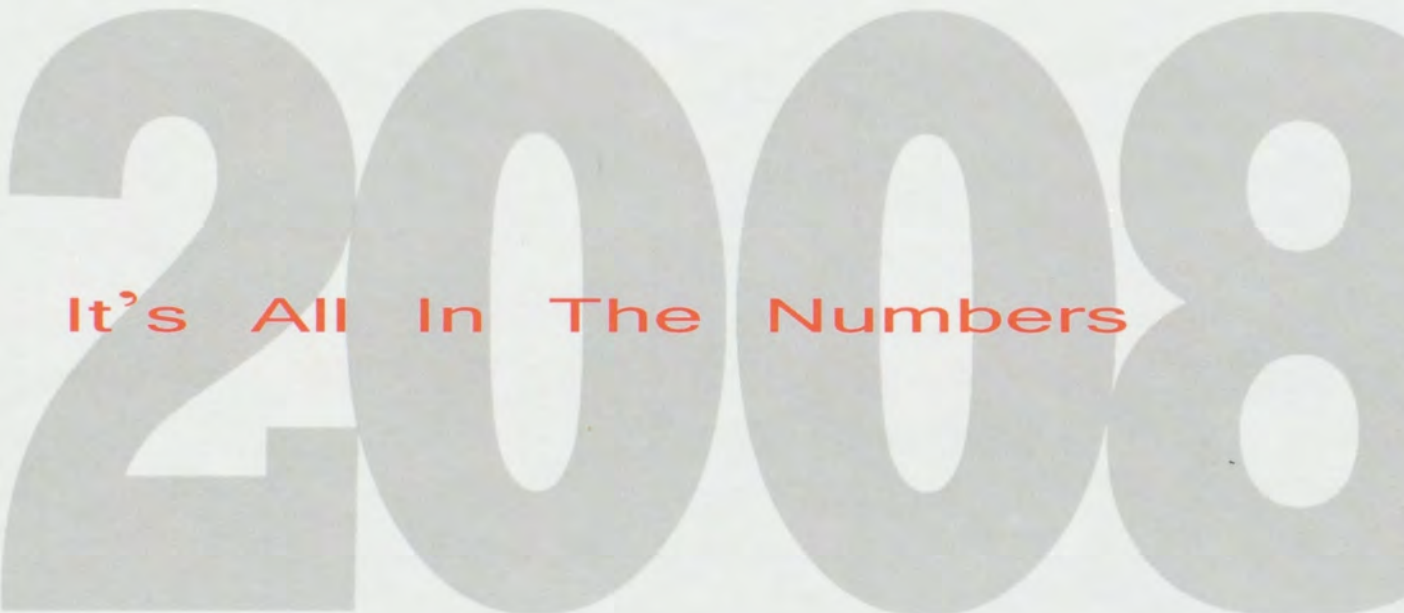
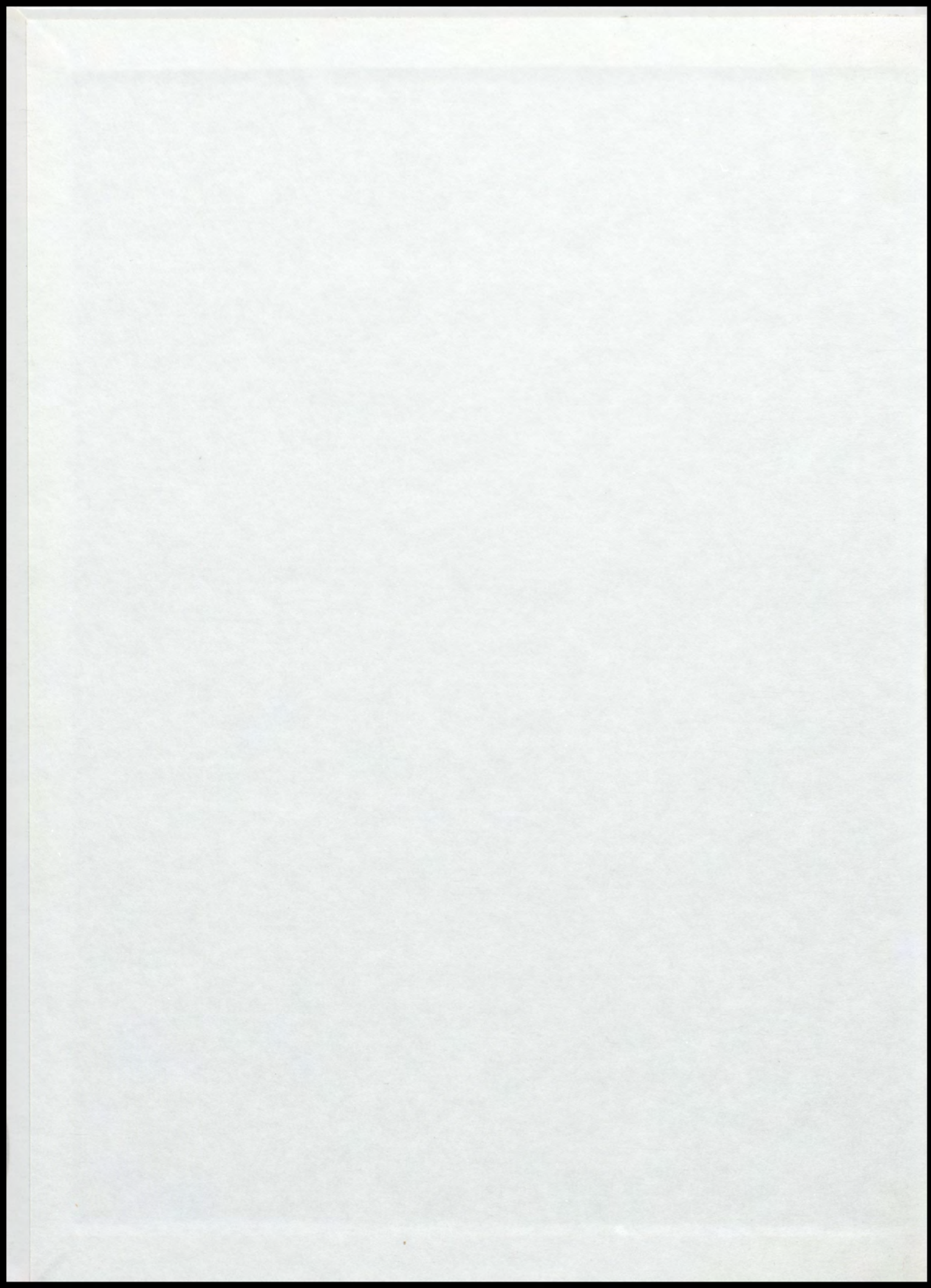
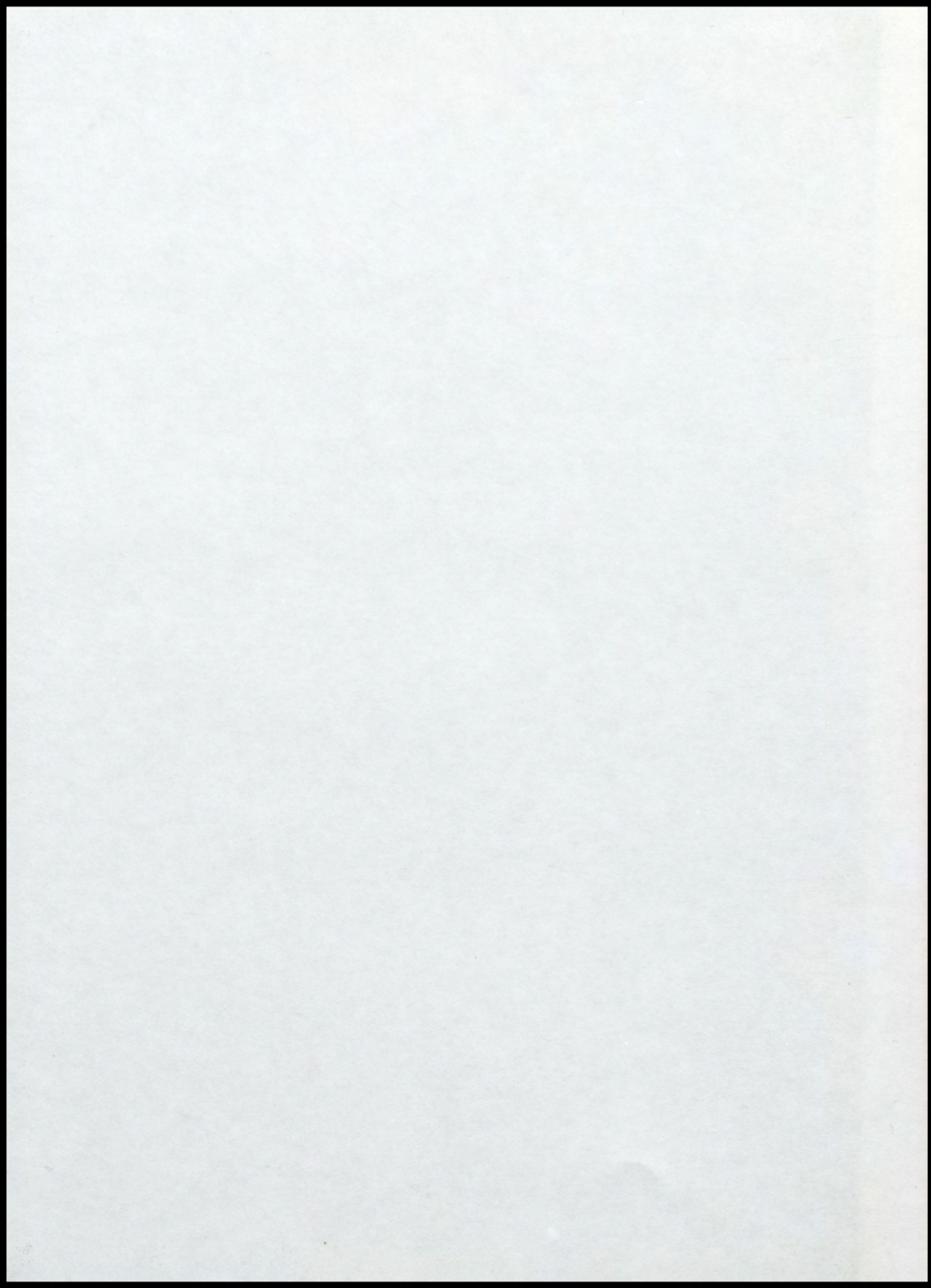


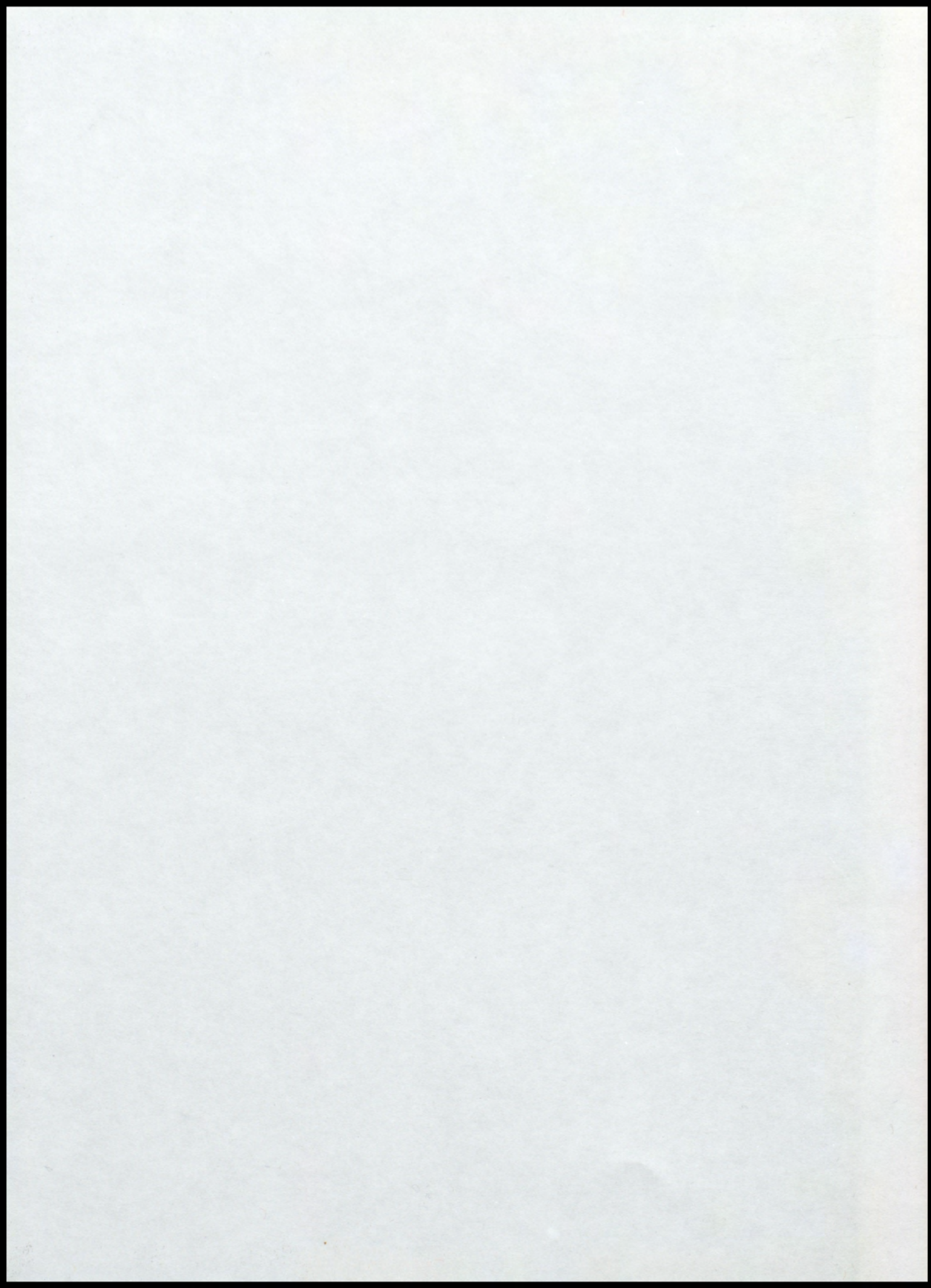


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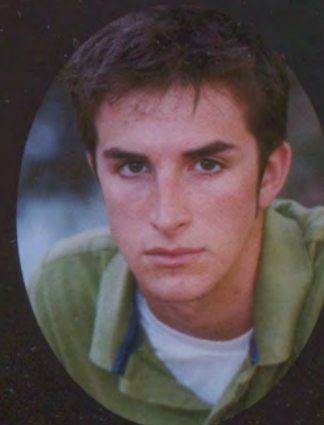
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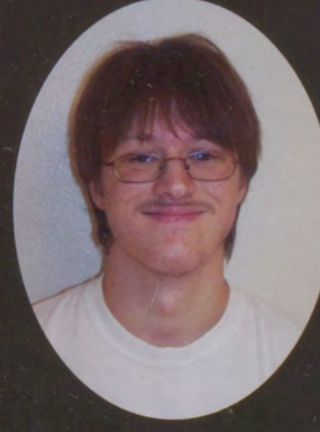
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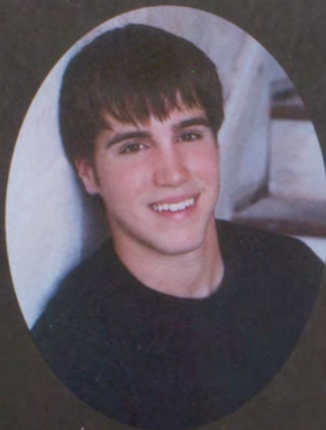
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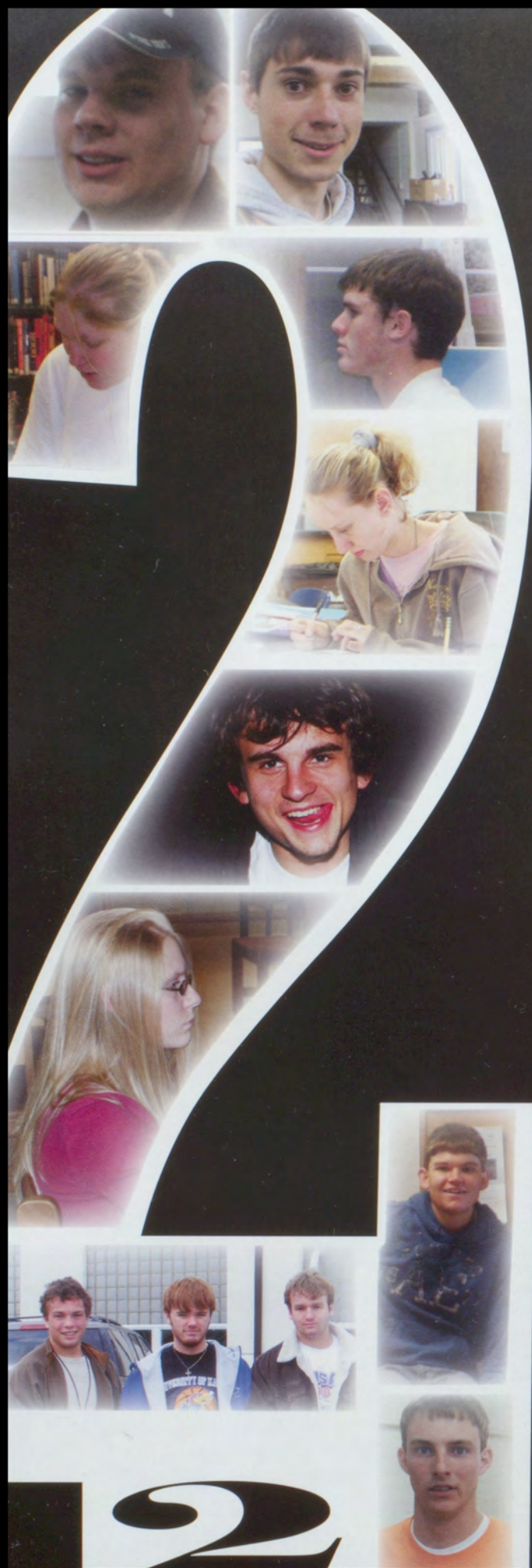
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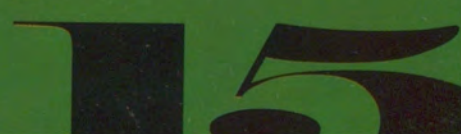
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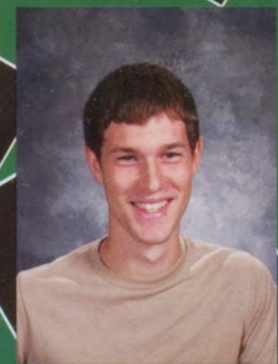
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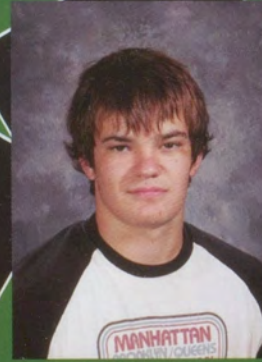
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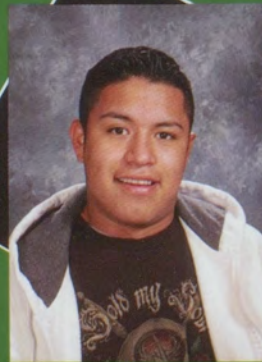
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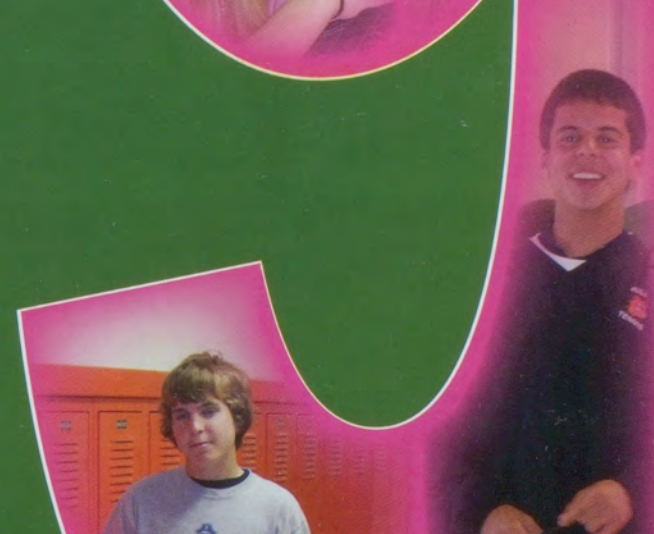
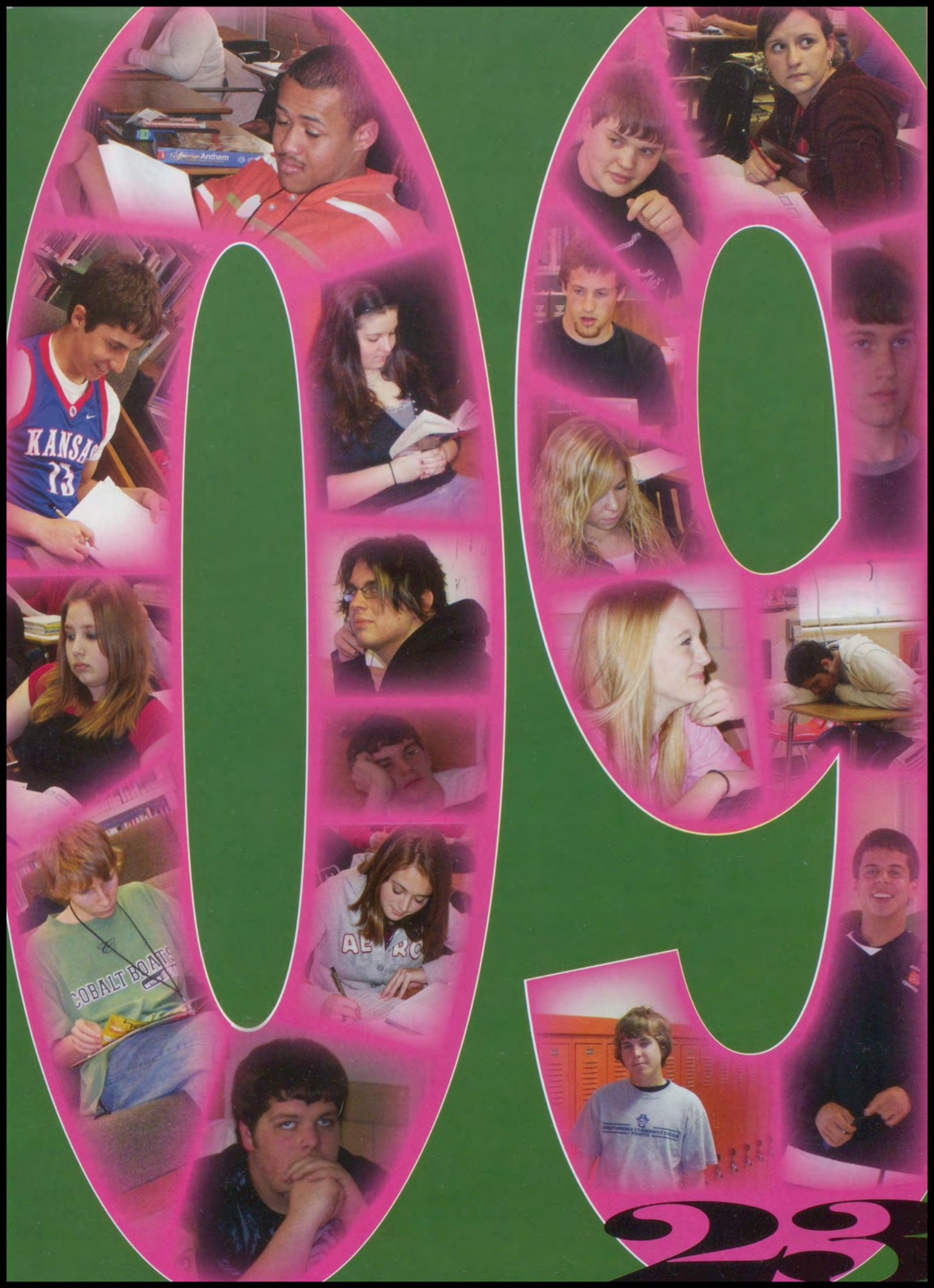
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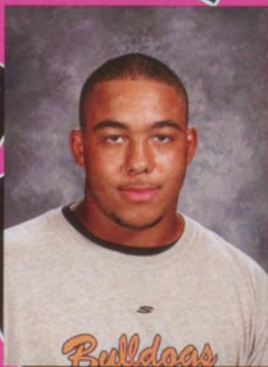
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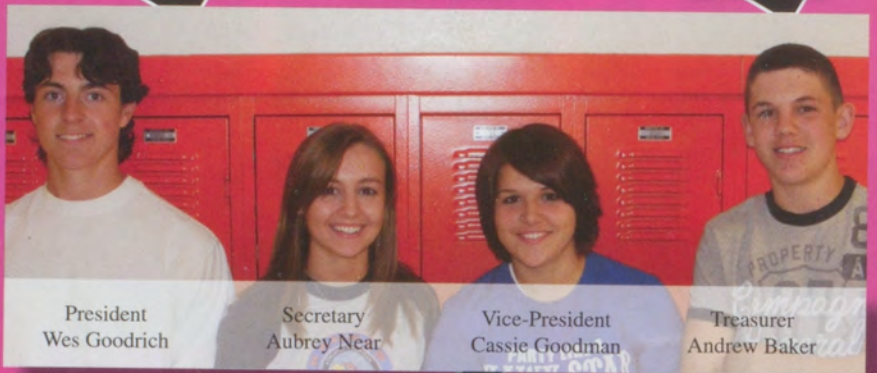
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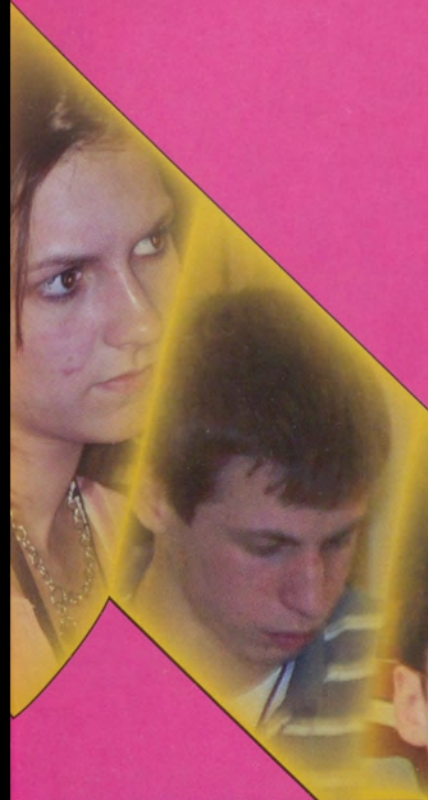
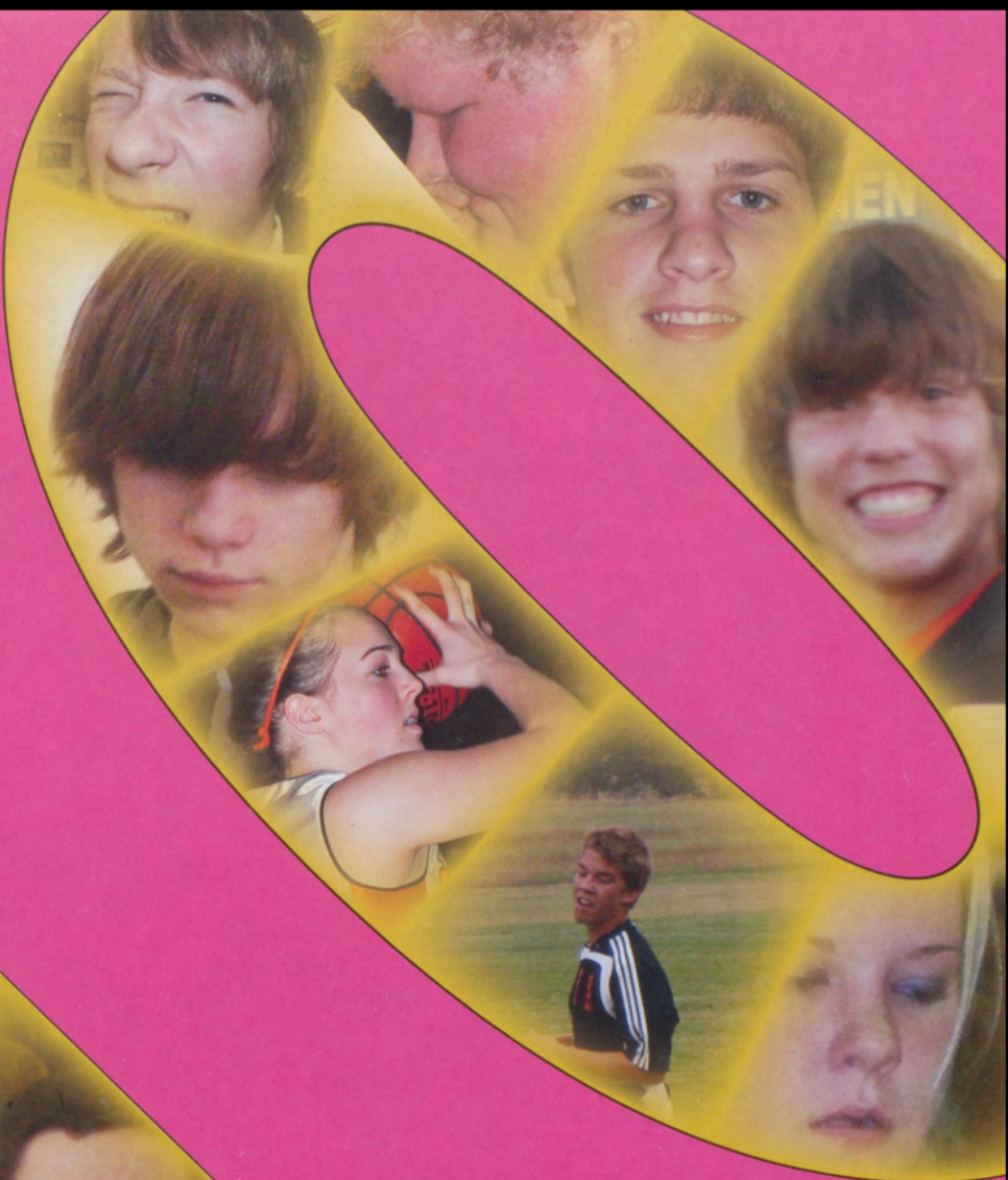
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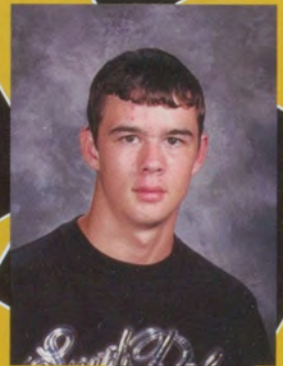
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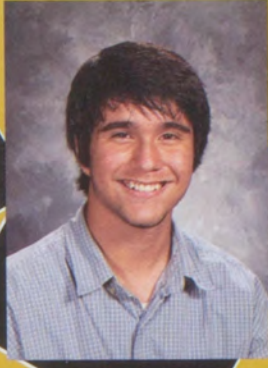
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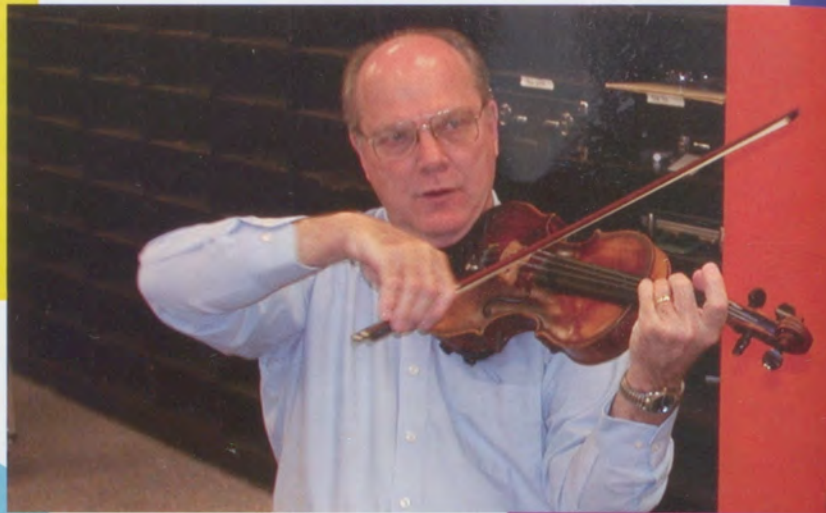
IHS says farewell to long-time teachers

