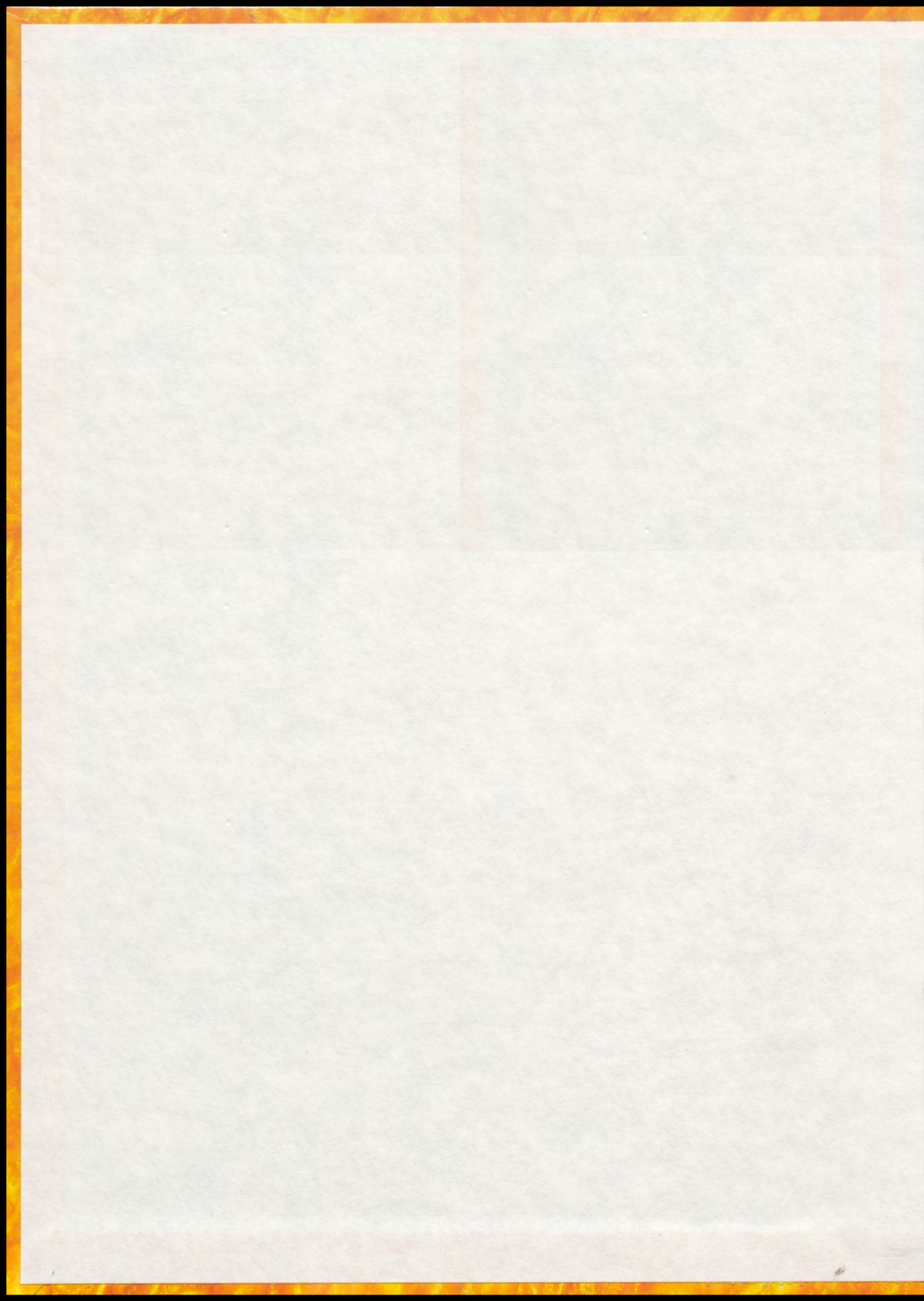


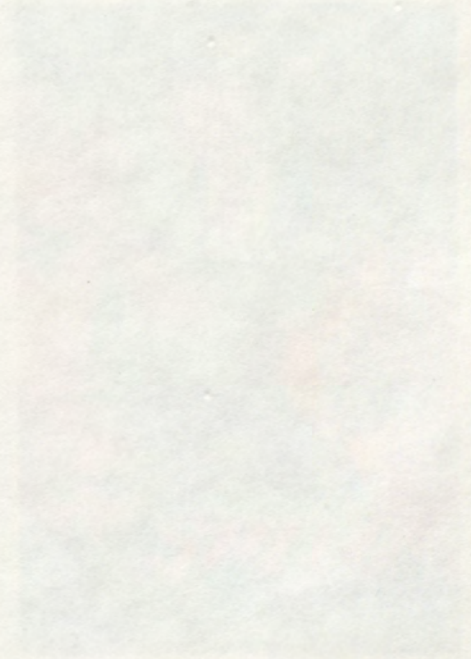


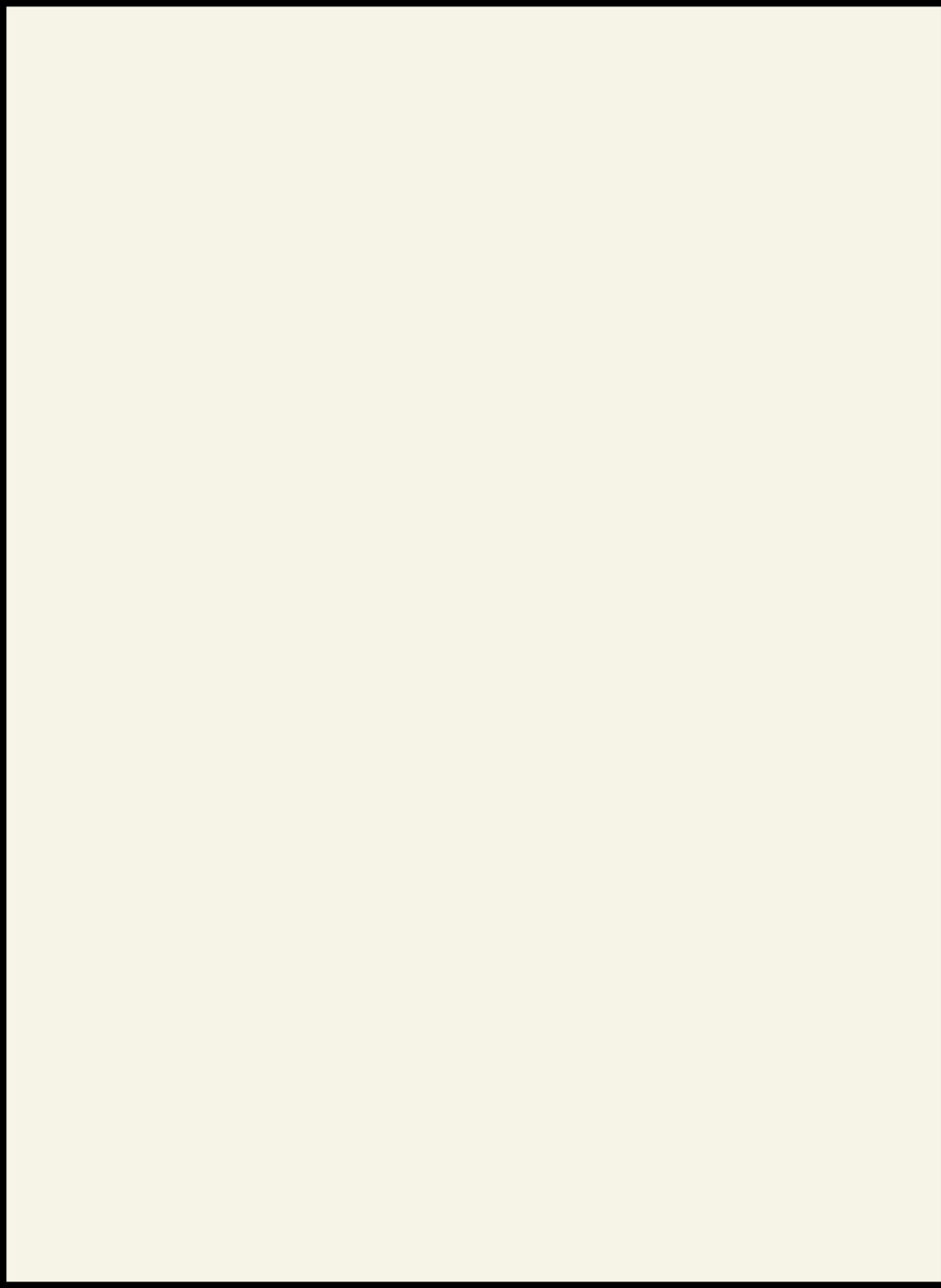
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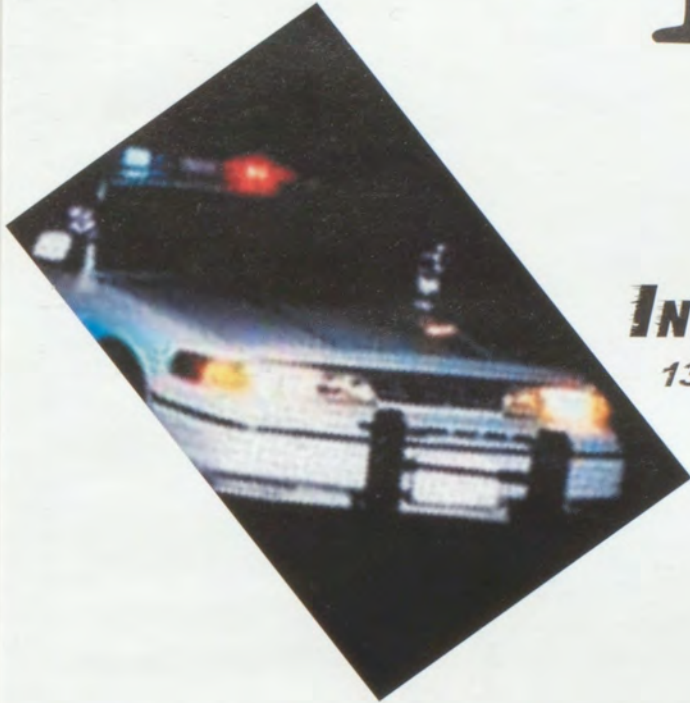
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Speed is easily understood by teenagers. Most of us live in fear of confessing to our parents that we've received our first speeding ticket (or second, or third).

Our story begins in the north lot, just before dawn. The yearbook staff was headed to the University of Kansas and the Kansas Scholastic Press fall conference. About an hour and half down the road, the bus driver passed a road sign common to Kansas highways: SPEED LIMIT 65. Suddenly, and seemingly out of thin air, appeared a highway patrolman with his lights flashing. It doesn't take any more than that to get teenagers' attention. The patrolman informed the driver he was driving at a speed of 71 MPH. The students laughed at the driver's folly, secretly thankful it wasn't them signing the ticket. One student joked, "Maybe we should make the theme for the yearbook about speeding." And from that we hatched our theme.

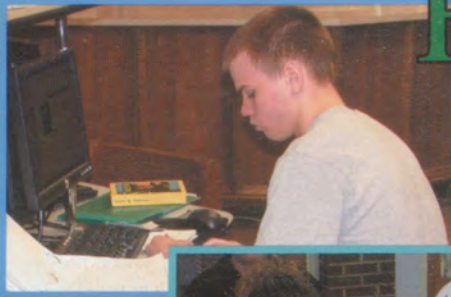
Beyond the story and the concept of speed is another idea. We're just all in a hurry. At 14, we can't wait to walk the hallowed halls of IHS as high school students. As seniors we can't wait for graduation. We rush through the day and like the idea of multi-tasking. Can we really watch television, talk on our cell phone and work on our art project all at the same time? We rush through the drive-thru for a meal on the run between track practice and physics study group. Our planners are invaluable because without them, we would forget a yearbook deadline or to film a choir concert for media.

We invite you to take a moment and slow down. Sit a while and savor the images and memories of the 2004-2005 school year. You deserve it.



Released in 1994, this Twentieth Century Fox film portrays Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock aboard a city bus, that if driven BELOW 50 mph, will explode.

Crossing the Finish Line



Crossing the finishing line for most IHS graduates has meant quite literally walking across the stage of Memorial Hall. However, the Class of 2005 had commencement exercises at Losey Gymnasium due to the renovation of the hall. It will long be remembered due to the heat. Although the race for the finish line began long before stepping into Independence High School, it's our final year here which is chronicled within these pages. This school year may be only 185 days long (minus a snow day or two if we're lucky), but it was filled with a lifetime of memories.

So whether it's a starter pistol or a green flag that comes to mind when you start a race, our senior year was most certainly the checkered flag.



Seniors

2005



Samantha Adams



Andrew James Allen



Jacob Elmer Allen



Heather Jean Alt



Rachael Alt



Lena Anderson



Corey Everett Artherton



Melissa Rae Barker



Shaunee Barnard



Frankie Beisly



Matthew Steven Bennett



Tiffany L. Bennett

2005

Seniors



Robert Blaker



Dane Blumer



Natasha Leigh Branham



De-jhon D. Britt



Cole Stephen Burns



Samantha R. Bynum



Miranda Cadle



Zackary Tyler Camacho



Kylie Aileen Carlyle



Hilary Bethann Chapman



Stephanie Lynn Clark



Nathan Phillip Cloe

Seniors

2005



Leonard Eric Cole



Leroy R. Compton



Byron Thomas Corish



Geoffrey Christian Corle



Jonathan E. Couch



William E. Couch



Ashley Dawn Council



Kelly Marie Cox



David Patrick Craig



Thomas Magnum Crittenden



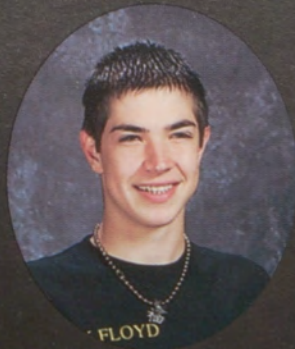
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Charles Downing



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Amaya Dupuis



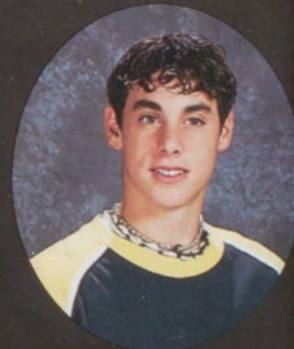
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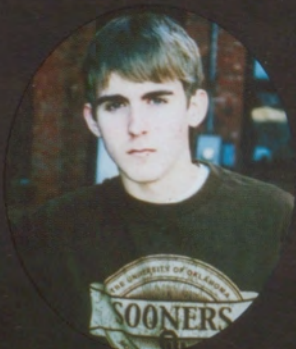
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Michael Grimes



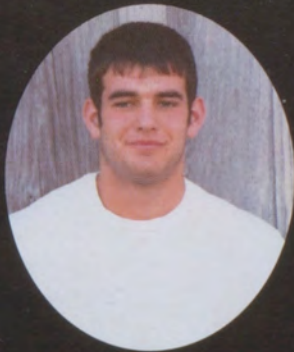
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Kevin Hardy



Aubrey Heckman



Shane C. Henderson



Christopher David Hershey



Dustin Hiebsch



Jamie Marie Hinthorn



Daniel Lee Hough



Joseph L. Housel



Arthur Eugene Irving



Dustin Lynn James



Chad Travis Jarrett



Autumn Jennings



Zachery Cole Jolly



Christopher RaDon Jones



Nathan Jones



Neal A. Julian



Ryan Kadel



Bret Alan Kelley



Meghan Kelly



Katy Ann Kendrick



Mitchell Chase Kent

Seniors

2005



Carla Faye Ketch



Megan Kirk



Jessica Kuhn



Kolby Lanning



Danielle Marie Leoffler



David Bradley Loganbill



Corey Allen Long



Mitchell Lynn Luna



Dustin Edward Lutker



Jacquelyn Diane Lyon



Amy DeAnn Majewski



John P. Maley-Green



Seth Andrew Malloy



Halle J. Manning



Andrea Marinari



Brett Allen Mead



Lowell Dean Miller



Ryan Joseph Modich



Alexander Glen Moore



Emily Kay Morrell



Justin Ray Myers



Kayleigh J. Nichols



Todd Matthew Novotni



Charles Oliver

Seniors

2005



Paige Nichole Pasternak



Bridget Dawn Penrod



England Galadriel Porter



Tara Diane Posch



Ashley Powers



September Kay Radcliff



Ashley Bernadette Ramos



Bret Andrew Rannells



Nicholas Thomas Rau



Lisa Marie Reddy



Juanita Marie Riedle



Abigail Roark



Christopher Robb



Jennifer Rowe



Quincy Rowland



Andrea Russell



Steve Thomas Schadedberg



Diana Schanz



Samantha J. Schiler



Brandon Michael Shatney



Kayla Michelle Sheets



Amber Colleen Shobe



Bailey C. Smith



Ross Malcomb Smith

Seniors

2005



Sarah Marie Smith



Timothy P. Smith



Amber Leanne Smith



Travis D. Smither



Joshua Stewart



Jacob Allen Stockton



Dana Ann Sullivan



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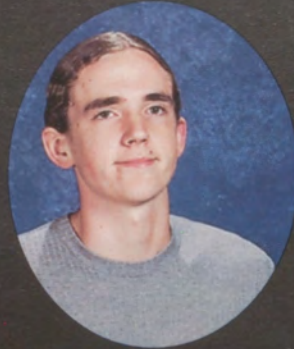
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Mary Katherine Tucker



David A. Vest



Jeremiah Dean Wallace



Lance A. Walters



Zhao Yang Wang



Natasha Frances Warriner



Joyia Sharlle' Watson



Brandon Allan Webb



Emery V. Weimer



Matthew Chas Whitley



Skyla Christine Whittet

Seniors

2005



Kurry Delayne Wilson



Shanina Marie Wilson



Tori Kay Wilson



Ryan Pete Winebrenner



Justin Cole Wright



Matthew Alan Wulfekuhle

Not Pictured:

Trent H. Allen

Johnny Garry Best

Joshua Lee King

Jessica Munding

Corey Wayne Stair

Class Officers

President: John Jack Maley-

Green

Vice President: Neal Julian

Treasurer: Miranda Cadle

Secretary: Corey Long



Seniors Say What??

“ Which IHS teacher has had the greatest effect on you? ”

“Mr. Webb. He is an easy going teacher.”- Justin Wright

“Mrs Mani. She is such a funny, kind, and helpful person.”- Tori Wilson

“Mrs. Beyer. She just has a great personality.” - Amanda Crozzer

“Mr. Torbett. His quirky sense of humor made school seem less like a prison.” - Bobby Blaker

“Mrs McBride. She takes the time to help students.” - Mitch Luna

“Mr. Knoles. He has taught me things that I will use later in life.”
- Dane Blumer

“ Mr. Reynolds. He really cares about students.”
- Miranda Cadle

“ What is your personal theme song? ”

“Pink Panthers”- Dustin James

“ Cotton-Eyed Joe” Joe Housel

“ Here For The Party”- Kelly Cox

“ I Like To Move It”- Melissa Barker

“ Days Go By” -Kayla Sheets

“ Just One of Those Days”
- Chad Jarstt

“ Beautiful Soul”- Seth Malloy

I n the Army Now

IHS Students Enlist in the Military

Concluding high school graduation means, for many, what will become an exciting time in life. Many graduates will enroll in college and eventually leave Independence for further education. Other IHS grads will immediately enter the workforce, while a select group of students have chosen to enter one of many military options. Several IHS students are currently enlisted in the Army, Navy, or the Air Force. (as for the Marines and Coast Guard, no IHS juniors or seniors are currently enlisted). For some, enlisting in these military groups means an active role in the military life. After "basic," it is very possible that these young Americans will enter the War in Iraq. The other enlistees are entering reserve programs that require a certain amount of time each month and a smaller possibility of being activated.

With much focus on the war in Iraq, one may wonder how this controversy will affect the thoughts of these young Americans. It is very possible that many of these brave people will be sent off to Iraq or another desolate part of the world requiring our Armed Forces service.

"It is very distracting because I never know when I will be able to talk to him next..."

Even if IHS students are not entering a field of the military it does not mean they aren't directly affected by the war in Iraq. Due to Ft. Riley, many Kansans in the military have been deployed to the war in Iraq. Many students, not only in Kansas, but all over the United States, are coping with having a parent away in the military. Even some IHS students have been affected by the war in Iraq, by having a mother or father away on duty in Iraq. Junior Mallory Trabuc, who has a father in the Army and is serving his second term in Iraq, said "It is very distracting because I never know when I will be able to talk to him next, and I won't know if something has happened unless I see it on television."

IHS 2005 Graduates Enlisted in the Navy:

Elizabeth Cornell
Nathan Cloe
Shane Henderson
Dustin James
Matthew Bennett

IHS 2005 Graduates Enlisted in the Army:

Halle Manning
Kyndall Thompson
Amy Thompson
Josh Goodman
Dustin Hiebsch
Ashley Council
Cody Goza



An Army recruiter talks to Shayla Littau, junior, about the benefits of enlisting.



War Fact

Since the declaration of war on March 19, 2003, approximately 1,780 American soldiers have died in the line of duty.



Left: Meghan Kelly turns in her voting ballot to the voting supervisor after voting for the first time in the 2004 presidential election.

Making A Difference



Above: Zack Camacho exits the voting booth after casting his vote.

The 26th Amendment states, "The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of age."

November 2004 marked a presidential election and the first opportunity for some in the senior class to vote.

While only a few seniors were eligible to vote in November's election, most of that number did. "It felt good making a difference," Meghan Kelly said. "Voting is our patriotic duty, and it's a great honor to finally be able to participate and be heard."

Americans were eager to know the results of the presidential election after having to wait until January 2001 to know the outcome of the 2000 election. Television used the "red state/blue state" lingo, and we soon knew Republican President George W. Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney were re-elected over the John Kerry-John Edwards Democratic ticket.

Zack Camacho, who turned 18

in September, voted in the 2004 election. "For me, education is important. I'm going to vote for the candidate who will not only support the rest of my education, but my children's as well." Zack wouldn't divulge who received his vote, replying, "It's a secret ballot for a reason. If I told, it would defeat the purpose."

To encourage seniors to participate, Mr. Stewart gave them the chance to complete their voter registration in American Government. April 5, 2005 marked the next opportunity for IHS seniors to go to the polls.

Along with the usual city commission and school board, the ballot also contained a bond issue for the district and the marriage

amendment. The \$22 million proposal, including a 32% rebate in state aid, was for a new building to replace Washington and Lincoln Elementary schools and improvements to the middle and high school, including a new gymnasium to be built north of the high school. Although the bond issue failed by a mere 170 votes, and marriage amendment passed overwhelmingly (70% in favor), Kansas joined 16 other states in defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

"I'm going to vote for the candidate who will not only support the rest of my education, but my children's as well"

-Zack Camacho senior



Brett Affolter



Jeremy Alford



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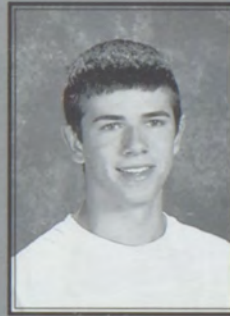
Ryan Beurskens



Christine Brady



Andrew Bright



Travis Brock



Dante Brown



Trevor Bruening



Jeremy Bruington



Shannon Burns

Juniors Class of 2006



What is your favorite
cartoon character?

T.J. from Recess -Ben Webb

Scooby Doo -Billy House

Winnie the Pooh -Traci Mills

Tweety -Crystal Shawver

Dory from Finding Nemo -Beth
Kelley

Daffy Duck -Jacob Connors



Charles Byrd



Jeffrey Carpenter



Sara Carter



Donna Castillo



Joy Chaput



Thomas Childers



Kevin Clark



Sarah Coder



Lisa Cole



Johnathon Compton



Jordan Conley



Lachlan Connell



Jacob Connors



Andy Cook



Lisa Corbett



Madison Corle



Elizabeth Cornell



Makalah Cunningham



Lance Darnell



Amber Davis



Ryan Dexter



Melanie Dillmon



Amber Dunham



Leah Dunham



Lisa Erbe



Amber Eytcheson



Hillary Farmer



Tom Fay



Brett Follmer



Justin Gonzales



Maggie Gorman



Sade' Graham



Jacob Graven



Cristy Gray



Nicholas Grunigen



Amanda Hancock



Nick Hart



Josh Hastings



Lacie Hawthorne



Allen Hayse



Nick Hilton



Tamara Holland



Janna Honan



Billy House



Parisa Ighani



Jonathan Jesse



Cameron Johnson



Dakota Johnson



Daphanie Keath



Scott Keath



What is your favorite quotation or saying?

"Work like you don't need money, love like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody is watching." -Om Patel

"Dude!" -Jared Linn

"Hey, chicks. That's pimp tight." -Joslyn Kusiak

"You're never as good as you think you are, nor as bad." -Tyler Smith

"Everything happens for a reason." -Nichole Anderson



Beth Kelley



Caitlin Kelly



Sheldon Kerr



Andrew Kimzey



Heather King



Rebecca Knox



Travis Kolb



Joslyn Kusiak



Jessi Lane



Chelsea Laswell



Kim Leon



Alexis Lewis



Andrew Likes



Jared Linn



Shayla Littau



Brandon MacRae



Brandace Magner



Kendall Martinez



Rachael McCarty



Amy McCoy



Nicole McDaniel



Stephanie McDiarmid



Nick Mears



Traci Mills



Ben Mitchell



Adriana Moreno



Mike Morris



Destiny Muller



Sabrina Mydland



Doug Newman



Josh Oldenettel



Karlee Passauer



Devish Patel



Om Patel



Dondi Pippin



Eric Pouncil



Ann-Marie Price



Brigette Ramsey



Kaci Randels



Elizabeth Raney



Jaime Reddy



Derek Reyes



Bobby Riggs



Morgan Rinck



Charlie Rosenhoover



Nicole Rothgeb



Jonathan Santee



Maggie Schabel



Jennifer Schad



Beau Schuler



What do you look forward to your senior year?

Senior pictures -Destiny Muller

Spring break -Andy Bright

Freedom -James Williams

College classes -Kelsey Smading

Queen Neelah -Maggie Gorman

Open Lunch -Megan Bagley



Tyson Schuler



Chad Shaffer



Gared Shaffer



Brett Shaw



Crystal Shawver



Keith Shepard



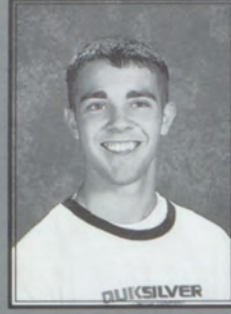
Dustin Shepherd



Dustin Sherley



Kelsey Smading



Tyler Smith



Misty Spears



Emily Speicher



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James Stockton



Cody Sweeten



Elise Sylvas



Chris Tate



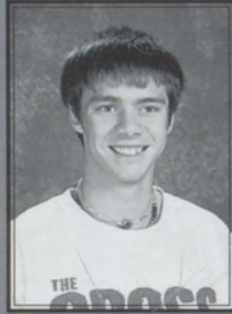
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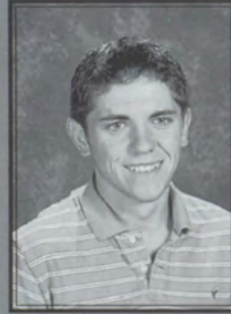
Mallory Trabuc



Leah Tucker



Mike Tuszynski



Brian Tyree



Erica Van



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Chantel Wheaton



Michael White



Spencer White



Herman Williams



James Williams



Sarah Wilson



Amber Winebrenner



Ashley Winebrenner



Michael Winebrenner



Ashley Wood



Joshua Woollard

Not Pictured: Olivia Brennan, Lydia Ellingburg, Mark Eugene Fields, Robert Grayson, Adam James, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Zachery Meyers, Allison Stockebrandt, and Jonathan Vargas



What will you remember most about this year?

Kicking it in seminar with friends -Devish Patel

The spectacular Scholar's Bowl season -Jeremy Bruington

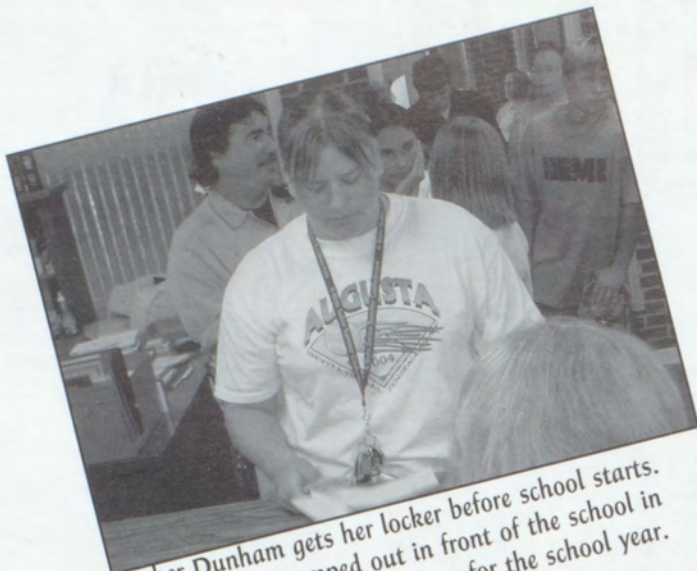
So much happens around here... -Beau Schuler

The time at lunch when milk came out of Om's (Patel) nose -Charlie Byrd

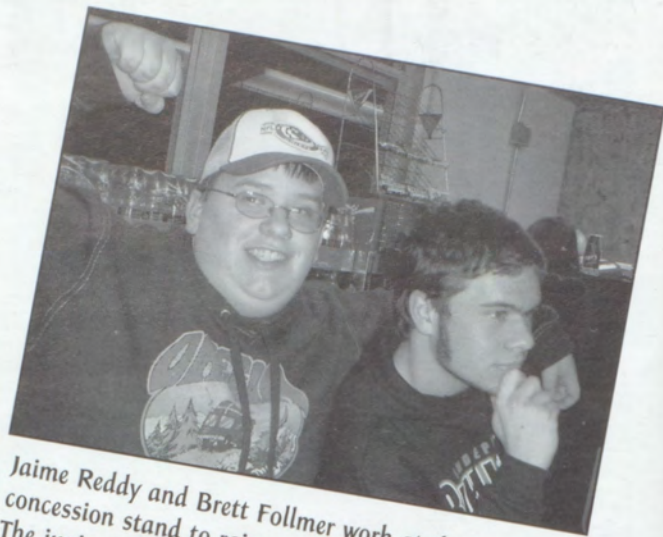
All the homework -Sherri Allen



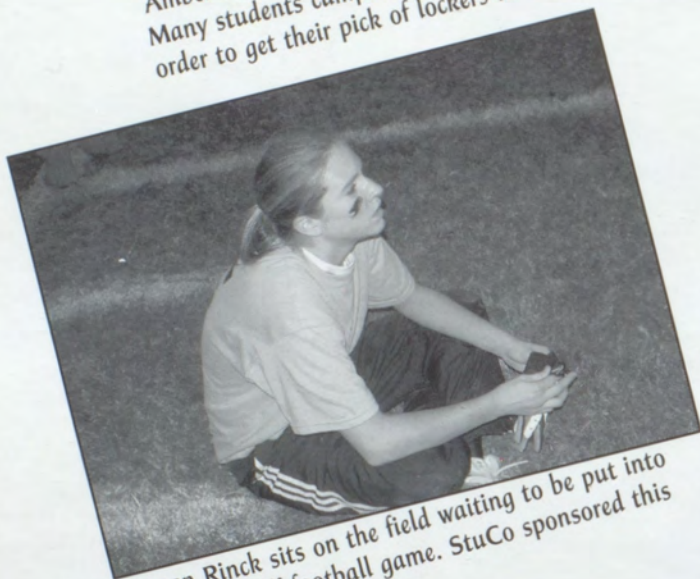
Junior Class Officers: Mallory Trabuc, treasurer; Joslyn Kusiak, vice president; Caitlin Kelly, president; and Joy Chaput, secretary.



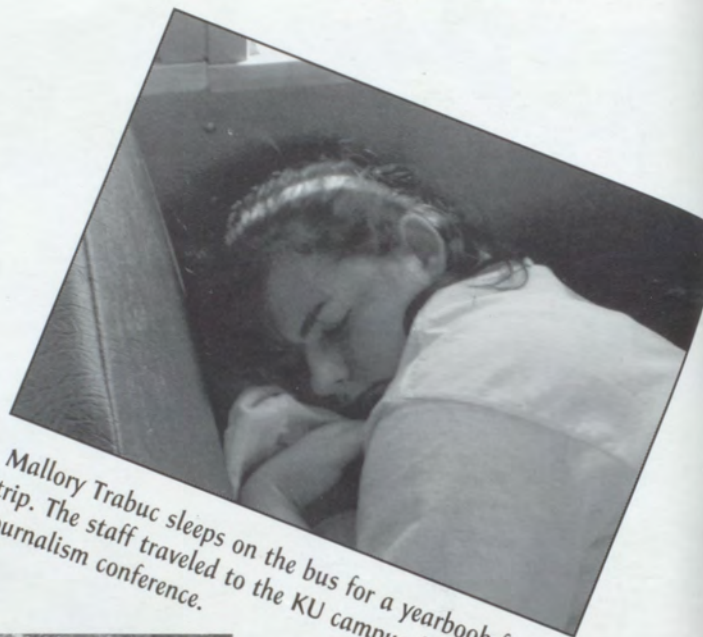
Amber Dunham gets her locker before school starts. Many students camped out in front of the school in order to get their pick of lockers for the school year.



Jaime Reddy and Brett Follmer work at the basketball concession stand to raise money for the junior class. The juniors also raised money for prom selling Butterbraids and working during Neewollah.



Morgan Rinck sits on the field waiting to be put into the powder puff football game. StuCo sponsored this activity during Dead Week.



Mallory Trabuc sleeps on the bus for a yearbook field trip. The staff traveled to the KU campus for a fall journalism conference.



Kendall Martinez and Amber Winebrenner collect cans at the Can Opener scrimmage. The junior class came in third place in the can collecting contest.

