



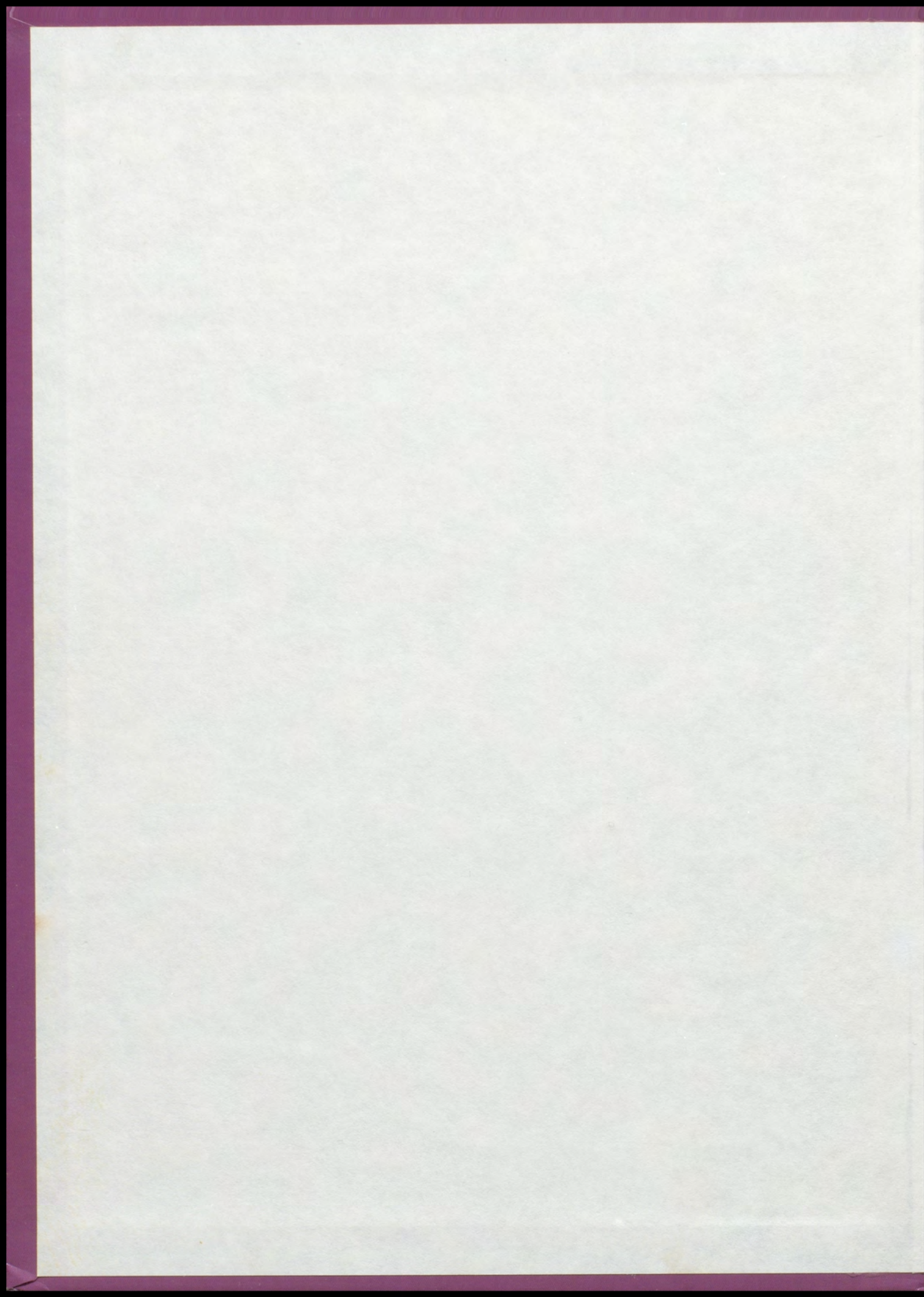
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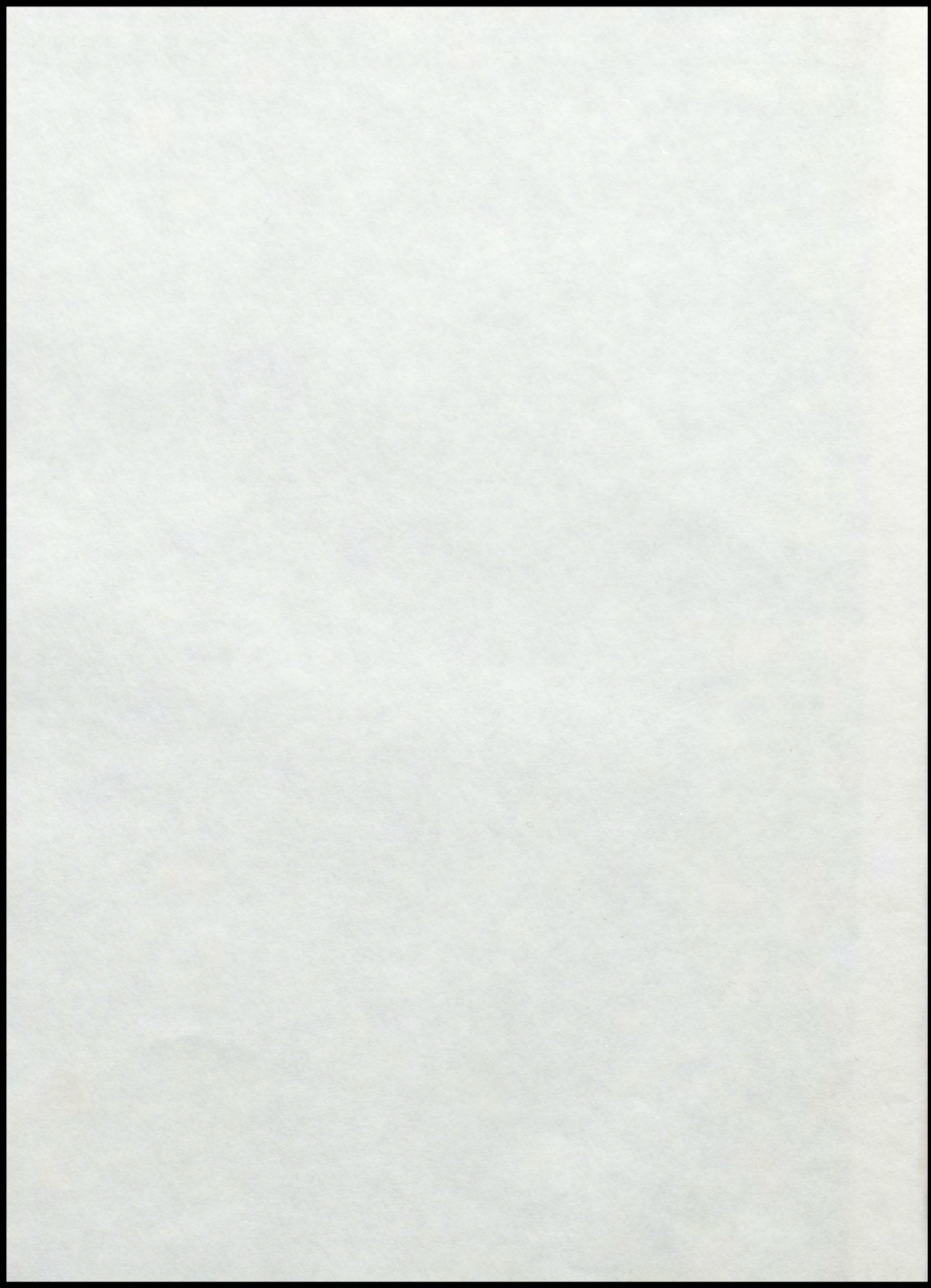
High School

Color Outside  
The Lines









# Color Outside The Lines

Choosing the theme for this year's book our staff expected the usual: black and white with the standard quotes, layouts, and student life pictures. We soon found out this was not the case. A visit from our yearbook representative enlightened us that we would have the opportunity to publish an all color book. We then spent a few days trying to find a theme that would highlight the similarity between dynamic colors out of a Crayola box and the unique personalities you can

find in any given classroom. This in turn brought us to [Color Outside The Lines](#), jumping out as an obvious choice.

When asked to describe the high school experience in three words many seniors said it was dramatic, chaotic, and emotional. They were itching to leave the slow-paced days and go to their college get-aways they had anxiously awaited. But others were somewhat sad with the response that it was too short, special, and exciting. They cherished the time they spent

getting to see friends every day and the priceless activities and events they shared with teachers and students close to them.

Overall there was the agreement that high school did indeed resemble a page from a coloring book. There are defined lines to guide you, but more times than not, they are crossed. When everything is colored in you have a beautiful piece of art, despite the stray marks outside the picture.



Left: Chelsi Taylor and Chad Shaffer work alongside other students in their advisory while painting the Riverside Park fire truck during the first ever school wide Service Day held in November.



Right: Erin Hignight and Breezy Mangan dress up to win a spot on the Spirit Swing at one of the home football games.



# Experiencing

# the

# Blues

CAUTION

"there's not a prescription for it"



"Thunderstorms give me the blues"

- Kirsten Steinle

"Teachers who be getting all up in my stuff"

- Sha'ray Britt



"People talking bad about my friends"

- Amanda DeCou

"Winter gives me the Blues!"

- Devish Patel



**Blues!** What are the **Blues**?

They range from a sophisticated form of music to sad, almost borderline depression-like feelings. Stress concerning school work, to conflict with friends and family, to over-commitment and self-esteem issues all can cause the **Blues**. For teenagers, the **Blues** are common and expected. They experience a lot in life, sometimes experiencing too much.

During the first semester, students of IHS endured some troubling events. A bomb threat and unexpected violence in the cafeteria led to some feelings of sadness or worry. The school seemed shaken with lives slightly changed. The student body was in a situation where they felt comfortable and safe. These events inflicted the **Blues** on some IHS students.

"The stabbing was just different" a junior expressed. "I guess this particular situation affected those who make fun of people [bullies] more, whereas, I try to treat everyone equally. I didn't feel threatened."

Conflict with parents or guardians can also inflict the **Blues**. Junior **Matt Corn** said, "getting in trouble with my dad can get me down".

School work can stress students

to the max. Poor performance on an exam and missing deadlines are a couple ways to inflict school related stress. "Grades are my biggest **Blue**," comments Junior **Allie Stephens**. "I fight this by studying more and trying harder in class." Procrastination also doesn't help reduced school-related stress.

"How do you eat an elephant?" questions Mr. Papen, counselor. "You cannot swallow the whole thing in one bite. Look at and concentrate on what you can accomplish today. This will help take away the overwhelming feeling of getting everything done, which is the root of stress. That's the best overall advice I can give."

However, there is some good news. Rarely do the **Blues** last very long. As life is transitory, so are the **Blues**. The music, the disappointment, the unhappiness-all experience short life spans. This is especially true at the teenage level.

Teenagers rebound quickly. It may partly be due to their dispositions along with their ability to adjust. But mostly they relate to the fact that **Blue** skies and happier times are on the horizon. Reflecting that "the **Blues** are nothing but a **color**."

Winter Homecoming King *Om Patel*



# THE COLOR OF



Prom Queen *Caitlin Kelly*



Fall Homecoming Queen *Traci Mills*



# ROYALTY

*It's* very own Kings and Queens finish their senior year regestically

Winter Homecoming Queen *Kandace Spellman*



Prom King *Tyler Smith*



Fall Homecoming King *Josh Woollard*



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istorically speaking, when associating a color with royalty the color purple comes to mind. Both royalty and the color purple are regal and strong. They are interesting and unique. Unique, just like ITS' own royal kings and queens. Each year ITS crowns six student kings and queens, along with the community's Queen Neelah.

Our royal year kicks off with Fall Homecoming, which takes place in October. This year, Josh Woollard and Traci Mills reigned as King and Queen of Fall Homecoming. Traci said, "I was so happy just to be on the court, but to win? That was indescribable."

Neewollah is a huge tradition in Independence. Each October a new group of senior girls participate in the Queen Neelah pageant. This year's Queen, Lisa Erbe admitted that while purple is an "okay" color to describe royalty, she prefers red. "It just seems more glamorous to me!"

Immediately following Christmas Break Struco begins their planning to crown another King and Queen duo. Our Winter Homecoming King and Queen were Kandace Spellman and Om Patel. The two were crowned immediately following one of the last home basketball games. When asked about their experience, Om Patel commented, "It was great. I felt really honored knowing that the student body selected me; it was nice."

Finishing off the year, ITS crowned one last set of royalty: Tyler Smith and Caitlin Kelly. The two were crowned during prom at Losey. Instead of receiving traditional flowers, the King and Queen received their very own Academy Awards, courtesy of the Junior Class.

# WHAT'S THE COST???

The first step out of high school is to find a college that is right for you. If you happen to choose an in-state college, your wallet will likely stay fuller than if you were to select somewhere outside of Kansas. The most common choices for IHS seniors are K-State, K.U., Pitt State, Wichita State and a few smaller schools like Baker. When considering a college, one must consider many factors, but let's face it: Cost is a HUGE factor.

If you were to pick a college by the cost, how would you choose? Tuition is the largest single cost for any college education. The University of Kansas has the highest rate of semester tuition for a Regents school at \$2412. That's a pretty good chunk of change! Kansas State's tuition is \$2030. At Pittsburg State, tuition is a mere \$1781. Wichita State comes in at \$2040. If that sounds outrageous, think about paying at least twice that much if you're an out-of-state resident!

In addition to paying tuition every semester, college students have a myriad of other expenses. Books and supplies cost an average of \$300 each semester. If you participate in rush to pledge a fraternity or sorority, there are charges incurred with initiation fees and social events. Whether you reside in a Greek house or not, the monthly dues run about \$200. At KU's parent orientation in June 2006, parents were told to expect to spend \$18,000 on their child's college education in the 2006-2007 academic year.

It's pretty obvious that for most students, scholarship becomes VERY important. If a student is active in school clubs and athletics and he carries a decent GPA, then there is a great chance that he can get a scholarship. Other ways to get money can come from the FASHFA and grants. A grant is FREE money, which a student does not have to pay back. The FAFSA is a grant that is awarded based on the income of a student's parents or possibly himself, if he lives on his own. Loans are another way to finance a college education if a student does not otherwise have enough to cover the costs of tuition and living. A student must pay back student loans, usually at a time after the student leaves college and at a pretty competitive interest rate.

Some places that a student can get help with finding scholarships are in the counselor's office, the internet, and the actual colleges, themselves. Some of the sites that could be helpful are [www.FinAid.org](http://www.FinAid.org) or even [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com). These places give students a chance to find other scholarships they might have not heard about or even considered their eligibility.

## Where will you get your cash???



# Blondes Have More Fun!!!!



Barbie has set the bar for beauty. She sends the image to girls everywhere that to have fun you must be blonde. But when asked about blondes students shared, "They are the same as everyone else."

**Both Kelley**

"Some blonde is good, but not BLONDE blonde. I do not think they have more fun though." **Ben Webb**

How many blondes does it take to change a lightbulb?  
Two: one to hold the Diet Pepsi and the other to call for Daddy.

What do you

think about blondes???

"It's a good hair color to have."

**AJ Kimzey**

"Blondes? I'd like to hang out with ALL of them."

**Brian Tyree**

## Famous Blondes:

Madonna

Anna Kournikova

Jessica Simpson

Kelly Ripa

Reese Witherspoon

Shakira

Marilyn Monroe

Charlize Theron

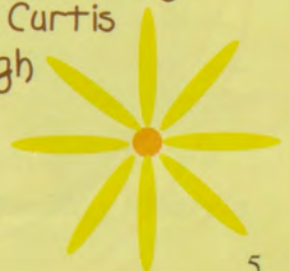
Paris Hilton

Heather Graham

## Blonde Quiz

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This lady played the girl who was stabbed in the famous shower scene in Alfred Hitchcock's 'Psycho'.

- Cameron Diaz
- Jennifer Jason Leigh
- Jamie Lee Curtis
- Janet Leigh



Above: Kelsey Smading, Jenny Carpenter, and Kelsie Meler.

# Seeing

What gets you  
**MAD?!**

# RED

## School-Related Madness!

Stupid girls, obnoxious boys, student parking, homework, teachers, lunch ladies, pencil/foot tapping, absence of vending machines, discipline, hallway bustle, and slow walkers- all these things have been mentioned when respond to students what makes them angry. Suprisingly enough, the number one answer among students who were interveiwed was homework. Homework has been one of the most dreaded parts of school for ages. Whether students like it or not, homework is and will continue to be a necessary evil of school.

Another popular answer was student parking. This year there were several cases of parking violations, but many of them went unnoticed or unpunished. Students not committing parking violations agree that something should be done.

In the end, there are many things that make students angry, whether it be homework or lunch ladies, students have managed ways to overcome their anger.

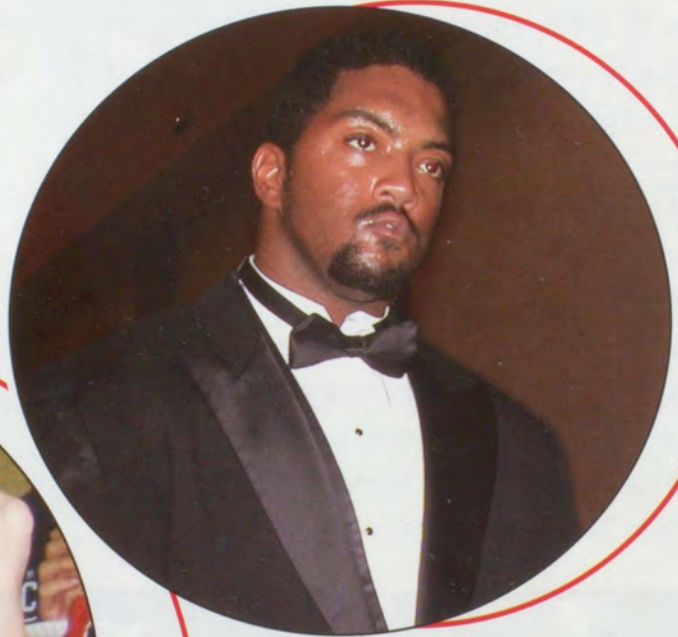


Devish Patel: "Loud Laughing"

Kirsten Steine: "Busy Work"



Ryan Wright: "Pencil Tapping"



Caitlin Kelly: "Slow Walkers"

Derek Meier: "Computer Malfunctions"

Kristen Maxwell: "Wreckless Student Drivers"

Grant Webster: "Homework"

Brian Clubine: "Red Hair"

Teryn Fritzell: "Mean Boyfriends"

Josh Woollard: "My Brother"

Beau Schuller: "You"



# In The Pink

*"In the Pink" is a phrase used to describe those who represent the picture of health. The word health has many different definitions, but most think of health as the way one eats and exercises to maintain his lifestyle. For some IHS students, maintaining good health comes naturally, while for others, it's a part of their lives they'd like to ignore. As teenagers, many of us take good health for granted, and we have to remember we won't be young forever.*

*Studies have found that teens who take part in many different types of physical activity are less likely to get involved in drinking, drugs, smoking and violence than teens who spend a lot of time in front of the television. This may be because through physical activity, active students learn that healthy choices stick with them throughout their lives.*

*Levi Sack, an IHS junior, prepares for track season by spending his winter months running five or more miles a day. He excels during cross country season. "Running is a chore for many people. I just run for fun," said Levi.*

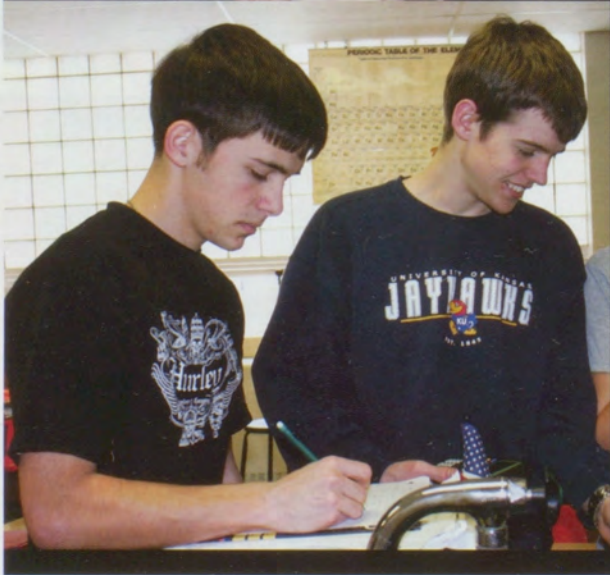
*Many run as a hobby, for obvious reasons: It's an activity that can be done in any location, at virtually no cost, with enormous health benefits.*



*While exercise is a way to maintain a healthy lifestyle, it can also boost self-esteem. Conditioning classes are offered at IHS and they combine weight training with athletic footwork drills. While the class is based on the idea that hard work and determination leads to success in athletics, Coach Boldra keeps the big picture in mind. "Lifting most importantly builds self-confidence," said Boldra.*

*Self-confidence can not only be useful on the court or field, but also in job interviews, personal relationship, and overall happiness. Self-acceptance is a goal that high school boys and girls strive to achieve. Whether your highest goal is a 4.0 GPA or a four-minute mile, a healthy lifestyle can help keep those goals in sight.*





# SENIORS '06



Brett Arnold Affolter



Jeremy Dean Alford



Sherri Virginia Allen



Nicole Raye Anderson



Chelsea Elizabeth Anglin



Megan Dyan Bagley



Jack Allen Barber



Brandon Markise Bell



Brent Thomas Berberick



Dustin Wade Berberick



Andrew Scott Beshears



Ryan Christopher Beurskens



Christine Brady



Olivia Nicole Brennan



Andrew Joseph Bright



Travis Brock



Dante Brown



Trevor Jay Bruening



Jeremy Warren Bruington



Shannon Leigh Burns



Charles Byrd



Sara Ashley Carter



Joy Lynn Chaput



Thomas Nathan Childers



Kevin Michael Clark



Sarah Ann Coder



Jordan Elizabeth Conley



Jacob D. Connors



Andrew F. Cook



Lisa Renea Corbett



Maidson Leigh Corle



Makalah Cunningham



Lance N. Darnell



Amber Lee Davis



Ryan Monroe Dexter



Melanie Jane Dillmon



Amberlea Dawn Dunham



Leah Francis Dunham



Lydia Ellingburg



Lisa Renae Erbe

# SENIORS '06



Amber R. Eytcheson



Hillary Lynn Farmer



Thomas A. Fay



Brett William Follmer



Justin Thomas Gonzales



Maggie M. Gorman



Jacob Andrew Graven



Cristy Jo Gray



Karla Denise Harcrow



Nicholas Martin Hart



Joshua Paul Hastings



Dean Allen Hayse, Jr.



Tamara Elizabeth Holland



Janna Honan



Billy Joe House



Parissa Ghejelou Ighani



Adam James



Jonathan Abraham Jesse



Cameron Carl Johnson



Dakota Lane Johnson



Daphanie LyAnne Keath



Scott Allen Keath



Beth Ann Kelley



Caitlin Joan Kelly



Andrew John Kimzey



Heather Dawn King



# SENIORS '06



Rebecca Michelle Knox



Joslyn M. Kusiak



Jessi Randall Lane



Chelsea Leah Laswell



Kimberly Anne Leon



Andrew James Likes



Shayla Myree Littau



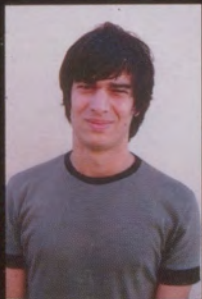
Brandon MacRae



Brandace Kristine Magner



Kendall Renae Martinez



Artur F. Martins



Justin L. Maupin



Rachael Elizabeth McCarty



Stephanie Lynn McDiarmid



Nicholas Lloyd Mears



Traçi Renee Mills



Benjamin James Mitchell



Marie Adriana Moreno



Michael W. Morris



Destiny Nicole Muller



Sabrina Lee Mydland



Douglas Alan Newman



Joshua Lee Oldenettel



Karlee Ann Passauer



Devish Patel



Om Virendra Patel



Aaron D. Pouncil



Eric Tyler Pouncil



Ann-Marie Price



Brigette Marie Ramsey



Kaci A. Randels



Jaime Courtland Reddy



Kody Wayne Reed



Derek Andrew Reyes



Robert Paul Riggs



Morgan Rae Rinck



Charles Rosenhoover



Nicole Donn Rothgeb



Tony Alan Russell



Jonathan Daniel Santee

# SENIORS '06



Maggie S. A. Schabel



Jennifer Jo Schad



Beau Alan Schuler



Tyson Lee Schuler



Chad Wayne Shaffer



Gare E. Shaffer



Brett Michael Shaw



Crystal Suzanne Shawver



Keith Colin Shepard



Dustin William Shepherd



Richard Dustin Sherley



Kelsey Linn Smading



Tyler Joel Smith



Misty Lynn Spears



Emily Suzanne Speicher



Kandace Lyn Spellman



James Michael Stockton



Brian Sweeten



Christopher Dwayne Tate



Chelsi Marie Taylor



Mallory Rae Trabuc



Leona Kay Truitt



Leah Marie Tucker



Robert Michael Tuszynski



Brian Andrew Tyree



Erica Rae Van

# SENIORS '06



Andrew Wayne Vannoster



Colin James Victory



Erika Marie Wakeman



Stacy Jean Walker



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Xiao Dan Wang



Benjamin David Webb



Chantel Wheaton



Michael Charles White



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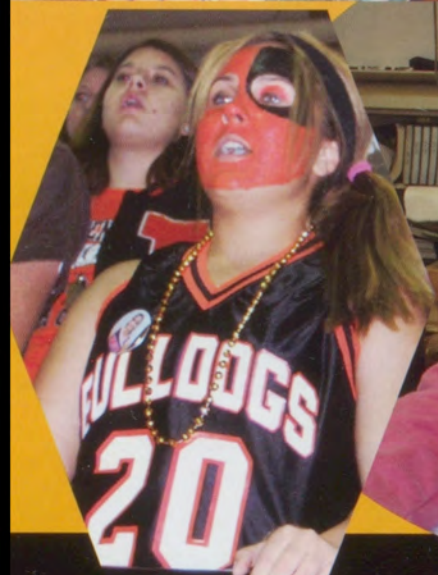


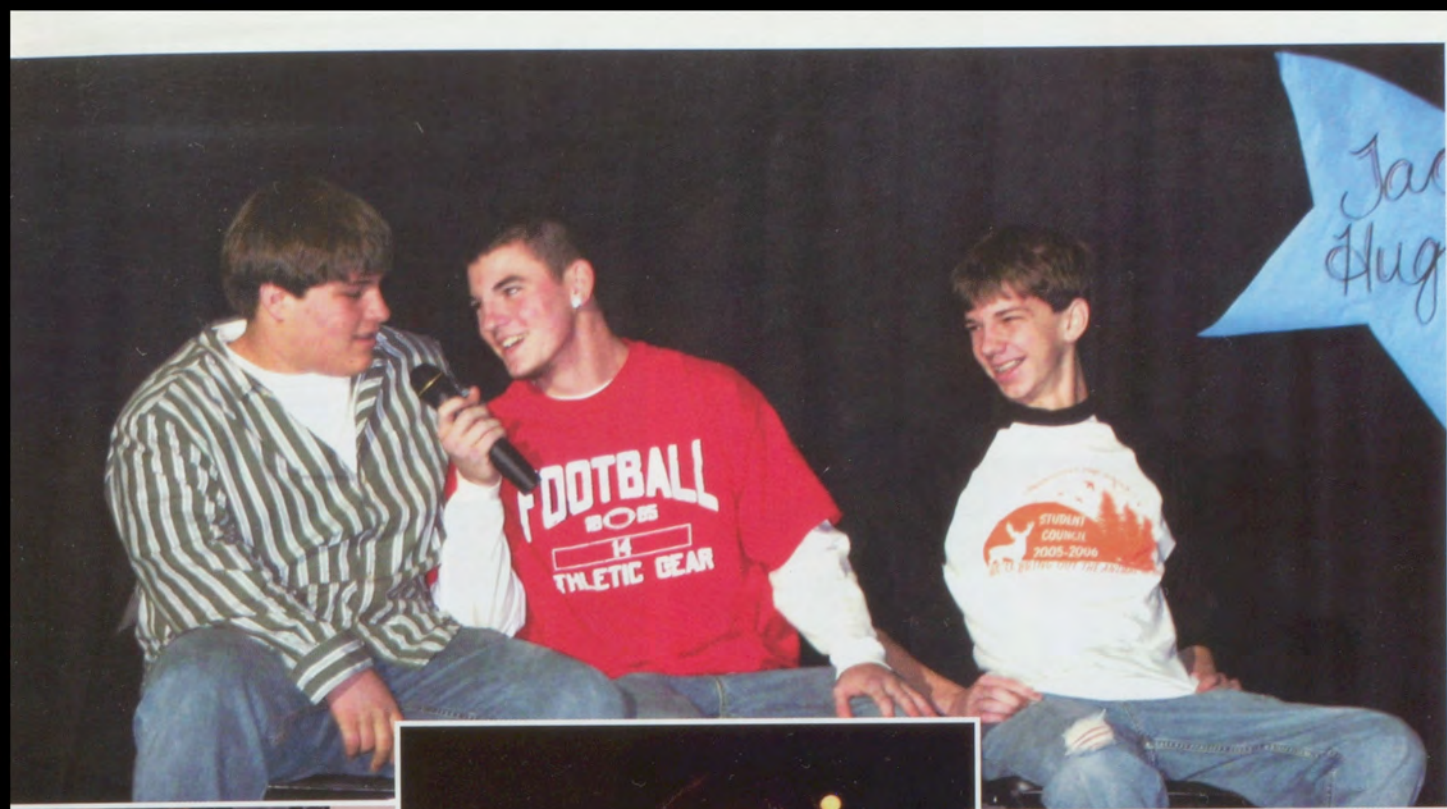
Ashley Lynn Wood



Joshua Devlin Woollard

Not Pictured: Lisa Cole  
Trenton Benson,  
Megan Grove, Lacie  
Hawthorn, Elizabeth  
McLaughlin, Zachary  
Myers, Lawrence Smith,  
and Elise Sylvas.





the  
**Junior**  
Experience

# Juniors



Kimber Adkins



Angela Alford



Corey Ashworth



Kendra Bakken



Dustin Bales



Joshua Bales



Nicole Barber



Octavia Barker



La Zaita Bell



Justin Bennett



Louise Best



Jeffrey Bishop



Katherine Boulanger



Christopher Brown



Lloyd Brown



Tiffany Bryant



Haley Carpenter



Shea Casurole



Anni Chappuie



Nicole Chaput



Valerie Chaput





Kayla Coatney



Sierra Condon



Cassidee Connors



Matthew Corn



Samantha Crittenden



Brandon Daniels



Brandon Davidson



Alex Davis



Justin Davis



Lindsey Dean



Paige Demo



Brandon Dixon



Valerie Do Vu



Kacie Dodson



Kattie Dodson



Skye Doty



Lee Dunham



Blake Dunlap



Justin Eades



Michelle Eades



Joshua Ferrell

If you were **Blue**  
what would you be?