Mr. Lewis Hoyt

Mr. Hoyt conducted the orchestras for Washington Elementary, Independence Middle School, and IHS for 13 years.

During his tenure at IHS, he changed the focus from a "strolling strings" format to the larger orchestra.

Mr. Hoyt graduated from Pittsburg State University with his master's degree in 1974.

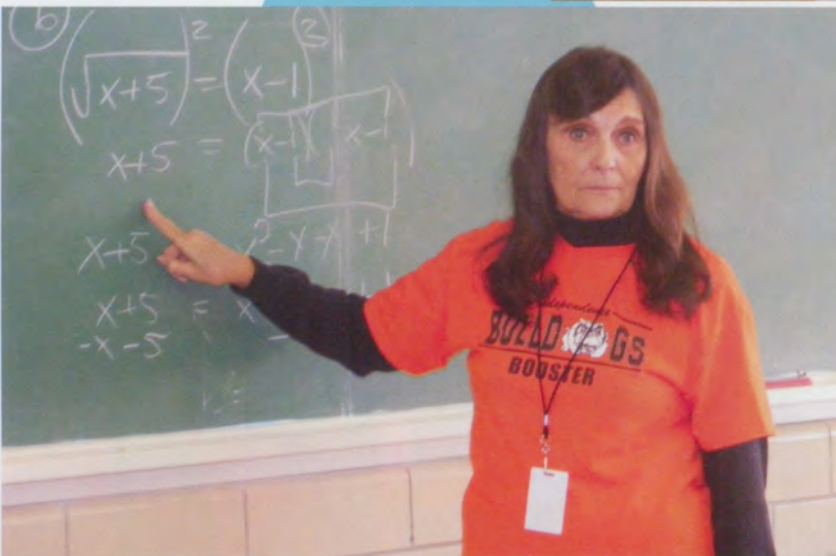


Mrs. Jean Lundt

Regarding her years at IHS, Mrs. Lundt described them as "Fantastic! I learned something everyday from my students; I will probably miss that the most."

During her 27 years at IHS, Mrs. Lundt did it all: cheerleading coach, Pep Club sponsor, NHS advisor, class sponsor and math department chair.

Mrs. Lundt graduated with her bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and with her master's degree from Pittsburg State University.



Ms. McCray

Pouvez-vous le croire? Mme. McCray a enseigné Français et Latin pendant trente-et-un les années.

If you were a student of Ms. McCray, you likely understand the previous sentences.

She taught French and Latin, as well as sponsored the French and Latin Clubs, at IHS for 31 years.

During those years, she sponsored many French Club trips to Canada.

Madame McCray earned her undergraduate degree at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia in 1964.



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SOCCER

In only its seventh year, the soccer team achieved its dream of winning a State Championship. At the season's start, the team goal was to win Regionals and make it to the state quarter finals. Once that was accomplished, only the Kansas 4-3-2-1A State Championship Title would suffice. The team capped off its season with a 17-1-1 record. The single loss was to Rose Hill and the tie was with Wichita Independent.

"The 2007 season was just amazing. We knew we had a strong team going in, but as the season progressed, we realized we had a legitimate shot at the crown. I just can't say enough about this team. There's no doubt IHS is now a contender in Kansas high school soccer," said assistant coach Nick McBride. "We'll lose some strong seniors, but I'm confident our future remains bright."



"I was honored to be a freshman and have our team win State. It was cool that the seniors were really encouraging throughout the entire season"
-Garrett Gilstrap



"Going to State was 'fabuloso.' I really enjoyed this year and I wish it would have been longer."
-Christian Pinon



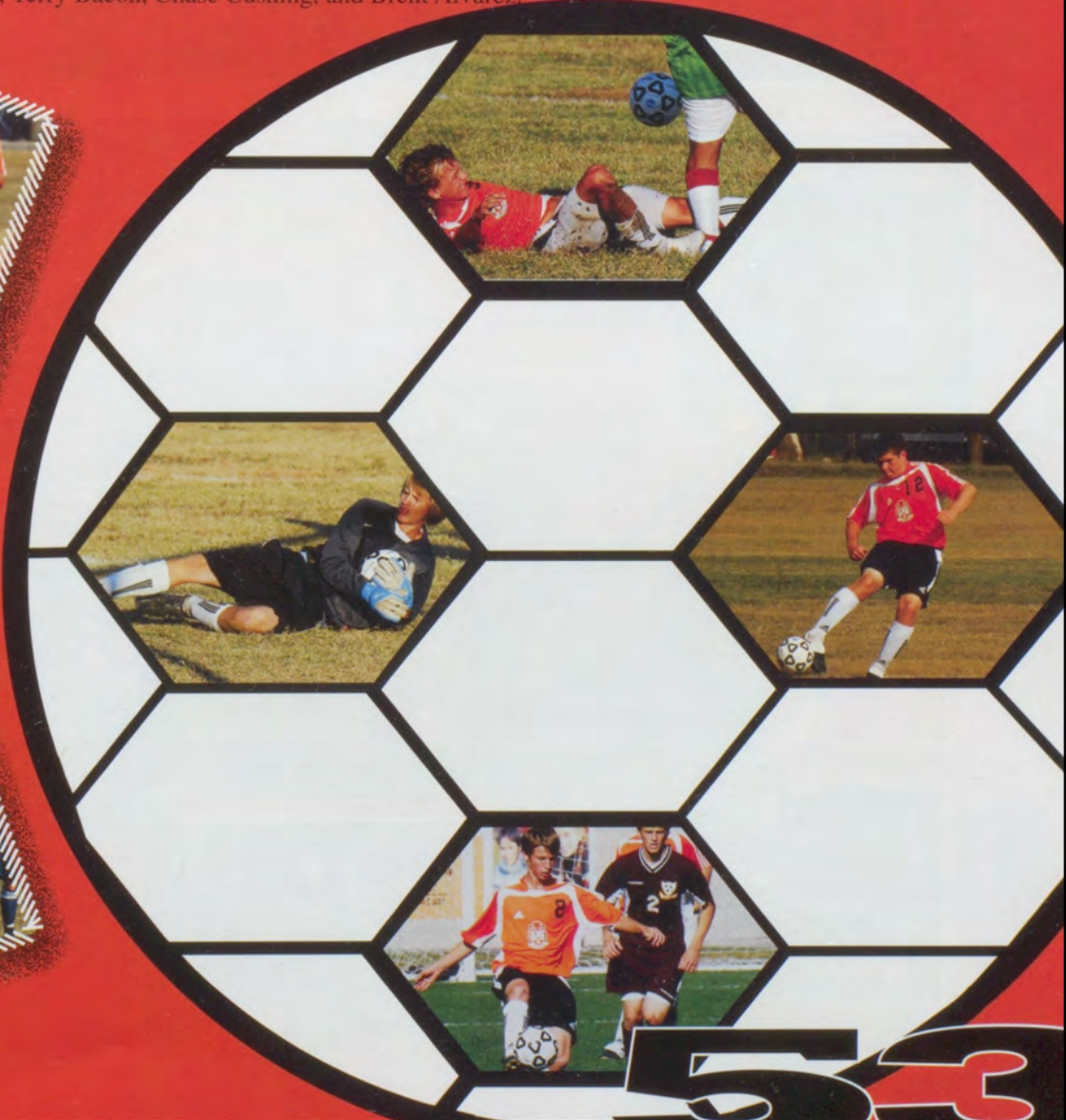
"Winning State was one of the best experiences of my life. It was also the perfect way to end my high school soccer career and it was a blasty blast."
-Dan Gross



"State was great besides our crappy hotel that smelled like smoke." -Dylan Craft



Back-Front Row(Left to Right): Christian Pinon,Sam Schroeder, Dalton Friesen, Kris High, Dylan Craft, Ryan Hayse, Patrick Wuerdeman,Josh Bromley, Michael Ysusi, Tyler Sprague, Phillip Byrd, Connor Cushing, Dan Gross, Austin Schroeder, Wes Goodrich, Shane Ferguson, Mason Posch, Cameron Schicke,Coach Eric Haislett,Coach Nick McBride, Cole Cranor, Garrett Webster, Bry Thomas, Garrett Gilstrap, Marcus Wright, Talyn Austin, Matt Wallis, Judith Kyle,Audrey Tucker, Tori Kebert, Matt Wilson, TJ Honan, Terry Bacon, Chase Cushing, and Brent Alvarez.



State Champions



The game against Wichita Trinity in the State quarter finals was one of defense, with a final score of 1-0. The Bulldogs then moved on to the State semi-finals where they had to get down and play hard, just edging out Prairie Village-KC Christian 1-0.

As expected the championship game against Buhler was very tense. At the buzzer the game was tied at 1, but IHS was victorious in overtime with a final score of 2-1.

"This team worked so hard. We knocked off the top two teams from State last year, so we've earned the other teams' respect," said coach Eric Haslett.



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The Streak is Over!



September 14th, 2007
WAKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD and
RING THE VICTORY BELL
THE STREAK
IS OVER 
Independence Bulldog Football

At long last, the IHS football team was able to get the proverbial monkey off its back. On Sept. 14, the Bulldogs finally snapped its school-record 38-game losing streak that dragged on for more than four seasons.

The Bulldogs celebrated their 26-8 victory over the Fredonia Yellowjackets, and it could not have been sweeter. A sea of orange and black filled Fredonia's field at the game's end. Fans hugged and high-fived each other, and yes, a few wiped away tears. There was a long caravan back to Independence where the team and coaches lined up to ring the long-silent IHS victory bell at the Tindle Memorial.

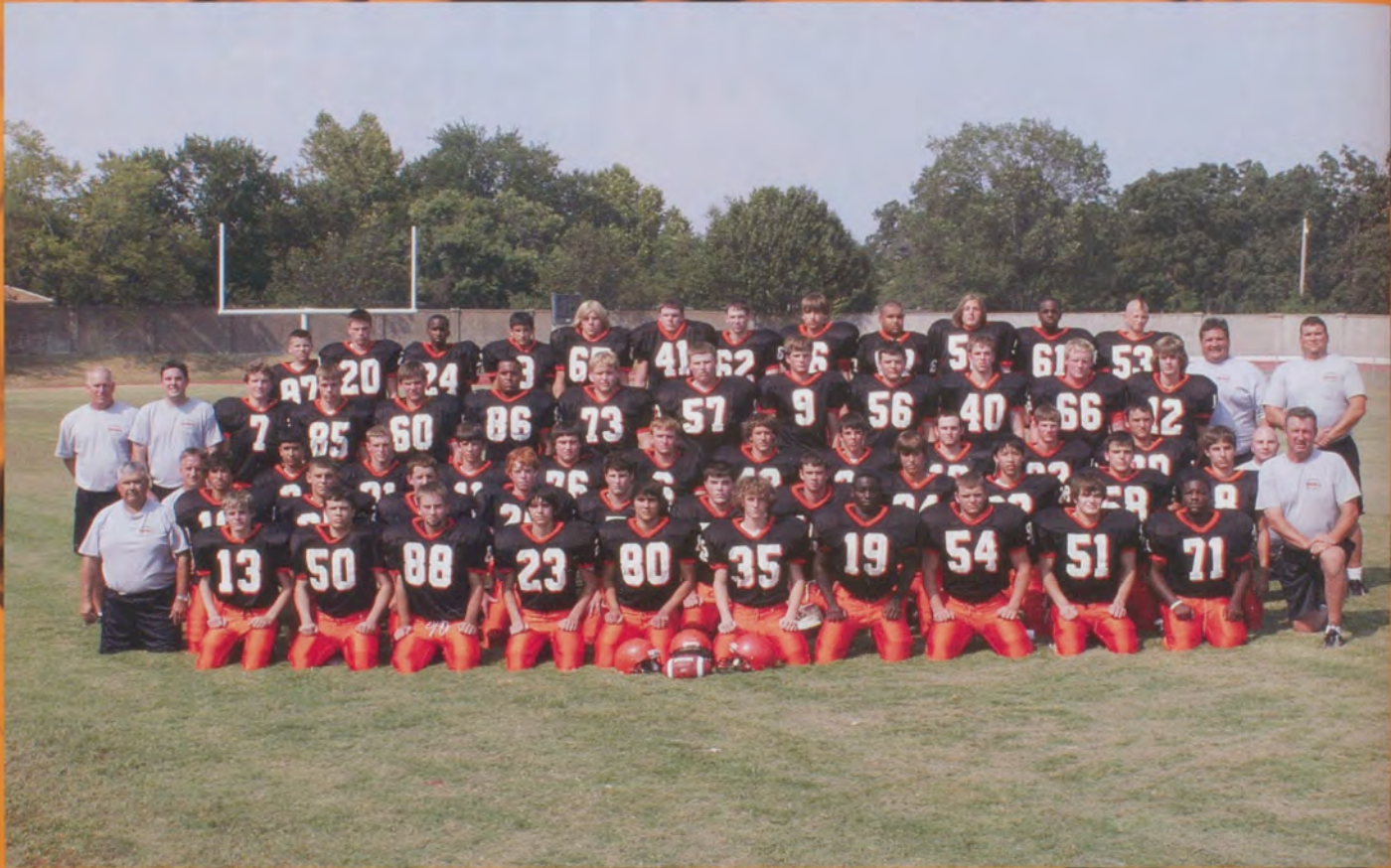
"I'm so happy for our seniors," said Coach Boldra. "This group came a long way. They have just plugged away and held on to the dream of getting that first win. It's just great that they are able to enjoy this success."

IHS had 129 yards on the ground and were led by Ryan Wright with 17 carries for 89 yards. Grant Webster, quarterback, completed 6 of 11 passes for 97 yards, with Damone Hatch catching four of those for 75 yards.



RING THE VICTORY BELL
Independence Bulldog Football

IHS FOOTBALL GETS FIRST WIN IN 5 SEASONS



First Row (Left to Right): Coach Watters, Bryce Smith, Johny Ainesworth, Kevin Oliver, Cody Adkins, Bobby Sanchez, James Brocaw, Sha'Ray Britt, Delon Knight, Ryan Taylor, Craig Marshall, Coach Mangan. Second Row: Coach Webb, Ryan Wright, Andre Ysusi, Luke Freeman, Bryan Clubine, Rhett Flood, Mike Lyon, Willie Rayl, Darby Fox, Randy Guan, T.J. Korhn, Grant Webster, Coach Rice. Third Row: Peyton Botts, Jay Reed, Brandon Stein, Eric Hardy, Adam Greenhaw, Logan Null, Micah Knight, Joe Hawk, Matt Cadle, Chad Morrell. Fourth Row: Head Coach Boldra, Coach McCambridge, Austin Leake, Zach Bryant, Alex Anderson, Damone Hatch, Ethan Speicher, Nic Boyle, Jonny Dierks, Cody Johnson, Nic Howland, Cale Shepard, Cameron Christian, Coach Speicher, Coach Harlin. Fifth Row: Zach May, Matt Bromley, Dominique Taylor, Cory Wright, Zane Evans, A.J. Reed, John Lewis, Drayton Bloomer, Will Reynolds, Jesse Rainey, Marking Daniels and James Gibbons.



SCORES

OPPONENT	W/L	Score
Ark City	L	29-47
Columbus	L	7-43
Fredonia	W	26-8
Iola	L	34-37
Chanute	L	12-26
Ft. Scott	L	7-55
Labette County	L	12-50
Parsons	W	28-7
Coffeyville	L	42-47
Pittsburg	L	0-47

Coming into the 2007 season, the IHS Bulldogs had nowhere to go but up. The Bulldogs had suffered through four winless seasons, and they were hungry for that elusive win. The team's goal was finally achieved with a win over Fredonia, ending a school-record 38 game losing streak. With that win, the Bulldogs continued to play hard and came away with a second win over SEK rival Parsons. That win snapped a 27-game skid in league play. Those two wins earned IHS its first postseason appearance in more than a decade.

"It's amazing, that feeling of winning. Nobody likes to lose and unfortunately, we've had a lot of it," said Coach Boldra. "Now that we have both district and league wins under our belt, we're going to continue on and do something good."

While the Dogs lost eight other games this season, the losses aren't what the players will remember.

"Winning that first game was one of the best feelings I've ever felt in my life, to be honest," said quarterback Grant Webster, junior. "It's nice to feel victory on the bus ride home."

Postseason honors earned by IHS players include Shrine Bowl nominations for seniors Adam Greenhaw and Ryan Wright; Class 4A Honorable Mention and All-SEK First Team for juniors Grant Webster and Ethan Speicher; All-SEK Second Team for Matt Cadle, senior; and All-SEK Honorable Mention for Rhett Flood, sophomore, and A.J. Reed, senior.

Going the Distance

With a new coach and new crop of freshmen, the cross country team had to adapt to many changes. Coach Larry Bennett said, "The kids were real receptive to what we asked them to do. They were excited and enthusiastic about our sport. That makes it a lot of fun as a coach."

The varsity boys team had only two members, resulting in a majority of first-year run-



ners. Jon Hogge led the way with a 16th place at Girard, 23rd at Gardner-Edgerton, 15th at Labette, 11th at Indy and 15th at SEK for an All-SEK honorable Mention. Chris Threlkeld, Aaron Hayes, Ryan Dierks, Andy Tucker, Isaac Hilger, and John Stafford also ran.

The girls qualified for the state tournament for the first time in school history. Alicia Whitehurst placed 20th at the meet. Also running varsity were Julia Stafford, Natasha Sack, and Kelsey Hight who all garnered SEK honors. Sondra Smith, Haley Marchant, and Amanda DeCou rounded out the girls team.



GIRLS

Amanda DeCou
 Alicia Whitehurst
 Sondra Smith
 Grace Kyle
 Natasha Sack
 Haley Marchant
 Kelsey Hignight
 Julia Stafford

BOYS

Chris Threlkeld
 Ryan Dierks
 Anthony Davis
 Aaron Hayse
 Isaac Hilger
 Jon Hogge
 Kyler King
 Coty MacRea
 Logan Papen
 John Stafford
 Andy Tucker
 Michael Gudmonson



Girls

TENNIS



Katie Porter



Brandie Eades



Taylor Jurski



Kayla Schabel



"The 2007 girls' tennis team was simply awesome. They won first place at 15 out of 19 matches which included SEK, Regionals, Sub-State, and State. The seniors were great leaders and everyone worked hard for the fantastic season. I cannot think of a better way to cap off my coaching career but with another State championship."

-Coach Jean Lundt

Kelsie Froebe



Jenny Jabben



Jaymee Wright





Right: Many attend the reception to congratulate the victory of the girls tennis team for their achievement of becoming State Champions for the second year in a row.



Above: Mr. Shaw congratulates the team at the reception held in the tennis clubhouse.



Left: The girls reminisce with each other about their achievements at the State tournament.

This was an exciting year for the girls tennis team who won the Class 4A Regional and Sub-State crowns. They also claimed the Southeast Kansas League Championship after three straight titles.

When the girls found out that they were going to State again, they were so excited. "It was a great privilege to go to State. I am glad Taylor was my partner because it made State that much more enjoyable," said Jenny Jabben. It is not every day that a team can win State two straight years. It took hard work, dedication and leadership for these girls to capture back-to-back championships.

Game, set, match



Jaymee Wright, Katie Porter, Coach Jean Lundt, Kayla Schabel, Coach Gina McLenon, Taylor Jurski, and Jenny Jabben.

State Results

- Kayla Schabel** -second place singles
- Taylor Jurski and Jenny Jabben** - third in doubles
- Jaymee Wright and Katie Porter** - fourth place in doubles

STATE CHAMPS 2008

They did it again! The team's goal for State was to take the crown again and for the third time they achieved that goal. The team consisted of Dan Porter, Nick Romans, Adam Greenhaw and Sam Schroeder, Shane Ferguson and Omar Elshabassy. Not only did the boys take State, but they also won SEK, Regionals, and Sub-State. The members took first and second in each division, not allowing any other teams to place higher than third. When they went to State, singles player, Dan Porter took third and Nick Romans took ninth. Doubles team Adam Greenhaw and Sam Schroeder placed higher than they did at last year's competition and took third as well. Shane Ferguson and Omar Elshabassy was the other doubles team and took fifth place. Another great season for Bulldog tennis!