Sophomores Class of 2007



Kimber Adkins



Angela Alford



Corey Ashworth



Kendra Bakken



Dustin Bales



Nicci Barber



Octavia Barker



Jessica Baty



Zaita Bell



Justin Bennett



Fay Best



Jeffrey Bishop



Katy Boulanger



Chris Brown



Dominic Brown



Tiffany Bryant



Haley Carpenter



Shea Casurole



Anita Chappuie



Nikole Chaput



What is your most embarrassing moment?

When I wiped out on a planner in the middle of the hallway.
- Laura Kendrick

When I was being real and bending over for something and fell out of my chair in Mrs. Cox's class.
- Chris Elshabassy

When I was singing really loud and the music stopped and I kept on singing.
- Rachel Wickline

When Pate Collins tripped me and I spun around, landed on my butt and my books went all over the hall.
- Breezy Mangan



Valerie Chaput



Derek Clem



Kayla Coatney



Thomas Collins



Sierra Condon



Cassidee Connors



Robert Corish



Matthew Corn



Samantha Crittenden



Brandon Daniels



Brandon Davidson



Alex Davis



Justin Davis



Lindsey Dean



Paige Demo



Dontrell Dennis



Brandan Dixon



Valerie Do Vu



Kacie Dodson



Kattie Dodson



Skye Doty



Lee Dunham



Blake Dunlap



Justin Eades



Michelle Eades



Chris Elshabassy



Justin Eubanks



Joshua Ferrell



Matthew Finney



Skye Fish



Mark Freeman



William Gale



Trent Goins



Shonna Gonzales



Aly Goodman



Reggie Green



Stacia Gudmonson



Jeremy Gullick



Christopher Hallett



Katrina Hancock



Chris Harris



Andrew Hayse



Tyler Henderson



Erin Hignight



Alexander Hilton



John Hoffman



Christopher Holliday



Rebecka Horin



Jace Hugo



Evan Hurford



What is your favorite song to dance to?

Albuquerque
- Chandler King

Bia Bia
- Calvin Seifert

Barney Theme Song
- Stacia Gudmonson

Sweet Home Alabama
- Brian Wilson

Back When
- Jason Swearingen

Afternoon Delight
- Kristen Maxwell

You Saved Me
- Kacie Dodson

Redneck Woman
- Ashley Richardson



Philip Hurshman



Jeilea Hutchinson



Amber Jones



Matt Kahler



Brandon Kelley



Laura Kendrick



Paul Kersey



Hannah Kesler



Chandler King



Chelsea King



Robert Koehn



Sarah LaForte



D.J. Lawrie



Ashley Leake



Lauren Lester



Spencer Lester



Christopher Lewallen



Princess Lewis



Craig Lofgren



Sabrina Long



Chelsea Lumm



Danielle Macy



Demonse Malone



Breezy Mangan



Kristen Maxwell



Lauren McAfee



Brian McBride



Derek Meier



Ashley Moore



Jasmine Moya-Graham



Matthew Munding



Amanda Muninger



Matson Murray



Randall Musgrove



Amanda Novotni



Spencer Null



Charles Ogden



Tera Oliver



Aubrey Papen



Olivia Phillips



Samantha Pippin



Andrew Posch



Richard Price



Lucy Ramos



Liz Reddick



Nicholas Reid



Ashley Richardson



David Ripple



Joshua Roark



Tony Russell



What is the best thing about being a sophomore?

Not being a freshman.
- Ashley Leake

There are only two more years left in high school then hello big world.
- Tiffany Bryant

It's one more step closer to getting out of high school.
- Niky Chaput

The classes become more challenging and you get more respect.
- Aly Goodman

Not being the youngest in the school.
- Ashley Richardson



Levi Sack



Raeshelle Sawyer



Sara Schwarz



Calvin Seifert



Levi Shartzler



Jessica Shepard



Wynn Shepard



Robert Sherley



Sumere Smith



Thomas Smith



Tyler Stein



Kelsey Stelting



Allie Stephens



Stephanie Stewart



Jason Swearingen



Ravin Sylvas



Coy Tarkington



Lucy Tate



Adam Taylor



Nick Theodoran



Brian Tierney



Joseph Tuszyński



Tyler Valentine



Wesley Vincen



Warner Walter



Tyler Ward



Natalie Warriner



Thomas Wehmeier



Matthew White



Rick White



Rachel Wickline



Zachary Willis



Bryan Wilson



Misty Wilson



Roger Wilson



Aries Woods



Brett Woollard



Matthew Wren



Chelsie Zinser

Not Pictured:

Justin Barnett
Samantha Brown
Chanell Caldwell
Christine Henderson
Cody Hough
Peggy Sue McLaughlin

Jamie Ortiz
Allen Owens
Darren Turner
Samantha Vincent
Jonathan Young



If you could chose a new mascot for IHS, what would it be?

Penguins, because they're cool.
-Chelsea King

I would choose a zebra because they're cool and no one else has one.
-Amber Jones

I think we should be the Barbies, because Barbie is pretty!
-Lindsey Dean

I would choose a lizard because I like them and they're cool.
-Jamie Ortiz

I would choose a sloth because no other school would copy us!
-Annie Chappuie



Sophomore Class Officers: Shea Casurole; president, Kelsey Stelting; vice-president, Ashley Leake; secretary, and Breezy Mangan; treasurer



Scott Aemisegger



Cody Albert



Alex Anderson



Treasure Anderson



Adrienne Austin



Tiffany Baker



Mary Bannwarth



Jaimie Barnett



Heather Bean



Eric Beason



Hali Beaver



Tasha Bechtle



Richard Beisly



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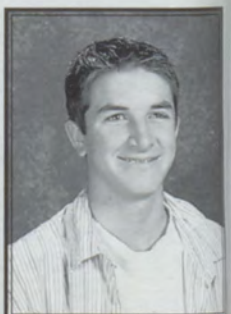
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Blake Bryant



Jordan Burnett



Matthew Cadle



Amanda Call



Andrew Carr



Andrew Carter



Constance Cartwright



April Cessna



Timothy Clubine



Lindsey Cook



Dylan Craft



Jason Cranor



Michael Davis



Amanda DeCou



Danielle Delacruz



Andrew Duke



Thomas Dunn



Stormi Dye



Brandie Eades



Jordan Earle



Matthew Easton

Freshmen Class of 2008



What do you like
most about high
school?

The seniors, 'cause
they're really nice
to the freshmen.

-Biloxie Mangan

Block schedule.

-Patrick Landrum

Being with
older people.

-April Cessna

Being at the same
school as Zach.

-Leigha Jolly

Being with our friends.
-Reanna Browning and
Jenny Schadeberg



Katherine Fienen



Tracey Fienen



Zachary Finney



William Foster



Teryn Frizell



Kelsie Froebe



Christopher Furr



Grant Gartner



Adam Greenhaw



Nicole Greer



Daniel Gross



Galadriel Hadley



Andrew Hamilton



Jessica Harder



Alleigh Harper



Bailey Harper



Matthew Hastings



Kayla Henry



Beth Hershey



Cory Houck



Lisa Howland



Nicholus Howland



Jenny Jabben



Katlin Jackson



William James



Maurita Johnson



Leigha Jolly



Steven Jones



Taylor Jurski



Amy Keath



Donlie Keath



Beth Kelly



Desman Kinnard



Leslie Knopick



Thomas Korhn



Patrick Landrum



Jessica Lennon



John Lewis



Katy Long



Allison Lumm



Nicholas Lyon



Biloxie Mangan



Marc Martinez



Clinton McElroy



Rylan McWherter



Josh Miller



Sarah Mitchell



Justin Moor



Michael Moore



Chad Morrell



If you were a Care Bear, what would be on your stomach?

*A basketball.
-Paul Riggle*

*Strawberries.
-Teryn Frizell*

*A skateboard.
-Ryan Rolls*

*The words "I Love You."
-Andy Whitley*

*Fire.
-William James*

*A smiley face.
-Kristen Spellman*



Kristi Morris



Courtney Morrow



Ashlee Muninger



Nicholas Munson



Jerry Musgrove



Ashley Mydland



Kayla Newman



Mersadies Newton



Charlene Ogden



Casey Oliver



Dane Pace



Cole Pasternak



Daniel Patitz



Jonathan Pendergrass



Vanessa Petty



Katie Phillips



Whitley Polk



Tucker Porter



Aubrey Price



Jeffery Quigley



Nathan Rau



Carrie Reddy



AJ Reed



Bud Reed



Dexter Reyes



Levi Reynolds



Airaka Richardson



Paul Riggle



Brian Ripple



Kayla Schabel



Sullivan Schabel



Jennifer Schadeberg



Stephanie Schafer



Lindsay Schaub



Jake Schuler



Aiko Sharp



Ashley Simmons



Nicholas Skellenger



Alice Smith



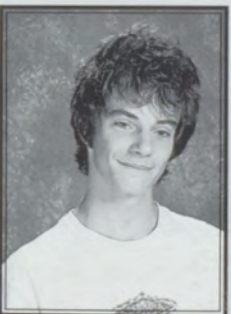
Kristen Spellman



Jesse Stair



Amy Staton



Michael Stephens



Lauren Sumner



Ariel Thompson



Austin Thorne



Christopher Threlkeld



Melynda Trabuc



Elizabeth Turner



Tyler Ulibarri



What's the scariest thing about being a freshman?

Rumors before coming to high school-
Matthew Easton

500 Hall-
Tucker Porter

Teachers-
Samantha Brown

Being shoved into a locker- BJ Ripple

What the upperclass will do to freshman-
Taylor Jurski



Tabitha Vannoster



Alexis Walter



Nathan Walters



Mikki Werner



Hayden White



Alicia Whitehurst



Andrew Whitley



Amanda Williams



Charman Williams



Cobra Williams



Char Wilson



Lance Wilson



Haley Winebrenner



Ty Winebrenner



Alexander Wood



Jaymee Wright

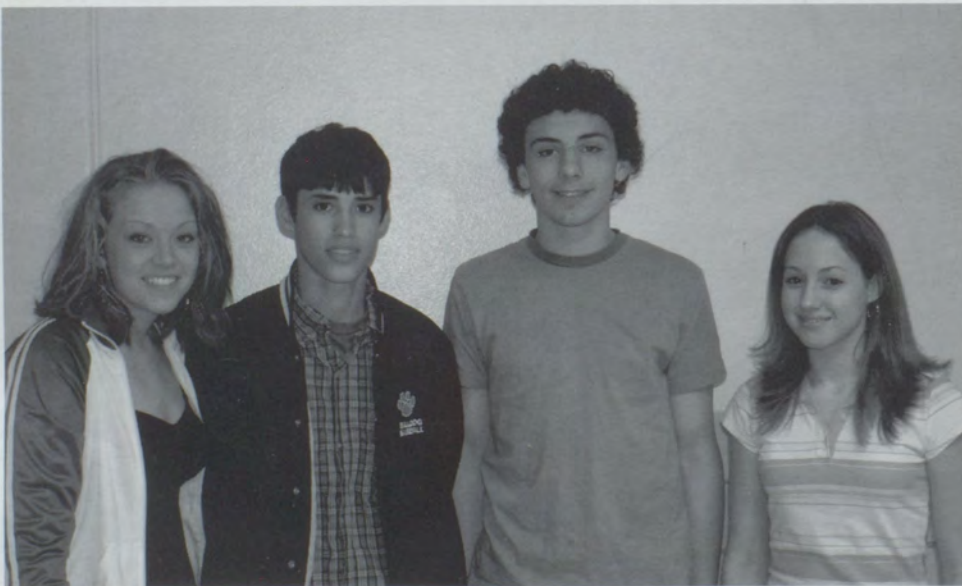


Ryan Wright



Michael Ysusi

Not Pictured: Justin Gilreath, Michael Heathman, Tyler Henderson, James King, Stephanie Purdunn, Ryan Rolls, and Alejandra Vargas



Freshman Class Officers

Reanna Browning, vice president;
Ryan Wright, president;
Tucker Porter, treasurer;
and Casey Oliver, secretary.

Faculty 2005



Joyce Aiello



Larry Alexander



Jan Allison



Larry Annable



Jason Armitage



Theresa Barnhart



Cindy Beshears



Jamie Beyer



Carl Boldra



Donald Calloway



Beth Capps



Dee Cole



Kelly Cox



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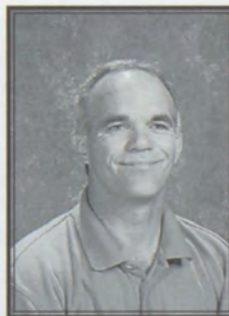
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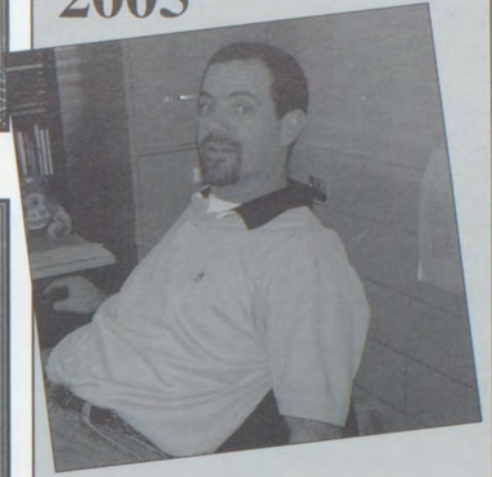
Glenda Ellis



Brad Fredrickson



Carol Harris



If you weren't
teaching what
would your career
be?

Psychiatrist
- Mrs. Spencer

Marine Biologist
- Mr. Reynolds

Forest Ranger
- Mr. Frederickson

Architect
- Mr. Stewart

Pro Fisherman
- Mr. Webb

Playwright
- Mrs. Sandoval

Farmer
- Mrs. Scott

Homeless Supervisor
- Mr. Hart



Jerry Hart



Diana Hellen



Jim Hogan



Larry Hollandsworth



Tim Knoles



David Lovelace



Jean Lundt



Mary Mani



Anna May



Gloria McCray



Janice McBride



Laura McClure



Gordon McDaniel



Sarah Miller



Carol Mooney



Cheryl Moor



Debbie Moore



James Moseley



Matt Mosher



Karen Newkirk



Shawn O'Kane



Jim Papen



Gloria Price



Louie Price



Lynn Reddy



Dale Reynolds



Michael Rose



James Runge



Patricia Scott



Erin Shelton



Lea Shepard



Doran Smith



Linda Spencer



Nancy Sprague



Sherry Staton



Rosie Stevens



George Stewart



Ronda Taraboletti



Jan Taylor



Julie Thompson



David Torbett



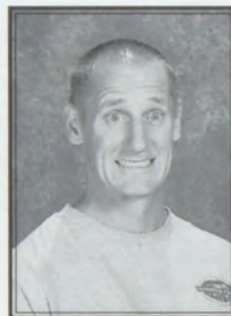
Rachel Unruh



Scott Webb



Beverly Willis



Mark Windle



Eldon Woods

Not Pictured: Geoff Beaty, Donna Browning, Glenda Bryant, Mark Coder, Mikel Fairbank, Lewis Hoyt, Collette Reichenberger, Colleen Rollings, Tammy Roth, Deborah Sandoval, Kristi Speicher, Donna Payne, Sally Mosier, and Kathy Raub.

How did your time as a high school student differ from today's students?

"Kids are more open minded today"

-Mr. Armitage

"With a high school diploma you could get a decent job"

- Mrs. Taylor

"There was more respect for adults"

- Mrs. McBride

"Not that much, just cell phones"

- Mrs. Dunham

"A lot less pressure when I was a kid, fewer influences from tv., music, movies, etc."

-Ms. Willis

"We still had freshman initiation when I was in high school"

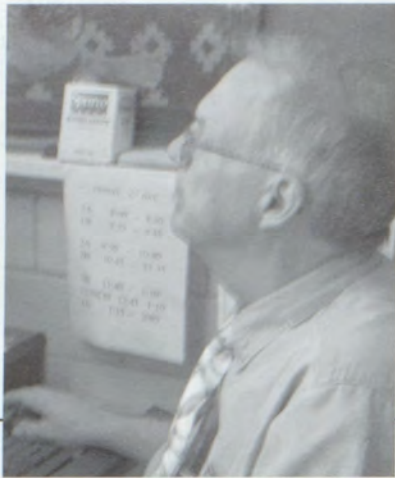
- Mrs. Shepard

"More structure and discipline, not as much pressure to do well on high stakes tests"

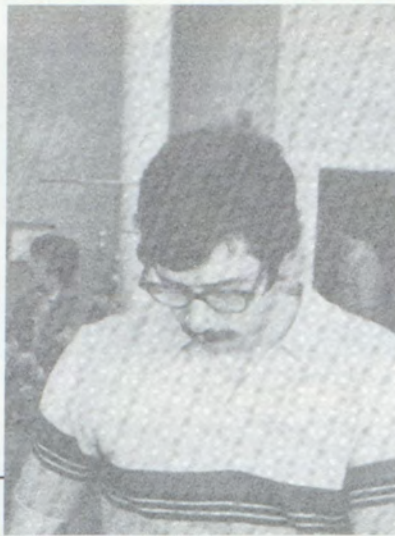
-Mr. Papen

"We did not have block scheduling and 9th grade was in the junior high"

- Mrs. Reddy



Mr. Torbett graduated from Pittsburg State University with degrees in education and journalism.



Mr Hogan graduated from Pittsburg State University.



Above: Mr. Torbett, Mr. Hogan and Mr. Hollandsworth were honored along with retiring district superintendent Dr. Charles Mock at the annual Appreciation Dessert in May.

Mr. David Torbett began teaching at IHS in 1966 and never left! After 39 years, he's calling it quits. Mr. Torbett has taught all four levels of English, as well as newspaper and yearbook. He feels "the best and most important subject in the curriculum is English." In addition to his teaching duties, Mr. Torbett announced the home football and basketball games for two decades.

Mr. Jim Hogan did his student teaching at IHS in the spring of 1970. He took a job teaching in Coffeyville for five years, but came back to IHS where he taught industrial technology for 30 years. Serving on the suspension/expulsion committee and founding the spring Expo are just two highlights of his tenure at IHS. It's common knowledge he's the faculty ping pong champion! Mr Hogan believes, "We learn by doing."

Mr. Larry Hollandsworth came to IHS in 1979 from Richmond, KS. In addition to teaching special education, he also coached football, basketball and track for the Bulldogs. Mr. Hollandsworth will remain in the education profession in another capacity.



Mr. Hollandsworth graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

IHS Says Goodbye



Athletics

UP TO SPEED

Running Cross



Cross Country

Front Row: Amber Shobe, Madison Corle, Miranda Cadle, Kandace Spellman, Megan Bagley, Janna Honan, Amanda DeCou, Kristen Spellman, Heather Alt. Second Row: Andy Whitley, Evan Hurford, Ryan Kadel, Levi Sack, Cared Shaffer, Spencer Null, Allen Hayse, Andrew Hayse, Matt Whitley. Back Row: Coach Windell, Coach Reynolds, and Coach Rose.

Country

Megan Bagley stretches to prepare for the race. The girls gained their confidence from each other before each race. It helped them make it through each race and improve their times.



Left: Kandace Spellman and Nichole Anderson run together for encouragement. Boys and girls worked together to encourage each other.



Cross country is a unique sport because there is no bench," Coach Rose explained. Runners capable of running the race compete each week. All runners run the same distance and there are no substitutions or timeouts that can be called during a race. It is unique because running is considered punishment to other athletes, but running is their sport.

Meets have five races: a freshman boy's race, boys and girls junior varsity race, and boys and girls varsity race. The top seven boys and girls were picked to run the varsity race and the rest run the junior varsity race.

Rose often ran less than seven because he felt some would compete better with some of the other kids. He

put them in the varsity race once the runners built the confidence to compete at that level, which is the reason IHS didn't have team scores in several races. An athlete must run at least five in a race to receive a team score.

"Overall, I was pleased with the season," Coach Rose commented. "I wanted the entire boys team to qualify for State but things did not work out for them. I was excited to send Andrew Hayse. The girls program took some strides in the right direction this season. If we can get girls to continue to come out for the program, then we can build a strong tradition," said Rose.



Right: Kolby Lanning tries to kick the ball against a Fort Scott defender. The Bulldogs won the contest against the Tigers 8-0. Photo Courtesy of Rob Morgan.

Below: With 107 saves this season, there's no getting past goalie Cameron Johnson, junior, who leaps towards the ball, preventing a goal.



Varsity Record, 04-05

Trinity	0-1	L
Pittsburg	8-1	W
Ft. Scott	7-2	W
Riverton	7-0	W
Coffeyville**	1-3	L
Columbus**	5-0	W
Coffeyville	1-0	W
Independent	2-1	W
Riverton	9-0	W
Pittsburg	6-1	W
Columbus	7-0	W
Ft. Scott	8-0	W
Carl Junction	4-1	W
Ark City	6-3	W
Columbus	8-1	W
Coffeyville	1-2	L
St. Johns #	8-0	W
Rosehill #	5-2	L

** FKHS Tournament

District Games



Bulldog Soccer Team: *Front Row:* Nathan Rau, Michael Stephens, Ashley Muninger, Brandon Dixon, Ty Winebrenner, Andrew Posch, Brian McBride, Erika Wakeman. *Second Row:* Dylan Craft, Brandon Kelley, Michael Ysusi, Jason Cranor, Dexter Reyes, Daniel Gross, Spencer White, Sara Schwarz, Travis Smither, Chad Jarrett. *Back Row:* Spencer Null, Ryan Dexter, Matson Murray, Brett Affolter, Bret Kelley, Om Patel, Colin Victory, Kolby Lanning, Billy House, and Cameron Johnson.

Right: Soccer Coaches: Mark Coder and Brian Bridges



Soccer team speeds past competition

For a program still in its infancy, the IHS soccer team played like a team that had been together for years. After sharing the SEK crown with Coffeyville last year, the team had an important goal in mind: win the title outright.

The season started out shaky with a loss to Wichita Trinity. The team got it together posting a modest three game winning streak. A loss to Coffeyville then set the team back to a 3-2 record. Following the loss to Coffeyville, the team became better, they were on a roll. Ten consecutive wins clinched the team a share of the title with one game left against no other than their rival. A devastating loss meant the second year of sharing the SEK title with the Golden Tornadoes. Following the game, Captain Travis Smithers said, "It's heartbreaking. Four years we have tried to win the SEK championship and fell just short each year." Following the Coffeyville game, the Bulldog team cruised through the first round of Regionals. However, in the second round, the team fell to Rose Hill, and with that, the season was over.

Four years ago, the soccer team took the field for the first time. Two players included on that team were Captain Travis Smithers and another outstanding player, Kolby Lanning. They were the first four-year letter winners for soccer in school history. Kolby became the all-time leading goal-scorer with 82 total goals accumulated over his four years and will be continuing his soccer career through college at Baker University. Travis was a two-time first team SEK player, this year's captain, and one of the lead defense players for the team.

2004 was a wildly successful season for the Bulldog soccer team. They were a great team and worked together to achieve their ultimate goal. As Kolby Lanning describes them, "A team in every sense of the word. We worked well together and I will never forget them."

JV Record, 04-05

Trinity	1-2	L
Pittsburg	4-3	W
Ft. Scott	3-0	W
Riverton	0-1	L
Coffeyville	0-0	T
Independent	0-0	T
Riverton	5-0	W
Pittsburg	5-1	W
Columbus	4-0	W
Ft. Scott	1-0	W
Carl Junction	0-0	T
Ark City	0-0	T
Columbus	2-2	T
Coffeyville	5-2	W



Far Right: Bret Kelley, senior, waits for an opportunity to throw the ball in bounds during the game against Coffeyville's Golden Tornadoes. Kelley scored six goals this season.

Right: Junior Cody Sweeten, who has been on the varsity soccer team all three years of his high school career, aims the ball towards the goal. Sweeten scored a total of five goals this season.



Front Row: Brandon MacRae, Kevin Baker, Brent Berberick, Josh Woollard, Chris Holliday, Joe Housel, Ryan Wright, Lee Dunham, Nick Bishop, Andrew Carr, Matt Cadle.

Second Row: A.J. Kimzey, Brett Follmer, Jace Hugo, Geoff Corle, Alex Anderson, Nick Skellenger, Adam Greenhaw, T.J. Korhn, Jacob Stockton, Matt Hastings, A.J. Reed.

Third Row: Chris Jones, Chris Furr, Jonathan Couch, Jake Schuler, Levi Shartzler, Tim Smith, Dustin Lutker, William Couch, Ryan Modich, Kalvin Seifert, Roger Wilson.

Back Row: Jason Swearingen, Michael Heathman, Beau Schuler, Dee Brown, Seth Malloy, Jeremy Gullick, Cole Burns, Herman Williams, Jeremy Wallace, Andrew Allen, and Andy Anderson.



Senior Tim Smith receives a handoff from Seth Malloy (senior) at a home football game.

Scoreboard

	IHS	OPP
Parsons	6	56
Ft. Scott	0	70
Coffeyville	0	49
Labette County	0	42
Iola	6	51
Columbus	0	44
Andover Central	0	63
Augusta	6	70
Douglass	0	41

Football

V A R S I T Y

Ryan Modich (senior) gets his plate at the team meal held before every home game.



Shane Henderson (senior) blocks a member of the opposing team for a punt at a home game.



After a 0-9 campaign in 2003, many thought the football team couldn't get any worse. Unfortunately for IHS football fans that wasn't the case. In a sport where you get 6 points every time you score, the football team scored a whopping 18 points. Things didn't look promising from the outset. A 56-6 defeat to Parsons was followed up by the worst home loss in school history to Fort Scott. Two more shutouts brought the losing streak to 13. The following week Independence got on the scoreboard for a second time. Unfortunately, so did Iola to the tune of 51 points. Two more shutouts and a 70-6 loss to Augusta brought the record to 0-8. Thursday, October 28, 2004 in a game with Douglass emotions ran high. Despite being down by 41 points the Bulldogs still played with heart. With 1:33 left in the third quarter a fight broke out on the field and the officials called the game. The game was over and the season was over. Little did people know it was also the end of an era. Following the final "footbrawl" game of the season, Coach Jim Moseley announced to the team his resignation, telling the players 0-18 is unacceptable. After months of speculation Carl Boldra was hired as head football coach. The one name that was synonymous with IHS football was Tim Smith. Leading the team in several statistical categories, he was the only first team All-SEK selection for his work at linebacker. In addition to Tim's selection Jake Stockton and Geoff Corle were honored for their outstanding seasons on the offensive line. This year wasn't the greatest but with a new coach and the freshman class coming, next year looks hopeful for IHS football.



Brent Berberick (junior) takes off from the line of scrimmage to go make a block on the cornerback.

For the Love of the Game

After playing four years of football at IHS, this year's seniors had faced their share of losses. Only winning two games their entire high school career, the seniors had some tough questions to ask themselves. Things such as "Why do we keep playing?" and "What's the point?" immediately come to mind. While quitting seemed like the easiest thing to do, eight senior members of the 2004 IHS football team decided it wasn't in them to quit. Some, such as Jacob Stockton and Ryan Modich, said that they continued to play for the love of the game. Others, like De-Jhon Britt, said that college motivated him not to quit.

The last game of the seniors' high school career was at home against Douglas. The Bulldogs lost the game, but not without putting up a fight. At the end of the third quarter, a tackle out of bounds caused a fight to break out between the two teams. The game was called and the score remained as was. Geoff Corle called it "The best game of the year." Ryan Modich said it this way, "We may have lost the war, but we won the battle."



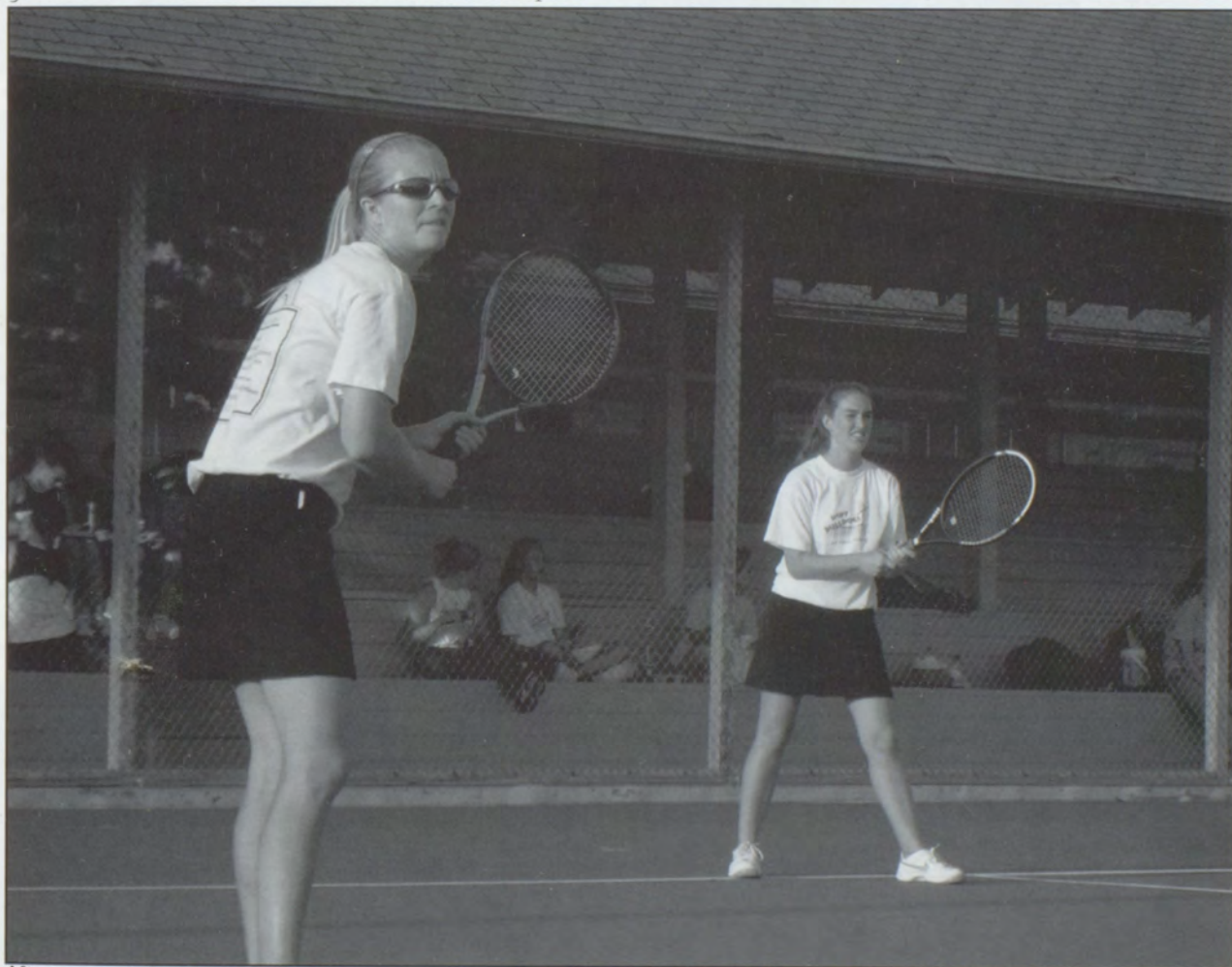
Partners Adriana Moreno and Breezy Mangan talk things through during a match. The doubles team would go on to win the SEK number two Doubles Title.

IHS Girls Win League

SEK Champions

The IHS girls tennis team finished a very strong season this year. After successful varsity and junior varsity campaigns, the Lady Bulldogs rounded off the year with the SEK league title. After three consecutive seasons of finishing second behind rival Parsons, the Lady Bulldogs finally edged the competition to win the twenty-second SEK title in Lady Bulldog history. The team finished first in three out of the four divisions on play, including number one singles Caitlin Kelly, number one doubles

Meghan Kelly and Tara Posch, and number two doubles Adriana Moreno & Breezy Mangan, as well as a fourth place finish in the number two singles field by Jordan Conley. The finals match of the number one doubles division, Coach Lundt said, was the match of the day. After suffering two prior losses to the Parsons team, Kelly and Posch easily defeated Parsons in straight sets, successfully defending their SEK title. A week later, the team qualified three for the State tennis tournament held in Emporia.



After a second place finish at State their junior season, Tara Posch and Meghan Kelly eagerly awaited their senior season, Posch said. Both girls provided strong leadership and experience, and were important factors to the Lady Bulldog's success. The doubles team finished the season with an overall record of 26-10 as well as claiming the SEK championship, Regional championship, and a fourth place finish at the State tennis tournament.

Teamwork leads to successful season



Lady Bulldog Tennis Team - *Front Row:* Lisa Reddy, Taylor Jurski, Kayla Schabel, Jaymee Wright, Kelsie Froebe, Jenny Jabben, Allison Lumm, Katie Fienen. *Middle Row:* Allie Stephens, Leigha Jolly, Biloxie Mangan, Shea Caseroule, Kelsey Stelling, Jordan Conley, Breezy Mangan. *Back Row:* Coach Gina Botts, Lindsey Dean, Lauren Lester, Tara Posch, Stacia Gudmonson, Amanda Call, Meghan Kelly, Adriana Moreno, and Caitlin Kelly.



Coaches Gina Botts (left) and Jean Lundt (right). The 2004 tennis season would be coach Lundt's thirteenth season as the head coach of



Left: Taylor Jurski bounces the ball before serving. *Above:* Sophomore Stacia Gudmonson eyes the ball before a serve. *Right:* Caitlin Kelly bends to connect with the shot during a home tennis match.





Senior Lisa Reddy gets ready for a return. Reddy, one of three seniors on the team, contributed to the team with her experience and leadership.

Sophomore Lauren Lester prepares for the point to begin. Lester played doubles for the Lady Bulldogs.



Junior Jordan Conley sets up for a forehand during her match. Conley saw lots of singles action this season and rounded off the year with a fourth place finish at SEK.

Sophomore Allie Stephens sets up to serve. Stephens had a very successful season while playing number two singles for the varsity squad.



Hard work pays off for the Bulldogs at State.

Although the girls tennis team enjoyed a successful season, all the hard work is put in to win SEK, and hopefully post a successful outing at the State tennis tournament. To qualify for State, you must place in the top four at the Regional Qualifier. This year, senior doubles team Tara Posch and Meghan Kelly won Regionals to give them a number one seed at State. Junior Caitlin Kelly placed fourth at Regionals and qualified for State. This would be the second year in a row that the three lady bulldogs would attend State. M. Kelly and Posch would start the tournament strong winning their

Three to STATE!



