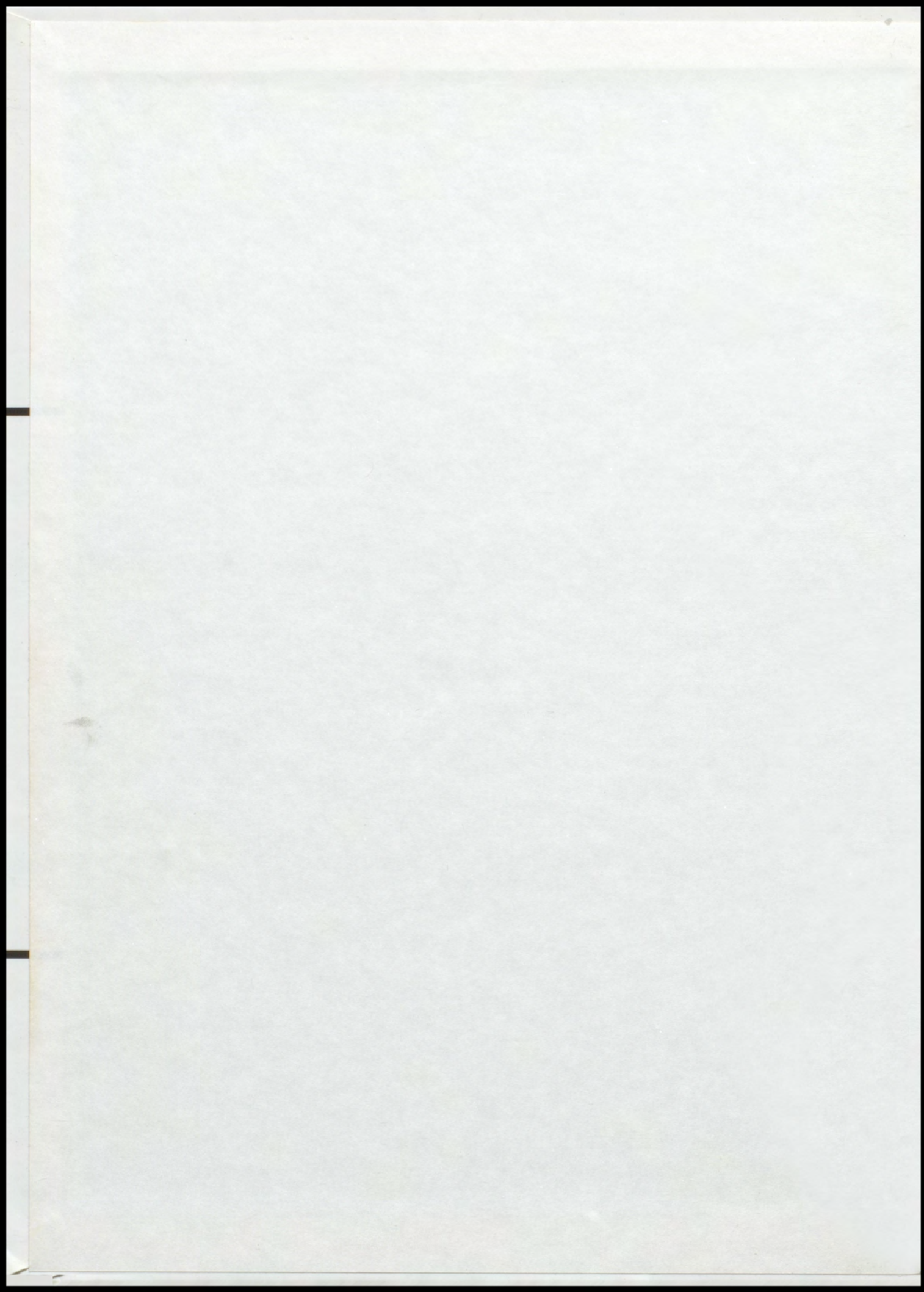
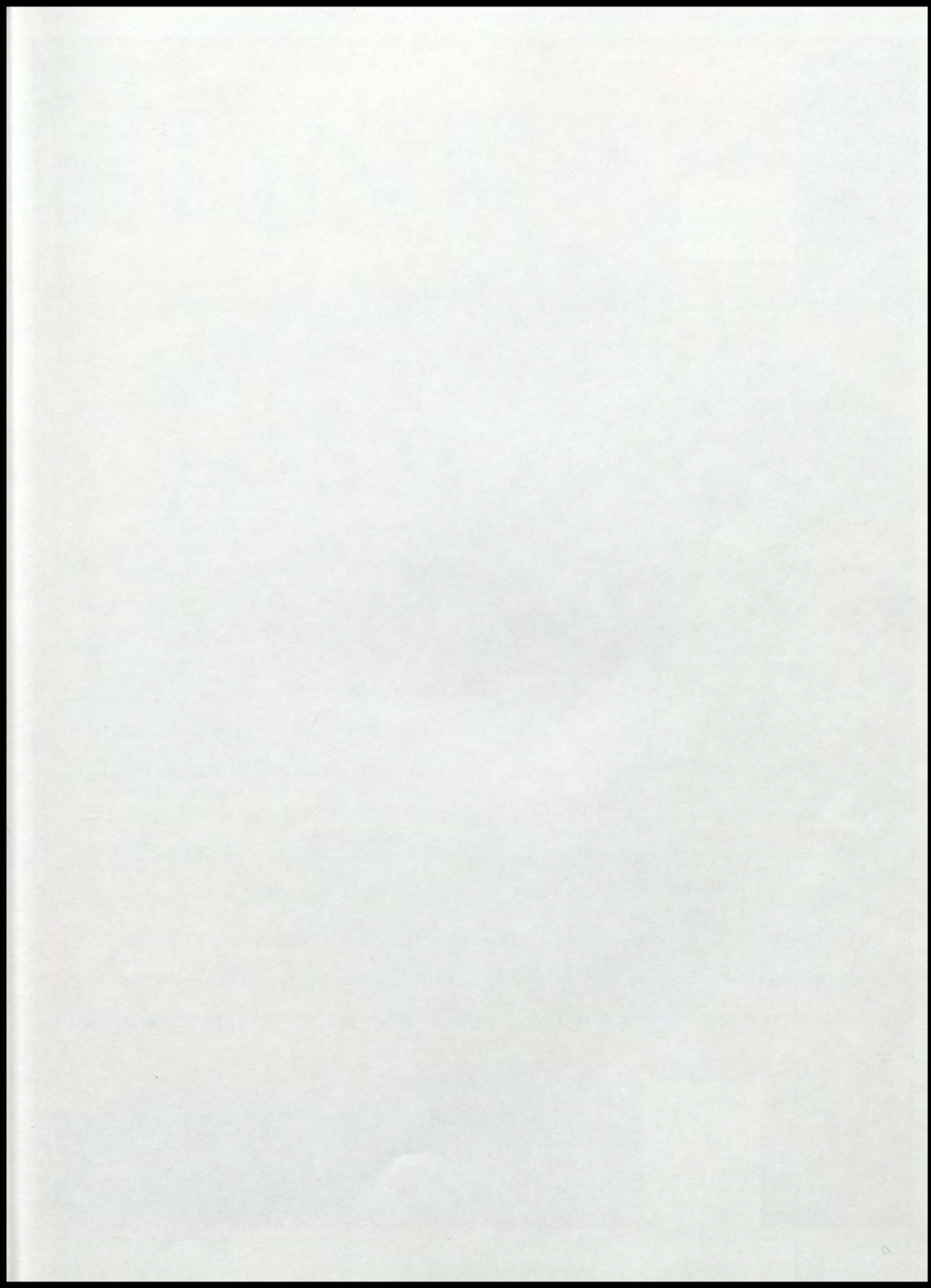


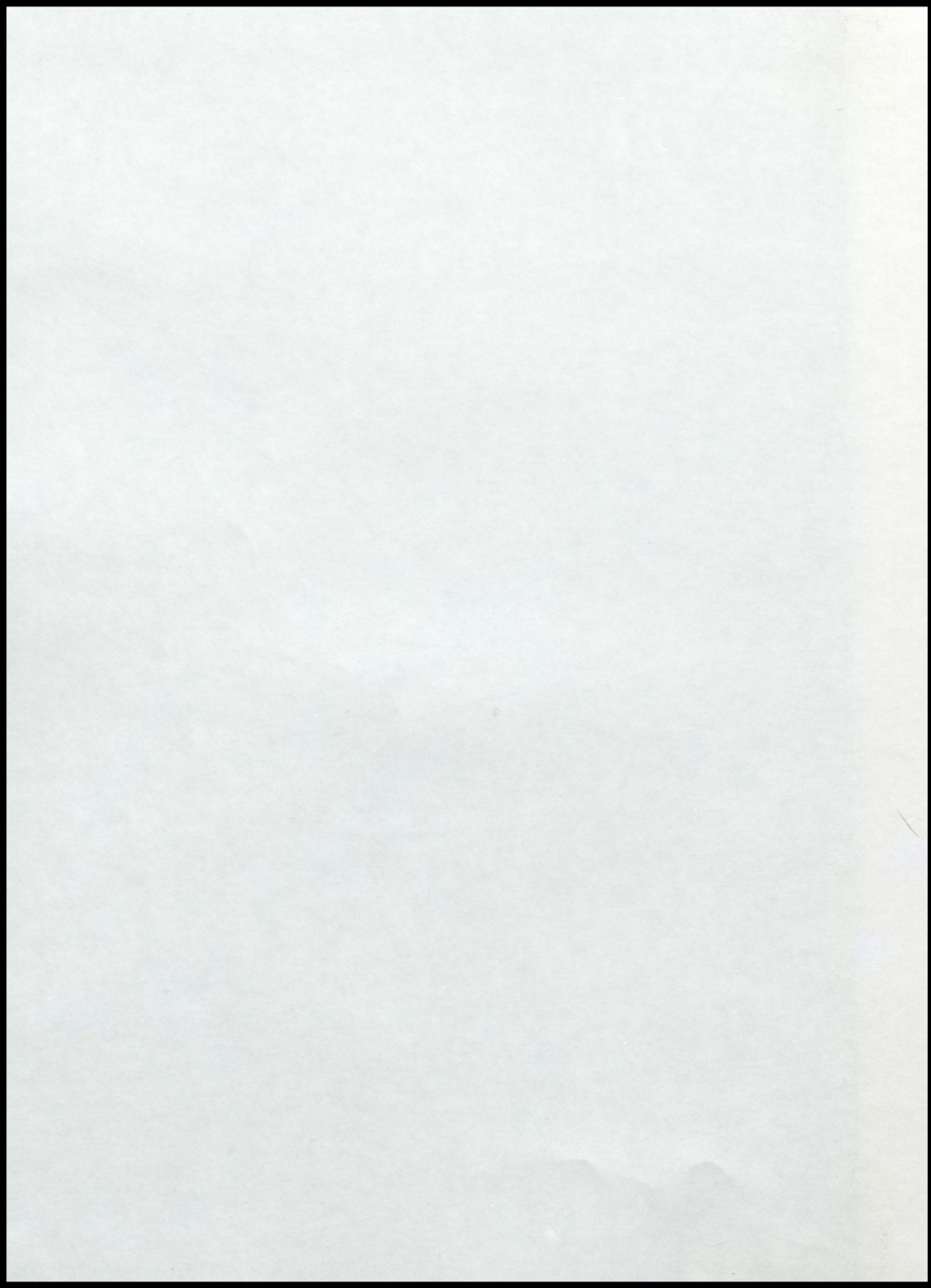


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independence senior high school.







# IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE

## H i g h S c h o o l .

It seems unbearably never-ending. Sitting in class watching the clock, praying for the cycle of time to alter so you can escape early. The always welcomed interruption of assemblies and fire drills and the dodging of “wasted” time in classes like advisory. But, as hours become days and days form into months, before you know it four years have passed and all you want to do is rewind those hours to relive the entire experience all over again.

This year’s theme, In the Blink of an Eye, was chosen to capture the essence of the time spent at IHS. As every day ends at 3:05 each student is one step closer to a bright future provided in part by high school’s attributes. The annoying factors playing into our everyday lives suddenly become cherished as we near graduation, and the once dreaded A. P. English class is embraced with daily routines like the 1:13 P.M. journey through the 200 hall by the janitors on the yellow Trike. The people, the assignments, even the Friday night detentions are looked back on in fondness.

Students each year state they wish they could go back and do it all over again, even just one more time. To see the people they overlooked for four years. Develop new friendships. To make ammends with those who were forgotten out of haste. Or to change the “what if’s” they thought about for so long. Well, now’s your chance.



Kimber Lynn Adkins



Angela Laine Alford



Corey Paul Ashworth



Kendra Michelle Bakken



Joshua Dustin Wade Bales



Octavia Nicole Barker



LaZaita S. Bell



Louise FayEtta Best



Jeffrey Martin Bishop



Katherine Ann Boulanger



Dee Brown

Class of  
**07**

Senior Class of 2007



Tiffany LeAn Bryant



Haley Nicole Carpenter



Shea Elizabeth Casurole



Anita Samantha Chappuie



Valerie Dawn Chaput



Kavla Dawn Coatney



Cassidee J. Connors



Matthew James Corn



Samantha Ann Crittenden



Brandon Lewis Daniels



Brandon James Davidson



Alex Wendell Davis



Justin Daniel Davis



Lindsey Taylor Dean



Mari Paige Demo

Class of  
**07**

Senior Class of 2007



Brandon Drew Dixon



Kacie Jeann Dodson



Kattie Ann Dodson



Lee Robert Dunham



Justin Michael Eades



Michelle Marie Eades



Christopher Ahmed Elshabassy



Justin Lee Eubanks



Joshua Mark Ferrell

Class of **two-thousand & seven**

APOGEE

THROUGH

At an impressive 6'10" Cody Hough towers over the senior class of 2007. According to Cody, being so tall is nothing to shout about. In fact, he claims it's more of a hassle than a gift. Cody would prefer to be shorter so that he "won't have to lean over so far to kiss his girlfriend," and to avoid all the knee trouble he has suffered because of his immense height. Neither of Cody's parents are particu-





Matthew Lee Finney



Mark Louis Freeman



William Donald Galey



Trent Alan Goins



Shonna Lee Gonzales



Alyssa Brett Goodman



Navreet Kaur Grewal



Stacia Mae Gudmonson



Christopher Lee Hallett



Tamra Lynn Hammack

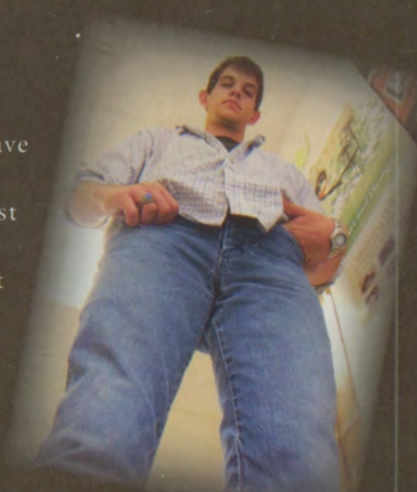


Katrina Doreen Hancock



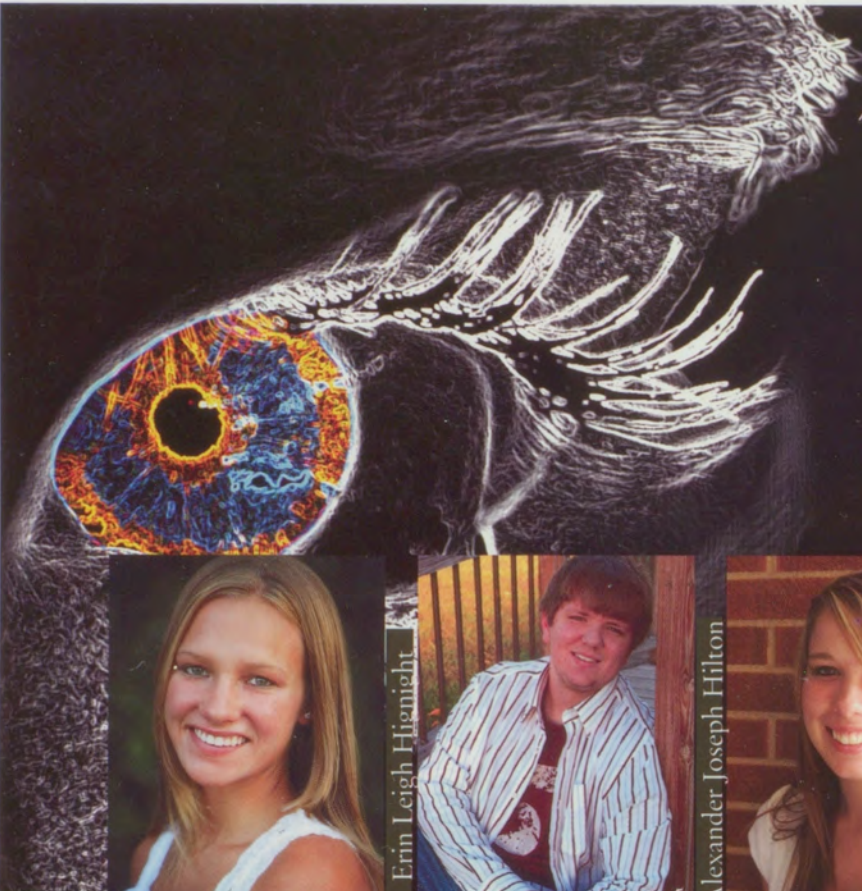
Andrew Lee Hayse

larly tall, making him a bit of an enigma, although he does have tall uncles. Whether he likes it or not, Cody is not only the tallest person in the senior class but also in the entire school. So next time you need something from the top shelf, go find Cody. He shouldn't be too hard to find.



ADVERSITY

THROUGH



Erin Leigh Hightight



Alexander Joseph Hilton



Taryn Maire Martinez



Cody Allen Hough



Kevin Jace Hugo



Calvin Evan Hurford



Philip Gene Hurshman



Jellea Lynn Hutchinson



Amber Dawn Jones



Matthew Ryan Kahler



Brandon Micheal Kelley



Bobby Kochn

Senior Class of 2007

Valerie Chaput's life alters a little from the rest of the senior class. School work isn't any different from the average kid, but she has more responsibility at home than most teenagers. In the mornings Valerie takes care of herself and her brothers. After school Valerie goes to work, does chores at home, finishes her homework, and still makes time for her friends after her crazy hectic day. With the responsibility she upholds now she knows what its like to take care of kids, work, and go to school. "Going away to college will actually be a break for me" ,says Valerie, "One of the things I am most proud of is, keeping my faith getting through what day and getting accepted into Creighton"



Laura Michelle Kendrick



Paul David Kersey



Shawn Andrew Killman



Chandler Davis King



Chelsea Elaine King



Sarah Dawn LaForte



Michael Lawrence



Darnell Lawrie



Ashley Michelle Leake



Lauren Arlene Lester



Spencer Allen Lester



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# Senior Class of 2007



Craig Allen Lofgren



Sabrina Michelle Long



Chelsea Nicole Lumm



Danielle Christine Macy



Demonse Keith Malone



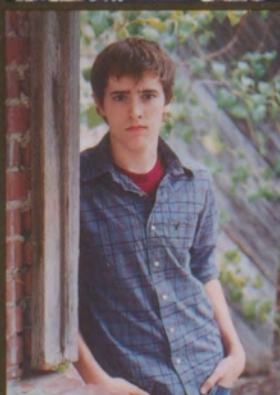
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Kristen L. Maxwell



Lauren Michelle McAfee



Brian Matthew McBride



Gary DeWayne Meacham



Derek David Meier

Class of  
**07**

## INDIVIDUALITY

THROUGH

Don't judge a book by its cover or in this case, a girl by her nose ring. **Stephanie Stewart** changes her style so often that you never know what to expect to from her. It could be a new technicolor hair, a new outrageous clothing style or even a new earring in some unexpected place. But, her style is not the only thing that is unique, it's her



Ashley Nicole Moore



Martin Michael Mumolo



Amanda Nichole Muninger



Matson Paul Murray



Randall Dean Musgrove



Spencer Jacob Null



Charles Oliver



Tera Nichole Oliver



Aubrey Nicole Popen



Olivia Jane Phillips



Andrew Thomas Posch

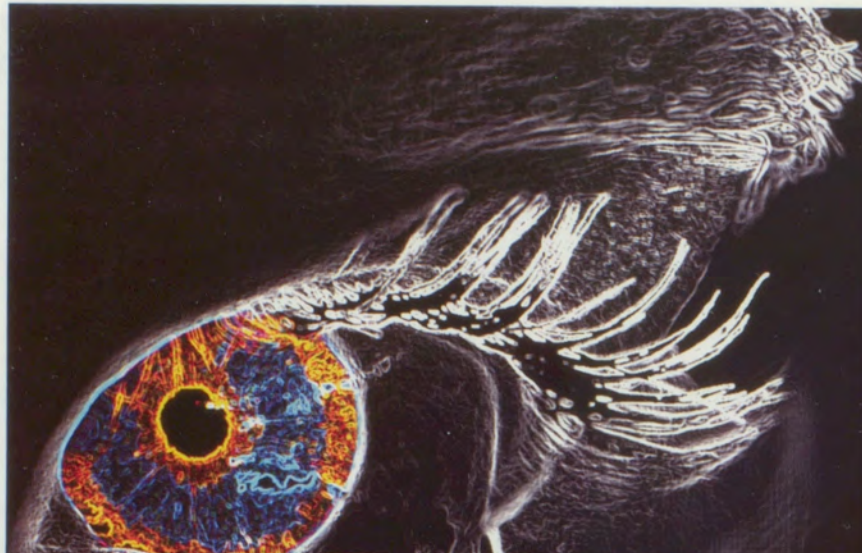
Class of  
**07**

personality. People might have negative thoughts about her, but Stephanie describes herself as “way nice!” If there was one thing that Stephanie would like for all of us to learn, it would be to “realize that high school is a lot better when what people think doesn’t affect you.”



ACHIEVEMENT

THROUGH



Luz Marie Ramos



Elizabeth Marie Reddick



Nicholas Patrick Reid



Ashley Nichole Richardson



David Lynn Ripple



Joshua David Roark



Levi Anthony Sack



Sara Melissa Schwarz



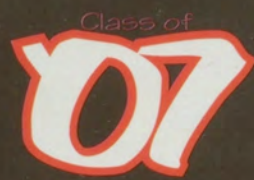
Calvin '07



Levi Gene Shartzler



Jessica Kaye Shepard



Senior Class of 2007

Achievement is defined as accomplishing a desired goal. Senior **Brian Tierney** understands achieving a goal. As a freshman, his eye was “on the prize” of earning straight A’s. For four years, Brian studied hard and put academics first, which wasn’t always fun or easy. In the end, his dedication paid off. Brian not only graduated with four years of straight A’s and weighted GPA of 4.3793, but also as the valedictorian of his class. According to Brian his achievements have come from, “A little hard work and a lot of persistence.” The payoff? In addition to earning substantial scholarship money, and giving a speech at commencement, Brian has the satisfaction of accomplishing his desired goal.