Adam Greenhaw

Sam Schroeder

THREE TIME CHAMPS



Nick Romans



Shane Ferguson



THE 2008 BOYS TENNIS

TEAM AND STATE CHAMPIONS

The boys tennis team front row (Left to right): Andrew Carr, Nick Romans, Shane Ferguson, Michael Ysusi, Logan Papen, Rylan Romans. Middle Row: Omar Elshabassy, Andrew Payne, Kyle Ferris, Anthony Davis, Sam Schroeder. Back Row: Head Coach Ken Brown, Joel Simwinga, Adam Greenhaw, Isaac Hilger, Michael Gudmonson, Matt Hastings, Logan Dent, Dan Porter, Mason Posch, Austin Schroeder, and Assistant Coach Harry Bass. Not Pictured: Wes Goodrich.



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Junior Dan Porter throws up a serve.

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Matt Hastings said, "My first year on the tennis team is one I will never forget. It was so much fun and the team was great."



Senior Michael Ysusi warms up for a big tournament.

23 MEMBERS
2 COACHES
5 SENIORS
 THE TENNIS TEAM CAPTURED THEIR **8TH**
 STRAIGHT SEK CROWN THIS YEAR
 EVERY STATE TEAM MEMBER PLACED
 IN THE TOP **10** AT STATE
 TOOK ALL **6** PLAYERS TO STATE
 CAPTURED **3RD** STRAIGHT CLASS 4A
 TENNIS CHAMPIONS TITLE

BUMP ~~set~~ spike

The 2007 season was one of improvement for the IHS volleyball team. "Our goal was to have a winning record and we did that!" said Coach Speicher. It was the first year in five years to have a winning record (17-15).

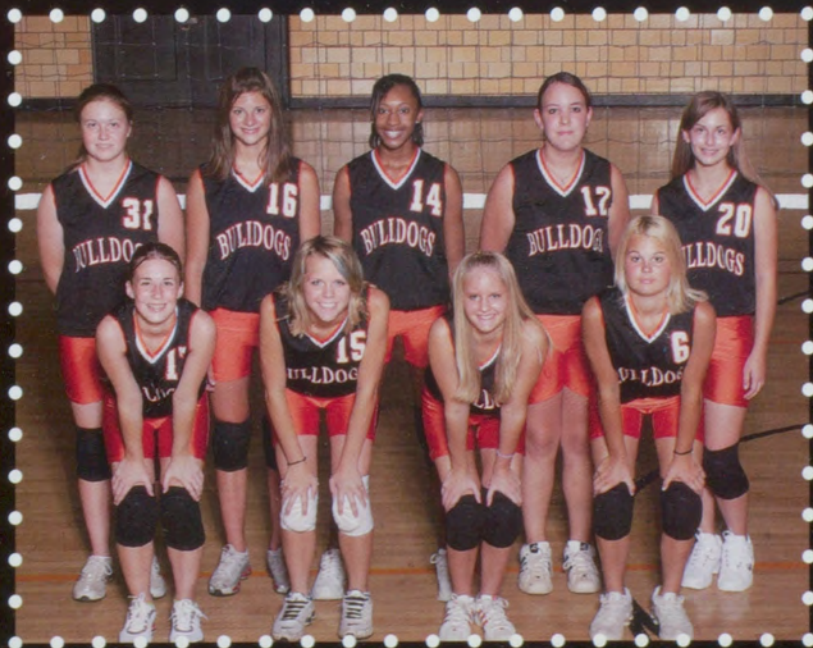
"In spite of a few upsets, we had a successful season," said Speicher. "What I will miss the most about the seniors is Jordan Earle's work ethic, Mersadies Newton's positive attitude, and Morgan Fox's ability to always make us laugh when times were rough. I'm also really proud of junior, Kelsie Myer who was second team All-SEK and junior Kirsten Steinle who was third team All-SEK."



Top Left to Bottom Right: Jessica Bruington, Kirsten Steinle, Morgan Fox, Haley Marchant, Bailey Lewman, Amanda Matthews, Mersadies Newton, Jordan Earle, and Kelsey Meier.

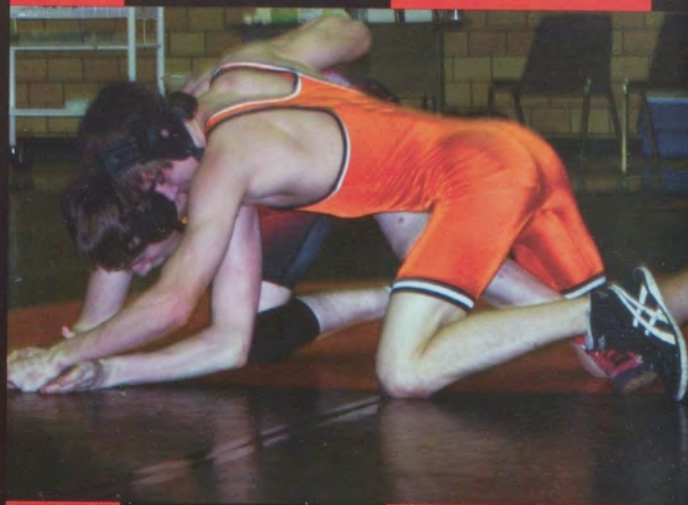


Junior Varsity (top left to bottom right): Chelsea Mundy, Vanessa Lowdon, Lauren Whitson, Kayla Steinle, Kaitlin Quinton, Michelle Knopick and Melanie Quinones.



Freshman Squad (top left to bottom right): BreAna Linden, Sandi Wilson, LaKesha Hunter, Erin Smith, Gretchen Beaver, Sierra Watts, Taylor Wallace, Krista Newton and Samantha Hashagen.

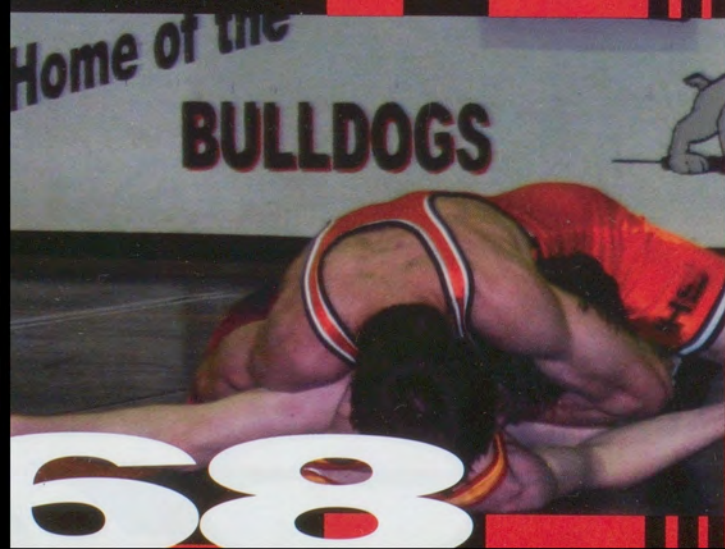
WRESTLING



1 mat, **2** wrestlers, and **6** minutes. A wrestler has **6** minutes to pin his opponent or earn points. Twenty-eight hard-working wrestlers took their opponents to the mat. Wrestlers practiced for two hours every day and had six tournaments for the year and five duals.

"It takes a great commitment to wrestle," said Coach Brian Melchiori. "These guys put in the time practicing and commit to making weight each week."

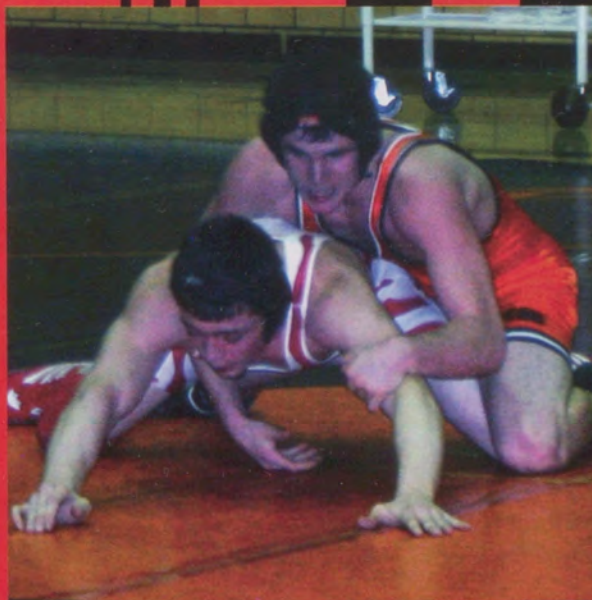
For the 2007-2008 season, eight wrestlers went to Regionals, two of whom were seniors **A.J. Reed** who scored 4-2 and **Chris Threlkeld** who scored 1-2.



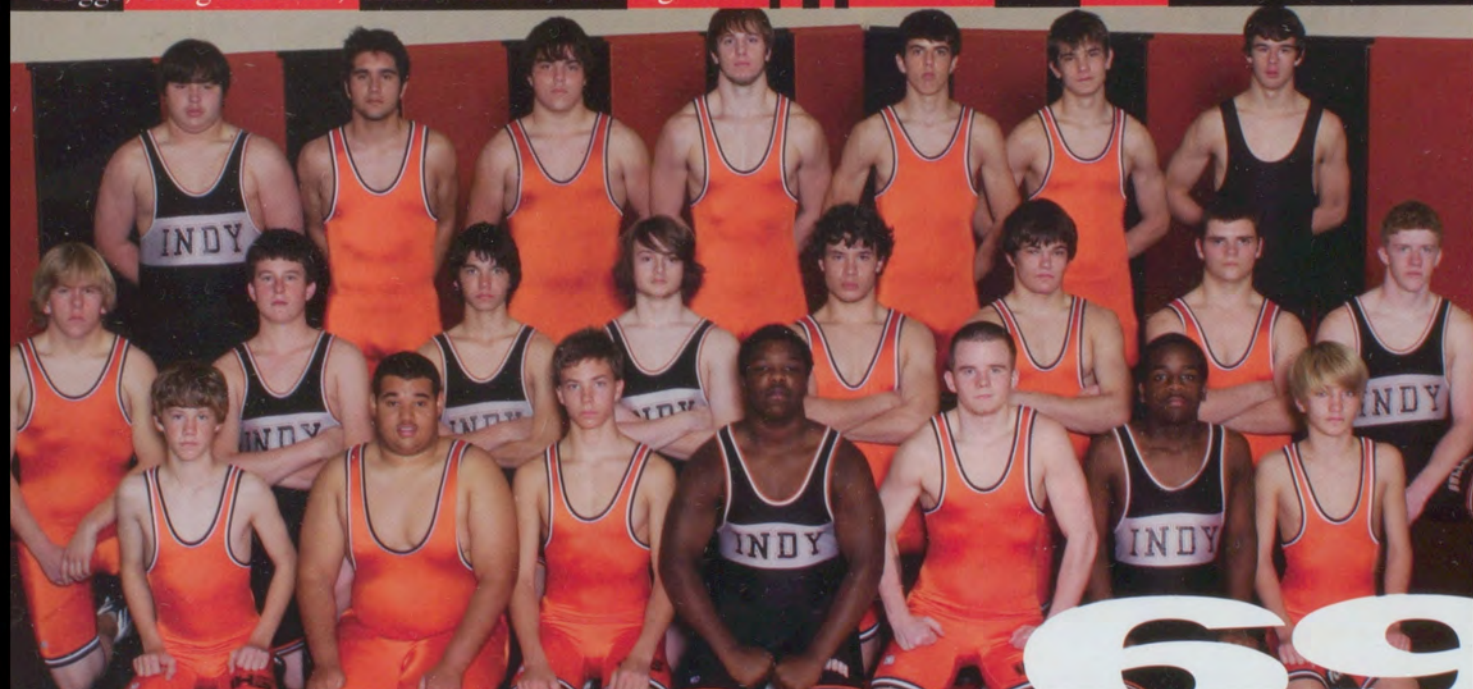


"They're a better dual team than tournament team. Although they're a young team, they work hard and give 100%. They give it their all, each and every practice."
- Coach Melchiori

"We showed a lot of improvement this season. Our underclassmen who never wrestled won matches and our upperclassmen showed excellent leadership on and off the mat."
- Coach Watters



Back Row: Mark Kebert, Bobby Sanchez, Mike Lyon, Nick Howland, Micah Knight, Chris Threlkeld, Willie Rayl. Middle Row: Zane Evans, Roger Daniels, Cody Adkins, Nick O'Daniel, Johnny Ainesworth, Ryan Taylor, Delon Knight, Devan Meeds. Front Row: Chase Cushing, Will Reynolds, Jon Hogge, Craig Marshall, Andrew Carter, Marking Daniels and T.J. Honan.



Bulldogs

Boy's Basketball



"It was a great year; everyone got to play a fair amount of time and overall, we were very successful."

Lane Hoffmeister

Junior



"The season played out well. Considering we were such a young team and had a first-year coach, we were very successful."

Michael Ysusi

Senior



"As it was my first year as head coach, we had a very progressive season. The players showed heart and that's what matters most."

Matt Brumley

Head Coach

With eight returning seniors and a first-year head coach, anticipation was high for the IHS varsity team. When it was all said and done, the team finished its season at an even 10-10.

"It was a great year," Coach Brumley commented. "I'd have to say the high point was the win over Ft. Scott." The Bulldogs pulled off a big win against the defending state runner-up, after a seven-game losing streak to the Tigers.

"We had an outstanding year," said Dan Gross. "I felt good about the season and the end of my basketball career."

"Even though we broke even on wins and loses," added Dylan Craft, "I still believe all of us played our hardest and were determined to win."



Varsity Back Row: Matt Brumley (head coach), Landon Diveley (asst. coach), Isaac Hilger, Daniel Porter, Patrick Landrum, Dylan Craft, Ethan Speicher, Max Bradbury (asst. coach). Middle Row: Mollie Connors (manager), Cole Pasternack, Lane Hoffmeister, Ryan Hayse, Adam Greenhaw, Matt Cadle, Austin Schroeder, Cassi Goodman (manager). Front Row: Daniel Gross, Michael Ysusi, Logan Null, Josh Bromley, Grant Webster and Bryce Smith.



Freshman Team Back Row: Max Bradbury (head coach), Randy Guan, Tanner Goad, Peyton Botts, Andre Ysusi, Garrett Webster. Front Row: Scott Straycker, Dominique Taylor, Jarrett Gaddy, Matt Bromley and Nick Romans.



SCORES

Chanute	51-64L
Parsons	44-39W
Iola	63-45W
Fort Scott	59-52W
Coffeyville	43-52L
Pittsburg	35-57L
LCHS	55-77L
Girard	46-63L
Columbus	46-41W
Parsons	57-45W
Iola	45-37W
Fort Scott	38-56L
Coffeyville	61-77L
Pittsburg	46-51L
LCHS	51-510
Columbus	67-39W

Record
10-10



The Lady Bulldogs finished the regular season with an 8-12 record. Although the team had a few returning key players, it was primarily made up of new players. Coach Reynolds, in his fourth season as head coach, was optimistic in how the team would perform. The Lady Dogs were picked to finish fifth in SEK, and they finished sixth. "It was disappointing to end the season with four losses, but that was kind of how the schedule went. We played some tough ones (opponents) toward the end of the season," said Coach Reynolds.

Varsity players Kirsten Steinle and Kelsie Meier, juniors, both earned post-season honors. Kirsten was named first team All-SEK (unanimous), SEK Elite Basketball Second Team by seksports.com, and All-Class 4A Honorable Mention by Wichita Eagle & Topeka Capital-Journal. Kirsten averaged 15.9 points and 10.9 rebounds and led the team in shooting. Kelsie was picked to the third team All-SEK and averaged 7.7 points per game and 6.2 rebounds.



17 Players, **3** Managers, & **3** Coaches

Girls' Basketball

WE ARE...

HARD WORKIN'

TEAM



Left to Right Back Row: Manager Jordan Earle, Head Coach Dale Reynolds, Kelsie Meier, Morgan Fox, Vanessa Lowdon, Kirsten Steinle, Asst. Coach Troy Smith, Asst. Coach Gina McLenon, Manager Biloxie Mangan, Second Row: Manager Maddy Hunter, Amanda Call, Taylor Goodman, Kayla Steinle, Brooke Rollison, Aubrey Price, Bayley Conner, Morgan Baxter, Kelsey Hignight, Front Row: Jenna Ruiz, Talor Smith, Kelby McGrath and Hannah Kays.

CHEERLEADING

Cheered over 20 games

19 Cheerleaders

1 Coach



B-U-L-L-D-O-G

The cheerleading season started after tryouts in March prior to Spring Break. With 19 cheerleaders on the squad they started their season with morning practices in April at 5:30 a.m. to get ready for UCA Cheer Camp in Linsburg. Senior Stephanie Schafer declared, "I really enjoyed conditioning because it kept us all in shape and ready to go to camp."

Summer practices consisted of practice of stunts and home routines. The squad brought home a third place trophy, the Superior Award and all blue ribbons. Jennifer Schadeberg and Jessica Lennon were named Cheer All-Stars.

Ms. McClure stated, "This varsity squad has been the most dedicated squad to improvement I have ever had. It was a wonderful camp as the cheerleaders learned four new extensions and other elite stunts, which is more than in the past."

After camp the cheerleaders kept busy through the school year cheering for all football and basketball games. They ended their season in February with the "Big Cheer," a long-held tradition for the cheerleaders. The senior cheerleaders selected the music and choreographed the routine. Kristen Spellman said, "It was a very stressful getting the performance put together and polished, but it was well worth the effort."



DANCE TEAM

5, 6, 7, 8...

Summer practice for the IHS dance team began at 6 a.m. They took their home routine to UDA summer camp and took 3rd place. They also all received blue ribbons on their individual performances: 42 overall. 3 members at camp also were named All-Stars: Teryn Frizell, Brooke Rolli-son, and Kayla Schabel. The team came back from camp ready with several new routines and ideas for performances. Through the fall and winter sports seasons, the dance team performed an amazing 11 different routines.





1 COACH

Mrs. Dunham said "This will be a year I will never forget. The girls excelled all year with their dancing."

3 Seniors

5 OFFICERS



The seniors all agreed that this would be one year they would never forget because of their new coach, Mrs. Dunham.



14 DANCERS



1 TEAM

Lindsay Pratt (freshman) said, "I had the best time being on the dance team. We were a real team."



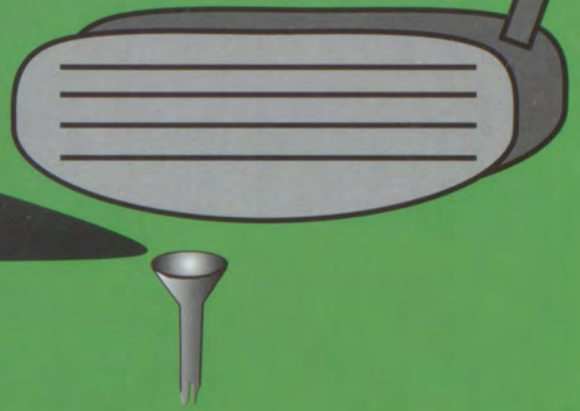
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Coach: Mr. Coder

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IHS golf coach, Mr. Coder, knew the challenge that lay before the 2008 golf team. That challenge was inexperience. The team had 13 golfers, ten of whom were freshmen.

“My goal for the team was to gain tournament experience and build for the future,” said Mr. Coder. “I knew we couldn’t win a varsity tournament. We did have some great individual performances, including Peyton Botts’ third place finish at Iola. Freshmen usually spend the season getting comfortable playing junior varsity. Our freshmen didn’t have that luxury. They had to jump right in and play varsity from the get go.”

Team leadership came from the two returning seniors Zach Berberick and John Lewis.

As Mr. Coder goal predicted, the team improved at each tournament outing, learned mental management, and improved their fundamentals.

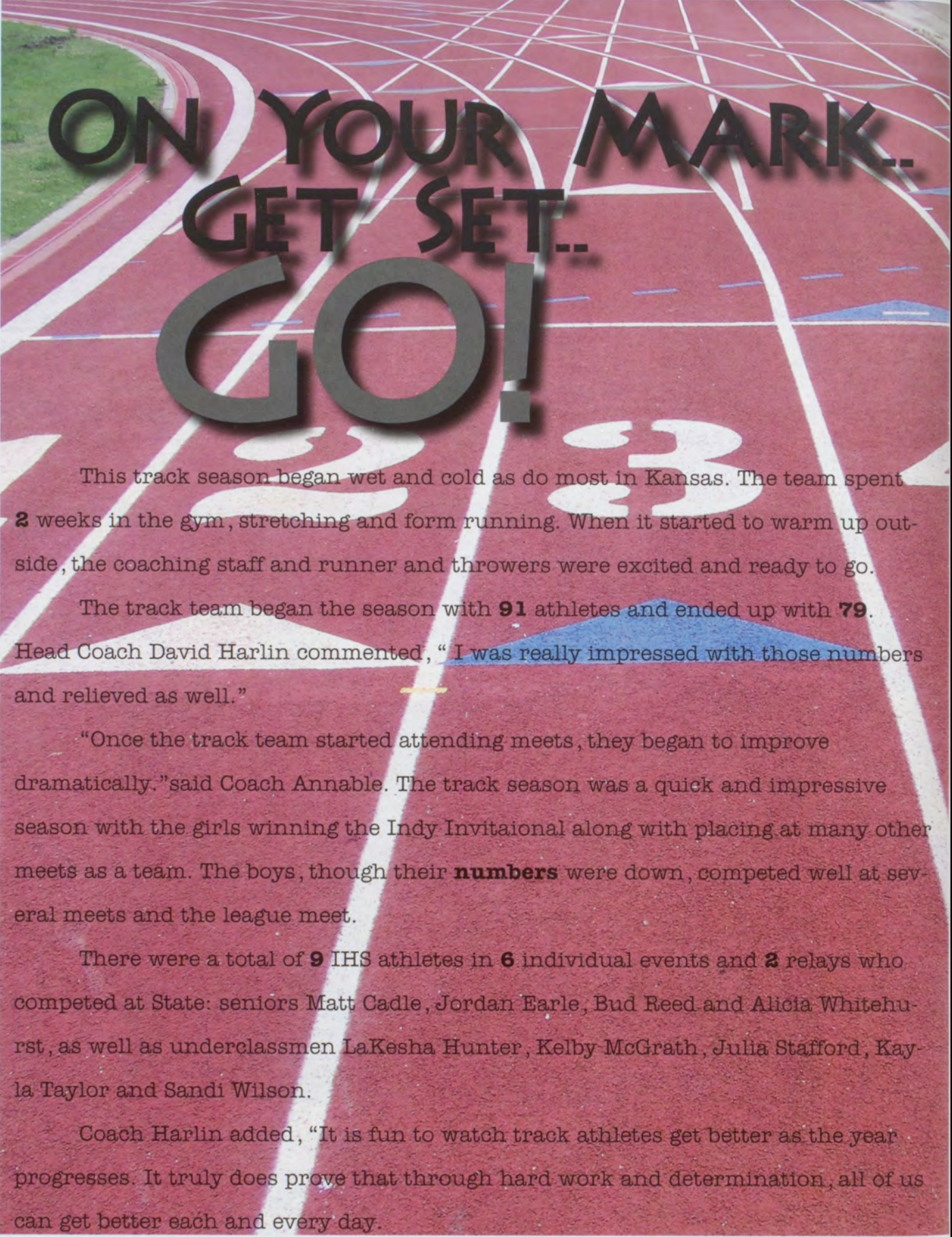
The big surprise of the season? Peyton Botts’ Regional performance that landed him a berth to State in Manhattan.

“I didn’t expect to make it to State this year. In fact, I didn’t play well the first 15 holes at Regionals. I just relaxed a bit and played through the final three holes,” said Peyton.

Peyton finished the season by shooting an 84 to tie for 43rd place at State.



Back Row: John Lewis, Garrett Webster, Peyton Botts, Kyler King, Cameron Christian, Tanner Goad, Dalton Mott, T.J. Honan, Front Row: Cali Nutt, Tyler Dreger, Zach Berberick, Gretchen Beaver, and Scott Strycker.



ON YOUR MARK.. GET SET.. GO!

This track season began wet and cold as do most in Kansas. The team spent **2** weeks in the gym, stretching and form running. When it started to warm up outside, the coaching staff and runner and throwers were excited and ready to go.

The track team began the season with **91** athletes and ended up with **79**. Head Coach David Harlin commented, "I was really impressed with those numbers and relieved as well."

"Once the track team started attending meets, they began to improve dramatically," said Coach Annable. The track season was a quick and impressive season with the girls winning the Indy Invitational along with placing at many other meets as a team. The boys, though their **numbers** were down, competed well at several meets and the league meet.

There were a total of **9** IHS athletes in **6** individual events and **2** relays who competed at State: seniors Matt Cadle, Jordan Earle, Bud Reed and Alicia Whitehurst, as well as underclassmen LaKesha Hunter, Kelby McGrath, Julia Stafford, Kayla Taylor and Sandi Wilson.

Coach Harlin added, "It is fun to watch track athletes get better as the year progresses. It truly does prove that through hard work and determination, all of us can get better each and every day."



Left: Sophomore Tyler Sprague flies through the air during his triple jump.



New IHS Records

Two IHS athletes broke existing school records: Freshman Julia Stafford in the **3200** run with a time of **12.38**, and Haley Marchant in the pole vault with a vault of **9'0**.



Left: Sophomore Haley Marchant pole vaults at the Indy Invitational.

Softball

22 Players

3 Seniors

1 Objective

WIN!



With only three seniors, IHS softball coach Doug Rinck, knew the 2008 season would be a bit of an uphill climb. In fact, IHS was down in numbers with only 22 players on the roster.

“We usually have 35 or 40 out, so that makes a difference,” said Coach Rinck. “Our only returning seniors were Amanda Call, Morgan Fox and Tina Gomez. In fact, we had only a couple of girls who even played ball over the summer. That inexperience meant we had to concentrate on the fundamentals.”

The Lady Bulldogs struggled early, losing their season opener to rival Field Kindley 15-5 and 18-4. “We just made too many errors,” said Coach Rinck. “It was obvious that taking those summer months off cost us.”