**Samantha Crittenden - "A Smurf"**

**Amber Jones - "Violet Beauregard  
from Willy Wonka"**

**Brian McBride - "A Tree"**

**Matt Corn - "Dat Chair Right Thur"**

**Ashley Moore - "A Blue Raspberry  
Sucker"**

**Adam Taylor - "A Duke Blue Devil"**

**Aubrey Papen- "A Blue Crayon"**



Matthew Finney



Mark Freeman



William Gale



Trent Goins



Shonna Gonzales



Alyssa Goodman



Stacia Gudmonson



Christopher Hallett



Katrina Hancock



Andrew Hayse



Erin Hignight



Alexander Hilton



John Hoffman



Christopher Holliday



Rebecka Horin



Cody Hough



Jace Hugo



Evan Hurford

Junior class officers: Annie Chappuie, vice-president; Kelsey Stelting, secretary; Breezy Mangan, treasurer; and Andrew Hayse, president. These four officers were charged with many of the decisions regarding prom.



Philip Hurshman



Jeilea Hutchinson



Amber Jones



Matthew Kahler



Brandon Kelley



Laura Kendrick



Paul Kersey



Shawn Killman



Chandler King



Chelsea King



Robert Koehn



Sarah Laforet



Michael Lawrence



Darnell Lawrie



Ashley Leake



Lauren Lester



Spencer Lester



Christopher Lewallen



Craig Lofgren



Sabrina Long



Chelsea Lumm



Danielle Macy



Demonse Malone



Briana Mangan



Kristen Maxwell



Peggy McGlaughlin



Lauren McAfee



Brian McBride



Derek Meier



Ashley Moore



Martin Mumolo



Amanda Muninger



Matson Murray



Randall Musgrove



Joshua Myers



Deandrea Nesbit



Amanda Novotni



Spencer Null



Charles Ogden



Tera Oliver



Jamie Ortiz



Aubrey Papen



Olivia Phillips



Andrew Posch



Luz Ramos



Elizabeth Reddick



Nicholas Reid



Ashley Richardson



David Ripple



Joshua Roark



Levi Sack



Raeshelle Sawyer



Sara Schwarz



Kalvin Seifert



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Jessica Shepard



Wynn Shepard



Robert Sherley



Sumere Smith



Thomas Smith



Tiffany Staley



Tyler Stein



Kelsey Stelting



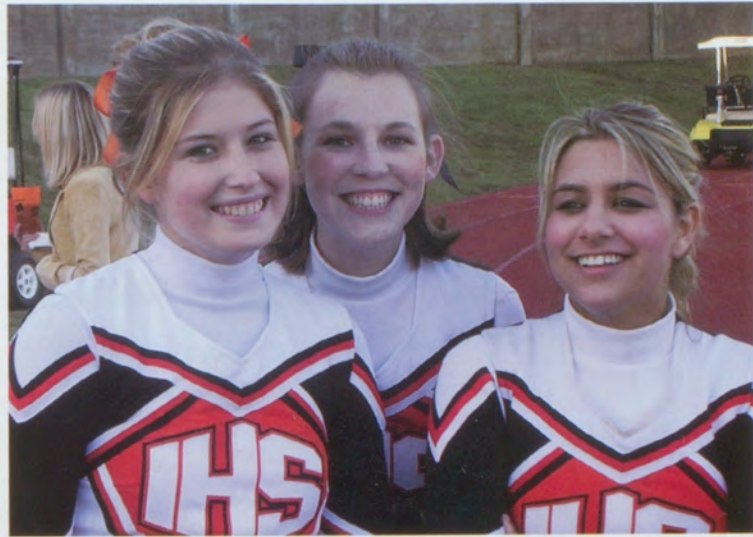
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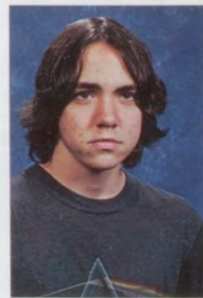
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Brian Tierney



Wesley Vincen



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Rick White



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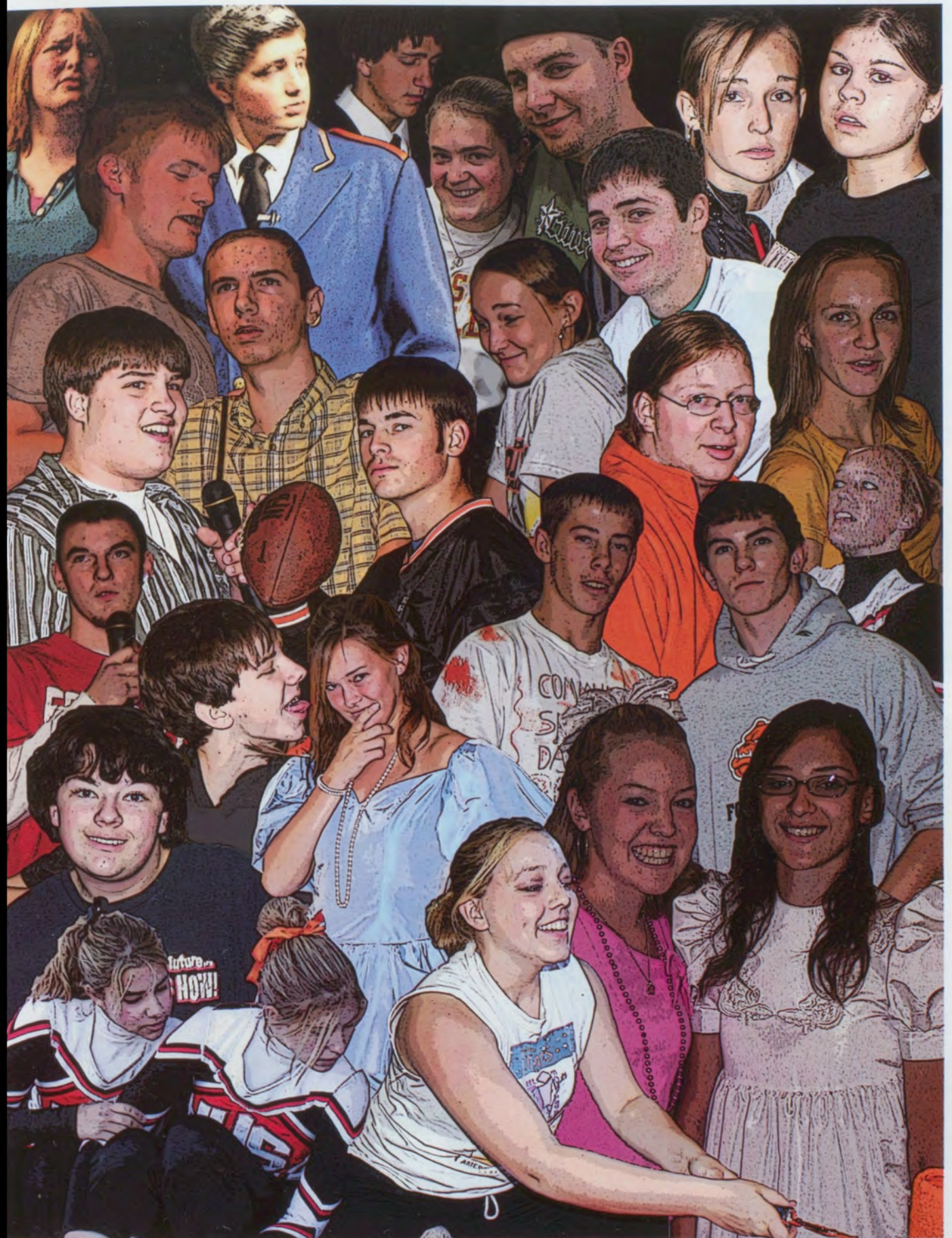


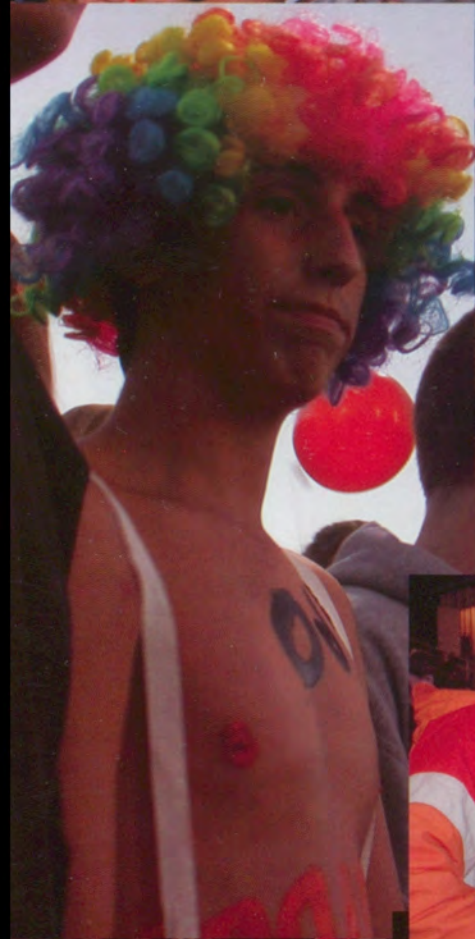
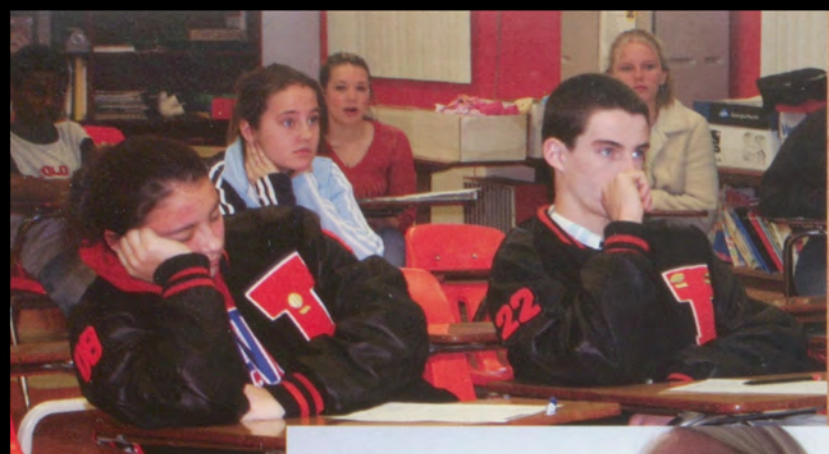
Matthew Wren



Chelsie Zinser









# 2008

## the Sophomore Experience



Scott Aemisegger



Charles Albert



Alexander Anderson



Treasure Anderson



Adrienne Austin



Tiffany Baker



Mary Bannwarth



Heather Bean



Eric Beason



Hali Beaver



Tasha Bechtle



Richard Beisly



Zachary Berberick



Sara Beyen



Anthony Bishop



Amanda Bohr



Danny Bone



Timothy Botts

**What fictional character would you like to have a romance with?**

**"Gumby, because he is flexible." Biloxie Mangan**

**"Aladdin, he is hot, rich, has a genie, and rides a magic carpet." Reanna Browning**

**"Thelma from 'Scooby Doo', because she says 'Jinkies'." Chad Morell**

**"Link because of his awesome fashion sense." Amanda Williams**

**"Pocahontas, she likes the outdoors." James King**



Andrew Boyle



Kimberlee Bradley



Cassandra Brady



Rebecca Branham



Cassidy Brekken



Cassandra Brown



Jamal Brown



Samantha Brown



Reanna Browning



Blake Bryant



Matthew Cadle



Amanda Call



Andrew Carr



Andrew Carter



April Cessna



Bryan Claytor



Timothy Clubine



Lindsey Cook



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Jason Cranor



Kayla Cromwell



Simona Cudney



Michael Davis



Kai De La Cruz



Amanda Decou



Andrew Duke



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Jordan Earle



Matthew Easton



Katherine Fienen



Tracey Fienen



William Foster



Teryn Frizell



Kelsie Froebe



Christopher Furr



Grant Gartner



Adam Greenhaw



Nicole Greer



Daniel Gross



Galadriel Hadley



Jessica Harder



Matthew Hastings



Michael Heathman



Tyler Henderson



Cory Houck



Lisa Howland



Nicholus Howland



Jennifer Jabben



Katlin Jackson



William James



Maurita Johnson



Leigha Jolly



Steven Jones



Taylor Jurski



Amy Keath



Donlie Keath



Elizabeth Kelly



Kyra Keltz



James King



Desman Kinnard



Leslie Knopick



Thomas Korhn



Patrick Landrum



Jessica Lennon



John Lewis



Katy Long



Allison Lumm



Nicholas Lyon



Biloxie Mangan



Marc Martinez



Jordan Mays



Clinton McElroy



Rylan McWherter



Josh Miller



Sarah Mitchell



Justin Moor



Jasmyne Morgan



Chad Morrell



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



Katie Phillips



Whitley Polk



Aubrey Price



Theodore Price



Stephanie Purdunn



Jeff Quigley



Nathan Rau



Carrie Reddy



James Reed



Jay Reed



Krissie Reich



Levi Reynolds



Airaka Richardson



Brian Ripple



Kayla Schabel



Sullivan Schabel



Jennifer Schadeberg



Stephanie Schaffer



Lindsay Schaub



Jake Schuler



Aiko Sharp



Ashley Simmons



Nicholas Skellenger



Alice Smith



Kristen Spellman



Jesse Stair



Amy Staton



Michael Stephens



Lauren Sumner



Christopher Threlkeld



Melynda Trabuc



Elizabeth Turner



Tyler Ulibarri



Tabitha Vannoster



Alejandra Vargas



Alexis Walter



Nathan Walters



Mikki Werner



Hayden White



Alicia Whitehurst



Andy Whitley



Amanda Williams

What makes you **GREEN** with envy?

“Dan’s Xbox 360.” Patrick Landrum

“People that own a car.” Jessica Lennon

“To see a friend get a compliment off of a shirt that she stole from you.” Jenny Jabben

“People that have light up shoes.” Ryan Wright



Charman Williams



Cobra Williams



Char Wilson



Lance Wilson



Haley Winebrenner



Tyler Winebrenner



Alexander Wood



Jaymee Wright



Ryan Wright



Michael Ysusi









Zachary Abildgaard



Robert Ainesworth



Shelley Allen



Brent Alvarez



Matt Blankenship



Destiny Bohr



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Kaisha Bronson



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Armando Flores



Taryn Freeman



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Christoffer Gale



Jessica Gillespie



Tommy Gray



Caleb Hadley



Casey Hadley



Katrina Hale



Margaret Hancock



Eric Hardy



James Hart



Summer Hashagen



Ryan Hayes



Cody Heape



Nykole High



Lane Hoffmeister



Asia Hogan



Dale Holland



Ashley Houser



Brent Howland



Tia Howland



Kyra Hunt



Madeline Hunter



Jake Jabben



Raymond Jesse



Cody Johnson



Crestley Jones



Ashley Keath



Jessica Kebert



Michael Kebert



La'krea Kendrex



Jeremiah Knipp



Patrick Laforte



Justin Lane



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Michael Lyon



Amanda Matthews



Josh May



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Katlyn Medlock



Kelsie Meier



REAL MEN  
Derek Miller



Kirsten Miller



Tasha Miller



Emily Mills



Kameron Mydland



Serena Myers



Logan Null



Samantha Oliver



Melissa Parrett



Michael Pendergrass



Garrett Perry



Shane Perry



Chelsea Peters



Nicole Peterson



Brandon Peyton



Daniel Porter



Seth Prather



Aaron Price



Stephen Price



Sarah Purdunn



Chandra Pursley



Gabriel Rakes



Cory Reyes



Sara Reynolds



Christina Riggs



Brooke Rollison



Ryan Rolls



Rylan Romans



Jeremy Rousey



Jeanne Routh



Tony Ruiz



Jessica Schell



Cale Shepard



Wesley Shepard



Andrew Shepherd



Caitlin Shire



Carlie Shire



Mitchell Skellenger



Cody Smith



Dino Smith



Sondra Smith



Ethan Speicher



Stephen Sprague



Michael Steelman



Kirsten Steinle



Charell Stickland



Tayler Stockton



Autumn Stroble



Kayla Taylor



Nicole Taylor



Ryan Taylor



Rebecca Thompson



Antonio Vargas



Lucas Vince



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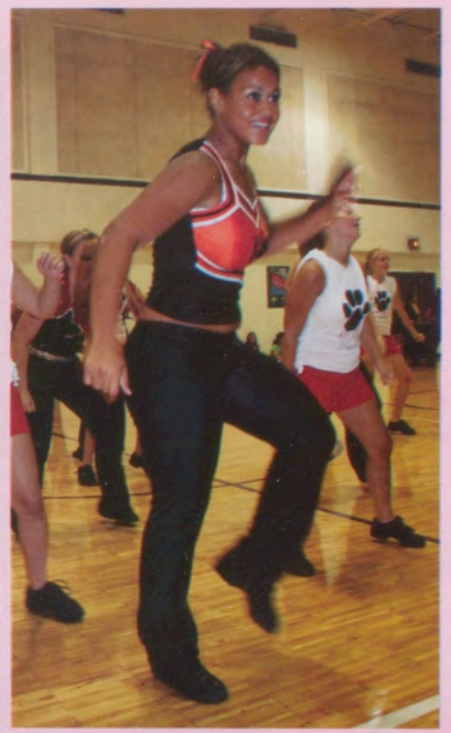
Brandi Wright



John Yarbrough







# Departing

retiring faculty members of our high school

## Mrs. Sherry Cunningham

Mrs. Cunningham was not all books and barcodes, because any student who was in need of help could find it with her. She welcomed each and every IHS student into the library with her warm smile and willingness to help. Mrs. Cunningham was the IHS librarian for eleven years following her previous three at Riley, and thirteen at IMS. During those years, Mrs. Cunningham witnessed a great change in how librarians spend their time. Libraries now accommodate students' and teachers' needs for technology.



## Mr. Jerry Hart

More than just the vice principal who you were sent to for bad parking, skipping school, disrupting the classroom, or other misbehaviors, Mr. Hart had the students' well-being in mind before anything else. Discipline was his way of helping and benefitting the student body. For those who were disrupted, to those who misbehaved, Mr. Hart helped everyone in one way or another. Standing in the foyer between classes kindly greeting students, Mr. Hart cared about every student, and will be remembered for it after he retired from twenty-eight years of being involved in our school system.



## Mrs. Donna Payne

Need a printout of your transcript? Have no idea what you need to do for college? Mrs. Payne was the woman to see. Talk about the person with the keys to the kingdom, she was truly the solid foundation that held the school together. Coming to our school in 1975, Mrs. Payne was a library aid and secretary for two-and-a-half years before she spent a hearty twenty-nine as our Guidance Office secretary.



## Mrs. Linda Spencer

The infamous vocabulary tests and Shakespeare readings contributed to what made Mrs. Spencer a legendary English teacher. She pushed her students to succeed every day, and as everyone knows, seniors don't enjoy being pushed! For thirty-six years, Mrs. Spencer taught in Room 107 at IHS. Over the years she witnessed many changes in the process of writing research papers. From the days of using typewriters, footnotes, and terms such as "op cit" and "loc cit" to today's usage of the MLA format and parenthetical citation, Mr. Spencer ensured that IHS graduates left with an expanded vocabulary and improved writing skills.



## Ms. Rachel Unruh

Creative touches in every aspect of life, this is what Ms. Unruh inspired in every one of her pupils. Her ability to see the beauty in every work of art, every person, and every situation was truly remarkable. She believed that each person who passed through her doors could reveal or enhance his artistic abilities. Mrs. Unruh was always willing to share her talents by creating one-of-a-kind cards for faculty members. From pencils to pastels, her students learned the essence of art, and the jovial attitude it could produce, and for this Ms. Unruh and her twenty-four-and-a-half years at IHS will be remembered.



LIBRARIANS



Joyce Aiello



Larry Alexander



Larry Annable



Theresa Barnhart



Cindy Beshears



Jamie Beyer



Carl Boldra



Julie Thompson was awarded the Golden Apple at the end of her tenure at IHS. Mrs. Thompson taught 17 years at IHS.



Max Bradbury



Jamie Bunyard



Beth Capps



Whitney Chism



Johnna Clinkenbeard



Mark Coder



Dee Cole



Kelly Cox



Waneta Cox



Sherry Cunningham



Dean Cunningham



Ms. Willis and Mr. Hart help take money for the Winter Homecoming dance



Brad Fredrickson



Marilyn Goad



Jason Gorman



Jerry Hart



Rene Hensley



Diana Hoffman



Lewis Hoyt



David Lovelace



Jean Lundt



Mary Mani



Anna May



Janice McBride



Laura McClure



Gloria McCray



Kathy McGuire



Kathy McRoberts



Travis Miller



Carol Mooney



Debbie Moore



Carol Nestle



Shawn O'kane



Gloria Price



Dale Reynolds



Ana Rojas



Michael Rose



Erin Shelton



Lea Shepard



Mr. Runge enjoys a sip of hot cocoa at one of the home football games.



Linda Spencer



Nancy Sprague



Connie Staley



Sherry Staton



Gretl Swyers



Ronda Taraboletti



Jan Taylor



Julie Thompson



Karen Trester



Rachel Unruh



Scott Webb



Eldon Woods

# Cross Country Gets At State.

The cross country team blew away the competition this year. As a team, they placed first in every season event except for one where they came up short against Derby. The boys team placed third at Regionals, which was just good enough for them to qualify for State. At State, the cross country boys took fourth place, the best ever in IHS history. When asked about the season **Andrew Hayse** said " I think it was a great season, we ran hard and tried our best. We still got fourth, but I'm okay with that."

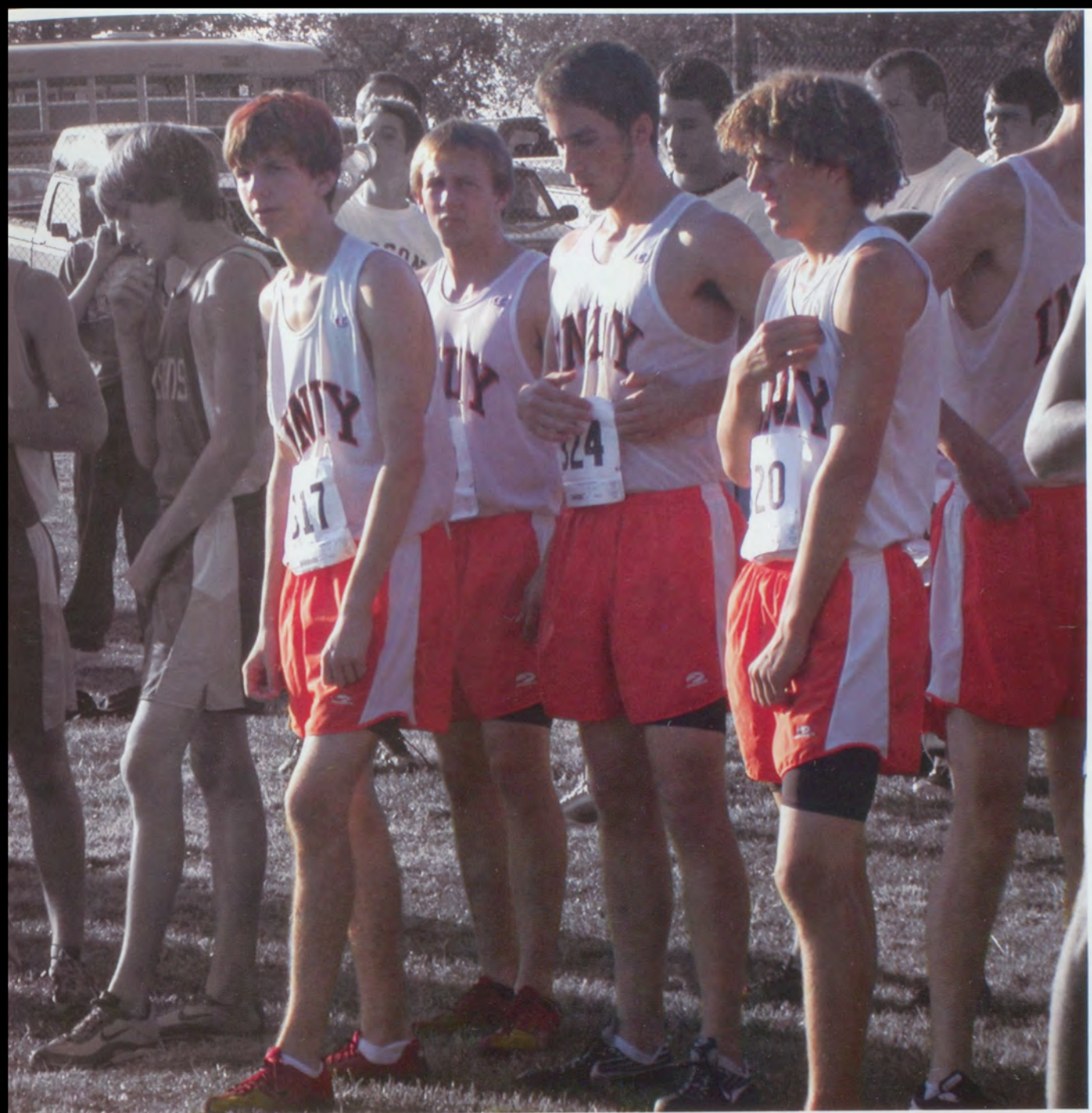


" Cross Country  
is the girl of my  
dreams,  
Evan Hurford



On the girl's side, IHS also had success when they finished fifth at the SEK Championships. **Alicia Whitehurst** was only one place from going to State. The girls' team, though small in numbers, showed improvement throughout the year.