After claiming the SEK title, the Lady Bulldogs qualified three for the State Tennis Tournament during the regional qualifiers. Doubles team Tara Posch and Meghan Kelly finished with a fourth place medal, and singles player Caitlin Kelly finished in tenth at State. The girls went on to claim the fourth place team medal at State. Photo courtesy Karen Mikols.

first two matches handily. In the semi-finals the team would fall in a heartbreaker, and rounded off the tournament in fourth place. Singles player Caitlin Kelly lost her first match, but came back to win two of her next four finishing the tournament in tenth place. Because of the places taken by the Lady Bulldogs, the team earned enough points to win the fourth place team medal.

Bulldog Wrestling

Right: Dustin Lutker listens to the coach's commands during a match in Coffeyville.



What comes to mind when you think about wrestling? Is it the pulse-pounding action, the training that goes into it or perhaps the singlets?

The intense training began back in November. After weeks of rigorous training and practice the team was ready to wrestle in a tournament. Tournaments came and went, and we heard the same names over and over again. Ryan Modich, senior, wrestling in the heavyweight division was a favorite. Another constant favorite was Keith Shepard who fought through injury to come out with a very successful season. Sophomore Rachel Wickline left a major mark on the program by becoming the first female in Independence Bulldog Wrestling history. The name tossed around the most may have been that of Zack Camacho. Zack wrestled all four years and qualified for State each year as well. Camacho didn't disappoint his senior season. Despite moving up a weight class, Zack finished the season at an impressive 23-9. While a 2-2 finish at State isn't exactly what Zack and his fans had hoped for, Zack will never be forgotten in Bulldog lore in the sport of Wrestling. Coach Moseley said of Zack, "...he leads with his work ethic. He is always ready to wrestle." All in all the season was a success. With low numbers this year, there is hope that they will grow next year.



Above: Rachel Wickline warms up before her first match.

Right: Sophomore Lee Dunham tries to take his opponent down during a Regionals match.

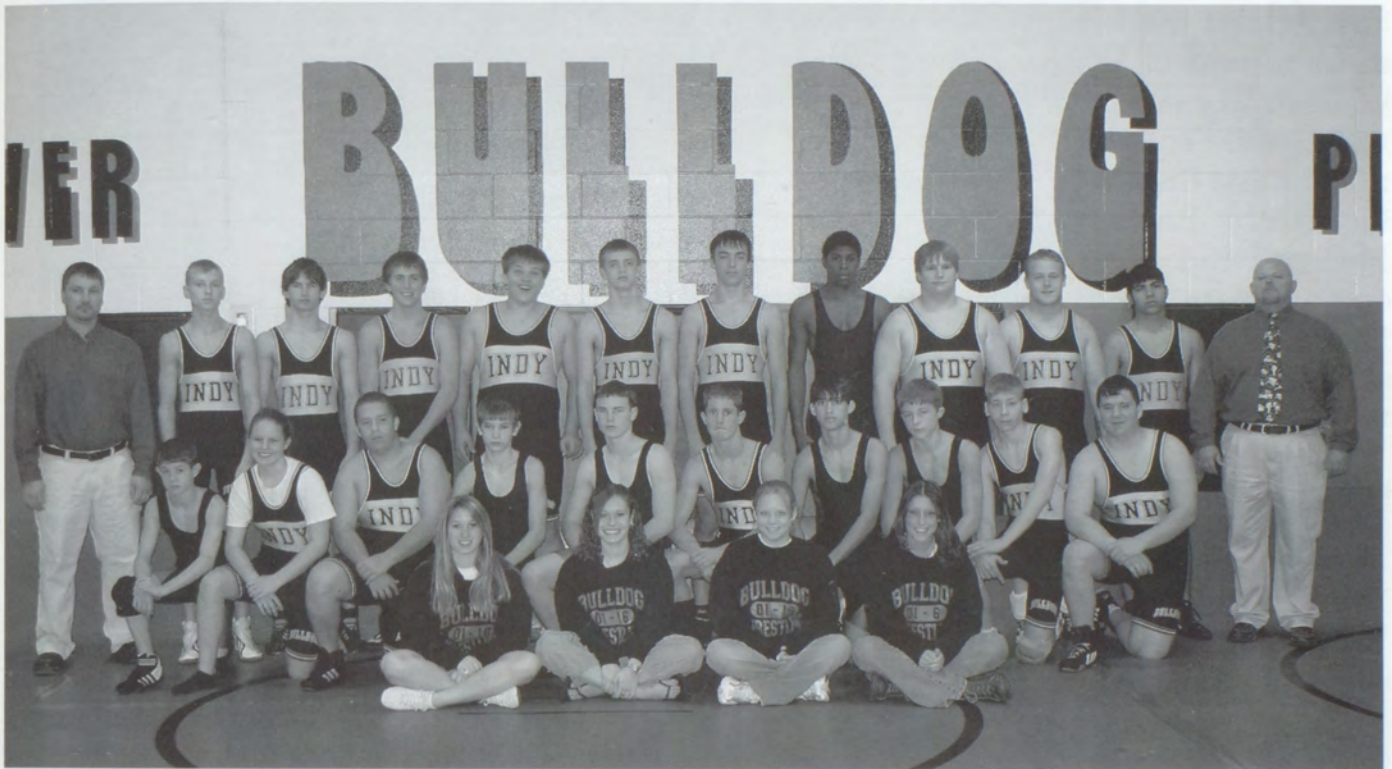
Middle: Freshman Ryan Wright tries to pin his opponent to move on in his bracket during Regionals.

Right: Senior Jacob Stockton ponders on what move to do next during his match in Regionals.





Left: Keith Shepard tries to get free from his opponent during Regionals in Rose Hill. Right: Senior Zack Camacho rams his chin into the back of his opponent to try and put a move on him.



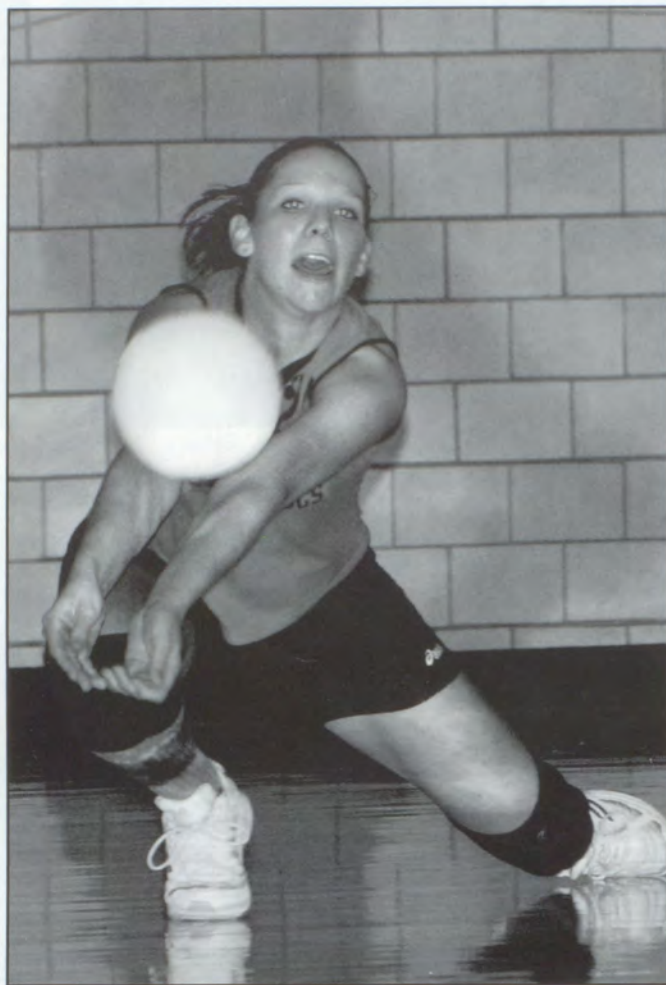
Wrestling Team Front Row: Managers Kayla Sheets, Leah Tucker, Lisa Reddy, Trainer Shaunee Barnard. *Second Row:* Zach Berberick, Rachel Wickline, James Stockton, Chris Threlkeld, A.J. Reed, Brent Berberick, Ryan Wright, Zach Finner, Michael Winebrenner, Lee Dunham. *Back Row:* Jeff Carnes (Coach), Colin Victory, A.J. Kimsey, Zack Camacho, Jace Hugo, Keith Shepard, Jason Swearingen, Roger Wilson, Ryan Modich, Jacob Stockton, Bobby Riggs, and Jim Moseley (Coach).

Senior Ryan Modich tries to pin a wrestler from Caney. Modich wrestled all four years of high school.

Volleyball

Bump, Set, Spike

The volleyball girls had a tough season this year. However, there were many outstanding players. Senior Kylie Carlyle, who received second team all SEK recognition, was the the setter for the team. Juniors Joslyn Kusiak and Emily Speicher led the team in serving. Eighty-eight percent of Emily's serves were good, while eighty-six percent of Joslyn's serves were good. Senior Melissa Barker and junior Emily Speicher led the team in spiking. Emily had seventy-four spikes while Melissa put down fifty-six. The six seniors on this team did a great job getting this team through the trying year. With great success already, the juniors look to guide the team with success next year.



Senior Aubrey Heckman goes down to get the ball during a home volleyball game.
Photo Courtesy of Karen Mikols



Freshman Squad *Front Row:* Beth Bonde, Elizabeth Turner, Lindsey Cook, *Second Row:* Alleigh Harper, Teryn Frizell, Jessica Lennon, Jordan Earle, Bailey Harper, *Back Row:* Jessica Harder, Amy Staton, Mersadies Newton, Jordan Earle, Kayla Henry, and Kristen Spellman.

Junior Varsity Squad *Front Row:* Keisha Bass, Faye Best, *Second Row:* Ashley Doty, Leah Dunham, Haley Carpenter, *Back Row:* Cassidee Connors, Shayla Littau, and Skye Doty.





Coaches Beth Capps (JV), Coy Spear (Freshmen), and Kristi Speicher (Varsity)



Varsity Squad Front Row: Paige Pasternak, Kylie Carlyle. Second Row: Allison Emmot, Melissa Barker, Sarah Wilson. Back Row: Johna Surrett, Aubrey Heckman, Emily Speicher, and Joslyn Kusiak.

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Freshman Brandie Eades watches the ball after hitting it at a home freshman match.



Photo Courtesy of Karen Mikols



Senior volleyball players and their parents are recognized for their support and commitment during the past four years.

With New Coach Team "rebounds" from Poor Season

"It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game." This statement may best describe the Independence High School girls' basketball team. While the wins may not have added up the way the team wanted them too, the season was successful nonetheless.

The season introduced the fans to the new head coach Dale Reynolds. After being around the game for sometime, Mr. Reynolds finally got his shot at the head coaching position. He made the most of his first season improving the overall record from a year ago. Senior Johna Surret said, "We had our ups and downs, but Coach

Reynolds kept us together. He was terrific." The team was led by three seniors.

After missing last year with a knee injury, Johna Surret bounced back and was an impact player. A star on defense, Miranda Cadle was an inspiration to the underclass(wo)men. Perhaps leading the way was Meghan Kelly. Kelly, who was an outstanding scorer, wasn't too shabby on defense either. For her efforts she was honored with a second team All-SEK selection.

Whoever said girls can't play obviously never saw the 2004-2005 IHS girls' basketball team. While they may be short on wins, they're certainly long on memories.



Girls Basketball Coaches
Gina Botts (assistant), Dale Reynolds (head), and Troy Smith (freshmen).



Senior Johna Surret catches a pass from a teammate during the last regular season home game against Chanute. Photo courtesy of Karen Mikols.



Varsity Girls Basketball *Front row:* Shea Casurole, Meghan Kelly, Miranda Cadle, Johna Surrett, Breezy Mangan. *Second row:* Kacie Dodson (manager), Kelsey Stelting, Amanda Call, Allie Stephens, Erin Hignight, Kandace Spellman, Caitlin Kelly, Chelsea King, Ashley Doty (manager). *Back row:* Ashley Moore, Lauren Lester, Alexis Lewis, Princess Lewis, LaZaita Bell, Nichole Anderson, Amber Dunham, Cassidee Connors, and Kattie Dodson.



Left: Senior Miranda Cadle and sophomore Princess Lewis fight for possession of the ball during a sub-state game. Photo courtesy of Karen Mjokols.

Above: Freshman Amanda Call dribbles the ball down the court at a sub-state game. Photo courtesy of Karen Mjokols.

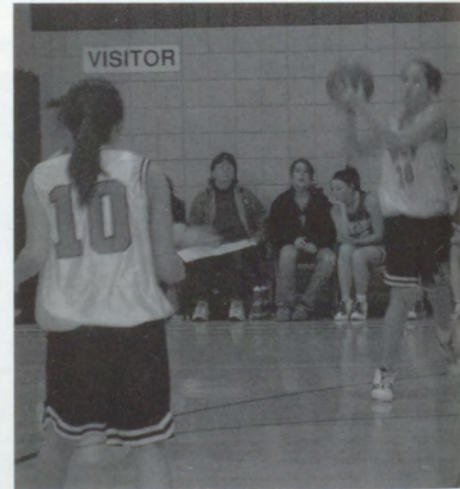


Freshmen Girls' Basketball *Front Row:* Amanda De-Cou, April Cessna, Jaimie Barnett, Jordan Earle, Kristen Spellman. *Back Row:* Aubrey Price, Alice Smith, Beth Bonde, LaPorsha Vaughn, Biloxie Mangan, Apiffani Norwood, and Ashlee Muninger.



Above: Biloxie Mangan attempts to give Independence an early lead by winning the tip-off.

Right: The freshman team discusses its strategies against Columbus during at time out at the Ash Center.



Above: Aubrey Price passes the ball to April Cessna to take it to the hole.

Boys Basketball

Freshman

Your first sporting event in high school can be pretty nerve-wracking. As freshman team member Patrick Landrum puts it, "At the first game I was pretty nervous about the crowd and how I was going to do. It got a lot easier as the season went on." The freshman boys proved this statement to be true in their playing.

Beginning their season with four consecutive losses against Pittsburg, Coffeyville, Wichita and LCHS, the season ahead of the boys was not looking very promising. However, in their fourth game they broke the mold with a stunning twenty-one point lead over the Parsons Vikings followed by two more wins over Ark City and Iola.

The boys ended their season with a lackluster 12-10 overall record.



"I really liked playing Coffeyville. I felt good after hitting a skyhook over our rivals."

Adam Greenhaw

"Freshman year was fun and went pretty well. But, I can't wait until I get to move up to varsity or JV."

Andy Whitley



Freshman Coach Mr. Hollandsworth

Freshman Record

opponent	score	
Pittsburg	26-40	L
Coffeyville	31-51	L
Wichita	18-76	L
LCHS	27-44	L
Parsons	60-39	W
Ark City	41-28	W
Iola	39-28	W
Tyro	37-69	L
Elk Valley	50-41	W
Coffeyville	49-46	W
Chanute	27-38	L
Iola	45-36	W
Parsons	40-32	W
Ark City	60-36	W
Fort Scott	49-54	L
Coffeyville	50-42	W
Pittsburg	44-42	W
LCHS	46-53	L
Columbus	37-48	L
Parsons	41-34	W
Chanute	44-62	L



Front Row: Cole Pasternak, Matt Cadle, Michael Ysusi, Bud Reed, Daniel Gross. Back Row: Joe Hawk, James King, Alex Anderson, Dylan Craft, Adam Greenhaw, Partick Landrum, and Andy Whitley.

IN THE NET Varsity-JV



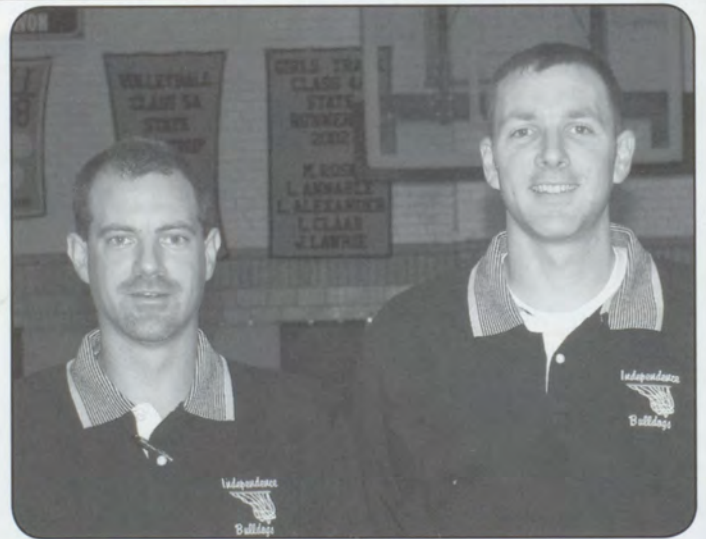
“ Beating Char-
nute was pretty ex-
citing. I was glad that
everyone stepped it
up. ”

Ryan Winebrenner
Senior



“ I am really
proud of the team.
The team worked
hard and it paid
off. ”

Mitchell Kent,
Senior



Boys Varsity and JV Basketball. Front Row: Cole Burns, Kurry Wilson, Mitchell Kent, Reggie Green, Seth Malloy, Tyler Smith, De-Jhon Britt, Levi Shartzter. Back Row: Doug Newman, Spencer Null, Adam Taylor, Cameron Johnson, Nick Hart, Josh Oldenettel, Jacob Connors, Dee Brown, Ryan Winebrenner, and Beau Schuler. Coaches: Mike Rose and Matt Brumley.



Junior, Tyler Smith, above, drives past Coffeyville's defense to score a goal.

Before the season began for the IHS varsity team, excitement circulated around the school. Most of this excitement was generated from the idea of having a new coach, Mike Rose.

The team was composed of five returning seniors and a bevy of former JV juniors with high hopes. It started with a bang when the IHS team enjoyed a landslide win over Pittsburg with 35 points. The season went on alternating wins and losses and ended with a 7-7 record.

According to Coach Rose, "The season high was winning our first round Sub-State game and the atmosphere at our second round game at Losey. I learned that most of my players were willing to put forth a tremendous amount of effort and dedication to do what was necessary to be successful. They believed in sacrificing to win."

The sacrifices made by the team paid off in the first round of Sub-State; however, their season concluded with a loss to LCHS in the second round of s Sub-State.

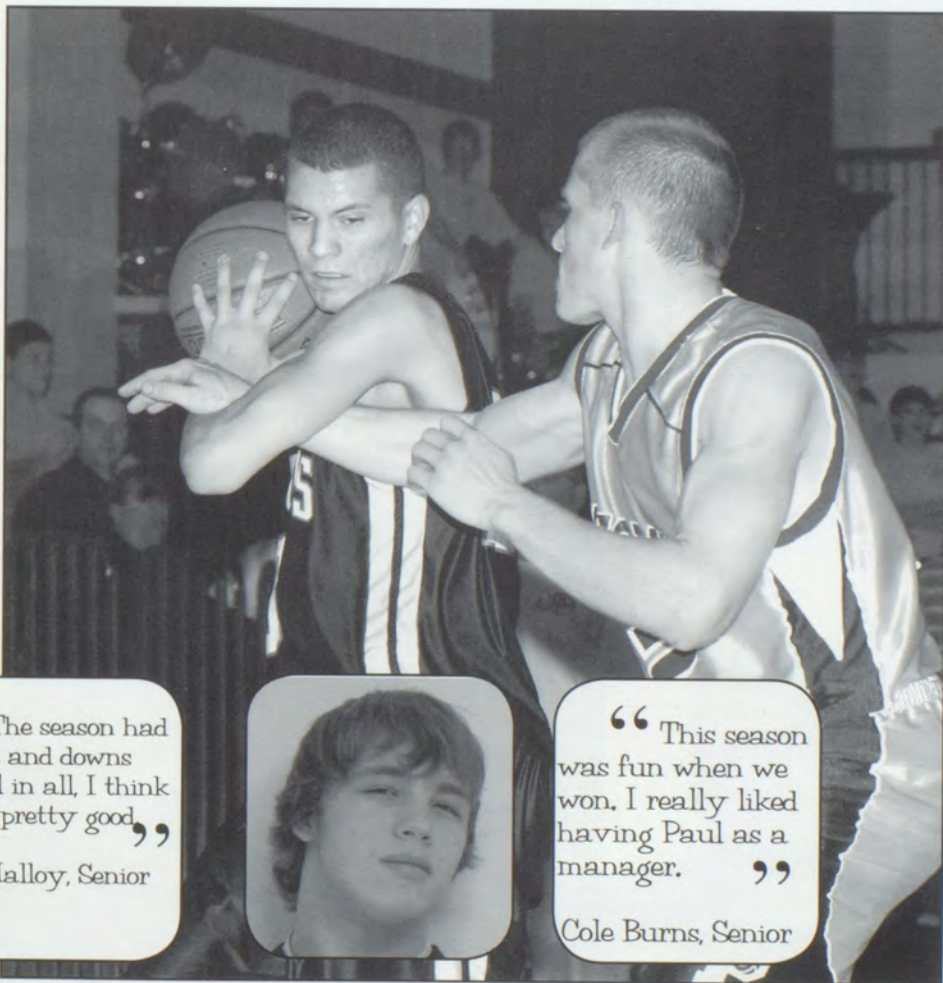
Even though many may look at the season as unsuccessful, Rose sees it differently. "If the season doesn't go as planned it might seem like wasted effort, but those willing to make the attempt build values that will help them in their life beyond high school." Maybe the varsity team was successful after all.

Scoreboard
 Varsity
 Overall: 7-7
 Conference: 1-1
 Junior Varsity
 Overall: 4-12
 Freshman
 Overall: 8-6-2

Senior, Kurry Wilson fights to keep the ball away from the opponent.

"At the beginning of the season, we weren't really playing as a team. By the end of the season, we were all working together and playing a lot better. Even though we could have done a lot better, I am still proud of our team."

Kurry Wilson, Senior



"The season had it's ups and downs but, all in all, I think we did pretty good."

Seth Malloy, Senior

"This season was fun when we won. I really liked having Paul as a manager."

Cole Burns, Senior

Right: Members of the dance team stretch out so they won't pull something during a performance.

Below: Kylie Carlyle and Amy Majewski lead a group of dancers in a dance during halftime.



Above: The dance team poses for another group shot in their silvery uniforms and black hats.



Above: Ashley Moore and Stephanie Clark dance to the team's performance to "Thriller."



Dance Team hits the beat

Dance Team Front Row: Morgan Rinck, Maggie Gorman, Second Row: Andrea Marinari, Kelsey Stelting, Amy Majewski (co-captain), Teryn Frizell, Taylor Jurski, Kendall Martinez, Paige Demo. Back Row: Lauren Lester, Kim Leon, Stephanie Clark, Shea Casurole, Ashley Moore, and Amber Eytcheson.



Below: A group of dancers stand ready for a performance during halftime of a home football game.



Left: Paige Demo, Kelsey Stelting and Amy Majewski raise their right hand and pose at the end of a dance.

Top: The Fall Dance Team poses for a shot after a halftime performance to songs by Michael Jackson.



Above: Lorri Morris and Stacey Wilson coach the dance team.

Camp Champs!



Freshman and Varsity Squads *Front Row:* Allison Lumm, Jennifer Schadeberg, Kayla Schabel, Mary Bannwarth, Megan Kirk, Amber Shobe, Mike Grimes, Sarah Smith, Emily Morrell, Hilary Chapman, Paige Pasternak, Katlin Jackson, Hali Beaver. *Second Row:* Stephanie Shafer, Andrew Beshears, Maggie Schabel, Hillary Farmer, Paige Demo, Lisa Erbe, Karlee Passauer, Chelsi Taylor, Ashley Leake, Reanna Browning. *Back Row:* Jessica Lennon, Laura McClure (Varsity Coach), Janice McBride (Freshman Coach), Kelsey Smading, Katie Boulanger, Aly Goodman, Mallory Trabuc, and Valerie Chaput.



Valerie Chaput yells a chant to get the crowd involved at a home football game.



Mallory Trabuc tries to get the crowd pumped up during a football game.



Ashley Leake continues to cheer while in a build. During the football season she was mainly a flyer.



Senior Emily Morrell and junior Karlee Passauer discuss what cheer to do next. These two girls have cheered since their freshman year.

Cheerleading

Both Cheerleading Squads receive Camp Champs!

The 2004-2005 cheerleaders were very successful at camp this year. The cheerleaders attend camp every summer to prepare themselves for the upcoming seasons. At camp the varsity squad received the Spirit, Camp Champs and Heritage awards and Superior ribbons. Megan Kirk was selected to the UCA All Star Squad and Mike Grimes was awarded the Superior Safety Award.

The freshman squad also received Camp Champs and Superior Ribbons.

The cheerleaders cheered for the struggling football team and held a cheerleading clinic for elementary and middle school girls, during the football season. They also

had fundraisers selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts and cookie dough.

During the basketball season the cheerleaders performed what they called "The Big Cheer." A few songs included in this mix were "Walk This Way", "Welcome to the Jungle", "Sugar", and Bohemian Rhapsody." This is a dance, cheer combination they create themselves every year and perform during halftime of

the last home game.

Senior Emily Morrell stated, "This year we tried to improve on things from last year and to work together better, and I believe we succeeded."

Senior Hilary Chapman added, "Winning Camp Champs showed us that if we work together we can achieve our goals. This was one of the goals we set at the beginning of the year."



Chelsi Taylor looks to the crowd while cheering at a home football game.

Above: The cheerleaders sit, waiting to perform with those participating in the fall cheer clinic.

GOLF 2005



THE COACHES

Mr. Coder (above left) is the head golf coach and is assisted by Bob Tincher (above right).

season STATS

VARSITY GOLF

Tournament	Place
Independence	7th
Pittsburg	7th
Fort Scott	3rd
Coffeyville	6th
Iola	7th
Chanute	8th
Andover	17th
Regionals	5th

J.V. GOLF

Tournament	Place
Independence	2nd
Pittsburg	2nd
Ark City	5th
Neodesha	6th

Underclassmen led the way of the golf team this year. This comes as no surprise, because there were no seniors on this year's line up. The lack of any four-year players, however, did not hinder their success. With a handful of Regional qualifiers, and one State qualifier, they had a progressive year.

Taking several seventh and sixth place team finishes, the group earned a third place ranking at the Fort Scott Invitational, making it their best this year. Players had goals set for themselves and were determined to reach them. "I would really like to letter in varsity this year," stated Ben Webb junior. "I'm going to practice a lot and take advice from my coaches and teammates." Ben reached his goal.

While some of the team members played in order to improve their game, Sullivan Schabel had other things in mind. "Golfing is a chick

"We don't get golf carts, so we walk during practice and tournaments, and it can be pretty rough. After 18 holes, I can barely walk"

-Jace Hugo, sophomore

magnet," answered Sullivan, when asked why he played golf. "The ladies can't resist a man who golfs." Not only does the golf team have skills, but they have personality as well. Derek Meier shared, "My favorite part of golf is the van ride, and the tournaments, especially when I play well," he said.

At the end of the season there were six IHS golfers playing at Regionals. Trevor Bruening, James Stockton, Josh Hastings, Ben Webb, Adam Taylor and Jace Hugo were the competitors. The team finished in fifth place, but Adam Taylor, ending in tenth place, was the only one to qualify for State. He went on to finish in fifty-fourth place out of 103 golfers at State with a score of 86 strokes. With several seniors and several skilled underclassmen, next year looks promising.



THE TEAM *Front Row:* Jace Hugo, *Second Row:* Ben Mitchell, Ben Webb, Trevor Bruening, James Stockton, Sullivan Schabel, *Back Row:* Josh Hastings, Chandler King, Derek Meier and Adam Taylor.



CALLING THE SHOTS

Right: Ben Mitchell places his ball before teeing off on the 18th hole.

Left: Trevor Bruening keeps his eye on the ball as he chips the ball onto the green during the Regional tournament.



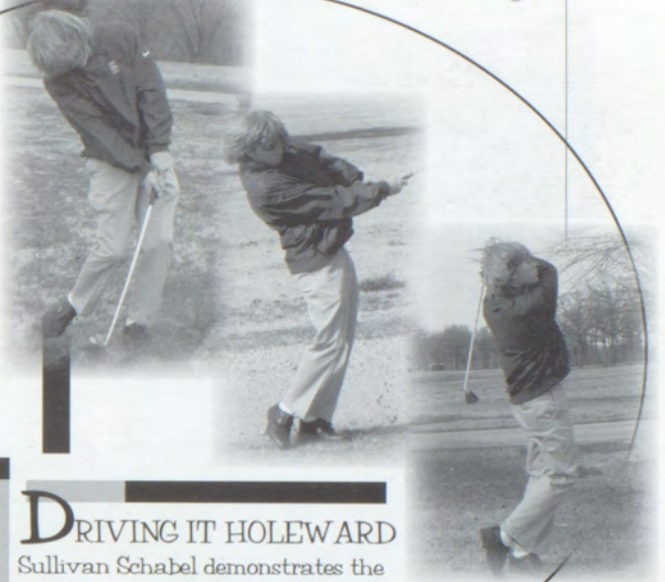
STATE COMPETITOR

Adam Taylor drives on the first of his back nine holes at Regionals. Adam finished tenth at Regionals and went on to take 54th out of 103 players at State.



SWING

Away



JAMES STOCKTON

"I really don't know why, but when I swing the club I always make funny faces. People give me a hard time about it, but I can't help it."

DRIVING IT HOLEWARD

Sullivan Schabel demonstrates the proper way to drive the ball. Sullivan led the way in several JV tournaments with two second place finishes.



ADAM TAYLOR

"After a good round I feel like a winner. It makes me happy, and I don't care about anything else."



CHANDLER KING

"Golf is fun, but I really can't choose a part I like the most. I like watching Coach Coder run from snakes though, it's pretty funny."



SAND WEDGIN'

Jace Hugo doesn't let the sand trap disturb him, as he chips this shot onto the green. Jace qualified for Regionals, but was a few strokes shy of making it to State.

Speeding to the Finish Line



Track. What is track? Just running? Or is it much more than that? Track is about pushing it to the limit both mentally and physically. It doesn't matter what event, trackers have to give it their all.

Track contains many different events. From long jump to the two mile, athletes strive for excellence in whatever events they participate in.

This year, Amber Dunham did amazingly well at all kinds of throwing. Whether she threw the shot put or the discus, she dominated. Dunham ended up winning first place at Regionals and fourth place at State.

Dunham wasn't the only person in track to do well. Many Bulldogs went to Regionals and 11 participated at State.

Left: Melissa Barker makes her second attempt in long jump.



Left: Kim Leon leaps over her last hurdle in the 300 high hurdle race.



Right: Mat Bennett stretches before his race.



Left: Junior Emily Speicher throws the shot put at the Indy Invitational.



Above: Matt Whitley takes a gander at the schedule of events.



Left: Sabrina Long gracefully lands in the sand pit during long jump.
Above: A group of runners take a break before they race.
Right: Brett Follmer throws the javelin with all of his might.



Left: Caitlin Kelly gives it her all as she runs the last stretch of her race.
Below: Lisa Erbe clears the pole during her first attempt in pole vault.
Right: Quincy Rowland passes another runner in the 4x100 relay.



Photo by Rob Morgan



Left: Kolby Lanning is about to go over the pole, while his pole vault coach, Mr. Annable, watches.



Right: Spencer White runs his hardest during the Indy Invitational.



Left: Bryan Wilson throws the javelin.

Below: Chad Shaffer ends his leg of the 4x100 relay by passing the baton to Matt Cadle.

Right: Aries Woods leaves the board as she competes in long jump.



Photo by Rob Morgan

Left: Neal Julian starts off strong in the open 200 meter race.

Below: The boys thrower team.



Left: The six girl throwers and their manager.

Above: All the upperclassmen runners.

Right: The Freshmen runners.



Boys' Tennis



2004 Boys' Tennis Team *Front Row:* Dustin Shepherd, Richard Price, Andrew Carr, Zach Berberick, Jason Cranor, Zach Willis. *Second Row:* Brett Shaw, Paul Kersey, Om Patel, Andrew Posch, Michael Ysusi, Adam Greenhaw, Zach Jolly, Brent Berberick. *Back Row:* Jason Swearingen, Matson Murray, Tyler Smith, Cameron Johnson, Ryan Dexter, Bob Blaker, Ryan Kadel, and Ken Brown (Head Coach).



Sophomore Jason Swearingen digs deep for a low tennis ball.



Freshman Adam Greenhaw stands in the ready position waiting for his opponent to serve.

Seniors



Bob Blaker
3-year letter winner

Zach Jolly
4-year letter winner

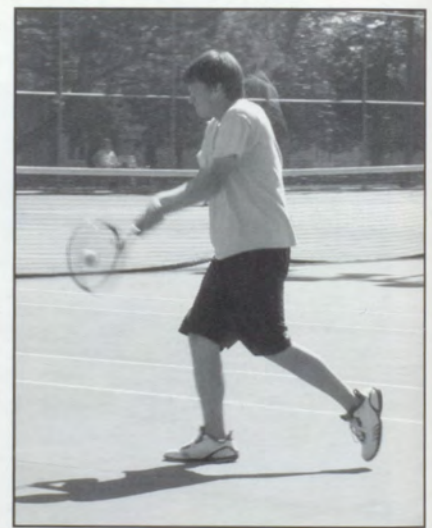
Ryan Kadel
4-year letter winner



Bob Blaker changes the score card when switching sides of the court during a home doubles match with partner Om Patel.



Zach Jolly serves the ball to his opponent in his number 2 singles match at SEK.



Ryan Kadel crushes a backhand during his SEK semifinal doubles match against Pittsburg.

Bulldogs Capture Highest Place Ever At State

The IHS Bulldog tennis team had a spectacular season. SEK was held at home this year and the Bulldogs once again took the gold. IHS won three of the four divisions: Senior Zach Jolly at number two singles, sophomore Andrew Posch and junior Tyler Smith at number one doubles, and senior Ryan Kadel and junior Om Patel at number two doubles. Sophomore Zach Willis placed third at number one singles. The Bulldogs also captured first place at the Regional tournament in Parsons. Andrew and Tyler took the gold once again in doubles while Zach Jolly and Ryan took second place in doubles. Zach Willis also took second in singles. Om Patel competed in singles but did not qualify for State. State was held in Wichita, and in taking third place, the Bulldogs did the best as team that they have ever done in school history and brought home a plaque. Individually, Andrew and Tyler took fourth place; Zach and Ryan, sixth; and Zach, eighth.