Wynn Thomas Shepard



Robert Aaron Sherlev



Sumere Marie Smith



Thomas Ray Smith



Tyler Daniel Stein



Kelsey Lynn Stelting



Allie Marie Stephens



Stephanie Ann Stewart



Jason Allen Swearingen



Ravin A. Sylvas



Coy Dean Tarkington



Adam Phillip Taylor

Senior Class of 2007



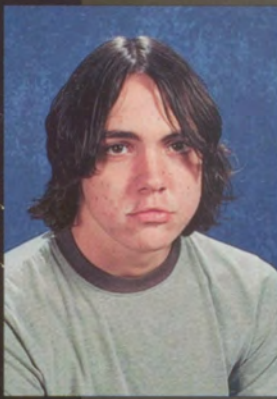
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Brian Benjamin Tierney



Wesley Wayne Vincen



Warner Cole Walter



Natalie Jean Warner



Thomas Clifford Wehmeier



Rick Charles White



Zachary Ryan Willis



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Roger Joe Wilson



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Chelsie Leigh Zinser

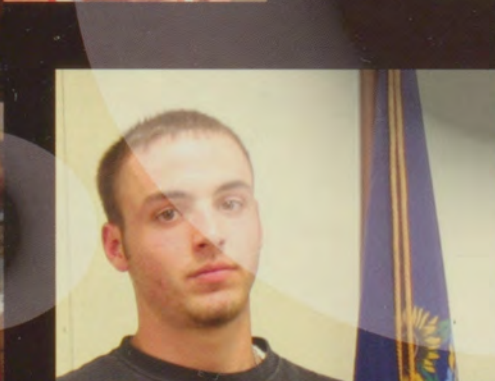
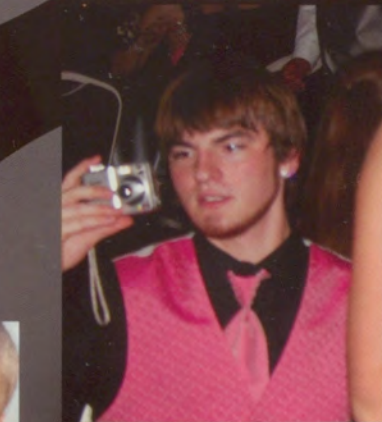
Seniors '07



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# Double Vision

No, you're not seeing double.... we have five sets of twins at IHS this year. While some twins may look alike, in fact, twins can be very different from the other. They are far from a simple duplicate of each other. Each has his or her own goals, interests and personality.

That said, sophomores **Garrett and Shane Perry** are very much alike. The identical twins have the same class schedule. "Our teachers get us mixed up all the time," said Shane. Garrett commented, "I even answer when someone calls me Shane."

Playing Guitar Hero and computer games such Runescape are favorite activities for **Casey and Caleb Hadley**. Just how identical are they? Once when Casey had just gotten a haircut, he looked in mirror and thought he was Caleb. "It's pretty scary, but I didn't recognize myself," said Casey.

**Caitlin and Carlie Shire** not only look alike, but these identical twins share the same interest in musical theater (they were both in this year's Neewollah production of Beauty and the Beast) and Japanese anime. "When you spend so much time together, it's only natural that we're pretty much interested in the same things," said Caitlin.

**Samantha and Cassandra Brown**, who are identical twins, say they love to play tricks on people. "It's tons of fun. We have even pretended to be cousins instead of twins just to mess with people," said Samantha.

Fraternal twins **Kattie and Kacie Dodson** not only appear physically different, but they have unique personalities. Sometimes people even forget they are twins. Even so, "It's irritating when we get asked, 'Are you two twins?'" said Kacie.



**Kattie and Kacie Dodson** "We have shared each other's clothes our whole lives."

**Samantha and Cassandra Brown** "Having a twin has its advantages, but a drawback is that you never get to be your own person."



**Carlie and Caitlin Shire** "Sometimes when people mistake us for who we are we just go along with it."

**Casey and Caleb Hadley** "We fight all the time; we even get into fist fights once in a while."



**Shane and Garrett Perry** "We switched places to take tests for the other, but our mom found out."



# Juniors

Scott Aemisegger  
 Alex Anderson  
 Adrienne Austin  
 Mary Bannwarth



Heather Bean  
 Eric Beason  
 Hali Beaver  
 Tasha Bechtle



Richard Beisly  
 Zachary Berberick  
 Sara Beyen  
 Anthony Bishop



Amanda Bohr  
 Tim Botts  
 Andy Boyle  
 Kimberlee Bradley



Class of 2008



Rebecca Branham  
Cassidy Brekken  
Cassandra Brown  
Jamal Brown



Kevin Brown  
Samantha Brown  
ReAnna Browning  
Blake Bryant



Jordan Burnett  
Matthew Cadle  
Andrew Carr  
Andrew Carter



April Cessna  
Timothy Clubine  
Lindsey Cook  
Dylan Craft



Jason Cranor  
Kayla Cromwell  
Simona Cudney  
Michael Davis

Kai de la Cruz  
Amanda DeCou  
Andrew Duke  
Thomas Dunn



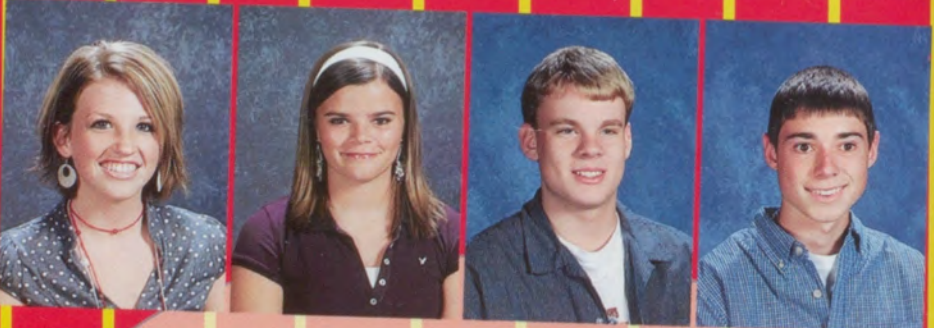
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Stormi Dye  
Brandie Eades  
Jordan Earle



Matthew Easton  
Katherine Fienen  
Tracey Fienen  
Morgan Fox



Teryn Frizell  
Kelsie Froebe  
Christopher Furr  
Grant Gartner



GLOBAL



Most high school students imagine themselves cruising through four years of education at the same school and then moving on to bigger and better things. Tucker Porter, junior, on the other hand, got the opportunity to experience life in South Korea. Forced to move due to his parents' jobs, Tucker lived in South Korea for eight months. "The people were actually really friendly; they treated me like I was a celebrity," he said.

Going from the flat plains and extreme weather in Kansas to South Korea with almost 18 times the population, one might imagine



Christina Gomez  
Adam Greenbaw  
Nicole Green  
Daniel Gross



Galadriel Hadley  
Jessica Harder  
Matthew Hastings  
Michael Heathman



Tyler Henderson  
Christopher Holliday  
Cory Houck  
Lisa Howland



Nick Howland  
Jennifer Jabben  
Maurita Johnson  
Leigha Jolly

the transition would be somewhat overwhelming. "The scenery was completely different," said Tucker. "The food was really different, too. It was really spicy and gross."

Even with the relief of being back in the states, Tucker said he still wouldn't mind going back to South Korea. "I would be okay with going back to visit for vacation and maybe to live."



# Class of 2008

Peggy McLaughlin  
 Rylan McWherter  
 Josh Miller  
 Justin Moor



Nick Lyon  
 Biloxie Mangan  
 Tonda Manly  
 Jordan Mays



Jessica Lennon  
 John Lewis  
 Katy Long  
 Allison Lummm



Kyra Keltz  
 Desman Kinnard  
 Thomas Korhn  
 Patrick Landrum



Steven Jones  
 Taylor Jurski  
 Donlie Keath  
 Elizabeth Kelly







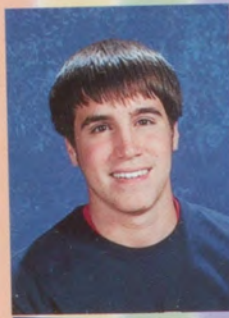
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 Chad Morrell  
 Kristi Morris  
 Courtney Morrow



Ashlee Muninger  
 Nicholas Munson  
 Ashley Mydland  
 Kayla Newman



Mersadies Newton  
 Charlene Ogden  
 Casey Oliver  
 Kevin Oliver



Cole Pasternak  
 Daniel Patitz  
 Jonathan Pendergrass  
 Whitley Polk



Tucker Porter  
 Aubrey Price  
 Stephanie Purdunn  
 Jeffery Quigley

# LEADERSHIP

Junior Mary Bannwarth was elected president of the Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) Club for this area. She is president of 24 clubs in Southeast Kansas spreading from Chautauqua, Elk and Greenwood counties to the Missouri and Oklahoma state lines. This year she and the other area presidents were invited to attend the inauguration of Governor Kathleen Sebelius in Topeka. As honorary guests the KAY members were allowed to sit in the front row and watch democracy in action. Mary said, "It was really

The KAY Club

Nathan Rait  
Carrie Reddy  
Bud Reed  
James Reed



Levi Reynolds  
Aira Richardson  
Paul Riggle  
Kayla Schabel



Sullivan Schabel  
Stephanie Schafar  
Lindsay Schaub  
Samuel Schaefer



Jennie Shadeberg  
Aiko Sharp  
Ashley Simmons  
L. Nicholas Skellenger



Class of 2008

cold that day. It was the first actual government ceremony I witnessed, and the first time I have seen the governor in person. I was a little disappointed because we didn't get to talk to her, as we ran out of time. However, it was good to see other people from Independence there."

"It's a challenge to lead members from the other clubs simply because of the distance; however, with good communication and technology like email, my job as president is much easier," Mary commented. "I'm proud to represent the IHS KAY Club."



Alice Smith  
Kristen Spellman  
Jesse Stair  
Amy Statoski



Michael Stephens  
Lauren Sumner  
Chris Threlkeld  
Melynda Trabuc



George Uffbarri  
Tabby Vannosbar  
Alexis Walter  
Nathan Walter



Alicia Whitehurst  
Andy Whitley  
Amanda Williams  
Charman Williams

Cobra Williams  
Char Wilson  
Lance Wilson  
Haley Winebrenner



Alex Wood  
Jaynee Wright  
Ryan Wright  
Michael Ysusi



Not Pictured:  
Lindsey Golden  
Katlin Jackson  
Evangelina Martinez  
Jerry Musgrove  
Katie Phillips  
Michelle Quinones  
Trent Seller  
Tasia Weaver  
Hayden White

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# First Leadership

Trust is letting someone else be your eyes





Courtney Chambers draws an Independence landmark during the Pictionary game.



Logan Null snatches the ball before anyone else gets it.



Jake Jabben, Brooke Rollison, and Cale Shepard try to guess what is being drawn.



Kelsey Stelting and Jace Hugo referee the dodgeball game. Both are First Leadership graduates.



Nicki Taylor draws a building that is found in Independence.



Dennis Pruitt explains dodgeball rules to the First Leadership class and the adult board members who joined in the fun.

# Sophomores Class of 2009



Zach Abildgaard  
Shelley-Allen  
Brent Alvarez  
Kim Banzet



Matthew Blankenship  
Destiny Bohr  
Nicholas Boyle  
Ashley Bridget



Aaron Britt  
Sha'ray Britt  
Joshua Bromley  
Kaisha Bronson



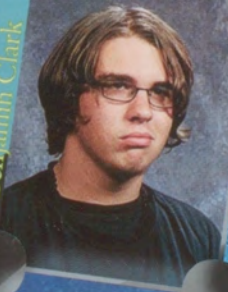
Zachary Bryant  
Patrick Burden  
Courtney Burns  
Phillip Byrd



Holly Campbell  
Bailey Cargile  
Jenny Carpenter  
Nia Castillo



Andrew Catlett  
Courtney Chambers  
Stephanie Chaput  
Benjamin Clark



Bryan Claytor  
Bryan Clubine  
Amber Coatney  
Bradley Compton



Marylynn Craig  
Christopher Dent  
Stephan Devore  
Ryan Dierks

# Sophomores Class of 2009



## DIVERSITY

Moving from Chihuahua, Mexico, to Independence, Kansas, is a culture shock that few high school sophomores can say they have experienced. Armando Flores moved to the United States when he was eleven and only spoke Spanish. "Not only was I new student in a new country, but I could not speak English. I just had to learn in school."

His ability to speak both Spanish and English is now a very useful tool in

Caleb Hindley  
Casey Hindley  
Margaret Hancock  
Eric Hardy



James Hart  
Summer Hinshagen  
Ryan Hayes  
Cody Fleape



Nyskole High  
Lena Hofmeister  
Asia Hlogan  
Dale Holland



Brent Howland  
Cynthia Howland  
Kym Hunt  
Madeline Hunter

his life. "Neither my mom or dad can speak English. I help translate for them at the store and the doctor. It's also fun because I can translate English to Spanish for my friends."

Armando plans on pursuing a degree in veterinary science in a Spanish speaking region of the United States.



# Sophomores Class of 2009

Jake Jabben  
Raymond Jesse  
Cody Johnson  
Crestley Jones



Jessica Kebert  
Michael Kebert  
La'Krea Kendrex  
Patrick LaForte



Justin Lane  
Wesley Lawrence  
Austin Leake  
Brandon Long



Alison Lybarger  
Michael Lyon  
Amanda Matthews  
Kelsey Mayes



Megan McAfee  
Allen Mercham  
Kadyn Medlock  
Kelsie Meier



Serena Myers  
Logan Null  
Samantha Oliver  
Melissa Parrett



Kirsten Miller  
Tasha Miller  
Emily Mills  
Kameron Mykland



Nicole Peterson  
Brandon Peyton  
Deeandra Pierce  
Daniel Porter

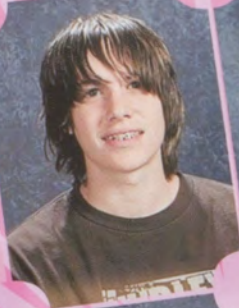


Michael Pendergrass  
Garrett Perry  
Shane Perry  
Chelsea Peters



Seth Prather  
Aaron Price  
Stephen Price  
Sarah Purdunn

# Sophomores Class of 2009



Chandra Pursley  
Gabriel Rakes  
Cory Reyes  
Sara Reynolds



Christina Riggs  
Brooke Rollison  
Rylan Romans  
Jeremy Rousey



Jeanne Routh  
Tony Ruiz  
Jessica Schell  
Cale Shepard



Wes Shepard  
Andrew Shepherd  
Caitlin Shire  
Carlie Shire

## TRANSITION



For most students the first day of school is the same routine as every other year. Getting up at the crack of dawn to go sit in a building for seven hours and seeing friends you missed all summer. For sophomore Lane Hoffmeister this was a odd transition from his daily schedule of being homeschooled. Lane came to IHS his freshman year to "play sports and see friends more." It took some getting used to, but after a short time time the odd schedule and not being taught by his mom be-

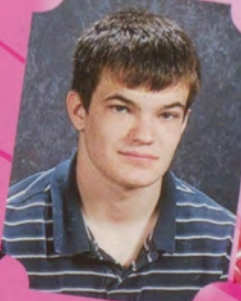
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Dino Smith  
Sondra Smith



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Kirsten Steinle  
Tayler Stockton

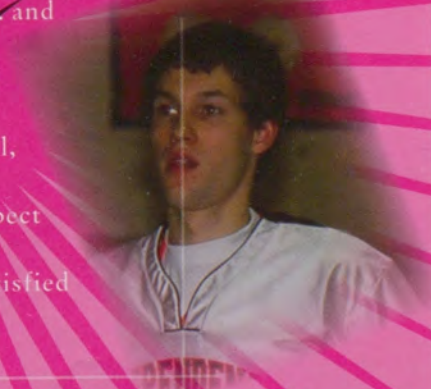


Charrell Strickland  
Autumn Stroble  
Kayla Taylor  
Nicole Taylor



Ryan Taylor  
Antonio Vargas  
Lucas Vincen  
Sydney Wagner

came the norm. "The biggest change was getting up and going at 8:00 a.m. and not getting home until after practice was over," said Lane. After getting accustomed to the routine and falling into playing baseball and basketball, he became comfortable with the IHS way of life, including the biggest aspect of being at the school- the teaching. "Yes," he commented, "I am very satisfied with the way the teaching is at IHS compared to being homeschooled."



# Sophomores Class of 2009



Kalah Weaver  
Grant Webster  
Renee Williams  
Kammy Wilson

Levi Winebrenner  
Aziza-Rashid Woods  
Ashley Wright  
Brandi Wright

Not Pictured:  
Sandra Dungey  
Katrina Hale  
Shannon Jones  
Rebecca Lewis  
Dustin Parker  
Amber Schroder  
Ulises Vargas



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# 2010

Johny Ainesworth  
Michael Allen  
Shanice Allen  
Nicole Amos



Jonathan Aragon  
Sarah Ashworth  
Talyn Austin  
Andrew Baker

# Freshman Class of 2010

Colten Ballew  
Samantha Baumgartner  
Morgan Baxter  
Sheila Bean



William Bogart  
Lauren Boulanger  
Cari Brady  
Samantha Bressie



Nicholas Bright  
Kiersten Britain  
Teresa Brown  
Jessica Bruington

Kirsche Bryant  
Jessie Burns  
Jared Carpenter  
Michael Castillo



Anthee Coleman  
Bayley Conner  
Mollie Connors  
Cole Cranor

Connor Cushing  
Kathryn Cusick  
Kendra Darrow  
Anthony Davis



Joseph Davis  
Laken Davis  
Jonathan Dierks  
Julie Do Vu

Michael Doughty  
 Auntrae Dunn  
 Dominique Edwards  
 Camille English



Gage Erling  
 Christina Evans  
 Spencer Fahler  
 Patrick Farris



Shelly Farris  
 Kyle Ferris  
 Scott Fienen  
 Rhett Flood



Brooks Florio  
 Darby Fox  
 Cassandra Goodman  
 Taylor Goodman



Wesley Goodrich  
 Nancy Gann  
 Michael Gudmonson  
 Brandi Hambleton



Freshman Class of 2010



Aubrey Hancock  
Terry Hancock  
Andrew Hare  
DJon Harris

Erika Harris  
Damone Hatch  
Maddie Hawn  
Aaron Hayse



Danielle Heape  
Kristopher High  
Isaac Hilger  
Ariana Hills

Nick Hockett  
Jonathan Hogge  
Crystal Hole  
Jamie Howard



Brandon Howland  
Cody Johnson  
Kelsie Jones  
Tequila Jones

Hannah Kays  
 Meagan Kebert  
 Dylan Kemp  
 Kyle King



John Knight  
 Katherine Knoles  
 Brianna Lawson  
 Allisa Leal

Bailey Lewman  
 Katherine Lovelless  
 Vanessa Lowdon  
 Sara Lyon



Freshman Class of 2010



Coty MacRae  
 La Shay Malone  
 Rosalynn Mann  
 Gabriel Marceleno

Haley Marchant  
 Deetta Matix  
 Nancy May  
 Zachary May





Danielle Medlock  
Ethan Messner  
Brittany Meyer  
Stephanie Miller

Christopher Myers  
Aubrey Near  
Nicholas Novotni  
Meghan O'Shields



Logan Papen  
Ryan Perreira  
Christopher Perry  
Lauren Peyton

Kaitlyn Porrer  
Mason Posch  
Christina Powell  
Kaitlin Quinton



Alejandro Ramos  
Ashley Reed  
William Reynolds  
Percy Rogers

Nicole Rood  
 Kylee Rose  
 Airvel/Rosenhoover  
 Heather Rosenhoover



Kayla Ruiz  
 Neasha Sack  
 Amber Schafer  
 Cameron Schuber



Austin Schroeder  
 Cody Seifert  
 Dylan Smith  
 Talor Smith



Danielle Somers  
 Cianne Spradling  
 Tyler Sprague  
 John Stafford



Brandon Swan  
 Amber Stoble  
 Susi Sumner  
 Candi Tarlington



Freshman Class of 2010





Shelby Therrien  
Bry Thomas  
Nicole Thompson  
Jason Tjuitt

Thaddeus Tuck  
Andrew Tucker  
Heidi Tucker  
Sierra Tucker



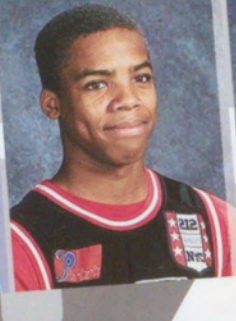
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Georgia Walker

Joshua Wallace  
Matthew Wallis  
Jennifer Wainmeier  
Adam Whitehurst



Lauren Whitson  
Terry Whittet  
Samuel Williams  
David Wilson

Kensy Wilson  
Marcus Wright  
Jonathan Wyatt  
Lakan Ysusi



Not Pictured:  
Sebastian Ashworth  
Savannah Henry  
Tracey Howard  
Latrice McKinnis  
Chante Mosley  
Nicholas O'Daniel  
Melanie Quinones  
Amber Stroble  
Lexis Weaver

Freshman Class of 2010

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 Larry Annable  
 Jason Armitage  
 Theresa Barnhart



Patti Bearpaw  
 Cindy Beshears  
 Jamie Beyer  
 Carl Boldra



Max Bradbury  
 Beth Capps  
 Gayle Chapman  
 Whitney Chism



Mark Coder  
 Dee Cole  
 Keith Confer  
 Kelly Cox



Faculty and Staff 2007



Anna May  
Janice McBride  
Laura McClure  
Gloria McCray



Kathy McGuire  
Kathy McRoberts  
Brian Melchiorl  
Carol Mooney



Cheryl Moor  
Debbie Moore  
James Moseley  
Karen Newkirk



Shawn Okane  
Matt Patton  
Gloria Price  
Phyllis Pruter



Dale Reynolds  
Colleen Rollins  
Michael Rose  
Tammy Roth



Faculty and Staff 2007



Mitch Shaw  
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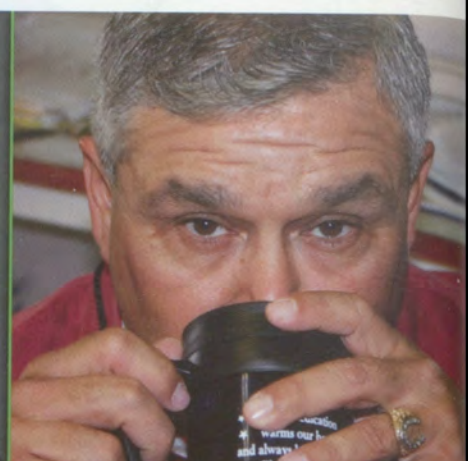
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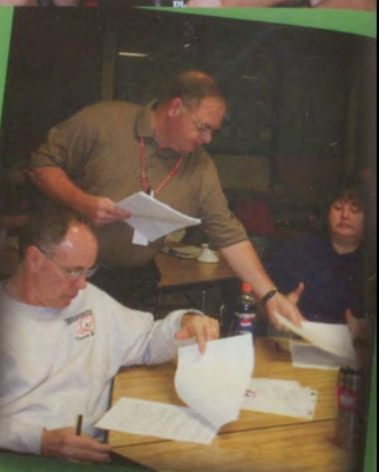


Jim Watters  
Scott Webb  
Beverly Willis  
Eldon Woods

# FACULTY LIFE



Left: Mrs. Capps looking away from the camera.  
Right: Mr. Long handing out papers at the in-service.