Running isn't  
as hard as  
everybody  
makes it out  
to be. We are  
all supportive

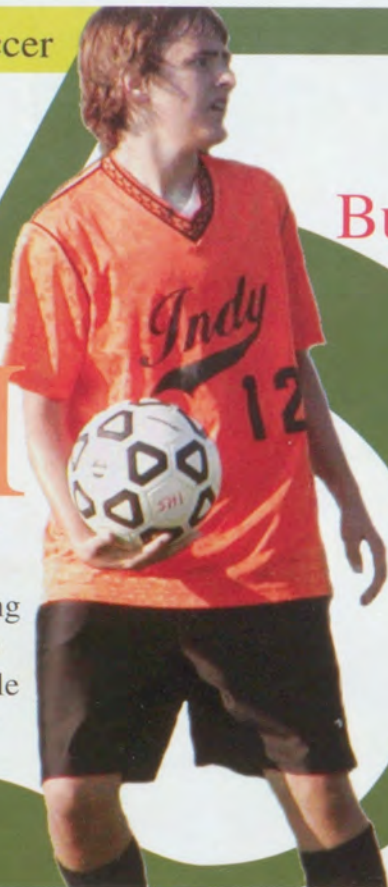


of each other and with teamwork we are bound to succeed.

The boys cross country team will lose seniors **Brian Tyree** and **Allen Hayse**. Coach Rose said, "they were great team captains and leaders for this program, and they will be sorely missed... not only for what they bring to the team as runners, but for their colorful personalities."



**B**rian McBride, junior, searches for a potential player to throw the ball into play during the home Coffeyville match-up



## Bulldogs step up to the challenge after losing starters

# LOST

Soccer team picked up the pace after a little more practice



**Q** In your opinion, who was the player who influenced you the most?

**A** "Spencer White, because he was a great captain, always working hard, and showing leadership"

Omar Elshabassy #16

The job of replacing 5 of 11 starters is substantial. The task of winning is even greater. In what turned out to be their last year of coaching, Coach Mark Coder and Coach Brian Bridges did a remarkable job.

After a shaky start, including dropping a home match-up to Trinity Academy, the Bulldogs responded with two wins against Pittsburg and Ft. Scott. Although defeated by number-one ranked Rose Hill, the team bounced back defeating Coffeyville in the first round of the Bulldog Championship at the FKHS Tournament. After defeating Coffeyville, Riverton and Ft. Scott, the soccer team hit a stumbling block in Pittsburg in the 2-3 controversial overtime shoot-out. The Bulldogs resumed their winning ways over Columbus, Towanda-Circle, Ark City, and Coffeyville. The winning streak ended after a home defeat by Wichita Independent. The Bulldogs went 1-1 through Regionals defeating Riverton before suffering a final defeat from Andover.

The 13-5 season was a success. For the third year, the Bulldogs were SEK champions and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs. Seniors Cameron Johnson and Spencer White made the All-SEK league team along with Brandon Kelley, Dan Gross, and Andrew Posch. Johnson saved 131 goals during his senior season.

The Coder/Bridges coaching era ended with an unbelievable 57-25-2 for a 70% winning record.

Below: **Spencer White**, senior fights a mid-air battle against two Pittsburg players during the Bulldog victory at home







Above: **Brett Affolter**, senior, competes against a Ft. Scott player during the Bulldog Championship at the Coffeyville Invitational Tournament.



Back: Coach Coder, Michael Ysusi, Andrew Posch, Brett Affolter, Billy House, Dylan Craft, Cameron Johnson, Brandon Kelley, Dustin Parker, Matson Murray, Coach Bridges. Middle: Chris Elshabassy, Dalton Friesen, Sara Schwartz, Ashley Munninger, Spencer White, Dan Gross, Brandon Long. Front: Brian McBride, Nathan Rau, Ramon Jesse, Philip Byrd, Shane Ferguson, Corey Reyes, Erika Wakeman, Omar Elshabassy, Brandan Dixon.

# Eyeing the Gold

The 2005 girls tennis season was one of the team's finest in recent years. In her fourteenth year of coaching, Coach Jean Lundt did a marvelous job preparing the girls for a difficult tennis season. The team not only had the close supervision and coaching of Coach Lundt, but assistant Coach Gina Bötts, in her thirteenth year, as well. Furthermore, the team had a strong core: three senior girls who would provide needed leadership for the team. **Caitlin Kelly** (Singles), **Jordan Conley** (Doubles), and **Adriana Moreno** (Doubles) led the way for the Lady Bulldogs showing strong leadership and hard work ethic. The Lady Bulldogs would finish the season SEK co-champs, Regional Runner-up, and capped the season off with a fifth overall place at the State competition in Topeka.

Background: The 2005 girls tennis team sported orange tie-dyed shirts with the slogan "Coach Lundt is Awesome" on the back.



Kayla Schabel shows excellent serving technique while in a home tennis match. Schabel had a winning season, finishing as SEK's #2 Singles Champion.

Below: Allie Stephens volleys a ball for a winner. Stephens would team up with fellow Junior Breezy Mangan to finish 11th at the State tennis tournament.



Left: Jordan Conley and Adriana Moreno react to an overhead their opponents hit. Conley and Moreno finished the season with an overall 24-7 mark, and a 9th place finish at state.

Below: Breezy Mangan strokes a backhand while warming up at the SEK tournament. Mangan teamed up with fellow Junior Allie Stephens and finished the season with a 22-13 mark.

Bottom: Team photo of the 2005 Bulldog Girls Tennis Team. The girls had a very successful year and ended the season strong with a fifth place finish at State.



# State Contenders

## Lady 'Dogs Take Fifth

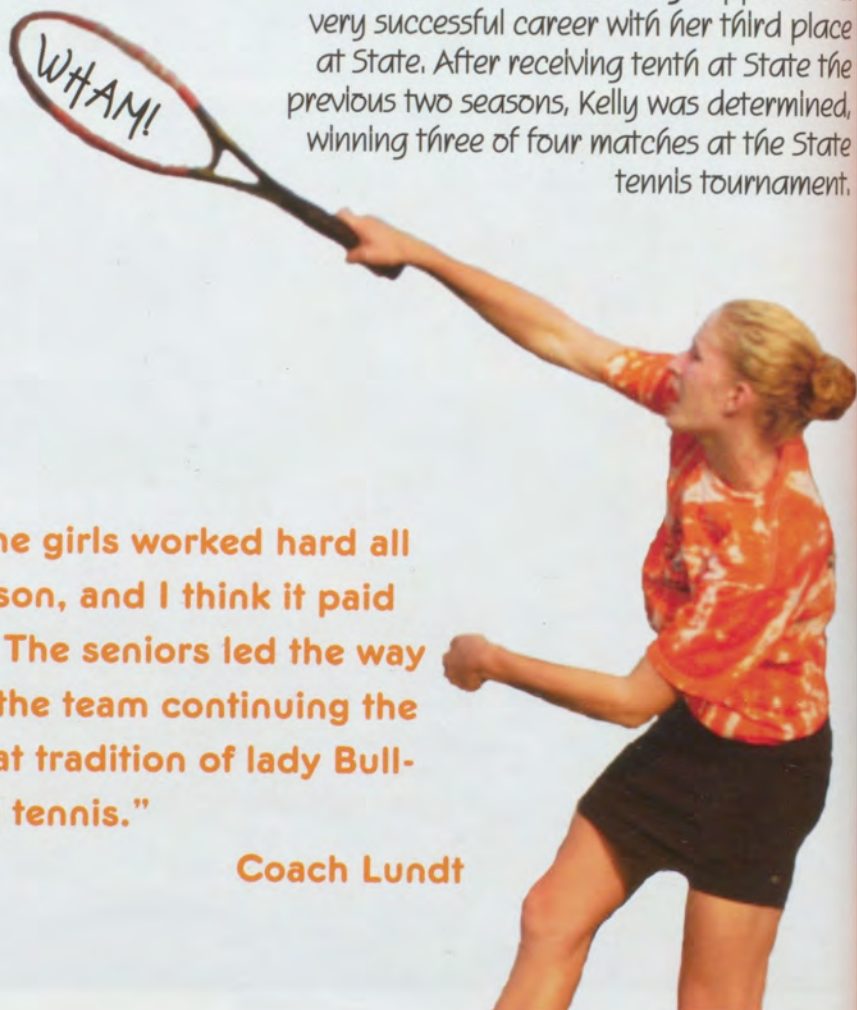
The Lady Bulldogs had high hopes entering the 2005 State Tennis Tournament. Qualifying a total of five out of six possible players, the girls looked to do some serious damage. A team of seasoned veterans, all Juniors and seniors, looked to have the upper edge on competition. **Caitlin Kelly** (singles), **Jordan Conley** and **Adriana Moreno** (doubles), and **Allie Stephens** and **Breezy Mangan** (doubles), all held their own in the tournament, earning the team fifth place honors. Kelly led the way for the Lady 'Dogs by earning a career best third place. Fellow seniors **Adriana Moreno** and **Jordan Conley** came out strong in their first State outing by earning ninth place in a very challenging doubles field. Also representing the girl's tennis team were Juniors **Allie Stephens** and **Breezy Mangan**. The duo bounced back after a first round loss by defeating Andover easily. Things didn't turn out to be that easy, though, when the girls dropped their final two matches. The fifth place finish at State concluded another amazing year for the girls tennis program and Coach Jean Lundt.



### IMPACT PLAYER

Left: **Jenny Jabben** had a strong showing in her sophomore season while playing at the Varsity level. Next year Jenny hopes to continue the tradition-rich way of Lady Bulldog Tennis.

Below: Senior **Caitlin Kelly** capped off a very successful career with her third place at State. After receiving tenth at State the previous two seasons, Kelly was determined, winning three of four matches at the State tennis tournament.



**"The girls worked hard all season, and I think it paid off. The seniors led the way for the team continuing the great tradition of lady Bulldog tennis."**

**Coach Lundt**



# BOOSTER CLUB

2006 brought many changes to the IHS Booster Club. While membership soared under the guidance of the new officers and task force members, members also made countless contributions to the athletes at IHS. Some of the booster activities included fundraisers for various sports, three community spirit nights, an awards night, cook outs, the football spirit line, and much more. Booster club distributed a total of \$6,000 between all of the sports programs as well as donating \$7,800 for video playback equipment. One of the biggest contributions of the Booster Club was to buy a sign for every student who participated in a sport to display and show school spirit.

President Gregg Webster was pleased with the club's accomplishments. "Supporting our athletes is our priority. Whether it's a sea of orange booster club t-shirts at a game or posting signs in athletes' yards, we do it because we love Bulldog athletics."



"We could always count on The Booster Club to be at the games rooting us on, and then bring us food afterwards."

Ryan Wright



Bulldog  
Booster



# Team Experiences Rough Season of



Luck. Sometimes you have it, sometimes you don't. Sometimes it matters a lot; sometimes it doesn't matter at all. And some are superstitious. Like many other things, luck is something that comes and goes. It especially did for the team this season. According to Levi Sharzter, junior, the season was "unlucky."

"Things never went our way," Sharzter said. "Everything that could possibly go wrong for us did."

Although the team suffered many defeats, they played the best they could and fought each game to the very end. The Dogs gave their all in the games, but unfortunately came up short a few too many times.

One thing that the team felt good about was the fan support

at the games. With the newly organized booster club there was always a sea of orange at every home and away game cheering on from the stands. The fans at the game cheered for the team through both victories and defeats. A big thanks should be given to everyone that supported the team this year. Only true fans stick with their team when things aren't going their way.



*"As long as you work everyday to be better, in the long run you will get better."*

*-Coach Boldra, on the team's preparation for next year*

High school sports teach the players a lot and gives them the opportunity to learn life-long lessons. Sports are about more than just winning: ethics, team work, dedication, and hard work are all much more important lessons to be learned

Most of all, the team enjoyed being able to play together and working to improve themselves in each new game.

## SCOREBOARD

### Football

Opponent	Opp-IHS
Parsons	68-6
Fort Scott	51-6
Field Kindley	35-0
Labette	62-0
Iola	48-0
Columbus	41-7
Andover Central	49-6
Augusta	62-37
Douglass	50-13



Cody Sweeten, # 33 and Josh Ferrell, #4

Varsity Record	0-9	JV Record	1-6
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#27 Brett Wollard splits the banner at a Varsity home game.

“I am not concerned that you have fallen. I am concerned that you arise.”

Abe Lincoln

**Brian Clubine #28**, freshman, eludes a Parsons defender. The freshmen team fought hard but fell to Parsons 48-16. The freshman team finished out the season with a 5-2 record.



Front row: Grant Webster, Tony Ruiz, Jeremiah Knipp, Adam Greenhaw, Ryan Hayes, Josh Ferrell, Josh Bromley, Matt Kahler. Second row: Asst. Coach Scott Webb, Ty Stein, A. J. Kimzey, Brent Berberick, Levi Shartzer, Travis Brock, Ryan Dexter, Austin Leake, Justin Lane, Cody Cook, Josh Woolard, Ryan Wright, Asst. Coach John Mangan. Third row: Charlie Rosenhoover, Derek Miller, Chad Shaffer, Andy Vannoster, A. J. Reed, Bud Reed, Trent Goins, Ryan Dierks, Cody Sweeten, James King, Rick White, Bryan Clubine, Brett Woollard. Fourth row: John Lewis, Nick Howland, Alex Anderson, Brad Compton, T.J. Korhn, Nic Boyle, Brandon MacRae, Jace Hugo, Will Cook, Dustin berberick, Ryan Taylor, Wynn Shepard, Asst. Coach Doug Rink. Fifth row: Asst. Coach Alan Speicher, Dric Hardy, Shawn Killman, Brett Follmer, Ethan Speicher, Calvin Seifert, Lance Wilson, Cody Smith, Nathan Walters, Cale Shepard, Chris Bridges, Lee Dunham. Back row: Head Coach Carl Boldra, Logan Null, Ben Webb, Beau Schuer, Chandler King, Zach Bryant, Matt Cadle, Roger Wilson, Josh Hastings, Logan Dent, Dee Brown, Jake Schuler, Asst. Coach Larry Alexander. Not pictured: Chris Tate, Mike Lyon, Sharay Britt, B.J. Ripple.

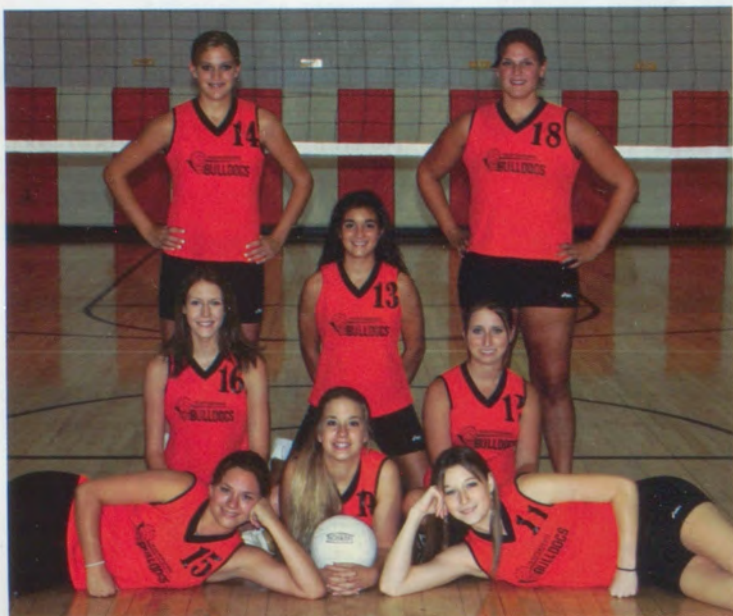
# WE WANT IT THE WORST!

"The 2005 volleyball season was very enjoyable. The girls worked hard throughout the season and improved from the 2004 record, winning seven games. The seniors provided good leadership and helped motivate the team during the season. The seniors were a special group and I will miss them!"

- Coach Speicher



Above: Jessica Kebert bumping the ball during a home match against Coffeyville.



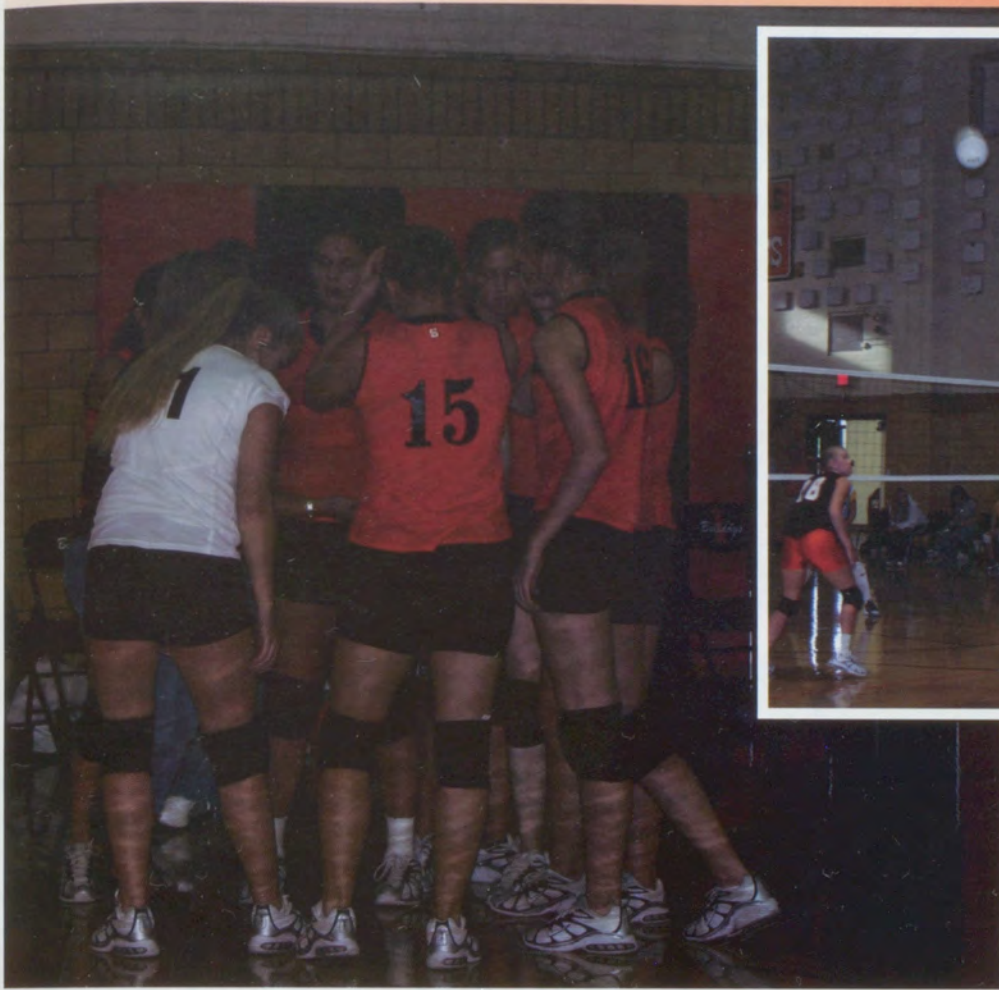
Varsity Volleyball team: First row: Sarah Wilson, Haley Carpenter, and Cassidee Connors. Second row: Shayla Littau, Jordan Earle, and Leah Dunham. Third row: Kelsie Meier and Emily Speicher.



JV volleyball team: First row: Brooke Rollison, Amanda Matthews, and Tasha Miller. Second row: Teryn Frizell, Jessica Kebert, Reanna Browning, Elizabeth Turner, Mersadies Newton, and Chelsea Peters.

# VOLLEYBALL





Above: The varsity squad discussing strategies during a home match.



Above: Teryn Frizell setting the ball for a powerful spike while Reanna Browning, Jessica Kebert, and Tasha Miller prepare for the next move.

## Faces In The Crowd



Senior Emily Speicher has played volleyball for four years. She loves the close relationship of the squad and the rush of the game.

"Emily was a good leader, always very vocal. A coach needs a player like that on her team. She kept the team intense and focused," Coach Speicher commented.



Senior Sarah Wilson has played volleyball for four years. One of her favorite memories is Coach Speicher getting mad and turning red. Is she sad to leave? "Yes, I really am. I love it all, except the shorts!"

"Sarah did a good job of hitting for us, improving greatly over her junior year," remarked Coach Speicher.

# THE TRADITION

## CONTINUES...

as IHS snags another **Camp Champion** Title at UCA Camp at Bethany College in Lindsborg. This year, the rewards doubled! The Varsity and Freshman Squads also took home the **traditions award** for the "B-U-L-L-D-O-G" cheer that often reverberated throughout Losey and the football fields.



Freshman Cheer Coach, Mrs. McBride, and Varsity Cheer Coach, Ms. McClure.



### IHS Varsity Cheerleaders

Front Row: Mallory Trabuc, Lisa Erbe, Maggie Schabel (Co-Capt.), Chelsi Taylor (Co-Capt.) Second Row: Kelsey Snyding, Andrew Beshears, Karlee Passauer, Hillary Farmer (Co-Capt.). Ashley Leake, Kelsey Stelting, Katie Boulanger, Aubrey Papen, Lucy Ramos, Stephanie Scharfer. Third Row: Allison Lamy, Jennifer Schadeberg, Reanna Browning, Jessica Lennon, Katlin Jackson, Mary Barnworth

### IHS Freshman Cheerleaders

Front Row: Crestley Jones, Megan McAfee, Sara Reynolds, Kelsey Mayes. Back Row: Ashley Wright, Amber Coatney, Marylynn Craig.





**Background Dancer:** Karlee Passover, Hillary Farner, Andrew Beshars and Lisa Erbe perform a transition stunt that was declared "Cuba No. 1" due to its complexity.

# FLYING HIGH



**Spirit:** An undeniable fixture at every Independence High School athletic event. The students and members of the community who support the team show up to every game to cheer on the Bulldogs, hopefully, to a victory!

One ever present force at the IHS games are the IHS Cheerleaders, often described as a battalion due to the large size of the squad. Twenty cheerleaders take the field or court at every home game. They practice almost every day, and each year they put together two cheer clinics for younger children, go to camp, and make up the infamous Big Cheer.

This year's Big Cheer had a hip hop theme. The cheerleaders danced to a blend of many different hip-hop songs, and stunted as well. At the end of the music, the cheerleaders took position to perform their actual cheer which ended in the line that is used each year. "The tradition continues and here it will remain. Indy Bulldogs, it's all in the name." Each year the cheerleaders have to learn choreography, stunts, and the cheer motions and words. Senior cheerleaders began mapping the Big Cheer out during the end of first semester and performed on February 23rd at the last home game of the year.

UCA Cheerleading Camp at Bethany College took place last summer in Lindsborg. Each year the IHS cheerleaders go in hopes of holding up their reputation of camp champions. Prior to camp, six A.M. practices are held daily, Monday through Friday, to prepare for the big week. This year, the IHS squads brought home three trophies for Camp Champs and Most Improved, and the traditions award. Two of the senior members of the squad, Chelsi Taylor and Lisa Erbe, also made All-Stars at the camp. This year's freshman lived up to the elite status of Indy Cheer. They brought home not only a Camp Champs Trophy, but many other ribbons and trophies as well.

Try-outs were conducted prior to spring break in March. Beginning next year, the freshman squad will be replaced by a JV squad, who will cheer at JV football and basketball games. This system gives upperclassmen who do not make the varsity squad a chance to participate in cheerleading at IHS and to share in the many achievements of the squad.



## STANDING TOGETHER

At the start of every home football game, Old Indy, Alma Mater blares over the speaker system. Above, a group of IHS Cheerleaders sways along to the music.



Senior Chelsi Taylor assists one of the little cheer clinic cheerleaders in executing a perfect high stand. Each year the varsity cheerleading squad hosts two cheer clinics for younger children in Independence.



Junior Ashley Leake leads the crowd in a cheer during a football game. Although the season was not the best, the cheerleaders kept on and appeared at every game. The spirit in the stands was especially intense this year thanks to Booster Club's efforts.

# Blue Ribbon Dancers



First Row: Shea Casurole, Chelsea Lumm, Paige Demo, Teryn Frizell, Kayla Schabel, Kelsey Stelting, Maggie Gorman, Kendall Martinez, Morgan Rinck. Second Row: Jessica Kebert, Taylor Jurski, Jenny Carpenter, Ashley Moore, Lauren Lester, Casey Oliver, Courtney Burns, Olivia Brennan. Third Row: Brooke Rollison and Tasha Miller.



## Dance Team



Above: The dancers are ready to perform their Christmas Dance on December 16, 2006. This was a dance with a mix of Christmas songs such as "O' Christmas Tree", "Santa Baby", "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer", "All I Want For Christmas Is You" and "Mr. Grinch". Above Left: Kelsey Stelting receives her blue ribbon at dance camp. This ribbon is for having a superior routine.



Above: Casey Oliver, Kelsey Stelting, Kayla Schabel, Teryn Frizell, Courtney Burns, and Maggie Gorman at dance camp 2005 in Butler College.

# IHS

During the 2005 Dance Camp, the IHS dance team was awarded many blue ribbons. Receiving a blue ribbon is an honor because it means superior. Superior is making 2 or fewer mistakes in the routine. This year there were four All Star winners: **Olivia Brennan, Maggie Gorman, Morgan Rinck, and Kelsey Stelting.**

"Even though this year we had many countless conflicts, it was fun to be around the girls and making up diverse melodies to dance to." - **Morgan Rinck**



Above: Ashley Moore and Shea Casuro wait anxiously in the little gym at Losey before their homecoming routine: all about MONEY!





# Boy's J.V. and Varsity Basketball

Front Row: Cameron Johnson, Cole Pasternak, Dan Gross, Tyler Smith, Lane Hoffmeister, Grant Webster.

Second Row: Coach Bradbury, Andy Whitley, Alex Anderson, Adam Greenhaw, Micheal Ysusi, Matt Cadle, Patrick Landrum.

Third Row: Coach Brunley, Dylan Craft, Spencer Null, Josh Oldenettle, Nick Hart, Adam Taylor, Devish Patel, Beau Schuler, Coach Rose.



Tyler Smith above dribbles fast to go in for the point.

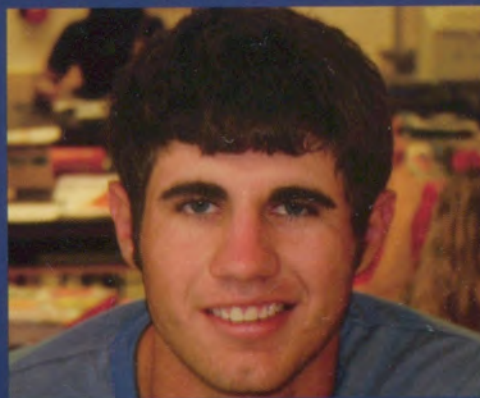


Nick Hart-"I wasn't very pleased with our season this year. I thought that we would have won more games and played a lot better.' Nick also said 'My most memorable experience was playing slap free throws with Patrick Landrum and left a hand print on him for a week!"

Varsity and JV boys basketball team played a good season, with amazing comebacks leading to great victories.

Like the Columbus game just three minutes in and the ITS boys had already six fouls. But despite all the fouls and struggles the ITS boys came back with an amazing win 76-68.

The game against Pittsburg was much more heart racing. Dan Gross was fouled and hit three free throws in a row with less than a second to go. But as the Bulldogs were cheering they got a technical foul that could have cost them the game, but the team came through and they ended up winning a 55-54 victory over the Pittsburg Dragons.



Adam Taylor-"I really enjoyed playing varsity this year. I had lots of fun, and the Pittsburg game was the best 15 seconds of my life. I can't wait till next year."

# Freshmen

## Boys Basketball



Sha'Ray Britt - "I really enjoyed my season of basketball, because it kept me out of trouble and it gave me something to do. I'm excited about moving up to J.V. or varsity next year because it's TO REAL."

First Row: Coach Bradbury, Bryan Clubine, Josh Bromley, Sha'Ray Britt, Ryan Hayes, and Justin Lane.  
Second Row: Zach Bryant, Dan Porter, Ryan Dierks, Ethan Speicher, Logan Null.