Tyler Smith and Andrew Posch receive fourth place medals at State.



The third place team at State poses for a picture with their plaque.

With a group of talented seniors and the rapid development of the underclassmen, the 2005 IHS baseball season looked promising. "We were just unable to hold on to that promise of a winning season," lamented Head Coach Trent Babcock.

After dropping the opening series to Bartlesville, the team went on a five game winning streak. A loss to Columbus set the record back to 5-3. A split with Ft. Scott gave the Bulldogs a 6-4 record and an optimistic look at the second half of the season.

It was a tale of two seasons. The first half showed promise and a potential run to State. The second half proved to be a disappointment. The team rattled off ten consecutive losses. "The guys just couldn't seem to get it going in the right direction," said Coach Babcock.

The season came to a conclusion in round one of Regionals at Chanute with the team lost to number two seed Girard. A big inning led to a 11-6 loss for the Bulldogs and with that, the season was over.

Home Run

TOP HITS OF THE SEASON



What is your favorite memory of the baseball team and the season?



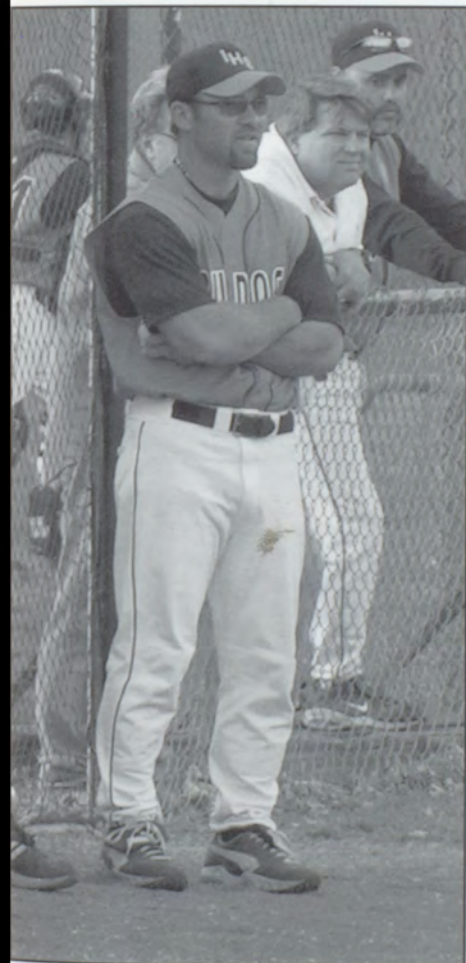
"The most important thing was the friendships I've made. I'm really going to miss playing with them. It's been fun, guys."
Junior Bryan Tyree



"I really can't believe the three years passed by so fast. I've enjoyed every moment playing with the guys. There has been a lot of great memories that I will always remember. I am especially happy with the win over the Coffeyville."
Senior Andrew Allen



Above: Brett Affolter slides into the bag safely. **Right:** Dan Gross watches the team execute a perfect 6-4-3 double play. **Below:** Head coach Trent Babcock looks on strategizing his next pitching change.



2005 IHS Bulldog Baseball Team *Front Row:* Coach Eddie Mason, Jacob Allen, A.J. Reed, David Ripple, Andy Carter, Matt Kahler, Brian Tyree, Bret Kelley, Coach Geoff Beaty. *Second Row:* Head Coach Trent Babcock, Lauren McAfee, Brandon Daniels, Trent Goins, Brett Affolter, Wynn Shepard, Ryan Wright, Cole Pasternak, Daniel Gross, Lindsey Dean. *Back Row:* Zack Camacho, Rick White, Keith Shepard, Seth Malloy, Andrew Allen, Brandon Kelley, Ty Stein, Patrick Landrum and Josh Ferrell.

Varsity

The Girls of Summer



Above: Morgan Rinck smashes a softball for a single base hit. Morgan was the starting second baseman for the Lady Bulldogs.

Left: Varsity catcher Katy Kendrick cheers the team on to a win at Chanute.



IHS JV and Varsity Front Row: Katy Kendrick, Morgan Rinck, Ashley Leake, Amber Jones, Second Row: Kristen Maxwell, Kattie Dodson, Shea Casurole, Chelsea Laswell, Andrea Marinari, Chelsi Taylor, Megan Kirk, Kelsey Stelling, Jordan Conley, Shannon Burns, Kacie Dodson. Back Row: Coach Doug Rinck, Laura Kendrick, Erin Hignight, Allison Emmot, Shaunee Barnard, Aubrey Heckman, Coach Dale Reynolds, Skye Doty, Lauren Lester, Ashley Moore, Breezy Mangan, Sarah Wilson, Allie Stephens, and Coach Craig Null.



Left: Allison Emmot makes a play at first base to gain an out against Ft. Scott. As a senior, Allison was a starter for the Bulldogs.

& JV Softball

"We're going to State!" That's the dream of the coaches, as well as the players, going into any season. Coach Doug Rinck, along with Dale Reynolds and Craig Null, worked with players in the pre-season to prepare the Lady Bulldogs. They held a camp out, an evening full of scary stories and an attack of water balloons by a random group of guys, to help form this family of softball players. After school practices were held by coaches along with the help of seniors teaching new and old players some of the tricks of the trade. Coach Doug Rinck commented, "I think we had a great season; the girls worked really hard." With a record of 14-8 for the Varsity girls and a 17-3 for JV the ladies feel positive about the season. Senior Shaunee Barnard said, "I will miss all the players and time we spent together." The Bulldogs can look forward to more success on the field. Dale Reynolds stated, "The JV girls with all their hard work look like they will have a bright future."



Above: The JV runs onto the field for warm-ups. The team finished 17-3, losing two games to Ft. Scott and one to Labette.

Below: Sarah Wilson tags a Caney player at home plate and throws the ball back to third for a double play.



Below: At first base for the junior varsity, Shannon Burns is down and ready to stop a ball that may head her direction.



Below: During the JV tournament in Caney, Laura Kendrick, starting at third base for the JV, attempts to stop a line drive.



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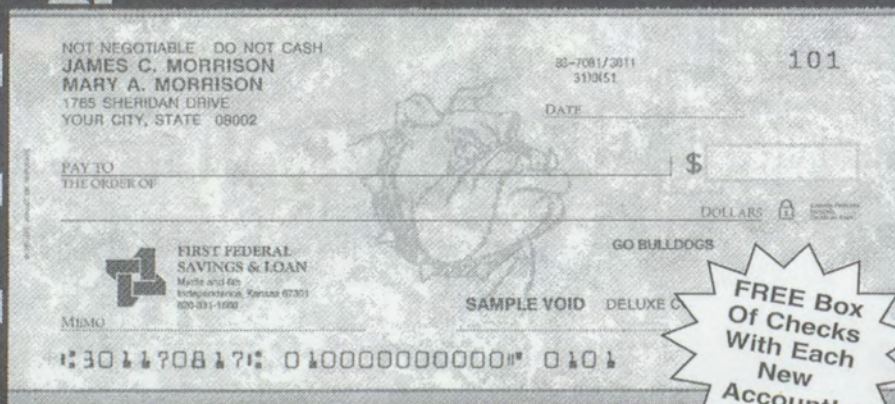


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Activities

UP TO SPEED

Lanning and Cadle Crowned Fall Homecoming King and Queen

The theme for this year's homecoming was Haunted Homecoming. Throughout the week of Homecoming there were several activities for students to enjoy, including a hallway decorating contest, which the Class of 2007 won. There was also an assembly for the students to get to know the candidates. The crowning of king and queen was held at the stadium before the football game against Iola.



Above: Candidates Bret Kelley and Kylie Carlyle eagerly await the announcement of king and queen.

Right: Homecoming king Kolby Lanning crowns queen Miranda Cadle.

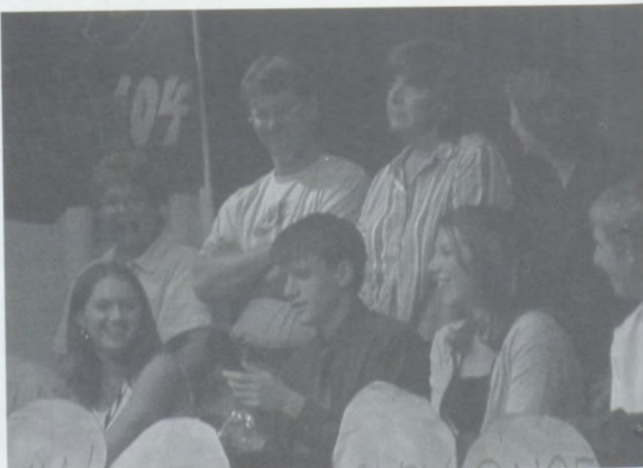


Mr. Torbett, sophomore class sponsor, dresses up as the Spellmaster for the hallway decorating contest. Each class was assigned a hall to decorate with a Halloween theme.



2004 Fall Homecoming Court Front rRow: Kylie Carlyle, Paige Pasternak, Allison Em-mot, Aubrey Heckman, Miranda Cadle. Back Row: Bret Kelley, Kolby Lanning, Neal Julian, Ryan Kadel, and Zach Jolly.

Right: Candidates and their parents find out how well they know each other at the homecoming assembly.



Winter Homecoming



In celebration of the "Music of Our Lives" theme for the 2004 Winter Homecoming, Neal Julian composed a rap for the king and queen: Cole Burns and Meghan Kelly. Other members of the court included Seth Malloy, England Porter, Paige Pasternak, Dustin Lutker, Zack Camacho, Aubrey Heckman, Ryan Kadel, and Megan Kirk.

Once upon a time,
a man bus' a rhyme.
He put in his heart and soul,
his name is Cole.
Burns, y'all.

Along with dat man,
he had a plan,
that plan was to be king.
To find a queen
he would be beggin'
but he found a girl named Meghan.
Kelly that is.

Togetha' they rule
Winta Homecomin' of this school.
Word y'all.

-Neal Julian



Marching Band says "ARRRRG" to Competition

The IHS marching band started out its season with a week of band camp, working long hours in the sun. The marching show "Pirates of the Caribbean" was challenging, even for the experienced Bulldog band. They performed the show at several field and parade events including the Neewollah Field Marching and Parade Competition, the KU Homecoming Parade, the Central State Marching Festival, and the Elk City Parade.

IHS received a I rating for their performance in the Neewollah Parade and a II overall rating for the field competition. "I'm really proud of their performance at Neewollah. We worked really hard during the year to prepare for that competition and the band far exceeded my goal for them," said Erin Shelton, director.



Above: Leah Dunham, twirler captain, used fire batons during the show.



Above: The low brass performs at halftime of a home football game.



Below: The percussion and color guard march onto the field in preparation for the pre-game show.

Below: The IHS twirlers, Leah Dunham, Casey Oliver, and Mersadies Newton, entertain the crowd with their fire baton skills.



Below: The Bulldog Band drops to a parade rest before beginning the "Pirates of the Caribbean" show.



CONCERT BAND



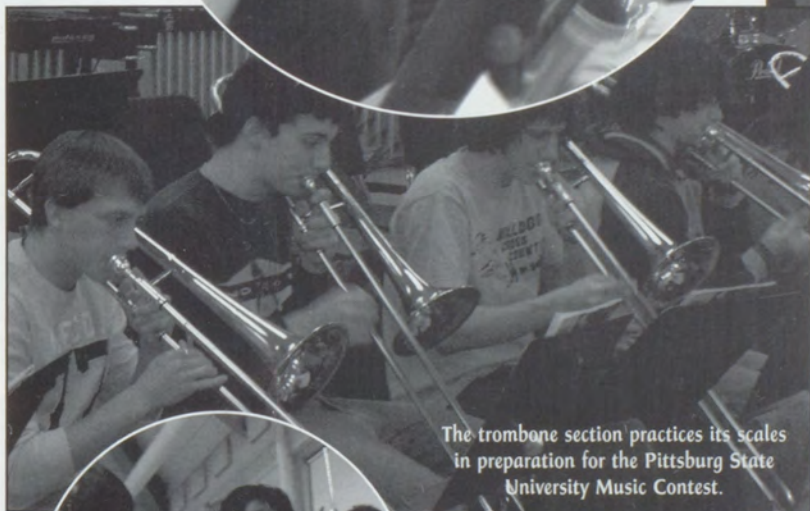
Assistant Director Rebecca Timmons helps Lucy Ramos, sophomore, tune her french horn.



Left: Joseph Housel, senior, plays a particularly difficult trumpet solo.



Ashley Ramos, senior, and Rick White, sophomore, practice during band class.



The trombone section practices its scales in preparation for the Pittsburg State University Music Contest.



Brandon Dixon, sophomore, plays the trap set for pep band.



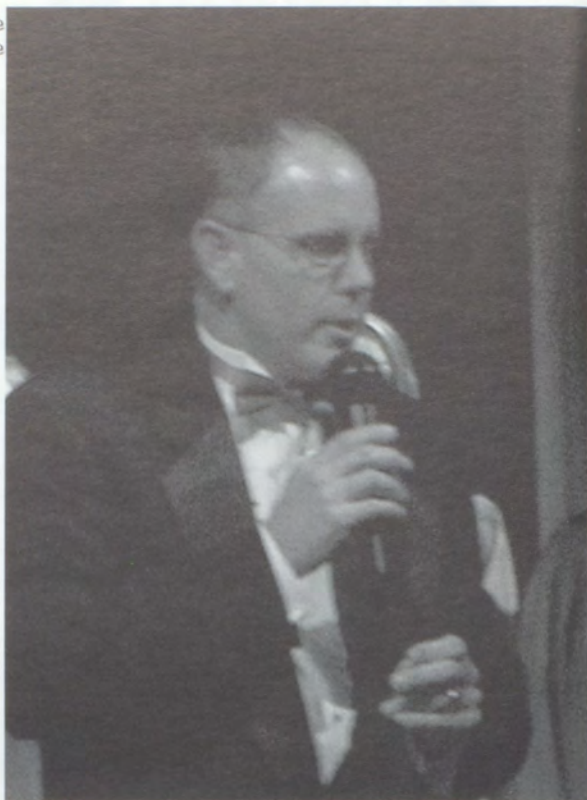
"It was just a 'two' year," said Mrs. Shelton. After receiving II ratings in several marching band competitions, the IHS Concert Band earned another II at the State Music Festival held at Pittsburg State University. The IHS Concert Band students participated in the large group district competition at Pittsburg State University and the state music festival at Andover.

Those band students receiving I ratings at the state level include soloists Matt Hastings (baritone) and Shannon Burns (trombone) and the percussion ensemble.

Vocal Music

Right: Mr. Annable received the Kansas State Music Educator of the Year award. Mr. Annable is a long time IHS faculty member.

Below: The choir warms up before the Christmas concert.



Above: Members of the IHS concert choir are accompanied by Mrs. Shelton on drums during "Alleluia."

Above: Tom Fay, junior, earned a spot on the All-State Choir. Tom was a bass in the choir.

Hitting the high notes

Right: Members of the Concert Choir perform "The Music Man." Concert Choir is composed of sophomores, juniors, and seniors.





Left: Jacob Stockton, senior, sings his solo in "Ride The Chariot."



Indy Ensemble

Above: Senior Indy Ensemble member Dana Sullivan sings the lyrics to "Remember Me" during the Christmas Concert.

Above: Jaime Reddy hits a low note while singing "William Tell Overture" during the Indy Ensemble's performance at the fall concert.

Below: Mr. Annable introduces the IHS Indy Ensemble to the crowd. The students meet mornings before school to practice.



Orchestra

Despite the dropping number of orchestra participants, the group is close knit. "At first playing together was difficult, but after practicing, we sounded really good," said Katie Fienen, freshman. The orchestra delighted audiences with winter and spring concerts that included selections ranging from "The Entrance of the Queen of Sheba" and "O Holy Night" to "Canadian Legend" and "Rondeau." "Everyone played beautifully during the concerts," said Lewis Hoyt, orchestra director.

In addition to the concerts, the group also traveled to Parsons and gave a special performance with the district orchestra during Regional tryouts. Christine Brady, junior, was honored with a first violin seat in the Regional orchestra held in Parsons in November. "It was an awesome experience and I'm glad I made it," exclaimed Christine. Mr. Hoyt summed up the year saying, "I'm proud of all their accomplishments, and I couldn't have asked for a better class."



Above: John Jesse and Katie Fienen practice for district orchestra in Parsons.

Right: Christine Brady, junior, plays her solo, "Meditation from Thais" at the concert.



Below: The class prepares for the next concert during class.



Above: Charles Byrd, junior, plays along with the class.

Front Row: Katie Fienen, Nick Skellenger, Christine Brady.

Back Row: John Jesse, Lewis Hoyt, Director and Charles Byrd.



As the camera rolls....

Media Department



Above: Nathan Cloe prepares his camera for filming.

The students in Mrs. Shepard's media classes are put to the test every week. They learn all phases of television production: pre-production, script writing, and filming.

The result is IHS Times. The show is a wide variety of student and faculty interviews, along with on-camera polls.



Clockwise from above: Dustin Eytcheson unravels cable.

Neal Julian prepares for his job as anchorperson for IHS Times

Tommy Crittenden takes a break from writing the script for the next installment of IHS Times.



Left: Andrew Posch goes in for a close up while filming IHS Times.



Above: The executive producer of IHS Times and the media instructor, Mrs. Shepard revises the schedule for the next week of filming.

Left: Corey Long, anchorperson for the show IHS Times, reads over his script.



Left: Jackie Lyon and Dustin Eytcheson are shown directing everyone's favorite show.



Below: Nathan Cloe, head editor for Media II, takes a break from his strenuous job at the computer.

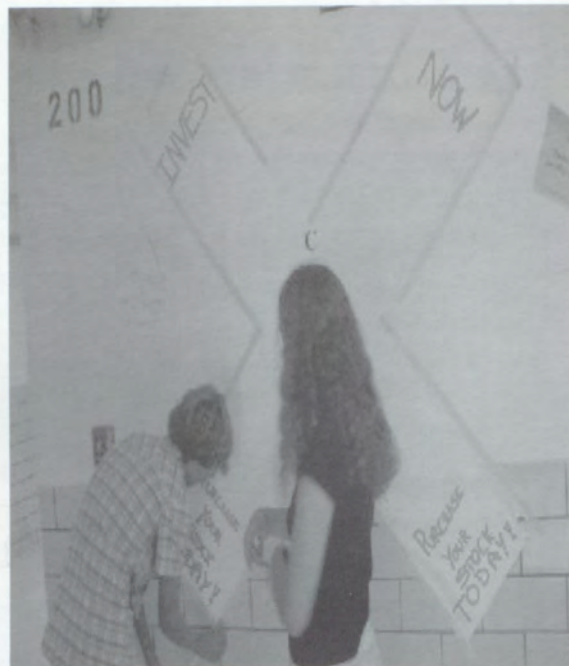


Junior Achievement

Student entrepreneurs learn real world skills and earn scholarship money



Above: De-Jhon Britt ties the inventory card to his company's product.



Above: Two members of Xcelcia put up a poster to market their product.



Above: An assembly line is formed to place the label on the package and make sure there is no defects in the product. Here, Enigma puts their spirit bands through this process. Enigma packaged their product inside an inflated latex glove.



Above: Shane Henderson displays a the insulated bag sold by members of Xcelcia.

With the shaky economy why did IHS start three brand new companies this year? It is all part of a class...Entrepreneurship. Students not only learn about business, but put these lessons into action when they begin a business, create, market, and sell a product.

While Ms. McClure teaches the course, there are community professionals who volunteer their time to guide each company through the process. This year Anne Bertie, Judith Lowdon and Lisa Wilson served as company consultants.

Though some companies choose to make their own products, this year's companies all decided to go with products geared toward promoting school spirit. Xcelcia sold IHS Bulldog license plates. Capitalizing on the new found popularity in rubber bracelets, Enigma sold "Once a Dawg." spirit bands. Hypnotiq sold Indy Bulldog insulated bags. While all the products sold well, Xcelcia came on top in earnings.

- Best President- Hilary Chapman
- Best Webmaster- Will Smith
- Best V.P. of Finance- Ben Mitchell
- Best V.P. of Marketing- Rachel Wickline
- Best V.P. of Production- Paul Kersey
- Best Essays- Jack Green, Josh Oldenettel & Tommy Crittenden
- Best Company- Xcelcia

President of Hypnotiq, Tommy Crittenden, takes a look at the latest financial forecast for his company. Hypnotiq chose to sell insulated bags imprinted with a bulldog.



England Porter was the president of Xcelcia. Thanks to her leadership, Xcelcia was voted best company with their IHS Bulldog license plates.



Hilary Chapman was voted best president. Her strong leadership skills helped her company reach its goal selling over 200 spirit bands.



Above: Karlee Passauer looks over a cooler to insure it is properly packaged and the correct labels are put on it.

JA Best Company honors go to...

The best company as voted by the Junior Achievement Board...XCELCIA!





Mrs. Dunham is in her second year as debate coach.



Front Row: Allen Hayse, Jenny Schad, Tony Russell, Andrew Duke. Second Row: Brandan Dixon, Madison Corle, Melynda Trabuc. Back Row: Jessi Lane, Megan Bagley, Tiffany Baker, and Jeremy Alford.



Above: Tony Russell, England Porter, and Jeremy Bruington figure scores in the tab room.

Debate team speeds through season

The IHS Debate team enjoyed success this season. The highlight was winning the third place sweepstakes award at the Labette County tournament. The group participated in eight tournaments throughout the fall semester, in addition to hosting its own tournament in November. "Despite all our careful planning, we had our share of mishaps at the tourney, but everything worked out fine in the end," said Halle Manning, senior.



Above: Halle Manning and Kimberly Bradley organized the home tournament from the judges table.



Above: Jenny Schad and Jessi Lane, juniors, show off the jar of Jif that has helped them in many tournaments.

They may use facts to crush their competition, but apparently the debaters are superstitious. Tiffany Baker, freshman, uses her lucky pen in every round, while juniors Jessi Lane and Jenny Schad claim that a jar of Jif is the secret to their success. Before every round, Mrs. Dunham, fearless coach, always tells the squad, "Breathe, have fun, and make 'em cry!"

2004 Topic: The United States federal government should substantially increase its support of United Nations peace-keeping operations.

Forensics squad rewarded for acting out

Left: Melynda Trabuc and Tiffany Baker practice their duo during class. In a duo, participants may not look directly at each other.



Halle Manning, senior, and Allen Hayse, junior, practice their duet during forensics class.



Right: Katie Fienen and Justin Eubanks watch as fellow class members participate in a mock debate in preparation for an upcoming tournament.

"But they'll never take our freedom!" Jessi Lane screams as he hits his knees in his final dramatic position. Dramatic solo acting is only one of the 16 events included in forensics. The IHS Forensics squad had 20 members this year, so many students were interested that try-outs were held. "I really wanted a group of hard working students. Individual talents can be tweaked to fit forensics parameters, but hark work can never be replaced," said Julie Dunham, forensics coach. The group of consisted of 27 students, most of whom were enrollrd in the class that met during seminar.

Forensics participants took part in 12 tournaments winning numerous medals, awards, and state qualifications. Hali Beaver and Joslyn Kusiak both won medals in Student Congress, while Halle Manning and Allen Hayse brought home bling for their duet. They also hosted their own tournament in March. Halle Manning, Nathan Cloe, England Porter, Allen Hayse, Evan Hurford, Aries Woods, and Katlin Jackson qualified for the State Forensics tournament.



Above: Thomas Wehmeier and Aries Woods search online for a prose piece to complete their final.



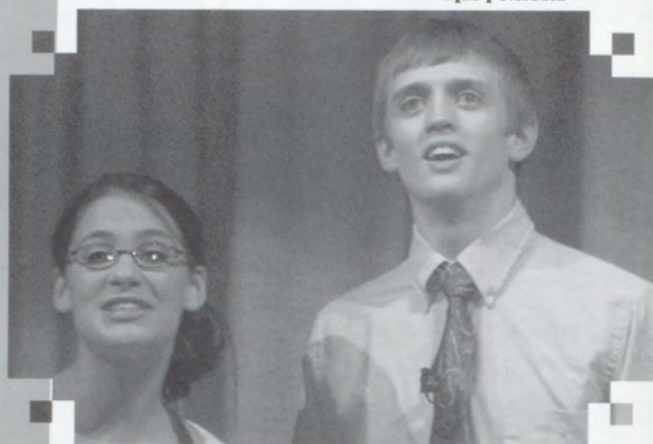
Above: Nathan Cloe, Megan Bagley, and Tony Russell, listen as one of the squad members practices for an upcoming tournament.

Bye Bye Birdie

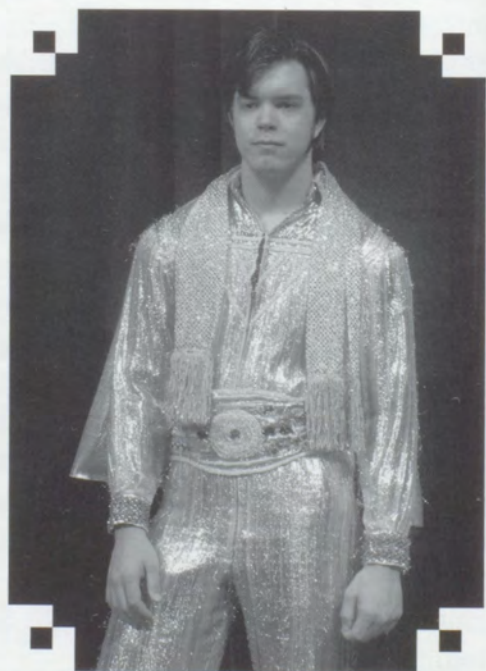
The Independence Music and Drama Departments put on another spectacular musical this year. The production was filled with show stopping numbers, attention grabbing lines, and family friendly comedy. Bye Bye Birdie is the story of an Elvis-like rock star, Conrad Birdie (Nathan Cloe), Conrad's manager Albert Peterson (Keith Shepard), Albert's secretary Rosie Alvarez (Megan Kirk), and Kim MacAfee (Ashley Ramos), the lucky girl chosen to kiss Conrad before he leaves for the army. The cast was rounded out by a throng of screaming teenagers, also known as the Conrad Birdie Fan Club. Cloe delighted the audiences with his "Honestly Sincere" rock star charisma, while a band of shriners provided much comic relief. In the end, everything works out for the wacky but lovable MacAfee family, as well as for Albert and his "Spanish Rose." The musical was presented to a packed house both Friday and Saturday night under the direction of Mrs. Lea Shepard and Mr. Larry Annable. Choreography was provided by Ms. Lisa Mitchell and the musical was sponsored by many local businesses.



Senior Halle Manning portrays Mac Peterson.



Megan Kirk, senior, and Keith Shepard, junior, sing "English Teacher" during Act I of the play.



Above: Nathan Cloe, senior, as Conrad Birdie.

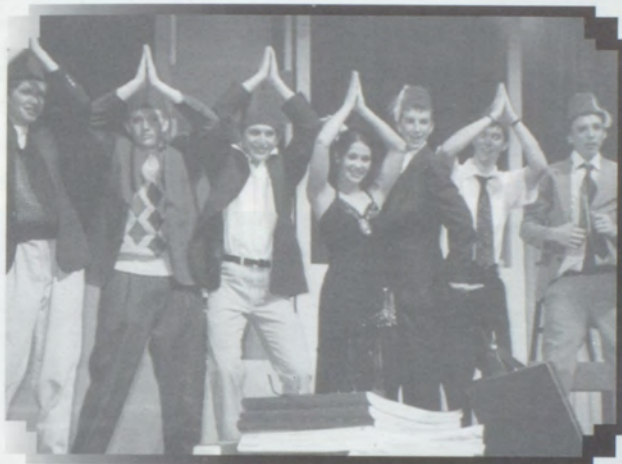


Above: Katy Long, sophomore, and other cast members do their make-up in preparation for opening night.



Above: The entire cast of the 2005 production of Bye Bye Birdie

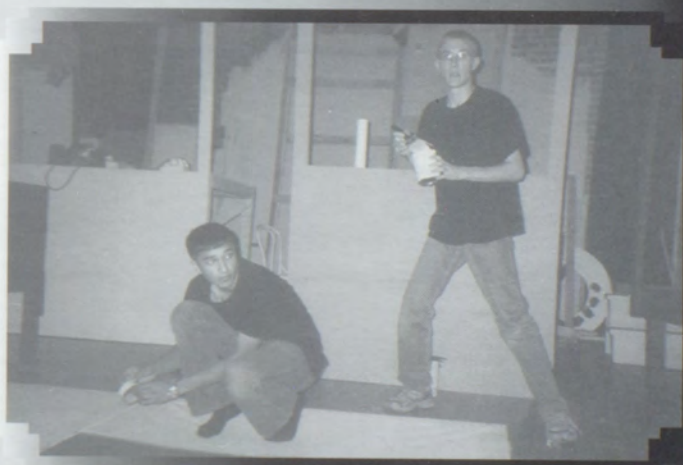
Hit the stage!



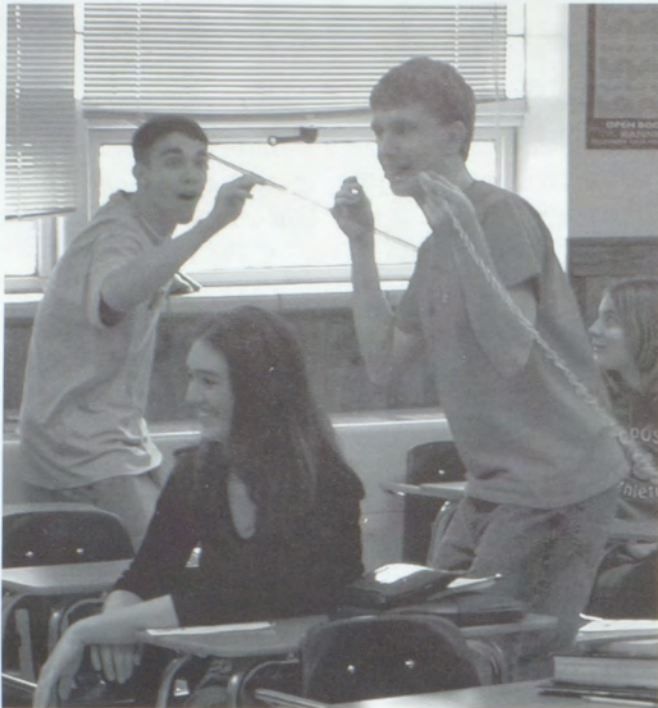
Left: Rose (Megan Kirk) dances with the shriners in a humorous scene of the play. Many of the male cast members portrayed shriners in the production.



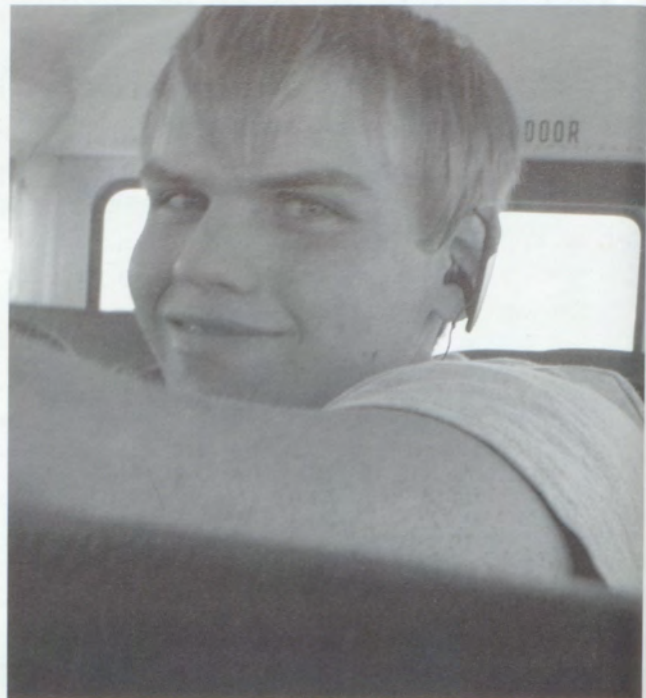
Above: Kim (Ashley Ramos) hugs Conrad (Nathan Cloe) during one of the scenes in the play. Nathan portrayed the rock n' roll star who was adored by the teenagers of Sweet Apple, Ohio.



Above: Many extra hands are needed to build and paint sets for the play. Here, Om Patel and Jeremy Bruington work hard to get the sets finished in time for opening night.



Above: Tyler Smith and Cameron Johnson found time during class to make a chain of paperclips from Mrs. Cox's desk.



Above: Bob Blaker rides aboard the bus bound for the University of Kansas and the Kansas Scholastice Press fall conference.



Above: Cameron Johnson works on the the golf layout. **Right:** Maggie Schabel checks in the most recent senior portraits. **Below:** Neal Julian enjoys a piece of pizza during lunch. As a way to build teamwork, the staff celebrated each other's birthdays once a month.



Putting it all together...

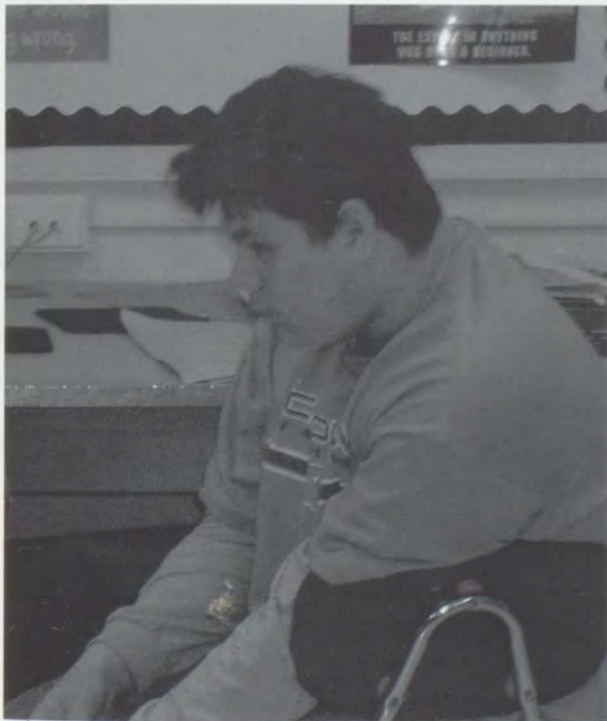
Orange & Black staff chronicles the year

Blood, sweat, and tears. The yearbook staff definitely shed their fair share. Creating a yearbook is harder than it looks. It's so much more than simply taking a couple of pictures and writing a story. A significant change in this year's book is the publishing company. The staff decided to make a change and signed on with Walsworth Publishing. We believe the result is a jazzier book, and we hope you're as happy with it as we are. The staff spent the first semester choosing the theme, deciding on "styles," selecting fonts, and then the REAL work began.