Left: Mr. Stewart, retired teacher, Mr. Hogan, and Mrs. McBride watching the basket ball game.  
Right: Mrs. Chapman smiling for the camera.



Group photo of all the faculty at the class of 2007 prom.



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# Miss Willis

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Countless numbers of today's engineers and doctors owe their math skills to Miss Willis' upper level math instruction."



"She sponsored KAYs since its inception at IHS 35 years ago. In fact, she was a KAY member, herself. KAYs is her passion." - Mrs. McBride

Thirty-five years and she's finally graduating. Actually, Miss Beverly Willis is retiring. But Miss Willis, who taught two generations of IHS graduates, sure feels like she's at her own graduation.



Teacher of the Month



# LOVE GIRLS TENNIS





Top Left to Right: Coach McLenon, Allie Stephens, Breezy Mangan, Lauren Lester, Bayley Connor, Biloxie Mangan, Morgan Baxter, Coach Lundt. Middle Row: Jaymee Wright, Kayla Schabel, Kelsey Stelting, Kelsie Froebe, Jenny Jabben, Brittany Meyer, Allison Lumm. Front Row: Talor Smith, Taylor Jurski, Aubrey Near, Kelsey Porter, Marylynn Craig, and Kelsey Mayes.



**IHS**  
State Champs!

The IHS Girls tennis team accomplished the ultimate goal this year: Successfully capturing the SEK title, the Regional title, and then taking the Class 4A State Championship. There were five members of the tennis team who had the opportunity to compete at the State Championships: Seniors Allie Stephens and Breezy Mangan, and juniors Taylor Jurski, Kayla Schabel, and Jaymee Wright. Other than taking State the girls have been very successful. Bulldozing over rivals all over SEK, Lady Bulldog tennis took first place in countless tournaments, including the Iola Invitational, the Independence Invitational, the El Dorado Invitational, and the Labette County Invitational.



# State Champs '06

# State Champs '06

# State Champs '07



Independence, Kansas, has proven itself a dominant force in girls and boys tennis. After winning three state championship in a row, all eyes in the state are on our small town tennis superpower. At a reception for the team, Mr. Schmidt, superintendent, referred to Independence as "Tennis Town." Since each team is deep with great players, it's highly likely the reign will continue past 2007. The Kansas legislature recognized the two teams for their success on the court.





With an a 0-9 season record and a 35 game losing streak collected over the past five years, the average observer would expect the spirit of the Independence community to be at an all-time low. In all reality it was the opposite. The crowds were cheering throughout the entire game, and the players were on the field with best hopes in mind. The anticipation of each play and the progress the team made during the football season has been very inspirational. The whole team worked hard each and every practice, and at the games the crowd could tell that they were improving. They never once gave up; even when the scores were down they played till the remaining seconds of the game, something only a true brotherhood could overcome.



*"The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it. We started the year with a great obstacle that we could not overcome, but it wasn't because of the lack of effort. Everyone was trying to accomplish something big, not realizing that life is made up of little things. If we do the little things right, the big things will come. The seniors left behind an even greater obstacle for the young studs to conquer. Just remember whatever you can do, or dream you can do it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it." -Jace Hugo*

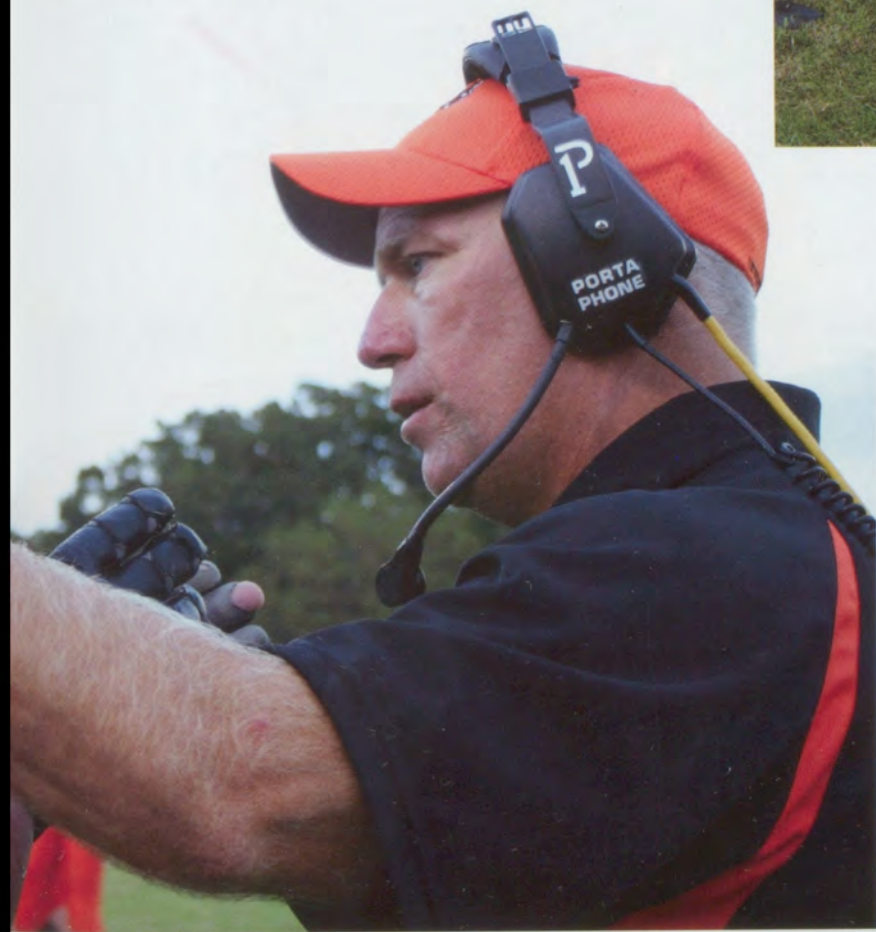


# In Team

Go Dawg!

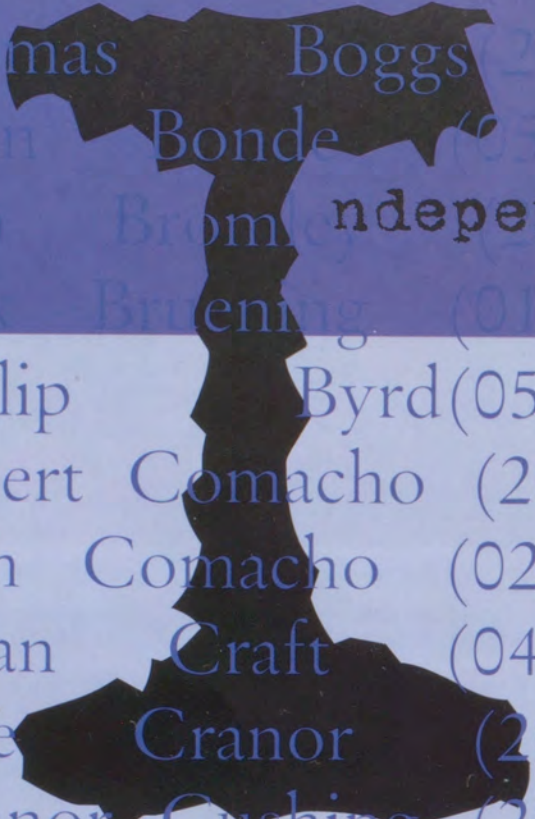


"There's nothing like highschool football; there is just something about it that you can't find anywhere else in life, I'd give anything to go back and play just one more game, one more quarter, and one more touch-down!" -Levi Shartzter



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 Dylan Craft (04-06)  
 Cole Cranor (2006)  
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"THIS TEAM OVER-ACHIEVED ALL SEASON AND PRODUCED THE BEST OVERALL SEASON IN IHS HISTORY BECAUSE OF ONE REASON: THEY LOVE TO PLAY. THEY MADE COACHING THIS TEAM A VERY EASY JOB. I'VE BEEN AROUND SEVERAL TEAMS THAT HAVE HAD GREAT INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS AND TONS OF INDIVIDUAL SKILLS, BUT SHOULDN'T WIN GAMES BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO PLAY TOGETHER. THIS TEAM FIGURED IT OUT AND FOUND OUT JUST HOW SUCCESSFUL A TEAM CAN BE."

- HEAD COACH ERIC HAISLETT

"THIS SEASON HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY UNBELIEVABLE. COACH HAISLETT AND I BOTH KNEW COMING INTO THE SEASON THAT WE WOULD HAVE A GOOD TEAM, BUT WE NEVER KNEW JUST HOW GOOD THIS TEAM WOULD PROVE TO BE.. FROM THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP UNTIL THE LAST MATCH AGAINST ANDOVER. THE PLAYERS ON THIS TEAM SHOWED TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT ALL THEY WANTED TO DO WAS PLAY SOCCER. WHETHER IT WAS PLAYING SOCCER ON SUNDAYS, PLAYING 3V3 IN THE COFFEYVILLE STADIUM (DURING THE TOURNAMENT), OR JUST BY USING THEIR DAYS OFF TO PLAY INDOORS AT THE HIGHSCHOOL, THESE PLAYERS HAVE SHOWN US BOTH THAT THEY LOVE THE GAME. I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH ALL THE EFFORT AND HARD WORK THAT EACH AND EVERY PLAYER CONTRIBUTED TO THIS TEAM."

- ASSISTANT COACH NICK MCBRIDE

Dexter Reyes (2004) Matt Wallis (2006)



Cameron Schicke (2006) Michael Ysusi (04-06)

# Running Out of Time

"They can run, but we can run faster!" Evan Hurford exclaimed as he was trying to pump up the rest of the boys Varsity Cross Country team. The boys team fared well, placing in the top two in every regular season meet. Levi Sack led the team and was the only boy to run in the state meet in Wamego. Levi, along with the three other starting seniors, Andrew Hayse, Spencer Null and Evan Hurford, will graduate this year, leaving only one returning varsity runner, John Hogge. "They've been a big part of our success over the last four years," Coach Rose said.



“I run cross country because it’s an excellent way to stay in shape.” Andrew Hayse, SEK Champ



The girls ‘ team is a different story, however. **Alicia Whitehurst** was the dominating force on the girls cross country team and ended up placing 49th at State. She is the first girl in IHS history to compete at State. “It is exciting to have gone to State,” Alicia said. “ I figured since last year I missed going (to State) by two seconds that I could definitely kick it up and make it this year.” She hopes to continue to improve for next year and get the team going.

“Our ladies just continue to improve. We have a strong team with Amanda DeCou’s and Natasha Sack’s contribution to the team,” said Coach Rose.



# Indy Volleyball

Coach Kristi Speicher was pleased with the 2006 volleyball season. "Overall I believe the players worked hard and improved throughout the season." But every year senior graduate and leave the Lady Bulldog fans asking, "How is this going to affect the team next year" and "How will next season look?" But Coach Speicher simply said, "With only two seniors leaving we have five of our seven starters return and that is the most we have had in many years. As a coach I always hate to see the seniors go, but every year someone steps up and fills the senior leadership roles that need to be filled."

The Lady Bulldogs finished the regular season with an overall mark of 10-13 --- their best mark in three years.



Above: **Morgan Fox**, junior, is set up with a spike against their opponent at home in Losey Gym.



Left: **Cassidee Connors**, senior, breaks it down after a quick time out.



First Row: Jessica Lennon, ReAnna Browning, Bailey Lewman, Jessica Bruington. Second Row: Erika Harris, Haley Marchant, Vannesa Lowdon, Katlin Quinton, Georgia Walker, Kendra Darrow. Third Row: Jordan Earle, Mersadies Newton, Cassidee Connors, Morgan Fox, Kirsten Steinle, Kelsie Meier, Haley Carpenter, and Amanda Matthews.



Left: The girls play hard to keep their lead in this home outing against Chanute.

**Haley Carpenter** played all four years of high school and will play in college if she can get a scholarship. "I really enjoyed this year. It was great to be a leader on the court; I will miss my teammates and Coach Speicher."



**Cassidee Connors** played all four years of high school and will play for ICC next fall. "I feel like I improved this season; I'm going to miss Mrs. Speicher."

# ALL EYES

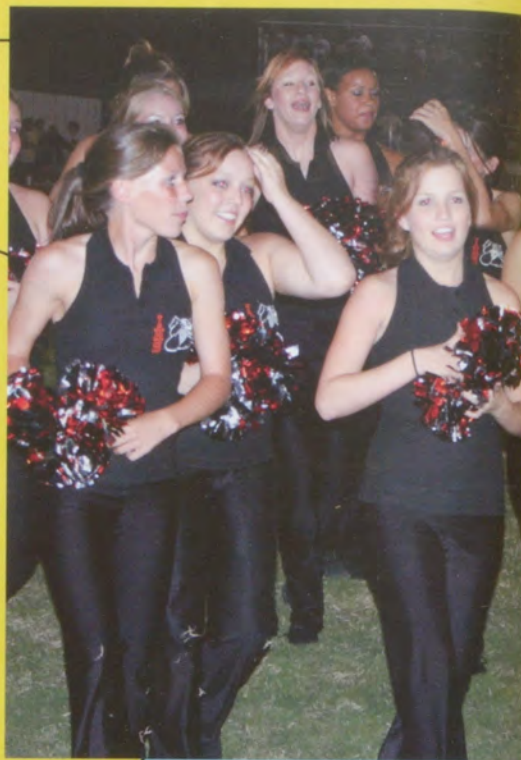
# ON US

This year's dance team started off with a bang! The team spent countless hours practicing in June and July, preparing for a week-long camp at Bethany College in Lindsborg. The hard work paid off when the team came away with numerous first place trophies and blue ribbons.

The team won numerous trophies for their routines and blue ribbons for the dancers' individual performances throughout the week.

In addition to coaches Lori Wilson and Stacey Wilson, team captains were Chelsea Lumm, Ashley Moore and Kelsey Stelting.

The award winning  
Independence High Dance Team



Every year at dance camp a select group of dancers are selected as All-Stars. These dancers are chosen by UDA staff members after an individual tryout during camp. This year's All-Stars from Indy were....



- Ashley Moore- senior
- Paige Demo senior
- Shea Casurole- senior
- Chelsea Lumm- senior
- Kelsey Stelting- senior
- Kayla Schabel- junior



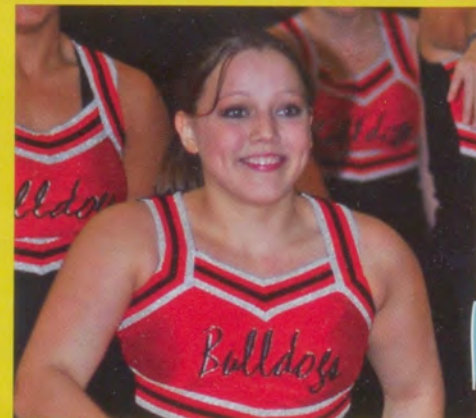
KAYLA SCHABEL

What's it like dancing in front of the student body?

"Basketball season is much more fun because we're a lot closer to the fans and we can see their faces!" - Brooke Rollison

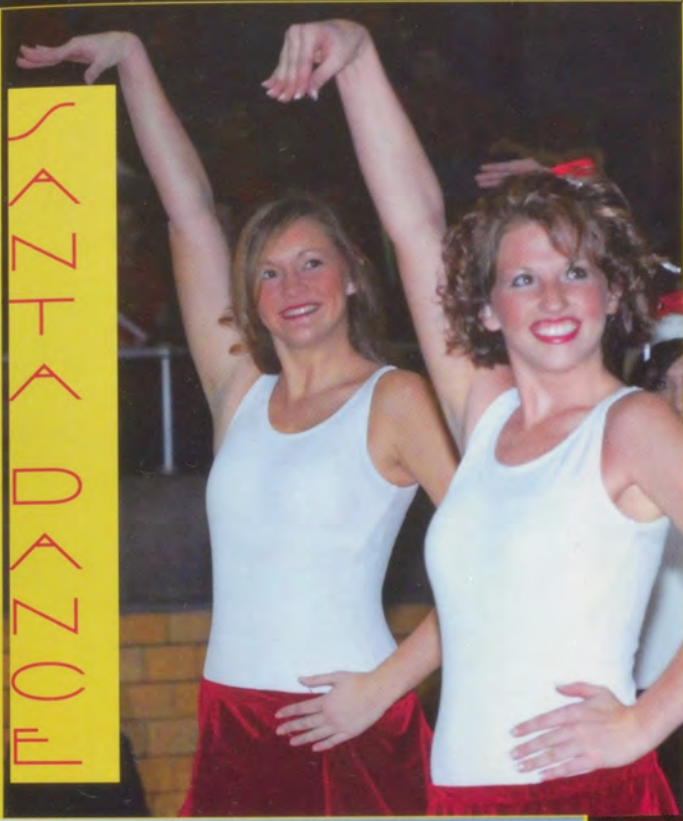


Right: Senior Paige Demo smiles as she concentrates on the next move during a routine from High School Musical.

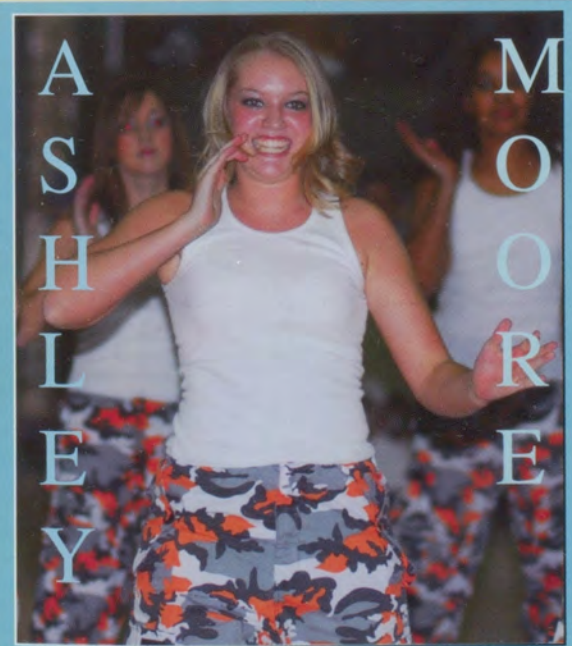


# Dance Team

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"The three of us (captains) were in charge of the choreography. I had a lot of athletes ask me why we spent so much time at the stadium and gym. It takes a lot of practice to get 21 dancers aligned and spot on in their motions. It's all worth it in the end. When we received standing ovations for our routines, for me, that made all the time and effort worth it," said Kelsey Stelling.



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First Row: Lauren Lester, Kelsey Stelling, Shea Casurole, Chelsea Lumm, Ashley Moore, Paige Demo. Second Row: Jessica Kebert, Jenny Carpenter, Kayla Schabel, Teryn Frizell, Casey Oliver, Brianna Lawson, Tina Riggs. Third Row: Cassie Goodman, Brooke Rollison, Jessica Lennon, Morgan Fox, Tash Miller, Bailey Lewman, and Brittany Meyer.

# Cheerleading

## EYE-N-D-Y



Above: Senior Ashley Leake cheers during a Friday night football game. Left: One of the stunts during the Big Cheer.



The cheer squad at a home football game before the cheer clinic.





Varsity Cheer Squad

Junior Varsity Cheer Squad



First Row: Valerie Chaput, Aly Goodman, Chelsie Zinser, Ashley Leake. Second Row: Aubrey Papan, Katie Boulanger, Lucy Ramos. Third Row: Stephanie Shafer, Kristin Spellman, Mary Bannwarth, Jenny Schadeberg. Fourth Row: Crestley Jones, Chelsea Peters, Sydney Wagoner, Megan McAfee and Sara Reynolds.

First Row: Lauren Peyton, Lakan Ysusi, Camille English. Second Row: LaShay Malone, Danielle Medlock, Heidi Tucker. Third Row: Kaisha Bronson, and Heather Rosenhoover.