This year's freshman boys basketball team had a great season. They had magnificent team work. At the Columbus tournament they went a perfect 3-0 to capture the championship. They also had a 38-18 victory over Field Kindley. Ethan Speicher led the bulldogs with a game high of 16 pts, next Dan Porter with 13 and then Sha'Ray Britt with 11.

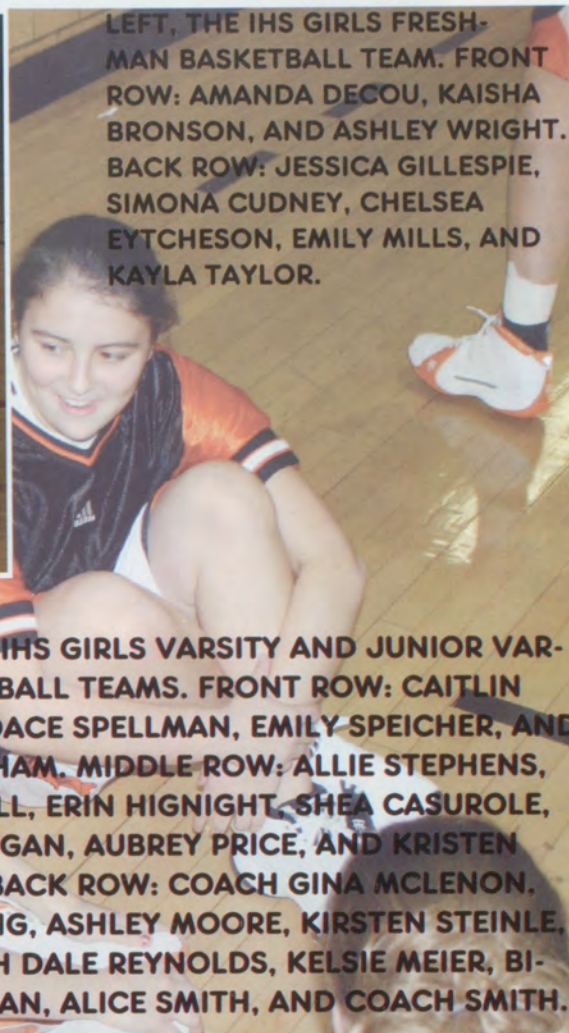
Coach Bradbury said, "This was the best group of kids that I have ever coached. At the beginning they were kinda worried because they had lost Grant Webster and Lane Hoffmister. But they all worked very hard and made up for it."







LEFT, THE IHS GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM. FRONT ROW: AMANDA DECOU, KAISHA BRONSON, AND ASHLEY WRIGHT. BACK ROW: JESSICA GILLESPIE, SIMONA CUDNEY, CHELSEA EYTCHESON, EMILY MILLS, AND KAYLA TAYLOR.



SENIOR KANDACE SPELLMAN AND SOPHOMORE AMANDA CALL CONVERSE BEFORE WARMING UP FOR THE WINTER HOMECOMING GAME.

BELOW, THE IHS GIRLS VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS. FRONT ROW: CAITLIN KELLY, KANDACE SPELLMAN, EMILY SPEICHER, AND AMBER DUNHAM. MIDDLE ROW: ALLIE STEPHENS, AMANDA CALL, ERIN HIGNIGHT, SHEA CASUROLE, BREEZY MANGAN, AUBREY PRICE, AND KRISTEN SPELLMAN. BACK ROW: COACH GINA MCLENON, CHELSEA KING, ASHLEY MOORE, KIRSTEN STEINLE, HEAD COACH DALE REYNOLDS, KELSIE MEIER, BILLOXIE MANGAN, ALICE SMITH, AND COACH SMITH.



Kirsten Steinle, freshman, sets up to shoot a free throw during a home game against Parsons, January 6. In the end, IHS lost 45-28.



# Girls Basketball

MAY BE VERTICALLY CHALLENGED,  
BUT  
ALWAYS  
PLAYING  
WITH  
HEART

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Q: What is the hardest part about leaving the team for good this year?

A: "I'll miss the underclassmen and overall the bond I shared with all the teammates on and off the court."

-Amber Dunham,  
Senior

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Throughout the winter season coaches Dale Reynolds and Gina McLendon of the IHS girls basketball team aimed for the always common goal of sports-success. The standard activities took place to kick off the season. Scrimmages, running lines, and the traditional initiation of new team members by working together to "decorate" Coach Reynolds' front lawn. But after all the toilet paper and shaving cream was cleaned up, it was back to the winners' mind-set.

The team looked promising, showing enthusiasm as they worked their way through the season. They came to face many upsets but as far as Coach Reynolds was concerned they executed their jobs well. "It's a great challenge to go up against strong competitors like Labette and Iola, but the excitement of the game helps overcome any fears."

The girls grew very close, having visible chemistry on the court. Freshman Chelsea Eytcheson said the most influential upperclassman to her was junior, Erin Hignight. "She was always really easy to talk to when I had a question and she made things fun; she's really good at basketball."

The team voted on team awards at the end of the season. Senior Caitlin Kelly won Defensive MVP and the Miss Hustle award. Most Inspirational was awarded to Emily Speicher, senior. Ashley Moore, junior, won Most Improved Player; Allie Stephens, junior, was awarded the Team and Offensive MVP awards; and Kirsten Steinle, freshman, received Most Potential.

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**J** Junior, Allie Stephens passes the ball over a Labette County opponent during the Winter Homecoming game.

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# Wrestling I H S Fever S

Below Jason Swearingen works out his wrestling moves in his 189 match up.



Wrestling involves sweaty players in spandex who can withstand pain, fatigue and hours of practice just to pin their opponent to the mat. The colors red faced wrestlers from the heat or bluish purple from lack of air when they were put in half-nelsons or head locks by other wrestlers was a sign they were working hard but whatever the reason, they worked hard for the gold and silver medals.

Coaches had high expectations for all their wrestlers, and they were hoping to send more than one person to State. Several wrestlers were within one match qualifying for state. Senior Keith Shepard was the only one who qualified for state. His record was 20-5 going into Regionals. From there on Keith would go on to wrestle at Salina. The last time Keith went to State was his freshman year. This year he would face some of the toughest opponents yet again and Keith fought his way through it all to take third place.

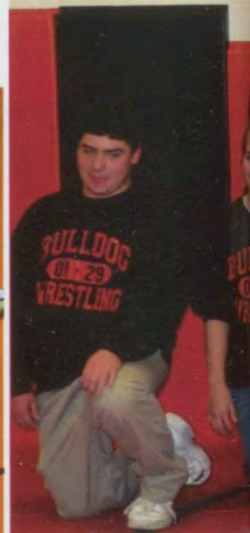


Above sophomore AJ Reed is on top of things in this 140 wrestling match up against Columbus.

Below Roger Wilson has full control over this Columbus wrestler. Later this match Roger pulled away with a pin. Many of the Indy wrestlers would face tough opponents and tough wins as well as loses.



Lee Dunham says "No pain NO GAIN!"



Above Indy wrestlers warm up before the upcoming wrestling match. All wrestlers worked throughout the entire season, but sometimes it's just fun to mess around on the mat.




Above Brent Berbrick has his hands full wrestling this Columbus wrestler.

Below Keith Shepard takes on one of his state wrestling opponents at Salina.



From left to right. Front Row: Mike Kebert, Asia Hogan, Rachel Wickline, Taylor Stockton, Stephen Price, Michael Steelman, Bobby Riggs, Chad Schaffer, James Stockton, Brent Alveras, Leah Tucker, Sydney Wagner. Middle Row: Jeff Carnes, Lee Dunham, Brent Berbrick, Ryan Taylor, AJ Reed, Tony Ruiz, AJ Kimsey, Chris Threlkeld, Coach Mosely. Back Row: Colin Victory, Paul Riggle, Jace Hugo, Jason Swearingen, Keith Shepard, Alan Hayse, Nathan Walters, Cody Johnson.



Zane Evans searches for just the right club.

# UNDER PAR

## BULLDOG GOLF TEAM

Friction, gravity, wind, and other forces of nature: these are the factors a golfer must consider and defeat in order to get their ball into the hole. When one person walks onto the tee box and prepares to take on eighteen separate attempts of holing their golf ball, they must be prepared to accomplish the improbable. The Independence Golf team spent the first part of their season preparing, and their efforts paid off tremendously.

As a whole they placed second in their regional, falling short only to Fort Scott, who won almost every event they entered. "Fort Scott was always our toughest competition, we did well to stay in the runnings with them," Sullivan Schabel commented on their toughest SEK opponents. This overcoming of odds was regularly achieved by this team, making it seem far less unusual for a small white sphere to be smacked four hundred yards into a hole about four inches in diameter. Ben Mitchell astonishingly showed just how much skill he possesses by stroking the ball into the hole on his first shot on a par three during his regional round. "It was an amazing feeling to hit a hole-in-one. I almost couldn't believe it, until I found my ball at the bottom of the cup!" Ben shares with us about his accomplishment.

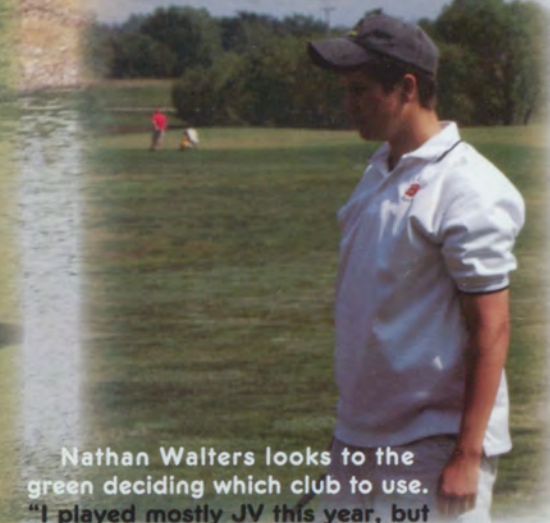
As a team they placed 8th at State, and were very pleased with their standings in Wellington. "I played much better this year than I did last year at state. I felt more focused and I played with more confidence," Adam Taylor said about his performance at state. Adam finished with 82 strokes and placed 30th at state, 24 places higher than his 2005 finish. Jace Hugo, who shot an 87 and placed 52nd, and Sullivan Schabel, who shot an 85 and placed 45th, were the other underclassmen competing in Wellington. Trevor Bruening, shooting a 97; Ben Mitchell, shooting a 100; and James Stockton, not competing, were the three departing seniors who played golf this year. "I've had some good times and some bad times playing golf with all of these guys, but I will always remember the good times," Trevor Bruening added when asked what he thought about leaving the team behind. "We will miss our seniors, we always do. They were great players and people, and now it is up to our juniors to step up and be leaders," said assistant coach Bob Tincher.



Head Coach: Mark Coder   Assistant Coach: Bob Tincher



Chandler King knocks a putt in for birdie on the ninth hole at Sycamore golf course. "I felt awesome after the birdie on that par five," he said while sharing his feelings about hole.



Nathan Walters looks to the green deciding which club to use. "I played mostly JV this year, but I have worked hard and I hope to earn a spot on Varsity in the next year or two," said Nathan while discussing his future.



- Front Row:*  
John Lewis, Taylor Stockton,  
James Stockton, Trevor Bruening,  
Jace Hugo
- Middle Row:*  
Zane Evans, Ryan Hayes, Nathan  
Walters, Ben Mitchell, Cody Albert,  
Sullivan Schabel
- BackRow:*  
Matt Bromley, Jake Schuler,  
Adam Taylor, Derek Meier,  
Chandler King

## Varsity Golf 2006



Third baseman Trent Goins thinks about the situation before a play at a home game.



Senior Brett Affolter makes connection with a pitch at a home game.



Senior Keith Shepard sprints down third baseline trying to score at home.



Back row: Coach Trent Babcock, Cale Shepard, Ethan Speicher, Patrick Landrum, Ryan Dierks, Keith Shepard, Tyler Stein, Brandon Kelley, Coach Eddie Mason.  
 Middle row: Daniel Gross, Brandon Daniels, Trent Goins, Brett Affolter, Josh Ferrell, Justin Lane, Lane Hoffmeister, Wynn Shepard.  
 Front row: Grant Webster, Cole Pasternak, Brian Tyree, Matt Kahler, Andrew Carter, A.J. Reed, Austin Leake, Manager Teryn Frizell.



# Boys of Summer

**B**oys Varsity Baseball had their ups and downs during their competitive season, but in spite of everything, they came together as a team. The guys knew the importance of being able to concentrate and focus while playing. Because of this knowledge, the team was able to capture some key league victories. In the midst of the season, the boys knew their record was jeopardized by losing important league matches. But the team knew that having fun and playing ball was more important than a record. The team went on to regain their name and learn that the love of the game is more important than their record.



Junior Wynn Shepard studies his throw to home during a home game.

While teammates surround the plate, junior Trent Goins rounds the bases after hitting a home run during a home game against Parsons.

# Back to the Bases



Below: First Row: Chelsea Laswell, Chelsi Taylor, Morgan Rinck, Jordan Conley, Sarah Wilson. Middle: Asia Hogan, Ashley Leake, Stephanie Schafer, Laura Kendrick, Kelsey Stelting, Shea Casurole, Erin Hignight, Kattie Dodson, Courtney Burns, Mersadies Newton, Amber Jones, Kacie Dodson. Back: Coach Null, Jessica Kebert, Brooke Rollison, Tasha Miller, Kirsten Steinle, Coach Reynolds, Kelsie Meier, Lauren Lester, Ashley Moore, Skye Doty, Chelsea Eytcheson, Coach Rinck.





Above: Jordan Conley looks for her mitt as she heads to the field. "I will miss all the games and the girls on the team."



Left: Shea Casurole runs in after the quick three strikes that Amber Jones pitched in. Above: Amber Jones is ecstatic on her pitching. "This is probably one of the best games I have pitched."



Above: Morgan Rinck slides into third, bringing in two runs.

Right Top: Chelsea Laswell tries to hide behind her mitt after winning the softball game.

Right: Chelsi Taylor rounds third base after a hit from Chelsea Laswell.



# Safe At Home



# Ken BROWN'S Boys' Tennis

"Now that's what I'm talkin' about! State Champions! I've watched all the movies- Remember the Titans, The Mighty Ducks, Hoosiers - but this is better than all of them! I have never been envious of the other State Championship teams and have never measured our program by the lack of one, but, boys, I think this championship crowns the legitimacy of Independence Bulldog Tennis. Someday you can all look back and reminisce about your contribution to this legacy. I am very proud of all of you." -Ken Brown

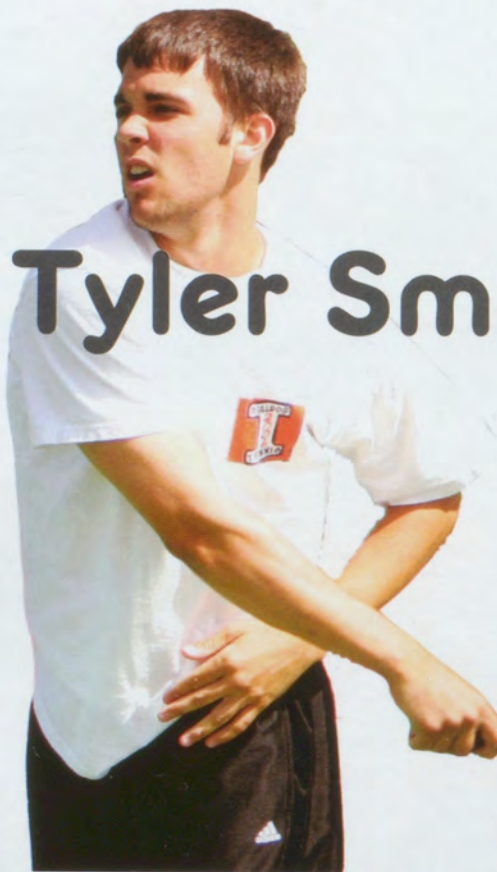
## 2006 BULLDOGS



Name	Singles		Doubles		Total	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Brent Berberick			14	5	14	5
Zach Berberick	7	3			7	3
Andrew Carr			11	1	11	1
Ben Clark	1	2	8	2	9	4
Logan Dent			11	1	11	1
Omar Elshabassy	10	3	5	2	15	5
Shane Ferguson			19	3	19	3
Adam Greenhaw	7	3	12	4	19	7
Eric Hardy			13	1	13	1
Cameron Johnson			26	6	26	6
Paul Kersey	18	4	2	3	20	7
Matson Murray	10	1			10	1
Om Patel			28	3	28	3
Dan Porter	29	5	3	1	32	6
Andrew Posch			35	4	35	4
Bobby Riggs			14	5	14	5
Rylan Romans			11	2	11	2
Tyler Smith			35	4	35	4
Zach Willis	34	5			34	5
Michael Ysusi	7	3	9	3	16	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>79</b>
	<b>80.92%</b>		<b>83.66%</b>		<b>82.75%</b>	



# State



**Tyler Smith**



**Andrew Posch**

The IHS Bulldog Boys Tennis team placed first at the state tournament in Topeka. Zach Willis placed second in singles. Dan Porter placed fifth in singles and became the highest placing freshman at the State tournament in IHS history. Clenching the victory was doubles partners Andrew Posch and Tyler Smith becoming state Champions. As a team the 2005-2006 Bulldog boys tennis team became State Champions.



“Winning state was almost as satisfying as a trip to McDonalds.” - Andrew Posch

“It’s a good thing to have pride in something that you do.”  
- Tyler Smith

# Champs



**Dan Porter**



**Zach Willis**

**Tyler Smith**

## Dedication

From Prom King to State Tennis Champ senior **Tyler Smith** does it all. He is very dedicated to tennis and works hard to play his role on the team. Tyler's main goal for this season is to play his best. His personality and dedicated work ethic has made him the awesome State Champion he is today. Along with his doubles partner **Andrew Posch**, they achieved what every high school athlete dreams of ... a State Championship.

"Winning state was great but it wouldn't be possible without Ken and Gina. They're Cool." - **Zach Willis**





**Andrew Hayse hands off the baton to Spencer White and leaves the rest of the race to him. "There is much more teamwork involved in track than most people realize. It's more than just running around in circles by yourself, unless you're running the two mile, then you literally do run in circles," says Spencer while he explains his track views.**



**"Track is like taffy, it's good and fun, but when it comes to track meets you have to give it your all," Matt Cadle says when comparing track to his favorite candy.**



**Allen Hayse overtakes his worn out opponent, showing his stamina and dedication. "Track gives me a chance to show other people that I am faster than them, and it gives me a good feeling to pass other runners," Allen says while sharing his favorite running moments.**



# STATE BOUND

Track. A sport where many athletes talents are displayed. Speed, strength, agility, technique, there is a lot more to track than people think. Track has many events to accompany its many athletes. But one thing is true about every event in track, you push everything you have to the limit. Nine Bulldog athletes went to state this year and performed well throughout the entire season. The boys 4x800 team captured the Regional championship and were very close to setting a school record. The girls were not far behind with a second place finish in the 4x800



*"When I prepare for a big race, I usually listen to some pump up music on my i-pod. The music gets me focused and ready to rock," - Caitlin Kelly, senior*

at regionals. Amber Dunham placed first in the shotput and second in the javelin at Regionals then went on to take first in shot and third in javelin at state. Amber said, "if I would have been throwing javelin like I had been two weeks earlier then I would have two state championships." Coach Stewart was very proud of the athletes and said "I felt that every athlete gave it his all, and that is all that a coach can ask for. I am proud of each and every one of them."

AMBER DUNHAM BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD AT STATE BY PLACING FIRST IN SHOT PUT AND THIRD IN JAVELIN



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# Fall Homecoming

Fall Homecoming is a week-long event that starts off with creative spirit days and ends in coronation and class competitions. This year's Homecoming theme was "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," and IHS students crowned Traci Mills and Josh Woollard as Homecoming royalty.

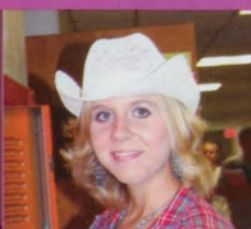
The nomination process begins weeks before coronation with teams and clubs nominating a senior from their sport to represent IHS at Homecoming coronation. King candidates included Nick Hart, Tom Fay, Josh Woollard, Spencer White, and

Keith Shepard. The Queen Candidates included Maggie Schabel, Chelsi Taylor, Traci Mills, Lisa Erbe, and Caitlin Kelly.

Stuco sponsored a class competition in which each class had one week to decorate a golf cart "float", that went along with the "Willy Wonka" theme, and then were judged Friday night at coronation. Each class showed off their week of hard work by driving their float around the track. The senior class won the float decoration competition with their "Cream Columbus" float which looked like a giant rolling sundae.



clockwise from top left: Amade Decou strikes a pose during Formal Day; "Cream Columbus" was the name of the winning float which was built by the seniors; Homecoming King Josh Woollard and Queen Traci Mills walk off the field after coronation; freshman girls Meg McAfee (left) and Chelsea Peters (right) show their spirit during Homecoming by wearing football jerseys.



"If you want to view paradise, simply look around and view it. Being Willy Wonka for the assembly was excellent."  
-junior Andrew Hayse

"Formal Day was a great idea! Finally, we had class *with class*."  
-Brandi Wright

"I really liked spirit week. It was always funny to see what people would wear for each day."  
-freshman Jake Rousey

"I like cowboys in tight jeans, so it was fun to be one on spirit day."  
-junior Lindsey Dean

"Oompah Loompahs for LIFE!"  
-freshman Brent Alvarez

# W I N T E R H O M E C O M I N G



The candidates for winter homecoming were Nichole Anderson, nominated by Spanish club, Leah Dunham, nominated by KAYS Club, Chelsea Laswell, nominated by Stuco, Karlee Passeuer, nominated by cheerleading, Kandace Spellman, nominated by the basketball team, Brett Follmer, nominated by Scholar's Bowl, Allen Hayse, nominated by Indy Ensemble Cameron Johnson, nominated by the basketball team, Andy Likes, nominated by PUPPS, and Om Patel, nominated by Stuco.

Who is your ideal cell mate? What is the most trouble you have ever gotten in? These are a few questions asked by Brian Tyree and Keith Shepard, our resident detectives here at IHS questioning the potential Winter Homecoming



candidates. After the assembly the student body voted on who they wanted to be IHS royalty. On Homecoming night the basketball team suffered a loss to Labette. However, the loss was countered by a performance by the Dance team and the Big Cheer. Finally Om Patel and Kandace Spellman were elected King and Queen of IHS.



Dane Pace dresses up as a zombie for spirit week.



- Best President- Derek Meier- DynoCorp
- Best VP of Marketing- Maggie Gorman- Vision
- Best VP of Finance- Nathan Rau- Eldolon
- Best VP of Production- Jessi Lane- Vision
- Best VP of Human Resources- Halli Beaver-Eldolon
- Best Webmaster- Michael Heathman- Eldolon
- Best Sales Person 1- Joslyn Kuslak- Vision
- Best Sales Person 2- Wynn Shepard- DynoCorp
- Best Sales Person 3- Chandler King- DynoCorp
- Best Entrepreneurship II- James Stockton



Above: Nathan Rau and Matt Kahler perform quality control on their company's product.

## Up Close and Personal

What was it like winning the Best President award?  
 "The scholarship was nice. Also was a nice pat on the back."  
 -Derek Meier



Were you happy to win the Best VP of Marketing?  
 "I was very excited! It showed that all my hard work payed off."  
 -Maggie Gorman





# It's All About the Green

Far left: DynoCorp works hard in class.

Left: Matt Kahler, Whitley Polk, and Zach Berberick wait to be judged.

Below: Matson Murray, Zach Willis, Jace Hugo, and Brandon Kelley prepare before the restless judging.

Entrepreneurship is a class students can take to learn about how to start and run their own company. Once again, we had 3 companies: DynoCorp, Eidolon, & Vision. DynoCorp sold a whiteboard and Eidolon marketed the inflatable #1 finger, while Vision sold the Bulldog t-shirt with buttons. In this class, students have fun while selling stock, creating logos, deciding what to sell, selling the product, and of course, making a profit. Along with all that, in the end, students could win some pretty good scholarships.

This year, for the first time, there was an Entrepreneurship II class. The class was offered to students who had already taken entrepreneurship.



Above: Vision's product, a Bulldog T-shirt and button

What was the funnest part of Entrepreneurship?

"I really like earning money."  
-Jace Hugo



How did it feel to win Entrepreneurship II?

"It felt good to beat all the smart people. I do big things"  
-James Stockton



STEP AFTER STEP THE BAND MEMBERS CONTINUED TO BE A WAVE OF ENERGY AND DEDICATION

Roger Willson played the symbols on the drumline.



# Back in Black

With the number of band members growing year by year Band Director Erin Shelton is preparing the band for its first huge performance, the Cotton Bowl. During the '06-'07 school year the band is planning on taking a trip to Dallas Texas to perform in front of thousands at the well known Cotton Bowl. But the band will not go into this trip unprepared. Along with hours of grueling practice the band has put up some great ratings at competitions. The band has received numerous "2" ratings at many competitions such as the home Neewollah festival, as well as 1st place in 4A at the Goddard festival. The IHS Jazz Band will also be attending the Cotton Bowl next year. They are perhaps the most prepared of all. They received a "1" or superior rating at the

Pittsburgh Jazz Festival

- (Left) - Band director Erin Shelton is cool.
- (Middle) - Snare player Dan Gross tears it up.
- (Right) - Twirler captain Leah Dunham loves twirling.





## FIRE JUGGLERS

Twirlers this year were Leah Dunham (captain), Mersadies Newton, and Casey Oliver.



(Above) - The Pep Band helped set the mood at the home basketball games this year.

# INDY VOCAL



Top: Director Larry Annable fixes his tie before the first choral concert.

Middle: Shelly Allen performs with others at Fall Concert. Bottom: Dana Aitken accompanies all choral groups at performances.



## FAVORITE SAYINGS FROM MR. ANNABLE:

"Uh.....No."

"You sound like a hundred pound canary."

"Sing lightly!"

"Dance the horal"

"The groups this year have been wonderful. They have met all the goals they have set and the ones expected. I will, of course, miss my seniors leaving, but hope to see them in December for our Christmas Concert." - Mr. Annable





Left: Katlin Jackson signals the number of her hanger to friend to keep away from the crowded rack.



Right: Sherri Allen and Allen Hayse practice the "Star Spangled Banner" in the middle school band room before the boys basketball game.



Above: Emily Spelcher and Keith Shepard sing "A Parting Blessing." It is sung at the end of every performance.



Above: Chelsea Laswell plays the drum as the Indy Ensemble performs the song "Shut De Do." This song was one of the ensembles favorite to sing because of Jaime Reddy's solo.



Above: Teryn Fritzell, Andrew Posch, Hillary Farmer, and Christopher Furr perform "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" at the last choir concert.

# Zoom, Click, Flash!!

Under the direction of Mrs. Shepard, the media classes are a presence at nearly every activity in the school district. This makes for a very busy calendar for those students enrolled in Media I and Media II.

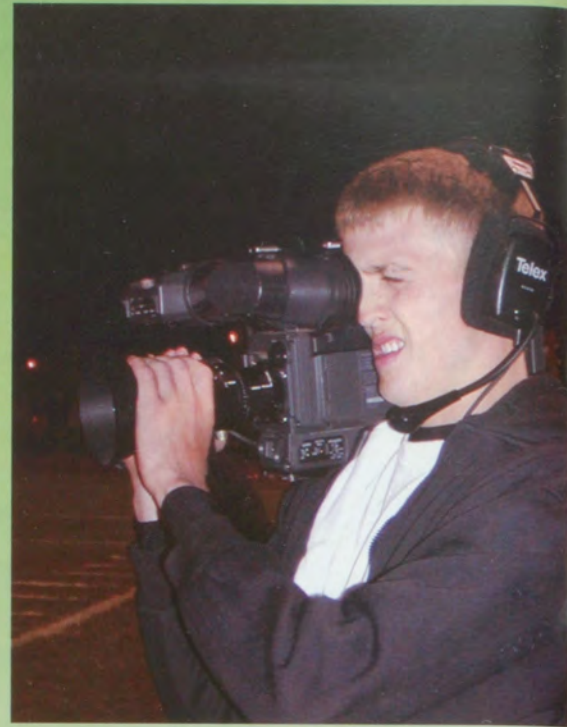
Media not only films high school athletic events and fine arts programs, but also films activities such as school dances, prom walk-in and graduation. The video is then edited and placed on Channel 14 to show the people at home.