For you to have and enjoy this book, several dedicated students and one teacher put in a great deal of time during class and also time taking photos at school events, conducting interviews, finishing layouts into the month of June, and proofing pages in July. Who are these people? Let's start at the top. How can we describe Mrs. Cox? Head honcho, the captain and el presidente come to mind. The second year staff members include Tara Posch, Tommy Crittenden, Josh Ferguson, Travis Smither and Annie Russell. Their knowledge and expertise came in handy. New seniors to the staff are Neal Julian, Bob Blaker, Lisa Reddy and Mary Tucker. Rounding out the group are the juniors Tyler Smith, Cameron Johnson, Maggie Schabel and Mallory Trabuc. It always takes a while for a staff to come together as a group and know each other's strengths and weaknesses. But once that happened, the staff moved forward full steam ahead.

The second semester was when we began to implement all the plans from first semester. We learned to use the newest program in desktop publishing, InDesign. This year we used digital photos exclusively, and many were taken on our newest camera, a Canon Rebel. Much time was spent ensuring the senior portraits and names were correct and proofing each other's pages. There were some periods of stress, as we knew there would be, but we always got the problems ironed out. We learned to improvise and to be creative when faced with a last minute change.

These 168 pages are a culmination of the work of 14 people, but it isn't really our book. This book is about YOU, your memories of the 2004-2005 school year, your teachers, your friends, and your world.



Above: Tommy Crittenden ponders which layout to select for his next assignment. Each staff member is required to interview those involved, take photographs, write the story and then compose a layout of the page.



Above: Lisa Reddy looks over a signature (a set of 16 consecutive pages) to make sure everything is correct. For the first time, the yearbook was composed digitally. Staff members worked together proofing each other's pages to ensure a quality yearbook.

Decorating for semi-formal is one of Pep Club's biggest tasks. Pep Club president Johna Surratt aligns letters for the entry into the dance. Students danced the night away in a "Winter Wonderland."

Sophomore Jace Hugo dances merrily through the night.



Winter Wonderland

Semi Formal 2005



Above: Turning the "Winter Wonderland" back into the IHS cafeteria is another task that is handled by Pep Club. After the dance, Pep Club member Kelsey Stelling and Brandon Kelley stay to remove decorations.

Below: Students enjoy dancing to the tunes played by deejay company Dance Trax. Hiring the deejay is another job of the Pep Club.

Hanging Christmas lights, developing a theme, booking a deejay and forming committees; these are just a few of the steps taken by Pep Club to prepare for semi-formal every year. Planning for semi-formal began in November and continued up until the day of the event.

The people behind the scenes of this year's "Winter Wonderland" included Pep Club advisers, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Capps; Pep Club President, Johna Surratt; and various other committee heads.

The IHS cafeteria was transformed into its' Winter Wonderland splendor with many strands of white twinkle lights, silver snowflakes, and blue and white gossamer.



Portraits for semi-formal were taken in the Rose Room in front of blue gossamer. Here, a group of sophomore girls wait in line for their turn in front of the camera.



Adding to the ambient, Jamie Ortiz and Jenni Schadeberg inspect one of the many strands of white icicle lights that dangle over the dance floor.

IHS Student Council

leads the way

The student council of Independence High School does a great deal for the school and community. In fact, some may say that it is the most influential club in this school. This unique group of students has accomplished many great deeds.

StuCo invited a group of senior citizens for an early morning breakfast. This created a relationship where the seniors later came to the school and greeted students as they entered the building.

StuCo also showed their support for American troops overseas. A committee was formed to create valentines to be sent to service men and women in the Middle East.

For the school, StuCo sponsored many different activities. They helped with the blood drive and organized MORP, the homecoming assemblies, the fall homecoming dance, teacher basketball, teacher homecoming, a spirit week, and Teacher Appreciation.



Above: Mrs. Thompson, StuCo sponsor, prepares food during MORP. StuCo grilled hotdogs for the event.



Above: Kurry Wilson and Dustin Lutker share a bag of chips while listening to the tunes at MORP.



Left: Teachers on the Teacher Homecoming court await the announcement of the winners. Scott Webb & Beth Capps were named king and queen.



Right: Michael Ysusi shows his grizzled side during Spirit Week. StuCo organized spirit days during the weeks of Homecoming and MORP.



Above: Mrs. Botts passes the ball during the teacher basketball game, sponsored by StuCo.



Left: Megan Kirk and Seth Malloy work hard at the Blood Drive. IHS met the 85 pint goal set by the American Red Cross for the blood drive.



Right: Stephanie Schafer creates a valentine which was sent to our troops overseas. This year, StuCo organized many activities supporting those in the the Armed Forces.

NHS serves school & community

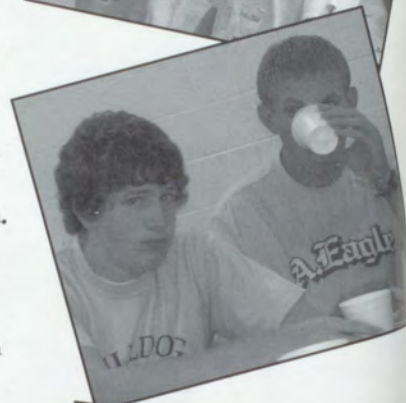
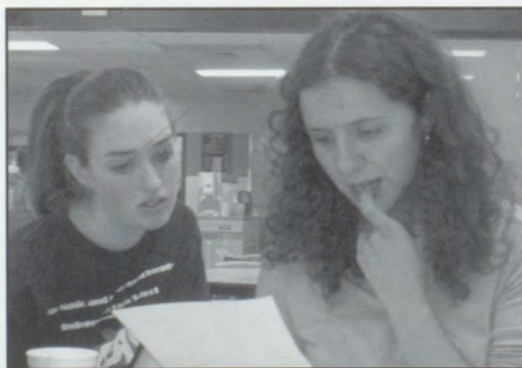
National Honor Society is one of the largest and most active student organizations at IHS. There are 51 members and the sponsors are Mrs. Lundt and Mrs. Taraboletti. The officers include Aubrey Heckman, president; Paige Pasternak, vice-president; Tara Posch, secretary; Allison Emmot, treasurer; and Lisa Reddy, historian. In order to be invited to apply for membership, one has to have a GPA of 3.75 and exhibit leadership, service and character.

This year's induction was held at the First United Methodist Church's Wesley Center, with JoAnn Cox providing the message.

Each semester the members are required to have five hours of individual work and two and a half hours of group work.

Individual hours can consist of volunteering at a local church, picking up trash around town, going to nursing homes to help out, and anything else one can do on his own.

Group hours consist of cleaning the trophy cases at the high school, cleaning the tennis club house at the city tennis courts, and working the opening of Riverside Park in the spring. Brett Follmer stated, "My favorite thing about NHS is getting to work with friends to improve our school and community."





Left: Ryan Kadel and Michael Tuszynski prepare to dig in the sand after being coated in chocolate syrup.

Right: Bret Rannells wipes the sweat from his forehead after paddling across a pond in search of items for the scavenger hunt.



PUPPS

Peers Understanding Peers' Problems



A ropes course was part of the action at PUPPS camp. Fellow PUPPS would lift each other to build trust.



Andy Likes tells his team the plan during a challenge at PUPPS camp. The teams were on a scavenger hunt to get dirty and find "treasure" in the sand.

When you hear about PUPPS, you most likely think about students who are promoting peace in school and anti-drug and safe sex messages. But what exactly is PUPPS? "PUPPS is a group of students who go through a training course in the summer to learn ways to help out their friends," explained Alex Moore. The members of PUPPS attend a camp every summer to learn for the first time, or to refresh their memories, or the proper ways to help their peers solve their problems.

After their training, PUPPS are ready to assist their friends with any issues they have with the people in their daily lives. PUPPS can be called in to counsel a conflict if it is an urgent problem, but most of the assistance PUPPS provide is on their own. A student requesting help in the presence of a PUPP can request any of the members to help him. "I'm

more confident outside of the PUPPS room," Andrew Hayse revealed. "I prefer to mediate in other ways."

PUPPS is a large group with over a dozen members, each one specially selected from the different social groups by the faculty and their peers. "A survey in the spring goes out to all of the kids in the school, plus there are teacher recommendations," answered Mrs. Thompson when asked how PUPPS are chosen. Ryan Kadel added, "The diversity of the personalities in PUPPS makes it a fun group and an example to all of the school. If students as

"PUPPS are there for people to talk when they need it, and to be role models," said senior Meghan Kelly.

different as these can get along, then so can those at IHS."

PUPPS are there for anyone and everyone who needs help with any problem in his life, or if he just wants someone to talk to. Conflicts with friends, issues at home, confrontations with a peer, no matter what the problem, PUPPS can help.

Brett Follmer, junior, and Jason Wang, senior, prepare for their next test.



David Loganbill, senior, receives his medal for his accomplishments.

Academic Decathlon

This year's Academic Decathlon was held in Manhattan. Ten students from IHS competed on the team. Those students began preparing themselves months in advance. The first day at the competition, students gave a prepared speech, an impromptu speech, and wrote an essay. There was a dance that evening the students attended. The following day the students were given tests in different categories, including economics, math, science, language and arts, fine arts and music. Mr. Mosher, gifted facilitator, was pleased with the results, which found most every IHS participant earning multiple medals.

As a team, IHS took fourth place in the state and first place in the Small Schools division. "Academic Decathlon was an experience I'll never forget. I learned a lot and made many close friends," said Rebecca Knox, junior.



Diana Schanz, senior, won several blue ribbons for Academic Decathlon.



2005 Academic Decathlon team *Front Row:* Eric Cole, Jack Green, Rebecca Knox, Brett Follmer. *Second Row:* Jason Wang, England Porter, Mary Tucker, Diana Schanz. *Third Row:* David Loganbill, Mr. Mosher (coach). *Back Row:* Matt Bennett.



Ms. Willis lights a candle for induction.



Tom Fay wears K.A.Y. of the Year award.



Beth Cornell says farewell to K.A.Y. club.



Fay Best sets up for induction.



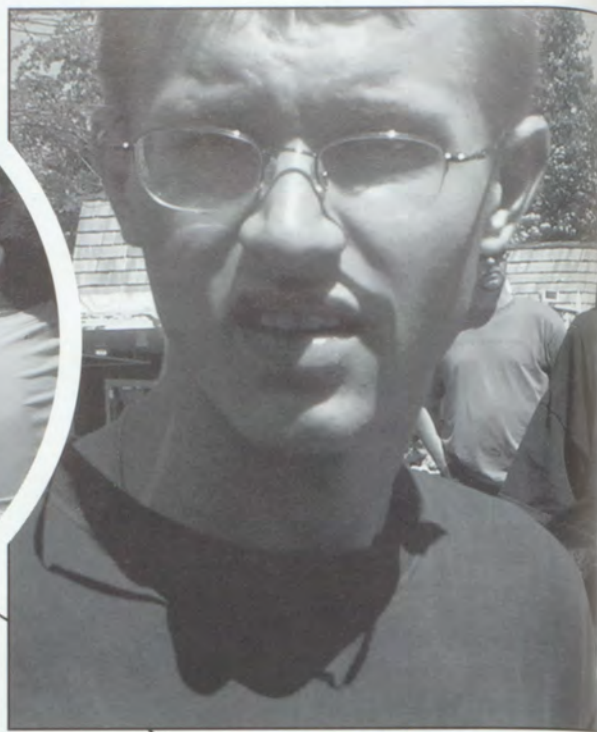
Mr. Mosley enjoys a slice of cake.

K.A.Y.S is a group of high school students who work within the community and school. Every month a K.A.Y. group makes decorated cakes for the teachers' birthdays and places them in the teachers' lounge. This random act counts towards a certain number of points that are awarded to the group the next year. Sponsors Ms. Willis and Mrs. McBride point out, "We were a little rocky at the beginning of the year, but this next year will be exciting." This year's K.A.Y. president, England Porter also commented, "I love working with all the people in the club. I would have to say the most fun we had was taking seasonal decorations to a local nursing home. It was nice to visit with people who don't otherwise get opportunities for visitors." Other club officers were Mallory Trabuc, vice president, and Aubrey Papen, secretary.

A group of Science Club members point to one of their buddies who was in the middle of a loop while riding the Mamba at Worlds of Fun. Named for an African snake, the coaster is one of the longest, fastest, and tallest in the world.



Science Club



Jeremy Bruington waits in line at Worlds of Fun.

Science Club was founded for the advancement of science outside the classroom. Science Club members conduct experiments they did not have time for in class.

Students who join Science Club usually want to follow a career relating to science. These people are dedicated to their interests. Yet, they also could have joined just to build a rocket and watch items get blown to smithereens.

For the first time, members had an official shirt.

Officers included Brett Follmer, president; Andy Likes, vice president; Om Patel, secretary; and Devish Patel, treasurer.

"This group will always hold a special place in their hearts for 'Doran the Explorer,'" said Brett Follmer.



Above: Jaime Reddy, Om Patel, Brett Affolter and Josh Oldenettel enjoy the club trip to Kansas City.



Above: Mr. Smith, Science SCUM Club sponsor, watches club members as they ride a roller coaster.



Left: President of Science Club Brett Follmer discusses plans on rocket ships with Devish Patel.

Seeking spirituality...

Right: Nathan Cloe sits down for a weekly Bible study. FCA members agree this is a great way to become more spiritual.



Left: A group of FCA members prepare for a meeting.

Below: Senior Diana Schanz giggles during an SFC meeting.



FCA & SFC

Suprisingly not many IHS students understand what FCA and SFC are all about. The Student Fellowship Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes are both groups of young Christians interested in sports and religion. The group has meetings every week in which they have a Bible study and discuss current events. Billy House explained, "We usually go to Mr. Mosely's room and have a Bible study and talk about our school and the sports and hobbies we like." Although membership in FCA and SFC clubs has dropped off in student participation in the last few years, the group members are still as active as ever. Even a good game of pool at the Ash Center is "sport" enough to bring the group together. Bret Rannells added, "I've been in FCA and SFC both for three years now and I have met many friends because of our passion for sports and religion."

French Club speaks the language

The 2005 French Club enjoyed a fun-filled year thanks to the always energetic Madame McCray. To become a member of French Club a student must take at least one year of French from Madame herself. Members of French Club often meet in Madame's class to discuss club topics and enjoy a round of juice and cookies. French Club sponsors the

foreign language week at IHS as well as holds a French breakfast every year which has various French breakfast goodies. Madame McCray describes French Club as being a fun way for students to interact with other French students, and a great way to learn a new language.

Right: President Spencer White frightens Madame McCray when he threatens war on Latin Club.



Left: Josh Goodman ponders what it would be like if he was in Spanish Club.



Above: Kristen Maxwell and Cameron Johnson play Twister at a club gathering. While playing Twister in French Club it is required that commands are spoken in French.

Right: Allen Hayse takes a drink of some hot cocoa during the Christmas dinner held by Madame and several other French Club members.



Left: French Club Vice-President Kayleigh Nichol juggles paper before a meeting.



Above: Senior England Porter is shocked at the present she receives during the annual French Club Christmas party, where the club has dinner and a session of Secret Santa.

Below Right: Kendall Martinez listens in on her fellow Spanish Club members' chatting while Mrs. Sandoval monitors the class.

Spanish Club



Imagine a place where Spanish is spoken all the time, and a place where tacos are the norm. If Mexico comes to mind, then technically you are right, but Spanish Club is also correct.

Josh Oldenettel says, "Tengo una familia grande, en casa muy pequeno." Mrs. Sandoval, sponsor of the Spanish Club, added, "Spanish Club is an excellent way for students to continue their learning about Spanish history, culture, and language."

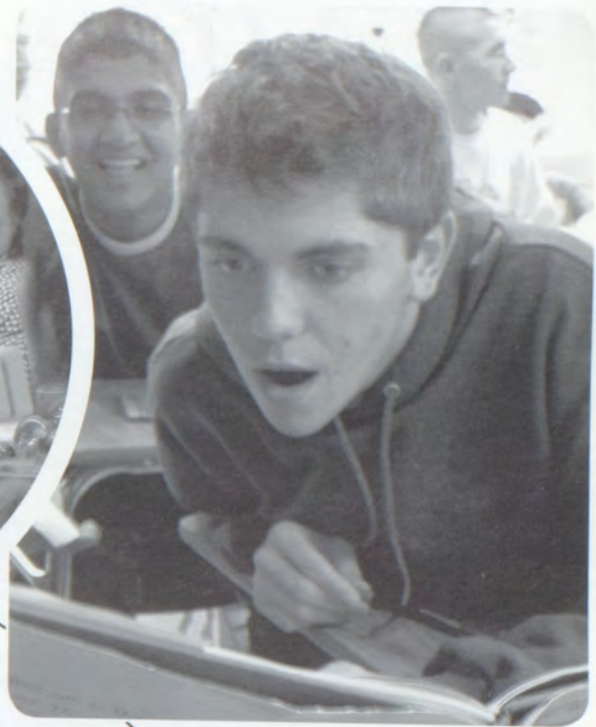
During Spanish Club, members meet to speak in Spanish and enjoy enchiladas. Their biggest events are Foreign Language Week and Cinco De Mayo, which roughly translates to "The Fifth of May". "These events make us or break financially. Recently we've been in the red, but I have a good feeling about this year," Spanish Club regular, Om Patel said.

No club markets itself as well as Spanish Club. Their "Army of Juan" campaign was a big hit. "Our numbers increased when we started the marketing campaign. If we hadn't, I'm sure I'd be the only member in this club," Brett Follmer joked.

Mrs. Sandoval also set up a scavenger hunt for an evening activity. All the clues were in Spanish. Another evening members gathered to sing karaoke.



Above: Amber Dunham and Thomas Wehmeier conduct the activities during a Spanish Club meeting.



Above: Brian Tyree and Devish Patel check out an amazing book during a Spanish Club meeting.



Above: Om Patel describes the Spanish doll using his knowledge of the language to Ben Mitchell during a Spanish Club meeting.



Left: Sherri Allen and Jeremy Bruington read a huge Spanish story book to elementary students at the Cinco De Mayo activities.

Latin Club

Latin Club discusses topics in Latin, but that usually gives way to snacking and a Latin trivia game known as Certamen. For years Latin club has been led by Ms. McCray, who is one of just a handful of teachers across the state certified to teach Latin. "I like Latin Club, it gives me an opportunity to expand my ability to speak Latin, plus I can score some free

chips and pop," stated Patrick Landrum. Jack Green added, "My favorite part was finding the extra credit that Ms. McCray hides." Latin Club members are often students who study the language in an effort to improve their knowledge of English (nearly half of English is derived from Latin), as well as the Latin roots and prefixes that many college students need.

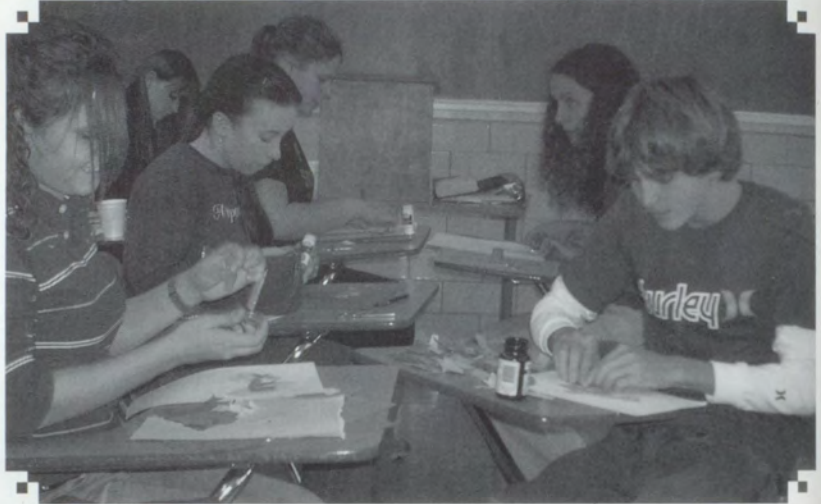


Amanda Williams sips her drink. Refreshments are usually served at the monthly meetings.

Paul Kersey rips pieces of colorful paper before making a mosaic picture with them.



Lachlan Connell struggles to think of the answer to a Certamen question.



The students of Latin Club created unique and vibrant mosaic pictures using various colored pieces of paper and glue.



Nick Rau checks out his marshmallows, while Steve Schadeberg and Tony Tucker share some refreshments.

Renaissance recognizes scholarly achievement



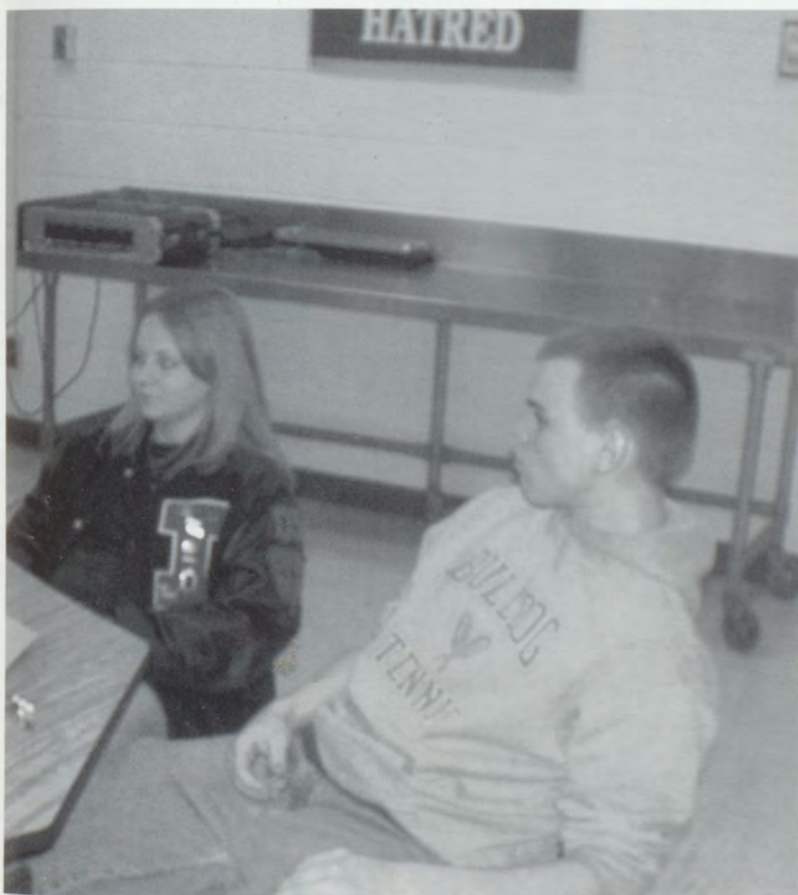
Above: Teryn Frizell and Amanda Bohr head back to their tables after winning one of many prizes available.

Left: Jordan Conley picks up her cookies she won at the Renaissance assembly.

Renaissance assemblies were held at the end of each quarter to reward students for their academic achievements. Awards such as pens, money, themed baskets donated by IHS clubs, and coupon booklets for discounts at many Independence businesses were distributed to students based on their grades and .5+ improvement in their grade point average. Renaissance parking passes are assigned in a "lottery" fashion. The passes supply students with reserved spaces in the parking lot in which to park their cars.

"These incentives are Renaissance's way of 'dangling a carrot' for many of our students," said Mr. Hogan.

Faculty sponsors include Mr. Hogan, Mrs. Lundt, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Cunningham, Miss Willis, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Rollings.



Above: Matthew Easton and Nicholas Skellenger enjoy a snack that is given out to everybody during the assembly.

Left: Lisa Reddy and Bob Blaker sit at the Renaissance assembly hoping to win a prize for their good grades.

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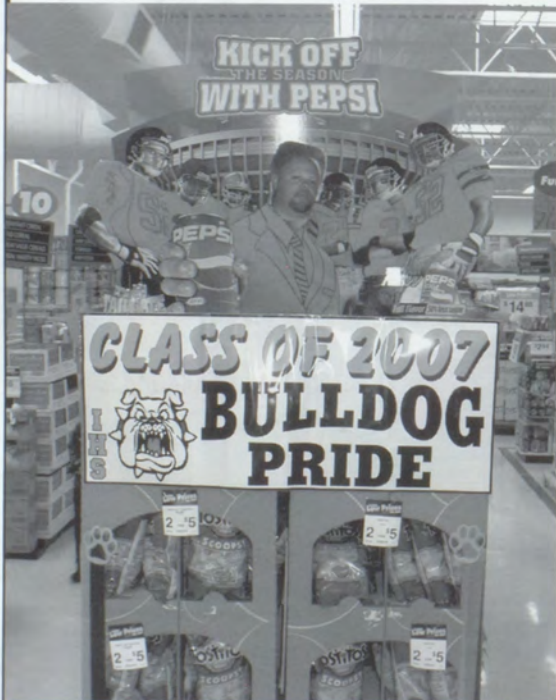
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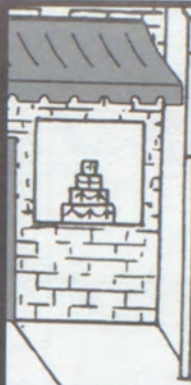
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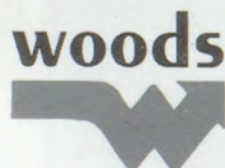


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Twenty-first century skills...

Computer Department

Computers have become an important tool in the classroom. In the past few decades there has been a great increase in computers and the need for computer skills in jobs. This has prompted schools to offer computer courses designed to teach students the skills that are needed in the workplace. IHS offers Computer Apps 1 & 2 as well as keyboarding and Adobe PhotoShop.

Mr. Cunningham, Ms. McClure, and Mr. Armitage teach the computer courses.

Even though our students are only required to take Computer Apps 1, most take more advanced courses, as they realize the necessity of improving their technology skills," said Ms. McClure. "We are constantly updating our curriculum and upgrading our software and hardware to remain as current as possible."

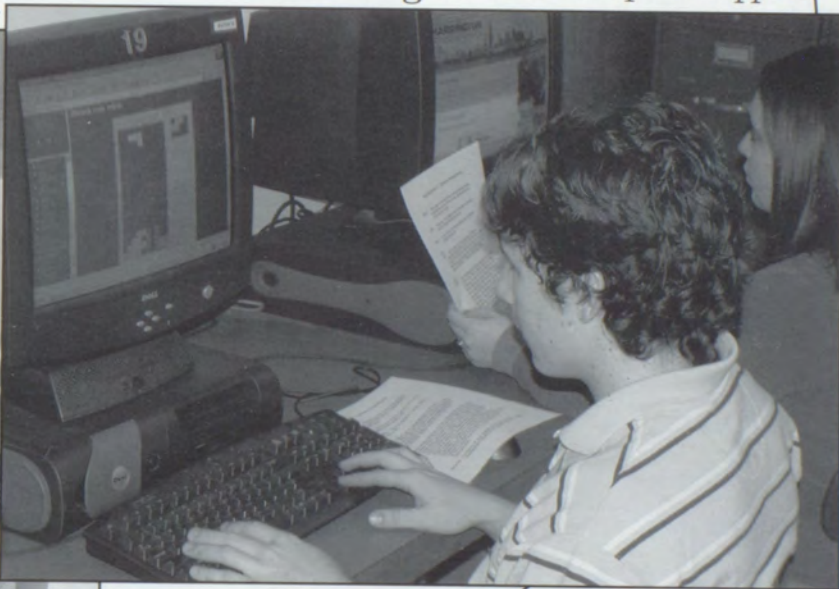
Below: Justin Bennett and Zach Berberick work from their Computer Apps 1 books.



Below: Rylan McWherter checks his page for any errors.



Below: David Loganbill works hard on his latest assignment in Computer Apps 2.



Right: Ashlee Muninger pauses to make a few changes to her assignment.



Vocational Department

Bang! Bang! AHH!

AHH! These are familiar sounds from the 400 hallway and 800 building. We hear these sounds from Mr.

Knoles' metals, Mr. Calloway's mechanics, and Mr. Hogan's woods classes. These classes teach students skills they remember through the years and use later in life. Mr. Hogan said, "Every year my students set new challenges for themselves."

This year in woods students made various items such as stools, cabinets, and entertainment centers. In the metals class they constructed pop can airplanes. Mr. Knoles said, "If my students remember anything I've taught, I hope it is this. One turn and all the blankets are all together."

Chris Hallett and Zach Willis drill holes during industrial applications.



Chris Holliday completes his work during industrial applications.



A.J. James and Ann-Marie Price gets help from Mr. Knoles on a project.

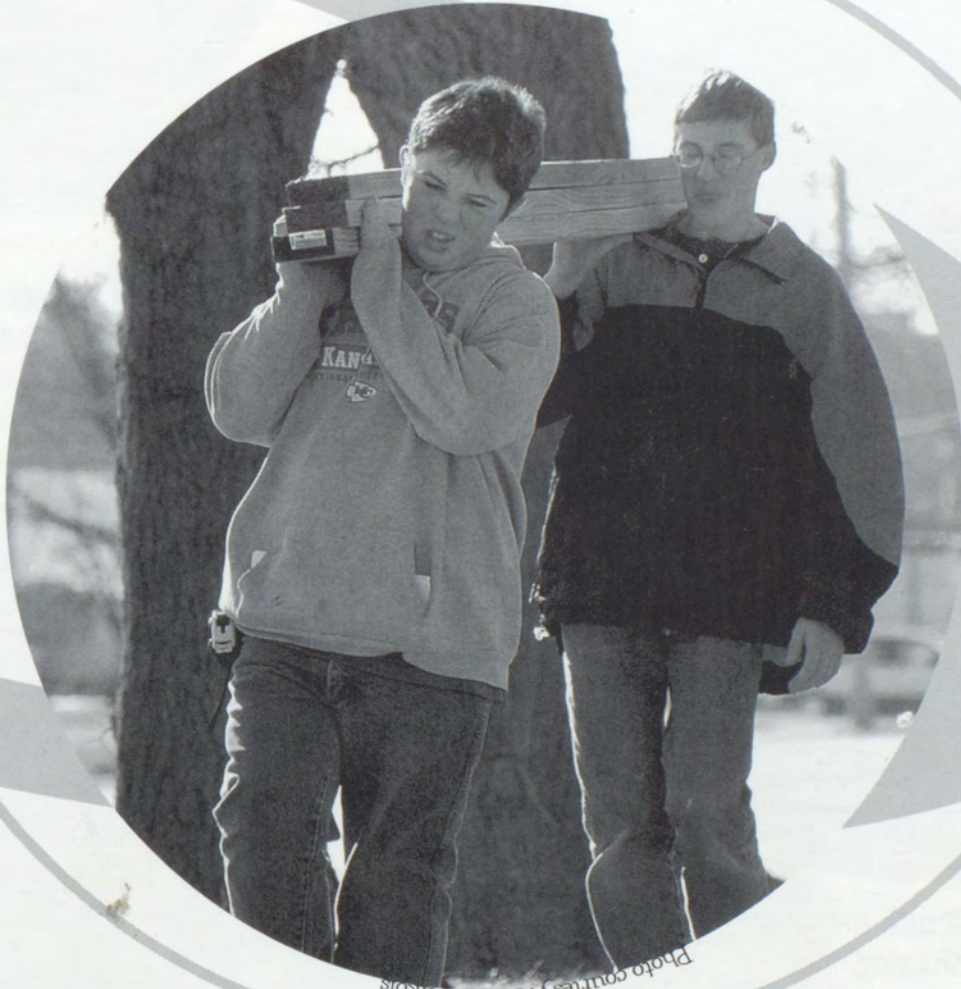


Photo courtesy: Karen Mikols

Josh Miller and William Galey carry wood to finish their project.



Left: Bridget Penrod expresses her aesthetic abilities in Design I class.

Below: Students begin their ring designs in Jewelry I.



Above: Cole Pasternak transforms a wad of wax into a beautiful ring.
Right: Megan Grove puts finishing touches on her project in ceramics class.



Left: Ms. Unruh's drawing class sits outside of the school and draws the entrance to IHS.



Express your creativity...

Art Department

Art is many things. It could be something made from clay, paint on a canvas, a simple sketch on the back of a napkin, or even graffiti on a wall under a bridge down town. Art can also be made by anyone. Everyone can create in some form or another. While some may be more aesthetically pleasing than others, it is still considered art.

While there are those students who have a desire to pursue their creative side, there are students who initially take an art class to fill an elective credit or because they may believe art is an art course will be easy. This second group of students often find themselves pushed to examine their personal creativity and enjoy the process.

Here at IHS, our art department is full of creativity. Mrs. Unruh and Mrs. Beyer help students express their creative side. Students love being able to create in such a great environment. Cameron Johnson, a junior enrolled in drawing class states, "Drawing is so much fun. I wish that I could stay in this class all day."



Above: Ms. Unruh dresses up as a clown for her birthday.

Right: Cody Goza considers the next step for his artwork.

Below: Carla Ketch works diligently on her "ball bowl" in Ceramics I.



Gym classes offer students a healthy lifestyle



Clockwise from right: Caitlin Kelly lines her putt at the miniature golf course at Riverside Park. In boys lifetime sports Coach Boldra joins a game of flag football with his students. A group of students run down the field during a game of flag football. Katy Kendrick bowls a strike in girls lifetime sports.



Independence High School offers several physical education classes. While freshmen are required to take P.E. with a health unit, most upperclassmen choose to enroll in subsequent physical education courses as a way of staying active and in condition for extra-curricular sports. Conditioning class offers students the time to lift and run and run and lift some more. A lighter, perhaps more fun option, is lifetime sports. Lifetime sports is similar to gym, but without the health unit.

Lifetime sports courses are set up to encourage students to remain active throughout their lives. "We know that many teens have obesity issues. It's important for them to know 'physical' doesn't just mean lifting weights and calisthenics. We take advantage of our close proximity to the Ash Center, and have outings to the park, as well," said Coach Speicher.