The Lady Bulldogs got their first win of the season on the road when they split with Fort Scott, and they kept that momentum going with two wins over Chanute.

“We continued to improve every week, especially when it came to our hitting,” said Coach Rinck. “I also have to say our pitchers (Hannah Kays and Tori Kebert) improved. In high school softball you live and die by your pitching.”



Back Row: Doug Rinck (Head Coach) Beau Allison (Trainer) BreAnna Linden, Jessica Kebert, Brooke Rolison, Kelsie Meier, Kirsten Steinle, Morgan Fox, Jessica Bruington, Lauren Whitson, Kayla Steinle, Christina Gomez, Craig Null (Asst. Coach), Dale Reynolds (Asst. Coach). Front Row: Jenna Ruiz, Talor Smith, Cassie Goodman, Tori Kebert, Amanda Call, Morgan Baxter, Ashleigh Daniels, Haley Hernandez, Johnna Sutton, Shelby Therrien, and Hannah Kays.

The softball team suffered through some disappointing losses against Columbus and Ark City. Even though IHS was ahead by four runs against Columbus in the first game, they just couldn't hold on and ended up losing 10-9 and 9-3.

Again, hitting was the lone bright spot for the Lady Bulldogs as they dropped two games to Ark City. "They had some great pitchers and we were able to get some hits off them," said Coach Rinck. "However, on the flip side, they have some great hitters and we just weren't able to get around them. They were a good hitting team."

The team seemed to hit its stride as it swept Parsons 10-4 and 15-0 in its final two games of the regular season. "It was great to come away with 9 wins in those last 13 games," said Rinck. "It's always nice to have that end-of-season momentum working for us going into playoffs."

With that, the IHS softball team capped off its regular season at the .500 mark.

"When we had the 1-5 record, I knew the team would have to dig deep. These girls don't like to lose. They came on strong and fought hard for those wins," said Rinck.

The team knocked off third seed Fort Scott in the first round, but fell short against Columbus in the semifinal round of Regionals.

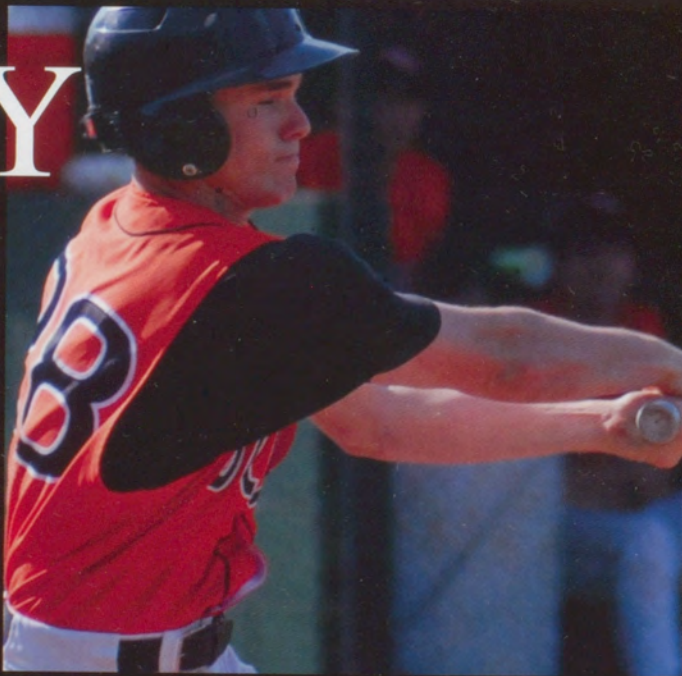
"We just came up a little short against Columbus. We got the breaks against Fort Scott, but things didn't go our way against Columbus," said Rinck. "I am proud of the girls. It was very exciting to see how we improved through the season. We took small steps every week, and it paid off."

V Baseball

A R S I T Y



SENIORS





The 2008 baseball season began with many questions. Are seniors Dan Gross, Cole Pasternak, A.J. Reed and Patrick Landrum up to the challenge of replacing the senior leadership of the previous season? Will the baseball team get to practice outside before the first game of the season? How will first-year head coach Eddie Mason guide the team? The answers came as the Bulldogs played through the regular season.

The seniors provided the vital leadership on the varsity team, though they suffered a tough loss (after beating Ft. Scott 11-0 in the first Regional game) in the final Regional game against Parsons. The spring did prove to be drier than the 2007 season, and the team finished with an overall record of 9-11.

“I just hate that the seniors had to end their season with a loss,” said Coach Mason. “But the guys hung in there and battled, and I’m proud of each one of them.”

Opponent	Results
Bartlesville	0-10/ 2-5
FKHS	8-6/ 9-15
Columbus	5-3/ 12/2
Ft. Scott	3-2/ 0-4
Chanute	11-1/ 14-9
LCHS	8-9/ 13-8
Pittsburg	1-16/ 1-10
Winfield	0-2/ 5-6
Parsons	12-3/ 8-9
Regional	11-0/ 5-10

Front Row: Matt Wilson, Bryce Smith, Andrew Hare, Marcus Wright, Tony Bogart, Cody Adkins,

Zach May. **Middle Row:** Assistant Coach Brian Smith, Grant Webster, Dan Gross, Joe Hawk, Rhett

Flood, Cole Pasternak, Bobby Sanchez, Spencer Fahler, A.J. Reed. **Back Row:** Assisant Coach Troy Smith, Cale Shepard, Lane Hoffmeister, Ryan Dierks, Jonny Dierks, Patrick Landrum, Austin Leake, Dylan Kemp, Brandon Stein, and Head Coach Eddie Mason.

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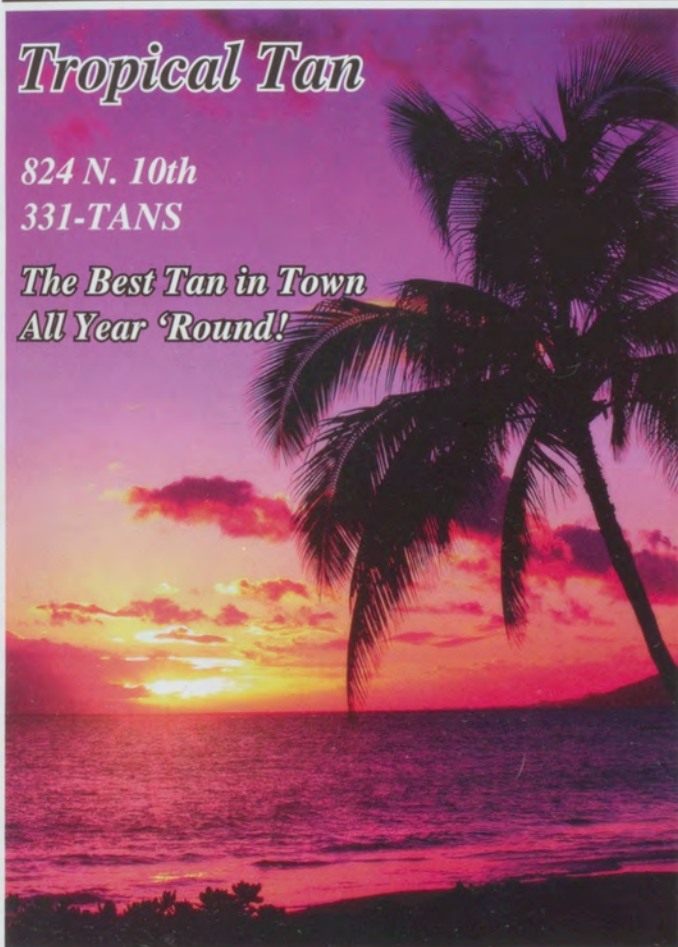
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"INTO THE WOODS"

Departing from the traditional Broadway musicals standards of Rogers & Hammerstein, the IHS music and theater departments presented "Into The Woods," by Stephen Sondheim. "Into the Woods" is a musical based on characters from four main stories: *Cinderella*, *Rapunzel*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Jack and the Bean Stalk*. *Sleeping Beauty* and *Snow White* also made an appearance. The story is based on the baker and the baker's wife as they embark on a journey "into the woods" to find the four ingredients to be able to have a child. While looking for the hair as yellow as corn, cape as red as blood, cow as white as snow and a slipper as pure as gold, the other characters hold one ingredient. The musical scores were very tricky and timing was a must. Senior Teryn Frizell stated, "Holy moly! That was a crazy musical; however, it was a good one to end my senior year with."



Cast Members: Kirsten Miller, Autumn Stroble, Teryn Frizell, Matt Hastings, Jessica Kebert, James Hart, Andrew Duke, Blake Bryant, Carlie Shire, Katie Fienen, Mary Bannwarth, Jennifer Schadeberg, John Hogge, Bailey Lewman, Logan Null, Joe Hawk, Lindsey Schab, Michael Trombold, Brooke Rollison, Mason Posch, Brianna Hilger, Aaron Hayse, Dylan Smith, and Aubrey Near.



RUNNING THE NUMBERS... JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT



IHS Junior Achievement program boasted two strong Entrepreneurship I companies in the fall semester. The students learned how to set and achieve common goals, the value of teamwork and compromise, and how to market their products.

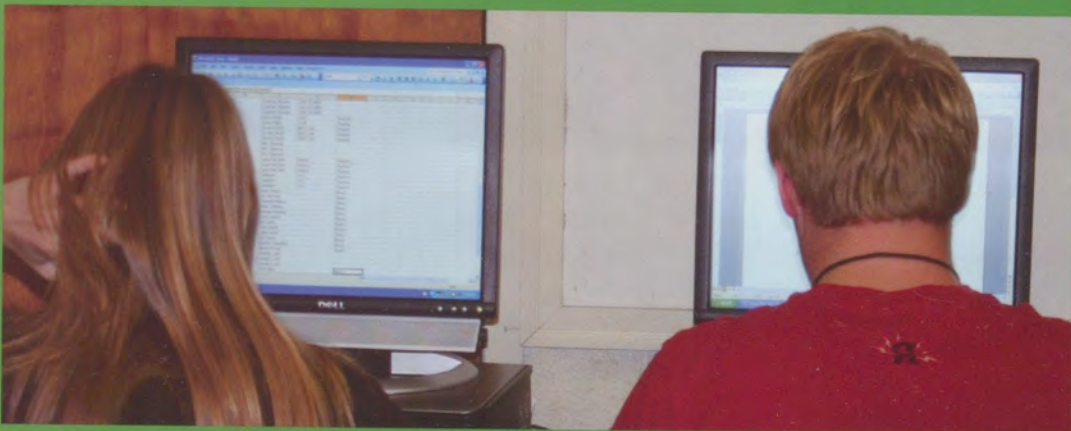
Top Dawgs, which marketed a tote bag, was named Best Company by the judges. Elite marketed pop can insulators.

Individual Top Dawg students recognized with scholarship money included Biloxie Mangan, Best President; Casey Oliver, Best VP of Finance; Mersadies Newton, Best VP of Production, and Christian Pinion; Best Webmaster.

Those recognized from Elite included Jake Jabben, Best VP of Marketing; Crestley Jones, Best VP of Personnel, and Tyler Ulibarri; Top Sales.

Entrepreneurship II class this year had three members: Jake Jabben, Cristian Piñon, and Tyler Ulibarri. They spent eight weeks putting together a written business plan by following the State Business Plan competition guidelines and were then selected as one of the finalist to present their project in Topeka to the KTEC board.

The competition required a Each member received a \$1,000 scholarship for their effort by placing first in the competition.





Members of Top Dawg pose with one of the tote bags they marketed. "i think the tote bags went over well with our customers for a couple of reasons. They were orange and black with a Bulldog imprint, so they worked for people of all ages. Plus, everyone can use a tote bag," said Katlin Jackson, senior. Jackson received a \$100 scholarship for best essay.

Top Dawgs (left to right): Christian Pinon, Casey Oliver, Katlin Jackson, Biloxie Mangan, Paul Riggle, Mersadies Newton, Jaymee Wright and Morgan Fox.



Local cartoonist Steve McBride created the logo for Pinon, Uli-barri and Jabben's company, Promotions. Promotions was a webpage and graphic design company. In winning the competition, the students created examples of their product and a PowerPoint presentation.

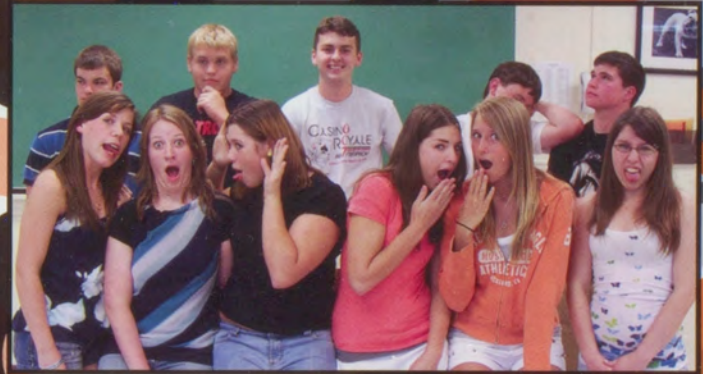
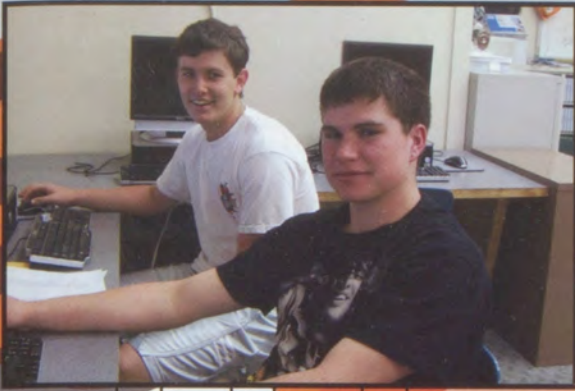
YEARBOOK

2008



The Yearbook Staff: Ryan Taylor, Ethan Speicher, Logan Dent, Jake Jabben, Josh Bromley, Kayla Schabel, Mary Bannwarth, Brandi Wright, Jenny Jabben, Jessica Lennon and Tasha Bechtle.

The staff had its work cut out for us from the first day of school as we continued to work on the 2007 book. The life of a high school is packed full of activity in the fourth quarter, and the previous staff left some pages incomplete. We often felt as though we were juggling TWO books! Additionally, only two staff members returned to the staff, so there was a lot of training to do the the incoming staff members.



Debate

The Sport of NUMEROUS Arguments...

Most coaches and teachers hope their students get along with one another in hopes that they will not have to resolve any arguments.

In debate, however, Ms. Burris encourages her debaters to argue. The resolution for this season: "The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa."

In his first year of debate, Logan Papen recognized the payoffs of the course. "Debate forced me to look at all sides of an issue and to consider new ideas," said Logan. "I have learned how to effectively argue my side of an issue. I can tell you I win a lot more arguments with my mom now."

Ms. Burris took over the debate team this season. "I'm very happy with how the season went. I'm not sure the experienced debaters knew what to expect with a new coach, but they kept an open mind and tried everything I asked of them. They worked hard and showed some tremendous improvement throughout the season," said Ms. Burris.

The team finished in third place at the 4-speaker Regionals, only one place from going to State.

Individual win-loss records are as follows:

Dalton Mott: 21-8

Logan Papen: 25-14

Thaddeus Tuck: 8-19

John Llody Stafford: 8-16

Sam Schroeder: 10-10

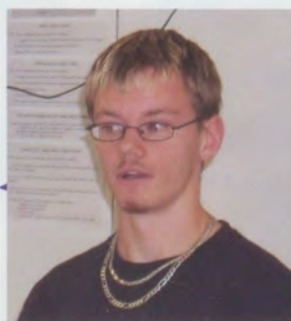
Andrew Duke: 12-12



Left: Dalton Mott and Logan Papen research for evidence supporting their case on water and sanitation issues.



Right: Thaddeus Tuck looks over his notes in preparation for a tournament.

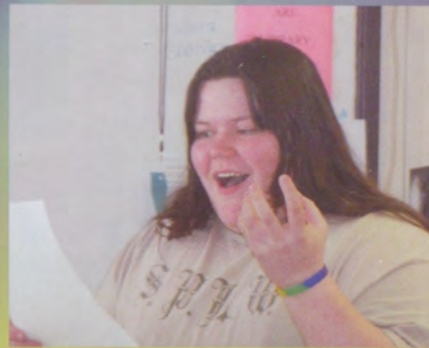
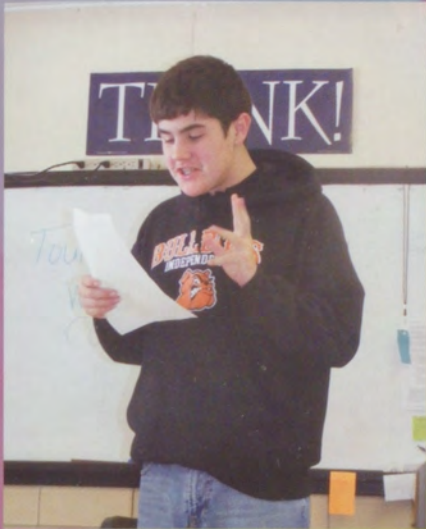


Left: Matt Easton participates in a cross examination during a debate practice.



Right: Ms. Burris spends many hours outside of the school day and weekends during debate season helping team members with research and honing their debate skills.

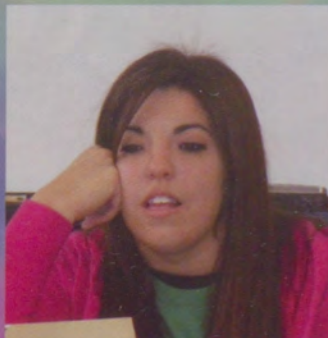
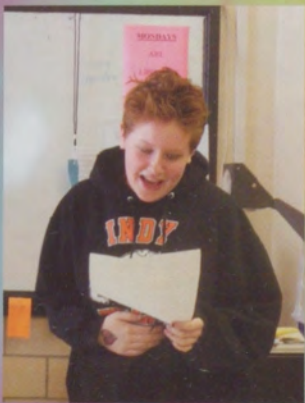
Forensics



IHS forensics achieved success in the 2007 season as the team sent three students to State in four categories.

Ms. Burris, first-year coach at IHS, said, "It can be difficult for students to adjust to a new coach's style, but these students saw it as a challenge and more than rose to it. I'm pleased with how they did."

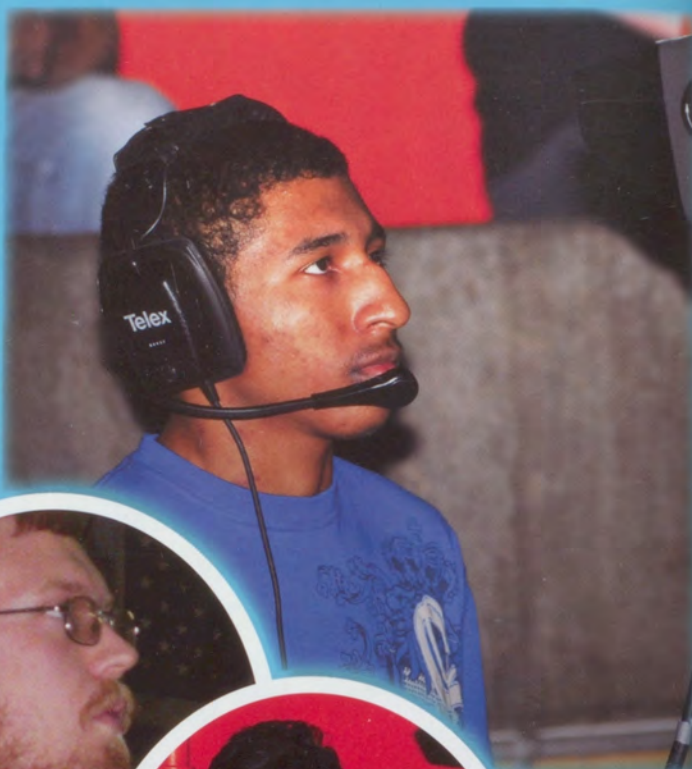
State competitors included Andrew Duke in Informative Speaking, Lauren Peyton in Prose Interpretation and Poetry Interpretation, and John Lloyd Stafford in Informative Speaking.



MEDIA

Students who enroll in Media I & II gain experience by filming various IHS activities including football and basketball games, assemblies, and music concerts. In addition, they also help CableONE with the taping of certain Neewollah events.

“The purpose of these vocational courses is to really prepare those who complete the program for work in the industry,” said Mrs. Shepard. “We use Channel 14 to broadcast not only IHS activities, but also for district announcements and events.”



8 Students + 1 Teacher = IHS ORCHESTRA



One needs only to meander down the 500 hall during 1B to appreciate the IHS orchestra. Under the direction of Mr. Lewis Hoyt, the orchestra is made up of eight student musicians: Andy Tucker, Nicole Thompson, Andrew Baker and Caitlin Quinton, violin; Sammy Williams and Crestley Jones, viola; Courtney Burns, cello; and Dominique Edwards, bass.

The students performed a total of three concerts throughout the year. A fall concert and spring concert were both held at IHS, while a third concert was held in Pittsburg. Once again, IHS joined with student musicians from Pittsburg High School, Parsons High School and Ft. Scott High School for a mass concert at PSU.

"The students practiced all morning, then broke for lunch, and went back to practice that afternoon," said Mr. Hoyt. "Later in the afternoon, the entire group performed for the public. It really gives them (students) a sense of what being a member of the symphony orchestra is all about."

"Mr. Hoyt's retirement is going to be hard for those of us in orchestra," said Sammy Williams. "He has been my orchestra teacher since I started playing in fifth grade. I've learned a lot and hate to lose him as a teacher."





IHS CHOIR

The IHS vocal department had a successful competition season.

"All the groups sang very well. IHS kept the tradition of all its choirs getting I's at State. I'm prejudiced, but we are the best from around here, so of course we are going to do well! I'm very pleased with everyone and how well they did," said Mr. Annable.

Indy Ensemble, along with Girls Trio, Concert Choir, Girls Glee, and Boys Glee earned I ratings, while Boys Trio and Mixed Ensemble earned II ratings.

Soloists Dylan Smith, Matt Hastings, Logan Null, Justin Dupuis, Kirsten Miller, Autumn Stroble, Brooke Rollison, and Carlie Shire earned I ratings.





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Latin Heat



"Latin Heat" was the theme for the 2007 IHS Marching Band. The band did indeed bring the "heat" as it scored a second place finish in the parade competition and third place in field competition at the Goddard Parade Competition.

At home, the IHS band earned a 2 overall and a 1 in the parade competition at the Neewollah Marching Band Festival.

The halftime show showcased the talents of senior Matt Hasting on the trumpet.

"Matt Hastings is one of the best trumpet players that we've had and no one could ever replace him as a player or a person. He loves music and it shows every time he plays," said Erin Shelton, IHS band director.

Senior Rylan McWherter and junior James Hart led the band as drum majors.

"They really pushed the band and helped the band succeed throughout our marching shows during the few months of the marching season," said Shelton.

"Rylan and James worked well together and were always having fun. Rylan seemed to pump the band up before a performance with a speech or a fun remark. James was there to make us laugh and to help in any situation. He did well as Rylan's right hand man and was a great guy to have around. Rylan and James were great musicians and also great drum majors."



Homecoming

Grant Gartner and Jordan Earle



“Student Council thought it would be a good idea to change up the voting procedure for Homecoming to recognize students who sometimes are the more ‘behind the scenes’ type of kids instead of the voting being about the popular seniors who just play sports,” said Blake Bryant, StuCo president. Each IHS faculty member was able to nominate a senior boy and girl for Homecoming Court, after which the list was narrowed to the top five boys and girls.

“It was kind of surprising that I got nominated by the teachers than by the seniors, but it turned out to be alright,” said Grant Gartner. Spirit Days provided chances for IHS students to show their support of the fall sports, and class members worked together the night before Homecoming to decorate the halls for the class competition. The junior class won with the “Flush the Comets” themed decorations.

Asia Hogan and Wes Lawrence hosted the “Fresh Prince of Bel-Air” themed assembly where the student body got to know the Homecoming court members.

Even though the Bulldogs didn’t win the game against Chanute, the weather was perfect for the pre-game crowning of the Homecoming royalty Grant Gartner and Jordan Earle.



Andrew Carr, Beth Kelly, Matt Cadle, Teyrn Frizell, Blake Bryant, Mersadies Newton, Allison Lumm, Andrew Duke, Grant Gartner, Jordan Earle

Matt Hastings and Casey Oliver are all smiles at the conclusion of the Homecoming ceremonies.



King Matt Hastings and Queen Casey Oliver



Winter Homecoming 2008



Homecoming Queen court members include (left to right) Jennie Schadeberg, Casey Oliver, Mary Bannwarth, Jaymee Wright and Jessica Lennon.

Homecoming King court members were A.J Reed, Bud Reed, Sam Schroeder, Michael Ysusi, and Matt Hastings.



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Math Department



This isn't your parents' math department... Diophantus, Archimedes, Napier and Pythagoras were great mathematicians through time.

The great names in the IHS Math Department include Aiello, Bennett, Diveley, Lundt, McBride and Roth. These teachers work hard week in and week out to prepare students for the MAP test, state assessments, the ACT/SAT, and most importantly.... life and careers using mathematics.



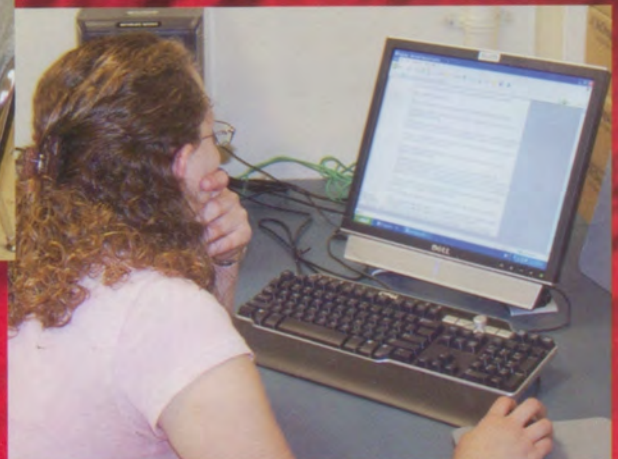
Business Department teaches valuable skills



There are a wide variety of courses from which to choose within the computer and business department.