Media II put "IHS Times" across the airwaves every two weeks. "The Media II students were outstanding. Their creativity was a constant challenge. They turned out entertaining shows which the public seemed to like," said Mrs. Shepard.



Above Brian Tyree is set to film an assembly in the auditorium.

Right: Keith Shepard focuses on the field at a home game.



Below: Allen Hayse and James Stockton getting a close up on the game.



Left: Andrew Carr shows Kacie Dodson how to use some of the tools on the camera.

# ORCHESTRA



Left: **Christine Brady** plays a catchy tune on her violin.  
Below: **Caleb Hadley** and **Jon Jesse** play their violins during orchestra class.

Although the orchestra may be small in numbers, they are mighty in spirit. "I like being a member of a small, more intimate group; however, it became a problem when we didn't have enough bass players," said **Kaisha Bronson**, freshman.

**Caleb Hadley**, freshman, said, "The end-of-year concert was fun. We got to show off what we learned throughout the year."



Above: **Wesley Lawrence** plays the bass during orchestra.

Left: **Nick Skellinger** is all tied up while playing his violin.

Below: **Kaisha Bronson** concentrates on her violin music.



"Even though we were relatively inexperienced, the team put forth a lot of effort and tried. We look forward to having experience on our side next year,"

- Coach Julie Dunham

What was your most enjoyable experience in debate?



"The most fun came from making someone cry"  
- Sophomore Tracey Fienen



"Going to other places and talking to other people in our district"  
- Junior Thomas Wehmeier

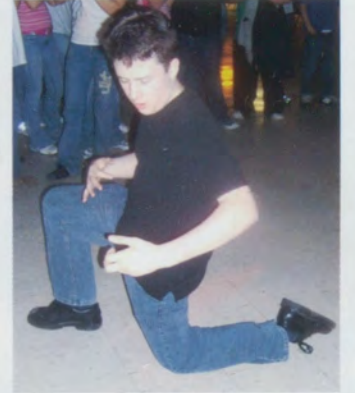
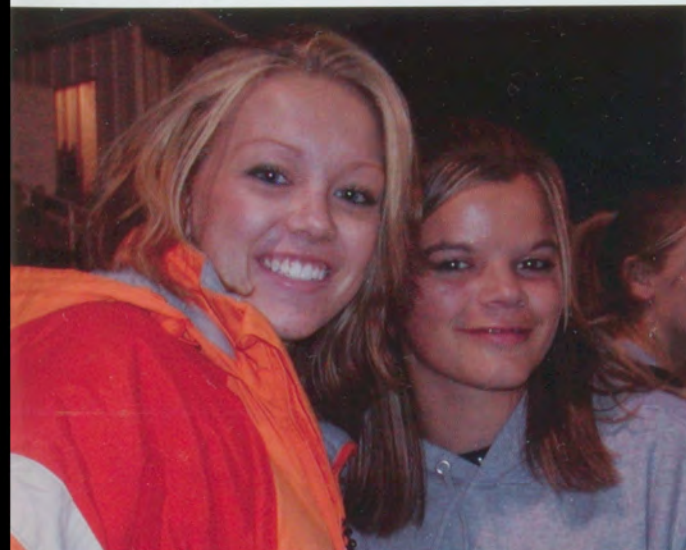
# Debating for Fun



Back Row: Coach Julie Dunham, Andrew Duke, Tracey Fienen, Thomas Wehmeier, Tony Russell, Jamal Brown, Tiffany Baker  
Front Row: Nicki Taylor, Kimberlee Bradley, and Katie Fienen



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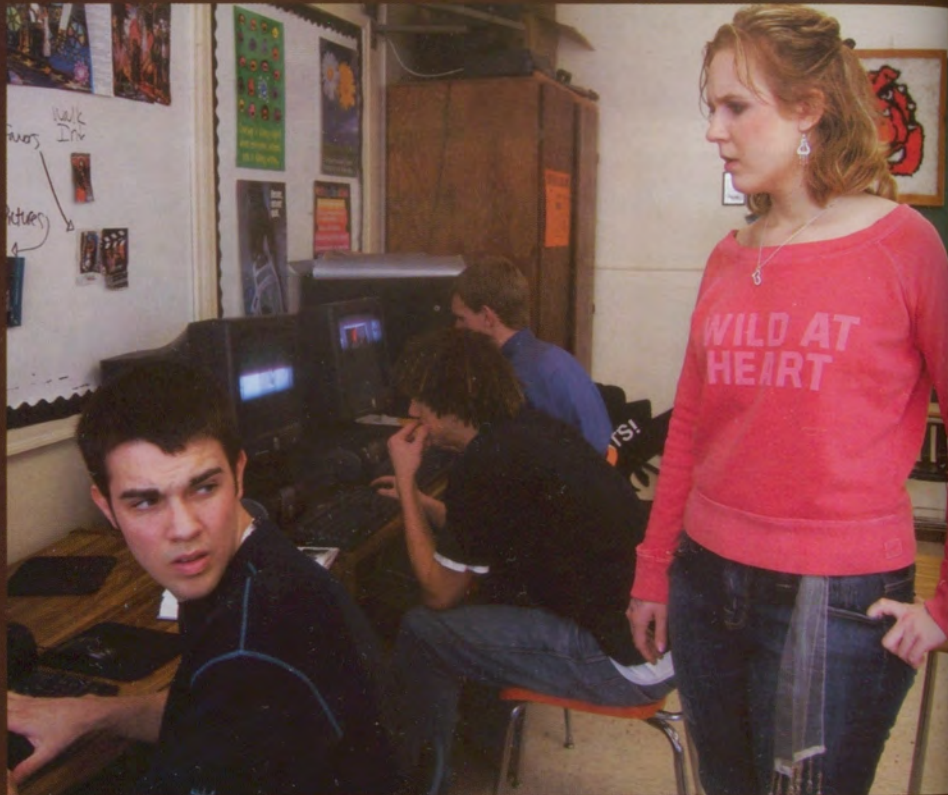




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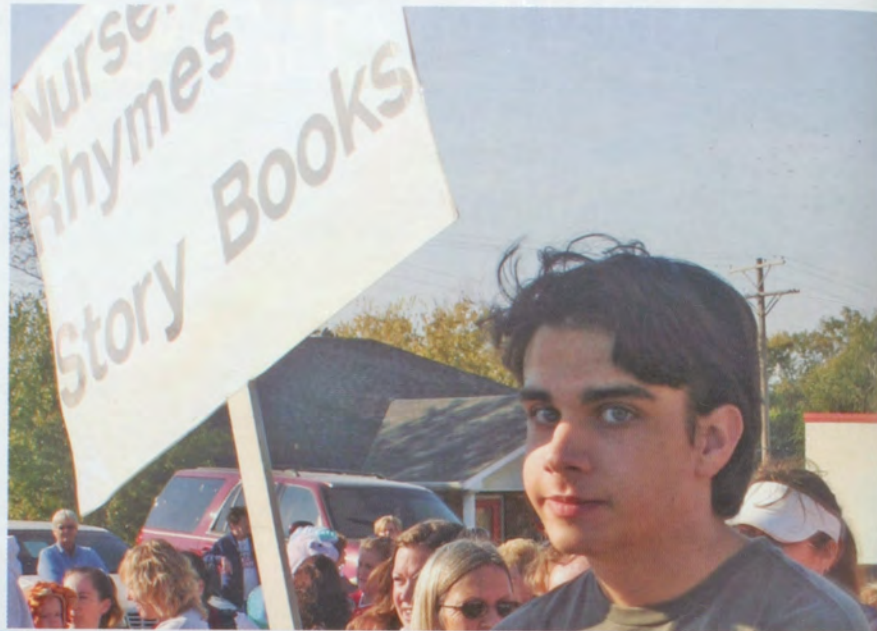
STUDENTS IN THE IHS YEARBOOK CLASS ARE ALWAYS ON THE FLY. WHETHER IT'S TAKING PICTURES, MAKING PAGES, OR DECIDING ON THEMES AND STORIES, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO. THIS YEAR'S CLASS CONSISTS OF SIX SENIORS: MALLORY TRABUC, MAGGIE SCHABEL, AMBER DUNHAM, CAMERON JOHNSON, TYLER SMITH, AND ANDREW BESHEARS. BESIDES THE SENIORS THERE ARE TEN JUNIORS INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: DEREK MEIER, SPENCER NULL, WYNN SHEPARD, KRISTEN MAXWELL, RACHEL WICKLINE, LAURA KENDRICK, LINDSEY DEAN, MISTY WILSON, BRYAN WILSON, AND KELSEY STELTING.



Writing stories, taking pictures, layout designing, getting interviews, the list goes on and on. To get all of these tasks done many talented and creative people are needed. Some students are choice writers, some are fantastic photographers. There are artists, and computer geniuses. This yearbook class has got it going on, but collaboration and dexterity are needed to get the job finished and finished on time. Time is always a big issue for yearbook students. Since it is an all junior and senior class, most of the students have a full schedule, and getting out to take pictures or interview other students is often a nuisance to squeeze in. That's why it is so important for everyone to work together and help each other out when it is necessary. Yearbook is just like a game of chess, every pawn is crucial to succeed.

# Ghosts and Goblins

Right: **Thomas Wehmeier** holds a sign for Nursery Rhymes as he guides children through the Kiddie Parade. Thomas worked for the junior class. Neewollah Board paid the juniors \$2000, which went to their prom fund, to assist Neewollah throughout the month



Clockwise from left: **Brett Follmer** and **Rebecca Knox** wait in a line at a food stand after the Grand Parade. **Michael Stephens** and **Kirsten Miller** laughing and enjoying a Neewollah night. **Leah Dunham** looks to the sky a split second before catching her baton in the Grand Parade. The IHS band leads Saturday's parade each year.



*“Keeping the Memories  
Alive in 2005”*

# Neewollah

Neewollah is a very special time of year for Independence. Just as the air starts to get cold and the leaves die and fall off their stems, the town comes alive with so much to do it is a challenge to do it all. With all the rides, games, food, contests, and friends to mingle with, you can be assured to have a good time at Neewollah. This year you may have been “Keeping the Memories Alive in 2005”, but at Neewollah there are always special memories to keep every year.



Members from the cheerleading squad participate in the Grand Parade as they carry the Neewollah welcome banner.



**Queen's 2005 Royal Court: Maggie Schabel, Miss Interview; Sarah Griffin, Miss Beauty; Brandace Magner, Miss Poise; Chelsi Taylor, Second-Runner-Up; Lisa Erbe, Queen Neelah; Joslyn Kusiak, First-Runner-Up; Donna Castillo, Miss Talent; Chelsea Laswell, Miss Fashion; Misty Spears, Miss Personality and Miss Congeniality; and Morgan Rinck, Miss Originality.**

# Queen Neelah LXIV

A week of flashbacks and costumes ended with a tearful royal court and a night of dancing.

Right: Juniors Paige Demo, Chelsea Lumm, Allie Stephens, and Brandon Kelley help during the Kiddie Parade.



Once a year our community gathers together to support local senior girls in the Queen Neelah pageant. This year captured the theme "Keeping the Memories Alive in 2005" by creating events and settings from past Neewollahs.

Thirty girls competed in various activities including interviews with judges, lunches, creating scrapbooks highlighting aspects of their lives, and finally presenting themselves to the citizens of Independence and surrounding areas. The girls began preparing for the festival throughout the summer of 2005.

Lisa Erbe, who was crowned Queen Neelah the LXIV, won her title by performing a song entitled "Clawence, Don't Tweet Me So Wuff." Lisa said her favorite parts about participating in the pageant were that she got to attend the 60's dance and that she

had the opportunity to spend time with her friends. "I was extremely surprised when I was announced Queen Neelah. I thought the judges would think I was too rambunctious," stated Lisa. "Overall I enjoyed the whole experience. I would only change one thing and give the Queen a parking pass so she didn't have to walk so far in heels!"

One of the most hectic times of the festival was coronation. Excitement filled the air as the girls took the stage. They were all introduced to the audience while six talents chosen by the judges were performed a second time. All 30 girls presented themselves successfully. They pulled out a show that would have made the first Queen Neelah winner, Ida St. Helens (1919) proud. No one can doubt that the memories were indeed kept alive in 2005.

Clockwise from left: The Queen Neelah LXIV Court: Maggie Schabel, Sarah Griffin, Brandace Magner, Erika Wakeman, Chelsi Taylor, Lisa Erbe, Joslyn Kusiak, Donna Castillo, Cheslea Laswell, Misty Spears and Morgan Rinck. Queen Neelah LXIV: Lisa Erbe. Neelah Debs: Elizabeth Kelly, Reanna Browning, Jessica Lennon, Carrie Reddy, Mary Bannwarth, Beth Bonde, Jaymee Wright, Jenny Jabben, Casey Oliver, Kelsie Froebe, Kayla Henry, Taylor Jurski, Teryn Frizell and Kayla Schabel. Escorts: Brett Follmer, Keith Shepard, Jeremy Bruington, Cameron Johnson, Tyler Smith, Michael Tuszynski Dustin Shepard, Ben Mitchell, Allen Hayse and Om Patel.

# NHS Gold Cords

Whether it's helping out with After Prom Bingo or painting faces at the park opening, a National Honor Society member can always be found. Community service hours are required, and many members find this time to be especially rewarding. With monthly meetings to plan events, everyone stays busy with NHS activities.

"Being president of NHS was very easy because everyone involved is very responsible and open minded to new ideas," said Om Patel. "Also, Mrs. Lundt is pretty much the best sponsor ever."

In addition to Om, Josh Oldenettel served as vice-president, Joslyn Kuelak as historian, Emily Spelcher as secretary, and Ben Mitchell as treasurer.





K.A.Y.

# "Color Our World"

The K.A.Y. Club is a service group that performs random acts of kindness for nation, world, and communities. The group is awarded points for the projects that are performed throughout the year.

## POP TAB DRIVE

The club collects pop tabs throughout the year. At collection time the club takes them or sends them to a Ronald McDonald house. This last time the club collected they gathered six bags of pop tabs. The six bags cover about six nights in the house.

## ROCK SPRINGS

The group went to the K.A.Y. Camp in July for four days. The group is asked to send their president and some of the board. The group learns about the nine colors and extra service projects that they are able to do. Their nine colors are: red, character; orange, enthusiasm; yellow, appreciation; green, recreation; gold, responsibility; white, health; blue, service; pink, friendship; and purple, leadership.

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## LEADING THE WAY... STUDENT COUNCIL



Clockwise from top left: Ms. Unruh plays her autoharp in the Teacher Talent Show. She won first place in the talent show against 17 contestants. Alex Hilton helps an elderly lady at Regal Estates nursing home on community service day. Erin Haight and Breezy Mangan show their Bulldog spirit at a home football game. Nick Skollenger and James Hart show their spirit by dressing up like a farmer and horse at a home basketball game. Jenny Carpenter sings "God Bless the Broken Road" in the first annual Indy Idol. She won \$100 for getting first place. Nick Theodoran gives blood at the annual blood drive in April.

Student Council has been involved in many new and exciting activities this year. With Mrs. Thompeon leaving second semester, and Mr. Moseley coming in to fill in her place it was both smooth and rough at times. It was a big transition going from Mrs. Thompeon in charge of Stuco and Leadership, to Mr. Moseley taking over. "It wasn't something unexpected; Mrs. Thompeon leaving, but it was a lot different without her," said Lindsey Dean Stuco member. Mr. Moseley and Mrs. Thompeon are two different people and it took a lot of adjusting for the students to get used to Mr. Moseley's way of teaching and leading the council. Toward the end of the year, it got a lot smoother. This year Stuco started Teacher of the Month. Students nominate the teacher who they think has helped them the most. Every month the teacher receives a certificate and a gift card. Stuco also did a Teacher Talent show, which was a huge success. Ms. Unruh won with singing and playing the auto harp. Indy Idol was also new. It reflected American Idol and Stuco had many participants. Jenny Carpenter was the winner. Stuco held a community service day where the whole school went out and helped the community. Student Council also held spirit weeks for homecoming.





Keith Shepard is heaved into the air at PUPPPS camp by other members of the team.



PUPPPS play an important role in dealing with "situations" between students. This program helps teens understand more about what goes on in their lives and allows them to use that knowledge to help others.



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Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.

-Winston Churchill



Above: Paige Demo receives her Renaissance packet along with a package of notebook paper, followed by her fellow junior classmates.



Daphne Keath receives her Renaissance packet from Mrs. Willis during the first quarter assembly.

# B r i g h t C h i l d r e n , B r i g h t F u t u r e s

Renaissance  
2005-2006

**E**very year students are encouraged to achieve their highest goals, whatever they may be. Renaissance is a program that rewards academic challenges that have been met throughout the school year. Every quarter a banquet is held to acknowledge the outstanding students who have been working so hard.

Multiple activities take place during these assemblies so that students can get their hands on a prize of some kind. As Mrs. Lundt bellows out names of people to come claim something from the front tables, students and faculty enjoy snacks provided by the IHS food service.

Local businesses such as Pizza Hut, Jock's Nitch, and Sonic, among others, contribute to the success of the program providing money donations and merchandise. Surplus amounts of school supplies and other goodies are purchased and gratefully accepted by students in need.

Much gratitude and thanks goes out to Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Lundt, Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Rollings, Ms. McClure, Mrs. Newkirk, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Reddy, and Mr. Woods for making this special program happen each year.

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Freshman Kelsey Mayes looks through her coupons she was rewarded with for her good grades.

Max Bradbury, the new sponsor of science club, brings new life to the club by planning new and exciting things for next year. Starting next year, Mr. Bradbury will take the science club to Pittsburg, in a National Science day competition where they will compete against other teams in many different categories. Also next year they plan on starting the "two stage rocket" which is a lot different than previous years. Even though many new things are happening in the science club, they still

hold the tradition for the annual B-B-Q which is free to all members and their family. "It just gives them time to hang out and play around," says Bradbury. He also said, "There are 23 members this year, but hopefully by next year we will get bigger in size. Also another more thrilling tradition science club has is their trip to Worlds of Fun. "This is a time for the kids to just let loose and have fun, but still learn that science is a major part of an amusement park and the way it works."



# SEMI-FORMAL

Tanny Schadaberg and Amber Dunham find a creative way to hang gossamer for the picture backdrop.



Mrs. Hensley

This year's annual semi-formal dance was held in the cafeteria. Pep Club began preparing for the dance early on in the year. The theme of the dance was 'Puttin' on the Ritz'.



This year at Semi-formal, there was a voting table where students could vote for things including best dressed and cutest couple. Best dressed winners were Shea Casarole and Brett Affolter. Brett also won the cutest couple award with Sabrina Long.

Pep Club met many times to plan the dance and established various committees to assist in planning out the semi-formal under the leadership of new teacher, Ms. Hensley and Pep Club President, Jace Hugo.



Blake Bryant

# PEP CLUB



Spirit was abundant at IHS from the beginning this school year. The year kicked off with an exciting pep assembly that had an interesting twist. Seniors from each athletic team had to put together a performance with the help of a senior dance team member and a senior cheerleader. Many of the teams took their instructions to heart and prepared a cheer. Some teams, however, took it a step further. The senior members of the soccer team prepared a poem. The football team danced as Jace Hugo sang the Backstreet Boys' "I Want It That Way." After some very interesting and exciting performances by the athletes, the new teachers took the stage and performed a dance choreographed by Ms. Hensley and Mrs. Swyres to Nelly's "Air Force One" as a part of their New Teacher Boot Camp.



Above: Pep Club President Jace Hugo performs in a Pep Assembly with the football team. Right: A group of senior cross country members perform their cheer for the assembly.



Below: Mr. Miller and Mrs. Howard perform their dance routine for "New Teacher Boot Camp" Left: Josh Woollard and Chad Shaffer dance onstage during the assembly, in which a group of football players danced to the tune of Jace Hugo's singing.



Above: Brett Affolter, Spencer White and Cameron Johnson recite the poem they wrote to represent the soccer team at the Fall Pep Assembly.



# Pep Assemblies

# French Club

The 2005-2006 French Club enjoyed a variety of activities. Aside from meeting every other Tuesday, two

times a month, the French Club, along with Science and Latin Club, had a picnic in the ITS commons area. Also, the club went to

Worlds of Fun in Kansas City. One final event that the club participated in was Foreign Language week, in which all of ITS celebrated French, Spanish, and Latin in several different ways.



Above: Madame McCray is shying away from the camera.




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# Cinco de Mayo



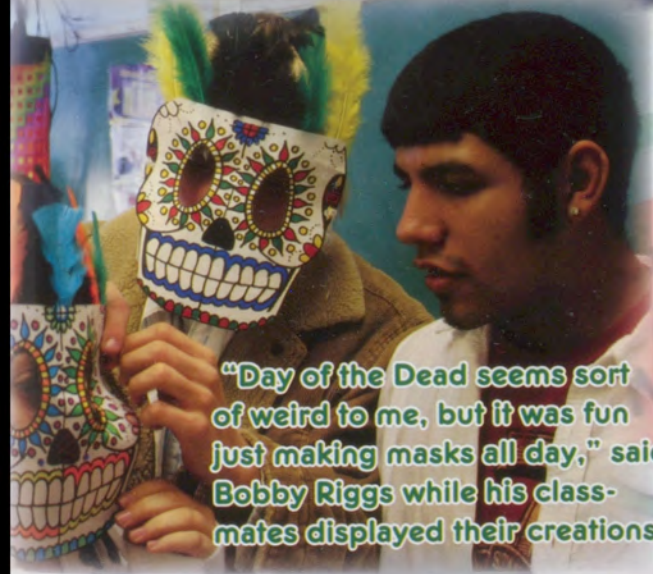
## When in Spain... Spanish Club



Josh Roark and Chris Elshabassy clean up after the all-day party at the 4H buildings. "I liked hanging out with my friends and playing with the kids all day," Chris said about his experience.



Jessi Lane ties a bow for a youngster during the Cinco de Mayo celebrations.



"Day of the Dead seems sort of weird to me, but it was fun just making masks all day," said Bobby Riggs while his classmates displayed their creations.

Not many people are aware that Mexico has more Spanish speaking individuals than Spain itself, which may be the soul reason behind Spanish Club's Mexican colored shirts and other décor. Recently, the members of Spanish Club have created very creative slogans, such as "an army of Juan", in order to attract new members, and provide an additional bonus to existing members. "I love all of our t-shirts we design. I wear mine all of the time because they're funny, and I helped make them. It's almost like they're my children, just shirts instead," said

Om Patel as he shares his thoughts about the clubs clothing.

Another perk to Spanish Club membership is that they take time out of their busy schedules to celebrate holidays such as Day of the Dead and Cinco de Mayo. Since Spanish Club connects with Spanish class, the members take the class not to study the holiday or learn a few new words, but to make glittery skull masks or partake in other crafty activities. When in Spanish Club, do as the Spanish do, which is usually speaking Spanish.

# Latin Club

Latine colloquatur  
"Let's talk Latin"

What is Latin Club?

Latin club is where members can earn extra credit points in Latin, but most of the Latin Club members would agree that they come for the games food and drinks. They usually end up playing a Latin trivia game known as Certamen, which is fun too. Latin Club holds meetings and once a year they have a party at a member's house where they can exercise their ability to speak Latin. The other Co-President is Leah Tucker. V.p. is Jenny Schad. Secretary is Melanie Dillmon. Treasurer is Mike Tuszyneki, and Emily Specker is the historian.



Co-President of Latin Club Brian Tierney.



Stacia Gudmoneon is the new Latin Club President for the 2006-2007 school year.



Above: Rylan McWherter looks through his Latin book.  
Left: Skye Doty looks through her Latin book for an answer to a question to a assignment of hers.

# Academic Decathlon

Most students would cringe at the thought of spending a Saturday writing essays, giving speeches and taking multiple choice tests over such subjects as economics, science, literature, music and math, but not members of the IHS Academic Decathlon team.

Parisa Ighani, one of only four students chosen to speak at the state competition, scored a perfect 1000 points and won first place for her efforts. "I didn't think I would get it; I almost backed out at the last minute," she said.

Parisa's speech was about her family who left Iran five years ago and the religious persecution they suffered while living there. The Ighani family is of the Bah'i faith, while Iran is predominately Muslim. After the family home was burned, Parisa's mother was forced to sell her jewelry to finance their escape from their homeland.

Front Row: Xiao Wang, Parisa Ighani, Rebecca Knox, Courtney Morrow, Susan Morrow, Connie Staley. Back Row: Jesse Lane, Jeremy Brington, Brett Follmer, Jeremy Alford, Nick Skollenger.



Brett Follmer, Senior  
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## 2005-2006 Math Department Highlights

Senior Adam James dozes off during a geometry lesson.

### Indy's Postulate

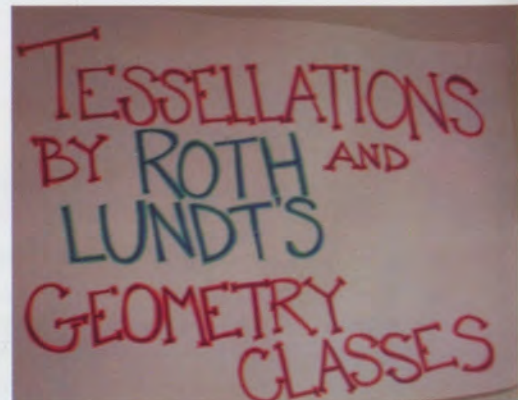
When asked what color best represents mathematics, Miss Beverly Willis could not give a "definite" answer. She quipped "The colors of the rainbow, because math has so many different shades of possibilities." That quotation seems to stick; Independence High School mathematics has a myriad of different elements. From pre-algebra to advanced calculus courses, the teachers at IHS have their hands full.

For the first time ever, the Kansas math assessments were taken online. The class of 2008, the sophomores, take the assessments annually as a requirement for the State Board of Education. From now on, the tests will be taken online.

Next year, requirements for mathematics will change. The incoming freshman will be required to pass four credits of math, as opposed to the three credit hours which were required for seniors. This change in requirements is sure to bring schedule changes for the freshman.



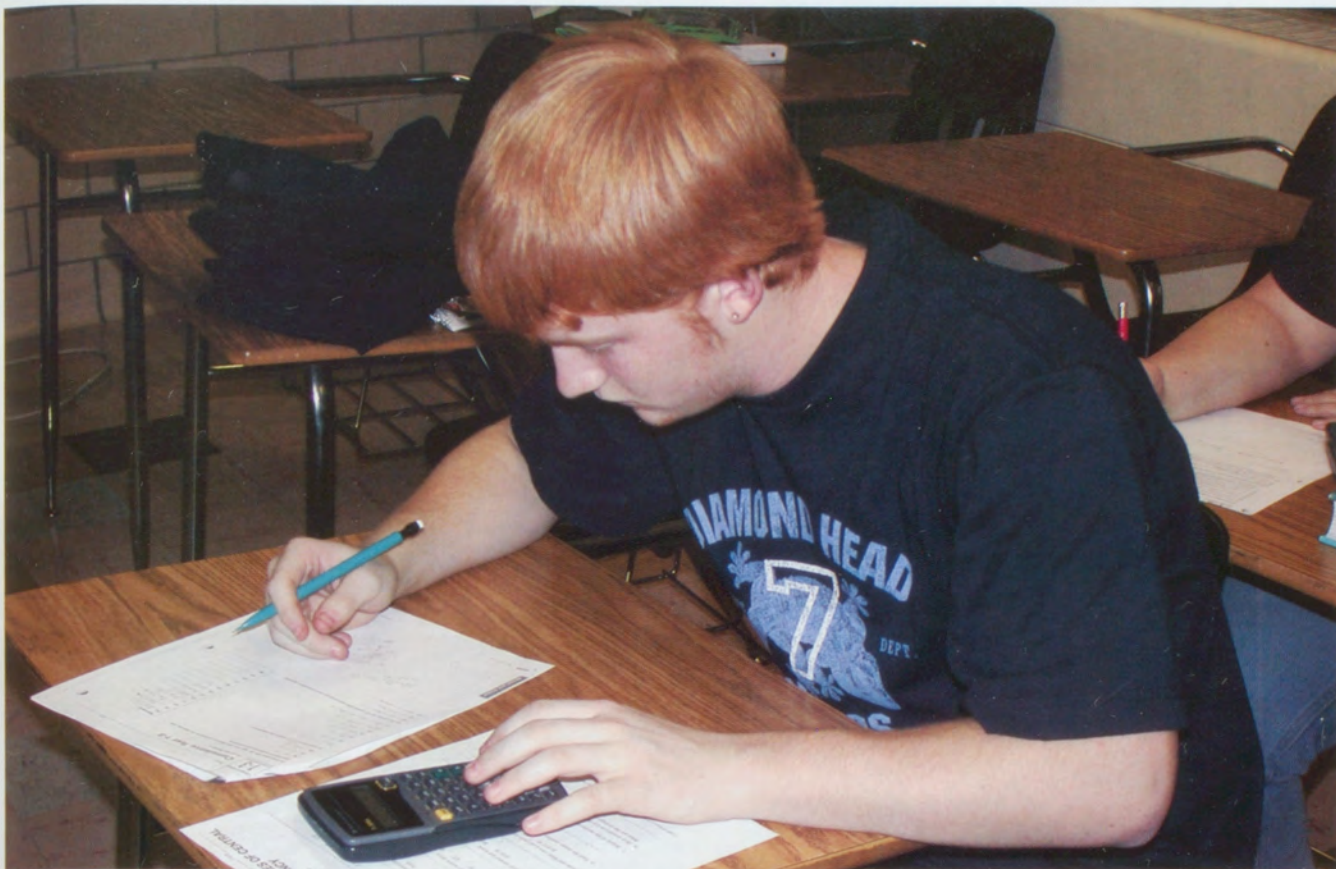
Ashley Moore covers in fear when seeing her next Willis precalc assignment.