Clockwise from above right: Flag football is a staple in gym class as Levi Shartzter shows perfect form. Jordan Conley checks out the score before bowling her second ball in the tenth frame. Nichole Anderson knows the key to any golf game is the short game, especially in miniature golf.

Deep thoughts on gym...

"Gym allows me to free my mind from the normal rigors of everyday school like math and English."

-Todd Novotni, senior

"I like playing football and hockey. We're allowed more contact."

-Chris Tate, junior

"Mrs. Speicher is a great teacher. Not only does she know a lot of fun games, but she plays them with us. She's very competitive. She broke my toenail during a particularly brutal round of dodgeball."

-Chelsea Lumm, sophomore

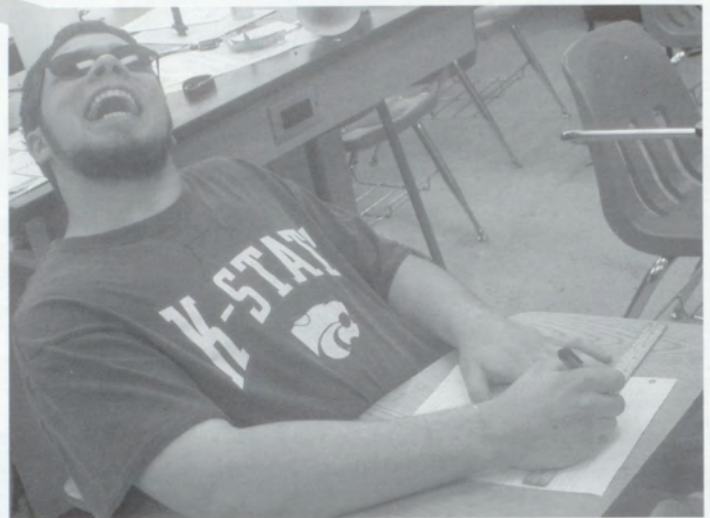




Lee Dunham checks on one of the plants that the class is growing for an experiment in Mrs. Taraboletti's biology class. Students study a variety of vegetable and flowers through the year.



Tiffany Baker works quickly to finish her homework in physical science.



Paige Pasternak works vigorously on her parachute for her rocket.



Brett Follmer draws a "ray" diagram in Mr. Smith's physics class.

Dane Pace works hard to find information that he needs for a report in physical science.





Kevin Hardy works hard on his rocket so it will fly higher than the rest.

Science Department

There are actually five science courses currently offered at IHS: physical science, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and physics.

As freshmen, most students are required to take physical science. This year Mr. Price and Mr. Webb taught the physical science courses. "We studied lots of weather and geology and completed a project on a geographic location where we made a PowerPoint presentaiton and reported our findings on the location's natural resources, wildlife, and population," said Reanna Browning, freshman.

Biology is the next course in the science sience. Mrs. Taraboletti and Mr. Reynolds teach biology. "The unit on genetics was the toughest, but learning about dominant and recessive genes was interesting," said Lauren

Lester, sophomore.

Many students choose to enroll in chemistry, especially if they're interested in pursuing a science related major in college. Mr. Smith and Mr. Reynolds teach chemistry. "Of course we learned about the periodic table and atomic numbers, but it'd have to say the labs were the most interesting," said Tyler Smith, junior.

Upperclassmen also have the opportunity to take anatomy and physiology. Taught by Mr. Reynolds, this course enables students to study the human body and its functions.

Another science course offering at IHS is physics, taught by Mr. Smith this year. Every student is involved in building a rocket, which is then fired. Students must then report on the rocket's flight statistics.

Mr. Webb helps Kayla Henry find a certain location on an world map with a yardstick.



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Ashley Moore evaluates the recent growth of the mari-golds in biology.



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English Department

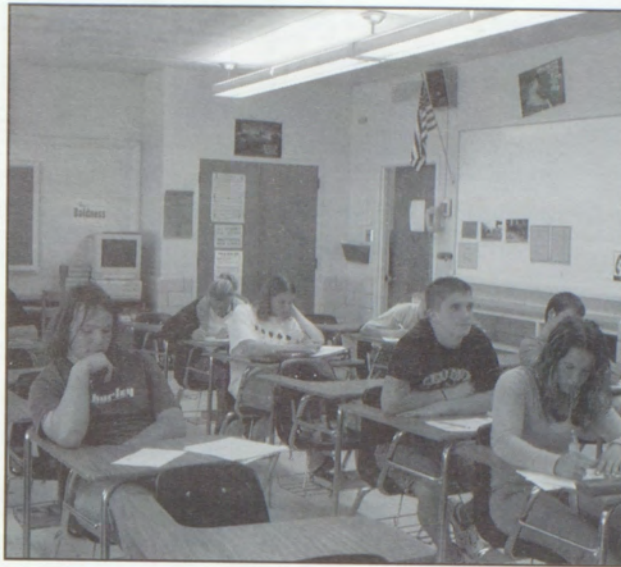
Right: After studying poetry for several weeks, Mrs. Spencer's AP English classes created original odes. Kolby Lanning wrote his ode, "My Car, My Crony" on an old car door.



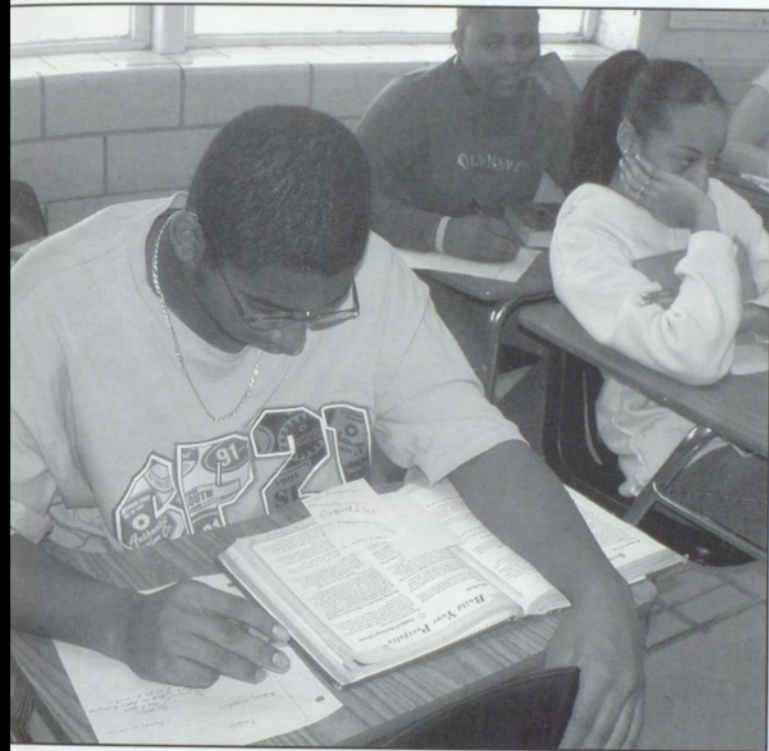
Above: Aubrey Papen, Brian Tierney, Paul Kersey, Paige Demo, and Ravin Sylvas read one of the many books that Mr. Torbett assigns during the school year in Advanced English 10.



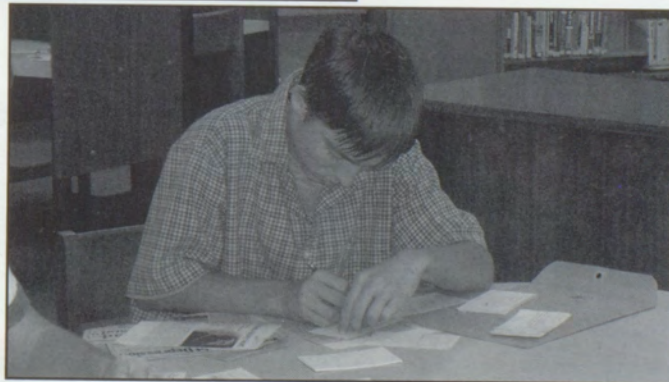
Left: Lucy Ramos, sophomore, cuts a Lane Cake for a project over To Kill a Mockingbird in Mrs. Cox's English 10 class. Each student selected a topic from the novel on which to complete a project.



Students in Mrs. Browning's junior English class compose short stories in order to improve their writing skills.



Freshmen in Mrs. Capps' English 9 class make a graphic organizer for a persuasive writing project over a topic of their choice to prepare for the Kansas writing assessments.



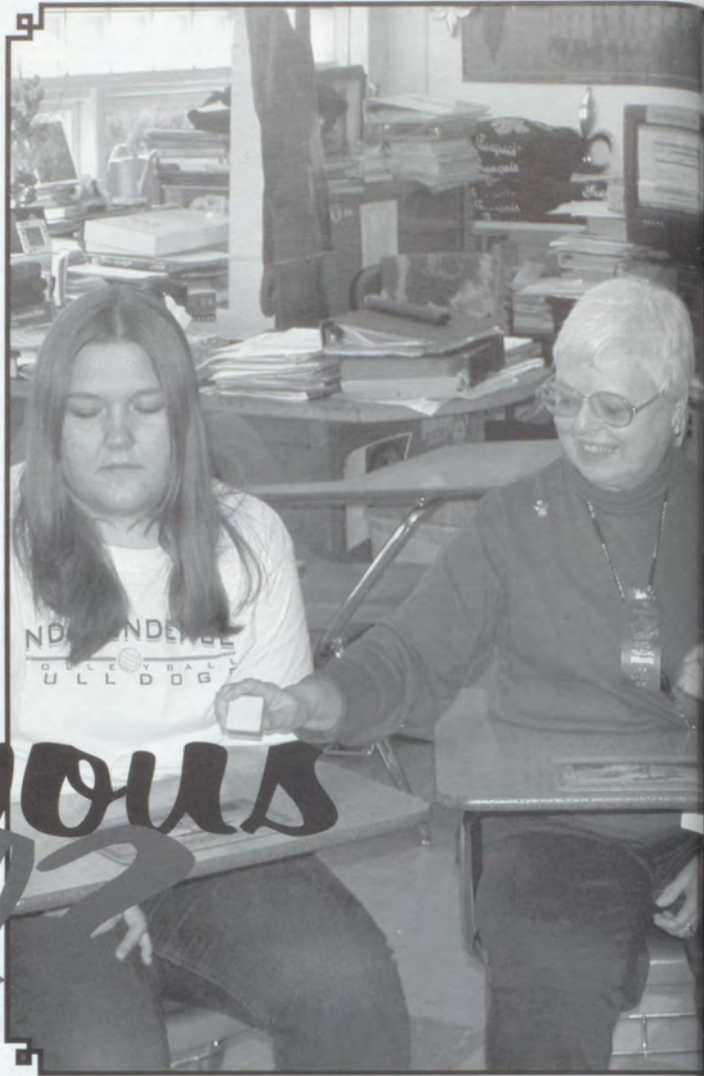
Senior Josh Goodman works hard in the library on his notecards for his research paper in Mrs. Spencer's English class. Mrs. Spencer assigns two research papers to her classes to prepare them for college.

Yon Koloba, a teamwork oriented game, is a favorite of French teacher, Ms. McCray. Below: French III student Spencer White struggles to catch one of the Yon Koloba blocks during an intense game.



Have you ever dined at a restaurant that served food from another country? Chances are, you probably didn't know exactly what you were ordering from the menu if it wasn't translated into English. Thanks to the World Language Department, students from IHS can now order from Mexican or French restaurants and know precisely what they are getting.

IHS offers French, Spanish, Latin and ESOL (English for Students of Other Languages). Having taught at IHS for 29 years, Ms. McCray knows her way around. Madame McCray said, "I really love teaching languages. I wouldn't be here if I didn't."



Parlez-vous Espanol?

Ms. McCray has traveled from Panama to Belgium. She also studied languages at five different colleges.

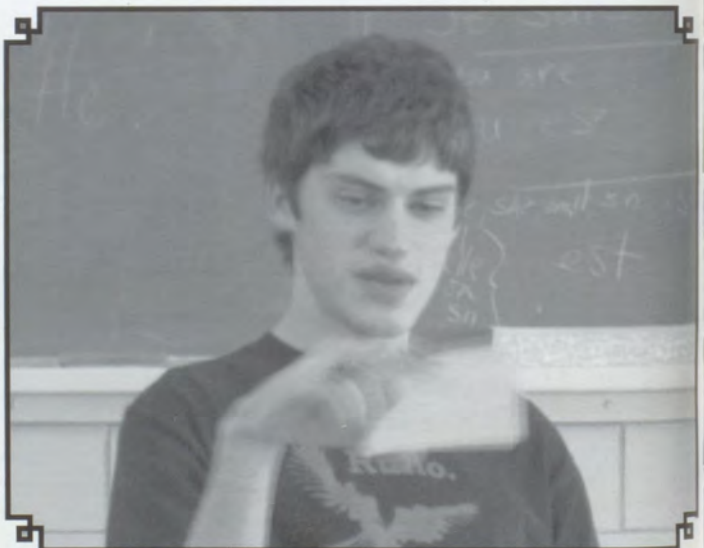
Spanish is a popular class to take at IHS. Ms. Sandoval and Ms. Capps teach Spanish. While Ms. Capps only teaches Spanish I, Ms. Sandoval teaches Spanish I through Spanish IV.

Ms. Sandoval earned her degree at Pittsburg State University and also spent some time studying the Spanish language in Mexico. Ms. Sandoval advises both Spanish Club and SADD Club, and thoroughly enjoys her occupation and students.

The newest world language teacher here at IHS is Ms. Capps. Ms. Capps returned to IHS in 2003, after a three year hiatus. She teaches both Spanish and English classes and is a co-sponsor of Pep Club and the sophomore class.

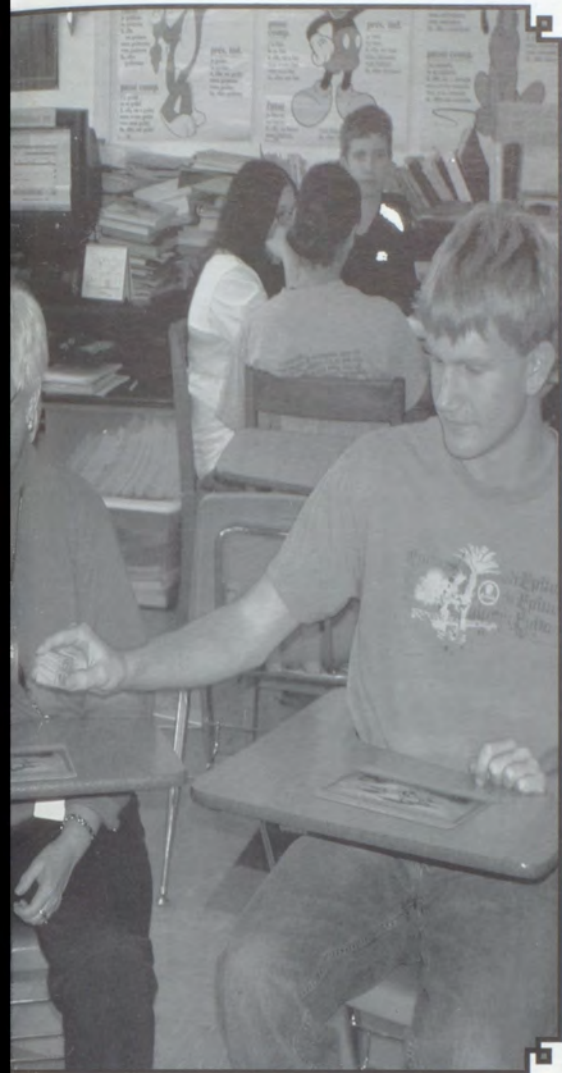


Above: French I student, Beth Bonde, cuts pictures out of a magazine for her "C'est Moi!" or "it is me," poster. For this activity, students are asked to cut out photos from magazines and use descriptive words to represent their personalities.



Is that your final answer?

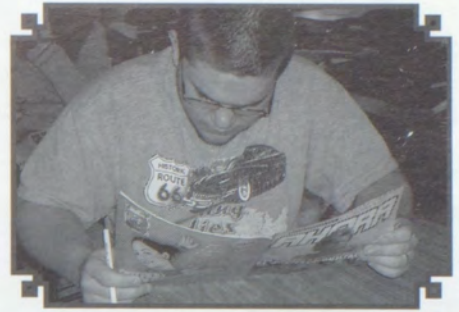
Senior Nick Rau quizzes his classmates during Latin class. Ms. McCray's classes often engage in a quiz game known as Le Train to her French students and Kartommen to her Latin students.



Let's play a game!

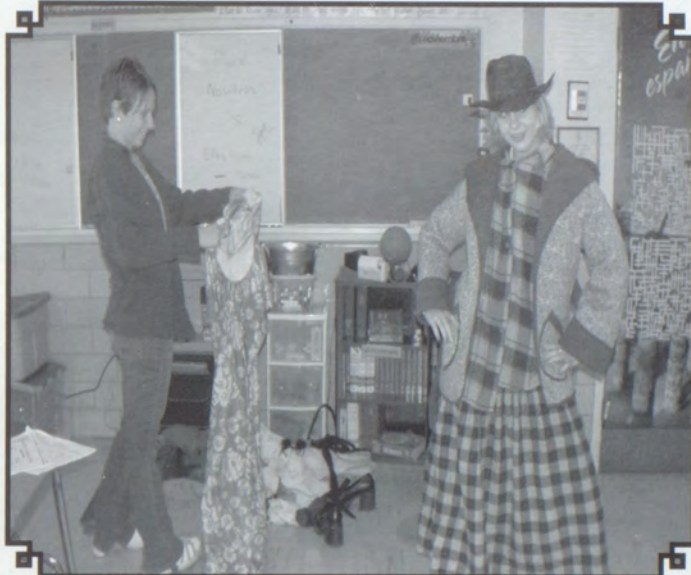
The world language teachers at IHS come up with many games and fun activities to do during class periods.

Right: Joe Housel, senior, reads an article in a Spanish magazine during Spanish II.



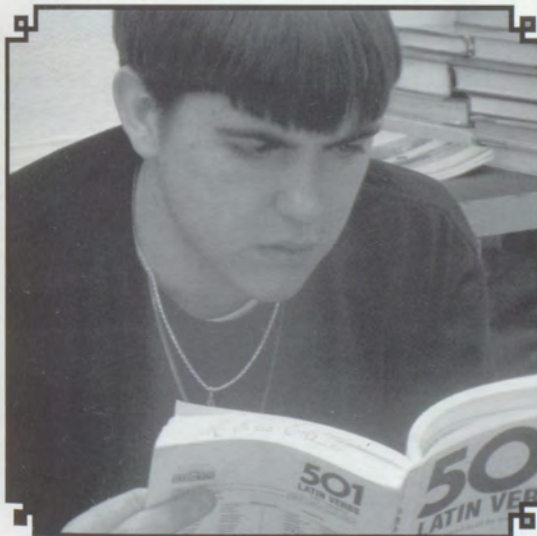
"Yon Koloba Ayyy...."

Left: Ms. McCray enjoys a playful game of Yon Koloba with her French III students Cameron Johnson and Jenny Schad, both juniors.



Let's Dress Up!

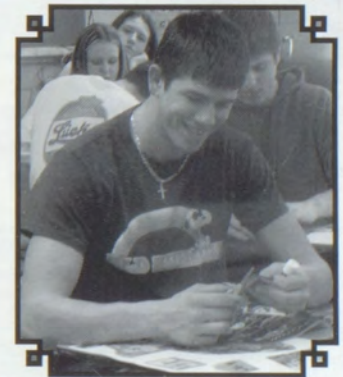
Left: Sophomore, Lindsey Dean dresses up during her Spanish II class. Ms. Sandoval keeps her class fun by coming up with activities that her students do to familiarize themselves with the language. Beth Cornell helps Lindsey with a costume for their video over the Spanish novel, *The Summer of Mystery*.



How do I say...

Senior Seth Malloy searches for the English translation of a certain Latin verb during his class. Ms. McCray keeps many dictionaries stocked up in her room so that translations are relatively easy to accomplish.

"I took French class because I wanted to learn the language of love. I really like Ms. McCray and her class. It is a ton of fun!"

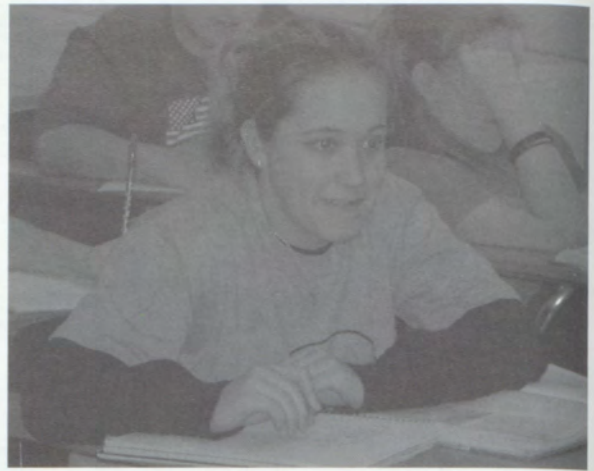


Travis Brock, Junior

Social Studies



Mr. Beaty's world history class sits immersed in one of his lectures on the Roman civilization.



Taylor Jurski listens attentively to Mr. Coder's instructions in civics class.



Mrs. Dunham's world history class turns to the page of their assignment.

The Social Studs



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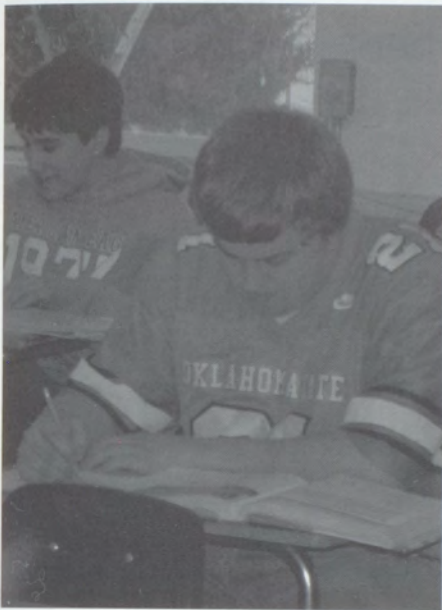
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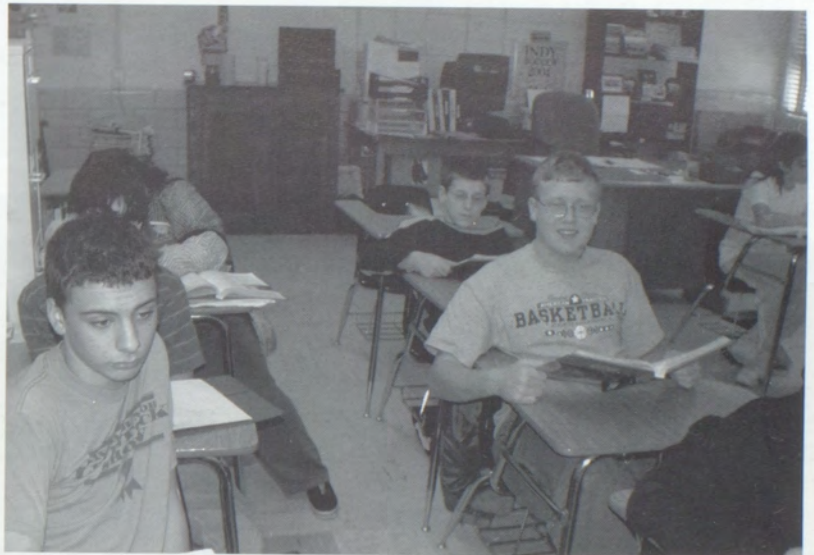
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Mrs. Reichenberger's history class works diligently on their next assignment. Mrs. Reichenberger teaches American history and AP American history.



Brandon Webb buckles down on a social studies assignment.



Freshman Tucker Porter contemplates the next assignment in civics class.

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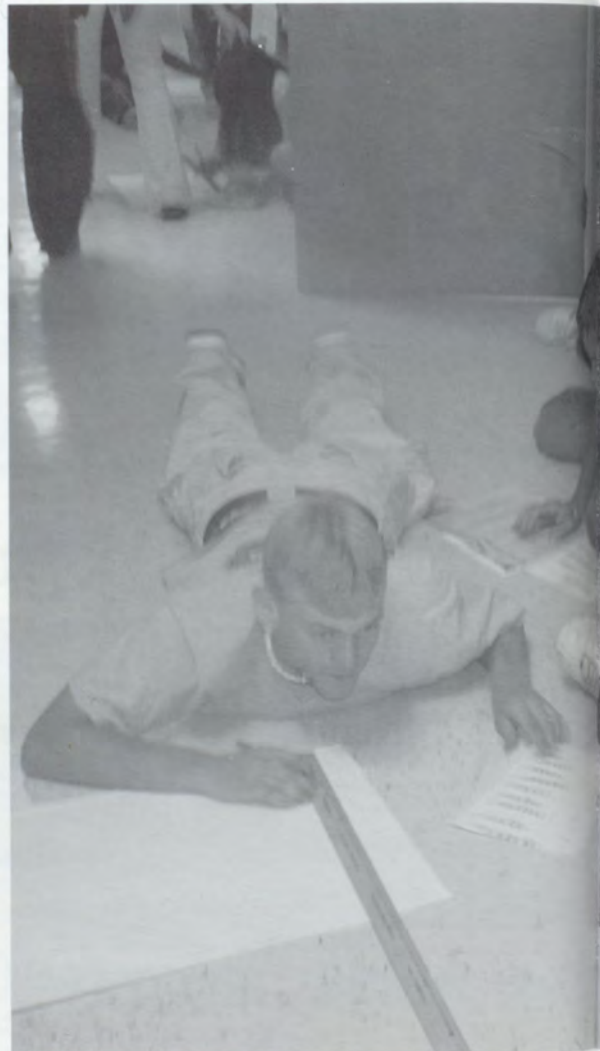
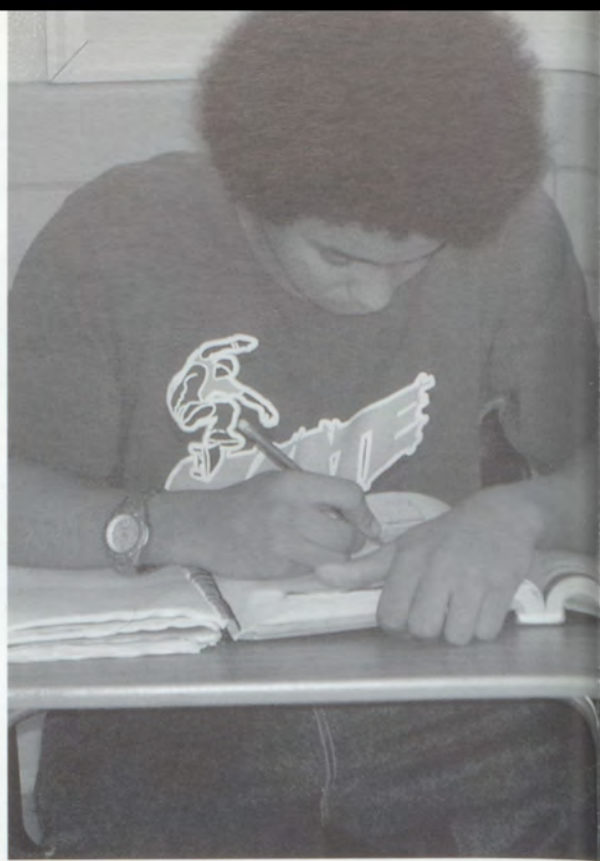
Math -- a four letter word

Multiplication, division, and equations. These are things that come to mind when students think about math. It is a subject that is difficult for some to understand. Between Mrs. Roth's homework assignments and Mrs. Lundt's projects in probability and statistics, it can also be time consuming.

A student at IHS is required to take three years of math. IHS offers a wide variety of math classes. They can choose from applied math, intermediate algebra, Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, probability and statistics, and calculus.

Teachers in the math department include Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Lundt, Mr. Rose, Mrs. McBride, Miss Willis, and Mrs. Aiello. Each of the teachers are highly qualified, which is beneficial to IHS students.

High school students participated in state math assessments this year. Every sophomore took the Kansas math assessment to evaluate how well IHS students are learning math concepts. Many took the assessment in the computer lab.



Chad Jarrett and Kevin Hardy work together to make a poster for probability and statistics. Mrs. Lundt displayed chosen posters on the walls in the 200 hall.

ANSWERS:
1. b 2. b 3. A = -3.3 B = 3.0
C = 3, -4 D = 1, -1

Megan Kirk measures Mrs. Spencer for a class project in probability and statistics.



Can you answer these?

1. If $-3x + 6 = 2x - 9$, then $x = ?$
 a. 15 b. 3 c. $-3/5$ d. -3 e. -15

2. If the price of a fishing rod that originally sold for \$35 is reduced by 25%, what is the new price?
 a. \$28 b. \$26.25 c. \$17.50 d. \$8.75 e. \$7

3. Find coordinates for A, B, C & D

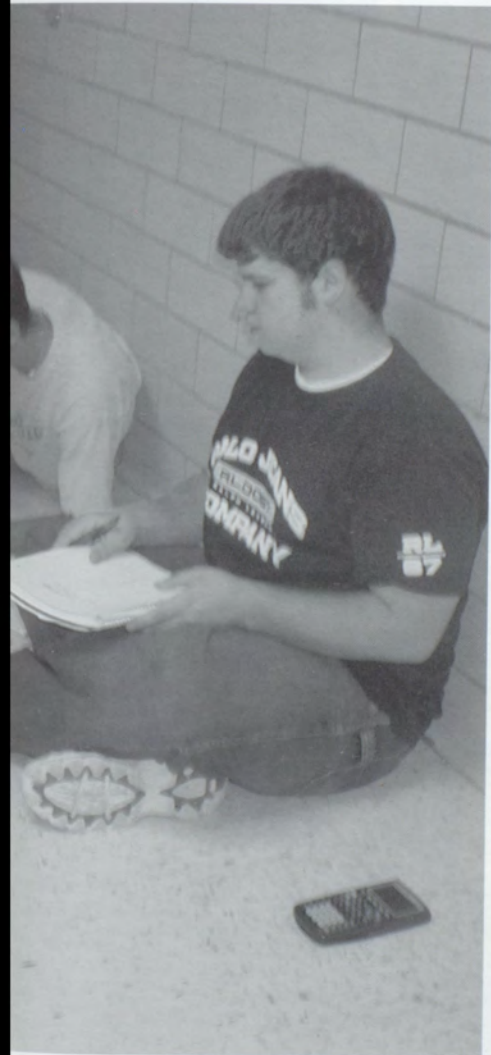
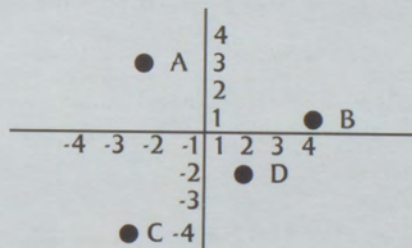


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Mrs. Willis helps Spencer White, junior, with his calculus homework.



Student Life

UP TO SPEED



Vending Machines: The future has arrived

Milk, cheese, yogurt, water, and Gatorade. These are the snacks and drinks available to students via the vending machines during school hours, but the soda and candy machines are turned off until school is over. In an attempt to encourage healthy eating, the school board mandated that the machines selling "unhealthy" food and drinks be turned off during the school day. This decision upset many of the students, who had often purchased items from the machines in years past. Olivia Brennen shared, "I think the vending machines are awesome, but they should be on during the school day. Once I missed breakfast, and I couldn't

even get a Pop-Tart at school. It is frustrating."

"I wouldn't have to mooch candy from my friends if the machines were on during the day," said Brett Affolter.

The vending machines have been a significant source of income for each junior class ever since they were first brought to our school. This year, however, profit was down by around 50%. When PUPPS brought in the milk machines, it helped raise the amount of money being made, but the beverage sales were still about 30% less than last year. The junior class had to do extra work and fundraisers in order to afford the prom of 2005, but will the class of 2007 have to do the same? Nobody knows.

Left: Ashley Leake gets a cheese stick between classes. Cheese sticks are 50 cents each.

Below: Alex Moore decides to buy a bottle of water from the Coca-Cola machine. "I wanted a Coke, but the machine selling it was turned off. This angers me," said Alex.



Left: Aly Goodman buys herself an orange soda after school. The only machines turned on during school hours are the milk and water machines.

Right: Brett Affolter tries to snatch some candy from the unlocked vending machine, but gets caught in the act.



BY THE NUMBERS

Numbers are important. From math class to things in every-day life. What kind of numbers are involved with Independence High School, this yearbook and this year? Here's a few.

1- Snow days this year

\$1.75- Cost of lunch at IHS

100- Hallway for seniors

15- Student bathrooms

1- National Merit finalist in the Class of 2005

3- Cookies for \$1 during passing period

15- Vending machines on IHS campus

3- Security personnel employed by IHS

24- Credits needed to graduate in '05

26- IHS athletes who competed at State this year

\$48- Cost of this yearbook

185- School days

141- 2005 graduates

168- Suspension and expulsion incidents at IHS

3- Visits by the drug dog

694- Lockers at IHS

\$40- Textbook rental fee charged for 2004-2005

55- IHS faculty members

4,761,394- Drops of sweat shed at graduation

Cell Phones: gotta have 'em!

Where You At!?

About thirty years ago in New York City, the first cell phone came into existence. This thirty ounce, \$3,500 "brick" began a chain of technology advancements in the world of cellular communication. As of 2005, cellular phones cost much less than \$3,500 and weigh, on average, about three ounces.

Before 2000, few teenagers actually had cell phones. Today it seems as if everyone has one. Cell phones have become so important today that students even bring them into school. However, there are repercussions for this. If a student is caught with a cell phone in a class, there is a good chance that he will get it taken away by a teacher, who will then report the incident and give the phone to Mr. Hart for the remainder of the day.

Our administration has begun to enforce cell phone rules much more often. Why are cell phones such a big disruption to the faculty? Assistant principal Mr. Hart, commented "Technically, a student could use a cell phone to cheat on a test. Camera phones could be an invasion of privacy, especially in the locker rooms during P.E., or elsewhere. The most major reason is the disruption they cause when a phone goes off, or when a student is text messaging during class. However, this is not a unique problem to IHS. All the other area schools, and schools nationwide, are trying to solve this problem."