“We have really beefed up our curriculum with the recent changes to the Career and Technical Education program,” said Ms. Laura McClure. “Our In-House Training course for seniors is very unique in that it allows students to really get a feel for true projects in the workplace.”

The department has also added International Business, E-Commerce, and Principles of Management & Marketing to the curriculum.



IHS HISTORY DEPARTMENT 2007-2008

What's your favorite time period to learn about???



"The Civil War because it's really interesting to learn about!"

- Alicia Jones



"1776-2012. I love anything dealing with military history. It's what I plan to teach."

-Nick Skellenger



"I would definitely say World War II! I love all the weapons they used."

-Andrew Hare



"I would say the Midevil time period. I like the knights and the weapons."

- Micheal Kebert



Above: **Sammy Williams** does homework in World History.
At Left: **Melissa Parrot** works on American History.



At Right: **Chelsea Peters** helps her group with a poster in American History.



At Left: **Zach May** looks on as he learns in World History.

Whether you're studying about the world around you with Mrs. Chism or Mr. Waters, trying to survive in Springfield with Mr. Coder, studing about WWII with Mrs. Dunham or Mrs. Reichenberger, or trying to figure out those political cartoons with Mr. Harlin, you're having fun and being taught at the same time.

English Department

While classic literature next goes out of style, apparently English textbooks do. The English department adopted new textbooks over the summer, so that meant big changes for the students.

“We spent a great deal of time considering our choice of textbook,” said Mrs. Kelly Cox. “It’s been seven years since we went through the same process, so we wanted to make sure we really liked the series. I think it was money well spent.”

It took some time for the teachers to get used to the new textbooks and materials, as well as the students learning to actually use the textbooks.

2007-08 also marked the first time IHS required students to meet certain criteria before enrolling in advanced English classes.

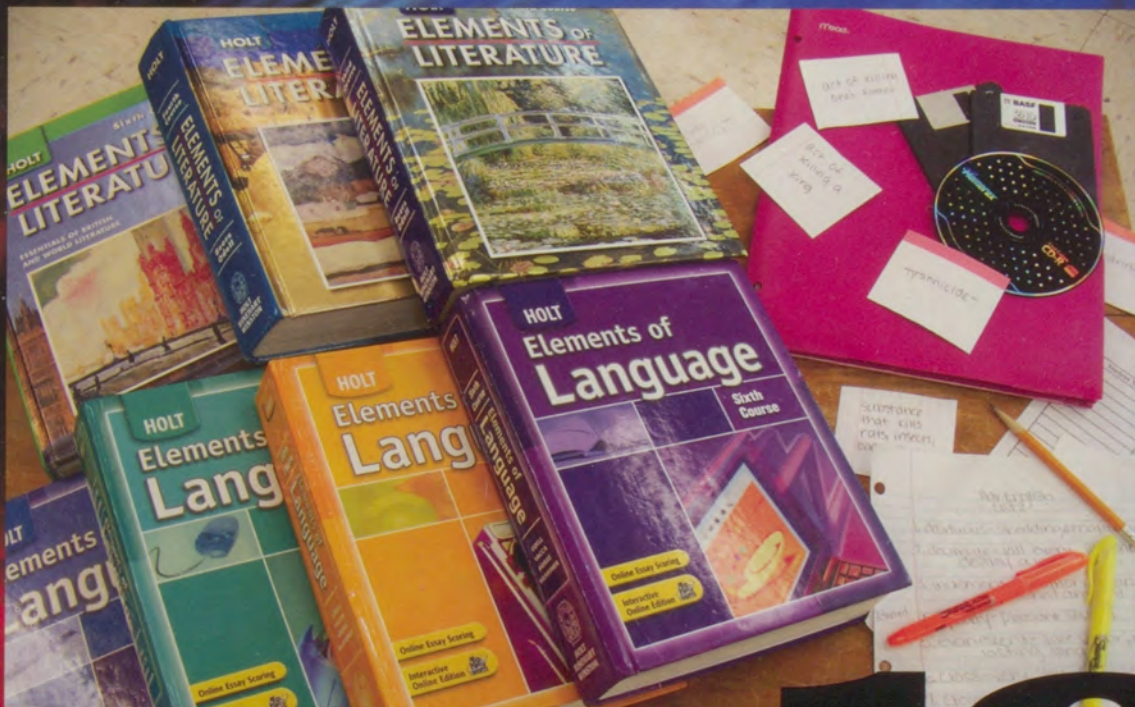
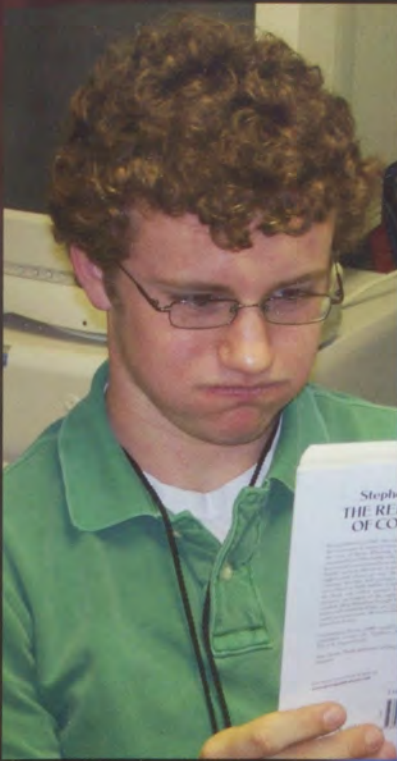
Students had to exceed a certain score on the MAP test, have their teacher’s recommendation, and pass the test over the summer reading list.

Summer reading list?

Yes, each grade level created a list of two pieces of “classic” literature over which students were tested in August.

For those English teachers who teach advanced courses, it meant coming back early to administer and grade the test, but they felt it was worth it.

“We want enrollment in advanced English to really mean something,” said Mrs. Mary Mani, department chair. “This is just another ‘hoop’ we hold up to ensure a student has the skills to achieve in an academically rigorous course.”



Foreign Language Department



This year the Foreign Language Department experienced change. With the retirement of Ms. McCray, Latin will no longer be offered at IHS. However, with the addition of Chinese and Arabic this year, students will still have a choice of foreign languages at IHS.

IHS offers four levels of Spanish, Latin and French, while the Chinese and Arabic are offered through Greenbush and its IDL program.

The Spanish classes once again hosted the Cinco de Mayo activities.

Art Department encourages student creativity, self-expression

There's a splash of creativity in the 700 building. That's the location of the art classrooms under the instruction of Mrs. Jamie Beyer and Mrs. Leigh Ann Stewart.

IHS continues to offer a wide selection of art courses to fit the needs of its students.

"We've seen an increase in our enrollment in the last couple of years since more and more students are seeking elective courses," said Mrs. Stewart. "It's great to have so many students interested in our course offerings."

An art class is often the "change of pace" students are looking for in a schedule full of English, science and math classes.

"I like to have some time to be creative," said Zack Randolph. "I like ceramics class because I don't have to sit at a desk."

Art students now have a permanent place display their work. The new showcase in the foyer provides a lighted, protected area for student works.

"It's nice for our students to have their work displayed," said Mrs. Beyer. "Before we just had the Expo, so artwork was only displayed for one evening in the cafeteria. This way we can rotate works as we explore different mediums."



Honors Chemistry



Amanda Matthews makes a poster on chemical reactions.
Austin Leake searches the Internet for a current event to present in class.
Andrew Duke finishes a test on the Periodic Table.



Anatomy & Physiology

Chris Furr, Kim Bradley and Samantha Oliver color DNA worksheets.

Science Department

Physics classes built bridges only to destroy them. Students designed and built their own structures. With the help of Mr. Bradbury, students put their bridges to the test.

Clockwise from top left: Amy Staton, Dylan Craft, Kai delaCruz, Mr. Bradbury, and Zach Berberick.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education department is where students can escape from everyday class work to burn off some energy and have some fun. Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Boldra, and Mr. Melchiori achieve this by offering a wide range of classes such as lifetime sports, conditioning, aerobics, and general physical education courses. It gets to be a bit of a juggling act because of the limited space we have in the high school facilities.

Ryan Wright bench presses.



Line Tag

Noah Estes shoots a free throw during gym class



Swimming

Badminton

Austin Leake parallel squats.



Basketball

Racketball

Tyler Sprague finishes through a dodgeball.



Tina Gomez Parallel Squatting



Volleyball

Throw-Ton

Dodge Ball

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Johny Ainesworth plays dodgeball.

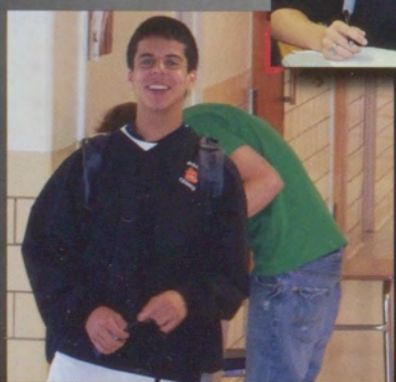
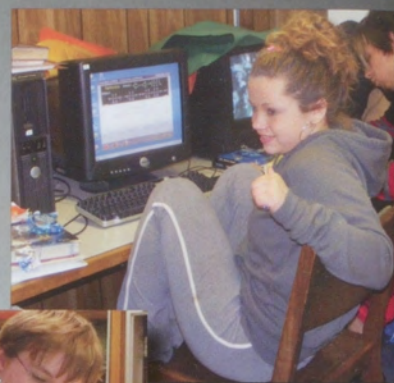


Coach Boldra and Coach Speicher discuss fitness papers.



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Remember When?



MEASURE TWICE CUT ONCE

This Year in the Wood and Metal Technology departments there has been many improvements with equipment. Using there new "Shop Bot", Laser, and CNC Plasma Torch. They have began to produce many things with their new machines. The "Shop Bot" has many capabilites in production. It can do many things from signs with many different types of fonts to 3D objects. The Laser does many tideous things like putting a number of fonts onto leather to engraving glass with its lasers, and the CNC PLasma Torch can do many things when it comes to metal like cut out different types of objects very quick or even cut out fonts with the torch. All of these things are processed with a computer. Mr. Speicher and Mr. Knoles project that by next year they will begin to produce many things to sell to the public.



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Teryn Frizell helps deliver boxes of food for Angel Food distribution.



Above: Amy Staton cleans the auditorium door during Trophy Cleaning. Right: Caitlin Shire helps organize items at Angel Food.



National Honor Society

National Honor Society serves the school and community in many ways. Members must complete **10** individual and **5** group hours of community service.

"I like working with my friends and making a difference in my town," said Sara Reynolds. "Helping to distribute food was a meaningful experience."

National Honor Society members volunteered by distributing food for Angel Food Ministries, cleaning the IHS trophy cases and tennis club house and working the park opening.

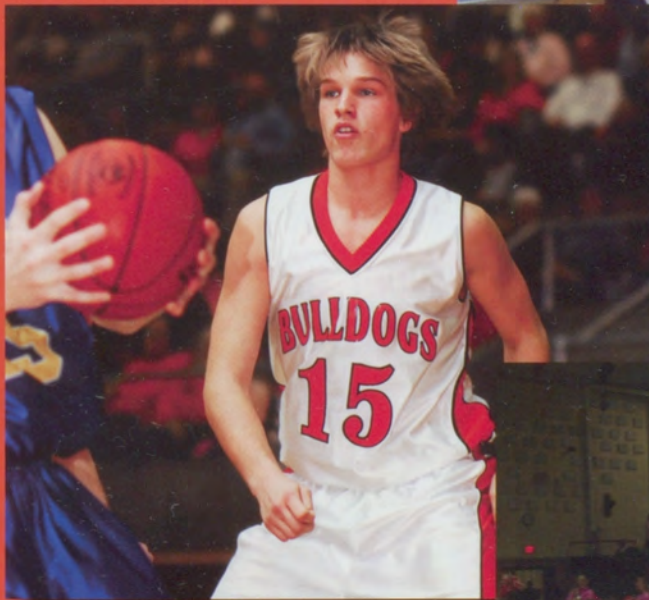
"I have to pay attention and make sure I get my hours in," said Carrie Reddy. "Getting the group hours isn't as hard as fulfilling my individual hours."

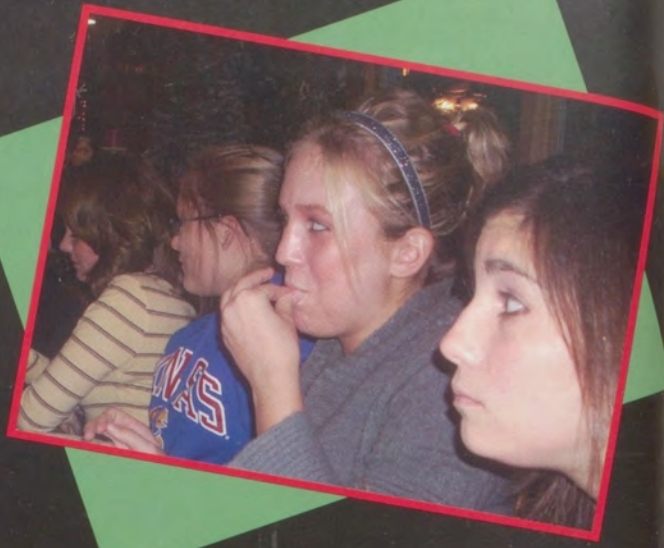
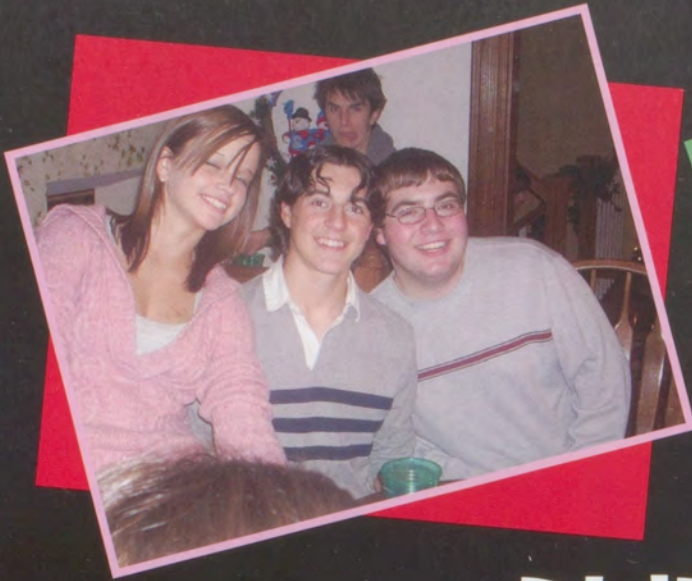
As a club, National Honor Society completed almost **500** individual hours and **196** group hours.

The officers were **Matt Hastings**, president; **Teryn Frizell**, vice president; **Jake Jabben**, treasurer; **Brooke Rollison**, secretary; and **Courtney Chambers**, historian.

The sponsors for National Honor Society are Mrs. Lundt and Mr. Confer.

One Last Look





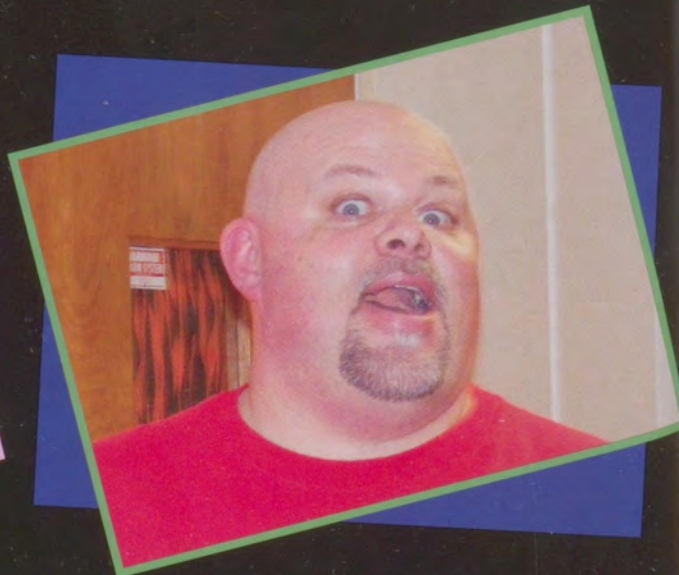
PUPPS

PEERS UNDERSTANDING PEERS' PROBLEMS

PUPPs is a vital organization at IHS. With all the pressures of life and society, sometimes teens just need to talk to other teens and get some advice and opinions. That's what PUPPS is for.

"Becoming a PUPP is an intensive process. After the nomination process, the students and teachers vote, and then the PUPPs board finalizes who will receive an invitation. Once we have our group, then we begin plans for camp. This is where the group really begins to come together," said Mr. Moseley.

"I like being a PUPP because it gives me a chance to model positive behaviors," said Ethan Speicher. "I get to know many students through PUPPs that I wouldn't otherwise."



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KAYS

KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH

The KAYS organization raised the American flag at all FOUR home football games.

The members ushered THREE Newwollah events at Memorial Hall: "Lil Abner," the Queen's Talent, and the Queen Cornation.

President Mary Bannwarth said, "Being both our high school President and the Area II President has taught me a lot. It's really amazing to think about the difference we made through all the community service projects."

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The club also had a KAY week in which they organized SEVEN different activities- pop tab drive for Ronald McDonald houses, preparing and delivering a meal for a family who had lost their home to a fire, decorating classroom doors, and selling concessions at a home basketball game in which the proceeds went to Samaritan's Purse.

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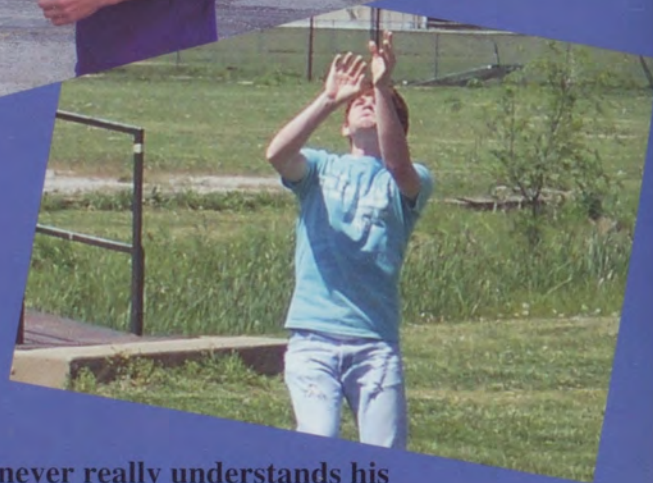
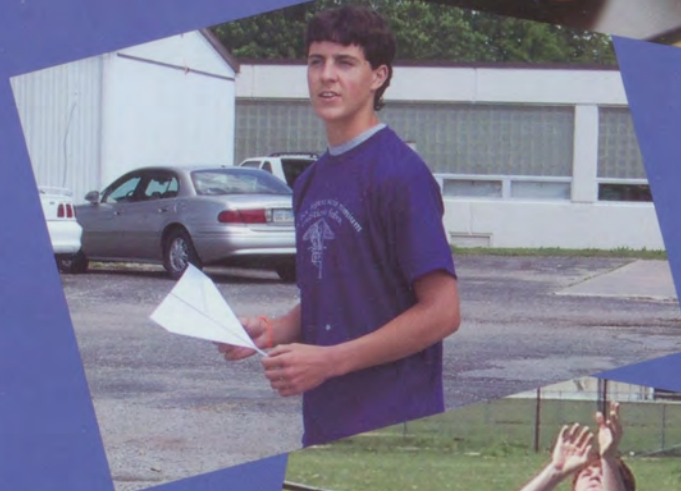


IHS SCIENCE CLUB

IHS Science Club held its annual competition and cookout during the first week of May. Dan Porter and Andrew Carr won the egg toss with a throw of 40m.

Nicole Petersen and Matt Hastings had the best tower building at 100 cm, while Wes Goodrich had the longest paper airplane throw at 17m. Sydney Wagner and Sara Reynolds both blew the largest table bubbles at 14 inches.

"Science week is a special time for our members. We play games to understand the rules of science. Each winner received a \$10 gift card," said Mr. Bradbury, sponsor.



"A scientist never really understands his own theories unless he can satisfactorily explain them to the average person."

-Albert Einstein

FCCLA

(Family and Community Leaders of America)

Members:

Brandi Wright (President)
Amy Staton (Vice-President)
Jessica Harder (Secretary)
Casey Hadley (Secretary)
Aubrey Price (Historian)
Maurita Johnson
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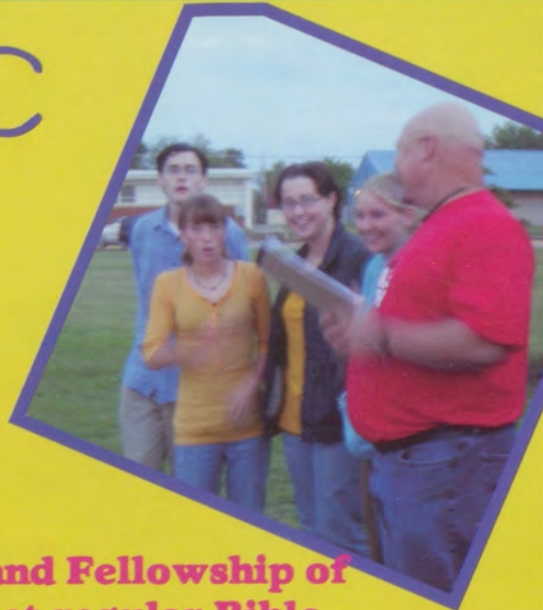
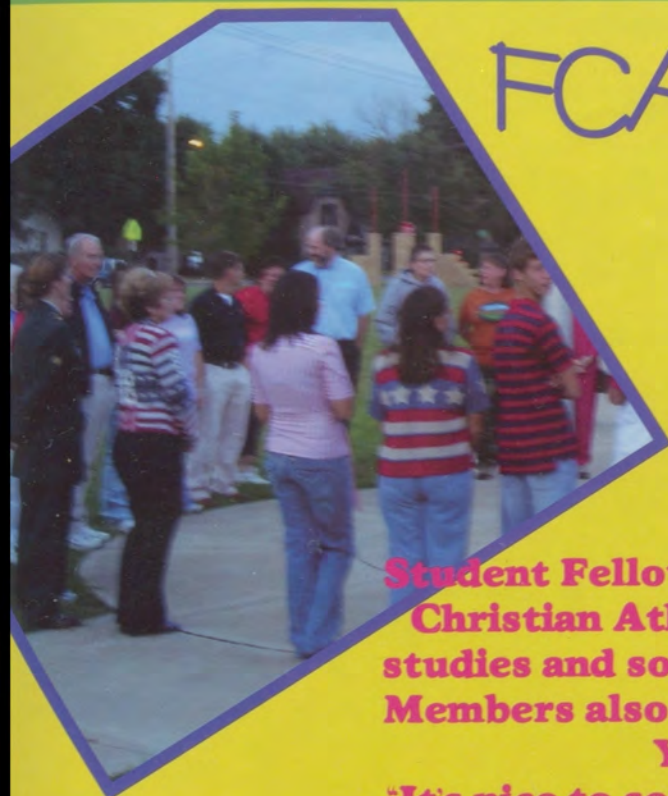
Members and Mrs. Staton, sponsor, who went to District J-West Leadership Conference in Neodesha.

FACS club changed its name to FCCLA. Members participated in several activities that benefitted the community, including a Book-and-Cook with young kids, and planting flowers in front of the 700 building.

"FCCLA is fun," said Samantha Lewis. "Doing things that make a difference with the other students is why I'm glad to be a member."

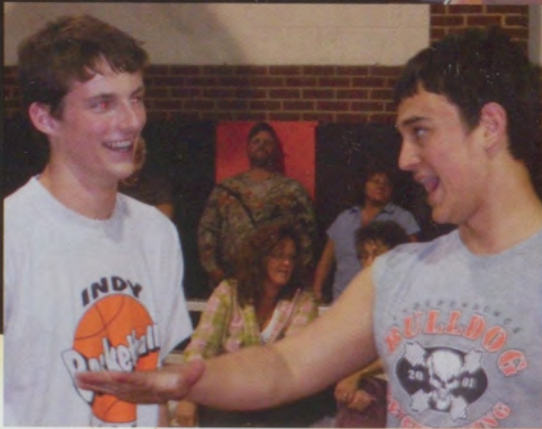


FCA/SFC



Student Fellowship Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes conduct regular Bible studies and social activities such as bowling. Members also participate in the annual "See You At The Pole."

"It's nice to see such a good turnout of both faculty and students 'at the pole,'" said Mrs. VanDyne, IHS counselor.



Art Club

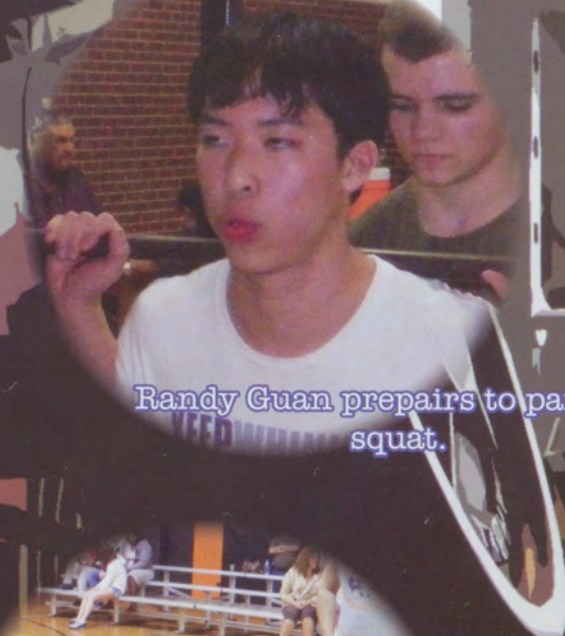


Art Club stayed busy through the year with projects to raise funds for their annual trips to area museums. In the fall, Art Club members travelled to Tulsa, OK for a tour of the Philbrook Museum of Art, and in the spring, club members trekked to Kansas City, MO for a guided tour of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

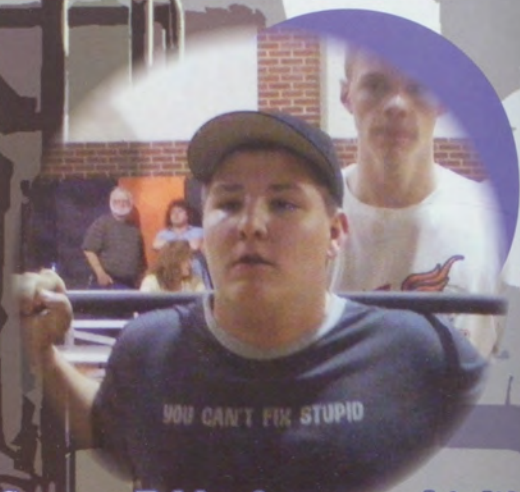
Members created and sold Christmas ornaments and Valentines to fund the trips. They also hosted an event at the Expo where members were able to trade artist trading cards.