Above: This sign accompanied the many tessellations decorating the hall.

Background: Mrs. Lundt's and Mrs. Roth's geometry classes spent time making geometric tessellations.





Above: **Andy Boyle** works on an assignment from Mrs. McBride. Mrs. McBride, along with several other IHS teachers, teaches a wide variety of math courses.



Above: **Adam Taylor** shows his appreciation for mathematics

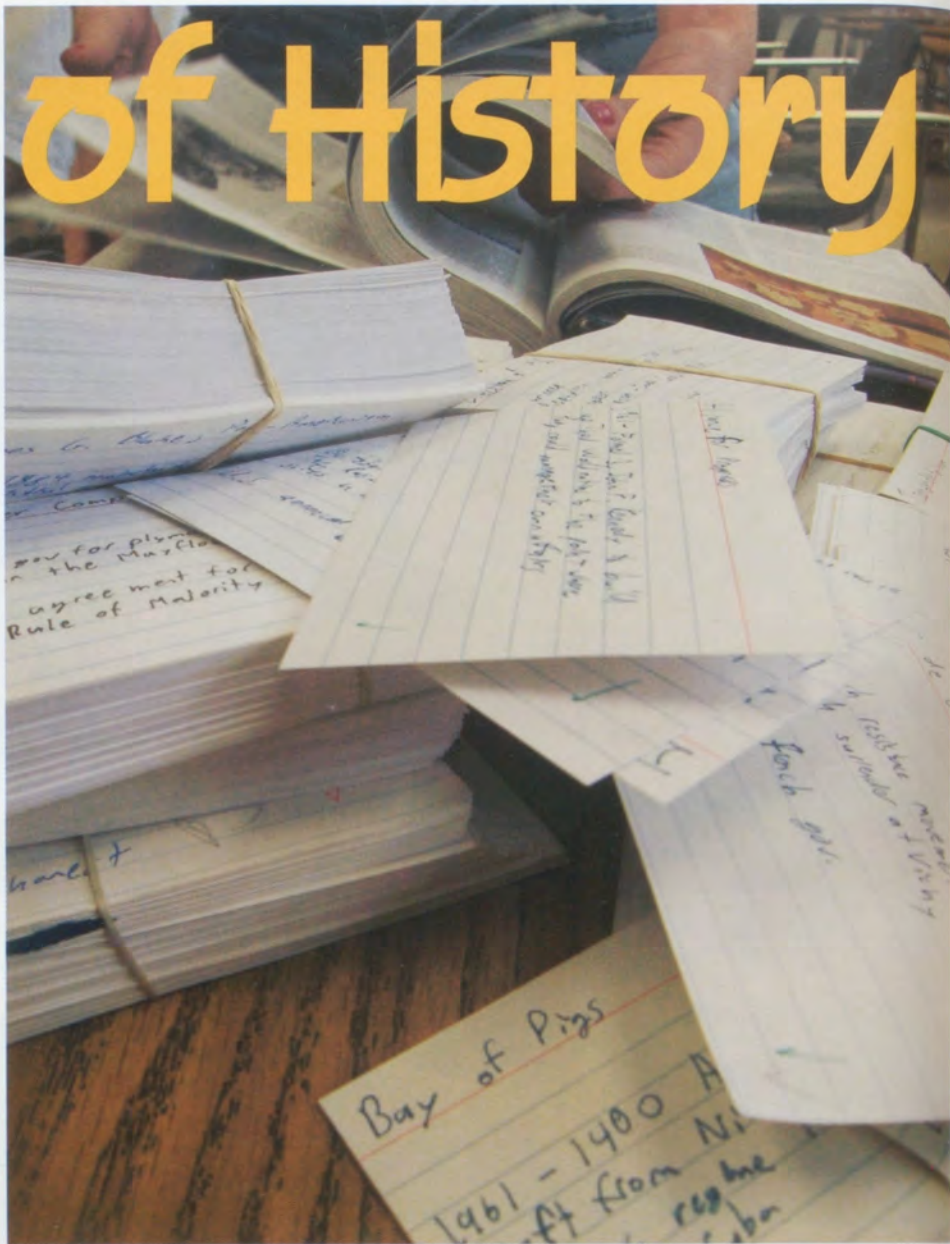
Right: **Paul Kersey** slacks off in class. Paul, a junior, took Ms. Willis' Precalc class and said it was "way hard."



# Hues of History

For some, lessons of past events can induce a rather lethargic feeling, but for the rest it creates an opportunity for enlightenment. Civics, world history, American history, and American government, all students must take these classes in order to graduate. Each class has its own genuine perks, but most students will agree that AP American history, taken the junior year by choice, ranks as the most challenging course of the history curriculum. "AP History is a tough class. I have to pry myself away from my Xbox at night to read so that I won't fail my quiz the next day," **Matson Murray** said.

Notecards, DBQ's (Document Based Questions), nightly chapter readings, daily quizzes, and the final AP tests amount to a work load that can cause even the most dedicated students to falter. **Derek Meier** shared, "The class had a lot of work, but wasn't as hard as I had expected." Other students did everything they could to get A's, "I took the AP exam just so I could get a one hundred percent on the final," revealed **Wynn Shepard** when asked why he took the national exam, Nine students took the national exam this year.



**"When I prepared for the AP Test I really didn't study a whole lot. I just decided I was going to wing it, and I think it worked."**  
**-Andrew Hayse, junior**

World History classes gave presentations on African-American history, while civics classes explored the local scene again, uncovering interesting information right here in Independence. American government students gained a better understanding of the functions of American laws and government processes. **Nick Hart** said, "It is easy to slack off in Mr. Stewart's class, because it is all worksheets and chapter assignments that you do alone, but I managed."



Above: Sarah Laforte, Nick Theodoran, and Blake Dunlap present their American history project on Black History in Mrs. Dunhams class. Some students had posters, while some had PowerPoint presentations. Every group, however, had a prepared speech.



Left: Thomas Wehmeier and Kacie Dodson display their American History project.



# Foreign Language Department

Parlez-vous le français?

¿Habla usted español?



IHS students enroll in foreign language classes for a variety of reasons. Some of them take French to learn the language of love. Others enroll in Spanish so they can learn more about a language that's use is exploding in the United States today. Even a few aspiring doctors and lawyers who are getting a jump start on the ever-complicated Latin for their college education. Of course, there are those students who are just want to get their all their credits so they can fulfill Regents' requirements and be eligible for scholarship money. No matter what the reasons are for enrolling, the foreign language department is very popular here





¿Operor vos narro Latin?

at IHS. With teachers like Ms.Capps, Ms.Sandoval, and Ms.McCray the classes are also exciting and fun. Many Spanish students enjoy preparing for Cinco de Mayo, a Spanish holiday that celebrates the dead.



Ms. Sandoval's Spanish classes play host to the Lincoln school fourth graders. They create games which are both fun and educational for the grade schoolers. At lunch, everyone enjoys a Mexican lunch provided by the district food service.





Zach Bryant and Cale Shepard read to students at St. Andrew's preschool. Mrs. Cox's Advanced English 9 class participated in Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Day. The governor chose the book, "No Matter What," by Debi Gilori to be read to the students. Students from Mrs. Cox's class also read their favorite childhood books to the children.

## How much time?

How much time do you spend, per week, on English homework?

**Angle Alford**

Junior- "Not much!"

**Dan Cross**

Sophomore- "About 2 hours."

**Mattson Murray**

Junior- "Five minutes, tops."

**Brian Tierney**

Junior- "None at all."

**Brandie Eades**

Sophomore- "A lot!"

**Brian Tyree**

Senior- "Gosh... 4-6 hours."



Sophomore Kayla Schabel, right, performs a scene from Julius Caesar in Miss Hensley's Advanced English 10 class.

# Workin' overtime

It's a Tuesday night. A senior student of Mrs. Spencer's Advanced English 12 class has just arrived at home. Free time? Yeah, right. There is studying to be done. Studying for vocabulary tests, studying for Jane Eyre quizzes, eliminating "be" verbs, or maybe even putting the finishing touch on a research paper or a last notecard. Sound familiar?

English students go above and beyond to excel in their classes.

English students at IHS work especially hard to learn important material and maintain high grades, by going beyond the bare minimum. This does not only pertain to homework or to senior students, however. For instance: Juniors and sophomores at IHS created presentations on problems that face our school today and the measures that are necessary to fix these problems. The students with the most convincing or seemingly important arguments got a chance to present their suggestions and ideas to the school board during one of the monthly school board meetings that take place at Riley. Members of Advanced

Left to right: Juniors *Asfley Moore*, *Chelsea King*, and *Aubrey Popen* present their report to Mrs. Swyers English class; Freshman *skims* the material in his English book during class; Sophomores *Bloxie Mangan* and *Jordan Earle* perform for their class; a large group of the participants for Kansas Read to Preschoolers day pose for a group picture.



English 9 took time out of their busy schedules to read to preschoolers on Kansas Read to Preschoolers day. The students spent a portion of their day reading and interacting with younger children at St. Andrew's Preschool.

In regards to English class, generally speaking, there is no shortage of homework. Students in Mrs. Spencer's class alone learn 50 words per week, all while working on sonnets, plays, and novels in the meantime! Sophomores in Mrs. Cox' class work on vocabulary terms from different origins each week in the midst of reading and grammar lessons as well.

While that is quite a bit of work, English class is fun as well. Many classes watch films, or perform skits or plays in conjunction with the play that their class is reading. English teachers at IHS find the right balance between work and play to give the students the knowledge that they need to succeed later in life.

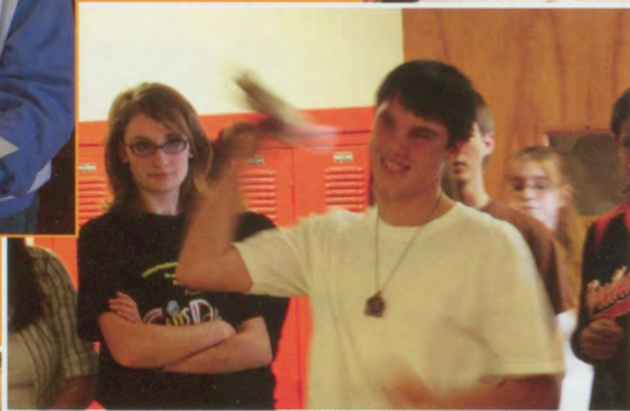
# Science



Above: Mary Bannwarth and Kayla Schabel presenting a biology cell project.



Right: Mr. Webb and Cody Heape playing a round of Scrabble.



Left: Kirsten Miller watches Katlyn Medlock toss his airplane, a Mr. Webb physical science project.



Above: Morgan Fox and Elizabeth Turner dissecting.

Below: Mr. Bradbury assists Joslyn Kusiak with a physics problem while the class continues their experiments.





Below: Courtney Burns and Tia Howland consulting.



Below: Ashley Mydland making a study guide.



Right: Garek Shaffer and Mr. Bradbury work to launch a physics rocket project while classmates watch the excitement.

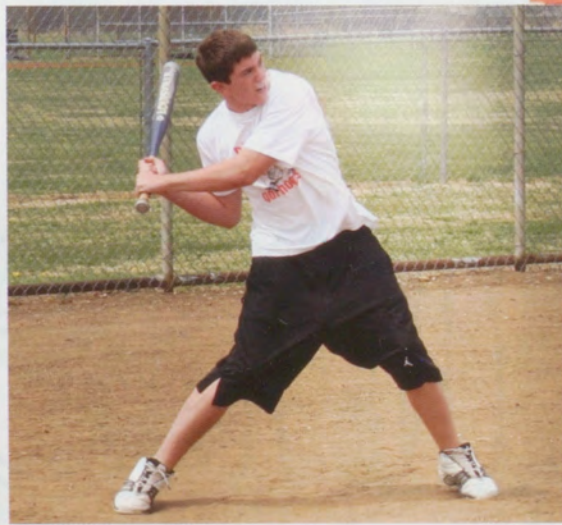


# Department

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Physical education is a great way for students to stay active throughout the school year. Above: Cassidee Connors stretches before class begins. Left: The boys take it outside for a little kickball match.



Above: The girls PE class plays a little game of dodgeball. Left: Levi Shartzler takes a swing during a game of slow pitch softball.



Left: Mrs. Speicher stretches before joining her students in the upcoming PE events. Right: Brian Tierney gets down 'n' ready for play action in the Ash Youth Center.



Right: The girls stand and watch the on-going dodgeball game. The wrestling room and the Ash Center are both in close distance for all the gym classes to use as well as the weight room for body building.



Students wanting to stay active after their freshman year can take a variety of gym classes like lifetime sports, conditioning or aerobics. Below: Coach Boldra joins in on the slow-pitch softball game.



Left: The boys PE class stays inside for a game of basketball. Below left: The girls gym class stretches on the mats. Below right: The freshman gym class waits in line for a turn during a kickball game outside.





Angie Alford, junior, displayed this technicolor zebra in the library window second semester.



Left: Sophomore Amanda Call shows off her necklace pendant she made in jewelry class.

# ART DE PA RT M ENT

Art can mean a lot of things and be portrayed in many different ways. Painting, sculpting, ceramics, jewelry, culinary arts... the list is seemingly endless. Most of these forms of expression are offered at IHS. Some students sign up for a course because they truly enjoy it, while others attend because it's an easy A. Either motive, extraordinary pieces are produced.

The two instructors, Mrs. Beyer and Ms. Unruh, help students along their artistic journeys by teaching them all there is to know about wax, pastels, clay, watercolors, and fire kilns. Those students wanting to expand their knowledge can then go on to Jewelry II and Drawing II.

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Clockwise from top right: **Chris Hallet** studies a piece of metal he has welded.

**Jesse Stair** cleans up his work space before leaving class.

**Gared Shaffer** puts the finishing touches on a project in advanced cabinetry.

**Michael Lawrence** drills holes in a project for industrial applications class.

Left: **Nick Reid** works on a project in advanced cabinetry.



From left to right, Ashley Winebrenner focuses on her assignment. Mr. Cunningham show students how to navigate in their workshop setting.



# Computer Department

What color do you think of when you think of the computer department? **Yellow** because it is bright, energetic and makes people look forward," said Ms. McClure. **Blue** because its cool," said Mr. Cunningham.

Most people would be lost without their computers. Technology is very important and constantly upgraded. Ms. McClure is looking forward to the new upgrades in her classroom, which include new computers and software programs.



Above: Students work on their projects in Computer Applications II.



Above: Nick Hart gets on the internet in Mrs. McClure's computer class. Left: Sarah Wilson works on her computer assignment in Mr. Cunningham's computer lab.





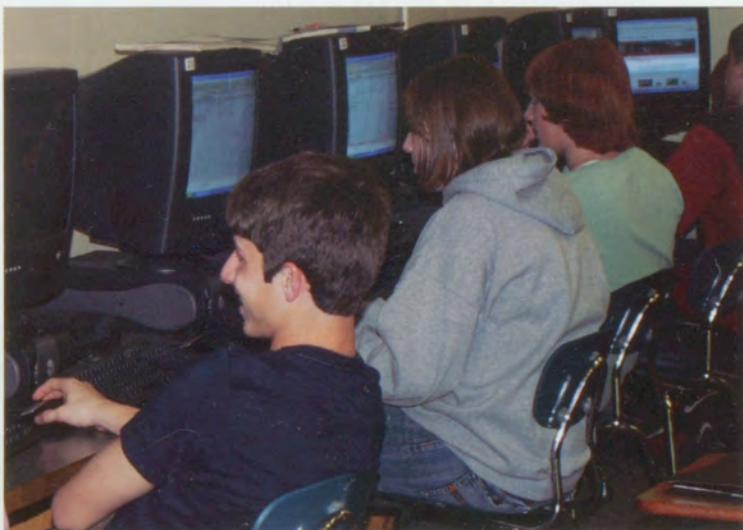
Left: Andrew Catlett sets up his Word project.



Right: Eric Pouncil plays an online game after finishing his project.



Above: Chandler King starts his computer assignment in computer Applications II.



Above: Students begin to research new assignments in Computer Applications I.



Left: Annie Chappuie watches the slide show put on by Mr. Cunningham.

Below: Jeremy Alford plays Ping-Pong on his computer.



Indy Idol  
Season One

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### Indy Idol Finalists

Jenny Carpenter  
Andrew Hayse  
Jace Hugo  
Katlin Jackson  
Autumn Stroble  
Brett Woollard



and the winner is...

Jenny  
Carpenter



Cashing in on the popularity of Fox network's American Idol series, IHS hosted its first-ever Indy Idol competition. Although six students vied for first prize and bragging rights, the competition initially included upwards of 20 contestants.

Students who wished to earn a spot in the finals sang "anonymously" over the intercom during announcements. Advisory classes then voted on the one vocalist from that day who they wished to hear a live performance in the finals.

"I'm not going to lie. It was scary just singing into the microphone during announcements," said Jace Hugo, junior. "I was happy to make it into the finals, but I knew that meant putting myself into the spotlight in the finals."

IHS students enjoyed a wide variety of vocal selections, including Carpenter's rendition of Rascal Flatts' "God Bless the Broken Road."

While Taylor Hicks walked away with a new Mustang and a recording contract as the winner of season five, Jenny Carpenter won the \$100 grand prize which she promptly spent toward a new Dooney & Bourke purse.

# Drama Department

## in the spotlight

**"It's fun hanging out with everyone, cramming at the last minute to memorize our lines."**

**-Freshman Logan Null**

**T**he students in Mrs. Shepard's drama classes spend the better part of second semester preparing for their big night, presenting their one-act productions for friends and family in the IHS auditorium. "While I prefer acting, I love learning what goes on behind the scenes in a production. This is what I plan to do in college, so drama class gives me a good background," said Lindsey Cook. "As directors, we held auditions, cast roles, and scheduled rehearsals. It was a little stressful coming up with our own sets and props. If we got into a bind, Mrs. Shepard would help us, or we just had to improvise."

Below: Junior Stephanie Stewart directed Caitlin Shire, freshman, in Neil Simon's comedy "Plaza Suite."



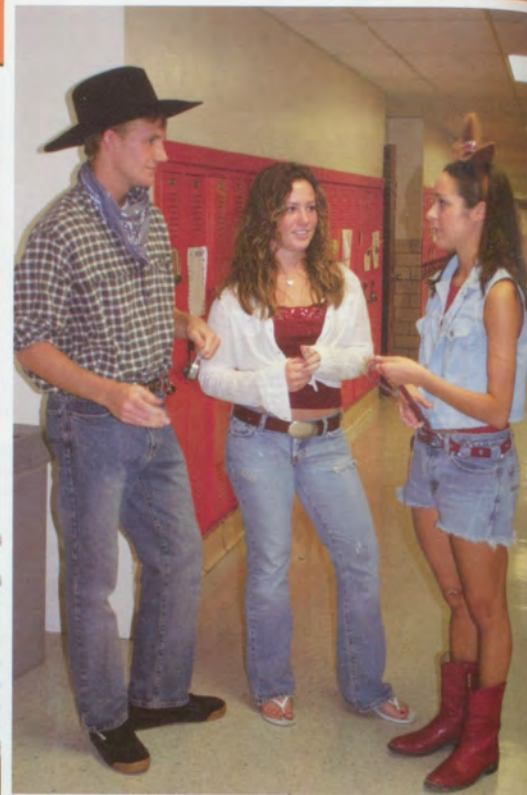
Above left: Sophomore Lindsey Cook performs in "Night Mother." Nick Theodoran directed Lindsey in this drama where a daughter commits suicide while her mother (portrayed by Carlie Shire) pleads for her to reconsider.

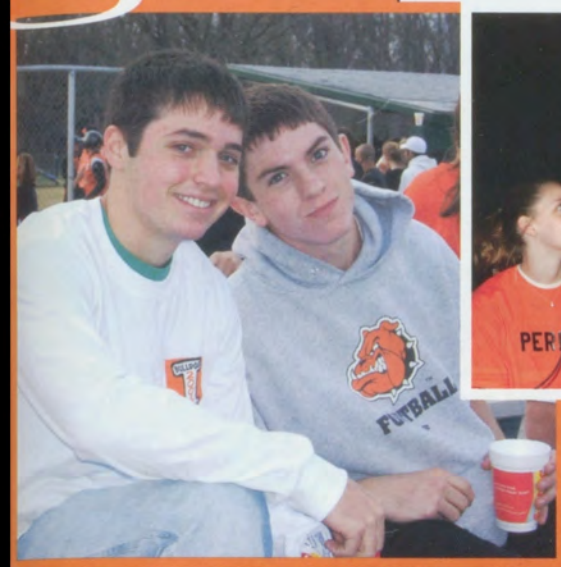
Above: Freshmen Autumn Stroble and Logan Null perform in "Here We Are," directed by Lindsey Cook.

Left: Amanda Williams, junior, and Jake Jabben, freshman, appear in character in director Angie Alford's "Scene from High School."



# Go Bulldo





# Community Service Day

IHS students reach out to the community by performing service activities ranging from local nursing homes to our very own Riverside park.



Right: Derek Meier serves an elderly woman her meal at a local nursing home. Above: Sophomores Jessica Harder and Kristen Spellman paint one of the poles at the baseball fields behind the school.



Sophomore Ryan Rolls plays Bingo at a local nursing home.



A group of senior boys takes a break and has fun on the swing during lunch.



Trent Goins and Tyler Stein bond at the assembly.

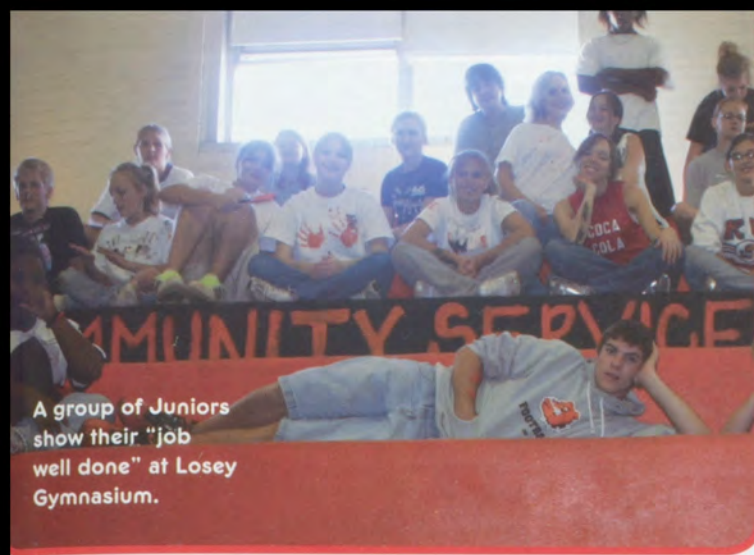
As a community, Independence has a lot to offer its youth. Some of the benefits of living in this community include Neewollah, beautiful Riverside Park, the new waterpark, and a great sense of belonging and togetherness in general. However, having and enjoying all of these things is not enough. Members of the community must also strive to preserve these things. The entire student body of IHS worked together to help this cause on the first annual Community Service Day. On Community Service Day, students could be found in a variety of places across town: IMS, nursing homes, Riverside Park, and even homes of local people who needed assistance. Many people worked together to coordinate this day. The Student Council Leadership class came up with the idea under the supervision of Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Runge. Michael Ysusi, who presented at the board meeting, noted, "At first it seemed like it could never be done! Everyone was skeptical about our ability to get it done on time. But we did!"



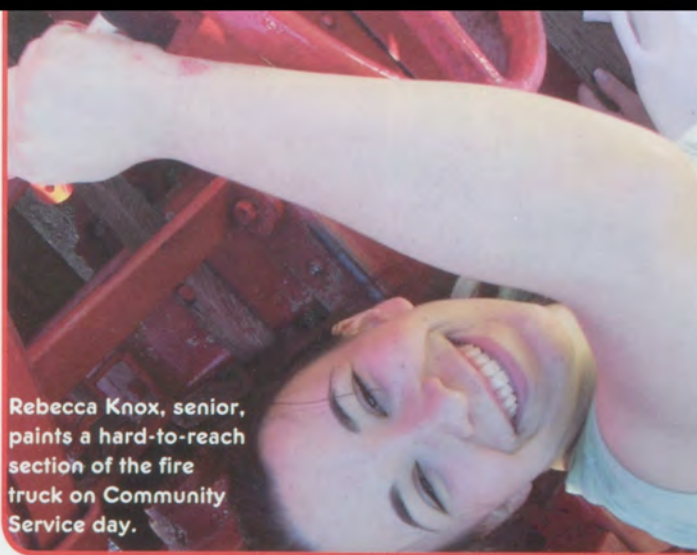
Above: Parisa Ighani cleans one of the ponies included on the carousel at Riverside Park.

Right: Junior Sabring Long, prepares the bleachers at Losey for their repainting. Sabrina's class painted the bleachers orange and black.





A group of Juniors show their "job well done" at Losey Gymnasium.



Rebecca Knox, senior, paints a hard-to-reach section of the fire truck on Community Service day.



Above: Paige Demo, junior, helps her advisory class re-paint the bleachers at Losey Gymnasium.

Left: Junior Aubrey Papen, treats an elderly woman to a day of beauty at a local nursing home.

Below: Ann-Marie Price, senior, works on painting a portion of the fire truck at Riverside Park.

The day started off with a bang when dynamic speaker, Mrs. Kathy Newkirk, showed the student body a slideshow explaining that every individual person is capable of making a big difference. Mrs. Newkirk's speech focused on servant leadership. The students were released from the school around 11:00 to head to their destinations, where each group ate lunch and bonded.

Students enjoyed service day, although a few were skeptical at first. "I wasn't very excited about the day at first," one student said, "but it felt really good to be helping people and to make a difference in the community. I think we should do it again!" Students at IHS were not the only ones that enjoyed the day! The school received a plethora of "thank you" letters noting how wonderful it was to see teens in our town doing something with such a positive outcome. Hopefully, next year will hold a Community Service Day with the same vigor and excitement as this one.



The sound of ocean waves crashing upon the shore, listening to your favorite Jack Johnson song, curling up with a good book to escape your own world and join another. People find all sorts of variations for finding inner peace. After a long day, you just want to go home and relax. So, how do you "mellow out"?

When roughly surveyed, most students stated that the most relaxing outlet they find is listening to music. Sophomore Jenny Jabben says, "I like to listen to music when I've just finished a long day." Others said they participate in a sports activity to relieve stress

they've acquired, read, draw, or even drive.