Try as they may, cell phones continue to be a problem in the halls of IHS and beyond. Until schools find a way to keep cell phones out, students will continue to break rules to use them regardless of the consequences.



Many students used the restroom as an excuse to use their cell phones. Freshman Mikki Werner was no exception as she chatted away during third block.

What do YOU use it for?

People rely on cell phones for various things. Some people use it for mere conversation, some use the text message feature, while others may use it for taking pictures or even making videos. We asked a few IHS students: How do you use your cell phone?



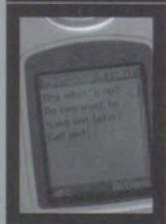
"I usually use my cell phone when I am on trips and for making calls to friends with long distance numbers."

-Allie Stephens, sophomore



"I got a picture phone so that I could take pictures of all my friends whenever I wanted to. I would feel weird without my cell phone."

-Chelsea King, sophomore



"I like to use my cell phone to text message. When I am at home and not supposed to be using the phone, no one knows but me!"

-Kandace Spellman, junior

Trends Spotted In the Halls

A look at the trends during the 2004-2005 school year, from social activities to fashion

In the nineties, Giga Pets, Dr. Seuss hats, boybands, flannel and the Macarena dominated the nation. Prior to that, a series of trends including bell bottoms, big hair, and acid wash circulated around the trends scene. Very few of these trends lived to see the year 2000.

In 2004, a new wave of trends introduced themselves in many areas. Patriotic magnets, card games, charity-driven rubber bracelets, and a bevy of fashion trends popularized themselves with the help of celebrity endorsements.

Lance Armstrong's yellow "Livestrong" band came into the public eye to support cancer research this year. Soon, there seemed to be a band for everything. Another trend could be found on the back of many cars. Yellow ribbon-shaped magnets adorned bumpers all over the United States. Gas stations and general stores sold them

nationwide for approximately \$2 per ribbon.

Poker is no longer a card game reserved for your dad's buddies on a Friday night. Texas Hold 'Em is everywhere: on the internet, on television, and on college campuses.

Fashion trends came in abundance this year. HBO's popular "Sex In the City" inspired a variety of trends, including lingerie inspired tops and wearing dressy heels with casual jeans. Ugg boots, pointy heels, argyle, and off-shoulder tops were also seen in the halls of IHS as popular clothing.

So why do some students feel the need to keep up with trends while others do not? Teryn Frizell sums it up, "I follow trends because I think they are cute and I like to look fashionable. Some people probably don't because they either don't care or want to look unique."

Above Right: Paige Pasternak, senior, models a trend found in the form of an argyle sweater. Argyle had a comeback this year in many different clothing forms.

Right: Reanna Browning, freshman, shows that pointy-toed shoes were an apparent trend this year.



Above: this ribbon was found on the car of a faculty member at IHS who supports the cause. Right: Andrew Beshears and Lisa Erbe show that oversized sunglasses, last seen in the '1960's, are a trend shared by both genders.



A new way to raise money for charities came about this year when Lance Armstrong introduced the "Livestrong" band. Here, Andy Likes and Brett Affolter model some of the popular rubber bracelets.



Poker regained its popularity this year on college campuses, on television, and even through the Internet. Many high school students began engaging in these games in their free time.



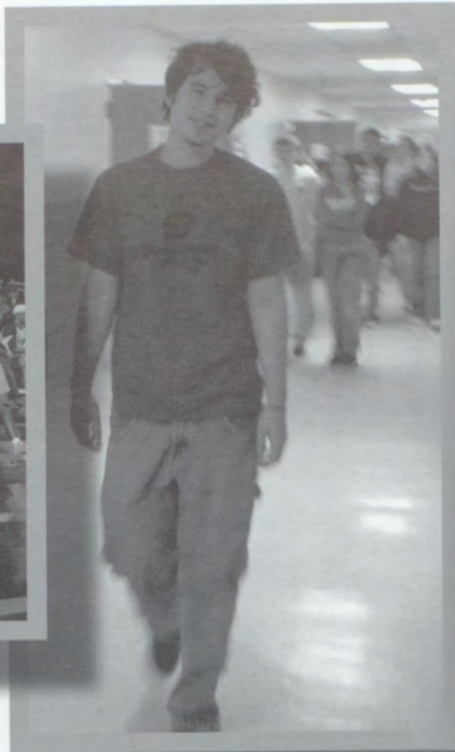
A simple alternative to the summer flip-flops are shown here. These clogs, modeled by Lauren Lester, sophomore, are versatile, warm and easy to wear for the winter weather.



Many clothing companies began using emblems more often. Some examples would be Abercrombie's moose, Lacoste's alligator, Le Tigré's tiger (pictured above) and American Eagle's eagle.



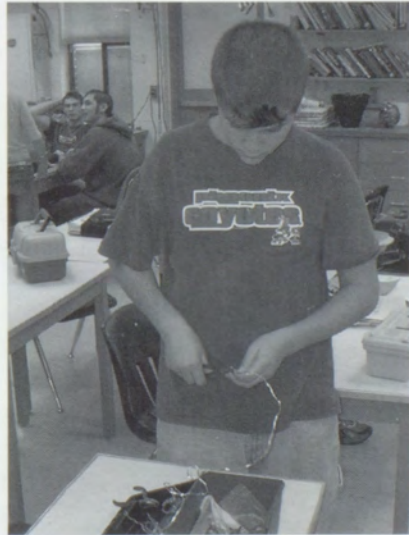
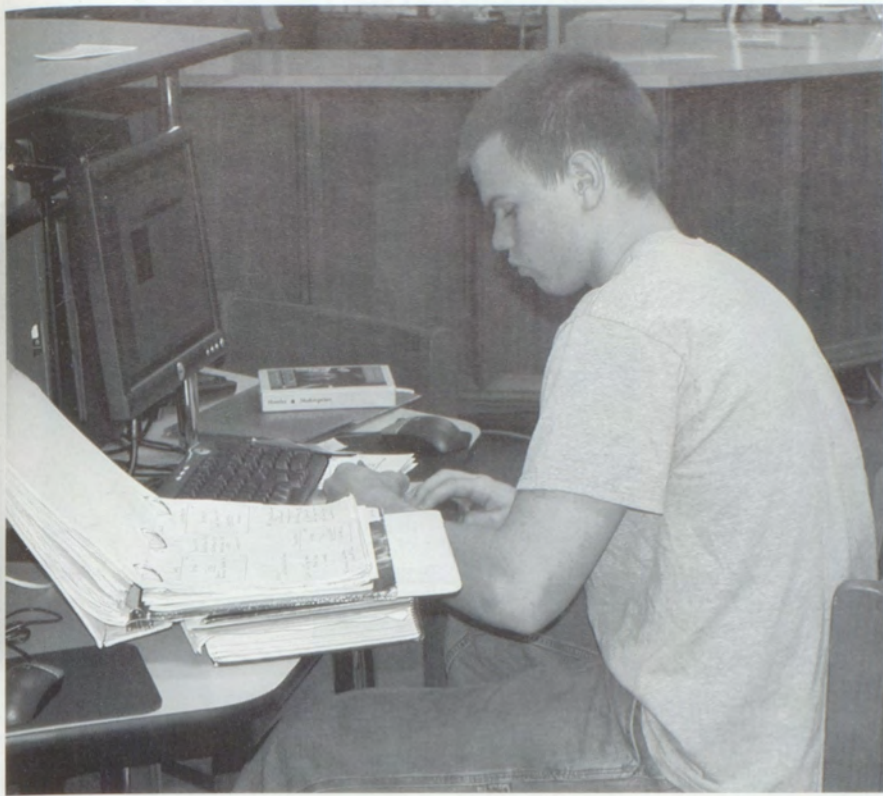
In the fall, stores such as Hollister and American Eagle re-introduced track jackets that were last seen in the 70's. Kelsey Stelting models one that she purchased at Hollister.





Student Life





Scholars' Bowl Team Places Third at State

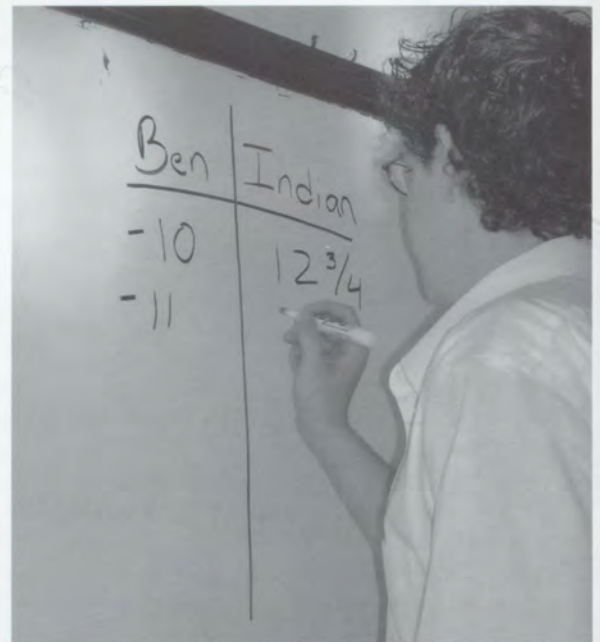
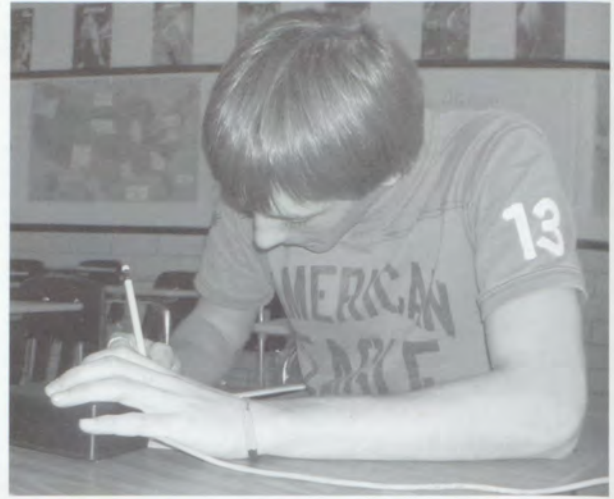
While some schools pride themselves in their football team or some in their theatre department, Independence prides itself in its Scholars' Bowl team. No activity at IHS enjoys the high stature that the Scholars' Bowl team has. Who are these scholastic warriors? Why are they so beloved? What is scholars' bowl? These questions and more answered...now!

Leadership is essential in any sport, Scholars' Bowl is no exception. Without order there is chaos. Preventing chaos from ruling is team captain Brett Follmer. Brett took the reins as a junior. In his second and, as it turned out, his final season, Coach Webb led the team to a third place finish at State. Mr. Webb said, "The team exceeded any of my wildest expectations. It makes me proud to be associated with these gents." Brett added, "It's been quite a while since something like this has happened here. It makes it special to be part of something wonderful."

The team returned five starters to the varsity squad. Eric Cole, senior, led the team in scoring for a record fourth straight year averaging 105 points a round. In addition to Brett and Eric, Brian Tierney, Jeremy Bruington and Thomas Crittenden rounded out the varsity squad for a second season.

In February, the scholastic warriors traveled to Andover. The team entered the final round with the first place trophy and a trip to State on their mind. All that stood between them and their goals was Andover High School. The team lost, but did qualify for State.

The team headed to Wellington, where the day started well. Going 2-0, things were looking good. After pool play, Independence was in a three-way tie for second. Following the tie breaking procedures, Independence qualified for the semi-finals. The semis brought Topeka-Hayden, the number one seed in the tournament. After 16 grueling questions the score was tied up. The tie breaker question came from the world of literature. With an incorrect guess, IHS was defeated. In the consolation round emotions ran high. Independence had to face Anderson County, a team that defeated them earlier in pool play. After all was said and done and the dust had settled, the Bulldogs finished third out of 359 schools.



Student achievement recognized at Academic Banquet

Due to the renovation of Memorial Hall, this year's Academic Banquet was held in the IHS auditorium with hors-d'oeuvres in the cafeteria preceding the awards. The event was sponsored by the Rotary and Soroptomist Clubs, and Bill Kurtis was the guest speaker. All academic letter winners and freshmen who maintained a 3.8 GPA for two consecutive semesters were recognized by Mr. Runge. At the end of the night, scholarships were awarded to eight seniors. Those winning scholarships include Mary Tucker, Suzanne Bell Memorial Scholarship; Tara Posch, Joyce Cauthon Memorial Scholarship; Aubrey Heckman and Kolby Lanning, C.M. Patel Memorial Scholarship; Meghan Kelly, Peter Lewis Reid Memorial Scholarship; Kevin Hardy, Lonnie N. Wood Memorial Scholarship; Katy Kendrick, Sushil Patel Memorial Scholarship and Charles Belt Memorial Scholarship; and Miranda Cadle, Casey Knisley Memorial Scholarship and Mike A. Winkleman Memorial Scholarship.



Mrs. Lundt, Debbie Tincher, and Spencer Null wait in line for food in the cafeteria at the academic banquet.



Bill Kurtis speaks to the students at the academic banquet. Kurtis is a graduate of IHS and now owns his own production company.



Senior Mary Tucker receives the Suzanne Bell Memorial Scholarship from Mr. Hart.



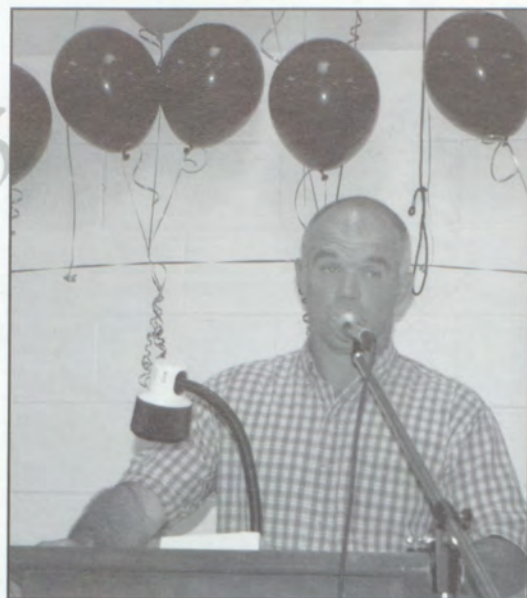
Junior Rebecca Knox goes through the line of food before the awards were given out. The food service catered the event.



Bill Kurtis congratulates sophomore Derek Meier on his academic achievements.

IHS Athletic Banquet 2005

The athletics banquet is held annually to honor current athletes as well as give the senior athletes a final "thank you." The banquet includes a meal and speeches from all of the IHS coaches. These speeches include a summary of the preceding season, recognize the seniors on their outstanding achievements, and give statistics about the seniors career throughout high school. Some coaches also indicate the futures of the seniors on their teams, or present the athletes with scholarships or team awards. Some of the IHS sports teams also were recognized for outstanding achievements in academics.



Athletic Director Brad Fredrickson kicks off the banquet by introducing the first of many speakers.

Mr. Rose recognizes senior basketball players and cross country runners. Coach Rose, like many other coaches, thanked his senior athletes for their hard work and dedication.



Mr. Fredrickson presents Shaune Barnard with an ICC scholarship.



Above: Junior Keith Shepard talks to senior Aubrey Heckman after the banquet dinner. Left: Senior Zack Camacho receives an award for his athletic excellence.



Volleyball coach Kristi Speicher presents Johna Surret with the "Most Improved Player" award.



ART EXPO showcases IHS talent



Above: Sarah Wilson, junior, created a ceramic duck.

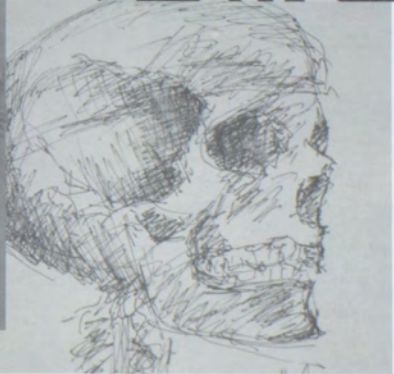


Above: Connie Cartwright works on bracelets that Art Club sold at the Expo.

Below: Cole Walters painted a 60s inspired mushroom in black and white.



Left: Zach Finney made this ceramic vase, which features an attached flower.



Above: Rebecca Knox drew this pastel of a young child.
Top left: Lindsay Schaub created a pencil drawing using wildlife as her subject.
Bottom left: Rachael McCarty painted a lighthouse scene using watercolors.

Above: A sketch of a human skull by Rebecca Knox, junior.



IHS Gives Until it Hurts

The American Red Cross came to IHS hoping to receive about 75 pints of blood. With the help of IHS students, faculty and some outsiders, the goal was exceeded. Overall, the process took about 30 minutes including recovery time. Some donors fainted, while others toughed it out.

"So many students look forward to turning 17 and being able to donate for the first time at our blood drive," said Mrs. Thompson, StuCo sponsor.

Following the donation, the donor was to sit and snack for 15 minutes to recuperate. Helping out the Red Cross was Student Council. With the 85 pints received, 255 lives could be saved.

Below: Cody Sweeten eats a sandwich to regain his strength following his gift of life.



Above: Ashley Ramos look over the guidelines and procedures for giving blood prior to her donation.

Above Right: Allen Hayse watches as the bag fills with his blood.



Above: Amber Dunham asks questions to make sure she understands exactly what is going on.

Right: Neal Julian tries to relax as he gives his first pint of blood to the Red Cross.

Left: Emily Speicher eats a snack to help her recover.





Neewollah Escorts

Front Row: Bret Kelley, Kolby Lanning, *Back Row:* Alex Moore, Eric Cole, Paul Dice and Ryan Kadel.



Chelsea Laswell sang Keith Urbans' "Days Go By" in the talent show. She won \$200, with a trophy and three hours of recording time.



Above: Rachael Alt, Andrea Marinari, and Amber Shobe prepare to learn about etiquette at the Pop Party.



Above: Meghan Kelly enjoys all types of music during the talent contest at Neewollah at the Grand Stand.



Neelah Debs

Front Row: Aubrey Papen, Katie Boulanger, Ashley Leake, Kelsey Stelting, Lauren Lester, Paige Demo, Shea Casurole, *Back Row:* Sumere Smith, Ashley Moore, Breezy Mangan, Erin Hignight, Lindsey Dean, and Lucy Ramos.



Queen Neelah and her Court *Front Row:* Hilary Chapman, Miss Talent; Miranda Cadle, Miss Fashion; Diana Schanz, Miss Interview; Paige Pasternak, First Runner-up; England Porter, Second Runner-up; Megan Kirk, Miss Originality; Allison Emmot, Miss Photogenic; Ashley Ramos, Miss Poise. *Back Row:* Meghan Kelly, Miss Personality; Aubrey Heckman, Queen Neelah LXIII and Miss Congeniality; Sarah Smith, Miss Beauty.

Neewollah is full of fun with an array of activities. With all the excitement of the rides, food, and games there is never a dull moment. This year the theme of Neewollah was "Meet Me at Neewollah." Not only is Neewollah full of games we have parades. We have the Kiddie Parade where little kids dress in their costumes. The Doo Dah parade is where we get to see our parents dress in their idea of humorous costumes. Lastly the Grand Parade lasts nearly two hours and is why our high school band practices throughout the summer to compete in the competition. This year the Class of 2006 worked by doing random things from moving sets to helping with the Chili Cook Off to getting costumes for the play. During this year's Queen Neelah Pageant was won by Aubrey Heckman with a vocal solo, "Miss Marmelstein."



Above: Queen Neelah LXIII Aubrey Heckman

One of the prizes Aubrey received the use of a car from Romans." It was better than my car. It had a DVD player!!" said Aubrey.



Above: Queen candidates dance to 'The Trolley Song' with parasols during introduction the opening number of Coronation.



Above: Ashley Leake enjoys the time she spends hanging out at Neewollah with friends.



Above: Alex Moore, camera shy, turns as Kevin Hardy gazes into the camera to talk to a friend during the down town talent contest.



Left: Neelah Debs Shea Casurole, Paige Deno, Sumere Smith, Aubrey Papen, and Ashley Moore wait to help serve the candidates at the Queens Tea.

Prom 2005 "The Night Is Ours"

Financing a date to Prom is no small undertaking. From making reservations for dinner to buying the tickets, it literally takes months to save enough money. Compared to a female, a male tends to spend less on average for Prom and its accessories. A female can spend anywhere from \$50-\$200 on a dress. With the shoes, nails, hair, boutonniere, and various accessories, the cost can reach another \$150. For the male, renting a tux averages from \$120- \$200. Dinner and a corsage will run around \$75. Prom expenses for females can average about \$350 and males, \$275. For both, tickets to Prom are \$25 for a couple, while pictures at Prom can cost up to \$50. As for transportation, many students took limos, and the average cost is around \$120 a hour.



Amber Eytcheson gets nails done, \$30



Cameron Johnson tries on tux for last fitting, \$120



Lucy Ramos gets an updo, \$40

Junior and Senior
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"The Night is Ours"

Prom 2005



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After Prom 2005 "Vegas Nights"



The Checkered Flag

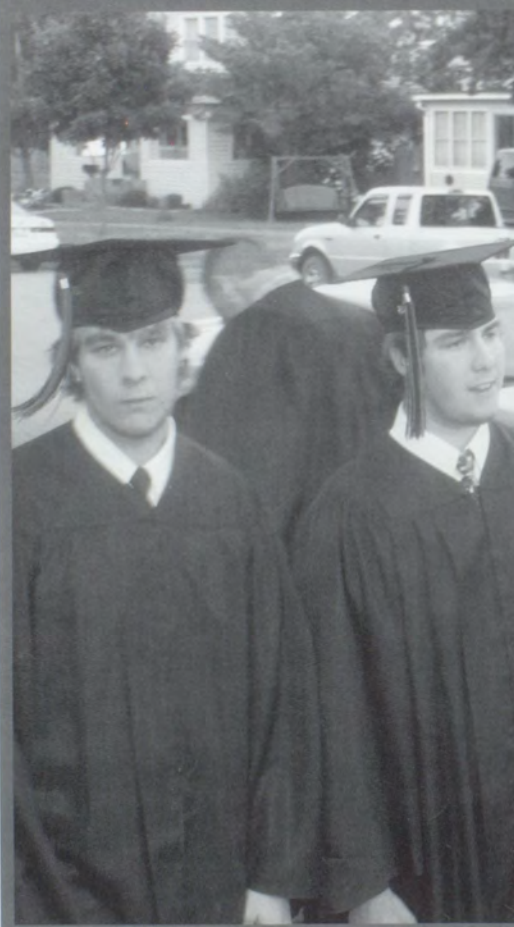
This year graduation was originally set at Shultis Stadium due to the renovation of Memorial Hall; however, because of the weather forecast, the administration decided Losey Gym would be a better location. There was no air conditioning, which made for quite a warm graduation ceremony. Meghan Kelly was the valedictorian and Kayleigh Nichols was the salutatorian for the Class of 2005. The KSHSAA Citizenship awards went to Tara Posch and Kolby Lanning.





Baccalaureate

The baccalaureate ceremony for the graduating class was held May 15 at St. Andrew's church.



Senior/Faculty Softball



Jason Wang leads the way to the food after the senior/faculty softball game. The faculty showed their skills for another year by defeating the seniors 18-6.



Brett Mead enjoys a Pepsi after playing in the game. Food service catered the event, grilling hamburgers.



Coach Alexander slams the ball way out to left field.



A group of seniors stand by and watch one of their teammates work his magic up at bat.



Mrs. McBride attempts to hit the ball past the infield.



Jacob Stockton prepares to run for home as soon as the ball is hit.



Kayleigh Nichols and Cody Coza run home after Cody smacked the ball beyond the teachers' grasp.



Mr. Torbett talks a lot of smack as he attempts to confuse the seniors.

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Mystery meat, communal bathroom, your roommate's hygiene habits.

(College life is full of surprises; your checking account shouldn't be one of them.)

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You are the best grandson in the world! I love you! - Moie

Through all the years thanks for all the smiles! It's gone by too fast but we're anticipating the next 18 years will bring even more blessings of laughter and love.

With much love from Mom, Dad and the rest of the family

Bobby:

You have given me so many great memories and I am looking forward to so so many more to come. Never forget the pool hall, Jungle Book, "I wanna be a long-haired hippie boy," "Who rules? John Lennon rules. Who else? James Dean," the boat at Elk City and so much more. When I asked for a little brother, I just wanted someone who I could make eat worms or something gross. I never imagined that the one I got would be so wonderful or special. I know you will do well in college and every other aspect of your life! I love you, and am so proud of you!

-Jacquee



Bobby Blaker



Stephanie

Stephanie

The time has gone by so fast and I've missed so much of you growing up over the years. I just want you to know that I am very proud of you, always have been. As you go out on your own and meet new challenges just remember, we are all here for you. Stay focused on "your" future, and you'll succeed at anything you do. We all love you! Congratulations!!

Dad, Chris, Kevin, A.J., and Hunter



To a special girl who I know will set her hopes high and work hard to achieve them. Best of luck in the future.

Love,
Grandma Main

Stephanie Clark

God blessed us with a sweet little girl who we have watched grow into a beautiful young woman. We have always been and always will be so proud of you. You light up our lives by just being you. We love you!

Mom and Dad



Jessica Kuhn

Abigail Roark

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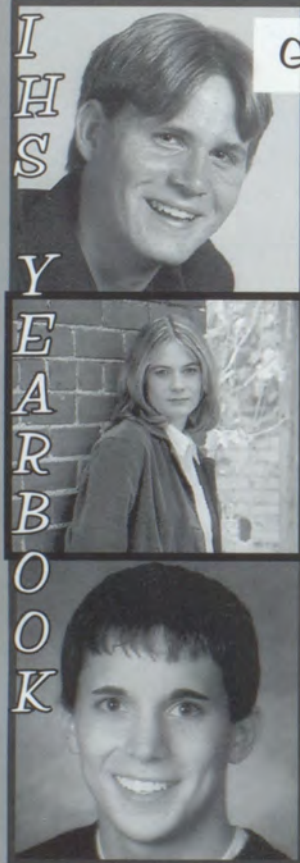
There will always be trials and tribulations in life. But remember that you are very loved, stay true of heart, and most important turn to God for all the answers in life.



You will always be my favorite oldest daughter!

Love Always,
Mom & Dad
Josh, Emily & Ben

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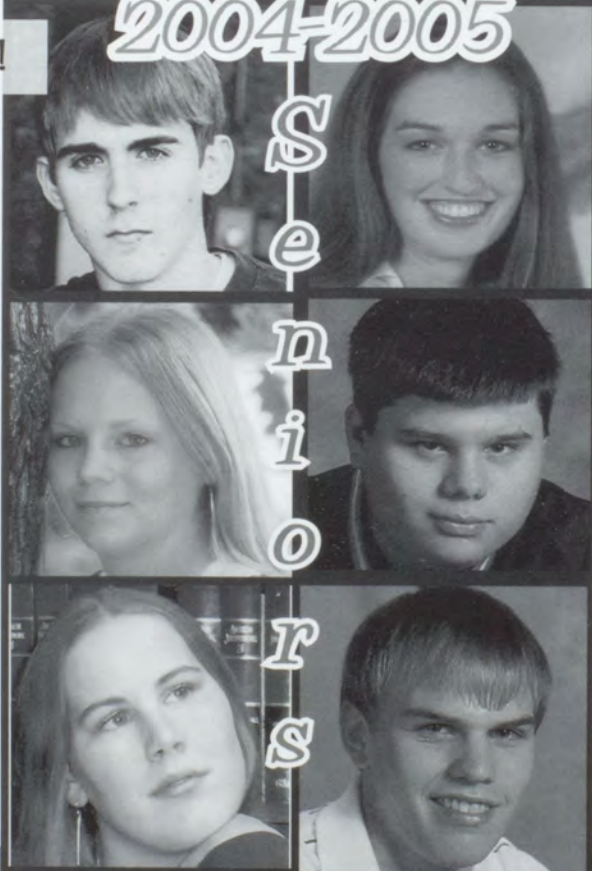
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Good luck in all you do!

Remember the speeding bus driver's ticket, El Pueblito lunch trips, earning your high school degree, hoping that the yearbook isn't a "hodgepodge of crap," meeting deadlines, birthday pizza parties, Mrs. Cox playing favorites, Neal and Cameron's artwork, "worthless," the leper list, Neal's track picture, staff romances, and playing J-Ball. Thanks for the memories!

-Your fellow yearbook members and advisor: Cameron, Maggie, Tyler, Mallory and Mrs. Cox

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2005 Mad-Lib

Directions: The reader will ask each person playing the game to call out a word- an adjective, noun, or specific part of speech- all in turn. These words can be recorded on a blank piece of paper numbered to the corresponding blanks. The reader then will fill in the corresponding blanks to create a "Mad Libs," story.

An adjective describes something or somebody. (example: blue, heavy, smelly)

An adverb tells how something is done. It modifies a verb and usually ends in "ly." (example: happily, slowly, grudgingly)

A noun is a person, place, or thing. (example: desk, Frank, Washington)

A verb is a word that shows action. (example: run, giggle, sniff)

The 2004-2005 school noun really went by fast. With all the adjective sports, activities, and adjective events, things went adverb fast. The football team had a/an adjective year, as did the sports team. Mr./Mrs. teacher's name was my adjective teacher, because he/she always verb (past tense) me. Name of IHS club was definitely exciting thanks to noun. The halls were also very adjective, especially with all the plural noun roaming about. There are also too many plural noun in the halls, so it can make it very adjective to move around. Name of person was in all my classes, which was a/an adjective thing. Homework often included essays and plural noun, which I had a very adjective time doing. Sometimes teacher's name would assign number assignments each noun. I think that noun class was the adjective and noun class was much more adjective. My favorite memory of the year was when name of person slipped on a noun and fell down the noun, which caused his/her body part to break. Another thing I will remember was when the sports team verb(past tense) its last game to end the season on a/an adjective note. All-in-all, the 2004-2005 noun was a/an adjective year. Very adjective!!!

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Tsunamis ◀

It only took a moment for massive walls of water – tsunamis – to leave at least 210,000 dead and cause massive destruction in several Asian countries on Dec. 26. The tsunamis were caused by a 9.0 earthquake centered in the Indian Ocean off Sumatra. It was the most powerful earthquake in 40 years. The international community reacted quickly with aid amid fears about disease from the bodies and lack of clean water.

A few stories of miracles came from the wreckage, such as a woman found alive floating in the Indian Ocean on a palm tree five days after the tsunamis. But tens of thousands were missing and may never be found. Many were tourists from around the world, including the United States, who had been enjoying the warm climate for the holidays.

The internet became a focal point for people looking for loved ones in the region, as blog sites to news sources such as CNN enabled people to post information about missing friends and family.

The U.S. pledged \$350 million in aid to the region, and President George W. Bush asked his two immediate predecessors in the White House, Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush, to head an appeal for private donations.



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Re-elected ◀

President George W. Bush was re-elected, defeating Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts. The Republican majority in Congress strengthened, as the party gained four seats each in the House and Senate. Voter turnout was the highest since 1968.

War continues ▶

U.S. forces remained on the front lines in Iraq, trying to bring stability to a country besieged by Iraqi rebels. Prior to Iraqi national elections in January, the U.S. increased troop totals to 150,000, the most since fighting began in March 2003. The Shiites won a plurality in the election for National Assembly seats. The National Assembly will elect the president.

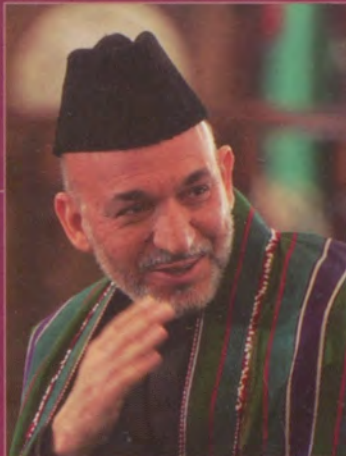
Millions vote ▶

Afghanistan elected Hamid Karzai as president in the first elections since the Taliban was ousted in 2002. Millions of people turned out to vote, despite threats of violence by men loyal to the Taliban, which is associated with al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

Counter-terrorism bill ▼

President George W. Bush signed into law a bill to establish a new national counter-terrorism center headed by a national intelligence director to oversee all 15 U.S. intelligence agencies. The bill was a response to the 9/11 Commission report that said more coordination was needed between agencies.

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what you think

If you had voted, whom would you have voted for in the 2004 U.S. Presidential election?

George W. Bush	52.0%
John Kerry	37.3%
Ralph Nader	5.3%
Other	5.6%

Survey results compiled from responses from more than 2,300 high school students across the nation.



Vaccine shortage ▶

A flu vaccine shortage limited injections to people in the high-risk categories – the elderly and chronically ill. Only half of the vaccine was available because of contamination problems at a manufacturing plant owned by a U.S. company in England. However, shortages turned into surpluses in some areas as fewer people got shots than anticipated.

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Peace prize ▼

A Kenyan environmentalist won the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize. Wangari Maathai, Kenya's deputy environmental minister, has devoted her life to combating deforestation, promoting democracy and working for women's rights.

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Lemonade stands for cancer ▼

Alexandra Scott, 8, raised nearly \$1.5 million in 2004 for cancer research through her Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Alex, who died in 2004 of cancer, earned \$2,000 in 2000 when she first set up a lemonade stand in front of her home near Philadelphia. Her parents plan to continue the foundation.



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Orphan aid ▶

A Virginia college student raised \$30,000 to help 950 orphans in a Kampala, Uganda, orphanage. George Srour, from William and Mary College, visited the orphanage through a United Nations internship. He returned home and began a website fund-raiser with a goal to get \$8,000 to replace the orphanage's bamboo school.



\$5

By adopting a Meeting Point Kampala orphan for \$5, you can help ensure Santa delivers uniforms, books, school bags, geometry sets, crayons and many other items in need this holiday season. Visit www.dogstreetjournal.com/CIK for more information.

CHRISTMAS
in KAMPALA
FROM THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

George Srour

Arafat dies ▼

Yasser Arafat, 75, leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, died in November not achieving his life's goal of helping to establish an independent Palestinian state. Under Arafat, the PLO carried out terrorist attacks against Israel, yet he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 with Israeli leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, as the two sides sought peace.

Which of the following do you rely on most to keep up with current events? (Respondents selected more than one.)