“The group of students who want to tour the museums just grows and grows each year,” said Mrs. Beyer. “They realize what a great opportunity the trips are. That, and they also enjoy shopping on the Plaza in Kansas City and getting to eat out at a really cool restaurant.”

IHS LIFT-A-THON



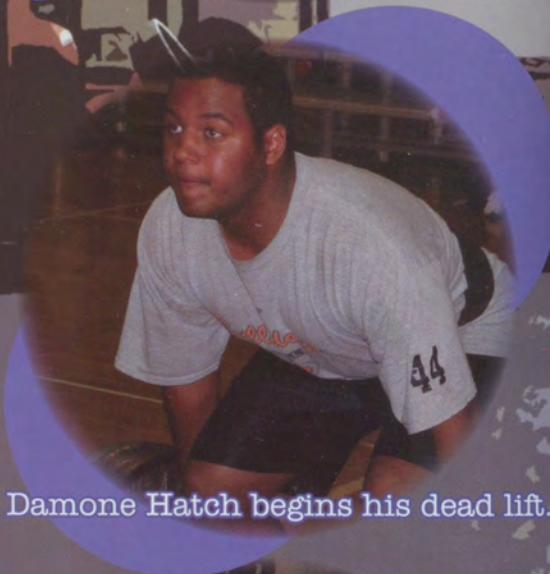
Randy Guan prepares to parrallel squat.



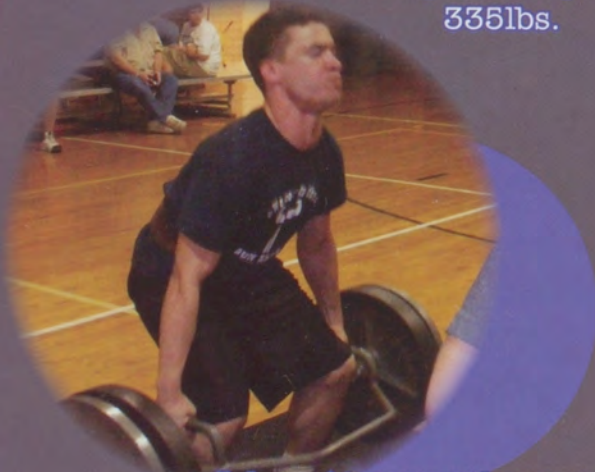
Spencer Fahler focuses on his lift.



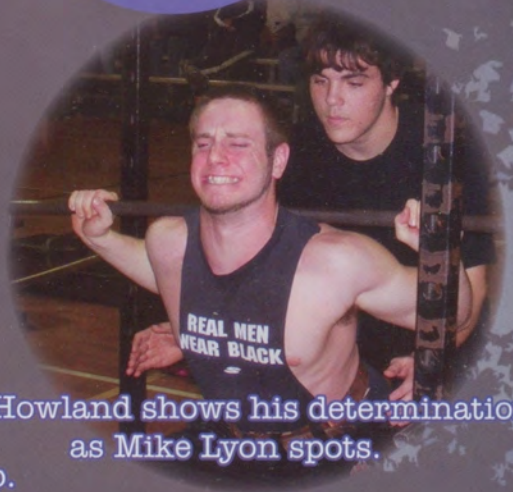
Matt Cadel gets ready to dead lift 335lbs.



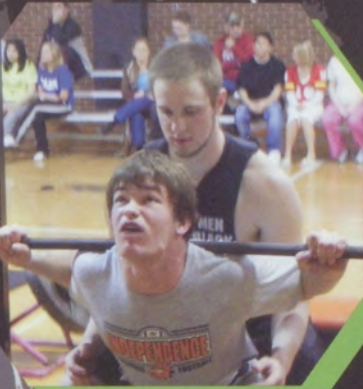
Damone Hatch begins his dead lift.



Johny Ainesworth powers his way up.



Nick Howland shows his determination, as Mike Lyon spots.



Ryan Taylor maxes out while Nick Howland spots him.



Eric Hardy finishes his squat.



Coach Boldra ensures each student who participates finishes his or her lift.

The annual IHS Lift-A-Thon is an event that serves as a fundraiser for the physical education department to upgrade equipment in its weight room.

“If it weren’t for the students going out and soliciting support from the community, we certainly wouldn’t be able to purchase the equipment we have. It’s really a win-win situation for us as a department. Not only does the entire student body benefit by having more and better weight equipment available for courses like conditioning, but our male and female athletes benefit because they can more effectively train in their off-seasons,” said Coach Boldra. “Our student-athletes work for a long time to prepare for this event, and it’s nice to get people to come into our gym and see just how hard our students work.”

Academic Decathlon

Academic Decathlon is a team competition wherein students match their intellects with students from other schools.

IHS Academic Decathlon team traveled to K-State and finished in a tie for third in the small school division. For the second year in a row the squad qualified for Nationals online.

Students must prepare for all 10 academic events. Academic Decathlon does not permit students to specialize, but rather encourages academic versatility.

"I'm just a freshman, but I really enjoyed Academic Decathlon because it helped me learn some things I didn't know about. The only thing I didn't enjoy was some of the people from the other teams who were sometimes mean," said James Gibbons.

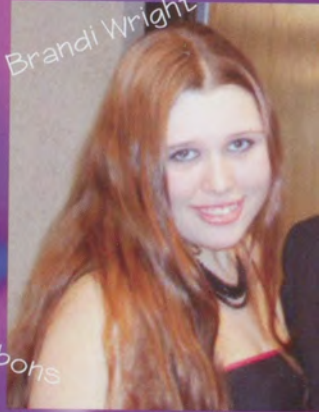
The members this year included Courtney Morrow, Jessica Gillespie, Brandi Wright, Andrew Duke, Nick Skellenger, Tyler Ulibarri, Casey Hadley, Sammy Williams, Dylan Smith, and James Gibbons. Ms. Staley coached the squad. Sammy Williams placed third in the mathematics category.

Ms. Staley



The Members:

Brandi Wright



Jessica Gillespie



Dylan Smith and James Gibbons



Sammy Williams



Nick Skellenger, Andrew Duke, Courtney Morrow, and Tyler Ulibarri



SENIORS

Casey Hadley



Renaissance

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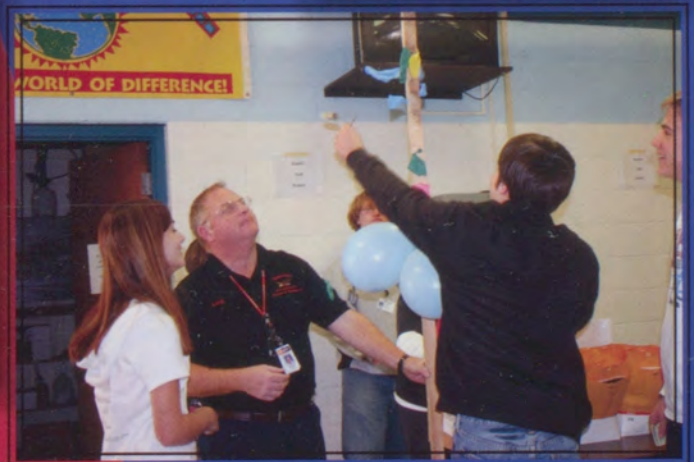
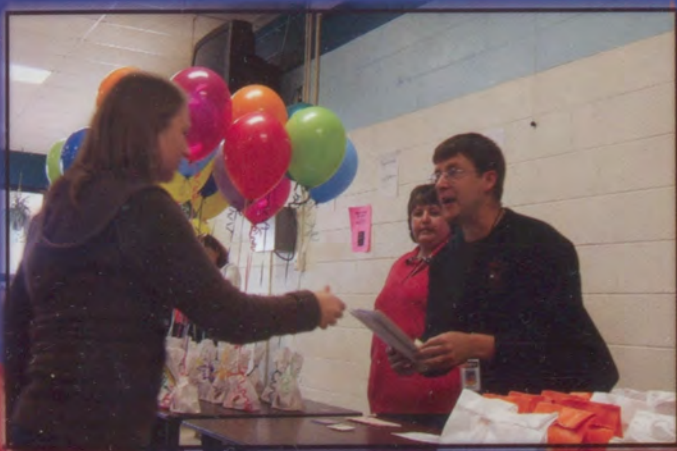
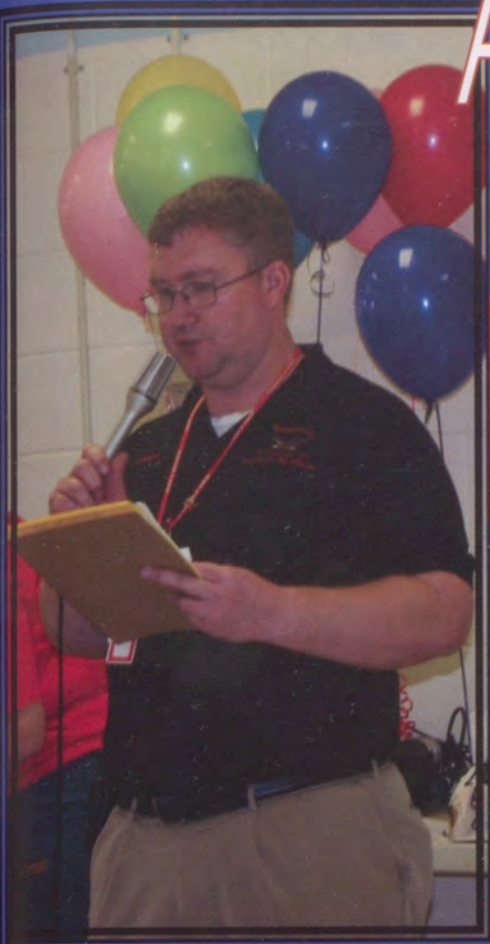
IHS students don't have to worry about their parents rewarding them for earning good grades, the Renaissance program does it for them.

Renaissance is financially supported by local businesses and citizens.

Students receive packets chocked full of school supplies and other goodies.

Names are drawn for other prizes such as cash, gasoline, gift baskets, cookie trays, prom tickets, year-books, and embroidered items.

"I go to each assembly hopeful that I'll win something," said Kyle Ferris, sophomore. "We always have cool gifts to choose from."



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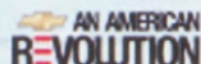
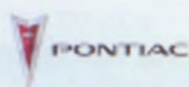

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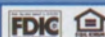
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Neewollah 2007



"This Neewollah's For You!" was the theme for Neewollah. 2007 also marked the 50th anniversary of the yearly festival. It was marked with the normal fun including food stands, live shows, carnival rides, and many other spectacular events.

The musical "Lil' Abner" kicked off the festivities, and several IHS students participated in the production.

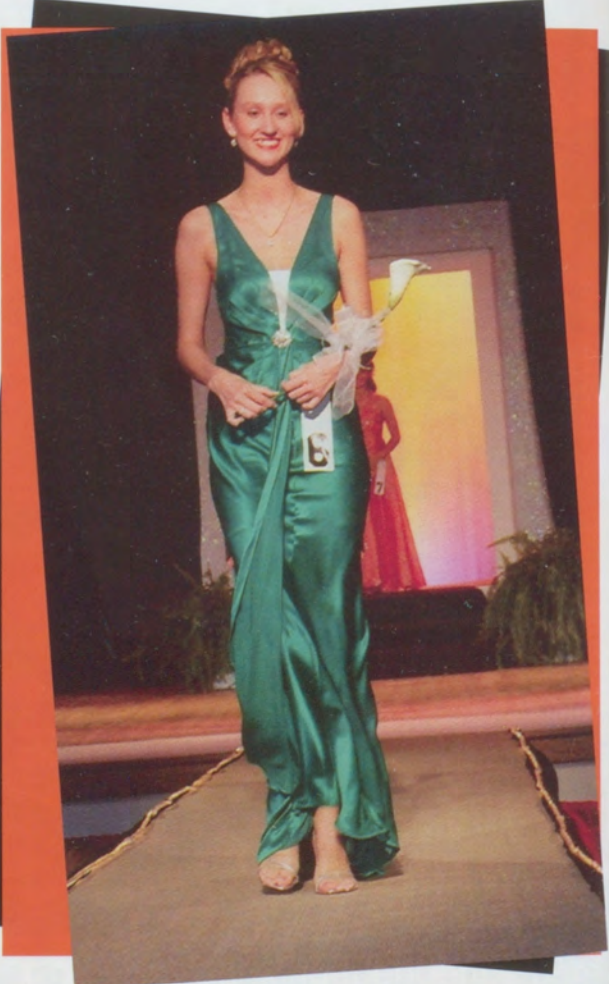
"I had a great time. It's a big commitment because rehearsals start at the start of school, but it pays off," said John Lloyd Stafford.

IHS students stepped into the Neewollah spotlight on Monday and Tuesday at the talent revue and coronation for the Queen Neelah candidates. Morgan Fox was crowned Queen Neelah and Kayla Schabel was named first runner-up, while eight Independence girls finished with spots on the queen's court: Teryn Frizzell, Mersadies Newton, Katlin Jackson, Brandie Eades, Jaymee Wright and Casey Oliver.

Serving as stage escorts were 10 IHS senior boys, including Michael Ysusi, Matt Hastings, Blake Bryant, Sullivan Schabel, Patrick Landrum, Daniel Gross, Adam Greenhaw, Andrew Duke, Cole Pasternak and Sam Schroeder.

Twelve IHS sophomore girls who were named Neelah Debs took the stage during talent and coronation to entertain the audience: Stephanie Miller, Brittany Meyer, Bayley Conner, Katelynn Porter, Bailey Lewman, Jessica Bruington, Vanessa Lowdon, Aubrey Near, Haley Marchant, Lakin Ysusi, Lauren Payton and Talor Smith.





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Semi- Formal



IHS Pep Club invited students to “Rock Around the Clock” at the annual semi-formal held in the cafeteria in December. Using the ‘50s theme, students and their dates hit the dance floor surrounded by Elvis and all the trappings of that happy-go-lucky decade.

“I don’t know about everybody else, but I had a great time,” said sophomore Will Reynolds. “I won’t get to go to prom, so this was the ‘big dance’ for me this year.”



Scholar's Bowl

The IHS Scholar's Bowl worked long hours, but in the end all the effort paid off. They placed first at Anderson County and fourth at Regionals. The team members included the following students: Matt Hastings (team captain), Andrew Duke, Tracey Fienen, Rylan McWherter, James Hart, Caitlin Shire, Carlie Shire, Zach Bryant, Logan Null, Wes Lawrence, and Vanessa Lowdon. Ms. Rene Hensley served as sponsor of the group.



"We had some new members this year and it took some extra hard work, and long hours for us to prepare. We also hosted a tournament here at IHS. It was a big success and a lot of fun!"

- Ms. Hensley

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10. A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.



ART EXPO



After skipping 2007, IHS Art Expo was once again held. The Expo showcased the paintings, pottery, jewelry, and wood projects created by IHS students throughout the year.

"The Expo this year turned out well," said Mr. Speicher, woods teacher. "We had a lot of good quality products created in wood shop this year, and I was very pleased."

A variety of wood projects were exhibited including a gun cabinet by Ethan Speicher, a computer table by Ryan Hayse, and a cedar chest by Cody Johnson.

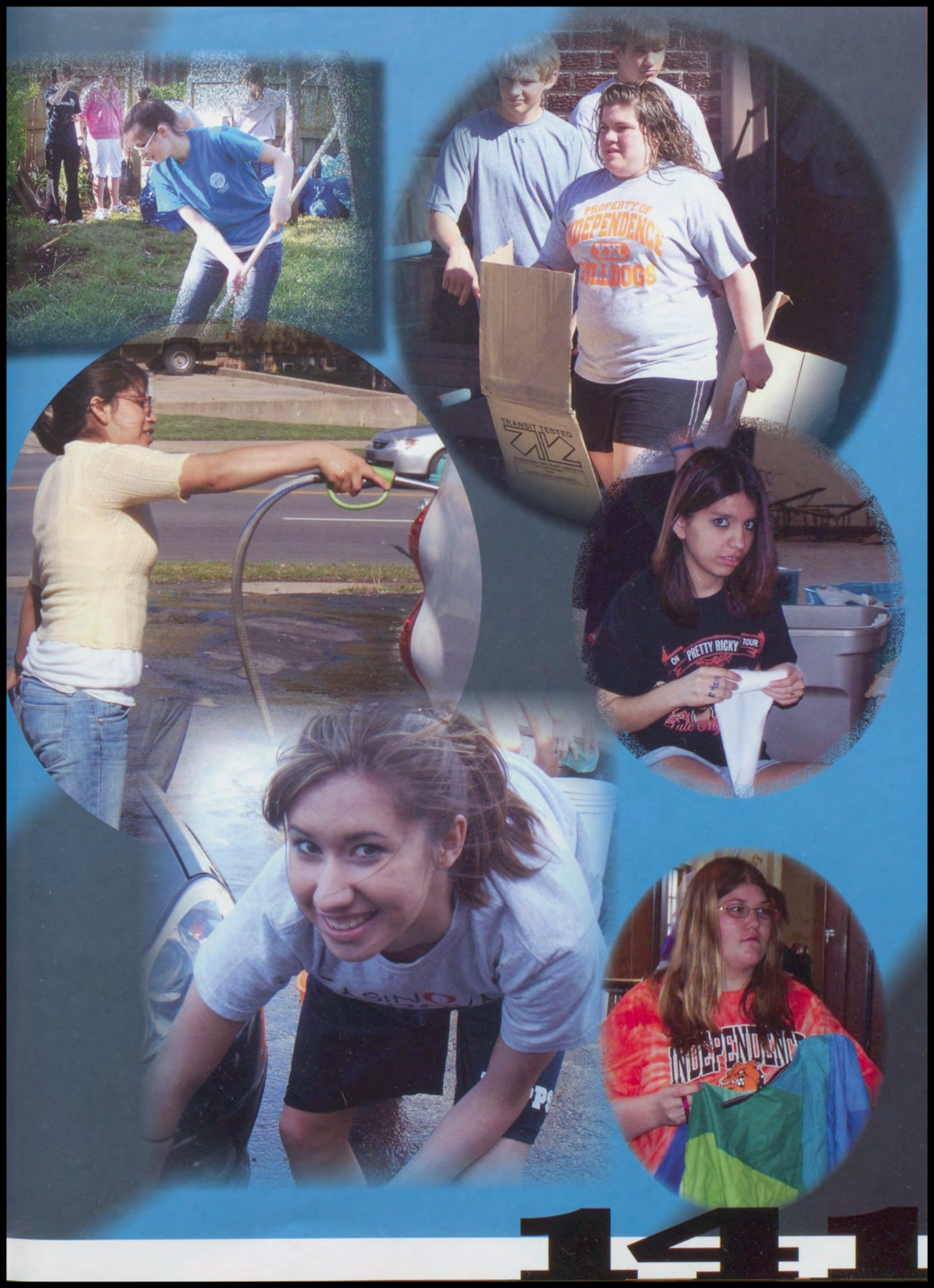
Mrs. Stewart, art department, commented, "The paintings this year were very intricate. The students seemed to have more of an interest in quality art, and that is what it takes if a student wants to become a good artist."

At least one student exhibited a project from the metals class: Alex Anderson. He welded a train cart from scrap metal that is meant to be pulled by a tractor.



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IHS Students Get 'Inked'

Tattoos have a long, and painful, history. Ask your grandparents, and they'll tell you people with tattoos are soldiers who return home from an overseas tour or inmates from concentration camps. Ask your parents, and their answer will likely be that only the bikers and bouncers subculture get tattoos.

Not anymore. Not only are tattoos now used for cosmetic reasons- think permanent lip and eyeliner- they are also used for medical reasons such as identifying one's blood type.

One need look no further than MTV and ESPN to understand why teens are drawn to tattoos. Tattoos on rap stars like Lil Wayne and professional athletes are commonplace. In fact, 70% of NBA players have tattoos. Television shows like *Miami Ink* on TLC draw in young viewers, and the trend of fashion accessories like purses and scarves by tattoo artist Ed Hardy appeal to teen girls. It's no surprise that tattoos are beginning to show up on teenagers.

Biloxie Mangan got her tattoo for her eighteenth birthday as a present from her mom.

"I wanted a tattoo, but I didn't really have my heart set on a specific design; the star was a spur of the moment choice. However, I did know that I wanted it on the back of my neck. It's kind of a different place to have one, and it's not really out there where everyone can see it," said Biloxie. "I've always heard tattoos are addicting, and I have to agree. I know I will get more in the future."



Andy Carter displays his Christ tattoo that was a gift from his dad.



Cameron Schicke chose his patron saint for his shoulder tattoo.

Maddie Hawn had her star tattoo done by a friend. "My mom said she wouldn't sign for me to get a tattoo, so I had a friend who's training to become a tattoo artist do mine. When my mom found out about it (the tattoo), she grounded me for four weeks," said Maddie. "Even though I got into trouble, I plan on getting another. I'll put the next one on my back because I want to be able to cover up my tattoos if I need to."

Ironically, Biloxie's and Maddie's nautical star tattoos are very on-trend for female tattoos in 2008. Also on-trend is the rib tattoo, instead of the all-too-familiar "tramp stamp" (lower back) that has been popular spot for female tattoos.

The tattoo process occurs when a small machine with tubes containing dye pierces the skin repeatedly - an action that resembles that of a sewing machine. With every puncture, the needle inserts tiny ink droplets. The process, which may last up to several hours for a large tattoo, causes a small amount of bleeding and minor to potentially significant pain.



Biloxie Mangan's nautical star tattoo is located at the base of her neck.



Carrie Reddy's tattoo serves as a reminder of her relationship with her recently deceased grandfather.

Carrie Reddy, senior, has a tattoo on the top of her foot. She chose to have her grandfather's initials, along with an ichthys (Greek word for fish), as a memorial to him after his death last year. "I was really close to my grandpa and I thought it would be a great way to kind of keep a memory of him with me forever," said Carrie. Carrie and her older sister got the same tattoo when they were in Branson. The tattoo cost \$100.

"It really didn't hurt," said Carrie. "It just felt like being pricked by a needle over and over." Oddly enough, the top of the foot is supposedly one of the most painful places to get a tattoo.

Memorial tattoos are a popular choice for those who get tattoos, and most tattoos do have some special meaning for the wearer.

Cameron Schicke has a tattoo on his left shoulder. His older brother, Jerrid, got his first tattoo in the same location, as well as his dad and grandfather.

"I wanted a St. Michael tattoo because he's my patron saint, and Michael is my middle name and my dad's and granddad's, too," said Cameron. "Family is important to me."

Andy Carter, senior, has two tattoos that he got his sophomore year as gifts from his dad: his initials in Old English script on the inside of his left forearm and Christ on the right forearm. "They just represent who I am," said Andy.

Will these IHS students be happy with their tattoos in the future? Only time will tell. However, they may find some employers who will require them to keep their tattoos covered, and they may change their minds. Statistics claim that 16% of those with tattoos later regret getting tattooed.



Andy Carter's initials in Old English script are a popular choice for tattoos.



Maddie Hawn's star tattoo was applied by a budding tattoo artist and got her grounded for a month.



Popular tattoo artist Ed Hardy bases his designs on maritime symbols such as this Davey Jones example.

Elective Course Offers Students Outlet

Creative Writing Challenges Students' Originality, Inspiration

As more IHS students improve their scores on the MAP and state assessments, their schedules allow them flexibility and an alternate to enrolling in academic skills. In an effort to offer something a bit different, Ms. Rene Hensley taught a creative writing course this year.

The semester-long course is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors, and requires students to have a C or better in English class, as well as their English teacher's recommendation.

"I want to ensure students enrolling in this course are serious about improving their writing," said Ms. Hensley. "I designed the curriculum to really stretch a student's creativity."

Thaddeus Tuck enrolled in the course as a sophomore and was very pleased with his experience in the classroom.

"The choice to enroll was obvious for me because I love to write," commented Thaddeus. "Even though I wrote before I took the class, I learned so much."

Students experienced many writing styles not currently covered in English classes. "Because of the amount of testing we do anymore, there just isn't enough time to work everything in," said Ms. Hensley. "Consequently, creative writing gets cut from our curriculum."

In order to share their creative works, students set up a "coffee shop" in Room 106 where others could come in and have a cup of coffee and hear students recite their original poetry.

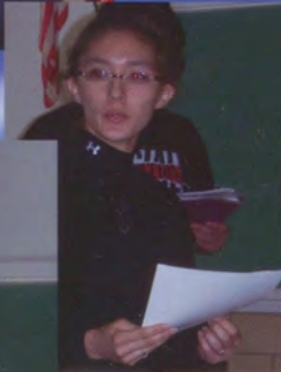
"I dropped in during my planning period," said Mrs. Kelly Cox. "I was very impressed with the poetry I heard."

"Creative writing taught me to consider how to write on certain topics," said Anthony Davis, sophomore. "And I'm not afraid of a blank page anymore."

Another bonus to this classroom experience is getting to know other students one might not otherwise have contact with.

"Even though we're both sophomores, I didn't really know Thaddeus Tuck," said Anthony. "He's a really nice guy, not the cynic many people believe he is."

"I'm a better writer today because of Ms. Hensley," said Thaddeus. "She inspired me."



Cinco de Mayo

The Cinco de Mayo fiesta gives Spanish students a chance to teach what they have learned to younger students in the district.

IHS Spanish students spend a few weeks preparing for Cinco de Mayo by making and gathering various materials for each booth. The booths this year included Amate-bark painting, Bailamas! (dance), maracas, piñatas, la bandera (flag), matemáticas, flores and paso de pastel (cake walk).

“It’s really interesting to watch my students teach others,” said Ms. Capps. “Through the process, our IHS students frequently gain an appreciation for what we do as teachers.”

Everyone concerned believe the fiesta is a win-win situation. The elementary students are introduced to many aspects of the Spanish language and culture. “We certainly hope these activities will interest them and encourage them to pursue Spanish when they get to high school,” said Ms. Capps.

