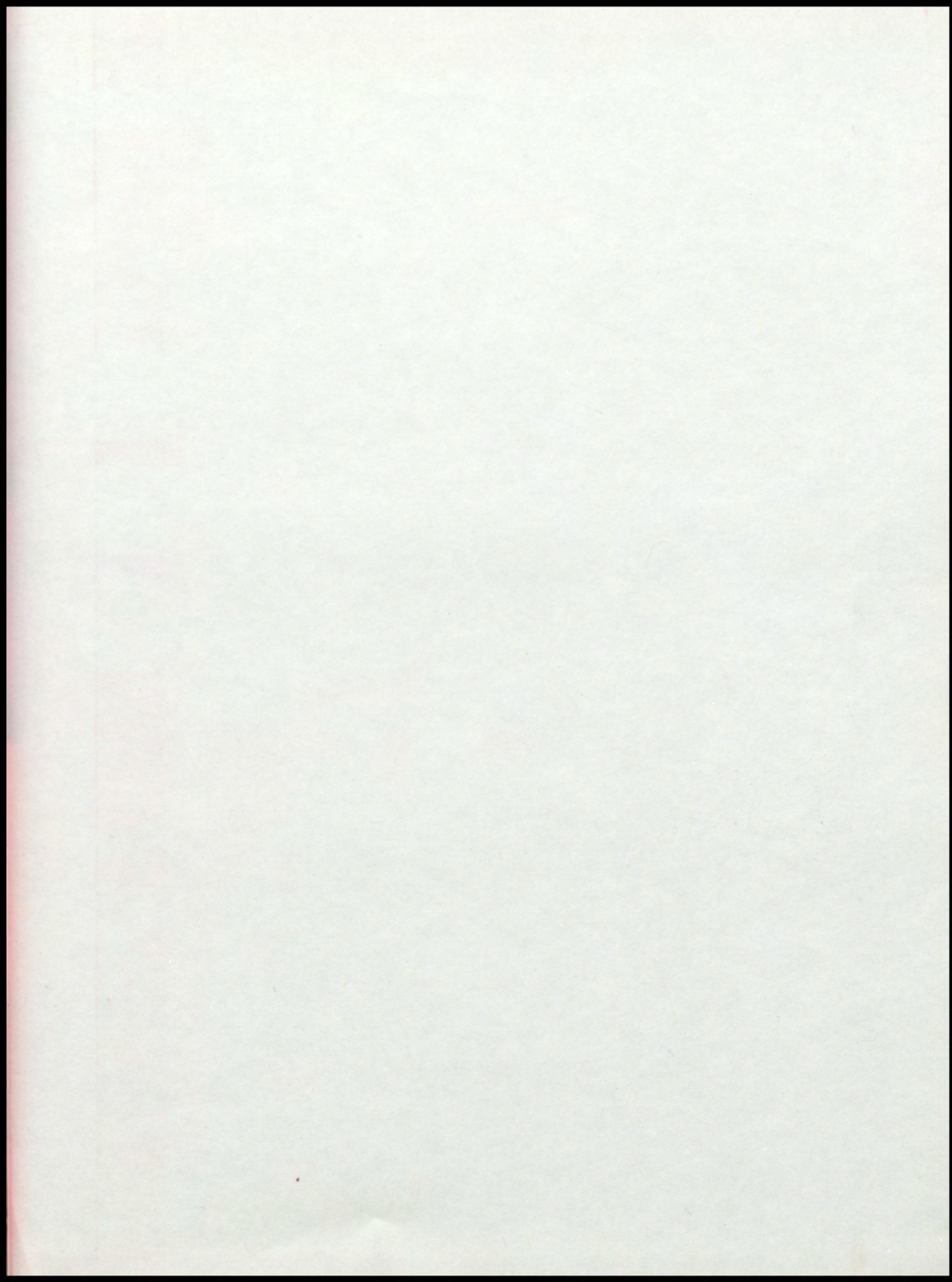
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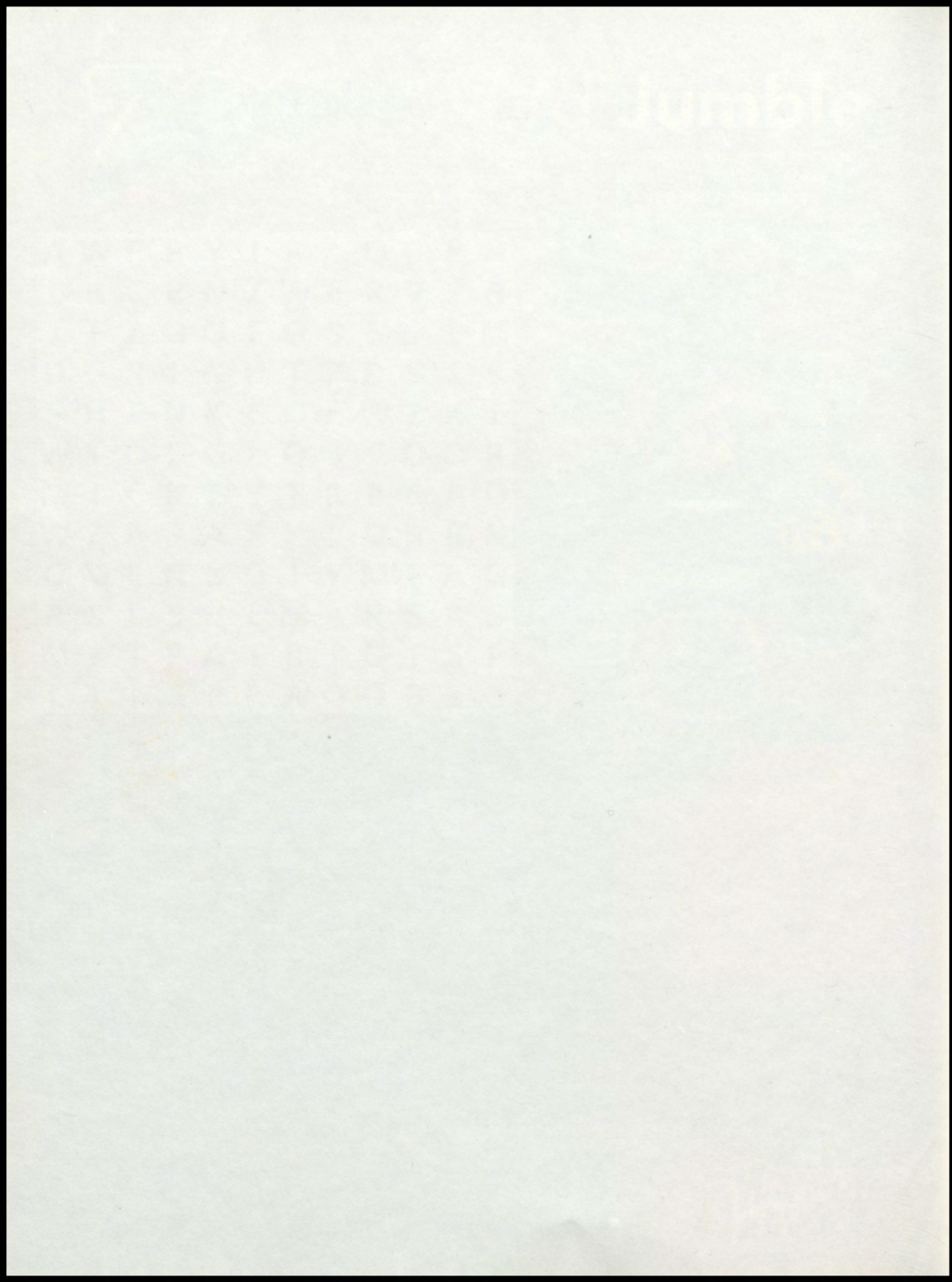
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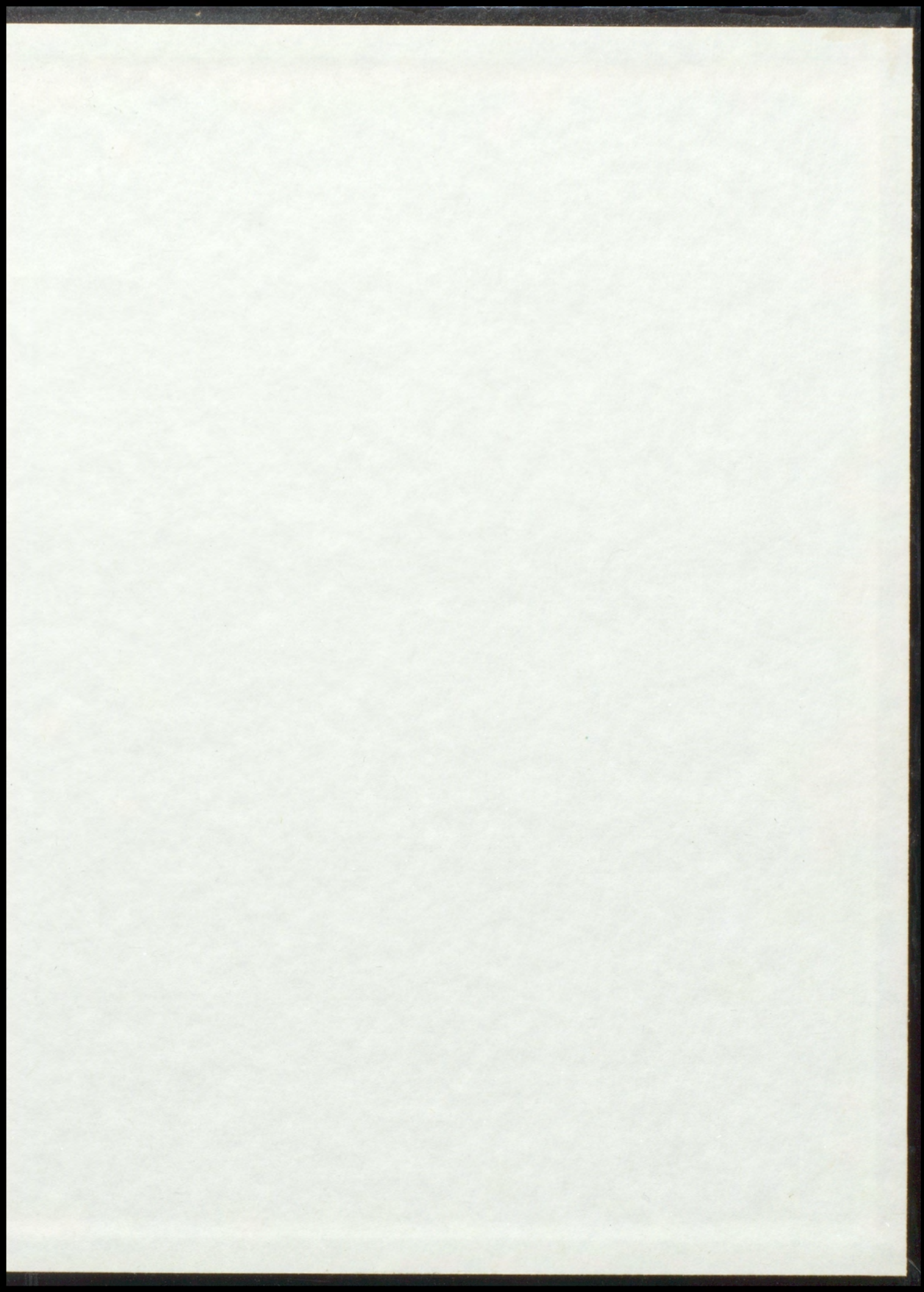
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1. Faster than the speed of sound, I carried jet setters, celebrities and royalty from Europe to New York in less than three-and-a-half hours.
2. This oil-rich Middle East country was liberated from dictator Saddam Hussein.
3. This remnant of days gone by is as old as the hills and twice as dusty.
4. Mostly I crawl in the dirt but sometimes I can also get into your computer.
5. We beat the Carolina Panthers to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.
6. Named after a famous astronomer, I travelled all the way to Jupiter.
7. As brothers who made the first heavier-than-air flight, we couldn't go wrong.
8. I was a tour de force winning the Tour de France for the fifth straight year.
9. I'm sometimes called the Red Planet.
10. Can you find me? My dad did with a little help from some friends.
11. Hey there, hi there, ho there, I'm probably the most famous mouse in the world.
12. If you like whacking around a little white ball, my video game will fit you to a tee.







My  
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Book

Orney Farlow

Brian Patton

David Brown

Elly & David

Andie Smith

Debra Spence  
Melinda Williams  
Candice Hutchman

Rick H. Leonard

Lincoln Smith

Andy Wright  
May  
McCaughin

Nick Sears  
Abby Christensen

Donna Brown

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Tina Valente

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Chase Saunders

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Stephany Hackler

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Megan Lawson

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Natasha Reil

Janney Abbott

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Megan Fowler

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