Channel One	42.5%
Radio	42.5%
TV	25.7%
Class discussion	25.7%
Newspapers/magazines	25.5%
I don't keep up	25.5%
Conversation with friends	6.3%
Internet	6.3%

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Reagan dies ◀

Ronald Reagan, 40th president of the United States from 1980-89, died in June at home in California at the age of 93. His Reagan Revolution brought a renewed emphasis on fiscal and social conservatism and strength in foreign affairs, including an end to the Cold War.



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Four in one year ▶

Florida took the brunt of four major hurricanes in August and September. Charley came inland from the Gulf of Mexico and hit the peninsula; Frances and Jeanne from the eastern Florida coast; and Ivan made landfall on Alabama near the Florida border. As the storms moved inland, heavy rains, thunderstorms and tornadoes caused flooding and damage to everything from buildings to beaches from Texas to Pennsylvania. The U.S. death toll from the four storms was more than 120 people.

The hurricanes that struck the U.S. first wreaked havoc across the Caribbean. In Haiti, Tropical Storm Jeanne left more than 1,500 people dead and more than 1,250 missing. In the city of Gonaives, food and drinkable water was unavailable, homes, buildings and roads were destroyed, and relief agencies had difficulty reaching the needy.



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Holiday weather ▶

Ho, ho, ho – the joke was on many holiday travelers, who were besieged by ice and snow from Texas to Ohio on Dec. 22, as well as computer problems and a large number of sick employees at separate airlines through Christmas weekend. Just after Christmas, snow fell as far south as Brownsville, Texas, and battered the East Coast from North Carolina to Massachusetts. Heavy rains began a month-long deluge in southern California.



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Death sentence ◀

Scott Peterson was sentenced to death after a jury found him guilty in the deaths of his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son, who disappeared Christmas Eve 2002. Scott Peterson's trial lasted 23 weeks and included testimony from his mistress.



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Cambodia king ▶

Cambodia crowned Norodom Sihamoni as king after his father stepped aside. During the coronation celebrations, hope in the country was high that the new king, a former ballet star, would bring stability to the democracy.

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Some peace in Sudan ◀

Sudan's government and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement ended a 21-year civil war. But war continued in Sudan's Darfur region, where the United Nations is investigating allegations of genocide by the government. The U.N. estimated more than 70,000 people are dead in Darfur, with about 1.5 million living in refugee camps.

Gas prices up ▶

U.S. gasoline prices increased dramatically, surpassing \$2 a gallon in many parts of the country. In October, the price neared the record set in May 2004 of \$2.054 per gallon, about 42.5 cents above the 2003 average.

Yushchenko wins ▼

Viktor Yushchenko became Ukraine's president in an election marked by challenges from his opponent, former Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, a revote, and even an alleged poisoning. Medical officials have said it was an unknown illness that disfigured his face, as these July and December 2004 photos show.

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California train derailment ▲

Juan Manuel Alvarez was charged with murder following the collision of two commuter trains in Los Angeles in January. Police say Alvarez pulled his SUV onto the tracks, and then left the vehicle before the trains came. Eleven people were killed.

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Terrorism in Russia ▼

Chechen rebels launched several terrorist attacks against Russia. Two female suicide bombers, known as "black widows," brought down two Russian airliners, killing 89 people in late August. In a horrific event 10 days later, at least 335 hostages, most of them children, were killed when Russian troops stormed a Beslan school to end a terrorist takeover.

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Anchors away ◀ ▼

Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather stepped away from their nightly news anchor desks. Brokaw, *NBC Nightly News* anchor for almost 23 years, exited Dec. 1 but planned to host documentaries. Rather left in the spring after 24 years as the *CBS Evening News* anchor, but continued as a *60 Minutes* correspondent.



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Back in the spotlight ▼

Former President Bill Clinton was in the news, recovering from heart bypass surgery, releasing his best selling autobiography *My Life* and opening his new presidential library in Little Rock, Ark.



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Martha serves ▶

Martha Stewart, who made millions helping women turn their houses into homes, served five months in prison for her conviction for lying to investigators about a trade of ImClone Systems stock. She was incarcerated at a minimum-security facility in West Virginia known as Camp Cupcake.



sports

Season put on ice ▶

For the first time, a professional sports league lost an entire season due to a labor dispute. The National Hockey League (NHL) canceled the season after a 153-day lockout, centered on whether or not the players would accept a salary cap.



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A Boston party ◀

Chances are, Boston sports fans might never again enjoy a year quite like this one.

For starters, decades of Boston Red Sox frustration was wiped away in one amazing October. Trailing three games to none in the American League playoffs against the New York Yankees, Boston won four in a row and became the first team in baseball history to rally from such a deficit. The Red Sox rolled on to the World Series and swept the NL champion St. Louis Cardinals in four games. It was Boston's first World Series title since 1918, and it vanquished the dreaded Curse of the Bambino, which haunted the team since its infamous decision to sell slugger Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920.

The celebration continued into football season, where the New England Patriots were once again crowned NFL champions. The Patriots won their third world title in four years, defeating the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX, 24-21. In doing so, New England staked its claim to being the NFL's latest "dynasty," and sparked debate as to how they stand among the greatest teams of all time.

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Basketbrawl ▶

A November game between the Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons led to one of the worst fights in U.S. sports history. On-court shoving between Indiana's Ron Artest and Detroit's Ben Wallace escalated when a plastic cup lobbed by a fan prompted Artest to charge into the stands and touch off a riot with the crowd. Several players were suspended, and criminal indictments were filed against both players and fans.

Simply the best ▶

American cyclist Lance Armstrong cemented his place in sports history when he won a record sixth straight Tour de France, while just eight years removed from overcoming a battle with testicular cancer. He plans to try for a seventh win.

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Steroid scandal ▶

Steroid rumors plagued baseball. The federal investigation into BALCO, a sports medicine lab in San Francisco, continued and leaked court testimony indicated that Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi admitted to using what turned out to be illegal substances. Later, former slugger Jose Canseco wrote a tell-all book and claimed to have used steroids with former teammates, including Giambi and Mark McGwire.



Olympics go home again ▶

The Summer Olympics returned to Athens, Greece, site of the first modern games. U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps was the breakout star, winning eight medals in his first Olympics.

Gymnasts Carly Patterson and Paul Hamm became the first Americans to win the all-around competition in 20 years. The men's basketball team failed to win the gold medal for the first time in 20 years, while the women's soccer team took home the gold in the final appearance for captain Mia Hamm.



King of Troy ▲

USC quarterback Matt Leinart won the Heisman Trophy, then a few weeks later led the Trojans to the college football national championship over Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. Hyped as one of the best title game matchups in recent years, the game failed to live up as USC routed the Sooners, 55-19.



Chase for the Cup ▶

In the first year of NASCAR's new scoring system, which crowned a winner after a 10-race series at the end of the season, brash young driver Kurt Busch won his first Nextel Cup by just eight points over Jimmie Johnson.



what you think

What was the most newsworthy sports event of the year?

Boston Red Sox end Bambino curse by winning World Series	31.0%
Indiana Pacers brawl with Detroit Pistons fans	25.3%
Other	14.4%
Lance Armstrong wins a record sixth Tour de France	13.7%
L.A. Lakers keep Kobe Bryant, trade Shaquille O'Neal	12.2%
Star baseball players admit steroid use	3.2%

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Wireless revolution ▶

Several cities have or are working to set up wireless internet access including Philadelphia; New York City; Cleveland; Corpus Christi, Texas; and Shaska, Minn. Some of the networks cost residents a fee to use, while others were free.

Mount St. Helens, part two ▶

Mount St. Helens in Washington blew steam and ash several times in the fall. While earthquakes and rock falls were part of the volcano's activity, no major earthquakes or eruptions occurred, and certainly nothing like the 1980 eruption that killed 57 people.

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Genetically modified cats ▲

Allerca, a California biotech company, began taking orders for the first genetically engineered, hypoallergenic cats. The company said the cats would be the first in a series of lifestyle pets, designed for the millions who suffer from pet allergies.



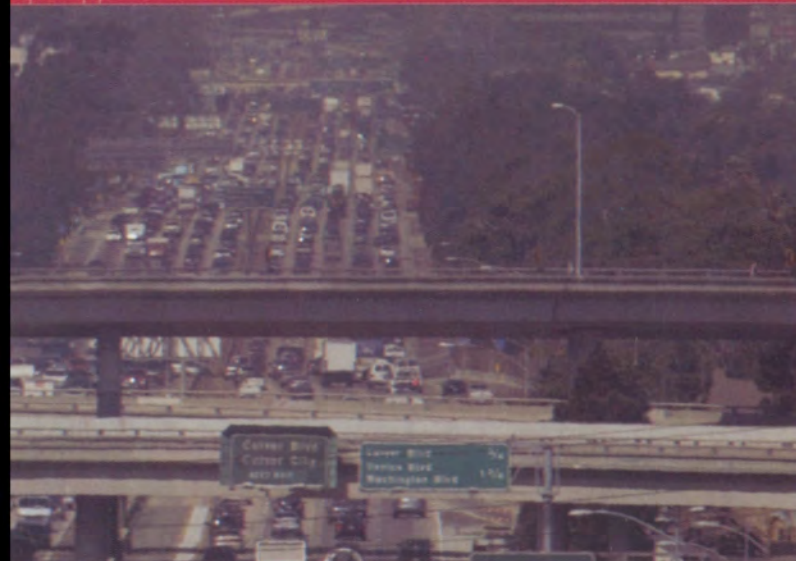
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New human species ▲

Scientists working on an Indonesian island discovered what was believed to be the fossils of a previously unknown human dwarf species that was 18,000 years old.

Global warming ◀

The Kyoto protocols on global warming went into effect for many countries. The U.S., which bowed out of the treaty, continued to take international criticism. Meanwhile, one new scientific study predicted sea ice around the North Pole could be gone by the end of the century.



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A new frontier ▶

A privately financed vehicle sent humans into outer space for the first time when SpaceShipOne completed two successful flights that reached an altitude of more than 62 miles.

The rocket, designed by engineer Burt Rutan, was built for the Ansari X Prize, a \$10 million contest created to spur development in private spaceflight. Pilots Brian Binnie and Mike Melvill guided the groundbreaking flights.

Ansari X creator Peter Diamandis said he hoped to eventually make the contest an annual event, and many investors began announcing plans to get involved.

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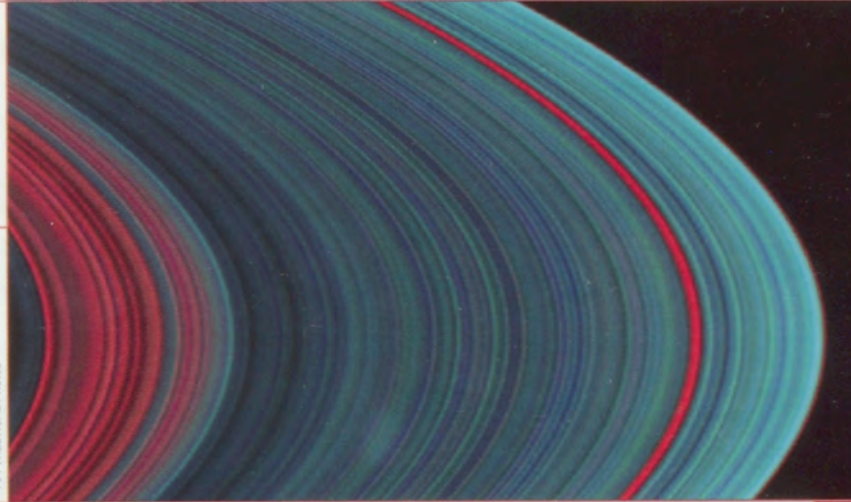
Hello, Saturn ▶

The international Cassini spacecraft reached Saturn after seven years of travel, and began beaming back incredible pictures, much to the delight of astronomers long curious about the planet and its moons.

Just Google it ▼

The internet search company Google became the top brand name online, and the company held an IPO that generated billions of dollars. By the end of its first quarter as a public company, Google posted a \$52 million profit.

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Stem cell research ◀

Fierce political battles continued to rage over the controversial groundbreaking medical research, with millions being invested and debate going all the way to the United Nations. The death of actor Christopher Reeve, a strong advocate of the research, brought renewed publicity to the debate.

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what you think

Which of these technological items have you used? (Respondents selected more than one.)

Digital cameras	42.5%
Cell phones with cameras or wireless internet	25.7%
Satellite radio	25.5%
I haven't used any of these	25.5%
MP3 players that play downloaded music	6.3%

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I confess, it's a hit ▼

R&B singer Usher reached stardom when his new album, *Confessions*, sold more than 6 million copies. Four singles off the album reached number one on the Billboard charts, making Usher the first artist in 34 years to achieve that feat in one year.

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The Aviator takes flight ◀

Martin Scorsese's *The Aviator*, the life story of millionaire Howard Hughes, scored 11 Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture and a Best Actor nod for Leonardo DiCaprio, who played the title role. *The Aviator* took home the Best Picture, Drama award from the Golden Globes, and DiCaprio won the Golden Globe for Best Actor in a drama.

Another multiple Oscar nominee was *Sideways*, the comedic story of two buddies who take one last road trip to California wine country before one of them gets married. *Sideways* also won the Golden Globe for Best Picture, Comedy or Musical.



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Golden Foxx ▶

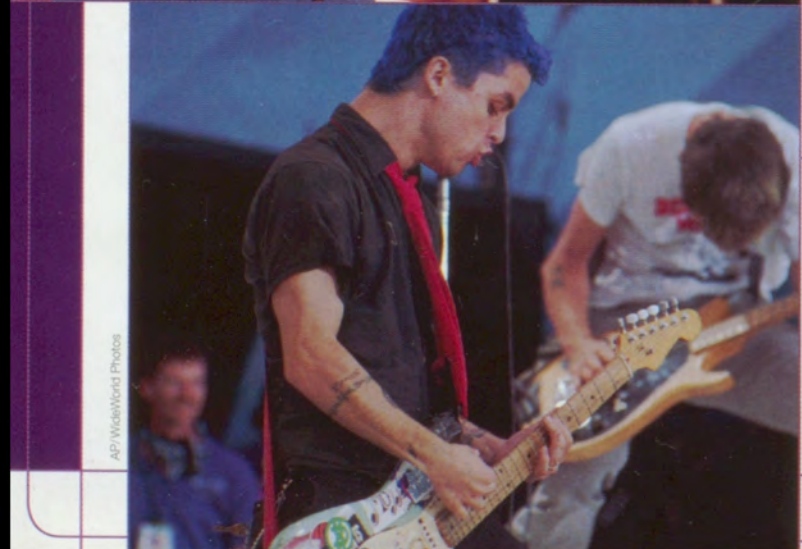
Comedian Jamie Foxx had a huge year in the movies, crossing over to dramatic starring roles in two hits, *Ray* and *Collateral*. Foxx earned a Best Actor Golden Globe award for his biographical portrayal of blues musician Ray Charles, and two Oscar nominations, Best Actor for *Ray* and Best Supporting Actor for *Collateral*.

Good-bye, Johnny ▶

Late-night TV talk show legend Johnny Carson died at age 79. As host of NBC's *Tonight Show* for nearly 30 years, Carson flashed his signature wit and deadpan humor, becoming the most well-known talk show host on TV. Other notable celebrity deaths included blues singer Ray Charles, actor Marlon Brando, former Superman actor Christopher Reeves and comedian Rodney Dangerfield.

Not typical idiots ▶

The '90s punk rock band Green Day returned from a long hiatus with a new album that gained critical and popular acclaim. The album and first single, both named *American Idiot*, each earned Grammy nominations for song and record of the year. *American Idiot* went on to win the Grammy for Best Rock Album.



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Alex, I'll take champions for \$2.5 million ▶

Ken Jennings, a software engineer from Salt Lake City, won 74 straight times on the game show *Jeopardy!*. Jennings won more than \$2.5 million before being stopped by Nancy Zerg, a Los Angeles real estate agent.

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Moore stirs the pot again ▶

Controversial documentary filmmaker Michael Moore ruffled more feathers with his movie *Fahrenheit 9/11*, which criticized the Bush administration's handling of the war in Iraq. The movie became the highest grossing documentary ever with more than \$100 million.

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A daily dose of Stewart ▲

Thousands of Americans became regular watchers of *The Daily Show*, a nightly satirical look at world events on Comedy Central. Comedian Jon Stewart, host of the so-called "fake" news show, also wrote *America, The Book*.

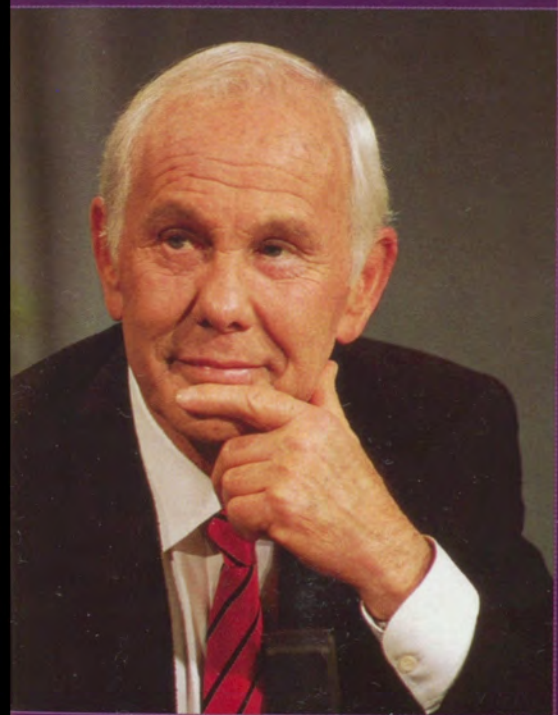
HBO's big night ▶

After several individual acting awards over its five seasons, HBO's *The Sopranos* finally won Best Drama Series at the Emmy Awards. An HBO miniseries, *Angels in America*, won a record 11 Emmys. New Fox sitcom *Arrested Development* surprised many by winning Best Comedy Series.

Driving a dream ▼

On the season premiere of her hit daytime talk show, Oprah Winfrey gave new cars to all 276 guests in the studio audience. The show was themed, "Wildest Dreams Come True."

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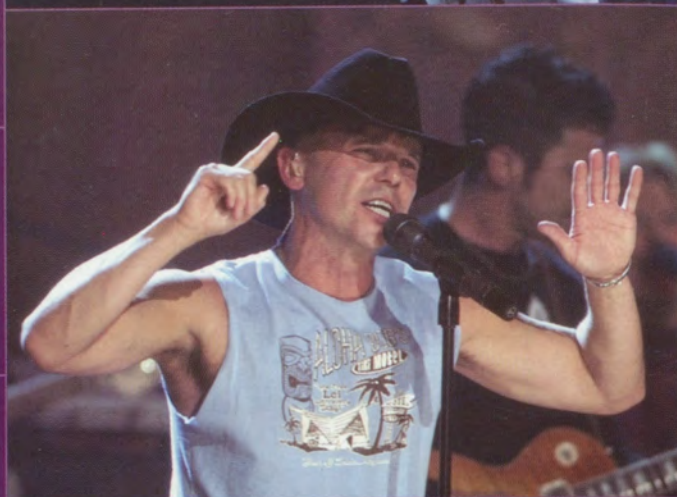
Grammys honor genius ▶

The Grammy Awards turned into a night to honor the legendary Ray Charles. In the same year that he passed away, the late Blues singer and pianist won Album of the Year and Record of the Year for his final album, *Genius Loves Company*. Other big winners included rapper Kanye West and R&B singer Alicia Keys.

Sun shines on Chesney ▶

Kenny Chesney headlined the Country Music Awards when he won both Entertainer of the Year and Album of the Year for *When the Sun Goes Down*. Martina McBride won Female Vocalist of the Year for the fourth time, while Keith Urban won his first Male Vocalist of the Year award.

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Who is your favorite musical artist or group?

- 1) Usher
- 2) Eminem
- 3) Linkin Park
- 4) Kenny Chesney
- 5) Green Day

What is your favorite TV show?

- 1) CSI
- 2) The OC
- 3) The Simpsons
- 4) Family Guy
- 5) That 70s Show

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what you think



Nightclub attack ▲

"Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, right, former guitarist of heavy metal band Pantera, was one of four victims murdered onstage in a nightclub shooting in Columbus, Ohio. Abbott was shot at point-blank range by the gunman, who was then shot dead by police.

Eminem's encore ◀

Rap superstar Eminem released his fourth album, *Encore*, and it went multiplatinum. This time, the star went introspective with many tracks, but also pleased his audience by lambasting icons such as Michael Jackson and President George W. Bush.

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Happily ever after? ▶

It was a busy year for A-list celebrity couples. Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston called it quits, while actress/singer Jennifer Lopez got married again, this time to fellow pop star Marc Anthony. Britney Spears married twice, the first time for 55 hours to a childhood friend and the second time to one of her dancers.

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Lingering reality ▼

While scripted TV made a comeback, reality TV still made its presence known. Chris Daugherty, a highway worker from Ohio, won *Survivor Vanuatu*, the ninth edition of the popular adventure show. Other popular new reality franchises included *Trading Spouses* and *Wife Swap*.

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No longer Lost ▶

ABC, a struggling network for almost a decade, bounced back with two hits, *Desperate Housewives*, about a neighborhood of upper middle-class women and their chaotic family lives, and *Lost*, a drama about plane crash survivors stranded on a deserted island.

U2 the bomb ▼

Irish rock band U2 returned with its first album in nearly four years, *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*, and it immediately shot to the top of the charts. The band also reached a deal with Apple Computers for its own custom iPod, and was slated to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Can't get enough CSI ▼

The CSI police drama franchise on CBS cranked out another version, *CSI: New York*, joining the already successful *CSI* and *CSI: Miami*. The original *CSI* continued to be the most watched show on TV again.



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trends

what you think

What were the trendiest new clothing/accessories this year?

Lance Armstrong bracelets	11.2%
UGG boots	8.1%
ponchos	6.6%
scarves	4.9%
shoes of all types	4.0%

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Audio updates ◀

Apple's iPod, and other digital audio devices, were runaway successes. Apple's iTunes music store sold more than 100 million songs, making downloadable music more popular than ever.

Healthy trends ▶

In two studies, about 22 percent of U.S. high school students said they smoked cigarettes regularly in 2003, the lowest percentage in more than a decade, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and 80 percent of Americans wear seat belts, according to the Department of Transportation.



Going home to study ▼

If you are reading this, you probably are not home schooled, but almost 1.1 million students were in 2003, and according to a government study, that is an increase of 29 percent since 1999.

Not just for kids ▶

Some changes were made in what may be some of your favorite cereals. General Mills and Kellogg's switched from highly processed white flour to whole-grain flours and reduced amounts of sugar in many of their cereals. Studies have shown whole grains are healthier for the heart and add fiber to diets.



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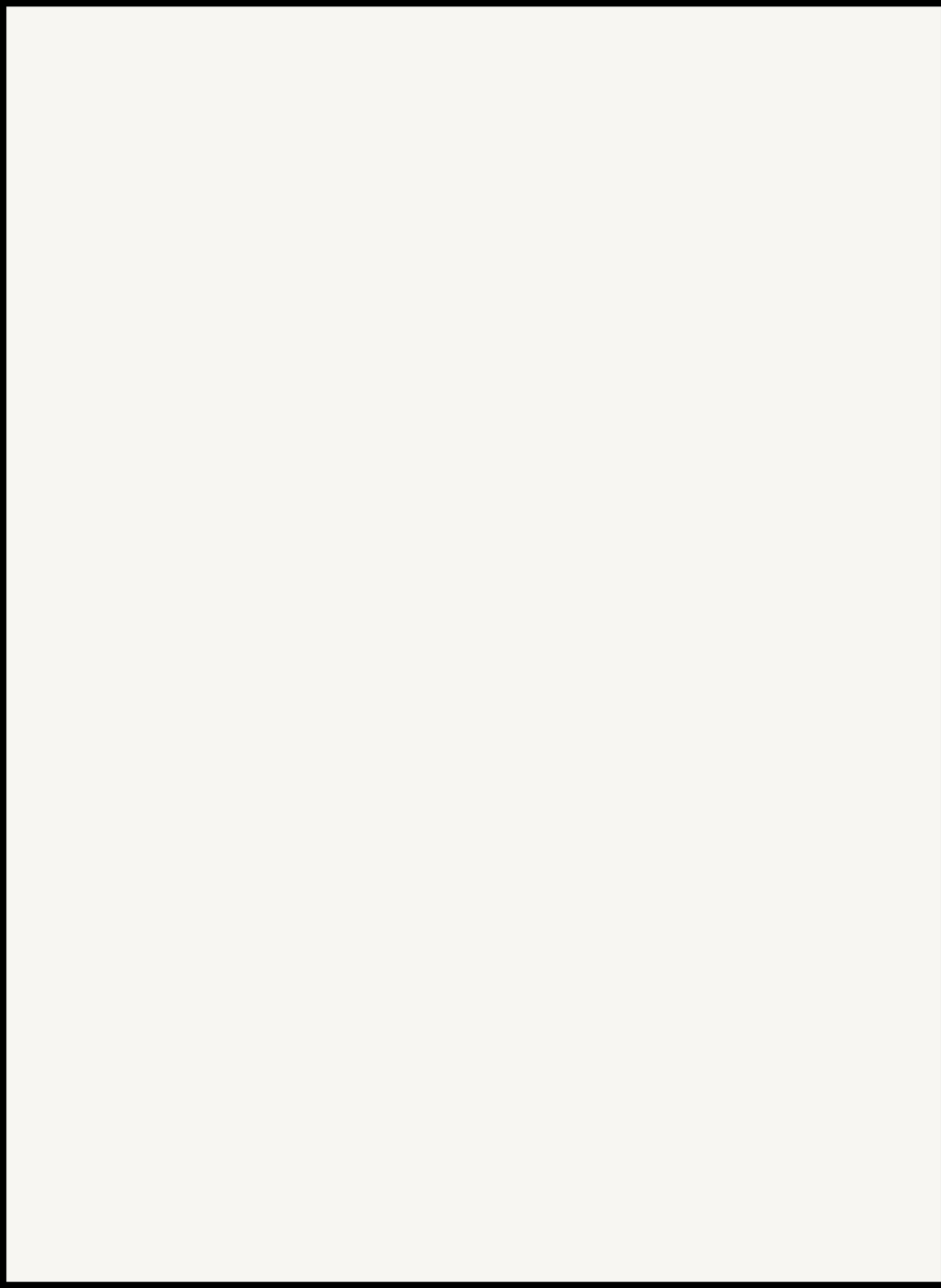


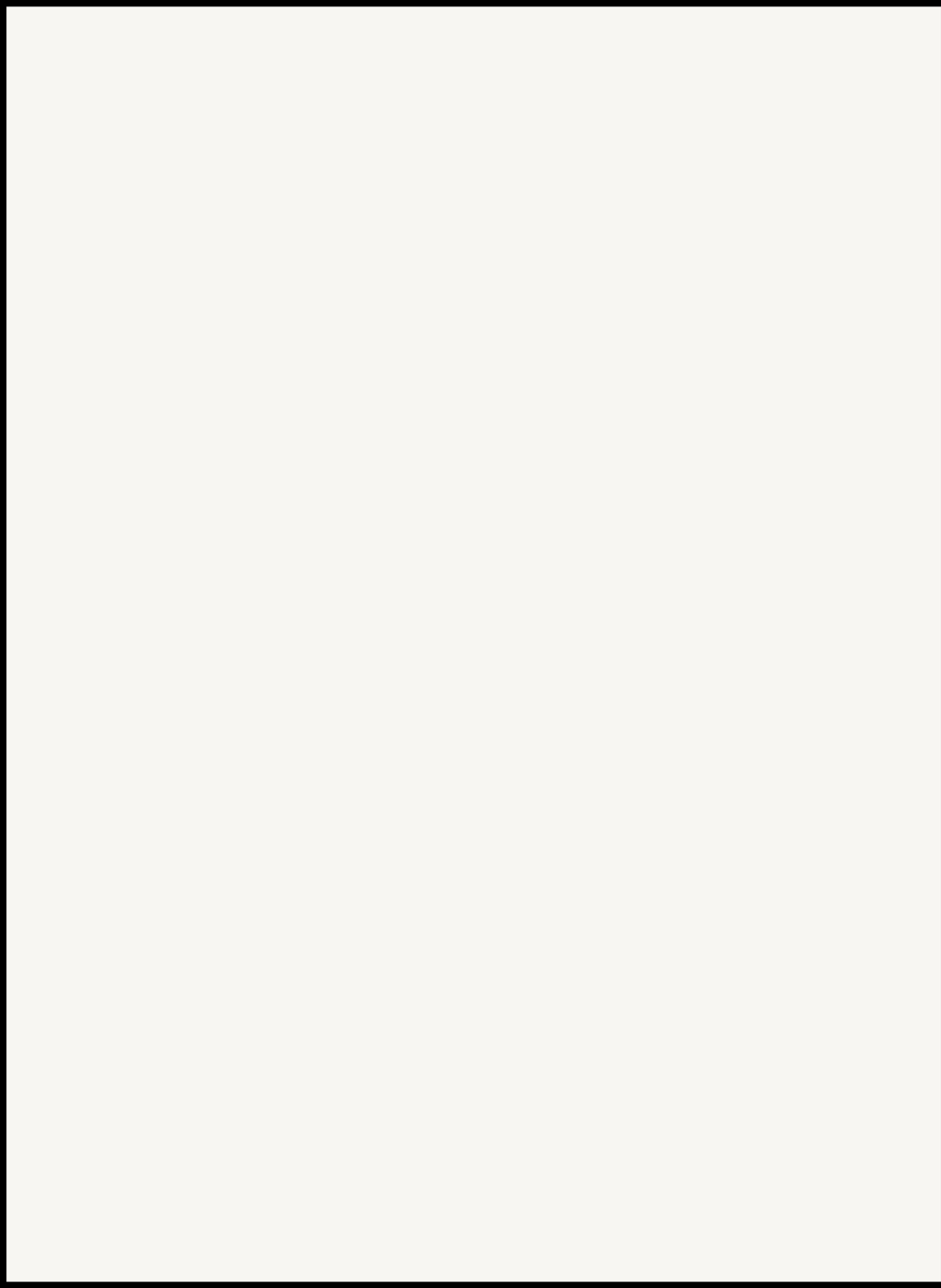
Will they last? ▲

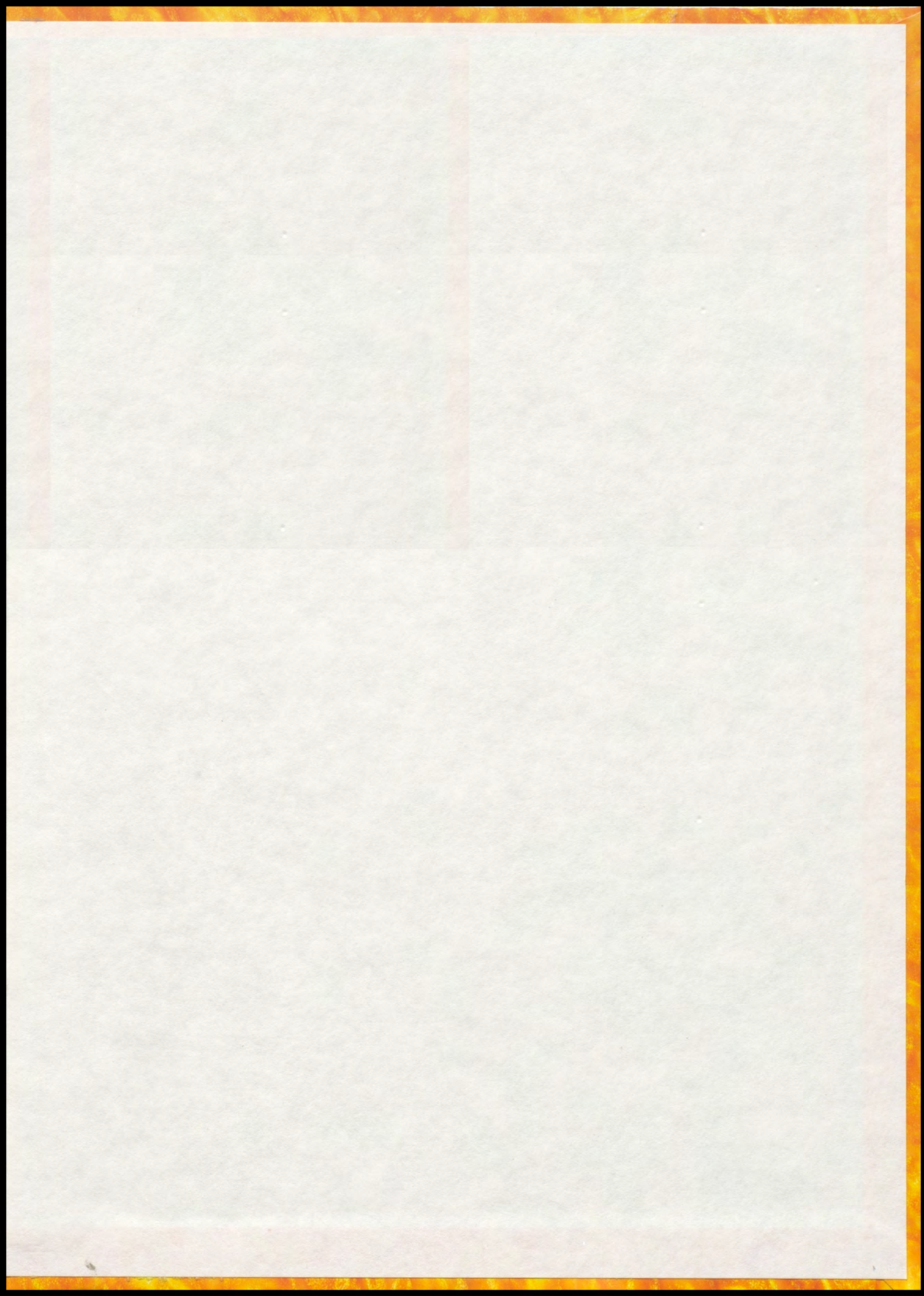
In fashion, ponchos, poofy scarves and big brooches were worn by girls who were dressed up or down. In general, a more feminine look appeared, as did the trend of wearing more modest clothing.

Live Strong ▲

An item created to raise money to help people live with cancer became a fashion statement. The Lance Armstrong Foundation, founded by the Tour de France winner and cancer survivor, sold the Live Strong yellow wristbands, which became a must-have accessory and show of support.









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