# Cradle Time

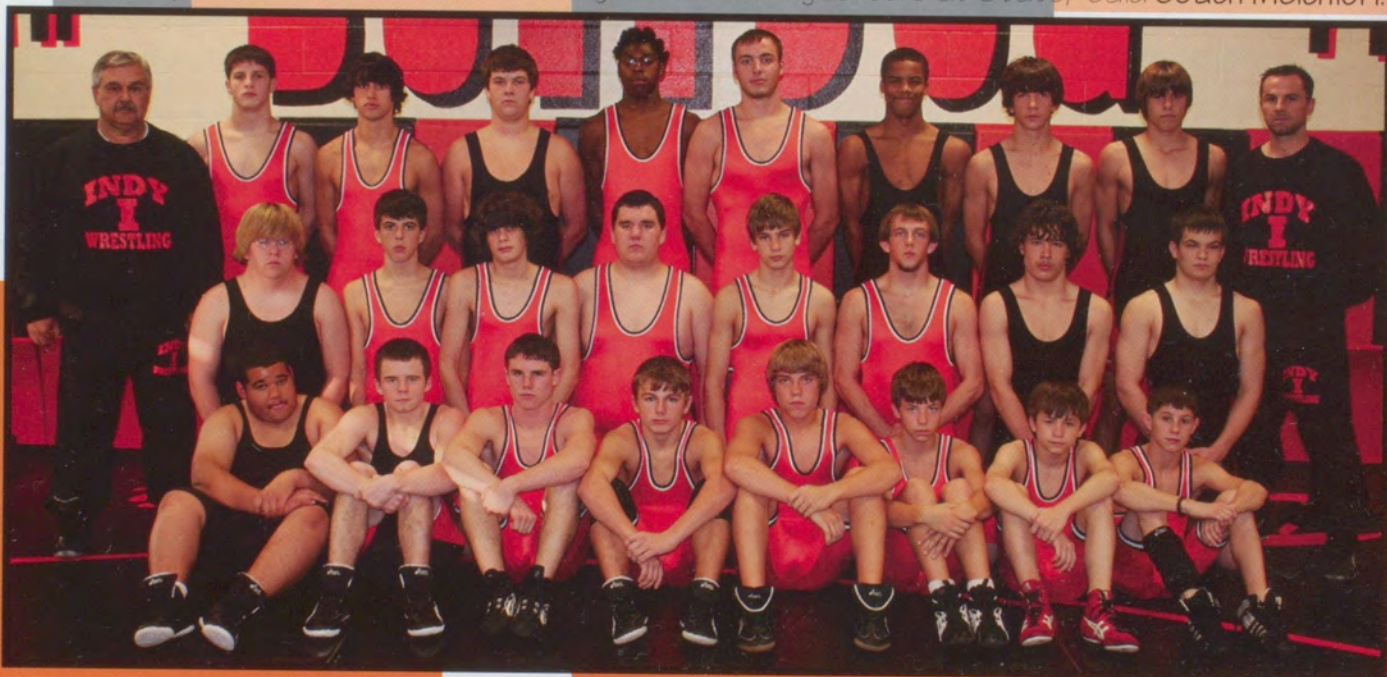
This year's wrestling team started fresh with a new head coach and a new attitude. Head Coach Melchiori joined Coach Watters and brought experience to the Indy mats. The Bulldog wrestling team finished fourth in SEK and closed out the season with a 4-3 league record and 13-8 overall. Four seniors wrestled for IHS this season: Lee Dunham, Evan Hurford, Jason Swearingen and Roger Wilson. Dunham and Swearingen capped off their high school wrestling careers by qualifying at Regionals for the State tourney. Jason took fourth place at 139 pounds, while Lee finished fourth in the heavyweight division.

"After finishing third in SEK, I knew I had a good shot to qualify for State," said Jason. "That's been my goal since I was a freshman. We (IHS) had a tough Regional tourney, so I felt pretty good about my chances at State."

It was the first trip to State for both Jason and Lee.

"I was pretty excited to make it to State," commented Lee. "My overall record was 23-8 on the season, which I was happy with. I knew that I had to wrestle smart and keep my head up at State. I know all the moves and what I still needed to work on."

"Any time an athlete qualifies for State, it's an honor. Jason and Lee both lost their first two matches, so they were out pretty quick. It's just tough wrestling at that level. Every wrestler there was at the top of his game. I'm proud of them both for finishing their wrestling careers at State," said Coach Melchiori.



# SENIORS

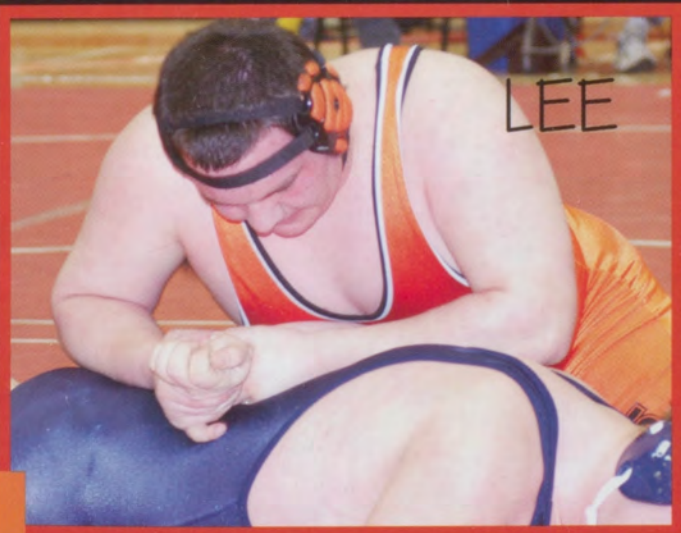


## ROGER

ABOVE: Roger Wilson, who wrestled at 171, scissors a Pittsburg wrestler during a match.



ABOVE: In the 152 weight class, Evan Hurford shakes hands with his opponent as the match begins.



ABOVE: In the heavyweight class, Lee Dunham's opponent grimaces in pain as Lee pins him.

RIGHT: Jason Swearingen tries to get position against a Ft. Scott wrestler during their 189 pound match.



## EYEING THE SHOT



Adam Taylor, number 34

Following a rocky previous season, coach **Mike Rose** had a long road of recovery this winter. The IHS boys basketball team was picked to finish eighth out of the nine-team league during the pre-season coaches poll, only being expected to rise above Columbus. Despite the lack of faith Rose was still “looking forward to the season. It’s my third year as head coach and I’ve really enjoyed the camaraderie with the coaches.”

This camaraderie turned out to be in need throughout the season and not just with the coaches. The team itself proved to be struggling beginning to end.

“Coach [Rose] gave a speech during a practice. He referenced a quote that really summed everything up- ‘The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, [but] expecting different results,’” said **Spencer Null**. Falling into an offensive slide in the beginning the team suffered nine consecutive losses. “I was disappointed I did not meet the expectations I set for myself. I ended up injured midway through the season. Nonetheless, I was glad I won the Honorable Mention, although I had hoped for higher,” explained **Adam Taylor**.

The frustration continued over the weeks until finally the game against Chanute broke the spell winning on Winter Homecoming night by one point. With hope in the air the team traveled to Wellington for Sub-State, but fell short in the first round officially ending their three-and-a-half month campaign with an overall record of 7-14.

With three tough seasons behind him, coach Rose decided this to be the year he stepped away from coaching boys basketball. “With four kids and the time commitment it takes to do the job right, I felt like I wasn’t able to give 100% of myself to basketball and to my family,” voiced Rose.

# SYOB

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Pittsburg	52-47 W
Girard	34-65 L
Iola	45-58 L
Pittsburg	43-52 L
LCHS	59-55 W
Parsons	63-59 W
Iola	48-67 L
Vinita	48-45 W
Ozark	29-67 L
Pittsburg	33-37 L
Coffeyville	36-49 L
Colgan	42-50 L
Parsons	40-46 L
Iola	66-71 L
Ft. Scott	37-73 L
Coffeyville	33-53 L
Pittsburg	51-50 W
LCHS	43-56 L
Columbus	74-66 W
Chanute	50-45 W
Wellington	44-48 L

Spencer Null shoots a contested lay-up during the game versus the Pittsburg Purple Dragons.



Sam Schroeder falls after a collision with a Chanute player while teammate Matt Cadel looks to rebound the basketball.



Dan Groe attempts to steal against Pittsburg.



Dylan Craft goes airborne while throwing the ball over a Girard defender.



Varsity & Junior Varsity



Third Row: Coach Brunley, Patrick Landrum, Spencer Null, Dylan Craft, Adam Taylor, Ryan Dierks, Lane Hoffmeister, Coach Rose, Coach Bradbury, Second Row: Bryan Clabine, Zach Bryant, Daniel Porter, Ethan Specker, Logan Null, Adam Greenhaw, Michael Yast, Grant Webster First Row: Josh Bromley, Ryan Hayes, Matt Cadle, Andy Whitley, Sam Schroeder, Daniel Gross, Cole Pasternak

Freshmen



Third Row: Anthony Coleman, Isaac Hilger, Cody Johnson, Jomy Dierks, Kyler King, Dylan Kemp, Coach Bradbury, Second Row: Paul Riegler, Austin Schroeder, Connor Cushing, Bry Thomas, Ryan Sprague First Row: Logan Papers, Matt Walls, Marcus Wright, Zach May



Brooke Rollison prepares to rebound during the Chanute game.



Kelsie Meier tosses the basketball overhead to another teammate during the home Pittsburg win.



Varsity & Junior Varsity



Third Row: Coach Reynolds, Tia Howland, Kristen Spellman, Brooke Rollison, Kirsten Steidle, Kelsie Meier, Lauren Whitson, Mattie Hunter, Coach Smith  
 Second Row: Ashley Moore, Blixie Mangan, Aubrey Price, Ashlee Muninger, Emily Mills, Kyla Taylor, Jordan Earle, Coach McLendon  
 First Row: Allie Stephens, Breezy Mangan, Shea Casarole, Erin Hignite, Chelsea King

Freshmen



Second Row: Morgan Baxter, Lauren Whitson, Mollie Connors, Kylee Rose, Niki Amos, Bailey Connors, Taylor Goodman  
 First Row: Hannah Kays, Aubrey Near, Kenny Wilson, Amber Schafer, Samantha Danielle Somers, Talor Smith

# Girls

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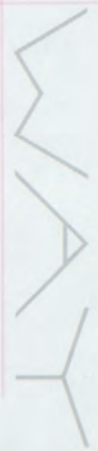
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Girard	41-63 L
Coffeyville	47-44 L
Pittsburg	38-26 W
LCHS	26-52 L
Parsons	44-30 L
Iola	38-42 OT L
Coffeyville	52-41 W
Vinita	43-59 L
Coffeyville	53-42 W
Colgan	30-44 L
Parsons	35-53 L
Iola	33-50 L
Ft. Scott	56-60 OT L
Coffeyville	38-53 L
Pittsburg	42-38 W
LCHS	33-70 L
Altonna	71-47 W
Columbus	23-52 L
Chanute	36-55 L
Wellington	27-50 L

Kirsten Steinle looks to pass around a LCHS player.



# SENIORS

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#22 Breezy Mangan

It is almost a coach's dream to have five seniors to lead the way. Coach Dale Reynolds had five senior leaders for the 2007 basketball season. "I think the seniors did a swell job. We demonstrated drills and showed respect to the coaching staff as well as tried to make practice fun," said **Breezy Mangan**.



#24 Erin Hight

Unfortunately, senior leadership alone could not carry the Lady Bulldog team to victory. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Pittsburg in their first game of the season. Momentum slowed after this first victory leaving the Lady Bulldogs with a 6-15 loss overall record. "We wish we would have done better during the season, but I guess it is what it is," commented **Shea Casurole**.



#32 Allie Stephens

**Allie Stephens** noted, "Playing all four years helped keep me poised and let me play to the best of my abilities. I wish I could have been a better leader to the younger girls." On the other hand, **Chelsea King** countered, "Being hurt for two years was a huge disadvantage. I spent a lot of time on the bench trying to keep teammates up and boost confidence." "I really enjoyed the season and had a lot of fun," commented **Erin Hight**.



#33 Shea Casurole

"Although the season didn't turn out like we would have liked record wise, we found out a lot about ourselves and learned how to handle adversity. We will miss our seniors. They have been a fun group to work with and were a pleasure to coach. We do have a very talented group of underclasswomen coming back who have worked very hard during the season. They will keep the program moving in the right direction," commented



#34 Chelsea King

Coach Dale Reynolds.

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# Golf

Not only did Adam Taylor sweep the SEK and place well at state, he also signed at Baker University before this year's season even began. When asked how he has become such a great golfer, Adam said that "It took a lot of hard work, effort, and time spent on the golf course. Mostly though, I just love the game."

This year's IHS Golf team has faced many challenges this year. The biggest of which being that almost half of the original team dropped out before the season was over. As short-handed as they were, the golf team still managed to make something of the season. Returning senior Adam Taylor took first in the SEK and 19th at state, while Jace Hugo made all SEK. As with every other spring sport the golf team faced foul weather. They played in the wind, rain, sleet, and snow. "It got so cold that I thought my fingers were going to break off," said Derek Meier, "but besides that it wasn't too bad."



Not only did **Jace Hugo** make all SEK, but he also broke the record for the most Twinkies eaten on the way to a golf tournament.



Senior **Derek Meier** tells the golf ball to go to its home.



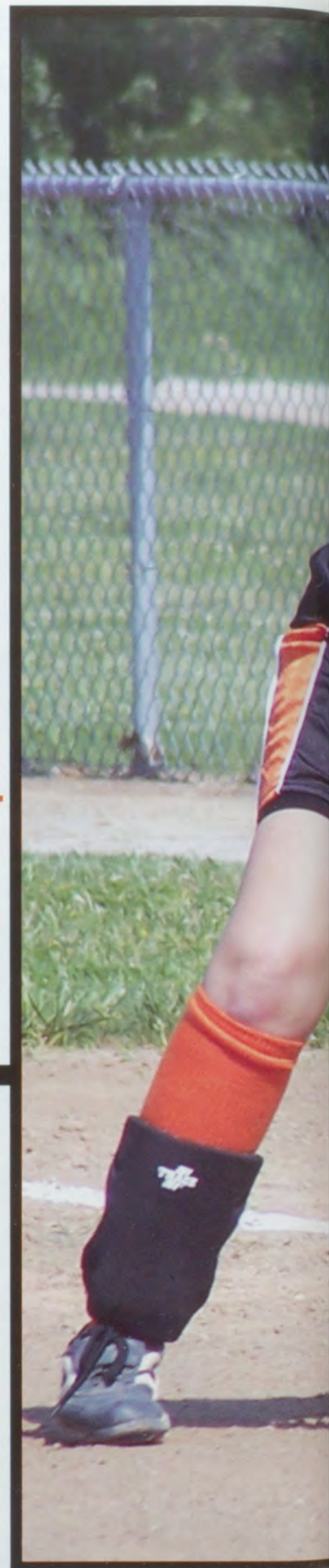
**First Row:** Laura Kendrick, Ashley Moore, Erin Hignight, Shea Casurole, Amber Jones, Kattie Dodson, Lauren Lester. **Second Row:** Talor Smith, Tina Gomez, Courtney Burns, Amanda Matthews, Stephanie Schafer, Hannah Kays, Morgan Baxter, Jessica Kebert, Kacie Dodson (Trainer). **Third Row:** Niki Amos (Trainer), Brooke Rollison, Kelsie Meier, Kirsten Steinle, Coach Dale Reynolds, Coach Doug Rinck, Coach Craig Null, Tasha Miller, Morgan Fox, Jessica Bruington, Asia Hogan (Trainer).



# SOFTBALL

The IHS softball team stumbled in its first outing against FKHS, but came back strong against Iola. Those wins were due in part to the hot bat of **Tina Gomez**, junior transfer from Wichita. Gomez set a school record with three homeruns in the double-header.

The team coasted to SEK wins over Chanute, only to fall to LCHS. It was an up and down season, with the team completing only 12 regular season games due to inclement weather. The Lady Bulldogs finished the regular season with an overall record of 7-7.





Ashley Moore



Laura Kendrick



Kattie Dodson



Amber Jones



Lauren Lester



# Looking To Round Things

The Bulldog baseball team had a successful season. Starting off with six experienced underclassmen ready to work, the season looked bright from the beginning. The team worked hard to prepare for the weather, which took a turn for the worse. The IHS boys' baseball team ended the season by league games due to several rainouts. "Waking up the morning of a game to the pouring rain was a terrible feeling," said Senior Ty Stein. "It seemed like we were working so hard for nothing." The boys had to settle for practicing in the gym. "Practicing in the gym kind of made us stir crazy," said Junior Dan Gross. "We all just wanted to play ball out on the field, but we kept up the effort." This positive attitude eventually paid off. The Bulldogs ended their season with two victories at Regionals. "It would have been really nice to have gone further in Regionals," said Senior Brandon Daniels. "I think we were all just happy to be out in the sun, playing on dirt and grass rather than a gym floor."



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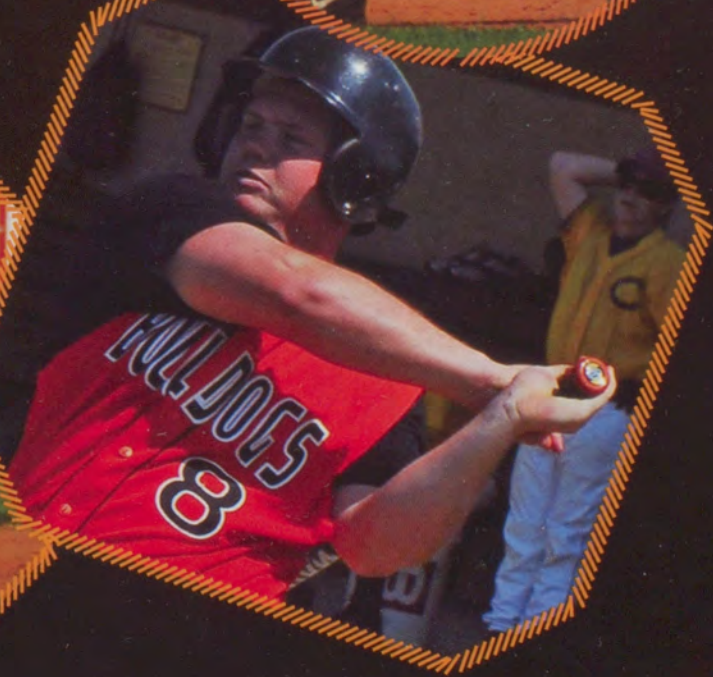


**Front Row (left to right):** Dylan Kemp, Brandon Stein, Marcus Wright, Matt Kahler, Tyler Sprague, A.J. Reed, Bry Thomas, Bat Boy Dalton Shaffer. **Second Row:** Coach Eddie Mason, Cole Pasternak, Grant Webster, Trent Goins, Brandon Daniels, Connor Cushing, Anthonee Coleman, Cale Shepard, Coach Trent Babcock. **Back Row:** Coach Travis Shaffer, Wynn Shepard, Dan Gross, Tyler Stein, Brandon Kelley, Patrick Landrum, Jonny Dierks, and Lane Hoffmeister.

Tyler Stein - A Player of the Year



# WHS BULLDOG Baseball



*"Baseball is the only place in life where a sacrifice is really appreciated." -Phil Linz*

# Tennis

## Boys

Expectations were high for boys tennis going in to the 2007 season. As reigning state champions, IHS was the team to beat. However, SEK league teams and others throughout the state found that task daunting, if not impossible.

During regular season play, the Bulldog tennis racked up team wins at the Ark City Invitational, their own Independence Invitational and the Winfield Invitational.

“Our Bulldogs just gave a tremendous effort through the regular season,” said IHS coach Ken Brown. “It is quite an accomplishment to compete against high caliber teams and come away with wins like these boys did.”

As defending league champions, their goal was to retain the crown, which they did handily. IHS has won 18 of the last 19 SEK boys tennis team titles.

The week after hosting SEK, the Bulldogs hosted the Regional tournament. IHS continued to dominate as five players qualified for State.

“It’s an awesome responsibility to coach these young men,” said Coach Brown. “To win a state championship is very, very special. I think the kids realize how special it is to win these two back to back.”

Throughout the season, players won 82% of the matches they played.





“It was an awesome year and we had lots of fun.”- Sam Schroeder



“We had a great year and I will miss Ken and Gina. I’ll miss all the good times we had in the van and on the courts.”  
-Z-Willy



Tennis was great this year, and I give a lot of credit to Ken, Gina, and Shelley. It's been a great four years and I'm going to miss it a lot." -Andrew Posch



The team won the seventh consecutive SEK championship for IHS boys tennis and its third straight Regional crown. After that incredibly successful regular season, the boys team once again reigned as 4A State Champions. The five players who qualified for State included Andrew Posch and Dan Porter at #1 Doubles,

Zach Willis at #1 singles, and Sam Schroeder and Adam Greenhaw at #2 Doubles.

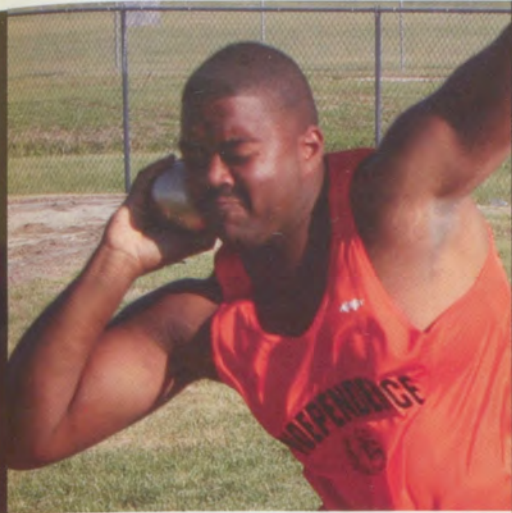
State champions Posch and Porter finished their season unbeaten with an incredible 33-0 record. Posch completed his tennis career at IHS as the winningest player in school history with 125 career victories in both singles and doubles.

Willis capped off his senior season as the state runner-up in singles and 117 career wins at #1 singles, a position he held his four years at IHS.

At their first appearance at State, juniors Schroeder and Greenhaw finished in sixth place with an overall record of 28-7 this season.



First Row: Logan Papen, Jason Cranor, Andrew Carr, Omar Elshabassy, Josh Ferguson, Anthony Davis, Isaac Hilger. Second Row: Eric Hardy, Wes Goodrich, Austin Schroeder, Zach Willis, Mason Posch, Rylan Romans, Cameron Schicke. Third Row: Coach Gina McLenon, Adam Greenhaw, Dan Porter, Logan Dent, Michael Ysusi, Sam Schroeder, Andrew Posch, Kyle Ferris and Coach Ken Brown.



# TRACK

## INDEPENDENCE

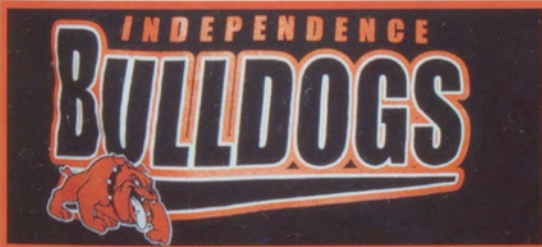
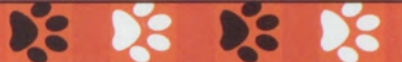
### Track and Field

"When faced with a challenge, look for a way,  
not a way out."  
---David Weatherford

"If you want to accomplish anything in life,  
you can't just sit back and hope it will  
happen. You've got to  
make it happen."  
---Chuck Norris



"It's not where you're  
from; it's where  
you're going. It's not  
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not what's on you; it's what's in you. It's not  
what you think; it's what you know."  
---Gatorade commercial



blink blink

# BLINK....

"I felt very good about how the season progressed and felt that we did a good job in qualifying for State. We had a lot of great times this season and were lucky to be running our best at the right time of the season. I truly enjoyed my time here working with the students in track and will take a lot of great memories with me."

---Mike Rose

"I felt we didn't have the time to work with the athletes this spring like we needed. The track re-stripping and the rain cut our practice time very short. The athletes were able to overcome this and finished very strong, with our best showing in the SEK in three or four years."