Local fitness clubs offer numerous classes such as spinning, yoga, and aerobics. "I like to take yoga class so I don't have to focus on my day. I can escape everything that's been going on and pay attention to me," says junior Shea Casurole.

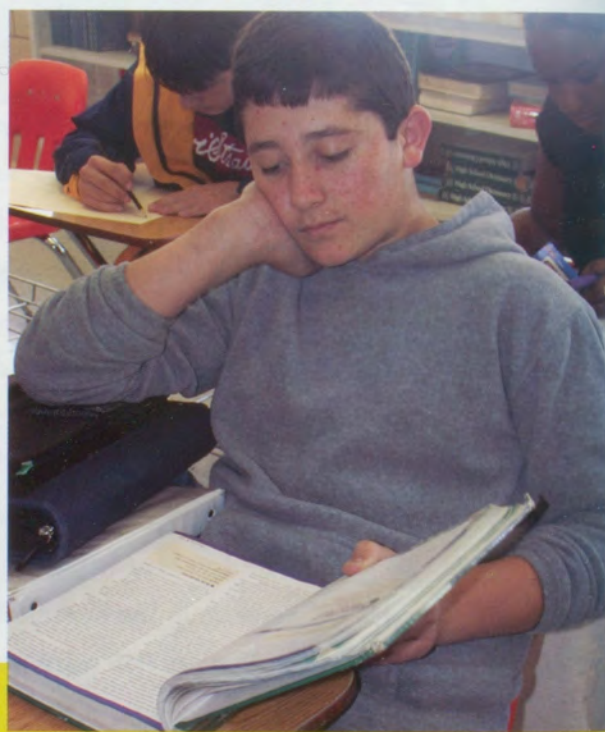
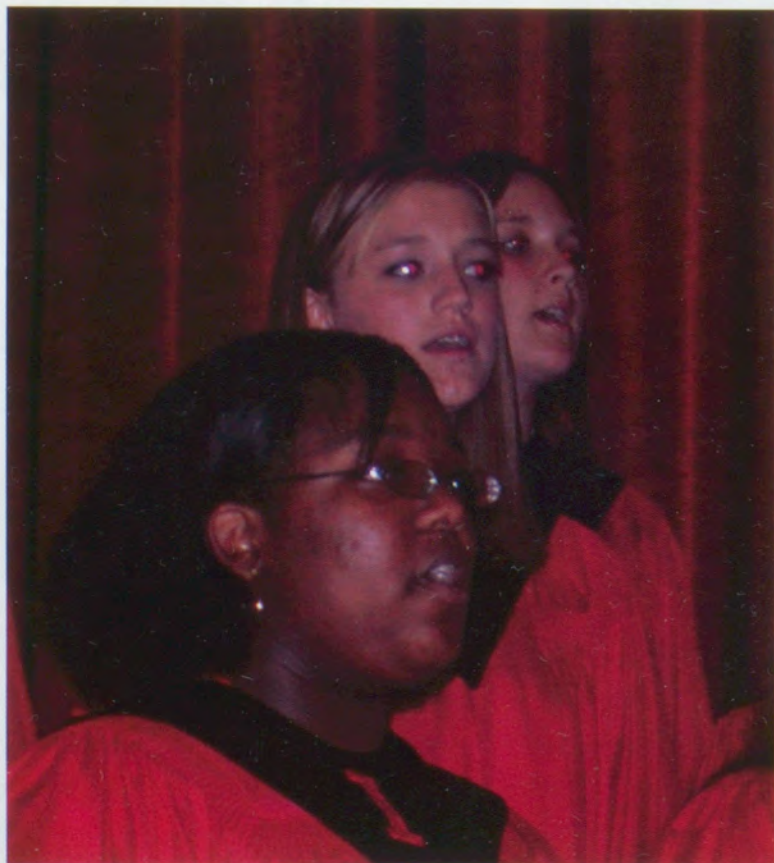
There are so many healthy ways to wind down and take a load off; whether you enjoy being outdoors and active to clear your mind or if you'd much rather stay inside and watch television or read the newspaper. Everyone has their own way of escaping their reality.



Daphne Keathri finds serenity as she works on a portrait during her drawing class.

## They Call me

# MELLOW YELLOW...



Left: La'Krea Kendrex, Kelsey Meier, and Courtney Burns sing during the fall vocal concert. Above: Sophomores take some time out to read up in their Literature books during English class.



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# ACADEMIC BANQUET

The Academic Banquet is an awards assembly to honor those students who achieved a 3.8 GPA or better each semester of the previous year. The banquet was kicked off this year with an evening meal con-

sisting of various finger foods for the honorees. The guest speaker was District Senator Derick Schmidt. He spoke of a young, ordinary man who lived five hundred years ago. This man had the idea that the earth and the planets rotated around the sun. He was Galileo. The message behind this was that an ordinary person from a small town can grow up to do extraordinary

things. Senator Schmidt encouraged them to do just that. After this speech academic letters were handed out to the students and scholarships were awarded to the seniors. Recipients include Emily Speicher, Joy Chaput, Om Patel, Morgan Rinck, Joslyn Kusiak, Brett Follmer, Rebecca Knox, Ben Mitchell, Brandace Wagner, and Jeremy Bruntington.



Allen Hayse, Leah Tucker, Tom Fay, and the rest of the Indy Ensemble provide Entertainment.

Megan McAfee  
Receives her academic letter.



# ATHLETIC BANQUET

All over the world there is a frenzy of sports fanatics, hoping and praying their most beloved team succeeds. People diligently watch each play, each move, each shot on the edges of their seats.

Here at IHS it is no different. Parents, coaches, staff, and community members come out to support our Bulldogs in

what ever way they can. In some cases the audience gets more excited than the teams! But this may result because our athletics have excelled so much.

The Athletic Banquet is acquired to recognize the athletes that contribute to the successes they obtained. All athletes are formally introduced by head

coaches and many receive awards for their outstanding sportsmanship. Although it's mostly focused on seniors, many underclassmen are recognized also.



Senior Shayla Littau hugs her volleyball coach Kristi Spelcher.



Athletic Director Brad Frederickson accepts a \$6,000 check donated to the Athletic Department from the Booster Club.

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# Guy<sup>s</sup> and

While the school musical gives two performances, many long hours were put in by cast, crew, and the two hardworking teachers for nearly two months. Mrs. Shepard works with the performance of the lines and Mr. Annable oversees the vocal performances. Additionally, Mrs. Shelton lent her expertise on the piano, accompanying the vocalists, and Miss Mitchell choreographed the dance numbers. The cast this year was required to build pieces for the set. The lead roles were given to Keith Shepard, Matt Hastings, Allen Hayee, Andrew Poech, Aubrey Papan, Tom Fay and Lisa Erbe.



"I will miss getting to work with my brother, but everything must come to an end."  
-Allen Hayee



"I will miss the bright lights and applause, but I will be back to see some of the upcoming plays."  
-Tom Fay



# Dolls



"Between being in 'Grease' to 'Guys and Dolls,' I had the most fun performing in this play."  
-Beth Kelley



"Getting to be the star of the musical was wonderful. I'm just sad it is over."  
-Lisa Erbe



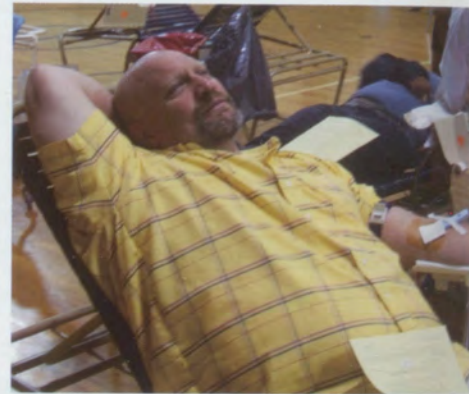
Left: The Hot Box dancers join in a high-kick line to sing "Take Back Your Mink."

# Blood Drive

Stuco held its annual **blood drive** in April of 2006. They had 90 people go through and 60 units of **blood** given. Stuco was hoping to have a bigger turn out but they were pleased with those who showed up and gave **blood**. Every unit of blood has the ability to save three lives. Remember the prick only hurts for a little bit and there is always someone there to hold your hand.



Above: Brandace Magner gets her arm checked before giving blood.



Right: Mr. Lovelace relaxes through his blood donation.



Left: Bret Affolter holds someones hand while being marked.



Left: Shea Casurole and Andrew Hayse work the recovery table.



Right: Megan Bagley is prepped before giving blood.

# ART EXPO



The cafeteria walls are lined with self portraits, abstract and modern art. Tables hold pottery and ceramic hands, also wooden benches, chests, and other woodworking pieces litter the ground. This can only be the Art Expo. The Art Expo is a collaboration between the art, ceramics, wood shop, and metals departments to show off the works IHS students have created throughout the year. Ben Clark, freshman and resident upcoming artist says "It's a cool way to show off my work, and I plan on participating next year." The theme for this year's expo was "It's a Scream," which was based off of Edvard Munch's painting "The Scream."

All of this was coordinated by Unruh, Beyer, Speicher, and Knoles.



**The finished product:** after months of fundraising and brainstorming, and hours of decorating and preparing, the hard work finally pays off when Losey is transformed into IHS' very own Hollywood.



Junior class officers know from the get-go that they have a major task ahead of them. Prom requires the officers, sponsors, members of the class, and even their parents! An abundance of time and money is necessary to make prom possible, and every little bit helps!

The first this that the class tackles to make prom possible is fundraising. This year, the junior class sold Butterbraids, Little Caesar's, rubber bracelets, fleece blankets, and Christmas ornaments. Last year's class officers and class sponsors also participated in and won the regional award for decorating for homecoming at the local Wal-Mart. This contest was sponsored by Frito Lay and brought in \$1400! Another important fundraiser that the junior class takes part in is the deconstruction of Neewollah sets, which brings in quite a chunk of money as well.

After money is raised, the next objective to conquer is brainstorming for a theme. This year the class tossed around both "Under the Sea" and "Lights, Camera, Action!" As soon as a theme was decided on, the hunt for decorations, invitations, food, and party favors began. On the side, the parents of members of the class also planned afterprom, which was a great success. This year, laptops, a mini-fridge and i-Pods were given away in random drawings.

The week of prom, the junior class, their parents, and the class sponsors Mrs. Cox and Ms. Capps spent an estimated 30 hours transforming Losey gym and filling party favor bags. But those are just clock hours, according to Mrs. Cox, "There were untold man hours." These hours certainly paid off on April 29th as the junior and senior classes danced the night away in their very own Hollywood.

# work now play later

The junior class at IHS learns the true meaning of this saying while putting on senior-junior prom 2006.

How Pricey is Prom?

## FOOD

dirt dessert, cookies, pudding, sandwiches, punch, puppy chow, plus much, much more

\$1800

## DECORATIONS

candles, lights, table cloths, tulle, wall decorations, balloons

\$3100

## CEILING

Dropping the ceiling and decorating it with red and black strips and lights

\$500

## DEEJAY

provided music during prom AND afterprom so students could dance all night

\$650



**Martin Mumolo** works at Neewollah



**Laura Kendrick** fills party favor bags



**Annie Chappute** decorates



One of the gorgeous decorations, film reels and balloons



The finished ceiling, adorned with lights and red and black strips



Crossing the finish line!



# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!



Prom '06





# Prom 2006



# Prom Court 2006



Class of 2006

# GRADUATION



2006



# Graduation 2006



Clockwise from top left: Joy Chaput, valedictorian, thanks those who made an impact upon her life. Joslyn Kuslak, senior class president, is all smiles before the processional. Josh Oldenette and Emily Spelcher, received the KSHSAA Citizenship Awards. Maggie Schabel waits in line to return her cap and gown following graduation exercises. Brett Follmer, salutatorian, challenges his classmates to enjoy themselves in their endeavors. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Runge stand and watch the graduation processional. Graduation was held on May 21, 2006 at Schults Stadium.





Clockwise from top left: A group of graduates watch while Mr. Runge is giving a speech. Janna Honan looks into the stands during the "walk". Amber Eytcheson looks into the stands while Hillary Farmer looks to the field. Morgan Rinck smiles for the camera after graduation.



# Graduation 2006

# Senior Faculty

Softball





Maggie Morgan Cholet Lisa Cholesea Joelyn Caitlin A.K.A Maog Mrog Mary Torres Laz Joe Kirby

BFFL - What happens on the campus

FREEZE FRAME!

GET LOW!

Thank You for being a friend

Travel Down the road and back again. Your heart is true you're a pal and a confidant, and if you threw a party, invited everyone you know, you would see the biggest gift would be from me and the card attached would say, "thank you for being a friend!"

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Would you rather...

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KFC

Senior "Citizen day!"

If ya wait...

my lover...

Last day of senior year! WOOO!!

# SHANNON

WISER ONE

*Meaning "wise one" to which you were so aptly named! You are very wise and beautiful. My first born - I am so very proud of you and I know you will do well in everything you set out to achieve. Just remember, I love you very much and will always be here for you. It is time for you to go out into the real world and blaze your own trail. Here's wishing you a bright and happy future. Goodluck!*

*Love,  
Mom*



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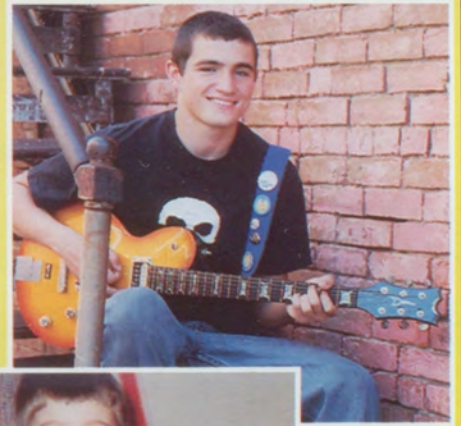
*Our little red head...*

*from your first day of Kindergarten  
to your last day of High School.  
What an adventure! Good Luck in  
everything you do.*



*We love you,  
Your Family*

**Ryan,**  
*It's been a joy having you  
around. We'll miss the  
guitar playing from your  
room. We're very proud  
of you and wish you the  
best in the future.*



**Love,  
Mom and Dad**

Dexter

# Nichole Raye Anderson

*You are a treasure in our lives. You are strong, intelligent, independent, and certainly capable of doing anything you set your mind to. You have grown into a wonder young women that has the ability to conquer the world, if you choose to do so. We love you and will always love you.*

*Congratulations on Graduation!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Alex*

The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty. - Winston Churchill



Nichole



Anderson



Everyone has good and bad events throughout their lives. The challenge is in learning from those events, not letting the great events make you think your indestructible, and not letting the bad events beat you down. Take the time to try and understand what the vents in your life mean to you. They make you who you are. You will continue to have more events in your life. Think of these events as lessons. Continue to grow, treasure, live, and learn from every lesson life give you.



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# To my Shining Star:

I am so very proud of you.  
Keep reaching for those stars, they're  
out there waiting for you.  
Congratulations!

I Love You,  
Mom



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Lisa



You make us very  
proud.  
Good luck always!  
Love,  
Your Family



Bobby,  
You thought your  
coaches and momma  
and pappa were  
tough on you; wait till  
**BOOT CAMP!**  
We are proud of you  
and our love is  
always with you.  
Congratulations!!

-Mom, Dad,  
Tina and family

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# Jeremy,

*I know you have a truly amazing future ahead. Work hard and I know you'll achieve great things. I'm so proud of you today and always. Good Luck at K-State.*

**Love,  
Mom**



*Cameron,  
The sweet little boy has become a very special young man. We are so blessed to be a part of your life!*

*Love, Your Family*

Cameron  
Johnson



*Chelsea,  
Thank you for truly being an absolute joy to have around. You have made us so proud and we know the future holds great things for you!! You are a special daughter, sister, and aunt, we all love you so much and will miss you!*

**Love,  
Your Family**

# Christine



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Dear Christine,

Often times when you were growing up, I would stop and try to imagine what you would be like as an adult. It seemed, then, that you would stay a child forever. Today, I realize that you have surpassed our highest expectations. Congratulations you're a beautiful, smart and talented young woman. We're both so proud of you!

with love your Parents  
Darren & Windy

# Christine

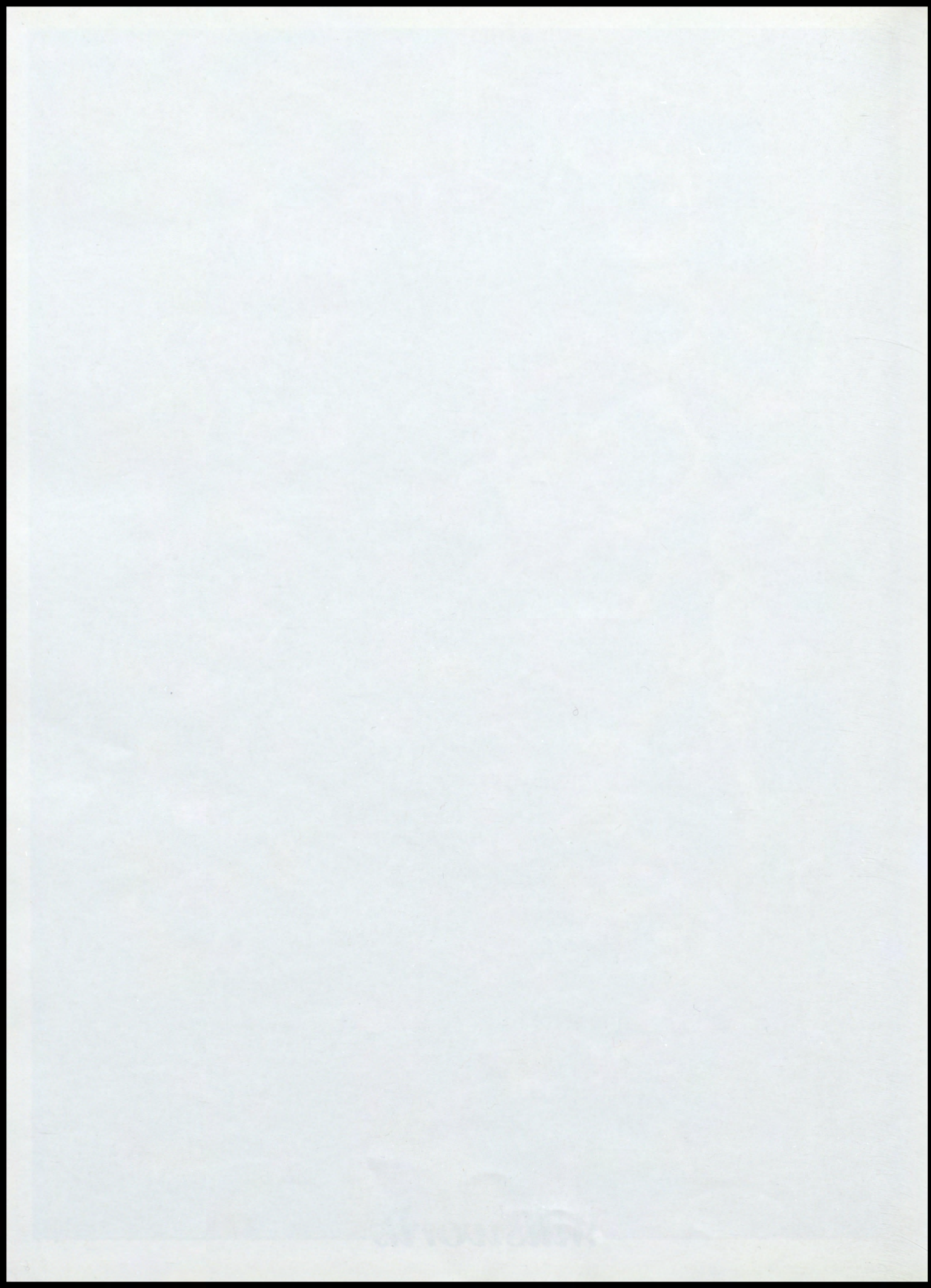


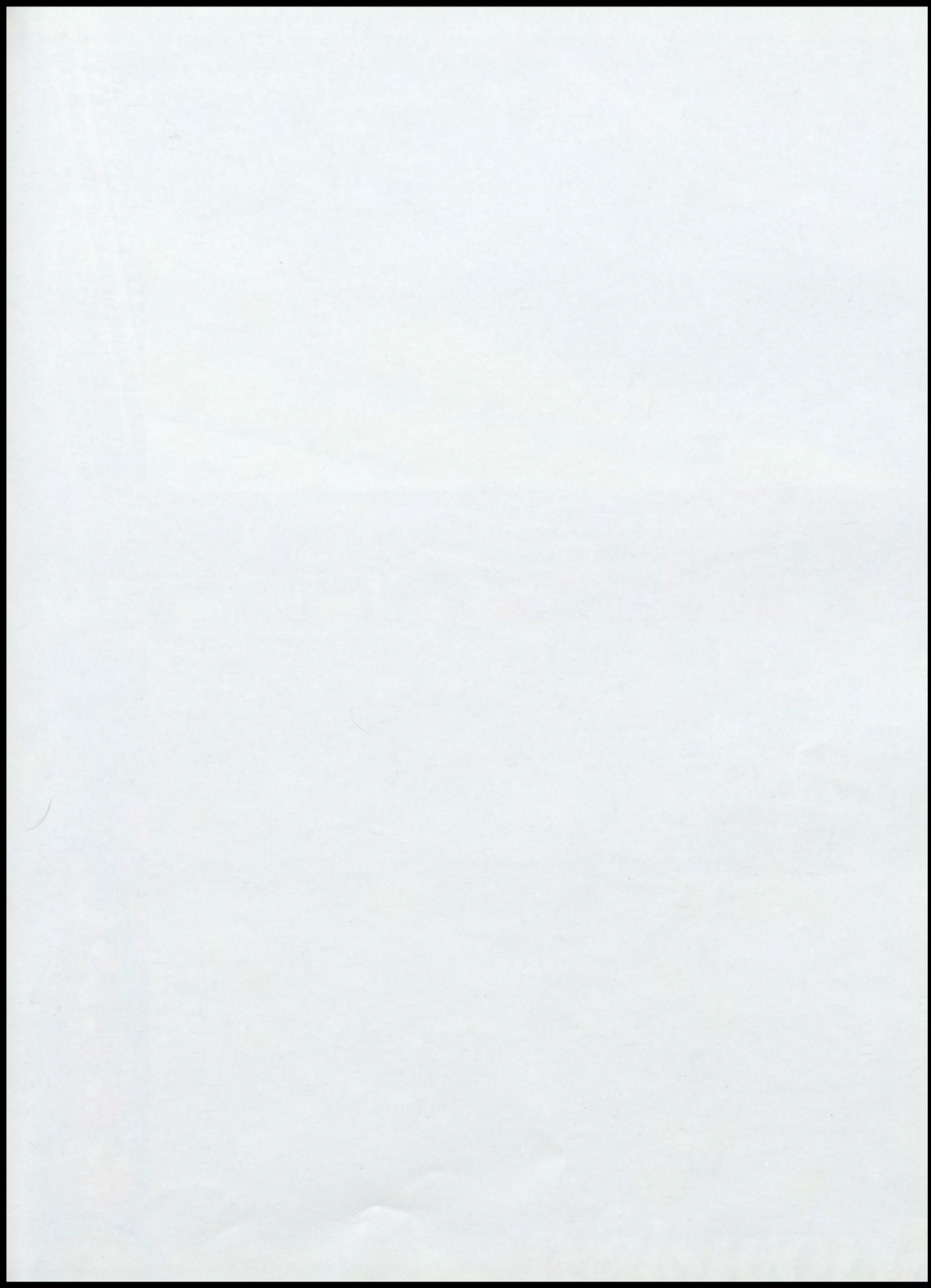
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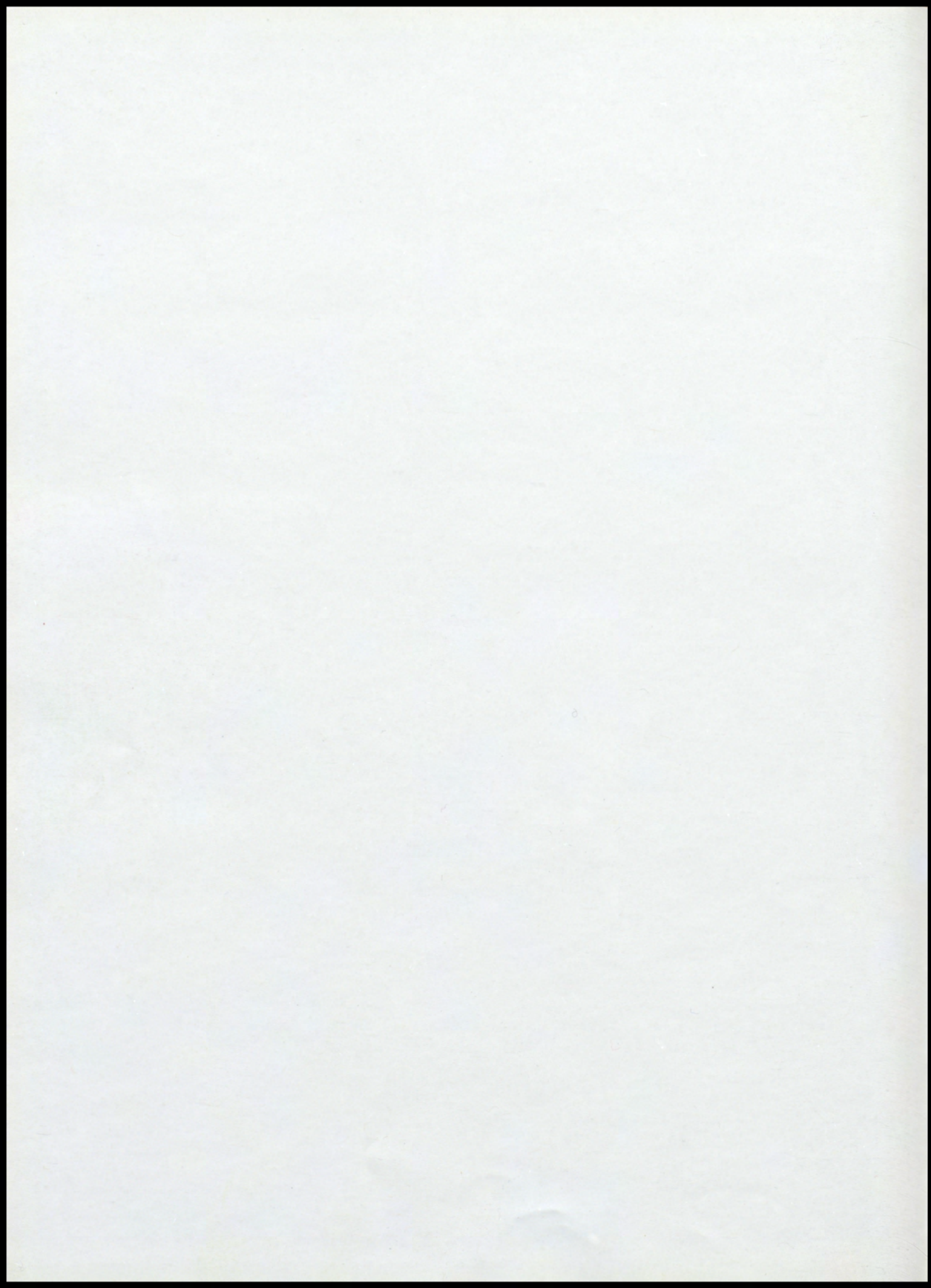




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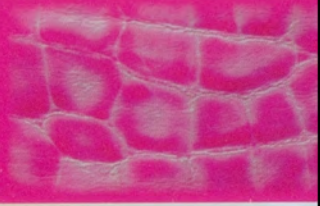


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**A-D Storm surge**

The 2005 hurricane season led to a record 27 named storms – 14 of them hurricanes – with several of them striking the U.S. Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Losses were estimated at \$57.6 billion in the U.S. from hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, with those first two storms throwing more than 500,000 people out of work. Here's a breakdown of some of the damage:

- Katrina struck the tip of Florida before making a beeline for Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on Aug. 29, destroying homes and businesses and taking more than 1,200 lives.
- New Orleans flooded after levees broke, leading to many rooftop rescues. More than 25,000 people, including the 23,000 who fled to the New Orleans Superdome, were sent to Houston's Astrodome for temporary shelter.
- The Mississippi coast took a direct hit, with high winds and 20-foot high waves leveling buildings and even moving casinos off their moorings.
- About 372,000 children from all three states started school in different cities or were being home-schooled; and approximately 18,000 college students from Louisiana spent the fall semester at other universities.
- Rita struck three weeks later in Louisiana and Texas. In one of the largest evacuations ever, 2.8 million people in southeast Texas, including Houston and Galveston, struggled to leave.
- Arlene hit Mississippi and Alabama, while Dennis struck Alabama and Florida. Ophelia stayed offshore of the Carolinas and Virginia and pummeled the area with heavy rains.