“We had a great group of high school students work with the fourth graders from Lincoln. I think everyone had a fantastic time,” said Ms. Capps. “Overall, it was a huge success.”



Making Memories



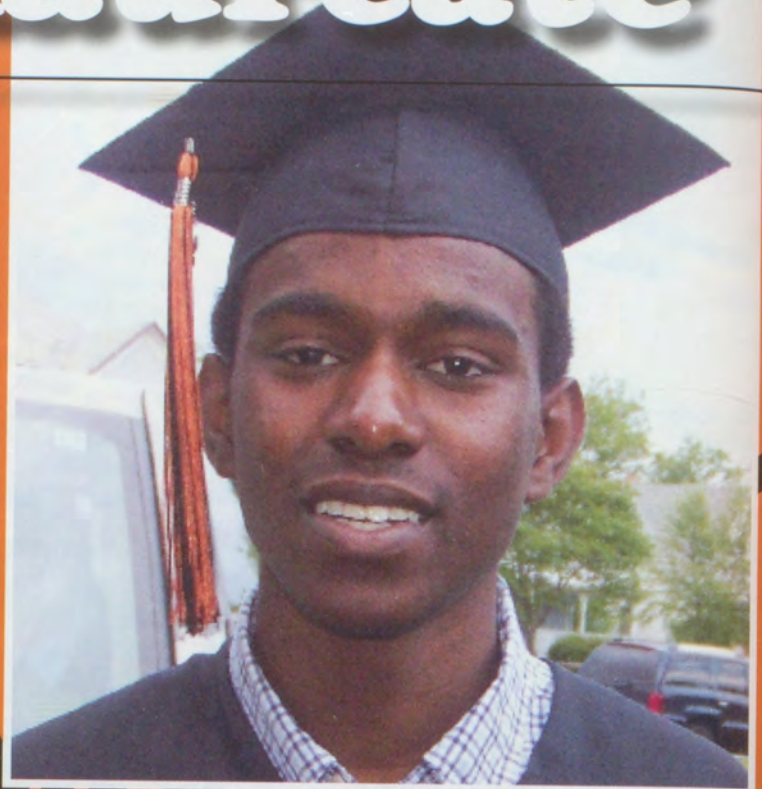
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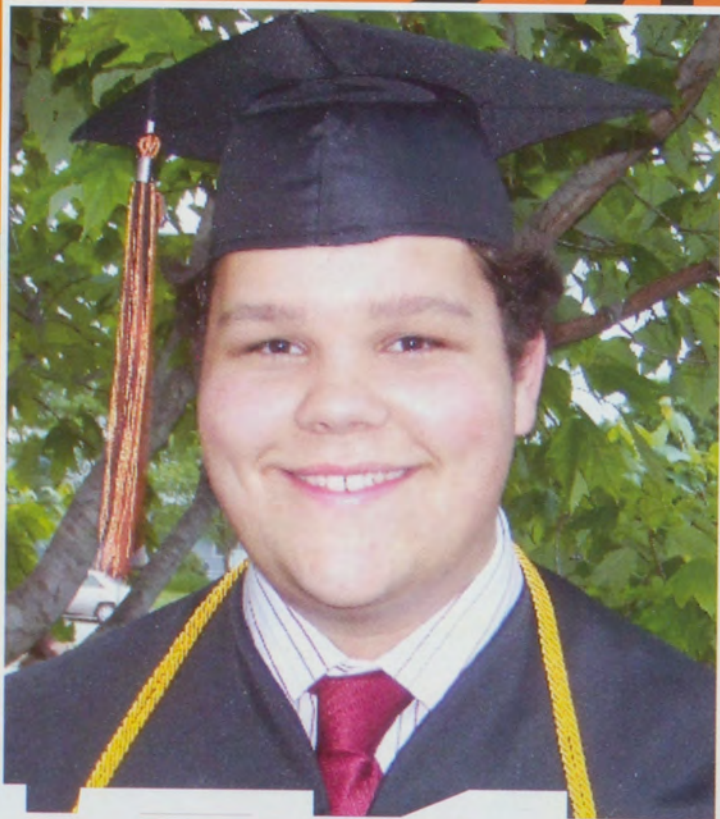


Sam Schroeder reads his part in the prayer.

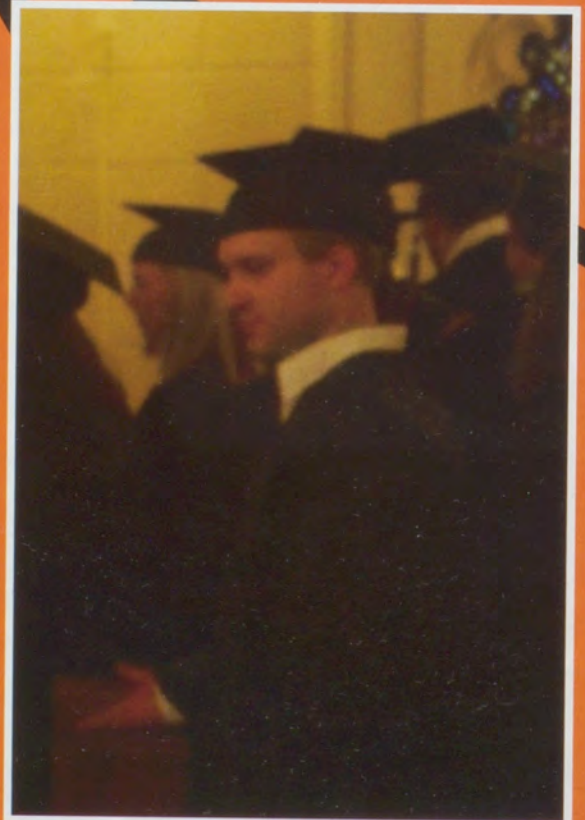


Jamal Brown, winner of Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship

Matt Hasting, winner of Ministerial Alliance Scholarship



Rylan McWherter walks down the aisle to his seat.



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We thank God for our little Adam Ant!
Love,
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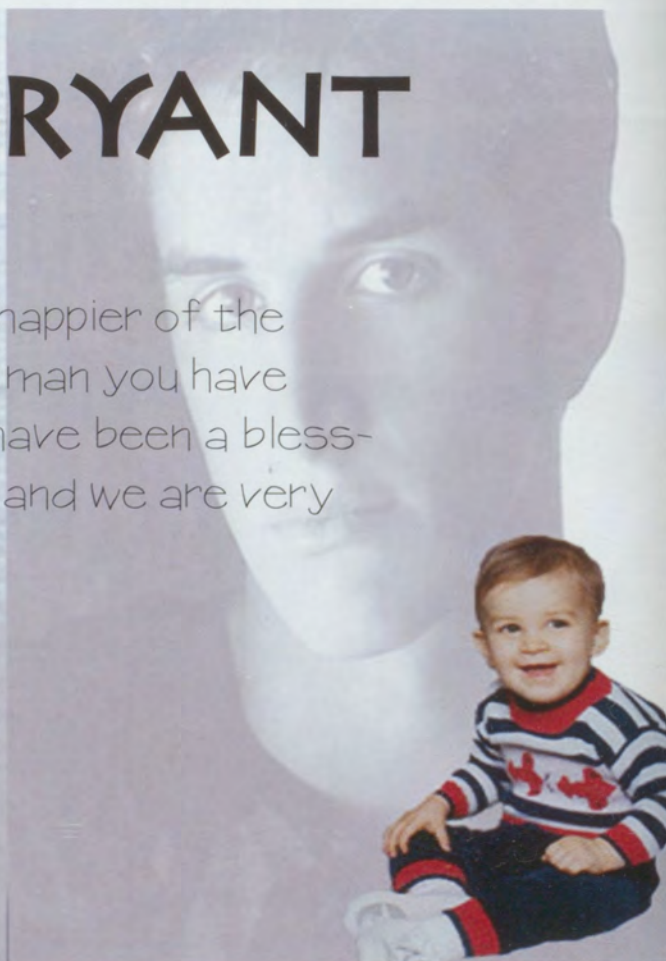
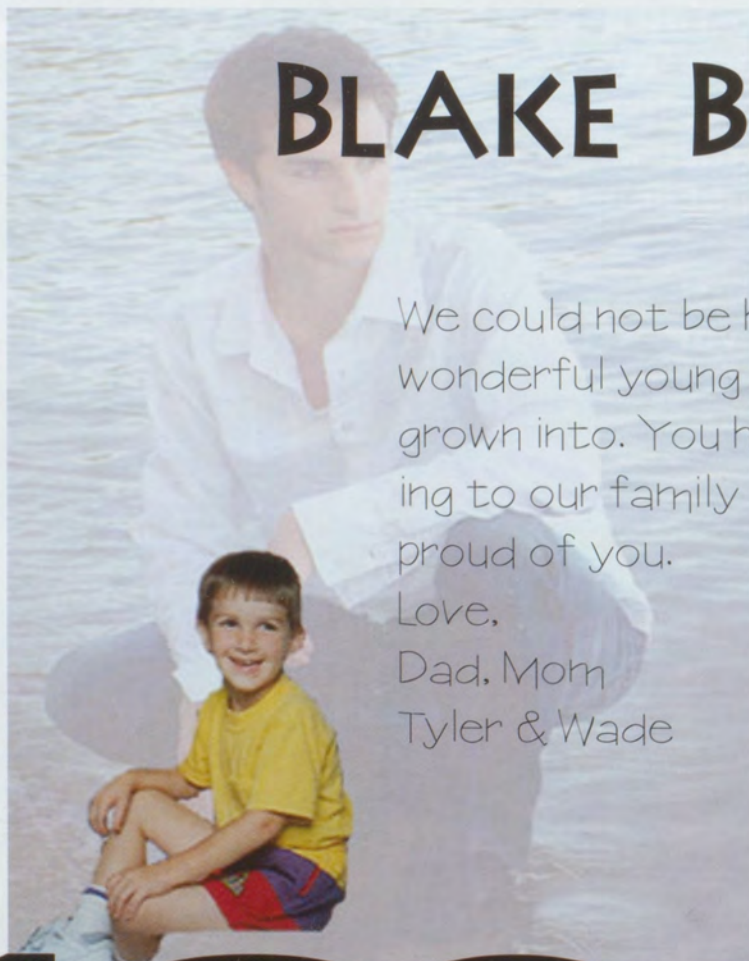
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Jessica Lennon*



Tasha Bechtle



Jordan Earl

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We are so proud of you and everything
you have achieved! Always believe in
yourself and remember with God all
things are possible.*

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With all our love,
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Tabby Tuba,

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you are and seen you bravely spread
your wings. Now the world is your gar-
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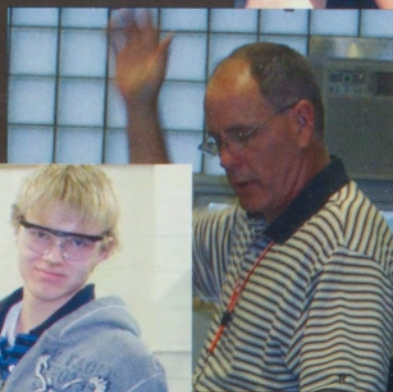
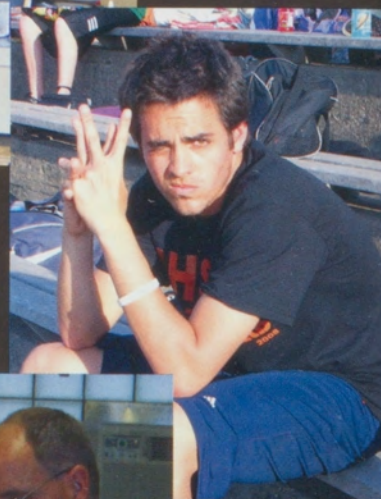
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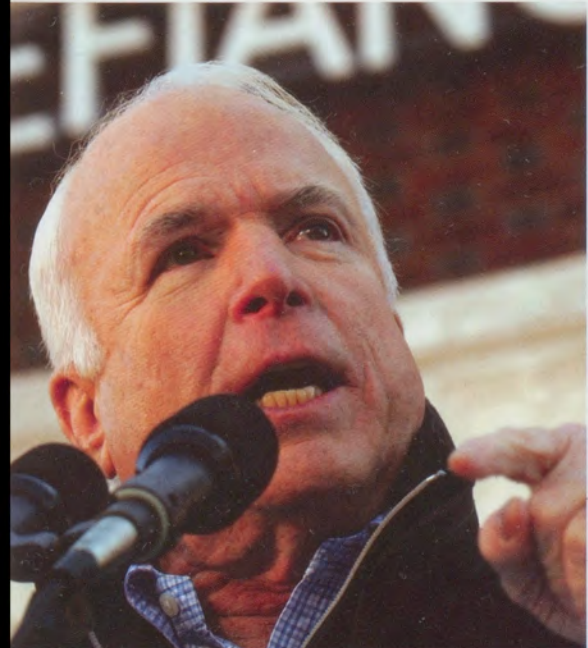
ELECTING CHANGE ▶

Using the campaign slogan, "Change we can believe in," Democrat Barack Obama won the 2008 election to become the 44th president of the United States. Obama, 47, is the first African-American to lead the nation. After his election, Obama quickly began selecting his cabinet, including asking New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, who he defeated to win the Democratic nomination, to be secretary of state.



THE TECHNOLOGY STUMP ◀

Campaigning style changed with Obama's use of the internet. Obama had about four million "friends" on Facebook and had collected about 10 million email addresses. He used texting to announce his vice presidential pick – Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware. His campaign website morphed into a transition website within 24 hours of his election.



MAVERICK RIDES OFF ◀

To win the election, Obama, a Democrat, beat Sen. John McCain, a Republican from Arizona. McCain's running mate was Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the first woman to run as a Republican vice presidential candidate.

LIVE FROM NEW YORK... ◀

Nobody took advantage of the election season more than the sketch comedy show *Saturday Night Live*, which brought back former cast member Tina Fey due to her resemblance to VP nominee Sarah Palin and rode Fey's impersonation to its highest ratings in years.

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HISTORIC ELECTION ►

To win the Democratic nomination, Obama defeated New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, the former first lady and the person considered the front-runner of her party. The highly charged campaign included five other serious Democrat candidates. The Republican field was even bigger, with McCain coming from behind to best eight others to win his party's nomination.

DRAWING A CROWD ▼

People came to hear Obama speak during the campaign. His Democrat Party nomination acceptance speech was held at Invesco Stadium, about two miles from the convention center in Denver, to enable more than 70,000 people to attend. On election night, Obama held a victory rally in Grant Park, attended by 225,000 people.



BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Jenna and Barbara Bush, the daughters and granddaughters of President George H.W. Bush and President George H. Bush, wrote a letter to Malia and Sasha Obama that included this advice:

- Get hugs from Ramsey, smiles from "Smiley" and talk football with Buddy, three of the White House ushers.
- Slide down the solarium banister.
- Have swimming parties.
- Get comfort from your pets.



PARTY HARDY ◀ ▼

Washington, D.C., was packed with more than two million people on Jan. 20 for the historic inauguration of the nation's first African-American president. Despite the cold weather and the need to huddle together, the crowds remained enthusiastic. Obama took the oath of office with his hand on the Bible used by President Abraham Lincoln during his first swearing-in ceremony.



SEEKING VOTES ▲

Candidates would do a lot of things on the campaign trail in pursuit of votes. Obama got winded playing basketball with the University of North Carolina's team. Mike Huckabee, a Republican candidate, played bass in his rock band Capitol Offense and even took a turn trying to rope a fake steer at the Fort Worth Stockyards.



VOTERS TURNED OUT ▲

In the general election, a record 127 million votes were cast, with about 31.7 million voting early for the first time in 30 states. However, as a percentage of voters, turnout was about 61%, versus the record of 67% in 1960. Long lines to vote, either early or on Nov. 4, were orderly. Lines were also orderly the next day as many people snatched up newspapers carrying the results.

POLITICIANS BUSTED ▶

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich faced federal corruption charges for allegedly trying to sell or trade Barack Obama's Illinois senate seat. U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska was convicted of trying to conceal home renovations and other gifts from an oil industry contractor. And Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pled guilty to obstruction of justice and resigned amid a sex scandal.



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GRIM ECONOMY ▲

The faltering economy instilled fear worldwide. Americans felt the recession as home foreclosures, job layoffs and food prices increased. The stock market drop of 44% in the past year stripped college and retirement investments for many people. The federal government in October approved a \$700-billion bailout plan for the nation's financial system to try to get the economy moving. In February, President Obama signed a \$787-billion economic stimulus bill to pump more money into the economy.

WHO ARE YOU? ▲

The fight against insurgents continued in Iraq and Afghanistan. While violence decreased in Iraq, Defense Secretary Robert Gates revealed plans to send more U.S. troops to Afghanistan to battle the Taliban. Deployment of American troops meant tearful farewells and joyful homecomings. Sometimes, servicemen returned to meet new family members.

MAKE IT TWO FOR TIM ▼

Quarterback Tim Tebow led the Florida Gators to their second college football national championship in three years, when they defeated Oklahoma in the BCS title game, 24-14. However, the championship did not come without debate. Several other teams – including Utah, Texas and USC – continued to question why there was no playoff system and staked their own claim to the crown.

GAS UP, GAS DOWN ▼

After a record high of \$4.11 per gallon on July 17, gasoline prices were down 60% to a five-year low of \$1.63 during the last week of December, according to the American Automobile Association. Prices began rising again in early 2009. Despite the lower prices, Americans continued to drive less.

GREENING OF AMERICA ◀

Going green affected several aspects of daily life. Reusable shopping bags became a fashion statement. Buying locally produced food saved on gasoline and meant fresher tastes. And at home, more people began buying compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) as incandescent bulbs will be phased out in a few years. CFLs save energy and add a new shape to lighting fixtures.



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BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT ▲

The comeback of actor Robert Downey Jr. from a serious drug problem became complete this year when he landed the lead role in the hit movie *Iron Man*. Downey followed it up with another critically praised role in the comedy *Tropic Thunder*.

A MORE URGENT NEED ▲

Rising oil prices and continued climate changes made the search for alternative, renewable sources of energy a more prevalent topic of discussion. Solutions like wind farms, using large turbines, became more common.

WHO CAN YOU TRUST? ▲

Investors ranging from small charities to major international banks appeared to have lost about \$50 million in a fraudulent investment allegedly devised by a former chairman of the Nasdaq Stock Market. Bernard Madoff, 70, was charged with securities fraud in what might be one of the biggest fraud cases ever.



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GAMES TO REMEMBER ▶▶

American swimmer Michael Phelps made history at the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, by becoming the first athlete ever to win eight gold medals at one Olympics. During his breathtaking week in the pool, seven of Phelps' eight victories were new world records.

But Phelps was not the only American making history at the Beijing games. Kobe Bryant led the men's basketball team, dubbed the "Redeem Team," to a gold medal and helped vindicate U.S. basketball after a poor showing four years ago. Nastia Liukin won the women's gymnastics all-around and tied the American record for most gymnastics medals at one Olympics with five.

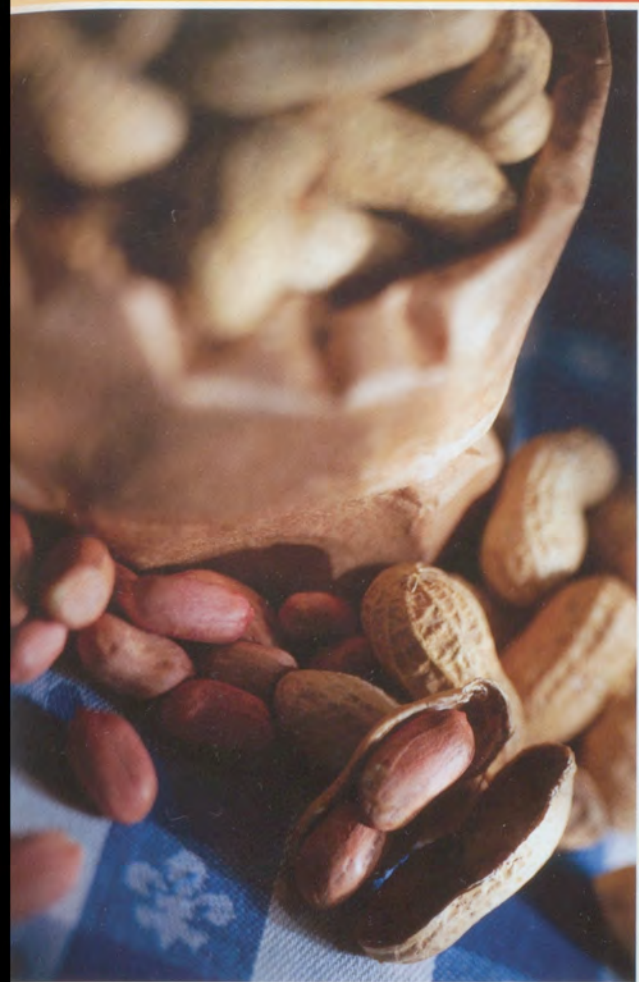
Perhaps the fastest-rising star outside of Phelps' pool was Jamaica's Usain Bolt, who ran a 9.69 in the 100 meters to win the gold and shatter the previous world record.



2008 OLYMPICS MEDAL COUNT

	TOTAL	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1 - United States	110	36	38	36
2 - China	100	51	21	28
3 - Russia	72	23	21	28
4 - Great Britain	47	19	13	15
5 - Australia	46	14	15	17





PEANUT WITHDRAWAL ◀

Peanut butter products were recalled in 43 states after salmonella was found in peanut paste made in a Georgia plant. At least six people died and more than 485 people got sick. Peanut paste is a product used widely in snack foods, leading to goodies such as crackers, cookies, nutrition bars and ice cream leaving store shelves. Most peanut butter brands were not affected.

TIME FOR A SWITCH ▼

Governments around the world, including the United States, continued the mandated switchover from analog television broadcasting to digital. In the U.S., an original February 2009 deadline was pushed back to June when Congress deemed that millions of people weren't ready. The switch to digital was being done to allow for more advanced services, like high-definition TV, and to free up radio spectrum bandwidth.



NEW NUMBER ONE ▲

Rafael Nadal finally completed his quest to replace Roger Federer as the number one tennis player in the world. The rivalry reached a new level at Wimbledon, where Nadal defeated Federer in a five-set, five-hour classic that some sportswriters called one of the greatest matches of all time. Six months later, Nadal did it again when he beat Federer in another five-set marathon to win the Australian Open.

CONTAMINATED FORMULA KILLS ◀

In China, several babies died and more than 12,000 were hospitalized after drinking baby formula contaminated with melamine. Melamine also was found in chocolate and other products exported from China to other countries, including the United States. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration began limiting imports of Chinese dairy products until they were free of melamine.

DNA SELF TEST ▼

Over-the-counter home DNA tests could now be found at the local drugstore. Kits and results could be purchased for as little as \$200, and all they required was a swab of saliva. However, debates raged on the accuracy of the tests, as well as the ethical concerns.

GREEN MACHINE ▼

The Boston Celtics re-emerged as the dominant team in basketball when they defeated the L.A. Lakers to win the 2008 NBA title. Then, the Celtics picked up where they left off by beginning the new season winning 27 of their first 30 games.



NO JOKE ▲

Anchored by the haunting, tragic final performance of the late Heath Ledger as the Joker, Batman sequel *The Dark Knight* drew rave reviews and shattered box office records. Earning more than \$500 million, *The Dark Knight* became one of the most commercially successful American movies ever made.

ROCKETS AND RETALIATION ◀

Israel declared war with Hamas, the Islamic militant group that rules Gaza, in an effort to stop continued rocket attacks from Gaza into southern Israel. Israeli officials said they were targeting militants in its air and ground assault of Gaza, while Hamas said it would continue to defend its people against Israeli aggression. The Israeli offensive lasted 22 days.



EPIC WIN ◀

Despite playing on what was later found to be a torn knee ligament and a stress fracture in his left leg, Tiger Woods played through the pain and won his third U.S. Open title, defeating Rocco Mediate in a playoff. Afterwards, surgery on the leg forced Woods to miss the remainder of the season, the first extended absence of his pro career.

CREATIVE CLASSROOM FUNDRAISING ◀

Needing money to print tests, a California calculus teacher began selling ads on his quizzes, tests and exams. Tom Farber of Rancho Bernardo High School sold ad space on the bottom of the first page to parents and businesses. Parents and students enjoyed the ads, but Farber said he did not plan on using the fund-raising method permanently.



SULLY SAVES THE DAY ▲

An experienced pilot, Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, was hailed a hero when he crash-landed his US Airways plane into the Hudson River in New York after the engines failed during the takeoff ascent. All 155 passengers and crew on board survived by escaping onto the wings, where ferries and U.S. Coast Guard boats rescued them. Birds were initially blamed for blowing the engines.

PHOENIX LANDING ▲

NASA's Phoenix spacecraft became the sixth vehicle to make a successful landing on Mars. Phoenix conducted more than five months of experiments before losing contact, more than expected, and discovered the presence of ice on the red planet.

STILL ON TOP ◀

Despite ratings being down slightly, American Idol was still the most watched show on TV, averaging more than 27 million viewers a week. David Cook was chosen the winner of the 7th season, and changes were made for the show's 8th season when producer Kara DioGuardi was added as a fourth judge.

BOX OFFICE NUMBERS

<i>The Dark Knight</i>	\$530 million
<i>Iron Man</i>	\$318 million
<i>Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull</i>	\$317 million
<i>Hancock</i>	\$227 million
<i>WALL-E</i>	\$223 million

Source: boxofficereport.com

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ANOTHER TROUBLING ADMISSION ►

New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, a 12-time All Star and three-time MVP, shocked many when he confirmed published reports indicating he had used performance enhancing drugs during the 2001-03 seasons. Rodriguez's admission came after news surfaced that had failed a confidential drug test in 2003. Despite his apology, Rodriguez's legacy was immediately debated.

PRESERVING THE PLANET ►

The Global Seed Vault was built in Norway, where it holds and preserves thousands of seed types from around the globe should a major catastrophe strike the planet.



DRIVER DISTRACTION ▲

Investigators said a Los Angeles Metrolink train engineer appeared to have been texting on the job prior to a crash that killed 25 people and injured 130 in September. It was not immediately known whether the engineer was texting at the time of the crash, however, investigators said the brakes were not applied before the crash.