It has been enjoyable being the Head Track Coach for the last three years. The kids worked hard and I couldn't have asked for better assistants. They were all a great help and moved the program forward. This program will look for big things from the underclassman next year."

---George Stewart



Top: Matt Cadle, Spencer Null, Zach Bryant

Bottom Left: Sabrina Long.

Bottom Right: Lee Dunham

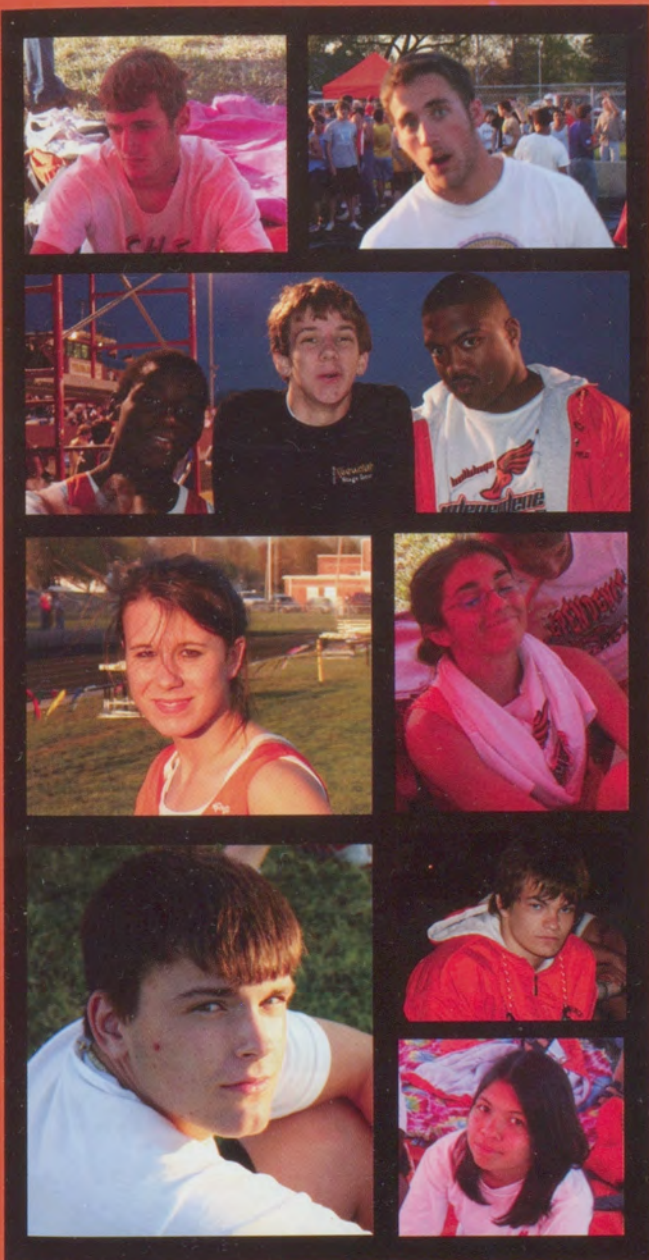




Left: Kayla Taylor

"Throwing takes many different things.. hard work, determination, technique, but the biggest factor is self confidence. If you don't have confidence you aren't going to get anywhere, which isn't just something you need to throw but is something you have to have in everything in life."

---Bryan Wilson



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"It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit."

---Unknown

"Take no thought of who is right or wrong or who is better than. Be not for or against."

---Bruce Lee

"Synergy — the bonus that is achieved when things work together harmoniously."

---Mark Twain

"Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success."

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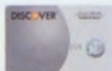
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# The LIVES

# Royalty

And the king and queen are...**Andrew Posch** and **Chelsea Lumm**! The 2006 Fall Homecoming was more than just a crowning of the king and queen. The week began with spirit days and concluded with a coronation dance. Throughout the week students came to school dressed for the day's theme. In an effort to allow the student body to become more familiar with the nominated seniors, StuCo sponsors an assembly. The theme for this year's assembly was "The Dating Game," and **Evan Hurford** and **Kelsey Stelting** were the bachelor and bachelorette.

Newly crowned Homecoming King **Andrew Posch** prepares to give the Queen, **Chelsea Lumm**, the traditional kiss.



The 2006 Fall Homecoming Court (left to right): **Lauren Lester** and **Jace Hugo**, **Paige Demo** and **Josh Ferrell**, **Chelsea King** and **Chandler King**, **Ashley Moore** and **Andrew Posch**, and **Chelsea Lumm** and **Andrew Hayse**.



Members of the girls basketball team dress participate in "Favorite Sport" day.

Adam Greenhaw dresses up as a "gangster" on "Favorite Artist" day.



Spirited seniors take the front row at the Homecoming game against Iola.

Paige Demo and Josh Ferrell contemplate their answers for "The Dating Game."



Lauren Lester and Jace Hugo eagerly await the announcement of the King and Queen.

Zach Berberick dresses as Spiderman on "Super Hero" Day.





# Winter Homecoming

All Eyes on the King and Queen



King and Queen: Evan Hurford and Breezy Mangan





From Left, Stephanie Stewart, Simona Cudney, and Blake Bryant shine on stage during the graduation ceremony.



Kacie Dodson presents to her 4B J.A. class.



Lindsay Schaub waits to accept her awards at the Junior Achievement ceremony.

# JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

There are many different opportunities to participate in at IHS to learn about economics and business management. One of the most popular of the choices is the semester Junior Achievement class. Students enroll in this thinking it will just be an easy 'A', but really it is a window of opportunities. "Being able to work with other students, the public and helping show school spirit was a great feeling of accomplishment for me and for our company," says **Kacie Dodson** of the ConneXion company. The students are divided into committees and decide what they are going to sell, how much to sell it for, and how to market the product. The class, taught by Ms. McClure, is rewarded with scholarships and other awards at the end of the semester ceremony. The two companies were ConneXions, which produced drawstring bags with an IHS logo, and Kudos, which sold Smelly Jelly. Some of the winners for first semester include the following: Stephanie Stewart, Best President scholarship; Lindsay Schaub, Best VP Marketing scholarship; Anthony Dunn, Second Sales Person scholarship; and the Best Company Award went to ConneXions.

This year's choir group and Indy Ensemble had a triumphant year. Many of the competitions they entered they received the highest ratings. The singing group this year was very large, 62 amazing vocalists to be exact. The group hasn't been this big compared to past years. One of the competitions they competed in was the State Large Group Contest in which they received a "1" rating. The concert choir girls also earned a "1" rating on their songs. Three vocalists made All-State choir: Andrew Posch, Kirsten Miller, and Autumn Stroble achieved this glorious accomplishment. Mr. Annable said, "The year went really well. IHS has always had a good choral tradition and this year they lived up to it. The overall musicianship and musicality was outstanding!"



Members of the mixed chorus show off their voices.



Aubrey Papen, Angela Alford and Ryan Dierks perform with the Indy Ensemble at the annual Christmas concert.



Left: Ariana Hills, Gabby Marceleno and Shelby Therrien listen to Mr. Annable's direction.

# Keeping Time



Andrew Hayse and his fellow choir mates, went to the state solos and small ensembles festival to compete. Andrew said, "While there, we listened to many talented vocalists sing their hearts out. It was great. Our quartet, consisting of T.C. Clubine, Matt Hastings, Andrew Posch, and I, received a "I" rating on our selection, called "Steal Away". I also received a "I" rating on my two solos. Sweet, huh?"



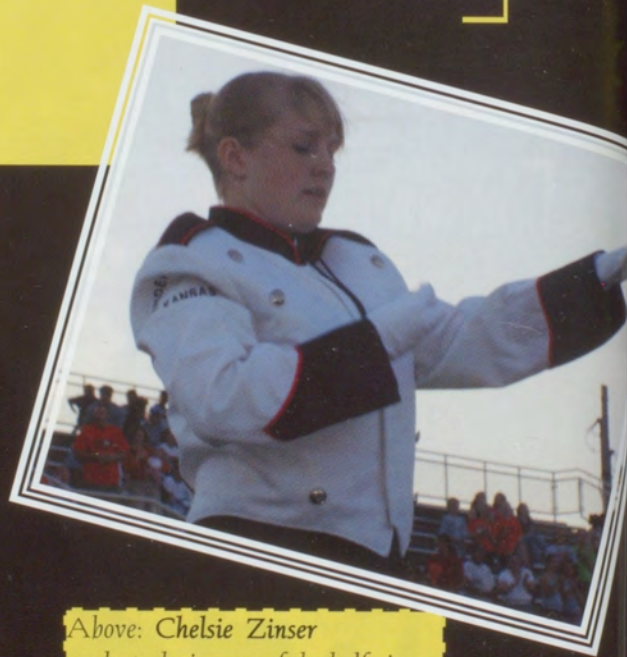
Right: Indy Ensemble sings the national anthem before the home basketball game against Pittsburg.



# MARCHING IN TIME!

# 2010-6

The band was in full swing this year with marching, jazz, and concert performances. The marching theme this year was "Phantom of the Opera", playing four songs from the musical. The crowds were always in awe listening to the beautiful sounds that the band produced on the football field and in the concert hall.



Above: *Chelsie Zinser*  
conducts during one of the half-time  
shows.





Far Left: Justin Moore puts out big sounds with his tuba.

Left: Noah Estes, Jonathan Wyatt, and Andy Whitley proudly march holding the schools banner.



Right: Ty Stein, Patrick Landrum, and Matt Hastings bust out some beautiful notes.



Left: Drumline members run through their cadence in the High School auditorium.

Below: Rylan McWherter melodiously performs a solo during one of the concert performances.



# In the **AYS** Of THE **CREATORS** THE 2006-2007 Orange & Black Staff



First Row: Jenny Jabben, Derek Meier, Jessica Lennon.  
Second Row: Lindsay Dean, Laura Kendrick, Kelsay Stalting, Ryan Wright, Shea Casurole, Dan Gross.  
Third Row: Bryan Wilson, Spencer Null, Wynn Shepard, and Kristen Maxwell.

Below: Bryan Wilson interviews Shane and Garrett Perry for the feature story on twins.



Spencer Null gives Lindsey Dean a few pointers.



Above: Kristen Maxwell checks an old edition of the Orange & Black to identify a student.

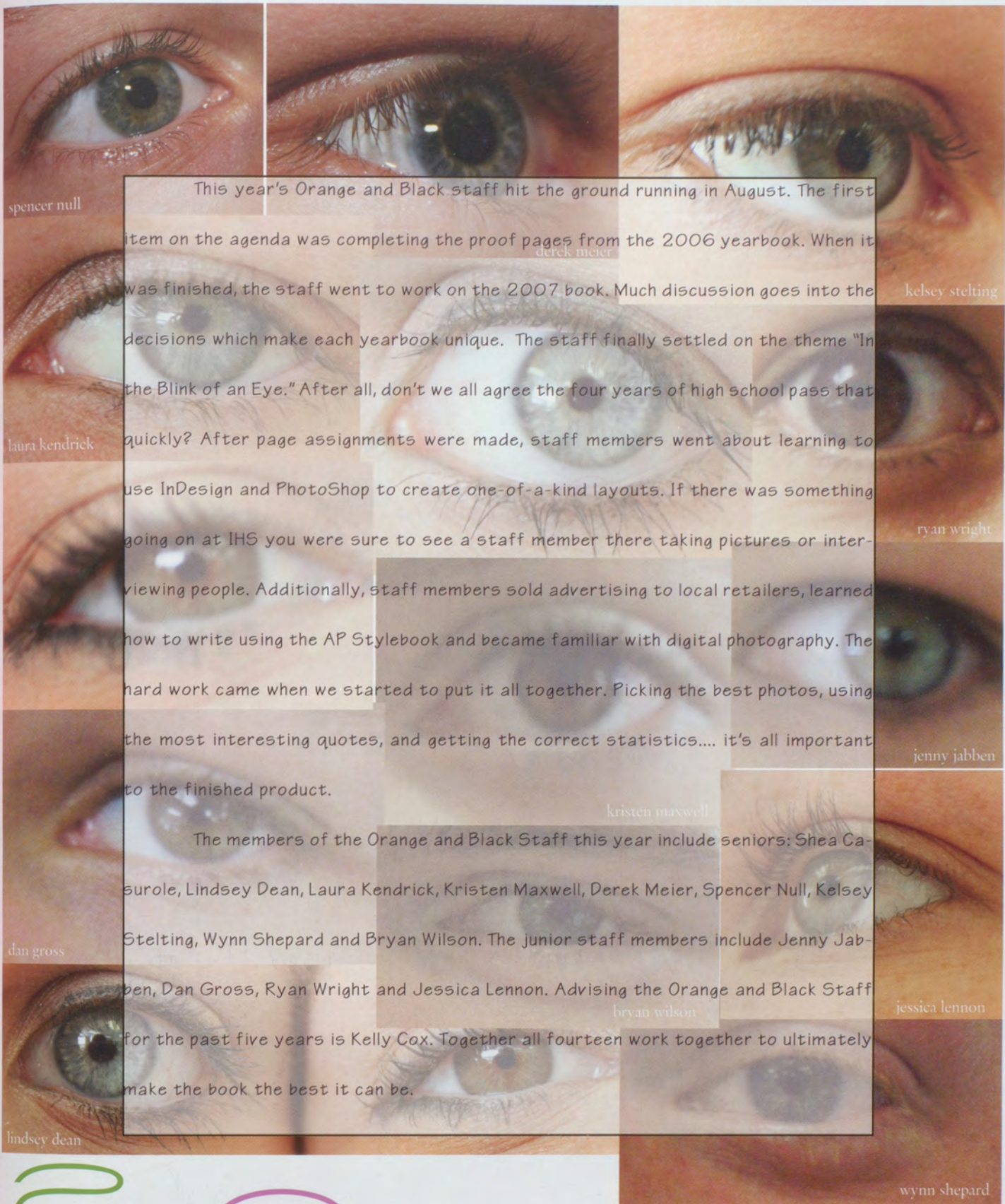
Below: Mrs. Cox discusses an idea for the senior panel pages with Dan Gross, Jessica Lennon and Jenny Jabben.



Above: Not only does the staff celebrate with a holiday party, but also with monthly birthday parties, as well.



Above: Derek Meier helps Lindsey Dean with an enhancement to the cheerleading page.



spencer null

laura kendrick

dan gross

lindsey dean

This year's Orange and Black staff hit the ground running in August. The first

item on the agenda was completing the proof pages from the 2006 yearbook. When it was finished, the staff went to work on the 2007 book. Much discussion goes into the decisions which make each yearbook unique. The staff finally settled on the theme "In the Blink of an Eye." After all, don't we all agree the four years of high school pass that quickly? After page assignments were made, staff members went about learning to use InDesign and PhotoShop to create one-of-a-kind layouts. If there was something going on at IHS you were sure to see a staff member there taking pictures or interviewing people. Additionally, staff members sold advertising to local retailers, learned how to write using the AP Stylebook and became familiar with digital photography. The hard work came when we started to put it all together. Picking the best photos, using the most interesting quotes, and getting the correct statistics.... it's all important to the finished product.

derek meier

kelsey stelling

ryan wright

jenny jabben

kristen maxwell

The members of the Orange and Black Staff this year include seniors: Shea Casurole, Lindsey Dean, Laura Kendrick, Kristen Maxwell, Derek Meier, Spencer Null, Kelsey Stelling, Wynn Shepard and Bryan Wilson. The junior staff members include Jenny Jabben, Dan Gross, Ryan Wright and Jessica Lennon. Advising the Orange and Black Staff for the past five years is Kelly Cox. Together all fourteen work together to ultimately make the book the best it can be.

bryan wilson

jessica lennon

wynn shepard

2006-2007

# Debate

The debate team had a stellar season this year. This year's big guns were Sam Schroeder and Justin Eubanks. They argued their way to the top and placed more than anyone on the depth chart. The rest of the team put in a fantastic effort and won several rounds at the tournaments.

Sam Schroeder: "Debate was pretty good this year. I had fun arguing and making the other kids look nervous. The only thing I didn't like that much was the debate tournaments being on Saturdays."

Coach Dunham: "Overall this year went pretty well. All the kids gave a lot of effort and found out how much work goes into debate. Also the freshmen in a couple of years will be outstanding."

This year's resolution is: "The United States federal government should establish a policy substantially increasing the number of persons serving in one or more of the following national service programs: AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, Senior Corps, Peace Corps, Learn and Serve America, Armed Forces."



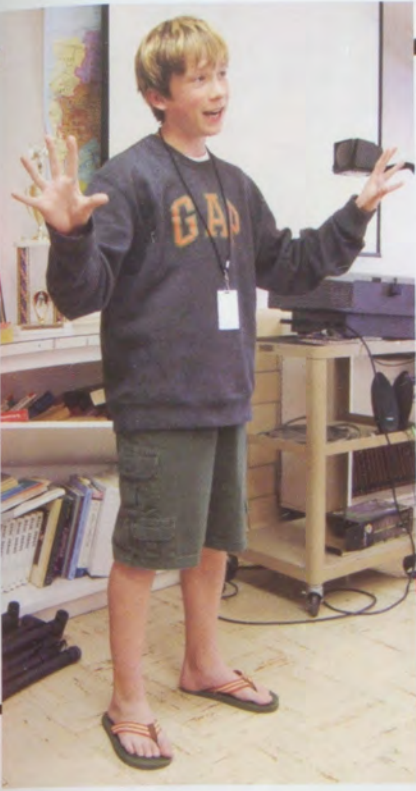
The 2006 Debate Team. First Row: Jonathan Hogge. Second Row: Anthony Davis, Candi Tarkington, Kaitlin Quinton, John Stafford. Third Row: Sam Schroeder, Isaac Hilger, Thaddeus Tuck, Justin Eubanks, Vanessa Lowdon, Andrew Duke, Thomas Wehmeier, Coach Dunham.



Isaac Hilger and Sam Schroeder conduct research for the next tournament.

Coach Dunham advises Thaddeus Tuck on strategy for the next tournament.





# FORENSICS

SO MUCH TO SAY IN SUCH LITTLE TIME

Top Ten Ways you know you've been in IHS forensics too long

10. You know who Leigh Ann is but not Mrs. Stewart.
9. You know the significance of a bladder bag
8. You can (and have) made up a 7 minute speech on the spot.
7. You are always waiting for Chelsea to pop out of Mrs. Dunham's closet.
6. Rick Shaws (cats and fortune cookies) make you laugh.
5. Who's Barbara Carder?
4. You have been an idiot doing acting.
3. You know why kleptomaniacs do what they do.
2. You know NFL has nothing to do with football.
1. You know an H.I. is not a greeting.

Left: John Stafford practicing for his forensics performance.  
Bottom: Forensic members laughing while watching an act.



Top: Samantha and Cassandra Brown practicing their performance as a minister and a pizza person.  
Bottom: Katy Long getting ready to start her act.

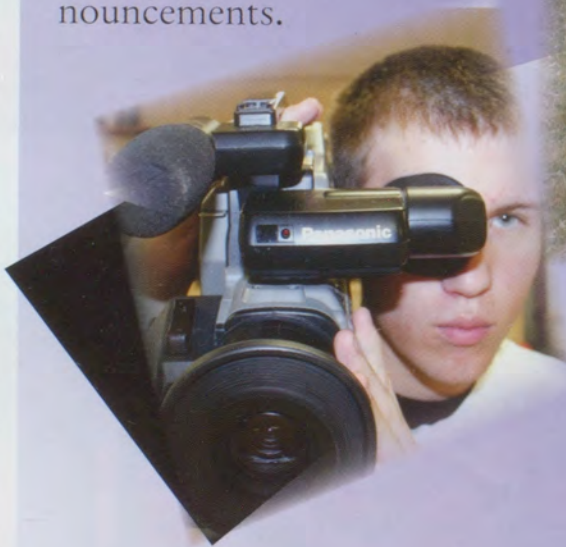


Top: Andrew Duke and Bailey Lewman smiling for the camera while timing the performers.  
Left: Katlin Quinton reciting for her forensics speech.



# Eying The Shot

No matter what the event, Media I & II will be there to capture it on film. It takes skill and persistence to be in media. Media students often end up staying at the school until nine or ten at night to finish editing their segments. Most people don't realize the kind of work it takes to come out with a show every two weeks. The IHS Times shows aired on Channel 14 along with the weekly sports show dubbed "The Dog Show," as well as the morning announcements.



"Nothing in media is smooth sailing," says Media II student **James Hart**. "If the computer isn't crashing, the microphone is malfunctioning or the tape is dirty. Something is always bound to go wrong. It takes quick thinking and adaptability to get anything done the way you want it in media."



Above: The violin section practices for the upcoming Christmas concert.



Sophomore Crestley Jones perfects her violin playing abilities.



Sophomore Wes Lawrence grooves some melodies.

## Through the Eyes of the Maestro

The IHS orchestra had yet another harmonious year. A year filled with practicing, performing, and competing. To be skilled in orchestra requires dedication and practice. That's exactly what this year's orchestra did. Under the direction of Mr. Lewis Hoyt, the orchestra competed in Pittsburgh and received a I rating. **Crestley Jones**, sophomore, commented, "I really enjoyed this year. It was a lot of fun, and the concerts we performed in went very well. I'm really excited for next year and looking forward to it."