**E. Hurricane tragedies widespread**

Wilma hit Mexico first, stranding tourists and damaging Mexico's resorts and economy. The tragedy was much greater in Guatemala following heavy rain from Hurricane Stan. More than 650 people died and more than 370 were missing after massive landslides there buried communities. Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Costa Rica also reported deaths and damage from Stan.

You said it...

Have you made any type of donation to the hurricane relief efforts along the U.S. Gulf Coast?

**YES 57.7%**

**NO 43.3%**

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

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Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein went on trial for crimes against humanity.



A three-day transit strike in New York City stranded 7 million people before Christmas.



Angela Merkel became Germany's first woman chancellor.



Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf became president of Liberia and Africa's first elected female head of state.

### F. New day in Iraq

Coalition troops, mostly from the U.S., remained in Iraq to put down insurgents as the citizens continued their quest for democracy. Iraqis approved a new constitution in October and their Parliament in December, in an effort to set up their new government.

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F

### G. New terrorist attacks

London felt the wrath of Islamic extremists when four bombs went off July 7, killing 56 people and injuring 700. Alarming was the fact that the four suicide bombers were Britons. An attempted attack on July 21 was thwarted and the suspects were caught. Bali, Indonesia, was the site of a suicide bombing again following one in 2002, and three suicide bombers attacked three hotels in Amman, Jordan.



G

### H. More of Mother Nature's wrath

A severe drought provided kindling for wildfires that consumed hundreds of thousands of acres and hundreds of homes and businesses in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Colorado.



H

### I. Palestinians elect change

Members of the Hamas organization, which calls for the destruction of Israel, won a majority of the seats in the Palestinian Parliament in January. The United States, the European Union and Israel have labeled Hamas a terrorist group, and were carefully watching the change of government.



I

### J. Top court shuffle

Two vacancies were filled on the U.S. Supreme Court. John G. Roberts became the new chief justice, replacing William Rehnquist after his death. Samuel Alito took the seat of Sandra Day O'Connor, who retired.



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K

### K. Matriarchs pass on

Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King, two leaders of the civil rights movement, died within a few months of each other. Parks was remembered for refusing to give her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955. King was the wife of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and she founded the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta to carry on his work.

### L. Gas, oil prices heat up

High gasoline prices increased even more following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged oil refineries in the Gulf region. Prices were up already because of increased summer demand, higher crude prices and less refining capacity worldwide. Winter heating bills also surged as oil companies tried to repair damage and restore production.



L



Peter Jennings, anchor of ABC's World News Tonight for 22 years, died of lung cancer.



Western Union discontinued all telegram services after 150 years.



High school senior Michael Sessions was elected mayor of Hillsdale, Mich., beating the incumbent as a write-in candidate.



W. Mark Felt, a 91-year-old former FBI official, revealed he was Deep Throat of the Watergate scandal.

**M. Mountain tragedy**

A massive earthquake in the mountains of the Kashmir region of Pakistan in October killed more than 79,000 people, injured almost as many, and left about 3.3 million homeless as winter approached. Donations were lacking and relief supplies were slow in reaching the needy.



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N

**N. New Pope**

Joseph Ratzinger, a 78-year-old German cardinal, was installed as Pope Benedict XVI. Benedict, who now leads the world's 1.1 billion Catholics, worked closely in the Vatican with his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.



O

**O. Flu scare for the birds**

Medical officials put the world on notice after a strain of avian flu was detected in some isolated human cases in China and Hong Kong. After more cases popped up elsewhere, the World Health Organization urged countries to prepare for a possible pandemic. There were concerns not only about migratory birds spreading the disease, but commercial fowl shipped for consumption.



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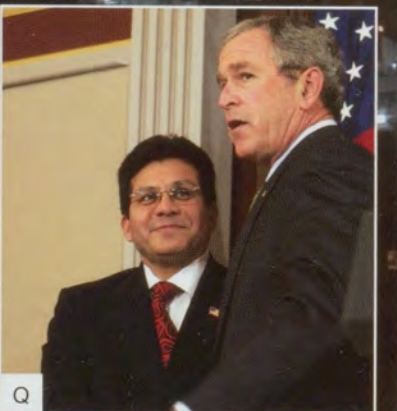
**P. Nuclear concerns**

The U.S., Great Britain, France and Germany continued to pressure Iran to reduce its nuclear activities, and wanted the United Nations security council to impose sanctions.



**Q. Should they listen in?**

The National Security Agency came under fire for using electronic eavesdropping without warrants. The practice began after the 9/11 attacks to fight terrorism, and while the Bush administration, including Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, defended the practice, others argued it was illegal.



Q

**R. Mining tragedies**

Sixteen West Virginia coal miners died in separate accidents in January, as did one miner in Kentucky. In the first accident at the Sago mine in West Virginia, a terrible miscommunication led the families to believe the men were alive after a 41-hour rescue.



R

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The U.N. sought more international aid for Africa, where conflicts and food shortages continued.



Economists estimate China is the world's fourth-largest economy.



Leyan Lo, 20, spent only 11.13 seconds solving the Rubik's Cube puzzle, setting a new record.



I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, an aide to Vice President Dick Cheney, was indicted in the investigation into who leaked a CIA officer's name.



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S

### S. Stroke affects election

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a massive stroke three months before March elections. Sharon had formed a new political party, Kadima, and was seeking support at the polls as he attempted to reach a peace agreement with Palestinians.

Are you concerned about a possible worldwide outbreak of a deadly strain of the "bird flu?"

YES 74.4%



NO 25.6%



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You said it...



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### T. Tsunami recovery

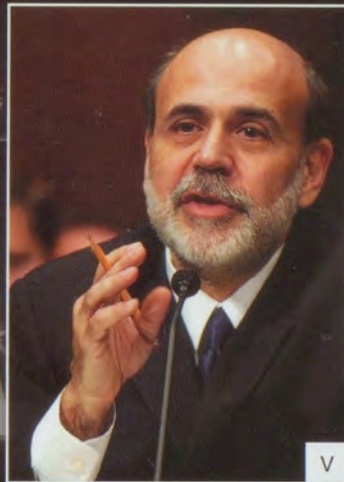
Tourists began returning to areas in Asia where a tsunami swallowed people, towns and livelihoods on Dec. 26, 2004. Aid came from across the globe to the dozen countries that were hit. In the U.S., the relief effort was headed by an unlikely pair – former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.



U

### U. Paris ablaze

France endured 18 nights of rioting that started in the poor suburbs of Paris. The arsons and other acts of destruction began after the accidental electrocution of two teens who thought police were chasing them, and turned into protests against the government for racial discrimination and unemployment.



V

### V. A new money man

Ben Bernanke was appointed by President Bush to be the new chairman of the Federal Reserve board, a position that directs monetary policy for the U.S. and

affects your wallet. Bernanke, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, replaced Alan Greenspan, who was the much-watched Federal Reserve chairman for 18 years.



W

### W. ARRGG!

An old-fashioned battle of the sea was won with today's technology. Pirates attacked the Seabourn Spirit cruise ship off the coast of Somalia with grenade launchers and machine guns, but never got close enough to board. The cruise ship crew used a sonic device to send an ear-splitting noise toward the pirates, then shifted to high speed and changed course.



More than 1,200 people died when an Egyptian ferry sank in the Red Sea.



Dr. Michelle Bachelet, jailed under a previous dictatorship, was elected president of Chile.



Ted Koppel, who started ABC's *Nightline*, stepped down after 25 years.



Cindy Sheehan, whose soldier son was killed in Iraq, launched protests near President George W. Bush's Texas ranch.

**A-E Games of Turin**

Turin, Italy stepped onto the world stage and played host to the Winter Olympics for two weeks in February. It was the largest Winter Olympics ever, with 2,500 athletes representing 82 countries competing in 84 events.

Long-track speedskating turned into one of the American team's best events. Shani Davis (A) won the Gold medal in the men's 1,000 meters and became the first African-American champion in Winter Olympics history. Former inline skating champion Chad Hedrick became an Olympic speedskating champion in the men's 5,000 meters just three years after taking the ice in the sport for the very first time. They were joined at the top of the podium by teammate Joey Cheek, who sprinted to Gold in the men's 500 meters.

Snowboarding was also ruled by the U.S. Shaun White (B), nicknamed "The Flying Tomato" for his bright red hair and acrobatic moves on the extreme sports circuit, won the Gold medal in the Men's Halfpipe. The 19-year old White showed nervousness when he fell during qualifying, but he recovered to win the Gold with a flourish in the finals. Other American winners included Hannah Teter in the Women's Halfpipe and Seth Wescott in the Men's Cross.

Ted Ligety (C) gave the U.S. ski team a boost by winning the Alpine Combined. It was the first Olympic appearance for the relatively unknown Ligety. He became only the fourth American male to win an Alpine Olympic Gold medal.

It was not all positive news for the U.S. Snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis (D) poignantly summed up the highs and lows of the Olympic journey. Jacobellis was easily racing to victory in the finals of the Women's Cross when she threw too much style into an aerial and crashed. Jacobellis was unable to recover in time to keep her lead, and she was forced to settle for the Silver medal.

Figure skater Michelle Kwan (E) was forced to withdraw because of injury. Several other U.S. stars, including skiers Bode Miller, Daron Rahlves and figure skater Johnny Weir turned in disappointing performances. Figure skater Sasha Cohen, a Gold medal favorite for the U.S., stumbled to a Silver medal after falling during the Ladies free skate.



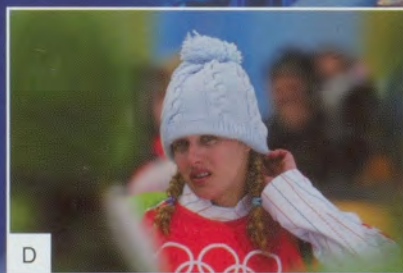
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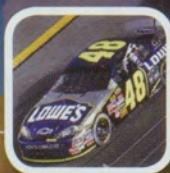


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After 36 years on ABC, *Monday Night Football* left the network and moved to ESPN.



Jimmie Johnson won the 2006 Daytona 500.



Tiger Woods won his 10th major championship, taking the British Open for the second time.



F

### F. Men of Steel

The Pittsburgh Steelers capped an improbable championship run by defeating the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL, 21-10. Pittsburgh was the last team to qualify for the AFC playoffs, and the Steelers made it to the title game by becoming the first team in NFL history to win three straight playoff games on the road. Wide receiver Hines Ward was chosen Super Bowl MVP after he grabbed five catches for 123 yards, including the game-clinching 43-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

### G. White Sox champs again...finally

The Chicago White Sox eased the pain of long-suffering Windy City baseball fans by winning their first World Series title in 86 years, sweeping the Houston Astros in four games. Chicago was dominant in the playoffs with an 11-1 record.

### H. Back on the ice

After losing an entire season to labor strife for the first time in league history, NHL owners and players settled their differences and returned to the rink. The new season arrived with a slew of rule changes as well, designed to speed up the game.



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Annika Sorenstam remained the top female golfer, winning 10 times on the LPGA tour.



The Los Angeles Galaxy won their second MLS Cup title with a 1-0 overtime victory over the New England Revolution.



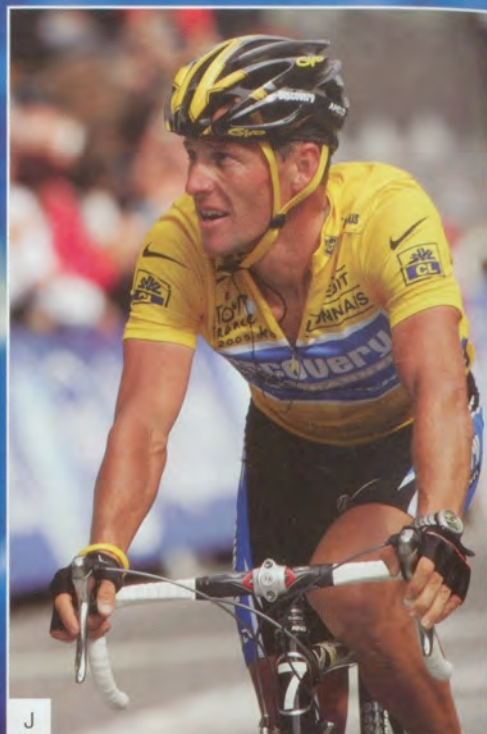
Legendary sports broadcaster Curt Gowdy died at the age of 86.

**I. Danica in the driver's seat**

Danica Patrick was not the first woman to ever race in the Indy Racing League, but she might have made the biggest splash, qualifying and finishing fourth at the Indy 500, the highest finish ever by a rookie driver. The 23-year-old Patrick went on to win IRL rookie of the year after several top 10 finishes.

**J. A bumpy ride**

Cyclist Lance Armstrong pedaled his way through another newsworthy year, winning the Tour de France for a record seventh consecutive time, then retiring from the sport, announcing his engagement and break-up to rock star Sheryl Crow and again being forced to respond to doping allegations from the French media.



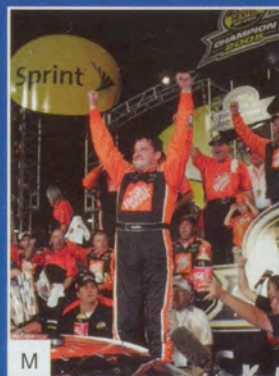
**K. One for the ages**

USC's Heisman Trophy teammates, running back Reggie Bush and quarterback Matt Leinart, were not quite good enough to win a third straight college football national title, as the Trojans fell to Texas, 41-38, in the dramatic championship game at the Rose Bowl. Texas quarterback Vince Young stole the show, scoring the game-winning touchdown with 19 seconds left.



**L. No more T.O.**

Just one year after helping the Philadelphia Eagles reach the Super Bowl, wide receiver Terrell Owens got suspended from the team in mid-season, due to his detrimental conduct. The problems started when the outspoken and controversial Owens got upset that the team would not re-negotiate his contract.



**M. Sensational Stewart**

Behind a season that included five wins and 24 top 10 finishes, NASCAR driver Tony Stewart won his second Nextel Cup championship. Often referred to in the past as the bad boy of racing due to his short temper, Stewart joined Jeff Gordon as the only multiple Cup winner among active drivers.

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Hurricane Katrina forced many New Orleans sports teams, including the NFL's Saints and NBA's Hornets, into playing long stretches on the road.



New studies showed that the high school sport with the largest increase in participation was bowling.



The first World Baseball Classic took place in the spring.

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### N. Golden retirement

Considered by many the greatest golfer of his time, Jack Nicklaus decided to retire from competitive golf at the age of 65. Nicklaus won 18 major championships in his career, more than anybody in history. In his final round at the British Open, Nicklaus ended in style by sinking a 15-foot birdie on the final hole.

### O. Two of a kind

The San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons, respective winners of the previous two NBA championships, continued their domination. The two teams met in the 2005 NBA Finals, with the Spurs winning in seven games. Both rolled along during the 2006 season, compiling two of the best records in basketball by the All-Star Break.



### P. Cleaning up the game

Baseball's steroid use scandal continued, with many high-profile players even testifying at Congressional hearings. Baltimore Orioles star Rafael Palmeiro denied use, then tested positive and was suspended during the season. After the 2005 season, Major League Baseball instituted a stricter steroid testing policy.



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant scored 81 points in one game, the second highest individual total in NBA history.



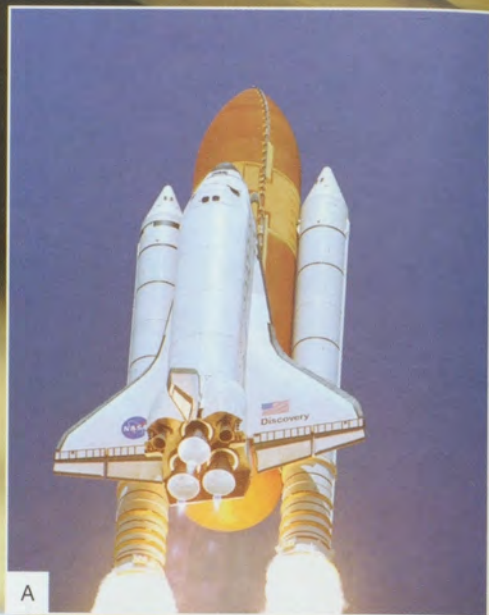
USC running back Reggie Bush won the Heisman Trophy in a landslide vote.



Swiss tennis star Roger Federer stayed number one in the world by winning Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open.

**A. Shuttle back in orbit**

Two years after the Columbia tragedy grounded NASA's manned space flight program, space shuttle Discovery returned NASA to outer space with a successful two-week mission. However, anxious moments came after foam insulation knocked loose on take-off caused a two-day delay in Discovery's return to Earth.



**B. Science or religion?**

Communities and school districts ferociously debated the merits of Intelligent Design, a concept that asserts certain aspects of the living world seemed to be caused by an intelligent source, rather than a random process such as natural selection. Opponents claimed it was religion masquerading as science, while proponents insisted it should be a respected point of view.



**C. Space tourist**

American scientist Gregory Olsen paid \$20 million for a 10-day trip to the International Space Station. Olsen, the co-founder and chairman of his own fiber-optics company, made the trip aboard a Russian rocket and became only the third civilian to become a "space tourist."



**D. 360 around the world**

Microsoft released its newest gaming system, Xbox 360, just in time for the holidays and prompted shoppers to camp out in lines to gobble them up. The consoles were also launched with a new expanded service from Microsoft that allowed gamers worldwide to play one another.



**E. Generation MySpace**

Teens continued becoming more immersed in the internet. MySpace.com, an online social community geared toward young adults and musicians, became one of the fastest-growing websites on the internet. Just two years old, MySpace's membership approached 50 million users and began getting more hits than Google and AOL. Elsewhere, popular online encyclopedias like Wikipedia started to be viewed as viable reference tools, despite debates regarding its accuracy.

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Ocean researchers in Japan captured photos of a giant, 60-foot squid, thought to be one of the largest creatures in the sea.



Stem cell scientist Woo Suk Hwang was accused of fabricating lab results.



Clark, Texas, a suburb of Fort Worth, officially changed its name to Dish, Texas, in order to win 10 years of free satellite TV service from DISH Network.



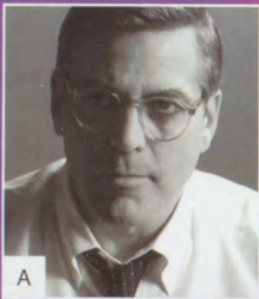
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### A. By George, a great year

Already one of America's most popular movie stars, George Clooney added critical acclaim to his resume by earning two Oscar nominations. Clooney received a Best Supporting Actor nod for his role as a CIA spy in the thriller *Syriana*, and a Best Director nomination for the Edward R. Murrow biopic *Good Night, and Good Luck*, which also was nominated for Best Picture.

### B. A slice of real life

The films honored with Best Picture Oscar nominations relied heavily on real events. *Munich* told the story of fallout from the terrorist attacks at the 1972 Olympics, *Good Night, and Good Luck* focused on 1950s TV journalist Edward R. Murrow, and *Capote* examined the life of famed writer Truman Capote. Other Best Picture nominees included *Brokeback Mountain* and *Crash*.



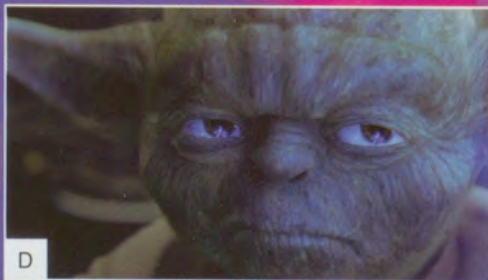
### C. King of the mountain

An updated version of the classic tale of *King Kong* made it into theaters around New Year's. The big-budget, special effects blockbuster once again told the story of the giant ape discovered on a mysterious tropical island, who is brought to Depression-era New York as a sideshow act.



### D. May the force be with you... always

The long-awaited final movie in the Star Wars saga, *Revenge of the Sith*, dominated the box office and became one of the highest grossing films of all-time, earning nearly \$400 million. Despite the critical and financial success of *Sith*, series creator George Lucas vowed the story was over and no more Star Wars movies would be made.



### E. Not Lost on the audience

*Lost*, ABC's adventure series about a group of people stranded on a mysterious island after a plane crash, won Best Drama Series at the Emmy Awards and continued to attract nearly 20 million viewers each week.



Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon both got Oscar nominations for playing Johnny and June Carter Cash in *Walk the Line*.



Popular children's tale, *Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, was made into a hit movie.



What is your favorite type of music?

Rap/Hip-hop - 27.9%



Rock - 26.5%



Country - 15.8%



Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

You said it...



### F. Back in the spotlight

After her career seemed derailed due to a series of highly publicized emotional troubles, R&B singer Mariah Carey staged a huge comeback when her new album, *The Emancipation of Mimi*, ended up as the highest seller of the year. The record earned Carey three Grammy awards.

### G. Can't get enough CSI

TV viewers continued to be infatuated with CBS' batch of crime dramas. *CSI* was still the most watched show on network TV. *CSI: Miami* and *CSI: New York* also drew huge ratings.

### H. 50 Cent worth millions

Rapper 50 Cent put out another hit album, with *The Massacre* selling more than 5 million copies. He also starred in the hit movie *Get Rich or Die Tryin*, which was loosely based on his life story.

### I. Potter mania rampant again

Release of the sixth book in the popular Harry Potter series created quite a stir. *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince* sold more than 10 million copies, and author J.K. Rowling stunned many readers by killing off one of the story's main characters. The latest Harry Potter movie (based on the fourth book), *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, ruled the box office in the fall.



### J. Familiar faces

Ratings showed that several familiar TV shows continued to be big hits with the young teen audience. *Gilmore Girls*, *The OC*, *Smallville* and *Veronica Mars* were among those that stayed popular.

### K. Penguins everywhere

Documentary film *March of the Penguins* drew in nearly \$80 million at the box office, a previously unheard of figure for its genre. Critical praise and positive word of mouth helped the movie, which fascinated millions with its story about the mating rituals of penguins at the South Pole.

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*Wedding Crashers* was the comedy hit of the year, raking in more than \$200 million.



Gwen Stefani released her first solo album, which included number one hit song "Hollaback Girl."

**L. Whole new idols**

Carrie Underwood won the fourth season of musical reality TV show *American Idol*. By the spring, 24 new hopefuls were picked as finalists for the fifth season. Meanwhile, past winners Kelly Clarkson and Fantasia became the first Idol alums to earn Grammy nominations.

**M. Womack wins**

Straying away from the trend of pop-infused country music, Lee Ann Womack was rewarded with three wins at the CMA Awards. Womack's traditional country record, *There's More Where That Came From*, won Album of the Year and her ballad "I May Hate Myself in the Morning" won Song of the Year.

**N. The first lady**

So when will the U.S. have a female president? In the world of fictional TV, it happened this year. ABC's *Commander In Chief* cast Geena Davis in the role of the president, and the drama series became the highest-rated new show on the air.

**O. Gone, but not forgotten**

Famed American comedian Richard Pryor died after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Other noteworthy entertainers to pass away included R&B singer Luther Vandross, actresses Anne Bancroft and Shelley Winters, and actor Pat Morita, the beloved Mr. Miyagi from *The Karate Kid* movies.

**P. 8 is enough**

On the 20th anniversary of his famous charity concert Live Aid, music producer Bob Geldof reprised the event by staging Live 8, a series of charity concerts that took place in eight countries during the first week of July. Estimates indicated that more than one million people attended and more than 1,000 musicians performed at Live 8.



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Green Day won five honors at the MTV Music Video Awards.



Shock jock Howard Stern jumped to satellite radio, signing a \$500 million deal with Sirius.

What is your favorite TV show?

Family Guy 9.5%

Laguna Beach 7.1%

The O.C. 4.7%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

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**Q. Good works rewarded**

U2 lead singer Bono received another prestigious honor, but this one had nothing to do with his music. Bono, along with Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, were chosen Persons of the Year by *Time* magazine for their global charitable efforts to fight poverty and disease.

**R. Kanye keeps up**

Controversial rapper Kanye West made headlines for his music, with his latest album *Late Registration* earning eight Grammy nominations, and for his mouth after he criticized President George W. Bush's handling of Hurricane Katrina.

**S. A new job with Disney**

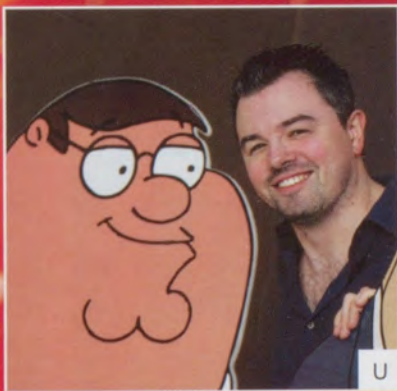
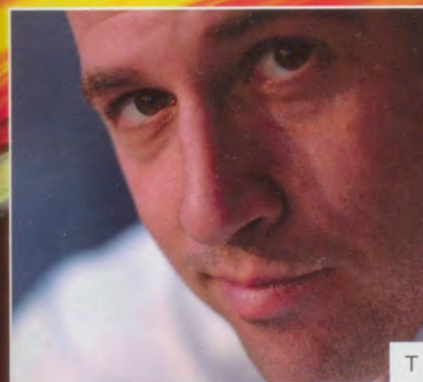
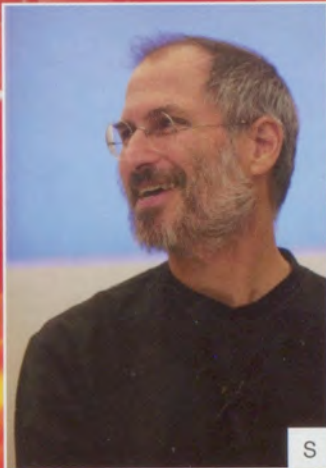
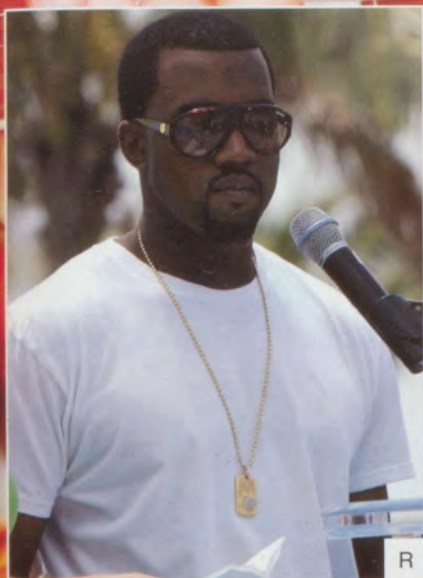
Steve Jobs, co-founder and CEO of Apple Computers, strengthened his status as a pop culture icon after his Pixar Animation Studios, the creator of popular computer animated movies like *The Incredibles* and *Toy Story*, agreed to a merger with longtime partner Walt Disney Pictures. In the process, Jobs became the largest shareholder in Disney.

**T. A million questions**

Author James Frey garnered critical acclaim for his best-selling self-help memoir *A Million Little Pieces*, which told the story of how he overcame a life of crime and drug addiction. However after much public scrutiny, Frey admitted that large portions of the book were exaggerated and embellished.

**U. Back on the air**

A grassroots fan movement, driven largely by DVD sales, prompted Fox to bring back animated comedy series *Family Guy*. The show, centered on the wild antics of an off-the-wall Rhode Island family, a diabolical one-year old baby and their talking dog, had been cancelled by Fox in 2002.



Popular *Newlyweds* Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey called it quits.



Oprah Winfrey celebrated the 20th anniversary of her popular daytime talk show.



Five movies starring 11-year old actress Dakota Fanning were released, including *War of the Worlds*.