MILLIONS GO SLUMMING ►

Slumdog Millionaire, the story of an inner-city teen from India who strikes it rich on a popular TV gameshow, won Best Picture at the Oscars. The rest of the nominees included *Milk*, *The Reader*, *Frost/Nixon* and *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*.



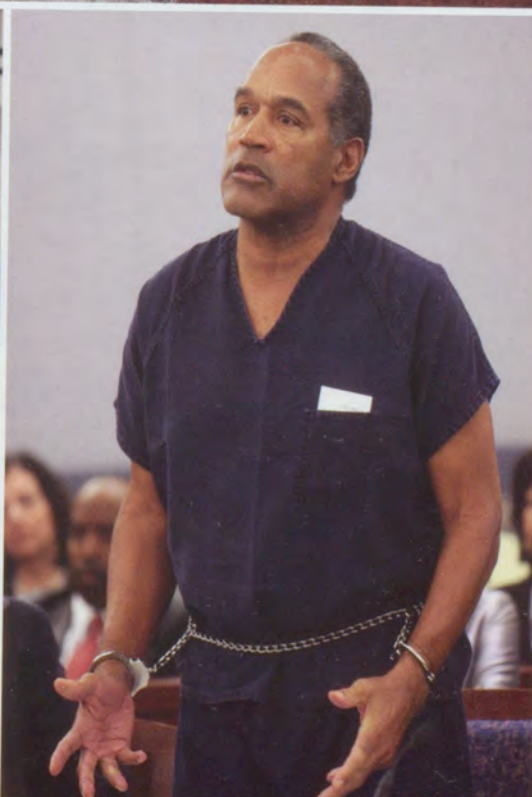
HARD TO STOP 48 ►

Jimmie Johnson became just the second driver in NASCAR history to win three consecutive season championships, when he put together a 2008 that included seven race wins and five runner-up finishes.



SIX-BURGH ▼

The Pittsburgh Steelers ended a memorable Super Bowl XLIII when wide receiver Santonio Holmes grabbed the game-winning touchdown in the corner of the end zone with less than a minute left in the game to defeat the Arizona Cardinals, 27-23. It was the sixth Super Bowl victory for the Steelers, the most for any NFL team.



SOME JUICY GOSSIP ◀

Gossip Girl, the TV drama based on the series of books of the same name, continued to get strong ratings from the teen crowd. There were even rumors that the show, centered on the lives of socialite New York City teens, could lead to spin-offs.

JUICE GOES TO JAIL ◀

Former Heisman trophy winner O.J. Simpson began serving at least nine years in prison for his conviction in the robbery of sports memorabilia from dealers in a Las Vegas hotel room in 2007. The trial garnered fewer headlines than his 1995 trial, in which he was acquitted of the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ron Goldman.

FAR-REACHING STORM ►

Hurricane Ike devastated Galveston, Texas, when it hit Sept. 13, and caused damage and power outages in at least 10 states from Texas to Ohio. At least 34 people were still missing at the end of January. Also in the wake of the storm, the southeast U.S. experienced grave gasoline shortages.

NOT QUITE SASQUATCH ▼

Two Georgia men, Rick Dyer and Matthew Whittton, fooled much of the country when they claimed to have found the infamous Bigfoot in the northern Georgia hills. The two even went as far as producing a deceased body, fooling several news outlets and collecting reward money. Very quickly, the body was found to be a costume and the entire story to be a bad hoax.



PARENTS ABANDON CHILDREN ▲

Nebraska's legislature revised its Safe Haven Law after parents abandoned 35 children, some of them teens. All states have Safe Haven laws regarding infants, but Nebraska's original law allowed parents to drop children as old as 18 without fear of prosecution. Some parents came from other states, including Teri Martin of Michigan, who faced parental termination rights in Michigan.

NOBODY BETTER THAN ANNIKA ►

Annika Sorenstam announced her retirement from competitive golf. She ended her career as the winningest female golfer of all time with 90 career tournament wins, including 10 LPGA major titles.





FINDING AN AUDIENCE ◀

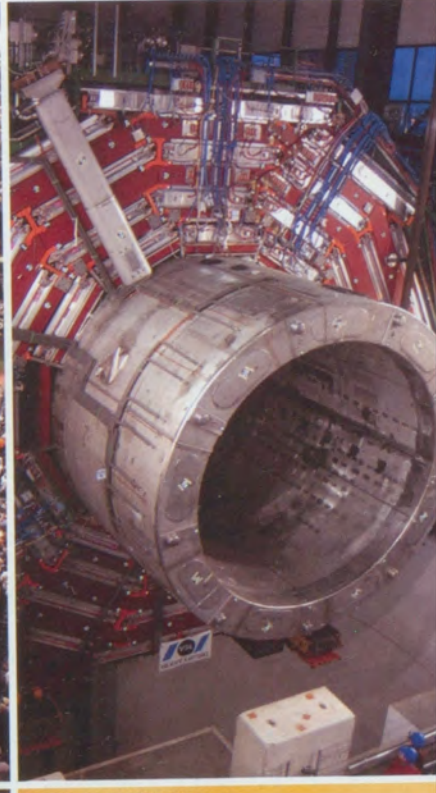
For the second straight year, critically acclaimed sitcom *30 Rock* won Outstanding Comedy Series at the Emmy Awards and began to slowly gain in the ratings, possibly getting a boost from the fame star Tina Fey gained during the presidential election.

ONE LAST PITCH ▼

After 85 years, the original Yankee Stadium closed its doors to make way for the new stadium being built for the New York Yankees. The final game was played in the "House That Ruth Built" on Sept. 21, 2008, against the Baltimore Orioles, with the Yankees winning 7-3.

SETBACK FOR THE LHC ▼

European scientists build the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland, a giant particle accelerator designed to study advanced physics and unlock many of science's mysteries. Before the LHC's launch, conspiracy theorists speculated that the machine's power would create a disaster such as a black hole. While that did not happen, the LHC did suffer a malfunction shortly after becoming operational, which delayed the project's work.



THEY'RE OUT THERE ◀

Astronomers have known for several years that exoplanets, or planets outside of our solar system, existed. But it was not until this year that a group of astronomers from the U.S. and Canada were able to produce photographs of two of these planets in actual visible light.

A BOLD EXPERIMENT ◀

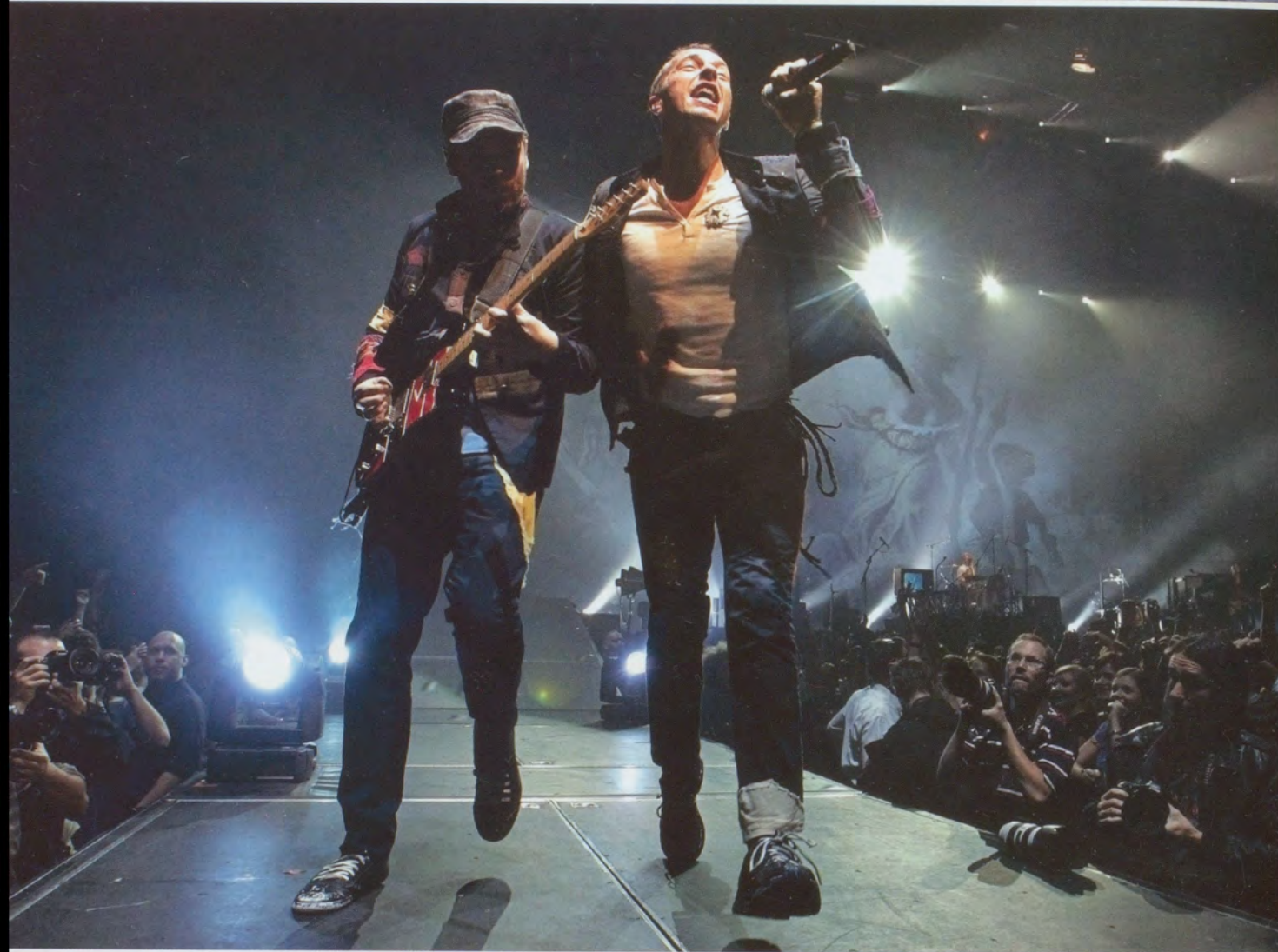
Kanye West, the most commercially successful rap star of the moment, released an experimental pop album titled *808s and Heartbreak*. West surprised his fans and critics alike by choosing to sing, rather than rap, on most of the songs. The heavy use of drum machines and an audio processor to alter West's voice brought mixed reviews, but earned the star praise for innovation.

PIRATING FLOURISHES ▶

A multinational task team led by the U.S. Navy was cracking down on pirates off the coast of Somalia. In February, the U.S. Navy made its first arrests of pirates on behalf of the team. Piracy has become big business and a big nuisance in the Gulf of Aden. In 2008, pirates attacked almost 100 vessels, hijacked at least 40 and received an estimated \$150 million in ransoms.

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE ▼

British alternative rock band Coldplay released the album they spent the previous two years working on, *Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends*, and it became one of the best selling records of the year. The quartet also landed seven Grammy nominations and launched a successful tour.



BY THE NUMBERS • According to various surveys:

Half of primary care doctors said they would change careers because of paperwork in their practice. A shortage of family doctors was predicted by 2025.

About 2.5 million grandparents act as parents to their grandchildren. Parents who moved in with their adult children increased 67% between 2000 and 2007, mostly for financial reasons, not age.

About 25% of American adults are obese. Obesity rates for children remained the same after a 25-year increase. About 32% of children were overweight, 16% obese and 11% very obese.





RAMPAGE IN INDIA ◀

More than luxury hotels and a hospital were damaged in the bombings in Mumbai, India, which killed almost 200 people, mostly Westerners. The fragile relationship between India and Pakistan was strained. Indian officials demanded that Pakistan turn over the suspects. While Pakistan officials said no evidence linked the terrorists to Pakistan, they promised to help with the investigation.



THE FUTURE OF COUNTRY ◀

At only 19, young country star Taylor Swift became Billboard's highest-selling country artist of the year when her second album, *Fearless*, joined with her self-titled debut record to pass five million in sales. Swift later won Favorite Country Artist at the American Music Awards.



CARRY IT ALL ◀

Big purses were one of the big fashion statements of the year. Neutral or multi-colored, girls and women could carry almost anything they needed with them. Scarves and boots remained must-have accessories. For boys, the slightly spiky look was being worn in short to medium hair. In college, showing up to class in sweats was cool.

IS IT SAFE? ◀

Governments struggled to get a handle on the potential dangers of Bisphenol A, or BPA, an organic compound present in some plastics used to make products such as baby bottles. When new studies showed that exposure to BPA had links to many diseases, Canada and several U.S. states moved for legislation to ban the use of BPA in bottles.



QB SHUFFLE ◀

It was an NFL regular season where big name, veteran quarterbacks made big headlines. Green Bay's Brett Favre decided to end his retirement and coaxed the team into trading him to the New York Jets. At 37, Arizona's Kurt Warner had his finest season in years and led the Cardinals to the Super Bowl. Meanwhile, New England's Tom Brady missed virtually the entire season when he was knocked out in week one with a knee injury.

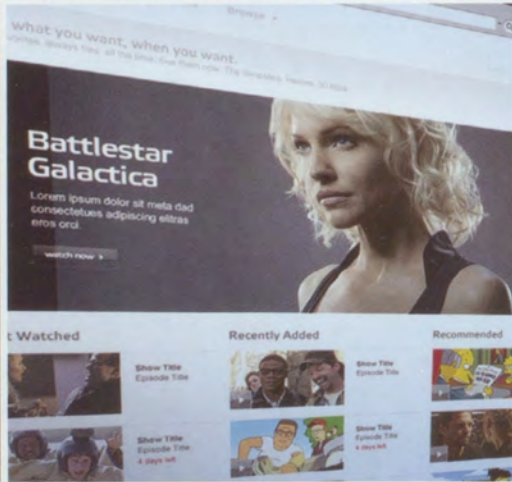


A LONG TIME COMING ▶

The Philadelphia Phillies won just the second world title in their 125-year history by defeating the Tampa Bay Rays in the World Series. By winning a rain-soaked Game 5 that was delayed for two days by storms, the Phillies ended Tampa's hopes of going from the worst record in baseball to the championship.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM ▼

Rapper Lil Wayne's latest album, *The Carter III*, was one of the best selling records of the year, going platinum five times. It also earned him eight Grammy nominations, more than any other musical artist.



IT'S ON HULU ◀

When NBC and News Corp. launched their streaming video website Hulu.com with almost no content, there were skeptics everywhere. By the end of the year, once full episodes of TV shows from a variety of channels was up on the site for free, Hulu.com had become one of the most popular destinations on the internet and a rival to YouTube.

NO MORE BRATZ ▲

The makers of Bratz dolls were ordered to stop making them after Mattel Inc., makers of Barbie dolls, won a four-year legal dispute. MGA Entertainment, which manufactures Bratz, planned to appeal the decision. The federal court order cited jury findings that designer Carter Bryant developed the Bratz doll concept while working for Mattel.

VAMPIRE TALES ◀

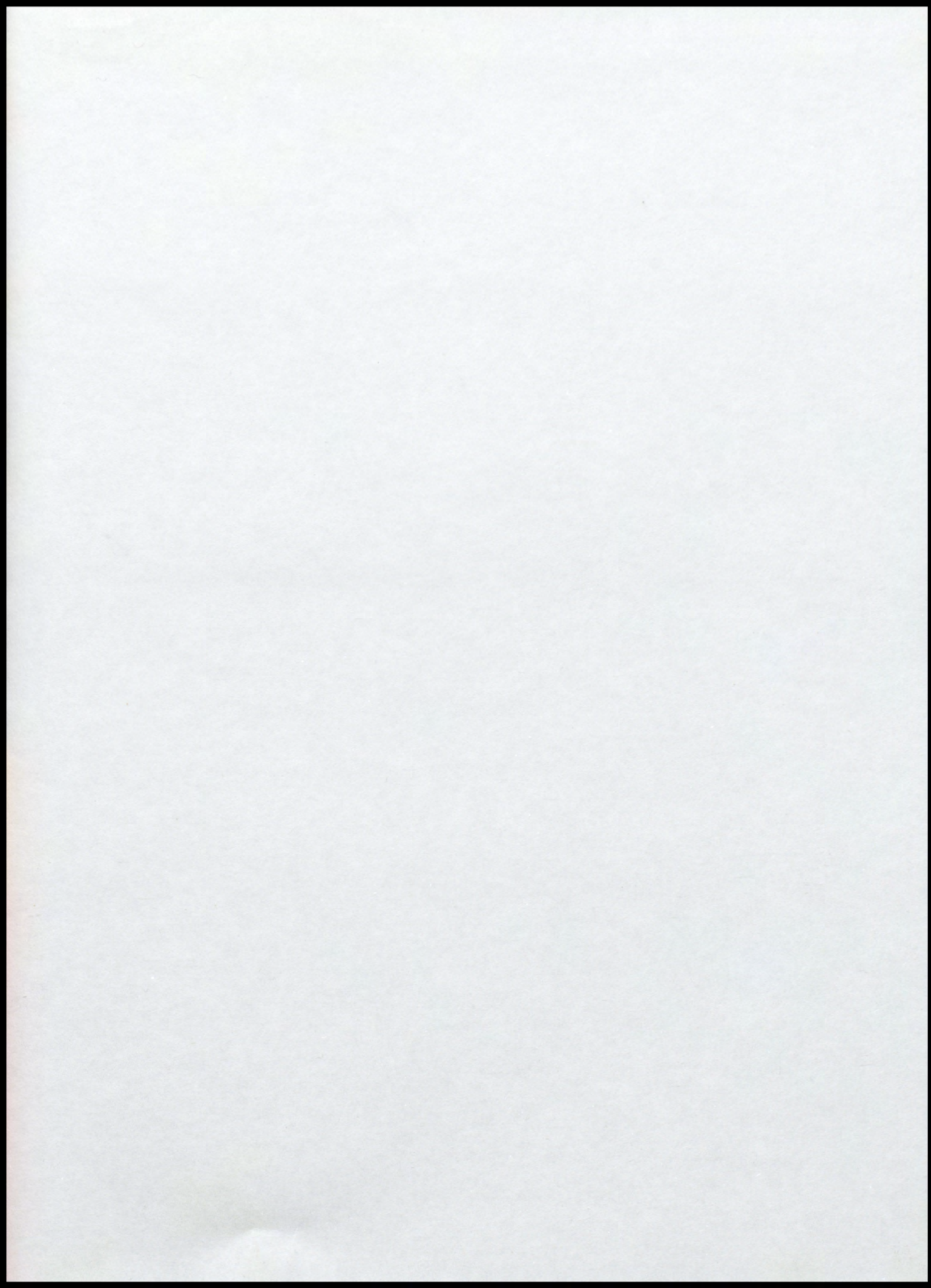
Twilight, the first novel in the popular "Twilight" series about a teenage girl who falls in love with a fellow high school student who is a vampire, was made into a movie that drew huge box office numbers.

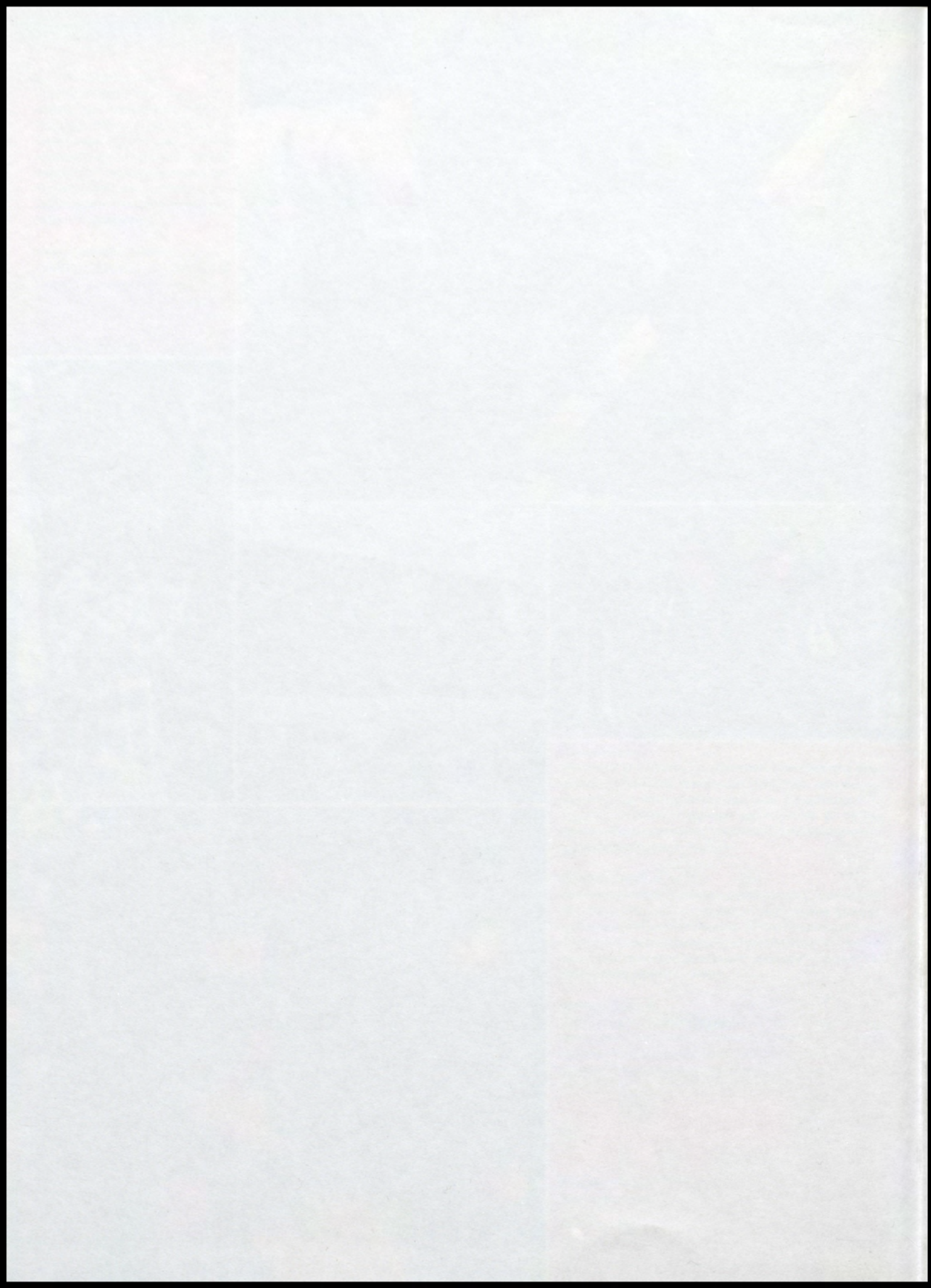


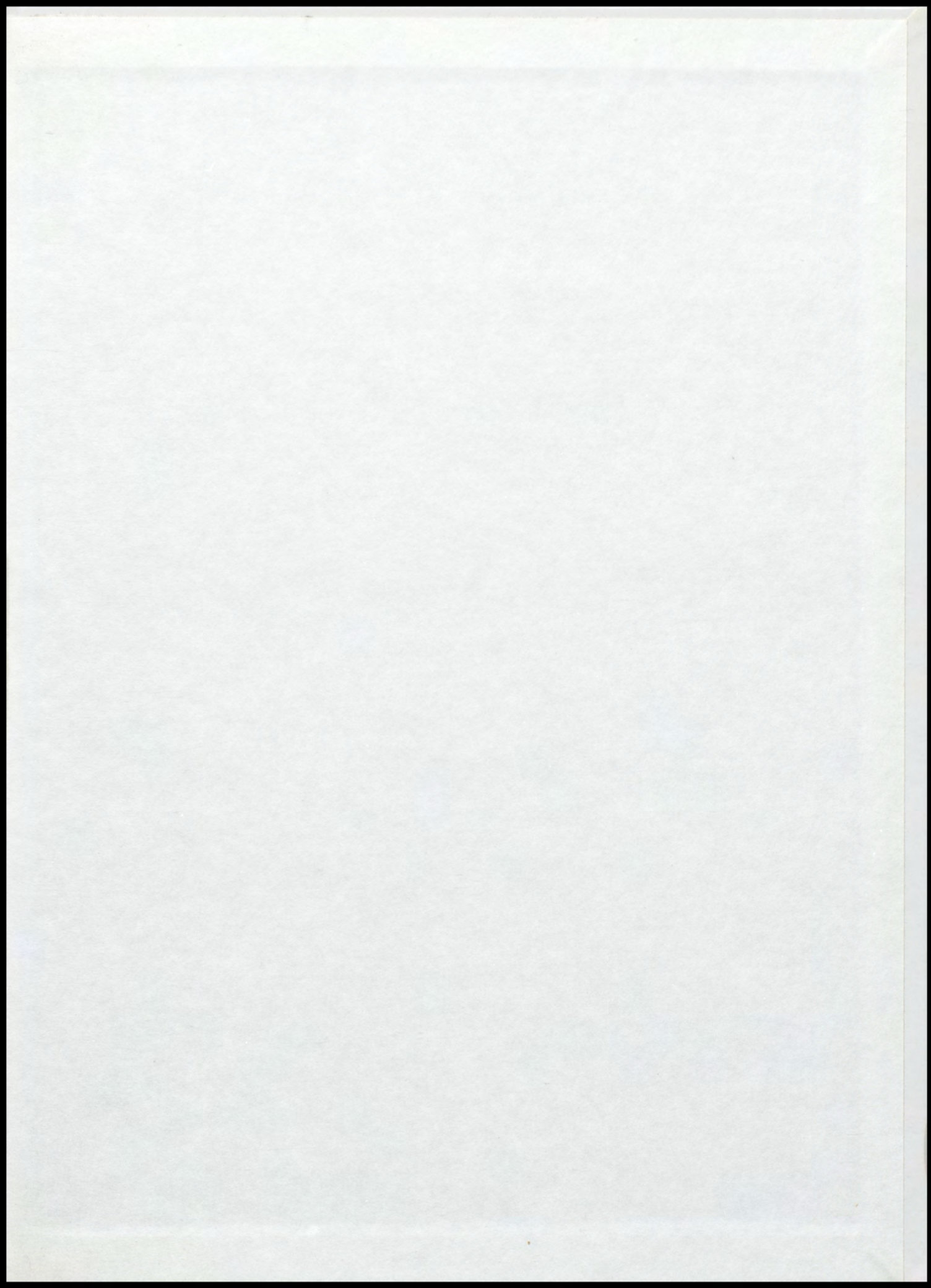
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