Junior Nathan Rau conquers the sweet sound of the cello.

queen's court

# NEELAH



Chelsea Lumm



Chandler King, Aubrey Papen



[2006]



[be our guest]

neelah debs



Lauren McAice



stage escorts



# NEEWOLLAH FUN FACTS

## Generalissimo:

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Jeff Chubb  
Dennis Greenhaw  
Fred Meier

## Queen Neelah LXV Candidates:

Angela Alford  
Tiffany Bryant  
Shea Casurole  
Nikole Chaput  
Lindsey Dean  
Paige Demo  
Lauren Lester  
Chelsea Lumm  
Breezy Mangan  
Kristen Maxwell  
Lauren McAfee  
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## Stage Escorts:

Andrew Hayse  
Jace Hugo  
Brandon Kelley  
Chandler King  
Evan Hurford  
Derek Meier

Spencer Null  
Andrew Posch  
Wynn Shepard  
Adam Taylor

## Neelah Debs:

Jenny Carpenter  
Courtney Chambers  
Crestley Jones  
Jesse Kebert  
Kelsie Meier  
Kirsten Miller  
Brooke Rollison  
Kirsten Stenile  
Nicki Taylor  
Tina Voelker

## The Queen's Court:

Queen Neelah LXV: Kelly Whitson  
First Runner-Up: Shea Casurole  
Second Runner-Up: Ashely Moore  
Miss Interview: Breezy Mangan  
Miss Beauty: Chelsea Lumm  
Miss Poise: Lindsey Dean  
Miss Photogenic: Merinda Strickland  
Miss Talent: Aubrey Papen  
Miss Fashion: Corban Thatcher  
Miss Congeniality: Lauren Lester  
Miss Congeniality: Lucy Ramos  
Miss Congeniality: Jordan Rinck  
Miss Personality: Teala Smith  
Miss Originality: Paige Demo

## Neewollah 2006 Fun Fact # 1:

First year for the Stage Escorts to dance with the Neelah Debs

## Neewollah 2006 Fun Fact # 2:

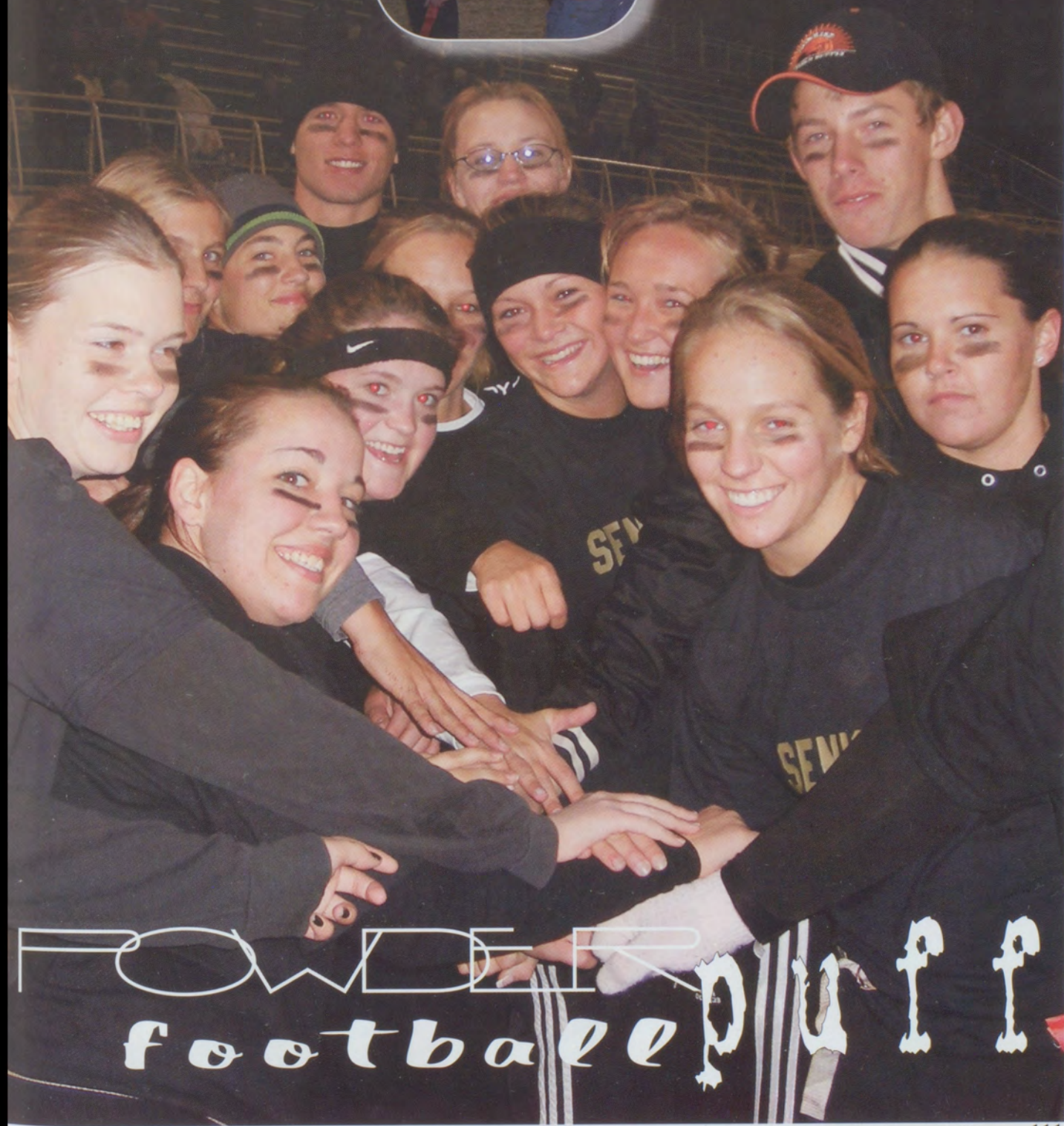
The first Neewollah to use the new Memorial Hall's extensive renovations.

## Neewollah 2006 Fun Fact # 3:

Only the second IHS teacher to be Neewollah Generalissimo.



Seniors: 3-0



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# Eyeing The PRIZE

Renaissance: rewarding students for good grades. I.H.S. takes pride in its Renaissance program that rewards over \$2,000 in baskets, cash, gas, and gift certificates to students who have met the GPA requirements. Whether it is popping the balloons full of cash, or winning a basket, Renaissance is a big payoff to students who have worked hard for good grades.



# Latin Club

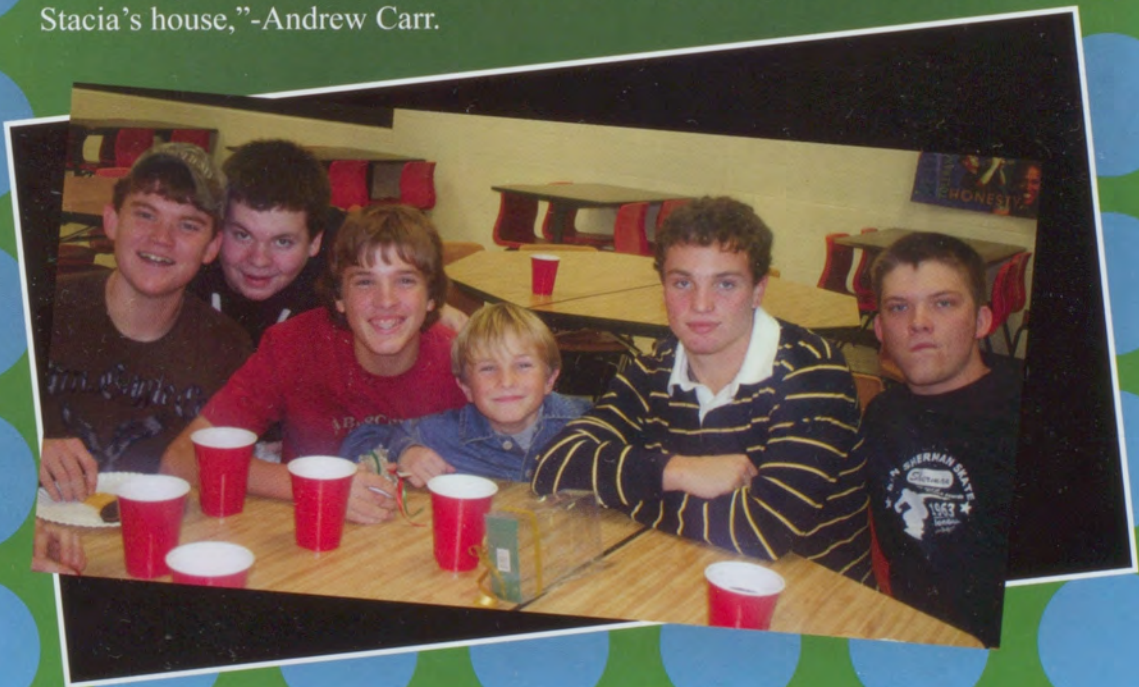
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While Latin Club may be small in numbers, but they are large in spirit. The first opportunity members had to commune with one another was a fall scavenger hunt and cookout at Riverside Park. Later in the semester, members enjoyed a party atmosphere when they collaborated with the other foreign language clubs to put on a fiesta, where according to junior Andrew Carr, "We ate a lot of Oreos and played some games."

Club members traditionally create a couple of Christmas projects. They made Christmas cards with Latin sayings. For their second project, they sang Christmas Carols in Latin. Latin is a complicated language to speak and learn, so one can imagine how difficult it was to sing.

The club ended with a bang, as they went to Stacia Gudmonson's, the Latin Club's President, house for a final party where "The best part of Latin Club was Tucker running through the screen door, at Stacia's house," -Andrew Carr.





# French Club



Madame McCray and the French club officers planned various activities throughout the school year in which the members of French Club delighted. Members attended world language dinners, made Christmas cards for IHS faculty members, and sang Christmas carols in French. Junior **Amanda Bohr**, vice-president, said, "The parties that had the most food turned out to be the best." **Andrew Duke**, president, agreed, stating, "The dinners were so much fun; the fact that we got to eat different foods from different countries was neat."

An all-time favorite games for French Club entertainment was the French Twister. Club secretary **Blake Bryant** said, "Everyone just throws caution to the wind and has a ball when we break out the Twister mat." Below, treasurer **Katie Fienen** laughs with **Joy Chaput** as they enjoy a decadent French dessert.





# SPANISH CLUB!



**Ms. Sandoval**



Ryan Taylor-Spanish Club was a lot of fun. My favorite activities were making Spanish history month posters and when we exchanged presents for Secret Santa.

Jaymee Wright- I really liked the scavenger hunt. I enjoyed competing with some of our club members to see who could get back before anyone else.

Kelsie Froebe- The Christmas party was really fun. I really like the gift exchange. Getting to see what crazy gifts other people got was hilarious.

# Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder

## IHS ART CLUB



Wes Goodrich, Art Club president, fashions a duct tape rose as part of a Valentine's Day fundraiser.



The IHS Art Club made a name for itself this year. First-year art teacher Mrs. Stewart instituted drastic new ideas to put this club on the map.

In an effort to bring aesthetic beauty to the IHS campus, members painted windows according to the seasons and holidays. Another project entailed painting a mural on one wall at the Ash Center pool.

Members participated in several activities to raise funds for a trip to Kansas City's Nelson-Atkin's Museum of Art. Club members painted glass Christmas ornaments, decorated Valentine's Day cards, and even made duct tape roses which they sold to fund their trip.

Art Club officers included Wes Goodrich, president; Georgia Walker, vice-president; Sammi Baumgartner, treasurer; and Niki Amos, secretary.



# KAY



*Kinsten Miller  
decorates a  
classroom door  
for the holidays*

*The KAY club is involved in many activities in the community. The KAY club strives to maintain their goal of volunteering throughout the school, community, nation and world.*

*Officers This Year Includes:  
President, Mary Bannwarth; Vice President, Kinsten Miller; Secretary, Kai dela-Cruz; Student Co Rep, Stephanie Schaffner; School Service, Jenny Jabben; Community Service, Amy Staton; Nation, Courtney Chambers; and World, Kristen Spellman.*

*Sponsors: Miss Willis and Mrs. McBride.*



*Courtney Chambers, Mary Bannwarth, Jenny Jabben, Kinsten Miller, and Coty MacRae at the Regional KAY Conference in Union Town.*



# Science Club

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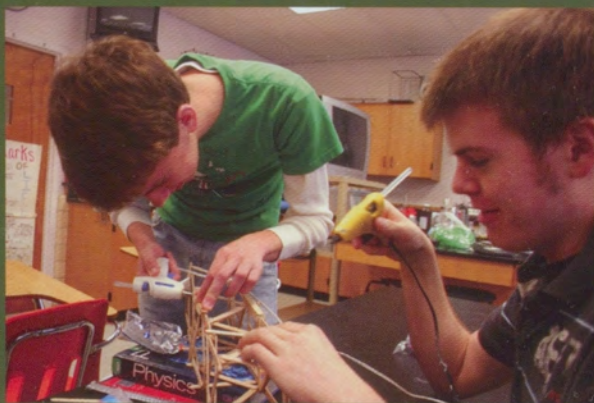
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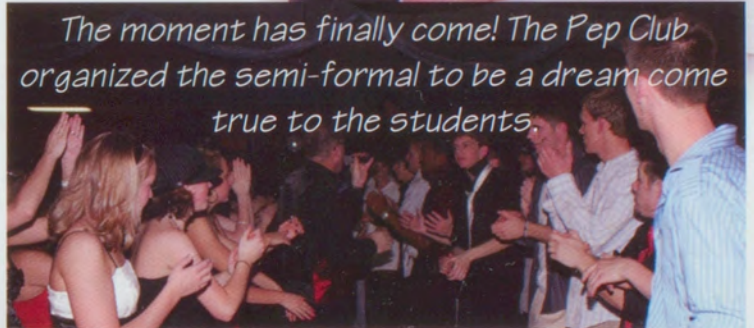
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The Science Club has its highest membership numbers this year in memorable history. "It's an awesome year for science club!" says Max Bradbury. The Science Club started many new projects this year including competitions such as the egg toss, tower building, and table bubbles.



# Before NIGHT Falls



BIG DOG! Mr. Moseley, Student Council Sponsor, gives a Bulldog chant at one of our assemblies.



# Seeing Leadership

Throughout the school year, members of IHS Student Council put on numerous activities and fundraisers. Mr. Moseley, STUCO sponsor and Leadership class instructor, introduced a new plan to the organization in hopes of accomplishing events smoothly this year. He said, "In January, we moved the leadership class to a pod system. In this set-up, the class is broken into groups of three. Each group is responsible for four projects each nine weeks as well as being part of big projects that require the whole class to participate. Since going to this manage system, most of the problems we had before, especially in relationship to projects and students staying busy, has all smoothed over. It has worked so well, I will continue to use it in Leadership as well as other classes." Some of the activities that the pods were in charge of include putting together Homecomings, assemblies, class competitions and dances. The pods were also required to raise \$50 during the third quarter and \$100 during the fourth quarter. They were required to perform 11 hours service to the community during the second semester.



KISS THE PIG! Mrs. Lundt puckers up to kiss the pig held by Breezy Morgan at an assembly for the Kiss The Pig contest. Student were to give money to the teacher's can that they wanted to kiss the pig.



Left: Grant Webster, Spencer Null, Ryan Dierks and Andrew Hayse dress up as French Maids for the Halloween "Trick or Treat to Others Can Eat," canned food drive.



Lauren Leater and Kelsey Stelling sell \$1 tickets to Lakar Ysusi and Kylee Rose for limo rides for after Semi Formal.



Right: Ashley Moore gives Mrs. Goad a back massage before she gives blood at the blood drive. Ashley's pod in Leadership class used giving massages as one of their fundraisers.



Amy Staton and Jessica Lennon sit quietly at a meeting

The National Honor Society is a select group of students who must earn the right to membership. Led by Mrs. Lundt and Mr. Confer, members participate in a rigorous schedule of activities throughout the year. Members must fulfill both individual and group community service hours, in addition to maintaining a 3.75 GPA. In March NHS conducts induction ceremonies for its new members.



Lauren Lester visits with a nursing home resident on Valentine's Day.

This year's elected officers include **Andrew Posch**, president. **Adam Taylor**, vice-president. **Breezy Mangan**, secretary. **Carrie Reddy**, treasurer. **Kelsey Stelting**, historian.



### THE SENIORS

Back: Andrew Posch, Wynn Shepard, Brian Tierney, Derek Meier, Adam Taylor, Spencer Null, Justin Eubanks. Front: Sara Schwarz, Breezy Mangan, Erin Hignight, Aubrey Popen, Annie Chappuie, Ashley Moore, Kelsey Stelting, and Lauren Lester.

# PUPPS...

helping people seeing eye to eye



Spencer Lester and Aly Goodman giving Dan Gross a little push.

"This year's group is the most active in years. The kids have done a great job of working on building a foundation for the future. Our vision is stretching in the years to come and I believe we have the students to get the job done."

-Mose



New PUPP members are nominated by the student body. Students throughout the school look for candidates that are good listeners and good friends.

*"It's a wonderful experience, learning how to help one another."*

- Bryan Wilson





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**WOOD**



# COTTON BOWL BOUND!!!!

Ask any Bulldog Band member and he'll tell you the trip to the Cotton bowl was an awesome experience that was fun rewarding and full of hard work. The hard work came in the form of fundraising for a year and a half to fund the trip. "The band and color guard raised money by selling the Bulldog cards and homemade jam and had a garages sale, among other things," said Mrs. Shelton, band director. "With that money the band was able to ride chartered buses, attend the Cottonw Bowl game, perform in the massed band performance with thousands of people, perform in the concert band, marching band and jazz band contests, attend the Medieval times dinner and theater, visit the Kennedy Center and lots more!"



"The Cotton Bowl was pretty awesome. I thought we worked really hard, and it paid off for us in the end. The best part was the dance we attended."

-MaryLynn Craig



Left: Danielle Macy and Natasha Sack pose with the Blue Knight. Each of the bands was assigned a knight during the dinner show at Medieval Times, and IHS had the Blue Knight. He won the competition!



The Cotton Bowl game itself was between...

NEBRASKA

&

AUBURN

## AWARDS



The band put together wonderful shows and earned some hardware! In the field competition the band got second place in its division and in the concert competition the band earned second place. In the jazz band portion of competition the band took first place, and in parade marching received first place. So after many days and weeks of practice, the band could give a huge sigh of relief because they earned themselves well-deserved awards against top-notch competitors.



Right: The band practices for the halftime show at the indoor facility.

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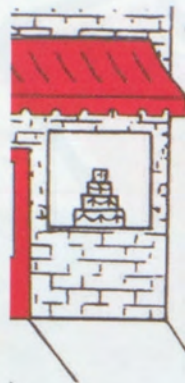
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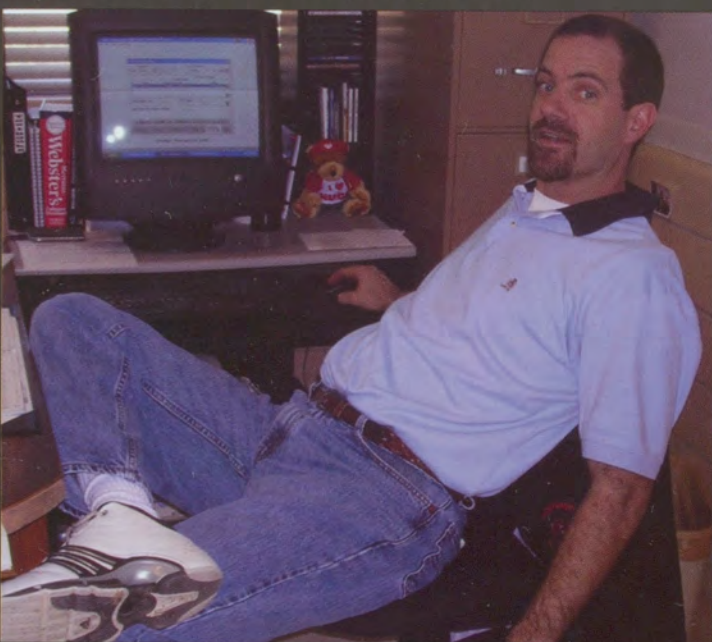
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# IHS Achieves AYP in Math

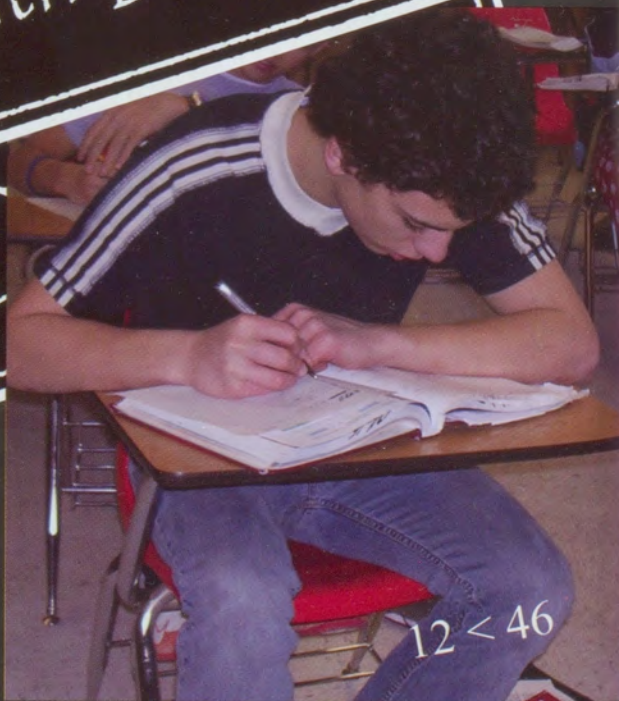
IHS math students know their stuff! IHS achieved AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for '06-'07 school year. Sophomores were tested on their knowledge of algebra, geometry, data analysis and problem solving.

In fact, IHS narrowly missed earning Standard of Excellence honors in math. While IHS did have 10% of its tested students attain exemplary status, the school missed the cutoff of having fewer than 5% of tested students score unsatisfactorily.

"The test was really pretty easy since I was prepared," said Kelsey Mayes, sophomore.



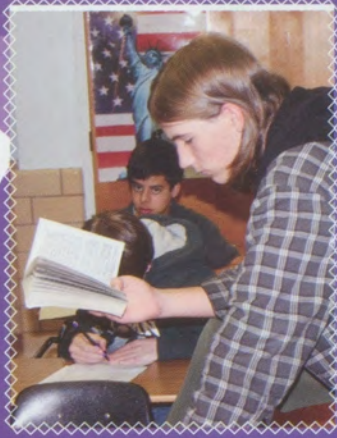
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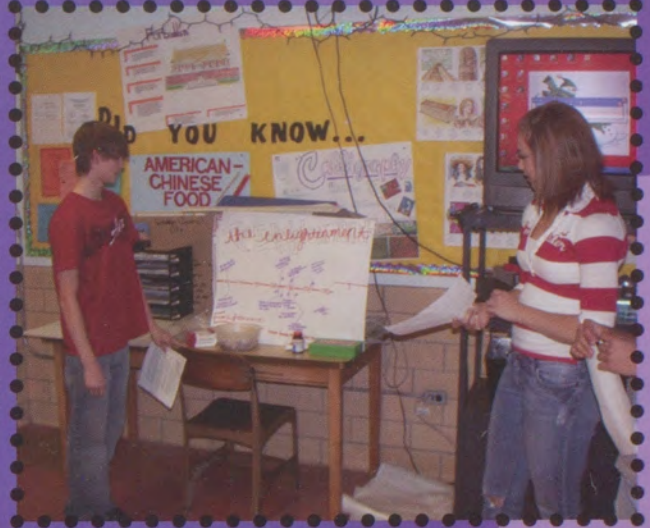
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## Looking Back In Time

*BORING!* This is what many students might think when history class rolls around but then they get to class and learn many exciting things. There's a wide variety of history to be learned. Whether it be the thousands of notecards in Mrs. Reichenberger's class or going around town discovering fun facts for Mr. Coder's civics course, it's all a learning adventure.



Above: Casey Hadley reading aloud to the class.



Above: Kirsten Steinle and Cody Heape presenting a report on "The Enlightenment".



Rhett Flood

*"I've had my ups and downs about civics this year. I don't like the tests and worksheets and stuff like that. I really like learning about Kansas. The old stuff about Independence that nobody really knows was really interesting to me."*



Above: Students in Mr. Coder's class learn a little bit about Kansas.



Kai de la Cruz

*"In AP history I've learned a lot. The biggest thing I will remember from this class is the MASSIVE amount of notecards that we've done."*

# Foreign Language Department



Above: Ben Clark works on one of the chapters during French class



Zane Evans shows 4th graders a little Spanish at the Cinco de Mayo celebration.



"Spanish II was a blast, I had an excellent class and enjoyed everything! The best part was definitely Cinco de Mayo"

-Crestley Jones





# BLINDED ME WITH SCIENCE



Science may not be your favorite subject, but it is literally the most flashy. "Teaching science is about finding fun and creative ways to show how to do a long and boring math problem," said **Mr. Bradbary**. This year the science classes have dissected brains and eyeballs, mixed hazardous and explosive chemicals, built bridges, launched rockets, made model cells out of candy, and used RC cars to measure acceleration and displacement. **Mr. Bradbary** continued "All of the experiments and labs we do are almost exactly what they do in college so that you are more prepared down the road." The Science department is also expanding thanks to the new administration and the science instructors. Next year a Zoology and Exploration in Health Careers

classes will be added to the already impressive list of classes. "Its really important that we offer classes for prospective medical students and other Science majors, and this is a step in the right direction," said Physical Science and Biology teacher **Mr. Webb**. "Hopefully even more will be added in years to come."



# Physical Education

While physical education is required for all freshmen, plenty of students continue to select courses from the Physical Education department to round out their schedules. In addition to the general course, lifetime sports, physical conditioning and aerobics are also offered. However, Coach Speicher, department chair, would like even more students to enroll. "I'd like to see more girls enroll in physical conditioning because it not only helps the athletes but it also helps everyone become more physically fit."

Coach Boldra and Melchiori concur. "It's a given that we want the guys in the weight room during the off-season. Kids are always surprised at just how much they can accomplish in increasing their strength and overall condition in just one additional semester," said Coach Boldra. "we see a lot of kids come in the gym to prepare for an upcoming season and just build their confidence overall. Working up a good sweat is always a good stress reliever, too," added Coach Melchiori.



# Art Department



Bry Thomas completes his still life in Drawing I.



Katy Long works on her tealight candle holder in Ceramics II.



Mrs. Stewart's students created this installation project where they made duct tape models of themselves.



Student artwork lines the halls of the 700 building that houses the art department.



Maddie Hunter works on an intricate design for her project in Ceramics II.

# Vocational Department

After decades of the metal and wood shops being located in the 400 hall, efforts were begun in the spring to move the vocational programs across the street to the technology building. "We need the additional space with the recent purchase of the CNC Router and other technology," said Mr. Knoles.

In addition to the router, a new TIG welder for aluminum and stainless steel and a robotic trainer were purchased. "We are looking to the future and training students for the workforce," continued Mr. Knoles.

Mr. Speicher, who oversees the school's Carl Perkins grant, and Mr. Knoles met with local businesses Standard Motors, Cobalt, Amazon and Cessna to discuss what skills IHS students need to enter their employment. "It's important for students to be prepared for the jobs available locally. If we want students to consider staying in Independence and for employers to want to hire our students, it's imperative we give students the opportunity to obtain those skills at IHS," said Mr. Speicher.



Advanced Cabinetry



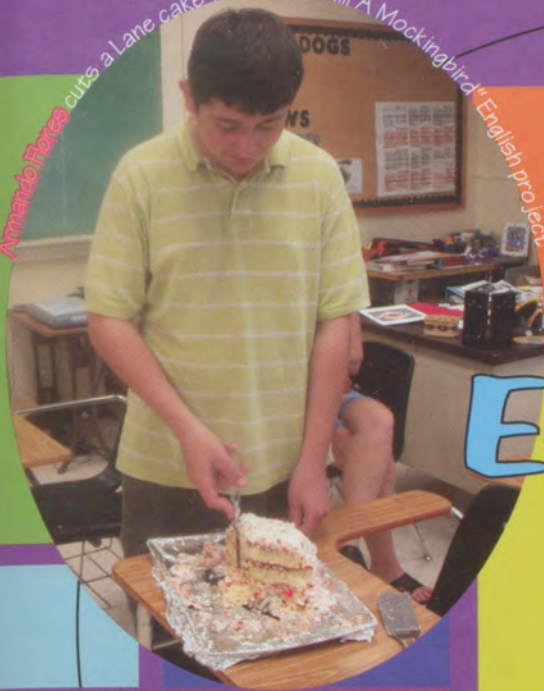
Woodshop



**Chris Hallett** "Working in the vocational department gives me time to escape the drama of high school and relax by doing manly work. I can take out my frustrations with a tool, if I need to."

Materials & Processes

Armando Flores cuts a Lane cake for his "To Kill A Mockingbird" English project.



# Eye before "E", except after "C"

## English Department

There are many different aspects of the I.H.S. English department. The freshman classes focus on grammar skills and take an annual trip to read to preschoolers. The sophomores learn about Greek mythology and read Julius Caesar. The Juniors stay busy by preparing for the Kansas State Assessments, while the seniors write countless research papers and read many novels. Hands on activities and performances keep students entertained. "I really enjoyed reading to the pre-schoolers. Not only did they have a great time listening, but it was rewarding to me to know I was making a difference in the life of a child," said freshman Lauren Boulanger. I.H.S. students met standard of excellence this year with state assessment scores making it apparent that many students take their English classes seriously.

Lauren Boulanger reads to a preschooler.



Joseph and They read at Kansas Reads to Pre-Schoolers.



Julie Dehn and Davida Meebold



Michelle Kestel, Kayla, and Autumn Carpenter act out a scene from Julius Caesar.

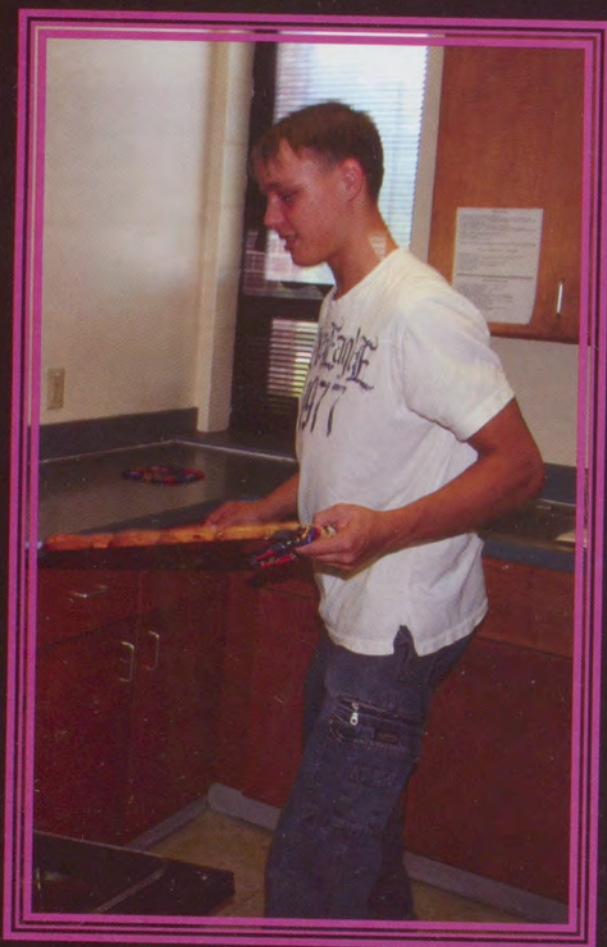


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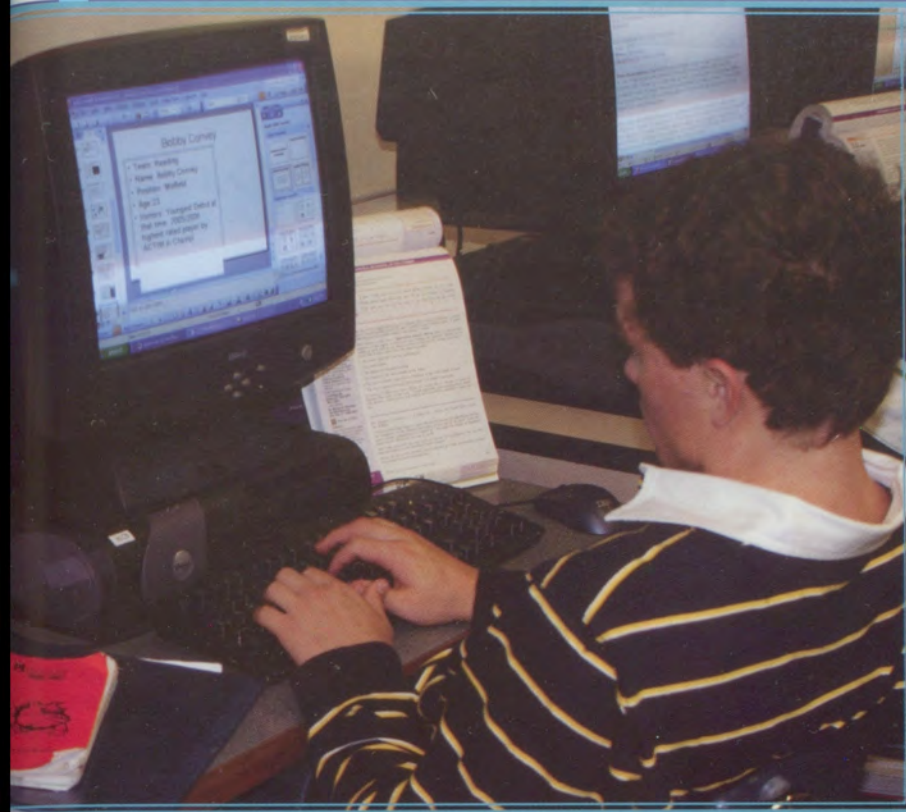
## Family & Consumer Science Department



Above left: Students show off their aprons that they made in sewing class. Above right: **Nicki Chaput** scoops animal cookies off of a cookie sheet pan. Bottom left: **Cody Johnson** puts a part of bread in the oven. Both students competed in the creative cooking class competition.



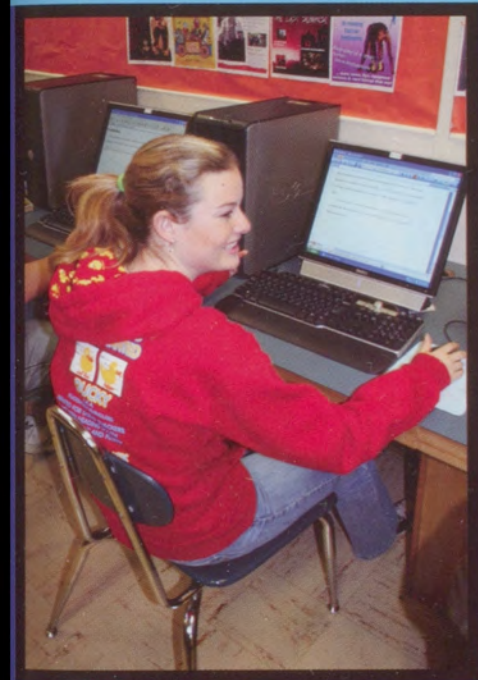
Sophomore **Amanda Matthews** dishes spaghetti noodles onto a plate in creative cooking. The class prepared a meal for competition. **Kylie Dixon** was her partner and they took first place in the competition.



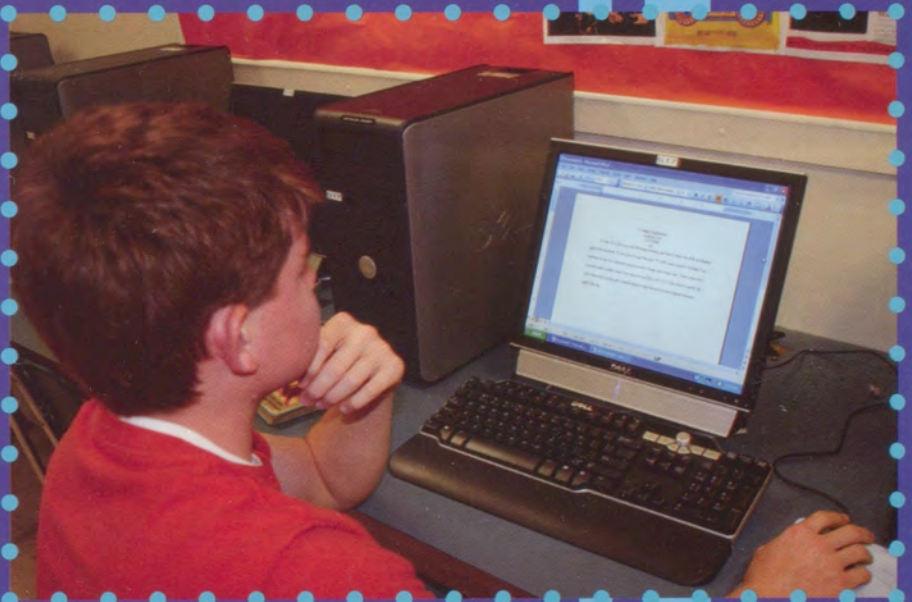
Left: Sam Schroeder creates a PowerPoint presentation as part of the requirements in Mr. Armitage's Computer Applications II class.



Below: Jessica Bruington works on a spreadsheet in Excel in Computer Applications I.



Angie Alford completes her admissions letter in Mrs. Long's college exploration class.



Andrew Carr considers his career goals as he composes his scholarship application letter in college exploration.

# Computer Department

# Spring

## GIRLS WINNERS



Tug-of-war

Juniors



Softball  
Throw

Juniors



Truck Push

Sophomores

Alpine Ski  
Race

Sophomores

Hot Dog  
Eating  
Contest

No Winner

Three Legged  
Race

Freshman



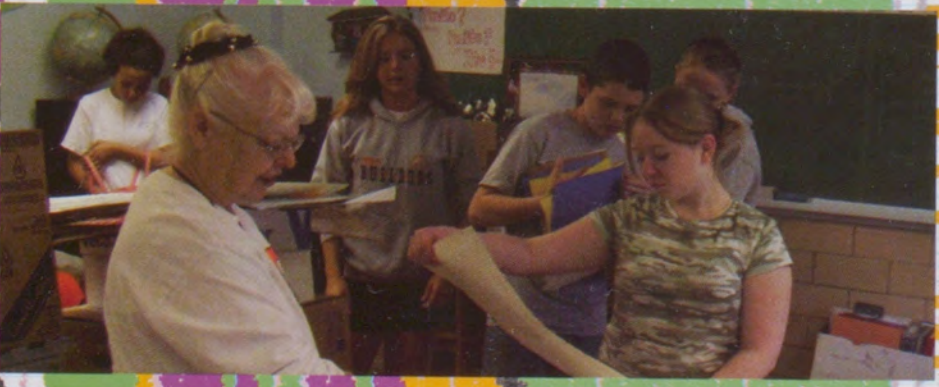


# Fling

## BOYS WINNERS

Tug-of-war	Seniors
Softball Throw	Seniors
Truck Push	Seniors
Alpine Ski Race	Juniors
Hot Dog Eating Contest	No Winner
Three Legged Race	Juniors





# COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY



# SEEING STARS

The I.H.S. Choral Music Department presented "No, No, Nanette," for the spring musical. Set in the 1920's, the musical is a story of fashion, lies, love, and is staged in New York City. The show was packed with talent and many stage veterans. "I don't think anyone really knew what to expect from the show because it wasn't a well known musical. But the reaction and support we got from the audience and community was overwhelming," said Senior Andrew Posch who starred as Tom in "No, No, Nanette".

Kirsten Miller and Carlie Shire share a humorous scene



Amanda Williams helps alter a costume



Aubrey Papien and Jessica Kebert dance and sing during the final number



Tina Gomez concentrates as she perfects Katie Fienen's stage make-up



Working from January to March really paid off by having a packed house both nights. "It was really special for me because a lot of the leads were seniors and we had been doing shows together since we were freshman," said Senior Aubrey Papien. The show was a hit and the choral music department is already hard at work preparing for next year's show.





# ACADEMIC ACADEMIC BANQUET BANQUET

Students who attain a 3.75 G.P.A. were honored with an academic letter at the Academic Banquet in April. Soroptimist hosted the event which featured Mr. Schmidt, superintendent, as the keynote speaker.

Numerous seniors were awarded money from local and state scholarships.



# ATHLETIC BANQUET



Doesn't everyone dream of receiving one of those oversized checks after winning the lottery? Mr. Fredrickson, IHS athletic director, realized that dream at the annual Athletic Banquet when he accepted two checks totaling \$30,000 from Quality Toyota and the IHS Booster Club for new scoreboards at Shulthis Stadium and Losey Gym.

Per tradition, athletes and their parents were on hand to listen as coaches reviewed their respective seasons and applauded senior athletes for their performance and dedication.





Upon entering the gymnasium one would notice a greeting table, a waiting line of approximately twenty chairs all full plus students and community members standing, and Red Cross workers attempting to make the poorly lit room seem cozy and inviting. Now, those two words are not usually associated with donating blood, but IHS STUCO strived to make it a comfortable procedure all around. "We didn't have as big of a collection as last year, but that may be because of the hold-up in the line," said Mr. Moseley. "We had about 90 donors and ended up with 65 pints."





According to [www.givelife2.org](http://www.givelife2.org), the top 10 reasons to give blood are:  
**10:** You get free juice and cookies.  
**9:** You will weigh less — one pint less when you leave than when you came in.  
**8:** It's easy and convenient — it only takes about an hour and you can make the donation at a donor center, or at one of the many Red Cross mobile blood drives.

**7:** It's something you can spare — most people have blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough to go around.

**6:** Nobody can ask you to do any heavy lifting as long as you have the bandage on. You can wear it for as long as you like. It's your badge of honor.

**5:** You will walk a little taller afterwards — you will feel good about yourself.

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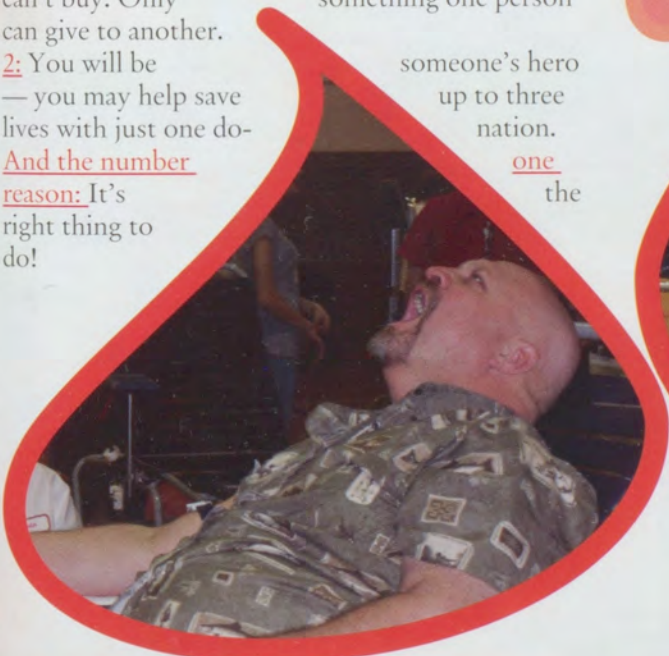
**3:** It's something you can do on equal footing with the rich and famous — blood is something money can't buy. Only something one person can give to another.

**2:** You will be — you may help save lives with just one do-  
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# BLOOD DRIVE

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# Masquerade

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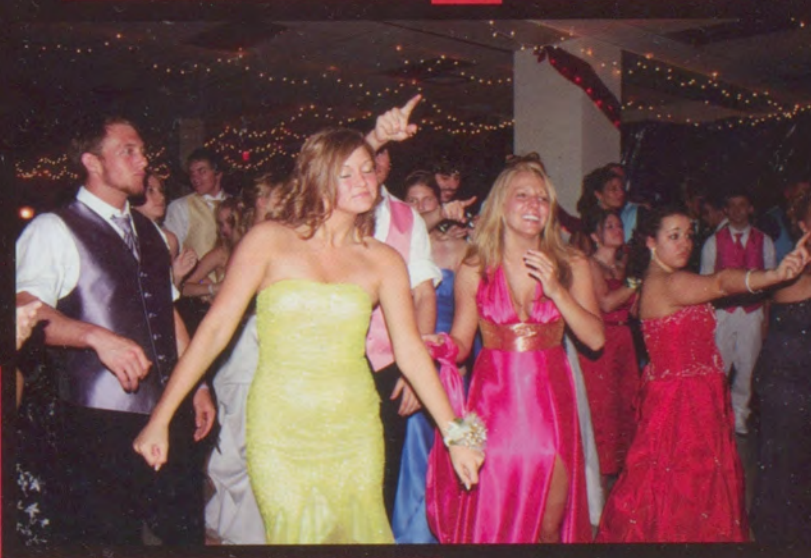




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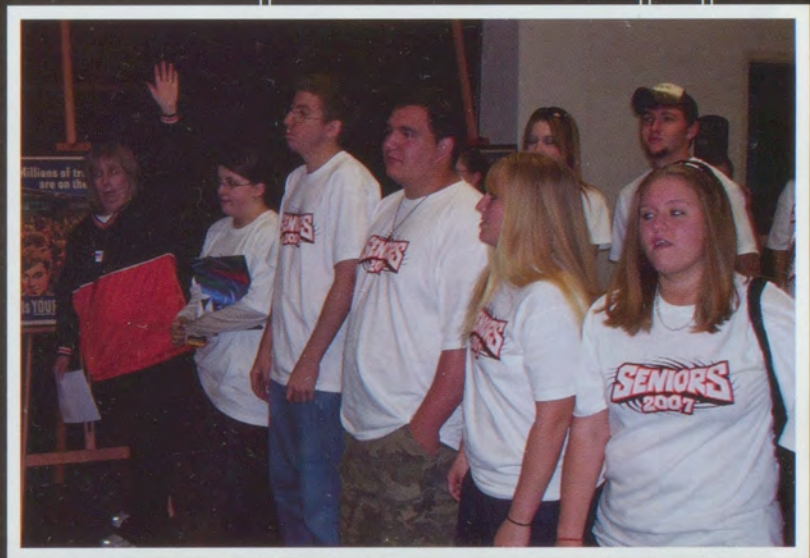
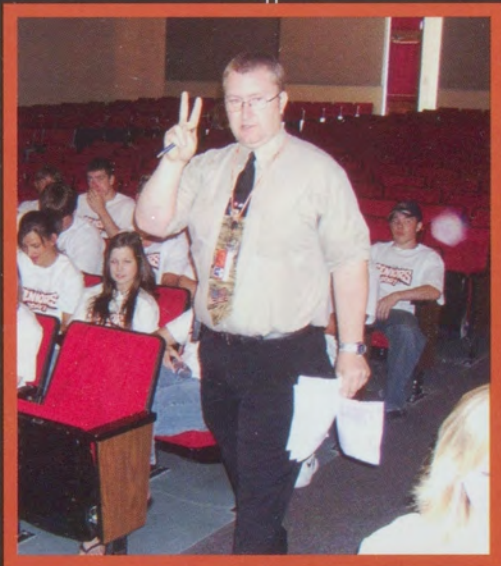
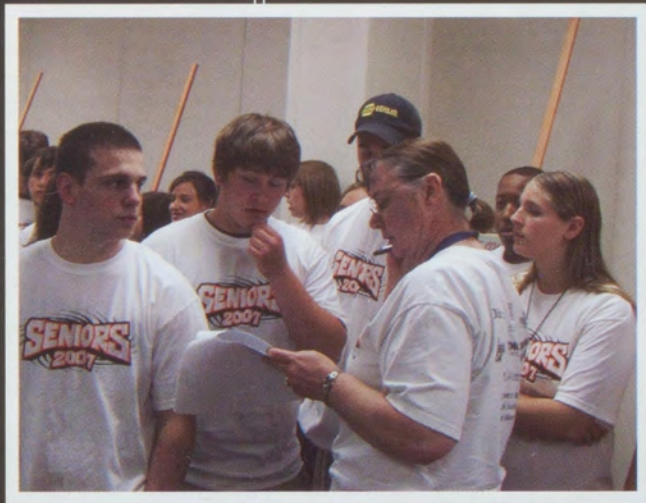
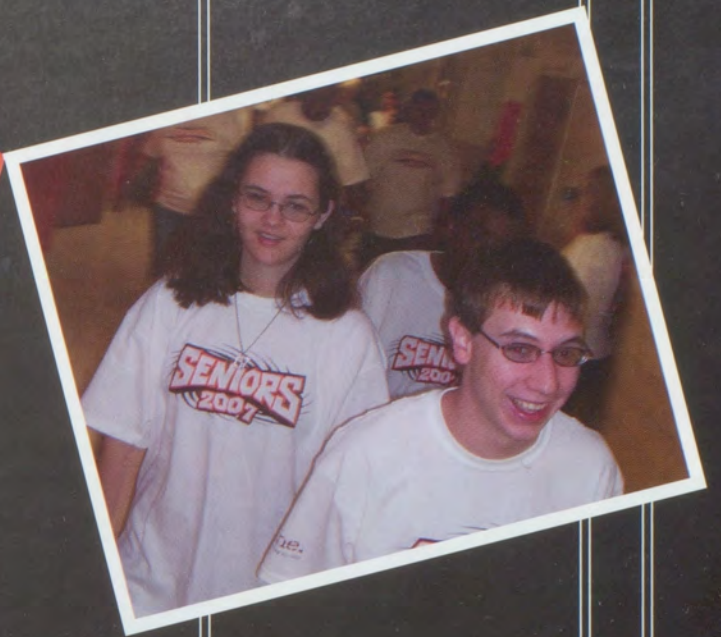


# 2007

## Graduation

Commencement exercises for the IHS class of 2007 were held in the newly renovated memorial Hall on Sunday, May 20th 2007. In addition to remarks by Mr. Shaw and Mr. Schmidt, valedictorian Brian Tierney and salutatorian Annie Chappule gave commencement speeches. Upon vote by faculty, Derek Meirer and Ashley Moore received the Kansas State High School Activity Association citizen awards. Always the trend setters, the 128 seniors were decked out in black graduation gowns highlighted by orange satin stoles. Indy Ensemble, IHS Concert Choir and IHS band provided the music.





# CLASS



# ON





# BACCALAUREATE



Rev. Charles Rice presents Justin Eubanks with a scholarship from the Independence Ministerial Alliance.



Dee Brown enjoys the refreshments, along with Brian McBride, Zach Willis, Andrew Posch, Spencer Lester, Spencer Null and Andrew Hayse.



Kayla Coatney and Kendra Bakken smile, reminiscing over their senior year.



# Senior & Faculty



# SOFTBALL AND PICNIC



Left: Mrs. Shepard goes through the line to get her food.

“ I think it’s totally awesome to be the first senior class to beat the faculty in years!”

- Evan Hurford



Left: Mr. Torbett throws the ball back to the pitcher.  
Right: Mrs. McBride catches the ball in the outfield.



Left: Lucy Ramos, Taryn Martinez, Amber Jones, and Sabrina Long chats at the picnic.  
Right: Matson Murray, Spencer Lester, and Chandler King munches on their grilled hamburgers.



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BOB HARRIS

MARY ANN HARRIS

# Bryan Wilson

*I'm Very proud of you.  
Your new life is just be-  
ginning. It won't always be  
easy but if you make good  
choices and treat others  
with respect you will go  
far. Good Luck!*

*Love,  
Mom*



We always said, as you'd go out to play,  
please don't slam the door  
but of course, you would slam it anyway.  
You couldn't help yourself  
you were a little boy,  
you see,  
made to slam doors, bounce balls, and climb trees.  
Then one day you grew  
and we were so surprised,  
you were a man, hair combed, shoes tied.  
The door you close now gently, with such ease,  
We ask ourselves, "What happened to the boy  
God gave to me"?  
We didn't understand it then  
but now we can,  
all of this must happen  
for God to make a man.  
And even though you're a  
grown man now,  
you'll always be our little boy  
and Son, we are so so proud!  
Love you, Mom and Dad

**Derek  
Water**

# T H O M A S



Thomas,  
We are so blessed to  
have you in our lives.  
You have grown into  
such a wonderful young  
man. We are proud of  
you.



Thomas

Love,  
Mom and Dad

*Wehmeier*



# B R A N D A N - D O X - D Z O X - D

Brandan,  
You are truly something special! You  
have grown into a young man that we all  
are very proud of. We wish you all the luck  
and happiness that you can stand.

Love ya,  
Your Family



# KELSEY



We have enjoyed watching our first granddaughter and niece grow from a beautiful baby girl into an exceptional young woman. You have made us proud as you have participated in sports, theater, music, and dance. Your strength is an inspiration to us all.

We Love You,

Grandma Charlotte, Lisa, and LeAnn

Wynn Shepard



Bryan Wilson



Lindsey Dean



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You will be missed...

Your two years on staff have passed in the Blink of an Eye. your creativity and willingness to go the extra mile made this book a masterpiece. Your leadership will be difficult to replicate, but we'll do our best to carry on without you!

Junior staff members Dan Gross, Jenny Jabben, Jessica Lennon, and Ryan Wright and Mrs. Cox, advisor

Shea Casurole



Kristen Maxwell



Laura Kendrick



Spencer Null



Kelsey Stelting

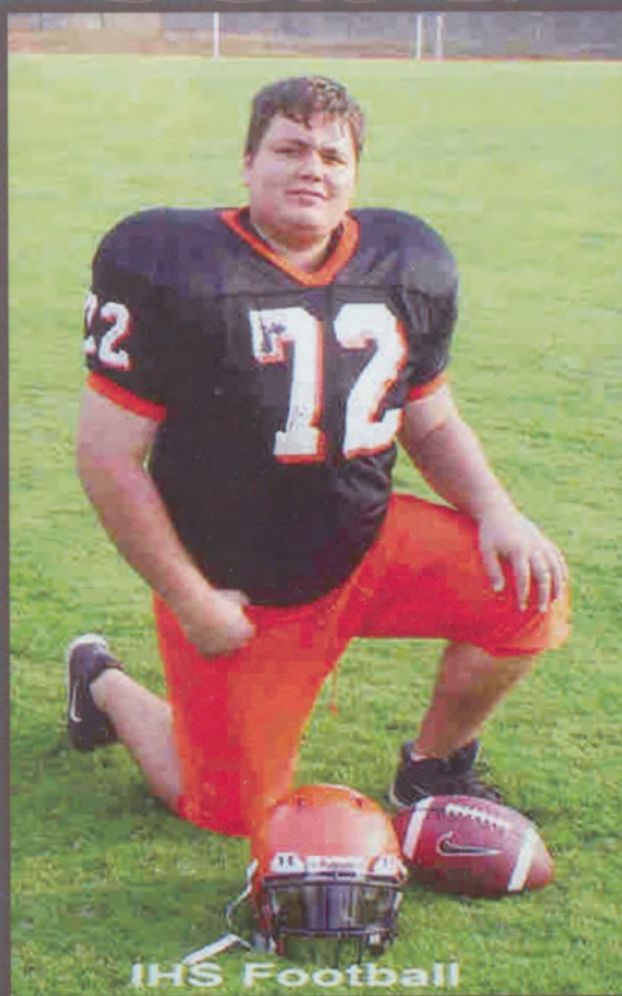


Derek Meier



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# Kalvin Seifert



From a little bitty squirt to a big young man, We Know you will reach your goals if you set your mind to it. We wish you the best & we will always be here if you need us. We love you very much.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, & Cody

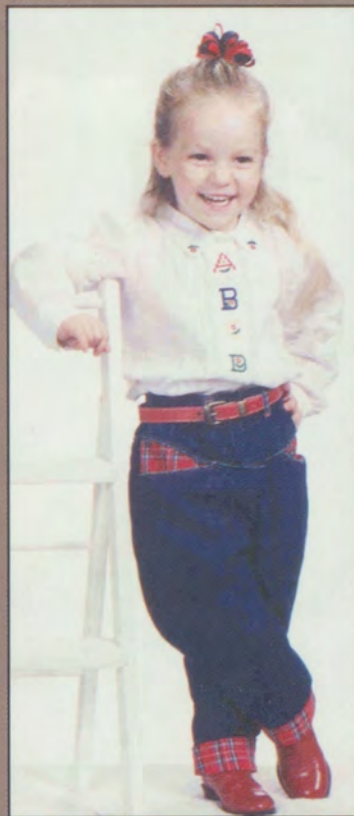








# Kelsey



We're going to miss you when you leave for KU. By the way, can I have your room when you're gone?

Love,  
KasiDee & Cody



You are loved. We feel blessed to have had a front row seat to your childhood. Now that you are embarking on the next chapter in your life, know that we are still your number one fans ready to cheer you on.

LOVE!  
Mom & Dad



P.S. I'm going to miss seeing you every day at school. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of your years at IHS. Come home often for chocolate chip muffins and *Seinfeld*. ~ Mom



Kendra Bakken



Tiffany Bryant



Zach Willis



Paige Demo



Erin Hignight



# Taking



# A



Andrew Posch



Amber Jones



Brian McBride



Breezy Mangan



DJ Lawrie



ENTRAST



Kalvin Seifert



Sabrina Long



Evan Hurford

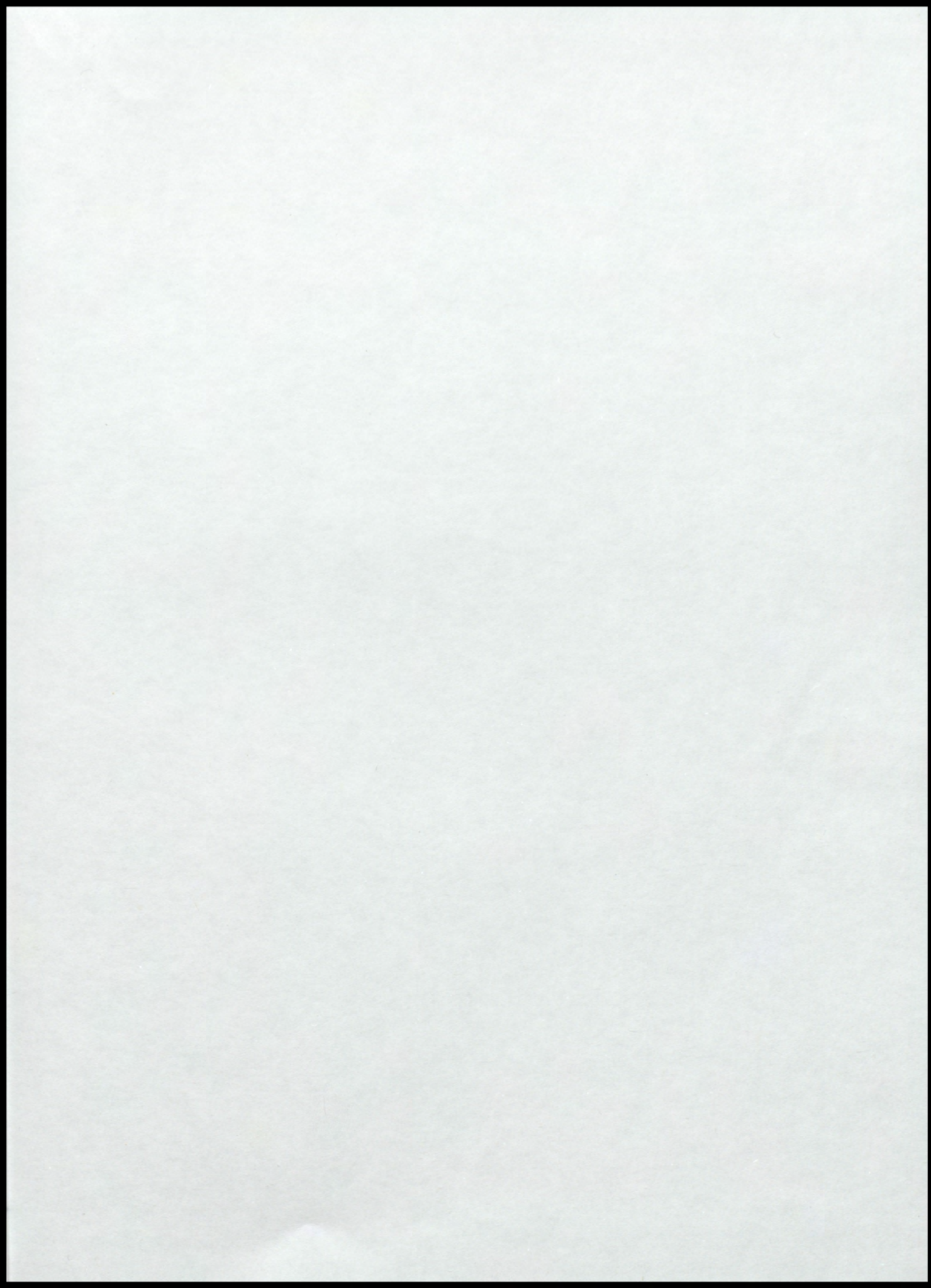


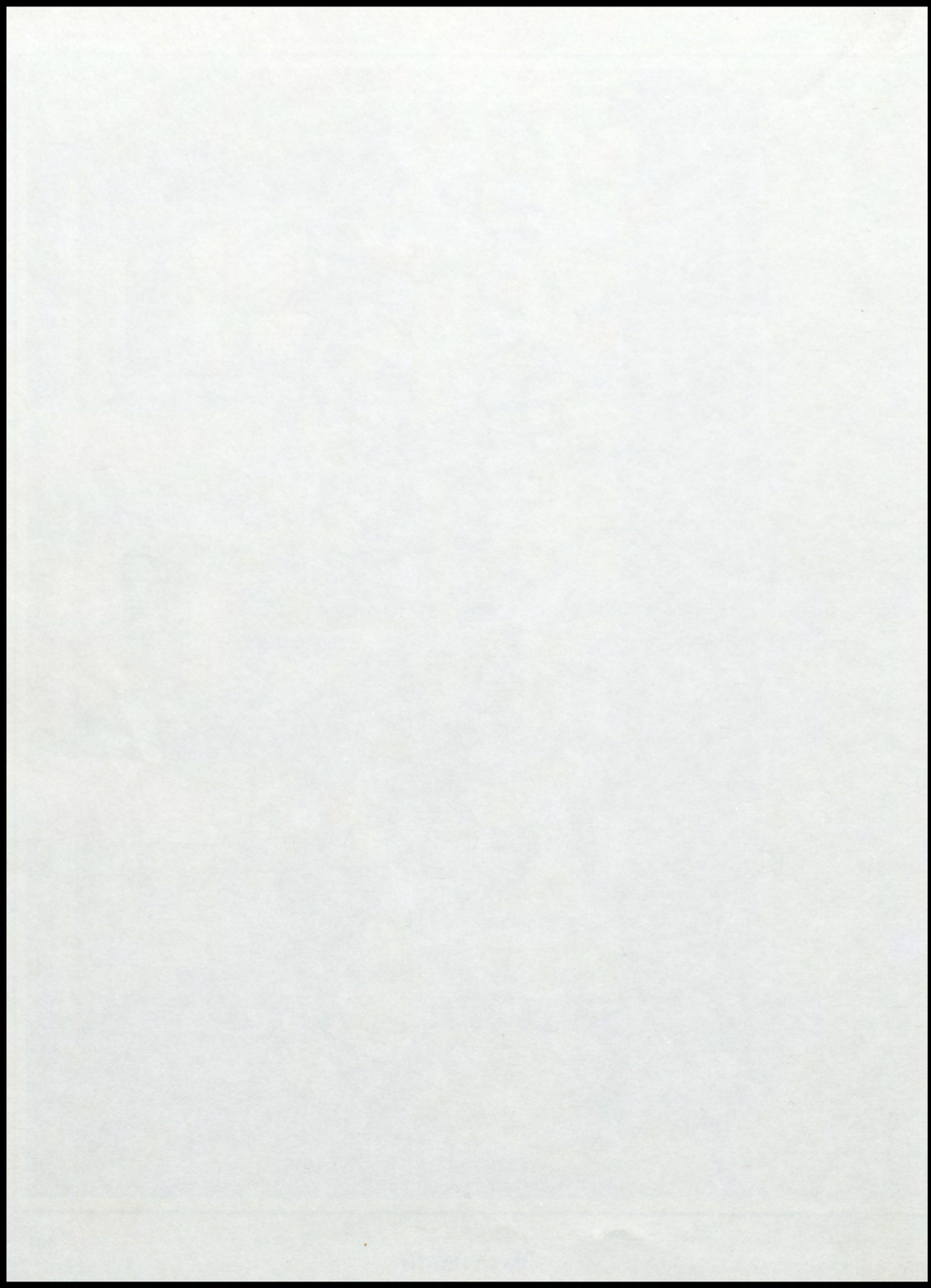
Ashley Moore

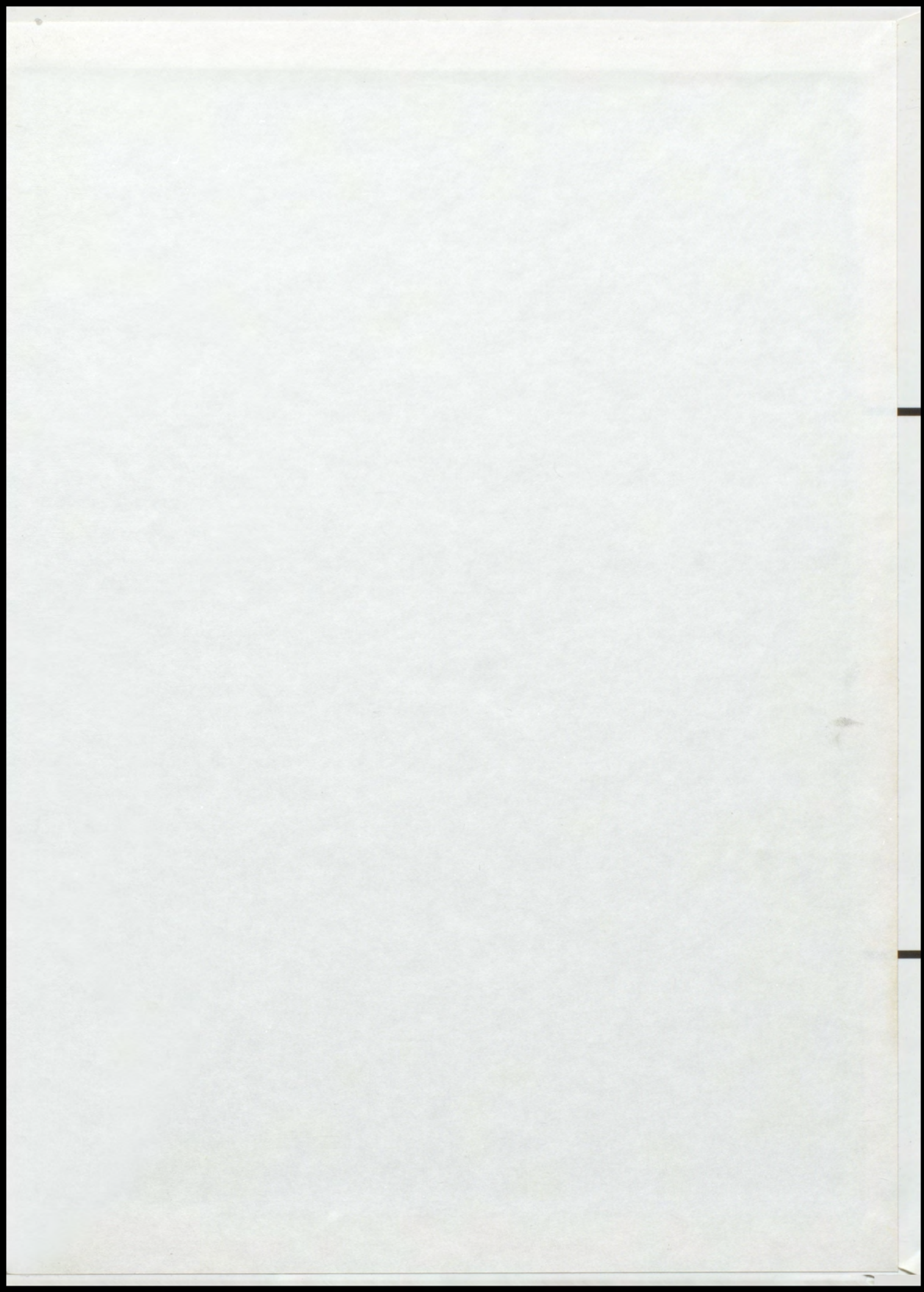


Matson Murray









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